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**Merged Environments for Simulation and Analysis:  
Building an Extensible Framework for Testing New  
Engineering Concepts**

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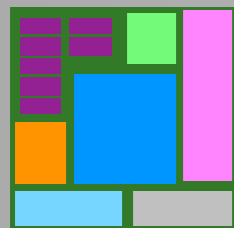




**Increasing energy use**

**Increasing impact on the environment**

**Increasing resource scarcity**



**Energy and environmental challenges**

**Fuel flexibility**

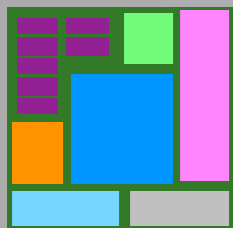
**Reduced emissions**

**Efficiency**

**Availability**

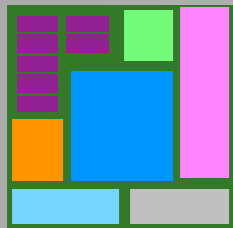
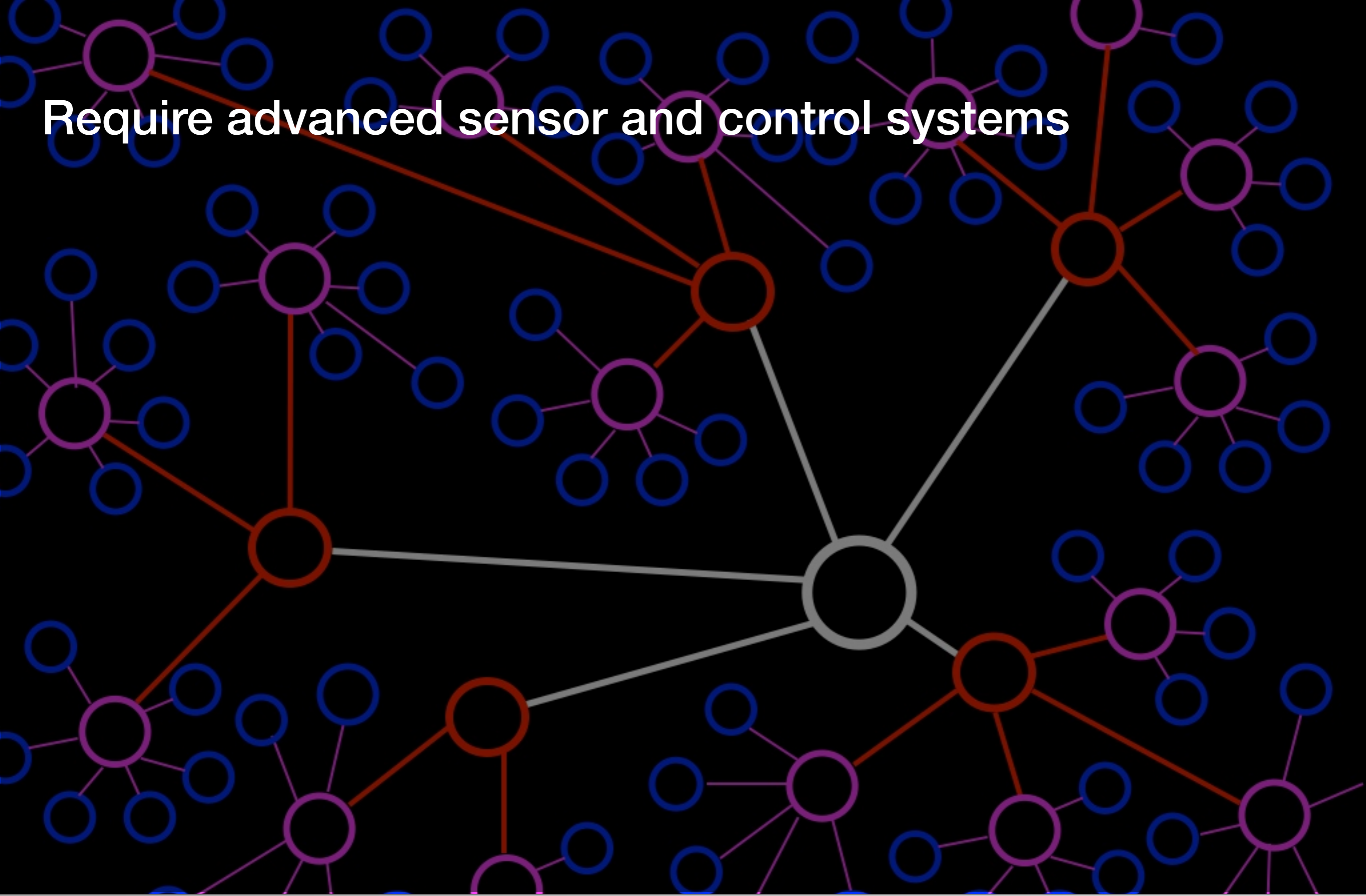
**Economics**

**Carbon footprint**



**Advanced power systems**

**Require advanced sensor and control systems**

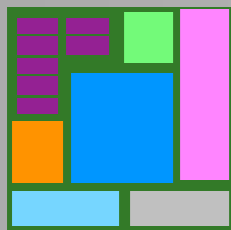


**Increasingly complex energy systems**



Sensors are rapidly becoming ubiquitous and inexpensive

Computers are become ubiquitous and “free”

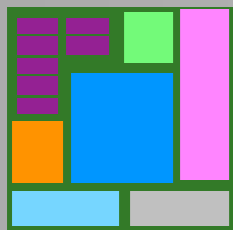


Opportunity space

**Current top-down methods of controls will not work with the coming flood of data**

**Self organization appears to offer flexibility, scalability, and robustness for sensor network controls of complex systems**

**Stigmergy provides a low level rule set for self organization**



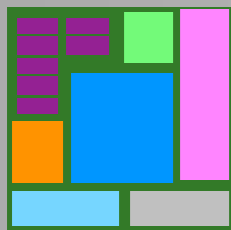
**Agent based control systems**



**Increasing complexity between systems and subsystems**

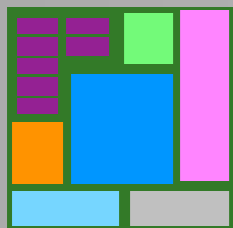
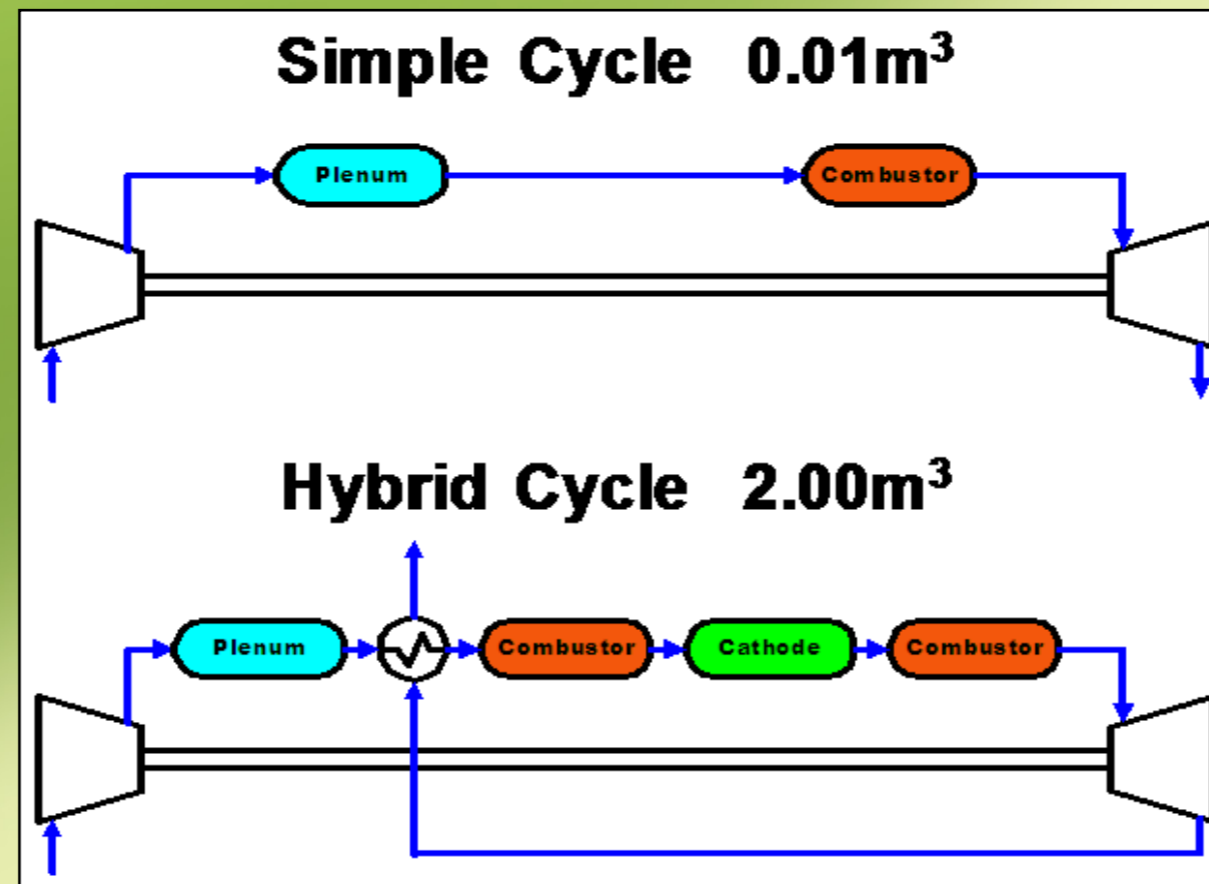
**No algorithmic structure or research on self organization control of process systems**

