



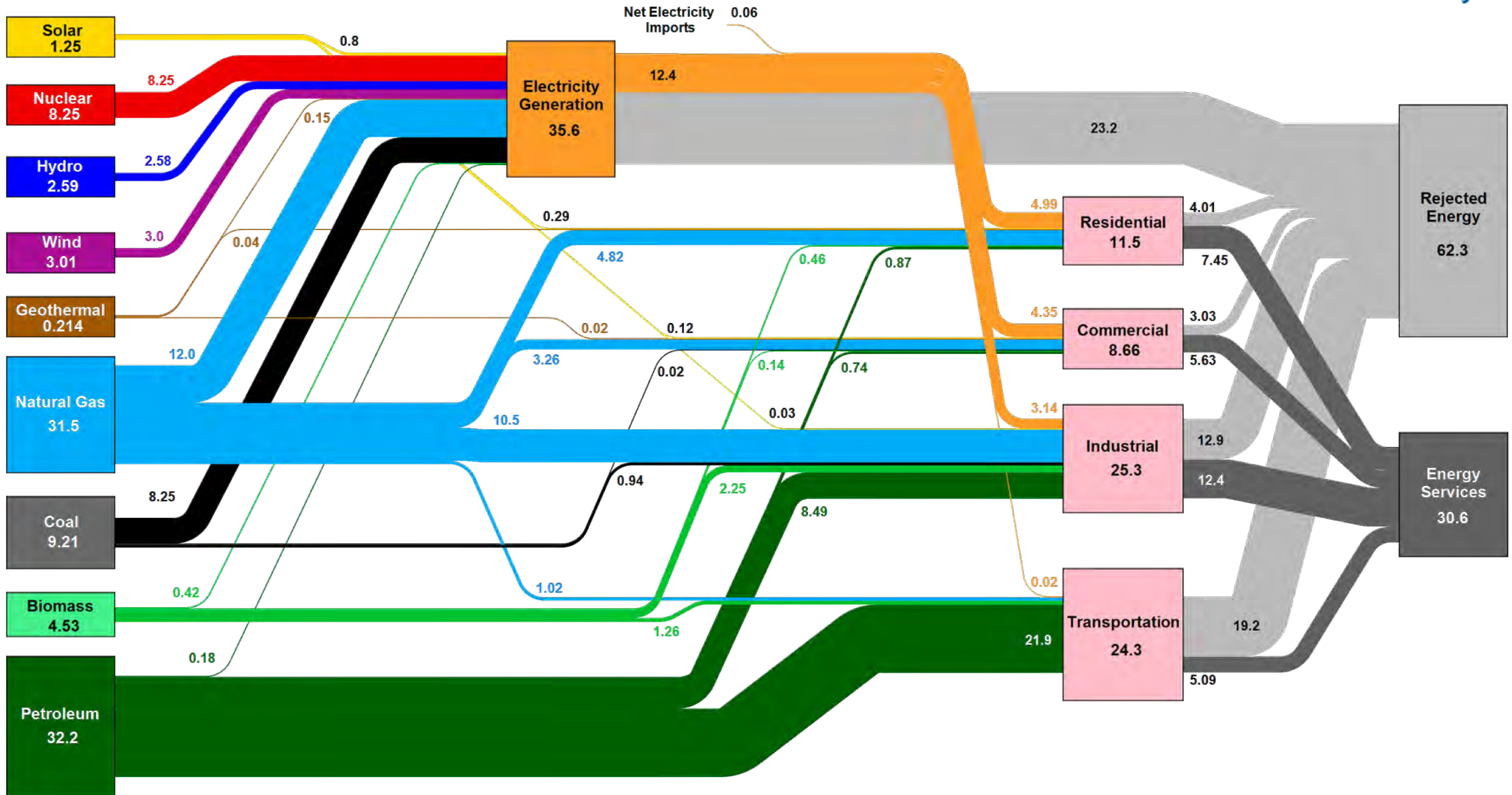
# Optimizing Innovative Energy Systems of the Future

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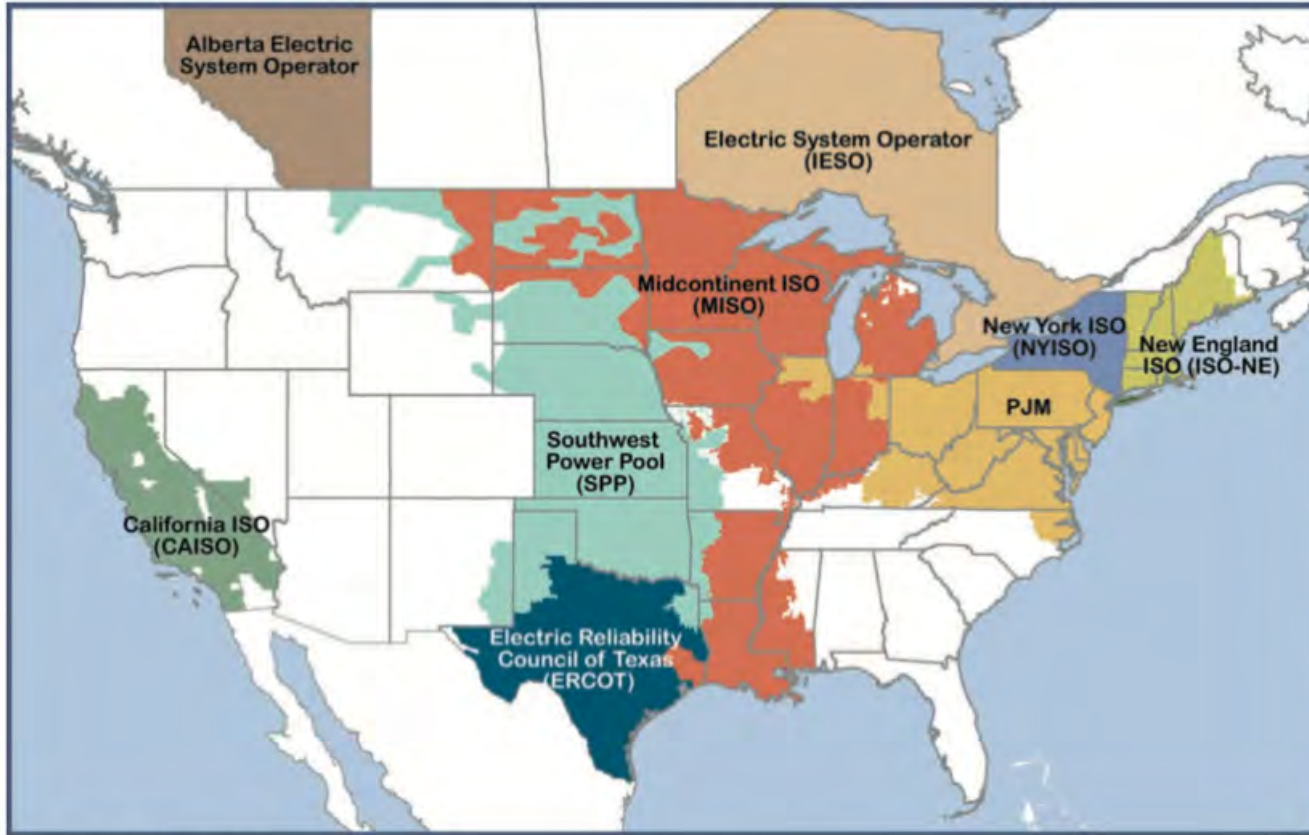
# Estimated U.S. Energy Consumption in 2020: 92.9 Quads



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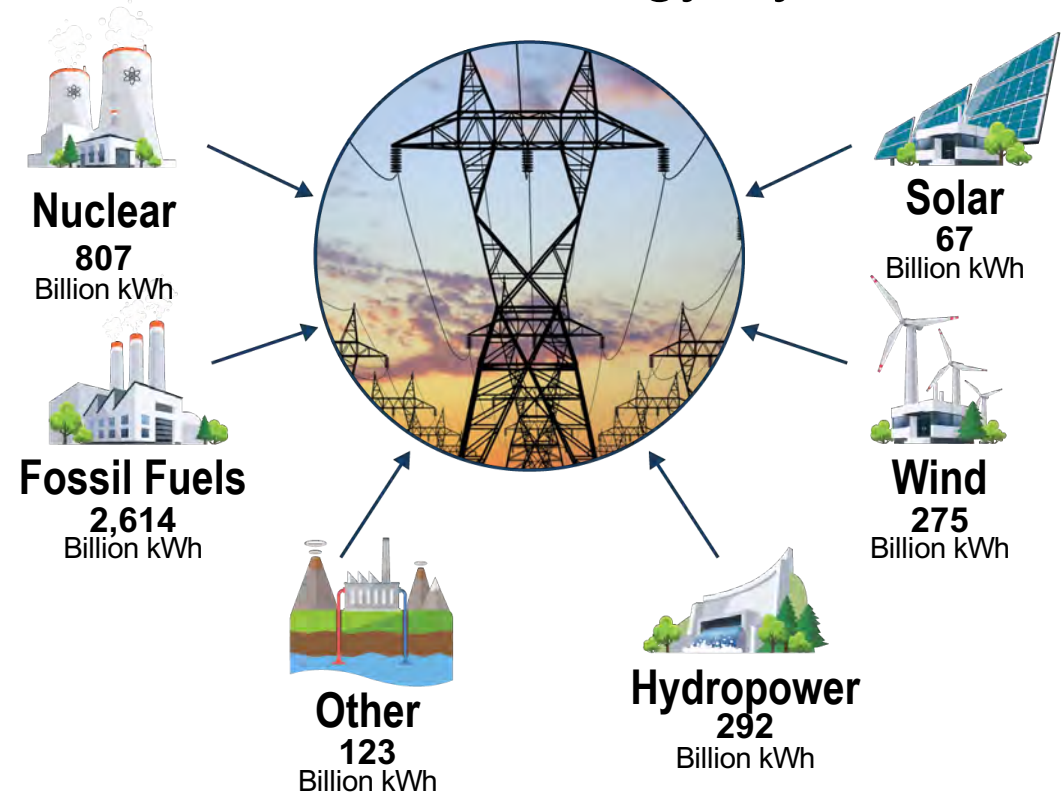
# An Evolving Energy Ecosystem

North American Independent System Operators and Regional Transmission Organizations



Source: Velocity Suite, ABB

## Coordinated Energy System

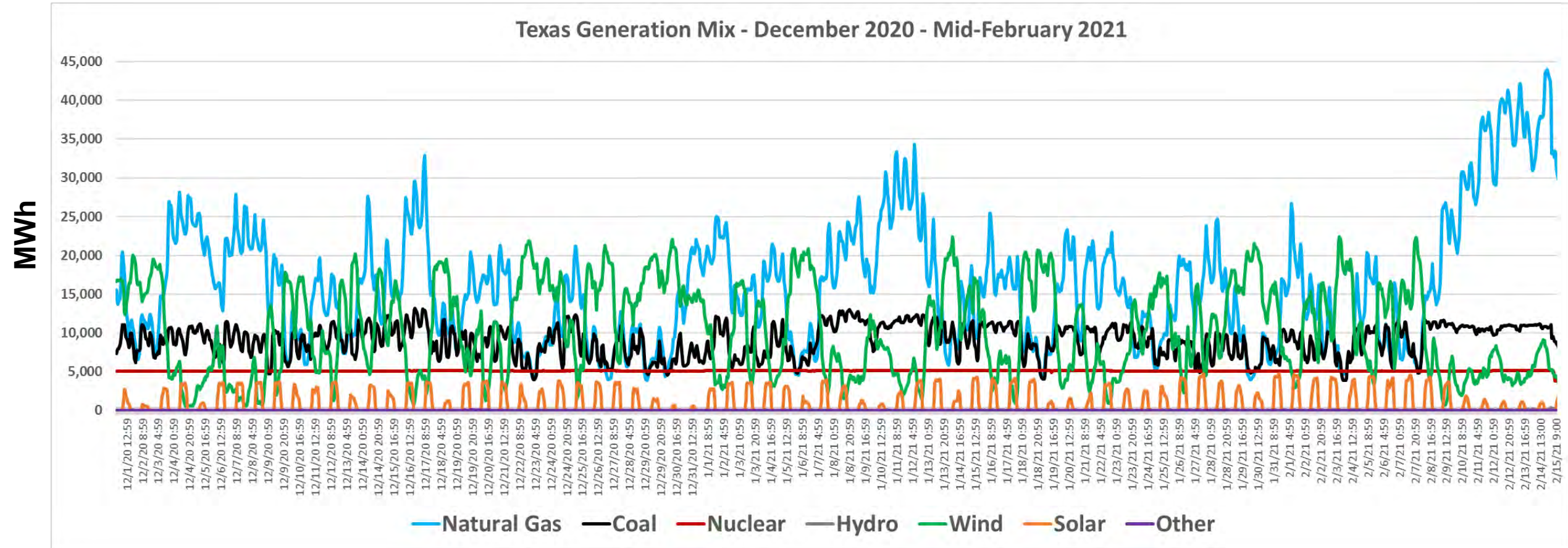


**Total: 4,178 Billion kilowatt-hours (kWh)**

Data source: EIA, 2018

# Variability in Electricity Production Requires Flexibility

Texas Generation Mix - December 2020 - Mid-February 2021



# Expanding U.S. Industry & Chemicals Production

Shell Cracker Nears 'Peak Construction'



