

# A CYBER-ENABLED SMART GRID

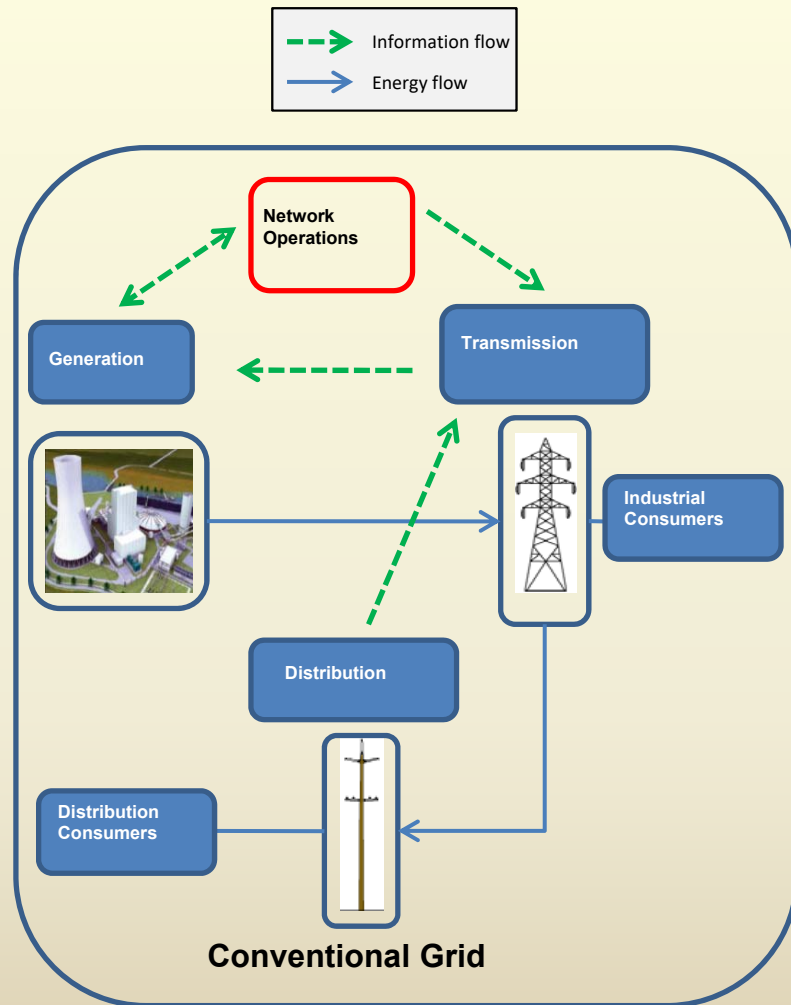
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# Current Power Grids and Control

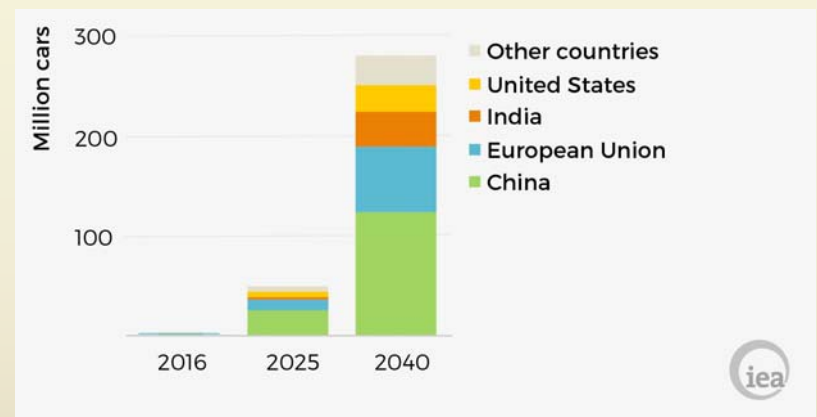
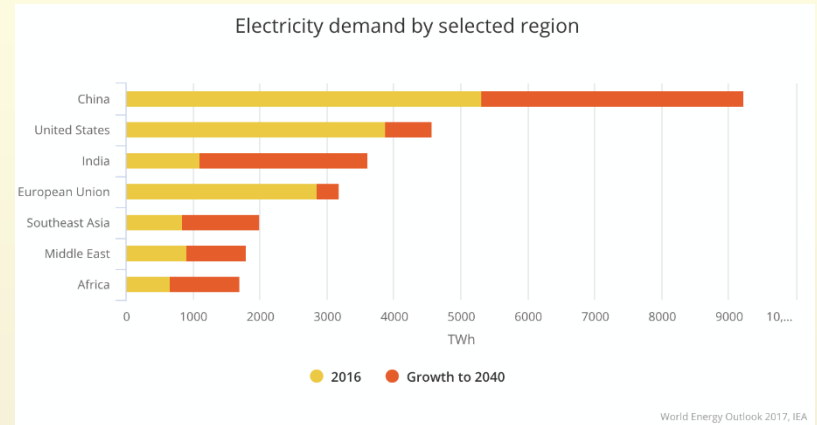
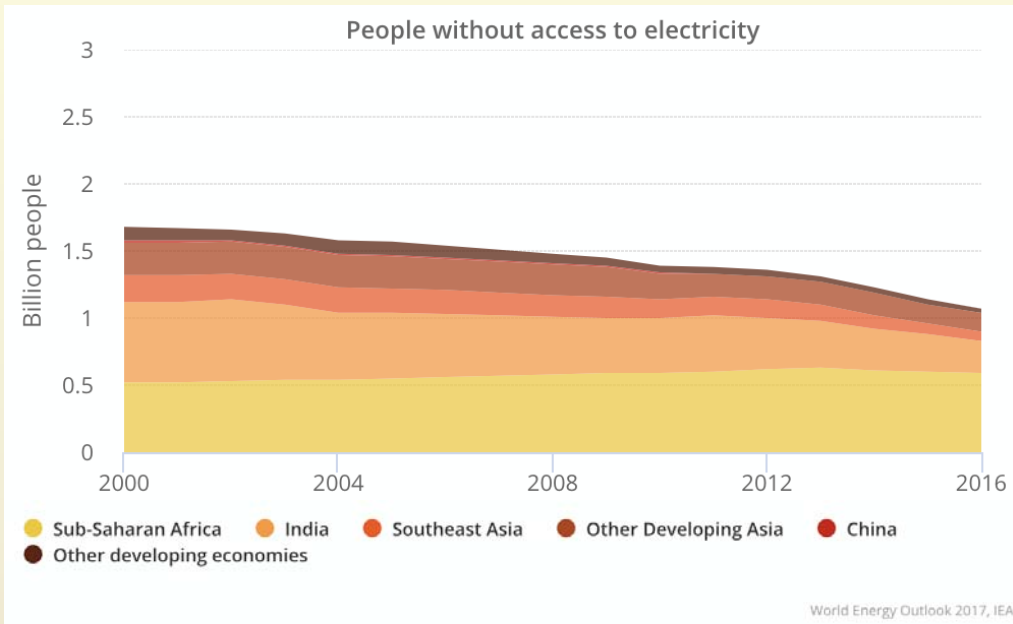


Control goals: Ensure

- Power balance
- Operating limits are maintained
  - Generators limit
  - Tie-lines limit
- Regulation of frequency (50 Hz or 60Hz)
- Regulation of voltage (110V or 220V)
- Maintain Transient Stability

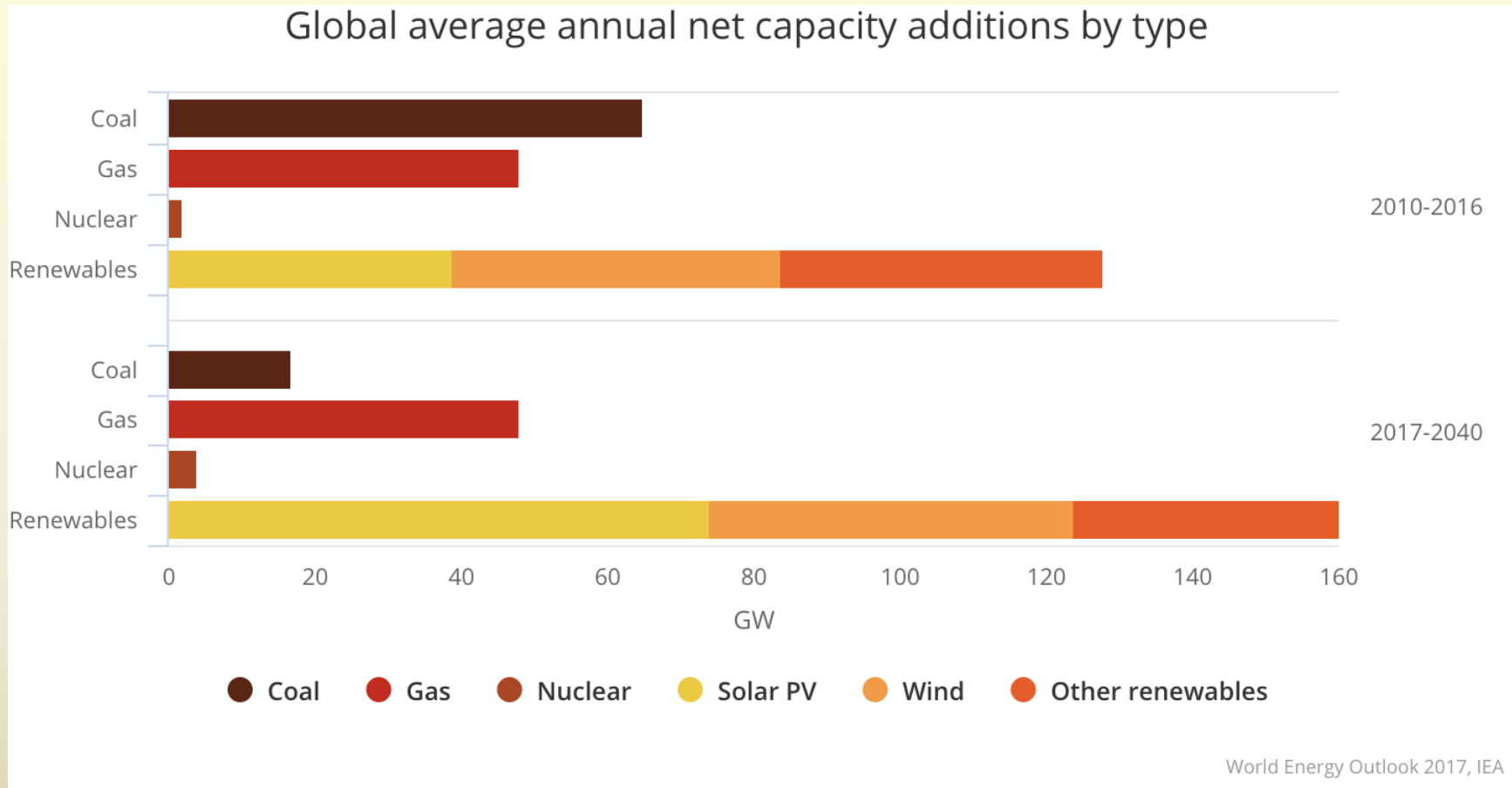
Significant drivers are causing drastic changes in the Power Grid landscape

# Driver 1: Increased Demand



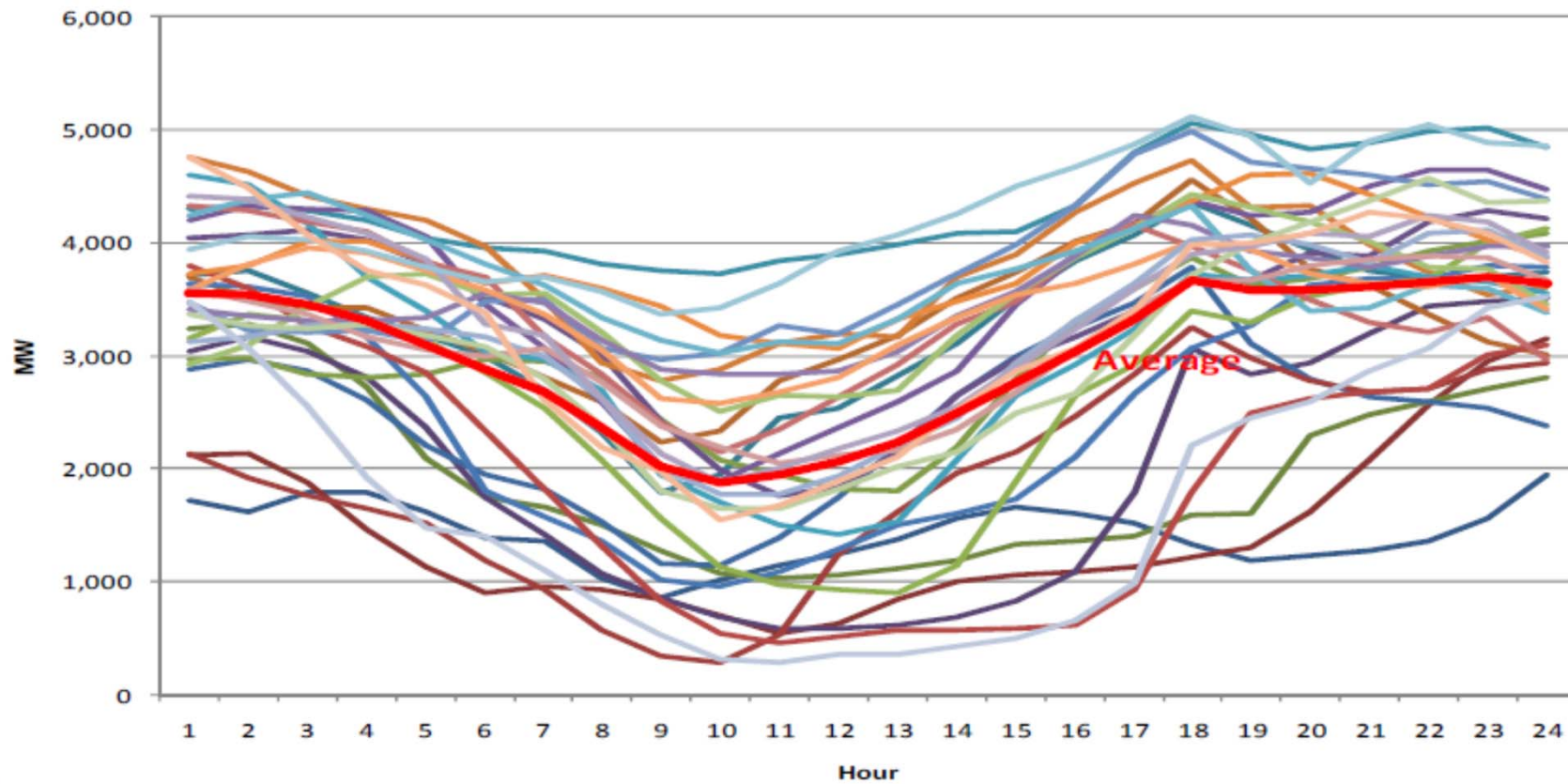
- Significant improvements in electrification are expected to halve number of people without access to electricity by 2030 from 2016 levels
- Over the next 25 years, electricity will play an increasing role in the transportation industry

# Driver 2: Decarbonization



- Renewables meet 40% load growth through 2040
- Coal net additions are following a decreasing trajectory with absence of CCS
- By 2040, 40% installed generation will be renewable

