

# The Evolving Electric Power Grid

-Energy Internet, IoT and AI

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# Outline

1. Recent Development: Energy Internet and IoT
2. The New-gen. AI Technologies
3. Challenges and Opportunities

# Unbalance in Resources and Load



Fig. West to east power transmission

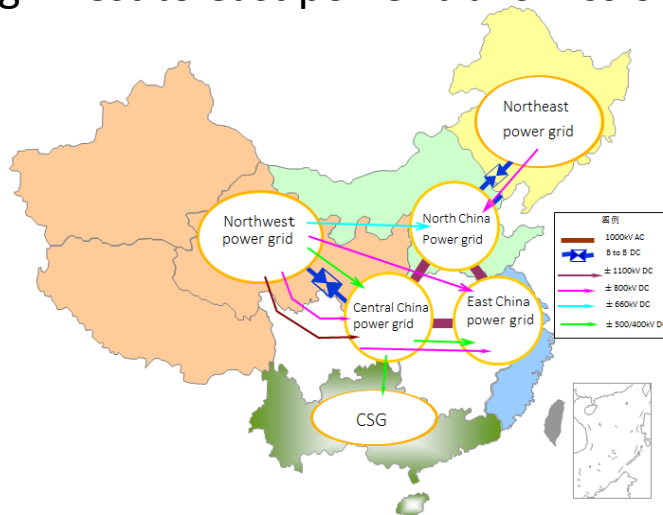


Fig. China power transmission framework

## Resource

- 76% of coal in North and Northwest
- 80% of hydropower in Southwest, mainly in upper stream of Yangtze River
- All inland wind in Northwest
- Solar resources mainly in Northwest

## Load

- 70%+ of load in Central and Eastern parts

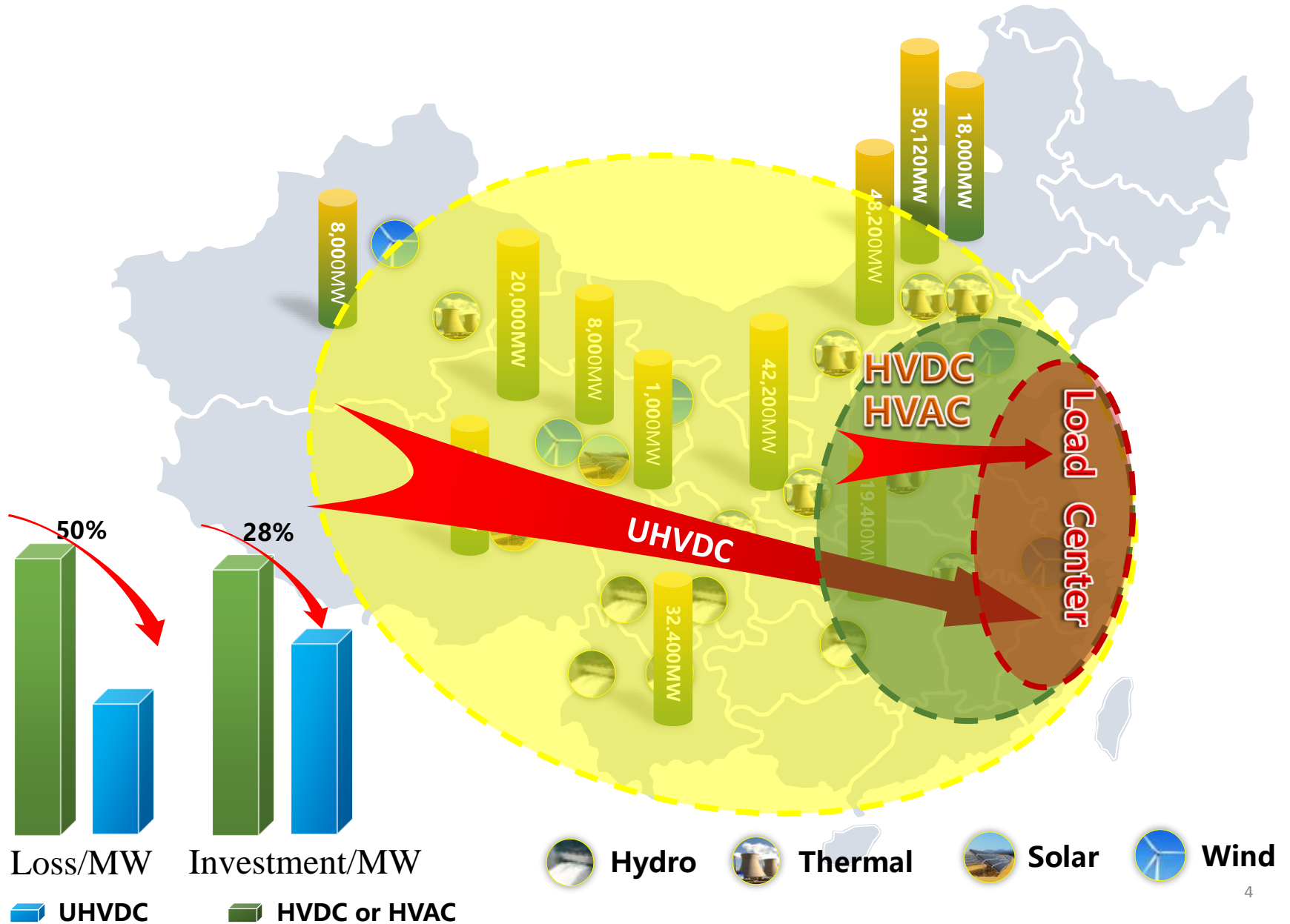
## Transmission

- Distances between resource and load center reaches up to 2000+km
- UHVDC and UHVAC are good options to transfer huge amount of power over long distance

## Challenges

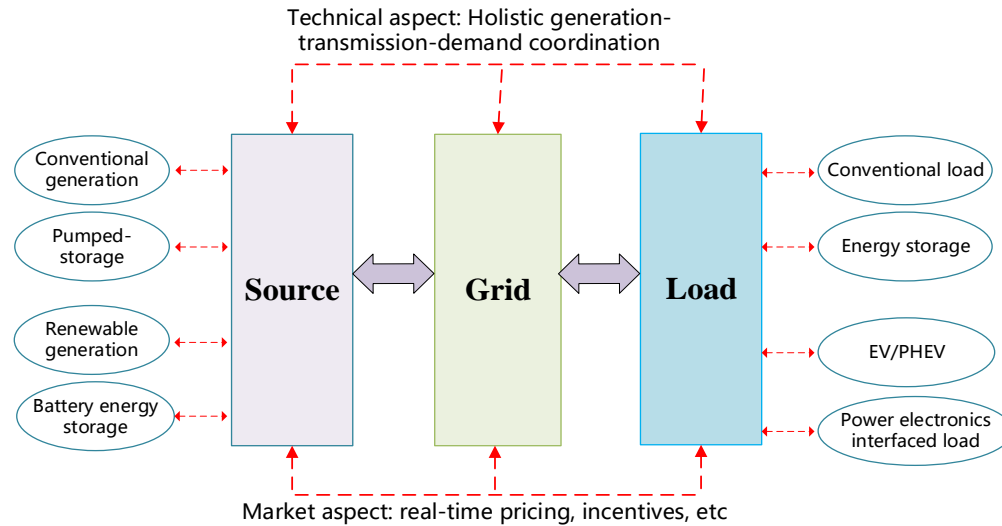
- Hybrid operation of AC and DC systems
- System stability, security, and reliability

# UHVDC

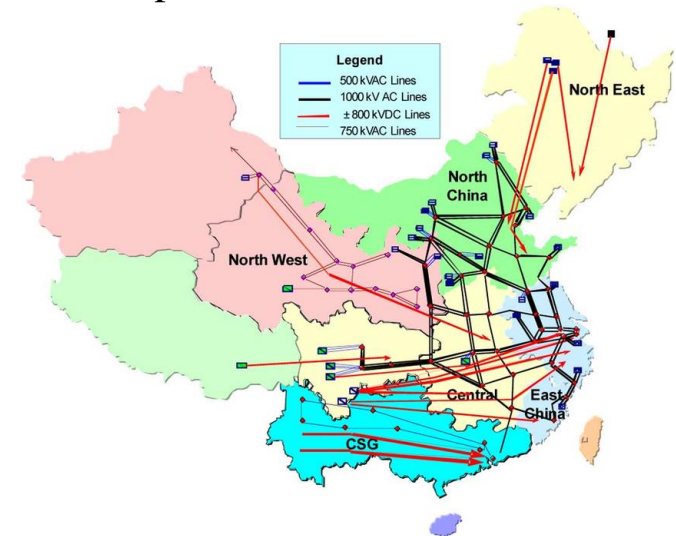


# Developmental Trend: Source-Grid-Load Interaction

## Source-Grid-load interaction proposed by SGCC Jiangsu



## UHVDC/UHVAC/HVDC/HVAC development in China



The existing load control methods are of low granularity, and the load response is slow.

The load monitoring/control is highly dependent on the SCADA network and it costs much to extend to end-user level.

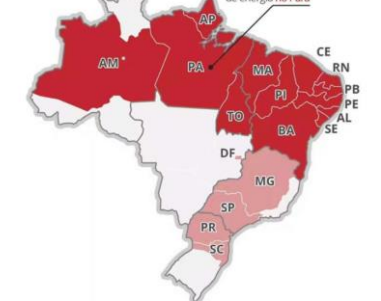
It is urgent to develop cost-effective methods to integrate higher levels of renewable generation.

## UHVDC Fault Caused Outage in Brazil

**Apagão em 13 estados do Norte e Nordeste**  
O problema foi registrado às 15h48

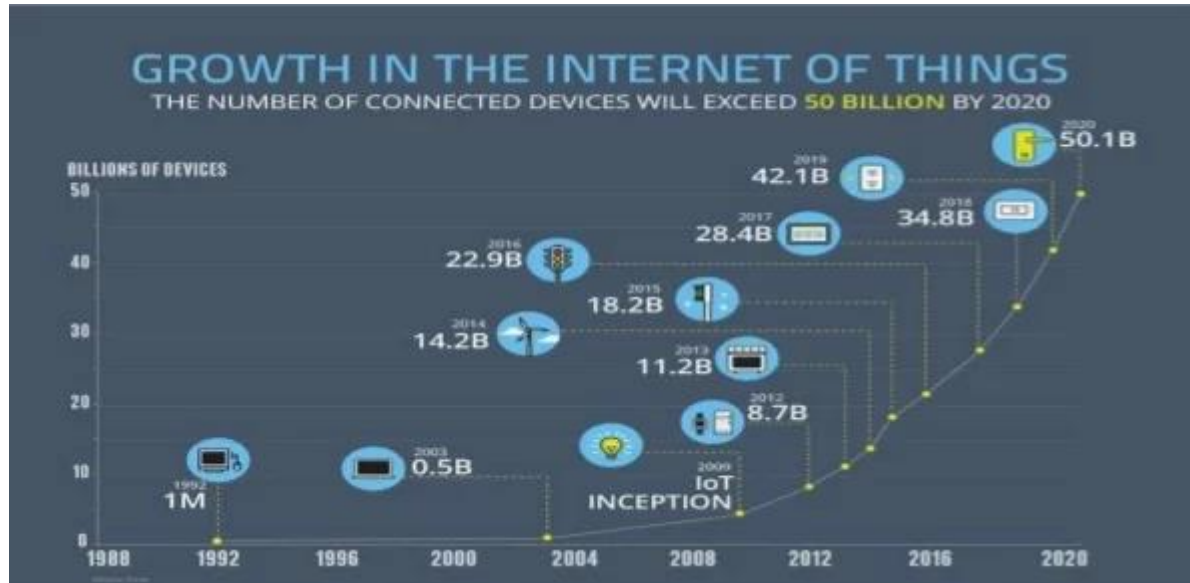
- Falta de energia em todas as cidades
- Falta de energia pontual

**Causas:** 'Perda de carga' em uma rede de abastecimento de energia no Pará



\*Ainda sem confirmação da extensão do problema  
Fonte: ONS e estados  
Infográfico elaborado em: 21/03/2018

# Developmental Trend: Internet-of-Things (IoT)



Pic from: <https://www.valuecoders.com/blog/technology-and-apps/11-mobile-app-development-trends-stay-2017/>

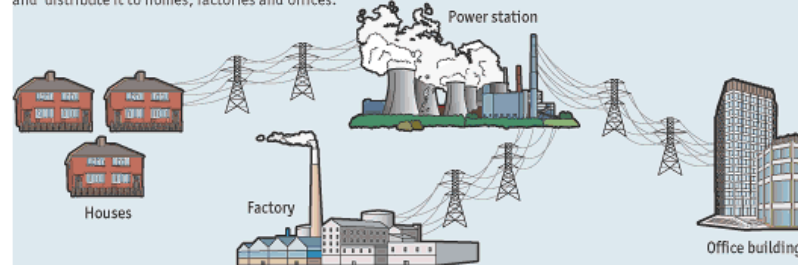
- Advanced metering infrastructure (AMI)
- SCADA (supervisory control and data acquisition)
- Smart inverters
- Remote control operation of energy consuming devices
- Various type of interconnected sensors

# Developmental Trend: Energy Internet (Interconnection)

## The shape of grids to come?

### Conventional electrical grid

Centralised power stations generate electricity and distribute it to homes, factories and offices.