# Process Intensification & Modularization

- **Intensification** smaller, cleaner, and more energy-efficient technology
  - Reactive distillation
  - Dividing wall columns
  - Rotating packed bed
  - Microreactors
- **Modular design**
  - “Numbering up” instead of scaling up
  - Reduced investment risk
  - Improved time to market
  - Increased flexibility
  - Improved safety
  - Reduced on-site construction

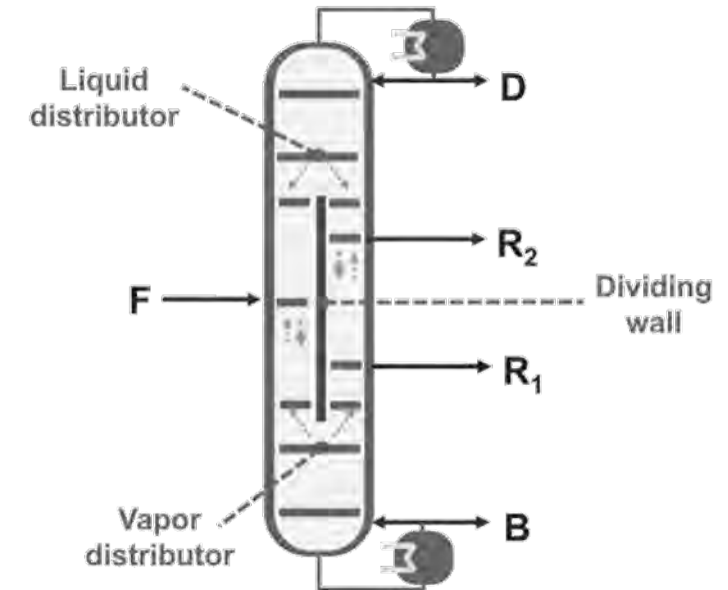
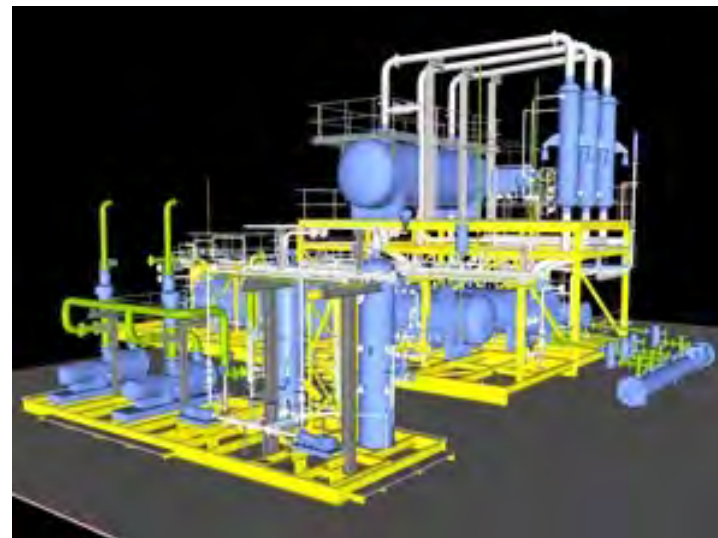
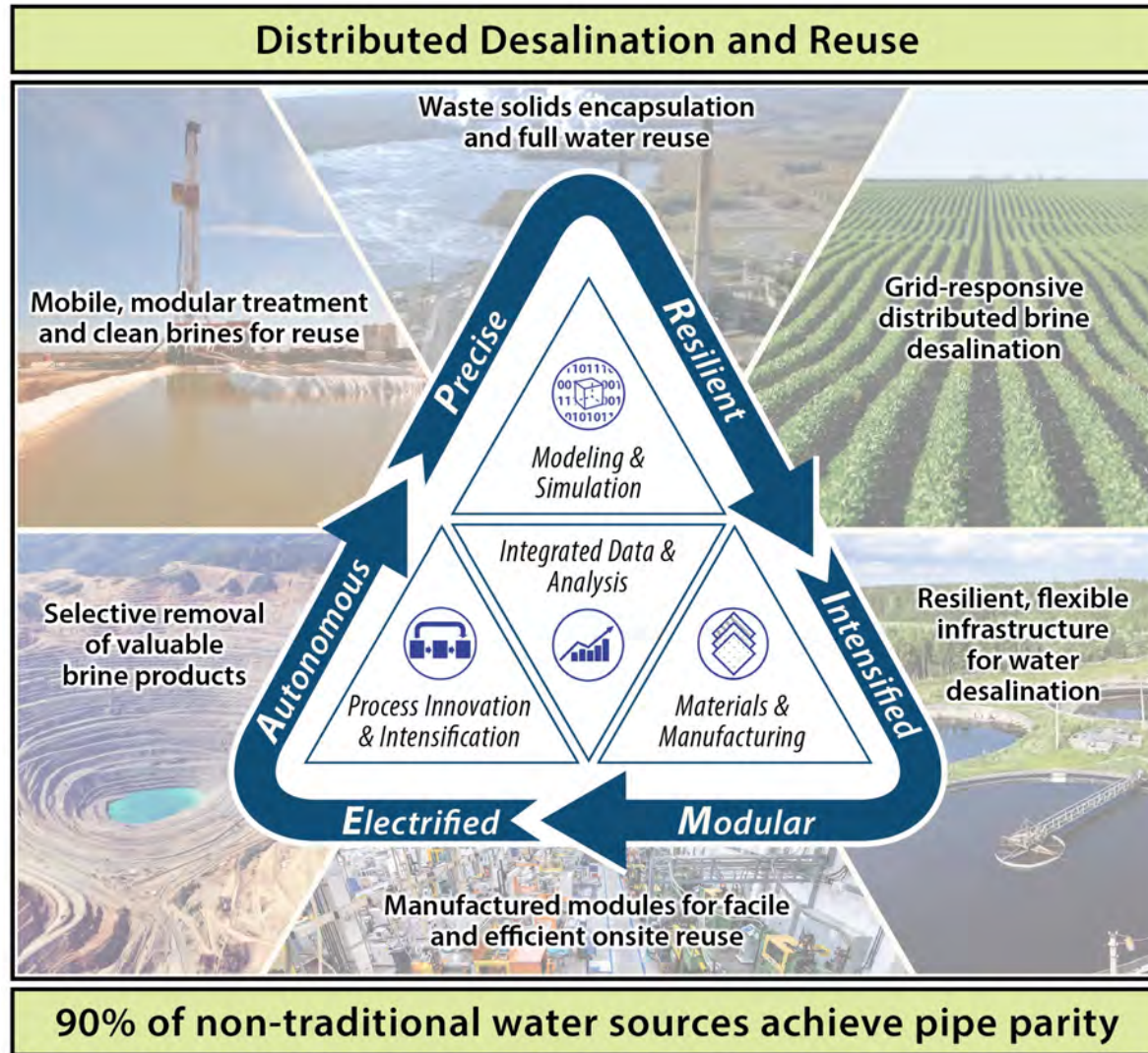


Figure from Rawlings et al., 2019



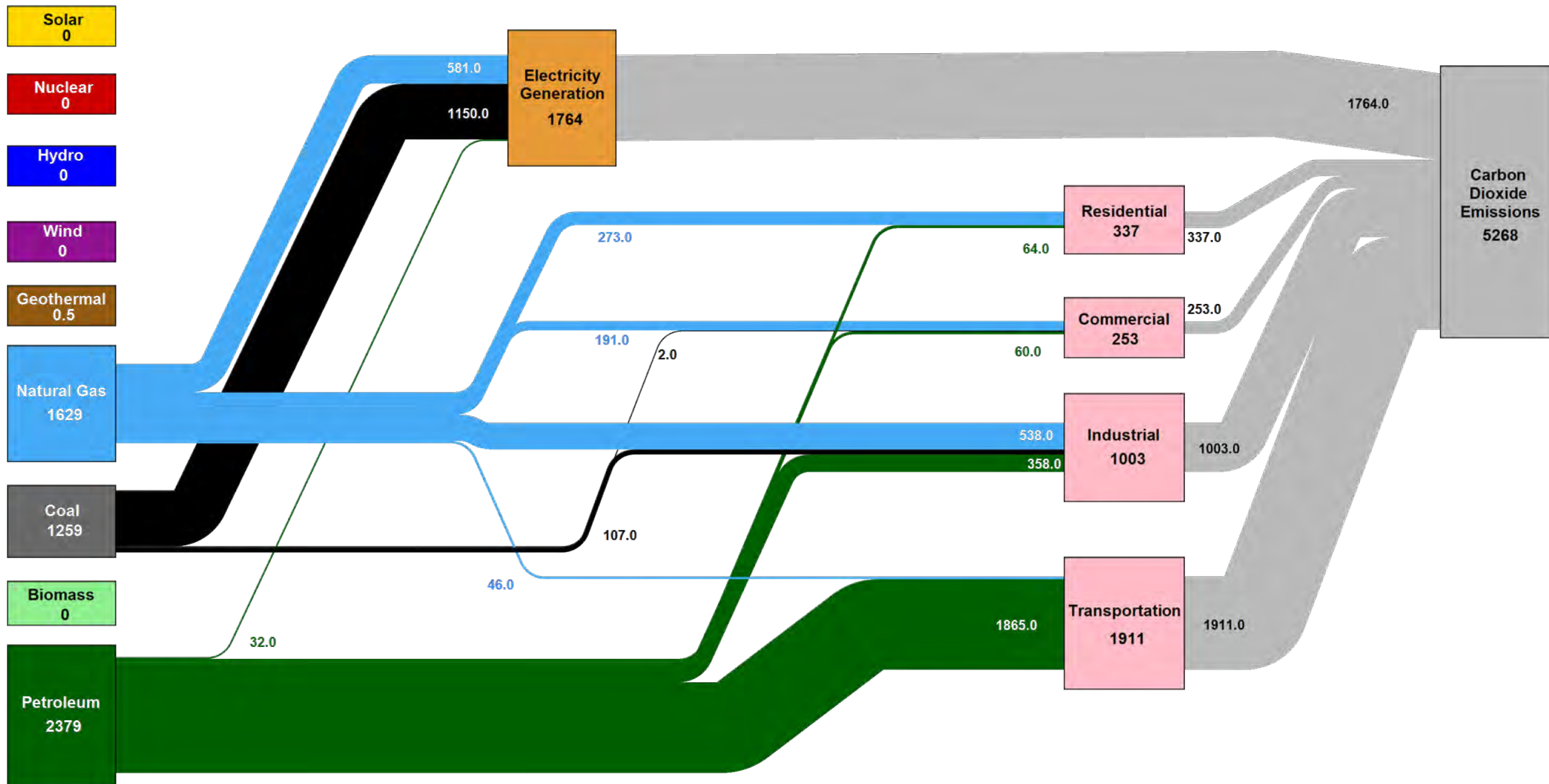
# Non-traditional Water Sources Require Innovation



- New operating paradigms
  - Distributed
  - Grid responsive
  - Dynamic
- New treatment technology
  - Innovation, intensification
  - New materials
- Multiple source waters
  - Robust designs
  - Rapid reconfiguration



