

# Management energy storage systems for flexible and efficient power systems

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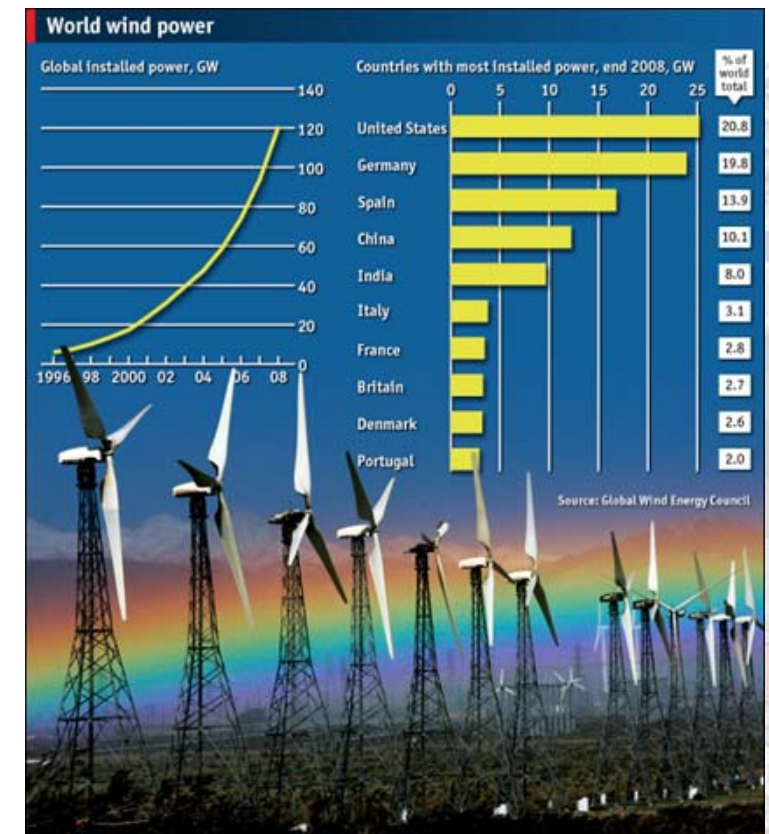
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# Integrating renewables into a changing power system

Wind and other renewable energy is making up a larger proportional of the power system world wide and this proportion is growing at an increasing rate

- Renewable integration challenges
  - Variability
  - Intermittency
  - Topological challenges
- Displacing of conventional generation
  - Maintaining adequate grid services, e.g. frequency regulation and reactive power support



# Grid-integrated storage: The Panacea

- Commodity arbitrage (peak shaving)
  - Efficiency improvements
- Asset investment deferral
- Renewable energy integration
  - Reliability (load following)
  - Providing reserve power
  - Stability and frequency support
  - Improving power quality (e.g. VAr support)



# Grid-scale storage integration

Understand and characterize the important criteria in optimal storage dispatch and allocation

## Economic analysis (no network model)

- E.g. Sioshansi et al. (2008), Denholm et al. (2010), Drury et al. (2011), Kraning et al. (2010), Su & Gamal (2013),

## Storage operation and allocation in grids

- **Linearized Network Model (approximate Kirchoff's laws)**

Chandy et al. (2010), Dvijotham et al. (2011), Thrampoulidis (2013), Ghofrani et al. (2013),

- **Full AC Network Model**

Atwa & El-Saadany (2010), Lamadrid et al. (2012), Hu & Jewell (2011), Gabash and Li (2012), Gayme & Topcu (2012, 2013), Bose et al. (2012), Gopalakrishnan et al. (2013), Castillo & Gayme (2013)

# Our approach to storage integration

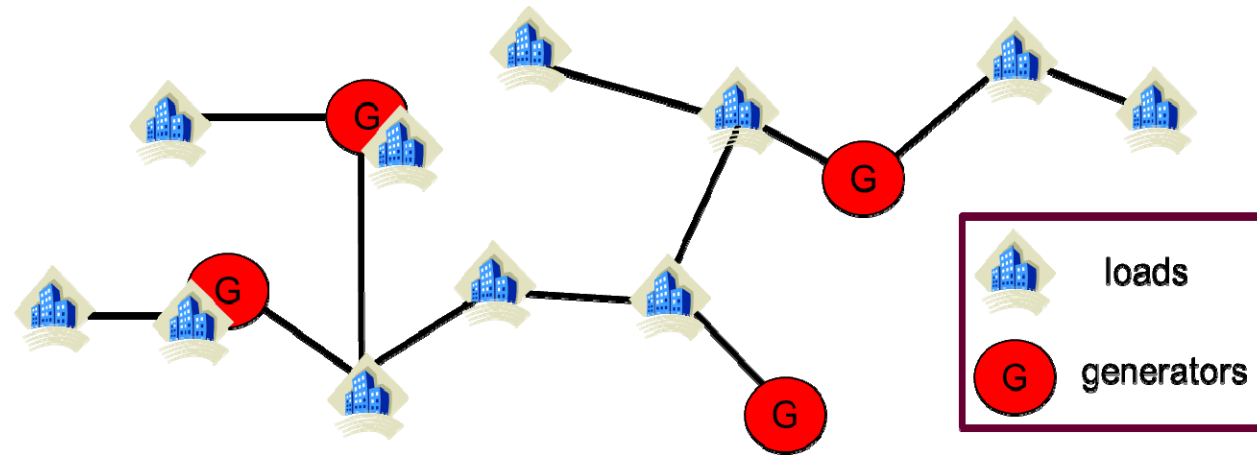
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## **Optimal power flow (OPF) based framework**

- I. Start with full AC network model for storage siting and dispatch
- II. Identify key drivers of OPF based storage integration
- III. Develop a reduced model that retains the key features but is more computationally tractable



# Optimal power flow (OPF) framework: nominal problem



$l \in \mathcal{G} :=$  set of generators  
 $k \in \mathcal{N} :=$  set of all nodes

Cost Function  $\min \sum_{l \in \mathcal{G}} c_{l_1} (P_l^g)^2 + c_{l_2} P_l^g$

$P_l^{\min} \leq P_l^g \leq P_l^{\max}$   
 $Q_l^{\min} \leq Q_l^g \leq Q_l^{\max}$  } Real/Reactive Generation Limits

$V_k^{\min} \leq |V_k| \leq V_k^{\max}$  Voltage Limits

$\text{Re} \{V_k I_k^*\} = P_k^g - P_k^d$  Real power balance

$\text{Im} \{V_k I_k^*\} = Q_k^g - Q_k^d$  Reactive power balance

# ACOPF with storage (ACOPF+S) problem

Cost Function  $\min_{\mathcal{S}} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{l \in \mathcal{G}} f(P_l^g(t), t) + g(r_k^d, t)$   $k \in \mathcal{N} :=$  set of all nodes  $l \in \mathcal{G} :=$  set of generators

Power Balance (KCL based constraint)

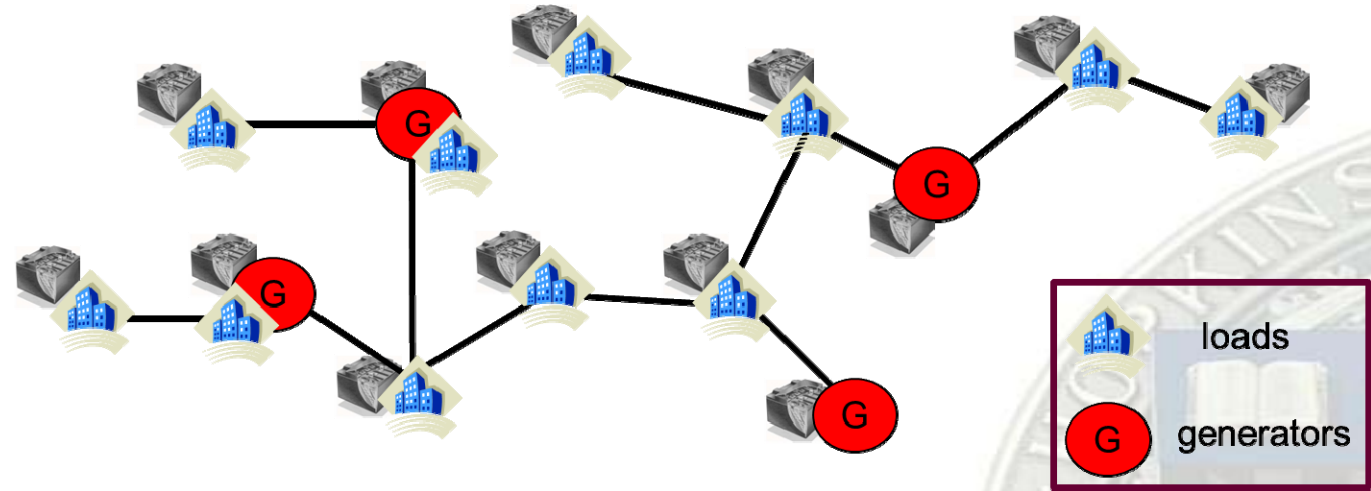
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Real/Reactive Power Bounds

Voltage limits

Transmission line limits



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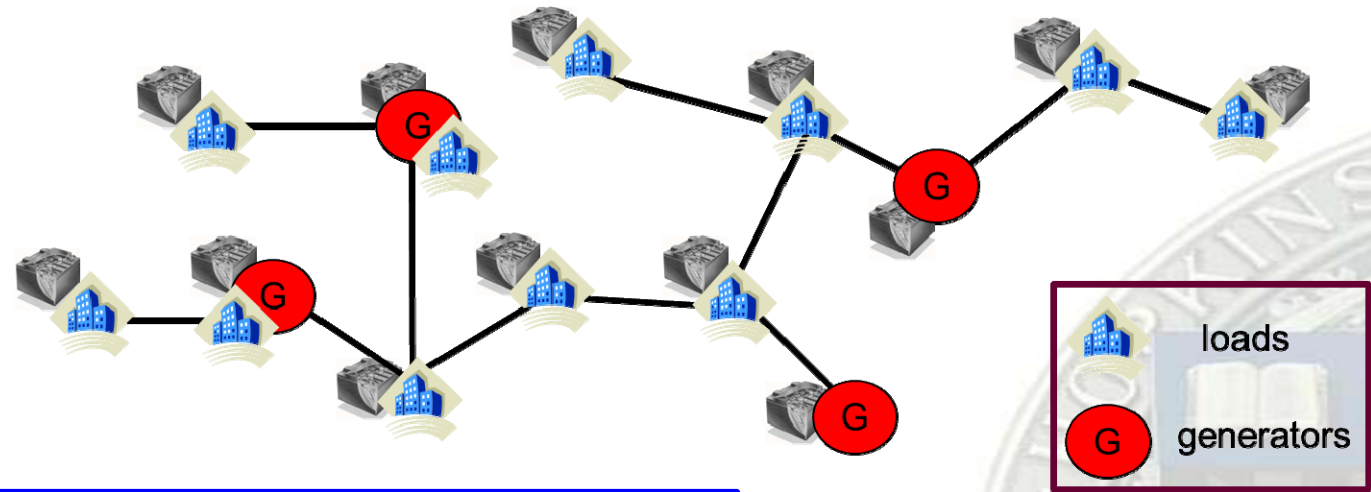
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**Generator ramp rate limits**

