

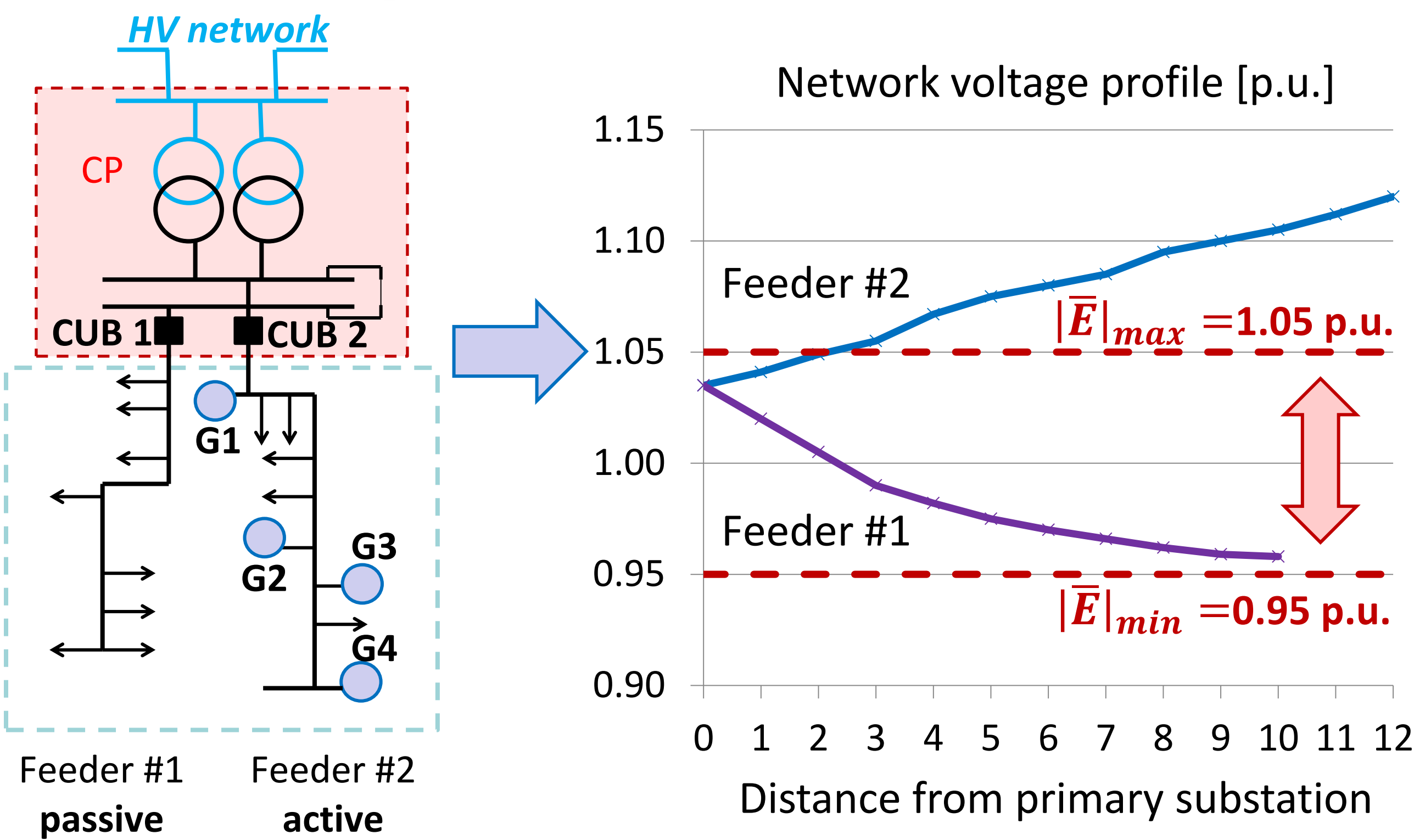
GECN: Primary Voltage Control for Active Distribution Networks via Real-Time Demand-Response

