

# Grid Software

**John Dirkman, P.E.**  
Vice President, Product Management  
[jdirkman@resource-innovations.com](mailto:jdirkman@resource-innovations.com)



# Global Provider of Software and Services



Innovative Technology-Enabled Services, Software, and Consulting.

## History:

- RI founded in 2016, Nexant in 2000
- Nexant joined forces with Resource Innovations in 2021
- TechniArt joined forces with Resource Innovations in 2022
- 700+ Employees
- 14 Offices Throughout North America



**Our Clients:**  
Utilities & ISOs



**100+**

Electric and Gas  
Utility Clients Across  
North America

**Wide Breadth of  
Program Services**  
From Grid Operations to  
the Customer

**80+**

Energy  
Engineers

**\$3B**

Annual FTR Value  
Managed by iHedge  
Software

**20+ YEARS**

Expertise in Program  
Design, Delivery, and  
Grid Management

# Resource Innovations and OTORIO Utility Software and Services

## Innovative Technology-enabled Software, Services, and Consulting

### Energy Software Platforms

- Grid360 - T&D Analytics and Optimization
- DARP - Day-Ahead Reactive Planning
- Grid360 External Network Modeling - Network Model Reduction
- SPIDER - Long-term DER and EV Forecasting
- iHedge - Financial Transmission Rights Analytics
- iEnergy - Workflow Management and Customer Engagement Platform
- EV Charging Data Aggregation Platform

### Grid Security powered by OTORIO

- Consolidate, validate, and Analyze CP data
- Asset Visibility
- Risk Assessment and Management
- Proactive Exposure Discovery
- Audit & Compliance
- SOC and Response Integration
- Penetration Testing and Incident Response
- Secure Remote Access



### Grid Modernization

- GT&D Operations and Expansion Planning
- Grid Reliability and Compliance
- Grid Modernization Analysis, Strategy and Support

### Customer Strategy

- Portfolio and Program Planning
- Behavioral Science and Research
- Demand Response Strategy
- System Economics/Locational Resource Planning
- DER Integration

### Customer Initiatives

- Program Design
- Program Marketing and Customer Engagement
- Program Implementation and Delivery
- Market Ecosystem Management
- Regulatory Compliance and Reporting

# Diversified Customer Base

## Energy Program Management



## Consulting



## Grid Analytics



## Transmission Operators



## Software & SI Partners



# Energy Software Solutions

**Grid360 Engines:** T&D grid planning, operations and analytics - white-labeled EMS/ADMS/DERMS engines for state estimation, optimal power flow, fault analysis, and forecasting deployed in 130+ control centers internationally

**Grid360 Distribution Analytics:** Advanced visualization, analytics, and planning applications, enabling DR, DER, EV, and smart meter analysis and optimization

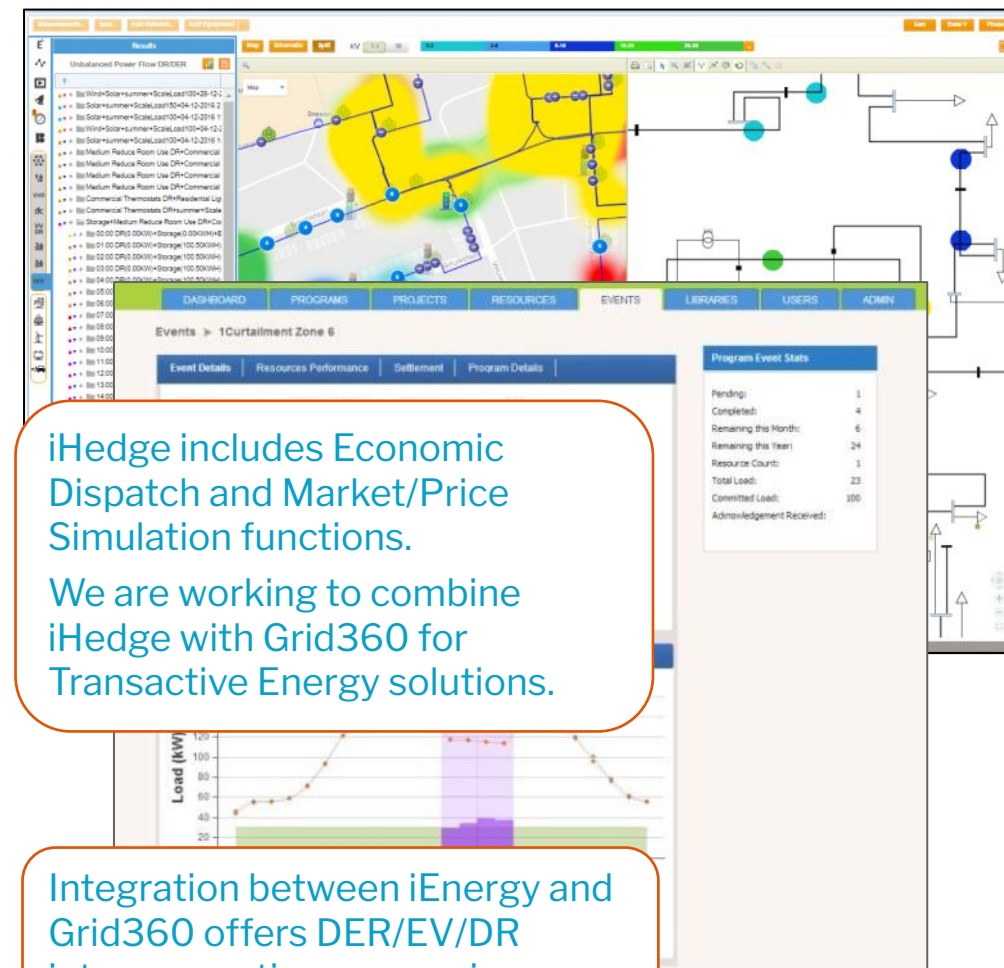
**Day-Ahead Reactive Planning (DARP):** Forecast and optimally dispatch reactive power to support voltage security, especially in the presence of variable renewables. DARP optimizes dispatchable controls based on voltage, power, and time-coupled control constraints, offering operational and study modes.

**Grid360 TA External Network Modeling (Modelex):** Simplifies and consolidates transmission network models to improve analytical performance

**SPIDER:** Advanced tools for long-term (years/decades) DER and EV forecasting

**iHedge:** Energy Market Financial Transmission Rights simulation, analysis, and engagement; the de-facto solution at ISOs in North America and New Zealand as well as for power traders

**iEnergy:** Workflow management and customer engagement suite used



iHedge includes Economic Dispatch and Market/Price Simulation functions.

We are working to combine iHedge with Grid360 for Transactive Energy solutions.

Integration between iEnergy and Grid360 offers DER/EV/DR interconnection processing.

# Grid360 Implementations (partial list)

---

## Direct Implementation at Utilities

- **North America:** Arizona Public Service, BC Hydro, California ISO, Duke Energy, Imperial Irrigation District, New York Independent System Operator, Pacific Gas & Electric, Public Service of New Mexico, Salt River Project, Santee Cooper, Saskatchewan Power, South Carolina Electric & Gas, Tennessee Valley Authority, Western Area Power Administration
- **Europe:** EirGrid, UK Power Networks

## Through Hitachi Energy/ABB, GE, Toshiba, and Smarter Grid Solutions EMS, ADMS, and DERMS solutions

- **North America:** Consolidated Edison of New York, Grand River Dam Authority, Lower Colorado River Authority, National Grid (US), Orange & Rockland, Philadelphia Electric Company, Potomac Electric Power Company, Public Service Enterprise Group, San Diego Gas & Electric, Silicon Valley Power, Southern California Edison, Southwest Transmission Cooperative, Vectren, Xcel Energy
- **Europe:** Elering, FinGrid, LitGrid, National Grid (UK), Scottish Power, Svenska Kraftnat, UK Power Networks
- **Asia:** Chubu Electric, Korea Electric Power Corporation, Kyushu Electric Power Company
- **Africa:** Société Nationale d'Électricité Congo, Volta River Authority Ghana
- **Australia:** Western Power

