

# Demand Response and the Internet of Energy

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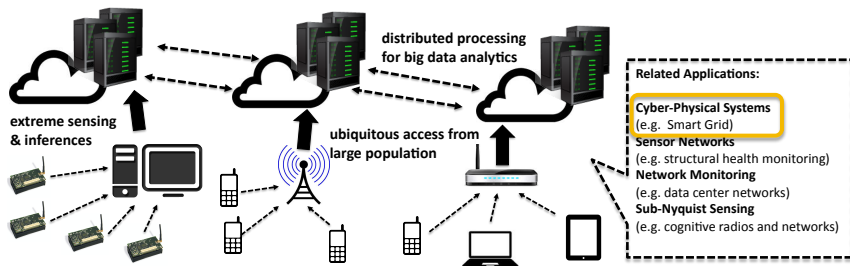
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# Networks growth?

Internet of People

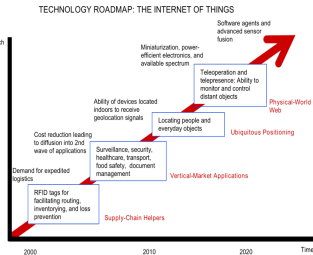
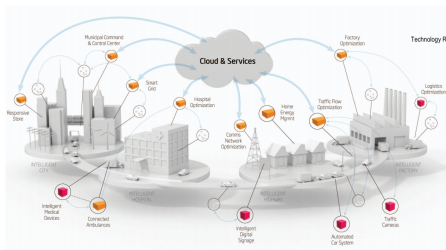


Internet of Things



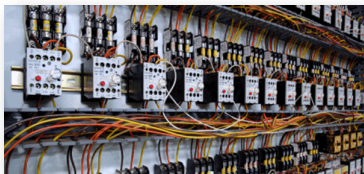
# The Internet of Things Vision

- A world where *everything* is tagged, monitored and remotely controllable via the Internet

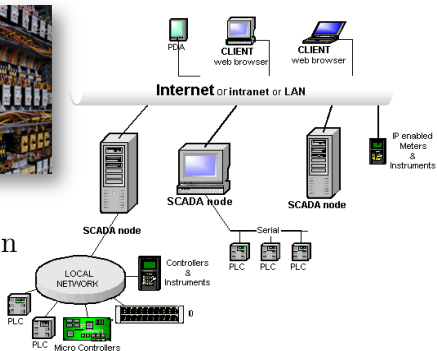


- What should the model for these machine communications be? What standards or media?
- Let's look at what has been M2M in the past....

# Machines are already on the Internet



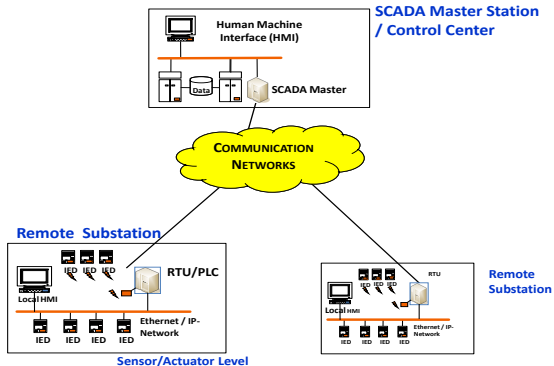
## Industrial Automation



- Electric Power Systems, Pipelines (Water, Fuel), Building Control, Manufacturing plants...
- **Monitoring:** Sensor telemetry and databases
- **Automation:** The discipline focused on the design of automation software is called **Hybrid Control**

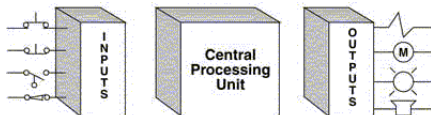
# Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition

- SCADA reference model birth nest was the Electric Power sector
- Very wide area systems (the size of a country) → divide and conquer with hierarchical control



# The Programmable Logic Controller

PLC/Digital Relay: an industrial computer control system



- Input Scan: Scans the state of the Inputs
  - Sensing Devices, Switches and Pushbuttons, Proximity Sensors, Limit Switches, Pressure Switches,...
- Program Scan: Executes the program logic
- Output Scan: Energize/de-energize the outputs
  - Valves, Solenoids, Motor, Actuators, Pumps
- Housekeeping: Update the state

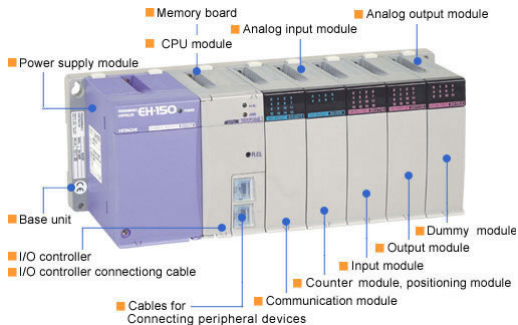
# Data Modeling for Machines (PLCs)

- In Software Engineering **data modeling** is the process of creating a data model for an information system
- It has three steps
  - ① Conceptual model
  - ② Logical Model
  - ③ Physical Model - organizes data into tables, and accounts for access, performance and storage details
- In a model a data item is the smallest unit of data
- A collection of data items for the same object at the same time forms an object instance (or table row).
- **Data Items** are identified by object (o), property (p) and time (t). The value (v) is a function of o, p and t

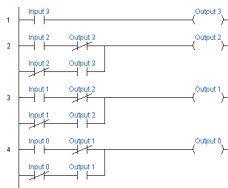
$$v = F(o, p, t)$$

- Typical values for PLC are input/output single bit (coils) and registers (16/32 bits, analog values)

