

Scalable Smart Grid- Edge Controller

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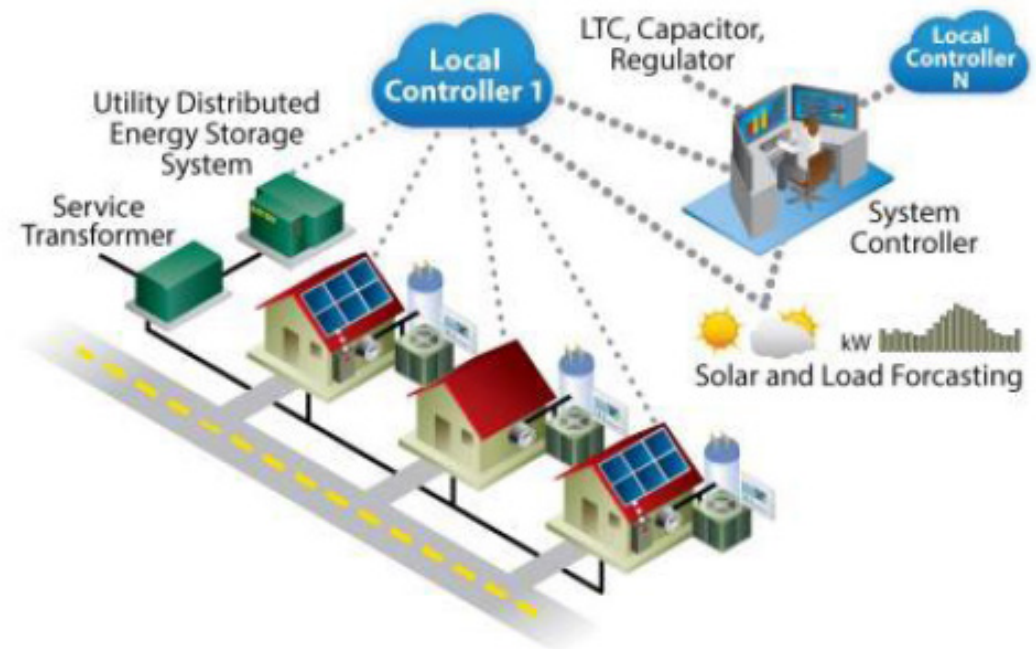
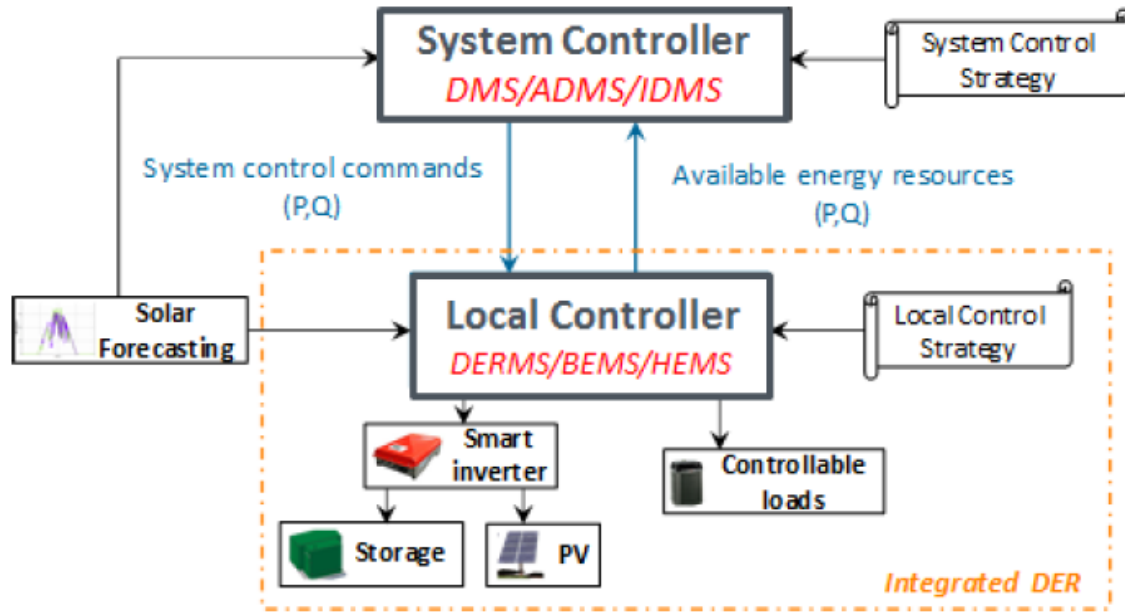
Goal of the System