**No stigmergy-based sensor framework available**

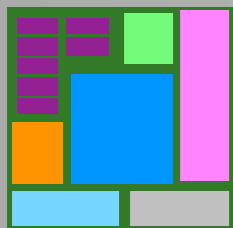
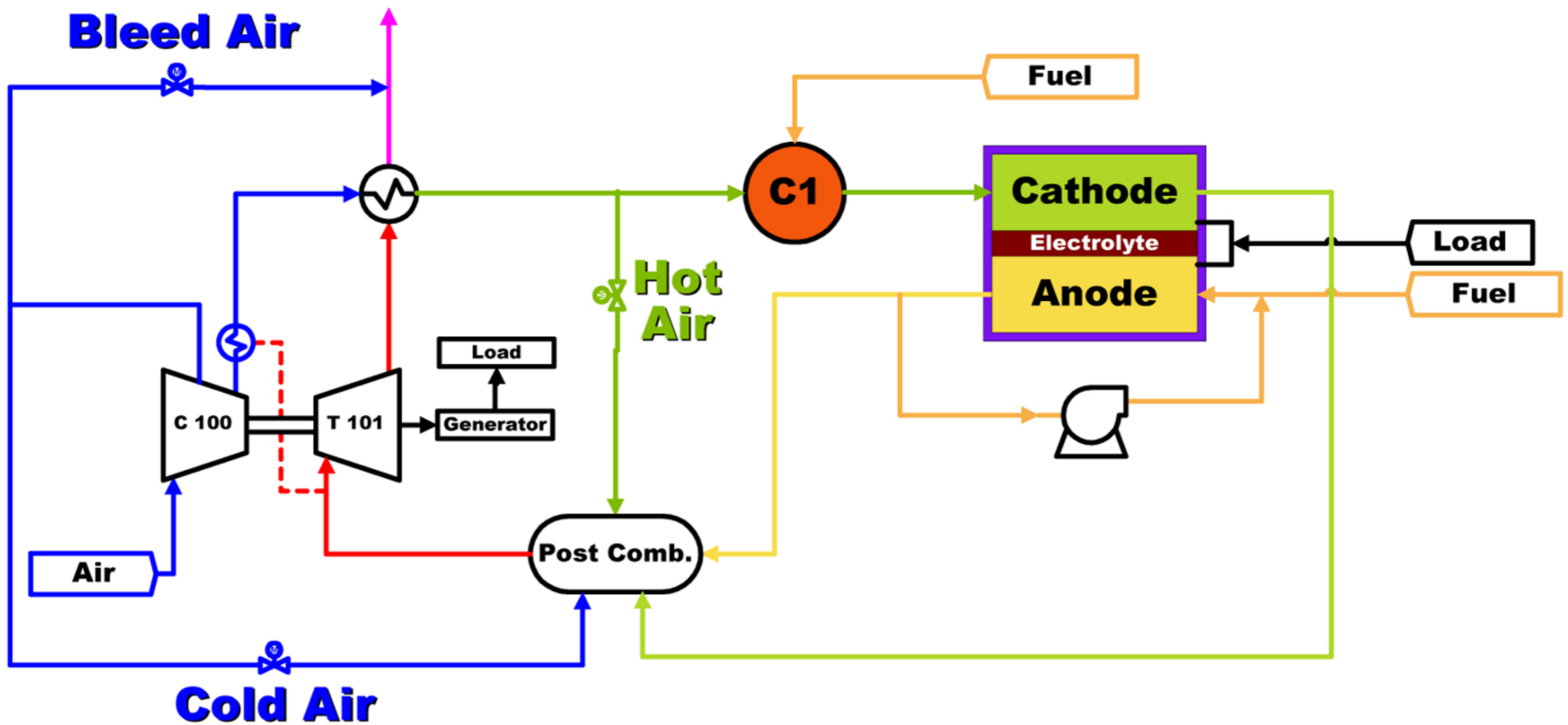


**Challenges**

- Hybrid fuel cell and gas turbine system
- Can test dynamic performance of any advanced power system based on a gas turbine recuperated cycle

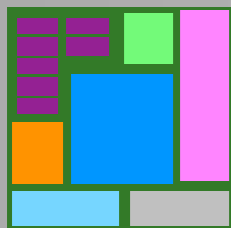






Pilot scale plant for testing control strategies

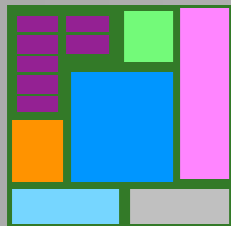
- Testing time is expensive
- Facility reconfiguration takes time
- An extensible testing interface is needed

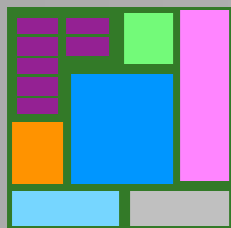
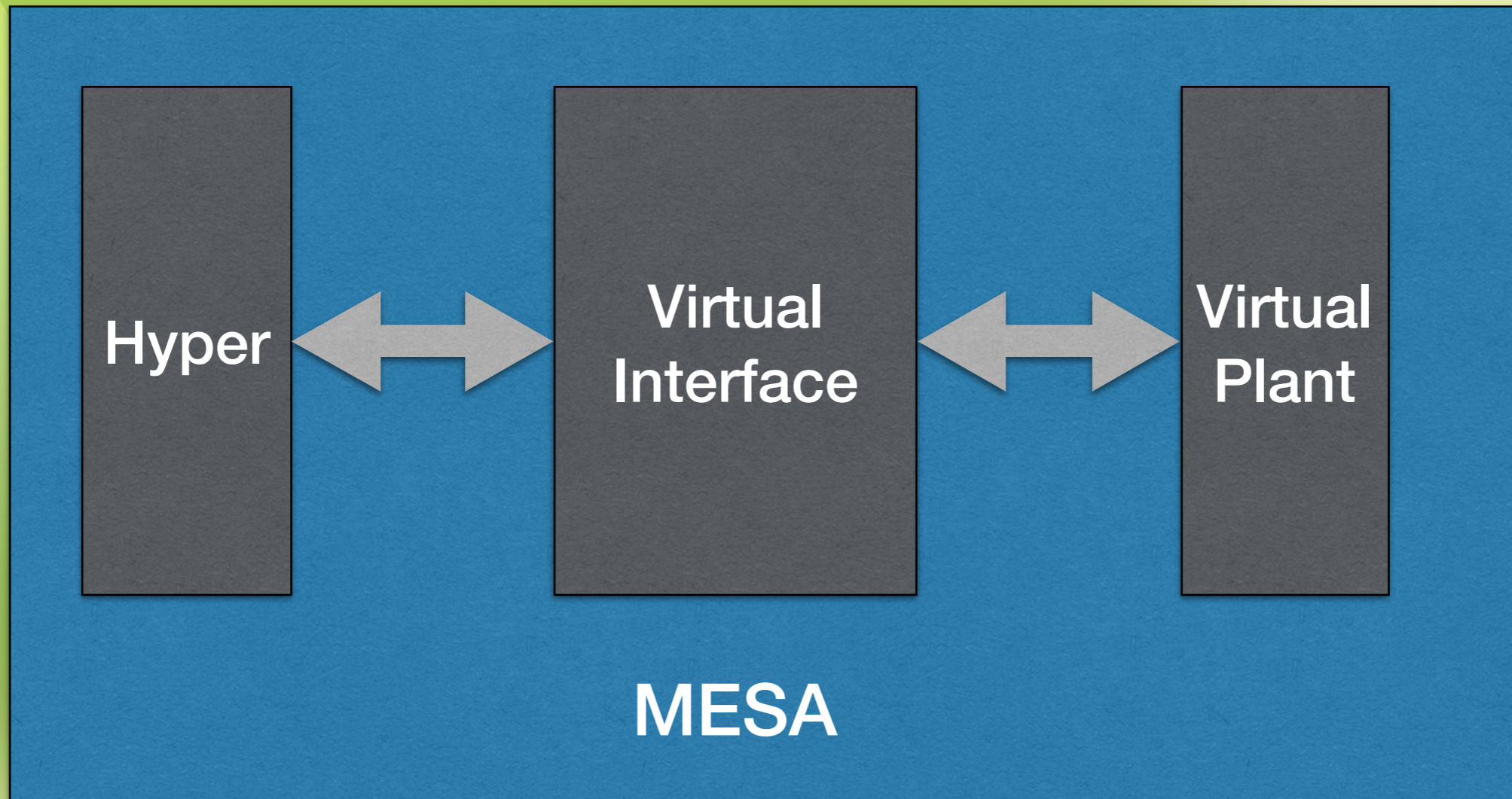


