

# ***Performance Optimization for Power and Energy Systems in Remote and Isolated Electric Grids / Microgrids***

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Emerging Priorities in Energy Research

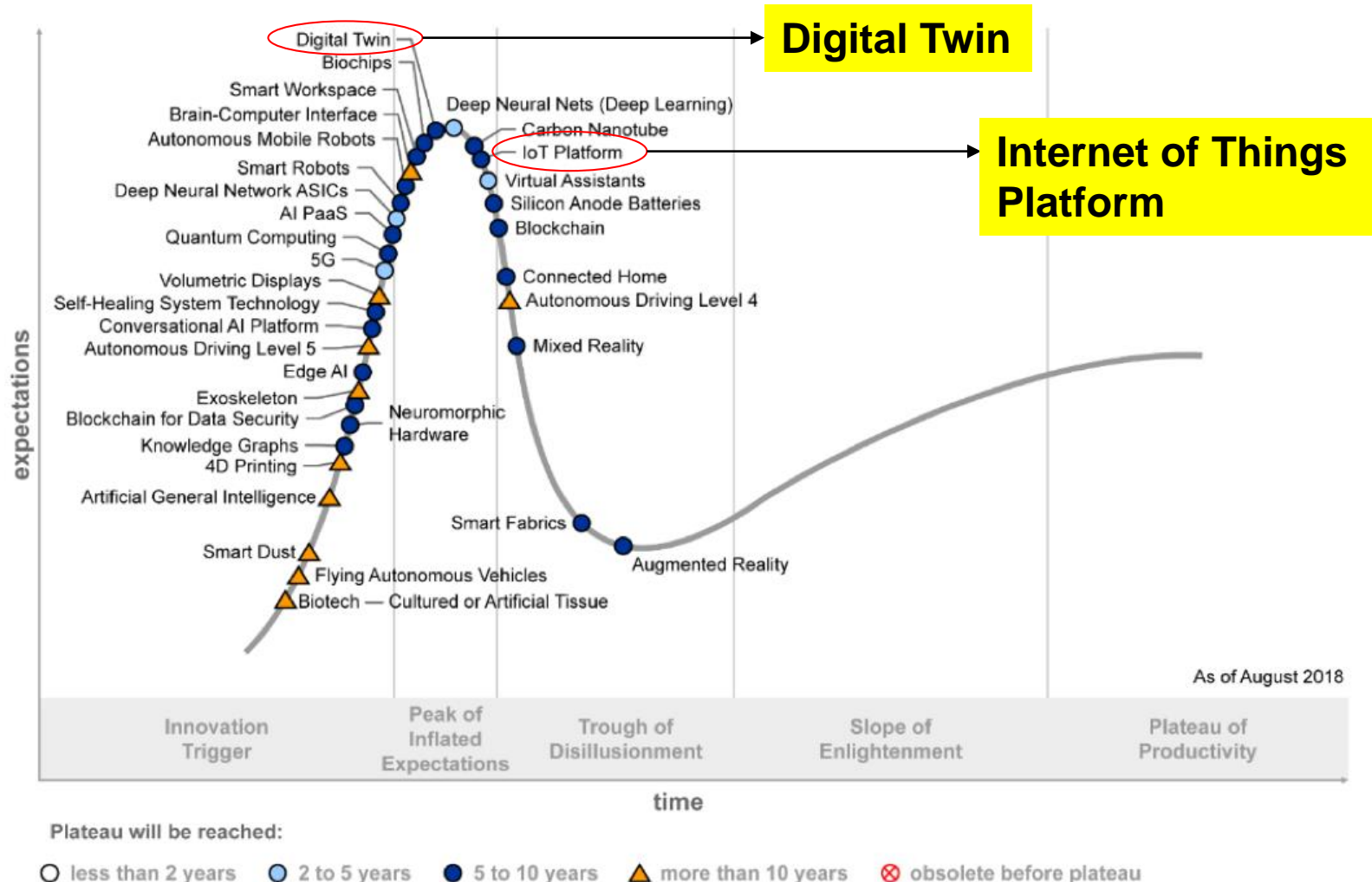
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# Emerging Technologies – Timeline of Expectations