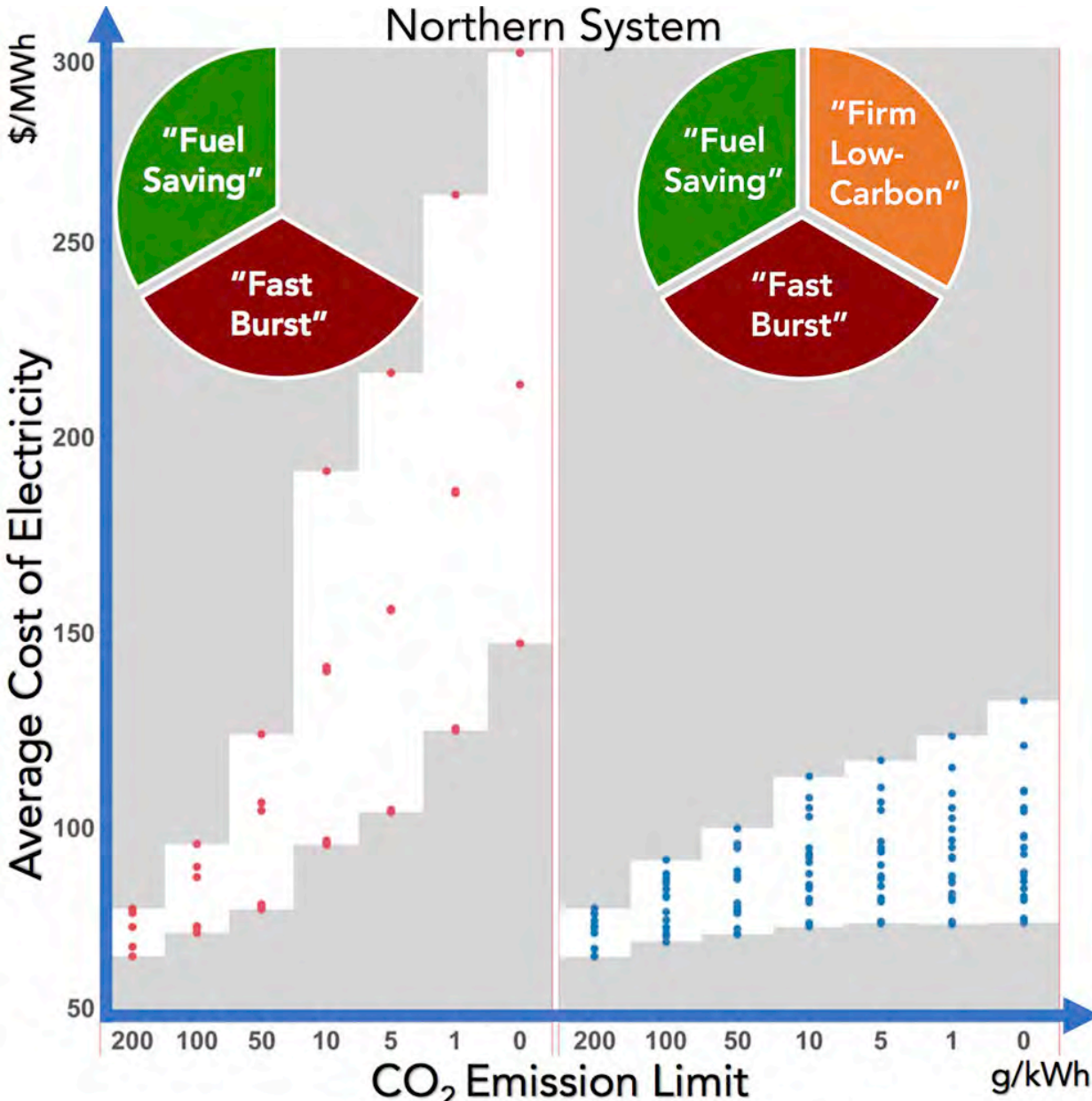
# Estimated U.S. Carbon Dioxide Emissions in 2018: ~5,268 Million Metric Tons



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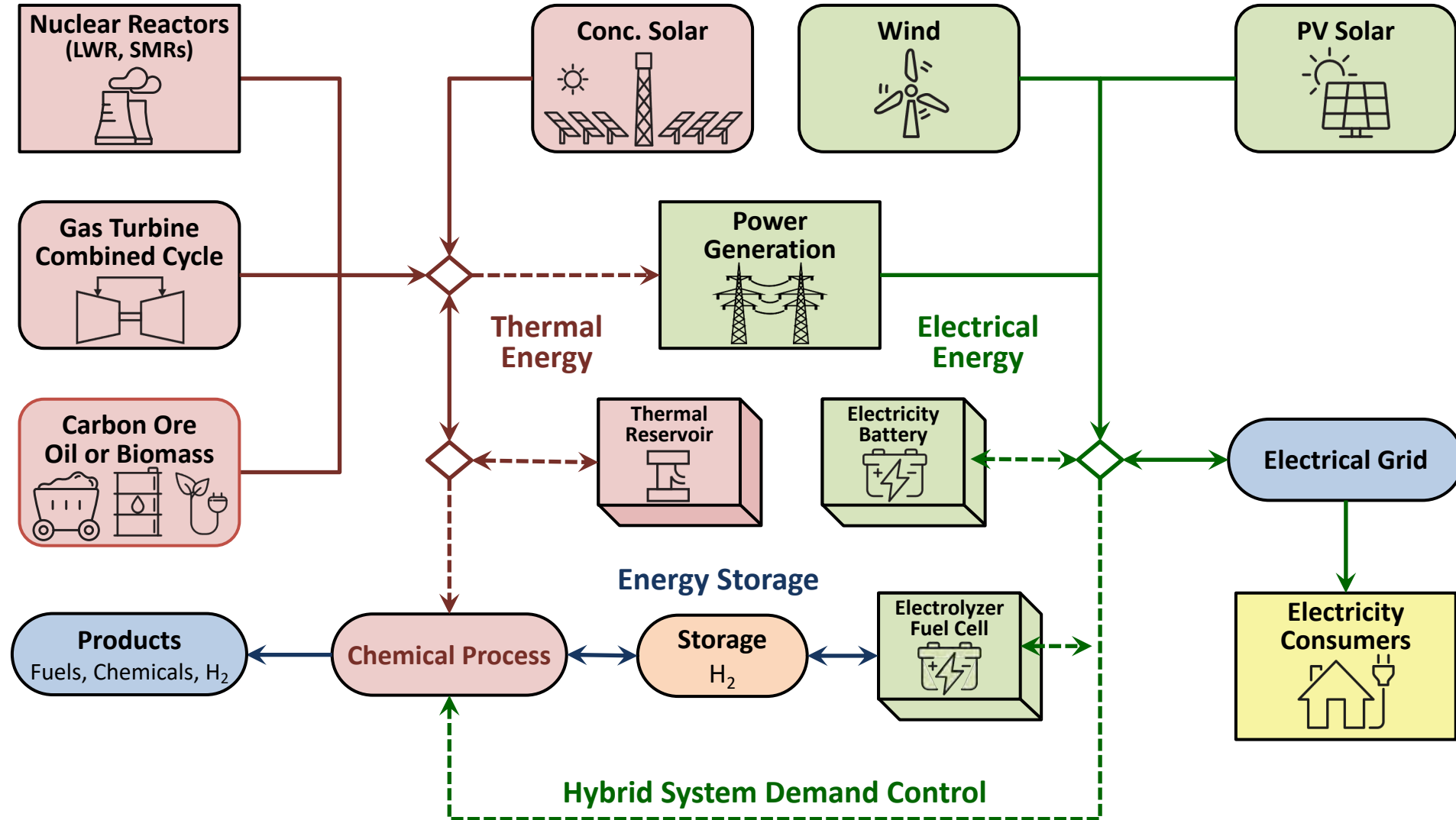
# Need for Dispatchable Power for Economic Deep Decarbonization



“Firm low-carbon” resources like CCS and nuclear lower the cost of deep decarbonization by 10-62%

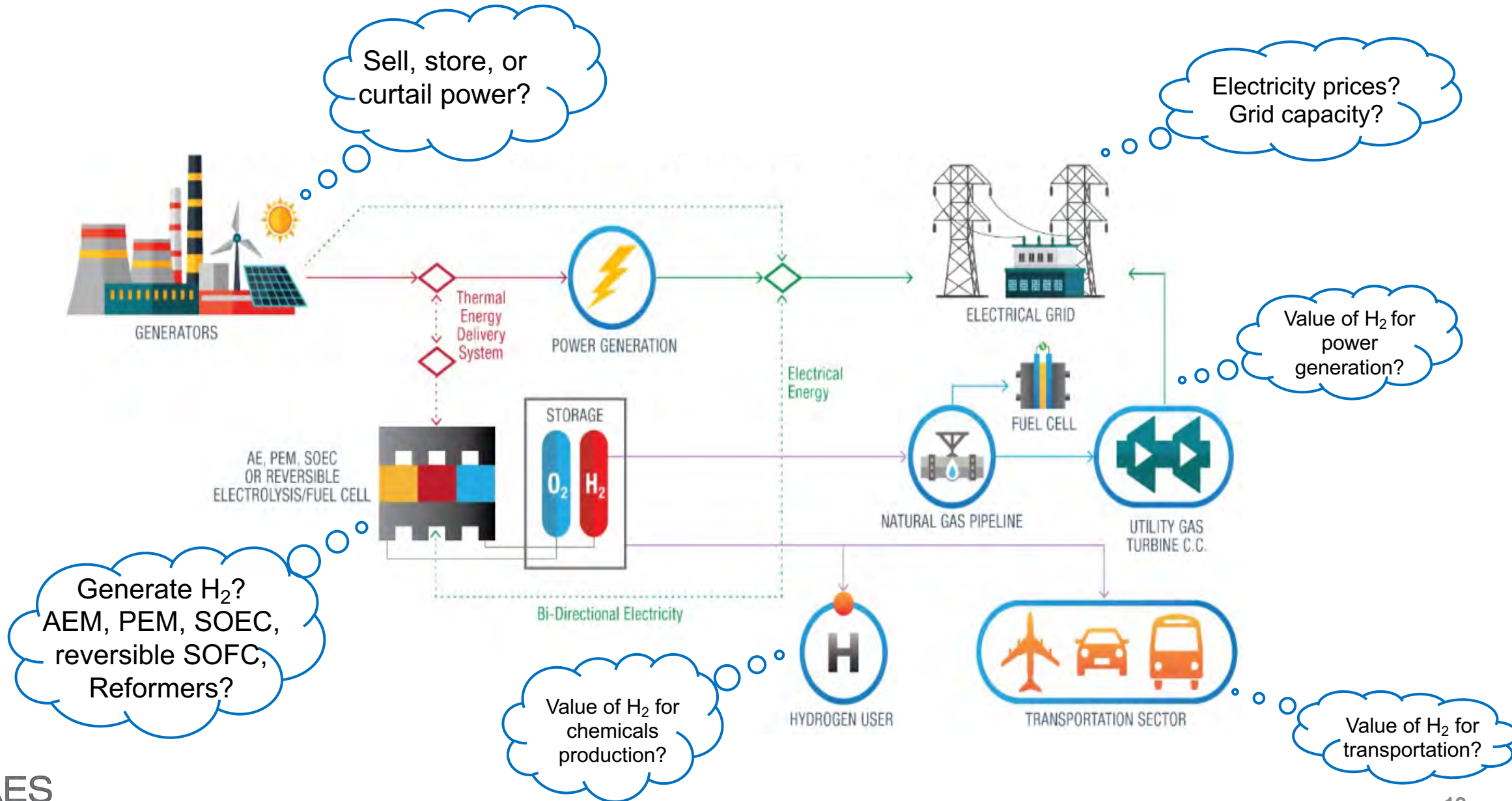
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# Integrated Energy Systems Expand Design & Operations Space

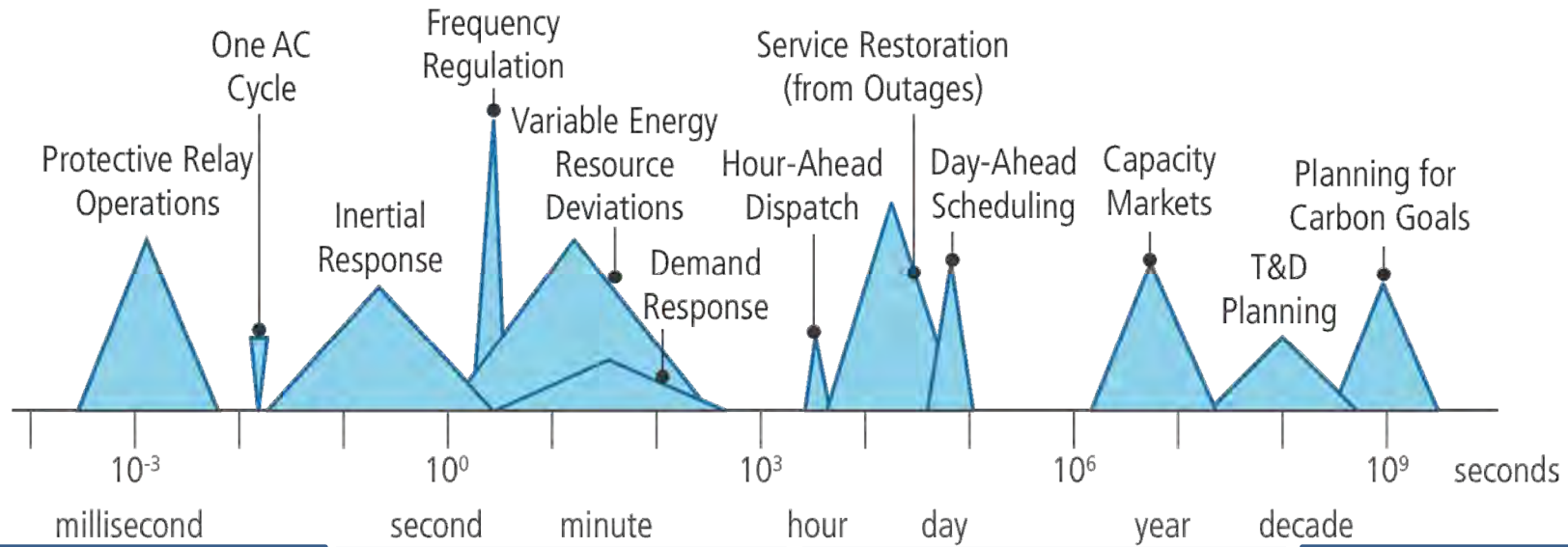




# Integrated Energy System For Power and H<sub>2</sub> Production



# Multiple Time Scales & Perspectives Across Tools



<p><b>Real-Time Operations</b></p> <p>High frequency dynamics</p>	<p><b>Electricity Grid Dispatch, Power Flow</b></p> <p>Complex effects of new generators</p>	<p><b>Capacity Expansion 20-30 Year Horizon</b></p> <p>Difficult to value flexibility, reliability</p>	<p><b>Energy Economy Models</b></p> <p>Long time horizons Macro-economics</p>
<p><b>Process/Generator – Integrated Energy Systems</b> Design, Operation/Control, Dynamics, Multiple Products</p>			
<p><b>Multi-Sectoral Interactions &amp; Infrastructure</b> Natural Gas &amp; Fuels, Transportation, Heat, Hydrogen, Chemicals, Other</p>			

