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Applications

ELECTRIC VEHICLES	DC FAST CHARGER	SATELLITE OR SPACE	ENERGY STORAGE	POWERTRAIN	FUEL CELL SYSTEMS	SOLAR PV	TEST LABS

BEST FOR:

- Test solution for engineering development, compliance verification and manufacturing for all utility grid-tied products.
- Distributed Energy Resources, Energy Storage Systems, Solar PV, and Vehicle to Grid test, evaluation, and certification.

KEY FEATURES:

- Regenerative AC/DC Grid Simulator and Power Amplifier
- Optimized for PHIL applications
- 100kW Power Modules
- Modular and Scalable AC Power from 100kW to 1.2MW
  - Same unit can act as master or parallel auxiliary unit
  - Field expandable for future increased power demands
- Fully isolated design:
  - Facility to output and channel to channel
  - High voltage remote sense up to 1286VL-L
- Widest True-Power Operating Envelope with wide range of power factors and range of voltage (150V to 350V with full power)
- Provides extra current for different voltage grid tied products

- AC Load option: Modules can be configured as Regenerative AC/DC Grid Simulator or 4-Q AC Load
- High power density with small footprint
- Multiple phase and DC capability covers all utility source and load requirements
  - Programmable three-phase, split-phase, or single phase
- Independent voltage and current measurement range for enhancing measurement accuracy
- Powerful waveform synthesizer combined with high-resolution digitizer covers extensive test and evaluation requirements.
- Programmable Output Impedance
- Ideal for regulation testing standards: UL 1741SA, IEEE 1547, IEC 62116, IEC 61000-4-11(pre-compliance), 4-13, 4-14, 4-28, etc.

PHYSICAL AND SAFETY:

MODEL	9510		
Physical			
Connectors	2 x 1⁄2" stud terms. per ch. (6 Tot.) + Grnd.	Cabinet Weight	1200lbs/545kg (75kW and 100kW cabinet)
Cabinet Dim. (HxWxD)	78" x 28" x 39"/1980mm x 712mm x 990mm	Operating Temperature	5 - 35°C (up to 95% RH non-condensing)
Safety			
Isolation	Facility to Chassis: 1000V, Output to Chassis: 1000V, Output to Output Internal Iso.: 2000V	Module Protection	Self-protecting: over-voltage, over-current, over-power, and over-temp.
Physical	Emergency Stop and external Inter-Lock	Watchdog Timer	Continuously monitors control comms.
Program. Safety Limits	Min/Max Voltage, Current (per direction), and Power (per direction) with separate limits and time delay values		

The Industry Leading Solution for Testing and Verification of High Power Grid-tied Applications

The 9510 Regenerative Grid Simulator is the industry leading solution for testing and verification of high power grid-tied applications in compliance with regulatory testing standards, worldwide. The 9510 has a built-in power amplifier mode for Power Hardware in the Loop (PHIL) applications providing further testing and simulation capability ideal for research labs. Modular and scalable power is available in 100kW modules up to 1.2MW. Programmable frequency is between 30Hz and 120Hz. The output can be AC, DC or AC+DC and the AC can be single, split or 3-Phase. With this wide range of power, frequency and phase configuration options, the 9510 provides the ultimate flexibility to test the broadest selection of grid-tied products.

