



# Cyber-physical System Modeling using Modelica for Smart and Sustainable Communities

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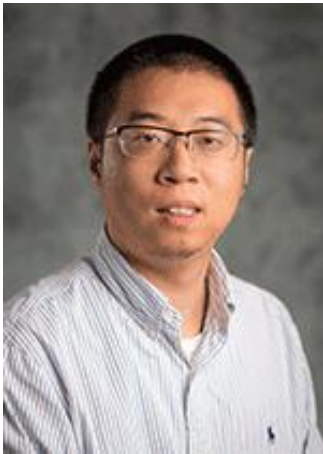
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# Introduce the Speakers



## **Jing Wang, Ph.D. Candidate**

Jing is a PhD Candidate in Architectural Engineering at University of Colorado Boulder. Her research interests are resilient energy systems, building energy system modeling and control, building-to-grid integration. She is an ASHRAE Student Member.



## **Sen Huang, Ph.D.**

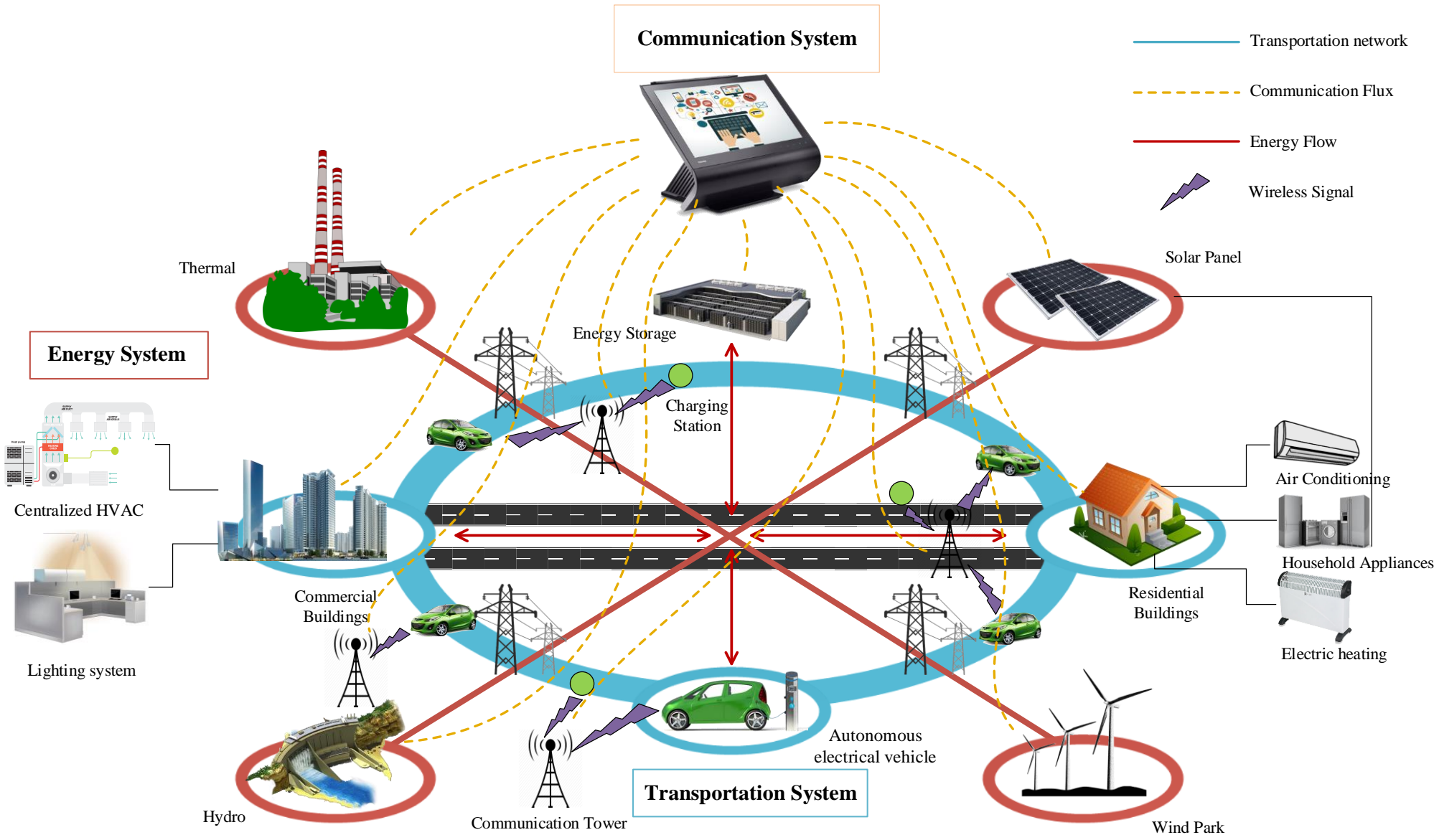
Sen Huang joined the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory as a scientist in May 2016. Before joining PNNL, he worked as a building services engineer at Arup (2011-2012), a teaching assistant (2013) and a research assistant (2014-2016) both at the University of Miami.

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# Background

## Vision of future smart cities

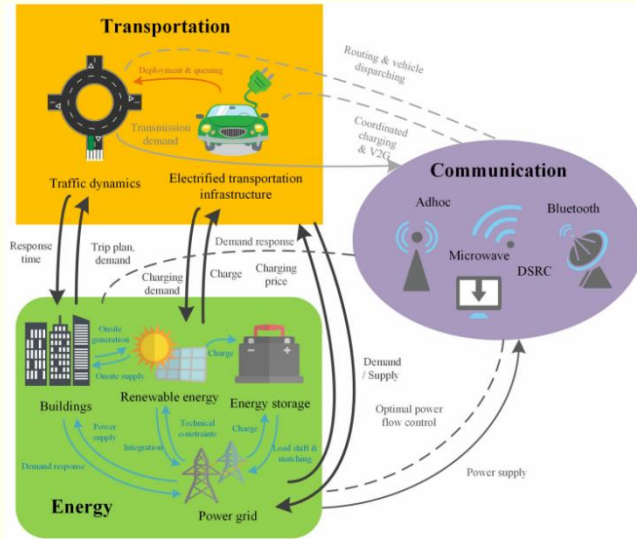




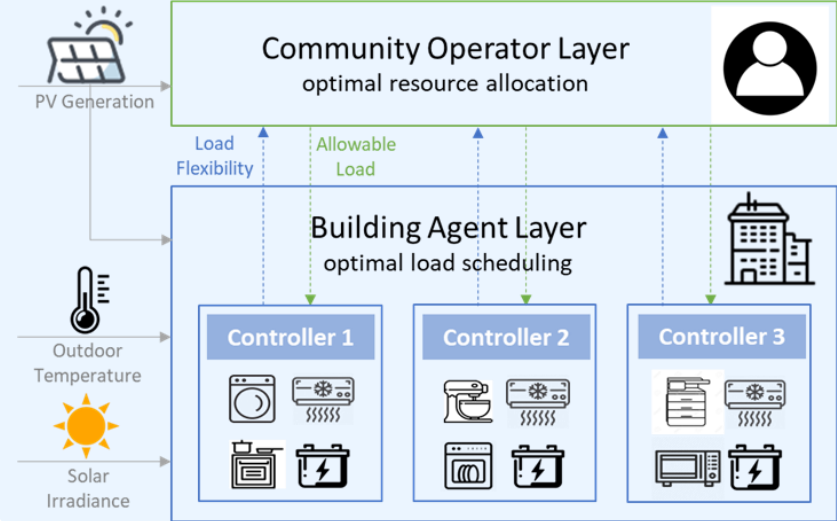
# Goals and Challenges

## Modeling for smart and sustainable communities

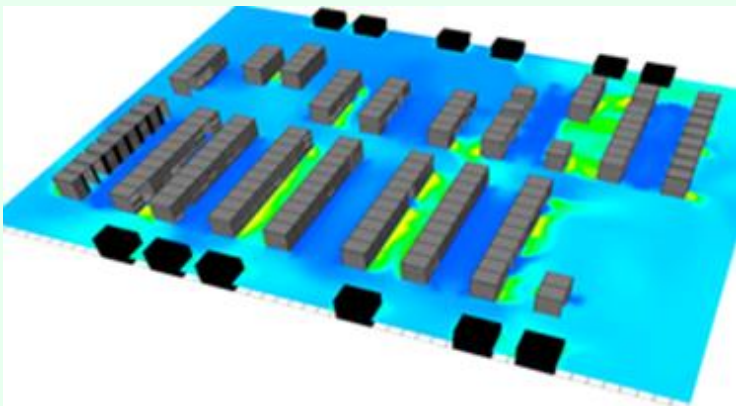
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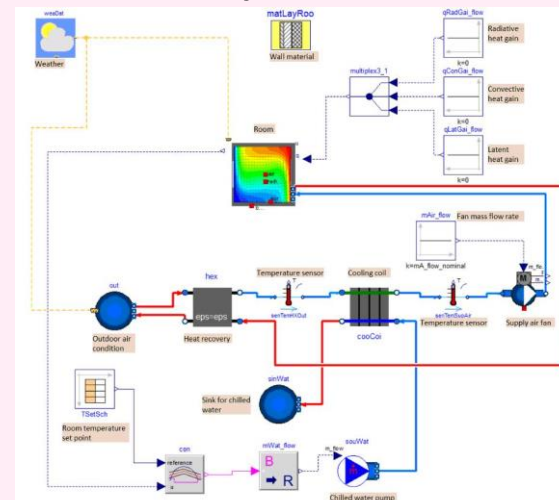
### Optimal Operation



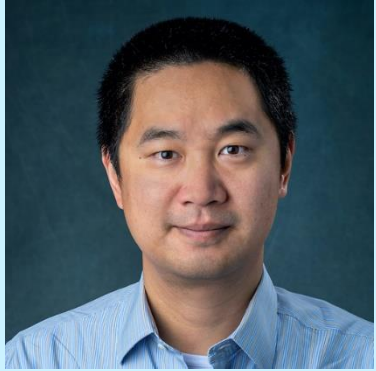
### Built Environment Improving



### Dynamic System Controls



# Who are we?



## Principal Investigator: Prof. Wangda Zuo

- 9 PhD Students
- 1 Visiting PhD Student
- 3 Graduate/Undergraduate Research Assistants



