

# Data Analytics in Power Grids: Tractable Algorithms & Path Forward

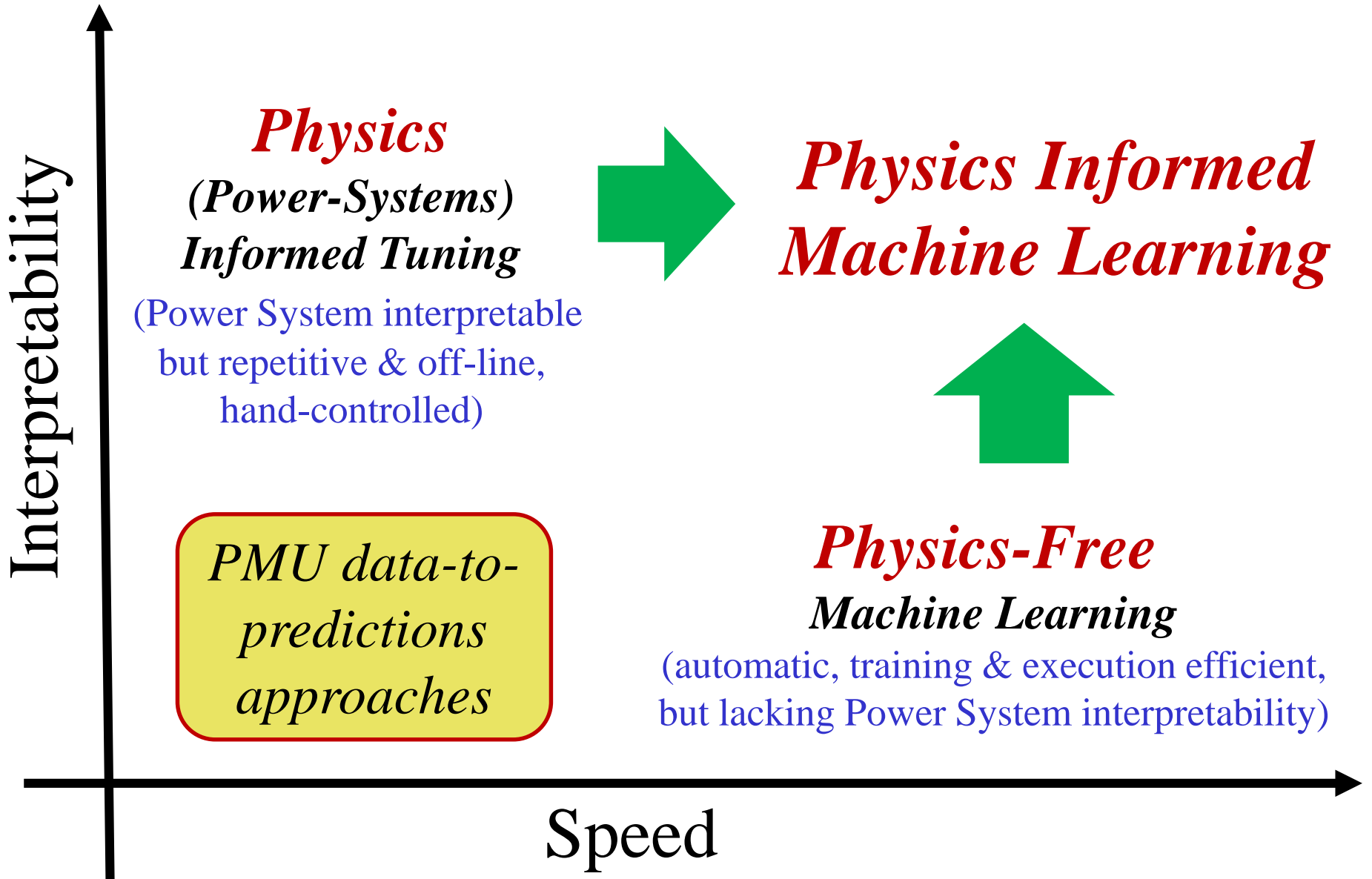
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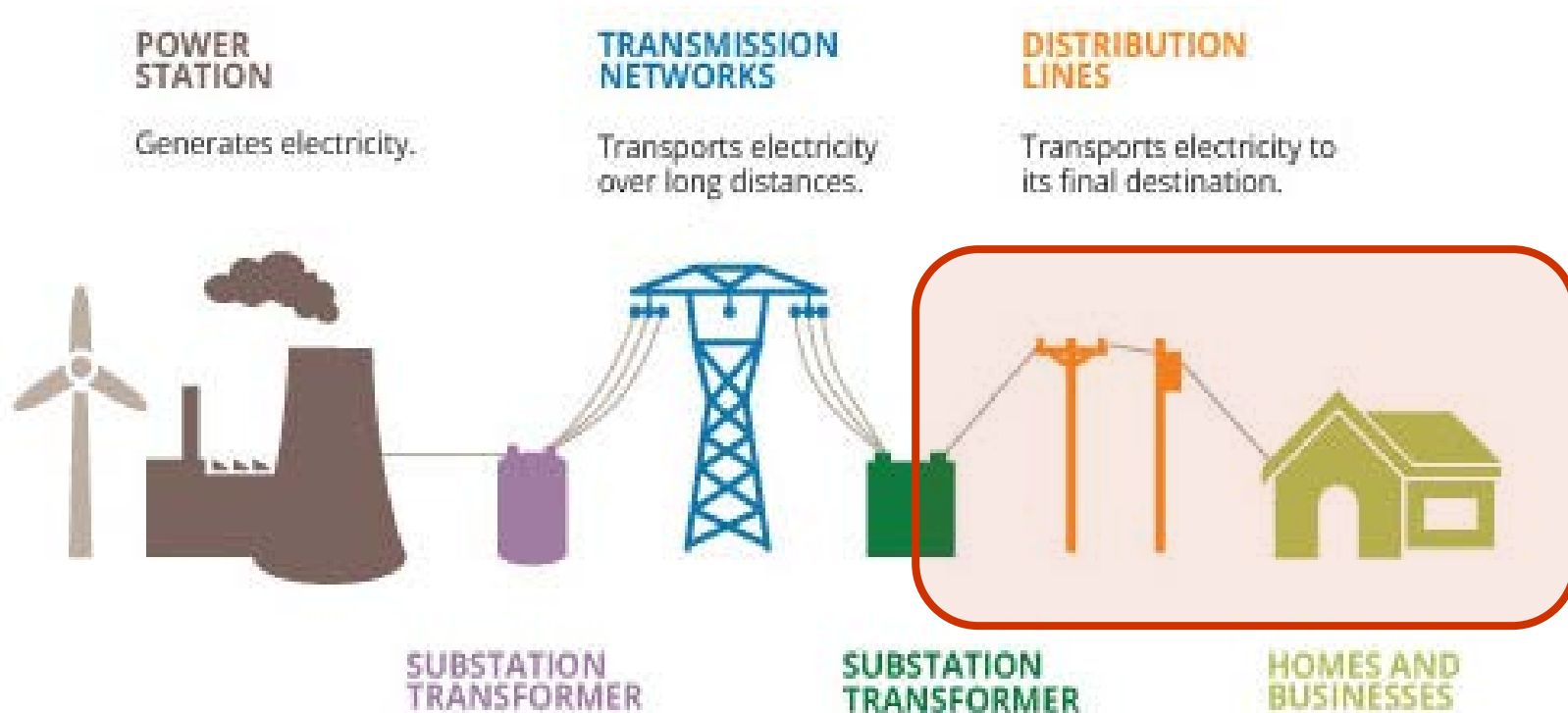
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➤ Advantage: Provable results, Missing data extensions

