



# Decentralized Control for RES By Fast Market-based MAS

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  - flexibility from DER.
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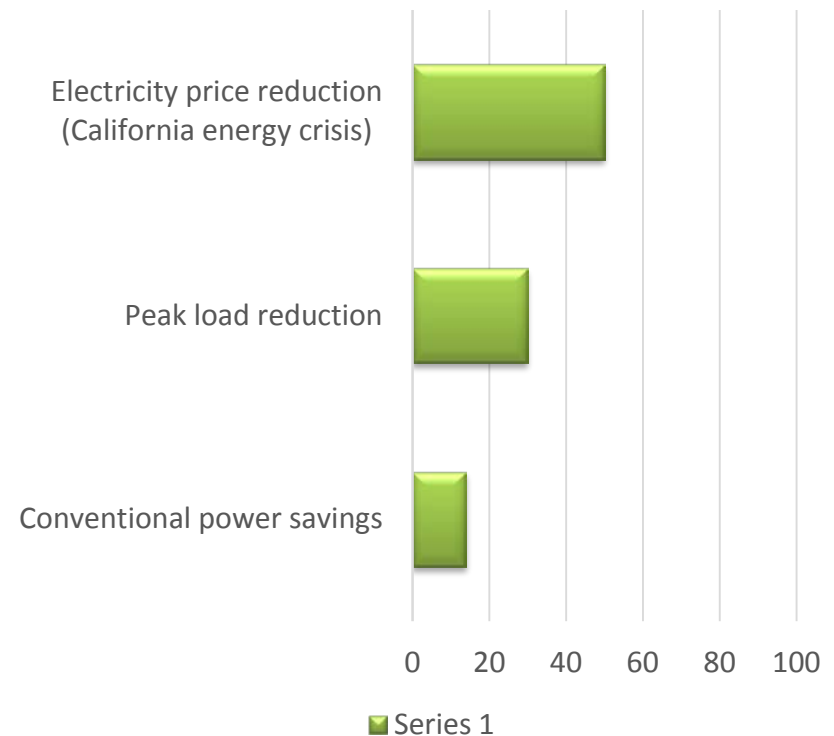


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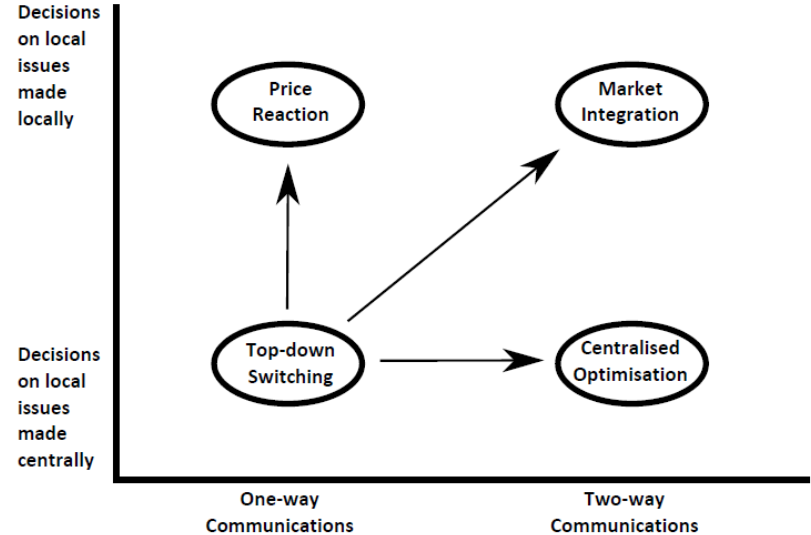
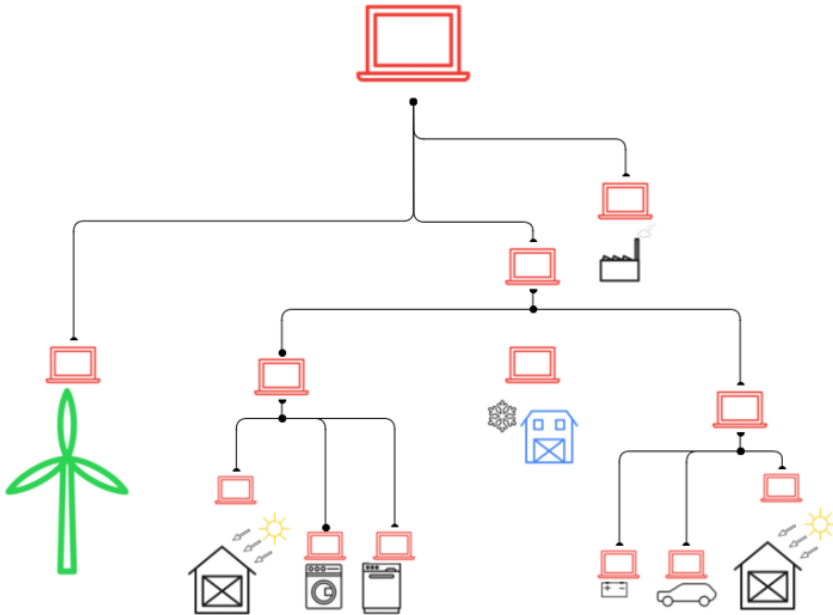
## Flexibility from DERs

