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# Smart Grid and Challenges for OT (Optimization Technology)

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# Outline

- About ABB
- Smart Grid – what, why, how, and value
- Smart Grid application examples and need for robust and efficient optimization methodology
- Complexity of smart grid optimization through the volt and var optimization problem
- Conclusions

# General Facts About ABB

- A leading power and automation technology company with strong market positions in core business
  - Headquarter: Zurich, Switzerland
  - About 120,000 employees in around 100 countries
  - Orders in 2008: \$38.3 billion
  - Revenue in 2008: \$34.9 billion



## Power Products

\$11.9 billion  
34,000 employees

Ultrahigh, high and medium voltage products (eg, switchgear, capacitors); distribution automation; transformers



## Power Systems

\$6.9 billion  
16,000 employees

Electricals, automation and control for power generation; transmission systems and substations; network management



## Automation Products

\$10.3 billion  
36,000 employees

Low-voltage products, drives, motors, power electronics and instrumentation



## Process Automation

\$7.8 billion  
27,000 employees

Control systems and application-specific automation solutions for process industries



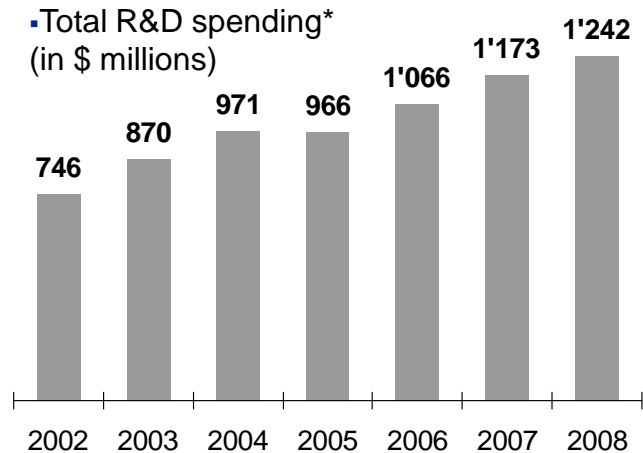
## Robotics

\$1.6 billion  
5,000 employees

Robots, peripheral devices and modular manufacturing solutions for industry

2008 revenues (US\$) and employees per division

# Innovation: key to competitive advantage



- **Steadily increasing R&D has paid off in market-leading technologies in every business**
- **R&D investment rose 5.9% in 2008 vs. 2007**
- **Focus on energy efficiency and breakthrough technology**
- **6,000 researchers and developers worldwide**

# ABB Corporate Research

## ABB Corporate Research

### Automation Technologies

### Power Technologies

#### Programs

-Control & Optimization

-Industrial Software Systems

-Industrial Communications

-Sensors and Signal Processing

-Mechatronics & Robotics Automation

#### Local Labs

-Baden-Dättwil



-Västerås



-Ladenburg



-Krakow



-Raleigh



-Bangalore



-Beijing



#### Programs

-Materials & Transformation

-Switching

-Grid

-Automation

-Power Electronics

-Active Grid

-Infrastructure

# Corporate Research Labs: USCRC



# Smart Grid - What

- The entire electric power infrastructure enabled with value delivering applications ( The Apps) in
  - System architecture/design
  - System management and optimization
  - Power conversion, storage, transmission, distribution, consumer appliance technology
  - Interactive and participative market structure
  - Equipment diagnostics and monitoring

# Smart Grid - Why

- Reliability and security
- Efficiency
- Economy
- Sustainability



# Smart Grid - How

- By changing how assets are monitored, diagnosed, maintained
- By changing how resources and demand are managed and balanced
- By continuously optimizing system operation in anticipation and response to changing conditions

# Smart Grid – Technologies

- Sensor technology
- Communication technology
- Information technology
- Advanced actuator technology (FACTS, HVDC, etc)
- Killer applications built on advanced monitoring, diagnostics, scheduling, control, and optimization technology

# Smart Grid – What is it is not

- Smart Grid is about the optimal control of MW not MG Bytes
  - Over different time scales
  - Under normal, emergence, or restorative system conditions

# Enabling Technology for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Power Grids



**•Monitor assets in real-time**

- Wide Area Measurement
- Monitoring/Sensing

**•Integrate renewable and distributed energy**

- Renewable Integration
  - Energy Storage
- Distributed Resources

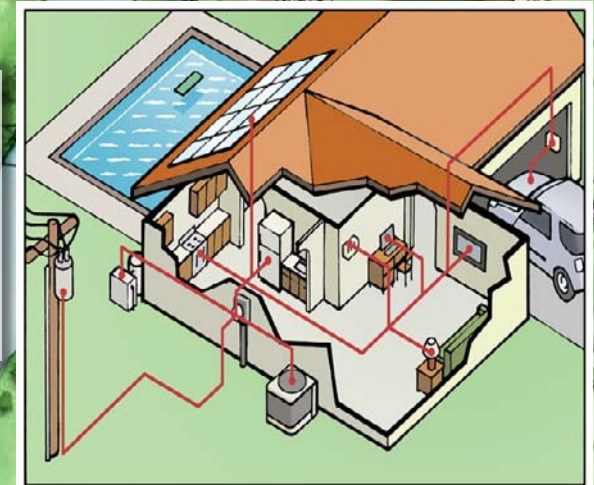
**•Avoid faults and outages**

- Power Flow Control
- Fault Management

**•Transform the meter into a consumer gateway**

- Demand Response
- Load Management

**•Integrate operations to make better decisions**



# Smart Grid versus Traditional Grid

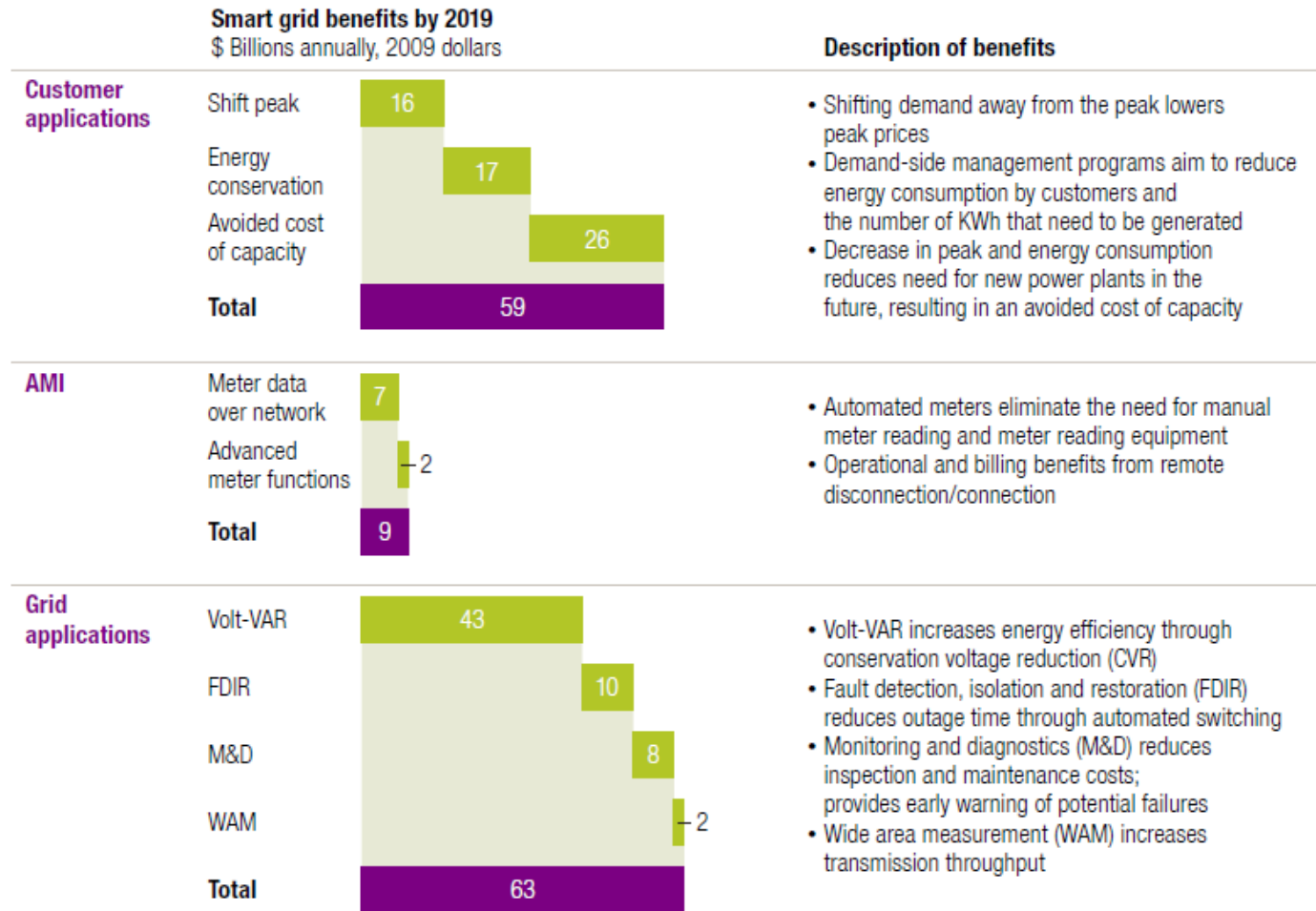
	Current Grid	Smart Grid
<b>Communications</b>	None or one-way; typically not real-time	Two-way, real-time
<b>Customer Interaction</b>	Limited	Extensive
<b>Metering</b>	Electromechanical	Digital
<b>Operation &amp; Maintenance</b>	Manual equipment checks, time-based maintenance	Remote monitoring, predictive, condition-based maintenance
<b>Generation</b>	Centralized	Centralized and distributed
<b>Power Flow Control</b>	Limited	Comprehensive
<b>Reliability</b>	Prone to failures and cascading outages	Pro-active, real-time protection and islanding
<b>Restoration</b>	Manual	Self-healing
<b>Topology</b>	Radial	Network