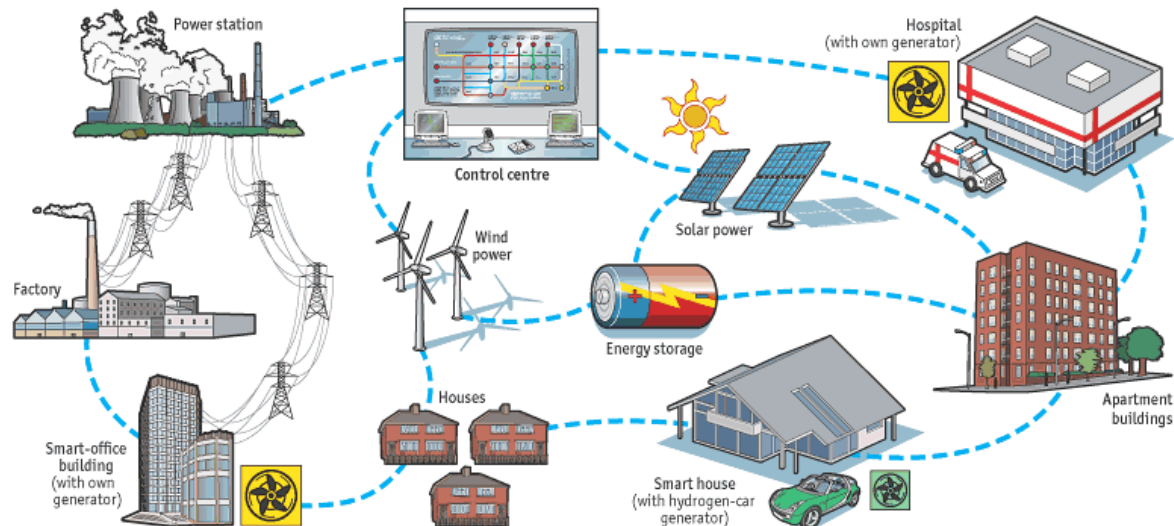


### Energy internet

Many small generating facilities, including those based on alternative energy sources such as wind and solar power, are orchestrated using real-time monitoring and control systems.

Offices or hospitals generate their own power and sell the excess back to the grid. Hydrogen-powered cars can act as generators when not in use. Energy-storage technologies smooth out fluctuations in supply from wind and solar power.

Distributing power generation in this way reduces transmission losses, operating costs and the environmental impact of overhead power lines.



Sources: *The Economist*; ABB

Pic from: <https://www.economist.com/technology-quarterly/2004/03/13/building-the-energy-internet>



# Known Challenges and Opportunities

## Challenges

- Increasing dynamics and stochastics.
- Traditional operational rules and procedures, which are derived from offline studies or historical experiences, tend to be less optimal (over-conservative or risky).
- Limited capabilities to adapt to various, including unknown, system operating conditions.
- Causes
  - Increasing penetration of DERs
  - Transportation electrification
  - Fast demand responses
  - New market behaviors
  - Inaccurate grid models



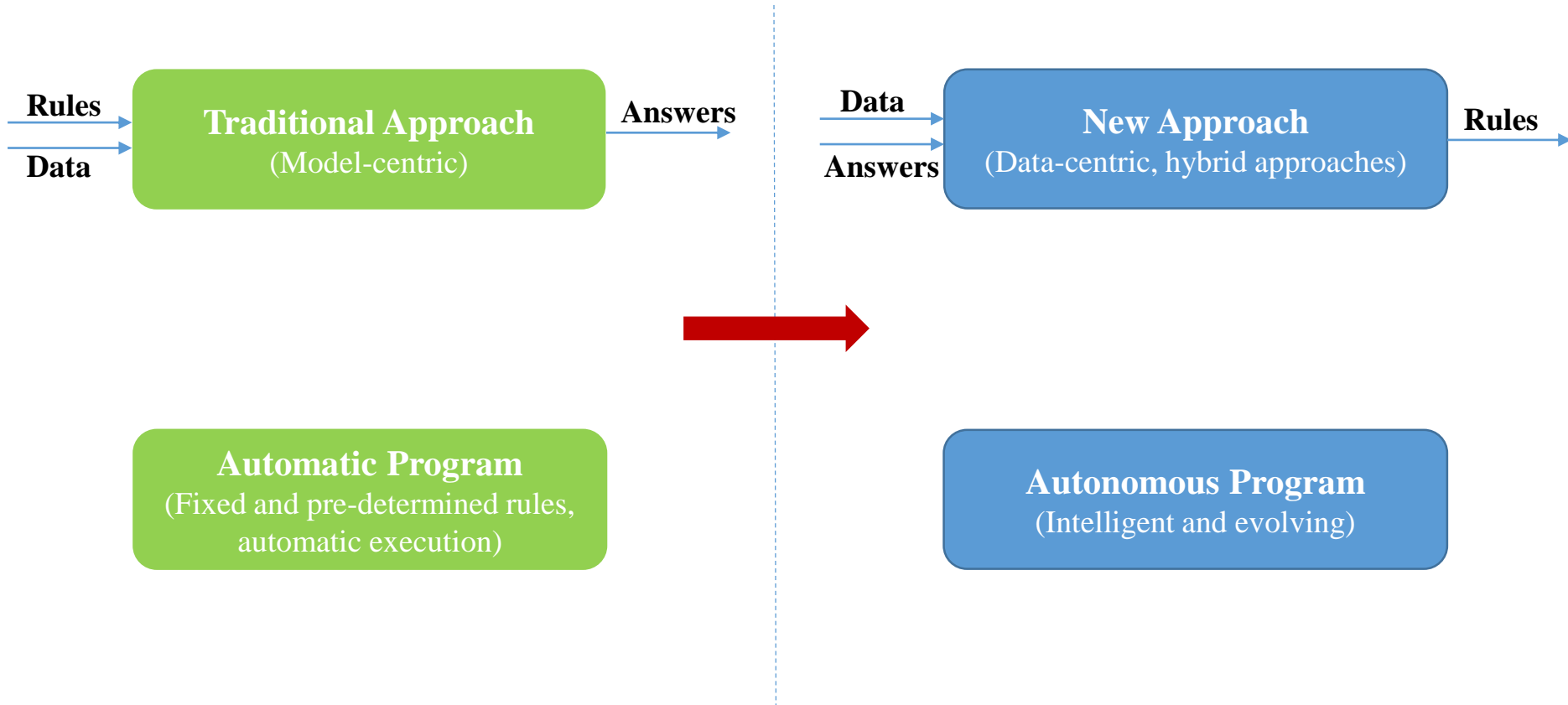
## Opportunities

- The need for faster and enhanced system situational awareness tools/platforms.
  - WAMS with good coverage of PMUs
  - Point-on-wave measurements/devices
  - Progress in computation/simulation
  - Recent progress in AI (Deep learning)
- The need for faster, preferably real-time, decision-support tools/platforms.
  - Most existing operational rules are offline determined considering the worst-case scenarios
  - Lack of preventive/corrective measures to mitigate operational risks
  - Proven capability of AI in decision making/support under highly complexed situations.

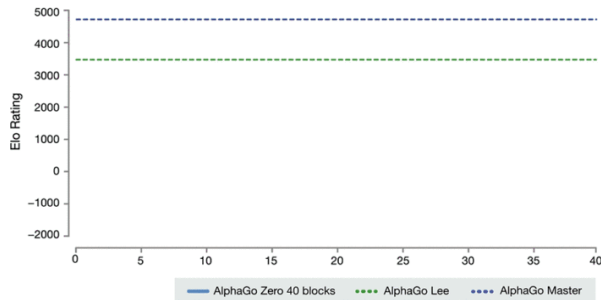
Lack of approaches to collect and synthesize **overwhelming amounts of data** from **millions of** smart sensors **nationwide** to make **timely decisions** on how to **best allocate** energy resources.



# Changes in Way of Thinking



# The New-gen. AI Technologies



Oct. 2017, 《Nature》, AlphaGo Zero beat AlphaGo Lee with a score of 100:0, after 3 days' training by **learning from scratch**.



Dec. 2018, AlphaStar mastered the real-time strategy game StarCraft II and beat top teams, by **learning from human and then self play**.



7 robots are set up to collect grasping episodes with autonomous self-supervision. Robot arms learn to pick things up, hard and soft objects in different ways, with **little human interference**.

Credit of pics: Google

## Core technologies: Deep learning + Reinforcement learning



### Notes:

- No/limited labeled data (raw data input), play against itself for improvement.
- Learn from human, and then play against itself for improvement.

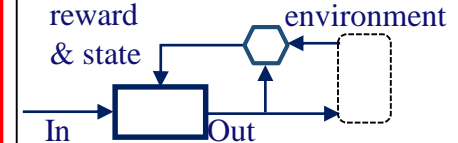
### Hints for power system applications:

- Lack of large amount of labeled data, especially event data.
- Generate reasonable data sets based on existing/typical data/operating conditions.
- Combine AI with classical power system theories/computations/metrics.

# Deep Learning

**Deep Learning is part of the machine learning family based on artificial neural network with many layers. Deep learning can be supervised, unsupervised and semi-supervised.**

## Reinforcement Learning



### Application

- ✓ DeepMind's AlphaGo
- ✓ AlphaZero
- ✓ AlphaStar
- ✓ Fire-extinguish robots

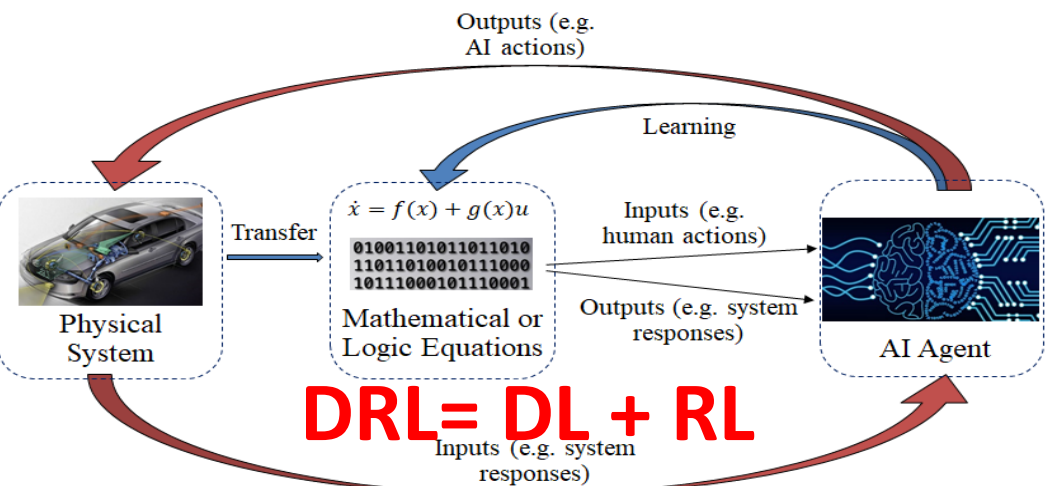
### Common Algorithms

- Dynamic programming
- Monte Carlo
- Q-Learning
- SARSA
- Deep Q Network (DQN)
- Asynchronous Actor-Critic Agent (A3C)
- Deep Deterministic Policy Gradient (DDPG)