- Some Technical Difficulties
  - Uncertainties introduced by inflexible DERs.
  - Decentralization of generation.
  - Need for constant supply/demand matching.
  - Growing demand.
- Flexibility use is necessary.

### Compared to Traditional Solutions



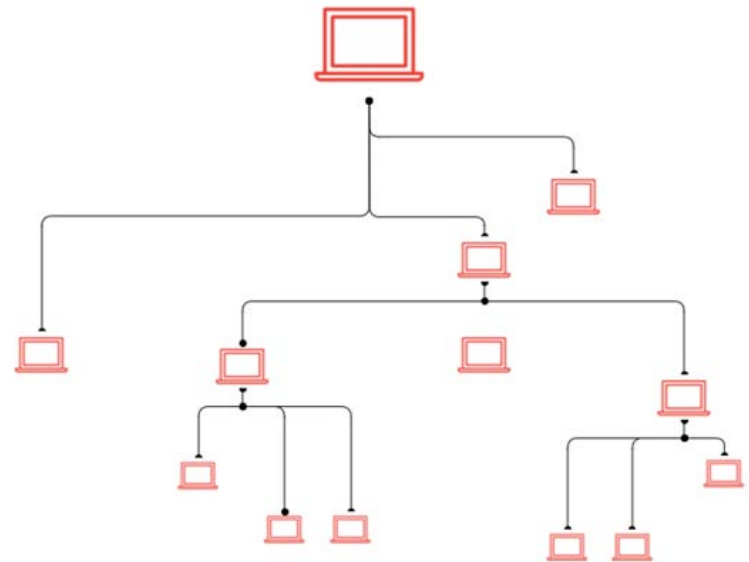