Using Hyper

# Merged Environment for Simulation and Analysis

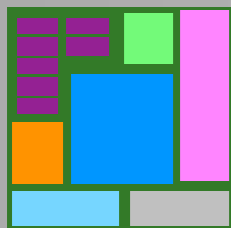
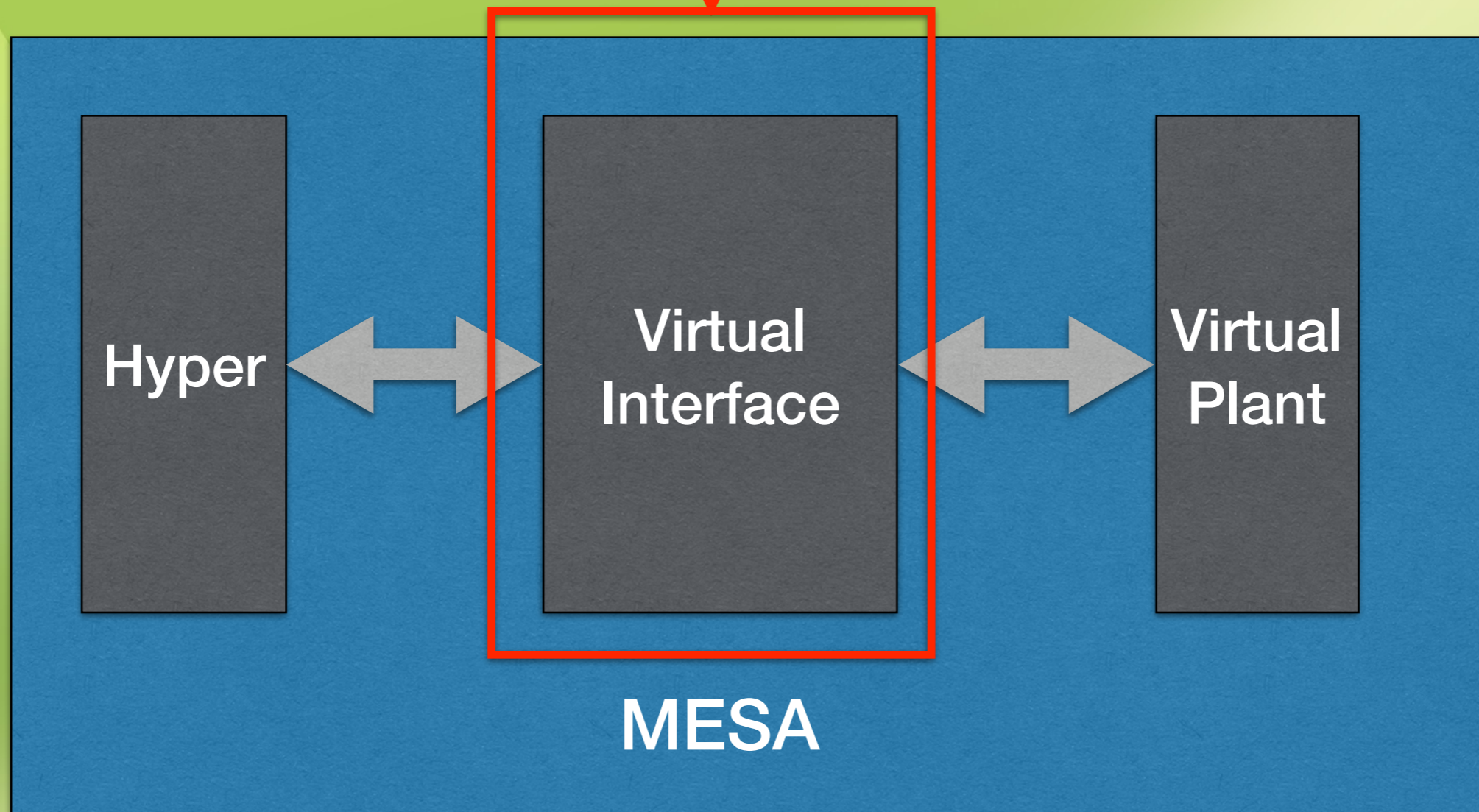
- **Cyber-physical hybrid**
- **Separable virtual interface for offline interaction**
- **Extensible to maintenance, training, and test design**





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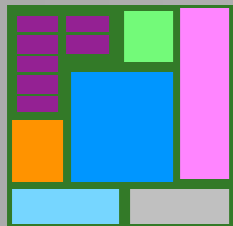
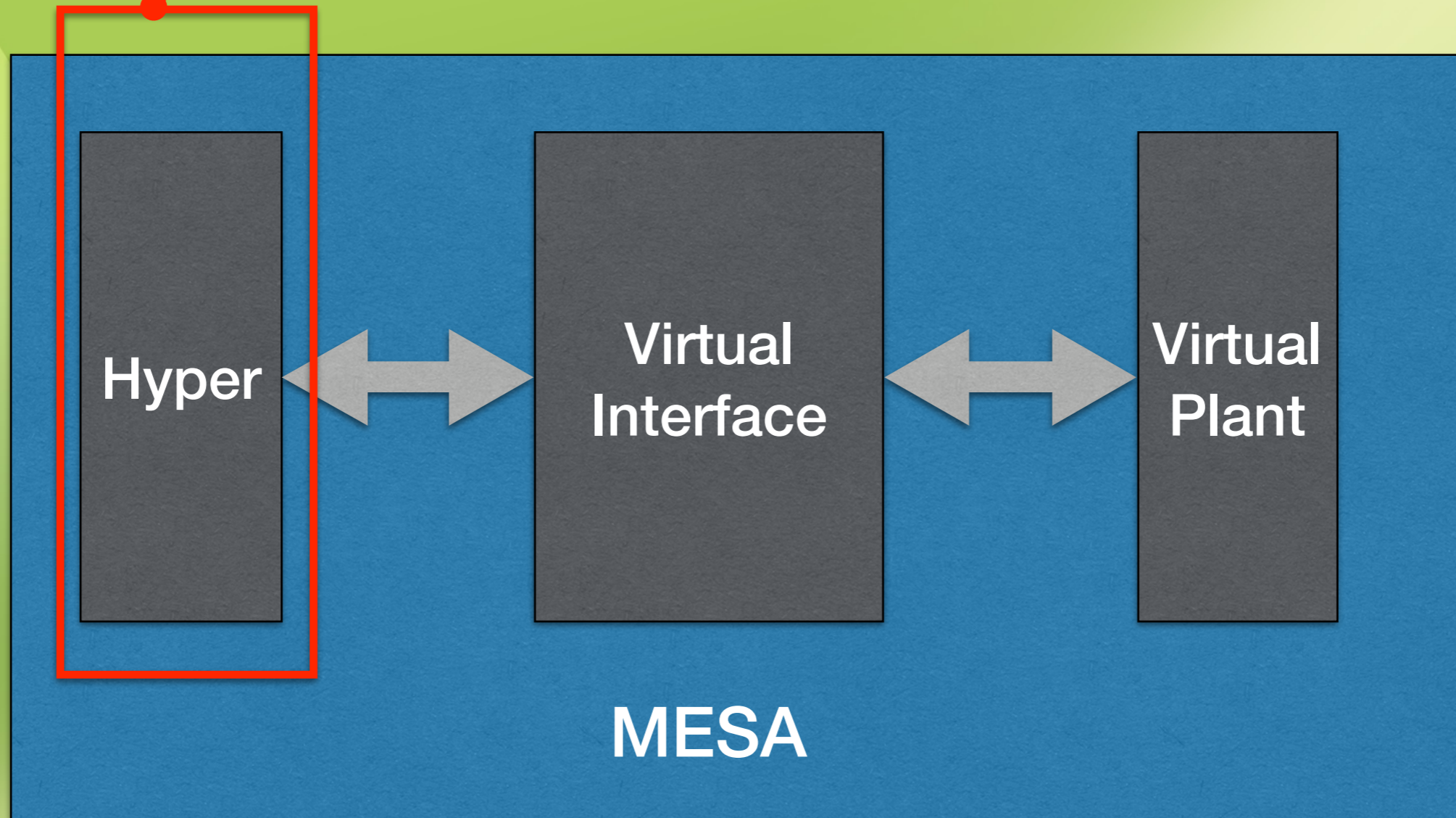
Setup, configure, and gather data



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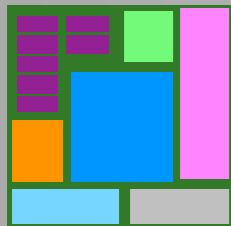
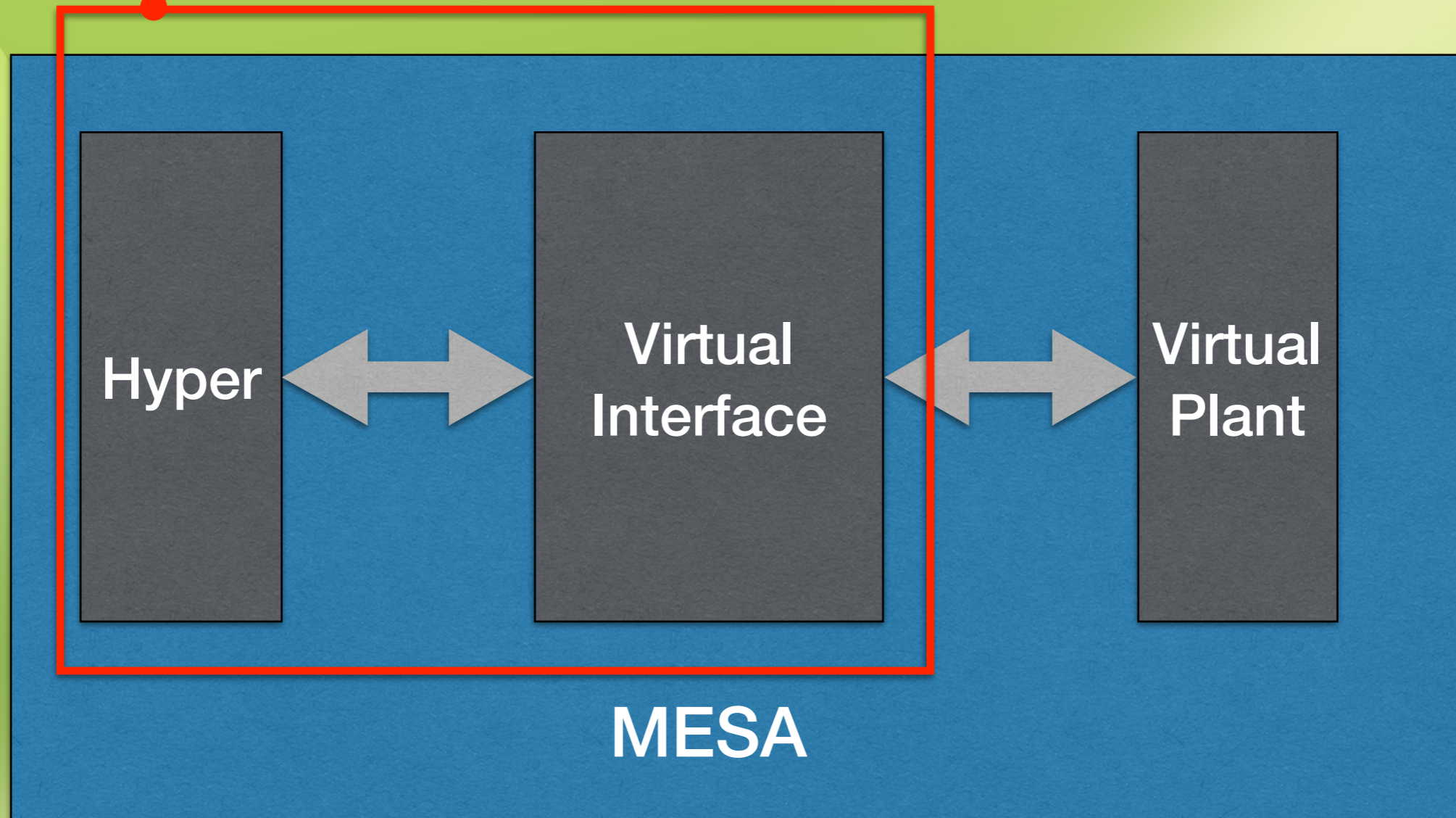


