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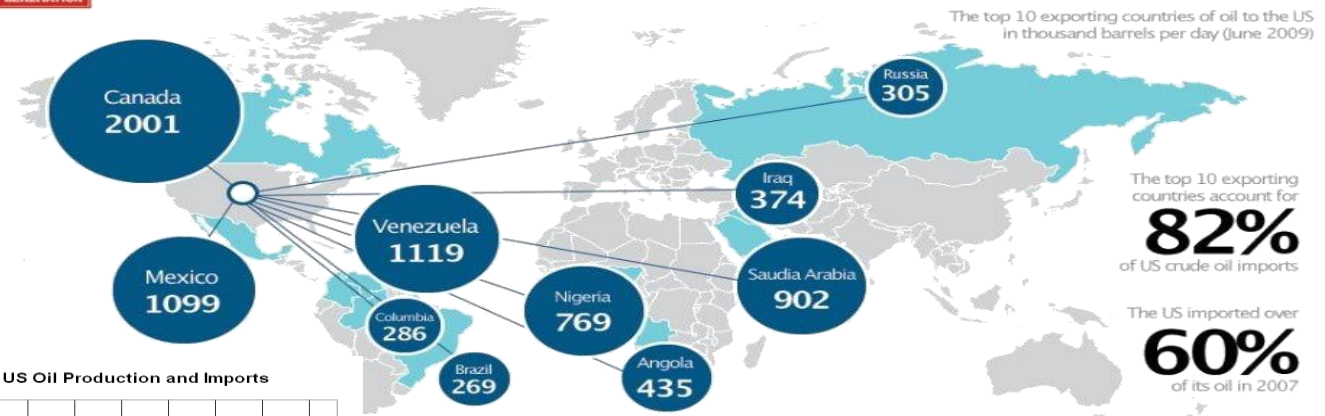
Energy Innovation & the Transformation of Electricity

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The U.S. dependence on imported oil is an economic weakness as well as a political and environmental challenge

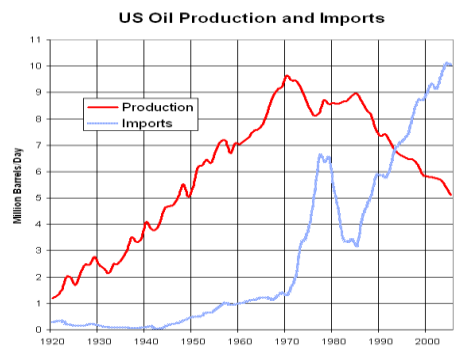


Oil Imports to the US
Is the US too reliant on foreign oil?



The top 10 exporting countries account for **82%** of US crude oil imports

The US imported over **60%** of its oil in 2007

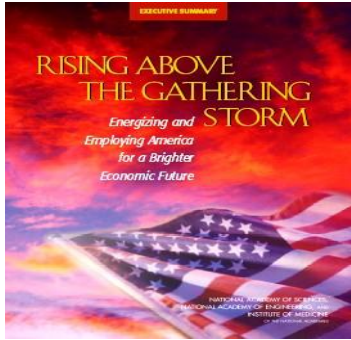


- 30.5** thousand million barrels
Known US reserves
- 12.4** years
How long the US's reserves will last at the current R/P rate
- 22.5%** of total oil produced in 2008
Was consumed by the US
- 7.8%** of total oil produced in 2008
Was produced by the US

Source: Energy Information Administration

In 2007, with oil at \$70 per barrel, the U.S. trade deficit in petroleum products was 36% of the total of \$819 billion deficit.

CREATION OF ARPA-E



American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act)

2007
America COMPETES Act

2006
Rising Above the Gathering Storm
(National Academies)



\$400M appropriated for ARPA-E
President Obama launches ARPA-E in a speech at NAS on April 27, 2009



ARPA-E'S Work



- Find and fund high-risk, high-impact projects
- Invest in the best ideas and teams
- Will tolerate and manage high technical risk
- Accelerate translation from science to markets
- Proof of concept and prototyping

DOE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART




Loan Programs Office

American Recovery & Reinvestment Act Office

Office of the Secretary
Dr. Steven Chu, Secretary

Daniel B. Poneman,
Deputy Secretary*

Chief of Staff

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Inspector General



Office of the Under Secretary For Nuclear Security/ Administrator for National Nuclear Security Administration
Thomas P. D'Agostino

Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation	Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs
Deputy Administrator for Naval Reactors	Deputy Under Secretary for Counter-terrorism
Associate Administrator for Defense Nuclear Security	Associate Administrator for Emergency Operations
Associate Administrator for Infrastructure & Environment	Associate Administrator for Management & Administration

Office of the Under Secretary for Science
Dr. Steven E. Koonin
Under Secretary for Science

Office of Science

- Advanced Scientific Computing Research
- Basic Energy Sciences
- Biological & Environmental Research
- Fusion Energy Science
- High Energy Physics
- Nuclear Physics
- Workforce Development for Teachers & Scientists

Office of the Under Secretary

Assistant Secretary For Energy Efficiency And Renewable Energy	Assistant Secretary For Environmental Management
Assistant Secretary for Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability	Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy
Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy	Legacy Management

Civilian Radioactive Waste Management

- Energy Information Administration
- Bonneville Power Administration
- Southwestern Power Administration
- Southeastern Power Administration
- Western Area Power Administration

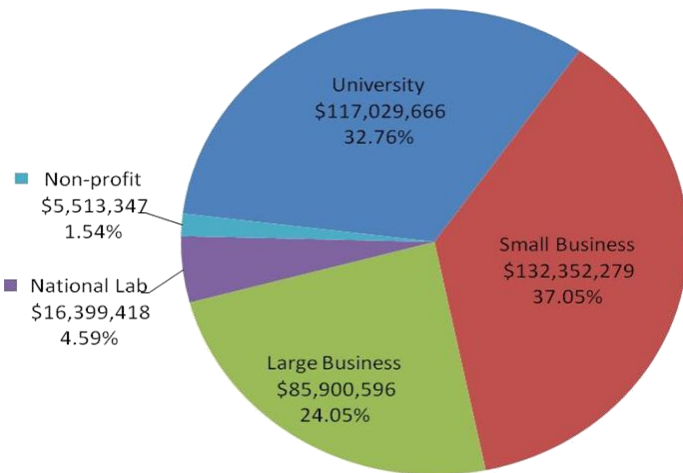
- Management
- Health Safety & Security
- Hearings & Appeals

