

# ***Global RT SuperLab Team Introduction***

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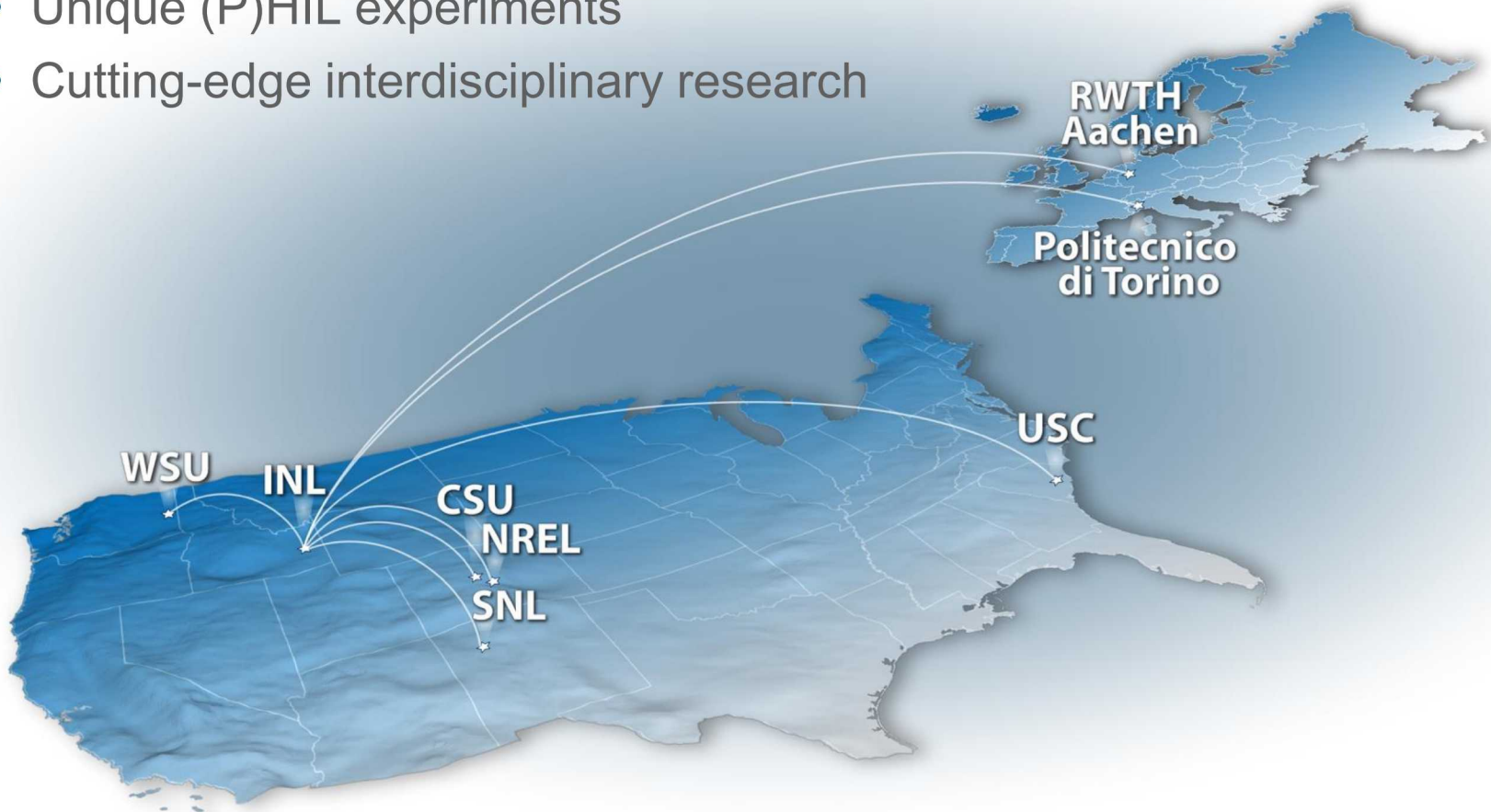
# Global RT-SuperLab Team



# ***Super Lab for the Futuristic Grids***

Collaborative research infrastructure for

- Large-scale systems
- Unique (P)HIL experiments
- Cutting-edge interdisciplinary research



# ***RT Super Lab & Next-Gen Global Grids***

- Collaboration between USA and EU institutions enables research groups to jointly investigate innovative solutions such as a direct submarine HVDC cable between USA and EU within the concept of Global Power Grid
- RT-Super Lab environment exploits complementary strengths and knowledge of USA and EU institutions that is particularly beneficial in this research context



**Illustration of a possible Global Grid**

Jones, Lawrence E. *Renewable Energy Integration: Practical Management of Variability, Uncertainty and Flexibility In Power Grids*. Burlington: Academic Press, 2014.



# Sandia National Laboratories (SNL)

- SNL is a multi-mission DOE R&D center with headquarters in Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA.
- Conducting energy technology research, development and validation since the 1970's.
- World-class R&D platforms

## Distributed Energy Resources and Energy Storage

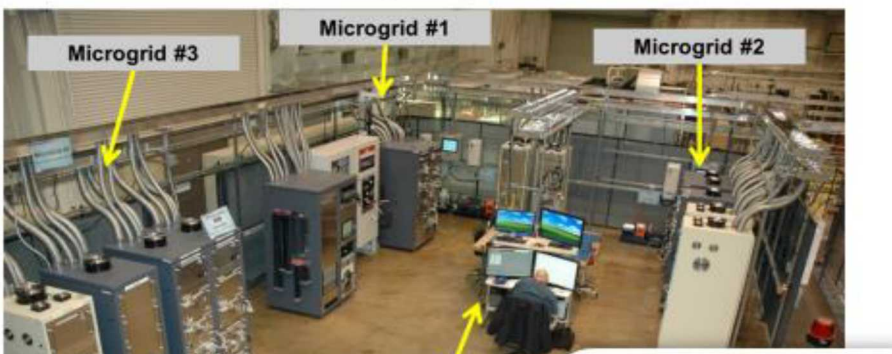


Distributed Energy Technology Laboratory (DETL)

Energy Storage Test Pad (ESTP)

- Grid & PV simulators, PV & storage converters, gensets, demand response
- Storage: 1 MW-Hr battery, 1 MW Energy Storage Test Pad
- Control and power HIL (Opal-RT, Typhoon HIL) and Emulytics (SCEPTRE)

## Secure Scalable Microgrid (SSM) R&D Platform




Microgrid #3

Microgrid #1

Microgrid #2

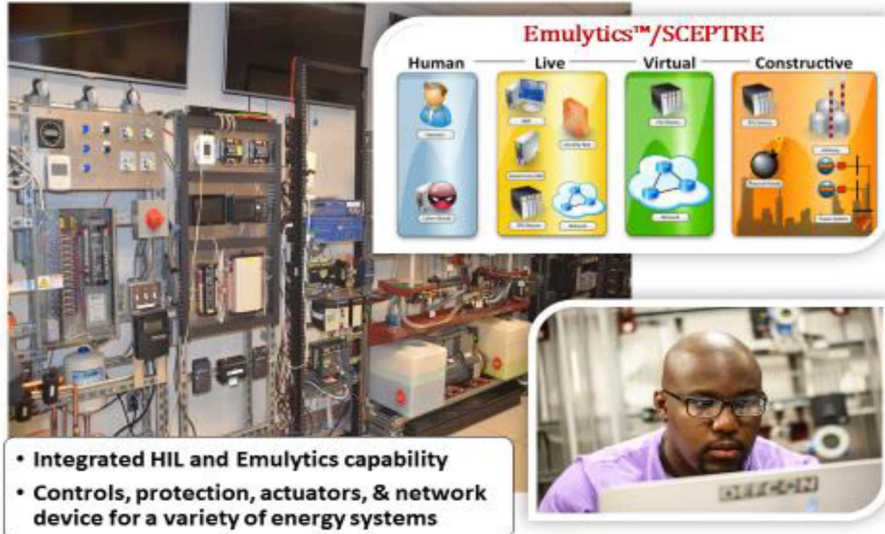
Master Controller



- HIL-based for control and HW optimization
- Highly customizable generation, storage, loads, & network components, DC/AC

Energy Storage Module

## Energy/CS Cybersecurity Research Platforms

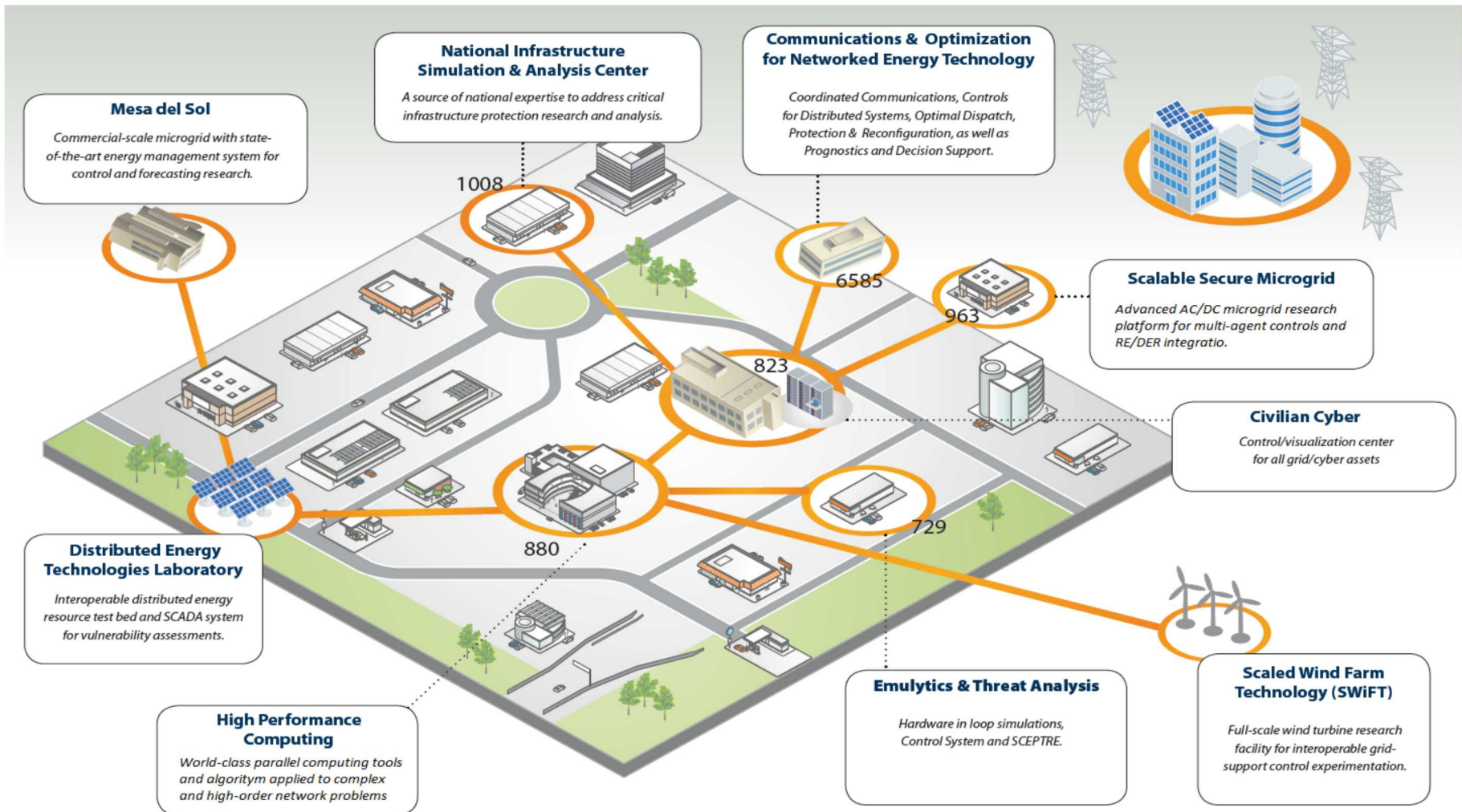


Emulytics™/SCEPTRE

Human	Live	Virtual	Constructive

- Integrated HIL and Emulytics capability
- Controls, protection, actuators, & network device for a variety of energy systems