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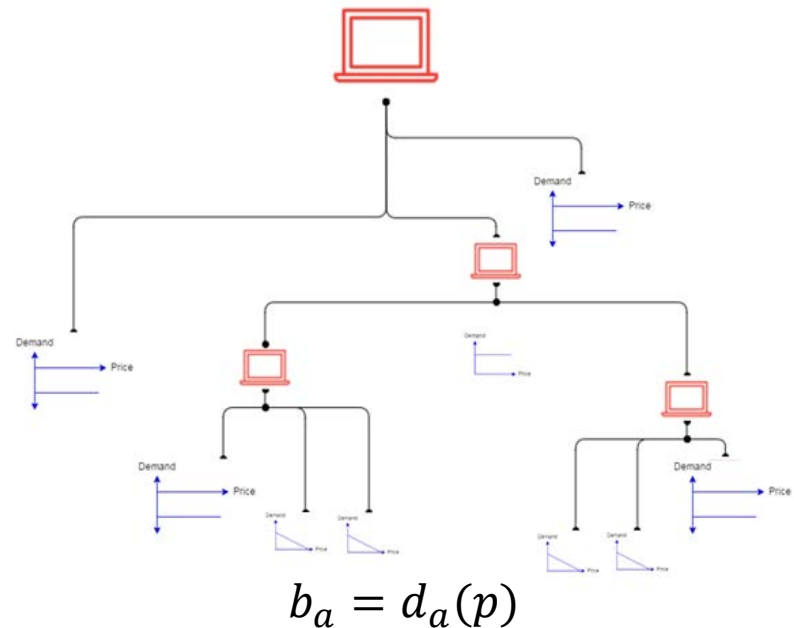
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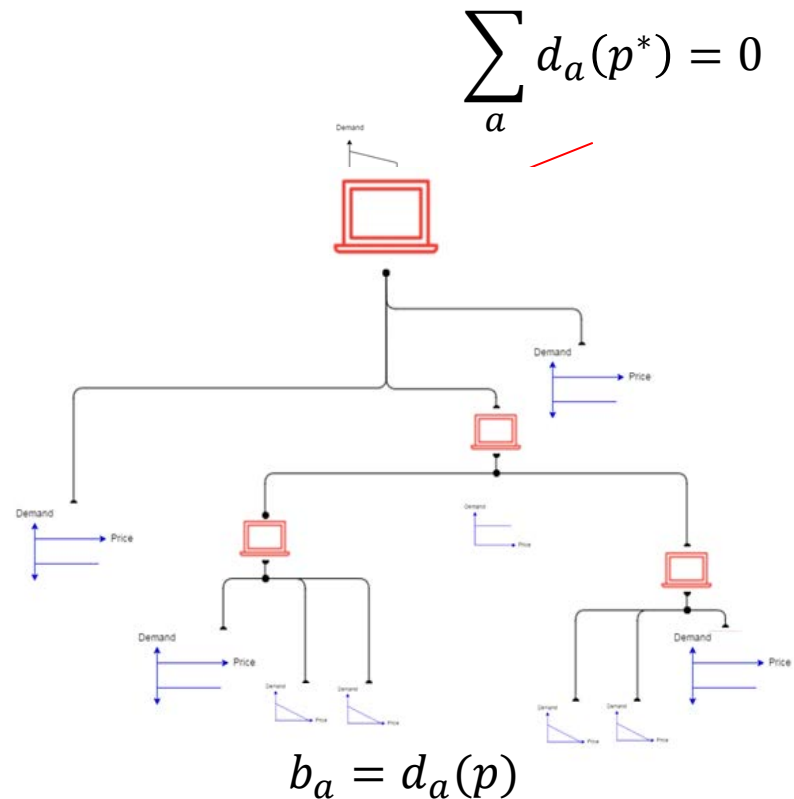
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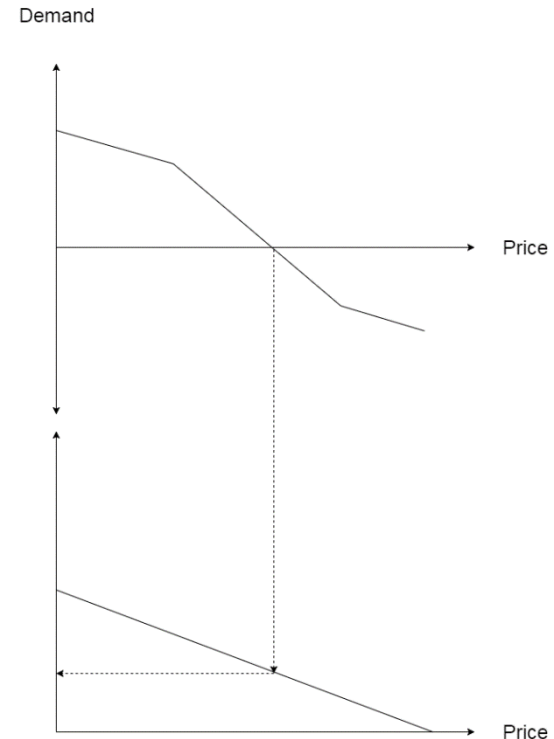