### Common Algorithms

- $k$ -Nearest
- Linear
- Logistic
- Decision
- Naïve
- Support (SVM)
- Neural

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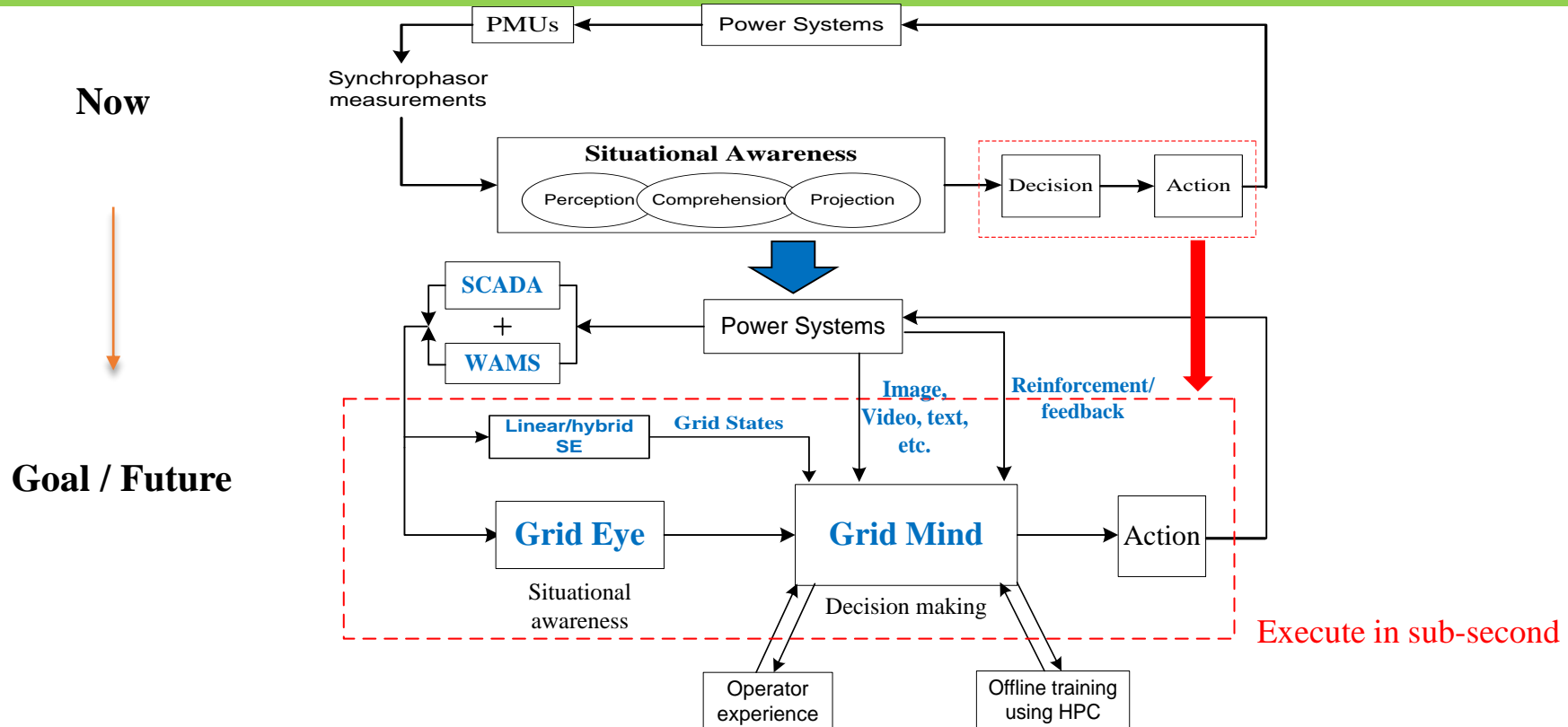


**DRL = DL + RL**

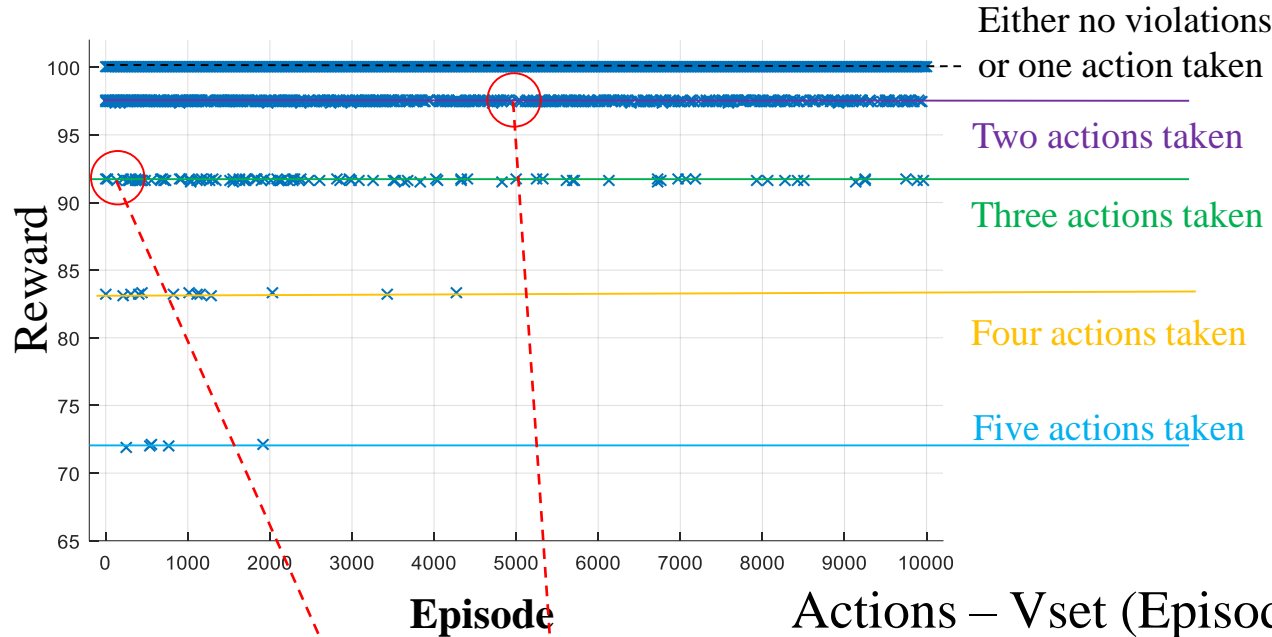
# The Grid Mind Vision

- **Grid Mind:** A **measurement-driven**, **grid-interactive**, **self-evolving**, and **open** platform for power system autonomous dispatch and control.
- ❑ In the short term, create EXAMPLES of AlphaZero in power systems.
- ❑ In the mid-term, Grid Mind serves as an assistant to grid operators.
- ❑ In the long term, Grid Mind will be the core of power system operation ROBOT.

**Goal: To develop a platform and tools that can transform massive amount of measurements into actionable decisions in real time.**



# Autonomous Voltage Control (AVC) on IEEE 14-Bus System



60%-120% random system load changes

**Actions – Vset (Episode 8 and 5000)**

gen1_vset	gen2_vset	gen3_vset	gen6_vset	gen8_vset	episode
1.05	1.025	1	0.95	0.975	8
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0.975	1	0.95	1.025	1.05	5000

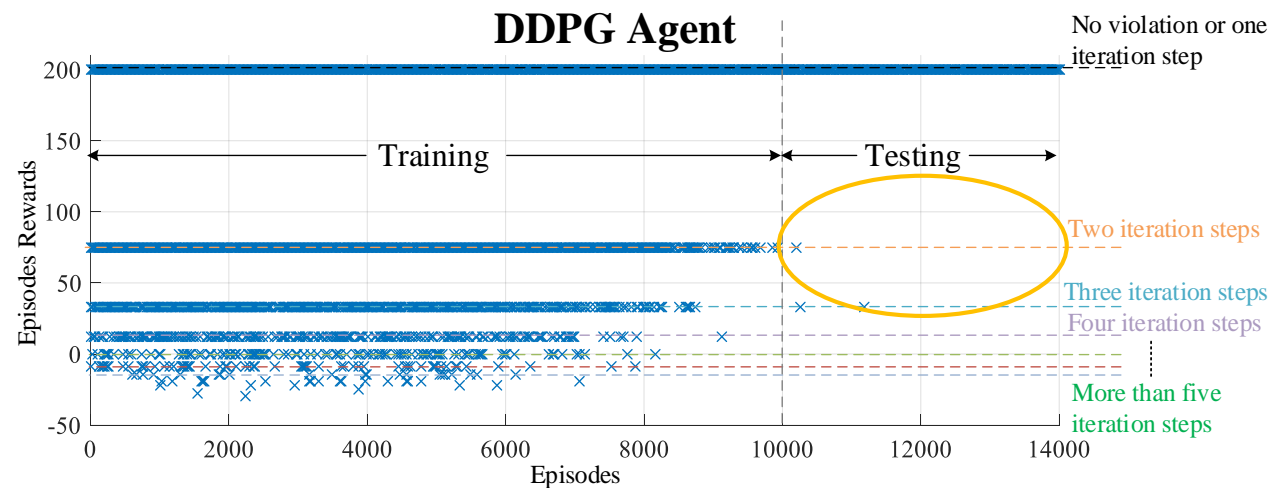
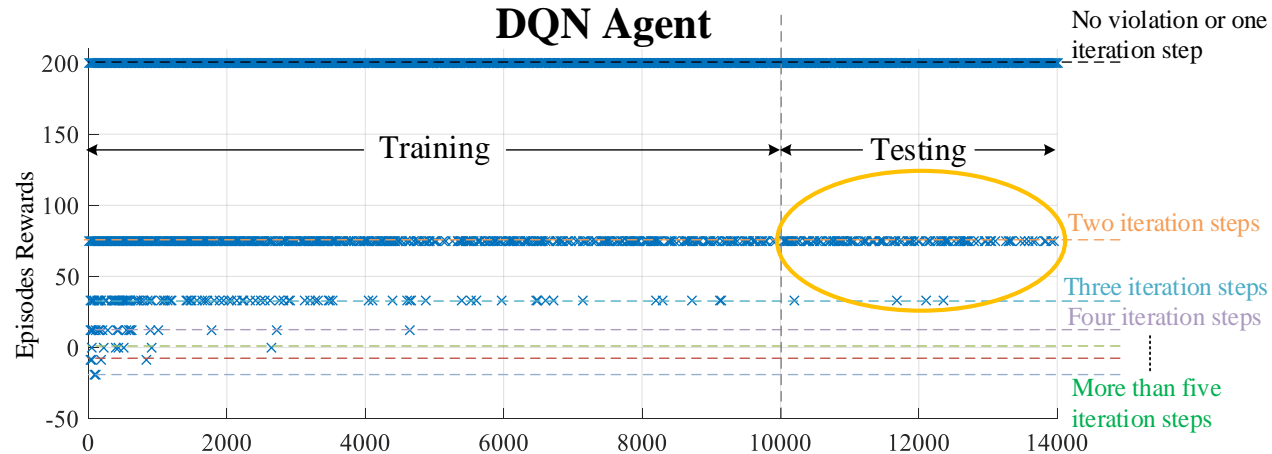
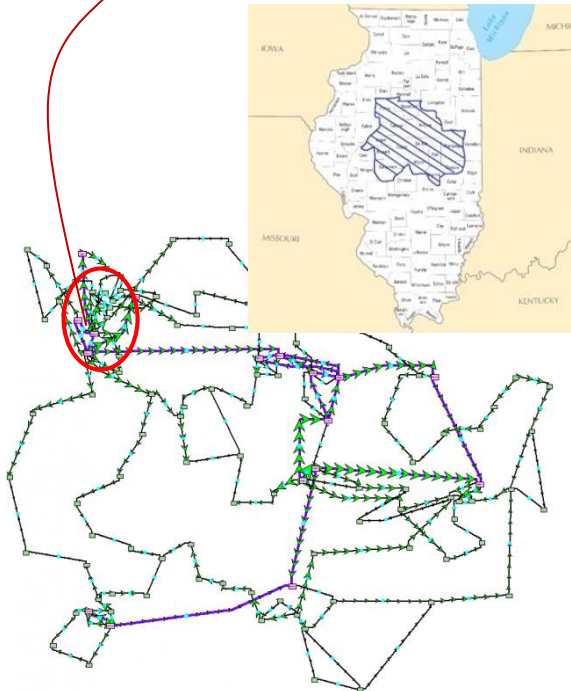
**States – Bus Voltage (Episode 8 and 5000)**

bus1	bus2	bus3	bus4	bus5	bus6	bus7	bus8	bus9	bus10	bus11	bus12	bus13	bus14	episode
1.06	1.045	1.01	1.01797	1.02025	1.07	1.06204	1.09	1.05682	1.05137	1.05756	1.05568	1.05237	1.03698	8
1.05	1.025	1	0.97375	0.9756	0.95	0.974	0.975	0.96352	0.95255	0.94802	0.93591	0.9342	0.93076	8
1.025	0.975	0.95	0.95572	0.95909	1	1.00554	1.05	0.99402	0.98678	0.99011	0.98523	0.98225	0.96972	8
1.06	1.045	1.01	1.01699	1.01936	1.07	1.06047	1.09	1.05409	1.04913	1.05583	1.05456	1.05036	1.03339	5000
0.975	1	0.95	0.9627	0.96341	1.025	1.01158	1.05	1.00331	0.99898	1.00803	1.00845	1.00369	0.98341	5000

# AVC: DQN and DDPG Agents for Illinois 200-bus System

60%-120% random load changes are applied to each episode

**Regional voltage control is considered for DQN agent: 5 adjacent generators with 30 interconnected buses in the neighborhood subsystem**



After 10,000 episodes' learning, the designed DRL agents start to master the voltage control problem in the 200-bus system by making decisions autonomously.