# Sandia RE/DER Integration R&D Platform

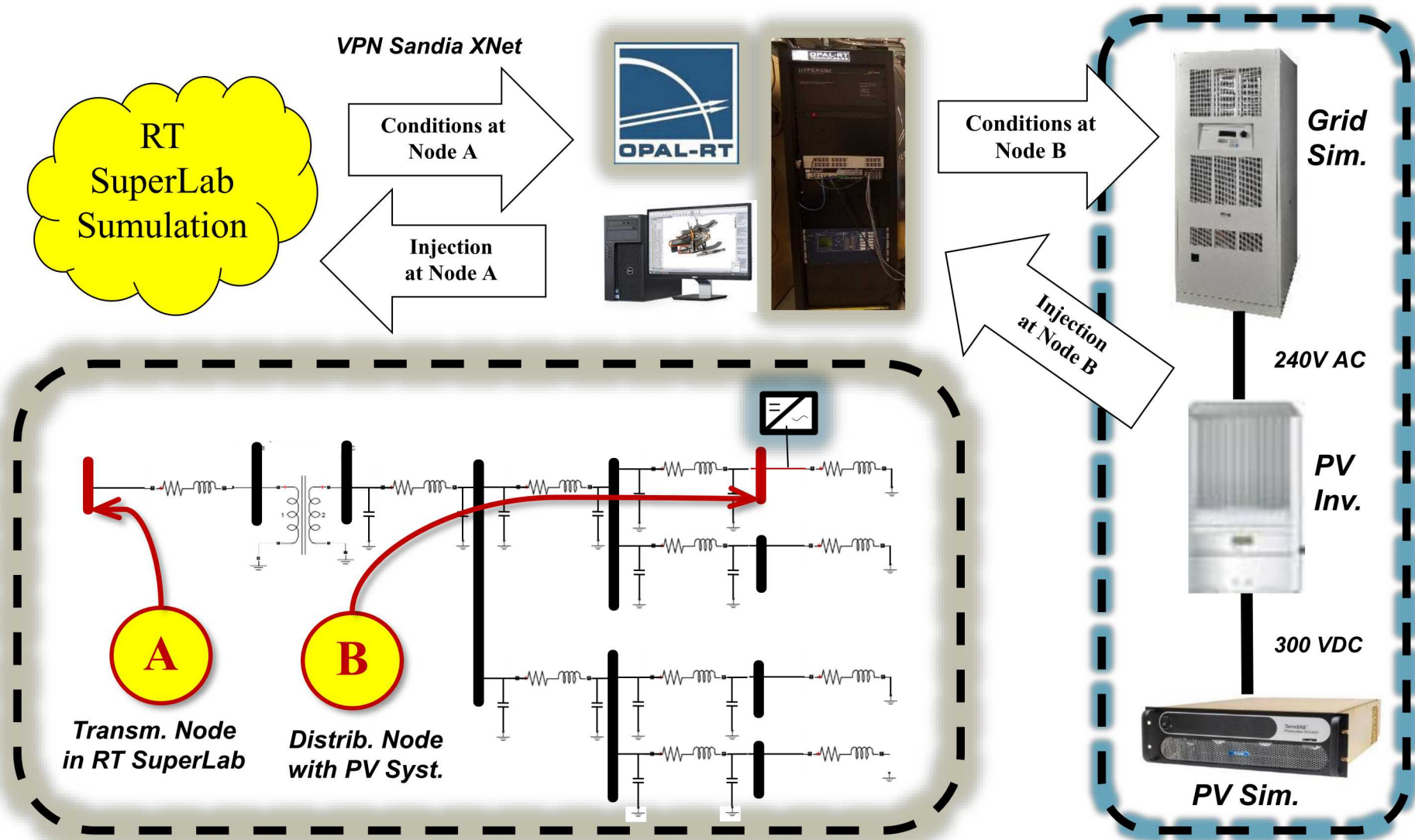


- Integrated renewable and DER, cybersecurity platforms for analysis, optimization and validation of advanced energy systems
- Dedicated XNet research network, Virtual Power Plant (VPP) controls



# RT SuperLab Contribution – SNL

- Distribution System with high-share of PV generation (at DETL)
- Demonstrate PV supporting system stability via  $Q(v,t)$  and  $P(f,t)$



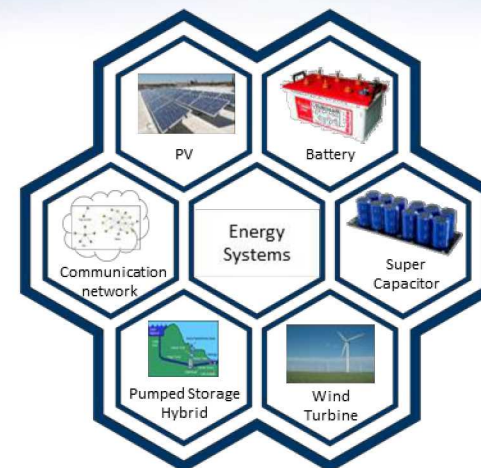
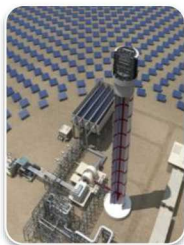
# Real-time Power and Energy Laboratory – Research Principles

Safe and efficient integration of grid devices to existing power grid

Research on pumped-storage hydro for integrating multiple run-of-the-river power plants



Research on concentrated solar power plants



Energy Conversion

Energy Systems Integration

First Principles Research

- **MODELS BASED ON REAL-WORLD DATA IN REAL-TIME Physics-based Modeling**
- **Novel protection schemas and algorithms**

- ENERGY CONVERSION AND STORAGE**
- Thermal
  - Mechanical
  - Electrical
  - Chemical
  - Nuclear

- Integration of**
- Electrical Vehicles
  - Supercapacitors
  - Flywheels
  - Pumped Storage Hydro
  - Batteries and Electrolyzers To the power Grid

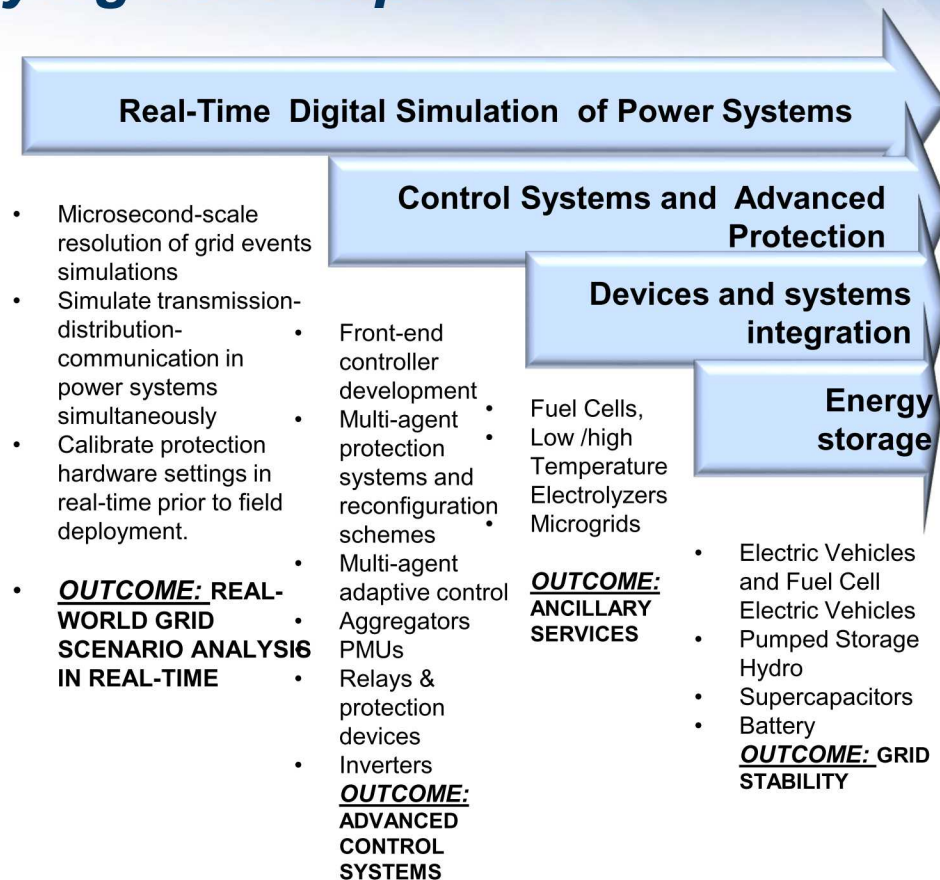
## IMPACTS & TAKEAWAYS

- Physics model-based approach towards solving power grid problems
- Hydrogen production to enable better demand response and grid stability
- Electrical-Mechanical-Thermal-communication cosimulation capability
- Transmission, Distribution, Communication, and Communication co-simulation

**INL Power & Energy Group focuses on investigating power-grid problems using real-time models, develop advanced controls and strategies to mitigate the identified problems, and de-risk integration of variety devices to the power grid.**



# Unifying core capabilities



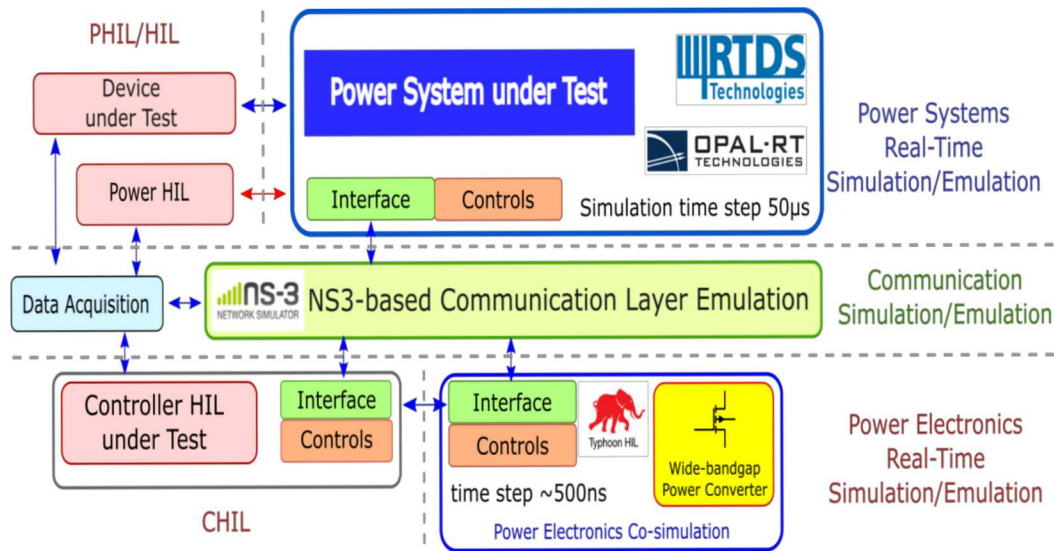
## Distinguishing Capability

- Facilities for accurate real-world model development for power system dynamic analysis
- High fidelity test environment to test models based on real-world data in real-time for de-risking device integration.
- 10-20 nanosecond scale simulation for power electronic dynamics
- Control hardware in the loop and rapid prototyping of controllers.
- Advanced control technologies and decision making strategies

