



Three different ways of integrating IBRs: What do we know and what is tradeoff”

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Edge IBRs

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Outline

- ❖ A long-standing R&D problem: On-line data-enabled computing for supporting operations during normal and abnormal system conditions
- ❖ Emerging challenge: Computing for flexible data-enabled clean and resilient energy utilization
- ❖ As basic as it gets: How to operate power grids with new supply-demand mix reliably and efficiently? Which software? Which computer platforms? Key role of embedded automation.
- ❖ Multi-layered modeling: From data to minimal information exchange for interactive operations (DyMonDS)
- ❖ Need for distributed coordinated data-enabled architectures (taking the effects of grid-edge DERs/IBRs)
- ❖ Lessons learned using MIT SEPSS (now evolving into DDT)

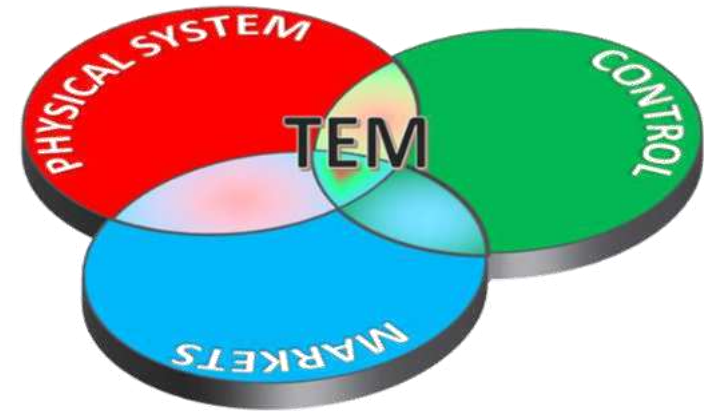
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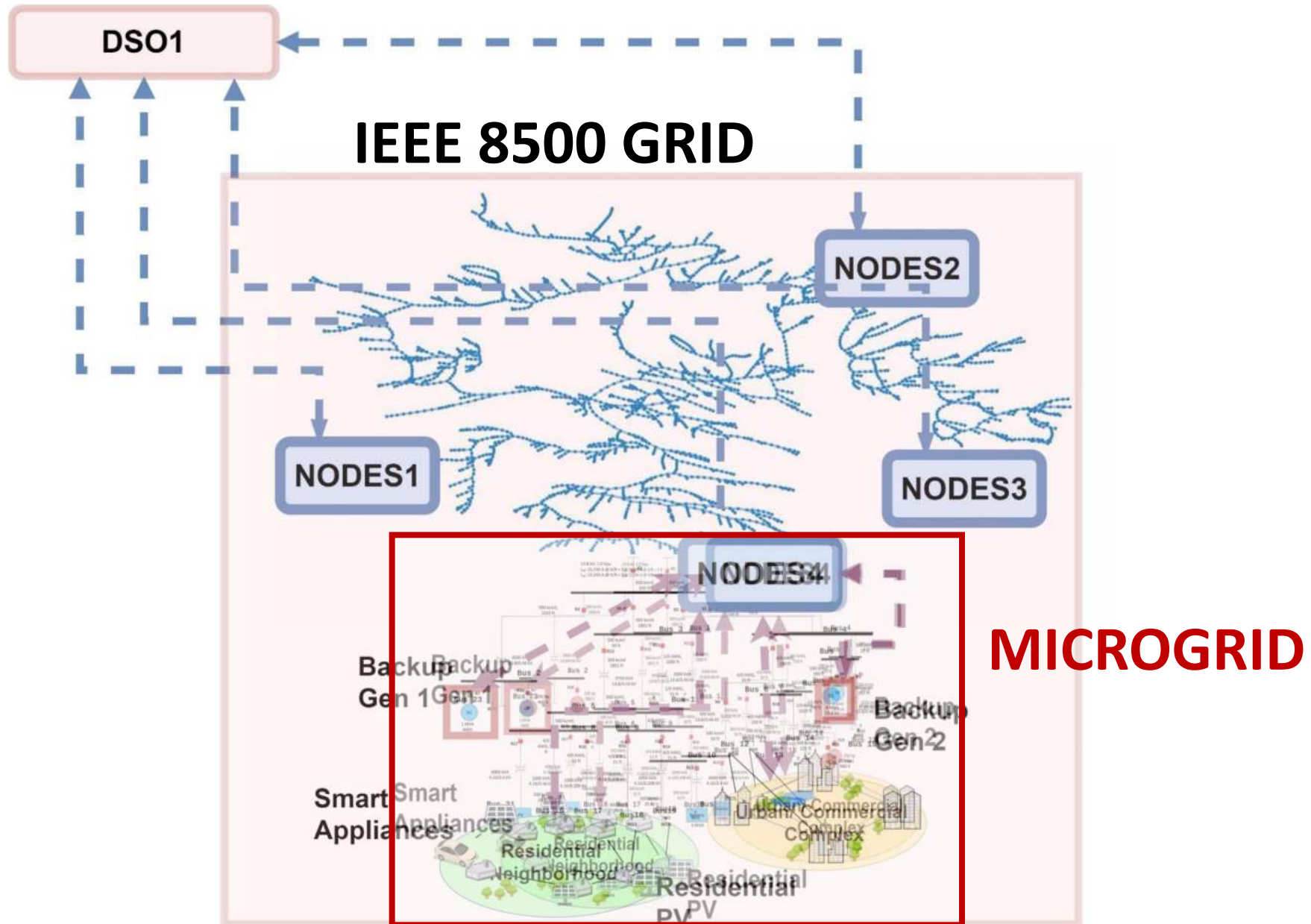


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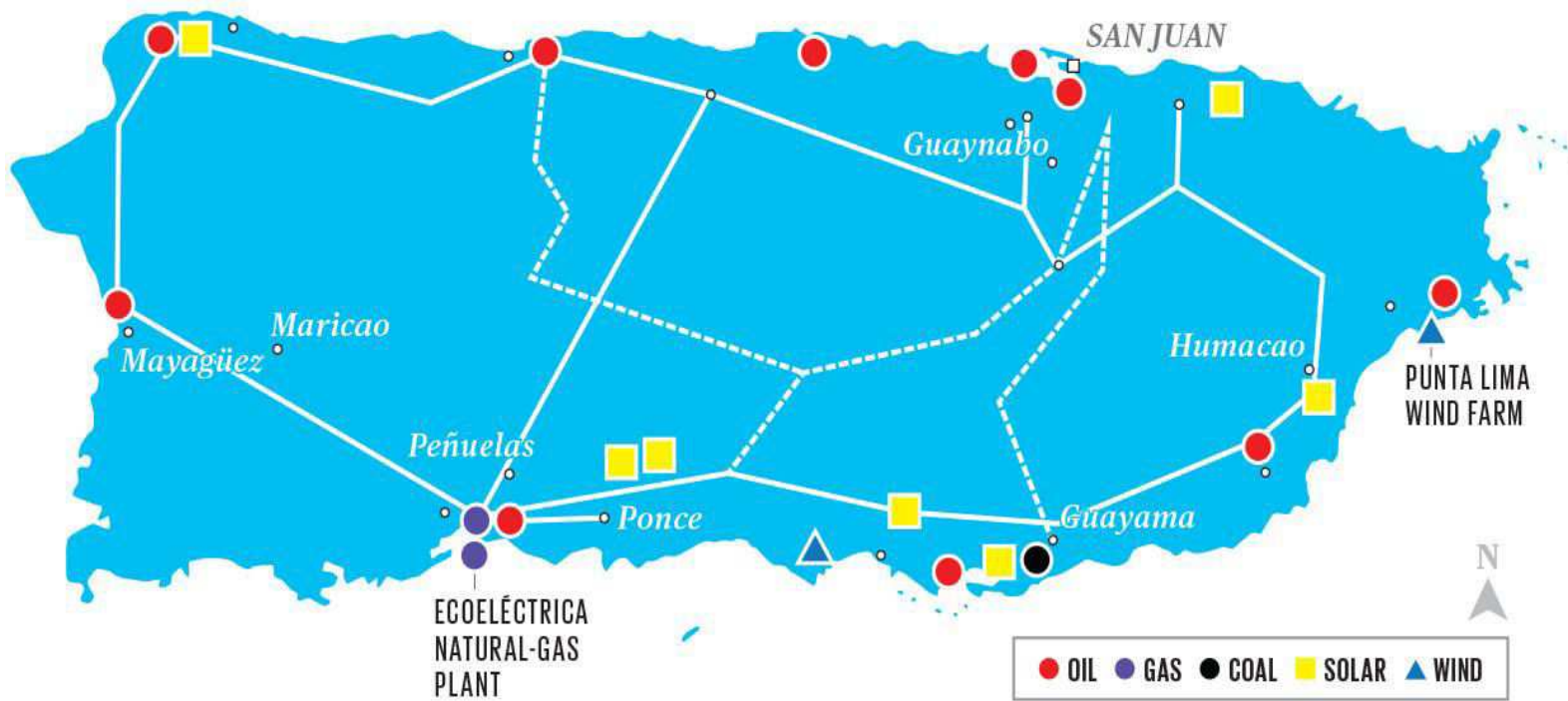
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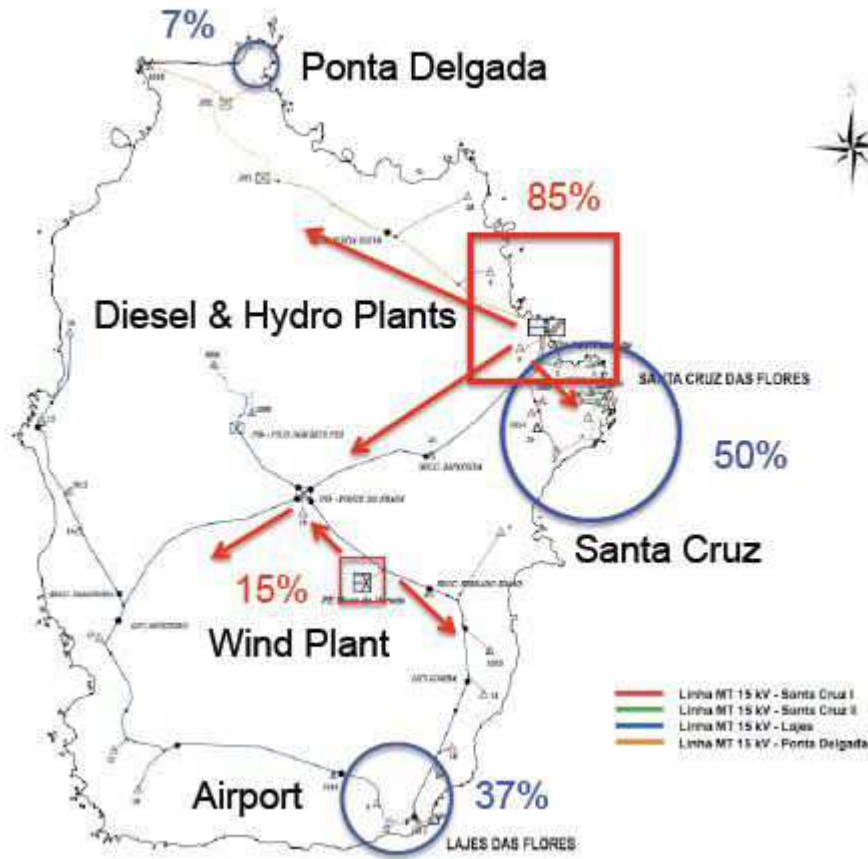


Electric power grids in islands

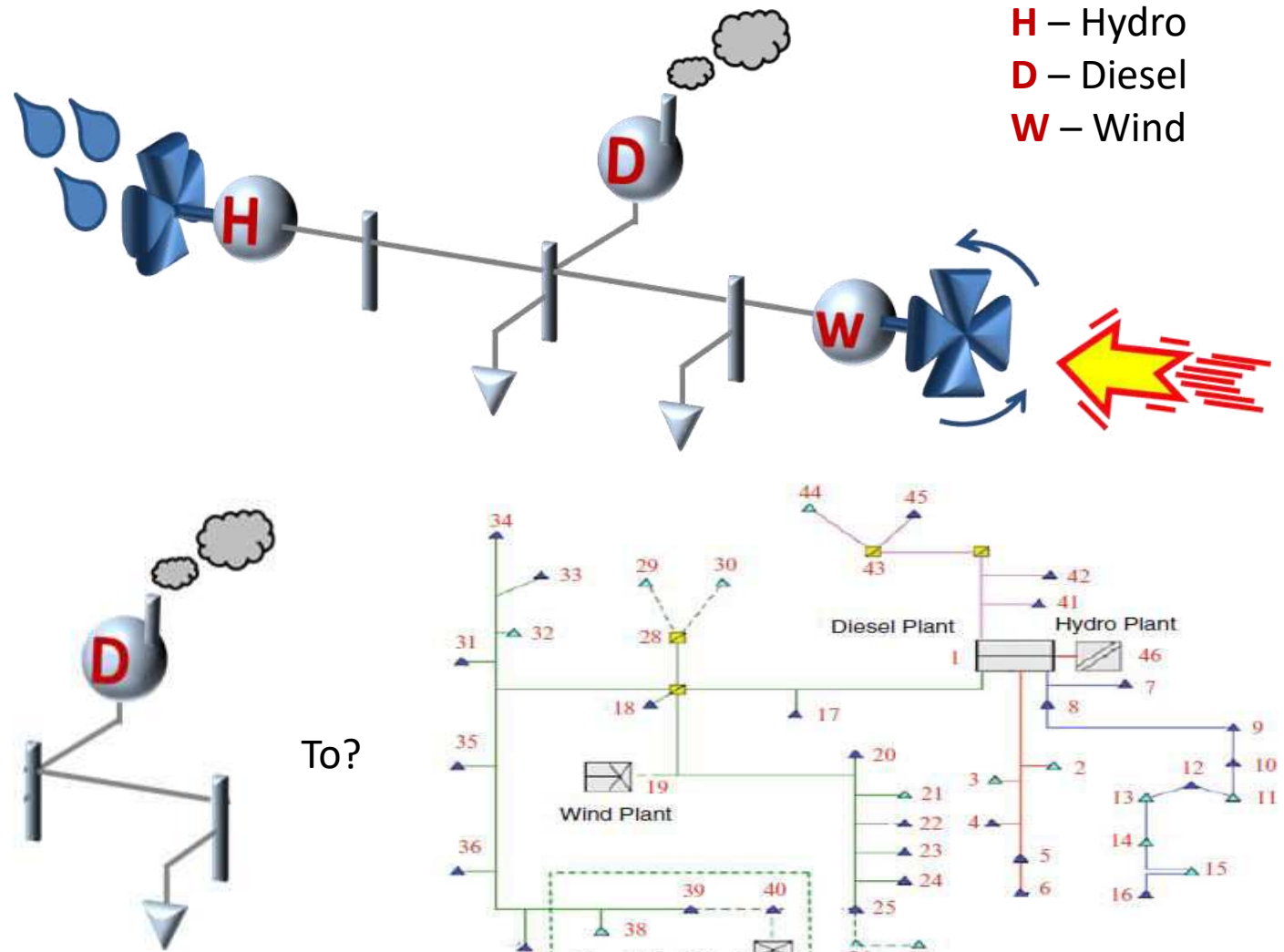


Puerto Rico
Efficient, clean, resilient?

Flores Island Power System-Typical micro-grid of the future*



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Complexity of emerging microgrids

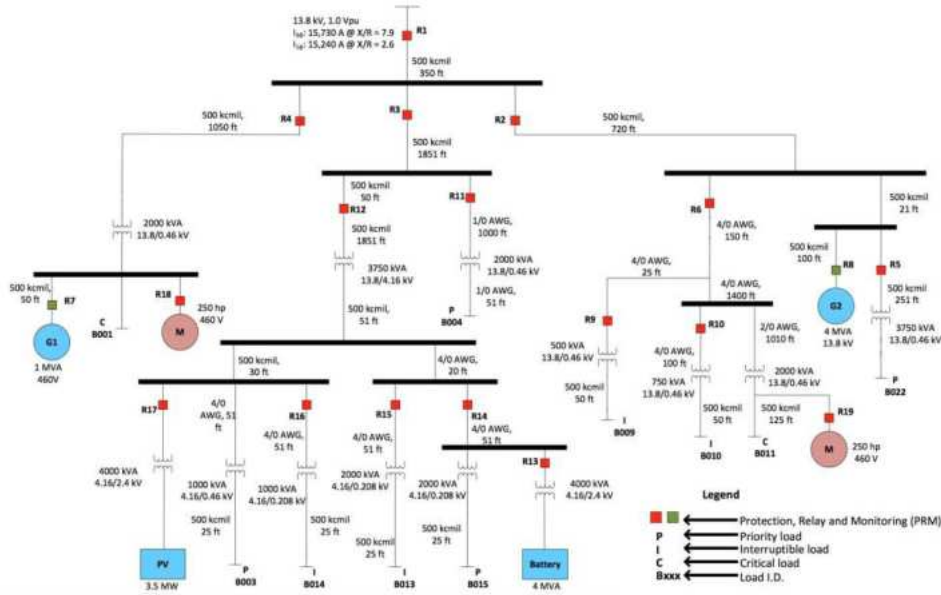


Fig 1 Diverse loads, different priorities/dynamics

Sheriff microgrid– IEEE test system

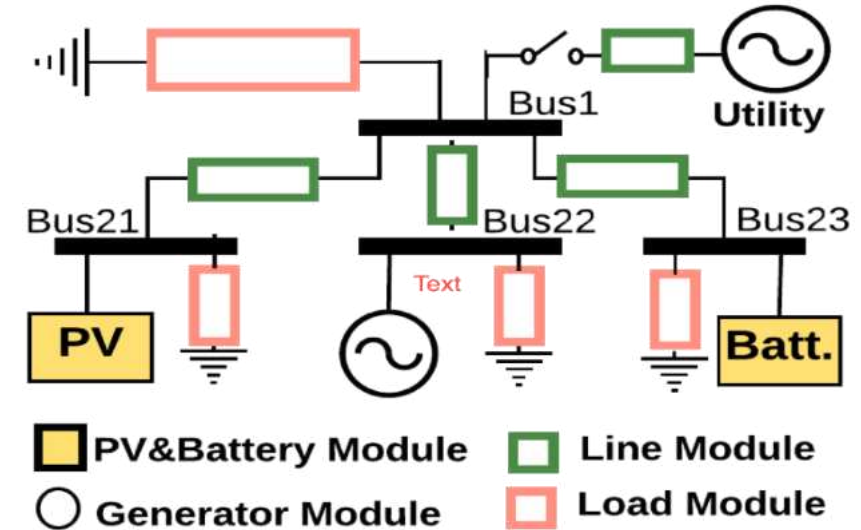


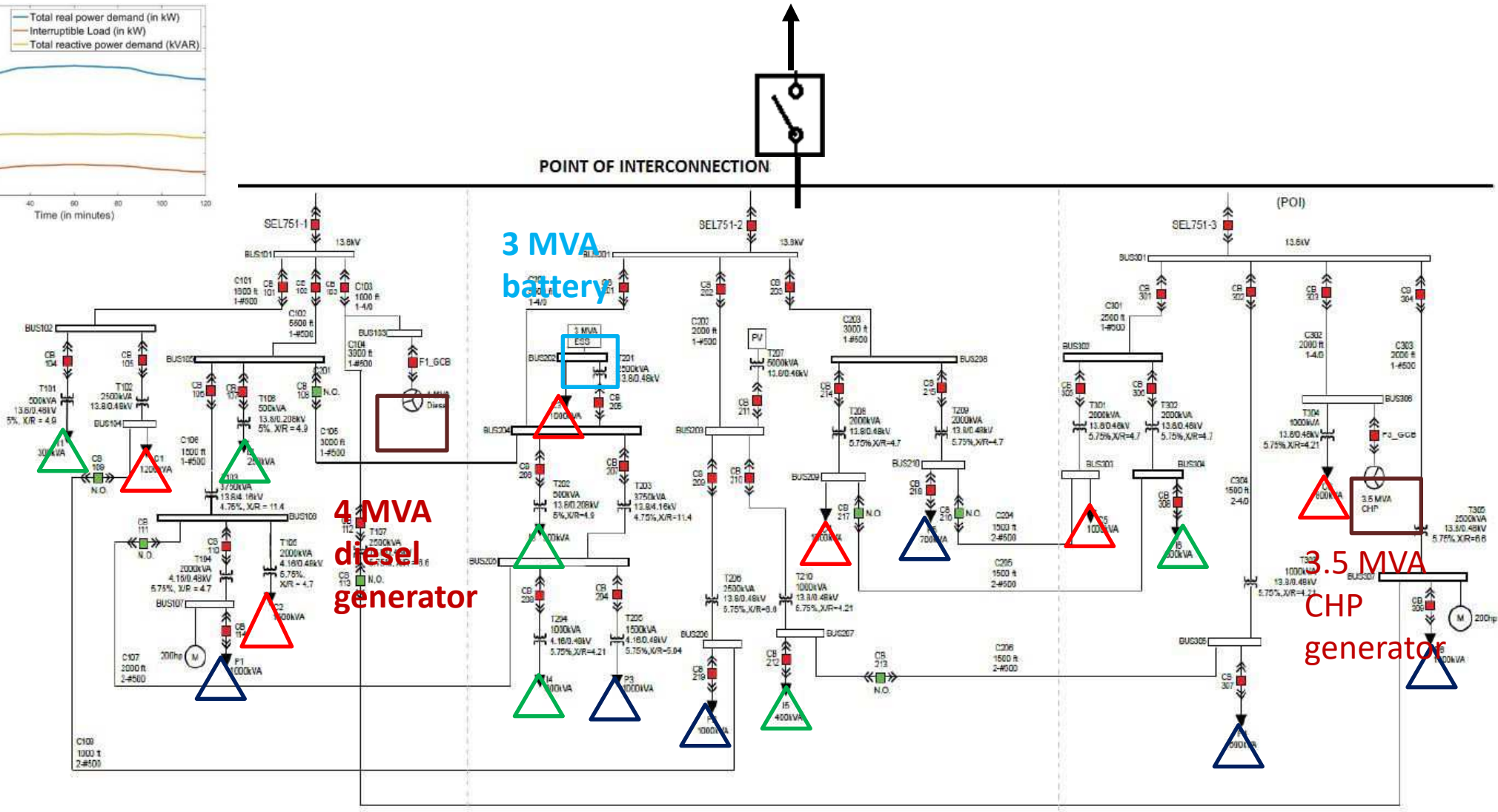
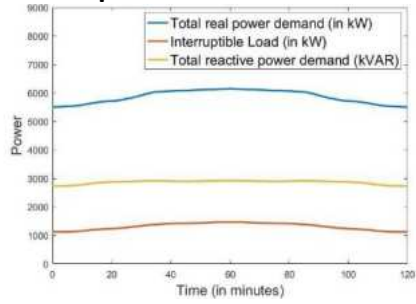
Fig 2 Heterogenous resources

