

Online Optimization and Learning for Sustainable Cyber-Human-Physical Systems

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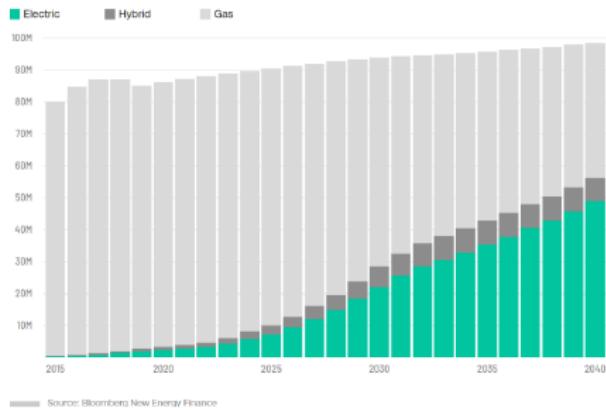


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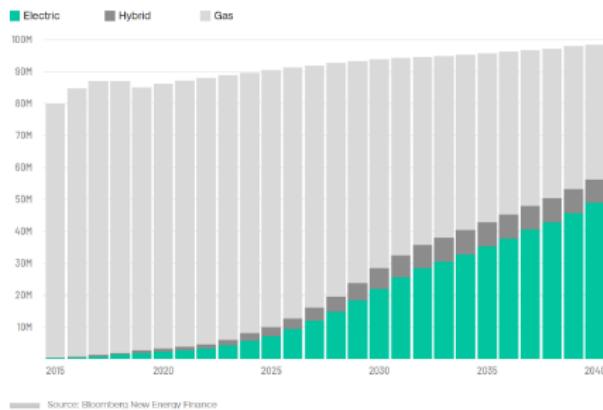
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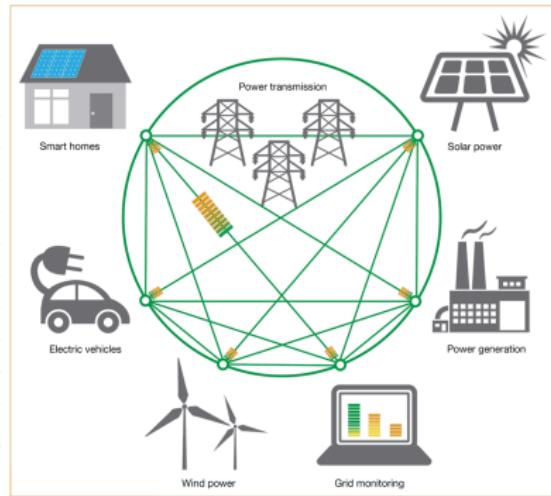
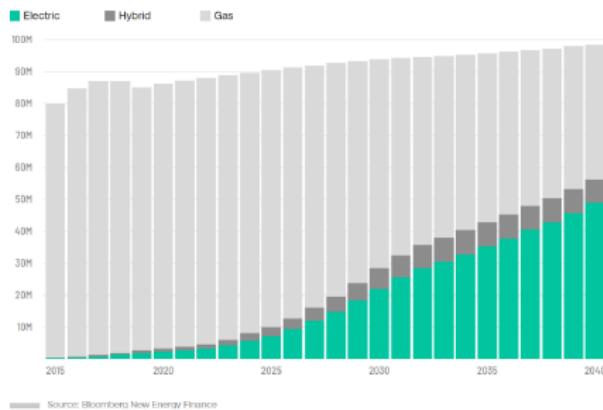
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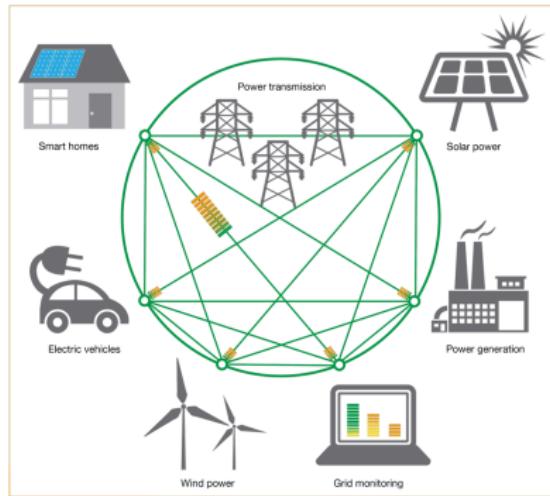
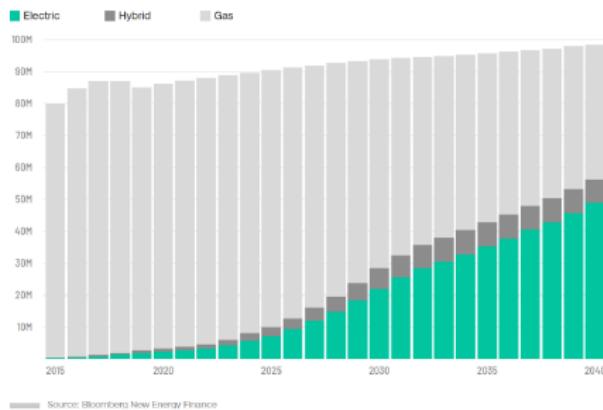
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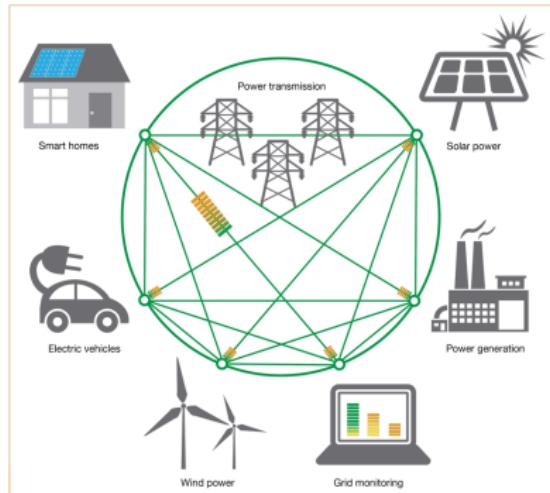
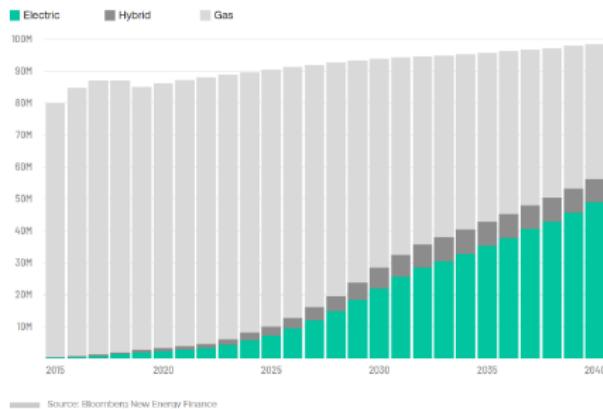
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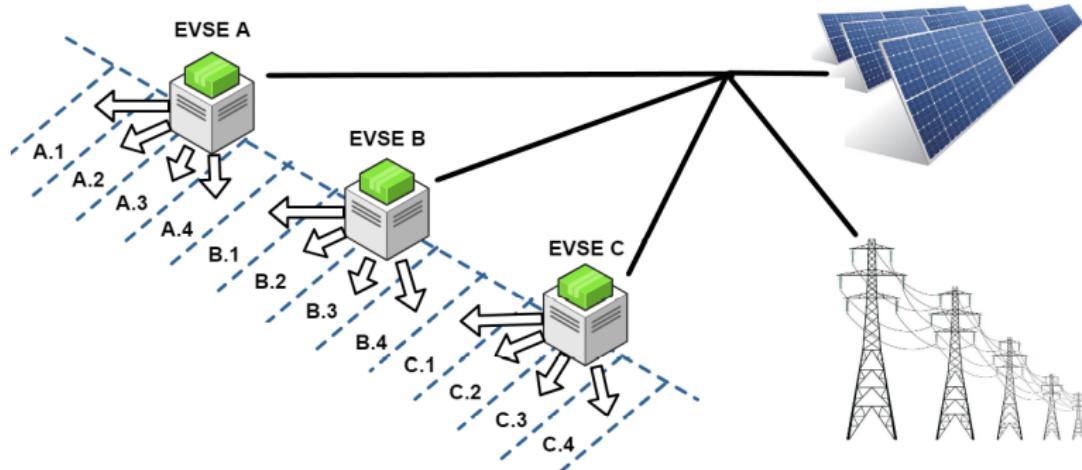
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Both can benefit from optimization and learning mechanisms