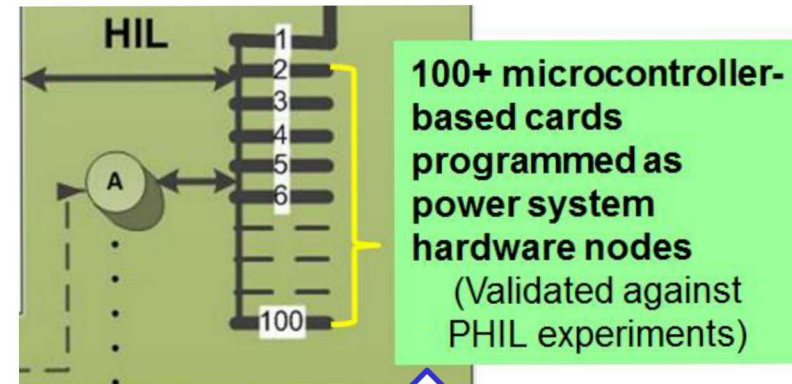
## Joint Collaboration with Academia and Industry



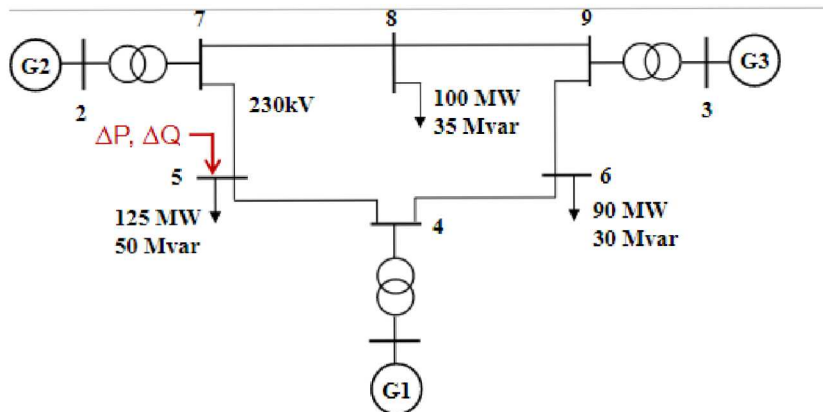
# RT SuperLab Contributions - INL



## 100s ARM Boards as CHIL

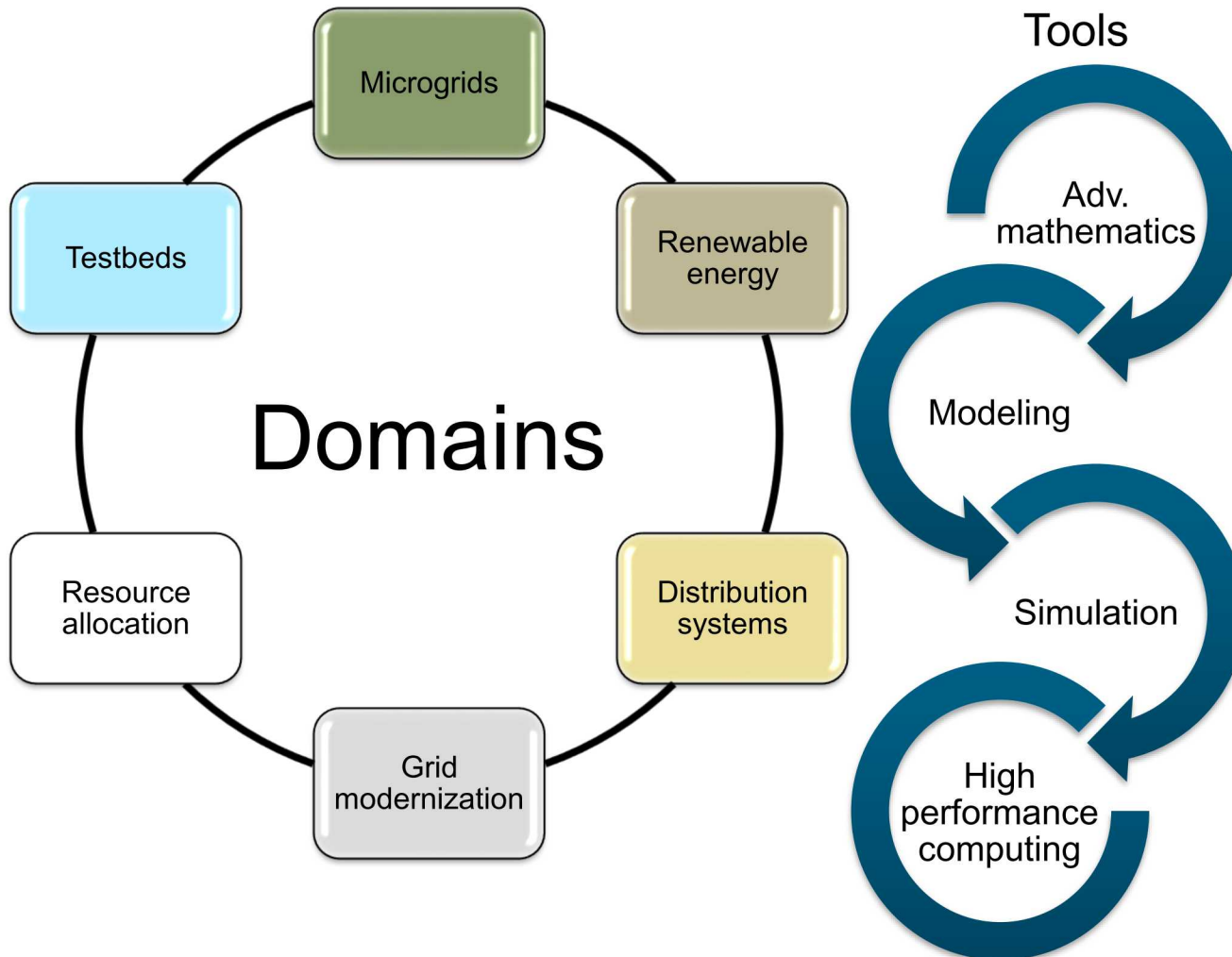


## 9 Bus Western Interconnection Model



## PG&E Subtransmission and Distribution Model

# Advanced Power Engineering Lab (APEL)



## Features:

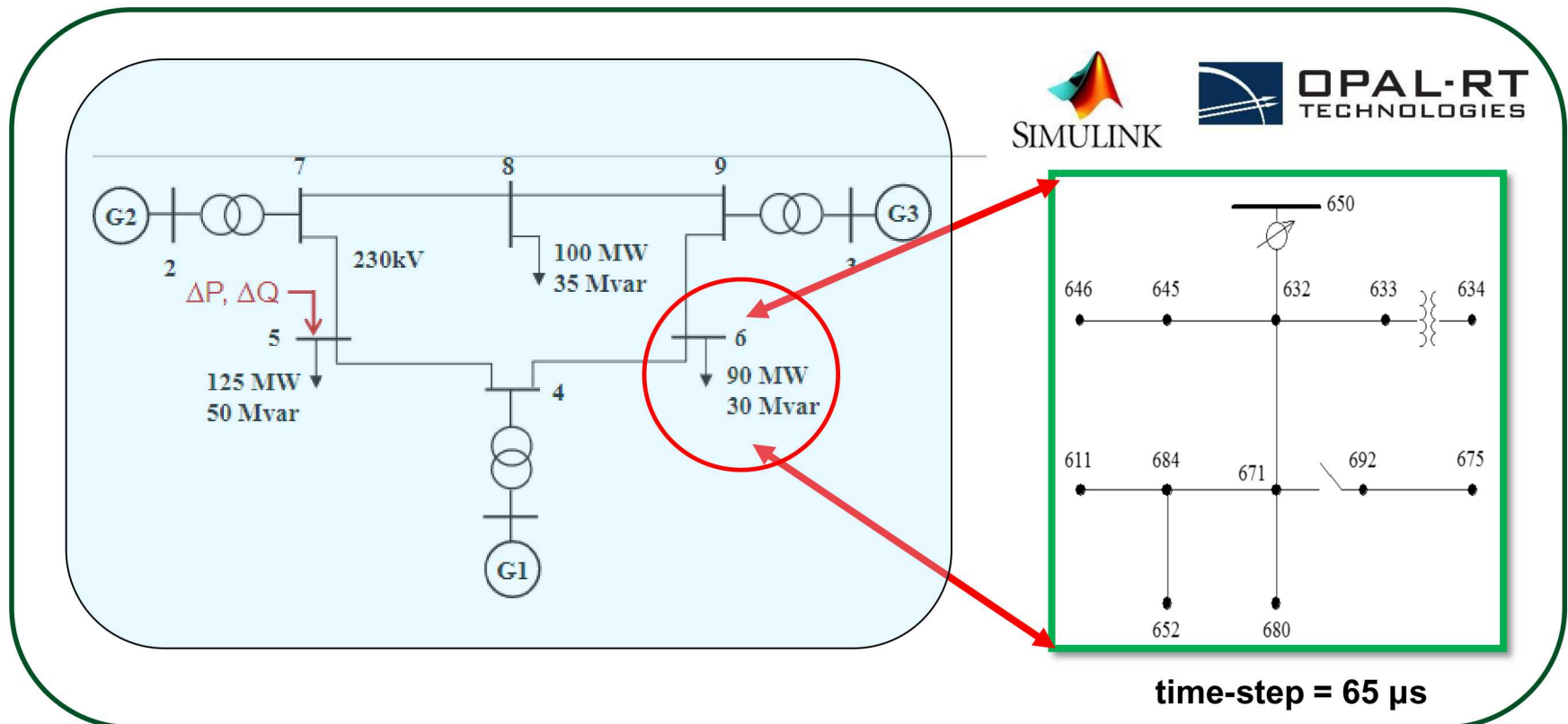
- access to power engg. software, HPC, and real time simulators
- sustained collaborations
- workforce development and education
- high impact contributions
- numerous awards

**CSU's APEL is engaged in high-profile high-impact sponsored research in the area of Smart Grid and the next generation electricity infrastructure.**

