

The Grid with Intelligent Periphery

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Renewable Integration

Renewables: Drivers and Targets

- Increased interest and investment in renewable energy sources
- Drivers:
 - Environmental concerns, carbon emission
 - Energy security, geopolitical concerns
 - Nuclear power safety after Fukushima
- Ambitious targets:
 - CA: RPS 33% energy penetration by 2020
 - US: 20% wind penetration by 2030
 - Denmark: 50% wind penetration by 2025

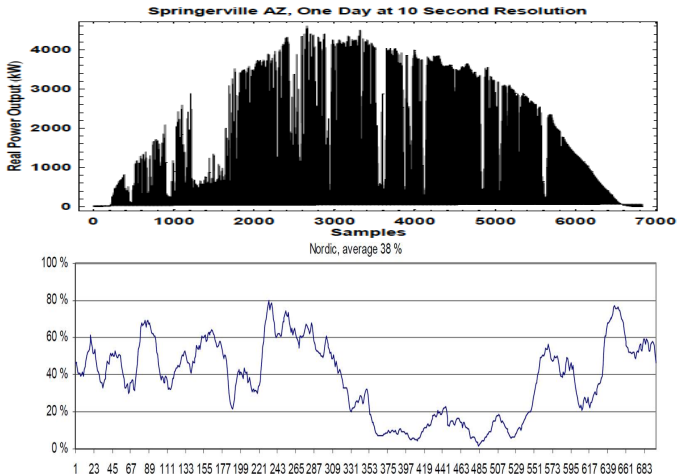
How will we *economically* meet these aggressive targets?

Renewables: where and how much?

- **Grid-side** wind farms, large PV facilities, thermal-solar plants
 - away from population centers
 - need transmission investment
 - **centralized dispatch**
- **Distribution-side** small rooftop PV at $\sim 10^6$ locations
 - power generated and consumed locally
 - **decentralized control**

Large fraction of renewable investments will be on distribution-side

Renewable Generation is Variable



Solar data – Jay Apt and Aimee Curtright, CMU, 2009

Wind data – Hourly power from Nordic grid for Feb. 2000 P. Norgard et al, 2004

Integration Costs

- **Increased variability is *the* problem!**
 - **Operational challenges:** ± 3 GW/h wind ramps
 - **Reserve requirements:** 3X increases needed
- Reserve capacity increases needed with current practice under 33% penetration in CA [Helman 2010]
 - Load following: 2.3 GW \rightarrow 4.4 GW
 - Regulation: 227 MW \rightarrow 1.4 GW
 - Excess reserves defeat carbon benefits
- Added costs due to reserves at 15% renewable penetration
 - \approx \$2.50 - \$5 per MWh of renewable generation
 - EWITS study, NREL, 2010

Reserves are a significant cost for renewable integration

Mitigating Reserve Costs – Approaches

Supply-side Better use of Information	Improved forecasting Risk limiting dispatch
Demand-side Exploiting Flexibility	Storage, HVACs Electric vehicles
Market-side Novel Instruments	Intraday markets New incentive strategies

Power System Operations

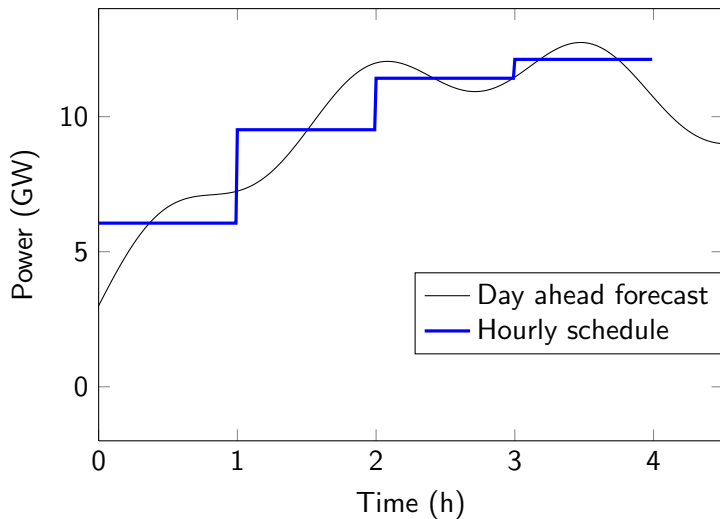
The Core Problem

- **The Core Problem: Balancing Supply and Demand**
 - economically through markets
 - with transmission constraints
 - while maintaining power quality (voltage, frequency)
 - and assuring reliability against contingencies
- **Today**
 - All renewable power taken, treated as negative load
 - subsidies: feed-in tariffs, etc
 - Net load $n(t) = \ell(t) - w(t)$
 - Tailor supply to meet random demand
- **Tomorrow**
 - Renewables are market participants
 - Tailor demand to meet random supply

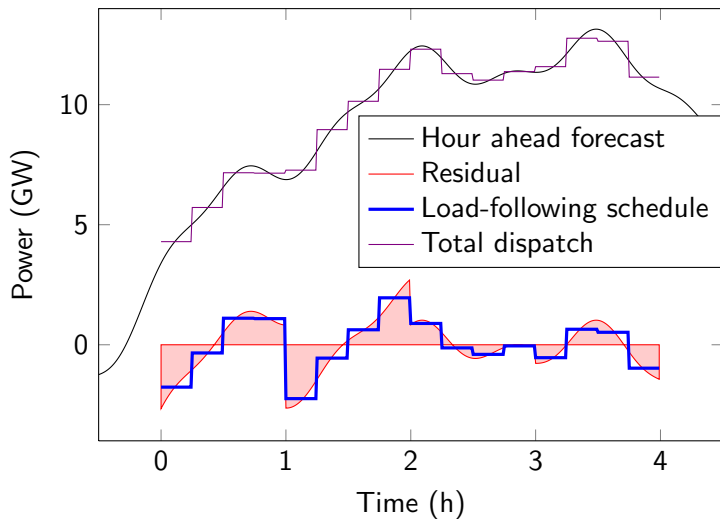
System Operations Today

- Complex, vary immensely across regions, countries
- Constructing the supply to meet random demand
 - Feed-forward: use forecasts of $n(t)$ in markets
 - Feedback: use power & freq measurements for regulation
- Markets (greatly simplified)
 - Day ahead: buy 1 hour blocks using forecast of $n(t)$
 - “Real-time”: buy 5 min blocks using better forecast of $n(t)$
- Regulation
 - For fine imbalance (sub 5-min) between supply and demand
 - **Must pay for regulation capacity**
 - Various time-scales

