



# **Meter-Based-Controller: Development and Deployment of Distributed grid-edge control for Behind the Meter (BTM) DERs using Advanced Metering Infrastructure**

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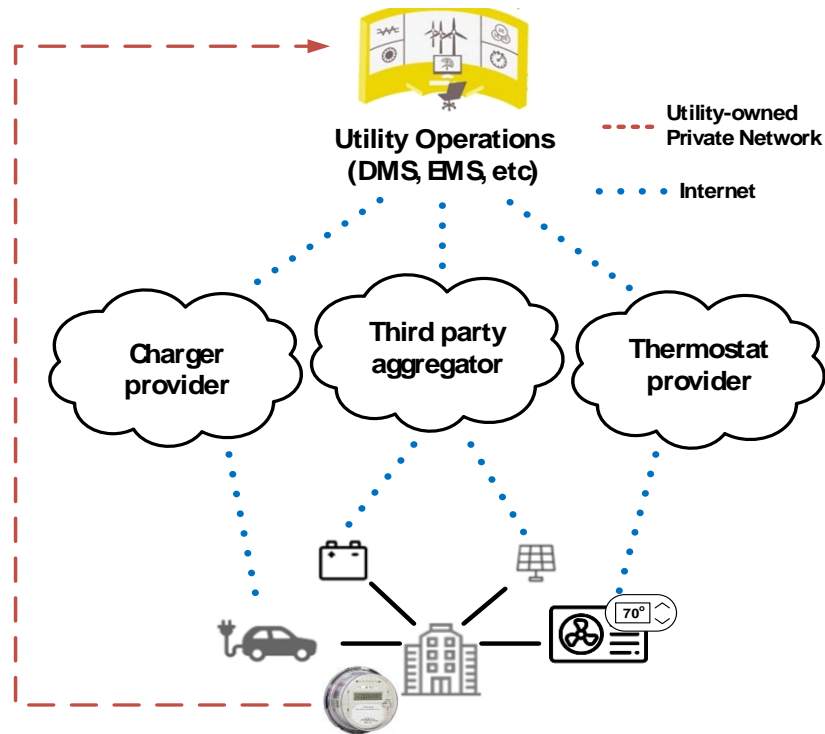
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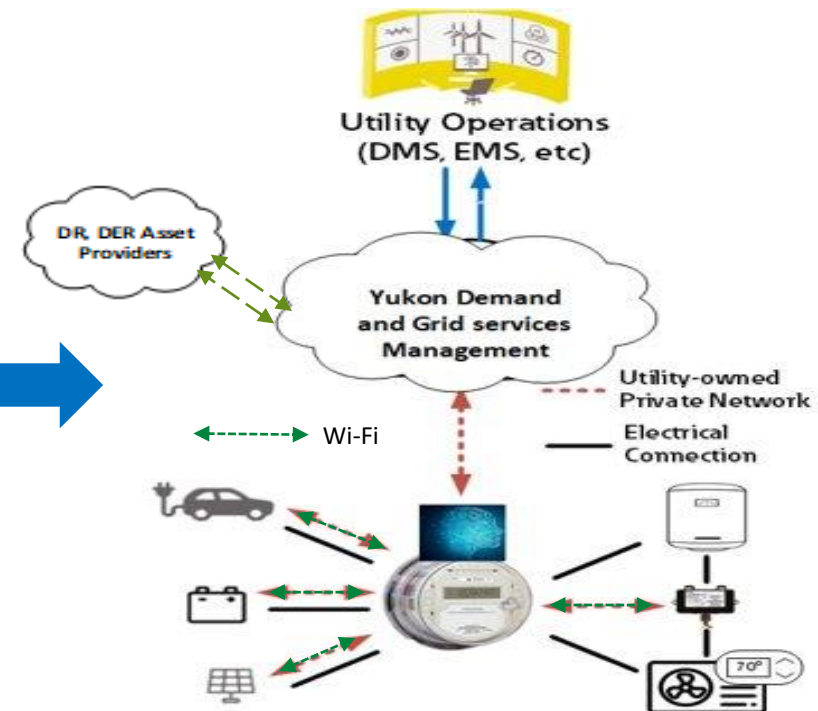
# Evolution of Control Solutions for BTM DERs