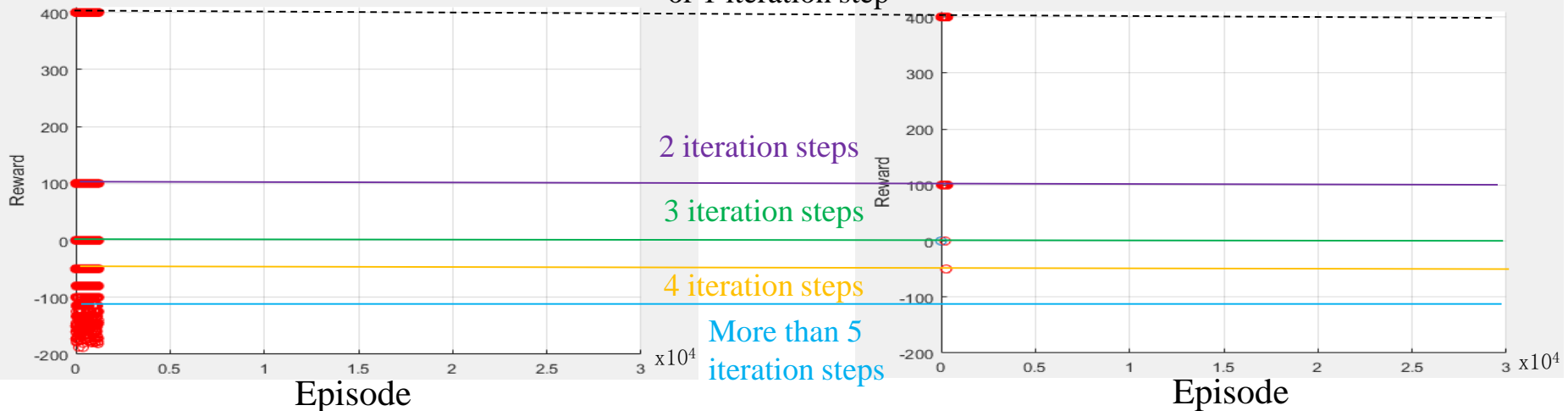
# Further Testing-200 Bus System with Random N-1

- Test the DRL agent under different loading conditions: heavily loaded, fully loaded, and lightly loaded.
- **Consider different topological changes. For example, random line tripping contingency or N-1 conditions.**

**DDPG; 60%-140%; Enforcing Q limit**

Either no violation  
or 1 iteration step

**DQN; 60%-140%; Enforcing Q limit**



## Observations:

1. With little human interference, the designed agents work very well under all testing conditions.
2. The results comply with basic power system principles and engineering judgement very well.
3. The proposed framework is promising for power system autonomous operation and control.



# Demo



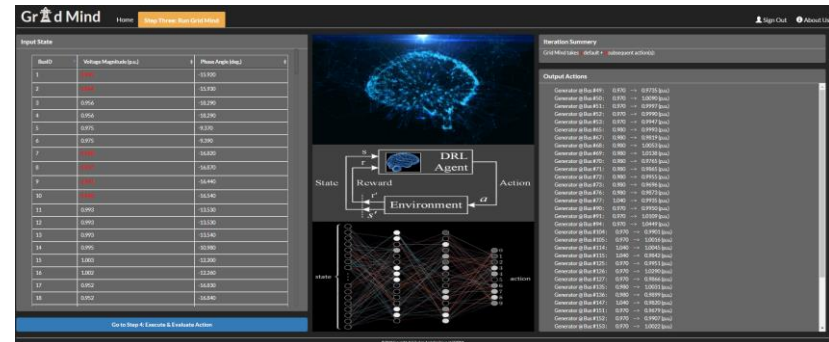
**Step 1:** Perturb the system



**Step 2:** Check for voltage violations



**Step 4:** See the results



**Step 3:** Run Grid Mind

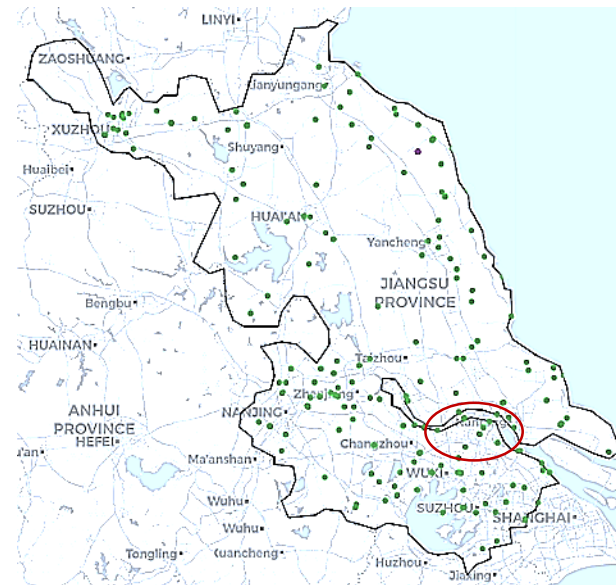
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# Deployment of Grid Mind at Jiangsu Grid



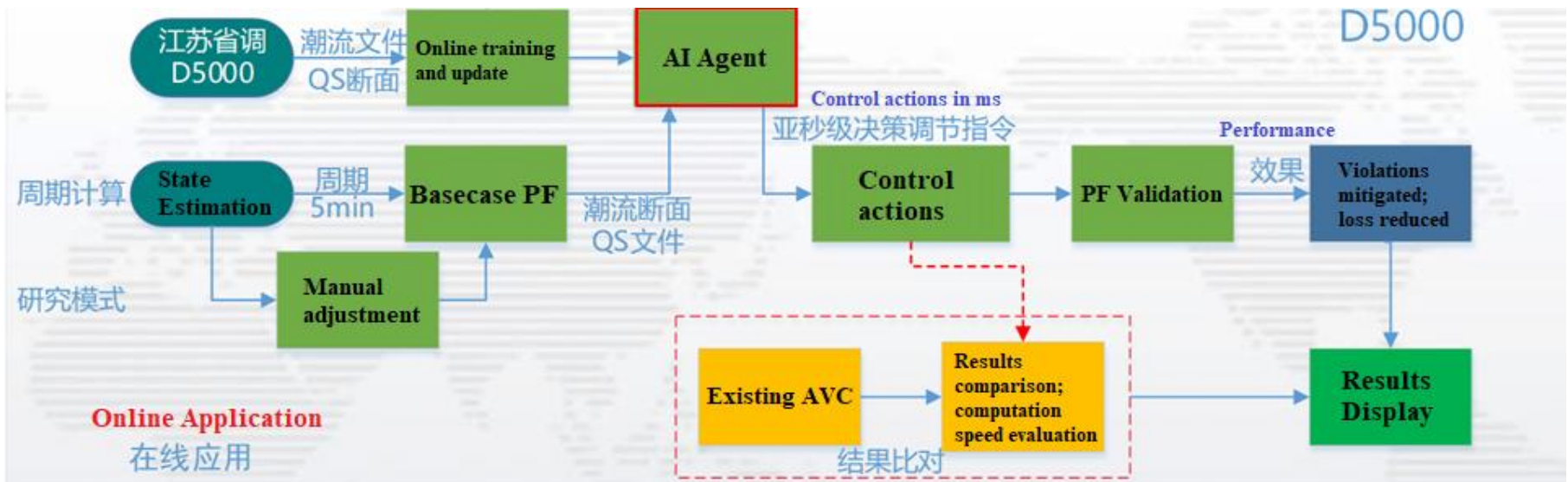
**220kV and Above at ZhangJiaGang**

# Two Pilot Projects at ZhangJiaGang and NingBei of Jiangsu



- 45 substations and power plants
- 12 generators
- 3 500kV substations
- 37 220kV substations
- ~100 T-lines
- 50 buses
- Max load 3500MW
- Max gen. 5800MVA

# Interface with Existing EMS and Data Flows



# Pre-deployment Training and Testing

## ➤ Generate Reasonable Data Sets based on Existing Data

- Perturb the following data files 2019-07-30-10-00, 2019-07-30-13-00, 2019-07-30-15-00, 2019-07-30-17-00, 2019-07-31-13-00 (of entire Jiangsu Grid), by changing its load between **80%-120%**, with **N-1** and **N-1-1**
- Generate a total of **24000** system snap shots, use **12,000** of them as the training data and the rest for testing

## ➤ Control Objectives

- Bus voltages of 220kV and above stay within range
- 220kV-and-above lines should not be overloaded
- Reduce the loss for all lines at 220kV and above

### Offline training & online execution:

Train the AI agent from scratch offline to “college” level, the agent has to learn itself in the online environment to “graduate”

## ➤ Testing Results are shown in the table

No. of Iterations	No. of Cases	Percentage (%)
1	11670	97.25
2	90	0.75
3	19	0.16
4	8	0.067
5	5	0.042
6	3	0.025
7	3	0.025
8	1	0.0083
10	1	0.0083
20	200	1.67

## ➤ Summary of Results

- ❑ Success rate in term of voltage control: 99.9917% (for only one case, voltage issue got relieved but not completely solved, 1/12000)
- ❑ Success rate in term of line flow control: 100%
- ❑ Success rate in term of loss reduction: 98.33%, averaged loss reduction at 1.27%

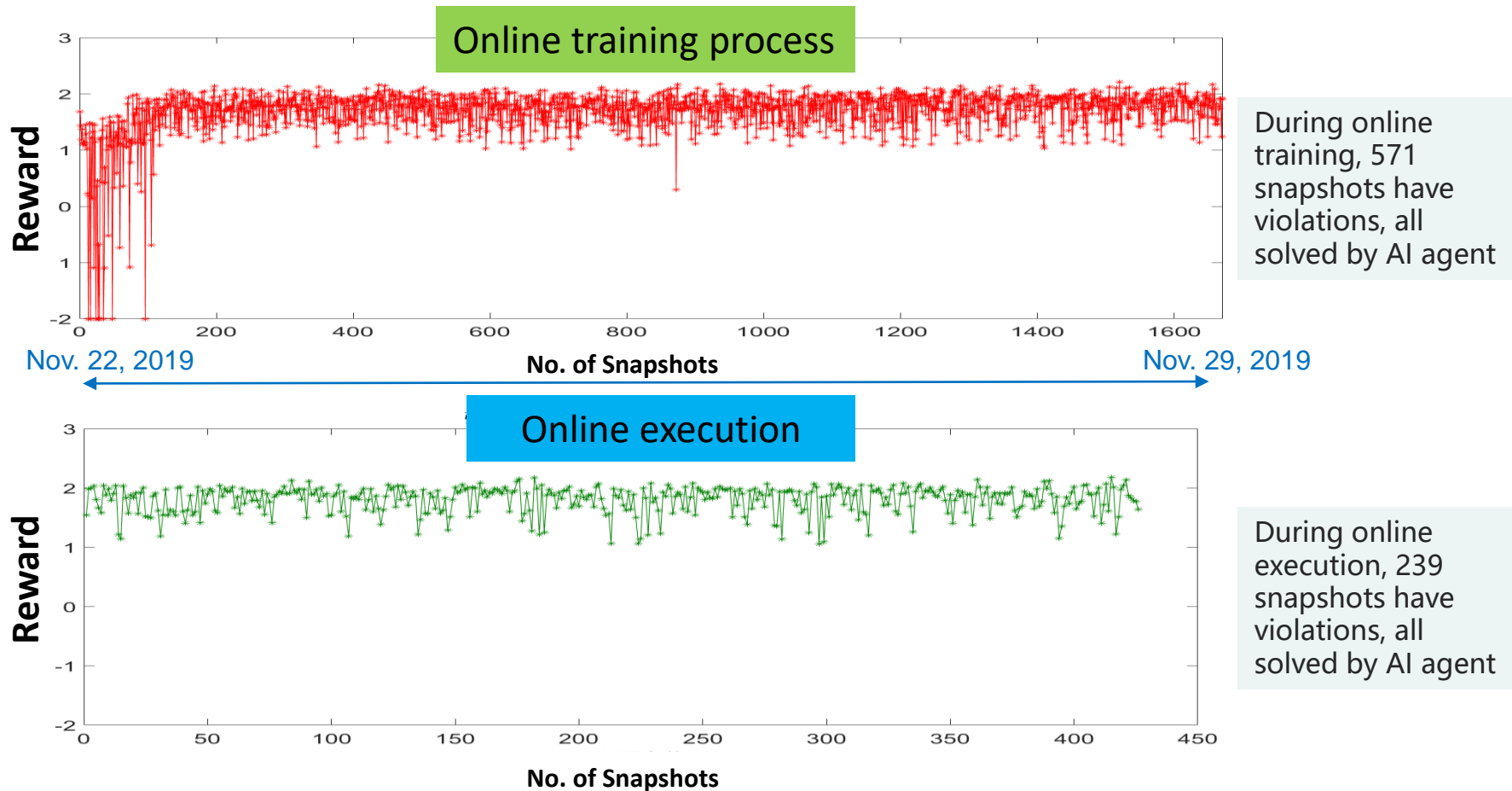
### Possible causes (needs further investigation):

- 1) Unreasonable data set (random load perturbation was considered)
- 2) Action space can be enlarged (shunts and Xfrm taps)
- 3) The case itself is difficult to solve (potential byproduct critical snapshot identification)