Source: Research Reports International

# Value of Smart Grid Applications in US

## Exhibit 1 The \$130 billion question

The U.S. smart grid value at stake is over \$130 billion annually.



Source: McKinsey On Smart Grid, 2010

# Optimization Technology Key to Many Smart Grid Applications - Examples

- FDIR (Fault Location, isolation, and restoration) – Maximizing service restoration, minimize interruption duration
- DERM (distributed energy resource management) – maximizing system benefits of clean energy and energy storage
- (TS) Transmission switching – transmission facility switching to minimize congestion cost
- (FRC) Feeder Reconfiguration – balancing load on distribution feeder to improve voltage profiles and minimize energy loss

# Optimization Technology Key to Many Smart Grid Applications - More Examples

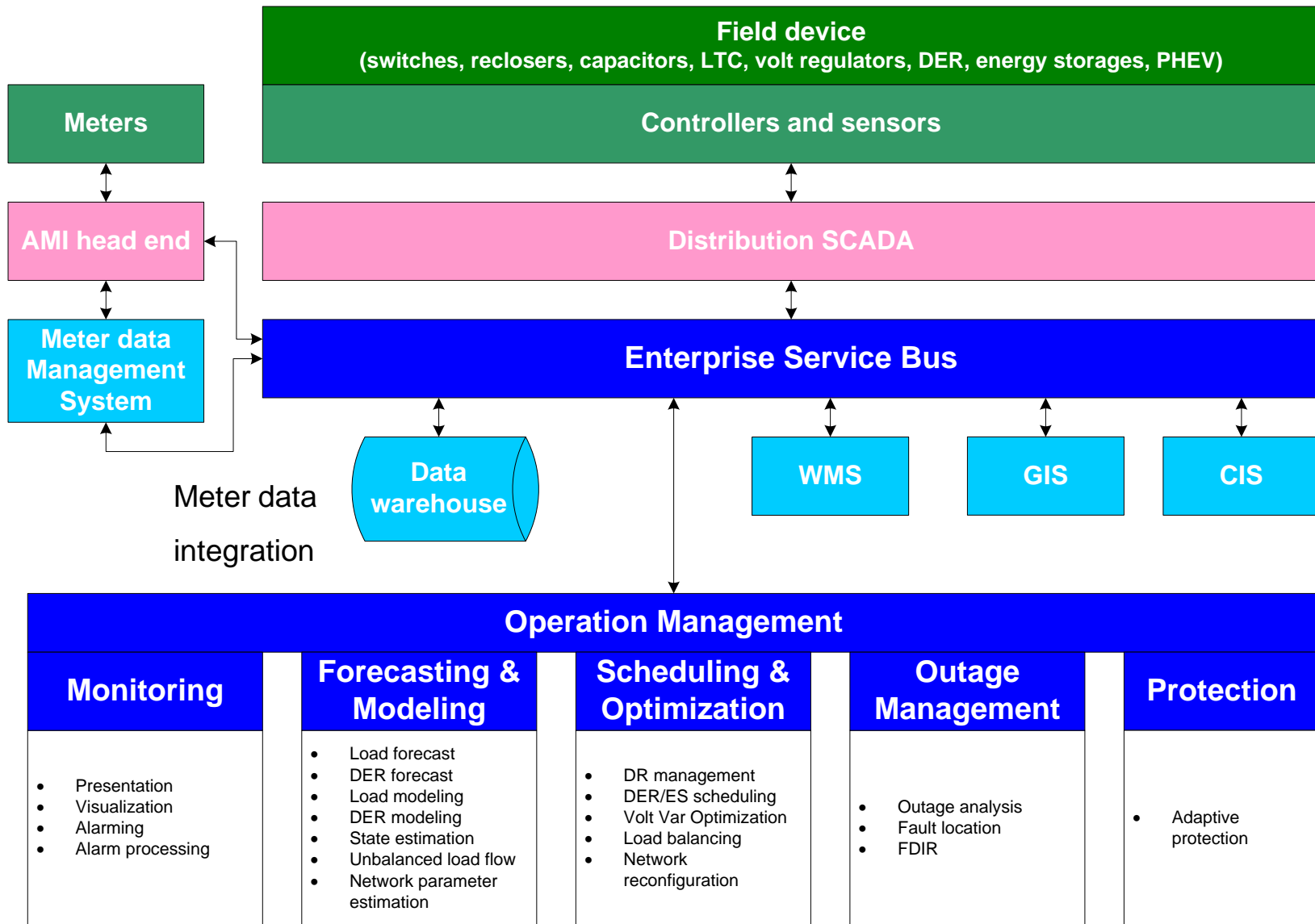
- Integrated AC/DC Grid dispatch – SCUC and SCED enhanced by DC grid power flow scheduling
- (DRM) Demand Response Management – Demand response management (virtual power plant) to optimize system operation and
- VVO (Volt and Var Optimization) – reactive power and voltage regulation optimization for distribution system loss minimization or demand reduction



# Common to Most Optimizations Applications

- The network constraints
  - Power flow constraints – real and reactive power balance equations
  - Conducting equipment constraints – thermal (current) constraints, voltage constraints
- Network constraints are nonlinear equality constraints
- They are numerous, and especially so in distribution system
- Let's take a look at VVO

# VVO in DMS for Smart Grid in Distribution

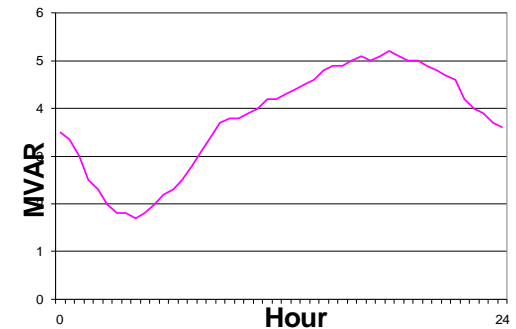
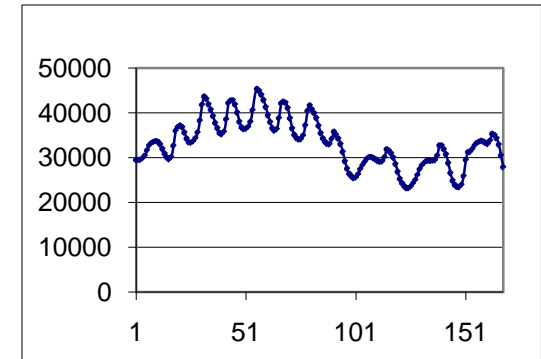