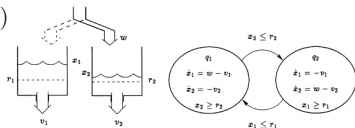
# Communications among PLCs



Ladder Code



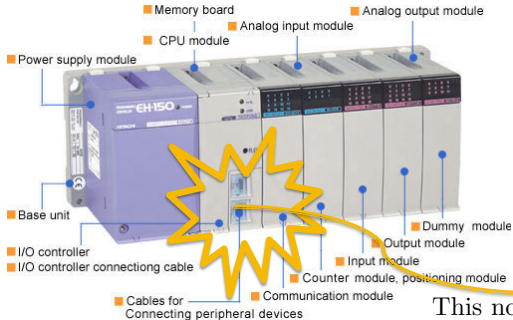
- Programmable Logic Controller (PLC)
- Remote Terminal Units (RTU)
- Intelligent Electr. Devices (IED)



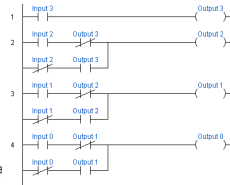
- Originally most controllers used serial communications



# Networking among PLCs

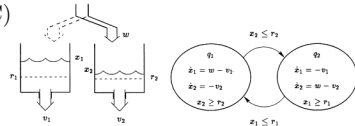


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This now can surf the Internet

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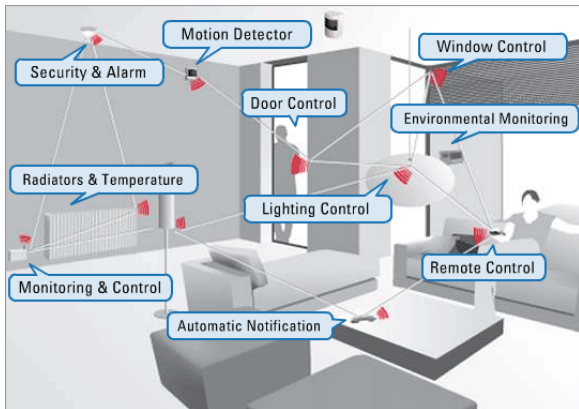
- Today most of them are Ethernet based, but this is changing, wireless being the next big contender

# Protocols for Industrial Control

V·T·E	Automation protocols	[hide]
<b>Process automation</b>	AS-i · BSAP · CC-Link Industrial Networks · CIP · CAN bus (CANopen, DeviceNet) · ControlNet · DF-1 · DirectNET · EtherCAT · Ethernet Global Data (EGD) · Ethernet Powerlink · EtherNet/IP · FINS · FOUNDATION fieldbus (H1, HSE) · GE SRTP · HART Protocol · Honeywell SDS · HostLink · INTERBUS · MECHATROLINK · MelsecNet · Modbus · Optomux · PieP · Profibus · PROFINET IO · SERCOS interface · SERCOS III · Sinec H1 · SynqNet · TTEthernet · RAPIEnet	
<b>Industrial control system</b>	OPC DA · OPC HDA · OPC UA · MTConnect	
<b>Building automation</b>	1-Wire · BACnet · C-Bus · DALI · DSI · KNX · LonTalk · Modbus · oBIX · VSCP · X10 · xAP · xPL · ZigBee	
<b>Power system automation</b>	IEC 60870 (IEC 60870-5 · IEC 60870-6) · DNP3 · IEC 61850 · IEC 62351 · Modbus · Profibus	
<b>Automatic meter reading</b>	ANSI C12.18 · IEC 61107 · DLMS/IEC 62056 · M-Bus · Modbus · ZigBee	
<b>Automobile / Vehicle</b>	AFDX · ARINC 429 · CAN bus (ARINC 825, SAE J1939, NMEA 2000, FMS) · FlexRay · IEBus · J1587 · J1708 · Keyword Protocol 2000 · LIN · MOST · VAN	

- First application Layer Protocols (e.g. Modbus, DNP3) which are above OSI layer 3 or 2
- Deeper into the layers: Zigbee is based on the wireless IEEE 802.15 standard

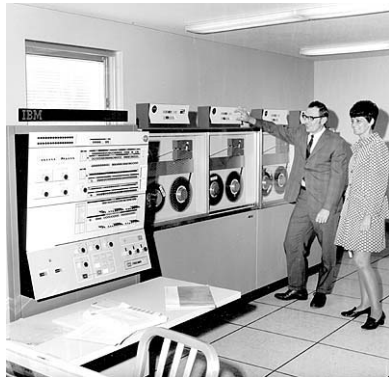
# ZigBee: Industrial Control Gets Personal...



- ZigBee was conceived for low power, low rate, sensor networking in a variety of applications

# A watershed moment?

- The transition from Mainframe to PC changed computation



# Will the same happen for industrial control?

- Stages: 1) viral technology adoption; 2) evolution, first almost a toy then more useful; 3) software is developed to meet a variety of purposes; 4) hardware becomes more powerful
- **Example:** ZigBee Smart Energy V2.0 specifications define an IP-based protocol to monitor, control, inform and automate the delivery and use of energy and water
- In **Power Systems** the birth nest of SCADA was meant for the grid core
- **IoT**  $\Rightarrow$  **intelligence at the edge of the grid**
  - Huge opportunity for change from current consumption and generation model

# Cognitive Power Systems

# Cognitive Electric Consumption

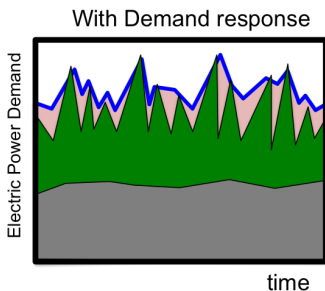
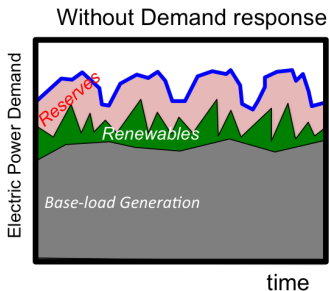
- For consumers the grid is *plug and play* → at most good appliances reduce energy consumption
- The moment at which we draw power is chosen carelessly → we need to generate just in time → we depend on fossil fuels to do that
- Demand is random but not truly inflexible, but today there is **no widespread standard appliance interface** to modulate it



- Demand Response (DR) programs tap into the flexibility of end-use demand for multiple purposes