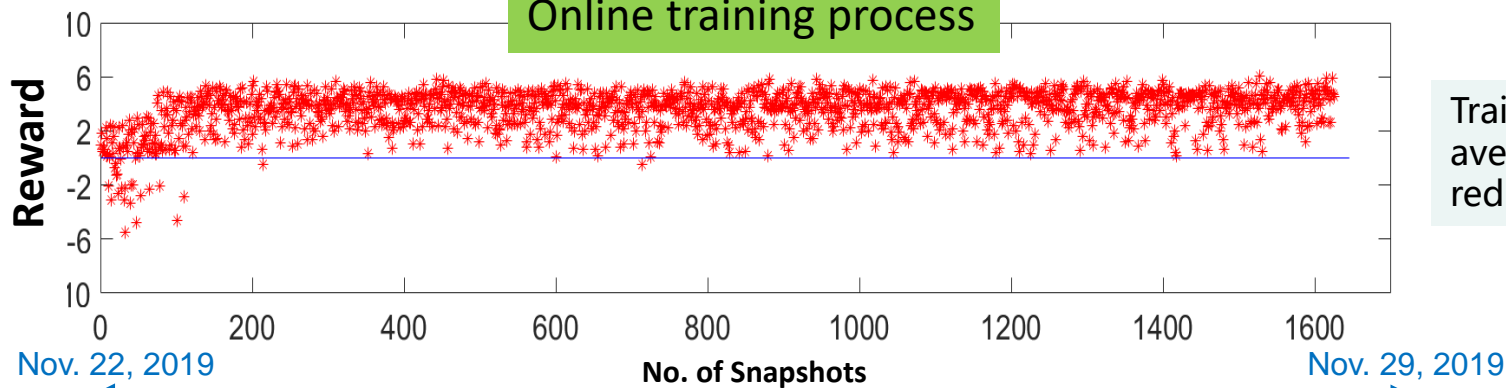
# Online Deployment with REAL Data

**Reward function:** positive if violations in Vs and Flows are solved; negative otherwise; the more loss it reduces, the higher the reward



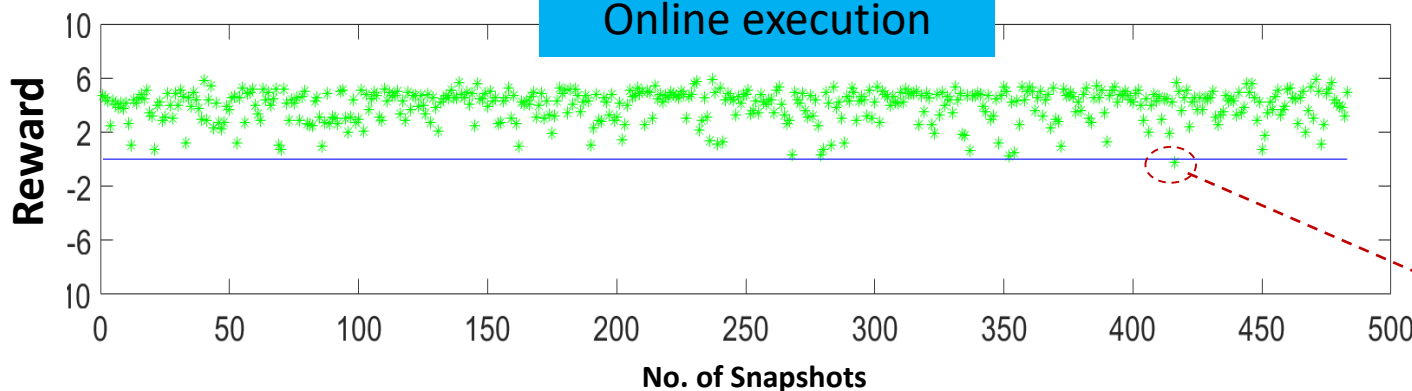
During online training, after ~200 snapshots, AI agent start to converge, and continue to evolve afterwards;  
 During online execution, all cases are solved, validated by the EMS (D5000);  
 For all cases, voltage and line flow violations are solved, with an average reduction in system loss of 3.87%.

Online training process



Training period:  
average loss  
reduction: **3.4525%**

Online execution



Execution period:  
average loss  
reduction: **3.8747%**

Voltage violations  
solved, loss  
increases slightly

**Observations: validated by the EMS**

- 1) following the decisions of the AI agent, all voltage violations are solved;
- 2) for one snapshot, voltage violations are solved, loss slightly increases;
- 3) other than the one case, loss reductions are observed, with highest number reaching ~6%;
- 4) for all snapshots, before and after control, no violation in flow is observed.



# Display of one event (screen shots from one video)...

## Performance

### Voltage violations at two Substations

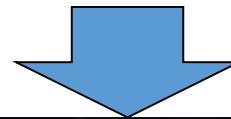


### Actions suggested

The screenshot shows suggested actions for generators under the heading 'AI调整策略 发电机有功'. The actions listed are:

- 发电机调压
- 容抗器投切
- 变压器档位

设备名称	设定值
江苏 碧溪厂/27kV.6号机	28.16
江苏 碧溪厂/27kV.5号机	28.16
江苏 常熟厂/18kV.#1机	18.36
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## Computation time



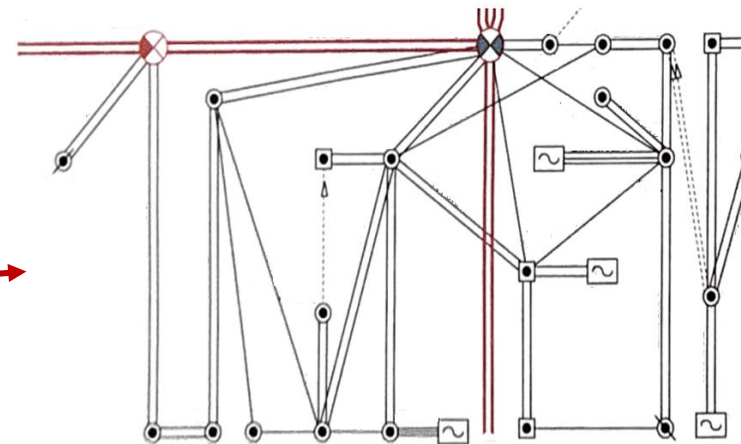
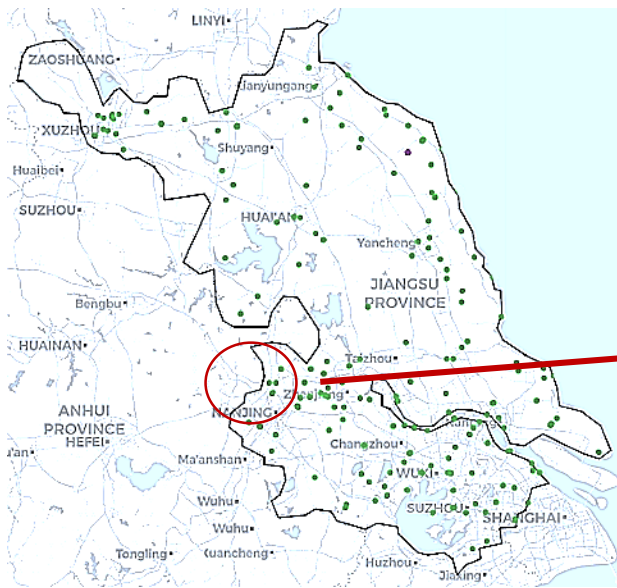
**Decision takes 2.2 ms**



Problem solved after taking the suggestion from AI agent

# Deployment at NingBei

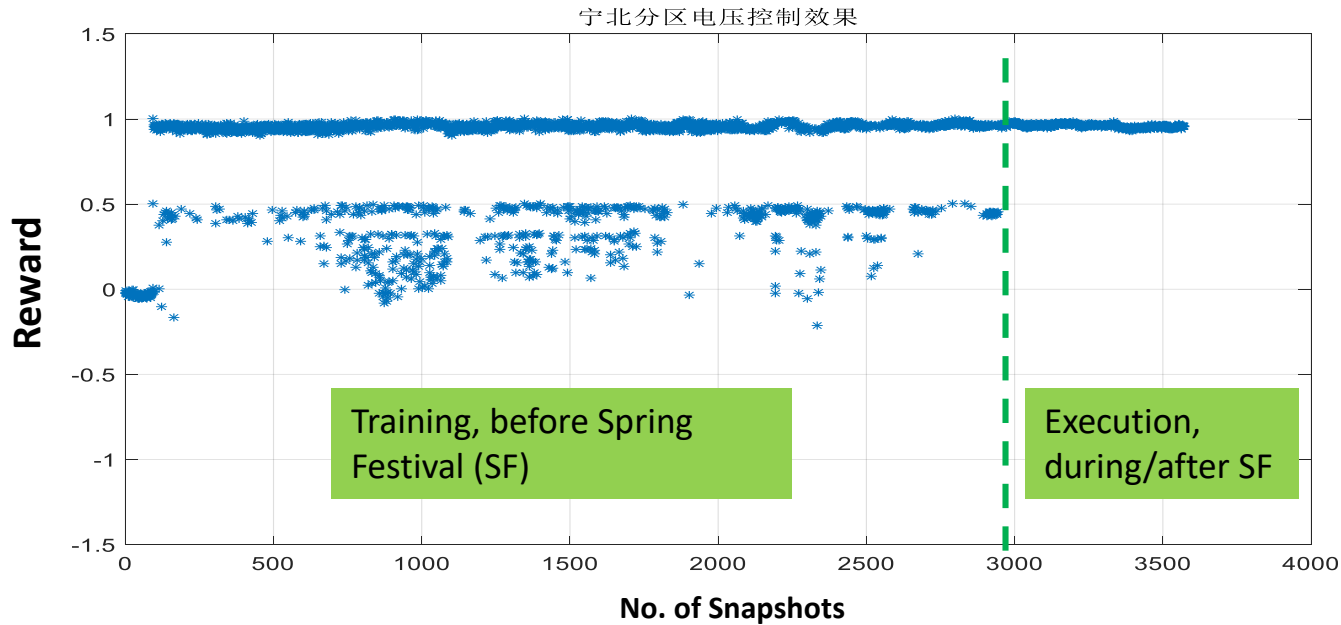
- **Objective:** to relieve the high-voltage problem during the Spring Festival and national holidays
- **Special operating conditions**
  - ✓ Close to HVDC terminal station
  - ✓ Forecasted load of Jiangsu Grid during this period drops to 1/3 of peak load (~33,500MW)
  - ✓ One transformer being maintained, 4x60MVar shunt reactors offline
  - ✓ Multiple generators operates in under-excitation mode with negative Q



NingBei Area

# Results

Jan. 1, 2020-Feb. 12, 2020, a total of 10919 snapshots

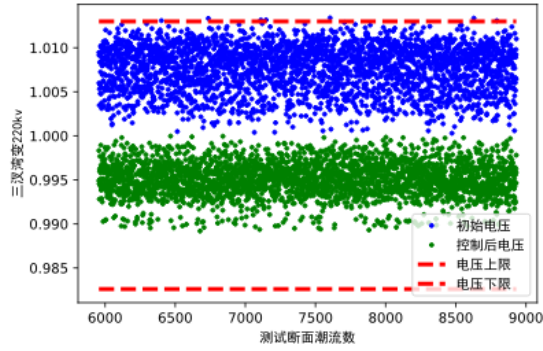


- **Training:** 2864 snapshots with violations
- **Execution/testing:** 707 snapshots with violations
- **100% success rate**

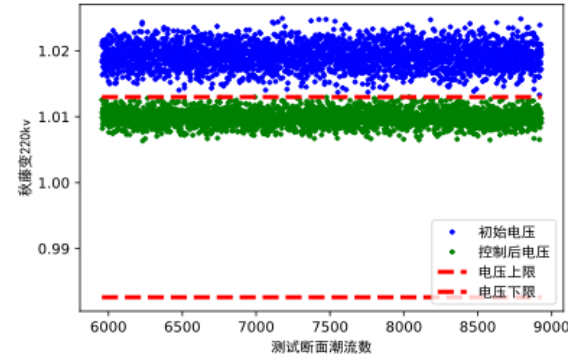
# Bus Voltages

220kV-and-above buses

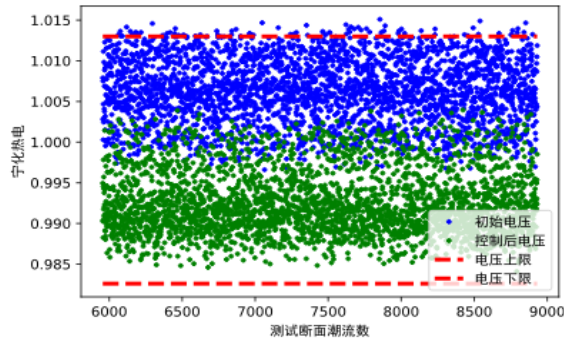
SanChaWan 220kV



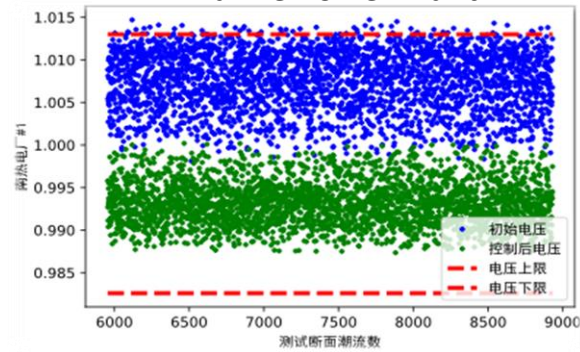
QiuTengBian 220kV



NingHua Thermal Plant



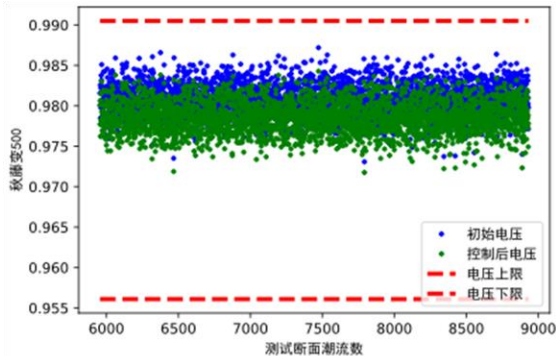
NanRe Power Plant



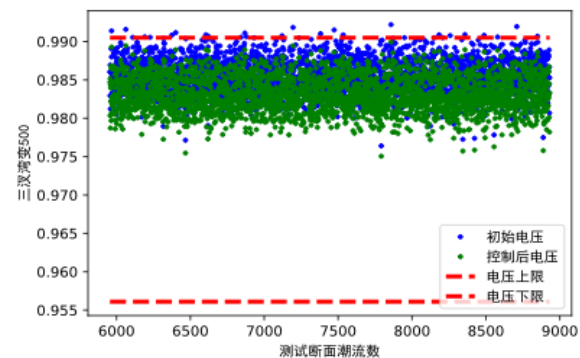
● before  
● after

500kV-and-above buses

QiuTengBian 500kV



SanChaWanBian 500kV



# Real Time Optimal Topology Control (L2RPN)

## -- Problem Formulation

### • Time-Series Optimal Control through Topology Adjustment

Optimization problem:

• Input Data

*Obj. Min/Max (Objective)*

*s.t. Constraint\_1*

*Constraint\_2*

*Constraint\_3*

...

