

Energy Adaptive Networks

SD Power Grid to Protect Against Natural Disasters

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ENABLING IoT





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Outline

- Introduction
- Wildfires Caused by Power Grid Failures
- EAN (Energy Adaptive Networks) Technology and OpenOPF (Optimal Power Flow)
- Solutions: Open Source, IoT, data driven power grids
- Conclusion: Call to Action!

About Us

- Energy Adaptive Networks
 - “IoT will be to Electricity what the Internet was to Telephony” – EAN
 - Founded by Michael Enescu (Cisco) and Steven Low (Caltech)
- R&D supported under US Federal research grants
 - Caltech research, contributions from Berkeley, Stanford, and others
 - In collaboration with Pacific Northwest National Lab, National Renewable Energy Lab, Lawrence Livermore National Lab
 - Open Source connectivity – Cisco
 - IoT Energy Gateway - EAN



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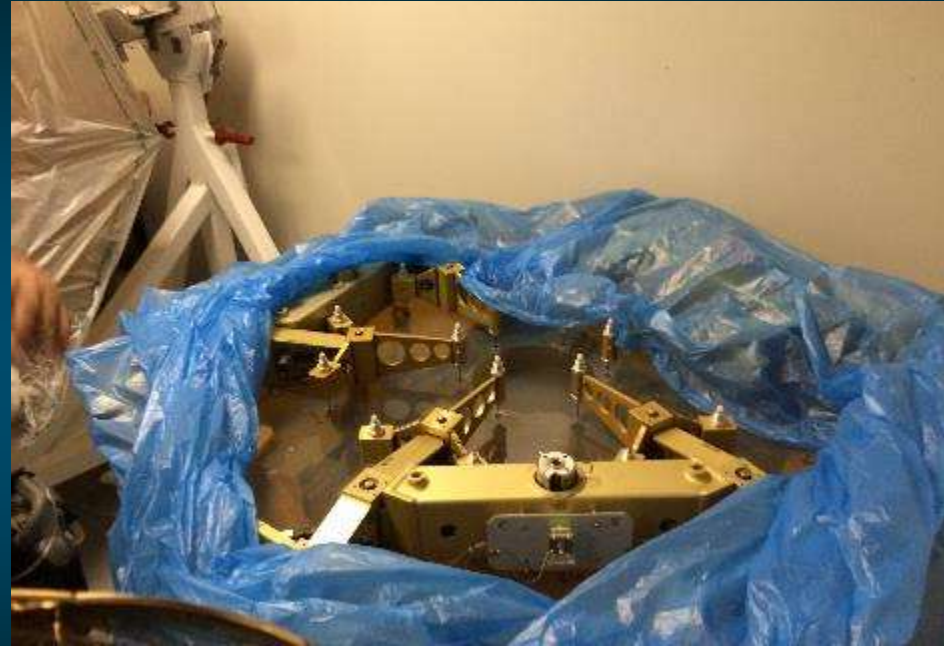
Amazing “Devices” at The Outer Edge?

From “Adaptive Optics” to “Adaptive Networks”



The Mirror Barn

Keck Observatory, Mauna Kea, Hawaii 4207 meters



Keck 10m Twin Telescopes at Mauna Kea



Why Apps move to the Edge?

Data Gravity – Over 2EB per day!



80 million smart meters in the U.S alone, 2 billion data points 1TB/ day



A single consumer packaged good manufacturing machine generates 13B data samples/day



A large offshore field produces ~1TB data/week



4+ million industrial things that spin, some producing 20TB/hour

95% of the world's data created in last 3 years

40 ZB (T-GB) by 2020 – 50x since 2010, 5200GB/human on Earth

75+ Billion IoT devices by 2025 – adoption 5x faster than electricity or telephony!

What's Different Now?

IoT Systems not built to handle Streaming Data

Traditional model: Store First, Query Later

Data-base waiting for Queries



New model: Process First, Store Optional

Rules can express:

- Predicates and Filters
- Contextual/Dimension Data
- Aggregations
- Pattern Matching
- Categorization & Classification
- Sub-queries ...

