

# A Benchmarking Framework for Control of Smart Stormwater Networks

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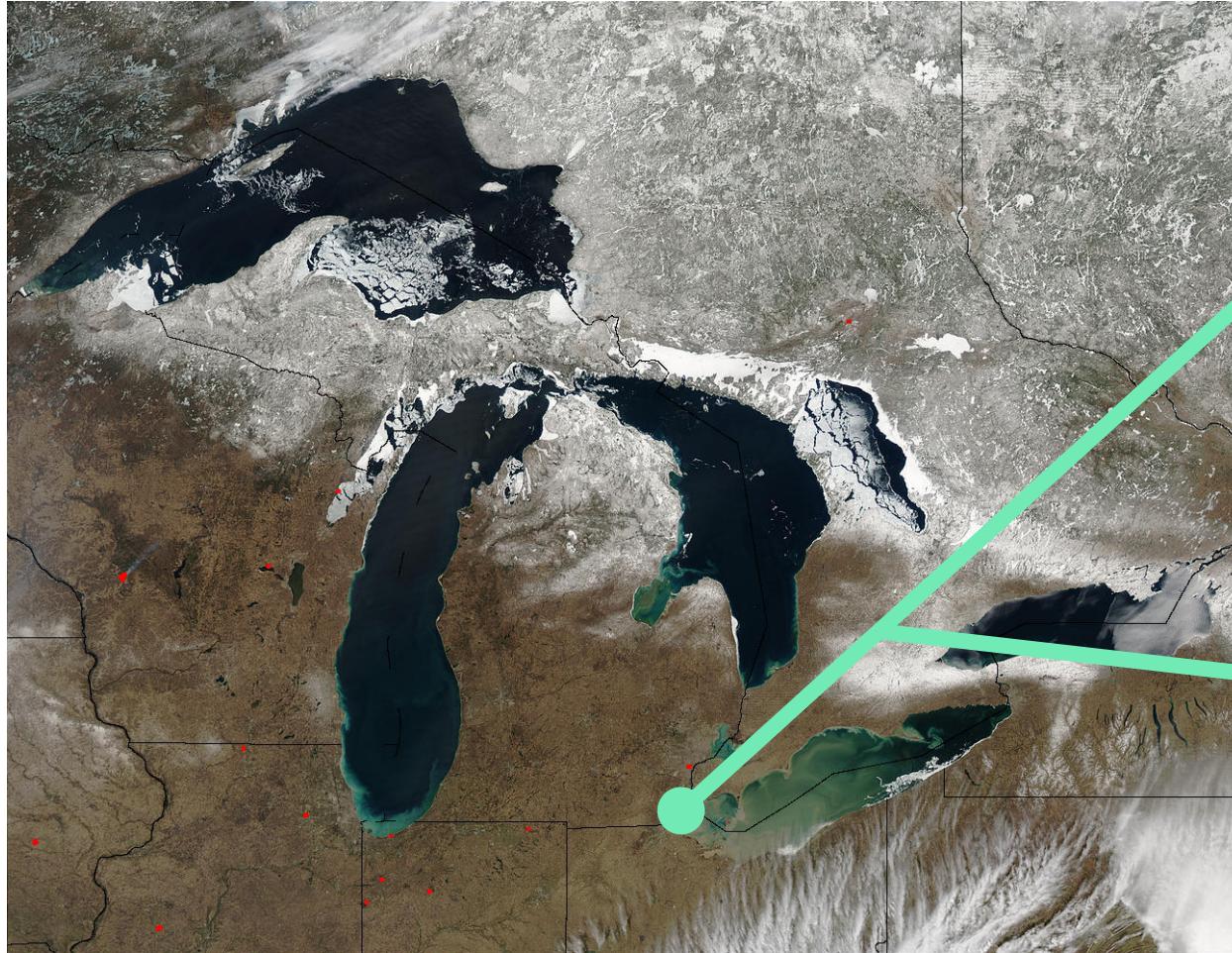
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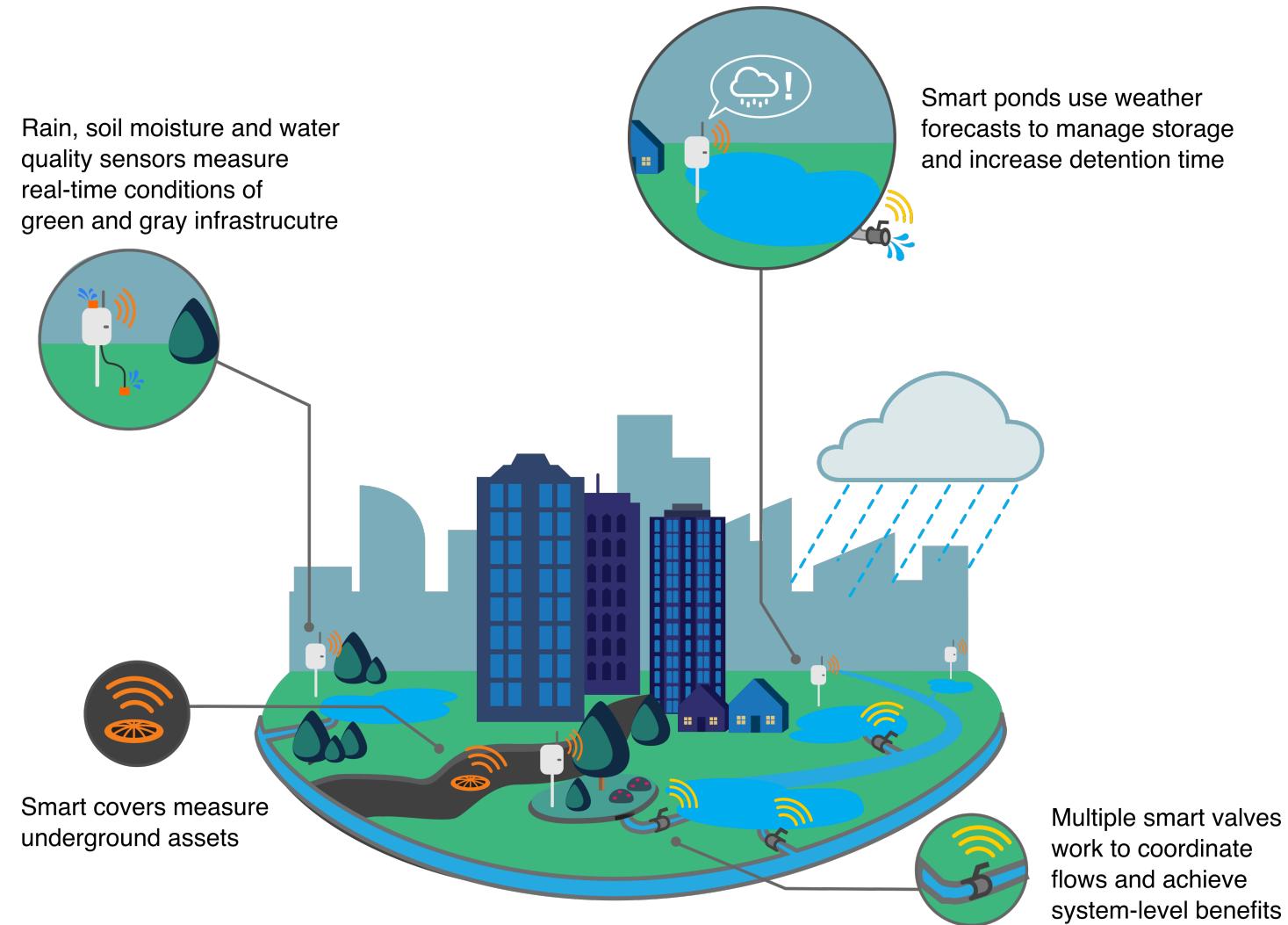
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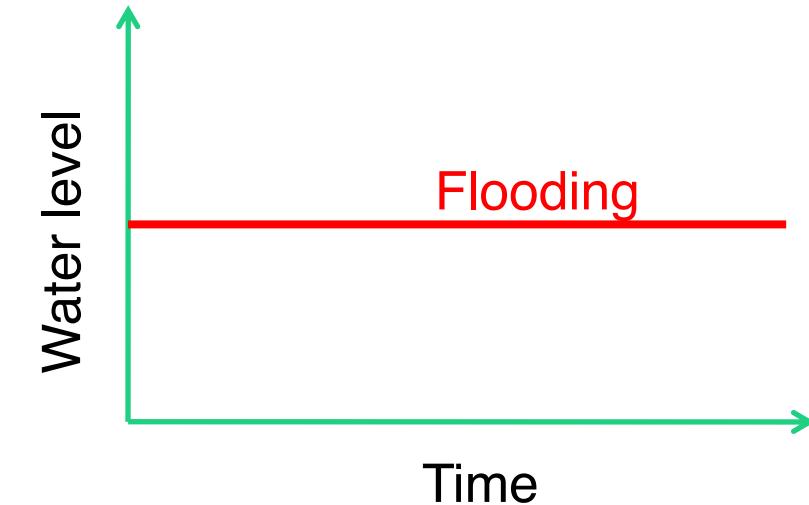


