



Le concept de la centrale virtuelle dynamique (DVPP) pour optimiser l'intégration des renouvelables au réseau  
- résultats du projet H2020 POSYTYF –



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# POSYTYF

## ***POSYTYF Project:*** P OWering SYstem flexibiliTY in the Future through RES

Call: LC-SC3-RES-16-2019- Development of solutions based on renewable sources that provide flexibility to the energy system

Duration: June 2020 – May 2024

Budget: 4,7 M€

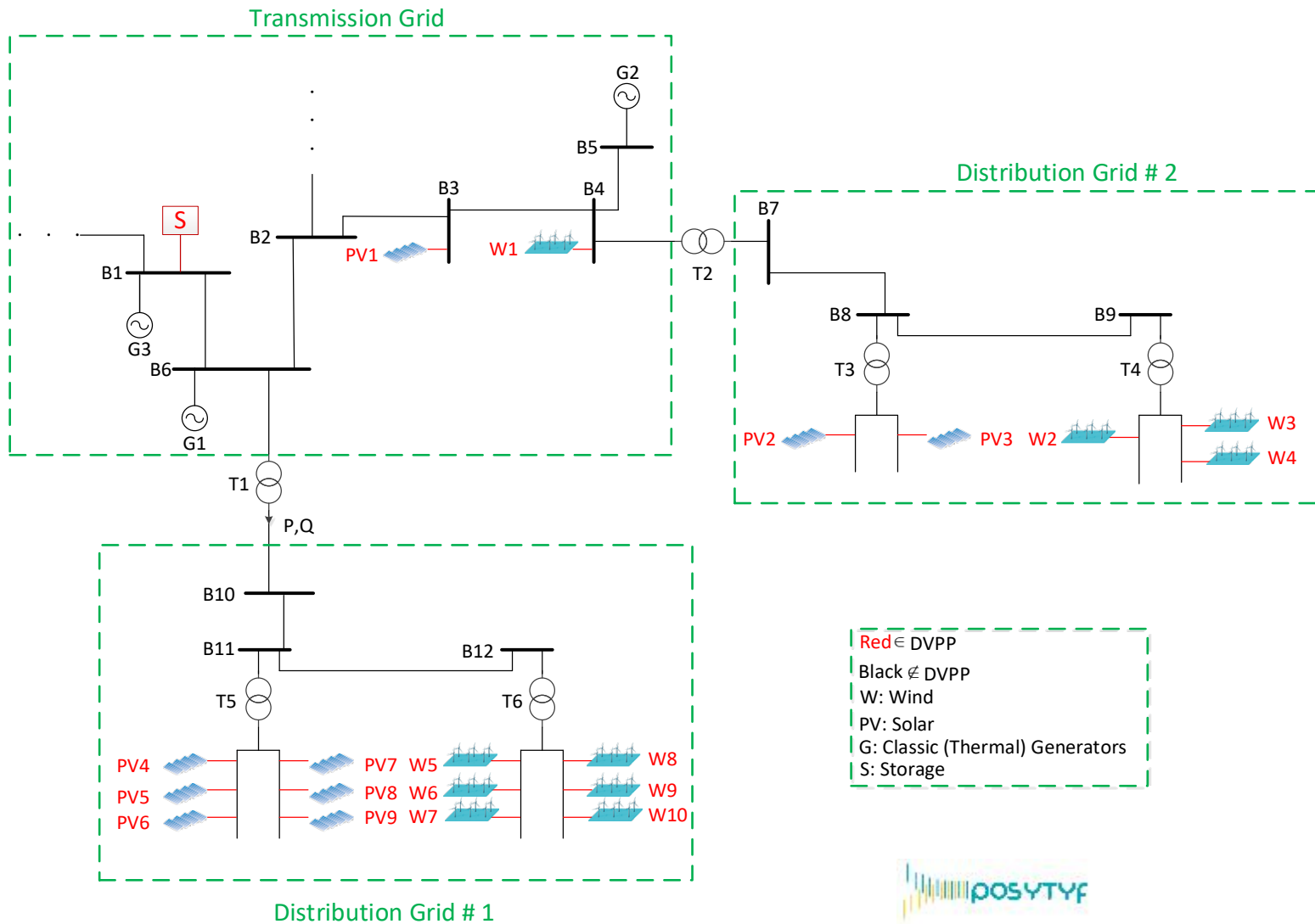
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### ***Context:***

