

Deregulation, Locational Marginal Pricing, and Critical Load Levels with Applications

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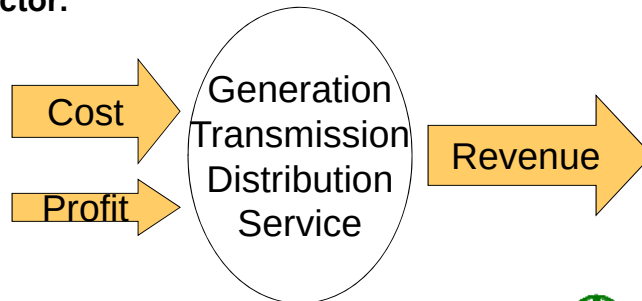
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Before De-regulation

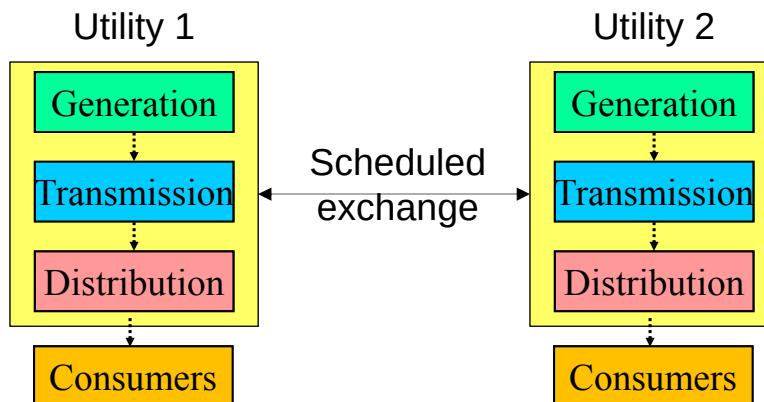
- **Regulated power industry**
 - Regulated by government boards
 - A monopoly system and “vertically” integrated
 - Obligation to serve with guaranteed rate of return
 - Historical reason for regulated business model to stimulate the private investment in the power sector.



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Regulated power industry

- **Vertically integrated monopoly business.**



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Why De-regulation

- **To improve efficiency and reduce cost**
 - Local load is mainly served by local generation, even if there is cheaper power available somewhere else
- **To encourage technology innovation**
- **No need for regulation**
 - The primary goal of regulation has been achieved



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What's new with de-regulation

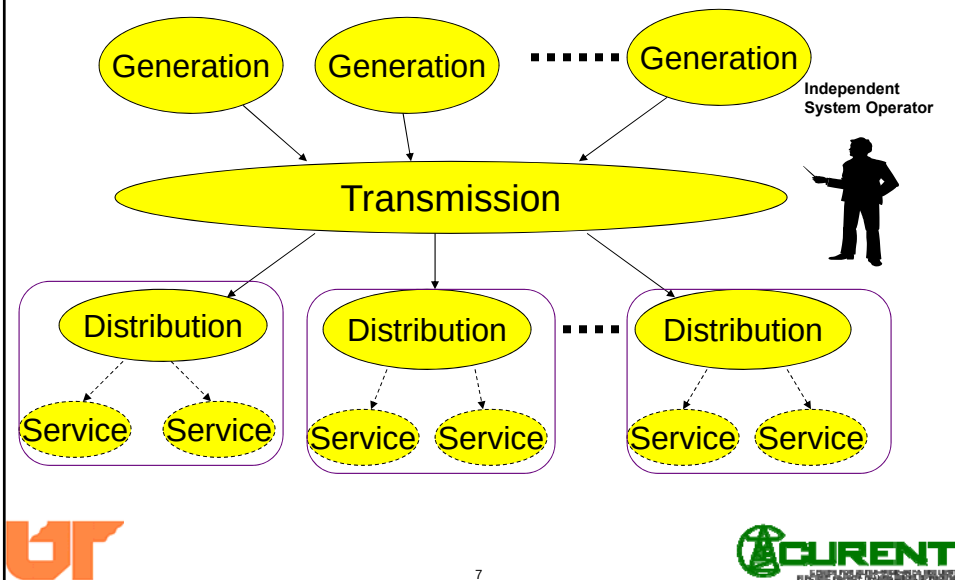
- **Create competition and market mechanism**
- **Mainly at the wholesale market at the current stage**
- **Transmission is the platform for sellers (GenCo) and buyers(DisCo) to trade energy**
- **Generation may be owned by Independent Power Providers (IPPs)**