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Voltage Problem in ADNs



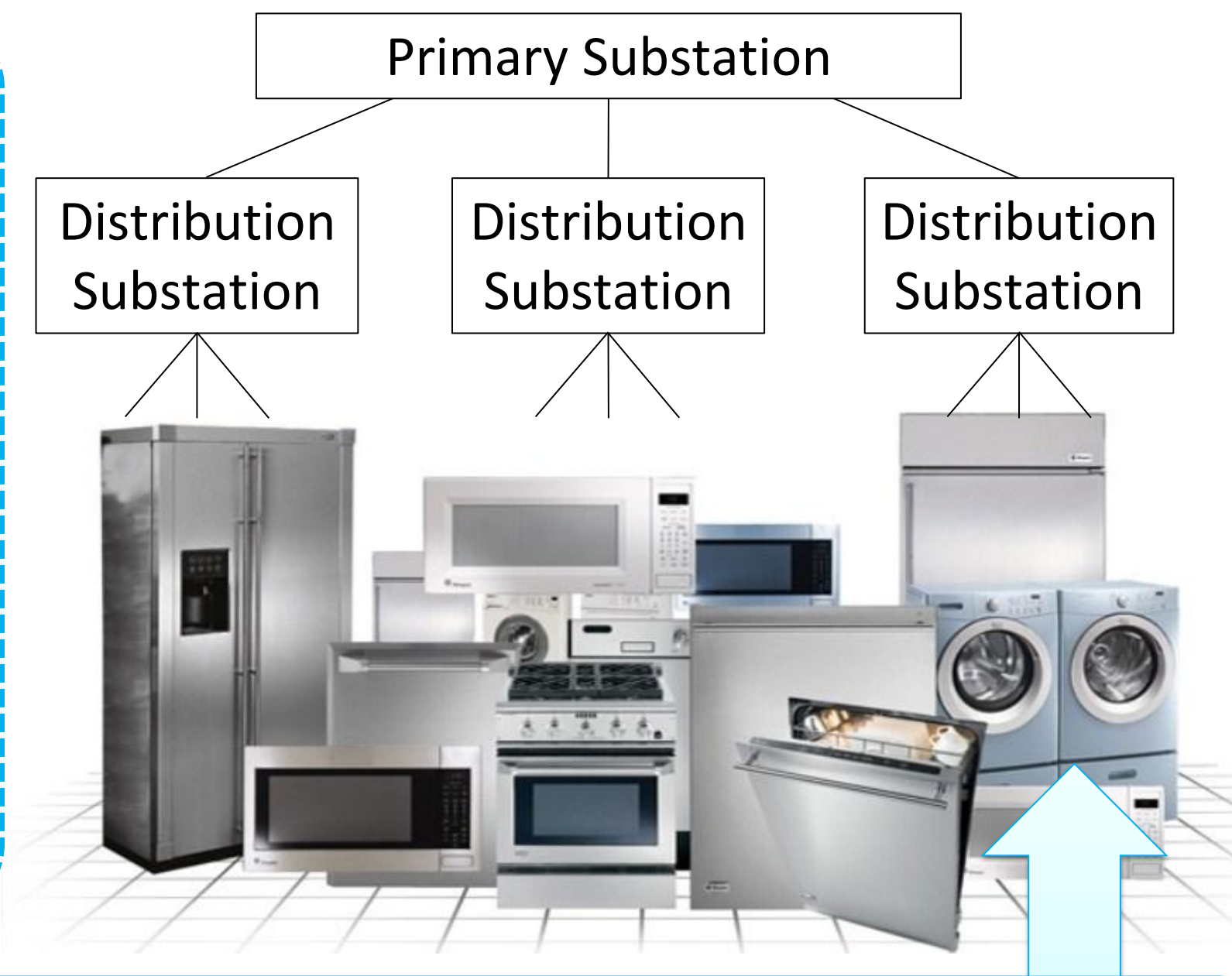
Voltage Control via Demand-Response

Why?

- PQ variations can control voltage
 $\Delta|\bar{E}| \approx K_P \Delta P + K_Q \Delta Q$

Benefits

- Increased **availability** (small residential loads)
- Flexibility** of control (Spatially distributed resources)



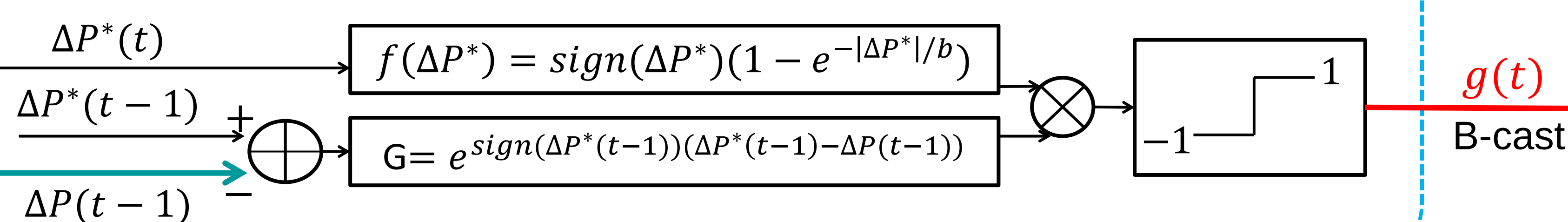
Problem: Point-to-point communication not tractable
Solution: Design of control schemes based on broadcast signals

The Grid Explicit Congestion Notification Mechanism

Network Controller (Generic)