## Major Research Projects

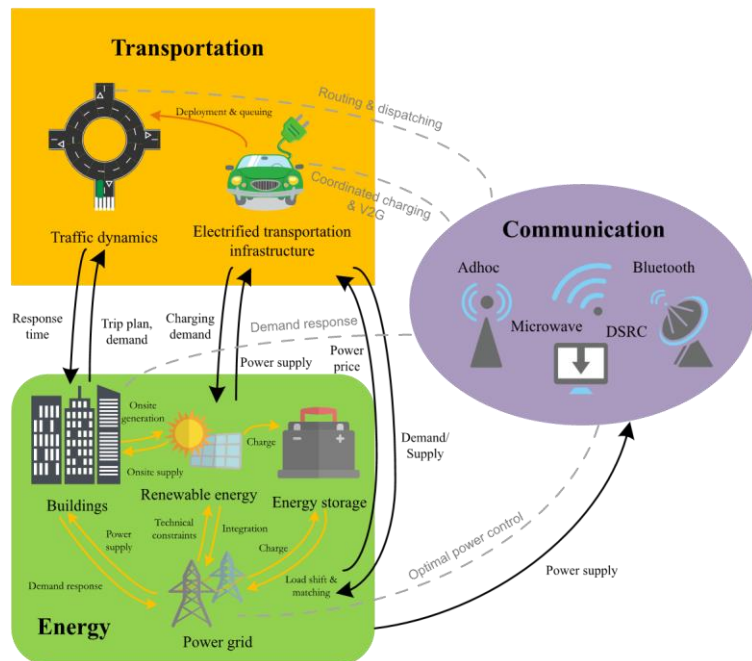
- **Modelica library development**
  - Modelica Buildings Library
  - Data Center package
  - District Heating & Cooling
- **Modelica supported research**
  - Occupancy-centric flexibility quantification
  - Building-to-grid integration

# NSF Funded Development

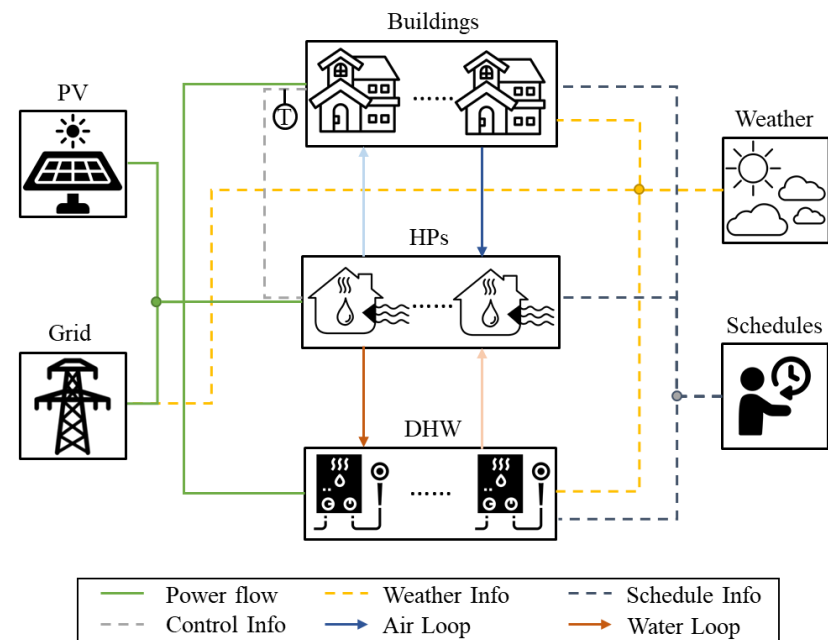


**BIGDATA: Collaborative Research: IA: Big Data Analytics for Optimized Planning of Smart, Sustainable, and Connected Communities** (9/16-8/21), National Science Foundation, collaboration with Virginia Tech.

## Smart and Connected Community Library



## Net-Zero Energy Community Library



### CU Boulder

- Dr. Wangda Zuo
- Xing Lu

- Kathryn Hinkelman
- Jessica Stershic
- Jing Wang

### Virginia Tech

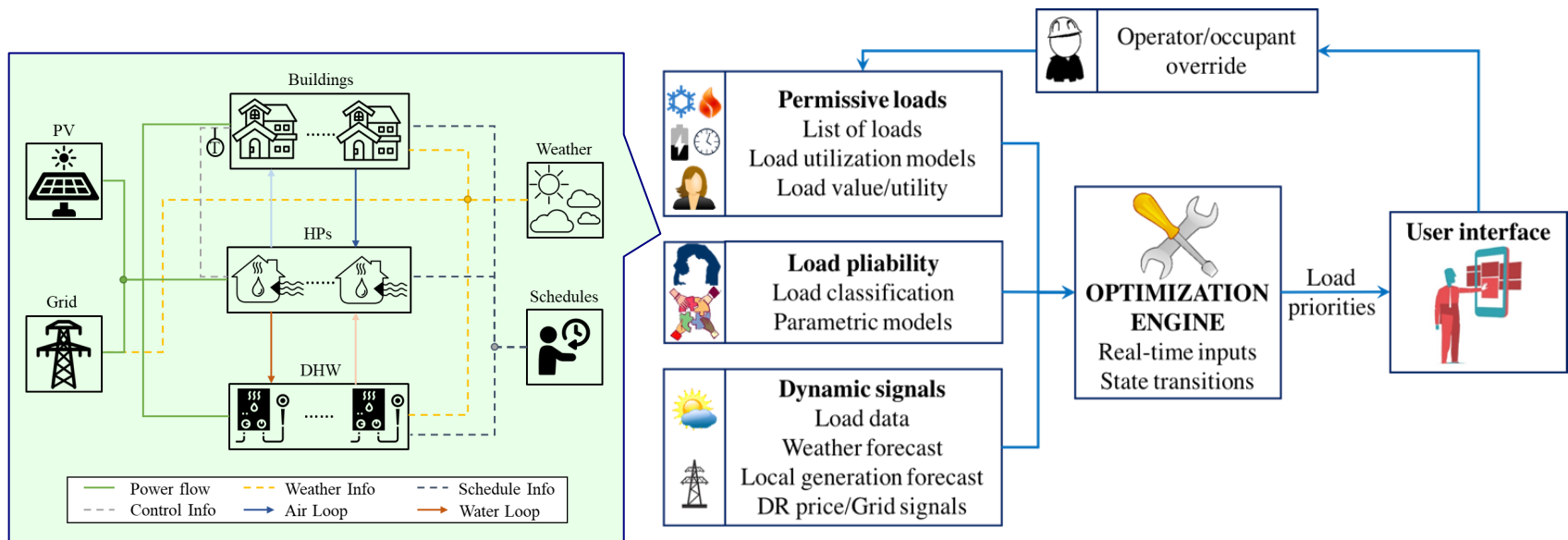
- Dr. Walid Saad
- Dr. Harpreet Dhillon

# DoE Funded Application



**C3PO: Comprehensive Pliant Permissive Priority Optimization** (10/18-9/20), Department of Energy, collaboration with PNNL and ORNL.

- Stochastic occupancy module
- Occupancy-based control
- Occupant-centric optimization



Framework to dynamically value and classify building loads

## CU Boulder

- Dr. Wangda Zuo
- Jing Wang

## PNNL

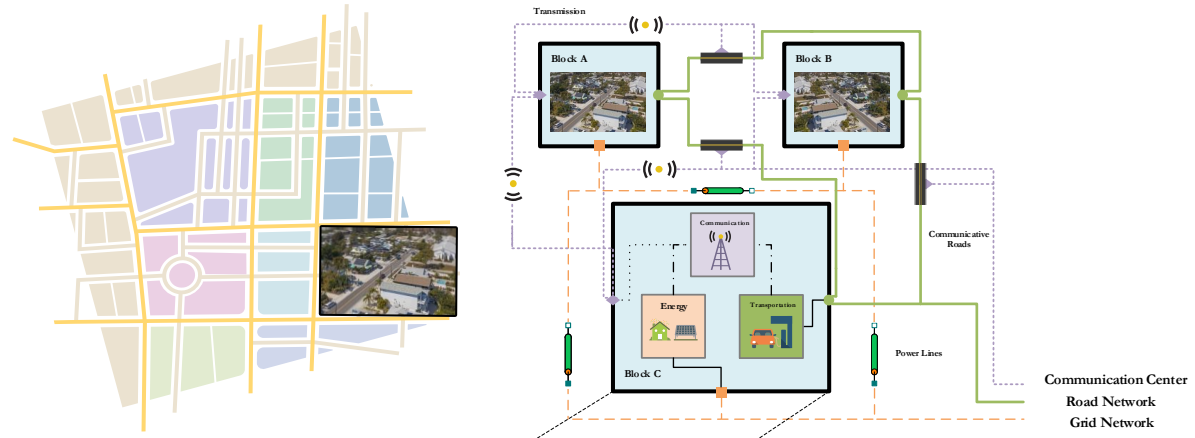
- Dr. Draguna Vrabić
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## ORNL

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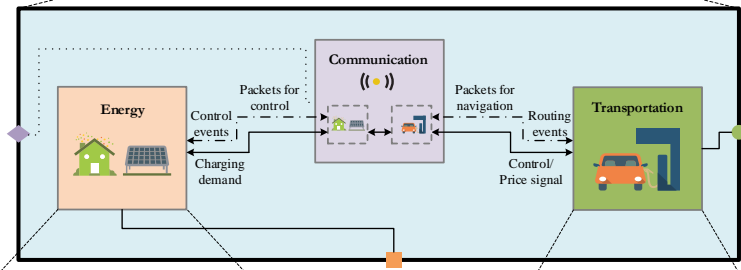
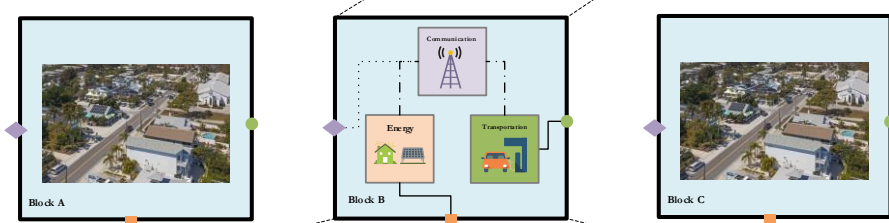


# SCC Library - Proposed Framework

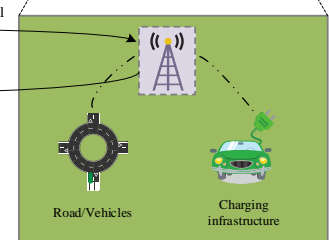
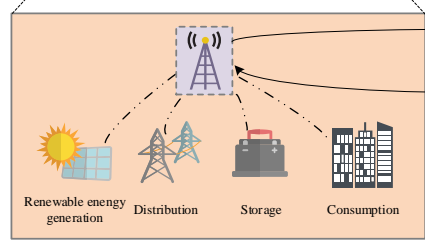


