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# Data Science for Future Energy Systems

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- Future Energy Systems
- Data Science for Future Energy Systems
  - Data Science in Smart (Power) Grids
  - Data Science in Smart Oilfields
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# Future Energy Systems (1)

- Rapid Urbanization – increase in energy consumption
  - 6.5 Billions will live in urban areas by 2050
- Several Challenges still abound
  - 1 in 7 lack electricity access
  - 60% of green house gases comes from energy sector



**Need novel, environmentally responsible solutions to the challenges resulting from rapid urbanization and population growth**

# Future Energy Systems (2)



Smart Grids



Smart Cities



Smart Oilfields

# Future Energy Systems (3)



- Challenges
  - Unknown Complex System Dynamics
  - Need for Rapid Decision Making
  - High Cost of Failure
- Opportunities
  - Vast amount of available data from IoT enabled sensing and monitoring devices
  - Fast IoT enabled asset control especially with the upcoming 5G standard
- **Need for Data Science enabled Optimization for Future Energy Systems**

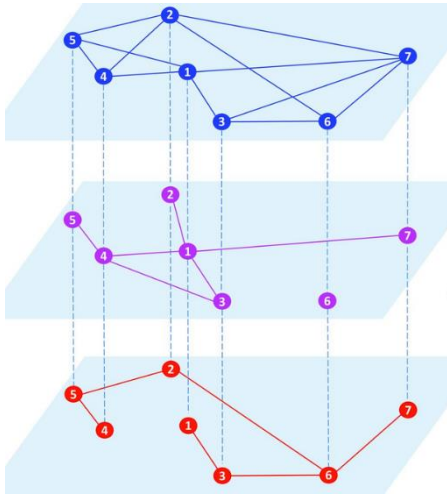
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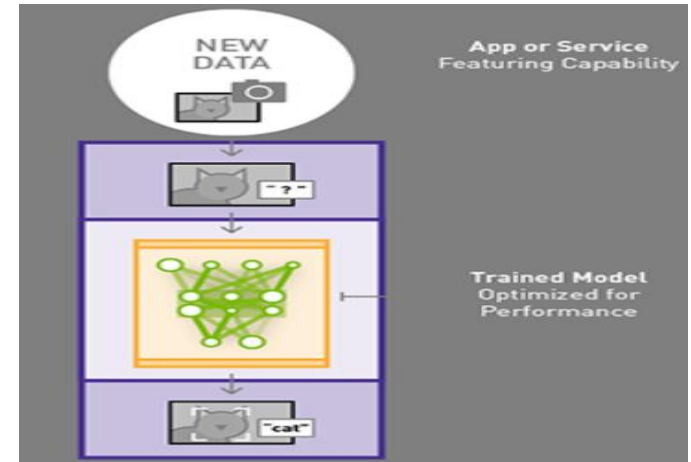
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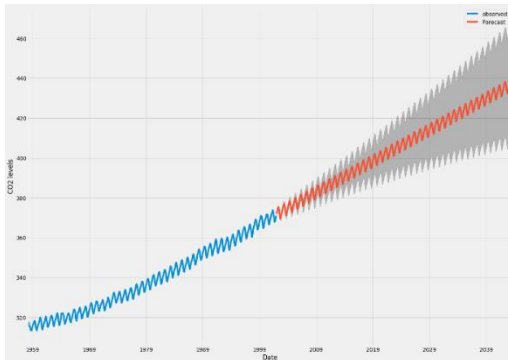
# Data Science



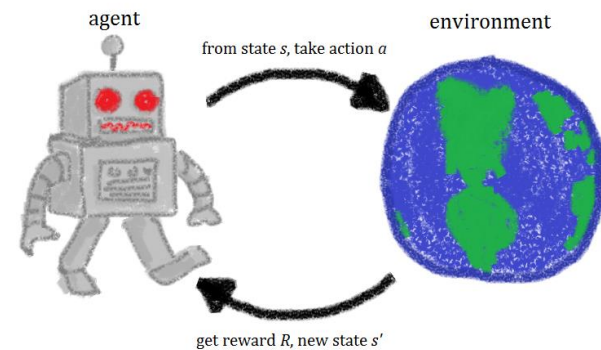
**Modeling**



**Learning**



**Prediction**



**Optimization**



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# DEEP SOLAR

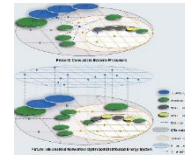
Data DrivEn Modeling and Analytics for Enhanced System Layer ImPlementation