# Smarter Stormwater Systems

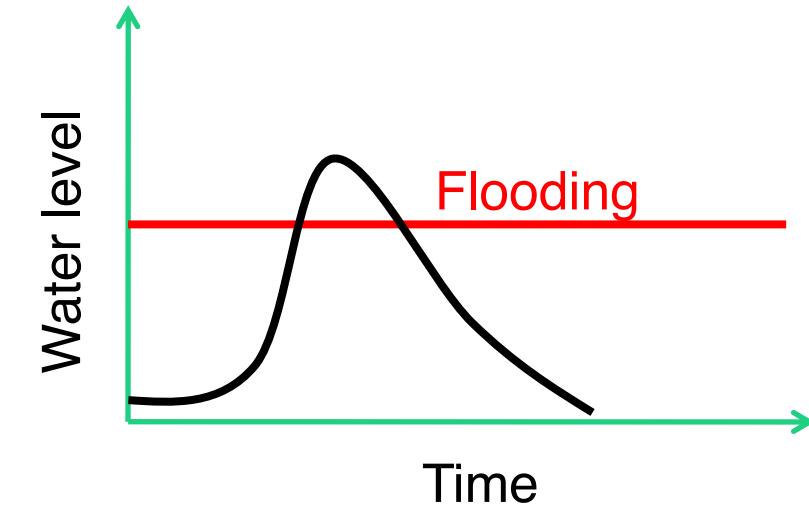


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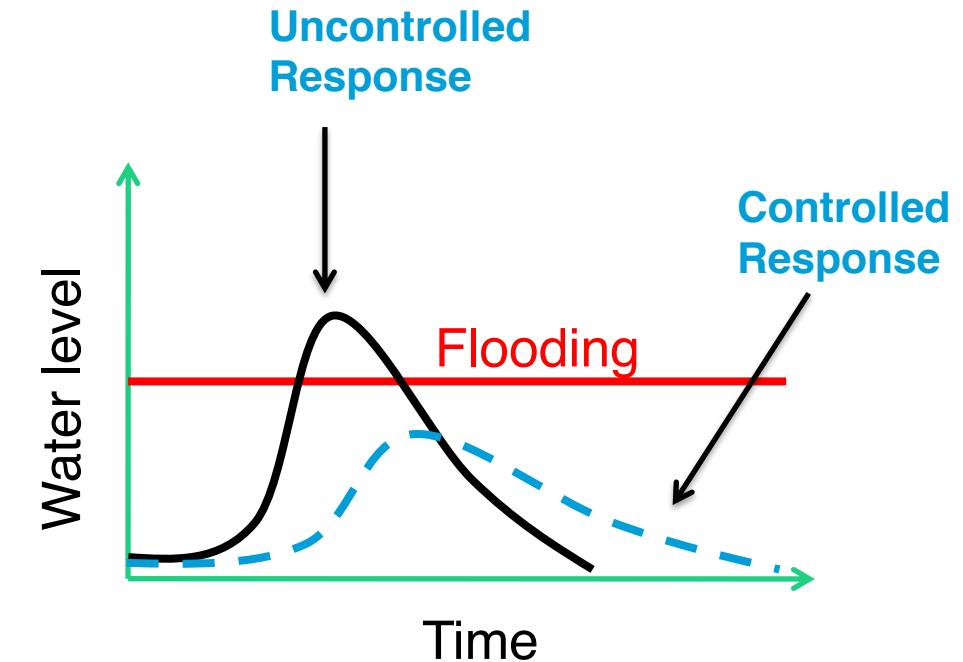
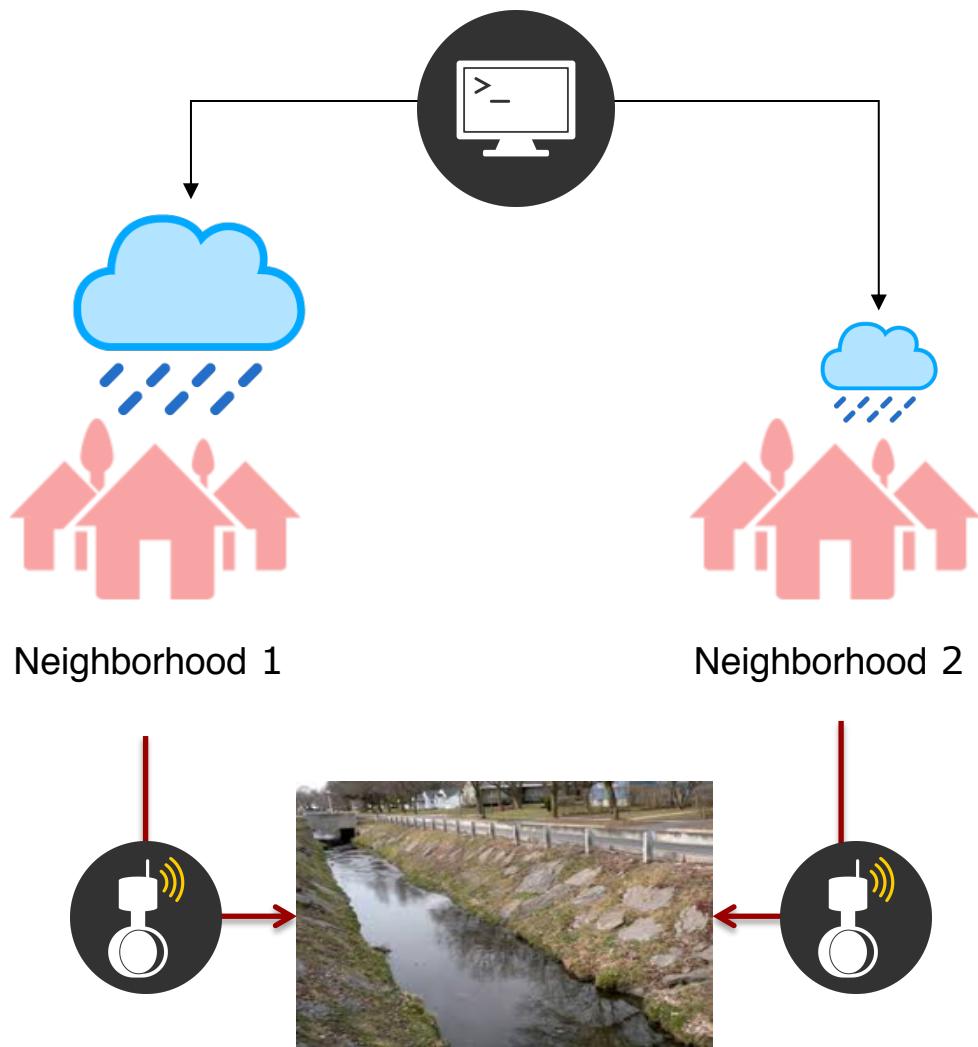
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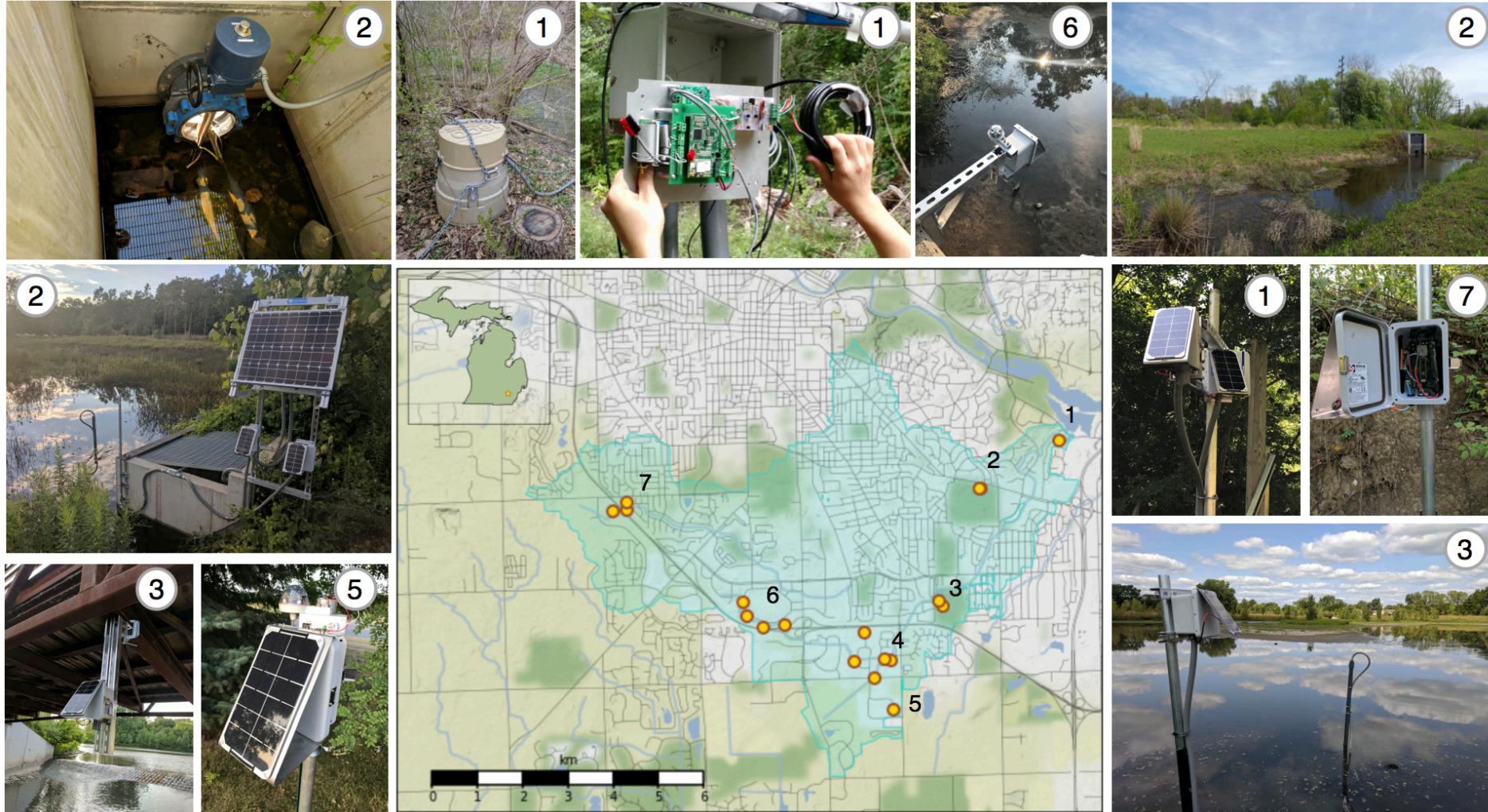
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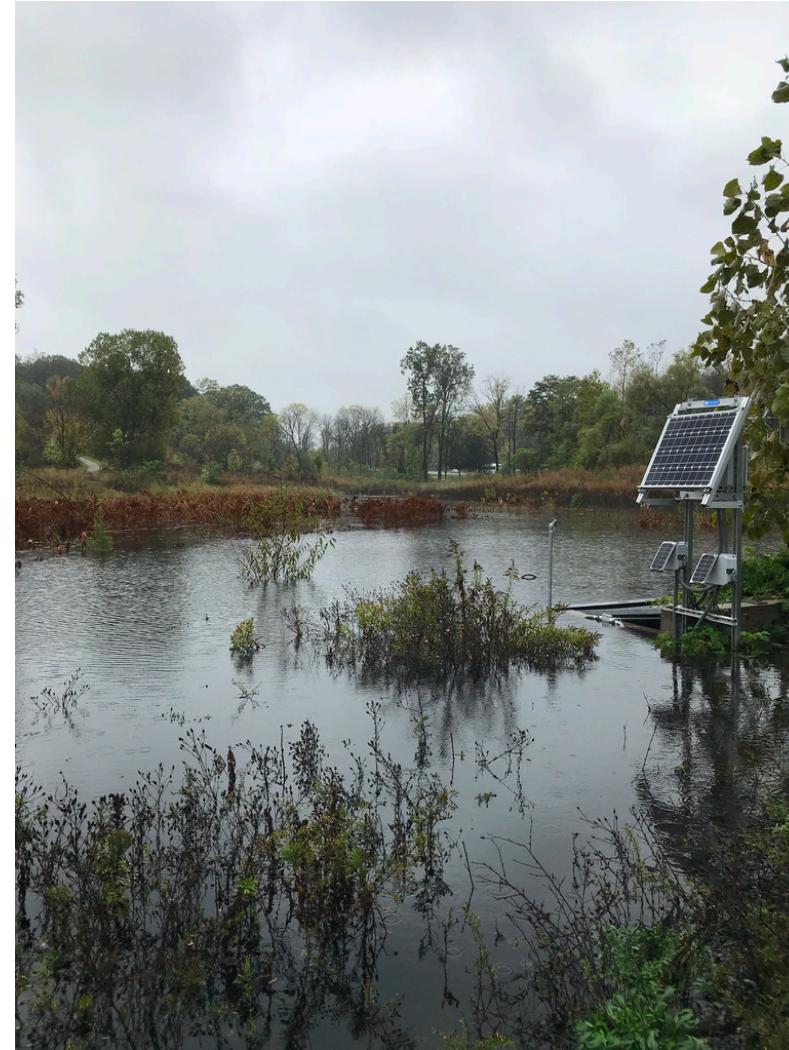


