Modelling real-time markets :
market design for provision of **ancillary services** from DER
for different **TSO-DSO** coordination schemes

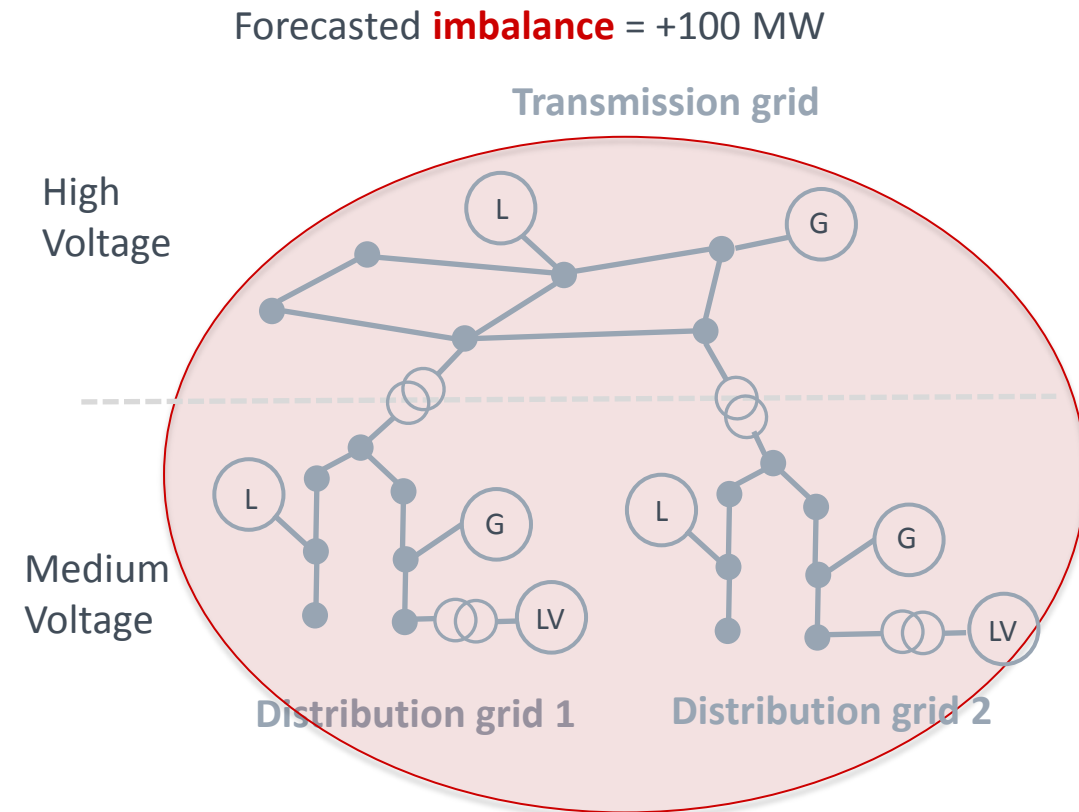**Guillaume Leclercq**

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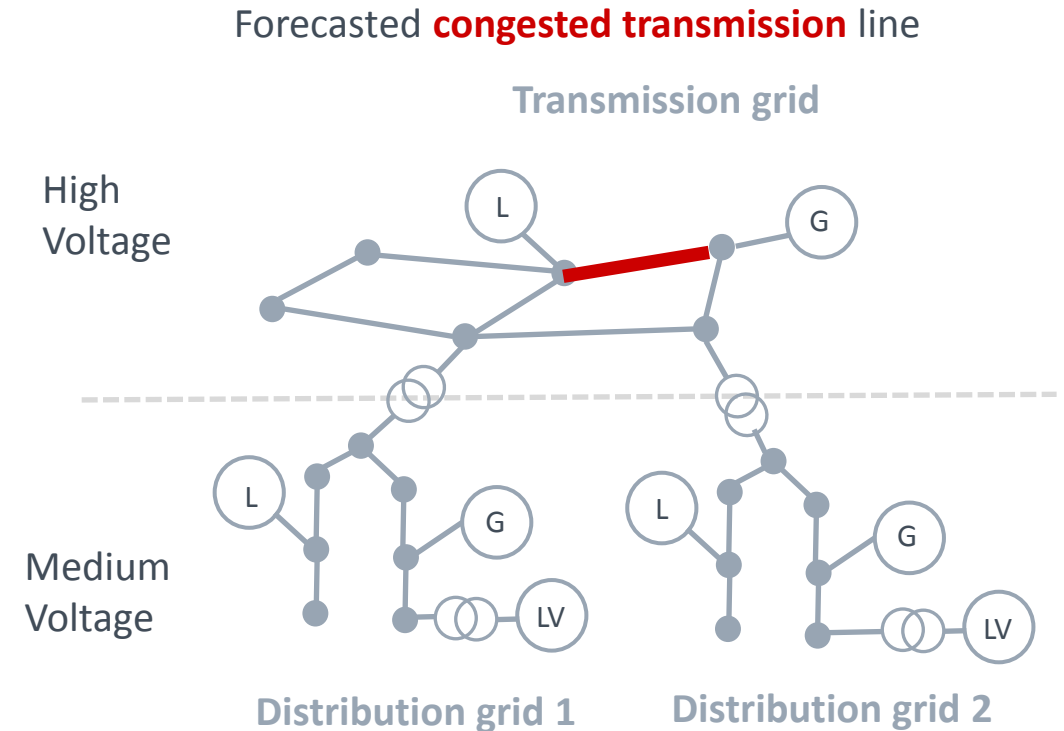
Forecasted **imbalance** = +100 MW

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  - At the **transmission** grid level