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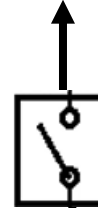
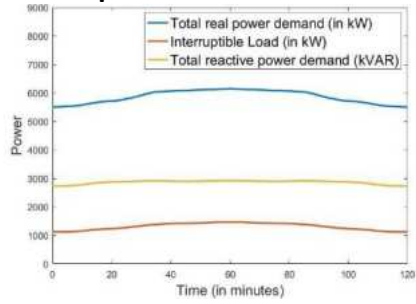
Real world feeder – Banshee distribution system

Sample Load Profile

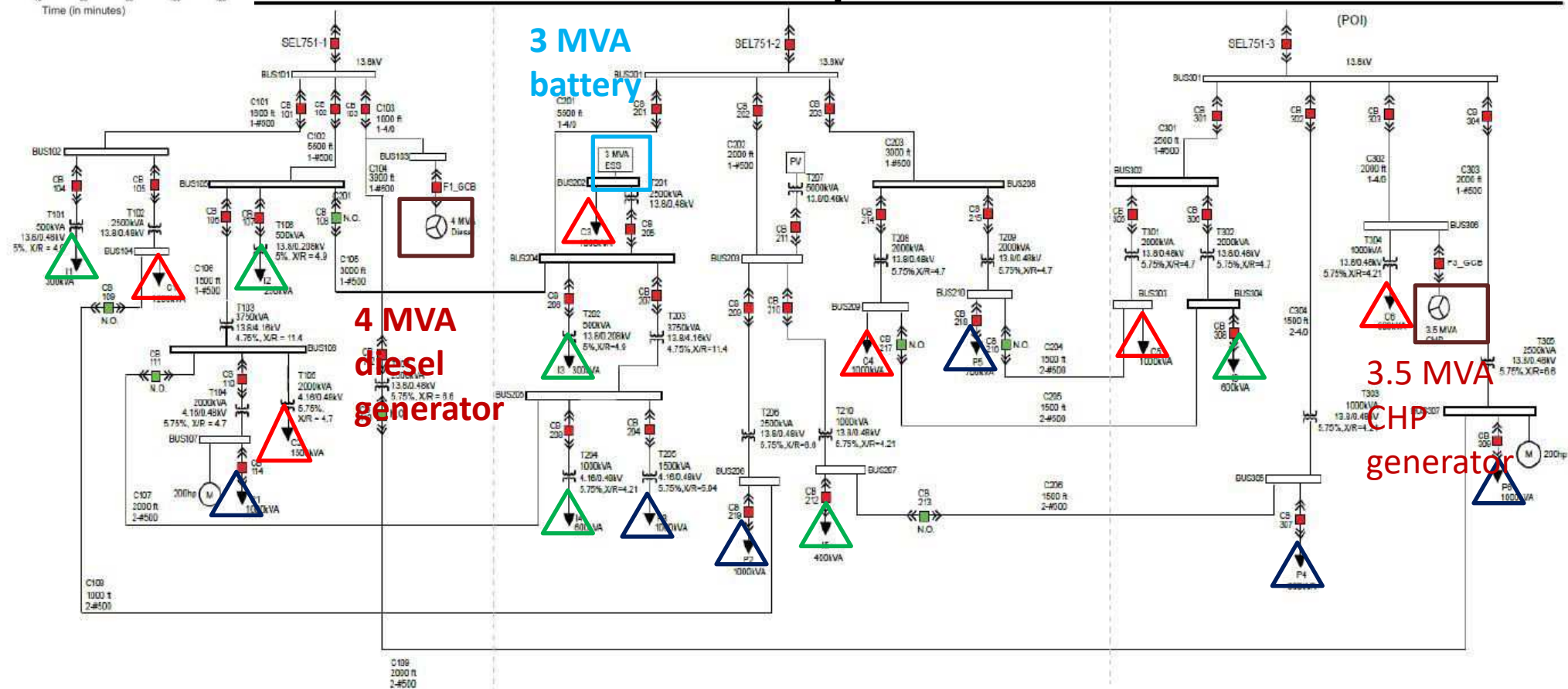


Effect of new technologies

Sample Load Profile



POINT OF INTERCONNECTION



Existing and emerging challenges/needs

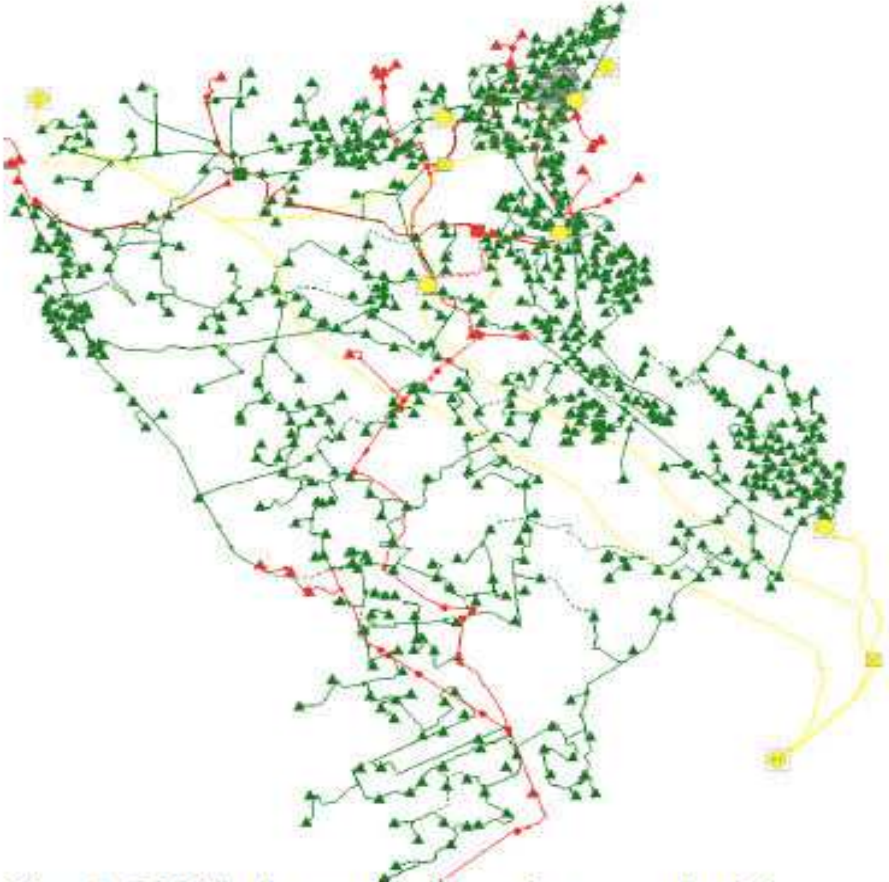


Figure 1 – Multi-level geographical network representation (sub-transmission at 60kV in yellow, and distribution at 30kV in red and 15kV in green).

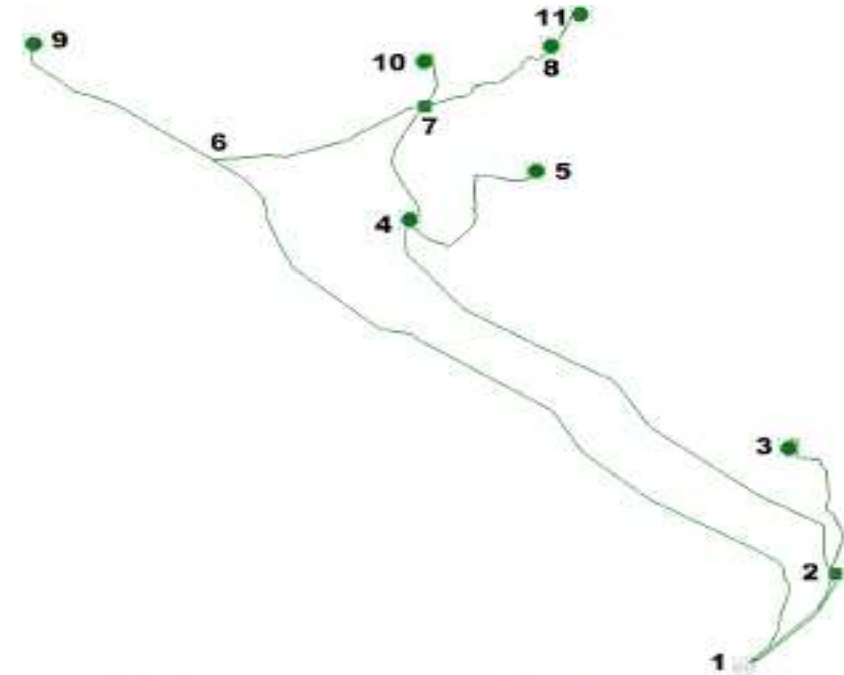


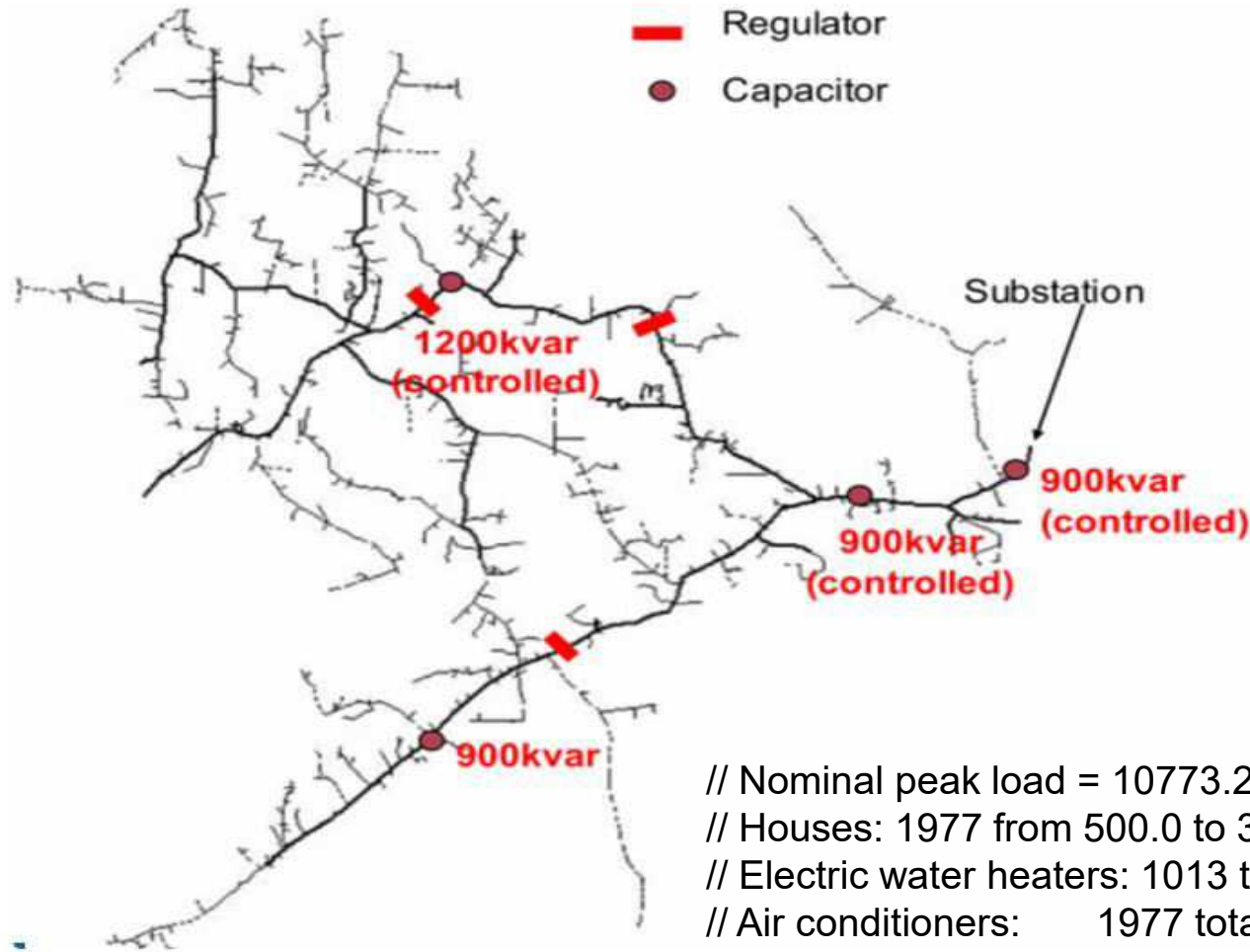
Figure 2 – Sub-transmission 60kV geographical network representation with current filter enabled (green means currents are below cable rating)

HOW TO ZOOM INTO CERTAIN LEVEL AND TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE EFFECT OF MANY OTHERS ?? **MULTI-LAYERED NETWORKS**

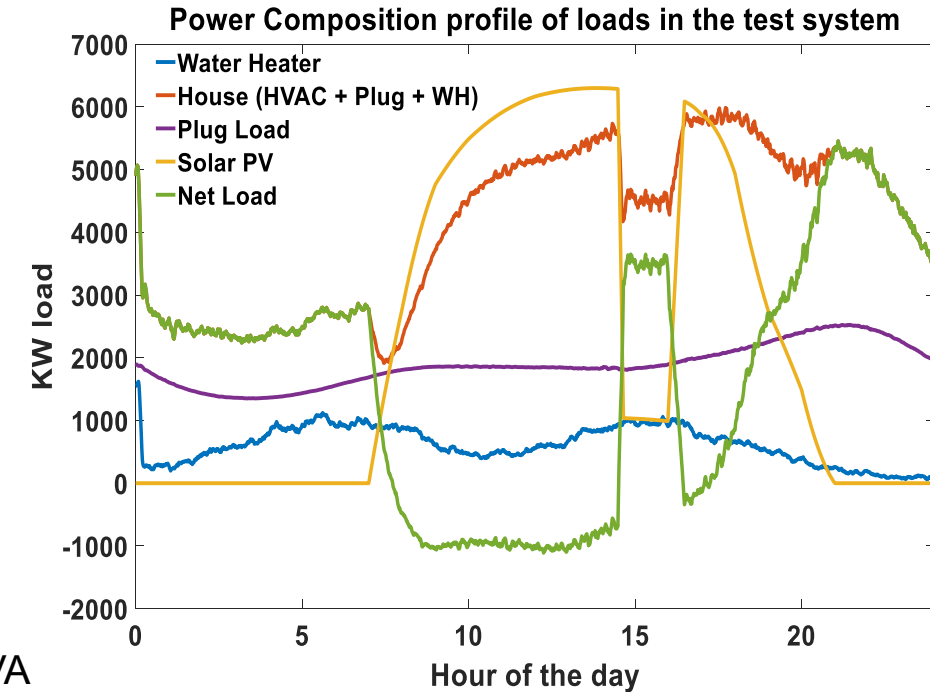
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MANAGING COMPLEXITY? SCALING UP?

8,500 test system



BASELINE INPUTS (EXOGENEOUS)



// Nominal peak load = $10773.2 + j2700.0$ kVA
// Houses: 1977 from 500.0 to 3500.0 sf, total area 3941782 sf
// Electric water heaters: 1013 totaling 4574.7 kW
// Air conditioners: 1977 totaling 26150.6 kW
// Solar: 1777 totaling 6755.2 kW
// Storage: 857 totaling 4285.0 kW
// Water heater load is resistive
// HVAC load ZIP=0.2,0.0,0.8 with variable power factor as input
// (the fan load ZIP=0.2534,0.7332,0.0135 and pf=0.96)
// Non-responsive ZIP load is input all constant current, pf=0.95

Holmberg, David, Martin Burns, Steven Bushby,
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Overall technical challenge

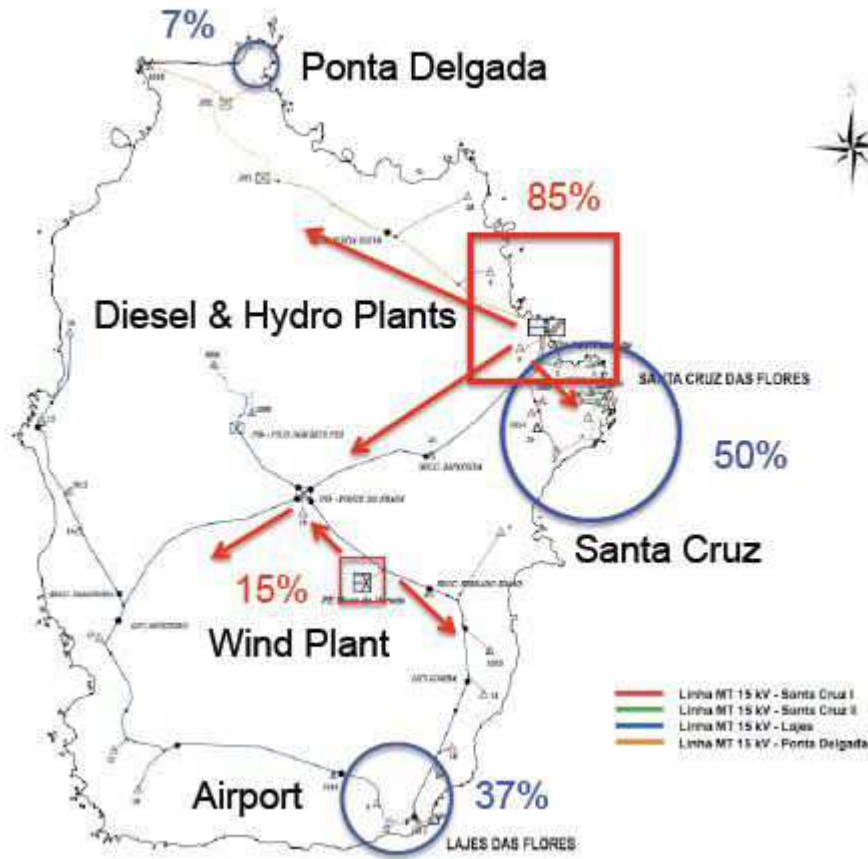
❖ **Need systematic tools to assess operating problems**

--*when and why the grid may not work—could trigger protection and cascading failures* (power cannot be delivered within given constraints; conditions sensitive/unstable w/r to input disturbances and model uncertainties)