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# Control Approaches



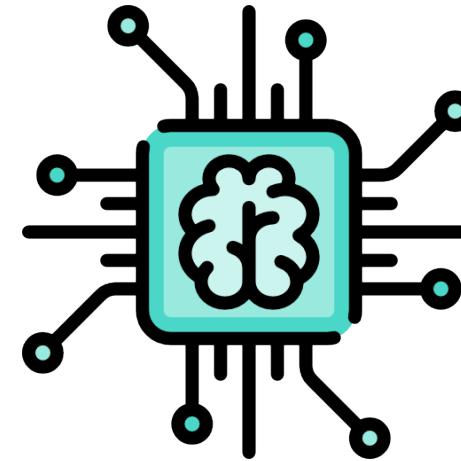
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- Market Based Control
- Non-linear/Linear Optimization



## Dynamical Systems

- Linear Quadratic Regulator
- Model-Predictive Control

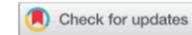


## Artificial Intelligence

- Genetic Algorithms
- Reinforcement Learning

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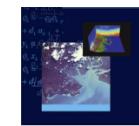


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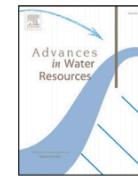
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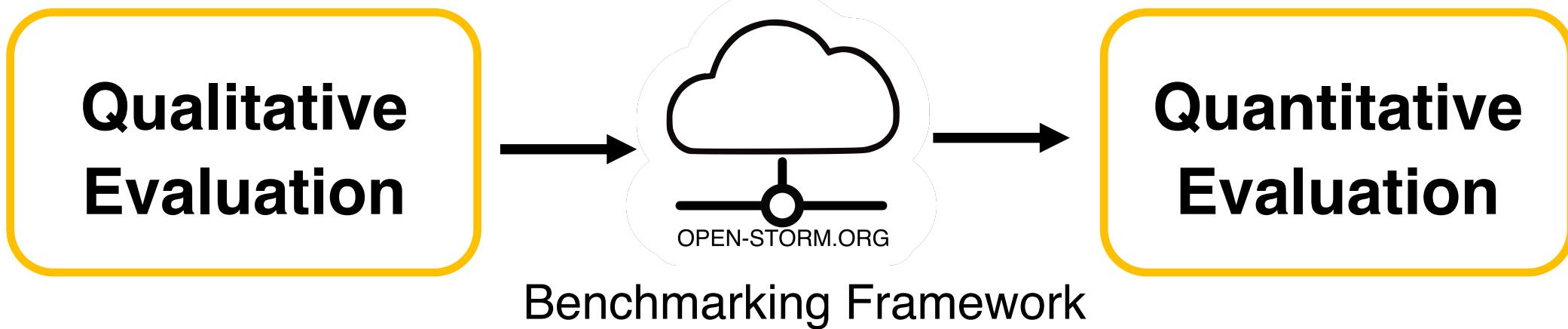
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## Systematic Quantitative Evaluation : Electricity Networks



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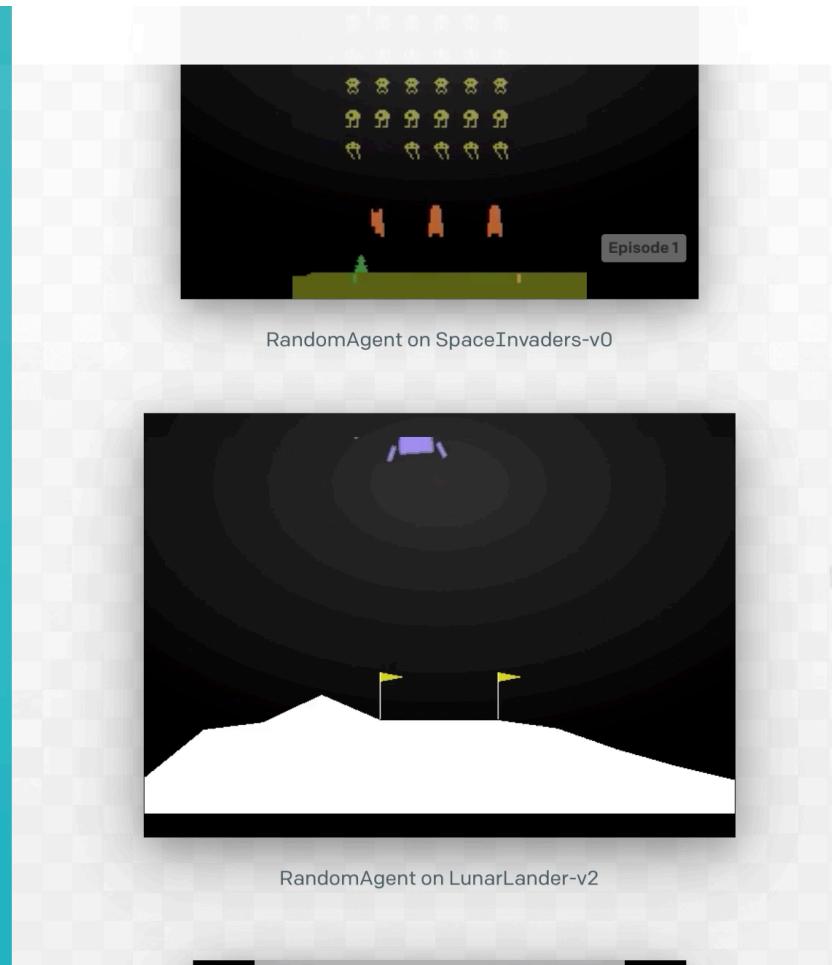
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### Gym

Gym is a toolkit for developing and comparing reinforcement learning algorithms. It supports teaching agents everything from walking to playing games like Pong or Pinball.

