



# Integrated Grid Project (IGP)

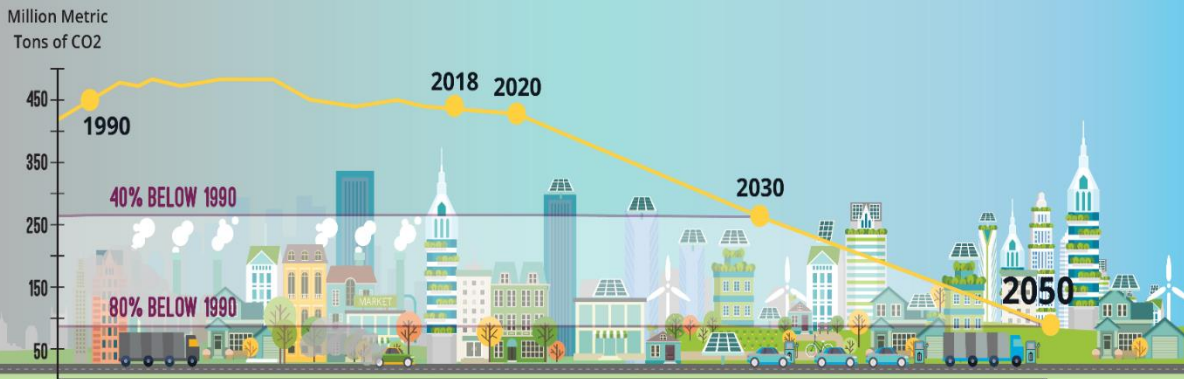
## EPIC Winter Symposium

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# Southern California Edison in 2018

- 15 million residents in a 50,000 square mile area
- 40% energy from carbon-free sources
- Joined open letter to support Paris Climate Accord
- Utility Dive “2017 Utility of the Year” for our 2017 Clean Power and Electrification Pathway



**Supporting  
California's 2030  
greenhouse gas  
reduction goals**

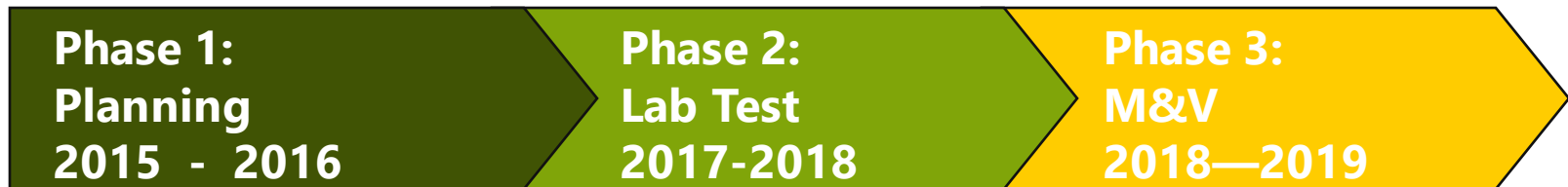
# Objectives

- Demonstrate the next generation grid infrastructure (field and back office) to manage, operate, and optimize the grid with high penetrations of DER
- Provide a demonstration test bed for systems, equipment, and concepts for future modernization efforts
- Verify technology readiness and potential architectures