Multi-layer

Multi-block



Multi-agent

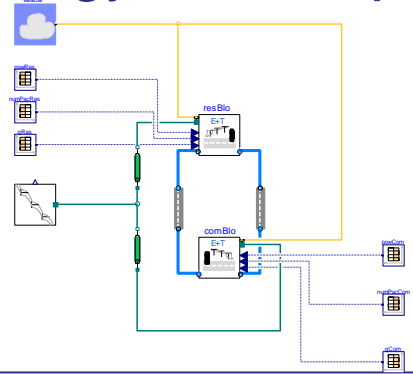


Control/Price signal

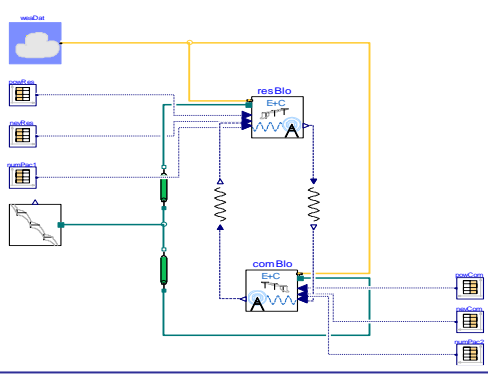
Charging demand

# SCC Library - Models

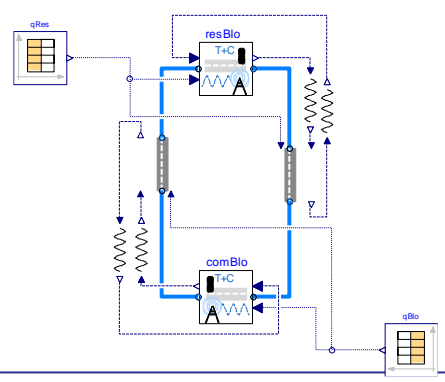
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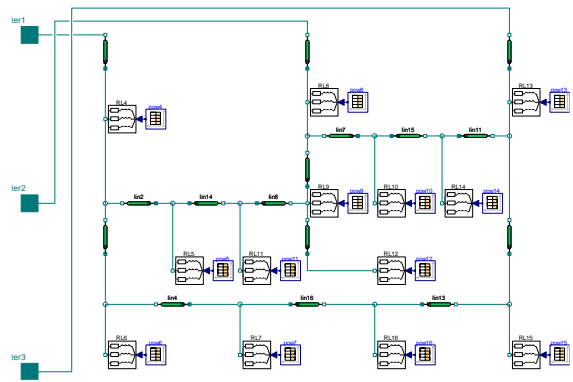
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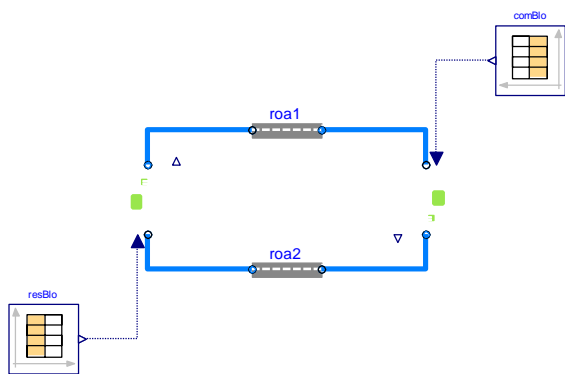
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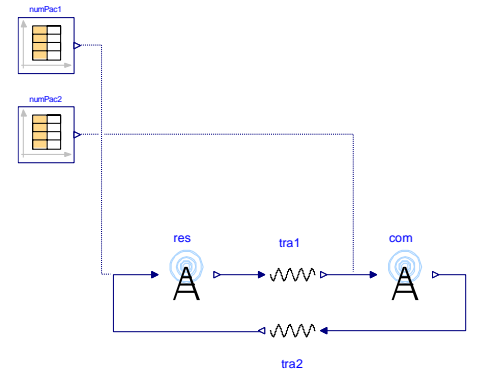
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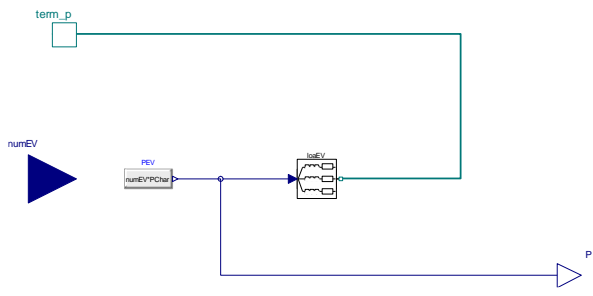
## Transportation System