- System stability is the main bottleneck to the further integration of Renewable Energy Sources (RES) into the power system.
- Distributed RES, if aggregated and technically/economically optimized, have the potential to provide flexibility to the grid and contribute to system stability.
- Dispatchable RES can beneficially complement non-dispatchable RES for such optimization ; alternative to electrochemical storage

# Dynamic Virtual Power Plant (DVPP): a set of RES generators and control and operation methodologies to

- increase the performance of an integrated portfolio of **dispatchable** and **non dispatchable** RES
- operate together as a **virtual generator**, capable of providing flexibility and ancillary services to the energy system.

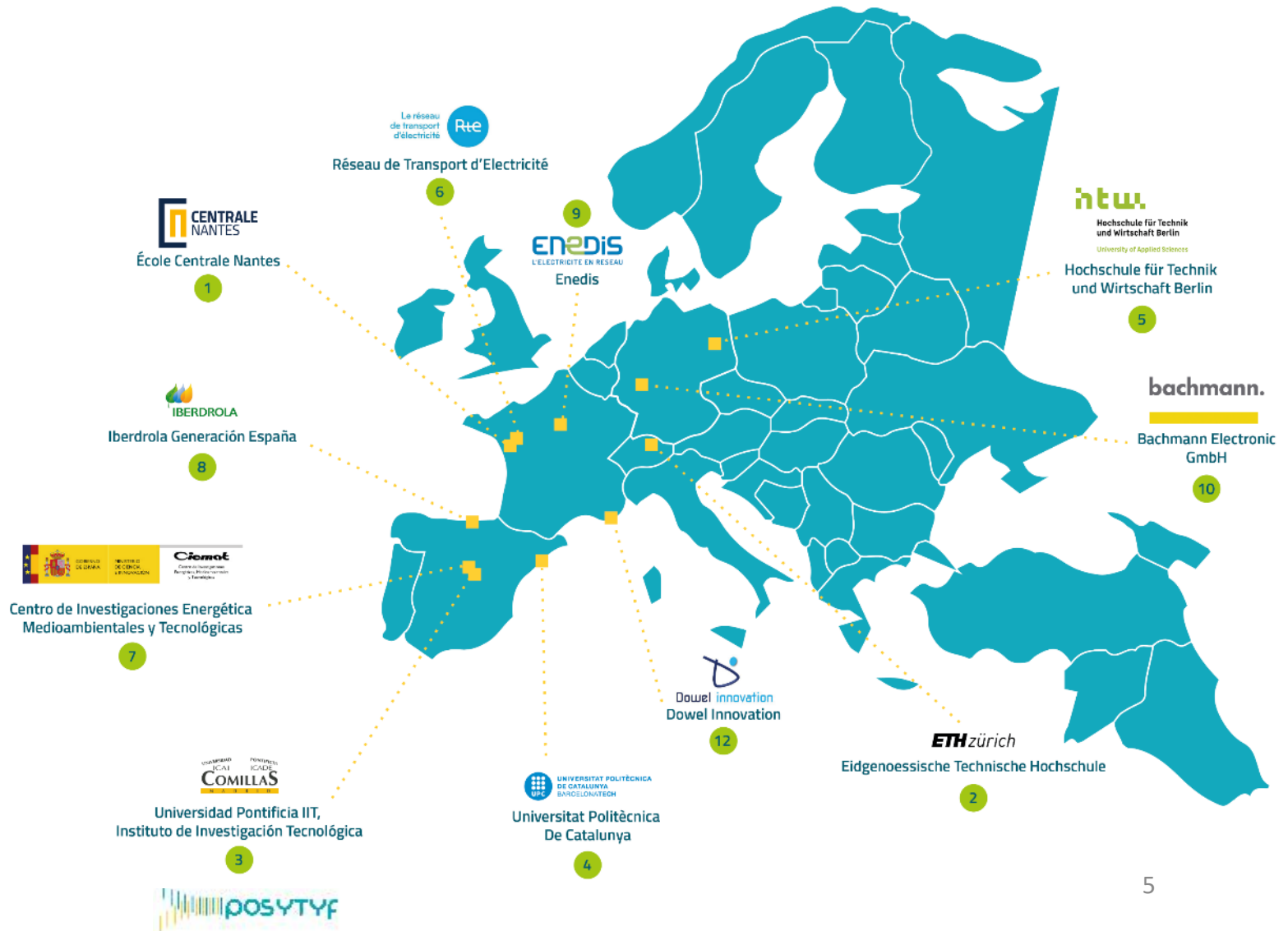


## DVPP specificities:

- Both static and **dynamic** aspects + optimality
- Both local and grid objectives