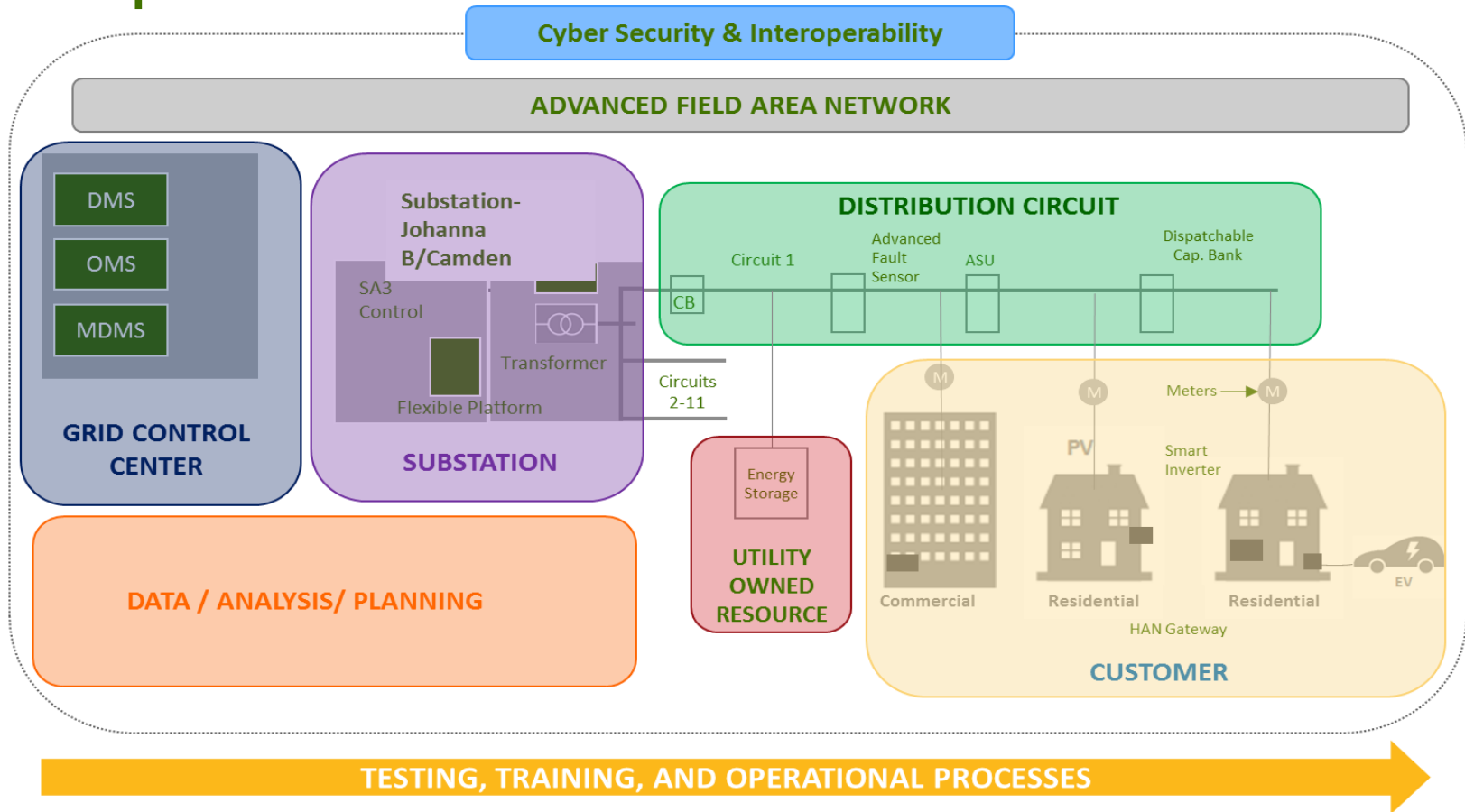
*This testing of emerging technology components and back office systems will enable effective technology choices, reduce capital deployment risk, and accelerate SCE's ability to modernize the grid*

# Scope and Timeline

- IGP focuses on optimizing all DER assets, 3<sup>rd</sup> party- or utility-owned
- The project is organized into three major areas
  - DER control systems (voltage and power flow optimization)
  - Cross cutting functions (i.e. communications, cyber & integration)
  - DER resource contracting for tests (3rd party & aggregators)



# Scope



*As controls interact with back-office applications, field devices, and aggregators over the Internet, cybersecurity measures become more important*