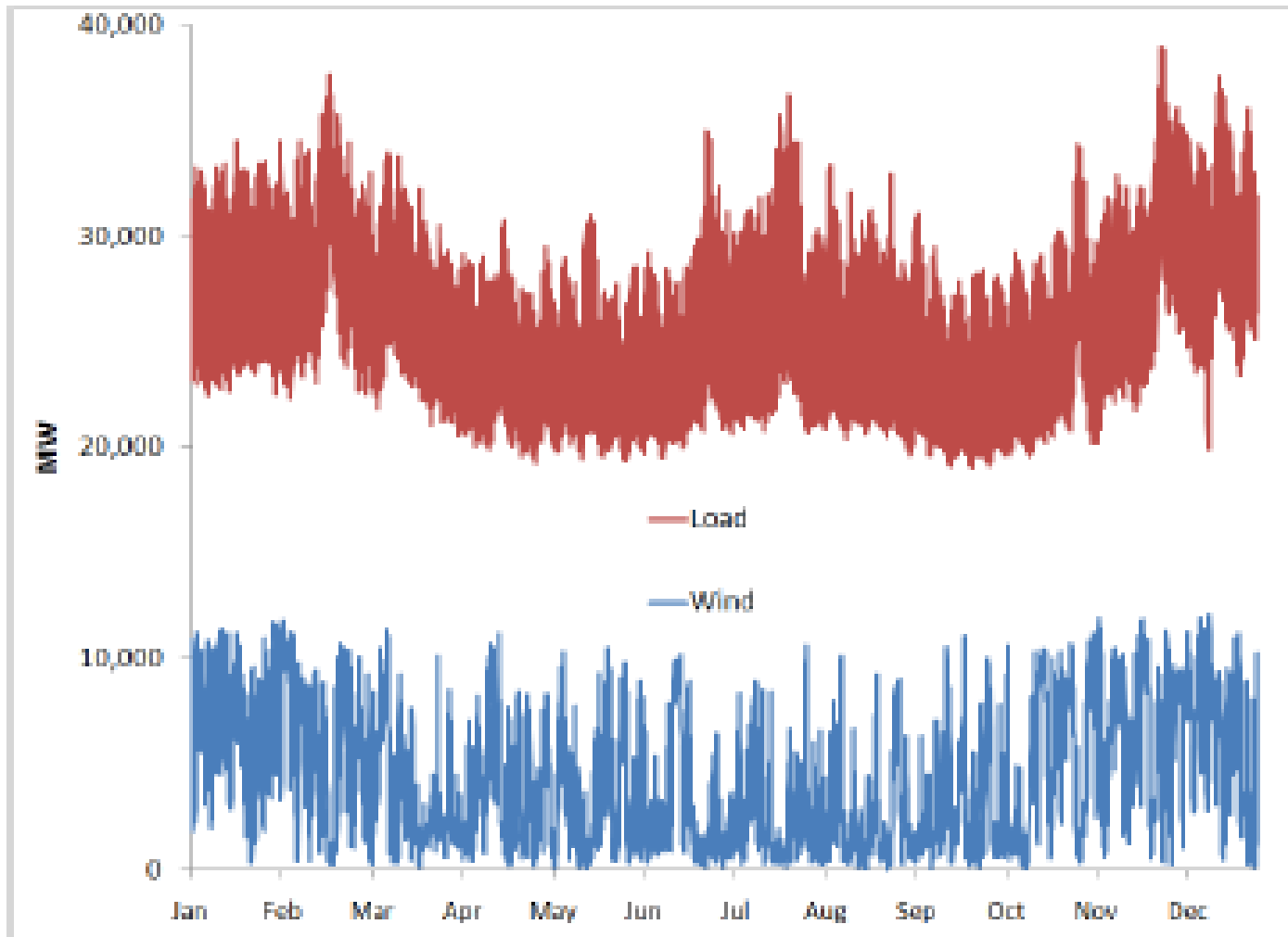
# Intermittency: Wind Energy



*From Integration of renewable resources, CA ISO Report, Aug. 2010.*

“In almost every operating hour, wind could be producing across the full range of its potential production, from close to zero to almost maximum output.”

# Uncertainty: Wind and Load



Wind uncertainties are almost as large as the load variations!

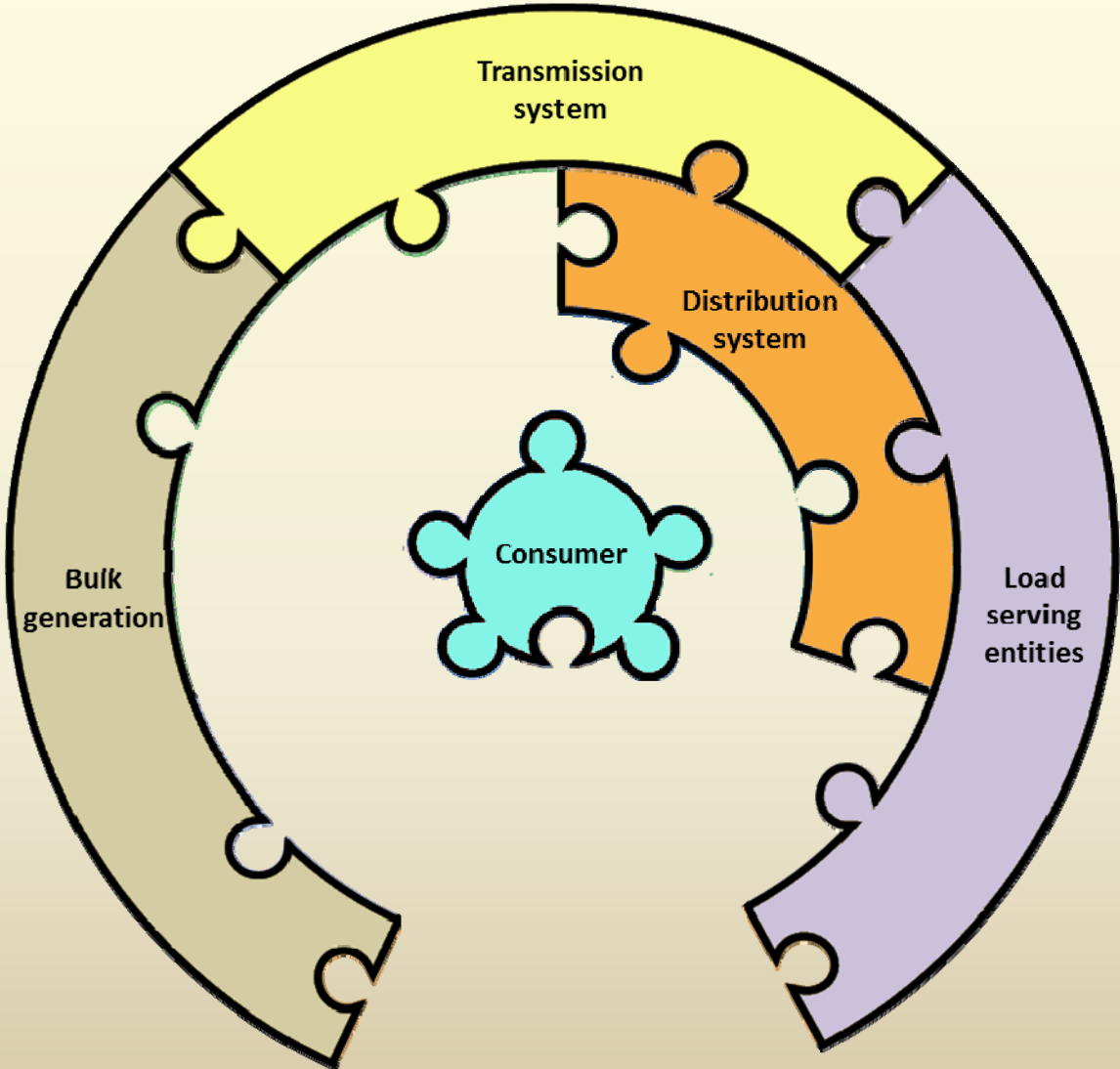
# A Cyber-enabled Smart Grid

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An end-to-end cyber-enabled electric power system, with bi-directional power flow, that

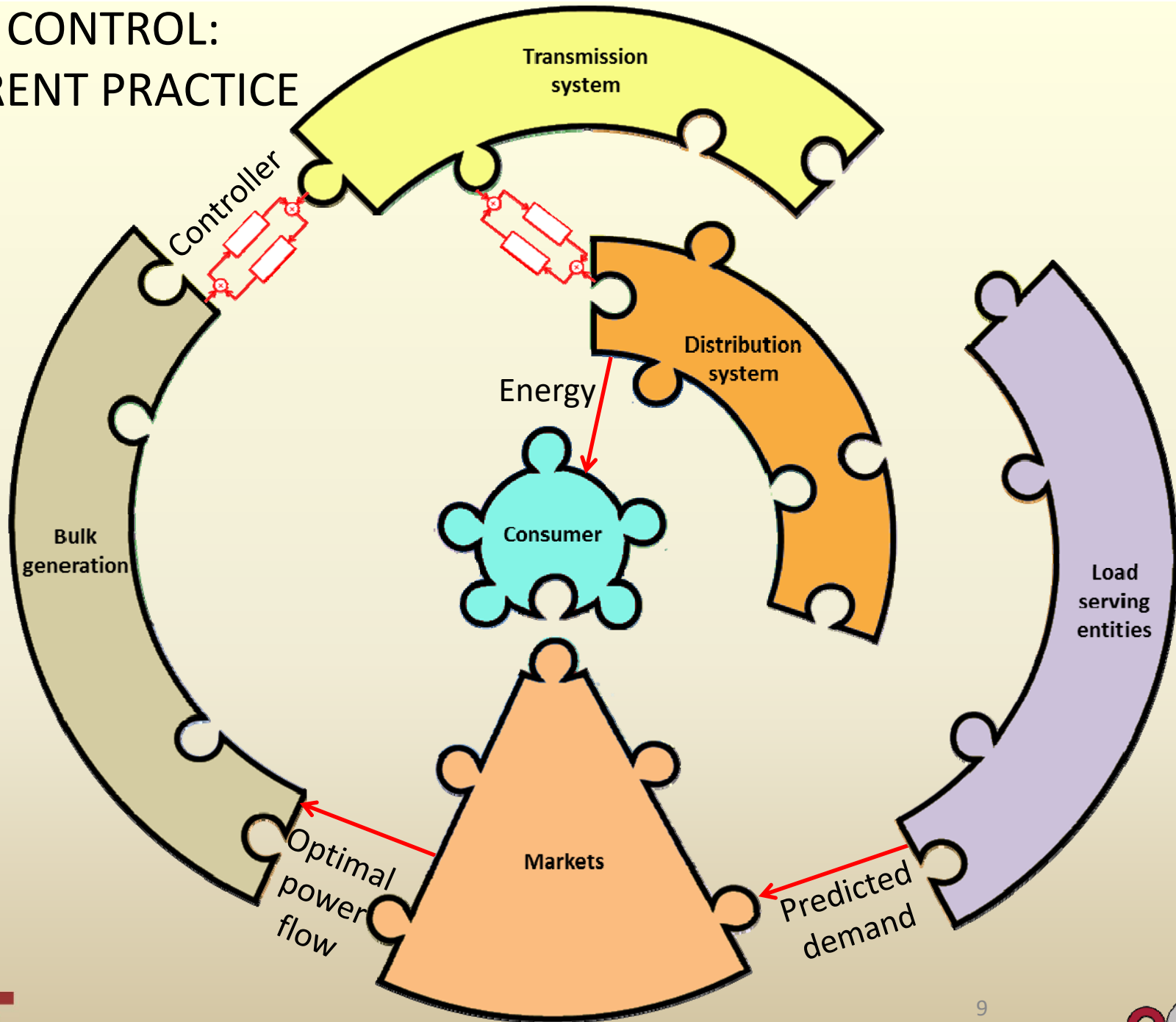
- Decarbonizes and integrates green energy resources
- Enables efficiency, effective demand-side management, and customer choice
- Operate resiliently against cyber and physical attacks

# GRID CONTROL: CURRENT PRACTICE

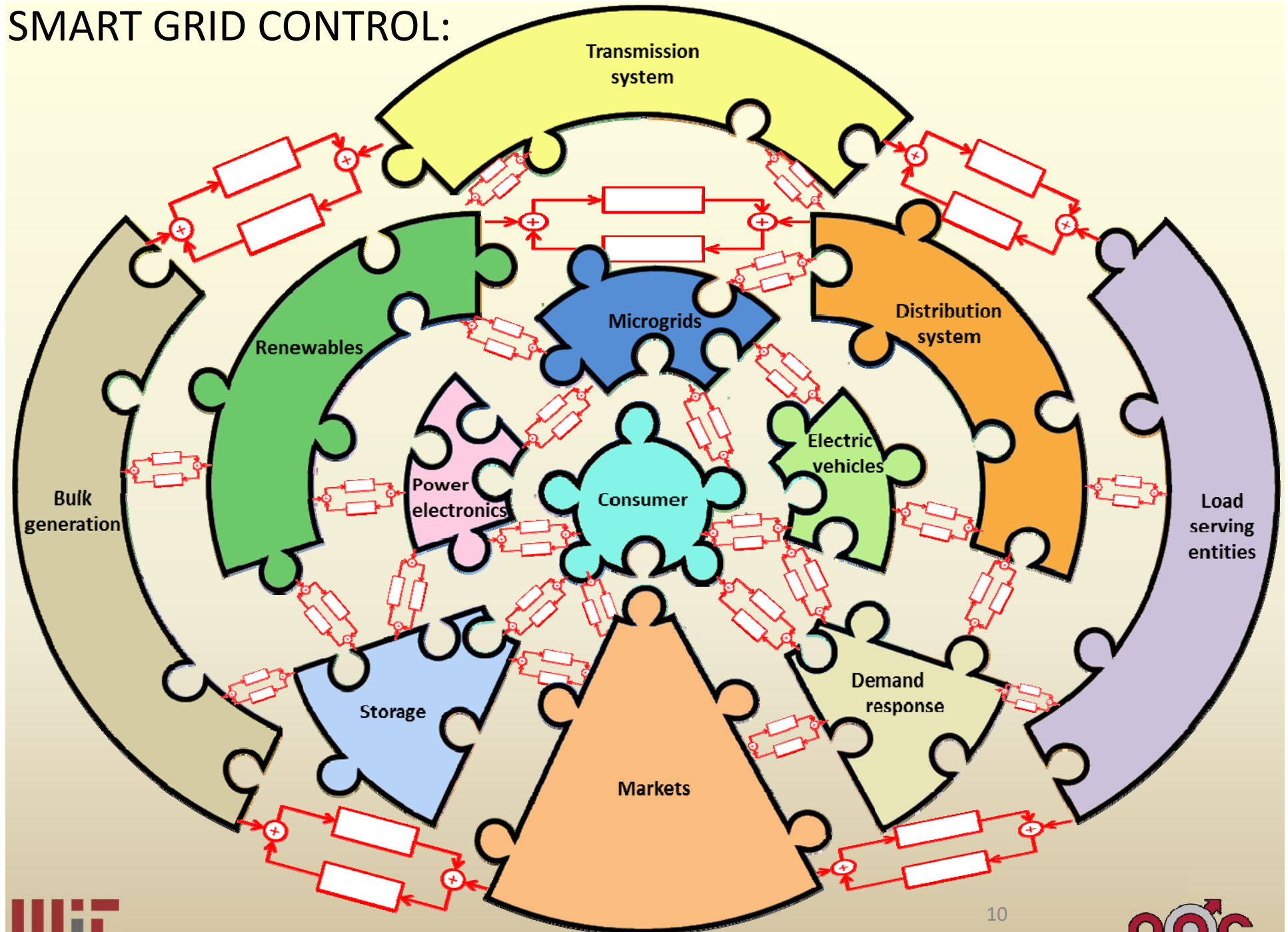




# GRID CONTROL: CURRENT PRACTICE



# SMART GRID CONTROL:



# New Tools

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- Demand Response – Flexible Consumption
- Advances in Storage Technologies
- Advances in Sensors (ex. PMUs)
- Advances in Power Electronics (ex. Smart Inverters)
- Advances in Actuators (ex. FACTS)
- Advances in theory – distributed optimization and control

# Vision for Smart Grid Controls

Smart grids are expanding the traditional notion of a power system, enabling the interconnection of domains often traditionally considered in isolation.

