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IES Program Review Thermal and Experimental Systems

Overview of Capabilities & Projects

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Session Agenda

1. HYBRID Modeling Activities

- a) New HYBRID structure: integrating static & dynamic modeling
- b) Validation & verification

2. Thermal Systems Research Projects

- a) Thermodynamic system characterization
- b) Costing information: components and systems

3. Experimental Systems

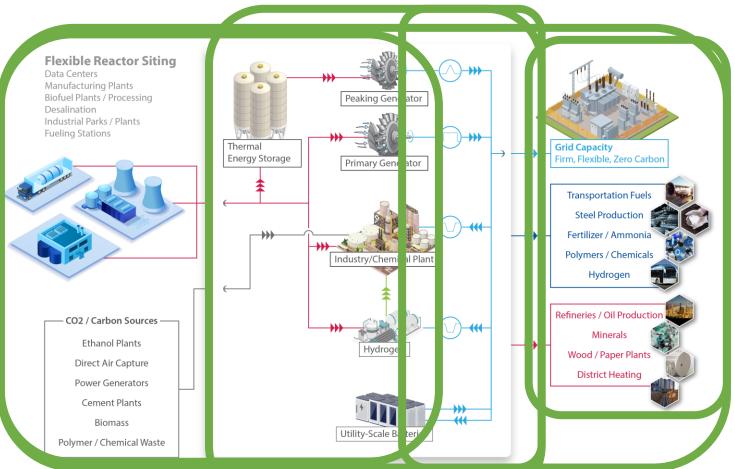
- a) Current: DETAIL
- b) Future: DOME, CFA
- c) DSS and V&V connects experiments to modeling, full reactors

4. Thermal Systems Capabilities

- a) HYBRID + Experiments + Cost Information
- b) Enabling Use Cases



Thermal Systems Modeling in IES

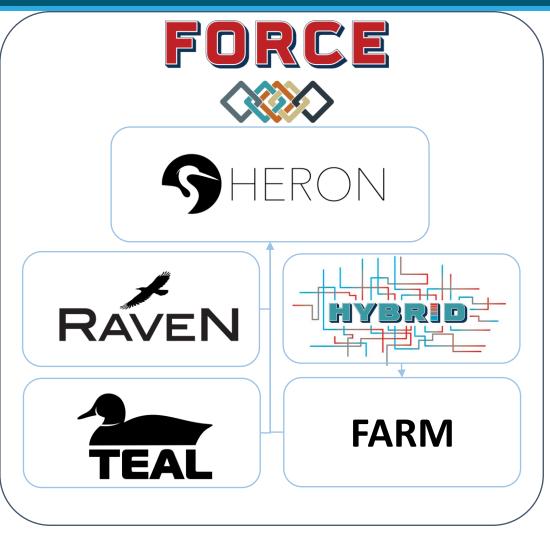


- How do subsystems operate?
 - Ramp rates
 - Internal energy flows
 - Control response
- How do systems respond to dispatch?
 - What is governing system control?
- What are external energy requirements?
 - Thermal and electrical energy use
- What are heat and chemical balances for IES?
 - How should energy interfaces operate in IES?



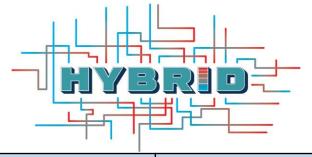
How HYBRID Fits Within FORCE

- INL tools enable IES modeling analysis
 - Physical process, integration modeling
 - Long-term technoeconomic analysis
 - Capacity, dispatch optimization
 - Stochastic analysis, multiple commodities
 - Energy storage, varied markets
 - Real-time optimization





HYBRID Structure



Modelica Dynamic Models

Primary Heat Systems

Energy Manifold

Balance of Plant

Industrial Process

Energy Storage

Secondary Energy Source

Primary Heat Switch Yard

Electrical Grid

Control System Center

Experimental Systems

Steady-State	Transient	ROMs	Cost Information
Tech 1	Tech 1	Tech 1	Tech 1
Tech 2	Tech 2	Tech 2	Tech 2
Tech 3	Tech 3	Tech 3	Tech 3
Tech 4	Tech 4	Tech 4	Tech 4
Aspen, Mathcad, Excel, etc.	non-Modelica or "Save-total" Modelica	Trained on other models	HERON-readable format

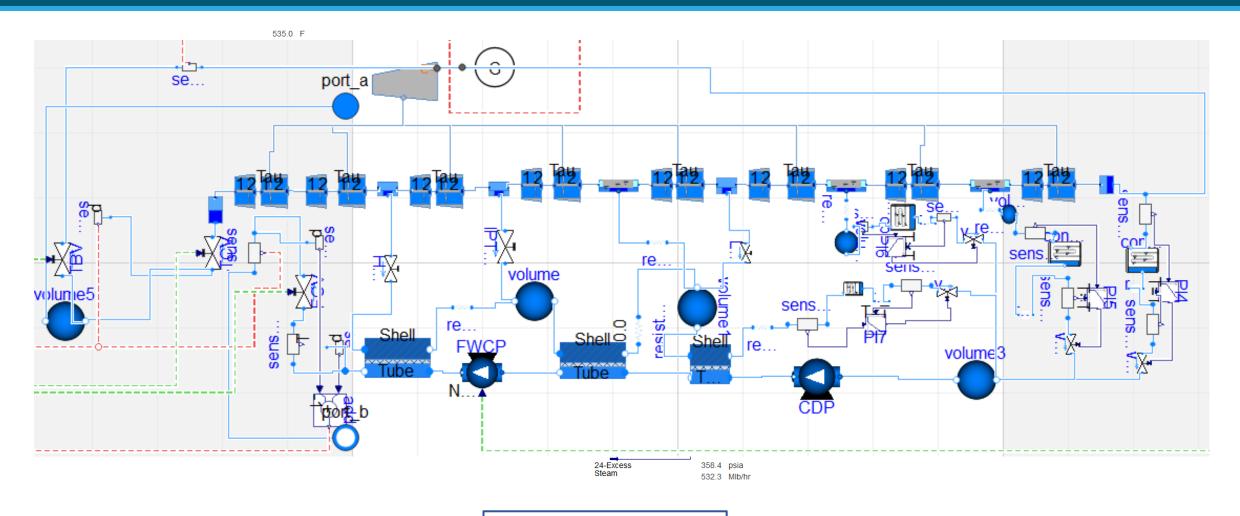


Aspen: Primary Steady-State Modeling Tool

- Aspen HYSYS
- Aspen Exchanger Design and Rating (EDR)
- Aspen Process Economic Analyzer (APEA)
- Process engineering simulation software
 - Design and optimization of several systems
 - Steady-state as well as dynamic modeling
 - User-friendly interface



