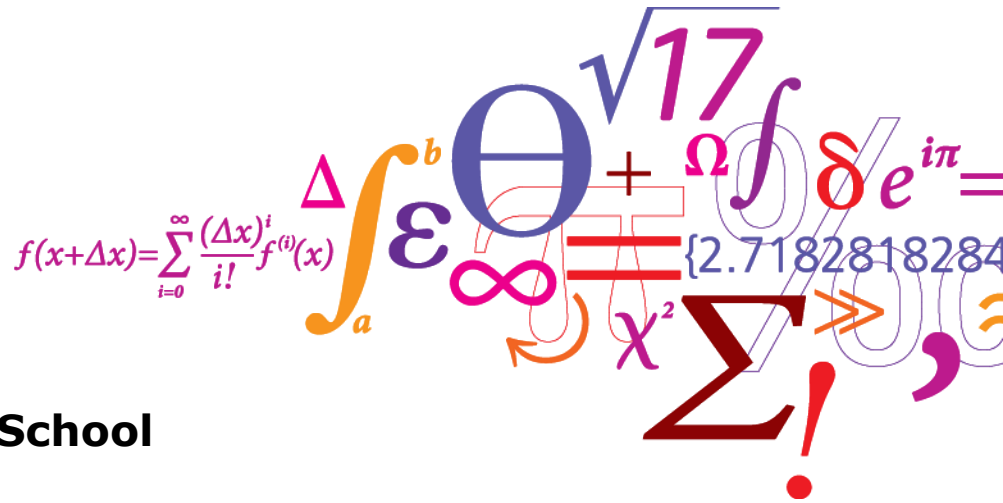


Lecture 1: Market clearing as an optimization problem

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Market clearing: a simple example

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Demand D2

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Market clearing as an optimization problem



Question:

How to form the previous example as an optimization problem?

Market clearing as an optimization problem

Generic form:

Maximize **social welfare (SW) of the market**¹

Subject to

- All technical constraints of generators and demands
- Power balance equality

¹ SW (also known as “*market surplus*”) is equal to:
[total utility of demands based on their bid prices] – [total cost of generators based on their offer prices]

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Discussion:

Is this optimization problem convex? How to know it?

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Note: This is based on “uniform” pricing scheme, which is the most common practice in real-world electricity markets. There are other types of pricing schemes, such as “pay-as-bid” and “Vickrey–Clarke–Groves (VCG)”, which derive market prices in a different way.

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Discussion:

- What does a dual variable show in general (mathematical interpretation)?
- What is its sign (negative, or positive, or free)? Can the electricity market price be negative?

Market clearing as an optimization problem



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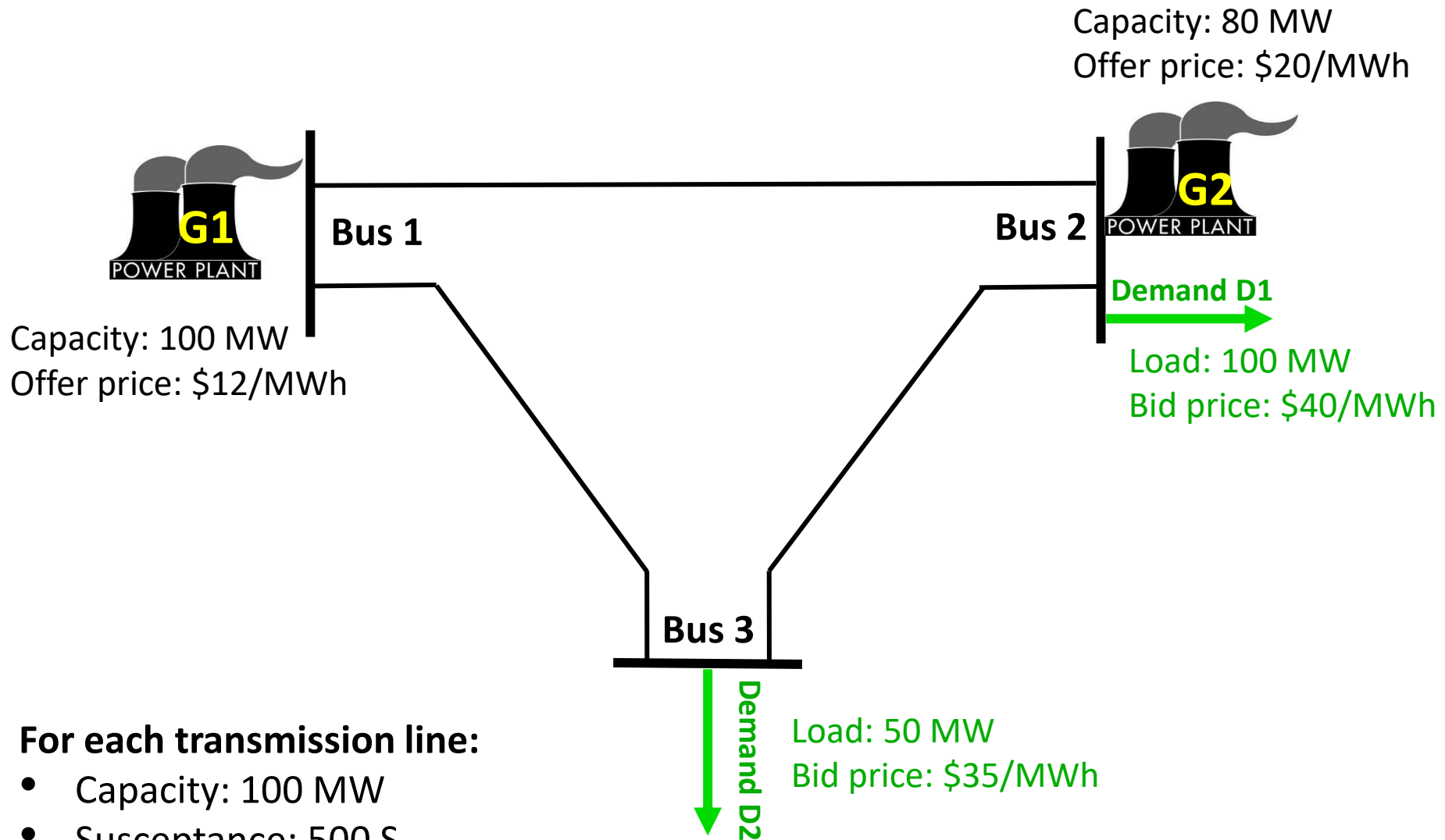
C_g : offer price of generator g

\overline{P}_d^D : maximum load of demand d

\overline{P}_g^G : capacity of generator g

Market clearing considering **network**

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Market clearing considering network

Let's use an **approximate linearized** representation of power flow equations (**DC power flow**). Accordingly, the following equation gives the power flow across the line connecting bus n to bus m :

$$f_{n,m} = B_{n,m} (\theta_n - \theta_m)$$

Power flow from bus n to bus m (variable)

Susceptance (parameter)

Difference of voltage angles of buses n and m (variable)

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Discussion:

- What are the power flow equations in reality?
- Why do we use the DC power flow equations?

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**Power balance
at each bus**

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**Capacity of each
transmission line**

$$\theta^{N1} = 0 \longrightarrow \text{Reference bus}$$

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**All buses m connected
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**All generators
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**Nodal price at bus n
(locational marginal price, LMP)**

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Market-clearing problem: **primal** optimization

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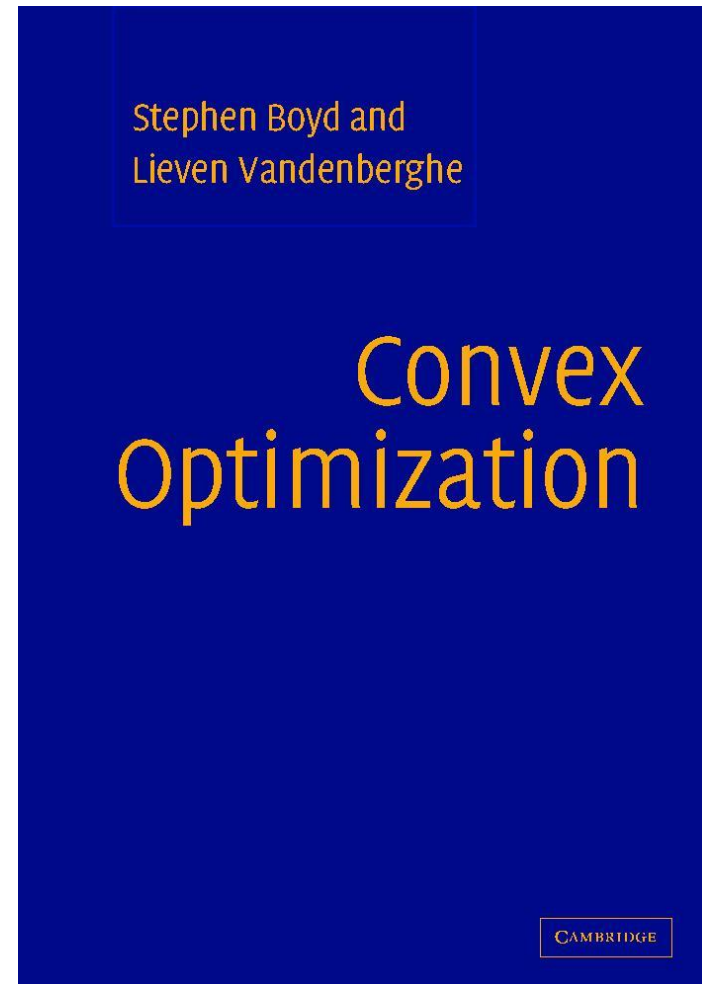
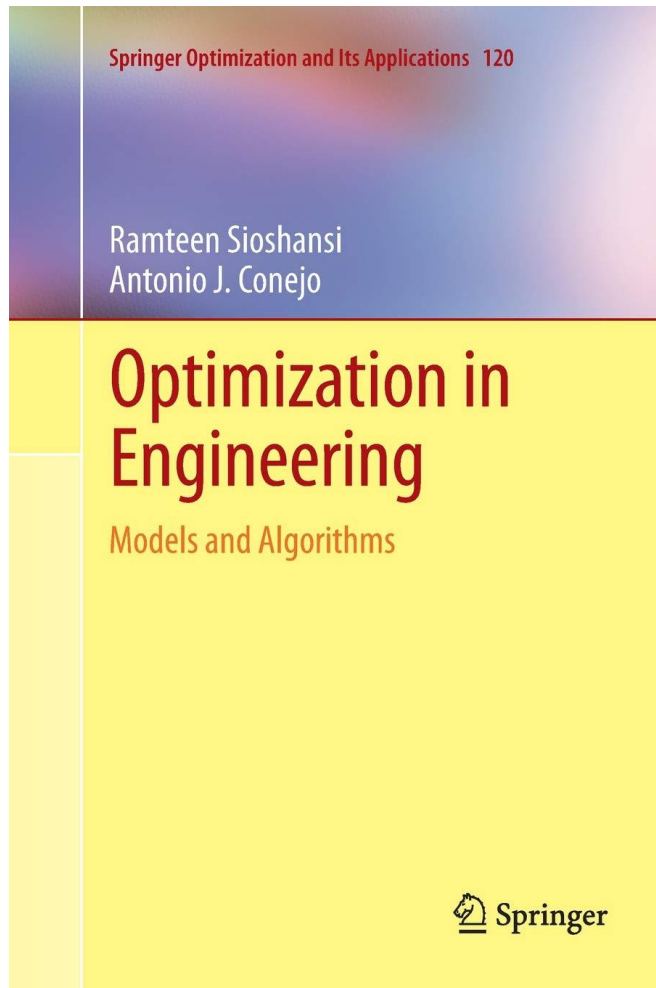
How to derive a dual optimization? Next session!

Thanks for your attention!

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How to derive optimality conditions and dual problem of a linear optimization problem?

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Optimality KKT conditions

For example, we can merge these two conditions to get rid of dual variable μ_3 corresponding to the non-negativity condition of x_1 , i.e.,

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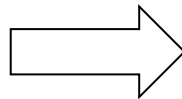
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Example

How to write a code to directly solve KKT conditions (as a system of equations)?

Option 1: Solve using PATH solver (<http://pages.cs.wisc.edu/~ferris/path.html>)

Option 2: Define an auxiliary objective function (e.g., minimize 1), consider KKT conditions as the constraints, and then solve the resulting optimization problem using a non-linear solver (nonlinearity comes from complementarity conditions) ---- we will discuss later in this course how to linearize the complementarity conditions using auxiliary binary (0/1) variables!

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Discussion:

Why is it appealing to derive dual problem?

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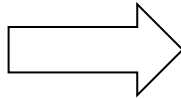
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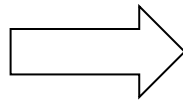
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- Dual function is an unconstrained optimization problem. For arbitrarily given values of dual variables (μ should be non-negative), the dual function minimizes the (relaxed) Lagrangian function. Primal variables are the only variables to be optimized.
- Why “relaxed”? Because constraints in the original primal problem are relaxed, and the fixed dual variables in the dual function “penalize” the violation of relaxed constraints.
- The optimal value of the dual function provides a “**lower bound**” for the optimal value of objective function of the original primal problem.
- More info? Watch this short video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4OifjG2kIJQ>

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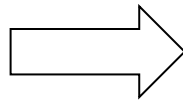
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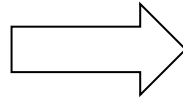
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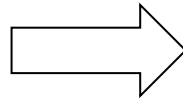
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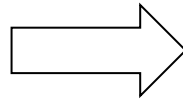
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These two terms (-1 times $-\mu$) are constants in the inner (i.e., minimization) problem, but variables in the outer (i.e., maximization) problem!

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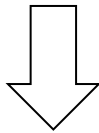
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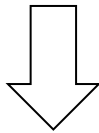
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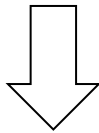
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Can we write the dual problem in a more compact way? **Yes!**

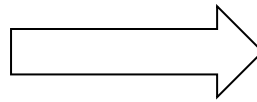
Note:

- Dual variables μ_3 to μ_6 are isolated, since they do not appear in the objective function, and do not link constraints!
- We also know that they are non-negative.
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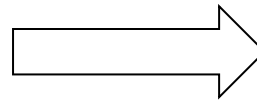


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Option 2 (preferred, due to less number of variables/constraints)

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- ✓ Dual variables of the dual problem are the primal variables!

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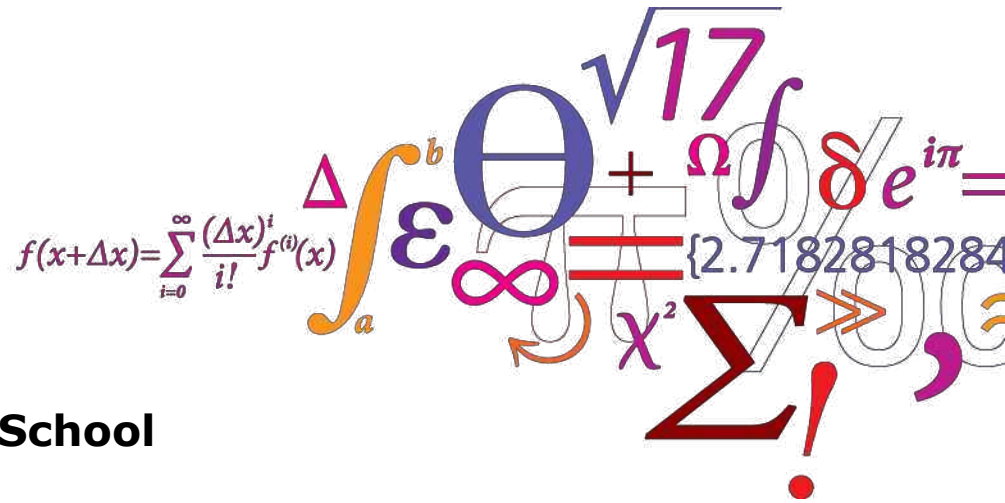
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Lecture 2: Market clearing as an equilibrium problem

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Recap

Market clearing: a simple example

An extended example: two generators (G1 and G2) and two elastic demands (D1 and D2)



Capacity: 100 MW
Offer price: \$12/MWh



Capacity: 80 MW
Offer price: \$20/MWh

Demand D1

Maximum load: 100 MW
Bid price: \$40/MWh

Demand D2

Maximum load: 50 MW
Bid price: \$35/MWh

Market outcomes:

- Productions of G1 and G2: **100 MW and 50 MW**
- Consumptions of D1 and D2: **100 MW and 50 MW**
- Market-clearing price: **[20-35] \$/MWh**

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$$\underbrace{p^{D1} + p^{D2} - p^{G1} - p^{G2} = 0}_{\text{Power balance equality}} \quad \text{ : } \lambda \quad (1f)$$

Dual variable: market-clearing price

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Assume this unconstrained optimization problem is being solved by a fictitious player, the so-called “**price-setter**”, who determines the market-clearing price by penalizing the power mismatch!

