

### The New Virtual BERTA Test Bench



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#### BERTA - Windows: What Is It?



- A quasi-real-time replica of the real BERTA Test Bench:
  - Windows version of the BERTA on Site application
  - Speed governor tests
  - Automatic Voltage Regulator tests
  - Power System Stabilizer tests
- The best training tool to conduct tests for:
  - Complying to NERC'S standards MOD-026 and MOD-027
  - Or equivalent standards from energy regulating authorities
- Powered by:
  - RT-LAB in software synchronized mode;
  - Testdrive V2.8



## BERTA - Windows: What do you need?

- A Windows 10 platform
- A computer with 4 virtual processors or more
- A recent computer with processor from 4<sup>th</sup> generation or more
- A basic knowledge of generating unit control:
  - Speed/Frequency control and stability
  - Voltage regulation
  - Power System Stabilizer utility
- No need for programming
- No need for training on RT-LAB
- No need for building models
- Enough imagination to recommend improvements to BERTA Windows



#### BERTA for Tests in Power Plant – Version for Windows



- The real tested unit is replaced by a simulated tested unit:
  - Connected and synchronized to a virtual grid with an equivalent Thevenin source with finite inertia;
  - Hydro, gas and steam turbine models;
  - Appropriate speed governor models;
  - Static excitation model;
  - Up to 4 models of P.S.S. Power System Stabilizer
- Conditions of real tests can be replicated and/or anticipated;
- Adjustable parameters and settings;
- Simulation using a 50  $\mu s$  time step as in the real BERTA Test Bench.



#### BERTA - Windows: OBJECTIVES



- Improve your ability to:
  - Conduct speed governor, AVR and PSS tests on an actual operating unit in the power plant
  - Enhance the power system stability
  - Ensure the frequency stability of an islanded system
- Improve the accuracy of a generator controller models:
  - Reverse engineering of the models using test results
  - Build your own models on another platform and compare your results with those of BERTA – Windows



- Power system engineering departments of universities:
  - Under-graduated and Graduated students
  - Focusing on controller settings to ensure power system stability
- Power generation utilities:
  - Who must comply to energy regulating authorities standards. (Ref.: NERC)
  - Best training tool for technical staff responsible of AVR, PSS and speed governor settings on site
  - Best training tool for conducting on-site tests in the power plant
- People may be different than researchers





- Most GUI titles can be displayed in:
  - English

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- Français
- Español
- Português
- Others to come with users' collaboration
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# Multilingual BERTA



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  - Open file "nouveaux\_alias.xlsx"
  - Go to page "custom"
  - In column C "My Alias", replace the initial aliases by your own aliases
  - You can also translate the descriptions in column D
  - Limitation for aliases: do not use accents. This limitation should be corrected in a future version
  - Changes in other columns are not authorized

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