

**United Technologies  
Research Center**

**Model-based Controls and Systems  
Engineering for Building and Aircraft Systems**

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# OUTLINE

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- UTC, UTRC, and UTRC Ireland
- UTRC Ireland Building Energy Research & selected projects
  - COOPERATE (EU co-funded FP7)
  - ELSA (EU co-funded H2020)
  - Energy in Time (EU co-funded FP7)
- UTRC Ireland Aerospace Research & selected project
  - MISSION (EU co-funded CS2)

# United Technologies

## Business units

Otis



Pratt & Whitney



UTC Climate,  
Controls & Security

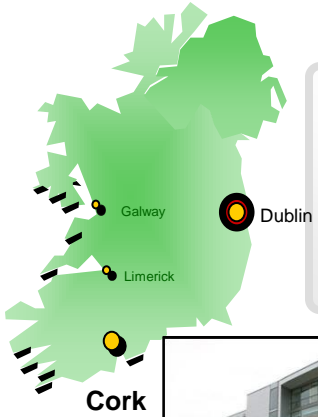


UTC Aerospace Systems



# UTRC IRELAND

Est. 2010 in Cork



## Objectives...

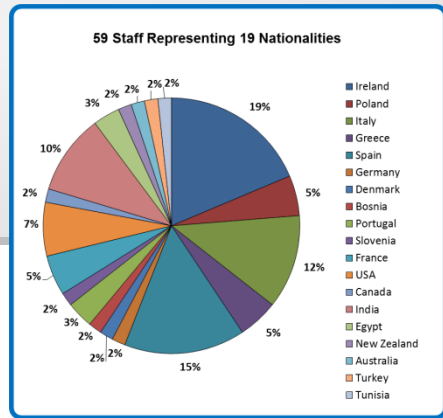
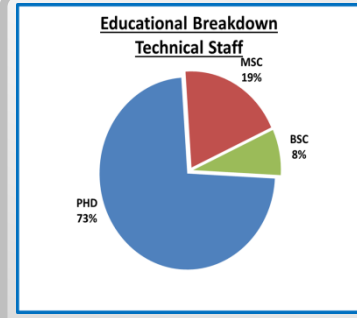
- Hub for European interactions
- Leverage existing investments in ICT
- Testbed for energy and security technologies
- Support aerospace BUs



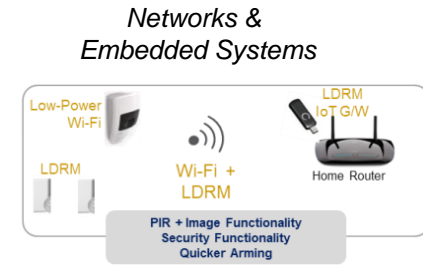
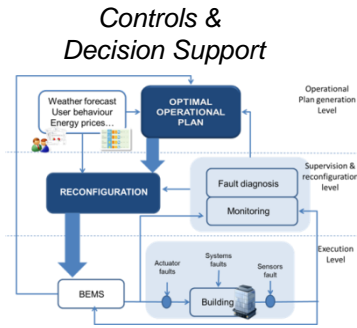
## Power Electronics & System Modeling



## Highly skilled and diverse workforce



## Technical capabilities and Groups



## Leveraging national and EU network of innovation



**Insight** – Centre for Data Analytics



**SFI** – Research Centres



**Lero** – Software Engineering Research Centre



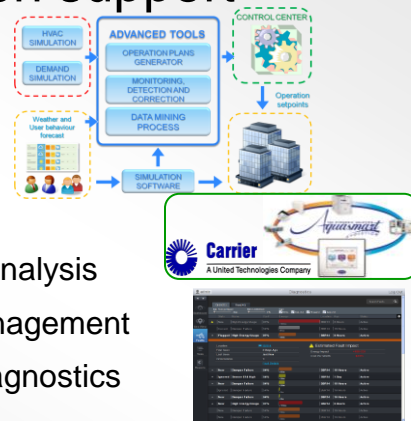
**Connect** – Communication Networks Research Centre



# UTRC IRELAND TECHNICAL CAPABILITIES

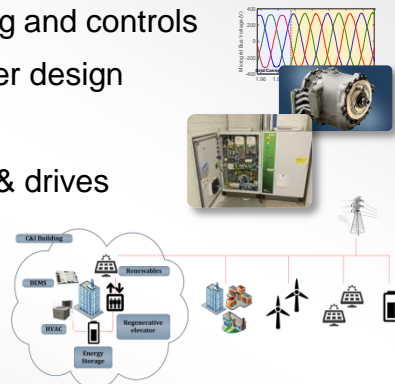
## Controls & Decision support

- Thermal system modeling
- Model-based control design
- Model-predictive control
- Optimization-based control
- Fault detection and impact analysis
- Data analytics for alarm management
- Data- and physics-based diagnostics
- Video analytics