Stand alone operation of the physical facility



Modes of operation

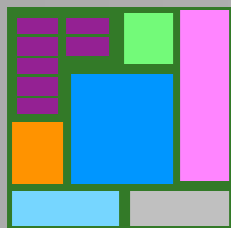
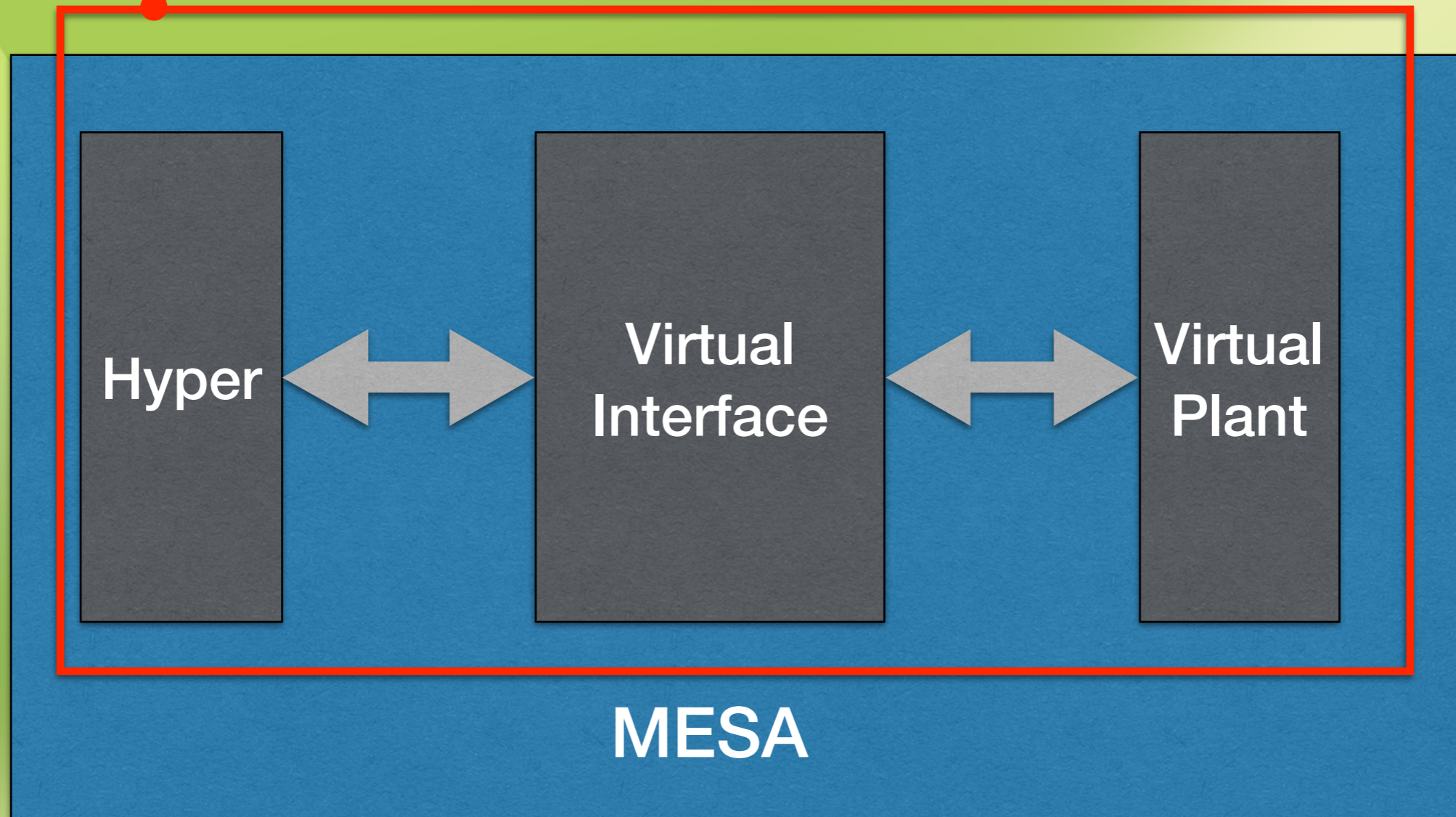
Operation to/from the virtual interface



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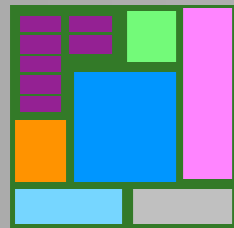
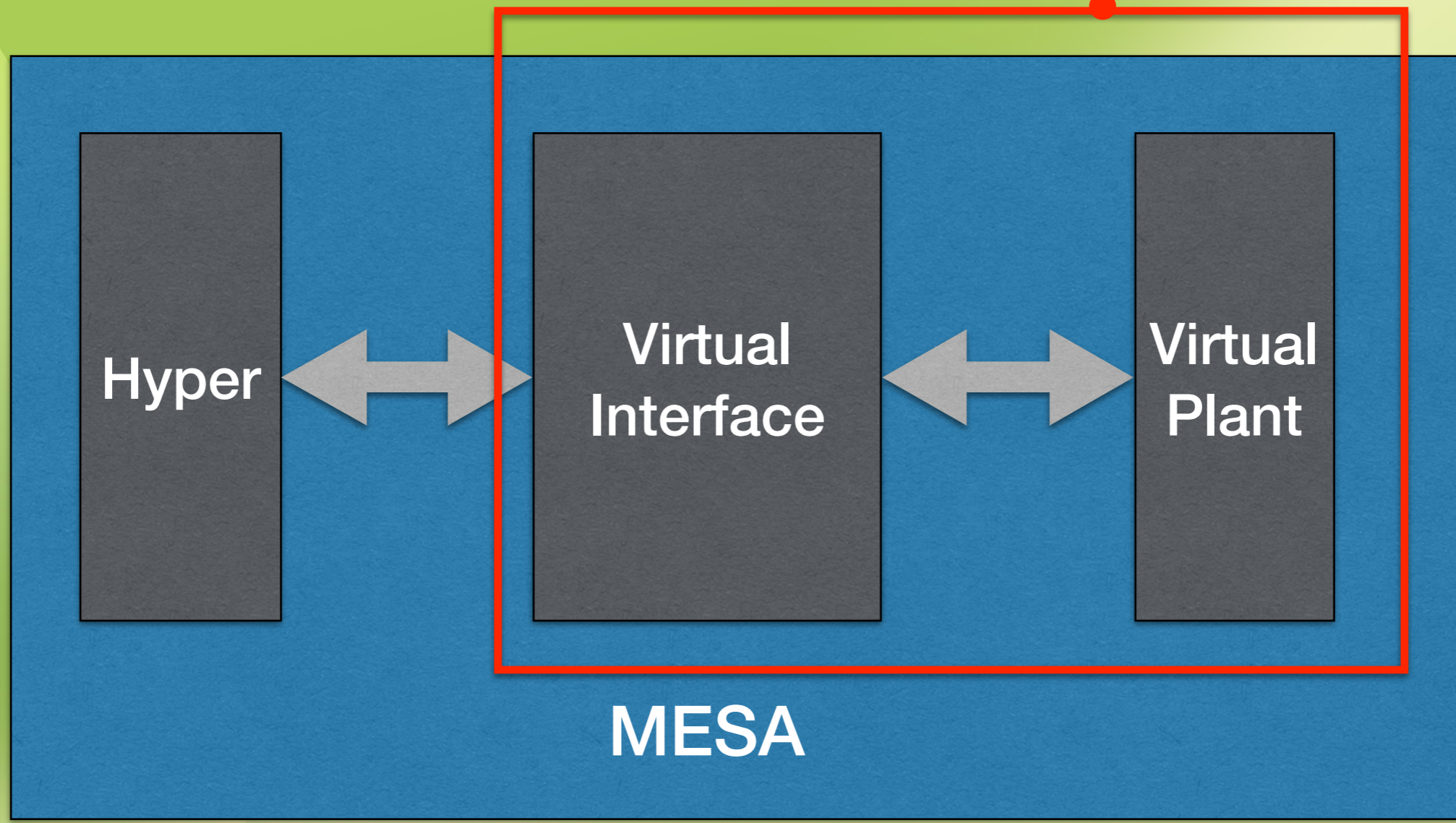