Generate Actionable Events,
Integrate with Policy/Mgmt System

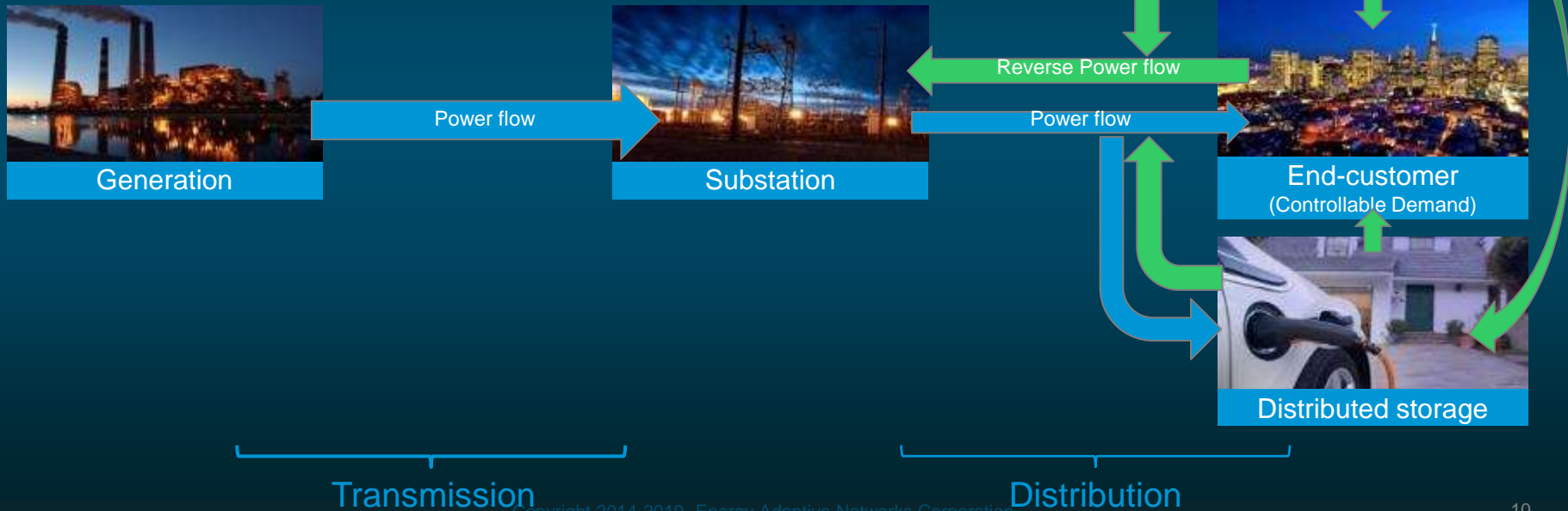
Query-base waiting for Data



What's Different Now?

Power Grid not built to handle Reverse Power Flows

Need for a much different Control Plane:
Communication, Remote Sensing & Control



Distributed Energy Resources (DER's) Problem or Opportunity?

DERs Introduce Variability



- DERs are useful
 - Local DER's avoid loss in transmission & distribution
 - Reduce peak loads
 - Reduce grid cost, wasted electricity
- DERs are unpredictable
 - Weather, clouds, wind, ...
 - Rapid, random fluctuations
 - Movement, where do EV's park

What is the best configuration of millions of devices to optimize power flow?
...Such that it minimizes cost and ensures safety & reliability?
... And we need to make this decision again and again!

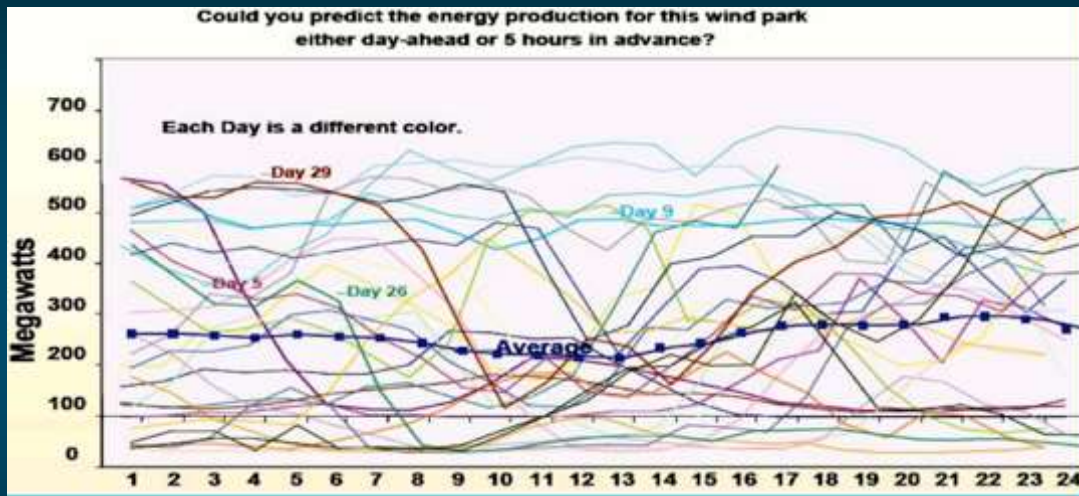
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The Problem

