INL Grid Simulation and Scenario Planning Capabilities

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### INL Real Time Energy Systems Laboratory's Demonstration Complex and Test Bed

- Power and Energy Integration Test Environment
  - Real Time Emulation Test Bed hardware-in-the-loop capabilities for demonstrations and dynamic analysis
    - Power system devices
    - Integration with HES
    - Control and integration strategies
    - Coupling with energy storage







### Real-Time Hardware-In-the-Loop Modeling and Testing Environment



### The Energy Demonstration Test Bed

Idaho National Laboratory









### Integrated Grid Environment - Electrical Mechanical / Thermal Co-Simulation





### INL's Current Projects Related to Grid Simulation and Scenario Planning



### **Real Time Thermal Electrical Co-simulation**



RT co-simulation of electrical-thermal-mechanical systems with physics based models



#### Multi-time Scale of Energy Storage Devices





#### GMLC 1.3.9 – Smart Reconfiguration of Idaho Falls Power Distribution Network

 NS3-based communication layer is emulated for co-simulation of power systems and control/communication network between RT models and hardware devices



NS3 communication layer-based setup for RT HIL Testing



### CEC Microgrid Project – Blue Lake Rancheria, CA PG&E Grid

- Black Start with Diesel generator
- Automatic reconnect to grid when islanded with Diesel generator
- Transition to Islanded Operations with MGMS Unresponsive



Fig. 5 BLR Microgrid Setup and HIL Testing



### Dynamic Modeling and Validation of Electrolyzers in Real Time Grid Simulation





#### Frequency Support by Multiple Electrolyzers





### Variability of Renewable / Hydrogen Refueling Stations

- Renewable Energy sources such as wind and solar demonstrate high degree of time dependent variability i.e., seconds to minutes to days...
- Electrolyzers have an innate capability to respond in seconds to follow control set points
- How can electrolyzers offset the variability observed by the power?
  - Grids expected predictable and non-varying generation sources
  - Hydrogen demands per day for different years are used as a constraint







### 2018 Case with 7,200 FCEVs

- Objective: Offset time-dependent, aggregated variability of solar and wind power using electrolysis
- Total of 13 MW electrolyzer plant is used for this example
- 2018 test case projections from ARB on vehicle fuel use to generate 1,800 kg/day of hydrogen for 7,200 FCEVs
- Approximate fuel dispensed in Santa Clara, Sacramento, San Francisco, Marin, Contra Cost and Alameda county
- Total energy consumed to generate this hydrogen demand 90.28 MWh/day

**Total Wind and Solar Generation** 





### Wind, Solar, and Electrolysis

- Advanced control of a 13 MW electrolysis plant to offset variability of wind and solar power
- A fixed and predictable power injected into the grid from solar and wind plant due to coordinated operation with electrolyzers

Aggregate Feed into the Grid (2018)



Electrolyzer performance to produce 1800 kg/day



# INL's Capabilities Related to Related to Grid Simulation and Scenario Planning



#### Integrated Multi-time Scale Real-Time Simulation Test-bed





#### **Real-time Simulation with Communication Emulators**

With the integration of modern and legacy utility devices, it is imperative to co-simulate communication with power system devices





### Distributed Architecture for Simulation, Testing and Visualization using HIL



Communication network 1-10Gb/s

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### Scalable Hardware-In-the-Loop (HIL) Co-simulation



#### **Potential scenarios testing**

- Power System Issues
- Communication Issues
- Interoperability
- Data Latency

- Operations under
  - Harsh Environments
  - Degraded Conditions
- Survivability operations



**Real-time Connectivity with** 

### **Real-time Connectivity Across Organizations**

- RT-Super Lab for the Futuristic Grids
- Collaboration with Academia, Research Labs, Utilities



# Multi-Lab Co-simulation and (P)HIL- Grid Testing





## Thank You & Questions

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