

# A Nash-Cournot Equilibrium Model for the North American Natural Gas Sector\*

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# Overview of Research

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## ◆ Research: Main Topics

- Mathematical modeling in engineering-economic systems using optimization and equilibrium analysis usually involving some infrastructural elements
  - Models of energy markets and risk (natural gas and electricity)
  - Transportation/traffic flow
  - “Smart Growth” land development
  - Wastewater treatment
  - Wireless telecommunications networks
- Development of algorithms for solving equilibria in energy & transportation systems
- Development of general purpose algorithms for equilibrium models (using the nonlinear complementarity format)
- Operations research areas: Multiobjective optimization, nonlinear programming, complementarity theory, statistics, integer programming



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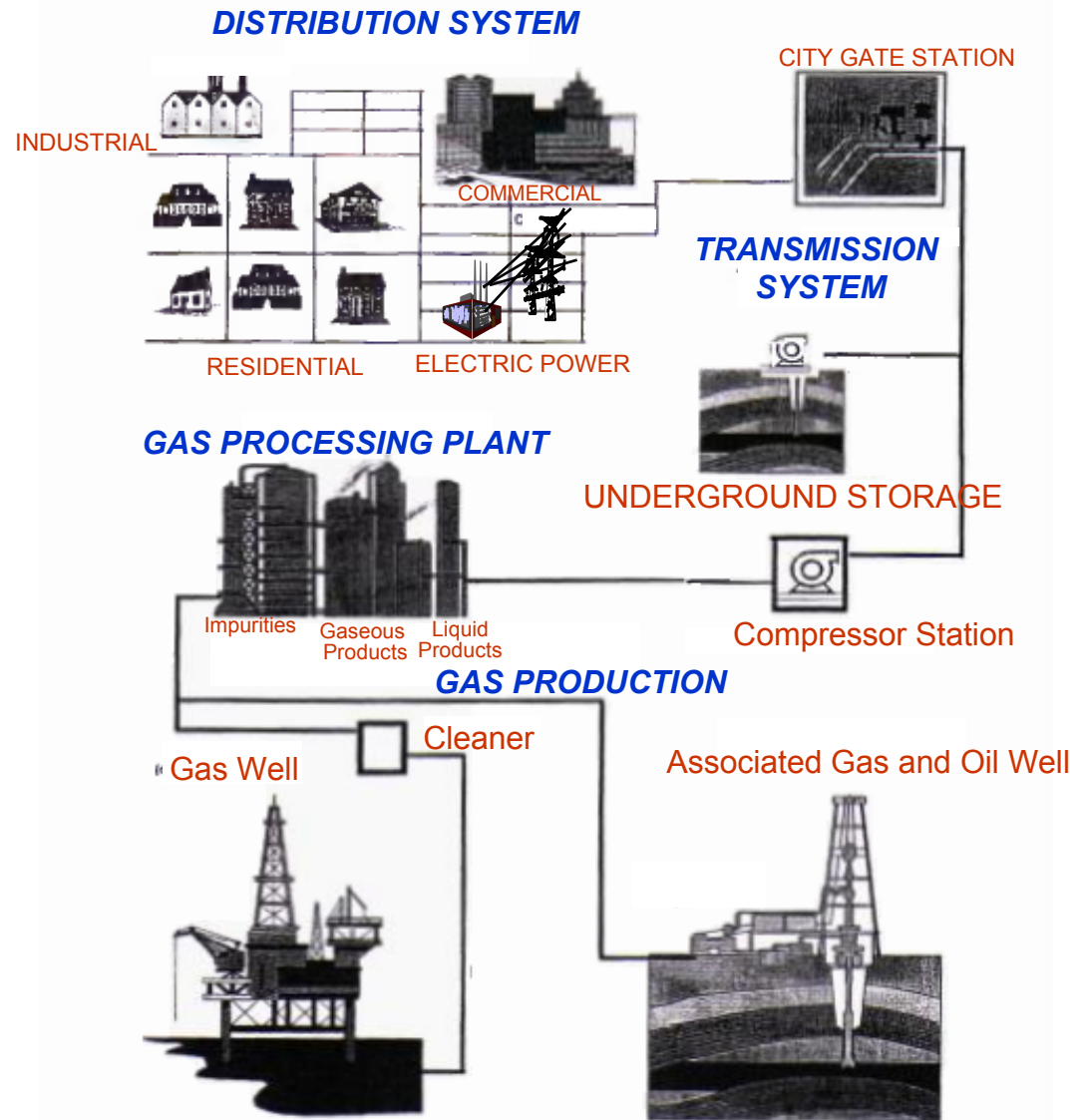
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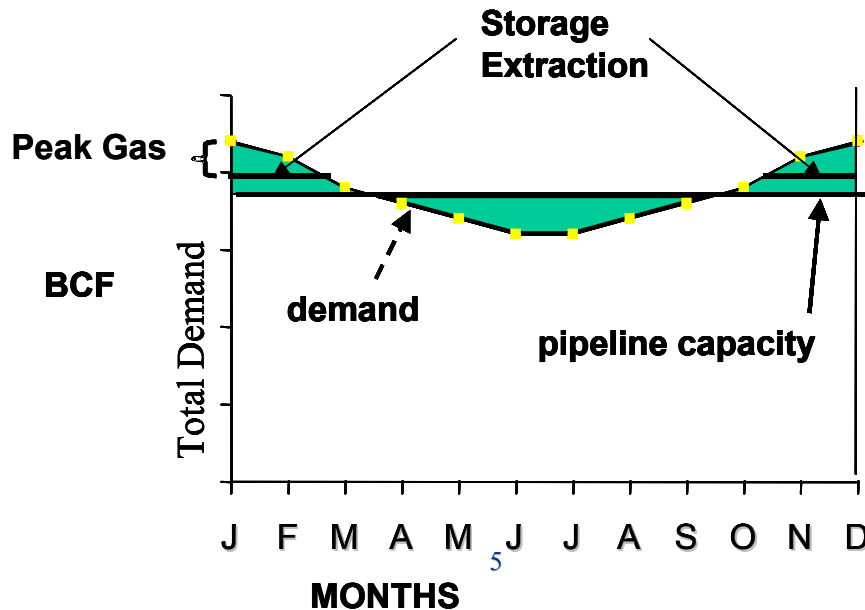
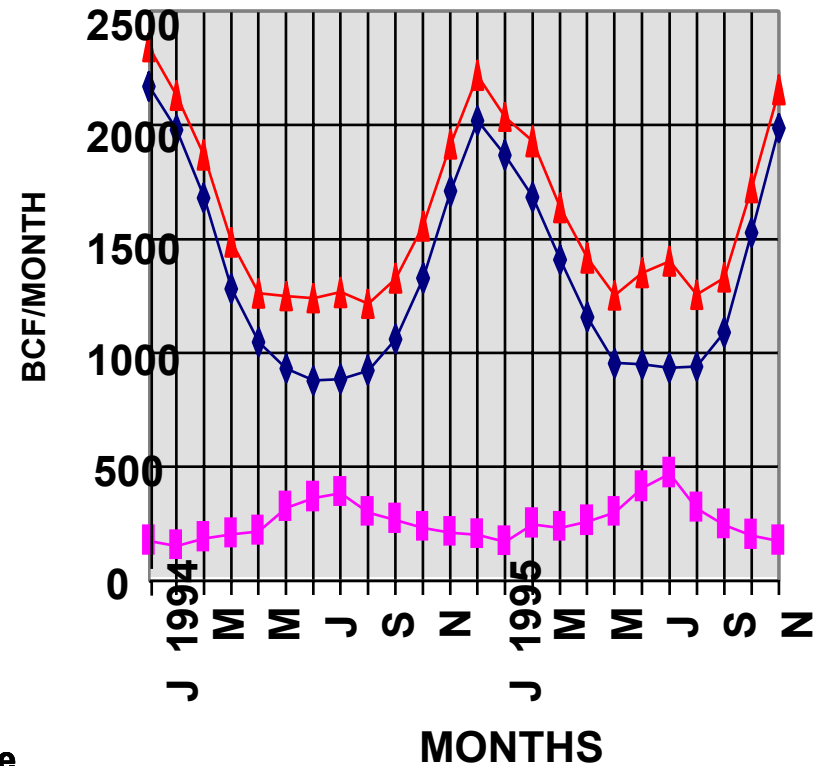
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- ◆ Res + Com + Ind Demand
- ◆ Elec. Gen. Demand
- ◆ Total Demand