Control systems will be essential in closing the numerous loops in the new system-of-systems and in realizing the promised benefits of smart grids.

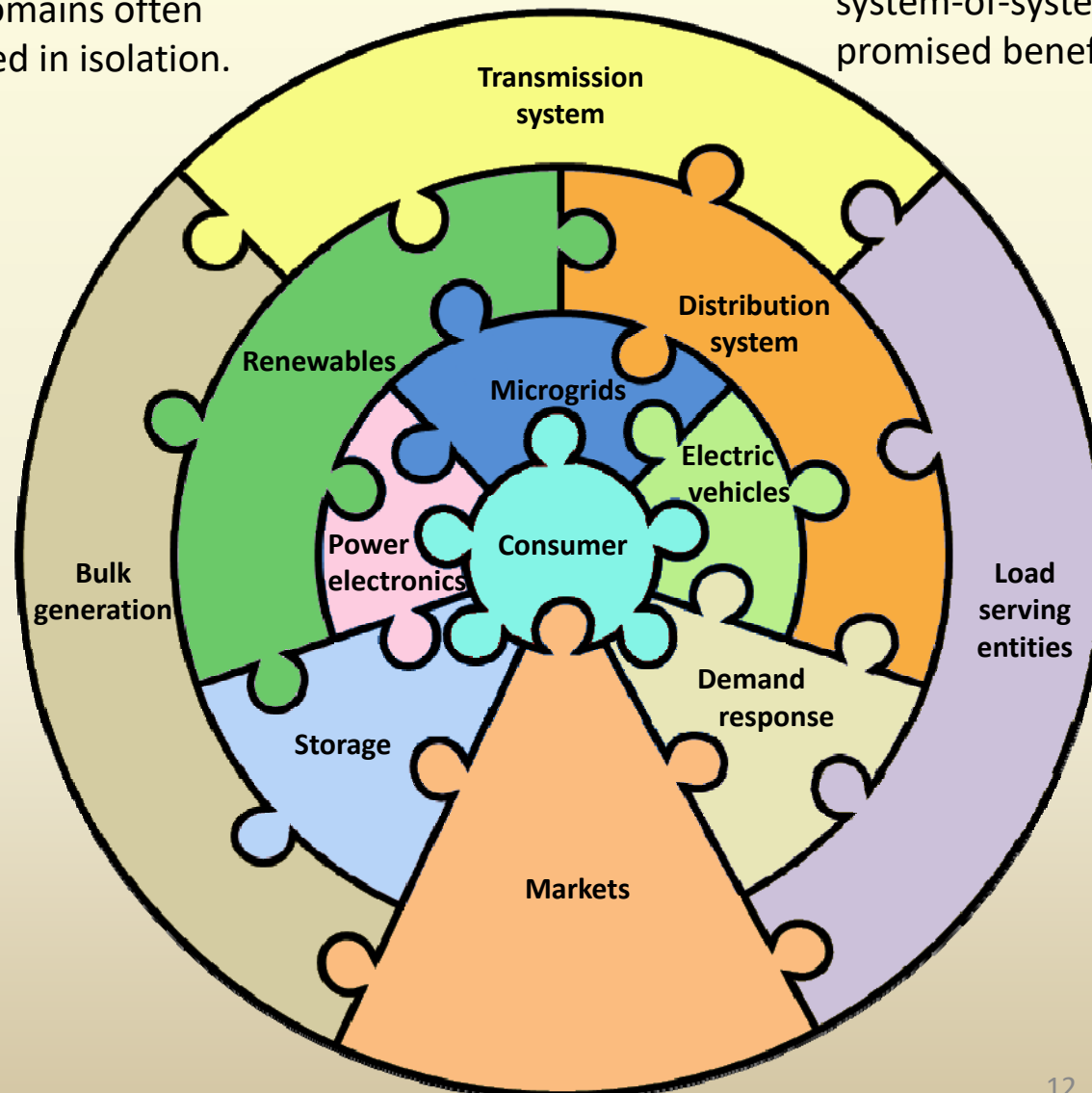
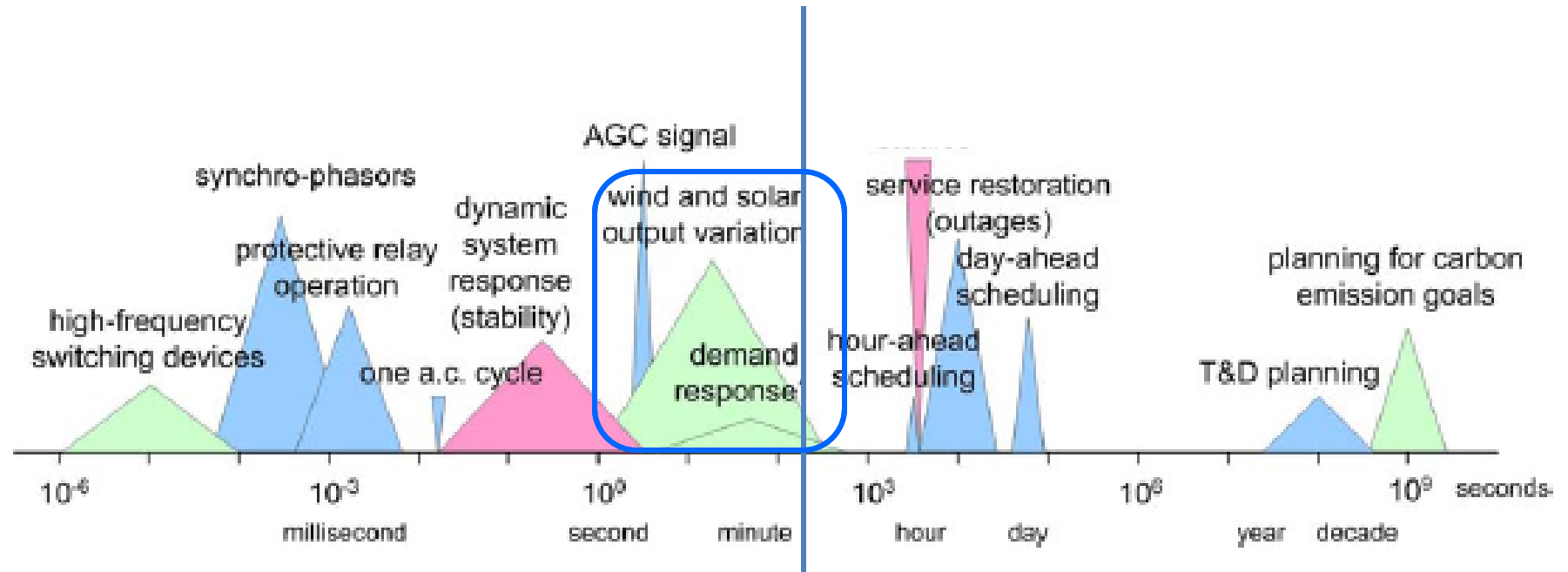


Figure 1: Time Scales for Power System Planning and Operation



(Source: California Energy Commission California Institute for Energy and Environment MAY 2014)

### Operation

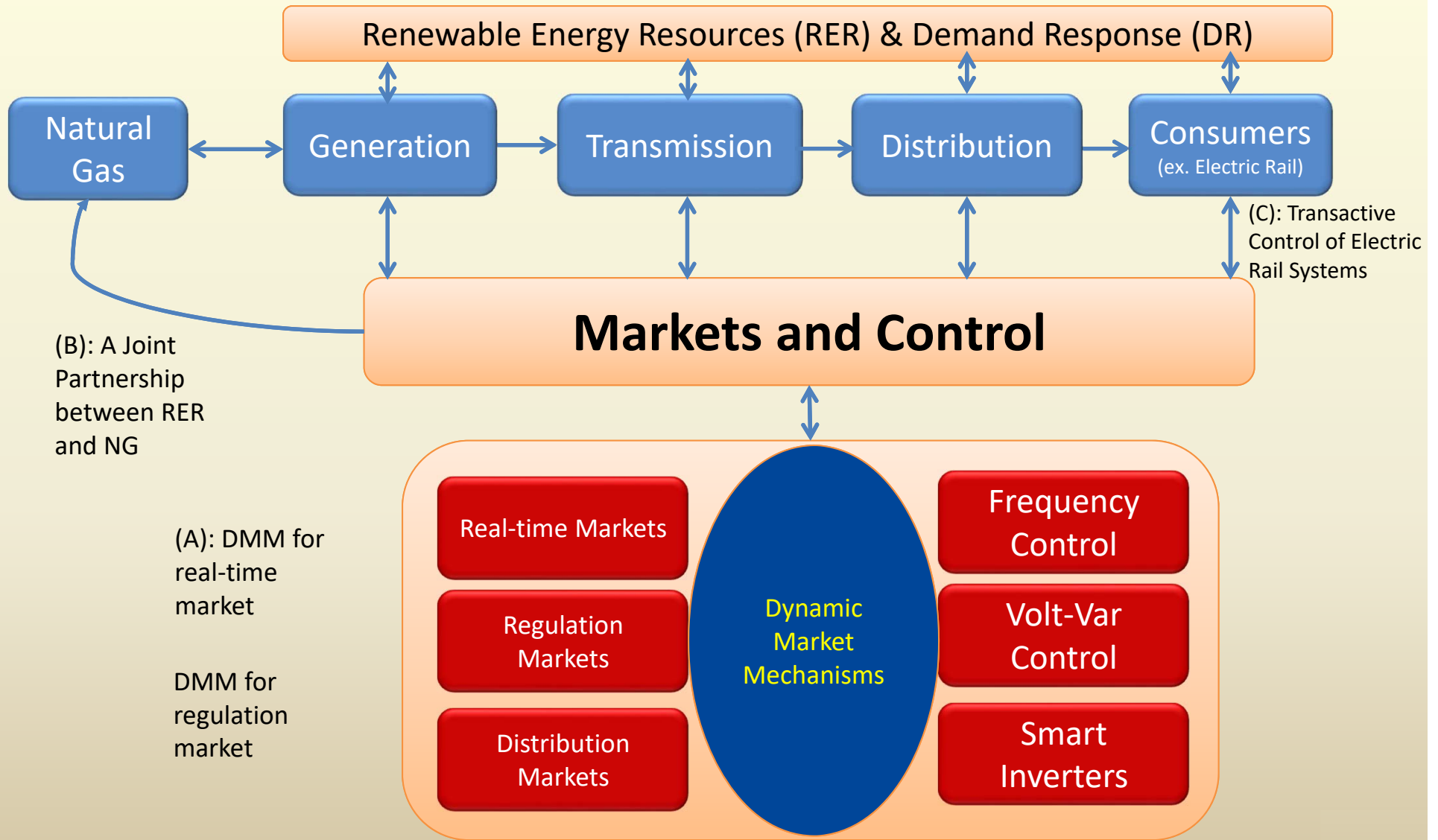
- Control for stability
  - Rotor angle
  - Frequency
  - Voltage
- Optimization
  - Power losses
  - Reactive power

### Planning

- Markets – SCUC, DAM, RTM
- Regulatory concerns
- Policies

Reorganization of time-scales in markets and control is needed

# A Cyber-enabled Smart Grid



# Dynamic Framework for Smart Grids

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## Outline

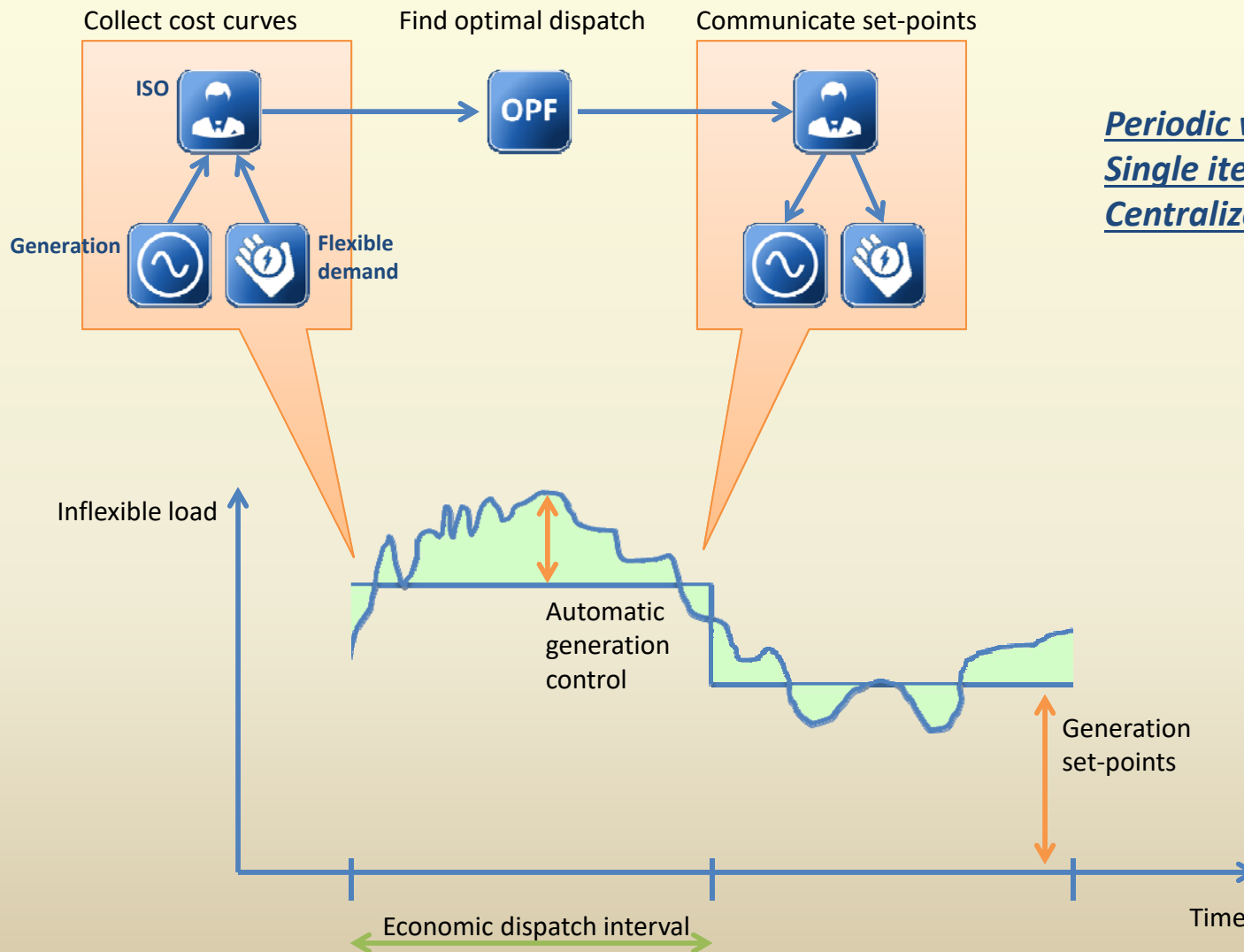
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  - Electric Rail Network & Transactive Control
- **Road Ahead**

# **BULK ENERGY AND TRANSMISSION:**

## **(A) DMM FOR REAL-TIME MARKETS**



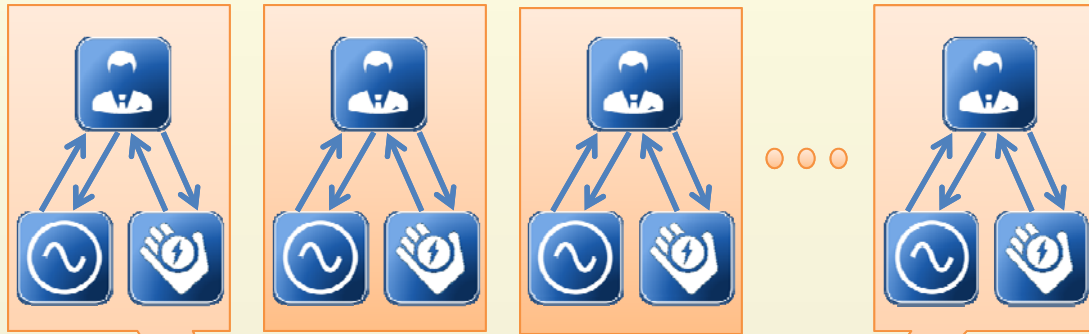
# Economic dispatch today



Periodic with a regular interval.  
Single iteration process.  
Centralized computation.