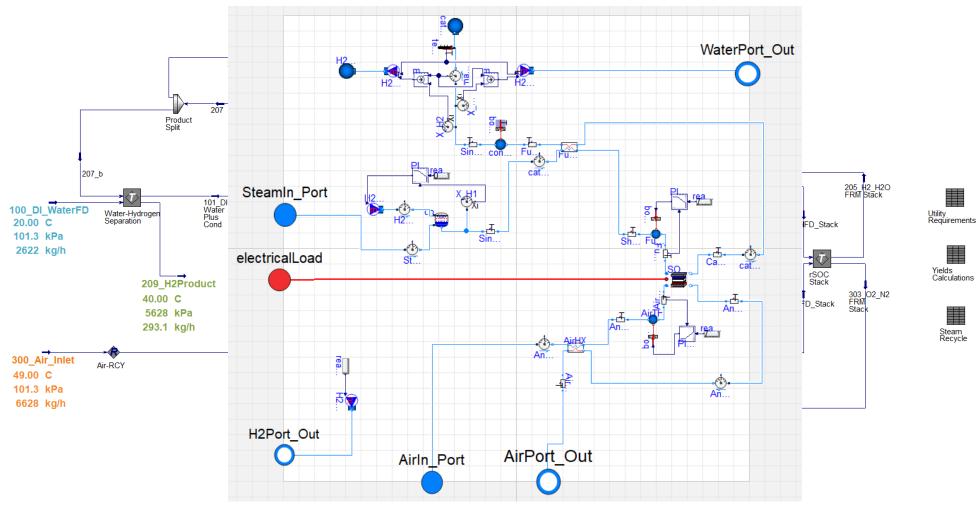
Balance of Plant



Detailed Rankine Cycle



High Temperature Steam Electrolysis

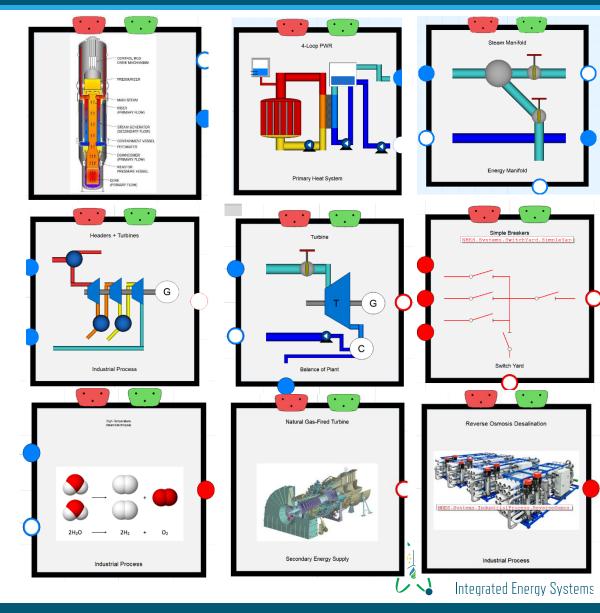


Balance of Plant for HTSE



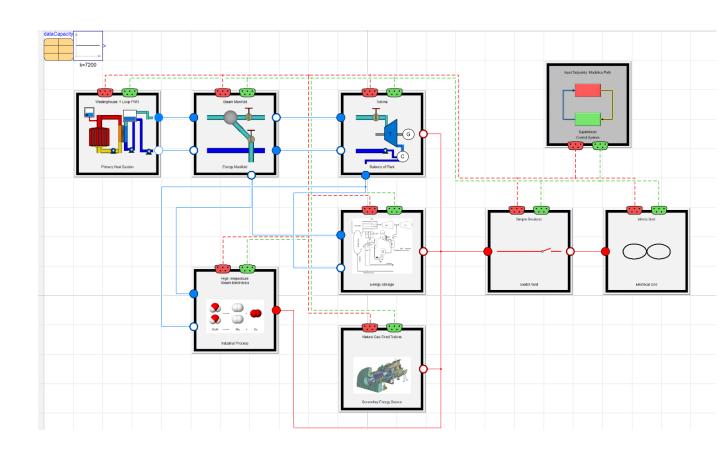
HYBRID Dynamic Modeling

- HYBRID dynamic modeling evaluates the feasibility of systems developed within FORCE and provides constraint data necessary for broader system evaluations
 - An ideal intermediary for determining:
 - Integration design
 - Control methods
 - Ramp rate feasibility
 - Determination of off-design behaviors



Design Capability

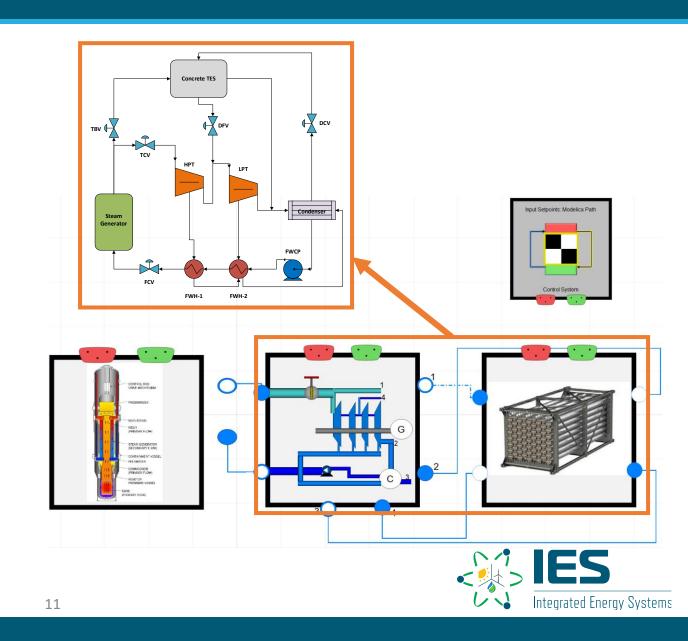
- Physical models are focused on process system bases
- Subsystem models are fully defined based on interconnects
- Dynamic balance across full system is calculated



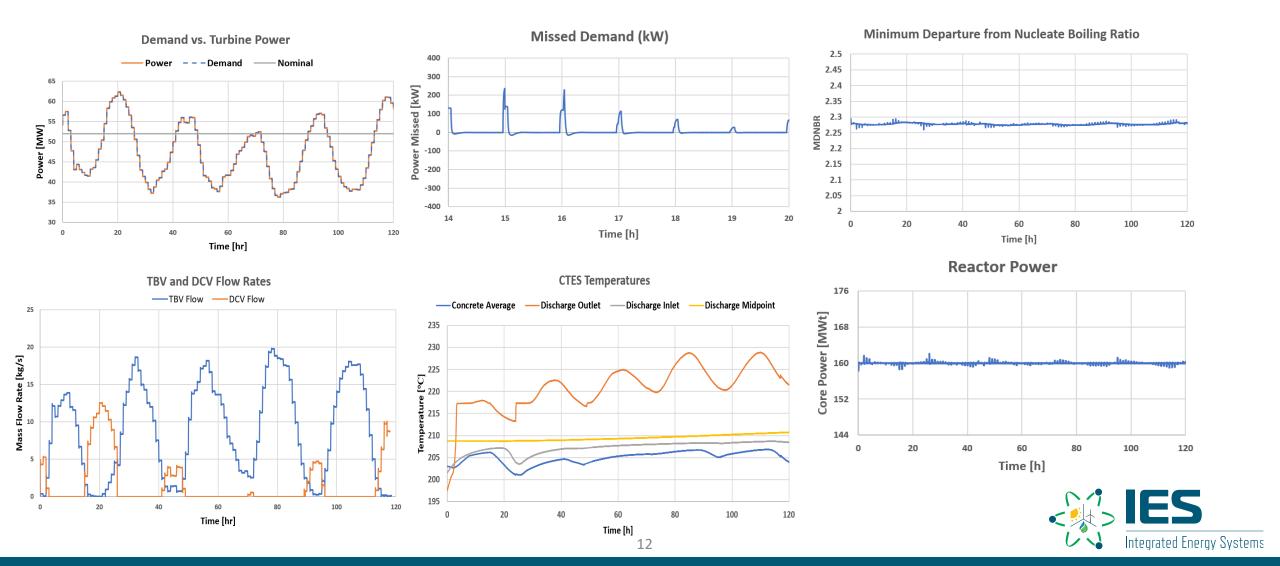


Energy Arbitrage IES

- NuScale-style SMR
- High-fidelity balance of plant
- Integrated-concrete thermal-energy storage system (dual network model)
- Week-long-scaled dispatchable demand profile calculated and input