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Question: Can we solve optimization problems above separately? **No! Why?**

Optimization problem for each market player

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- Market-clearing price is a variable for the price-setter, but a parameter for G1, G2, D1 and D2.
- Productions/consumptions are variables for G1, G2, D1 and D2, but parameters for the price-setter.

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All five optimization problems above are linked, and should be solved all together!

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This specific problem is also known as “**competitive equilibrium**” problem!

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Discussion:

What kind of game-theoretic problem is it? Is it a “**non-cooperative**” game? Or a “**cooperative**” one?

Some seminal works on competitive equilibrium

MATHEMATICAL METHODS OF ORGANIZING AND PLANNING PRODUCTION*†

L. V. KANTOROVICH

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L. V. Kantorovich, "Mathematical methods of organizing and planning production,"
Management Science, vol. 6, no. 4, pp. 366–422, 1960.

SPATIAL PRICE EQUILIBRIUM AND LINEAR PROGRAMMING

By PAUL A. SAMUELSON*

I.—Introduction

Increasingly, modern economic theorists are going beyond the formulation of equilibrium in terms of such marginal equalities as marginal revenue equal to marginal costs or wage rate equal to marginal value product. Instead they are reverting to an earlier and more fundamental aspect of a maximum position: namely, that from the top of a hill, whether or not it is locally flat, all movements are downward.

P. A. Samuelson, "Spatial price equilibrium and linear programming,"
American Economic Review, vol. 42, no. 3, pp. 283–303, 1952.

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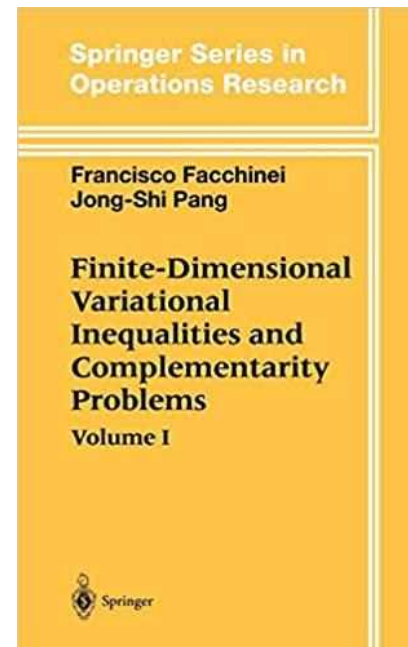
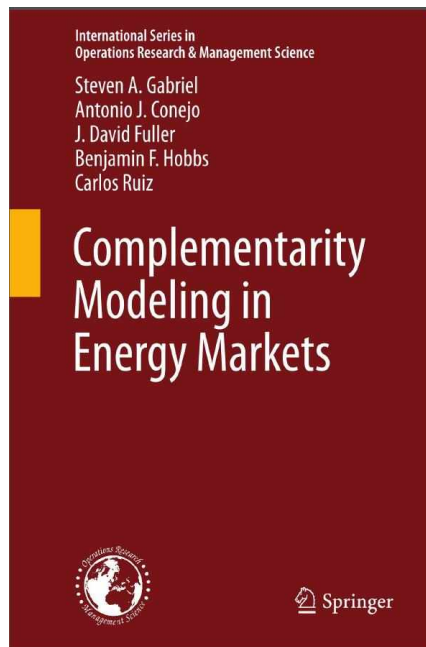
EXISTENCE OF AN EQUILIBRIUM FOR A COMPETITIVE ECONOMY

BY KENNETH J. ARROW AND GERARD DEBREU¹

A. Wald has presented a model of production and a model of exchange and proofs of the existence of an equilibrium for each of them. Here proofs of the existence of an equilibrium are given for an integrated model of production, exchange and consumption. In addition the assumptions made on the technologies of producers and the tastes of consumers are significantly weaker than Wald's. Finally a simplification of the structure of the proofs has been made possible through use of the concept of an abstract economy, a generalization of that of a game.

K. J. Arrow and G. Debreu, "Existence of an equilibrium for a competitive economy," *Econometrica*, vol. 22, no. 3, pp. 265–290, 1954.

Relevant books and courses!



- Prof. Steven Gabriel's yearly short course at NTNU, "**Introduction Course in Complementarity Models and Equilibrium**": <https://www.ntnu.edu/studies/courses/I%C3%988806#tab=omEmnet>
- Prof. Uday Shanbhag's invited 5-day course at DTU in 2019. All video lectures are publicly available here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PYXlzmXW53k&list=PLKLR7D59yU0fuZTH5wjgov31D3DXta_I-

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Discussion:

- Is our market-clearing problem a “Nash equilibrium” (NE) problem?
- Or, is it a “generalized” Nash equilibrium (GNE)?
- What is the difference of NE and GNE? Which one is more appealing?

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How to make sure all market participants are satisfied with the outcome of market-clearing **optimization** problem, and would not deviate from it?

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And new questions:

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- How to solve an equilibrium problem?

Market clearing: **optimization vs equilibrium!**

Equilibrium

For each generator:

Maximize profit
subject to production limits

For each demand:

Maximize utility
subject to consumption limits

Price-setter's problem

Optimization

Maximize market's social welfare

subject to:

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How to **solve** the equilibrium problem?

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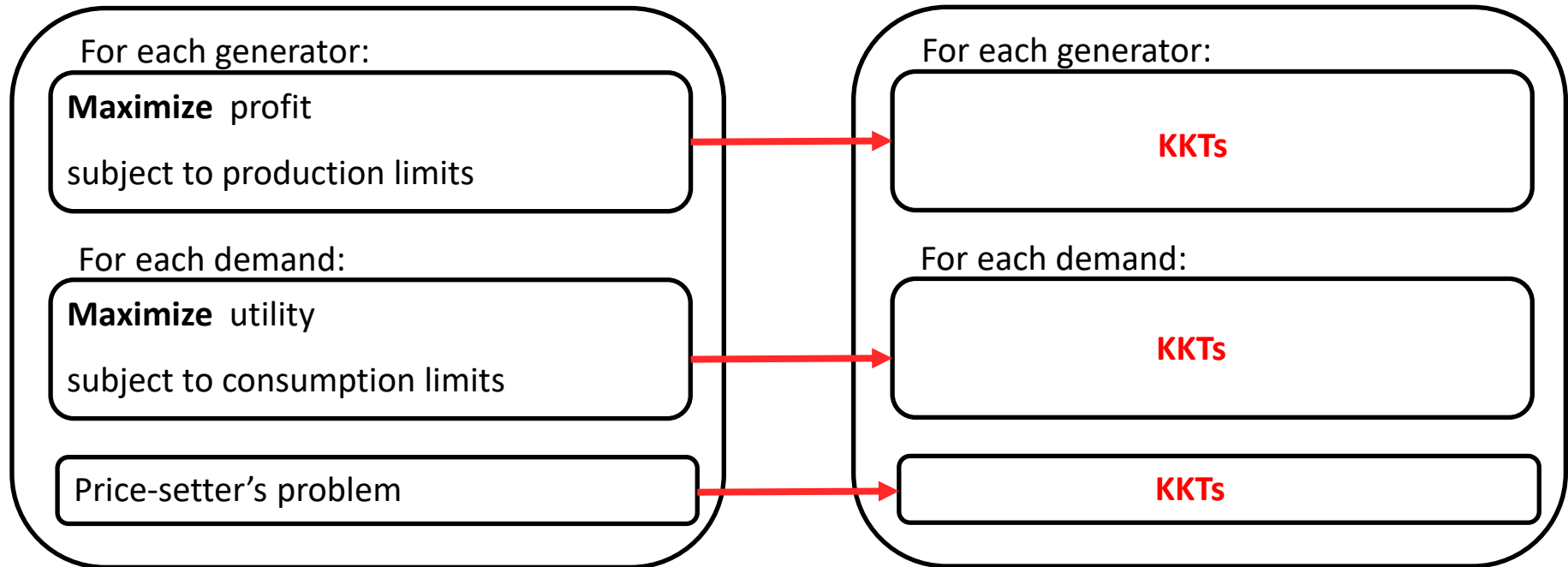
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Price-setter's problem

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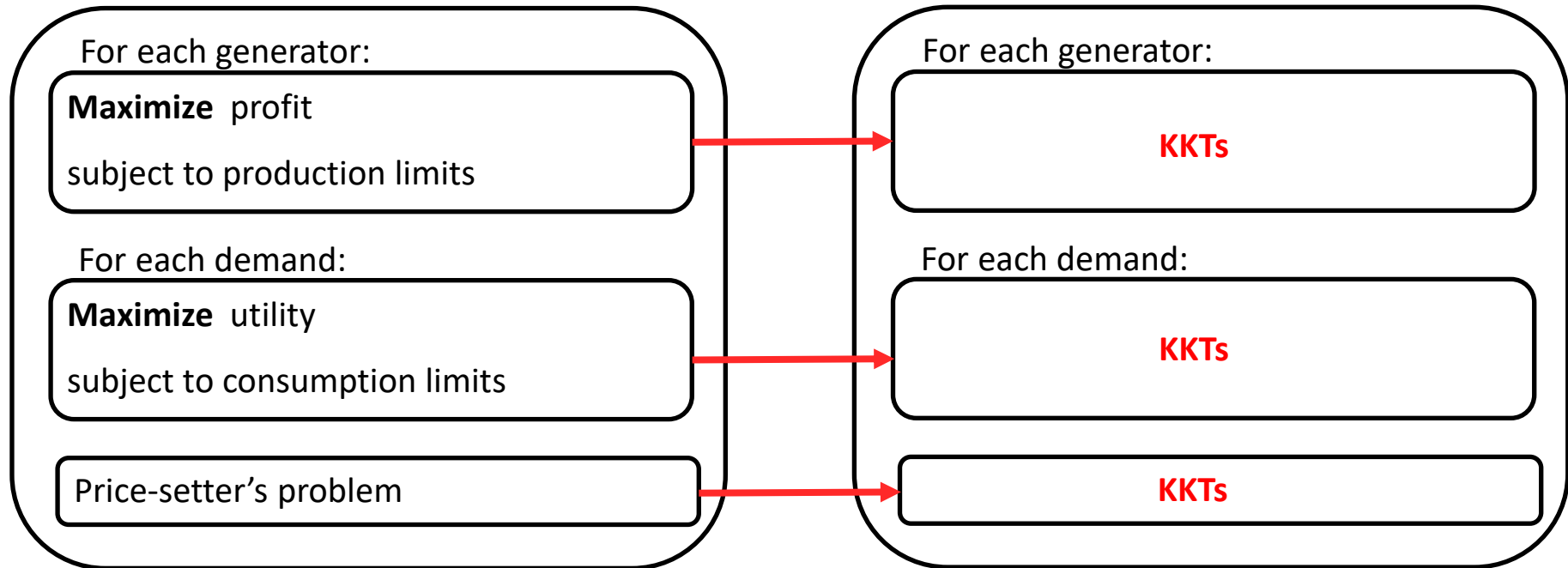
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Mixed complementarity problem (MCP)

It is straightforward to solve!

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Let's check again the equilibrium and optimization problems above!

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KKTs

Do the MCP (obtained from equilibrium) and the KKTs (obtained from optimization) include **identical** conditions?

If so, the equilibrium and optimization problems above are “**equivalent**”, i.e., any solution to the equilibrium problem is also a solution to the optimization problem and vice versa.

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subject to:

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subject to:

$$0 \leq p^{G2} \leq 80 \quad : \underline{\mu}^{G2}, \bar{\mu}^{G2}$$

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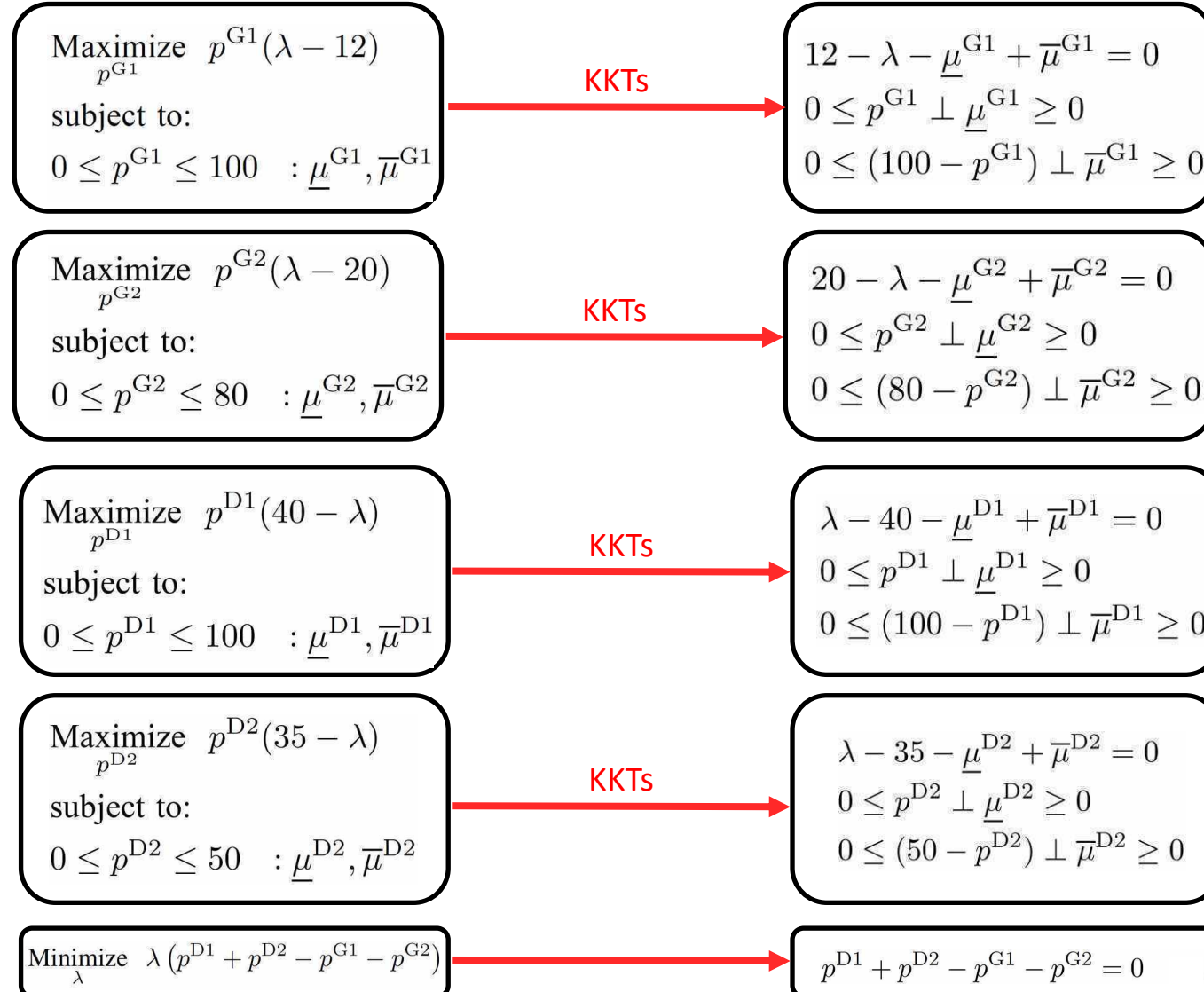
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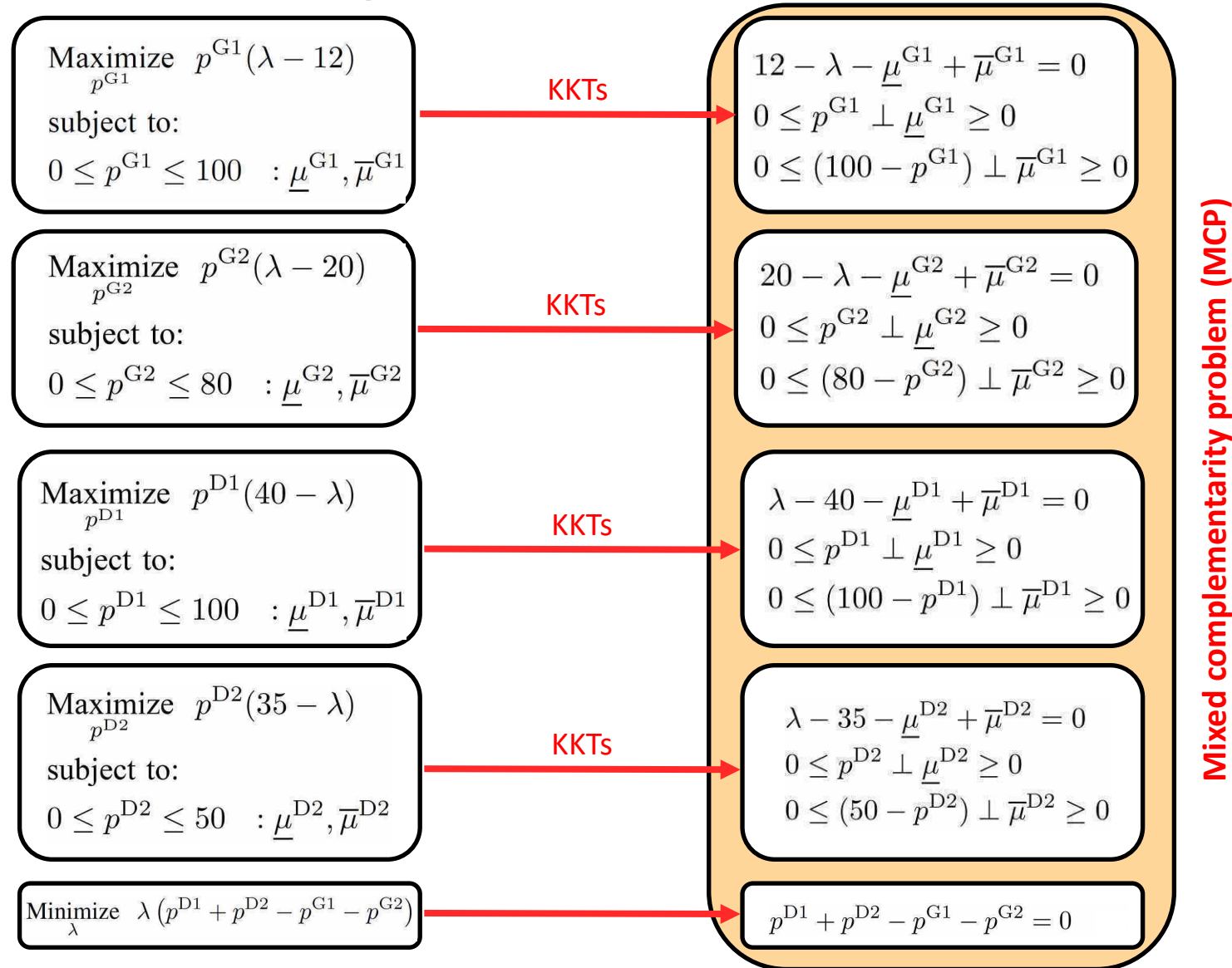
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Market clearing as an equilibrium problem