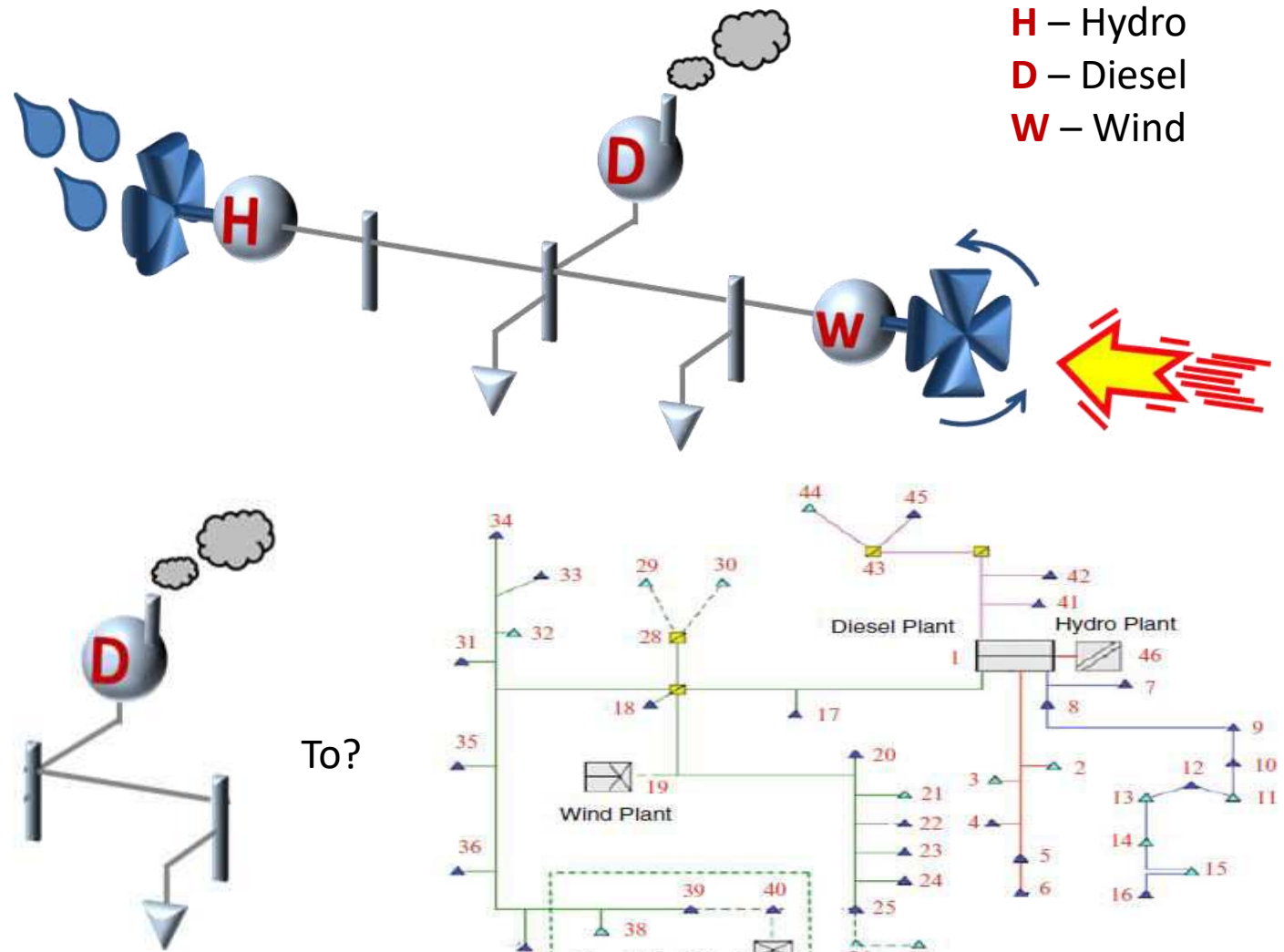
❖ **Must design control to manage technical problems**

- enhanced hierarchical control; fail/safe distributed coordination; protocols for coordination
- primary control capable of meeting specifications

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Effects of microgrid controller (AC OPF-based)

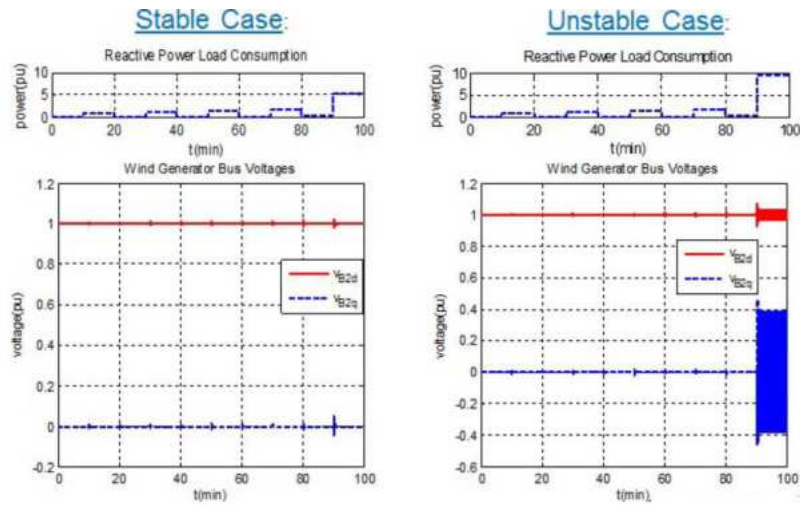


Fig. 12.5. Simulation results demonstrating that the reactive power set points are crucially important to the dynamic stability of the system

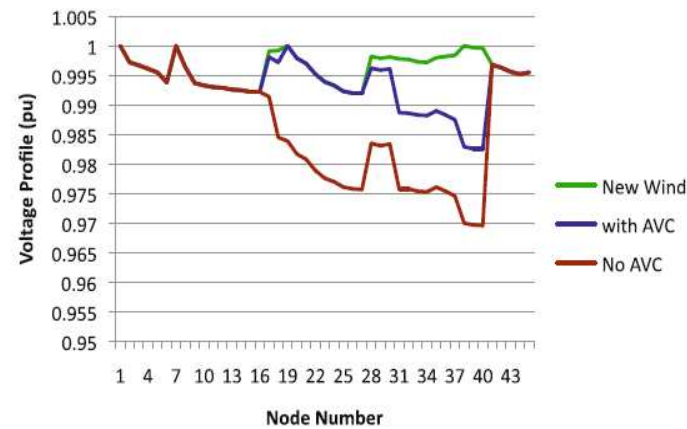


Fig. 12.6 Voltage profile of the island in three different scenarios

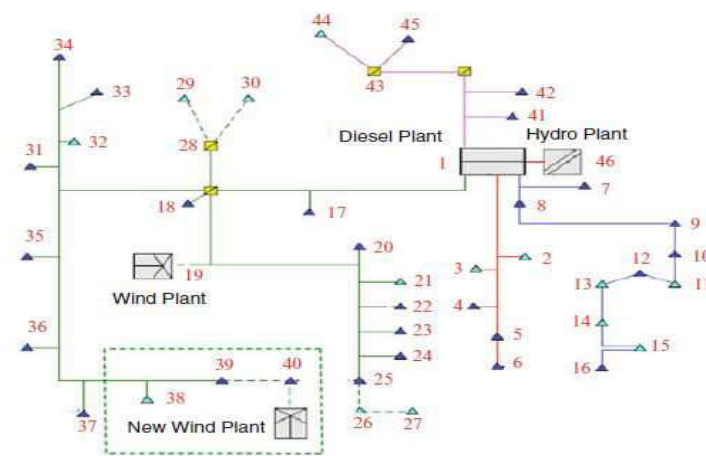


Fig. 13.2 Geographical distribution of load in Flores; the x-axis is the bus number 1–46; the y-axis is load in per unit (pu)

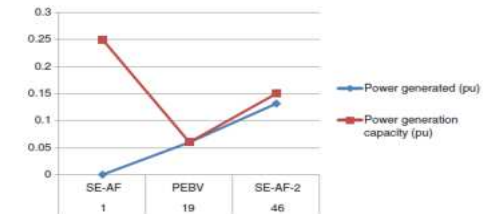


Fig. 13.3 Geographical distribution of optimal generation in Flores, wind power O&M cost 88 \$/MWh

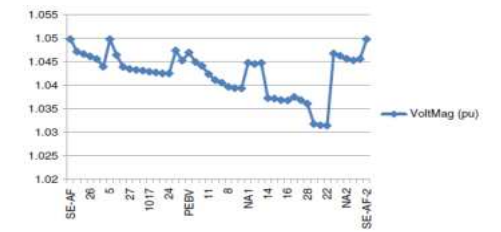


Fig. 13.4 Geographical distribution of optimized voltages in Flores, wind power O&M cost 88 \$/MWh

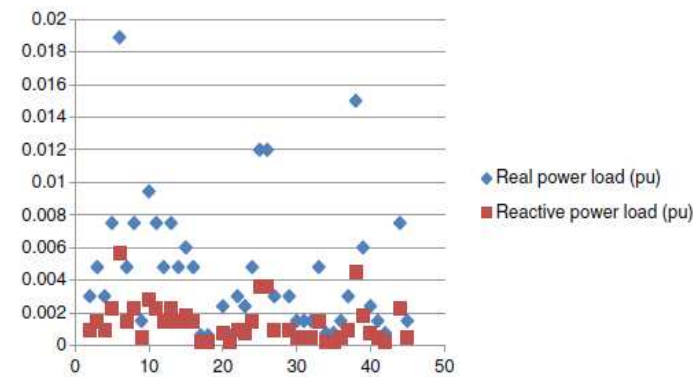


Fig. 13.5 Geographical distribution of LMPs in Flores; wind power O&M cost 88 \$/MWh

Potential to add PVs and support them with EVs

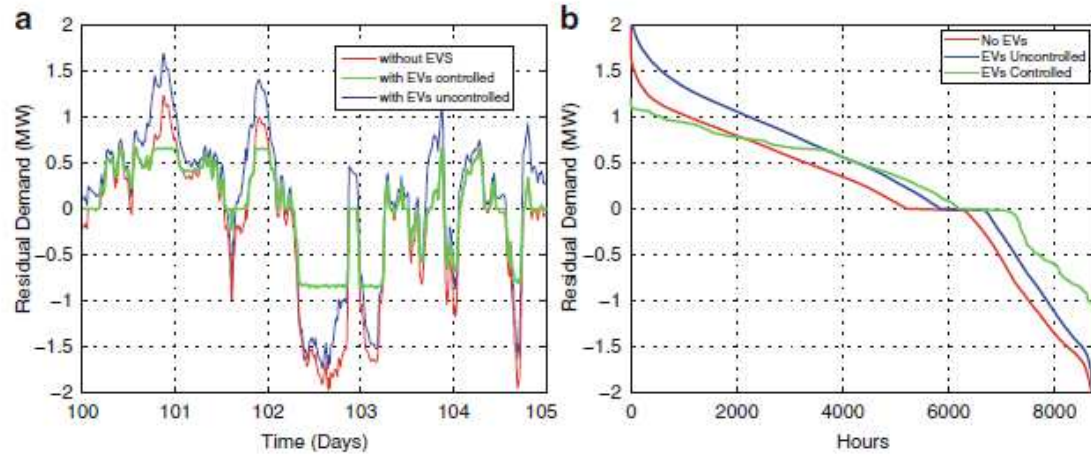


Fig. 11.9 Residual demand in three scenarios for the moderate wind and solar scenario and 1,000 EVs in a 5-day spring period (a) and the load duration curves (b)

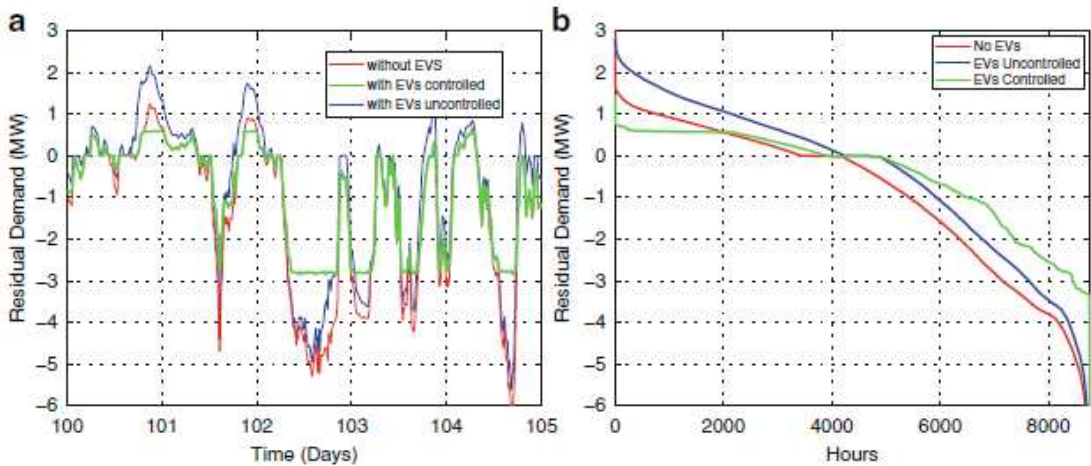


Fig. 11.11 Residual demand for the maximum wind and solar scenario and 2,000 EVs in a 5-day spring period (a) and the load duration curves (b)

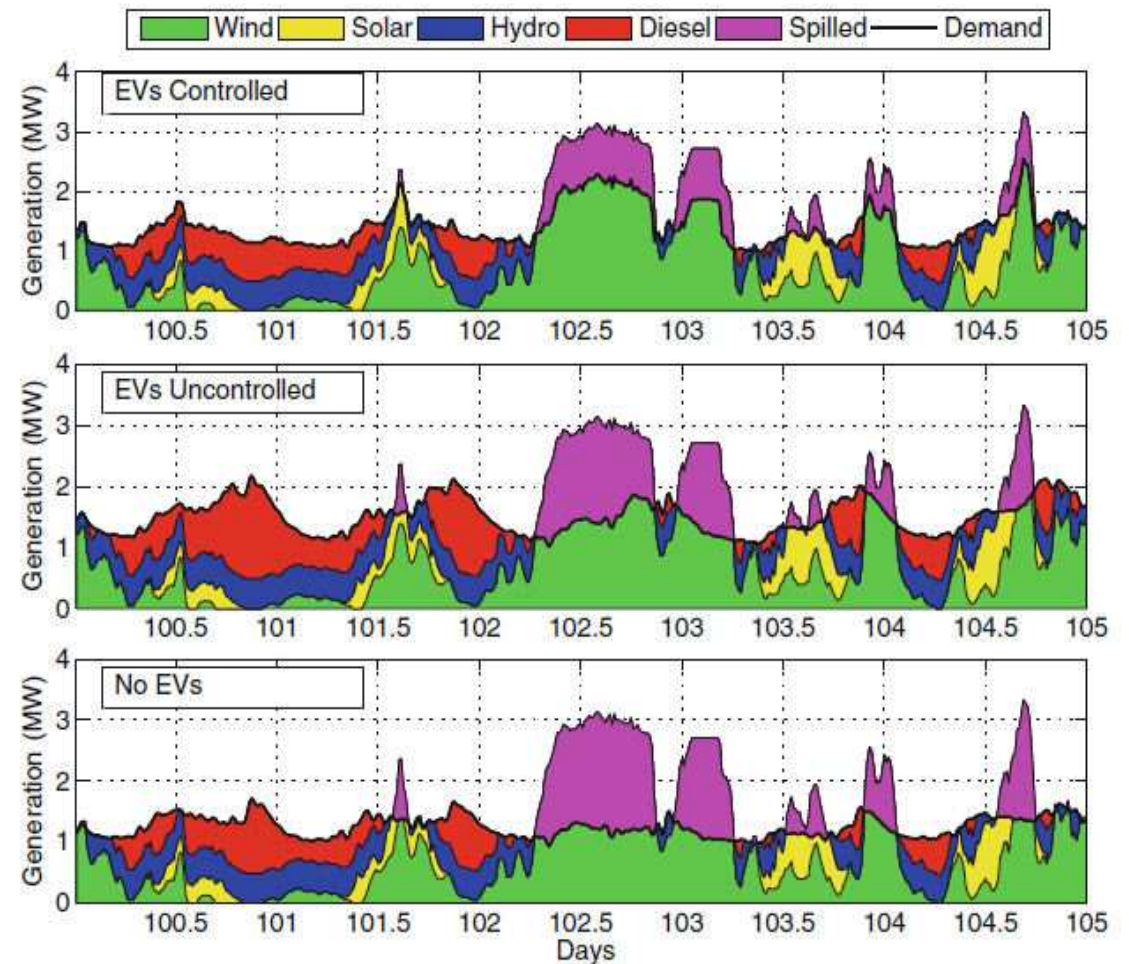


Fig. 11.10 Use of different generation types for a period in spring with 1,000 EVs in different scenarios for the case with moderate wind and solar

Major concern: Frequency regulation?

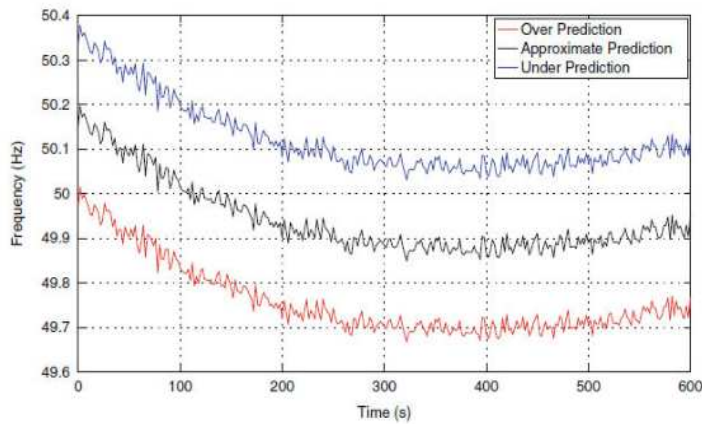


Fig. 14.3 Flores: persistent frequency deviations in the system

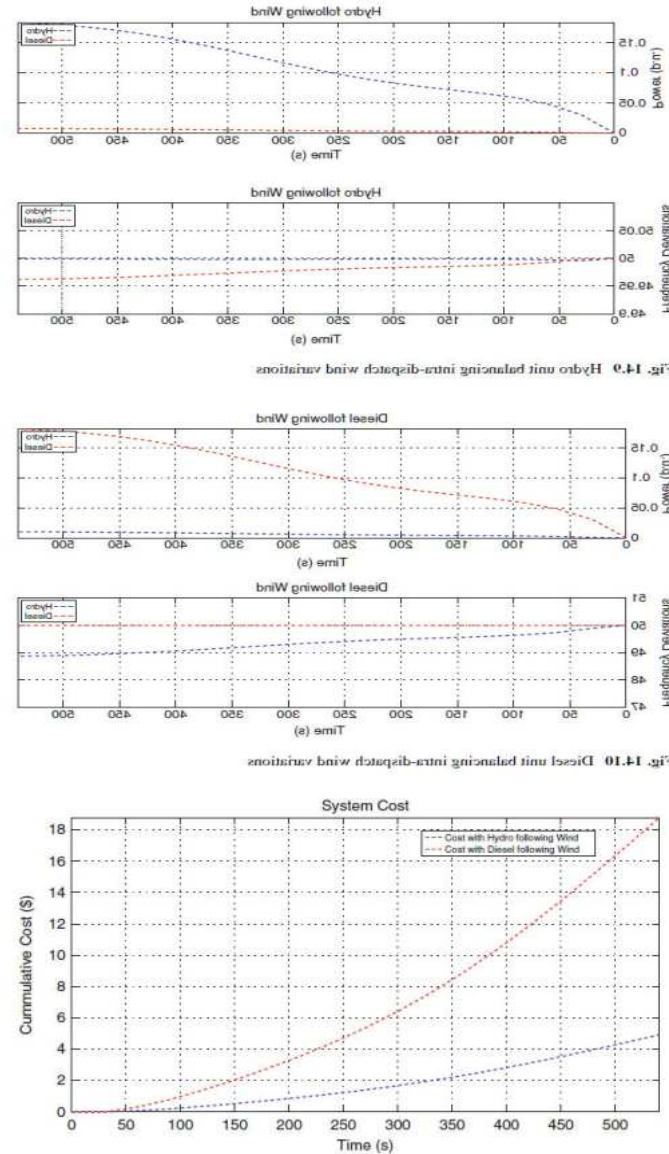
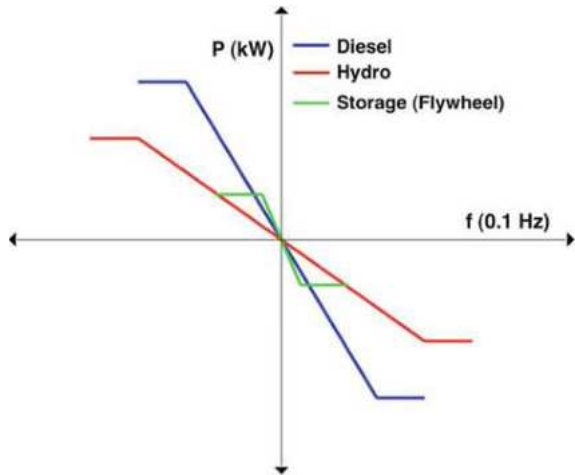


Fig. 14.14 Comparing cumulative cost over 10 min

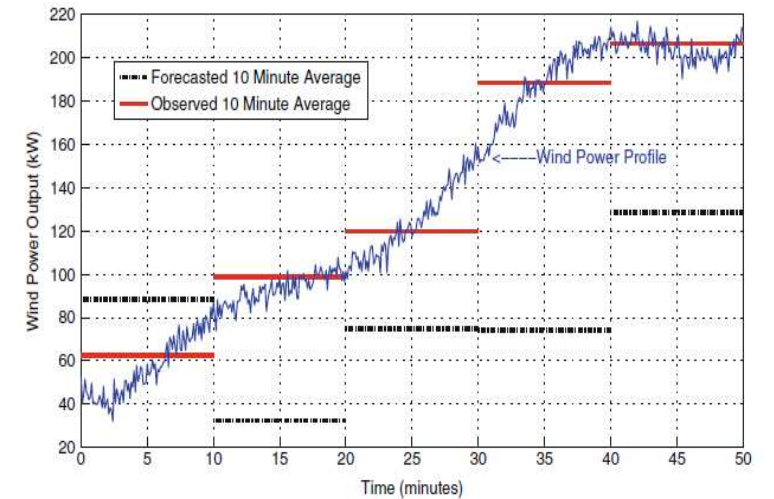
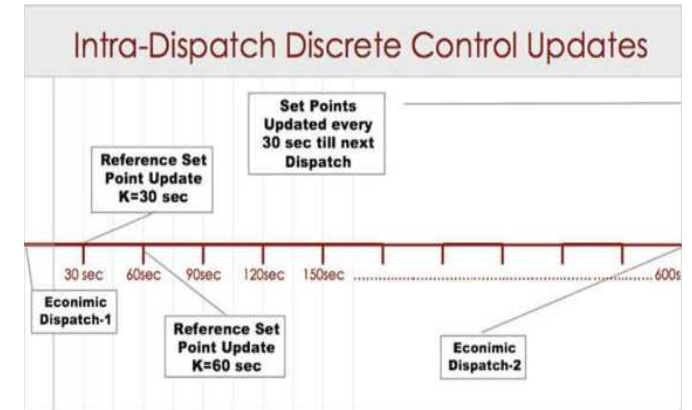


Fig. 14.1 10-Min ahead wind power forecast and actual wind power output

How to make it robust/small-signal stable?

