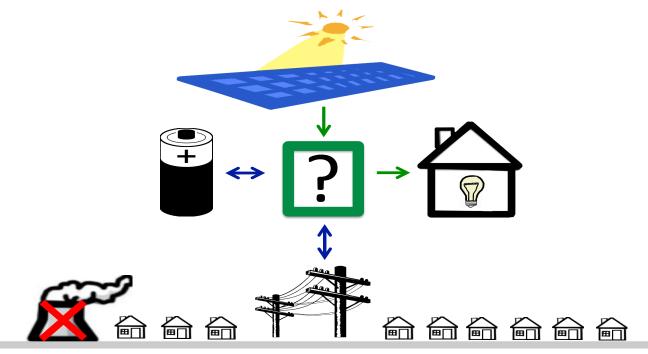
# **Operation of Electricity Grids**



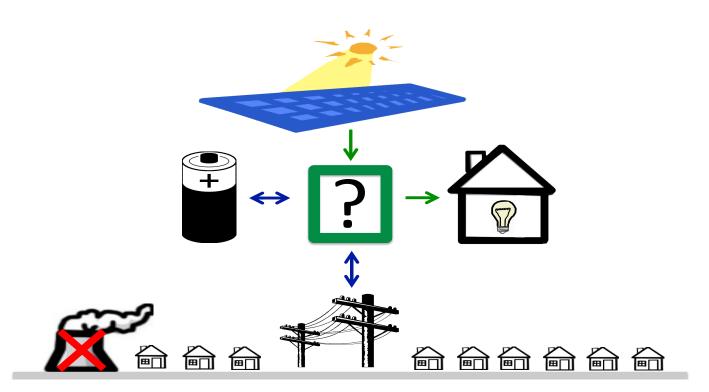
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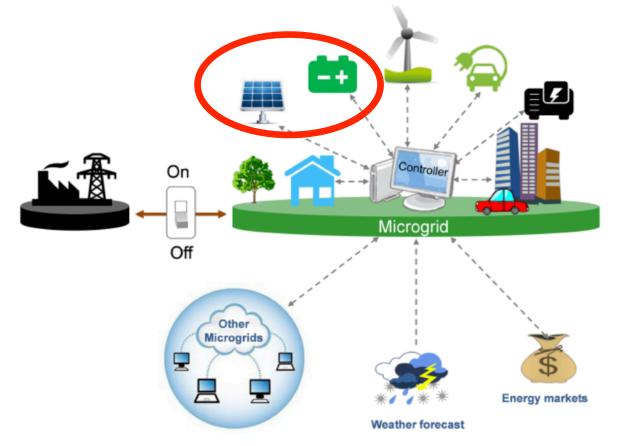
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#### **Short Overview**

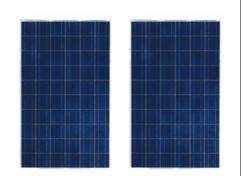


# Elements of a carbon neutral electricity grid



#### PV Generation - How do we grid-integrate PV?



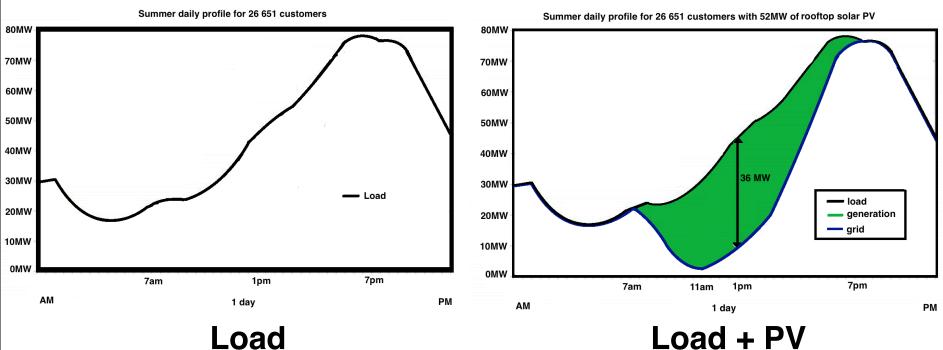


3.8 m<sup>2</sup>

Installed PV Generation				kW/person	
	2010	Now	Population		
Australia	~1GW	~15GW	25 million	0.60	
Germany	~18GW	~55GW	84 million	0.65	
USA	~1GW	~108GW	333 million	0.32	
China	~0.8GW	~268GW	1,447 million	0.18	

## **Demand profile**

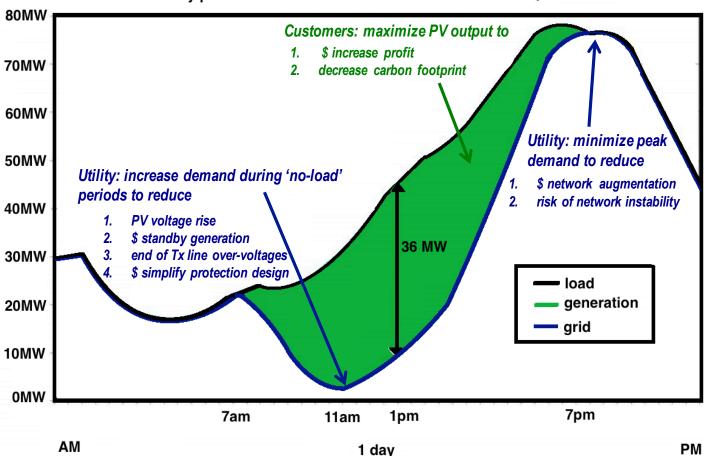




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#### **Problem: Customer vs. Utility**

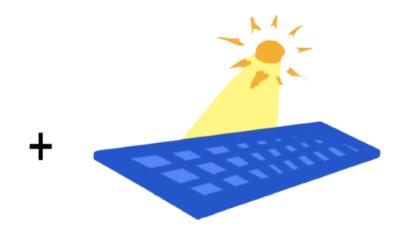
Summer daily profile for 26 651 customers with 52MW of rooftop solar PV



#### **An Australian PV customer**



Residential Load  $\approx 20 \text{ kWh/day}$  $\approx \$5/\text{day}$ 



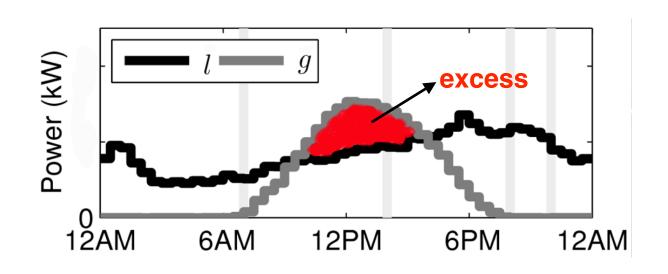
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 $\approx $2/\text{day}$ 

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#### What about excess generation?

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#### What happens if we store it in a battery?

Is this cost effective?
What is the optimal use of this battery?





