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Assisting control room operators with Artificial Intelligence

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AI & Power System

« Artificial Intelligence is the new electricity », Andrew Ng



Litterally, AI is an electricity

So, is Electricity already an AI ?

It is true that power systems are probably the most complex artificial systems on Earth!

But why are we talking of new **Smart Grids** to tackle the current Energy Transition ?
Surely we need to manage a more complex system with greater intelligence

Can AI be of any help here?



01

Rethinking control room Human-Machine Interfaces

OF THE POWER OF INTERFACES

Deep Blue beat Kasparov



Kasparov: « machines still need human guidance to play better & efficient. They need a better **their interface** ».



... and for worse



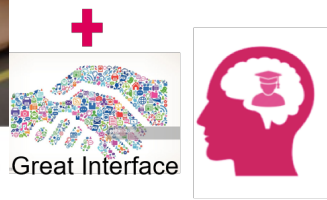
Centaur beats Grandmaster



Amazon acts similarly when routing workers throughout their warehouse. The system has data on workers location through custom technology. Workers follow instructions on which aisle to visit, or which robot to hand parcels over to. Amazon even measures the height of each employee to make sure they're optimized for each product pickup.

<http://mentalfloss.com/article/51249/13-secrets-amazon-warehouse-employees>

operators to outperform a machine or



For better

As it turns out, for the last decade, the world's best chess players have essentially become centaurs. Since 2005, championships where grandmasters, supercomputers and Centaurs participate, have started being won by centaur players. Centaurs are generally equipped with consumer PCs, not supercomputers. By combining human intelligence with technological intelligence, these players tend to outplay either.



Either, Human Only



Or... Machine only



Great Interface



CONTROL CENTERS TODAY



What about one more screen ...?

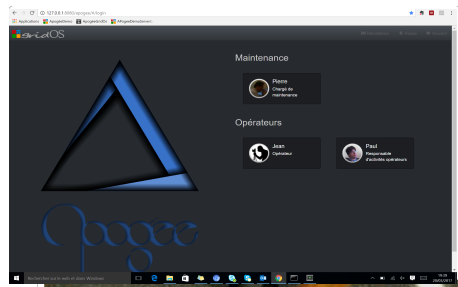
AND TOMORROW ?

Yes, it is about thinking of a whole new interface ...



... But it is first a question of **strategic information management**

OUR PROJECT : APOGEE



Change the focus from
Alarm monitoring
to
Task completion !

Supervision



Bad signal/noise ratio!

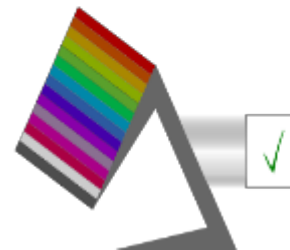


One smart
Interface

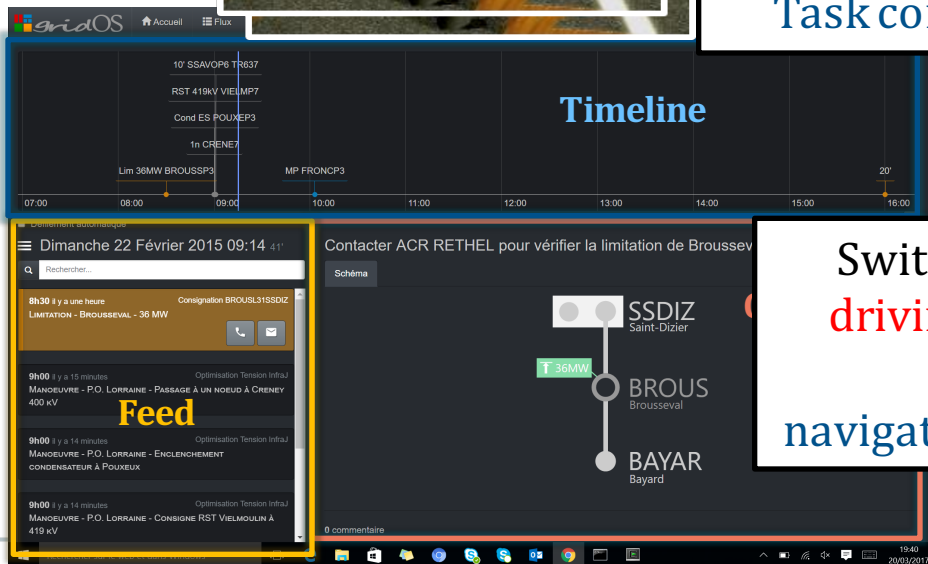


HYPERVISION

Switch from
driving mode
to
navigation mode !

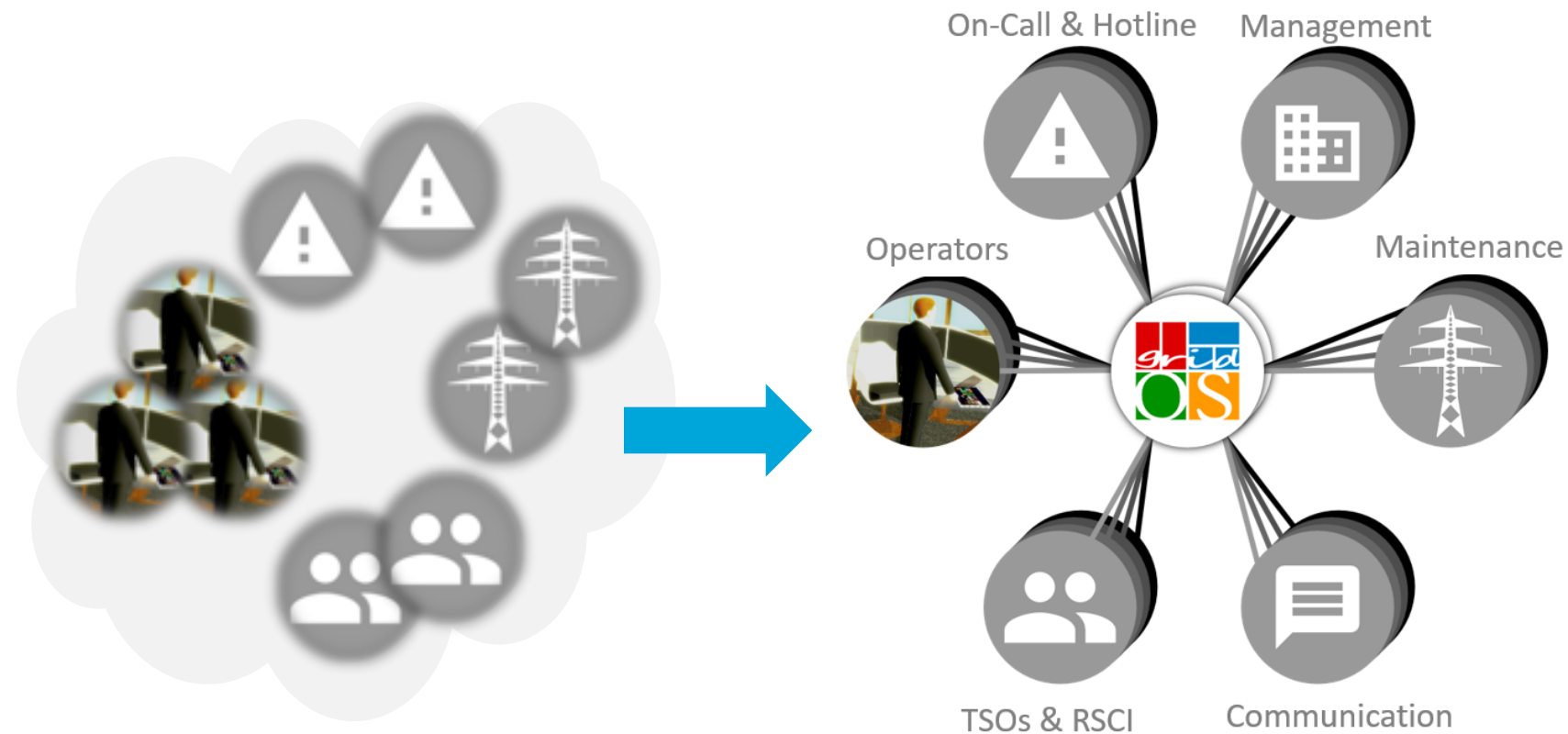


Timeline



Le réseau de l'intelligence électrique

SEAMLESS INFORMATION & TRACEABILITY



ACTUAL SOURCES OF INSPIRATION

Personal assistant (Jarvis!)



Help you **plan** & make **suggestions**

Autonomous vehicle



Find your way and **pilot**

VS

plan your journey, **navigate** & coordinate

NB: On the grid, you still have to define your trajectory



OBJECTIVES SINCE 2014

REALIZE AND IMPLEMENT DEVELOPED CONTROL SYSTEM PROTOTYPES

Target 2018

In Real Time
In a control room

Hypervision

1 single tool on the Operator Station
Innovative interfaces
Contextual information and actions

Automation

Automatic coordinated actions
on the system



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Problem statement

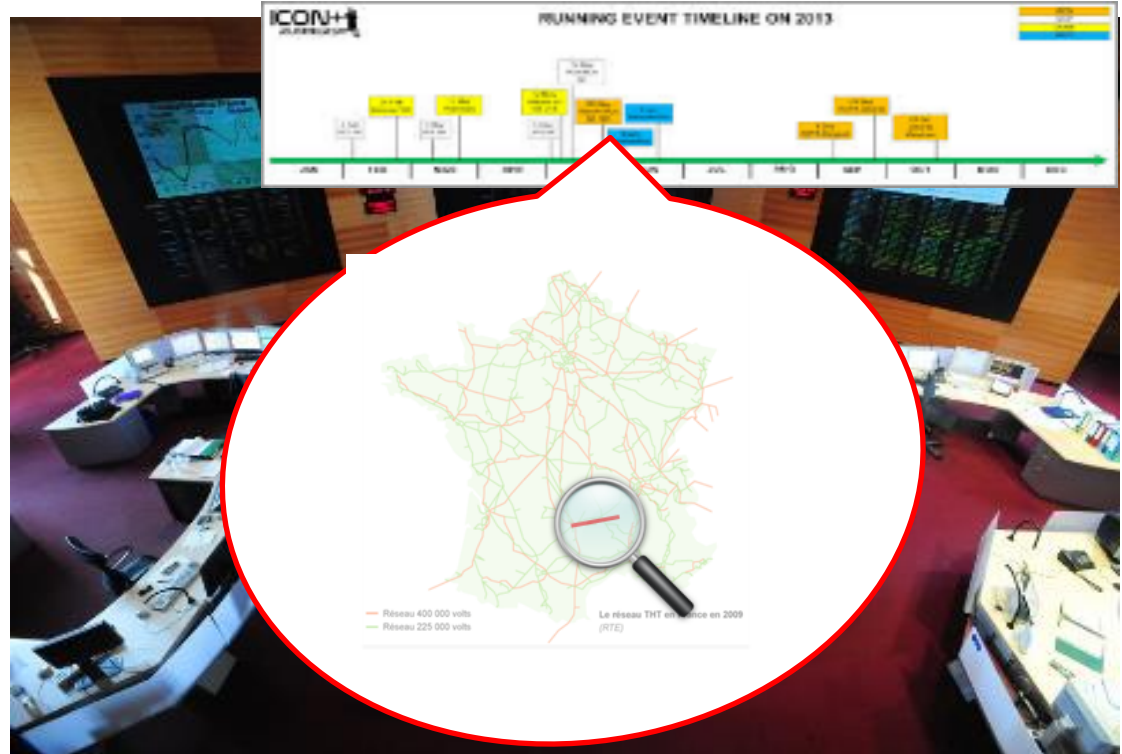
One day in control rooms

1 DAY IN CONTROL ROOM



How can we help our dispatcher:

- Anticipate and assess risks
- Makes sense of a situation
- Speed up his remedial action search



INTEGRATION IN REAL TIME OPERATIONAL PROCESS

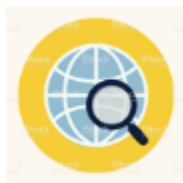


Typical problem solving and decision making task

Problem identification



Solution search



Decision making



CURRENT REAL TIME OPERATIONAL PROCESS



Grid states Generation
= Forecast * contingencies

Operator
Tactic

Limitations of only using physical model

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- Lots of results to study but from lots of recurrent situations – no memory
- Risk study & assessment limited in depth
- Space of tactics limited in breadth & depth
- No time to make overall strategies



How can we reach a better **Exploration-Exploitation** tradeoff near real-time ?

=> By capturing **reality** around our domain of operations and relying on **Prior Knowledge**

Unsecure grid
detection



Action space search



Decision





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Next: AI in Apogee

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TEASER: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN APOGEE



Data



Generation

Labelling

Capitalization

Representation



Modeling

Contextualization

Visualization

Learning



Imitation

Simulator

Adaptation



Exploration

Reinforcement

Transfer

Any Question so far ?



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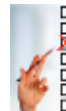
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**One key element:
Learning!**

IA: FROM EXPERT TO LEARNING SYSTEMS



Logic &
Expert rules



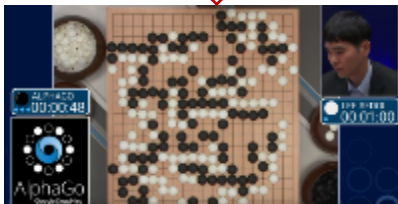
Deep blue (Kasparovs vs Machine, échecs, 1997)

Gasparov: ~50 strategies consider at each move

Machine: >1 000 000 scenarios, 8 000 heuristics



Learning &
reinforcement



Alpha Go (Lee Sedol vs Machine, Go, 2016)

Learning by expert imitation

Reinforcement by simulation

Towards industrial AI applications in an open and complex environment ?