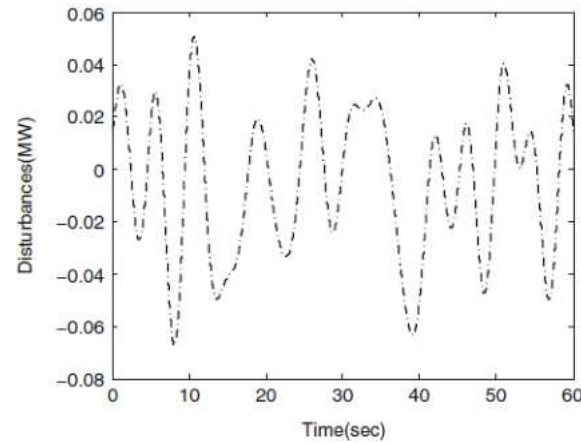


Fig. 15.7 Wind power disturbances under current penetration level

Table 15.1 Eigenvalues of the dynamic components

Generator components	Eigenvalues of the components
Diesel	$-0.03, -0.8238 \pm 9.867i$
Hydro	$0, -126.71, -1.3742, -0.0330, -0.4606$
Wind	$0, -0.0215$

Table 15.2 Eigenvalues of the dynamic components with a flywheel as local control

Generator components	Eigenvalues of the components
Diesel	$-0.03, -0.8349 \pm 9.867i$
Hydro	$0, -126.7109, -1.3741, -0.0447, -0.4606$
Wind	$0, -0.1288$

Table 15.3 Eigenvalues of the interconnected system

	Eigenvalues
Interconnected Flores system without local flywheel	$0.03 \pm 32.73i, -126.71, -0.65 \pm 9.83, -0.17 \pm 2.86i, -0.03, -1.39, -0.46$
Interconnected Flores system with local flywheel	$0.07 \pm 32.73i, -126.71, -0.67 \pm 9.83, -0.18 \pm 2.87i, -0.03, -1.39, -0.46$

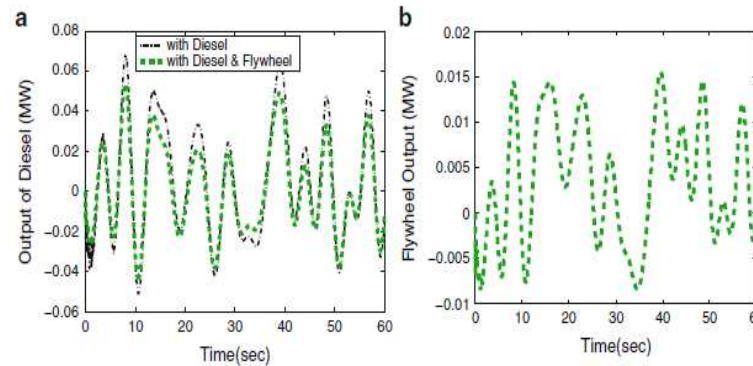
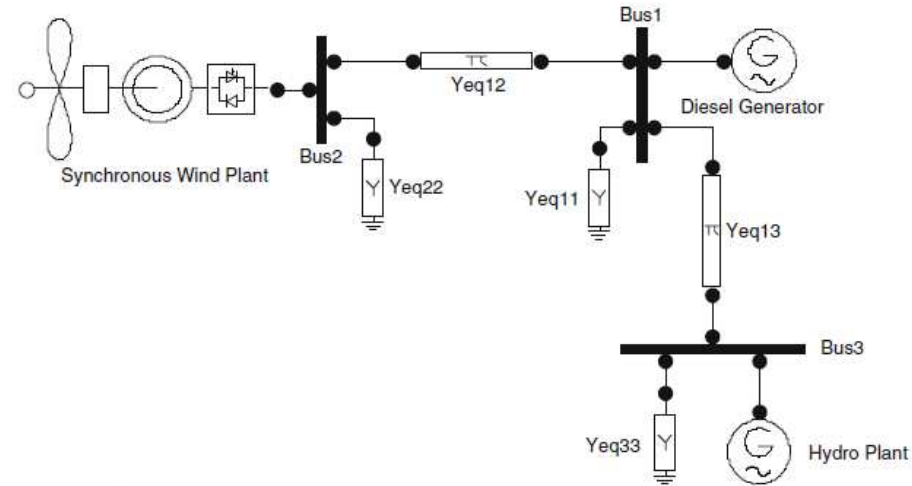


Fig. 15.9 Output of diesel and flywheel in response to frequency deviations, Case 1: system with synchronous wind generator. (a) Output of diesel generator. (b) Output of flywheel

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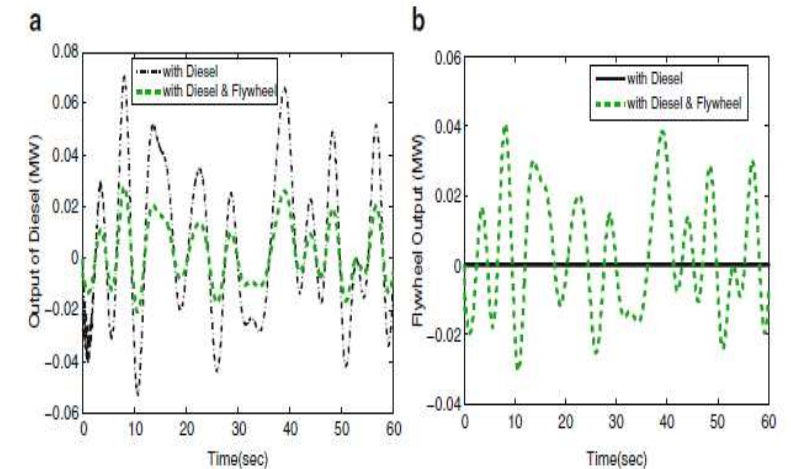


Fig. 15.11 Output of diesel and flywheel in response to frequency deviations, Case 2: system with negative load wind generator. (a) Output of diesel generator. (b) Output of flywheel

Transient stabilization in systems with wind power –SVC

Potential of Nonlinear Fast Power-Electronically-Switched Storage

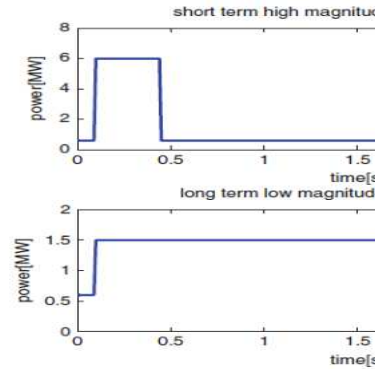
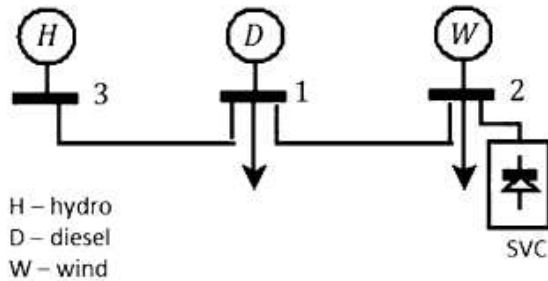


Fig. 19.2 Wind disturbances simulated in the Flores e

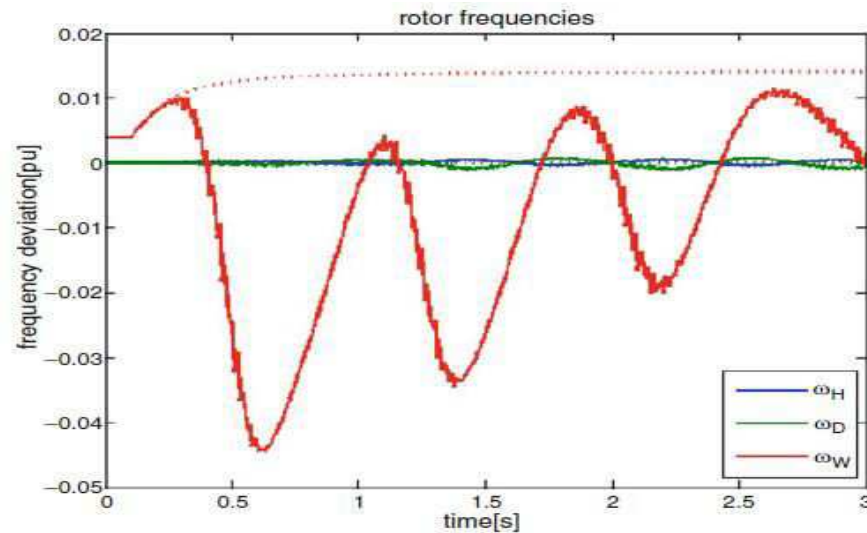


Fig. 19.16 Mechanical frequency of all generators in the system during a long-term low-magnitude wind perturbation: (a) *dashed* (without control on the SVC), (b) *solid* (with control on the SVC)

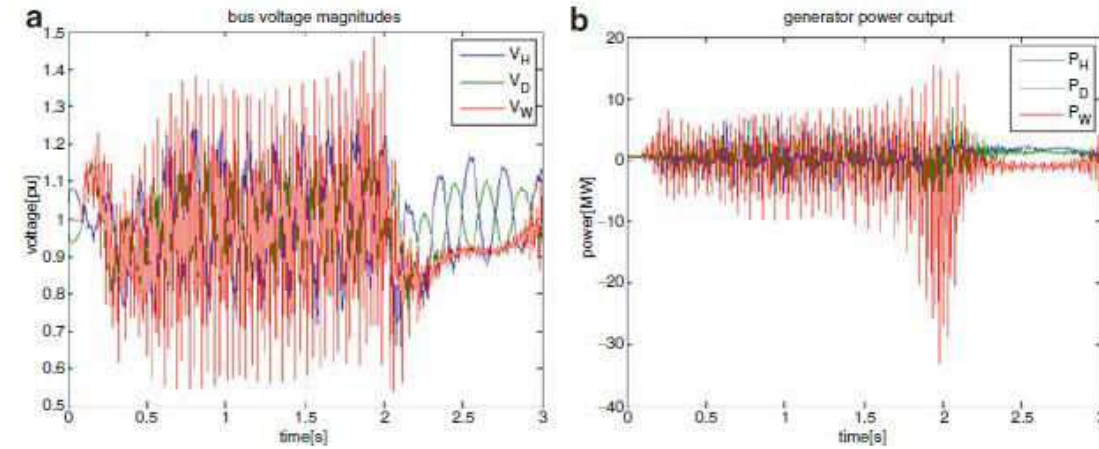


Fig. 19.14 (a) Voltage on the buses and (b) the electric power output of the generators if the system is controlled by the proposed energy-based controller

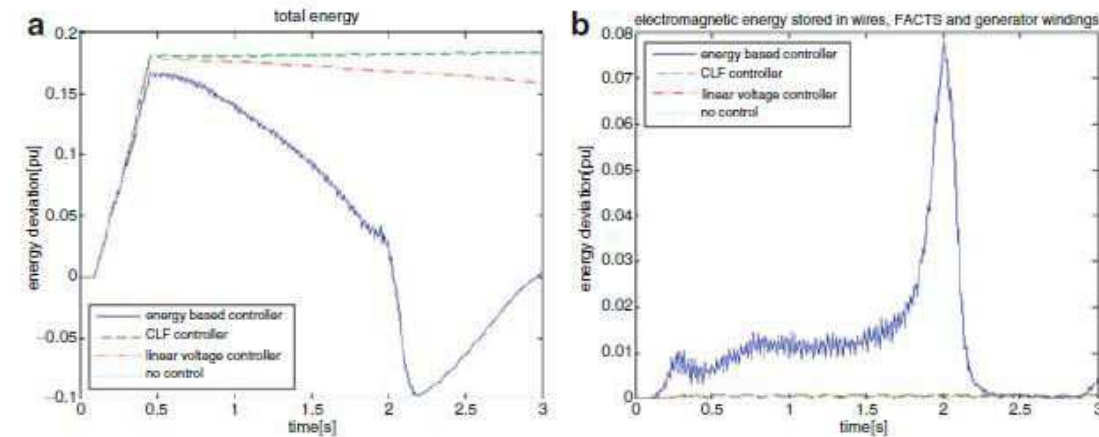


Fig. 19.15 (a) Total accumulated energy and (b) total accumulated electromagnetic energy in a system controlled by different controllers

Transient stabilization using flywheels

Concept of Sliding Mode Control Applied to a Flywheel

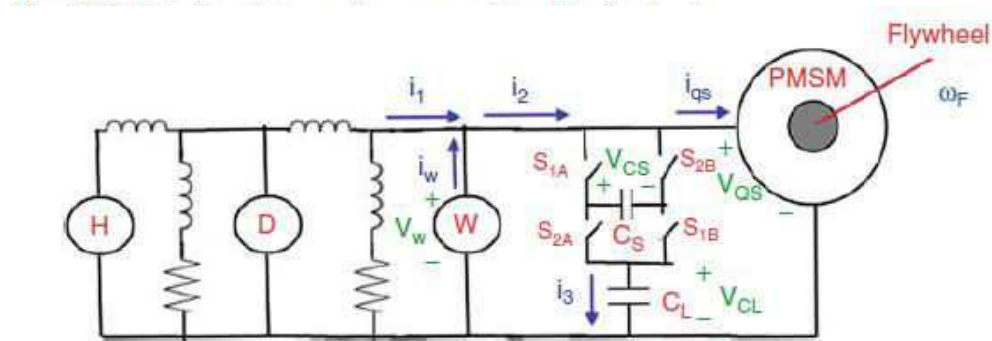
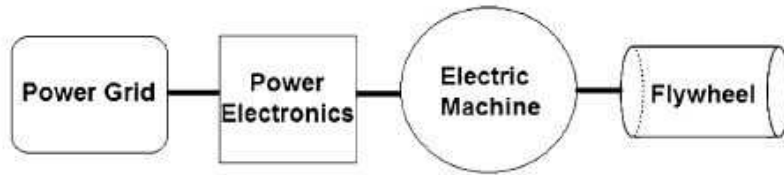


Fig. 19.34 Full diagram connecting the flywheel to Flores

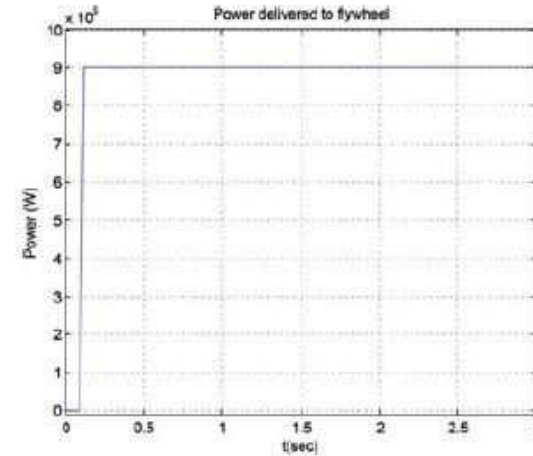


Fig. 19.32 Power delivered to the flywheel in re

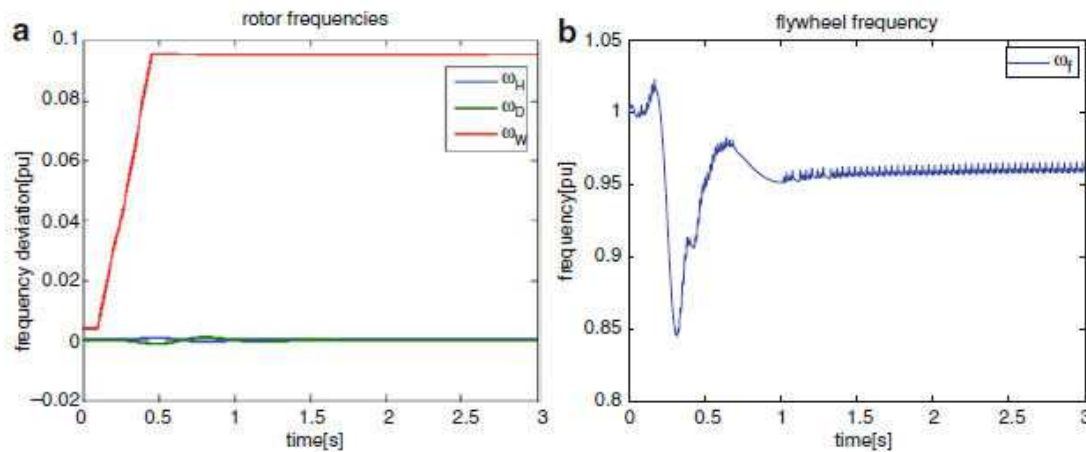
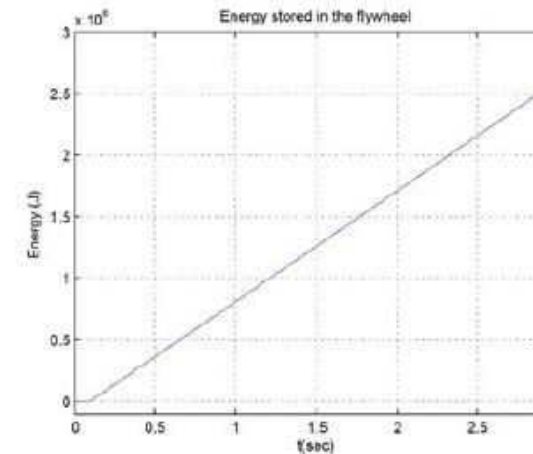


Fig. 19.35 Frequency of (a) the hydro, diesel, and wind generators, and (b) the flywheel, in the Flores system

The key role of grid reconfiguration to use DERs for reliable and resilient service