# Transmission and **Distribution** Grid

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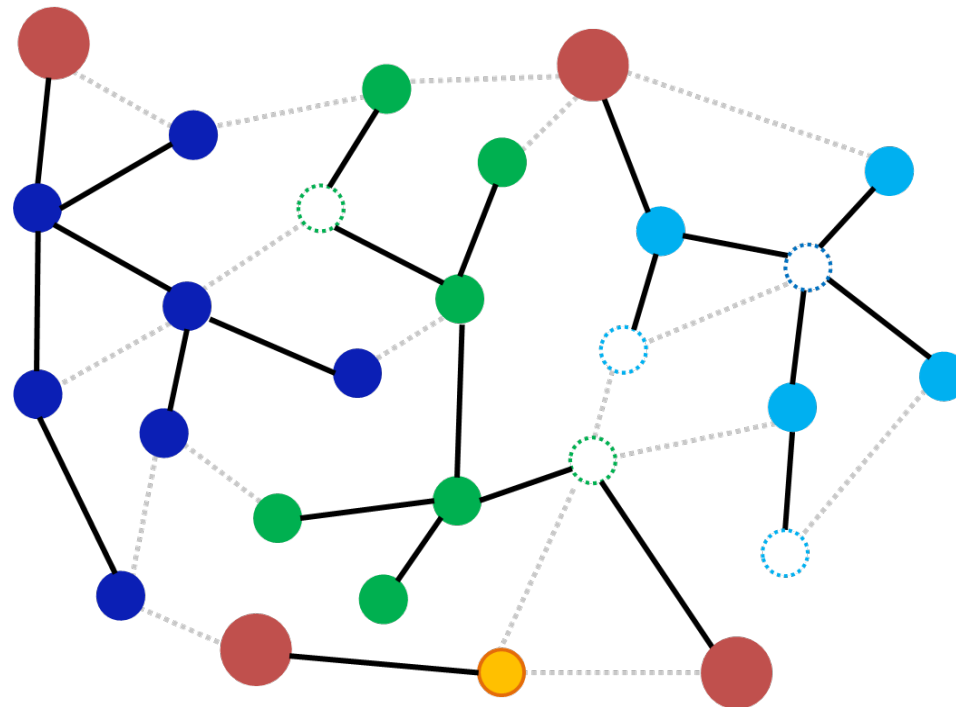
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# Distribution Grid Learning Problems:

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- Structure Learning
- Learning Line Impedances
- Incomplete observations

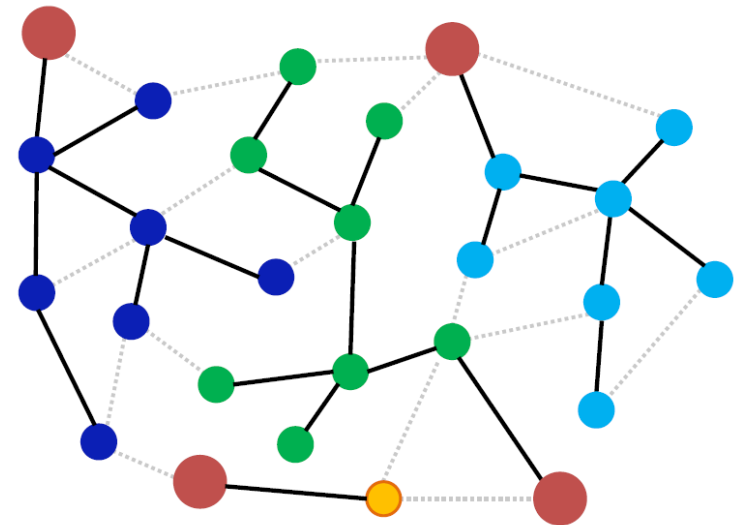
*with theoretical guarantees*



- Substation
- Load Nodes
- Missing Node

# Applications of PMUs

- Structure:
  - Failure/Fault Identification
  - Connection/phase verification
- Impedance Estimation:
  - Non-intrusive control
  - Use in DSO optimization
- Learning with Missing Data:
  - Privacy quantification
  - Meter Location Selection



# Learning with nodal voltages

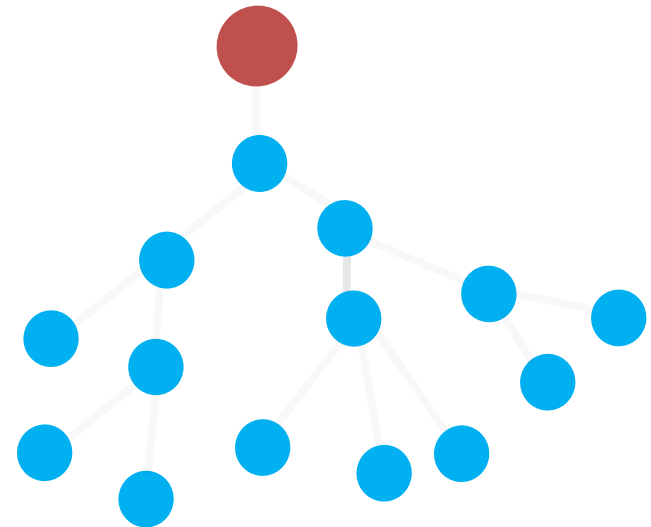
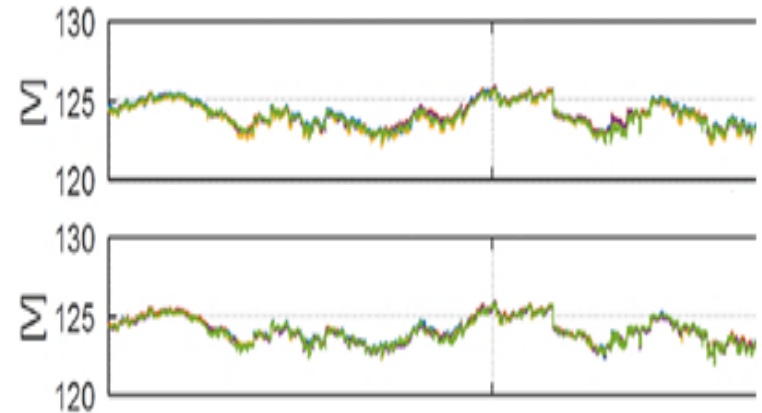
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- **Data:** Time-series Nodal voltages at all nodes

$$\mu_V = \mathbb{E}[V]$$

$$\Omega_V = \mathbb{E}[V - \mu_V][V - \mu_V]^T$$

- **Unobserved:** all lines
- **Estimate:** Operational Topology
- IEEE Trans. Control of Networks 2017



# Topology Reconstruction

## Greedy Topology Learning:

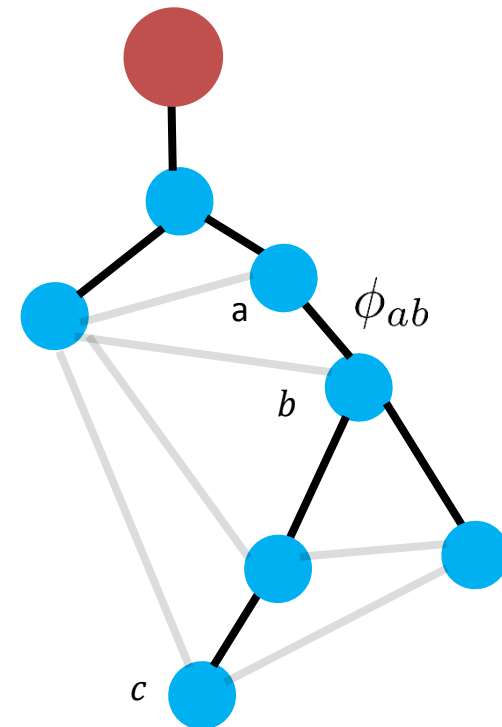
- Spanning Tree with edge weights given by

$$\phi_{ab} = \mathbb{E}[(V_a - \mu_{V_a}) - (V_b - \mu_{V_b})]^2$$

- NO additional information needed
- Works for monotonic flows (gas, water, heating)

