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Solutions for the integration of ancillary services from demand side  
management and distributed generation

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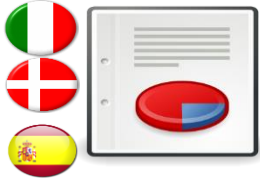
# A simulation environment for analyzing ancillary services from distribution grids

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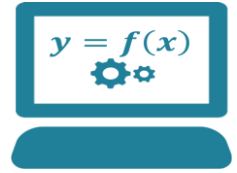


***Development of realistic 2030 scenarios for the three reference countries***



Italian case presented as example

***Development of a simulation platform for the comparison of TSO-DSO coordination schemes***



Presentation of the simulator working principles



***Simulation of the potential distribution system contribution to ancillary services***

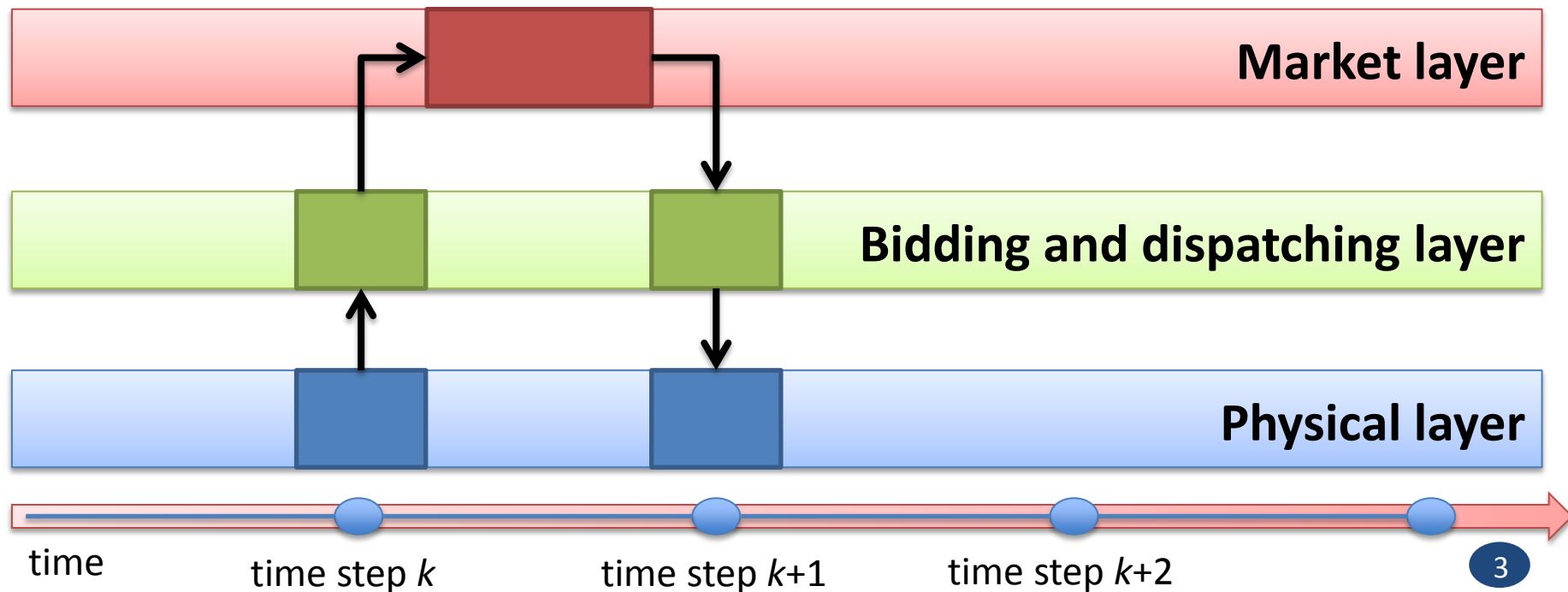


Simulation of real-time balancing market and congestion management



# How the simulator works

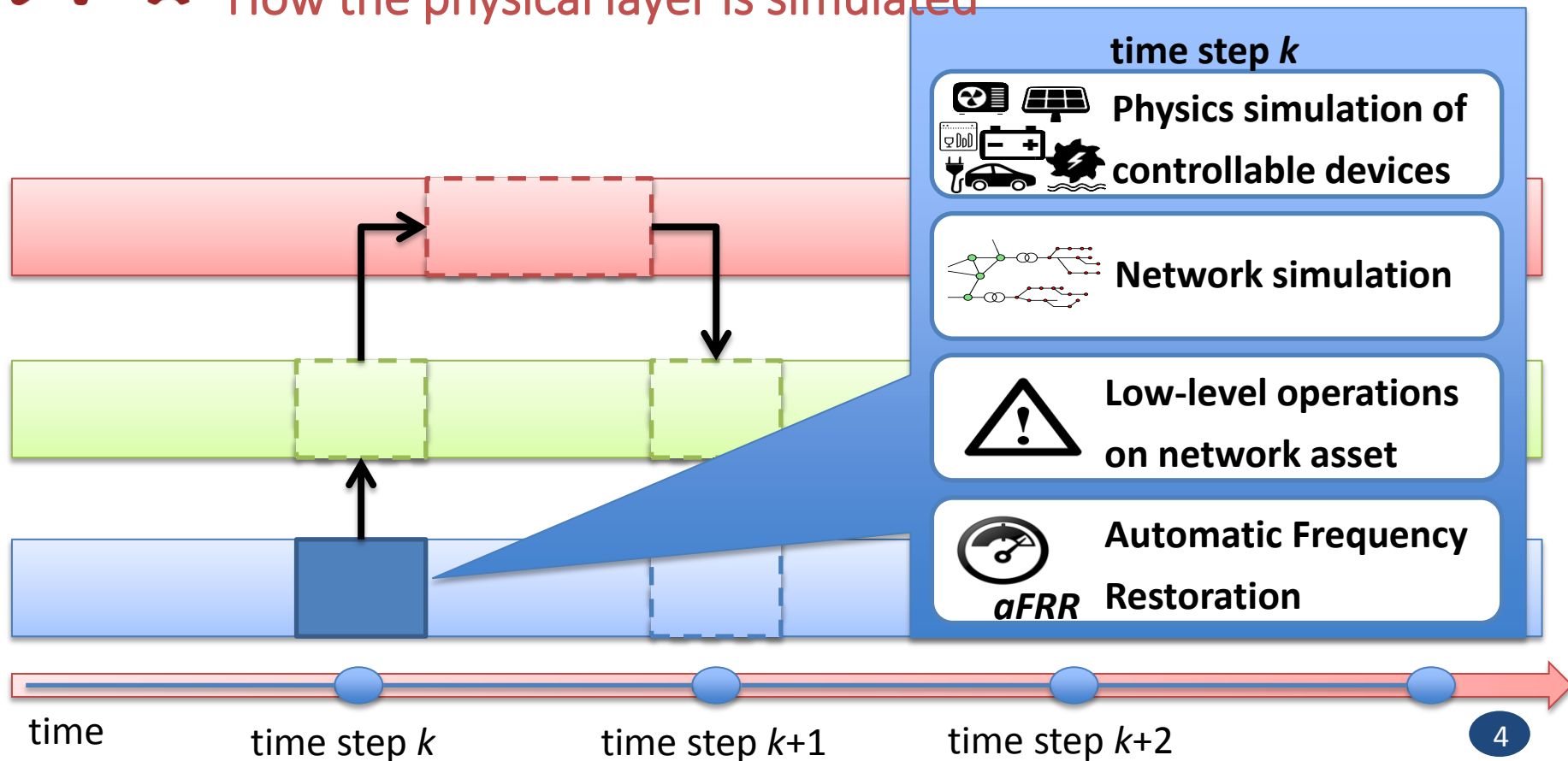
## Simulation based on three layers





# How the simulator works

## How the physical layer is simulated

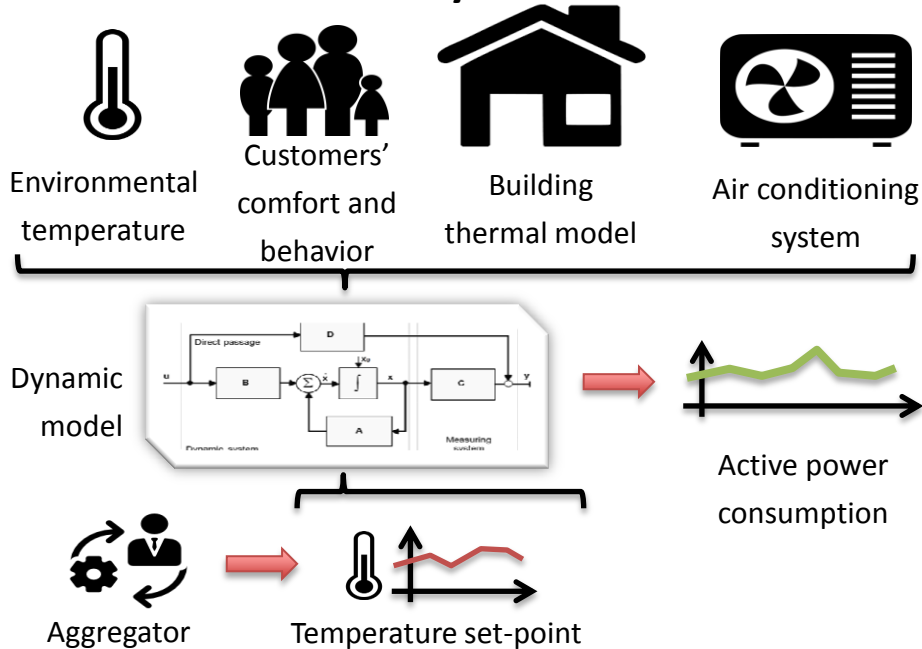




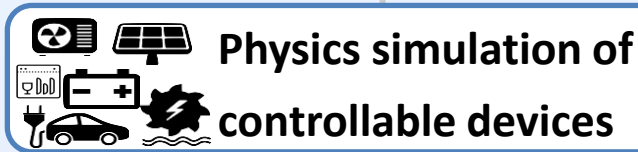
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## How the physical layer is simulated

### Thermostatically Controlled Load



time step  $k$



time

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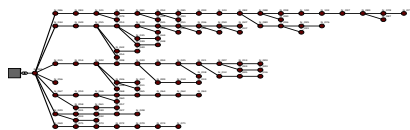
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### Distribution Network Simulation