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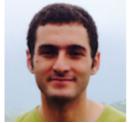
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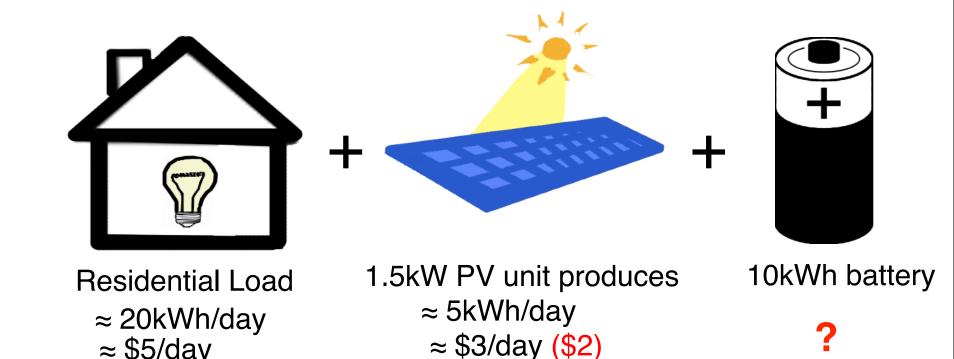
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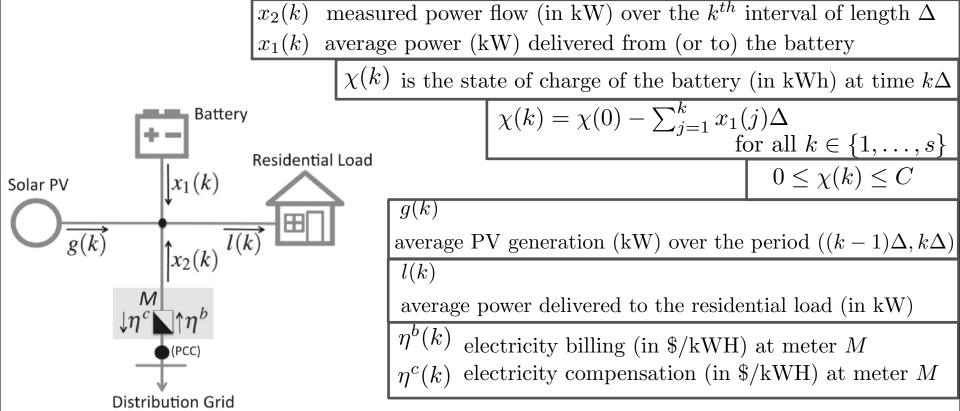


#### **An Australian PV + Battery Customer**



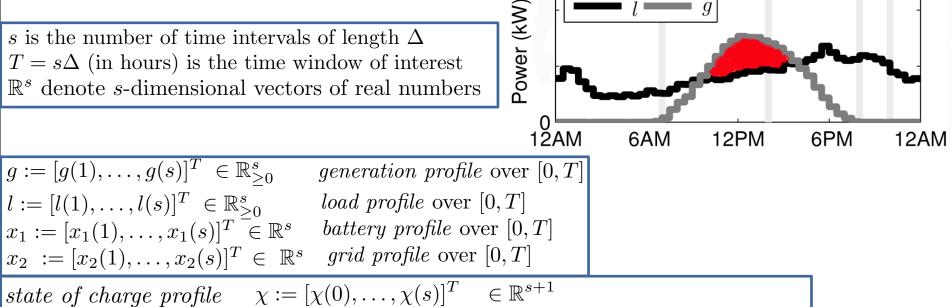
≈ \$5/day

# Notation: A single residential system



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# Notation: Day-ahead profiles and energy savings



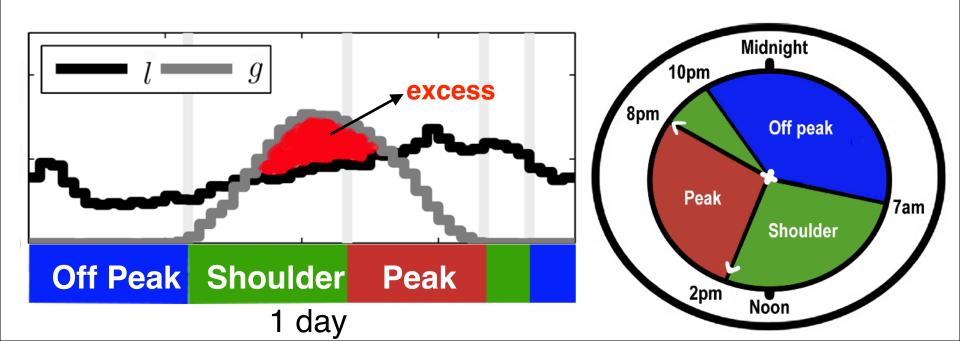
 $|x_2| := [x_2(1), \dots, x_2(s)]^T \in \mathbb{R}^s$ state of charge profile  $\chi := [\chi(0), \dots, \chi(s)]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{s+1}$  $\eta^b := [\eta^b(1), \dots, \eta^b(s)]^T \in \mathbb{R}^s_{>0}$ electricity billing profile over [0,T]

electricity compensation profile over [0,T] $\Psi := \Sigma - \Sigma$ 

 $\eta^c := [\eta^c(1), \dots, \eta^c(s)]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{s^-}_{>0}$  $\sum$  energy bill without a battery over the time window [0,T]energy savings (in \$/day)  $\Sigma$  energy bill with a battery over time window [0,T]

#### Approach:

- 1. Consider the **benefits** of residential **battery** storage
- 2. In the context of financial policies (e.g., net metering and feed-in tariffs)
- 3. When customers are billed according to the time that they use electricity.



### **Customer: Is this cost effective?**

 $\Psi = \$0$ 

 $\mathbb{1} \in \mathbb{R}^s_{\geq 0}$  denotes the all-1s column vector of length s

Fix  $\eta > 0$  and let the electricity billing and compensation profiles in the financial policy satisfy the following

 $\eta^b(j) = \eta^c(k) = \eta \text{ for all } j, k \in \{1, \dots, s\},$   $\eta^b = \eta^c = \eta \mathbb{1}.$ 

Then for all choices of battery capacity C the energy savings are  $\Psi(C)=0$ .

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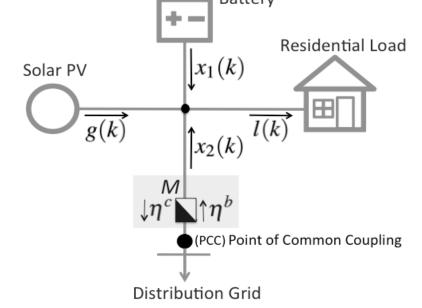
# **Net metering**

Financial policy of *net metering* defined by a resident being billed at the same rate as they are compensated for excess generation.

$$\eta^b(k)=\eta^c(k) ext{ for all } k\in\{1,\ldots,s\},$$

irrespective of the direction of  $x_2(k)$ 

Financial policy of net metering 
$$\eta := \eta^b = \eta^c, \text{ where } \eta \in \mathbb{R}^s_{\geq 0}$$
 Energy Bill with a battery  $\Sigma := \Delta \eta^T x_2$ 

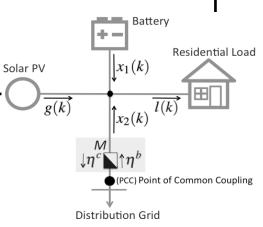


## **Customer: How to calculate the operational savings?**

Consider a residential energy network employing a financial policy of net metering, where  $\eta \in \mathbb{R}^s_{\geq 0}$  is assumed fixed and known.

