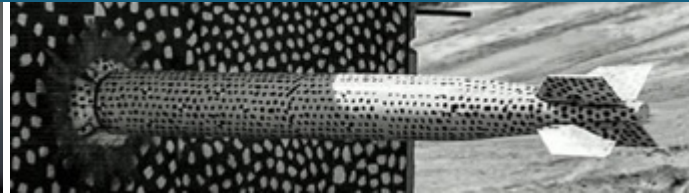
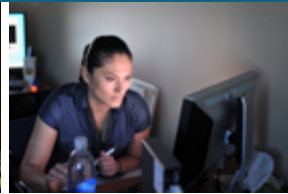


# Model Predictive Dispatch of Energy Storage for Voltage Regulation in Active Distribution Systems

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## Issues in Power Distribution Systems with High Renewable Penetration



- Current practices using transformers, voltage regulators and switching capacitors sub-optimal
- System operators have to impose stringent operational limits
  - Traditionally 5-10% voltage deviation allowed
  - Hawaiian electric has proposed limiting voltage operation range to  $\pm 2.5\%$  during day time due to excessive PV
- Reduces efficiency and utilization of renewables



- Existing solutions
  - Limit integration of renewables
  - Curtailment of power from renewables
- Energy storage a flexible asset for voltage regulation
- Voltage regulation can be provided either by active or reactive power support
  - Inverter of energy storage system (ESS) can provide reactive power support
  - Oversizing by 10% → Increase Q-capability of  $\pm 46\%$
  - Active power support also desirable when R/X ratio is higher
- Voltage regulation through substation installations or distributed energy storage



## Local Control Strategies

- Local voltage measurements
- No communication
- Control instability

## Decentralized and Distributed Strategies

- Low-form of communication typically between neighboring nodes
- Improved control stability
- Does not guarantee optimality

## Centralized Strategies

- Sophisticated communication
- Stability and optimality can be guaranteed

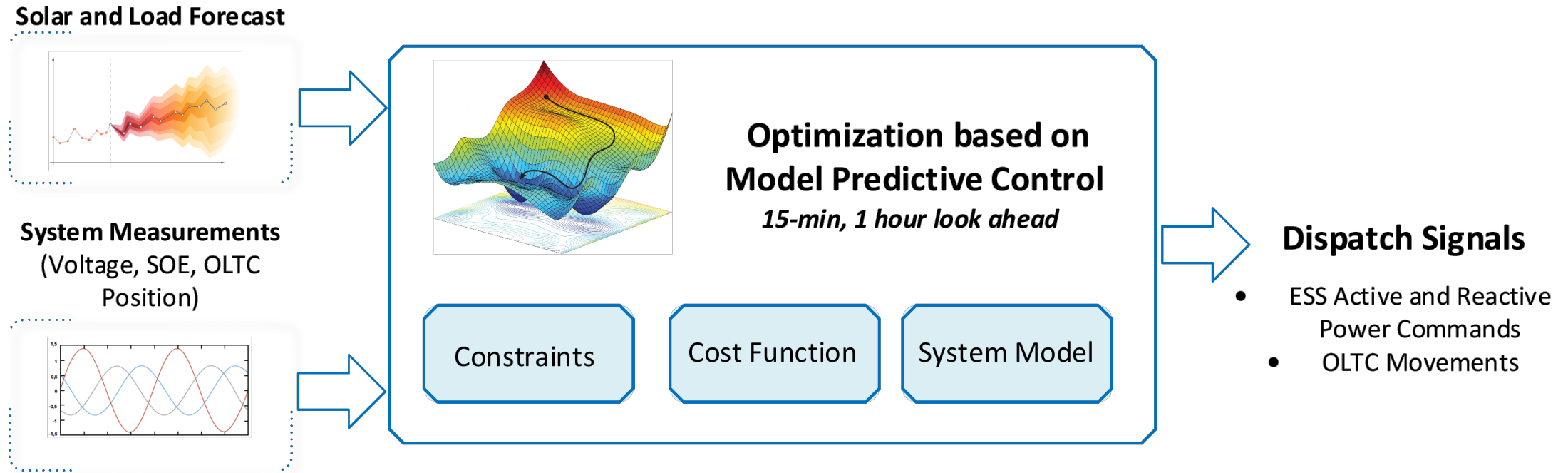
Control Strategies Utilizing  
Model Predictive Control (MPC)  
Framework