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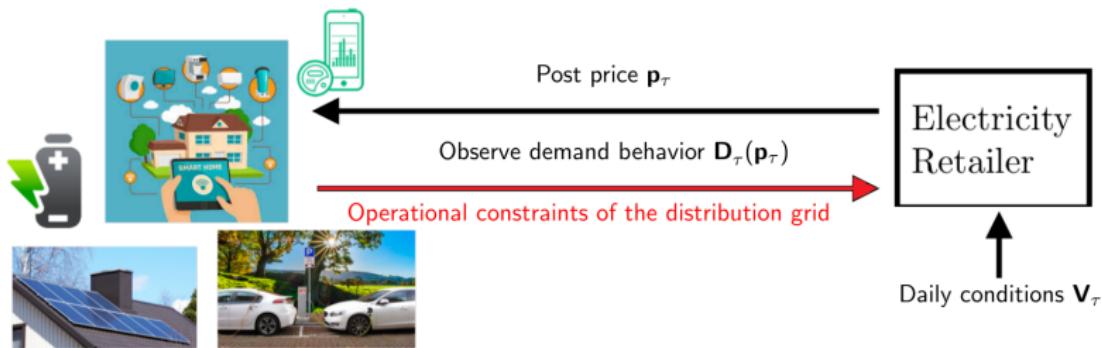
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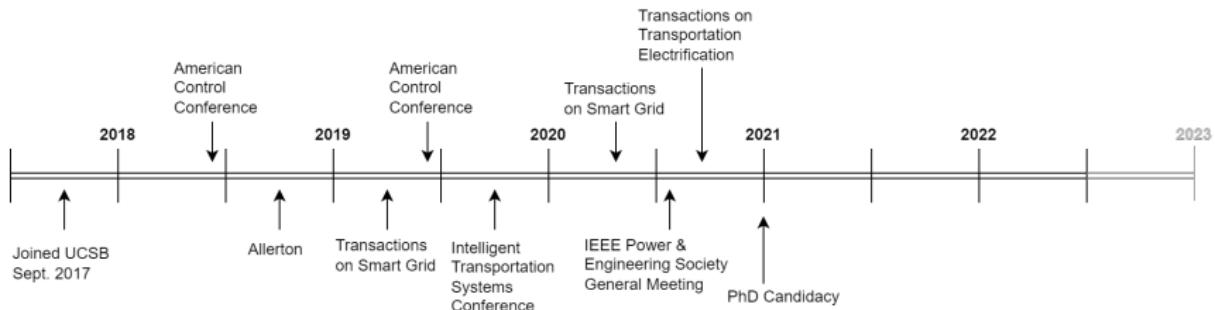
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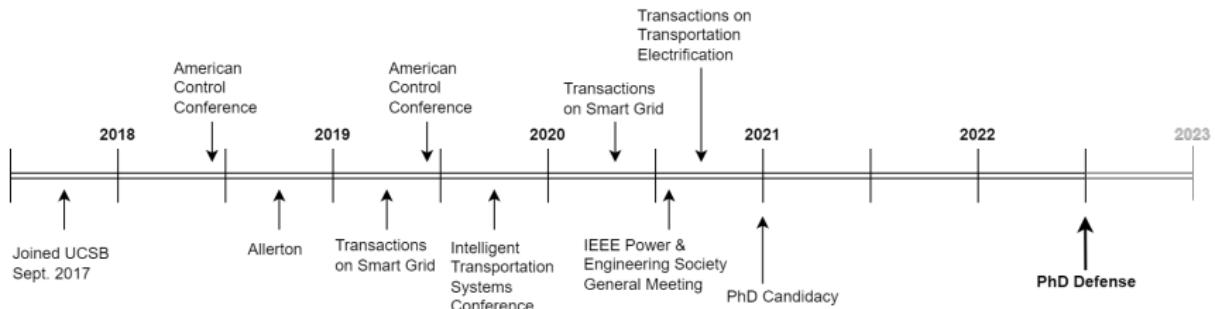
Objective: minimize expected cost $\mathbb{E}[f(\mathbf{D}_\tau(\mathbf{p}_\tau), \mathbf{V}_\tau)]$
Subject to: operational constraints of the grid

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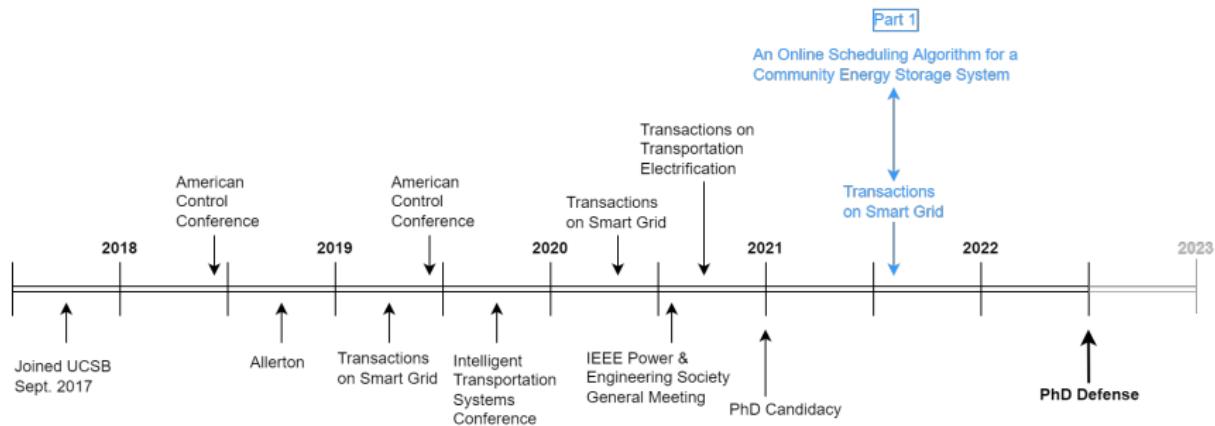
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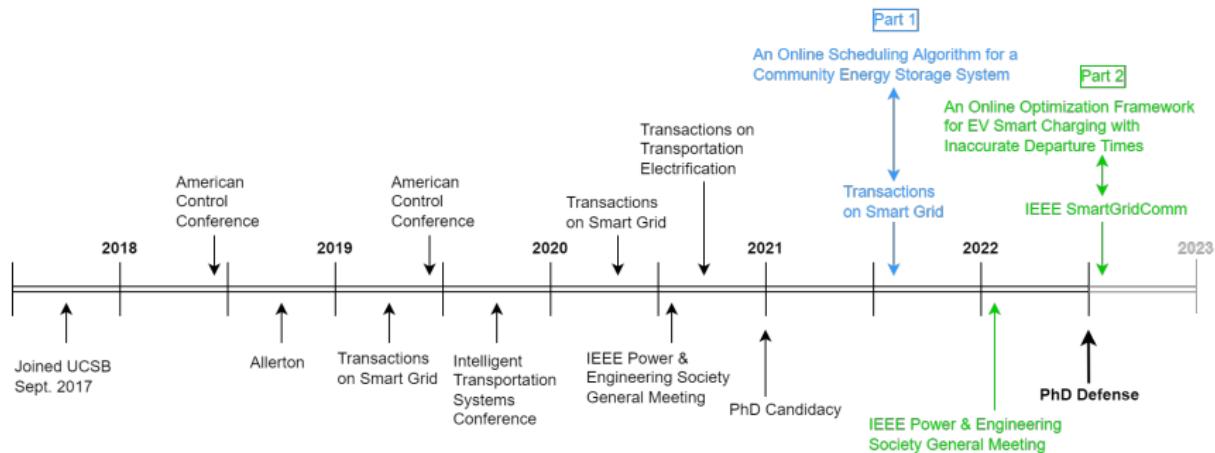
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An Online Scheduling Algorithm for a Community Energy Storage System

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- Diversify loads
- Utilize excess renewable generation within the community

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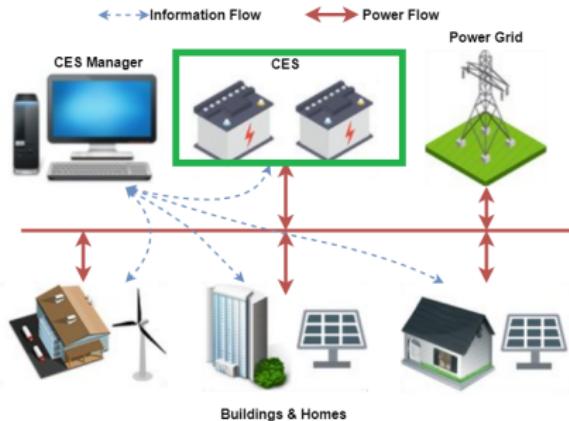
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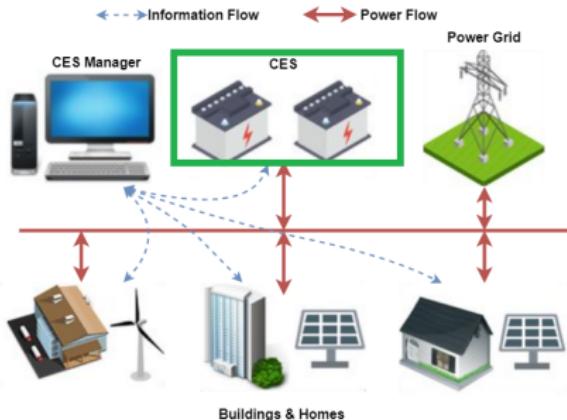
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- Distributed renewable generation
- Community energy storage system (CES)
- CES scheduling strategy

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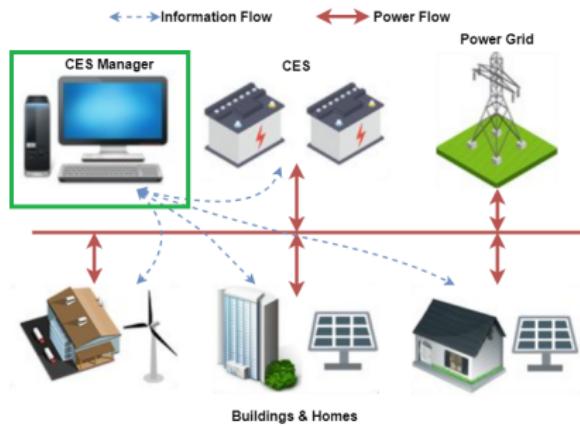
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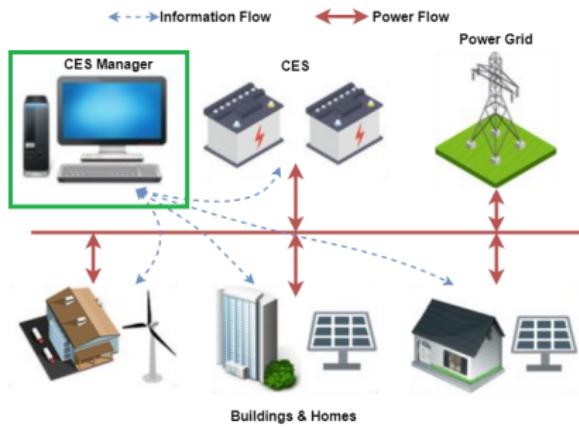
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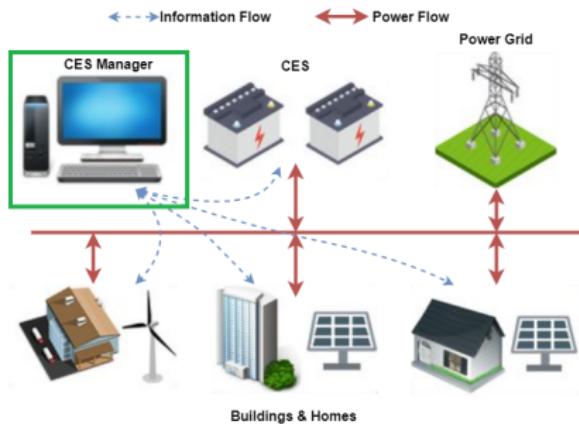
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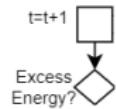
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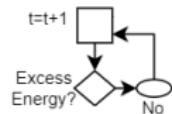
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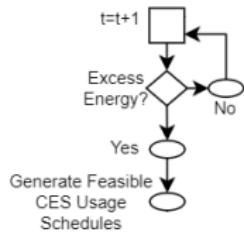
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- $i_{nsc}(t)$: Charge/discharge schedule (+ charging, - discharging)
- $i_{nse}(t)$: Energy capacity reservation
- v_{ns} : Valuation

