

SLOAN Foundation Webinar on  
Distributed Energy Resources  
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The Economics of Sustainable Networks Under  
High Renewable Generation and DER Presence

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# Sustainable Networks

Smart/Active T&D Power Grids

Distributed Energy Resources: Storage Like Loads

Coordination of DERs with Renewables

Natural Gas Networks Interacting with Electricity Grid

- Networks Play a key Role in Efficient and Reliable Resource Sharing (Energy Primarily)
- Networks Are Growing Increasingly Coupled

## **Challenges:**

Uncertainty (Renewable Generation)

Capacity Utilization - Reliability Tradeoffs

Distributed Decision Making is a Must but Requires Acceptable and Achievable Efficient Pricing

Significant Non-Convex Settings result in Open Optimal Scheduling and Acceptable Pricing Problems

## **Opportunities**

New Demand Types with Storage-Like Degrees of Freedom (EVs, HVAC)

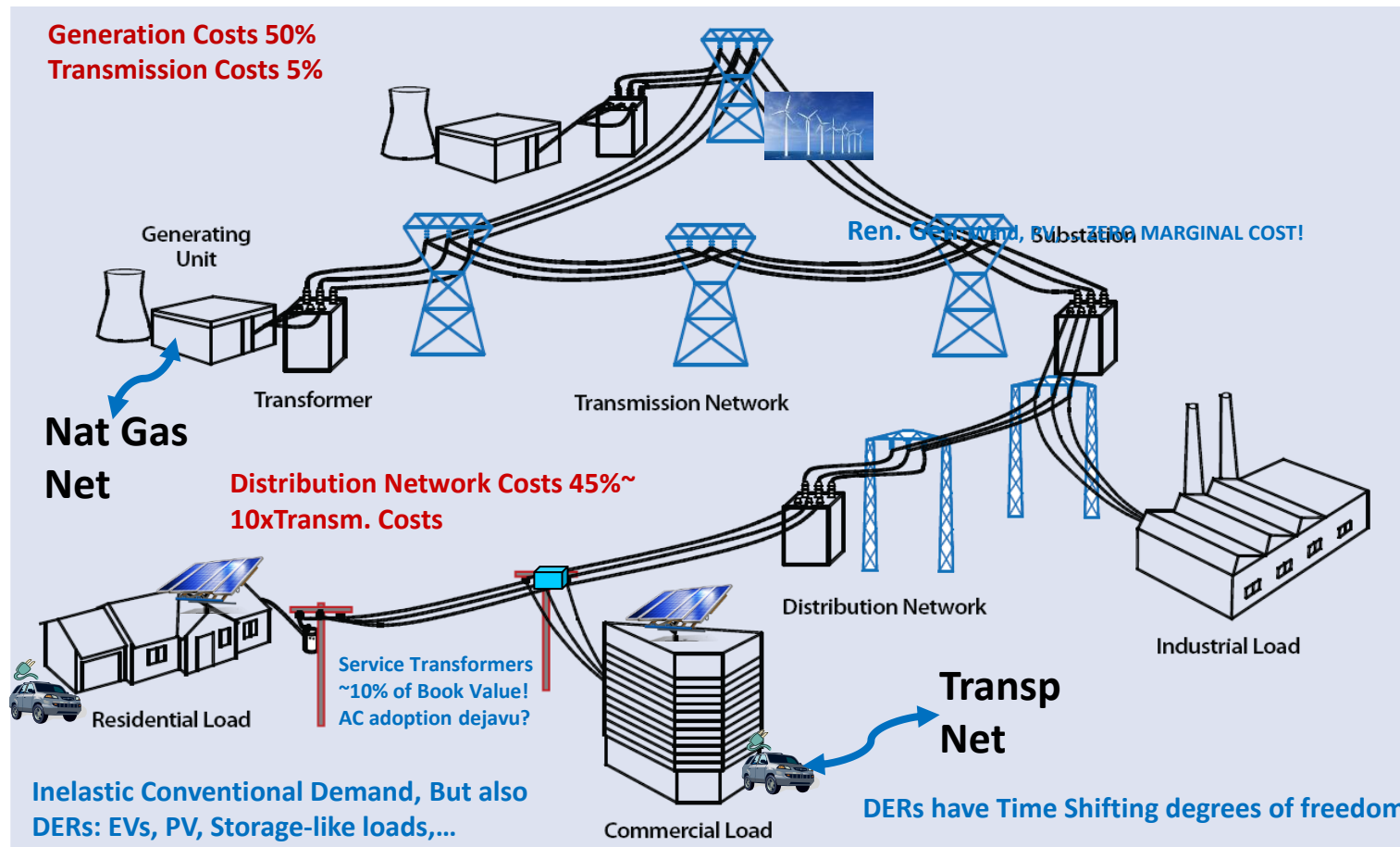
Dynamic Control of Network Resources (Topology control)

