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# Flex-Ooffers: Unified handling of Flexibility in Electricity Consumption and Production

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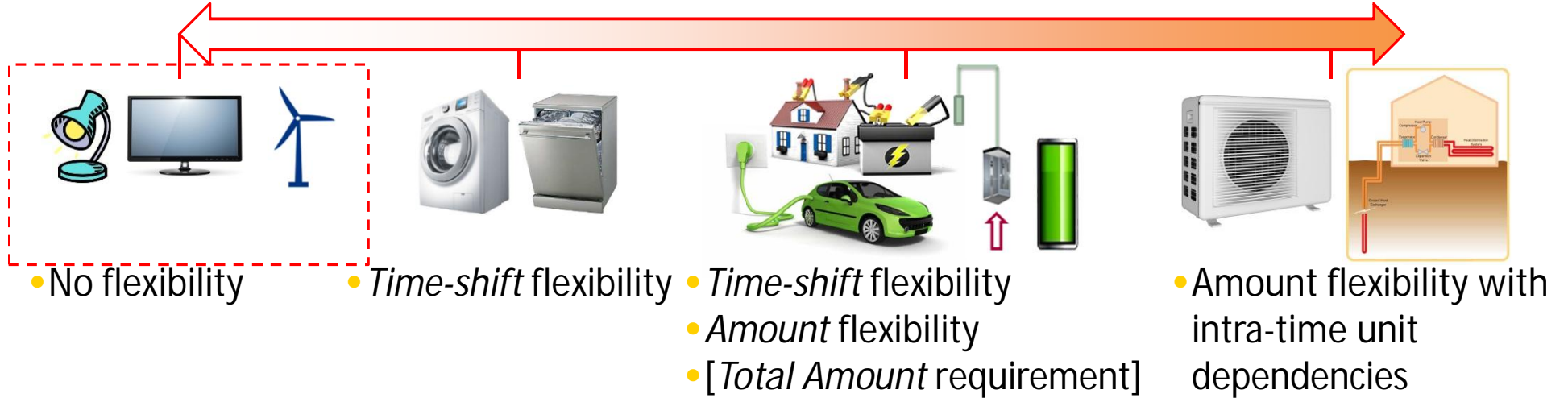
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# THE FLEX-OFFER CONCEPT

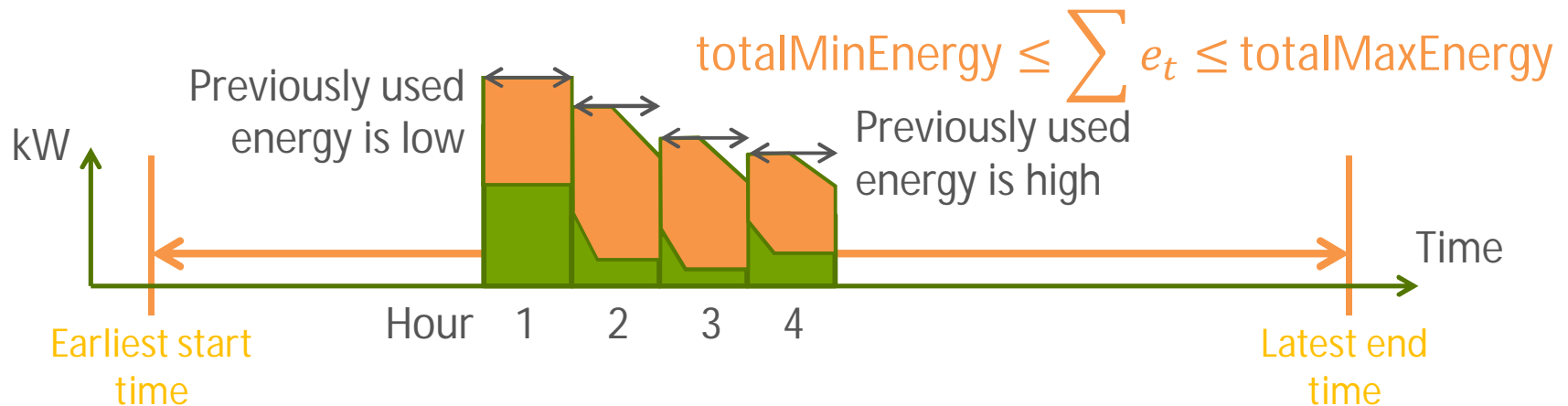
# > Flexible Electricity Consumers and Producers

No or simple flexibility patterns

Complex flexibility patterns



Flexible Offer (flex-offer) allows unified modelling of a flexible consumer/producer in ALL these cases

