

Dynamic Models and Dynamic Markets for Electric Power Networks

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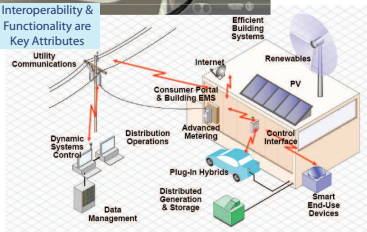
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Interoperability & Functionality are Key Attributes



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- Trustworthy

A system which does what is supposed to do — *nothing else*.
Availability, Security, Safety, ...

- Hostile Environment

Accidental Failures, Design Flaws, Malicious Attacks

- Cyber Physical Must make the whole system trustworthy:
The physical & cyber components, *and* their interaction.

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- **Stochastic Systems & Stochastic Games:**
Analysis, approximations, distributed algorithms
- **Dynamic optimization and games:** *Efficiency and reliability*
What does a dynamic equilibrium look like?
What is the impact of strategic behavior?
- **Mean-field approximations:** *Model reduction, decentralized outcomes, learning schemes*

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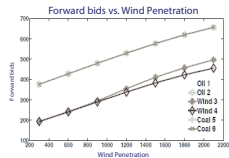
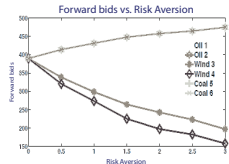
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Contributions:

- Nash equilibria:
Existence, uniqueness, computation
- Application: 53-node network with 6 generators (2 of whom have wind assets)
- With increased risk-aversion, wind-based generators participate less in forward markets



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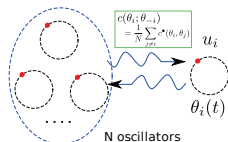
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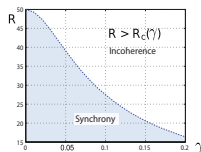
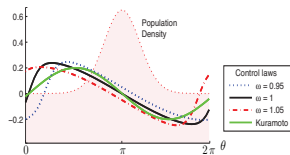
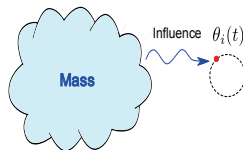
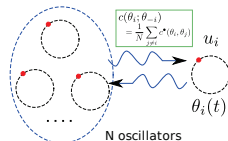
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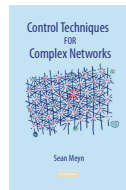
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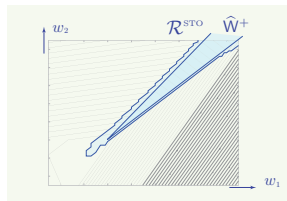
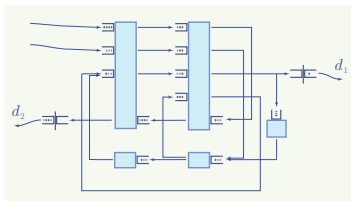
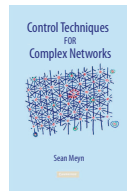
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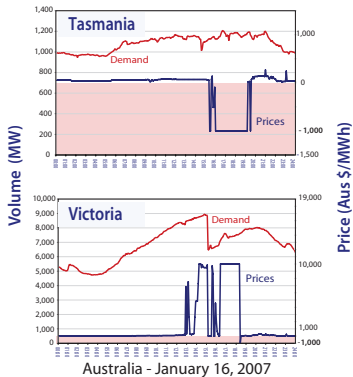
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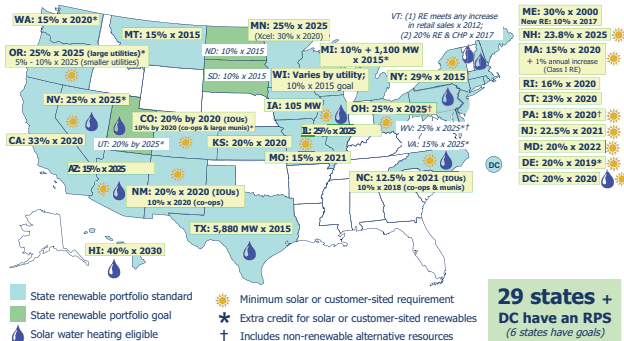