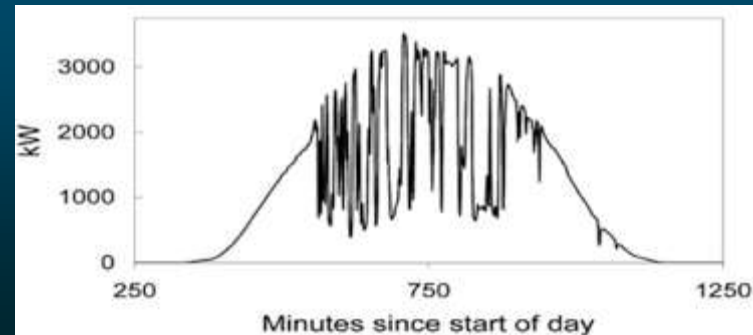
DER's introduce fluctuations, risk, blackouts

April in Golden Hills, Tehachapi, California



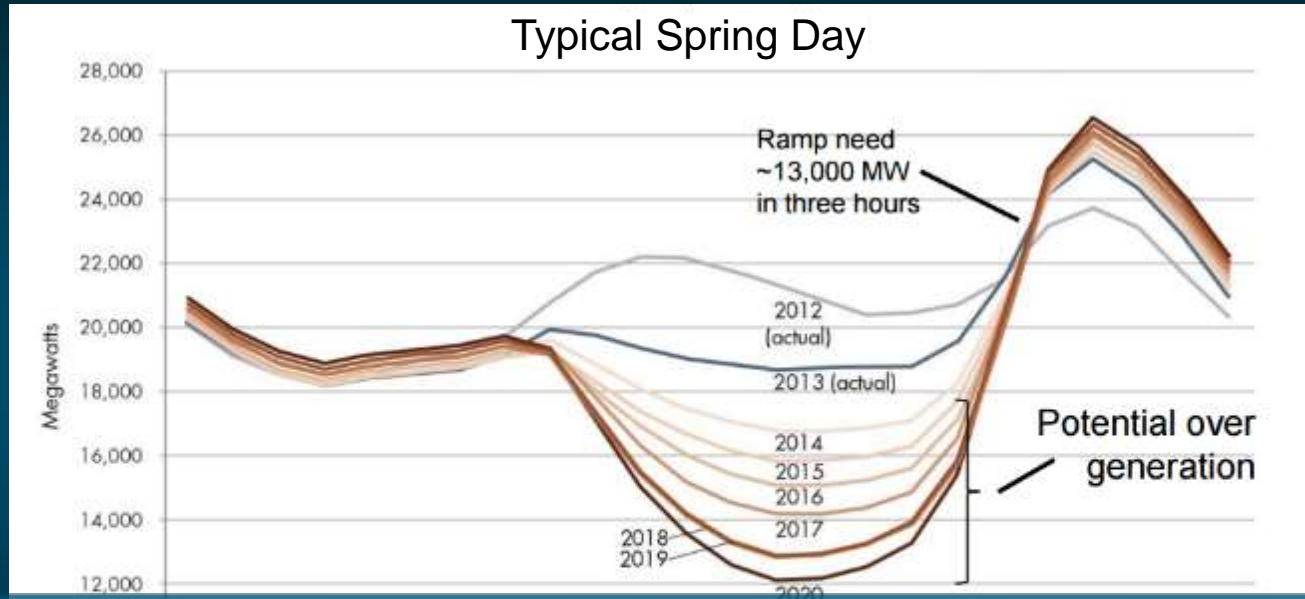
Imagine when we have over 50% renewable generation
as required in CA by 2025 and trending virt everywhere

DERs are both the solution & the problem!
ubiquitous, fast-acting, distributed



What's Different Now: California "Duck" Curve

Millions of active DER's introduce rapid, random fluctuations



What is the best configuration of millions of devices to optimize power flow?
...Such that it minimizes cost and ensures safety & reliability?
... And we need to make this decision again and again!
And can deal with a ~10GW over/under supply at every sunrise/sunset?

A Tale of Two Decisions: Power Grid not built to handle Reverse Power Flows

Get it right

Capture full benefits of the smart grid



\$43B

Reducing
waste



\$49B

Improving
Reliability



\$50B

Reducing
Investment



12%

Reducing
Emissions

Get it wrong

Risk of Catastrophic Failure

Hawaii's solar power flare-up

So many private solar panels are returning power to the grid that the system can't handle it all.

Power struggle: Green energy versus a grid that's not ready

Ministers of a fragile national power grid say the rush to renewable energy might actually make it harder to keep the lights on.

December 02, 2013 | By Evan Halper

German "Energiewende"

Germany's Green Energy
Destabilizing Electric
Grids

JANUARY 23, 2013

2018 California Wildfires



Energy Revolution Hiccups: Grid Instability Has Industry Scrambling for Solutions

By Catherine Schwab

Sudden fluctuations in Germany's power grid are causing major damage to a number of industrial companies. While many of them have responded by getting their own power generators and regulators to help minimize the risks, they warn that companies might be forced to leave if the government doesn't deal with the issues fast.





