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Advances and Opportunities in Optimization of Electrical Grid Operations

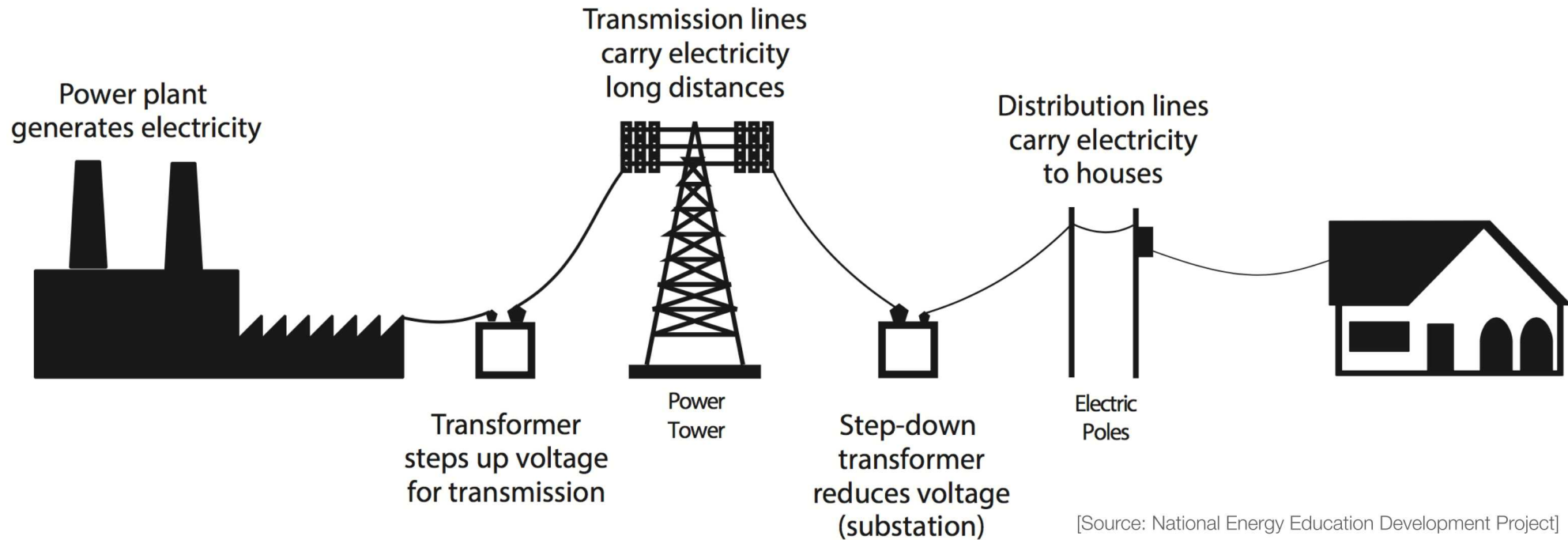
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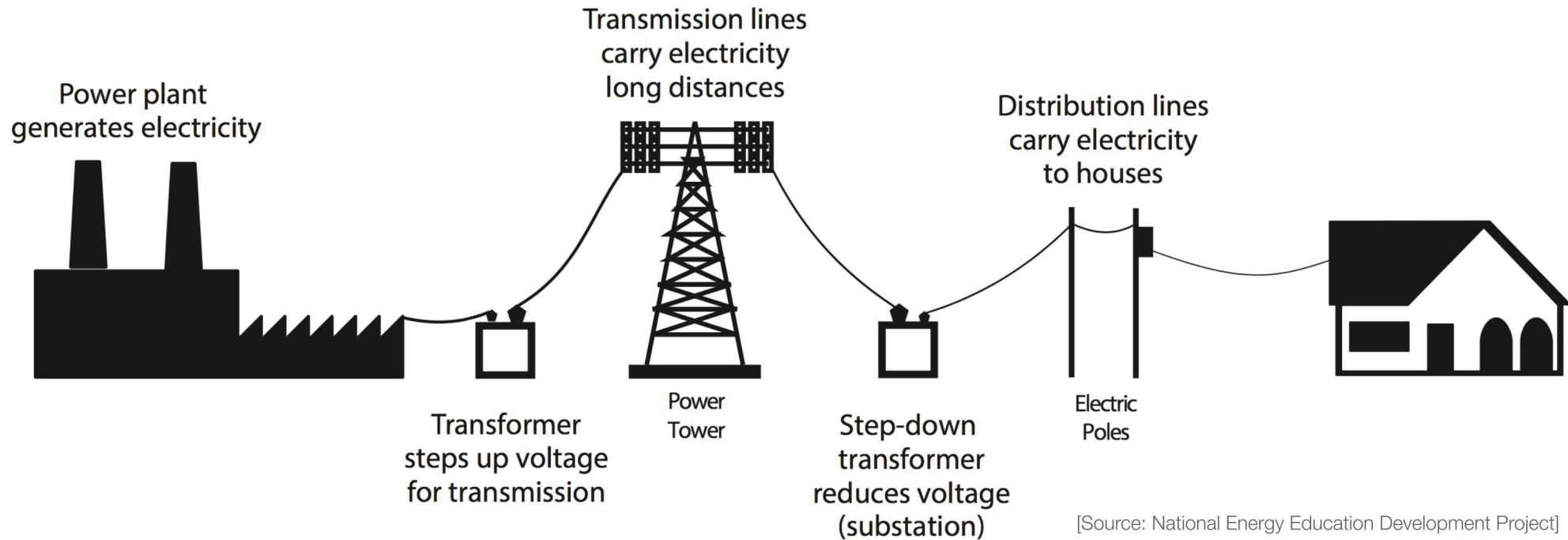


Generation

Transmission

Distribution

Electricity Supply and Delivery



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Distribution

Wholesale
(FERC)

Retail
(States)

Characteristics of Electricity Generation Technologies

Coal (> 30% of US power)

High capital, low marginal cost

High capacity

Nuclear (~20%)

Flat load (~2 years)

Natural Gas (~30% of US power)