<http://deepsolar.usc.edu>

**Objective:** Enable deep penetration of solar in distribution system

## Challenges

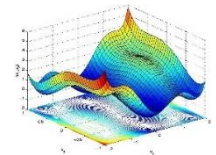
- Partial observability of distribution system
- Stochasticity of solar generation
- Real time operational requirement



Data Driven Grid Modeling



Fast Robust  
Predictive Analytics



Realtime Scalable  
Optimization



What if Scenario Analysis

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# Behind-the-Meter

## Solar Generation Disaggregation (1)

### Background

- **Problem:** Disaggregate *AMI Net-Load*

*AMI Net-load = Consumption - Generation*

- **Inputs**

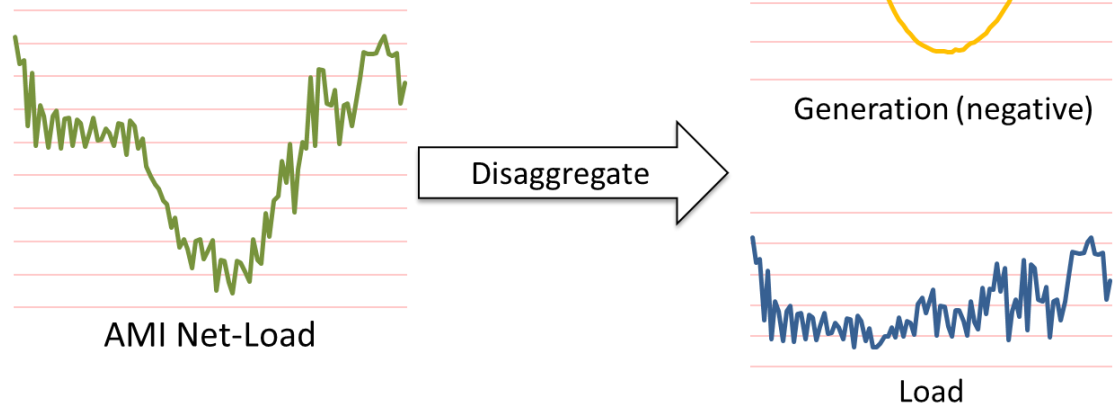
- AMI data for each user
- Solar Irradiance
- Location information

- **Output**

- Consumption
- Generation

- **Challenges**

- Ground truth unavailable -> unsupervised training
- Many ways to disaggregate a given time series
- Many latent factors that may affect consumption



# Behind-the-Meter

## Solar Generation Disaggregation (2)

### Technology



#### Model

- AMI = load - generation
- Load modeling: linear combination of non-PV loads
- Generation modeling: linear function of solar irradiance

#### Approach

- Identity PV vs non-PV customers via K-means
- Clustering of non-PV customers to find centroids
- Solve *Disaggregation Optimization Problem*

#### Disaggregation Optimization Problem

- Load  $l(t) = \sum_i \theta_i g_i(t)$   
 $g_i(t)$ : centroids of clusters at time  $t$
- Generation  $g(t) = \phi R(t)$   
 $R(t)$  solar radiance at time  $t$

- Find  $\theta, \phi$  that minimizes:

$$\sum_{t=1}^T \left( \sum_i \theta_i g_i(t) + \phi R(t) - y(t) \right)^2$$

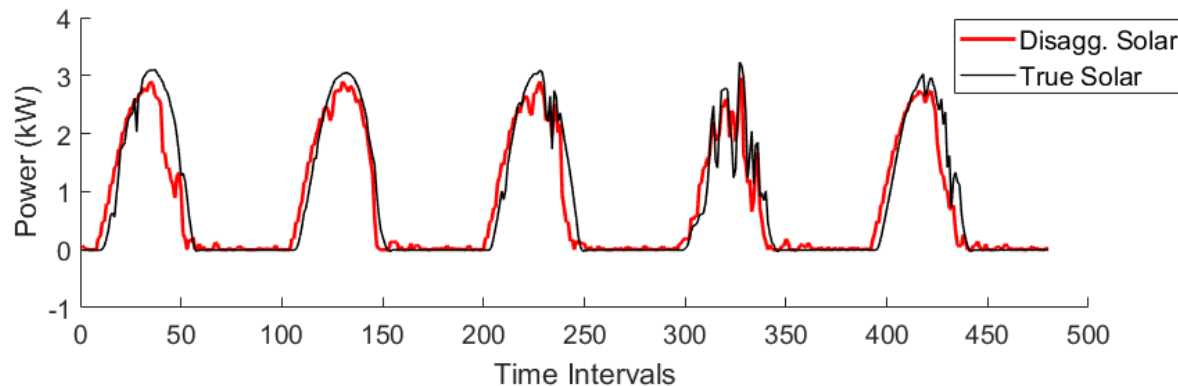
# Behind-the-Meter

## Solar Generation Disaggregation (3)

### Results



- Pecan Street dataset: AMI data for 200 customers
- Error metric: Mean Absolute Scaled Error (MASE) (Normalized error)
- ~11% lower MASE for generation, ~21% lower MASE for consumption



C. M. Cheung, W. Zhong, C. X. Xiong, A. Srivastava, R. Kannan, V. Prasanna,  
“Behind-the-Meter Solar Generation Disaggregation using Consumer Mixture Models,” IEEE Smartgridcomm 2018

# Synthetic Data Generation (1)

## Background



- **Motivation:** Lack of large scale distribution network dataset due to
  - Rapid evolution in DER types and technology
  - Data availability from small scale testbeds only
- **Problem:** Generate synthetic datasets for smart grid applications
  - **Input:** Small seed set of consumption and generation time series data
  - **Output:** Large set of synthetic consumption and generation time series data
- **Challenges**
  - Real life datasets contain too much noise
  - Data distribution gradually shifts over time

C. Zhang, S. Kuppannagari, R. Kannan, V. Prasanna,

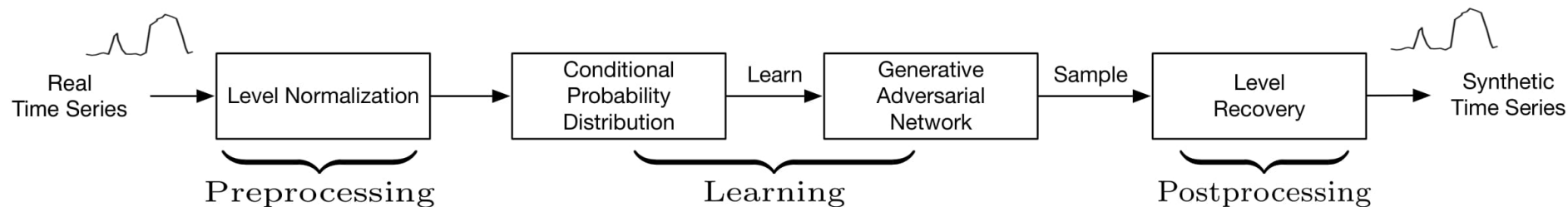
[\*Generative Adversarial Network for Synthetic Time Series Data Generation in Smart Grids\*](#), SmartGridComm, 2018.

# Synthetic Data Generation (2)

## Technology



- **Modeling**
  - Timeseries = Level (mean) + pattern (noise)
- **Generative Adversarial Network (GAN):** Two contesting neural networks - sample generator vs evaluator
- **Approach**
  - Remove level from time series
  - Train Conditional GAN to learn pattern
  - Generate samples using GAN
  - Add mean and output to final time series