When the Power Grid is not Energy Adaptive

California Wildfires



12 Northern California wildfires sparked by PG&E power lines, investigators say

By Kurtis Alexander Updated 10:45 am PDT, Saturday, June 9, 2018



"We strongly believe
our current laws level
the playing field."

—Don Housley, PG&E President and CEO

**CSAC Opposes End-of-Session Changes
to Utility Liability Law**

2018 Inverse Condemnation Information

During the 2018 Legislative Session, CSAC successfully supported keeping the inverse condemnation standard, a utility liability law. In place despite efforts to make changes. In addition, CSAC was actively involved in the negotiation of SB 901 (Dodd), SB 901 was a comprehensive piece of legislation that covered several wildfire-related topics.



Ignition Points – Avoiding Natural Disasters

PG&E Caused California's Deadliest Wildfire

A new report officially points the blame for the Paradise fire at the utility's electrical transmission lines



PG&E admits its equipment likely sparked California's most destructive wildfire

By JOSEPH NEWBOLD, MARIA L. LA DAMPA and LEONA NEWBERRY | SEP 26, 2019 | 1:23 PM



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PG&E Caused Fire That Killed 85, California Concludes

Investigators find company's equipment sparked deadliest fire in state history after PG&E probably the cause



How to Prevent the Next PG&E Disaster

When PG&E's infrastructure failed, it led to the deadliest wildfire in California history. PG&E's equipment sparked the deadliest wildfire in California history. PG&E's equipment sparked the deadliest wildfire in California history. PG&E's equipment sparked the deadliest wildfire in California history.

Paradise Lost

Inside the most destructive fire in American history—and why the West's cities and towns will keep on burning



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EAN Technology



- Based on Caltech research on Optimal Power Flow (OPF)
- OPF & Frequency control algorithms, using non-convex relaxation
- Fast, accurate, efficient, distributed
- Leverages IoT penetration and Open Source

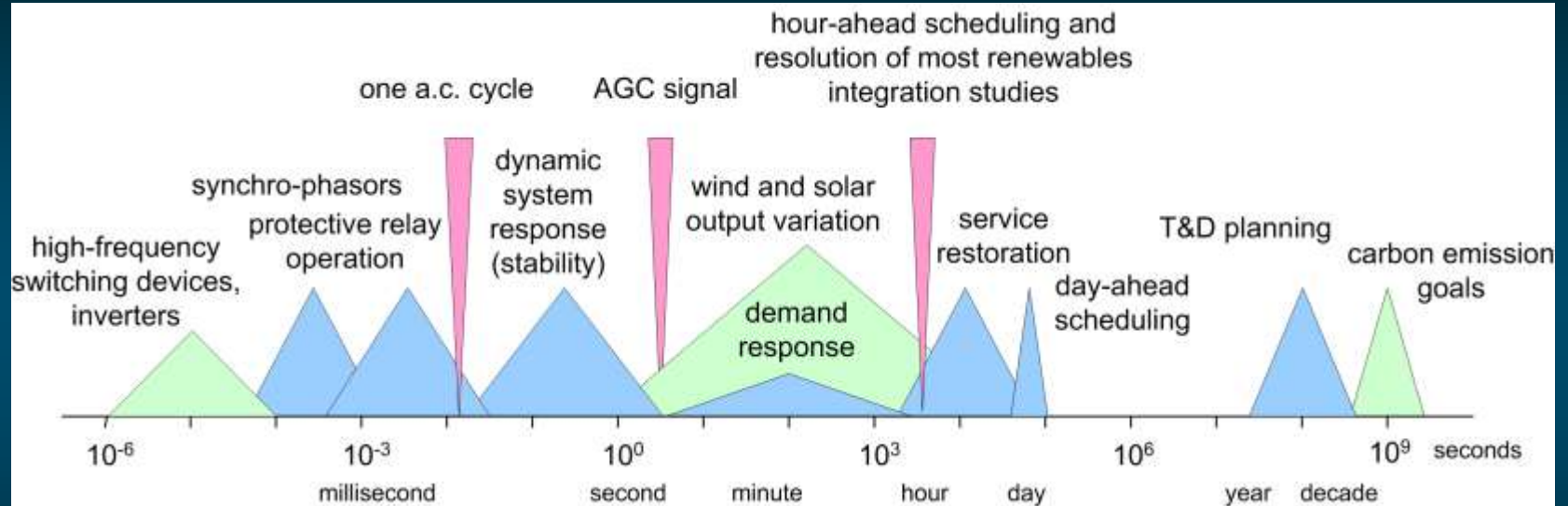


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Different Timescales – Different Models



Dynamic models (differential equations) Power Flow models (algebraic equations)