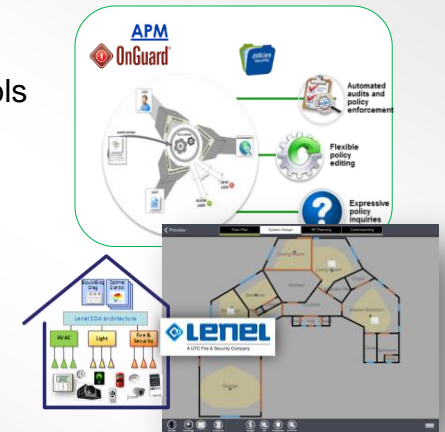
## Power Electronics

- Hierarchical system modeling and controls
- Model-based power converter design
- Electric motor optimization
- Digital control of converters & drives
- Power quality analysis
- Grid estimation & emulation
- HiL / rapid prototyping



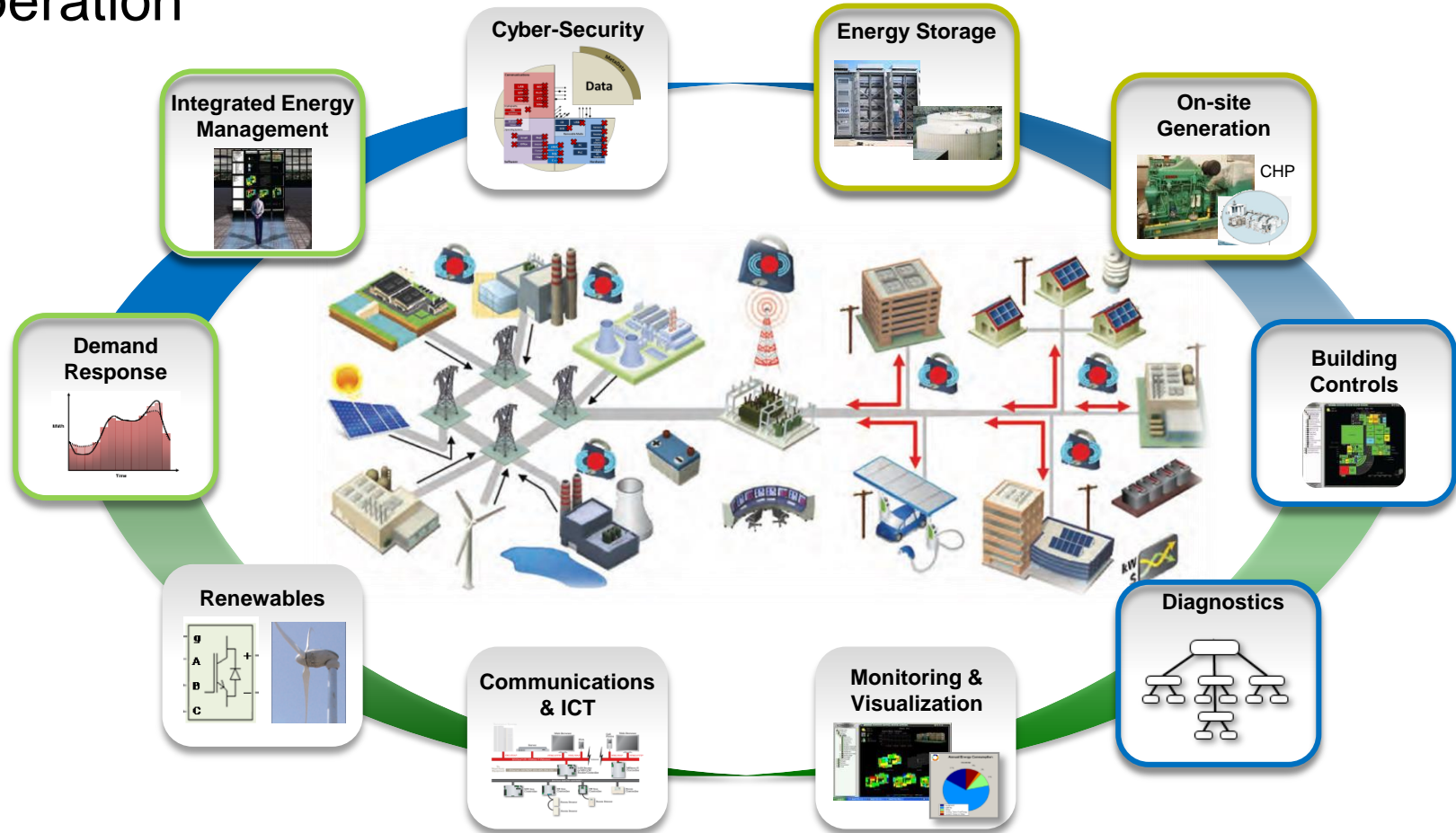
## Networks & Embedded Systems

- Sensor networks
- Communications protocols
- Model-based design
- Formal methods
- Embedded systems
- Software engineering
- Constraint programming