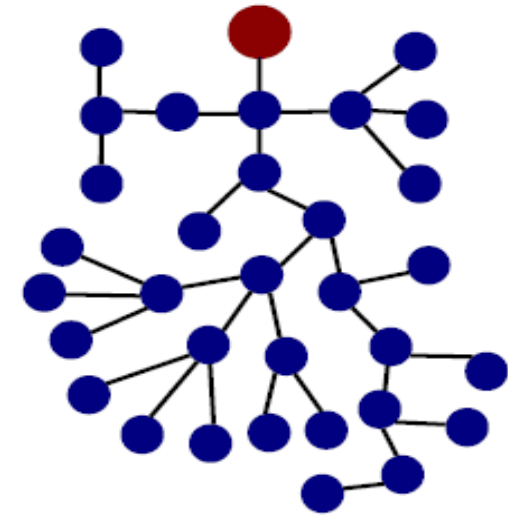
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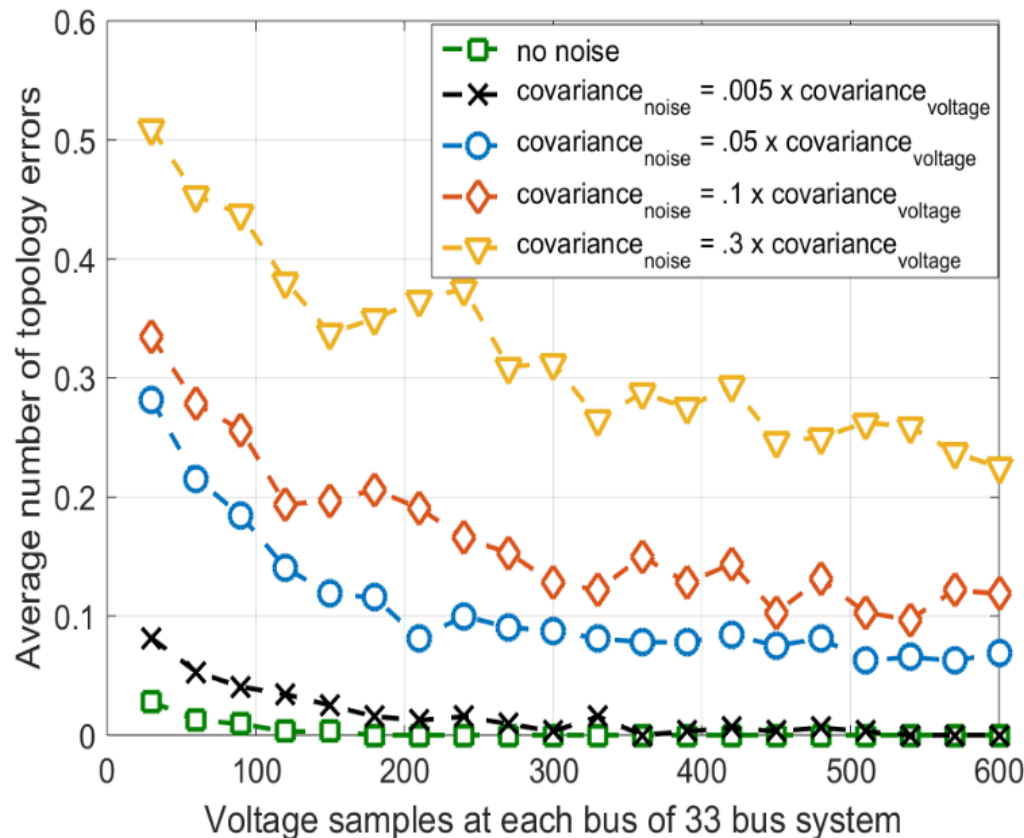


# Topology Learning (No missing nodes)

33-bus test system, Matpower  
Reference: 12 KV substation voltage



## Effect of Noise



Extension:

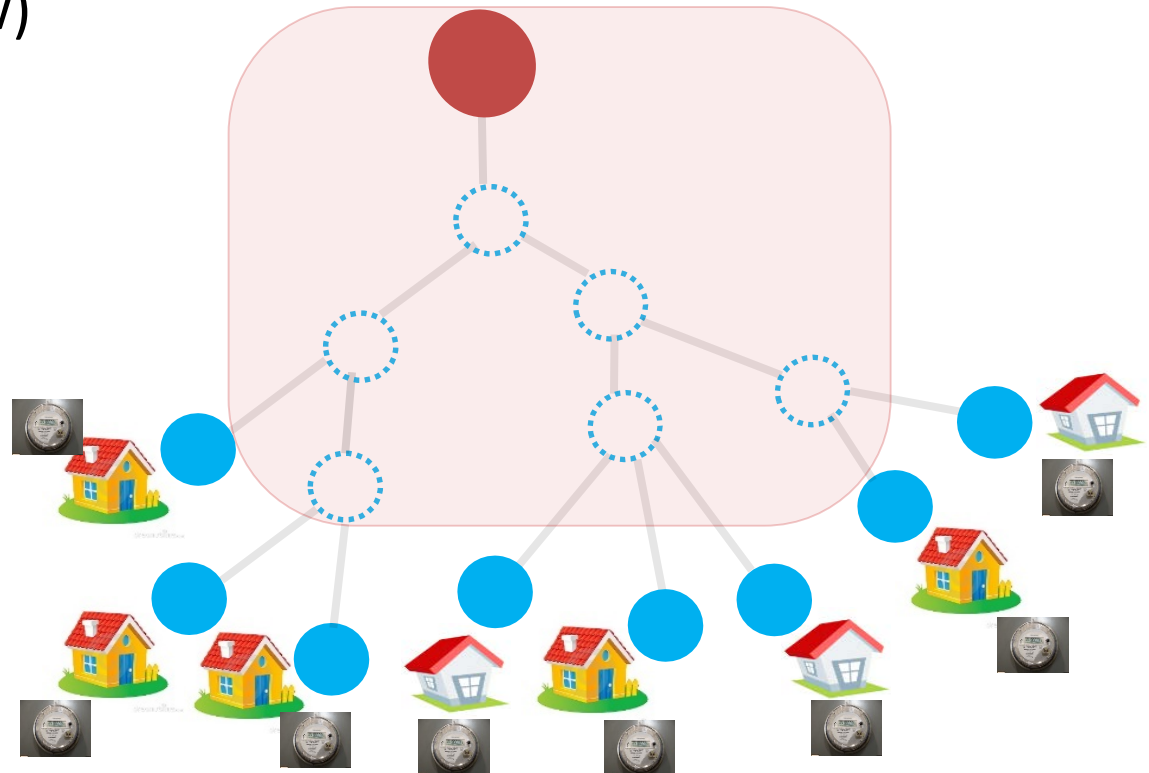
- Missing nodal voltages  
(under review, TCNS)
- Three phase systems  
(Trans. Power Systems, 2019.)