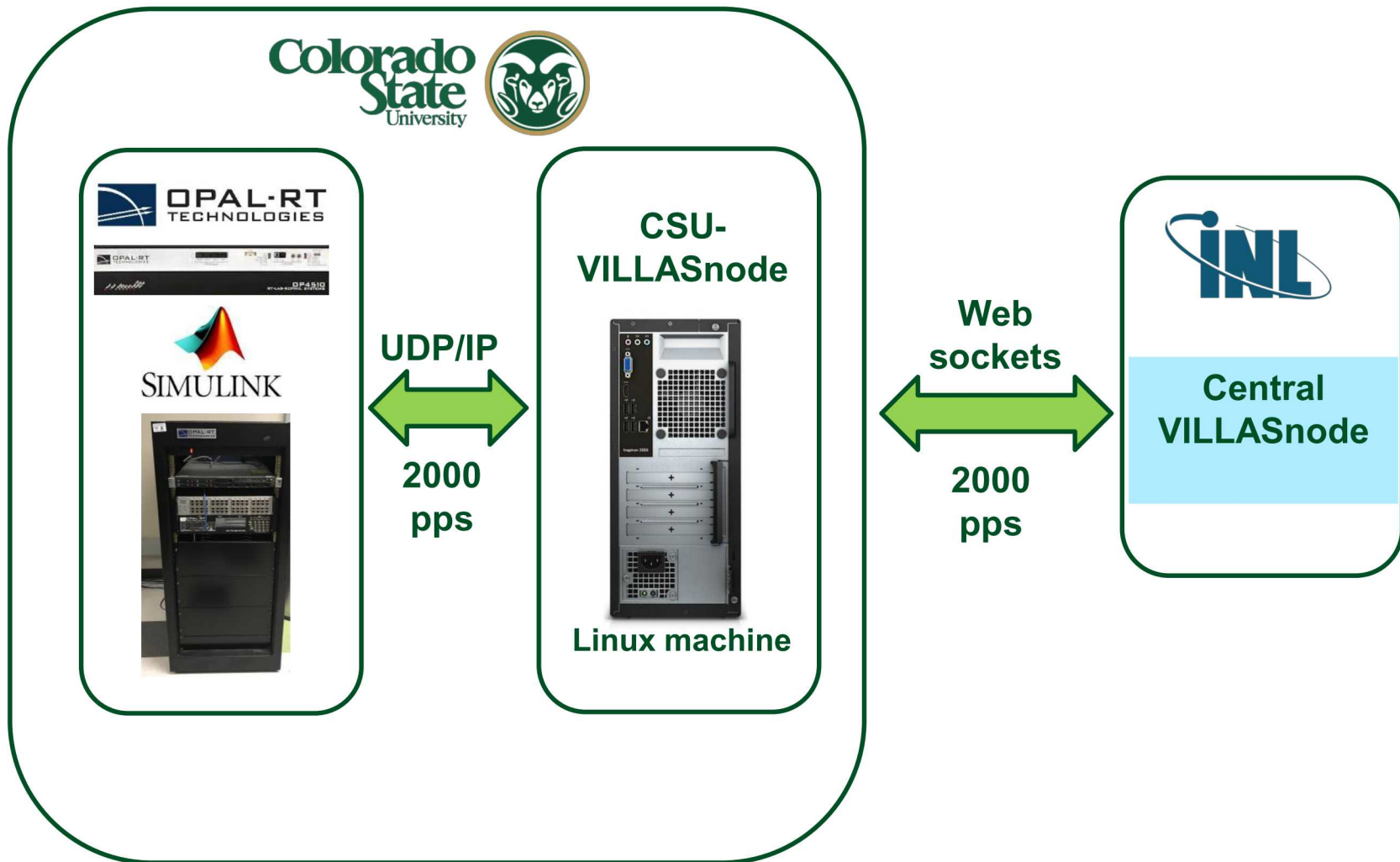


# RT SuperLab Contributions - CSU

- created real time (RT) model of a distribution system
- integrated distribution system to the transmission system model at INL
- Quantified errors and demonstrated distributed RT simulation capabilities with INL



# *Distributed RT Setup between CSU and INL*

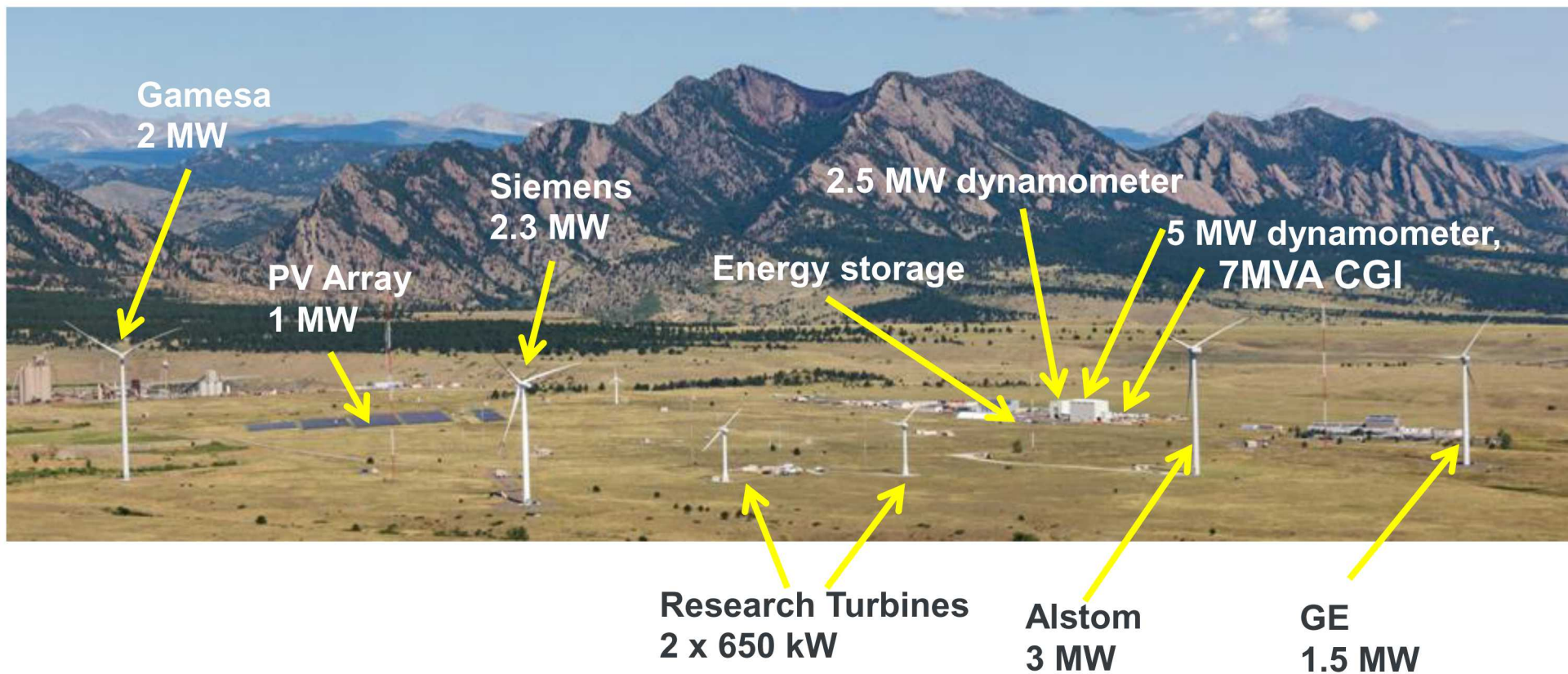


pps: packets per second

# NREL's National Wind Technology Center (NWTCT) Test Site

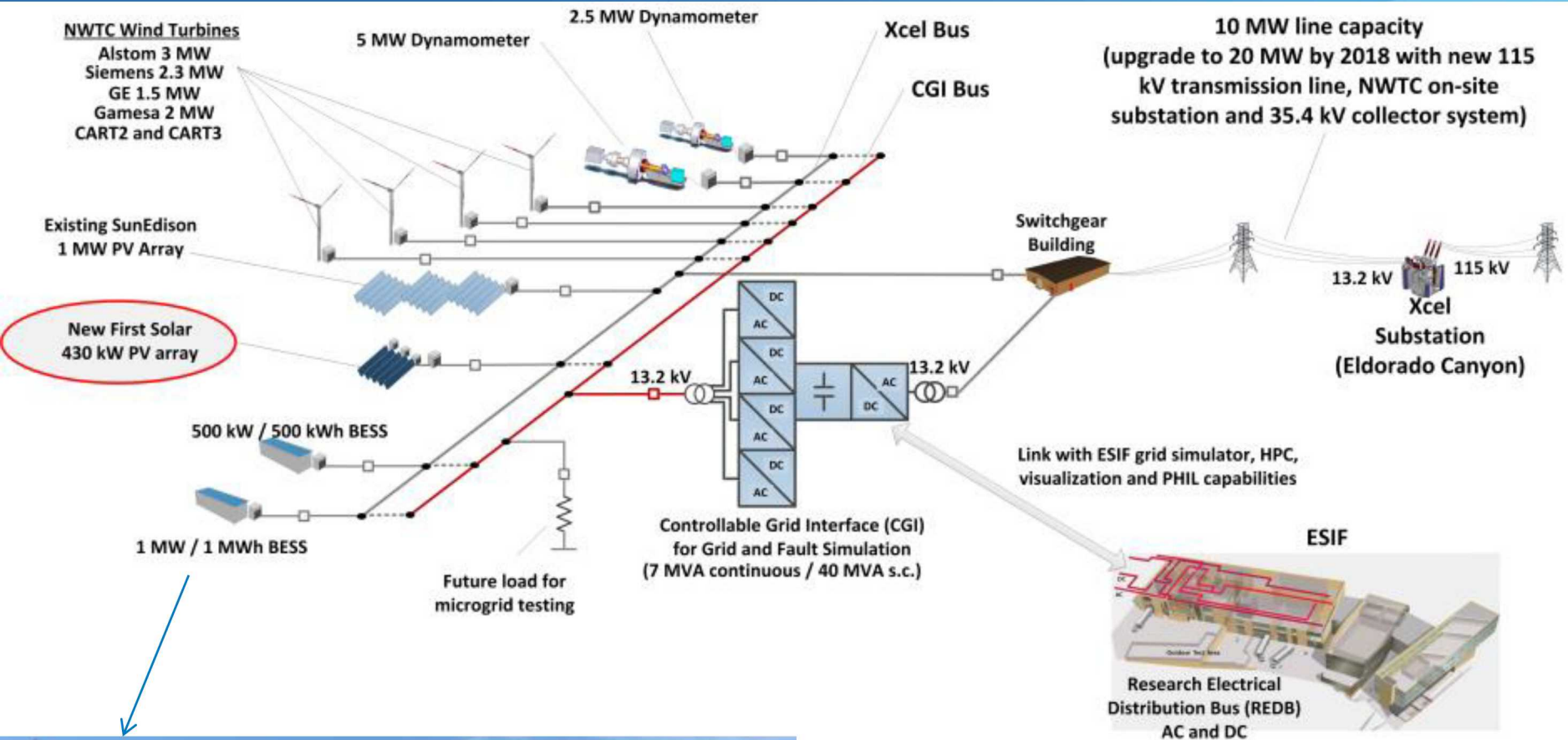
## *Unique Research and Validation Capabilities at a Scale that Matters*

- **Total of 11+ MW variable renewable generation currently**
- **7 MVA Controllable Grid Interface (CGI)**
- **Multi-MW energy storage test facility**
- **2.5MW and 5 MW dynamometers (industrial motor drives)**
- **Medium voltage operation**