# UTRC IRELAND ENERGY RESEARCH

Innovative solutions for system integration, monitoring and operation



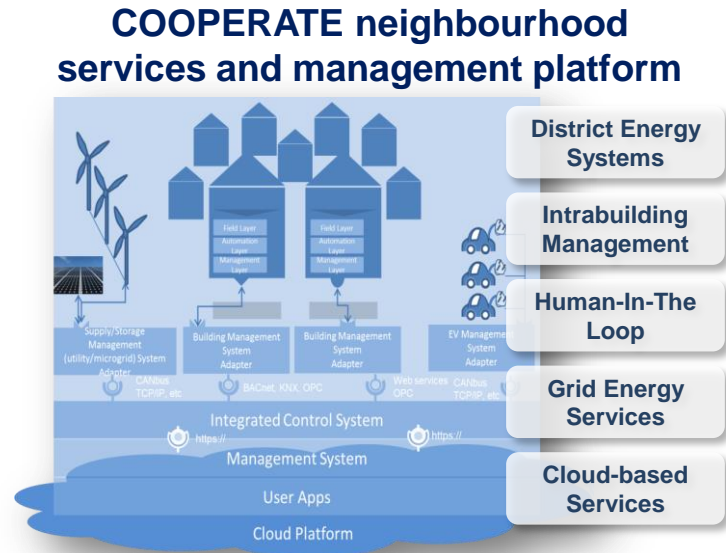
Developing key technology enablers for the **new generation of energy services and products**

# FP7 COOPERATE

## Control and optimization of energy positive neighbourhoods

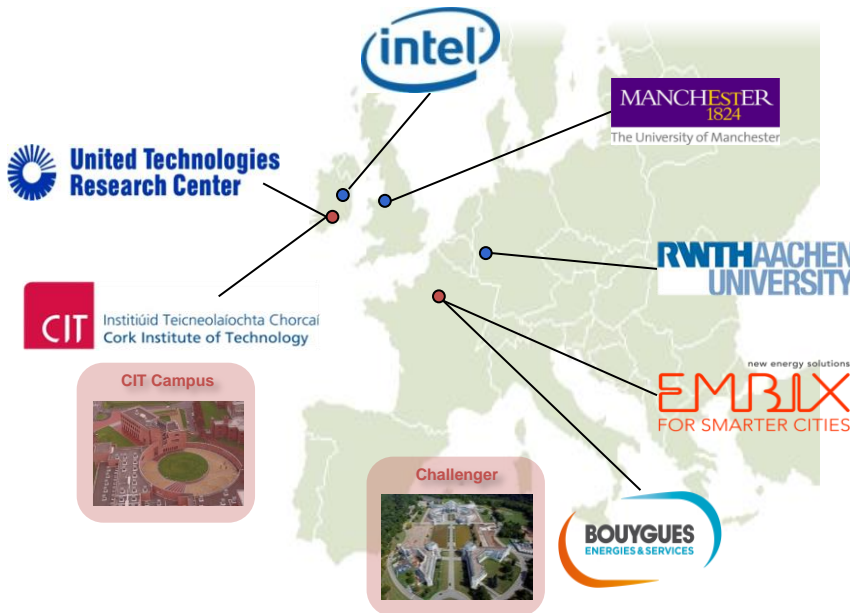
### Project Objectives

- Develop an open, scalable neighborhood energy management platform
- Services-oriented architecture for developing neighborhood energy services
- District-level energy optimization and decision support algorithms