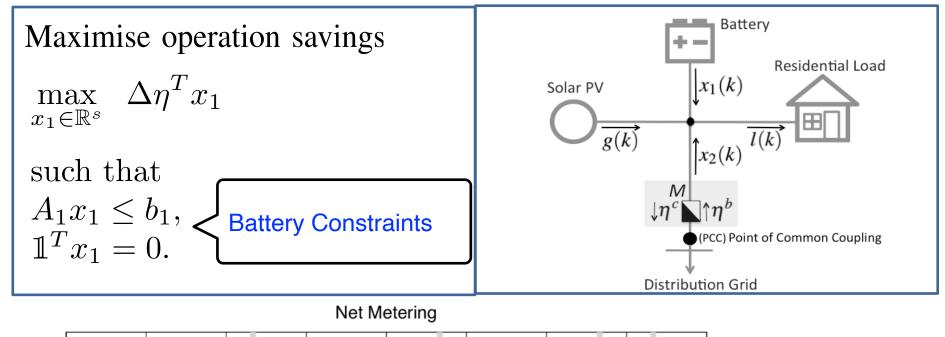
Let  $x_1 \in \mathbb{R}^s$  represent the battery profile over [0,T] where  $T = s\Delta$ .

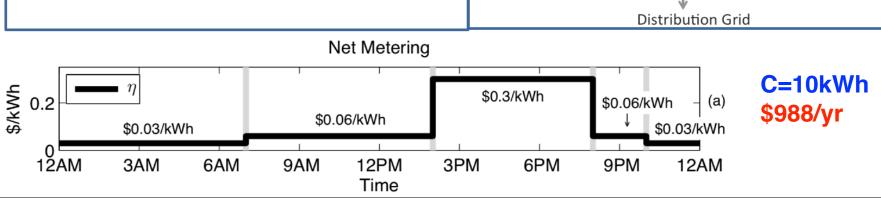
Then the operational savings are given by  $\Psi = \Delta \eta^T x_1$ 



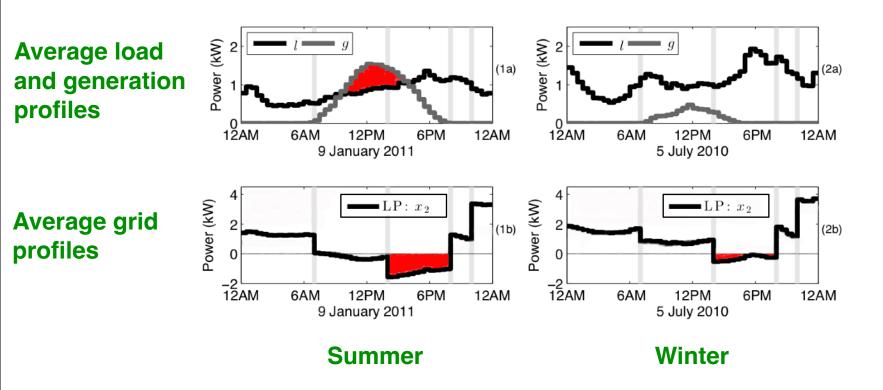
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## **Customer: Linear Program (LP) to maximise savings**





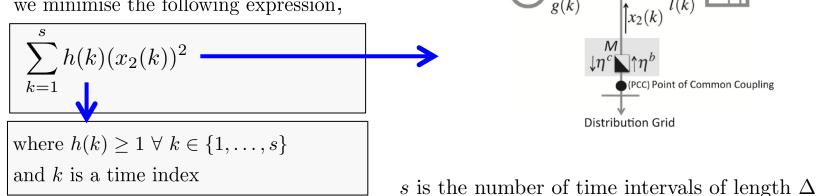
# Customer (maximise savings) vs Utility (Reverse power flow)



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# **Utility (flatten the load curve)**

To penalise large voltage swings stemming from reverse power flow and peak load and to increase daily operational savings, we minimise the following expression,



(PCC) Point of Common Coupling Distribution Grid

Battery

 $||x_1(k)||$ 

Solar PV

Residential Load

Subject to Constraints

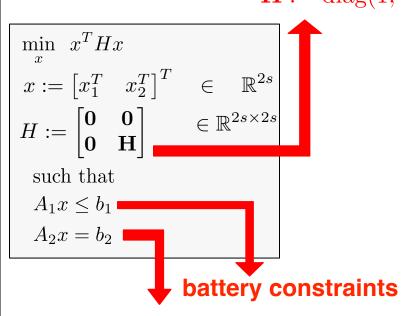
$$x_{2}(k) = l(k) - g(k) - x_{1}(k) \quad \forall \quad k \in \{1, \dots, s\} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{Power Balance Equation}$$

$$\underline{B}\mathbb{1} \leq x_{1} \leq \overline{B}\mathbb{1} \qquad \mathbf{0} \leq \chi \leq C \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \mathbb{1} \end{bmatrix} \qquad \chi(s) = \chi(0) \qquad \chi(k) := \chi(0) - \sum_{j=1}^{k} x_{1}(j)\Delta \quad \text{for all } k \in \{1, \dots, s\}$$

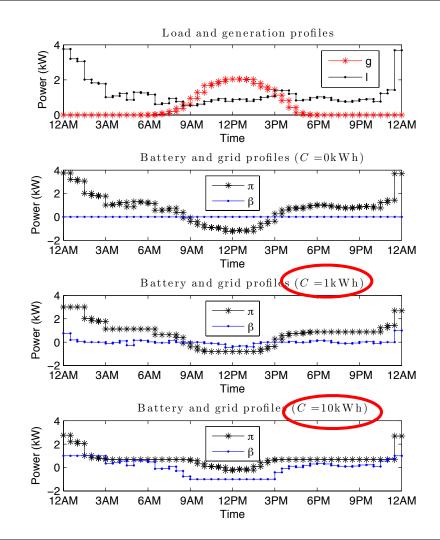
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## **Utility: Quadratic Program**

$$\mathbf{H} := \operatorname{diag}(h(1), \dots, h(s))$$
  
 $\mathbf{H} := \operatorname{diag}(1, \dots, 1)$ 

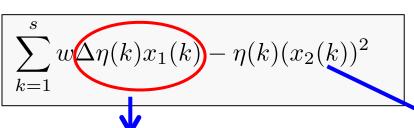


# power balance equation +battery constraints0 denotes an all-zero matrix



#### **QP: Balancing Customer and Distributor Benefits**

Maximize



maximise savings (LP)

where w is a distributor weighting.