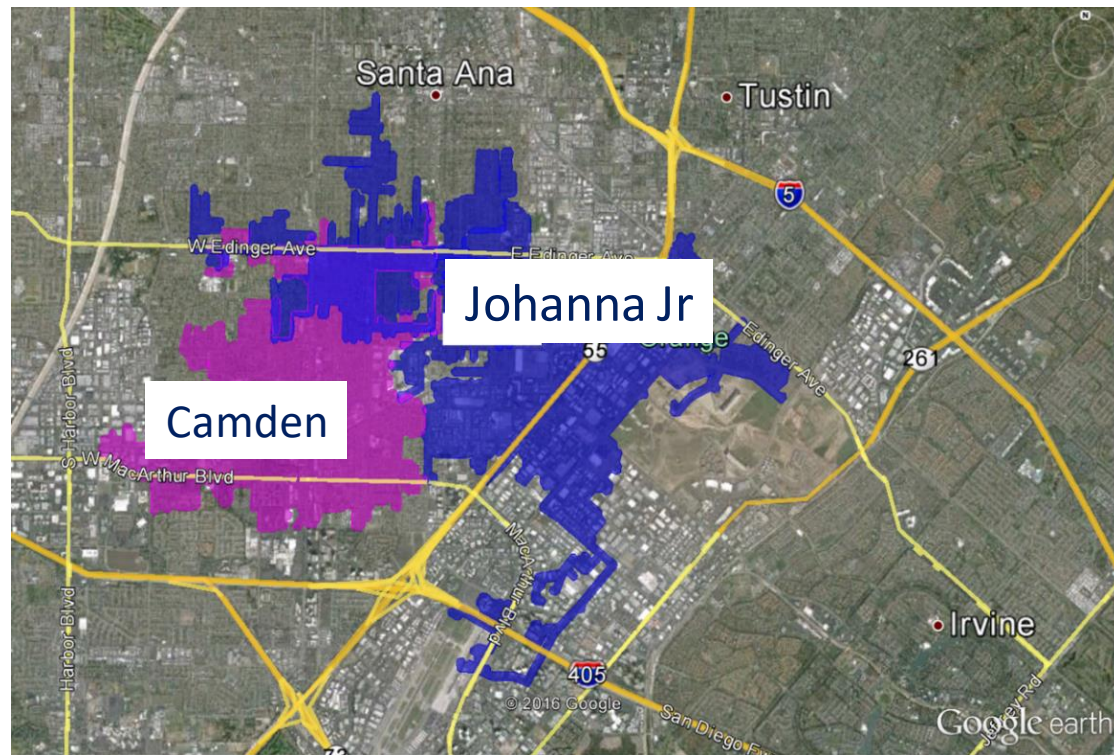
# Technical Highlights

- DER Controls
  - Provides increased DER integration capacity by optimizing power flow and voltage control
- Operational Service Bus
  - Provides easier integration of multiple applications through standard data and services
- Field Area Network
  - Provides low latency communications for advanced field automation and DER controls
- IEEE 2030.5 Standard
  - Provides standard method to communicate with smart inverters and aggregators