## Current Solution



- Uni-directional data transfer for monitoring
- Access residential devices thru public access points for individual appliances and DERs
- No control on residential devices

## Proposed solution



- Bidirectional data exchange between Central- and premise Meter-controller
- Single layer for observability and controllability
- Meter-controller via local and cloud connectivity access is the focus of premise-customized control

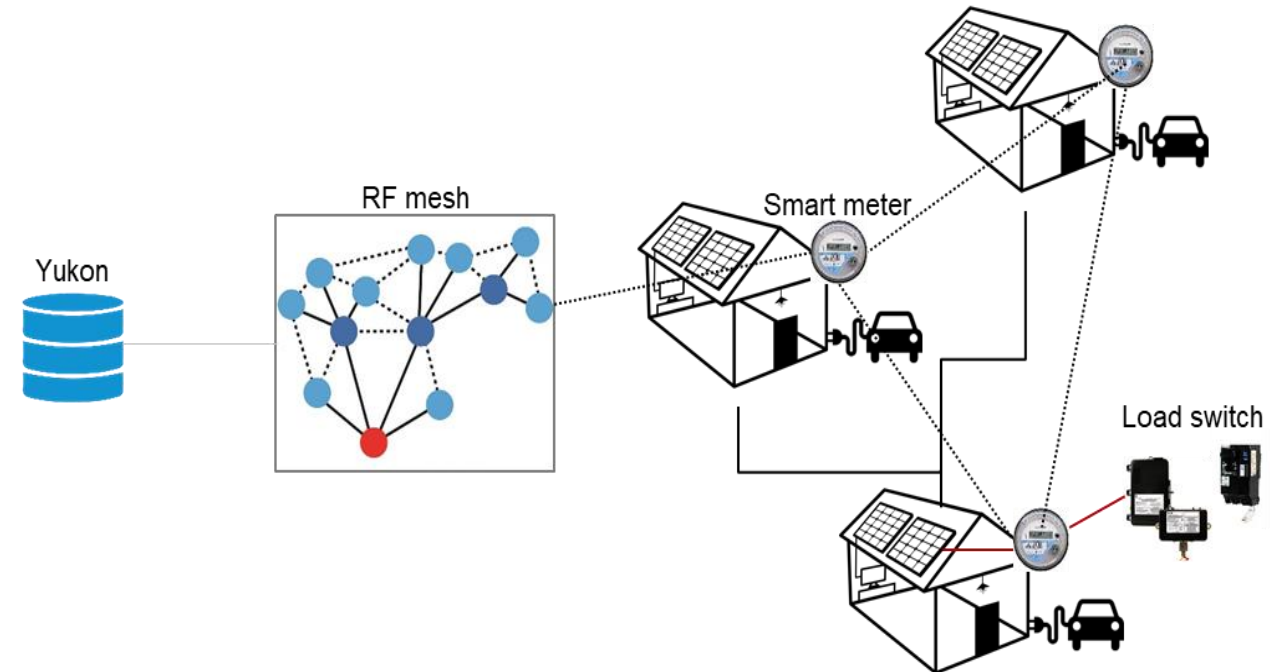
# Advanced DER Control for Grid Management