# Learning with *end-users*

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- **Data:** Nodal voltages and **injection samples** at leaves
- **Estimate:** Operational Topology + **Line Impedance**
- PSCC 2018,
- IEEE TCNS (under review)



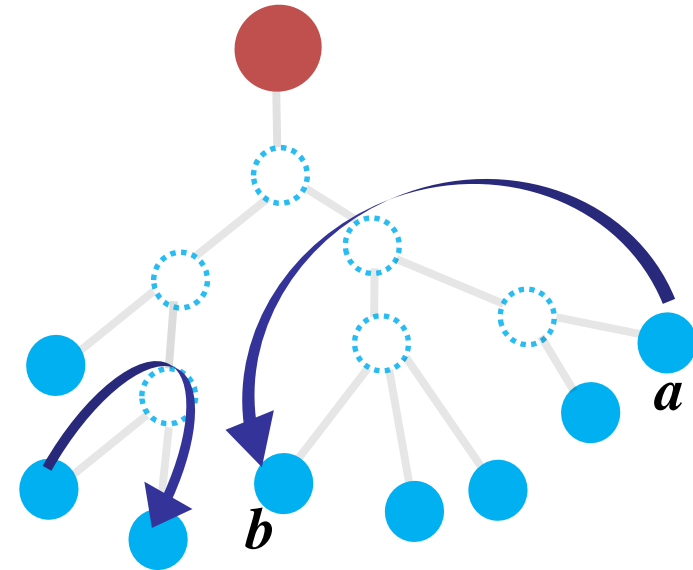
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- **Data:** Time-series Nodal voltages and injection samples at leaves
- **Algorithm:**
  - Find *effective impedances* between leaves (using voltage, injections)

$$R_{eff}(a, b) = \sum_{edge \in Path_{ab}} R_{edge}$$

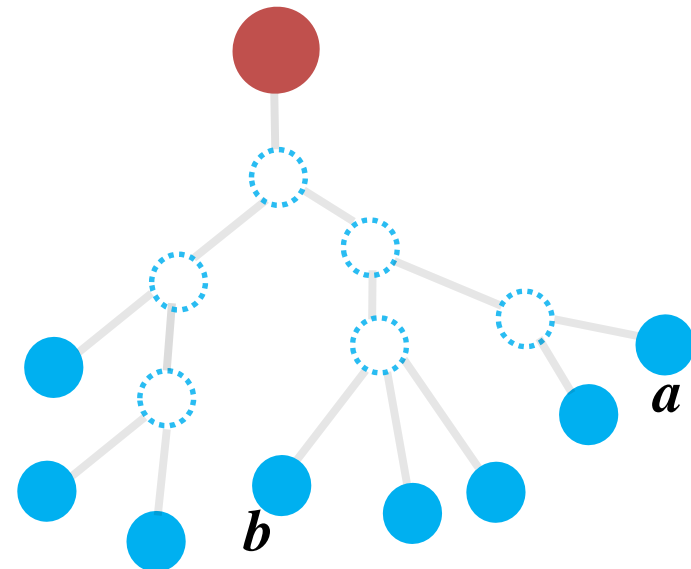
❖ Key: Effective resistances are additive on trees



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  - ***Recursive Grouping Algo*** to learn topology & distances from known effective impedances

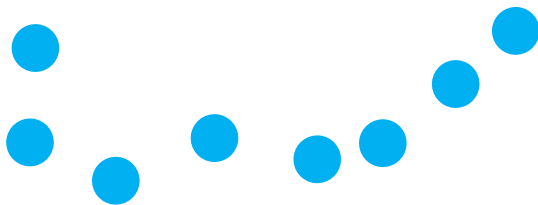
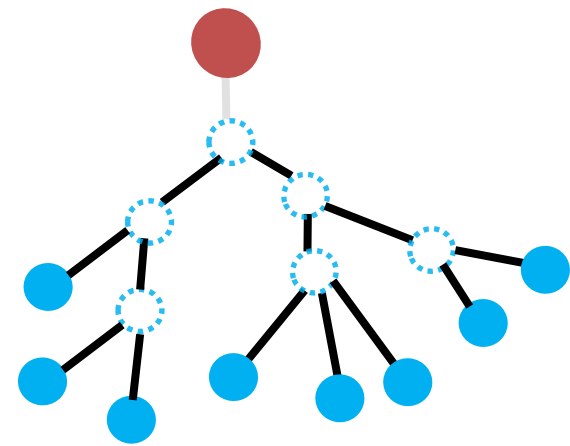


# Recursive Grouping Algo

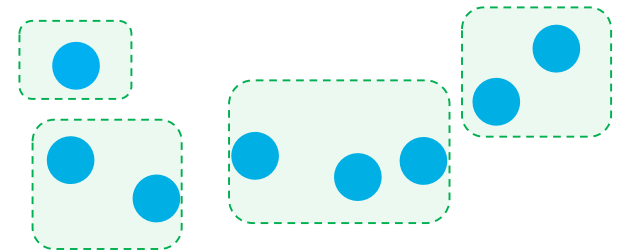
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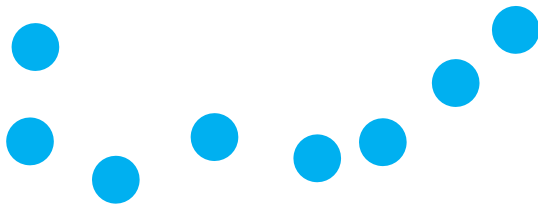


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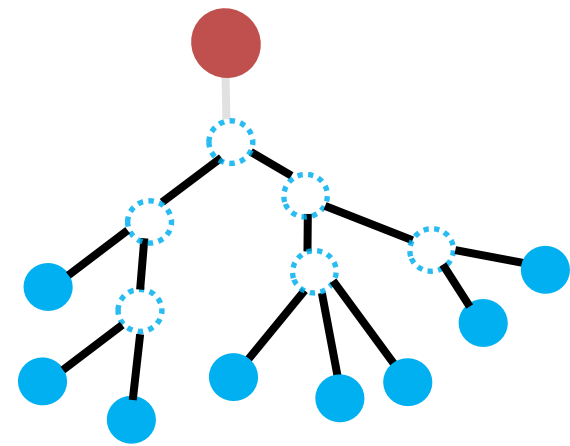
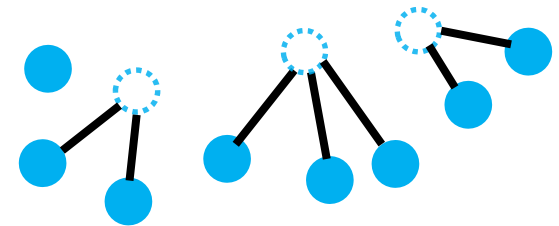
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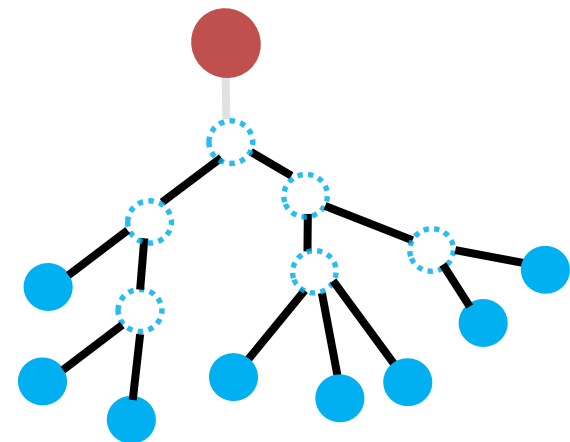


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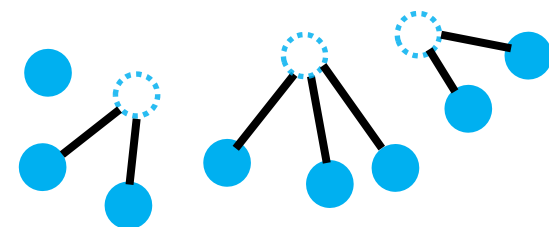
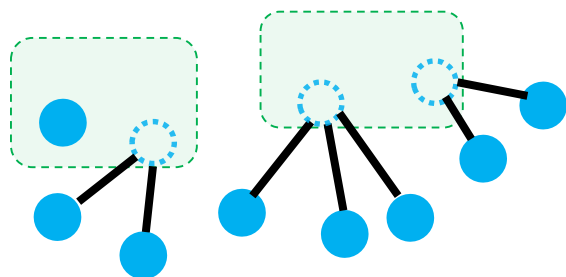