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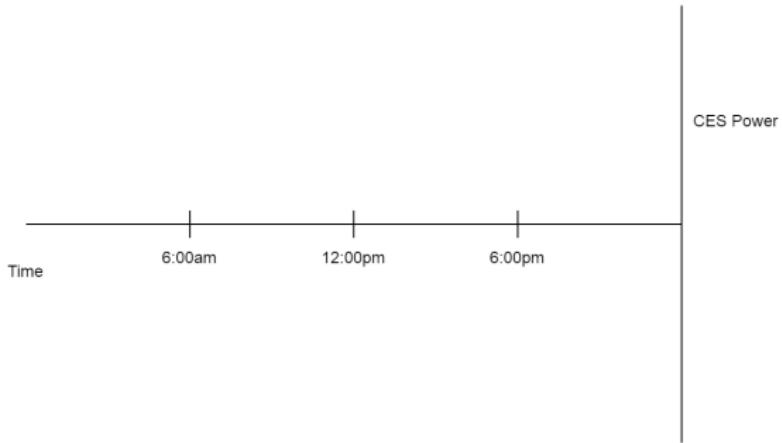
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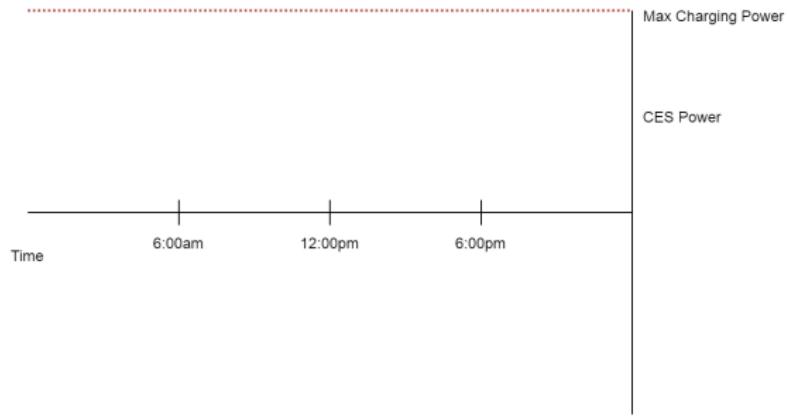
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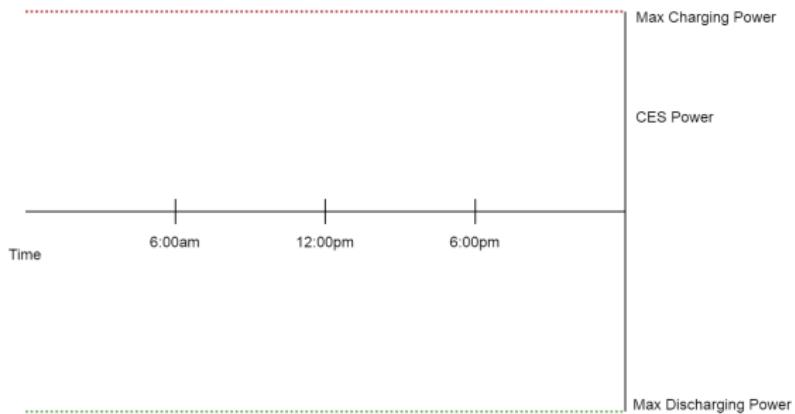
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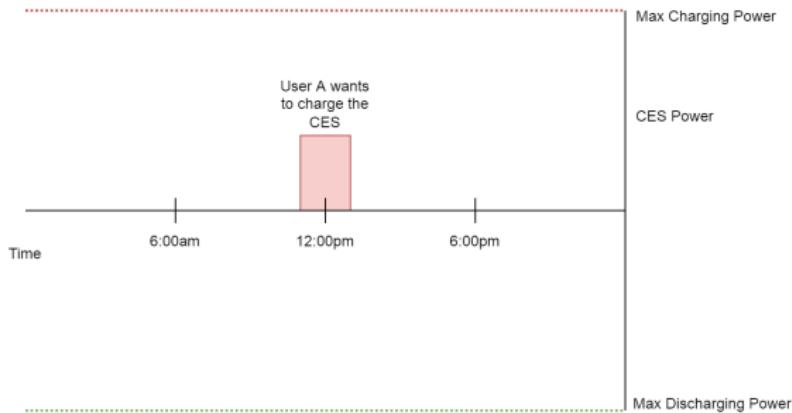
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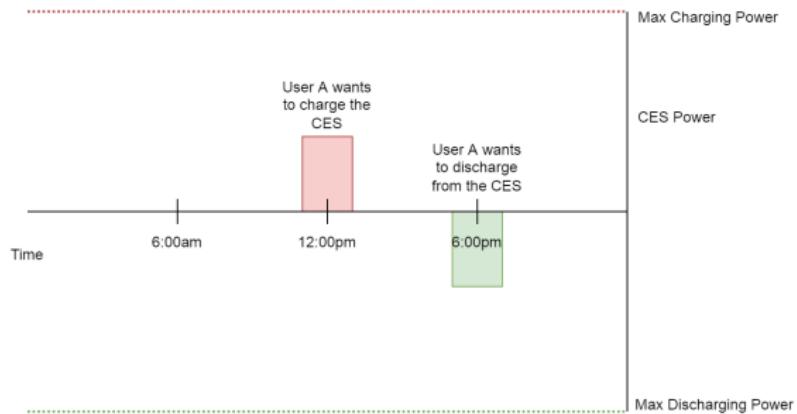
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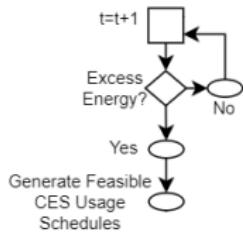