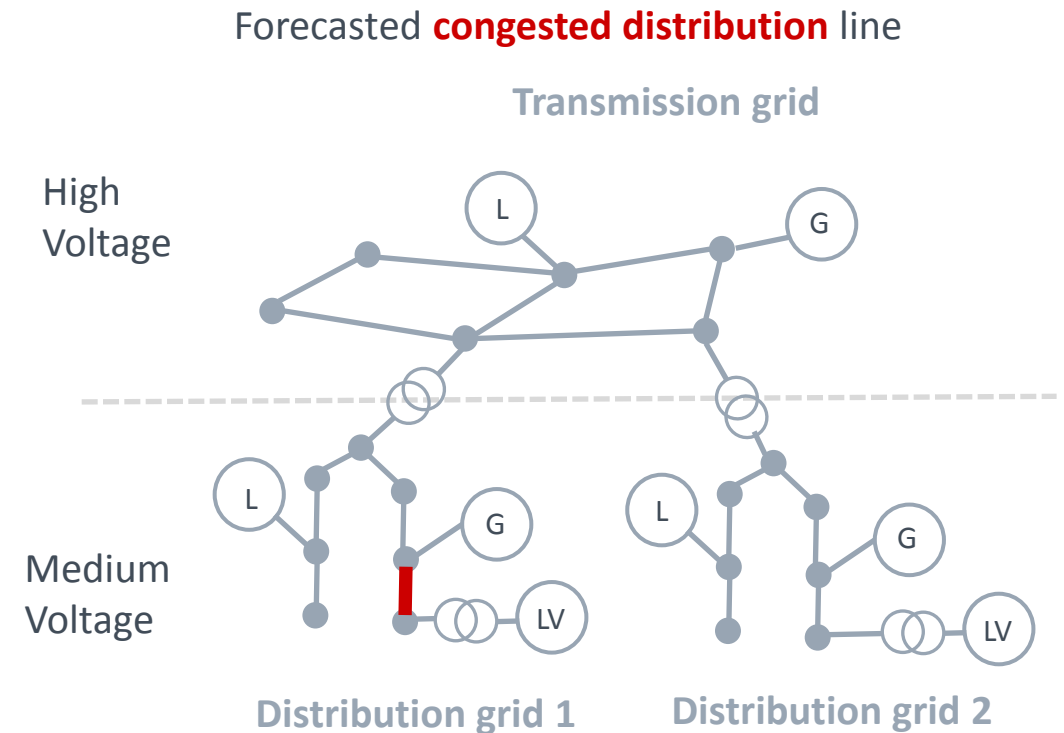Forecasted **congested transmission** line

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Forecasted **congested distribution** line

Transmission grid

High Voltage

L

G

Medium Voltage

L

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LV

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Distribution grid 1

Distribution grid 2

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- In addition, the goal is also to **avoid creating voltage problems** in the distribution grid (medium voltage)

➔ Requirement for **transmission** and **distribution grid** models in the **market clearing algorithm**

Avoid **under** or **overvoltages** when providing the services
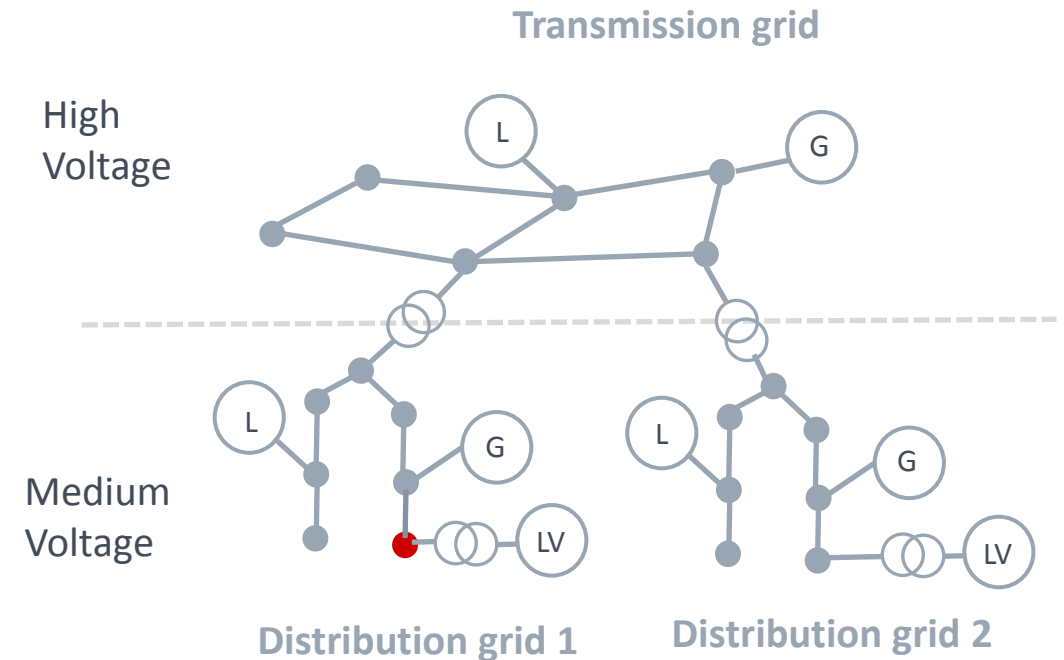
Transmission grid

High Voltage

Medium Voltage

Distribution grid 1   Distribution grid 2

Market design specificities for different **TSO-DSO** coordination schemes

TSO-DSO Coordination Schemes

Centralized

- **Centralized AS market**

Decentralized

- **Transmission grid** model only
- **Congestion** management DSO level is tackled outside market

Centralized AS market

High Voltage

Medium Voltage

Distribution grid 1   Distribution grid 2

Market design specificities for different TSO-DSO coordination schemes

TSO-DSO Coordination Schemes

Centralized
- Centralized AS market
- **Common TSO-DSO AS market (centralized)**

Decentralized

- **Transmission + distribution grid** models
- **Minimize total activation costs** for TSO and DSOs

Common TSO-DSO AS market (centralized)