Optimal Power Flow & Frequency Control

OPF is solved routinely for

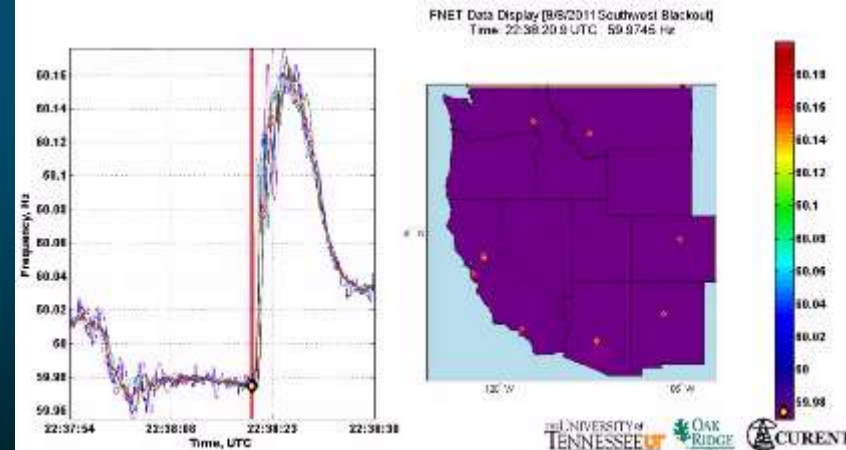
- Network control & optimization decisions
- Market operations & pricing
- Timescales of minutes, hours, days, ...

Non-convex and hard to solve

- Huge literature since 1962
- Common practice: DC power flow (LP)
- Also: Newton-Raphson, interior point, ...

Caltech Optimization Algorithm

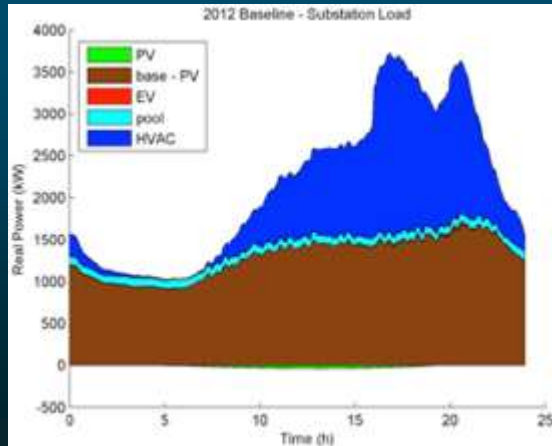
- Idea: use grid as implicit power flow solver
- All busses synced at nominal frequency
- Supply-demand imbalance => frequency fluctuation
- Load side frequency control (5 patents)



Use Case – DER Management System

Slow timescale OPF:

- As DER penetration continues, the need for DER co-optimization increases
This includes capacitor banks and tap changers on the grid and inverters and smart appliances at end user (more IoT devices)
- Co-optimization captures values to both utility and to users



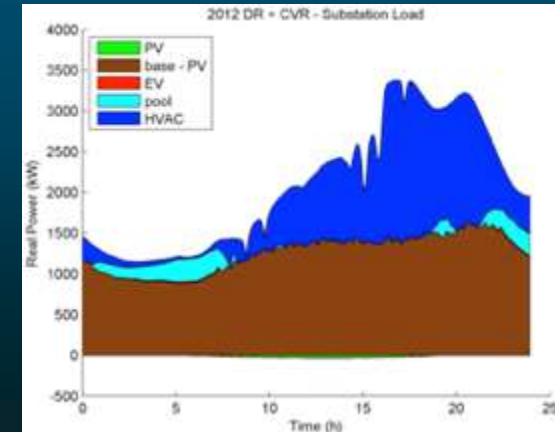
Baseline

Optimized

Peak load reduction: 8%
Energy cost reduction: 4%



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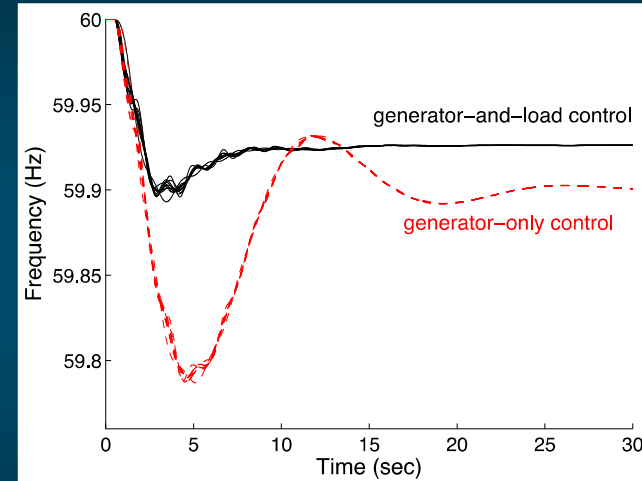
Use Case – Frequency Control

Fast Timescale Frequency Control:

- Frequency regulation is traditionally implemented on generator side
- As DER penetration continues, the need and the ability for loads to participate increases
- Ubiquitous, continuous, fast-acting and distributed load-side participation in frequency regulation provides multiple benefits
- Caltech has developed distributed algorithms for this application



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Legend
--- Current state
--- Caltech EAN technology

EAN OPF Simulator – Slow Timescale

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \min_{V \in \mathbf{C}^n} \quad \text{tr}(CVV^H) \\
 & \text{s. t.} \quad \underline{s}_j \leq \text{tr}(Y_j^H VV^H) \leq \bar{s}_j \\
 & \quad \underline{v}_j \leq |V_j|^2 \leq \bar{v}_j \\
 & C, Y_j \in \mathbf{C}^{n \times n}, \quad \underline{s}_j, \bar{s}_j \in \mathbf{R}, \quad \underline{v}_j, \bar{v}_j \in \mathbf{R}
 \end{aligned}$$

min generation cost, network loss

generation limits

voltage constraints

power flow equations: $s_j = \text{tr}(Y_j^H VV^H)$ for node j

- Y_j^H describes network topology and impedances
- s_j is net power injection (generation) at node j
- “power balance at each node j ” (Kirchhoff’s law)

EAN Frequency Control – Fast Timescale

$$\dot{\theta}_i = \omega_i$$

$$M_i \dot{\omega}_i = -D_i \omega_i + p_i - \sum_e C_{ie} P_e$$

$$P_{ij} = b_{ij} \sin(\theta_i - \theta_j) \quad \forall i \rightarrow j$$

Objectives:

Rebalance power & stabilize frequency – Caltech research

Restore nominal frequency – Caltech research

Stay within scheduled inter-area flows

Stay within time limits

The Missing Link – Open Ecosystem

Old – Closed:

- Aging old power grid can't handle reverse power
- Centralized
- Difficult to change or accepting innovation
- Proprietary vendor lock-in
- Evidence: No Accountability, Existential Dilemma of the old utility model
- Support: None, difficult interoperability between vendors

New – Open:

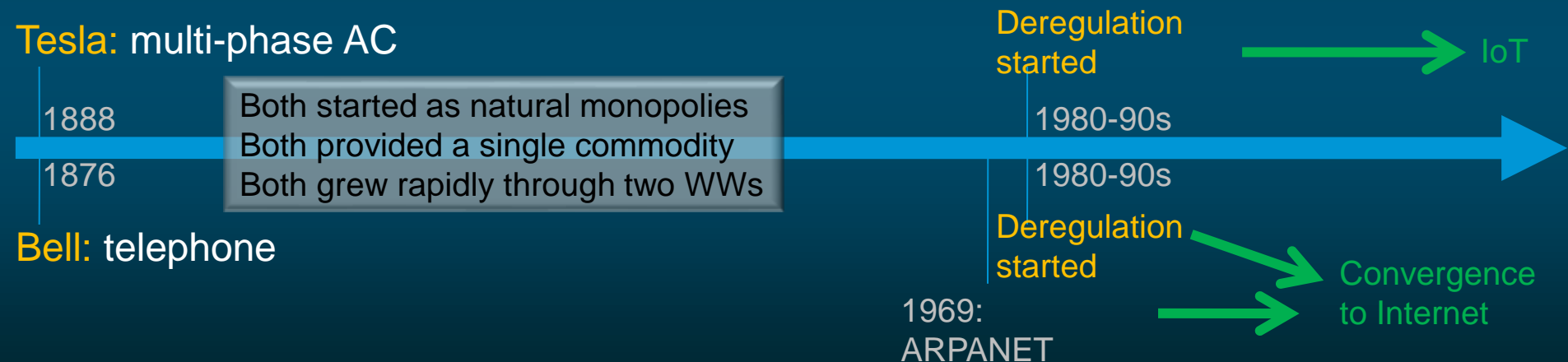
- IoT grid can solve reactive power grid problems
- Decentralized, distributed control
- Embracing innovation
- No vendor lock-in
- Evidence: 5 new open source projects, massive decentralization, DER adoption
- Support: multiple Labs, Open Source projects, collaborative ecosystem

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Smart Energy Opportunity: IoT will be to Energy what the Internet was to Telephony

- Power networks will undergo similar architectural transformation as phone network went through in the last decade
- IoT adoption is 5x faster than electricity or telephony



Open OPF Simulator

Grid visualization

- Time series data collected in real time
- Network topology and power flow

Grid management

- Data computed in real time (local min/max $V(q)$)
- Open OPF: np hard \rightarrow np complete
- Allows for optimal device placement
- Allows for optimal device control (DR/DG)