# Basic Concept Review

- Real and reactive powers vary in time
- Loads change follow cyclic patterns plus random fluctuations
- Reactive power increase the current through conductors which increase loss
- Real power and lagging reactive power current cause voltage drop
- Var compensation reduces loss and need to match reactive power load

$$|\Delta V| = RI \cos \theta + XI \sin \theta = RI_d + XI_q$$

$$\Delta E = RI^2 = R(I_d^2 + I_q^2)$$

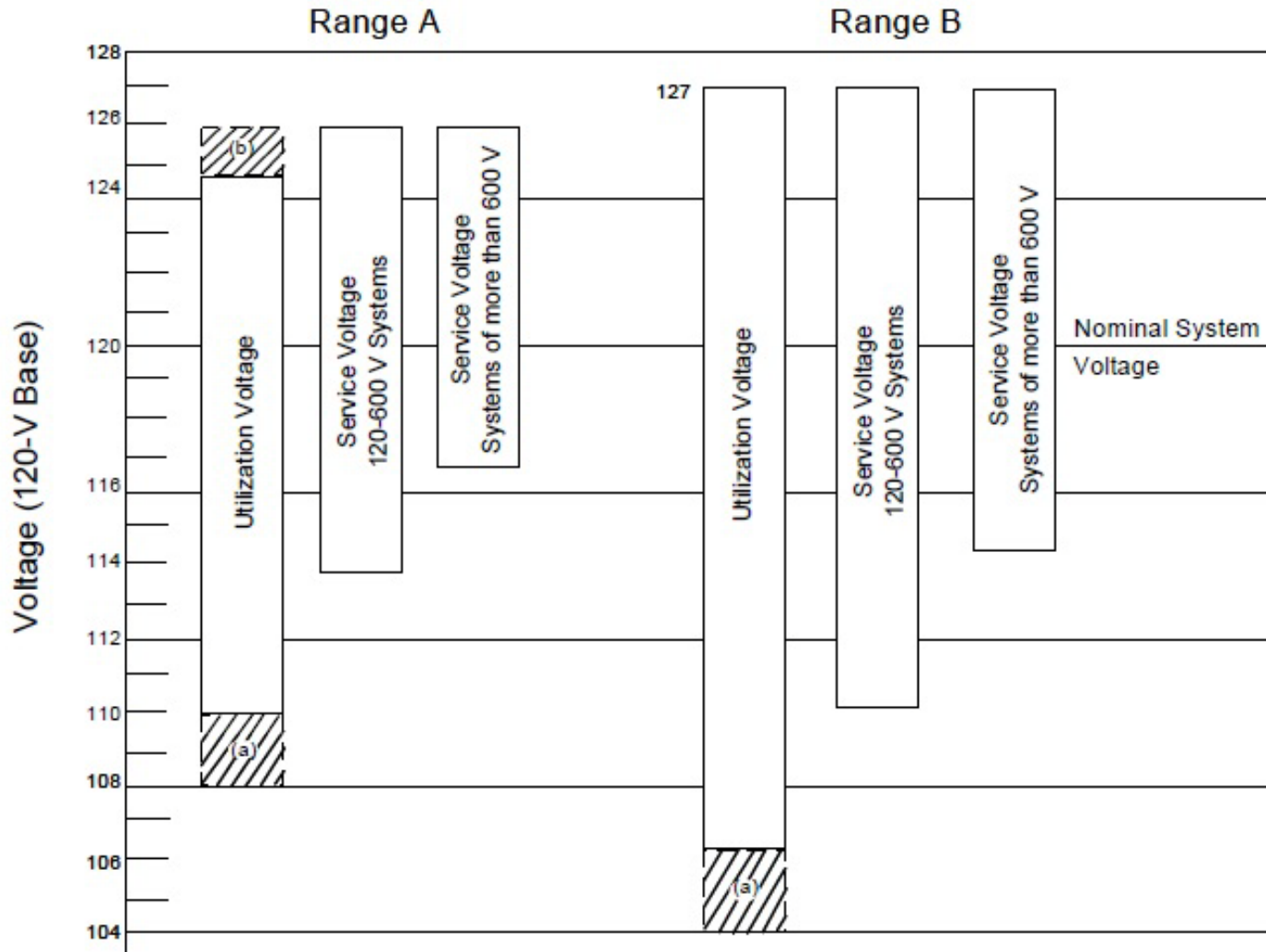


Typical Values of Uncorrected Power Factor:

Industrial: 0.60 – 0.80

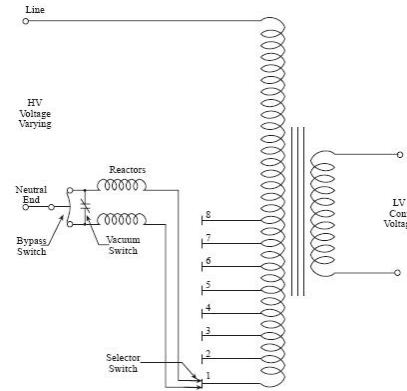
Residential: 0.85 – 0.90

# Distribution Voltage Standard ((ANSI C84.1)

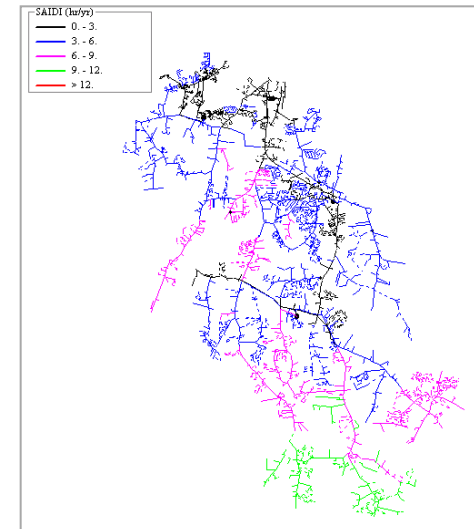
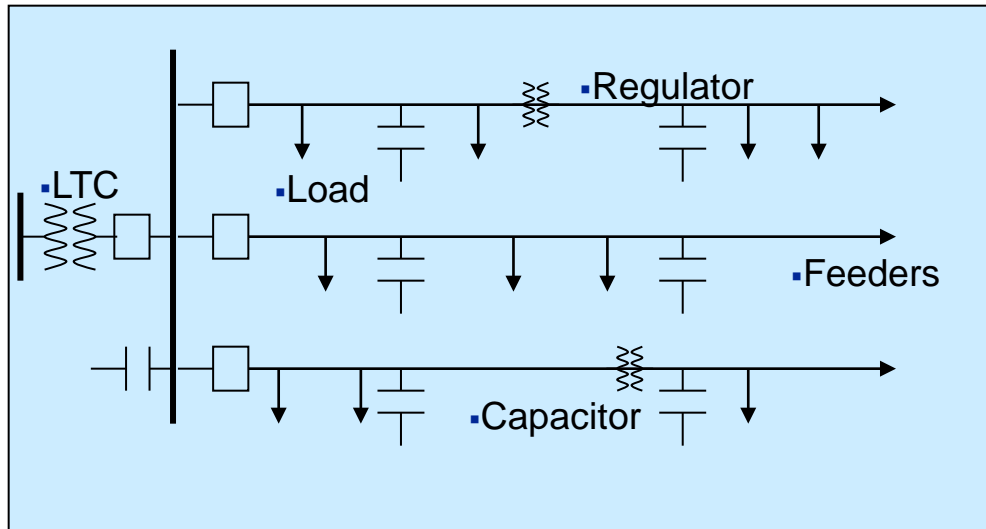


# Controls involved in VVC and VVO

- Volt control
  - Substation transformer LTC
  - Voltage regulator taps
- Var control
  - Capacitor bank in substation
  - Capacitor banks on feeders