High Voltage

Medium Voltage

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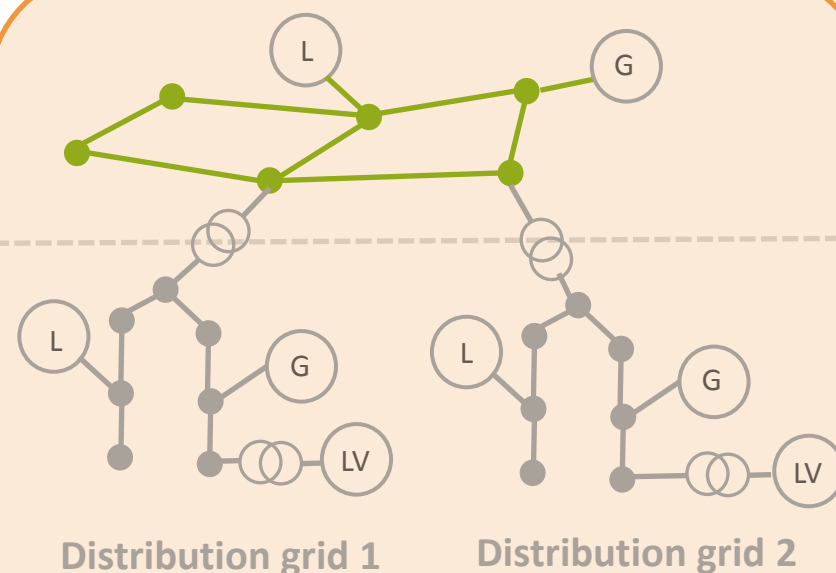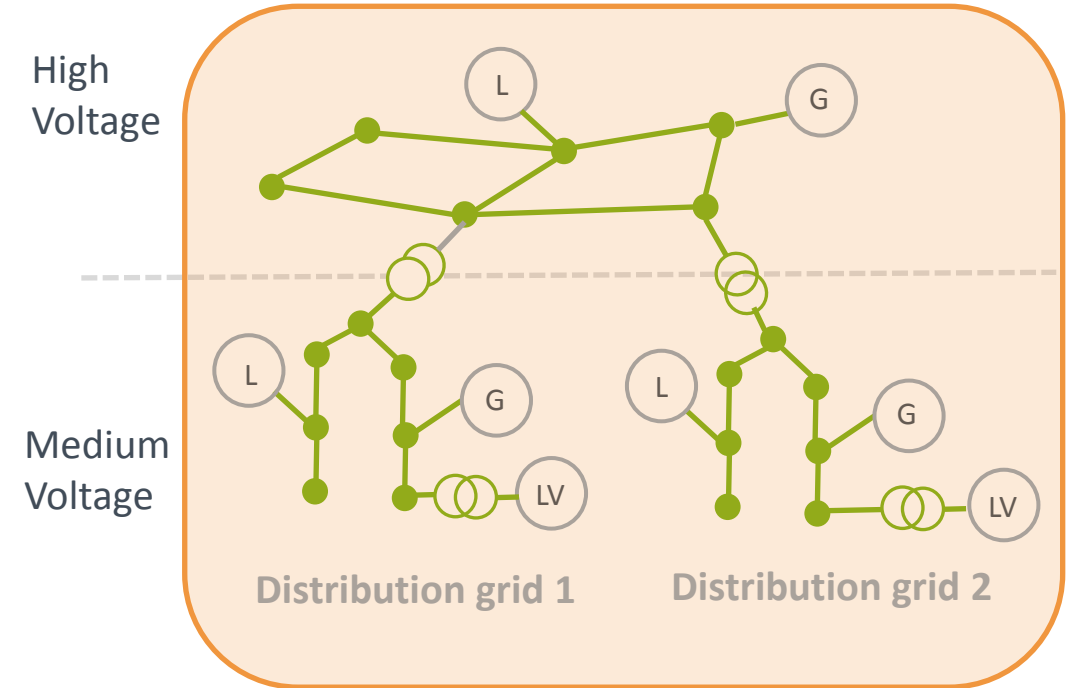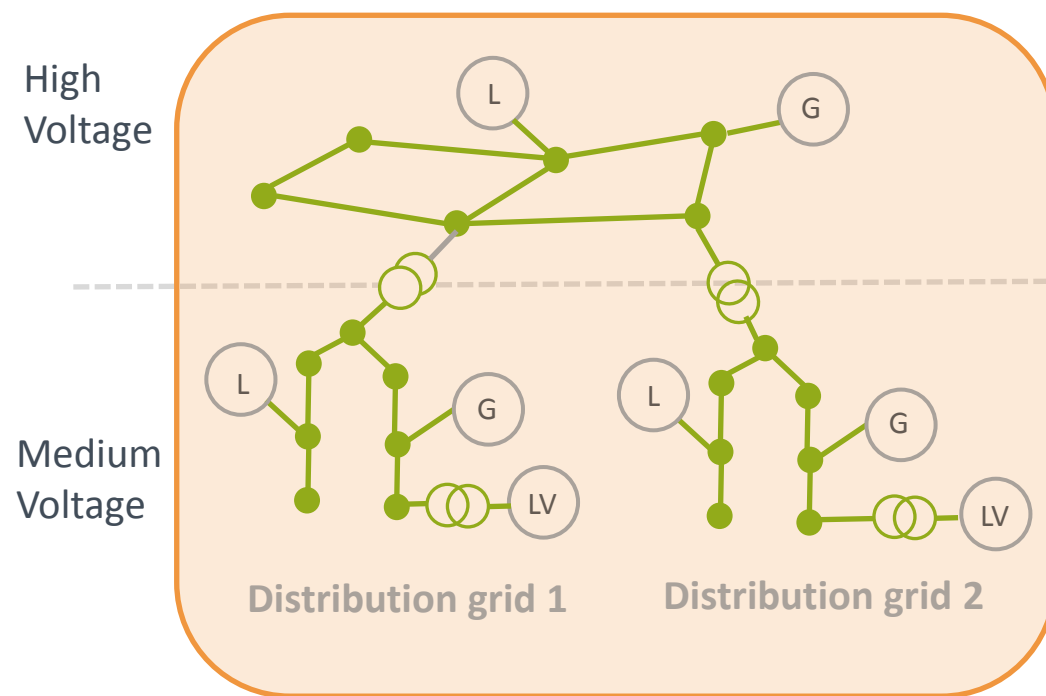## TSO-DSO Coordination Schemes