## 6 Objective of the Work

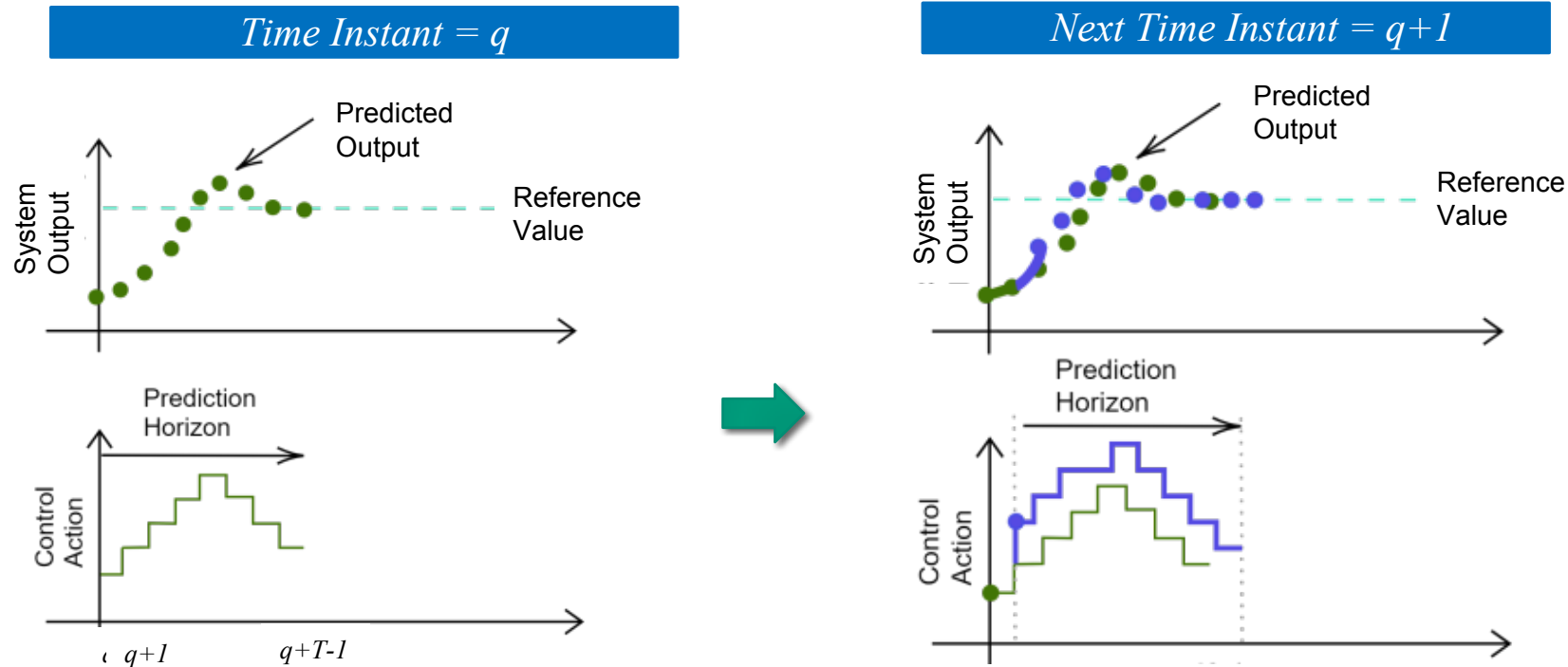
- Develop a dispatch framework using MPC to utilize energy storage for voltage regulation in distribution systems
- Minimize operation of traditional voltage regulators such as On Load Tap Changers (OLTCs)