Amplifier Mode for Power Hardware in the Loop (PHIL) with Low Latency

The 9510 is externally controllable via a low latency, per-phase analog input. This feature amplifies control signals from real-time simulation systems for power hardware in the loop testing. The dual range output ensures the maximum flexibility and accuracy in PHIL simulations.
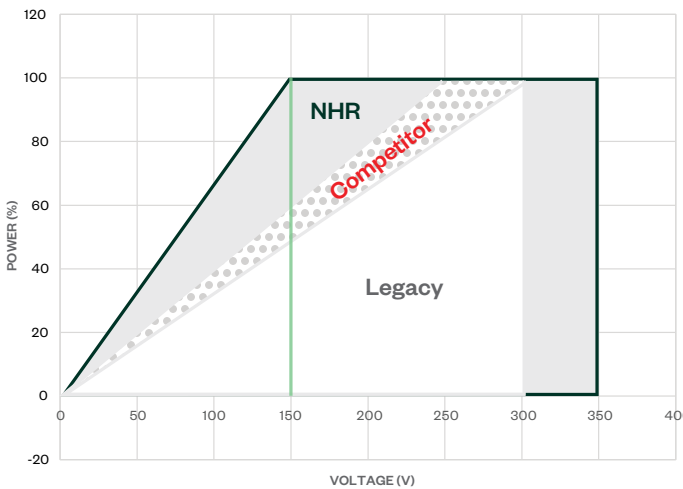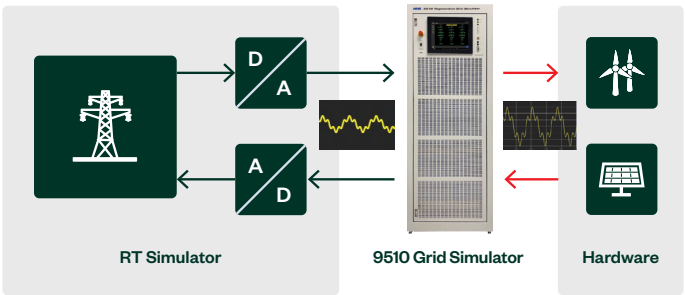

FIGURE 1

Max Power Delivered at 150VAC L-N

FIGURE 2

Modular and Scalable Power up to 2.4MW

Low Voltage Ride-Through (LVRT) and Area Electrical Power System (EPS) Disturbance Simulation

The 9510 Grid Simulator is able to directly simulate common power line disturbances, such as LVRT test patterns (Fig. 2 and 3), through a combination of macros and user-definable wave shapes. Macros are pre-programmed sequences of settings which are entered through a user-friendly menu, downloaded to the grid simulator, and are executed to provide precise control of the output(s). This method is used to generate LVRT test patterns, sub-cycle, and multi-cycle changes to the output covering nearly every need.
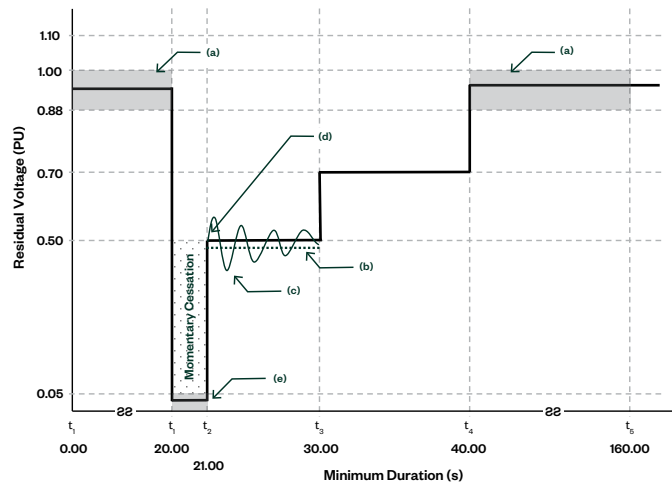

FIGURE 3

LVRT as per 1547.1:2020 Section 5.4.4

Waveforms

User-definable wave shapes extend this capability by permitting the generation of outputs including transient anomalies, voltage harmonics, or any other irregularity which can be drawn as a single cycle (Fig. 4 - 6). These wave shapes can be played continuously or switched in through the macro programming interface.
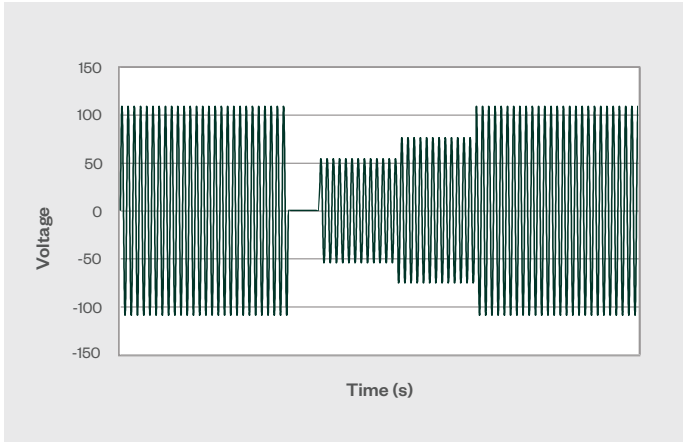