$$RR_l^{\min}(t) \leq P_l^g(t) - P_l^g(t+1) \leq RR_l^{\max}(t)$$

**Total storage capacity limits**

$$\sum_{k \in \mathcal{N}} B_k^{\max} \leq h$$

**Charge/Discharge Rate Limits**

$$0 \leq r_k^c(t) \leq R_k^{c,\max}$$

$$0 \leq r_k^d(t) \leq R_k^{d,\max}$$

**Storage Dynamics and Capacity Limits**

$$b_k(t+1) = b_k(t) + \eta_c r_k^c(t) - (\eta_d)^{-1} r_k^d(t)$$

$$0 \leq b_k(t) \leq B_k^{\max}, \quad b(1) = g_k$$

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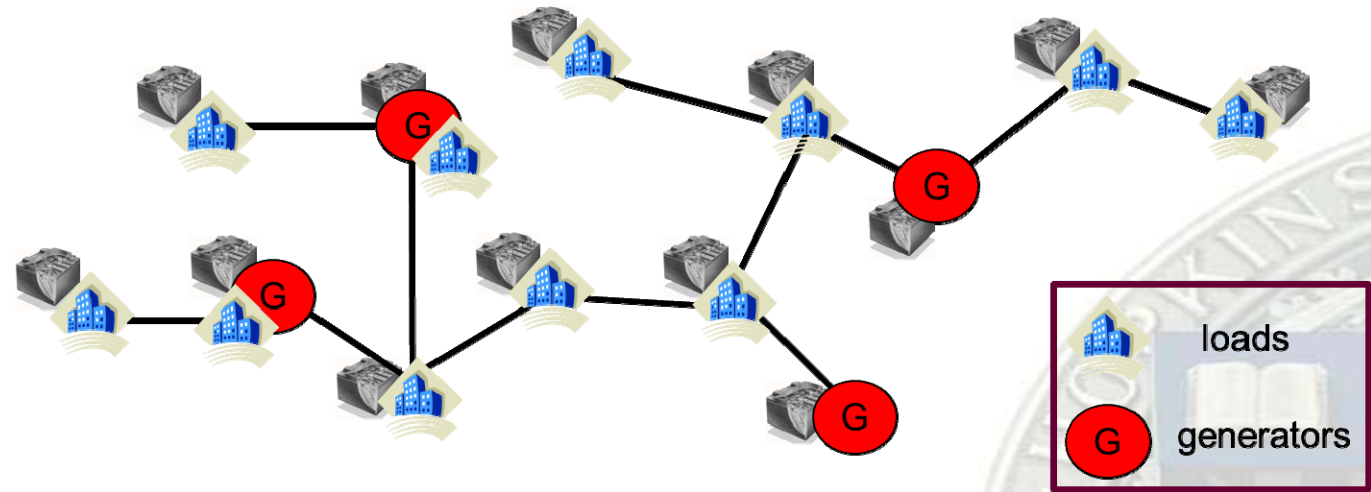
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Decision Variables

$$\mathcal{S} = \{P_l^G(t), Q_l^G(t), r_k^c(t), r_k^d(t), B_k^{max}\}$$

Real/reactive power dispatch

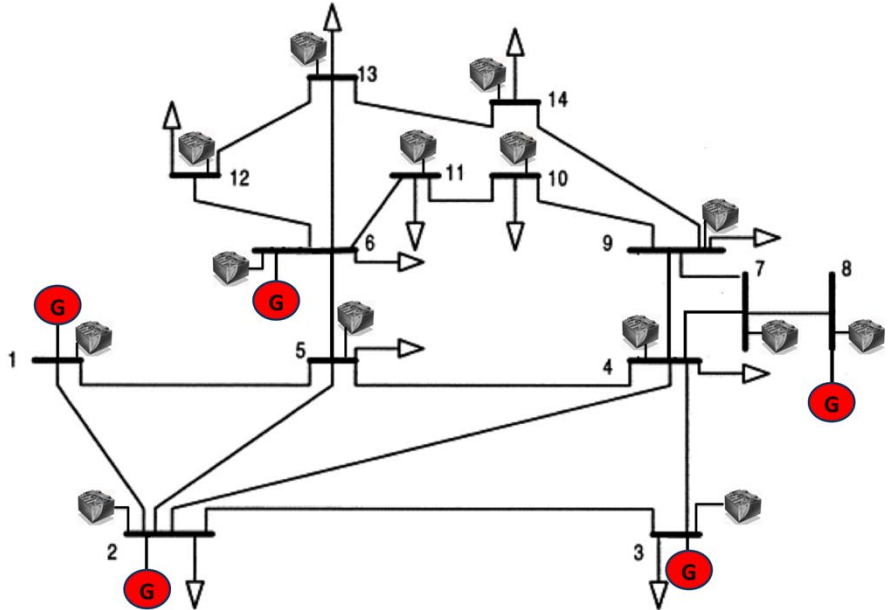
Storage charge/discharge scheduling

Storage sizing and siting

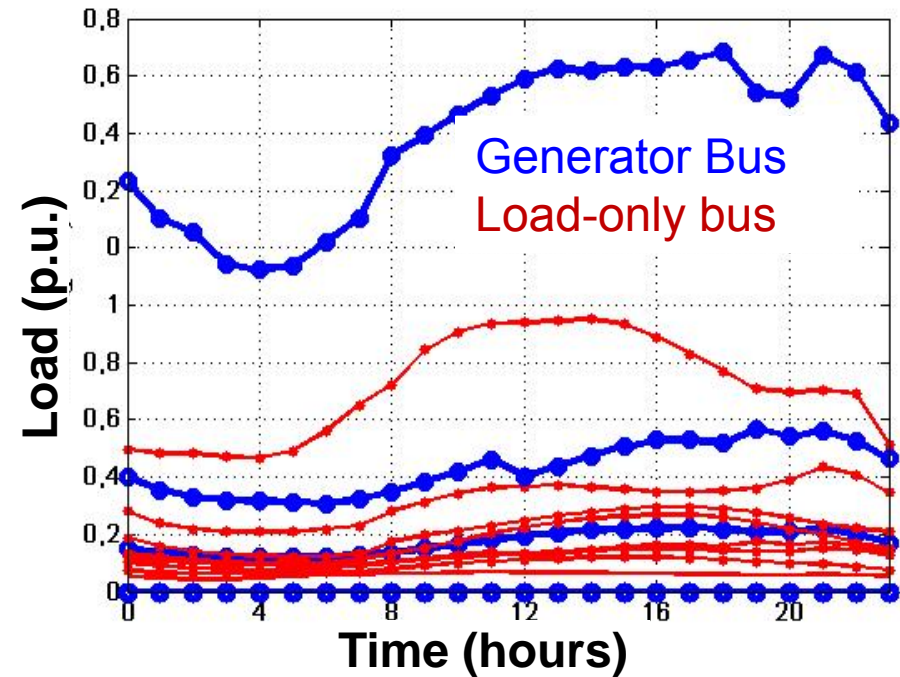


# ACOPF+S Case studies

## IEEE 14 Bus Test System



- 14 nodes with 5 generators
- Fixed topology and generation limits

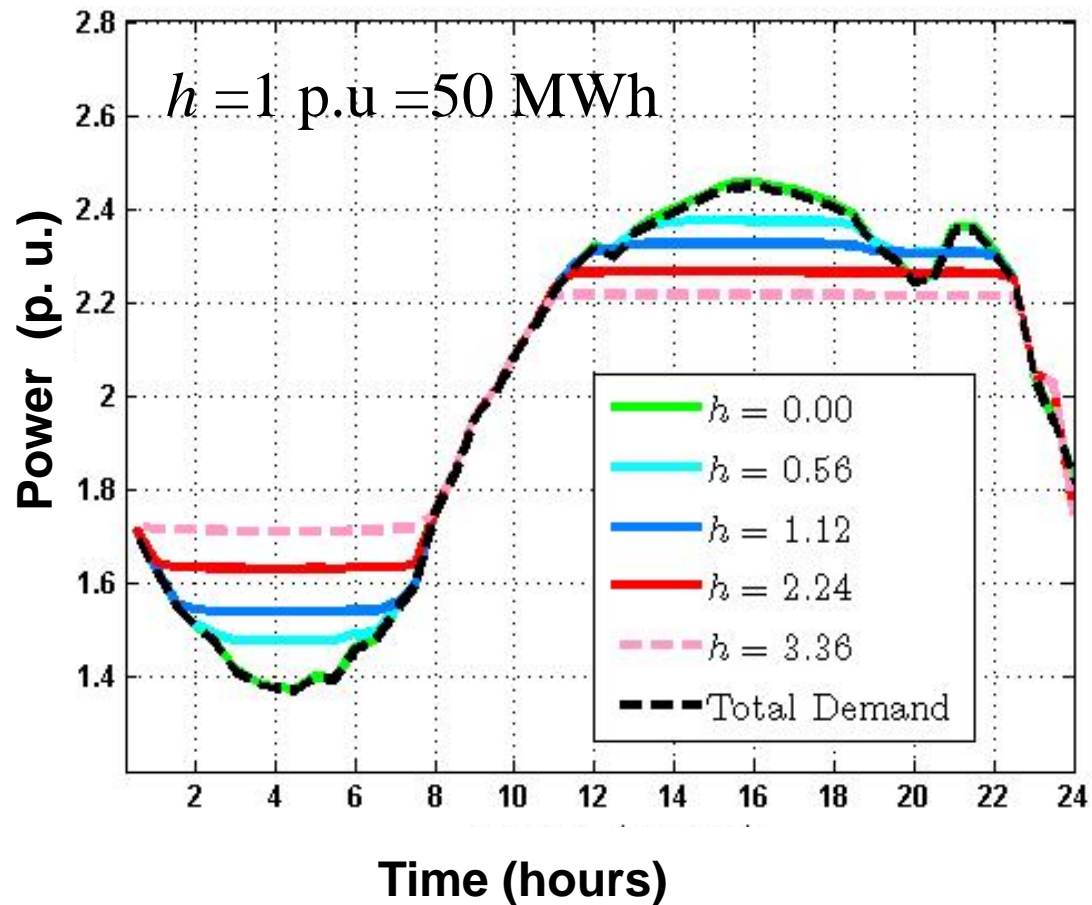


- Demand curves based on 14 SCE feeders averaged over July 2009
- Peak-normalized based on IEEE test system