### Key challenges:

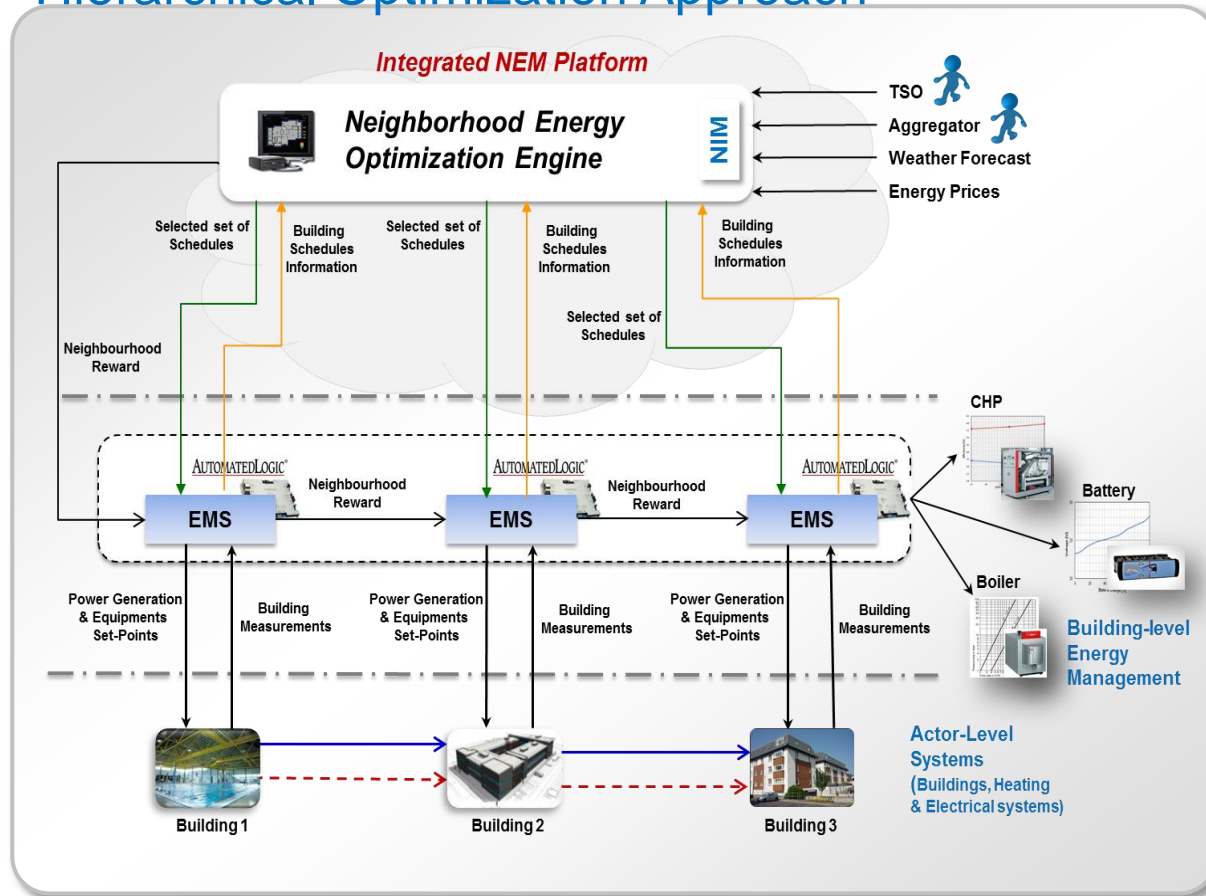
- ❖ Distributed heterogeneous multi-energy systems and loads
- ❖ Integration of heterogeneous thermal and electrical systems
- ❖ Integration of loads, embedded generation and storage
- *Requires a System-Of-Systems (SoS) approach*



# FP7 COOPERATE

Hierarchical approach to neighbourhood energy optimization developed

## Hierarchical Optimization Approach



### Objective:

- ✓ Reduce neighbourhood cost/emissions
- ✓ Multi-site supply, demand and storage optimization
- ✓ Coordinate generation and demand from different buildings

### Challenges:

- ✓ Balance building and neighbourhood objectives (cost, emissions)
- ✓ Limited data available or disclosed in multi-owner districts
- ✓ Variable or real-time energy prices

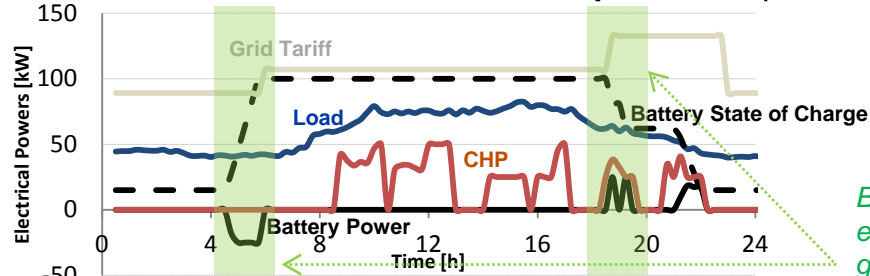
*Exploit flexibility at building equipment and loads to reduce overall neighbourhood cost and maximize RES and storage use*