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De-regulated power industry: Wholesale energy market



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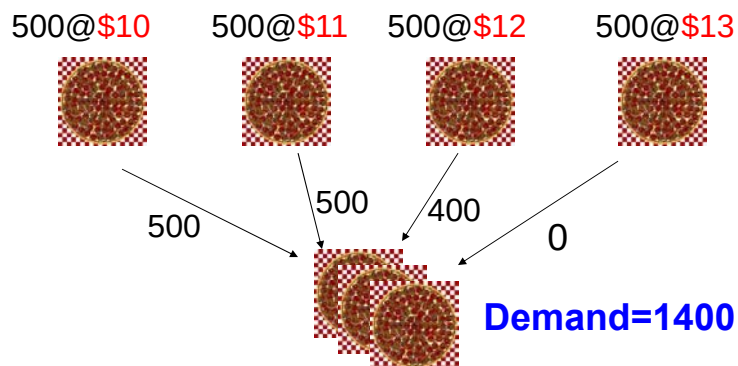
Energy market pricing: LMP

- Pricing method: **Locational Marginal Pricing (LMP)**.
 - PJM, NYISO, ISO-New England, CAISO, ERCOT, MISO & SPP.
- **Marginal cost for pricing**
 - The extra/incremental cost to produce an extra unit of output
 - In energy market: Δ cost for 1MWh additional load.
- Location affects the price.



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Understanding marginal cost



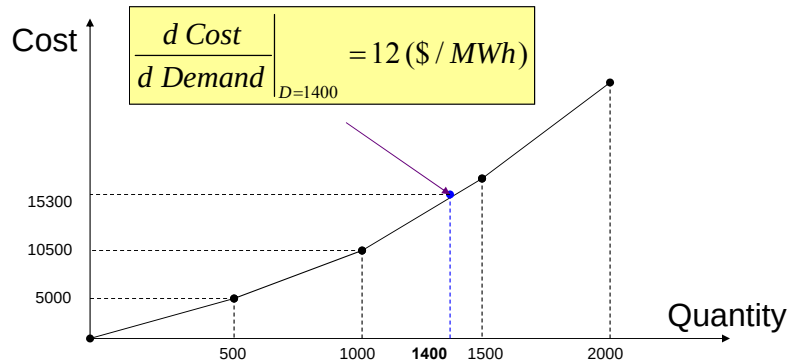
Marginal cost = \$12; the cost to serve the next unit of demand.