# Trends Requiring Innovation in Decision Support Tools

- Evolving energy ecosystem requires greater flexibility
- Expanding U.S. industry
- Process intensification & modularization
- Treatment & desalination of non-traditional water sources
- Integrated energy systems (Hybrid approaches)
- Tighter coupling across temporal and spatial scales/domains

## Requirements for Advanced Modeling Platform

- Decision support for nonlinear, interacting systems: **Optimization Focus**
- Multi-Scale from molecular to process/plant to enterprise
- Dynamic optimization
- Enable Innovation
- Reusable Building Blocks
- Flexible & Customizable
- Leverage 30 years of progress in algorithms, hardware, modeling

# Understanding large, complex systems: Don't Simulate → Solve

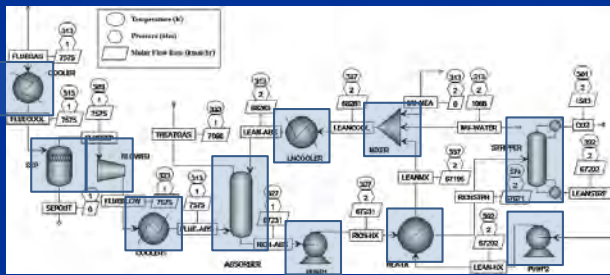
Optimization over degrees of freedom only

$$\min_u f(u)$$
$$u^L \leq u \leq u^U$$

$u$

$f$

Simulator



Black-box optimization (DFO)  
~ 100-1000 simulations

Optimization with embedded algebraic model as constraints

$$\min_{x,u} f(x,u)$$

$$h(x,u)=0$$

$$x^L \leq x \leq x^U$$

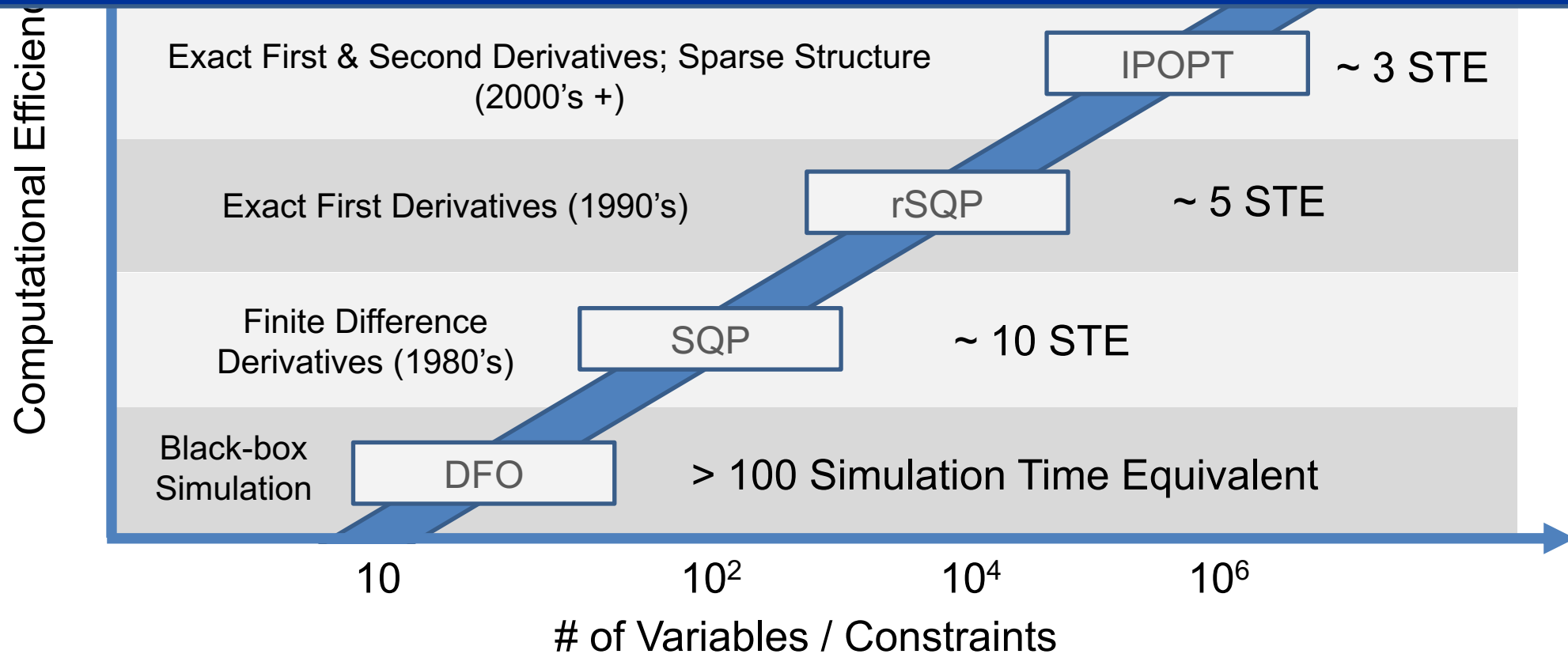
$$u^L \leq u \leq u^U$$

Glass-box optimization  
~ 1-5 STE

[Adapted from Biegler, 2017]

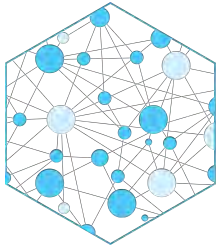
# Process Optimization Environments and Nonlinear Solvers

Can now treat millions of variables ... on your desktop ... in minutes



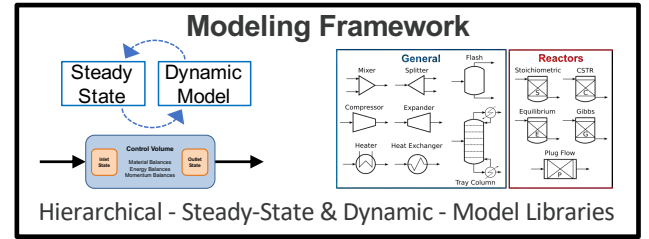
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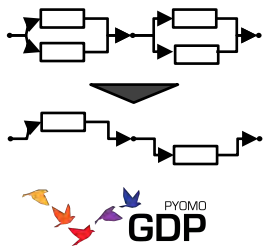


# IDAES Integrated Platform

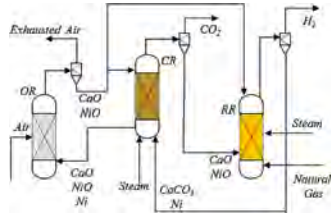
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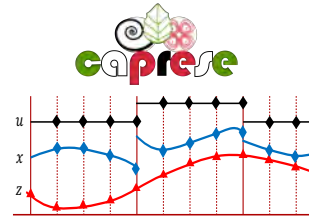
## Conceptual Design



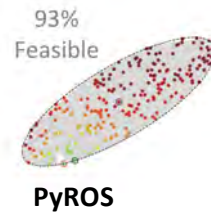
## Plant Design Process Optimization



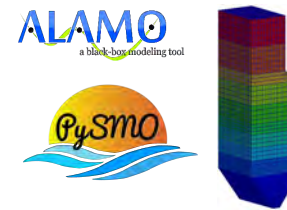
## Process Operations Dynamics & Control



## Uncertainty Quantification Robust Optimization



## AI/ML Surrogate Modeling



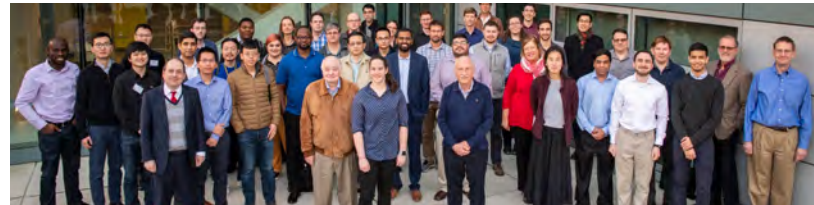
## Enterprise Optimization Grid & Planning



## Materials Optimization



Open Source: <https://github.com/IDAES/idaes-pse>



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CPLEX

Xpress

CBC

Ipopt

GAMS

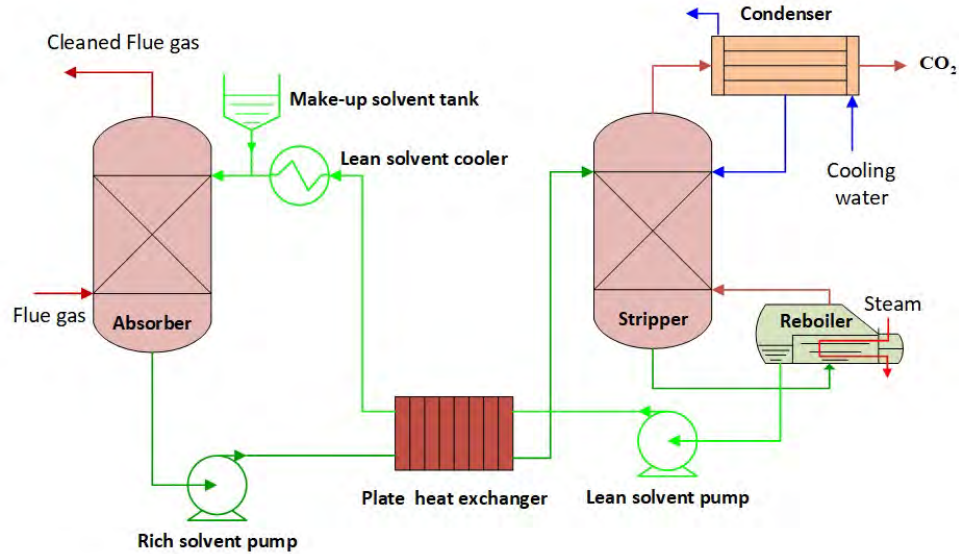
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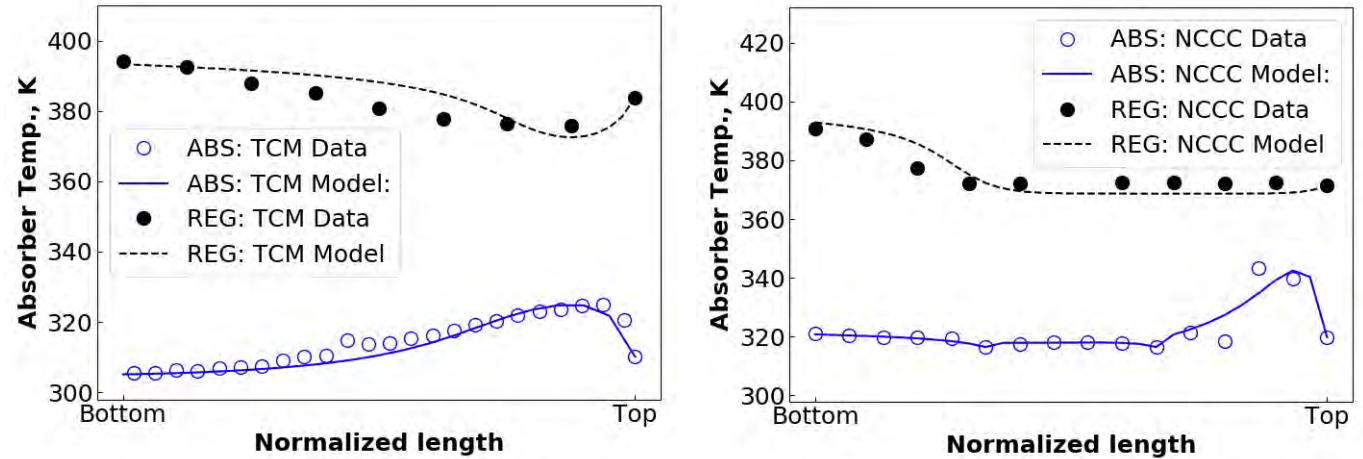
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# Advanced Models for Solvent-Based CO<sub>2</sub> Capture