*Solve this problem using a semi-definite relaxation that allows us to verifiably obtain a globally optimal solution*

# Energy arbitrage

Total storage budget  $\sum_{k \in \mathcal{N}} B_k^{\max} \leq h$



- The quadratic cost functions lead to efficient peak shaving
- Results can be further improved with demand based cost functions
- All cases solved to optimality (zero duality gap)

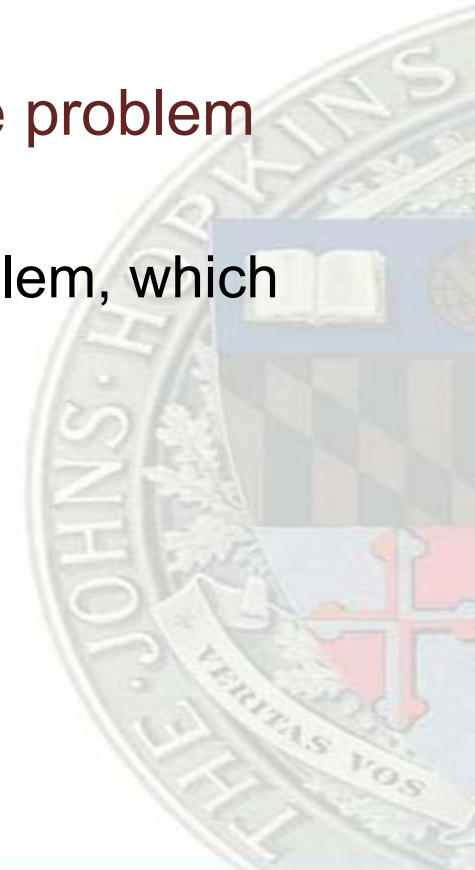
# The storage placement problem

Storage at different locations & scales serves different functions

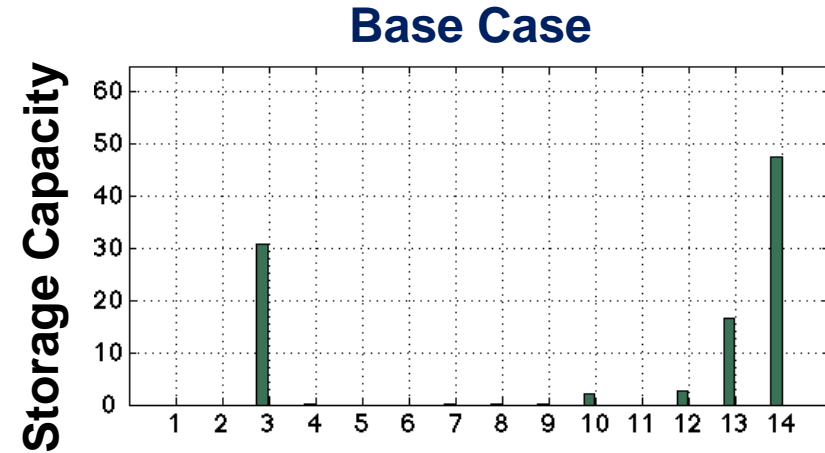
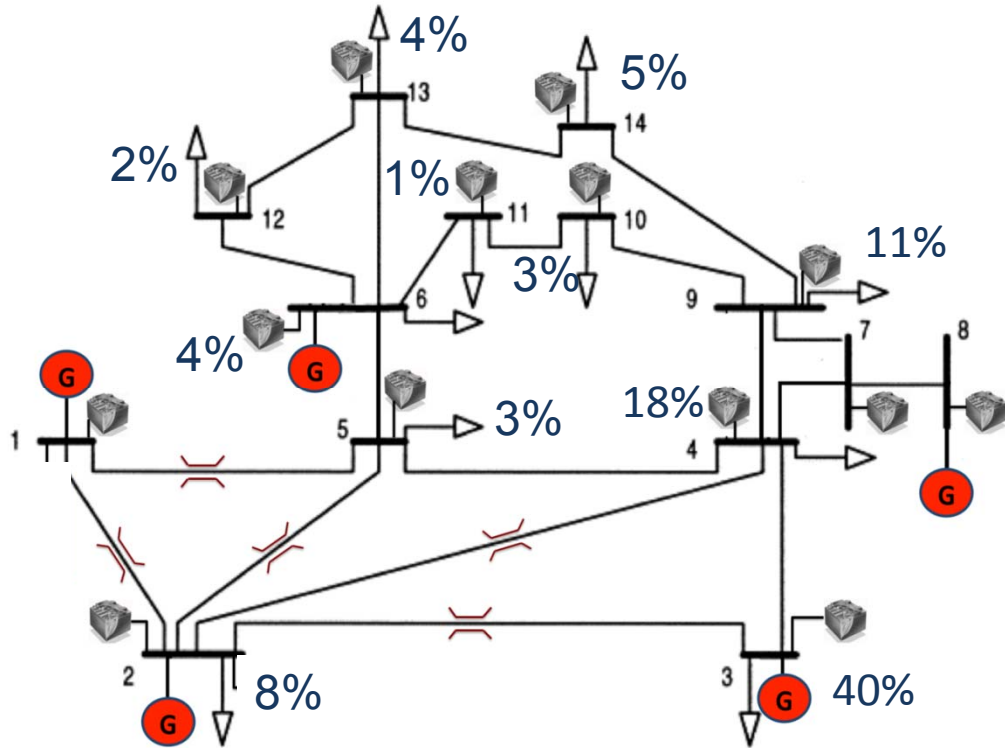
- At generators: smooths transients
- At loads: alleviates transmission

Use ACOPF based storage allocation to identify critical features of the problem to inform modeling efforts

- Most studies ignore the network or linearize to obtain the DCOPF+S problem, which is lossless
- Our relaxation allows us to solve the full ACOPF+S problem



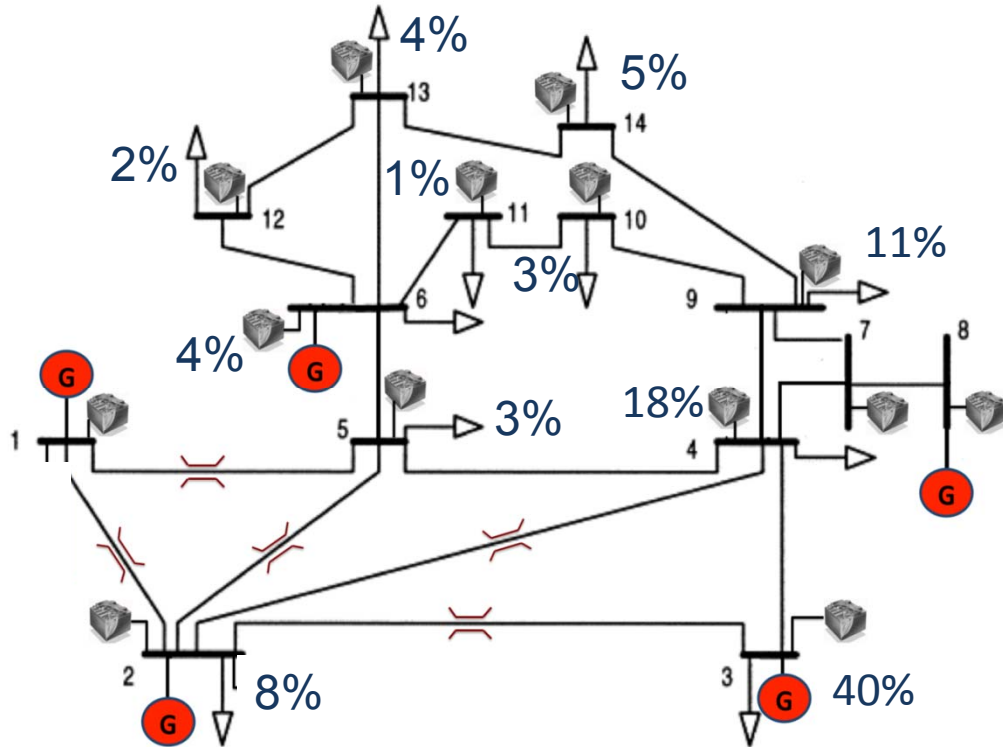
# Storage placement does not follow simple rules



- Already see a difference from DCOPF in base case (no congestion, 100% efficient)
- Key observation is that neither loads nor generation alone drive storage allocation in the test system

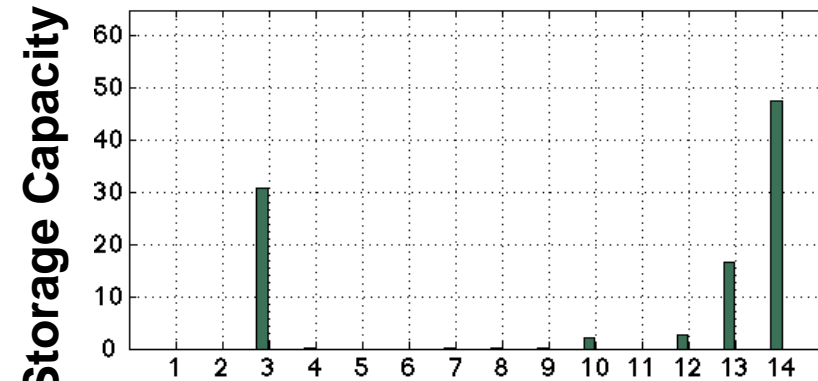
# Storage placement does not follow simple rules

Enforce line limits  $(P_l^g(t))^2 + (Q_l^g(t))^2 \leq Q_l^{\max}(t)$  near low cost generators

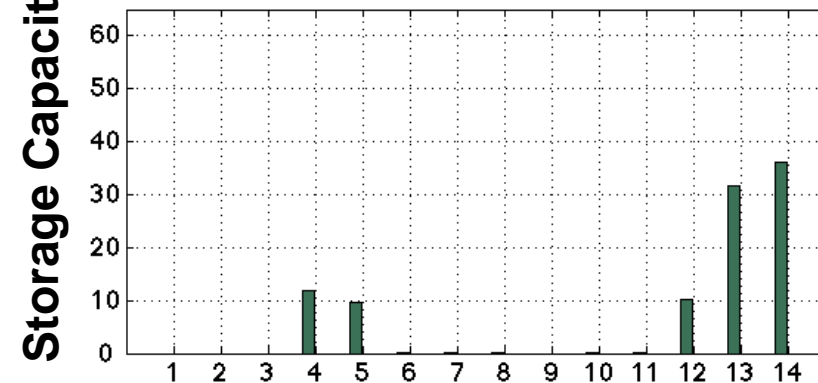


- Congestion drives storage to the nodes immediately outside of the bottlenecks

### Base Case



### Congested Network



# Analyzing storage placement drivers

Theorem (sketch): Profit Maximizing Storage (no VAr support):