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Understanding marginal cost

In engineers' term: $MC = d \text{ Cost} / d \text{ Demand}$

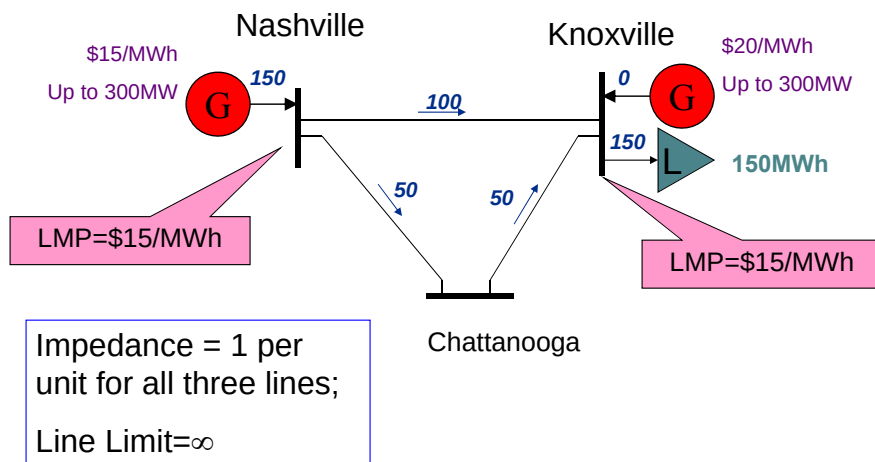


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LMP: Uncongested Case

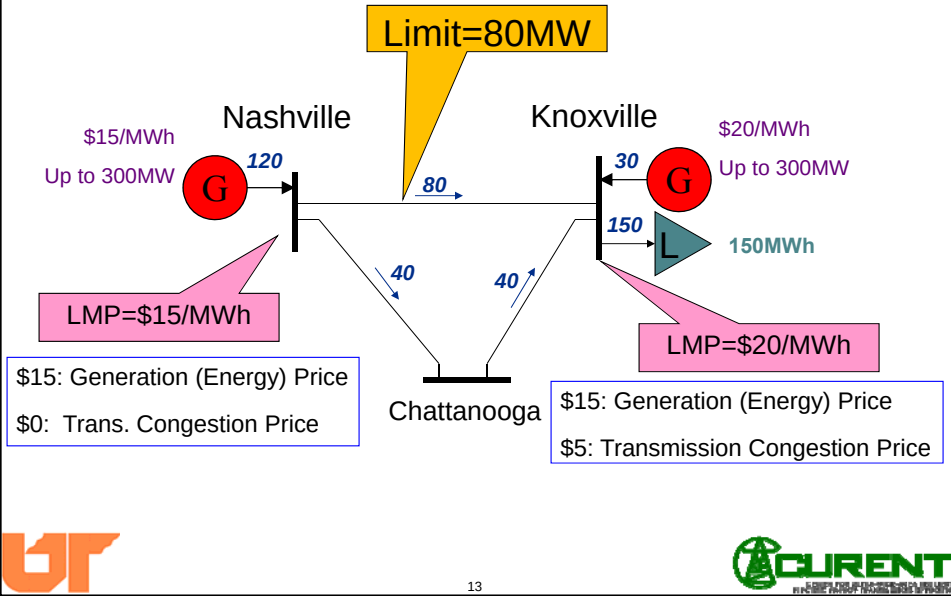
- Marginal price is related to [locations](#): circuit laws.



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LMP: Congested Case



Mathematical LMP Model

➤ Linearized DCOPF model (losses ignored)

$$\text{Min } \sum_{i=1}^N c_i \times G_i \quad (1)$$

$$\text{s.t. } \sum_{i=1}^N G_i = \sum_{i=1}^N D_i \quad (2)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N GSF_{k-i} \times (G_i - D_i) \leq \text{Limit}_k, \text{ for } k=1, 2, \dots, M \quad (3)$$

GSF_{k-i} = generation shift factor to line k from bus i .

$$G_i^{\min} \leq G_i \leq G_i^{\max}, \text{ for } i=1, 2, \dots, N \quad (4)$$

$$LMP_B = \lambda + \left(\sum_{k=1}^M \mu_k \times GSF_{k-B} \right)$$

λ =Lagrange multiplier of (2)

μ_k =Lagrange multiplier of (3) of the k^{th} transmission constraint



More about LMP model

- **LMP calculation based on linearized DCOPF model**
 - Production (generation) cost minimization model for economic dispatch
 - Linear Model: piece-wise linear generation cost, transmission constraints modeled with linearized DC power flow model, approximated loss model, etc
 - Can be robustly and efficiently solved
 - Employed by ISOs (with variations to include non-linear losses) and by market simulators from ABB, GE, etc.