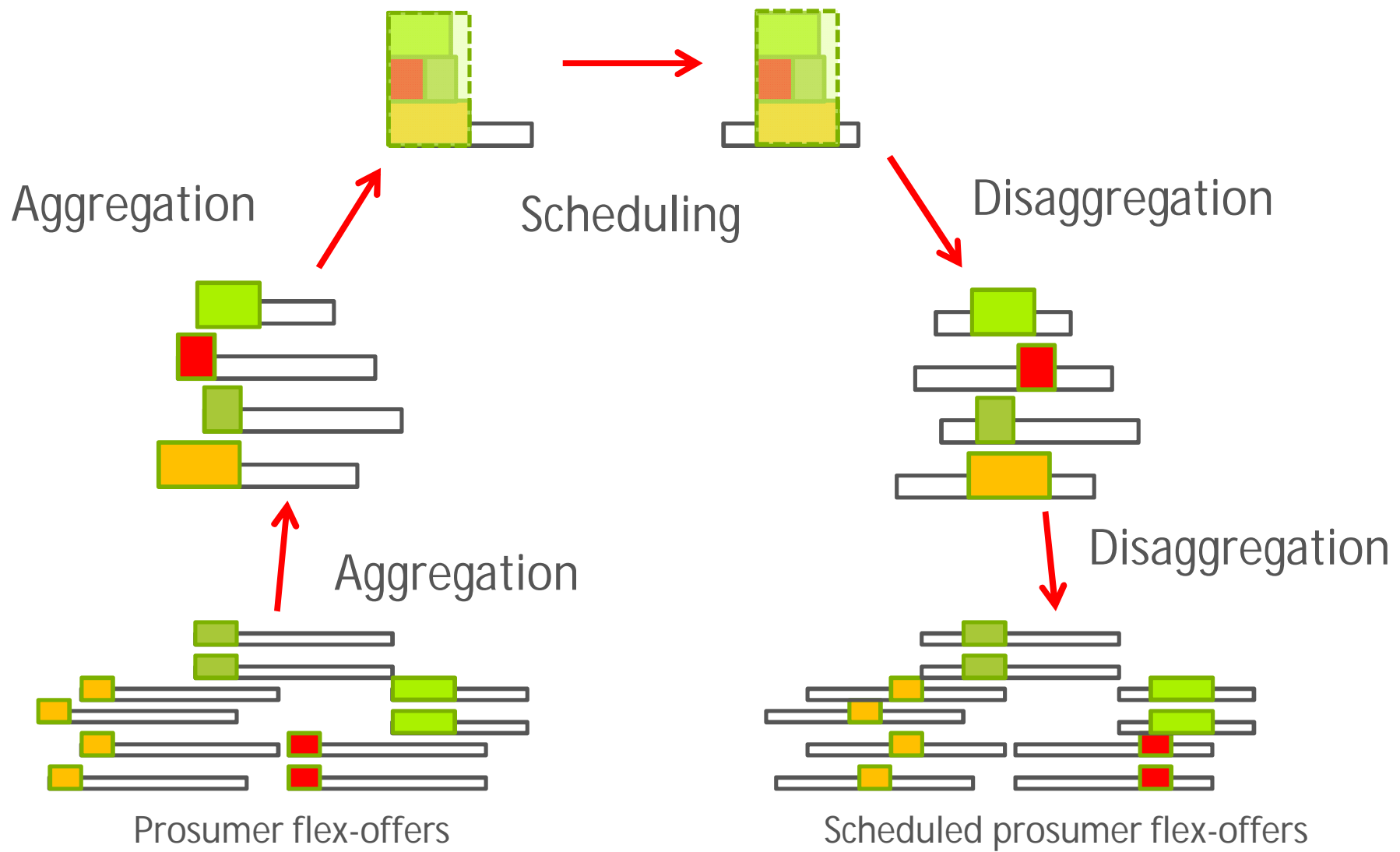


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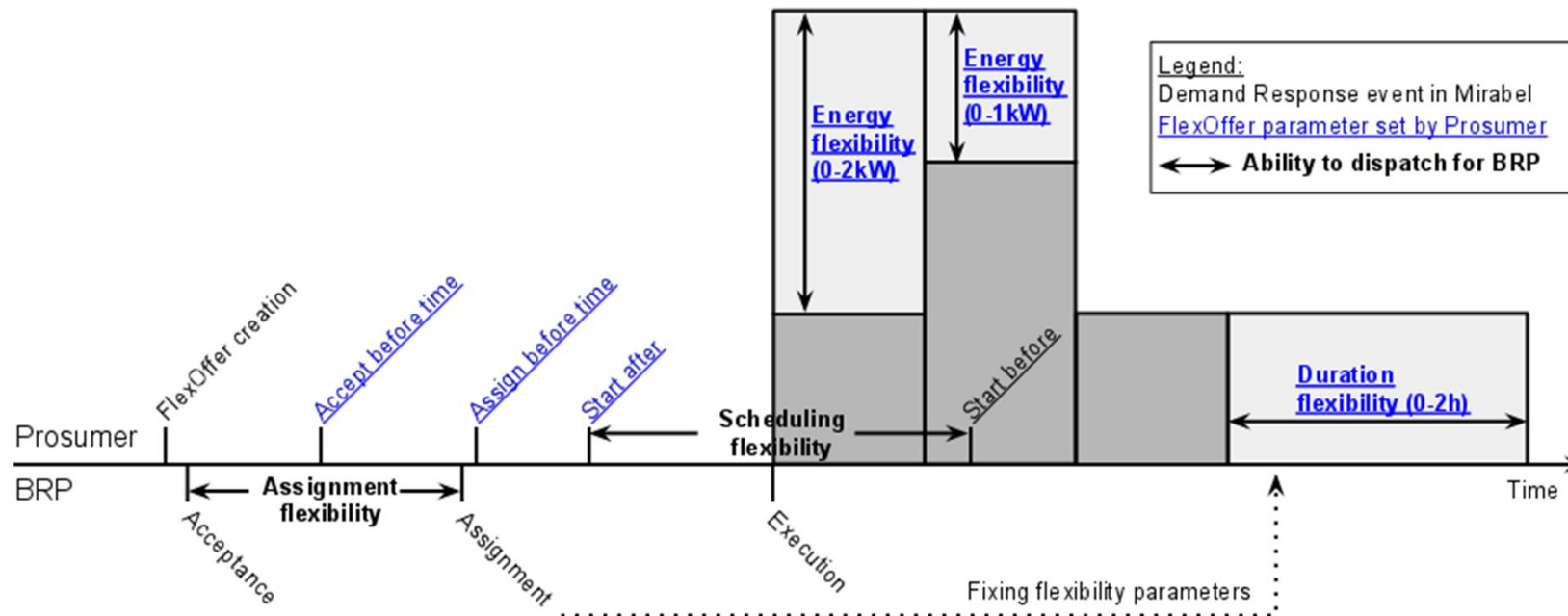
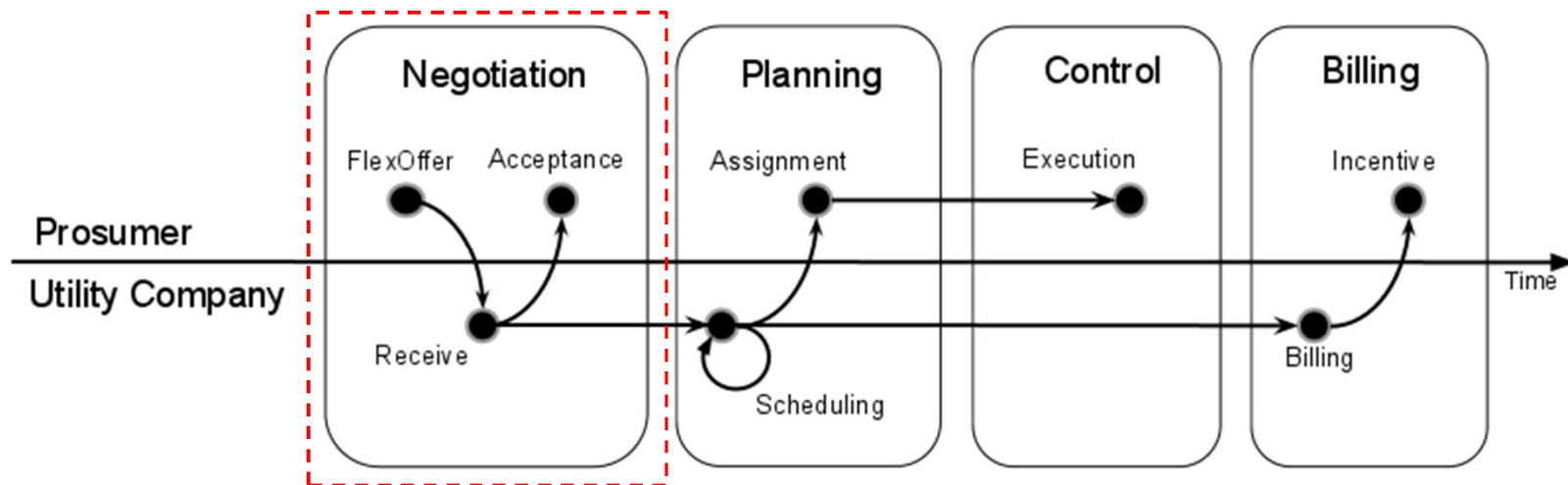
all the examples are from households, perhaps you could add a few for the industrial/commercial cases we have eg in Arrowhead