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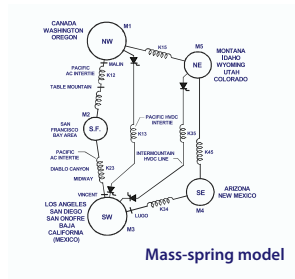
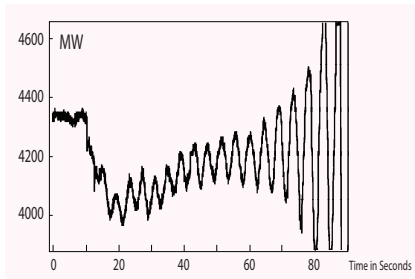
Issues: Political *Mandates* come, and go...

Renewable Portfolio Standards

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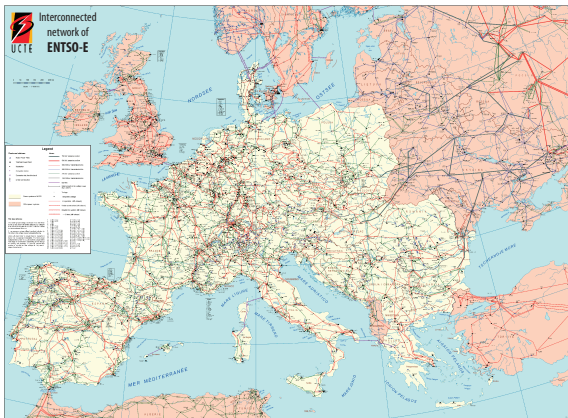


Issues: Dynamics *Coupled generators and consumers*



Instability in the North-West U.S.

Issues: Complexity



European Network of Transmission
System Operators for Electricity

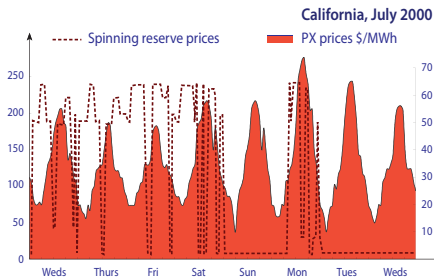
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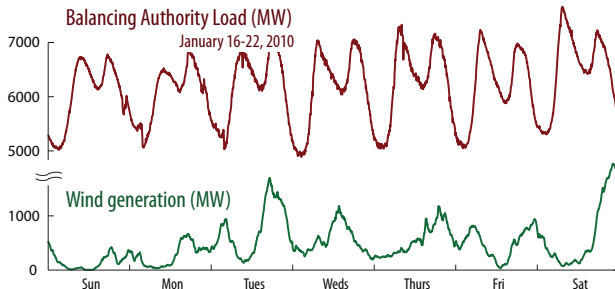
ENRON As Jeffrey Skilling, the first but sadly not the last guy to package up a big sample of nothing and sell it to a greedy public, Samuel West loses self-belief; his boss, Ken Lay (Tim Piggott-Smith) and stooge, Andy Fastow (Tom Goodman-Hill) end up smeared with it. But Lucy Prebble's play is rather more than a simple tale ...

-Time Out, London 2010



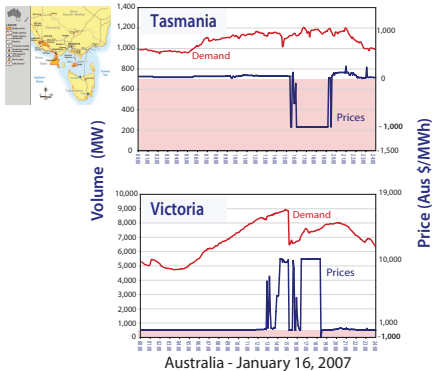
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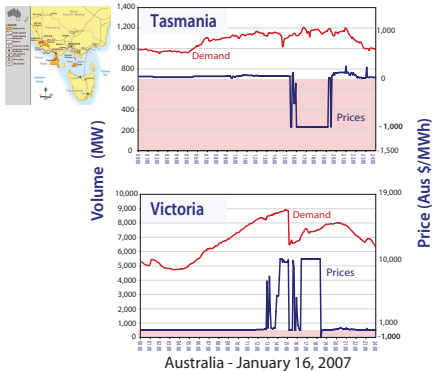
Who will buy my power if the wind is blowing?