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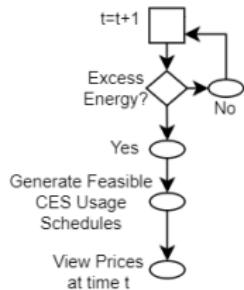
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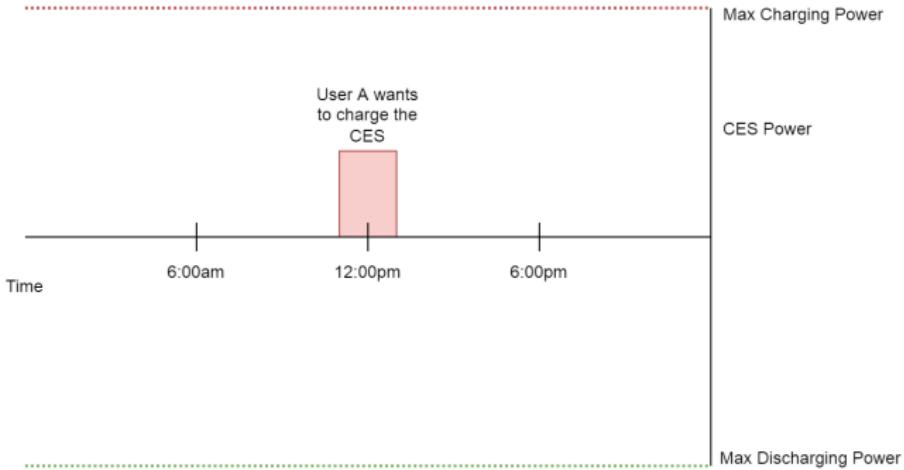
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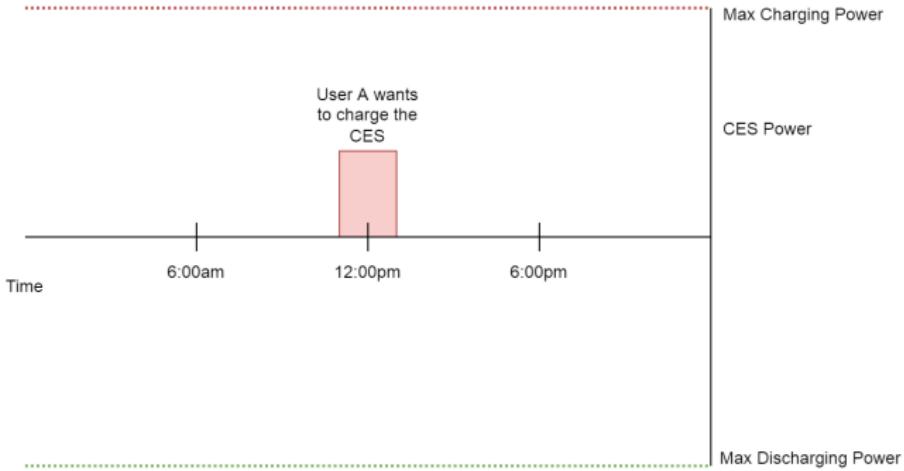
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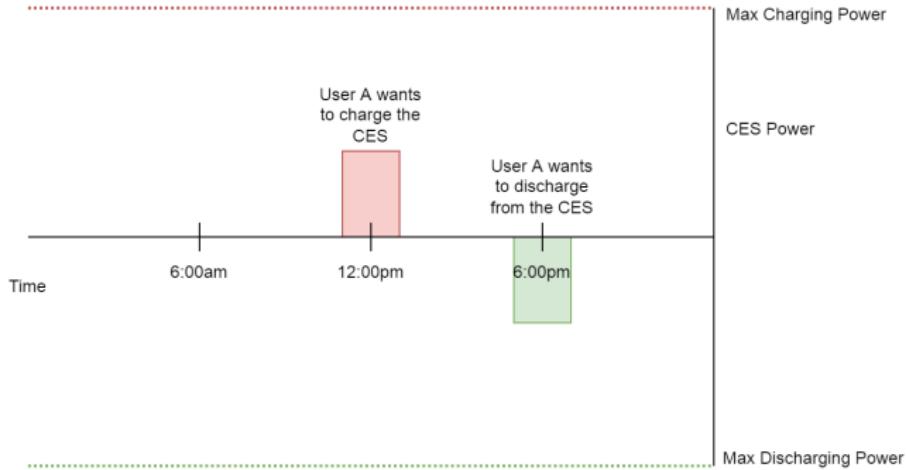
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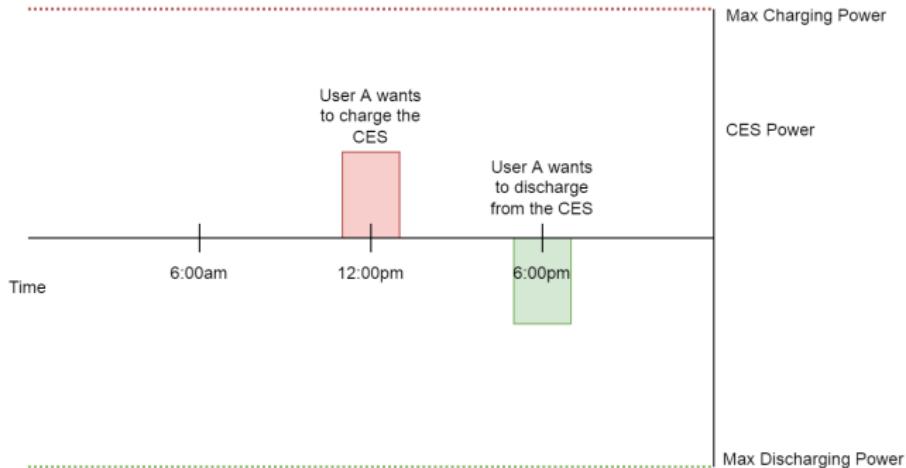
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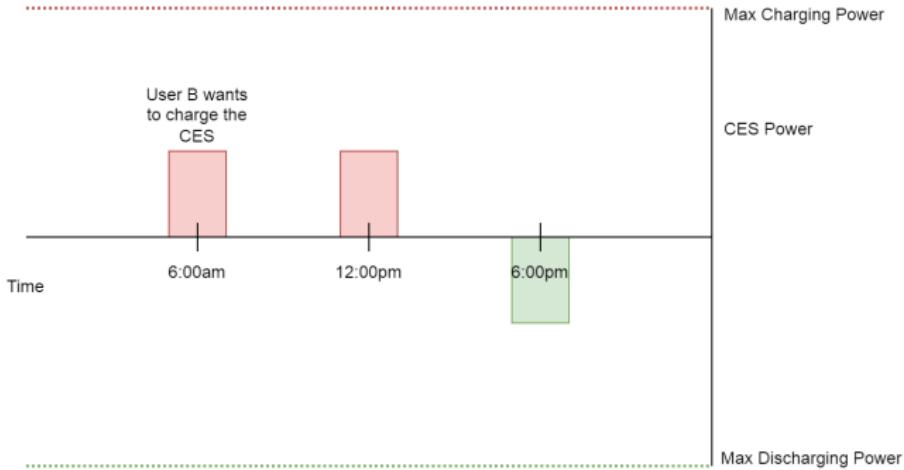
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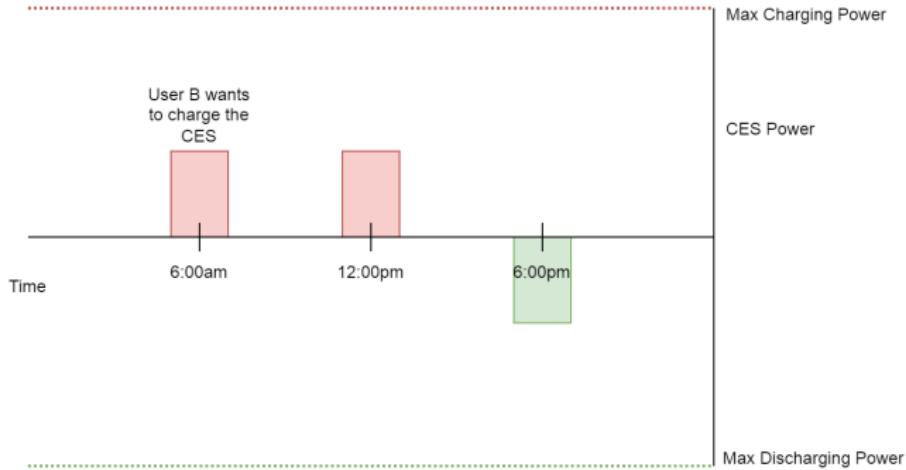
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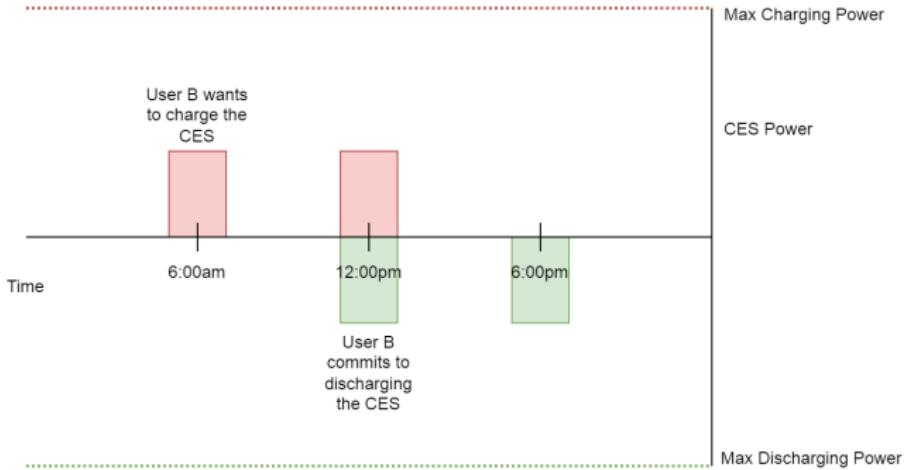
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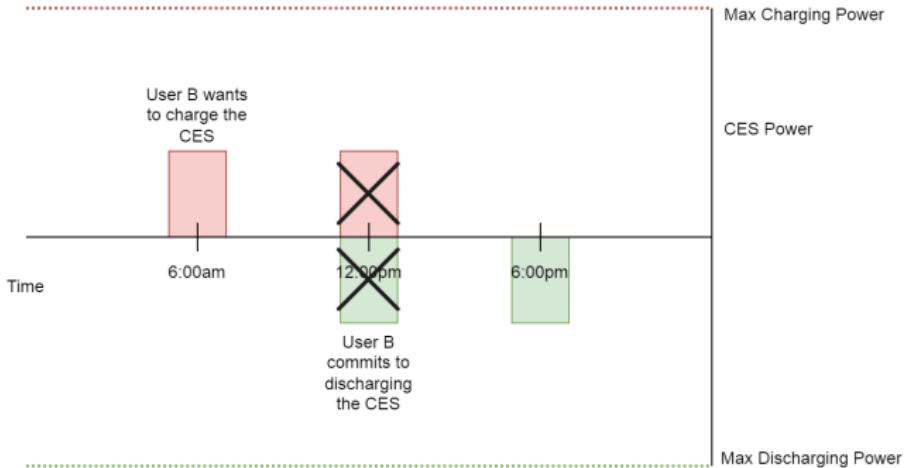
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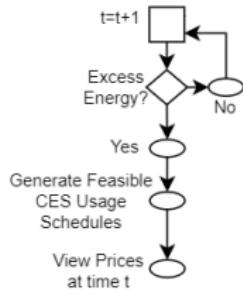
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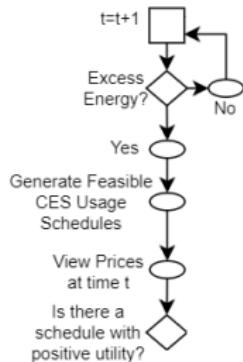
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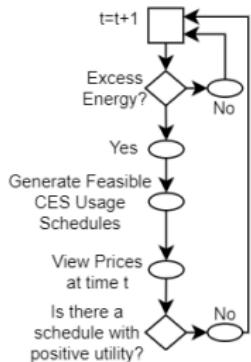
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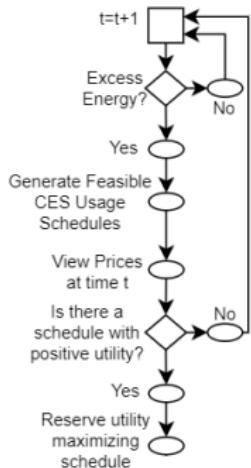
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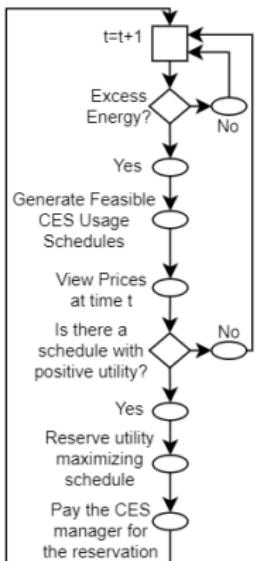
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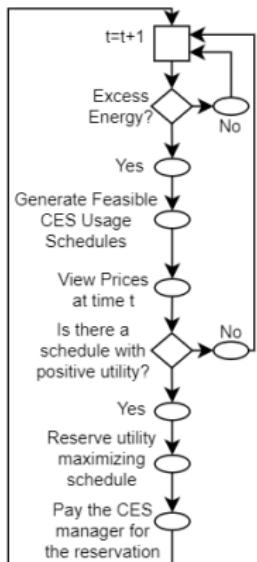
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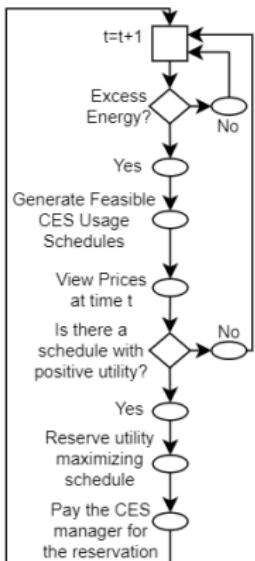


