



Advanced Research on Integrated Energy Systems – Overview

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ARIES is a research platform designed to de-risk, optimize, and secure current energy systems and to provide insight into the design and operation of future energy systems. It will address the fundamental challenges of:

- Variability in the **physical size** of new energy technologies being added to energy system
- Controlling **large numbers** (millions to tens of millions) of interconnected devices
- Integrating **multiple diverse technologies** that have not previously worked together

NREL ARIES – DRTS Cluster at HERTH

(Hybrid Energy Real-Time Hub)

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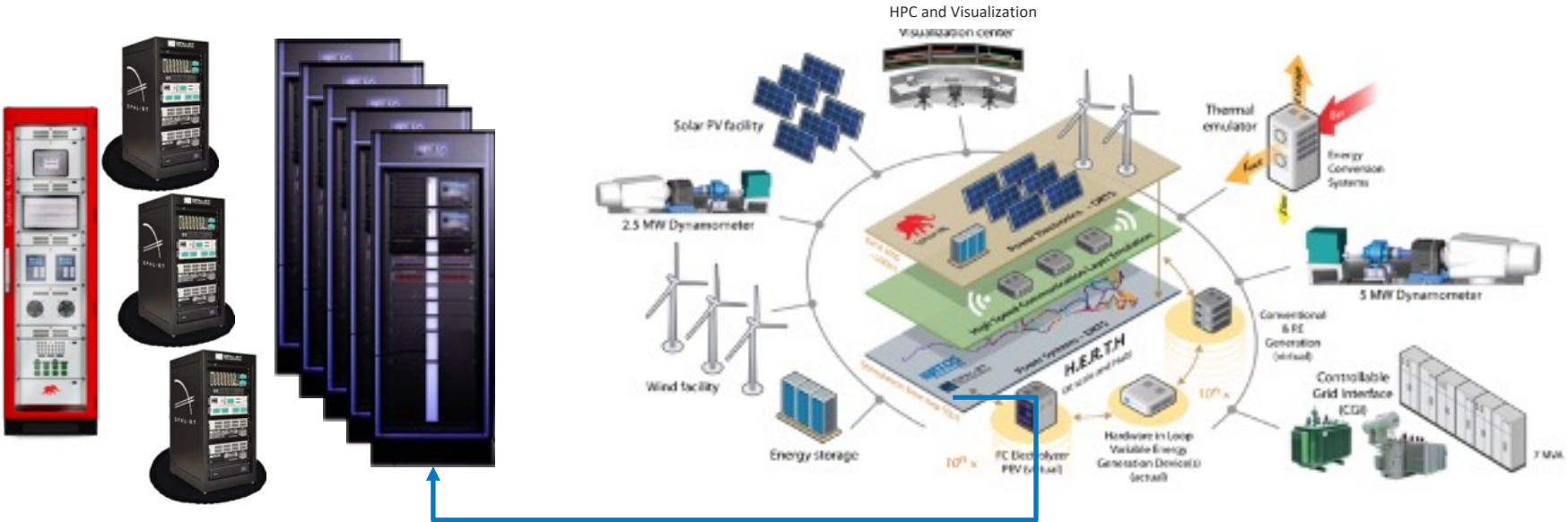
Increasing variability in the physical size of new energy technologies

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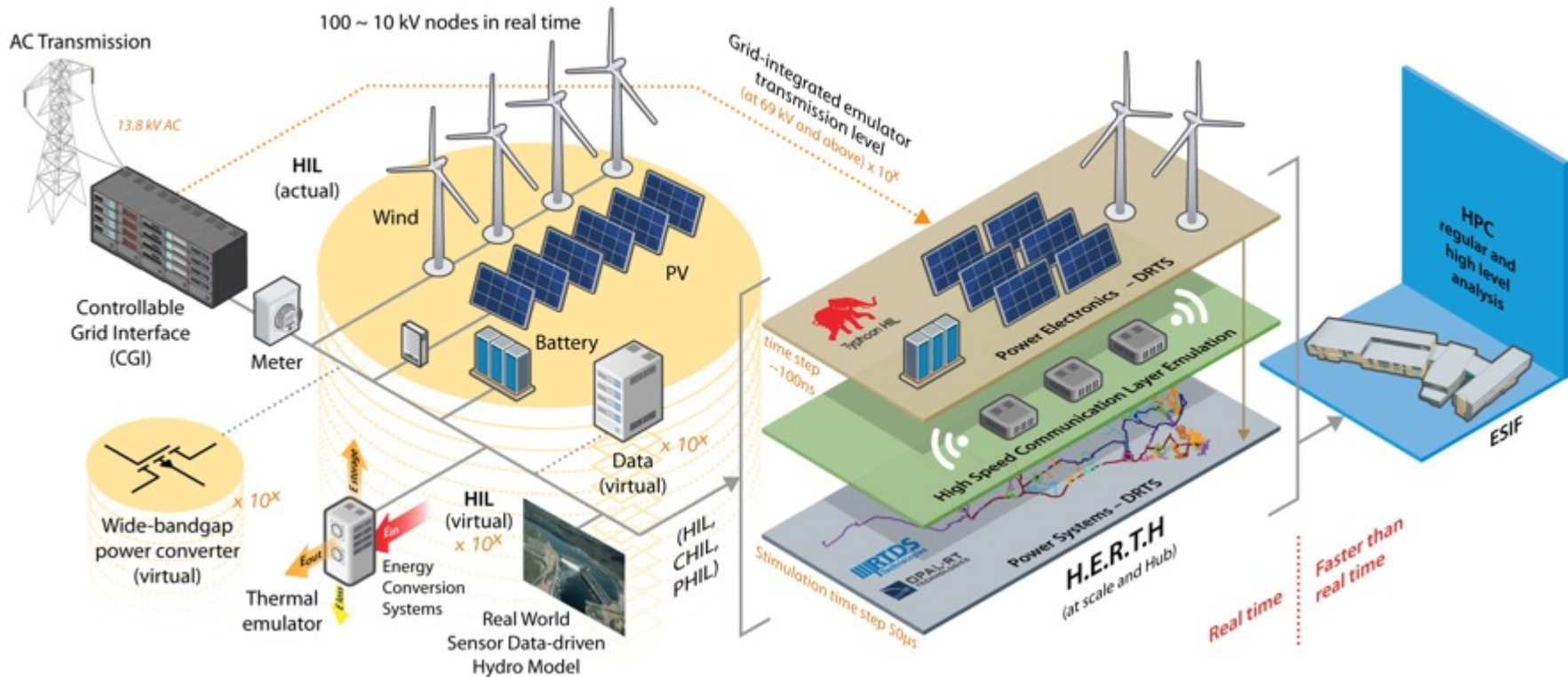
Controlling large numbers of interconnected devices

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Integrating diverse technologies that have not previously worked together

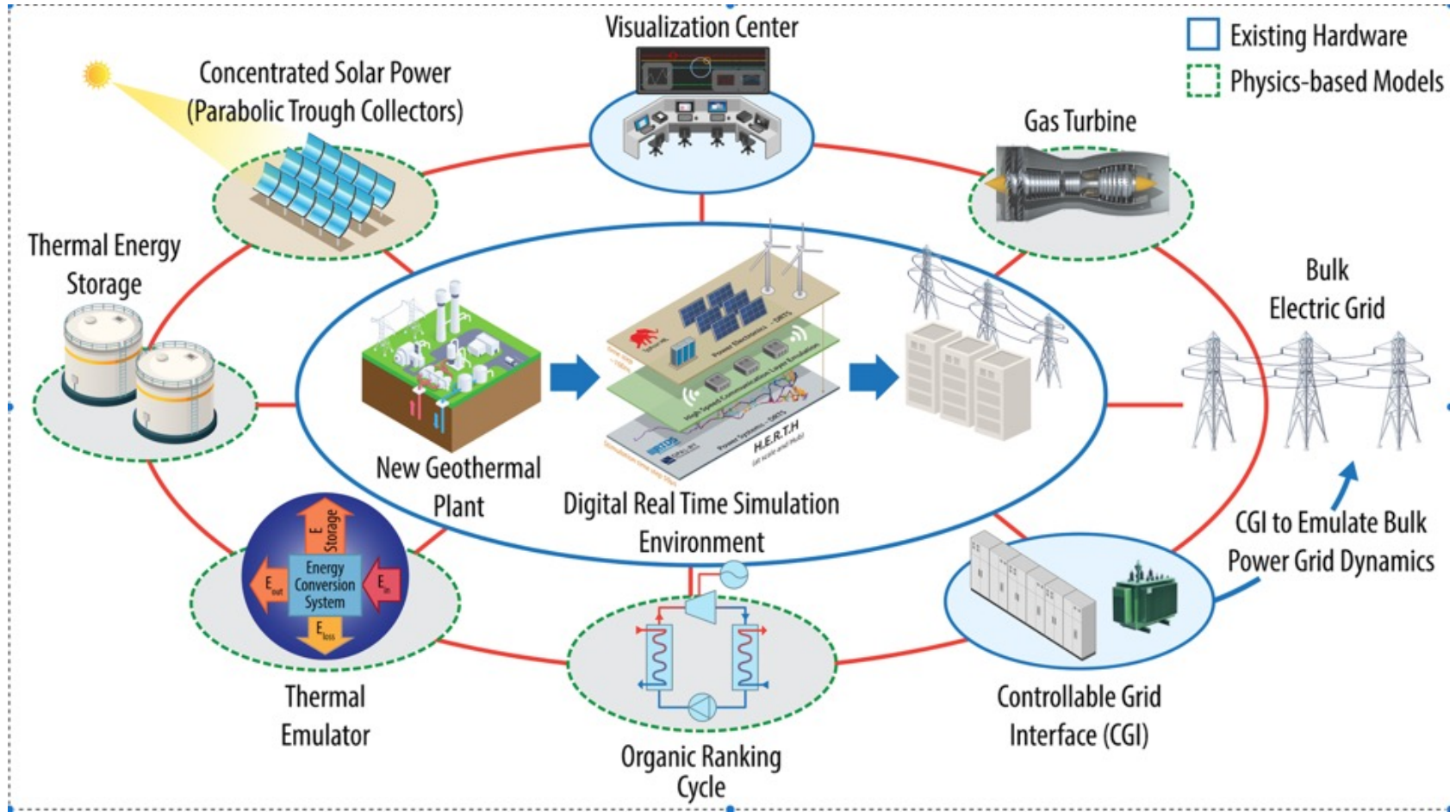


A large cluster of Digital Real-Time Simulation (DRTS) to simulate regional power grid use-cases