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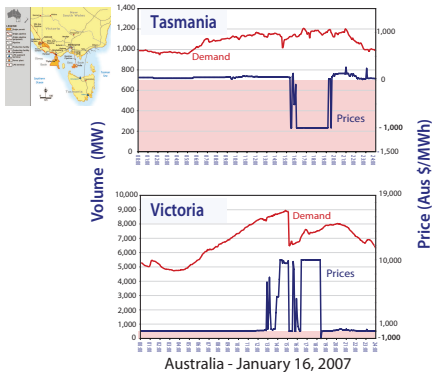
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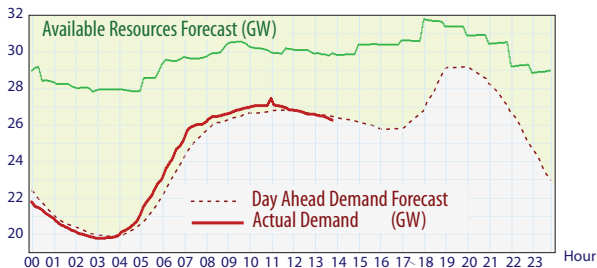


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Market and physical system are tightly coupled

Issues: Uncertainty



California ISO
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ISO new england Mission:

- Operate the grid reliably and efficiently
- Provide fair and open transmission access
- Promote environmental stewardship
- Facilitate effective markets ...

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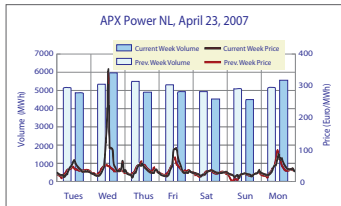
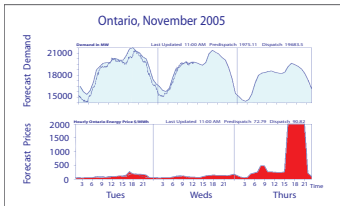
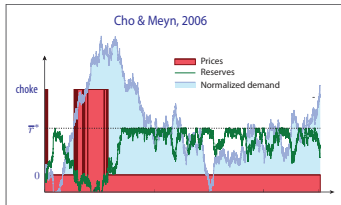
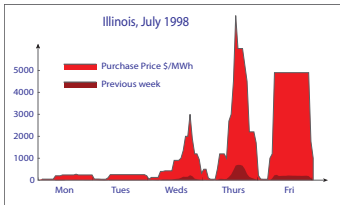
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Dynamic Markets and their Equilibria

