

Dr. Paolo Romano Co-founder and CEO



**SynchroGuard:** Leveraging the PMU technology for achieving carbon-neutral grids





### About us



- **EPFL spin-off**, based in Lausanne (CH), founded in 2017
- Multiple awards winner: Free Electrons, EIC Seal of Excellence, Solar • Impulse label, SET100 award, Future Grid track @Energy Tech Summit
- Global footprint with 12 highly satisfied customers in EU, APAC and North America with repeating orders
- Over 180 SynchroSense devices installed in the field monitoring 24/7 ٠ >1600 grid assets, >200 km of MV lines
- Recently closed a CHF 6.4 million investment round led by a Strategic investor in the smart grid space







## The digital journey towards a clean and sustainable energy future has its challenges



#### Today's issues and challenges:



2. Inefficient blackout management



3. EVs/renewables unpredictability

## The medium voltage market, has the highest upside potential in terms of digitalisation investment needs



## Our management team is a rare mix of technical know-how and relevant industry expertise



Dr. Paolo Romano CEO and Founder Sales, Organization, Hiring EPFL PhD, electronic engineer



Dr. Marco Pignati CTO and Founder R&D, Technical support EPFL PhD, electrical engineer



Dr. Lorenzo Zanni COO and Founder Product, Operation, Finance EPFL PhD, electrical engineer



Igor Dremelj Chief Strategy Officer Sales, Strategy, Go to Market Vice President @Landys+Gyr



François Marti Chairman & Indep. Director Fundraising, Partnerships COO @SGS, CEO @FCA Services



15 employees in total

Experienced product development & sales team

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#### An experienced team of advisors



Prof. Mario Paolone Academic advisor Full professor, smart-grid expert, visionary scientist





Harry D. Sykes Investor's observer Self-made UHNW, technology sector serial entrepreneur





Thierry Pollet Industrial advisor Digital lead in grid integration, Innovation & R&D manager



Arnoud Bifrare Power utility expert Head of Smart Grids at Romande Energie



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# Zaphiro developed SynchroGuard, the leading grid monitoring & automation system based on D-PMUs

#### Hardware



**Patented D-PMU** (Distribution-Phasor Measurement Unit) **device**:

- Time-synchronized + high speed measurements
- Ideal for substation retrofitting





#### Software

#### Modular and scalable software platform:

- Full interoperability with 3<sup>rd</sup> party devices
- Empowered by patented algorithm

#### Real-time grid monitoring

→ Full grid visibility with as little as 10% of measurement coverage

#### Accurate fault location

→ Automated fault location to reduce the duration or even prevent blackouts

#### **DER integration and control**

→ Automatic control of utility-scale batteries to always guarantee grid stability

#### Offline grid analytics

→ Advanced grid analytics for optimal grid planning and predictive maintenance

### SynchroGuard, the single source of truth for advanced grid management applications



- SynchroGuard is a **"grid-intelligent" platform**, a distributed software middleware integrating advanced grid **applications** that expand the capabilities of existing SCADA/DMS system
- SynchroGuard continuously collects, • processes and stores real-time measurements from our proprietary or 3<sup>rd</sup> party devices to extract value added data
- SynchroGuard **seamlessly integrates** with existing solutions deployed in utility control centres (e.g., SCADA, DMS, etc.) via standard APIs and a multi-protocol communication gateway to deliver 24/7 the right information at the right time

## Case study #1: Providing full MV grid visibility in presence of high DER penetration





#### **Problems/Challenges:**

- 46% renewable power share in Germany (2020)
- Lack of knowledge of voltage profiles, current/power flows and grid equipment stress in presence of high DER (Distributed Energy Resources) penetration



#### **Benefits:**

- Full grid visibility in real-time with only 10% measurement coverage
- 70% lower integration effort compared to other monitoring solutions

### Case study #2: Improving outage management in North America via synchronized measurements



#### **Problems/Challenges:**

 The cost of sustained power interruptions in US has approached USD 45 Billion per year

#### Solution:

- Centralized outage management based on PMUs
  - Synchronized faulted area identification: 100% reliability independently of fault type
  - Enhanced fault distance calculation within faulted area: <50m typical accuracy
  - Location of single/multi-phase faults, high-impedance or intermittent faults with currents as low as few Amperes
- Direct integration with 3<sup>rd</sup> party PMU devices

#### **Benefits:**

- Up to 80% reduction of duration and costs of blackouts via automated fault location and service restoration
- Outage/wildfire prevention via intermittent fault location

## Case study #3: A real-scale laboratory for grid applications development and validation\*







#### **Problems/Challenges:**

- Highly congested micro-grid, with increasing number of "special" loads (30 MW) and PV generation (2.5 MW)
- Lack of pervasive PQ monitoring

#### Solution:

- Pervasive grid monitoring via PMUs (100% coverage)
- Use of existing fiber network for both time-synchronization via PTP and real-time data communication
- Data sharing platform for EPFL reasearchers

#### **Benefits:**

- Up to 85% lower upfront investment compared to conventional grid monitoring solutions
- Unified data platform for research activities of EPFL laboratories in the energy domain

### Zaphiro disrupts the medium-voltage market with a superior technology, both for performance and scalability



#### Competitive advantages:

#### Performance

- Highest quality grid data
- Full grid visibility
- Best-in-class fault location
- 1st "grid-aware" battery control

#### Scalability

- All-in-one solution
- Simplest installation
- Modular software architecture
- Seamless 3<sup>rd</sup> party systems integration

### Our highly scalable business model has 3 main revenue streams, with Software/Services representing 2/3 for full-grid rollout



### Our strategy is to scale globally





### Unlock your grid potential!



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