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The SmartGen project: an example of DMS development for VPP and Microgrids

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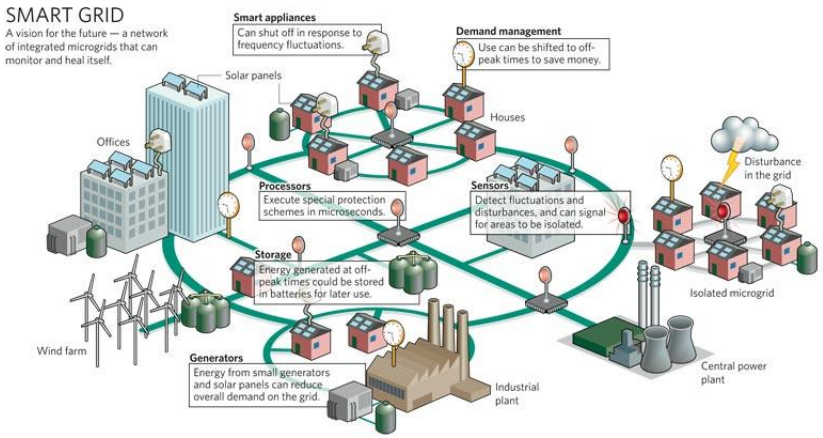
SmartGen Project

- Title
  - "Study, development and validation of methodologies and tools for the management of active power distribution networks including renewable energy sources"
- Context: Smart Grids
  - Operation of generators of any size and technology
  - Load active role in the optimization of operation
  - Availability of more information and wider choice of suppliers
  - Reduction of environmental impact
  - Enhancement of reliability, security and quality of service



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- Fundings
  - Funded by MISE (Italian Ministry for Economic Development) in the context of the Research Projects for the Electric Systems

Action areas

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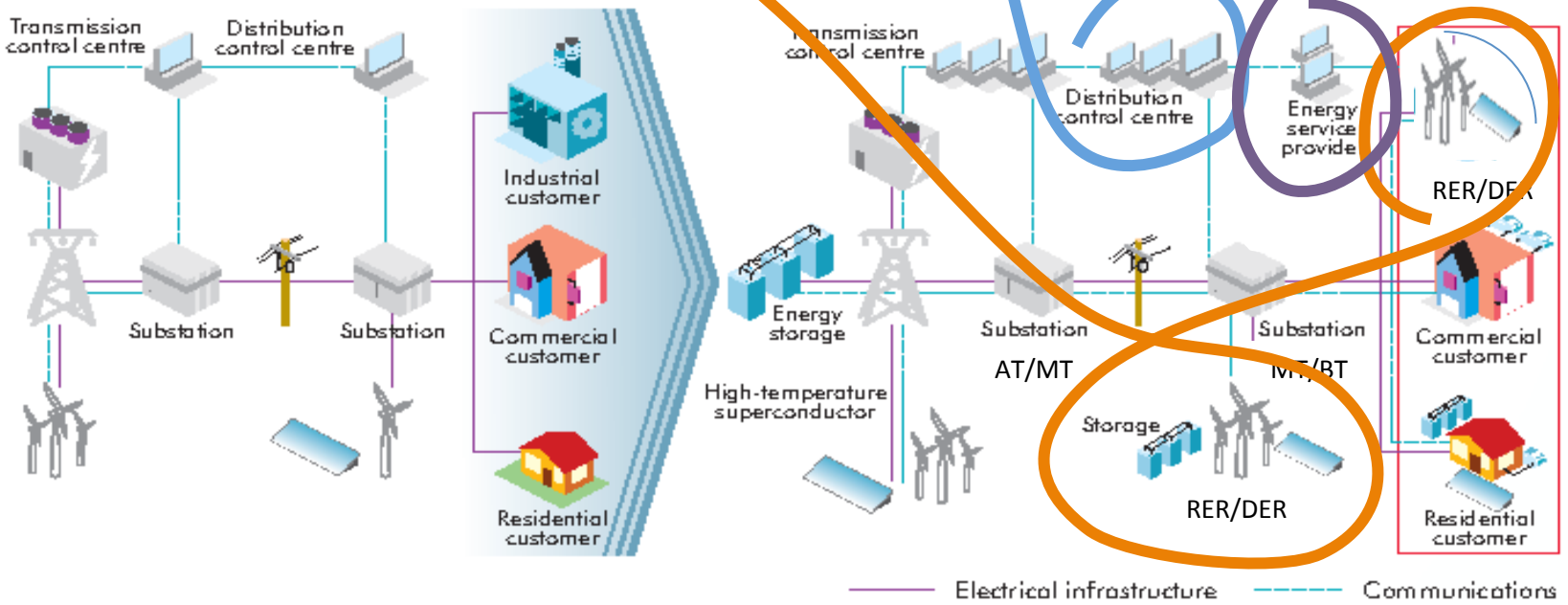
Advanced Distribution Management System

New services for liberalised market operators

Active distribution networks with distributed generation



International Energy Agency

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Main objectives

Analyzing scenarios of smart grids and active interaction with the electricity market

- with distributed generation (DG) and storage with the possibility of *load control*
- to identify main technical and economical constraints
- to define future actors (*aggregators*, price signals, active demand management)

Defining and implementing the architecture of innovative Distribution Management System

- Interfacing to data acquisition systems and SCADA (Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition)
- ***State estimation*** and simulation scenarios
- Management of optimization problems, control of power flow, voltage and supply of ***ancillary services from DG***, and load dispatch
- Study of different distribution management modes: normal , dysfunctional, and/or emergency mode (islanding)

Demonstrating features and benefits in real user cases

- Definition of complex reference scenarios
- Validation of ***real network functional efficiency***
- Integration of real networks and simulation in pilot sites

Project Consortium

University of Genova - *DITEN*

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Scientific coordinator

DMS architecture, technology survey and enhancement, dissemination

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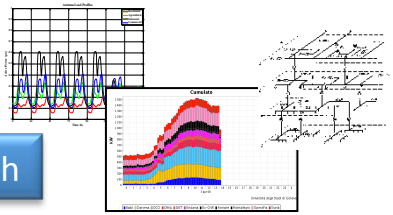
DMS advanced functionalities and monitoring interfaces



Academic research

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Project coordination

System integration, automation and communication software, wholesale market management

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SCADA & DMS design and implementation, innovative power network management

Industrial research

Enel Engineering and Research

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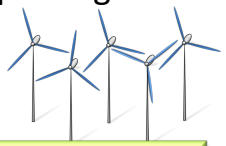
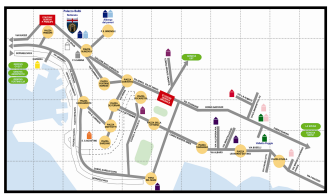
System requirements, DMS architecture definition, piloting and demonstration