Energy Arbitrage IES



V&V Matrix

Subsystem Name	V&V	Example Type	ROM generated	Steady- state model	Published documents	Reference documents	Nominal Conditions, Notable Limitations
4-loop PWR	Face	Integrated			INL/EXT-19-55395	Systems Summary of a Westinghouse PWR Nuclear Power Plant 1984 "PWR Description", Jacopo Buongiorno	3400 <u>MWt</u> , Steam: 1750 kg/s, 69 bar, 285°C
Small modular IPWR	Data: steady state	Integrated			INL/CON-16-39032	https://aris.iaea.org/PDF/NuScale.pdf doi: 10.1016/j.desal.2014.02.023	160 <u>MWt</u> , Steam: 35 bar, 300°C, 75 kg/s
Small modular natural circulation IPWR	Data: Steady state	Integrated			INL/EXT-19-55520 doi: 10.1080/00295450.2020.1781497 doi: 10.1016/j.apenergy.2022.118800 INL/RPT-22-69214	NuScale Standard Plant Design Certification Application	200 MWt, Steam: 35 bar, 310°C, 84 kg/s
HTGR	Data: Transient	Integrated			doj: 10.2172/1890160 INL/RPT-22-68222 INL/RPT-22-66941 INL/RPT-22-69214	doi: 10.1016/j.nucengdes.2017.11.041	130 MWt, Steam: 140 bar, 540°C, 50 kg/s
SFR	Physics	Individual			INL/RPT-22-68222		BOP under construction



Validation: Code-to-Code or Publications

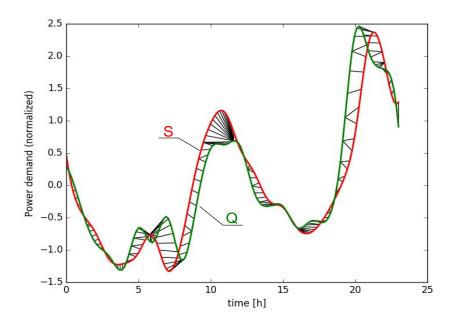
Plant Electric Output and Overall Efficiency • Code-to-code validation Generator Output IMWe1 Simulation Error Reference Value Physical Variable Simulation Value Relative to Reference Electric power (MW) 43.75 43.62 -0.297% Thermal power (MW) 125 122.0 -2.4% 540 540 N/ASteam temperature (°C) 14.0 14.0 N/ASteam pressure (MPa) Steam mass flow rate (kg/s) 50 48.0 -4.0% 208 208 Feedwater temperature (°C) N/APrimary mass flow rate (kg/s) 47.5 48.4 -2.1% 750 750 N/A Core exit temperature (°C) Core inlet temperature (°C) 255 265 3.9%



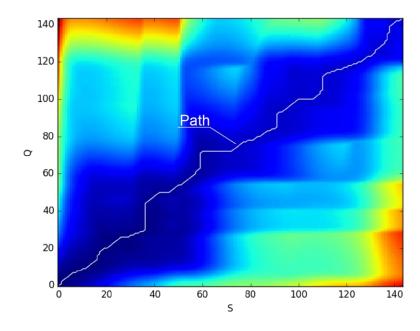
Validation: Experimental data



- Dynamic Time Warping
 - Metric for comparison of two time series
 - Insensitive to different lengths and time delays (unlike Euclidean distance)
 - Output: wrapping path (map)



- Similarity: sum of distances between matched features
- FOM: Normalized distance, DTWscore (differences in time), sum of diagonal elements (amplitude between the two sequences), histograms of relative matching





Thermal Systems R&D: Thermal Systems Component

Dynamic System Modeling

Heat Extraction & Delivery Heat source? (e.g., nuclear reactors) Heat application? (e.g., industry users)

- Operating conditions (e.g., P, T, \dot{m})
- Energy carrying fluids
- Supply capacity (heat source)
- Heat duty (heat exchanger)
- Components sizing
- System dynamics (e.g., thermal cycle)
- Customer demand / requirements

Component Technologies Evaluation & Selection

Thermal Systems Component **Heat exchanger** 1. Evaluation Thermal transport comp (e.g., HT fluid, piping, valve) framework **Heat pump** - Identify components/candidates 2. Knowledge base - Literature & market survey (e.g., technical gap/readiness, technical performance factors, safety factors, cost factors, cost correlations) - Identify Figures-Of-Merit 3. Case study - Optimal components selection

Techno-Economic Modeling & Analysis

Techno-economic Analysis

- Which components contribute most significantly to the system cost and associated uncertainty?
- Trade-offs between performance and cost
 Optimal combination of components?

Experimental Demonstration

- Components selection for experimental demonstration (e.g., DETAIL)
- · Validation of techno-economic model/analysis



Thermal Extraction & Delivery Modeling

demands

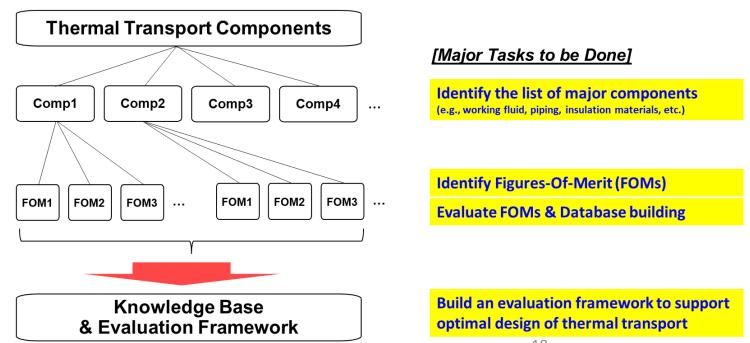


- Modeling results are characterized using dynamic modeling:
 - helps with integration experience and future analyses Pipes
- Thermal extraction answers the question: how should heat be removed from turbine systems to meet specified external
- Thermal delivery work is developing a framework to analyze thermodynamic impact of various heat framsport configurations
 - This is done in concert with economic evaluations



Thermal Systems R&D: Thermal Transport Components

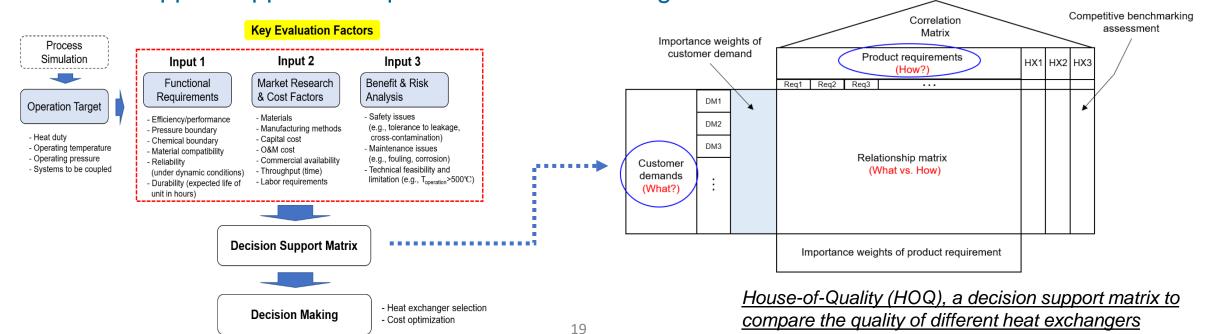
- Identify and Evaluate Thermal Transport Components
 - ✓ Establish a Knowledge Base and Evaluation Framework
 - To support the optimal selection of thermal transport components
 - <u>FY23 goal</u>: (i) identify major components & Figures-Of-Merits (FOMs),
 (ii) outline the evaluation strategy to support optimal selection