Superior  
Scalability  
Reliability  
Performance  
Functionality

# Grid360 Analytics Platform



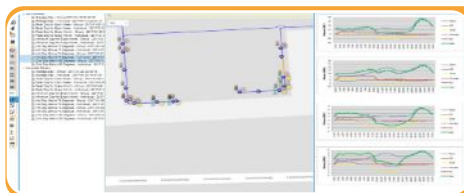
## State estimation, optimal power flow, contingency analysis, fault analysis

- Determine the current operating state of networks using AMI/SCADA/sensor data, discover and eliminate data/topology/latency errors, and recommend sensor placement
- Calculate and display system loading and voltage warnings and violations, including contingency analysis, calculate sensitivities and fault levels, run optimizations, generate alerts, recommending switching, and dispatch resources



## Analysis of DR, DG, DER, PED, EV, microgrids, improved customer engagement

- Evaluate the current and near-term energy and economic state of distribution grids including demand response (DR), distributed generation (DG - solar and wind, including smart inverters), distributed energy resources (DER - energy storage), power electronic devices, electric vehicle (EV) supply equipment, microgrids, volt/VAR optimization (VVO), and Grid Interconnection programs, improving customer service



## Load profiling, short-term, and long-term load and DER forecasting

- Create load profiles, develop short-term (days ahead) and long-term (months to years ahead) energy and economic forecasts including DR, DG, DER, PED, EV, and microgrids
- Generate alerts and dispatch resources based on forecast conditions



## Management of independent grids and microgrids, reliability coordination/market operations

- Manage independently-owned commercial and industrial grids and microgrids
- Coordinated capacity calculation and security analysis, outage planning coordination, short- and medium-term adequacy forecasts



## Advanced security, data quality, and reliability analytics

- Track critical and vulnerable assets, communication channels, protocols and encryption, patches and mitigations, ownership, and access and safety
- Analyze and improve transformer to meter assignment, phase assignment, sizing of devices and conductors, asset health forecasting, energy theft, outage causes and prediction, and other data quality and operational factors based on AMI/SCADA/sensor data and network models

# Grid360 Optimization Objective Functions (partial list)

## Active power optimization

- MW economic dispatch
- MW loss minimization
- Maximum MW transfer
- Minimum control shift
- Minimum number of controls shifted

## Reactive power optimization

- MVAR economic dispatch
- MVAR loss minimization
- VAR installation
- Minimum control shift
- Minimum number of controls shifted



Provides advanced time-coupled look-ahead analysis and optimization



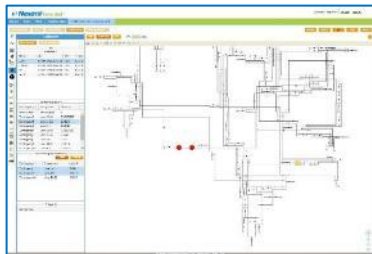
# UK Power Networks Active Network Management System



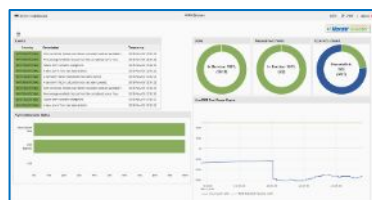
Forecast Load and Generation



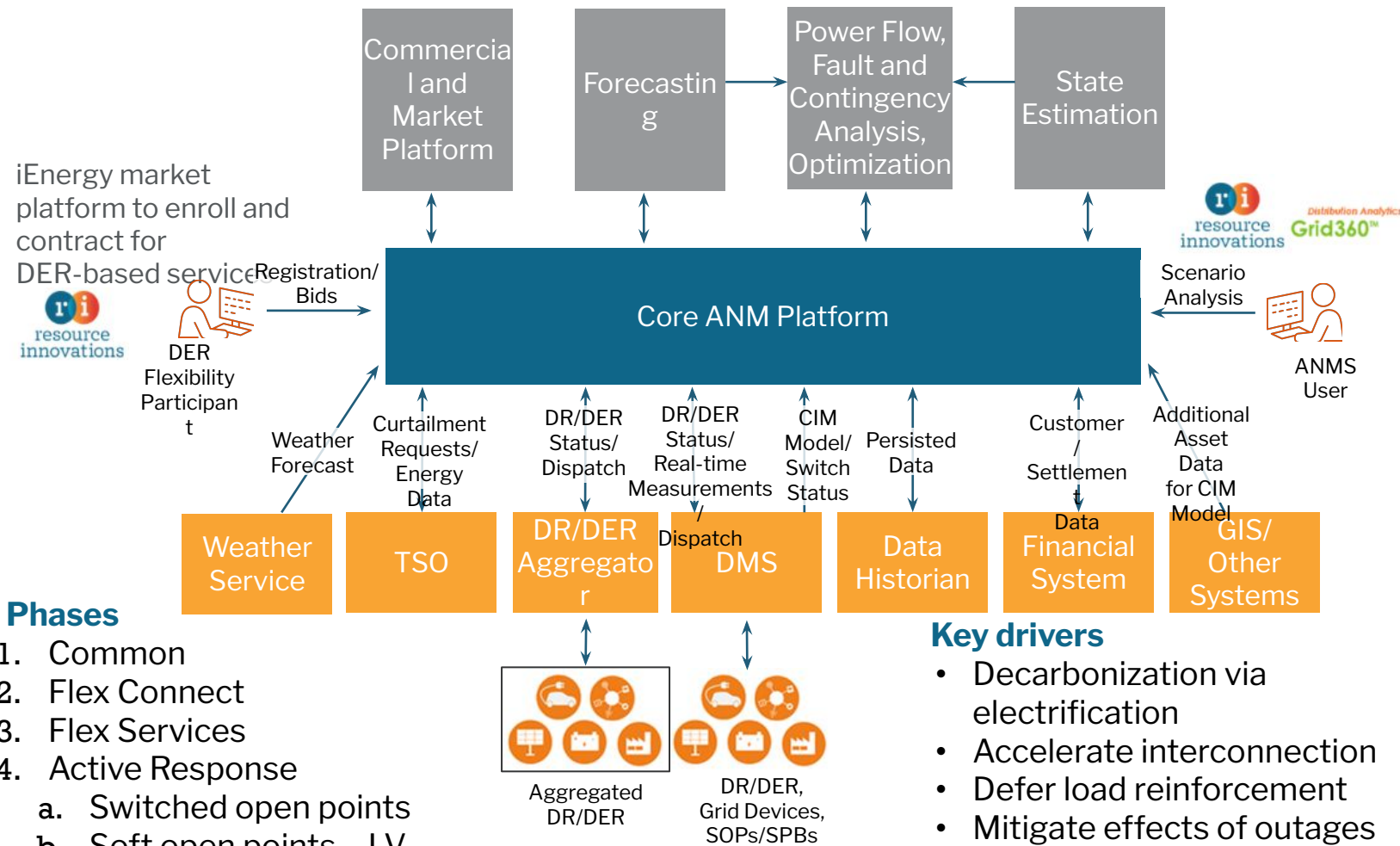
Loading and Voltage Heat Maps



Contingency Analysis



DR/DER Dispatch

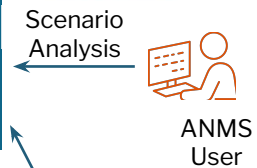


## Phases

1. Common
2. Flex Connect
3. Flex Services
4. Active Response
  - a. Switched open points
  - b. Soft open points – LV
  - c. Soft power bridges – MV/HV

## Key drivers

- Decarbonization via electrification
- Accelerate interconnection
- Defer load reinforcement
- Mitigate effects of outages
- Reduce manual switching
- Provide a platform for the future



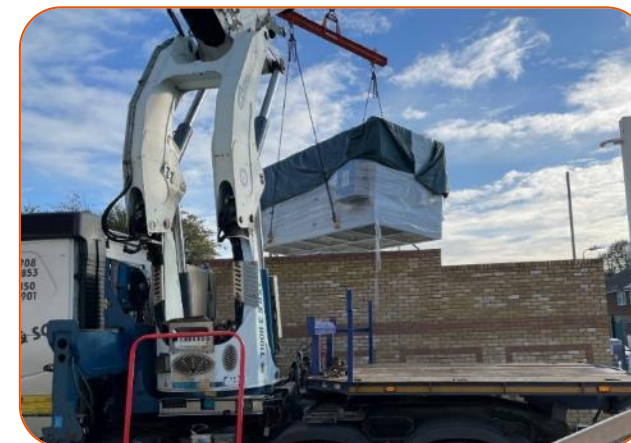
# UK Power Networks Power Electronic Devices