Industrial infrastructure research

START: January 2011

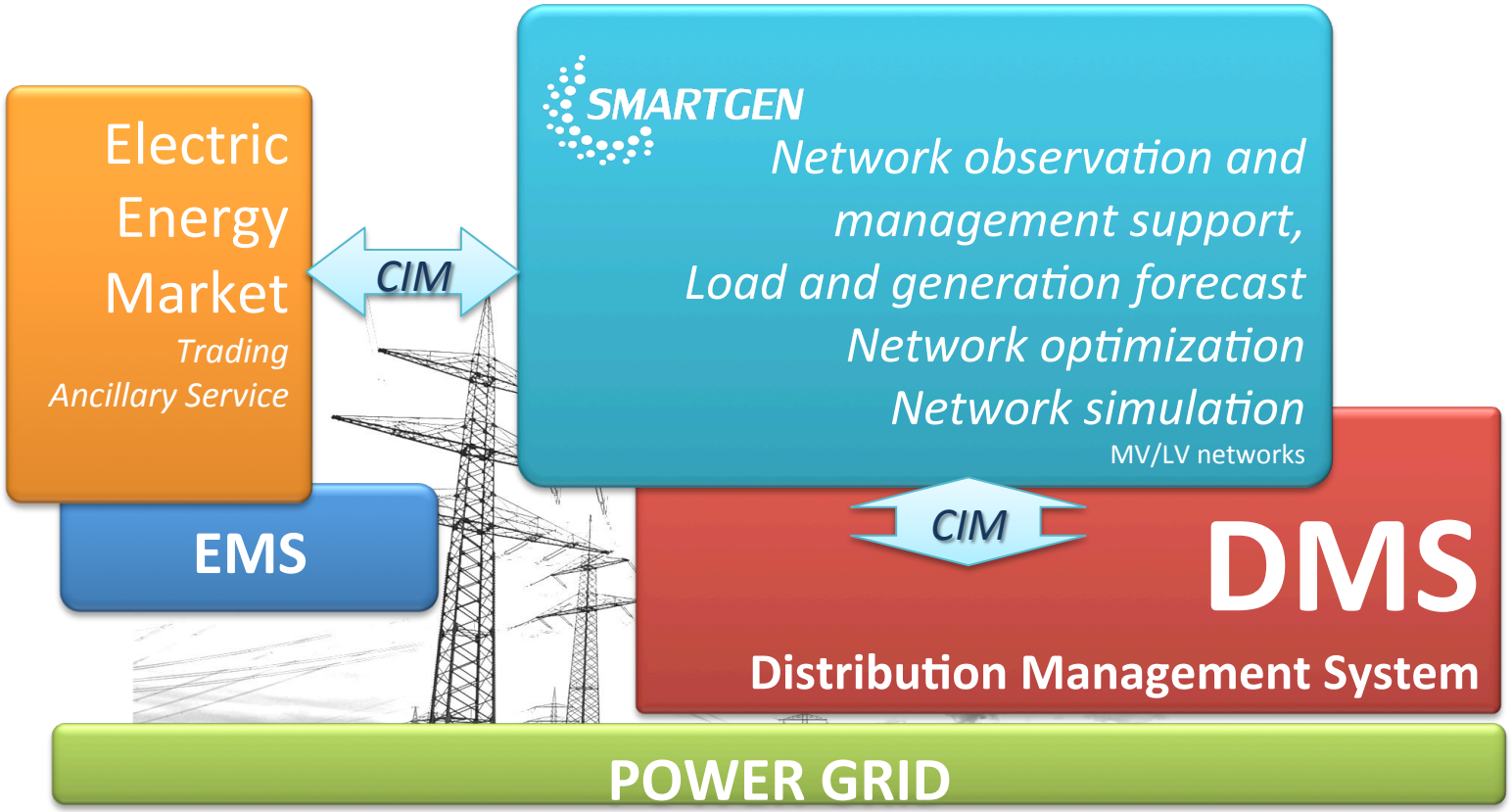
DURATION: 36 months

COSTS > 2.8 M€

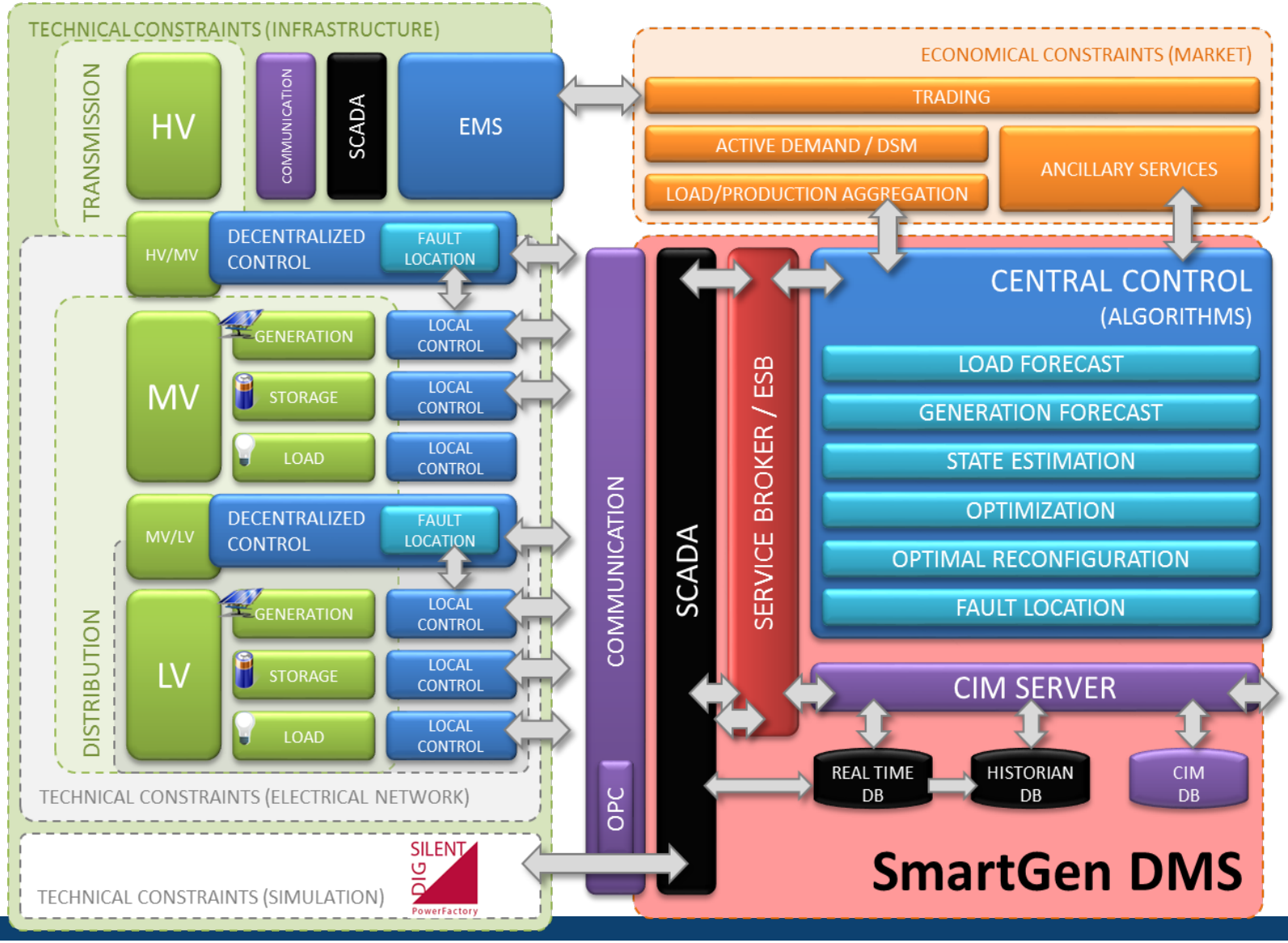
Financing = 1.1 M€

The product of the project

Smartgen has developed a platform that "extends" a DMS with new features



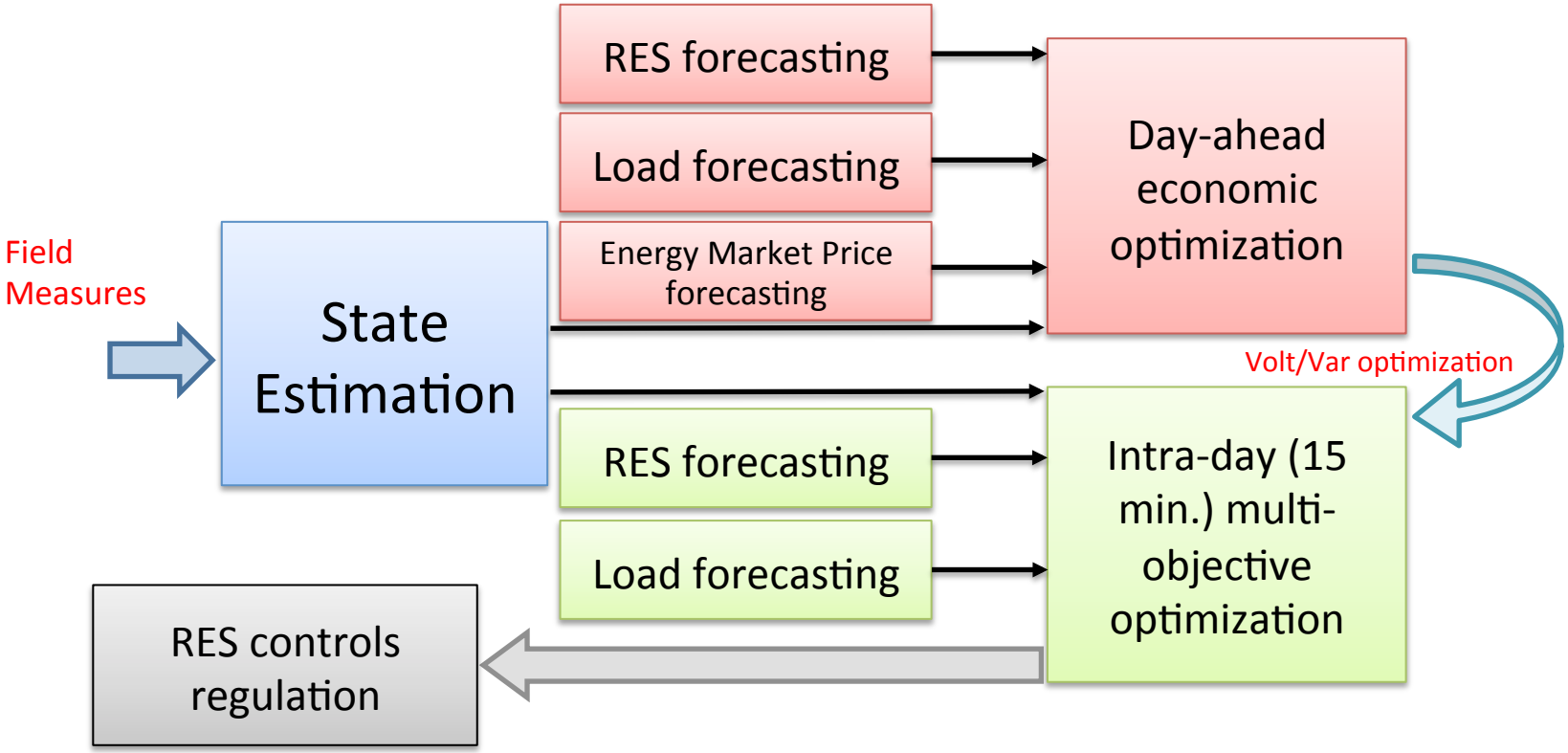
Smartgen architecture



SmartGen functionalities

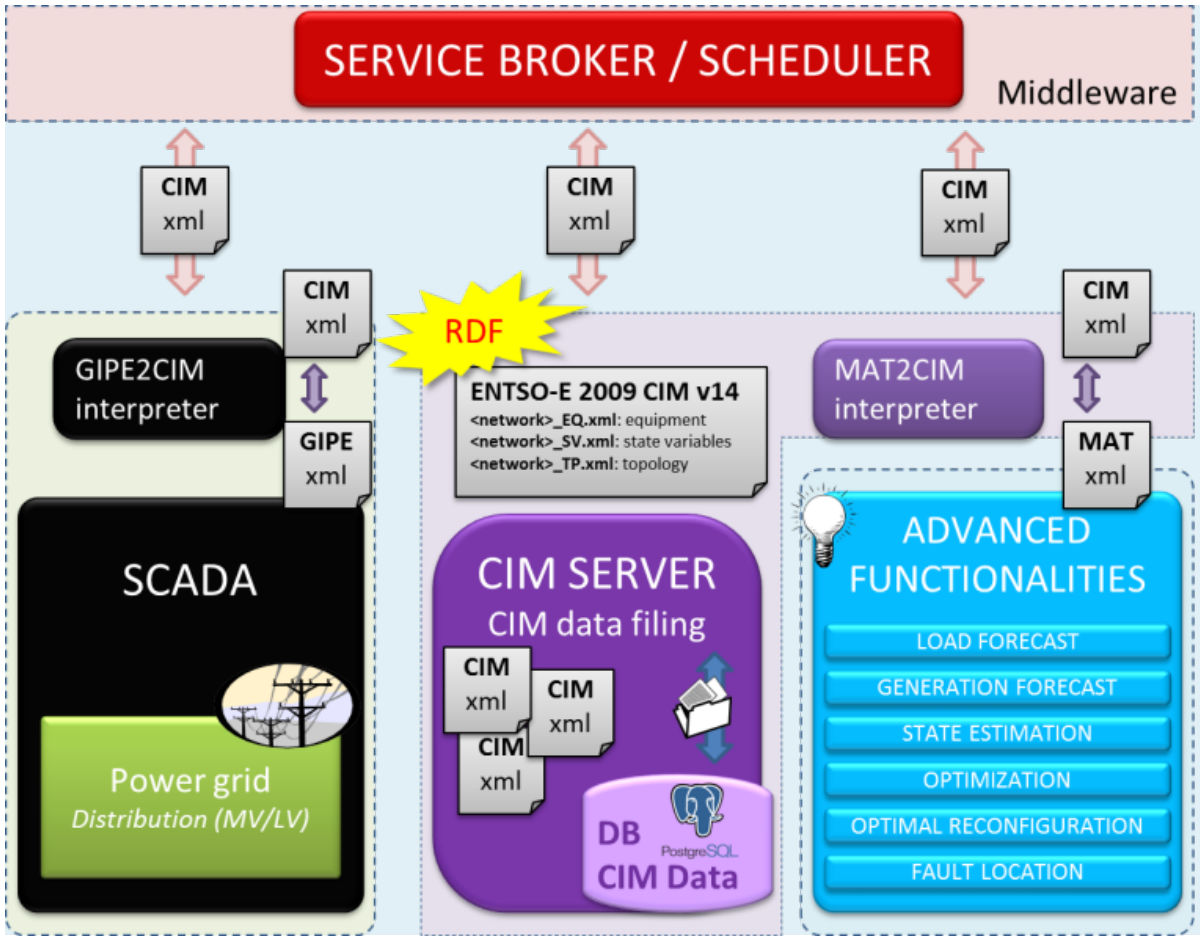
- Distribution State Estimation (ASE)
- Load Forecast (ALF)
- Generation Forecast (AGF)
- Optimal Reconfiguration (AOR)
- Working Point Optimization (APO)
- Working point Losses optimization (AWL)
- Fault Location (AFL)

Multi-level optimization



CIM Architecture

The **Common Information Model** (CIM): **a power industry standard** adopted by IEC **to allow different applications to exchange data** about the configuration and the status of a power network

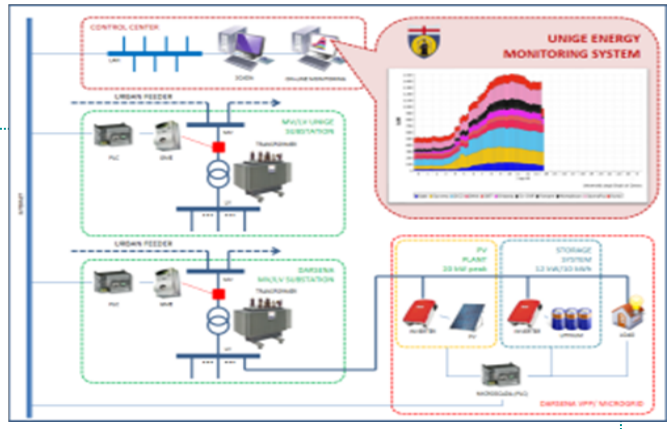