Thermal Systems R&D: Heat Exchanger

- Heat Exchanger Evaluation & Optimal Selection
 - ✓ Develop an evaluation methodology & framework to support evaluation, strategic selection, and optimization of heat exchangers for IES
 - Identify and/or develop evaluation metrics for IES application
 - Collect state-of-the-art market data (e.g., technical feasibility, cost)
 - Support "application-specific" decision-making



Thermal Systems R&D: Heat Pumps

- Identify and Evaluate Heat Pump Technologies for IES
 - ✓ Build a knowledge base to evaluate heat pump technologies
 - Mechanical and chemical heat pumps
 - The current focus is on "high-temperature" application
 - Collaborating with University of Idaho for chemical heat pump systems
 - Literature survey (e.g., state-of-the-art, commercial technology status, operating requirements, thermal performance, technology gap (research needs), etc.)
 - Develop a methodology for fair comparison among different heat pump technologies
 - ✓ Heat Pump Models Development and Performance Study
 - Develop reference models (using ASPEN) for various heat pump cycles
 - For detailed assessment and comparison of technical performance (e.g., temperature lift, cycle efficiency)
 - Modeling studies on optimal design of heat pump cycles

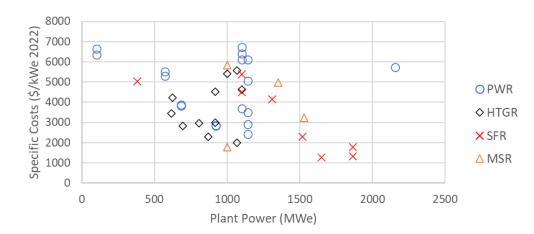


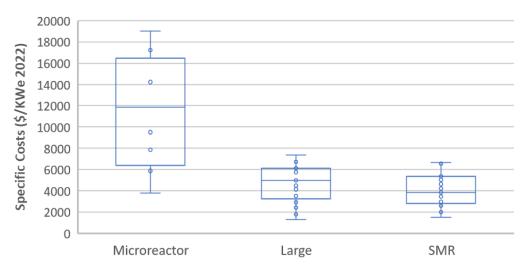
Integrated Energy Systems

- Conducted literature review of advanced reactor cost estimates (> 25 references)
- Meta-study provided recommendations for overnight and annualized costs provided in tables below
- Note that these estimates for reactor Between first and nth of a kind (BOAK)
- Key findings:
 - Significant overlap in literature among different reactor types
 - Significant overlap between projected costs for large vs. SMR
- Ongoing work: Subcontract setup for detailed bottom-up estimate for a sodium fast reactor

Recommended Values:

	Low	Med	High	Sd
Overnight Costs	\$3,000 /kWe	\$4,500 /kWe	\$6,000 /kWe	\$1,500 /kWe
O&M Costs	\$15 /MWh	\$25 /MWh	\$35 /MWh	\$17 /MWh
LCOE (estimated)	\$45 /MWh	\$70 /MWh	\$95 /MWh	\$57 /MWh







Note: Work funded by SA&I program

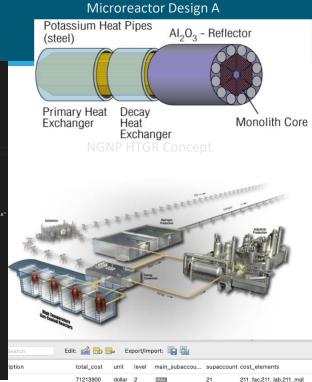
System Analysis & Integration

- INL-ANL collaboration on development of the Algorithm for Comprehensive Cost Estimation of Reactor Technologies (ACCERT):
 - Goal is to obtain high-level initial cost estimates that are transparent and parametrizable
 - Models for: PWR12-BE, ABR-1000 (sodium) NGNP (gas), and Design A (micro)
- Leverage capability for bottom-up estimate for and proposed modifications to meet market targets (e.g., for microreactor below)

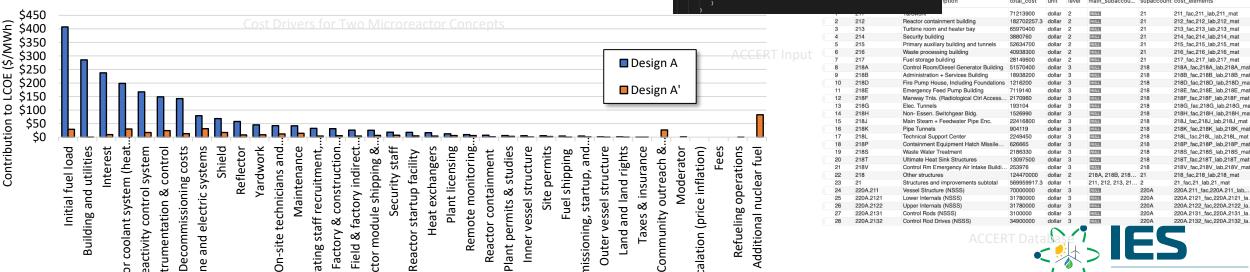


Example

use cases:

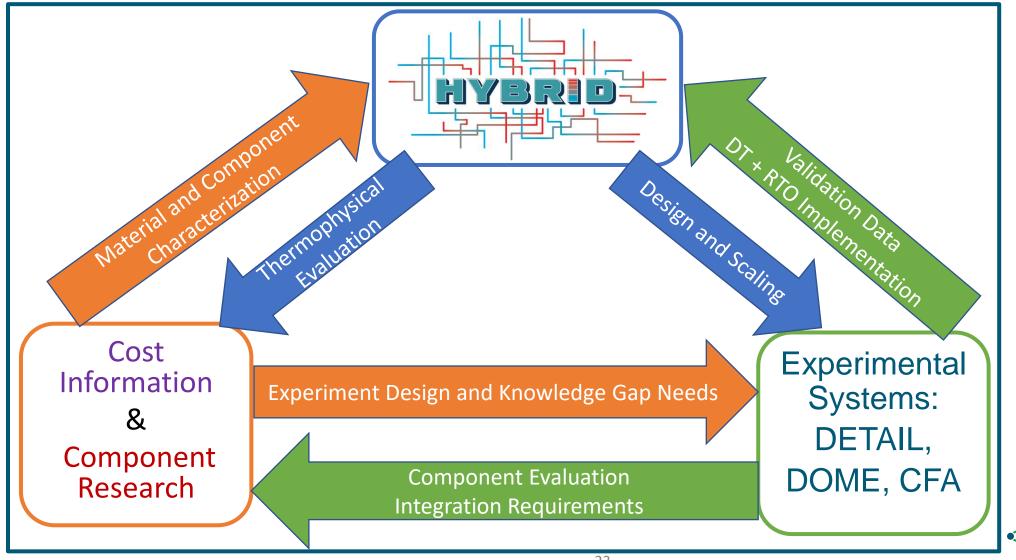


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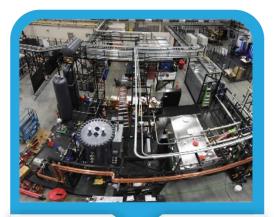
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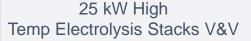
Lab-Scale IES Analysis Capability

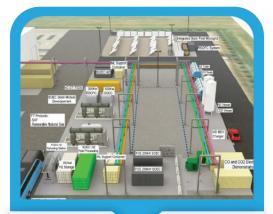




Scale-up and implementation of nuclear-integrated clean energy systems, initial focus on high temperature electrolysis (HTE)







100-500kWe Modular High Temp Electrolysis Pilot Plant Demonstration

Coupled with TEDS to make the DETAIL facility

"THE GAP"

Filled by-INL Energy Technology Proving Center (ETPC) (Technology Readiness Level 6-7)

Decrease risk for H2 HUB projects (50-100 MW); Accelerate hitting the H2 EARTH SHOT Goal; Accelerate Hybrid, Nuclear/ Renewable – HTE Systems Deployment Implement the INL "Net Zero in 10 Years Plan"