For an arbitrary operating cycle  $1 \dots T$ , the energy storage capacity receives the most incremental value the node  $n$  that satisfies

$$\max_n \left( \max_{\lambda} \pi_n^{s,\text{opt}} \right)$$

$$\pi_n^{s,\text{opt}} = \sum_{t=1}^T \left( \lambda_n(t)^{\text{opt}} \left[ r_n^d(t)^{\text{opt}} - r_n^c(t)^{\text{opt}} \right] \right) \text{ Storage Profits}$$

$\lambda_n(t)^{\text{opt}}$  Optimal locational marginal price (LMP) at node  $n$  in time  $t$  (dual variable)

$r_n^d(t)^{\text{opt}}$  Optimal discharge rate for storage at node  $n$  in time  $t$  (primal variable)

$r_n^c(t)^{\text{opt}}$  Optimal charge rate for storage at node  $n$  in time  $t$  (primal variable)

[Castillo & Gayme 2013, preprint 2017]

# Analyzing storage placement drivers

$$\max_n \left( \max_{\lambda, \varphi} \pi_n^{s, \text{opt}} \right)$$
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Storage is thus allocated as a function of LMPs (nodal prices)  
Driven by

- available generation
- network properties (i.e. congestion and losses)

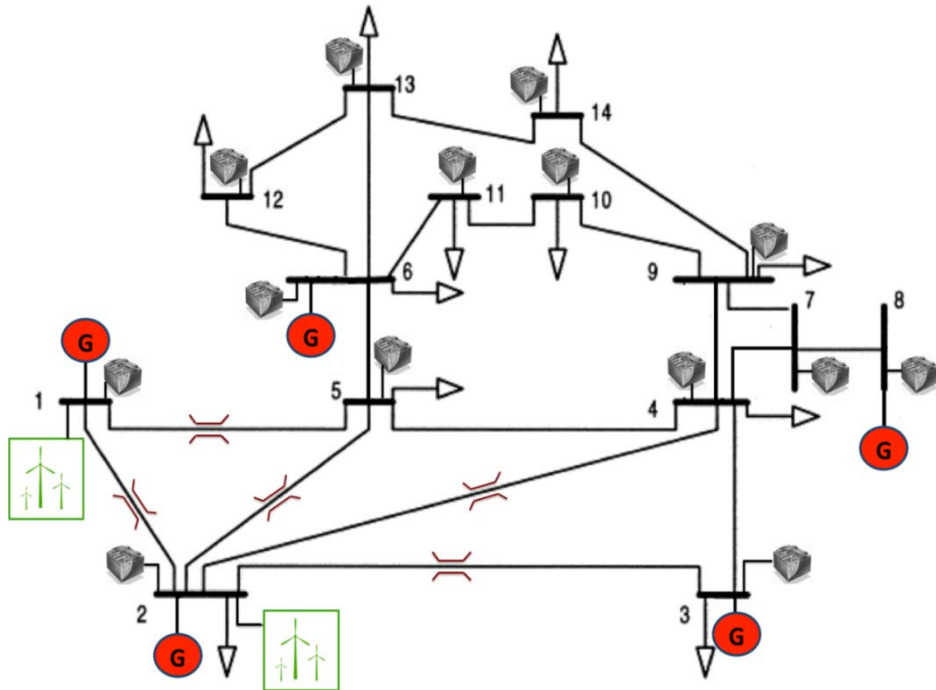
Network effects are critical aspects of the storage allocation and dispatch optimization

[Castillo & Gayme 2013, preprint 2017]

# Storage placement and profits

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- 15% wind penetration
- Congestion
- 81% round trip efficiency



Bus	ESS	
	Storage Capacity (MWΔt)	Profits (\$)
1	1.7	20.79
2	11.4	145.85
3	0	0
4	75.8	553.84
5	0	0
6-11	0	0
12	1.0	6.74
13	3.4	24.09
14	6.7	46.91
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>798.37</b>

[Castillo & Gayme 2013, preprint 2017]

# Storage siting for multiple services

- Growing body of literature suggesting the economic benefits of using storage for multiple services  
e.g. Castillo & Gayme (2014), Hu et al. (2016), Teng & Strbac (2016), Xi & Sioshansi (2016), Strbac et al. (2017)
- ACOPF + S can be used to study the use of storage for reactive power support (e.g. via power electronics)
- Exploit ACOPF+S framework to examine the effects of using storage for simultaneous provision of energy services and reactive power (VAr) support
  - VAr is critical to proper grid function, e.g. transformers, voltage support
  - Typically provided by conventional generators who supply it by reducing their power factor
    - Opportunity cost due to less real power supply
  - Concern about reduced VAr availability as the composition of the grid changes
  - Key issue in VAr supply is that it is “local”

# Storage and reactive power support

Simplest form (changes to base OPF+S)

**Reactive power balance**  $\text{Im} \left\{ V_k(t) I_k^*(t) \right\} = Q_k^g(t) - Q_k^d(t) - z_k(t)$

**Charge/Discharge Rate Limits**  $Z_k^{\min} \leq z_k(t) \leq Z_k^{\max}$

**Decision Variables**  $\mathcal{S} := \left\{ P_l^G(t), Q_l^G(t), r_k^c(t), r_k^d(t), z_k(t), B_k^{\max} \right\}$

Real/Reactive power dispatch

Storage charge/discharge scheduling

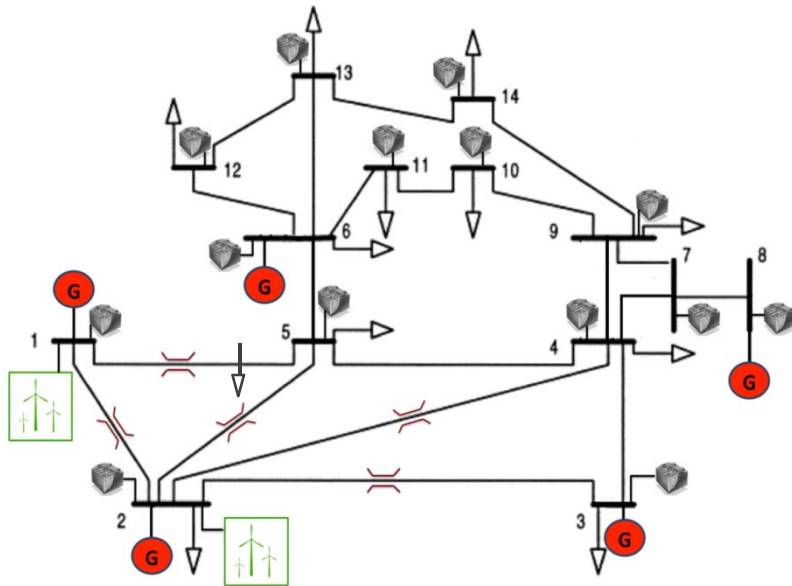
Storage allocation at each bus

**Reactive power dispatch from storage inverter**

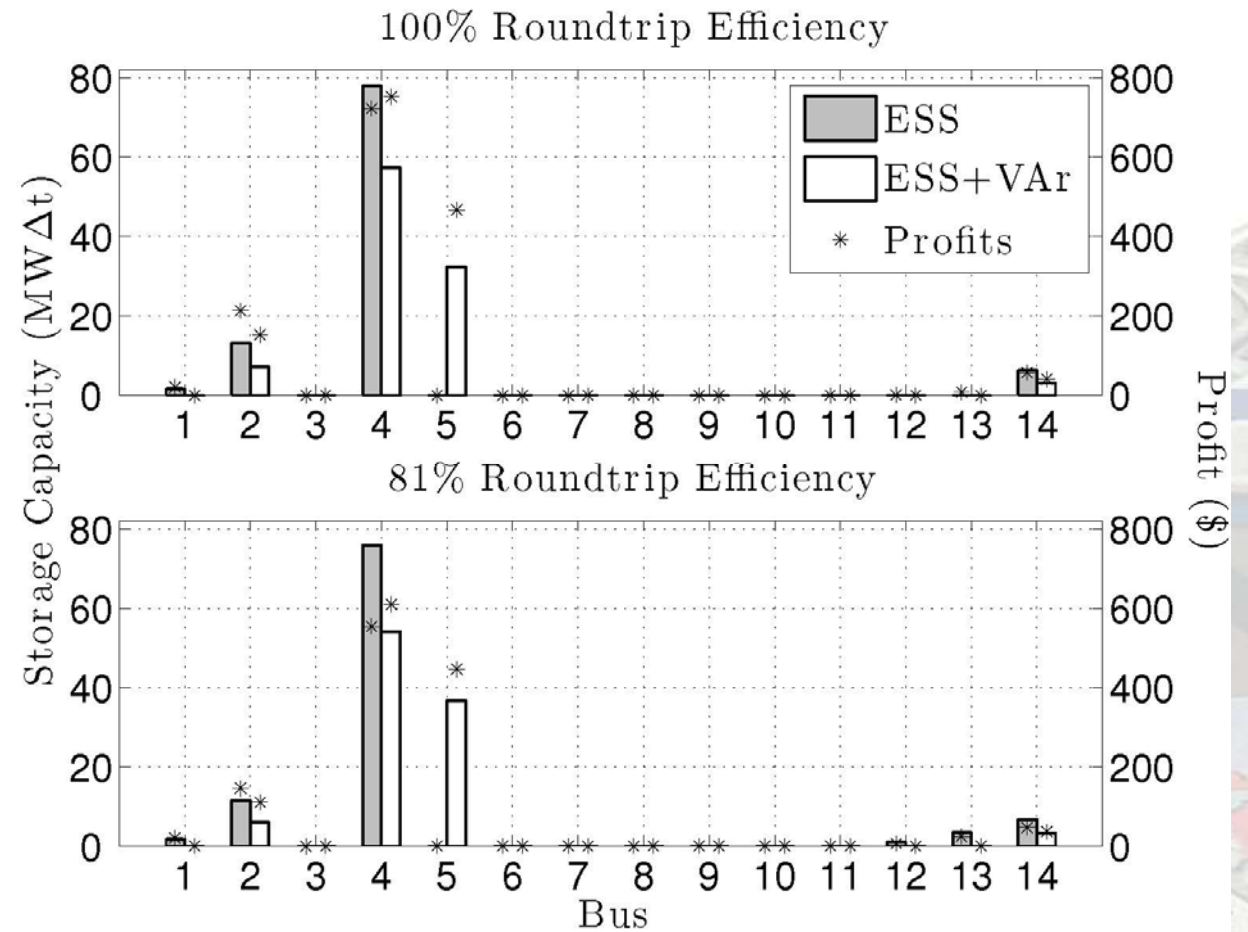
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# Example: Dual use storage placement results