NREL Integrated DRTS Capabilities

High-Fidelity Thermal , Multi-Physics Emulation Platform














ARIES Flatirons Capabilities

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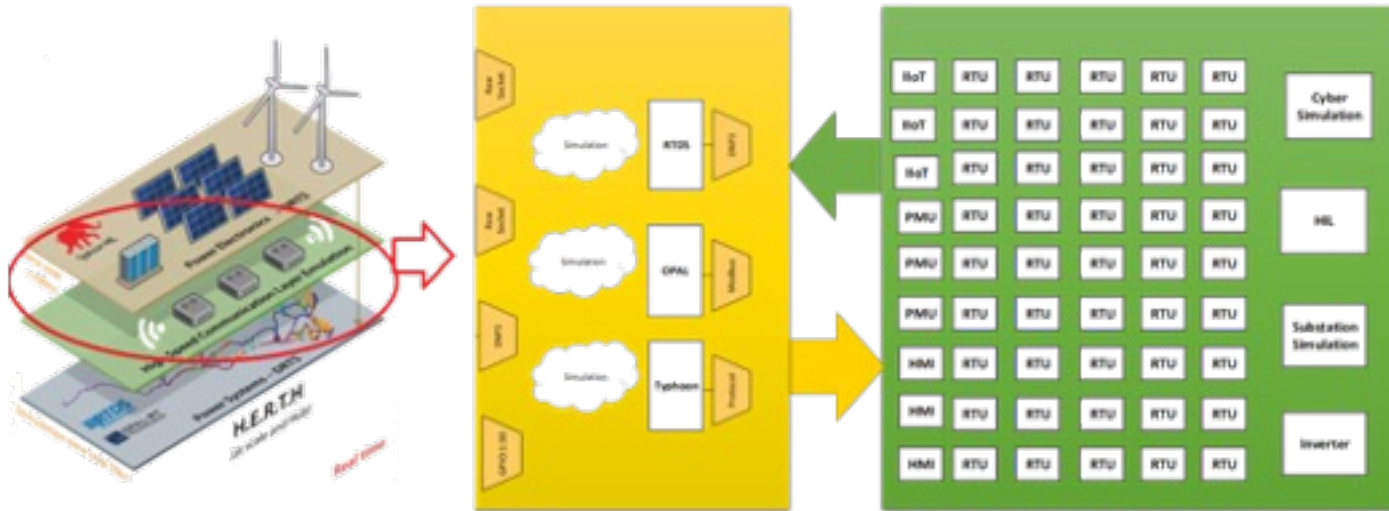
FY18 - FY22



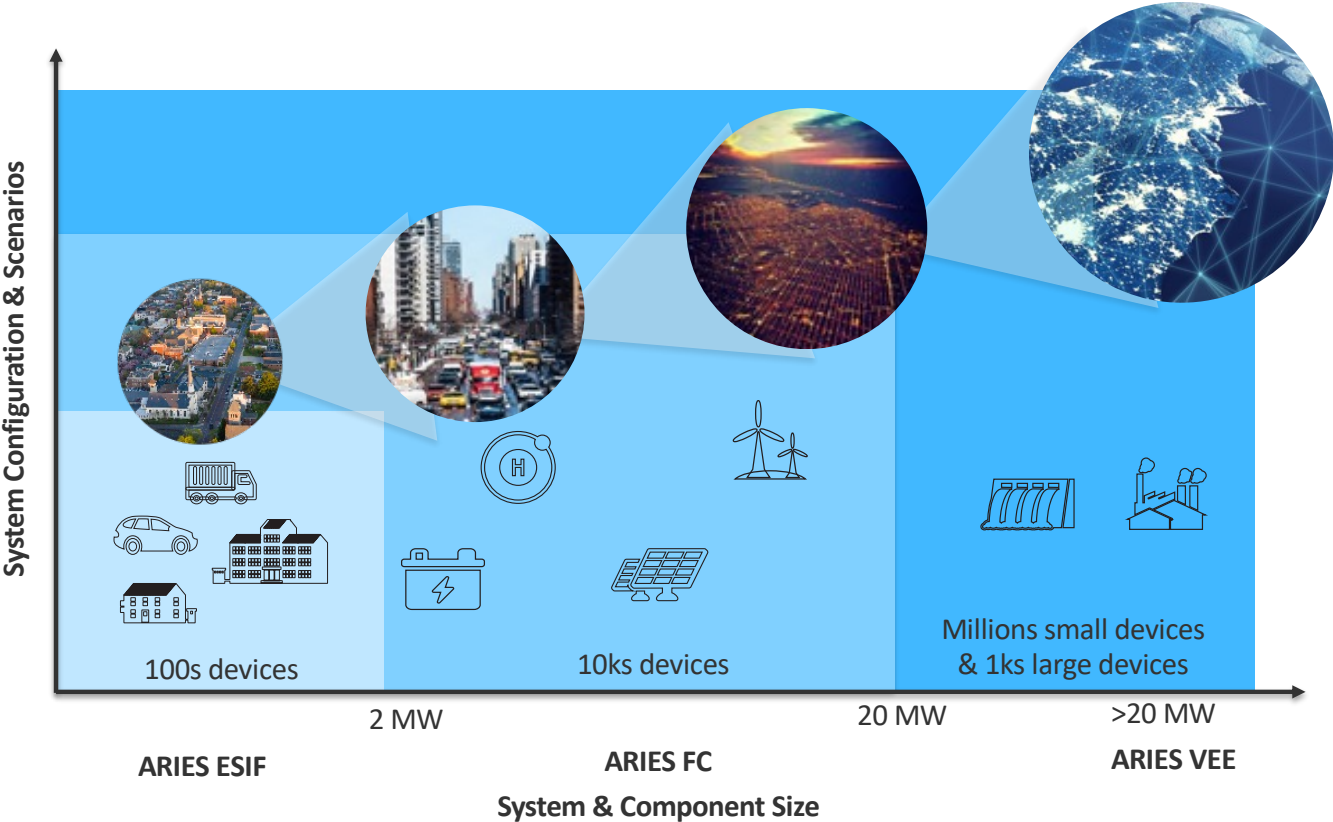
-  1.5 MW Industrial Scale Wind Turbine (Additional ~5 MW turbines)
-  730 kW (total) PV Arrays
-  1MW / 1MWh Li-ion Battery
-  3MW Programmable Load Bank
-  +Six Grid Integration Research Pads
-  Eight Digital Real Time Simulators (DRTS)
-  +34.5 kV upgrade (phase 1), +20 MW power upgrade, 115 kV to 13.2 kV Substation and 115 kV Transmission Line
-  5 MW and +Synchronous Generator Upgrade 2.5 MW Dynamometers
-  Virtual Emulation Environment Visualization and Control Room
-  Control Center Facility
-  7 MW Controllable Grid Interface (CGI-1)
-  20 MW Controllable Grid Interface (CGI-2)
-  2 MW Power Electronics Grid Interface (PEGI)
-  1.25 MW Hydrogen Hub and 1 MW Fuel Cell
-  1 MW Behind the Meter Storage and EV Fast Charge
-  ESnet 100 Gbps Connection to ESIF
-  500 kW Distributed Integrated Energy Laboratory (DIEL)