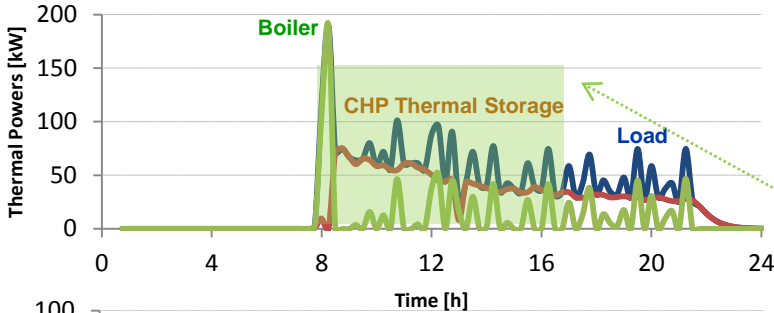
# BISHOPSTOWN CAMPUS DEMO

In-field demonstration completed (February 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2015)

Nimbus building

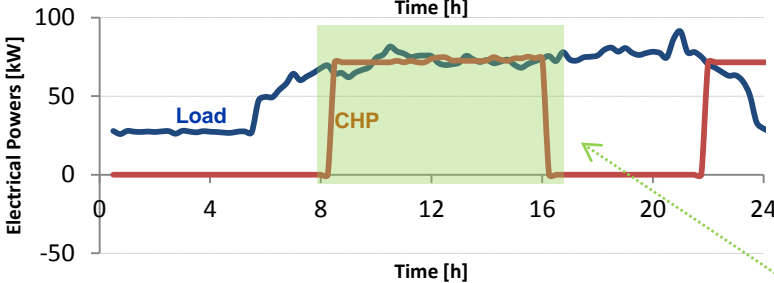


*Battery flexibility enables to shift grid purchase from high tariff to low tariff time*