Torben Bach Pedersen; 1.11.2016

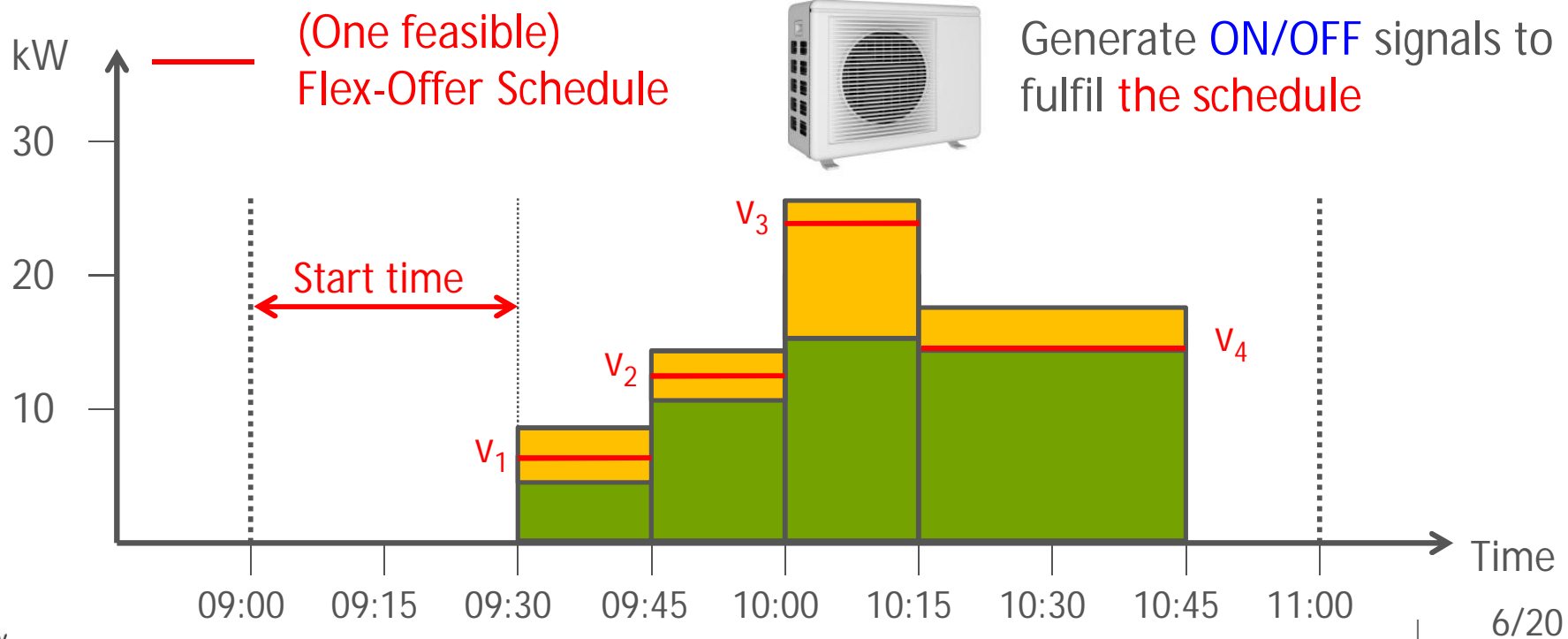
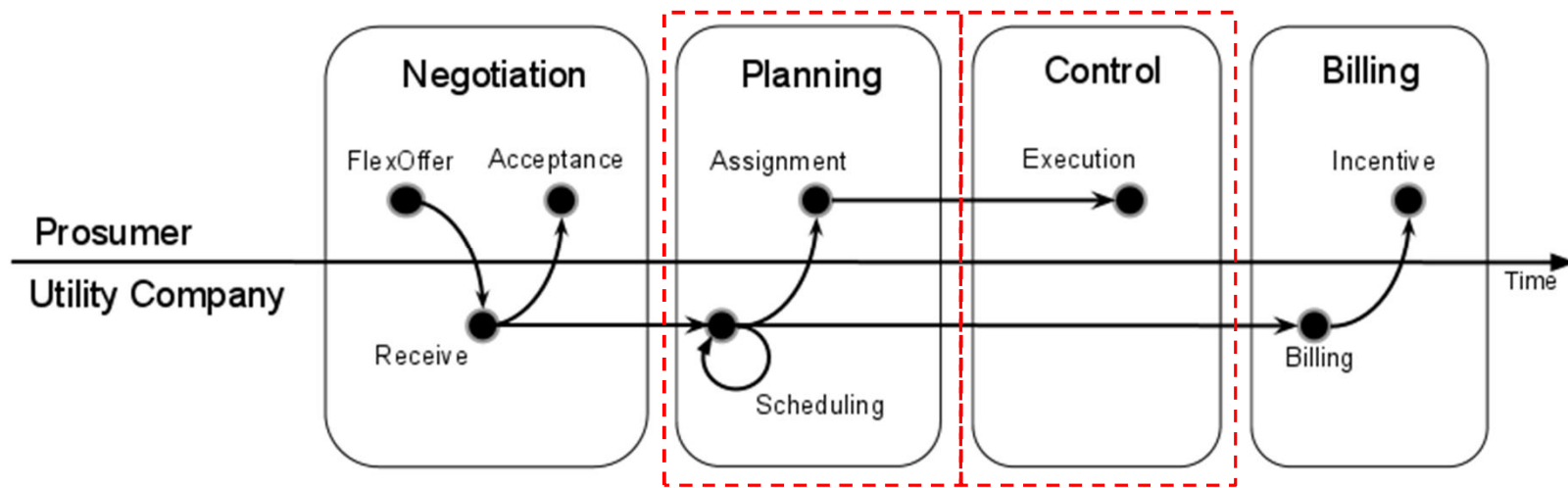
# > Flex-Offer Aggregation and Disaggregation



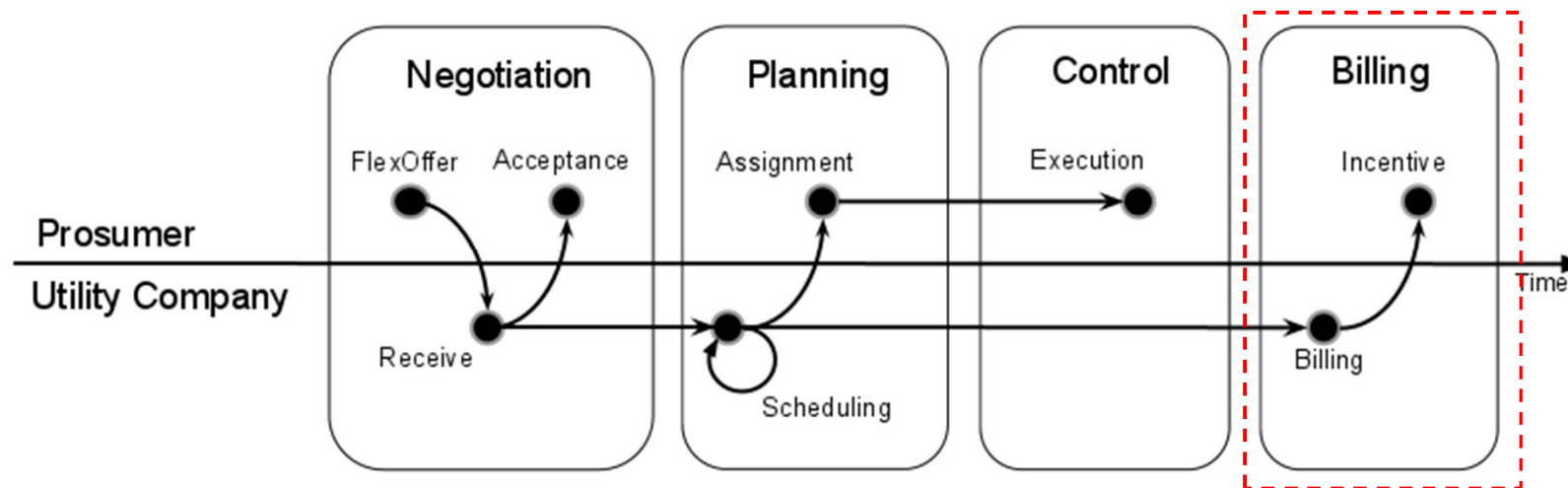
# > (Simple or Aggregated) Flex-Offer Lifecycle



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Customer: arrowhead\_lift

Item	Value	Price
Number of flexoffers	2	
Fixed reward for all flexoffers		10.00 DKK
Total Time Flexibility	0 time units (15 min)	0.00 DKK
Total Energy Flexibility	68.83 kWh	6.88 DKK
Number of default schedule deviations	0	0.00 DKK
The sum of stat time scheduling deviations with respect to the default schedule	0 time units (15 min)	0.00 DKK
The sum of energy deviations with respect to the default schedule	0.00 kWh	0.00 DKK
Total Reward		16.88 DKK



### ➤ FLEX-OFFERS: A POWERFUL CONCEPT APPLICABLE IN MANY SMART-GRID APPLICATIONS:

- Demand supply balancing
- Electricity trading
- Congestion management
- ...