BUILDING PRIOR KNOWLEDGE

Deep Blue



Expert Systems (top-down) vs Machine Learning (bottom-up):

deduction

induction

Expertize Formalization with symbolic and logical rules is hard

- Especially the most intuitive concepts



Expert System



Machine Learning



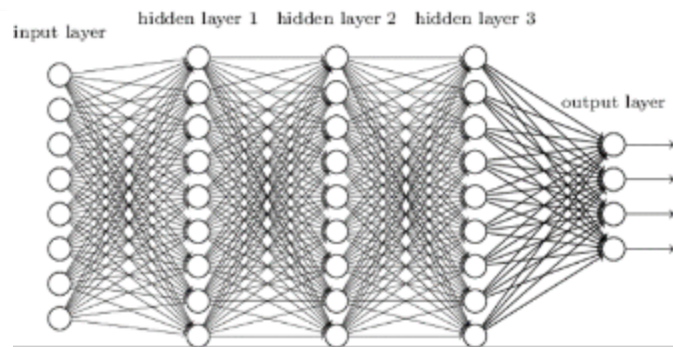
Alpha Go

Learning approach to let the machine :

A key catalyst:

the advent of Deep Learning with Neural networks

=> powerful and flexible models for end-to-end learning



Introduce Machine Learning for power grid real-time operations

ALPHA GO INSPIRATION & RECIPE



Focus of our work today

1) Learning by imitation of expert moves

- With Deep learning
- Based on pure observations
- No objective formalization, or knowledge/expertise description

=> Need labelled data

Imitation is good to build trust with operators !



2) A simulator to play and learn :

- To massively assess different states and actions for free

=> Need a fast and accurate simulator



3) An architecture to learn strategies and improve:

- Formalize **the objective** and model **the opponent**
- Generate an environment and explore scenarios with a prioris and a simulator
- Promote beneficial strategies, **revise your a prioris**

=> Need an environment generator and sufficient computational power





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AI in Apogee

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN APOGEE



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Labelling

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Visualization

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Exploration

Reinforcement

Transfer

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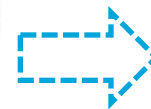
Exploration

Reinforcement

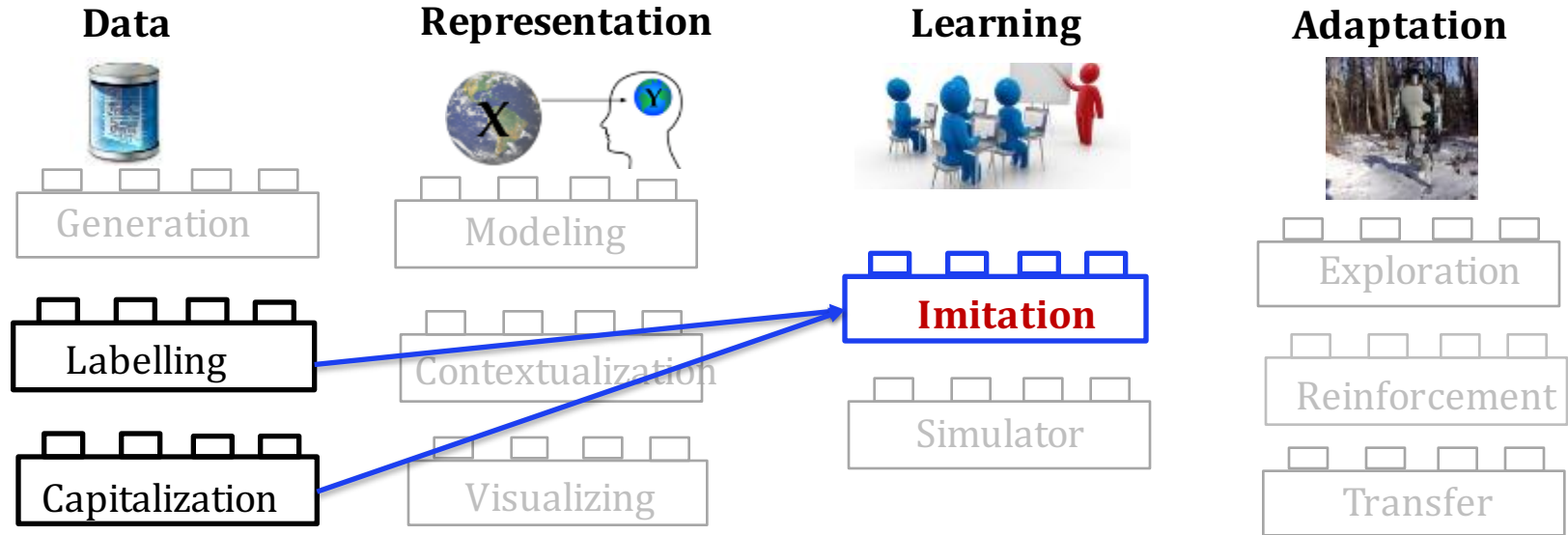
Transfer

We Need:

1. Operator Decision Labelling to start learning
2. Need faster simulator for screening and exploration

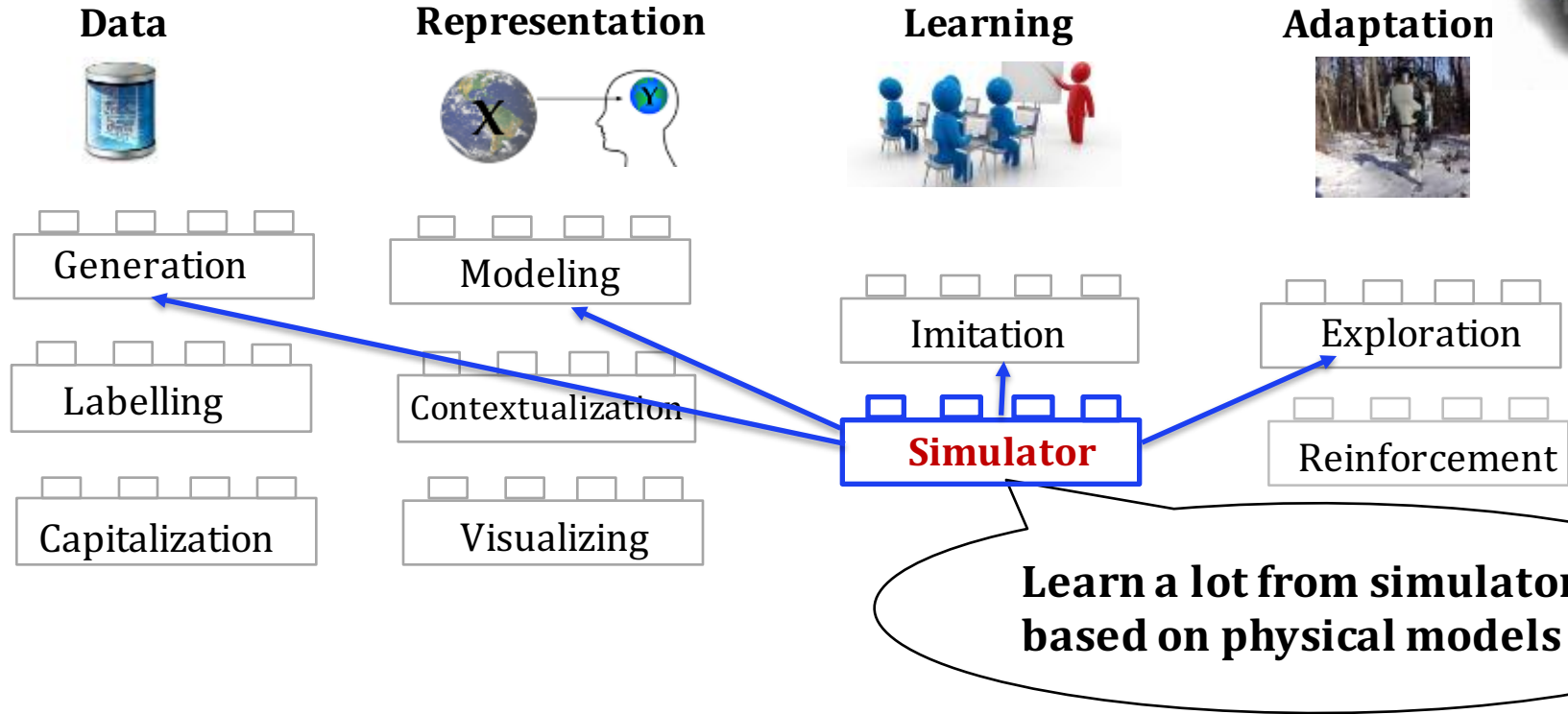


Some prerequisites



AI IN APOGEE: **LEARNING**

LEARNING A PHYSICAL MODEL: A CATALYST





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Learning a fast proxy simulator

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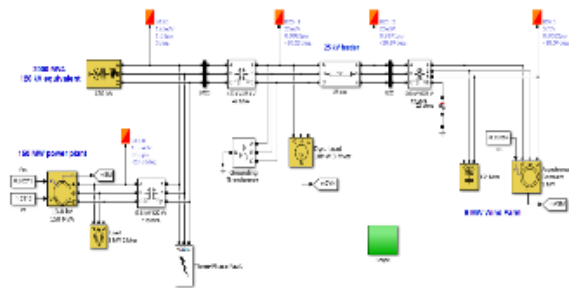
FAST PROXY SIMULATOR FOR REINFORCEMENT

- We want to compute **millions of power flows** for screening and exploring the **action space**.
- Speed up of the computation is mandatory

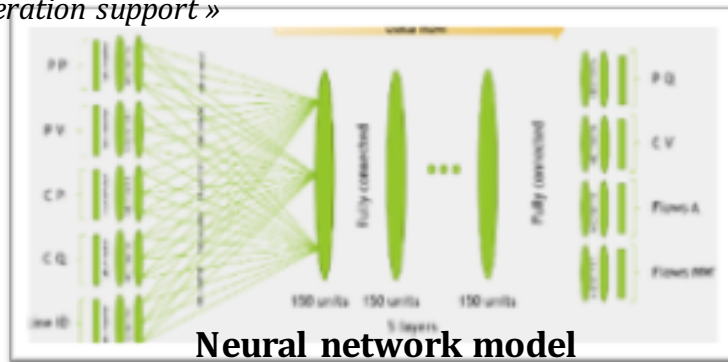


« Learning Physical Intuition of Block Towers by Example »

« Introducing machine learning for power system operation support »



Physical model



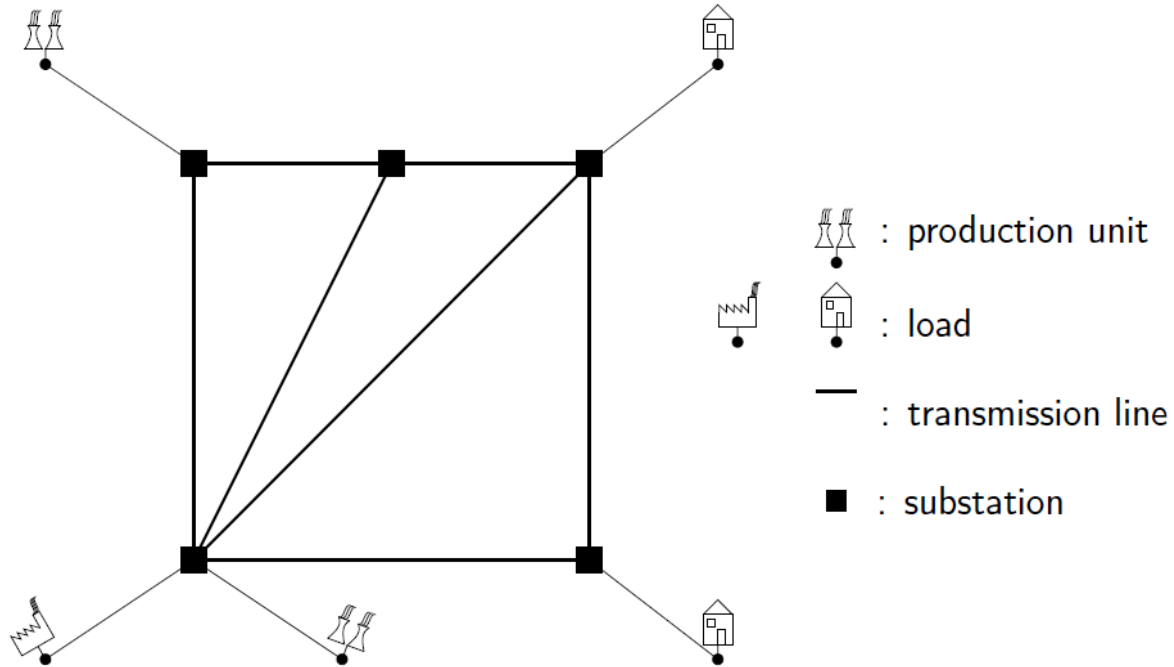
Very encouraging results (topologie fixe, 118 nœuds vs 6000 RTE):

- **Accuracy loss of 2%** (DC approximation 5-10%)
- **Computation Gain *300**

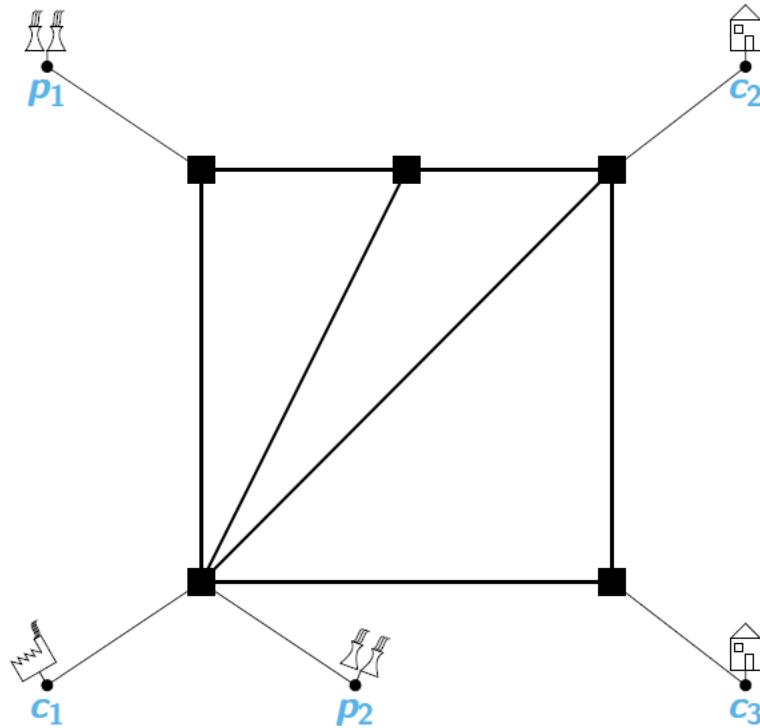
New neural network architecture to encode discrete topological modifications:

- « Guided dropout »

A TOY GRID EXAMPLE



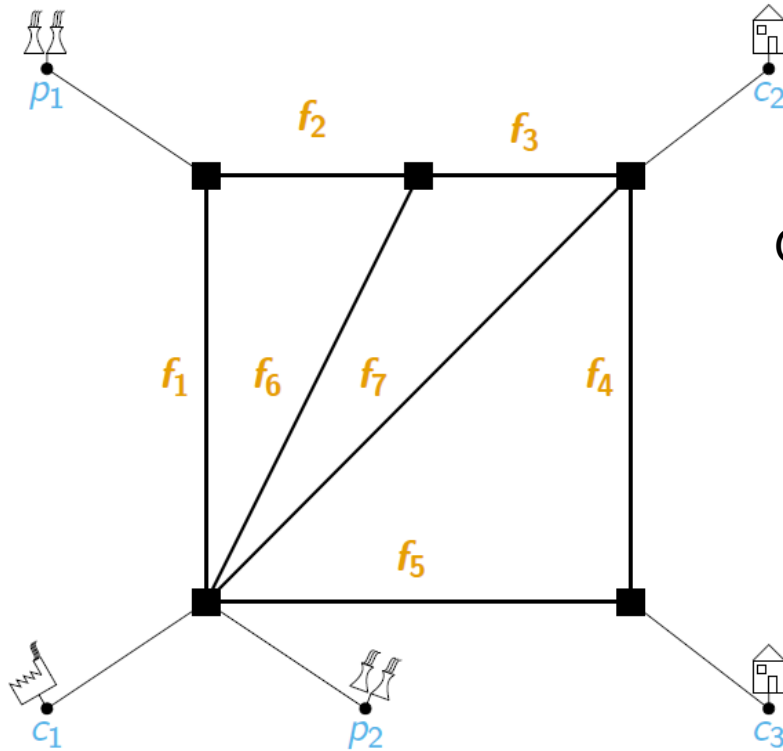
A TOY GRID EXAMPLE



Given productions & loads :

$$\mathbf{x} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, \mathbf{c}_3)$$

A TOY LOAD-FLOW EXAMPLE



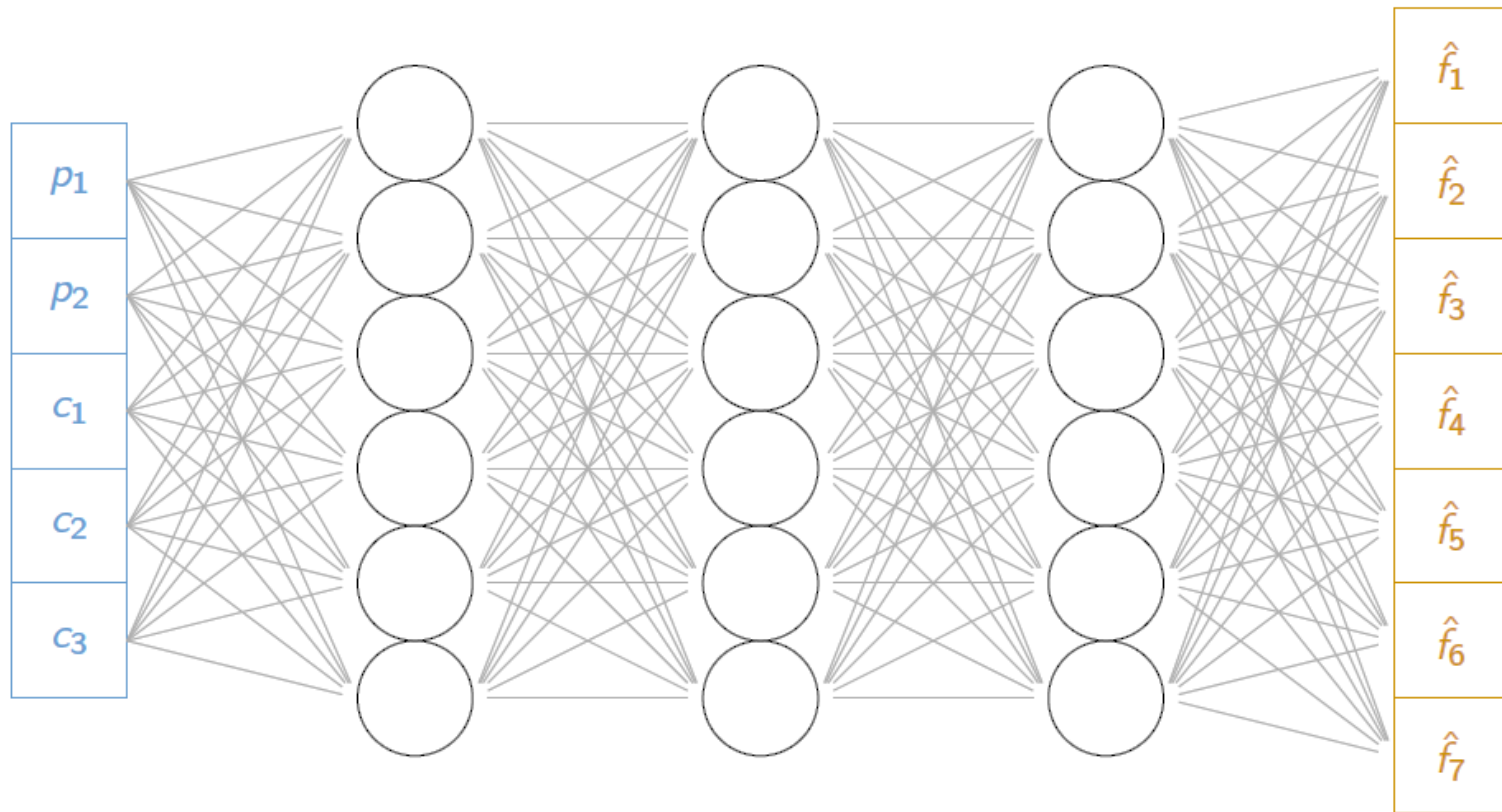
Given productions & loads :

$$\mathbf{x} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (p_1, p_2, c_1, c_2, c_3)$$

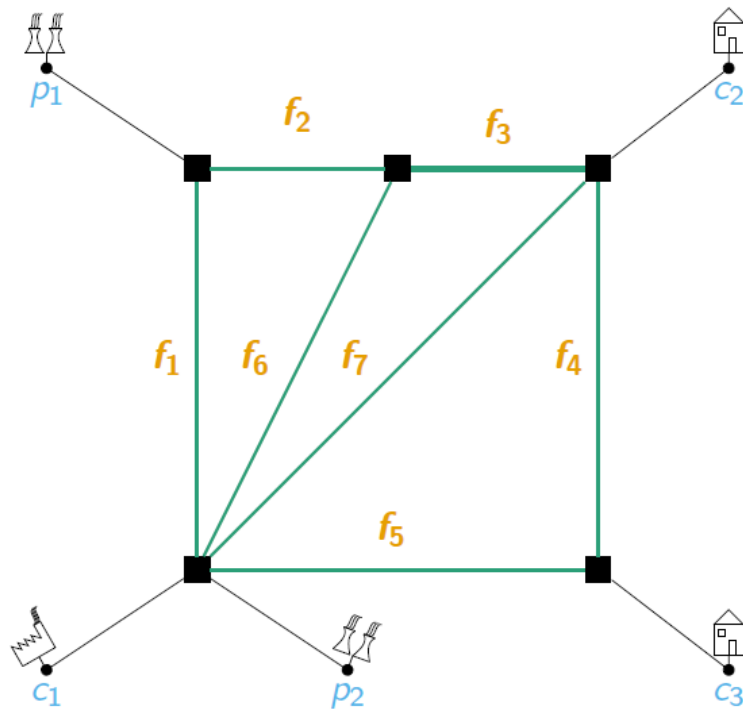
$$\mathbf{y} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5, f_6, f_7)$$

Power Flows to compute

A NEURAL NETWORK TO LEARN IT



A TOY GRID EXAMPLE - CONTINUED.

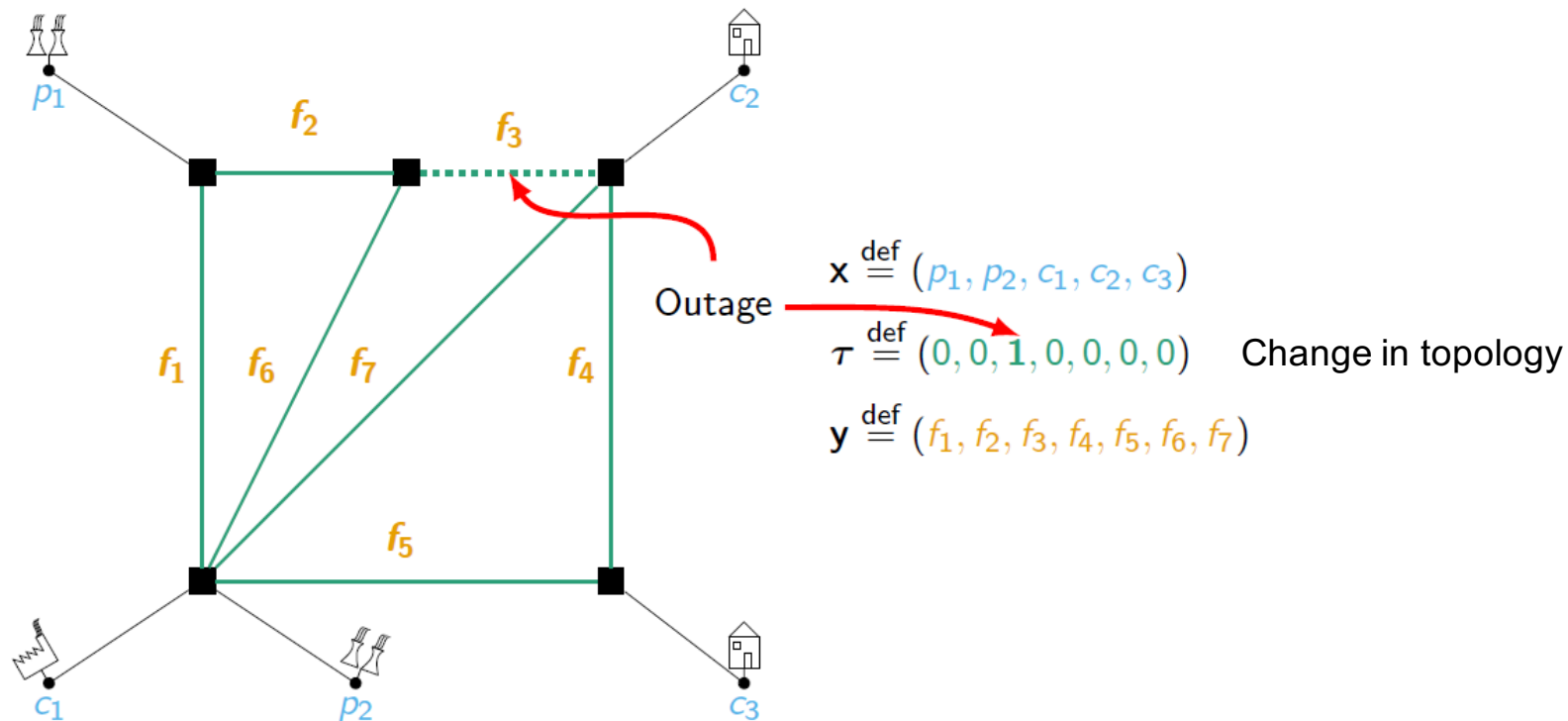


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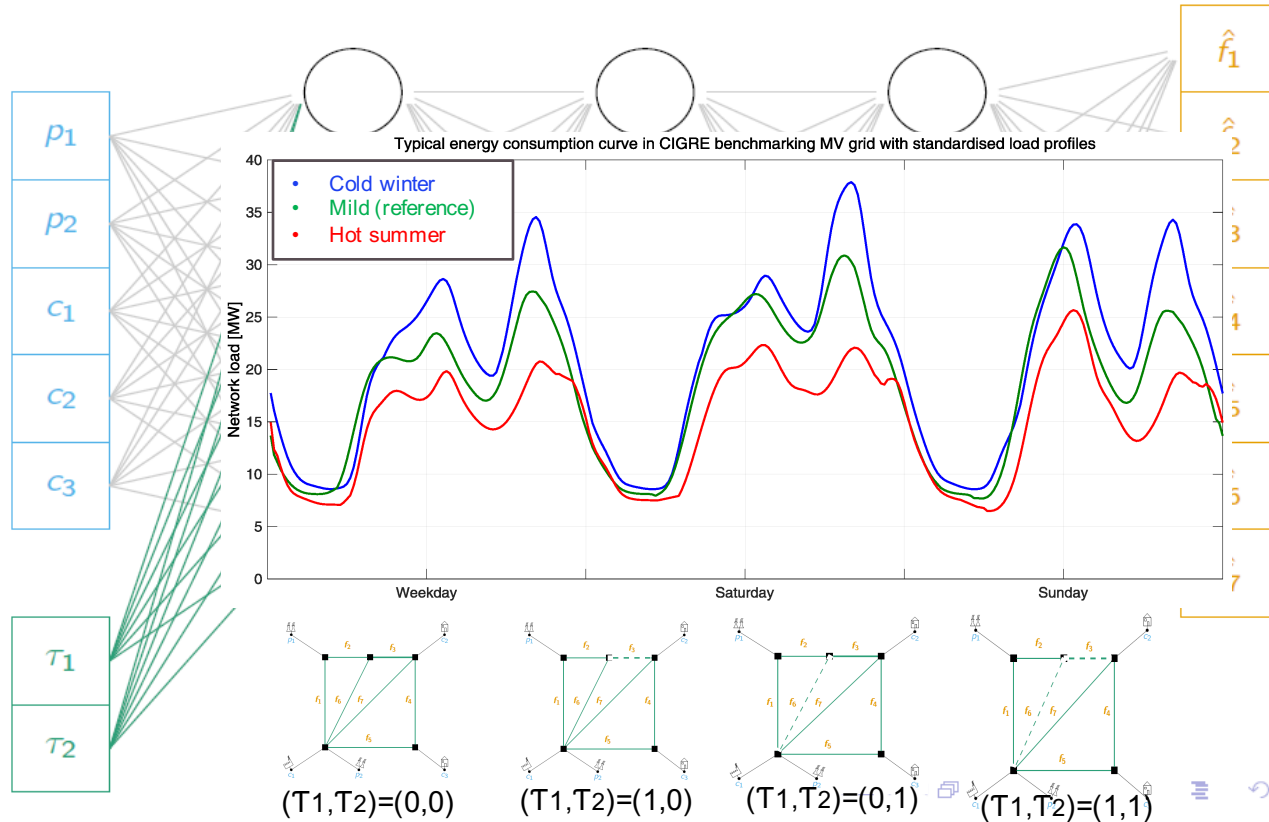
$$\boldsymbol{\tau} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0) \text{ And for different topologies?}$$

$$\mathbf{y} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5, f_6, f_7)$$

A TOY GRID EXAMPLE - CONTINUED



ONE HOT ENCODING



But the reference topology occurs a lot more often in reality.