# The role of flexible demand

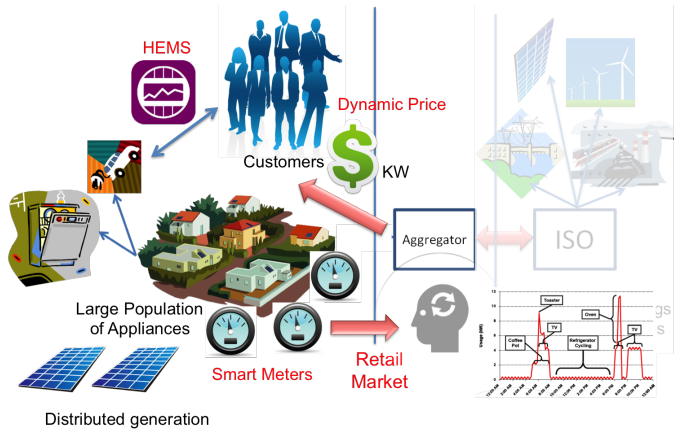
- Large generator ramps + reserves for dealing with uncertainty blow up costs and pollution



If we can modulate the load (via Demand Response Programs), we can increase renewables and reduce reserves (cleaner, cheaper power)

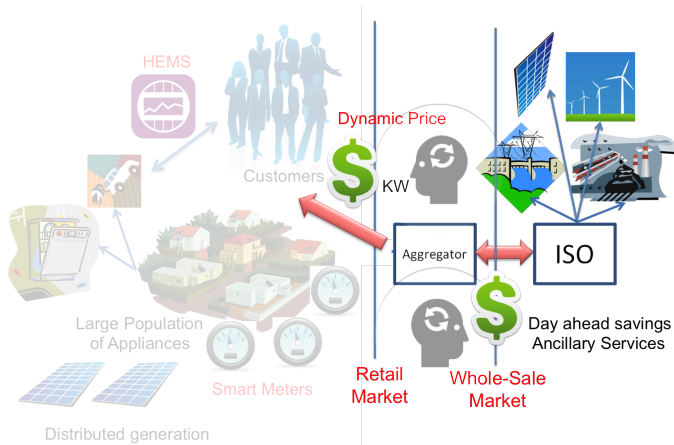


# The Smart Grid vision



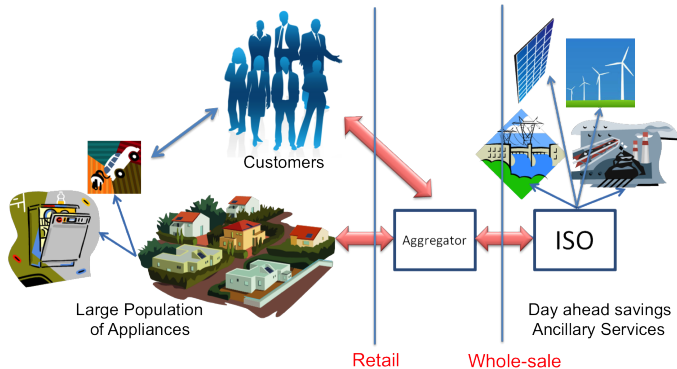
- Intelligent homes will be price responsive

# The Smart Grid System Challenge



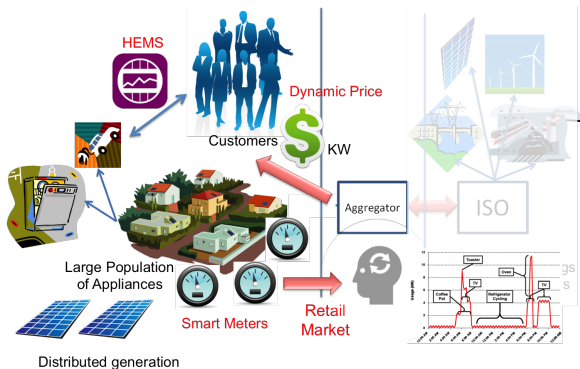
- Designing the price...

# Challenges for Demand Response (DR)



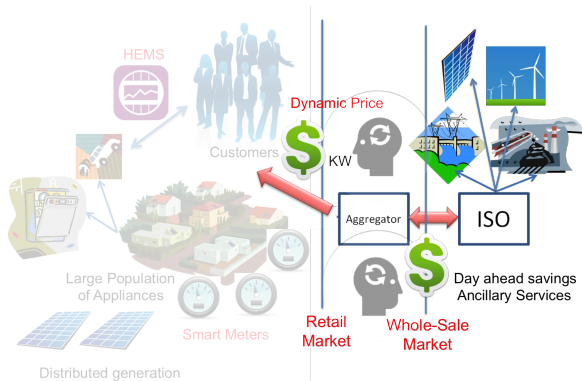
- Aggregation is needed (Whole Sale Market blind below 100MW)
- **Challenge 1:** Heterogenous population of appliances
- **Challenge 2:** Real time control of millions of them
- **Challenge 3:** Modeling their aggregate response in the market

# Research on coordinating Distributed Resources



- Most of the work is on the home price response side
- **Detailed model:** Model each individual appliance constraints [Joo,Ilic,'10], [Huang, Walrand, Ramchandran,'11], [Foster,Caramanis,'13]
- Scalability is an issue

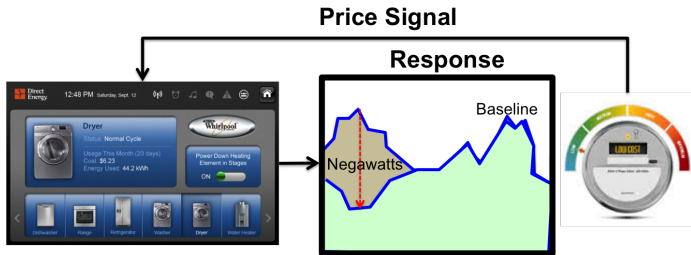
# The Smart Grid system level challenge



- **Tank model:** Flexible demand requires a certain amount of energy. Fill the flexible demand tank by the end of the day...  
[Lambert, Gilman, Lilienthal, '06], [Lamadrid, Mount, Zimmerman, Murillo-Sanchez, '11],[Papavasiliou, Oren '10]
  - **Inaccurate representation of what customers want**

# The Smart Grid model that *was* really emerging

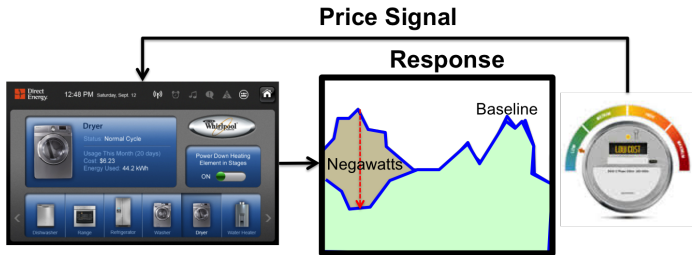
- Price sensitive demand and *Measurement & Verification*



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# Alternatives?...