- All time scales (fast V & f regulation + secondary control and markets integration)
- Multiple grid connections
- Transmission & distribution grids
- Imbricated structure  
(participating & non participating generators)
- Dynamic interactions
  - Between DVPP RES generators
  - With the neighbor dynamic elements
- Resilience/plug&play capabilities

# Consortium

- Combined expertise on power systems, power electronics, automatic control and RES
- Industrial partners include (Transmission System Operators) TSO, (Distribution System Operators) DSO, RES generator, software vendor
- External advisors:
  - Prof. Costas Vournas, NTUA, Athens-Greece
  - WindEurope
  - ESTELA



# Differences with existing Virtual Power Plants (VPP)

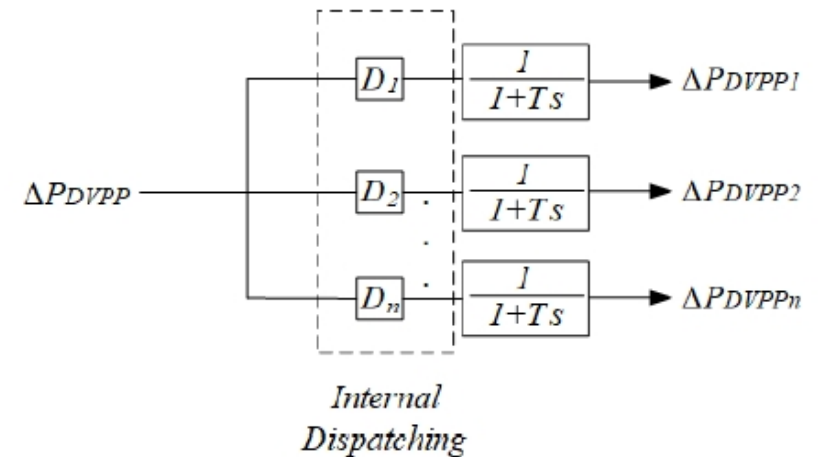
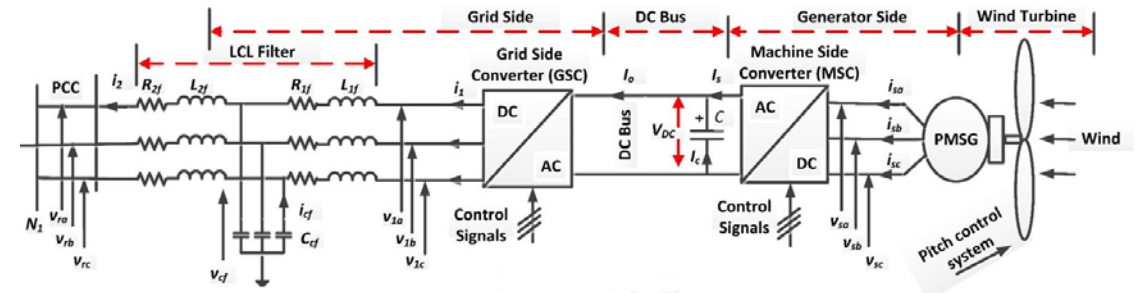
*Address both **static** & **dynamic** optimal control at **all** levels: device / network/ economic standpoint*