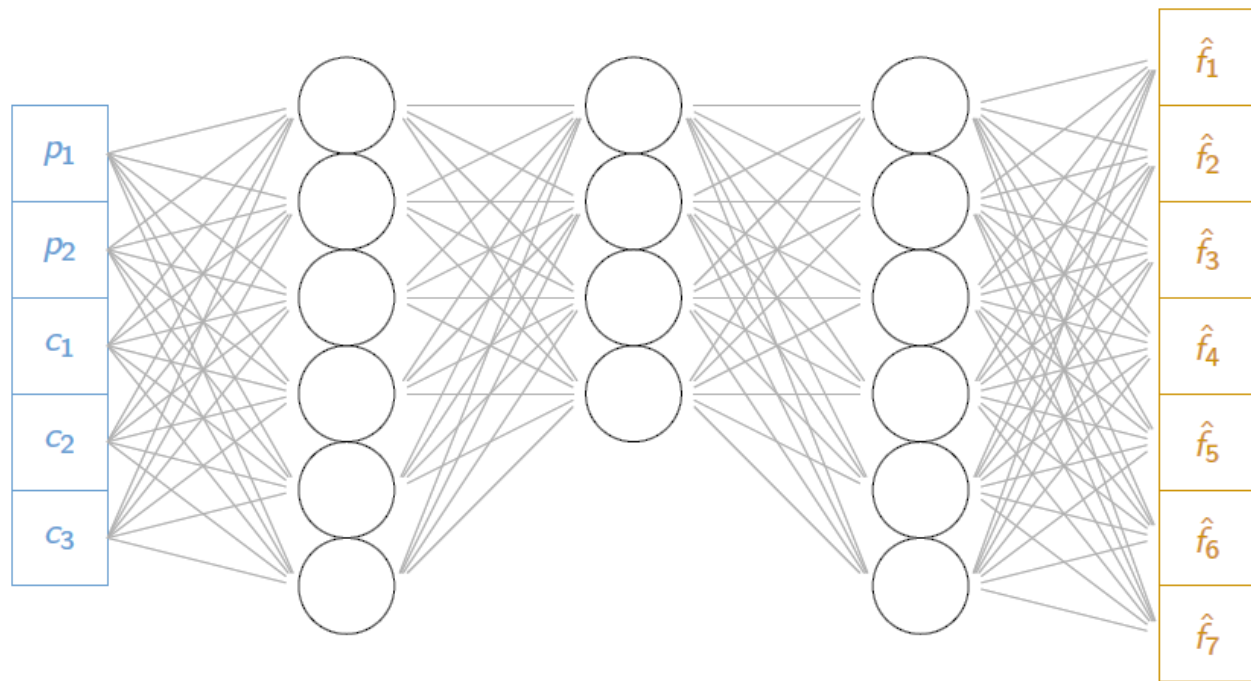
In this setting we are not leveraging it:

- the reference topology is encoded in the same way as rare interventions.
- We are somehow learning n different models for n topologies.

⇒ Maybe we could **learn a reference model** and **modulate** its response for other rare conditions ?



GUIDED DROPOUT ARCHITECTURE



We are learning
a reference model

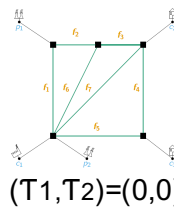


Figure: $\tau = [0, 0, 0 \dots]$: all the lines are connected

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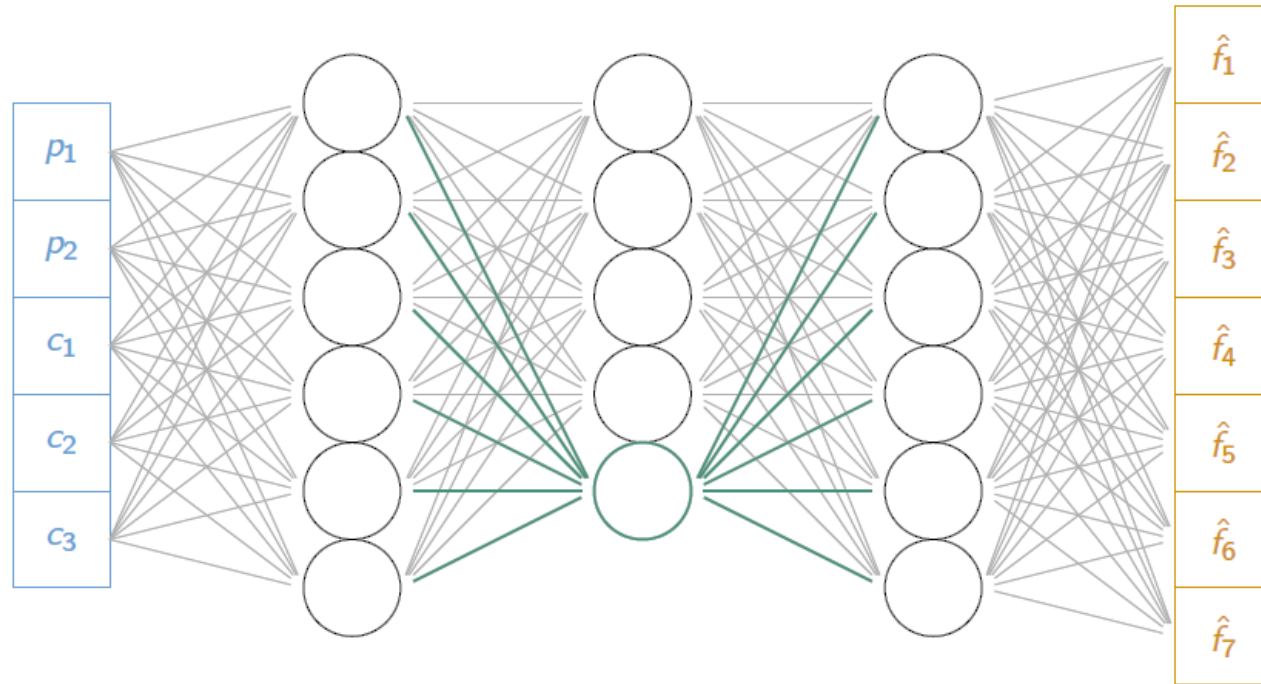
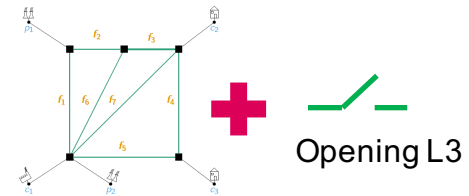


Figure: $\tau = [1, 0, 0 \dots]$: only line 1 is disconnected

reference model
modulation



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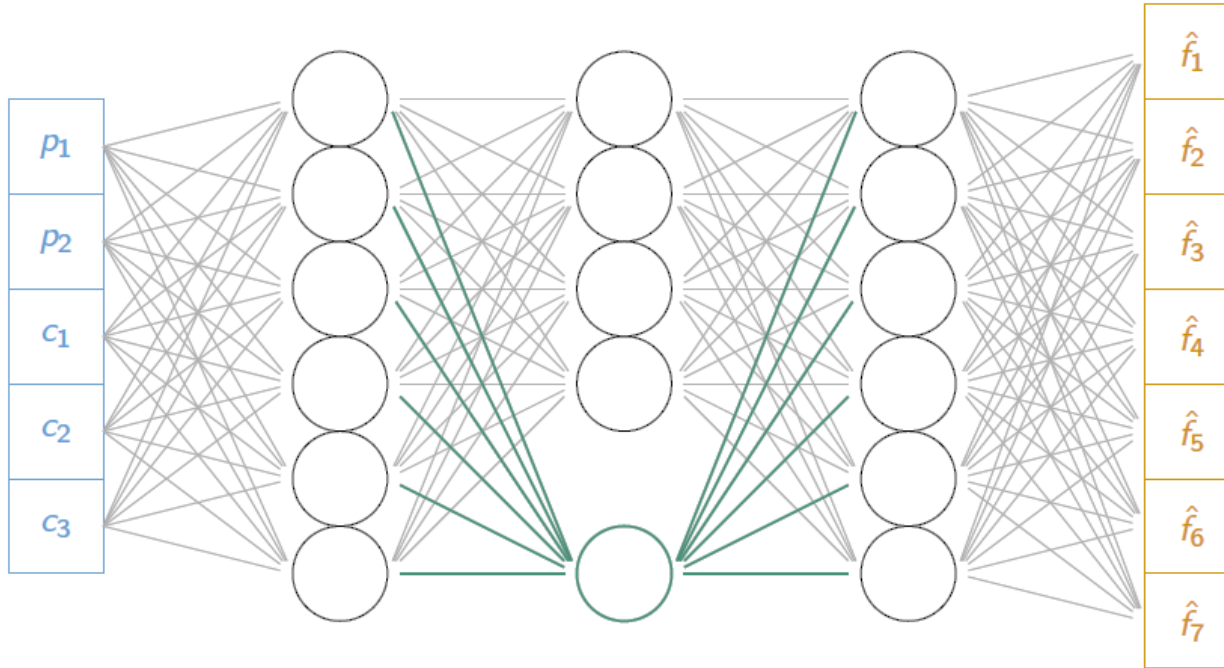
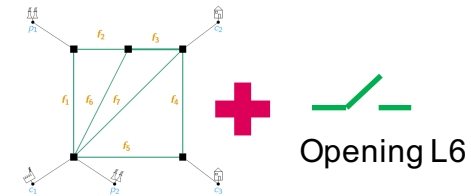


Figure: $\tau = [0, 1, 0 \dots]$: only line 2 is disconnected

reference model
modulation



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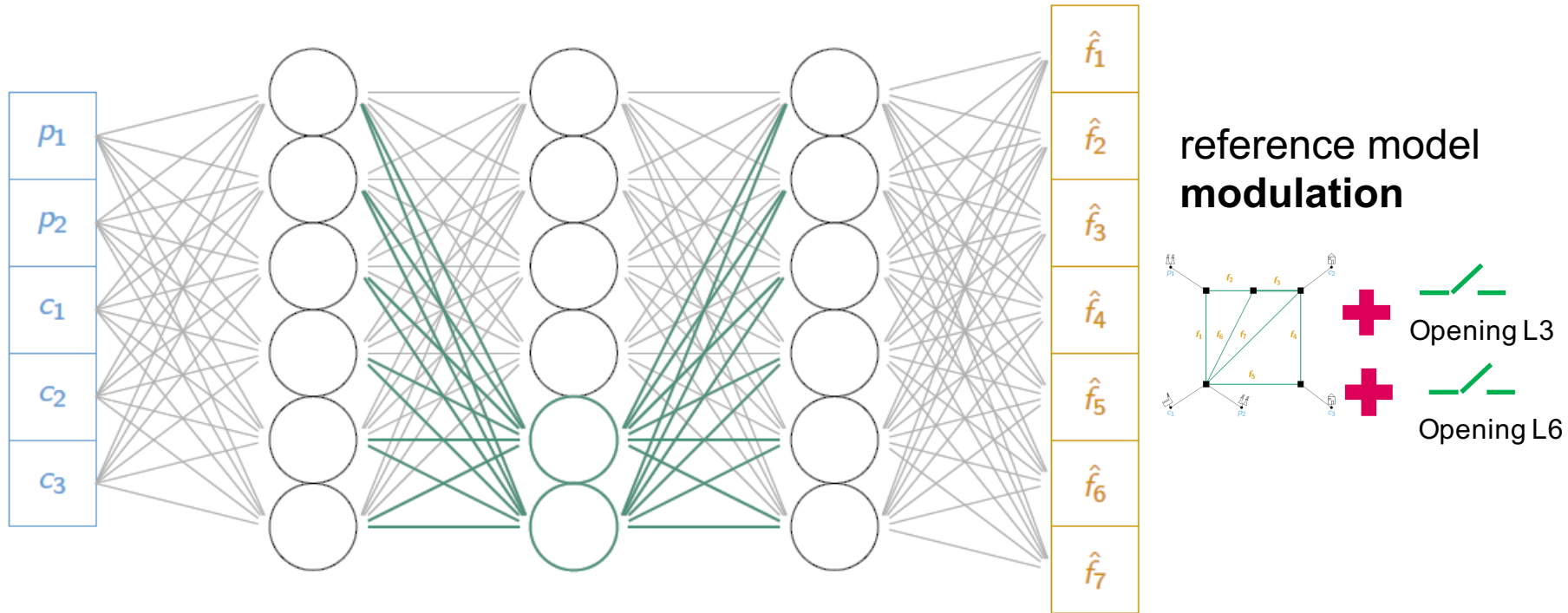