Steam: 300-1000 MW, long startup, limited flexibility

Gas Turbine: 10-50 MW, high cost, quick start units

Combined-cycle: High efficiency

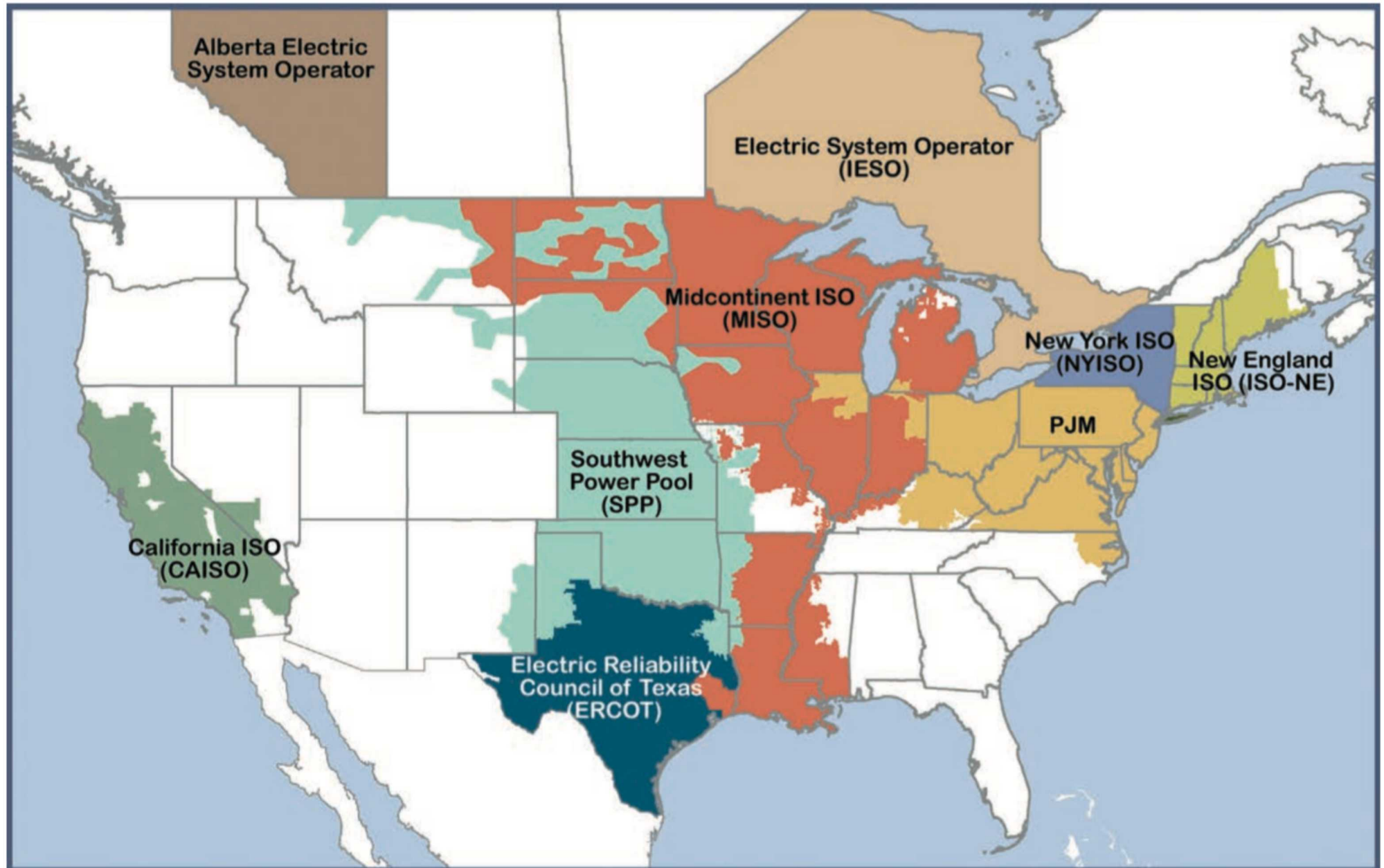
Renewables

E.g., geothermal, biomass, hydro, solar, wind

Generation capacity not controllable (wind, PV)

Increased variability during operation

North American Independent System Operators and Regional Transmission Organizations



Source: Velocity Suite, ABB

[Energy Primer,, A Handbook of Energy Market Basics, Staff Report, FERC]

Electricity Supply and Delivery

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- Ensure reasonable rates, terms, conditions in market
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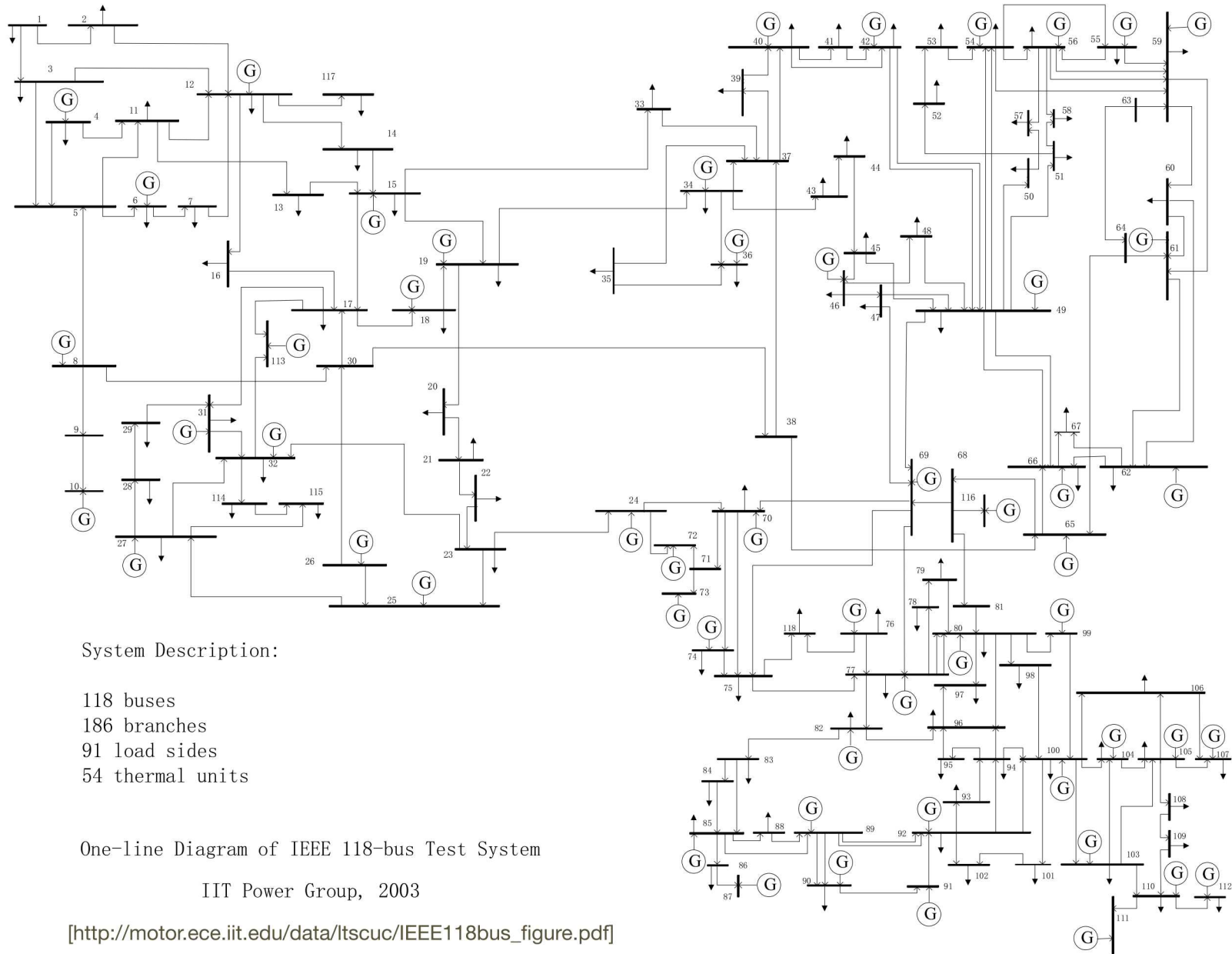
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PSE Research Opportunities

ISO Transmission Network



System Description:

118 buses
186 branches
91 load sides
54 thermal units

One-line Diagram of IEEE 118-bus Test System

IIT Power Group, 2003

[http://motor.ece.iit.edu/data/ltscuc/IEEE118bus_figure.pdf]