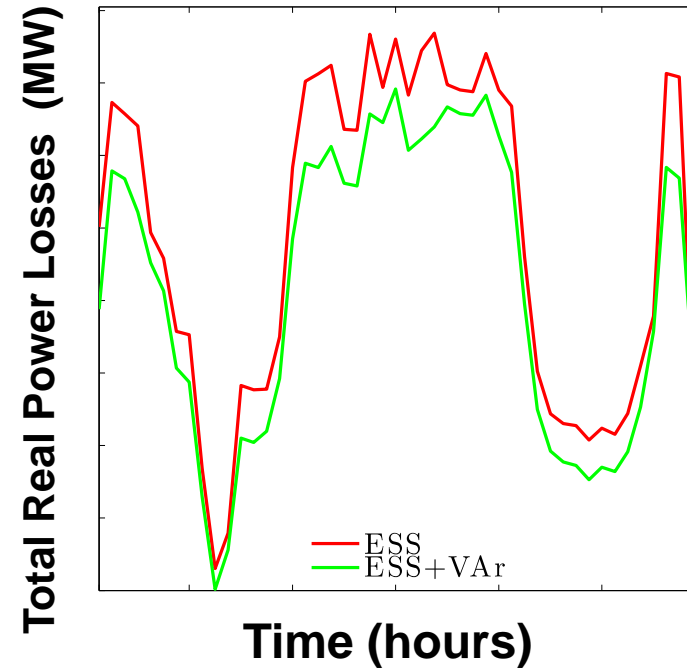
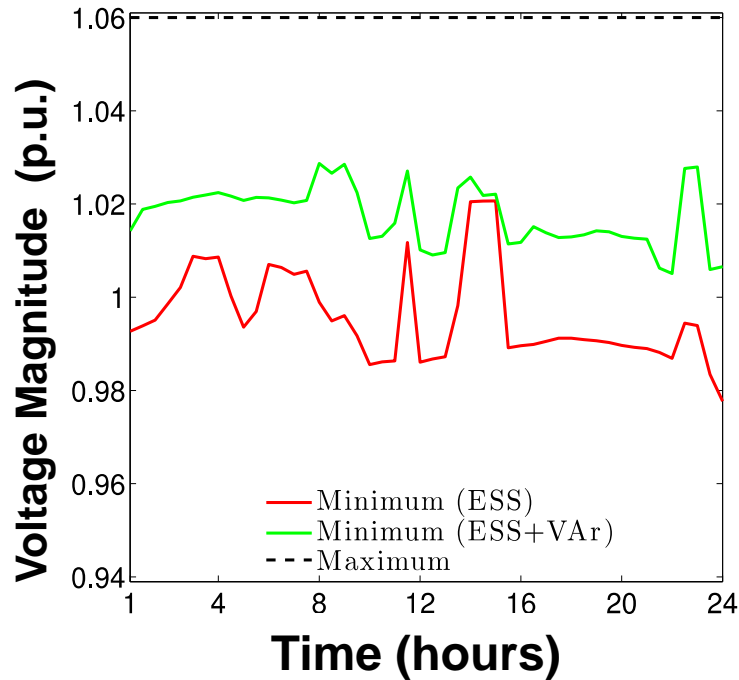
- 15% wind penetration, congestion, 81% round trip efficiency



- Changes allocation substantially



# VAr Support and operational efficiency



- Improves the overall system (Less losses, lower overall system costs)

	ESS	ESS + VAr Support
Total System Cost, $p^*$ (\$)	206,164.00	204,697.28
Real Power Losses (MW)	151.7	145.1

[Castillo & Gayme 2017 preprint]

# Profits: including reactive power support

$$\pi_n^{s,\text{opt}} = \sum_{t=1}^T \left( \lambda_n(t)^{\text{opt}} \left[ r_n^d(t)^{\text{opt}} - r_n^c(t)^{\text{opt}} \right] \right) - \varphi_n(t)^{\text{opt}} \left[ z_n(t)^{\text{opt}} \right]$$

$\lambda_n(t)^{\text{opt}}$  Optimal locational marginal price (LMP) at node  $n$  in time  $t$  (dual variable)

$\varphi(t)^{\text{opt}}$  Optimal reactive power (LMP) at node  $n$  in time  $t$  (dual variable)

$z_n(t)^{\text{opt}}$  Optimal charge/ discharge rate for reactive storage support at node  $n$  in time  $t$  (primal variable)

- The VAr support is actually a reduction in the profits when the storage is supplying reactive power

[Castillo & Gayme 2017 preprint]

# Storage operator profits

- Profits are reduced unless storage gets paid for VAr

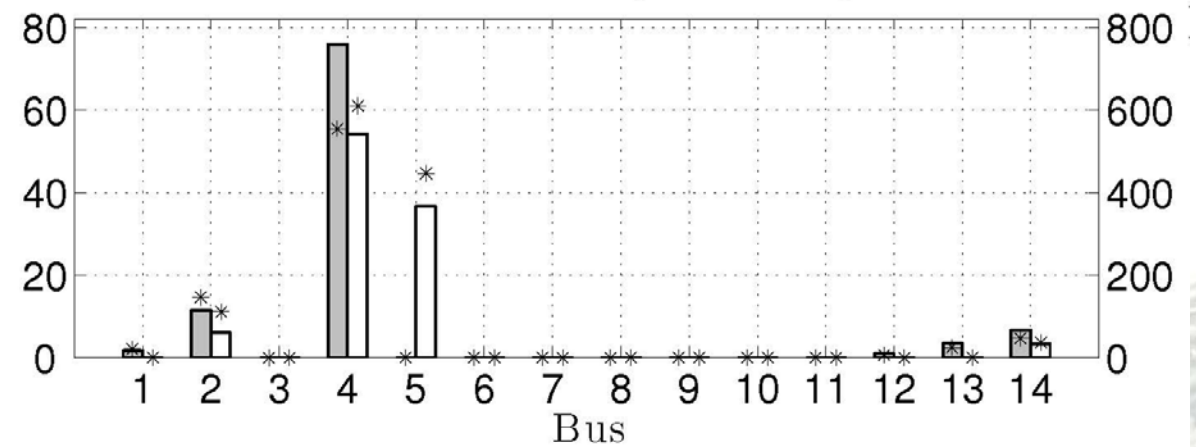
TABLE III: The total revenues, costs, and profits to ESS without and with VAr support where Q-LMP payments total to \$459.93.

Energy Services	ESS	ESS + VAr Support
Revenues (\$)	5,304.55	4,798.65
Costs (\$)	4,506.17	4,056.19
Profits (\$)	798.37	742.46
Reactive Power Compensation		
Revenues (\$)	0	459.93
Costs (\$)	0	0
Profits (\$)	0	459.93
Total Profits (\$)	798.37	1,202.39

[Castillo & Gayme 2017 preprint]

# Comparison to other VAr payment mechanisms

Bus	Reactive Power Capability (MVar)	max $ z $	Reactive Dispatch (MVar)	Total VAr Dispatch (MVar)
1	0		0	0
2	3.0		0.08	1.69
3	0		0	0
4	27.05		27.05	1,298.79
5	18.3		18.3	879.56
6-13	0		0	0
14	1.65		1.63	74.70
Total	50		47.06	2,254.74

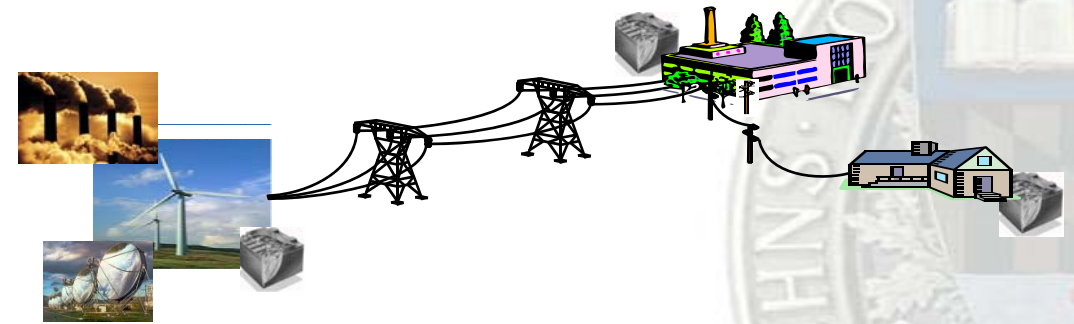


Bus	Q-LMP (\$/Day)	NYISO Capability Rate (\$/Day)	ISO-NE Capability Rate (\$/Day)
1	0	0	0
2	0.04	32.21	18.00
3	0	0	0
4	213.61	290.43	162.30
5	233.06	196.49	109.80
6-13	0	0	0
14	13.22	17.72	9.90
Total	459.93	536.85	300.00

# Recap

Storage allocation in the ACOPF framework allows us to study important questions about storage services that may improve the value proposition for storage

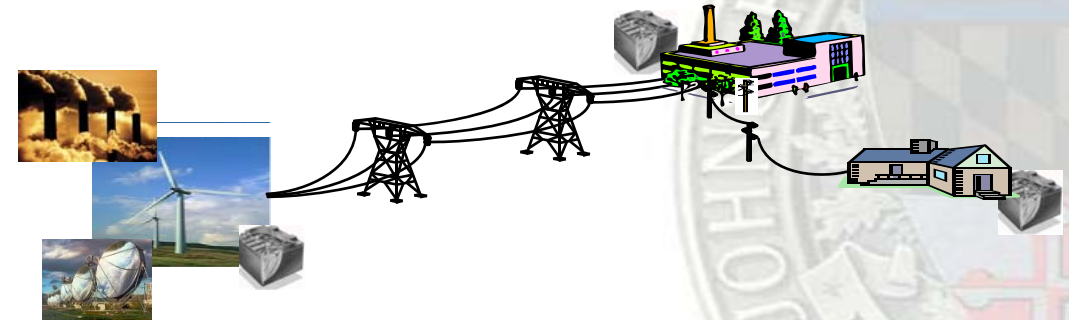
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- Preliminary results show the use of a Q-LMP type mechanism tends to better match with the VAr requirements in the network



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- Providing VAR support changes the allocation results substantially and suggest that VAR provision might be a good revenue source for storage
- Preliminary results show the use of a Q-LMP type mechanism tends to better match with the VAR requirements in the network
- Do not always care about providing VAR
  - Economics currently don't incentivize it
  - Technical constraints that prevent greatly altering the power factor supplied
- AC OPF is still difficult to solve

