

A nighttime photograph of a city skyline, likely New York City, with numerous skyscrapers illuminated against a dark blue sky. The lights from the buildings reflect on the water in the foreground. The image is split into two panels: the left panel is wider and shows a dense cluster of buildings, while the right panel is narrower and shows a few taller buildings, including the Chrysler Building.

Metering in DC Distribution

Workshop for Future DC Distribution, Golden Colorado

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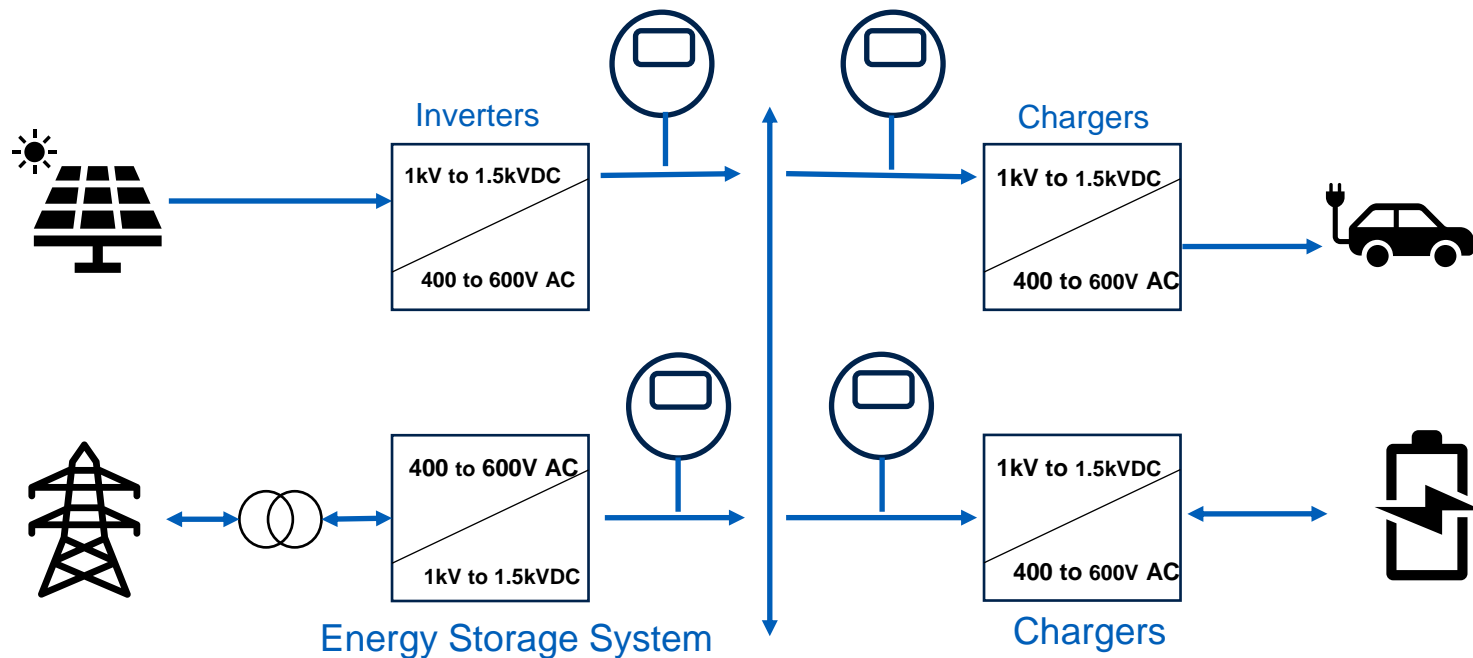
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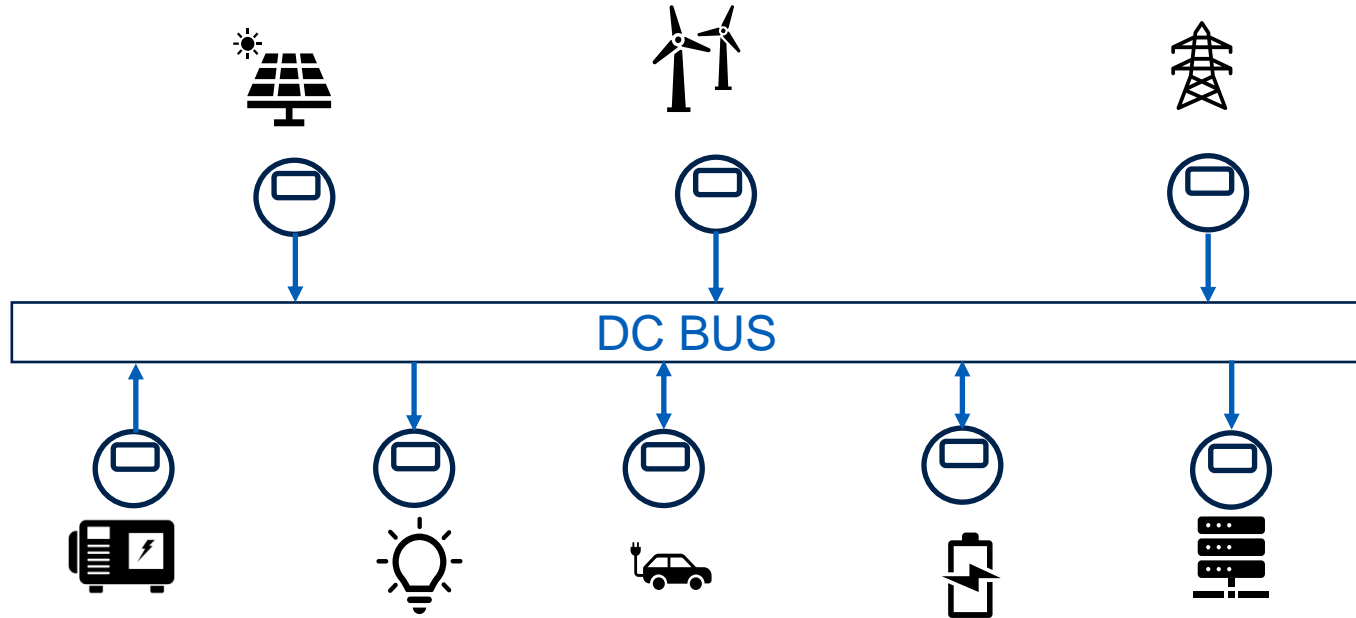
Metering in DC Distribution - EV Charging