#### flatten the load curve (QP)

#### **Constraints**

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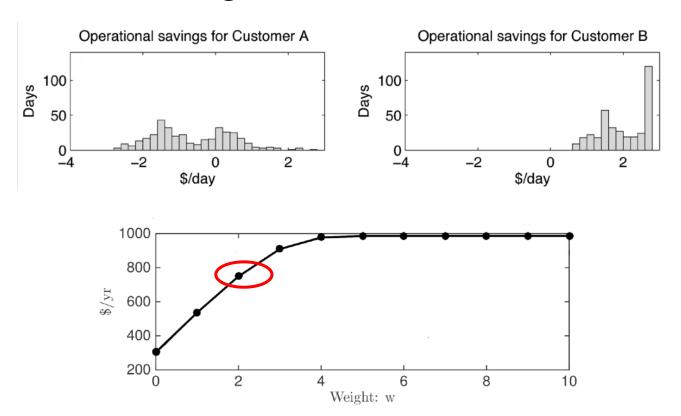
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#### **Operational Savings: 145 customers**

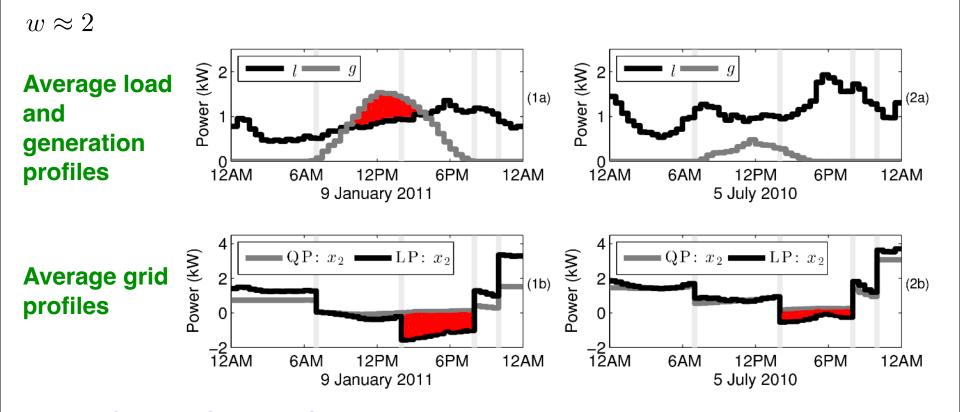
Not all customers benefit

Average operational savings



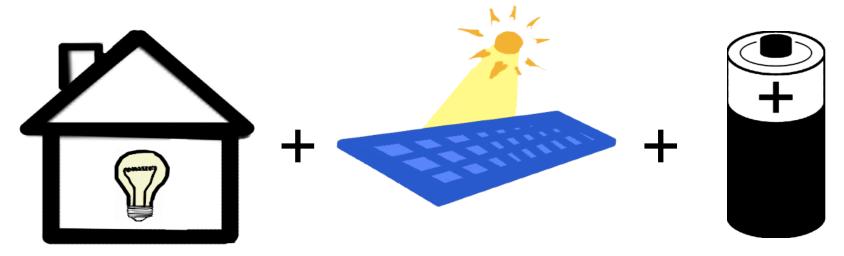
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# **Assessing the utility benefit: 145 Customers**



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#### **An Australian PV + Battery Customer**



Residential Load

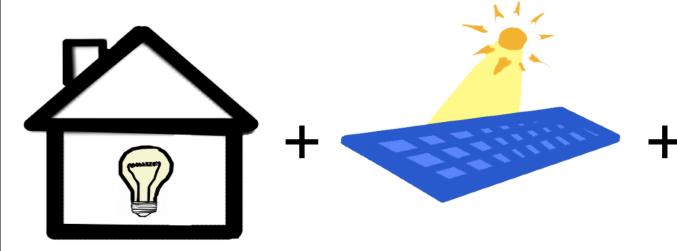
≈ 20kWh/day

≈ \$5/day

1.5kW PV unit produces ≈ 5kWh/day ≈ \$3/day (\$2)

10kWh battery
LP ≈ -\$1/day (\$4)
QP ≈ \$1/day (\$2)

#### What about Electric Vehicle customers?





Residential Load

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 $\approx $5/\text{day}$ 

1.5 kW PV unit produces

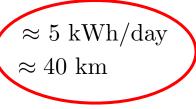
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1.5 kW PV unit exports

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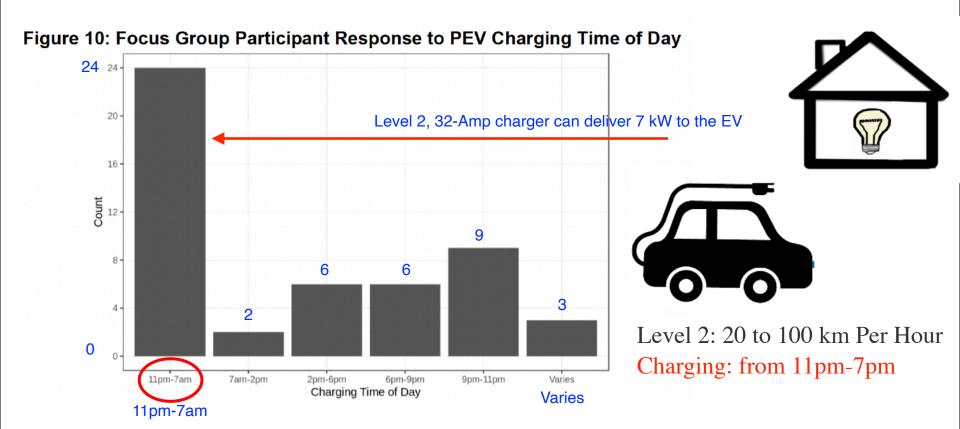
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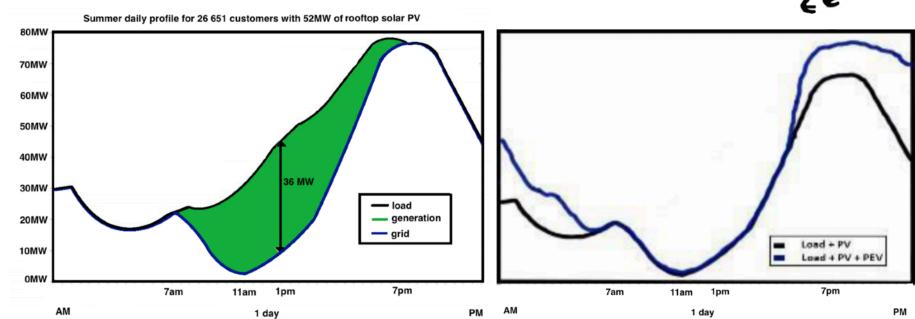
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#### **EV Charging - How do we grid-integrate EVs?**



## **Demand profile**





Load + PV

Load + PV + EV?





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#### Can we reduce the risk of critical failures?