# Our solution: Dynamic Market Mechanism (DMM)

Negotiate and converge to an optimal solution



Most recent information is included.  
Individual constraints remain private.

Start negotiations

Sufficiently long period  
for convergence

Implement set-points

Inflexible load

Automatic  
generation  
control

Generation  
set-points

Economic dispatch interval

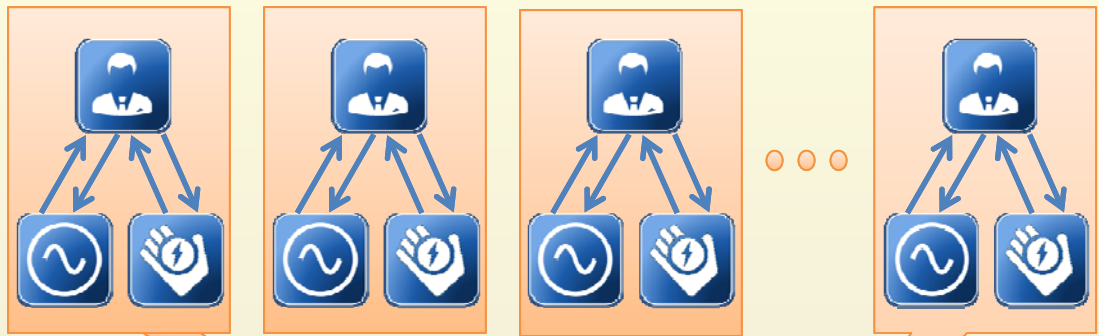
Time

Benefits when addressing:

- Fuel uncertainty
  - Wind
  - Solar
  - Natural gas
- Change in operating conditions of components
  - Saturation limits
  - Protection tripping
  - Emergency conditions
- Dynamic price response
  - Lower real-time prices before dispatching
  - Close-loop price control

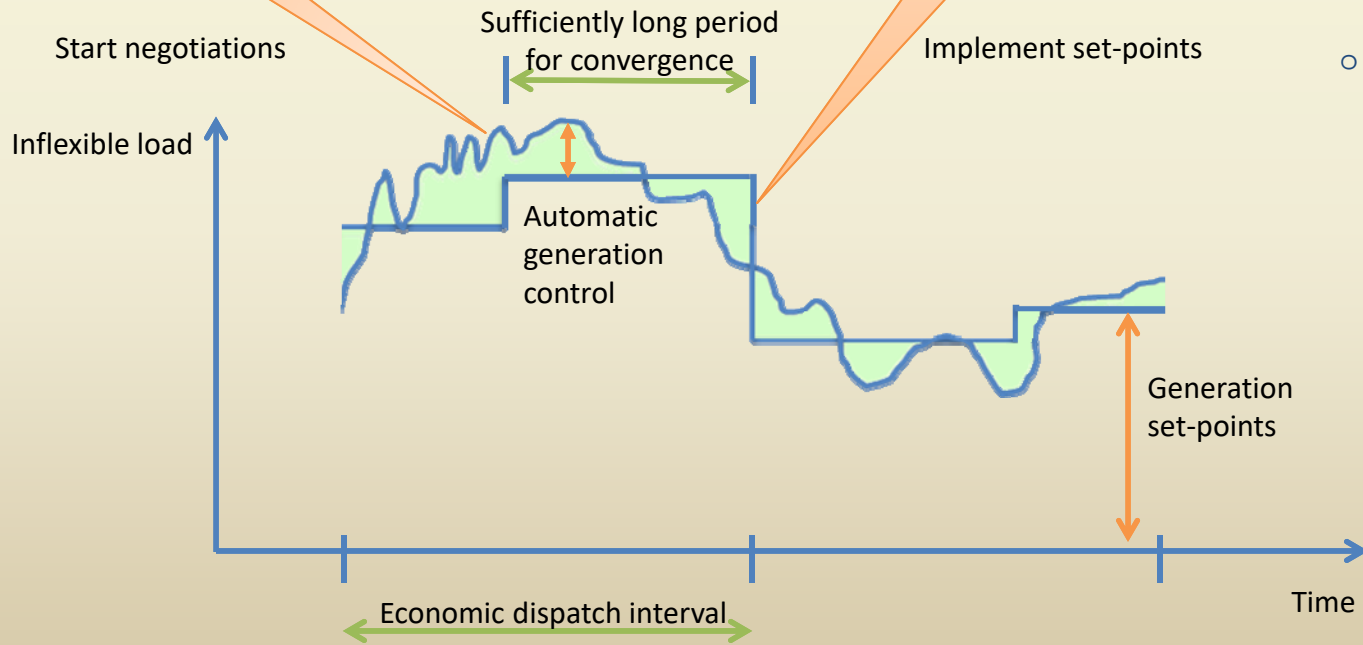
# DMM and shorter dispatch interval

Negotiate and converge to an optimal solution



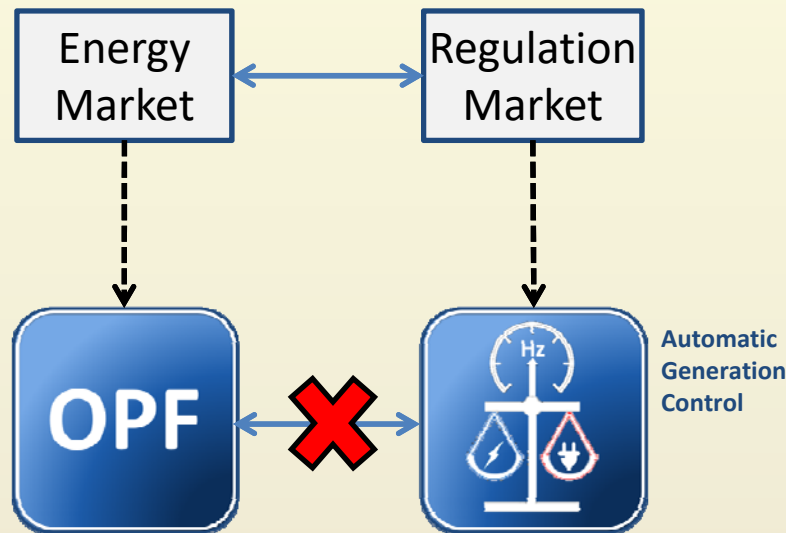
Implement dispatch on shorter intervals.

- Opportunities for addressing:
  - Significant and unpredicted penetration of renewables
  - Non-zero mean volatility of renewable generation
  - **High regulation requirements in presence of renewables**



# Integrated DMM (economic dispatch + AGC)

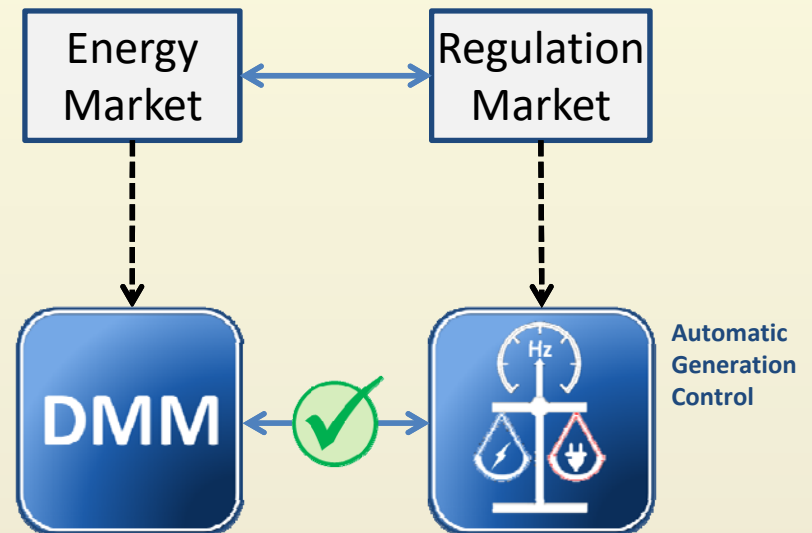
*Conventional architecture*



Assumption of magnitude and time-scale separation between OPF and AGC.

Large penetration of intermittent energy represents a challenge.

*Proposed approach*

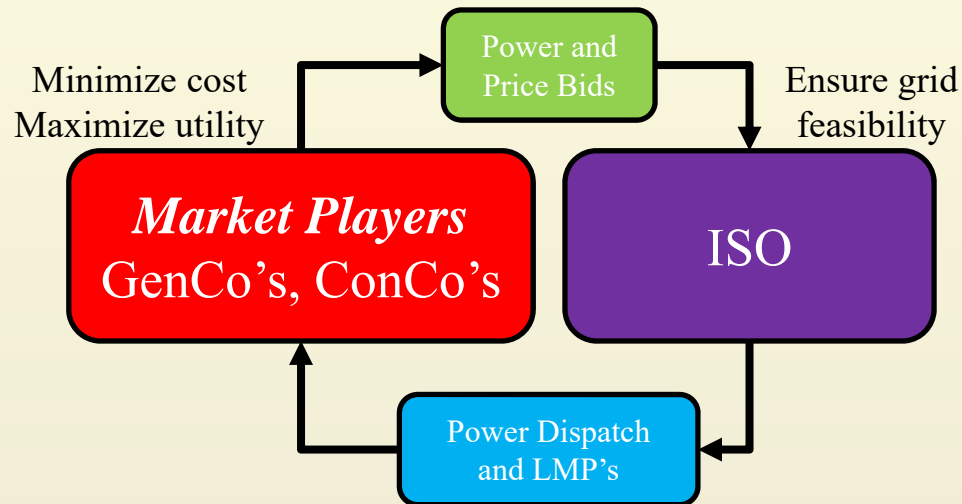


Aggregated feedback from AGC

Simultaneous decisions at both markets.

# DMM structure

- Approach: *Iterative negotiations* over a wide area network\*



$$x^{k+1} = x^k + \Delta x^k$$

$$\lambda^{k+1} = \lambda^k + \Delta \lambda^k$$

$x$ : states of players and ISO  
 $\lambda$ : Lagrange multiplier (LMP)

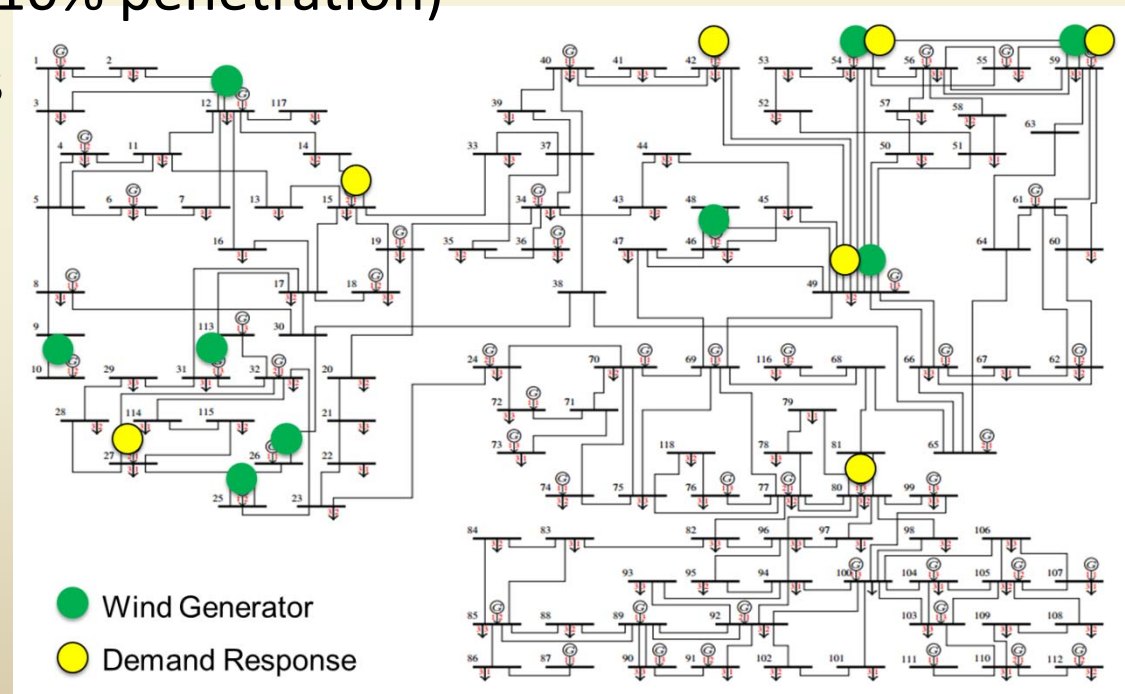
- Challenges addressed:
  - Computation time
  - Most information must be kept private
  - Stability

$$x^k = \begin{bmatrix} P_{GC}^k \\ P_{Gr}^k \\ P_{Dr}^k \\ \delta^k \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \text{Conventional generation} \\ \text{Renewable generation} \\ \text{Demand response} \\ \text{Voltage angles} \end{array}$$

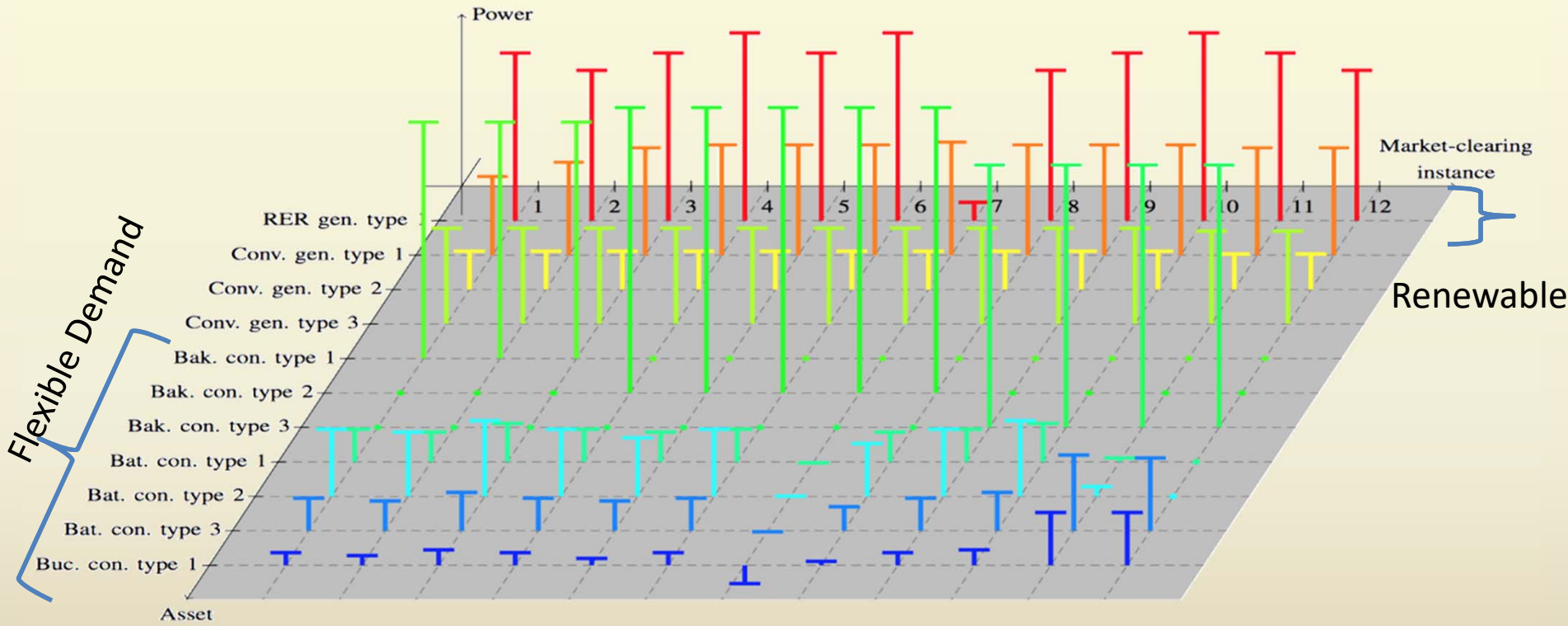
# Modified IEEE 118 Bus Test Case

Bus consists of:

- 45 conventional generators
- 9 renewable generators (30% penetration)
- 7 flexible consumers (10% penetration)
- 186 transmission lines

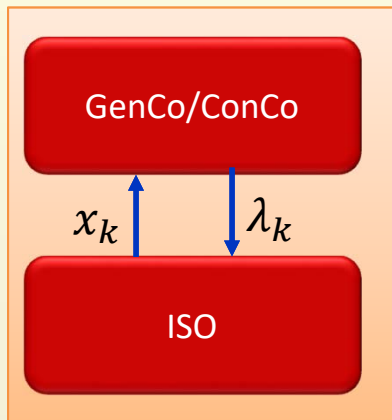


# Results: IEEE-118 bus

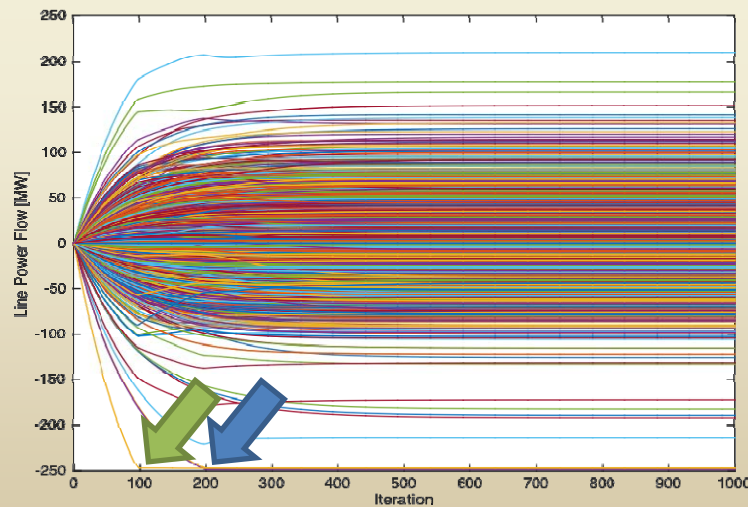
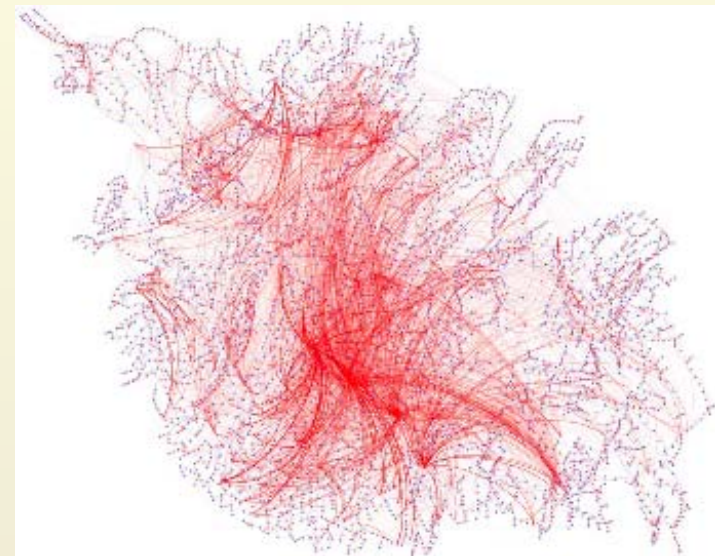


# (A): Validation in IEEE 3120 bus

- Wholesale markets:



Validation in IEEE 3120 bus:





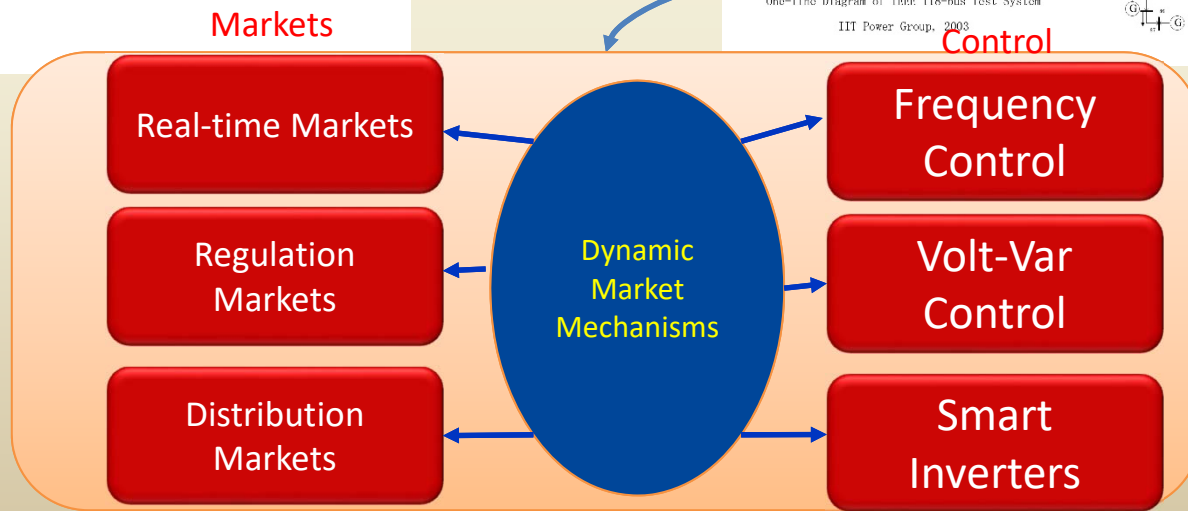
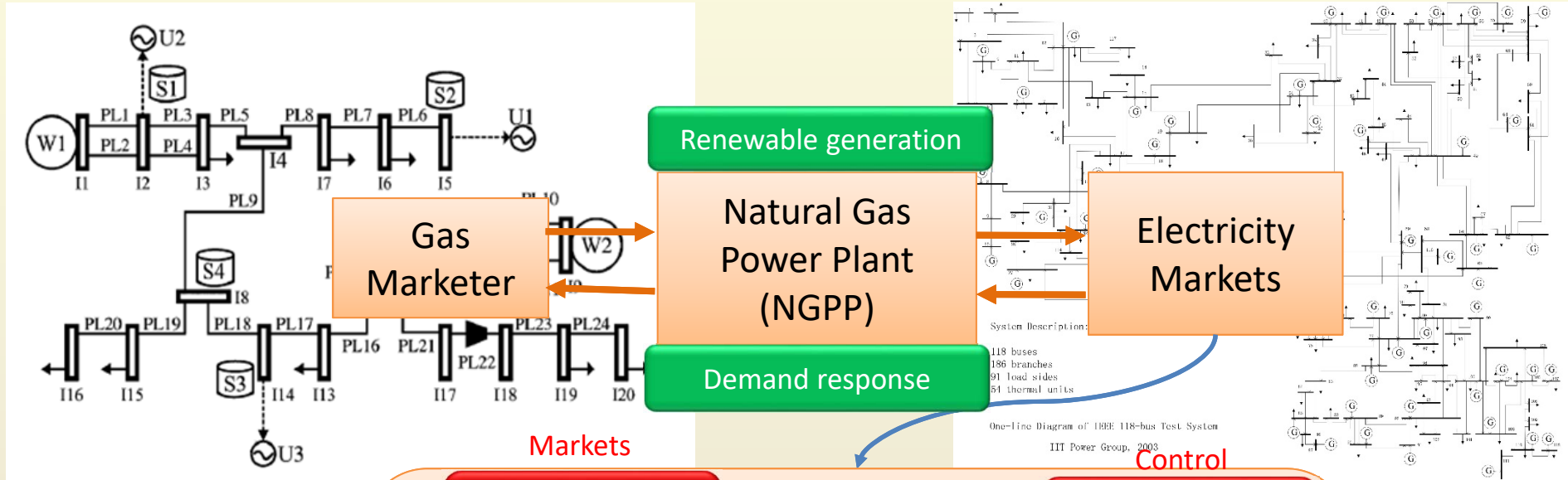
# **NATURAL GAS AND ELECTRICITY INFRASTRUCTURES**

## **(B): MODELS FOR ESTIMATION OF GAS PRICES AND GAS BID- VOLATILITY**

# Role of Markets and Control in Smart Grids

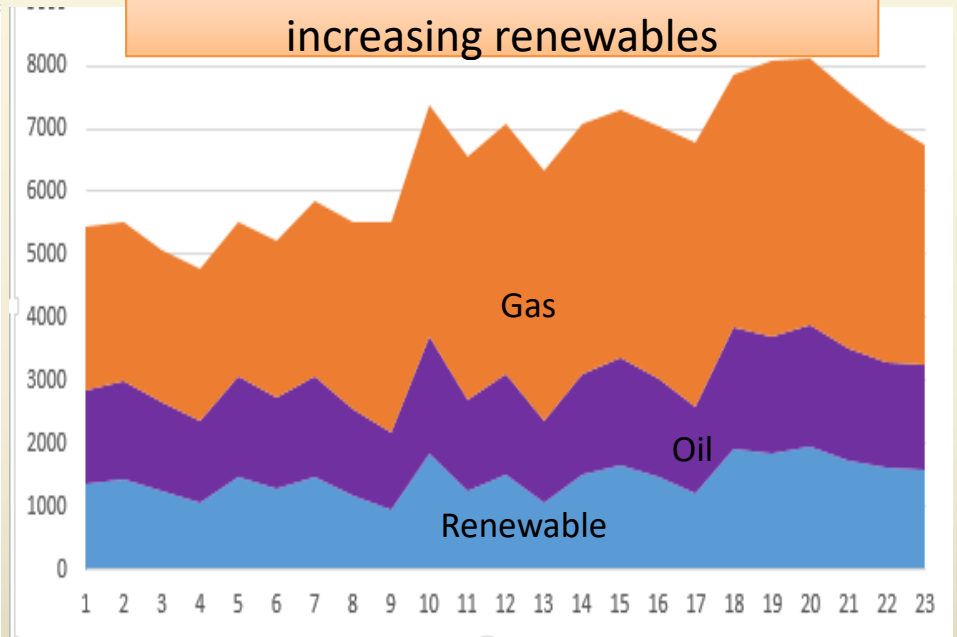
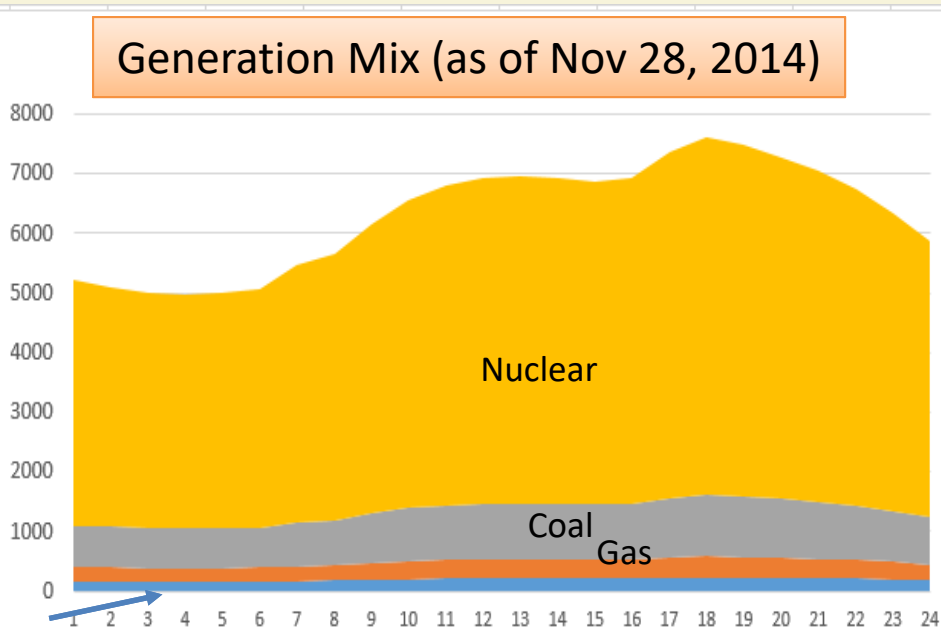
Natural Gas Network

IEEE 118-bus Electricity Network



# Implications of Renewable Generation

$$\text{demand } G_d = \cancel{G_{\text{coal}}} + \cancel{G_{\text{nuclear}}} + G_{\text{oil}} + G_{\text{gas}} + G_{\text{hydro}} + G_{\text{solar}} + G_{\text{wind}}$$