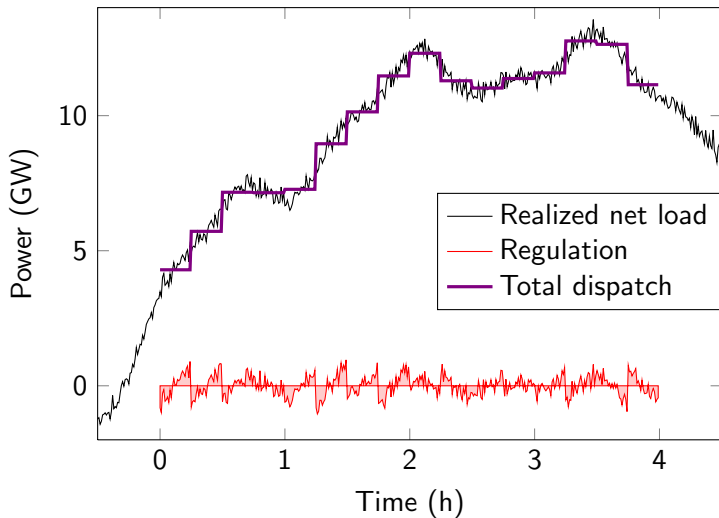
Day Ahead Market Dispatch



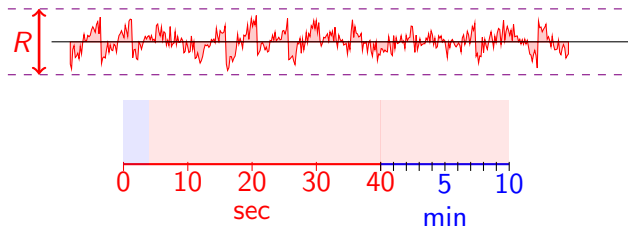
Real Time Market Dispatch



Regulation



Regulation Time-scales



Capacity R for various regulation services procured in advance

time-scale	ancillary service	detail
< 4s	governor control	decentralized
4s to 10m	AGC automatic generation control	centralized control generators on call respond to SO commands

Tomorrow: Things Fall Apart

- Myopic decision-making

- ignores forecast error
- doesn't exploit that there is a recourse opportunity

Approach: Risk-limiting-dispatch Rajagopal *et al* 2012

- Too much variability

- 33% renewables → lots of variability → 3X reserves
- variability at many time-scales and magnitudes
need distinct regulation services

- solar → more frequency regulation

- wind → more operating reserves

- large wind ramps → ???

Solution: tailor demand to meet random supply by
exploiting flexible loads

Aggregate Flexibility

A Paradigm Shift

- Today: tailor generation to meet random load
- Tomorrow: tailor load to meet random generation
- Enabling ingredient: flexible loads
 - residential HVAC
 - commercial HVAC
 - deferrable appliance loads
 - electric vehicles
- Flexible loads will enable deep renewable penetration without large increases in reserves

The Sound-bite

“Flexible loads can absorb variability in renewable generation”

- Devil is in the details, and the sound-bite is vague ...
- What variability?
 - variability in wind or rooftop solar?
 - what time scales? wind ramps or routine fluctuations?
- What Ancillary Services can be provided?
 - load-following regulation?
 - frequency regulation?
- Architecture?
 - direct load control or load control through price proxies?
 - degree of decentralization?
 - hardware infrastructure?
- Where is the economic value?

The Value of Flexible Loads

<i>Player</i>	<i>Value</i>
Flexible Loads	discounted electricity price
Utilities	better forecasting
Aggregator	minimizing operating costs
Renewable Generators	firming variable power
System Operator	displacing reserve capacity

An Example of What is Possible

- Direct load control: 60,000 **diverse** AC units

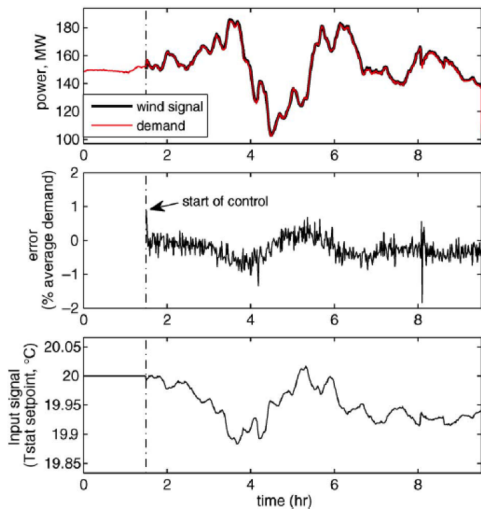
Control	$u(t)$ = common setpoint change
Measurements	$\theta_k(t)$ = temperatures of unit k
Objective	total power $P(t)$ tracks command $r(t)$ high freq part of power from wind farm
Model	collection of TCLs: stochastic hybrid system Malhamé and Chong, <i>IEEE TAC</i>, 1985

- **Result: $\pm 0.1^\circ\text{C}$ setpoint changes can track high freq part of $w(t)$!**