# NWTC Site – Applied Energy Science “Living Lab”



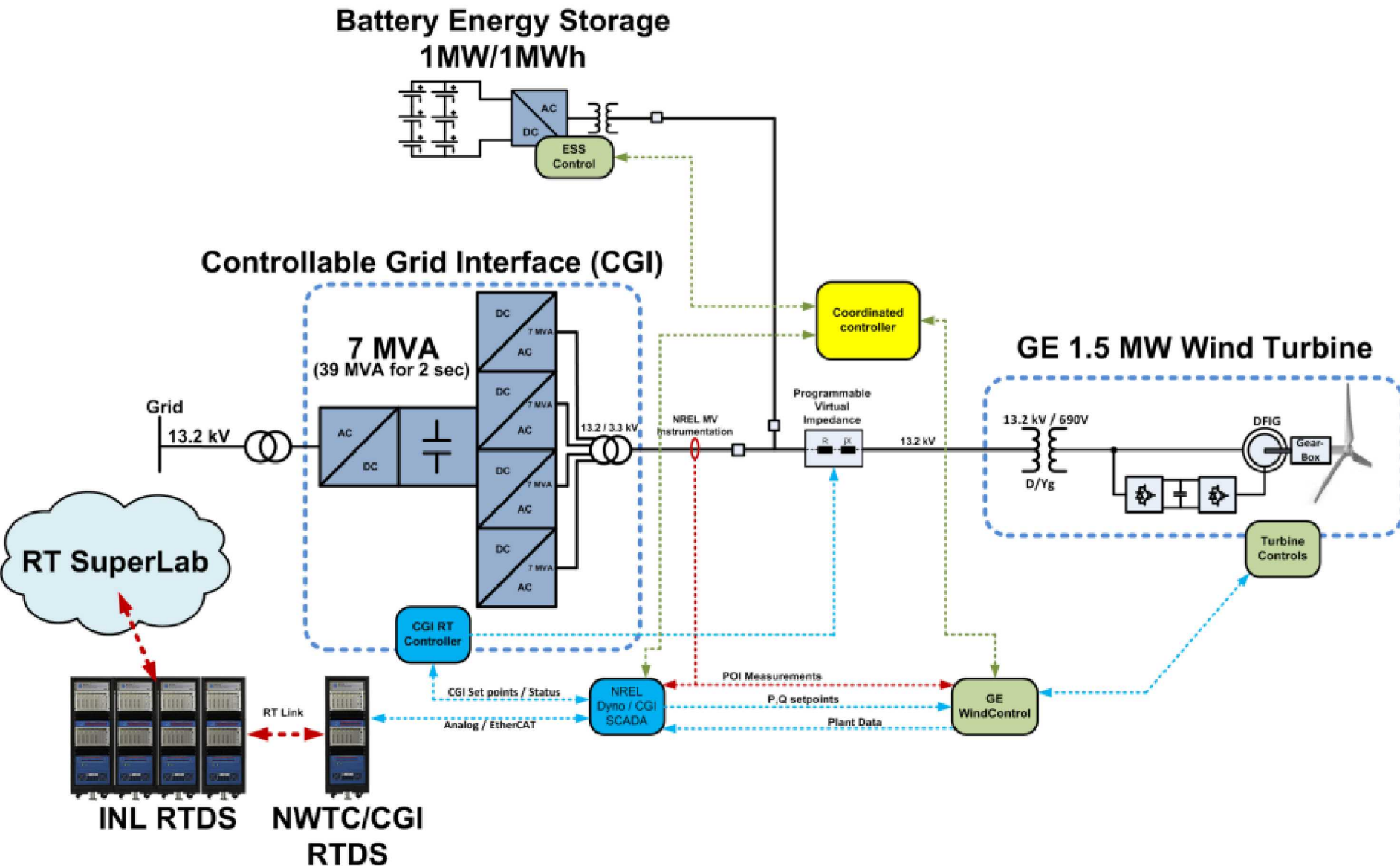
New 1 MW/1 MWh battery



Coming soon: 450 kWac PV array



# NREL-INL PHIL System Integrated into RT SuperLab





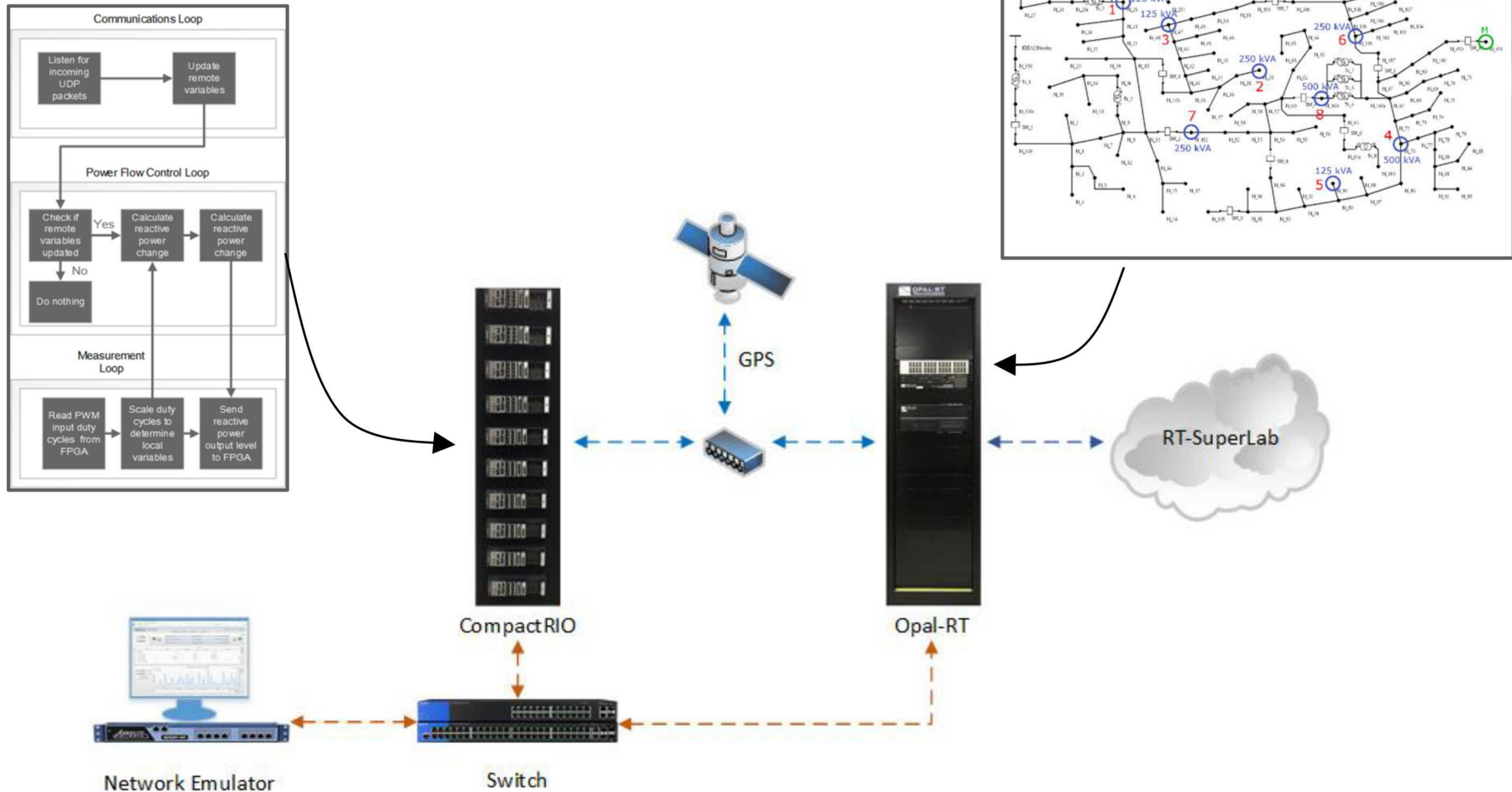
# ***USC Micro-Grids and RT Simulation Capabilities***

- Power system and communication RT simulation/emulation: Opal-RT, NS3-RT, Apposite N-91, OC-48 SONET ring
- Platforms for HIL testing of distributed monitor-control (eleven high performance CompactRIO, six multi-purpose embedded units, ten FPGA platforms)
- Linear PHIL interfaces (15kVA, up to 200kHz bandwidth) and PV emulator
- Highly reconfigurable DC/AC micro-grid (nine 75kVA converters, several motor drives and passive loads, one 60kVA MMC)