Field Testing Phase – Real Networks

- The ensemble of pilot sites was chosen in order to test (in simulated and/or in field) all the SmartGen functions:
  - State estimation
  - Load/generation forecast
  - Optimization of the working point
  - Optimal (re-)configuration
  - Fault location

- Three sites are identified sites because:
  - They allow to apply and test a comprehensive combination of the DMS functions
  - They already have a good degree of instrumentation
  - More activities aimed at the installation of additional instrumentation will be possible

VPP – University of Genoa experimental micro-grid

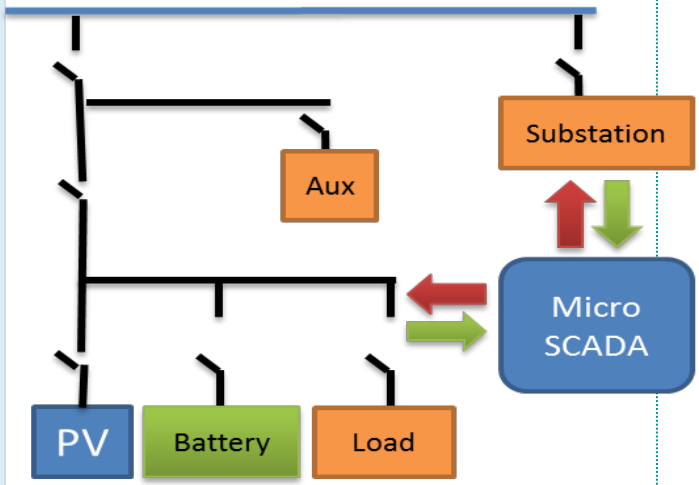


University experimental micro-grid

- Generation and network components
- 19,74 kW PV plant
- Bidirectional inverter (10kW-12kVA) with batteries control system (storage system lithium-ion battery: 4 modules (2,2 kW-48 V))
- Controllable resistive – inductive load (10 kW – 12 kVAr) for islanding scenarios (storage + PV+ load)

Data Acquisition System

- Monitoring system for generation and weather data acquisition (radiation, ambient temperature, retro-module temperature)
- Acquisition system for electrical variables (voltage, current, power, frequency, SOC) with sampling values per second
- Indipendent acquisition channels (for storage, PV and PCC) and transmission over LAN on University network.
- Development of Mixed-Integer algorithms



Other significant site with PMU and smart meters installation. This site is located in Sanremo (AMAIE)

Experimental distribution network

Livorno Experimental Area

- **Main DMS SCADA functionalities**
  - Load/generation forecasting
  - Optimization of DER working point
  - Virtual islanding operations
- **Possibility of field tests with no impact on the DSO**
- **MV and LV internal network available**
- **Assets involved in SmartGen demo**