- Provide Value to the Customer
 - Integrate into Intwine's "Triple-Play Service" (Cellular ISP, Voice, IoT monitoring)
 - Reduce customer's energy bill:
 - Peak demand reduction
 - Time-shifting of energy consumption (if time-of-use prices)
 - Facilitate integration of DER
 - Solar integration (with net metering or feed-in tariffs)
 - Battery Energy Storage (to increase amount of load shaping)

Goal of the System

- Provide Value to the Utility/Aggregator
 - Increase hosting capacity of Solar
 - Prevent reverse flow of power during peak-solar
 - Flatten the load-curve to reduce ramping requirements in evening
 - Single aggregation point to reduce complexity for managing DER
 - Enable power import/export constraints
 - Demand Response platform

System Architecture

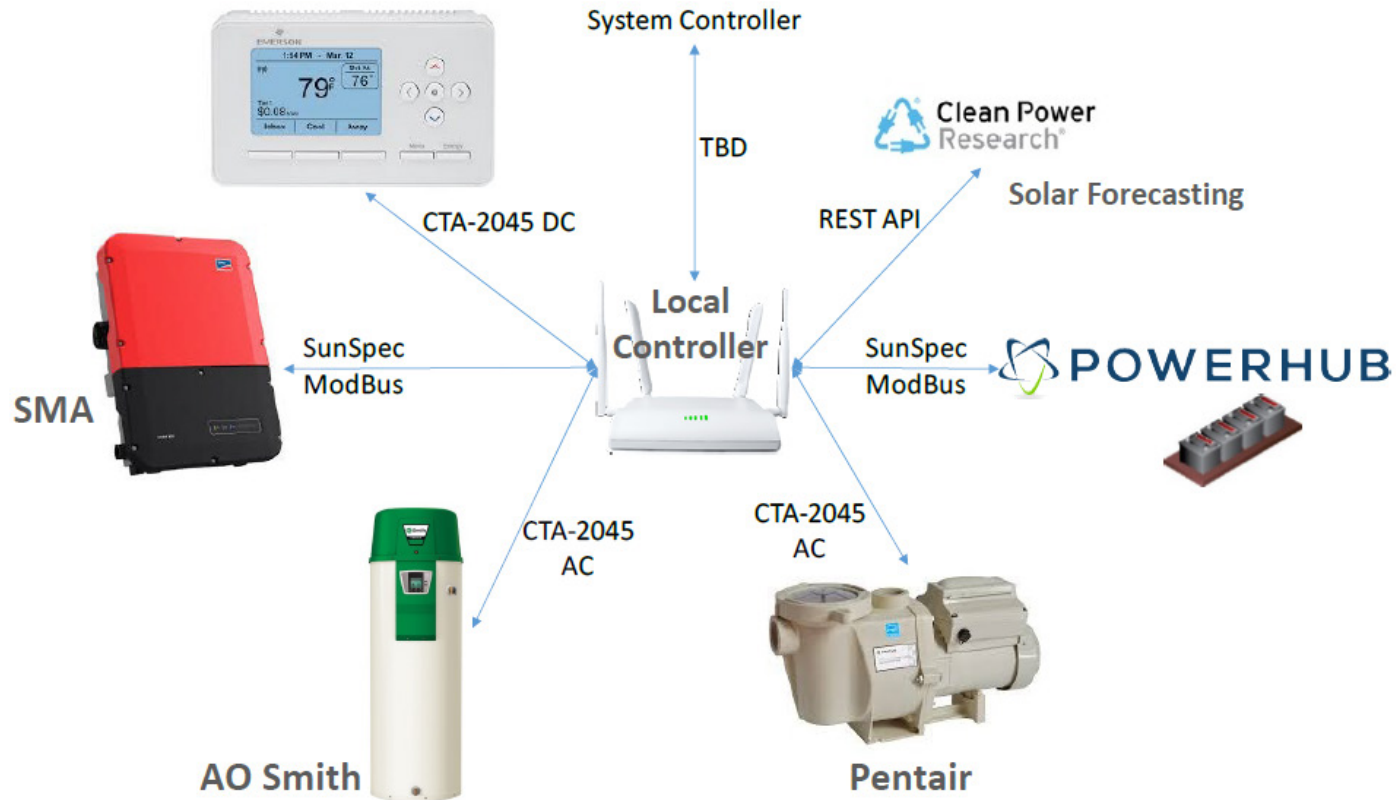


Demonstration Site 1



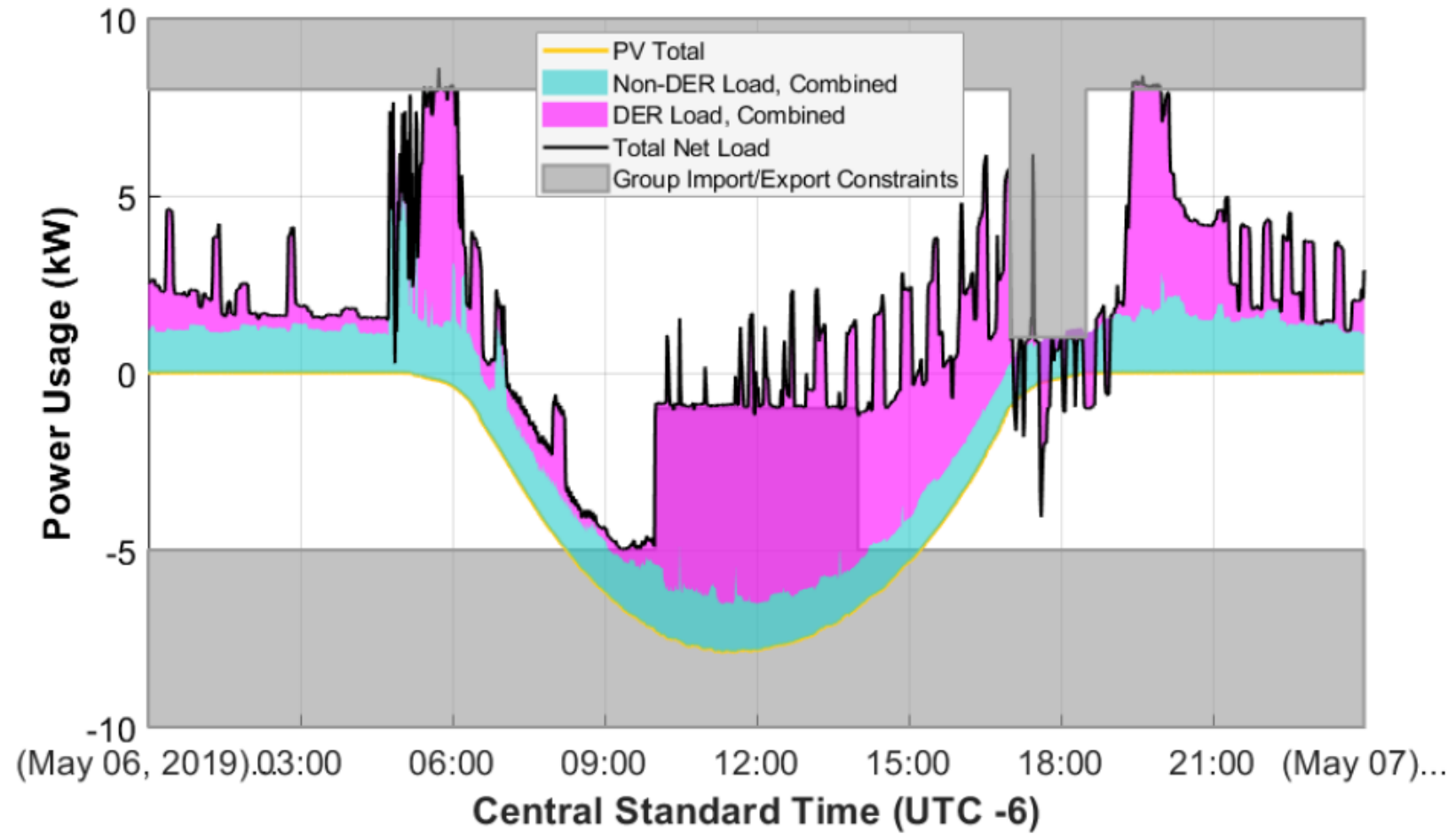
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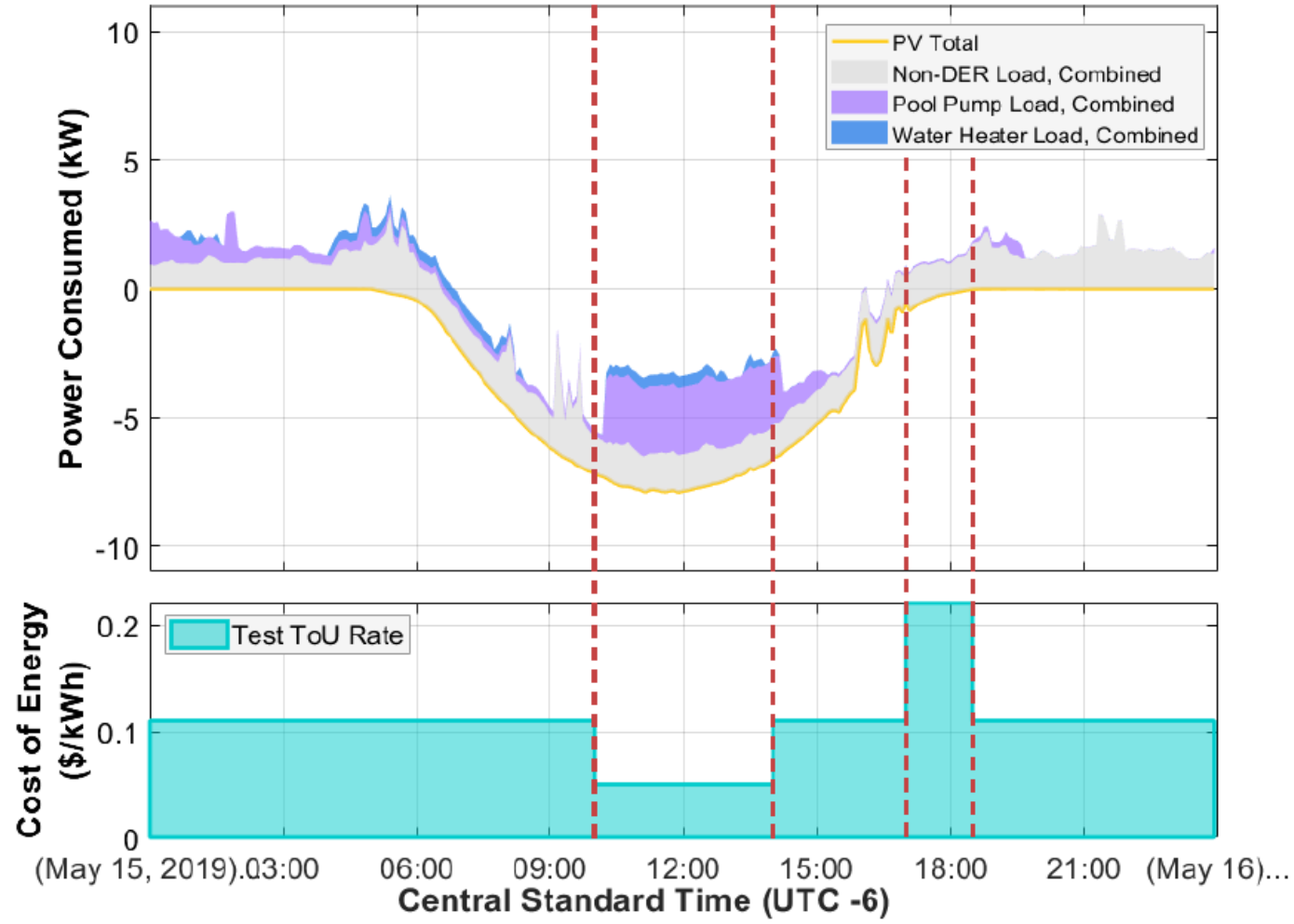