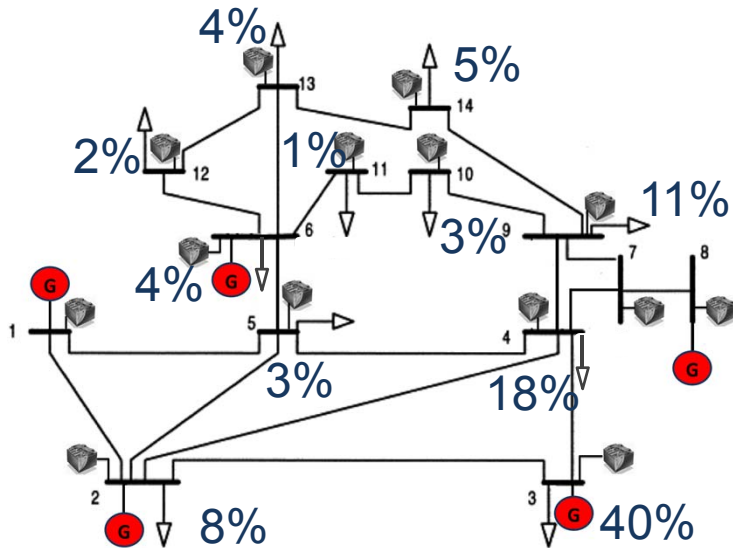


# Simplifying the model: The role of losses

Without real power (i.e.  $I^2R$  network) losses

total generation (+ storage discharge) = total demand (+ storage charge)

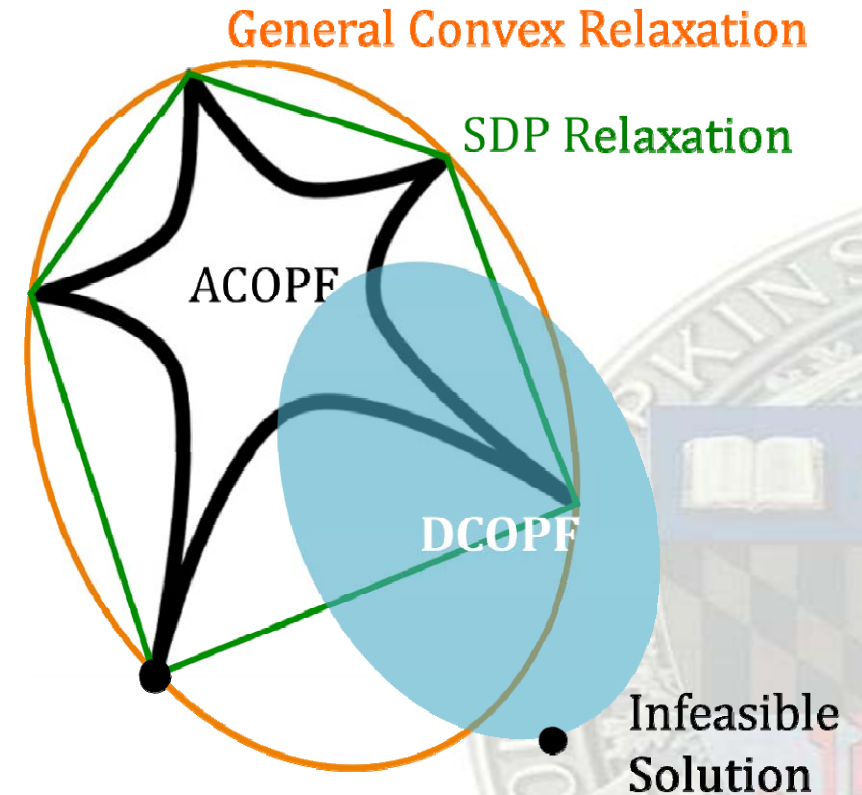
- energy storage capacity is allocated uniformly throughout the network with LMP  $\pi_n^s = 40$  for all  $n$



Bus	Baseline		Doubled $\mathcal{R}$		Tripled $\mathcal{R}$	
	$C_n$	$\pi_n^s$	$C_n$	$\pi_n^s$	$C_n$	$\pi_n^s$
1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	0.36	200	0	0	0	0
4	0.02	10	0.19	70	0	0
5-9	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	0.05	30	0.08	30	0	0
11	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	0.03	20	0.08	30	0.2	20
13	0.16	90	0.27	100	0.4	100
14	0.38	210	0.38	150	0.4	310

# Bridging the gap between AC & DC OPF

- DCOPF is a common linearization of ACOPF
  - Neglects reactive power
  - Assumes small angle differences between adjacent nodes ( $\theta_n - \theta_i \approx 0$ )
  - Constant (unit) voltage  $|v_n| \approx 1$
  - Negligible resistance (low resistance-to-reactance ratios)  $B_k \gg G_k \approx 0$



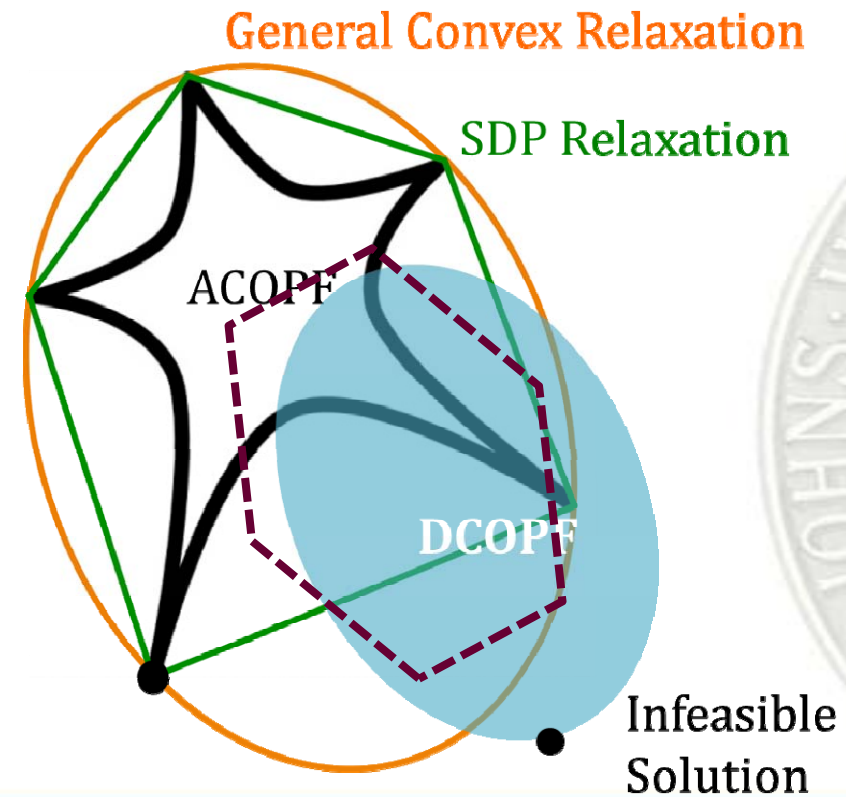
# Bridging the gap between AC & DC OPF

- We want to augment DCOPF with real power losses
  - Small angle differences between adjacent lines ( $\theta_{n,i} \approx 0$ )
  - Constant (unit) voltage  $|v_n| \approx 1$

Loss approximation

Taylor's series expansion ( $\theta_{n,i} \approx 0$ )

$$P_{k(n,i)}^{\ell} \approx G_k (\theta_{n,i})^2$$

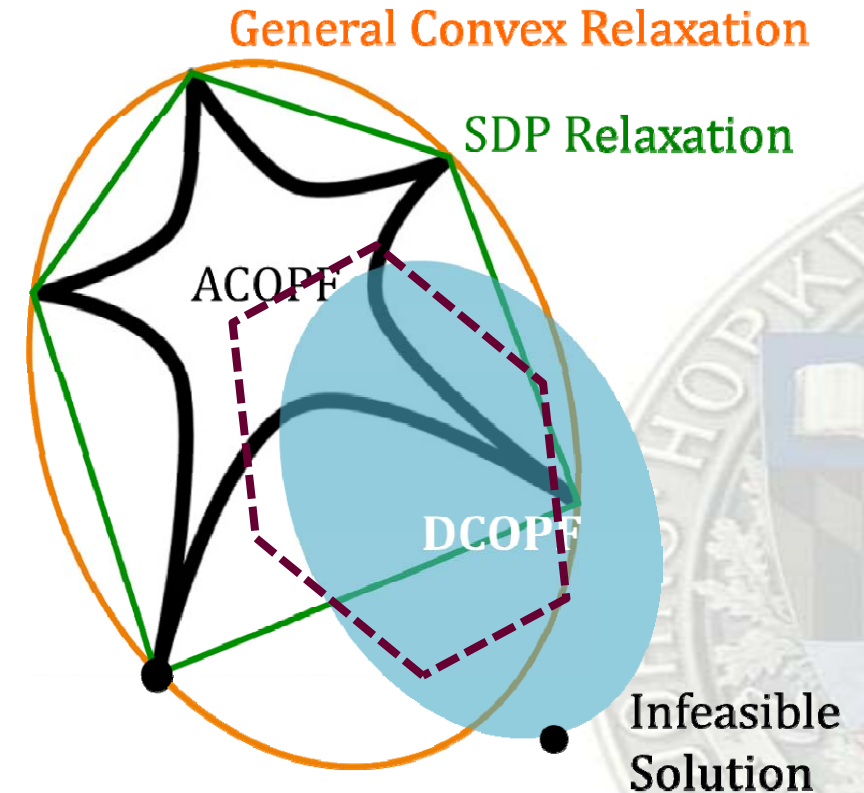


# Bridging the gap between AC & DC OPF

## Augment DCOPF with real power losses

- DCOPF ( $\theta_n - \theta_i \approx 0$ ),  $|v_n| \approx 1$ ,  $B_k \gg G_k \approx 0$ 
  - Use the first two assumptions
  - Taylor's series expansion about  
( $\theta_{n,i} := \theta_n - \theta_i \approx 0$ )

Loss approximation:  $p_{k(n,i)}^\ell \approx G_k (\theta_{n,i})^2$



# Lossy DCOPF ( $\ell$ -DCOPF) with storage

Cost function  $\min \sum_{n \in \mathcal{N}} f(p_n^g)$

Real power balance

$$p_n(t) = p_n^l(t) + p_n^d(t) + r_n^c(t) - p_n^g(t) - p_n^w(t) - r_n^d(t)$$

$$p_n(t) = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{A}} p_{k(n,i)}(t) = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{A}} B_k \theta_{n,i}(t)$$

$$p_n^l(t) = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{A}} p_{k(n,i)}^l(t) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \left( G_k (\theta_{n,i}(t))^2 \right)$$