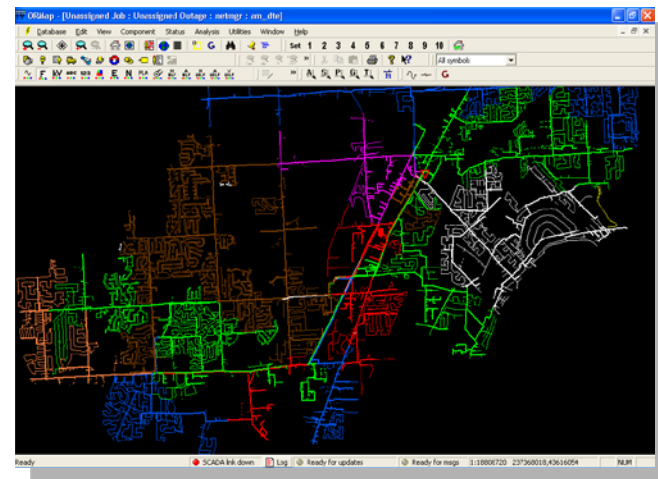


On-Load Tap Changer

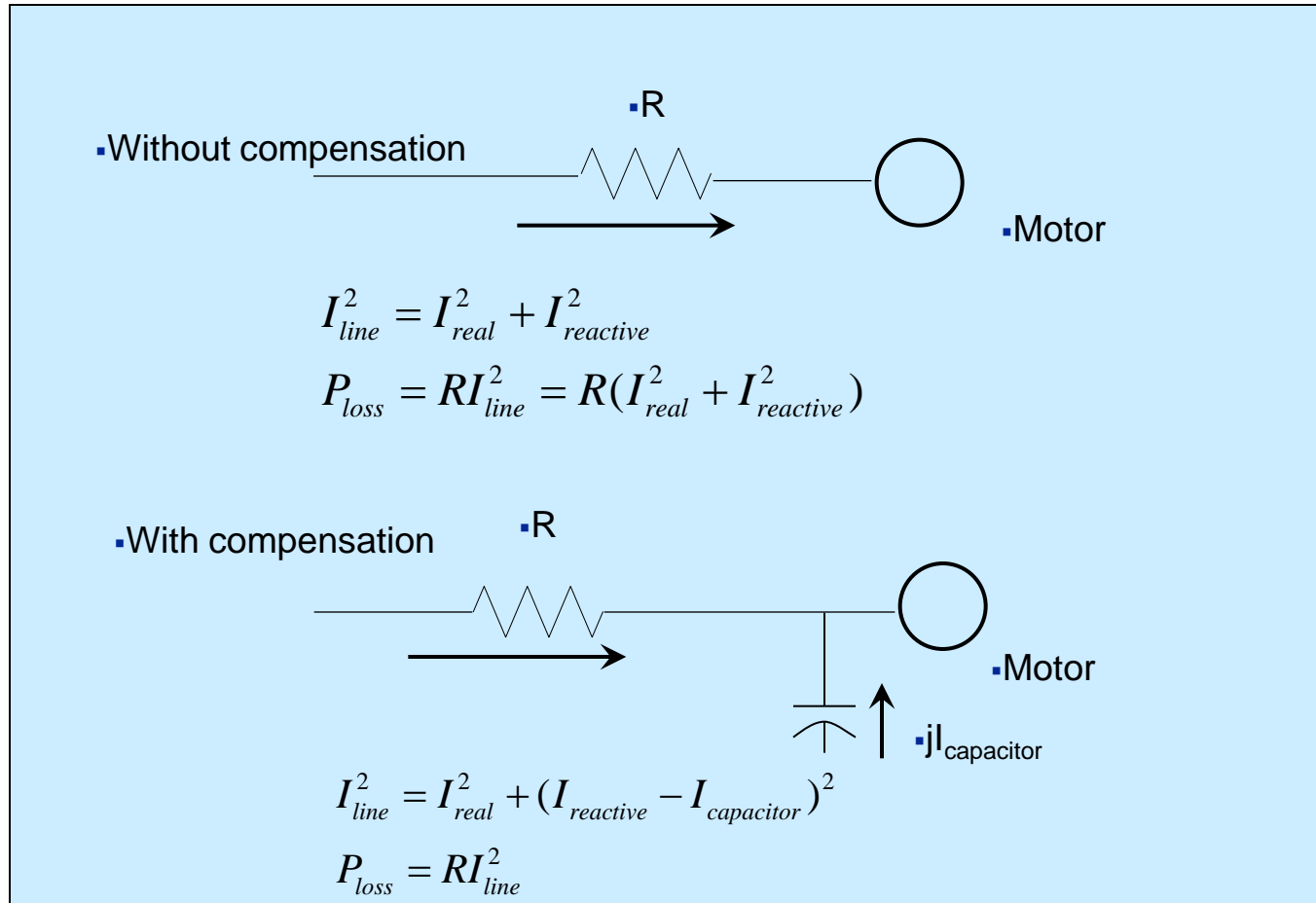


# Decisions and objectives

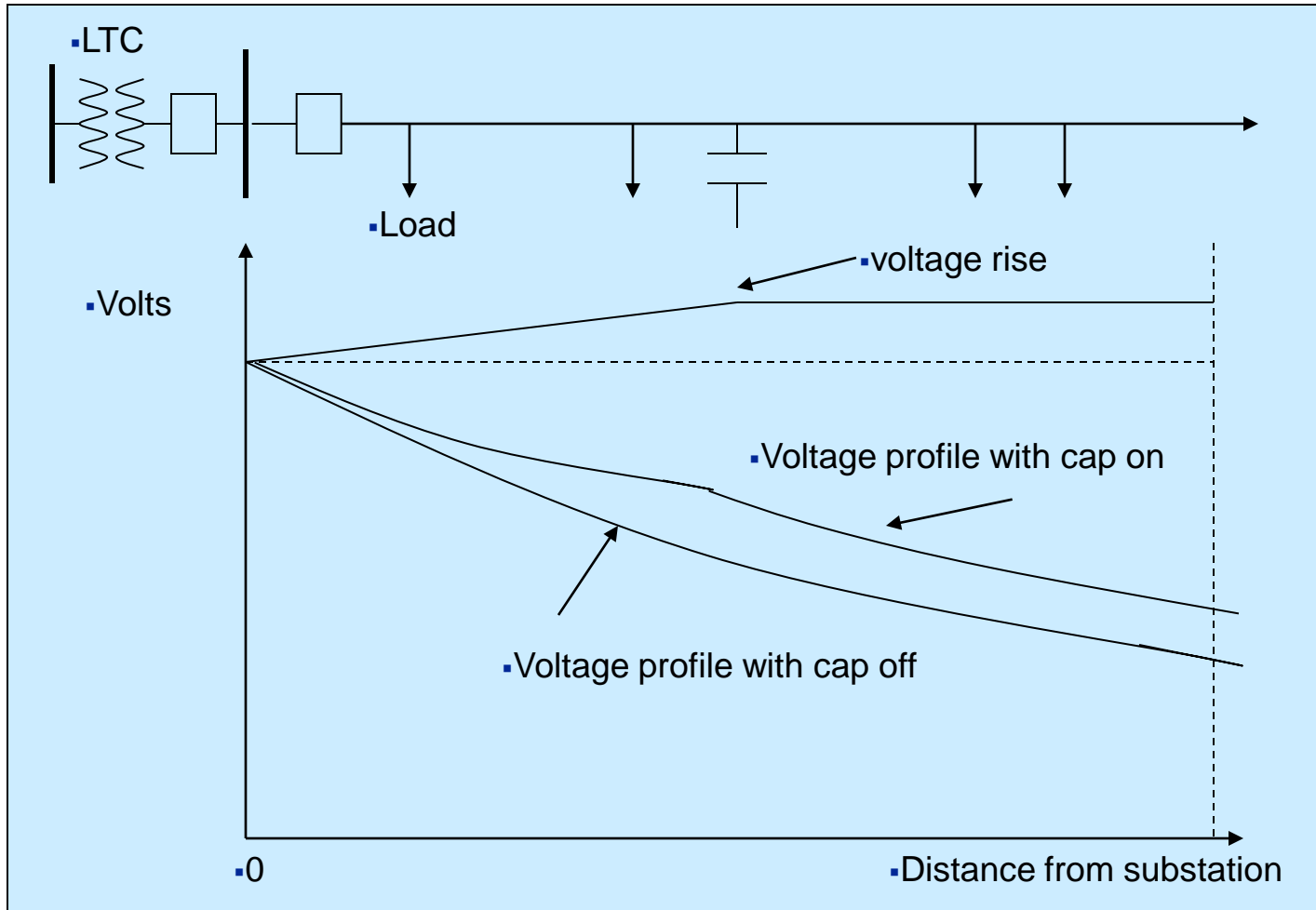
- Which capacitor to switch on or off
- What tap setting to use for the LTC and regulators
- MW losses minimization
- MW peak demand minimization