Figure: $\tau = [1, 1, 0 \dots]$: line 1 and line 2 only are disconnected

GUIDED DROPOUT = ADDITIONAL PLASTICITY

NEUROPLASTICITY

The Ability of the Brain to Reorganize Itself,
Both in Structure and How It Functions

HOW THE BRAIN CHANGES

Guided dropout



NEUROGENESIS

Continuous generation
of new neurons in
certain brain regions



NEW SYNAPSES

New skills and
experiences
create new neural
connections

Backpropagation



STRENGTHENED SYNAPSES

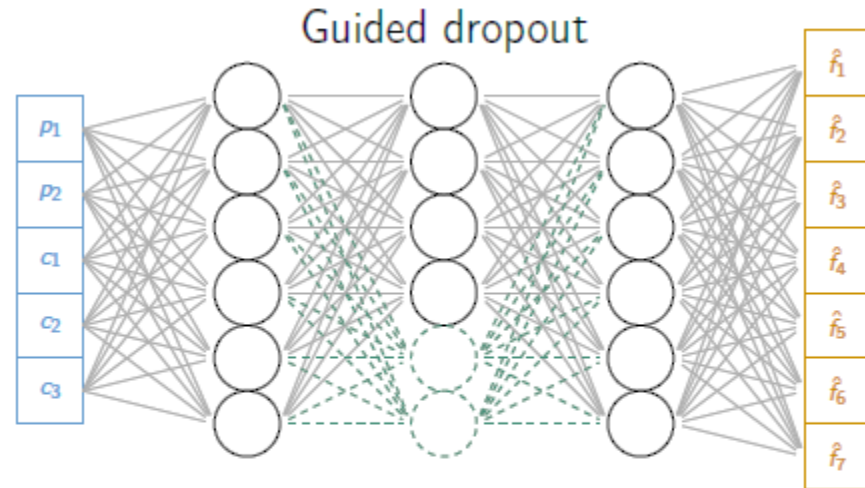
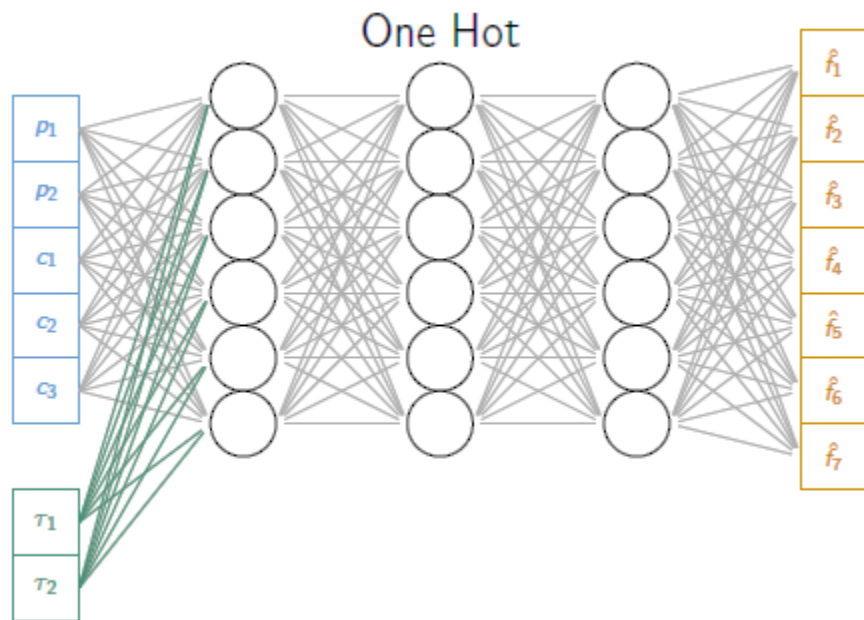
Repetition and
practice strengthens
neural connections



WEAKENED SYNAPSES

Connections in the
brain that aren't used
become weak

COMPARING ARCHITECTURES





06

Learning a fast proxy simulator: **Results**

EXPERIMENTAL SETTINGS

Training dataset

- Built training set by:
 - Sample \mathbf{x} (injections)
 - Sample τ (zero or one line disconnected $\sum \tau_i \leq 1$)
 - Run the physical simulator (Hades2) to get \mathbf{y} (current flows)

Testing dataset (different from training)

\mathbf{x} : Same distribution as training

Test: Exactly one power line disconnected $\sum \tau_i = 1$

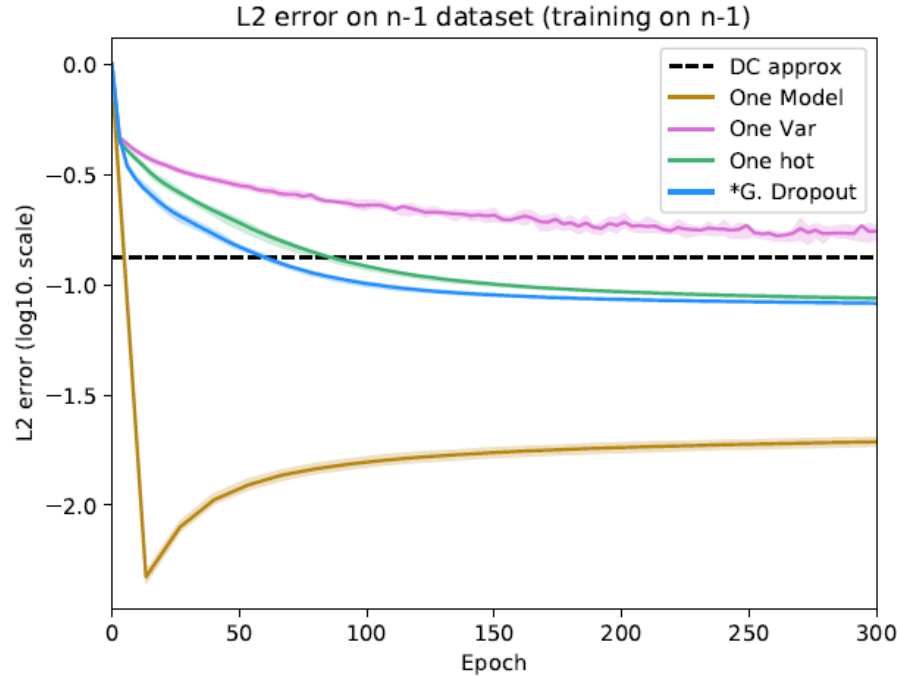
SuperTest: Exactly two power lines disconnected $\sum \tau_i = 2$

\mathbf{y} : Same simulator

NB: errors are always reported on data never seen during training

NB: the powergrid used is the case118 of Matpower

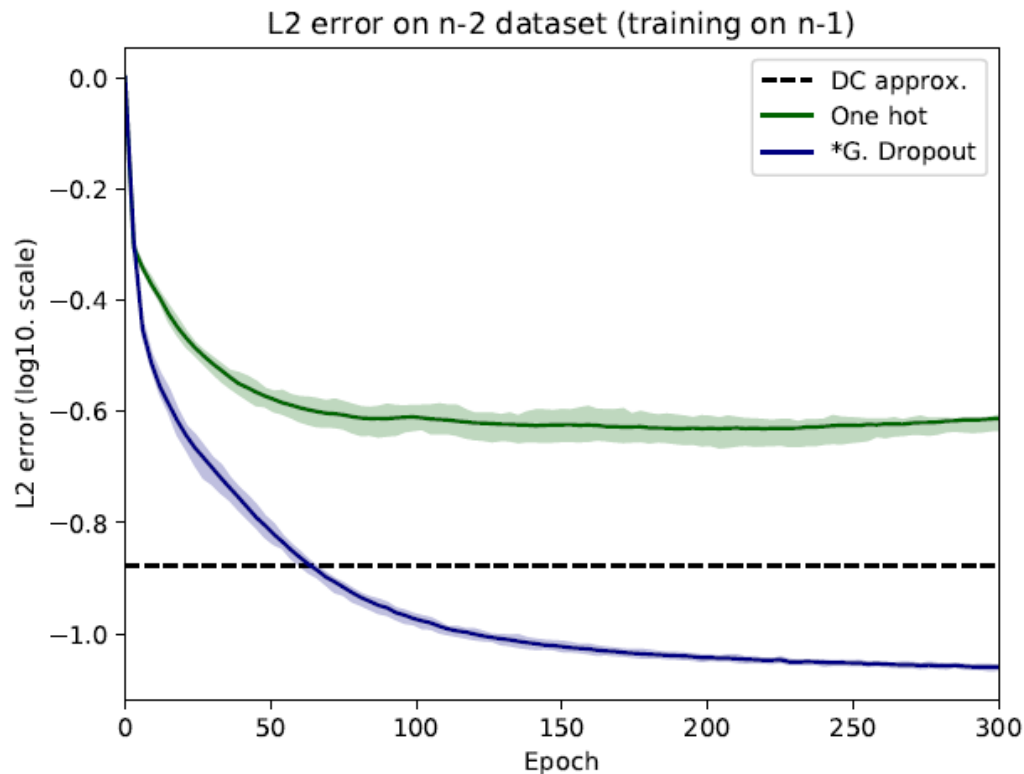
GENERALIZATION



(a) Test set: **Generalization**

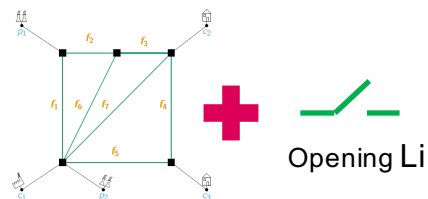
- One Hot & G.Dropout have similar accuracy
- Both do better than DC baseline (physical model approximation)
- G. Dropout requires less parameters (20%less)

SUPER GENERALIZATION

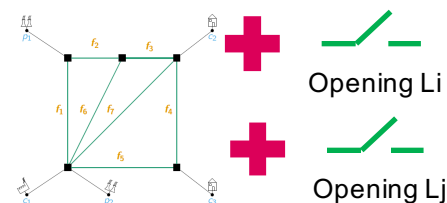


(b) "SuperTest" set: **SuperGeneralization**

Trained on N-1



Tested on N-2



G.Dropout super-generalize (not One-hot)
=> it is able to **extrapolate** beyond the distribution it knows

PERSPECTIVES

First Conclusions on guided dropout

- Train a single neural network to predict power flows for variants of grid topology
- $\simeq 300$ times faster than the currently deployed AC power flow simulator for small grids (118 nodes)
- Up to 2 000 faster for larger grid (France EHV) for preliminary experiments