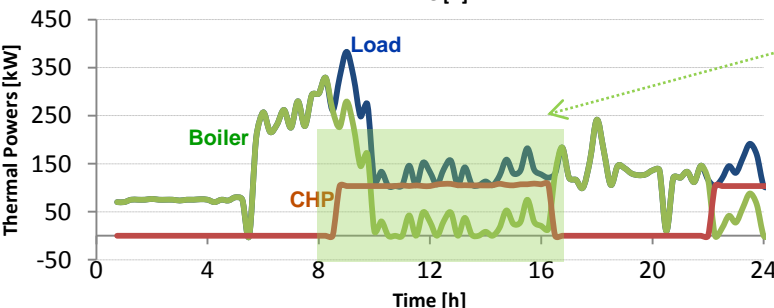


*Thermal Storage flexibility used to decouple thermal demand from generation*

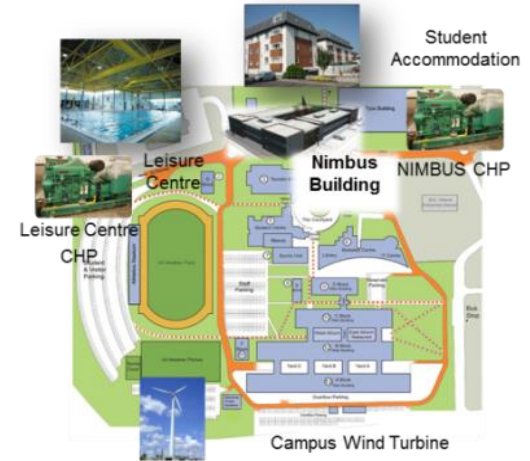
Leisure-world building



*CHP flexibility to reduce grid purchase and boiler utilisation*



## CIT Campus Demosite

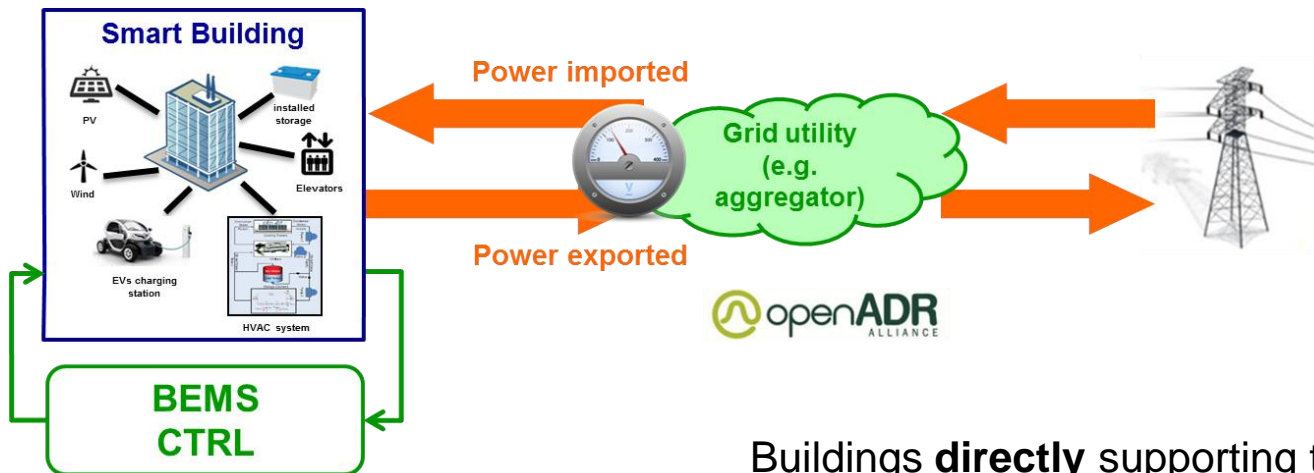
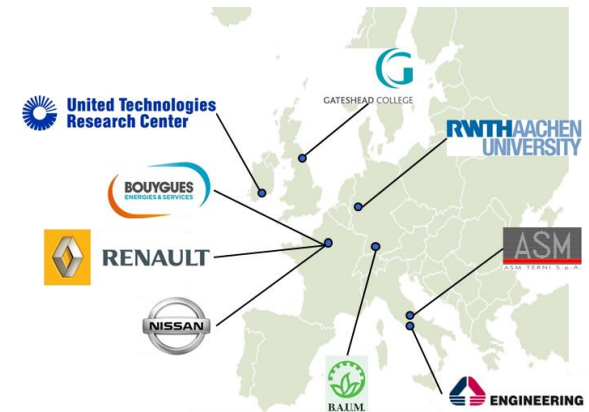


- ✓ Coordinate electrical, thermal storage and local generation to minimize total energy cost (electricity + natural gas)
- ✓ 11% total energy consumption reduction by using battery and CHP flexibility
- ✓ Optimal battery operation: charge at low tariff and discharge at high tariff
- ✓ Additional savings from local CHP generation (exploit low gas vs grid tariffs)

# H2020 ELSA

## Energy Local Storage Advanced system

- Bring electricity storage system based on electric vehicle used batteries (2nd life batteries) and Building Energy Management System (BEMS) to an industrial level
- Pilot technology at 6 demo sites (France, UK, Spain, Italy and Germany)



Buildings **directly** supporting the grid: **active** role

Buildings communicating **flexibility**

**openADR** allows for automated demand response services

BEMS **coordinates** building operations **guaranteeing comfort**

# H2020 ELSA

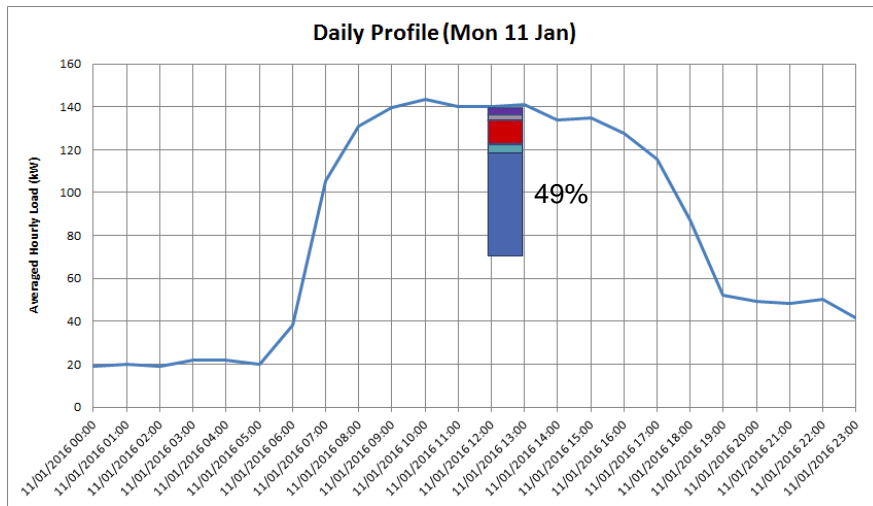
## Energy Local Storage Advanced system



### SASMI building at Gateshead College (UK)

(Real electrical building consumption available, PV generation simulated using Dymola)