# Var compensation and energy loss

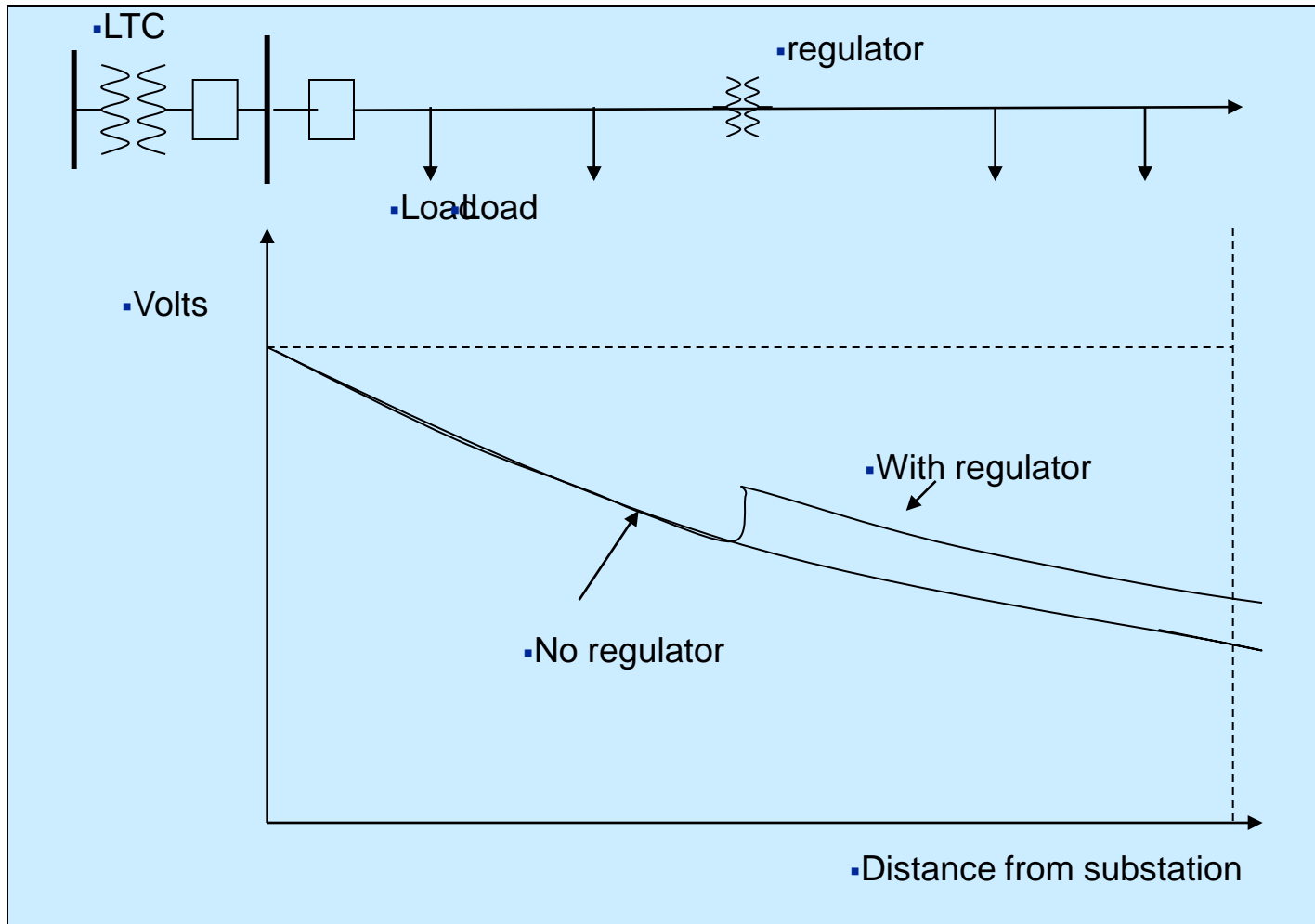


# Capacitor effect on voltage profile





# Regulator effect on voltage profile



# Voltage effect on load

Constant impedance load (Z)

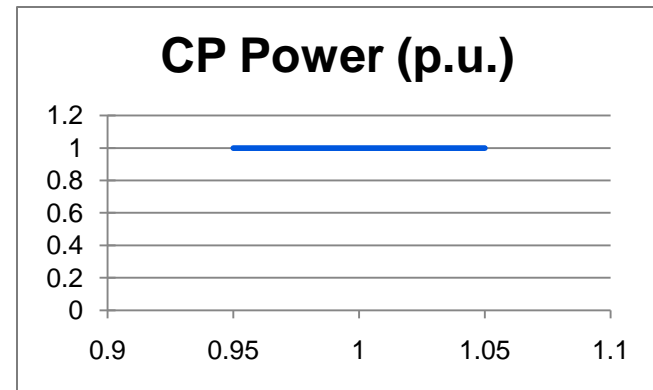
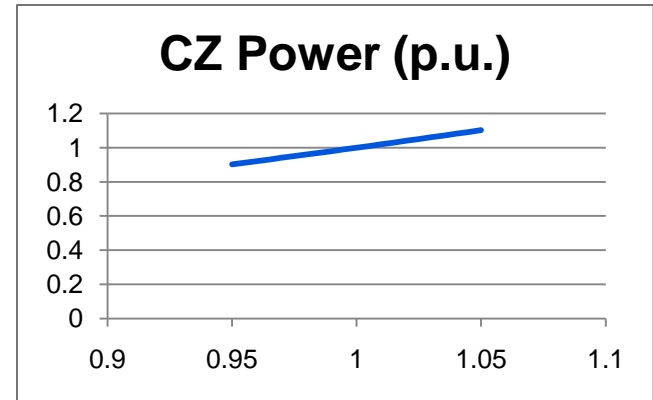
$$P = P_n \left( \frac{V}{V_n} \right)^2$$

$$CVRf = \frac{dP}{dV} \frac{V_n}{P_n} = 2 \frac{V}{V_n} \approx 2$$

- Constant power load (P)

$$P = P_n$$

$$CVRf = 0$$



# Volt and Var control effect on system quantities

Input	Output	Output	Output	Output	Output
Controls	Var flows (current)	Voltages	Loads	Energy loss	Peak Demand
Capacitors	•••	•	•	•••	•
Regulators	•	•••	••	•	••



• Operation concern



• Business Objective

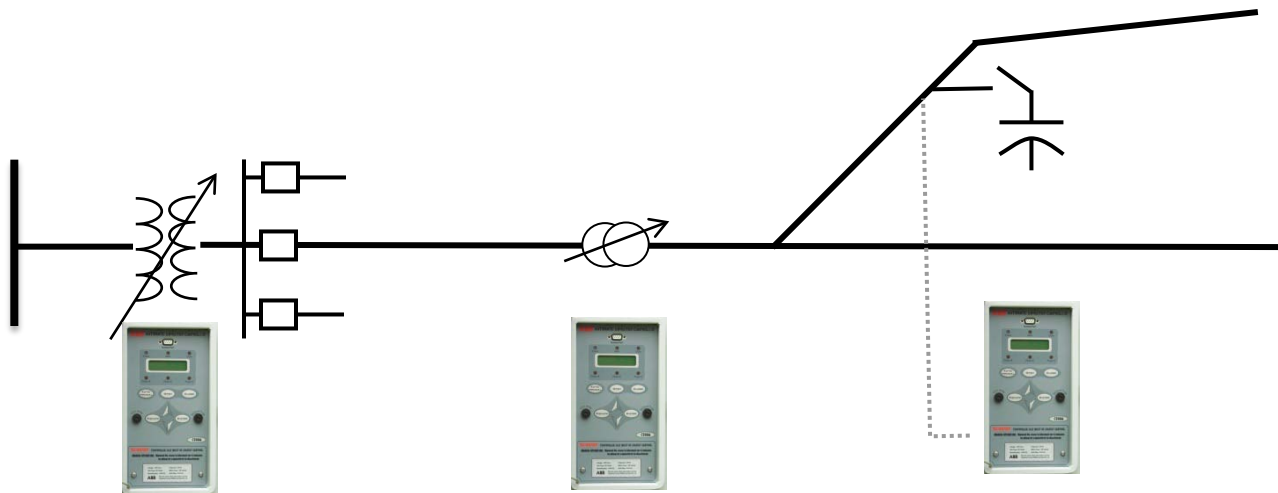
# Control Approaches

- Local control
- Centralized control
  - Heuristics based control
  - Model based control

# Localized control and common schemes (traditional)

- Measurement at or near the controlled device
- Individual controller compares measurement with preset control reference point to determine control action (on or off, raise or lower)

- Time
- Temperature
- Voltage
- Var control
- Current control

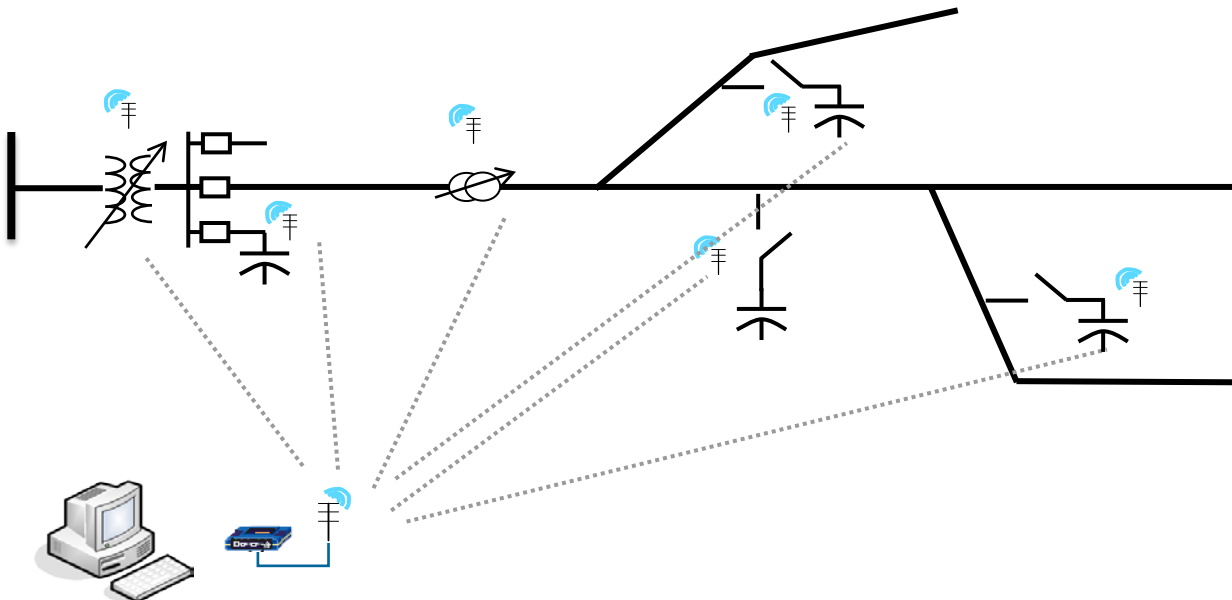


# Characteristics of local VVC

- Good for local control objectives (power factor, voltage, current, var flow)
- Local control objective may or may not be consistent with higher level business objective (loss or demand reduction)
- Interaction between local controllers could lead to hunting
- Difficult to coordinate to achieve system level objective
- Coordination (dead band, arming delay) considered at design time
- Little flexibility to adapt to system reconfiguration