Collection of the power exchange of each device

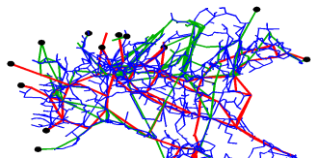


Power flow of the distribution network

### Transmission Network Simulation



Power exchange of large devices and distribution networks

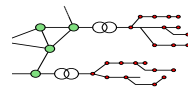


Power flow of the transmission network

time step  $k$



Physics simulation of controllable devices



**Network simulation**



Low-level operations on network asset



*aFRR*

Automatic Frequency Restoration

time

time step  $k$

time step  $k+1$

time step  $k+2$



# How the simulator works

## How the physical layer is simulated

### Low-level network management operations

Network management in case of critical situations



Automatic response of network asset



Network topology reconfiguration



Failure of a device and/or network component (trip of protections)



Overvoltage and/or overloading of network buses and lines

time step  $k$



Physics simulation of controllable devices



Network simulation



**Low-level operations on network asset**



*aFRR*

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# How the simulator works

## How the physical layer is simulated

### Automatic Frequency Restoration (aFRR)

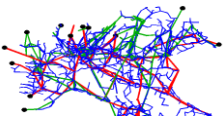
In case of imbalance, automatic controllers promptly activate reserves in order to mitigate it.  
(the reserves will be restored later by balancing market)



Instantaneous imbalance  
level calculation



Activation of resources by  
means of a control signal



Re-simulation of the  
network

time step  $k$



Physics simulation of  
controllable devices



Network simulation



Low-level operations  
on network asset



Automatic Frequency  
Restoration

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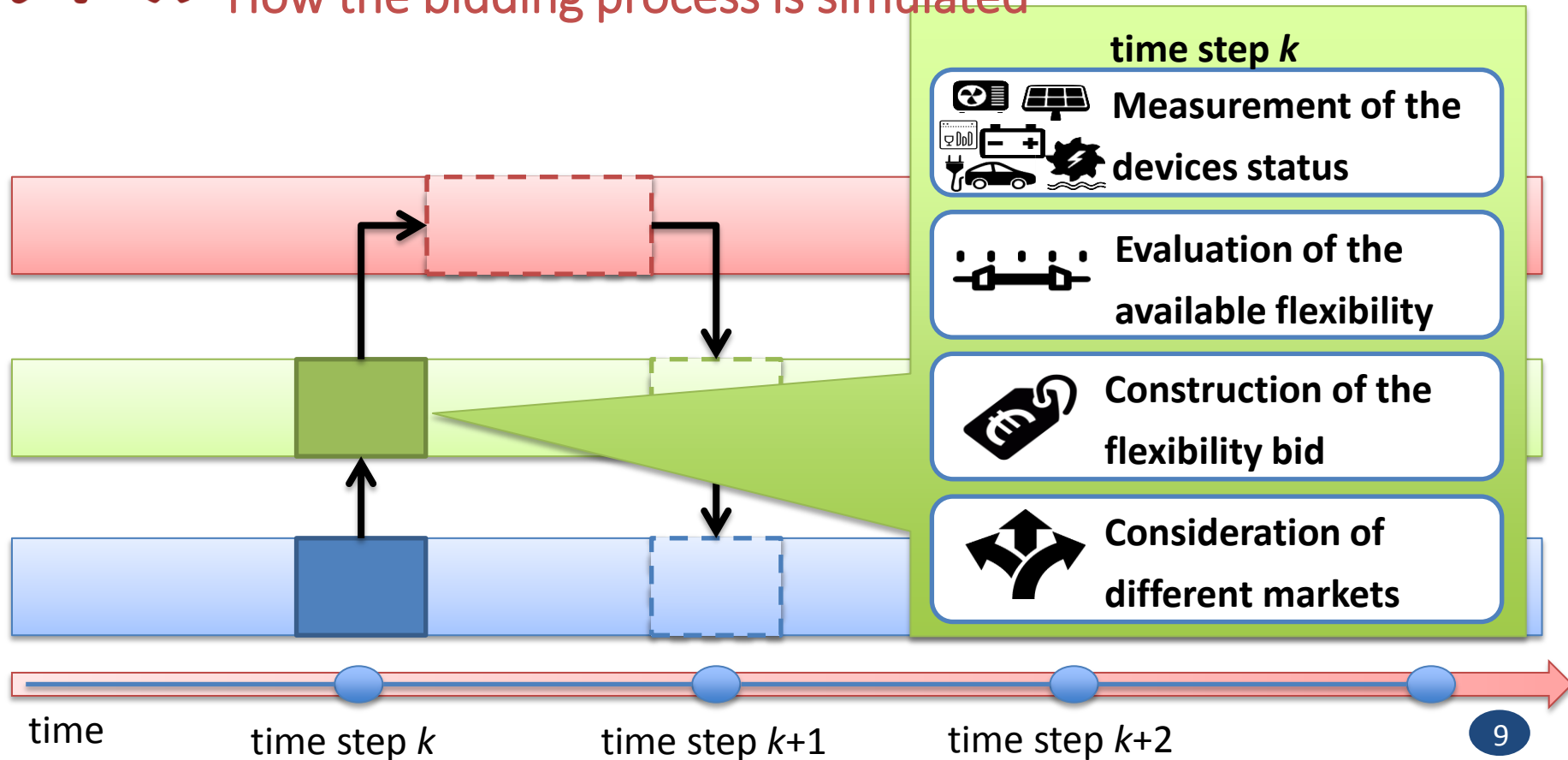
time step  $k+2$





# How the simulator works

## How the bidding process is simulated



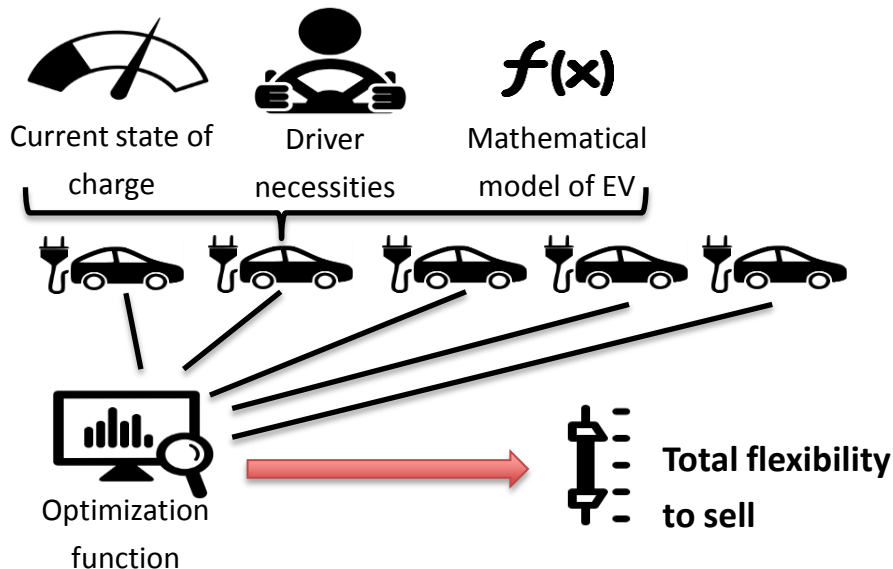


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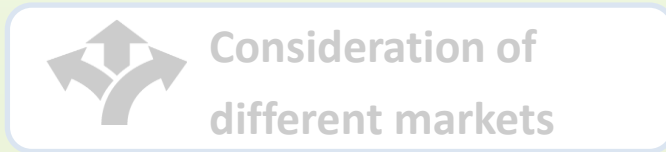
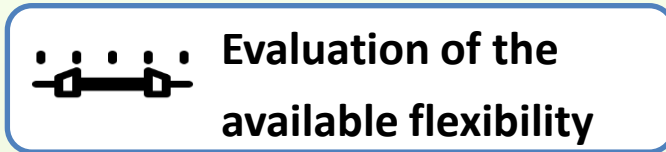
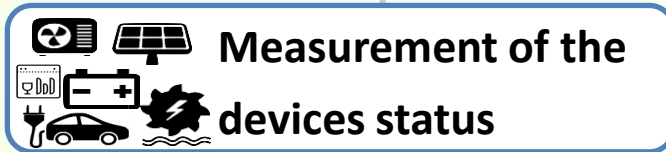
## How the bidding process is simulated

### Measurement of the devices status

(electric vehicle)



time step  $k$



time

time step  $k$

time step  $k+1$

time step  $k+2$

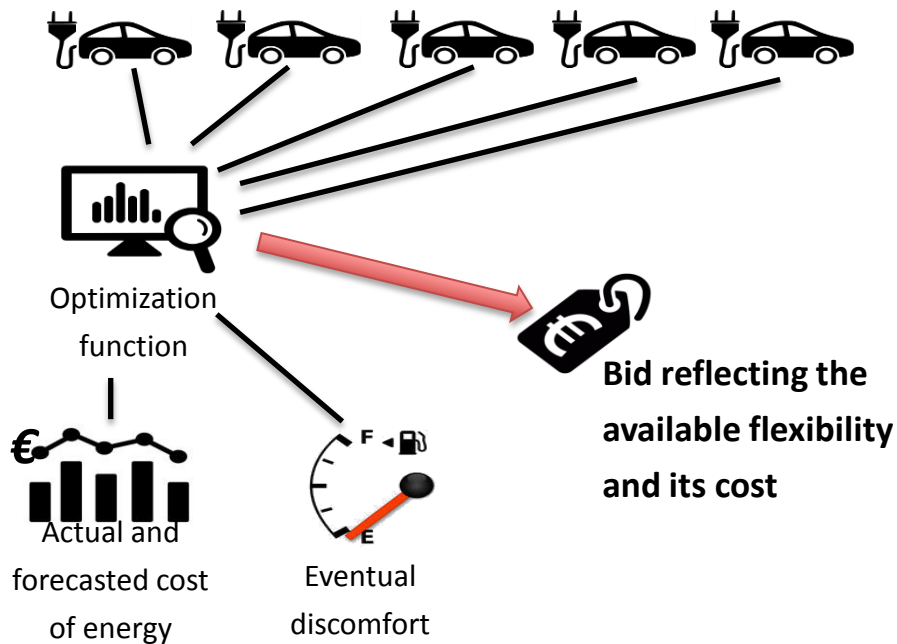
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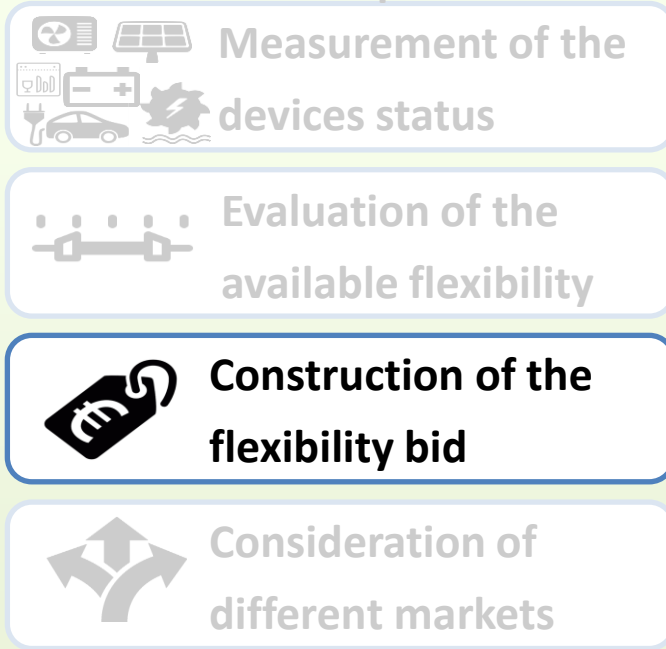
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## How the bidding process is simulated