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Market clearing as an equilibrium problem

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Mixed complementarity problem (MCP)

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Mixed complementarity problem (MCP)

Conclusions so far!

- The equilibrium and optimization forms of the market-clearing problem are **equivalent**, because their corresponding KKT conditions are identical!
- Both equilibrium and optimization forms of the market-clearing problem obtain the “**Nash equilibrium solution**”, i.e., no market player desires to deviate from the market-clearing outcomes!

Form 1: Market clearing as an **optimization** problem

$$\text{Maximize}_{p_g^G, p_d^D, \theta_n} \sum_d U_d p_d^D - \sum_g C_g p_g^G$$

subject to:

$$0 \leq p_d^D \leq \overline{P}_d^D : \underline{\mu}_d^D, \overline{\mu}_d^D \quad \forall d$$

$$0 \leq p_g^G \leq \overline{P}_g^G : \underline{\mu}_g^G, \overline{\mu}_g^G \quad \forall g$$

$$\sum_{d \in \Psi_n} p_d^D + \sum_{m \in \Omega_n} B_{n,m}(\theta_n - \theta_m) - \sum_{g \in \Psi_n} p_g^G = 0 \quad : \lambda_n \quad \forall n$$

$$-F_{n,m} \leq B_{n,m}(\theta_n - \theta_m) \leq F_{n,m} \quad : \underline{\eta}_{n,m}, \overline{\eta}_{n,m} \quad \forall n, \forall m \in \Omega_n$$

$$\theta_{(n=ref)} = 0 \quad : \gamma$$

Form 2: Market clearing as an **equilibrium** problem

Each generator:

$$\underset{p_g^G}{\text{Maximize}} \quad p_g^G (\lambda_{n:g \in \Psi_n} - C_g)$$

subject to:

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Each elastic demand:

$$\underset{p_d^D}{\text{Maximize}} \quad p_d^D (U_d - \lambda_{n:d \in \Psi_n})$$

subject to:

$$0 \leq p_d^D \leq \bar{P}_d^D \quad : \underline{\mu}_d^D, \bar{\mu}_d^D$$

Transmission owner as a spatial arbitrager (it buys power at a bus and sells it back at another one):

$$\underset{\theta_n}{\text{Maximize}} \quad \sum_{n, (m \in \Omega_n)} \lambda_n [B_{n,m} (\theta_m - \theta_n)]$$

subject to:

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Price-setter:

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This term is known as "congestion rent"!

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Closer look into congestion rent

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Let's investigate if this objective function is correct!

subject to:

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Form 3: Market clearing as an MCP

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Conclusion

All three forms of the market-clearing problem, i.e.,

- optimization
- equilibrium
- MCP

are equivalent!

Exercises

1- Which form of the market-clearing problem (optimization or equilibrium) is more appealing to market operators?

2- Consider an equilibrium form of the market-clearing problem. Is it possible to solve it iteratively without deriving KKTs? If so, what are the pros and cons?

Guide: Consider an iterative mechanism, in which the market operator fixes a set of initial prices, and then each market participant makes her own dispatch decisions accordingly. Based on the participants' dispatch decisions, the market operator checks whether nodal power balance conditions hold or not. If not, the operator "systematically" adjusts those prices and disseminates the updated prices among participants. This can be continued until there is no demand-supply mismatch. If interested, read about "Walrasian auction" and its "tâtonnement process", which indeed requires a decomposition technique (e.g., Lagrangian relaxation or ADMM).

3- For a given Nash equilibrium (NE) problem, how to mathematically identify that an equivalent optimization problem exists?

Guide: check chapter 4 of the book by S. Gabriel et al. (available on DTU Inside) and learn about "Principle of Symmetry", referring to the symmetry of Jacobian matrix. Search how we can derive the Jacobian matrix of a game. You can also check Theorem 1.3.1 of the book by F. Facchinei and J.-S. Pang (available on DTU Inside).

4- Investigate how the solution existence and the solution uniqueness for a Nash equilibrium (NE) can be mathematically proven.

Guide: For uniqueness, search about "monotonicity" property of a game. How can we ensure a game is strongly monotone by checking the Jacobian matrix? You can also read about "degree theory".

Thanks for your attention!

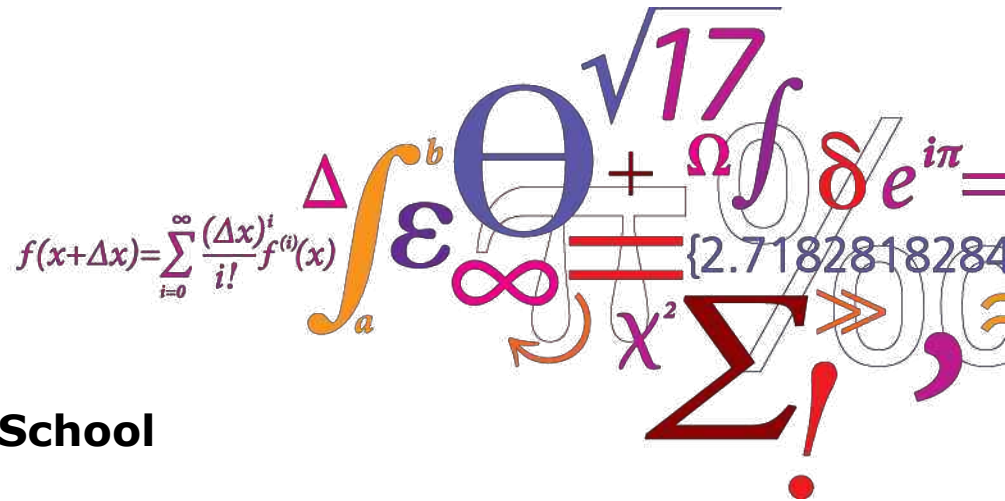
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Lecture 3: Desirable market properties

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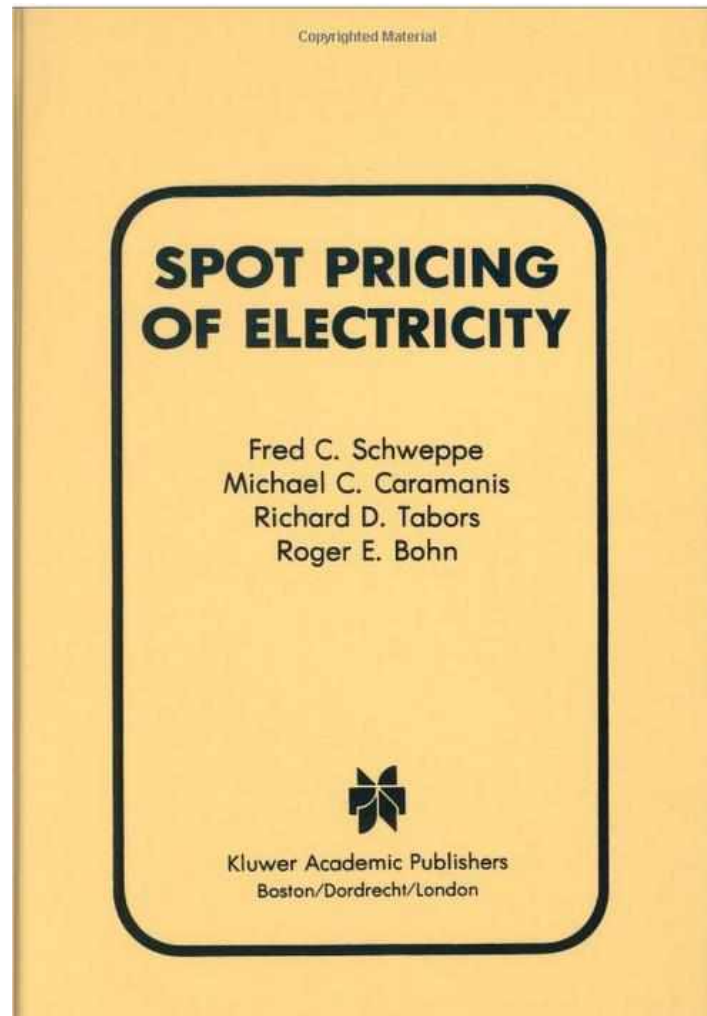
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Question:

In addition to achieving **market efficiency**, is there any other desirable economic property for a market-clearing mechanism?

A relevant and very nice book!



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- Based on Hurwicz theorem (also known as “impossibility theorem”) [1]-[2], no mechanism is capable of achieving all those properties at the same time!
- We have to find a “trade-off” among properties achieved and those lost.

[1] L. Hurwicz, “On Informationally Decentralized Systems” in *Decision and Organization*, edited by C.B. McGuire and R. Radner, Amsterdam, 1972.

[2] R. Myerson and M. A. Satterthwaite, “Efficient mechanisms for bilateral trading,” *Journal of Economic Theory*, vol. 28, pp. 265–281, 1983.

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Guide:

Step 1- Consider the nodal power balance equality for bus n .

Step 2- Multiply each term within the equality of Step 1 by the LMP at that bus.

Step 3- Consider the summation of all equalities obtained in Step 2 for all buses. What does the resulting equality mean?

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- Reference [1] uses **one** type of binaries only (on/off status of generators) to model all UC constraints.
- Reference [2] models the same UC constraints as in [1], but using **three** types of binaries (on/off, start-up, and shut-down status of generators).
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One more reference!

If you would like to “relax” binary variables of UC constraints in a “tight” way, e.g., for capacity expansion planning studies:

[4] B. Hua, R. Baldick, and J. Wang, “Representing operational flexibility in generation expansion planning through convex relaxation of unit commitment,” *IEEE Transactions on power systems*, vol. 33, no. 2, pp. 2272–2281, 2018.

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Questions: When UC constraints are included,

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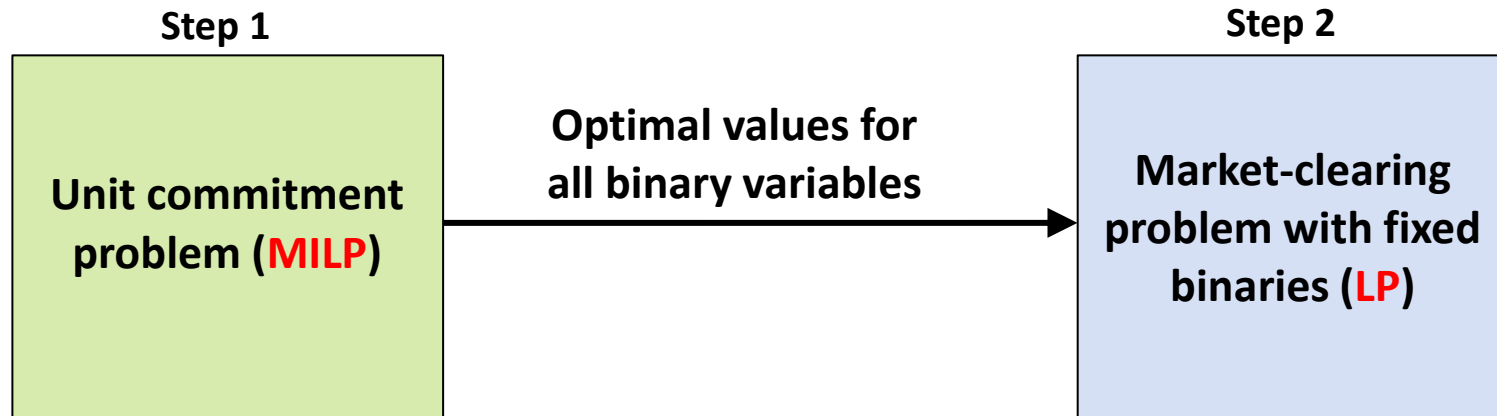
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This means that the “cost recovery” of generators **cannot** be ensured anymore, because market prices do not support their start-up costs!

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Discussion:

What is the current practice in the European electricity markets?

Guide: Read about “block orders” and “paradoxically rejected blocks”

Exercise 3

There is another market-clearing mechanism called “Vickrey–Clarke–Groves (VCG)”, which pays/charges each generator/demand based on its value/cost to the market (see, e.g., references [1]-[2], in the next slide).

Consider a market with three generators G1, G2, G3 and two demands D1 and D2. The market-clearing outcomes in VCG are identical to those in the LMP-based market design; the only difference is “pricing” (but NOT production and consumption levels)!

For example, to calculate the payment to G1 under VCG, the market operator clears the market twice: one time including G1, and another time excluding G1. The payment to G1 is:

$$\text{Payment to G1} = A - B$$

where term A is calculated based on clearing outcomes when G1 exists in the market:
 $A = [\text{total utility of demands D1 and D2}] - [\text{total cost of generators G2 and G3, but not G1}]$

Similarly, term B is calculated based on market-clearing outcomes when G1 is absent:
 $B = [\text{total utility of demands D1 and D2}] - [\text{total cost of generators G2 and G3}]$

Exercise 3

Question:

- Does VCG mechanism ensure “incentive compatibility”, “market efficiency” and “cost recovery”?

Note: The VCG mechanism does not necessarily achieve “revenue adequacy” for the market, which is its main drawback! There are several versions of improved VCG in the literature, seeking to reduce (but not necessarily eliminate) the budget deficit.