## Objective

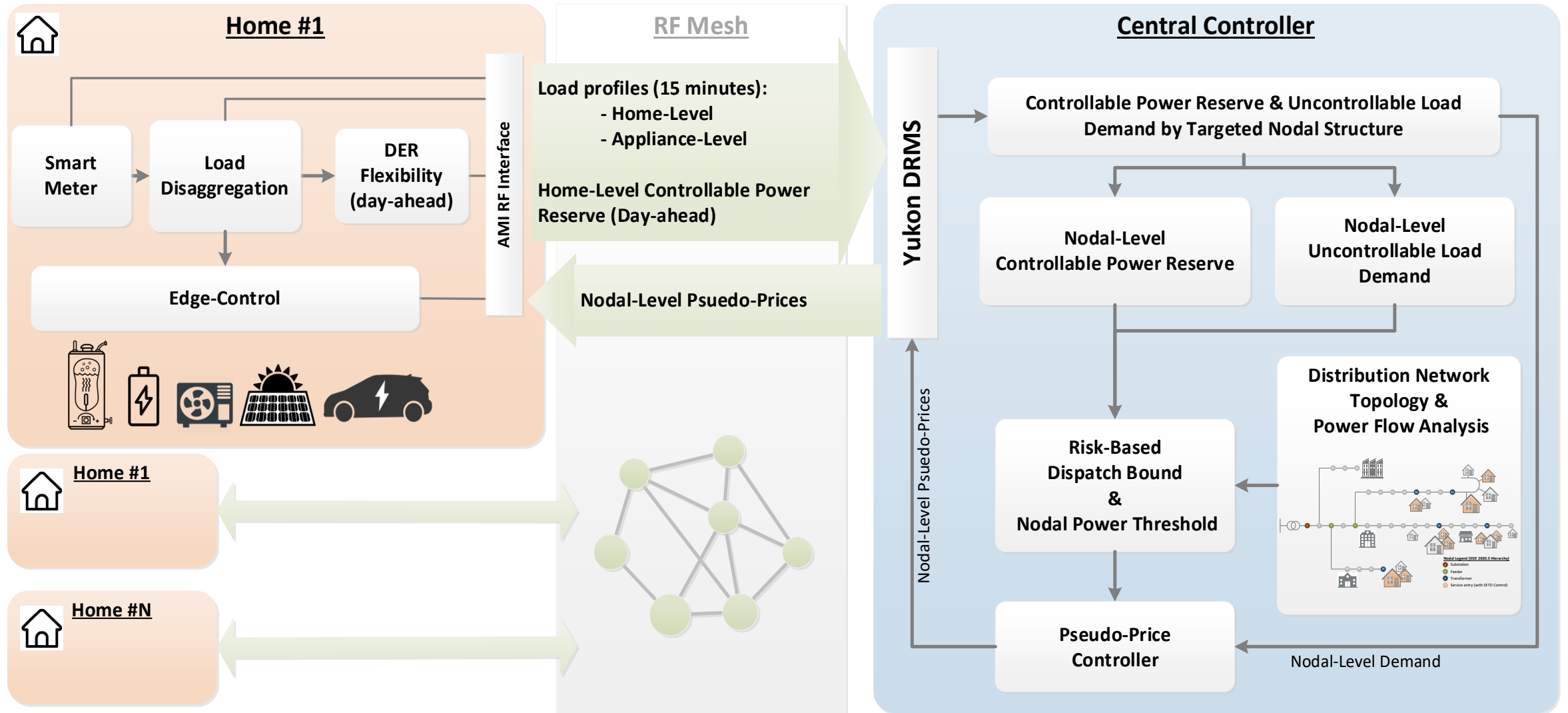
- Develop and field-validate a first-of-its-kind TRL 6 control technology

## Problem Statement

- How to manage a more dynamic, decentralized and bi-directional grid driven by increasing penetration of behind-the-meter (BTM) DERs?
- How to provide assured delivery of grid services from solar and synergistic DERs to improve grid reliability and encourage further solar adoption?
- How to improve observability and controllability of BTM DERs for utility operators by leveraging existing and evolving AMI infrastructure?



