

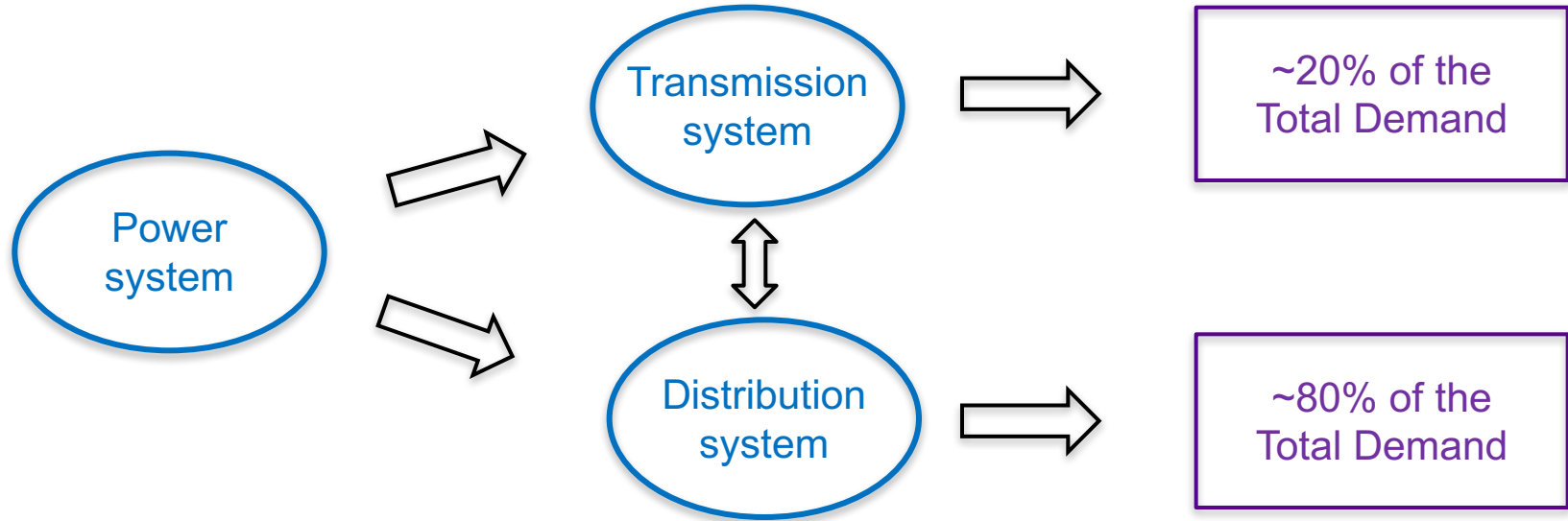
T&D integration: Unlocking Flexibility of Distributed Energy Resources

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T&D Integration as Part of Urban Grids