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Decentralized

- **Transmission + distribution grid** models
- Maximize **welfare**
- **CMPs** (e.g. BRP) allowed **to purchase flexibility** offers on the market, in competition with SO
  - ➜ TSOs, DSOs need to **explicitly bid** on the AS market

Integrated flexibility market

High Voltage

Medium Voltage

Distribution grid 1   Distribution grid 2

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Decentralized

- **Local AS market**

- **DSO** uses **local market** as a priority to solve local problems **(congestion)**
- Then **remaining flexibility** is (smartly) **aggregated** and sent to the **TSO AS market**

Local AS market

TSO market

High Voltage

L   G

bid   bid

Medium Voltage

L   G   LV   L   G   LV

Distribution grid 1   Distribution grid 2

Local market 1   Local market 2

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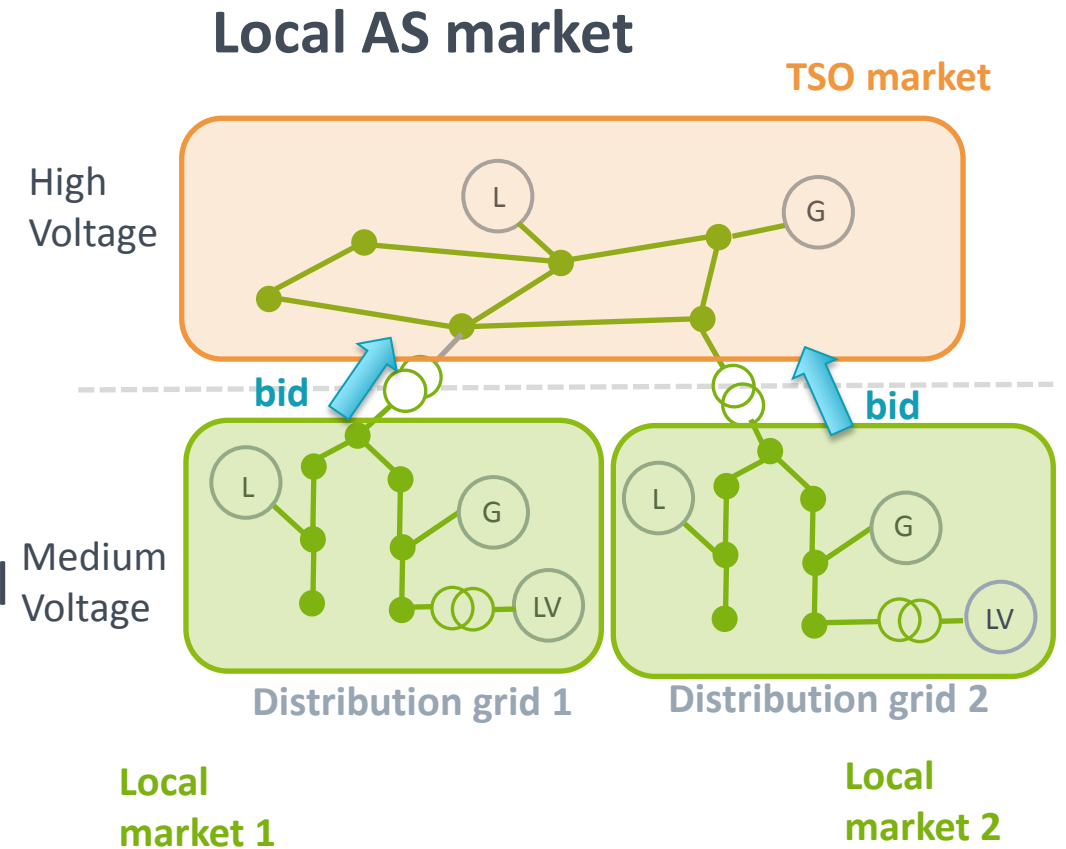
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- **Common TSO-DSO AS market (decentralized)**

- **DSO** is responsible to collect bids from DER on a local market and to **(smartly) aggregate** them and send them on TSO market

- **Smart aggregation**
  - Take **distribution grid** constraints into account
  - Solve **DSO problems** (congestion) for any quantity proposed in the bid

Common TSO-DSO AS market (decentralized)