Callaway, *Energy Conversion and Management*, 2009

Flexibility in TCL's can firm wind generation

Results



- $P(t) \approx w(t)$
- Tracking error $\approx 1\%$
- Set-point changes $\approx 0.1^\circ\text{C}$
- Proof-of-concept result

Two Central Problems

- Consider collection of flex loads
- Modeling Aggregate Flexibility
 - characterize the set of admissible power profiles that can meet the needs of flex loads
 - want a simple, portable model
 - System Operator uses model for procuring AS
- Control Algorithms
 - aggregator or cluster manager controls flex loads
 - allocation available generation to loads
 - allocation must be **causal**
 - not traditional control, more like CS scheduling

Two Business Cases

- Selling aggregate flexibility as an AS
 - ex: residential HVAC
 - loads pay fixed price per MW
 - flexibility is sold as load-following regulation service
- Using aggregate flexibility to minimize operating costs
 - ex: shopping mall EV charging
 - loads pay low-cost bulk power + expensive reserves
 - flexibility can minimize reserve cost

Aggregate Flexibility

- Collection of flexible loads, indexed by k
 - For each load, define a nominal power profile $P_k^o(t)$
 - Many perturbations e from nominal satisfy the load

$$\mathbb{E}_k = \{e : e + P_k^o \text{ satisfies load } k\}$$

- Aggregate nominal power $n(t) = \sum_k P_k^o$
- Aggregate flexibility

$$\mathbb{E} = \sum \mathbb{E}_k$$

- Key problem: characterize \mathbb{E}

Generalized Electricity Storage

- Models a set of power profiles

$$u(t) \in \text{Batt}(\phi) \iff \begin{cases} u(t) \in [-m^-, m^+] \\ \dot{x} = -ax + u \\ x(0) = \xi \implies x(t) \in [-C^-, C^+] \end{cases}$$

Parameters ϕ

parameter	meaning
m^-, m^+	discharge/charge rate limits
C^-, C^+	up/down capacity
a	dissipation
ξ	init condn

- Compact, portable model

Result Summary

- Consider collection of flex loads: TCLs, EVs, etc
- **Aggregate flexibility can be well modeled as a stochastic battery:**

$$Batt(\phi_1) \subseteq \mathbb{E} \subseteq Batt(\phi_2)$$

- Battery parameters are random processes
 - depend on exogenous variables
 - ex: ambient temp, arrival/departure rates, charging needs, etc
- **Simple scheduling algorithms:**

Given $u \in Batt(\phi_1)$, can allocate u to flex loads

- $u = \sum_k e_k, \quad e_k \in \mathbb{E}_k$
- algorithms are causal

Aggregate Flexibility from EVs

Modeling Electric Vehicles

■ Simple model

- arrival a , departure d , needs energy E , **max rate m**

$$\int_a^d p(t) dt = E, \quad 0 \leq p(t) \leq m$$

- Ignoring many details: range for E , quantized power levels, minimum rate during charging, ...
- Each EV load is a task parametrized by (a, d, E, m)
- EV announces task parameters on arrival
- Task are pre-emptive: can interrupt and resume servicing
else problems become bin packing (NP Hard)

Some Simple Concepts

- **Energy state** of task at time t :

$$e(t) = E - \int_a^t p(\tau) d\tau = \text{remaining energy needed}$$

- Task is **active** at time t if $a \leq t \leq d$
- $\mathbb{A}(t)$ = set of all active tasks at time t
- **Nominal load profile** $n(t)$
 - Service task at a constant rate $E/(d - a)$
 - Don't exploit flexibility

Adequacy

- Many power profiles can meet EV needs
- Available generation $g(t)$
- σ allocates available generation $g(t)$ to tasks
 - σ is **causal** if allocations at time t depend only on:
info from past tasks, past generation
 - $g(t)$ is **adequate** if $\exists \sigma$ that completes all tasks
 - $g(t)$ is **exactly adequate** if adequate + no surplus
- **Agenda:**
 - When is g exactly adequate?
 - If it is, what policy σ will complete the tasks?
 - If it isn't, we have at times shortfall/surplus generation
What are the minimum energy reserves we need?

Common Scheduling Policies

- Build priority stack
- Earliest Deadline First [EDF]: Prioritize tasks by deadline d
- Least Laxity First [LLF]: Prioritize tasks by laxity λ

$$\text{Laxity } \lambda(t) = \overbrace{(d_i - t)}^{\text{time remaining}} - \overbrace{(e_i(t)/m_i)}^{\text{time required}}$$

- Very easy to implement!
- Inspired by Processor-Time-Allocation research
[ex: Liu ('73), Dertouzos ('74)]

Testing Adequacy

$g(t)$	available generation
$n(t)$	nominal load profile
$v(t)$	deviation $g - n$
$x(t)$	cumulative deviation $\int_0^t v(\tau) d\tau$

Theorem

Assume no rate limits

g is exactly adequate \iff

$$-C^- \leq x(t) \leq C^+ \quad \text{where} \quad \begin{cases} C^- &= \sum_{i \in \mathbb{A}(t)} E^i \frac{t-a^i}{d^i-a^i} \\ C^+ &= \sum_{i \in \mathbb{A}(t)} E^i \frac{d^i-t}{d^i-a^i} \end{cases}$$

- EDF scheduling works
- $x(t) > C^+ \implies$ have surplus, need down-regulation
- $x(t) < -C^- \implies$ have shortfall, need up-regulation

Aggregate Flexibility of EVs

- An equivalent view ...

Theorem

Assume no rate limits

g is exactly adequate $\iff g = n + u$ where $u \in \text{Batt}(\phi)$.