Dual Use of Network Connected Components (e.g., Inverters)

**Networks:** Transmission, Distribution, Natural Gas, Transportation, Data

**Services::** Electric Power, Heating, Transportation, Communication (Computing, Health)

**Sustainability Challenges:** Renewable Volatility, Capacity Utilization, Reliability/Energy Balance

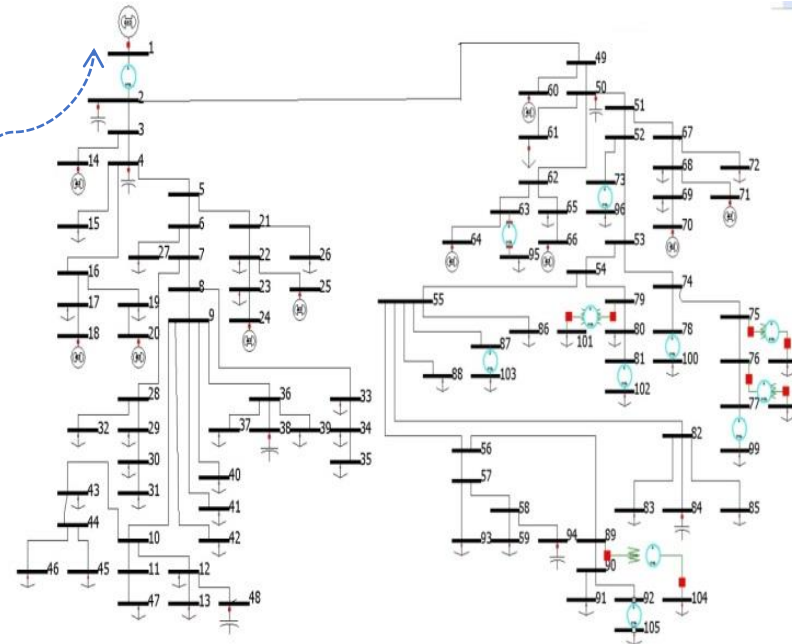
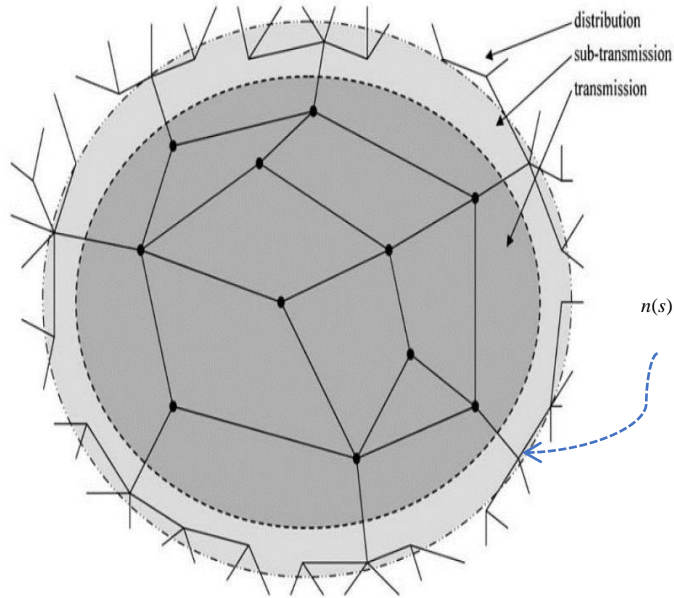