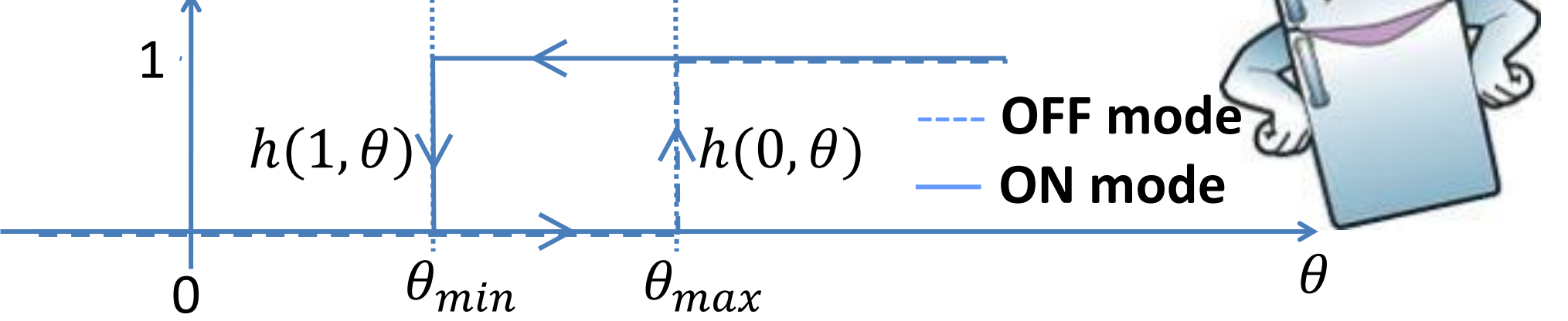
Every S seconds

- Obtain **network state** (e.g., via state estimation) $\rightarrow |\bar{E}_i|, P_i, Q_i \quad \forall \text{ bus } i$
- Compute optimal **PQ** and **OLTC** variations that lead to the desired operating point
$$\min_{\Delta(P,Q,n)} \sum_i \mu_i (\Delta(P,Q)_i - \Delta(P,Q)_{f_i})^2 + \sum_i \lambda_i [(|\bar{E}_i| + (K_{P,Q,n}(t)\Delta(P,Q,n))_i - |\bar{E}|)^2 - a^2]^+ + \psi \Delta n^2$$
- Map $\Delta P^*(t)$ to GECN signal $g(t) \in [-1,1]$ (+ inhibits consumption, - encourages consumption)

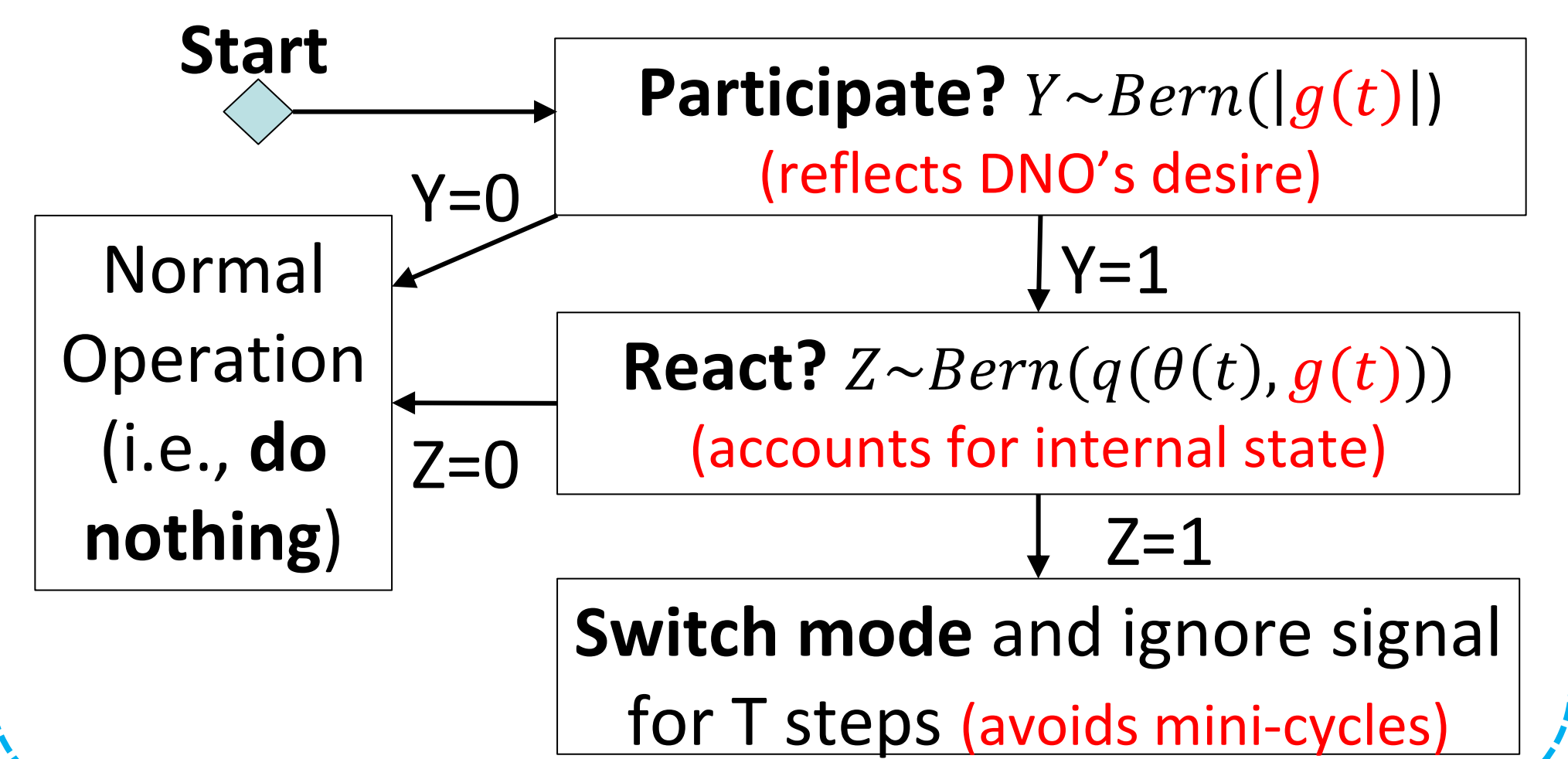


Local Controller Design (e.g., TCL)