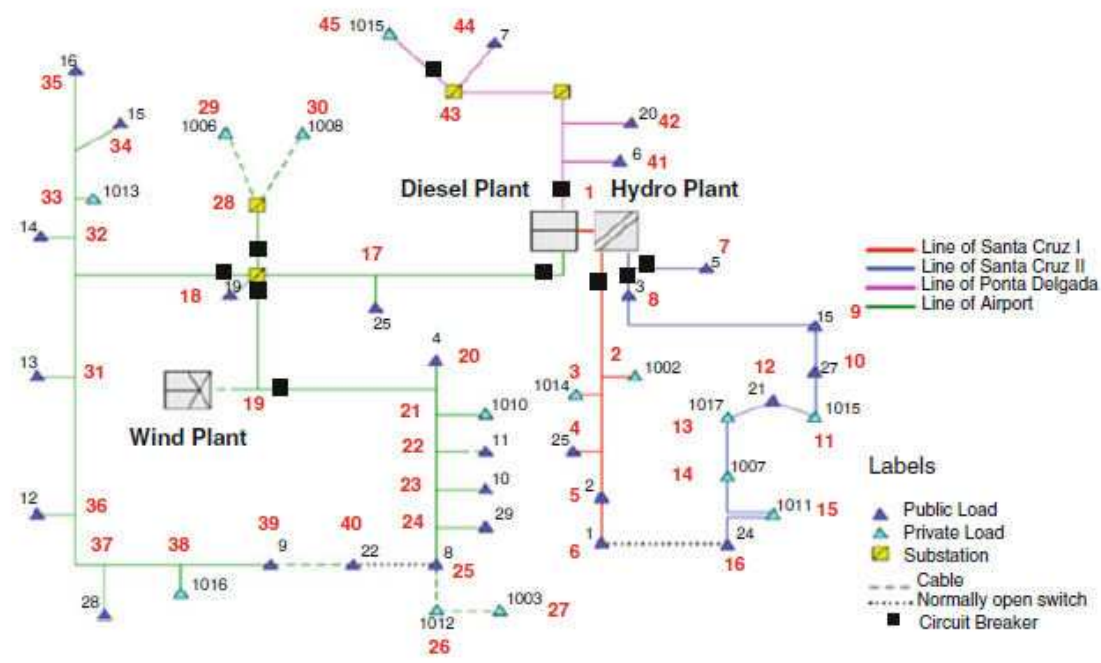


Fig. 18.1 The distribution system on the island of Flores

Toward Reconfigurable Smart Distribution Systems for Differentiated Reliability of Service

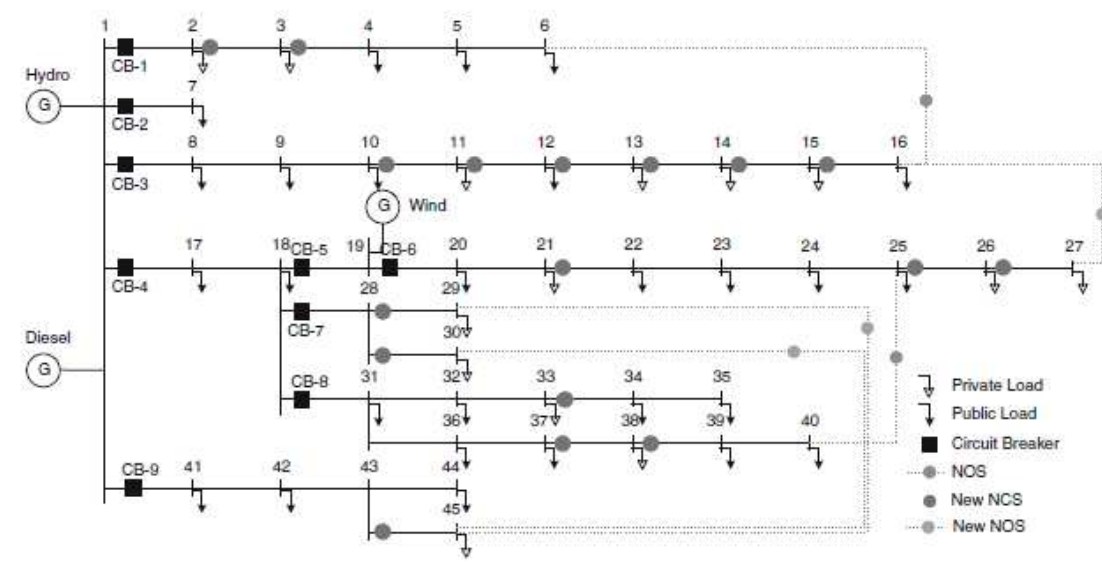
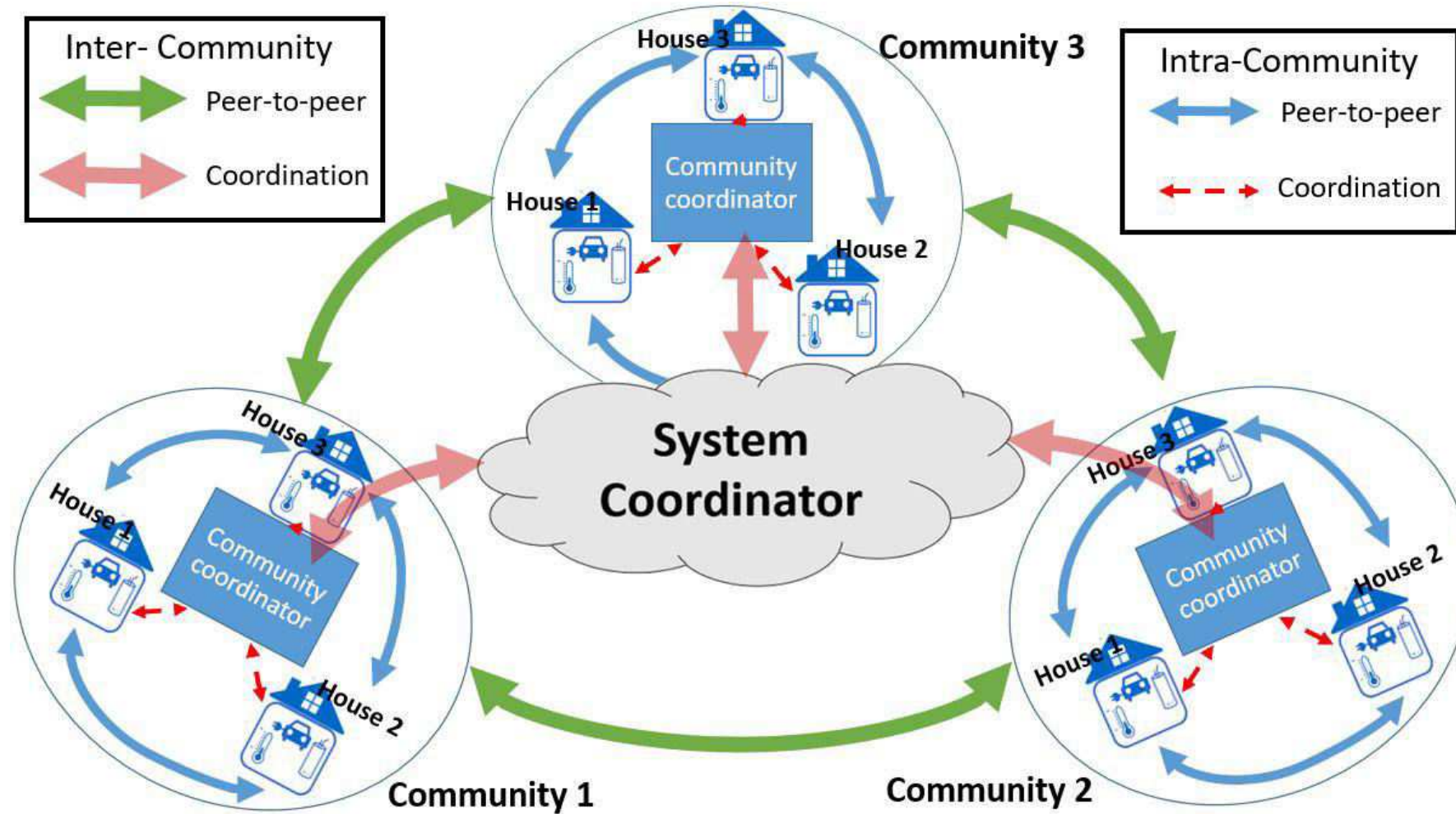


Fig. 18.4 The locations to install NCSs and NOSs

Table 18.1 Comparison of total costs between the original and modified system

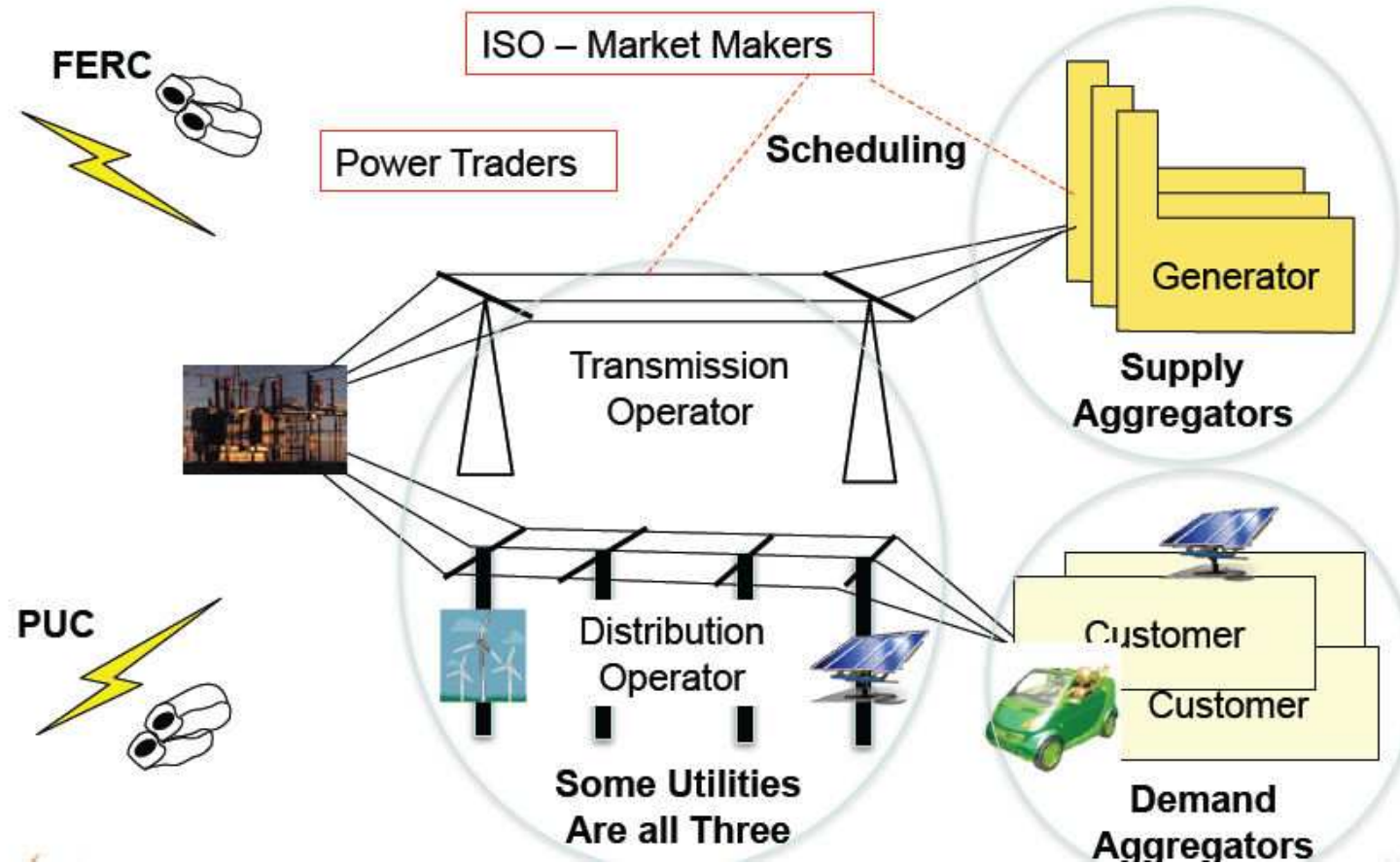
	Original system	Modified system
No. of installed switches	0	20
Switch cost	0	20×\$5,000 = \$100,000
Total interruption cost	\$67,709/year × 10 year = \$677,090	\$16,585/year × 10 year = \$165,850
Total cost	\$677,090	\$265,850

Smart communities



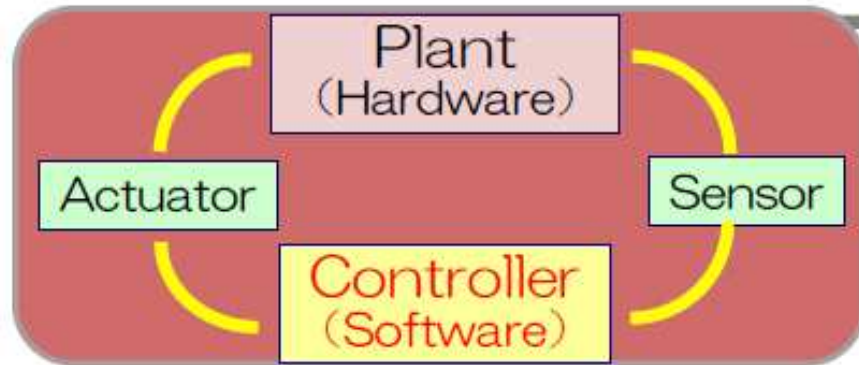
Today's operations technology (OT) and information technology (IT)

Contextual complexity



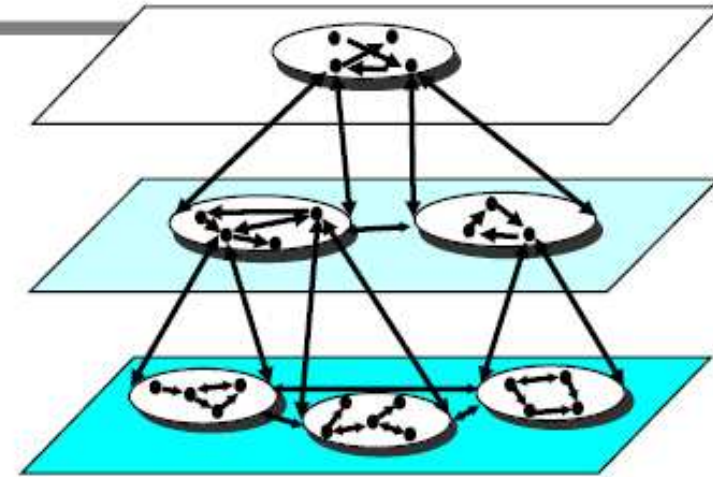
Next generation IT/OT for energy systems(Japan)

① Feedback



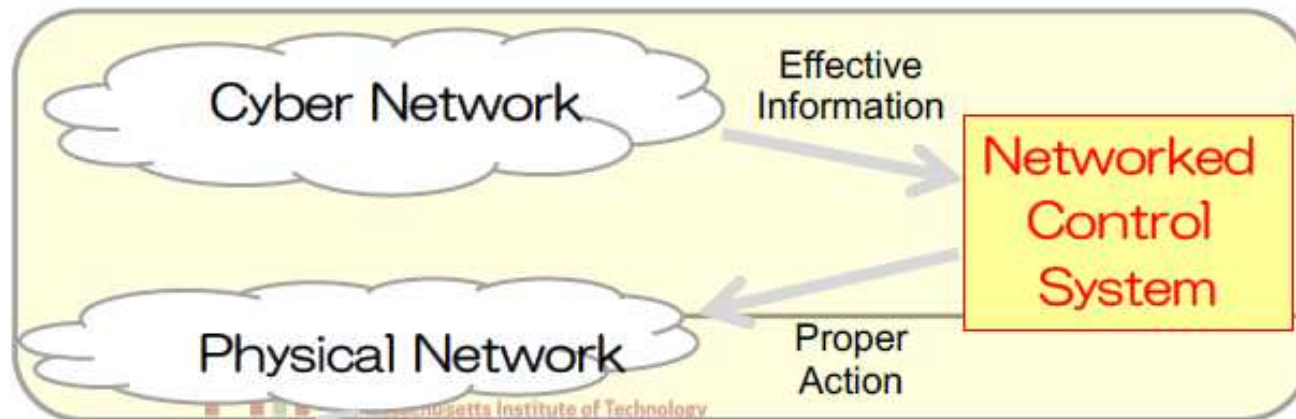
Feedback System

③ Hierarchy (SoS)



Interactive iBAs

② Hybrid (CPNS)



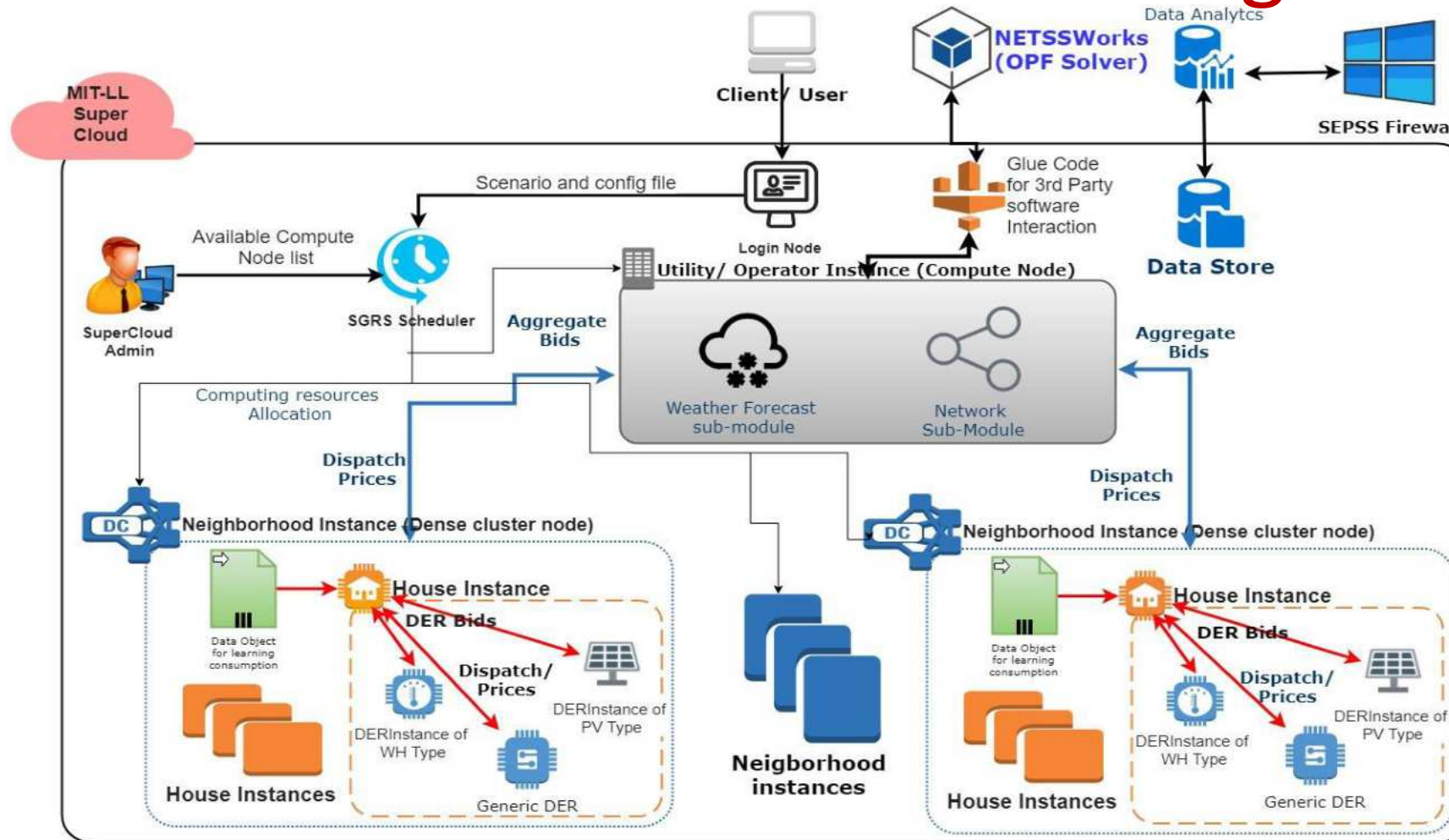
**Cyber
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Scalable Electric Power System Simulator (SEPSS) evolving into Dynamic Monitoring and Decision Systems (DyMonDS) Digital Twin

- ❑ Over the past > 10 years, SEPSS has been used to simulate both stochastic and deterministic Adaptive Load management (ALM).
- ❑ More recently, SGRS-enabled SEPSS was used in collaboration with MIT-LL to simulate microgrids and their participation in transactive energy markets (TEM).
- ❑ Recent particular use of SEPSS has been in collaboration with Pecan Street, Inc under ARPA-E project on synthetic regulating reserves (SRRs) by DERs. This can be thought of as an example of TEM supporting ancillary services provision.
- ❑ We have also shown fundamental need for voltage dispatch market signals to ensure reliable operation.
- ❑ We have shown in collaboration with MIT-LL potential benefits from advanced power inverter control for enabling reliable integration of PVs and EVs.

The most unique feature of our framework is its fundamental architecture modeled as complex interactive dynamical system.