Transmission Network Models

Power / current Balance

Generation, demand, bus balances

PI transmission model

Real/reactive power, IV relationships

Line losses, other elements

Operating constraints

Thermal limits on lines

Generator limits, voltage / phase
angle limits

Written in PQ, IV, rect, polar

Typical size: ~10,000 buses/lines

AC Power Flow

Nonlinear IV \rightarrow PQ
Full system constraints

DC Power Flow

linear approximation
(LP, MIP)
P, phase angle only

ISO OPF Applications: Unit Commitment

Day ahead unit commitment

- Determine the On/Off schedule for generation units
- Based on forecast demands
- Include some model of the transmission network
- Generator up/down time constraints, ramping limits
- Used to determine wholesale pricing

Formulations:

UC (MIP)

- Copper-plate assumption
- Ignores congestion (thermal limits)

SCUC+DCOPF (MIP)

- Real power flows only
- DCOPF assumptions (linearized model)
- Can consider losses
- AC feasibility tested on solution

SCUC+ACOPF (MINLP)

- Includes real and reactive power dispatch
- Nonlinear, non-convex model

Locational marginal pricing (LMP) determines spot prices for wholesale market

Dual variable on the real power balance at network buses
Considers marginal unit cost, network congestion, and power losses

* Global solution highly desired...

Challenges:

Committing least cost while maintaining reliability

Demands (+ other parameters) are uncertain (Stoch. Prog.)

AC feasibility tests remove optimality

Need more accurate (nonlinear) models

Real-time economic dispatch

- Run every hour (with 5-15 minute dispatch)

- Generator commitment (discrete decisions) fixed

- Solve for generator setpoints

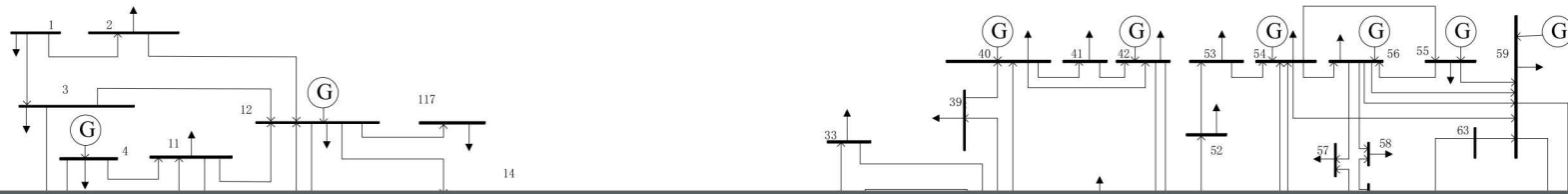
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- DCOPF formulation used with AC feasibility tests

Challenges:

- Desire more accurate models of generator and system capabilities (nonlinear ACOPF+)

Nonlinear Optimization for Power Grid Systems



Fast Solution of ACOPF (NLP)

Global Solution of Nonlinear Power Grid, e.g. UC-AC (MINLP)

N-1 Contingency Constrained ACOPF (Stochastic NLP)

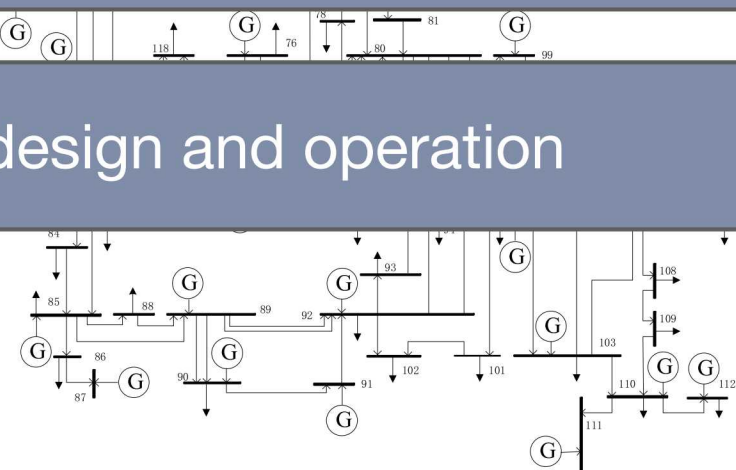
Improved Resiliency through design and operation

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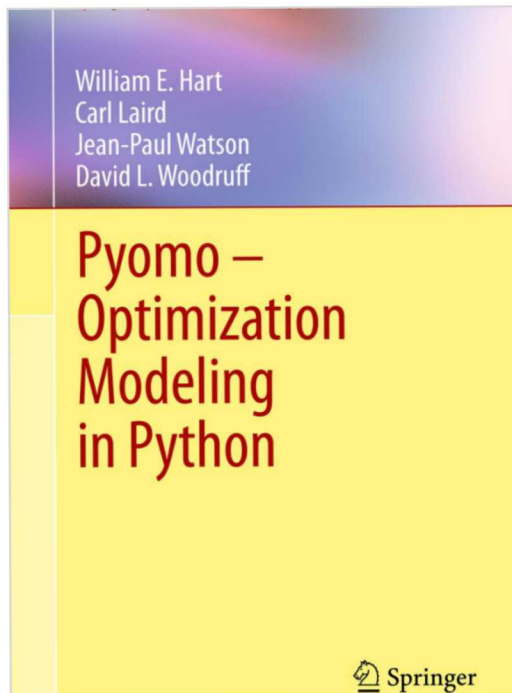
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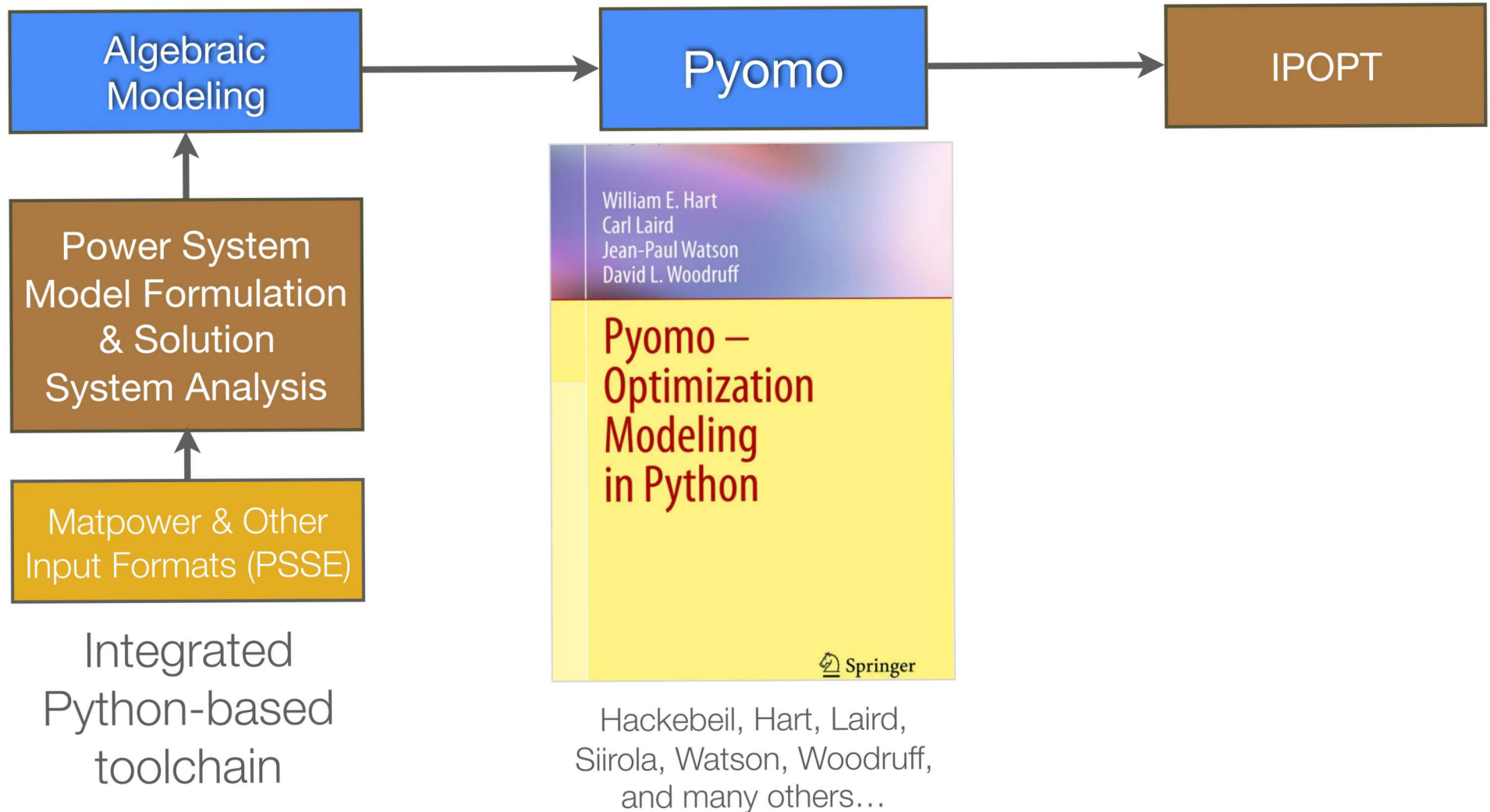