Possible applications

- Contingencies screening
- Risk evaluation / assessment

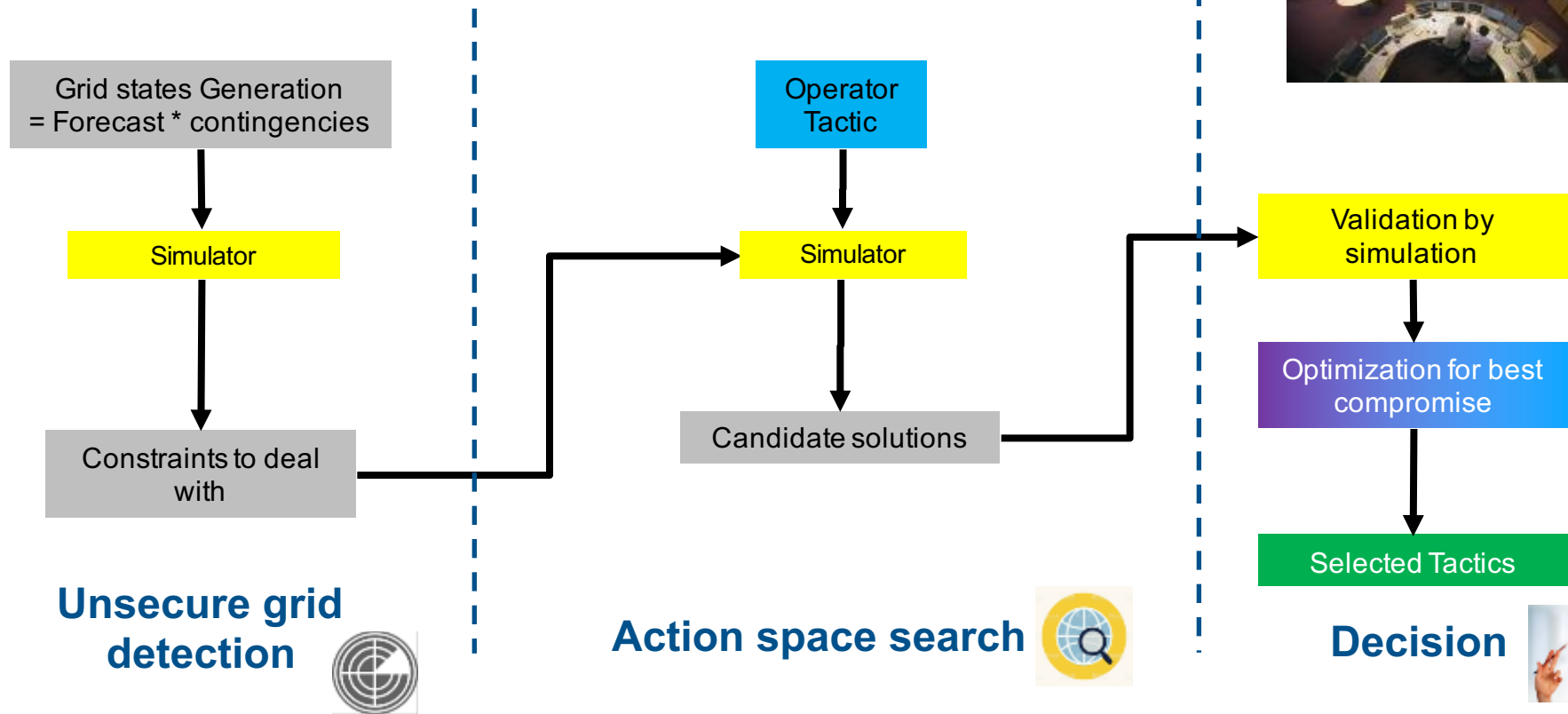


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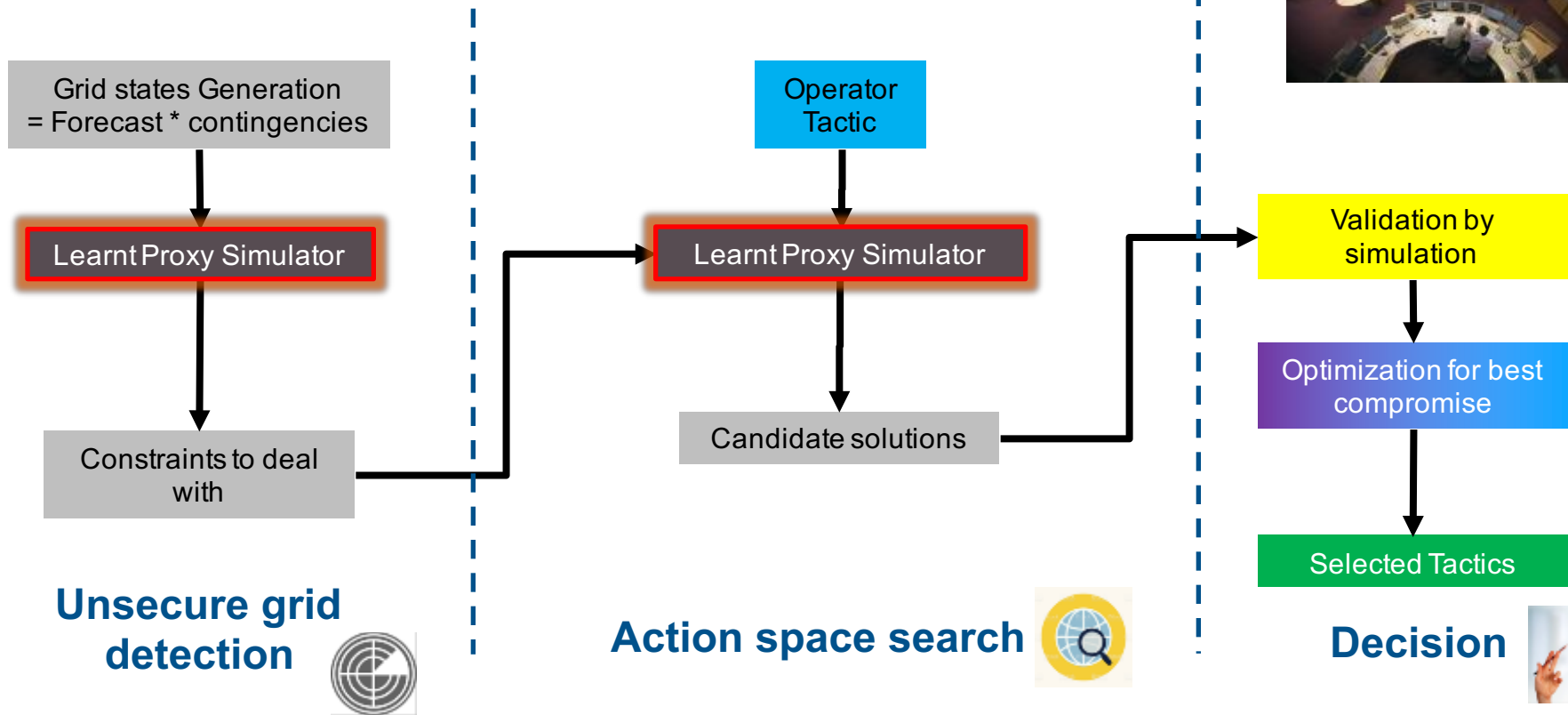
reConnecting the dots

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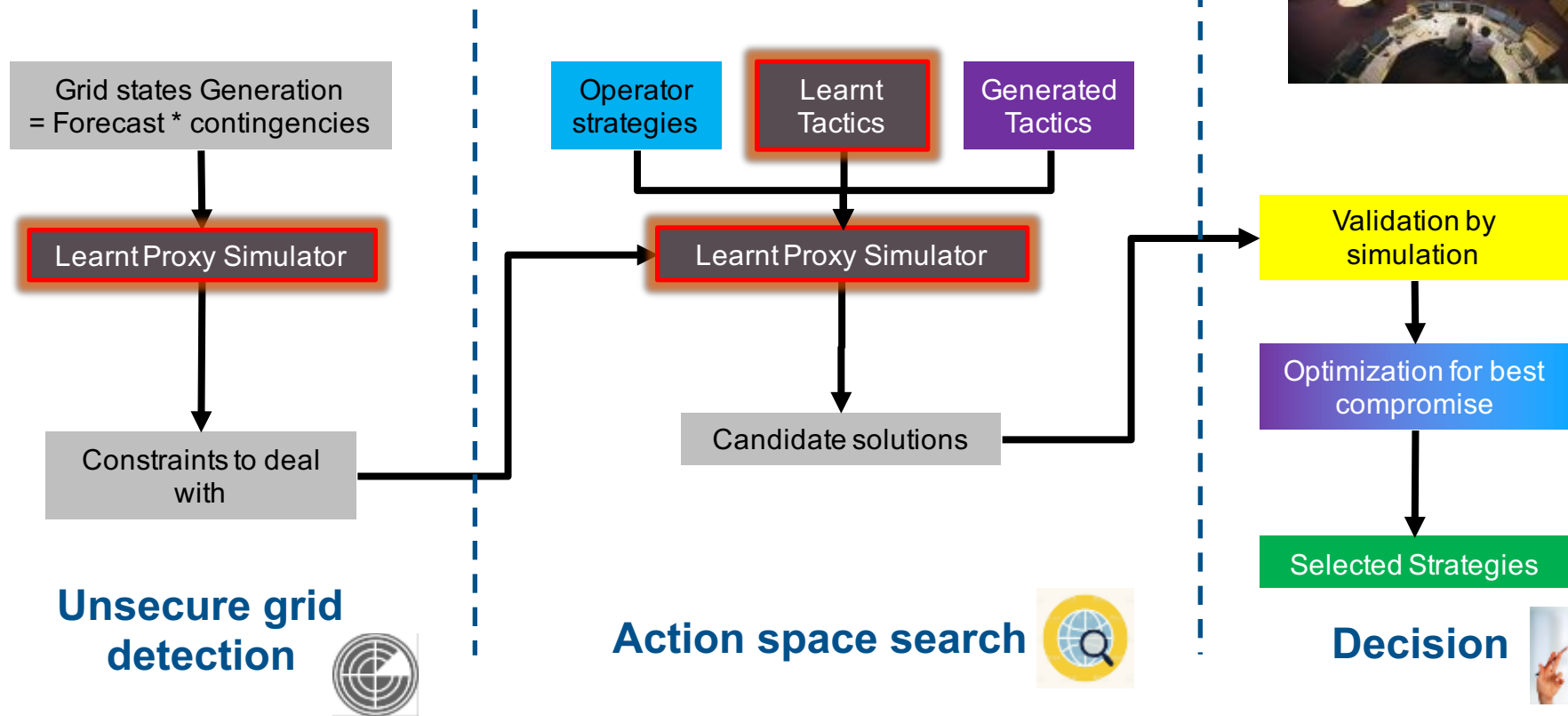
TODAY'S REAL TIME PROCESS



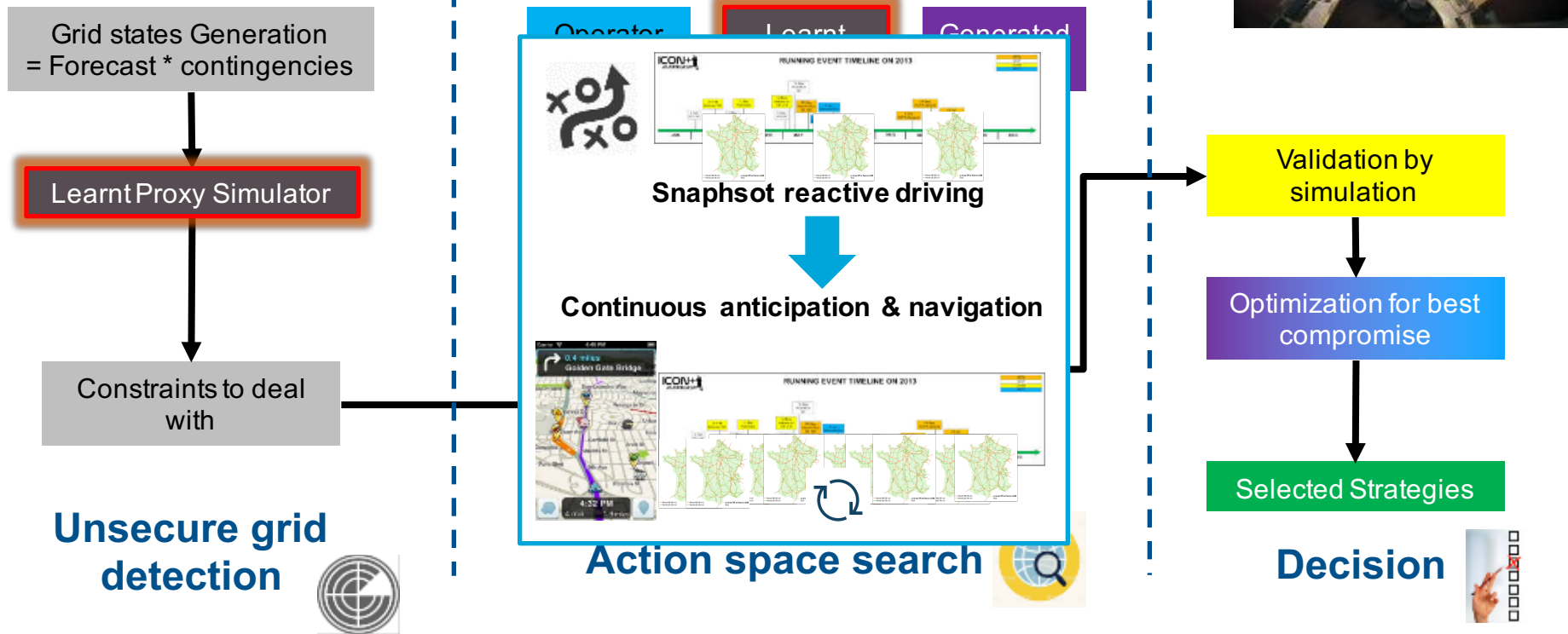
FUTURE REAL TIME PROCESS



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OF THE IMPORTANCE OF PHYSICAL MODELS

All our current AI developments are actually built on top of physical simulators

Some people say « **Data will eat the world** »

⇒ Do we only need to collect data we observe to make sense of the world?

No we also need theory and physics to build simulators in order to extrapolate to unseen distributions.

Exemple of the most data driven company in the world, Google:

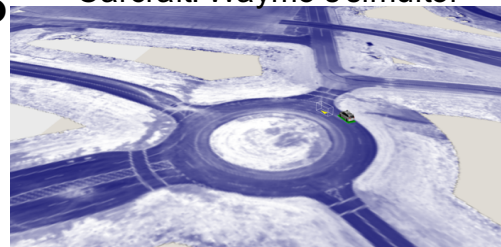
- WAYMO -> 20000 virtual vehicles in a physical simulator!
- ML to helps extract information from a maze of data

AI=ML+Simulator

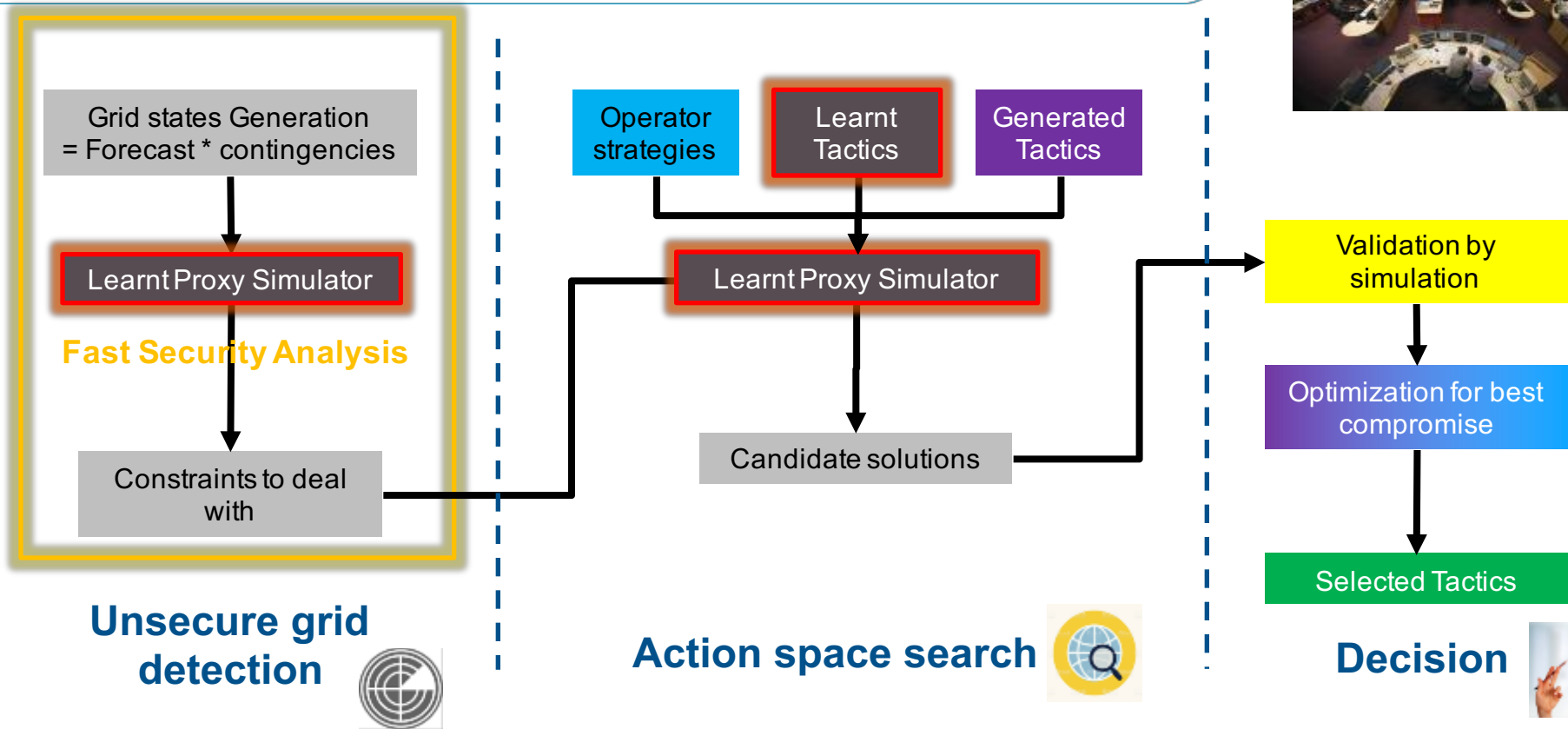
Need to know the physics of your system & environment +
model the behavior of other agents + make your own decisions