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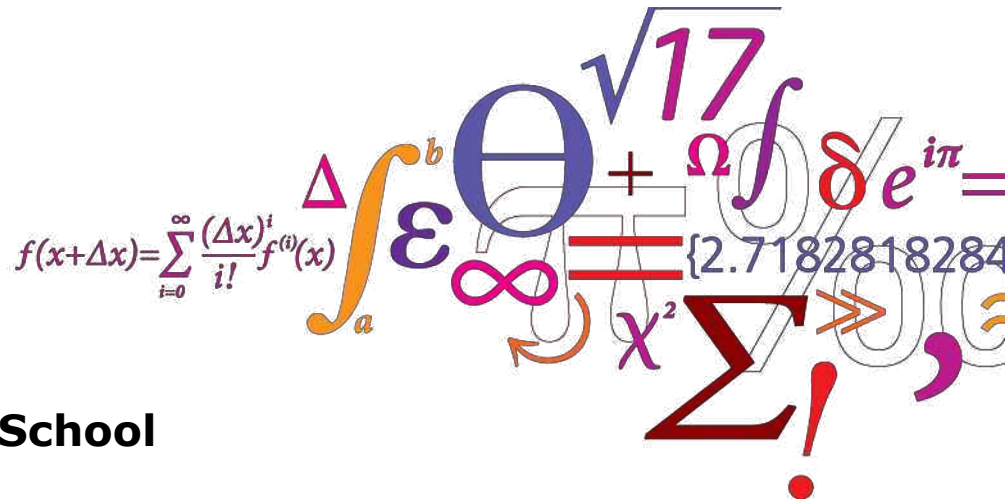
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Lecture 4: Bidding strategy in ancillary service markets

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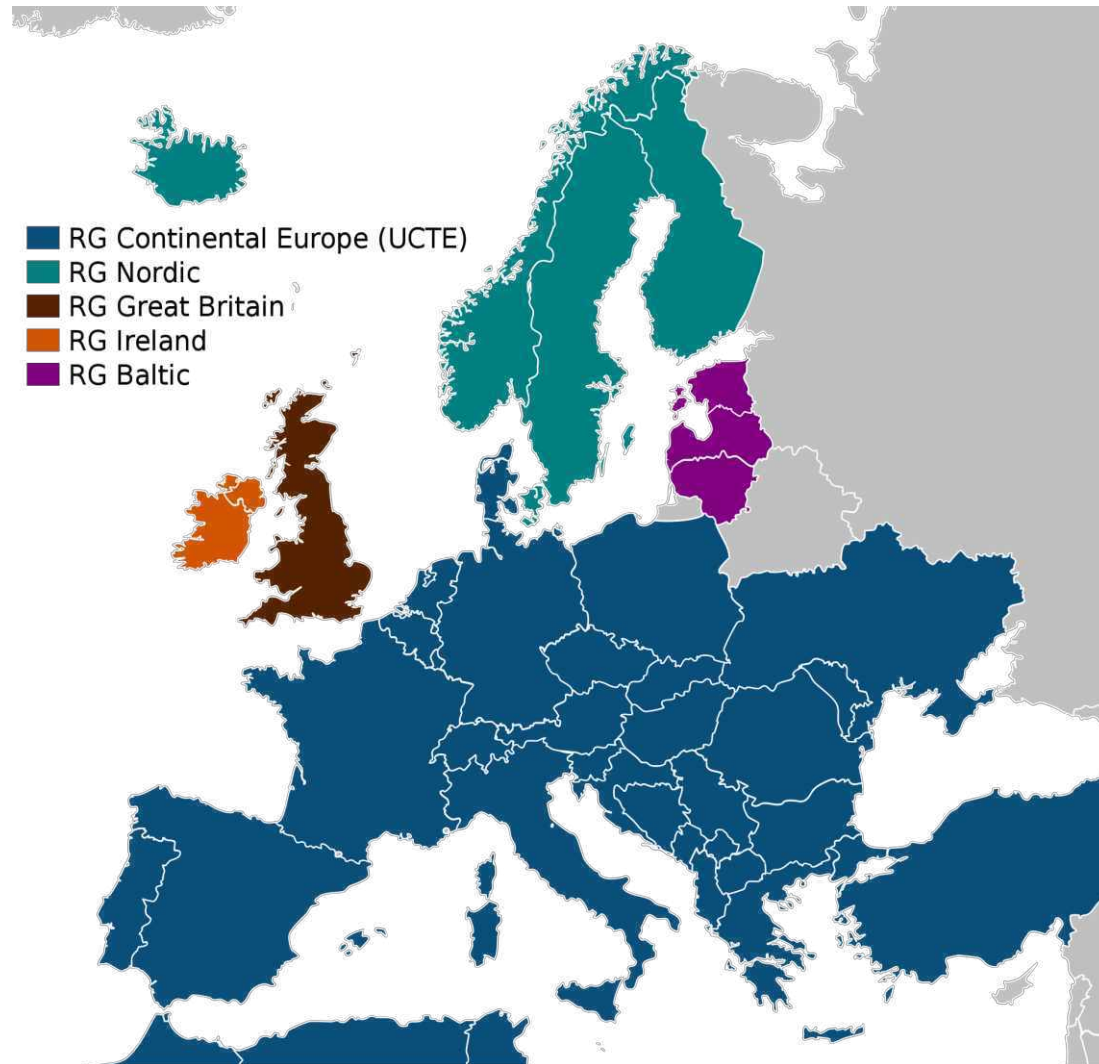


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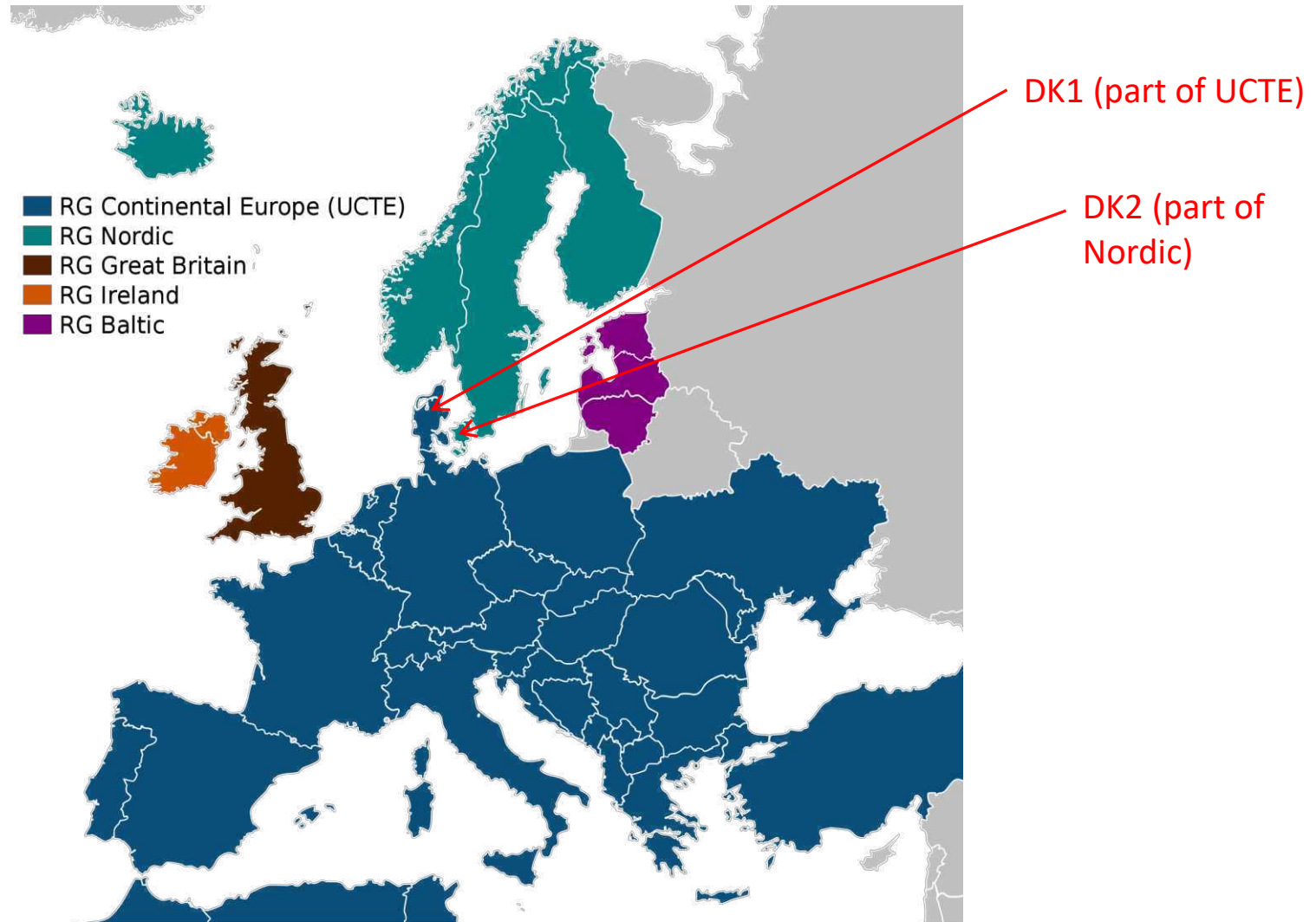
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Short introduction to Nordic ancillary service markets

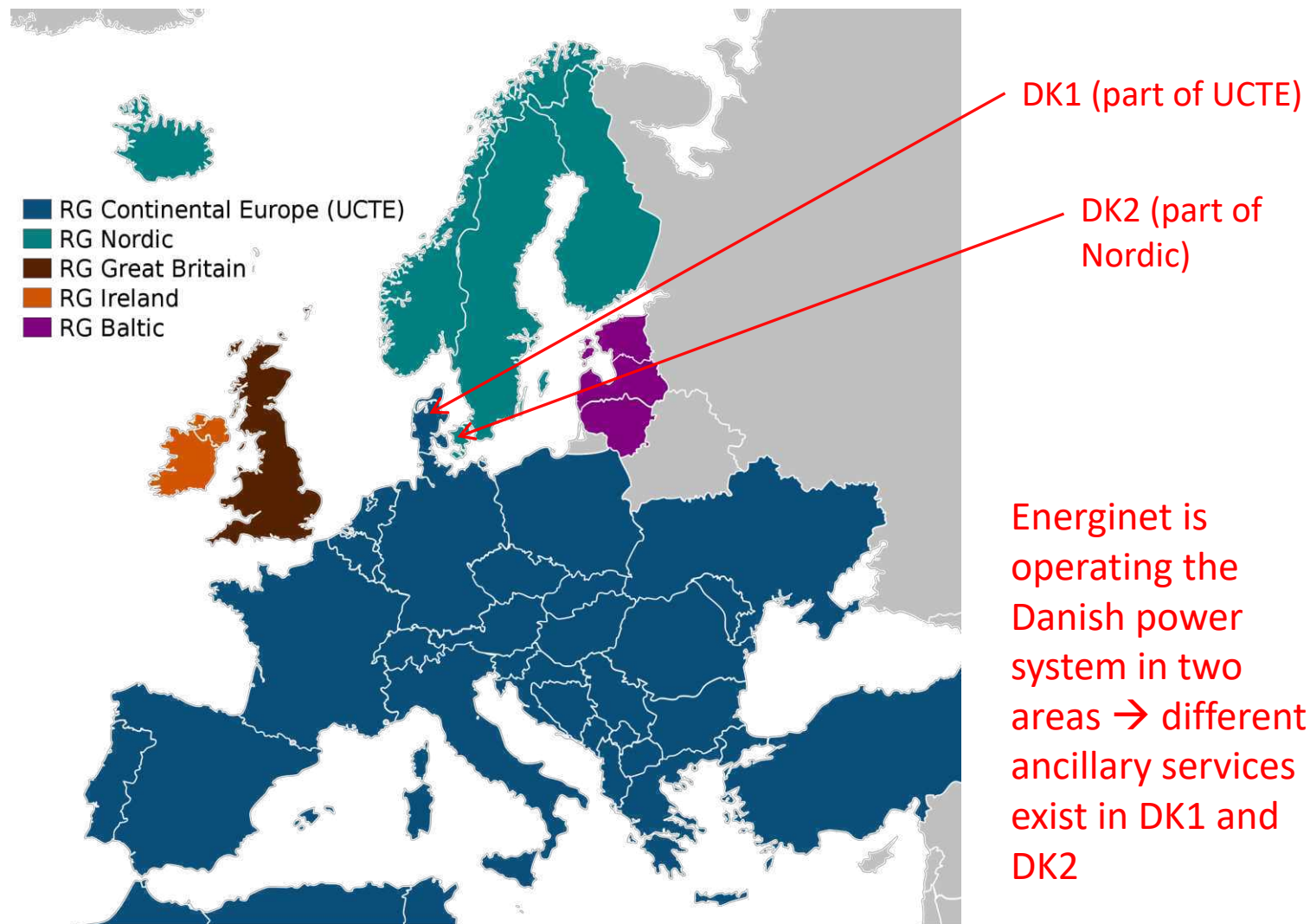
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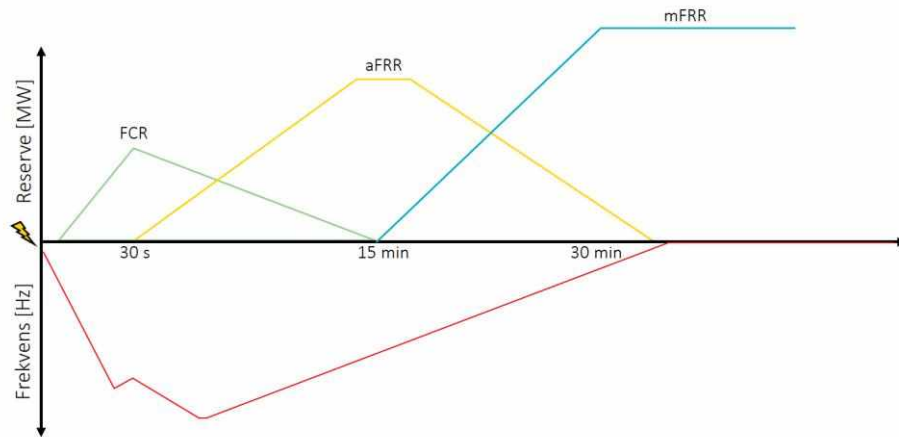
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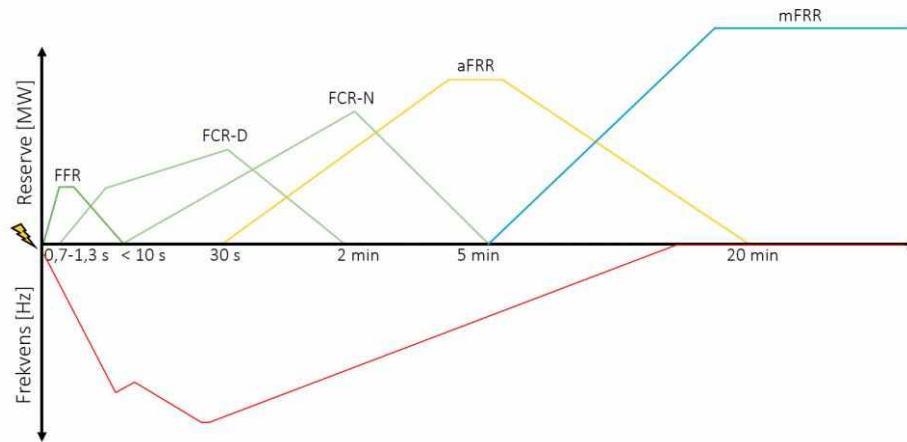


Frequency-based ancillary services in DK1 and DK2



Ancillary services in DK1 (as part of the continental area)

- FCR
- aFRR
- mFRR



Ancillary services in DK2 (as part of the Nordic area)

- FFR (fast frequency reserve)
- FCR-D (D stands for disturbance)
- FCR-N (N stands for normal)
- aFRR
- mFRR

Source: Energinet (*Gennemgang af Nuværende Systemydelse Markeder*)

Specifics of ancillary services in DK1 and DK2

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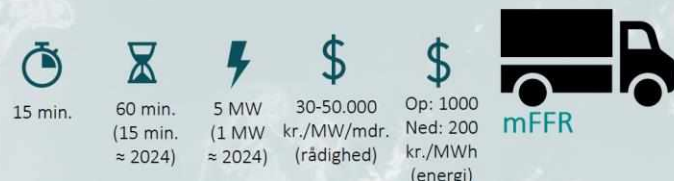
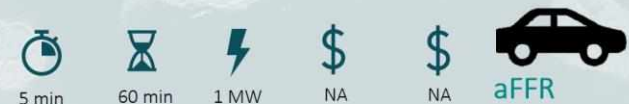
SYSTEMYDELSER: OVERSIGT 2021

- Maks tid for aktivering
- Min. leveringstid
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- Gennemsnitlig historisk pris (2019-2020)