- The notion of **baseline and negawatts price** is ill posed:
  - How can I measure what you will be able to **not consume** and verify that you have **not consumed it**?
  - What is a good model for a **price for lack of demand**?
- Alternatives? Differentiating via **Quantized Population Models**
  - Cluster appliances and derive an aggregate model
  - The **Internet of Energy**: appliances that say what they want
  - (Hide customers with differentially private codes)

*[Chong85],[Mathieu,Koch, Callaway,'13],[Alizadeh, Scaglione, Thomas,'12]...*





# Population Load Flexibility

## Definition of Flexibility

The potential shapes that the electric power consumption (load) of an appliance or a population of appliances can take while providing **the sought economic utility to the customer**

## Categories of appliances covered

- 1 Interruptible rate constrained EVs with deadlines and V2G ✓
- 2 Thermostatically Controlled Loads ✓
- 3 Deferrable loads with dead-lines ✓

# Example of Load flexibility: Ideal Battery

One ideal battery indexed by  $i$

- Arrives at  $t_i$  and remains on indefinitely
- No rate constraint
- Initial charge of  $S_i$
- Capacity  $E_i$

The flexibility of battery  $i$  is defined as

$$\mathcal{L}_i(t) = \{L_i(t) | L_i(t) = dx_i(t)/dt, x_i(t_i) = S_i, 0 \leq x_i(t) \leq E_i, t \geq t_i\}.$$

In English:

Load (power) = rate of change in state of charge  $x(t)$  (energy)

- Set  $\mathcal{L}_i(t)$  characterized by appliance category  $v$  (ideal battery) and 3 continuous parameters:

$$\theta_i = (t_i, S_i, E_i)$$

But how can we capture the flexibility of thousands of these batteries?

# Aggregate flexibility sets

We define the following **operations on flexibility sets**  $\mathcal{L}_1(t)$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_2(t)$ :

$$\mathcal{L}_1(t) + \mathcal{L}_2(t) = \left\{ L(t) \mid L(t) = L_1(t) + L_2(t), (L_1(t), L_2(t)) \in \mathcal{L}_1(t) \times \mathcal{L}_2(t) \right\}$$

$$n\mathcal{L}(t) = \left\{ L(t) \mid L(t) = \sum_{k=1}^n L_k(t), (L_1(t), \dots, L_n(t)) \in \mathcal{L}^n(t) \right\},$$

where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $0\mathcal{L}_1(t) \equiv \{0\}$ .

- Then, the flexibility of a population  $\mathcal{P}^v$  of ideal batteries is

$$\mathcal{L}^v(t) = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{P}^v} \mathcal{L}_i(t) \quad (1)$$

**flexibility of population = sum of individual flexibility sets**

What if we have a very large population?

# Quantizing flexibility

- Natural step  $\rightarrow$  quantize the parameters:  $\theta_i = (t_i, S_i, E_i)$

$$\theta \mapsto \vartheta \in \text{Finite set } \mathcal{T}^v$$

- Quantize state and time uniformly with step  $\delta t = 1$  and  $\delta x = 1$
- Discrete version (after sampling + quantization) of flexibility:

$$\mathcal{L}_i(t) = \{L_i(t) | L_i(t) = \partial x_i(t), x_i(t_i) = S_i, x_i(t) \in \{0, 1, \dots, E_i\}, t \geq t_i\}.$$

- $\mathcal{L}_{\vartheta}^v(t)$  = Flexibility of a battery with discrete parameters  $\vartheta$
- Let  $a_{\vartheta}^v(t) \triangleq$  number of batteries with discrete parameters  $\vartheta$

$$\mathcal{L}^v(t) = \sum_{\vartheta \in \mathcal{T}^v} a_{\vartheta}^v(t) \mathcal{L}_{\vartheta}^v(t), \quad \sum_{\vartheta \in \mathcal{T}^v} a_{\vartheta}^v(t) = |\mathcal{P}_v|. \quad (2)$$

# Bundling Batteries with Similar Constraints

- Population  $\mathcal{P}_E^v$  with homogenous  $E$  but different  $(t_i, S_i)$
- Define arrival process for battery  $i$

$a_i(t) = u(t - t_i) \rightarrow$  indicator that battery  $i$  is plugged in

- We prefer not to keep track of individual appliances
- Random state arrival process on aggregate

$$a_x(t) = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{P}_E^v} \delta(S_i - x) a_i(t), \quad x = 1, \dots, E$$

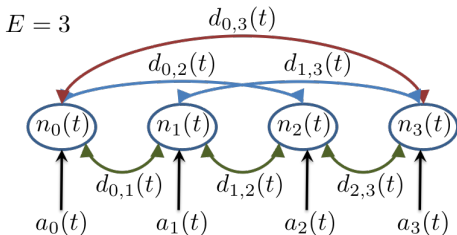
- Aggregate state occupancy

$$n_x(t) = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{P}_E^v} \delta(x_i(t) - x) a_i(t), \quad x = 1, \dots, E$$

**Activation process from state  $x'$  to  $x$  :**

$d_{x,x'}(t) = \#$  batteries that go from state  $x$  to state  $x'$  up to time  $t$

Naturally,  $\partial d_{x,x'}(t) \leq n_x(t)$ .