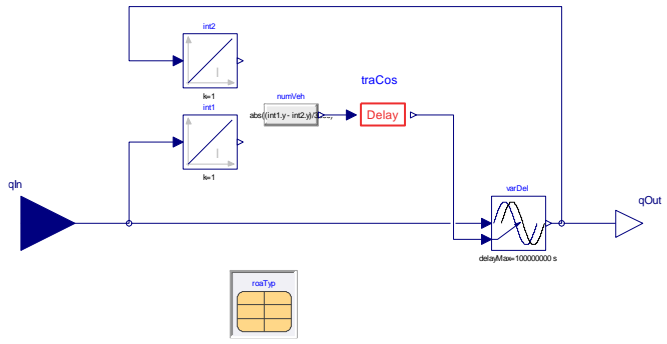
## Communication System



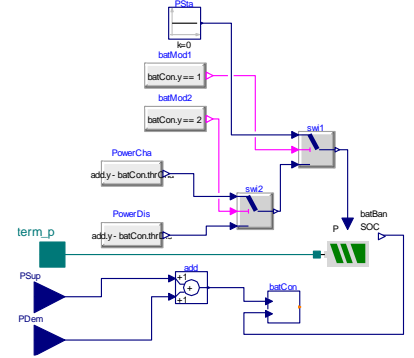
## EV Charging



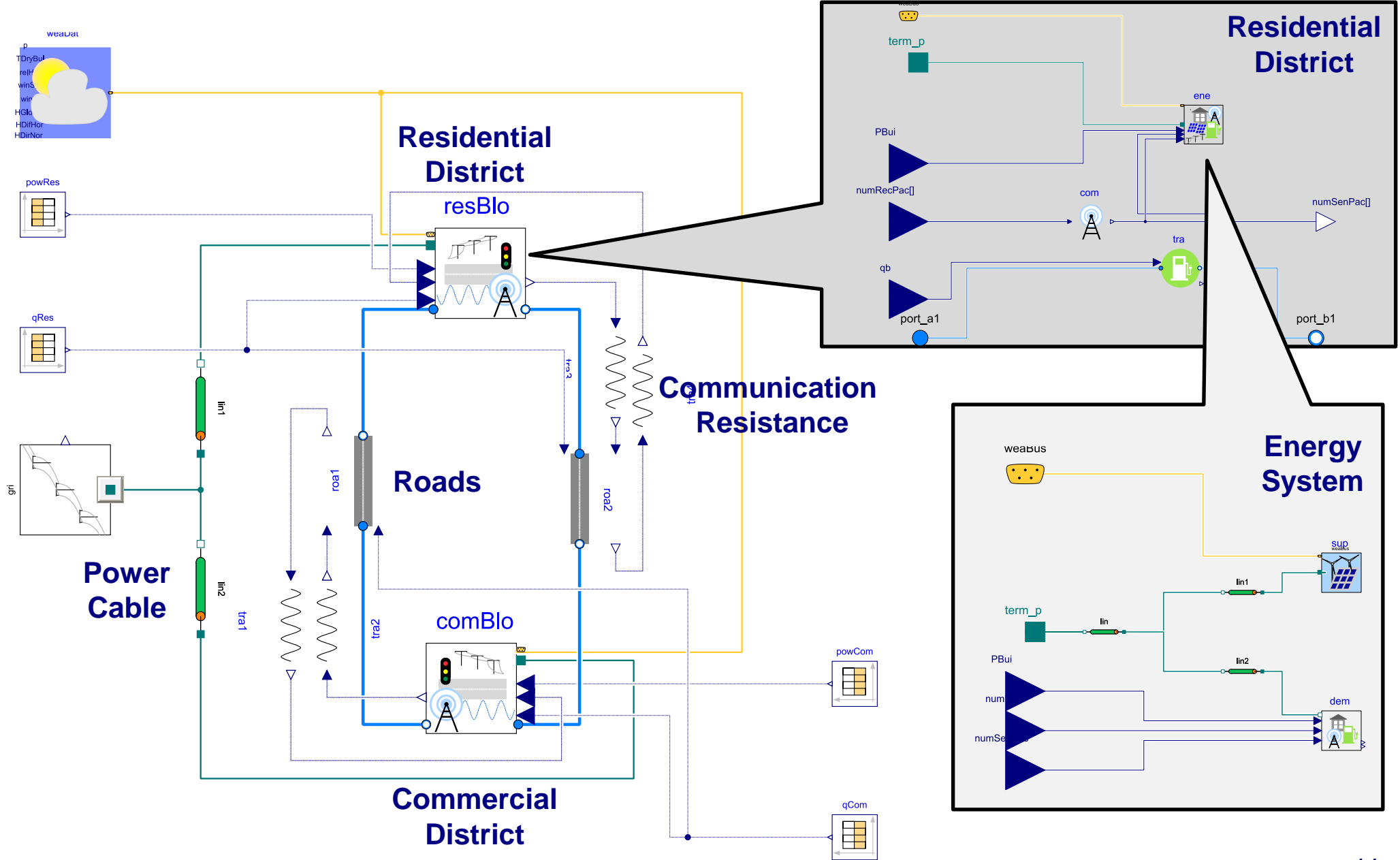
## Road



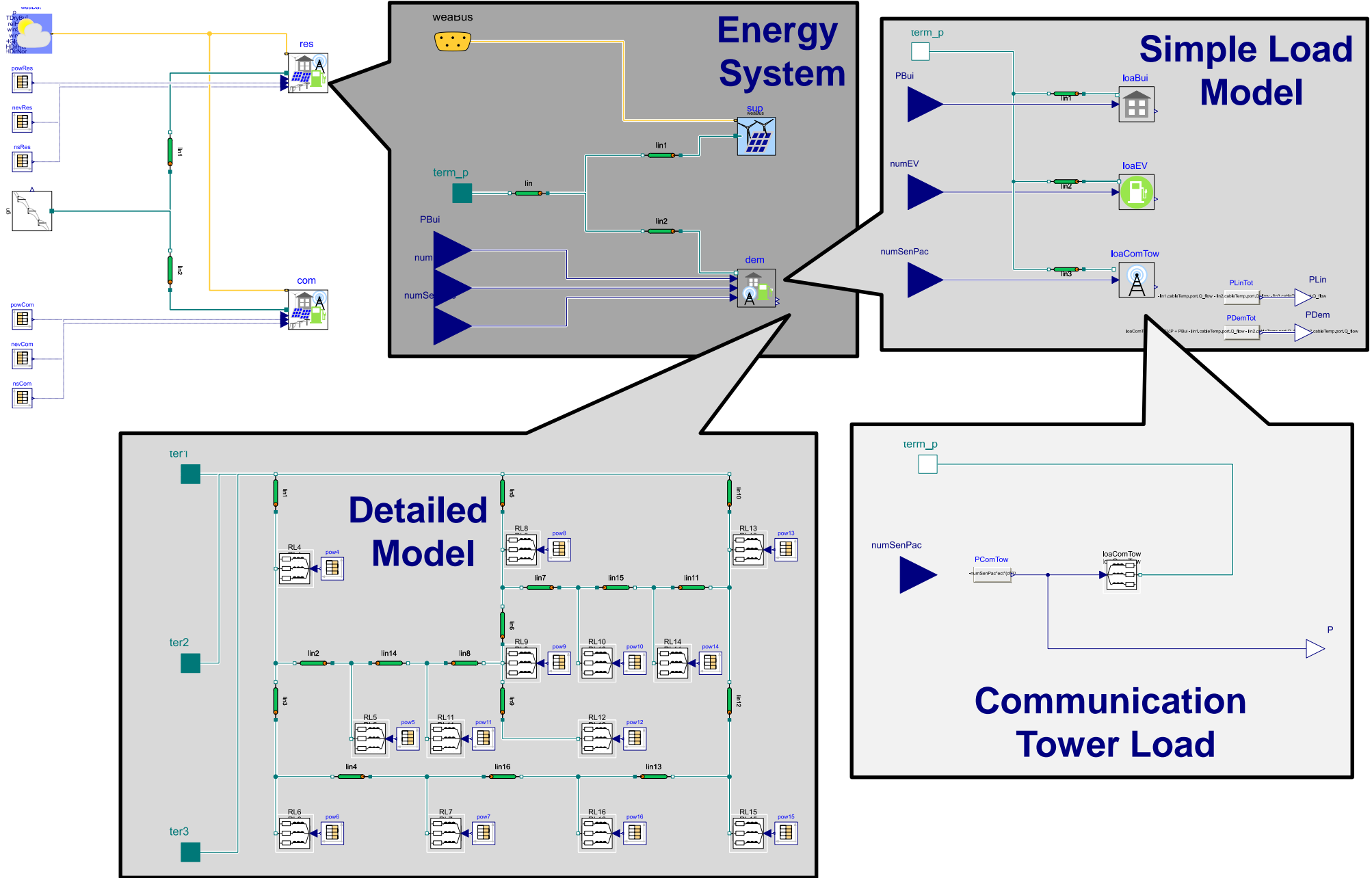
## Battery



# Coupled Infrastructure Networks

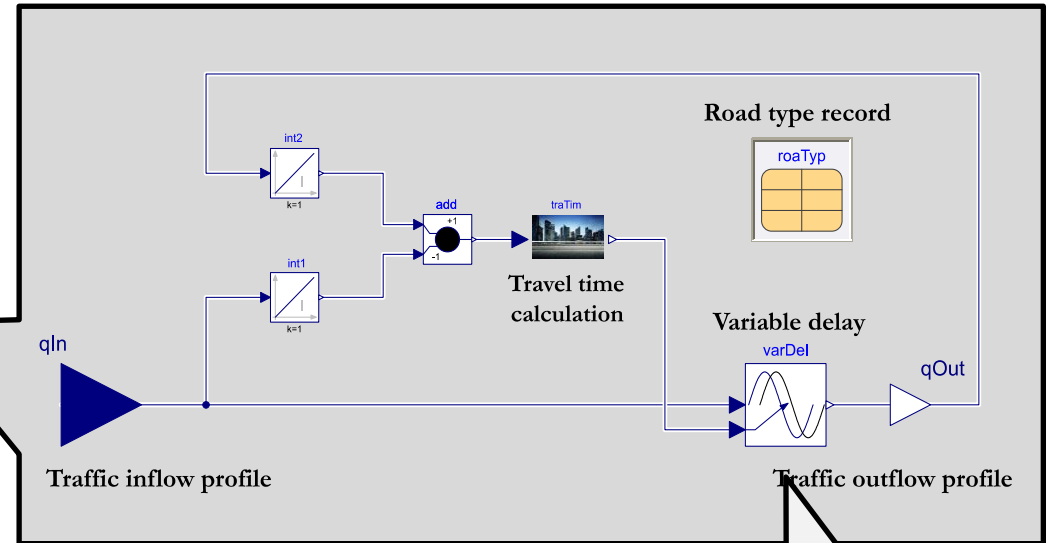
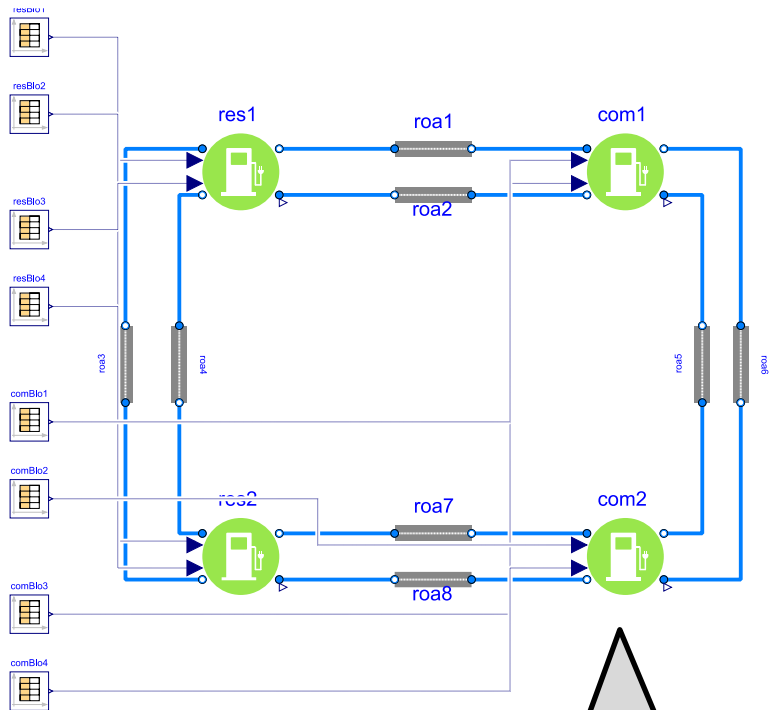


# Energy Model





# Transportation Model



## Charging Station Model

$$\dot{N} = \sum_{i=1}^{k_{in}} q_{in} - \sum_{i=1}^{k_{out}} q_{out}$$

## Road Model

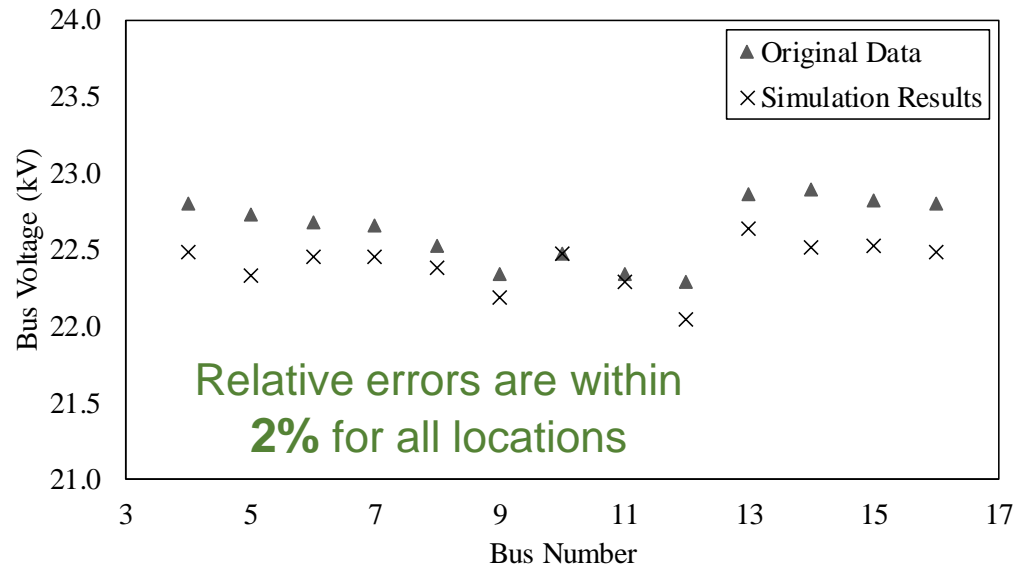
$$\begin{cases} U = \frac{\alpha_1 U_s}{1 + \left(\frac{V}{C}\right)^\beta} \\ \beta = \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 \left(\frac{V}{C}\right)^3 \end{cases}$$