Integration with IoT/RTU/ Controllers at Scale

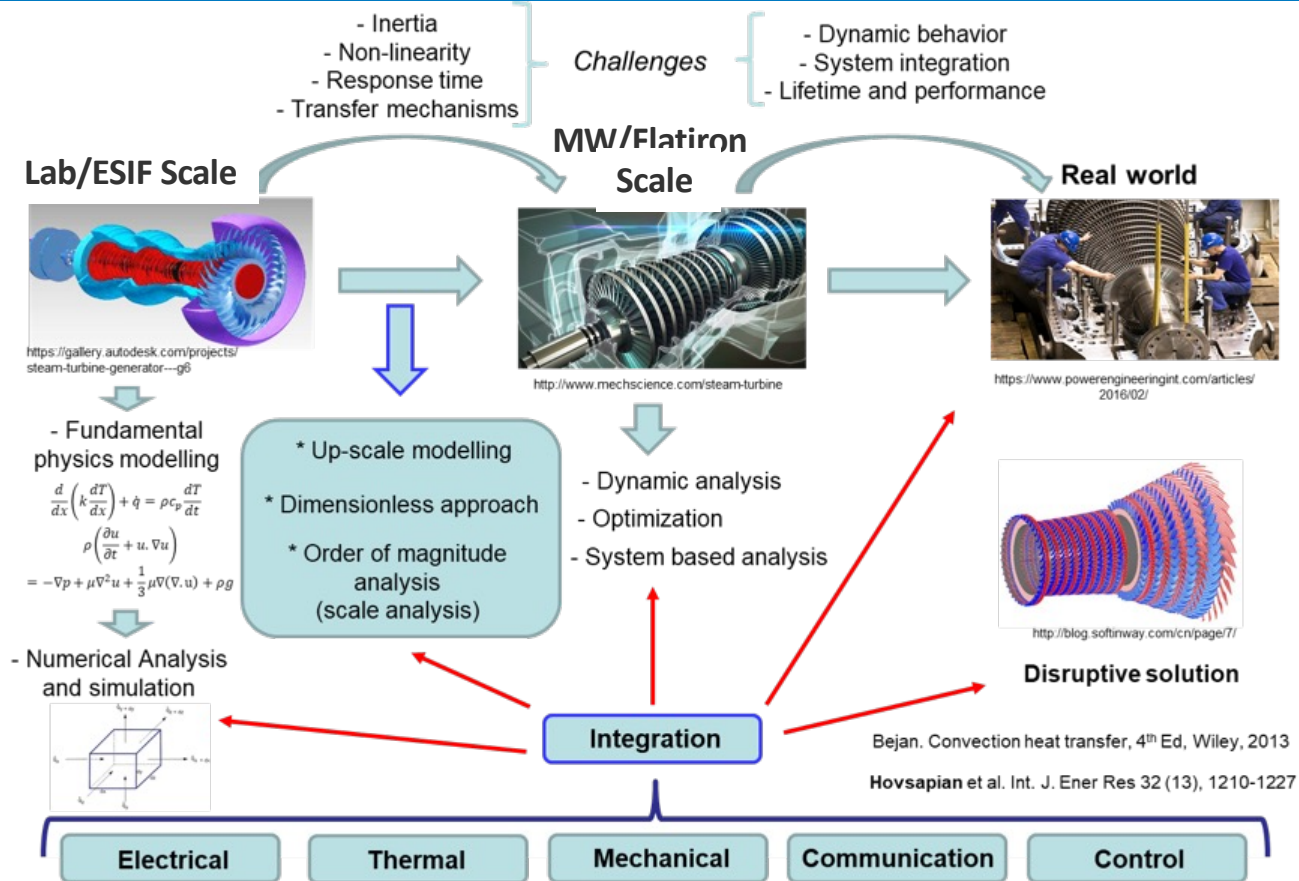
Data packets from different categories of devices (IOTs, RTUs, PMUs) can be ingested at a city/regional scale and passed on the HERTH platform for at-scale simulation of **distribution automation**, **microgrids** and **nano-grids**