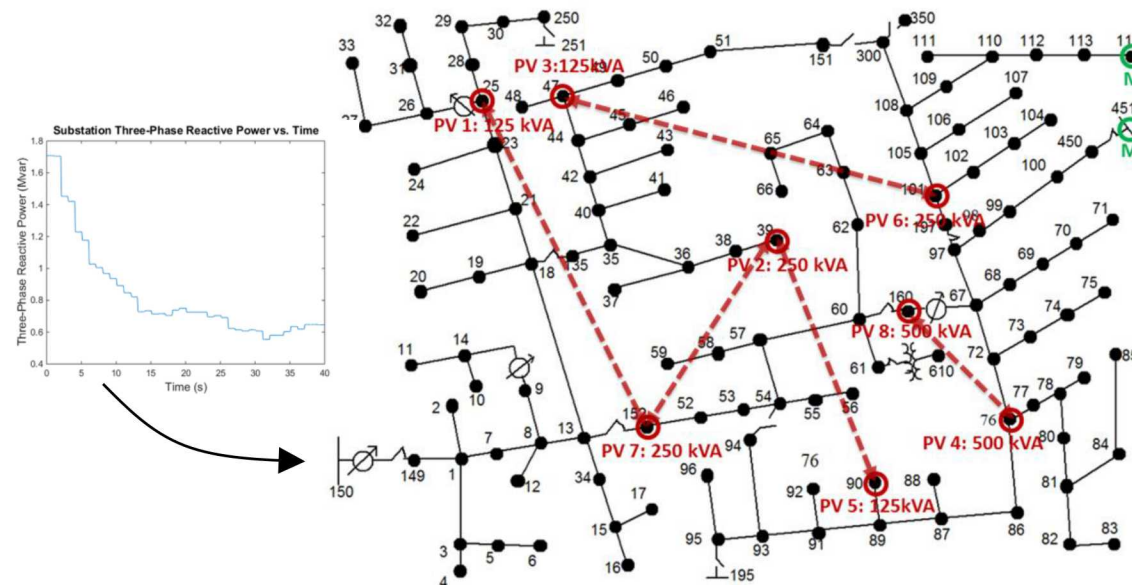




# Decentralized Power Flow Control of Distribution Grids

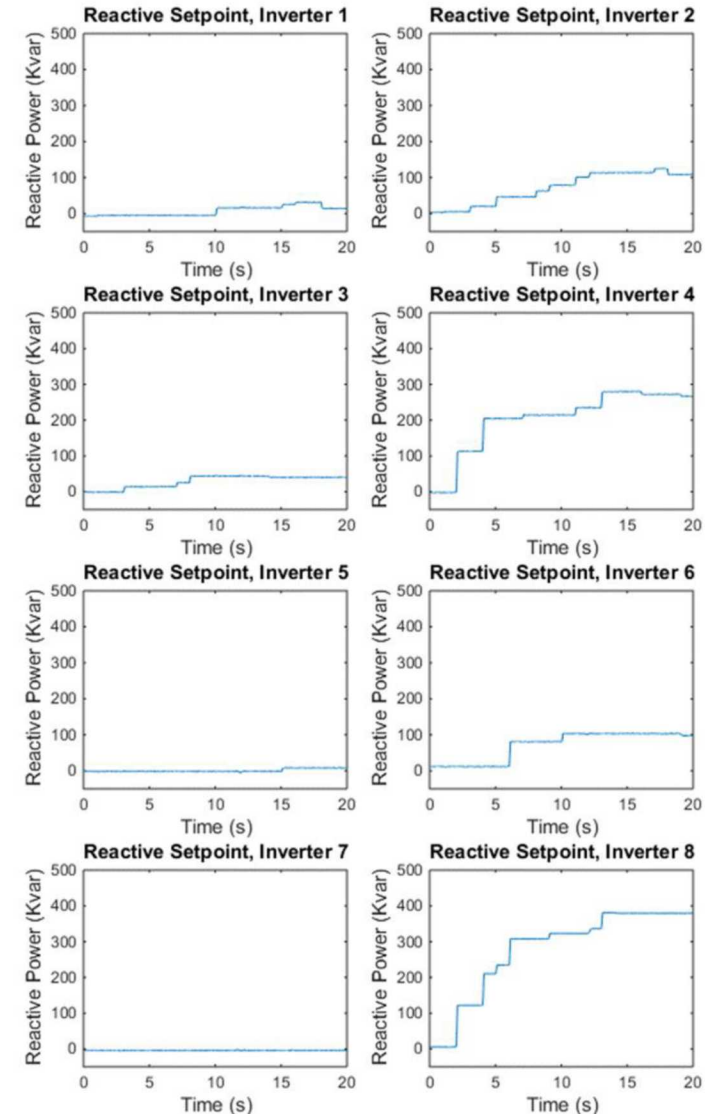


# Decentralized Power Flow Control of Distribution Grids



Communication Between Inverter Controllers

A	B	C	D	E	F
1.02	1	2	2293.8 $\angle$ -0.004°	2291.8 $\angle$ -0.043°	2.34
2.02	4	8	2213.5 $\angle$ -1.469°	2233.3 $\angle$ -1.098°	116.5
3.02	3	2	2294.2 $\angle$ -0.116°	2300.0 $\angle$ -0.038°	14.83
4.02	8	4	2253.6 $\angle$ -1.211°	2236.2 $\angle$ -1.601°	92.31
5.02	8	2	2268.5 $\angle$ -1.298°	2307.8 $\angle$ -0.048°	26.50
6.03	8	6	2271.0 $\angle$ -1.303°	2256.5 $\angle$ -1.641°	73.43
7.03	3	4	2309.2 $\angle$ -0.131°	2268.1 $\angle$ -1.796°	11.75
8.03	2	3	2317.0 $\angle$ -0.062°	2310.7 $\angle$ -0.132°	18.07
9.03	8	2	2284.6 $\angle$ -1.371°	2319.4 $\angle$ -0.072°	17.01
10.04	6	1	2273.5 $\angle$ -1.714°	2319.9 $\angle$ -0.004°	22.57
11.04	4	2	2274.4 $\angle$ -1.791°	2323.2 $\angle$ -0.076°	22.26



# Thank You



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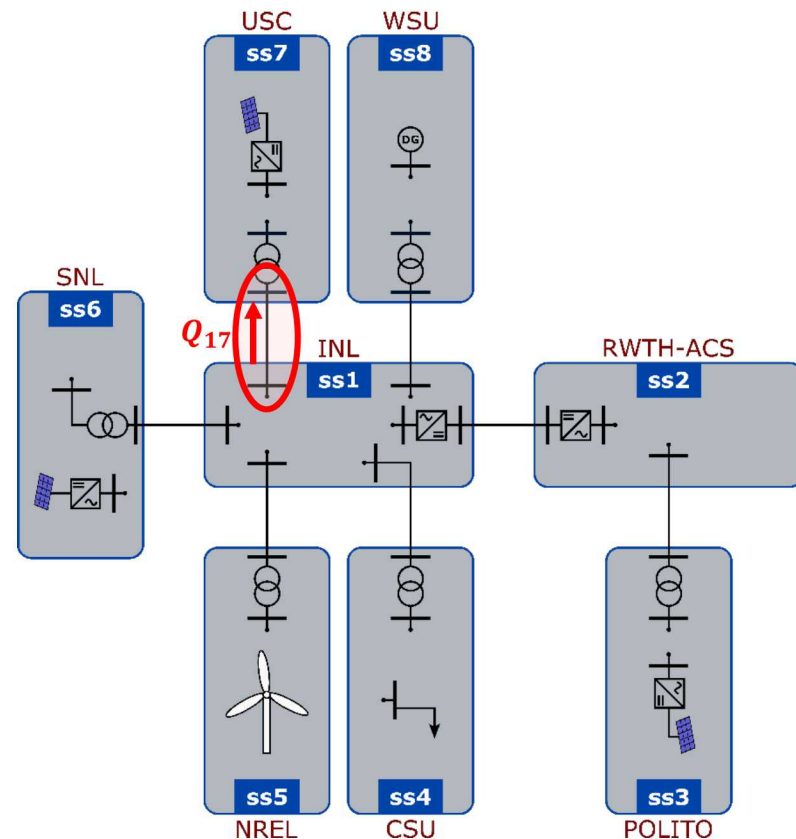
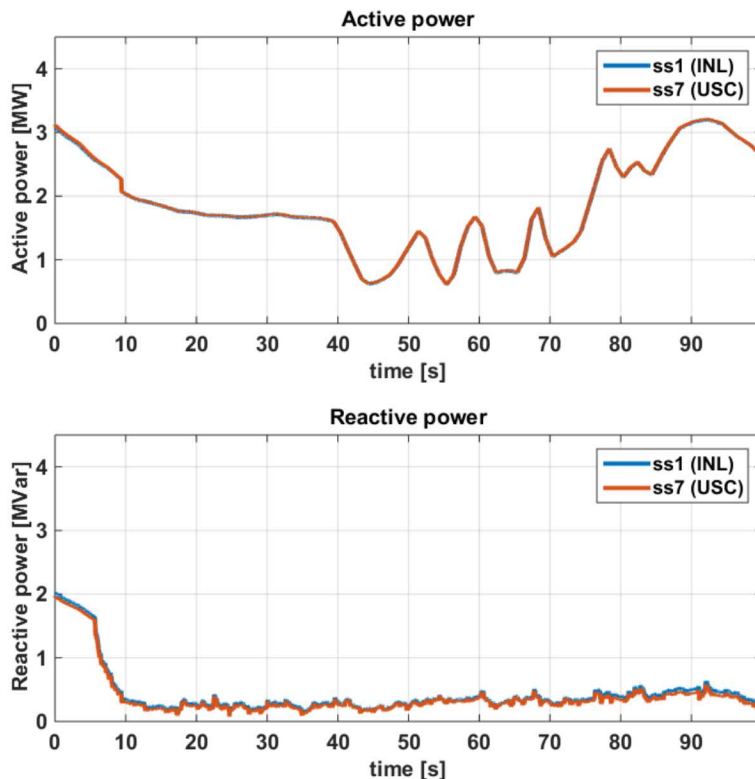


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UNIVERSITY**



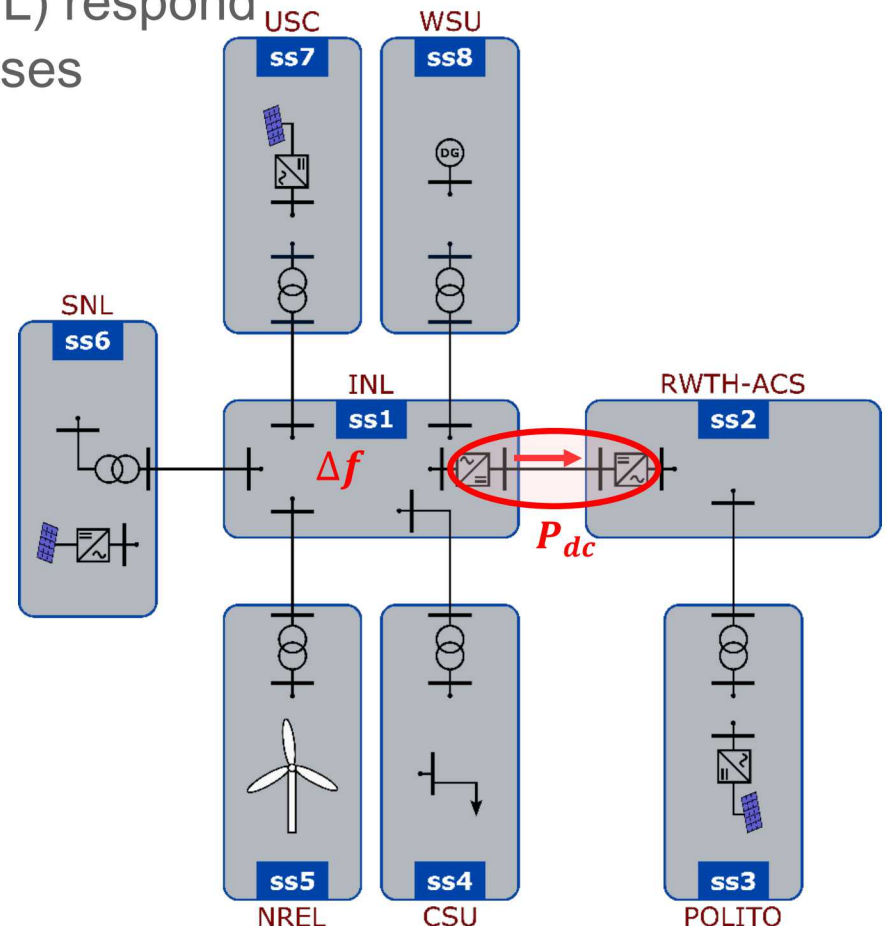
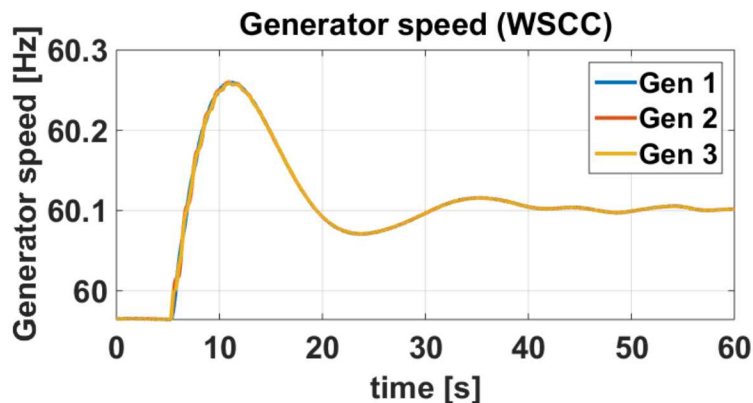
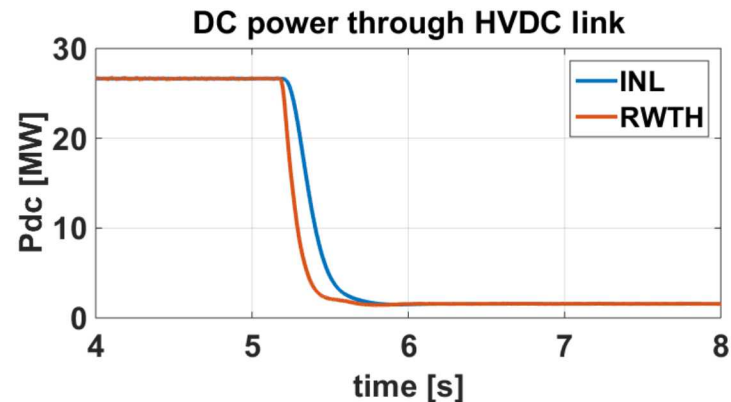
# Simulation Results - USC