2T Soft Open Point



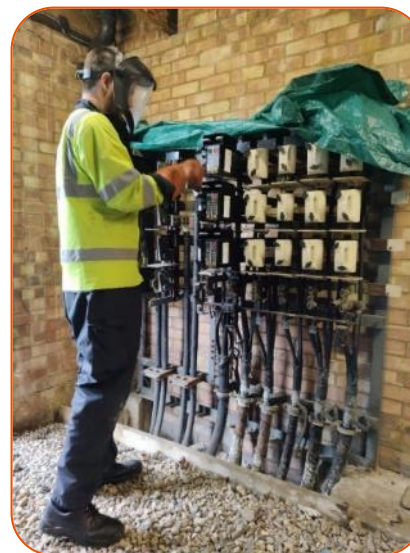
3T Soft Open Point



Soft Power Bridge (SPB)  
during installation



4-way Link Box Switch



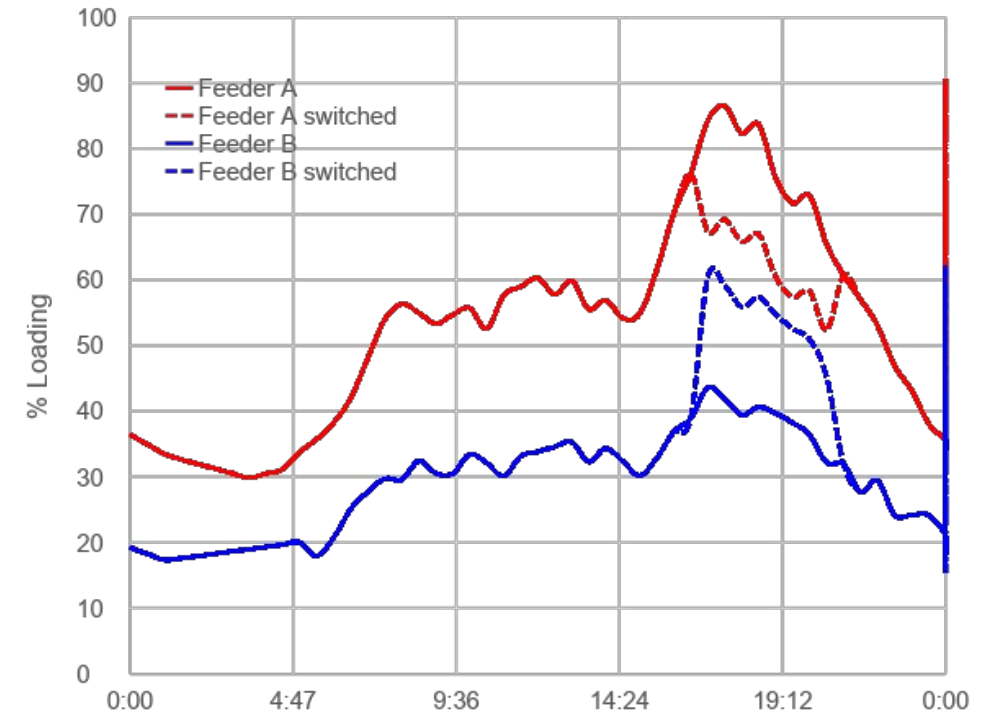
Alvin Circuit  
Breakers



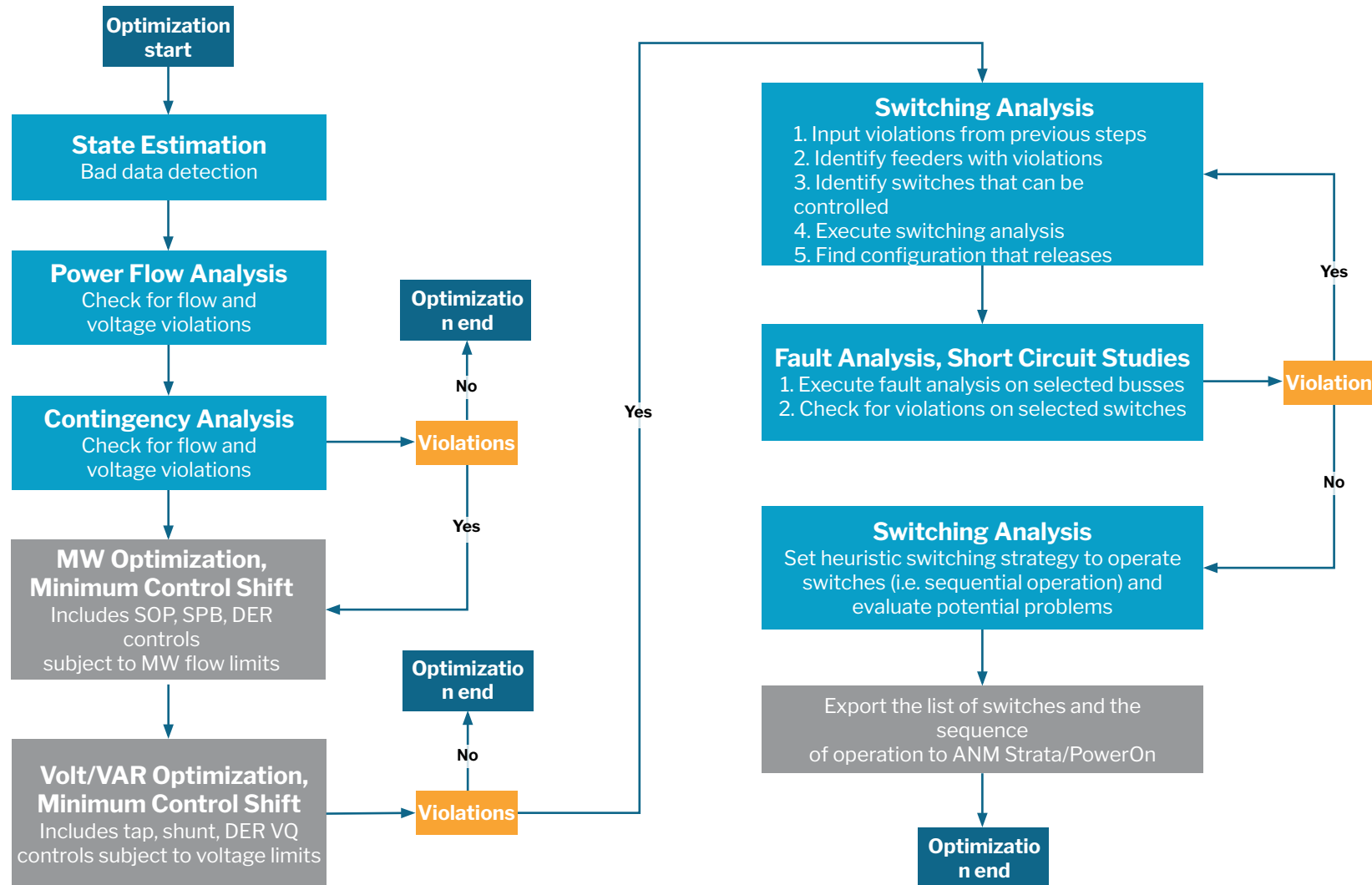
# UK Power Networks Power Electronic Devices

## Direct Benefits

- Maximise network utilisation
- Dynamically shift loads to reduce peaks
- Manage sudden increases in loads due to EV charging
- Over £700m in direct financial benefits by 2050 across GB
- Over 6,000MVA capacity released by 2050 across GB
- ~40,000 tons CO<sub>2</sub>e saved directly by 2050 across GB
- Faster and more cost-effective connection offers due to deferred or mitigated network reinforcements