MIT demonstration of TEM using SEPSS*



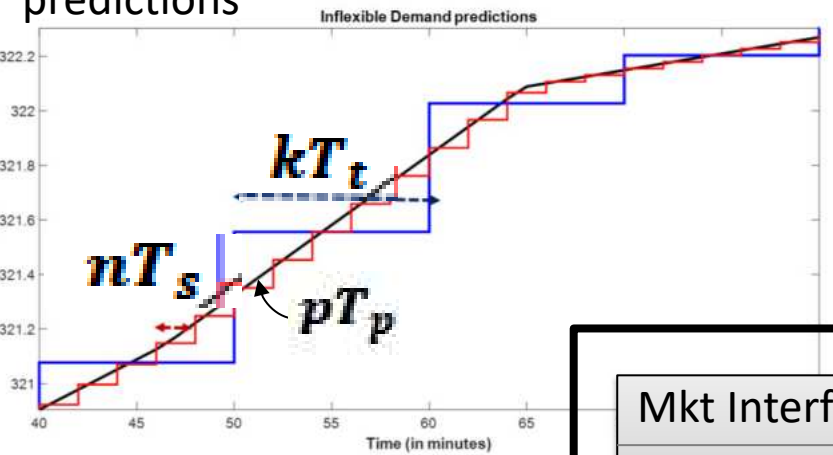
- Based on DyMonDS framework—agents with embedded decision making interacting through well-defined binding information exchange
- A scalable platform aligning embedded spatial and temporal hierarchies with the computer architecture
- Third party software (NETSSWorks) integrated to exploit its voltage optimization capability in its OPF problem
- SGRS scheduler utilized to initiate the simulation, eliminating the need for having a co-simulation master program

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Communication Framework-Dependent Economic and Physical Outcomes

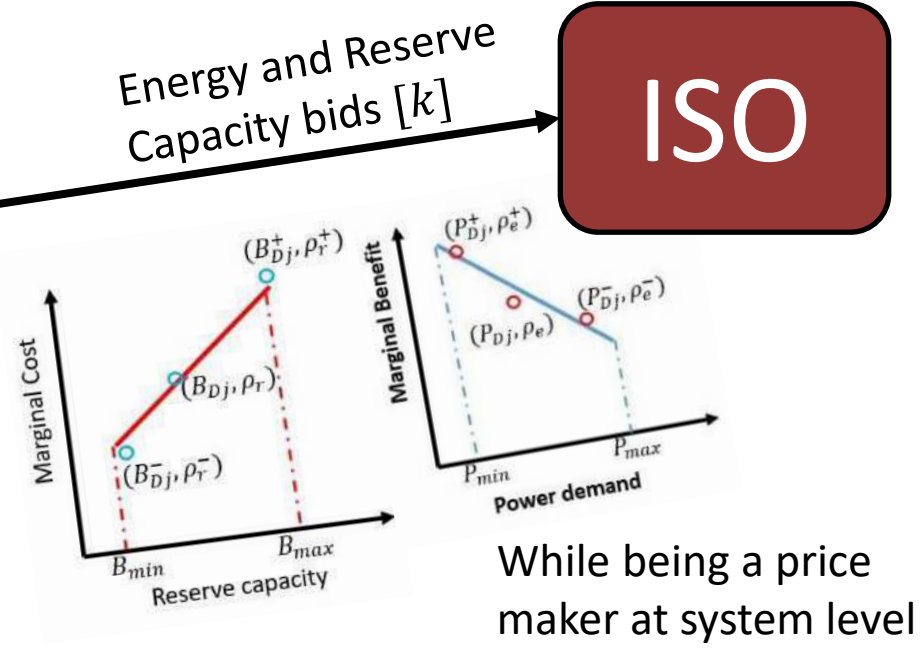
Problem Posing:

Given NODES Level inflexible demand predictions

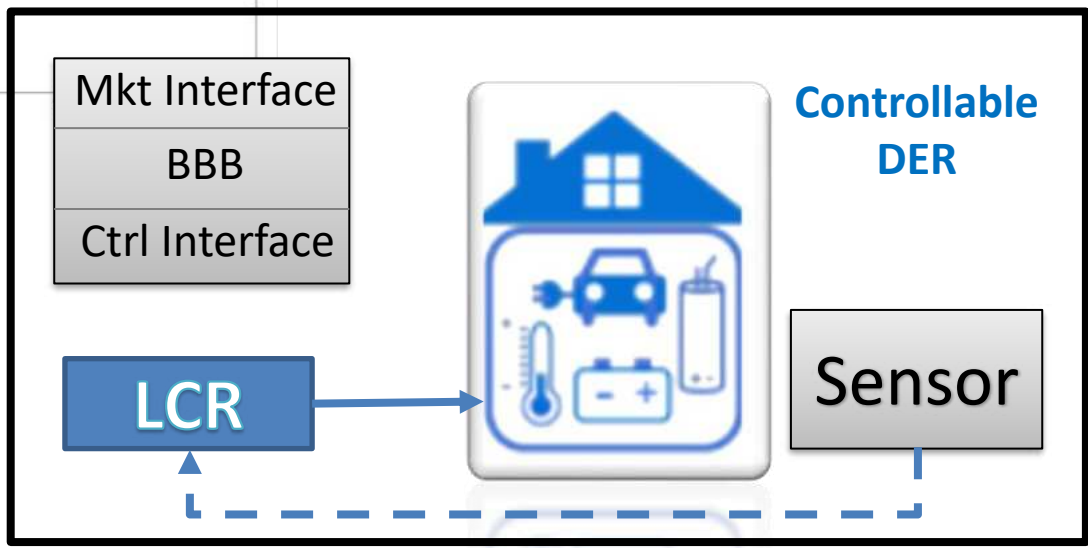


Coordinate controllable DERs and acquire sufficient reserves

NODES



While being a price maker at system level



To meet performance specifications on SRRs

Communication Framework-Dependent Economic and Physical Outcomes

Approach 1:

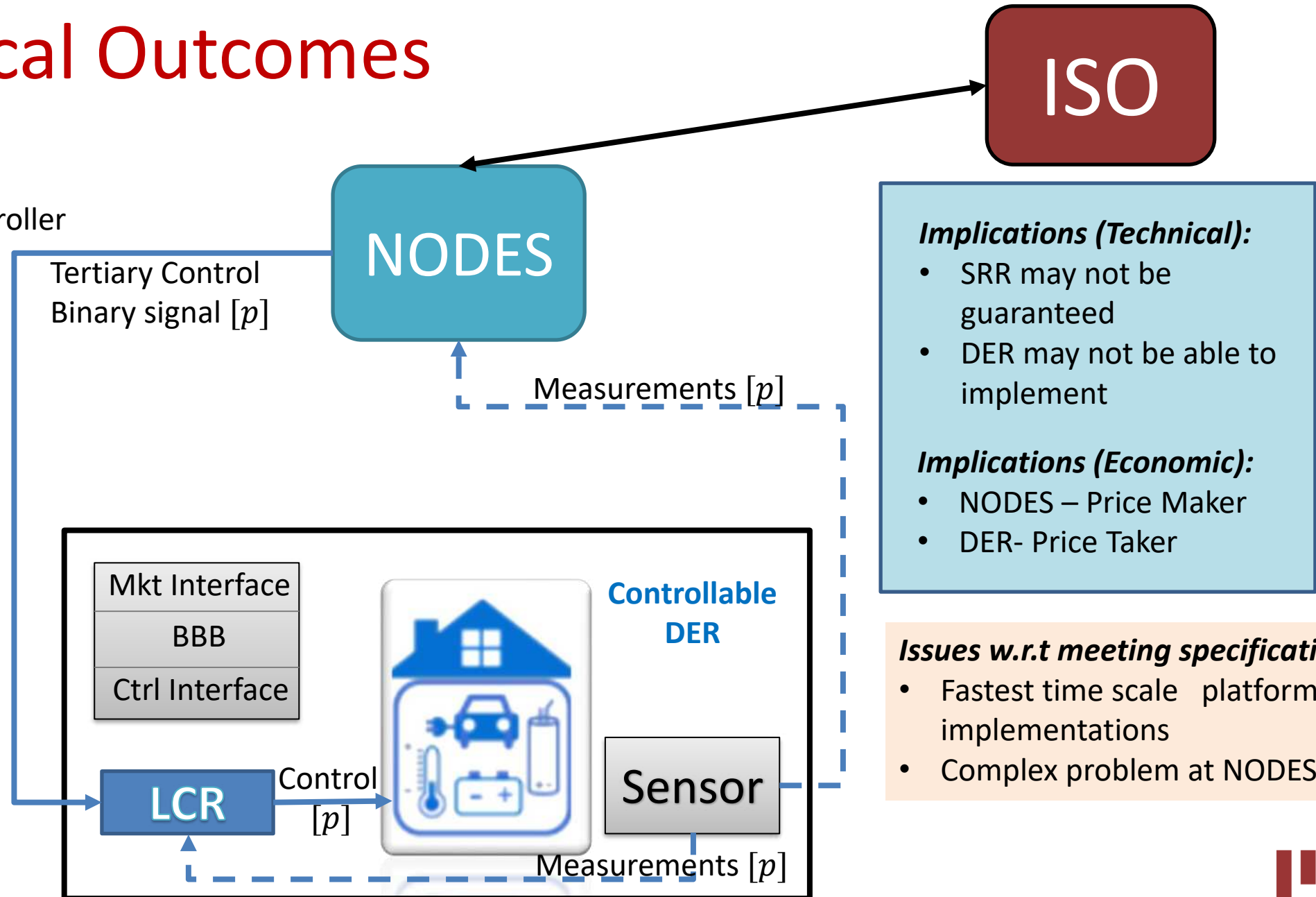
NODES as a Master Controller

Complex optimization solved through **MINLP** or queuing theory based

Simplifications:

- Relaxation
- Empirical DER models and approximations

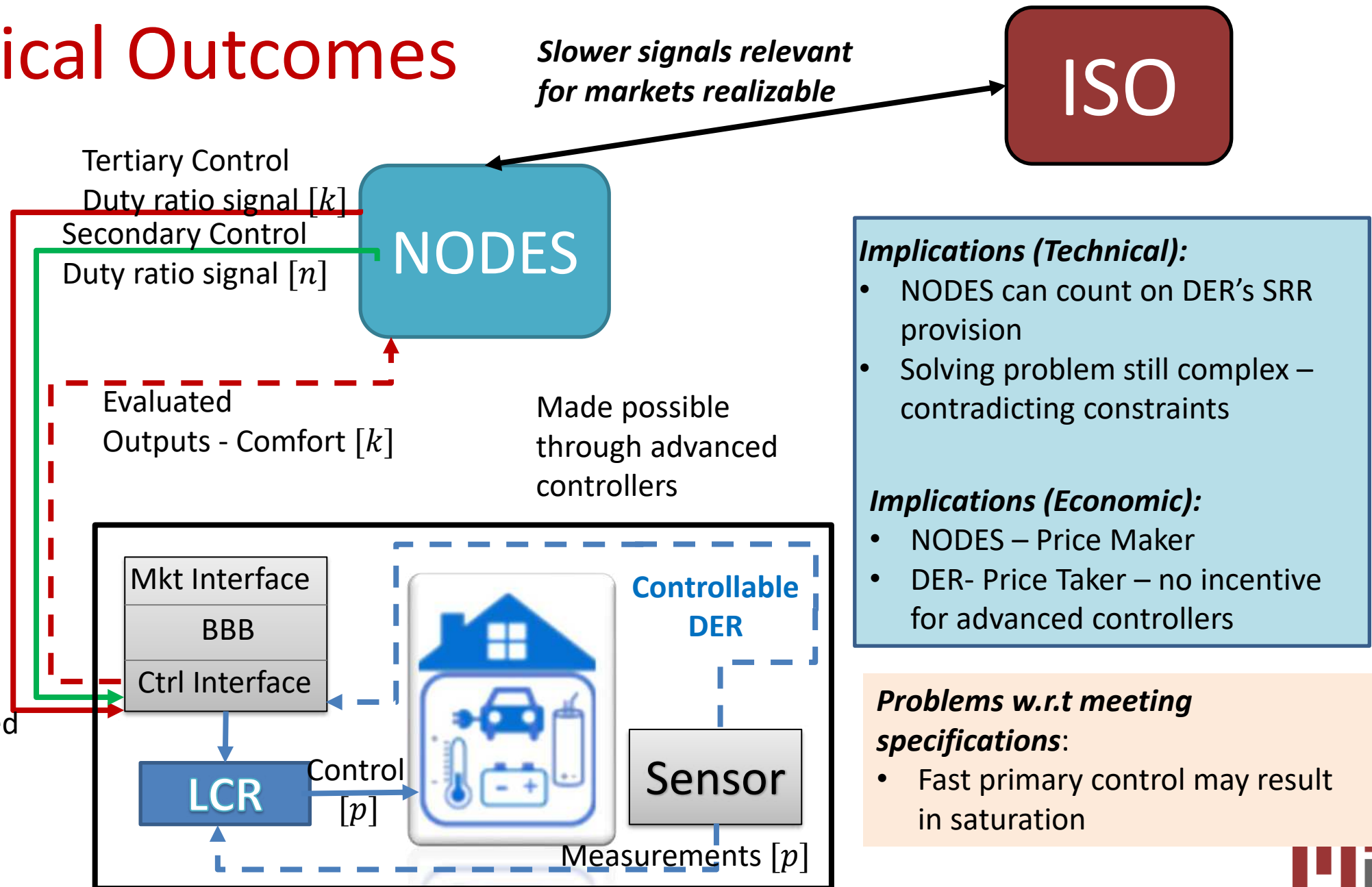
Most Common Approach



Communication Framework-Dependent Economic and Physical Outcomes

Approach 2:

NODES as a master Controller with DER physics internalized



Fast sensor measurements utilized to compensate non-linearities

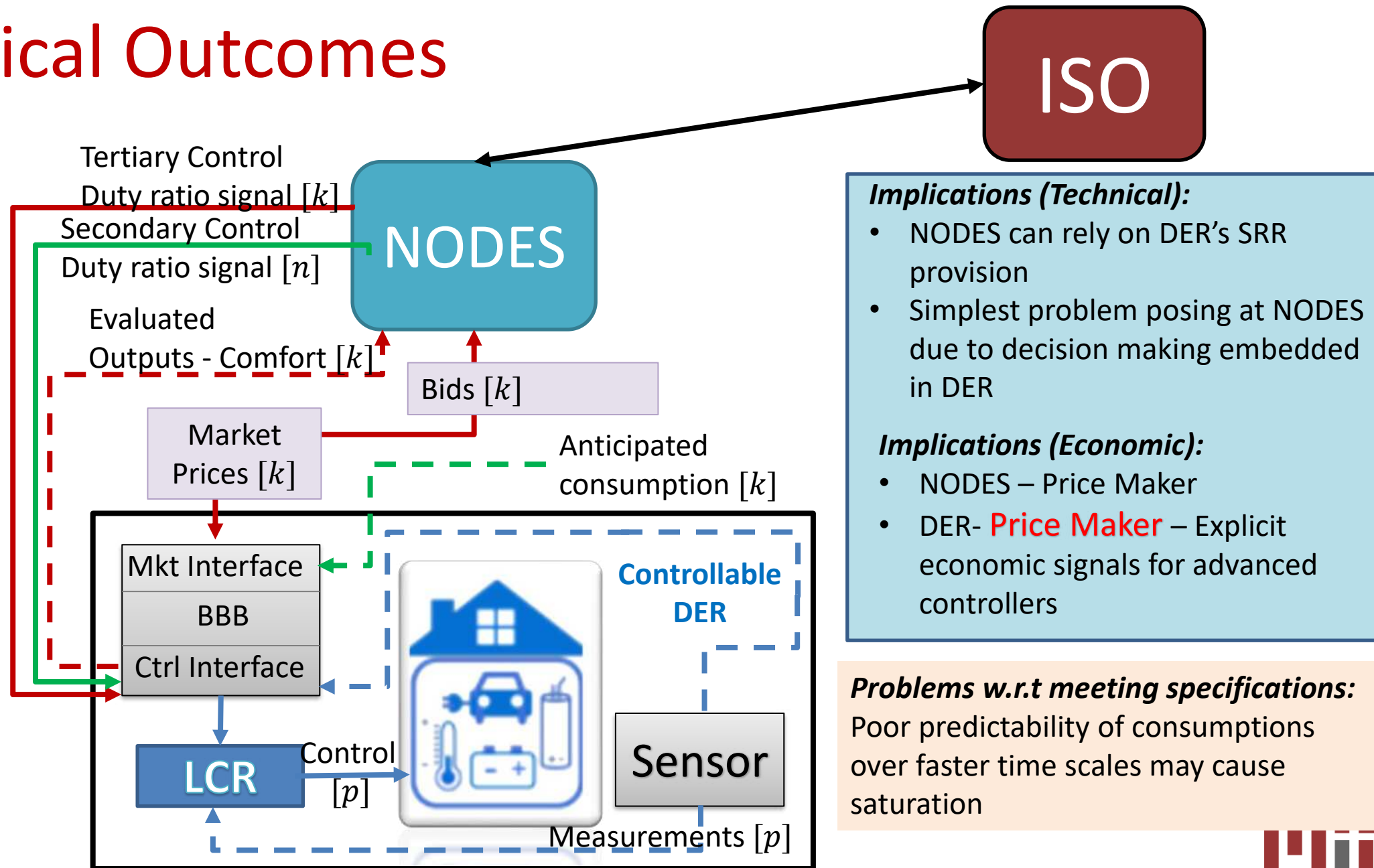
Communication Framework-Dependent Economic and Physical Outcomes

Approach 3:

DyMonDS-
NODES and DER
distributed decision
makers

Market Interface of
BBB now is involved
in DER decision
making

Slower signals
relevant for
markets realizable



Implications (Technical):

- NODES can rely on DER's SRR provision
- Simplest problem posing at NODES due to decision making embedded in DER

Implications (Economic):

- NODES – Price Maker
- DER- **Price Maker** – Explicit economic signals for advanced controllers

Problems w.r.t meeting specifications:

Poor predictability of consumptions over faster time scales may cause saturation



Different SRR Implementation Platforms:

Impact on Meeting Performance Specifications

Approach	Economic	Technical
1	Price Taker	Not realizable
2	Price Taker	Claiming/ not claiming feasibility
3	Price Maker	Claiming feasibility