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# Benchmarking Framework

1. Anonymized stormwater networks and corresponding delineated benchmarking scenarios (alpha, beta, gamma, delta, and epsilon)
2. A streamlined programming interface with hydraulic simulator
3. Online leader board with solutions and tutorials

# Scenarios

## Scenario

Physical network components

### Network



### System driver

e.g., storm event, tidal fluctuations



Control problem components

### Controllable assets



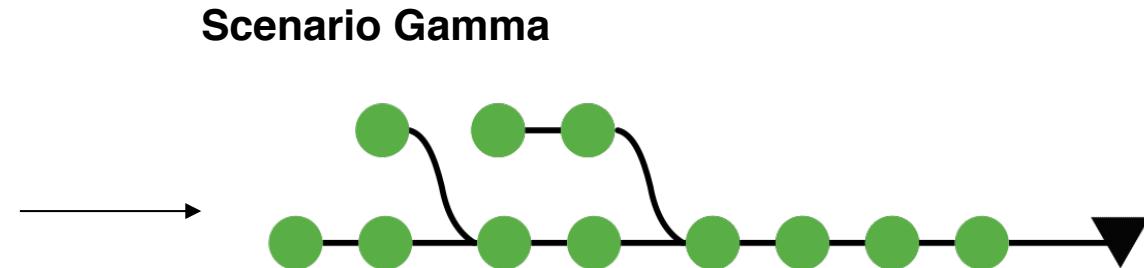
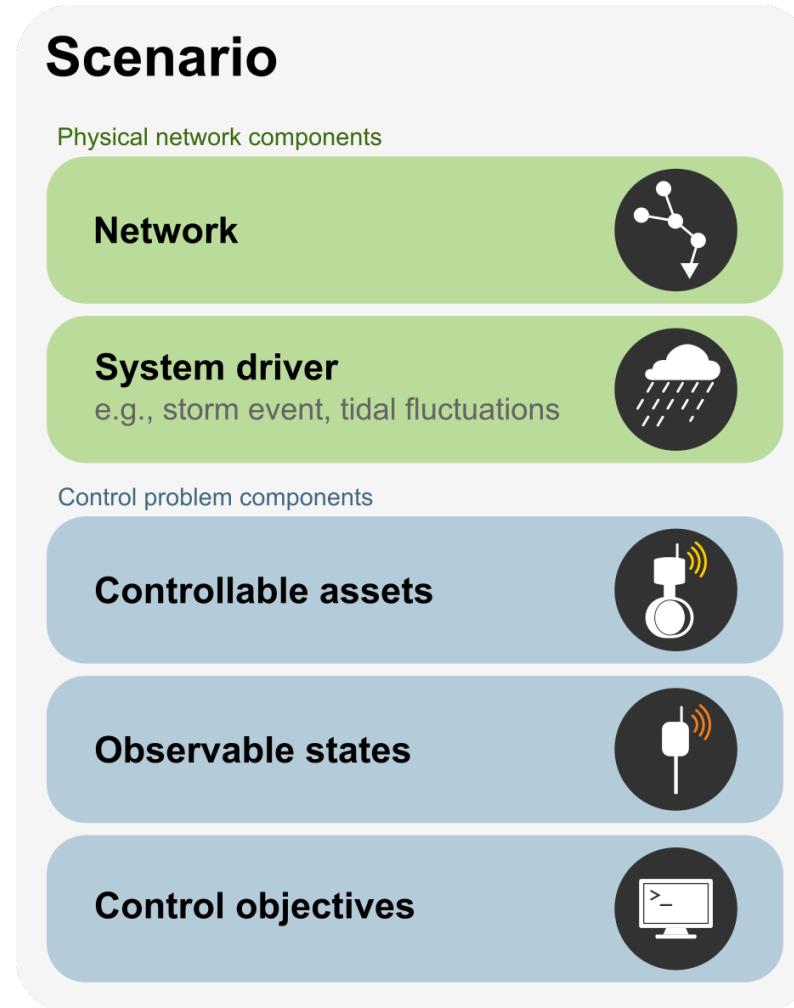