# Centralized Control

- Telemetry communicated to central location
- Control decisions made considering multiple measurements
- Control commands communicated back to local controllers for execution
- Heuristics or model predictive control



# Characteristics of heuristics control

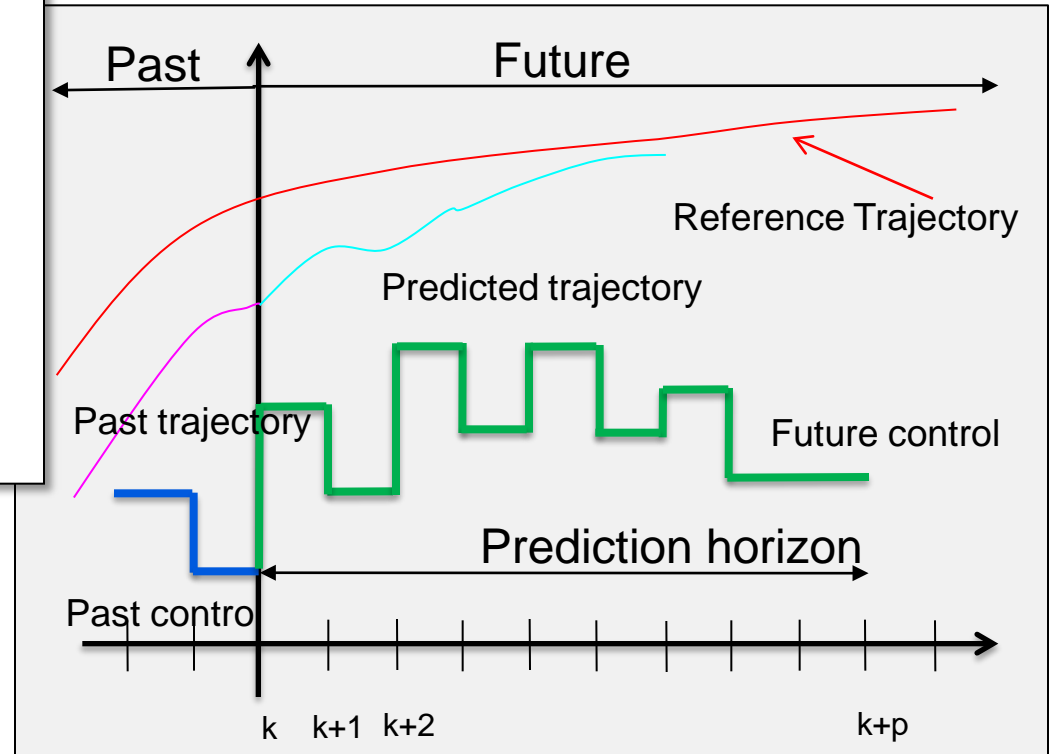
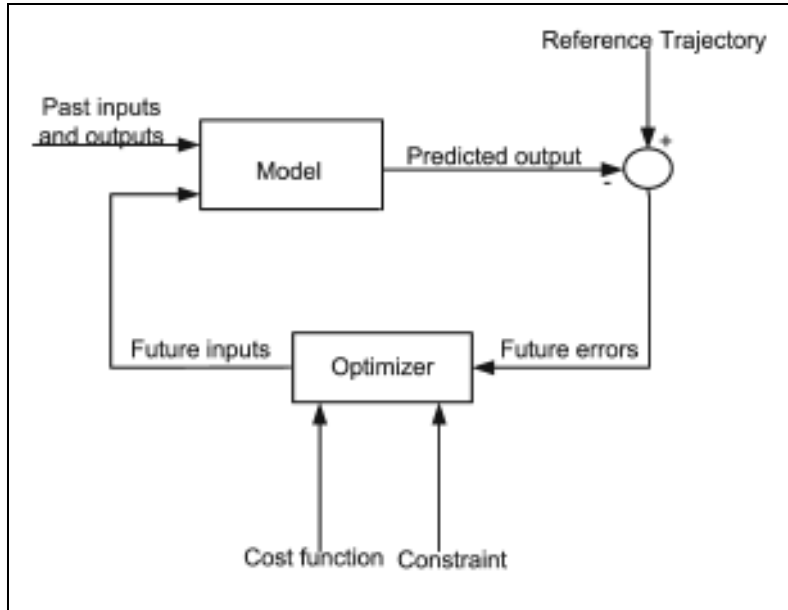
- Control objectives (power factor, voltage profile flattening) do not always correlate positively to business objective
- Rules of thumb lacks rigor and generality, could be system and configuration dependent
- Able to produce improvement under most conditions; Does not optimize the control objective



# Model Based VVO – Technology Requirement

- As operated system model
  - Including status of: Breakers, switches, reclosers, taps, fuses, load-break cutouts, jumpers, line cuts, loads
- Load forecast (or state estimation)
- Unbalanced load flow capability
- Communication infrastructure
- Robust and efficient optimization

# Model Predictive Control (MPC)



- Optimize explicit objective
- Incorporate constraints
- Reject noise and model error through feedback

# MPC VVO – A generic statement

$$\begin{aligned} \underset{u}{\text{Min}} \quad & \sum_{t=1}^T f(x(t), u(t), l(x(t))) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & h(x(t), u(t), l(x(t))) = 0, \quad t = 1 \dots T \\ & g(x(t), u(t), l(x(t))) \leq 0, \quad t = 1 \dots T \\ & q(u_i) \leq 0, \quad i = 1 \dots N_c \\ & u(t) = \{u_c(t), u_{tap}(t)\} \quad t = 1 \dots T \end{aligned}$$

$x(t)$  : states,  $x \in R^n$

$u(t)$  : controls,  $u \in Z^m$

$l(t)$  : load functions

$h(t)$  : power flow equations

$g(t)$  : voltage & current functions

$q(u_i)$  : control counter functions

# VVO Problem – A more concrete statement

$$\min \sum_{t \in T} w^{(loss)} f_t^{(loss)} + w^{(load)} f_t^{(load)} + w^{(violation)} f_t^{(violation)}$$

s.t.

$$f_t^{(loss)} = \sum_{i \in S^{(branch)}} i_{i,t}^2 r_i, \quad t \in T$$

$$f_t^{(load)} = \sum_{i \in S^{(node)}} P_{i,t}, \quad t \in T$$

$$f_t^{(violation)} = \sum_{i \in S^{(node)}} v_{i,t}^{(violation)} + \sum_{i \in S^{(branch)}} i_{i,t}^{(violation)}, \quad t \in T$$

$$v_{i,t}^{(violation)} = \max(v_{i,t} - v_i^{\max}, v_i^{\min} - v_{i,t}, 0), \quad i \in S^{(node)}, t \in T$$

$$i_{i,t}^{(violation)} = \max(i_{i,t} - i_i^{\max}, -i_i^{\max} - i_{i,t}, 0), \quad i \in S^{(branch)}, t \in T$$

$$P_{i,t} = P_{i,t}^{(load)}(x(t)) - P_{i,t}^{(DG)}(x(t)), \quad i \in S^{(node)}, t \in T$$

$$Q_{i,t} = Q_{i,t}^{(load)}(x(t)) - Q_{i,t}^{(DG)}(x(t)) - Q_{i,t}^{(shunt)}(x(t)), \quad i \in S^{(node)}, t \in T$$

$$P_{i,t}^{inj}(\mathbf{N}_t, \boldsymbol{\tau}_t, \mathbf{s}_t, x(t)) + P_{i,t} = 0, \quad i \in S^{(node)}, t \in T$$

$$Q_{i,t}^{inj}(\mathbf{N}_t, \boldsymbol{\tau}_t, \mathbf{s}_t, x(t)) + Q_{i,t} = 0, \quad i \in S^{(node)}, t \in T$$