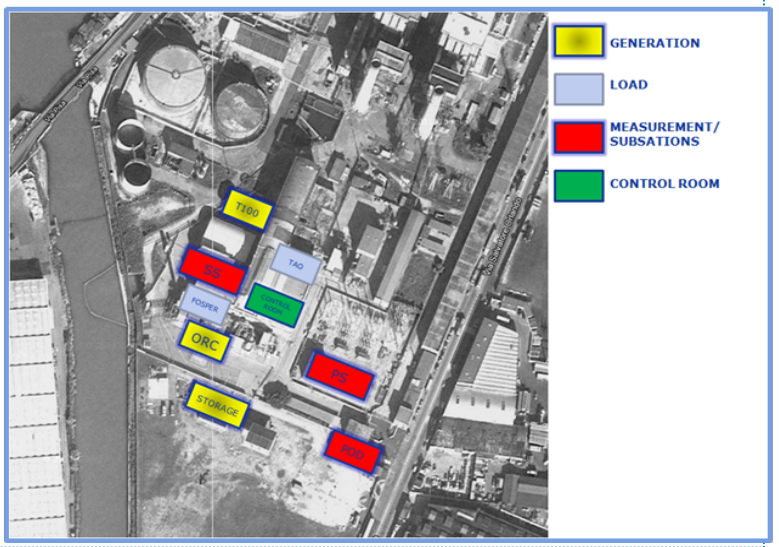
Generation

- PV 20 kW
- ORC 500 kW
- T100 100 kW

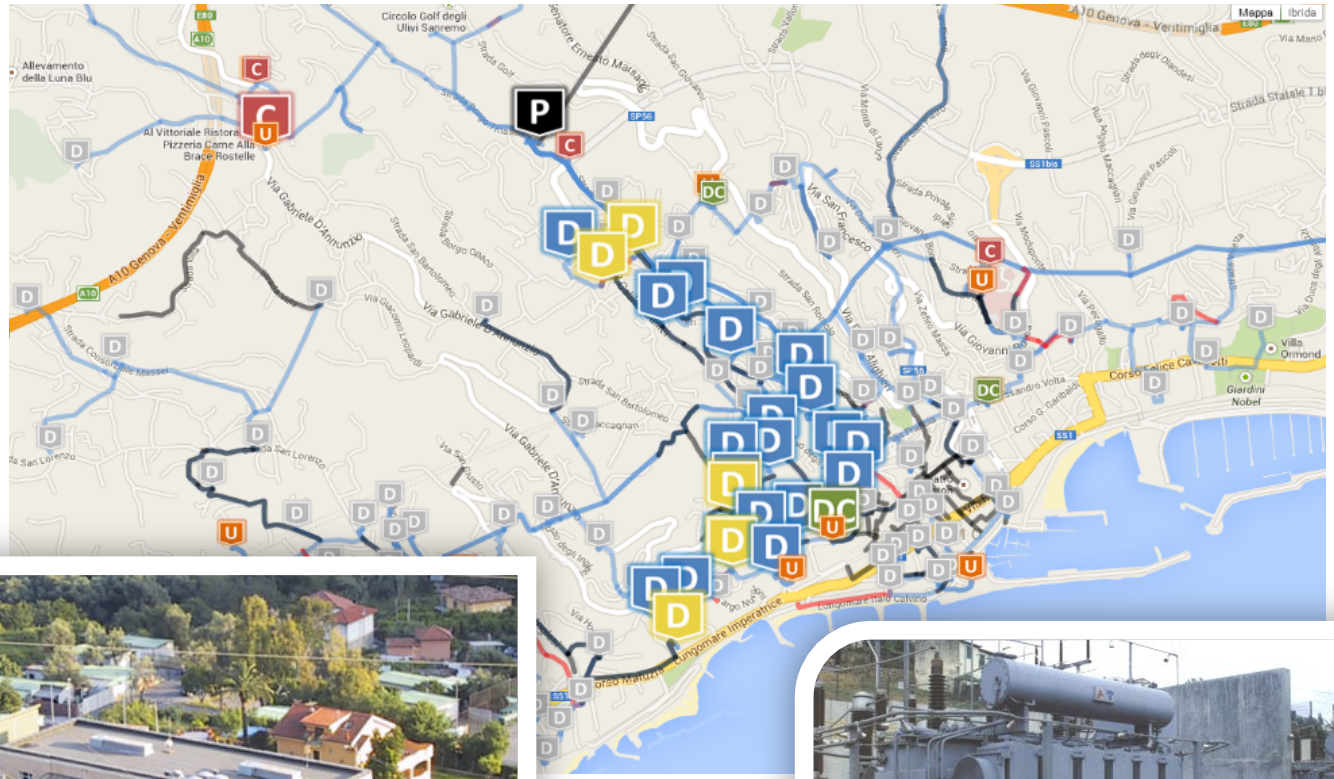
Loads and Storage

- Storage systems 90 kW
- water pumps 2x50 kW
- fans 2x70, 50 kW
- motors 120, 80 kW