**Sustainability Goals: Intra and Inter Network Spatiotemporal Coordination Supply and Demand, Topology Control  
Coordination of DERs (EVs, HVAC) and NEW Supply types (Distributed Microgeneration, Inverters)}**

# Socially Optimal Scheduling Requires Acceptable Pricing For **Distributed Decision Making**

## **Pricing under Non-Convex** (Complex/Irregular Optimization) Settings is Emerging Challenge

HV Transm  
Networks  
-Nodes/ISO  
1000s  
-ISOs  
10s



LMV Distrib.  
Networks  
-Nodes/Substation  
10,000s  
-METERS/Node  
10s  
-Substations/ISO  
1000s

**LMP** <-- Non Coincident Peaks --> **DLMP** ~ LMP +

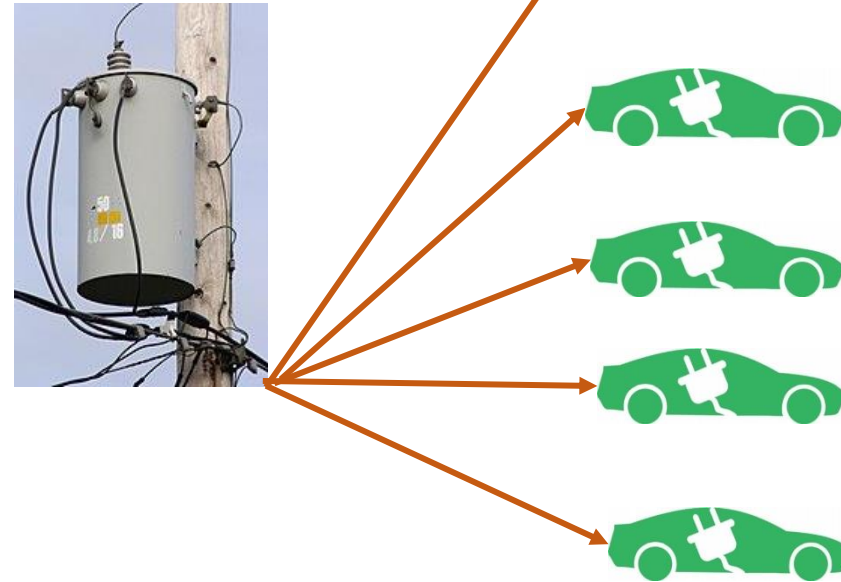
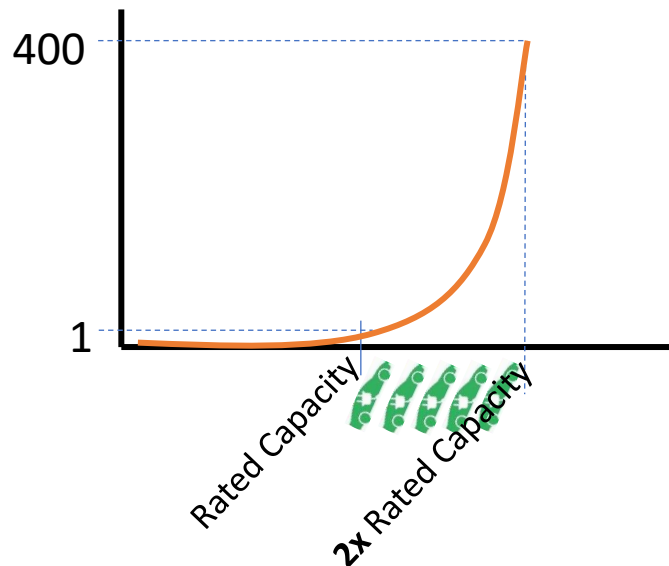
**Uncertainty** in Net Demand and Centralized Renewable Generation is **Game Changer**