$$V = \frac{U \cdot \int (q_{out} - q_{in}) dt}{L}$$

## Power Distribution

### Literature Comparison:

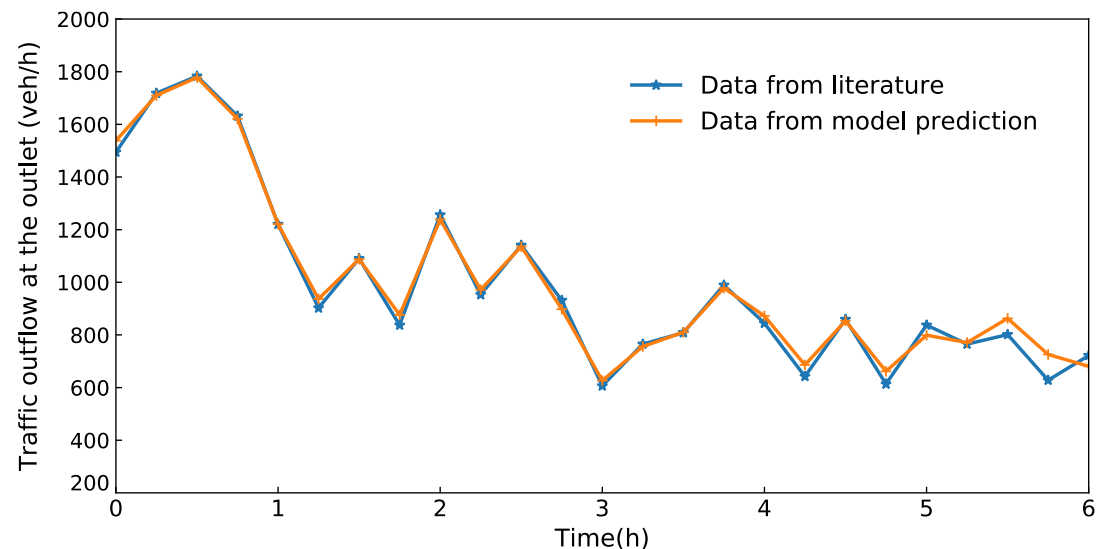
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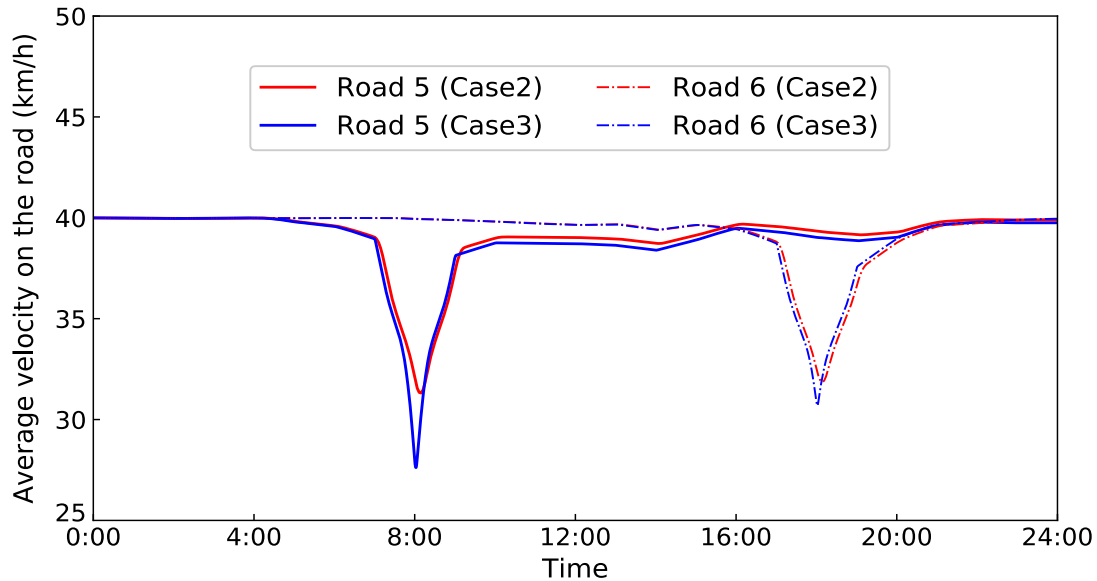
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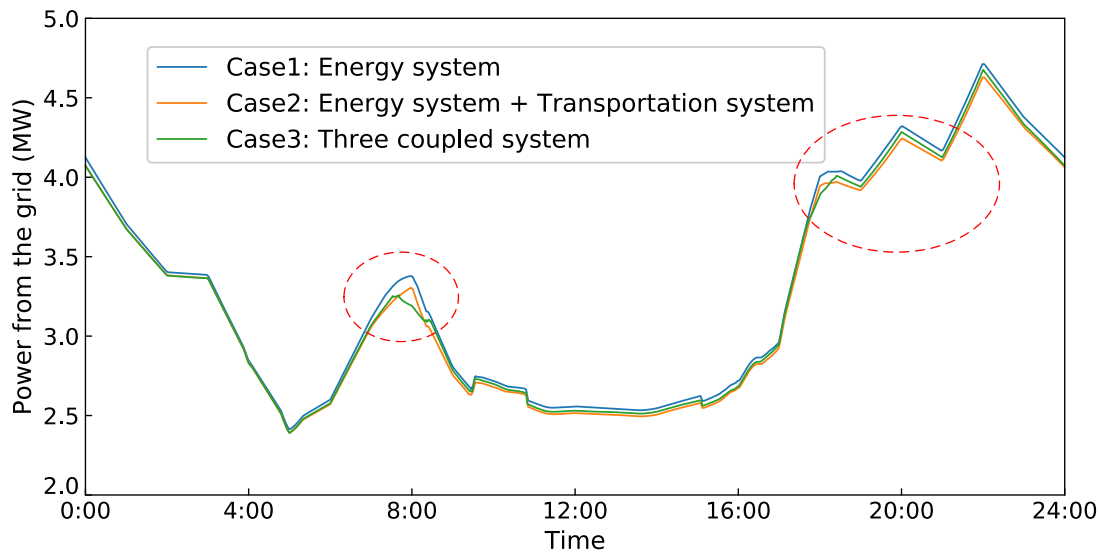
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# Case Study



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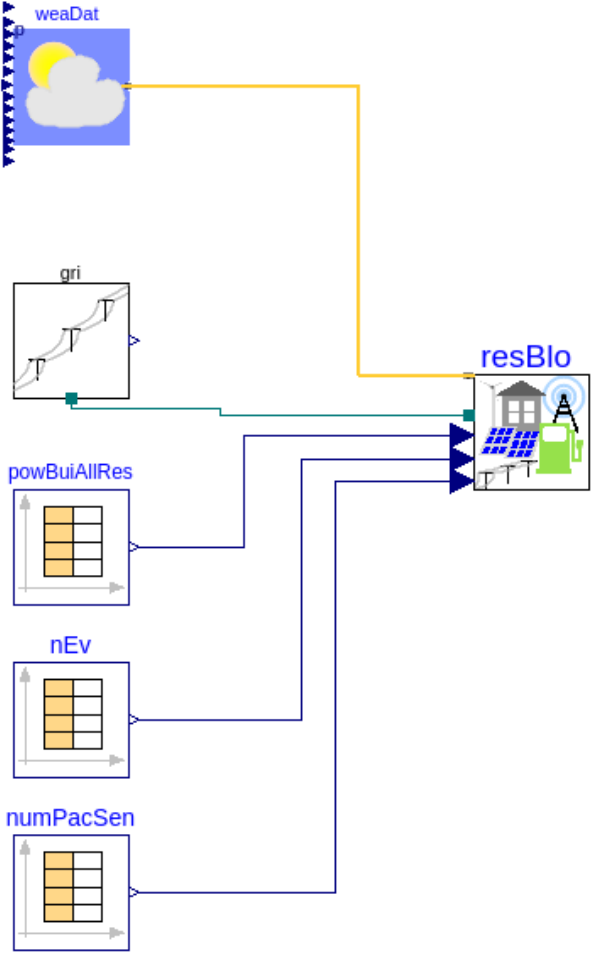
(b)

- At high traffic hours (around 8:00 and 18:00), the communication system deteriorates the traffic condition due to poor packet arrival rates.

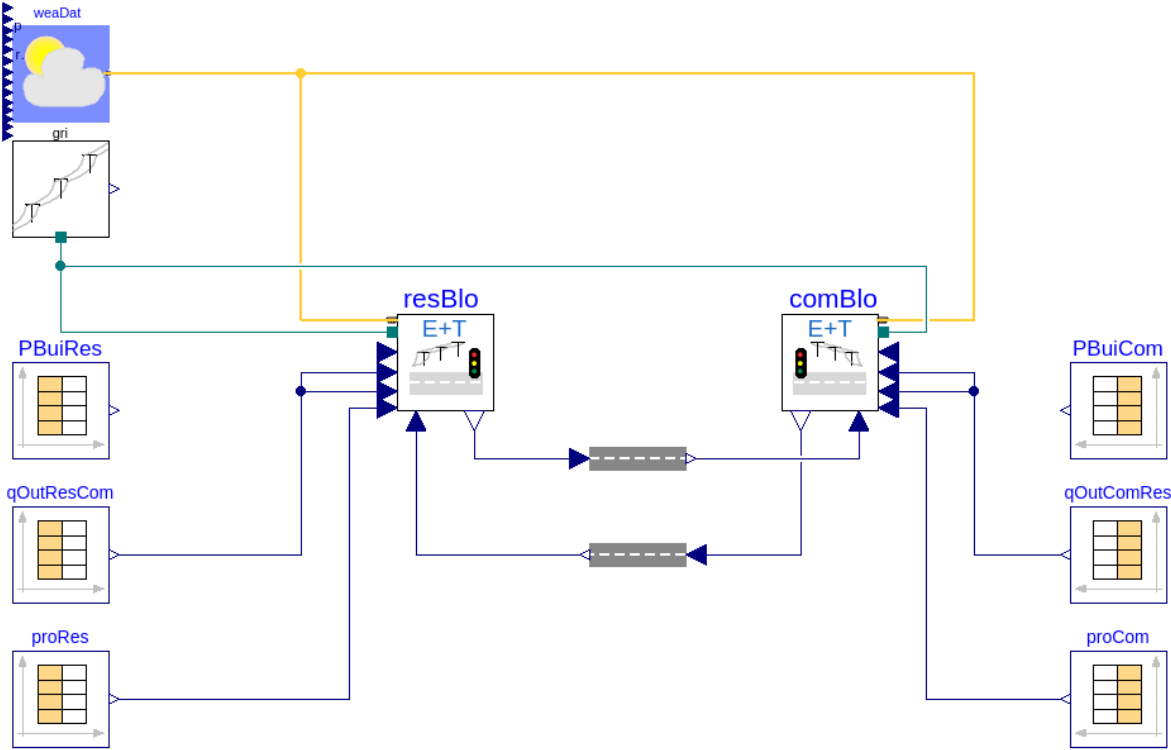
- The deviation of power draw prediction increases during the peak commuting times (circled). The largest deviation ratio of 7% occurs around 8:00.

# Workshop Tutorials

## Tutorial 1: Residential District



## Tutorial 2: Coupling Energy and Transportation Systems



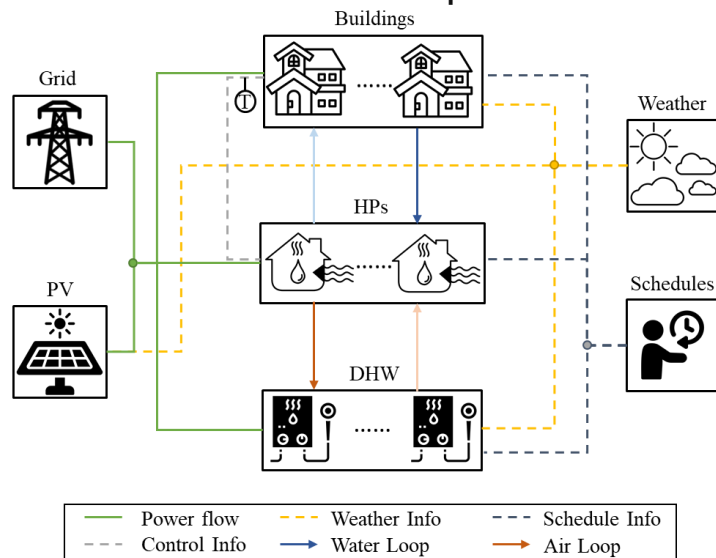


# Summary

- We developed a multi-domain modeling framework, which integrates the energy, transportation, and communication systems.
- An open source Modelica Smart and Connected Community (SCC) library utilizing our 3M approach has been released.
- The workshop cases demonstrate the application of the modeling framework for studying the operation of future connected communities.

