## A living lab for integration of emerging technologies into distribution systems of the future:

## **A CPFL-UNICAMP collaboration**



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- Living lab: a definition
- Emerging technologies
- A platform for integration of emerging technologies: The largest living laboratory in Latin America (partnership CPFL/UNICAMP):

## **Living Lab Barao Geraldo**

- Potential future projects
- Final comments

### Living laboratory: A definition

"Living Labs (LLs) are defined as *user-centred*, open innovation ecosystems based on systematic *user co-creation approach*, integrating research and innovation processes in *real life communities* and settings.

In practice, living labs place the citizen at the centre of innovation, and have thus shown the ability to better mould the opportunities offered by new ICT concepts and solutions to the specific needs and aspirations of local contexts, cultures, and creativity potentials.

5 key elements must be present in a living lab:

- *active user involvement:* i.e., *empowering end users to thoroughly impact the innovation process*
- *real-life setting: i.e., testing and experimenting with new artefacts "in the wild"*
- *multi-stakeholder participation:* i.e., the involvement of technology providers, service providers, relevant institutional actors, professional or *residential end users*
- *a multi-method approach:* i.e., the combination of methods and tools originating from ethnography, psychology, sociology, strategic management, engineering
- co-creation: i.e., iterations of design cycles with different sets of stakeholders"

From: ENoLL – European Network of Living Labs - https://enoll.org/

## **Energy systems of the future: Emerging technologies**

- Renewable generation (wind/photovoltaic generation )
- Distributed sensors (smart meters)

• Electric mobility (electric vehicles)

- Energy storage systems (batteries, flywheels etc.)
- Power electronic-based devices for distribution systems – utility and customer side solutions



#### PA3012: PV rooftop



- ✓ Pilot-project: installation of 230 rooftop PV panels (~850 kWp) in residential circuits (all connected to the same feeder)
- ✓ 100% real-time measurements (smart meters) + power quality meters + weather station
- ✓ Period: 10/2014 09/2018 (4 years)

#### ✓ Objectives:

- ➢ Investigate the main technical impacts and mitigation solutions
- Investigate the integration into engineering procedures
- Collaborate with regulatory aspects
- Develop new markets and services
- ✓ Investment: R\$ 14.4 million







MV/LV transformer power curve -30 days

Imported energy = 2.230 MWh Exported energy = 2.454 MWh

Direct peak = 21.18 kW Reverse peak = 31.10 kW



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#### **Measurement Assessment:**

- ✓ 45 power quality meters installed in MV/LV transformers and customers – 10 seconds/30 days
- ✓ 231 AC/DC meters installed in PV generators 1 min/1 year
- ✓ 231 smart meters installed in customers 5-60 min/1 year
- ✓ +2 billion measurements data



Voltage violation: DRP > 20%

#### Simulation Assessment:

- ✓ +85,000 analyzed secondary systems based on Monte Carlo simulation
- +8 billion power flow solutions



#### **Analytical Analysis:**



$$\Delta V \approx \frac{R(P_G-P_C)+X(Q_G-Q_C)}{V_C}$$



More information: R. Torquato, D. Salles, C. Pereira, P. Meira, W Freitas, "A Comprehensive Assessment of PV Hosting Capacity on Low-Voltage Distribution Systems," IEEE Transactions on Power Delivery, vol. 33, pp. 1002-1012, 2018. Nominated Papers Received Favorable Reviews (3 papers in 2018)

#### **PA3012: PV rooftop – integration into engineering procedure**



**RD** ANEEL

- Pilot-project: Develop new procedures and test technologies for voltage and var control in distribution systems with high penetration of PV generation
- ✓ Period: 11/2018 10/2022 (4 years)
- ✓ Objectives:
  - Develop new procedures: develop a probabilistic technical-economic method to decide the best solution (voltage violation, power factor violation, technical losses, equipment maintenance)
  - Test new technologies: low voltage regulators, dynamic var compensators, smart inverters
  - Collaborate with the regulatory model (*e.g.*, power factor limits)
- ✓ Investment: R\$ 4.6 million

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Probabilistic-technical-economic approach for decision-making process