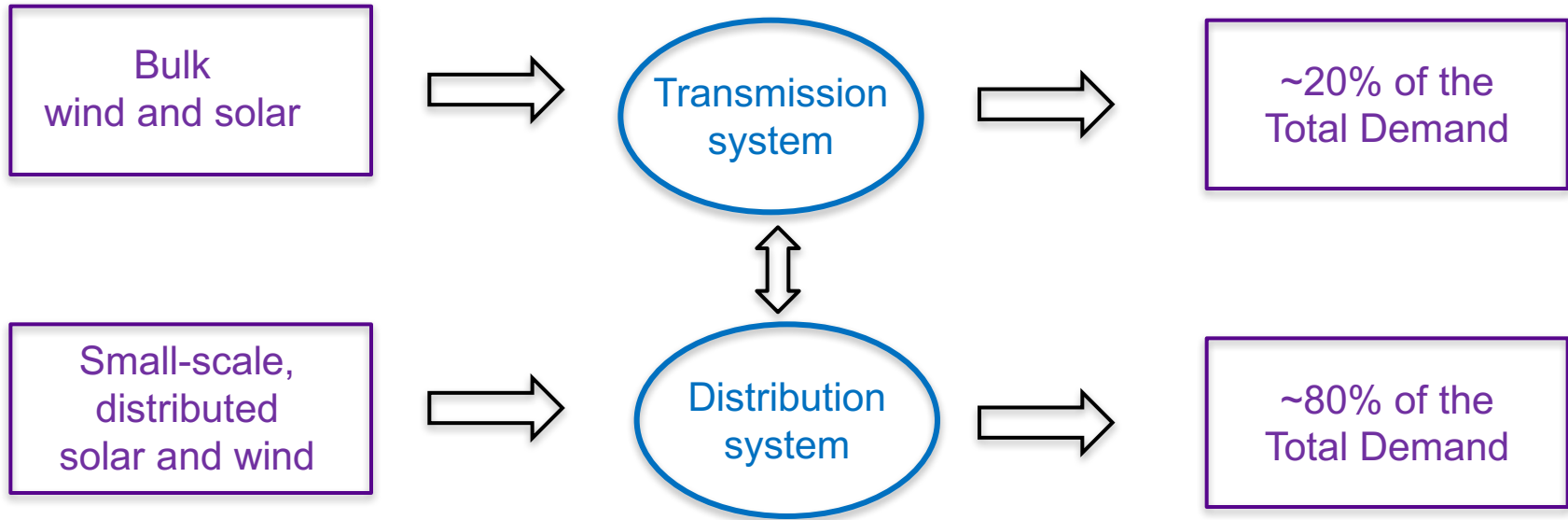
Transmission demand

- Bulk, observable, controllable, predictable and schedulable

Distribution demand

- Distributed, unobservable (“behind-the-meter”),
- Limited controllability, predictable and schedulability relative to the transmission demand

T&D Integration as Part of Urban Grids



Transmission Renewables

- Observable and geographically dispersed → ideal case of the CLT → \$\$\$
- Provide grid support services → self-mitigate integration implications → \$\$\$

} Benefits saturate quickly

Distribution Renewables

- Located in the same geographical areas
- Locked “behind the meter” → unobservable to the system → no value/remuneration

T&D Integration: A Closer Look at the Distribution System

Increasing Uncertainty

Increasing Flexibility (Not harvested yet!)

Small-scale,
distributed
solar and wind



Distribution
system



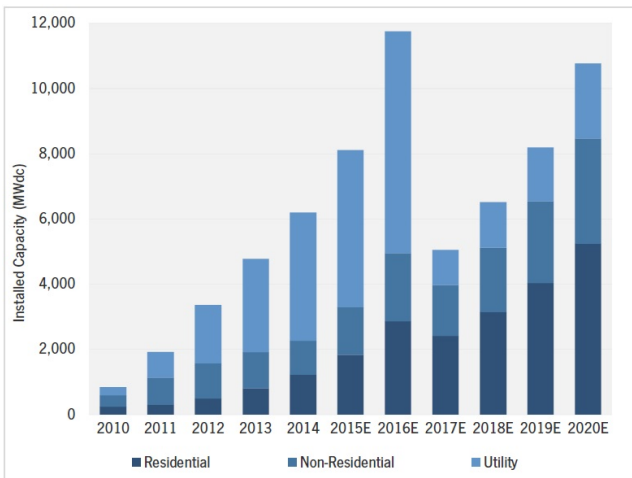
~80% of the
Total Demand

Still

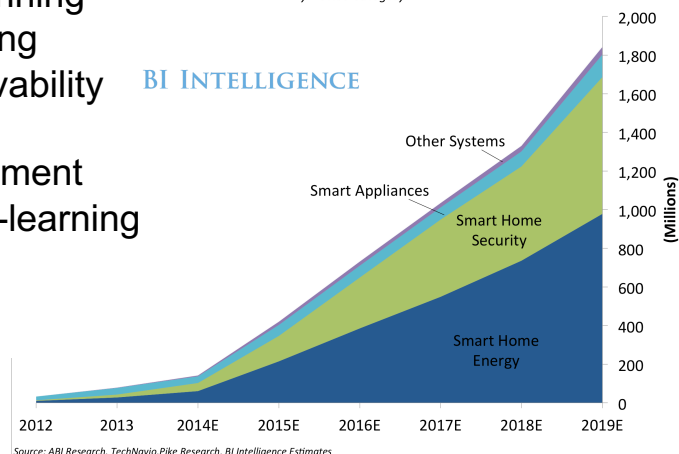
- Centralized operations/planning
- Single-actor decision making
- Sparse “smartness”/observability
- Vague incentives
- Unorganized data management
- Machine learning without r-learning