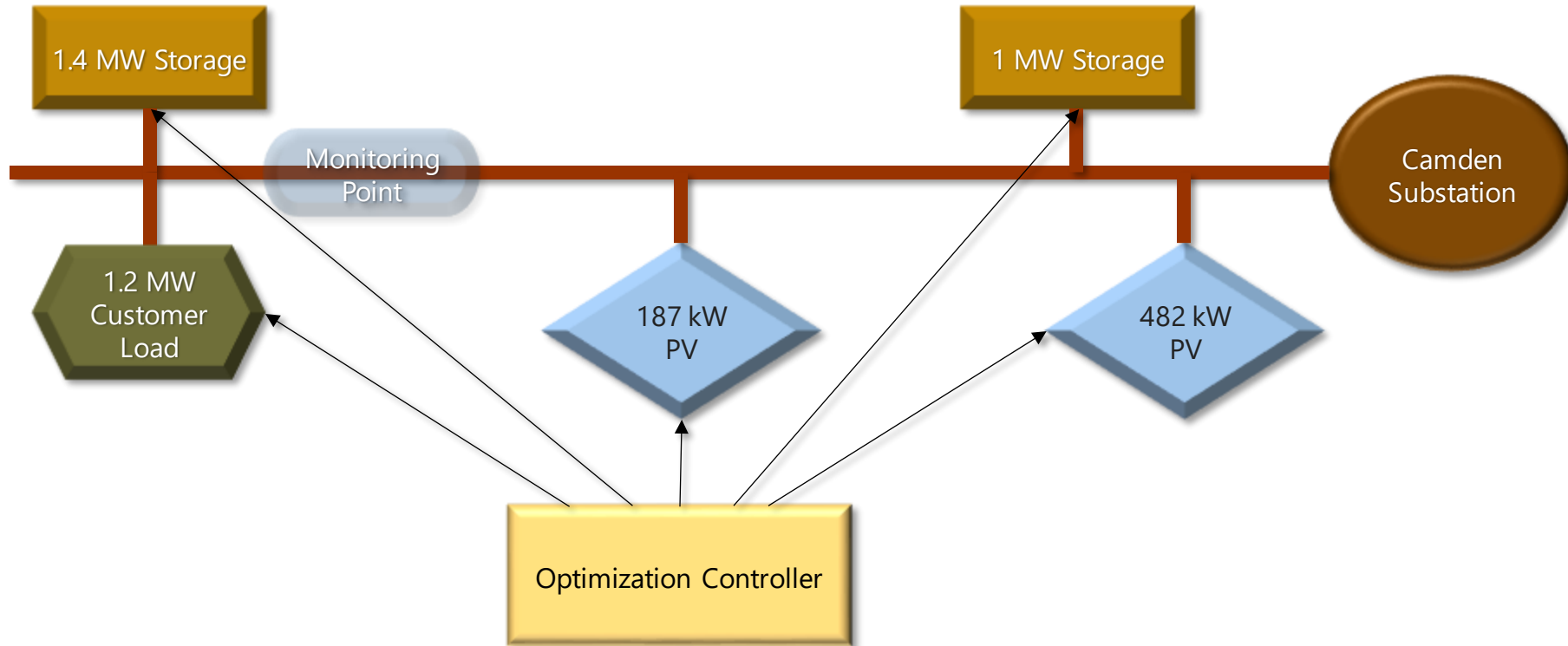
# Site Selection

## Camden and Johanna Jr substations

- Mix of overhead and underground circuits
- Both residential and commercial customers
- Several large PV installations already in place
- Located in the Preferred Resource Pilot (PRP) area



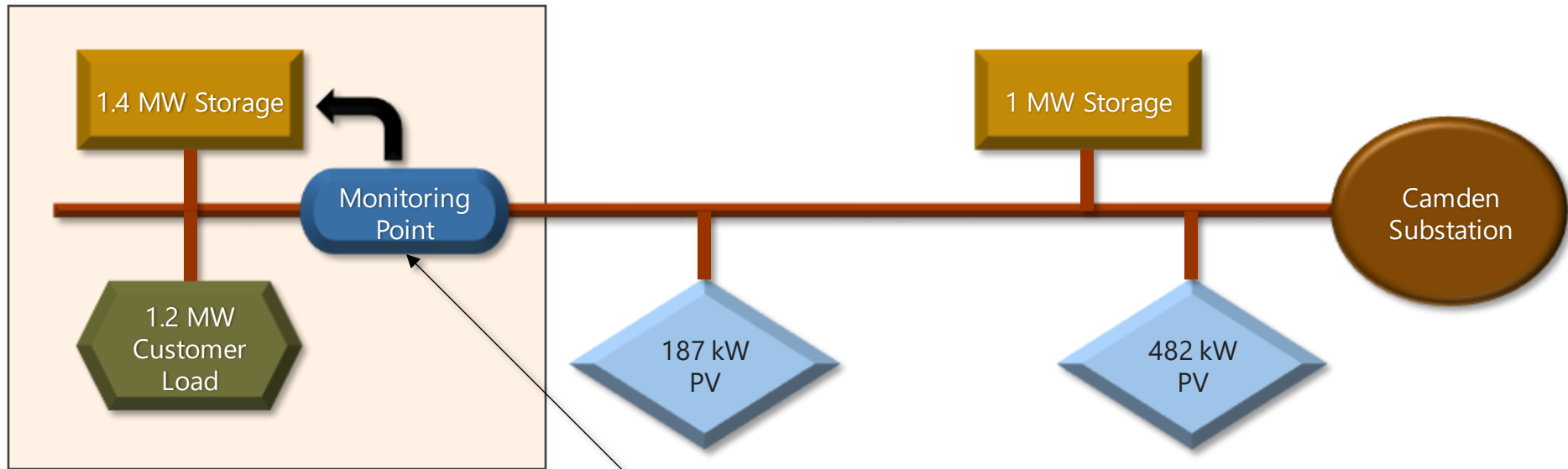
# Use Case: Power Flow & Voltage Optimization