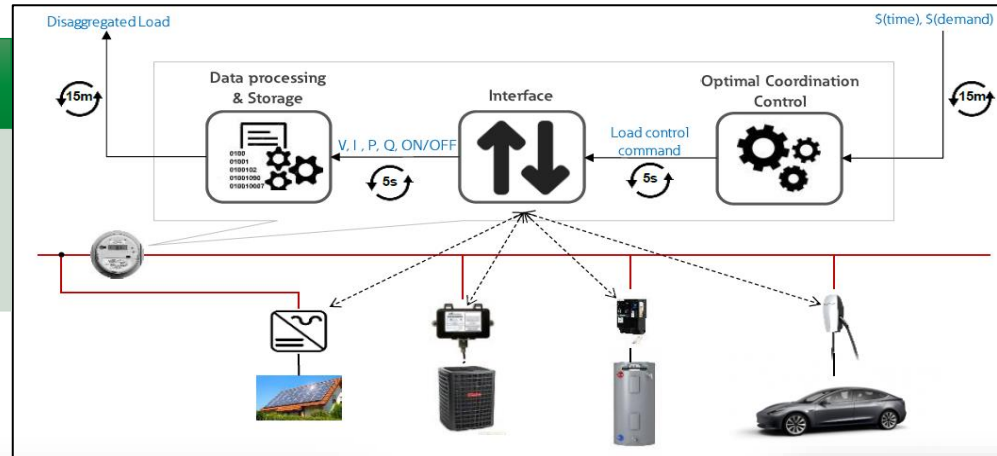
# Edge and Central Controller Interaction



# Meter-Based-Edge Control

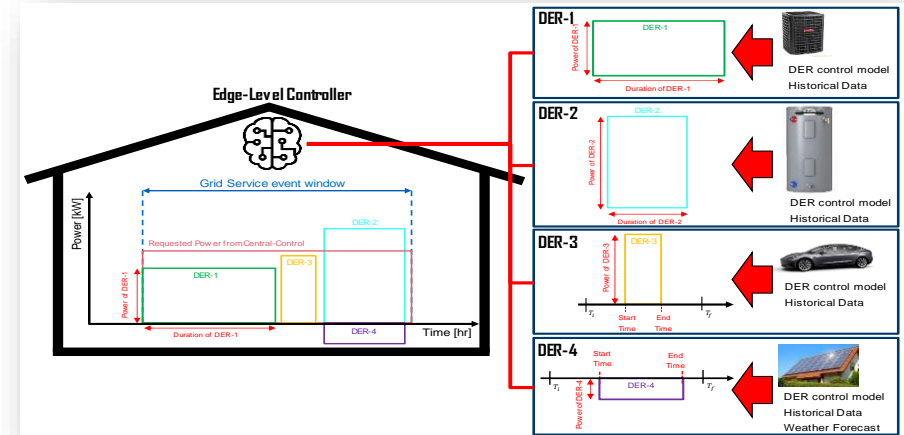
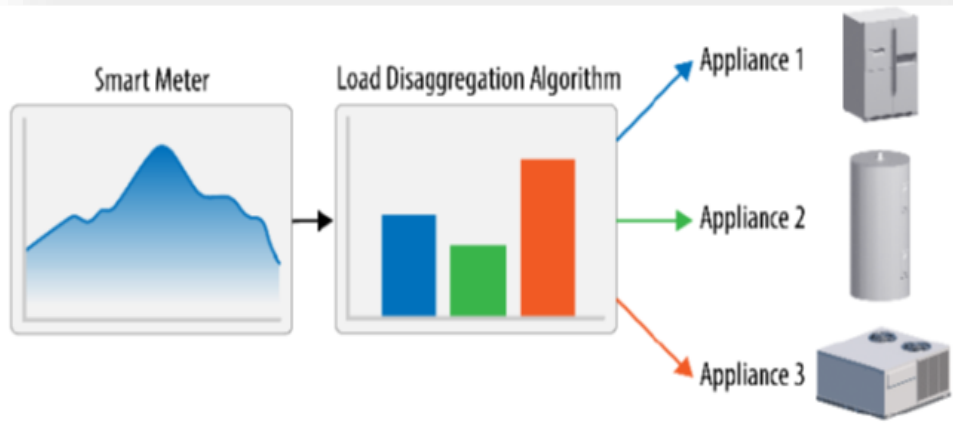
## Load Disaggregation

- Site/edge-level estimation of power/energy data for individual load components in the absence of dedicated sensors