# UK Power Networks ANMS Optimization Process Flow Diagram



# Grid360 Power Electronic Device Analytics

Welcome, engineer | [Logout](#) | [About](#)

Library Administration Stevenage HV with SPB 220211-disconnect

Measurements Load/Gen Updates Optimization Updates Switch Status Updates PED Updates Feeder Head Branch Updates Save... Add Network... Add Equipment

Map Schematic Split KV: 0.4 0.415 11 33 0-10 kW 10-40 kW 50-99999 kW

**Results**

Active Response

- 2022-11-03 01:58:34.0819
- 2022-11-03 01:58:34\_PFL\_01:58
- 2022-11-03 01:55:00.0154
- 2022-11-03 01:55:00\_PFL\_01:55

Branch Flow

- P - (KW)
- Q - (KVAR)
- S - (KVA)
- Loss:KW
- Loss (KVAR)
- Loss KW (%)
- Loss KVAR (%)

Flow Violation

- Loading %

Generator

- P - (KW)
- Q - (KVAR)
- Revenue (\$)

Load

- P - (KW)
- Q - (KVAR)
- Revenue (\$)

Voltage Violation

- Voltage:PU
- Violation:PU

2022-11-03 01:55:00\_31-SWI\_01:55

2022-11-03 01:55:00\_9-SWI\_01:55

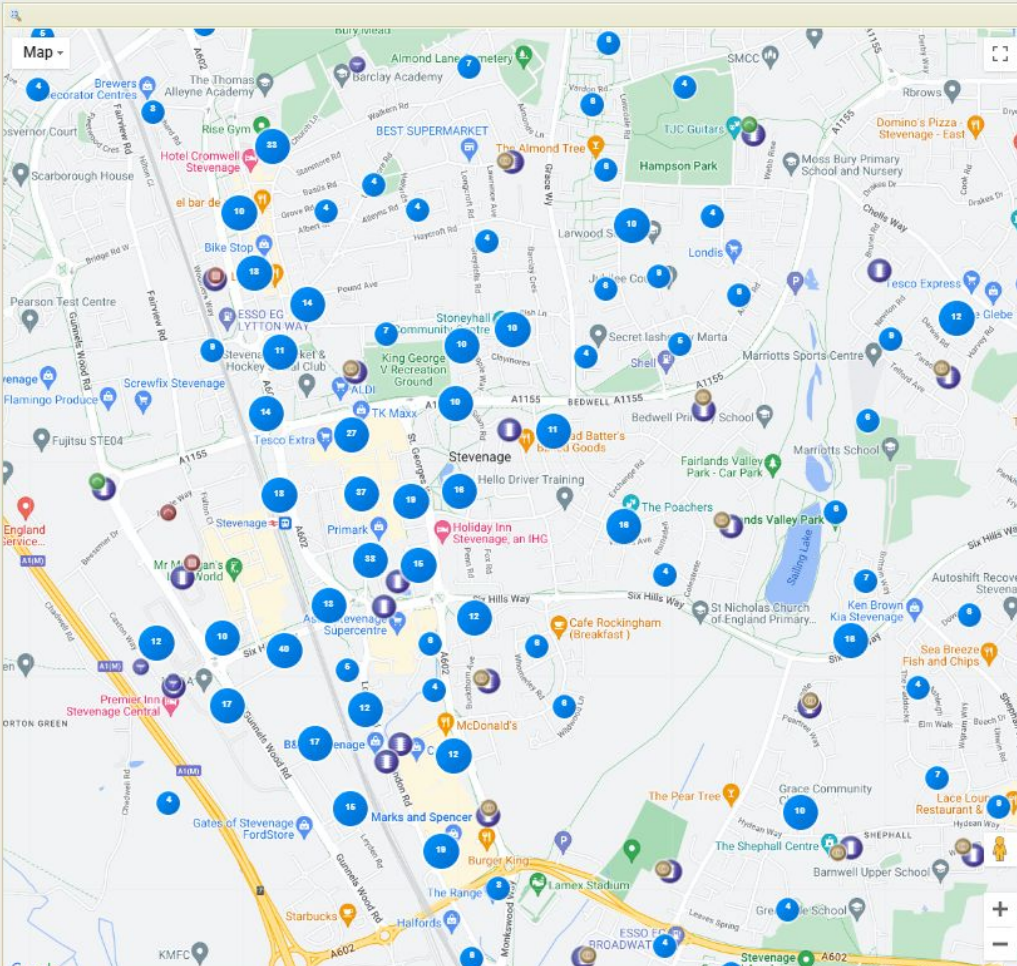
2022-11-03 01:55:00\_7-SWI\_01:55

2022-11-03 01:55:00\_SWI\_01:55

2022-11-03 01:55:00\_SWI\_01:55

2022-11-03 01:53:26.0446

2022-11-03 01:53:26\_PFL\_01:53



Power Electronic Device: Stevenage\_HV\_SPB\_1

Properties Attachments Load Profiles Load Forecast

Attribute/Equipment	Attribute Value
Base voltage	
Nominal voltage (...)	11
SPBCapabilityCurve	Stevenage_HV_SPB_1_Curve2
Curve point	Stevenage_HV_SPB_1_Curve2_pt7
Curve point	Stevenage_HV_SPB_1_Curve2_pt6
Curve point	Stevenage_HV_SPB_1_Curve2_pt5
Curve point	Stevenage_HV_SPB_1_Curve2_pt4
Curve point	Stevenage_HV_SPB_1_Curve2_pt3
Curve point	Stevenage_HV_SPB_1_Curve2_pt2
Curve point	Stevenage_HV_SPB_1_Curve2_pt1
specifiedVoltage	1.06
ridId	_Stevenage_HV_SPB_1_Curve2
SPBCapabilityCurve	Stevenage_HV_SPB_1_Curve1
minIQ (MVA)	-5
ratedCurrent	0.262
maxQ (MVA)	5
ratedMVA	5
ridId	_Stevenage_HV_SPB_1
inService	TRUE

Name: From: To: Filter Reset

Apply Apply & Close Close

# Grid360 Power Electronic Device Analytics

Welcome, system | [Logout](#) | [About..](#)

Library Administration stevenage\_HV-LV\_CimGraph10a

Measurements Load/Gen Updates Optimization Updates Switch Status Updates PED Updates Feeder Head Branch Updates Save Add Network Add Equipment

Map Schematic Split KV: 0.4 0.415 11 35 0-20 20-40 40-60 60-80 80-100

### Results

Active Response

- SE\_2023-02-20 10:44:15.0573
  - 2023-02-20 10:44:15\_FST
    - Branch Flow
      - P - (KW)
      - Q - (KVAR)
      - S - (KVA)
      - Loss:KW
      - Loss (KVAR)
      - Loss KW (%)
      - Loss KVAR (%)
    - Generator
    - Load
      - 2023-02-20 10:44:15\_PFL\_22.44
        - Branch Flow
          - P - (KW)
          - Q - (KVAR)
          - S - (KVA)
          - Loss:KW
          - Loss (KVAR)
          - Loss KW (%)
          - Loss KVAR (%)
        - Flow Violation
          - Loading %
        - Generator
          - P - (KW)
          - Q - (KVAR)
          - Revenue (\$)
        - Load
          - P - (KW)
          - Q - (KVAR)
          - Revenue (\$)
        - Voltage Violation
          - Voltage:PU
          - Violation:PU