# Power and Energy Real-Time Laboratory (PERL)

**Opal RT, FPGA Development Environment**  
(IEEE 1394 and MIL 1553)

**High Performance Computing**  
(~1800 compute nodes)

**Controllers**  
(Siemens, SEL RTAC)

**100+ RISC-based programmable cards for emulating hardware devices** (Electric Vehicles, Wind Turbines)

**Typhoon HIL**  
for Testing Advanced Power Electronics



**Linux Servers for communication layer, Real-time Data Analytics**

**Real-Time Digital Simulator**

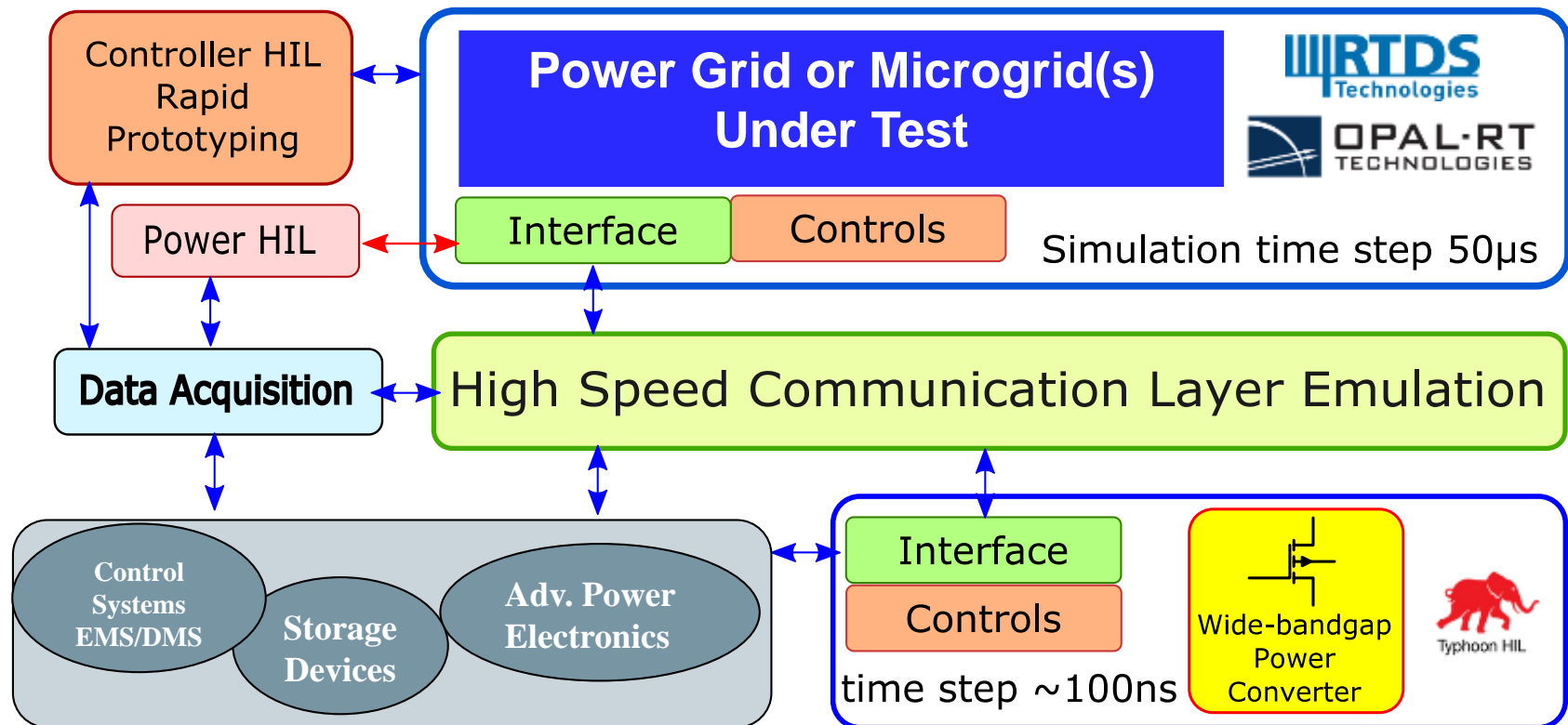
**Programmable V & I-Amplifiers**

**Micro-PMUs**

**Protection Relays**

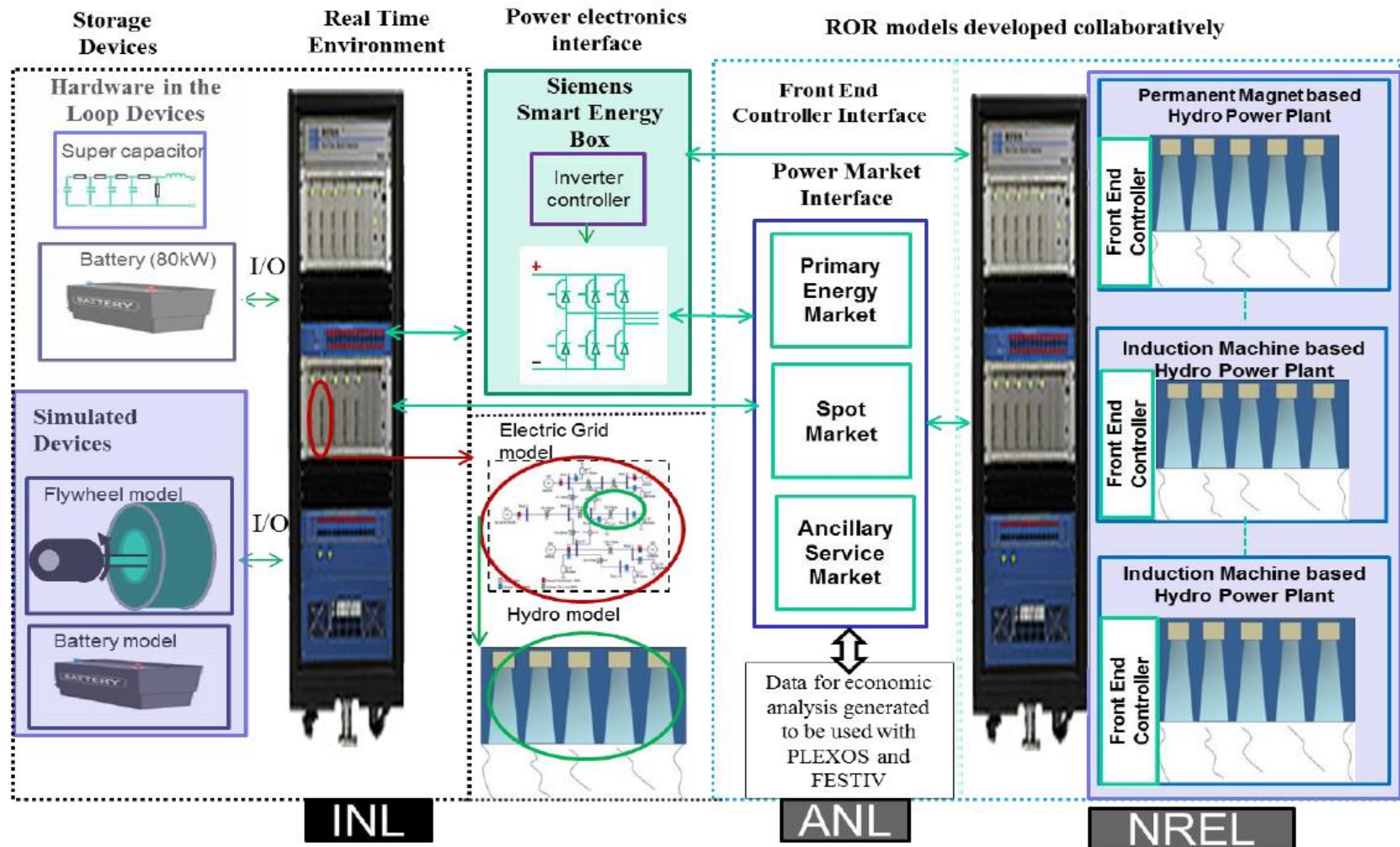
# Co-simulation for power systems, power electronics, and communication

Integrated Power System and Data Simulation Environment





# Integrated Hybrid Energy Storage for Hydro



# GMLC RADIANCE – Energy Storage Optimization

- ROR HPP Modeling – dynamic and transient evaluation in real-time simulation
- ROR HPP applications in microgrids/weak distribution grid that provide support / reliability / resiliency

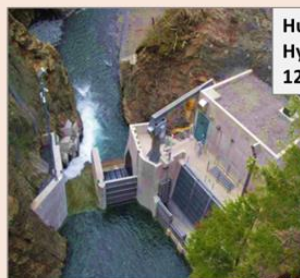
- Energy Storage Optimization** for