Zero Net Energy community



The Way Things Were: Macro Level Planning



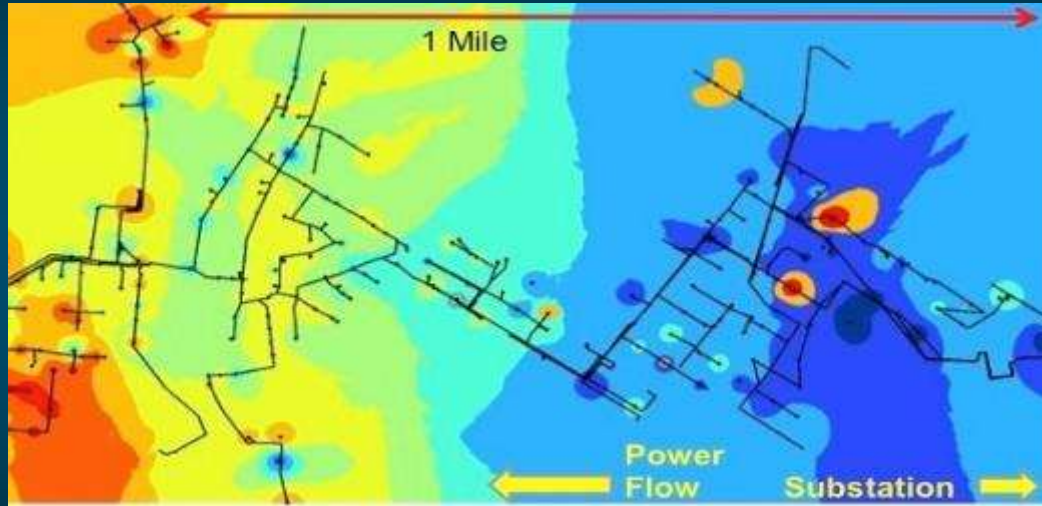
PG&E Distribution Planning



SC Edison Distribution Planning

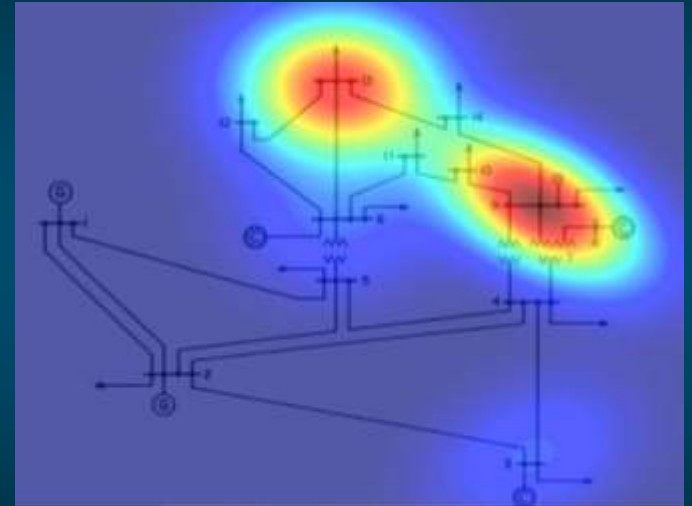
The Way Things Evolve: Microgrids

Distributed Marginal Price signal
4-5pm on a Western US Utility Feeder



Fine grain maps – DMP pricing

The picture changes throughout the day



Fine grain real-time optimization

What If Connected Microgrids Could Solve Both Generation and Distribution Everywhere?

Energy: Most Important Factor in Poverty



Remember the disappearance of the “digital divide” due to mobile Internet access?

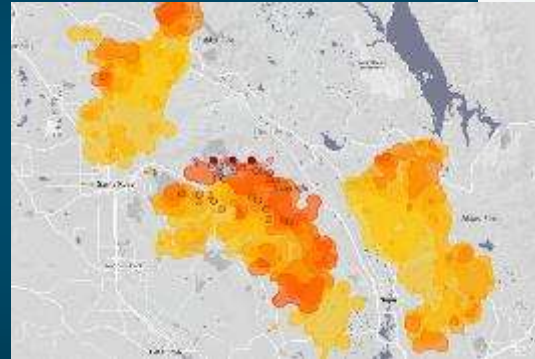
With rapid DER penetration
... and local / edge control