Emerging Trends

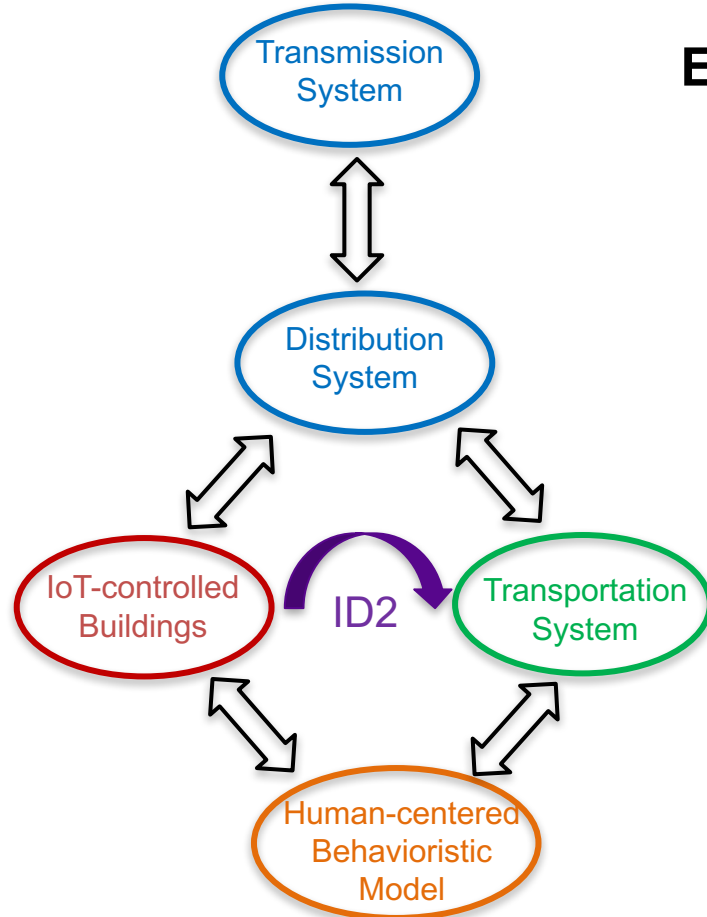
- Cost/benefit analysis
- Ad-hoc, yet very sensible, demonstration studies
- Least-cost resiliency



Global Connected-Home Device Shipments
By Device Category



Source: ABI Research, TechNavio, Pike Research, BI Intelligence Estimates



Explore Internal Flexibility Sources

- Define a formal model of each CPS system
- Define a formal behavioristic model
- Define interfaces between systems
- Define uncertain parameters
- Value the interfaces

Distribution
System

Generation
cost

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Tariff
Payments

Trading in the
whole-sale market

- Fixed tariff – for simplicity of derivations; can and should be time- and location-specific

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Power limits on generation assets

- This representation can accommodate non-conventional generation resources (e.g. “prosumers”)
- Uncertain availability can be modeled by imposing uncertainty sets on the right hand-side parameters of (2)-(5)

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$$(f_l^P - a_l R_l)^2 + (f_l^Q - a_l X_l)^2 \leq \overline{S}_l^2, \quad \forall l \in \mathcal{L}^D \quad (7)$$

$$v_{r(l)} - 2(R_l f_l^P + X_l f_l^Q) + a_l (R_l^2 + X_l^2) = v_{o(l)}, \quad \forall l \in \mathcal{L}^D \quad (8)$$

$$\left[(f_l^P)^2 + (f_l^Q)^2 \right] \frac{1}{a_l} \leq v_{o(l)}, \quad \forall l \in \mathcal{L}^D \quad (9)$$

Power limits on generation assets

AC power flow constraints via SOC

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Nodal power balances

“Root” bus balance

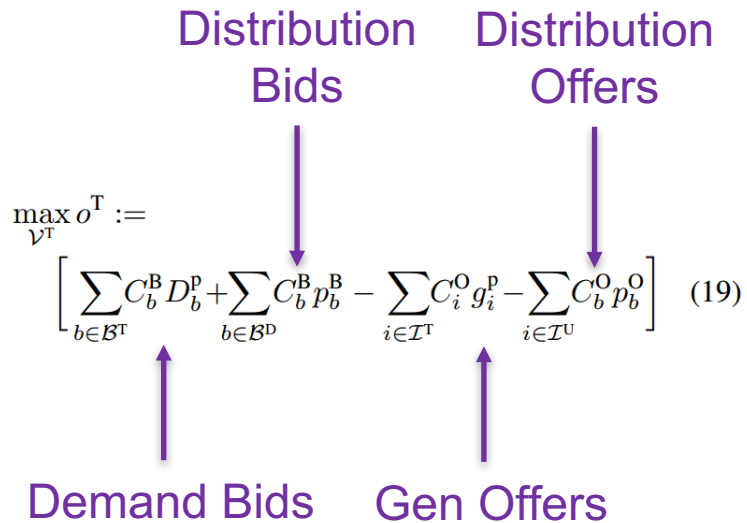
Exchange with the transmission system



Distribution Bids
Distribution Offers

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Demand Bids
Gen Offers



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Interface limits

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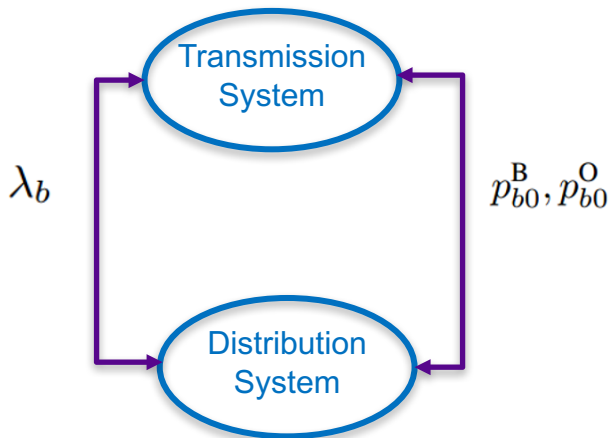
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DC power flow constraints