## Edge Optimal Control

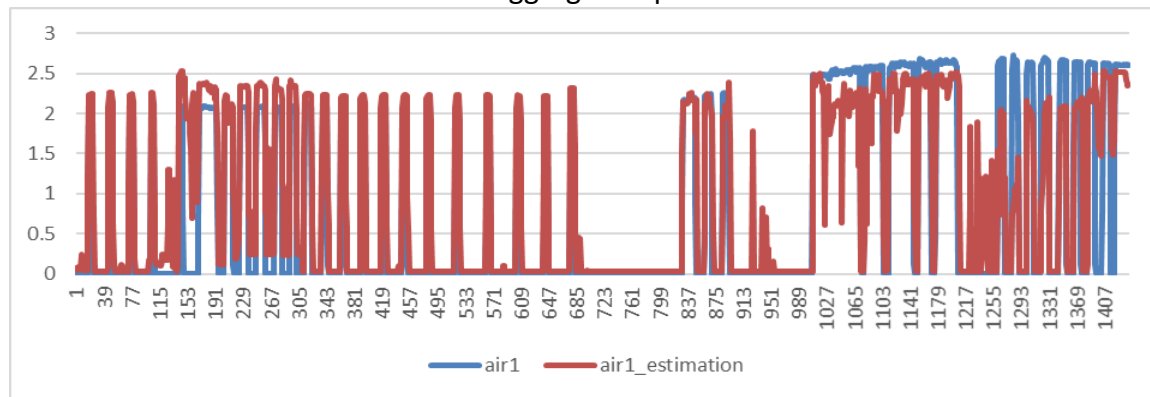
- Receives central control command and finds out the optimal control of DERs and flexible loads





# Testing in the HW

AC load disaggregation plot



Error Analysis

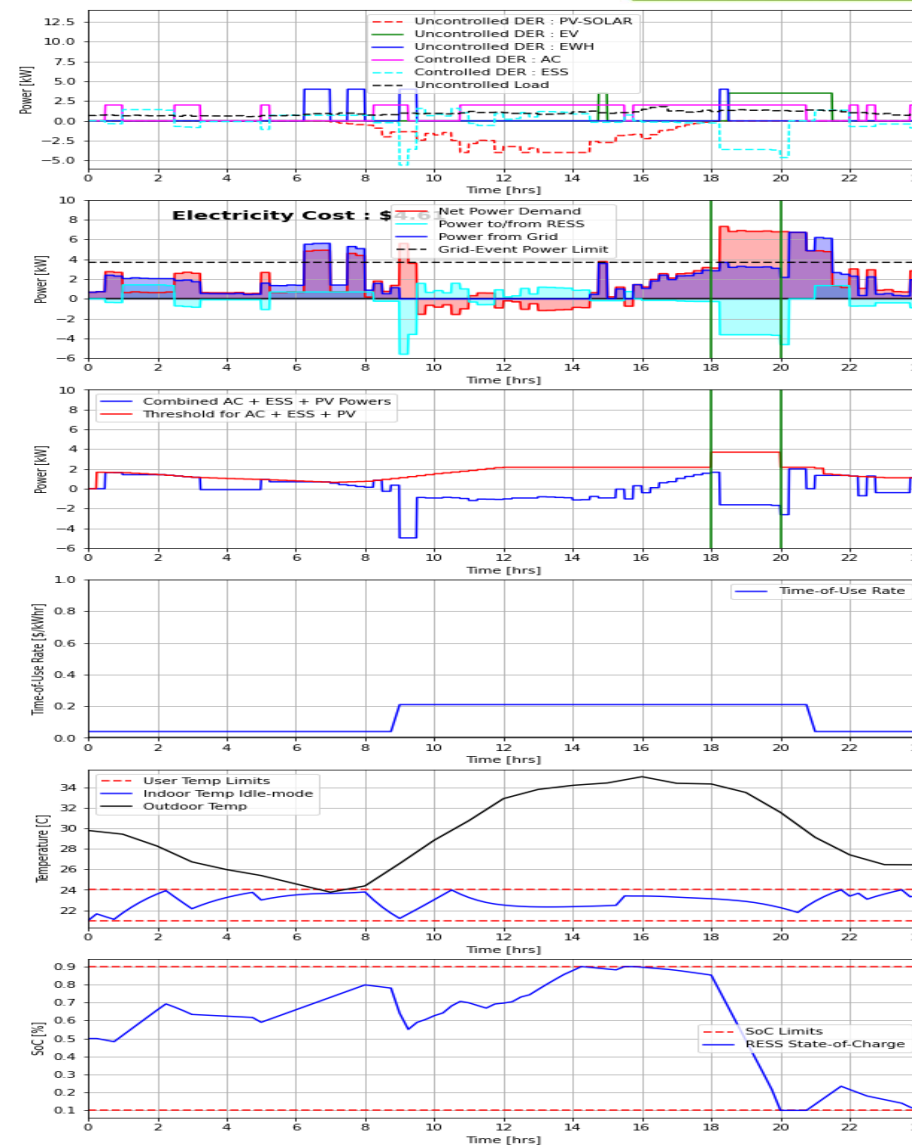
Error Matrix	AC	EV	PV
MAE	0.32	0.23	0.42
MAPE (%)	10.94	6.81	9.72