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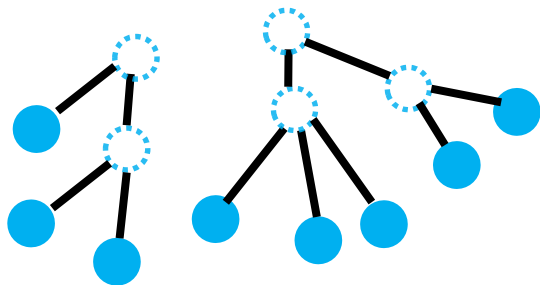
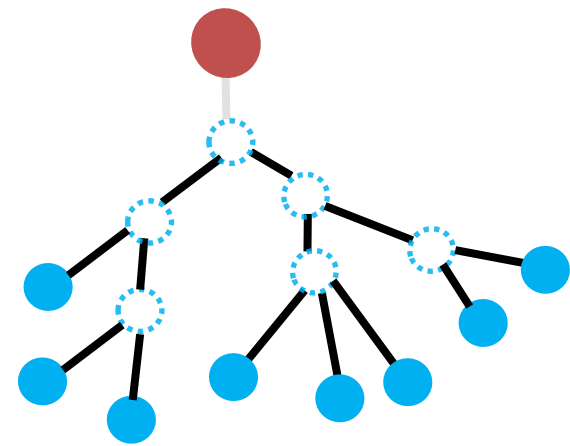


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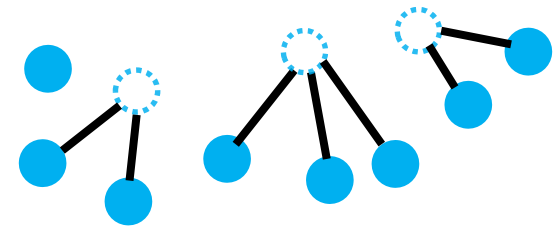
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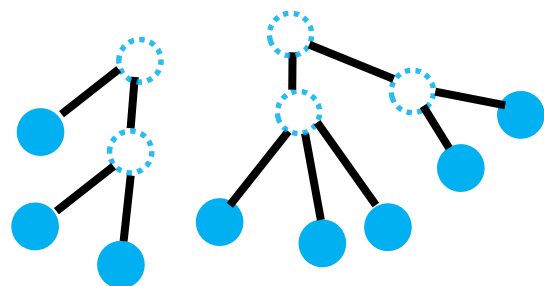


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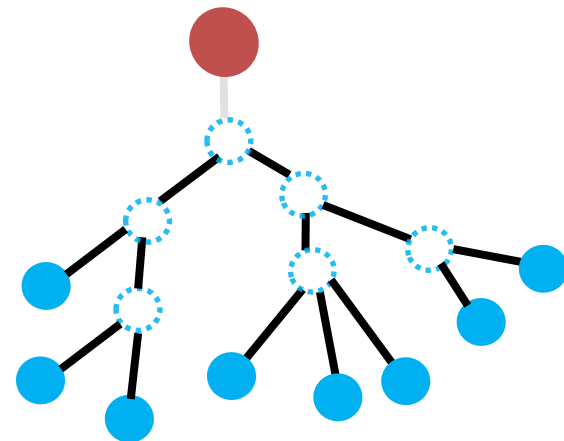
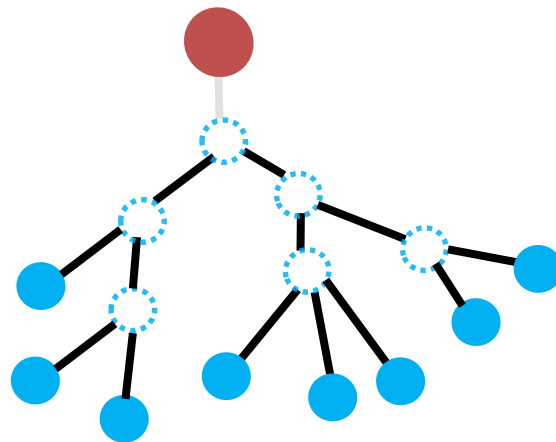