Area overview and main SmartGen Elements



Real Distribution Network test case

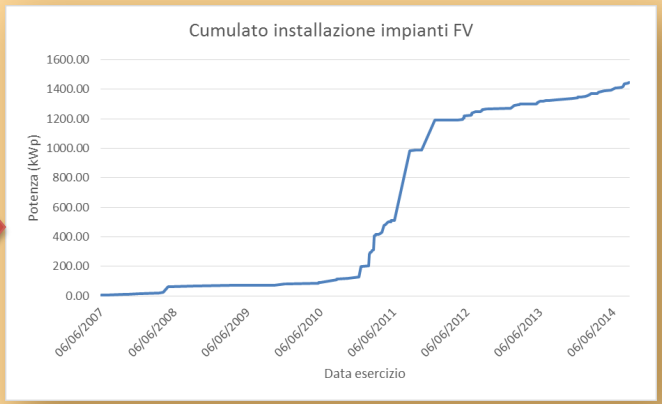


Sanremo distribution network - AMAIE

The network is composed of

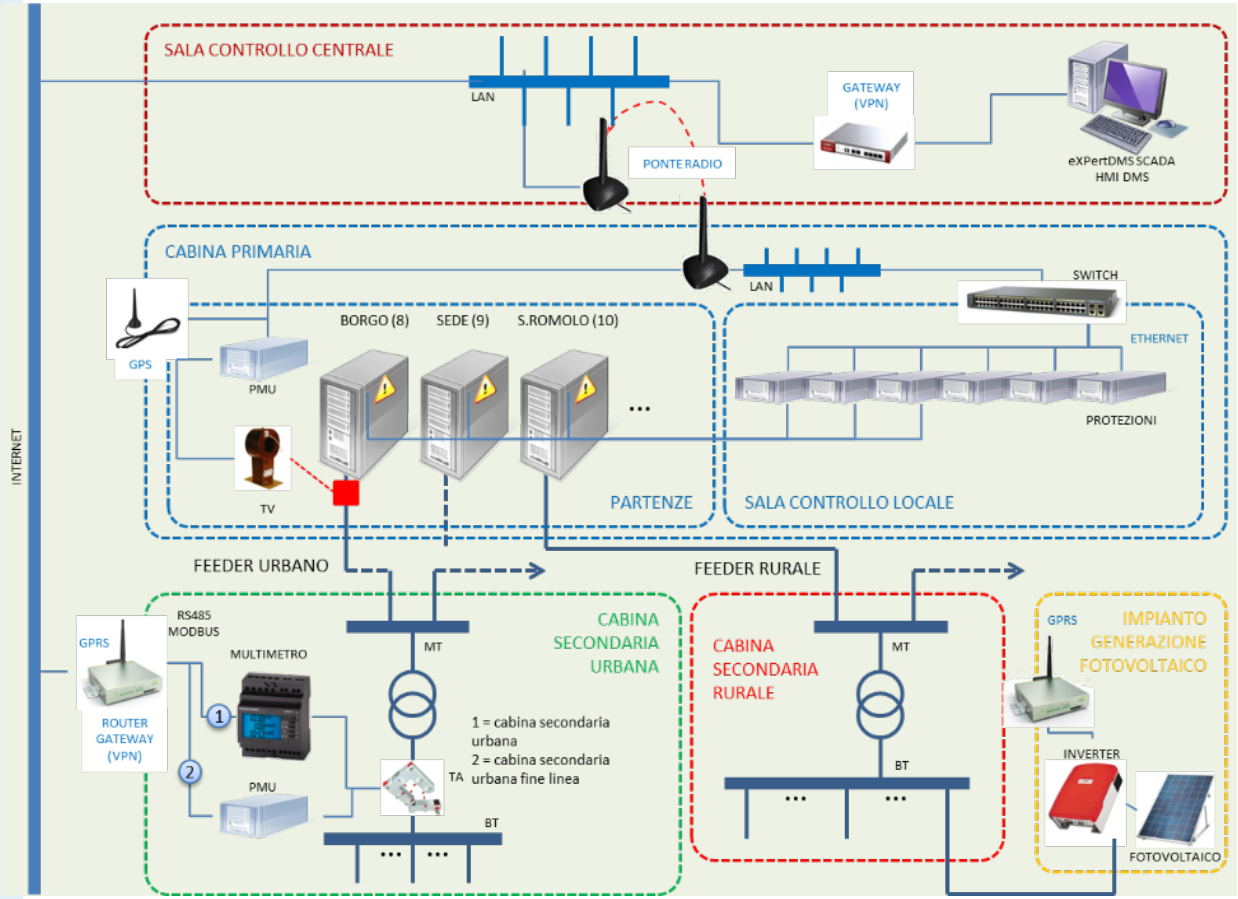
- A primary substation (HV/MV 132/15 kV)
- 10 MV feeders, typically managed in a radial structure, departing from the substation
- 115 km of MV lines, both cables and overhead lines. MV network managed in compensated neutral
- ~ 200 secondary substations (MV/LV 15/0,4 kV), among public and private ones
  - Of which about 10% remotely controlled
- ~30.000 users (27.000 for domestic use, 15 for industrial use, 3.000 other)
- ~100 PV plants
  - 1 x 470 kW in MV
  - 10 x (10-100kW) in LV
  - Domestic < 6 kW

PV impact 2007/2014



Smartgen installations at AMAIE Sanremo

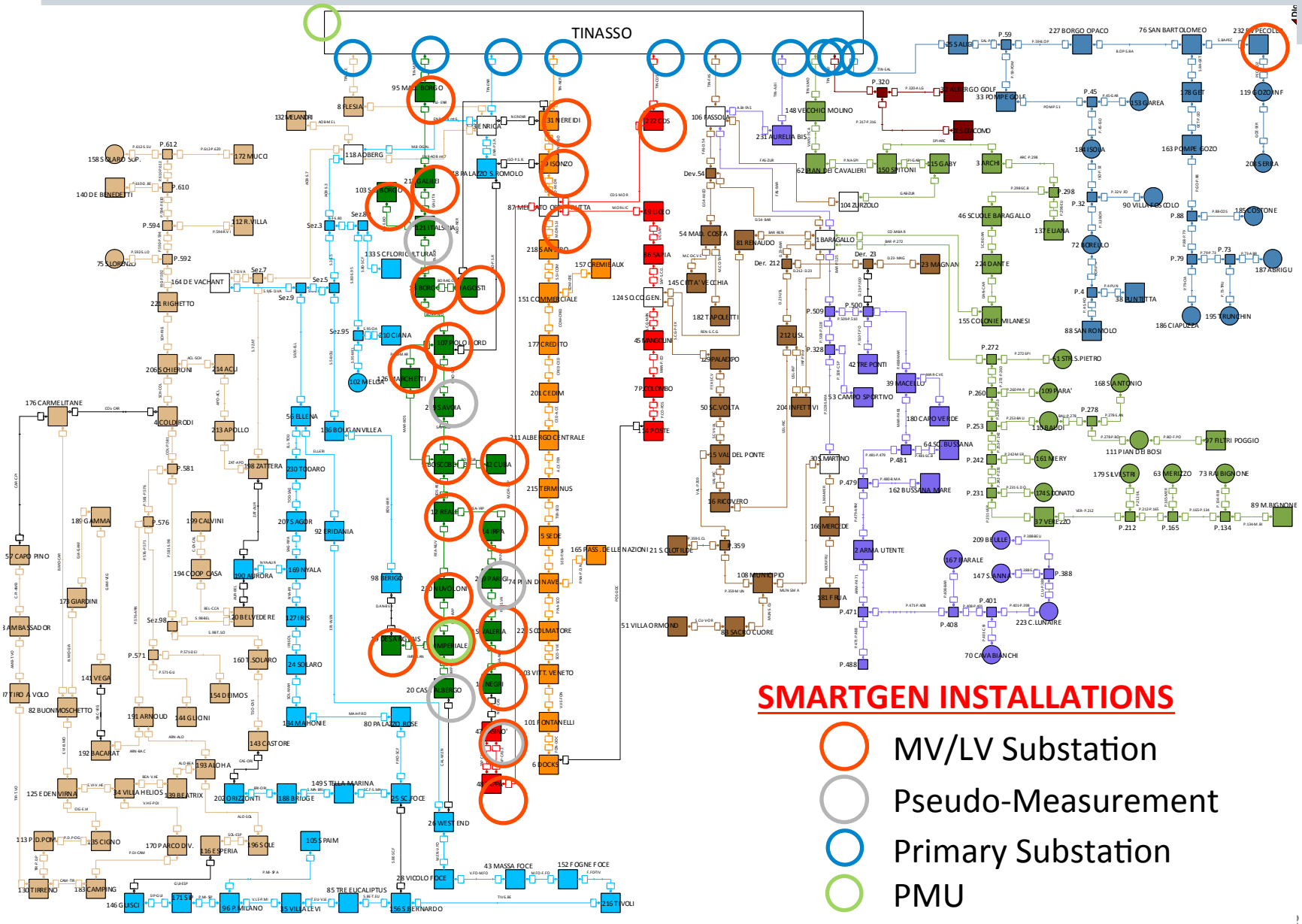
- HV/MV site full measurements
- 3 feeders fully monitored
- PV plant (470 kWp)
- 2 PMU - Power Measuring Units
- Meteo forecast