# Net Zero Energy Community (NZEC) Library

- What?
  - An open source library for the NZECs
  - This library consists of
    - components for subsystem of NZECs
    - A system model for a real-world NZEC in Florida
- Who should use it?
  - Building owners who seek for economically sound design
  - Building operators who seek for optimal and resilient operation
  - Researchers who develop advanced control strategies



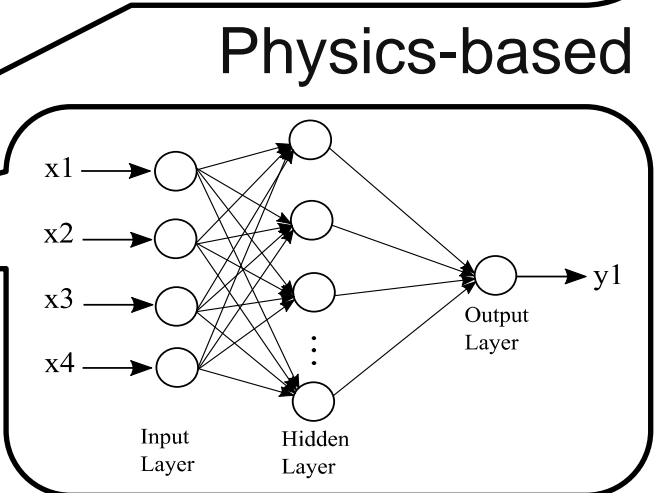
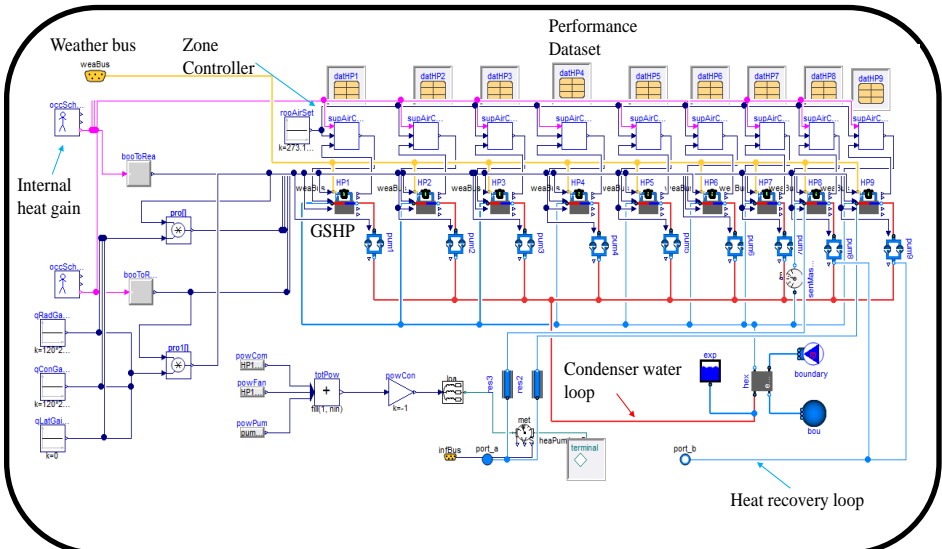
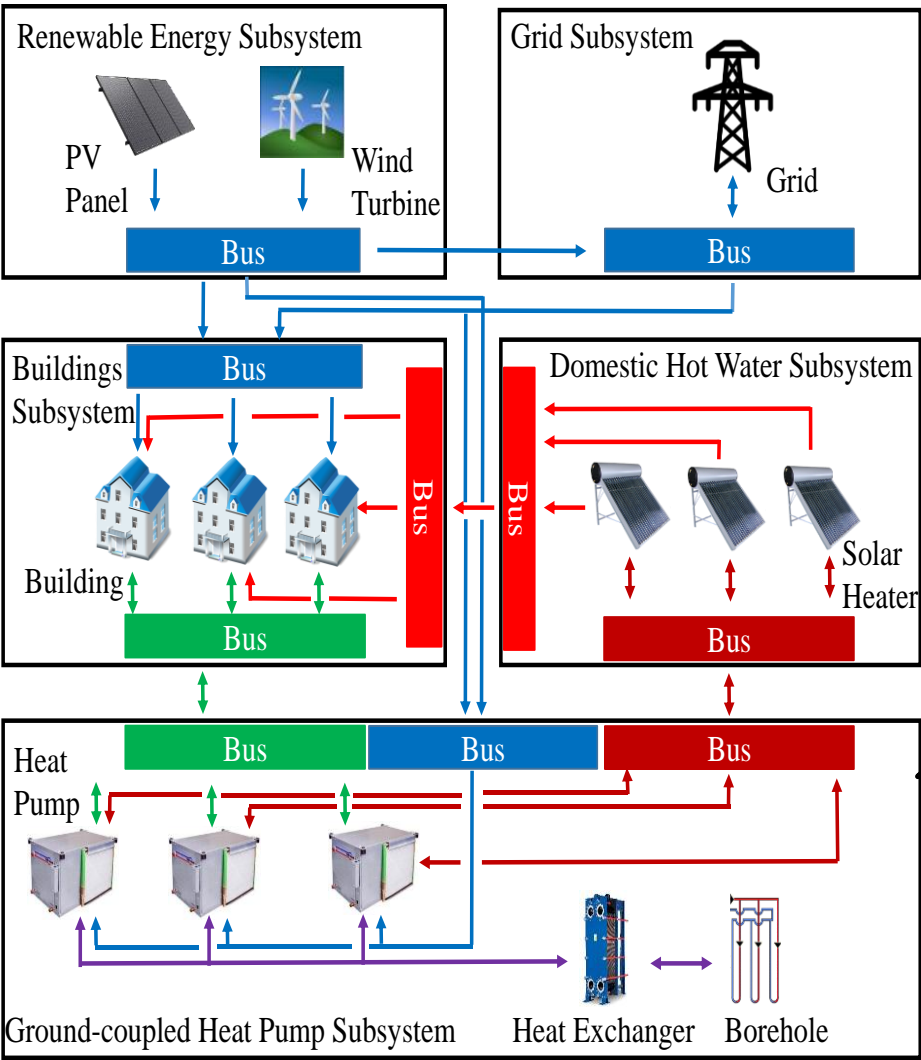
**Subsystems**



**Historical Green Village**

# Major components

- Containing both physics-based (Modelica) and data-driven (ANN) models
- Standard interfaces for considering the interactions between subsystems

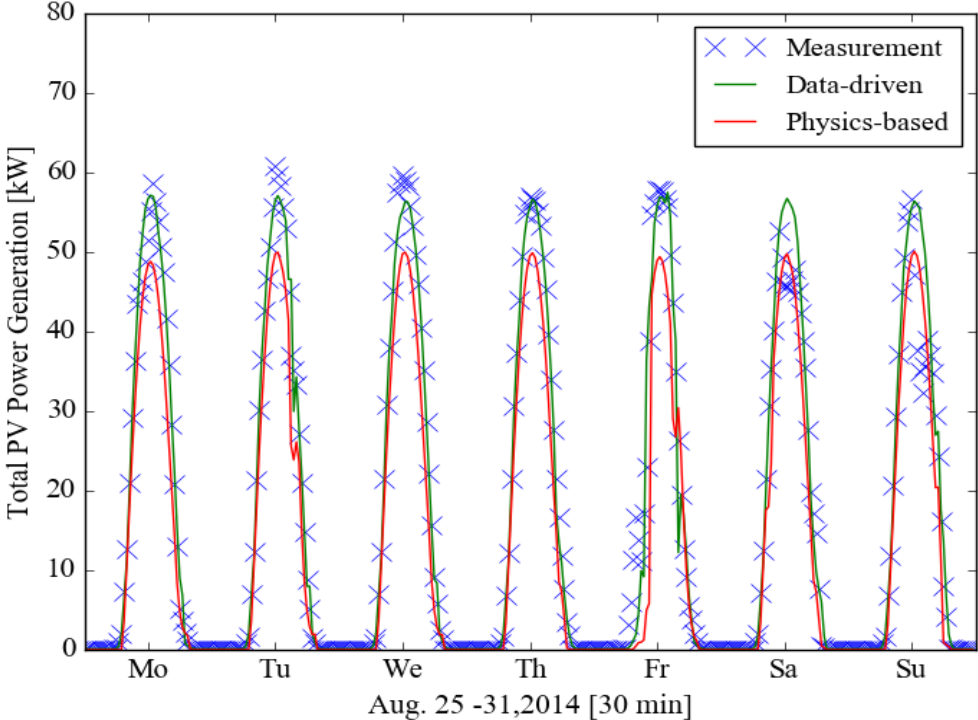


- Electricity
- Domestic Hot Water
- Heating /Cooling Air
- Heating /Cooling Water
- Recovered Heat