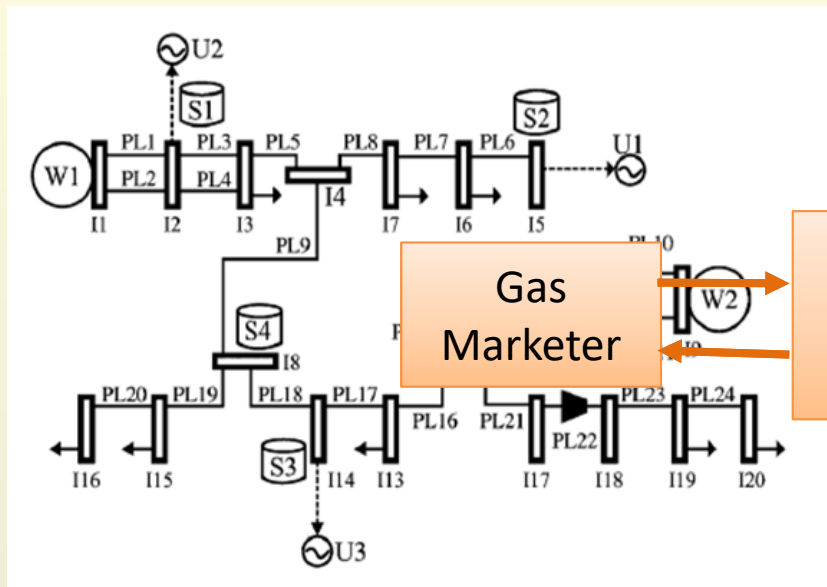


Renewable

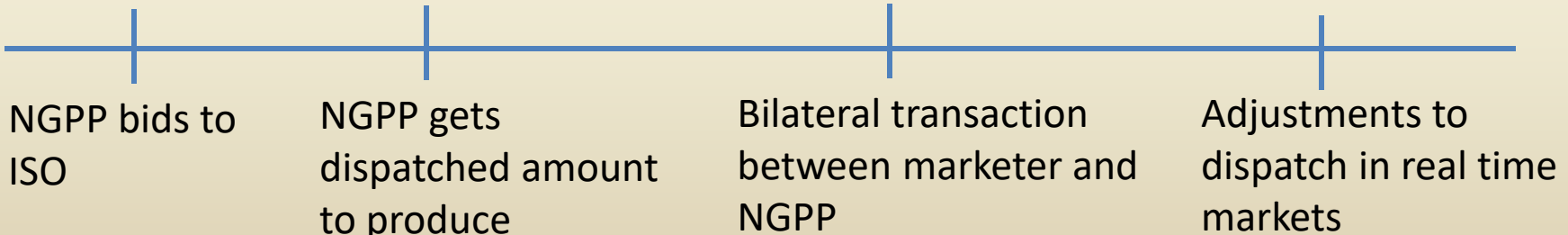
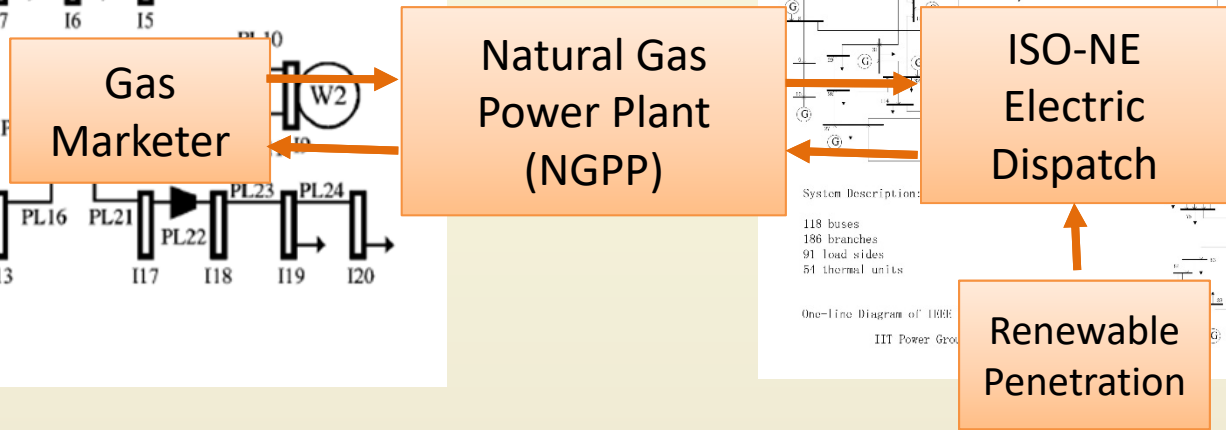
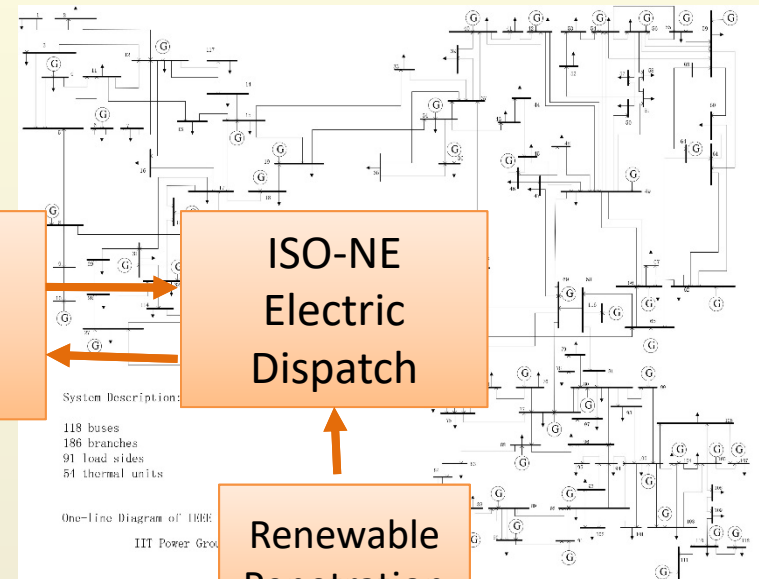
- Goal: To validate the figure on the right using a computational model

# Interdependency between NG and Electricity Networks – Market Flow

Natural Gas Network



IEEE 118-bus Electricity Network

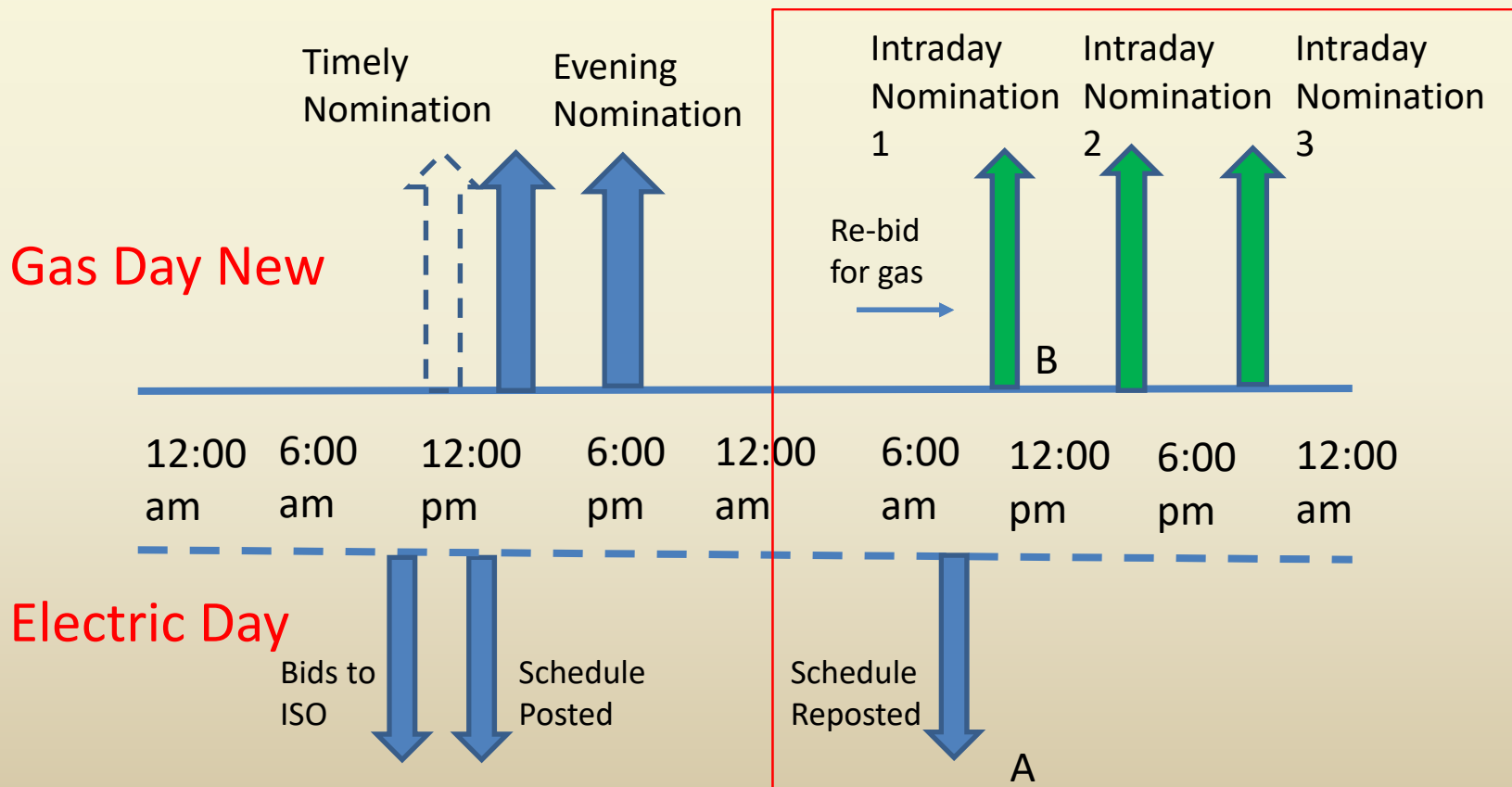


Two main issues:

- Market misalignment
- Unequal access to gas between NGPPs (GenCos) and RCITs (LDCs)

# Market misalignment in Real-time Market

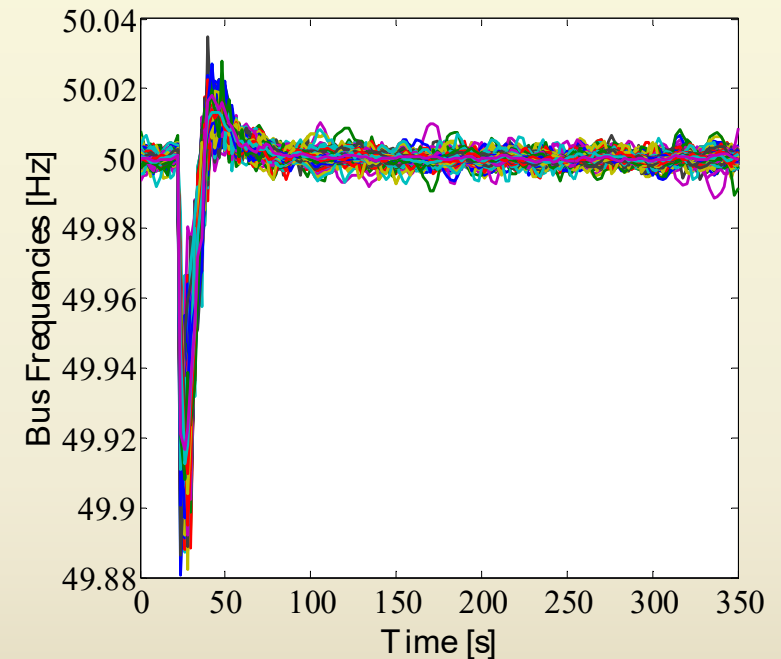
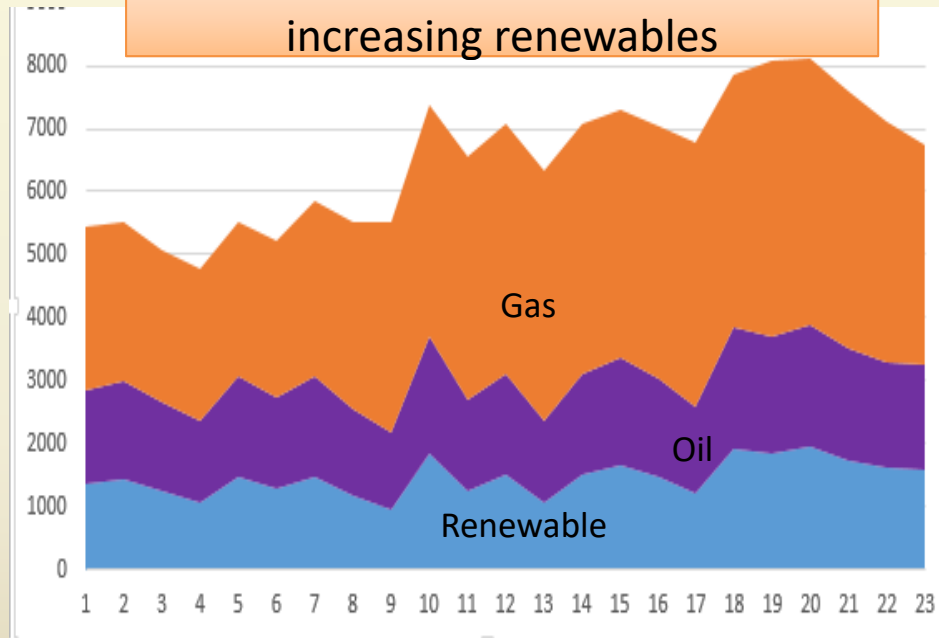
- Only 3 instances when NGPPs find out if additional gas will be available
- Unequal access – gas is available only if RCITs release gas
- NGPPs may not be able to meet their dispatch



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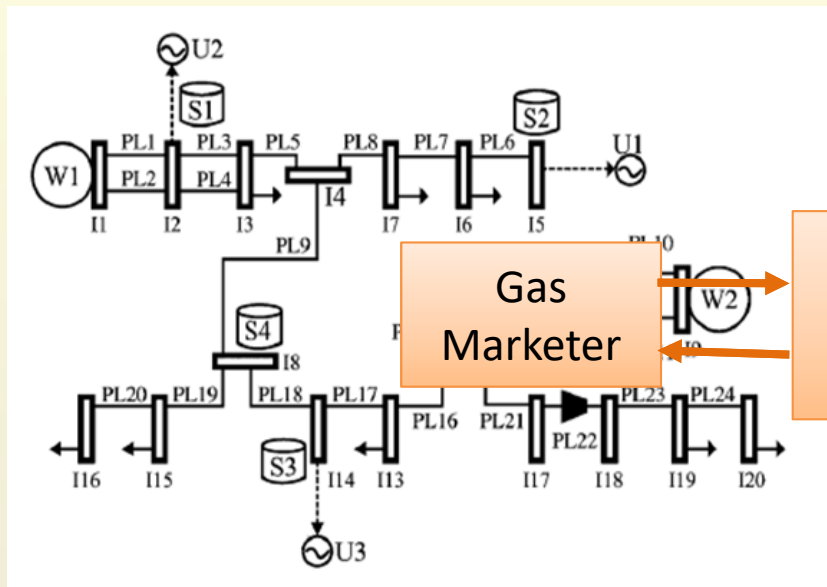
Potential Generation Mix with increasing renewables



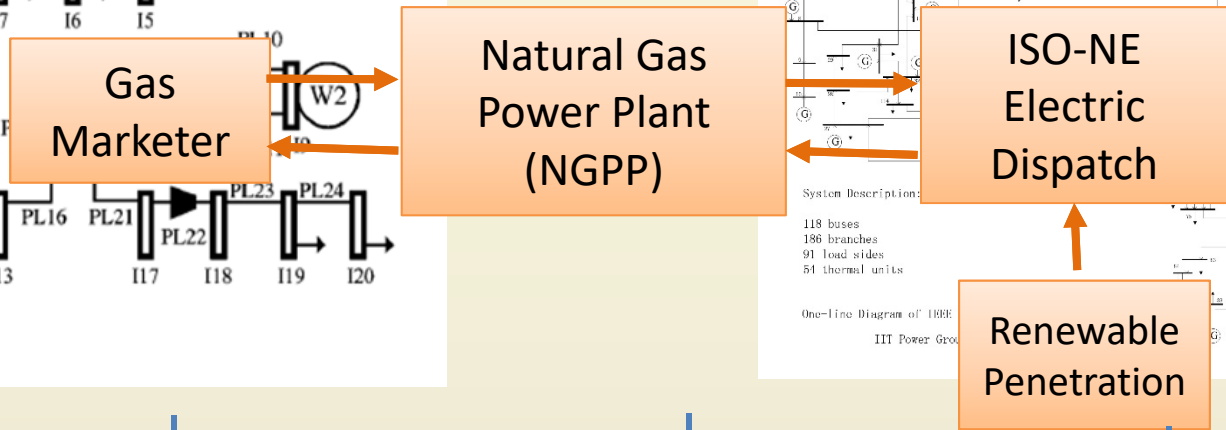
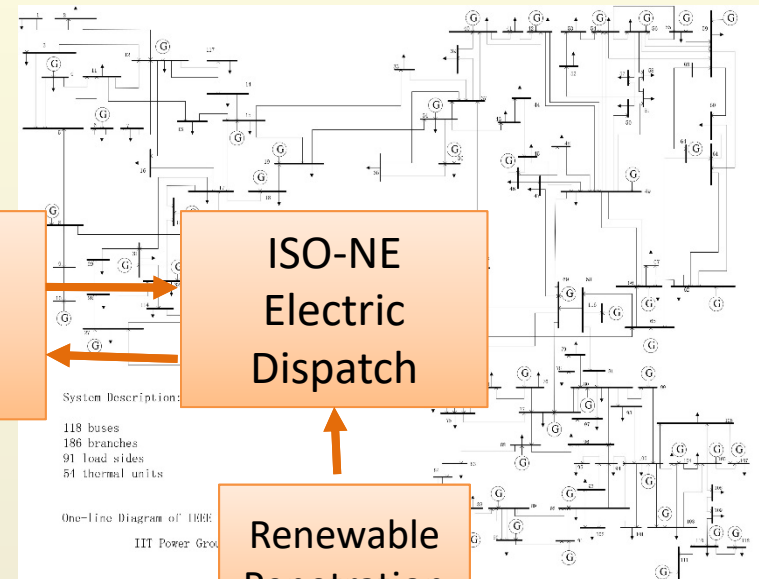
- If gas plants cannot meet their dispatch needs hourly and make up for renewable generation fluctuations, there can be a power imbalance, leading to frequency errors

# Interdependency between NG and Electricity Networks – Unequal access

Natural Gas Network (MA)