Modeling Power Systems with Pyomo



Hackebeil, Hart, Laird,
Sirola, Watson, Woodruff,
and many others...

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ACOPF Problem Formulation

$$\min \sum_{g \in \mathcal{G}} \text{GeneratorCost}_g(P_g, Q_g)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} i_{fr}^l \\ i_{fj}^l \\ i_{tr}^l \\ i_{tj}^l \end{bmatrix} = Y_{br}^l \begin{bmatrix} v_{fr}^l \\ v_{fj}^l \\ v_{tr}^l \\ v_{tj}^l \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\forall l \in \mathcal{L}$$

PI Transmission Model

$$P_t^l = (v_r^{bt(l)} \cdot i_{tr}^l + v_j^{bt(l)} \cdot i_{tj}^l)$$

$$\forall l \in \mathcal{L}$$

$$Q_t^l = (v_j^{bt(l)} \cdot i_{tr}^l - v_r^{bt(l)} \cdot i_{tj}^l)$$

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$$S_t^l \geq (P_t^l)^2 + (Q_t^l)^2$$

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$$0 = \sum_{l \in \mathcal{B}_{in}^b} P_t^l + \sum_{l \in \mathcal{B}_{out}^b} P_f^l + \sum_{d \in \mathcal{D}^b} P_L^d - \sum_{g \in \mathcal{G}^b} P_G^g + Y_{sh}^b \cdot [(v_r^b)^2 + (v_j^b)^2]$$

$$\forall b \in \mathcal{B}$$

Power Balance Constraints

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$$\forall b \in \mathcal{B}$$

$$v_m^b = (v_r^b)^2 + (v_j^b)^2$$

$$\forall b \in \mathcal{B}$$

Voltage Maximum/Reference

$$v_j^{ref} = 0$$

$$\text{bounds on } v_m^b, P_G^g, Q_G^g, S_f^l, S_t^l$$

ACOPF Solution with Pyomo/IPOPT

Case Name	Number of Variables	Solution Time (CPU Seconds)
case4gs	67	0.015
case5	67	0.003
case9	95	0.004
case9Q	95	0.004
case6ww	105	0.004
nesta_case_14_ieee	194	0.007
case14	197	0.005
case30	399	0.028
case24_ieee_rts	416	0.016
case39	465	0.015
case57	767	0.015
case118	1832	0.037
case89pegase	1881	0.067
case300	4025	0.13
case30Q	4025	0.14
case2383wp	28456	2.6

But global solution is highly desired...

case3012wp	35242	2.6
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Rectangular PQV Model

Power Balance

$$\sum_{l \in \mathcal{L}_b^{in}} P_{l,t}^t + \sum_{l \in \mathcal{L}_b^{out}} P_{l,t}^f + G_b^{sh} v_{b,t}^2 + P_{b,t}^D - \sum_{g \in \mathcal{G}_b} P_{g,t}^G = 0 \quad \forall b, t$$

$$\sum_{l \in \mathcal{L}_b^{in}} Q_{l,t}^t + \sum_{l \in \mathcal{L}_b^{out}} Q_{l,t}^f - B_b^{sh} v_{b,t}^2 + Q_{b,t}^D - \sum_{g \in \mathcal{G}_b} Q_{g,t}^G - \sum_{sc \in \mathcal{SC}_b} Q_{sc,t}^{SC} = 0 \quad \forall b, t$$

Power Flow

$$P_{l,t}^f = G_l^{ff} v_{b,t}^2 + G_l^{ft} (v_{b,t}^r v_{k,t}^r + v_{b,t}^j v_{k,t}^j) - B_l^{ft} (v_{b,t}^r v_{k,t}^j - v_{b,t}^j v_{k,t}^r) \quad \forall l, t$$

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Safety Constraints

$$(P_{l,t}^f)^2 + (Q_{l,t}^f)^2 \leq (S_{l,t}^{max})^2 \quad \forall l, t$$

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Bounds

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Relaxation of Rectangular PQV Model

Second-Order Cone Programming (SOCP) relaxation
(Jabr, 2006, Kocuk, 2015)

$$c_{b,b,t} = (v_{b,t}^r)^2 + (v_{b,t}^j)^2 = v_{b,t}^2$$

$$c_{b,k,t} = v_{b,t}^r v_{k,t}^r + v_{b,t}^j v_{k,t}^j = |v_{b,t}| |v_{k,t}| \cos \theta_{b,k,t}$$

$$s_{b,k,t} = v_{b,t}^r v_{k,t}^j - v_{k,t}^r v_{b,t}^j = -|v_{b,t}| |v_{k,t}| \sin \theta_{b,k,t}$$

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Second-Order Cone Constraints

$$c_{b,k,t}^2 + s_{b,k,t}^2 \leq c_{b,b,t} c_{k,k,t} \quad \forall l, t$$

Global Solution of ACOPF with Pyomo/IPOPT

Table 1: Problem Size and Performance Results

Case Name	Optimal Solution	Optimality Gap (%)	CPU Time (s)	Iterations
Case6ww	3126.36	8×10^{-3}	0.26	4
Case14	8081.52	3×10^{-3}	0.43	3
Case30	574.52	0.0	0.95	5
Case39	41864.18	5×10^{-3}	1.21	3
Case57	41737.79	6×10^{-3}	7.29	12
Case89	5817.60	9×10^{-3}	46.2	44
Case118	129660.69	6×10^{-3}	18.5	14
Case300	719725.10	9×10^{-3}	82.7	49
NESTA Case6ww	3143.97	0.0	0.74	7
NESTA Case14	244.05	3×10^{-3}	0.22	3
NESTA Case30	204.97	0.0	0.57	4
NESTA Case39	96505.52	9×10^{-3}	3.00	8
NESTA Case57	1143.27	6×10^{-3}	9.62	20
NESTA Case89	5819.81	9×10^{-3}	55.8	57
NESTA Case118	3718.64	0.0	93.7	55
NESTA Case300	16891.28	0.0	138.2	26