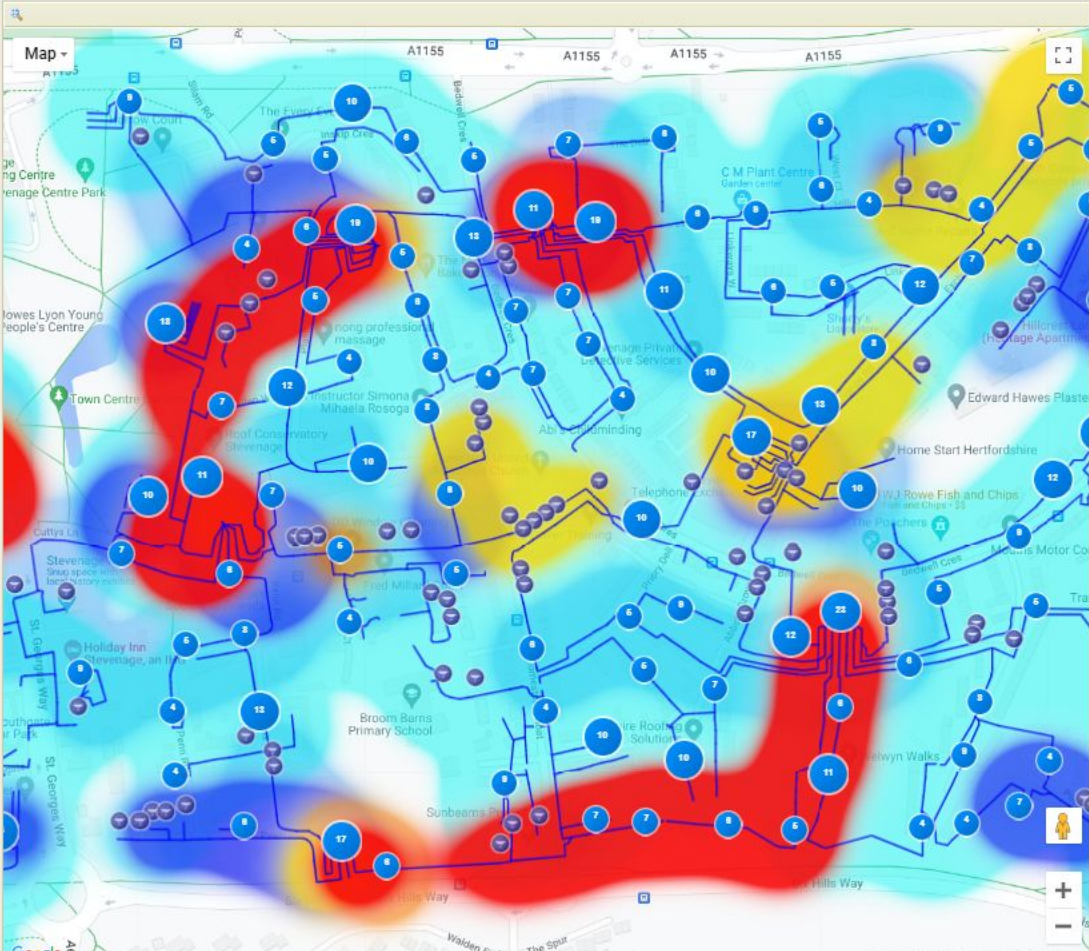
Page 1 of 2

Name:

From:

To:

[Filter](#) [Reset](#)



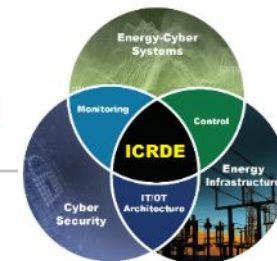
### Power Electronic Device: 8U6124\_3TSOP

Properties Attachments Load Profiles Load Forecast

Attribute/Equipment	Attribute Value
SOPCapability...	8U6124_3TSOP_Curve2
Curve point	8U6124_3TSOP_Curve2_pt4
Curve point	8U6124_3TSOP_Curve2_pt3
Curve point	8U6124_3TSOP_Curve2_pt2
Curve point	8U6124_3TSOP_Curve2_pt1
specifiedVol...	1.06
rfid	_8U6124_3TSOP_Curve2
SOPCapability...	8U6124_3TSOP_Curve1
Curve point	8U6124_3TSOP_Curve1_pt2
Curve point	8U6124_3TSOP_Curve1_pt1
Curve point	8U6124_3TSOP_Curve1_pt4
Curve point	8U6124_3TSOP_Curve1_pt3
specifiedVol...	0.9
rfid	_8U6124_3TSOP_Curve1
Base voltage	
Nominal volt...	0.4
minQ (MVA)	-0.285
maxQ (MVA)	0.285
ratedMVA	0.4
ratedCurrent	0.58
rfid	_8U6124_3TSOP
inService	TRUE

[Apply](#) [Apply & Close](#) [Close](#)

Map data ©2023 Terms of Use Report a map error



# DOE ARPA-E and BIRD ICRDE Grant Projects

## Sensor-enabled Modeling of Future Distribution Systems with Distributed Energy Resources

Partners include Arizona State University, Arizona Public Service, Resource Innovations

- Development of accurate, sensor-driven mathematical models of APS distribution feeders, loads, and dispatchable resource assets
- Development of monitoring and control algorithms for optimal scheduling of DERs
- Technology to Market strategy via Industry Advisory Board

## Stochastic Optimal Power Flow for Real-time Management of Distributed Renewable Generation and Demand Response

Partners include Arizona State University, Resource Innovations, Sandia National Labs, PJM, MISO, NREL

- Prototype software for stochastic Security Constrained Economic Dispatch (SCED)/ Stochastic Look-Ahead Commitment (SLAC), scalable for large systems with high percentage of renewable generation (stochastic resources)
- Forecast algorithms for bulk and distributed wind and solar generation
- Classification and aggregate modelling of DR

## Comprehensive Cybersecurity Technology for Critical Power Infrastructure AI-based Centralized Defense and Edge Resilience

Many partners, utilities include Arava Power, Duquesne Light Company, Arizona Public Service, Delek US

- Support research, development, testing, and commercialization of software to harden utility EMS, DMS, and SCADA against cyberattacks

# Sensor-enabled Modeling of Future Distribution Systems with Distributed Energy Resources

## \$2.8M DOE ARPA-E Grant

### Team

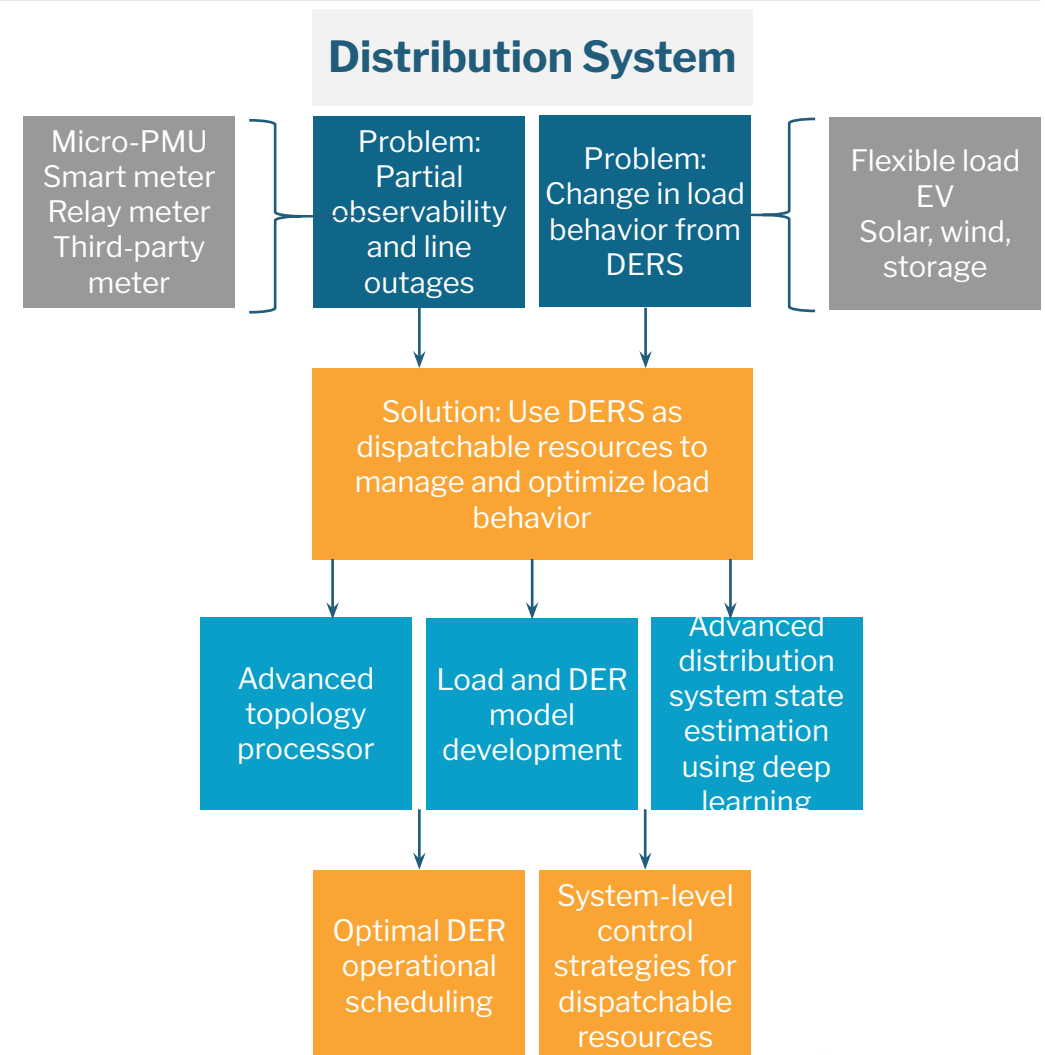
- Arizona State University
- Arizona Public Service
- Resource Innovations