- Assistant Secretary for Policy & International Affairs
- Assistant Secretary for Congressional & Intergovernmental Affairs
- General Counsel
- Chief Financial Officer
- Chief Human Capital Officer
- Chief Information Officer
- Intelligence & Counterintelligence
- Public Affairs
- Economic Impact & Diversity



ARPA-E Currently has six focused programs plus a broad portfolio of projects from its first solicitation

Broad Solicitation



Transportation Electrofuels BEEST



End-Use Efficiency BEETIT



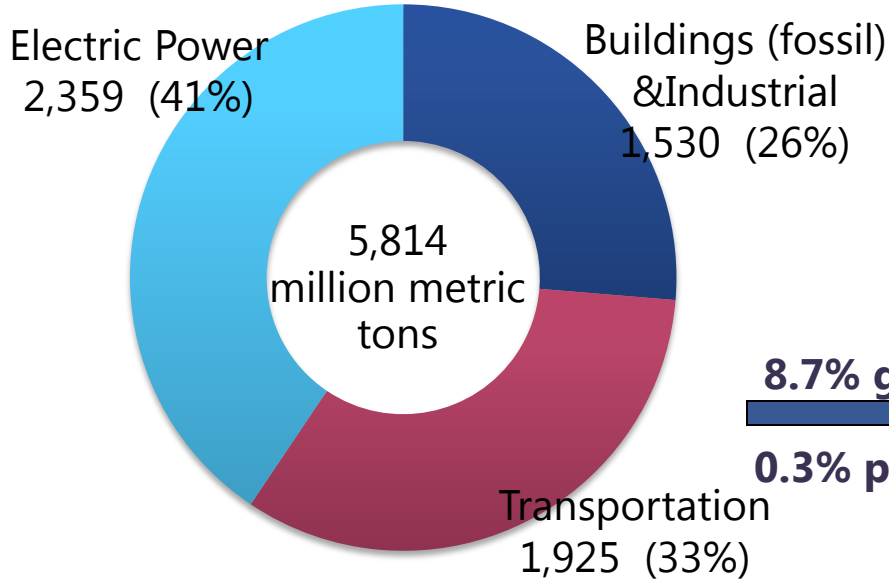
Stationary Power IMPACCT GRIDS



ADEPT

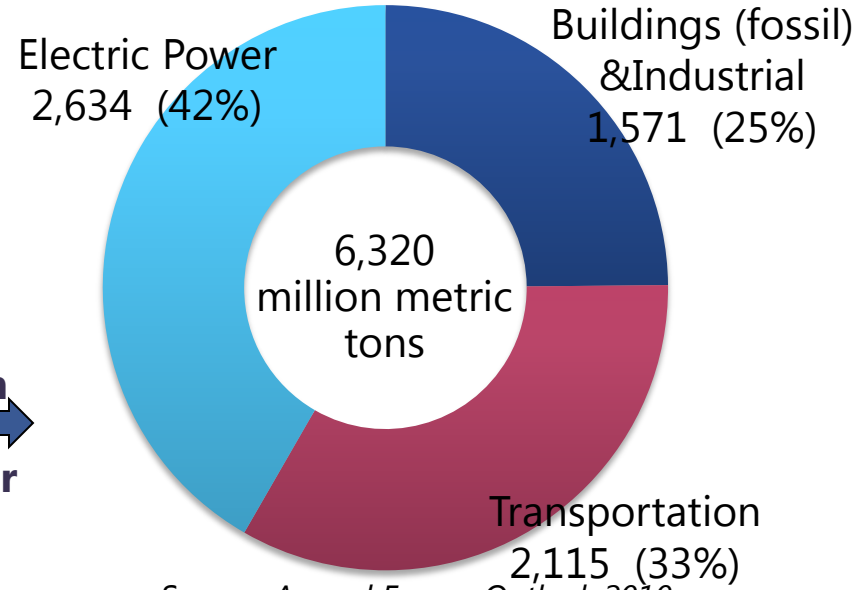