- Multi-timescale (Super-Capacitor, Flywheel, Batteries) response coordination for grid support
  - PHIL-based characterization of ESS under dynamic conditions

- ROR HPP Modeling – dynamic and transient evaluation in Real-time Simulation

## GMLC RADIANCE project outcomes from Run-of-the-river and Pumped Storage Hydro research

- ROR as a resource for rotational inertia and regulation in coordination with **microgrid controller** and **Energy Storage Optimization Toolbox (ESOT)**
- Coordinated operation with proximal generation as ROR or **Pumped Storage Hydro (PSH)**

- Assessing **rotational inertia** from the existing ROR plant – resiliency enhancement
- Modifications by removing deflector plates for rotational inertia in microgrid for **regulation and frequency support**
- Upgrading hydraulic governors to **digital electronic** for faster, more efficient operation



**Humpback Creek Run-of-the-river Hydroelectric Plant**  
1250kW (2 x 500 kW + 1 x 250 kW)



**Power Creek Run-of-the-river Hydroelectric Plant**  
6278kW (2 x 3124 kW) with Inflatable dams

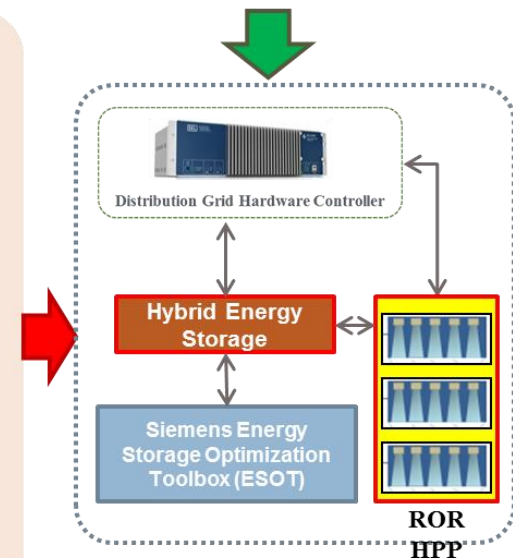
**City of Cordova**  
1,566 customers, 18MW  
One Substation