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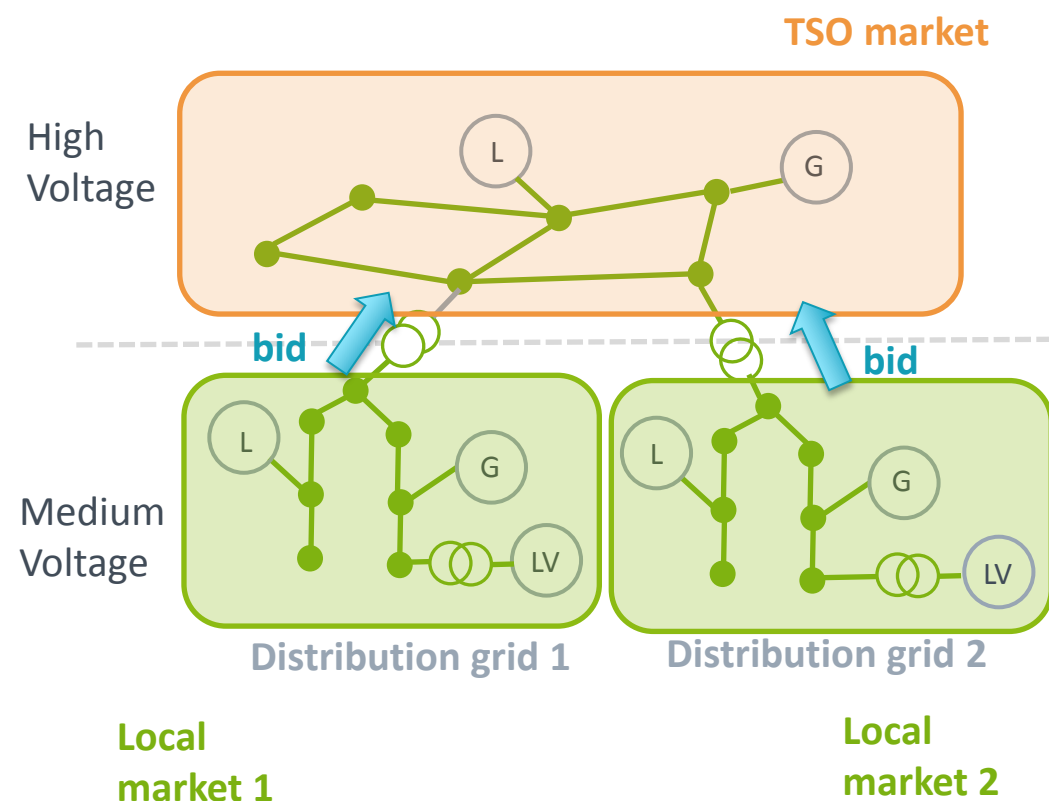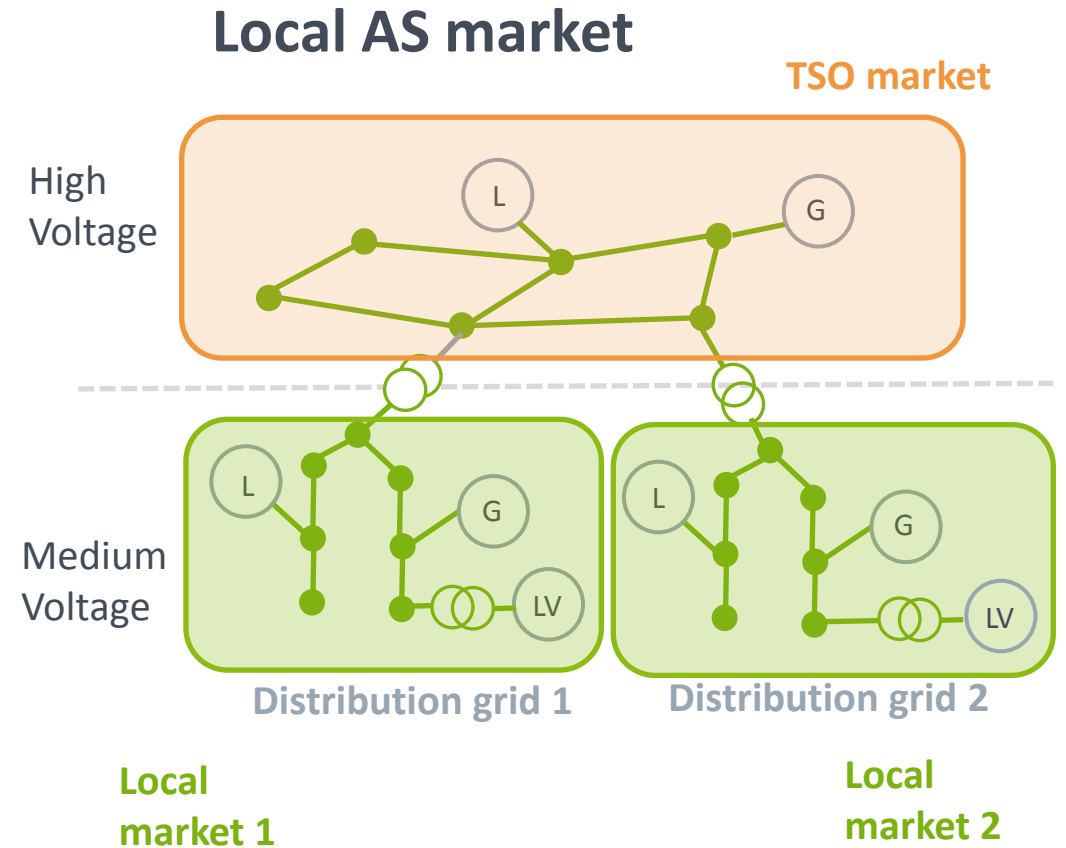
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- **Shared balancing responsibility model**

- **DSO** and **TSO** **agree** in advance on a **power profile exchange** at the HV-MV substation
- Each **market** solves its balancing and congestion problems using its own resources

Local AS market

TSO market

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Key market design ingredients

Network Dimension — Which **mathematical models** for the distribution and transmission grids in the market clearing algorithm ?

Timing Dimension — What are the the market clearing **frequency**, time **granularity** and **horizon** ?

