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Smart TSO-DSO interactions schemes, market architectures and ICT solutions for the integration of ancillary services from demand side management and distributed generation

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

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#### Forecasted congested transmission line



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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 model only
- Congestion management DSO level is tackled outside market







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

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







- 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**









**Distribution grid 2** 

Local

market 2

# Market design specificities for different TSO-DSO coordination schemes



Medium

Voltage

Local

market 1

**Distribution grid 1** 

- 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





- 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





### Key market design ingredients

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



What are 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 ?



What price is paid to the activated bids ?





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



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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.



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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 noncurtailable bid requires a binary variable)
- ➔ MISOCP Optimisation problem



Logical constraints (Inter-bid)

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

#### 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 warmup
- Integral: → Electric storage



# 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





# 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





## 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 <b>easiest</b> since only transmission grid	The <b>most difficult</b> 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 (<u>Deliverable D2.4</u>) available on <u>SmartNet website</u>

http://smartnet-project.eu/

- 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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