Expansion of at-scale Hardware-in-the-Loop Analysis Capability

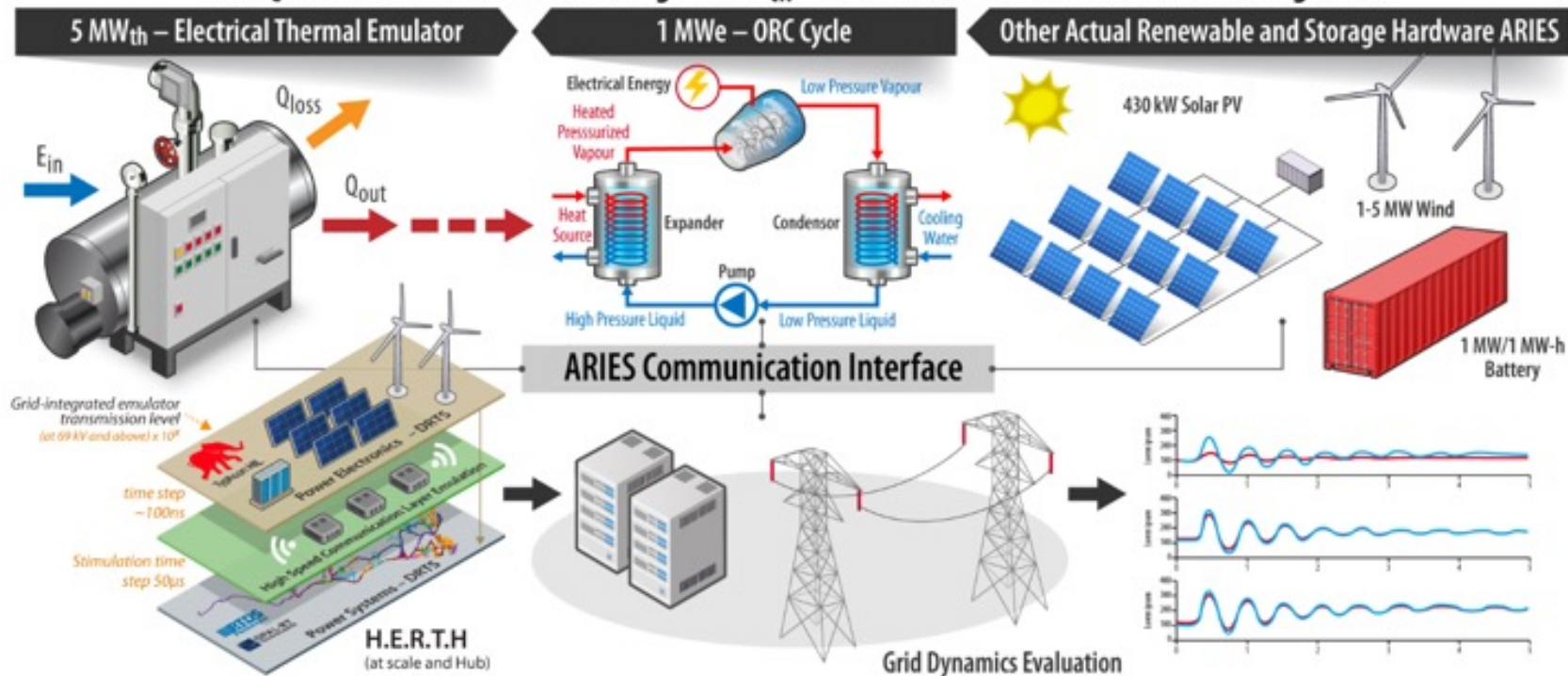


The Science of Scaling for MW Devices

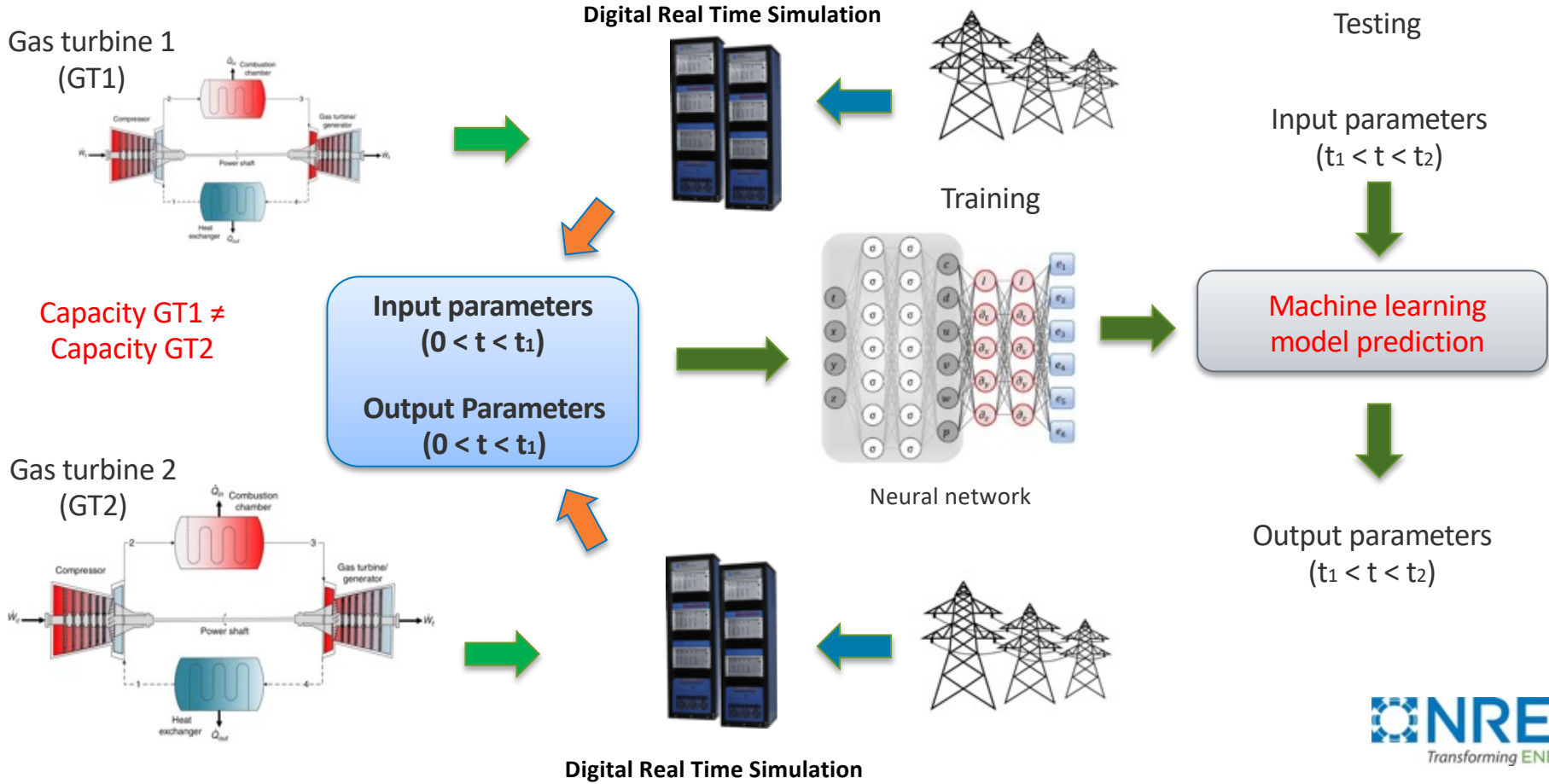


DOE AMO Megawatt – Hardware Evaluation using Thermal Emulation

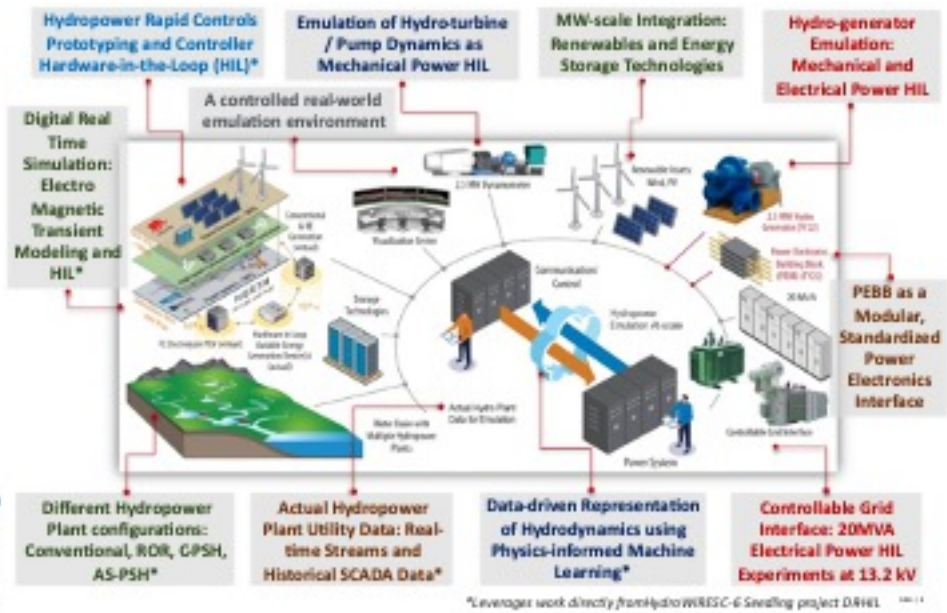
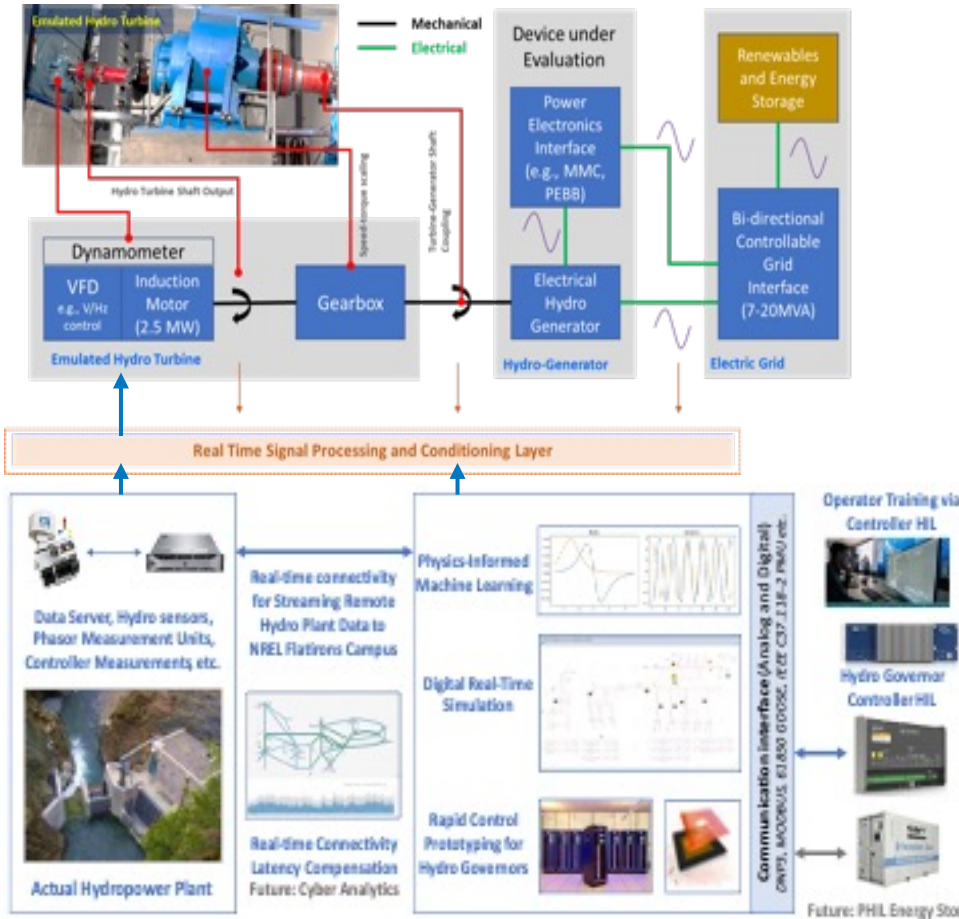
1 MW_e ORC Evaluation Platform using a 5 MW_{th} Thermal Emulator at ARIES for Grid Integration



Scaling Approach Using Machine Learning



US DOE/NREL – Norway Collaboration on Advancing Hydropower Modernization Research



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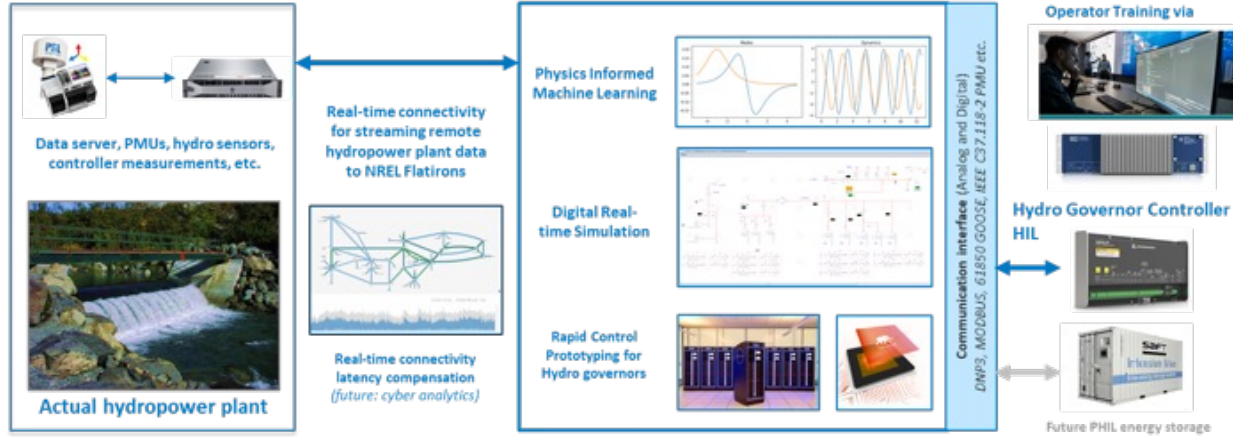
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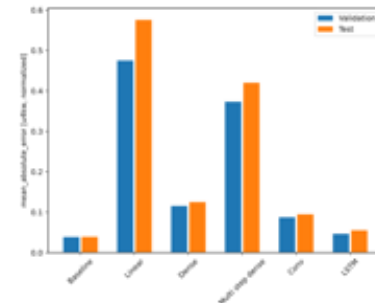
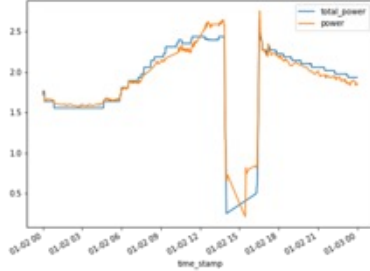
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ARIES HydroWIRES DR-HIL – Hydro power Prediction Using ML