Bidding Dimension — How market actors can bid ? What market products are proposed?
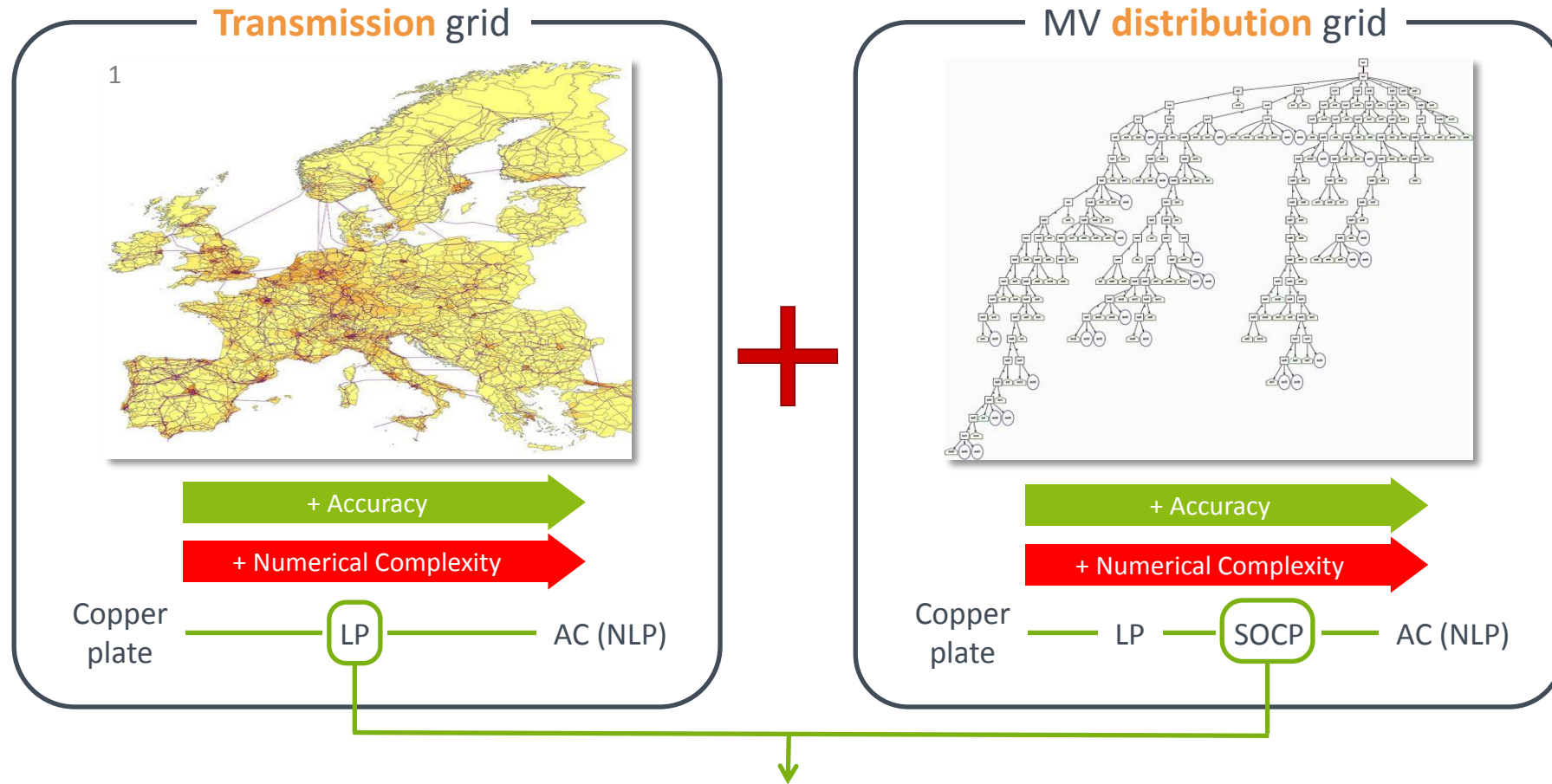
Clearing Dimension — What are the objectives of the market clearing ?

Pricing Dimension — What price is paid to the activated bids ?

Use of **different models** for the **transmission** and **distribution** grids

Generic approach to test **combinations** of important **timing parameters**

The market is a **closed-gate auction**.

- **Time horizon** of the market (optimisation window, delivery period): e.g. 30 min

- **Time granularity** of the market horizon: e.g. 5 min

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Market Clearing **duration**

Time **horizon**

Time **granularity**

Clearing **frequency**

Time

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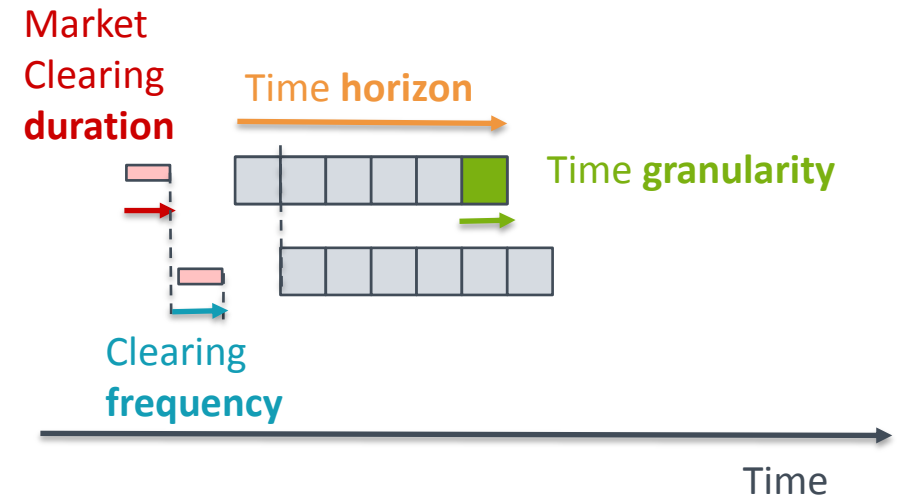
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  – Results for the **first** time step are a **firm** decision. It contains the actual activation of flexible assets and has to be followed by the aggregators/owners

  – Results for the **next** time steps are (mostly) **advisory** decisions. They will assist the aggregators and the TSO to anticipate the availability of flexibility in the upcoming time steps.