Battery has no dissipation, no rate limits, and time-varying capacities:

$$C^- = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{A}(t)} E^i \frac{t - a^i}{d^i - a^i}$$

$$C^+ = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{A}(t)} E^i \frac{d^i - t}{d^i - a^i}$$

- Capacities are random processes
 - depend on arrival/departure rates, charging needs, etc

Aggregate flexibility of EVs can be modeled as a stochastic battery

- Flexibility captured by battery capacity $[-C^-(t), C^+(t)]$
 - time-varying
 - depends only on active task info
 - easily computed causally from \mathbb{T}
 - ex: Bernoulli arrival of identical tasks

$$C^- = C^+ \approx 0.5 \sum_{i \in \mathbb{A}(t)} E^i = C(t)$$

- Aggregate Flexibility $C(t)$
 - $C(t)$ = half energy needs of active tasks at time t
 - keep cumulative deviation x in sleeve $\pm C(t)$

Minimum Energy Reserve Policy

- Suppose available generation is not exactly adequate
 - shortfall \rightarrow up-regulation $r^{up}(t)$
 - surplus \rightarrow need down-regulation $r^{down}(t)$
- How much reserves are needed? How to schedule in real-time?

Theorem

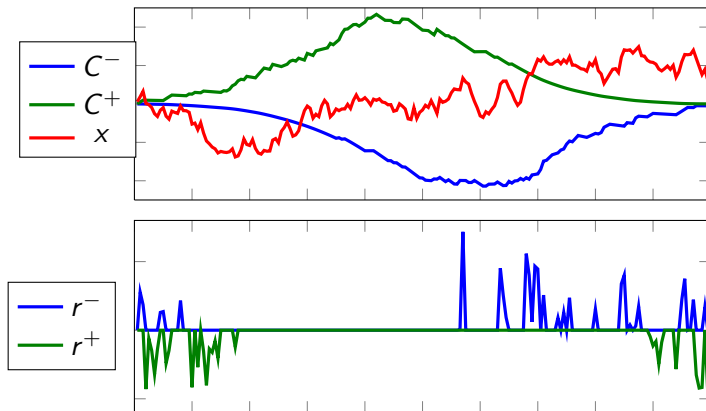
Define the random process $y(t)$ with $y(0) = 0$ and

$$dy = \begin{cases} v(t) & \text{if } |y(t)| \leq C \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

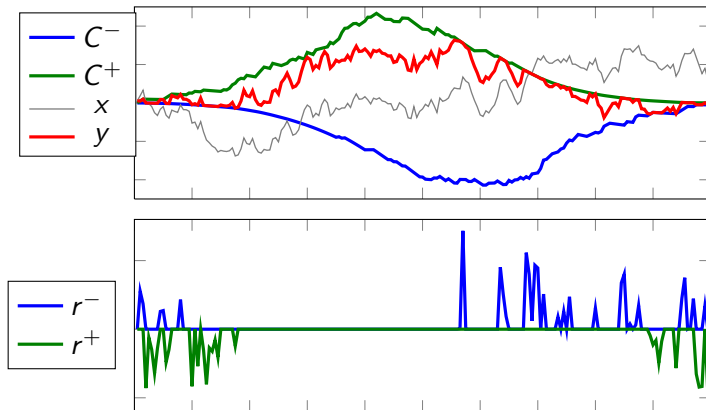
The minimum energy reserve policy to complete the tasks is

$$\begin{aligned} r^{up}(t) &= (y(t) + v(t) - C)^+ \\ r^{down}(t) &= (-C - y(t) - v(t))^+ \end{aligned}$$

Illustration



Illustration



ex: Green Garage

■ Car statistics

Average EV arrivals	50 per hour
Average time parked	h hours
Average charge rate	4 kW
Nominal load $n(t)$	$\approx 50 \times h \times 4$ kW

■ Aggregate Flexibility

- Average energy needed at any time

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{ave num of cars} \\ 50h \end{array} \times \begin{array}{c} \text{charge rate} \\ 4 \end{array} \times \begin{array}{c} \text{ave stay} \\ h \end{array} = 200h^2 \text{ kWh}$$

- Cars behave like nominal + stochastic battery:
- Battery capacity $\approx \pm 100h^2$ kWh

What happens with Rate Limits?

Theorem

Assume rate limits. Suppose g is adequate.

Causal scheduling policy may not exist.

- Must use forecasts of generation $g(t)$ and loads \mathbb{T}
- Model predictive control works well!
- Simulation studies reveal
 - Reserve energy: all scheduling policies are comparable
 - Reserve capacity: MPC is much better

A. Subramanian *et al*, [ACC 2012, CDC 2012]

Aggregate Flexibility from TCLs

Simple Model of a TCL (Cooling Load)

■ Dead-band model

$$\dot{\theta} = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{CR}(\theta - \theta^a + P^m R) + w & \text{ON state} \\ -\frac{1}{CR}(\theta - \theta^a) + w & \text{OFF state} \end{cases}$$

■ State-switching boundaries

$$\bar{\theta} = \theta^r + \Delta, \quad \underline{\theta} = \theta^r - \Delta$$

- Control input = setpoint θ_r
- Process disturbance w for model uncertainty
- Simplified model, ignoring many details

C	thermal capacitance	2 kWh/°C
R	thermal resistance	2 °C/kW
P^m	power consumption when ON	5.6 kW
Δ	deadband	1 °C

Even Simpler Model

- Continuous-power model

$$\dot{\theta} = -\frac{1}{RC}(\theta - \theta_a + Re(t)) + w$$

- Control input $e(t)$ is power supplied to TCL
- Constraint: $e(t) \in [0, P^m]$

- We use this model for analysis
- Use better dead-band model for simulations
- Later need to show that for a large population, aggregate behavior of TCLs is same under either model

Nominal Average Power

- Assume $\theta_a \approx \text{const}$
- Average power consumption to maintain $\theta(t) = \theta_r$

$$P^o = \frac{\theta_a - \theta_r}{R}$$

- Nominal average power P^o
 - function of HVAC, ambient temp, set-point
 - slowly-varying random process
- Measuring P^o is critical: firmware solution
 - know θ_r from thermostat
 - measure $\theta(t)$
 - run-time ID of R, θ_a