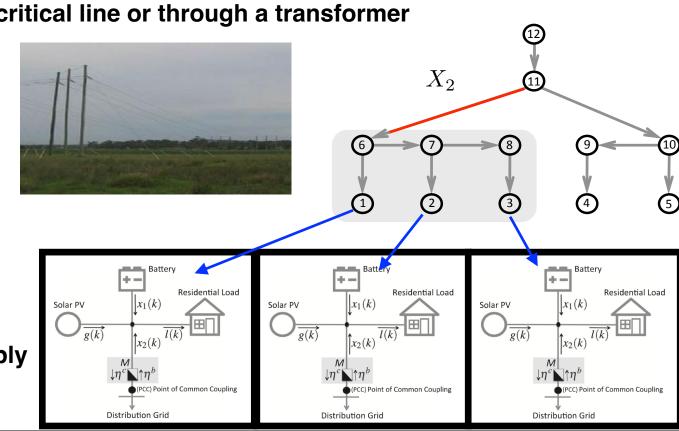


#### **Coordinate residential systems**

1. Reduce peak load and reverse power flow along a critical line or through a transformer



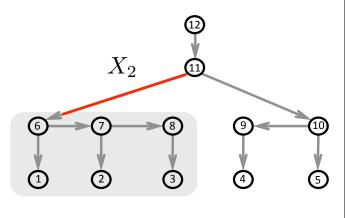
2. What about the supply voltages?



## **Central QP energy-shifting**

Maximize

$$\sum_{k=1}^{s} w \Delta \eta(k) X_1(k) - \eta(k) (X_2(k))^2$$



w is a scalar weighting  $\eta(k)$  is the net metering electricity price in \$/kWh over the  $k^{th}$  interval of length  $\Delta$   $X_1(k)$  is combined power to or from microgrid batteries

 $X_2(k)$  is the power (in kW) to or from the microgrid

Subject to Constraints

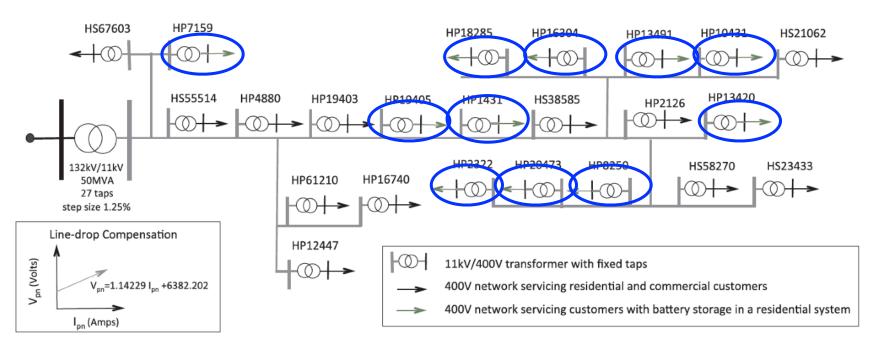
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$$A_1 X_1 \leq N b_1$$
,  $\mathbb{1}^T X_1 = 0$  and  $X_2 = X_1 + L - G$ 

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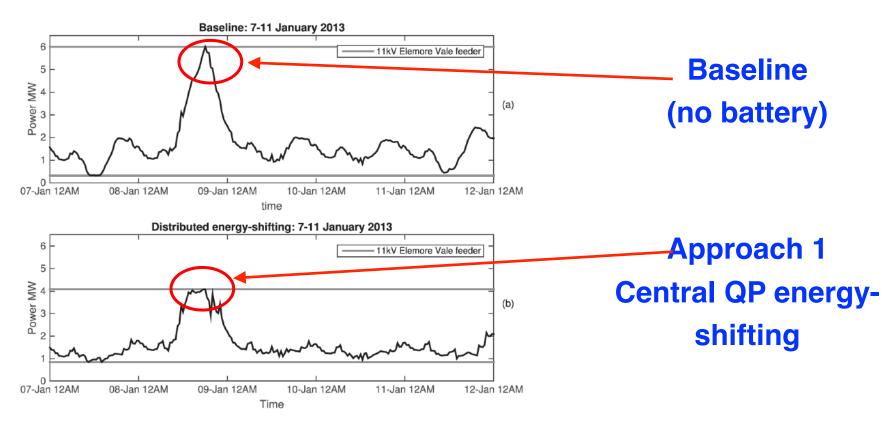
#### **Newcastle: Elermore Vale Feeder Model**

#### ~ 50% PV Penetration



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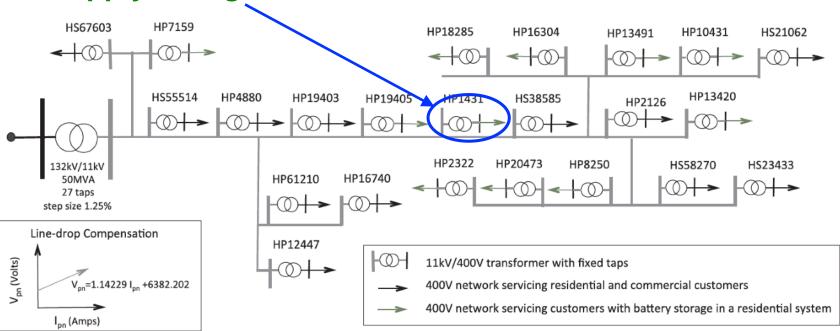
#### Peak load reduction of $\sim$ 2MW



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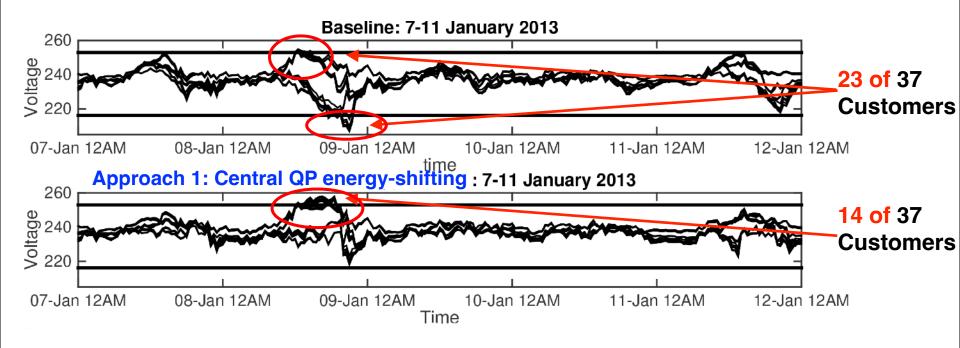
Supply voltages