- Operating Modes



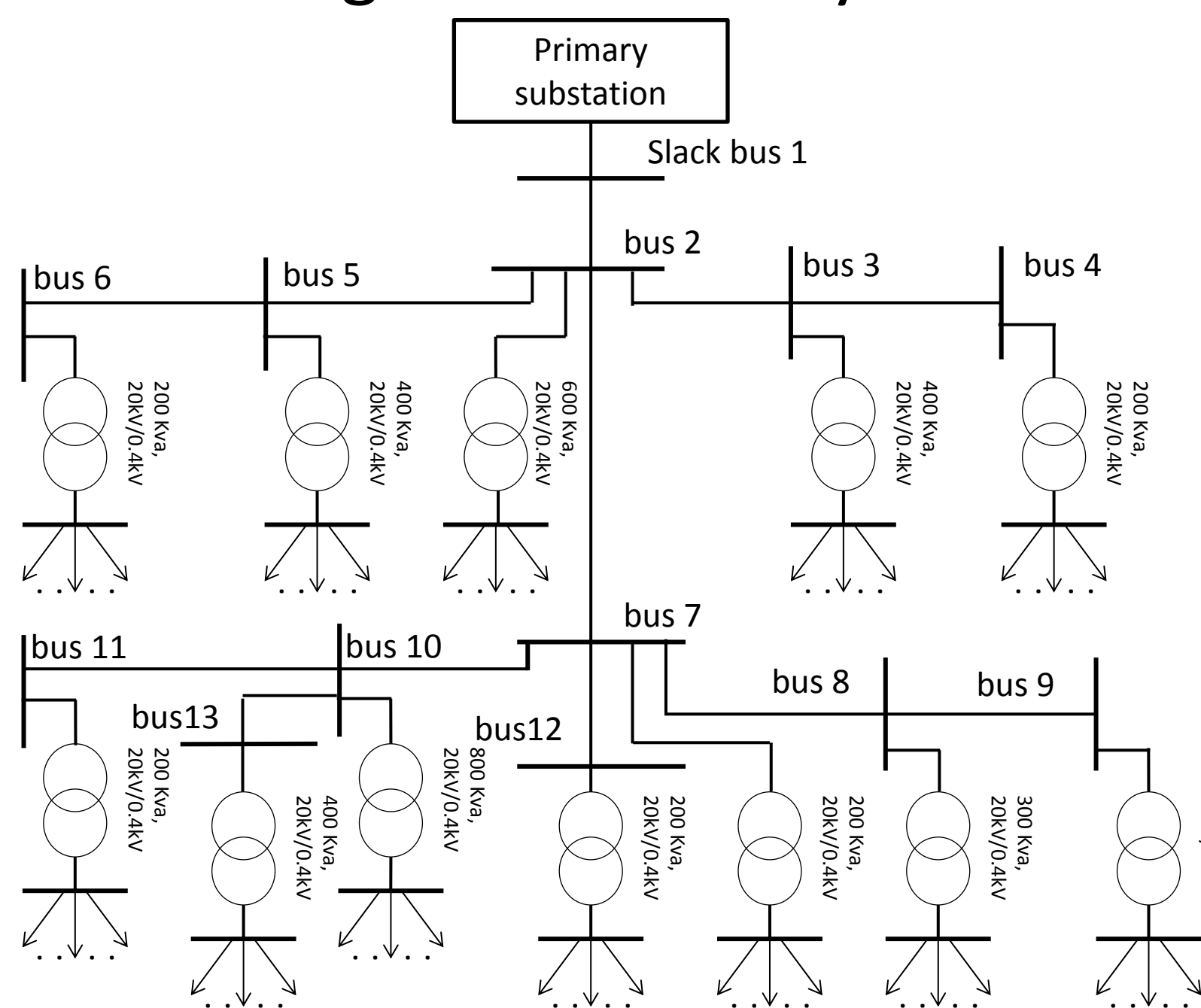
- GECN control



Simulation Results

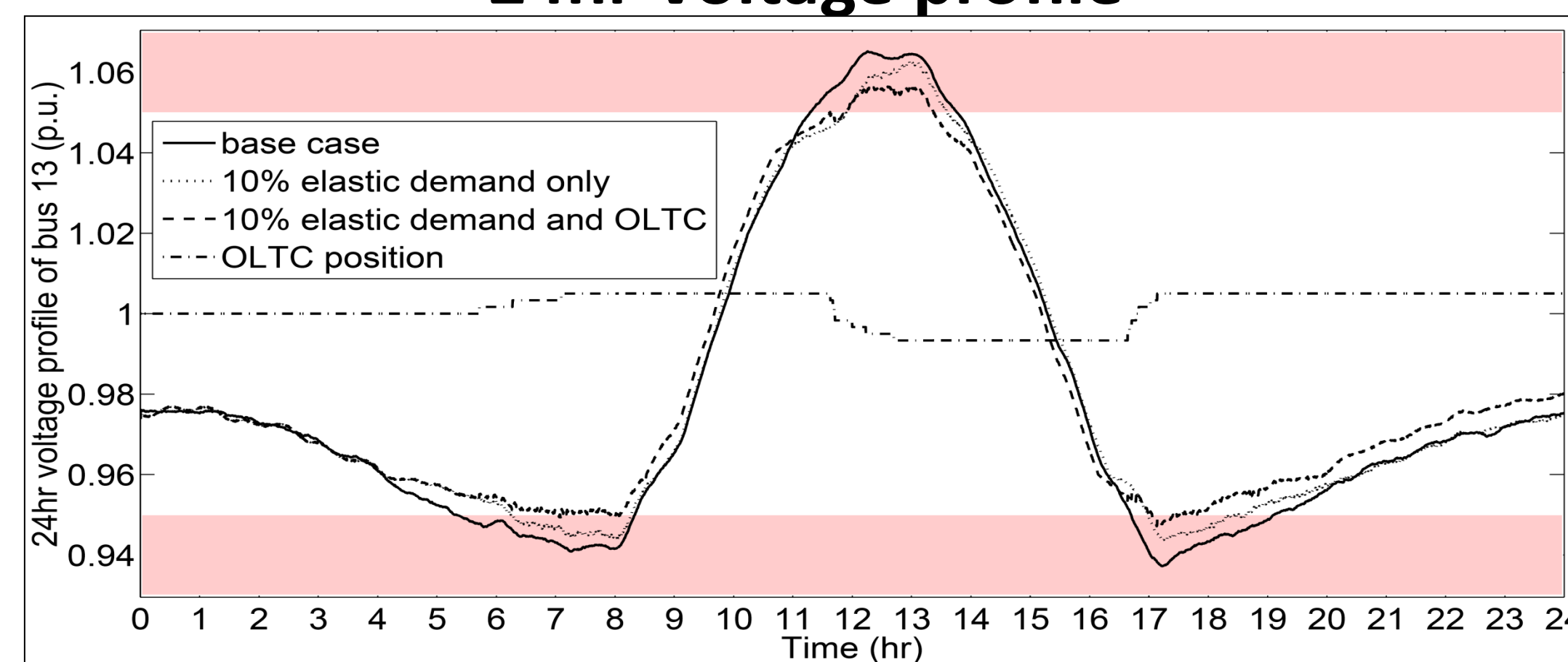
Setting

- IEEE 13-Node Test Feeder
- Non dispatchable PV production
- 10% and 30% of elastic demand
- GECN signals sent every 16"