2-10 MWe Modular HTE Units

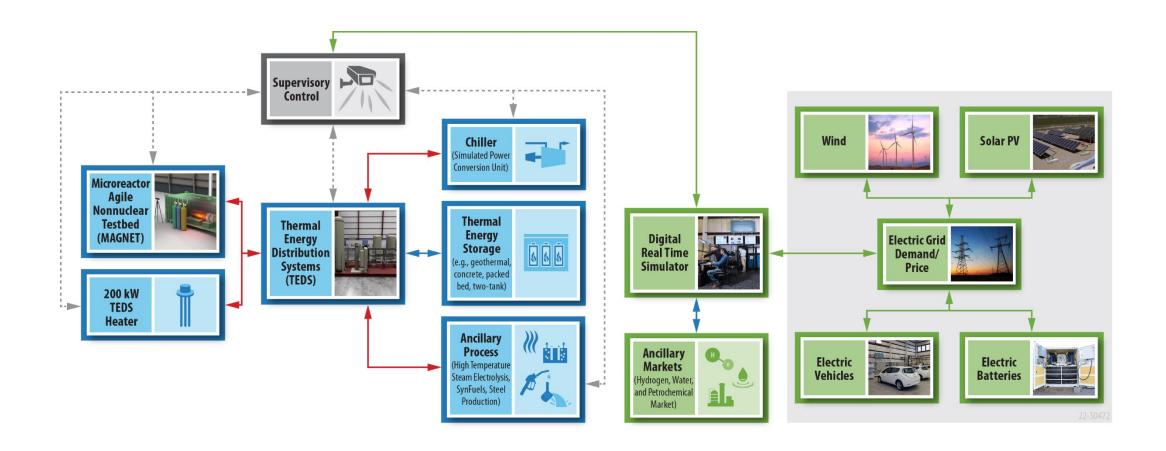
- Integrated proof of operation system
- Hydrogen supply for user technology demonstrations
- Accelerates high temperature H₂ production pathway to commercialization

Wide Commercial Deployment

- Hydrogen production at nuclear power plants
- Industry-embedded hydrogen production and use

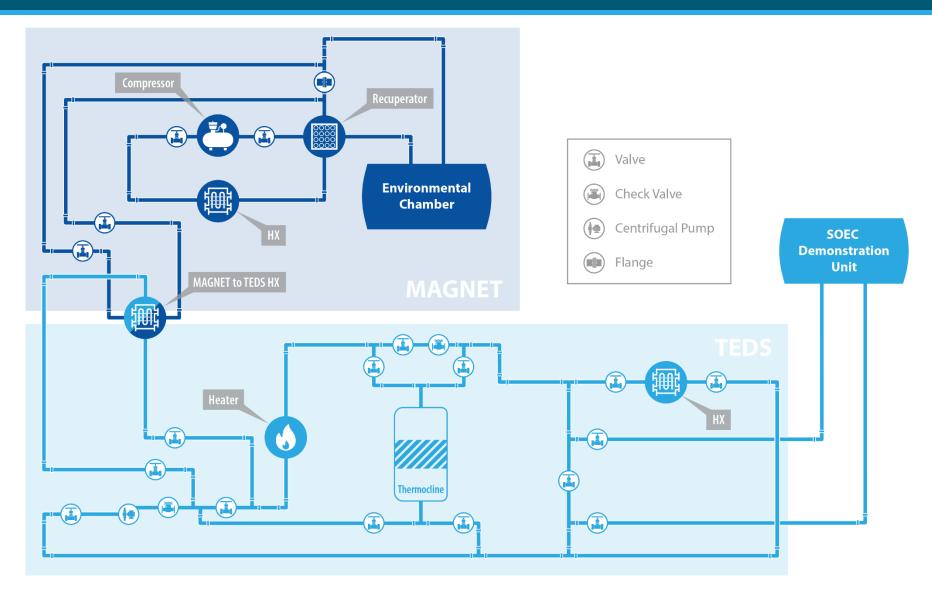


Dynamic Energy Transport and Integration Laboratory





DETAIL Flow Diagram





Thermal Energy Distribution System (TEDS)

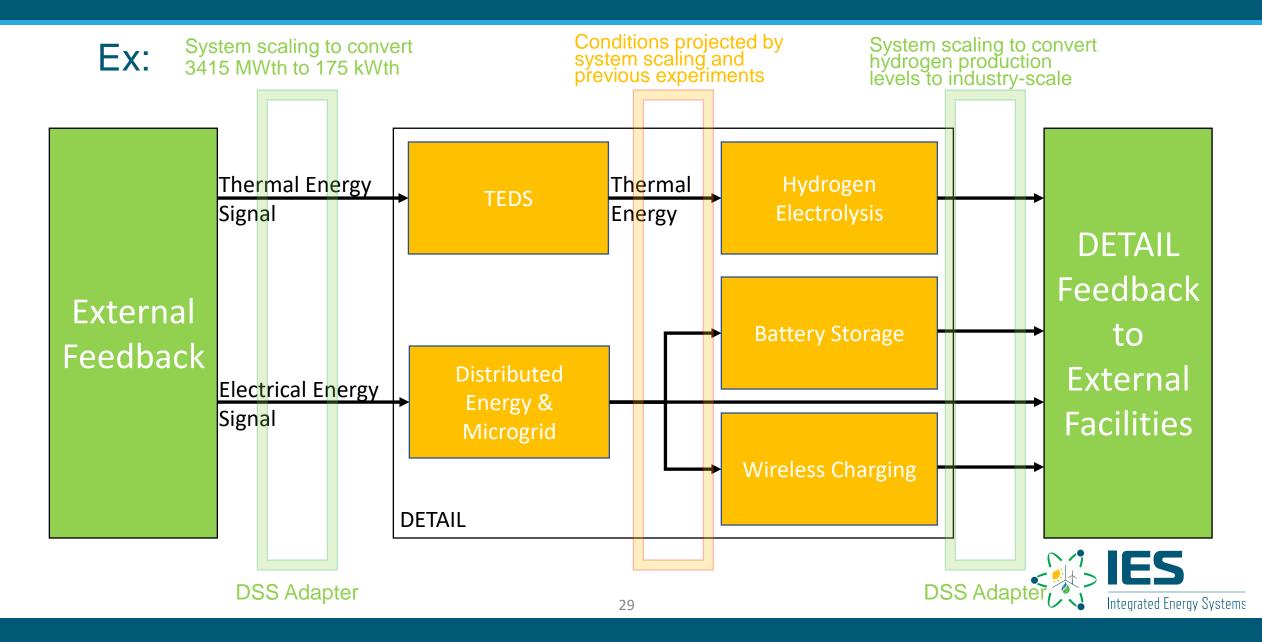
- Demonstrate thermal energy distribution components: valves, flanges, gaskets, etc.
- Examine performance and operation of thermal energy storage in an integrated system
- Develop and test instrumentation and control strategies/systems for thermal energy distribution and storage
- Verification and validation data for computational models supporting scale up of integrated energy systems (e.g., Modelica, RELAP)
- Study packed bed thermal energy transport/transmission characteristics and performance
- Support cyber-informed engineering of controls and hardware