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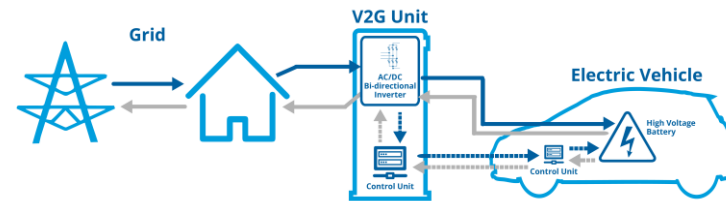
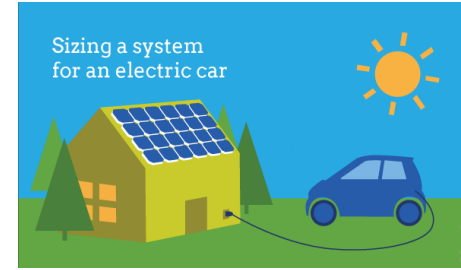
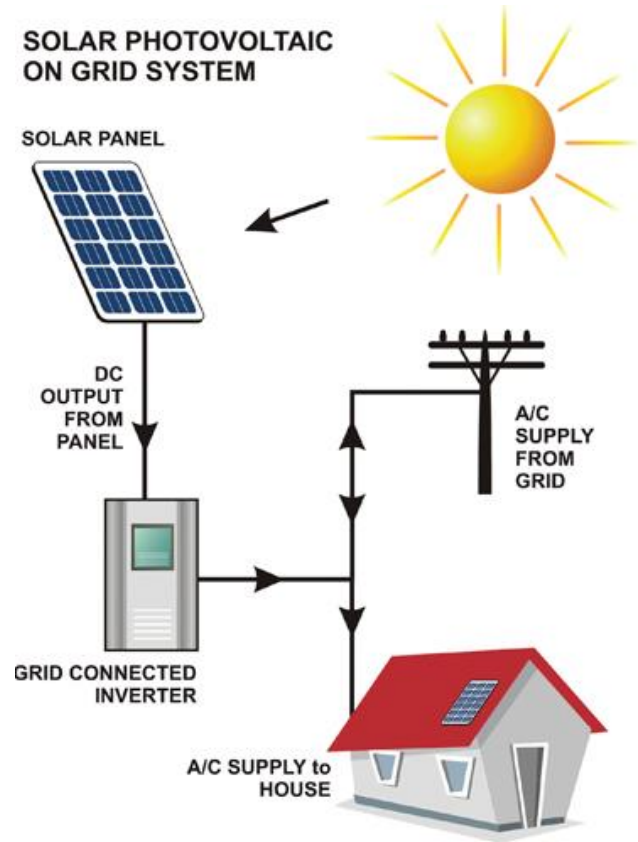
- Examples of Problems in Active Distribution Networks

- Bi-directional flows
  - Protection Controls
- Voltage (under-voltage/ over-voltage)
  - Photovoltaics
- Coincident demand
  - Electric Vehicles

Equipment  
Loss of Life  
(hours/h)



- But also Coordination Opportunities...