AMAIE Sanremo network

the goal is to perform:

- Analysis of the **voltage profiles** and congestion in the absence and presence of PV distributed generation (connected both LV and MV)
- Study and verification of algorithms of **State Estimation** in distribution networks, load forecasting and production of photovoltaic
- In order to validate these studies, the system has been equipped with a monitoring system and remote reading of different MV/LV substations.
- Comparison measurements / simulations for other studies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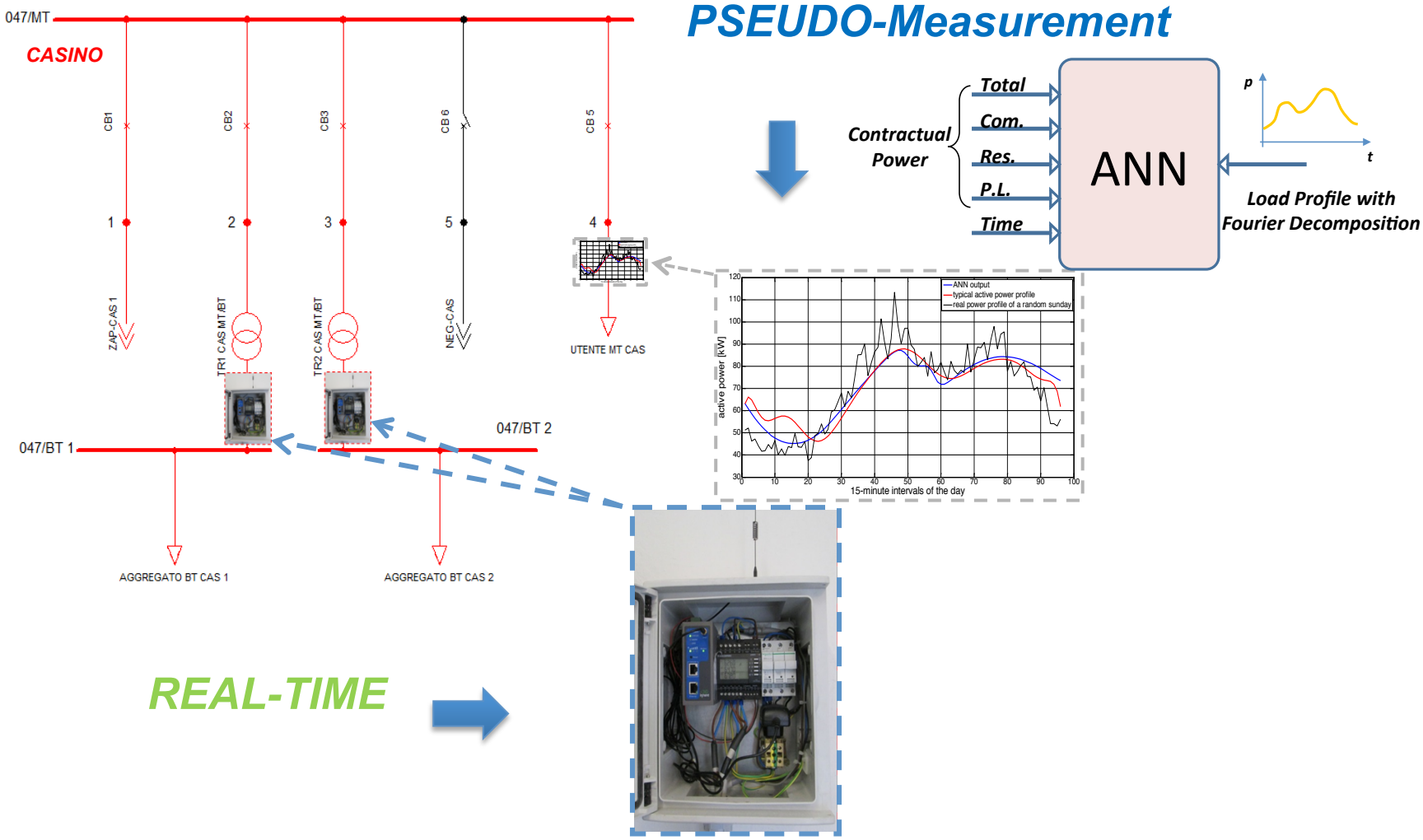
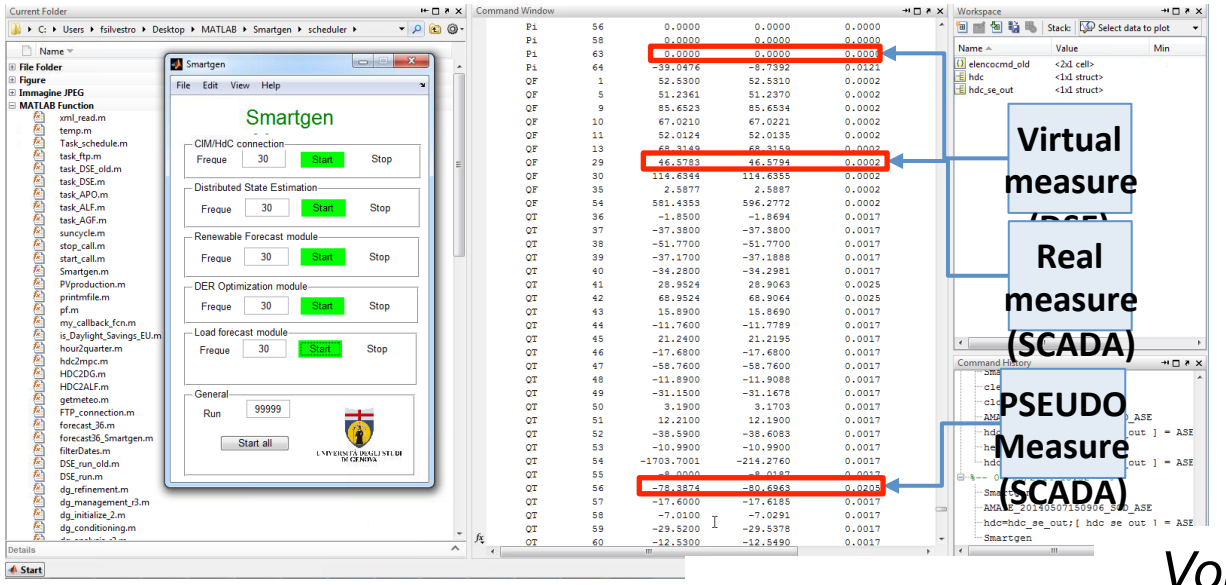
MV/LV Substation
Pseudo-Measurement
Primary Substation
PMU