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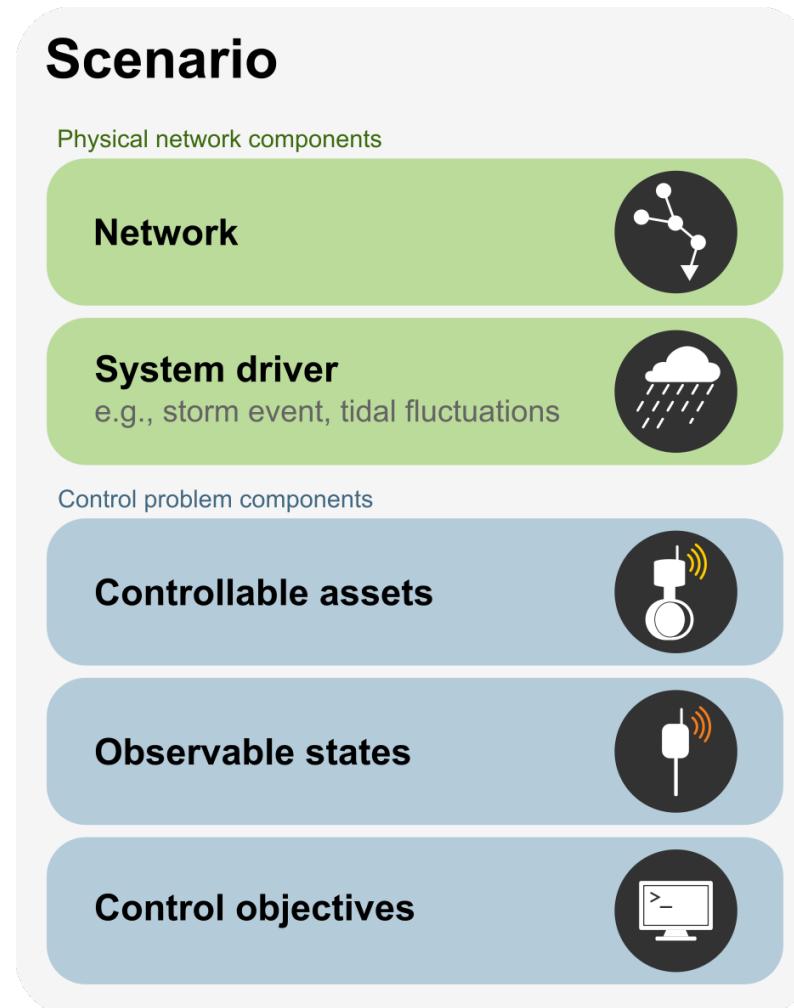
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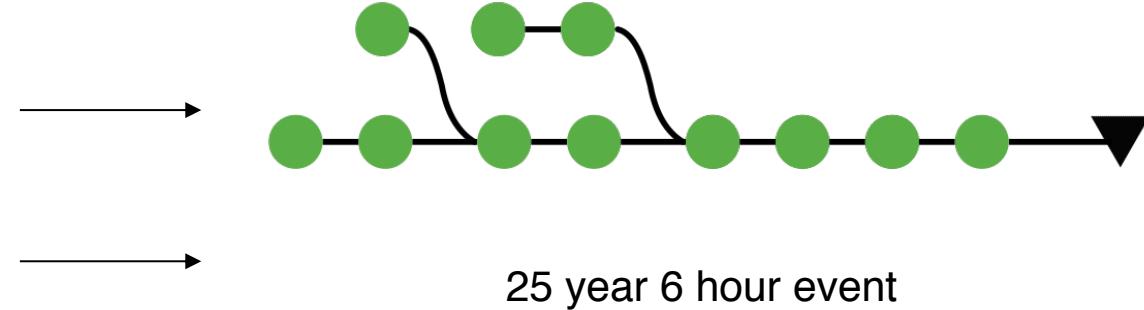
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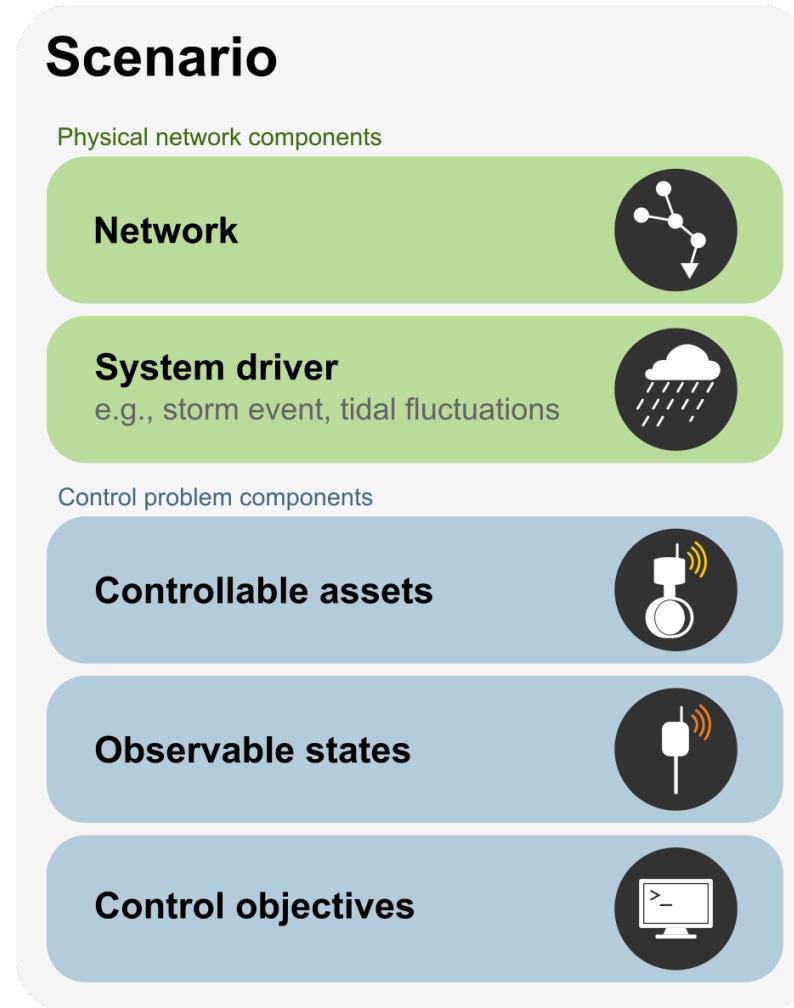
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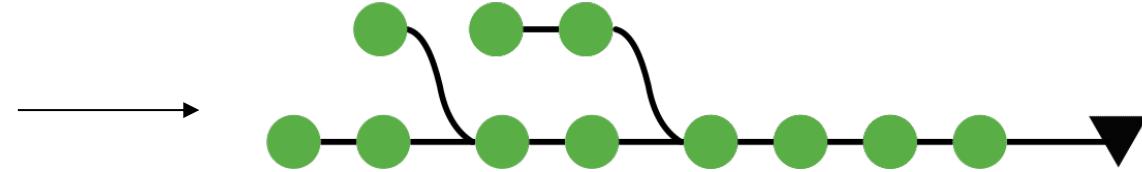
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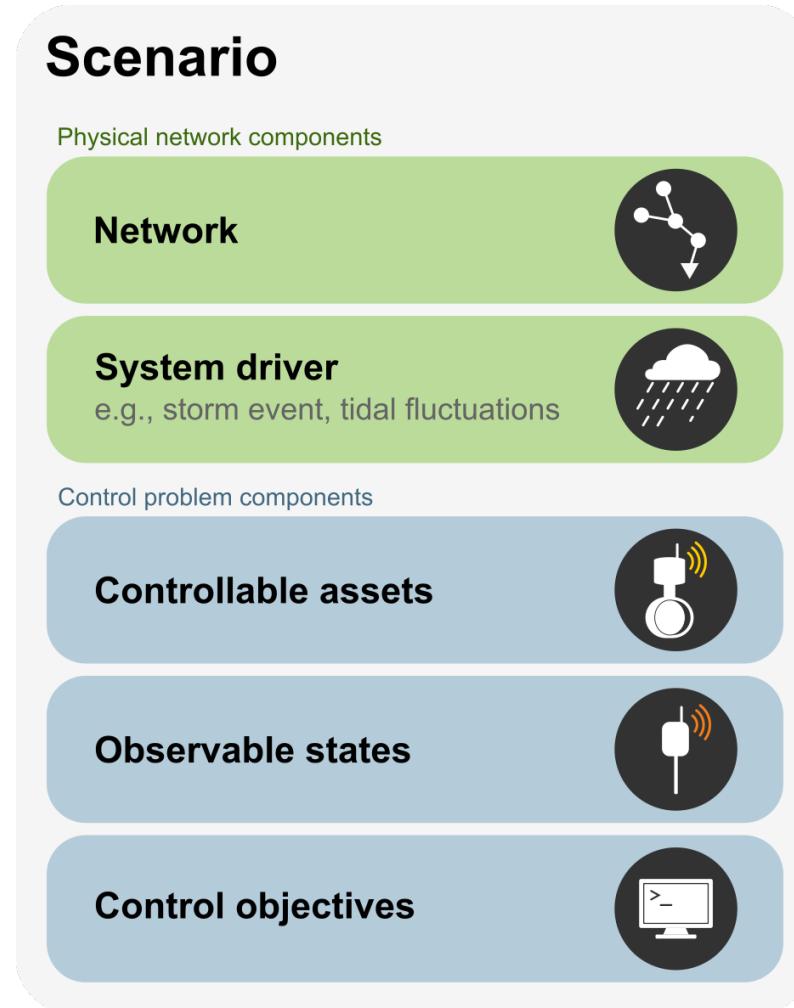
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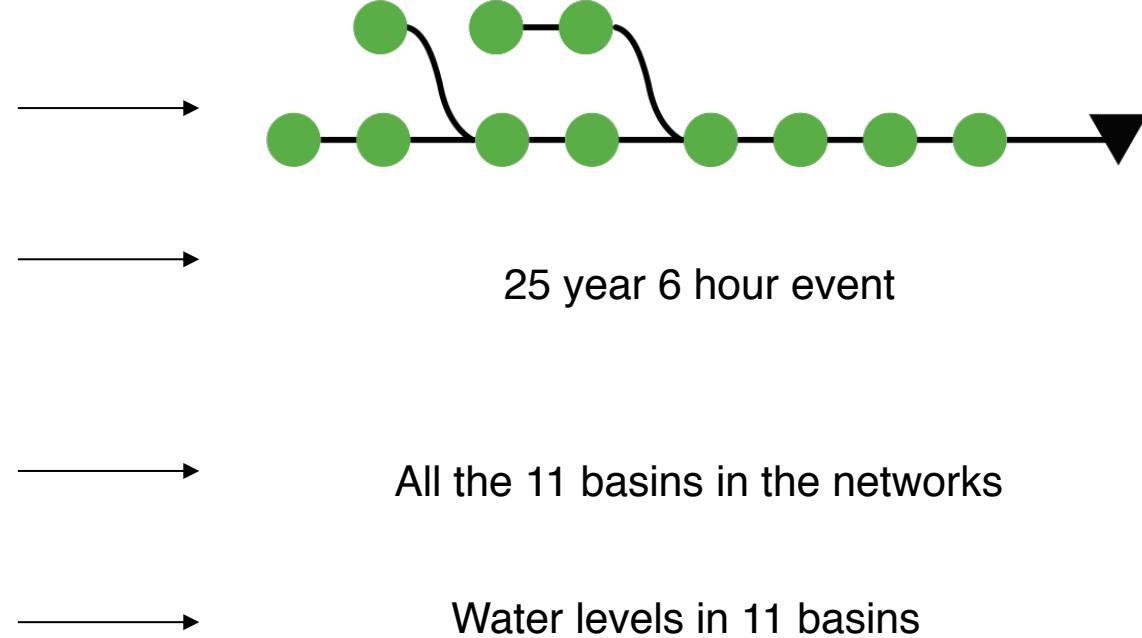
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All the 11 basins in the networks