- Activation of CHIL at USC (control PV inverters to minimize reactive power in IEEE 123-bus distribution system)
- Key takeaway: optimal resource utilization
- Simulation results at ss1-ss7 co-simulation interface (INL-USC)
  - Decrease in reactive power at co-simulation (substation) bus



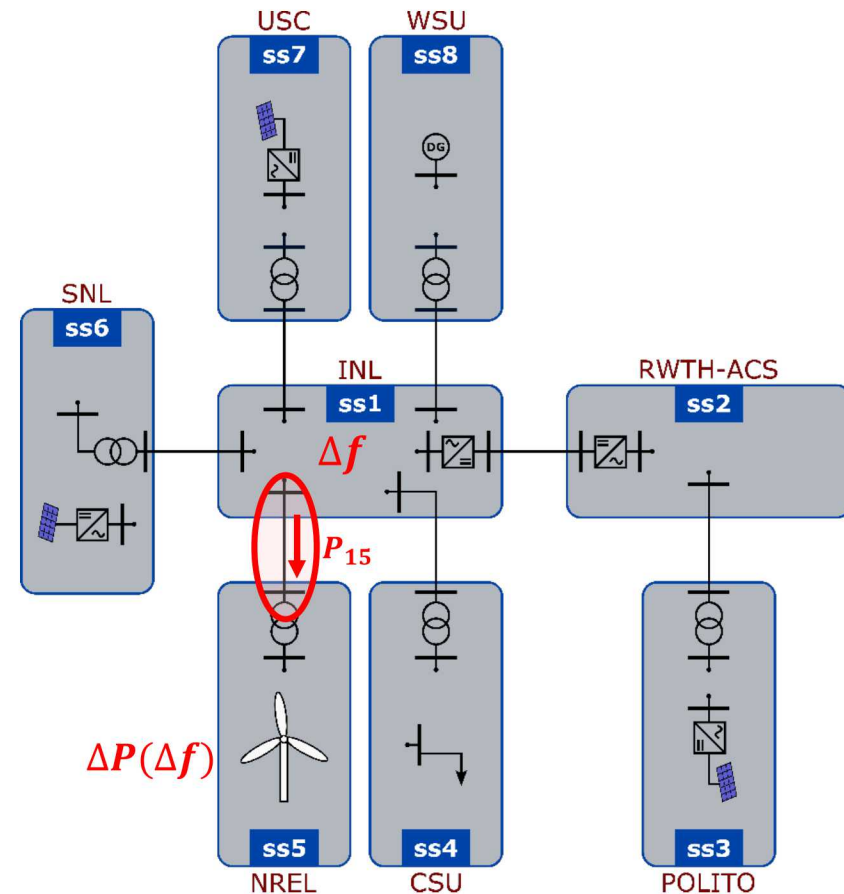
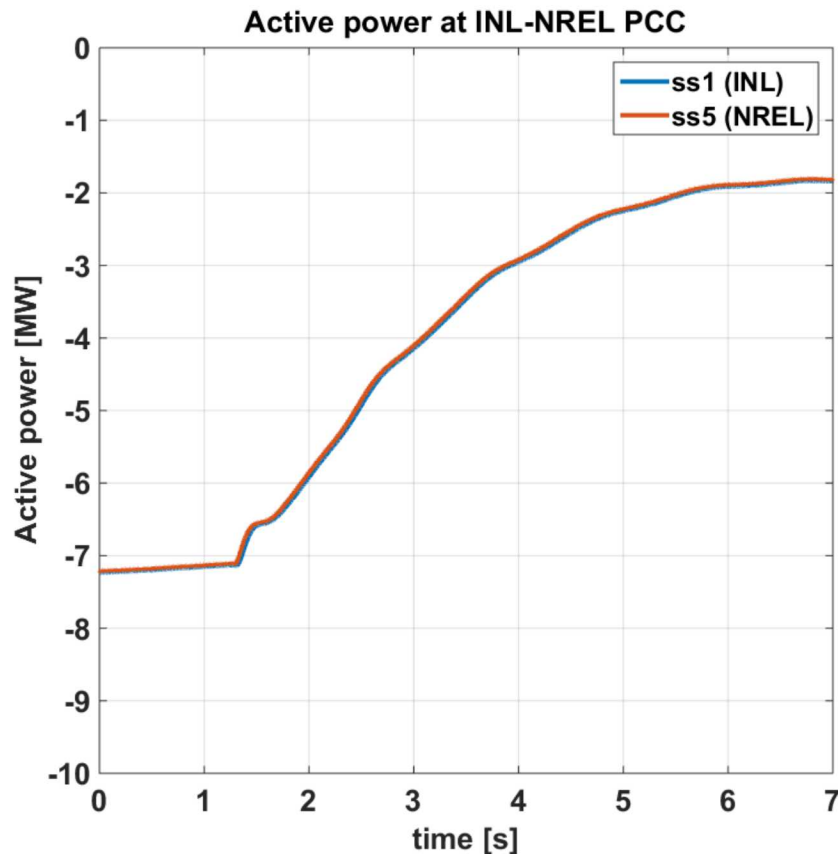
# Simulation Results INL-RWTH

- Simulation results for the event:
  - Flow of power from INL to RWTH via HVDC
  - Key takeaway: optimal resource utilization
  - Power in the HVDC link is decreased by 25 MW
    - Generators at WSCC (INL) respond
    - System frequency increases



# Simulation Results - NREL

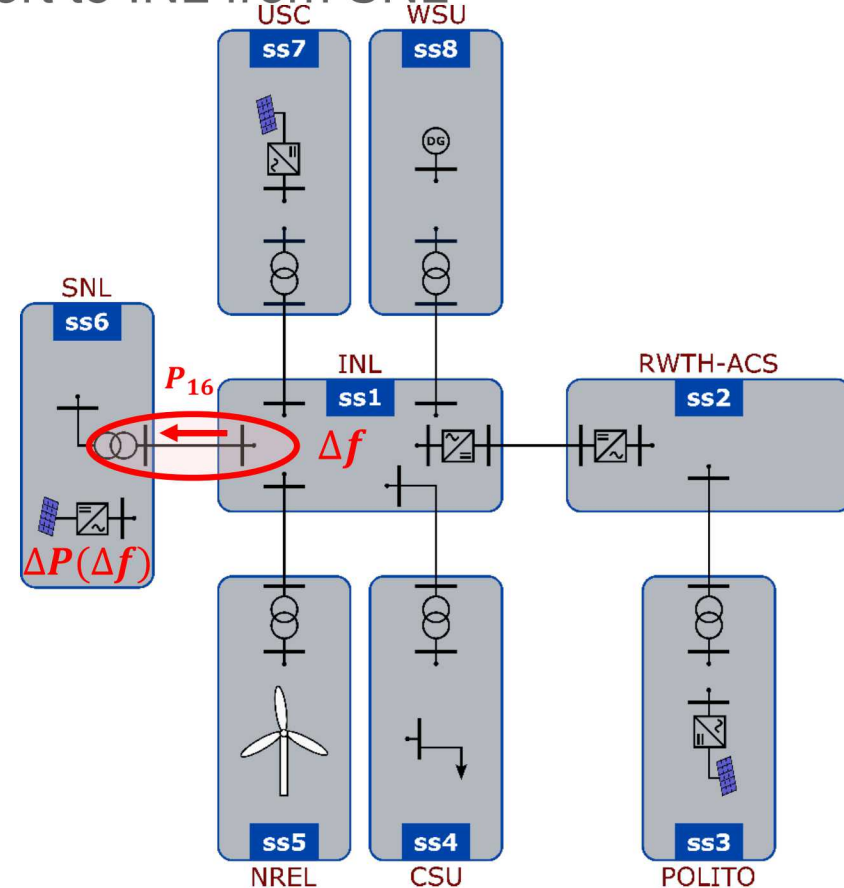
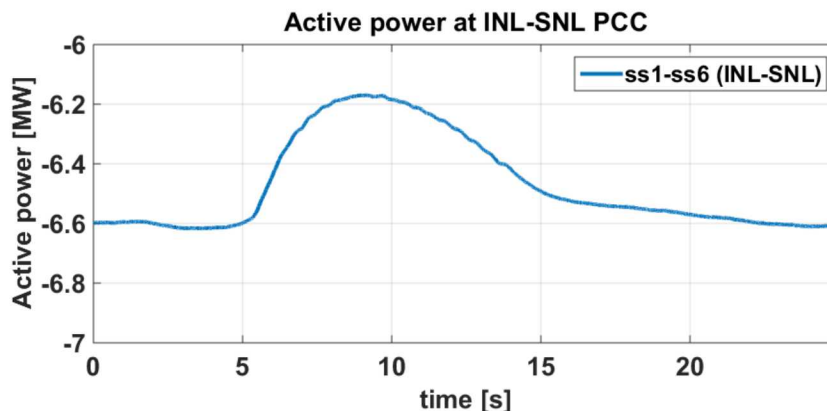
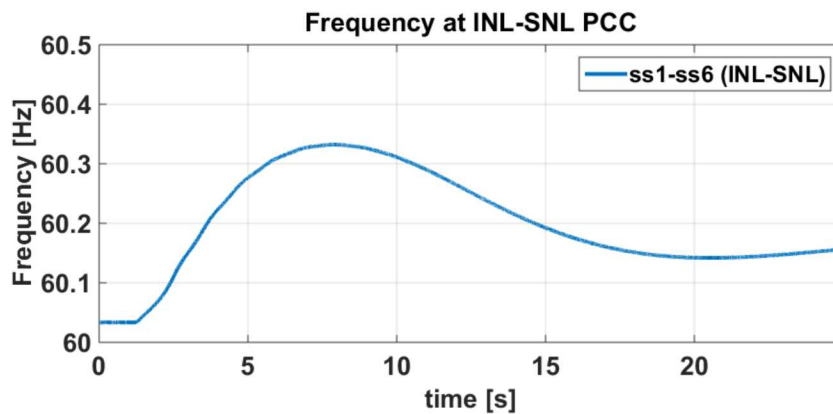
- Frequency support from a wind turbine
  - Over frequency event on account of over-generation
  - Key takeaway: stability and optimal resource allocation
  - Wind turbines respond based on droop settings
    - Negative sign indicates import to INL from NREL