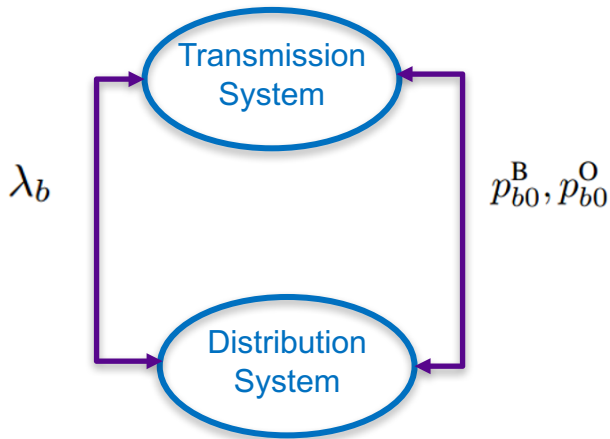


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- One interface per distribution grid
- Active power only
- Reactive power is balanced by each system independently
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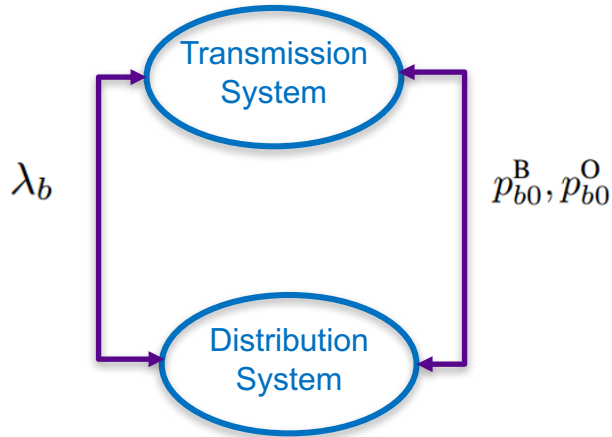
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Bi-level problem

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Three-step solution approach*:

- **Step 1:** Dualize the lower-level (transmission) problem
- **Step 2:** Invoke the strong duality theorem (SDT) condition
- **Step 3:** Replace the lower-level problem with its dual problem and SDT condition

$$\max_{\mathcal{V}^D \cup \mathcal{V}^T \cup \mathcal{V}^{\hat{T}}} o^D \quad (34) \longleftarrow \text{Bilinear product}$$

$$D(\mathcal{V}^D) \leq 0 \quad (35)$$

Transmission grid constraints $\longrightarrow T(\mathcal{V}^T) \leq 0 \quad (36)$

Dual transmission grid const. $\longrightarrow \hat{T}(\mathcal{V}^{\hat{T}}) \leq 0 \quad (37)$

STD condition $\longrightarrow o^T = o^{\hat{T}} \quad (38)$

*In fact, this reformulation can be further strengthened.

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Linearization is straightforward with KKT conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} p_b^O &\leq \bar{P}_b : (\bar{\psi}_b), \quad \forall b \in \mathcal{B}^+ \\ p_b^B &\leq \bar{P}_b : (\underline{\psi}_b), \quad \forall b \in \mathcal{B}^+ \end{aligned}$$

Bilinear product leads to:

$$\lambda_{b_0} (p_{b_0}^O - p_{b_0}^B) = C_{b_0}^O p_{b_0}^O - \underbrace{\bar{\psi}_{b_0} \bar{P}_{b_0}^O + \underline{\psi}_{b_0} \underline{P}_{b_0}^B}_{\text{Linear}} - C_{b_0}^B p_{b_0}^B.$$

$$\lambda_{b_0}(p_{b_0}^O - p_{b_0}^B) = \underbrace{C_b^O p_b^O - \bar{\psi}_b \bar{P}_b^O}_{\text{O-component}} + \underbrace{\underline{\psi}_b \underline{P}_b^B - C_b^B p_b^B}_{\text{B-component}}.$$