*In more specific technical terms:*

- Enable participation of distributed RES to ancillary services
- Manage specificities of decreasing global inertia of the system
- Deal with geographical spread of RES (also imbricated with non-participating entities)
  - Coordination/ centralization/ decentralization
  - Robustness/ disturbance rejection
  - Resilience (variable VPP perimeter)
- Aggregate RES at both transmission and distribution levels

# DVPP realization: multi-time-scale dynamic system

objectives & actuators



# Main outputs

- Key in hands solutions for renewables modeling, control & operation in both situations:
  - Scenario A: integration in existing grids and control schemes: primary and secondary levels
  - Scenario B: power systems of future with high (100%) power electronics rate
- novel stability notion for Scenario B
  - Definition of complex-frequency synchronization to analyze phase-magnitude coupled dynamics
  - Stability analysis of complex-frequency synchronization and voltage stabilization
  - control of multivariable DVPPs based on these notions
- real-time operation for whole time scales (fast to slow dynamics)
  - fast V & f regulation + secondary control and markets integration + internal redispatching + cost optimization

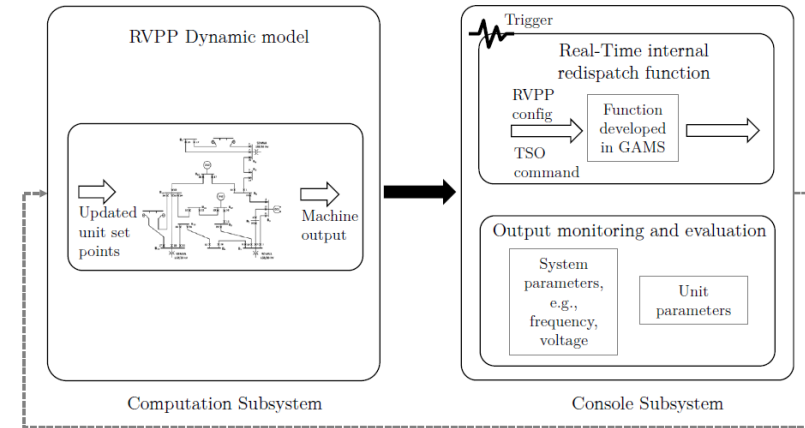
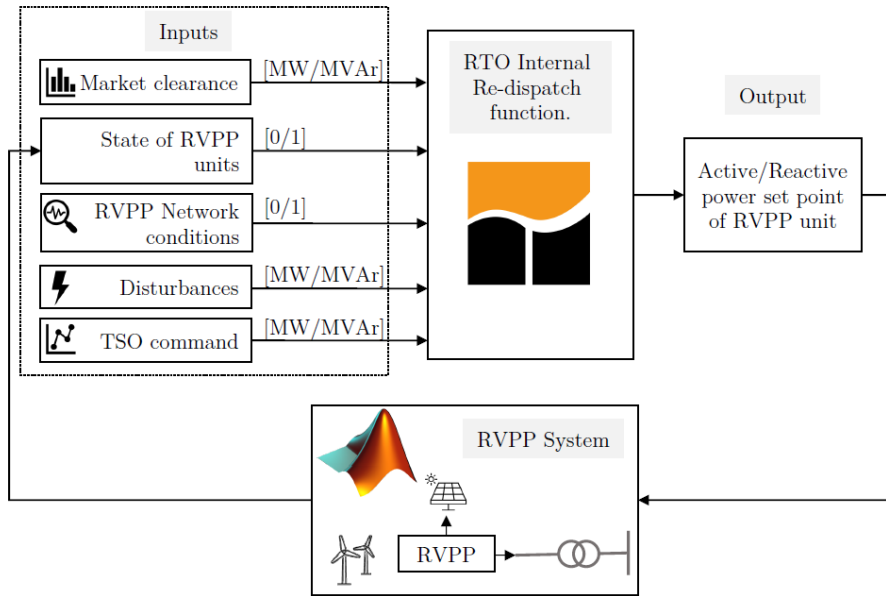