Edge-level controller execution time

Optimization Process	Time (s)
DERs Flex Bound	93.9
DERs Schedule	3246.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>3340.3</b>

Optimization time can be decreased based on applications:

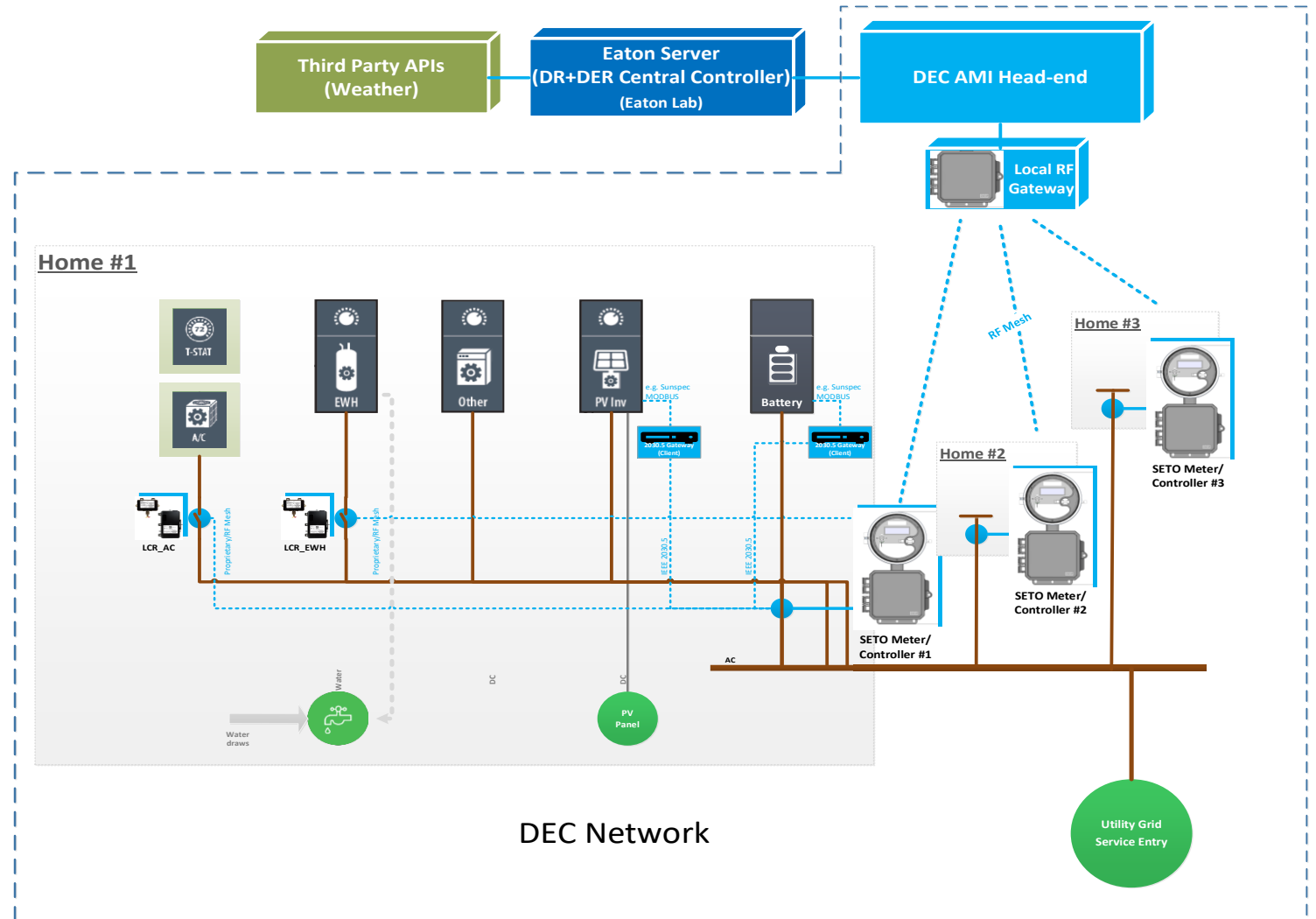
- Utilize (faster) commercial solver
- Reduce optimization time-window