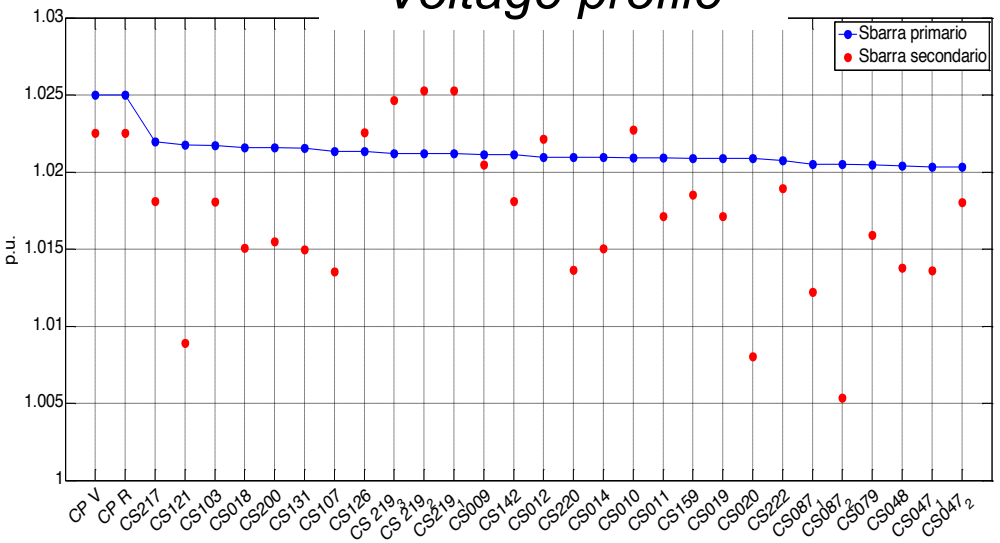
Load modeling



Distribution State Estimation



Voltage profile



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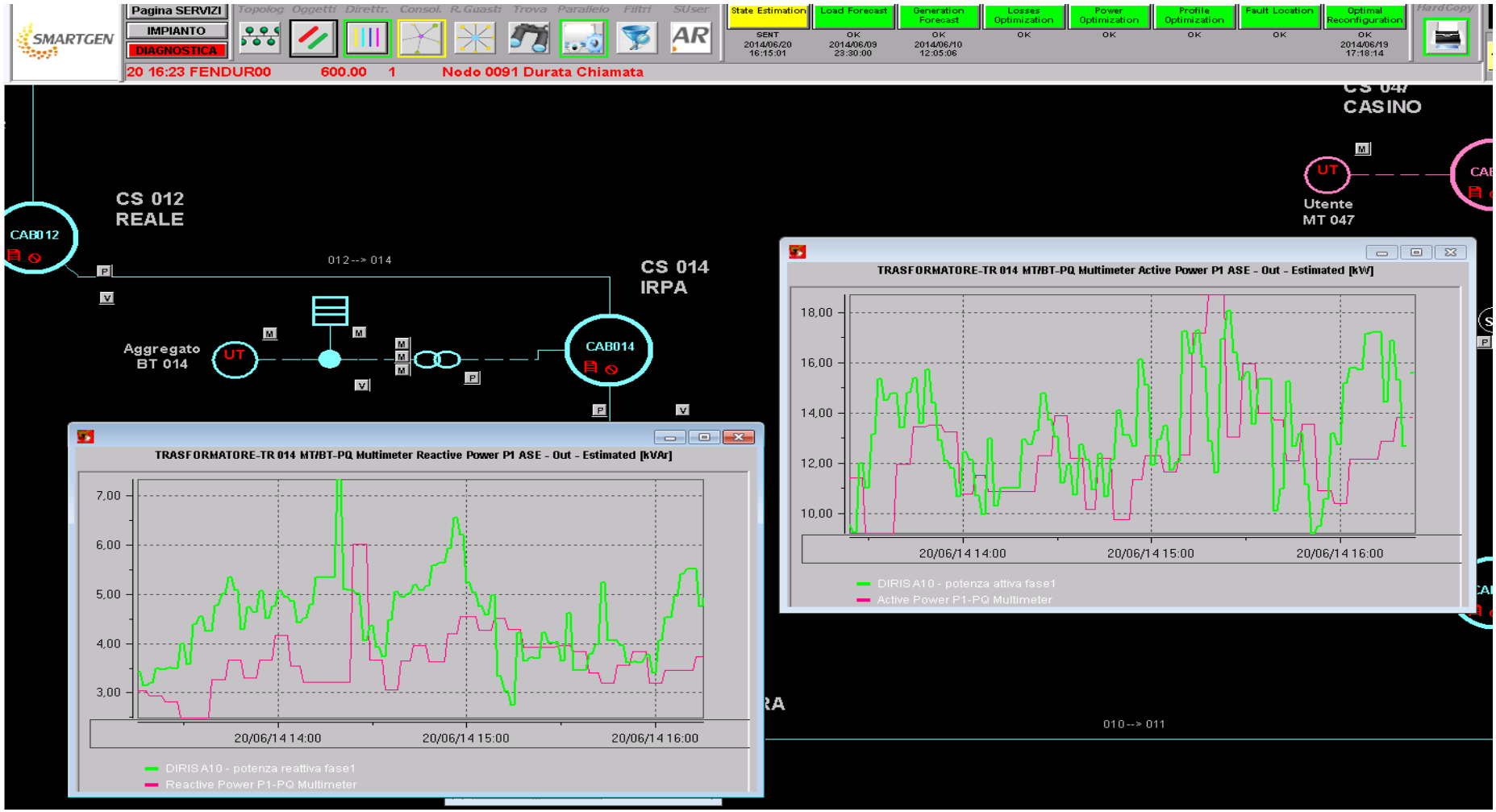
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Conclusions

- The proposed DMS architecture and prototype can constitute a solid basis for the implementation of DMSs that allow the ***real-time management of energy distribution network***, including the control of generation and load.
- The SmartGen DMS includes functionalities capable of supporting the involvement of the electric demand as a resource, including ***load forecasting, load aggregation, and generation forecasting***. These facilities will be granted as a service to DSOs, load aggregators, market operators, and single consumers.
- Through SmartGen services, those users will be enabled to optimize their business from either a technical or an economical perspective.
- The adoption of the *Common Information Model (CIM)* provides the SmartGen DMS with interoperability, allowing the interfacing with any other CIM-based system component.

Thank you for your attention

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