# More specifically

- Modeling
  - Definition of scenarios for modern power systems based on renewables
  - Analysis of potential grid services to be provided by dynamic virtual power plants
  - Modeling in RMS and EMT of modern power systems
  
- Control
  - New model-based approach for the control of power electronics connected to the grid
  - Observer-based control
  - Decentralized control for DVPP actuators for both local & grid ancillary services
    - Centralized synthesis with overlapping implementation
    - Model matching with dynamic participation factors
  - Grid following/grid forming
  - Real-time simulation and hardware in the loop validations
  
- Optimization
  - Tool for the optimal operation of DVPPs under uncertainty of non-dispatchable RES
  - Tool for optimal real-time operation of DVPP portfolio
  - Analysis of economic viability of DVPPs and their impact on system operation and ancillary service needs ; competitiveness compared with solutions combining variable renewable sources with electrochemical storage.

# Zoom: optimal real-time operation of DVPP portfolio

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OPAL-RT real-time simulation: IIT Madrid-EC Nantes

## GAMS optimization

$$\min_{\Xi_{\text{RTO}}} \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}} \left[ \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \left( C_k p_{k,t} + C_k^{\uparrow} p_{k,t}^{\uparrow} + C_k^{\downarrow} p_{k,t}^{\downarrow} + \lambda (p_{k,t}^{\uparrow} + p_{k,t}^{\downarrow}) \right) + \sum_{b \in \mathcal{B}^g} \left( C_b^{\uparrow} p_{b,t}^{\uparrow} + C_b^{\downarrow} p_{b,t}^{\downarrow} \right) \right] \Delta t$$

### Indexes and Sets

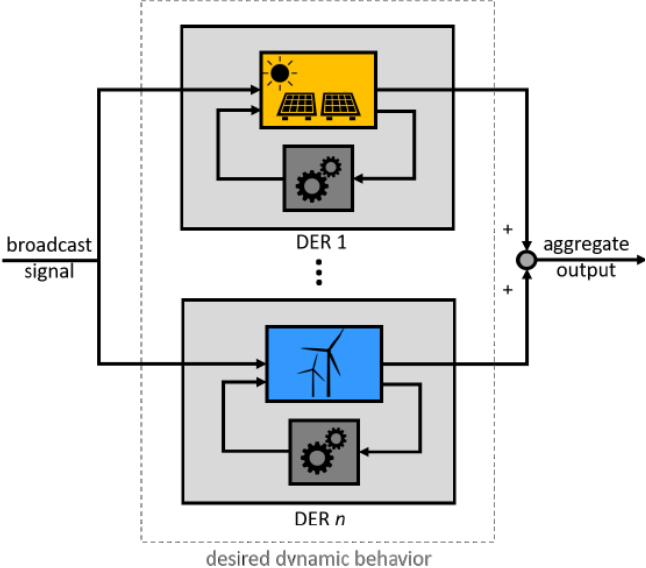
- $b \in \mathcal{B}/\mathcal{B}^m$  Network Buses / Buses Connected to main grid
- $k \in \mathcal{K}/\mathcal{K}_b$  RVPP units / RVPP units at buses
- $(m, n) \in \ell$  Sending- and Receiving-end of line
- $t \in \mathcal{T}$  Time periods