Field Test Results

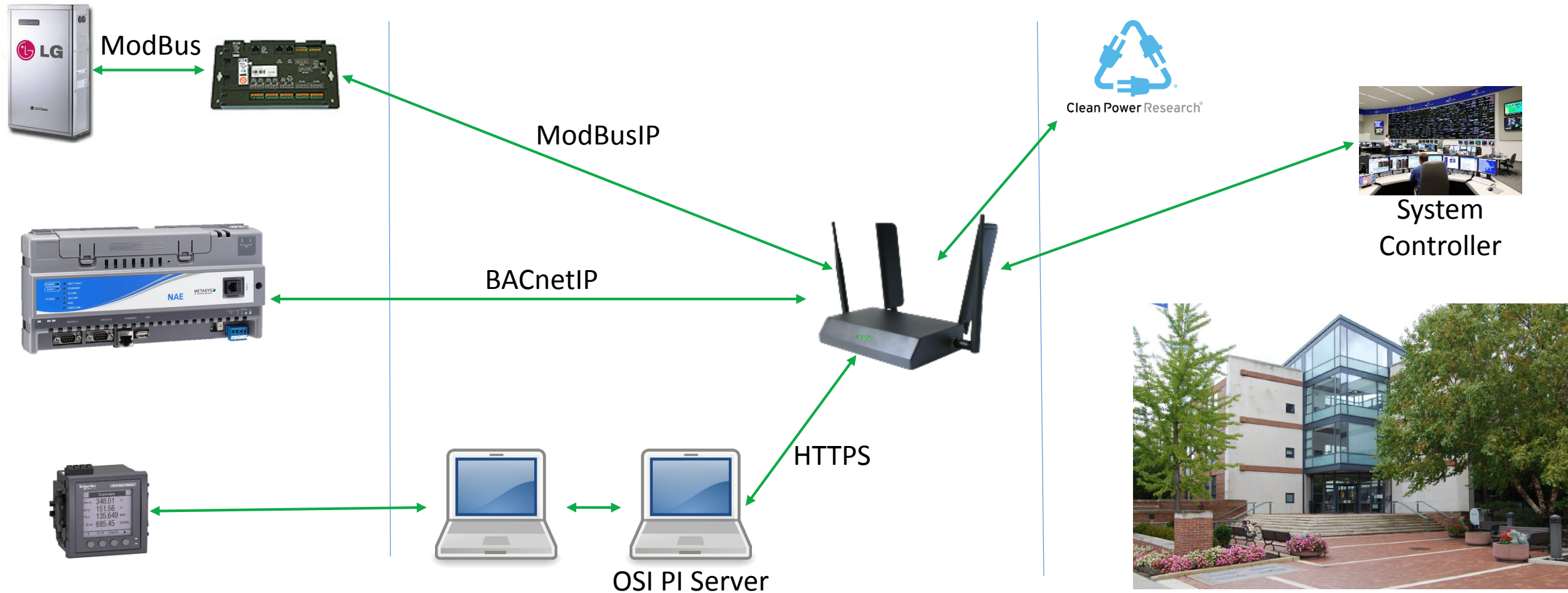
Measured field
data from May
6th, 2019



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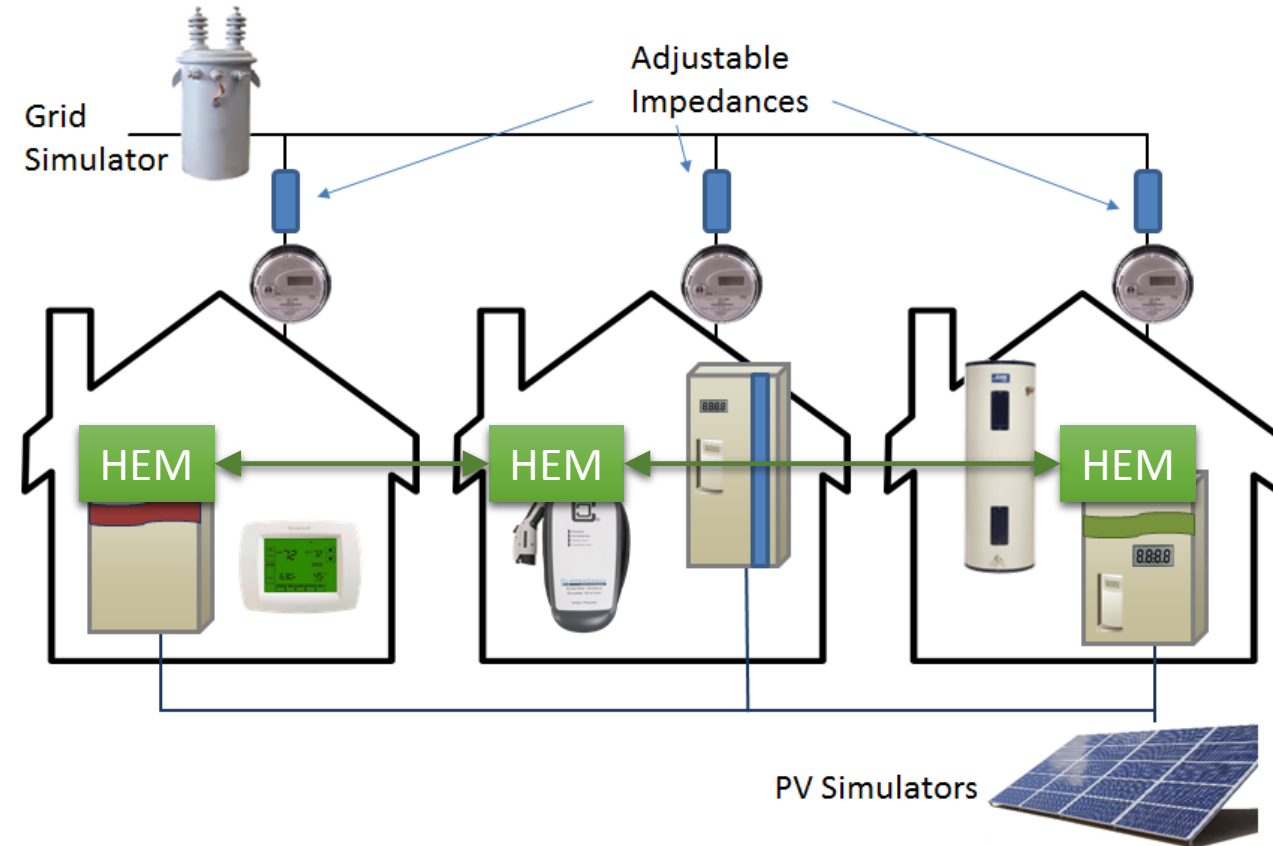