As the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) accelerates, the demand for efficient and reliable charging infrastructure is rising.

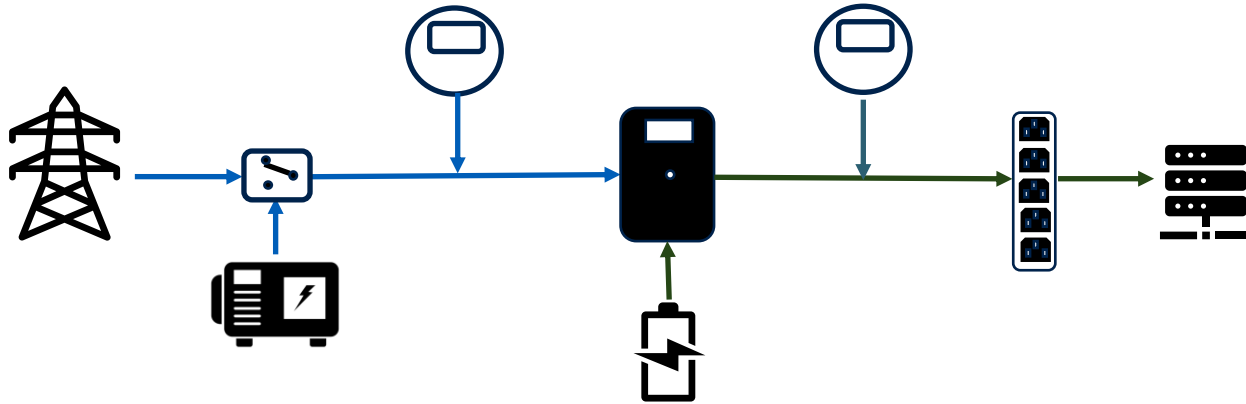
DC Metering ensures that EV owners are billed accurately for energy consumed.

Metering in DC Distribution - Microgrid



DC metering facilitates the seamless integration of the renewable sources into grid, enhancing overall efficiency. Meters providing power quality information help reduce downtime

Metering in Data centers



DC metering in Data Centers allows precise cost allocation and energy management. Meters providing power quality information help reduce downtime and optimize the use of power.