### Variables

- $p_{b,t}^{\text{TSO}}$  Share of regulation to be delivered at bus  $b$  [MW]
- $p_{k,t}$  Active real time power generation of RVPP  $k$  [MW]
- $p_{k,t}^{\uparrow} (p_{k,t}^{\downarrow})$  Active power up(down) regulation of RVPP  $k$  [MW]
- $p_{mn,t}$  Active power flow from bus  $m$  to  $n$  [MW]
- $p_{b,t}^{\uparrow} (p_{b,t}^{\downarrow})$  Unmet up (down) regulation at bus  $b$  [MW]

# Zoom: primary control

- Centralized vs decentralized control

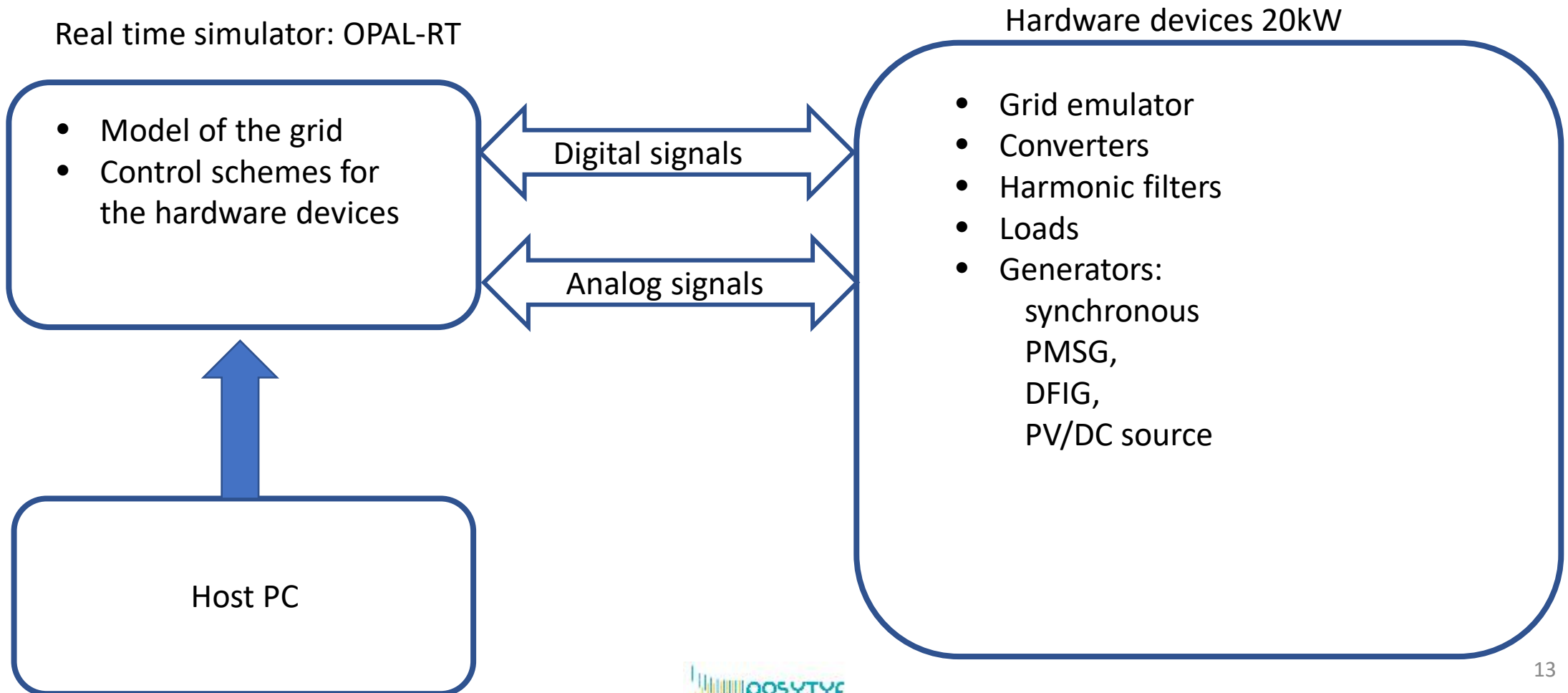


# Zoom: decentralized controls

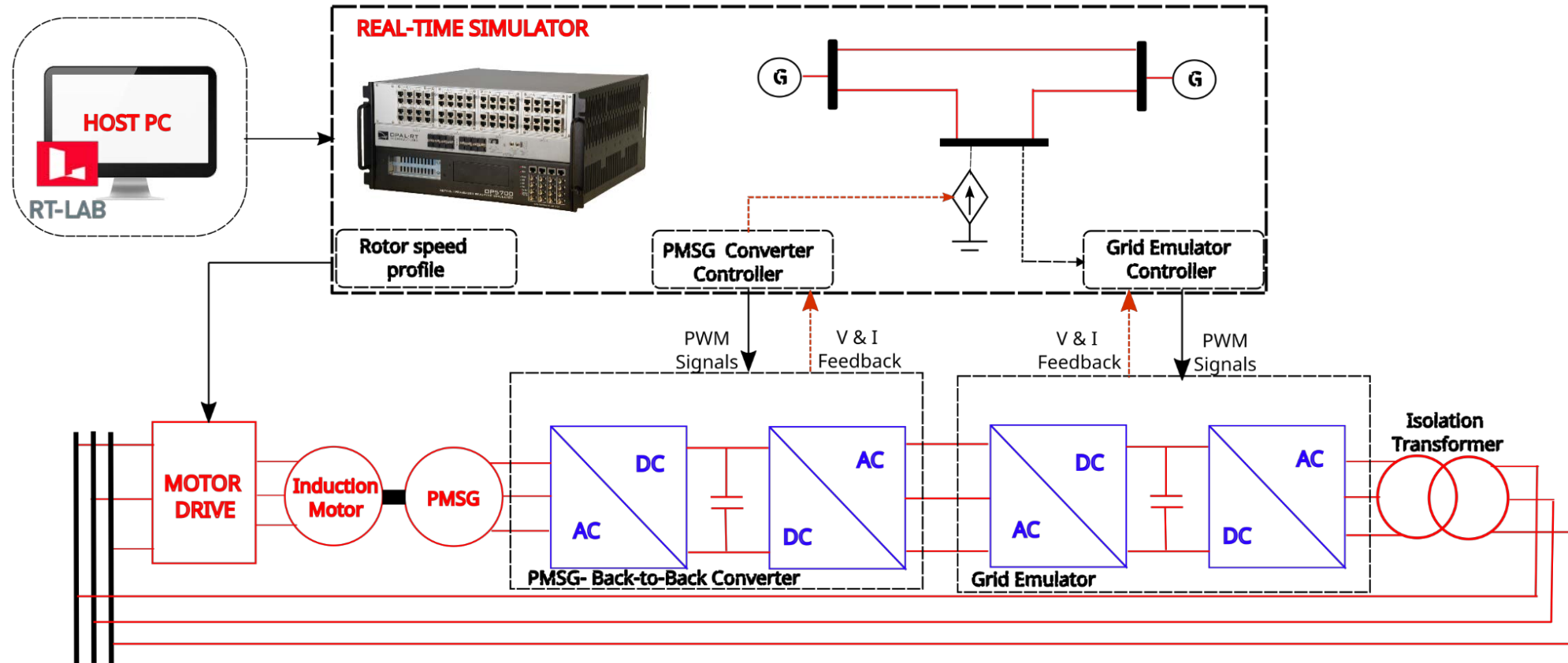
- Centralized synthesis with decentralized implementation: EC Nantes
- Fully decentralized: based on model-matching:  
ETH Zurich

# Zoom: hardware validations

- Hardware 10kw bench in HTW Berlin: microgrid
- Hardware in the loop 20kw platform in EC Nantes-LS2N: Full hardware grid connected chain & grid emulation



# Permanent Magnet Synchronous Generator(PMSG)- Test Bench





## Validations at several time and grid scales

- Local fast control for grid V & f services
- Primary/internal redispatch/secondary controls: OPAL-RT/GAMS interface