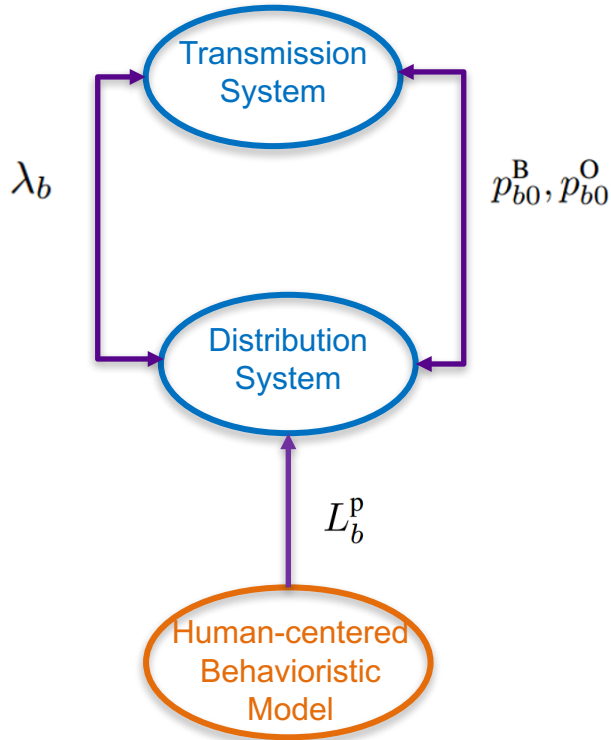
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Value of the interface:

- Function of the limit
- Function of the transmission's system value of extra resources
- “Greedy” distribution system is penalized

T&D Integration: Demand is Still Exogenous (!)



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“Exogenous” demand means

- Humans act rationally
- Limited selectivity
- Homogenous loads

Prospect Theory

- Developed in 1970-s
- Limited use in real-life applications
- Saad + Poor's groups applied to some smart grid problems

Subjective Utility of Consumers:

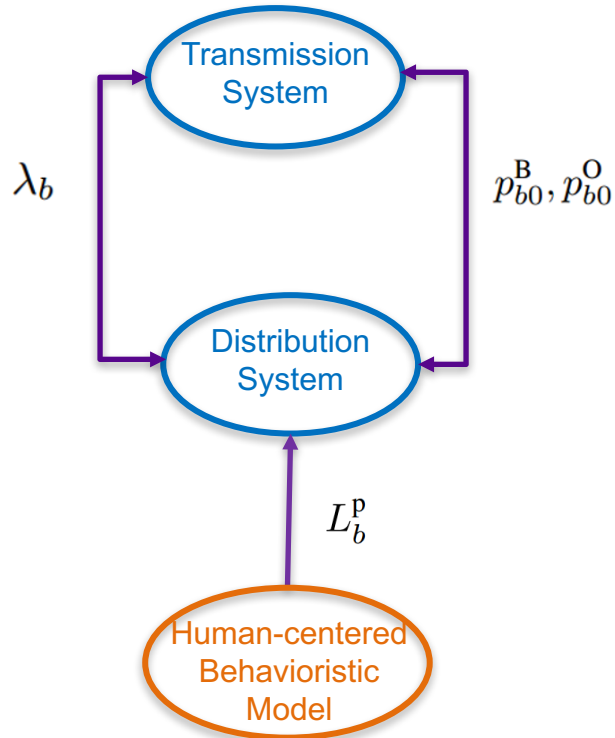
$$U_b(\mathbf{L}) = \sum_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbf{K}_b} l_{\mathbf{k}} \prod_{i \setminus \{\mathbf{k}\}} \omega_i \cdot u_{\mathbf{k}}$$

Weight of each appliance can be obtained via learning

Rank

$$w_i = \sum_{k=1}^5 \frac{r_k}{5} \frac{d_k^i}{d_{max}^i} \rightarrow \text{Net consumption}$$

T&D Integration with Subjective Consumers

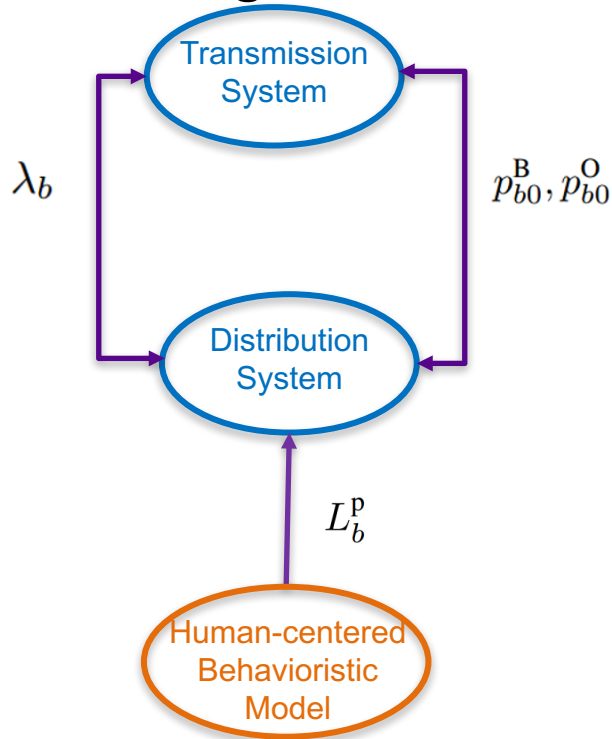


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This game is solved using Progressive Hedging!