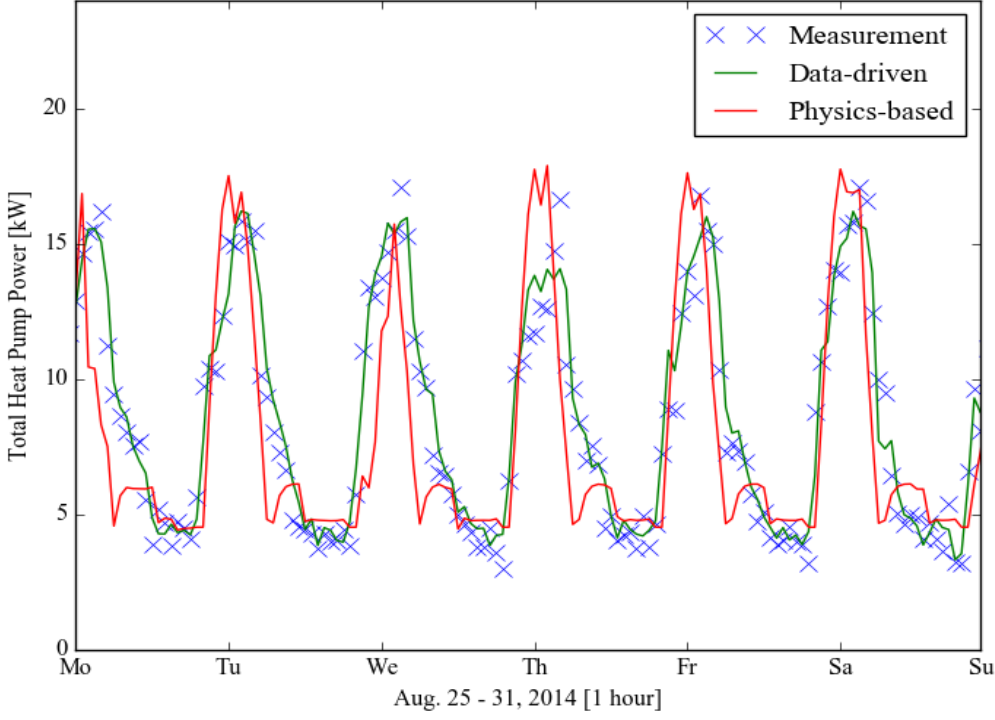
Data-driven

# Components - Validations

- Unit tests were performed to validate the accuracy of the components



PV



Heat Pump

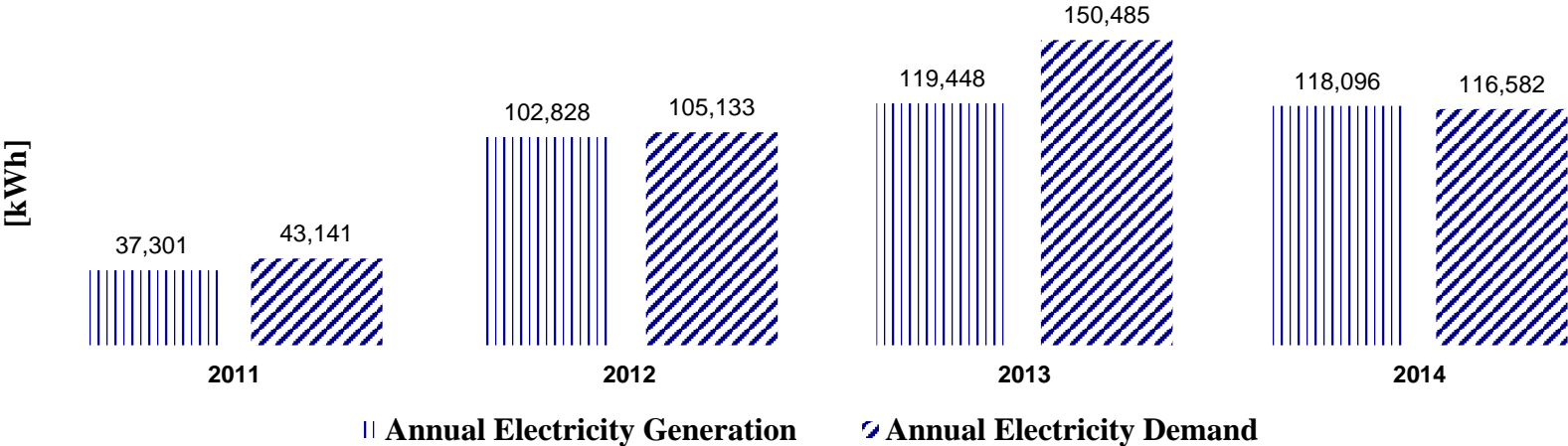


# Historical Green Village

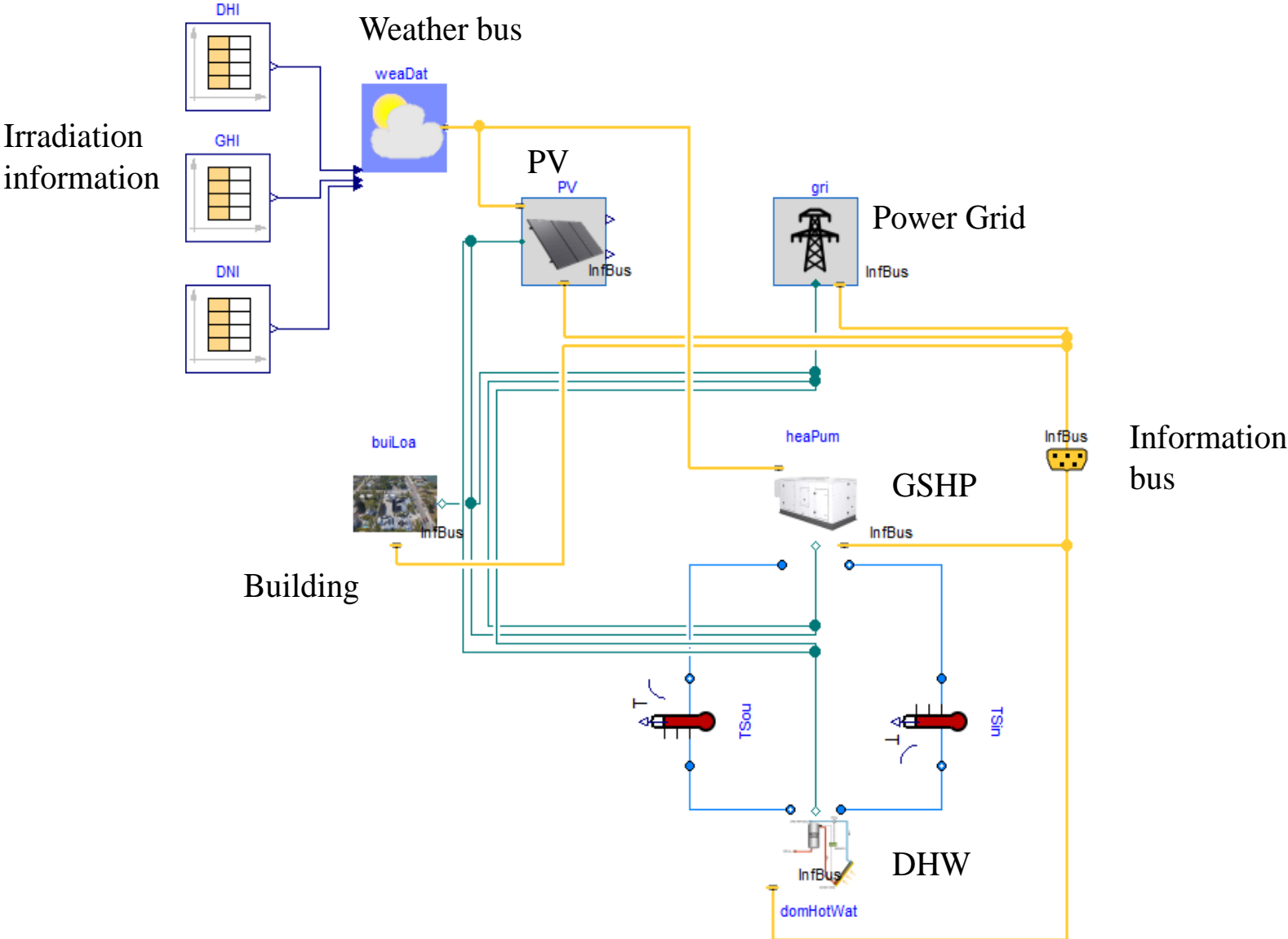
A community consisting of both residential buildings and commercial buildings

Location	Anna Maria Island, FL			
Building	Type	Floor area (m <sup>2</sup> )	HVAC system (kW)	DHW system
F	Bakery	410	HP (19.5)	Gas heater
G1	Office	95	HP (8.22)	Gas heater
G2	Residential	95	HP (8.22)	Solar thermal water heater
A1-W	Gift shop	88	HP (8.22)	Electric heater
A1-E	Gift shop	56	HP (11.07)	
A2	Residential	94	HP (11.07)	Solar thermal water heater
D	Gift shop	95	HP (15.07)	Electric heater
C1	General store kitchen	120	HP (15.07)	Solar thermal water heater
C2	Ice cream shop	40	HP (15.07)	

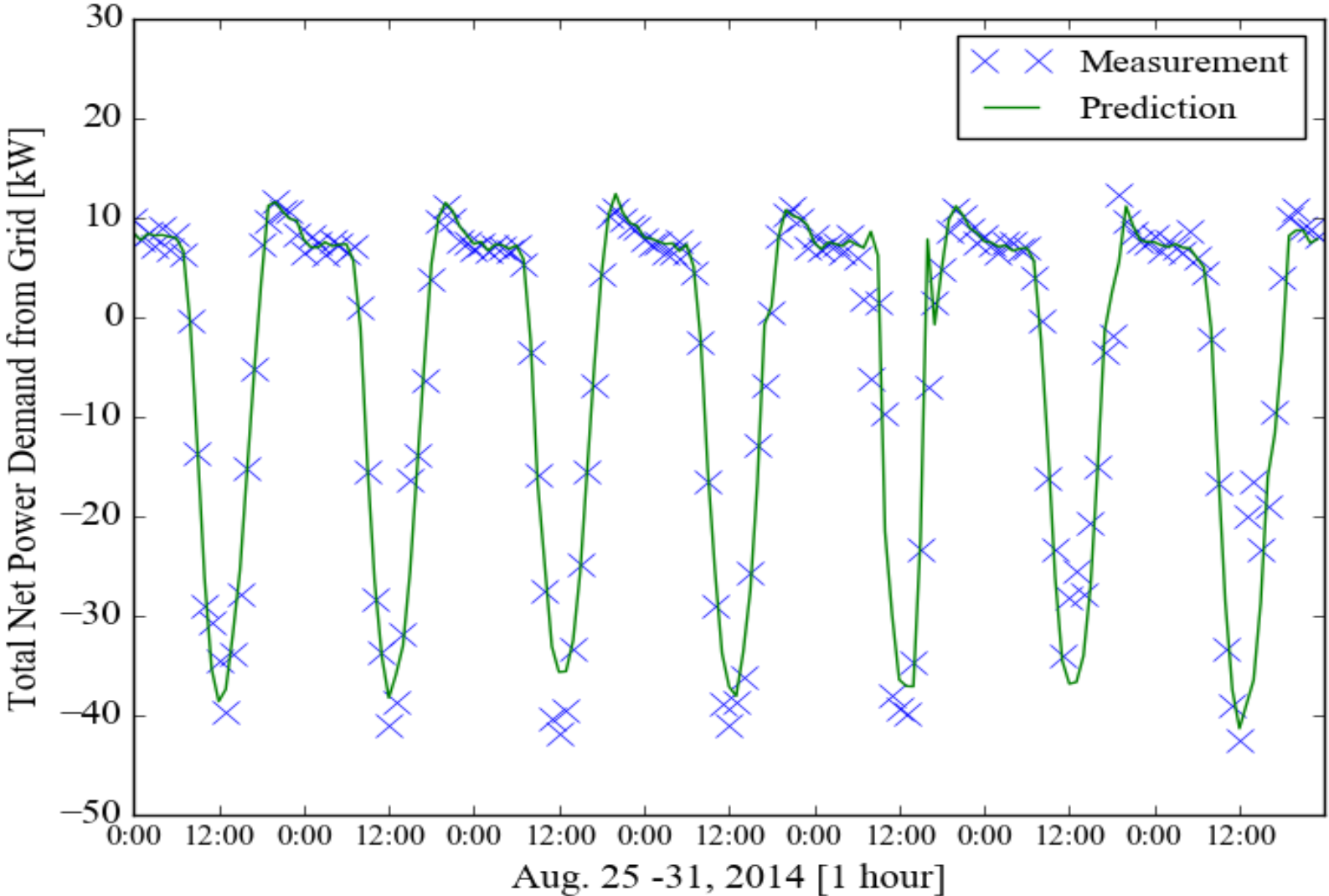
Achieved the net zero energy goal in 2014