Relaxation of SCUC+ACOPF (MISOCP)

$$\min f^p + f^{su} + f^{sd}$$

$$A_g^2 (P_{g,t}^G)^2 + A_g^1 P_{g,t}^G + A_g^0 y_{g,t} \leq c_{g,t}^p \quad \forall g, t$$

$$f^p = \sum_{g \in \mathcal{G}} \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}} c_{g,t}^p$$

$$f^{su} = \sum_{g \in \mathcal{G}} \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}} \sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{S}_g} K_{g,\tau}^{su} \delta_{g,\tau,t}$$

$$f^{sd} = \sum_{g \in \mathcal{G}} \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}} K_g^{sd} w_{g,t}$$

$$\sum_{t'=t-T_g^u}^t u_{g,t'} \leq y_{g,t} \quad \forall g, t$$

$$\sum_{t'=t-T_g^d}^t w_{g,t'} \leq 1 - y_{g,t} \quad \forall g, t$$

$$\sum_{b \in \mathcal{B}} P_{b,t}^D + P_t^R \leq \sum_{g \in \mathcal{G}} P_{g,t}^a \quad \forall t$$

$$P_g^{G,min} y_{g,t} \leq P_{g,t}^G \leq P_{g,t}^a \leq P_g^{G,max} y_{g,t} \quad \forall g, t$$

$$Q_g^{G,min} y_{g,t} \leq Q_{g,t}^G \leq Q_g^{G,max} y_{g,t} \quad \forall g, t$$

$$Q_{sc}^{SC,min} y_{sc,t} \leq Q_{sc,t}^{SC} \leq Q_{sc}^{SC,max} y_{sc,t} \quad \forall sc, t$$

$$\delta_{g,\tau,t} \leq \sum_{t'=t-T_{g,\tau}^{su}}^{t+1-T_{g,\tau}^{su}} w_{g,t'} \quad \forall g, t, \tau$$

$$u_{g,t} = \sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{S}_g} \delta_{g,\tau,t} \quad \forall g, t$$

$$y_{g,t} - y_{g,t-1} = u_{g,t} - w_{g,t} \quad \forall g, t$$

+

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Numerical Results: 48 hour look-ahead

Case	Formulation	Upper Bound	Lower Bound	Gap (%)	CPU Time (s)	Iteration
Case6	MISOCP-Q	1017.63	1017.63	0.0%	10.1	3
	MISOCP	1017.63	1017.63	0.0%	14.6	4
	MILP-5	1017.63	1010.56	0.7%	1116.7	30*
	MILP-10	1017.63	1017.63	0.0%	453.5	9
Case24-1	MISOCP-Q	8953.23	8946.80	0.1%	995	5
	MISOCP	8951.49	8947.75	0.1%	1520	7
	MILP-5	—	8209.15	—	5762.8	30*
	MILP-10	—	8870.4	—	36000*	1
Case24-2	MISOCP-Q	8863.62	8855.38	0.1%	846	1
	MISOCP	8863.62	8854.28	0.1%	83	1
	MILP-5	—	6957.86	—	6108.4	30*
	MILP-10	—	8634.28	—	36000*	12
Case118	MISOCP-Q	—	8327.90	—	36000*	1
	MISOCP	8357.76	8329.13	0.3%	5551.0	1
	MILP-5	—	3984.62	—	36000*	1
	MILP-10	—	8175.10	—	36000*	1

MISOCP-Q: relaxation with quadratic cost functions and thermal limits

MISOCP: relaxation with linear under-estimators of cost functions

MILP-5 /10: linear relaxations with different segment points

Transmission network performance vulnerable to:

- Inaccurate demand forecasts

- Weather events - transmission element failure

- Geomagnetic disturbances

- etc.

Optimization formulations for improving resilience:

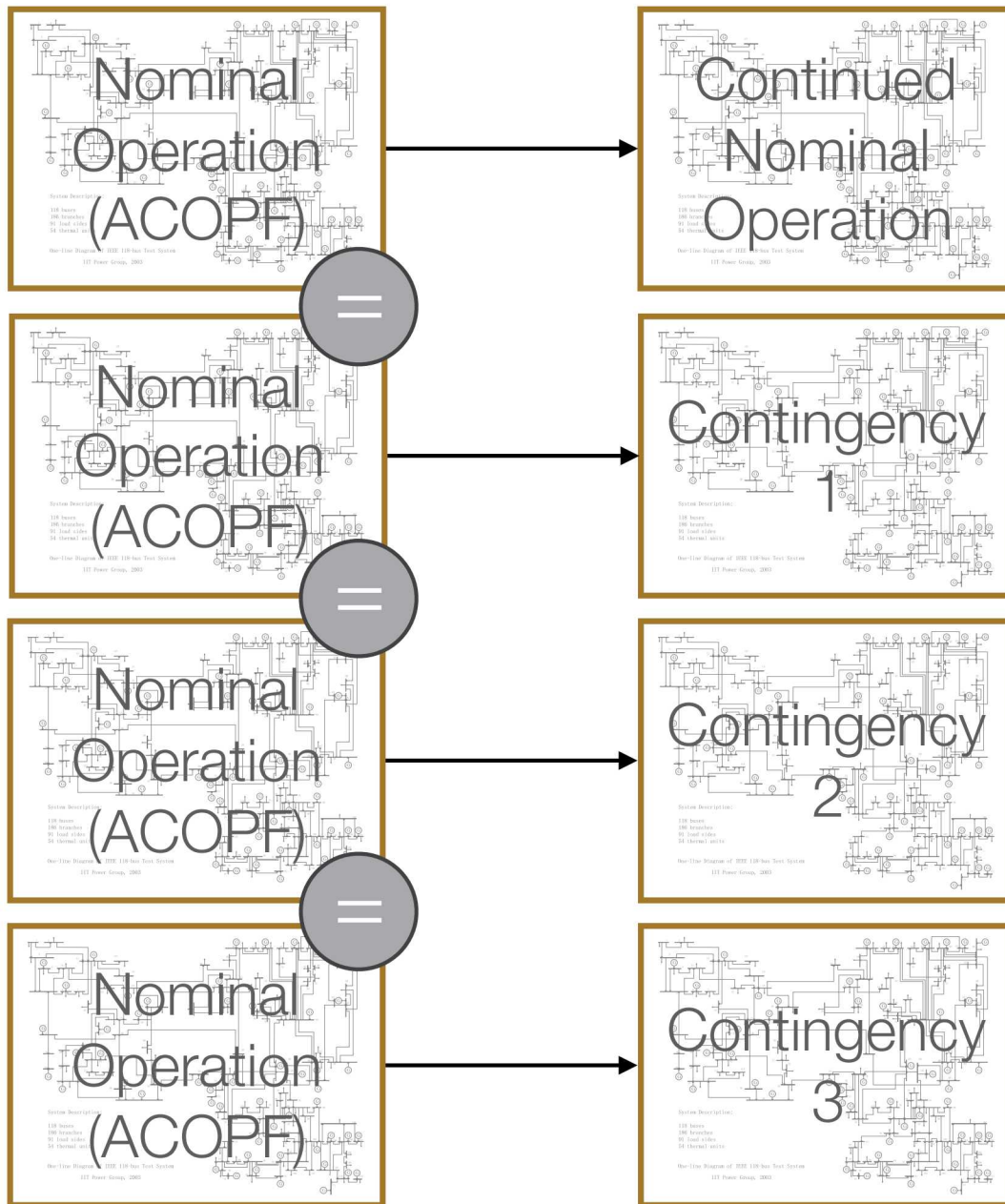
- SP considering demand, weather, GMD uncertainty