Optimization controller monitors all DER and sends commands to maintain the correct voltage levels and operate within grid power flow constraints

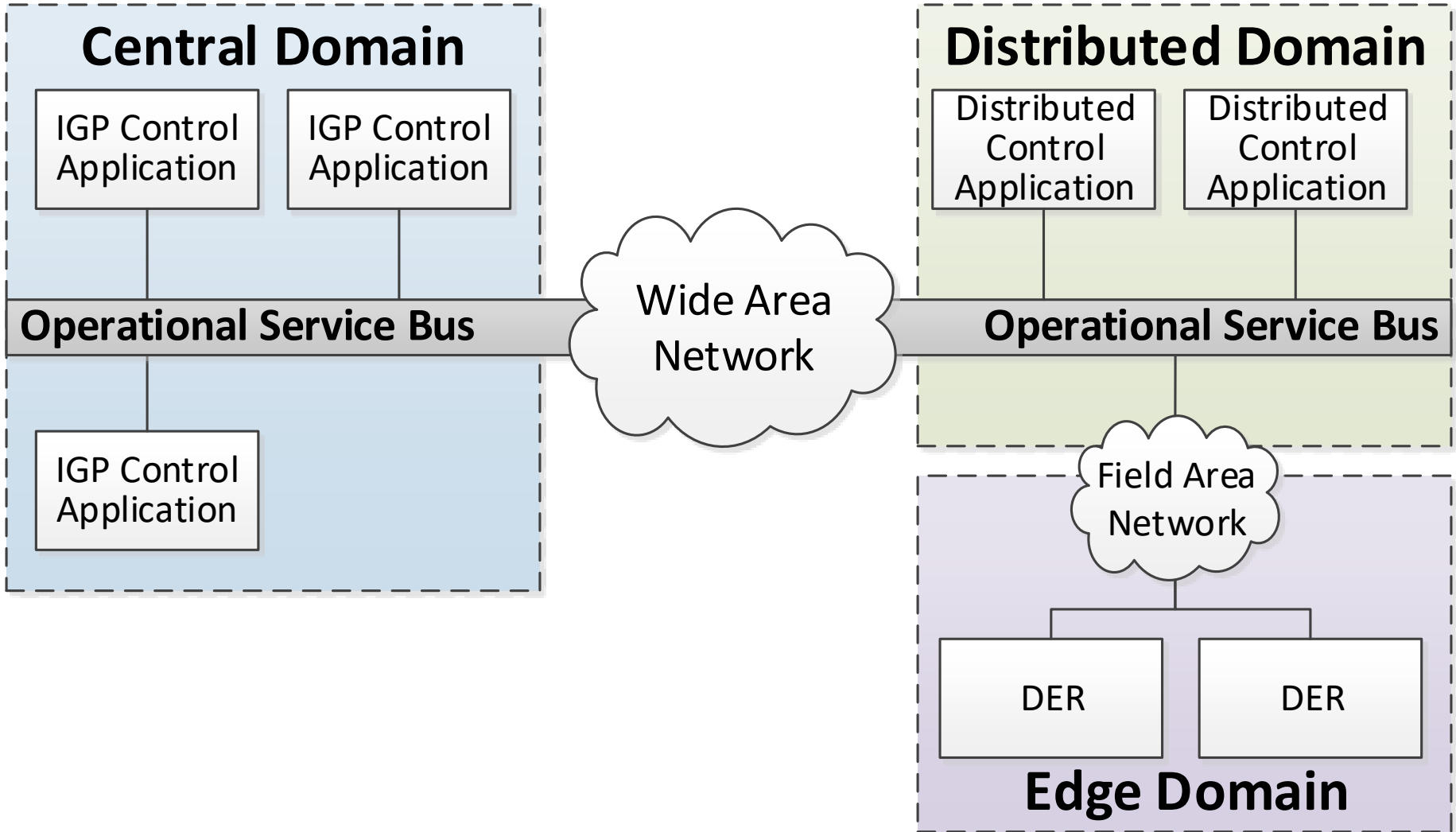


# Use Case: Virtual Microgrid



Monitoring point samples power flow and directs DER to reduce the power flow at the monitoring point to zero