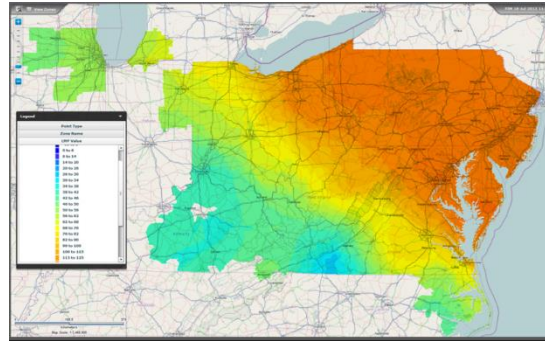


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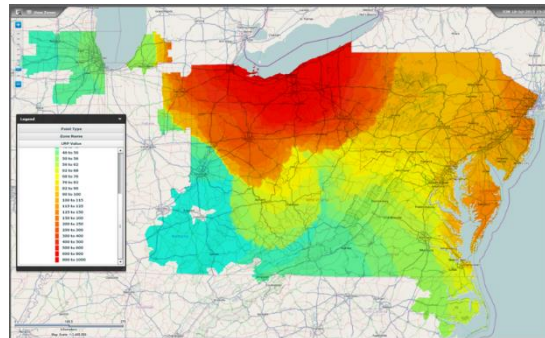
# Congestion in Transmission Networks

July 18, 2013 in PJM Wholesale 5 min Real Time Market

11:55 am



3:30 pm



In the course of a day, congestion patterns and prices can change significantly:

- Fuel diversity
- Lack of flexibility in the resource mix

Having the ability to dynamically increase transfer capability from low price areas to high price areas will help to relieve congestion, improve dispatch of renewable resources, reduce dispatch costs and increase system flexibility.

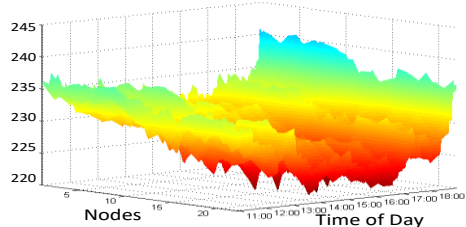
# Distributed Voltage Control ... a new paradigm

Courtesy Deepak Divan, ECE Georgia Tech

Centralized Control

Now ...

- Scheduled Generation
- Centralized Top-Down Control
- Planning Based, Dispatched
- Unidirectional Flows, Consumers
- Redundancy, N-X Contingencies



Centralized top-down control – poor system performance

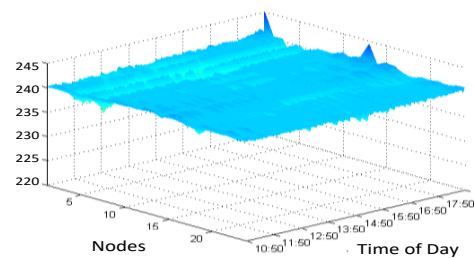
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Distributed Control

Need ...

- Non-Dispatchable Variable Generation
- Distributed Edge-Up Real-Time Control
- Flexible, Secure, Predictable Virtual Resources
- Bidirectional Flows, Prosumers
- Support Transactive and Ancillary Services

Edge-up real-time control - local & system level control



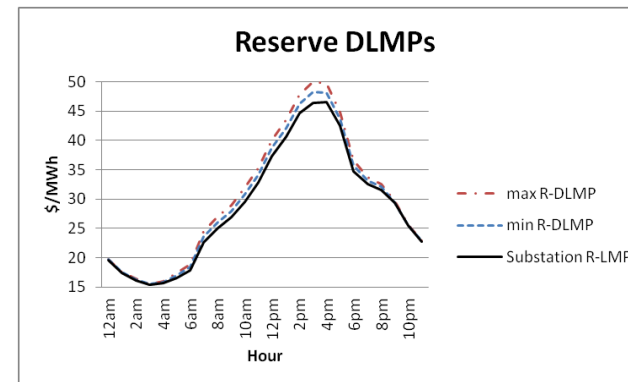
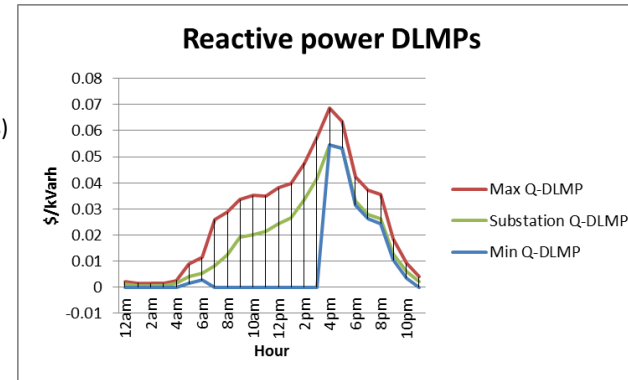
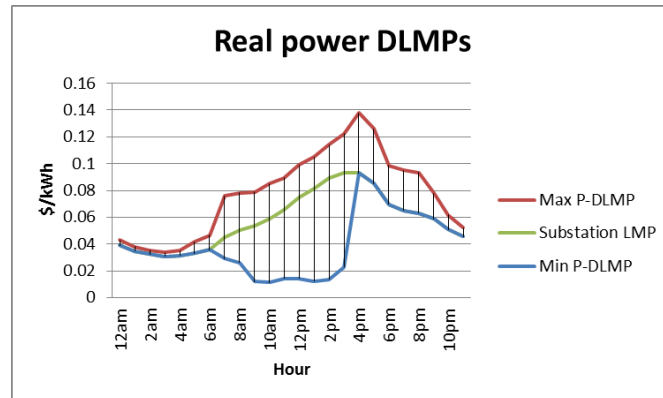
Source: Southern Company and Varentec