## Lemma

*The relationship between occupancy, control and load are:*

$$n_x(t+1) = a_x(t+1) + \sum_{x'=0}^E [d_{x',x}(t) - d_{x,x'}(t)]$$

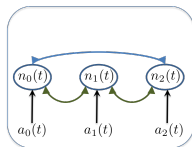
$$L(t) = \sum_{x=0}^E \sum_{x'=0}^E (x' - x) \partial d_{x,x'}(t)$$

Notice the linear and simple nature of  $L(t)$  in terms of  $d_{x,x'}(t)$

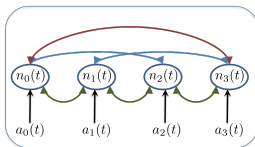
# Bundling Batteries with Non-homogeneous Capacity

- Results up to now are valid for batteries with homogenous capacity  $E$
- The capacity changes the underlying structure of flexibility
- We divide appliances into **clusters**  $q = 1, \dots, Q^v$  based on the quantized value of  $E_i$

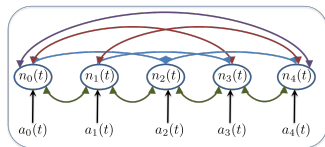
$E = 2$



$E = 3$



$E = 4$





## Load flexibility of heterogenous ideal battery population

$$\mathcal{L}^v(t) = \left\{ \begin{aligned} L(t) | L(t) &= \sum_{q=1}^Q \sum_{x=0}^{E^q} \sum_{x'=0}^{E^q} (x' - x) \partial d_{x,x'}^q(t) \\ \partial d_{x,x'}^q(t) &\in \mathbb{Z}^+, \sum_{x'=1}^{E^q} \partial d_{x,x'}^q(t) \leq n_x^q(t) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

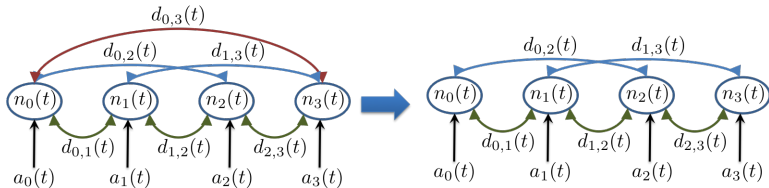
$$n_x^q(t) = a_x^q(t) + \sum_{x'=0}^{E^q} [d_{x',x}^q(t-1) - d_{x,x'}^q(t-1)]$$

Linear, and scalable at large-scale by removing integrality constraints

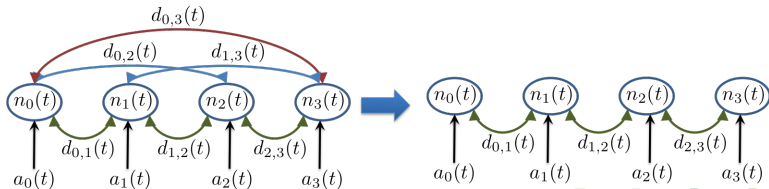
Aggregate model = **Tank Model** [Lambert, Gilman, Lilienthal, '06]

# Rate controlled, Interruptible charge, V2G (EVs)

- The canonical battery can go from any state to any state and has no deadline or other constraints.
- What about real appliances? Some are simple extensions
- Rate-constrained battery charge, e.g., V2G



- Interruptible consumption at a constant rate, e.g., pool pump, EV 1.1kW charge



- You can add deadlines using the same principle: cluster appliances with the same deadline  $\chi^q$
- Then, you simply express the constraint inside the flexibility set

$$\mathcal{L}^v(t) = \left\{ \begin{aligned} L(t) | L(t) &= \sum_{q=1}^{Q^v} \sum_{x=0}^{E^q} \sum_{x'=0}^{E^q} (x' - x) \partial d_{x,x'}^q(t) \\ \partial d_{x,x'}^q(t) &\in \mathbb{Z}^+, \forall x, x' \in \{0, 1, \dots, E^q\} \\ \sum_{x'=1}^{E^q} \partial d_{x,x'}^q(t) &\leq n_x^q(t), \forall x < E^q \rightarrow n_x(\chi^q) = 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (3)$$

# How to generalize the information model

- 1 **State-space** parametric description of the set  $\mathcal{L}_i(t)$  of possible load injections of specific appliance  $i$
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- 1 **State-space** parametric description of the set  $\mathcal{L}_i(t)$  of possible load injections of specific appliance  $i$
- 2 **Event-driven**: Appliances are available for control after  $t_i$  with initial state  $S_i$ ; (arrival is  $a_i(t) = u(t - t_i)$  unit step)
- 3 **Divide and conquer**: Define a representative set  $\mathcal{L}_q^v(t)$  for a given appliances category ( $v$ ), quantizing possible parameters ( $q$ ) and, if continuous, quantize the state ( $x$ )
- 4 **Aggregate and conquer**: Describe total flexibility  $\mathcal{L}^v(t)$  using:  
Aggregate arrival and state occupancy

$$a_x^q(t) = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{P}^{v,q}} \delta(S_i - x) a_i(t), \quad n_x^q(t) = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{P}_E^v} \delta(x_i(t) - x) a_i(t)$$

Aggregate control knob

$$d_{x,x'}^q(t) = \# \text{ appliance moved from } x \text{ to } x' \text{ before time } t$$

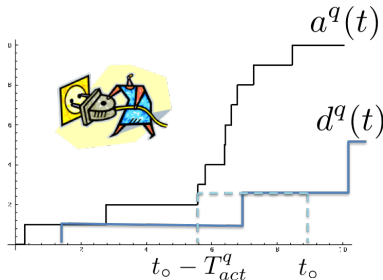
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# Real-time: How do we activating appliances?