# High Level Logical Architecture

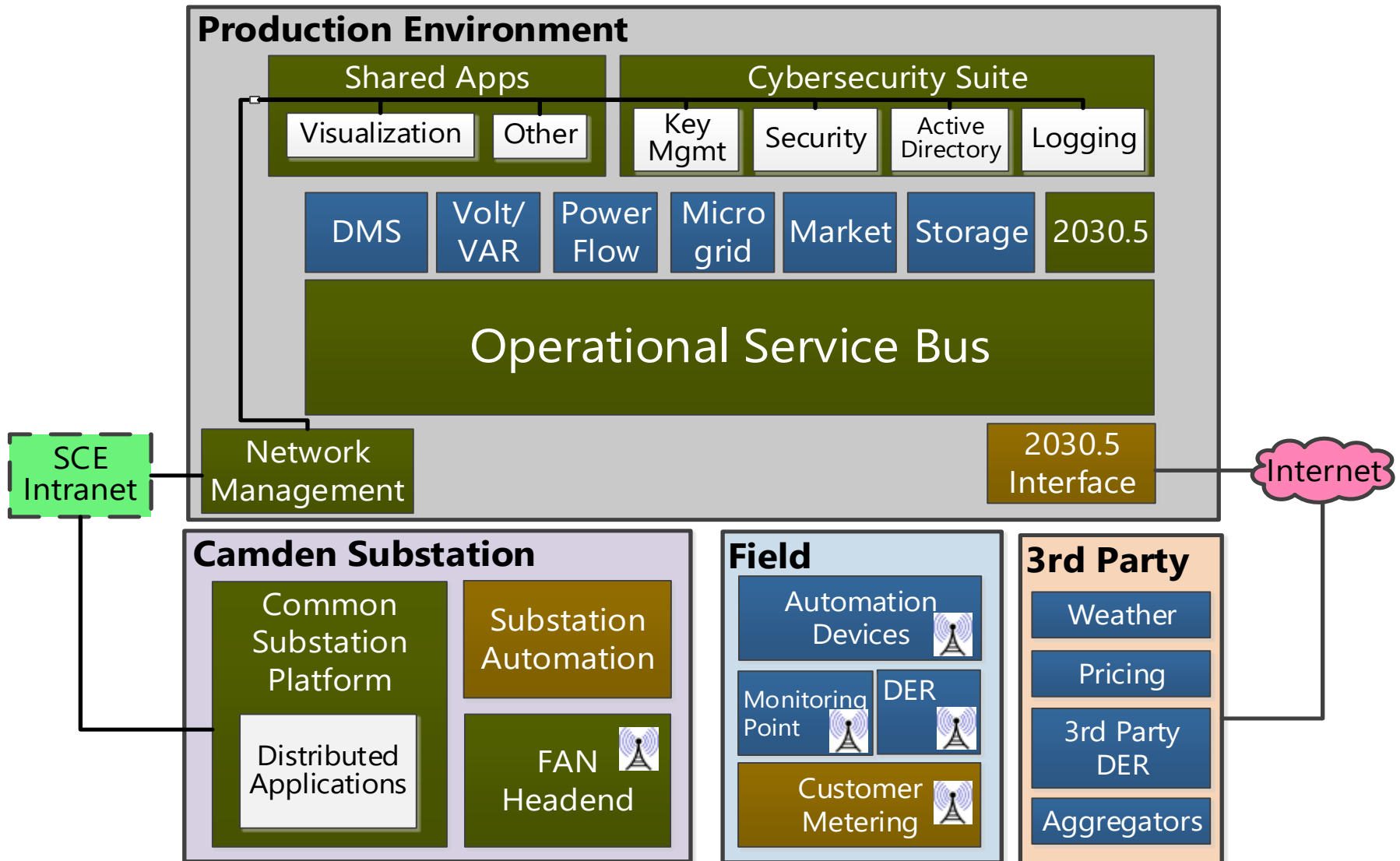


# Logical Architecture

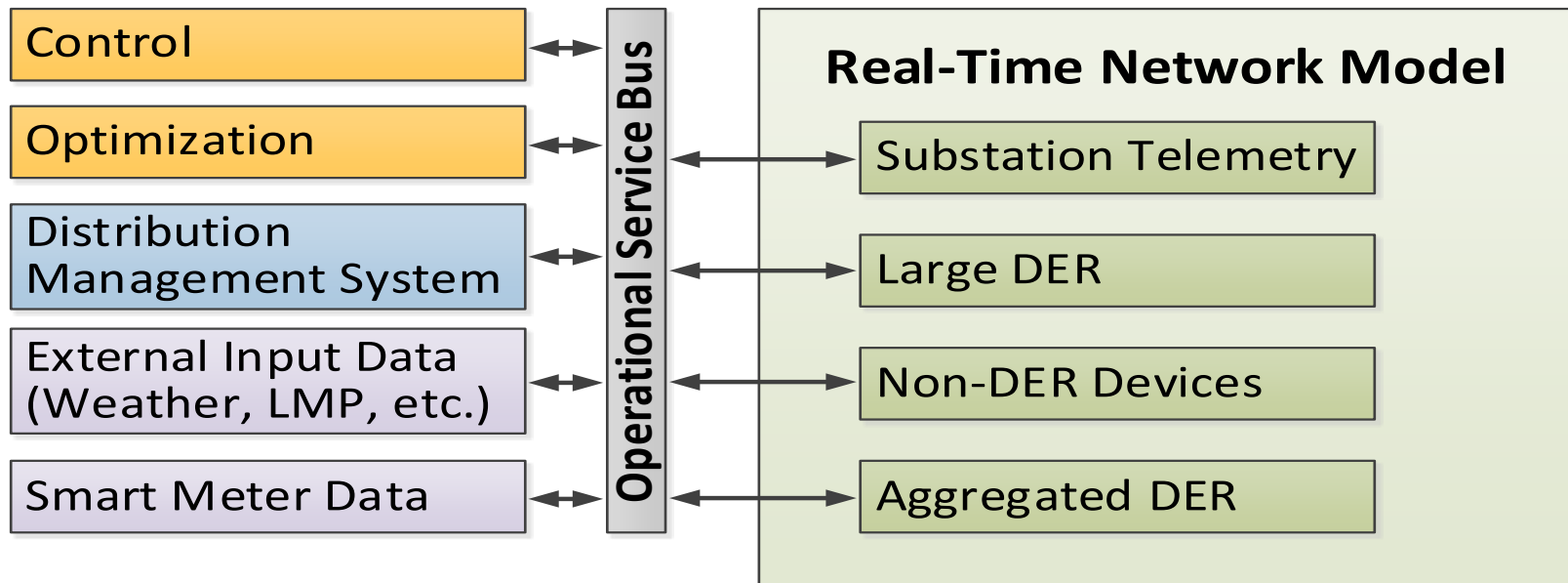
DER Control Functionality

Foundational Functionality

Support Projects



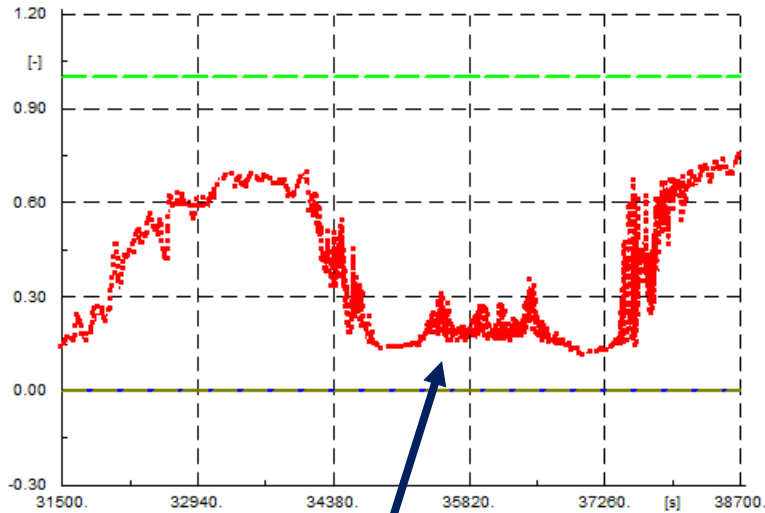
# Closed-Loop Testing Approach



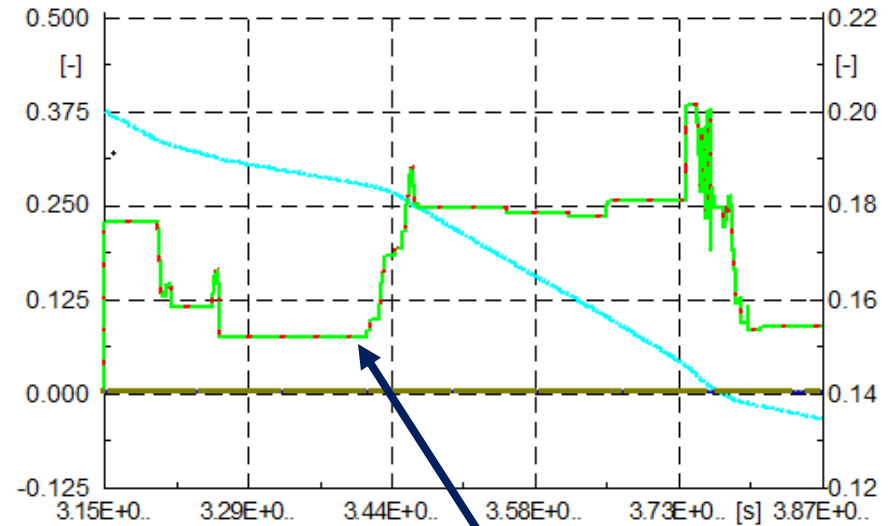
## Benefits to the approach

- Test multiple applications, hardware configurations and communications infrastructure
- Testing both centralized and distributed controls as well as optimization routines
- Simulating hypothetical DER adoption or load growth scenarios

# Example Test Results



PV Output



Battery Output

- Battery is used to offset change in PV output as well as reduce the higher frequency PV output variations

# Connecting to 3<sup>rd</sup> Party DER

- Most new DER resources connected to the utility grid are owned by customers or third-party developers
- For DERs to provide grid support, the utility may want to reduce output or produce reactive power limiting the DER's real power output
  - How do utilities compensate owners of DERs for the services they provide?
