Markets for integrated energy systems

Loose coupling, business models and consumer-centric proposals

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- Two key ideas first regarding renewables in electricity markets...
- e Higher level perspective: integrated energy markets
 - from complete to loose coupling
 - heat and gas
 - heat and electricity
- S Consumer-centric and community driven electricity markets
 - background and motivations
 - it is already happening in Denmark (or bound to happen)
 - how will that work?

Reveal and accommodate the true cost of uncertainty



Dispatch under uncertainty

- The narrative fallacy: Do we really believe we can offer renewables deterministically with lead times of 12-36 hours ahead?
- Why not adapting market designs to reveal and accommodate the true cost of renewables' uncertainty?

Attributing costs from variability

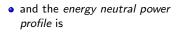
• Write (t + k omitted)

 $\mathbf{y}_i = \begin{bmatrix} y_{i,t_1} & y_{i,t_2} & \dots & y_{i,t_n} \end{bmatrix}$

the sample *power profile* for market participant *i*

• The energy delivered is

$$E_i = \frac{1}{n} \sum_j y_{i,t_j} = (t_n - t_1) \overline{y}_i$$



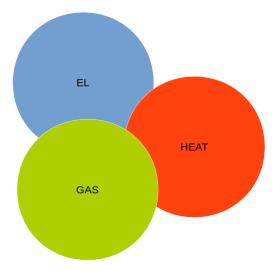
Energy-neutral power profile
$$y_{t+k|t}$$
 Energy regulation y_{t+k} market time unit $t+k$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_i = \mathbf{y}_i - \bar{y}_i$$

• The revenue of a producer in the electricity market is then generalized as

$$R_i = \pi_s \hat{y}_i + \pi_b (\bar{y}_i - \hat{y}_i) + R_i^{\mu}$$

where R_i^{ρ} is a revenue (most likely, negative) related to variability in power delivery.



For a mathematical point of view, we can write and solve fully integrated markets for el-gas, el-heat, el-gas-heat... **but...**

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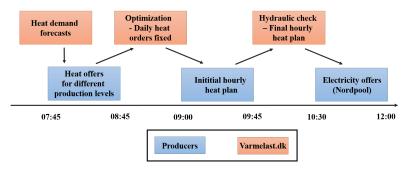
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- respecting organizational aspects of the energy system, e.g., heat and el management are separated, the system operator is not taking care of day-ahead electricity market clearing, etc.
- profit of existing levies for impacting dispatch, costs, etc.
- A practical example: heat and el interaction through Varmelast



One may respect the leader-follower structure of the market sequence, though optimally dispatching heat in view of future electricity dispatch!

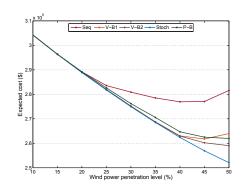
District heating Spot price Electrical power Heat dispatch Heat dispatch

Sequential:

- 1) Heat dispatch
 - Anticipate electricity market clearing
 - Explicitly formulated as a **constraint** of the heat dispatch
 - **Stochastic:** scenarios of wind production, rival participants bids, elec. and heat demand
- 2) Electricity dispatch

A great thing in Denmark is that Energinet is system operator for both el and gas networks!

- Beware of the gas network modelling since the potential buffer (offered flexibility) is to be well represented
- Market coupling setups accommodate renewable uncertainty
- We have proposed and compared:
 - sequential coupling as of today (Seq.)
 - complete coupling of gas and el markets (ideal- **Stoch**.)
 - loose coupling through price premiums (with 'fairness' constraints - P-B)
 - loose coupling through gas volume availability (V-B)



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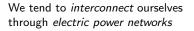
There are things we might never have thought of sharing... e.g., electric energy (!)



We tend to *interconnect* ourselves through *electric power networks*



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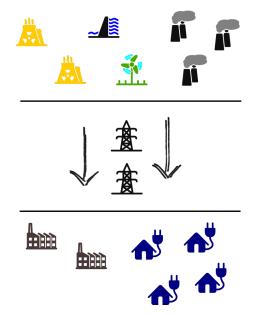


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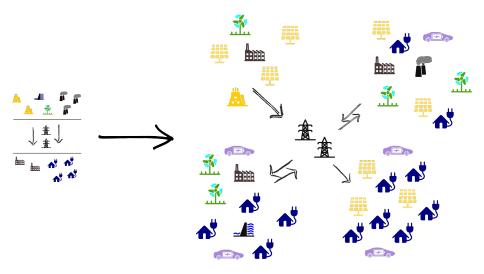
The Internet of Things (IoT – cloudbased, blockchain) gives the promise of *remote sensoring and actuating* in a smart energy future...

From a supplier-centric model...



Actors of the electric power network are traditionally organized in a *hierarchical* and *suppliercentric* manner





Eventually, electricity markets need to adapt to this new decentralized setup(!)



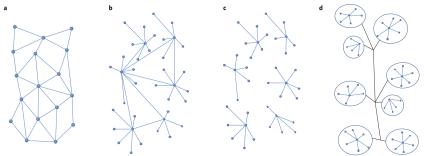


Figure 1 | Structural attributes of three prosumer markets. a, Peer-to-peer model, in which prosumers interconnect directly with each other, buying and selling energy services. b, c, More structured models involving prosumers connected to microgrids. These entail prosumer-to-interconnected microgrids, in which prosumers provide services to a microgrid that is connected to a larger grid (b), or prosumer-to-islanded microgrids, in which prosumers provide services to a microgrid (c). d, Organized prosumer group model, in which a group of prosumers pools resources or forms a virtual power plant. Dots represent prosuming agents; lines represent a transaction of prosuming service; circles represent an organized group of prosumers.

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For real in Denmark



[*Svalin* - a boffællesskab in Roskilde - The Energy Collective]

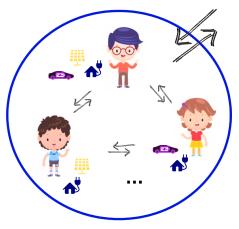


[Nordhavn in Copenhagen (?) - generalizing to multicarrier energy markets (heat and electricity, mainly) - EnergyLab Nordhavn]



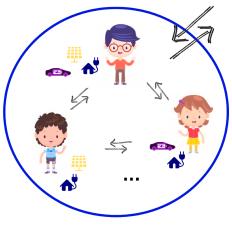
[København NV - social experiment - EnergyBlock]

Introducing 'Energy Collectives'



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- Aidan, Eamonn, Niamh, etc., chose to gather in an *Energy Collective*
- They traditionally bought energy from the grid and sold their production back at a disadvantageous rate...
- They work at optimally matching their production and consumption
- They decide on how to share costs and benefits from import/export
- Exchanges within the community do not have to be settled against monetary transactions, but e.g., against a service or simply for free



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- The base concept relies on p2p exchanges
- One ends up with a negotiation problem on a network, of potentially very large dimension
- In pratice, consensus-based optimization and Lagrangian relaxation-decomposition techniques can be used
- The negotiation problems can be made sparse by market design (russian doll principle for energy collectives) or through trading bots accounting for preferences
- Many mathematical challenges ahead of us, but direct applications also readily possible!

Prospects for 'Energy Collectives'



- making the most of state-of-the-art IoT capabilities
- proposing a collaborative commons model for electric energy
- allowing for the proposal of new business models (substitution, collaboration...)
- multi-attribute exchange of energy ("greenness", localization, reputation...)
- localization of exchanges and potential redefinition of grid tariffs
- placing consumers at the centre of the game, resulting in increased awareness and engagement!

Thanks for your attention!



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