- ◆ Seasonality in demand
- ◆ Pipeline, storage, peak gas





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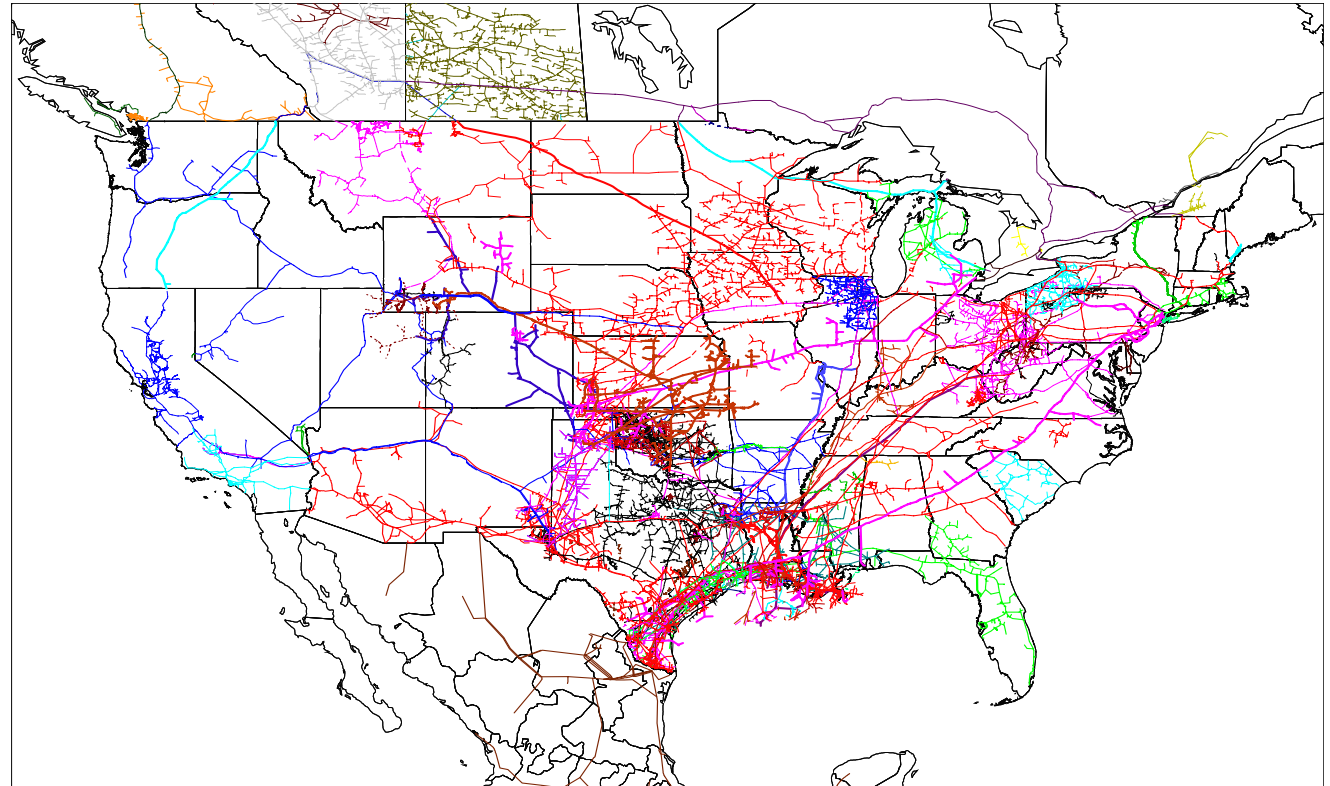
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- ◆ Pipelines
- ◆ 110 Interstate Pipelines, (51 classified as majors) with 190,000+ miles of Transmission Lines





- ◆ Key events (US) (Chambers, Sturm)
- ◆ Before 1985
  - regulated interstate gas pipelines provided a bundled service that included
    - transportation
    - transportation-related services (e.g., storage)
    - the natural gas itself
  - Customers paid the cost of gas based on long-term contracts between the pipelines and unaffiliated gas producers
  - Customers paid on a “pass-through” basis, i.e., no return on the commodity allowed for the pipelines (unlike electric power)
  - Thus, pipelines made no profit on the purchase and sale of gas

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- ◆ Key events (US)
- ◆ Deregulatory FERC Orders 436 (1985), 500 (1989), 636 (1992) 888, 889 (1996)
  - Unbundling of services by interstate pipelines
  - Natural gas buyer can choose to buy gas from a supplier at one location, transport it along a pipeline a short distance (lower transportation rate), and receive the volumes
  - Promoting wholesale competition through open access, non-discriminatory transmission services by public utilities
  - Recovery of stranded costs by public utilities and transmitting utilities
  - Standards of conduct developed for pipelines and marketer affiliates





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- ◆ Key events (US)
- ◆ This new marketplace may permit certain abuses of market power
  - Interstate pipelines have a natural monopoly but highly regulated by FERC
  - Production is more or less a perfectly competitive market due to the large volume of producers
  - Marketer/shippers are unregulated by FERC maybe they have some market power?
- ◆ Why straightforward system optimization will not work
- ◆ Need for a game-theoretic format (e.g., Nash-Cournot) for some players



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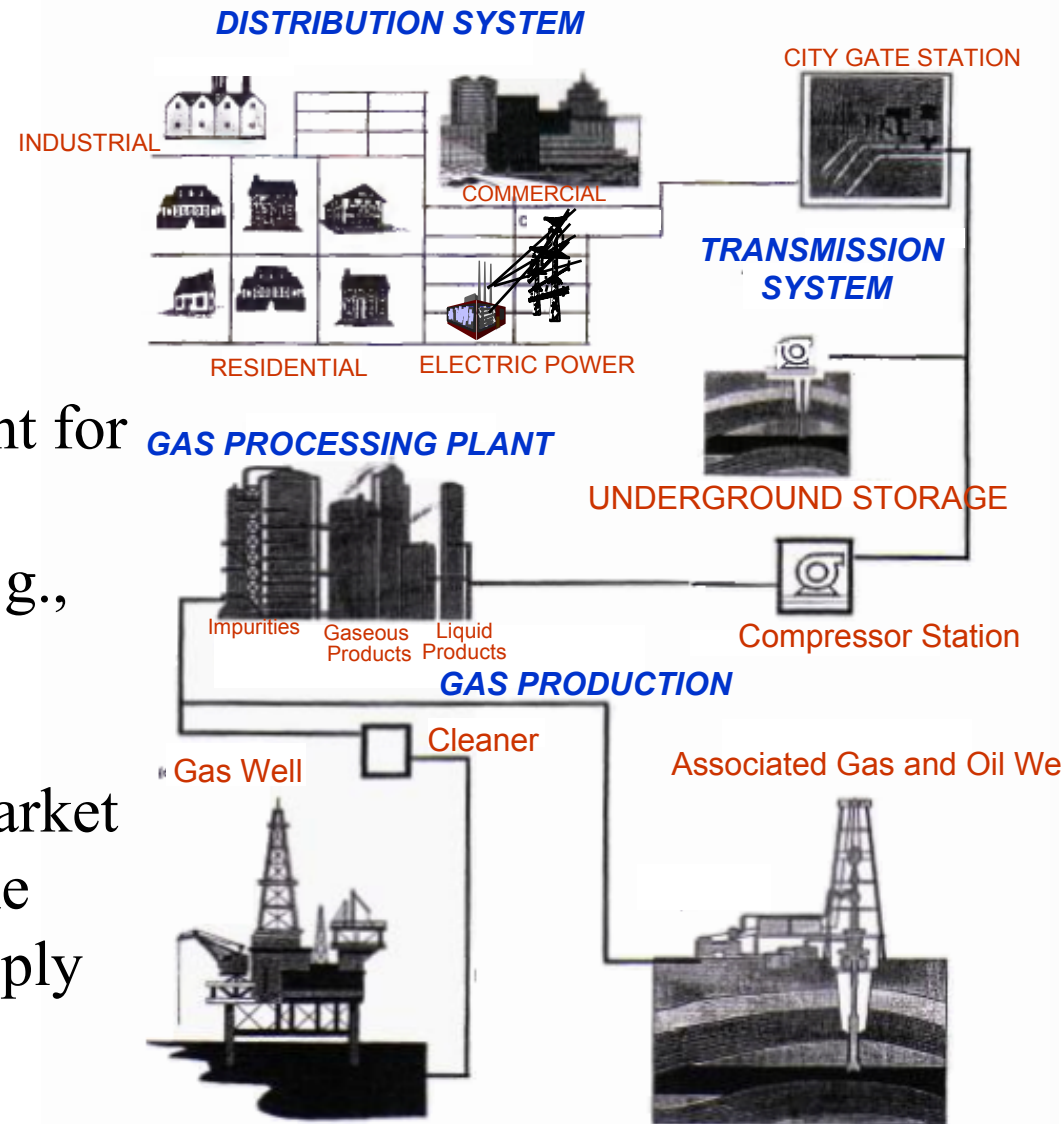
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- ◆ Want to account for imperfect competition (e.g., oligopoly) to measure the influence of market power along the natural gas supply chain





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- ◆ Develop short term model to characterize the new natural gas industry (no new capacity)
  - **Pipeline companies**
    - Maximize net revenues: regulated rate revenues + congestion revenues subject to capacity bounds
  - **Production companies**
    - Maximize net profits subject to drilling restrictions
    - Perfect competition in the production market (reasonable for North America), price-takers
  - **Storage reservoir operators**
    - Maximize net profits subject to extraction, injection, and volumetric restrictions
    - Injection and extraction in different seasons
    - Storage reservoir operators use “seasonal arbitrage”
    - Perfect competition in the storage market, price takers for production and transportation



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## – **Marketers/shippers**

- Maximize net profits
- Nash-Cournot players in the “marketer market”, thus marketers can exert market power via inverse demand functions
- Price-takers in the storage, production, peak gas, and transportation markets

## – **Peak gas suppliers**

- Maximize net profits subject to peak supply capacity restrictions
- Perfect competition in the peak supply market
- Peak supply only in the high demand season, substitute for storage and pipeline gas

## – **Consumers**

- Residential, commercial, industrial, electric power sectors
- Inverse demand functions as part of the marketer problems



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- ◆ Market clearing
  - Total supply = total demand in various markets
- ◆ Use multiple seasons
  - Season 1 (low demand), April-October,  $\text{days}_1=214$
  - Season 2 (high demand), November-March, excluding January,  $\text{days}_2=120$
  - Season 3, (very high or peak demand), e.g., January,  $\text{days}_3=31$