2008



8.7% growth
→
0.3% per year

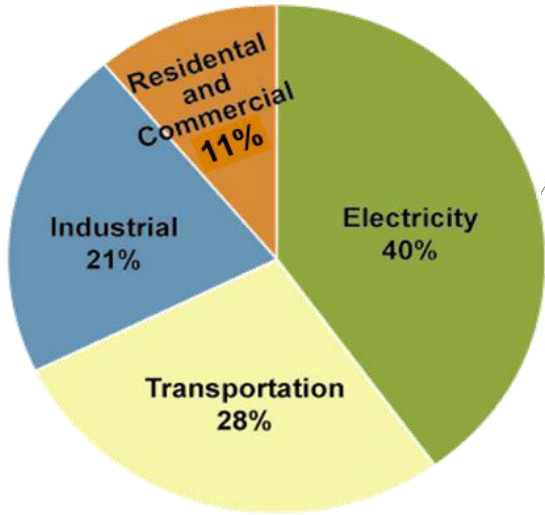
2035



Source: Annual Energy Outlook 2010

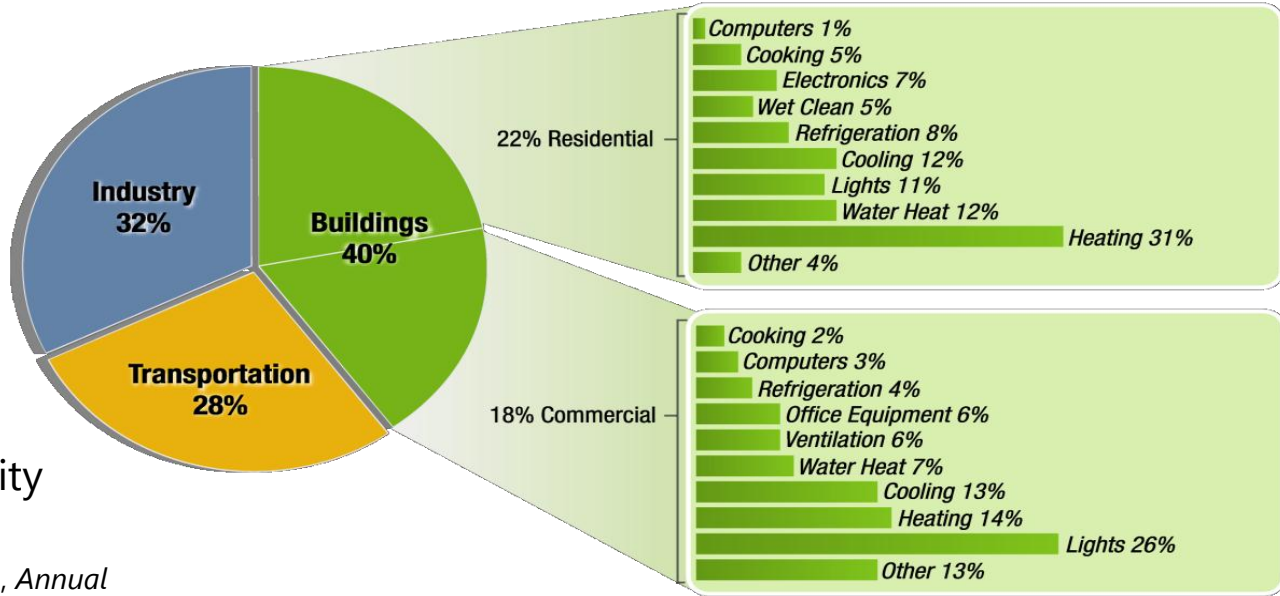
Historically, electrical power has been the largest source of CO₂ emissions, the main contributor to climate change. But in the upcoming decades electricity can become a key lever in evolving towards a low carbon economy.

- International Electricity Partnership, Dec. 2009



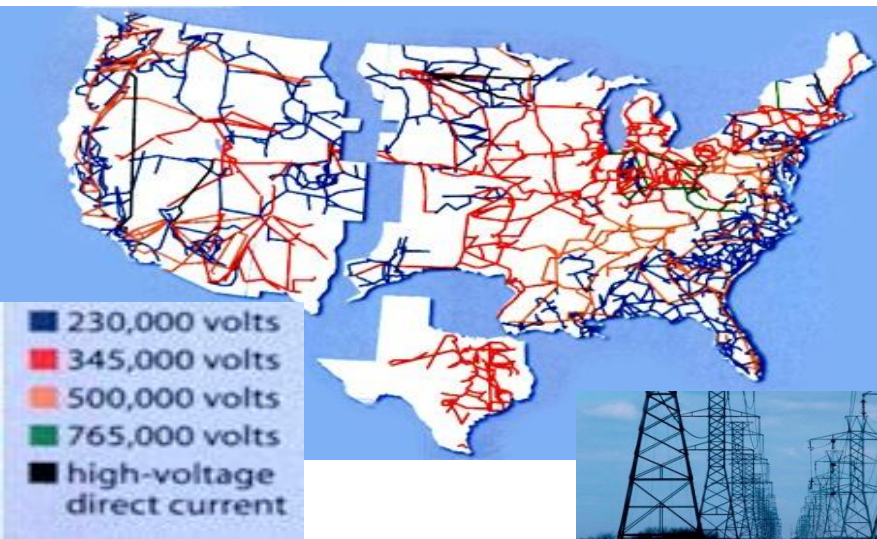
Primary Energy Use by Sector

Electricity



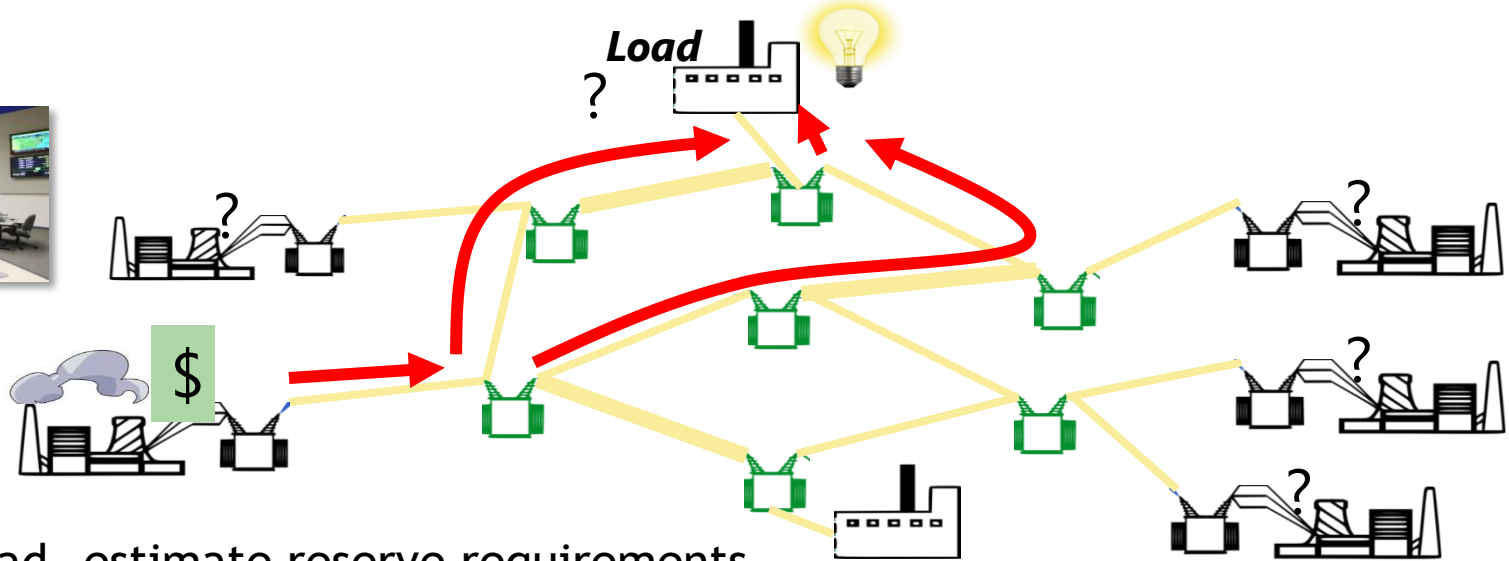
Source: Energy Information Administration, *Annual Energy Review 2008*