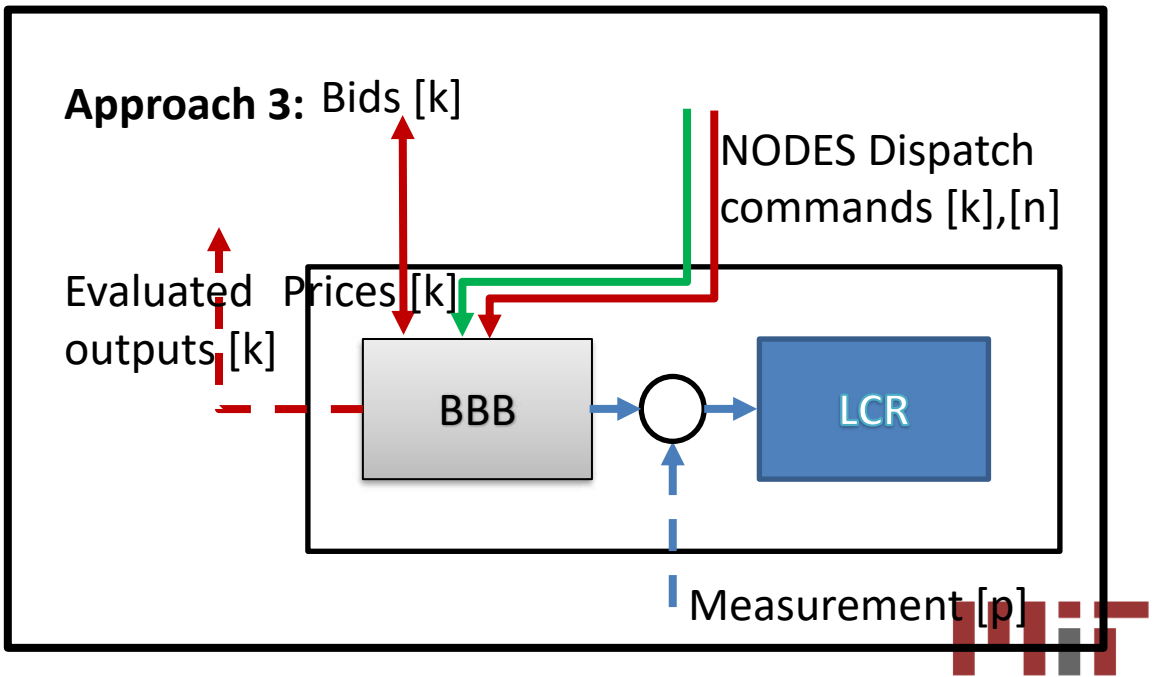
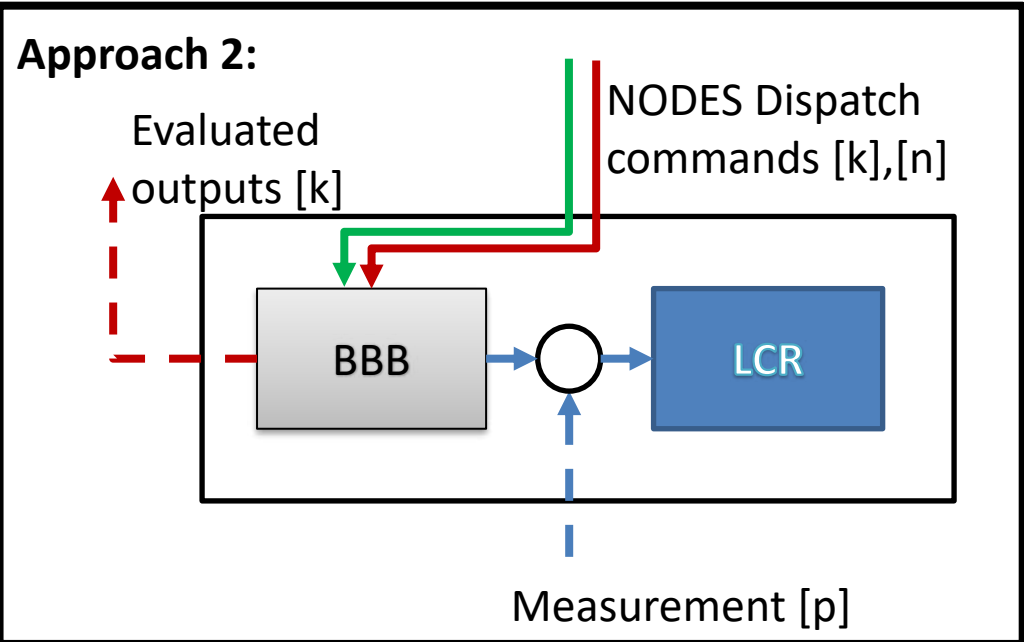
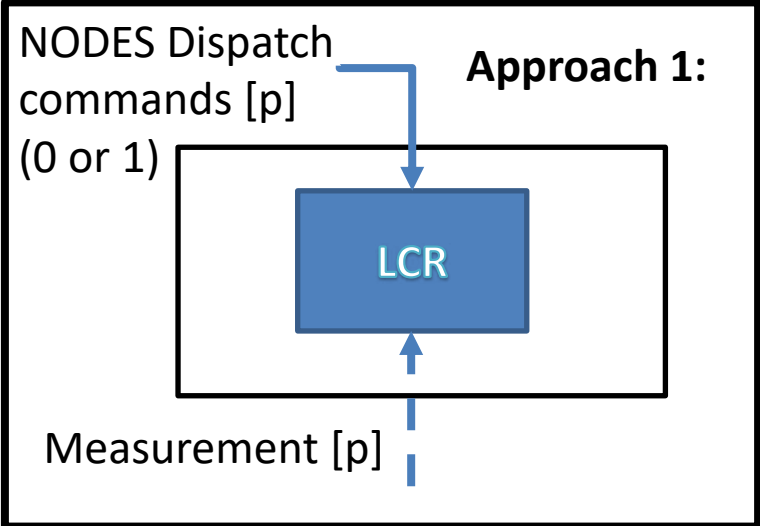
- DER-specific knowledge and its decisions are critical
- Internalizing fast dynamics at component level is important
- DERs' opting out explicitly at value in ***Approach 3 (Inelastic load)***
- **DyMonDS-based Scalable Electric Power System Simulator (SEPSS) – MIT general cloud platform**

Composite Component Control

$$u[p] = u_{CC}[p] + u_{SRR}[n] + u_{EM}[k]$$

$$s.t. \ u_{min} \leq u[p] \leq u_{max}$$

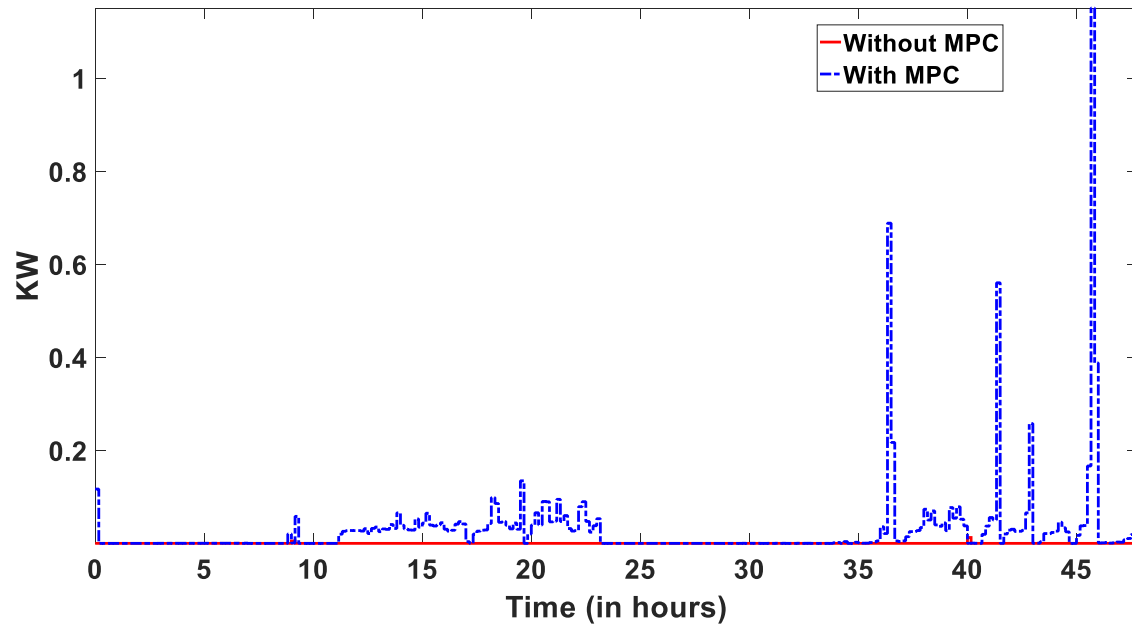
- DER functional objectives**
- Consumer comfort [p]
 - SRR signal implement ability [n]
 - Energy Market and SRR capacity market participation [k]



Lessons learned by using Pecan street data

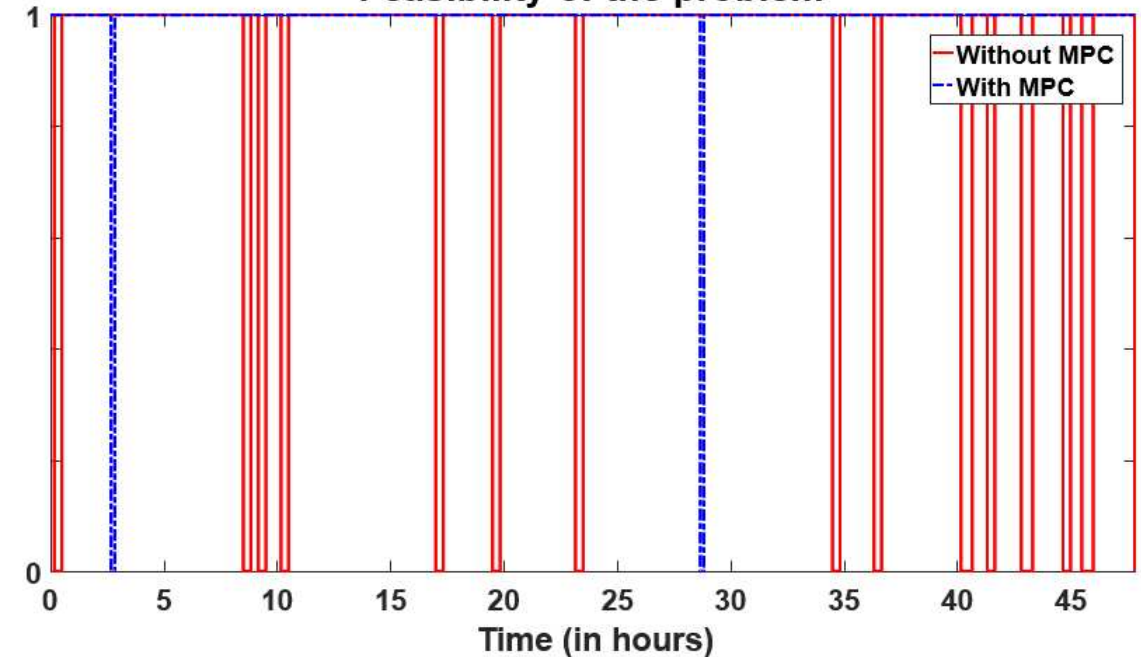
COMPONENT
LEVEL

Reserve capacity dispatch



Longer planning periods of MPC results in larger reserve capacity scheduling

Feasibility of the problem

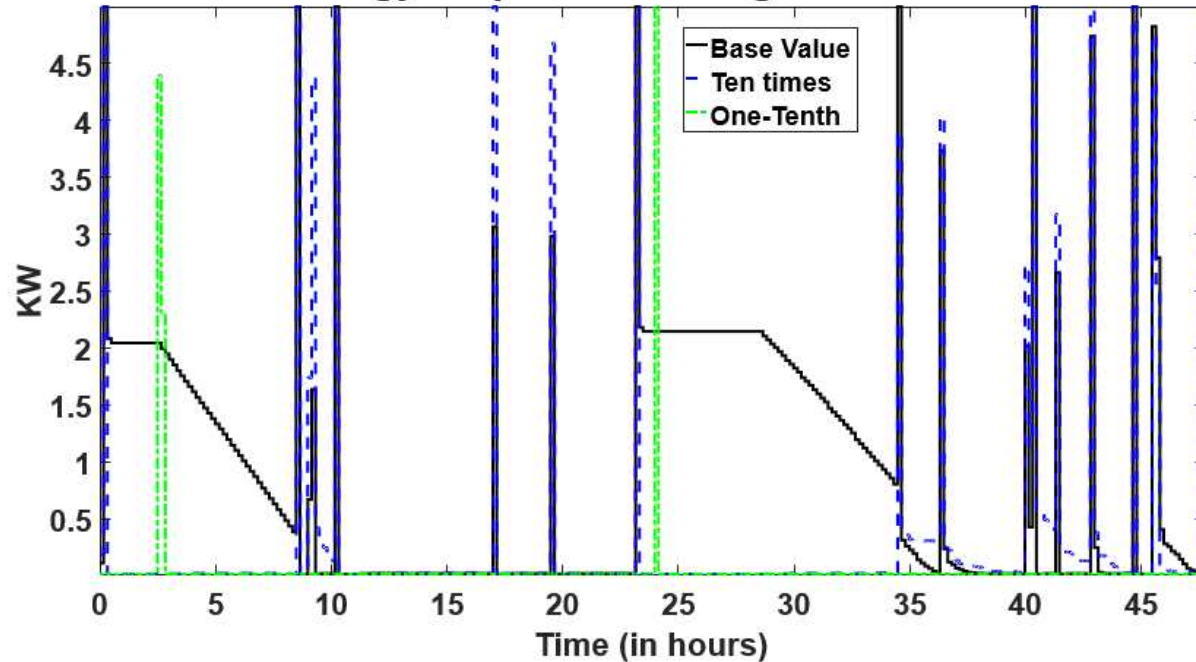


Lesser probability of infeasibility with MPC

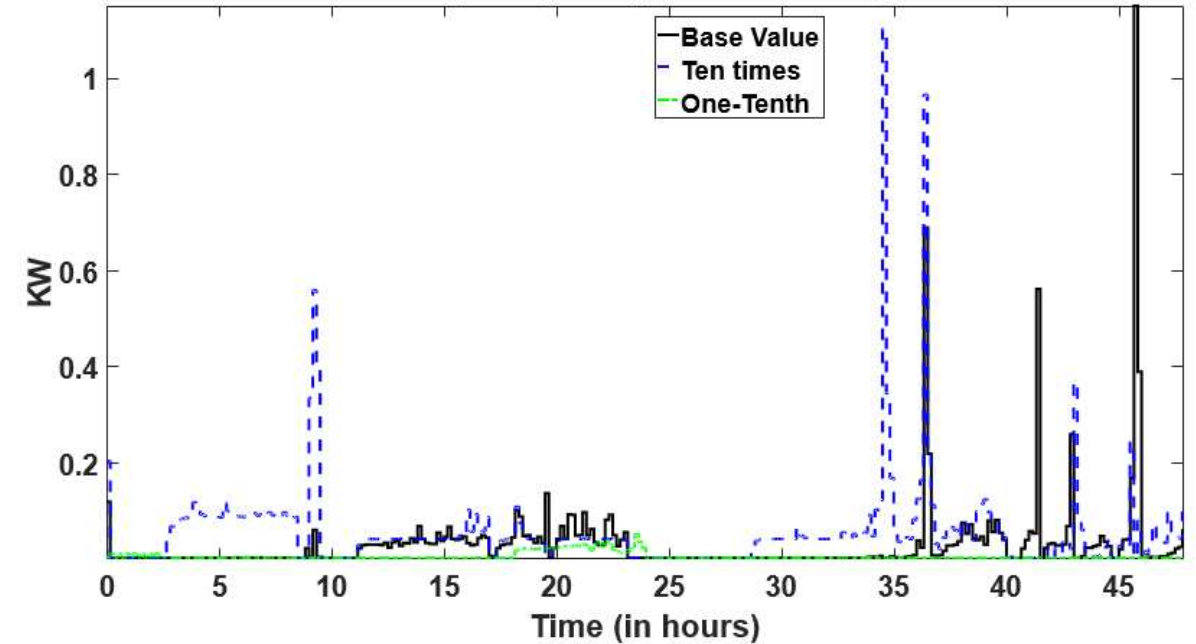
- Key-role of Model Predictive Control (MPC)

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Energy Dispatch of a single Water Heater



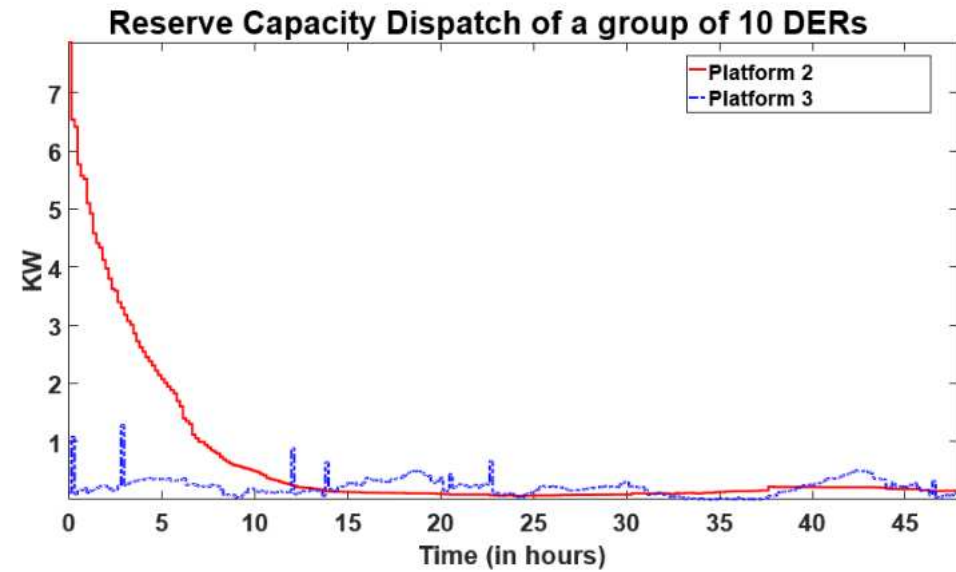
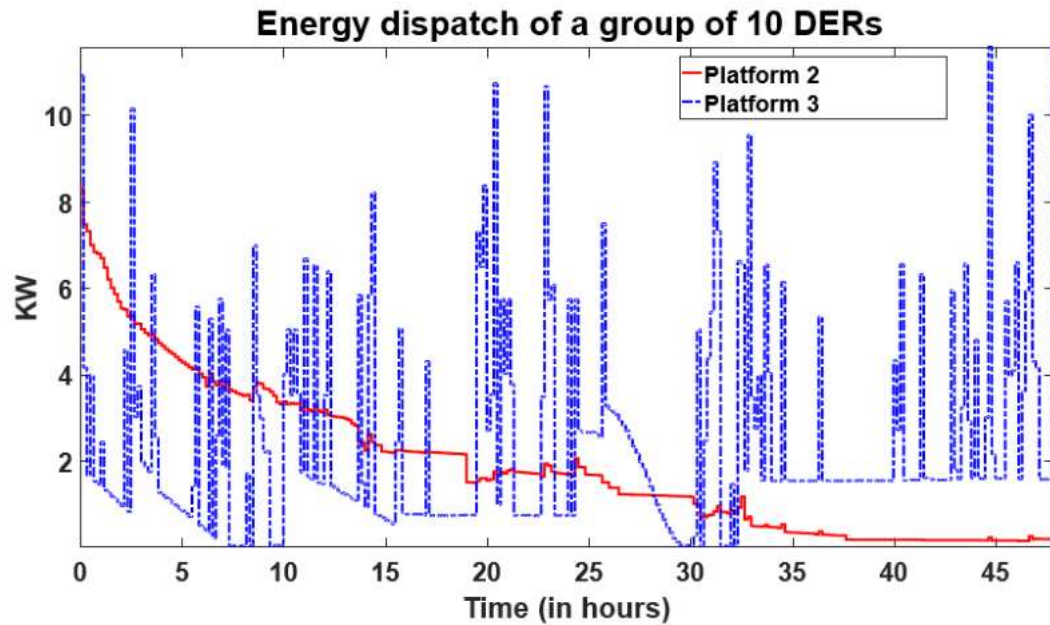
Reserve Capacity Dispatch of a single WH



Higher the reserve price, more frequently DER consumes energy, to be able to participate in reserve capacity

- Key-role of Model Predictive Control (MPC)
- Effect of relative reserve price

Lessons learned by using Pecan street data



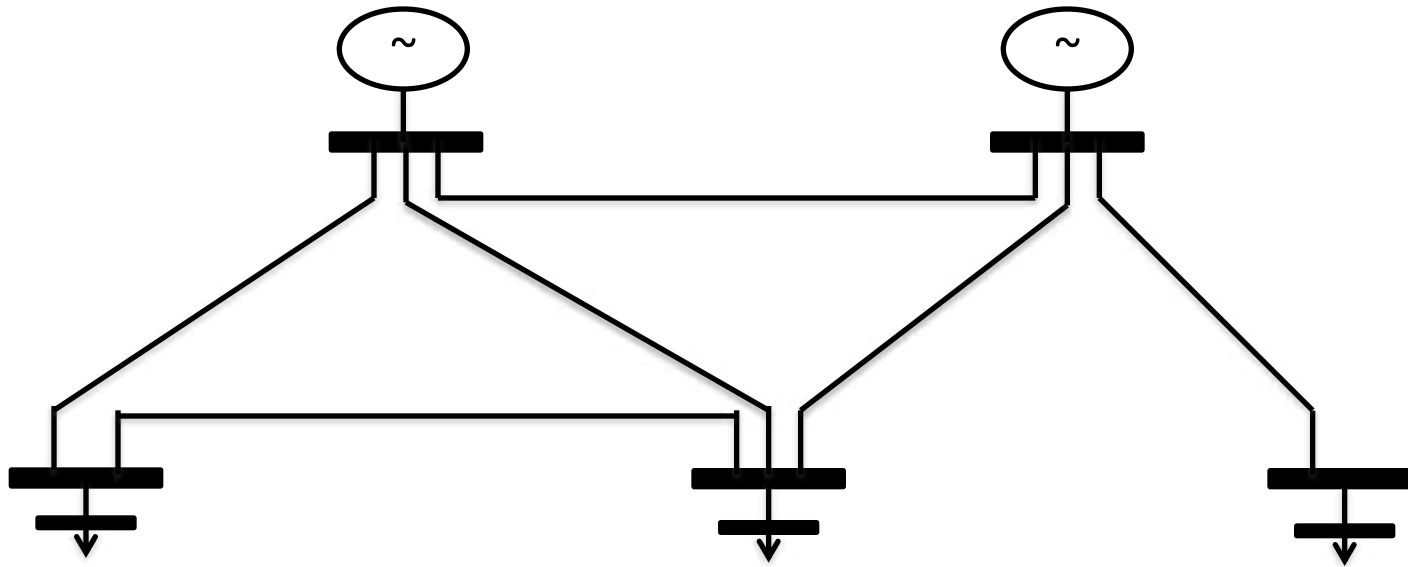
Aggregate level decision making can lead to infeasible DER command