**Orca Power Plant**  
(10.8MW Diesel) Control Center

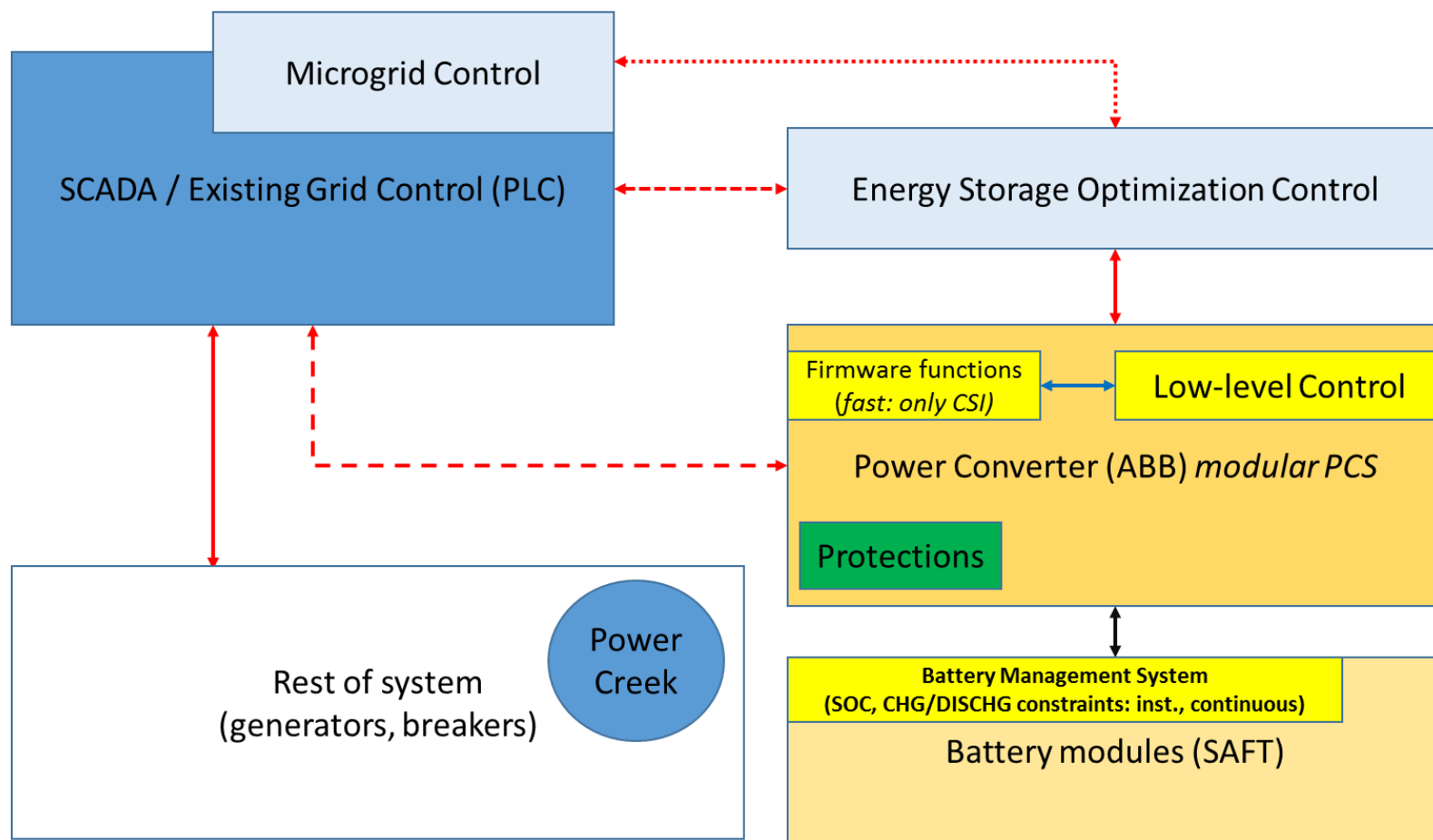


**Crater Lake Dam Storage**  
may offset 25% Diesel consumption



- Capacity evaluation** for pumped storage hydro (PSH) as energy storage
- Evaluation of design configurations** for PSH technologies (multiple vs. single, fixed-speed vs. variable-speed)
- Simulation-based testing** of PSH as part of microgrids under dynamic seasonal conditions
- Economic analysis** of design configurations and technologies for pumped storage hydro