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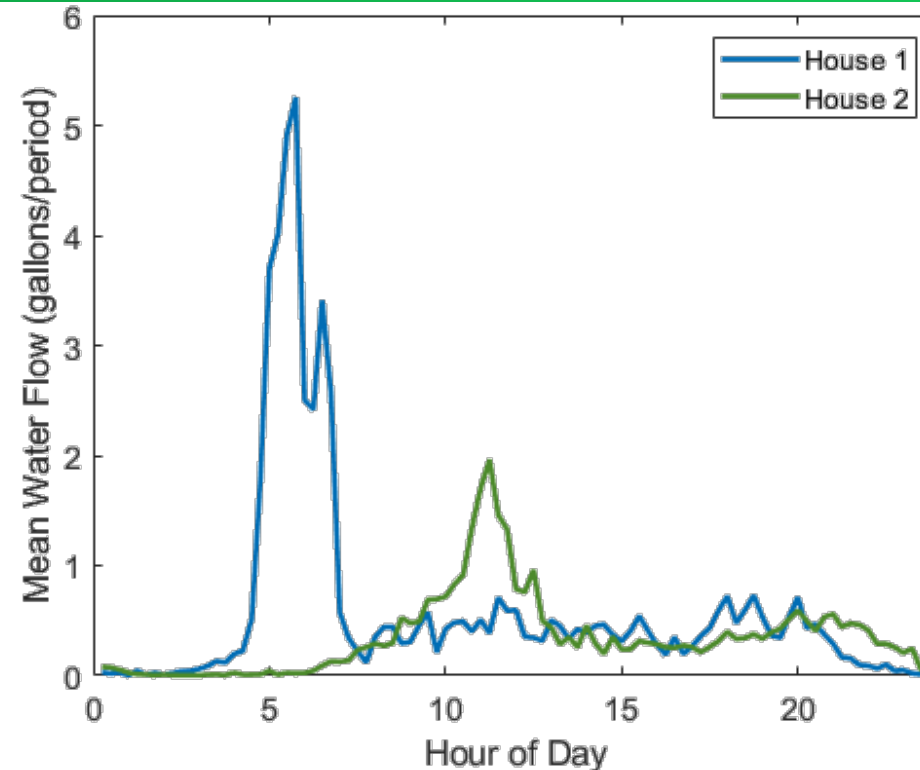
Neighborhood Coordination

- Not every building is equivalent
- Resources can be 'shared'
- Further improves PV hosting capacity
- Enables decentralized "campus" level optimization



Next Steps

- Challenges:
 - Diversity of loads/equipment
 - Diversity of customer behavior



- Looking for partners for 100 home/building pilot
- Starting projects with universities to explore campus-level approach

Intwine Connected Gateway



- Linux based system
- Processor: Sitara ARM, 800MHz
- Memory: 512MB RAM, 4GB flash, MicroSD card slot
- Radios: WiFi b/g/n, ZigBee HA1.2, Bluetooth (4.2 and 2.0), LTE Cellular
- Physical: Ethernet (10/100/1000), USB
- Expansion Module: RS485, RS232, XBee, 2nd Ethernet, etc
- Open-Sourced operating system and application layer
- Rugged industrial version also available
- Certified for use in US, Canada & Mexico on all major cellular carriers
- CatM1/NB-IoT certification pending!