# VVO Problem – additional constraints

$$v_i^{\min} \leq v_{i,t} \leq v_i^{\max}, \quad i \in S^{(node)}, t \in T$$

$$|i_{i,t}| \leq i_i^{\max}, \quad i \in S^{(branch)}, t \in T,$$

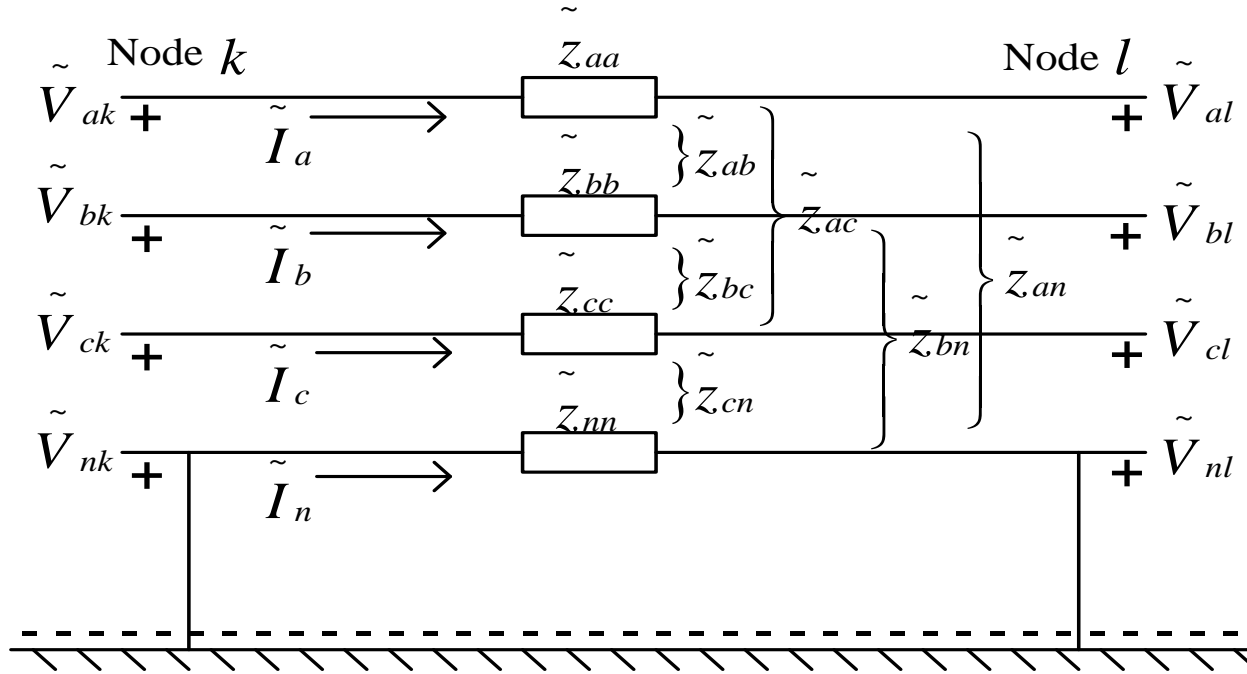
$$\tau_{i,t} - \tau_{i,t-1} \leq n_{\max,i}^{(\tau)} z_{i,t}^{(\tau)}, \quad i \in S^{(\tau)}, t \in T$$

$$s_{i,t} - s_{i,t-1} \leq n_{\max,i}^{(s)} z_{i,t}^{(s)}, \quad i \in S^{(s)}, t \in T$$

$$\sum_{t \in T} z_{i,t}^{(\tau)} \leq n_{\max,i}^{(\tau)}, \quad i \in S^{(\tau)}$$

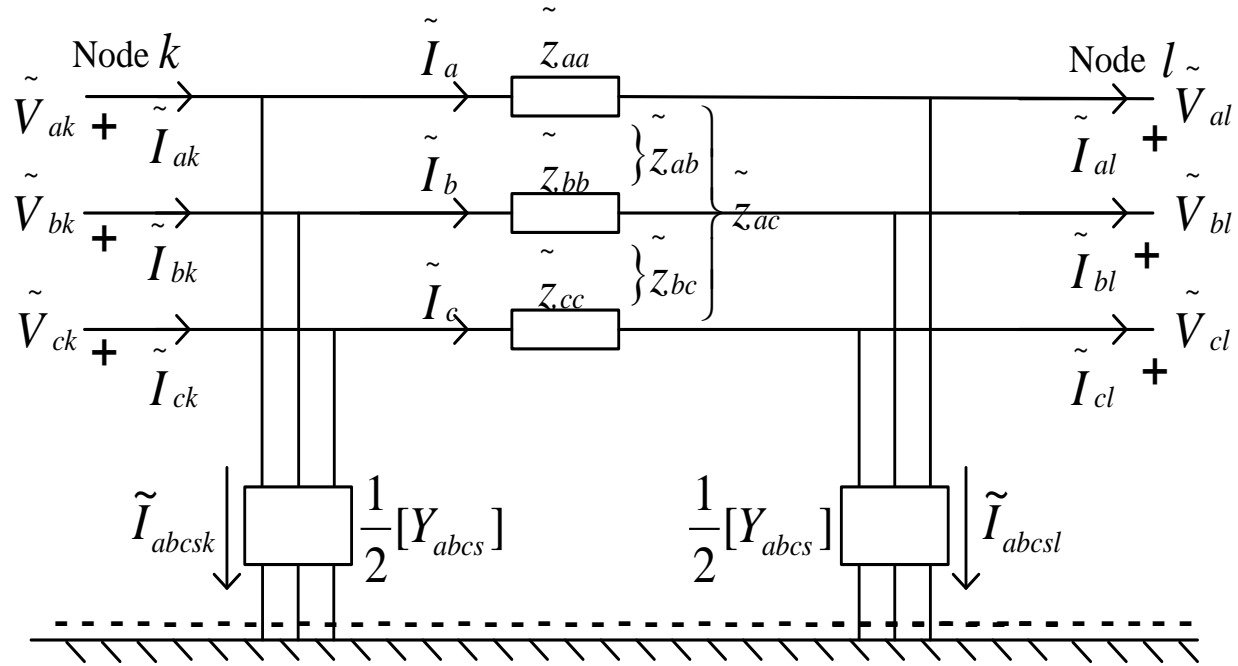
$$\sum_{t \in T} z_{i,t}^{(s)} \leq n_{\max,i}^{(s)}, \quad i \in S^{(s)}$$

# Distribution system line model – four wire model



$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{V}_{ak} \\ \tilde{V}_{bk} \\ \tilde{V}_{ck} \\ \tilde{V}_{nk} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{V}_{al} \\ \tilde{V}_{bl} \\ \tilde{V}_{cl} \\ \tilde{V}_{nl} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{Z}_{aa} & \tilde{Z}_{ab} & \tilde{Z}_{ac} & \tilde{Z}_{an} \\ \tilde{Z}_{ba} & \tilde{Z}_{bb} & \tilde{Z}_{bc} & \tilde{Z}_{bn} \\ \tilde{Z}_{ca} & \tilde{Z}_{cb} & \tilde{Z}_{cc} & \tilde{Z}_{cn} \\ \tilde{Z}_{na} & \tilde{Z}_{nb} & \tilde{Z}_{nc} & \tilde{Z}_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{I}_a \\ \tilde{I}_b \\ \tilde{I}_c \\ \tilde{I}_n \end{bmatrix}$$

# Distribution system line model – three wire with shunt



$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{I}_{ask} \\ \tilde{I}_{bsk} \\ \tilde{I}_{ck} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{Y}_{aas} & \tilde{Y}_{abs} & \tilde{Y}_{acs} \\ \tilde{Y}_{bas} & \tilde{Y}_{bbs} & \tilde{Y}_{bcs} \\ \tilde{Y}_{cas} & \tilde{Y}_{cbs} & \tilde{Y}_{ccs} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{V}_{ak} \\ \tilde{V}_{bk} \\ \tilde{V}_{ck} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Power flow equations

$$P_i + jQ_i = (V_i^* \sum Y_{i,j} V_j)^*$$

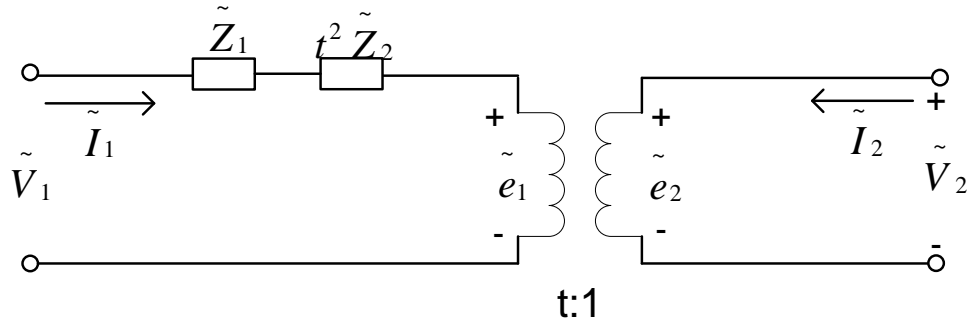
$$P_i = \text{Re}(V_i^* \sum Y_{i,j} V_j)$$