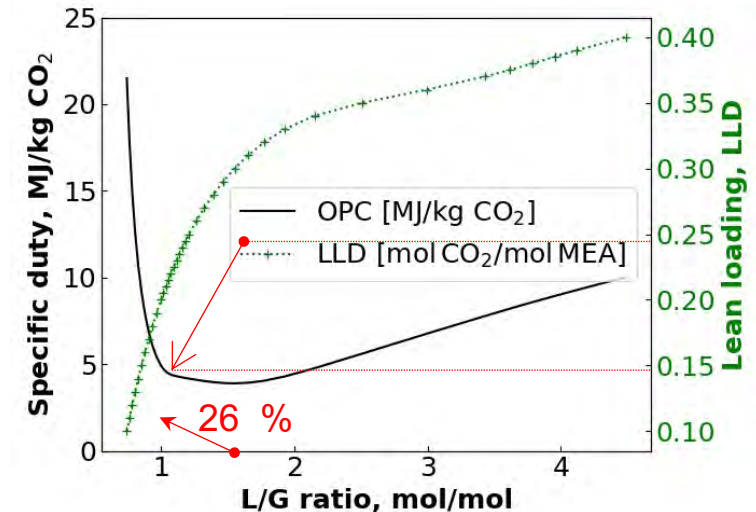


## Model Validation



- Modular, multi-scale, dynamic rate-based
- Film model: multi-component mass and heat transport
  - Simultaneous reaction & transport of molecular & ionic species
- Rigorous properties
  - Modified eNRTL model for mixed solvent systems
- Plant-wide model enables complex optimization

## Process Optimization





# Optimizing Flexible System Design to Respond to LMP Signals

- Design a flexible carbon capture system for power plants to operate in a high VRE grid
- Different scenarios based on carbon prices, regions
- Resulting problem is a multi-period stochastic optimization problem

$$\max_{d,u} NPV = \sum_{s \in S} w_s f(\text{Revenue} - \text{Capital Cost} - \text{Operating Cost})$$

$\sum LMP_t * Power_t$      
  $\sum TSA(\text{design variables}) + CO_2 \text{ compression}(\text{design variables})$      
  $\sum NGCC(\text{operating variables}) + TSA(\text{operating variables}) + CO_2 \text{ compression}(\text{operating variables})$

- LMP signal from ARPA-E
- Scenarios will be considered independently

- Capital costs only for capture system

- Operating cost for NGCC and capture system

$$\begin{aligned} &+ \\ \text{Model Equations} & \quad g(d, u_s, x_s) = 0, s \in S \\ &+ \\ \text{Design/Operating Constraints} & \quad h(d, u_s, x_s) \leq 0, s \in S \end{aligned}$$

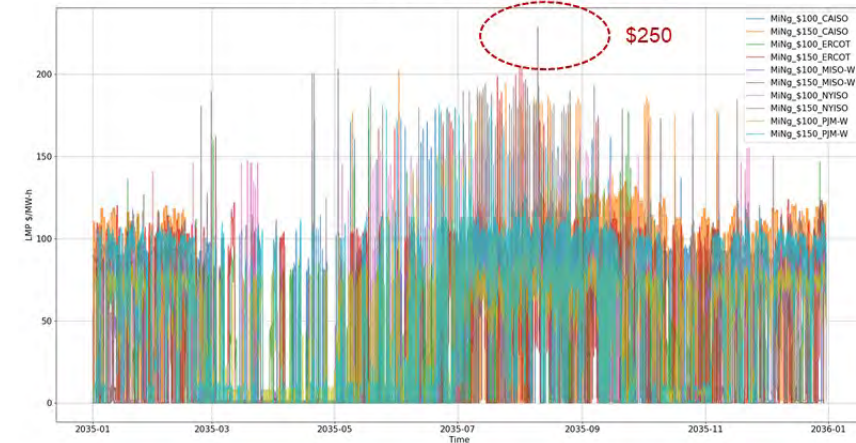
$d$  – design (stage 1) variable

$u$  – operating (stage 2) variable

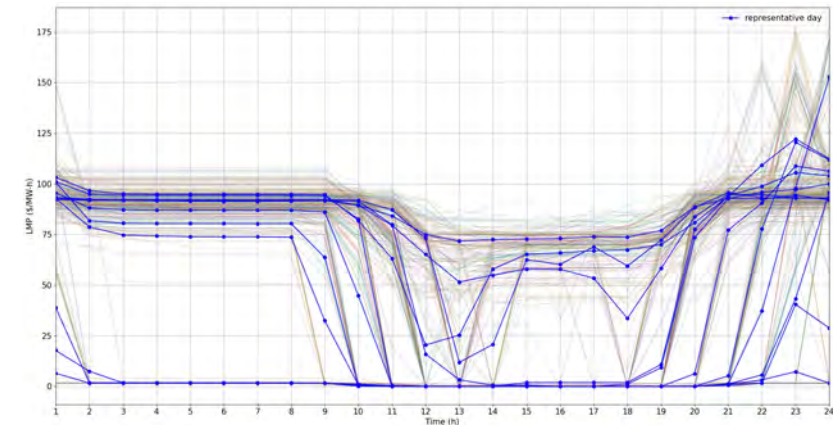
$S$  – Finite set of scenarios (representative days)

$w_s$  – weight for scenario  $s$

NREL Data Set (10 scenarios)



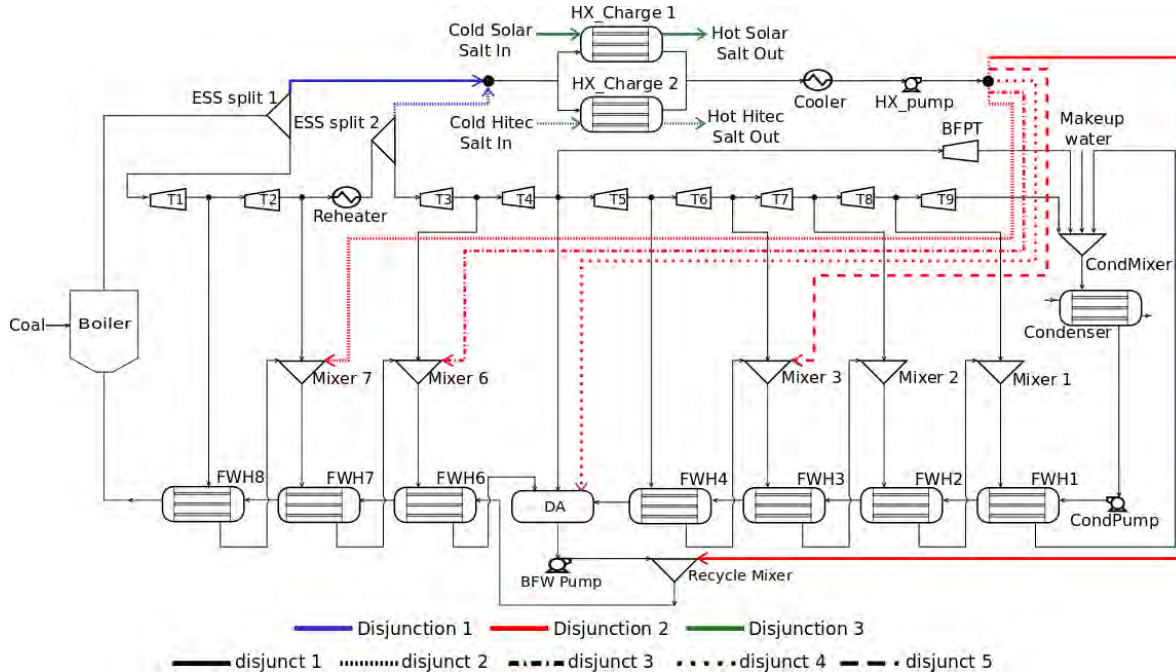
12 Representative Days



# Conceptual Design of Thermal Energy Storage with GDP

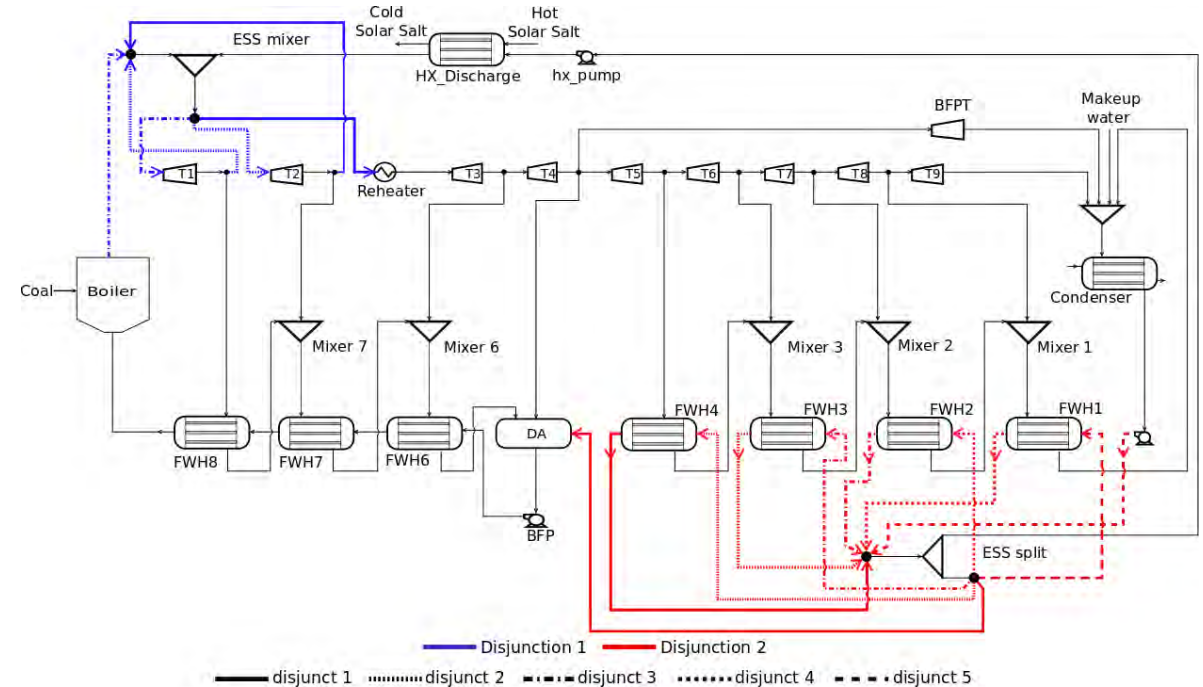
Charging Case (20 possibilities)

MIP: Gurobi, NLP: IPOPT. 572 constraints, 512 variables, 9 integer vars



Discharging Case (15 possibilities)

MIP: Gurobi, NLP: IPOPT. 532 constraints, 442 variables, 8 integer vars



## Problem Specification

- Power reduced to 521 MW (baseload is 693 MW)
- 150 MW<sub>th</sub> diverted to charge; 148.5 MW<sub>th</sub> extracted during discharge
- System designed for 6h of charging/discharging at rated storage capacity
- Minimize total annualized cost