# RADIANCE - Energy Storage Optimization Toolbox

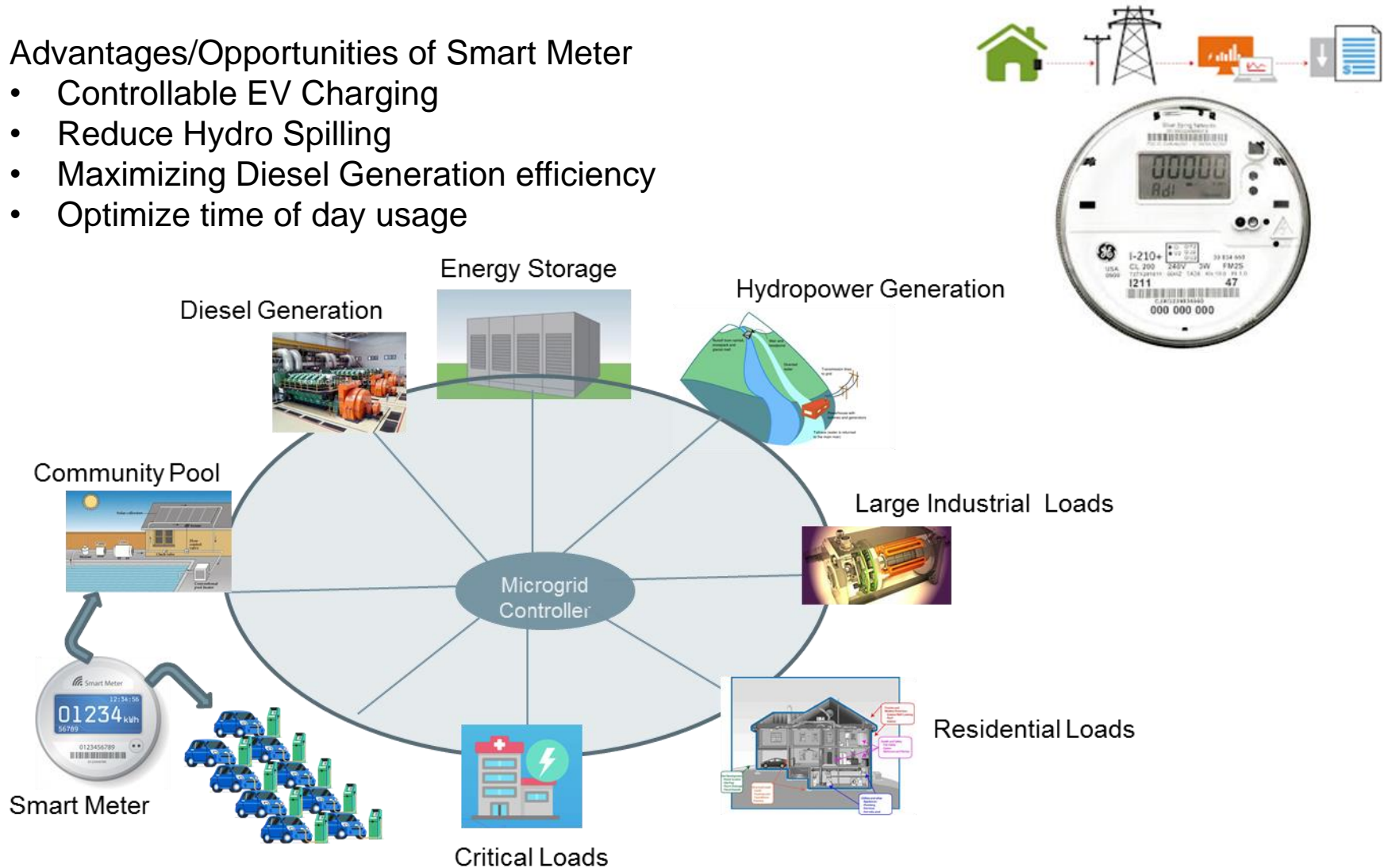




# RADIANCE - Integrated Advanced Metering Infrastructure

## Advantages/Opportunities of Smart Meter

- Controllable EV Charging
- Reduce Hydro Spilling
- Maximizing Diesel Generation efficiency
- Optimize time of day usage