## Hourly DLMP Profiles Demonstrate Non-Intuitive Behavior:

1. Not LMP+D!
2. Granularity is significant!
3. Peaks not coincident!

(Upstate NY, 800 bus radial System, Summer Peak Day Loads)



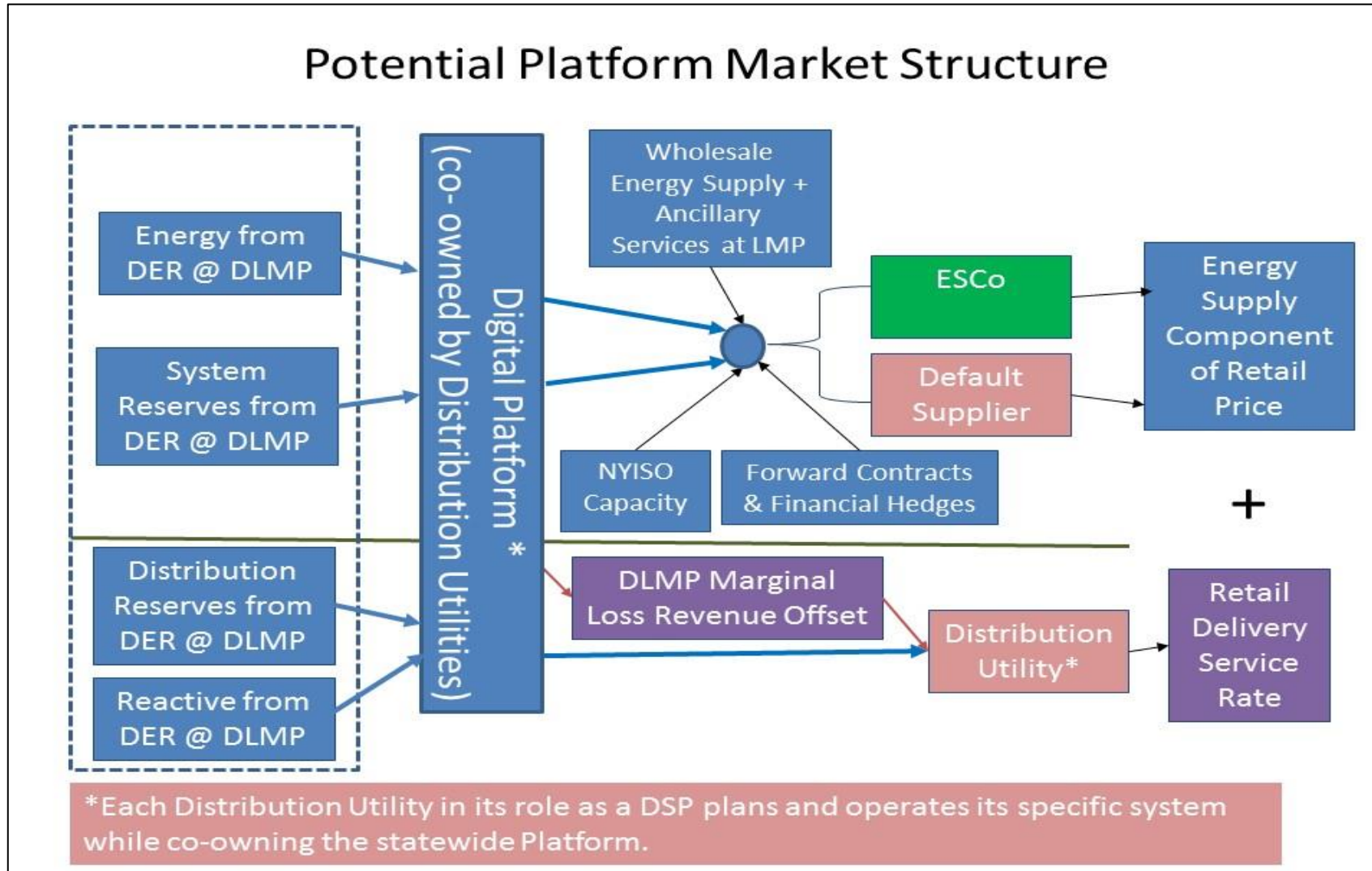
# Illustrative Numerical Results of DLMP based Equilibrium (Marg Cost Based