## Arrival and Activation Processes

$a_q(t)$  and  $d_q(t) \rightarrow$  total recruited appliances and activations before time  $t$  in the  $q$ -th queue

- **Easy communications:** Broadcast time stamp  $T_{act}$ :  
 $a_q(t - T_{act}) = d_q(t)$



- Appliance whose arrival is prior than  $T_{act}$ . initiate to draw power based on the broadcast control message



# Quantized Models in Data Analysis and Simulation

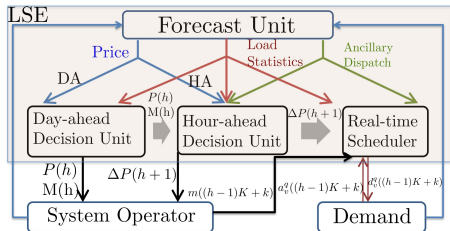
Ex. Electric Vehicles Data + Take participation as given for now

## Ex-ante Planning

- 1 From historical data forecast statistics of arrivals in clusters (e.g. [Alizadeh, Scaglione, Kurani, Davies 2013] for PHEVs)
- 2 Use a Model Predictive Control (MPC) framework with Sample Average Approximation (SAA) to make market purchase decisions

## Real-time Control

- 1 We perform DLS
- 2 Decide the profit maximizing schedule
- 3 Activate appliances
- 4 Refresh future arrival forecasts based on new observations

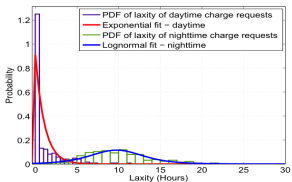
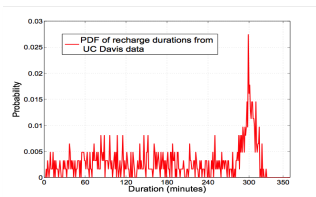


# Ex-ante Stochastic Population Models

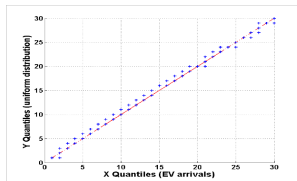
- In DLS, appliance arrival event is explicitly communicated
- Modeling challenge is similar to that of forecasting and serving non-stationary traffic for a call-center...

PHEV charging events studied in [Alizadeh, Scaglione, Davies, Kurani 2013]

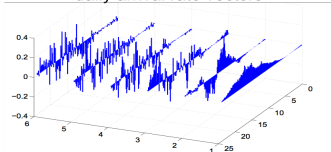
Charge and Laxity  $\rightarrow$  Clusters



Arrival counts  $\rightarrow$  Traffic  
KS test confirms Poisson arrivals

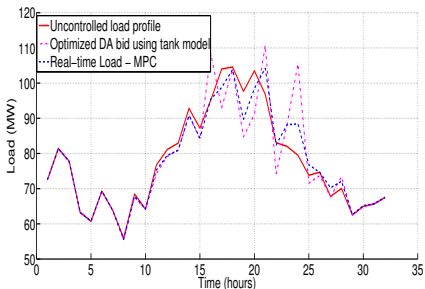
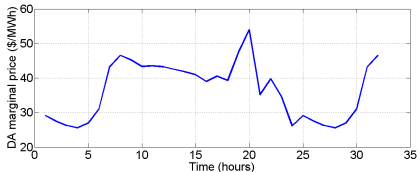


6 Principal components of  
daily arrival rate vectors



# Day Ahead Market Level Simulation

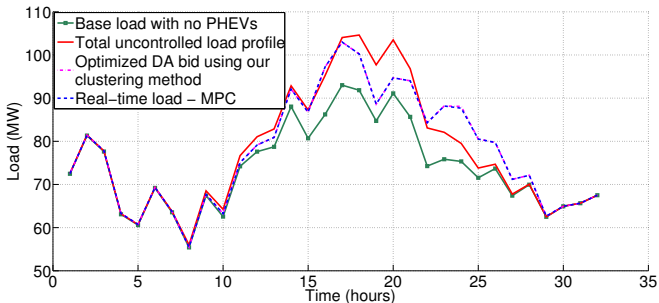
- Population of 40000 PHEVs + 1.1 kW **non-interruptible** charging
- Tank model = PHEVs effectively modeled as canonical batteries



- Real-world plug-in times and charge lengths
- 15 clusters (1-5 hours charge + 1-3 hours laxity)
- PHEV demand = 10% of peak load
- DA = Day Ahead
- PJM market prices DA 10/22/2013
- Real time prices = adjustments cost 20% more than DA
- DA = LP + SAA with 50 random scenarios + tank model
- RT = ILP + Certainty equivalence + clustering

# Proposed scheme

- Quantized Deferrable EV model
- Load following dispatch very closely when using our model



- Same setting
- DA = LP + Sample Average  $\approx \mathbb{E}\{a^q(t)\}$  (50 random scenarios) + clustering
- Real Time Control = ILP + Certainty equivalence + clustering

## Regulation market:

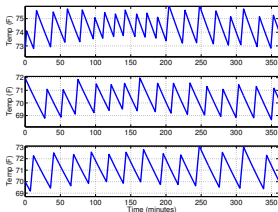
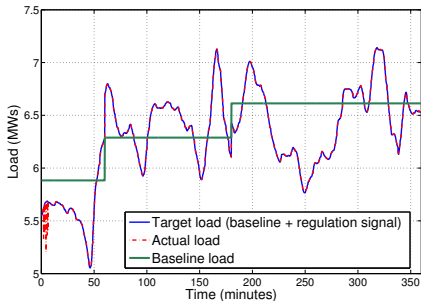
- To participate the aggregator must be able to
  - ① Increase/decrease demand by a certain step of variable height  $m$  from the baseline
  - ② Hold the demand at that value for a certain duration  $\xi$  (follow the AGC signal)
- We evaluated  $\xi$  to be the 97 % quantile of the zero-crossing time from historical AGC signals (19 min. based on PJM signals)
- Capacity estimated for the population of 10000 home air conditioners is 2.05 MWs

$$M' = \sum_{q=1}^Q \min_t M^q(t)$$

where  $M^q(t)$  is the maximum deviation  $m$  from the baseline that a load in cluster  $q$  can tolerate at time  $t$  with  $0.05m$  error (determined simulating the response of each cluster using  $\mathcal{L}^q(t)$ )