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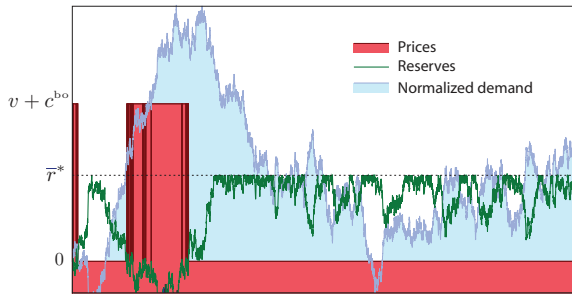
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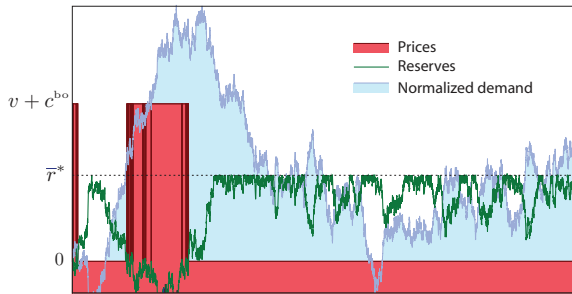
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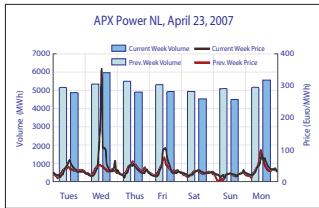
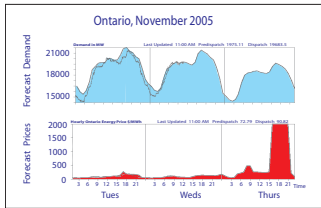
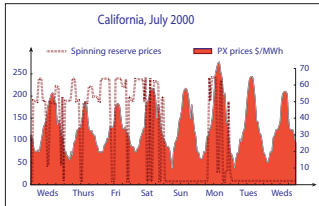
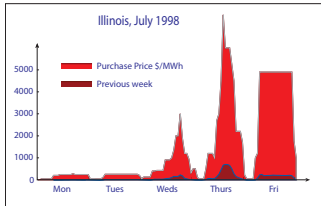
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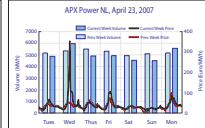
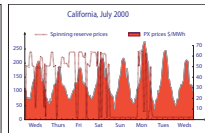
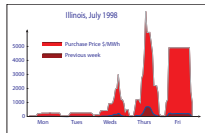
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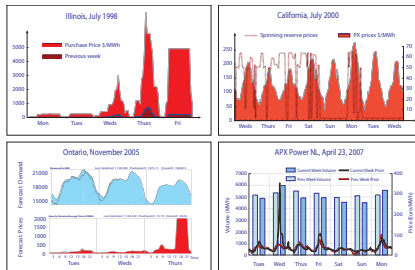
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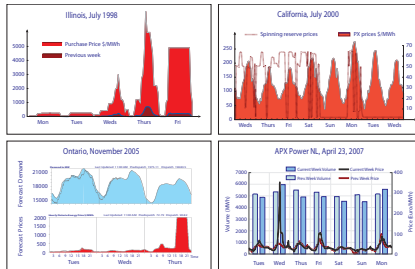
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Wind generating units are commanded by the demand side:

Consumers' and suppliers' welfare expressions

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Coefficient of variation to capture the relative volatility of wind:

$$c_v = \frac{\sigma_w}{E[G_w^{ttl}(t)]}$$

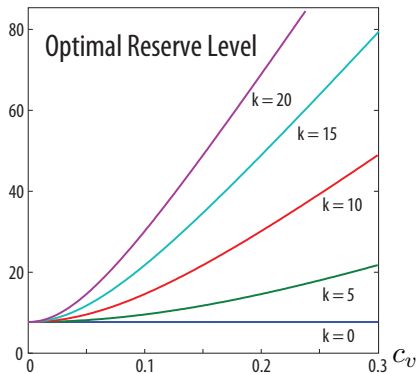
Percentage of wind penetration:

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Remaining model/statistical details in 2010 preprint,
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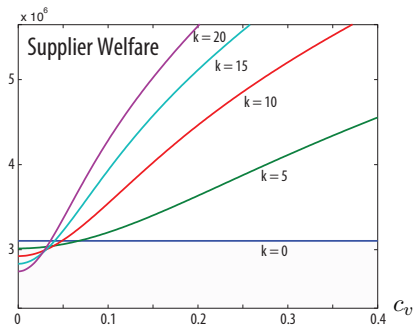
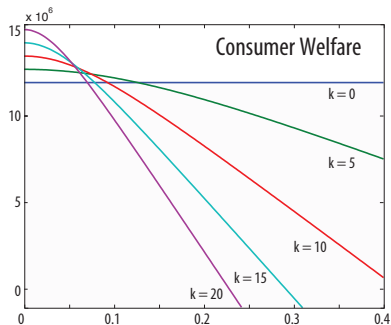
Numerical Results: Volatility Impacts

Optimal reserves rise with volatility



Numerical Results: Consumers command the wind

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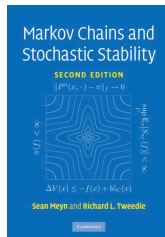
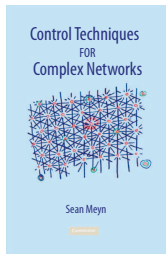
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Thanks!









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