DK1



DK2



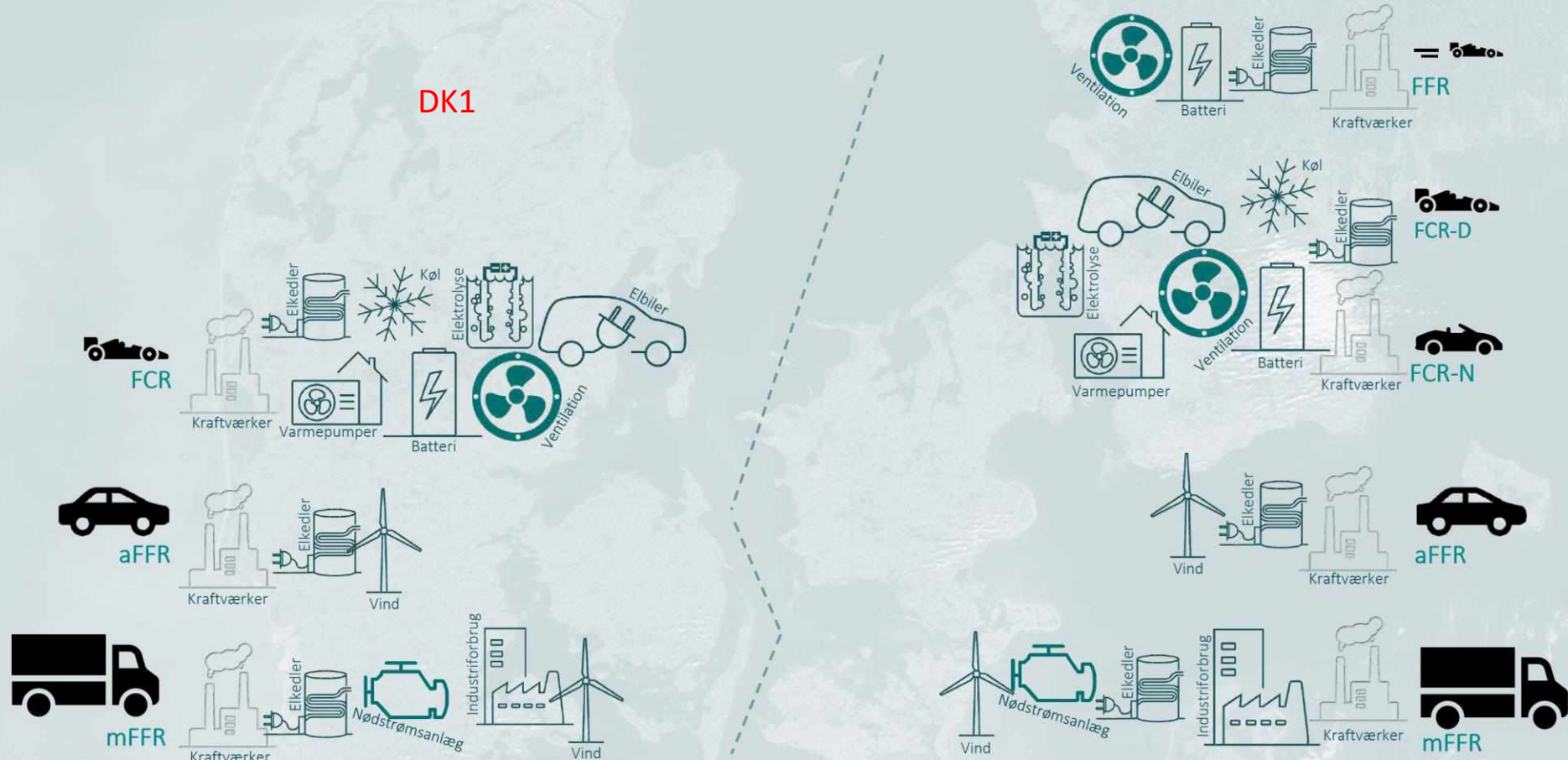
Potential service providers in DK1 and DK2

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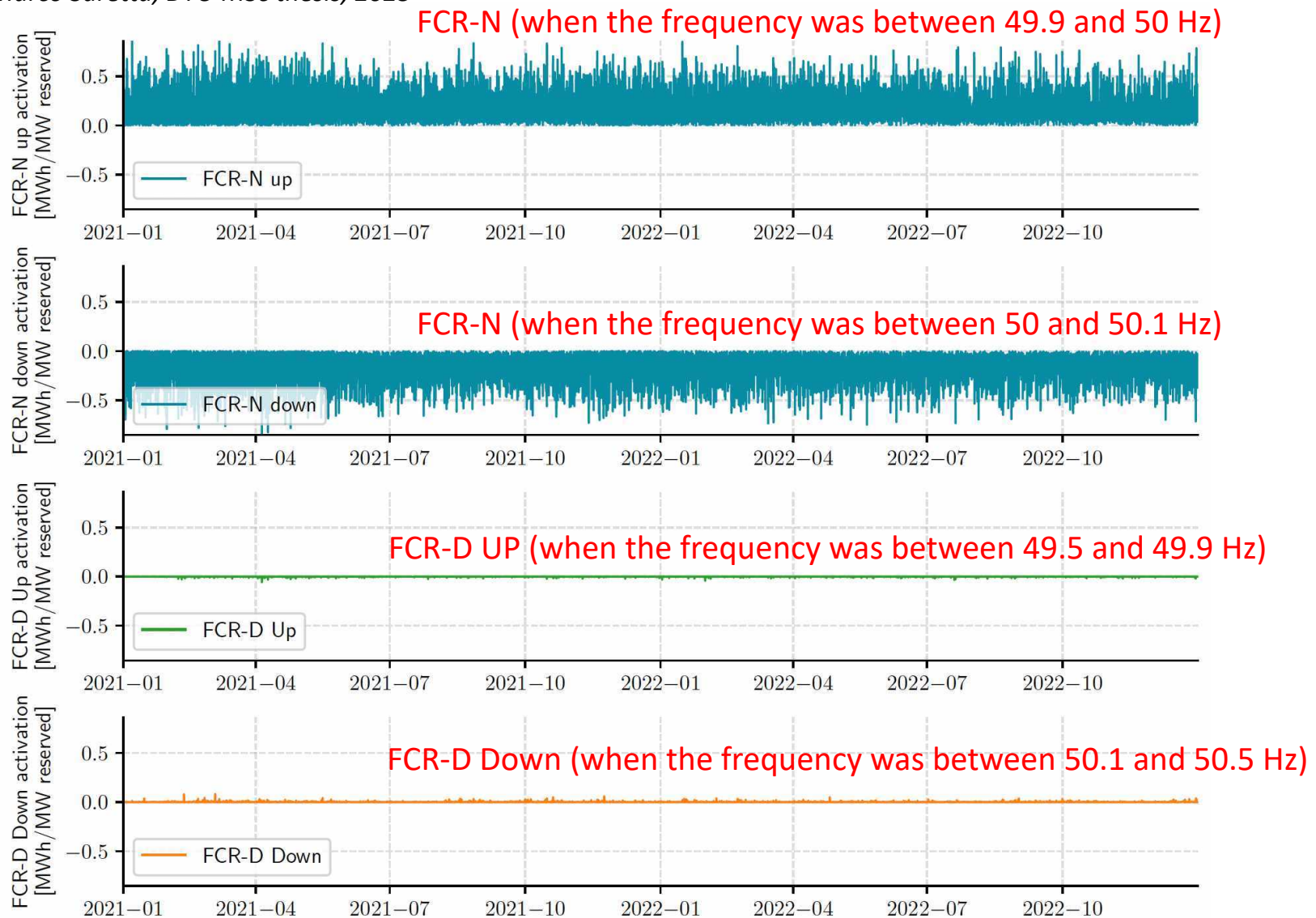
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Historical data: Activated FCR-D and FCR-N in DK2 (2021-2022)

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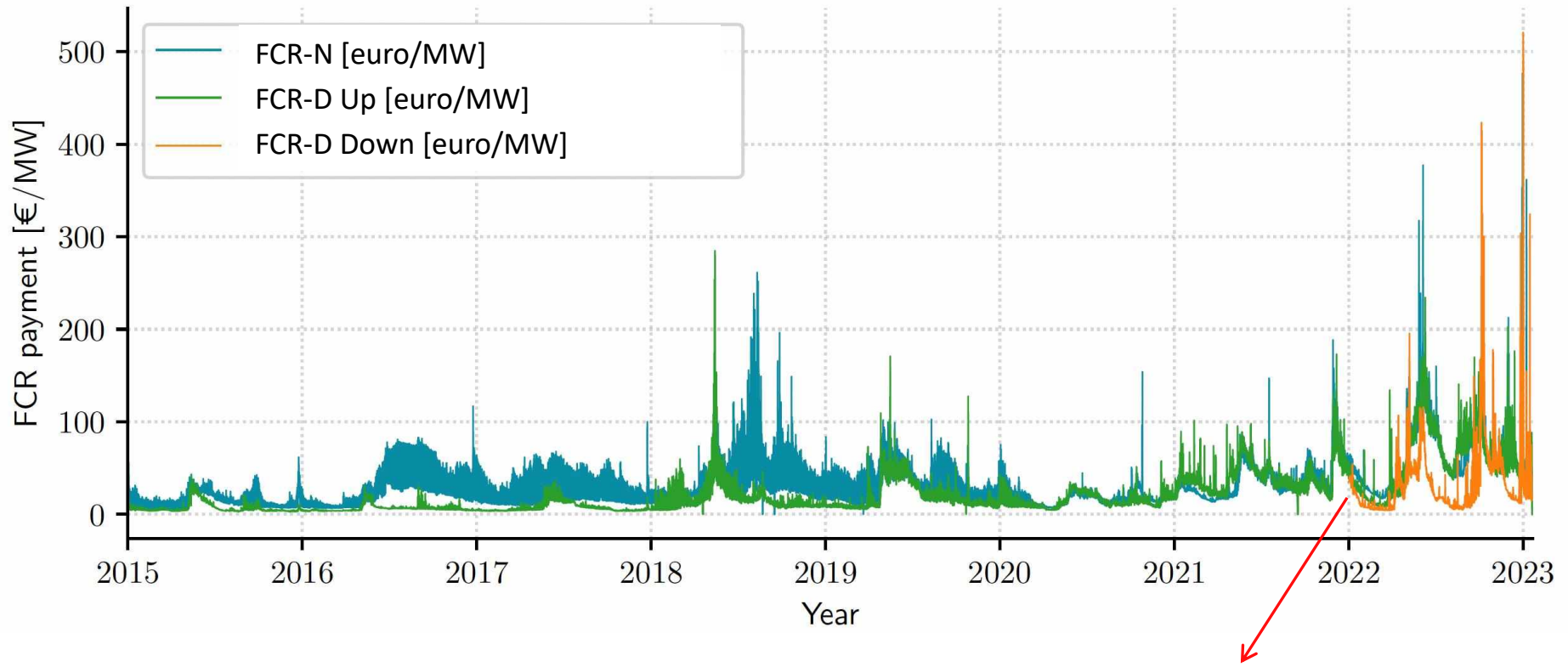


FCR-D was very rarely activated! Service providers received payments due to capacity reservation but were activated very rarely!

Historical data: FCR-D and FCR-N prices in DK2 (2015-2022)



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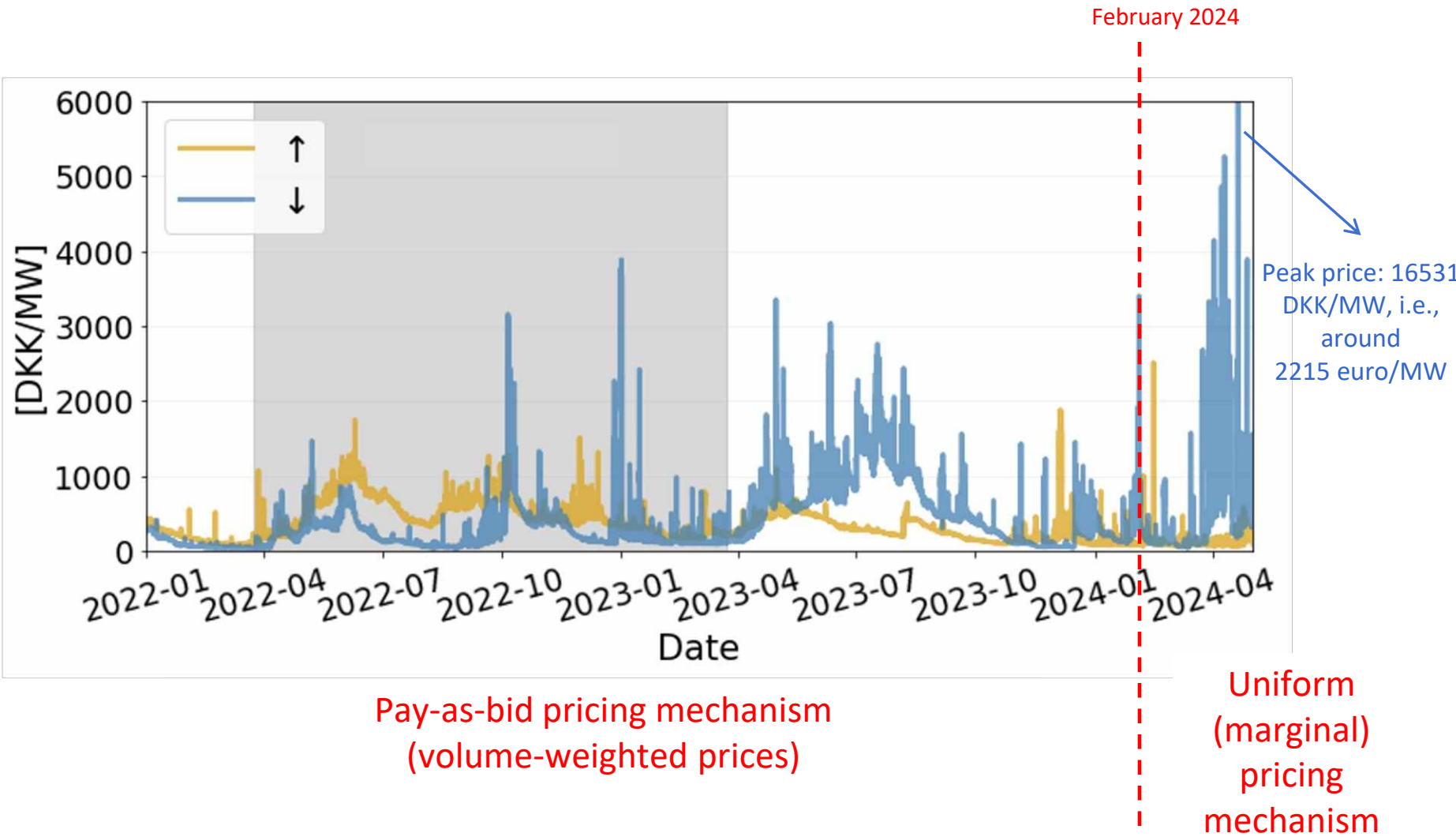


FCR-D Down started in January 2022

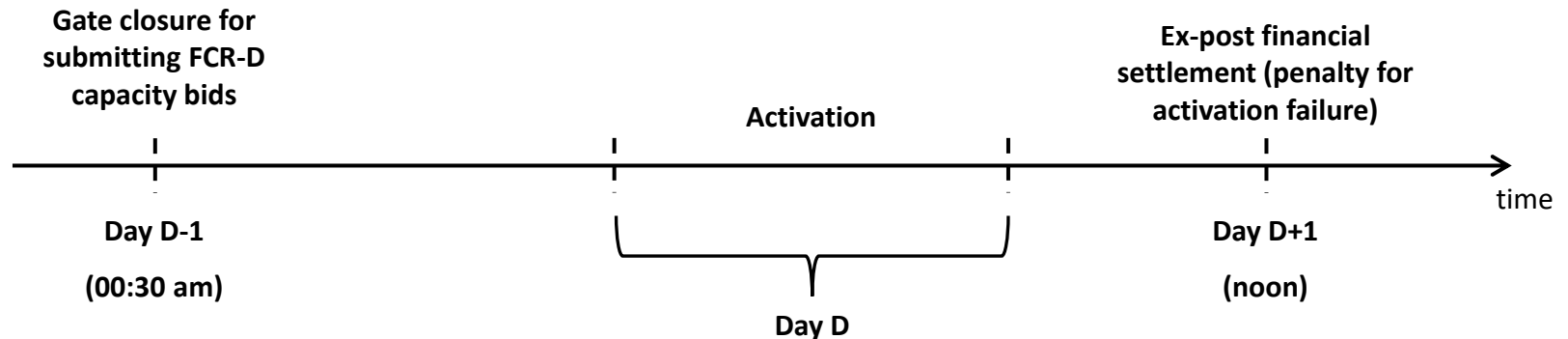
A closer look at historical FCR-D up/down prices in Denmark (DK2)



Credit: *Gustav Lunde and Emil Damm, DTU MSc thesis, 2024*



Current market for FCR-D Up/Down in Denmark



- The FCR-D services are used to be bought in D-2 (until very recently). Now it is in D-1.
- There is a second (optional) market for FCR-D in D-1 in case TSOs realize more FCR-D services should be bought.
- Payment for capacity only (activation is not “energy-intensive”)
- Penalty for activation failure = the cost of alternative source

Nordic TSO obligations to procure FCR services in 2023

	Share [%]	FCR-N [MW]	FCR-D Up [MW]	FCR-D Down [MW]
StatNett	39	234	564	546
FinGrid	20	120	290	280
Svenska Kraftnat	38.3	230	555	536
Energinet	2.7	17	41	38
Nordic obligations	100	600	1450	1400

Source: Energinet report [\[link\]](#)

Outlook for the need in 2030-2040: Energinet report [\[link\]](#)

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Relevant article by Marco et al: [\[link\]](#)

Stochastic flexible assets that can bid their flexibility to ancillary service markets

- These assets could be in the demand or supply side!
- Examples of stochastic flexible assets: electric vehicles (EVs), heat pumps, supermarket freezers, wind turbines, etc.
- Future consumption/production level of these assets is stochastic → stochastic baseline!
- Without loss of generalization, from now on, we consider the FCR-D Up/Down market as our example ancillary service markets!