+10%/-6% of 230V, AS 60038-1012 Standard Voltages

#### **Voltage Violations - Inverters switch off**

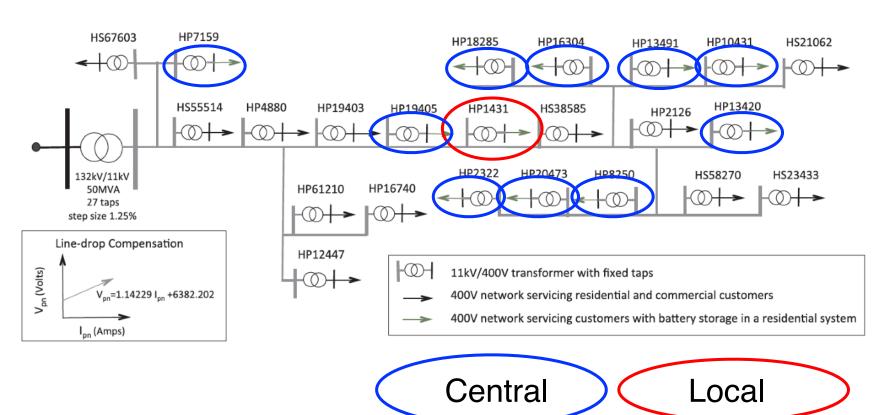
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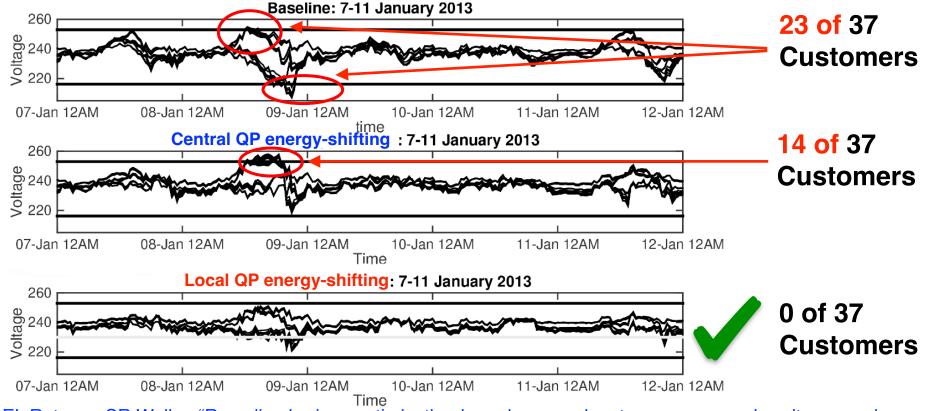
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#### Solution: local plus central QP energy-shifting

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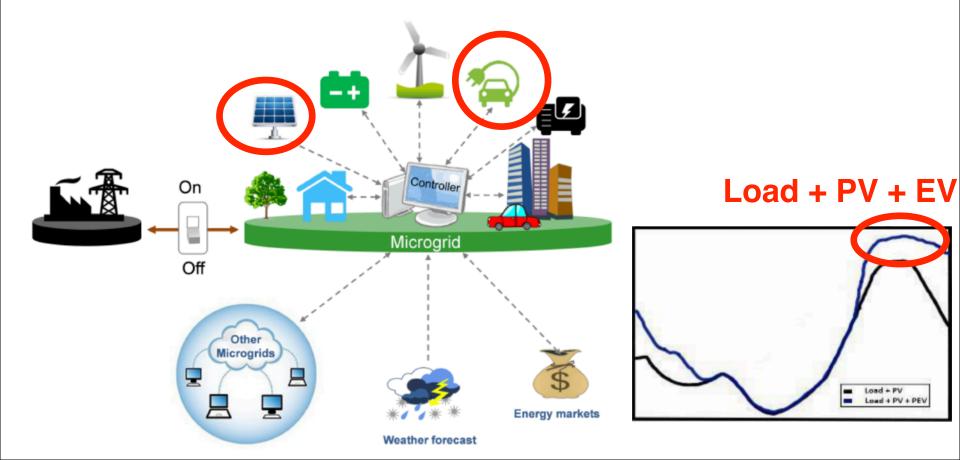


# **Supply voltages Ok**



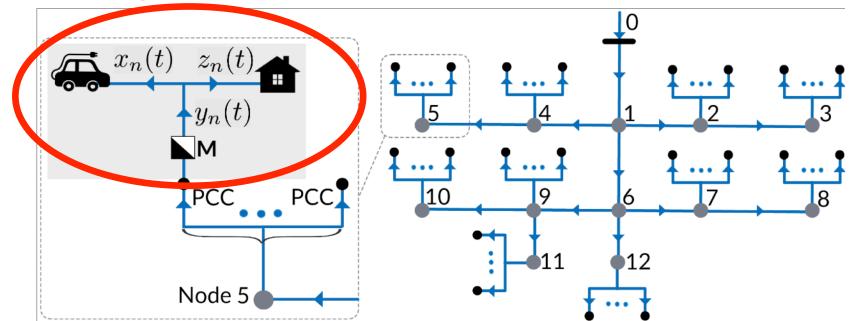
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# **Coordinating EV Charging and Discharging**



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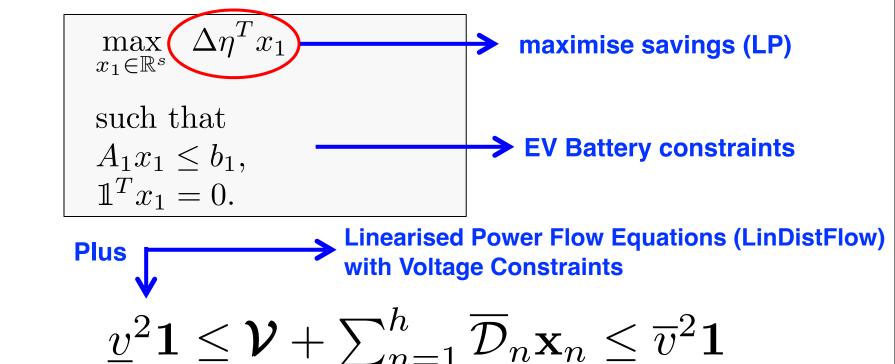
#### **Vehicle 2 Grid operation?**



- 1. Reduce peak load through a transformer
- 2. What about the supply voltages?

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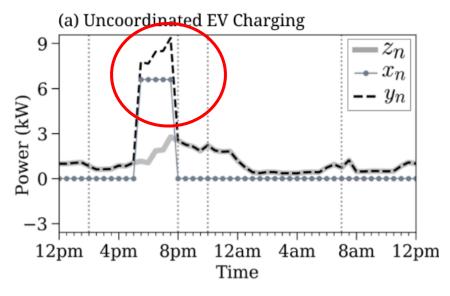
#### **LP: Balancing Customer and Distributor Benefits**