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Costs Substation: 23% - residential (B1) customers with PV Undervoltage Overvoltage (67 Circuits) 25% PV 577,141.26 **29,224,229.64** 30,228,465.32 Penetration **Decision making:** 25% PV 789,522.95 7,425,224.53 Penetration + **Proposed strategy: Current strategy:** MAPA **Lower** and **concentrated** cost Higher and dispersed cost (with Potential savings R\$ 50 - 100 (with dominant undervoltage) dominant overvoltage) million/year

Total

8,549,324.31

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#### PA3048: Technical losses assessment and management

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- Issue: In Brazil, the technical losses are evaluated by using BDGD database and OpenDSS. However:
  - The regulatory model may underestimate the losses financial impact for utilities
  - The method is time-consuming (20-30 days for a large utility)
- ✓ Period: 11/2018 10/2022 (4 years)
- ✓ Objectives:
  - Collaborate with regulatory aspects
  - Develop computing techniques to speed up the technical losses evaluation
  - Integrate BDGD into OpenDSS
  - Develop tool for loss management
- Investment: R\$ 4.1 million

#### Final product will be partially available for ANEEL and other utilities

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A start-up company developing integrated software for system and big data analysis

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- Issue 1 accuracy relevance: assess and plan actions to (a) improve the system efficiency; (b) combat the non-technical losses
- ✓ Solution: suggestion for improvement based on physical models: transformer model and parameters

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- Issue 2 processing time relevance: enable the use of the regulatory model/structure for loss management (cost savings of man-hours and computational infrastructure)
- ✓ Solution: use proper OpenDSS models; recode some OpenDSS functionalities, replace COM interface, integrate BDGD<sup>\*\*</sup>

Utility	<b>TL Impact (2019)</b>	NTL Impact (2019)		
А	+15.5%	-14.0%		
В	+14.2%	-18.3%		
*Note: total non-technical loss values are extracted from ANEEL, "Metodologia de				

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	Step	CPFL Paulista	RGE			
⇒	Conversion	0h54min	0h17min			
	Complete loss calculation	2h40min	1h50min			
	Total	3h34min	2h07min			
	Total for the 2 utilities : 5h41min					

WorkStation: 2 processors Intel<sup>®</sup> Xeon<sup>®</sup> E5-2630 v4 CPU @ 2.20 GHz (20 cores), 48 GB de RAM, 256 GB de SSD Current solution: several weeks

#### **PA0060: Electric mobility**

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#### ✓ Pilot-project:

- Installation of 20 public stations (12 normal, 5 semi fast, and 3 fast charging stations) + 5 home charging stations
- Monitoring of 16 electric vehicles in corporate fleet (companies, car rental agencies, taxi)
- ✓ Period: 08/2013 07/2018 (5 years)
- ✓ Objectives:
  - Investigate the main technical impacts
  - Build behavior models for studies
  - Contribute to regulatory aspects
  - Develop new services and market (public stations)

✓ Investment: R\$ 16.7 million

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- ✓ Pilot-project and prototypes:
  - Urban and intercity infrastructure in two states
  - Experimentation for billing, clearing, and roaming
  - Services for electromobility: planning and management
- ✓ Period: 03/2020 02/2024 (4 years)

#### ✓ Objectives:

- Development of a software for planning and management of electromobility business
- Deployment of city and intercity infrastructure

✓ Investment: R\$ 47.7 million

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**ELECTRICUS** 

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*Andrade* A start-up company developing *Analytics* analytical tools for electric mobility

## **Composition (layers):**

## ✓ <u>Traffic flow</u>:

- Driver Stochastic behaviour
- o Strategic points Airports, Malls etc.
- ✓ <u>Electric</u>:
  - $\circ$  EVs and FCS profiles
  - Network operation and reinforcements
- ✓ <u>Economic</u>:
  - o Investment
  - Maintenance
- ✓ <u>Social</u>:
  - $\circ$  Population and city
- ✓ <u>Perspectives</u>:
  - Smart City Government
  - $\circ$  Third-part Investor
  - Distribution utility

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Result comes from the combination of layers: Cost-effective solutions (number, location, and size of FCSs)

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**PA3018: Energy storage (battery)** 

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✓ Pilot-projects:

- 1 x 1 MW/2 MWh energy storage system installed into a HV/MV substation for application at MV feeder level
- 1 x 100 kW/225 kWh ground mounted energy storage systems installed into a gated community and 1 x 25 kW/75 kWh pole mounted for application at LV circuit level (PV and EV)
- 2 x 5 kW/14 kWh energy storage systems installed into an LV facility for application at customer level (PV)
- ✓ Period: 07/2017 06/2022 (5 years)
- ✓ Objectives:
  - Develop new applications
  - Develop new services and markets
  - Contribute to regulatory aspects

✓ Investment: R\$ 26.8 million

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Pole mounted - applications in LV circuits

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Barao Geraldo HV/MV Substation

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Pad mounted - applications in LV circuits

#### PA3018: Energy storage (battery) – integration of rooftop PV and EV slow charger

- Problems to be solved: (a) decrease peak load; (b) improve MV/LV transformer loading factor; (c) increase the PV and EV hosting capacity
- Difficulties: how to determine charging and discharging times and rates (load behavior in MV/LV transformers is difficult to predict)
- Developed solution (patented): daily self-adaptable thresholds

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#### Results over 1 year:

- ✓ +20% average reduction of transformer peak demand throughout the year
- ✓ +10% average increase of transformer load factor
- ✓ 0% voltage violations (originally, +20% of customer units with voltage violations)

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**Transformer Demand Profile** 

#### PA3018: Energy storage (battery) – microgrid

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#### PA3018: Energy storage (battery) – microgrid

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#### **PA3020: Load disaggregation – smart meter application**

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- ✓ Pilot-project: 10 houses with 100% real-time monitoring
- ✓ Period: 11/2016 05/2019 (2.5 years)
- ✓ Objectives:
  - Use only one sensor (smart meter) to determine the individual energy consumption per appliance (bill breakdown)
  - Create database for R&D (centralized, partially distributed and distributed monitoring)
  - Develop new services
- ✓ Investment: R\$ 2.5 million

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- Integrated into the smart meter (centralized)
- ✓ Service supplied by the utility
- Integrated into the electric panel per circuit (partially distributed)
- Service supplied by thirdparty

Installed at each plug

Service supplied by

(distributed)

third-party

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Products developed by TE - a start-up company (now a scale-up company) in

sensors and meters

#### PA3032: Sustainable campus (R&D + EE)

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- Pilot-project/objective: Develop a sustainable campus by using smart grids and smart cities technologies at UNICAMP:
  - Monitoring of the electrical system
  - $\blacktriangleright \quad \text{Renewable generation (573 kWp PV)}$
  - Electric mobility
  - Energy efficiency
  - IoT management
  - Energy management
  - Benchmarking for energy efficiency

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- ► EE: R\$ 3.4 million
- $\blacktriangleright$  R&D: R\$ 6.3 million
- Partnership: R\$ 2.3 million

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#### **PA3043: Electric bus – net zero energy charging station**

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#### PA3058: MERGE – Microgrid for Efficient, Reliable, and Greener Energy

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- ✓ Four microgrid pilot projects:
  - LabREI: Smart Grid Laboratory
    - Flexibility, experimentation, and development
  - NanoGRID: DC microgrid
    - High-tech case, showroom, and integration
  - CampusGRID: AC microgrid at UNICAMP Campus
    - Real environment, retail customer, consolidated solutions, and large application
  - ConGRID: Microgrid in a gated community
    - Experimentation with residential customers, regulatory challenges, and complex business models
- ✓ Period: 01/2020 12/2023 (4 years)
- ✓ Investment: R\$ 45.3 million

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#### ✓ Objectives:

- Develop, integrate, and test technologies for intelligent microgrids
- Study and propose standards, regulations, laws, and cybersecurity for Brazilian perspective
- Expand the national scenario of intelligent microgrids for efficient, reliable, and greener energy