Advantages:

- Decomposable
- Scalable

Disadvantages:

- Not selective
- Optimality is questionable

Transmission System

- Some nodal injections (wind, solar)

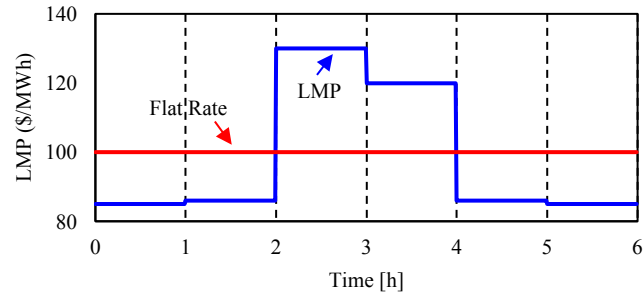
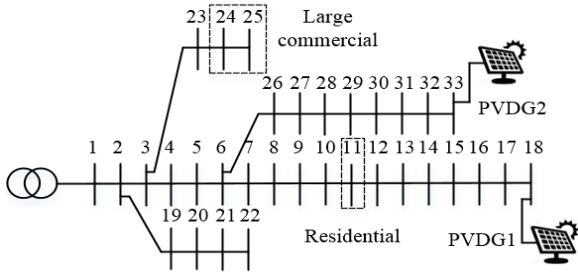
Distribution System

- Some nodal injections (primarily, solar)
- Whole-sale prices
- Availability of DERs
- Work in Progress: Topology uncertainty

Humans

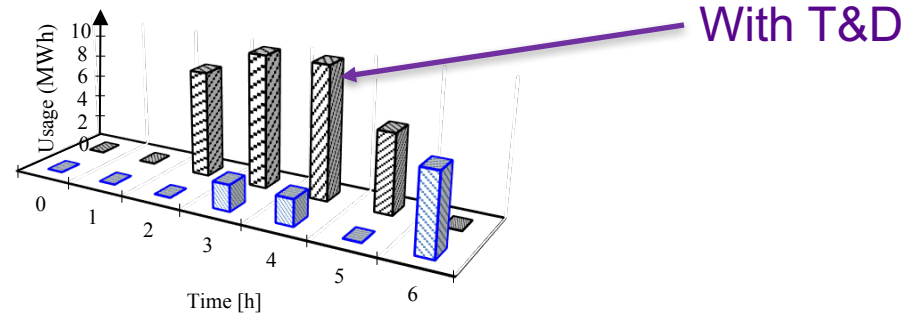
- Consumption preferences (weights)

Impact of the Integration on the Usage of DERs

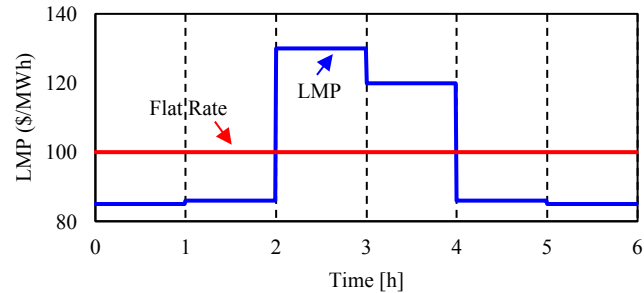
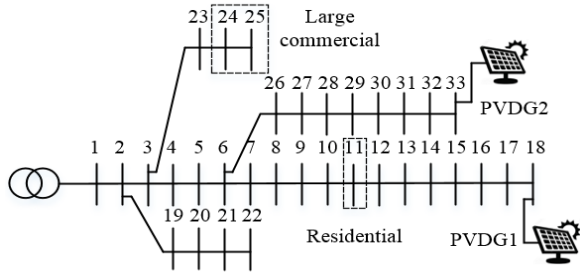


Two-fold impact:

- Higher usage
- Higher frequency



T&D Cost Performance



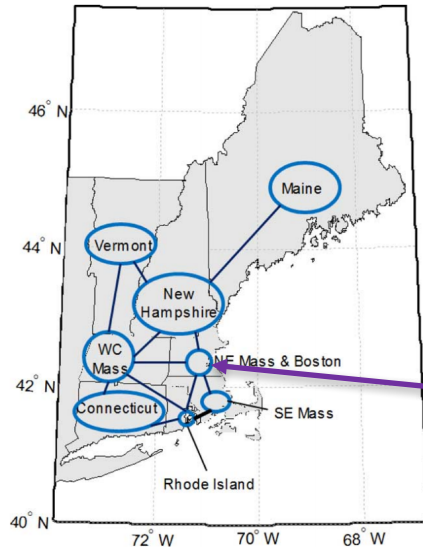
COST PERFORMANCE

LMP Uncertainty, %	Utility's Whole-sale Revenue (\$)	Utility Cost (\$)	Consumer Cost (\$)
5	81.6	5038.5	7985.7
10	163.2	4956.9	7904.1
15	244.8	4875.3	7822.5
20	326.4	4793.6	7740.9
25	408.0	4712.1	7659.3
30	489.6	4630.5	7577.7