Electricity Transmission



- \$354 B electricity sales
- 166,000 miles operated by 500 companies
 - 98% AC, voltages > 100kV
- 3 major interconnections
- 3,170 utility companies
- Over 140 control areas
- 14,000 transmission substations
- ~44 million liquid-immersed distribution transformers in service in 1995
- ~12 million dry transformers

Delivering Electricity



Determine load...estimate reserve requirements

...open auction market (renewables have pre-arranged costs)

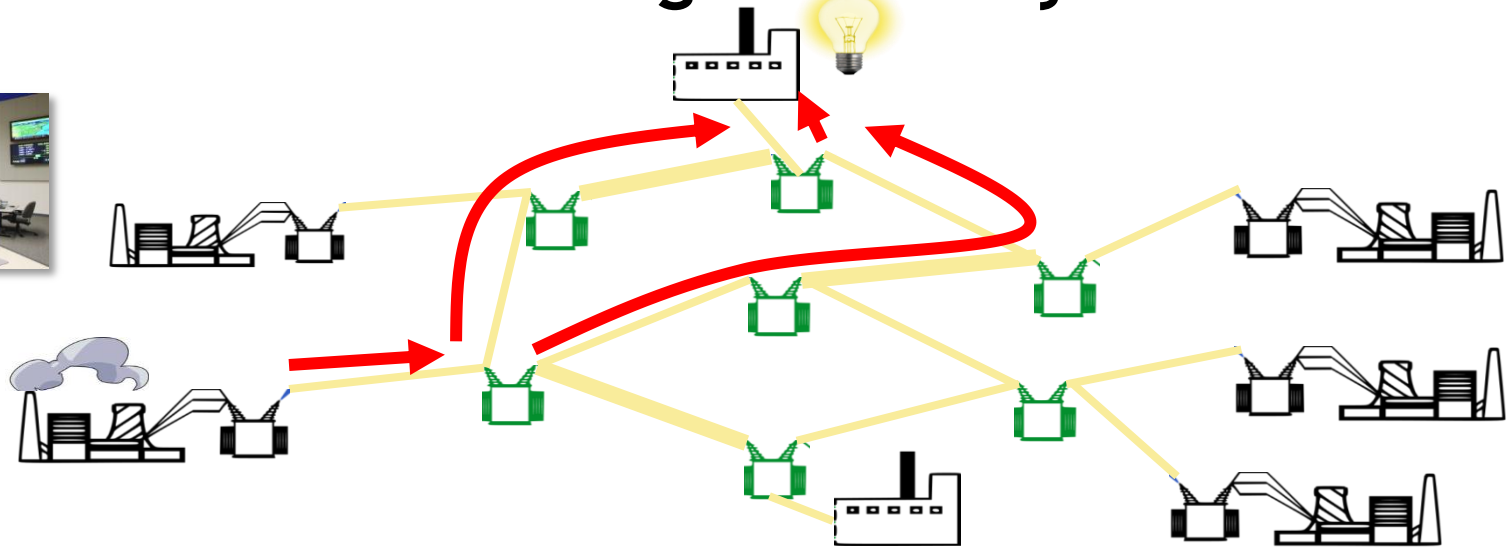
...contingency (N-1) analysis and unit commitment (set price)

...generator dispatch and power flows into the grid

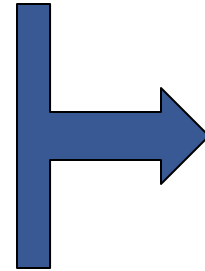
...electrons flow along path of least resistance