Data for an aggregation of EV charging boxes in Denmark

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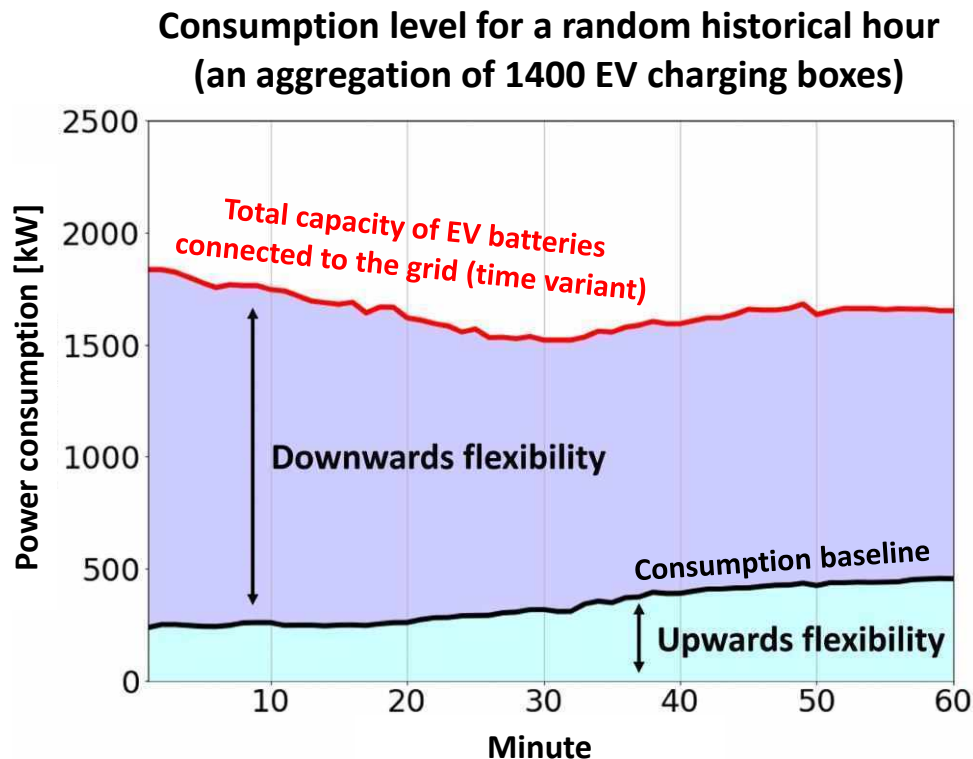
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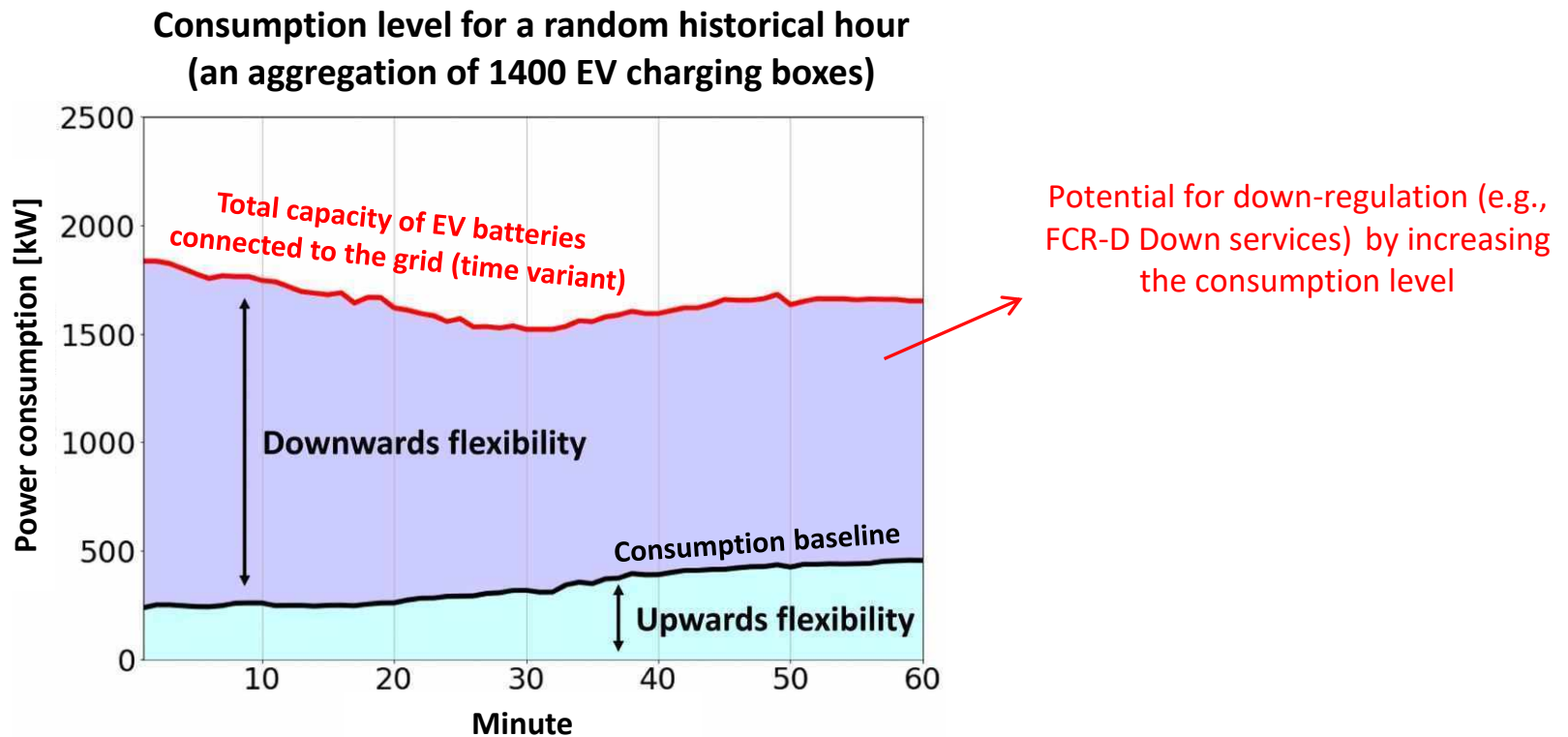
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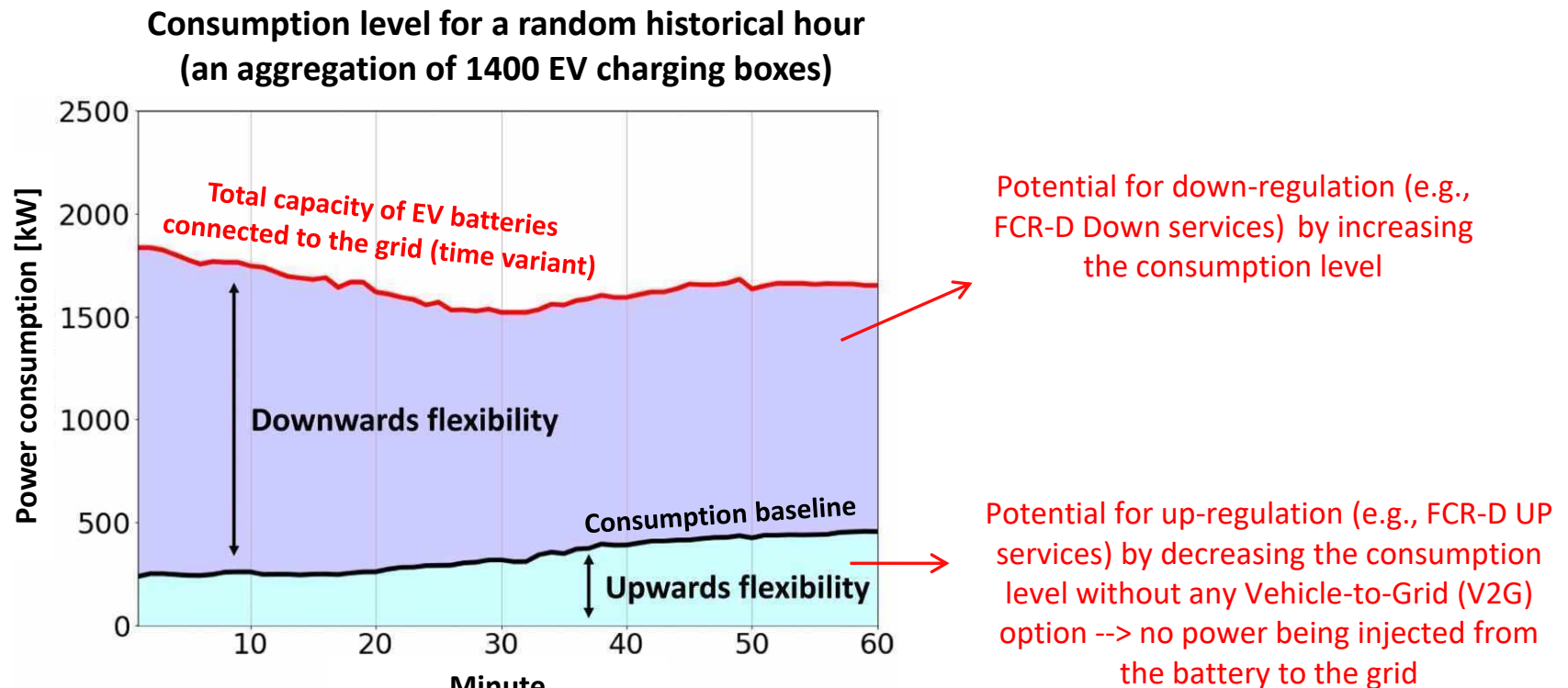
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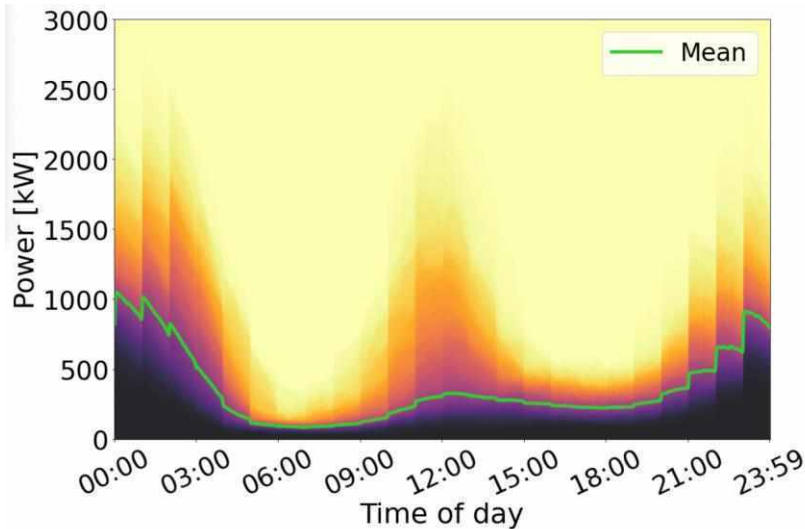
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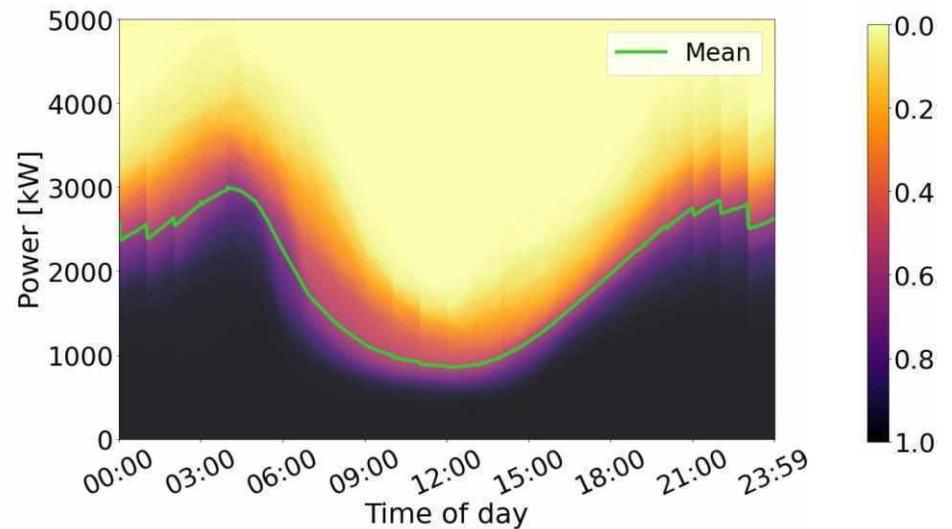
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1-CDF of potential [kW] for **FCR-D Up (left plot)** and **FCR-D Down (right plot)** services throughout the day (based on historical data for 1400 EV charging boxes). CDF = cumulative distribution function.



(a) Upwards flexibility F^\uparrow

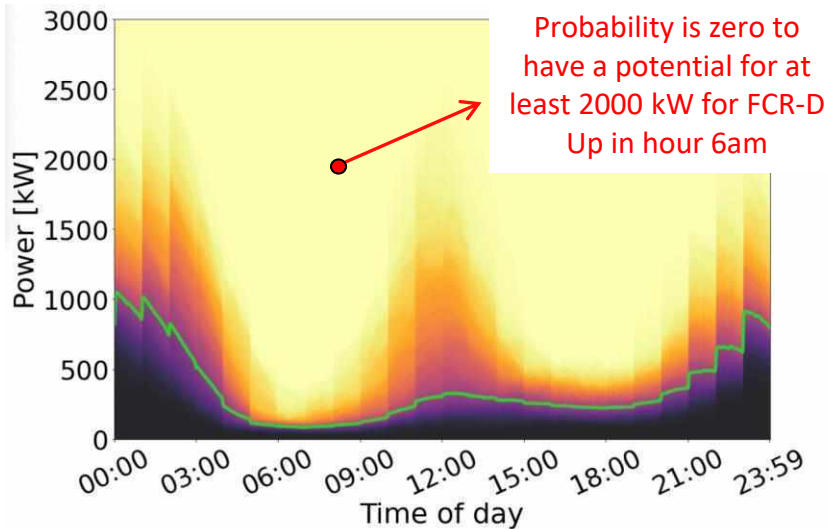


(b) Downwards flexibility F^\downarrow

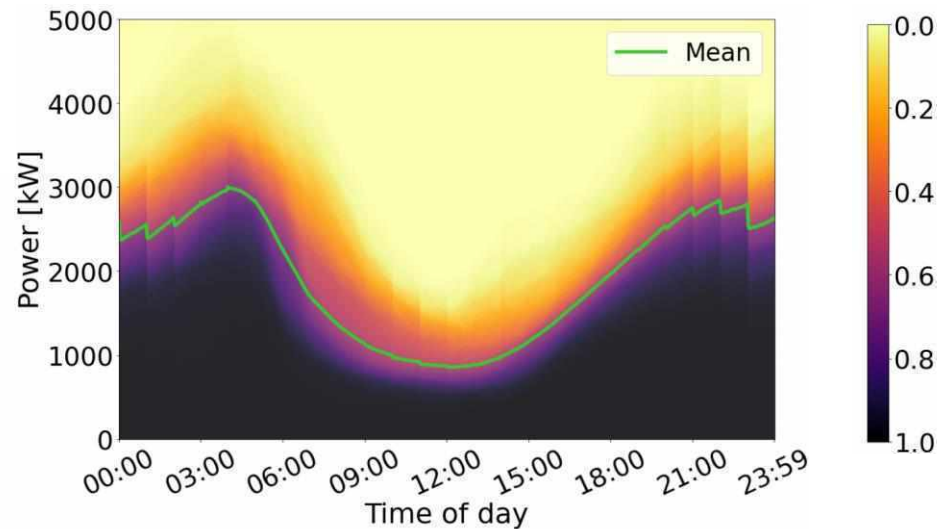
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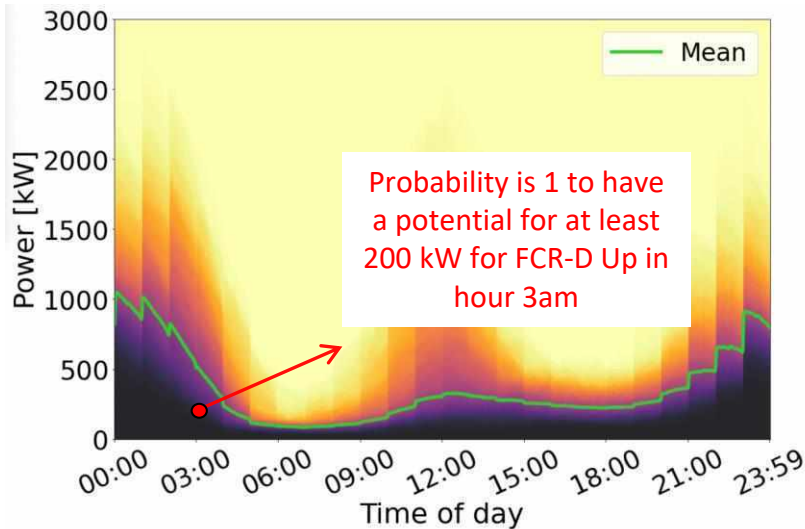