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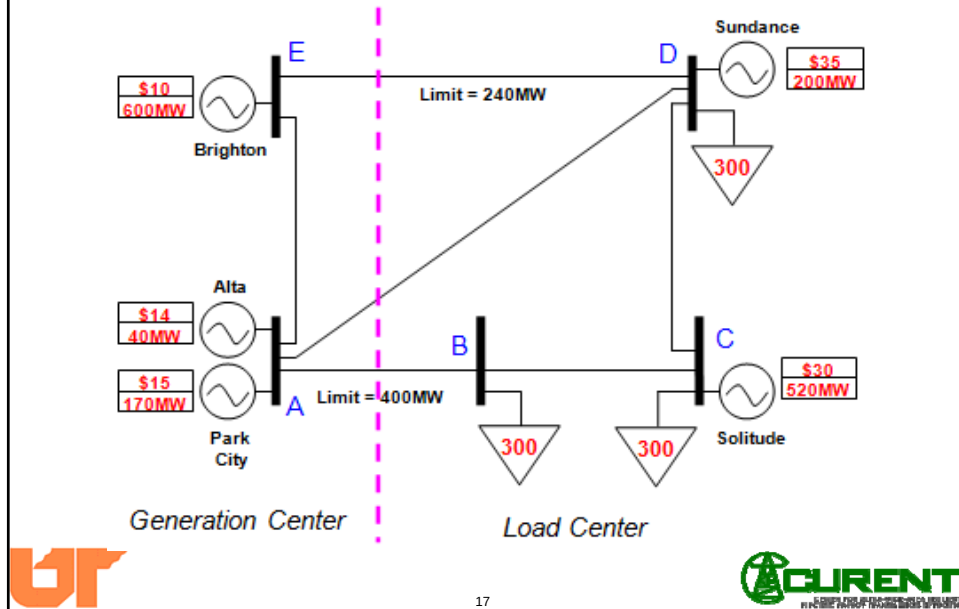


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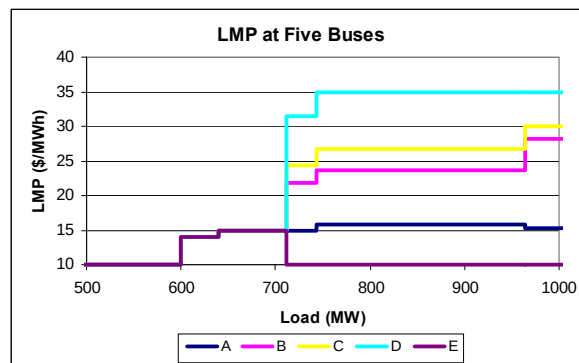


Motivation

Let's start with the PJM 5-bus system sample.



CLL: Step changes in LMP as load varies



Critical Load Level: where LMP step change occurs as load varies.

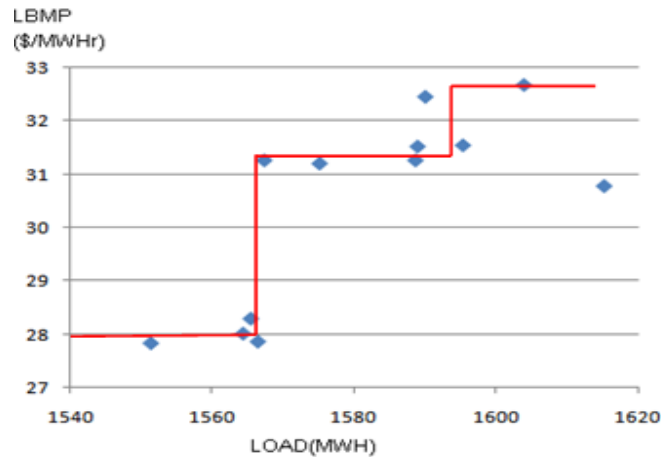
- The system load variation is based on a linear pattern.
 - This is aligned with other studies such as voltage stability study using Continuation Power Flow.



Some observations from actual data

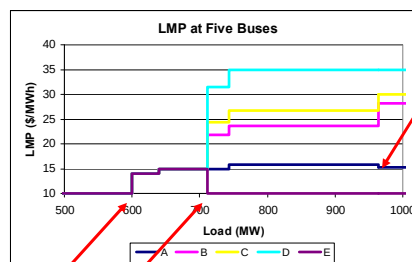
- 5-minutes real-time prices within a hour (10-11am) for on 07/24/2009 at the CAPITAL zone in NYISO.

12 data points in each hour

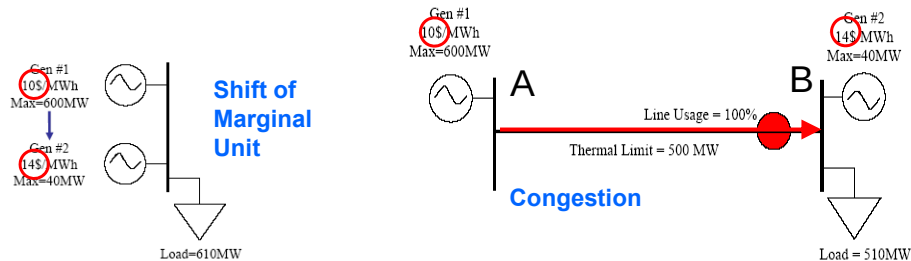


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Reasons for step changes



What happened here (Critical Load Levels)?