# Proposed Dispatch of Energy Storage Using Model Predictive Control

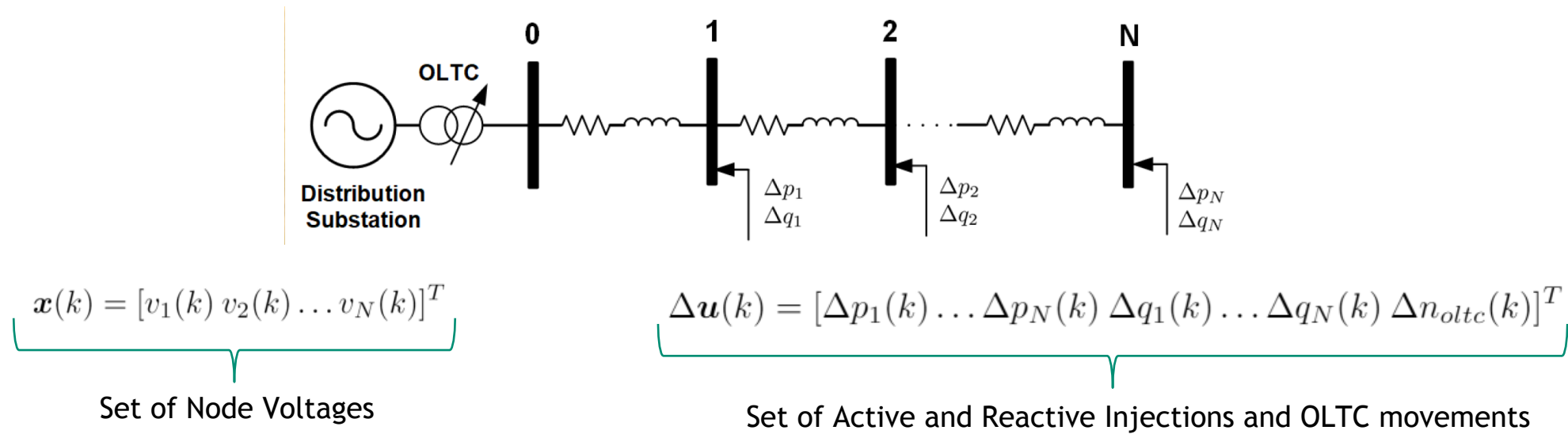


- Utilize renewable energy and load forecast information to optimally dispatch energy storage to:
  - Maintain system voltage within desired range
  - Limit operation of traditional devices such as OLTCs and capacitor banks



- Optimal control action computed based on prediction from a system model
- Cost function is defined to optimize system (reduce deviation, reduced power usage)
- Prediction horizon moves one-time step
- Optimization re-runs to calculate new optimal control





### Predictive Model

$$\mathbf{x}(k+1) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(k) + \mathbf{B}\Delta \mathbf{u}(k) + \mathbf{D}\Delta \mathbf{d}(k)$$

Sensitivity Matrix

*Describes voltage sensitivity to  $\Delta p$ ,  $\Delta q$ , and  $\Delta n_{oltc}$*

- Predict voltage at the next sampling instant
- This model can be used as the “predictive” model to implement MPC based dispatch of ESSs



### Objective Function

Minimize control actions  $\Delta p$ ,  $\Delta q$ , and  $\Delta n_{oltc}$

$$\min \sum_{k=1}^T \{ R_n \mathbf{U}_n(k) + R_p \mathbf{U}_p(k) + R_q \mathbf{U}_q(k) \}$$

$\underbrace{\Delta \mathbf{n}^+(k) + \Delta \mathbf{n}^-(k)}_{\text{OLTC Movements}}$

$\underbrace{\Delta \mathbf{p}^+(k) + \Delta \mathbf{p}^-(k)}_{\text{ESS Charge/Discharge}}$

$\underbrace{\Delta \mathbf{q}^+(k) + \Delta \mathbf{q}^-(k)}_{\text{Inductive/Capacitive Reactive Power}}$