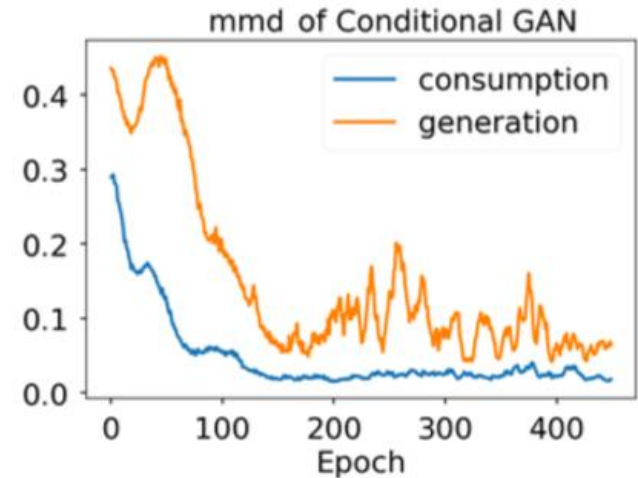
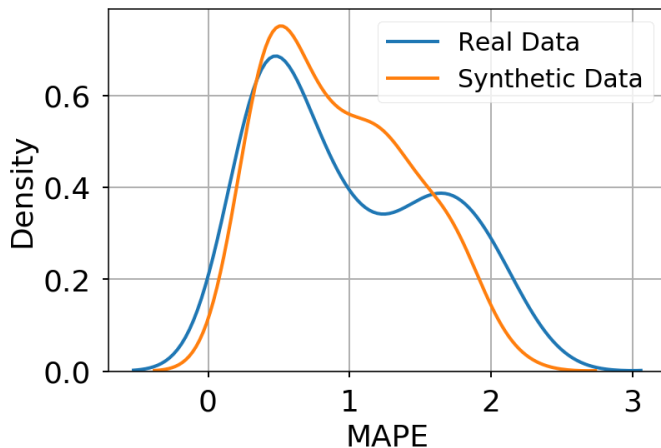


# Synthetic Data Generation (3)

## Results



- Dataset: Pecan Street
  - Load/generation data for ~200 customers
- Generate synthetic data for each real time series data
- Evaluation Metrics
  - Maximum Mean Discrepancy (MMD)
  - Real and synthetic dataset indistinguishable for ML tasks (clustering, prediction, etc.)



- Results
  - MMD converges towards small value -> real and synthetic from similar distribution
  - Similar Mean Average Percentage Error (MAPE) distribution for load prediction -> probability of incurring an error  $\epsilon$  similar under real and synthetic data





# Integrated Energy Management in Microgrids (1)

## Background

- **Motivation:** Single *Integrated* modeling and control of DERs in a microgrid
  - Distributed Energy Resources (DER): PV, EV, Storage, Smart Buildings
- **Problem:** Minimum cost DER scheduling in Microgrids
  - Cost: generation reward, curtailment cost, etc.
  - Scheduling: control the output of DER
  - **Inputs:** Cost, output, grid constraints
- **Challenges**
  - Large number of DERs and load
  - Computationally intensive
  - Constraints
    - Real time operational requirement
    - Voltage, power capacity



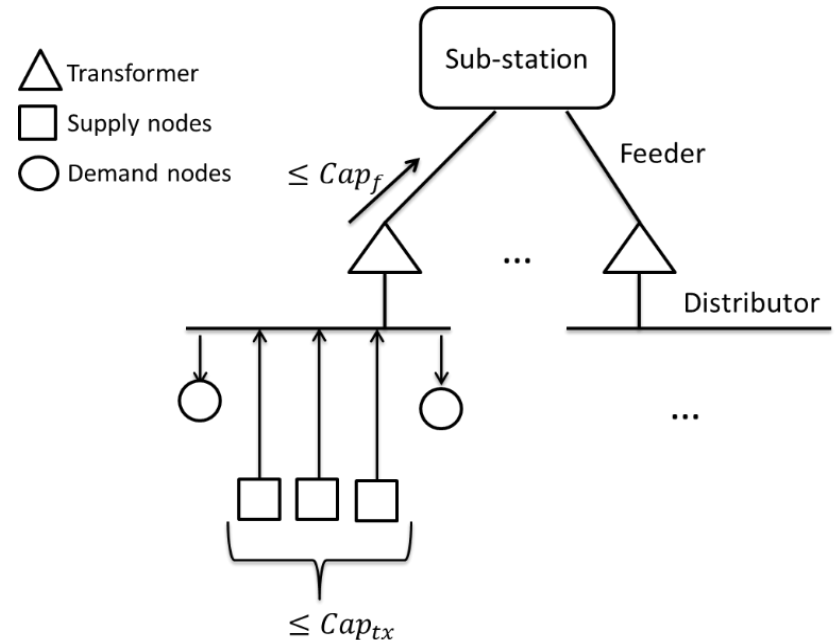
# Integrated Energy Management in Microgrids (2)

## Technology



- **Modeling**

- DER output behavior learning and prediction
- Physical constraints
  - Limit PV supply into distributors
  - Limit inverse power flow through feeders