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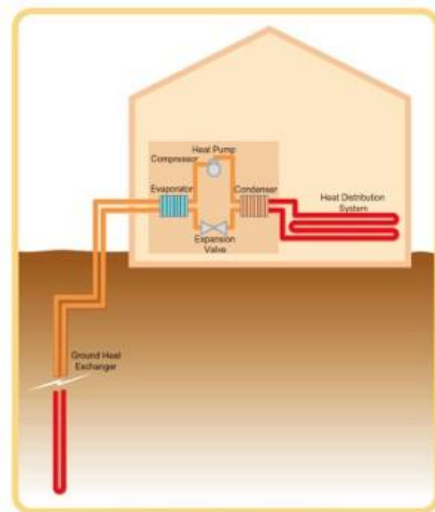
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# USING FLEX-OFFERS BOTH FOR ELECTRICITY AND DISTRICT HEATING

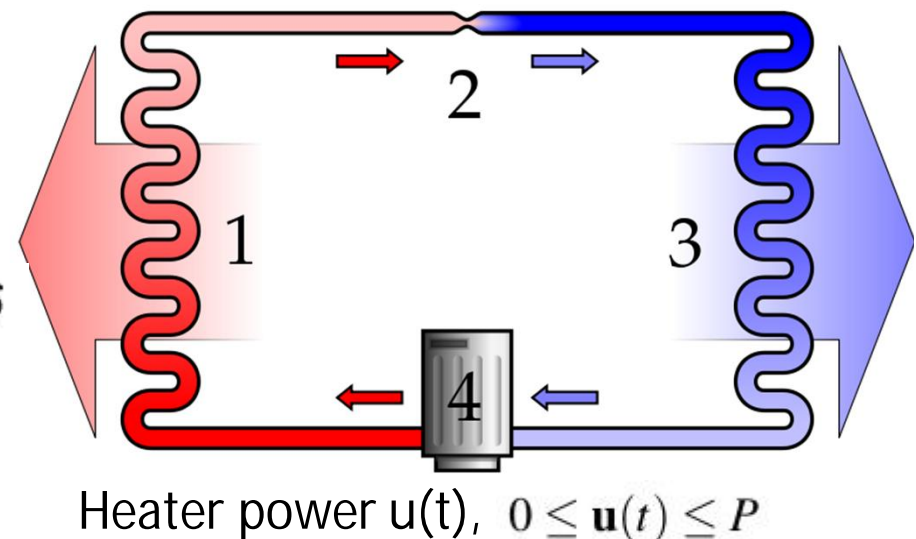
## > Flex-Offers for electricity and heating

- OBSERVATION 1: kW and kWh can be used for both electrical and thermal energy, and so can Flex-Offers
- OBSERVATION 2: Flex-Offers for different types of energy should be treated separately
- OBSERVATION 3: For interplay, energy conversion needs to be modelled as a flex-offer

E.g., A house heated with a heat-pump and comfort constraints



Temperature  $x(t)$ ,  
 $\theta_r - \delta \leq x(t) \leq \theta_r + \delta$



# > Example of modelling energy conversion

## 1. Linear Time Invariant State Space Model

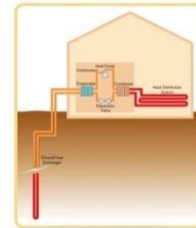
$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \left(1 - \frac{1}{R \cdot C}\right) \cdot \mathbf{x}(t-1) + \left(\frac{\eta}{C}\right) \cdot \mathbf{u}(t) + \left(\frac{\theta_a}{R \cdot C}\right)$$

Constraints on input and state

$$0 \leq \mathbf{u}(t) \leq P$$

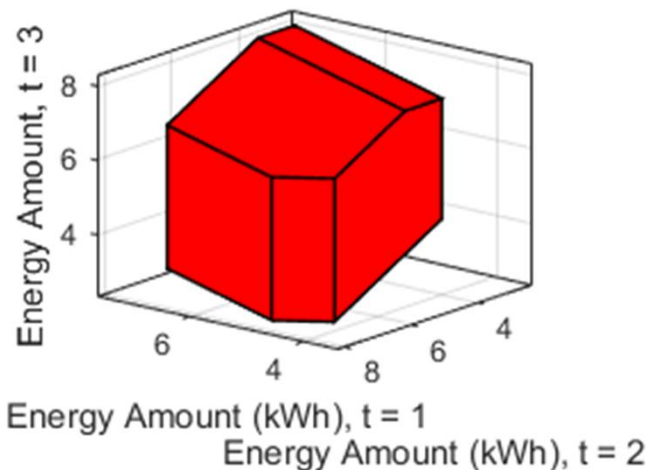
$$\theta_r - \delta \leq \mathbf{x}(t) \leq \theta_r + \delta$$

$t = 1..T$

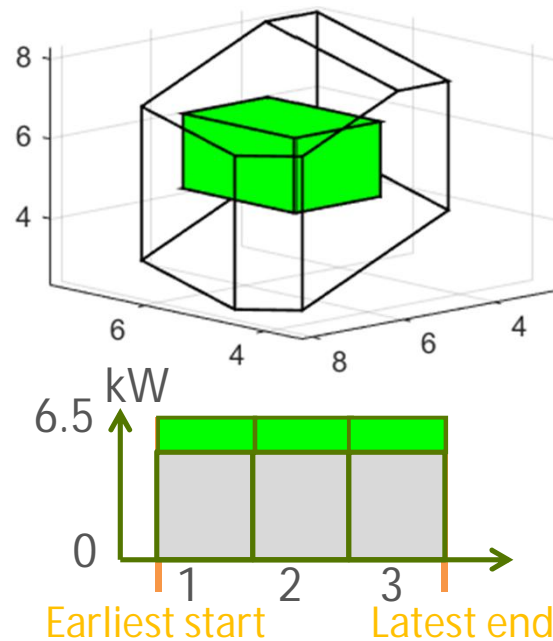


R – thermal resistance (°C/kW);  
 C – thermal capacitance (kWh/°C);  
 $\eta$  – coefficient of performance  
 $\theta_a$  – ambient temperature (°C)  
 $\theta_r$  – required temperature (°C)  
 $\delta$  – user temperature band (°C)

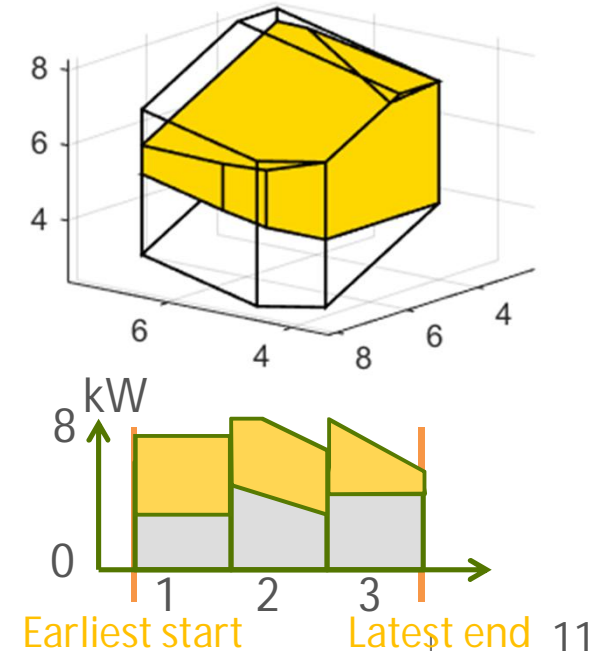
## 2. Exact polyhedrons



## 3. FO with Energy Flexibility



## 4. FO with Energy Flexibility and Dependencies





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# FLEX-OFFER RELATED PROJECTS AND MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

## > Related Projects/Initiatives



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2010-2013

**MIRABEL**  energy

Balancing energy supply and demand  
[www.mirabel-project.eu](http://www.mirabel-project.eu)

- Scalable ICT system for:
  - Higher RES integration
  - Demand-supply balancing
  - Flex-offer management

**TotalFlex** 

2012-2016

[www.totalflex.dk](http://www.totalflex.dk)

- Develops and demonstrates a market-based system for flexibility trading and congestion management



2013-2017

ARROWHEAD

[www.arrowhead.eu](http://www.arrowhead.eu)

- Largest European automation project of all time
- Collaborative automation and interoperability of networked devices in (1) production, (2) end-user services, (3) smart buildings and infrastructure, (4) electro-mobility, and (5) markets of energy.