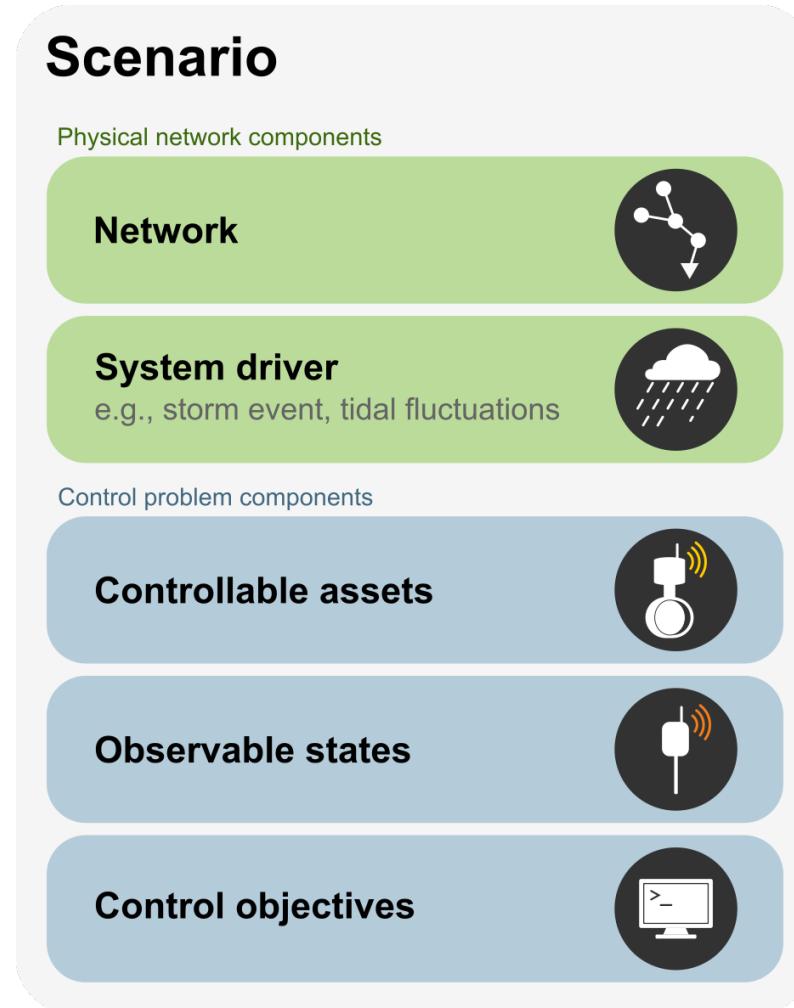
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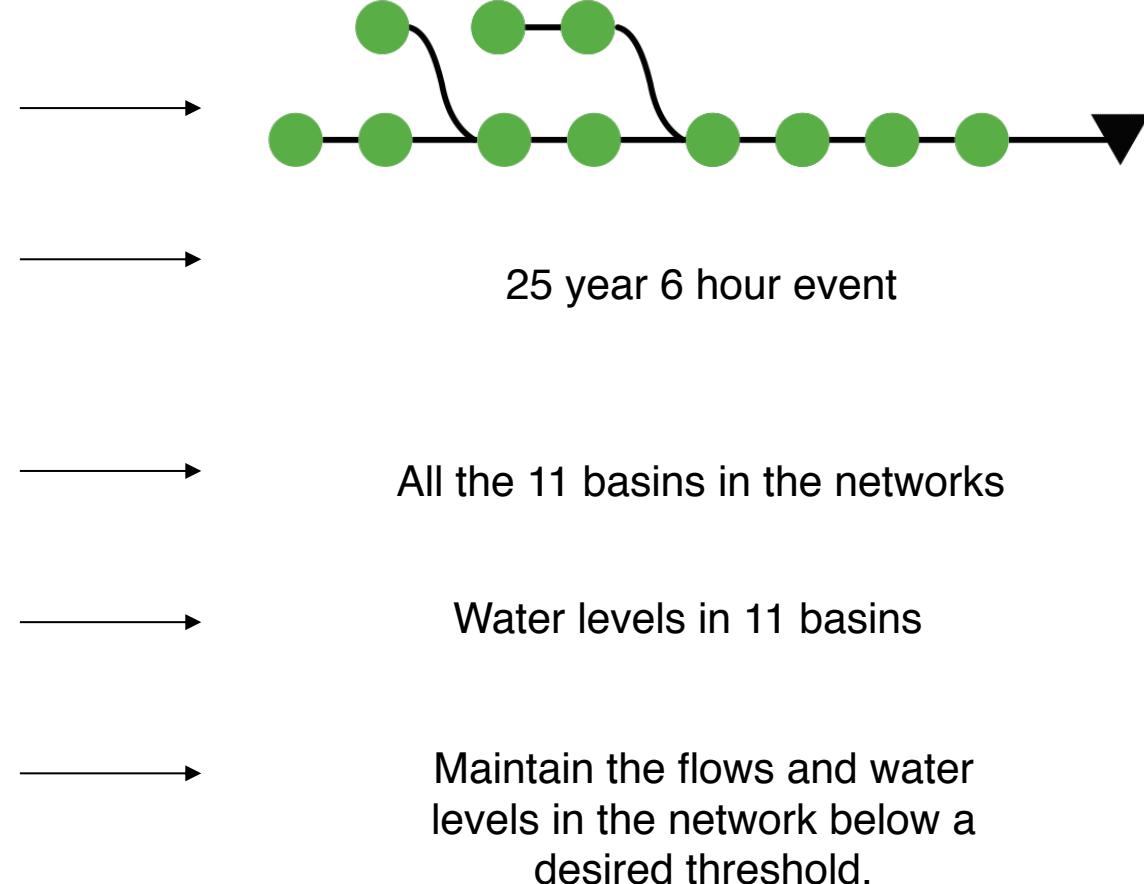
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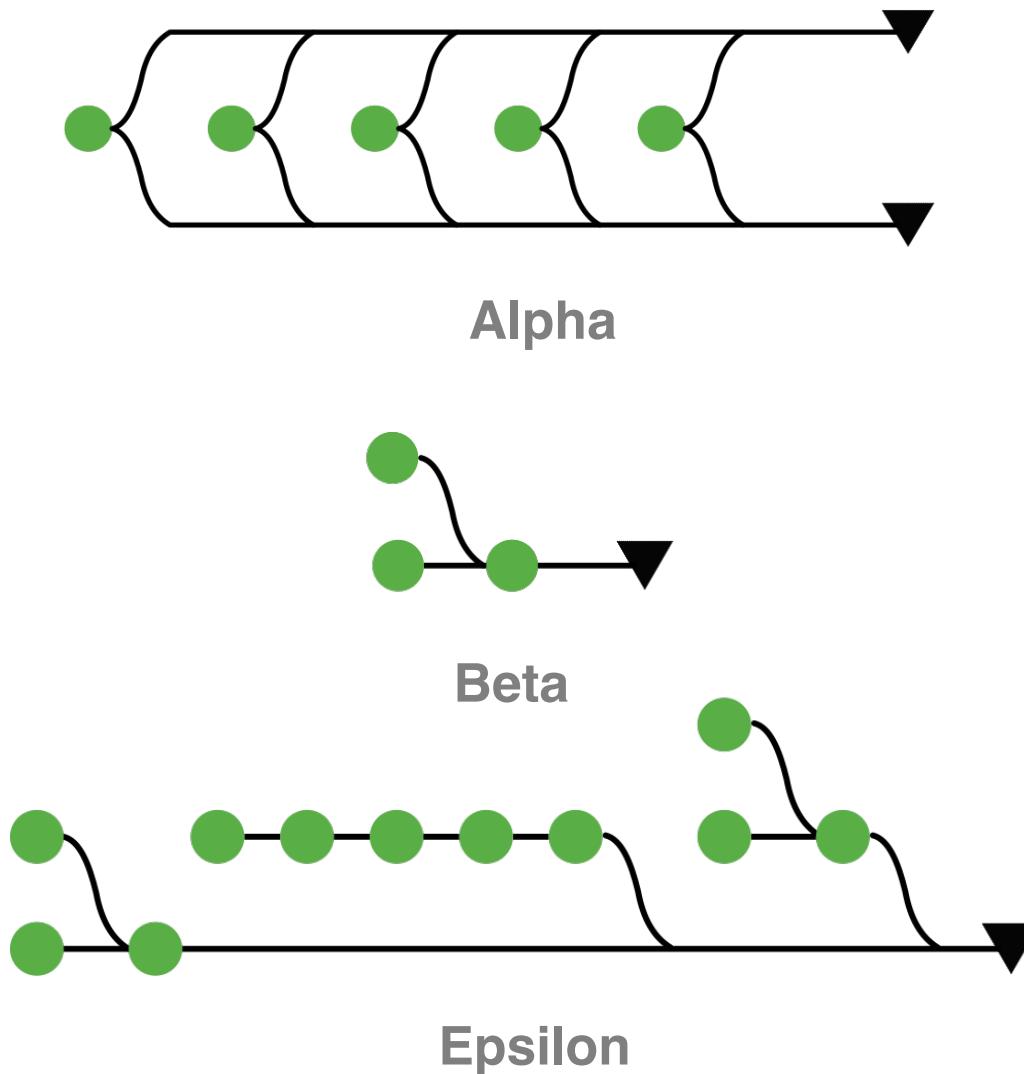
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# Scenarios – Diverse Objectives