- **Approach**

- Reinforcement Learning + Dynamic Programming based approximation algorithm

**Theorem:** Integrated Energy Management with:

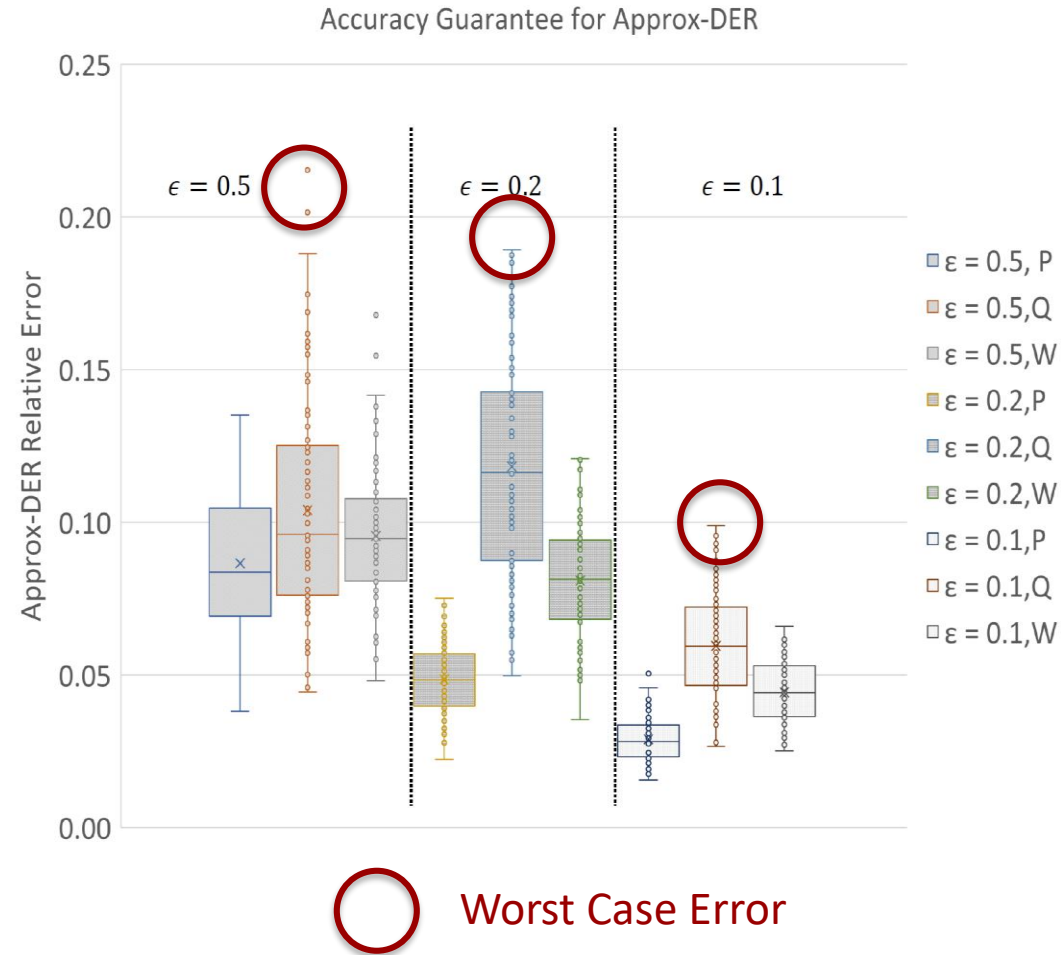
- $(1 + \epsilon)$  bound on worst case error