*Constraint\_i*

*Constraint\_j*

...

Single-timestep  
Constraints

Multi-timestep  
Constraints

• Decision Variables

**Goal:** Maximize the remaining power transfer capability of the entire system (all lines) over **all time steps for all scenarios**

**Transfer Capability at a Time Step:**

$$\text{Step\_single\_line\_margin} = \text{Max}(0, 1 - \text{Flow}/\text{ThermalLimit})^{**2}$$

$$\text{Step\_single\_line\_score} = 1 - (1 - \text{Step\_single\_line\_margin})^{**2}$$

$$\text{Step\_total\_score} = \text{Sum}(\text{Step\_single\_line\_score}) \text{ over lines}$$

**Transfer Capability for one Scenario:**

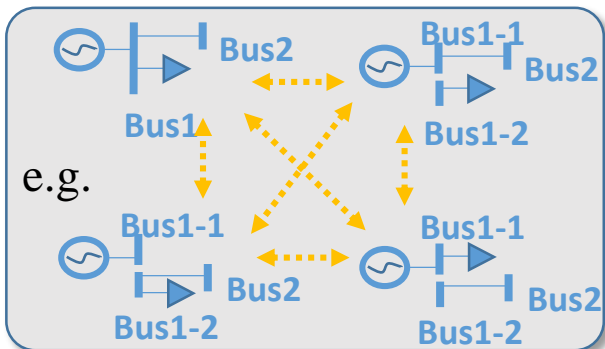
Scenario\_Score = 0, if Game Over (when certain constraints are violated)

= Sum(Step\_total\_score) over all timesteps, otherwise

**Transfer Capability of All Scenarios:**

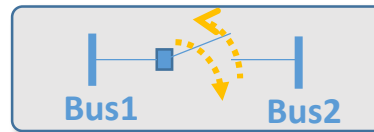
$$\text{Total\_score} = \text{Sum}(\text{Scenario\_Score}) \text{ over all scenarios}$$

Node Splitting/Rejoining  
(156 for 14 nodes)



+

Line Switching On/Off  
(20 lines)



+

**Combination** of Node Splitting/Rejoining and Line Switching on/off

**\*Note:** A Maximum of 1 action at the node + 1 action at a line per timestep is allowed

**A total of 3120 possible actions in a single timestep!**



# Constraints

- **Game Over** if any of the following “**hard**” constraints is violated:

- Load should be met over all time steps of all scenarios
- No more than 1 power plants get disconnected over all time steps of all scenarios
- The grid should not get split apart into isolated sub-grids over all time steps of all scenarios
- AC power flow solution should converge over all time steps of all scenarios

Single-timestep Constraints

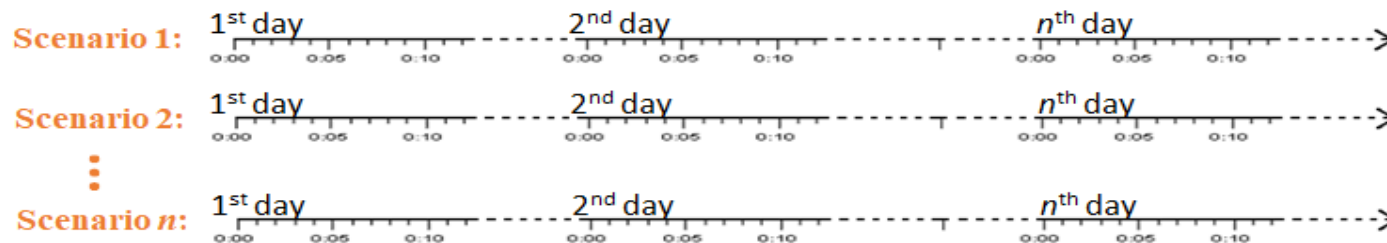
- Violation on “**soft**” constraints may lead to **certain consequences** though not immediate “game over”:

- Line overload should be controlled over all time steps of all scenarios:

Scenario	Consequence	Time Steps to Recover
Line Flow $\geq 150\%$	Line immediately broken and disconnected	10
$100\% < \text{Line Flow} < 150\%$	Wait for 2 more timestep to see whether the overflow is resolved; If not, line gets disconnected	3

- Cooldown should be considered: 3 steps of cooldown is required before a line or node can be reused, the violation on this will cause: 1) step score to be 0; 2) the action will not be taken, resulting in no action.

Multi-timestep Constraints



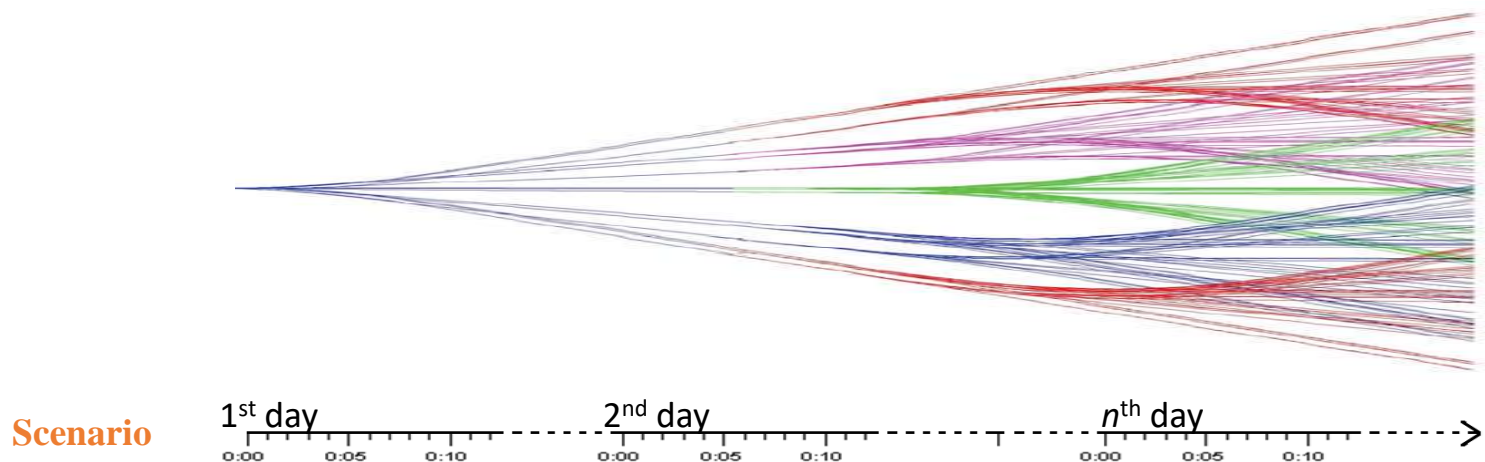
# Problem Complexity

Total number of possible trajectories:

**3120**<sup>5184</sup>

**Action space for each time step**

**Total time steps of 1 scenario  
(18 days with 5 mins intervals)**





# Solve this Using Conventional Optimization Approach?

## Formulation for a single-time-step (without considering multi-time-step constraints):

The objective is to maximize the system available transmission capacity, an auxiliary variable  $\lambda_k$  is introduced.

**Objective Fun.:**

$$\max \sum_{k \in \Omega_k} \lambda_k$$

$$\lambda_k \geq 0, \forall k$$

$$\lambda_k \geq 1 - \left( \frac{S_k}{S_k^{\max}} \right)^2, \forall k$$

**Constraints:**

$$-M^\theta(1-z_i) \leq \theta_{i1} - \theta_{i2} \leq M^\theta(1-z_i), \forall i$$

$$-M^V(1-z_i) \leq V_{i1} - V_{i2} \leq M^V(1-z_i), \forall i$$

$$P_{n1}^g = (1-z_n)P_n^{g,0}, \forall n \in \mathcal{G} / \mathcal{G}_{sl}$$

$$P_{n2}^g = z_n P_n^{g,0}, \forall n \in \mathcal{G} / \mathcal{G}_{sl}$$

$$-(1-z_n)M^P \leq P_{n1}^g \leq (1-z_n)M^P, \forall n \in \mathcal{G}_{sl}$$

$$-z_n M^P \leq P_{n2}^g \leq z_n M^P, \forall n \in \mathcal{G}_{sl}$$

$$-(1-z_n)M^Q \leq Q_{n1}^g \leq (1-z_n)M^Q, \forall n \in \mathcal{G}$$

$$-z_n M^Q \leq Q_{n2}^g \leq z_n M^Q, \forall n \in \mathcal{G}$$

$$P_{m1}^d = (1-z_m)P_m^d, \forall m \in \mathcal{D}$$

$$P_{m2}^d = z_m P_m^d, \forall m \in \mathcal{D}$$

$$-(1-z_k^{(j)})M^I \leq P_{k1}^{(j)} \leq (1-z_k^{(j)})M^I, \forall k$$

$$-z_k^{(j)}M^I \leq P_{k2}^{(j)} \leq z_k^{(j)}M^I, \forall k$$

$$-(1-z_k^{(j)})M^I \leq Q_{k1}^{(j)} \leq (1-z_k^{(j)})M^I, \forall k$$

$$-z_k^{(j)}M^I \leq Q_{k2}^{(j)} \leq z_k^{(j)}M^I, \forall k$$

$$-z_k M^I \leq P_{k1}^{(j)} \leq z_k M^I, \forall k$$

$$-z_k M^I \leq Q_{k1}^{(j)} \leq z_k M^I, \forall k$$

$$z_k^{(j)} \leq z_k, \forall k$$

Constraints on bus voltage, generators, lines, and loads at a substation

$$P_k^{(j)} = P_{k1}^{(j)} + P_{k2}^{(j)}, \forall k$$

$$Q_k^{(j)} = Q_{k1}^{(j)} + Q_{k2}^{(j)}, \forall k$$

$$-z_k^{(j)}M^V \leq V_k^{(j)} - V_{k1}^{(j)} \leq z_k^{(j)}M^V, \forall k$$

$$-(1-z_k^{(j)})M^V \leq V_k^{(j)} - V_{k2}^{(j)} \leq (1-z_k^{(j)})M^V, \forall k$$

$$-z_k^{(j)}M^\theta \leq \theta_k^{(j)} - \theta_{k1}^{(j)} \leq z_k^{(j)}M^\theta, \forall k$$

$$-(1-z_k^{(j)})M^\theta \leq \theta_k^{(j)} - \theta_{k2}^{(j)} \leq (1-z_k^{(j)})M^\theta, \forall k$$

$$-(1-z_k)M^I \leq g_k(V_k^i)^2 - V_k^i V_k^j (g_k \cos(\theta_k^i - \theta_k^j) + b_k \sin(\theta_k^i - \theta_k^j)) - P_k^i \leq (1-z_k)M^I, \forall k$$

$$-(1-z_k)M^I \leq -(V_k^j)^2 (b_{k0} + b_k) - V_k^i V_k^j (g_k \sin(\theta_k^i - \theta_k^j) - b_k \cos(\theta_k^i - \theta_k^j)) - Q_k^i \leq (1-z_k)M^I, \forall k$$

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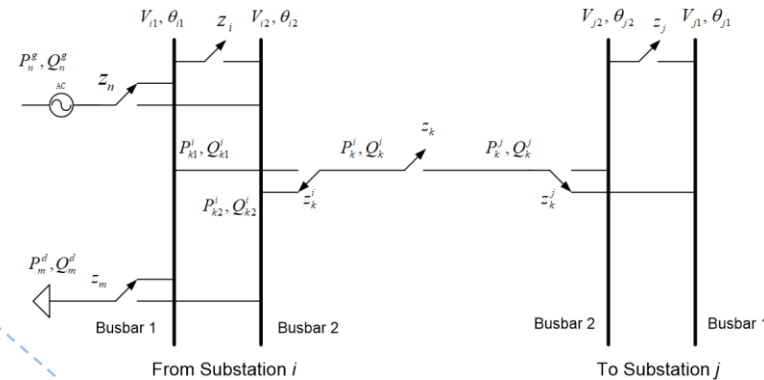
$$S_k^i = \sqrt{(P_k^i)^2 + (Q_k^i)^2}, \forall k$$

$$S_k^j = \sqrt{(P_k^j)^2 + (Q_k^j)^2}, \forall k$$

$$S_k \geq S_k^i, \forall k$$

$$S_k \geq S_k^j, \forall k$$

Constraints on real and reactive power, volt., power flow, apparent power of a line