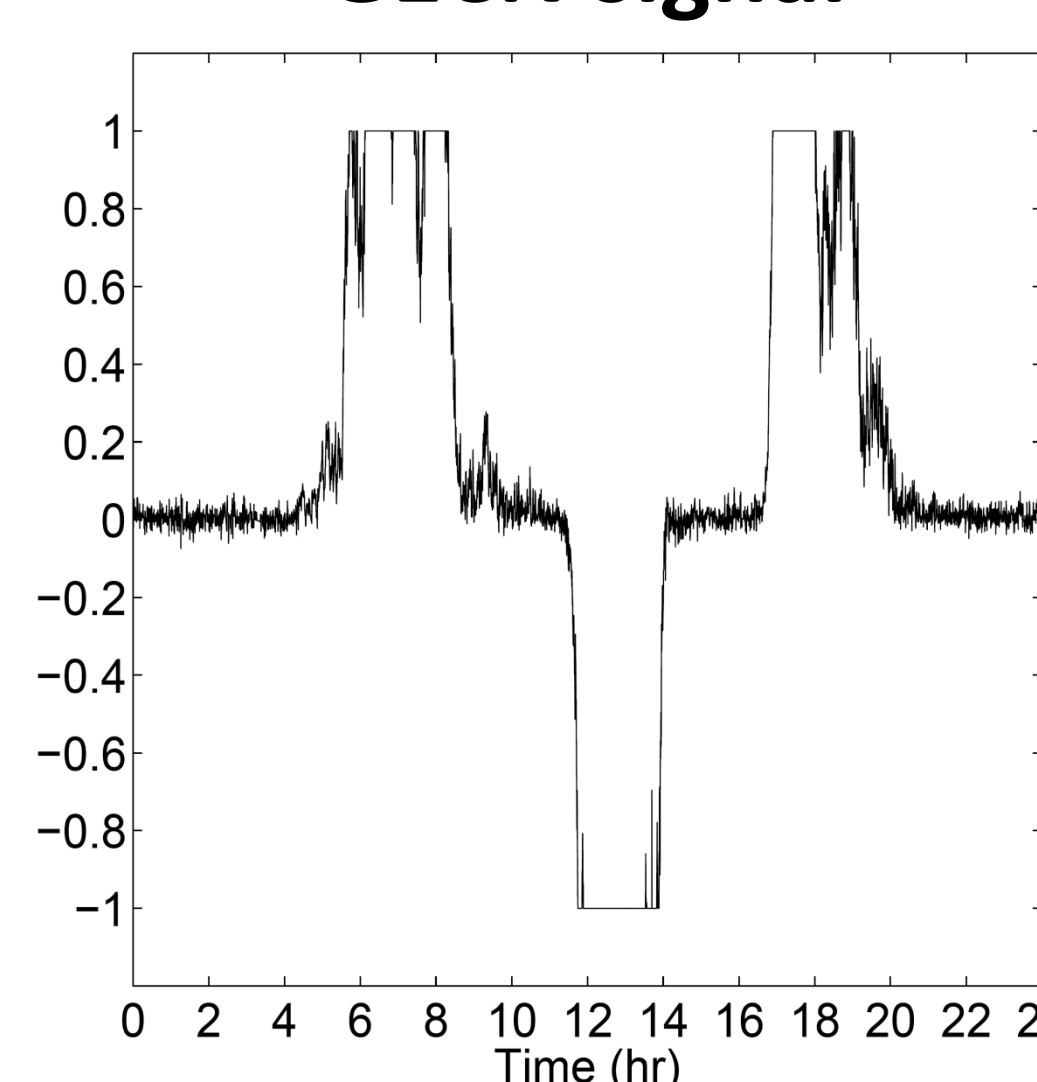


10% of elastic demand

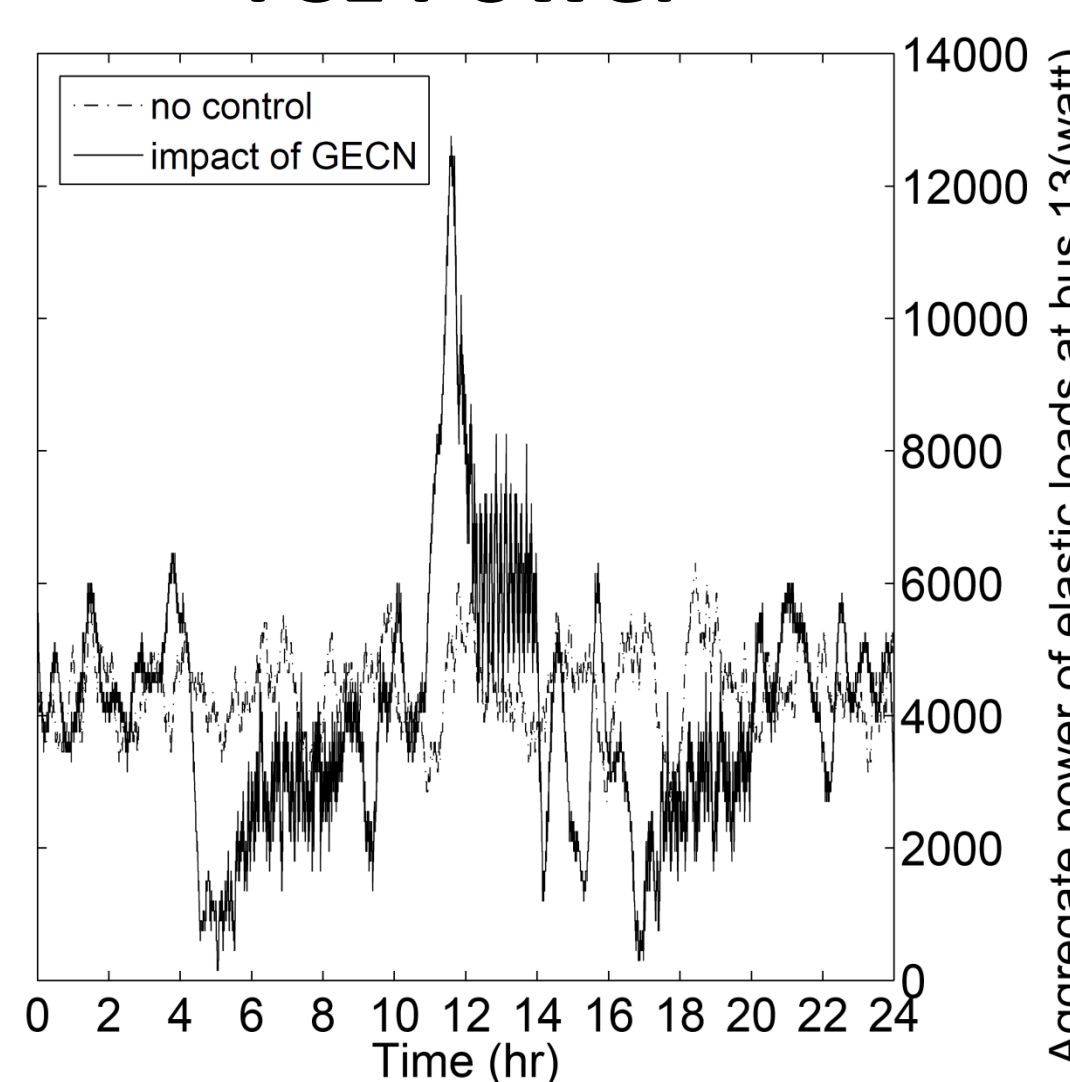
24hr Voltage profile



GECN signal