Carcraft: Waymo's simulator



FUTURE REAL TIME PROCESS





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Fast Security analysis

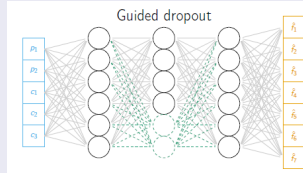
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CONTINGENCY SCREENING & RISK ASSESSMENT



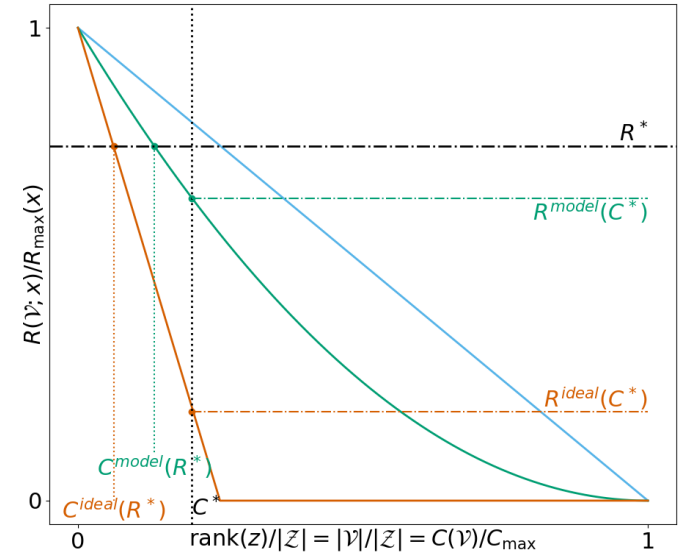
Objectives

- Sort contingencies according to their dangerousness
- *Compute with an high end simulator only the most dangerous*
- Use neural networks as a pre-filtering proxy
- Benefits:
 - Reduce computation time
 - More complex contingencies taken into account
 - "N-2" security
 - or "N-1" but for probabilistic grid states



Residual risk after x simulated contingencies

— random — proposed method — ideal



R*: the maximum residual risk we are willing to accept.
C* the maximum computational budget we have

Key concept : Residual risk

- Risk of **NOT** computing a set $\mathcal{Z} - \mathcal{V}$ of contingencies

$$R(x; \underbrace{\mathcal{V}}_{\text{set of contingencies studied}}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{z \in \mathcal{Z} - \mathcal{V}} \underbrace{p(z)}_{\text{probability of occurrence}} \cdot \underbrace{L(z; x)}_{\text{cost}}$$

Residual risk = risk we have not assessed yet

CONTINGENCY SCREENING & RISK ASSESSMENT



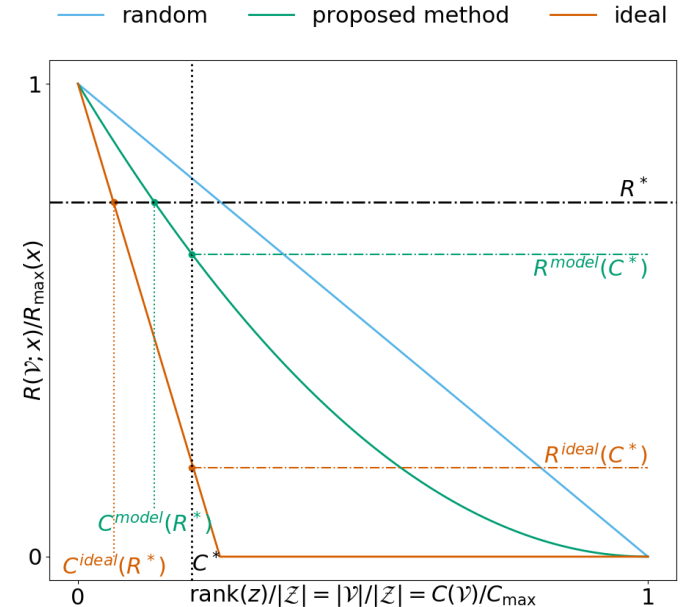
NN screening vs current N-1 operators methods

	Operators	G. Dropout trained n-1 only	G. Dropout	Ideal
Gini coeff.	0.41 ± 0.04	0.52 ± 0.04	0.95 ± 0.01	1.00
$\frac{R(V^*)}{R_{\max}}$	0.59 ± 0.04	0.58 ± 0.04	0.46 ± 0.03	0.44 ± 0.03
$C(R^*)$	186	3 ± 2	3 ± 2	3 ± 2

Summary of the pre screening

- Contingencies ranking:
 - Very accurate if trained on all topologies (not feasible in practice)
 - Pretty accurate if only 1% of the grids topologies it is tested on
- Always better than "N-1" strategy [for simulated data]
- Same level of risk than "N-1" with only 2% of budget [once the training is done]

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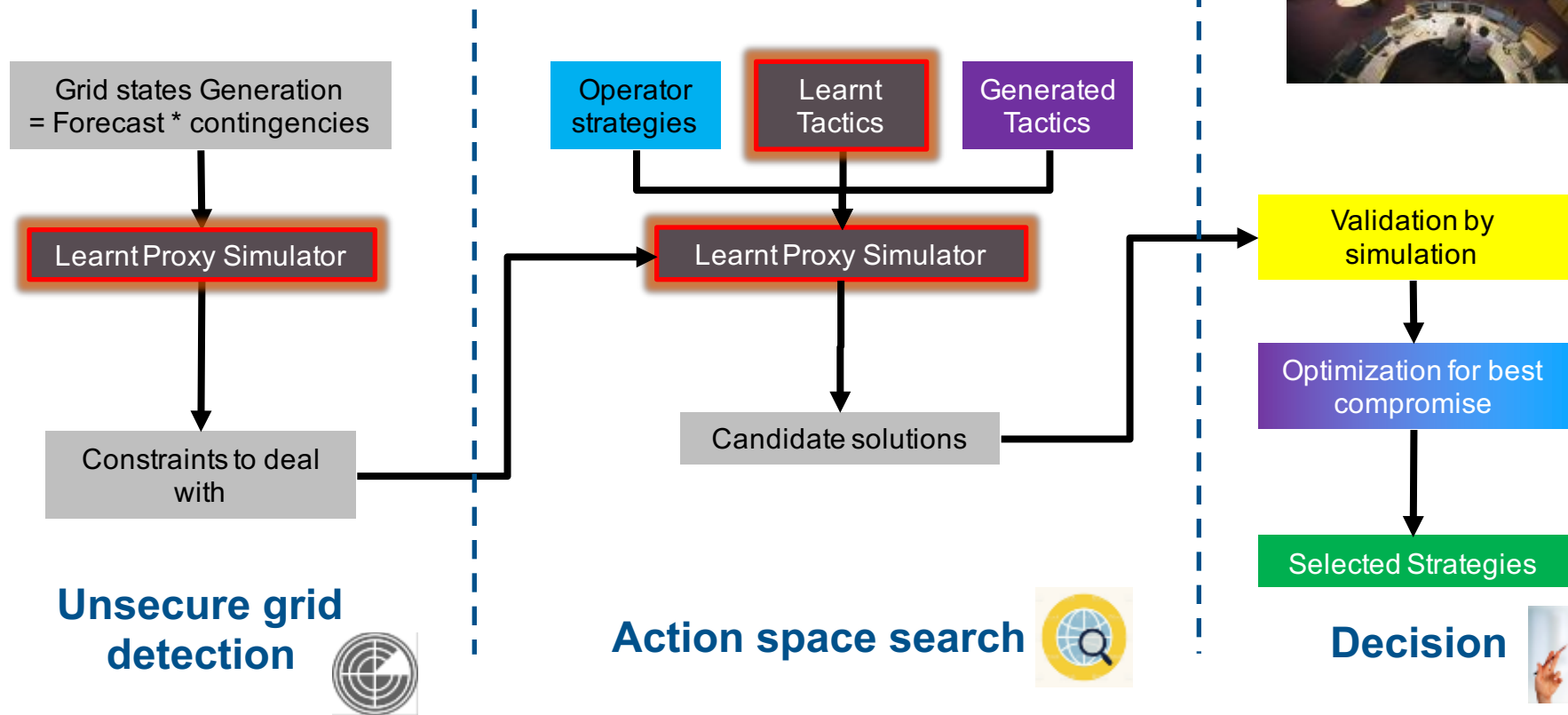


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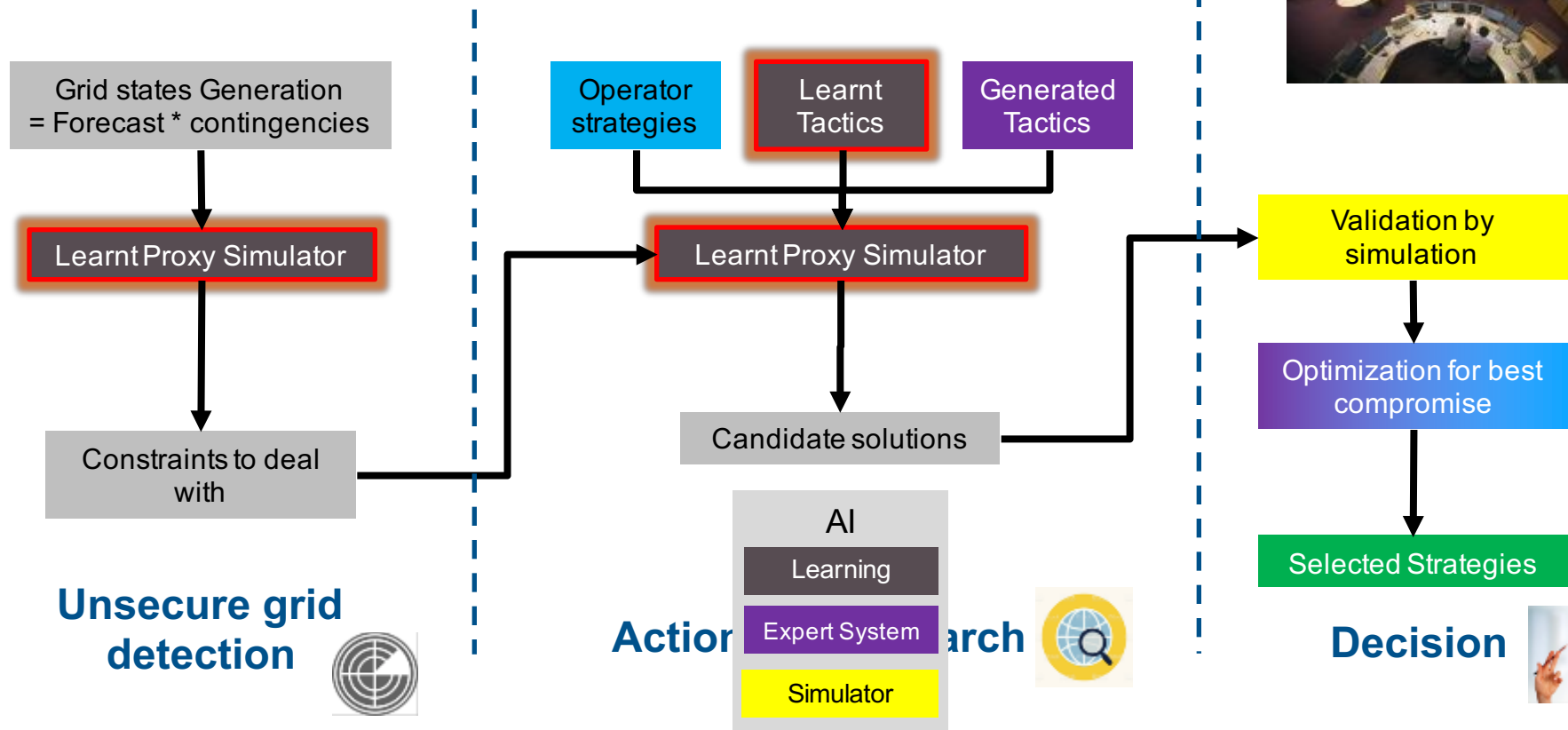
Human Machine Collaboration