Challenges with DC metering

- **Current measurement:** Current Shunts, Hall effect sensors and zero flux transducers have limitations, such as temperature dependance, size, and cost
- **Voltage measurement:** Resistive dividers used for voltage measurement introduces errors, especially at high voltages
- **Accuracy and Precision:** Measuring DC current accurately can be difficult due to the presence of AC ripple and high-frequency noise.
- **Power Quality:** AC ripple on DC voltage and rapid load variation makes power/energy measurements difficult. There may be 10% of AC ripple on top of the voltage at frequencies in the 60Hz to 360Hz range. No power quality standards defined.

DC Current Sensing

■ Current Shunts

- Need pre-installation. Retrofitting is difficult
- Large DC offset voltages. No simple way to correct
- Temperature impacts the measurement
- Very low signal from high current shunts



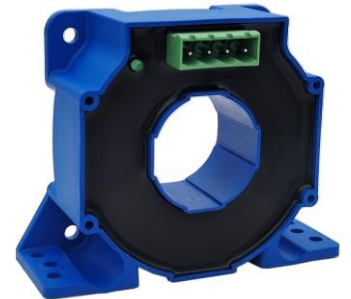
■ Hall-effect sensors

- Require power supply
- High accuracy with compensating current measurement
- High cost



■ Flux gate sensors

- Few suppliers
- High cost
- Good temperature stability
- High accuracy
- Requires additional electronics to drive core to saturation