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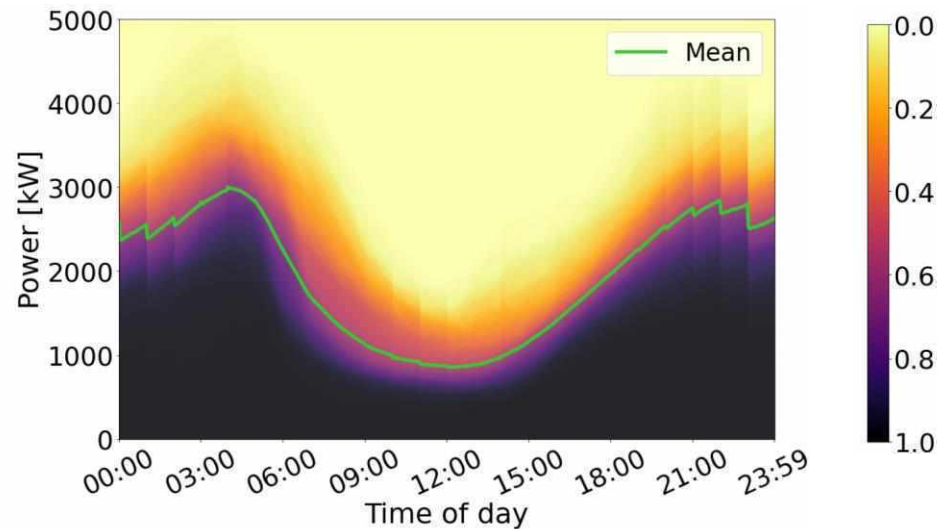
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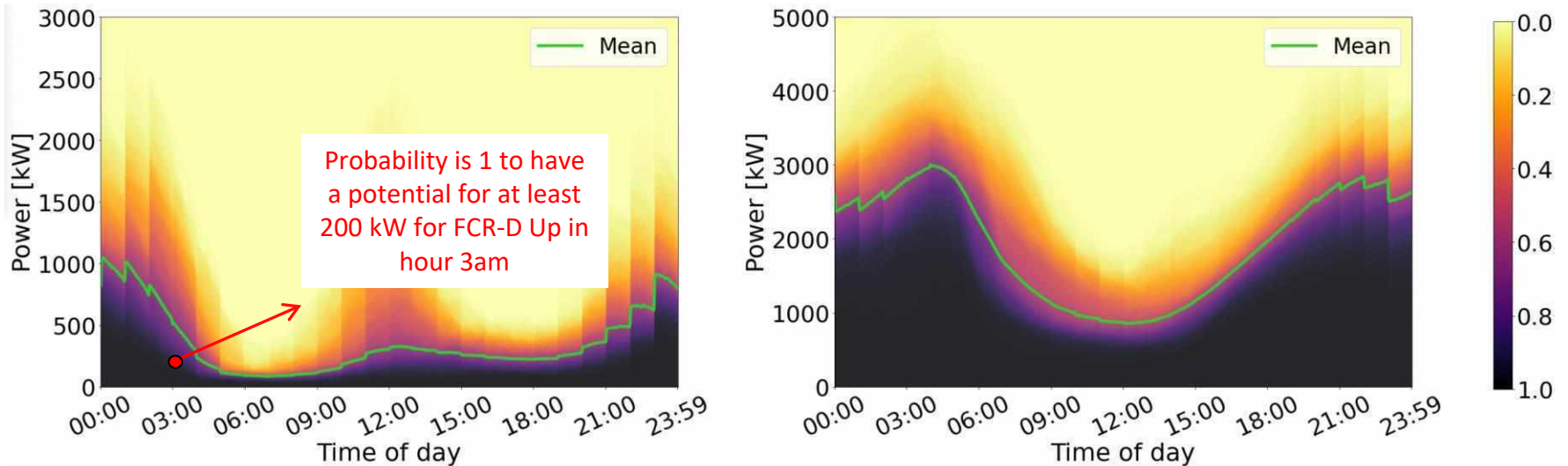
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Note:

These two distribution functions are built based on available historical data during the period of March 24, 2022, to March 21, 2023. It is not necessarily the best way to utilize data. For example, one may use these data to “probabilistically forecast” the future baseline and then use it for bidding decision-making purposes. Or due to seasonality or non-stationarity reasons or alike, one may use the most recent/relevant data for the representation of baseline for the next day!

The P90 requirement of Energinet

- The name “P90” was given by us. It is not used in the Energinet report.
- “Energinet: Prequalification and test,” Energinet, 2023, accessed: 2024-05-30. [Online]. Available: <https://en.energinet.dk/electricity/ancillary-services/prequalification-and-test/>

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This requirement lets a stochastic recourse bid in Nordic ancillary service markets, provided the probability of the bid to be successfully realized is at least 90% -- this means the resource will be still counted qualified for bidding in ancillary service markets if the probability of “**reserve shortfall**” (also called “**overbidding**”) is not more than 10%.

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The P90 requirement

How does Energinet check it?



Harry van der Weijde (He/Him) • 1st

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Senior Scientist at TNO Vector | Energy | Transport | Economics | S...

Interesting! How is the requirement enforced, since only the realisations are visible and the underlying distribution is usually not? How do bidders prove a 90% probability?

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Thomas Dalgas Fechtenburg • 1st

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Senior Manager, Ancillary Services, Energinet

[Harry van der Weijde](#) - based on at least three months of historical performance, where the P90 proved to be available at least 15% of the time (a binary consideration). We continuously monitor the performance of both the physical delivery and forecasts as well, which allow for a "low" entry criteria.

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I'm glad you find our requirement interesting! After having it for ~3 years now, we start to see the effect of it. From our perspective it took some time to learn, but now multiple providers have developed probabilistic forecasts to meet it effectively. Looking forward to read your paper!

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Jalal Kazempour **Author**

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Head of Section, Head of Studies, Associate Professor at ...

Thanks [Thomas](#) for the comment and all discussions we had so far. Indeed it is very innovative and interesting. I am not aware of any other TSO with a similar innovative requirement. Very nice to hear there are now some flex providers meeting

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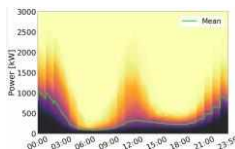
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Probability distribution of
the FCR-D Up service
availability per minute m
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Minutes = $\{1, 2, \dots, 60\}$ in
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0.1 as per the P90 requirement

$\mathbb{P}(\cdot)$: Probability function.

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It enforces the “probability” of the set of constraints inside $P(\cdot)$ to be met should be at least 90%. Given 60 minutes, it enforces our reserve capacity bid corresponding to hour h should be available at least in 54 minutes of that hour and we should not see a reserve shortfall in more than 6 minutes! It does not say about the “magnitude” of shortfall though as it is the case in the P90 requirement too.

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- This is a “**chance-constrained program**”! It is a well-known class of optimization problems under uncertainty!
- This is specifically a “**joint**” chance-constrained program as we have more than one constraint within $P(\cdot)$.

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Question: Having data with a second-resolution than minutes, does it make our decision-making optimization problem more flexible (and less conservative)?

How to solve a (joint) chance-constrained program?

Two solution techniques:

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[1] S. Ahmed, J. Luedtke, Y. Song, and W. Xie, “Nonanticipative duality, relaxations, and formulations for chance-constrained stochastic programs,” *Mathematical Programming*, vol. 162, no. 1, pp. 51–81, 2017.

[2] N. Jiang and W. Xie, “ALSO-X and ALSO-X+: Better convex approximations for chance constrained programs” *Operations Research*, vol. 70, no. 6, pp. 3581–3600, 2022.

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If the underlying probability distribution admits certain properties, we can have an “**analytical**” reformulation [3] → Satisfactory out-of-sample performance.

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➤ What is the minimum number of samples that we should use? See [4] for the answer!

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ALSO-X

Chance constraint \rightarrow sample-based MILP reformulation \rightarrow LP relaxation \rightarrow iterative algorithm

ALSO-X solution technique

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Joint chance-constrained program

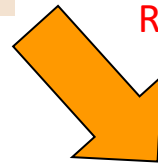
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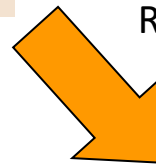
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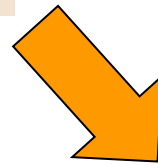


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Sample-based mixed-integer linear program (MILP)

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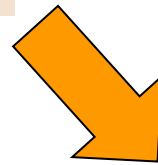
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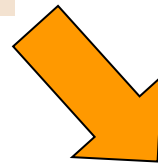
Binary variables, one per minute, per sample!

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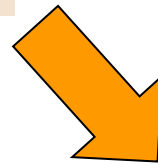
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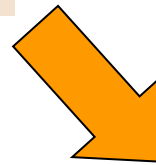
A large enough positive constant, e.g., 10000.

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Indicating whether the probabilistic constraint in the original problem has been “**violated**” in minute m under sample w :

$y=0 \rightarrow$ no
 $y=1 \rightarrow$ yes

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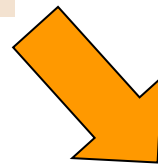
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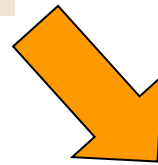
Total cases (for all minutes and samples) the original probabilistic constraint has been
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Our budget for violation (given parameter)
= 10% * number of samples * number of minutes

ALSO-X solution technique

The challenge of this problem is the number of binary variables. With 1000 samples, we will have 60,000 binary variables, which may make the problem **computationally expensive or even intractable!**

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MILP

ALSO-X solution technique

Algorithm 1 ALSO-X

Input: Stopping tolerance parameter δ , e.g., $\delta = 10^{-5}$

Require: Relax the integrality of y

- 1: $\underline{q} \leftarrow 0$
- $\bar{q} \leftarrow \epsilon \times \text{number of samples} \times \text{number of samples}$
- 2: **while** $\bar{q} - \underline{q} \geq \delta$ **do**
- 3: Set $q = \frac{(\underline{q} + \bar{q})}{2}$
- 4: Retrieve Θ^* as an optimal solution to the relaxed problem, i.e., the LP.
- 5: Set $\underline{q} = q$ if $\mathbb{P}(y_{m,\omega}^* = 0) \geq 1 - \epsilon$; otherwise, $\bar{q} = q$
- 6: **end while**

Output: A feasible solution to the non-relaxed problem, i.e., the MILP.

Let's **relax** every binary variable between zero and one (so, MILP \rightarrow LP) and solve an **iterative** algorithm the so-called ALSO-X algorithm!



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MILP

CVaR

Chance constraint \rightarrow CVaR constraint (conservative approximation of chance constraint) \rightarrow sample-based convex reformulation

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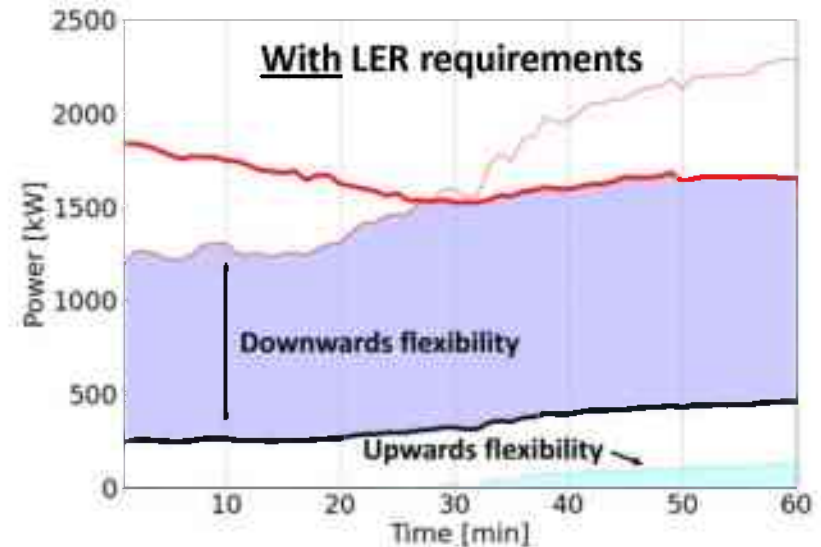
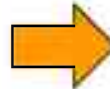
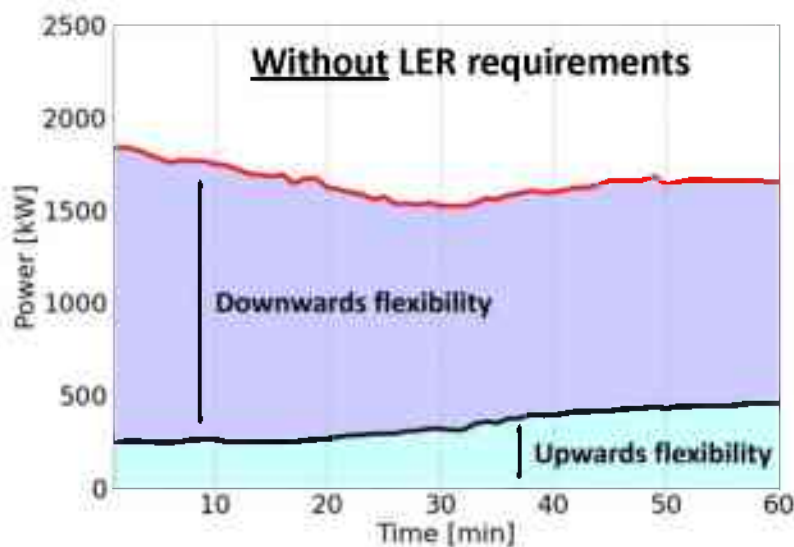
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Consumption level for a random historical hour (an aggregation of 1400 EV charging boxes).