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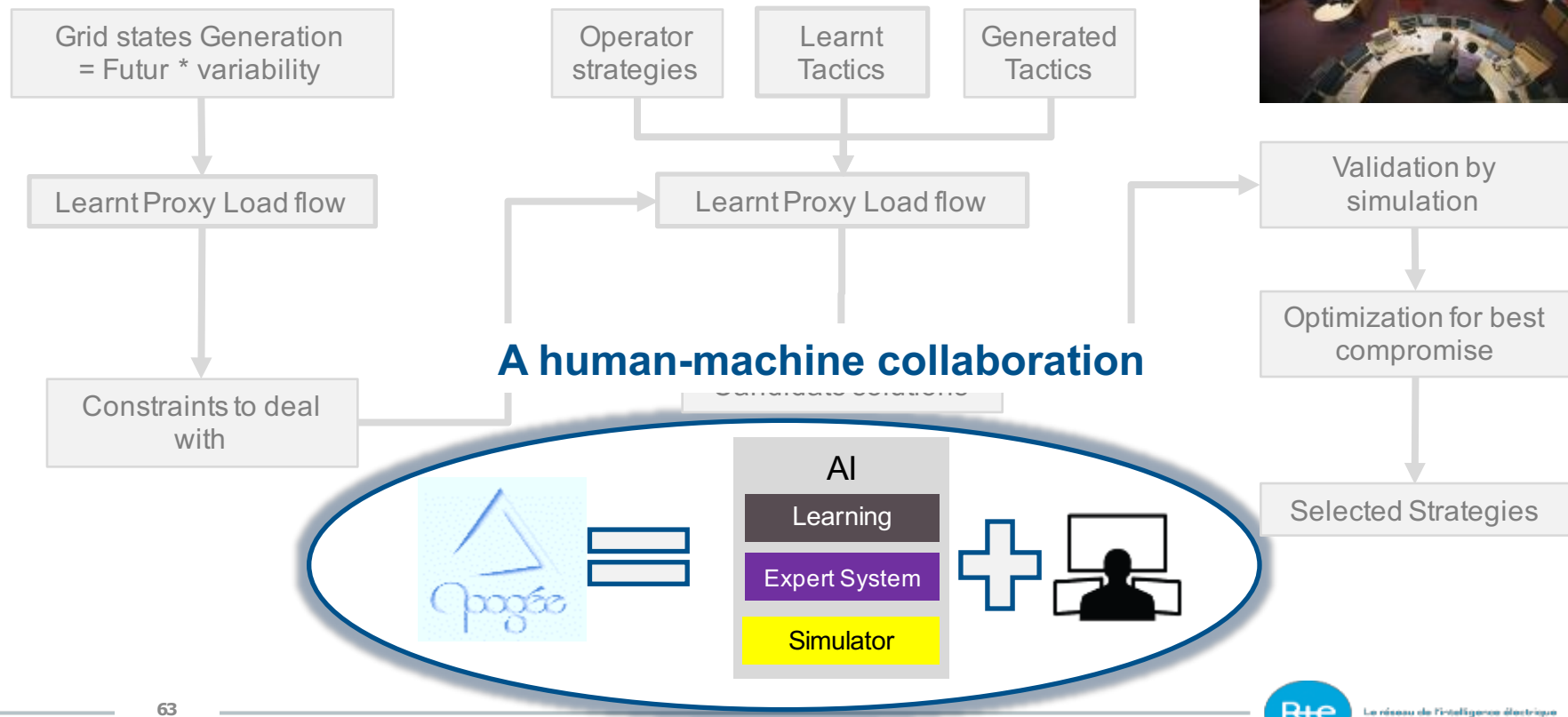
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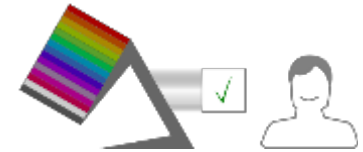
APOGÉE: ASSISTANT FOR CONTROL ROOM OPERATORS



Supervision



Hypervision



Cortana.



Siri



amazon echo



Google now



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Apogée

**A personal
assistant for the
operator**

AI & Power System

« Artificial Intelligence is the new electricity », Andrew Ng



Litterally, AI is electricity

So, Electricity is already AI ?

It is true that power systems are the most complex artificial systems we have on Earth!

But why are we talking of new **Smart Grids** to tackle the current Energy Transition ?

Surely we need to manage a more complex system in a more proactive fashion

Electricity is about processing energy

while **AI** is about information processing !

AI could be transformative for us, leading to a new efficient cyber-physical system
with properly entangled information and physics

OUR REFERENCES

Related work:

Accepted

- **IERP 2017:** [Introducing Machine learning for power operation support](#)
- **ESANN 2018:** [Fast Power system security analysis with Guided Dropout](#)
- **IJCNN 2018:** [Anticipating contingencies in power grids using fast neural net screening](#)

In review for 2018

- **ISGT Europe:** Optimization of computational budget for power system risk assessment
- **ISGT Europe:** Guided machine learning for power grid segmentation
- **MedPower 2018:** Expert System for topological remedial action discovery

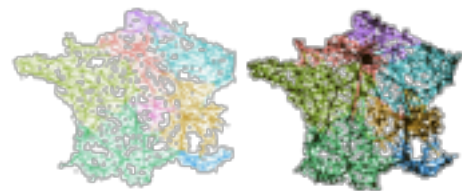
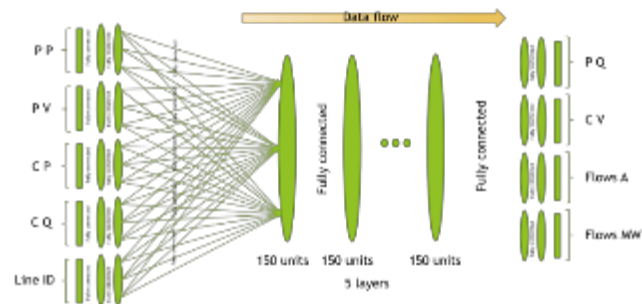


Fig. 7. Comparison of a) our French power grid segmentation with b) historical RTE regional segmentation.

Thank You For your attention !



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Annexe



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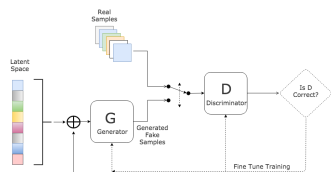
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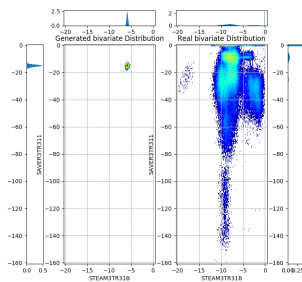
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Generating multivariate production plans with **GANs**



GAN architecture

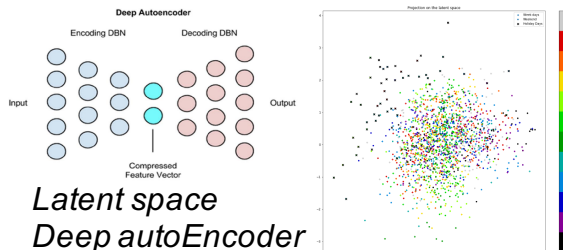
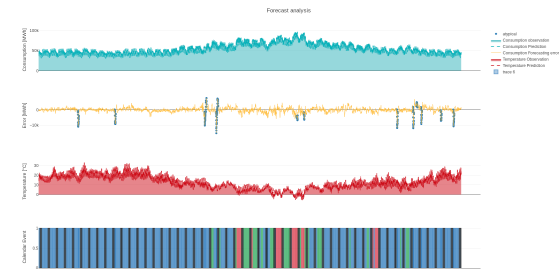


Learning complex joint distribution from 2 nearby productions

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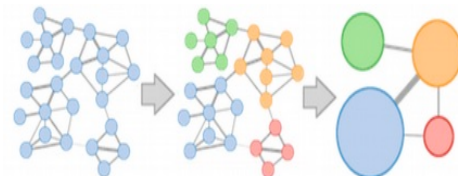
Predictive past **event detection** to look for interesting context to relabel



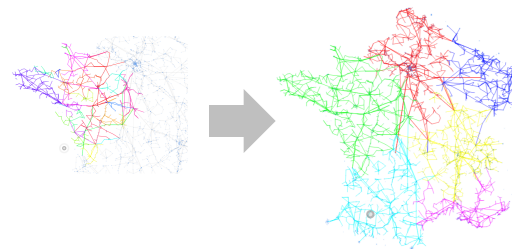
Latent space
Deep autoEncoder

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Hierarchical power grid segmentation for flexible representations



Infomap graph clustering algorithm



French power grid segmentation

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Data quality & volume is vital for today's AI

Current situation:

- Few interesting situations ever happen and are observable:
 - Generate realistic cases to learn from
- Decisions are not labelled: Why did we do something ?
- Studies are not stored to capitalize from



Generation

1. Simple historical **replay** with contingencies
2. Generation from learnt joint distributions with **GANs**

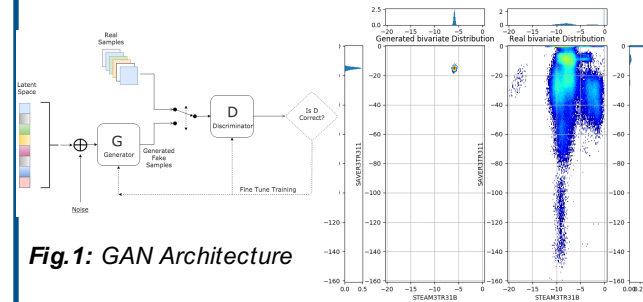
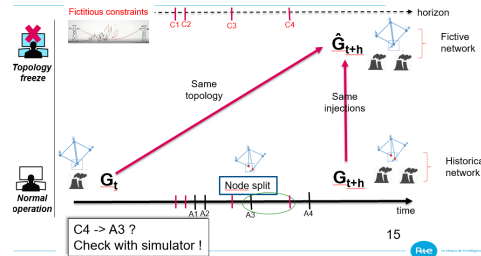


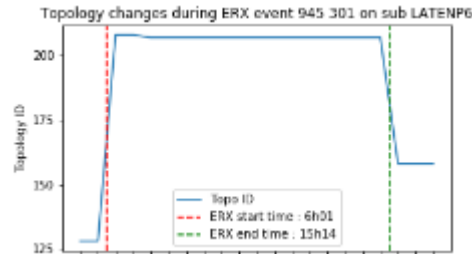
Fig.2: Learn joint distribution from two productions

Labelling

1. Simulated **counterfactual** reasoning (what if no operators?)



2. **Crossing** SCADA & Exploitation databases



Capitalization

1. Study and decision **traceability** in Apogee



2. Remedial Action **database**

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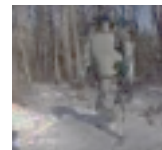
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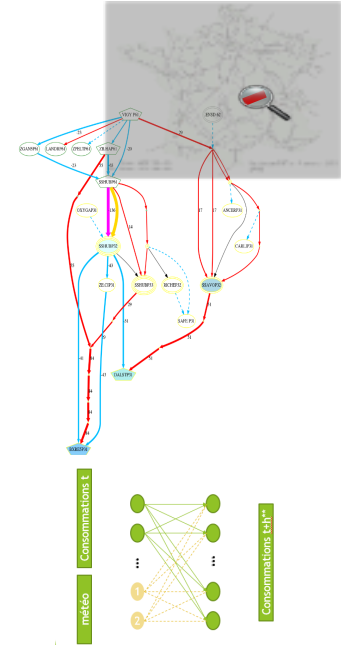
Transfer

To manage a system, it should continuously adapt in a coherent fashion:

- For new context and new grid developments

Current situation:

- **Expert system** to discover topological remedial actions with a physical simulator
- Reinforcement learning:
=> Academic challenge and thesis to start
- Transfer :
=> Extend Guided Dropout neural network architecture to transfer learning problems



Reference model +
conditional neurons

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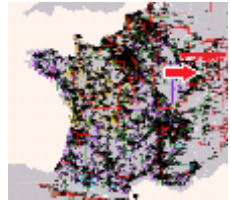
Visualization

Proper representation is important to effectively learn

- Too much information kills information => need **selection**
- Wrong detailed data is worse than no data => need **abstractions**

Current situation:

- Detailed deterministic physical modeling in study tools
 - Ineffective with uncertainties
- No relevant contextual indicator restitution
=> As complexity rises, context becomes important
- Static visual representation with interactive navigation
=> Dynamic hierarchical and task specific visualization

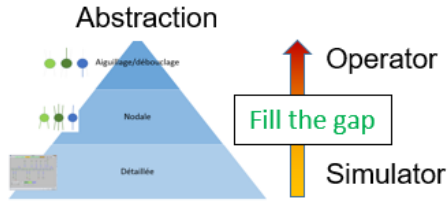


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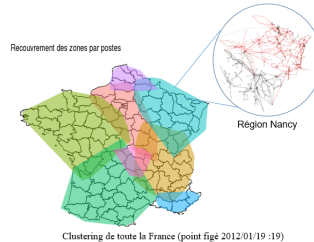


Modeling

1. New **numerical object class** to model abstract information & action

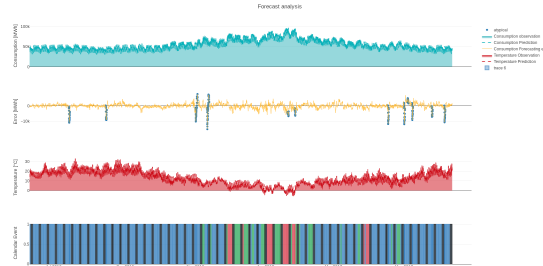


2. New **proxies**, learning hierarchical electrical segmentation



Contextualization

1. Predictive **event detection** to look for interesting context

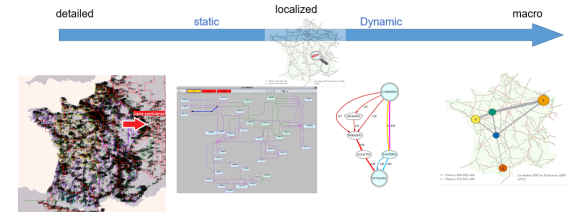


2. New operator **indicators**



Visualization

1. Dynamic hierarchical and task specific visualization: **HYPERVISION**



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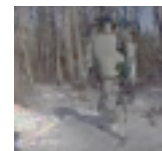
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