### Construction of the bid



### time step $k$



time

time step  $k$

time step  $k+1$

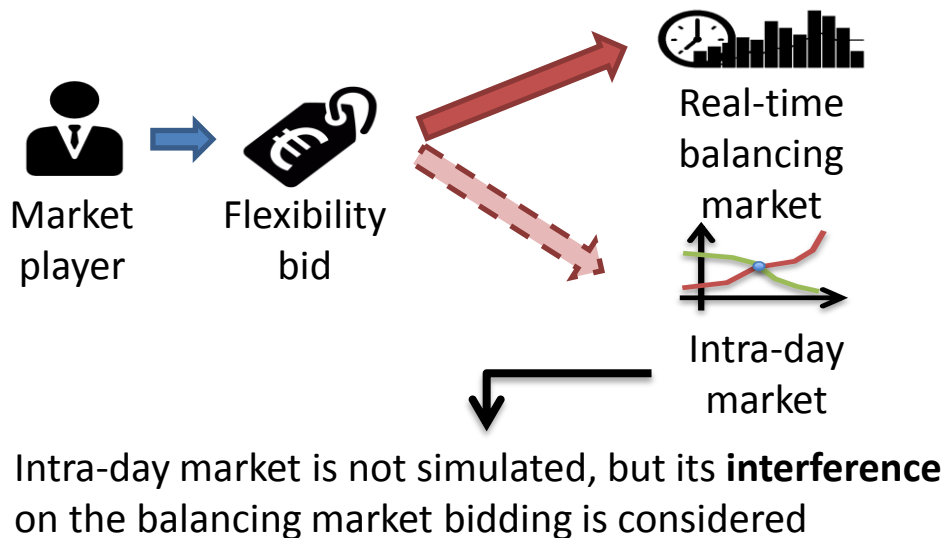
time step  $k+2$



# How the simulator works

## How the bidding process is simulated

### Market arbitrage



### time step $k$

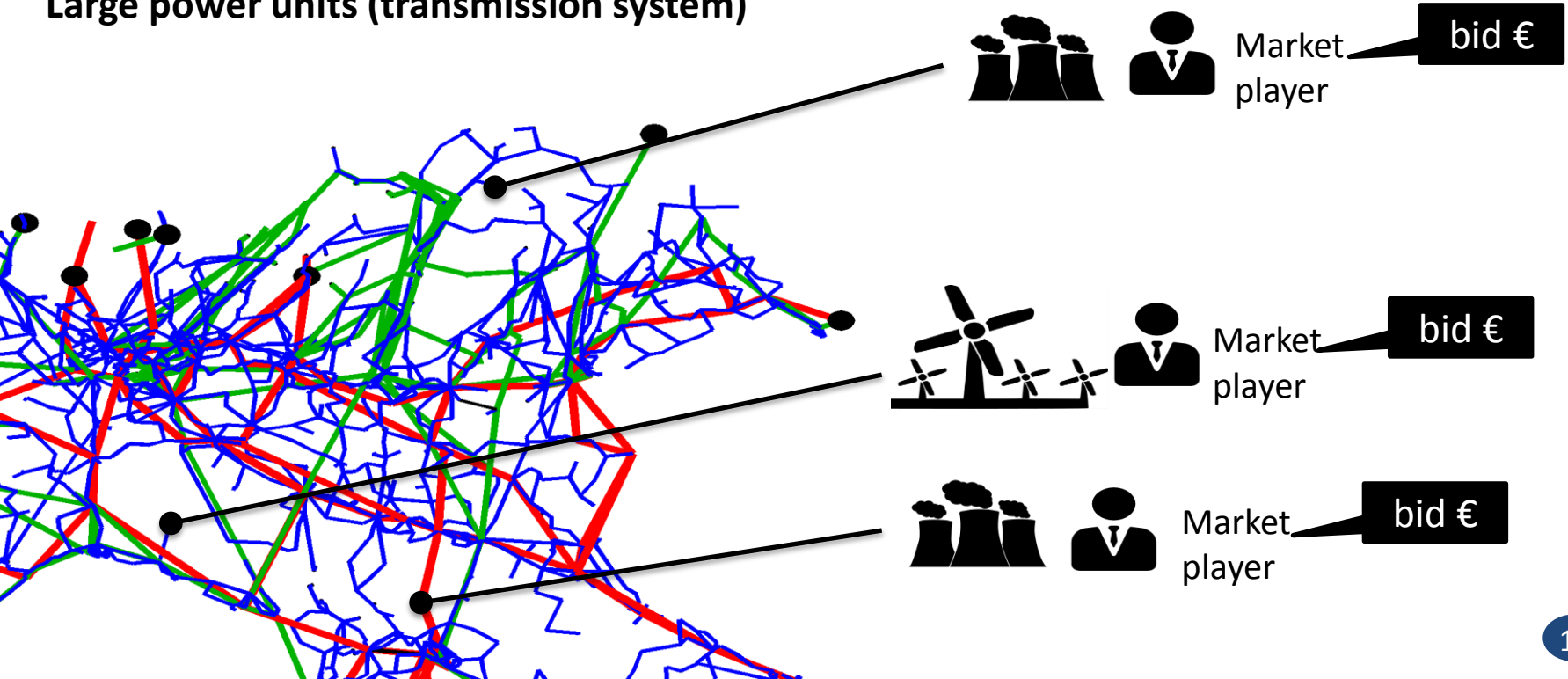




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## How the bidding process is simulated

Large power units (transmission system)