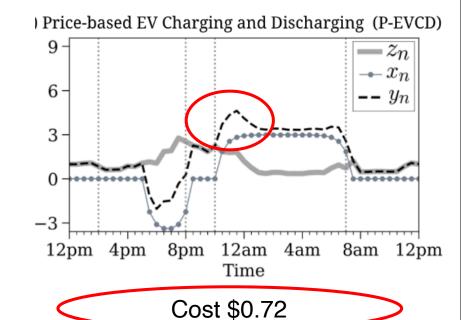




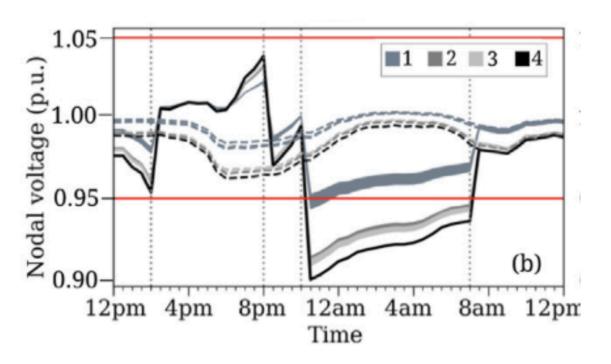
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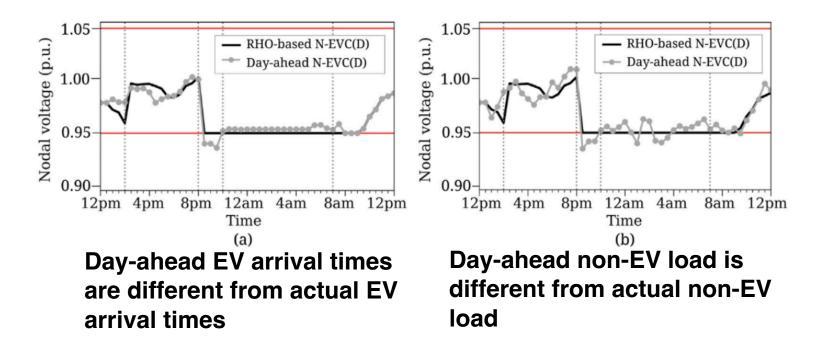
Cost: \$9.02



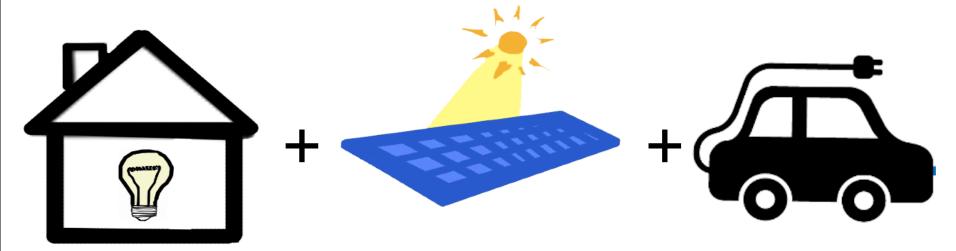
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 $\approx 14 \text{ kWh/day}$ 

 $\approx 110 \text{ km}$ 

≈ \$9.0/day

 $LP \approx $0.7/day ($8.3)$ 

#### What about excess generation?

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#### **New Control Paradigm**

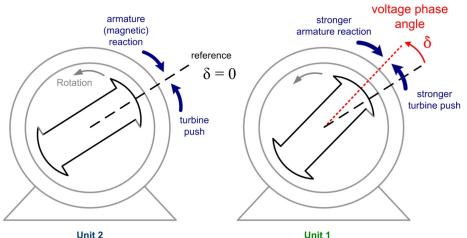
#### Synchrophasors compare the voltage phase angle at different locations

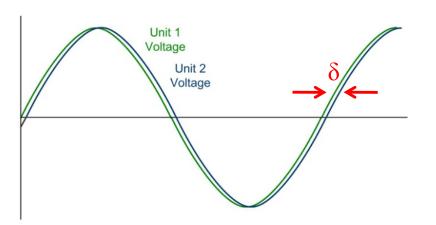


$$P \approx \frac{V_1 V_2}{Reactance} sin(\delta_{12})$$

$$|V_i| \angle \delta_i = \overrightarrow{V}_i(k)$$

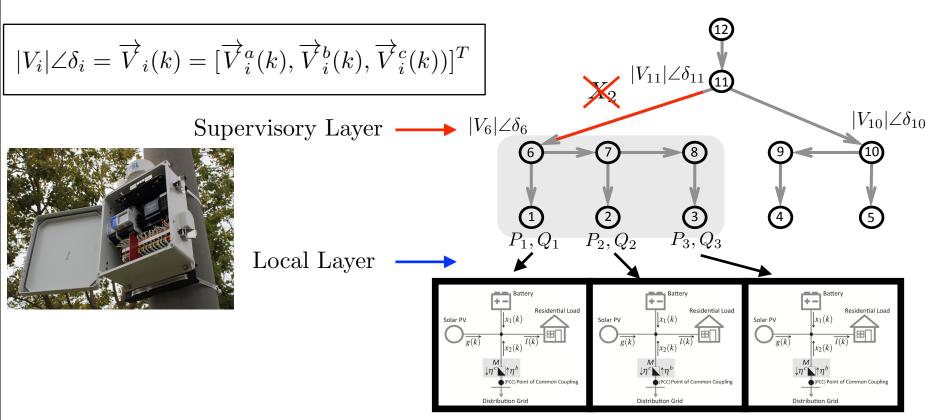
The small phase angle  $\delta$  between different locations on the grid drives a.c. power flow





Power injection to the grid is greater where voltage phase angle is farther advanced. Power flows from Unit 1 toward Unit 2

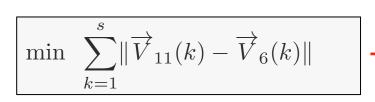
#### **Phasor-Based Control**



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# **Supervisory Layer: Quadratic Program**

1. Phasor Alignment to operate a switch / adaptive islanding





$$\min \sum_{k=1}^{s} (V_6^a(k) - V_6^b(k))^2 + (V_6^a(k) - V_6^c(k))^2 + (V_6^b(k) - V_6^c(k))^2$$

#### **Subject to constraints**

Power flow constraints + voltage constraints

 $A_1X_1 \leq Nb_1, \ \mathbb{1}^TX_1 = 0 \longrightarrow \text{battery constraints}$ 



 $|V_6| \angle \delta_6$ 



 $|V_{11}| \angle \delta_{11}$ 





 $|V_{10}| \angle \delta_{10}$ 

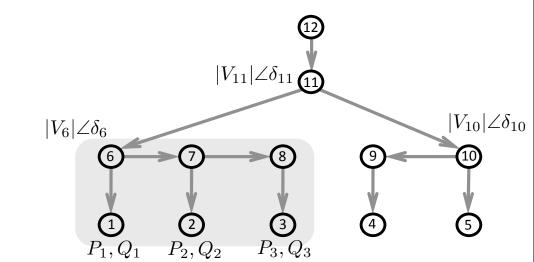
# **Local Layer: Phasor Tracking**

S-PBC Reference = 
$$\begin{bmatrix} |\widetilde{V}_6| \\ \angle \delta_6 \end{bmatrix}$$