coupling the virtual and physical plants



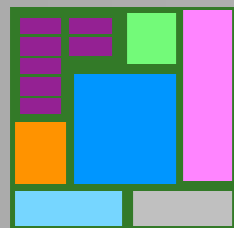
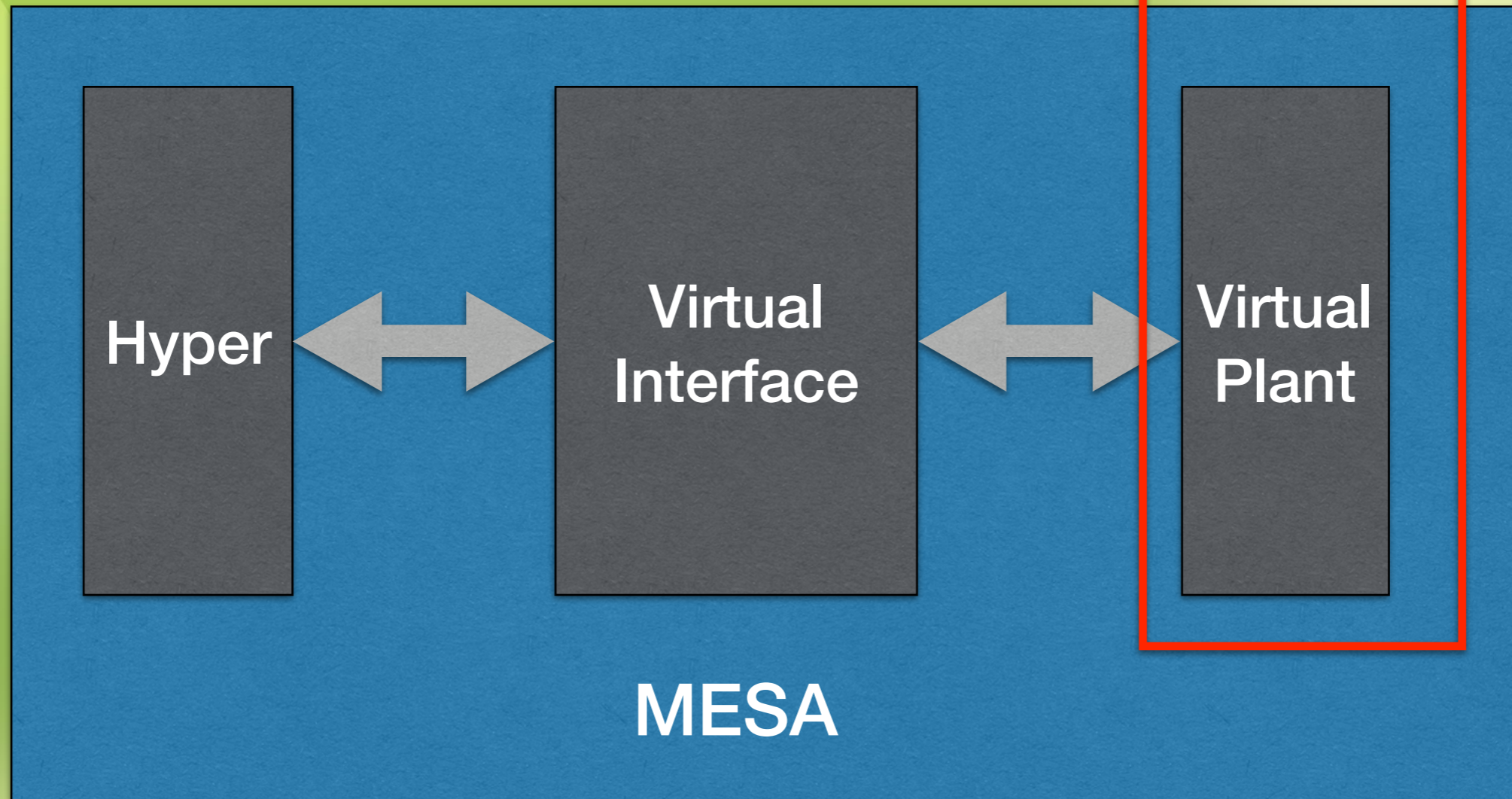
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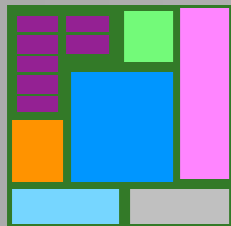
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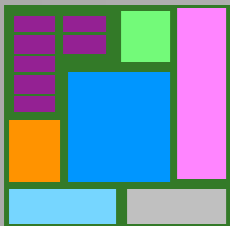
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- 2. Develop stigmergic and other distributed controls algorithms**
- 3. Develop tools for human-computer interaction with complex engineered systems**

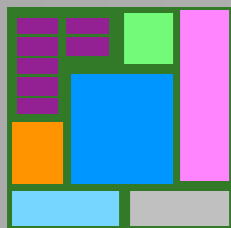
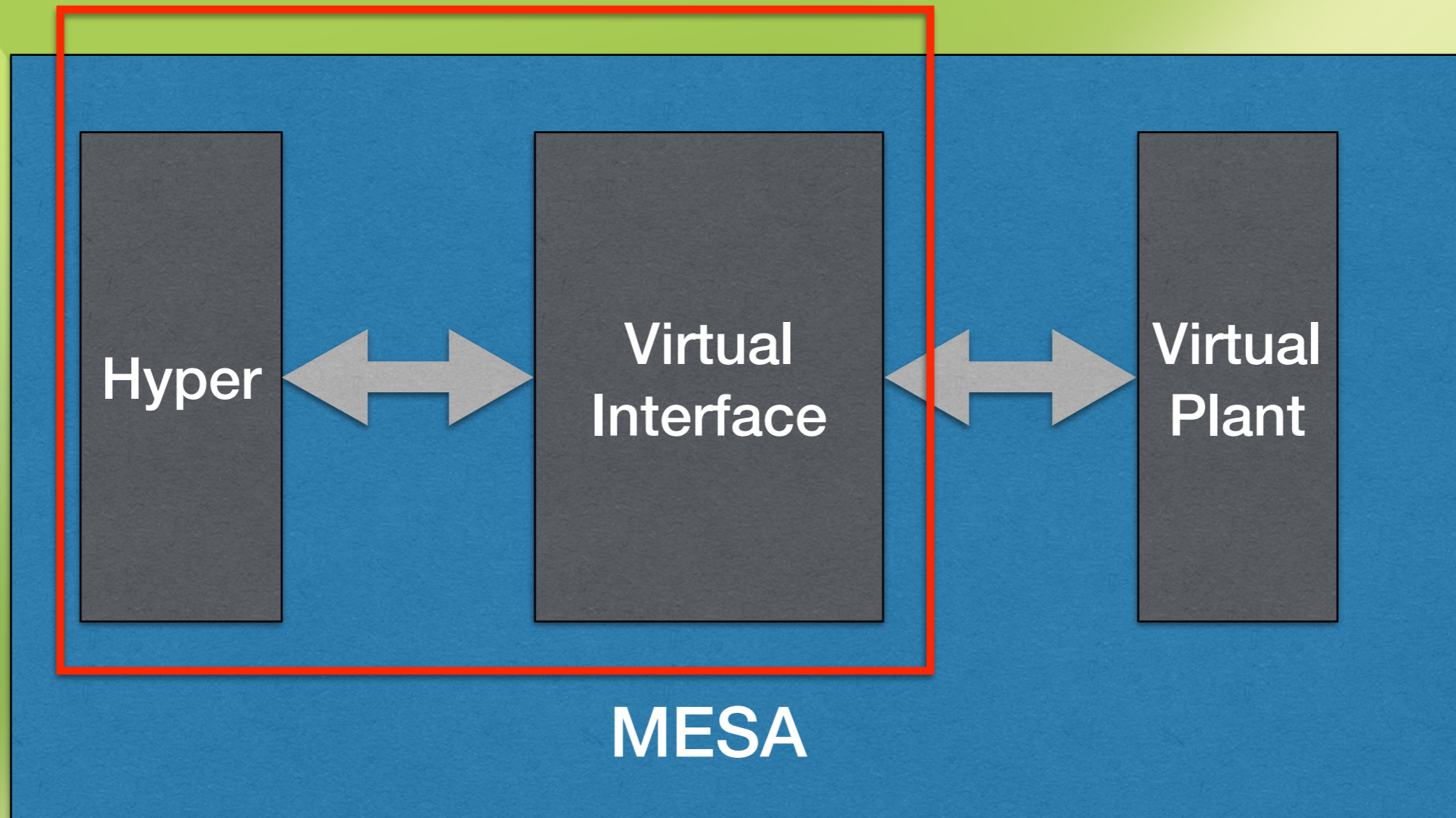


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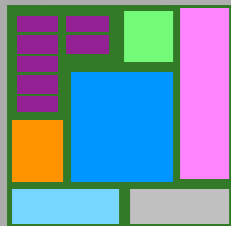
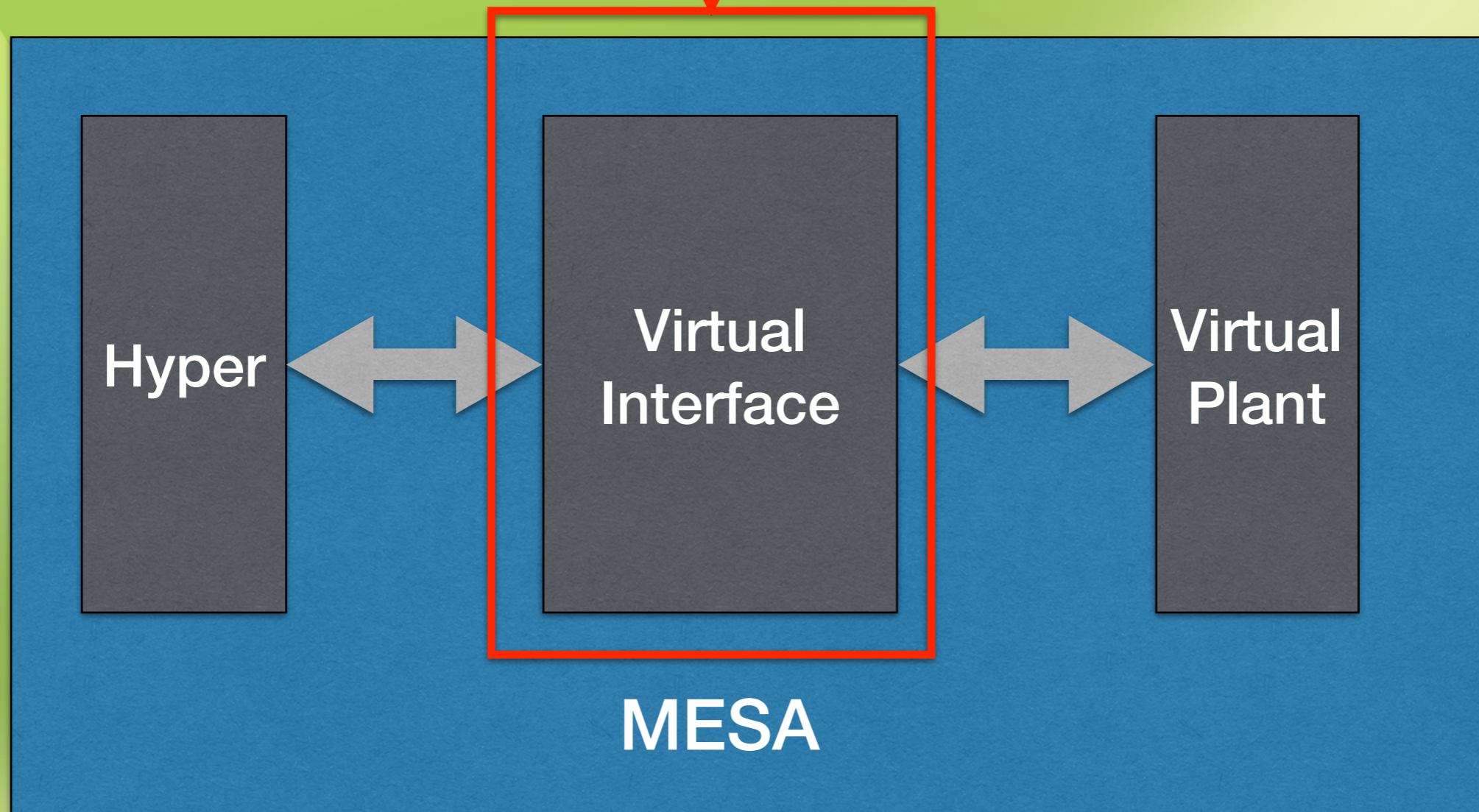
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Currently available for testing