# Integrated Energy Management in Microgrids (3)

## Results



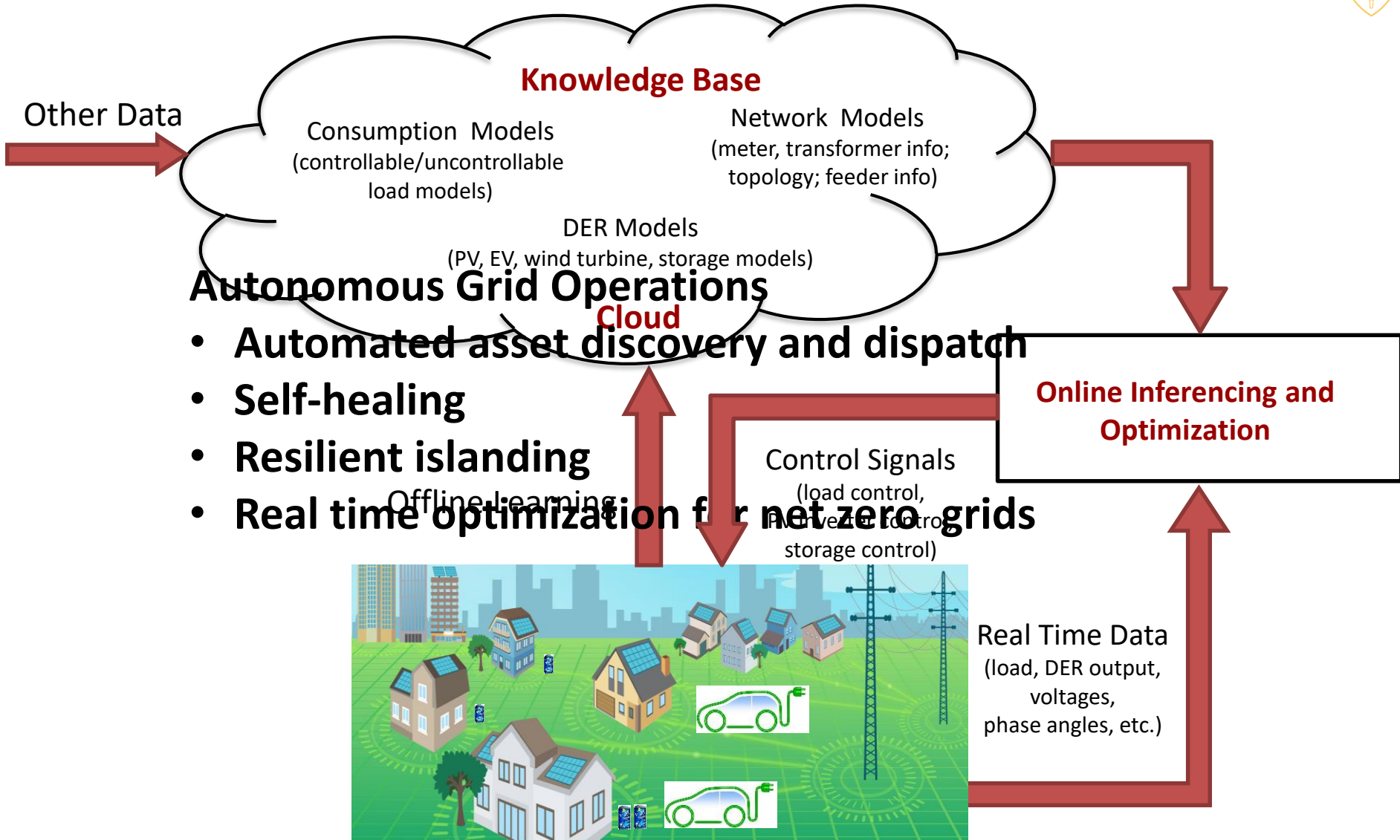
- DER – PV systems
- Compare against optimal (ILP solution)
- Error less than theoretical bounds



S. Kuppannagari, R. Kannan, and V. Prasanna Approximate Scheduling of DERs with Discrete Complex Injections, *e-Energy* 2019.



# Towards Autonomous Energy Grids



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# Cyclic Steam Job Candidate Selection (1)

## Background

### Motivation

- Injecting steam increases well temperature → Lowers oil viscosity → increases production

### Problem

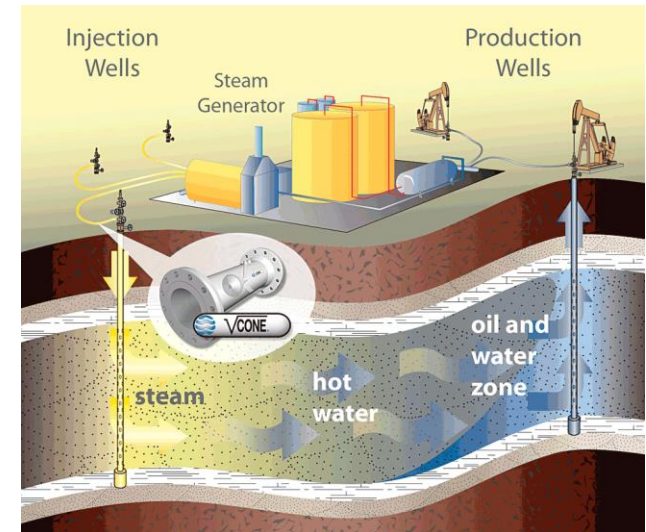
Predict production gain from a steam job

- Input:** Time series data on production and well status before a steam job
- Output:** Predict % gain in production after a steam job

### Challenges

- High dimensionality of time series data
- Noisy data

Cheung, Chung Ming, Palash Goyal, Viktor K. Prasanna, and Arash Saber Tehrani. "OREONet: Deep convolutional network for oil reservoir optimization." In *Big Data (Big Data)*, 2017 IEEE International Conference on, pp. 1277-1282. IEEE, 2017.