Flex-Offers

**DCyPS**

2015-2021

CENTER FOR DATA-INTENSIVE CYBER-PHYSICAL SYSTEMS

- Research on how to utilize software and data for smarter solutions in health, traffic, energy, and community service domains

**G Flex** 

2016-

- Will integrate, and demonstrate a group of smart-grid technologies for the cost effective use of demand response in distribution grids

# > Major results: Hierarchical ICT infrastructure

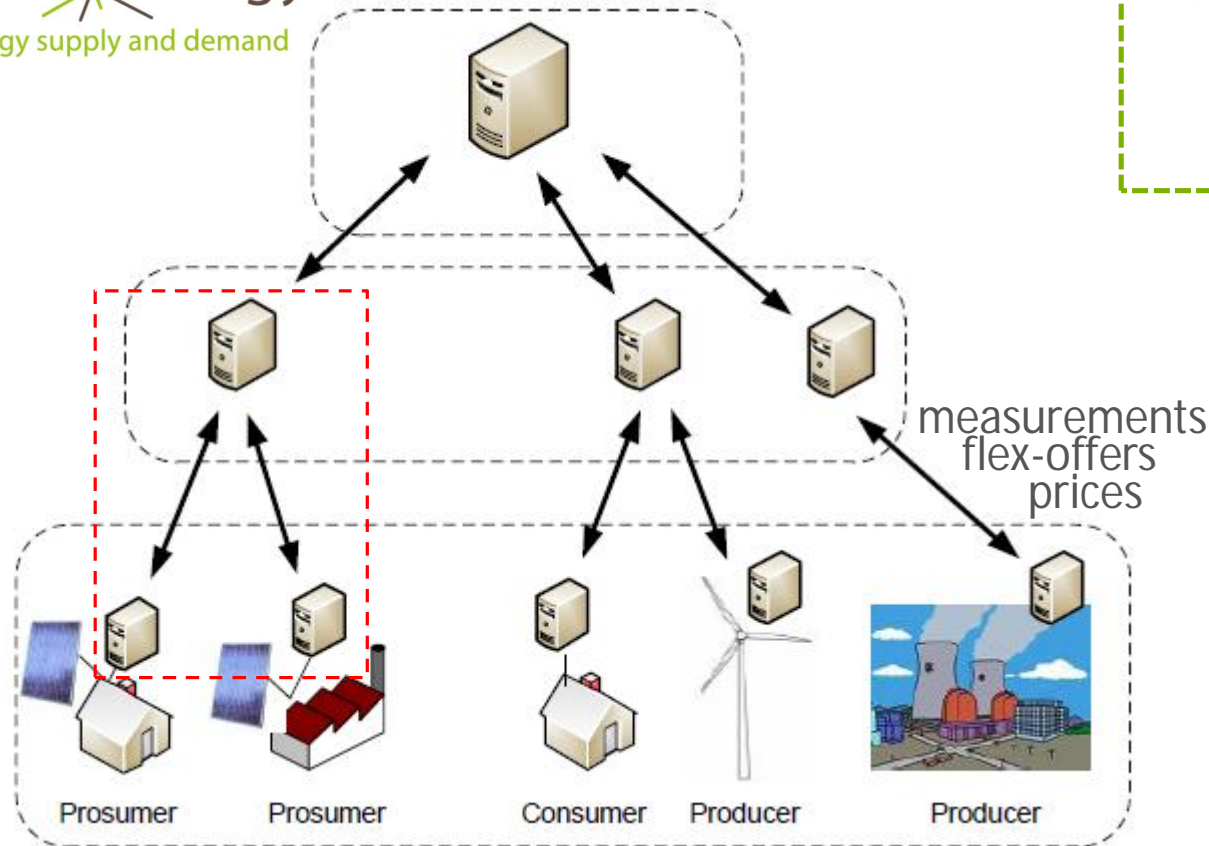
## MIRABEL energy

Balancing energy supply and demand

**Level 3:**  
TSOs  
(few)

**Level 2:**  
Traders  
(hundreds)

**Level 1:**  
Consumers and  
Producers  
(billions)



### Denmark

1 TSO

~100 traders (BRPs)

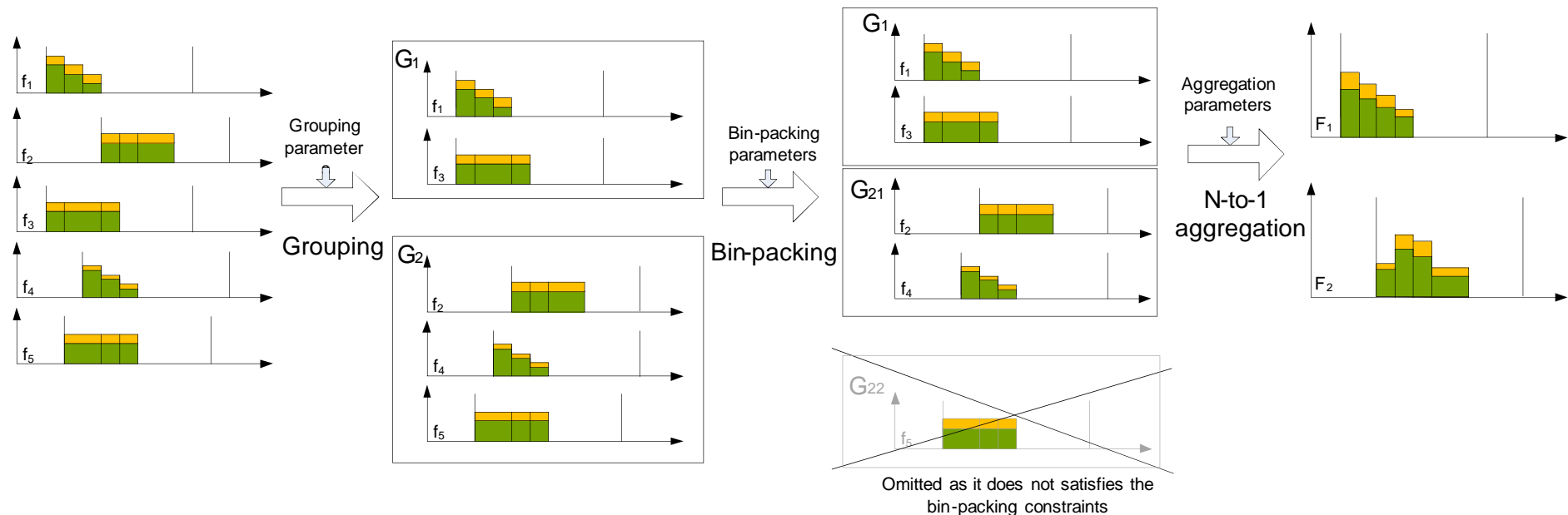
~3 · 10<sup>6</sup> households

- Flexible demand and supply can lead to 7-13% cost reduction for BRPs.
- Flexible demand and supply improves RES integration significantly: 70% of the negative impact of fluctuating renewables can be neutralized if 15% of the energy consumption is flexible and intelligently controlled by the BRP.
- Households can reduce energy bills by 10-20%

## > Major results: Flex-Offer Aggregation



For all forms of flex-offers, a number of flex-offer (dis-) aggregation techniques were developed: *simple*, *incremental*, with *bin-packing*, with *balancing*.