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Predict CLL as load varies

- Now the question is: how to find CLLs?
 - A brute-force approach by running repeated DCOPF at every load levels is too time consuming.
- This can be solved systematically.

$$\text{Min } \sum_{i=1}^N c_i \times G_i$$

$$\text{s.t. } \sum_{i=1}^N G_i = \sum_{i=1}^N D_i$$

Changing

$$\sum_{i=1}^N GSF_{k-i} \times (G_i - D_i) \leq \text{Limit}_k, \text{ for } k=1, 2, \dots, M$$

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Load Variation
Participation Factor:

$$f_i = \frac{\Delta D_i}{\Delta D_{\Sigma}} \quad \sum_{i \in N} f_i = 1$$

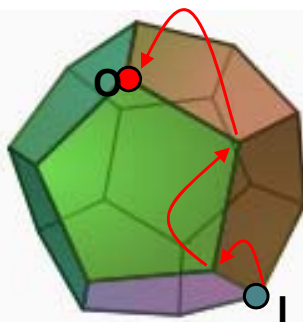
$$\Delta \mathbf{D} = \mathbf{f} \times \Delta D_{\Sigma}$$



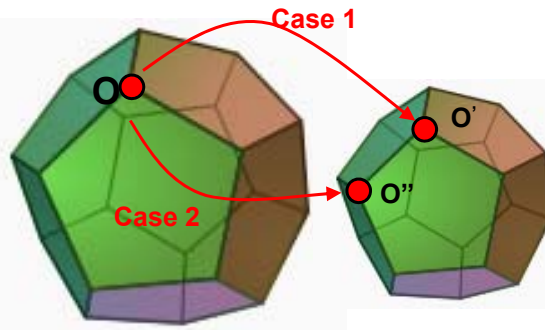
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Mathematical Interpretation



Simplex Method



Proposed Simplex-like
Method

- Detailed algorithm description is too mathematical to be included in this short presentation, but can be found in:
 - Fangxing Li and Rui Bo, "Congestion and Price Prediction under Load Variation," *IEEE Transactions on Power Systems*, vol. 24, no. 2, pp. 911-922, May 2009.



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Case Study

➤ Marginal Units and Congestions versus Load

Load Range(MW)	Marginal Unit(s)	Congested Line
0~600	Brighton	None
600~640	Alta	None
640~ 711.8083	Park City	None
711.8083~ 742.7965	Park City Brighton	ED
742.7965~ 963.9391	Sundance Brighton	ED
963.9391~ 1137.0152	Solitude Sundance Brighton	AB ED

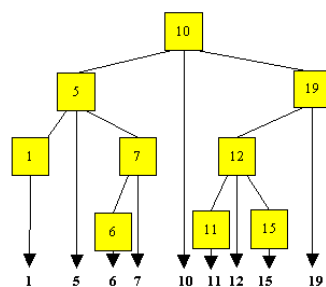


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Performance Speedup

Binary Search



Average-case performance:

$O(\log(n))$ DCOPF runs

System	Speedup compared with multiple (~10) DCOPF runs
PJM 5-bus	15.2
IEEE 30-bus	30.0
IEEE 118-bus	51.6



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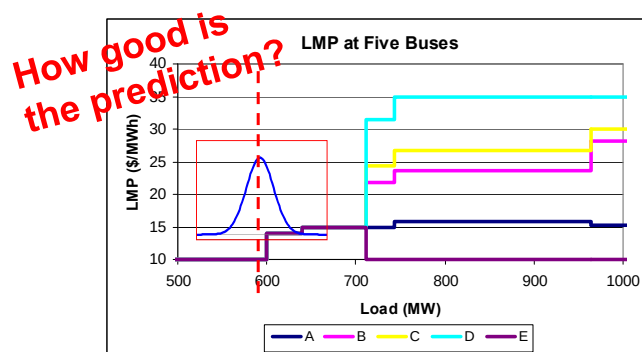