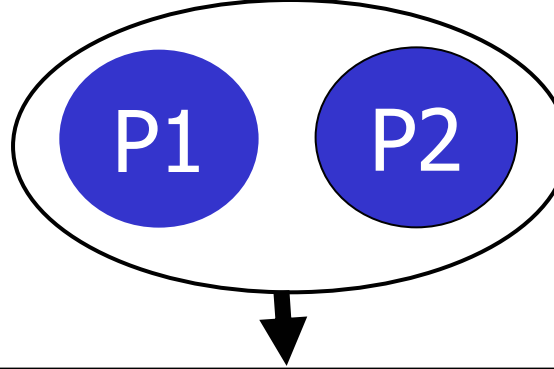
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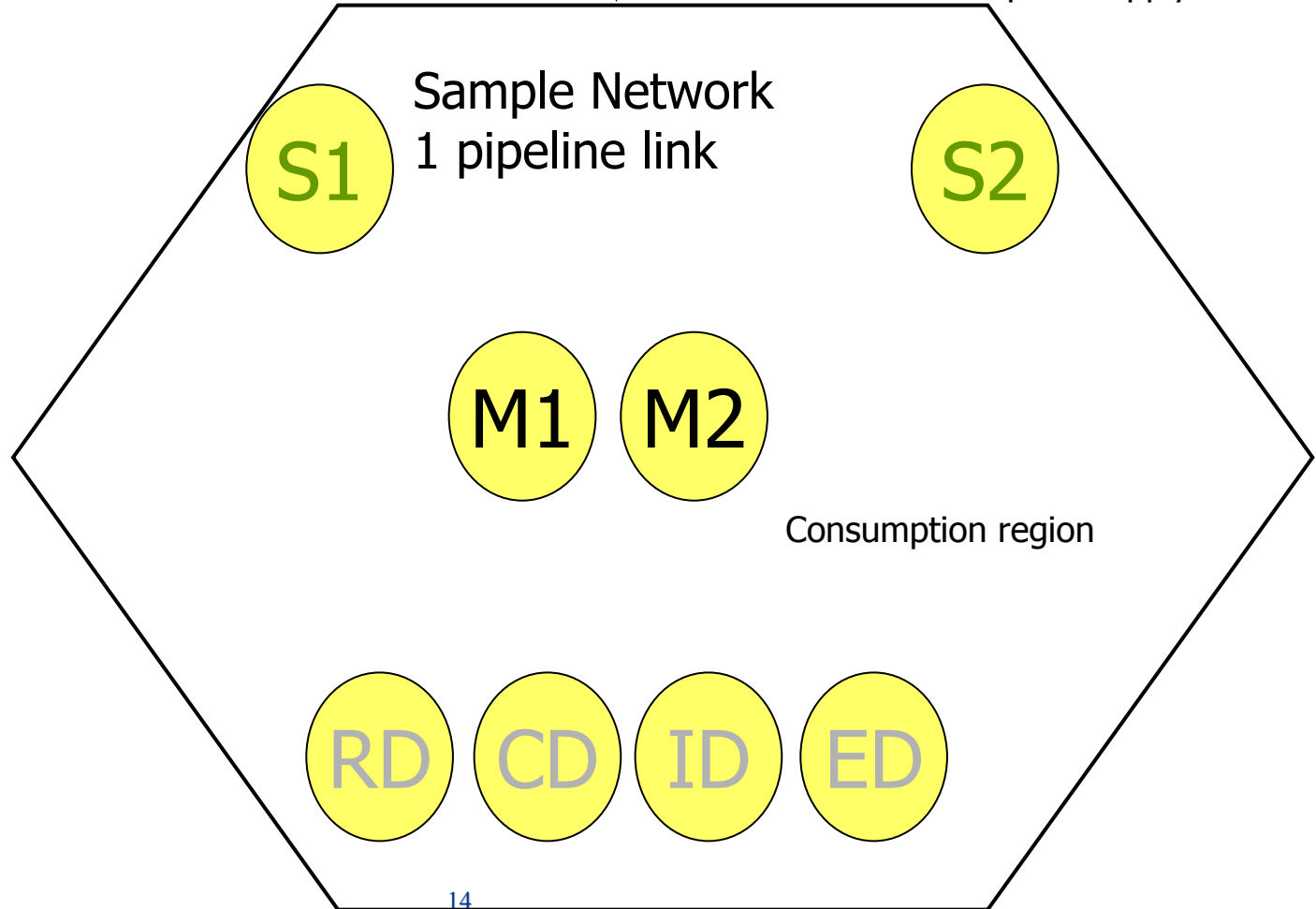
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S=storage node