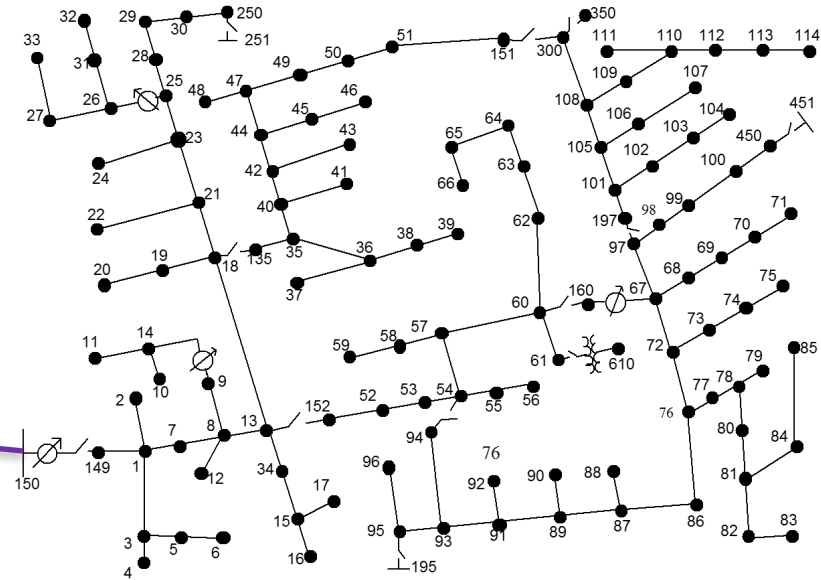
Observation:

- Utility and customers benefits from the whole-sale uncertainty

8-zone ISO NE testbed



123-bus IEEE Test Feeder



- Prospective RES and DER portfolios
- Reserve included
- Multi-period case/30 DA samples

Impact of Uncertainty

Cost Metric w/out TD



$$V^{TD} = C^{W/out TD} - C^{TD}$$



Value



Cost Metric with TD

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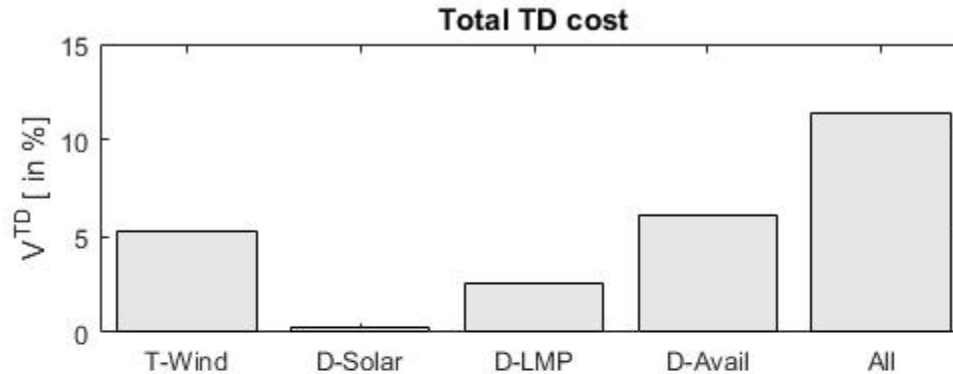
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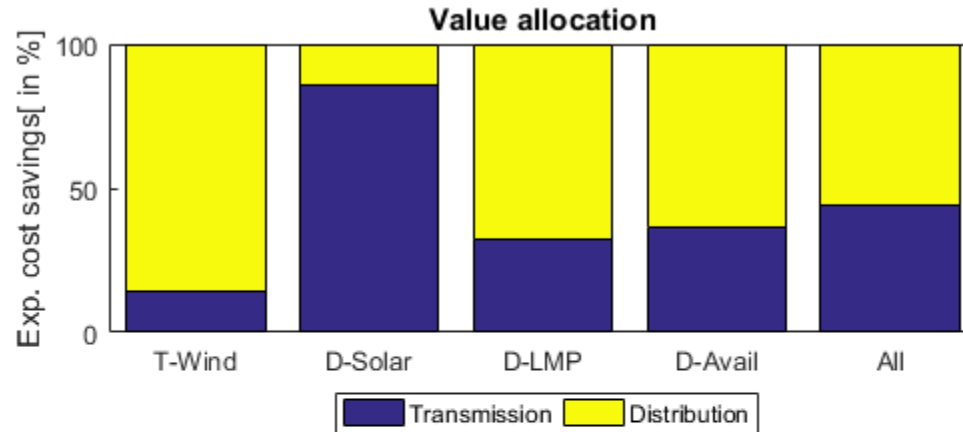
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$$V^{TD} = C^{W/out TD} - C^{TD}$$