From Substation  $i$

To Substation  $j$

Generalized model for network topology change

$$\sum_{n \in \mathcal{G}} P_{n1}^g - \sum_{m \in \mathcal{D}} P_{m1}^d - \sum_{k \in \mathcal{F}(i)} P_k^i + \sum_{k \in \mathcal{I}(i)} P_{k1}^i = 0, \forall i$$

$$\sum_{n \in \mathcal{G}} Q_{n1}^g - \sum_{m \in \mathcal{D}} Q_{m1}^d - \sum_{k \in \mathcal{F}(i)} Q_k^i + \sum_{k \in \mathcal{I}(i)} Q_{k1}^i = 0, \forall i$$

$$\sum_{n \in \mathcal{G}} P_{n2}^g - \sum_{m \in \mathcal{D}} P_{m2}^d - \sum_{k \in \mathcal{F}(i)} P_k^i + \sum_{k \in \mathcal{I}(i)} P_{k2}^i = 0, \forall i$$

$$\sum_{n \in \mathcal{G}} Q_{n2}^g - \sum_{m \in \mathcal{D}} Q_{m2}^d - \sum_{k \in \mathcal{F}(i)} Q_k^i + \sum_{k \in \mathcal{I}(i)} Q_{k2}^i = 0, \forall i$$

$$z_i + z_n \leq 1, \forall i, n \in \mathcal{G}_i$$

$$z_i + z_m \leq 1, \forall i, m \in \mathcal{D}_i$$

$$z_i + z_k^i \leq 1, \forall i, k \in f(i) \cup i(i)$$

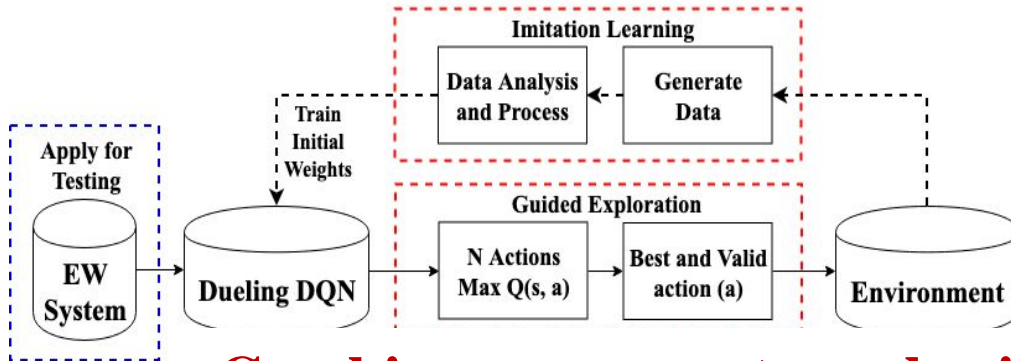
$$\sum_{k \in \Omega_k} (1-z_k) \leq 1$$

$$\sum_{i \in \mathcal{B}} (1-z_i) \leq 1$$

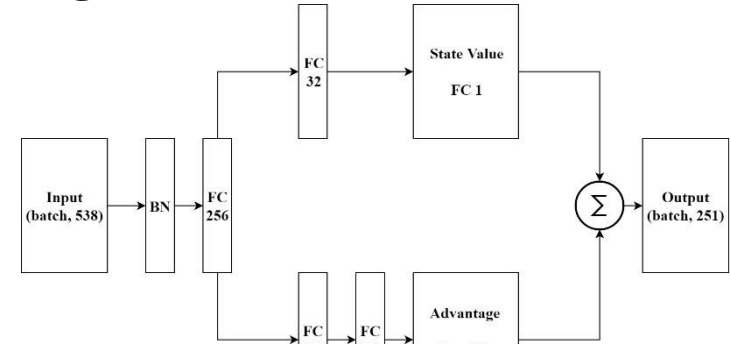
Constraints on power balance at a bus bar, number of bus splitting, and number of line switching.

# Dueling DQN with Imitation Learning and Early Warning

- Architecture design

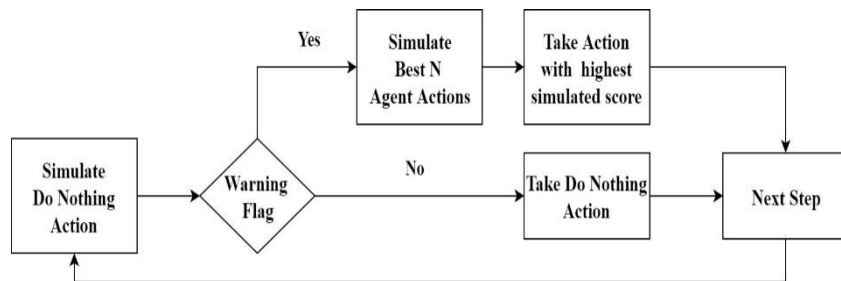


- Dueling DQN structure and Performance

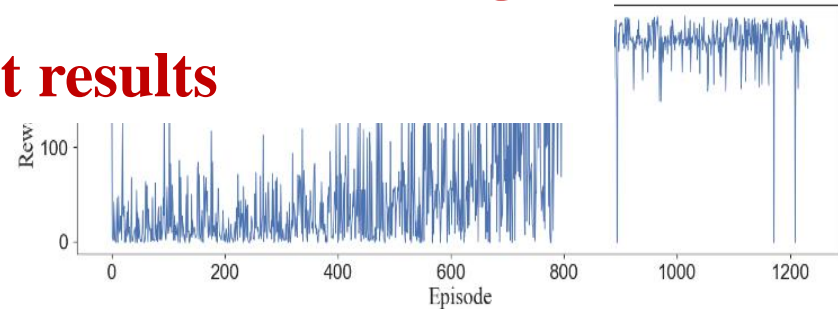


**Combine power system physics with AI technologies  
to obtain the best results**

- Early Warning System



$$Warning\ Flag = \begin{cases} True & \text{if } \frac{lineflow_i}{thermallimit_i} > \theta, \forall i \in \{1,2, \dots, 20\} \\ False & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



**Test trained models on 200 unseen chronics, each has 5184 continuous steps**

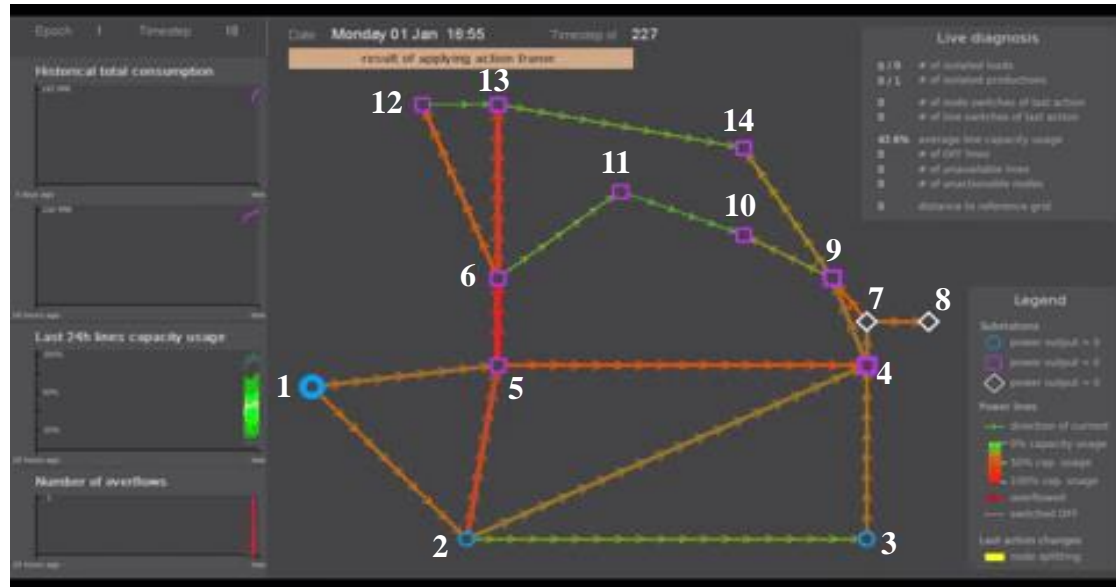
Agent	Game Over	Mean Score All	Mean Score w/o Dead
EW $\theta = 0.90$	17	75491.63	82504.51
EW $\theta = 0.91$	15	76345.36	82535.52
EW $\theta = 0.92$	15	76353.23	82544.03
EW $\theta = 0.93$	15	77705.04	82607.17

**Autonomously controlling the grid for up to a month!!!**

# Demo on A Hard Sample Case

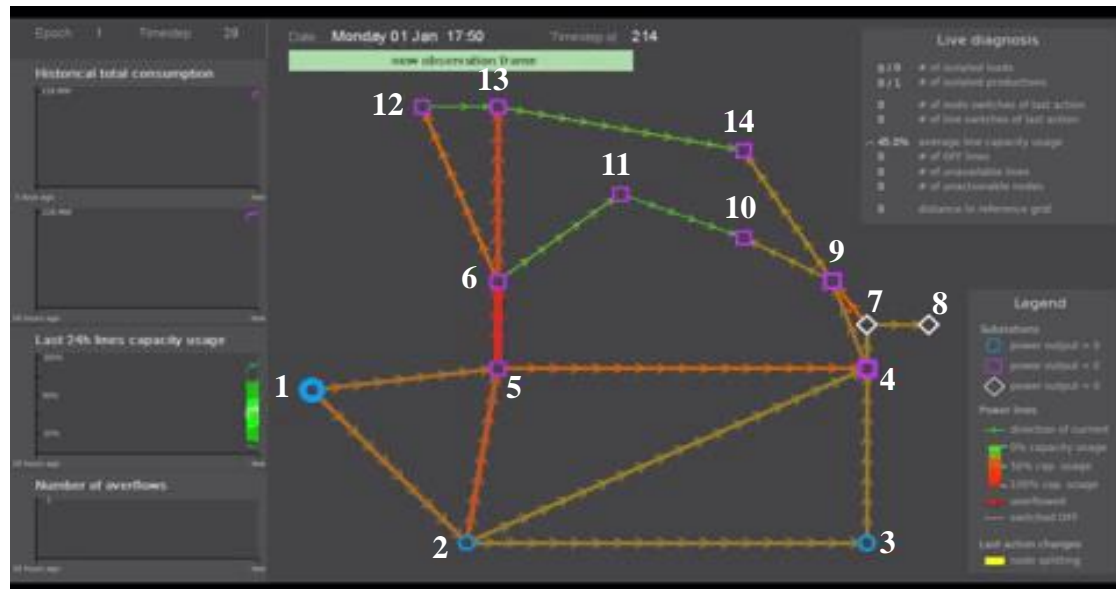
## If Agent does nothing ...

- Line 5-6, 4-5, 4-7, 4-9 are forced to switch off continuously, leading to game over.