...the load draws power from the grid

Delivering Electricity



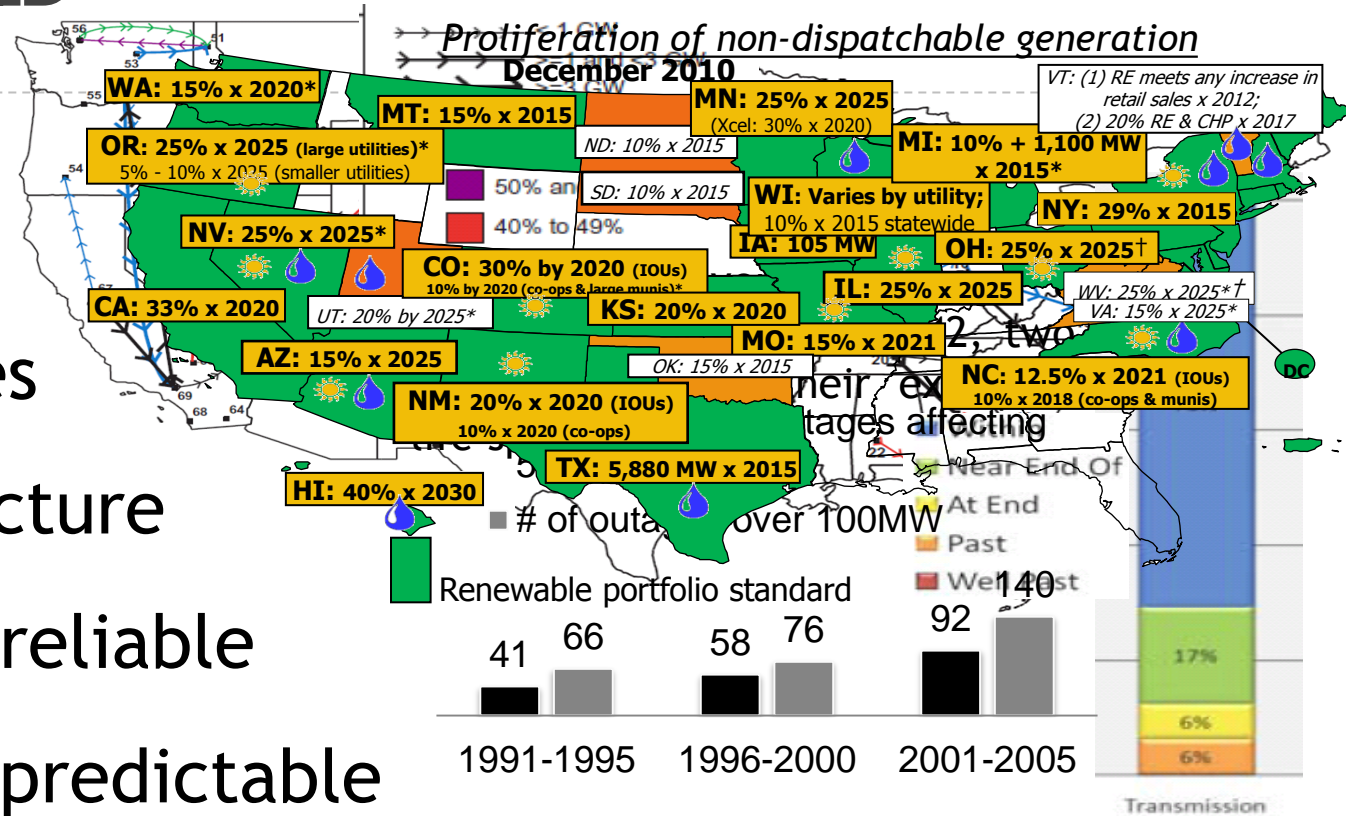
- Negligible storage - just in time delivery of power
- Centrally controlled
- Negligible control of path - Joules are indistinguishable



Not the internet

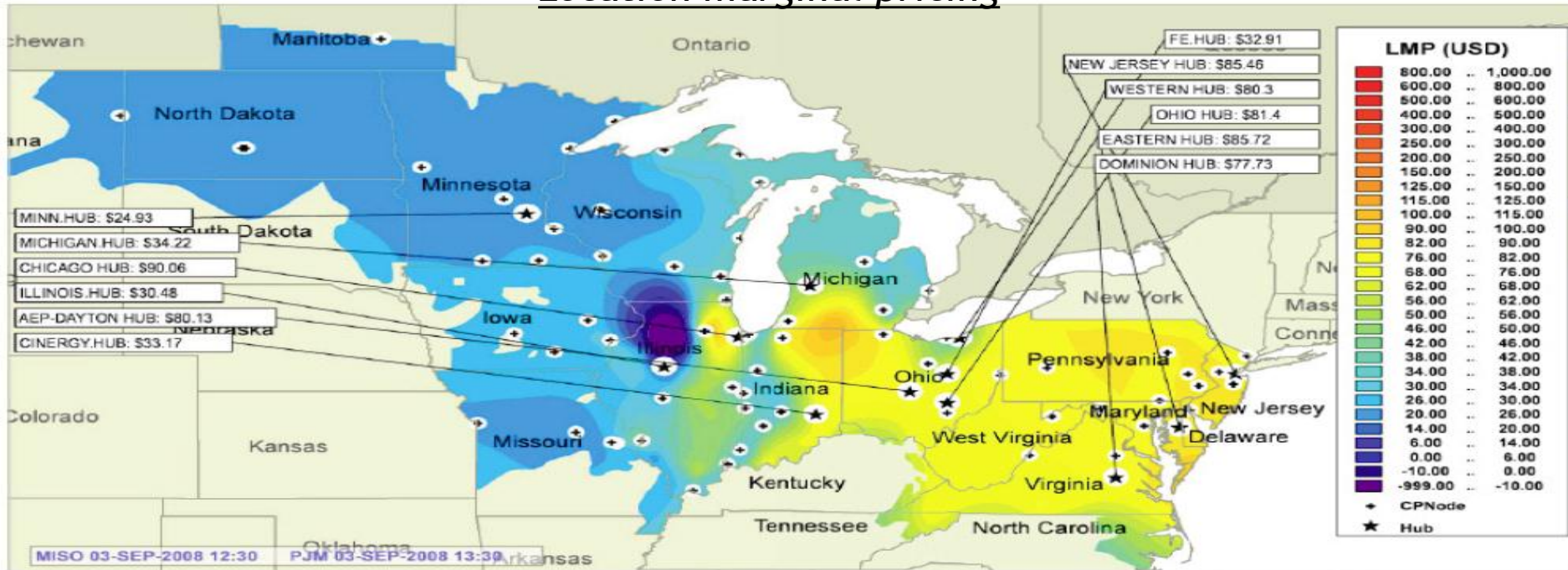
STATE OF THE GRID

- Congested Lines
- Aging Infrastructure
- Increasingly unreliable
- Increasingly unpredictable