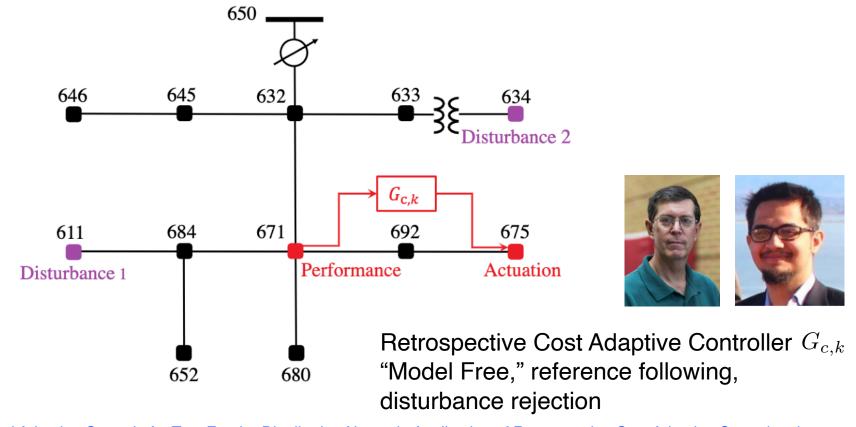
- 1. Follow S-PBC reference
- 2. Disturbance rejection
- 3. Model free

#### Approach

- PI control with offline tuning
- Retrospective Cost Adaptive Control (RCAC)
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#### **RCAC** controller



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# SOCIAL SHAPING OF LINEAR QUADRATIC MULTI-AGENT SYSTEMS

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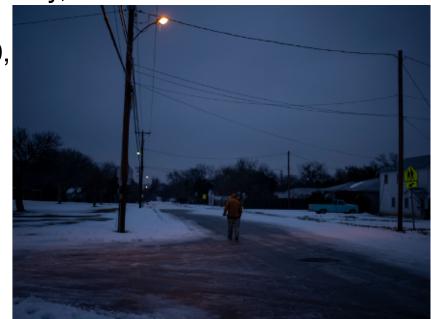


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An extreme cold weather event resulted in power a power outage disaster throughout the state. Consequently,

 Some Texans received bills of \$USD 5000, or more for 5 days of power



February 17, after

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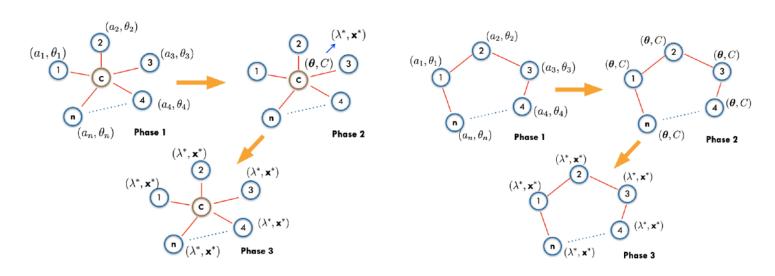
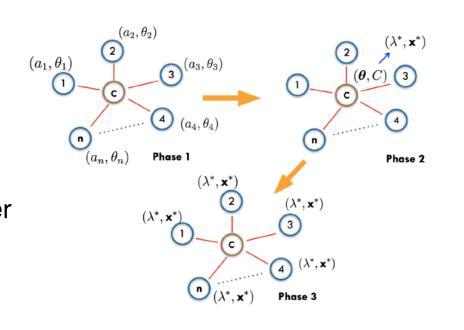


Fig. 1: Centralized (left) and distributed (right) implementations of competitive equilibriums for the proposed transactive energy systems. Each dark blue circle represents an agent in the system; the brown circle represents a central coordinator agent; each red line represent a communication link. The implementations take place in three sequential phases.

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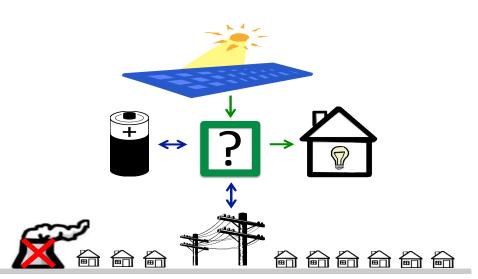
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- Satisfy thermal comfort of users
- Guarantee the price for electricity never exceeds an affordable price threshold, even during extreme weather events

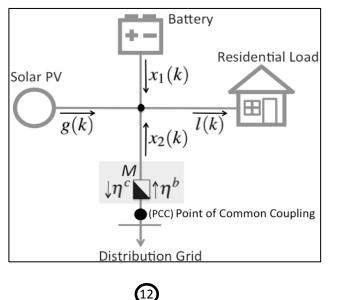


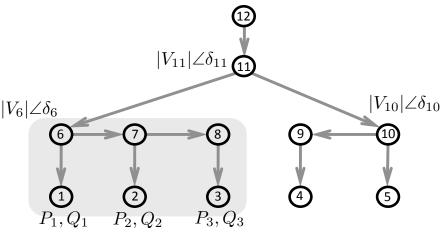
# 1. A single residential system

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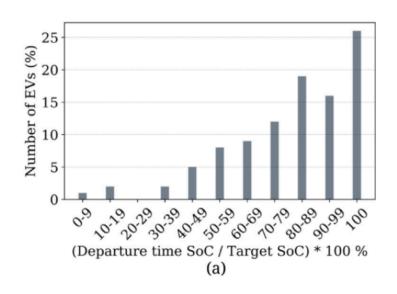


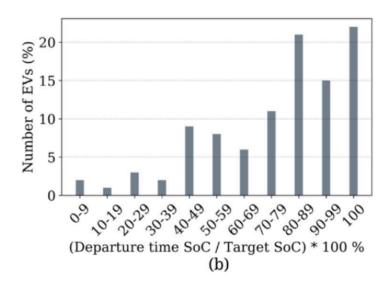




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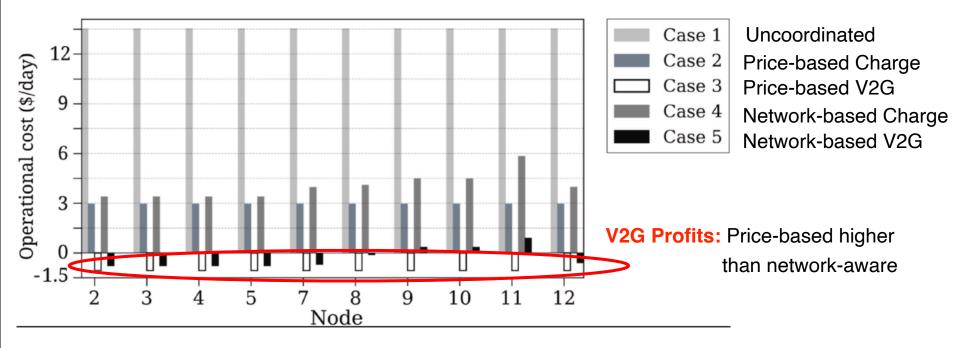




Without RHO: Departure time SOC is not met in all cases,

With RHO: All EVs attain their target SoC ahead of the departure time

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# Fast AC Chargers (Level 2)

- A dedicated 32 amp AC charger up to 7kw on single phase power and 22kw on three phase power
- Dedicated circuit installed in homes, apartment complexes, workplaces, shopping centres and hotels
- Will add about 50-100km range per hour
- Will deliver a full charge from empty overnight for all EVs