# Lab and Field Demo

- Up to 25 homes will participate in the field demo
- Participants will have at least one DER (controllable/uncontrollable) and one controllable load (e.g., HVAC, Electric Water Heater)
- Homes will be connected thru local RF Gateway Network and DEC AMI System to Eaton-hosted DR-DER Central controller
- Demonstration will be held during a predefined grid service event and coincidental peak can also be considered
- Prior to field demo, a validation testbed is being conducted at NREL



# Use Cases and Evaluation Criteria

## Base Case

No Control

Flat Rate

## Edge Control

Manage the premise devices without the coordination with Central

Supports economic operations at any time except grid service events

Flat rate or TOU

## Edge + Central Control

Coordinated control between central and Edge Controller

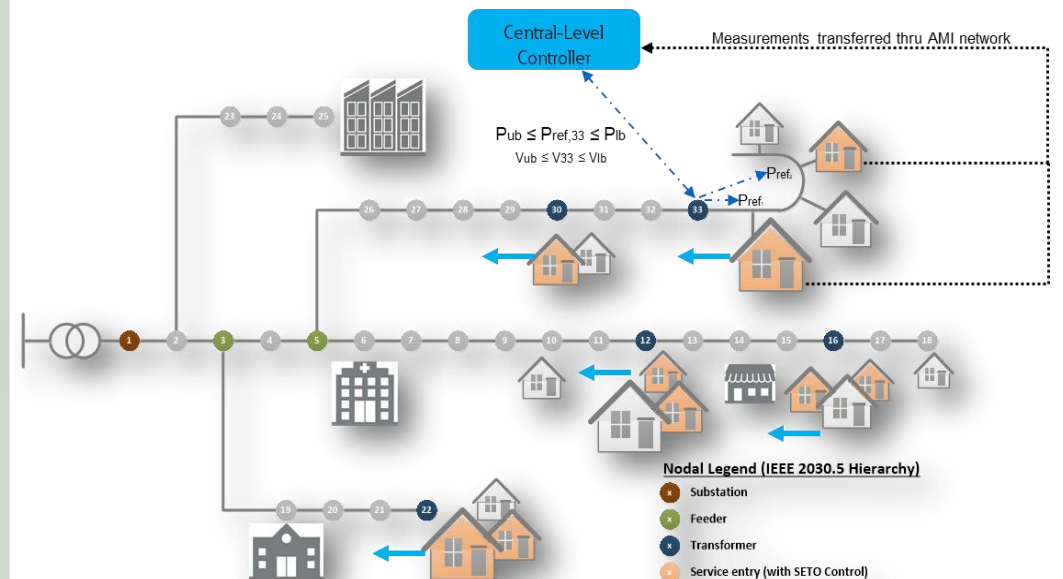
Supports grid service events such as, peak load reduction