Collection of TCLs

- N diverse TCL loads
- Each modelled by $\{\theta_k^r, \Delta_k, R_k, C_k, P_k^m\}$
- **Nominate aggregate power**

$$n(t) = \sum_k P_o^k = \text{fn of ambient, TCLs, set-points}$$

- Some constants

$$\bar{a} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_k 1/(R_k C_k) = \text{ave time constant}$$

$$m^- \approx \sum_k P_k^o = \text{agg nominal power}$$

$$m^+ \approx \sum_k (P_k^m - P_k^o) = \text{agg peak - agg nominal power } f_k$$

Adequacy

- Many power profiles can keep TCLs within user-specified comfort bounds $\theta_r \pm \Delta$
 - Available generation $g(t)$
 - Scheduling policy σ allocates $g(t)$ to TCLs
- σ is **causal** if allocations at time t depend only on:
past info from TCLs , past generation
- $g(t)$ is **adequate** if $\exists \sigma$ such that
- $$|\theta^k(t) - \theta_r^k| \leq \Delta^k$$
- $g(t)$ is **exactly adequate** if adequate + no surplus

Aggregate Flexibility

$g(t)$ | available generation
 $n(t)$ | nominal aggregate power

Theorem

g is exactly adequate $\implies g = n + u$ where $u \in \text{Batt}(\phi_1)$.

Battery has dissipation \bar{a} , rate limits $[m^-, m^+]$, and capacity:

$$C \approx \sum_k \Delta_k (1 + f_k)$$

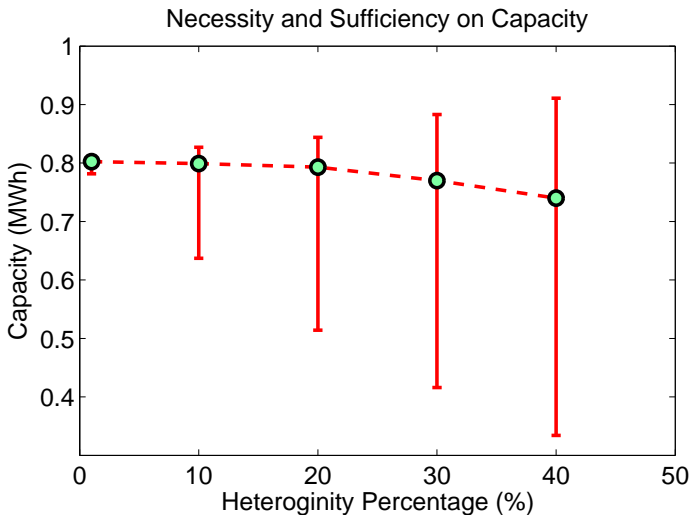
g is exactly adequate $\iff g = n + u$ where $u \in \text{Batt}(\phi_2)$.

Battery has dissipation \bar{a} , rate limits $[m^-, m^+]$, and capacity:

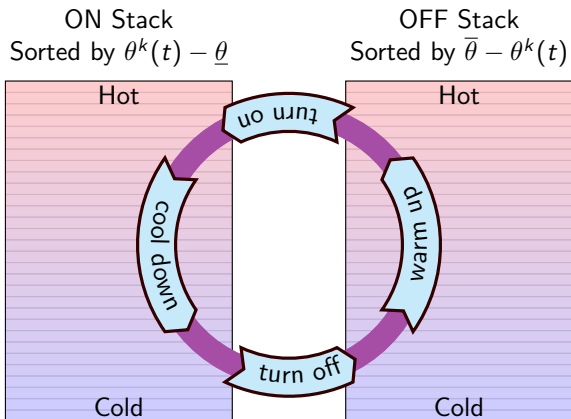
$$C \approx \sum_k \Delta_k (1 - f_k)$$

Aggregate flexibility of TCLs can be modeled as a stochastic battery

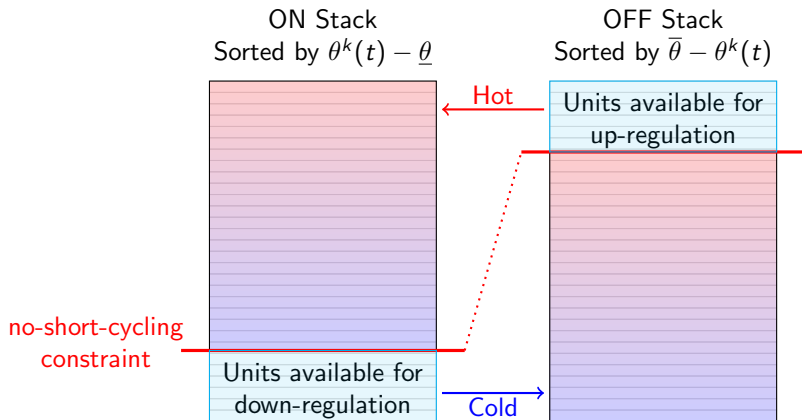
How Tight are the Battery Models?