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Probabilistic LMP: load uncertainty

- Problem description



- How to quantify the risk associated with a forecasted LMP?

$$\Pr(LMP_t = p_i) = \int_{D_i}^{D_{i+1}} \varphi(u) du = \Phi(D_{i+1}) - \Phi(D_i)$$

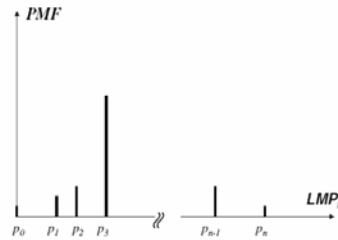


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Probability Mass Function of Probabilistic LMP

- LMP_t is a discrete random variable
- Named “Probabilistic LMP”



Probabilistic LMP at a specific (mean) load level is not a single deterministic value. Instead, it represents a set of discrete values at a number of load intervals. Each value has an associated probability.



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Alignment Probability (AP)

- Probability that the deterministically calculated LMP (based on the deterministic, forecasted load) and the actual LMP are the same.
- Deterministically forecasted LMP

$$LMP(D_t^F) = p_j, \quad D_j < D_t^F \leq D_{j+1}$$

- Alignment Probability

$$\begin{aligned} AP &= \Pr(LMP_t = LMP(D_t^F)) = \Pr(LMP_t = p_j) \\ &= \int_{D_j}^{D_{j+1}} \varphi(u) du = \Phi(D_{j+1}) - \Phi(D_j) \end{aligned}$$

$$AP_\alpha = \Pr(p_j \times (1 - \alpha\%) \leq LMP_t \leq p_j \times (1 + \alpha\%))$$

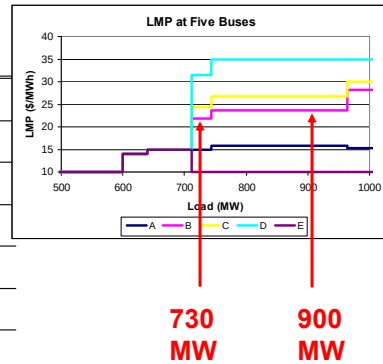
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Cast Study Results – PJM 5-bus system

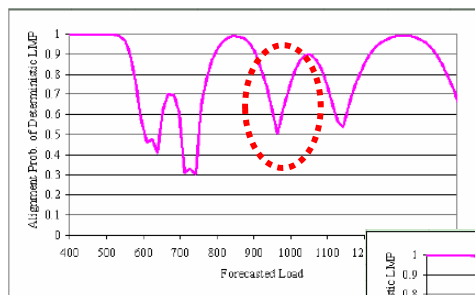
LMP(\$/MWh)	Probability(%) when $D^F = 730\text{MW}$	Probability(%) when $D^F = 900\text{MW}$
0	0.00	0.00
10	0.02	0.00
14	0.67	0.00
15	30.23	0.00
21.74	32.80	0.02
23.68	36.29	92.21
28.18	0.00	7.77
26.38	0.00	0.00
2000	0.00	0.00
Total	100	100



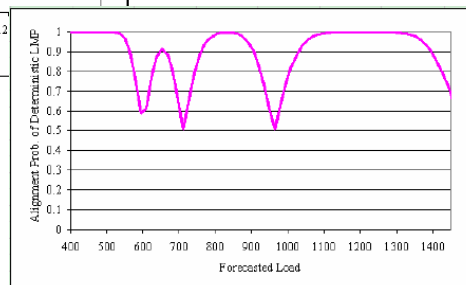
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Alignment Probability Curve