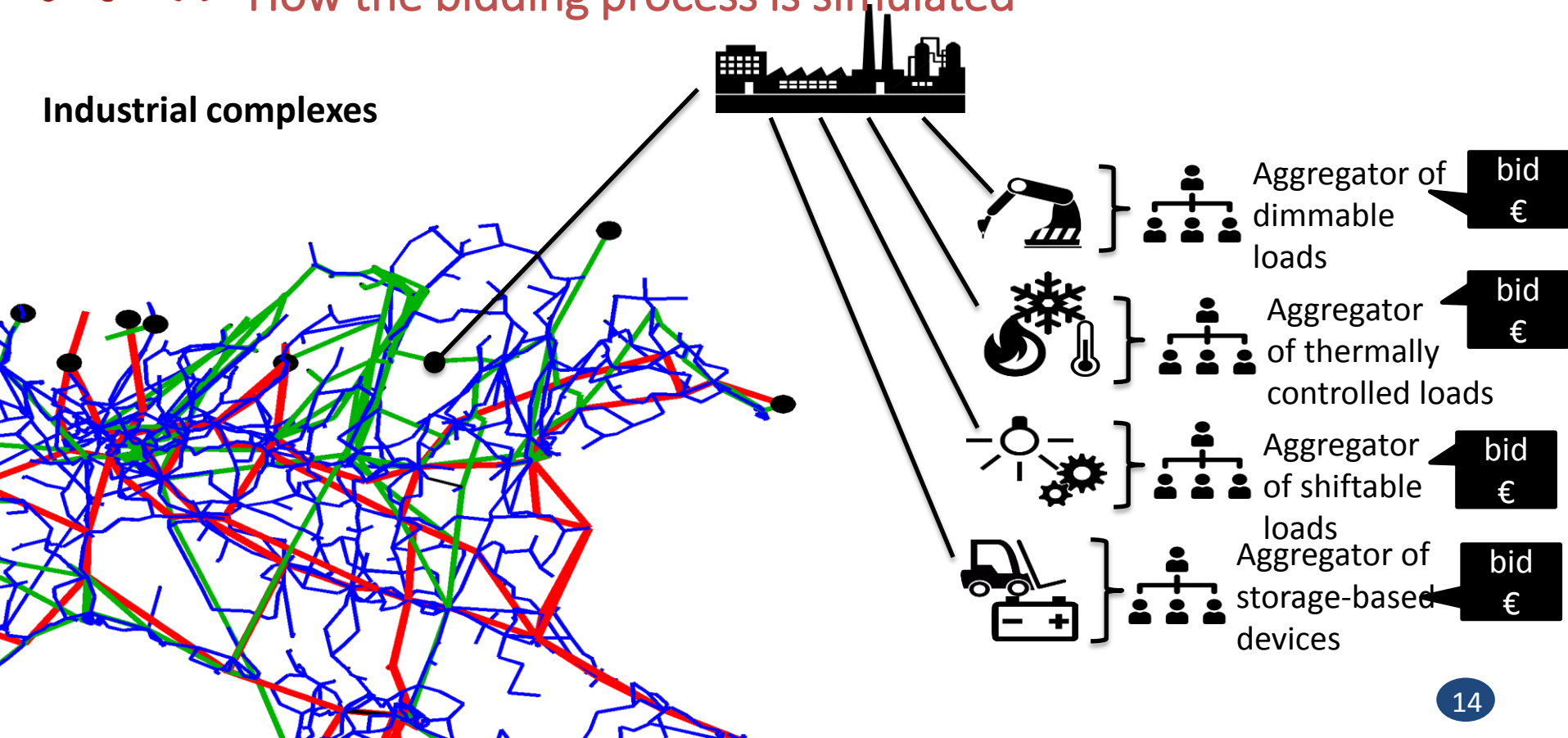




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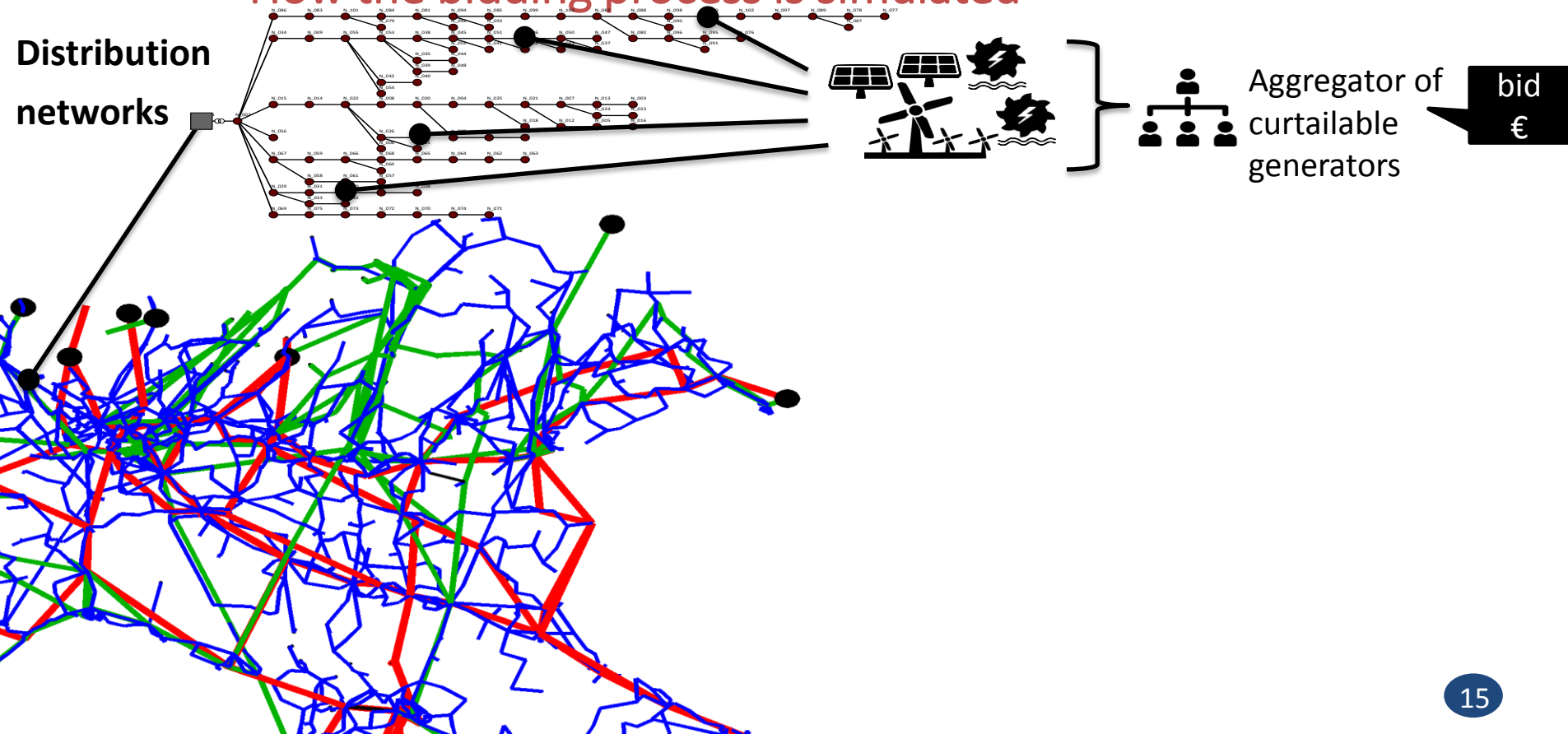
Industrial complexes





# How the simulator works

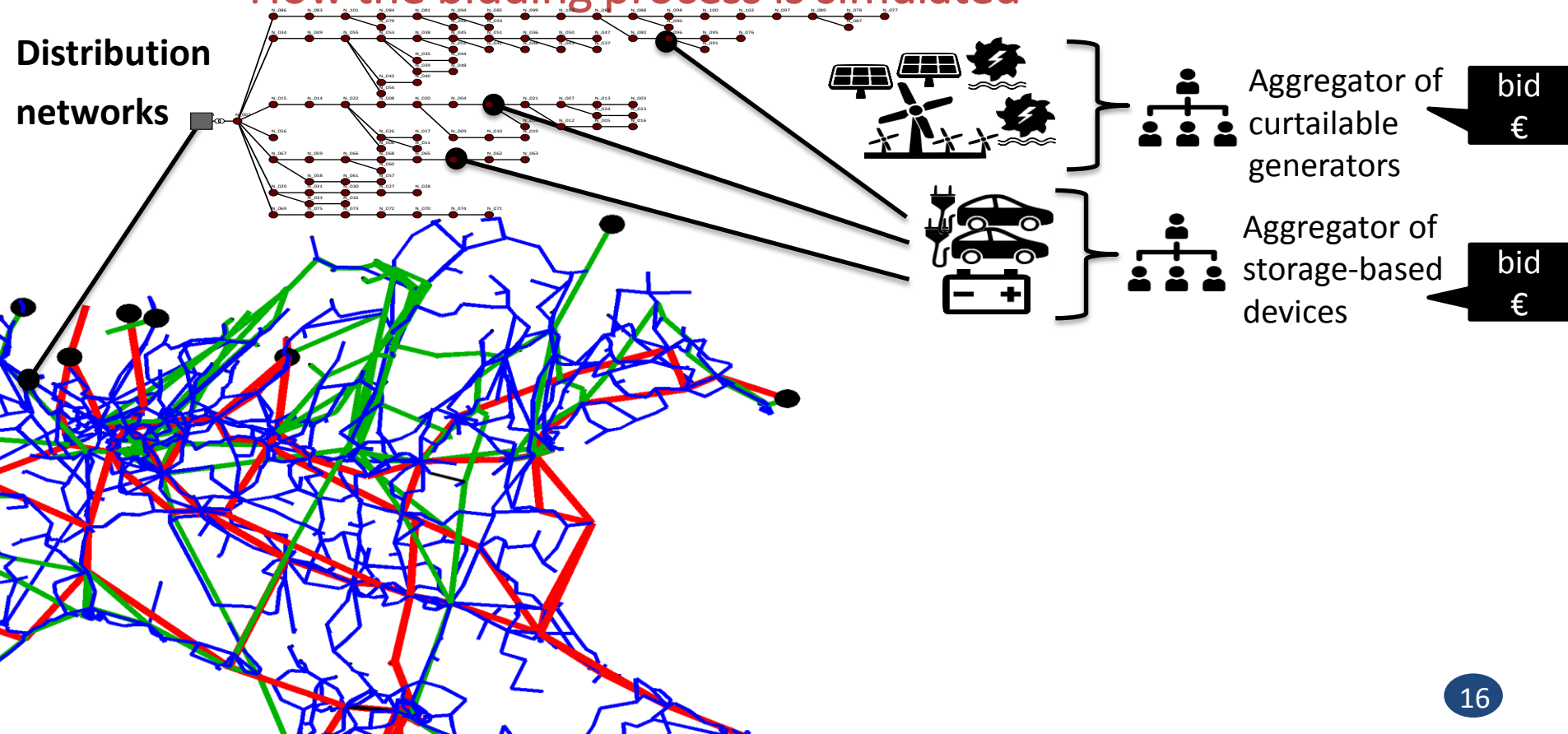
## Distribution networks





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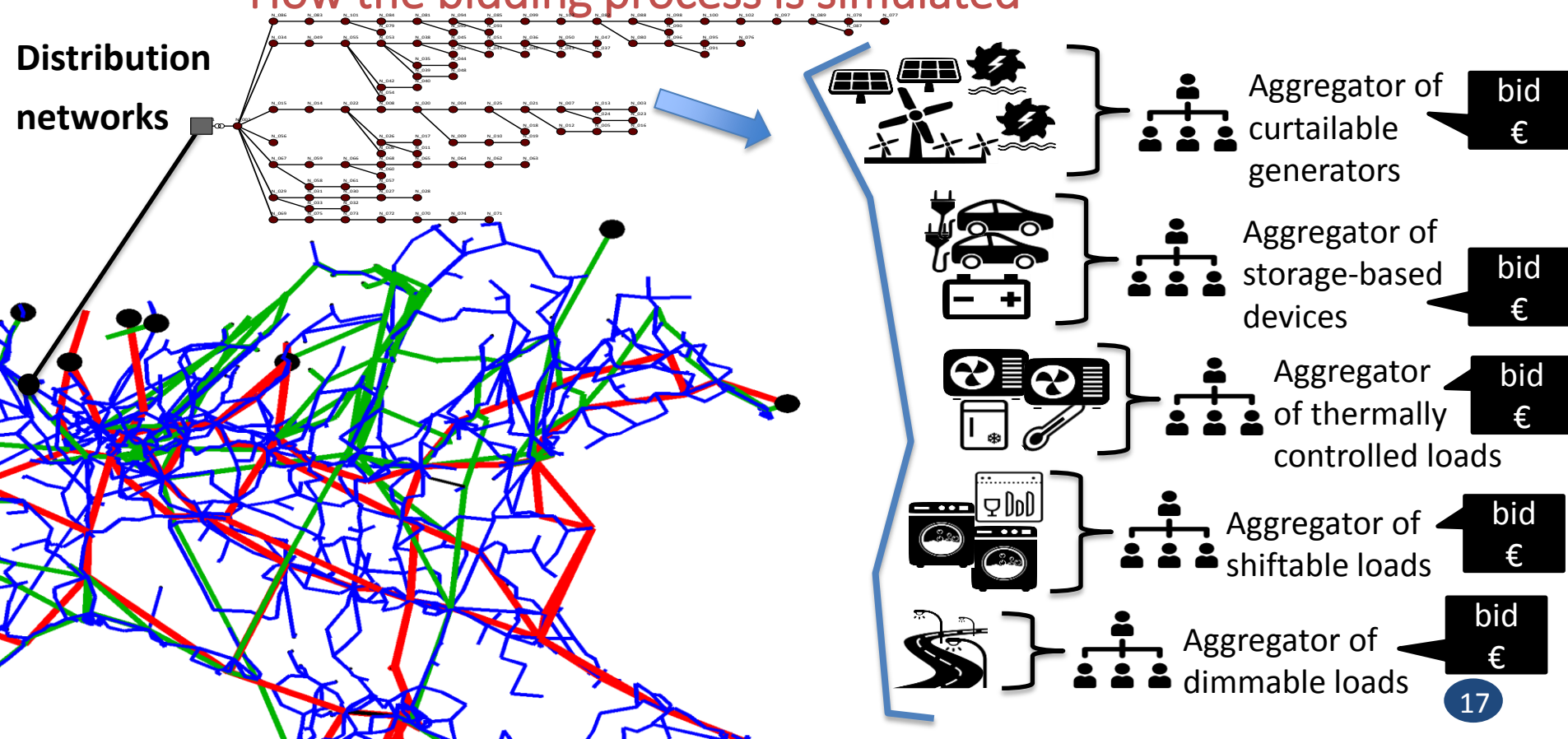