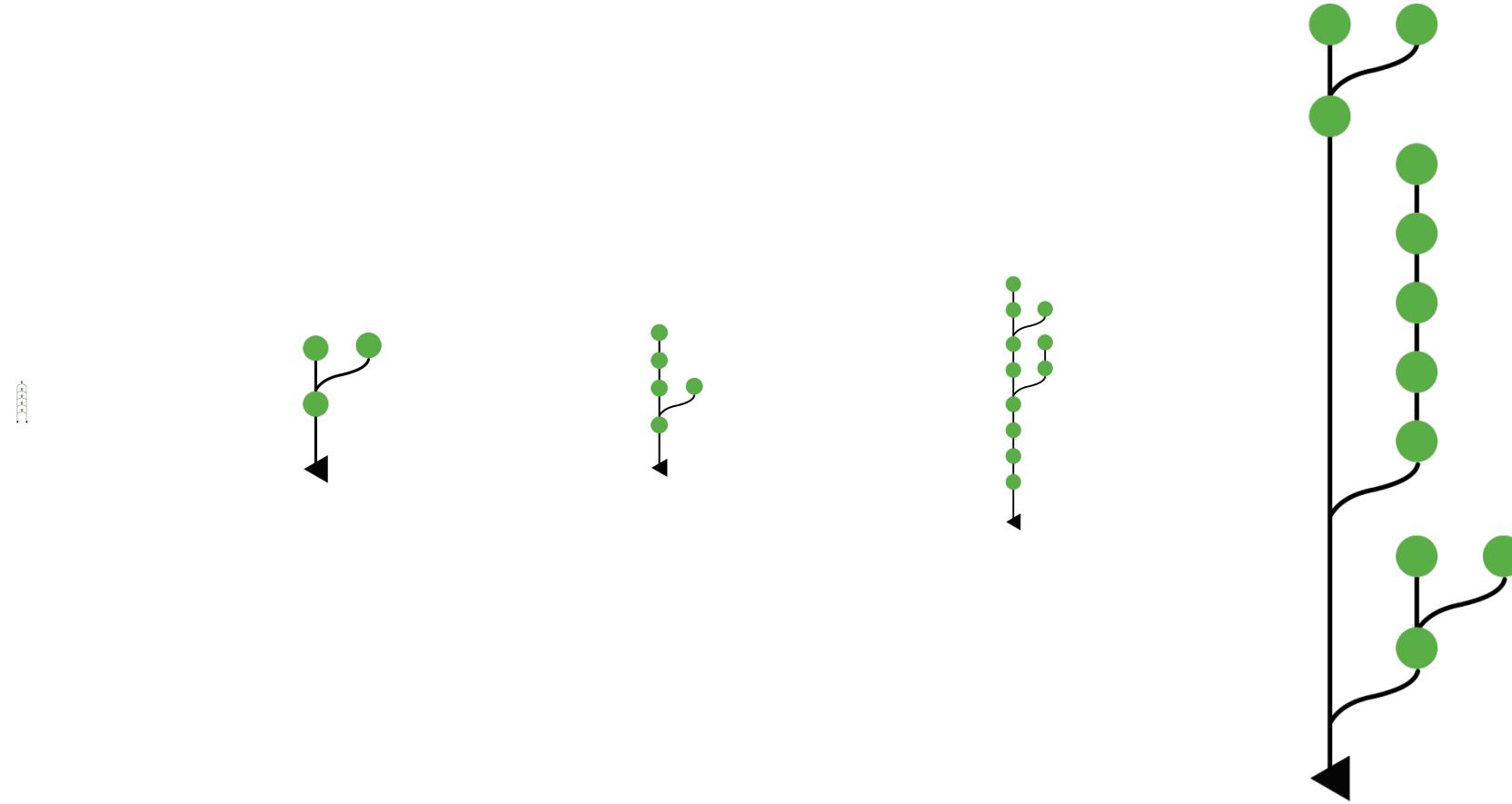


A combined sewer network of  $0.12 \text{ km}^2$  aiming to minimize combined sewer overflows

A separated sewer network ( $1.3 \text{ km}^2$ ) with a tidally-influenced receiving river.

A combined sewer network ( $67 \text{ km}^2$ ) with a focus on water quality objectives.

# Scenarios – Scale

**Alpha**

(0.1 sq.km)

**Beta**

(1.3 sq.km)

**Delta**

(1.7 sq.km)

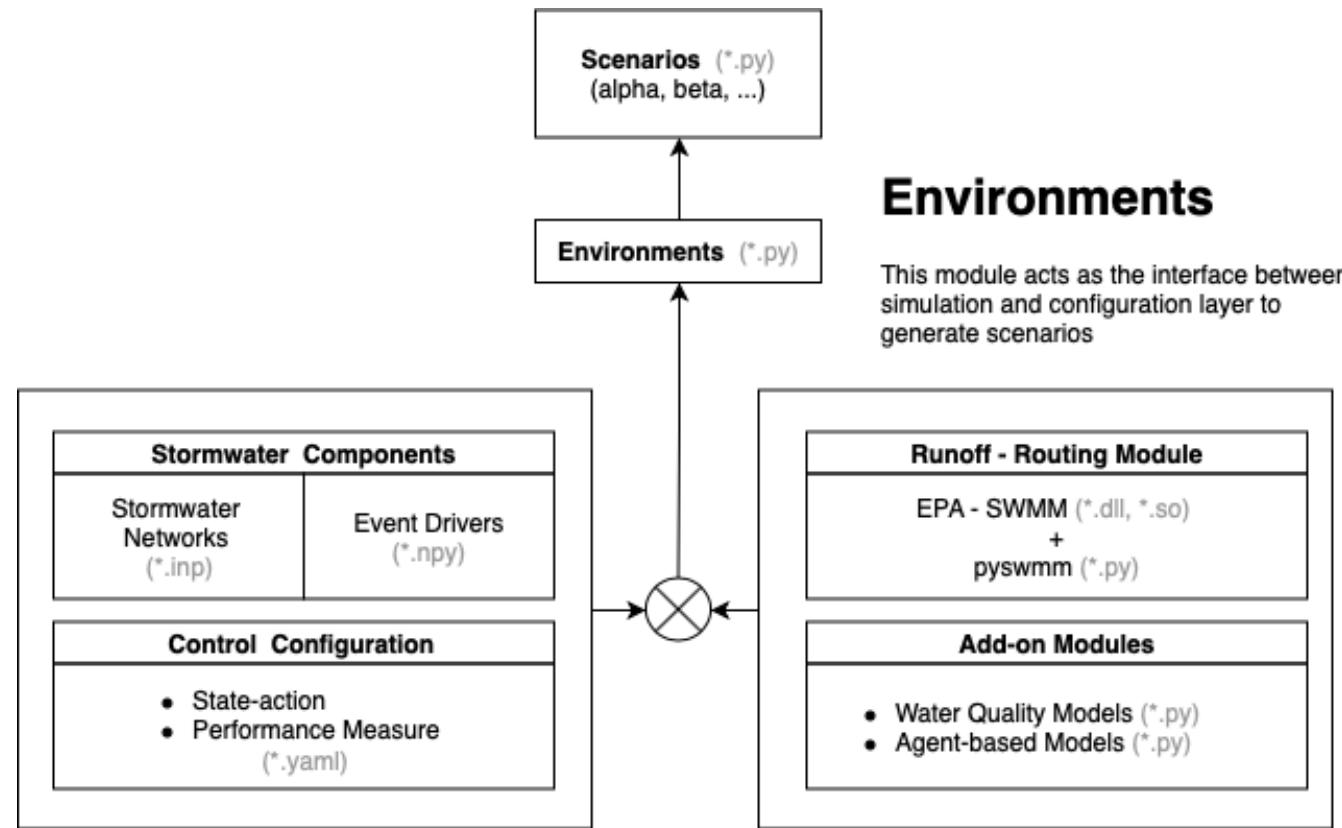
**Gamma**

(4 sq.km)

**Epsilon**

(67 sq.km)

# Library Architecture



## Configuration layer

Data structures encapsulating stormwater network topology, control objectives, state-action space and performance measures.

## Simulation layer

Modules for modeling the flow of runoff, and its interactions with pollutants in the watershed are embedded in this layer.

# Example

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8
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10
11    # Implement the action
12
13    # Repeat
```

# Example : state

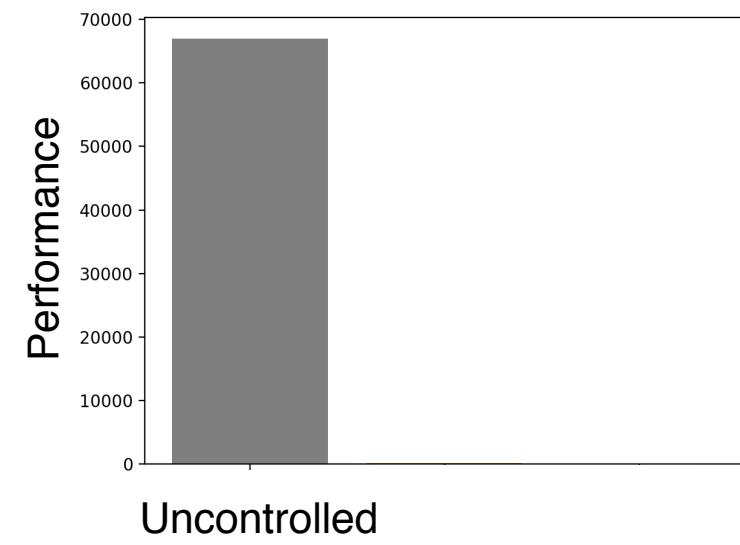
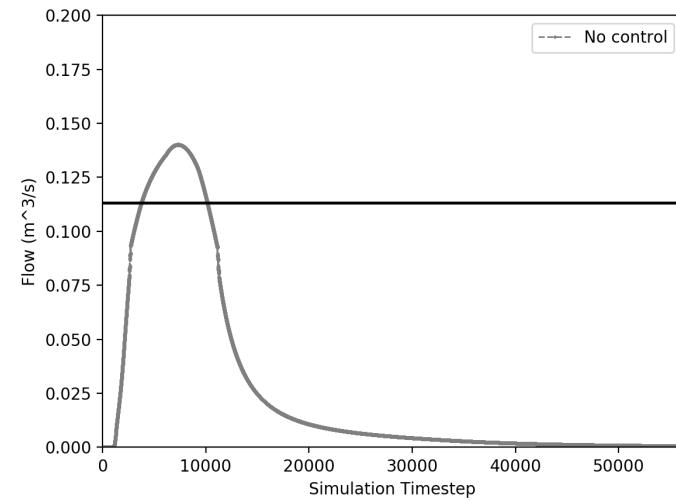
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Water levels in the 11 basins

```
In [5]: state
Out[5]: array([0., 0., 0., 0., 0., 0.,
0., 0., 0., 0., 0.])
```

# Example : Uncontrolled