- N-1 contingency constrained

- Adjust operating set point

- Perform system hardening or redesign

Contingency-Constrained ACOPF Problem



Nonlinear two-stage stochastic programming problem

AC power flow model for each scenario and stage

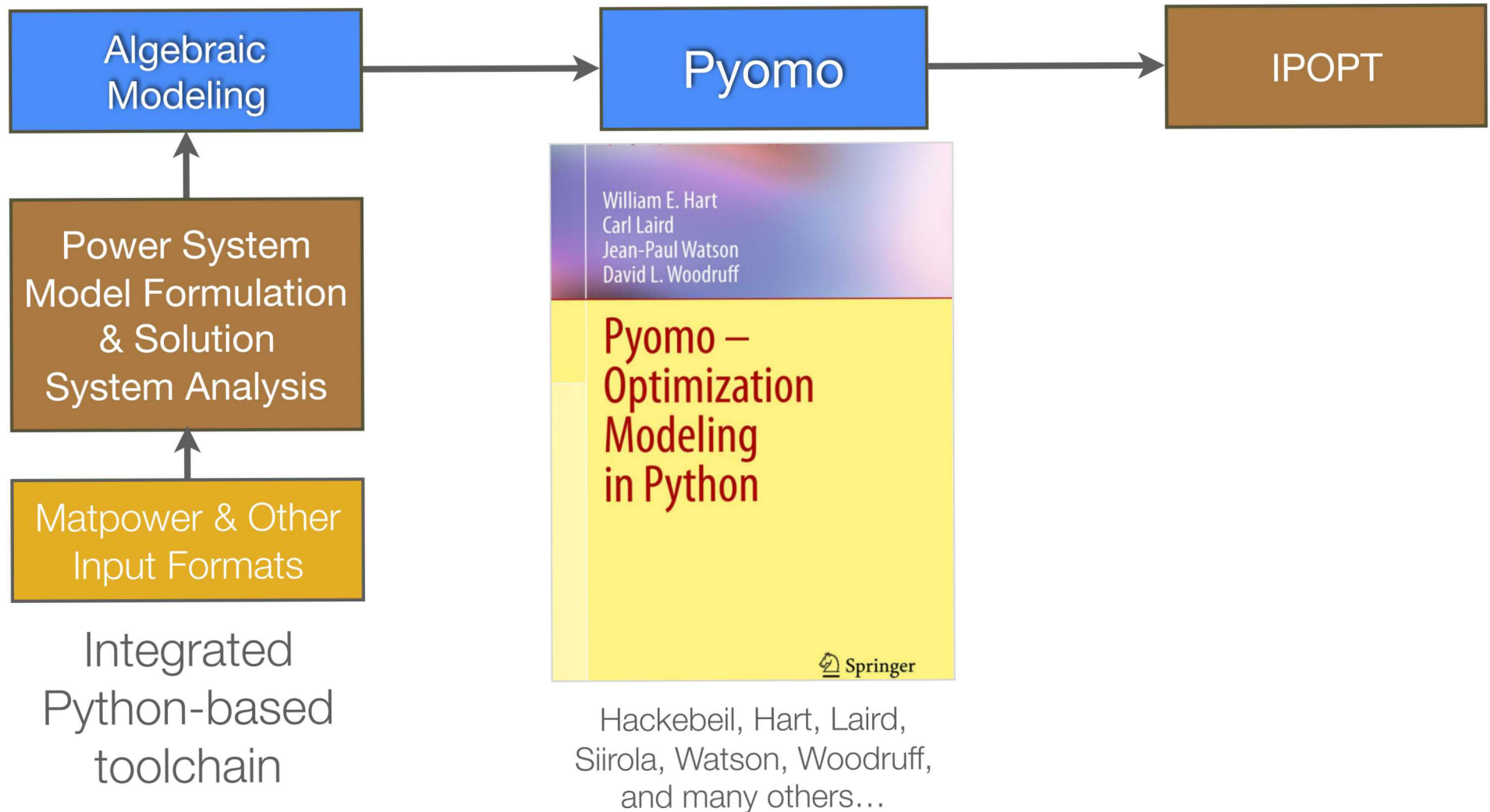
Contingency scenario for each transmission line

Penalty for inability to satisfy demands (infeasibility)

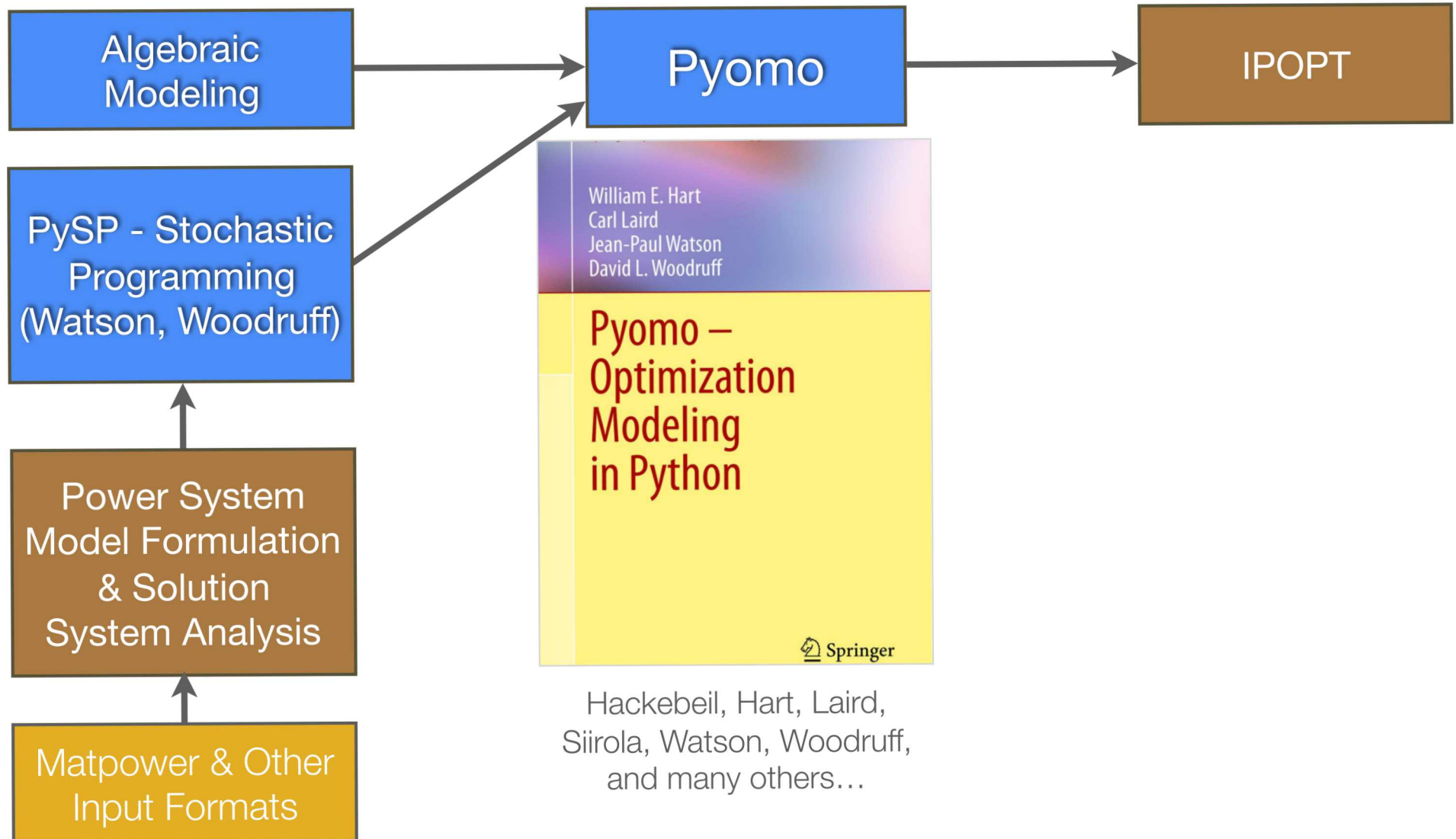
Ramping constraints for changes in generator set points