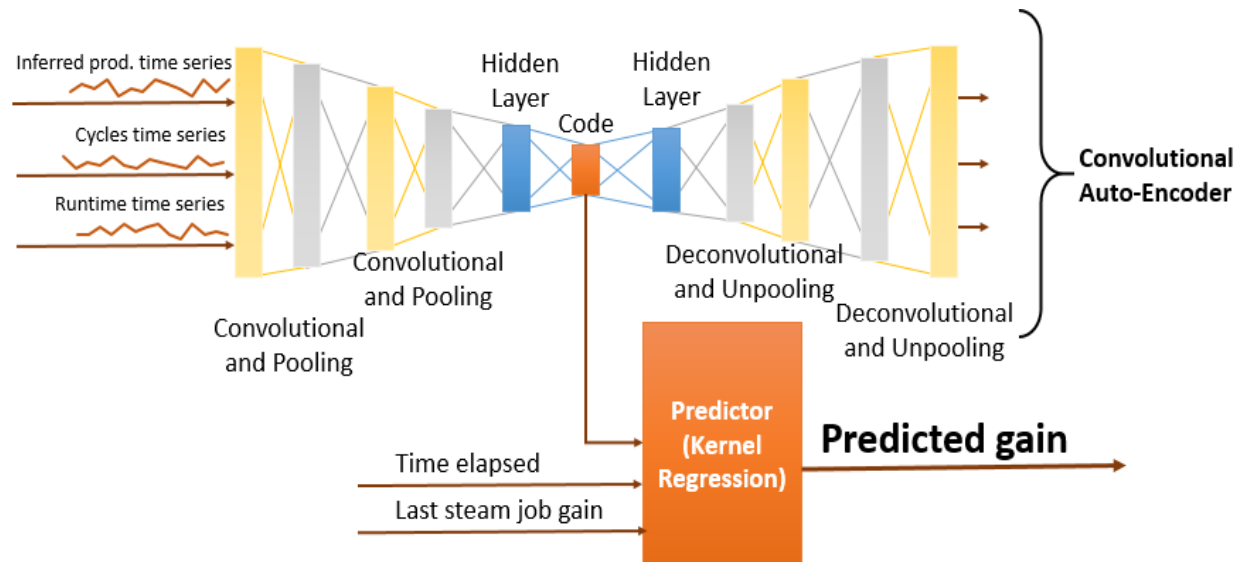
# Cyclic Steam Job Candidate Selection (2)

## Technology



### Approach

1. Encode timeseries with **Convolutional Autoencoder**
2. Input **autoencoder extracted** features with **manually extracted** features to a regressor
3. Regressor outputs predicted gain
4. Choose highest gain wells for steam job





# Cyclic Steam Job Candidate Selection (3)

## Results

- Dataset
  - 4000 steam jobs in 1000 oil wells spanning 2014-2016
- Evaluation
  - Regression using
    - Baseline: Manually selected Features (MF)
    - Auto-encoder Features (AF)
  - precision@k: % of good predictions in the top k predictions

	Support Vector Regression		Kernel Regression	
	MF	AF	MF	AF
Mean Squared Error	15.4	2.61	10.4	0.59
Overlap coefficient (50)	0.44	0.68	0.36	0.74
Precision@50	0.6	0.98	0.56	0.98



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# Concluding Remarks

- Data Driven Optimization Imperative due to Unknown System Dynamics of Energy Systems
- Novel applications of Data Science needed to address challenges of rapid urbanization and ensure sustainability
- Papers in this Workshop
  - On Using Graph Signal Processing for Electrical Load Disaggregation
  - Variations in Residential Electricity Demand across Income Categories in Urban Bangalore: Results from Primary Survey



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