### Optimization Constraints

$$\mathbf{x}_{min} \leq \mathbf{x}(k) \leq \mathbf{x}_{max}$$

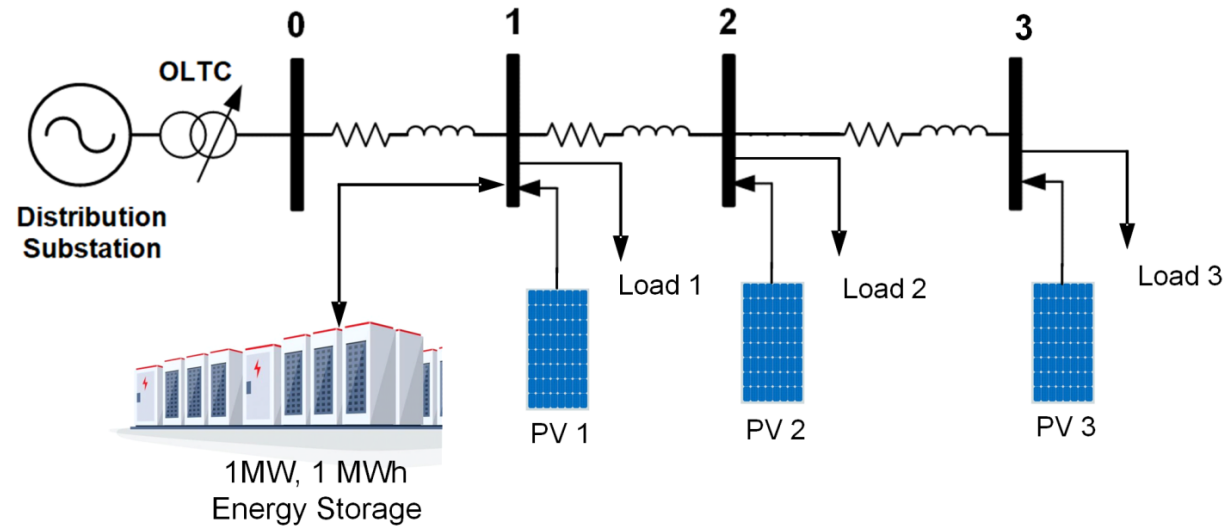
$$SOC(k) = SOC(k-1) + \frac{\tau}{T_{ess}} (\eta^{cd} p^+(k) - p^-(k))$$

$$SOC_{min} \leq SOC(k) \leq SOC_{max}$$

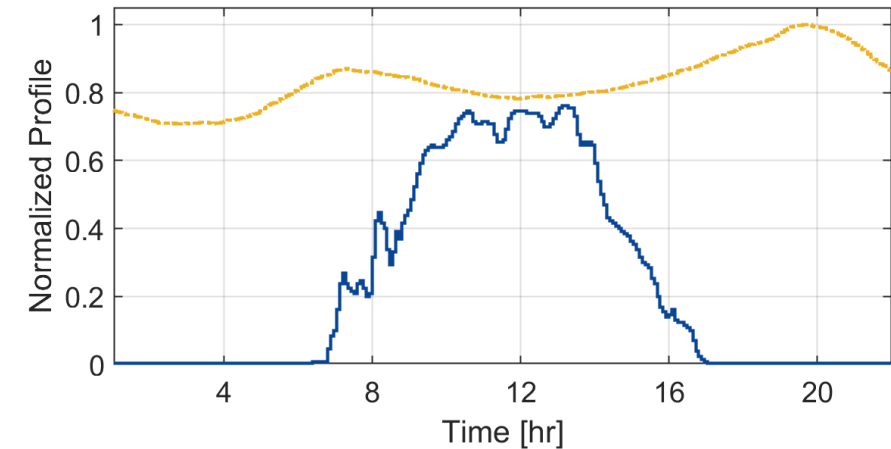
Other Charge/discharge constraints, inverter capability constraints (listed in paper)

- Prediction horizon (T) = 60 mins, optimal values for the control actions computed every 5 mins

