#### DTU Forecasting, Control and Optimisation for Future Electric Energy Systems



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- Conclusion: Use intelligence ....
- Calls for Smart Energy
   Solutions and Energy
   Systems Integration





## .... balancing of the power system

The Danish Wind Power Case



■ Wind power □ Demand

In 2008 wind power did cover the entire demand of electicity in 200 hours (West DK)

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■ Wind power □ Demand

In December 2013 and January 2014 more than 55 pct of electricity load was covered by wind power. And for several days the wind power production was more than 120 pct of the power load





## Example: Storage by Energy Systems Integration



Denmark (2014) : 46 pct of power load by renewables

#### (Virtual) storage principles:

- Buildings can provide storage up to, say, 5-12 hours ahead
- District heating/cooling systems can provide storage up to 1-3 days ahead
- Gas systems can provide seasonal storage

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# Optim. and Control Challenges



#### Day Ahead:

- \_ Stoch. Programming based on eg. Scenarios
- \_ Cost: Related to the market (one or two levels)
- \_ Operational optimization also for the grid

#### **Direct Control:**

- \_ Actuator: Power
- \_ Cost: eg. MV, LQG, EMPC, ... (a single large problem)
- \_ Two-way communication
- \_ Models for DERs are needed
- \_ Constraints for the DERs (calls for state est.)
- Contracts are complicated

#### Indirect Control:

- \_ Actuator: Price
- \_ Cost: GPC, LQG at high level, VaR-alike
- \_ Cost: E-MPC at low (DER) level, ..
- One-way communication
- \_ Models for DERs are not needed
- \_ Simple 'contracts'



# **Direct vs Indirect Control**

Level	Direct Control (DC)	Indirect Control (IC)
Ш	$\min_{x,u} \sum_{k=0}^{N} \sum_{j=1}^{J} \phi_j(x_{j,k}, u_{j,k})$	$ \min_{\hat{z}, p} \sum_{k=0}^{N} \phi(\hat{z}_k, p_k) $ s.t. $\hat{z}_{k+1} = f(p_k) $
IV	$\downarrow_{u_1} \dots \downarrow_{u_J} \uparrow_{x_1} \dots \uparrow_{x_J}$ s.t. $x_{j,k+1} = f_j(x_{j,k}, u_{j,k})  \forall j \in J$	$\min_{u} \sum_{k=0}^{N} \phi_j(p_k, u_k)  \forall j \in J$ s.t. $x_{k+1} = f_j(x_k, u_k)$

Table 1: Comparison between direct (DC) and indirect (IC) control methods. (DC) In direct control the optimization is globally solved at level III. Consequently the optimal control signals  $u_j$  are sent to all the J DER units at level IV. (IC) In indirect control the optimization at level III computes the optimal prices p which are sent to the J-units at level IV. Hence the J DERs optimize their own energy consumption taking into account p as the actual price of energy.



## **Forecast requirements**



Day Ahead:

- Forecasts of loads
- Forecast of Grid Capacity (using eg. DLR)
- Forecasts of production (eg. Wind and Solar)

#### Direct Control: .

- Forecasts of states of DERs
- Forecasts of load

#### **Indirect Control:**

- Forecasts of prices
- Forecasts of load



## Forecasting ....



#### **Forecasting is very important**

**Type of forecasts:** 

- Point forecasts
- Conditional mean and covariances
- Conditional quantiles
- Conditional scenarios
- Conditional densities
- Stochastic differential equations



# Challenges with integrating RE in the distribution system

- Adaptive and probabilistic forecasts become essential
- Methods for using prob. forecasts in decision making
- Correlation of forecast errors must be described
- Cross-correlation between eg wind and solar forecasting must be described
- Stochastic / operational models are needed (eg. for state estimation)
- Modeling of flexibility (direct control)
- Modeling of price-response (indirect control)
- Methods for stochastic optimization and control

Some examples are provided in case studies later on



# Solar Power Forecasting





# Solar Power Forecasting

- Shading must be taking into account -> dedicated functions
- Dusts, etc -> need for adaptive models











# **Storage sizing**





# Tools are developed for: 🛱

- Wind Power Forecasting
- Solar Power Forecasting
- Heat/Cooling load forecasting
- Gas load forecasting
- Price forecasting
- Forecasts for state control

Our methods are eg embedded in Australian Wind Energy Forecasting Systems (AWEFS) and Australian Solar Energy Forecasting Systems (ASEFS) – see eg P. Coppin, CSIRO, ASI Energy Forecasting, Final Report, March 2012.