```
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2
3 scenario = bechmarking.scenarios.gamma()
4 done = False
5
6 while not done:
7     # Query the state
8     state = scenario.state()
9     # Decide actions
10    actions = np.ones(11)
11    # Implement the action
12    done = scenario.step(actions)
```



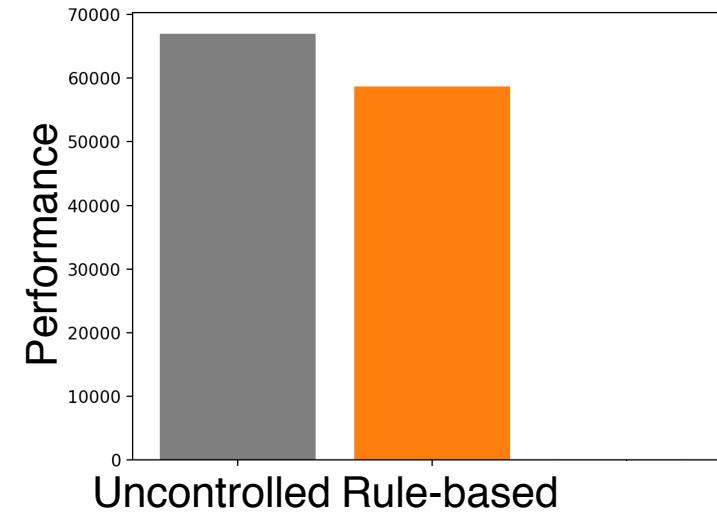
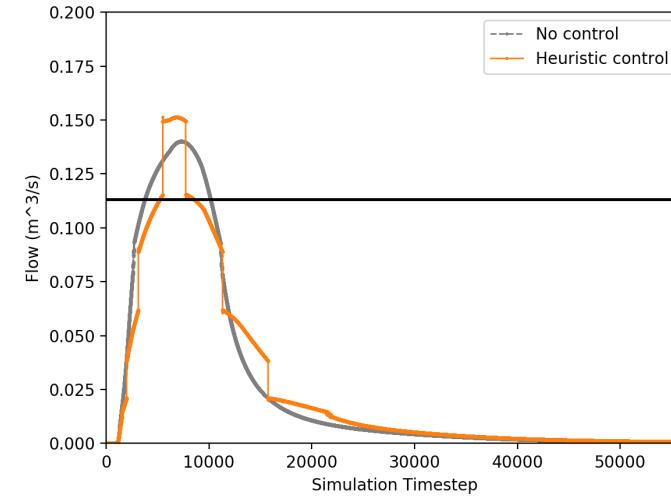
# Example : Rule based control

```
1 import benchmarking
2 import numpy as np
3 scenario = benchmarking.scenarios.gamma()
4 done = False
5
6 while not done:
7     # Query the state
8     state = scenario.state()
9     # Decide actions
10    actions = np.ones(11)
11    for i in range(0, 11):
12        if state[i] < 0.5:
13            action[i] = 0.25
14        elif state[i] < 1.0:
15            action[i] = 0.50
16        elif state[i] < 1.5:
17            action[i] = 0.75
18        else:
19            action[i] = 1.0
20    # Implement the action
21    done = scenario.step(actions)
```

Control Algorithm

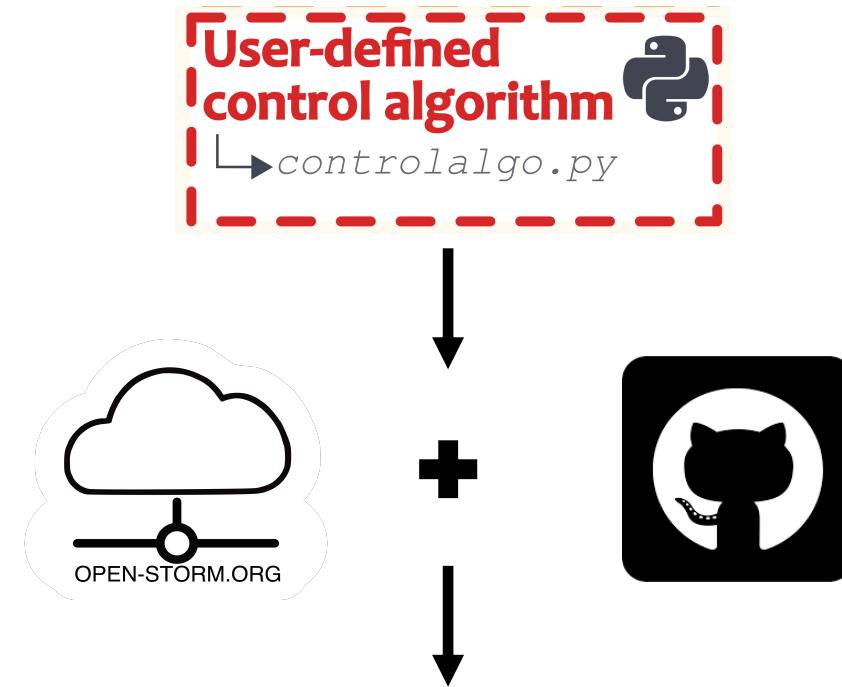
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# Community Building

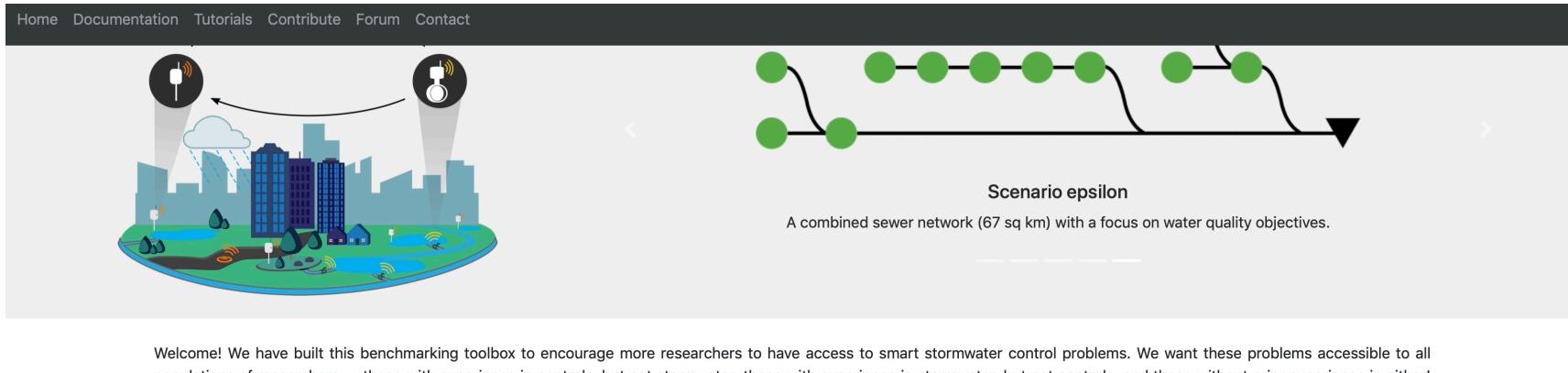
## Online friendly competition



Scenarios	Control Algorithm		
	Uncontrolled	Bayesian Optimization	Genetic Algorithm
Scenario gamma	1.000	0.626	0.611
Scenario delta	1.000	0.218	0.224

# Community Building

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**Scenario epsilon**  
A combined sewer network (67 sq km) with a focus on water quality objectives.

Welcome! We have built this benchmarking toolbox to encourage more researchers to have access to smart stormwater control problems. We want these problems accessible to all populations of researchers — those with experience in controls, but not stormwater; those with experience in stormwater, but not controls; and those without prior experience in either! We have streamlined all of the backend details of running a smart stormwater control problem so that all you have to do is focus on the control algorithm (see below for an example).

### Getting Started

To try out how exactly to interact with stormwater networks using our benchmarking toolbox, we encourage you to first begin with our "toy control problem" which you can access [here](#). Once you feel comfortable with how our toolbox works, we then encourage you really begin to have some fun by interacting with our five benchmarking scenarios: **alpha**, **beta**, **gamma**, **delta**, and **epsilon**. These benchmarking scenarios are built using real-world inspired stormwater networks, driving events, and control assets.

To learn more about this work, check out our github repository:



To install and begin working, use:

```
pip install git+https://github.com/kLabUM/Benchmarking
```

This is how one would go about running a scenario ...

```
import benchmarking  
  
def controller(state):  
    ....
```



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[open-storm.org/benchmarking](http://open-storm.org/benchmarking)

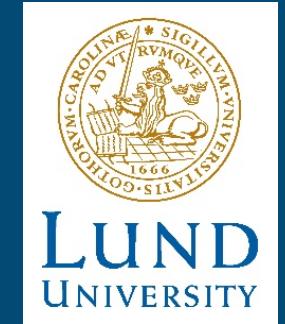


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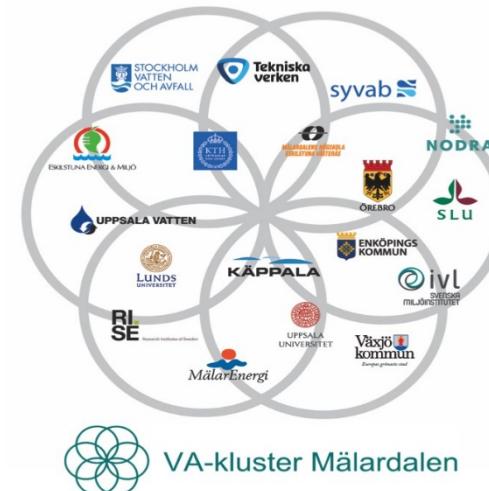
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