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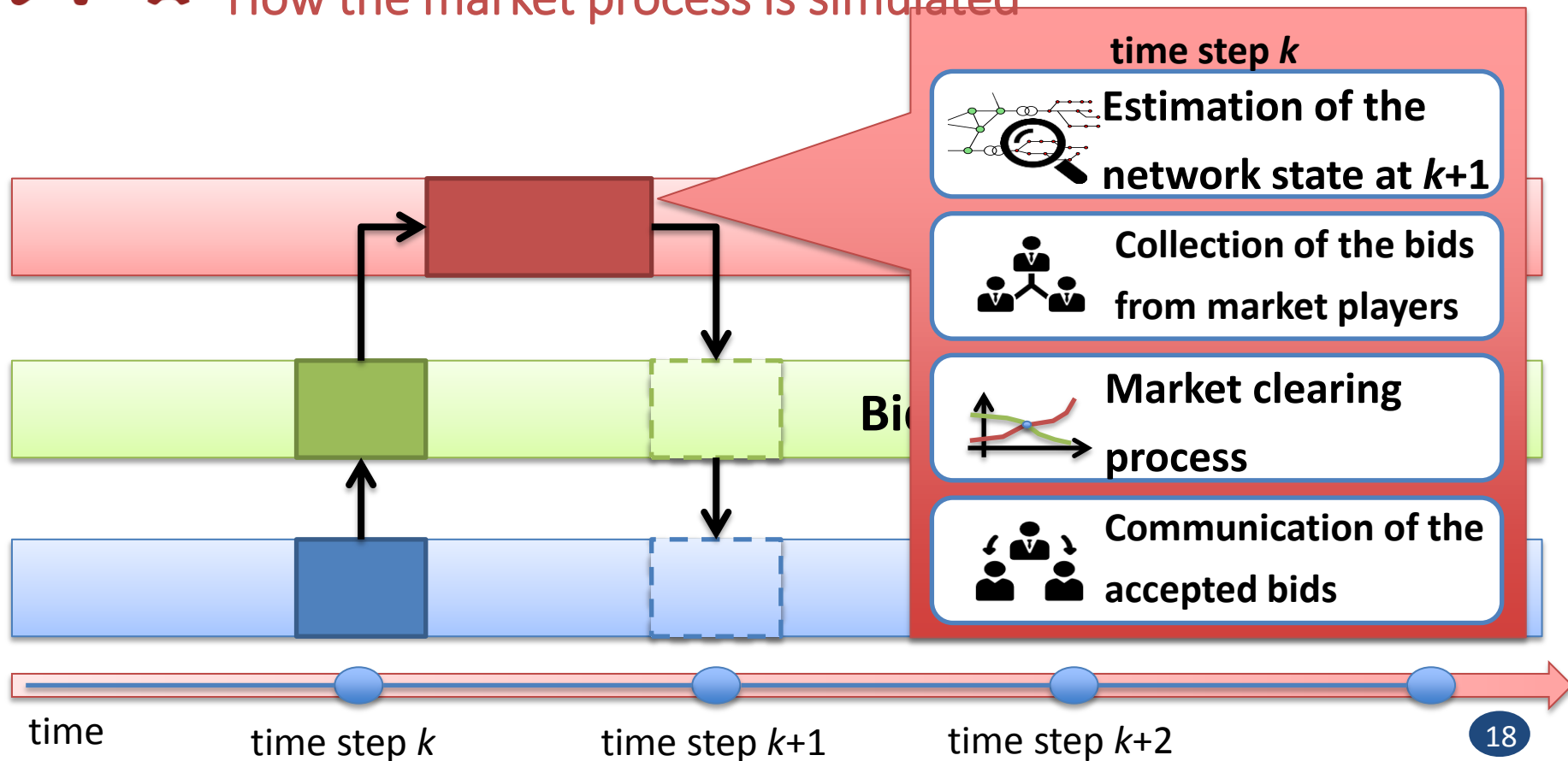
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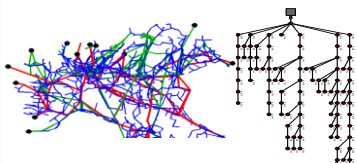




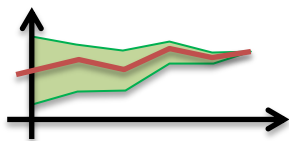
# How the simulator works

## How the market process is simulated

### Estimation of the network state at $k+1$



The most updated status of the network is communicated from the physical layer



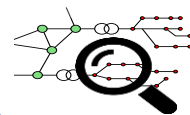
Forecasting error is simulated assuming that it is decreasing exponentially



Estimation of network imbalance and congestion status at  $k+1$



time step  $k$



Estimation of the network state at  $k+1$



Collection of the bids from market players



Market clearing process



Communication of the accepted bids

time

time step  $k$

time step  $k+1$

time step  $k+2$



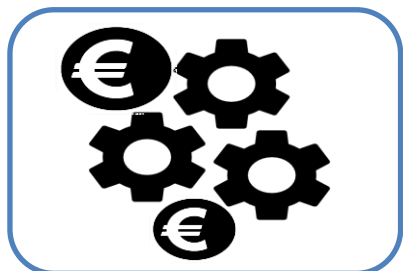
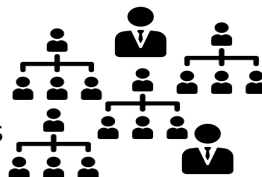
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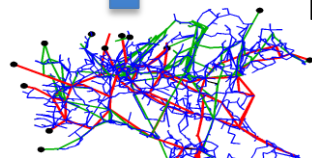
### Collection of the bids and market clearing



Bids from  
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system devices

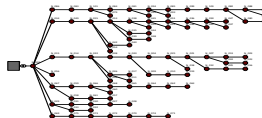


Market clearing algorithm



Model of the  
transmission  
system

Model of the  
distribution  
system



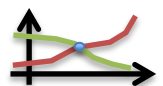
time step  $k$



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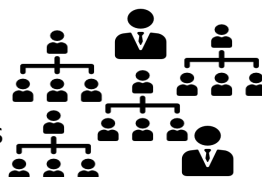
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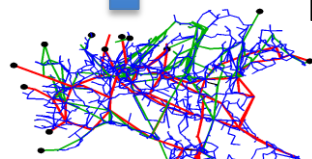
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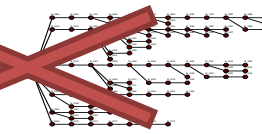


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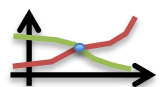
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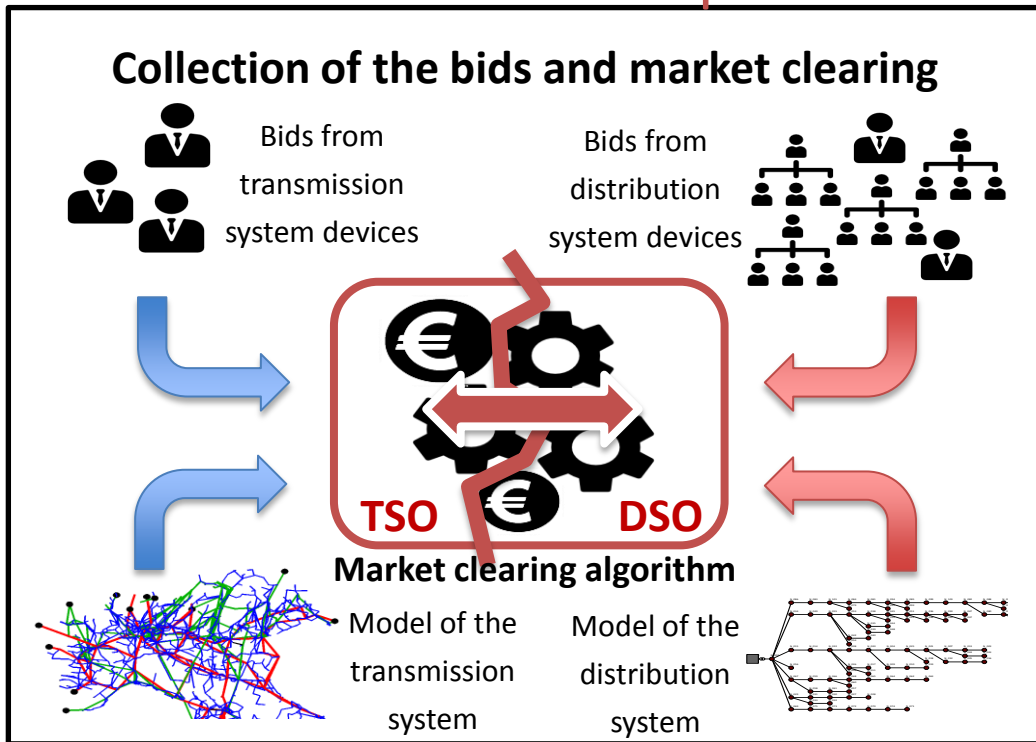
time step  $k+1$

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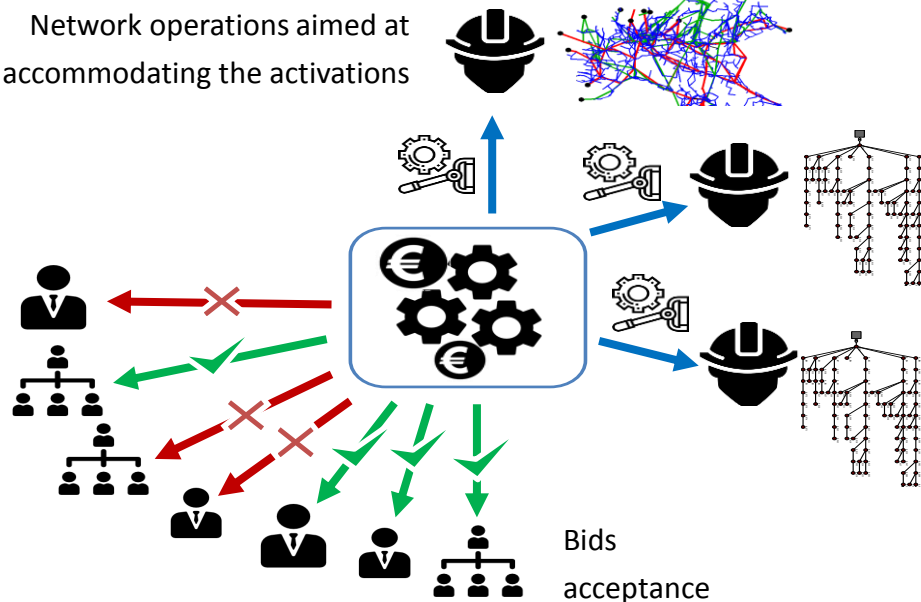