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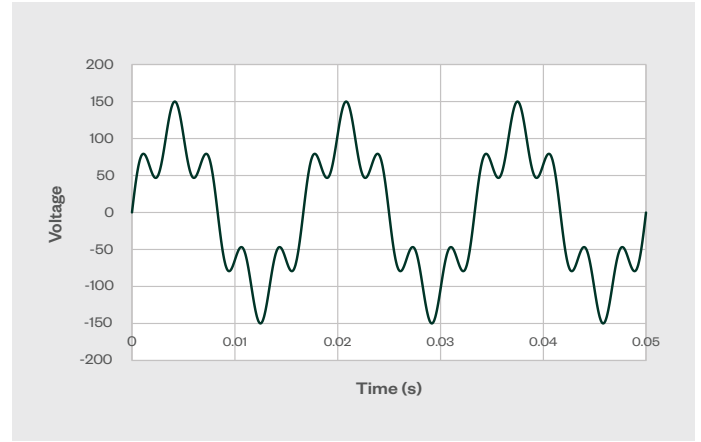
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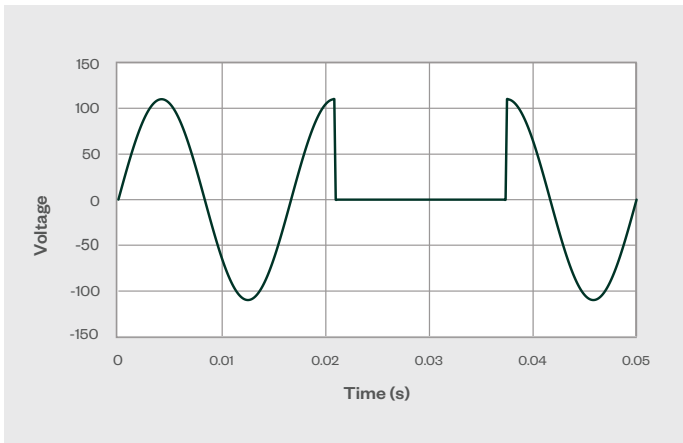

FIGURE 5

Distorted Waveform with Harmonics

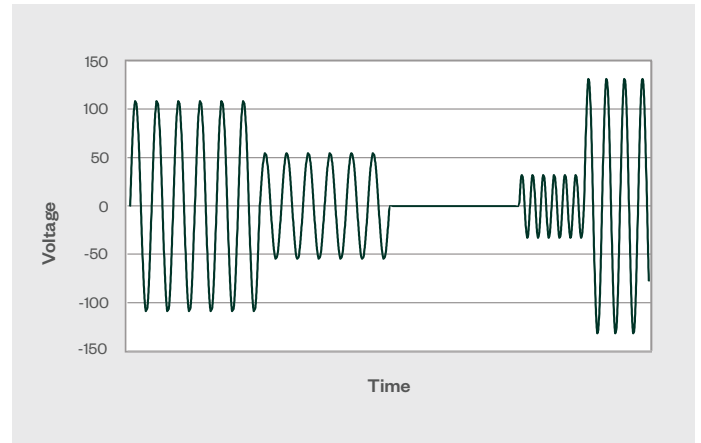FIGURE 6

Sub-cycle Transient

FIGURE 7

Voltage/Frequency Variation

Advanced Digital Measurement System Option

Some of the UL1741 or IEEE1547.1 compliance tests, such as "enter service", are very difficult to measure using oscilloscopes or simple engineering tools as they require long term measurement. Accomplishing these tests typically requires data acquisition and custom software to measure the clearing time and ramping period. The 9510 provides a unique measurement feature to measure key time points to dramatically simplify test. By specifying an event list, the 9510 reports on what cycle number each event is observed. These lists of cycles then can be used to determine key measurement features and show compliance with the standards.

The Figure 8 shows an example of setting up six events in a list for IEEE1547.1 Inverter disconnect test and enter service test. When the area- eps voltage drops to an abnormal level, the 9510 detects this and starts the event measurement process. The device under test (DUT) will eventually stop delivering current and the event system measures the number of cycles until this is observed (point 2).