# ***California Energy Commission's Blue Lake Rancheria Microgrid***

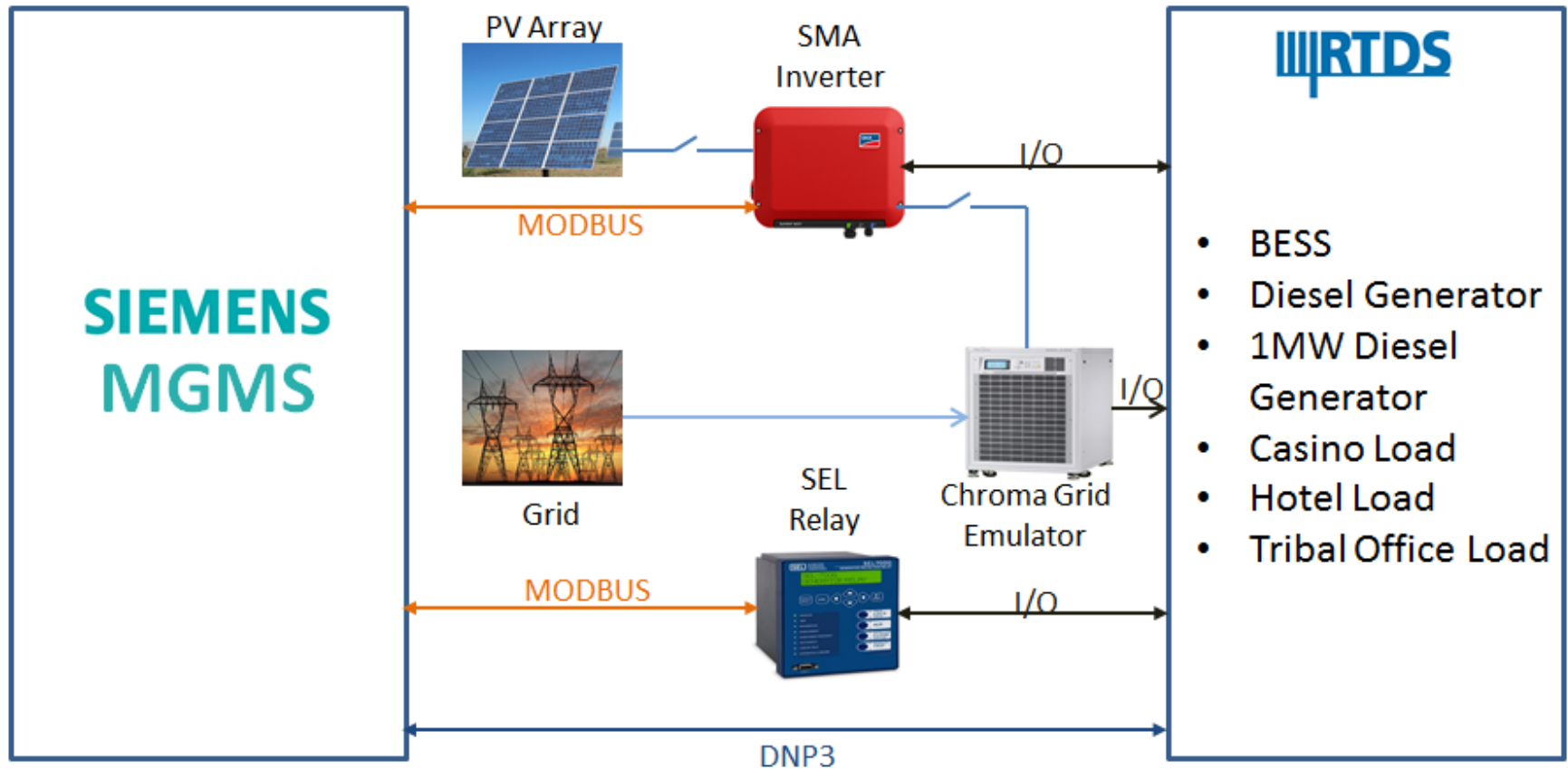
- First digital blueprint developed and used for HIL testing at INL
- A Red Cross Evacuation Route