Wind availability

$$0 \leq p_n^w(t) \leq C_n^w(t)$$

Voltage angle limits

$$|\theta_{n,i}(t)| \leq \Theta^{\max}(t)$$

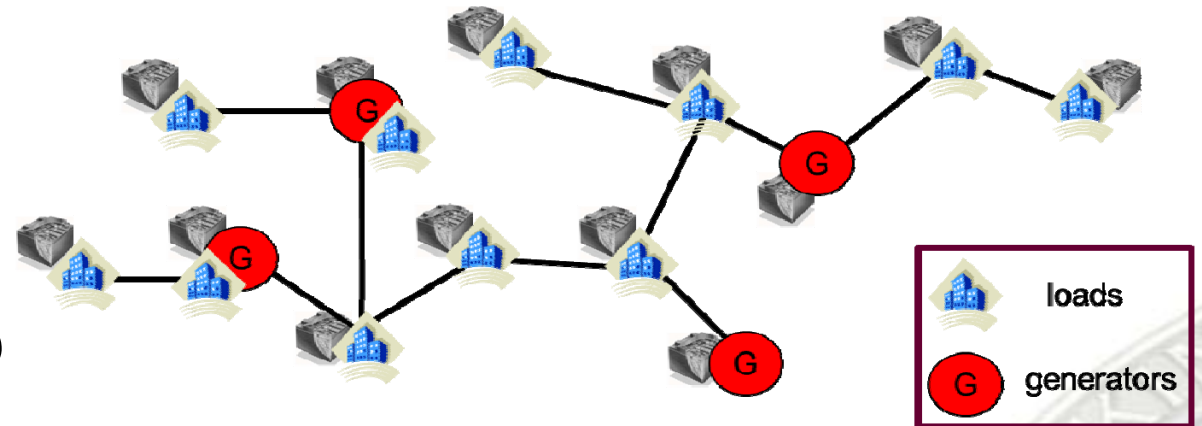
Real power bounds and ramp rates

Transmission limits

Total storage in network

Charge and discharge rate limits

Storage level and initial condition



$n, i \in \mathcal{N} :=$  set of nodes (buses)  
 $(n, i) \in \mathcal{A} :=$  set of connected nodes  
 $k \in \mathcal{K} :=$  set of lines  
 $k(n, i), k(i, n) \in \mathcal{F} :=$  set of flows

[Castillo & Gayme 2014, 2017]

# Exploiting convex relaxations

- The losses constraint makes this a QCQP

$$-p_{k(n,i)}^\ell(t) + \frac{1}{2} G_k \left( \theta_{n,i}(t) \right)^2 = 0$$

- We relax the equality constraint on the thermal losses

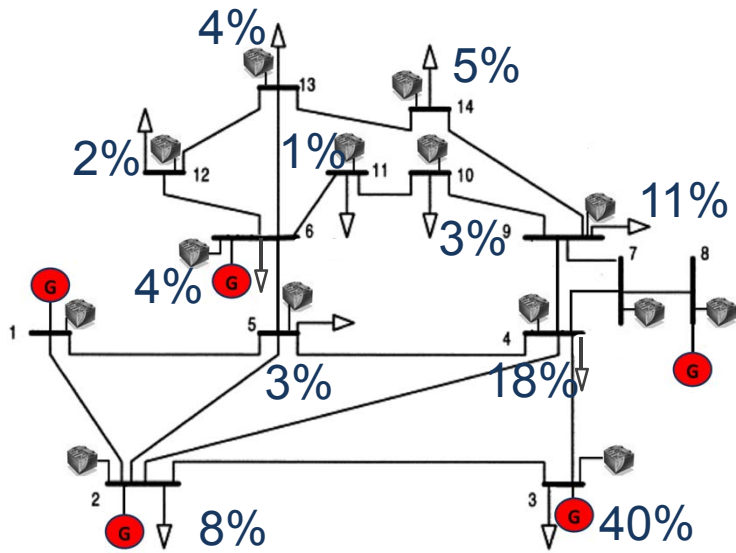
$$-p_{k(n,i)}^\ell(t) + \frac{1}{2} G_k \left( \theta_{n,i}(t) \right)^2 \leq 0$$

- Reformulate as either an SDP as before (or a SOCP)
  - Both of these are convex
- Main Computational Advantage (N bus system)
  - ACOPF problem is on the order of  $O(N^2)$
  - $\ell$ -DCOPF introduces K-number of 2x2 solution matrices for a power network with K-lines (i.e.  $O(N)$ )

[Castillo & Gayme 2017]



# $\ell$ -DCOPF-based storage siting – no congestion



Bus	Approximations				Full	
	DCOPF+S		$\ell$ -DCOPF+S		ACOPF+S	
	$C_n$	$\pi_n^s$	$C_n$	$\pi_n^s$	$C_n$	$\pi_n^s$
1	7.1	19.73	0.03	0.11	-	-
2	7.1	19.73	1.9	12.42	1	6.45
3	7.1	19.73	37	156.62	37.1	150.96
4	7.1	19.73	10.7	47.82	12.1	52.92
5	7.1	19.73	0.1	0.67	-	-
6	7.1	19.73	0.2	0.78	-	-
7	7.1	19.73	1.5	6.52	0.2	1.10
8	7.1	19.73	1.5	6.44	0.2	1.01
9	7.1	19.73	1.1	4.56	1.1	5.31
10	7.1	19.73	3.6	15.05	4.6	18.24
11	7.1	19.73	0.4	1.58	0.1	0.35
12	7.1	19.73	3.4	13.82	4.0	15.55
13	7.1	19.73	13.0	53.03	13.6	53.25
14	7.1	19.73	25.5	103.99	26.2	102.96
Total	100	276.22	100	423.40	100	408.10

- The  $\ell$ -DCOPF is more accurate than the DCOPF at estimating storage placement and sizing

[Castillo & Gayme 2017]

# $\ell$ -DCOPF-based storage siting- with congestion

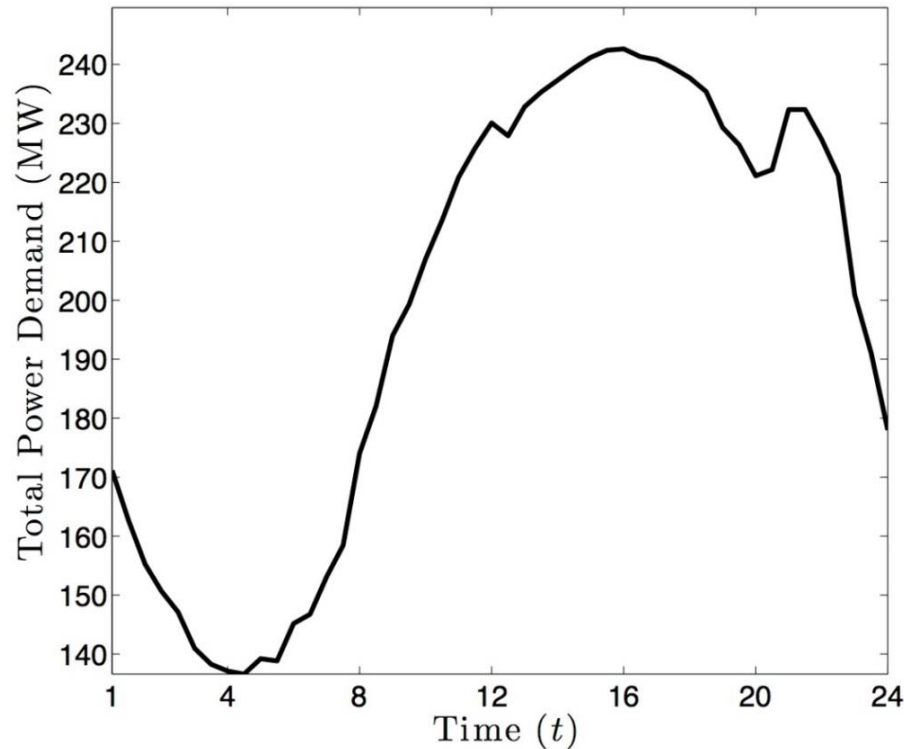
- The greater accuracy is more acute in cases where there is network congestion
- Higher accuracy is also found for the IEEE 118 bus test case
- Computational times commensurate with DCOPF

Bus	Approximations				Full	
	DCOPF+S		$\ell$ -DCOPF+S		ACOPF+S	
	$C_n$	$\pi_n^s$	$C_n$	$\pi_n^s$	$C_n$	$\pi_n^s$
1	34.4	218.53	45.1	246.25	45.1	245.03
2	20.9	177.96	21.6	137.92	21.6	122.48
3	19.7	75.29	9	10.72	1.9	5.11
4	6.3	33.2	5.2	25.70	8.1	29.22
5	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	-	-	1.0	4.81	1.4	5.79
7	5.2	28.76	4.1	16.17	6	22.72
8	5.2	28.76	4.1	16.17	2.5	9.47
9	4.3	25.09	-	-	-	-
10	3	19.87	0.1	0.34	0.1	0.17
11	-	-	0.1	0.40	0.1	0.29
12	-	-	0.7	2.82	0.8	2.88
13	-	-	1.9	7.24	1.9	6.88
14	0.9	6.09	7	19.45	10.5	27.74
Total	100	613.55	100	487.99	100	477.78

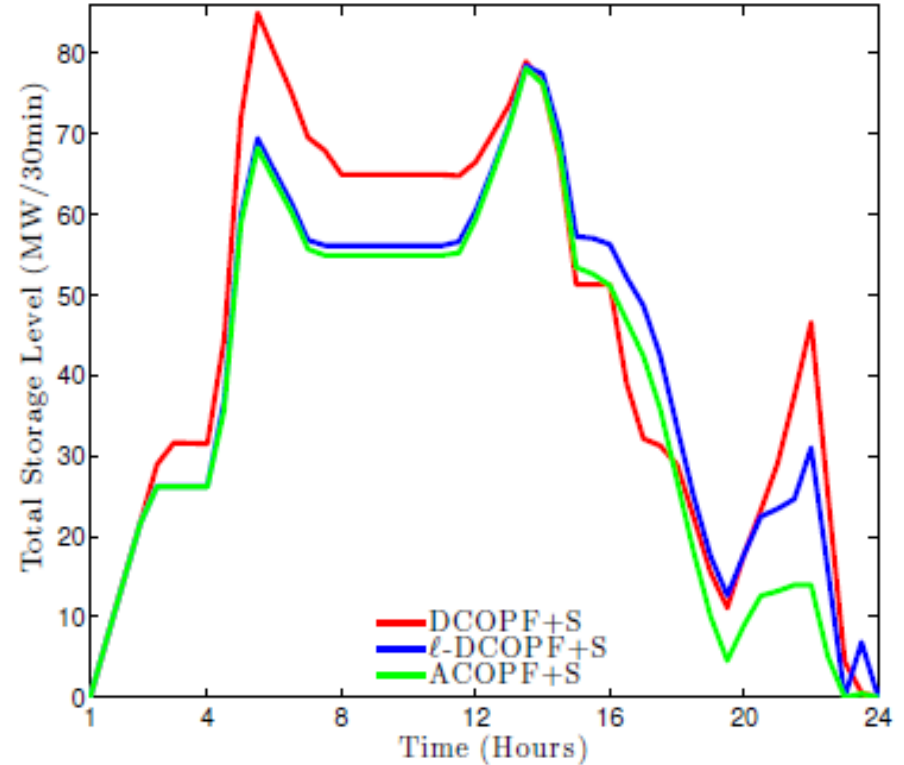
	Approximations		Full
	DCOPF+S	$\ell$ -DCOPF+S	
14-bus, Case I	1.1	1.4	14.7
14-bus, Case II	1.1	1.3	12.6
118-bus, Case I	4.6	6.2	n/a
118-bus, Case II	8.2	8.4	n/a