Flow estimation for CEC ROR hydro



- Working on PIML implementation

RTDS PSH model output power prediction using reservoir computing (left); and ROR hydro power prediction using machine learning in Tensorflow2 (right)

Resilient Alaskan Distribution system Improvements using Automation

Network analysis, Control, and Energy storage (RADIANCE) – MG Use Case



Humpback Creek Hydroelectric Plant
1250kW (2 x 500 kW + 1 x 250 kW)
17,000 foot UG and submarine transmission line



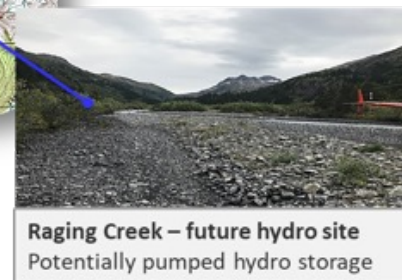
Power Creek Hydroelectric
6248kW (2 x 3124 kW)
25 kV transmission ties to Eyak Substation, Inflatable dams



City of Cordova
2300 customers, 18MW
One Substation
78mi UG distribution lines



Orca Power Plant
10.8 MW Diesel
Control Center, CEC



Raging Creek – future hydro site
Potentially pumped hydro storage

- 1MW-1MWh ABB-Saft BESS installed and commissioned
- Zonal reconfiguration using AMI and dispatchable electric boiler to be installed and commissioned
- Upgrade to digital governors for diesel plant

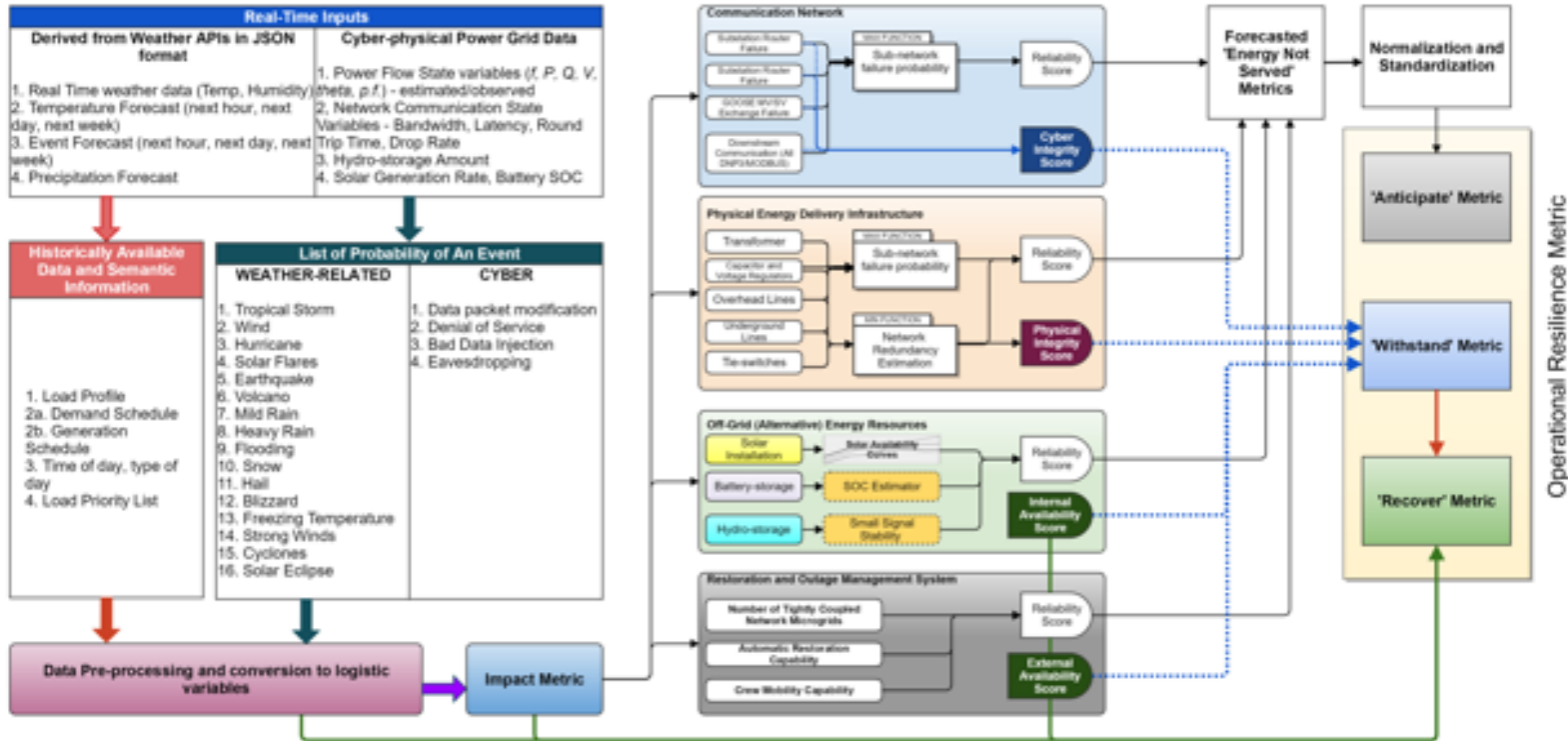
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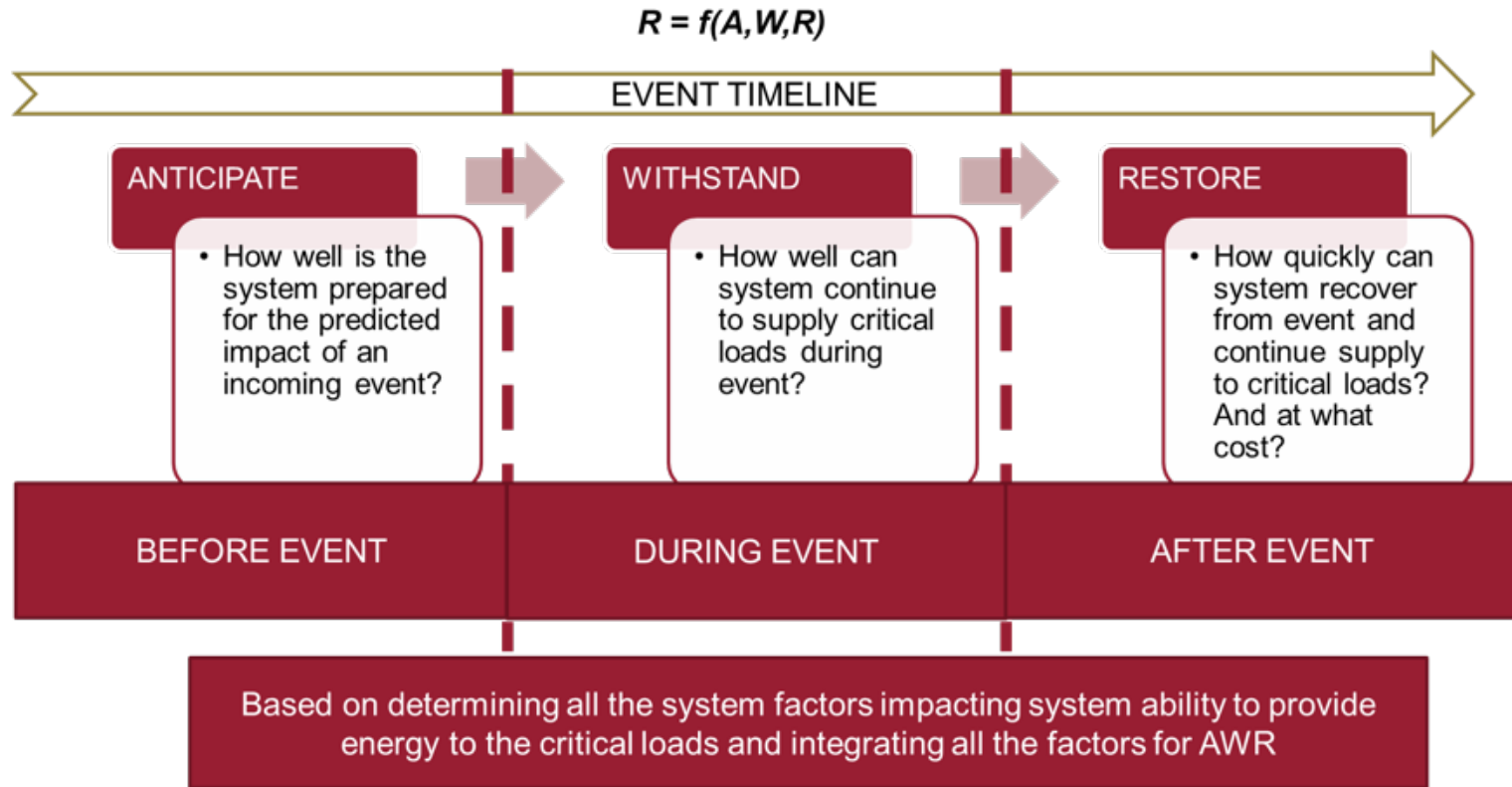