## > Major results: Flex-Offer Aggregation



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- Millions of flex-offers can be aggregated and disaggregated in seconds
- *Aggregation+Scheduling+Disaggregation* is BETTER AND FASTER than just *Scheduling*
- Aggregated flex-offers of the desired form can be generated:
  - “More flexibility NOW”
  - “More flexibility LATER”
  - “Keep balance conditions”

## > Major results: Flex-Offer Market



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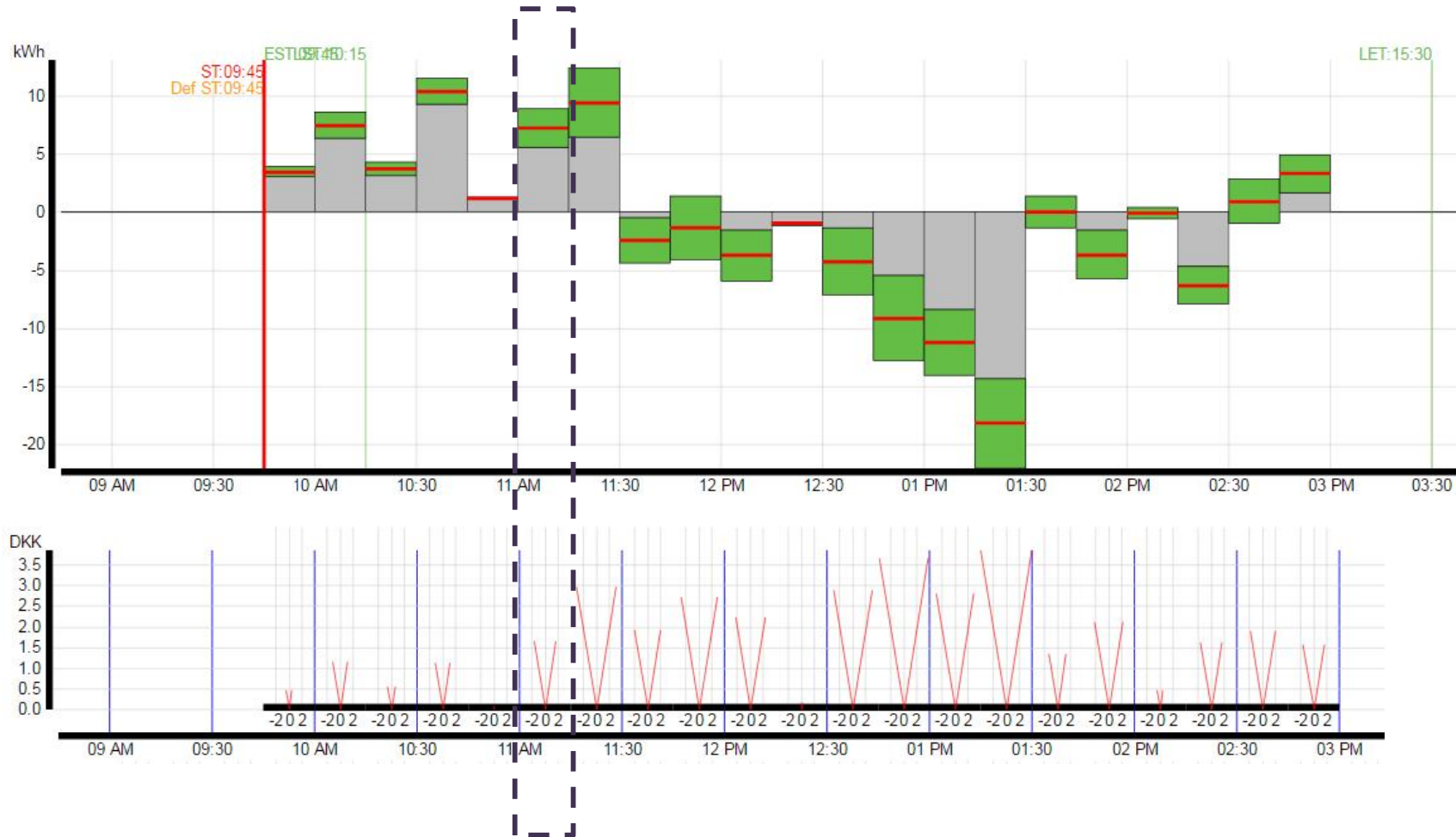
# TotalFlex

- PERFORMED AN ANALYTICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL VALIDATION OF FLEXIBILITY IN THE DANISH REGULATION AND SPOT MARKETS:
  - On average, 50% of the energy demand from a household is flexible.
  - BRPs/Aggregators can achieve 49% reduction in the regulation cost with just 3.5% of energy demand being flexible
- CONSIDERED FLEXIBILITY PRICING AND DEVELOPED A MARKET FOR FLEXIBILITY (FLEX-OFFERS)