$$Q_i = -\text{Im}(V_i^* \sum Y_{i,j} V_j)$$

- Two equations for phase of every node in the system

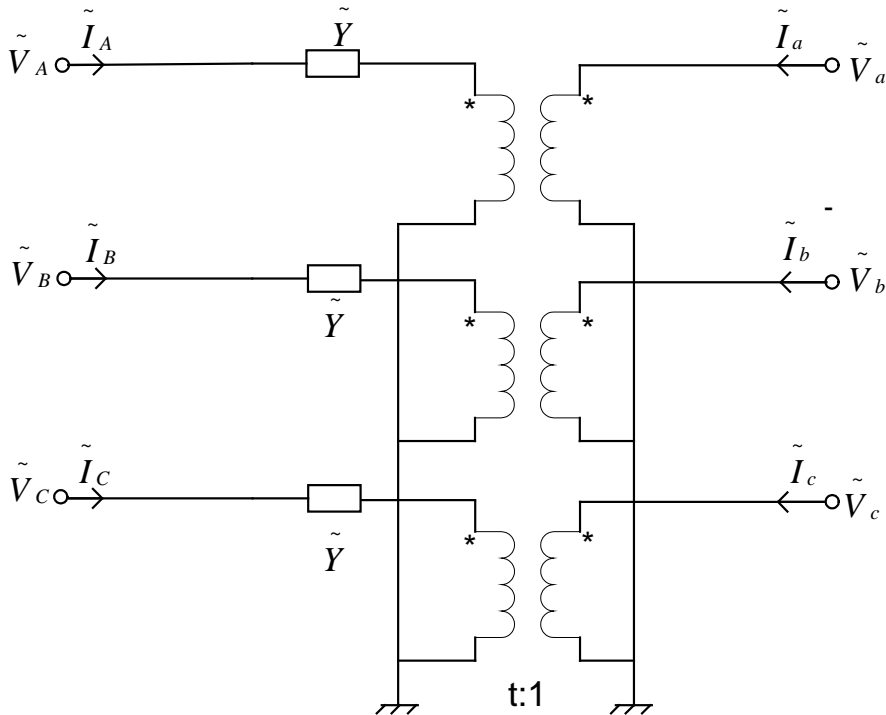


# Distribution system Transformer Model



$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{I}_1 \\ \tilde{I}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{Y}_{eq1} & -t\tilde{Y}_{eq1} \\ -t\tilde{Y}_{eq1} & t^2\tilde{Y}_{eq1} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{V}_1 \\ \tilde{V}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

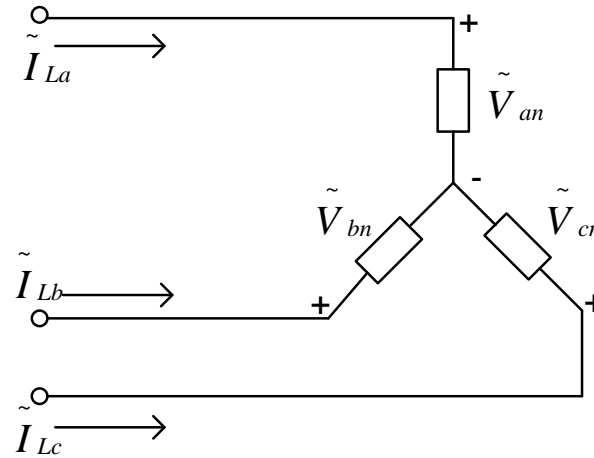
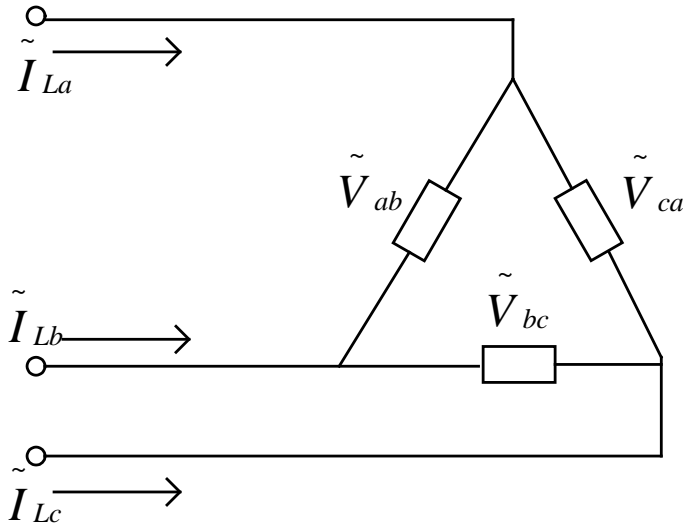
$$\tilde{Y}_{eq1} = \frac{1}{\tilde{Z}_1 + t^2\tilde{Z}_2}$$



transformer connections

- $\Delta/\Delta$ ,
- $Y/Y$ ,
- $\Delta/Y$ ,
- $Y/\Delta$

# Distribution load connection and voltage model



$\Delta$  or Y connected load

$$P = P_{norm} \left( \frac{V}{V_{norm}} \right)^\alpha$$

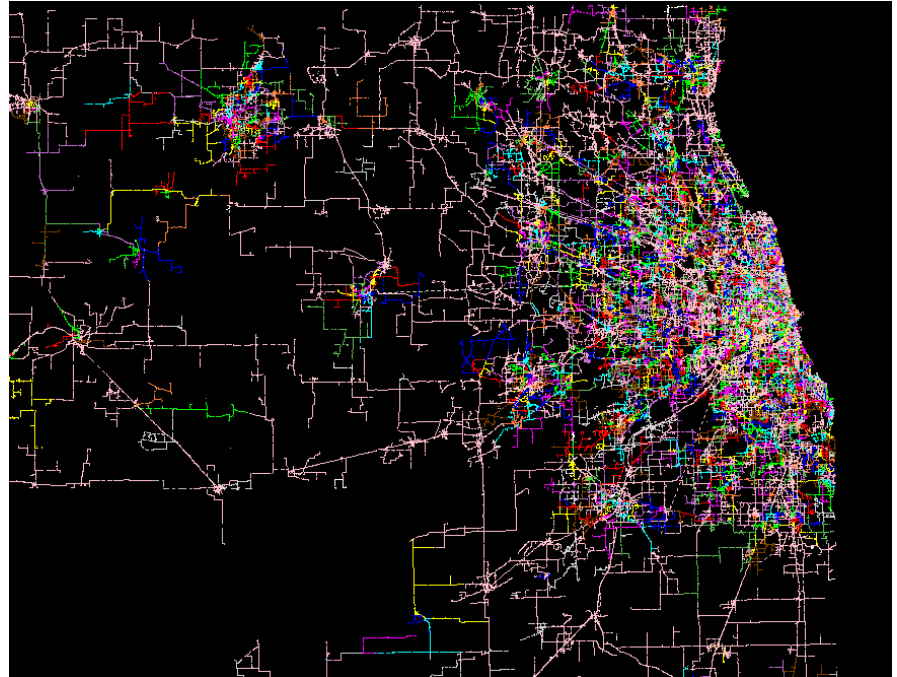
voltage dependence of load

# VVO problem characteristics

- Integer decision variables (cap bank switching statuses, regulator tap positions). Number increase quickly for un-ganged control
- Non-linear & non convex objective function
- Objective not directly dependent on controls
- Numerous nonlinear equality constraints (solution space non convex)
- High dimensionality
- Inter temporary linkage makes the problem even bigger

# Distribution System Dimension

- ComEd distribution system Chicago
- 2.2 million electrical nodes
- 7.5 million electrical components



# Distribution System Problems Dimensions Example

ID	Comp. No.	Feeder No.	Node No.	Load No.	Line No.	Cap. Bank No.	Reg. Xfrm No.
1	1760	4	673	278	699	7	1
2	2455	3	946	431	966	8	1
3	4869	4	1859	865	1916	6	2
4	2327	6	874	308	919	8	1
5	2167	5	820	285	853	6	0
6	1406	4	533	176	560	4	1
7	6987	3	2628	1384	2708	7	2
8	4512	4	1700	858	1759	8	2

- **Most of the node, load, or line in the table have two or three phases**
- **Number of equations  $\sim$  Node \* 3 \* 2**

# VVO solution challenges

- No viable commercial solver available, MIP, MIQP only
- General MINLP solvers inadequate even for very small problems (5 node to 30 nodes systems)
- Custom algorithm the only viable option for the near future

# The Problem is growing tougher

- Emerging controls
  - DER (distributed energy resources)
  - Solar PV
  - Energy storage
  - EV charging
  - Demand response?
- Should VVO become VVWO (volt, var, and watt optimization)?
- How will the new control affect the control objectives? (demand reduction still valid?)

# Conclusions

- It's the Apps that deliver the value of smart grid
- Many apps are naturally formulated as optimization problems
- Truly feasible and optimal solution can only be found considering electric network constraints
- Even small electric distribution circuit results in problem size comparable to large transmission systems
- The non linear non convex constraints combined with integer controls make finding global or near global solution hard
- Standard MINLP is probably 15-20 years behind



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