RADIANCE – Resilience by Design

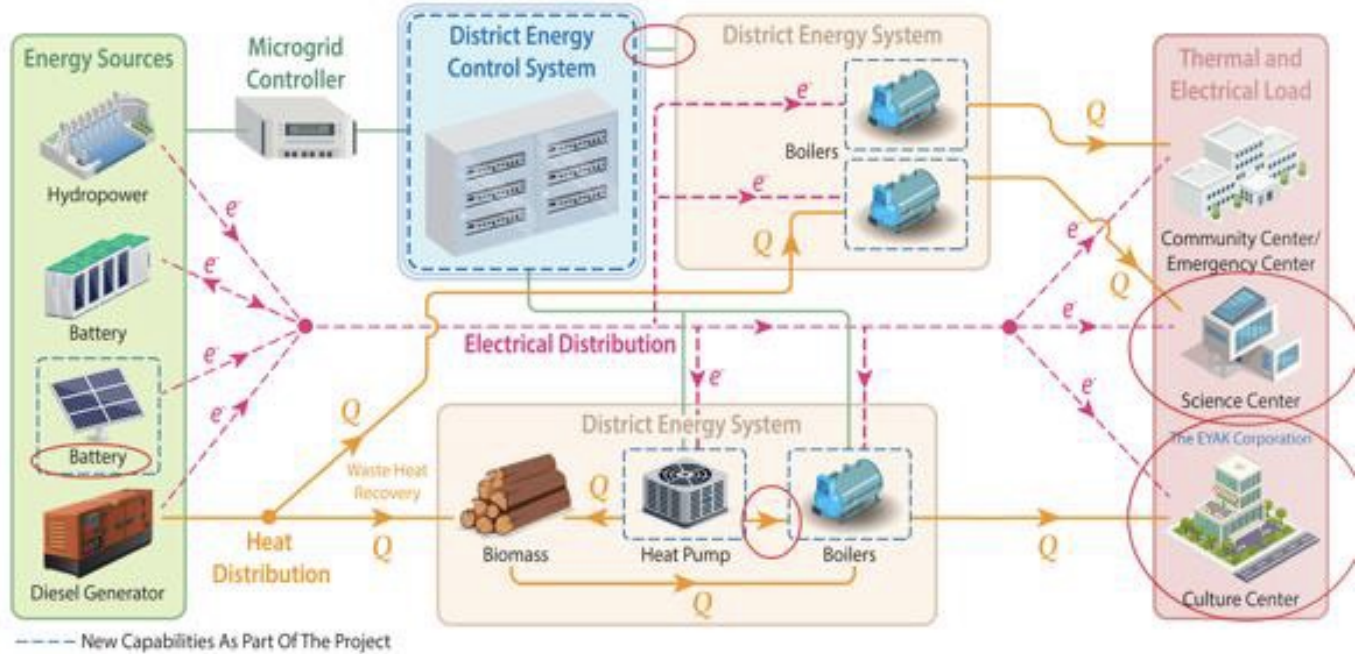
- Resilience by design – using zonal approach in networked microgrids
 - Operational Resilience Metrics Computation for Resilience



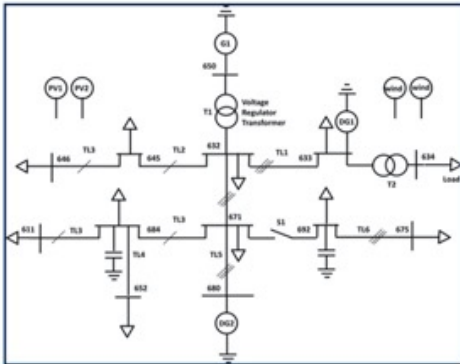
RADIANCE - Approach – Resilience Metrics Definition



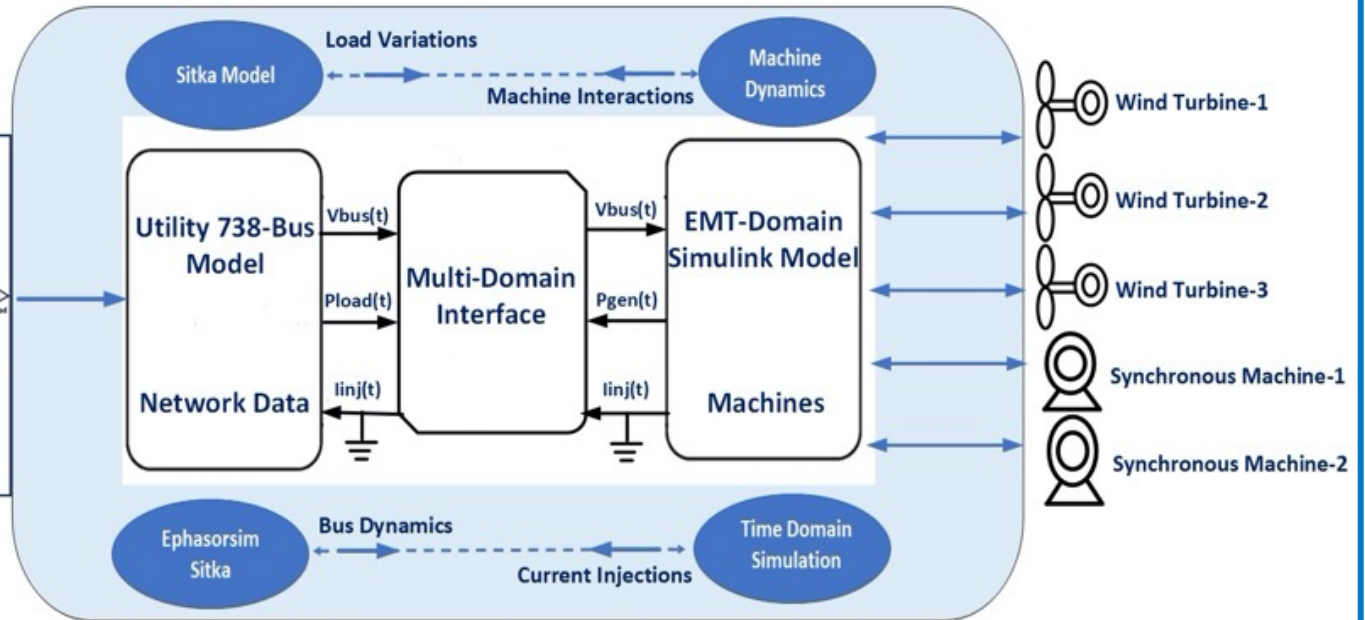
(REDSEA) - Resilient District heating for Sustainable Energy Adoption in Cordova Community Emergency Center



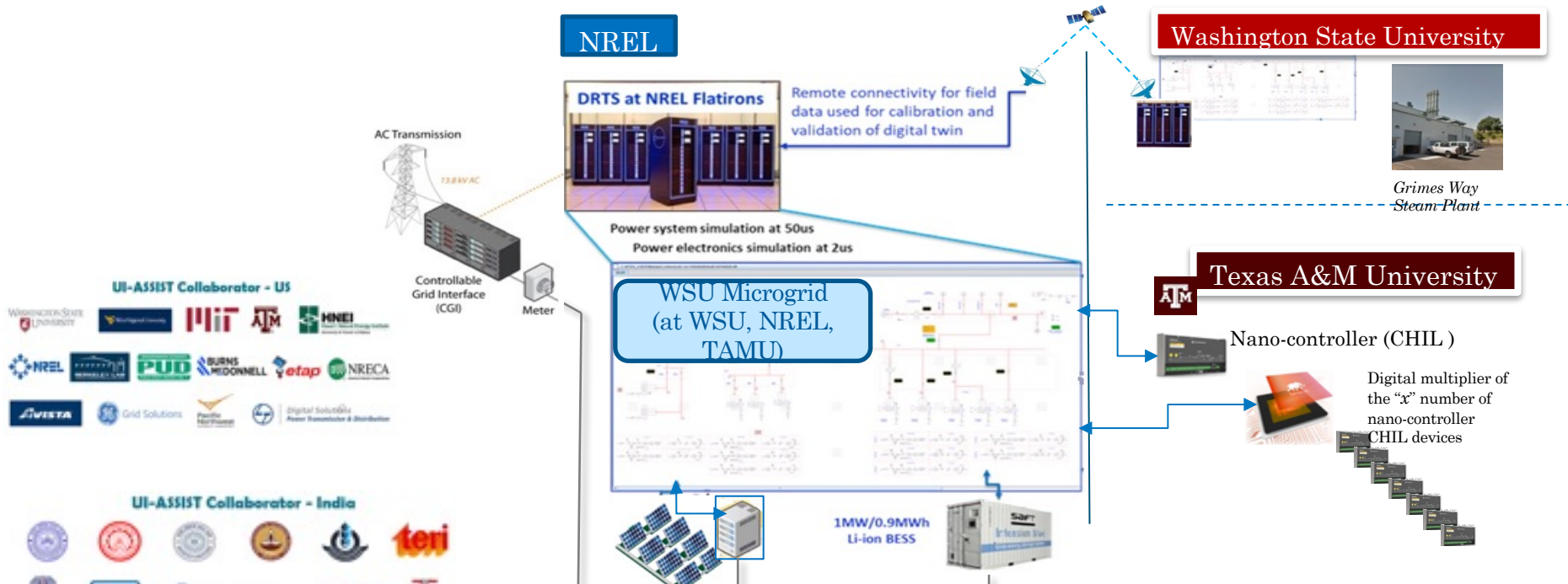
ETIPP - Sitka AK Utility analysis – DRTS Multi-rate Simulation Model