## Implementation

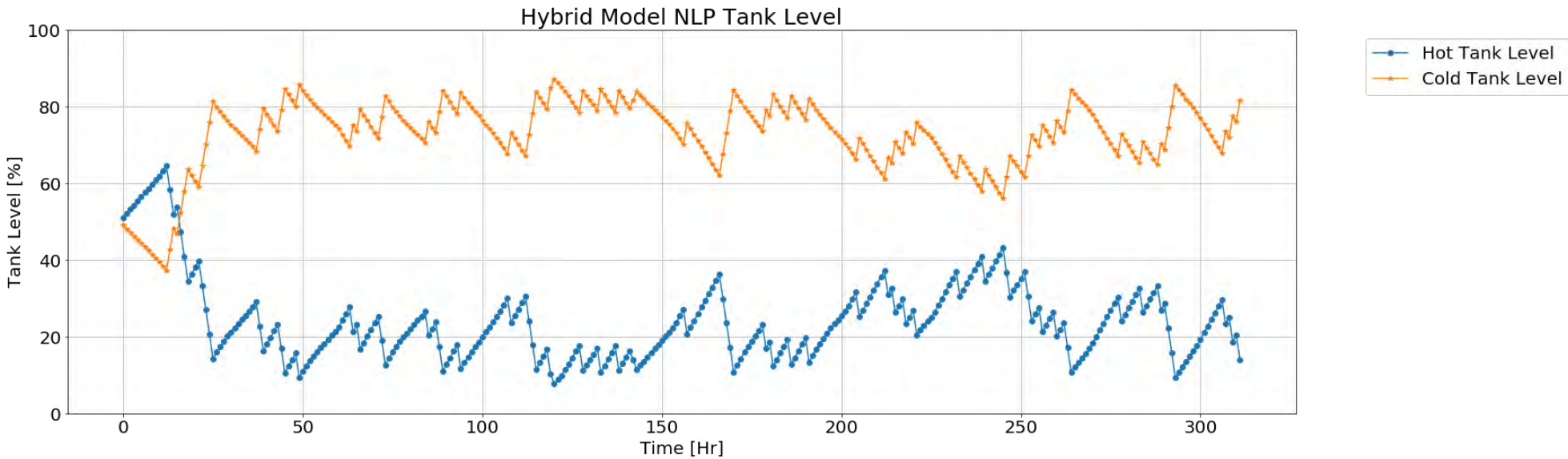
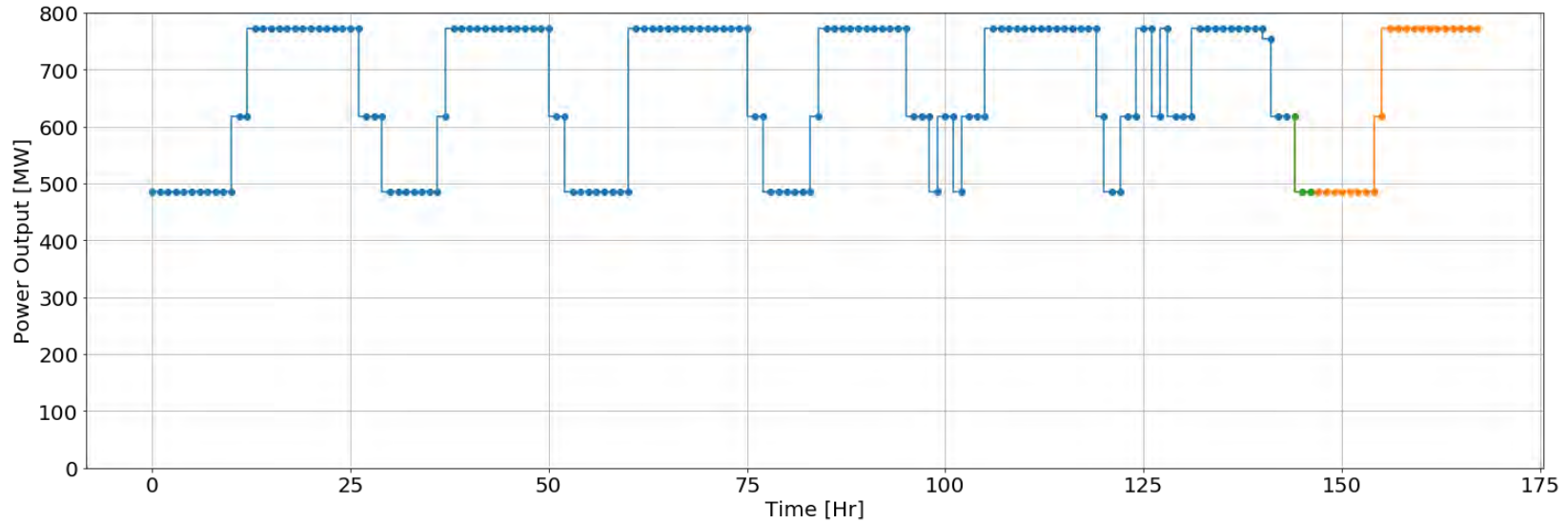
- Uses IDAES unit models, IDAES costing library, and IDAES conceptual design tools
- Problem formulated as Generalized Disjunctive Programming (GDP) problem
- Able to explore several combinations with a single model
- Avoid exhaustive enumeration
- Solution time:
  - Charge - 7 mins wall time
  - Discharge - 3 mins wall time

## Optimal Design

- Salt selected: Solar salt
- Charge:
  - Steam source – T3 (IP inlet)
  - Steam sink – FWH7 Mixer
- Discharge:
  - BFW source – FWH4
  - Steam sink – T2 (HP stage)

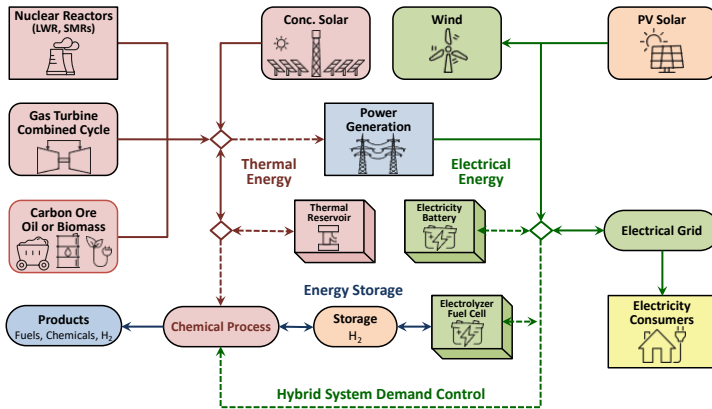
# NMPC Control of Generator + Thermal Energy Storage

Tracks market dispatch signal for hypothetical thermal generator with integrated thermal energy storage

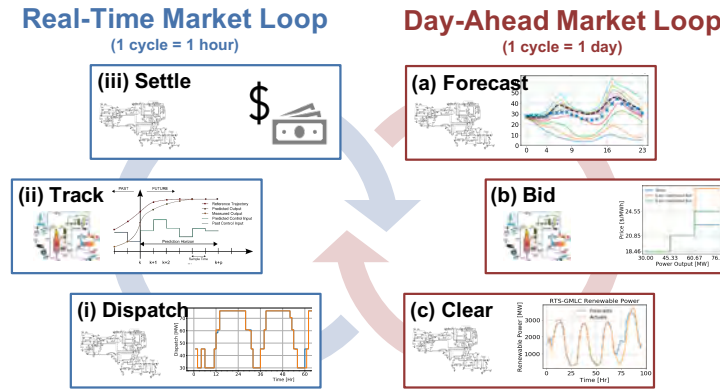


# Bridging Timescales Enables Unique Analyses & Design of IES

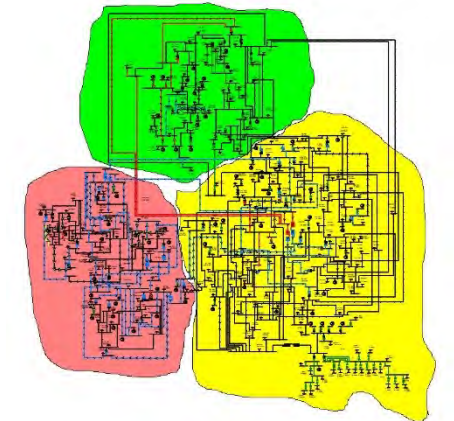
## High-Fidelity Process Modeling



## Integrated Resource-Grid Model

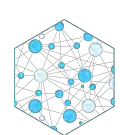


## Grid Modeling

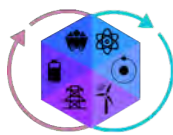


<https://icseg.iti.illinois.edu/files/2013/10/IEEE118.png>

1. Elucidate complex relationships between resource dynamics and market dispatch (with uncertainty, beyond price-taker assumption)
2. Predict the economic opportunities and market impacts of emerging technologies (tightly-coupled hybrid energy systems)
3. Guide conceptual design & retrofit to meet current and future power grid needs



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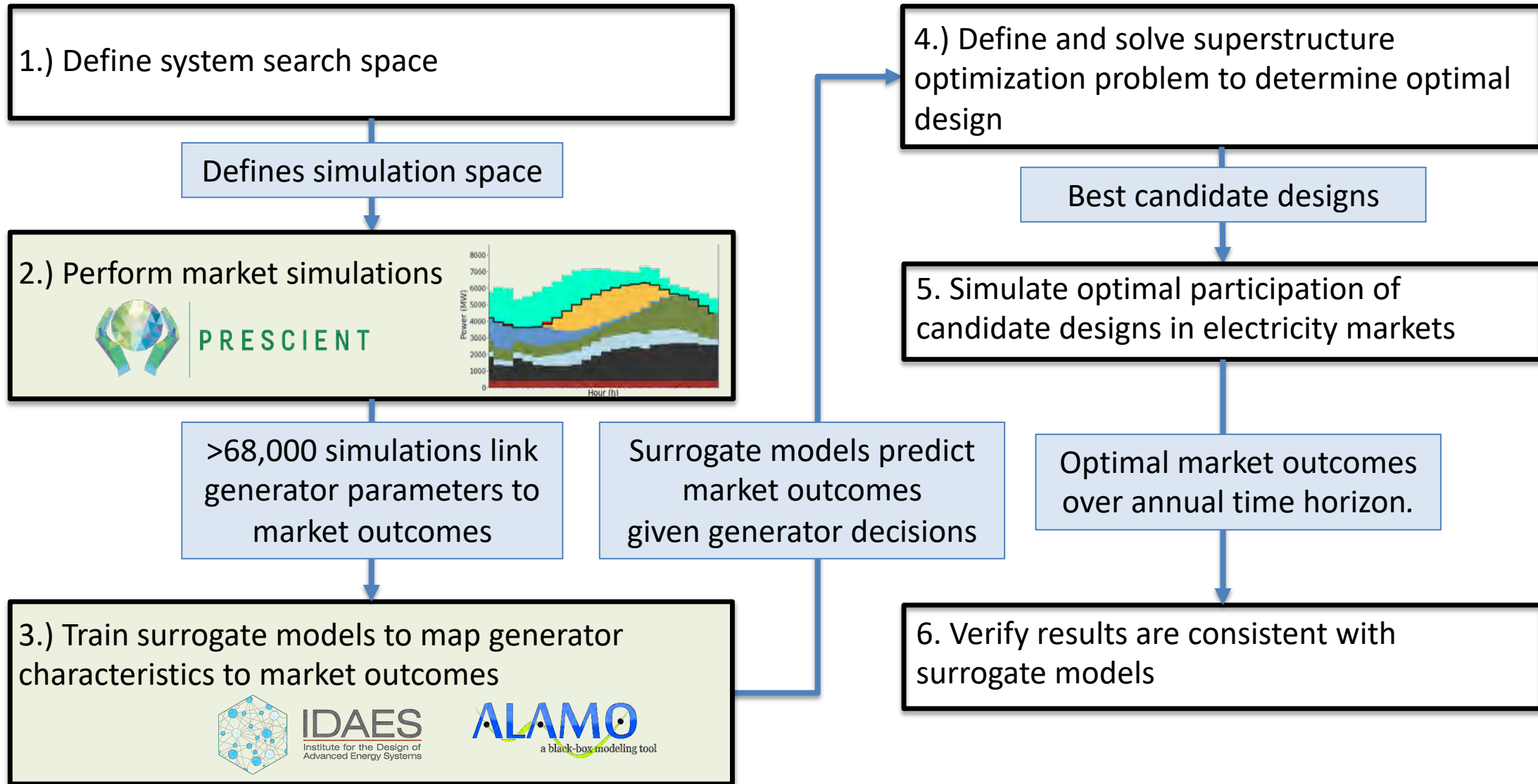


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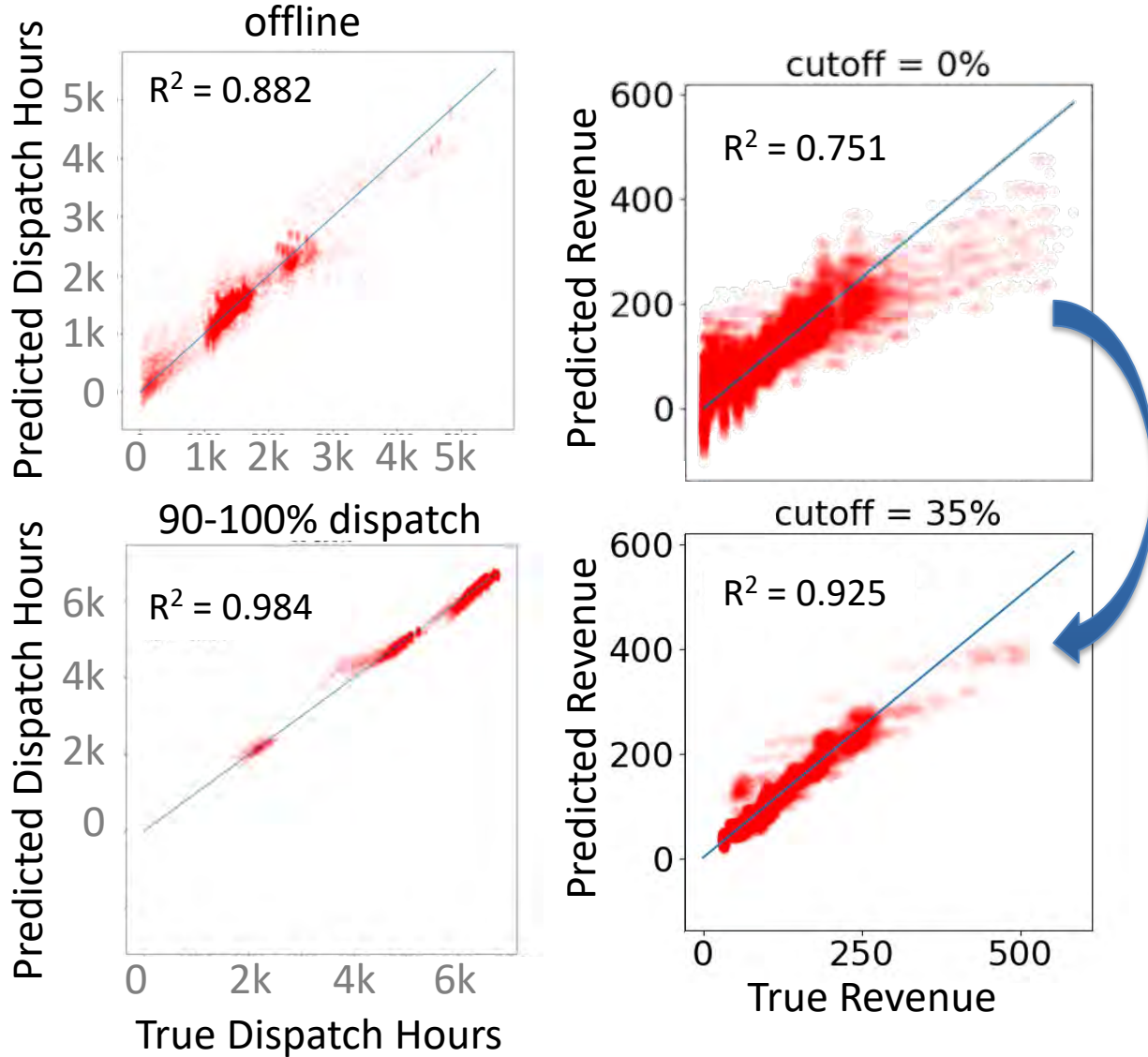
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# Market Surrogates Enable Conceptual Design