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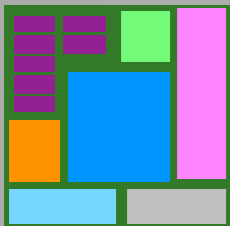


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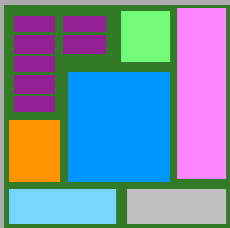


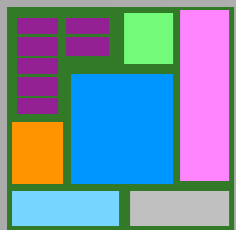
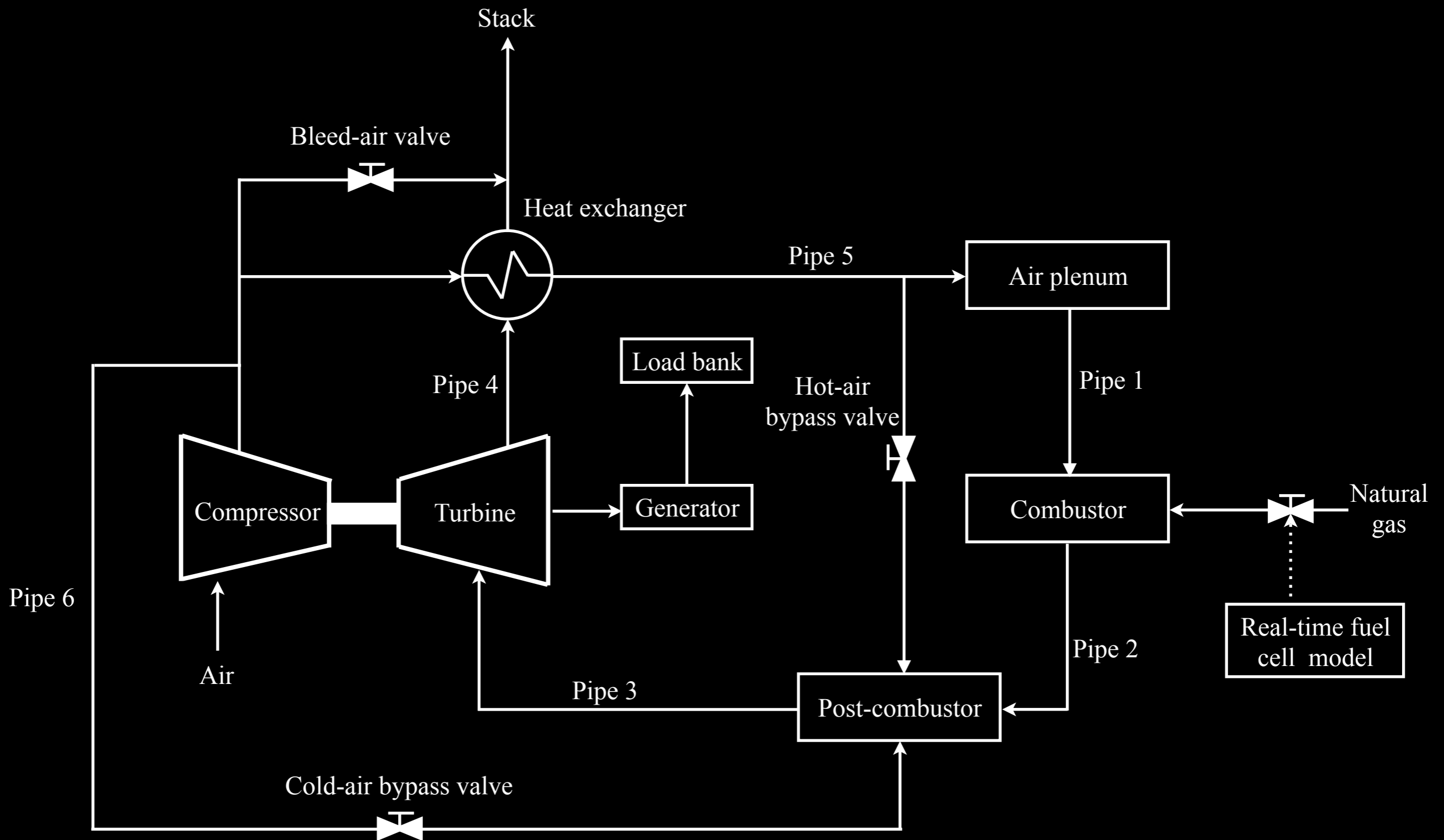


**1. How to identify agent groupings**

**2. How to understand the information flow and the impact of changing information flow**

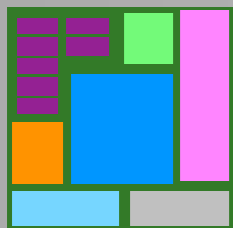
**3. Develop and test specific stigmergic controls algorithms**





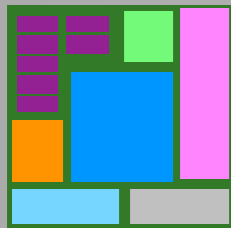
## Hyper component subsystems

1	air plenum model	11	cold air bypass valve
2	combustor model	12	hot air bypass valve
3	post-combustor model	13	ambient conditions model
4	gas turbine model	14	fuel cell model
5	empirical back-pressure database	15	pipe 1 model
6	compressor model	16	pipe 2 model
7	heat exchanger model	17	pipe 3 model
8	generator model	18	pipe 4 model
9	stack model	19	pipe 5 model
10	bleed air valve model	20	pipe 6 model

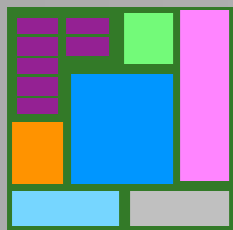
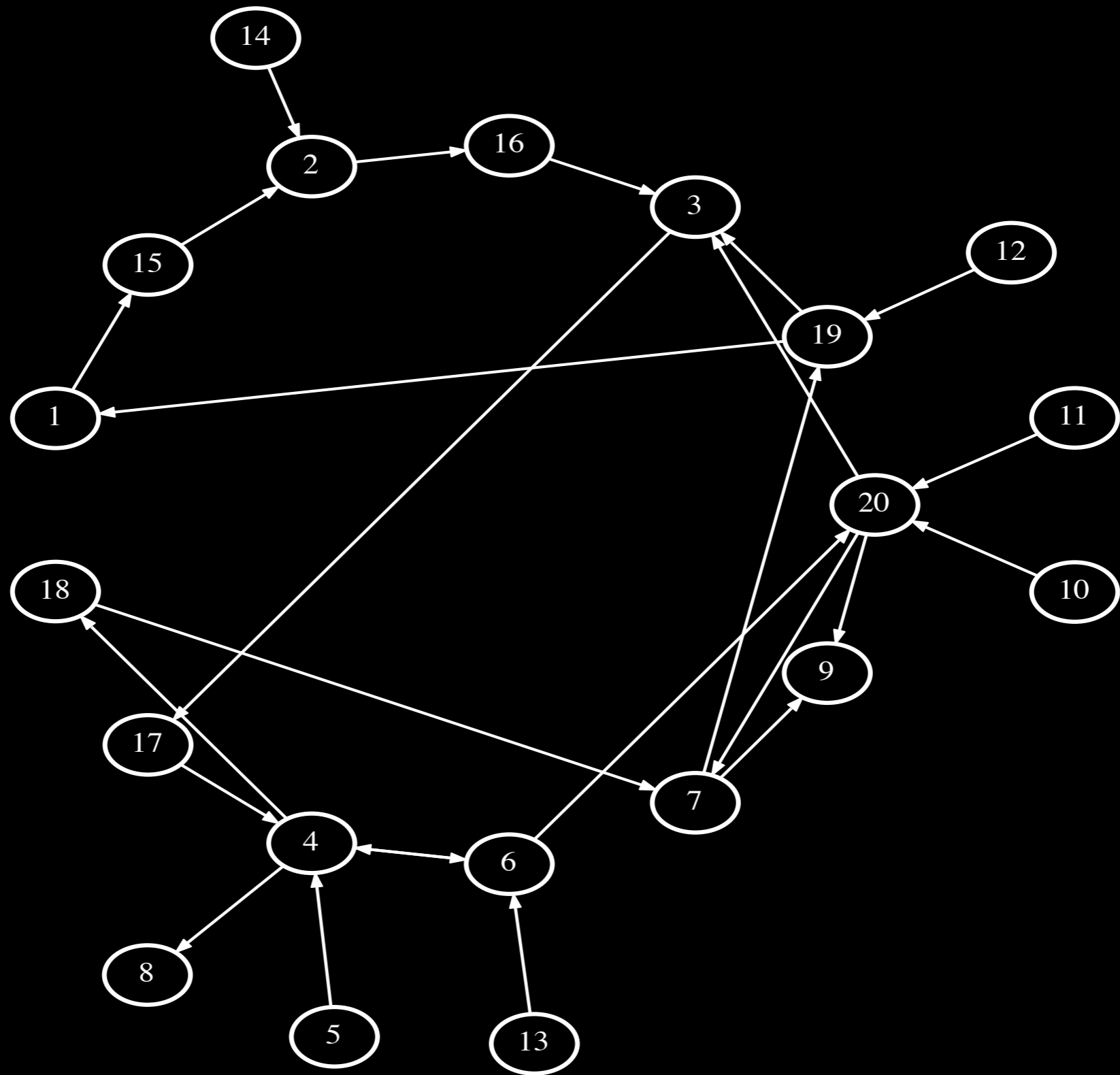