# Regulation through TCL loads

- Real Time the TCLs are controlled for 6 h based on *clustering deadlines* (60 clusters)
- Temperature is Jan 29th 2012 in Davis;
- $\Xi_i = \xi_i \sim U([2000, 4000])$  Btu/h,  $k_i \sim U([50, 200])$  W/C,  $x_i^* \sim U([69, 75])$ ,  $B_i \sim U([2, 4])$  F



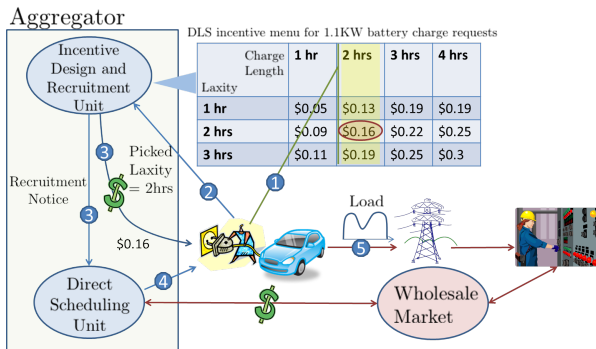
**Figure :** Simulated response of the TCL population (10000) to regulation signals and three 2 ton A/C units temperatures. The y-axis range is comfort band.

# Pricing specific flexible uses

# Dynamically Designed Cluster-specific Incentives

- Characteristics in  $\vartheta$  have 2 types: **intrinsic** and **customer chosen**
- We **cluster** appliances based on **intrinsic characteristics**
- Customer picks operation mode  $m$ , e.g., laxity  $\chi$  based on price

We design a set of incentives  $c_m^{v,q}(t)$ ,  $m = 1, \dots, M^{v,q}$  for each cluster



[Alizadeh, Xiao, Scaglione, Van Der Schaar 2013], see also [Bitar, Xu 2013],  
 [Kefayati, Baldick, 2011]



# The advantage of differentiating pricing...

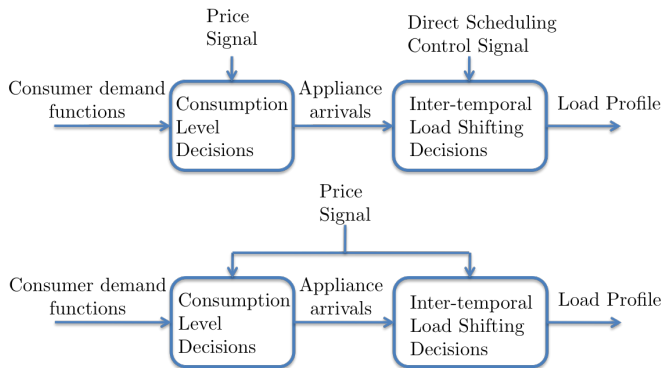


Figure : Differentiated Pricing and Scheduling (top) and Dynamic Retail Pricing (bottom).

Both schemes harness a subset of the *true* flexibility of demand

$$\mathcal{L}^{DR}(t) \subseteq \mathcal{L}(t)$$

# Differentiated pricing

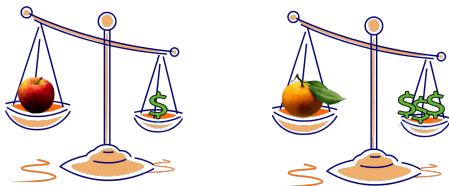
- An **aggregator** hires appliances and directly schedules their load
- **Set of differentiated prices** based on flexibility

$$\mathbf{c}^v(t) = \{c_{\vartheta}^v(t), \forall \vartheta \in \mathcal{T}^v\}$$

- Differentiated discounts  $\mathbf{c}^v(t)$  from a high flat rate  $\rightarrow$  **incentives**
- Appliances choose to participate based on incentives  $\rightarrow a_{\vartheta}^v(\mathbf{c}^v(t))$

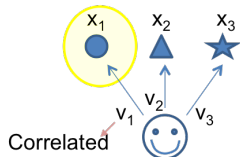
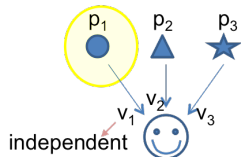
$$\mathcal{L}^{DR}(t) = \sum_{v=1}^V \sum_{\vartheta \in \mathcal{T}^v} a_{\vartheta}^v(\mathbf{c}^v(t)) \mathcal{L}_{\vartheta}^v(t). \quad (4)$$

- **Reliable:** aggregator observes  $a_{\vartheta}^v(\mathbf{c}^v(t))$  after posting incentives and before control - no uncertainty in control



# Incentive design

- Optimal posted prices? The closest approximation is the “optimal unit demand pricing”
- Customers valuation for different modes correlated (value of EV charge with 1 hr laxity vs. value of EV charge with 2 hrs laxity)



# The Incentive Design Problem

- Independent incentive design problem for different categories  $v$  and clusters  $q \rightarrow$  Let's drop  $q, v$  for brevity
- Aggregator designs

$$\mathbf{c}(t) = [c_1(t), c_2(t), \dots, c_M(t)]^T, \quad (5)$$

- From recruitment of flexible appliances, the aggregator saves money in the wholesale market (utility):

$$\mathbf{u}(t) = [U_1(t), \dots, U_M(t)]^T \quad (6)$$

- Aggregator payoff when interacting with a specific cluster population:

$$Y(\mathbf{c}(t); t) = \sum_{m \in \mathcal{M}} \overbrace{(U_m(t) - c_m(t))}^{\text{Payoff of mode } m} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{P}(t)} \overbrace{a_{i,m}(\mathbf{c}(t); t)}^{\text{indicator of mode } m \text{ selection}}. \quad (7)$$

$a_{i,m}(\mathbf{c}(t); t) = 1$  if load  $i$  picks mode  $m$  given incentives  $\mathbf{c}(t)$

- Goal: maximize payoff  $Y(\mathbf{c}(t); t)$
- Problem: we don't know how customers pick modes

# Probabilistic Model for Incentive Design Problem

- At best we have statistics  $\rightarrow$  Maximize expected payoff
- Probability of load  $i$  picking mode  $m$ :

$$P_{i,m}(\mathbf{c}(t); t) = \mathbb{E}\{a_{i,m}(\mathbf{c}(t); t)\}. \quad (8)$$