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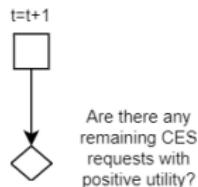


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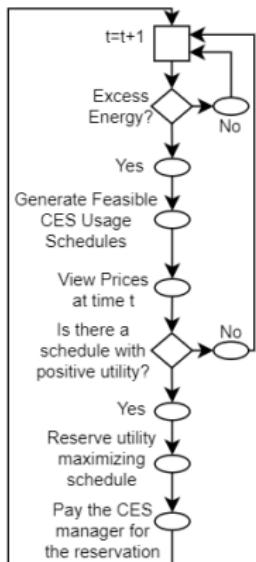


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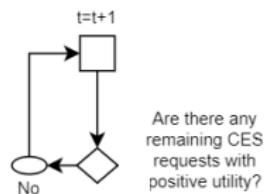


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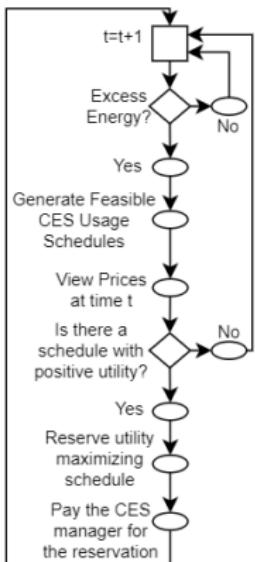


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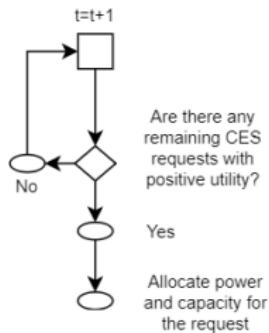


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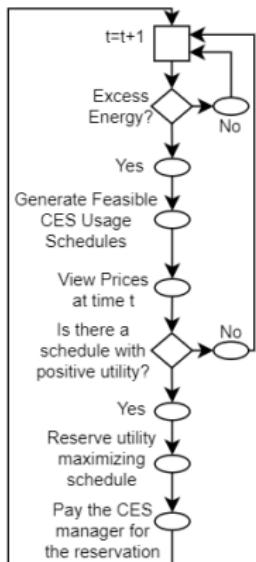


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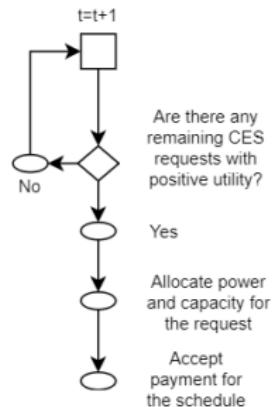


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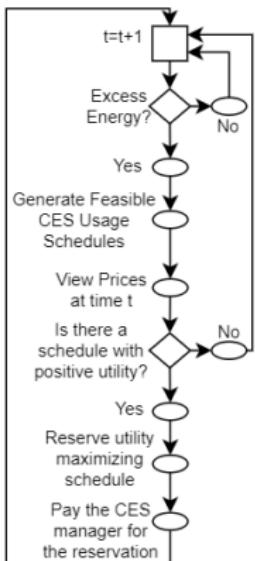


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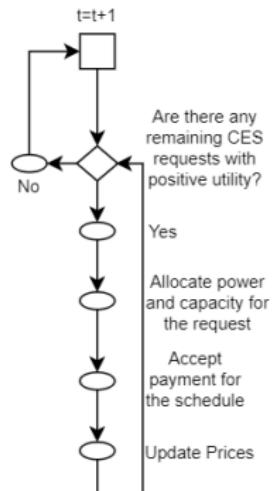


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subject to:

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where:

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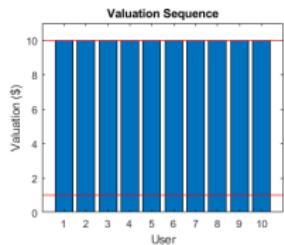
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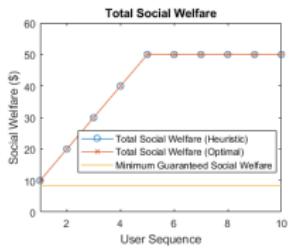
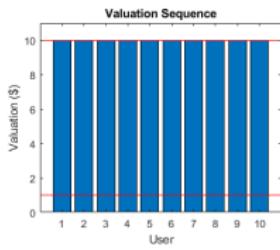
The CES schedules generated by our pricing functions are α -competitive in welfare over N usage requests:

$$\alpha = \ln \left(\frac{RU_{c,d}}{L_{c,d}} \right)$$

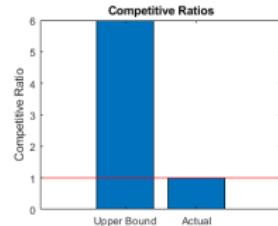
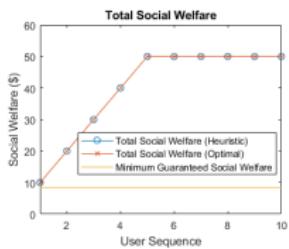
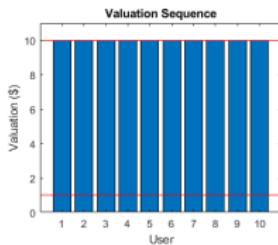
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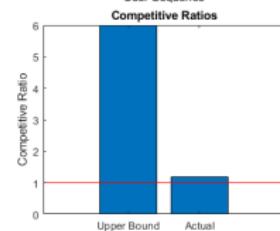
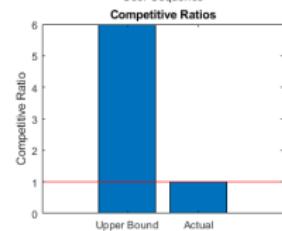
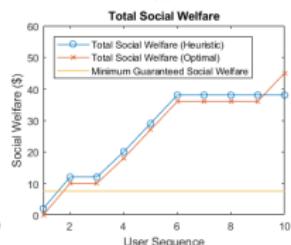
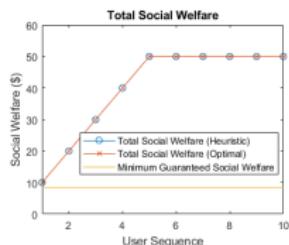
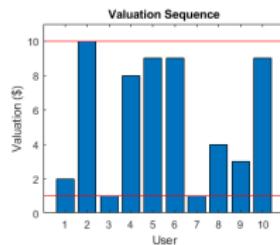
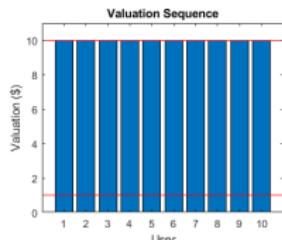
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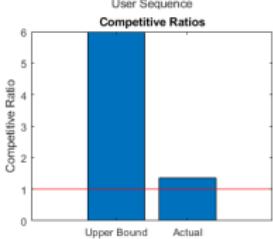
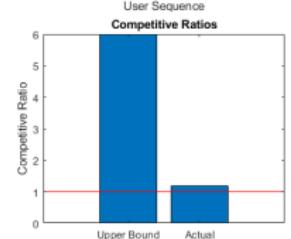
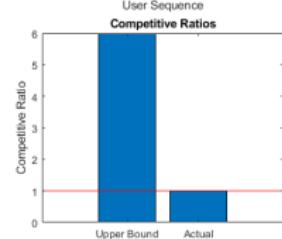
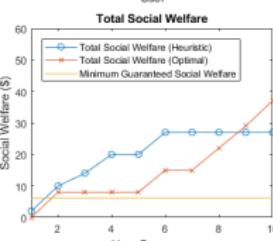
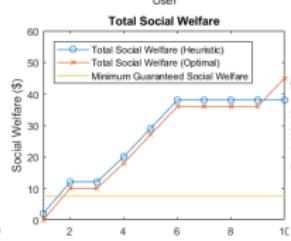
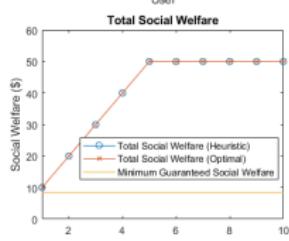
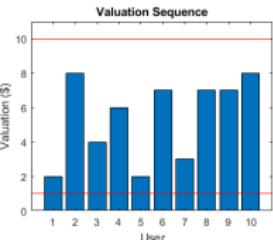
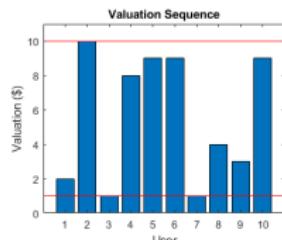
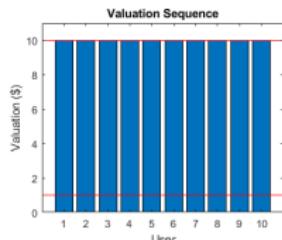
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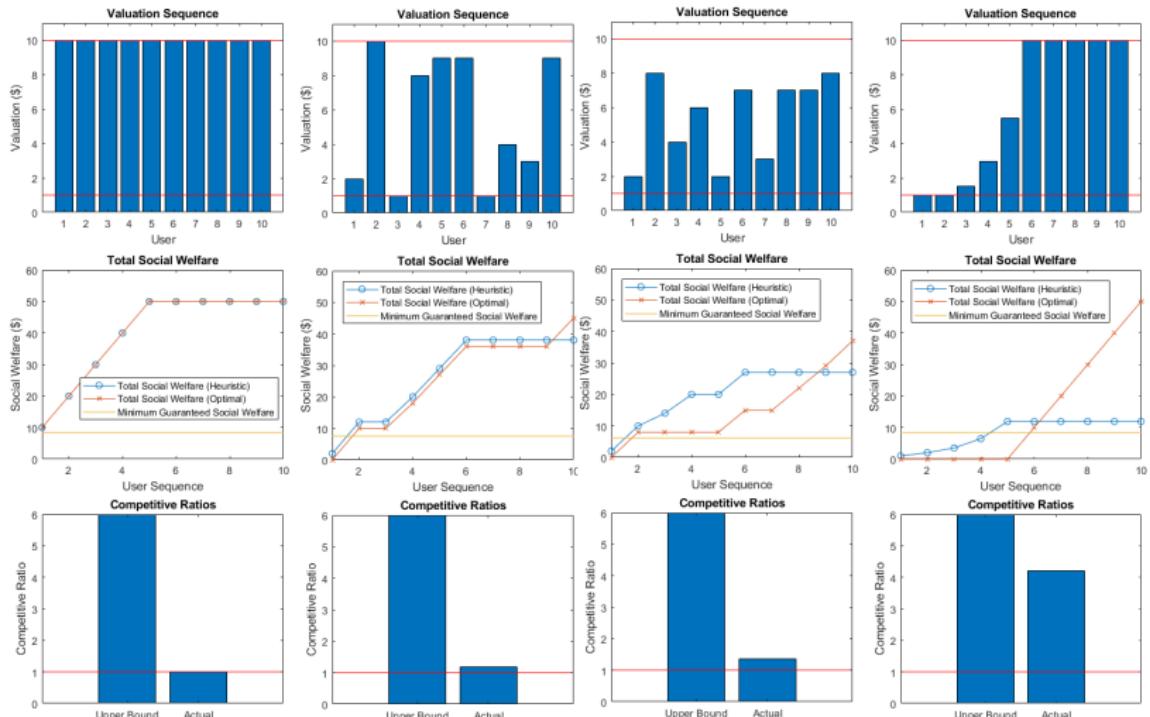
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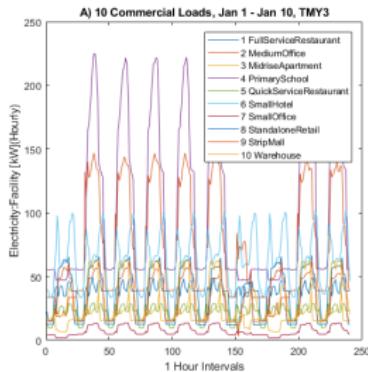
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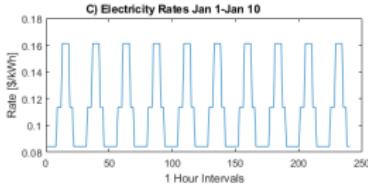
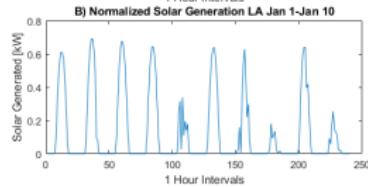
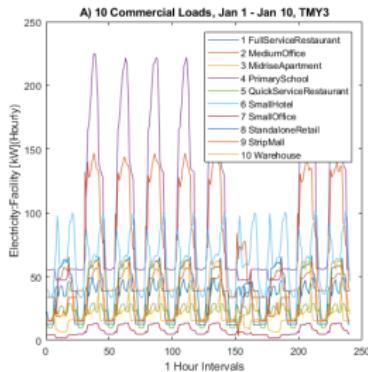
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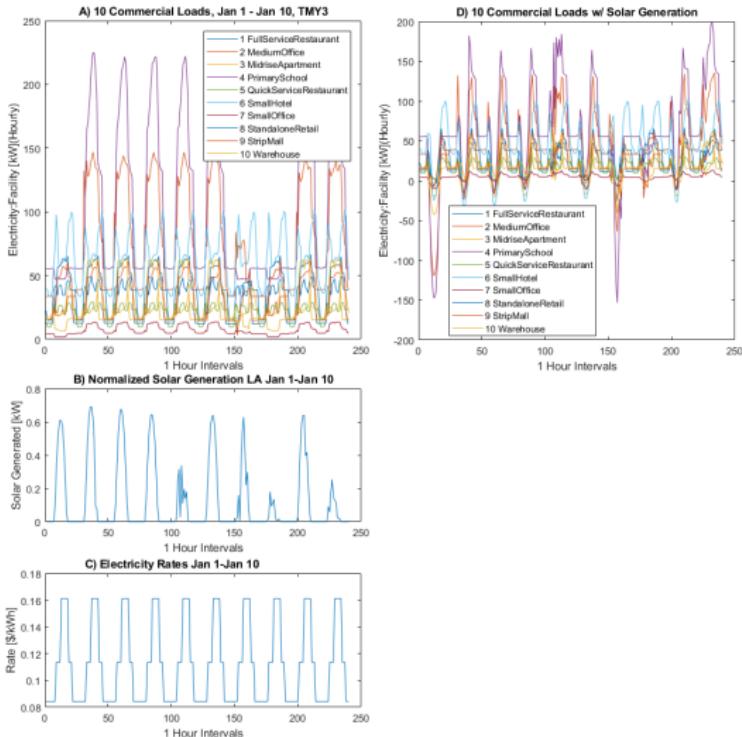
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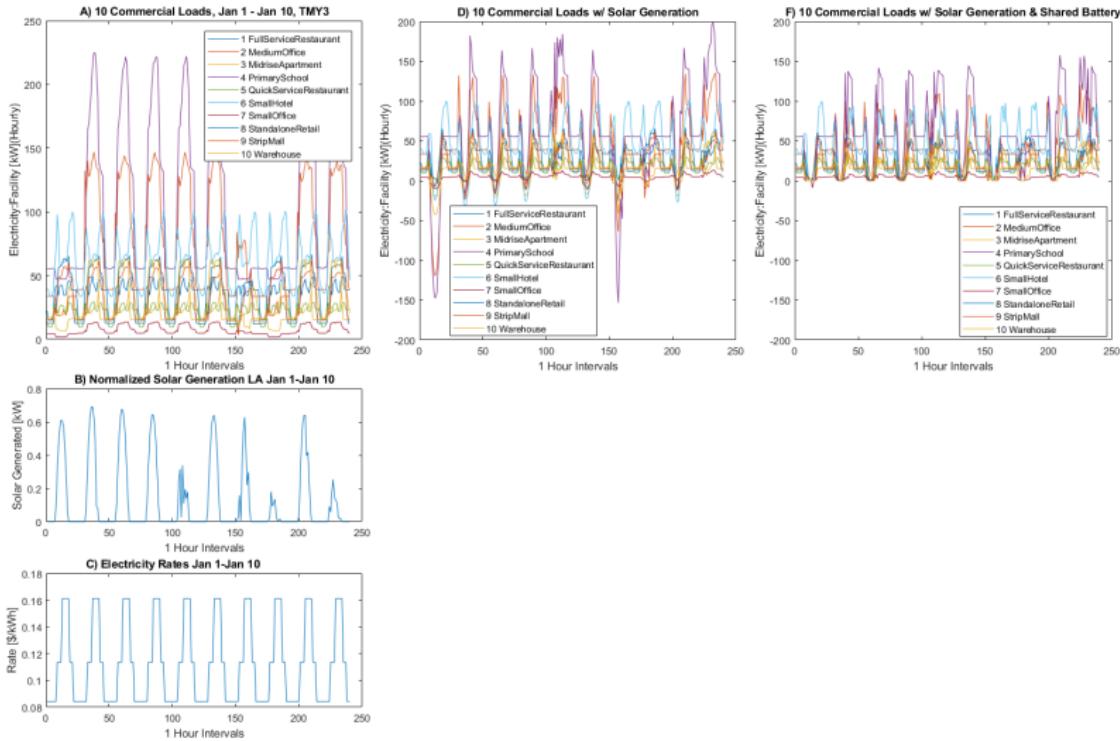
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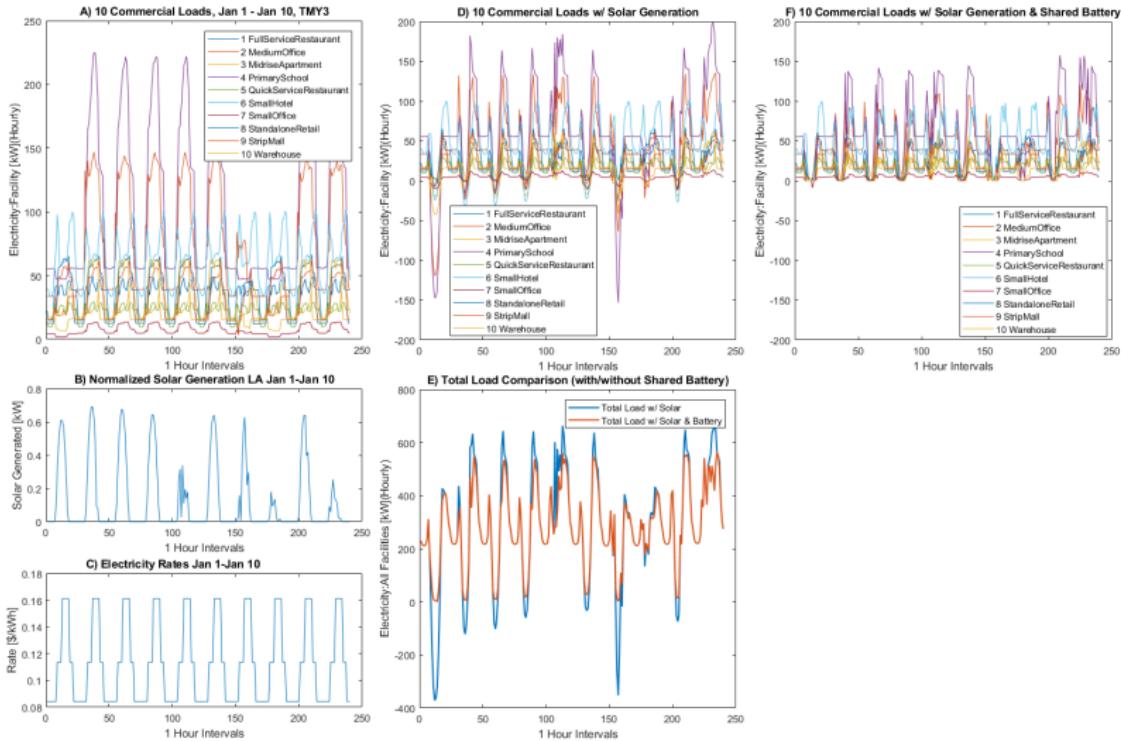
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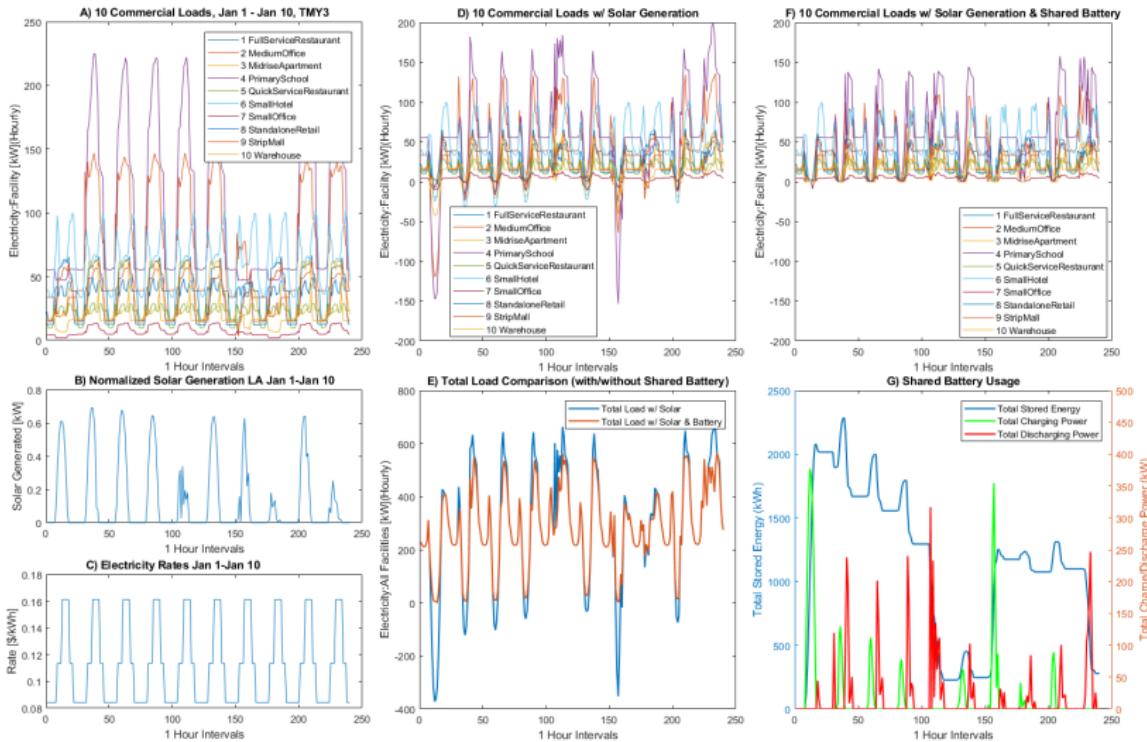
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Part 2