### Project

- Development of accurate, sensor-driven mathematical models of APS distribution feeders, loads, and dispatchable resource assets
- Development of monitoring and control algorithms
- Optimal scheduling of DERs
- System-level DER control improving PV dispatchability
- Demonstration on actual APS feeder with 1000 PV units, 75 with robust smart inverter control
- Technology to Market strategy via Industry Advisory Board

### Technology Impact

- Sustainable distribution grids enhancing energy independence
- Data-driven inference on modeling, monitoring, and control, for improved energy efficiency
- Advanced deep learning tools ensuring USA energy technology leadership





# Sensor-enabled Modeling of Future Distribution Systems with Distributed Energy Resources

## \$2.8M DOE ARPA-E Grant

### Task 1: Advanced Topology Processor

- Application to provide improved topology error processing using state estimation (real and imaginary voltage of each bus, active and reactive power of each load, current flow of each line, and switch status of each line) for unbalanced distribution networks.
- Application to provide an integrated multi-stage spectrum clustering algorithm to accurately model secondary distribution network topology. Important for voltage drop calculation, outage prediction/management, and transformer loading calculation, as well as serving as foundational data for

### Task 2: Developing and validating accurate data-driven load, dispatchable resource, and distribution system models

- Application to use AMI data to further validate meter to transformer connection so that secondary distribution network topology can be modelled more accurately and in detail.
- Application to utilize optimal power flow to properly allocate reactive power to the load buses based on measurement data at the feeder head.
- Application to use county parcel data to validate and improve the geographic location of meters.

### Task 3: Formulating an Advanced Distribution System State Estimator

- Application to optimally place micro-PMUs in distribution feeders and estimate the distribution system state using deep neural network (DNN) processing, including available measurement data.

# Sensor-enabled Modeling of Future Distribution Systems with Distributed Energy Resources

## \$2.8M DOE ARPA-E Grant

### Task 4: Optimal energy management/scheduling of dispatchable resources

- Application to optimally schedule DERs including PV units with smart inverters with the objective of minimizing the total operational cost of curtailment while keeping the system voltage within acceptable range

### Task 5: Design and validate system-level control strategies for PV/DER power converters

- Application to develop robust smart PV inverter modeling with volt-var control.
- Application to determine the best locations to place the minimum number of PV smart inverters to improve voltage along distribution feeders in over voltage and under voltage scenarios.

### Task 6: Demonstration of proposed technologies on feeders with numerous PV with robust smart inverter control

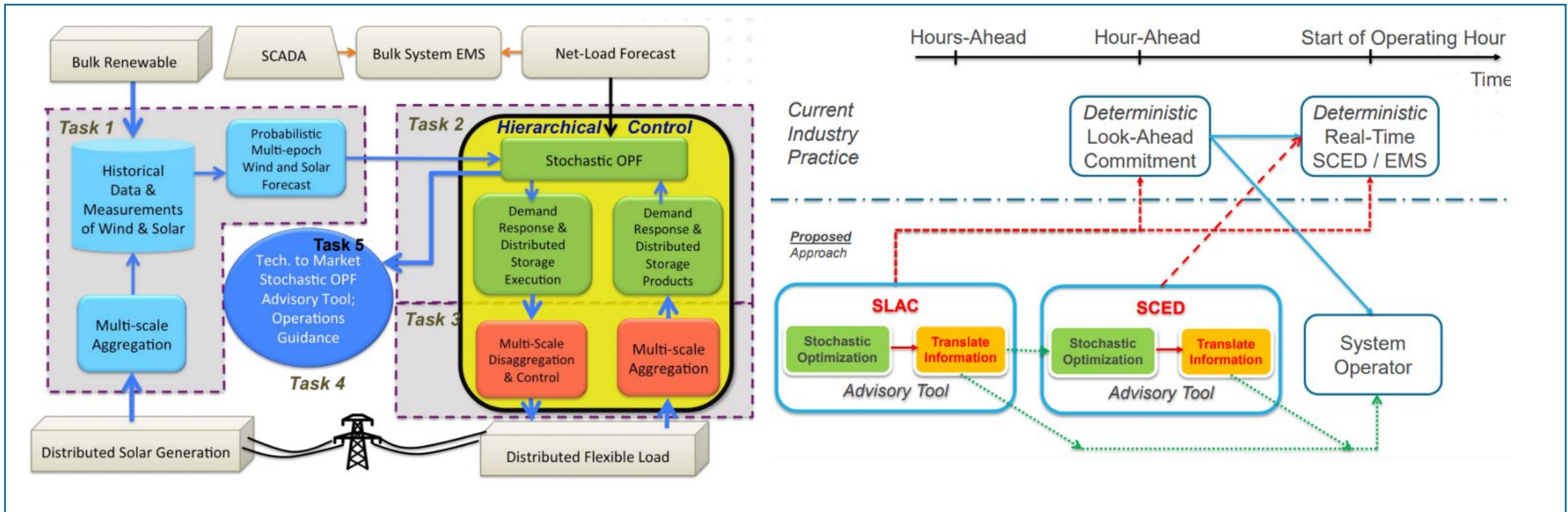
- Application to implement a real-time simulation study on an OPAL-RT ePHASORSIM system with a fully detailed secondary feeder, the operation of battery storage, and a large number of PV inverters with volt-var control, to verify the performance of developed DER control and optimization functions.

### Task 7. Develop Technology to Market strategy validated by an Industry Advisory Board

# Stochastic Optimal Power Flow for Real-time Management of Distributed Renewable Generation and Demand Response - DOE ARPA-E

Team	Challenge	Deliverable	Outcome
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arizona State University</li> <li>• Resource Innovations</li> <li>• Sandia National Labs</li> <li>• PJM</li> <li>• MISO</li> <li>• NREL</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Uncertainty and variability due to a high volume of DER and DR assets</b></li> <li>• <b>High penetration of wind and solar renewables and DR increases cost and decreases operational reliability of power grid</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prototype software for stochastic Security Constrained Economic Dispatch (SCED)/ Stochastic Look-Ahead Commitment (SLAC)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhances performance using parallel processing</li> <li>• Scalable to large system with high percentage of renewable (stochastic resources) penetration</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Forecast algorithms for bulk and distributed wind and solar generation; in progress</b></li> <li>• <b>Classification and aggregate modeling of DR; in progress</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prototype is an effective advisory tool that may be used to reduce operating cost by providing operational guidance for uncertainty management (i.e., increase reliability)</b></li> <li>• <b>SLAC is a standalone parallel advisory tool and does not replace a market tool</b></li> <li>• <b>SLAC provides real-time policy functions (inputs) to implement within an existing market model</b></li> <li>• <b>In order to realize potential benefits, enhance modeling, control, and management of DER, DR, and storage at the bulk level</b></li> </ul>

# Stochastic Optimal Power Flow for Real-time Management of Distributed Renewable Generation and Demand Response - DOE ARPA-E



# Comprehensive Cybersecurity Technology for Critical Power Infrastructure AI-based Centralized Defense and Edge Resilience - BIRD ICRDE