Market Clearing **duration**

Firm decision

Advisory decisions

Clearing **frequency**

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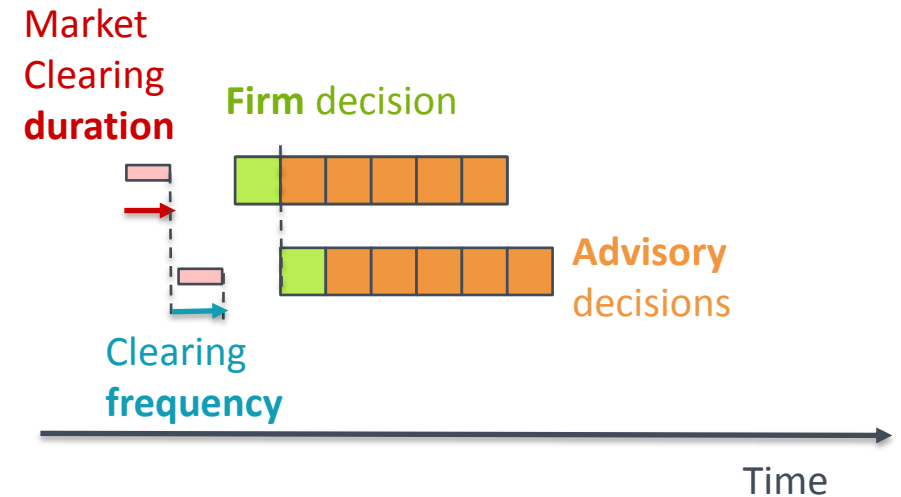
A **catalogue** of **market products** is proposed, to allow all flexibility providers to be on a **level playing field**

- **Bids** are energy offers/asks, defined by **quantity/price** pairs in their simplest form

- **Curtailable** or non-curtailable

- Extension to **multi-period bids** when time horizon is larger than the time granularity

- **Complex** contraints
  - **Temporal** constraints
  - **Logical** constraints

- **Binary variables** are needed to express some of these constraints (e.g. a simple non-curtailable bid requires a binary variable)

→ **MISOCP Optimisation** problem
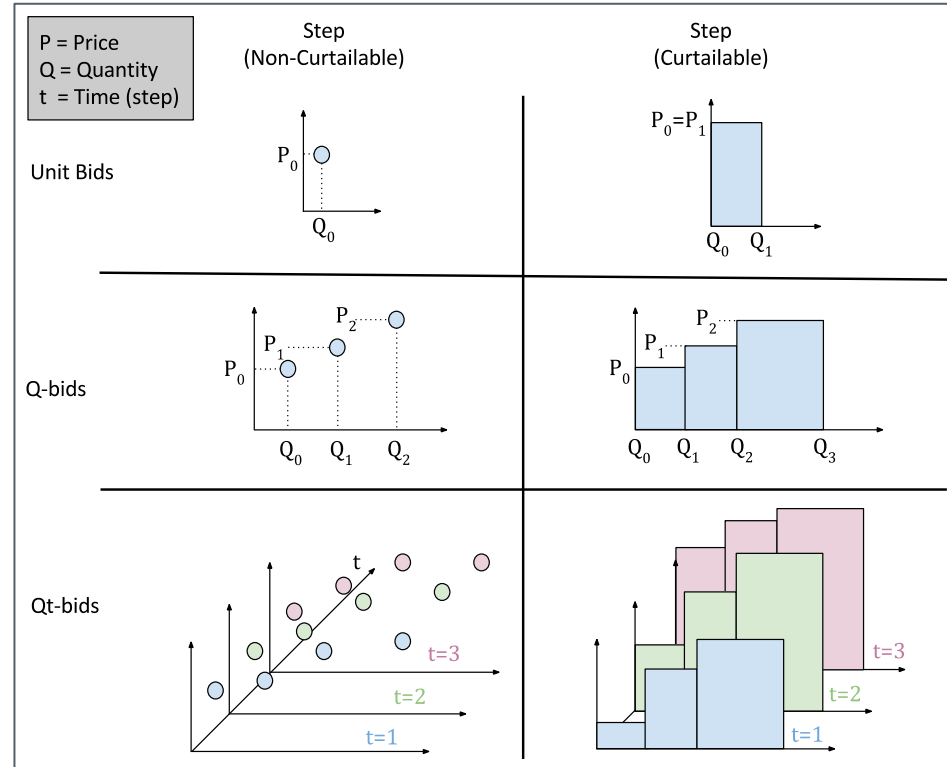
Temporal constraints (Intra-bid)

- **Accept-All-Time-Steps-or-None**: → Profile tracking
- **Ramping**: → Turbines
- **Max. number of activations**: → Avoiding wear & tear
- **Max. duration of activation**: → Air conditioning
- **Min. duration of activation**: → Plant efficiency
- **Min. delay between activations**: → Avoiding wear & tear; cool-down and warm-up
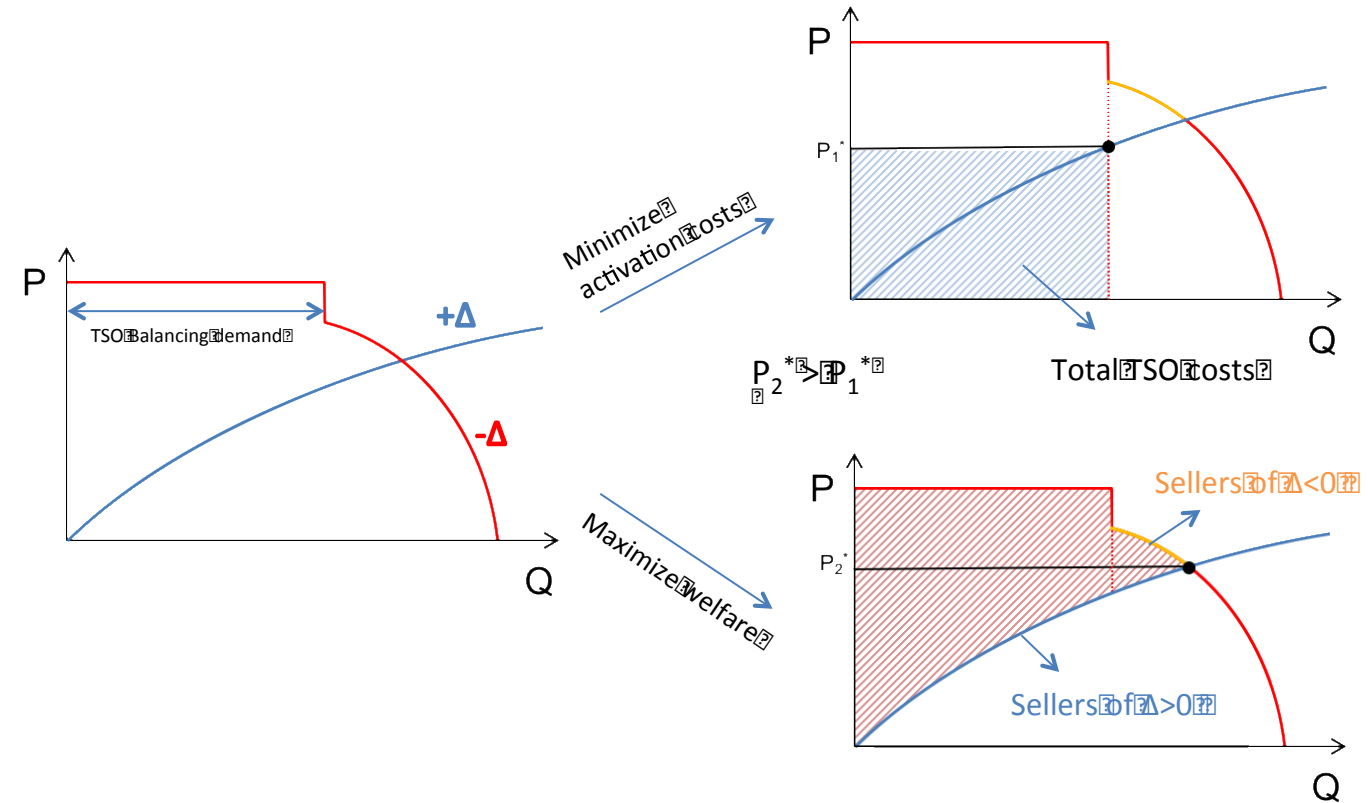- **Integral**: → Electric storage