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Smart charging is increasingly critical for large-scale facilities
(e.g., workplaces, apartment complexes, shopping centers, airports, fleet depots, etc.)

SLAC & Google Datasets

Collaboration with the GISMO group at SLAC, have access to a large historical EV charging dataset:

- Workplaces throughout the Bay Area
- Most sessions exhibit typical workplace behavior
- 15-minute interval data for over 10,000 sessions
- Start times, end times, 15 minute avg. power delivered, total energy delivered, etc.

Opportunity to showcase the benefits of various smart charging strategies

Smart Charging Objectives

EV owner utility	$u_{OU}(e) = \sum_i \log(\sum_t e_i(t) + 1)$
Quick charge	$u_{QC}(e) = \sum_t \frac{T-t+1}{T} \sum_i e_i(t)$
Profit	$u_{PM}(e) = q \sum_t \sum_i e_i(t) - \sum_t p(t) \left(\sum_i e_i(t) + z(t) \right)$
Demand charges	$u_{DC}(e) = -\hat{p} \cdot \max_t \left(\sum_i e_i(t) + z(t) \right)$
Load flattening	$u_{LF}(e) = - \sum_t \left(\sum_i e_i(t) + z(t) \right)^2$
Equal sharing	$u_{ES}(e) = - \sum_{t,i} e_i(t)^2$
Energy demand	$u_{ED}(e) = - \sum_i \left(\sum_t e_i(t) - d_i \right)$

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$$\sum_t e_i(t) \leq d_i, \quad \forall i$$

$$\sum_i e_i(t) \leq e_{trans}, \quad \forall t$$

Implementation Challenges

- Real-world systems with human users
- Operate in real-time without knowledge of future
- Adapt as more information is revealed
- Infrastructure constraints coupling all charging profiles
- Limited information from the EV
- Inaccurate information from the EV
 - 18.6% percentage error in user predicted departure times¹

¹[Lee, Sharma, Low, '21] Research Tools for Smart EV Charging

Test Case 1: User Utility Maximization with TOU Rates

- Facility manager → maximize user utility under TOU electricity rates
- A large company campus who wants to provide free and effective charging for employees

$$U_1(e) = 15u_{OU}(e) + u_{PM}(e) + 10^{-9} \left(u_{LF}(e) + u_{ES}(e) \right)$$

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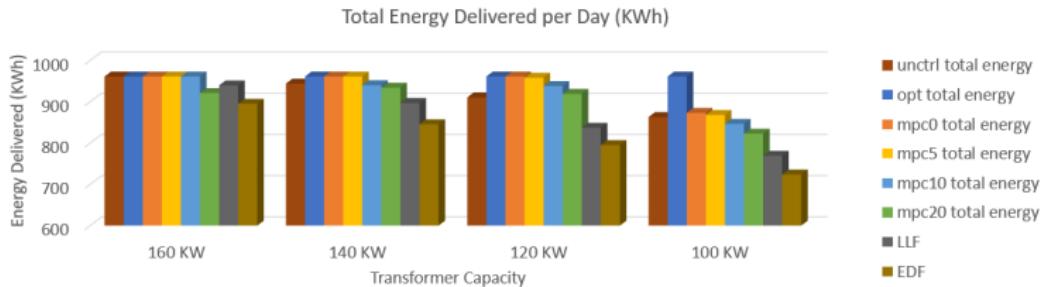


Figure: Total energy delivered for the various cases including Least-Laxity-First and Earliest-Deadline-First (both with perfect departure time knowledge) with varying transformer capacities.

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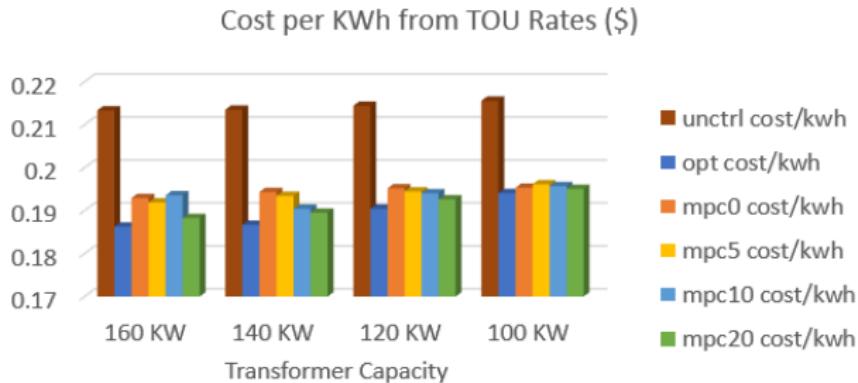


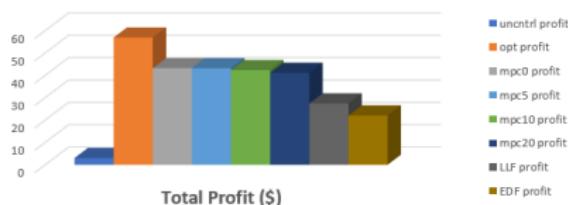
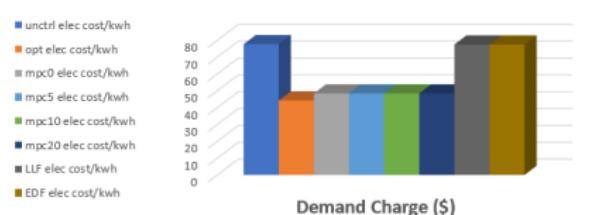
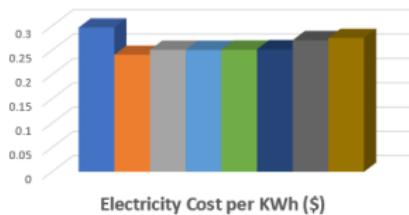
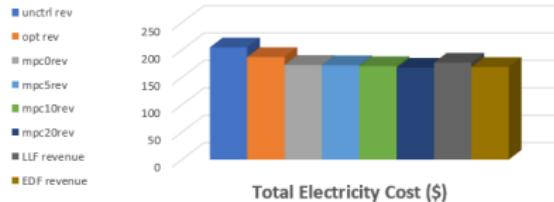
Figure: Cost per KWh from TOU rates for the uncontrolled, offline optimal, and 4 MPC test cases

Test Case 2: Profit Maximization with TOU Rates and Demand Charges

- Facility manager → maximize profit while delivering adequate energy to each customer
- For-profit third-party parking structure equipped with chargers and wants to minimize TOU electricity costs and demand charges

$$U_2(e) = 10(u_{PM}(e) + u_{DC}(e)) + u_{OU}(e) + 10^{-9}(u_{LF}(e) + u_{ES}(e))$$

