

# Learning to Observe the Grid

Machine Learning for Distribution System State Estimation

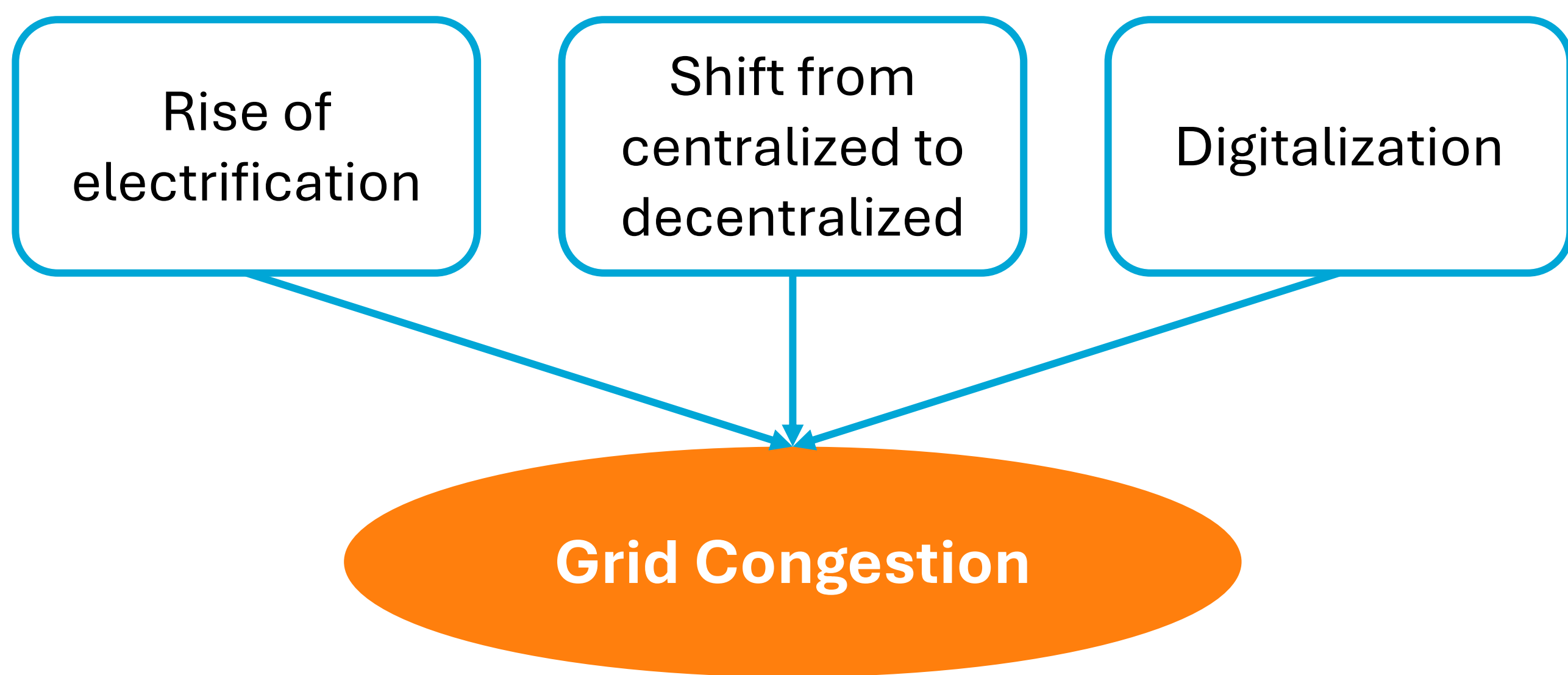
Under Limited and Uncertain Data

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## The Distribution System



## Challenges

Uncertain Measurements  
Limited Sensor Coverage  
High Variability

Traditional DSSE Methods fail

## Grid measurements $z$

- Node Powers
- Power Flows
- Voltage Magnitudes

Variations  $\sigma^2$



Grid state  $x$

- Node Voltages in **all** Nodes
- Reliable and complete Data

Measurement model:

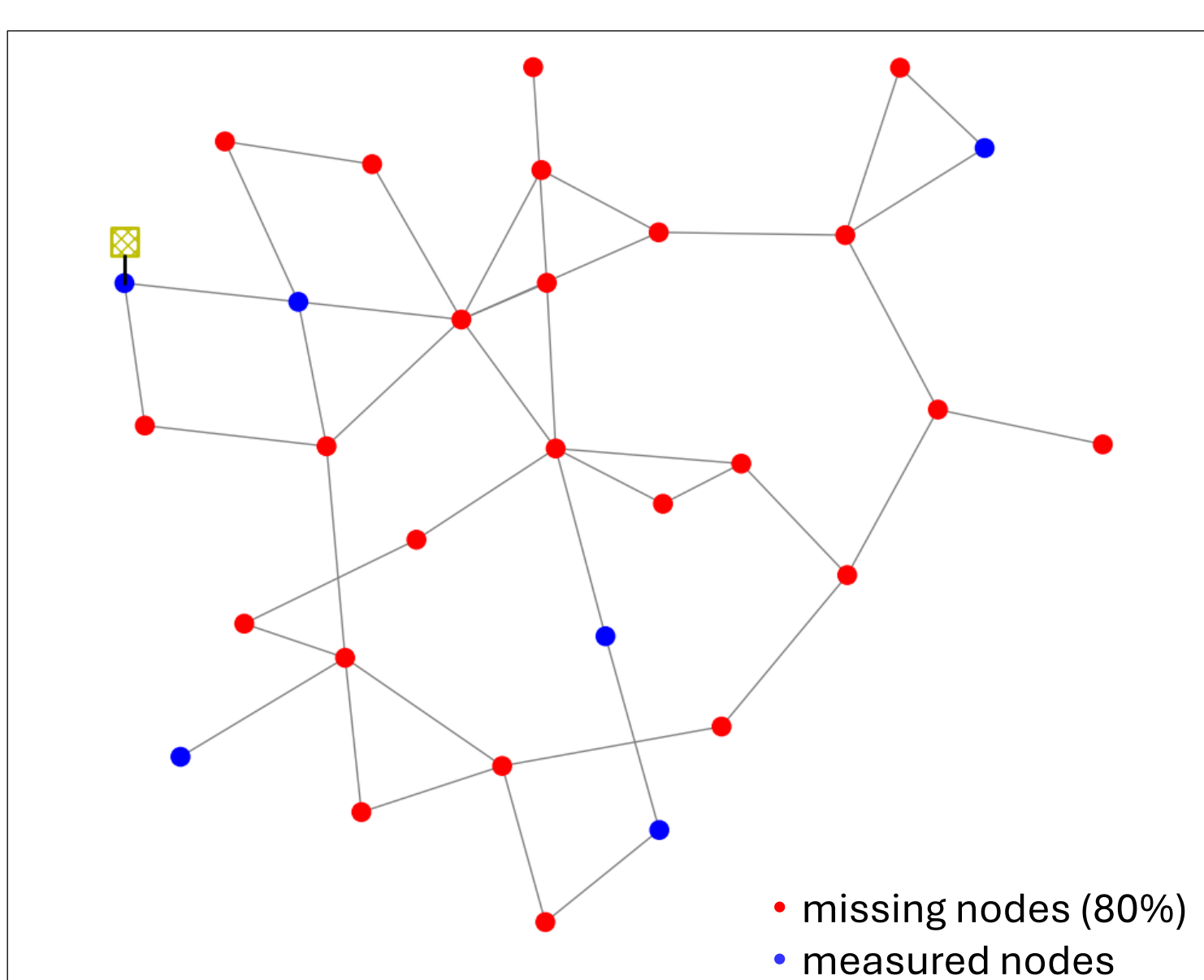
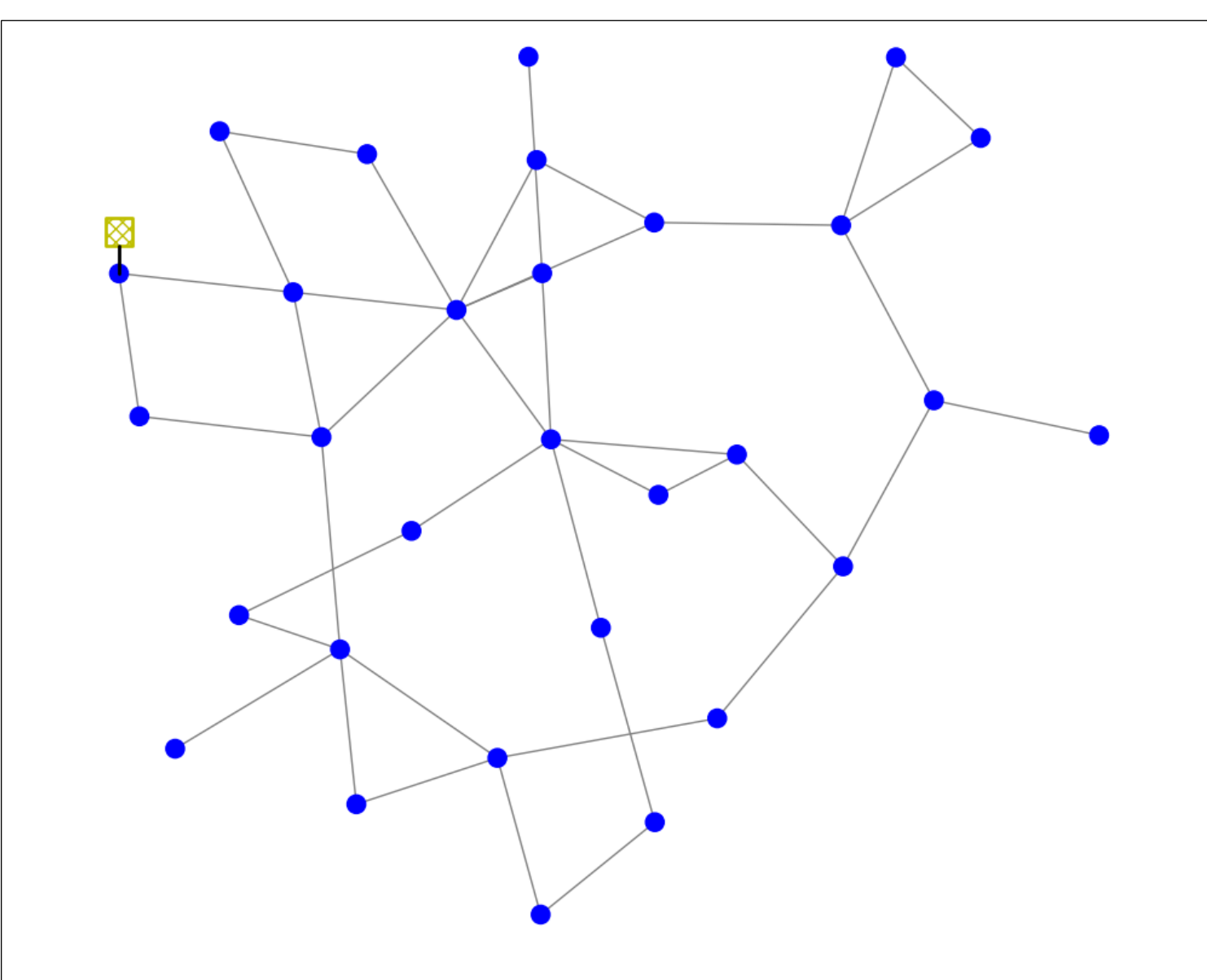
$$\underline{z} = h(\underline{x}) + \underline{v}$$

$h$ : Set of nonlinear equations  
 $v$ : unknown measurement errors

## Open Questions

- How can **uncertainty** in state estimation be defined and quantified in operational terms?
- How should **synthetic data** (pseudo-measurements) be handled to avoid false confidence?
- What level of **accuracy** is acceptable for use in **real-time** grid planning and control?
- What is needed to support **long-term** resilience planning and investment decisions based on DSSE?

## Preliminary Case Study on IEEE 30-bus system



### GNN Architecture