# How the simulator works

## How the market process is simulated

### Communication of the market directives

Network operations aimed at accommodating the activations



time step  $k$



Estimation of the network state at  $k+1$



Collection of the bids from market players



Market clearing process



Communication of the accepted bids

time

time step  $k$

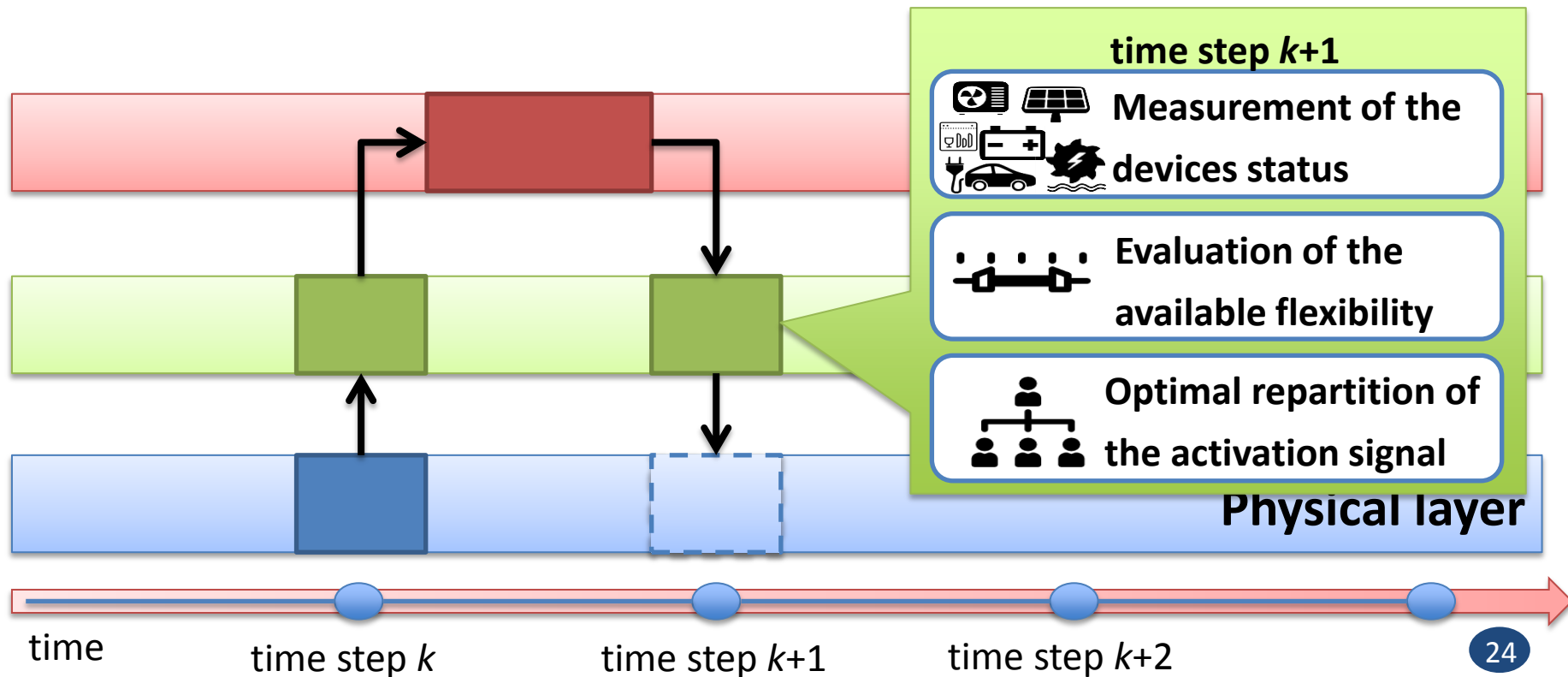
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# How the simulator works

## How the dispatching process is simulated





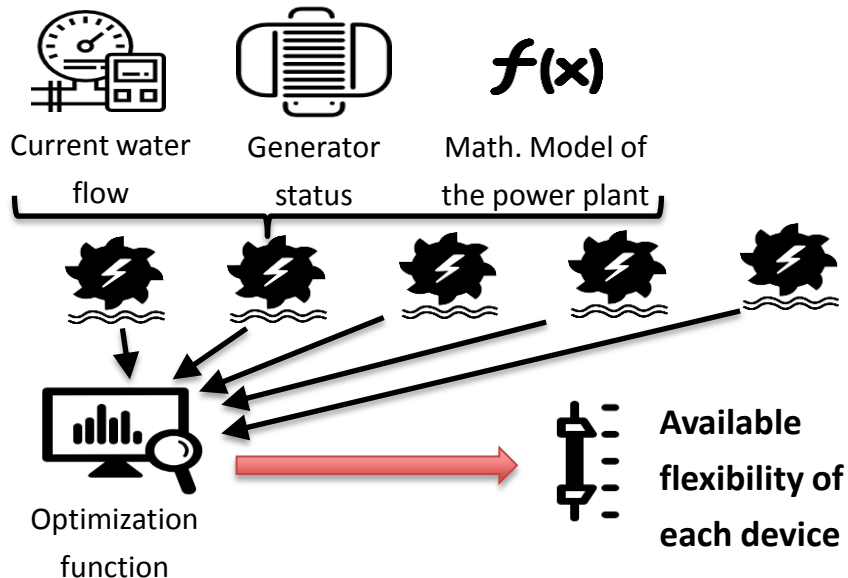


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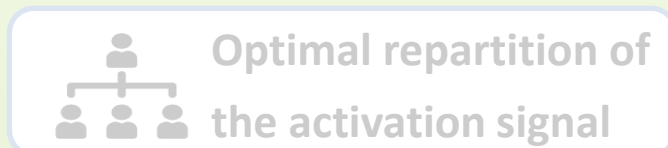
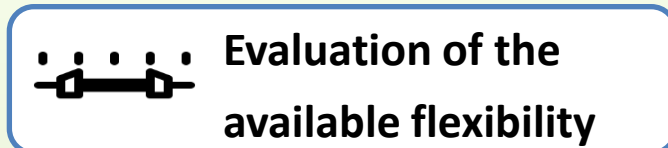
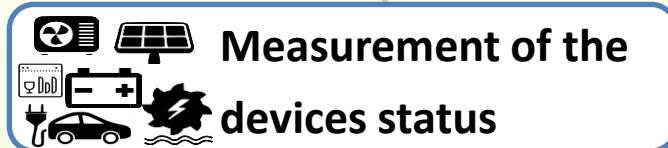
## How the dispatching process is simulated

### Measurement of the devices status

#### (Hydro power plant)



time step  $k+1$



time

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time step  $k+1$

time step  $k+2$

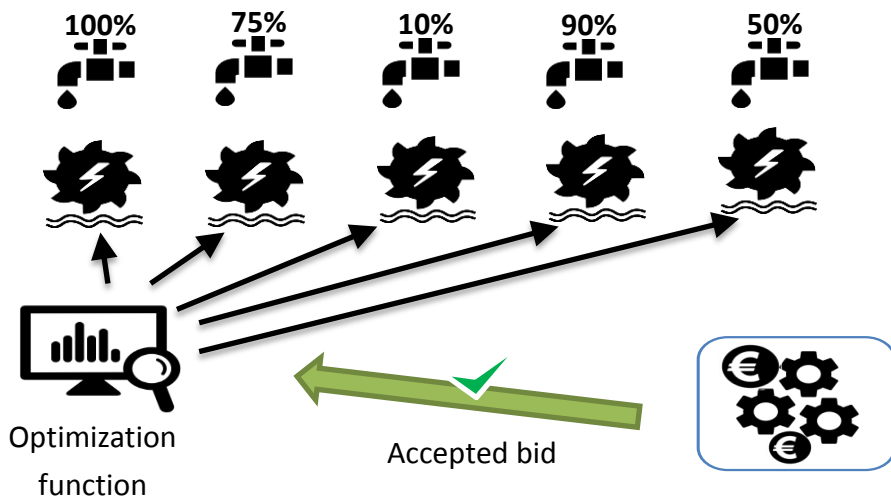
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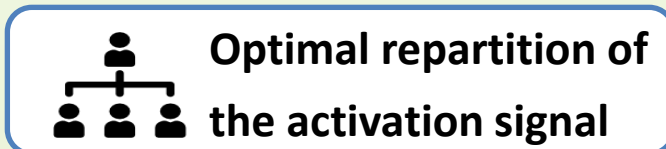
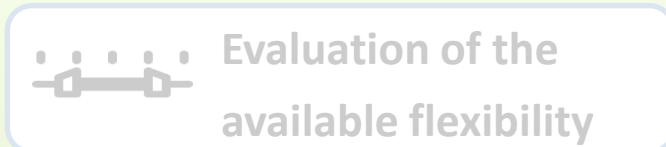
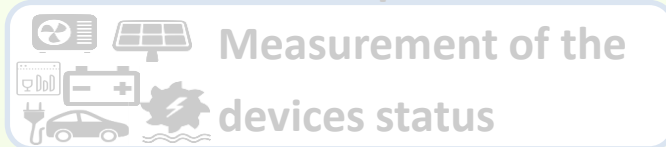
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## How the dispatching process is simulated