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After Iterations





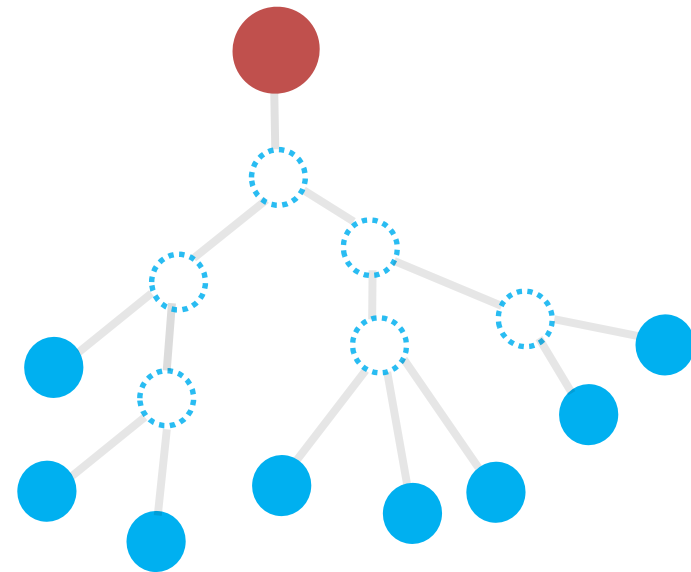
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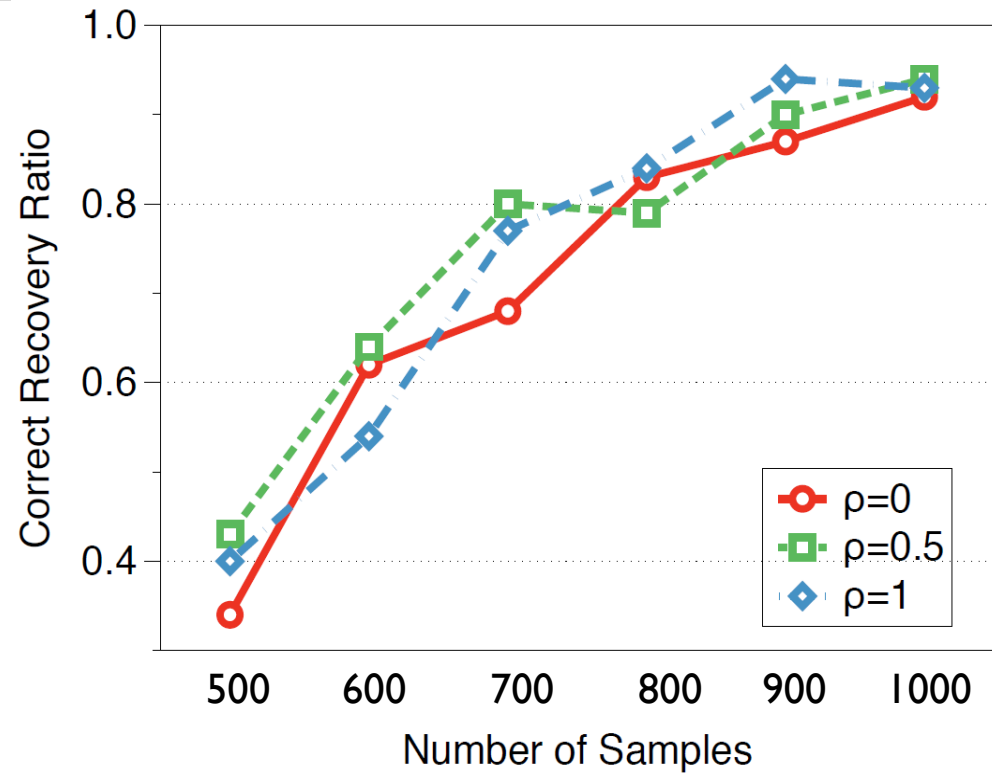
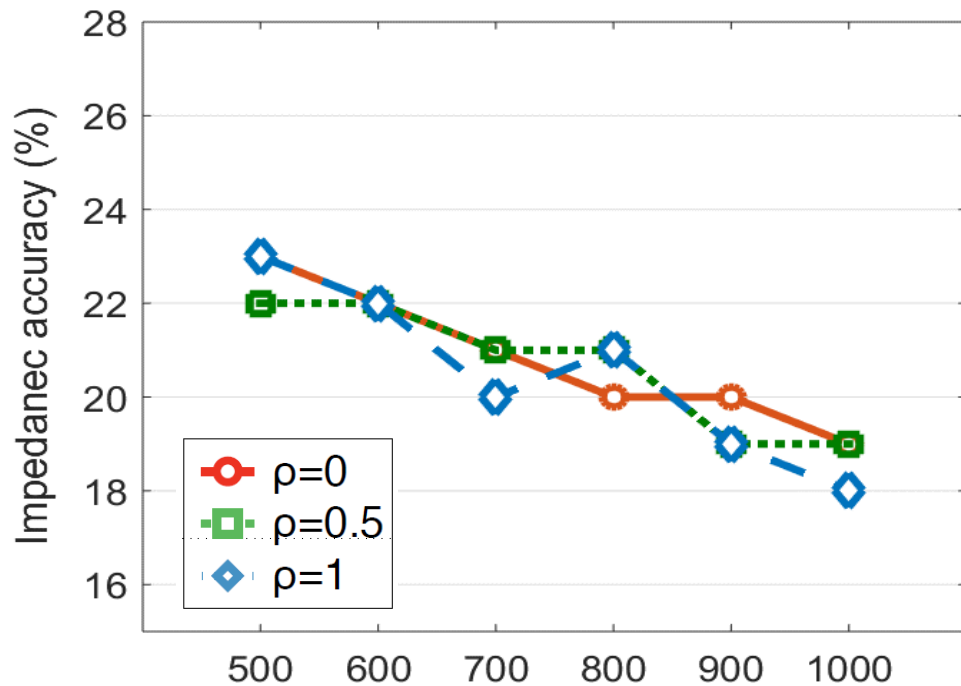
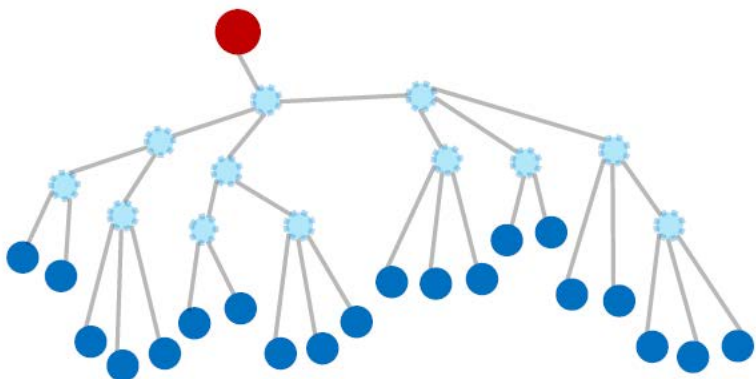
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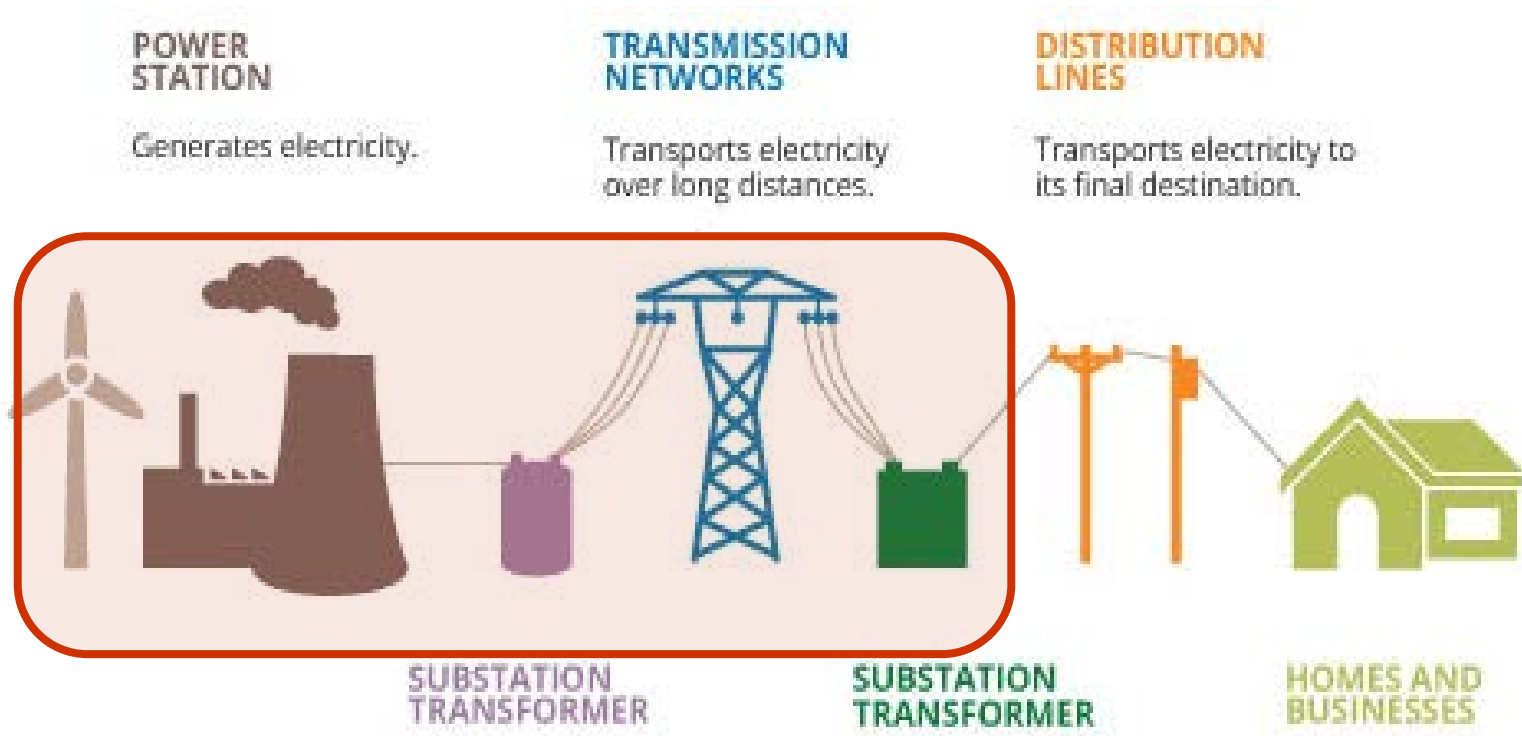