Event List Setup: **1)** Grid Voltage Drop **2)** EUT Stop Output **3)** Grid Voltage Rise **4)** EUT Start Connect **5)** EUT Output 50% **6)** EUT Full Output

FIGURE 8

Events List for Inverter Disconnect Test and Enter Service Test

The area-eps voltage is raised again and the measurement as to which cycle is reported. Eventually after the ES delay time and depending on the test case from IEEE1547.1 (table 11), the inverter is supposed to start ramping current. Having a cycle number for 10%, 50%, and 90% output currents makes it easy to calculate the amount of time the inverter was off and the ramp rate ensuring full compliance with IEEE1547.1 The 9510 additionally works like a Power Analyzer providing measurement features including true power (W), reactive power (VARS), apparent power (VA), crest factor (CF), power factor (PF), and many other measurements. When even deeper analysis is required, an internal 125kSample/second digitizer may be used to capture the voltage and current waveforms.
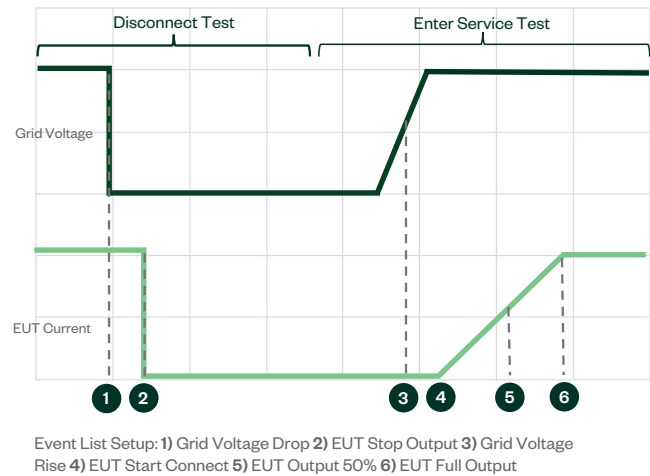
The Power of Choice: Flexible Control Options

There are multiple ways to control the 9510 High Voltage Grid Simulator.

- Fully programmable using NI standard tools such as LabVIEW and VeriStand. These include SCPI, OS-independent LabVIEW VIs for Windows applications.
- An integrated Touch-Panel provides a simple manual control interface and allows basic tests to be run within minutes of powering up the tester.
- For more complex test programs, a remote soft-panel interface on the user's PC or laptop provides additional control features such as wave-shape editors, waveform captures and test program step controls using Macros.
- Analog interface for Power Hardware in the Loop (PHIL)
- Enerchron® Test Management Software for energy testing

Touch I/F

Enerchron

Remote

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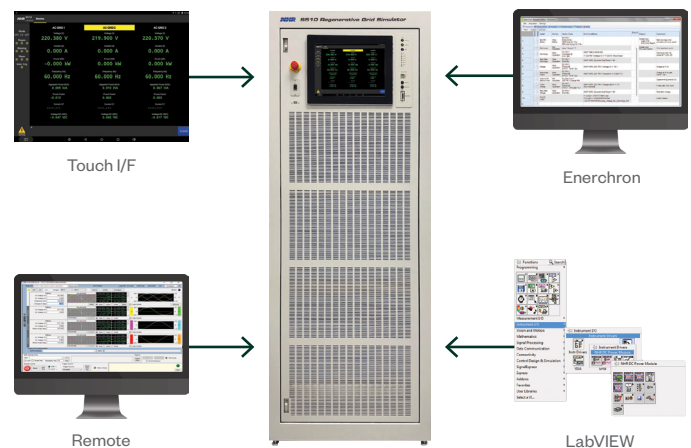
FIGURE 9

Flexible Control Options

Protection and Safety

The 9510 has built-in safety features to prevent serious failures and protect the operator, UUT, and the facility. Internal hardware contactors isolate the power module from the device under test and the facility power. Protection features cover grid-side (line in), internal (9510), output (UUT) failures, and detection of unintentional Islanding conditions. Interlock and eStop are provided for rapid shutdown.

NHR 9510 Regenerative Grid Simulator Specifications

MODEL NUMBER	9510-100	9510-200	9510-300	9510-400	9510-500	9510-1000	9510-1200
Description	100kW	Only 100kW cabinet can support parallel expansion up to 1.2 MW[3]					

AC Output Ratings

Operating Modes	4-Quadrant with Programmable Voltage (CV), Power Amplifier (PHIL), Optional AC Load						
Output Configurations	3 independent set per channel 3 x 1Φ(AC or DC), 2Φ + 1Φ(AC or DC), or 3Φ AC outputs						
Power, Max (1Φ or 3Φ)	100kW/210kVA[5]	200kW/472kVA	300kW/708kVA	400kW/945kVA	500kW/1181kVA	1000kW/2362kVA	1200kW/2835kVA
Current Ranges (RMS per Φ)	50, 200A	100, 450A	150, 675A	200, 900A	250, 1125A	500, 2250A	600, 2700A
Current Ranges (RMS 1Φ Mode)	150, 600A	300, 1350A	450, 2025A	600, 2700A	750, 3375A	1500, 6750A	1800, 8100A