Therminol® Applicability to Industry

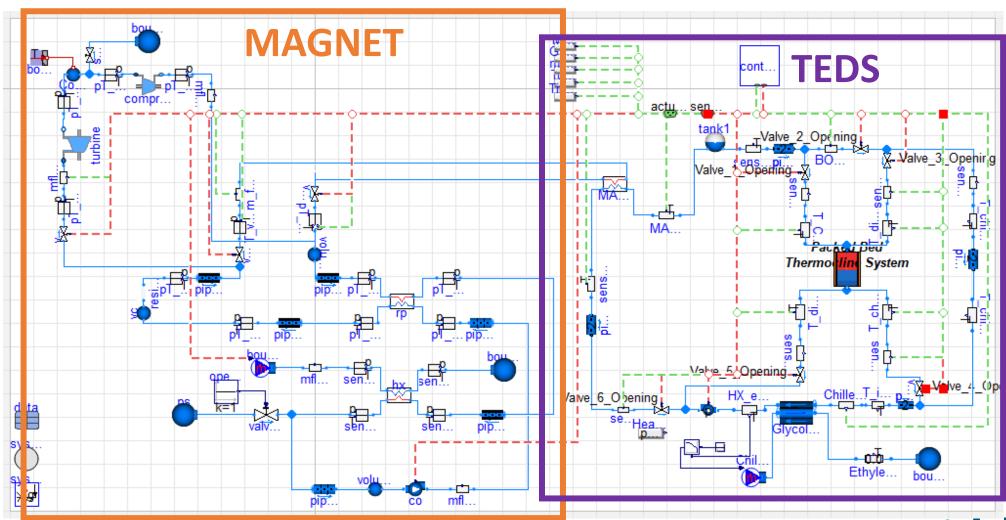
- Therminol®66 proposed as HTF for TES facility coupled with an APR1400
- Heat transfer oil used in ~62 of the 65 parabolic trough concentrated solar plants worldwide for both the working fluid and for TES
- Therminol®66 has an operating temperature range in line with PWRs with a boiling point higher than target temperatures
- Westinghouse has contracts/MOU in place for multiple TES systems of > 1GWh using Duratherm HF (a heat transfer oil with properties comparable to those of Therminol®66)



System-to-System Signal Feedback Conversion

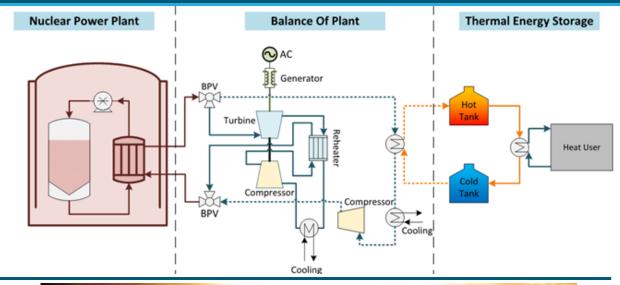


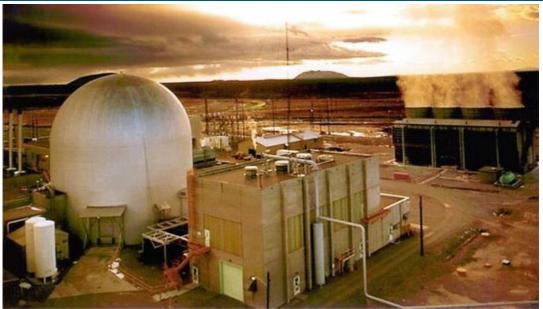
DETAIL Model for V&V





Advanced Reactor Integrated Energy System (AR-IES)





Overall objectives:

- In collaboration with National Reactor Innovation Center (NRIC), design and construct an advanced reactor integrated energy system (AR-IES) demonstration
- Incorporate a TES study/facility to enable understanding and coupling with various thermal loads/users

Background:

- Location: EBR-II Dome Testbed
- Demonstration platform to couple the thermal output from an advanced reactor to a controllable load and TES system.

Integrated Energy Systems

Net-Zero IES at CFA

- IES program involved with Net-Zero planning
- System size plan 15MWe
- Installation by 2031

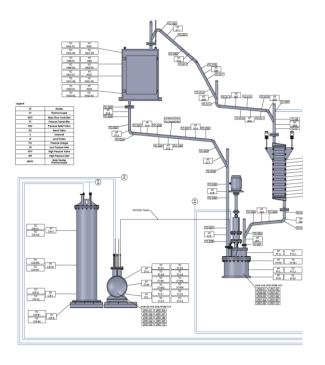
 Supports thermal islands for integration and distribution of heat to multiple users, with TES and conditioning





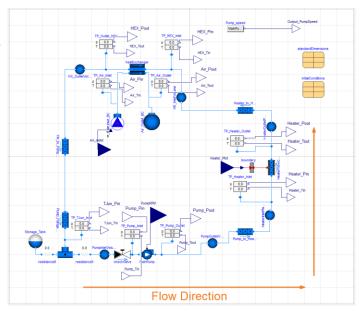
Overall Goal: Modeling Workflow

Physical Loop generating experimental data



<u>System-level Representation</u>

- Dymola IDE
- 1-D representation of components
- Avg. compute time on the order of seconds.
- Validation of the model currently underway with initial set of experimental data.



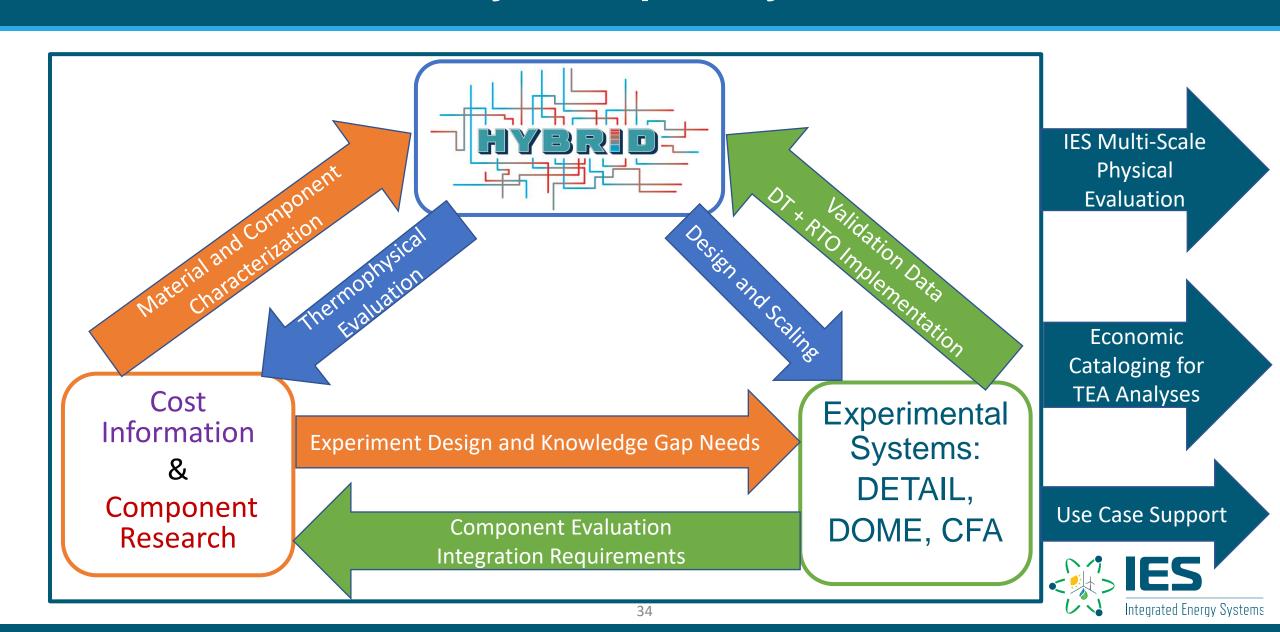
<u>Digital Twin (DT)</u> for semi-autonomous control

- DT of the Modelica model/ROM (using pyDMD) for faster runtime and calibrated to experimental data – currently underway.
- Currently setup to only read the tags from the LogixDriver and run an FMU/ROM of the Dymola Model.
- A future work scope would include informing the operator on potential deviation from normal operation – lower maintenance and operational costs.