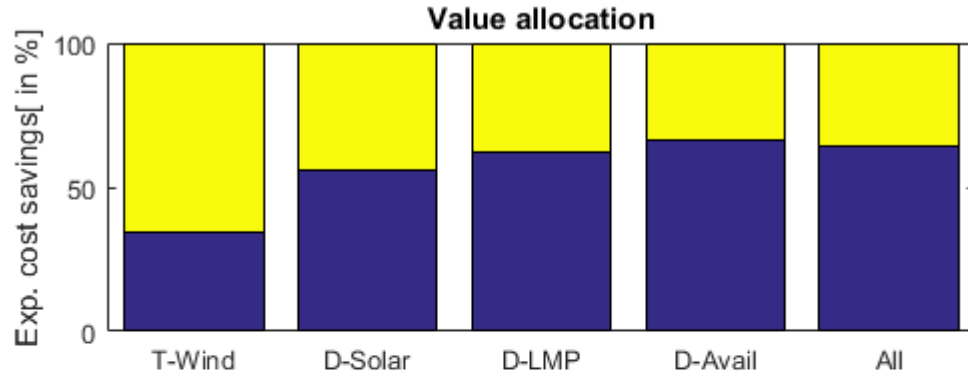
- Both systems benefit from the TD integration in presence of uncertainty
- Uncertainty affects the value selectively

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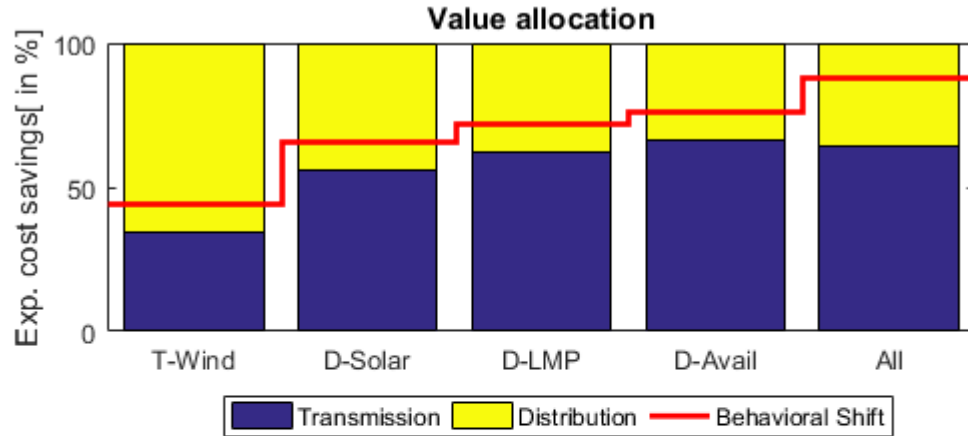
- Distribution system gains most of cost savings
- It empirically motivates to pursue consumer-payment-minimization welfare functions (see Lu; Arroyo; etc)

Impact of Uncertainty (with joint TD reserve)



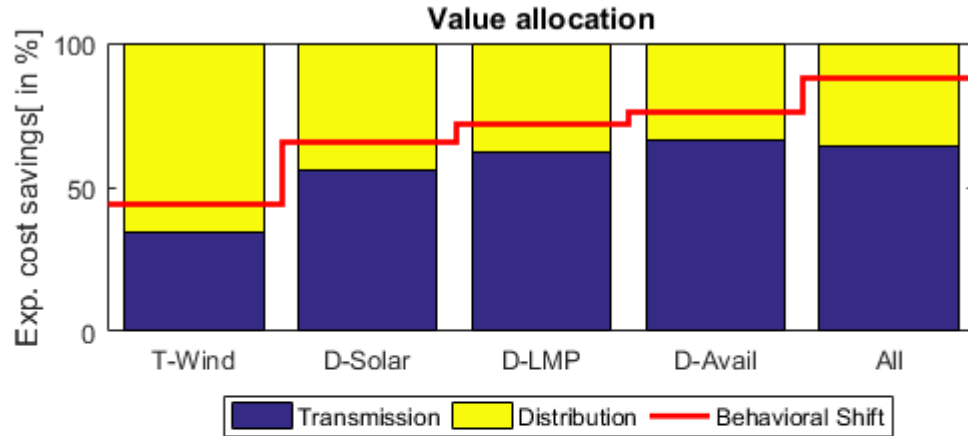
- The total value increases by 12.1%
- Transmission system is more suitable for providing reserve services
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- T&D integration is of greater value for dealing with T rather than D uncertainty (also, related to wind-load and solar-load correlations)
- Ignoring behavioristic aspects leads to overestimating T&D benefits, primarily to the distribution grid



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