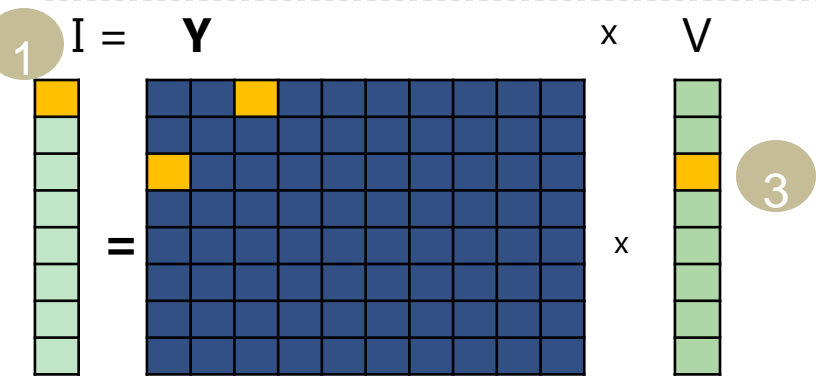
INEFFICIENT MARKETS

Location marginal pricing



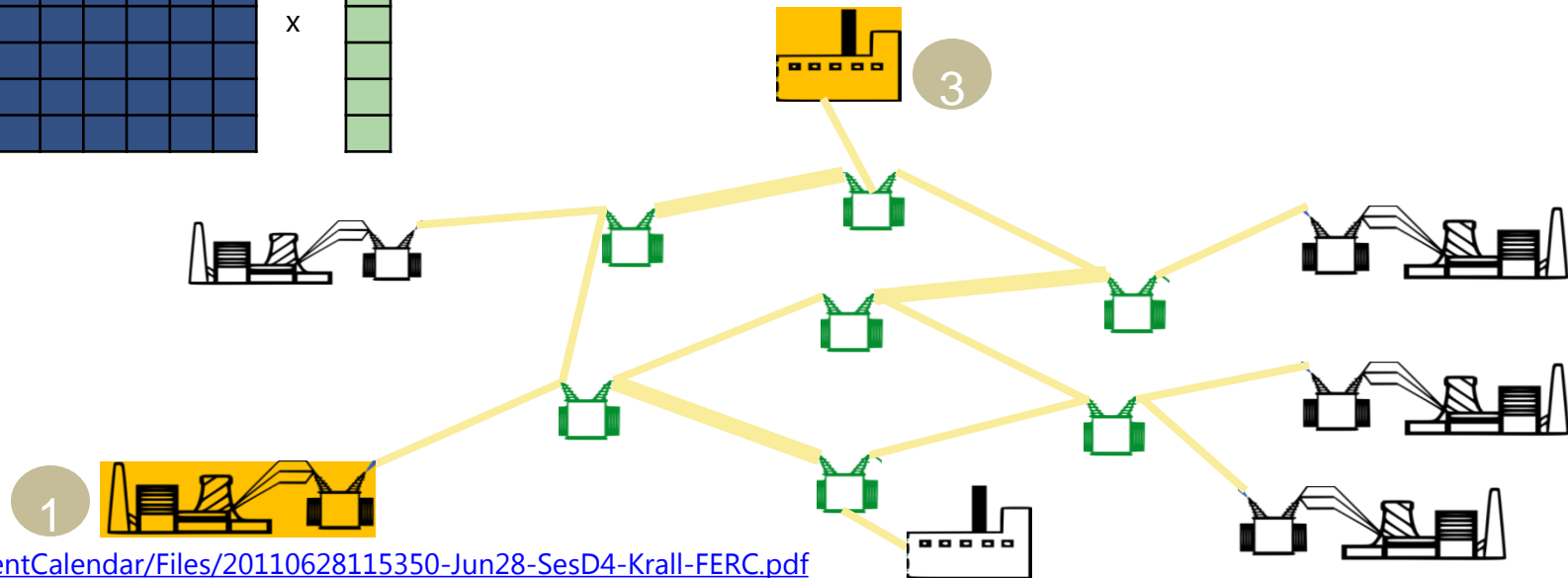
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Designing Power Flow



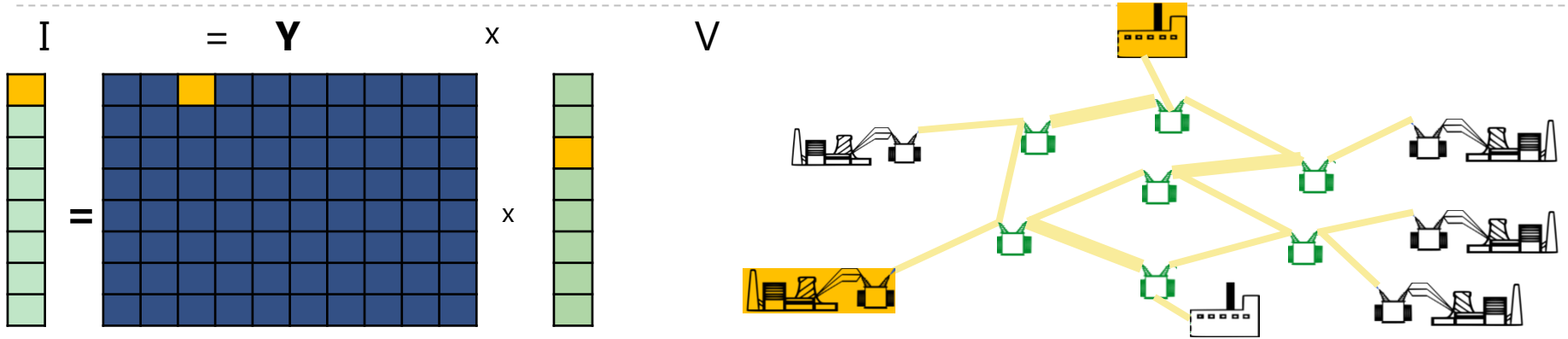
Minimizing the cost of fuel to deliver power is Hard (NP)

constrained by system balance, nodal balance, transmission constraints, generator constraints



<http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/Files/20110628115350-Jun28-SesD4-Krall-FERC.pdf>

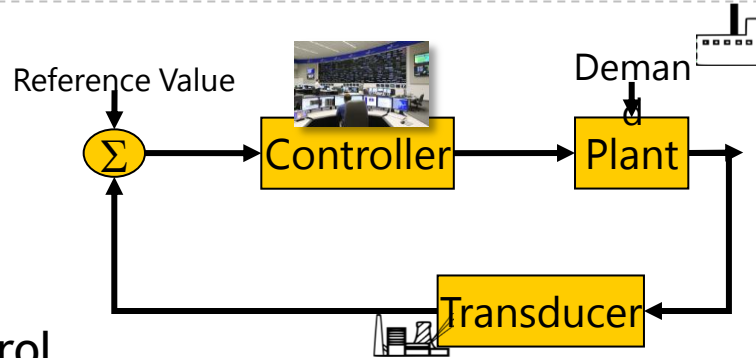
Controlling Power Flow



What kind of control?