Frequency	30 - 120Hz (10mHz resolution)[4]	Load Regulation	± 0.02% F.S.	
Voltage Ranges	10 - 175, 10 - 350VRMS L-N (Split Phase 10-125, 20-250V Max)	Slew Rate	1V/µS (10% to 90% measured at 90 degree turn-on into resistive load)	
Voltage Accuracy	± 0.1% F.S.	Waveforms	Sine, n-Step Sine, Triangle, Clipped-Sine, Arbitrary (user defined)	
Programming Resolution	0.01V	Phase Angle Control	0 to 359 degrees / 0.1 degree resolution	
Distortion (THD)[2]	0.45% (Typ.) 0.65% (Max) <70Hz no load to full load ; 0.6% (Typ.) 0.85% (Max) >70Hz no load to resistive load			

DC Output Ratings

	9510-100	9510-200	9510-300	9510-400	9510-500	9510-1000	9510-1200
Operating Modes	DC Constant Voltage (CV), Optional DC Load						
Avg. Power (1ch or 3ch)[3]	100kW	200kW	300kW	400kW	500kW	1000kW	1200kW
Current Ranges (Per Ch.)	50, 200A	100, 400A	150, 600A	200, 800A	250, 1000A	500, 2000A	600, 2400A
Current Ranges (1 Ch.)	150, 600A	300, 1200A	450, 2400A	600, 2400A	750, 3000A	1500, 6000A	1800, 7200A

Voltage Ranges	10 - 200, 10 - 400VDC	Ripple	< 800mV RMS (into resistive load)	

Power Amplifier Mode

Control Method [1]	Analog Input ±10V PK-PK amplified to ±247.5V PK-PK (low range) and ±495V PK-PK (high range)	Latency (input-output)	50 uS typical	

AC & DC Measurements

Peak Voltage	424V/707V RMS	Accuracy	0.25% + 0.25% F.S. (AC RMS or DC)	Resolution	0.005% F.S.	
Peak Current (per Ch.)	167, 500A per channel	Accuracy	0.25% + 0.25% F.S. (AC RMS or DC)	Resolution	0.005% F.S.	
Peak Power	V Range x I Range	Accuracy	0.5% + 0.5% F.S. (kW or kVA)	Resolution	0.005% F.S.	
Additional Measurements	Energy (Ah, kWh, kVAh), AC Crest Factor, AC Power Factor, True Power (P), Reactive Power (Q), Waveform Capture					

Waveform Digitizer

Data Acquisition	Output Voltage AND Current	Memory Depth	64k Samp. (V & I per Φ)	Accuracy	0.5% Range
Sample Rate	125 k Samples / sec	Aperture Time	1 cycle to 64s		

Control

Local User Interface	Built-in Touch-Panel & PC-Based software tools including GUI	Analog Current Monitor	[-10V, +10V] corresponds to ±Full Measurement Scale	
External System Comm	LAN (Ethernet) supporting SCPI	Analog Voltage Monitor	[-10V, +10V] corresponds to ±Full Measurement Scale	
Drivers	NI-Compliant LabVIEW Drivers			

Input Power (Single 100kW Cabinet)

Voltage	Universal Input – 380V to 480V ± 10% (L-L, 3 Phase, 50/60Hz). Output Power reduced to 90kW below 360VAC input.			
Efficiency/Power Factor	Efficiency: > 90% typical (up to 94% at full pwr.), Pwr. Factor: > 0.95 typical (> 0.99 at full pwr.)	Current per Φ	168A@380V, 144A@400V, 134A@480V	

[1] Refer to the gain / frequency graph , [2] THD is tested based on output 480VL-L (277 VL-N) with resistive load, [3] Instant PK power per channel will be 100kW (300kW per system) and it will be derated as frequency lower than 50Hz. See derating curve in manual, [4] Load option might require a stiff source when doing high CF, [5] The Max VA setting will be derated when system use in 1-phase (150kVA > 60Hz, 120kVA above 30Hz)