# Simulations: IEEE 33 bus graphs (Matpower samples)



# Machine Learning in Transmission Grid

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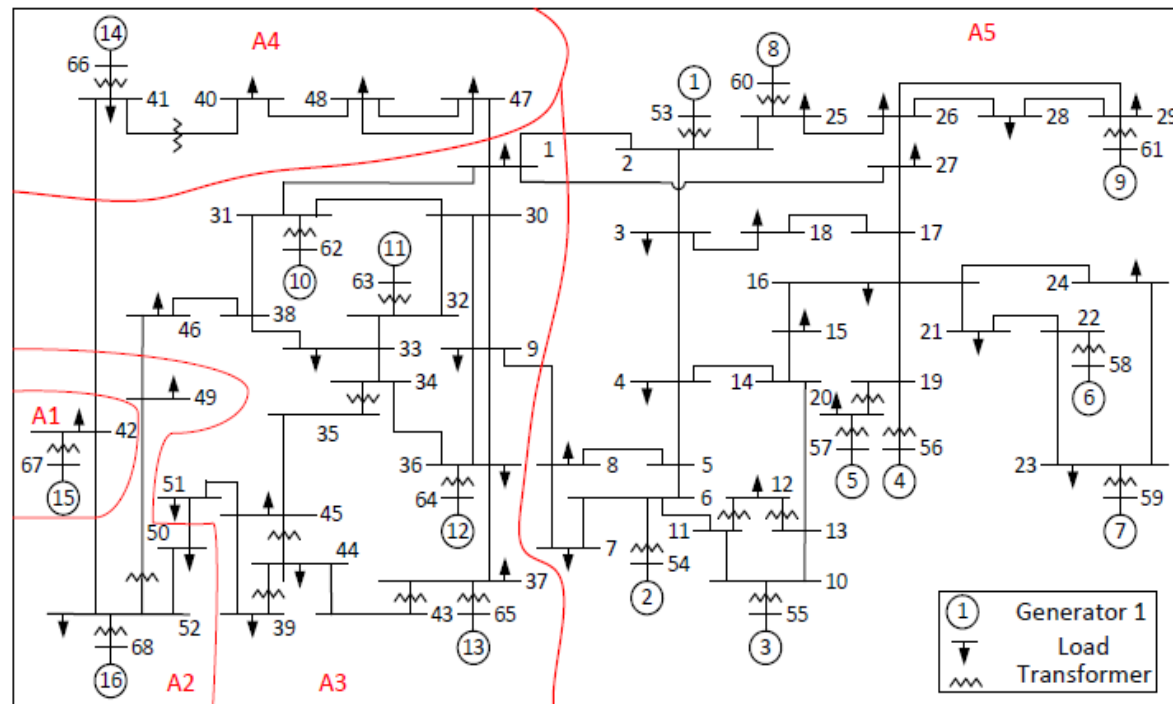


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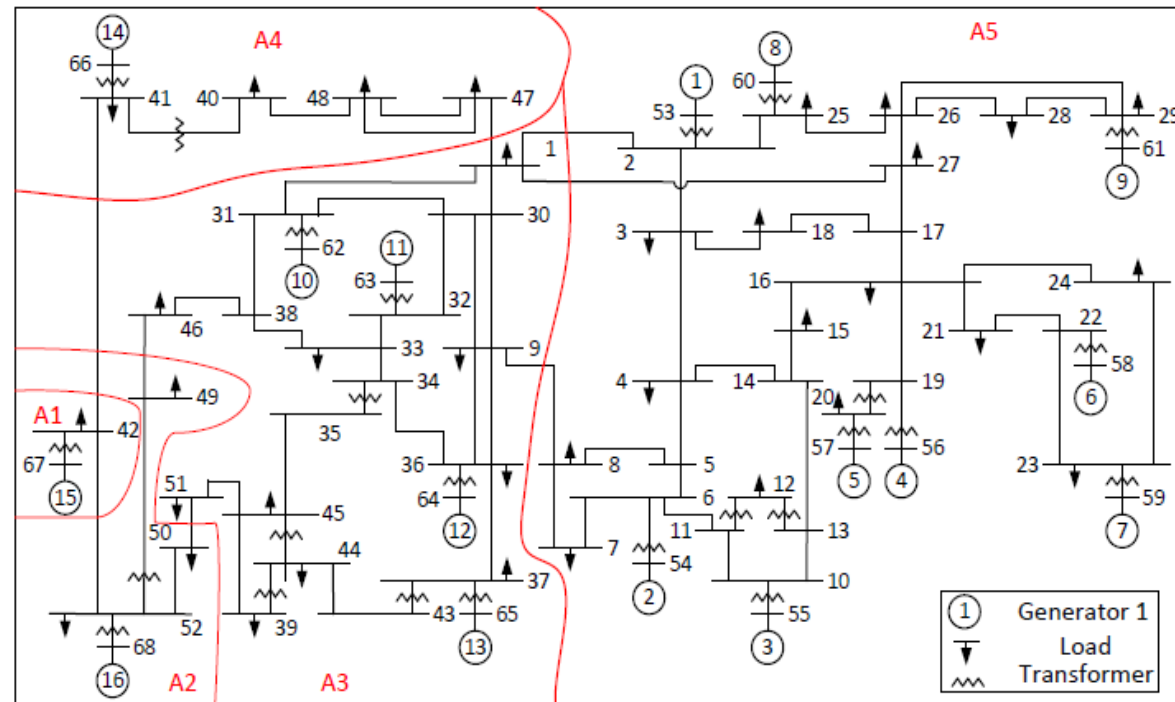
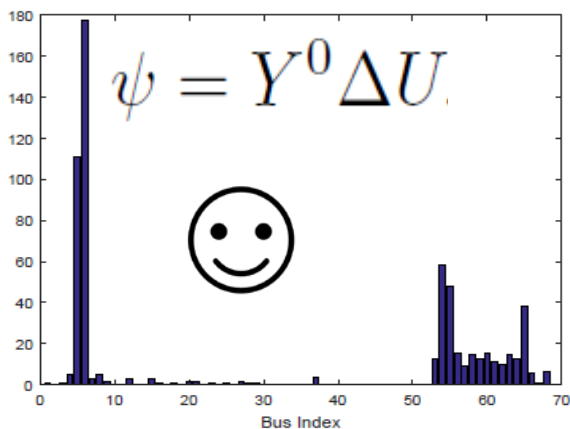
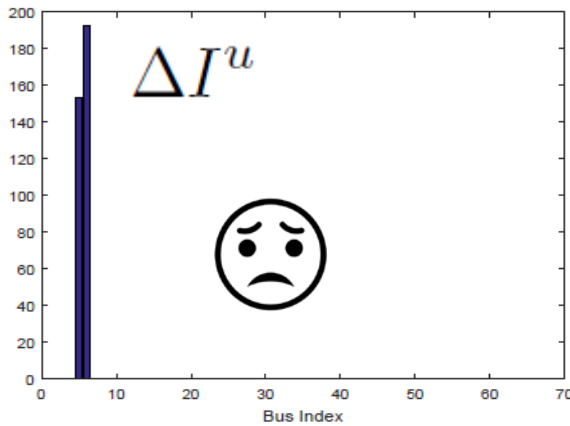
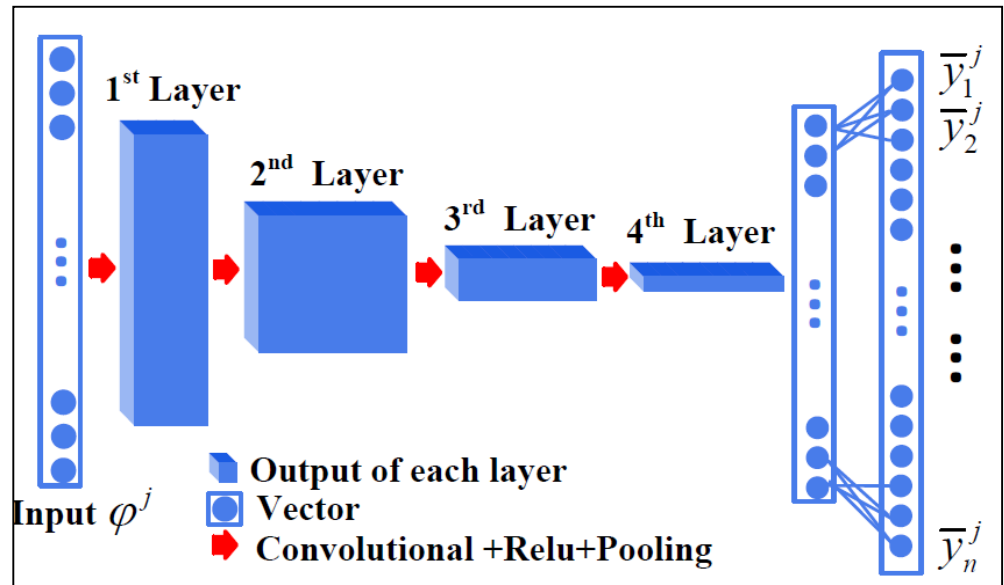
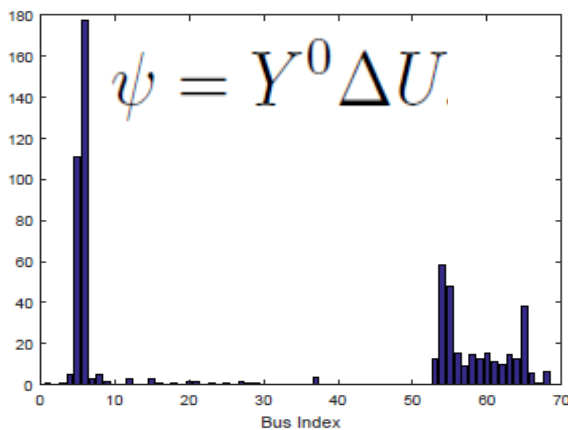