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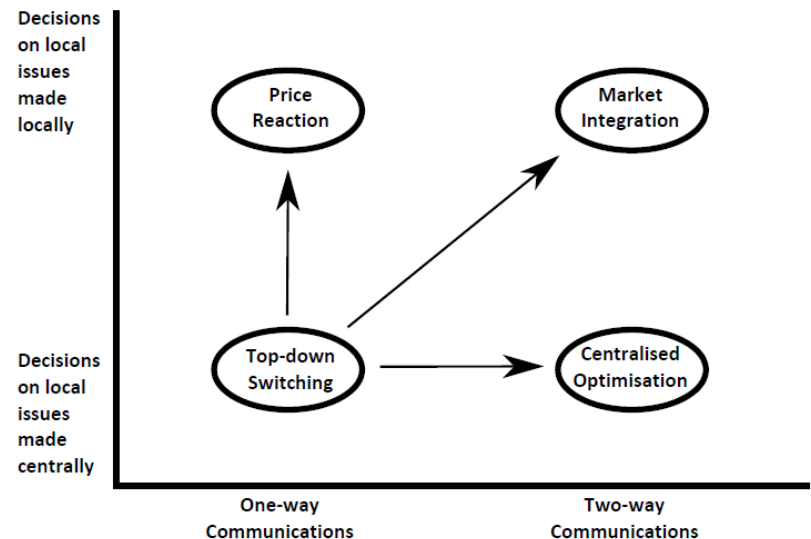


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# Motivation



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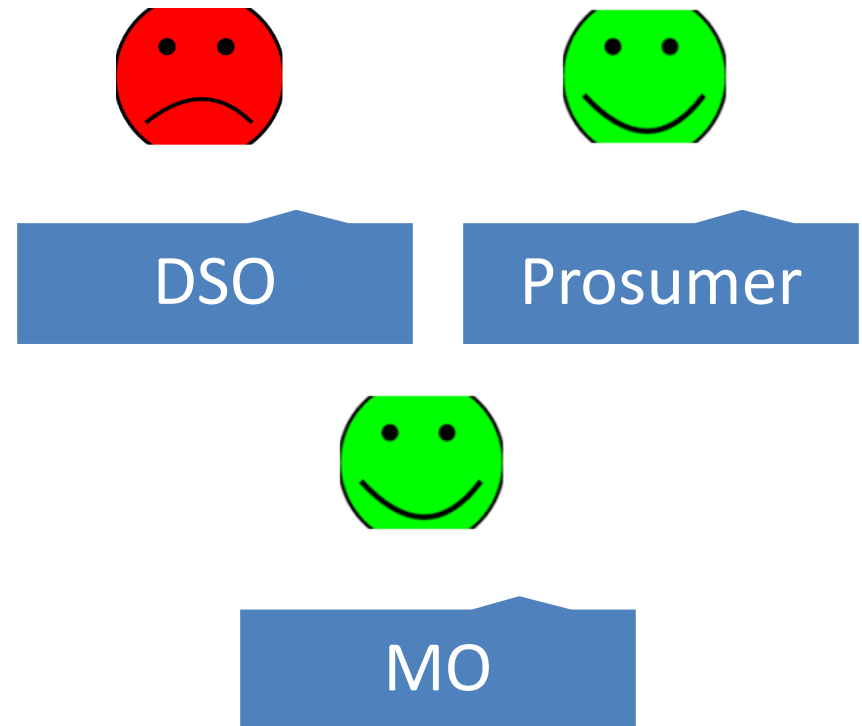