#### **Investments 2014 – 2024 and start-ups/scale-ups**

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Projects	Investments (R\$)	PI – UNICAMP	
PV rooftop	14.4 MM	Walmir Freitas	
Electric mobility	16.7 MM	Walmir Freitas Fernanda Trindade	
Energy storage	26.8 MM	Walmir Freitas Fernanda Trindade	
Technical losses	4.1 MM	Walmir Freitas Fernanda Trindade	
Volt/var control	4.6 MM	Walmir Freitas Fernanda Trindade	
Load disaggregation	2.5 MM	Luiz C. P. Silva Walmir Freitas	
Sustainable campus - R&D+EE	9.7 MM	Luiz C. P. Silva	
Electric bus	6.4 MM	Madson Cortes Luiz C. P. Silva	
Microgrid Project	45.3 MM	Luiz C. P. Silva Antenor Pomilio Walmir Freitas Fernanda Trindade Luiz C. P. Silva Marcos Rider	
Platform for electric mobility	47.7 MM		
Total	R\$ 178.2 MM ~US\$ 35 MM		

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A consulting and development company promoting a new ERA for energy and society

A start-up company developing integrated software for systems and big data analysis

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A start-up company developing analytical tools for volt/var control

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A start-up company developing analytical tools for electric mobility

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A start-up company (now a scale-up company) in sensors and meters

A Platform for smart grid technologies integration: one of the largest living labs in Latin America

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#### A Platform for smart grid technologies integration: one of the largest living labs in Latin America

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#### **Projects**

PA3012: PV rooftop PA0060: Electric mobility PA3018: Energy storage PA3048: Technical losses PA3047: Volt/var PA2030: Load disaggregation PA3032: Sustainable campus PA3043: Electric bus CS3060: Electromobility PA3058: Microgrids

Investment: ~R\$ 180 million

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Development of ideas, concepts and methods (**Research**)

Teamwork:

intensity of participation

- UNICAMP
- Research Centers
- High tech consulting company (start-up company – e.g., ERA)
- CPFL Technological Depart.

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Intensity of participation

Development and application of products (**Development**):

- Teamwork :
- High tech consulting company (start-up company – e.g., ERA)
- CPFL Technological Depart.

Commercialization and maintenance of products (**Sustainability**):

Teamwork:

- High tech consulting company (start-up company – e.g., ERA)
- CPFL Technological Depart.

#### Internationalization

#### Academic collaboration:

- 1. University of Alberta Canada
- 2. Ryerson University Canada
- 3. Carleton University Canada
- 4. University of Texas at Austin USA
- 5. Texas A&M University USA
- 6. Washington State University USA
- 7. University of Manchester UK
- 8. Cardiff University UK
- 9. University of Melbourne AU
- 10. Technical University of Delft NL
- 11. University of Southern Denmark DK
- 12. Carnegie Mellon University Africa RW

Sample of products/awards/responsibilities:

#### Utilities:

- 1. Hydro One Canada
- 2. Toronto Hydro Canada
- 3. EPCOR Canada
- 4. ATCO Canada
- 5. ENMAX Canada
- 6. Nova Scotia Power Canada
- 7. BC Hydro Canada
- 8. Tata Power India
- 9. Rwanda Energy Group Rwanda
- 10. LUMA Puerto Rico (TBC)

#### Research Centers/Initiatives:

- 1. Alberta Power Industry Consortium – Canada
- 2. Centre for Urban Energy Canada
- 3. NEST/NSERC Canada
- 4. Natural Resources of Canada (NRCan) – Canada
- 5. PowerTech Canada
- 6. EPRI USA
- 7. NREL-USA

- ✓ IEEE/PES Technical Report: Electrical signatures of power equipment failure T&D Committee Award for Outstanding Technical Report "For Advancing the Power Quality Data Analytics Domain by Demonstrating Techniques for Prediction and Analysis of Electric Power Equipment Failure," 2020 – Chair: Walmir Freitas
- ✓ CIGRE/CIRED: Methods for hosting capacity estimation: technical report on best engineering practices, 2022-2024 –
  Member: Walmir Freitas
- NSERC Energy Storage Technology Network (15 universities, 26 industrial, utility and government partners the largest Canadian initiatives on energy storage), 2015-2021 – Member of the Board of Directors: Walmir Freitas

#### Next steps: DER protection, regulation, and network costs (started: 09/2022)

- ✓ Issue 1: ONS proposed minimum DER protection settings concerned with the interconnected system security  $\rightarrow$  potential impact on islanding protection (safety of collaborators and customers)
- Solution: develop a **risk-based method** to determine the minimum requirement for DER protection settings – decision-making process
- ✓ **Issue 2: ANEEL** is investigating the possibility of proposing minimum DER regulation curves to support the system (TS 11/2021)
- Solution: develop a compromise solution-based method to  $\checkmark$ determine the potential benefits from DERs by using regulation curves considering perspectives of utilities and customers and the cost for DER owners
- Issue 3: ANEEL has to determine the system benefits/costs inputted  $\checkmark$ by DERs (**PL 5829/29**)
- Solution: develop an expedite technical-economic method to  $\checkmark$ estimate the cost inputted by DERs considering system investment and the benefits of loss reduction