# System Model - Model Diagram

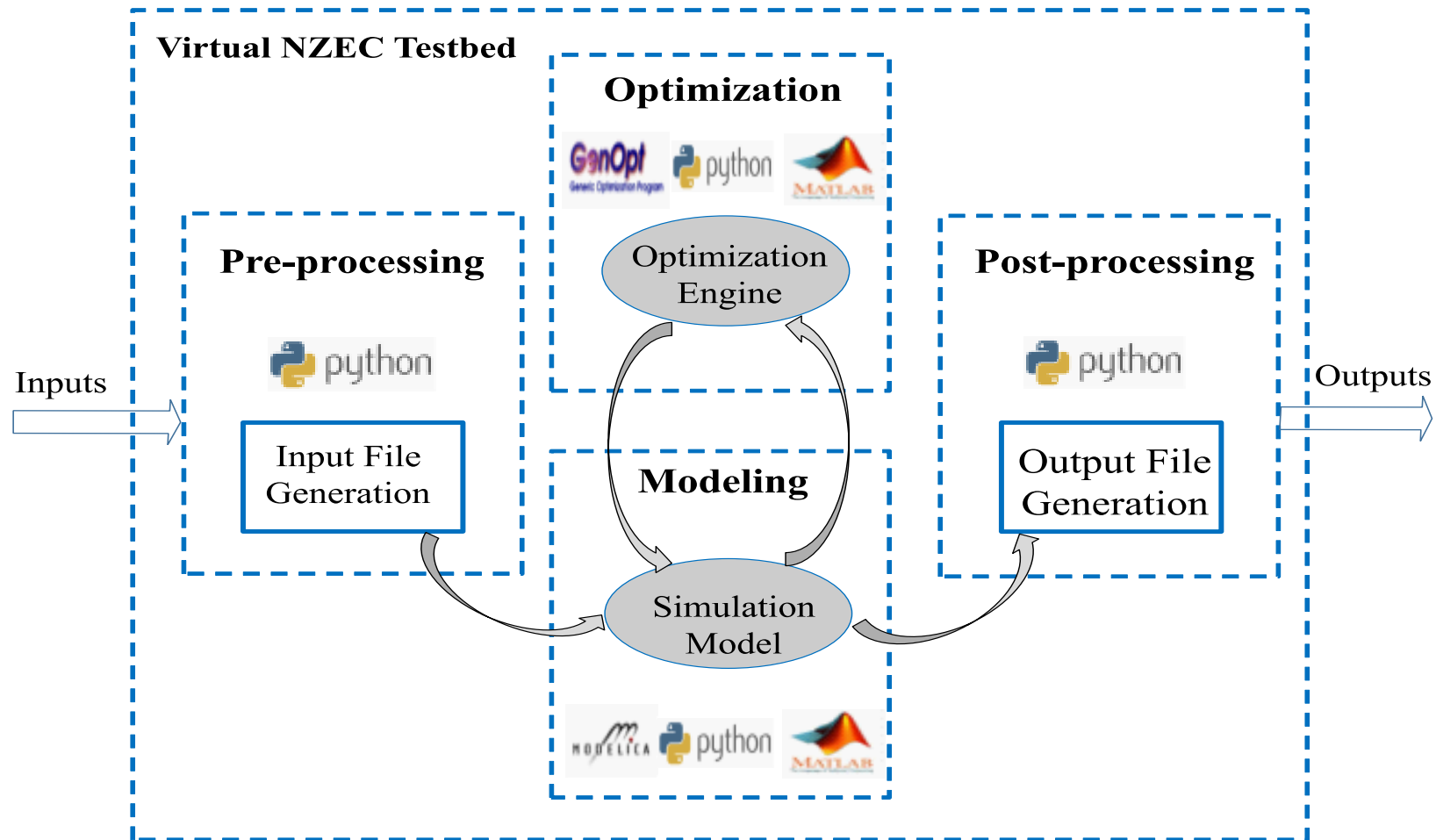


# System Model - Validation



# System Model - Virtual Testbed

- A software framework for facilitating the usage of the system model for design and control optimization purposes



# Summary

- Basics of creating system-level models using **Modelica** has been introduced.
- The design purposes and contents of two Modelica **libraries** were introduced.
- The attendees should now be more familiar with the Modelica language and its **application** in cyber-physical system modeling for smart and sustainable communities.
- Future work:
  - Improvement by enabling **occupant-centric control**
  - **Dissemination** through IBPSA Project 1 WP3 Applications



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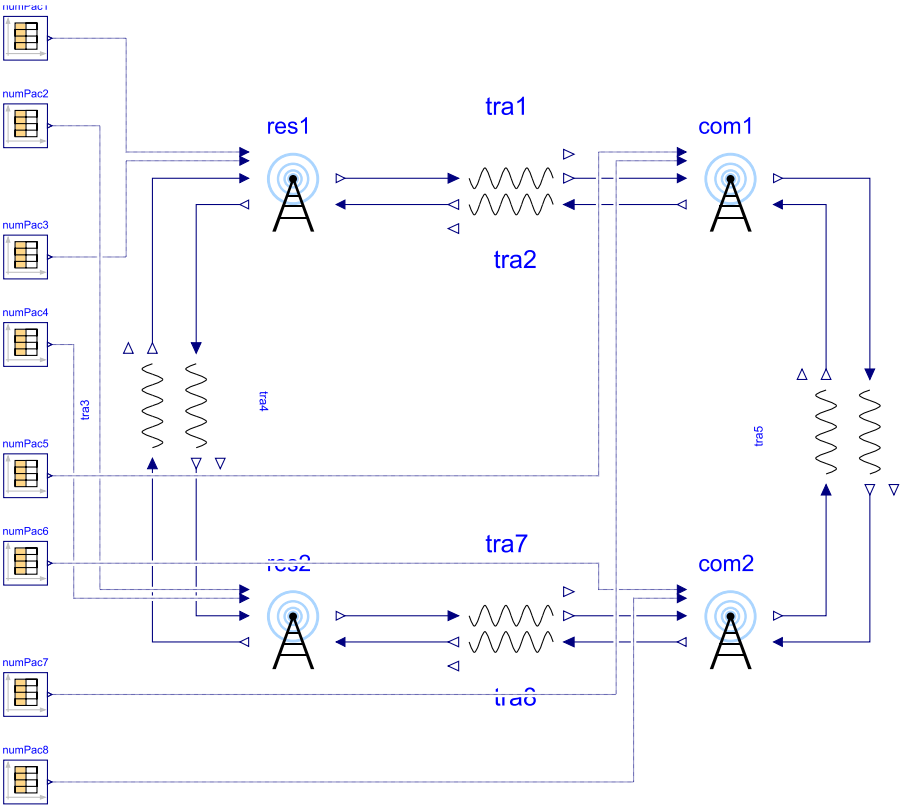
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# Downloading and License Information

- Download the libraries and tutorials through the following links:
  - SCC
  - <https://www.colorado.edu/lab/sbs/scc-library>
  - NZEC
  - <https://www.colorado.edu/lab/sbs/nzec-library>
- Open Dymola to open the libraries
- Open tutorials for step-by-step guide
- Questions?

# Communication Model



## Packet Loss Model

$$\gamma = \kappa \sqrt{Q - C}$$

Packet loss rate

Proportionality constant

Normalized throughput

Transmission threshold

# Open-Source Release

## Smart and Connected Community (SCC) Library

March 23, 2019

This open source Modelica library contains an integrated modeling framework and component models for designing coupled energy, transportation, and communication systems. The framework features a multi-level, multi-layer, multi-agent (3M) approach in order to enable flexible modeling of the interconnected systems. Various component and system-level models are included as the testbed of future SCCs in order to assess the impact of infrastructure interdependencies during typical operation. This modeling framework can be further extended for various modeling purposes and use cases, such as dynamic modeling and optimization, resilience analysis, and integrated decision making in future connected communities.

### Software Download

The development site of this software is at: <https://bitbucket.org/sbslab-zuo/scc-smart-city>.

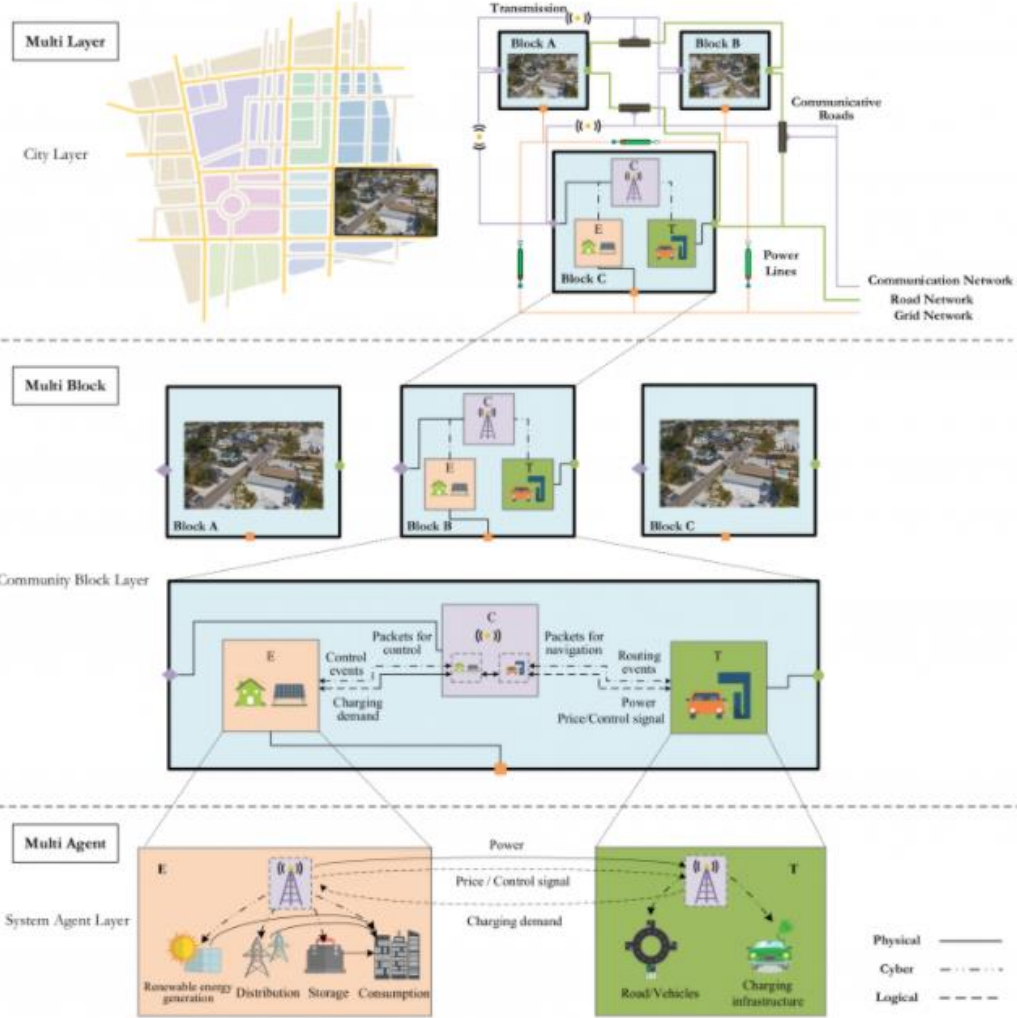
### Release Notes

- **07/28/2020: SCC-Smart-City library V1.1 released.**
  - Updates the case study models and includes the tutorial models.
- **03/27/2019: SCC-Smart-City library V1.0 released.**
  - First release of the library. It contains component and system models supporting city-scale interdependent energy, transportation, and communication system modeling.

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### Related Publications



<https://www.colorado.edu/lab/sbs/scc-library>