IEEE 118-bus Electricity Network



NGPP bids to ISO

NGPP gets dispatched amount to produce

Bilateral transaction between marketer and NGPP

Adjustments to dispatch in real time markets

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# Regression Model

$$P_k^{Gas} = 5.28 + 0.90x_k^{v,WS} - 1.37x_k^{Gas} + 1.22x_k^{HHspot} - 0.09x_k^{storage}$$

$P_k^{Gas}$ : Gas price paid by Gas Fired Generators (GFG)

$x_k^{v,WS}$ : Normalized volatility in Wind and Solar Generation

$x_k^{Gas}$ : Normalized Gas generation

$x_k^{storage}$ : Normalized Gas storage

$x_k^{HHspot}$ : Normalized Henry Hub spot price

- Regression parameters identified using MA data from 2009 to 2015
- Extrapolated to predict gas-prices in 2030 and beyond

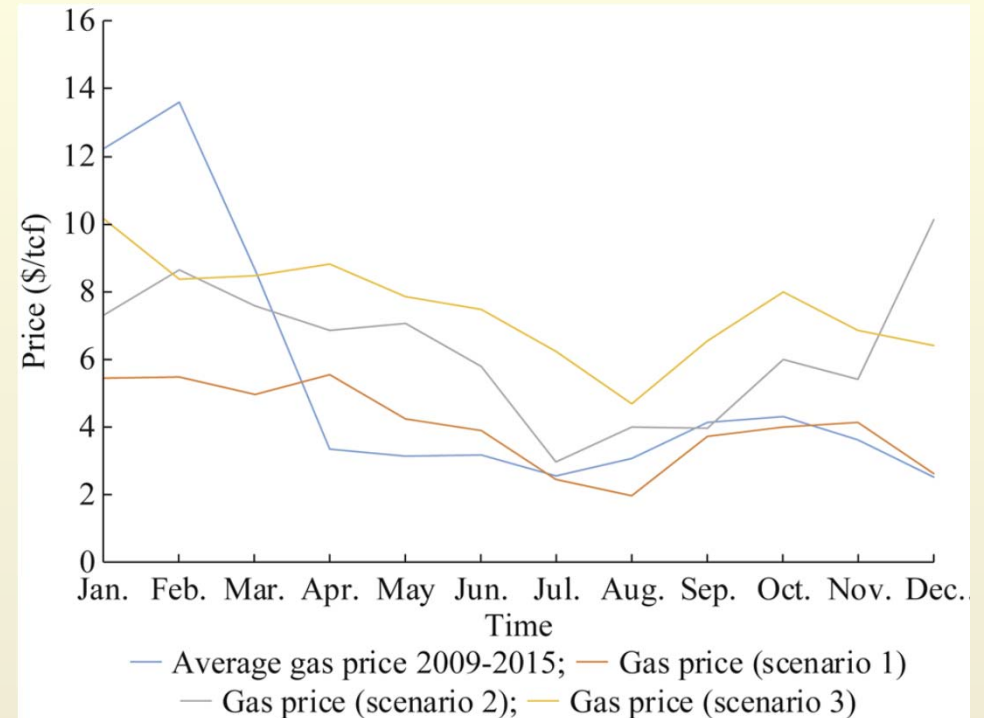
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- $\hat{x}_k^{v,WS}$ : Volatility in Predicted WS-Generation
- $\hat{x}_k^{Gas}$ : Predicted Gas-Generation
- $\hat{x}_k^{HHspot}$ : From \$2.63 in 2015 to \$5 in 2030
- $x_k^{storage}$ : Assumed to remain the same



# Prediction of Gas Prices

- Gas prices increase by 10%  
with 20% WS in the generation-mix
- Gas prices increase by 30%  
with 30% WS in the generation-mix
- Seasonal variations become less pronounced



# Results of Gas Bids

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**Table 5** Average volatility in GFG bids

Scenario	Volatility
2015	~0
Scenario 1 (2.5 to 10%)	~0
Scenario 2 (2.5 to 20%)	0.002
Scenario 3 (2.5 to 30%)	0.1

- Main conclusion: With increasing penetration of WS, there is greater uncertainty for GFGs to obtain gas.
- Therefore they may be inclined to bid even less frequently in 2030 than 2015.

A possible solution: A joint partnership between Natural Gas Power Producers (NGPP) and Wind Power Producers (WPP)

# Wind Integration – Volatility Management

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## Problem:

- Use of ancillary markets and peaker units to accommodate wind power socializes costs [1].
- Wind will face penalties for unmet commitments [2].

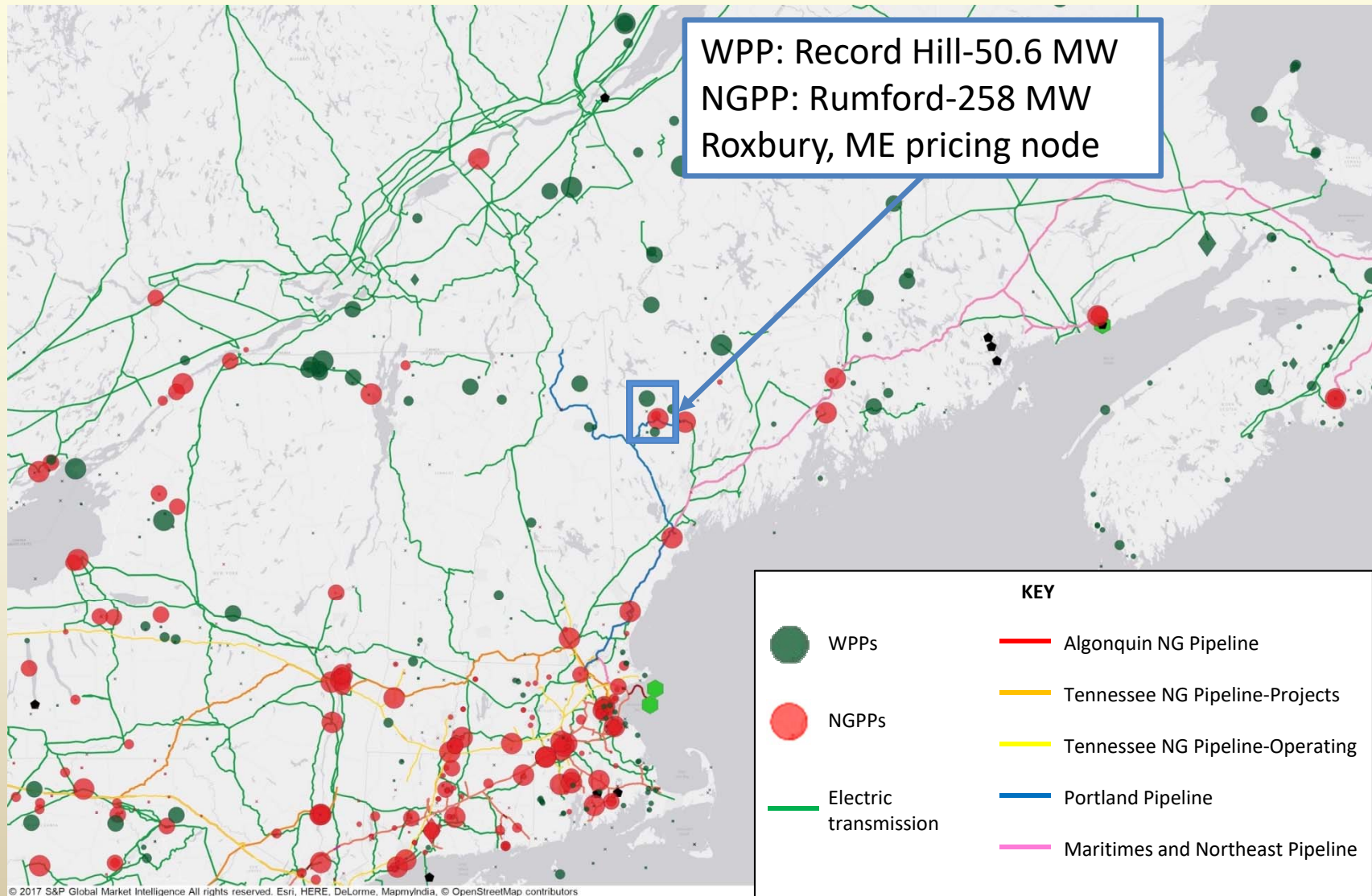
## Solution:

- Contracts between Natural Gas and Wind Power Producers (NGPPs and WPPs) to fulfill unmet commitments.
- NGPPs benefit from exclusive energy rights to WPP shortfalls.
- WPPs benefit from reduced penalty payments enabling more aggressive bidding and increased energy market income.

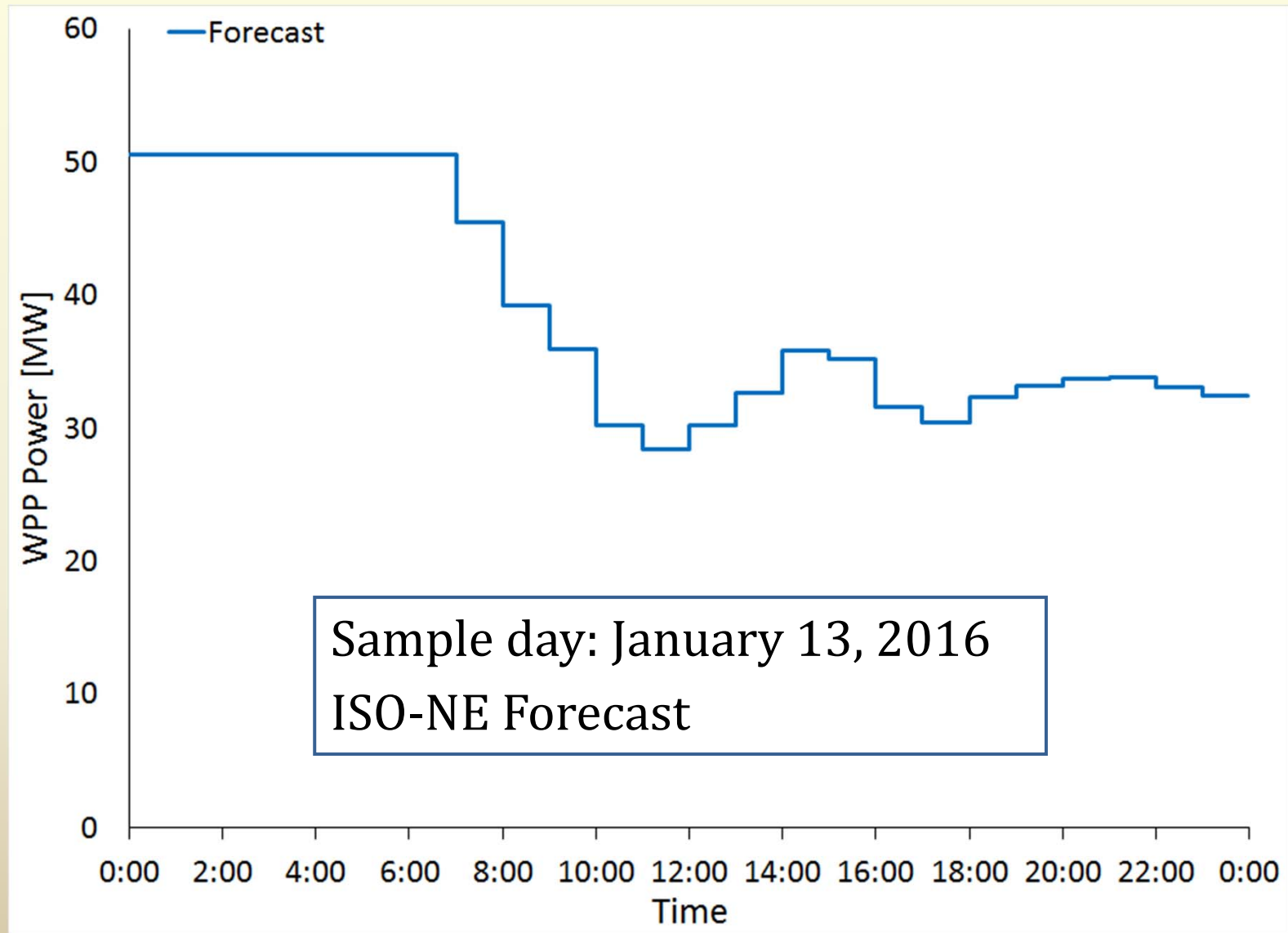
[1] Brown, P. *How does wind generation impact competitive power markets?*. Congressional Research Service, 2012.

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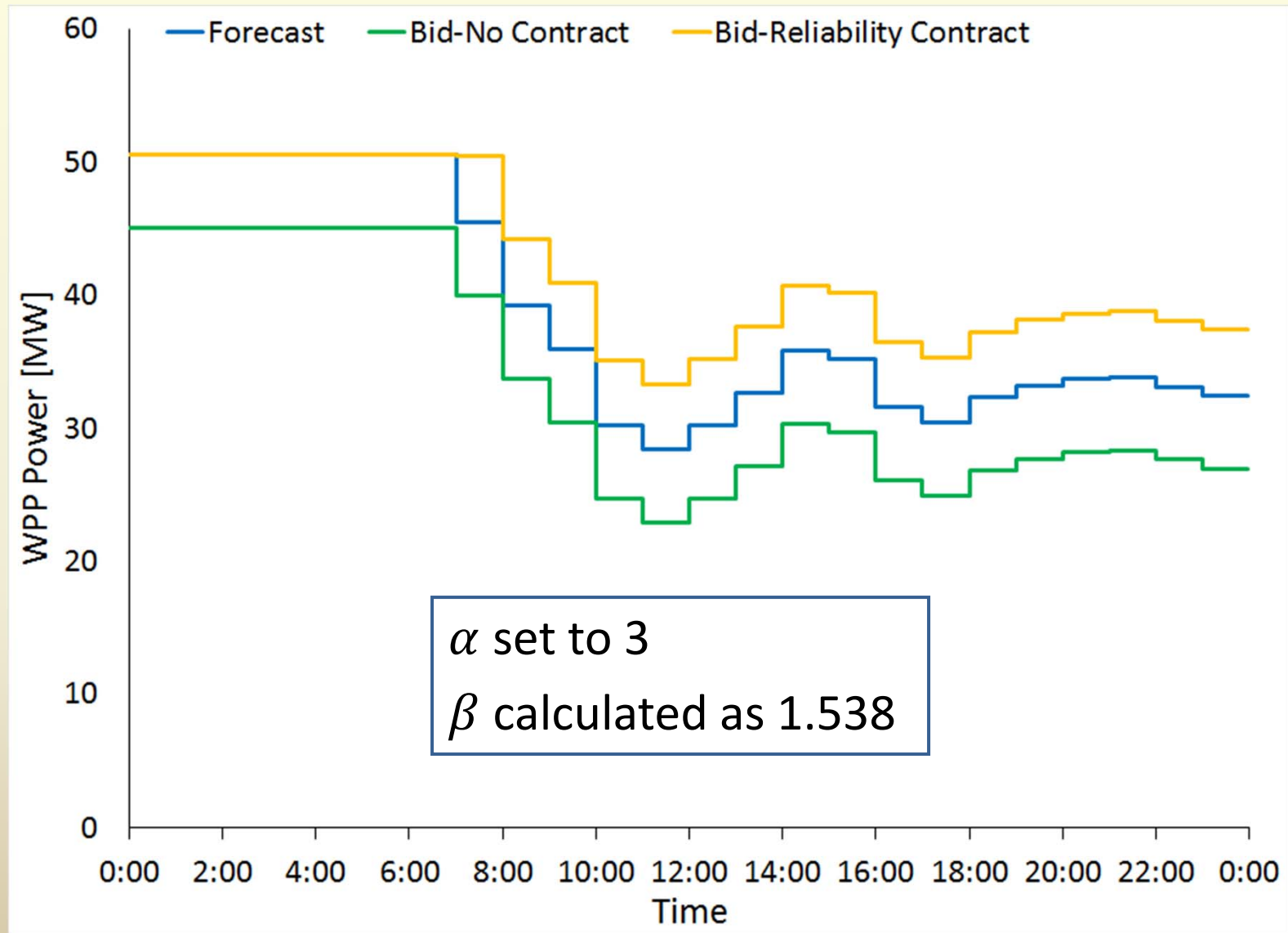
# Simulation – WPP & NGPP Selection