### Optimal repartition of the activation signal (disaggregation)



time step  $k+1$



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time step  $k$

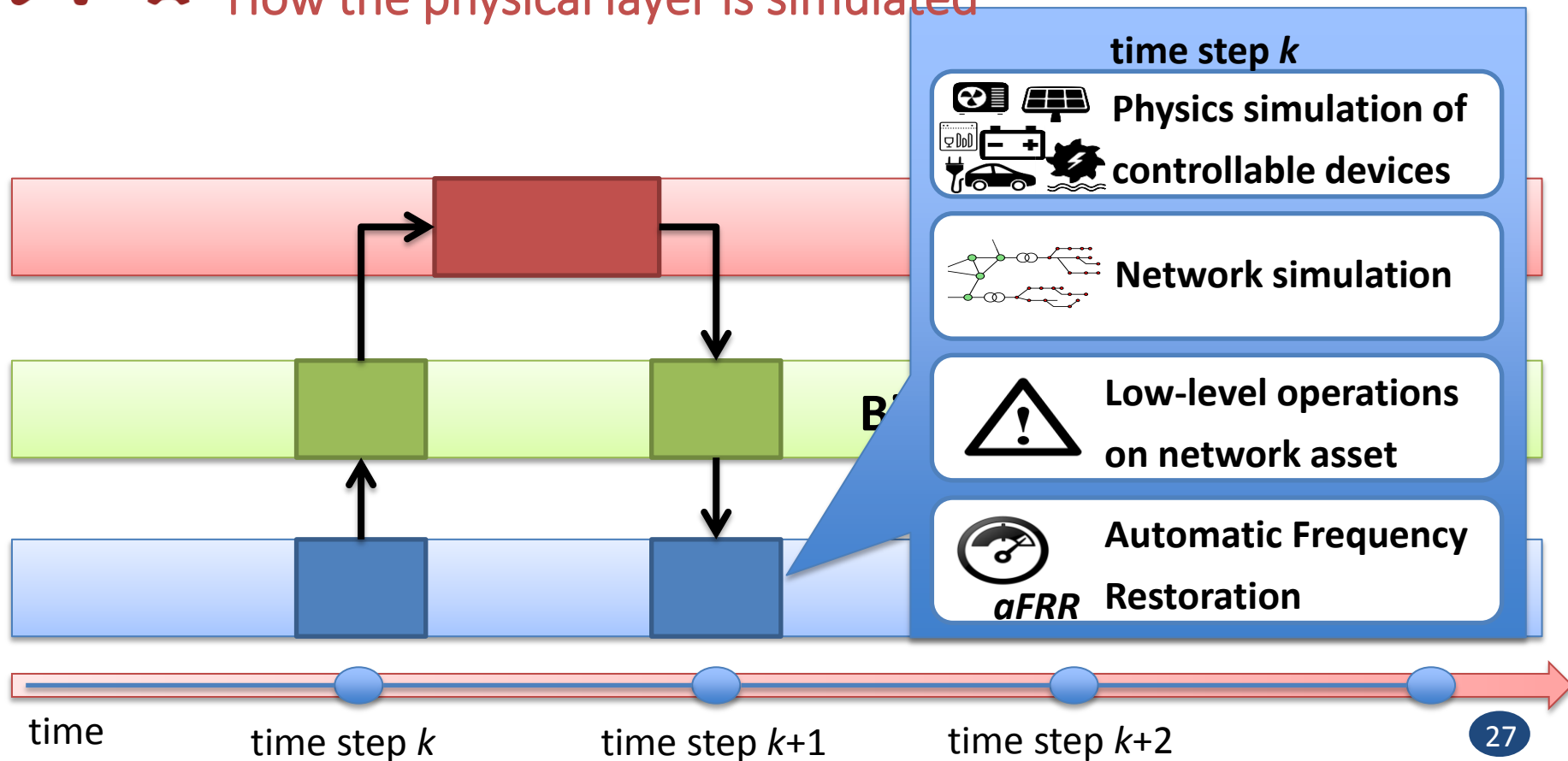
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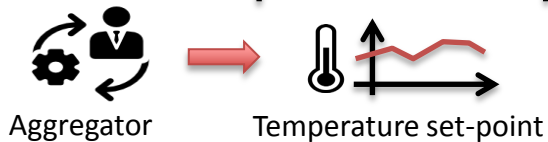
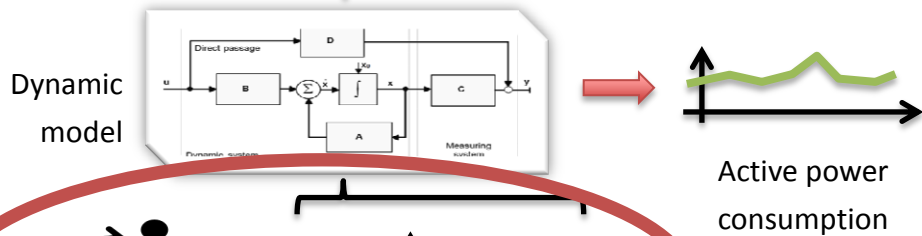
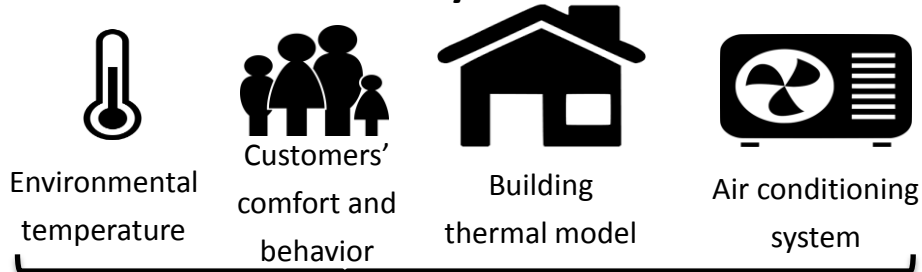




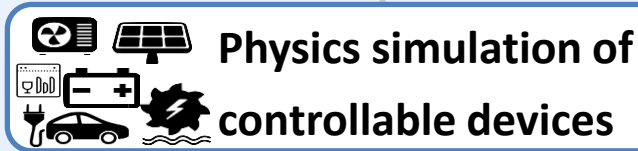
# How the simulator works

## How the physical layer is simulated

### Thermostatically Controlled Load



time step  $k$



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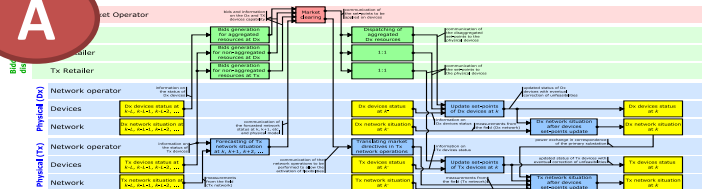
time step  $k+2$



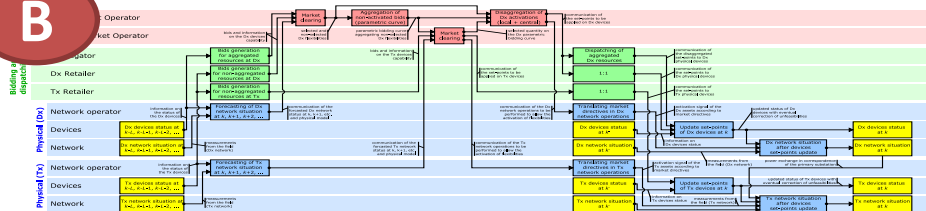
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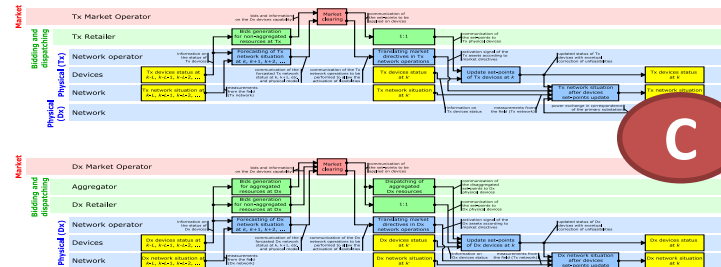
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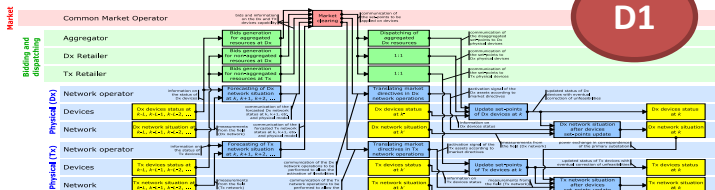
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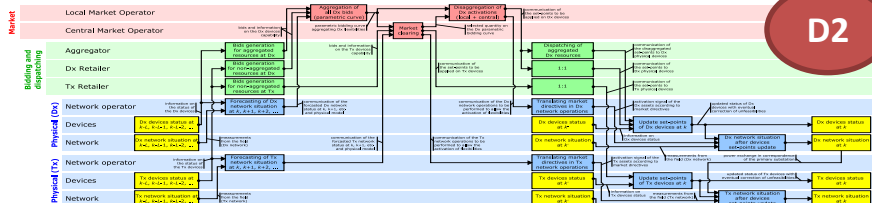
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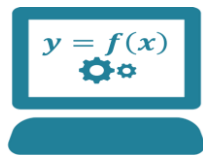


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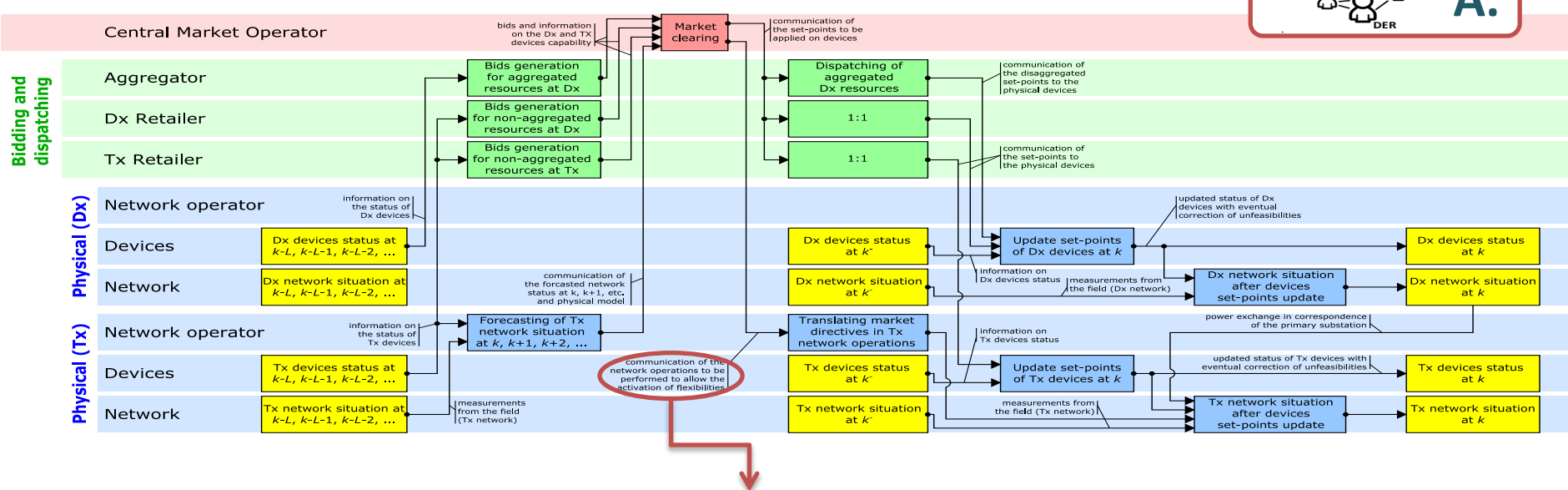