- Incentives posted publically - Individual customers not important
- Define the *mode selection average probability* across population:

$$P_m(\mathbf{c}(t); t) = \frac{\sum_{i \in \mathcal{P}(t)} P_{i,m}(\mathbf{c}(t); t)}{|\mathcal{P}(t)|} \quad (9)$$

$$\mathbf{p}(\mathbf{c}(t); t) = [P_0(\mathbf{c}(t); t), \dots, P_M(\mathbf{c}(t); t)]^T \rightarrow \text{what we need} \quad (10)$$

- Maximize expected payoff across cluster population

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\mathbf{c}(t) \succeq \mathbf{0}} \mathbb{E} \left\{ \sum_{m \in \mathcal{M}} (U_m(t) - c_m(t)) \sum_{i \in \mathcal{P}(t)} a_{i,m}(\mathbf{c}(t); t) \right\} = \\ \max_{\mathbf{c}(t) \succeq \mathbf{0}} \underbrace{(\mathbf{u}(t) - \mathbf{c}(t))^T}_{\text{known}} \underbrace{\mathbf{p}(\mathbf{c}(t); t)}_{\text{unknown}} \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

# Modeling the customer's decision

Approaches to model  $\mathbf{p}(\mathbf{c}(t); t)$ ? (average probability that the aggregator posts  $\mathbf{c}(t)$  and a customer picks each mode  $m$ )



- 1 **Bayesian model-based method:** rational customer -  $\max(V_i(t))$   
Risk-averseness captured by *types*

$$\text{customer utility } V_i(t) = \sum_{v,q} c_m^{v,q}(t) - R_{i,m}^{q,v}(t)$$

$R_{i,m}^{q,v}(t) = \gamma_i^{v,q} r_m^{v,q}(t)$ ,  $\gamma_i$  random variable drawn from one PDF

- 2 **Model-free learning method:** customers may only be boundedly rational. We need to learn their response to prices

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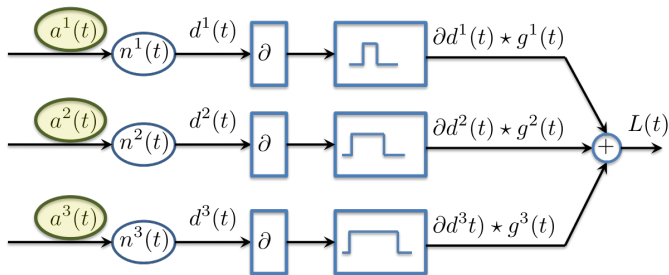
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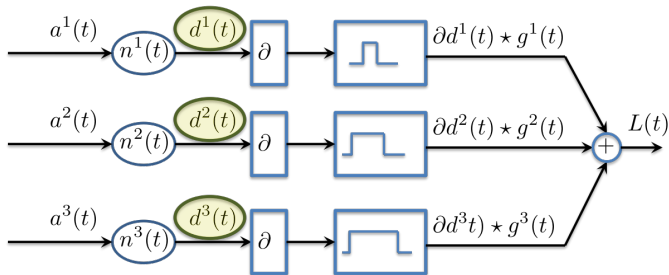
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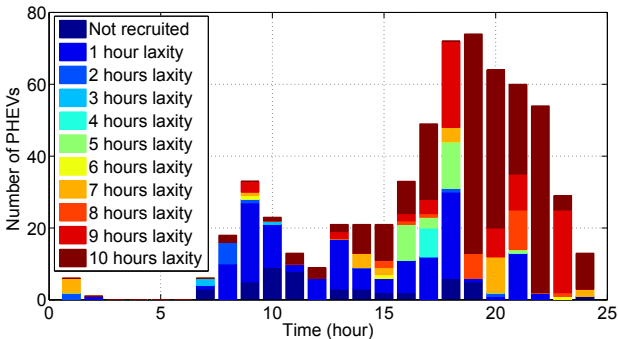
## Real-time:

- Observe arrivals in clusters
- **Decide appliance schedules**  $d^q(t)$  to optimize load



# Residential charging...

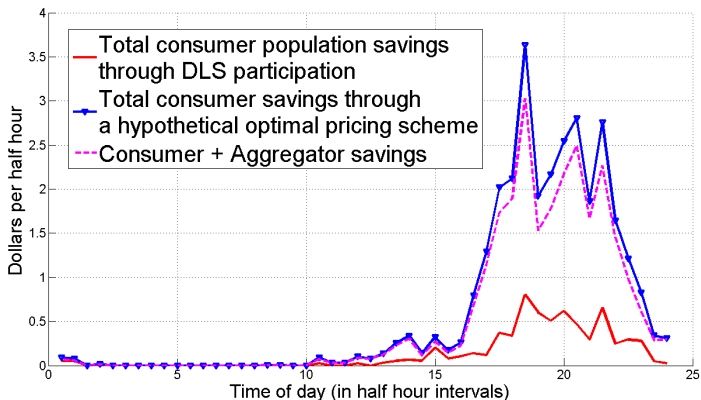
- Aggregator schedules 620 uninterruptible PHEV charging events
- Prices from New England ISO DA market - Maine load zone on Sept 1st 2013
- How many do we recruit (out of 620) and with what flexibility?



- More savings in the evening...

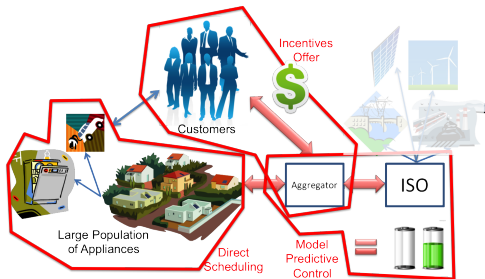
# Welfare Effects in Retail Market

- Welfare generate via Direct Load Scheduling (DLS) vs. idealized Dynamic Pricing (marginal price passed directly to customer - no aggregator)
- Savings summed up across the 620 events (shown as a function of time of plug-in)



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