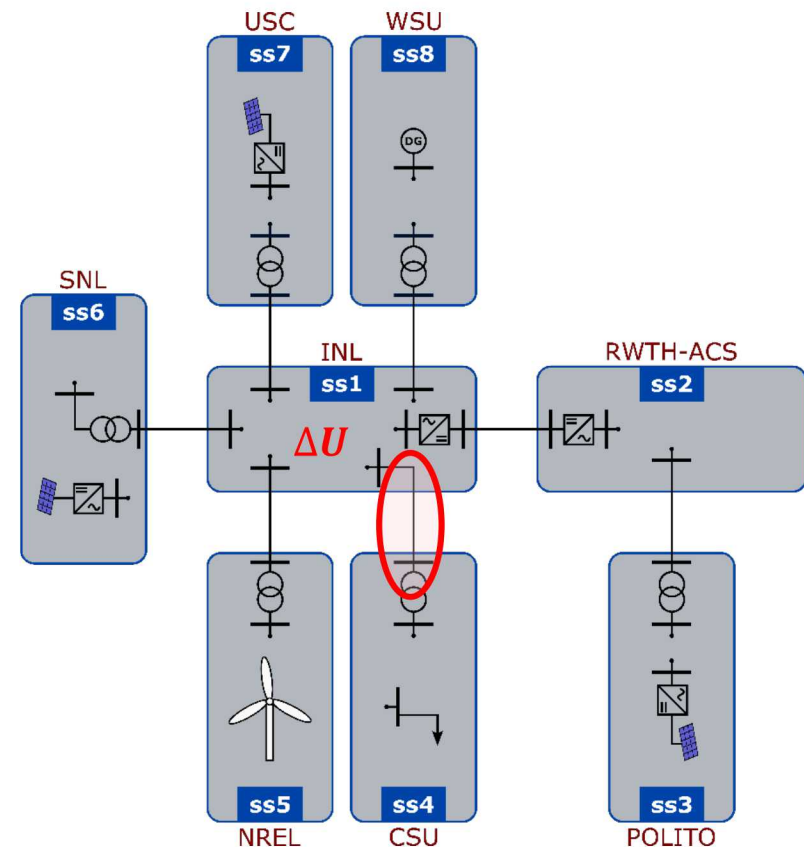
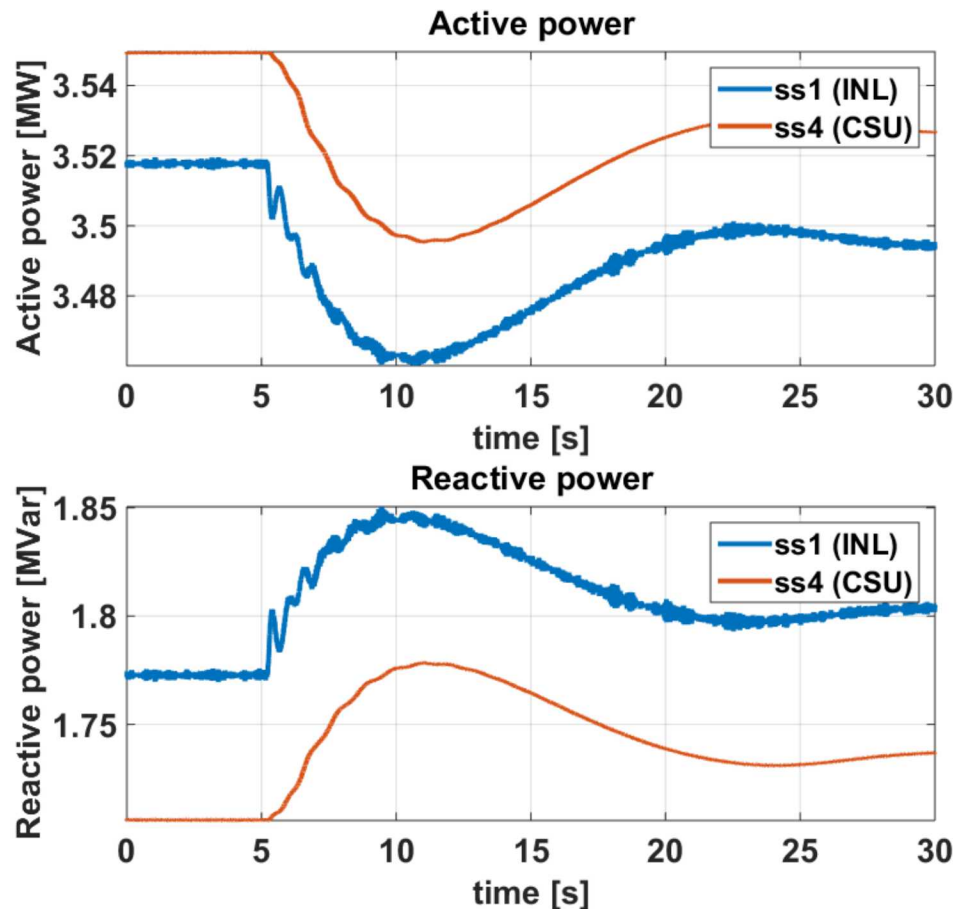
# Simulation Results - SNL

- Frequency support from PV inverters
  - Over frequency event on account of over-generation
  - Key takeaway: stability and optimal resource allocation
  - Photovoltaic frequency–watt curve for frequency regulation and fast contingency reserves
- Negative sign indicates import to INL from SNL



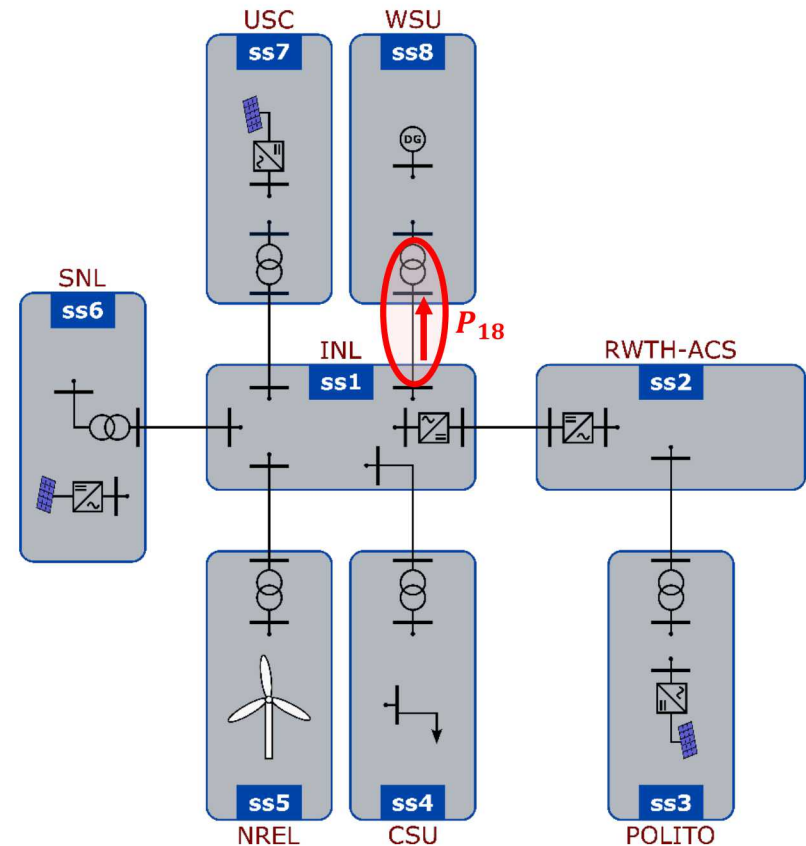
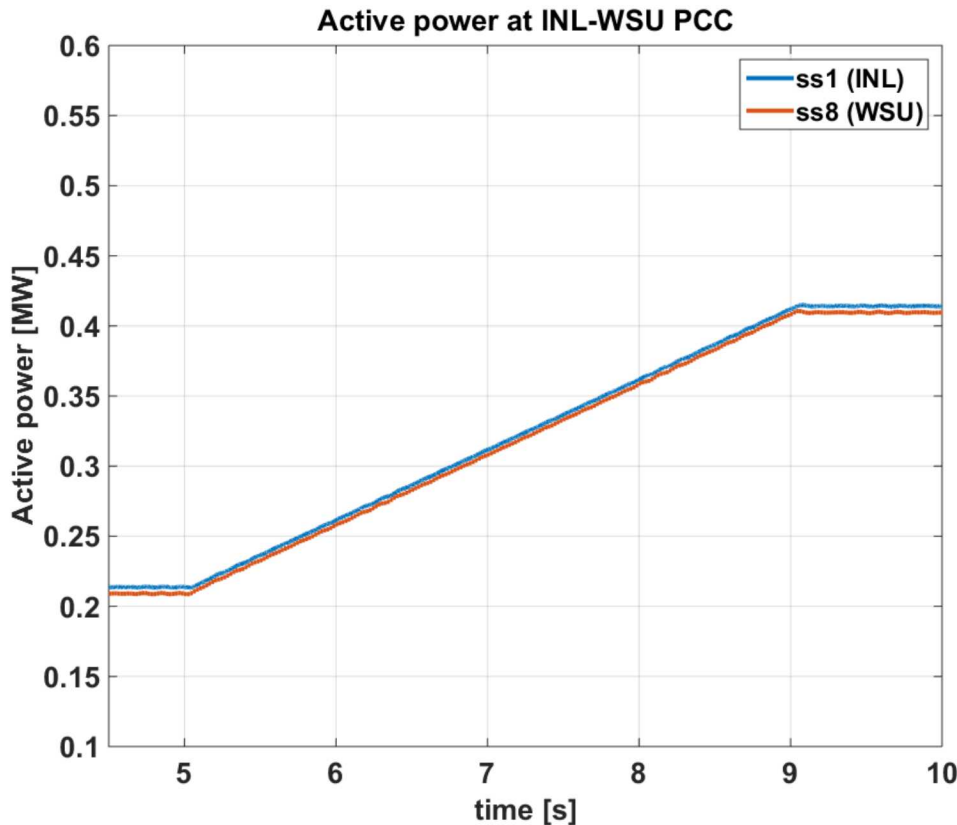
# Simulation Results - CSU

- Over frequency event due to loss of load initiated at the WSCC
  - Key takeaway: optimal resource allocation such as demand response using advanced load modeling
  - Next generation demand response programs using advanced resource allocation methods



# Simulation Results - WSU

- Loss of generation at the WSCC level
- Key takeaway: stability and resilience enhancement
- Battery charging from main grid to enhance the resiliency and reliability of the microgrid in a grid-connected mode of operation

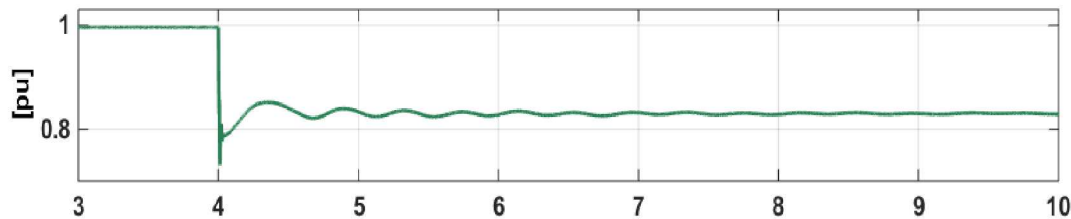




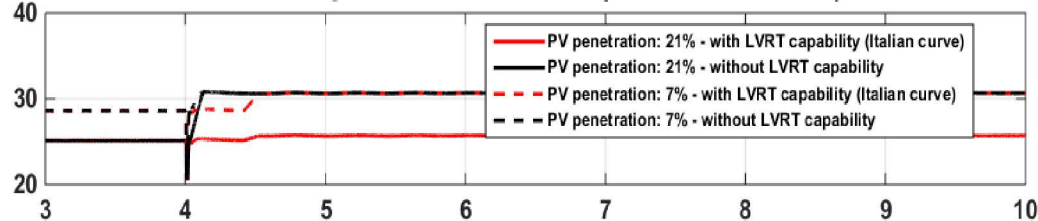
# Simulation Results RWTH-POLITO

- Disconnection of a generator in transmission network
  - LVRT capability of PV inverters
- Key takeaway: stability and fault ride through capabilities

RMS voltage at ss2-ss3 (RWTH-POLITO)



Active power at ss2-ss3 (RWTH-POLITO)



Total PV generation (POLITO)