Very large-scale nonlinear programming problem
(Millions of variables)

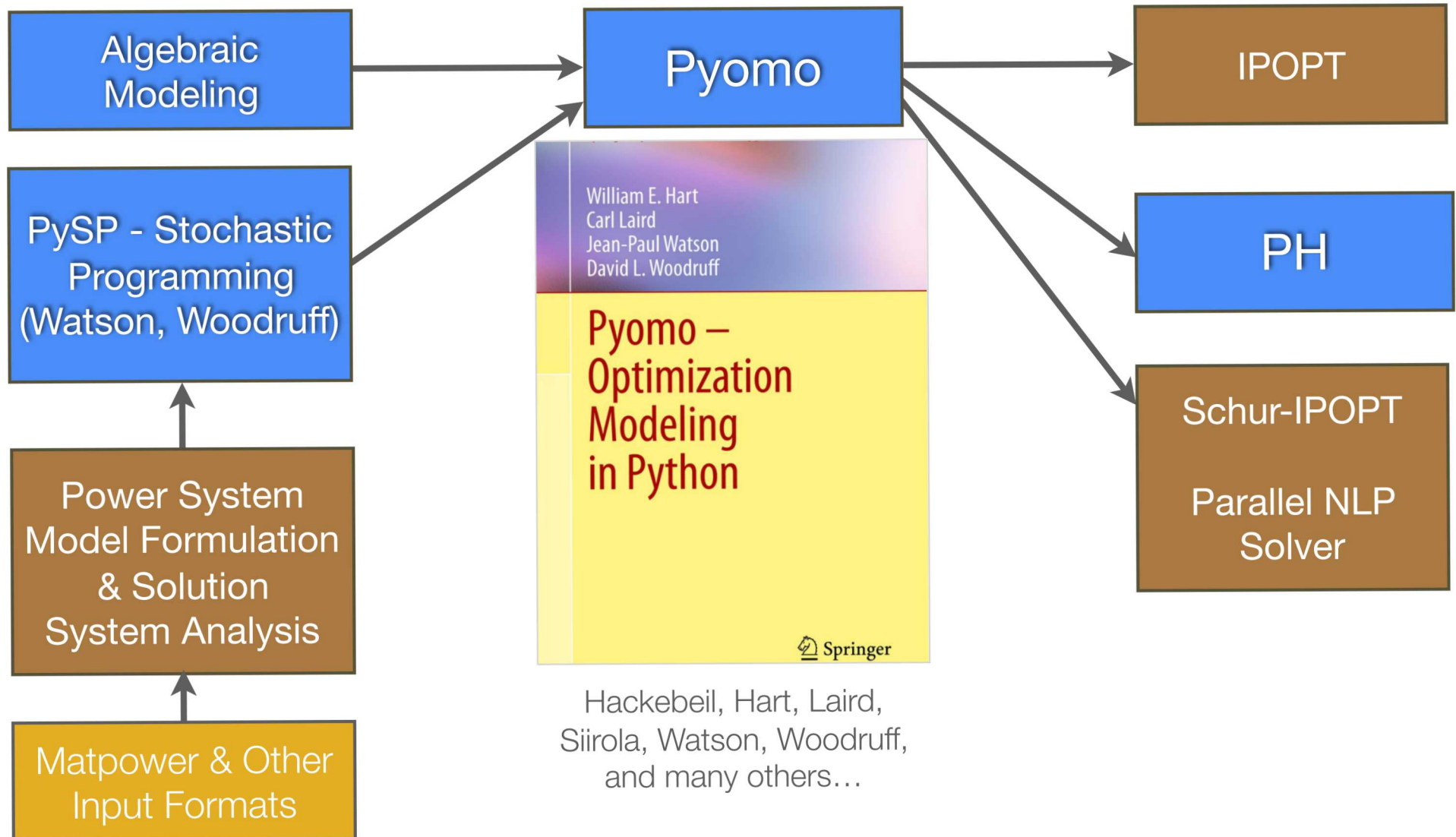
Building the model with Pyomo and PySP



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Hackebeil, Hart, Laird,
Sirola, Watson, Woodruff,
and many others...