- Key-role of MPC
- Effect of relative reserve price
- **Effect of platform design**

*Basis for binding protocols
in SRR platforms (2&3)*

The Changing Landscape of Local (Distribution) Grids

- ❖ Influx of small resources; sensors; controllers (including smart wires)



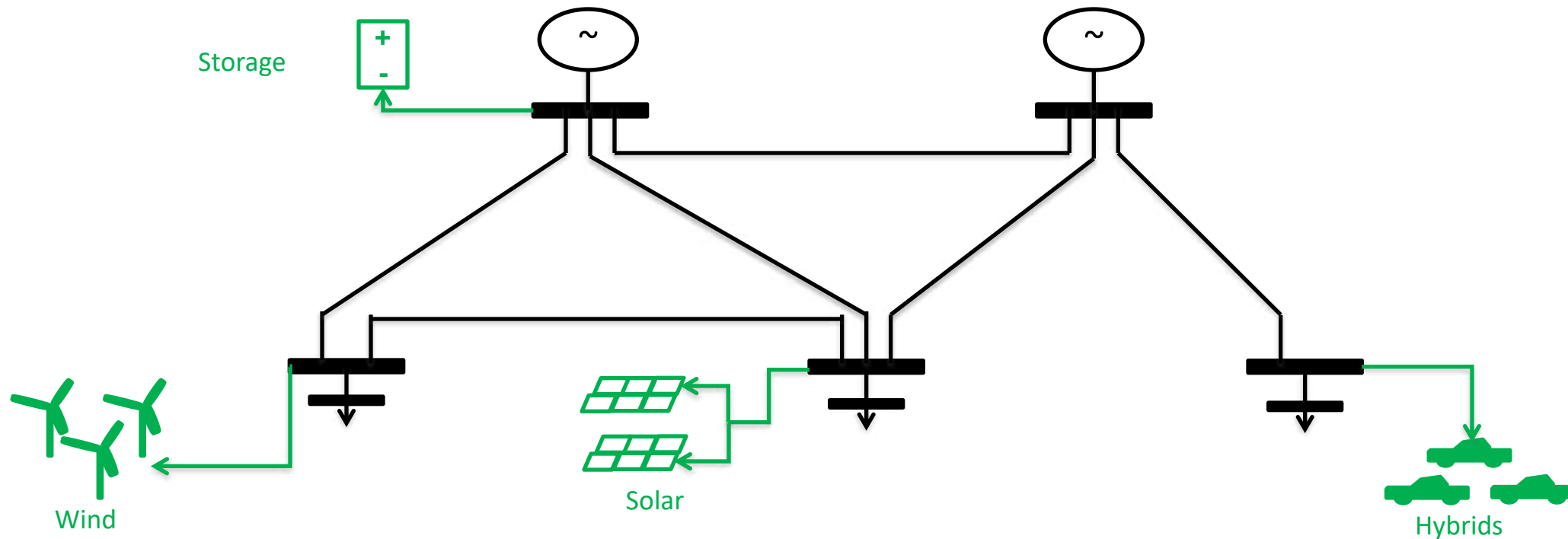
Typical Interconnected Electric Energy System

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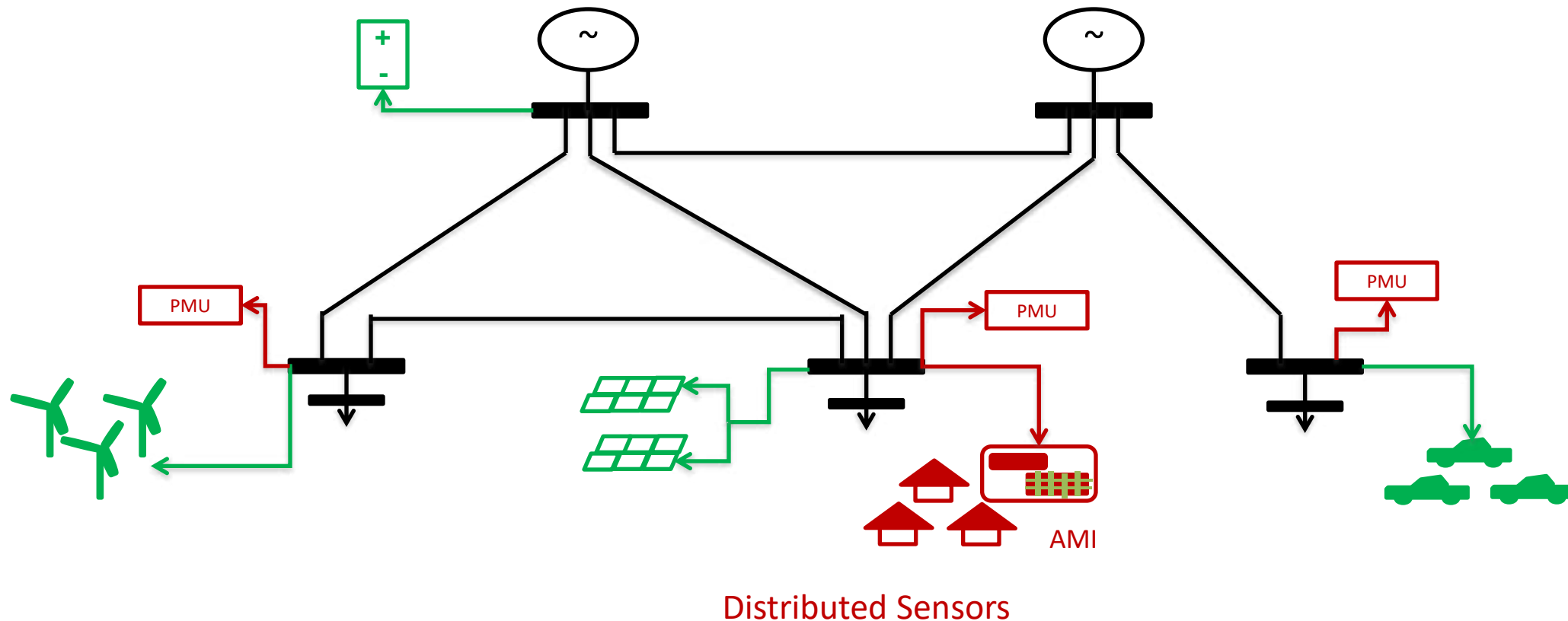
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Future Interconnected Electric Energy System
With Distributed Technologies

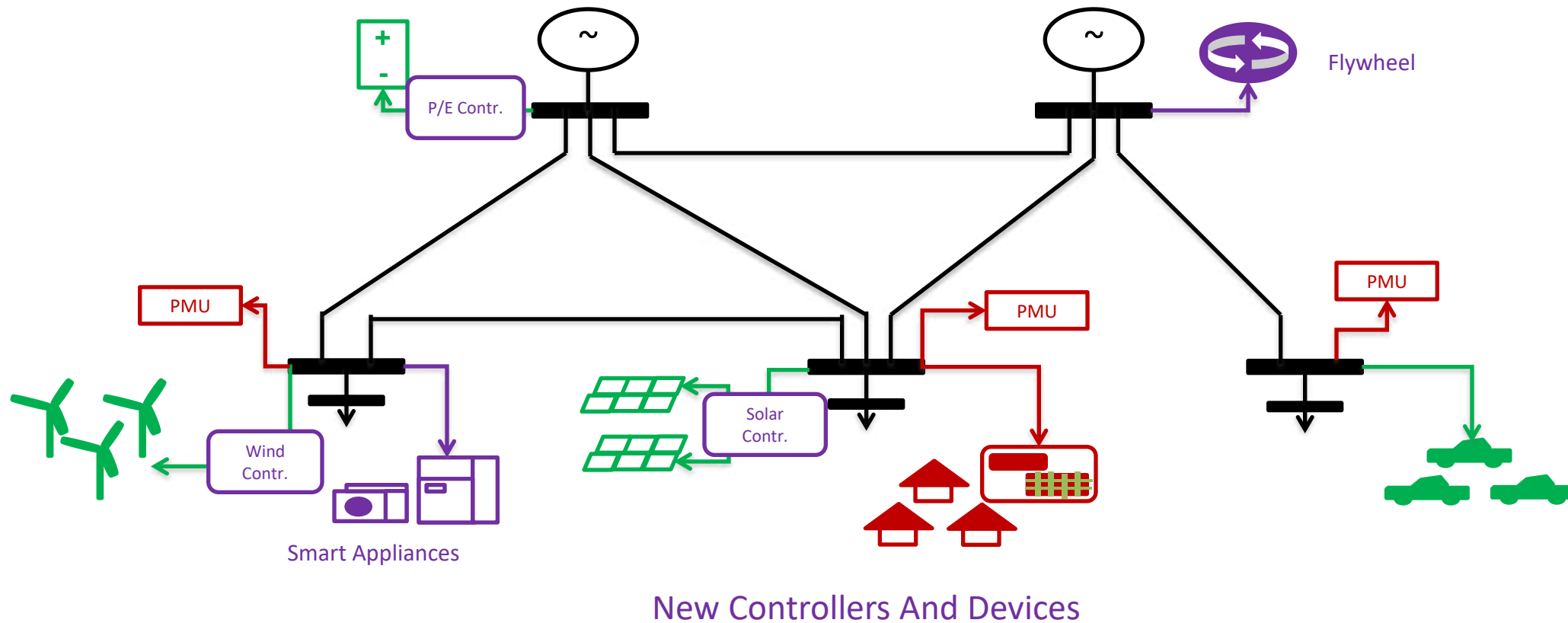
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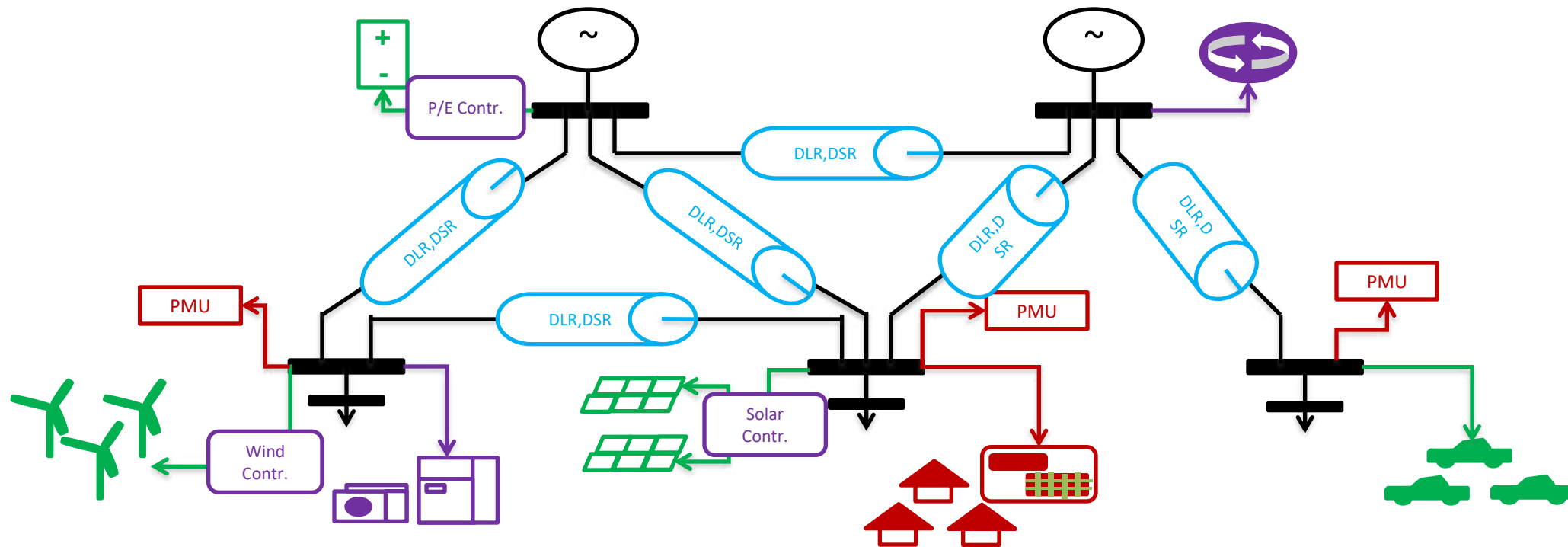
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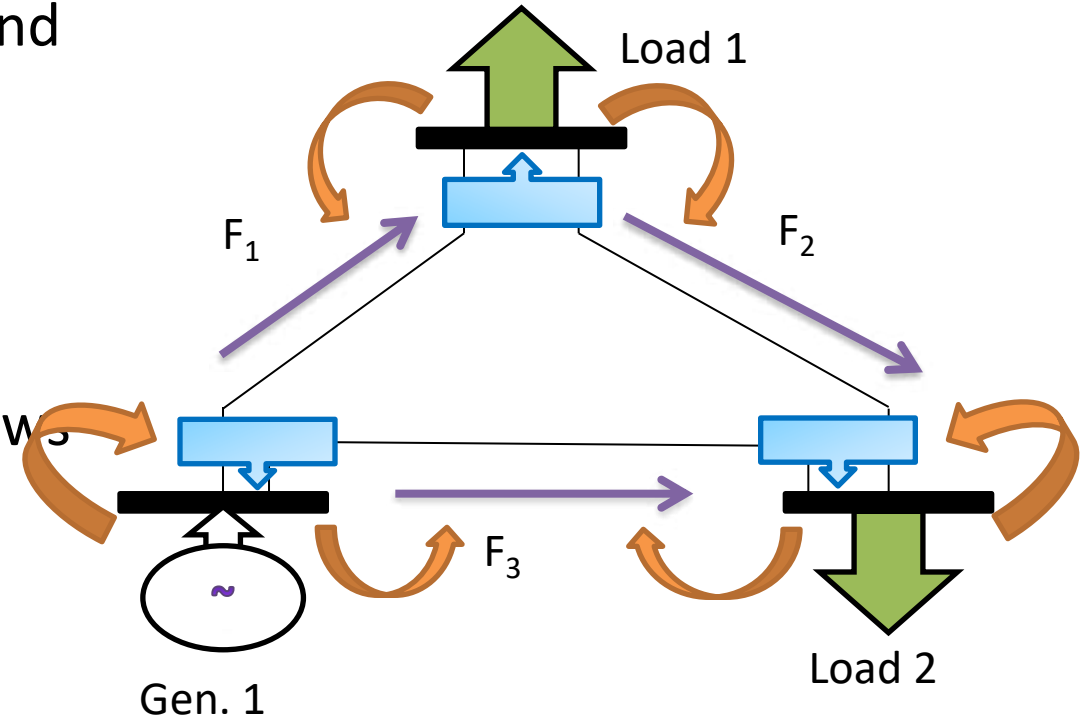
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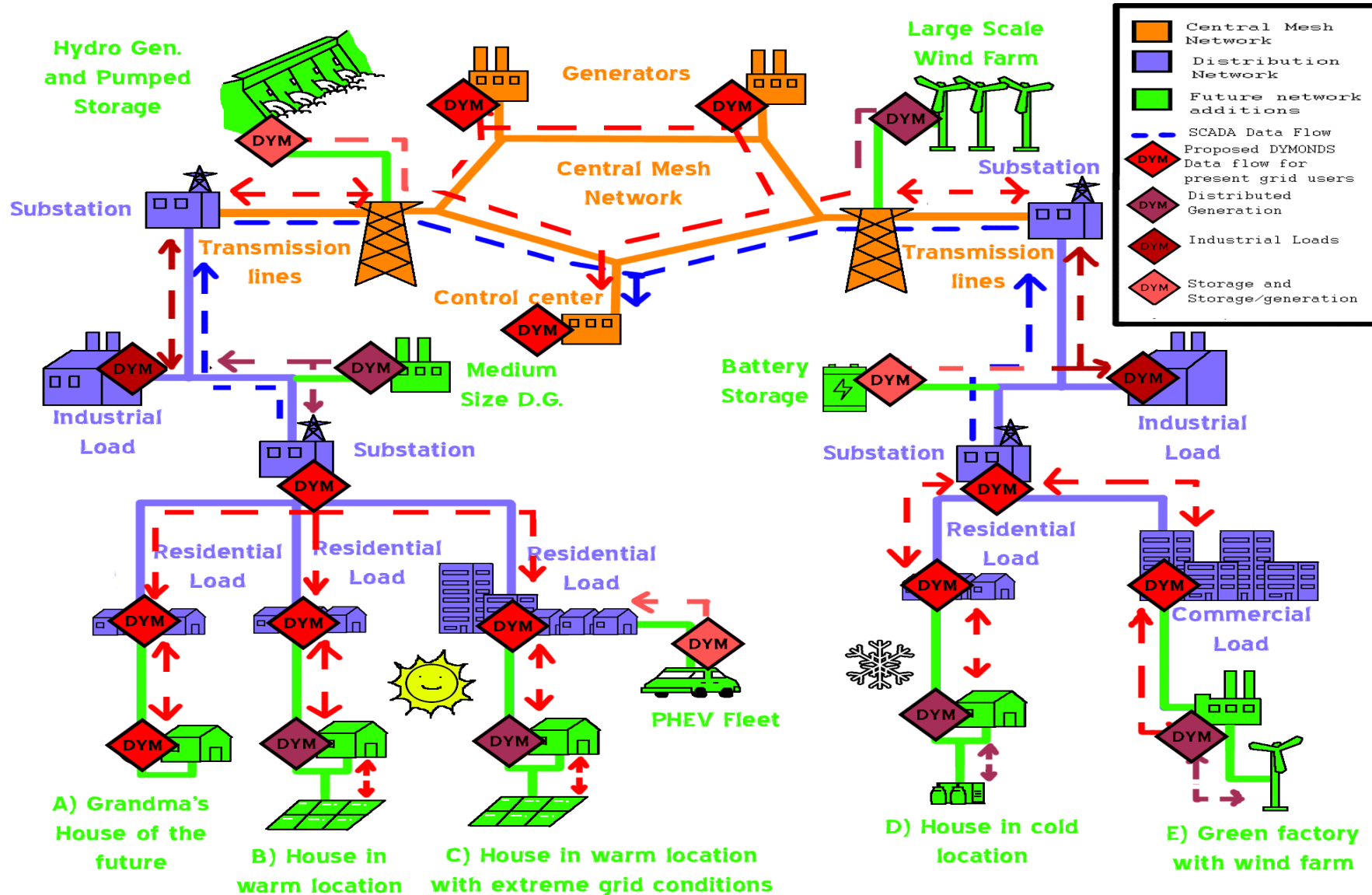
"Smart wires", direct line flow sensors and controllers

Communications Requirements

- ❖ Lines and buses have their own calculators, and can communicate with directly connected branches
- ❖ The lines calculate their own flow variables based on voltages, and the buses calculate voltages and sensitivities for KCL based on flows from connected lines



NEXT GENERATION SCADA— Dynamic Monitoring and Decision Systems (DyMonDS)



Opportunities

❖ Pro-active use of on-line data for enhanced performance at value

- Highly dynamic distributed complex networks with many decision makers
- Dynamic Monitoring and Decision Systems (DyMonDS) (Next generation SCADA)

❖ Efficient supply-demand balancing and delivery in normal operation

- From off-line worst case reserves to on-line data-enabled flexible utilization
- Interactive power balancing, incl. EVs; Key role of data-enabled delivery (grid control)

❖ Efficient management of uncertainties in extreme conditions

- Graceful degradation of service instead of wide-spread blackouts
- Resilient service during extreme events

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Challenges—It may not work!

- ❖ Sensing, communications, control technologies mature
- ❖ Missing piece of the puzzle: Integration framework for aligning end users, resources and governance system
- ❖ Multi-layered interactive data-enabled (Internet-like) protocols
 - Highly distributed decision makers
 - Minimal coordination of interactions
- ❖ Design and demonstration of end-to-end next generation SCADA (DyMonDS); co-design on today's BPS SCADA

MIT cloud implementation and demo— DyMonDS –based Scalable Electric Power System Simulator

- ❖ Platform design alternatives considered
- ❖ Control/communication framework -dependent physical and economic outcomes
- ❖ Rationale for selecting control/communication framework for MIT cloud SRR implementation
- ❖ Lessons learned on Pecan Street data –meeting ARPA-E performance metrics with a mix of DER resources

Preliminary Conclusions

- ❖ 97 water heaters would not be sufficient to meet ARPA-E targeted performance metrics
 - RMT – The number is not sufficient;
 - RMVT – Behavior patterns variability can't be estimated;
 - The effect of bids is so weak when there is no consumption;
 - During large sudden consumptions, DERs ratings typically exceeded and they opt out.
- ❖ Addition of EVs and batteries meets the criteria fully (live SEPSS demo)
- ❖ Approach 3 does not require huge number of devices (Physics-based modeling and control combined with cloud-supported incentives for efficient performance at value)
- ❖ Publications describe more detail