Studio 5000 Logix designer via Pycomm3



Lab-Scale IES Analysis Capability



TES Use Case: Motivating Problem

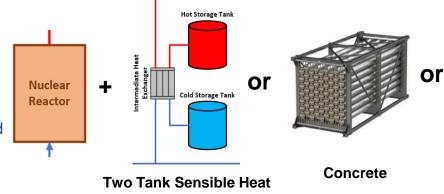
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Why Thermal Energy Storage (TES) Coupling?

- TES enables NPPs to respond nimbly to market variability and to participate in restructured markets.
- TES systems store nuclear energy in its original form (heat), enabling a more flexible use on the back end, which provides electricity or heat.

Key Research Areas:

- 1. **TES ranking** tool that allows advanced reactor companies to down-select TES systems based on their system design.
- 2. Steady-state physical models development and design considerations of thermal storage coupling for three advanced nuclear reactor (A-LWR, HTGR, and LMFR), each coupled to TES in three different scenarios and different thermal extraction ratios.
- 3. System design cost analysis and stochastic optimization of NPP-TES based on market price signals in a selected market.
- 4. Transient modeling and grid-wide economics of each design.



TES Systems

Liquid-based sensible heat storage:

> Two-tank molten salt Two-tank thermal oil Thermocline molten salt Thermocline thermal oil Hot/Cold water

- Underground (bore-holes and aquifers)
- Thermochemical
- Latent heat storage
- Solid media

Firebrick Concrete Ceramics, graphite, and alloys

Steam accumulators.



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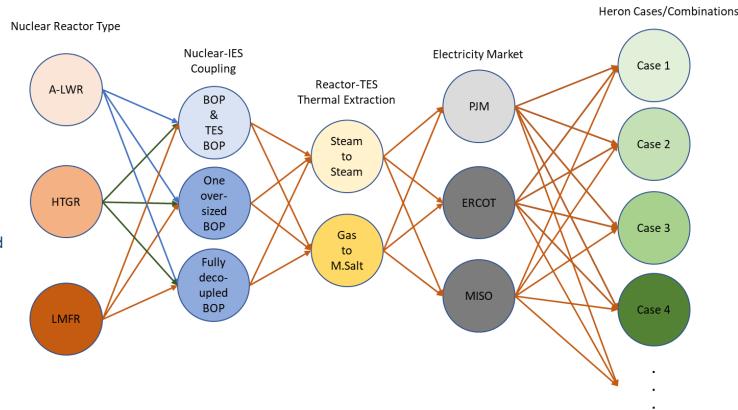
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TES Use Case Methods and FORCE Tools

1. Steady-State and Physical Models Development

- Thermodynamic analysis of proposed systems
- What is the optimum Coupling approach?
- Develop fully-coupled TES-nuclear steady-state models
- Component-level analysis (heat exchange (HX) technology, geometries, sizes, etc.)
- Cost analysis and cost functions for discrete system sizes.

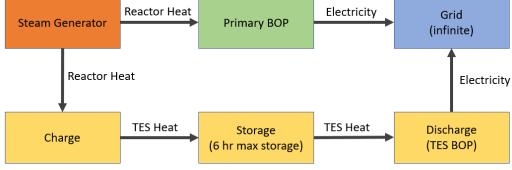
2. Stochastic Optimization Based on Market Price Signals

- Analyze and reproduce price signals from various markets
- What is the optimum system size for the highest net present value (NPV)?
- TES dispatch profiles of the IES system.

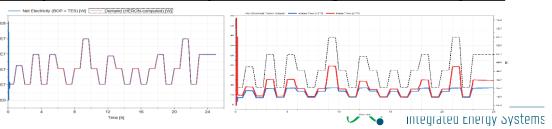
3. Transient Modeling and Dynamic Operation

- How do the dynamic behavior and system controls should look like?
- Is the dispatch profile with highest NPV feasible/reasonable dynamically?

TES-Coupling in Aspen HYSYS (Steady-State Models) Reactor LPT-2 Turbine 1* 203.0 MW D-IHX 32.67 MW 86.24 MW 565.0 C SG+FWH 88.96 MW Condensor-2 salt-HX 342.5 kW 8-2 TES-LPT Pump-2 **HERON Optimization Workflow**

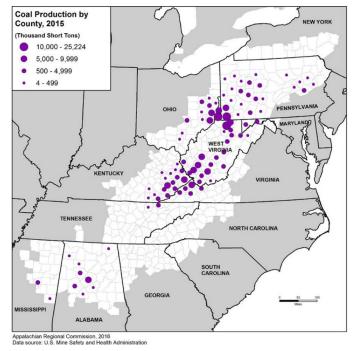


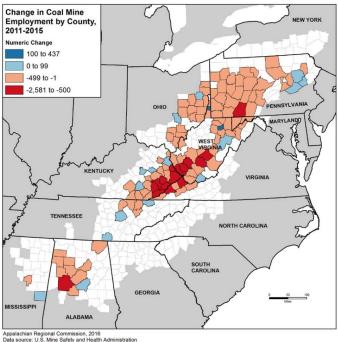
Examples of Nuclear-TES Dynamic Modeling Results from Dymola



Carbon Conversion: Project Motivation

- Limit the negative impact of decarbonization goals on local economies
- Focus on the coal industry in the Appalachian region of the United States
- From 2004 to 2014, coal production in Appalachia decreased by 45%, compared to 21% nationally