Notional One-Line Diagram



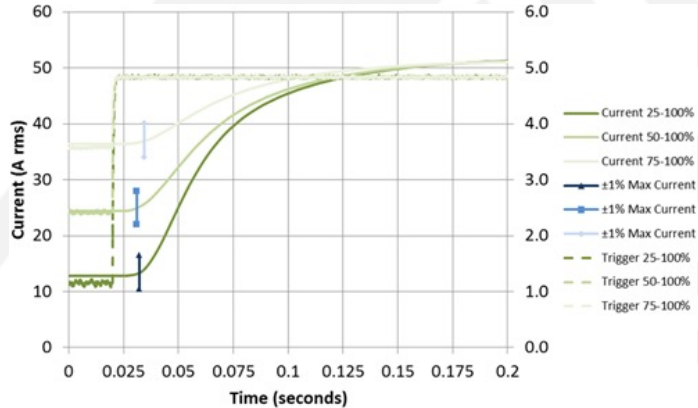
NREL – UI-ASSIST Microgrid Environment



UI-ASSIST
 The U.S.-India collaborative for smart diStribution System with Storage, is a six-year collaboration between several partners in the United States and India. Led by Washington State University in the US and IIT Kanpur in India, UI-ASSIST aims to increase accessibility to renewable energy in both countries.

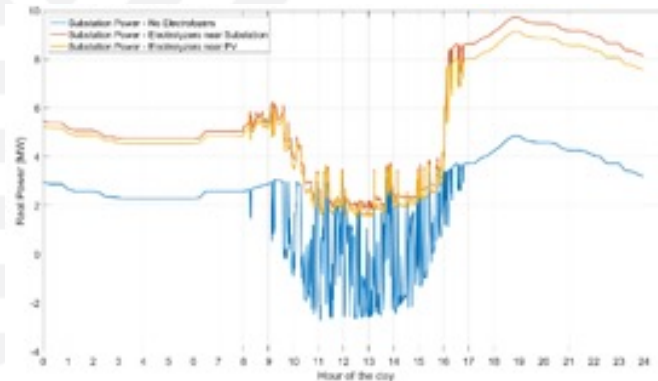
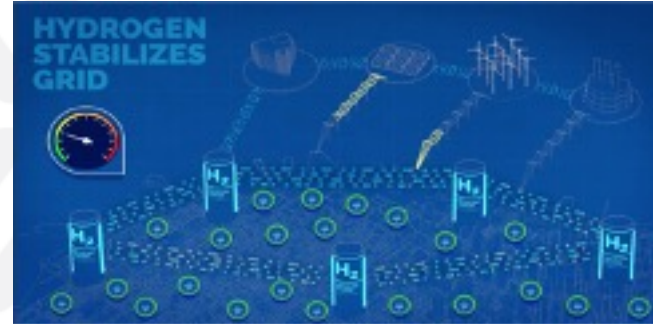
Hydrogen - Potential Grid Service Capabilities

- Electrolyzer can be used as **controllable load** and provide **fast sub-second response**.

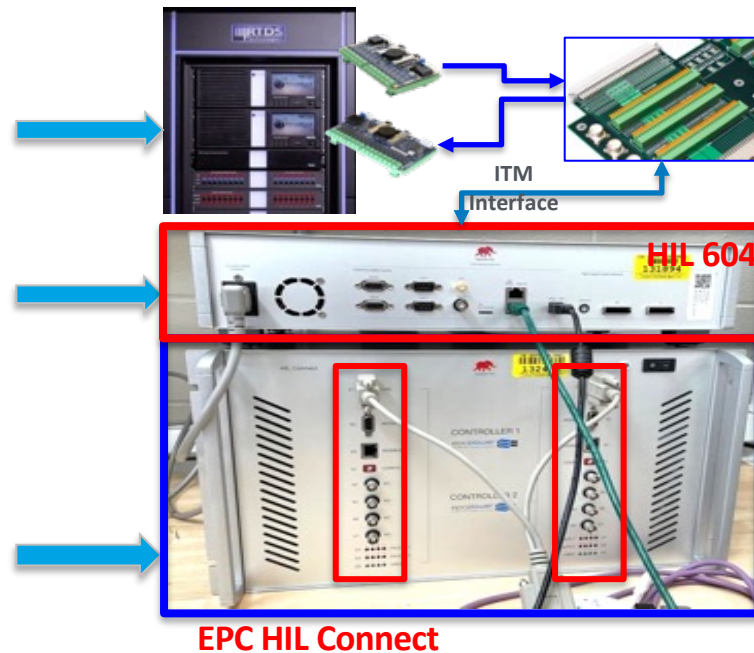
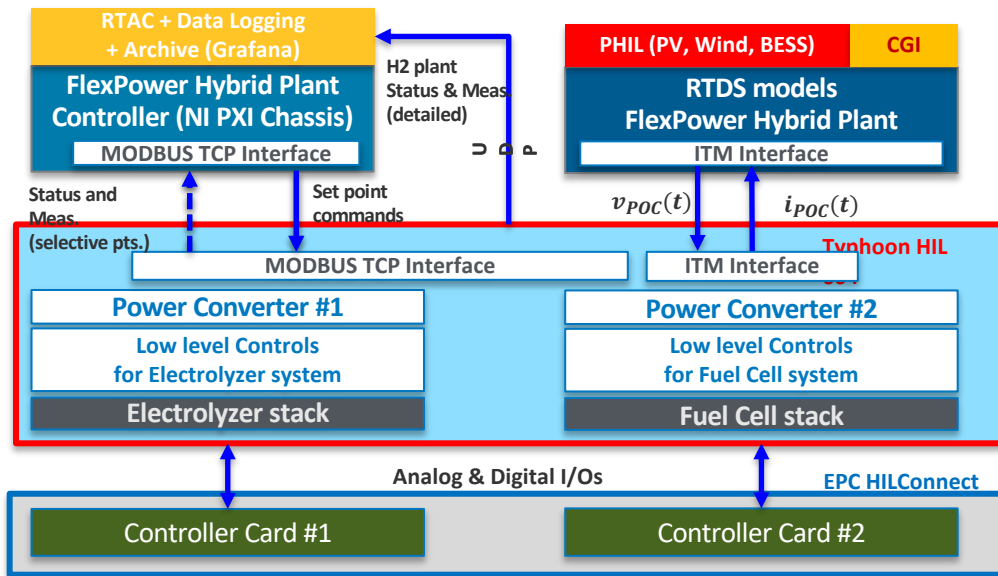


- Electrolyzers can enable **higher penetration** of renewable energy with hydrogen production and reduce **transients**.

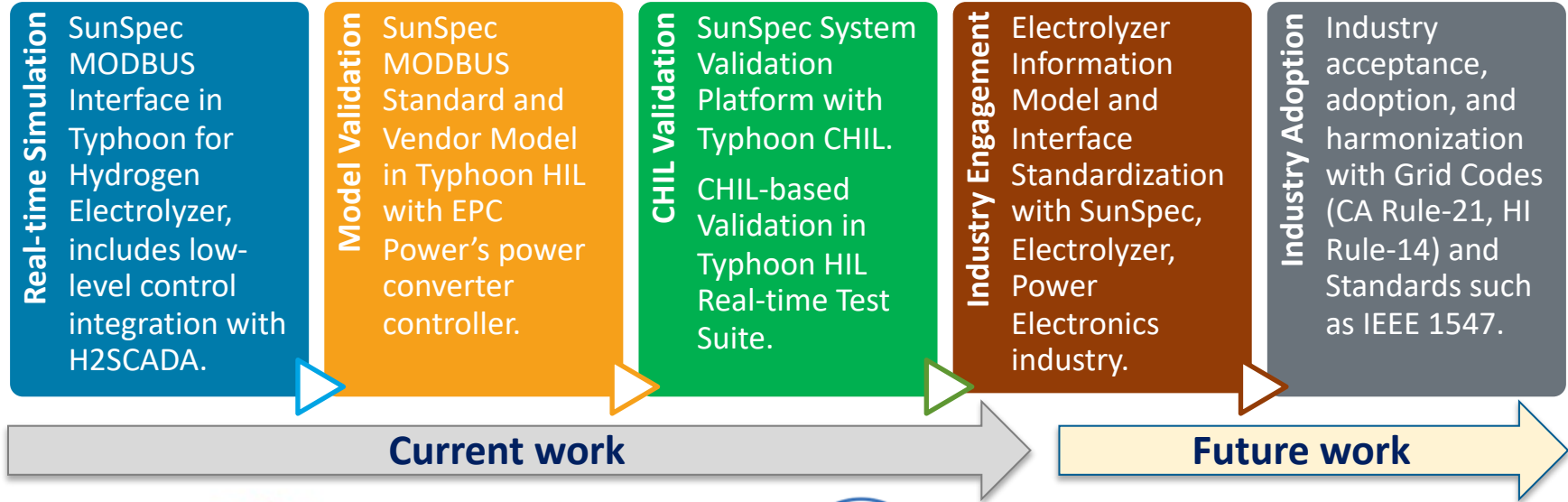
- Electrolyzer can provide **wide-area frequency and voltage regulation**.