Logical constraints (Inter-bid)

- **Implication**: → Series factory lines
- **Exclusive Choice**: → Parallel factory lines
- **Deferability**: → Wet appliances

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Optimization **objective** under **network** and **bid** constraints

- **Minimize activation costs** and **maximizing welfare** may return different results

- Objective is to **minimize the activation costs** in all coord. Schemes, **except** for the *integrated flexibility market* TSO-DSO CS

- Maximizing social welfare for the latest, since regulated and non-regulated entities are in competition for the same flexibility resources

P

TSO Balancing demand

+Δ

−Δ

Q

Minimize activation costs

Maximize welfare

P

P_1^*

$P_2^* > P_1^*$

Total TSO costs

Q

P

P_2^*

Sellers of Δ<0

Sellers of Δ>0

Q

Locational marginal price **(LMP)** chosen to remunerate **bidders**

- Potentially **different prices** for each network **node** (in the model), due to:
  - **Losses**
  - **Congestions**

- **Pros**: Projects real value of flexibility at each node
- **Cons**: Complex pricing mechanism and intuitiveness

No loss, no congestion

Price: -30 €/MWh

-20 MW
(3) ---- Load

Loss = 0
No Congestion

-20 MW
Price: -30 €/MWh
(2) ---- Load

Loss = 0
No Congestion

+40 MW
(1) ---- Generator

Price: +30 €/MWh

Losses, but no congestion

Price: -**32** €/MWh

-20 MW
(3) ---- Load

Loss = 2 MW
No Congestion

-20 MW
Price: -**31** €/MWh
(2) ---- Load

Loss = 2 MW
No Congestion

+44 MW
(1) ---- Generator

Price: +**30.5** €/MWh

Both losses and congestions

Price: -**35** €/MWh

-20 MW
(3) ---- Load

Loss = 2 MW
Limit: 15 MW

-20 MW
Price: -**32** €/MWh
(2) ---- Load   (4)

Loss = 2 MW
No Congestion

+46 MW
(1) ---- Generator

Price: +**31** €/MWh

A part of the **computational tractability** of the **market clearing algorithm** depends on the **design choices…**

- **SOCP** network model for **distribution** grid
  - ➔ more accurate model BUT **computationally** more **challenging** than linear model
  - ➔ **Tractability** also depends on the **size of network** to handle

- Introducing **binary variables** **complicates a lot** the optimisation problem (**MISOCP**), but needed for many market products (e.g. a simple non-curtailable bid)
  - ➔ Need to limit and/or make sure not too many binary variables are introduced (i.e. make sure it is worth to have them)

- A time horizon with **multiple time steps** may be advantageous but **also introduces further computational complexity** (e.g. bids with inter-temporal constraints)

... **another** part of the **computational tractability** **depends on** the **TSO-DSO coordination scheme**

Centralized AS market	Common TSO-DSO AS market (centralized)	Integrated flexibility market	Local AS market	Common TSO-DSO AS market (decentralized)	Shared balancing responsibility model
The **easiest** since only transmission grid	The **most difficult** since full transmission AND distribution grids in a single problem		Optimizations in parallel BUT with smart aggregation using some complexity		Many optimizations in parallel

Computational tractability linked to TSO-DSO coordination scheme mainly **depends on** whether they are **centralized** or **decentralized**

➜ direct impact on the **network dimension** to tackle in the **optimisation** problem

➜ Quite challenging to solve the coord. schemes with full networks included (**transmission grid + multiple distribution grids**)

    ➜ Ongoing work on **spatial (network) decomposition methods** to efficiently solve such problems

Challenges and next steps

- Your **feedback** is **welcome** : preliminary report on market design and algorithm ([Deliverable D2.4](#)) available on [SmartNet website](#)

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- **Run the algorithms** on real data instances form simulated **scenarios** (Denmark, Italy, Spain) to compare the different TSO-DSO coordination schemes

- **Computational Tractability** issues: solving a MISOCP (market clearing) in a few minutes is challenging ➔ investigation of efficients methods to tackle this issue

- **Data availability**: e.g. prediction of injection/offtake at network nodes, scheduled TSO-DSO exchange profiles

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