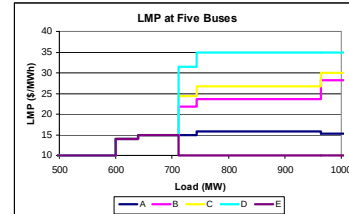
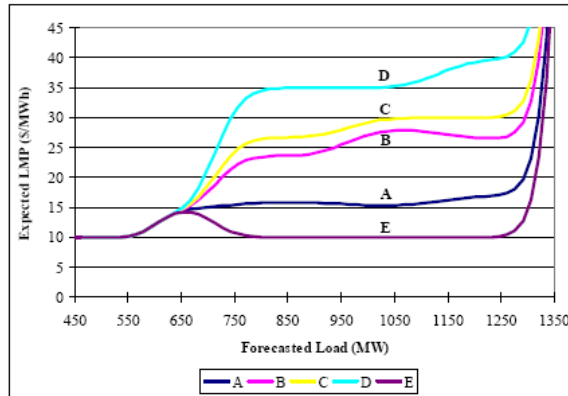
Alignment Probability
of LMP at Bus B



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Expected Value of Probabilistic LMP versus Forecasted Load



Deterministic LMP Curve

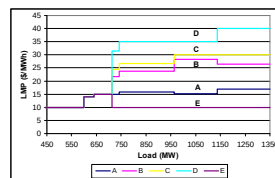
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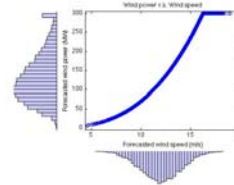
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Impact of LMP from wind uncertainty

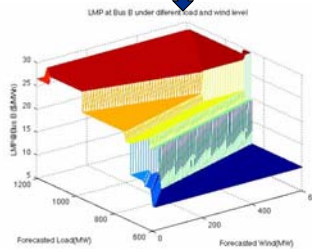
Objective: understand the impact from high-penetration wind power on various aspects in power system operation



The step-change characteristics of LMP versus load



The wind power forecast versus wind speed forecast



Using Correlation Model

$$W_s \sim N(\mu, \sigma)$$

$$\phi(w_{s1}, w_{s2}) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_{w_{s1}}\sigma_{w_{s2}}\sqrt{1-\rho_{ws}^2}} \exp\left[-\frac{z_{ws}^2}{2(1-\rho_{ws}^2)}\right]$$

$$z_{ws} = \frac{(w_{s1}-\mu_{ws1})^2 - 2\rho_{ws}(w_{s1}-\mu_{ws1})(w_{s2}-\mu_{ws2}) + (w_{s2}-\mu_{ws2})^2}{\sigma_{w_{s1}}^2\sigma_{w_{s2}}^2}$$

$$\mu = (\mu_{ws1}, \mu_{ws2})$$

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{w_{s1}}^2 & \rho_{ws}\sigma_{w_{s1}}\sigma_{w_{s2}} \\ \rho_{ws}\sigma_{w_{s1}}\sigma_{w_{s2}} & \sigma_{w_{s2}}^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

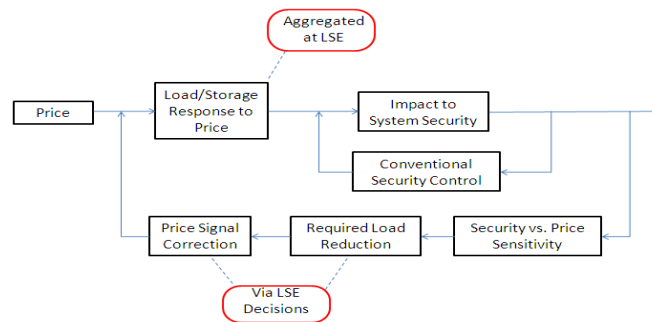
$$\rho_{ws} = \frac{\text{cov}(W_{s1}, W_{s2})}{\sigma_{w_{s1}}\sigma_{w_{s2}}} = \frac{E[(W_{s1}-\mu_{ws1})(W_{s2}-\mu_{ws2})]}{\sigma_{w_{s1}}\sigma_{w_{s2}}}$$



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Controllable Loads

- With the expected large-scale deployment of smart meters, it is interesting to model [residential load response](#) and its impact to the price volatility and system security.
 - We may want to increase/decrease the load “just right” (i.e., right before/after a transmission congestion occurs.)
- [Feedback control framework](#) is proposed.



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Conclusions

- In this seminar, the power industry deregulation and market operation is briefly introduced.
- Locational marginal pricing, the key to market operation, is introduced.
- Critical load level (CLL): where the step changes in LMP versus load occur.
- CLL can be used for various applications in market-based studies: probabilistic LMP concept, renewable energy impact, controllable loads, etc.