## IEEE 4-bus Distribution Test Case



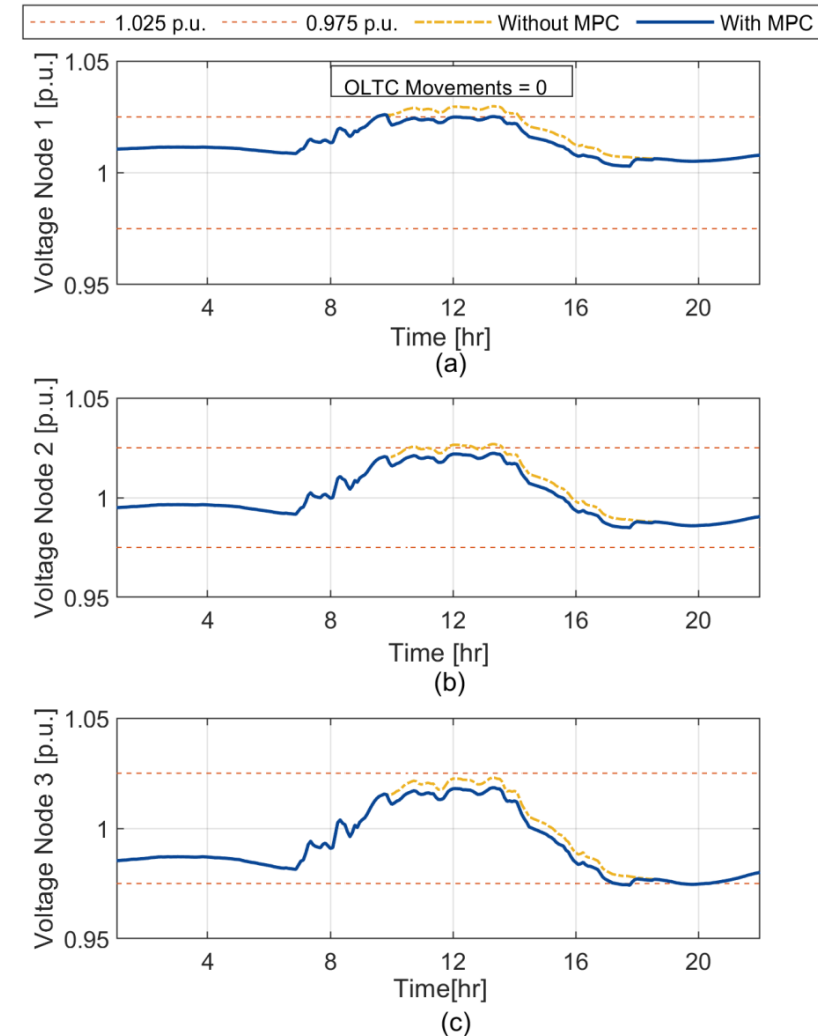
## PV and Load Profiles for Month of May



- Proposed method tested in 4-bus distribution system
- OLTC installed at the substation
- 3 MWp PV installed at each distribution node
- A 1 MW, 1 MWh energy storage unit assumed to be installed at the substation for voltage regulation