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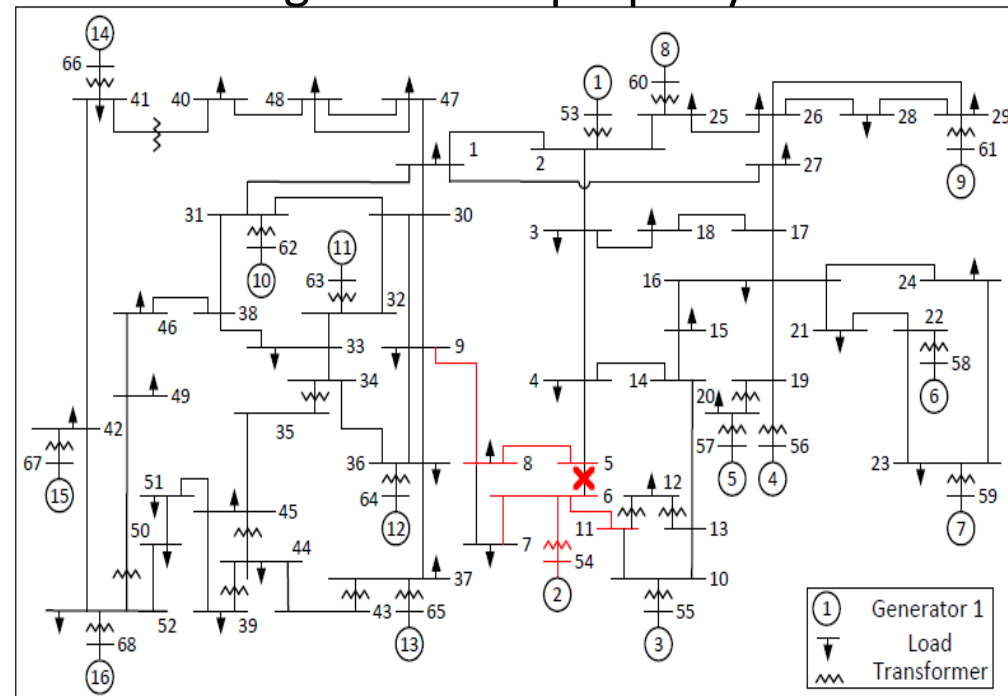
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ARC: Average Rank of Correct

The ratio of measured buses	7 %	10 %	15 %
Total number of buses	5	8	10
ARC	2.3	1.8	1.5

Neighborhood property



## Conclusion:

Machine Learning works if system physics used *correctly*

## Collaborators:

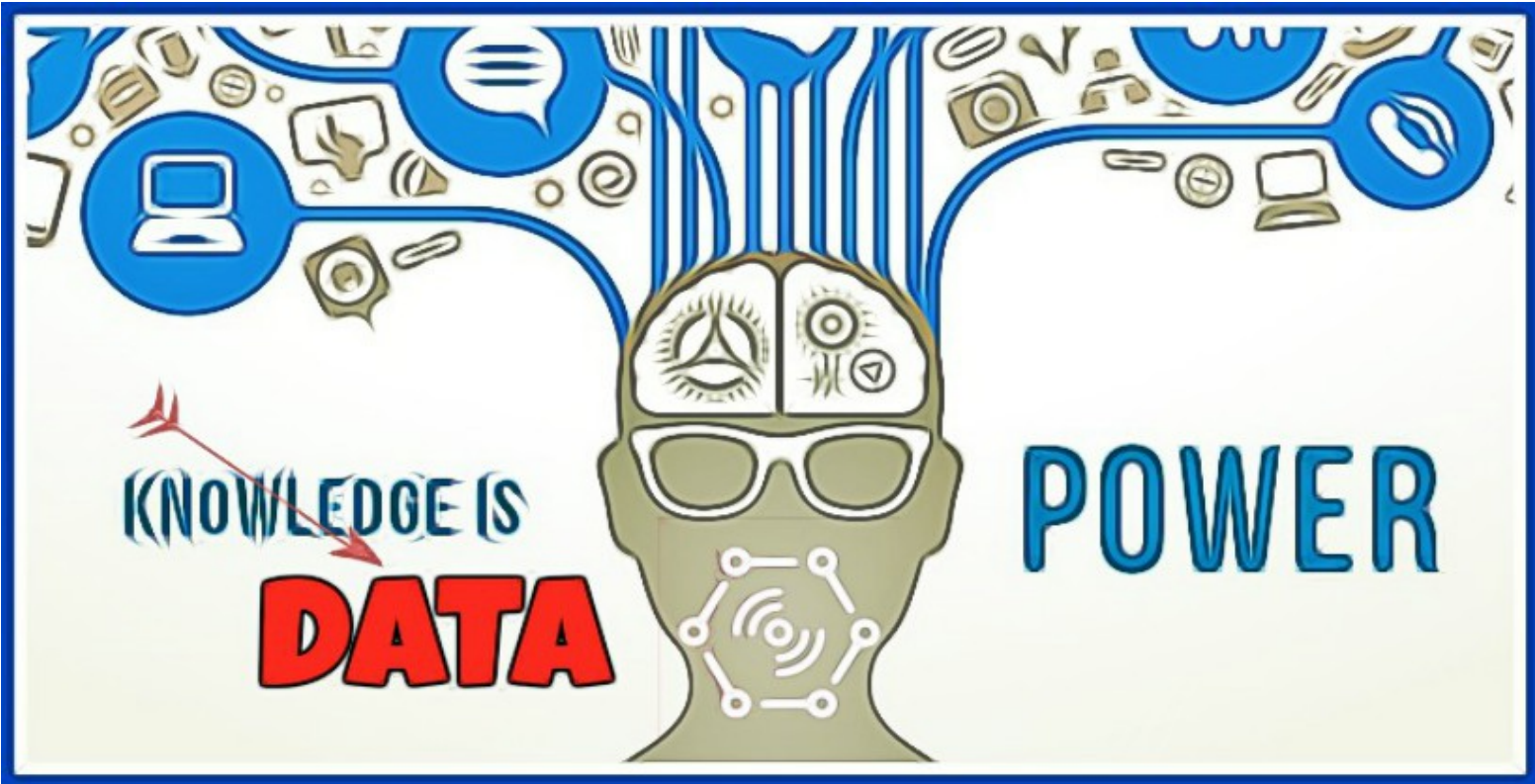
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## Support from:







*Plea: Please share/give real-world data*

a. International ??

b. Synthetic data grants ??

c. Large-scale competition → ARPA –E OPF challenge??