## CLIENT:

Israel Energy Center and Israel-U.S. Binational Industrial Research and Development (BIRD)

Israel-US Initiative on Cybersecurity Research and Development for Energy (ICRDE)

## ROLE:

Support research, development, testing, and commercialization of software to harden utility EMS, DMS, and SCADA against cyberattacks

## TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET:

\$10M, with \$622K for Resource Innovations, three-year project duration

## Use Case Development

**Utility Partners**

**Energy Infrastructure**

**National Security**

## Advisory Board

## Data Provider (real, simulation, lab)

## Data Analytics and Security Platform

## Research

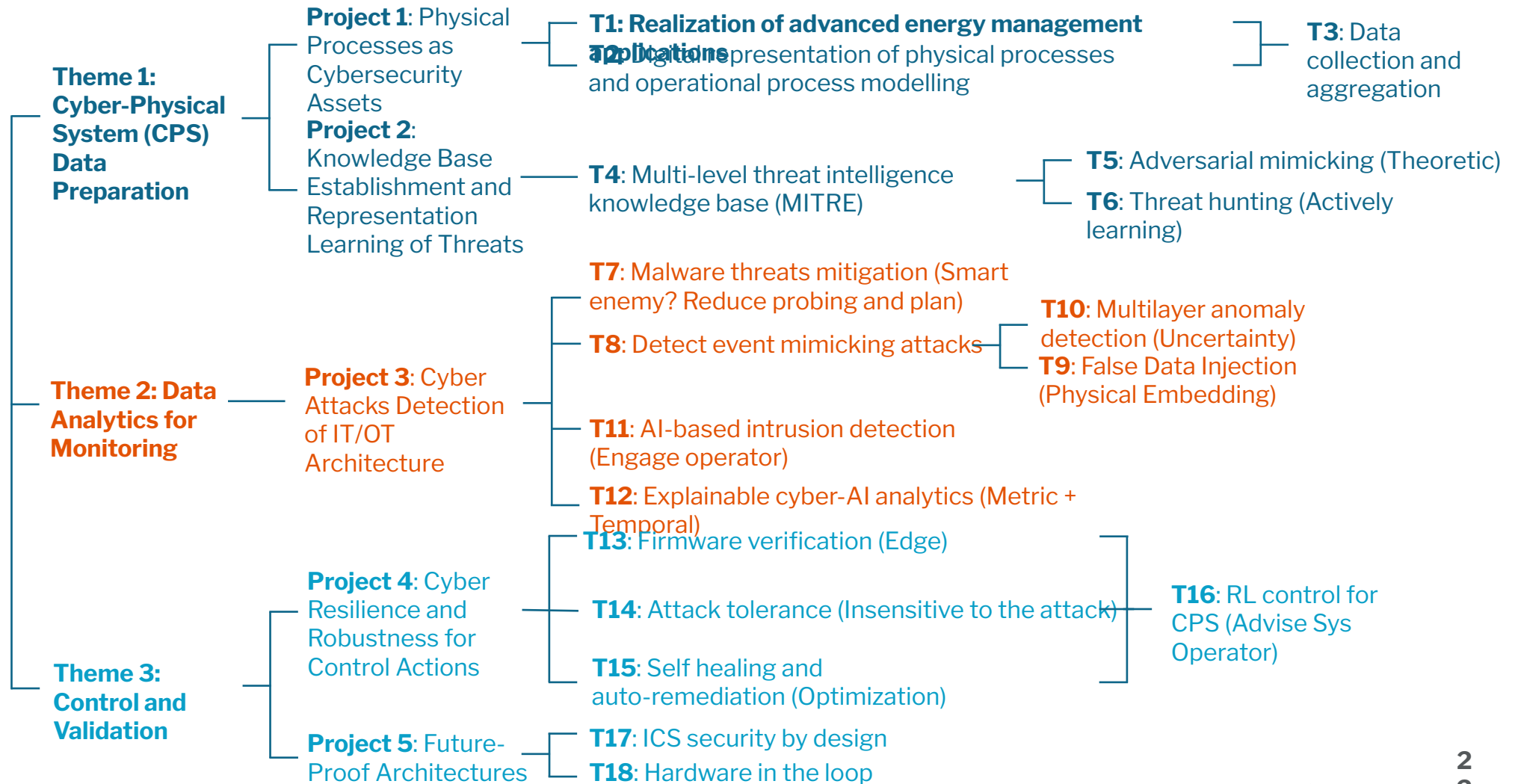
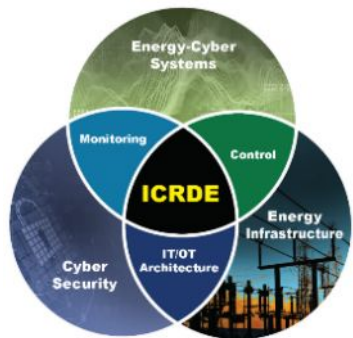
## Software

**Software**

**Hardware**



# Comprehensive Cybersecurity Technology for Critical Power Infrastructure AI-based Centralized Defence and Edge Resilience - BIRD ICRDE



# Threat Assessment Risk Score

Welcome, engineer | [Logout](#) | [About](#)

Library Administration Trial1\_TC

Measurements Load/Gen Updates Optimization Updates Switch Status Updates PED Updates Feeder Head Branch Updates save... Add Network... Add Equipment

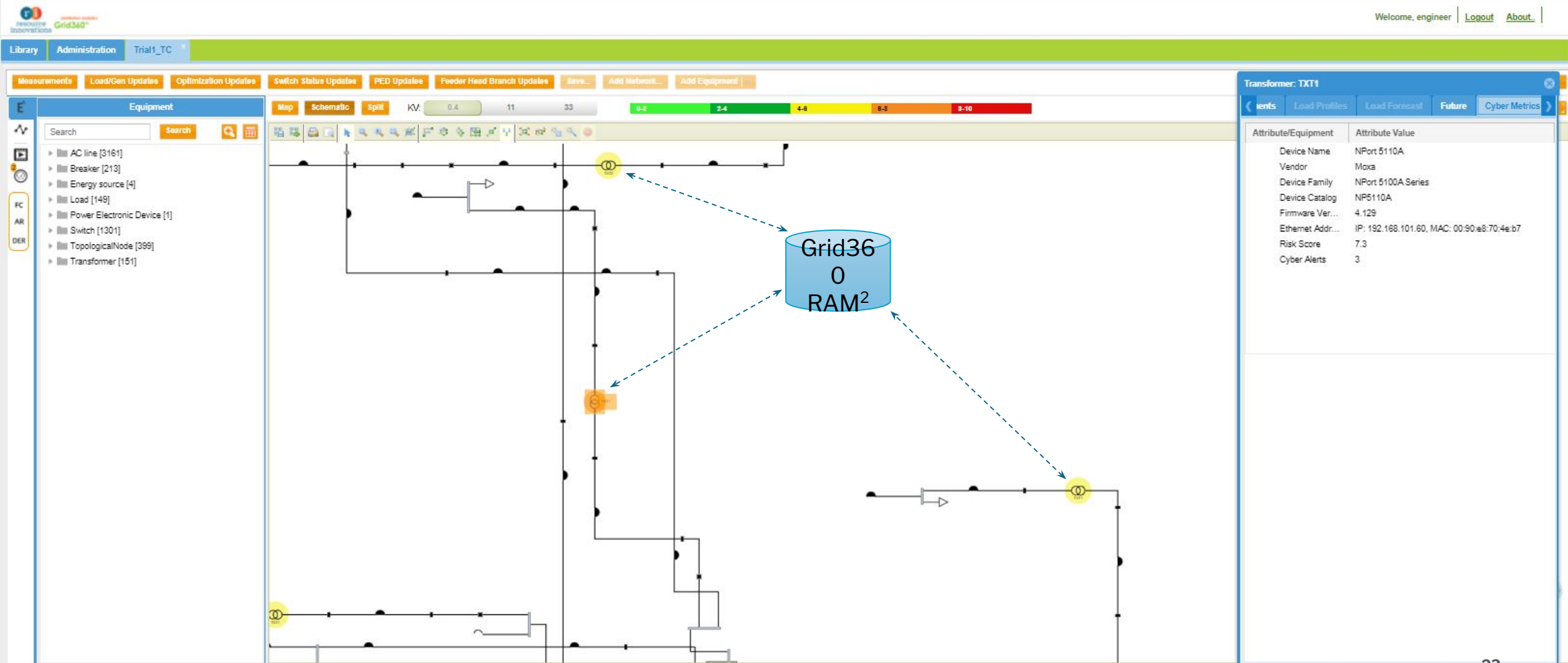
Map Schematic Split KV: 0.4 11 33 0-2 2-4 4-8 8-3 8-10