## Models representing Hyper operation

- mass flow, temperature, and pressure data
- one-way coupling between adjacent components in direction of airflow
- empirical database for turbine back pressure
- two-way coupling between gas turbine model and compressor model

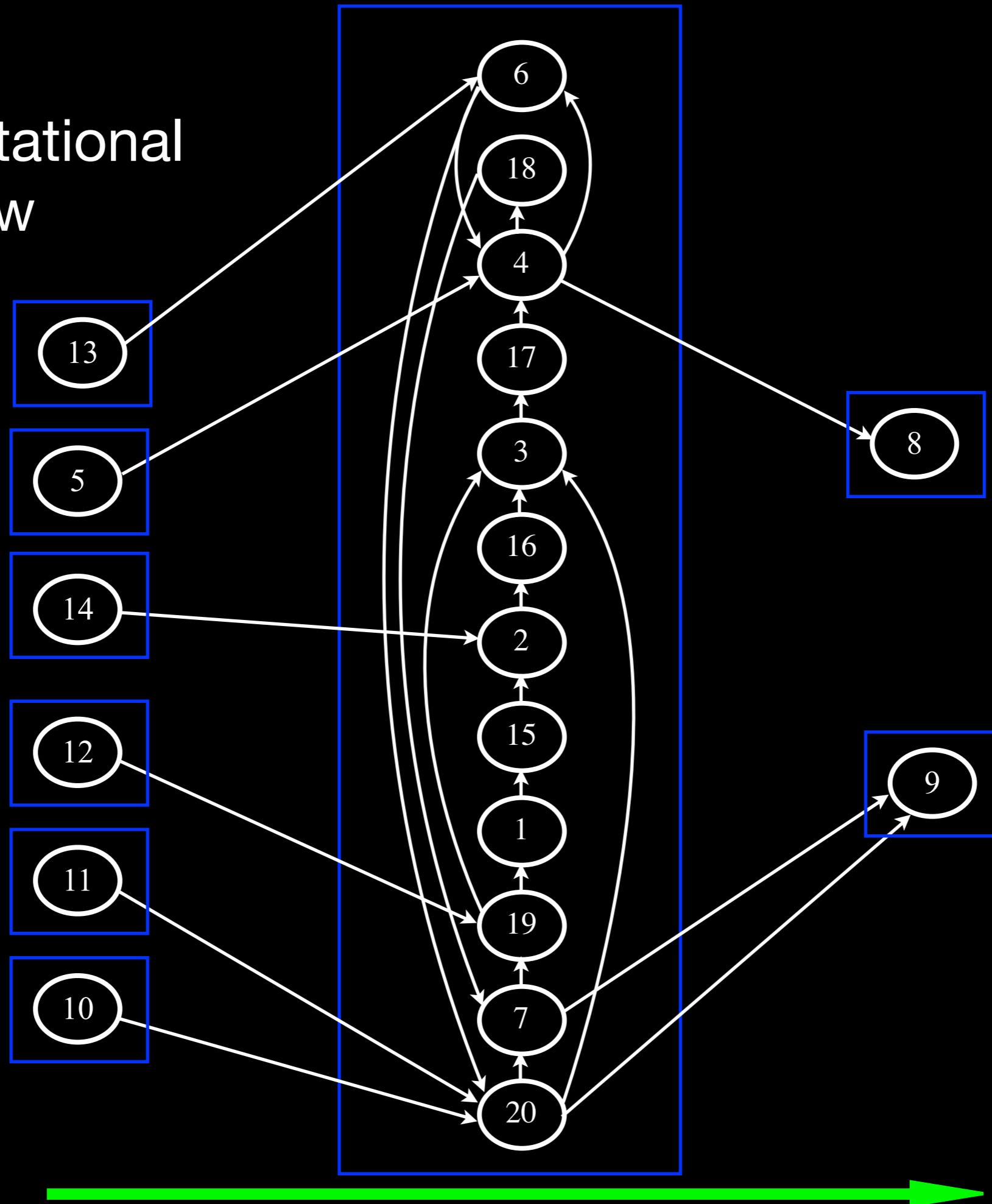


Local data exchanges

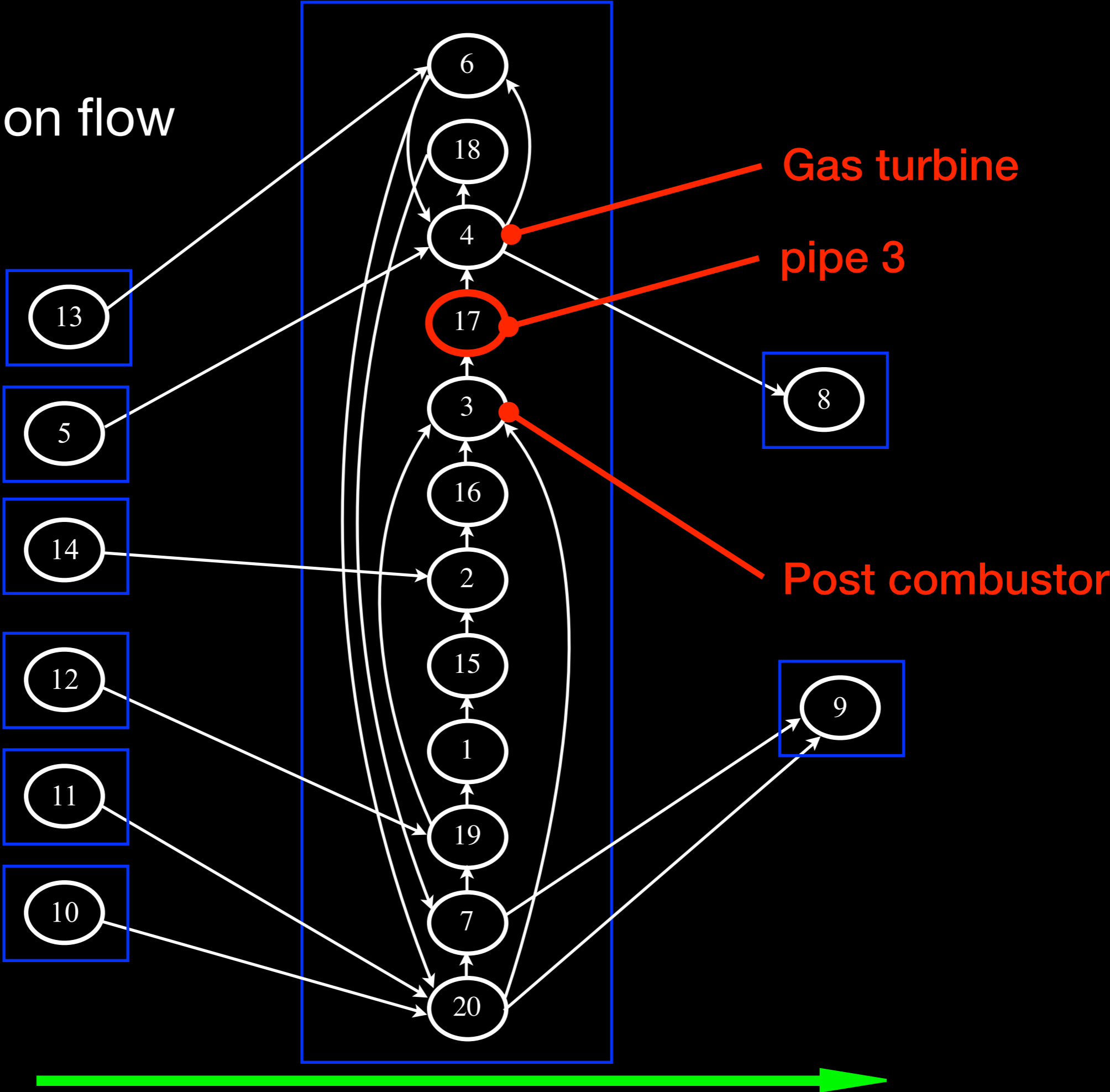


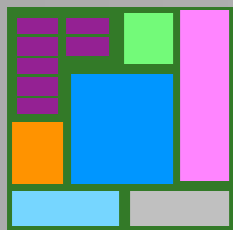
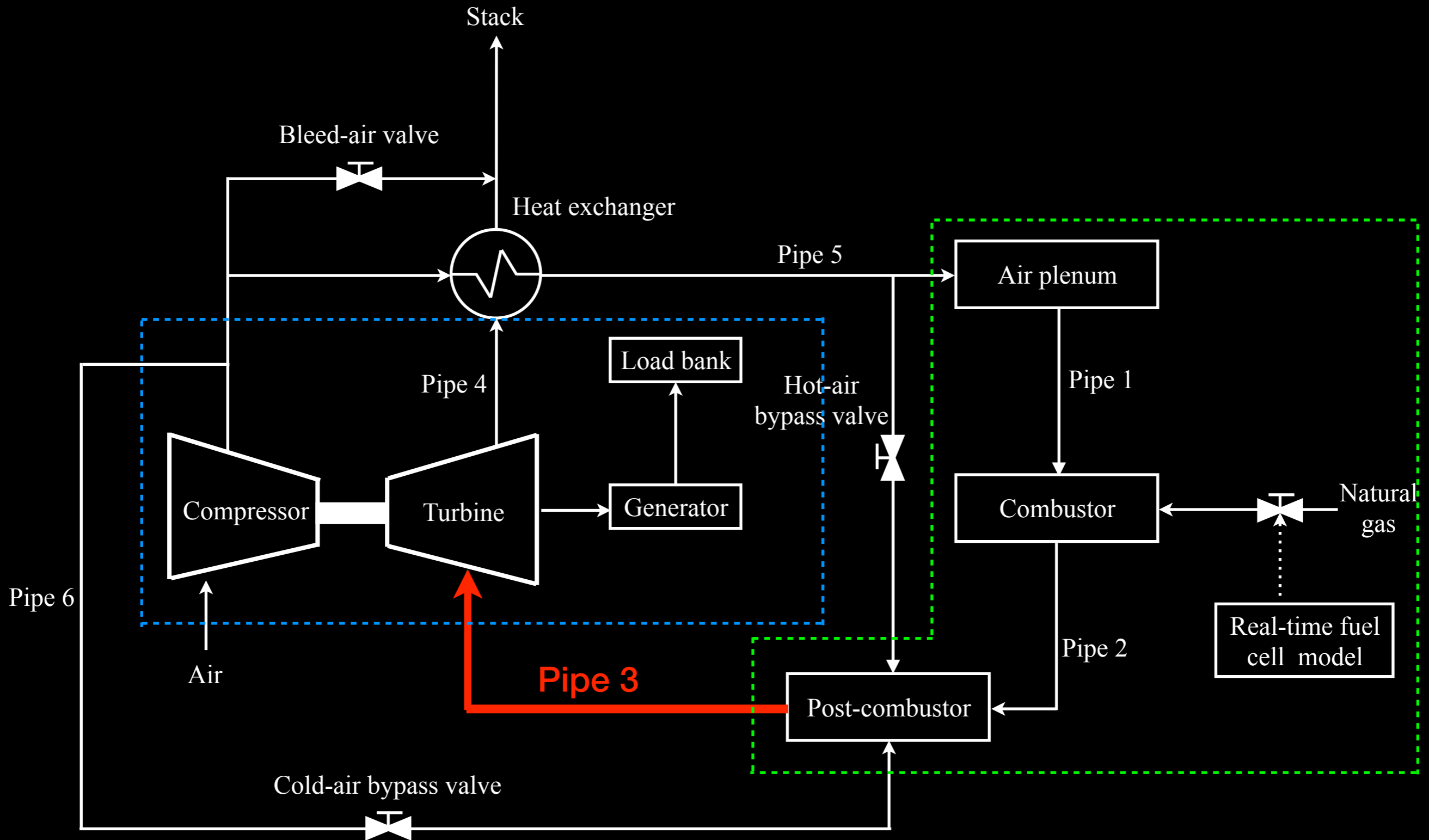