Access to Energy would follow
suit when Microgrids deploy

The future is already here, it is just not very evenly distributed – W Gibson

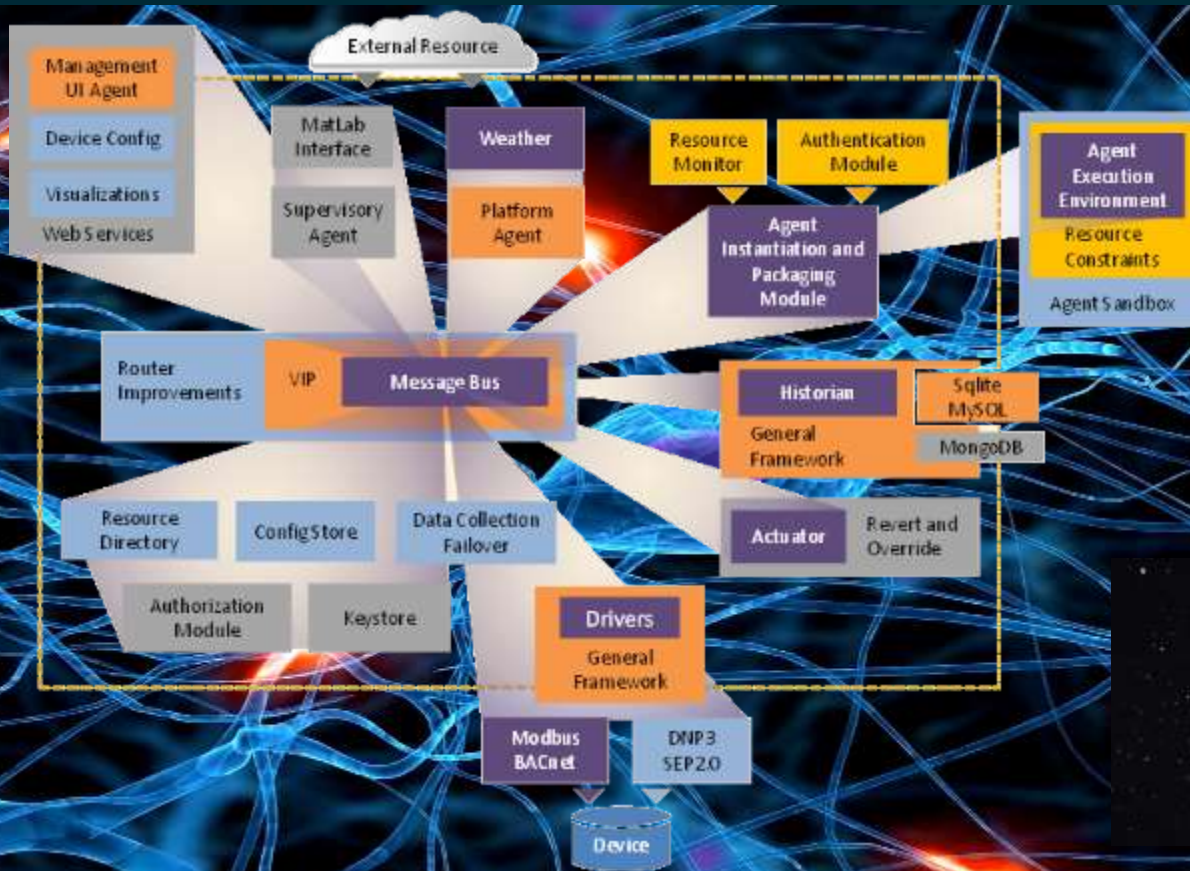
What do we need to form such “Planetary Skin”?

- ✓ Hardware/Infra: Adoption of DER's at scale, IOT
- ✓ Software: Free and open source software to connect them
- ✓ Public Good Policy: Develop an appreciation of shared value of IoT data at scale
- ✓ Software: Free and open source software to compute on that data to optimize against reverse power flows
- ✓ Ecosystem that does not stifle innovation



4 of 5 are only possible in Open Source!

Open Source Collaboration Eclipse Volltron



Open Source Collaboration – Eclipse Volttron



Open Source Collaboration



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Call to Action

1. Take advantage of IoT penetration and Open Source innovation
2. Lower your R&D costs by instrumenting your IoT devices with commercial Open Source software
3. Avoid proprietary/closed systems ~~difficult~~ impossible to interoperate
4. Embrace the shared value of IoT data, build your edge system where it belongs, at the Edge
5. Learn from the lessons learned in the 2018 wildfires
6. Join and collaborate in the Open Source Community started from Caltech and EAN

Open Source Resources

- OpenOPF Visualizer available:
<https://github.com/peterenescu/OpenOPFV>
- Eclipse Volttron:
<https://github.com/volttron/VOLTTRON>
- Linux Foundation Energy Summit:
Next Tuesday (Nov 5) in Paris

Conclusion

- The century old power grid not built to handle reverse flows
 - Cannot support clean energy
 - Cannot protect
- Energy adaptive, fast time scale is needed
 - We saw this in multiple places, most recent in California Wildfires
 - Open OPF simulator validates research findings, identifies forward path
- Use Open OPF for grid visualization, optimization
 - For large scale systems to identify “hot spots” where fast time scale, energy adaptive technologies can be deployed to solve reactive power problems
- Use Open OPF for DER management
 - With IoT open source projects Volttron, Zephyr, RIAPS

Questions?

Thank You!

The future is already here – it is just not very evenly distributed

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