Priority Stacks

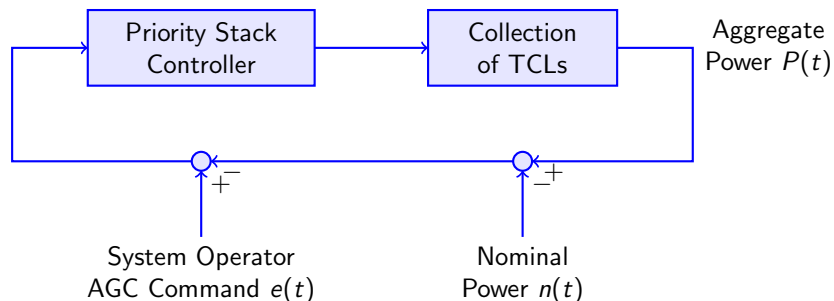


Priority Stack Controller



- turn OFF colder units to provide power
- turn ON warmer units to absorb power
- no-short-cycling constraints

Control Architecture



■ Two key problems:

- Measuring aggregate power $P(t)$
- Computing nominal aggregate power $n(t)$

Control Architecture Details

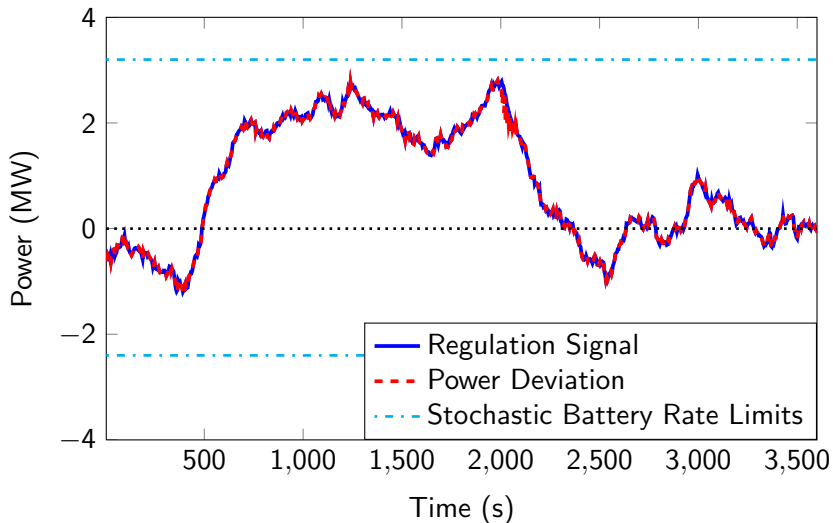
- **Centralized control**, sampling rate 0.25 Hz
- **Each TCL:**
 - 1 during installation calibration of P^m (hopefully \approx const)
 - 2 measure $\theta_k(t), \theta^r$ (already available)
 - 3 estimate R, C, θ^a, Δ (standard system ID)
 - 4 compute and transmit to cluster manager

$$P_k^o, P_k(t), \text{priority} = \pi_k(t)$$

- **Cluster manager:**
 - 1 computes nominal aggregate power $n(t)$
 - 2 computes aggregate power $P(t)$
 - 3 updates priority stack
 - 4 receives AGC command, computes control action
 - 5 broadcasts control action to TCLs

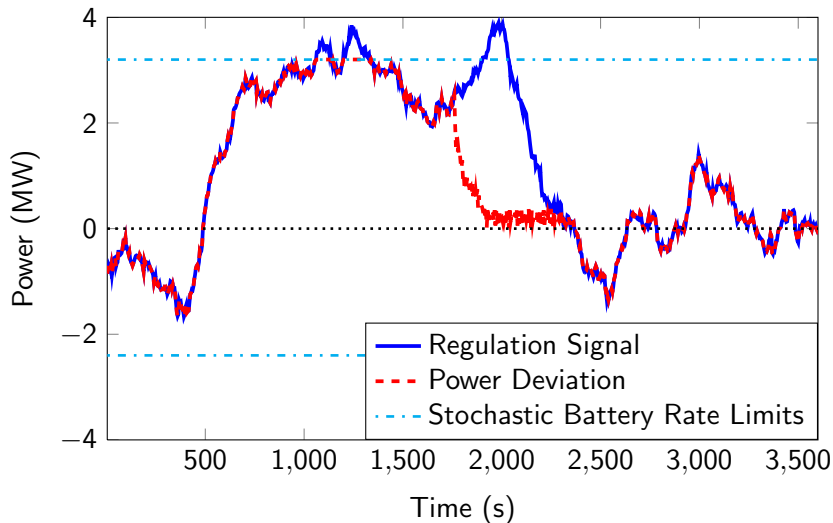
- Heterogenous Population of 1000 TCLs
 - nominal power = 2.4 MW
 - peak power (all units ON) = 5.6 MW
 - randomized model parameters R, C, P^m, a
 - common ambient temperature θ_a
 - synthetic process noise
 - no-short-cycling constraint
- Stochastic Battery Model
 - charge-rate constraints $[-2.4, 3.2]$ MW
 - capacity 1 MWh
 - dissipation time const 4 h

Excellent Tracking of AGC Command



AGC command within stochastic battery limits

Asking for too much!



AGC command exceeds stochastic battery limits

Reserves: Procurement and Payment

Regulation Reserves: today and tomorrow

■ Focus on regulation reserves

- Capacity procured in forward market
- *ex post* energy (mileage) payment
- Reserves follow AGC command from system operator
- 4 sec to 10 min time-scale

■ *status quo*:

- Historically, all uncertainty was from loads
- Load-serving entities pay
- Costs passed on to rate-payer

■ *Tomorrow*: 33% renewable penetration

- Much more variability injected
- Much more reserve capacity needed with current practice
227 MW → 1.4 GW in CA [Helman 2010]

Two Problems

■ Procurement

- Generator resources for reserves defeat carbon benefit of renewables
- Can we use load flexibility for regulation reserves?

■ Payment

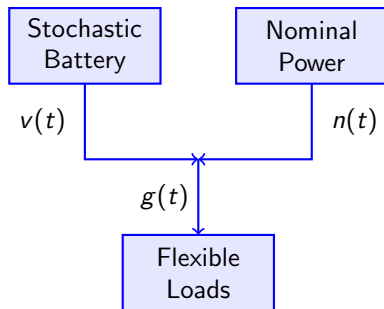
- It is a big problem! *status quo* is being challenged
- ERCOT: Nov 2012, BPA: Sep 2012
- Paying wind to curtail, utilities object to paying more for regulation
- Who should pay fairly?