Enabling Utilities to collaborate with lab-scale facilities to evaluate hardware innovations and their impact on the power grid: ELECTROLYZER EXAMPLE



Hydrogen Electrolyzer Standardization



Industry collaboration



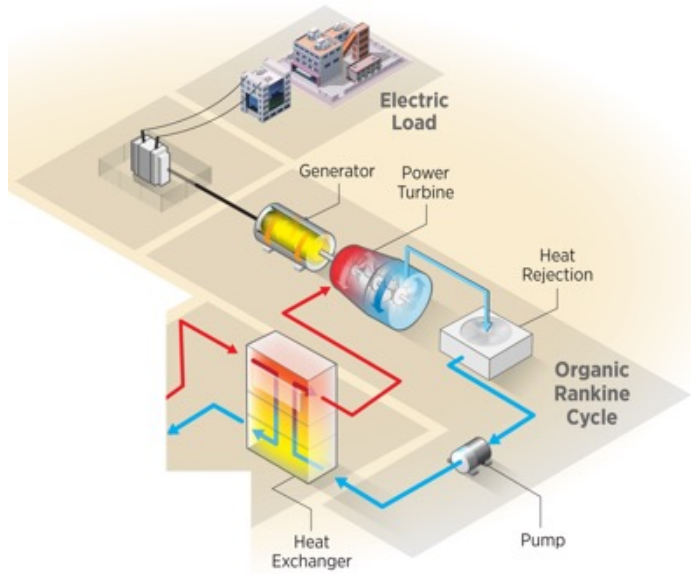
Additional industry collaboration:



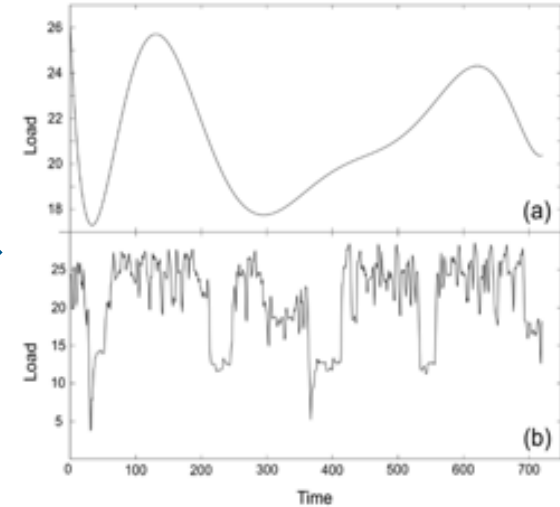
DOE- AMO Megawatt - Integration into Real Time Simulation Environment

Megawatt Scale, Multi-Source Heat Recovery System with a Flexible Grid Interconnect

ORC integration into real time simulation

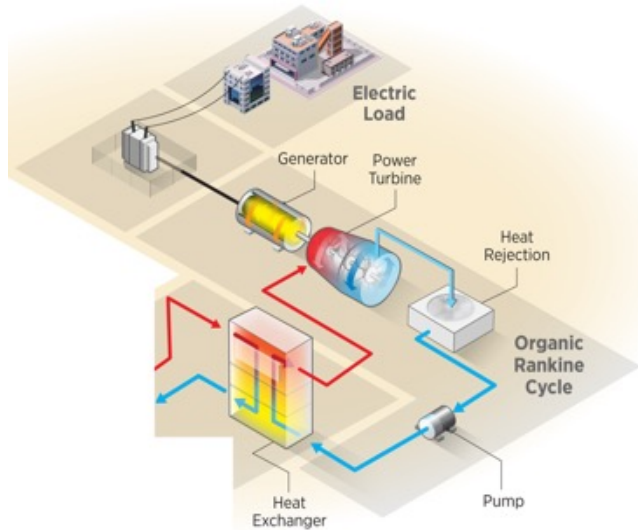


Digital Real Time Simulation

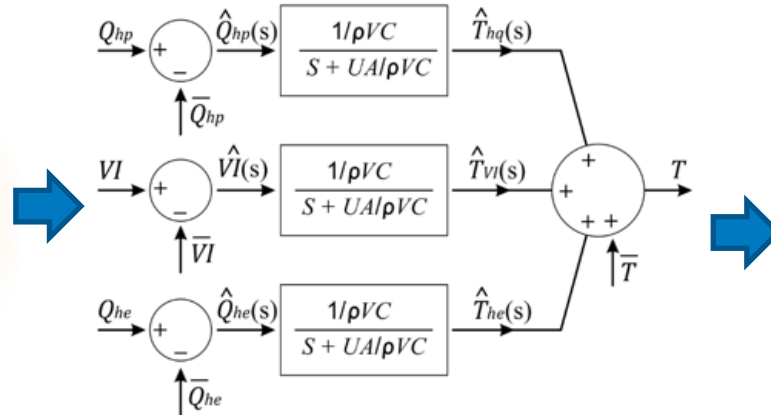


Megawatt - Integration into Real Time Simulation Environment

ORC integration into real time simulation



Physics based model



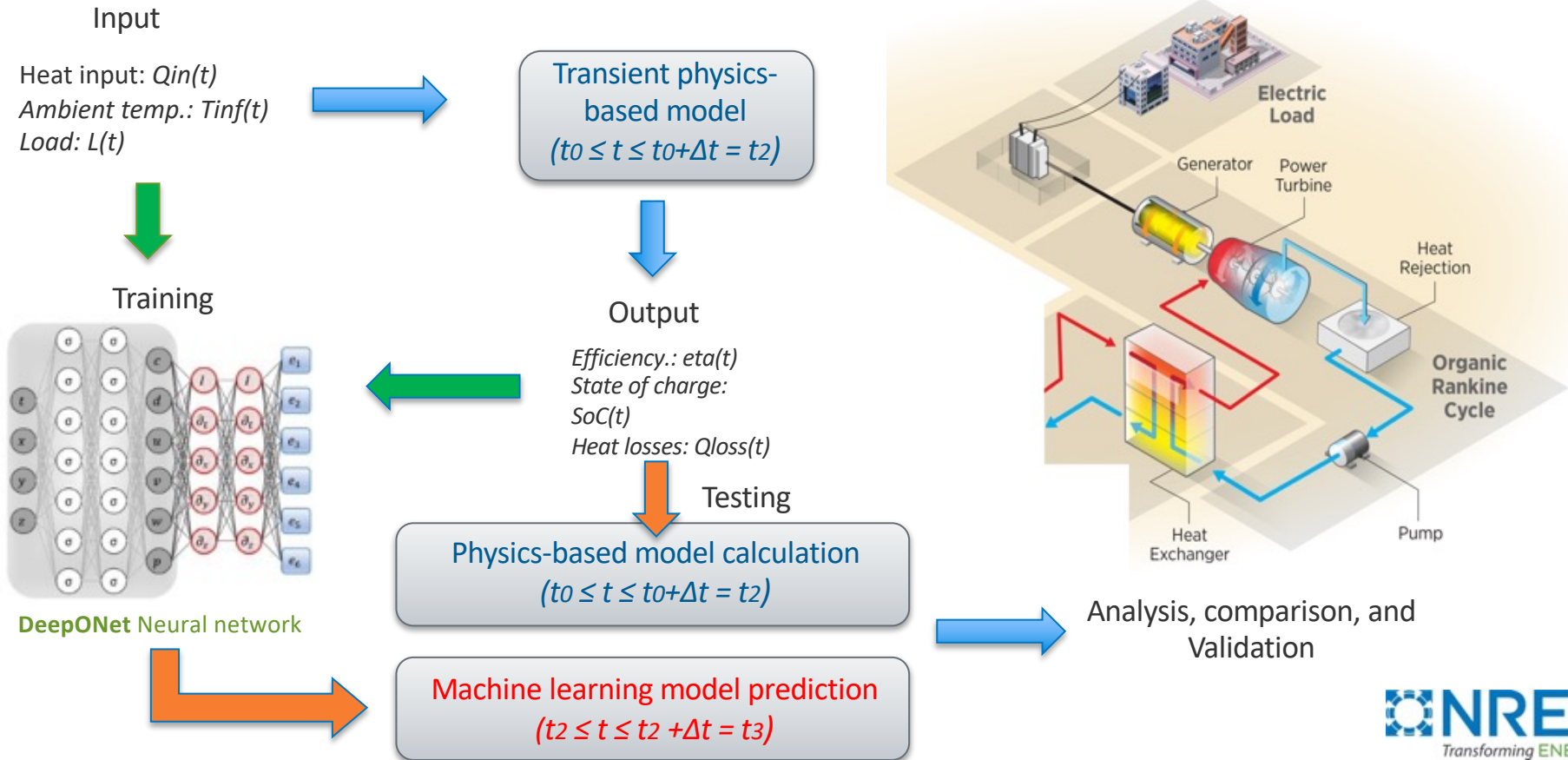
Digital Real Time Simulation

$$\Delta P_{ORC}(s) = \frac{n_{\omega 1} s + n_{\omega 0}}{s^2 + d_{\omega 1} s + d_{\omega 0}} \Delta \omega(s)$$

Transfer function

To be replaced for the current system from TECO

Megawatt - Machine learning approach for scalability



Thank You

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