**Equipment**  
 Search  
 AC line [3161]  
 Breaker [213]  
 Energy source [4]  
 Load [149]  
 Power Electronic Device [1]  
 Switch [1301]  
 TopologicalNode [399]  
 Transformer [151]

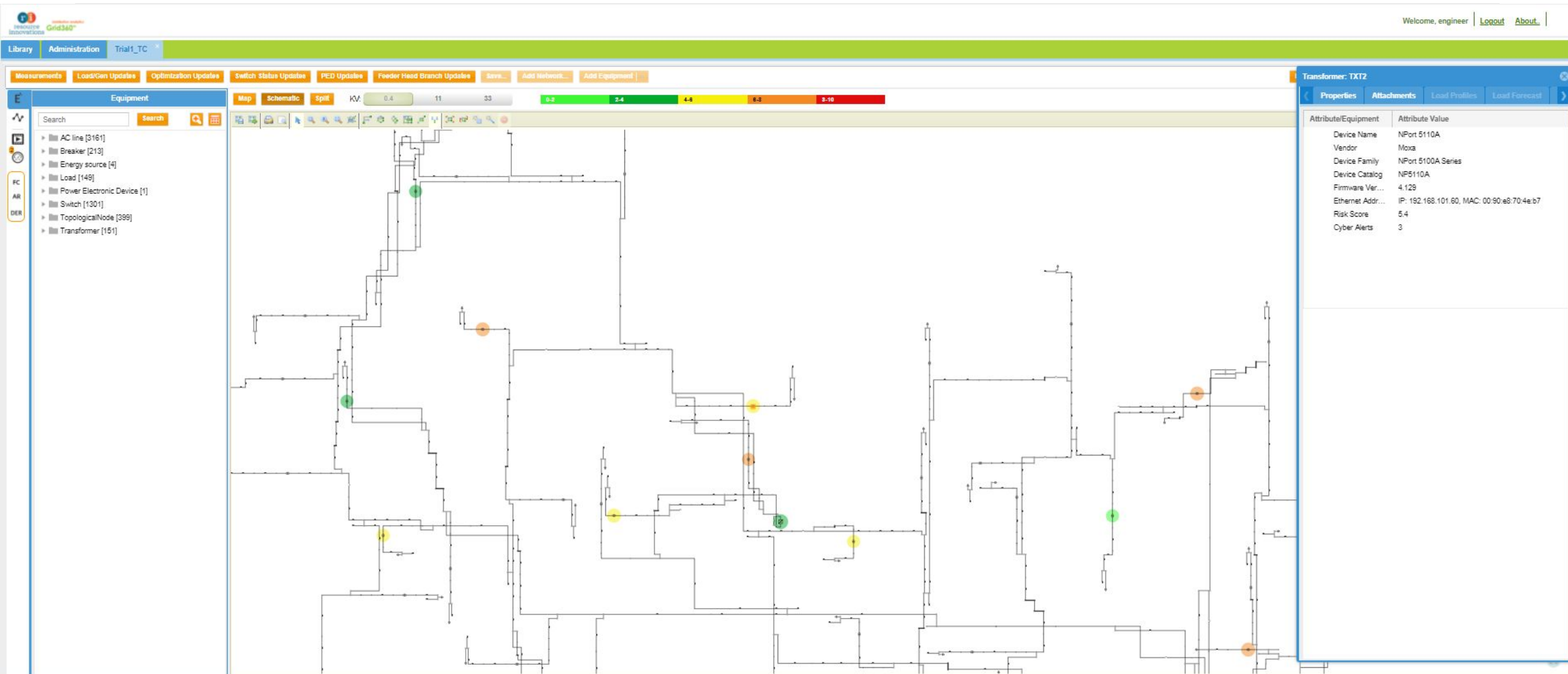
**Transformer: TXT1**  
 Alerts Load Profiles Load Forecast Future Cyber Metrics

Attribute/Equipment	Attribute Value
Device Name	NPort 5110A
Vendor	Moxa
Device Family	NPort 5100A Series
Device Catalog	NP5110A
Firmware Ver...	4.129
Ethernet Addr...	IP: 192.168.101.60, MAC: 00:90:e8:70:4e:b7
Risk Score	7.3
Cyber Alerts	3

Grid36  
 0  
 RAM<sup>2</sup>



# Threat Assessment Heat Map

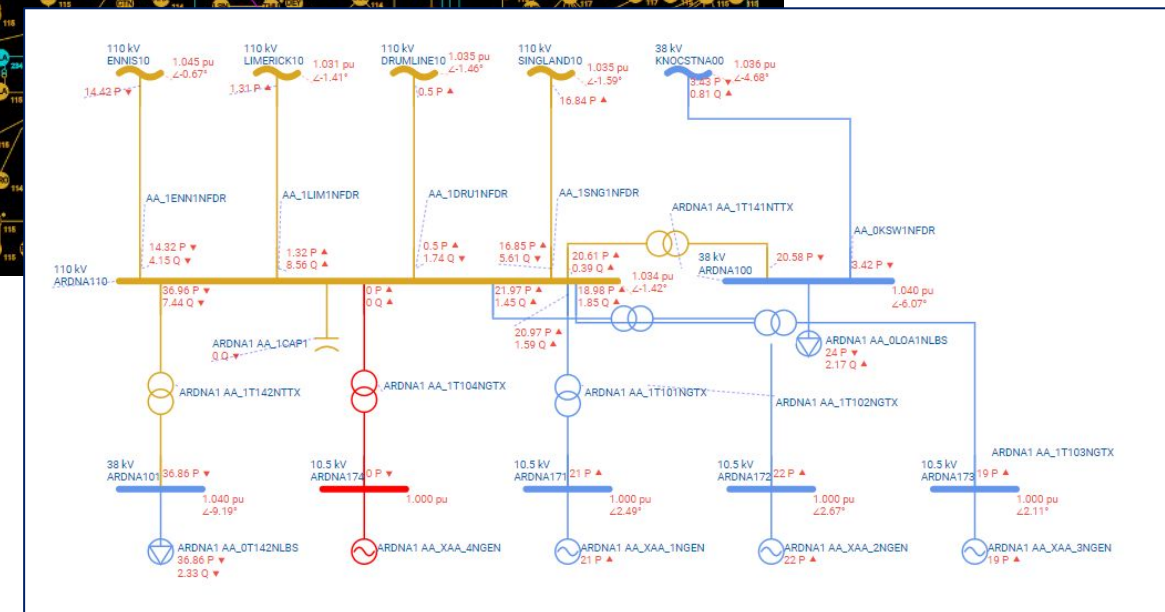




# Day Ahead Reactive Planning Tool (DARP) (EirGrid's Voltage Trajectory Tool)

DARP/VTT analyses various datasets to optimize dispatch instructions to maintain voltage over a 48-hour period via operational and study modes. DARP/VTT optimizes reactive power controls via minimum control shift considering time-coupled constraints to maintain voltage given variable renewable generation.

- Load forecast
- Generation and interconnection schedule
- Real-time network model from EMS
- Planned outages and equipment availability
- Contingency list
- List of reactive power resources providing voltage regulation, including Static Var Compensators (SVC), Static Synchronous Compensators (STATCOM), generators
- List of transformers with automatic and manual On-Load Tap Changers (OLTC)
- List of switchable capacitors and reactors
- Required voltage profile (or range) in specific areas of the grid



# THANK YOU!

John Dirkman, P.E.

Vice President, Product Management

[jdirkman@resource-innovations.com](mailto:jdirkman@resource-innovations.com)