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- ✓ Issue 1: how to calculate the DER hosting capacity efficiently for MV and LV systems?
- ✓ Issue 2: how to use such results for HC management?
- ✓ Solutions:
  - develop analytical and expedite methods to dynamically update the results
  - develop GIS-based methods (mapping) to aggregate the results for technical and general public
  - develop methods for decision on system upgrade with integration of hosting capacity and costs

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hosting capacity mapping for decision-making process on upgrade investment

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MV Customer:

ZFA measurement

(P, Q, V - 15 min)

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LV system

v voltage sy

Inspection

History

Consumption History Unpaid Bills

History

Operation

History

Electrical, commercial and operation data

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Intelligence

Issues: (a) most of the methods used nowadays are based on pattern recognition and AI developed by computer scientists, which do not take into consideration technical aspects of power systems; (b) the distribution systems are evolving from a passive, non-supervised structure to an active, supervised structure

✓ Solution: develop a hybrid, evolutionary method

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MV/LV Transforme

Q, V - 15 min to 1 h)

LV Customer:

Smart meters P, O, V - 15 min to 1 h) **Evolution 2** 

**Evolution 3** 

Issue: Utilities GIS and other related databases presents errors and inconsistencies due to:

- $\checkmark$  wrong data registration
- $\checkmark$  absence of data
- ✓ line parameter variations due to weather conditions and equipment aging
- ✓ manual procedures for database update from field crew
  Idea: Combine customer smart meter data and data science

to automatically correct:

- ✓ system topology
- ✓ line parameters
- ✓ transformer parameters
- ✓ customers phase connection

- $\checkmark$  switch status
- ✓ MV/LV transformer tap
- ✓ voltage regulator settings
- ✓ capacitor bank settings

#### Sources:

V. C. Cunha, W. Freitas, and S. Santoso, "Determination of tap position of transformers and status of switches in distribution systems using a generalized state estimator," submitted to IEEE Transactions on Power Delivery

V. C. Cunha, W. Freitas, and S. Santoso, "Determination of physical status and control settings of capacitor banks and voltage regulators in distribution systems using a generalized state estimator," to be submitted to IEEE Transactions on Power Delivery

#### Sample case:

Real MV/LV systems: 2,175 buses; 2,000+ customers (87% residential); 76 MV/LV transformers

Estimation system topology e line parameters

Metric	Success Rate (%)		
<b>Resolution (min)</b>	15	30	60
Estimated LV lines	92	92	91
Customers phase connection	100	100	100

#### **Estimation Error of Tap Position – Distribution Transformers**

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**Estimated Tap Position – Voltage Regulator** 

![](_page_31_Figure_27.jpeg)

V. C. Cunha, W. Freitas, F. C. L. Trindade and S. Santoso, "Automated determination of topology and line parameters in low voltage systems using smart meters measurements," IEEE Transactions on Smart Grid, vol. 11, pp. 5028-5038, 2020 - © IEEE 2020

# Active, supervised distribution systems (grid-edge technologies)

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## **Potential applications**

- Active risk-based asset management
- **Proactive** protection and control
- Active system/equipment condition monitoring
- New services, business, and market models

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## **Potential data sources**

- AMI (smart meters)/SCADA
- PQ and waveform measurement units
- GIS database
- Commercial database
- Weather stations
- Demographic/economic database

## ✓ Why a living lab?

Technological researches should go outside the university walls to reach the end users/customers – higher probability of technological success (value for society)

- Technological developments must be in accordance with economic, regulatory and market issues (value for the electrical sector - including customers)
- Technological developments should lead to successful start-up/scale-up companies (value for national economy) new products and jobs
- ➢ Not to be misunderstood: although technical researches and product developments are important, academic/basic researches are vital, as main breakthroughs come from these ideas/concepts

Thank you

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