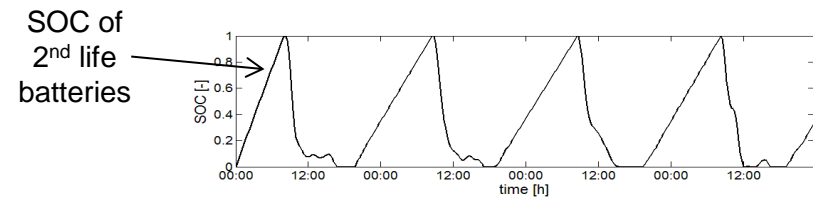
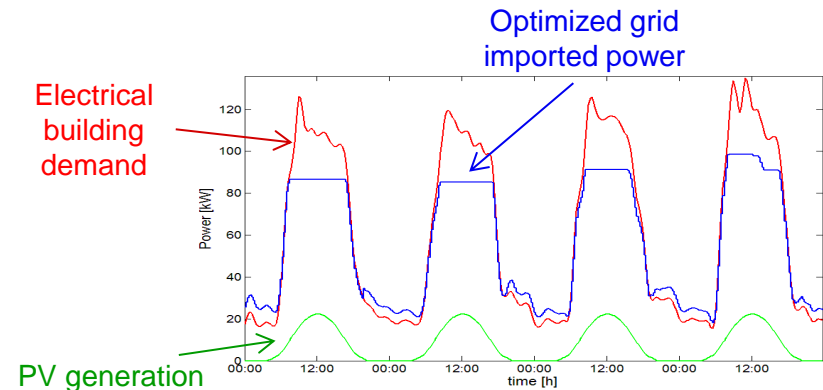
#### Use case 1: demand response 1h flexibility



Battery, PV, 10% HVAC Reduction & Door Curtain

If grid requires, BEMS can coordinate batteries, PV and HVAC and can reduce the power consumption up to 49% for 1h event

#### Use case 2: peak minimization



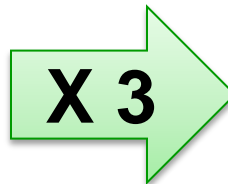
BEMS can coordinate loads, batteries and PV to reduce the peak consumption up to 16%

# H2020 ELSA

## Energy Local Storage Advanced system



SASMI building (UK)



Storage system capacity

1<sup>st</sup> life batteries : 72 kWh

2<sup>nd</sup> life batteries: 48 kWh



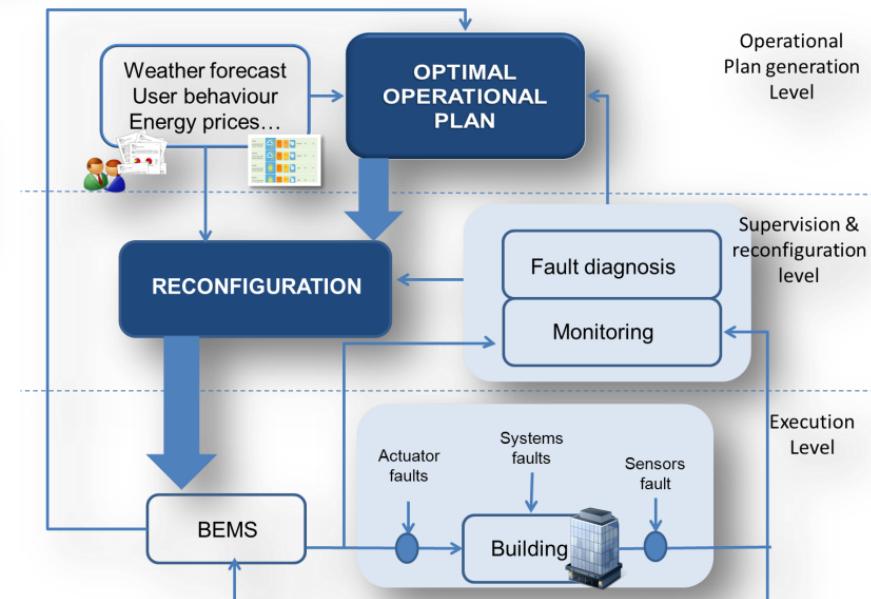
# ENERGY IN TIME

## Resilient and Intelligent HVAC Diagnostics and Control



### UTRC Role

- ❖ HVAC Fault Detection and Diagnostics
- ❖ Efficient HVAC Commissioning
- ❖ Advanced (MOD & FAC) Control
- ❖ Field demonstration in Carrier Montluel, France.