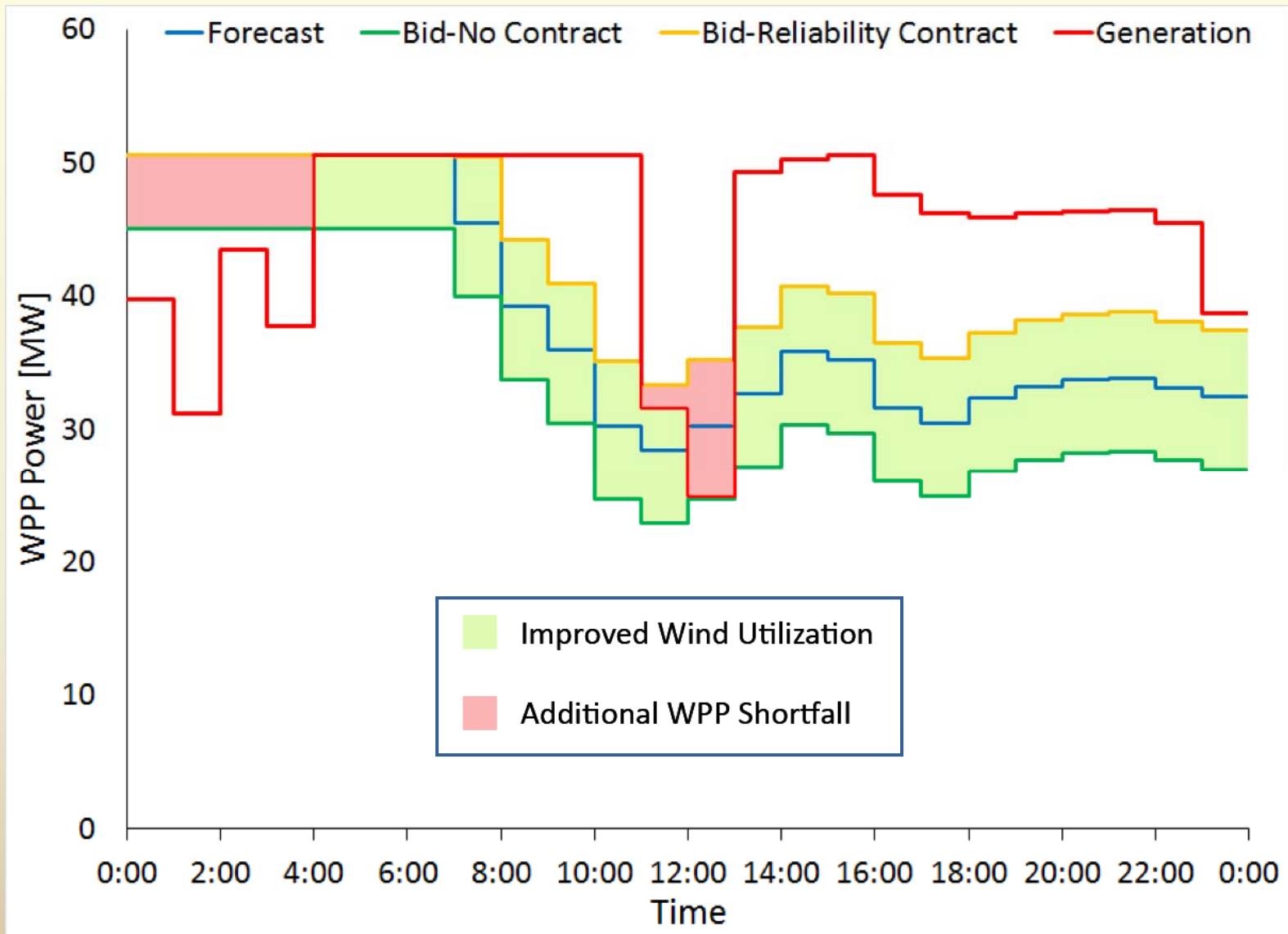
# Simulation – WPP Next Day Generation Forecast



# Simulation – WPP Bidding Sample



# Simulation – Improved Renewable Utilization



# Simulation – Reliability Contract Yearly Cash Flows

Contract Between WPP and NGPP	NO		YES	
	WPP	NGPP	WPP	NGPP
Day-Ahead Energy Market Income	\$ 2,223,008	\$ 19,699,267	\$ 4,253,378	\$ 19,699,267
Contract Payment	\$ -	\$ -	-\$ 2,484,849	\$ 2,484,849
Day-Ahead Penalties	-\$ 1,520,554	\$ -	\$ -	-\$ 238,007
Fuel Cost	\$ -	-\$ 7,690,365	\$ -	-\$ 8,671,295
Variable O&M Cost	\$ -	-\$ 1,446,424	\$ -	-\$ 1,646,660
Fixed O&M Cost	-\$ 534,633	-\$ 9,368,111	-\$ 534,633	-\$ 9,368,111
<i>Profit</i>	\$ 167,820	\$ 1,194,367	\$ 1,233,895	\$ 2,260,042

$\alpha$  set to 3  
 $\beta$  calculated as 1.538

Renewable utilization  
 increase from 66% to 78%

Yearly profits increase by  
 \$1.07 million for each party



# **(C): TRANSACTIVE CONTROL OF ELECTRIC RAIL SYSTEMS**

# Smart Railway Grid Optimization

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## Opportunity:

- RESGs are adopting communication and automation technologies that could allow them to respond to pricing signals or follow optimized trajectories
- Bidirectional power flow from trainsets is enabled by regenerative braking
- Operators operate conservatively (15% margins in US schedules, 7% in Europe [1])

## Objectives:

1. Optimize trajectory with pricing structure that varies in space and time (depart from work minimization) – Spring 2018
2. Develop transactive control methodology for rail system which maximizes joint electric-transit social welfare – Fall 2018 through Spring 2019

[1] Transit Matters. "Regional Rail for Metropolitan Boston." Boston, MA.

URL: <http://transitmatters.org/regional-rail-doc>



# Problem Formulation

For rail routes  $R$  that span space  $S$  in time  $T$ , we pose the cost minimization problem:

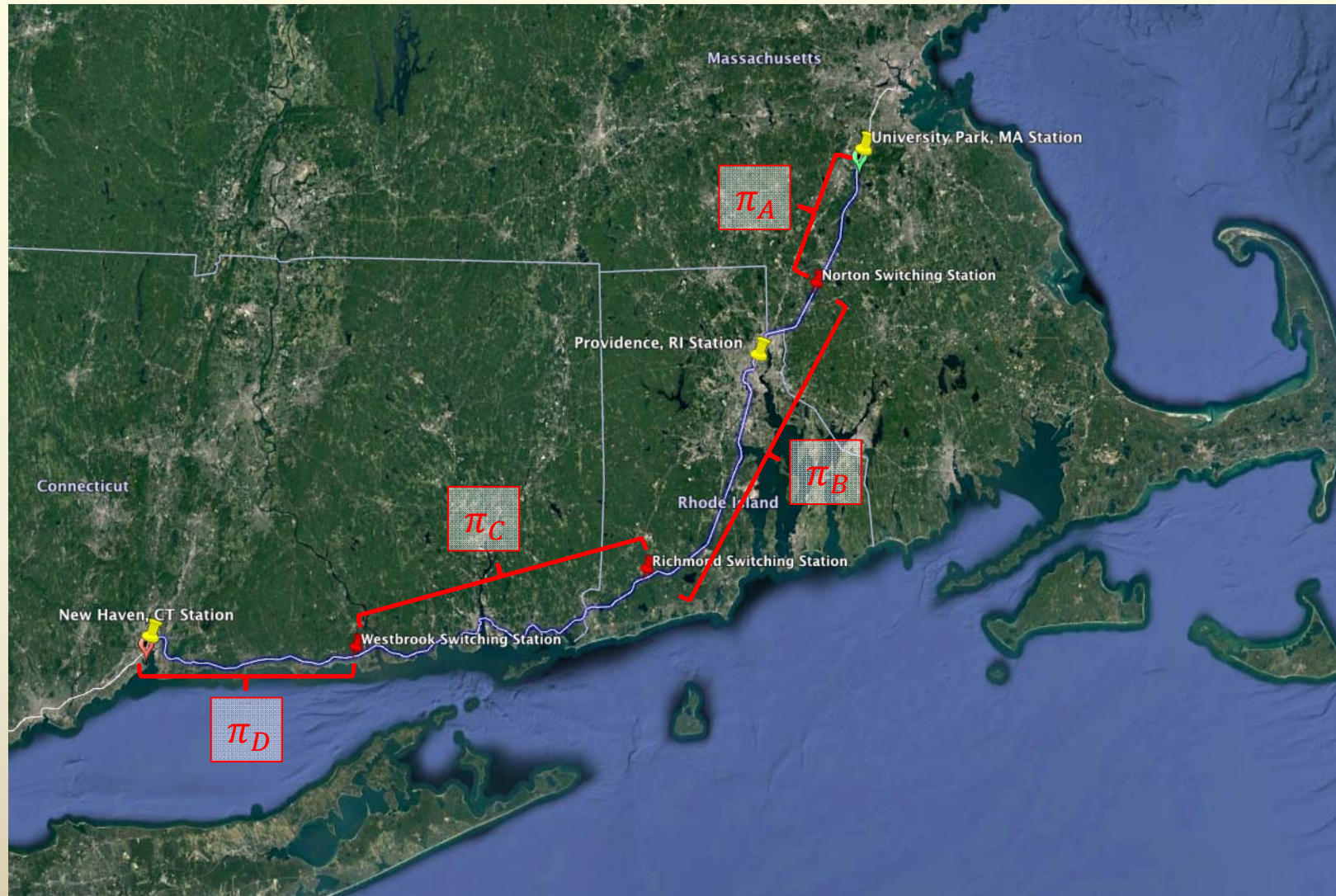
$$\min \sum_R \sum_T \sum_S P(r, t, s) * \pi(r, t, s)$$

s.t.

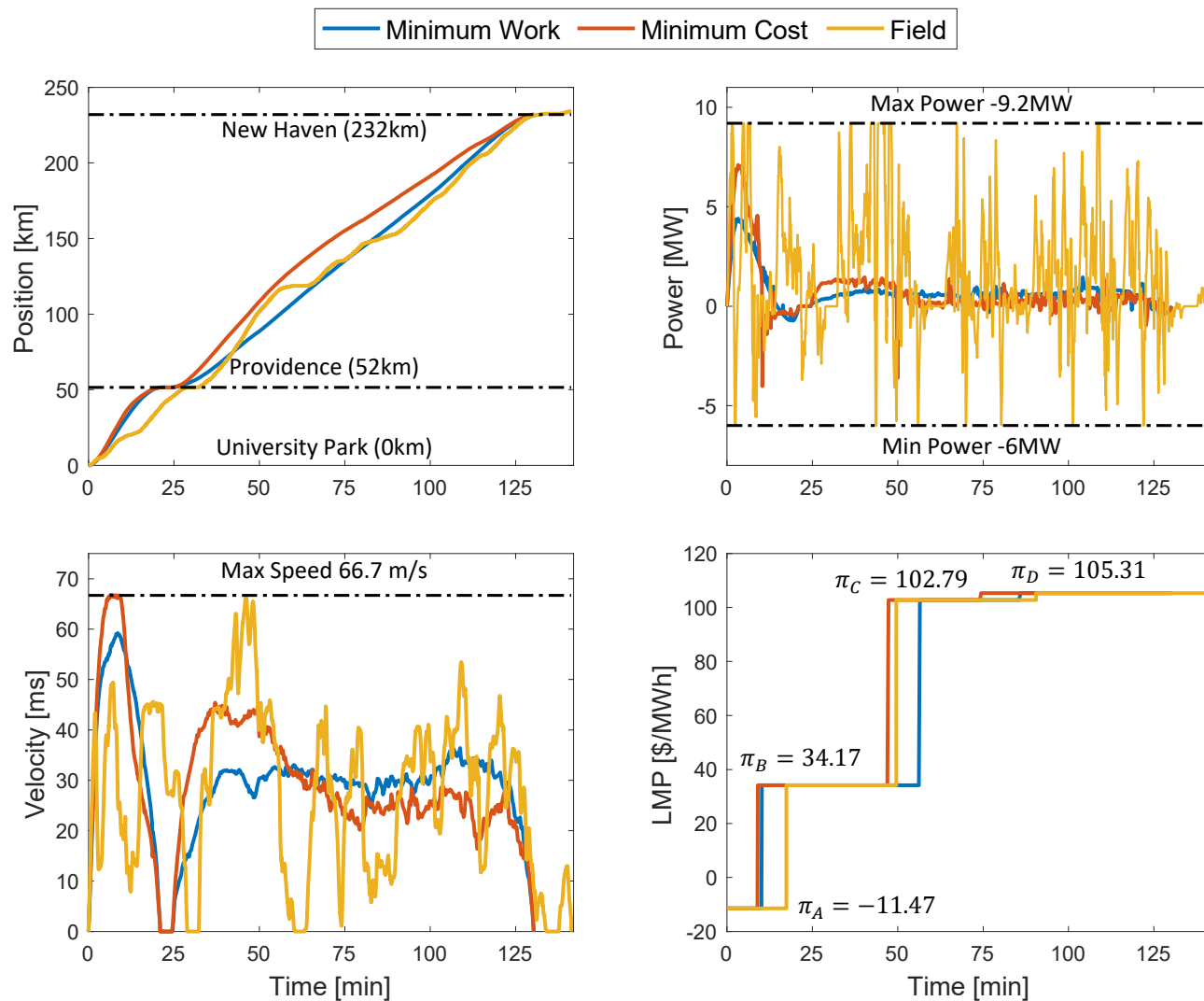
1.  $t_{stop,r,i} \geq t_{stop,r,i,min}$
2.  $t_{stop,r,i} \leq t_{stop,r,i,max}$
3.  $P(r, t, v) \geq P_{min}$
4.  $P(r, t, v) \leq P_{max}$
5.  $v(r, t) \geq 0$
6.  $v(r, t) \leq v_{max}$
7.  $a(r, t) \geq a_{min}$
8.  $a(r, t) \leq a_{max}$
9.  $F_T(r, t) \geq F_{T,min}(v)$
10.  $F_T(r, t) \leq F_{T,max}(v)$

Work minimization  
benchmark with fixed  $\pi$

# Amtrak North East Corridor Railway – 60 Hz Electrification



# Results – Schedule With Largest Pricing Differentials



Cost reduction of 62% from field under minimum work. Cost minimization provides an extra 18% reduction.

Reduction in total work of 58% under minimum work. Cost minimization only provides a 56% reduction.

Simulation on schedule with largest absolute pricing differentials of 2016



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## Summary

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- **Road Ahead**
  - Distributed Optimization and Control
  - Framework for Retail Markets
  - A combined study of market-design and control spanning multiple time-scales needs to be carried out.

# Recent Journal Publications

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2. A. Kiani, A.M. Annaswamy, T. Samad, **“A Hierarchical Transactive Control Architecture for Renewables Integration in Smart Grids: Analytical modeling and stability,”** *IEEE Transactions on Smart Grid*, Special Issue on Control Theory and Technology, 5(4):2054–2065, July 2014.
3. A. Kiani, A.M. Annaswamy. **“A Dynamic Mechanism for Wholesale Energy Market: Stability and Robustness”**, *IEEE Transactions on Smart Grid*, 5(6):2877-2888, November 2014.
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