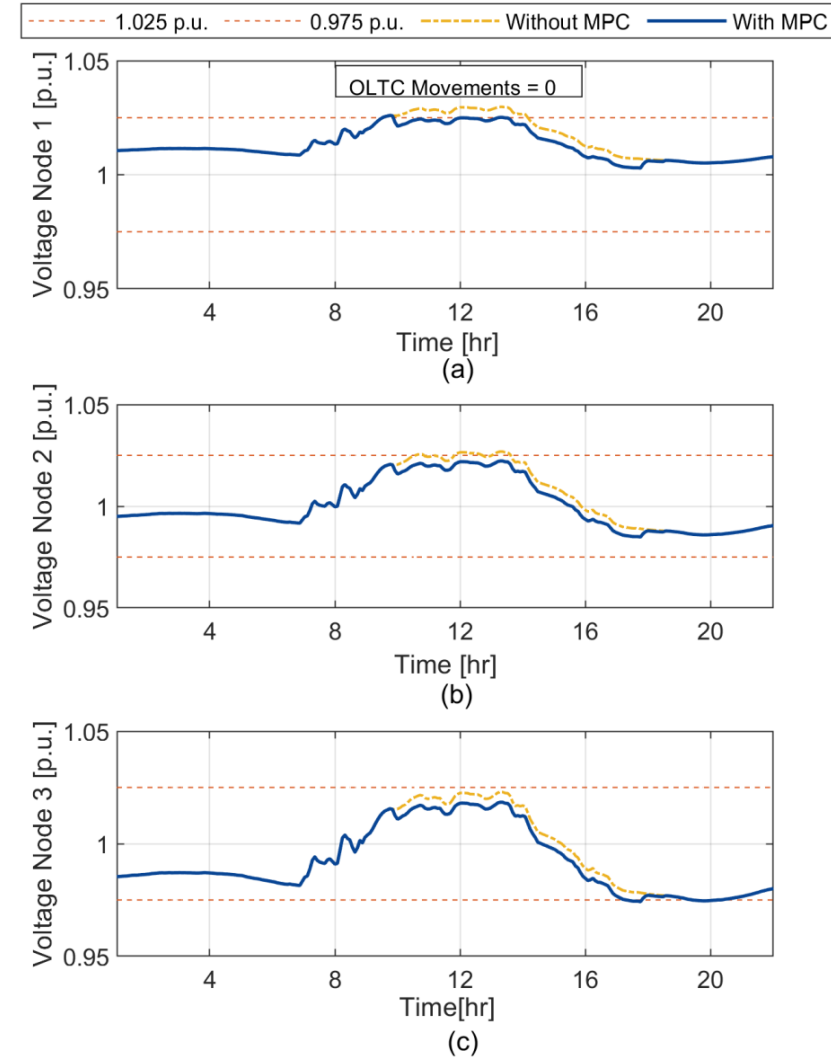
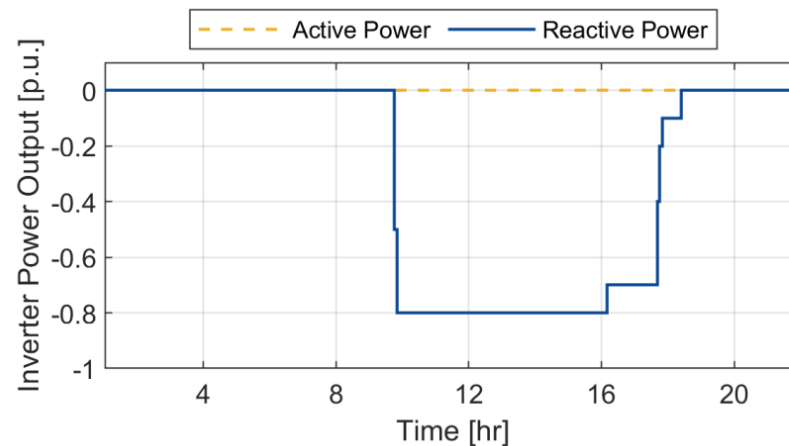
- Analysis for month of May for single day of operation
- 3 MW PV at each node along with a load
- **Without MPC voltage exceeds range**
  - Overvoltage at nodes 1 and 2
  - Middle of the day
  - High generation and low load causing reverse power flow
  - Drastic drop in PV generation at night causing undervoltage



# Results and Analysis: Voltage with MPC (Prioritizing ESS Operation)



- MPC weight settings
  - $R_n = 1.0$
  - $R_p = 0.001$
  - $R_q = 0.00001$
- Perfect forecast information assumed
- MPC-based dispatch with ESS priority over OLTC
  - Voltage of all three node within specified limits
  - No OLTC movements observed