Directed graph of the system of models

# Computational workflow



# Information flow

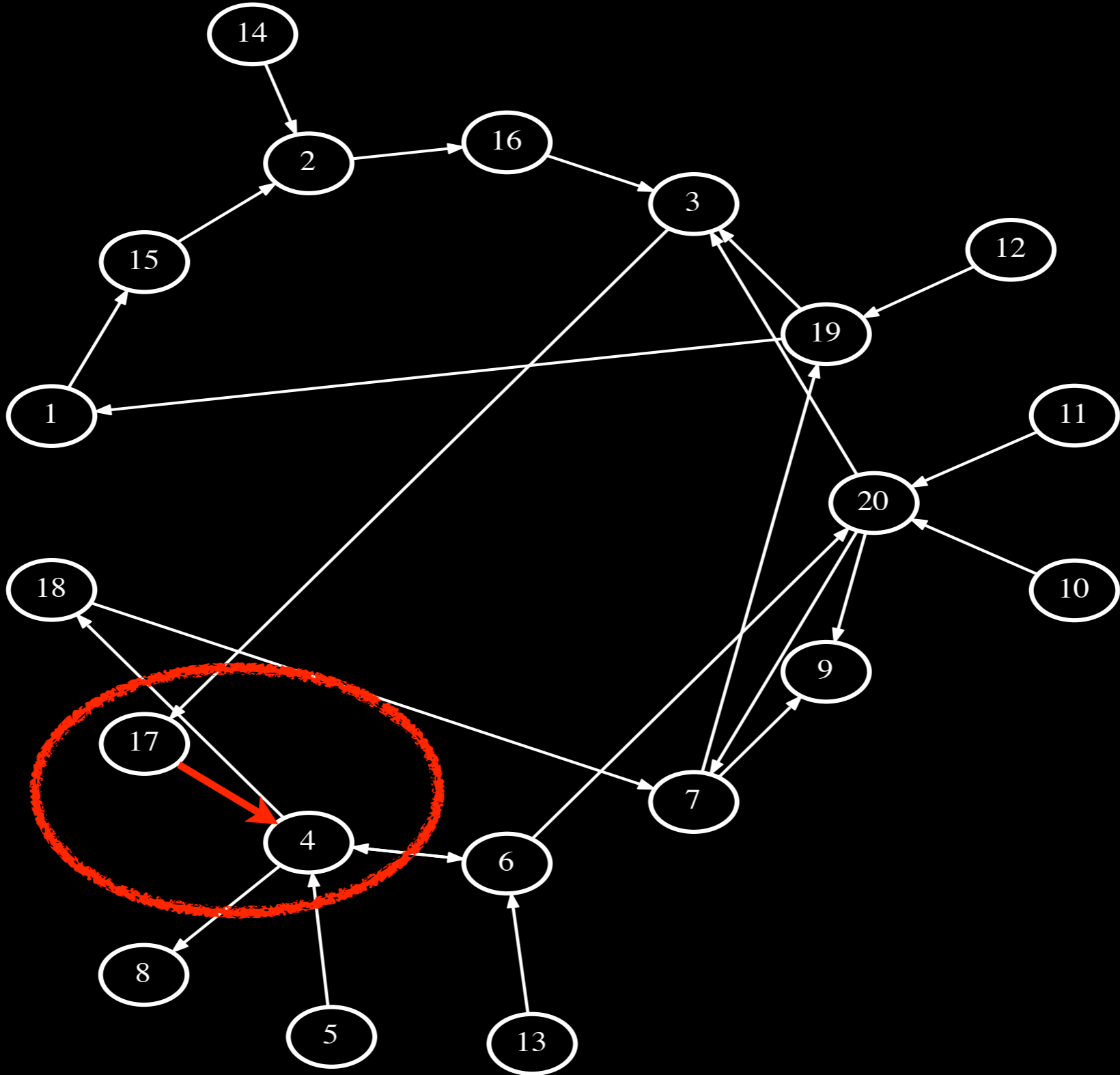




# Hyper facility major components



# Directed graph of system

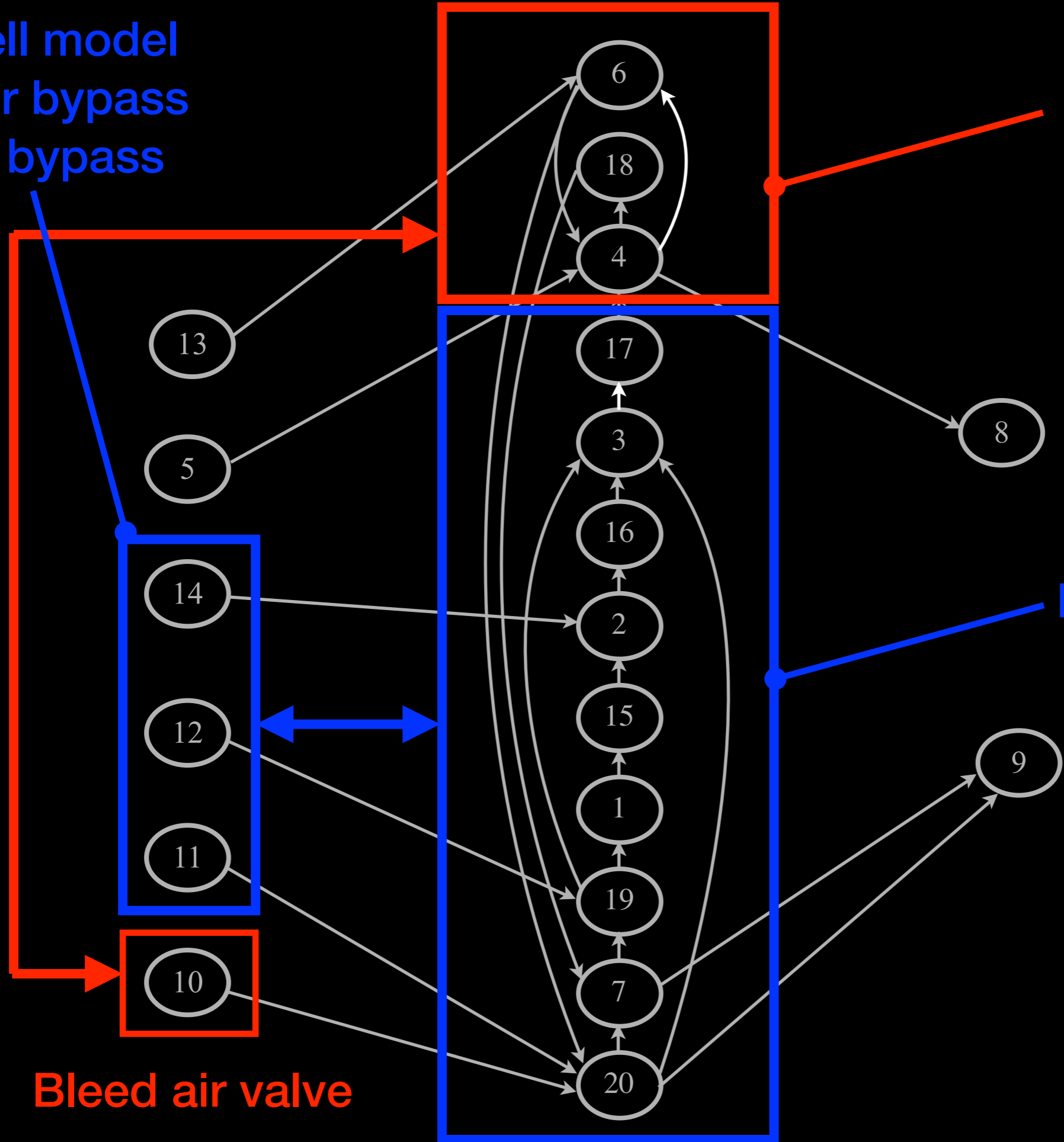


Fuel cell model  
Cold air bypass  
Hot air bypass

Gas turbine

Fuel Cell

Bleed air valve



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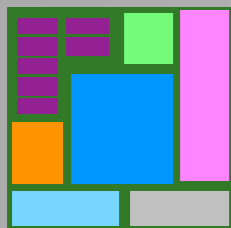
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