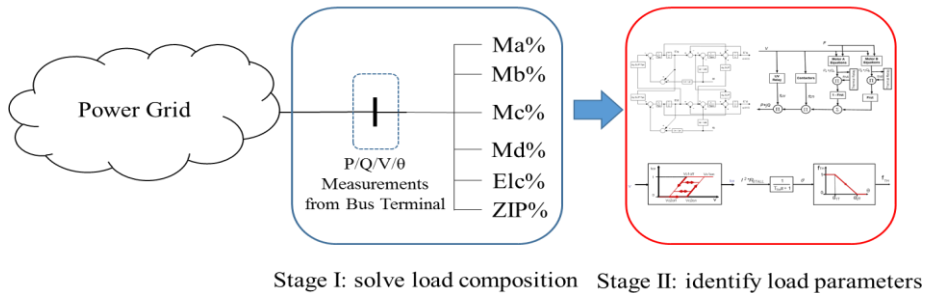
## Trained Agent

- Switch off line 10-11, line 5-6 loadflow alleviated
- Switch off line 13-14, line 2-5 loadflow alleviated
- Successfully goes through the system peak-load time



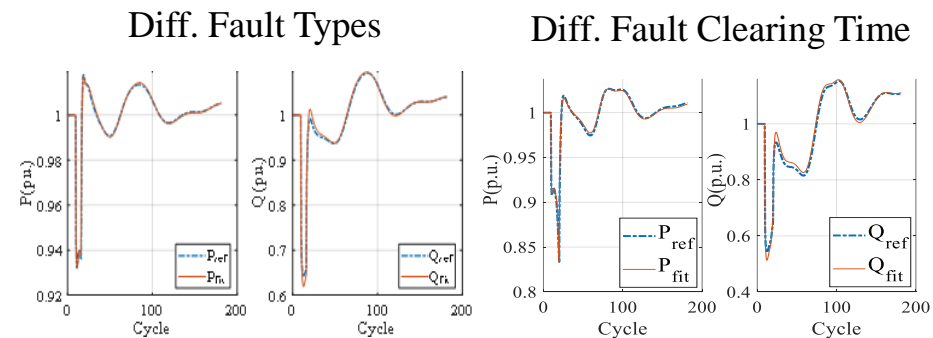
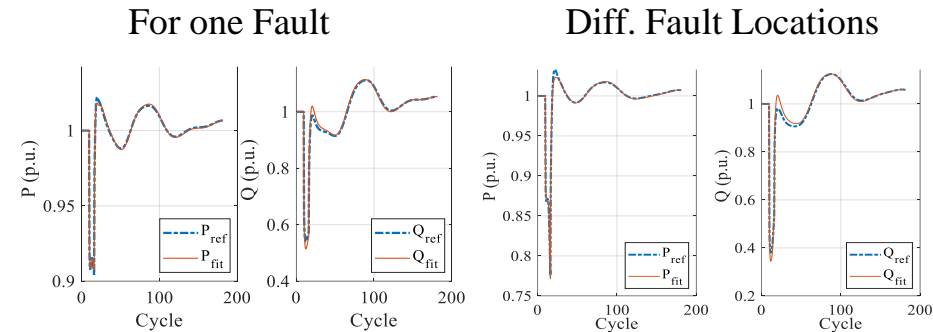
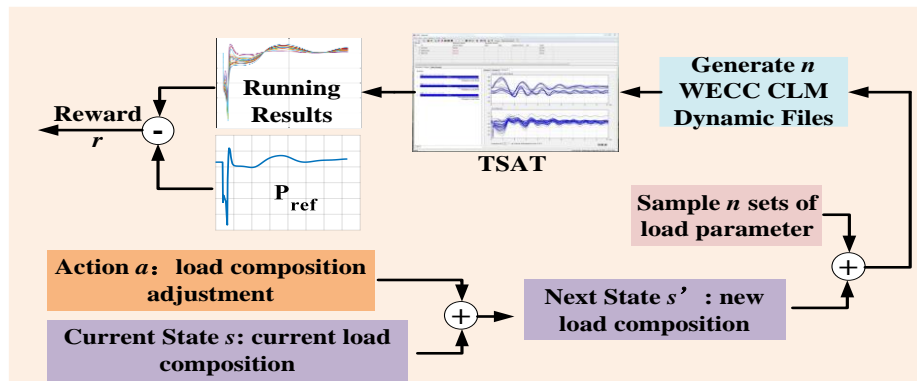
# Learn Load Dynamics using AI - WECC CLM

A two-stage approach is proposed for ZIP+IM, CLOD, and WECC CLM with as many as 130+ parameters.



The approach is robust for fault at different locations, different fault types, different fault clearing times. The results using the identified model match the dynamic response of the system.

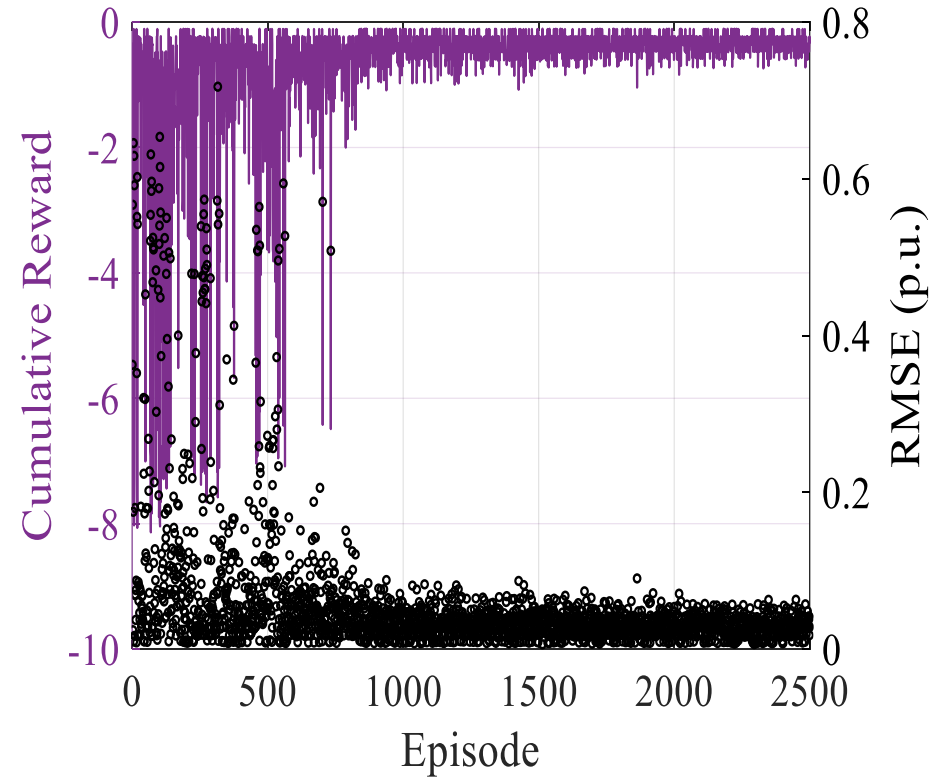
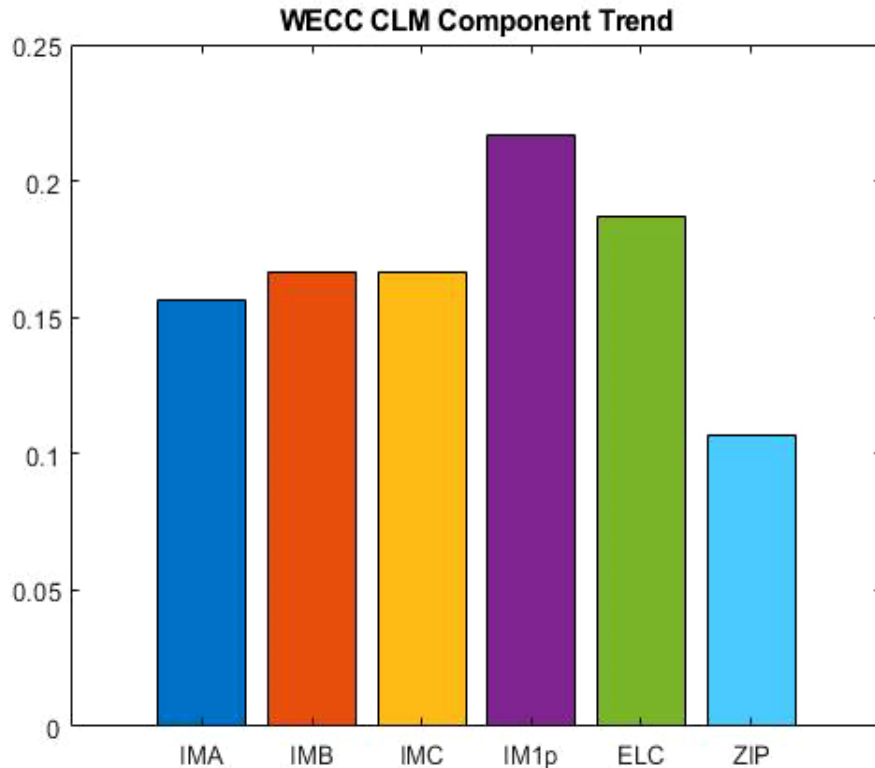
In the first stage, DRL is utilized to identify the percentage of each component; in the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage, parameters of each component can be identified.



Accuracy for  $P$ , RMSE 0.12%  
Accuracy for  $Q$ , RMSE 0.64%

# Method Validation

The left animation shows the identification process of different load components of the WECC CLM; the right one shows the tracking error. The algorithm converges pretty fast.



## Other Applications We've Developed/Are Developing

- Online learning for AI agents in face of significant topology and operating pattern changes
- Autonomous line flow control
- Learn generator/load dynamic model & parameters
- Data-driven AC OPF
- Multi-agent cooperative control for larger systems



Multiple Cooperative Dispatch Robots



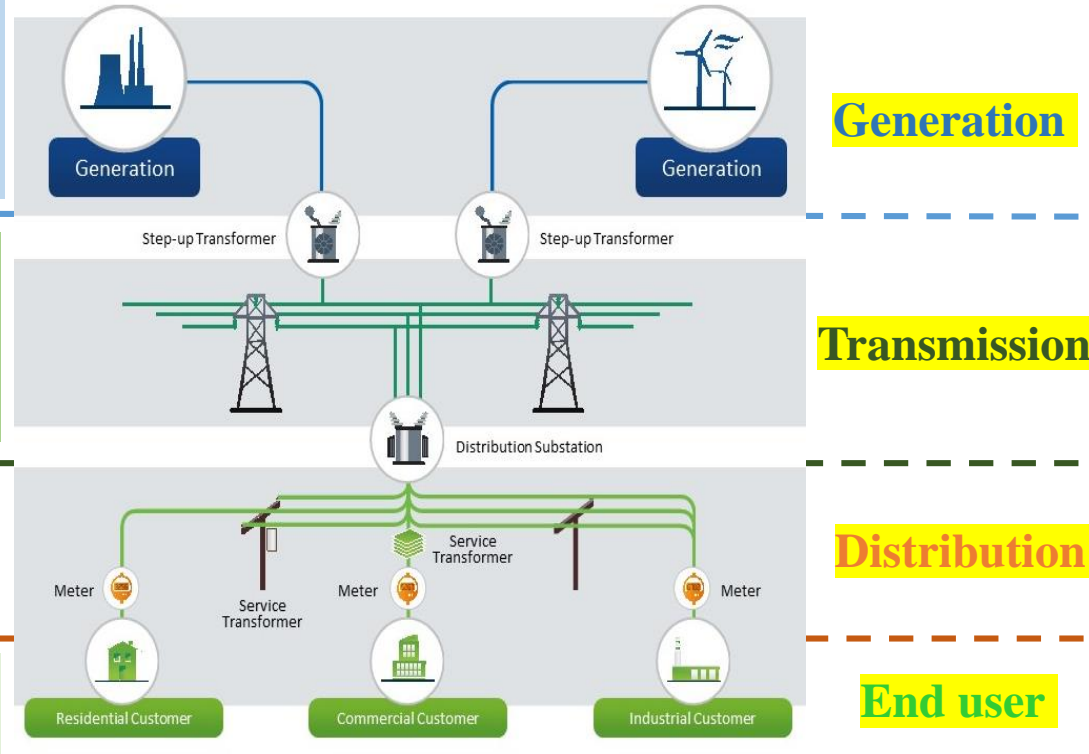
# Developmental Trend

- Model validation and calibration
- Excitation and damping control
- Maintenance Scheduling
- Renewable Forecasting

- Intelligent monitoring & early warning
- Intelligent diagnosis of equipment
- Image recognition of power lines
- Situational awareness

- Knowledge map & intelligent reasoning
- Fault detection and location
- Intelligent analysis and self-healing ctrl

- Demand forecasting
- Load clustering and par. identification



## Trend of AI in Power Systems

Monitoring  
Diagnosis  
Forecasting

Reasoning/planning  
Decision making  
Autonomous control

- RNN
- LSTM
- CNN
- GAN
- GNN
- SVM...

- (D)DQN
- PPO
- DDPG
- SAC
- A3C
- TRPO...

## Potential Applications

- Power system operation and control
- Power system planning
- Power system asset management
- Power system economics and market

# Challenges & Opportunities

- Data sets
- Platform
- Competitions based on common data sets & platform

# White Paper – RL for Electricity Network Operation

RTE France, Google Brain, EPRI, ASU, GEIRINA, etc. published a White Paper 《Reinforcement Learning for Electricity Network Operation》, Introducing applications of RL in Power Systems, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2003.07339>

In 2020, two Power System AI Competitions will be hosted: <https://l2rpn.chalearn.org/>

The screenshot shows the L2RPN 2020 website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for Home, Power grid in Action, Grid2Operate, Competitions, Real-World Issues, and References. The main header features the text "L2RPN 2020" and "Learning To Run a Power Network Challenge" over a satellite image of Earth. Below this is a section titled "Upcoming Competitions - Starting In".

Two countdown timers are displayed:

- WCCI Competition:** 16 : 19 : 59 (DAYS, HOURS, MINUTES)
- NeurIPS Competition:** 65 : 19 : 59 (DAYS, HOURS, MINUTES)

Below the countdowns are two "SPONSORS" sections. The first section includes logos for RTE, STATE GRID GEIRI NORTH AMERICA (全球能源互联网美国研究院), and CHA LEARN. The second section includes logos for RTE, EPRI (ELECTRIC POWER RESEARCH INSTITUTE), CHA LEARN, Google Research, and UCL.

Text below the sponsors reads: "Competitions will be held on Codalad challenge platform: <https://competitions.codalab.org/competitions/>  
By End of April, a sandbox competition will be released for anyone to start playing around. Make sure to sign up in the mailing list to get notified!  
Also visit the [Competitions](#) section above for more information about them

At the bottom, there's a section for "Overview" with logos for CHA LEARN, "Le réseau de transport d'électricité", and RTE. The text says: "AI For Smart Grids: If you want to join us within this new community and participate to the competitions, please sign up to our mailing list. If you first want to know more about it, go through this web page and our white paper below."

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