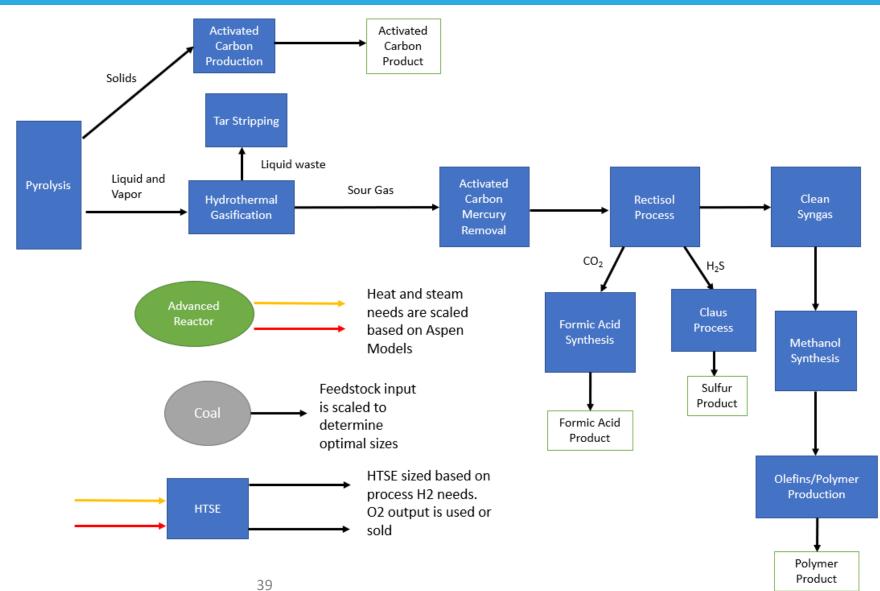






Carbon Conversion Refinery

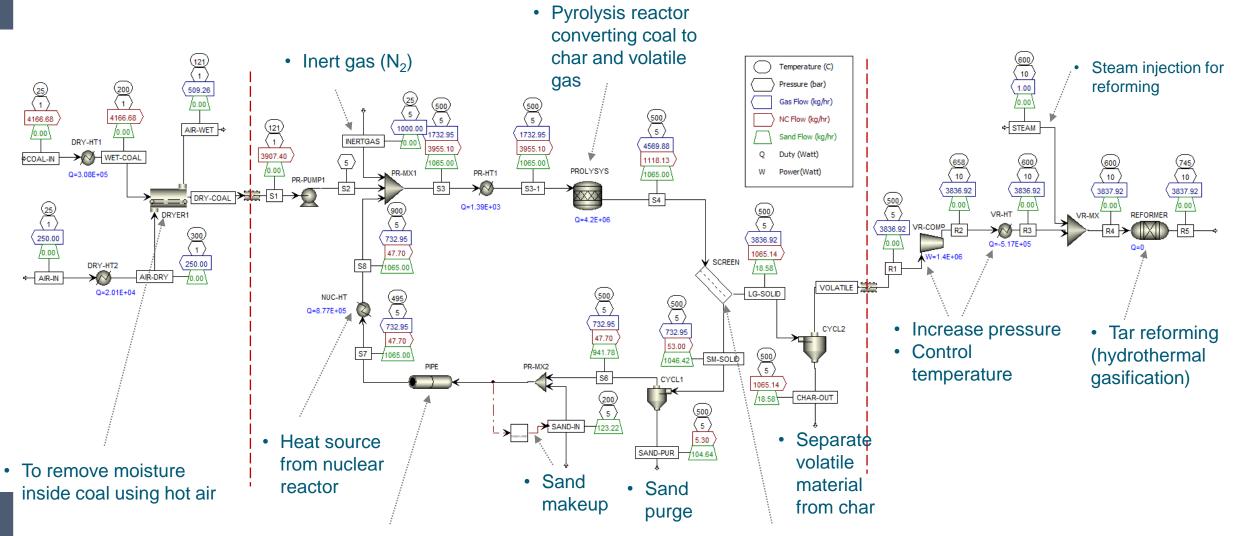
- Convert coal to valuable products via pyrolysis and gasification
- Reduce waste by utilizing products in other parts of the refinery
- Capture CO₂ and convert it to products as opposed to carbon sequestration
- Maximize revenue from various product streams
- Include High-Temperature Steam Electrolysis (HTSE) for hydrogen generation



Coal dryer

Pyrolysis and coal/sand circulation

Gas reforming



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 Calculate gas velocity required for particles (sand) to flow over

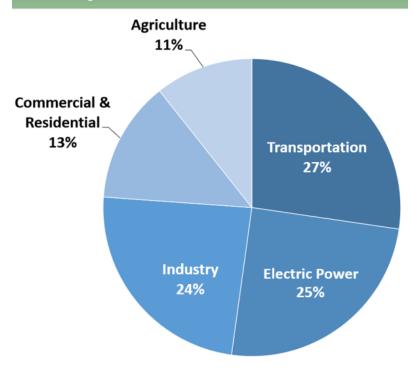
 Separate large solid particle (char) from small particles (sand)



Synfuels: Motivation

- Transportation sector responsible for 27% of total U.S. greenhouse gas emissions
- Nuclear energy can be used to produce H₂ that could be combined with CO₂ to produce synthetic transportation fuels.
- Use of biogenic CO₂ sources could result in fuels with low life-cycle CO₂ emissions.
- Use of CO₂ derived from fossil-based sources could offset emissions associated with petroleum derived transportation fuels.

Total U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Economic Sector in 2020

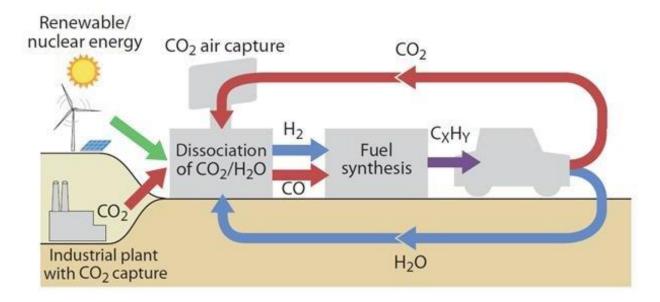


5,981 million tonnes total U.S. CO2 emissions in 2020 (EPA, 2022, <u>Sources of Greenhouse Gas Emissions | US EPA</u>)



What are Nuclear Synfuels?

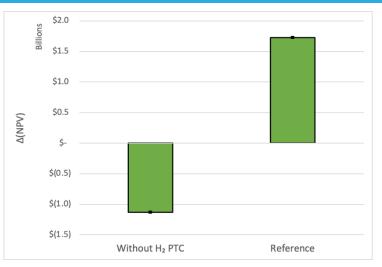
- Synthetic liquid hydrocarbon fuels, e.g., diesel fuel, jet fuel, gasoline
- Produced from carbon dioxide and hydrogen with energy input
- Nuclear energy used for hydrogen production (via electrolysis) and to power the synthetic fuel production plant

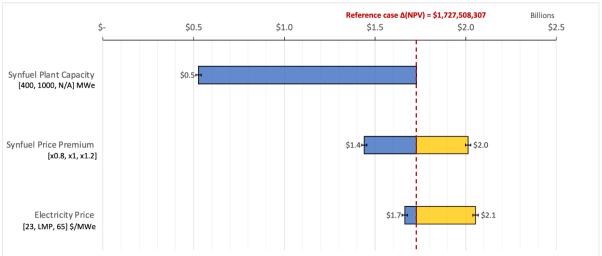




TEA of Nuclear Based Synfuel Production

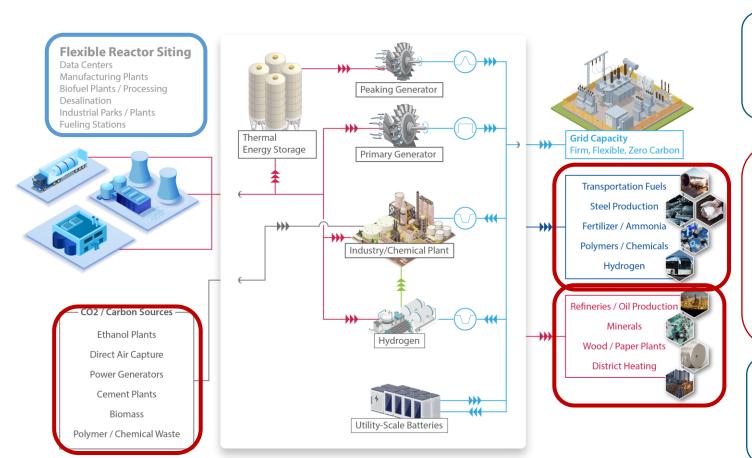
- The analysis predicts that a 1000 MW nuclearpowered synfuel plant could result in a NPV increase of approximately \$1.7 billion when accounting for the additional revenues from the 2022 IRA clean hydrogen PTCs of \$3/kg.
- Exclusion of the 2022 IRA clean hydrogen PTCs results in a negative NPV relative to the Business-As-Usual Case
- Sensitivity analysis indicates that:
 - Decreasing the synfuel production capacity decreases the NPV of the nuclear synfuel IES
 - A synfuel price premium increases the NPV
 - The Nuclear-Synfuel IES would have a greater NPV than the business-as-usual case when electricity market prices are low, suggesting that synfuel production could provide a strategy for decreasing the economic risks to NPPs posed by a loss of revenues attributed to falling electricity market prices.







Industrial Requirements and Siting



- How will advanced reactors be sited?
 - ARs have smaller size, enhanced designs
 - Two-way impact considerations
- Industrial facility characterization:
 - Reactants & Products
 - Reaction conditions
 - Energy flow configurations
 - HYBRID compatible
 - How can carbon emissions be offset?
- FY23:
 - Identifying five priority industries
 - Developing complete process documents
- FY24+ Use Cases



Thermal Systems Capability