■ Principle: Flexible loads are like electricity storage

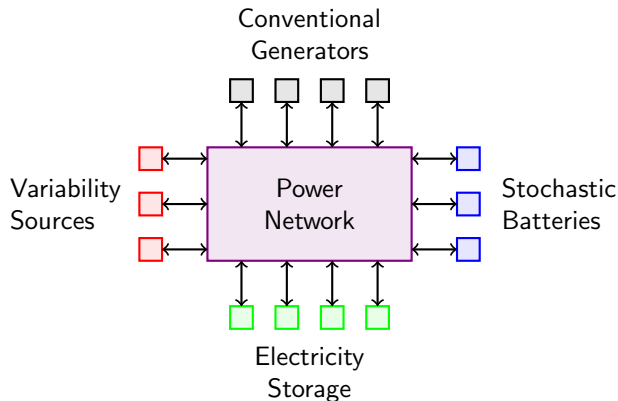
■ Principle: Cost-allocation for cost-causation

Flexible Loads as Stochastic Batteries

- **Universal model of flexibility**
- Nominal power: arranged through dispatch
- High-frequency residual: regulation AS
- Flexible loads
 - Electric vehicles (done)
 - Residential HVACs (done)
 - Commercial HVAC (open)
- Residential HVACs – large capacity bcz units can be phase shifted
- Commercial HVACs – small capacity bcz of efficiency droop in chillers



Generalized Regulation Procurement



- **Sources:** load forecast errors, wind farms, solar PV
- **Sinks:** generators, storage, flex loads
- **Network:** line capacities, losses

- *ex ante* problems
 - Flexible loads forecast their capability
 - SO conducts optimal economic stochastic procurement
- *run time* problems
 - Flexible loads deliver contracted regulation
 - System operator conducts verification
- Single-bus case: optimal procurement reduces to a linear program
- **General Problem: open**

Incentivizing Participation

The Problem of Small Rewards

- **Want:** consumers to turn off AC for ~ 10 min on request
 - Big value to grid: lower reserve costs \approx \$15 M/month in CA
 - Small value per household: \approx \$20/month
 - **Reward is too small to get people excited**
- **A cognitive bias:** [Kahneman & Tversky, 1979]
 - People prefer low prob large reward over a guaranteed small reward
 - ex: 5¢ for recycling a can vs. \$5 with prob 0.01
 - Extensive empirical evidence validating this bias
- **Idea:** Pool system benefit, raffle few large rewards
- Applications to social networks: transportation, health care, energy

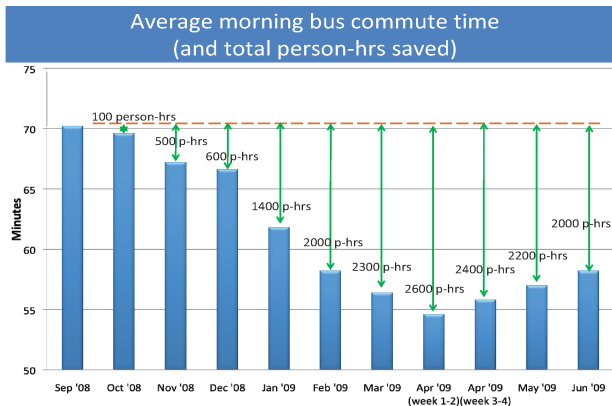
Ex: Lottery Incentives for Transportation

- The INSTANT Project: Balaji Prabhakar [Stanford]
 - Change commuter behavior in Bangalore, India
 - Road congestion \implies added fuel cost, lost man-hours
 - No incentive to shift to off-peak commute times
- Expt details
 - 14,000 commuters
 - Credits for off-peak commute
 - Credits qualify for raffle
 - Average winnings = 28\$
 - Expected payoff = 24¢/week
too small to attract participation



Results

- Large reduction in average commute times
- 70 min → 55 min, saving fuel cost, and 2500 man-hrs/day



D. Merugu et al., *Proc. of ACM NetEcon Workshop, 2009*

Singapore-UCB Experiment

- **Goal: show demand flexibility can be induced by lottery incentives**
 - More effective than fixed-rebate incentives
 - Target: 5000 households by 2014
- **Protocol: indirect load control**
 - 1 Utility broadcasts SMS flexibility request to consumers
 - 2 Users return SMS with intent to participate
 - 3 Smart plugs validate intent
 - 4 Credits allocated to consumers
 - 5 Weekly lottery draw
- **Minimal technology infrastructure**
 - Smart phones, wi-fi enabled plugs, software

Selling Random Energy

Re-thinking the Product

- Today → utilities must supply **on-demand power**
- But, some customers will accept **flexible power**
- Two paradigms:
 - **Reliability differentiated:** Tan & Varaiya, *J. Econ Dyn Cont*, 1993
 - Get constant power s with probability $> \rho$
 - Price depends on ρ
 - **Deadline differentiated:** Bitar & Low, *CDC*, 2012
 - Get energy E on service window $[t, t + h]$
 - Price depends on h

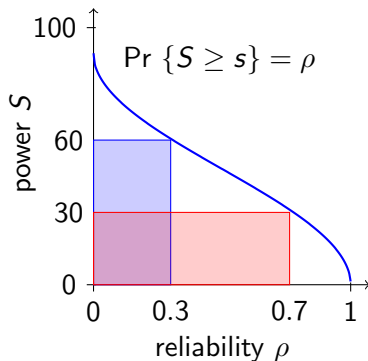


h (hrs)	0	0.5	1
price (\$/KWh)	0.35	0.3	0.2

Product: differentiated service, not undifferentiated good

Generation Availability Curve

- Generator has random supply S
- Generation availability curve
 - $\Pr \{S \geq s\} = \rho$
 - Constructed from historical data
- ex: 100 MW wind farm
 - 30% of the time, $S > 60$ MW
 - 70% of the time, $S > 30$ MW

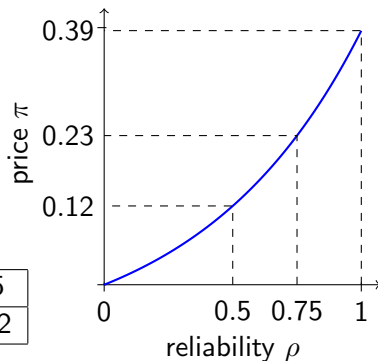


- How can we sell this random supply?