Day-ahead peak prediction

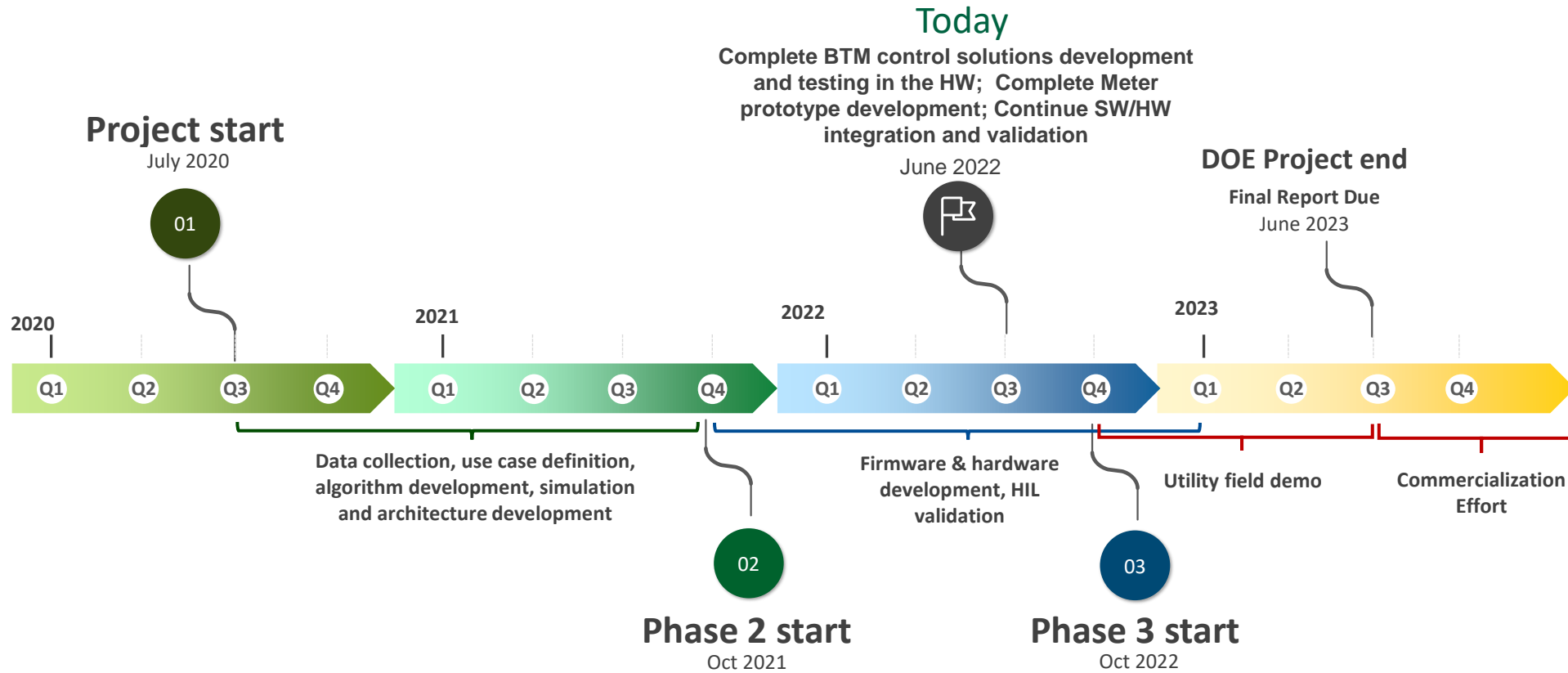
4h-ahead peak prediction (PJM CP)

Flat rate or TOU

- Edge level SETO controller will be evaluated based on the reduction in customer energy usage and bill compared to base case
- Central controller will be evaluated based on satisfying the reference power set point threshold, nodal voltage bounds, and estimated load control savings for coincidental peak reduction
- Maintain QoS at the customer premise



# Accomplishments and Next Steps



# Thank You



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