  - Will the incentives being considered lead to higher levels of penetration?



# Key Accomplishments

- Identified site for utility-owned storage system
- Developed system requirements and completed system design for high penetration DER control systems
- Developed a high-level integration path for aggregators of DERs using IEEE 2030.5
- Integrated the distributed control systems with the production DMS through the operational service bus
- Assembled laboratory test environment based on the DigSILENT PowerFactory simulation system
- Completed first series of factory acceptance testing (FAT) of the control systems and the operational service bus
- Tested and evaluated four FAN communications systems and down-selected to two systems

# Key Lessons Learned

- IEEE 2030.5 standard is in early stages of deployment and few aggregators have it
- Lab testing with a real-time simulation approach allows examination of a broad range of conditions before field deployment
- Edge computing capability in the FAN field device is vital to allowing network adaptability
- When integrating cybersecurity measures, examine all systems for continued proper operation
- Recruiting customers for the demo requires establishing value for their efforts/equipment use



# Value for Future Modernization Efforts

- Design and demo IEEE 2030.5 architecture acceptable to SCE cybersecurity group
- Demo volt/VAR and power flow optimization techniques using DERs
- Show integration of multiple applications through operational service bus
- Develop detailed interface service definitions that can be reused
- Assess field message bus technologies
- Host first test of FAN technologies in the field

# IGP Status

- EPIC I Activities Completed
  - Completed requirements, design and architecture
  - Completed control system RFP and vendor selection
  - Demonstrated core functionality and system integration in the lab
- EPIC II 2018 Activities
  - Begin field demonstration of the IGP controls with distribution circuit resources (e.g. capacitor controllers, remote control switches with monitoring, DER resources)



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