# Scalable Conceptual Design with Market Interaction Surrogates



## Conceptual Design (Step 1)

### Maximize Profit

$$\max_{d, u_s} R(x) - \sum_{s \in S} w_s(x) C(d, u_s, \delta_s)$$

### Plant Constraints

$$s.t. \quad \begin{aligned} g(d, u_s, \delta_s) &= 0, & s \in S \\ h(d, u_s, \delta_s) &\leq 0, & s \in S \end{aligned}$$

### Satisfy Demand, Link Design to Market Inputs

$$\delta_s = g_1(d, u_s)$$

$$g_2(d, x) = 0$$

## Surrogate models

### Revenue & Fraction of Dispatch

$$R(x) = f_{\text{revenue}}(x)$$

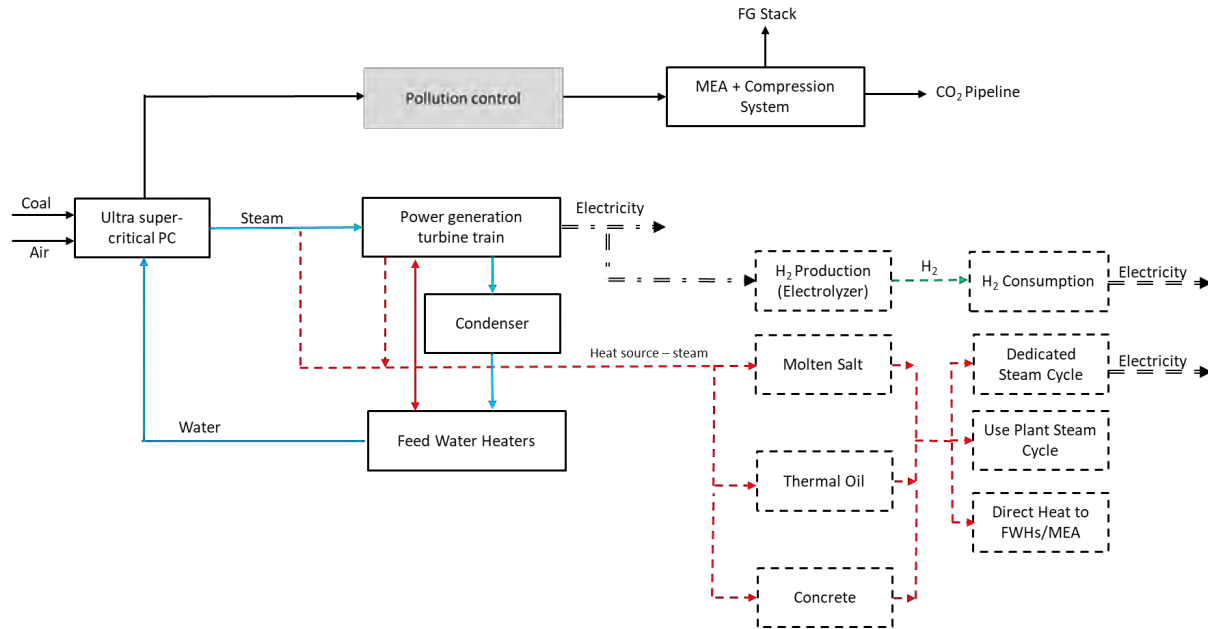
$$w_s(x) = f_{\text{dispatch}}(x), \quad s \in S$$

### Optional cutoff constraint

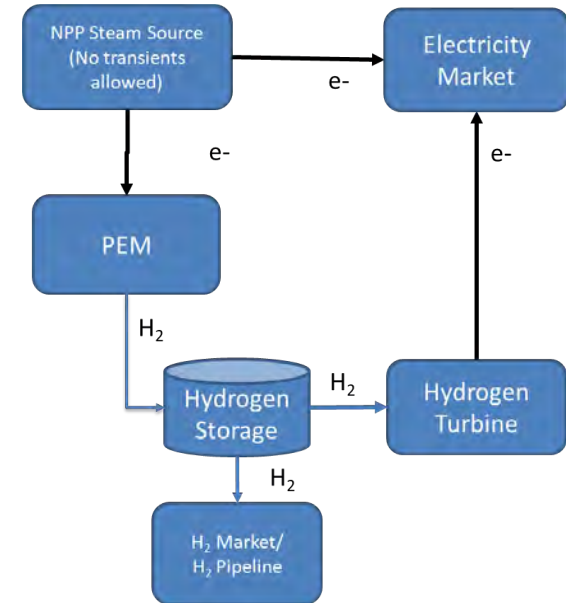
$$\text{cutoff}(x) = \sum_{i \in SV} y_i \lambda_i x_i^T x + b \geq 0$$

# Hybrid Energy System Design Superstructures for Case Studies

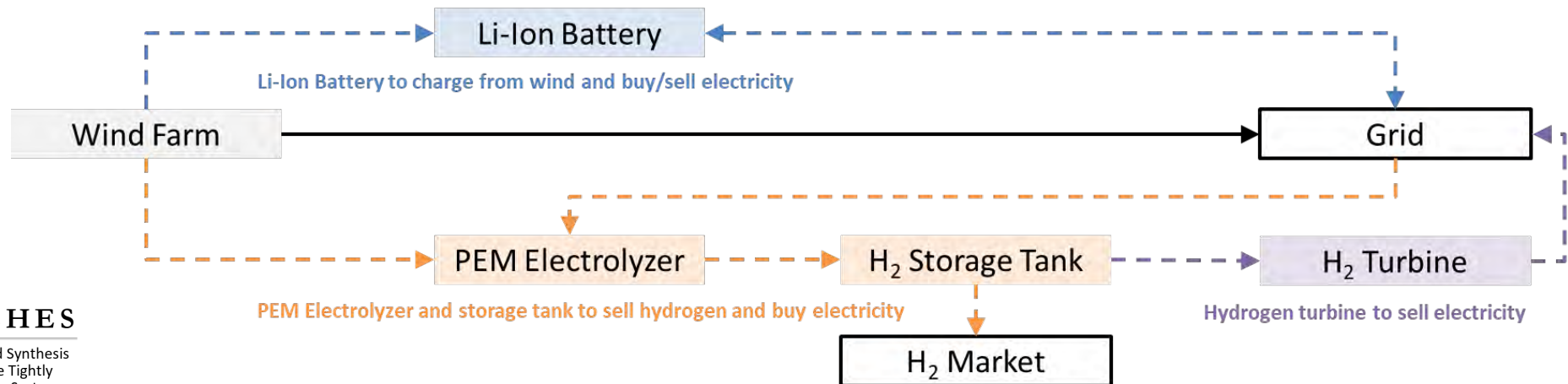
## Advanced Fossil + Thermal Storage + Hydrogen + CCS