# > Major results: Flex-Offer Market

## TotalFlex

### > DEFAULT SCHEDULE AND PRICES FOR $\Delta$ kWh:

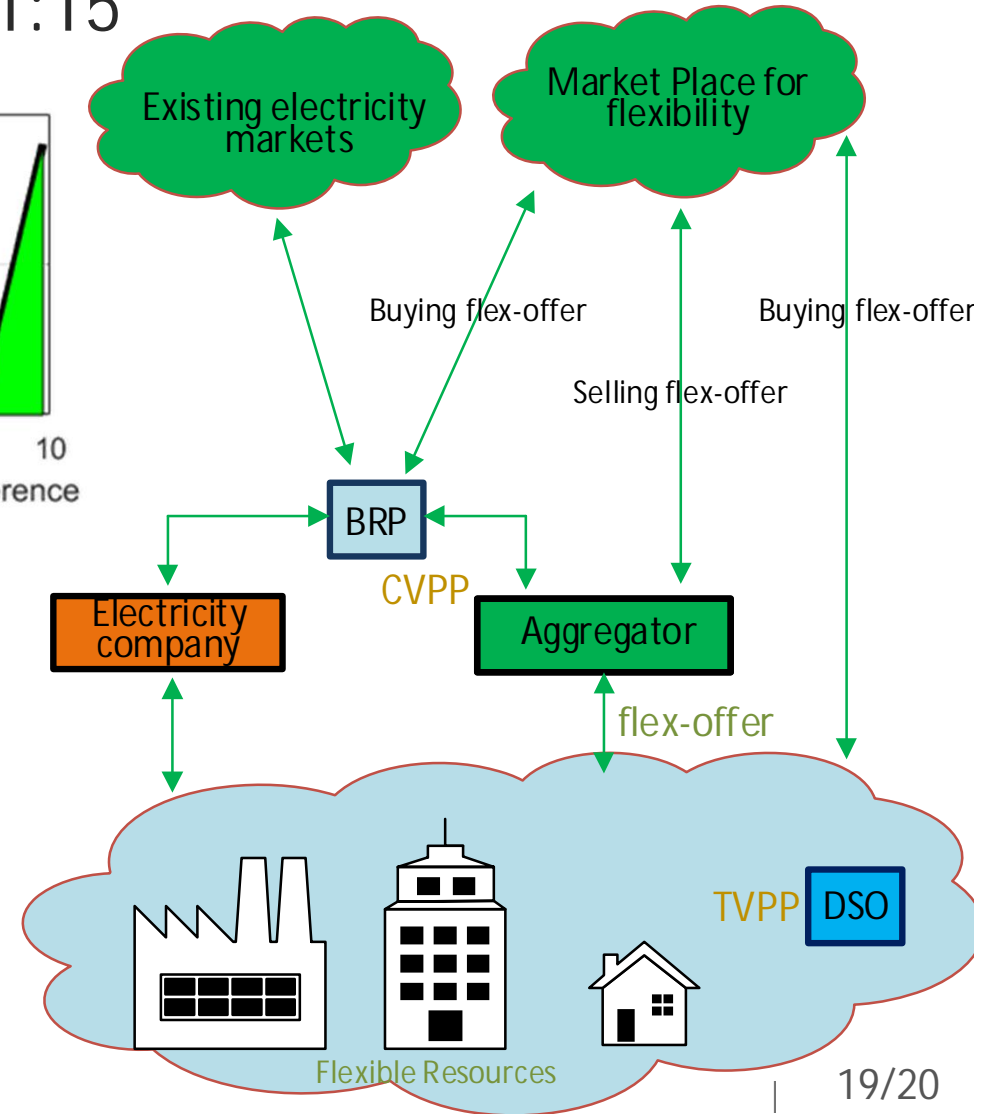
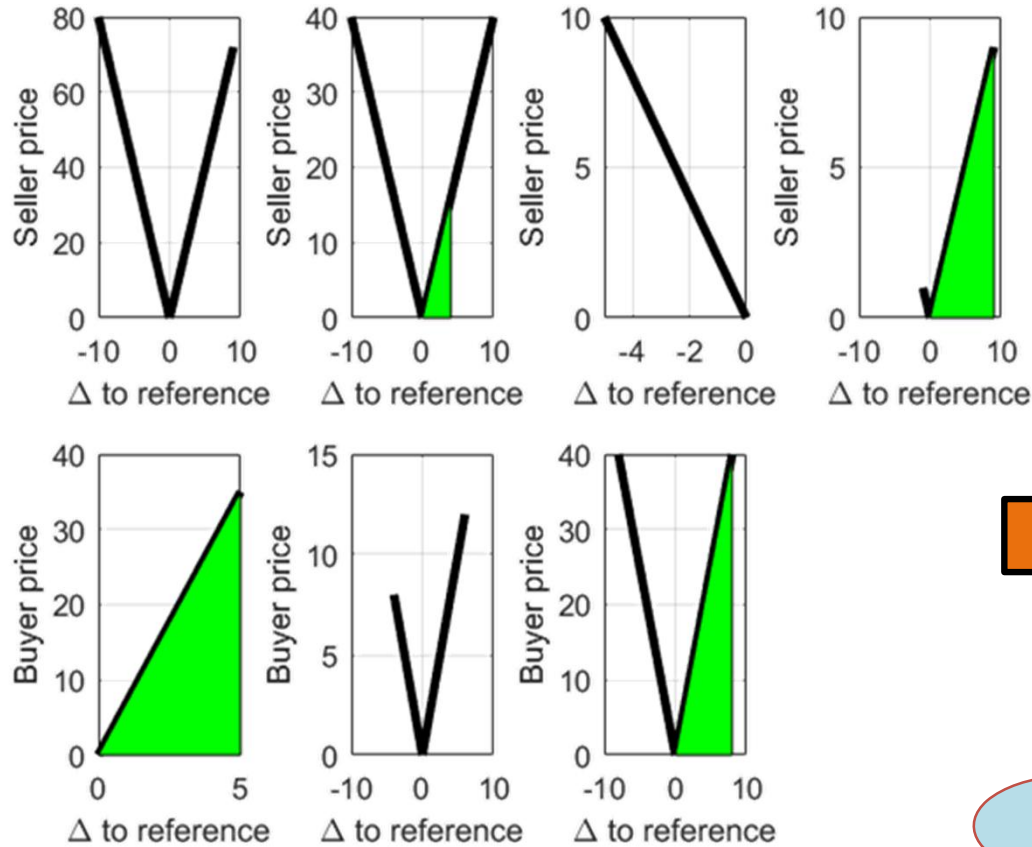


Time interval 11:00-11:15

# > Major results: Flex-Offer Market

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### > FLEXIBILITY TRADING: 11:00-11:15



## > Summary



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### ➤ FLEX-OFFERS

- Powerful concept for unified modelling of flexibility
- Suitable for *negotiation, planning/trading, control, and billing*
- Validated in a number of Danish and EU projects

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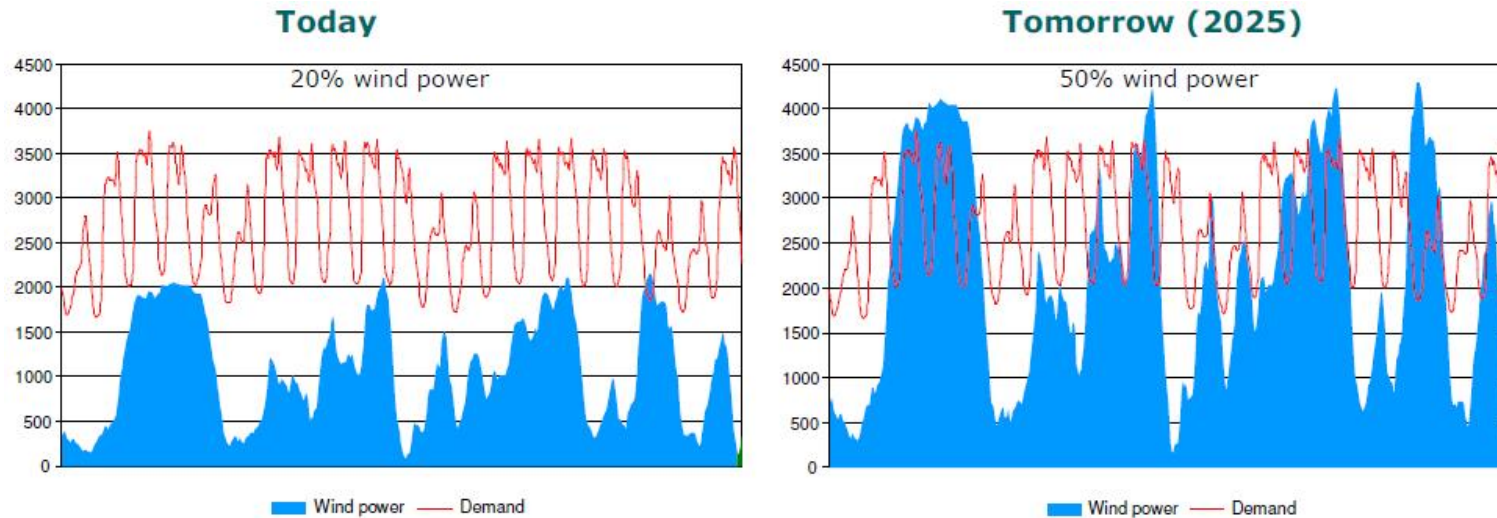


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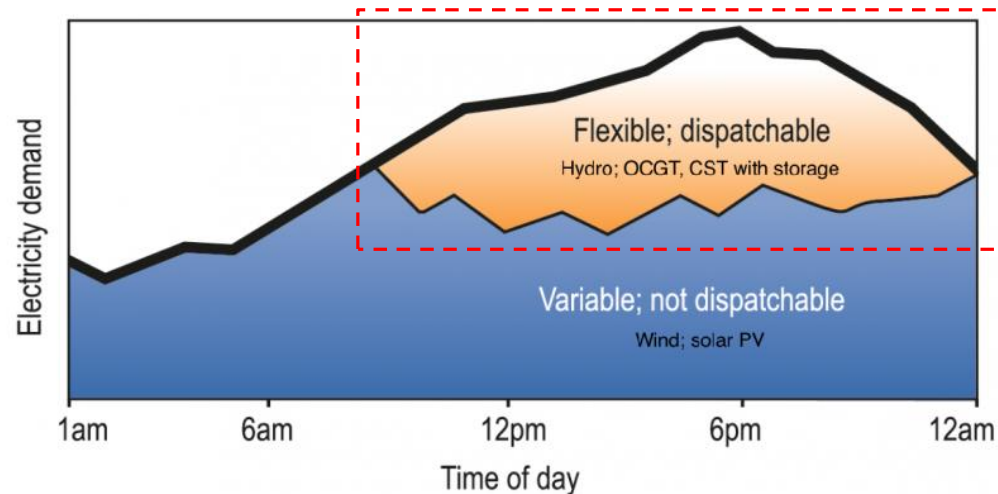
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## > Background