# Simulation diagrams

Coordination schemes with **common market** in which transmission and distribution resources participate

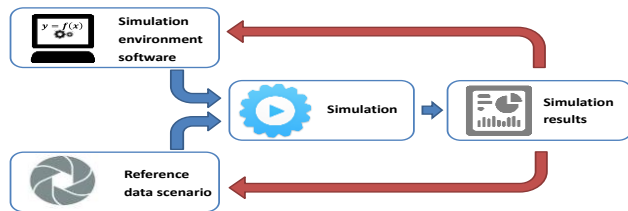
Market



Details on the exchanged information: used for the design of the **ICT network** and calculation of ICT costs (processed later by CBA)

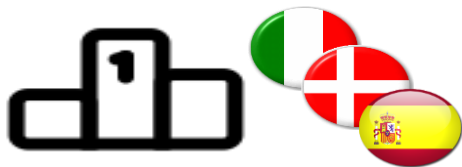


## Key products



**Validated simulation environment  
(software modules + scenarios)**

**Dedicated Cost Benefit Analysis approach**



**Best TSO-DSO interaction patterns for each  
considered national case**

**Guidelines on hardware utilization within  
the considered TSO-DSO schemes**





Thank You

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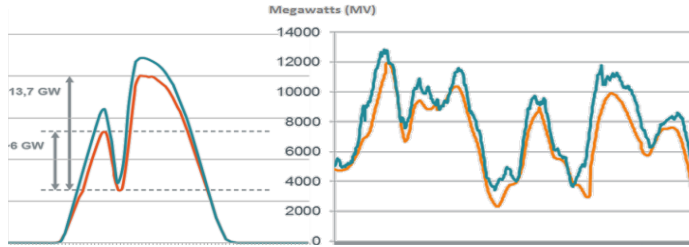
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# How the simulator works

## How imbalance and congestions are simulated



A **forecasting error** is introduced in order to model

- deviations in electricity production from RES
- load stochastic behavior
- power plants/network failures
- non-accepted bids in previous markets

Consequences of these deviations:



- **Transmission system imbalance**
- **(Distribution system imbalance)**

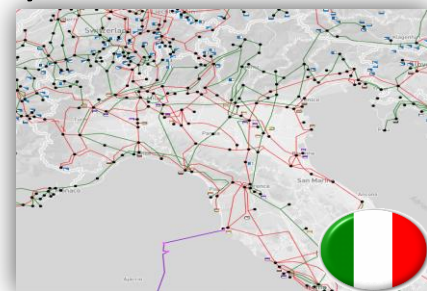
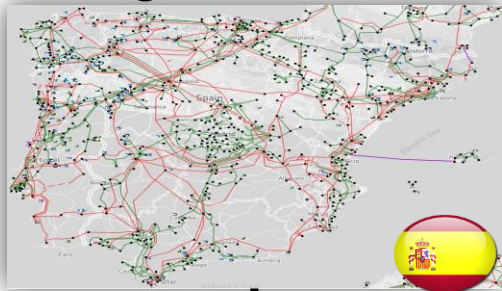


- **Congestions on transmission network**
- **Congestions on distribution network**



# 2030 Scenario Data

European reference scenarios are processed in order to generate the system configurations and data to be used in simulation and laboratory studies

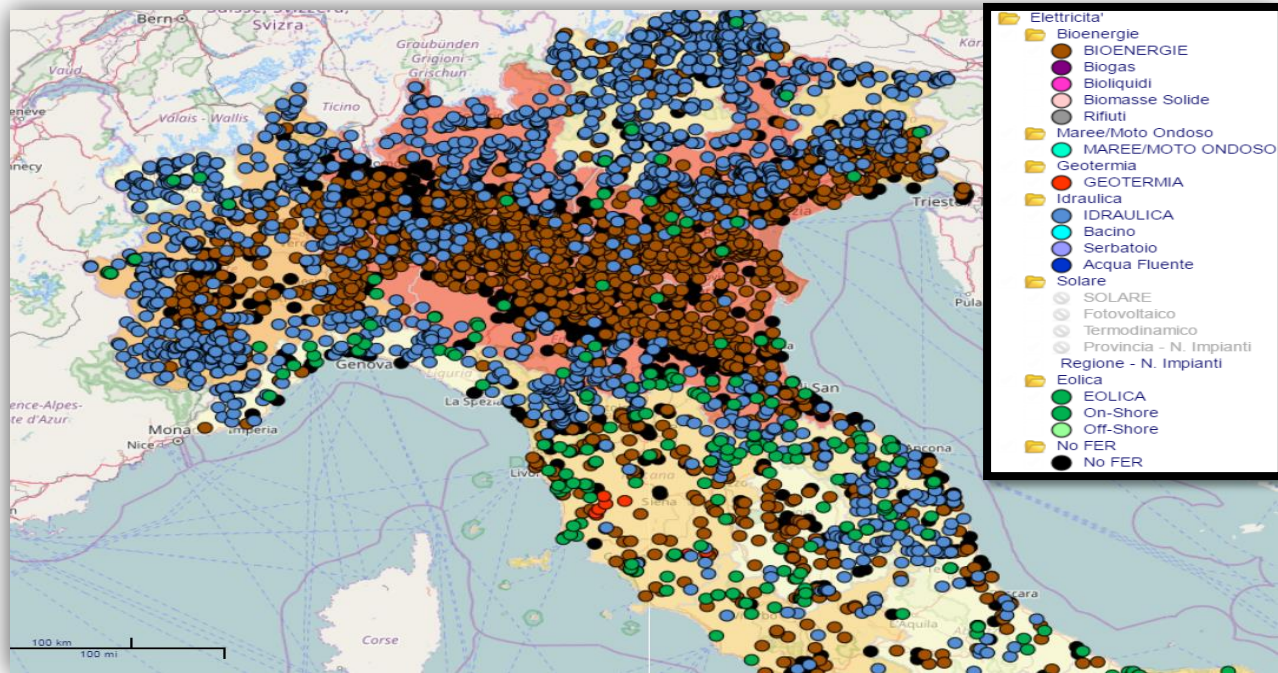


Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4
RES <b>lower</b> than required to fulfil 2030 emissions targets	RES <b>lower</b> than required to fulfil 2030 emissions targets	RES <b>equal to or higher</b> than required to fulfil 2030 emissions targets	RES <b>equal to or higher</b> than required to fulfil 2030 emissions targets
<b>Good</b> cross-border interconnections	<b>Poor</b> cross-border interconnections	<b>Good</b> cross-border interconnections	<b>Poor</b> cross-border interconnections



# 2030 Scenario Data

Geographical allocation of the energy resources expected for 2030



Population growth



Renewables expansion



Exploitation of new electrical devices

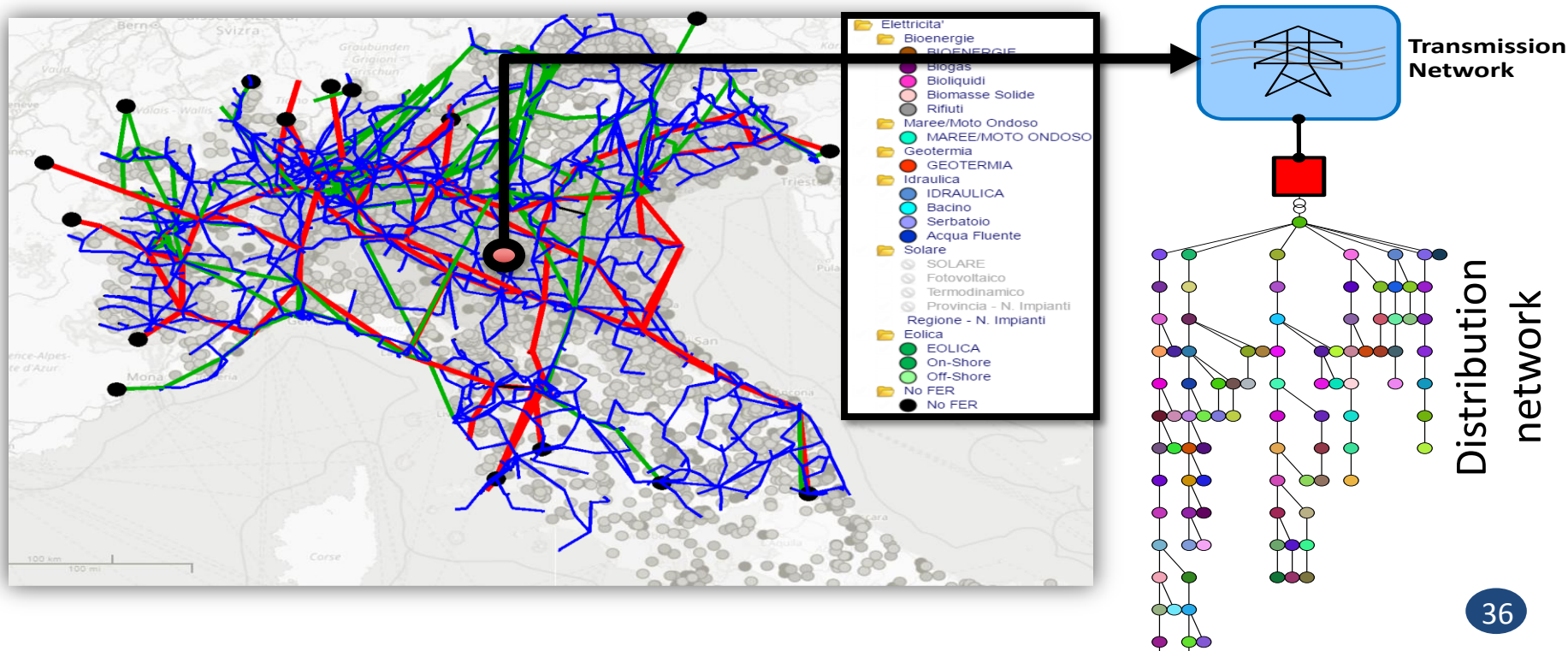


Industrial development



# 2030 Scenario Data

Mapping of the geographical information on the electricity network







Coordination schemes with **separated markets**: one for transmission and one for distribution resources