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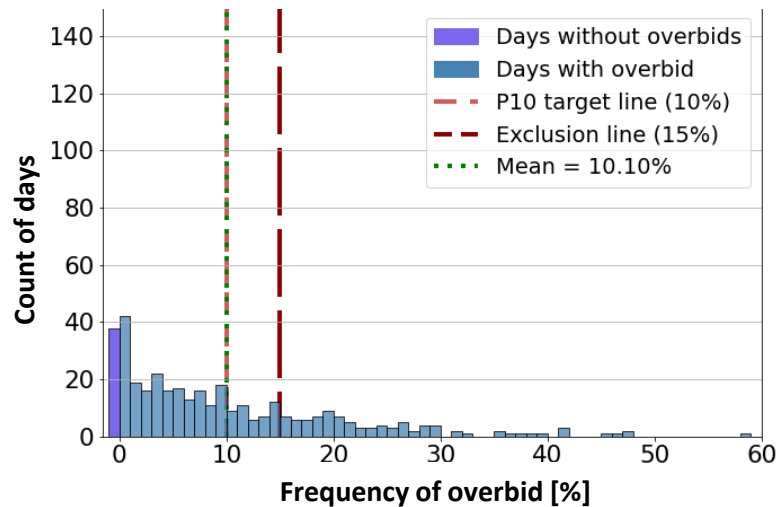
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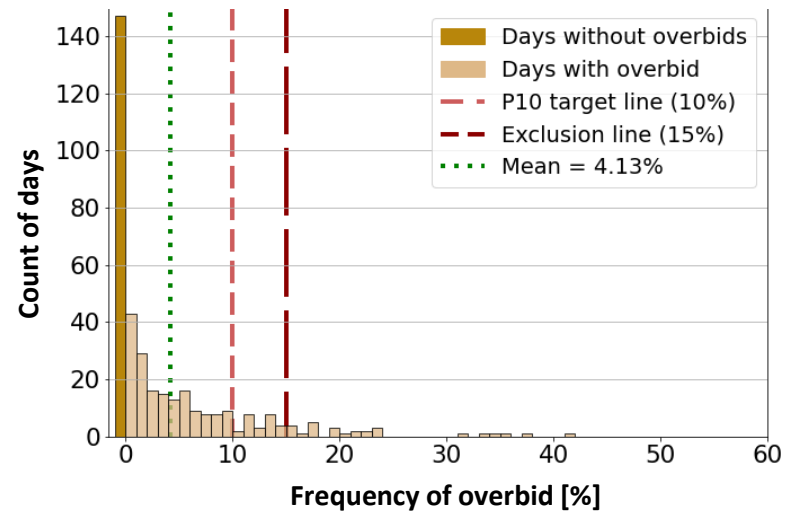
Probability distribution of downward flexibility availability in minute m such that aggregated battery can be charged, if the service fully activated, for the next 20 minutes

Out-of-sample results over a year

ALSO-X

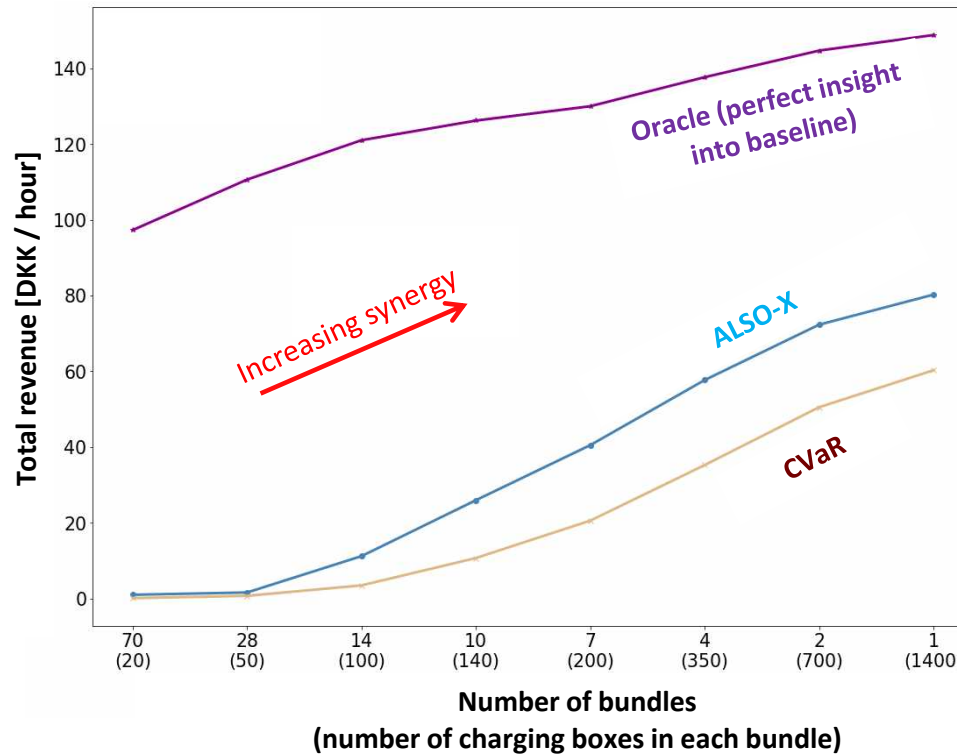


CVaR



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Total profit (median) of 1400 charging boxes per hour:



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Wasserstein distributionally robust joint chance-constrained optimization
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where

$$\mathcal{P} = \left\{ \mathbb{P} : d_W(\mathbb{P}, \hat{\mathbb{P}}_N) \leq \theta \right\}.$$

Wasserstein distance Empirical distribution

Radius (given)

Towards distributional robustness

We adopt Proposition 2 of [5] for an exact reformulation of the joint chance constraint:

PROPOSITION 2. *For the safety set $\mathcal{S}(\mathbf{x}) = \{\boldsymbol{\xi} \in \mathbb{R}^K \mid \mathbf{a}_m^\top \mathbf{x} < \mathbf{b}_m^\top \boldsymbol{\xi} + b_m \ \forall m \in [M]\}$, where $\mathbf{b}_m \neq \mathbf{0}$ for all $m \in [M]$, the chance constrained program (2) is equivalent to the mixed integer conic program*

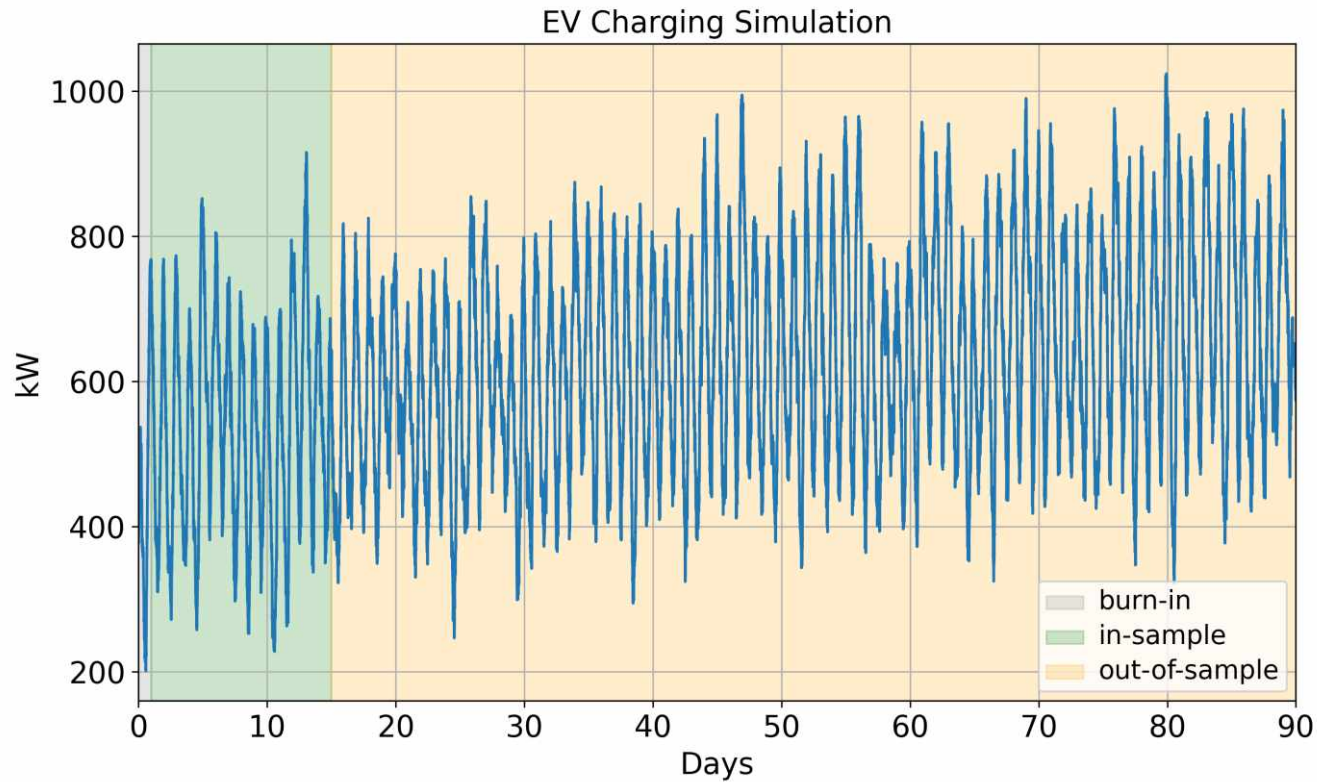
$$\begin{aligned} Z_{\text{JCC}}^* &= \min_{\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{s}, t, \mathbf{x}} \mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{x} \\ \text{s.t. } \quad &\varepsilon N t - \mathbf{e}^\top \mathbf{s} \geq \theta N \\ &\frac{\mathbf{b}_m^\top \hat{\boldsymbol{\xi}}_i + b_m - \mathbf{a}_m^\top \mathbf{x}}{\|\mathbf{b}_m\|_*} + M q_i \geq t - s_i \quad \forall m \in [M], i \in [N] \\ &M(1 - q_i) \geq t - s_i \quad \forall i \in [N] \\ &\mathbf{q} \in \{0, 1\}^N, \mathbf{s} \geq \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}, \end{aligned}$$

where M is a suitably large (but finite) positive constant.

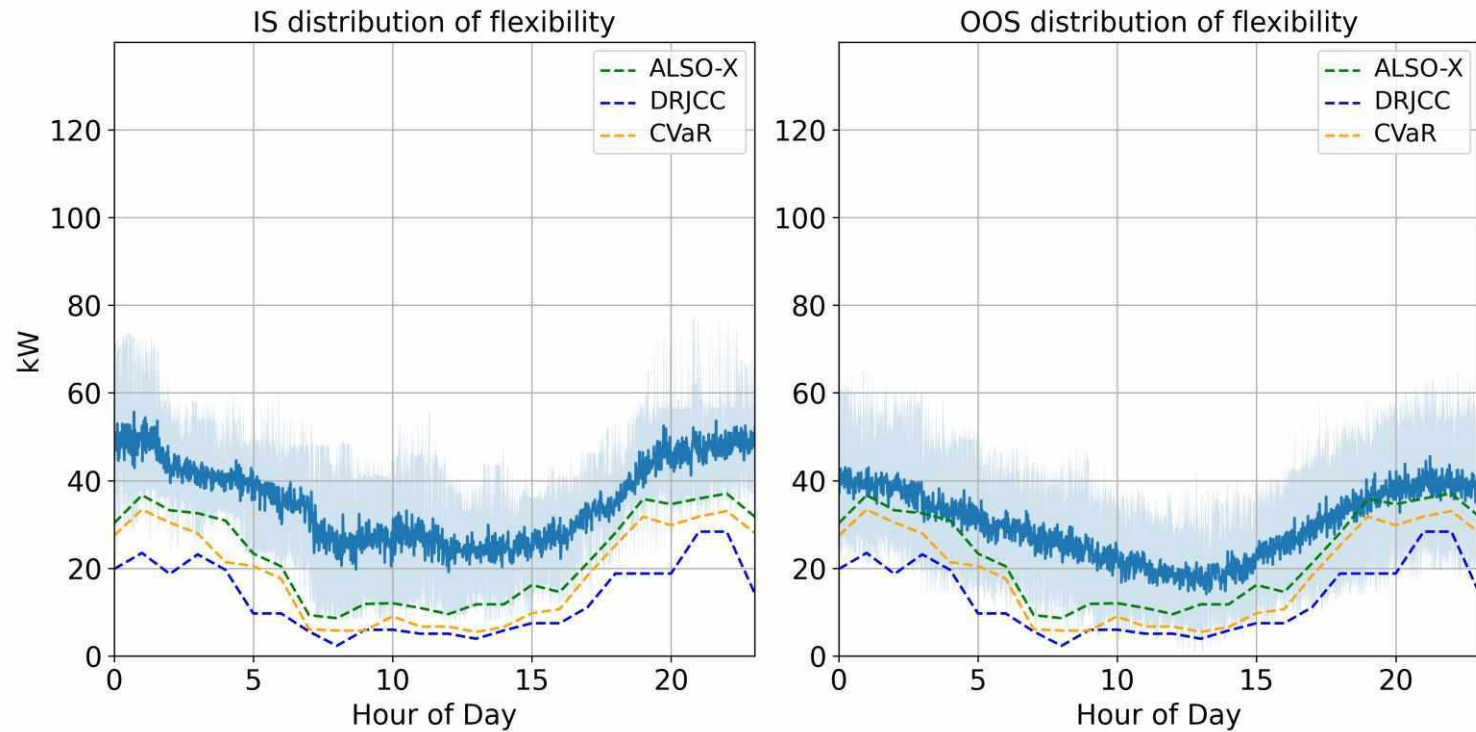
This results in a mixed-integer conic (or linear, depending on the norm) program.

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Input data: In-sample vs out-of-sample

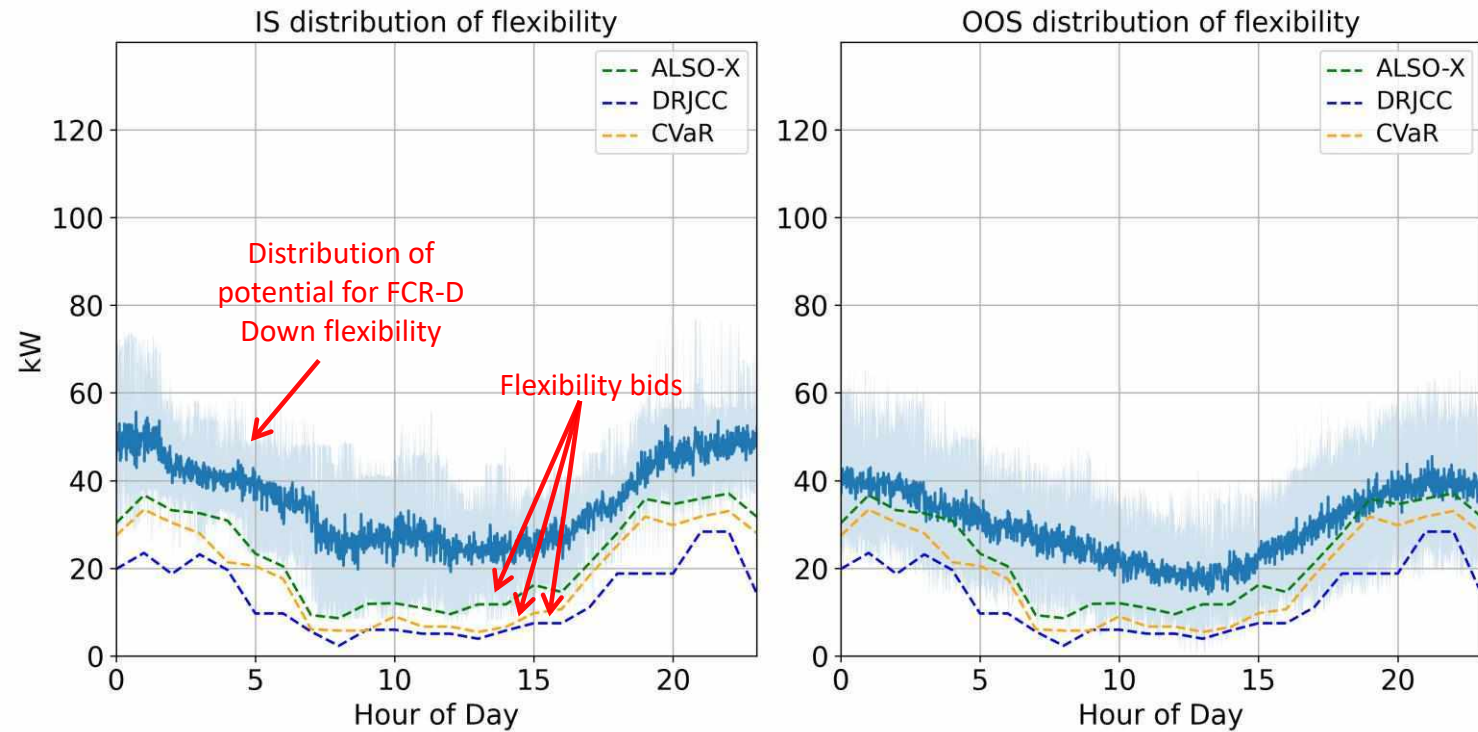


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Some takeaways and potential future directions

- TSO requirements (both P90 and LER) can be modeled as a joint chance-constrained program.
- ALSO-X provides a good approximation of the chance constraint.
- CVaR is a conservative approach for solving a joint chance-constrained program.
- There is a synergy effect with more charging boxes in a bundle.

Potential future directions:

- ☐ Forecasting the baseline instead of using historical data for sampling (will it be useful?)
- ☐ Higher resolution data (enforcing constraints, e.g., per second, instead of minutes)
- ☐ Multi-market bidding (FCR-D, FCR-N, aFRR, FFR, etc)
- ☐ Does location of assets matter in low-inertia grids for frequency services?
- ☐ More heterogenous aggregation of stochastic assets (EVs + heat pumps +)

Further reading

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