- Linear vs. Non-linear
- Deterministic vs. Stochastic
- Time-invariant vs. Time-varying
- Continuous-time vs. Discrete-time

Controlling Power Flow



Power Flow Control

- Feed-forward control
- Assume:
 - Linear
 - Deterministic
 - Time Invariant
- Central control

Error (Frequency, Voltage)

- Feedback control
- Account for
 - Non-linearity
 - Dynamics
- Distributed or local control

Control Infrastructure

Improved Sensing

A PMU measures

- Current (Hall sensor)
- Frequency (LC Circuit)
- Time (GPS)
- Voltage
- Relative Phase
- **Sample 30 msec**
- Petabyte-scale data



Improved Communications

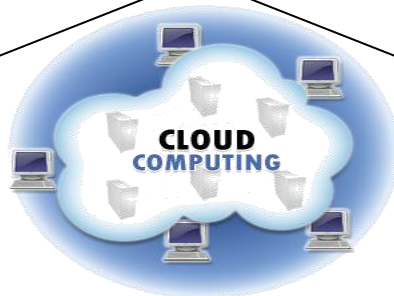
Grid Connected Router

- Low-latency
- MPLS
- Cyber security
- 100-600 μ s for crypto



Distributed computing

- Fast
- Secure
- Resilient



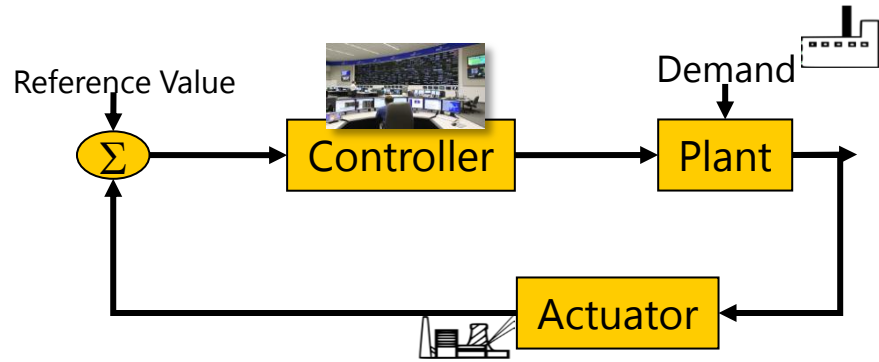
Improved Computation

Need total control latency of 10-100ms

Control Challenges

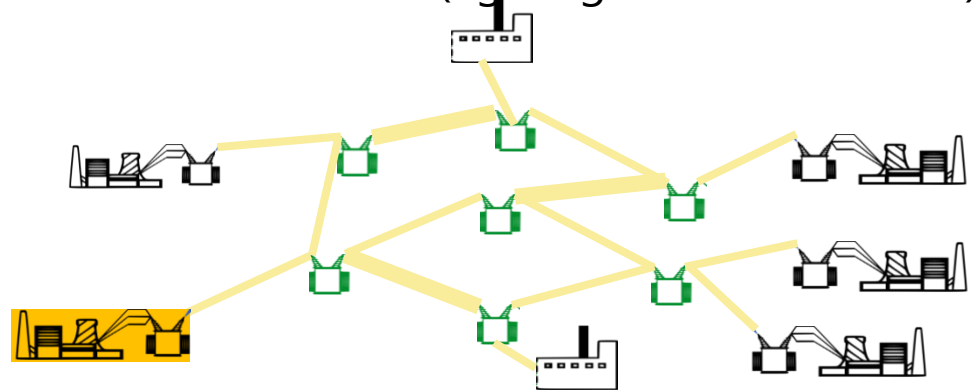
- Traditional control theory assumes centralized feedback control.
- Not always feasible for large-scale distributed systems:
 - Inability to communicate with all subsystems
 - Incomplete/imperfect information
 - Complexity of centralized decision-making
 - Asynchrony
 - Heterogonous decision-makers with different objective and uncertain responses

Actuators



Demand Response

Schedule demand
(eg. large industrial loads)