M=marketer node

RD,CD,ID,ED= demand nodes

PK=peak supply node

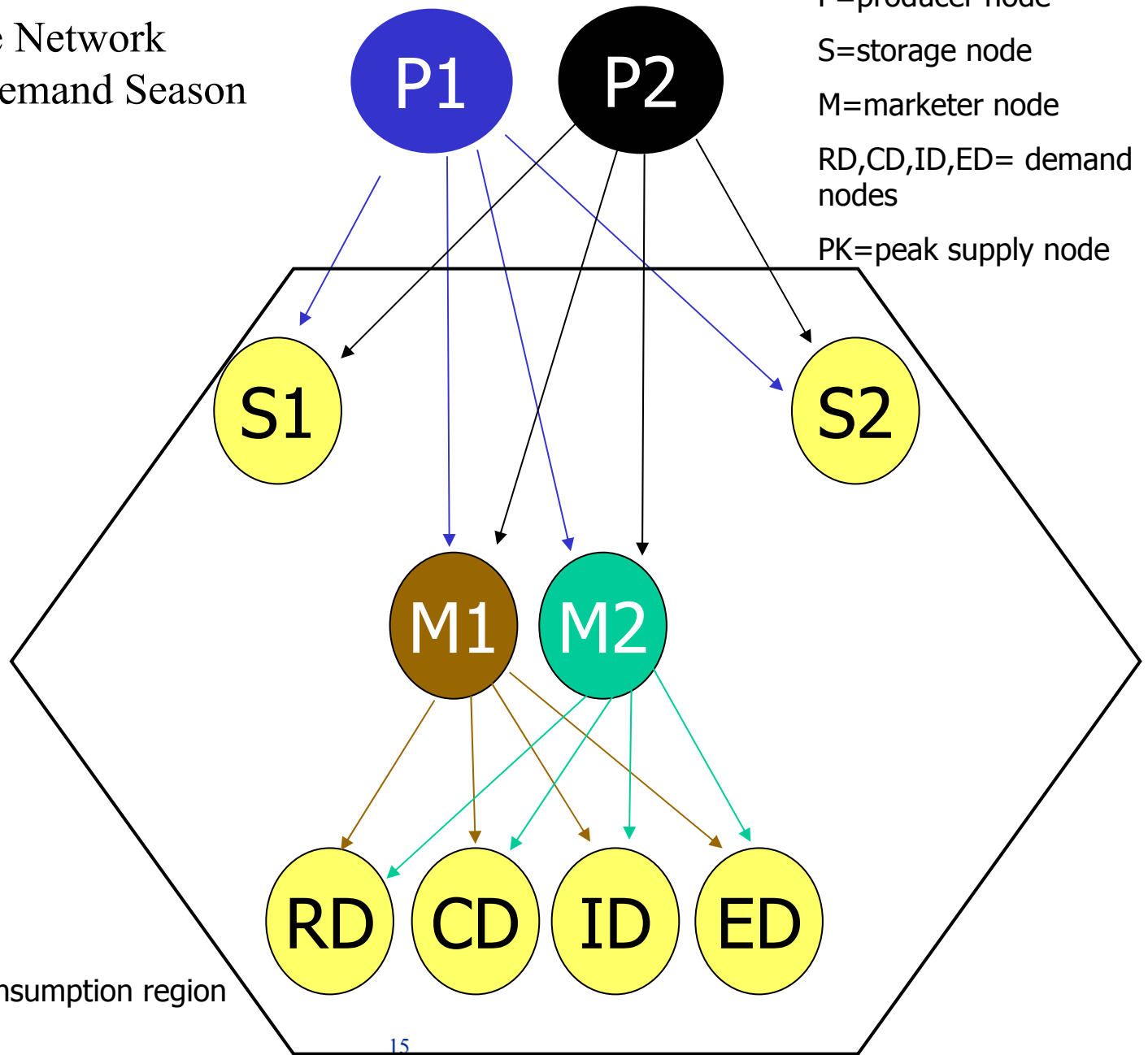




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## Low Demand Season

- P=producer node
- S=storage node
- M=marketer node
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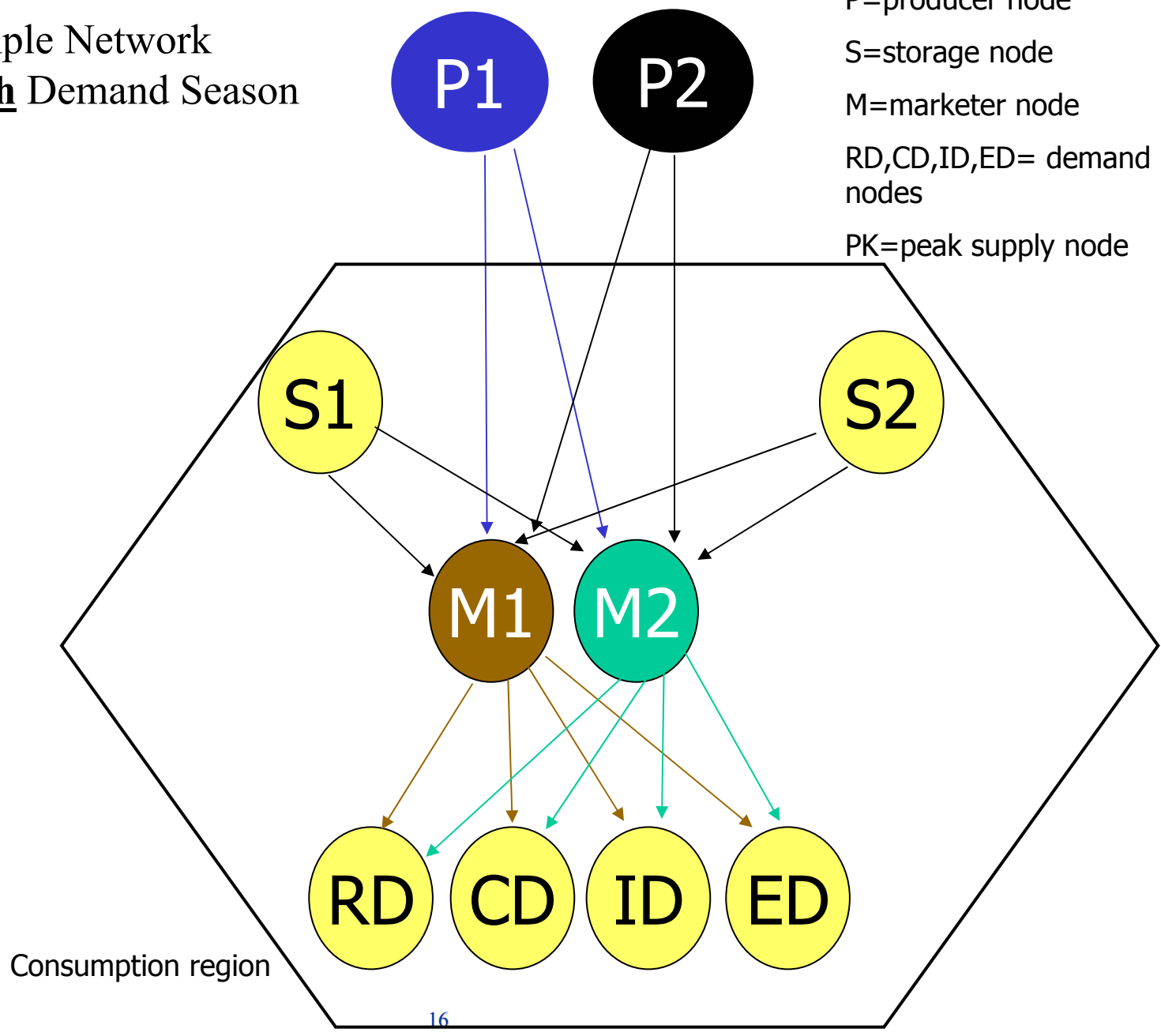


# Sample Network

## High Demand Season

P=producer node  
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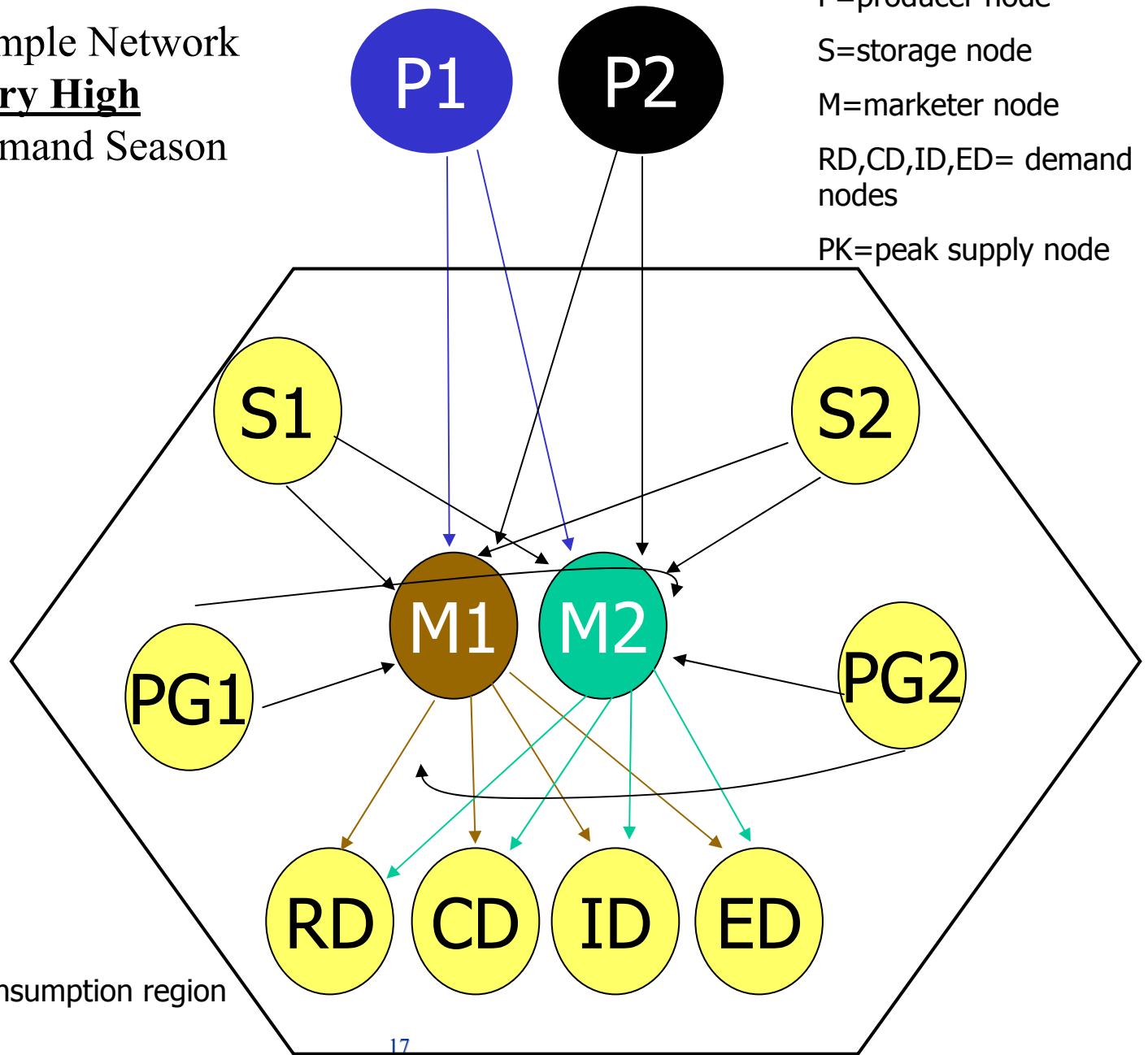
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## Very High

### Demand Season

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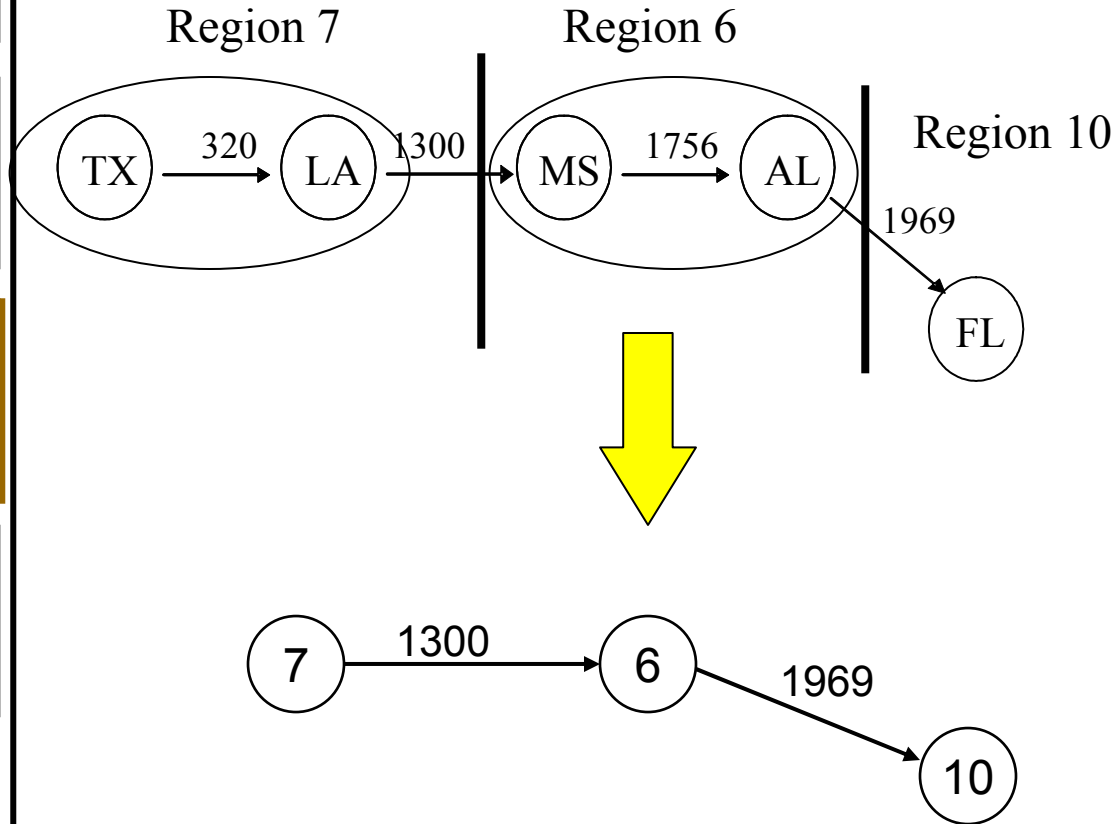
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# Pipeline Aggregation 2: Pipeline Combination