### **Case study**

## **Control of Power Consumption (DSM)**



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# **Data from BPA**

#### Olympic Pensinsula project

- 27 houses during one year
- Flexible appliances: HVAC, cloth dryers and water boilers
- 5-min prices, 15-min consumption
- Objective: limit max consumption





# Aggregation (over 20 houses)



## Non-parametric Response on DTU Price Step Change

Model inputs: pice, minute of day, outside temperature/dewpoint, sun irrandianc

**Olympic Peninsula** 





## **Control of Energy Consumption**





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# **Control performance**

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- Considerable reduction in peak consumption
- Mean daily consumption shift







#### Case study

### **Super Market Cooling**



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### **Simulations – DER Controllers**

- Direct Control
  - Temperature Reference Tracking

$$\min \sum_{n=1}^{N} \left( T_n - T_n^{ref} \right)^2 + \gamma_1 \Delta P_{1,t-1}$$

s.t:

- System Temperature/Power Dynamics from ARMAX model
- $T_{max}, T_{min}, P_{max}$
- Power Reference Tracking

$$\min\sum_{n=1}^{N} \left( P_n - P_n^{ref} \right)^2$$

- Indirect Control
  - Economic MPC

$$\min \sum_{n=1}^{N} \lambda_n P_n + \gamma_1 T_N^{MT} + \gamma_2 T_N^{LT}$$

 Note all controller formulations are "MPC" – i.e. forecasts of price/references only available up to a fixed horizon – control consists of a sequence of receding horizon optimisations

### **Simulations – Temperature Tracking**

Asymmetry



### **Simulations – Power Tracking**

Saturation Time





Pcurt: 5kW

### **Simulations - Power Tracking**



- Starting from maximum steady-state power consumption (to maintain minimum allowable temperature)
- Saturation defined as time until an increase in power consumption from the curtailed level (e.g. approximately time to reach **maximum** allowed temperature)
- Forecast of 30 minutes; initial work shows a longer forecasts decreases the time to saturation



#### **Case study**

# **Control of Heat Pumps**



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## **Grundfos Case Study**

Schematic of the heating system



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## Modeling Heat Pump and Solar Collector

Simplified System





#### Modeling Heat Pump and Solar Collector System Equations - Differential Equations

#### Equations

$$C_{s} \dot{T}_{s} = \eta \Phi_{s} - (UA)_{sw} (T_{s} - T_{w}) - (UA)_{sa} (T_{s} - T_{a})$$
(2a)  

$$C_{w} \dot{T}_{w} = \eta W_{c} + (UA)_{sw} (T_{s} - T_{w}) - (UA)_{wf} (T_{w} - T_{f})$$
(2b)  

$$C_{f} \dot{T}_{f} = (UA)_{wf} (T_{w} - T_{f}) - (UA)_{fr} (T_{w} - T_{f}) + p \Phi_{s}$$
(2c)  

$$C_{r} \dot{T}_{r} = (UA)_{fr} (T_{f} - T_{r}) - (UA)_{ra} (T_{r} - T_{a}) + (1 - p) \Phi_{s}$$
(2d)





### **Avanced Controller**

Economic Model Predictive Control

#### Formulation

The Economic MPC problem, with the constraints and the model, can be summarized into the following formal formulation:

$$\min_{\{u_k\}_{k=0}^{N-1}} \phi = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} c' u_k$$
Subject to
$$x_{k+1} = A x_k + B u_k + E d_k k = 0, 1, \dots, N-1 \quad (4b)$$

$$y_k = C x_k \qquad k = 1, 2, \dots, N \quad (4c)$$

$$u_{min} \le u_k \le u_{max} \qquad k = 0, 1, \dots, N-1 \quad (4d)$$

$$\Delta u_{min} \le \Delta u_k \le \Delta u_{max} \qquad k = 0, 1, \dots, N-1 \quad (4e)$$

$$y_{min} \le y_k \le y_{max} \qquad k = 0, 1, \dots, N \quad (4f)$$



# EMPC for heat pump with solar collector





# Conclusions



- A hierarchi of optimization/control problems with integrated forecasting for both direct and indirect control have been described. This structure facilitates energy systems integration.
- Examples of relevance for DSO's are outlined:

Control of heat accumulated in the thermal mass Control of supermarket cooling (both direct and indirect control)

Control of heat pump and thermal solar collector system for a family house

- All examples have illustrated the used of forecasts
- For the moment direct control is mostly used for DSO DSM
- However, indirect control is now used more and more.

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