Contingency-constrained ACOPF results

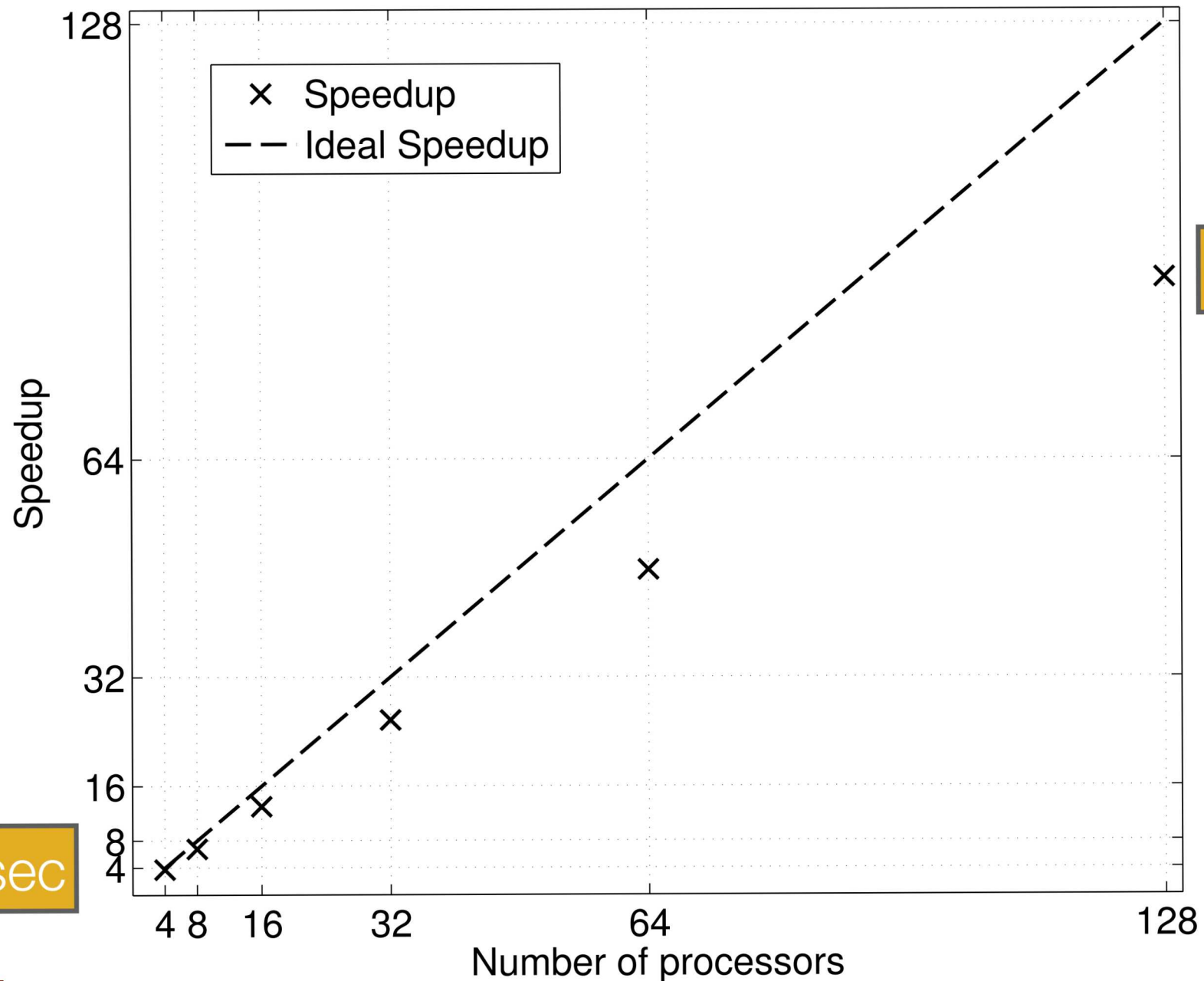
Problem data: case118 distributed with Matpower 4.1
- 118 buses, 54 active generators, and 186 branches

Multi-scenario problem with 128 scenarios in total
- Normal operating scenario and 127 contingencies
- Problem size: ~400,000 variables and ~385,000 constraints

Solution obtained in less than 5 seconds

*Wall-clock time from the Red Mesa supercomputing cluster at Sandia National Lab.
Each node: 12 GB RAM, two 2.93 GHz quad-core, Nehalem X5570 processors

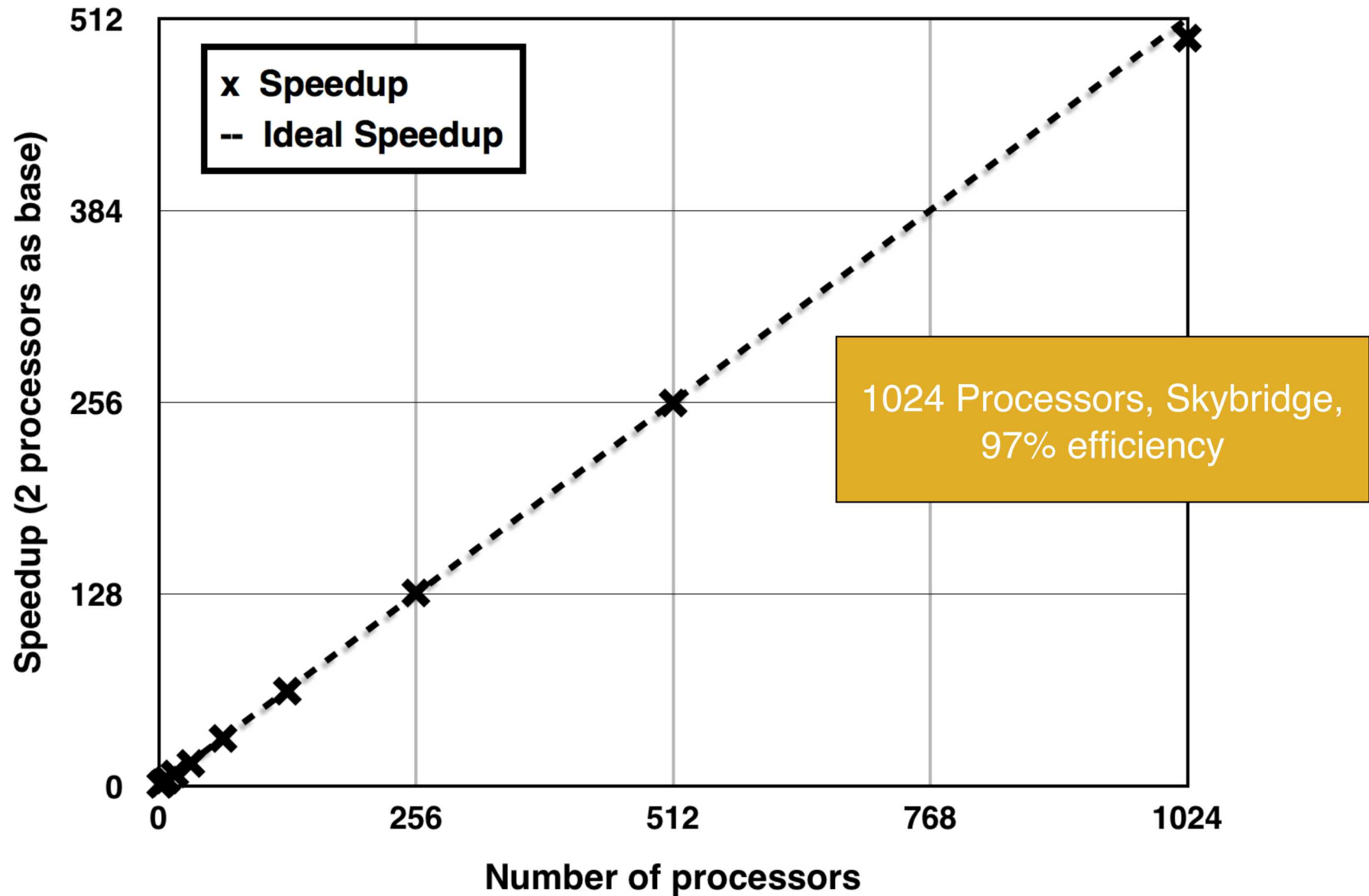
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Strong Scaling of Explicit Method in Schur-IPOPT



Research Opportunities

Forecasting:

- Wind, solar, demand

Generation:

- Impact of renewables
- Advanced systems for clean, efficient, energy production
- IDAES project with NETL

Improved optimization formulations for day-to-day operation

- Stochastic unit commitment
- Considerations of system nonlinearity - requires global/MINLP strategies
- Investigation of different (equivalent) formulations

Optimization formulations for design and operations

- Advisory tools for system reliability and resilience
- Introduction of new control elements
- Optimizing design of storage capabilities

Demand response

- Allow for controllable increase/decrease or shaping of demand

Dynamic systems optimization

- Include stability criteria and consider reliability rigorously

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