[Castillo & Gayme 2017]

# $\ell$ -DCOPF-based storage dispatch



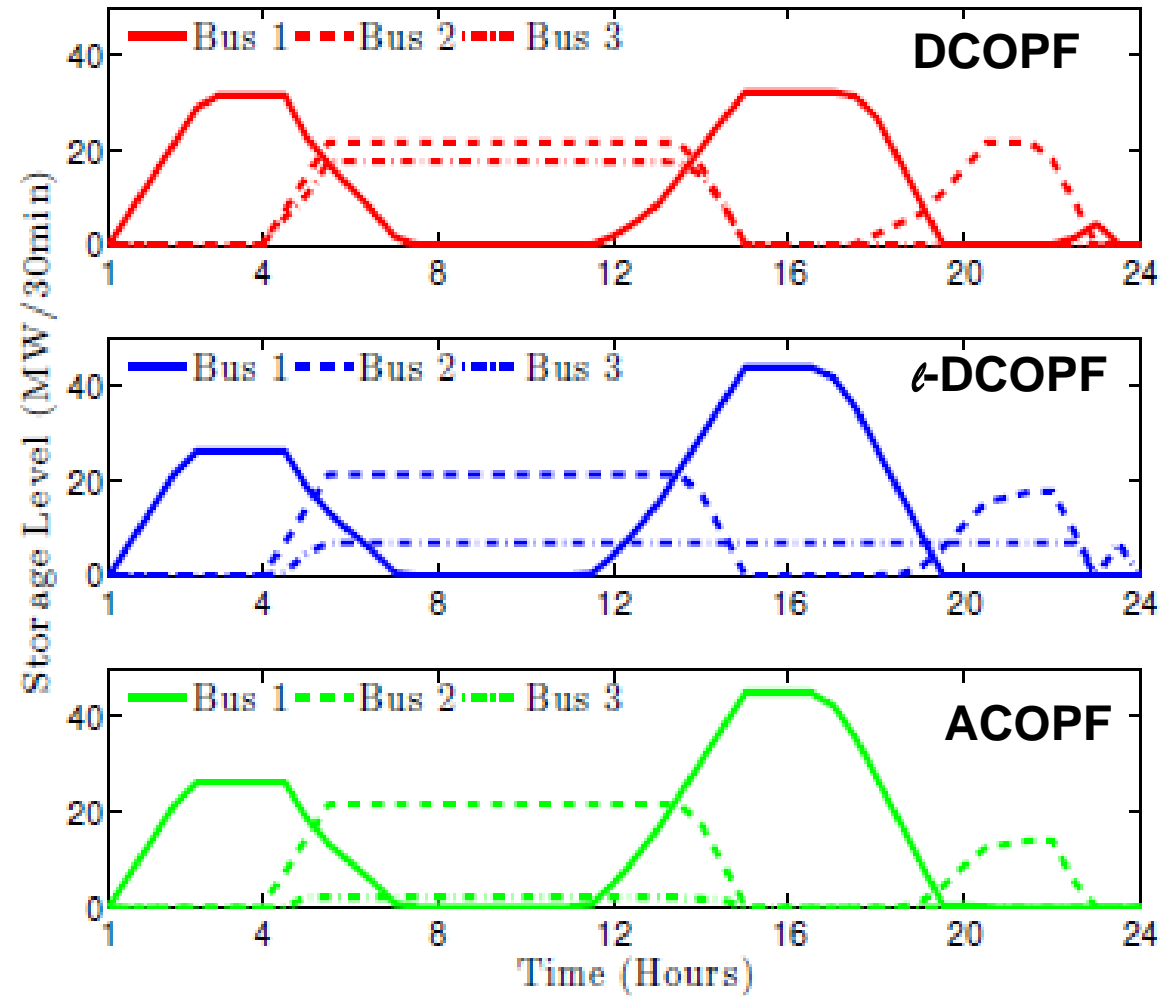
[Southern California Edison (July 2010)]



- Storage dynamics for the DCOPF approach deviate from the ACOPF considerably
- DCOPF over-estimates the energy arbitrage potential

[Castillo & Gayme 2017]

# Per bus storage dispatch



# Summary

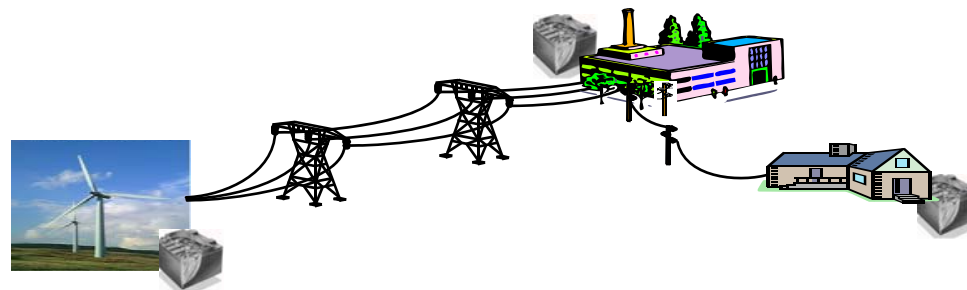
- Used ACOPF + S to understand drivers of optimal storage integration
  - Demonstrated a natural duality between system optimization and storage profit maximization in purely competitive market
  - Demonstrated trade-offs in using storage for traditional services plus VAR support
- Proposed a novel  $\ell$ -DCOPF+S problem based on identified importance of network effects (LMPs)
  - Effective in determining the nodes where storage is most profitable (sizing of the storage can be over-estimated)
  - Improved computational tractability over ACOPF+S
  - More accurate than DCOPF+S
  - VAR support question cannot be studied directly



# Case study results and implications

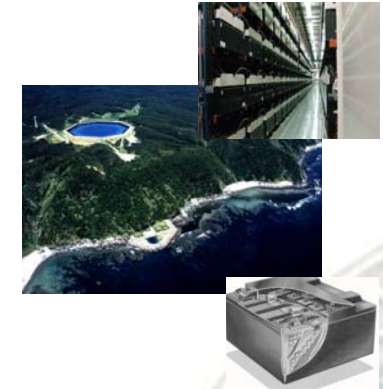
Network effects, in particular line losses are critical aspects of the storage allocation and dispatch optimization

- Storage placement results favor a few large facilities
- Results robust to charge and discharge efficiencies changes
- Storage placement does not change with constant versus time varying limits
  - Adding wind/solar later is unlikely to cause inefficiency
- Using storage for reactive power support changes the economics of energy storage and the placement strategies



# Continuing work and related questions

- How does uncertainty affect the system [Sjödín et al. 2012]
- Different storage portfolios [Wogrin & Gayme 2015]
  - Dispatch problem
  - Investment problem
- Interactions with demand response [Wang et. al 2015]
- Economic trade-offs and connections to markets
  - Storage vs. fast-ramping back-ups or new transmission
- System reduction or other computational algorithms
  - Very preliminary idea [Shayesteh et. al 2018]



# Thank you

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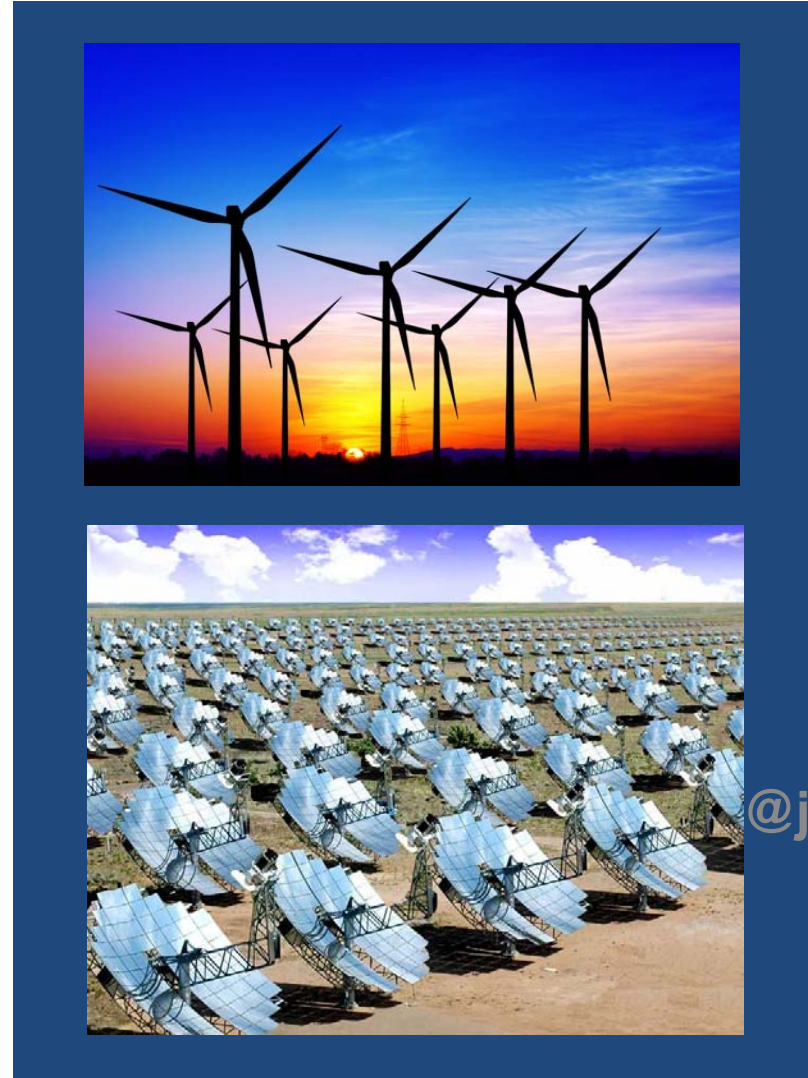


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