**“2017 FEMA  
Whole  
Community  
Preparedness  
Award”**

**“2018  
POWERGRID  
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# Blue Lake Rancheria Microgrid



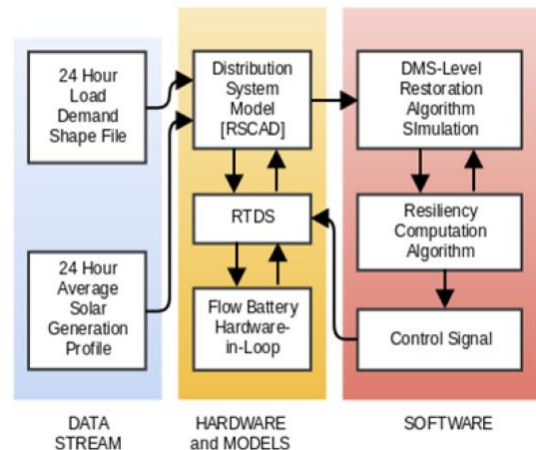
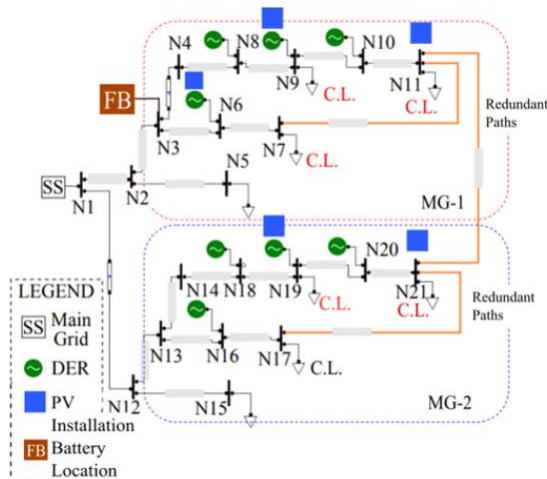
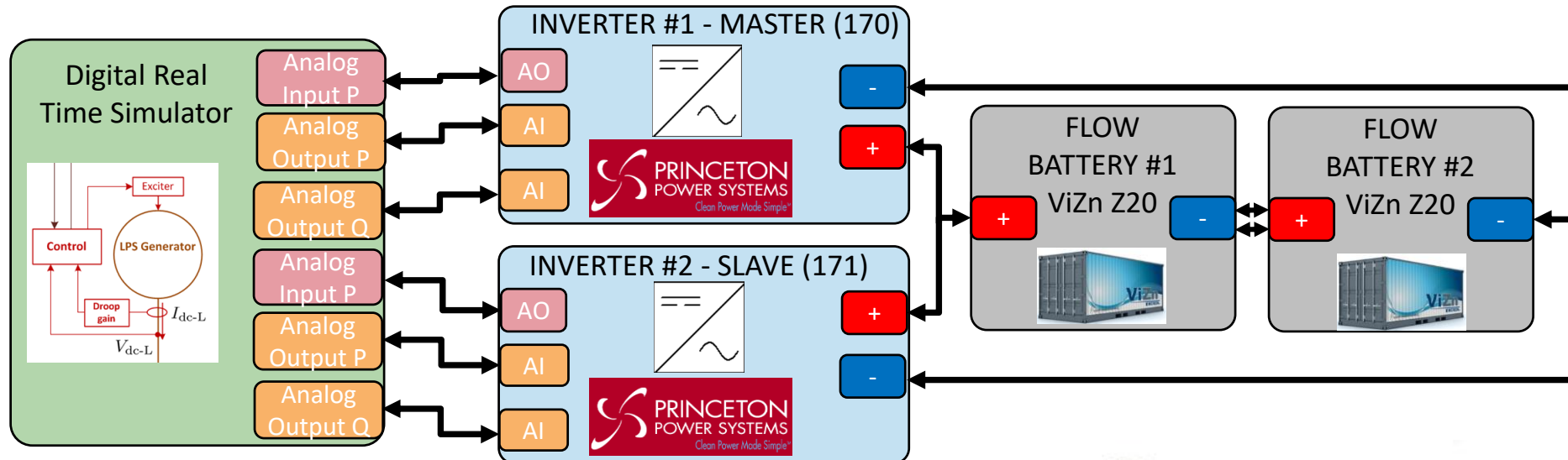
# Distributed Grid Assets – $H_2$ Refueling Stations / Electrolyzer in California



- PG&E territory stretches from Northern California to central California
- Several current and future locations of the hydrogen refueling stations are generated from earlier NREL studies
- PG&E infrastructure associated with these locations is studied
- Network synthesis and modeling in real-time simulator at INL, represents the PG&E infrastructure
- It spans major distribution and coupling transmission lines (from 69 kV to 138 kV) associated with the hydrogen refueling infrastructure
- Serves as a testbed for testing grid services and stability of connecting electrolyzers in utility systems

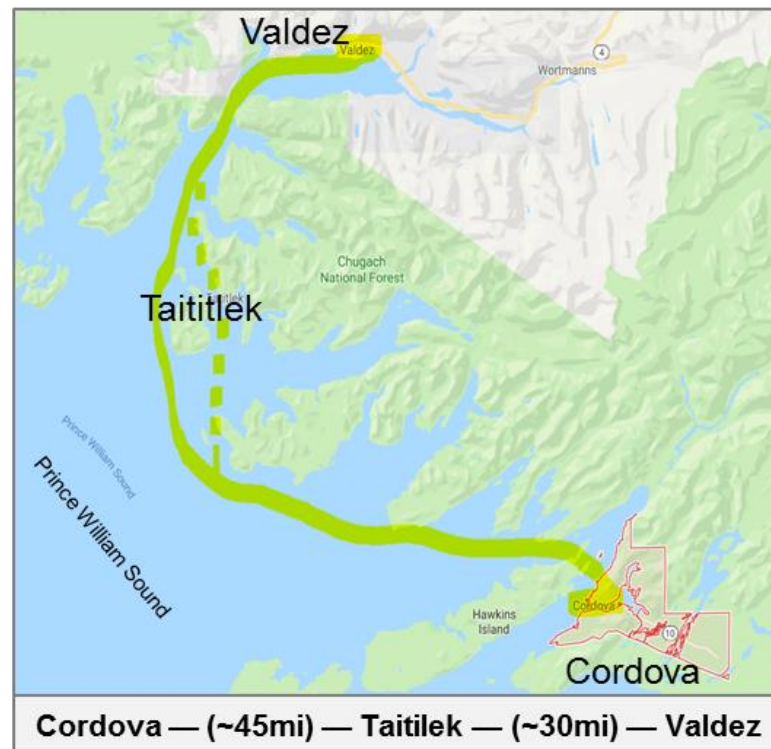
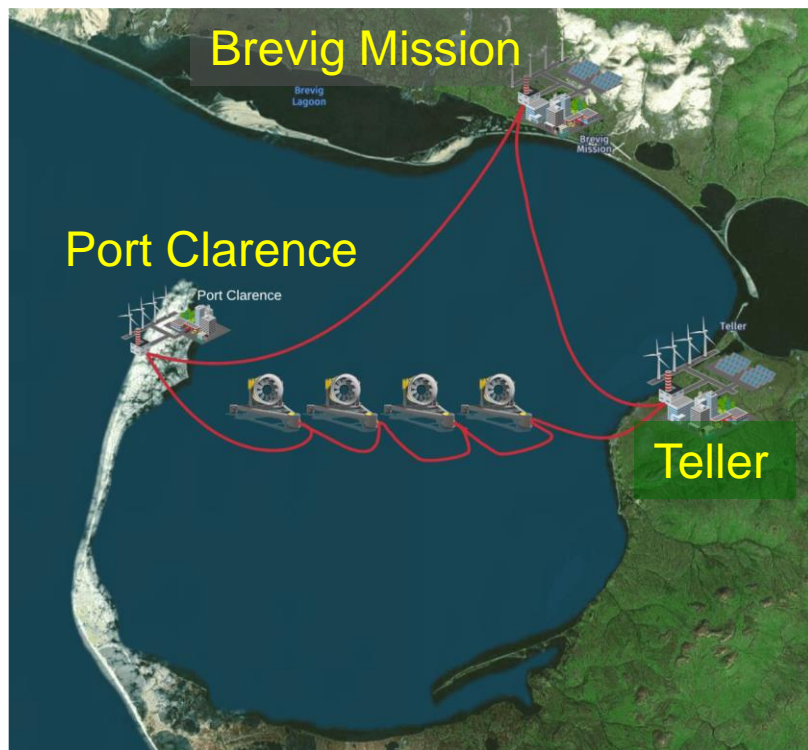