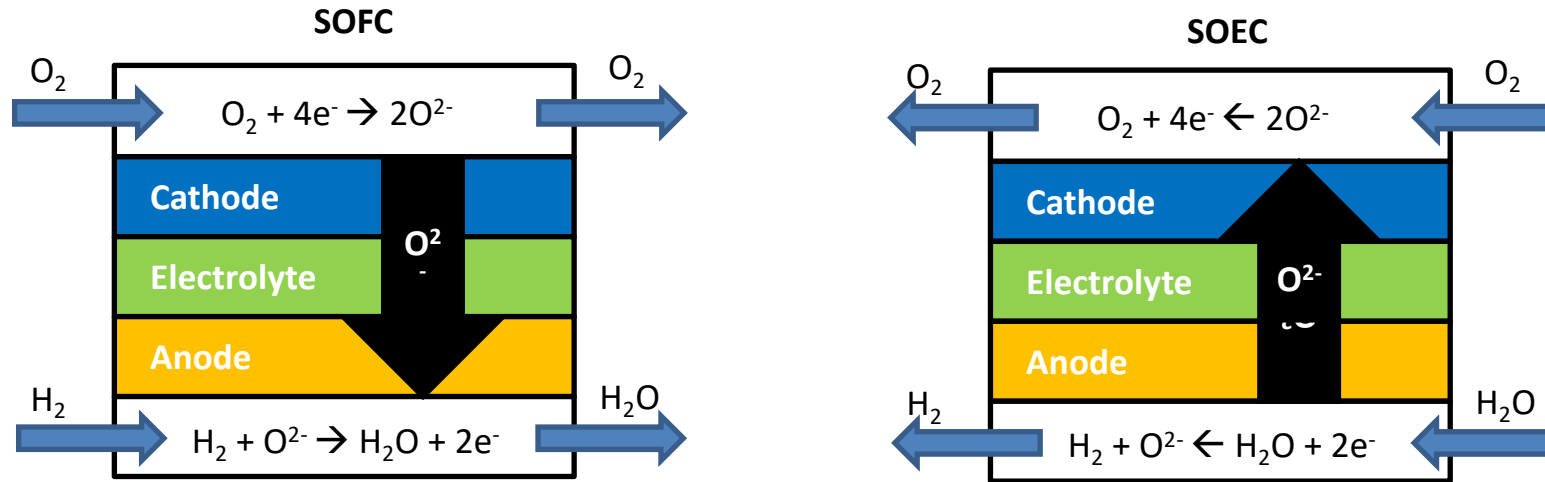
## Nuclear + Hydrogen



## Renewables + Battery + Hydrogen



# Integrated Energy Systems for H<sub>2</sub> Production & Use: SOFC/SOEC



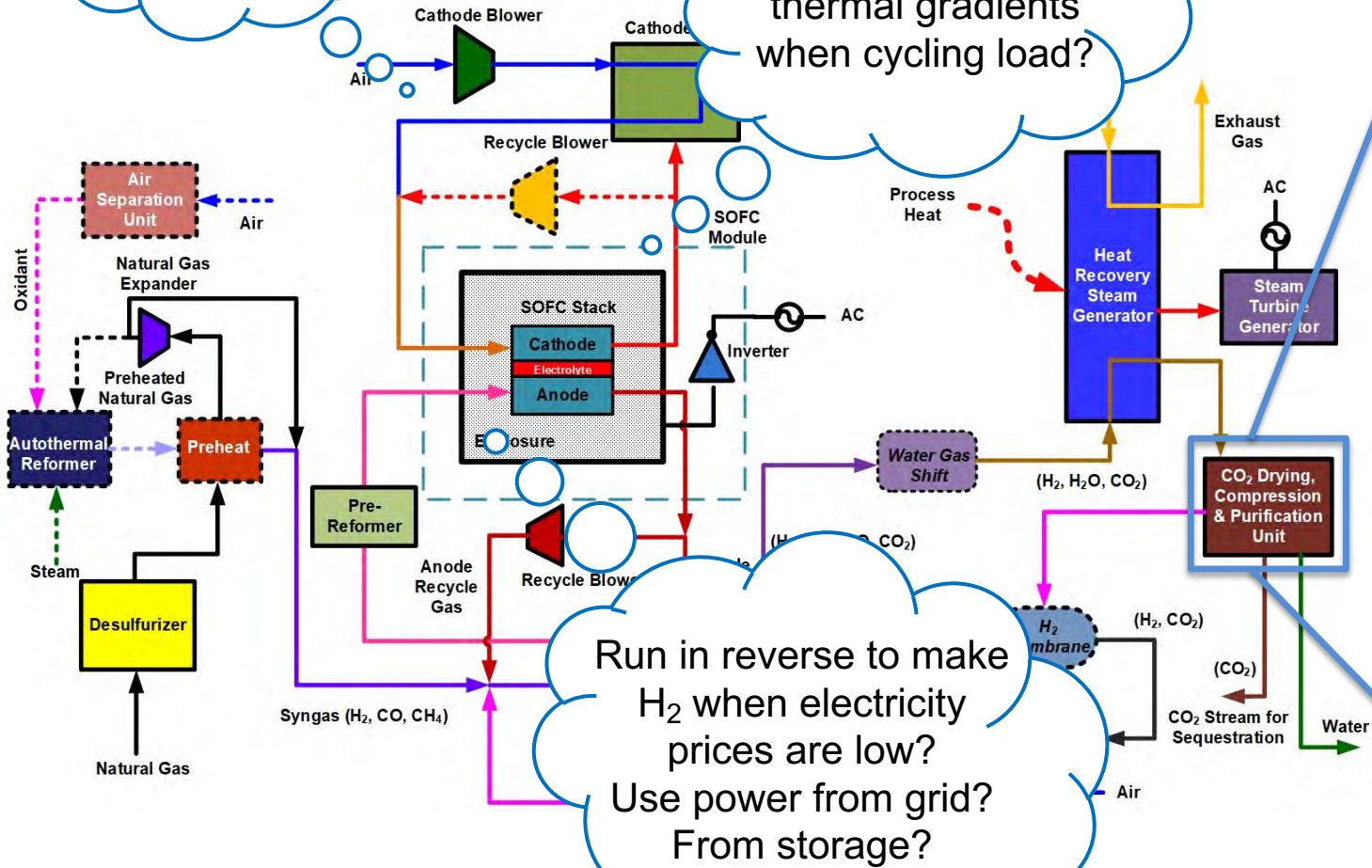
	HCC-SOFC Process Concepts	Scenario
1	SOFC + Gas Turbine + Steam Cycle + CCS	Variable Power
2	SOFC + Gas Turbine + Steam Cycle + Thermal Energy Storage + CCS	
3	NGCC + SOEC + CCS	Variable Power, Unlimited H <sub>2</sub> Demand
4	rSOFC + Gas Turbine + Steam Cycle + CCS	
5	SOFC + SOEC + Gas Turbine + Steam Cycle + CCS	
6	NGCC + SOEC + H <sub>2</sub> Storage/Turbine + CCS	Variable Power, Fixed or Limited H <sub>2</sub> Demand
7	rSOFC + Gas Turbine + Steam Cycle + H <sub>2</sub> Storage + CCS	
8	SOFC + SOEC + Gas Turbine + Steam Cycle + H <sub>2</sub> Storage + CCS	

# Optimizing Operation of IES Process Designs

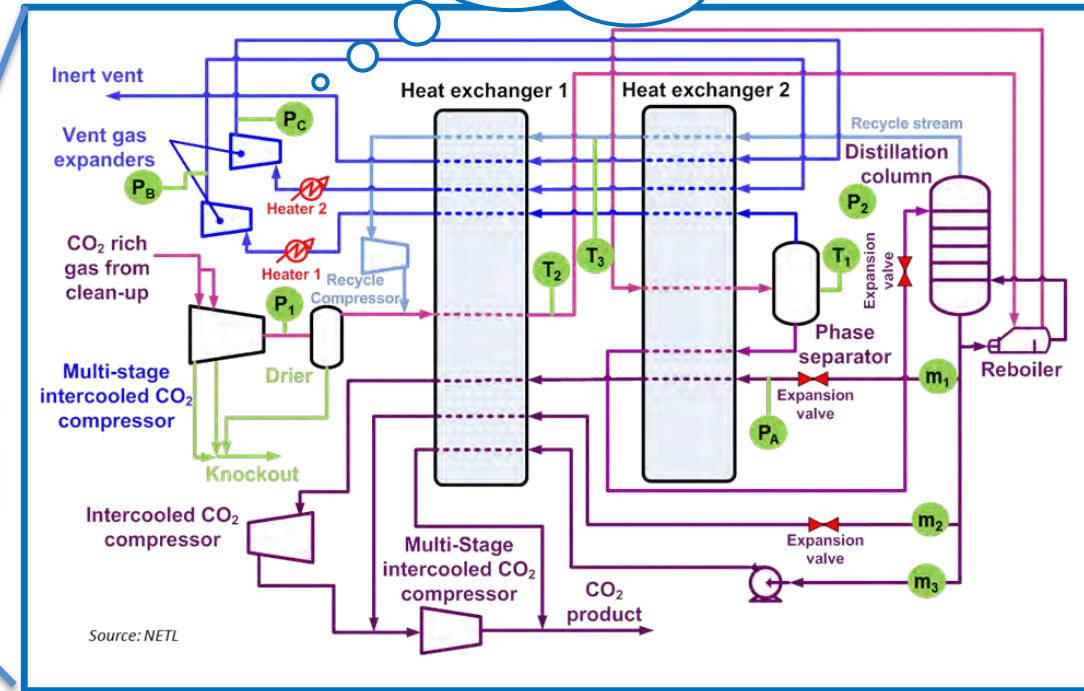
Operational limits of entire system?

How to manage thermal gradients when cycling load?

How can CPU meet specs across range of operation?

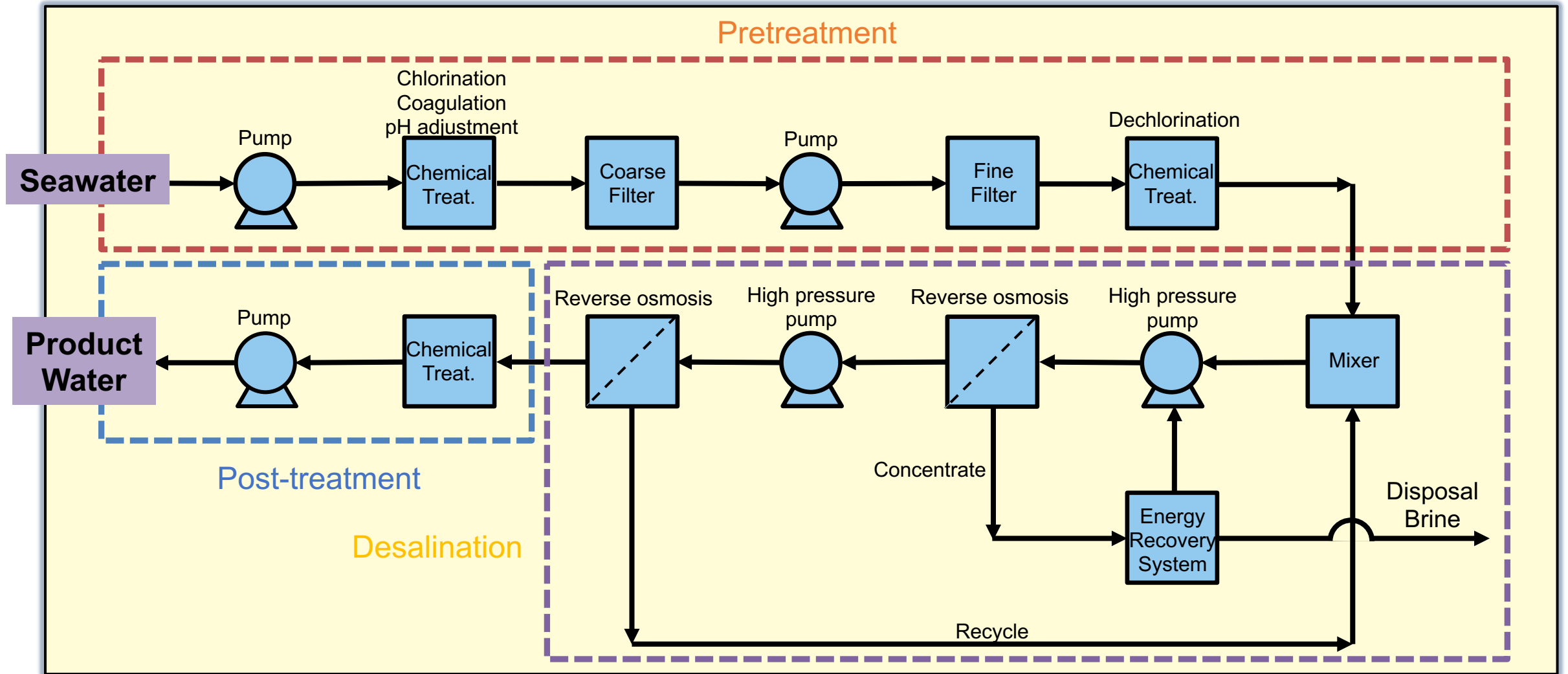


Run in reverse to make H<sub>2</sub> when electricity prices are low?  
Use power from grid?  
From storage?



**CO<sub>2</sub> Compression & Purification Unit**

# Water Desalination as Part of Integrated Energy Systems



# Long Term Enterprise Expansion Planning Model

## Development

- Open source – Requires commercial solver such as CPLEX
- Flexible
  - Modifications can address specific questions
  - Capture intermittency and volatility

## Timescales

- Yearly (decades) investment decision
- Hourly unit commitment problem

## Inputs

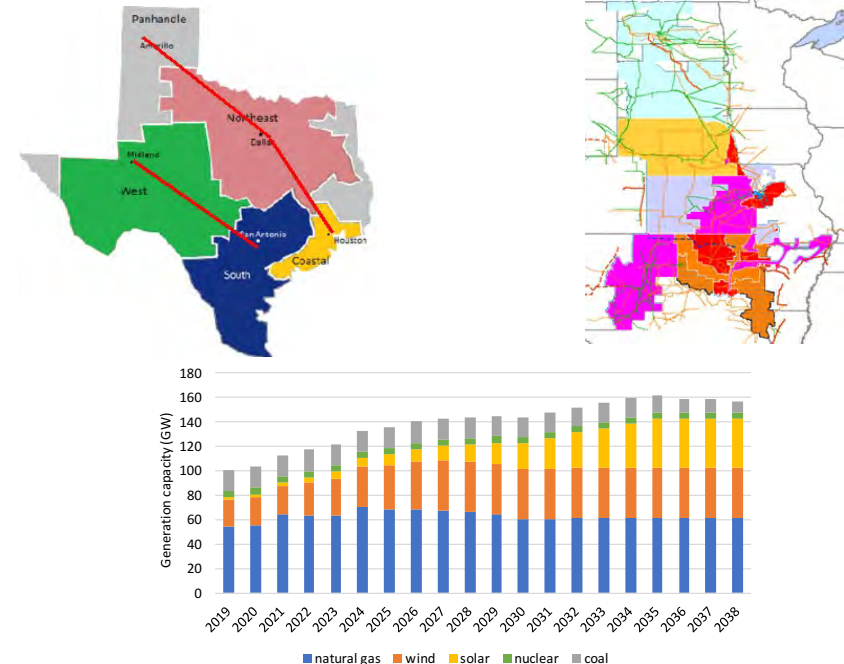
- Aggregated spatial and temporal (representative days) information
- Operation and investment parameters, renewable capacity factor, load, etc.
- Existing transmission between regions

## Outputs

- Location, year, type and number of generators, transmission lines and storage units to install
- When to retire or extend life
- Transmission expansion between regions
- Approximate operating schedule

## Limitations

- Limited to 1 hour time intervals (some extreme ramp rate scenarios not accounted for)
- Number of representative days and balancing regions limited due to trackability
- Data can be time consuming to aggregate for specific regions (ERCOT and SPP currently modeled)





# Open Source Platform

**Website:** <https://idaes.org/>

**GitHub repo:** <https://github.com/IDAES/idaes-pse>

**Support:** [idaes-support@idaes.org](mailto:idaes-support@idaes.org)

Ask questions, subscribe to our user and/or stakeholder email lists

**Documentation:** <https://idaes-pse.readthedocs.io>

Getting started, install, tutorials & examples

## Overview Video

<https://youtu.be/28qjcHb4JfQ>

**Tutorial 1:** IDAES 101: Python and Pyomo Basics

<https://youtu.be/E1H4C-hy14>

**Tutorial 2:** IDAES Flash Unit Model and Parameter Estimation (NRTL)

<https://youtu.be/H698yy3yu6E>

**Tutorial 3:** IDAES Flowsheet Simulation and Optimization; Visualization Demo

<https://youtu.be/v9HyCiP0LHg>





# Partnership and Impact

## Stakeholder Advisory Board

- Keep informed of developments, progress
- Provide input on key challenges

## Collaborate with IDAES to apply the tools

- Cooperative Research & Development Agreement (CRADA)
  - Protects IP, enables information sharing

## Join the IDAES development community (Open Source Release Available)

- Access to IDAES Integrated Platform
- Opportunity to expand capabilities of the tools



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