# UTRC IRELAND – AEROSPACE PROGRAMS

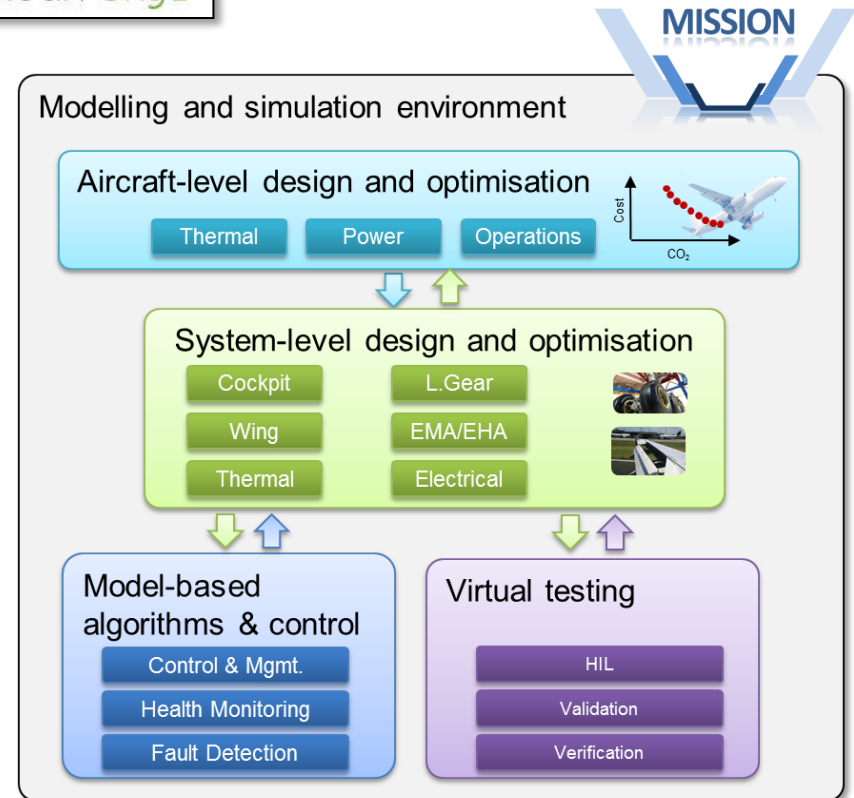
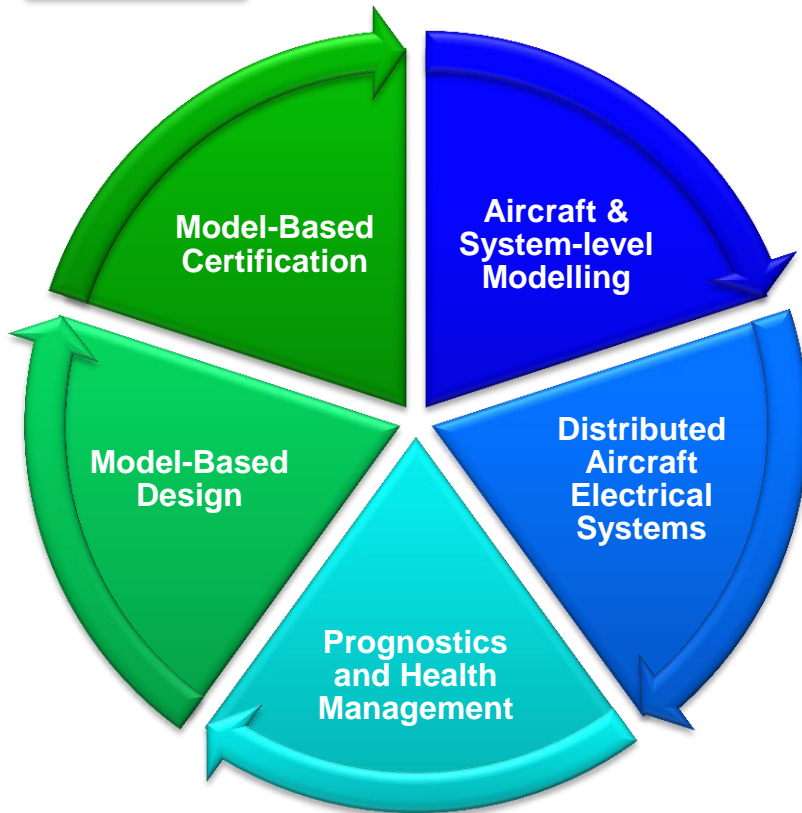
Developing methods and tools for integration of complex aerospace systems



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