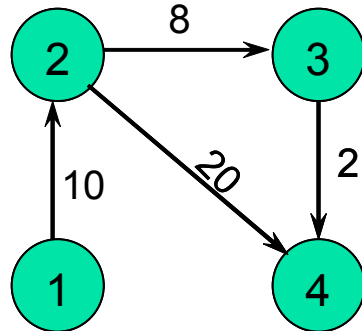
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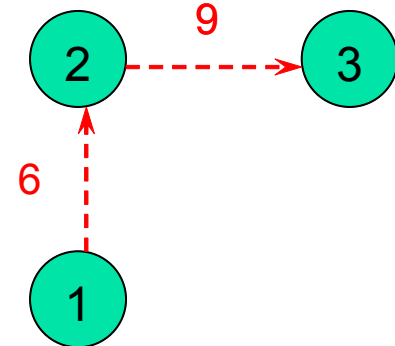
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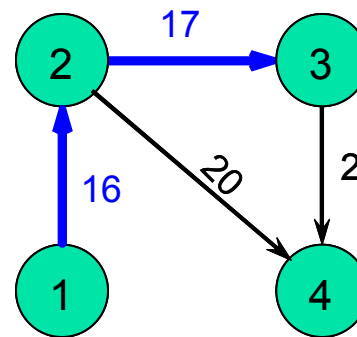
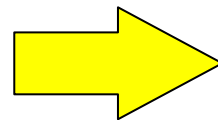


pipelines 1 (Solid)

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pipelines 2 (dashed)

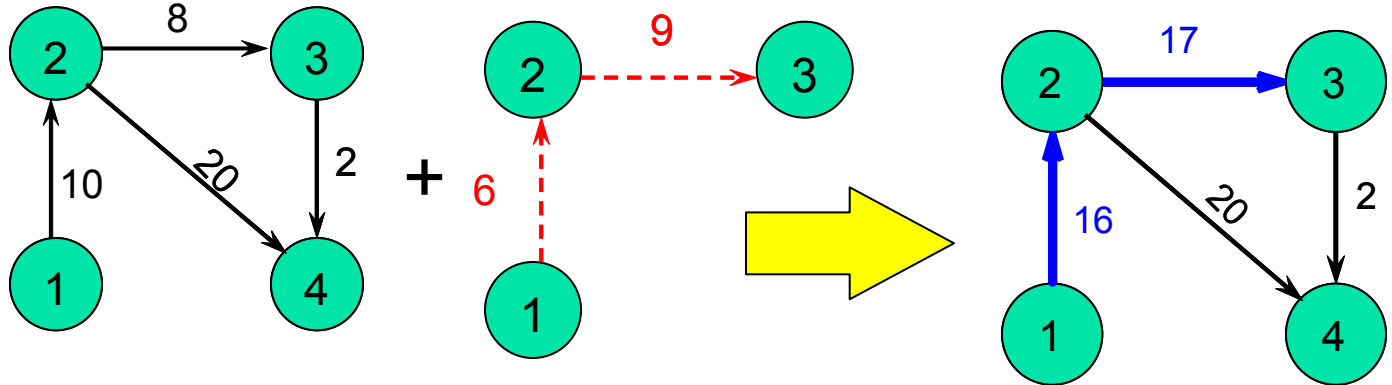


Aggregated pipelines



# Pipeline Aggregation 3: Link Capacity Constraints

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OD Pair	Path Flows	Pipelines Used
1. (1,2)	1. 1->2	both
2. (1,3)	2. 1->2->3	both
3. (1,4)	3. 1->2->4	1->2 both, 2->4 solid
	4. 1->2->3->4	1->2 both, 2->3 both, 3->4 solid
4. (2,3)	5. 2->3	2->3 both
5. (2,4)	6. 2->4	2->4 solid
	7. 2->3->4	2->3 both, 3->4 solid
6. (3,4)	8. 3->4	3->4 solid

Denoting  $f_i$  as the path flow for  $i = 1 \dots 8$ , the following constraints are needed

$$\begin{pmatrix} f_1 + f_2 + f_3 + f_4 \\ f_2 + f_4 + f_5 + f_7 \\ f_3 + f_6 \\ f_4 + f_7 + f_8 \end{pmatrix} \leq \begin{pmatrix} 16 \\ 17 \\ 20 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \text{arc 1,2} \\ \text{arc 2,3} \\ \text{arc 2,4} \\ \text{arc 3,4} \end{matrix}$$



# Pipeline Aggregation 4: Additional Restriction

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- ◆ Assume that gas cannot go back and forth between the two different pipelines, the flow on paths would have to stay on the same pipeline.
- ◆ Additional constraints are needed to capture pipeline specific information.



# Pipeline Aggregation 5: Additional Restriction 1

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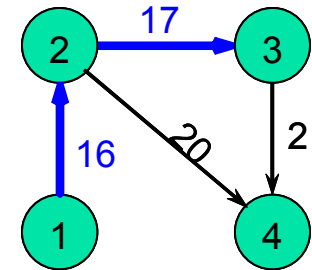
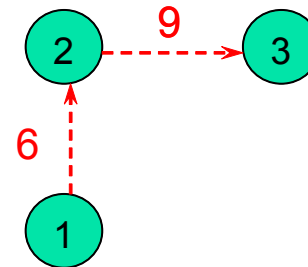
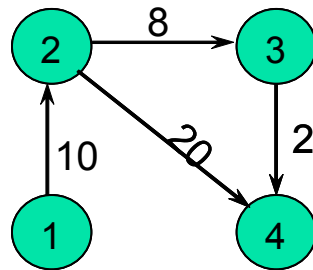
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- ◆  $f_2$  : flow 1->2->3 use both pipelines
- ◆ For pipeline 1:  $f_{2-1} \leq \min(10,8)$
- ◆ For pipeline 2:  $f_{2-2} \leq \min(6,9)$
- ◆ Hence,  $f_2 \leq 14$  instead of  $f_2 \leq 16$





# Pipeline Aggregation 5: Additional Restriction 2

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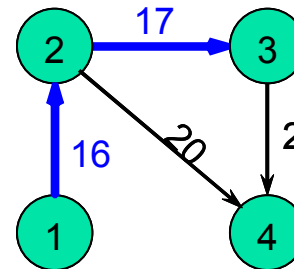
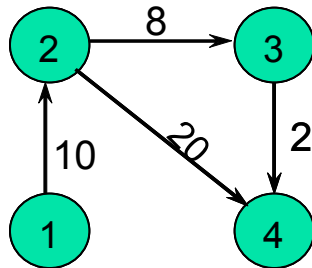
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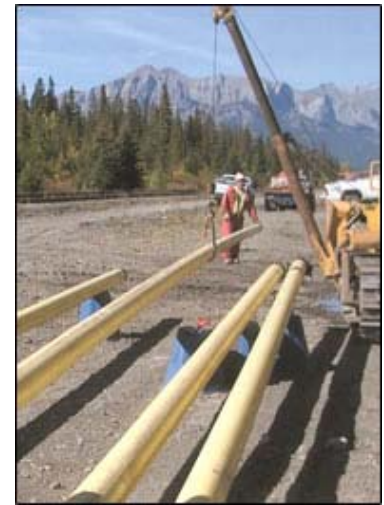
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- ◆  $f_3$  (flow 1- $\rightarrow$ 2- $\rightarrow$ 4) and  $f_4$  (flow 1- $\rightarrow$ 2- $\rightarrow$ 3- $\rightarrow$ 4) would stay in pipeline 1 and use the arc (1,2) of pipeline 1 in common
- ◆ So  $f_3 + f_4 \leq 10$  would be used to enforce this condition





# Pipeline Operator's Problem (Linear Program)



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- ◆ Maximize congestion revenues

s.t.

- bounds on capacity
- post-processor for regulated revenues
- Other constraints that are pipeline-specific (not shown here)

$$\text{Max} \sum_{y \in Y} \sum_{s=1}^3 \text{days}_s \tau_{asy} f_{asy}$$

s.t.