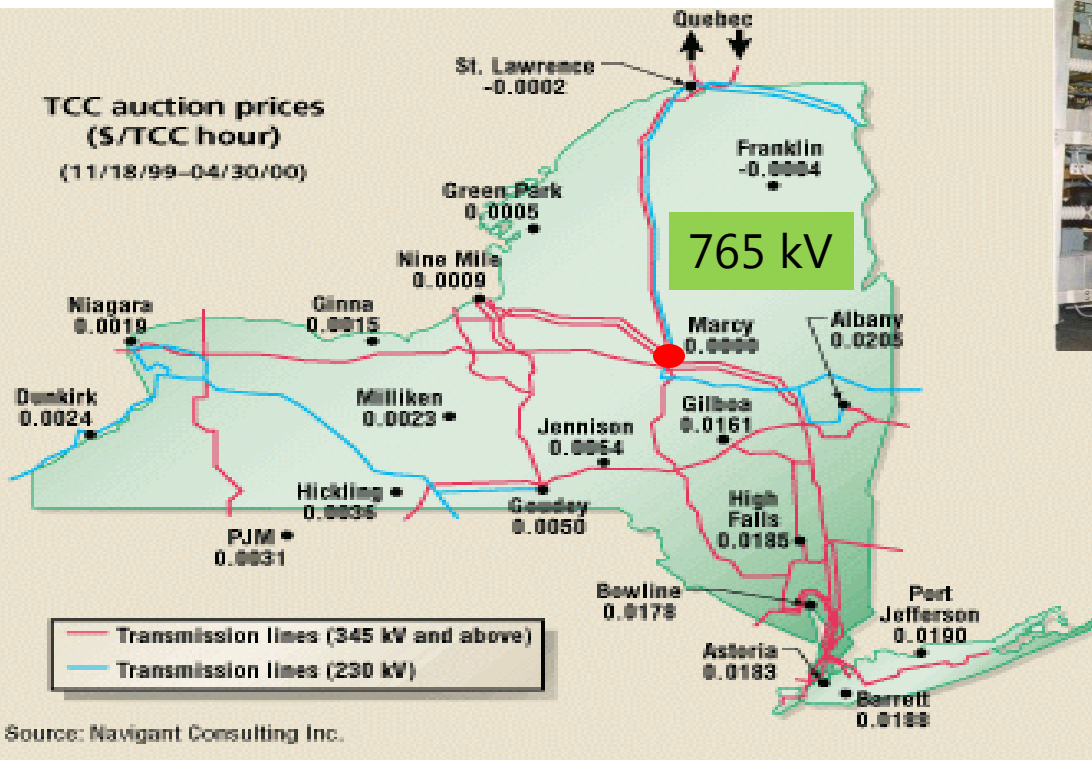
Control in the Grid

Flexible AC Transmission System:

- Static VAR
- STATCOM
- UPFC

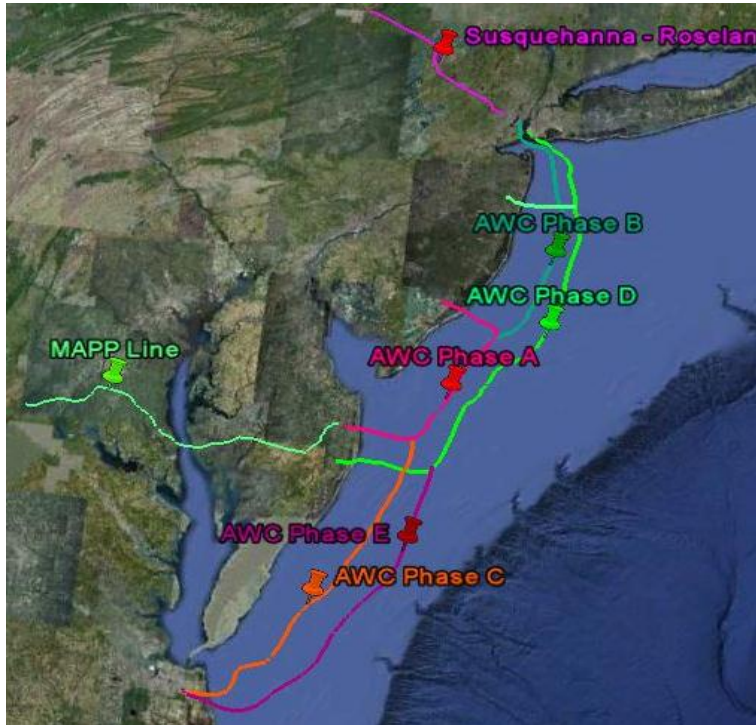
Power Flow Controller (AC)

AC Univesal Power Flow Controller



Power Flow Controller (DC)

Multiterminal HVDC



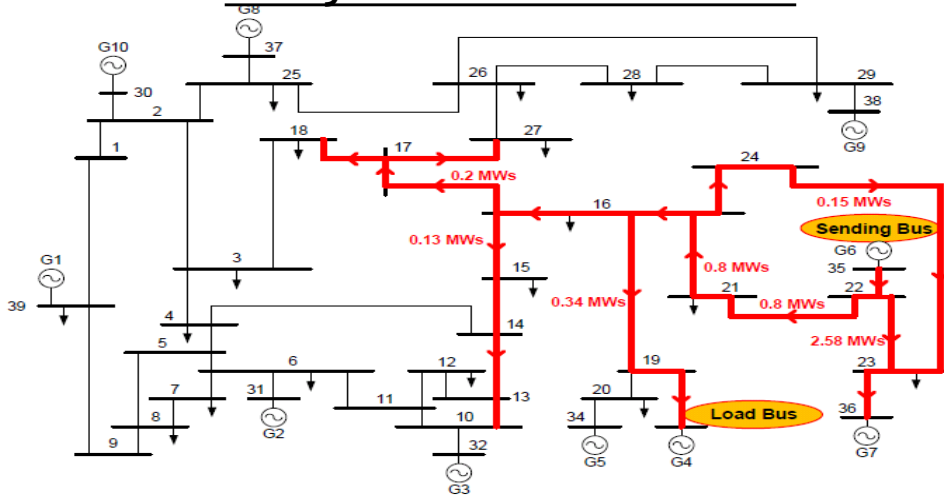
- \$5.2 B (5 phases)
- Offshore multi-terminal voltage-sourced converter (VSCs) backbone
- 6000 MWs of offshore wind farms in federal waters off of NJ, DE, MD & VA
- PJM Total Peak Load = 144,644 MW
- Funded by Google, Good Energy & Marubeni Power
- Optimal power flow scheduling over 2000-MW transfer capability

Benefits of Routing Power

GA Tech study of simplified IEEE 39 Bus system with 4 control areas, operation simulated for 20 years, 20% RPS phased in over 20 years, sufficient transmission capacity added each year to eliminate curtailment of renewable generation

Today: Uncontrolled Flows

Power Routing



Base Case: 3.4 MW sent; 0.34 MW recd

- BAU case requires upgrade of 3 inter-regional paths, for a total of 186,000 MW-MILES
- Power flow control to route power along underutilized paths, 36,000 MW-miles of new lines needed, only 20% of BAU

Control Architecture

- Topic Areas:
 - Grid monitoring
 - Grid communications
 - Distributed computing
 - Distributed optimization

Benefits of Routing Power

- Improved asset utilization
- Improved alignment of customer needs and supply
- More resilient network
 - greater infrastructure security & reliability
- Load owner can transact with the generator