# Digital Real Time Testing for Flow Batteries



Maximum Power **64 kW**  
 Maximum Energy Storage Capacity **160 kWh**  
 Nominal Power **22 kW**

# ORCA – assessment of marine hydrOkinetic-based reliable and Resilient electrifiCation in Alaska



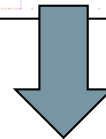
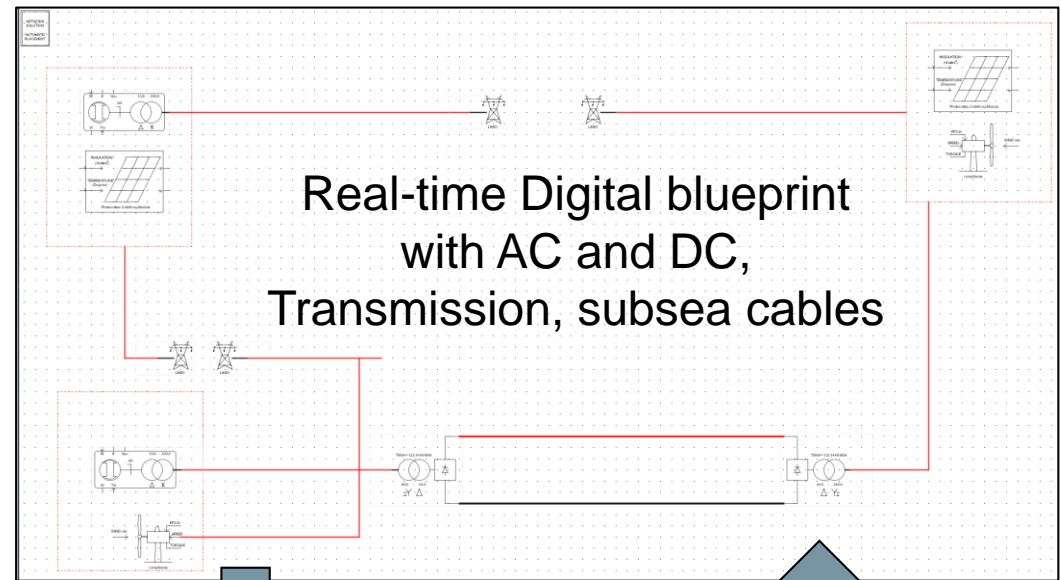
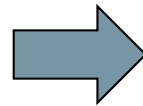
**ORCA Phase 1 – A high level schematic of assessing the feasibility of interconnecting rural grids in Western Alaska and Southeastern Alaska**

# Interconnection of Remote and Isolated Microgrids

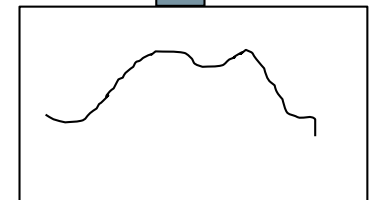
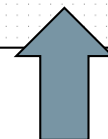
- Advanced AC and DC transmission and distribution technologies for interconnecting multiple remote and isolated microgrids



Actual power system data,  
profiles, topology, etc.

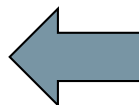


Hardware Controller



Actual Dynamic Profiles

Field  
Implementation





***Thank you***

***Questions?***

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