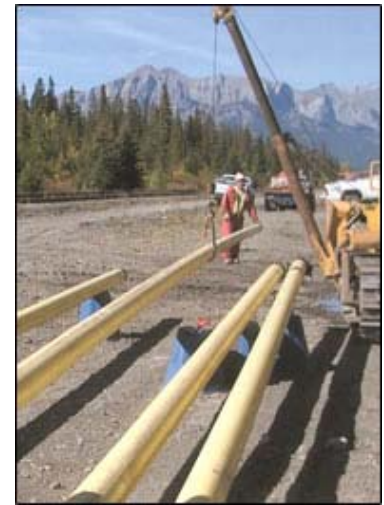
$$f_{asy} \leq \bar{f}_a \quad (\rho_{asy}) \quad \forall s, y$$

$$0 \leq f_{asy} \quad \forall s, y$$





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- ◆ KKT conditions are both necessary and sufficient for optimality
- ◆ These conditions are

$$0 \leq -days_s \tau_{asy} + \rho_{asy} \perp f_{asy} \geq 0 \quad \forall s, y$$

$$0 \leq \bar{f}_a - f_{asy} \perp \rho_{asy} \geq 0 \quad \forall s, y$$



# Producer's Problem (Convex Program)

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- ◆ Maximize production revenues less production costs  
s.t.
  - bounds on production rates
  - bounds on volume of gas produced



$$\text{Max} \sum_{y \in Y} \sum_{s=1}^3 \text{days}_s \pi_{nsy} q_{csy} - \text{days}_s c_c^{pr} (q_{csy})$$

s.t.

$$q_{csy} \leq \bar{q}_c \quad (\lambda_{csy}) \quad \forall s, y$$

$$\sum_{y \in Y} \sum_{s=1}^3 \text{days}_s q_{csy} \leq \text{prod}_c \quad (\mu_c)$$

$$0 \leq q_{csy} \quad \forall s, y$$



# Producer's Problem (Convex Program)

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- ◆ If cost function is convex, KKT conditions are both necessary and sufficient for optimality
- ◆ Necessity since polyhedral constraints
- ◆ These conditions are

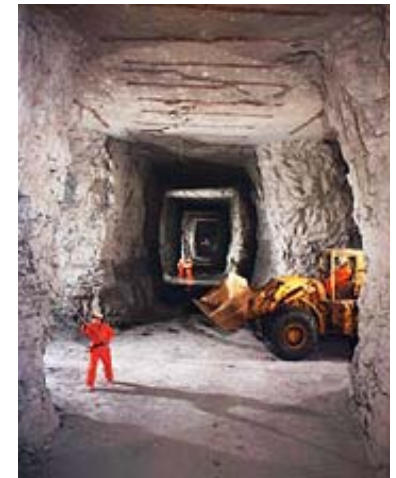
$$0 \leq -days_s \pi_{nsy} + days_s c_c^{Pr} (q_{csy})' + \lambda_{csy} + days_s \mu_c \perp q_{csy} \geq 0 \quad \forall s, y$$

$$0 \leq \bar{q}_c - q_{csy} \perp \lambda_{csy} \geq 0 \quad \forall s, y$$

$$0 \leq prod_c - \sum_{y \in Y} \sum_{s=1}^3 days_s q_{csy} \perp \mu_c \geq 0$$



# Storage Reservoir Operator's Problem (Convex Program)



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- ◆ Maximize net revenues from marketers less injection, long-distance transportation and congestion costs  
s.t.
  - volumetric bound on working gas
  - maximum extraction rate bound
  - maximum injection rate bound
  - annual injection-extraction balancing
  - nonnegativity of injection and extraction



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- ◆ If cost function is convex, KKT conditions are both necessary and sufficient for optimality
- ◆ Necessity since polyhedral constraints

**Max**

$$\sum_{y \in Y} \left[ days_2 \gamma_{n2y} x_{r2y} + days_3 \gamma_{n3y} x_{r3y} - days_1 c_r^{st} \left( \sum_{a \in A(n)} g_{ary} \right) - \sum_{a \in A(n)} days_1 (\tau_{aly} + \tau_{aly}^{reg} + \pi_{n_2(a)ly}) g_{ary} \right]$$

s.t.

$$days_2 x_{r2y} + days_3 x_{r3y} - days_1 \sum_{a \in A(n)} g_{ary} (1 - loss_a)(1 - loss_r) = 0 \quad (\delta_{ry}) \quad \forall y$$

$$x_{rsy} \leq \bar{x}_r \quad (\omega_{rsy}) \quad s = 2, 3, \forall y$$

$$\sum_{a \in A(n)} g_{ary} \leq \bar{g}_r \quad (\xi_{ry}) \quad \forall y$$

$$\sum_{s=2,3} days_s x_{rsy} \leq \bar{k}_r \quad (\zeta_{ry}) \quad \forall y$$

$$0 \leq g_{ary} \quad \forall a \in A(n), x_{r2y}, x_{r3y} \quad \forall y$$



# Marketer/Shipper's Problem (Convex Program)

Marketer/Shipper



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- ◆ Maximize net demand sector revenues less, local delivered costs from storage and peak supply, long-distance cost from producers, congestion costs (inverse demand equations by sectors used)  
s.t.
  - pipeline gas consistency
  - storage gas consistency
  - nonnegativity of gas supplies (pipeline, storage, peak)



# Marketer/Shipper's Problem (Convex Program)

- ◆ If revenue functions concave, KKT conditions are both necessary and sufficient for optimality
- ◆ Necessity since polyhedral constraints

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Max} \sum_{y \in Y} \sum_{k \in K} & \left[ \text{days}_1 \theta_{n1y}^k (h_{m1y}^k + h_{-m1y}^{k*}) h_{m1y}^k + \text{days}_2 \theta_{n2y}^k (h_{m2y}^k + h_{-m2y}^{k*} + u_{m2y}^k + u_{-m2y}^{k*}) (h_{m2y}^k + u_{m2y}^k) + \right. \\ & \left. \text{days}_3 \theta_{n3y}^k (h_{m3y}^k + h_{-m3y}^{k*} + u_{m3y}^k + u_{-m3y}^{k*} + v_{my}^k + v_{-my}^{k*}) (h_{m3y}^k + u_{m3y}^k + v_{my}^k) \right] \\ & - \sum_{y \in Y} \left[ \left( \sum_{s=1}^3 \sum_{a \in A(n)} \text{days}_s (\tau_{asy} + \tau_{asy}^{\text{reg}} + \pi_{n_2(a)sy}) h_{amsy} \right) + \text{days}_2 \gamma_{n2y} u_{m2y} + \text{days}_3 \gamma_{n3y} u_{m3y} + \text{days}_3 \beta_{ny} v_{my} \right] \end{aligned}$$

s.t.

$$\sum_{k \in K} \text{days}_s h_{msy}^k - \sum_{a \in A(n)} \text{days}_s (1 - \text{loss}_a) h_{amsy} = 0 \quad (\alpha_{msy}) \quad \forall s, y$$

$$\sum_{k \in K} \text{days}_s u_{msy}^k - \text{days}_s u_{msy} = 0 \quad (\phi_{msy}) \quad \forall s = 2, 3, \forall y$$

$$\sum_{k \in K} \text{days}_3 v_{my}^k - \text{days}_3 v_{my} = 0 \quad (\varphi_{my}) \quad \forall y$$

$$0 \leq h_{msy}^k \quad \forall k, s, y$$

$$0 \leq h_{amsy} \quad \forall a \in A(n), s, y$$

$$0 \leq u_{msy}^k \quad \forall k, s = 2, 3, y$$

$$0 \leq u_{msy} \quad \forall s = 2, 3, y$$

$$0 \leq v_{my}^k, 0 \leq v_{my} \quad \forall y$$

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- ◆ Maximize net revenues from marketers less peak gas costs  
s.t.
  - maximum peak gas supply upper bound
  - nonnegative peak gas supply and deliveries





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$$\text{Max} \sum_{y \in Y} \text{days}_3 (\beta_{ny} w_{py} - c_p^{pg}(w_{py}))$$

s.t.

$$w_{py} \leq \bar{w}_p \quad (\sigma_{py}) \quad \forall y$$

$$0 \leq w_{py} \quad \forall y$$



# Resulting Nonlinear Complementarity Problem

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- ◆ Apply Karush-Kuhn-Tucker Optimality conditions for the optimization problems faced by the
  - Pipeline operators, producers, storage operators, marketers, peak gas suppliers
  - Market clearing conditions
  - Existence & uniqueness results for mixed NCP version as well as model formulation discussion
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# North American Numerical Study

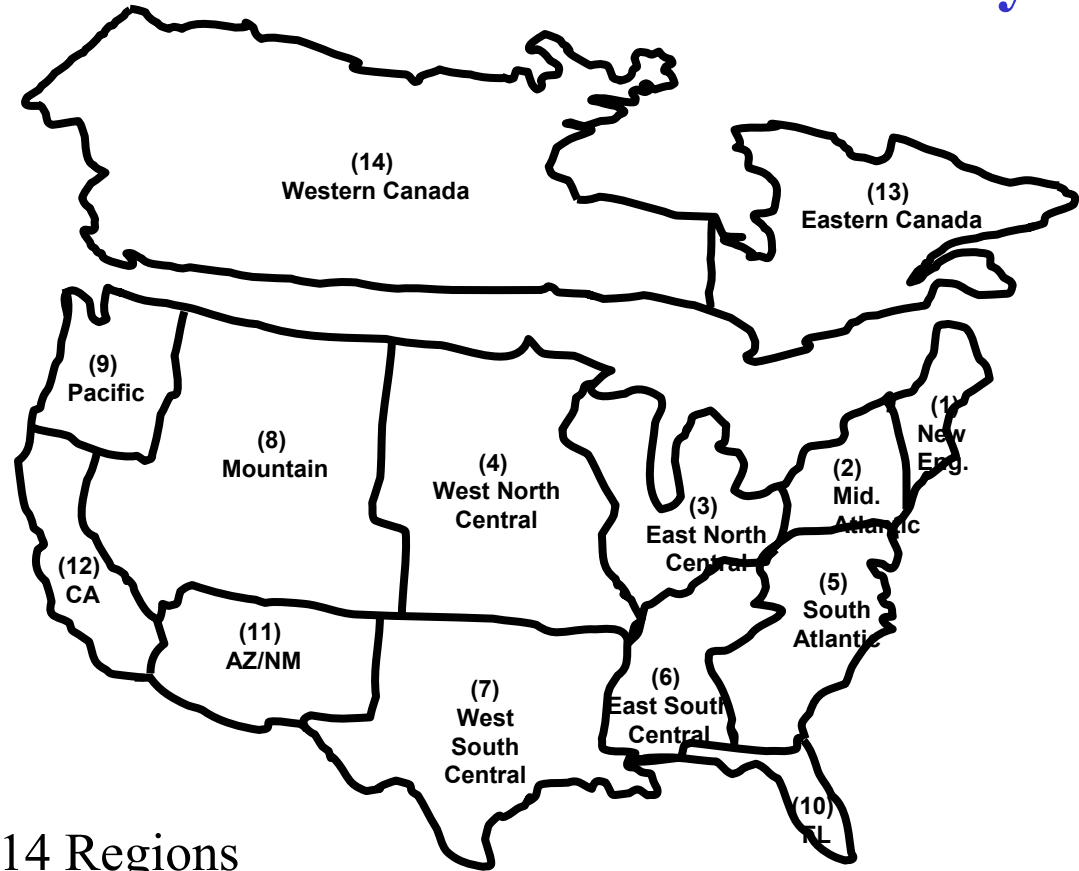
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- ◆ Total 14 Regions
- ◆ US portion based on US DOE natural gas regions