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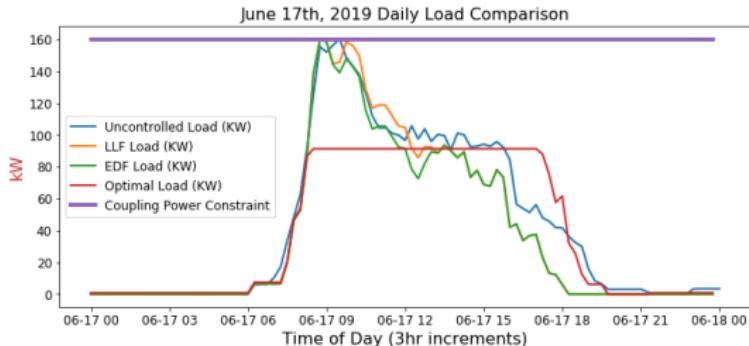


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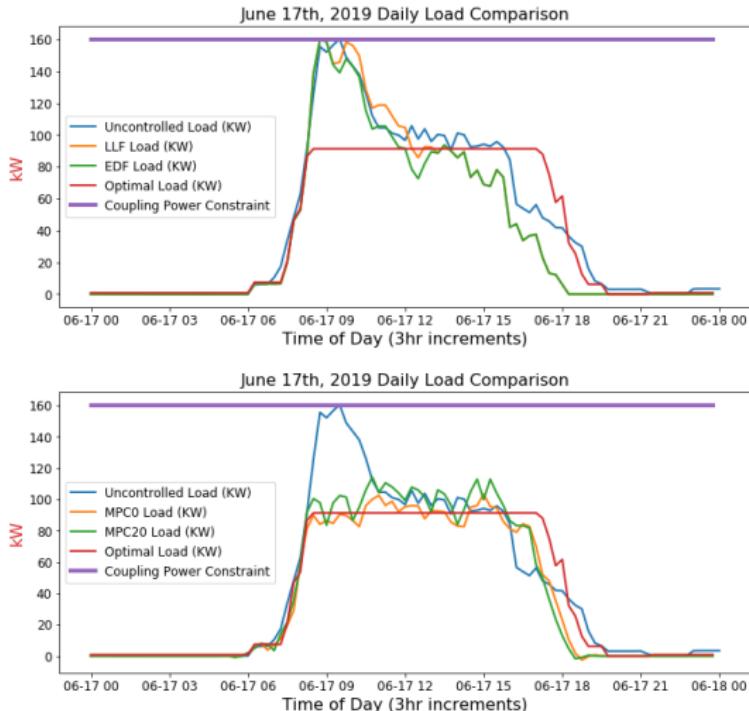


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Online optimization framework for workplace EV charging

- Customizable utility functions
- Accounts for infrastructure constraints
- Can be modified based on user data availability/accuracy
- Outperforms FCFS, LLF, EDF in both energy delivery and profit maximization

Stanford Marguerite Shuttle



- 38 BYD Electric Buses
- 23 double port chargers
- 352 unique trips per day
- 1431 miles per day

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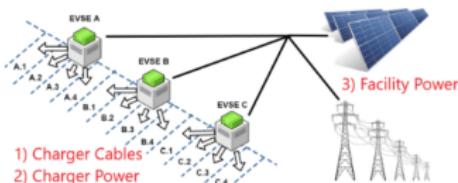
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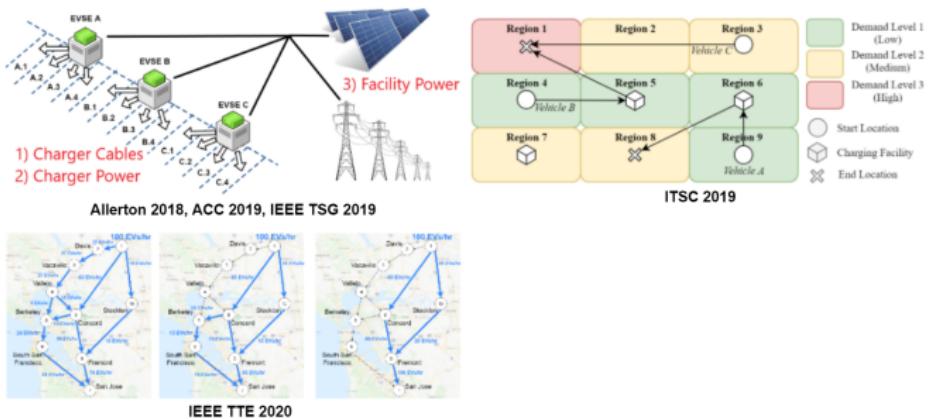
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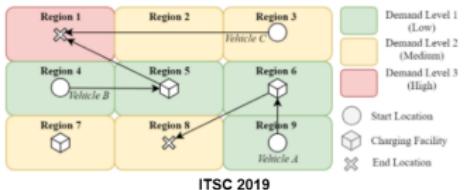
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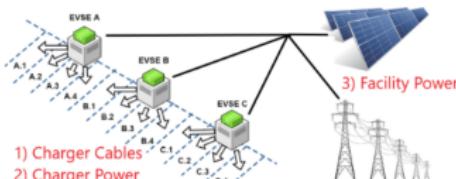
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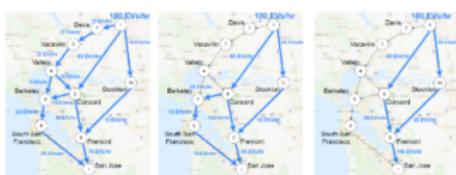
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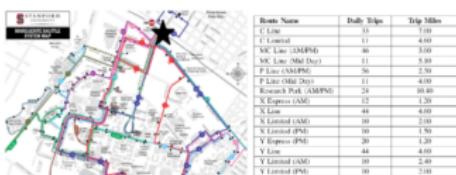
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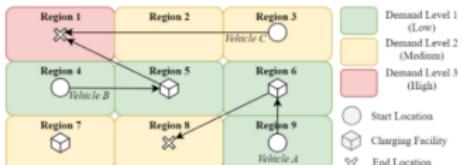
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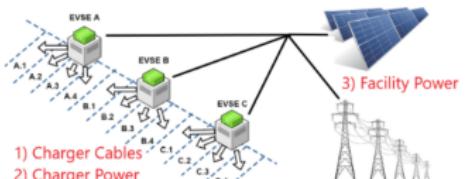


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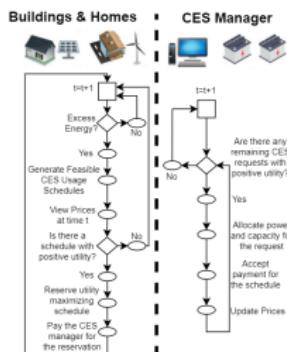
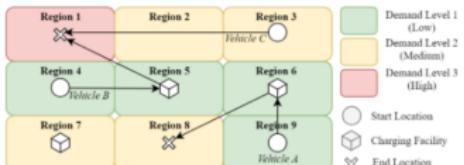
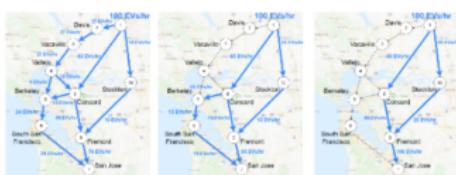
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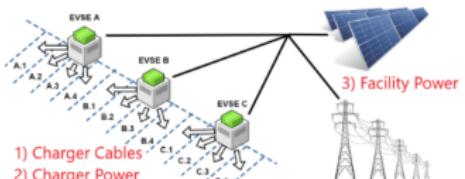
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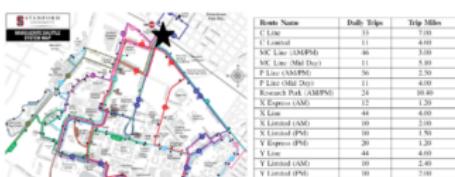
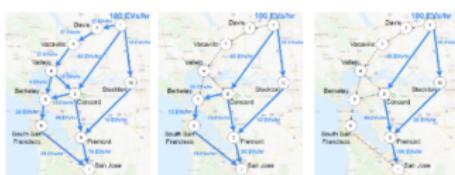
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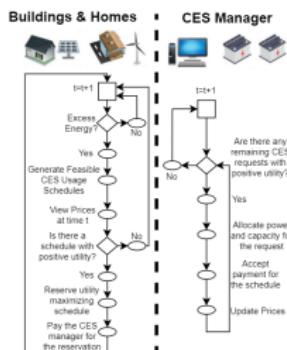
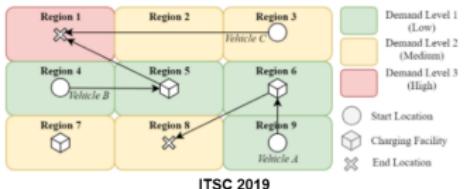
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Online Optimization Framework

- Rolling horizon optimization
- Future model: certainty equivalence
 - Account for future arrivals
 - Utilize an “average day” model
- Scenario generation/pruning for EVs’ departure times
 - Users can input multiple departure times
 - Can be generated from population/personal datasets
- Modify utility functions and constraints
 - Demand charge utility function

Online Optimization Framework

$$\max_e \sum_i \sum_n \frac{1}{C_n} [U(e_i, x_{i,n})] + \sum_j [U(e_j, x_j)]$$

subject to:

$$0 \leq e_k(t) \leq e_{max}, \quad \forall k = i, j, \forall t$$

$$e_i^T x_{i,n} \leq d_i, \quad \forall i$$

$$e_j^T x_j \geq d_j, \quad \forall j$$

$$\sum_{k=i,j} e_k(t) \leq e_{trans}, \quad \forall t$$

$$\hat{e}_{inc} \geq \sum_{k=i,j} e_k(t) - \hat{e}_{old}, \quad \forall t$$

$$\hat{e}_{inc} \geq 0$$

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Algorithm 1 REAL-TIME SMART CHARGING

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for each day do
    Update current parking lot state
    for each 15 minute interval  $t$  do
        if new departure from parking lot then
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