Valuations)

Upstate NY, 800 bus radial System, Summer Peak Day Loads <http://www.bu.edu/pcms/caramanis/NYPSC%20TCR%20WhitepaperApril2016.pdf>

	INCR. SPATIOTEMPORAL MARG. COST AWARENESS ->	Aver. Cost Price	LMP	DLMP	
A	Substation Transaction Costs for P		13281	13172	13235
B	Substation Transaction Costs for Q		1182	1133	777
	<b>Total Substation Cost</b> <sub>A+B</sub>		<b>14463</b>	<b>14305</b>	<b>14013</b>
C	Charges to Space Conditioning for P		743	721	703
D	Charges to Space Conditioning for Q		212	188	140
	<b>Total Space Conditioning Charges</b> <sub>C+D</sub>		<b>955</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>843</b>
E	Charges to EV for P		220	127	127
F	Charges to Inflexible Loads for P		15102	15037	14869
G	Charges to Inflexible Loads for Q		2089	2027	1609
	<b>Total Inflexible Load Charges</b> <sub>F+G</sub>		<b>17190</b>	<b>17065</b>	<b>16478</b>
H	Income of EV for Q provision		0	0	134
	<b>Net EV Charges</b> <sub>E-H</sub>		<b>220</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>-8</b>
I	Income of PV for P provision		1494	1493	1408
J	Income of PV for Q provision		0	0	169
	<b>Total PV Income</b> <sub>I+J</sub>		<b>1494</b>	<b>1494</b>	<b>1577</b>
K	Total Charges (K=C+D+E+F+G)		18365	18101	17448
L	<b>Total DER Revenues</b> <sub>(L=H+I+J)</sub>		<b>1494</b>	<b>1494</b>	<b>1711</b>
M	Net Cost of Distribution Participants <sub>(M=K-L)</sub>		16871	16607	15737
N	Distribution <b>Network Rent</b> <sub>(N=M-A-B)</sub>		<b>2408</b>	<b>2302</b>	<b>1724</b>

# Platform Market Structure



**Grants (Collaborators:** Caramanis, Andrianesis, Rudkevich, Zlotnik, Bertsimas, Hogan, Ruiz, Kulatilaka)

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-**NSF AiF** Distribution Network Reconfiguration, September 2017-August 2021, \$300K

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