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Related Publications

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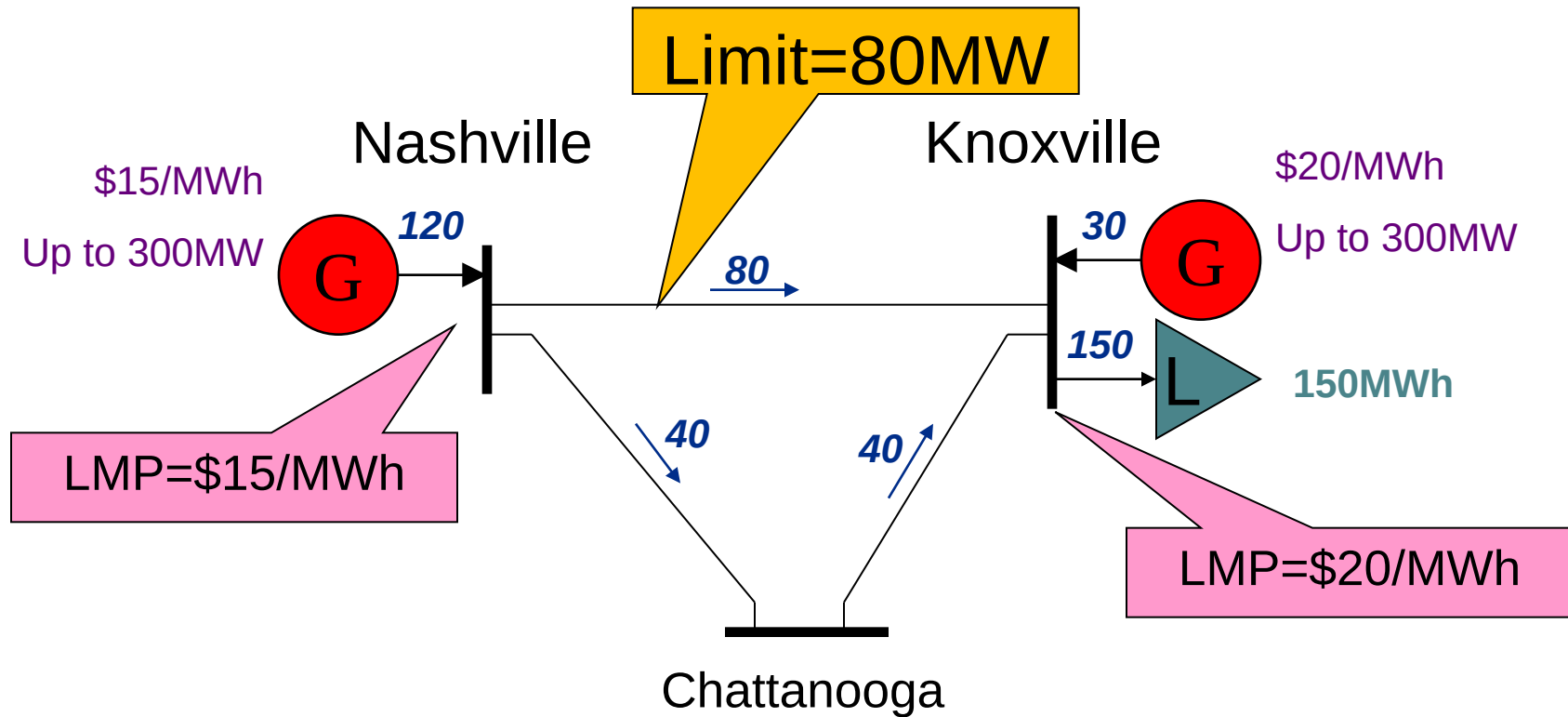
Questions and Answers?



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CURRENT Course HW Assignment, by Dr. Fran Li, UTK



Question: What's the LMP at the Chattanooga bus?

Hint: Assume 1 MWh load at Chattanooga. How to dispatch additional MWh from the Nashville Generator and the Knoxville Generator to supply this 1MWh load at Chattanooga, without violating the 80MW flow limit?