1 New England	2 Mid Atlantic	3 E. North Central	4 W. North Central	5 South Atlantic	6 E. South Central	7 W. South Central	8 Mountain	9 Pacific	10 Florida	11 AZ/NM	12 CA
CT	NJ	IL	IA	DE	AL	AR	CO	OR	FL	AZ	CA
ME	NY	IN	KS	DC	KY	LA	ID	WA		NM	
MA	PA	MI	MN	GA	MS	OK	MT				
NH		OH	MO	MD	TN	TX	NV				
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# National Petroleum Council (NPC) Study

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- ◆ Investigations of the ongoing and future operations
- ◆ Requirements of the U.S. oil and gas industries
- ◆ Statistical studies descriptive of these industries
- ◆ Delineations of the U.S. oil and gas resource base
- ◆ Comprehensive analyses of the domestic energy
- ◆ Supply/Demand Situation
- ◆ Examine other evolving market conditions that may affect the potential for natural gas demand, supplies and delivery through 2025
- ◆ The current policy direction - unaltered - will likely lead to difficult conditions in the natural gas market, but industries, government, and consumers will react
- ◆ Therefore, this study assumes action beyond the status quo



# NPC Study

## Two Paths Beyond Status Quo



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### 1. Reactive Path Scenario

Public Policies Remain in Conflict, Encouraging Consumption while Inhibiting Supply ... Resulting in Higher Prices and Volatility.

### 2. Balanced Future Scenario

Public policies aligned: alternate fuels and new natural gas supply sources compete to ensure lowest consumer cost.



# NPC Study Potential Price Ranges

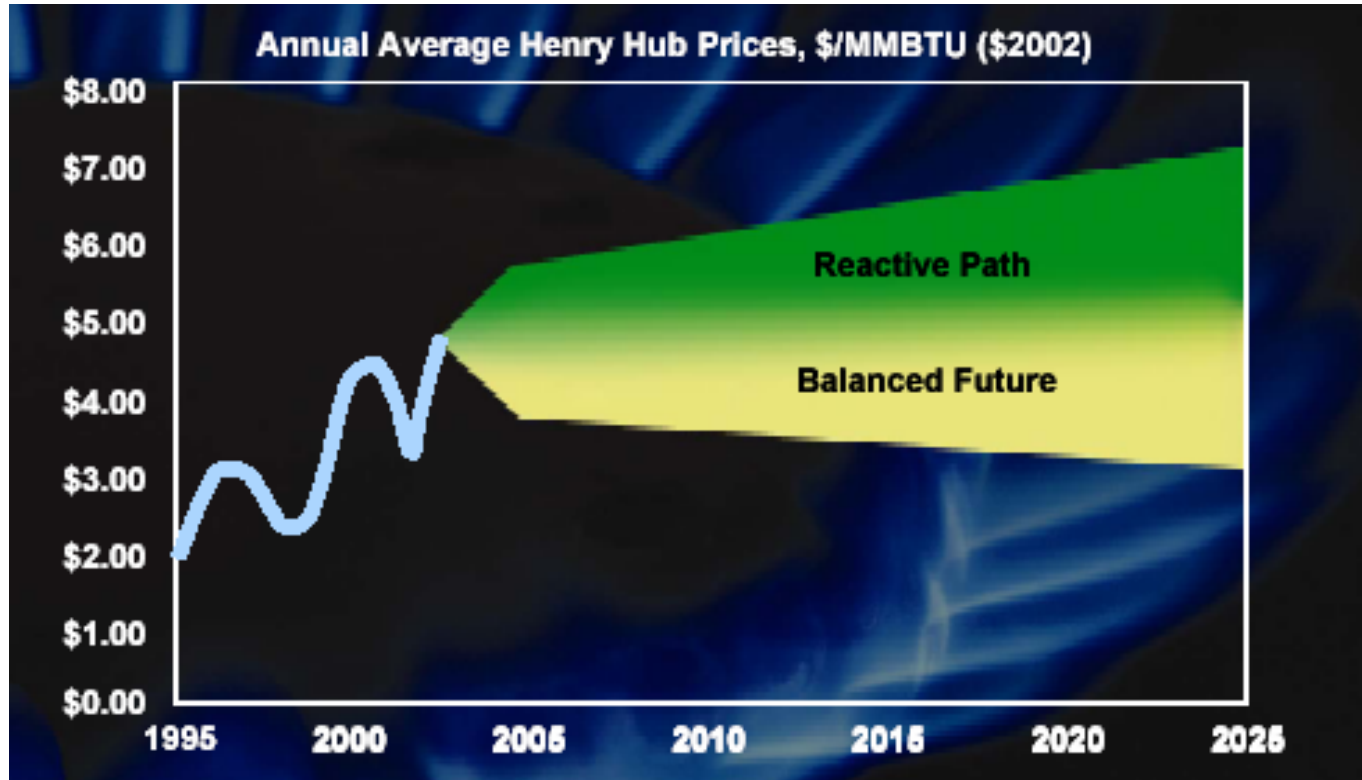
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Sources: NPC 2003



# NPC Study Interpretation

## Summary of Demand and Supply Annual Percentage Changes for Each Case

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	Demand Sectors Growth or Decline				Supply Growth	
<b>Reactive Path</b>	Res.	Com.	Ind.	Elec. Power	Prod.	LNG
	0.75%	0.81%	-1.00%	1.90%	0.80%	25.99%
<b>Balanced Future</b>	Res.	Com.	Ind.	Elec. Power	Prod.	LNG
	0.51%	0.89%	-0.74%	1.70%	0.93%	28.49%

*\* Demand percentage changes are actual figures from the NPC study, supply values are estimated based on graphs.*

- ◆ Base Cases, 2002: Nash-Cournot and Perfectly Competitive Marketiers
- ◆ Balanced Future Cases, 2008: Nash-Cournot & Perfectly Competitive Marketiers
- ◆ Reactive Path Cases, 2008: Nash-Cournot & Perfectly Competitive Marketiers



# Market Participants by Region

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Region	Production	Storage	Marketers	Peak Gas
<b>1. New England</b>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>	<b>2</b>	Yes
<b>2. Mid Atlantic</b>	Yes	Yes	<b>2</b>	Yes
<b>3. East North Central</b>	Yes	Yes	<b>2</b>	Yes
<b>4. West North Central</b>	Yes	Yes	<b>2</b>	Yes
<b>5. South Atlantic</b>	Yes	Yes	<b>2</b>	Yes
<b>6. East South Central</b>	Yes	Yes	<b>2</b>	Yes
<b>7. West South Central</b>	Yes	Yes	<b>2</b>	Yes
<b>8. Mountain</b>	Yes	Yes	<b>2</b>	Yes
<b>9. Pacific</b>	Yes	Yes	<b>2</b>	Yes
<b>10. Florida</b>	Yes	<i>No</i>	<b>2</b>	<i>No</i>
<b>11. Arizona/New Mexico</b>	Yes	Yes	<b>2</b>	<i>No</i>
<b>12. California</b>	Yes	Yes	<b>2</b>	Yes
<b>13. Eastern Canada</b>	Yes	Yes	<b>2</b>	Yes
<b>14. Western Canada</b>	Yes	Yes	<b>2</b>	Yes





# Model Calibration Accuracy

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- ◆ Investigations of the calibration dataset used
  - Gas Demand Quantity for all 4 sectors
  - Gas Price (Production, City Gate and End User)
  - Capacity (Pipeline, Production, Storage, and Peak Gas)
  - Transportation Costs
  - Sources of Calibration Information Used (Yr. 2002):
    - Energy Information Administration (EIA) of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)
    - Natural Resources Canada (NRCAN)



# Calibration Accuracy for Base Case 2002\*

## Calibration Price Accuracy Table:

Region	Production	City Gate	Res. Demand	Comm. Demand	Ind. Demand	Power Demand
USA	7.49 %	1.50 %	0.10 %	0.62 %	0.44 %	2.47 %
Canada	10.49 %	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

## Calibration Quantity Accuracy Table:

Region	Production	Res. Demand	Comm. Demand	Ind. Demand	Power Demand
USA	4.66 %	-0.55 %	-0.62 %	-0.90 %	-0.63 %
Canada	-2.22 %	0.72 %	0.22%	0.14 %	0.69 %

\* Calibration Accuracy Based on Comparison Between Base Case and EIA & NRCAN Data

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# Supply and Demand Functions Used

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Function	Function Forms	Example
Producer Costs (Producer $c$ for season $s$ and year $y$ )	Quadratic	$\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x + \frac{1}{2} \alpha_2 x^2$
Storage Operator Costs (Operator $r$ for season $s$ and year $y$ )	Quadratic	$\beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \frac{1}{2} \beta_2 x^2$
Peak Gas Operator Costs (Operator $p$ for season $s$ and year $y$ )	Quadratic	$\gamma_0 + \gamma_1 x + \frac{1}{2} \gamma_2 x^2$
Inverse Demand (Sector $k$ for season $s$ and year $y$ )	Linear	$A - B\theta$



# Computational Statistics

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- ◆ Computational and Modeling Aspects
  - LCP with 4298 variables all together
  - Solver: GAMS/PATH
  - Computer: 2.80 GHz Intel® Pentium® 4 Processor and 1.0GB of memory
  - Typical solution times for each case
  - About 25 seconds to read the input from an EXCEL file
  - 10 to 100 seconds for GAMS/PATH to solve the model depending on the parameter settings and cases solved
  - About 8 seconds to write the output to another EXCEL file
  - About 3-4 months to calibrate the Base Case!