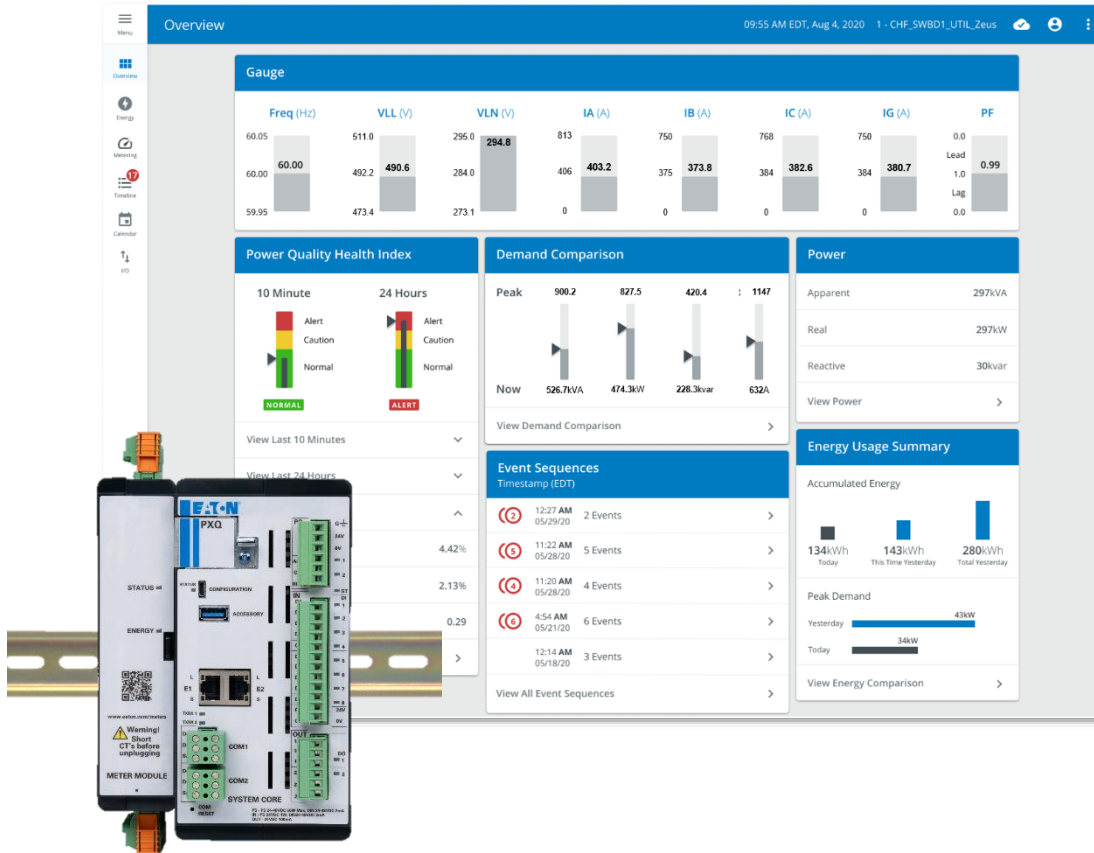
Power Quality

- No Power Quality standards defined - European Standard EN 50160 and IEC61000-4-30 committees started some work on LVDC and MVDC PQ
- Most of the power quality issues are common between AC and DC distribution:
 - Supply voltage deviations
 - Voltage unbalance
 - Ripple/harmonics
 - Voltage swells and voltage dips
 - Voltage supply interruptions
 - Rapid voltage changes and flicker

Introducing... Eaton's PXQ event analysis system

Power Xpert Quality event analysis system is Eaton's next generation of Power Quality metering

PXQ can be relatively easily extended to monitor DC Power Distribution system in the future.



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Leveraging existing platforms for future DC metering

Disturbance Navigator Timeline
provides a single view
that puts PQ events in
context

Event Sequence RMS



Power Quality Health Index

Energy usage & demand comparisons

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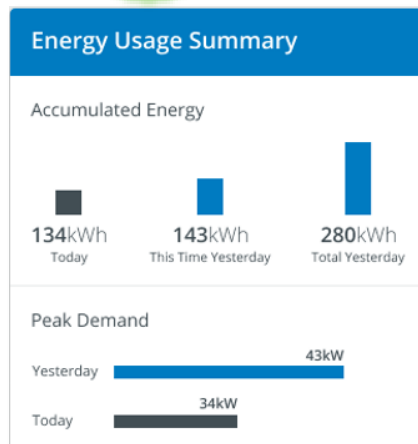
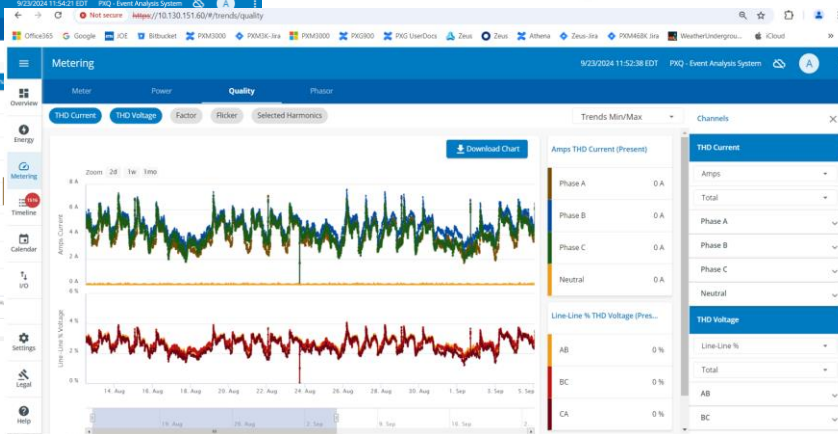
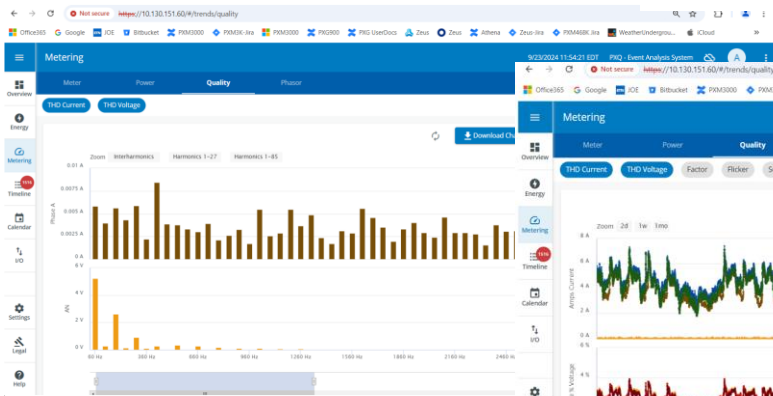
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Event Analysis Calendar

Sag Source Analysis

Disturbance Navigator Timeline view

Min/Max/Avg Trended data



Beyond metering