### ➤ RENEWABLE ENERGY IS CHALLENGING:



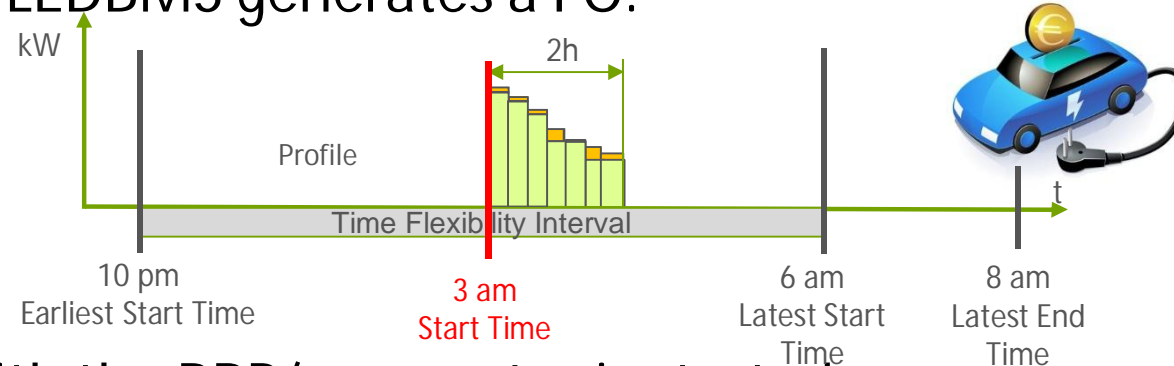
### ➤ SOLUTION: MAKE DEMAND AND SUPPLY FLEXIBLE



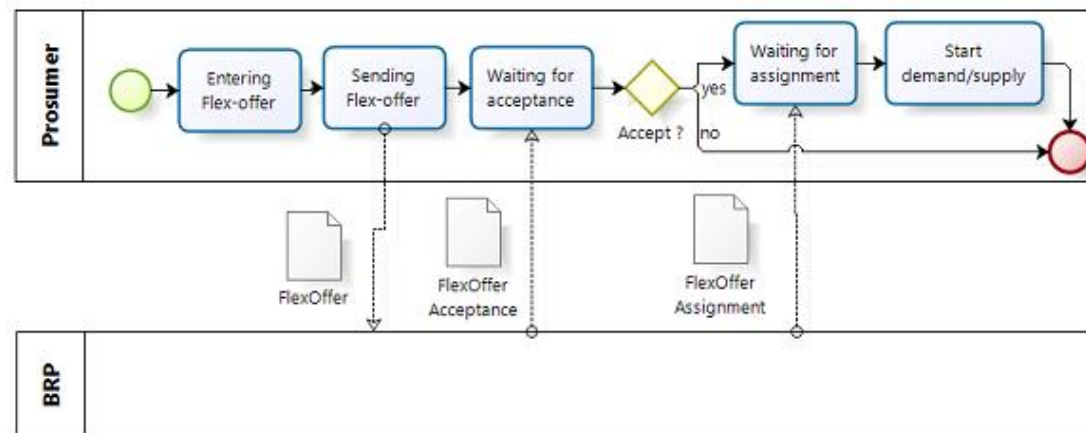


## > Use-case Example

1. A consumer arrives home at 10pm and wants to recharge the electric vehicle's battery at the lowest possible price by the next morning
2. The consumer's LEDBMS generates a FO:



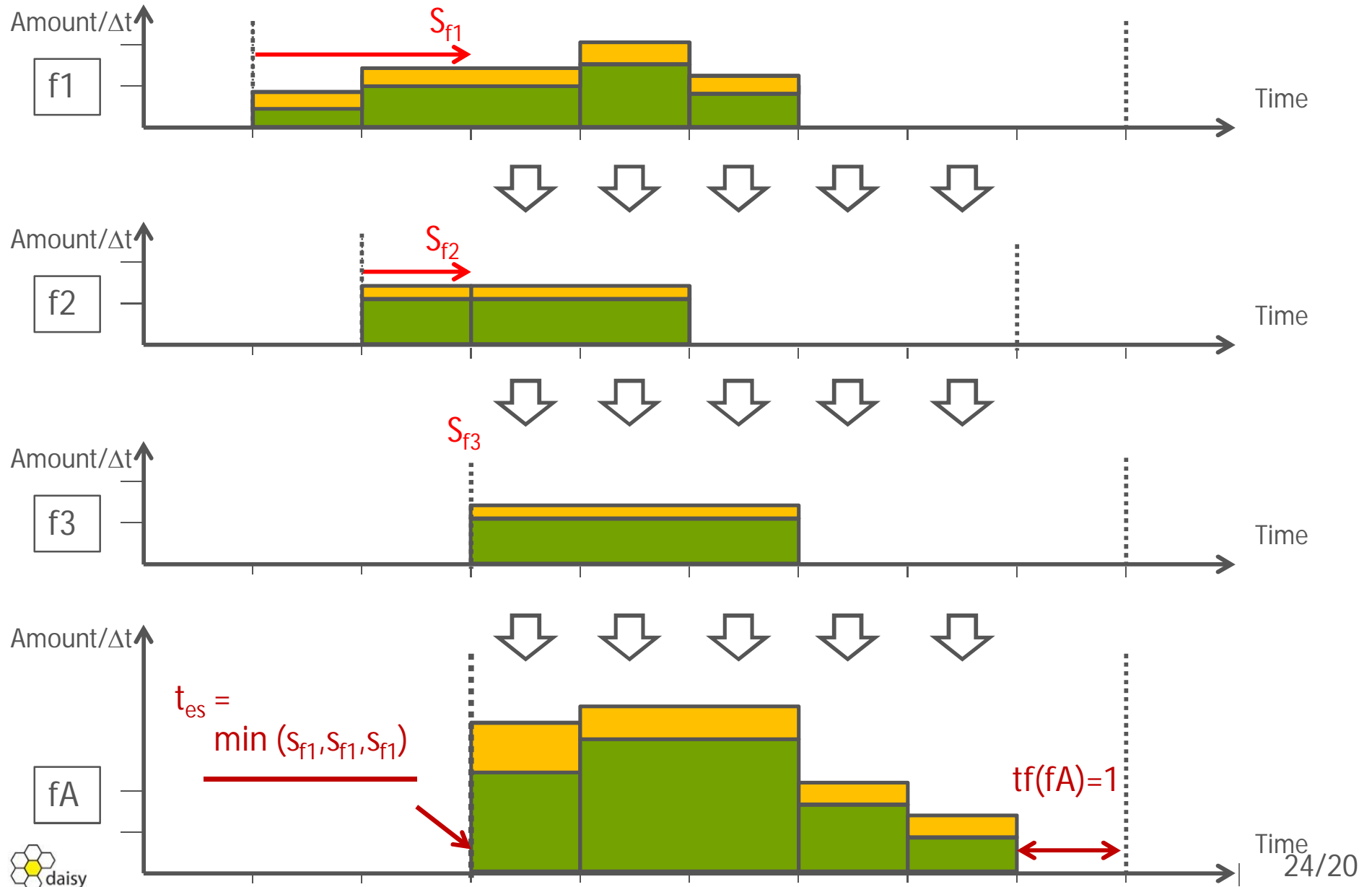
3. A negotiation with the BRP/aggregator is started:



4. The consumer is rewarded for its offered flexibility



# > Major results: Flex-Offer Aggregation





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## FlexOffer Management Platform