# Base Case- Nash Cournot (NC) vs. Base Case Perfect Competition (PC)

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		BC-NC	BC - PC	% diff.
<b>Producers</b>	Wellhead Prices (\$/Mcf)	\$ 3.49	\$ 4.39	-20.62%
	Production (MMcf)	21,449,980	22,410,085	-4.28%
	Profits (1000\$)	40,999,255	64,320,640	-36.26%
<b>Storage Operators</b>	Gas Prices (\$/Mcf)	\$ 3.96	\$ 5.08	-22.05%
	Extraction (MMcf)	1,806,400	2,854,332	-36.71%
	Profits (1000\$)	70,325	159,069	-55.79%
<b>Peak Gas Operators</b>	Gas Prices (\$/Mcf)	\$ 4.22	\$ 5.20	-18.85%
	Supply(MMcf)	241,644	241,644	0.00%
	Profits (1000\$)	673,754	908,682	-25.85%
<b>Marketers</b>	Profits (1000\$)	39,050,713	0	n/a
<b>End-user Prices</b>				
	RD	\$ 7.98	\$ 5.22	52.70%
	CD	\$ 6.79	\$ 5.18	30.99%
	ID	\$ 4.54	\$ 4.46	1.76%
	ED	\$ 3.88	\$ 4.11	-5.66%
<b>Consumption (MMcf)</b>	RD	5,070,051	6,752,150	-24.91%
	CD	3,359,012	4,326,044	-22.35%
	ID	7,791,256	7,666,899	1.62%
	ED	5,332,594	3,744,228	42.42%
<b>Pipeline</b>				
	Regulated Income (1000\$)	8,477,208.21	9,395,139.17	-9.77%
	Congestion Income (1000\$)	7,896,513.94	6,611,806.11	19.43%



# Balanced Future Nash Cournot (NC) vs. Balanced Future Perfect Competition (PC)

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		BF-NC	BF - PC	% diff.
<b>Producers</b>	Wellhead Prices (\$/Mcf)	\$ 3.60	\$ 4.45	-19.10%
	Production (MMcf)	21,596,952	22,834,094	-5.42%
	Profits (1000\$)	42,648,106	64,262,676	-33.63%
<b>Storage Operators</b>	Gas Prices (\$/Mcf)	\$ 4.03	\$ 5.10	-20.98%
	Extraction (MMcf)	1,532,182	2,478,187	-38.17%
	Profits (1000\$)	48,105	152,930	-68.54%
<b>Peak Gas Operators</b>	Gas Prices (\$/Mcf)	\$ 3.57	\$ 4.72	-24.36%
	Supply(MMcf)	1,076,855	1165085.298	-7.57%
	Profits (1000\$)	1,514,677	2,827,067	-46.42%
<b>Marketers</b>	Profits (1000\$)	42,832,340	0	n/a
<b>End-user Prices</b>	RD	\$ 8.06	\$ 5.26	53.39%
	CD	\$ 7.03	\$ 5.22	34.60%
	ID	\$ 4.56	\$ 4.52	0.97%
	ED	\$ 4.19	\$ 4.20	-0.15%
<b>Consumption (MMcf)</b>	RD	5,330,381	7,169,293	-25.65%
	CD	3,712,096	4,871,733	-23.80%
	ID	6,351,427	5,438,908	16.78%
	ED	7,138,690	6,358,119	12.28%
<b>Pipeline</b>	Regulated Income (1000\$)	8,504,341.30	9,594,763.95	-11.36%
	Congestion Income (1000\$)	9,120,153.98	9,030,300.89	1.00%



# Base Case, Balanced Future, and Reactive Path Nash Cournot Cases

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		Base Case	Balanced Future	Reactive Path
<b>Producers</b>	Wellhead Prices (\$/Mcf)	\$ 3.49	3.21%	3.50%
	Production (MMcf)	21,449,980	0.69%	0.66%
	Profits (1000\$)	40,999,255	4.02%	4.46%
<b>Storage Operators</b>	Gas Prices (\$/Mcf)	\$ 3.96	1.77%	1.77%
	Extraction (MMcf)	1,806,400	-15.18%	-13.87%
	Profits (1000\$)	70,325	-31.60%	-25.52%
<b>Peak Gas Operators</b>	Gas Prices (\$/Mcf)	\$ 4.22	-15.40%	-12.09%
	Supply(MMcf)	241,644	345.64%	311.45%
	Profits (1000\$)	673,754	124.81%	136.36%
<b>Marketers</b>	Profits (1000\$)	39,050,713	9.68%	10.88%
<b>End-user Prices</b>	RD	\$ 7.98	1.11%	2.55%
	CD	\$ 6.79	3.48%	3.32%
	ID	\$ 4.54	0.52%	0.04%
	ED	\$ 3.88	8.15%	9.26%
<b>Consumption (MMcf)</b>	RD	5,070,051	5.13%	7.78%
	CD	3,359,012	10.51%	9.11%
	ID	7,791,256	-18.48%	-23.90%
	ED	5,332,594	33.87%	38.50%
<b>Pipeline</b>	Regulated Income (1000\$)	8,477,208.21	0.32%	0.55%
	Congestion Income (1000\$)	7,896,513.94	15.50%	16.35%

Case Comparison, % diff. with Base Case



# Balanced Future and Reactive Path Cases Not Much Different for ID, ED

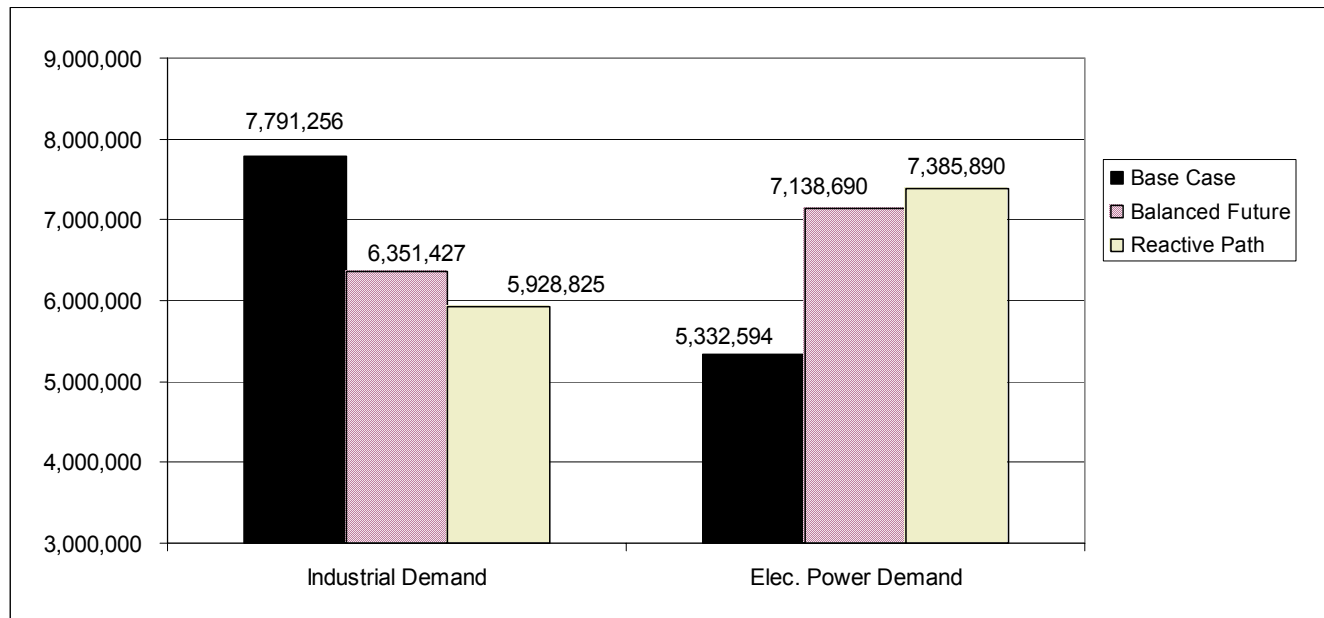
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Comparison of Industrial and Electric Power Demand (MMcf)





## Future Work and References

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- ◆ Adding stochasticity to the market player problems
  - Model formulation and solution (**Denver 2004 INFORMS meeting, marketers have chance constraints, ongoing work to consider recourse with the spot market**)
  - Mathematical analysis including existence & uniqueness results (**some improvements for deterministic case, stochastic case ongoing**)
  - Decomposition methods (e.g., Benders, Dantzig-Wolfe)
- ◆ Using micro-level approach for demand and/or supply functions
  - Certain modules are “black boxes”, hard to generate data
  - US DOE NEMS model, ICF Consulting’s GSAM model



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