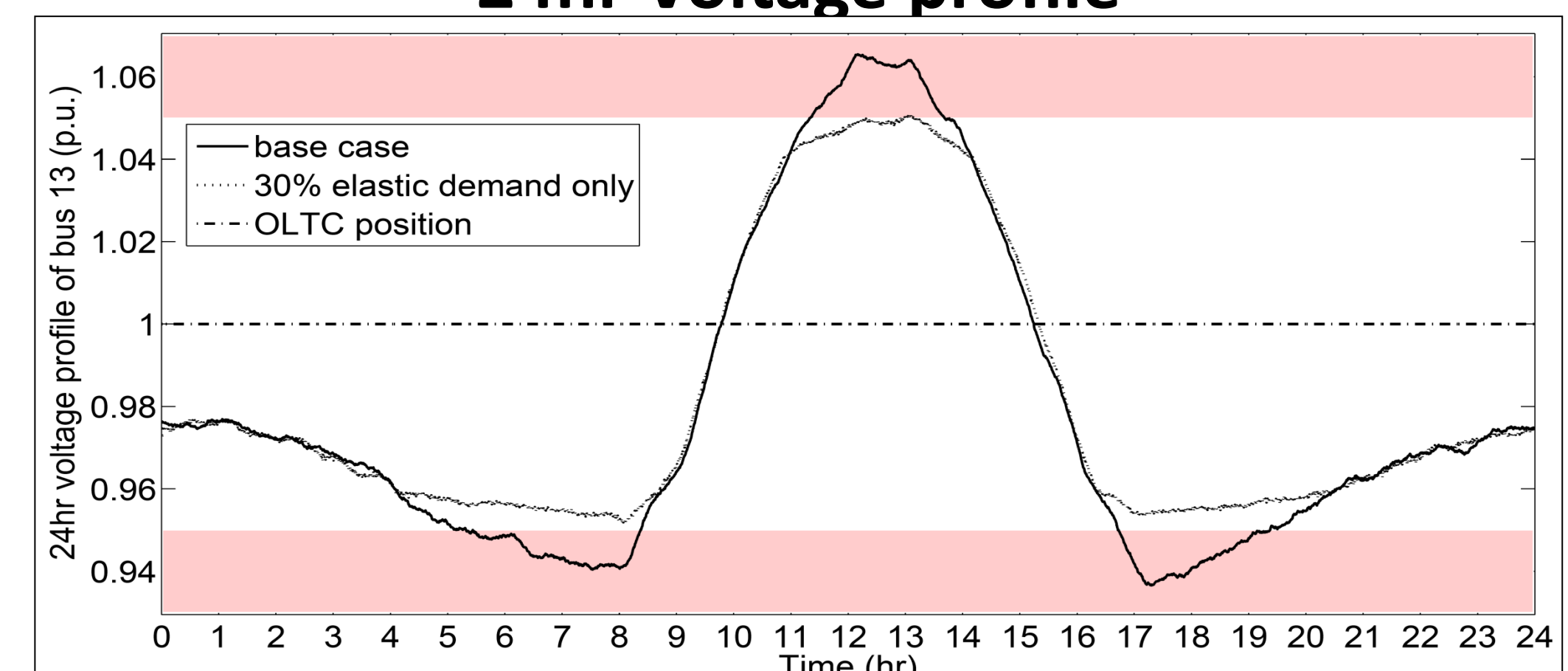


TCL Power

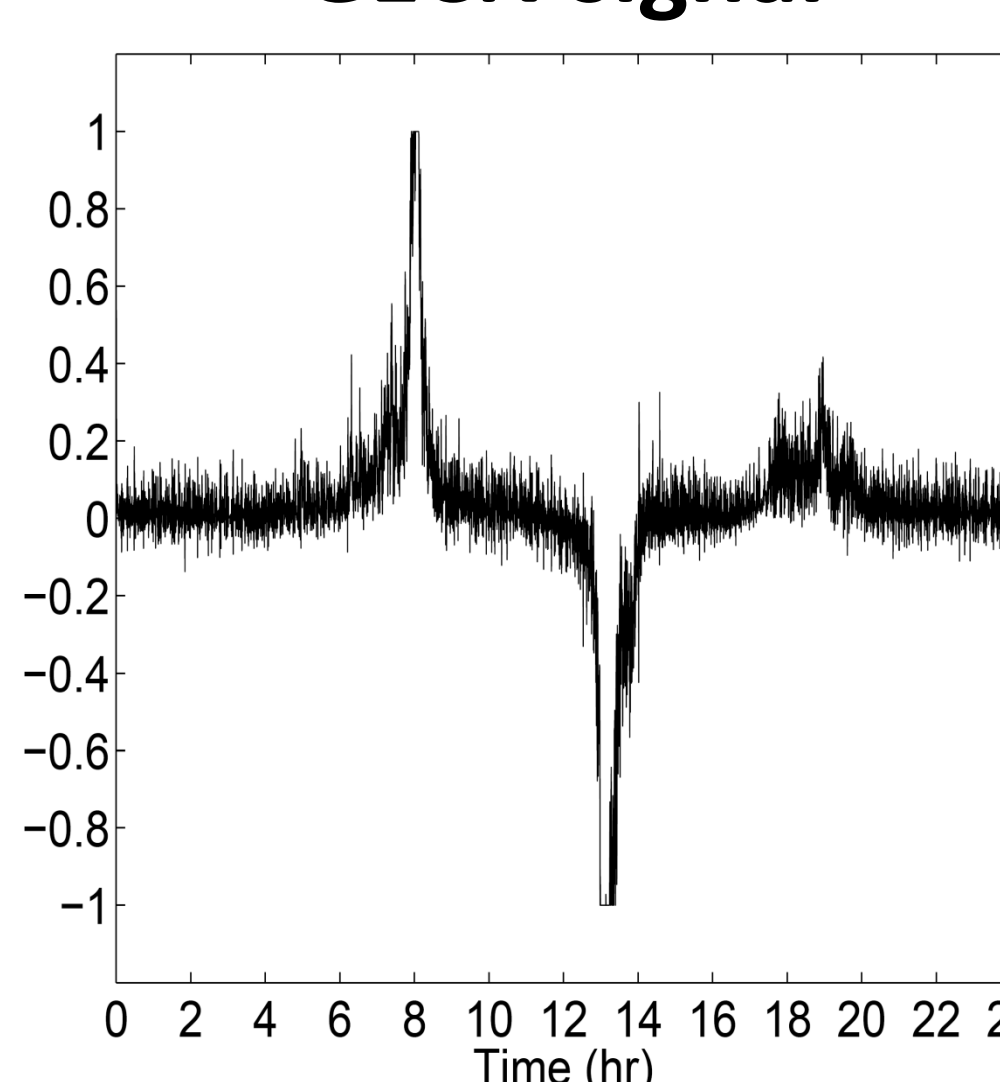


30% of elastic demand

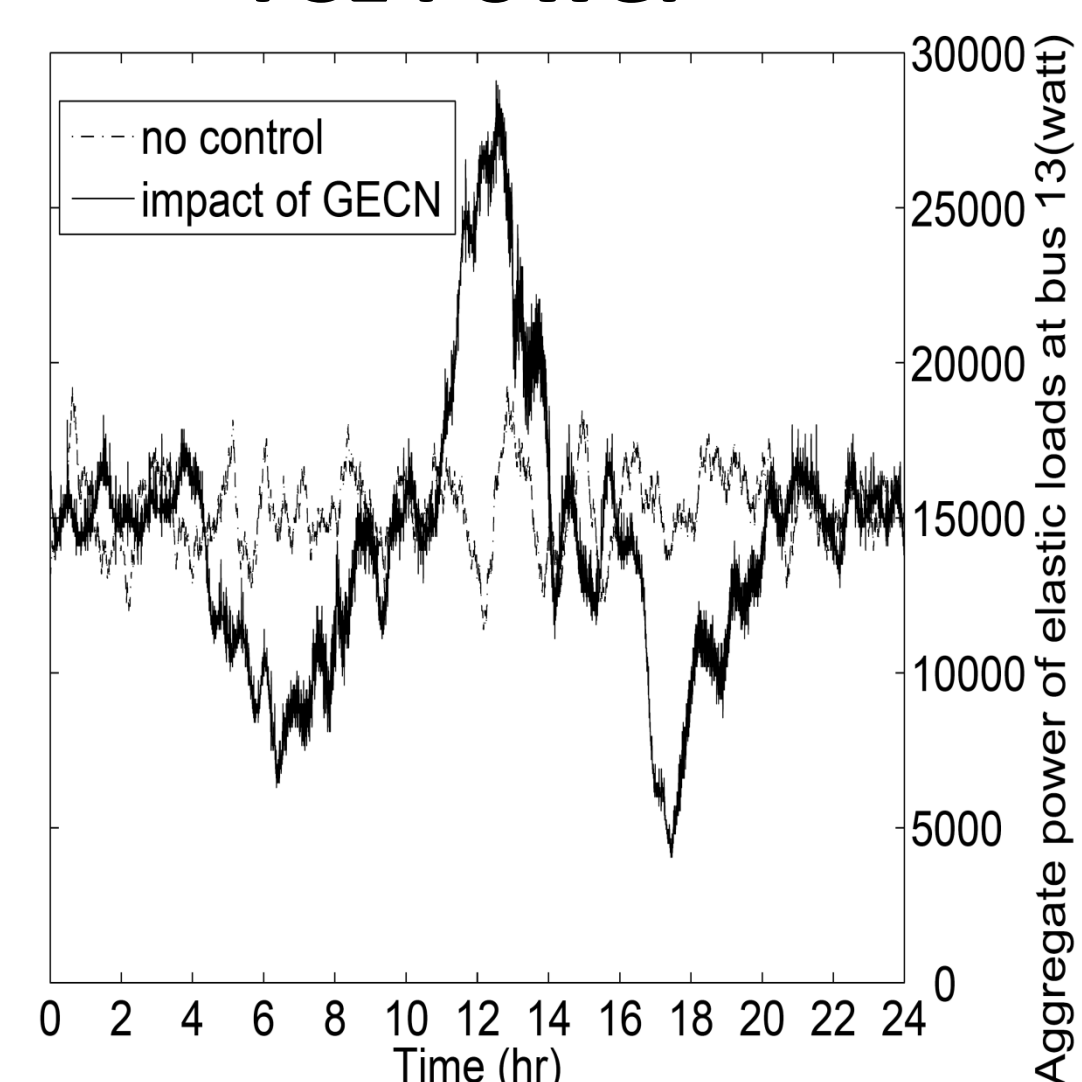
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Further Applications

- Aggregated response of mixed populations under the same signal (e.g., storage/loads)
- Inclusion of different ancillary services (e.g., lines congestion)

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