# Results and Analysis: Voltage with MPC (Prioritizing OLTC Movements)

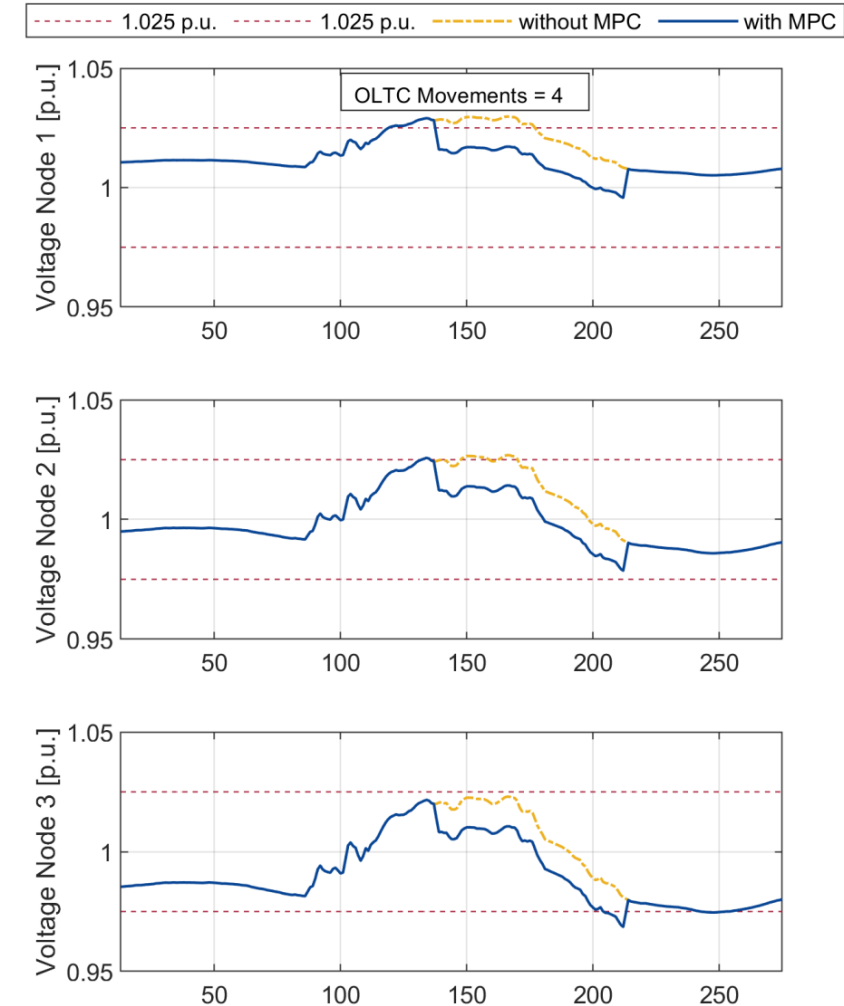


- MPC weight settings

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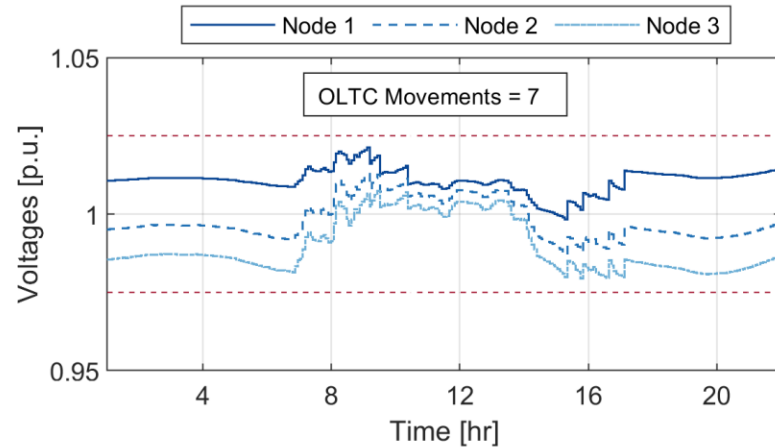
- MPC-based dispatch with OLTC priority over ESS

- Voltage of all three node within specified limits
- Four OLTC movements observed
- No active/reactive power support provided by ESS





### Voltage Profiles for a day in month of May



Month of the year	with MPC dispatch	with traditional OLTC (no MPC dispatch)
May	0	7
July	0	4
September	0	2
December	0	0

- No MPC, but OLTC enabled to compare reduction in movements
- OLTC Settings:
  - Set-point = 0.99 p.u.
  - Deadband =  $\pm 2\%$
  - Percent regulation = 0.00625 p.u.
  - Measurement point = Node 3 ( No line drop compensation)
- High number of OLTC movements without MPC
  - May have negative impacts on OLTC lifetime



- MPC-based dispatch strategy for ESSs to provide voltage regulation formulated
- Provide active and reactive power support utilizing 1-hour ahead PV and load forecast
- Minimize OLTC operation
  - Keeping voltage within desired range
  - Increase lifetime of mechanical OLTC devices
- Future work will include incorporating uncertainties in forecasts and ESS degradation aspects



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