Reliability Differentiated Contracts: Supply

- Product sold: (s, ρ, π)
 - power s with prob $> \rho$
at price π
 - menu of products:
 $\mathbb{M} = \{s_k, \rho_k\}$

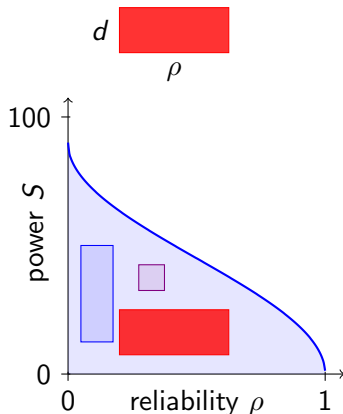
reliability ρ	0.99	0.75	0.5
price π (\$/KWh)	0.39	0.23	0.12



- Supplier sells lower reliability ρ at lower price π

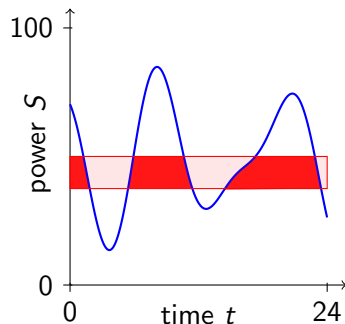
Reliability Differentiated Contracts: Demand

- **Consumer purchase**
 - Buy power d with reliability $> \rho$
 - Represent by rectangle $R(d, \rho)$
- **Balancing supply and demand**
 - rectangles must not overlap
 - must place $R(d, \rho)$ below generation availability curve
- **Theorem:** \exists **equib prices that fill available supply**
- **Drawbacks**
 - Difficult to audit
 - Consumers must plan consumption with uncertain supply



Duration Differentiated Contracts

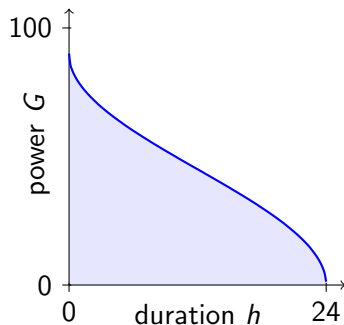
- Consider generation for next 24 hrs
- Idea: sell slices (x, h) of x MW for h hrs
- Availability period is chosen by supplier
- Issues
 - Supply is random
 - Auditing is easy
 - Consumers must plan consumption with uncertain supply
- Negrete-Pincetic, Poola, Varaiya [2013]



Adequacy

- Consumer purchase
 - $(x_k, h_k), k = 1 \dots n$
 - h_k sorted in descending order
 - Assume $x_k = 1, \forall k$
- Is the available generation adequate?
- Idea: generation duration curve $G(h)$
(sorted supply curve)
- Theorem: Generation is adequate \iff

$$\sum_1^j G^{-1}(k) \geq \sum_1^j h_k \quad \text{for } j = 1 \dots n$$



Contract Pricing

- How should we price (x_k, h_k) ?
- Prices serve to balance supply and demand
- Approach
 - identical consumers
 - consumer utility $u(h, x) = h \cdot b(x) - xp$, b is concave
 - supplier utility

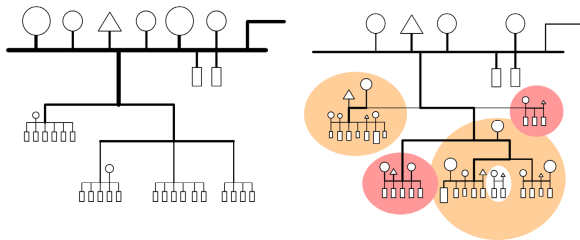
$$v = \sum_k p_k x_k - \ell(x, h)$$

- two player game for each commodity
- Theorem: \exists equib prices that fill available supply
- Open problem: dealing with randomness in supply $G(h)$

A Vision of Grid 2050

Grid2020 vs Grid2050

- $> 30\%$ renewables, mainly in distribution system
- reduces need for investing in high-voltage transmission infrastructure
- power generated and consumed locally
- core grid diminishes in function
- DERs organised into **resource clusters**



GRids with Intelligent Periphery

- **Resource clusters:** storage, micro-generation, flexible loads
 - likely to be below a large (100 MW) substation
 - because of constraints: voltage support, phase balance
- **Cluster manager** conducts coordinated aggregation
 - *ex ante* represents aggregated resource capability to system operator
 - *ex post* coordinates resources to deliver services

Necessary Technology

- Many critical problems:
 - Power quality and reliability
 - Feeder automation
 - Monitoring and protection
- Need common technology infrastructure:
 - Programmable switches [ex: many vendors]
 - Novel, inexpensive sensors/actuators [ex: Varentek]
 - Communication and computation [ex: internet-of-things]
 - Inter-operability standards [ex: OpenADR]

A \$200B market opportunity

Innovation at the Periphery

- Why the periphery? lower regulatory hurdles
- Obstacles
 - Complexity: 10^6 devices to be controlled!
 - Architecture: appropriate degree of decentralization?
 - Trust: will control make things worse? ex: IEEE Standard 1547
 - Who is responsible for reliability?
- Key innovations from: control, modeling, optimization
 - Our community has a vital role to play
 - The problems are of a scale and importance like no other ...
 - Seize the day !!

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stay hungry, stay foolish

Thank You!

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