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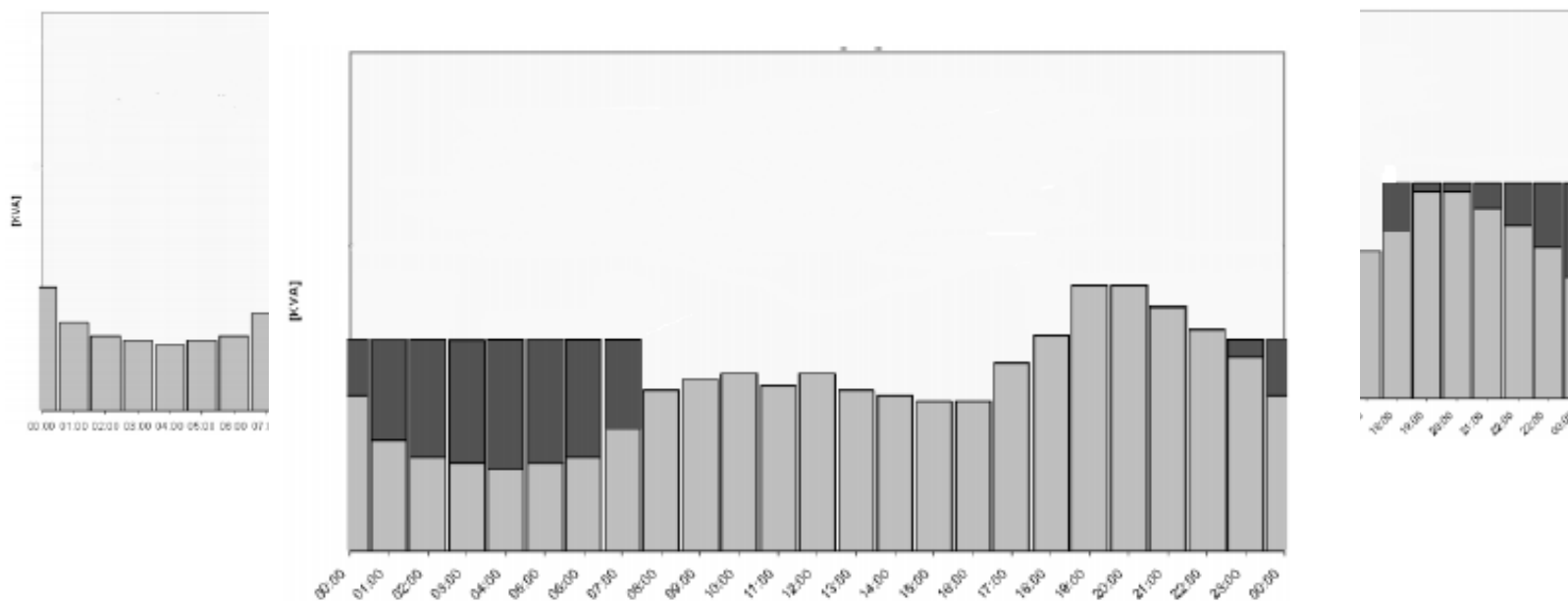
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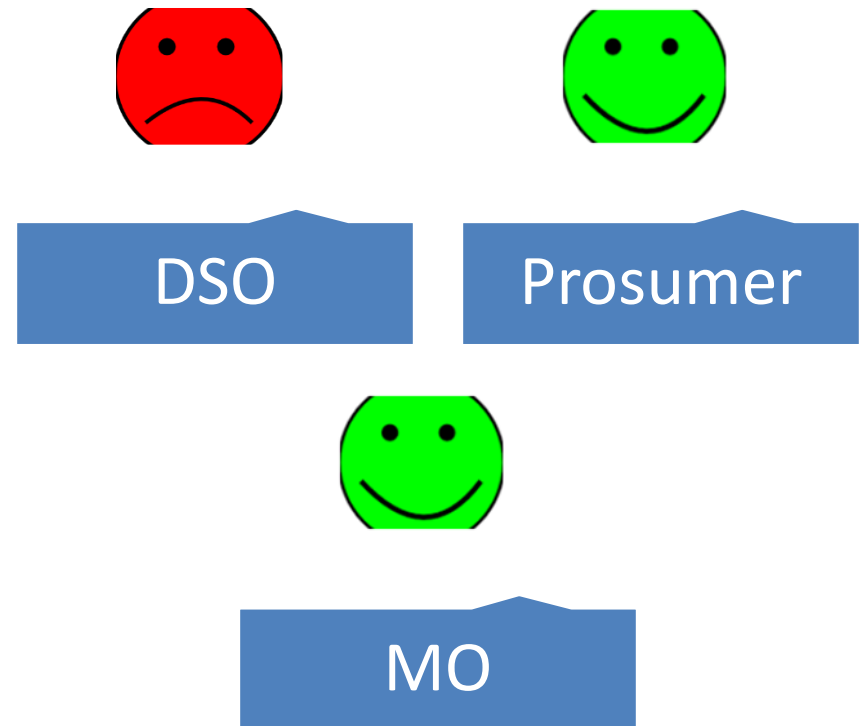


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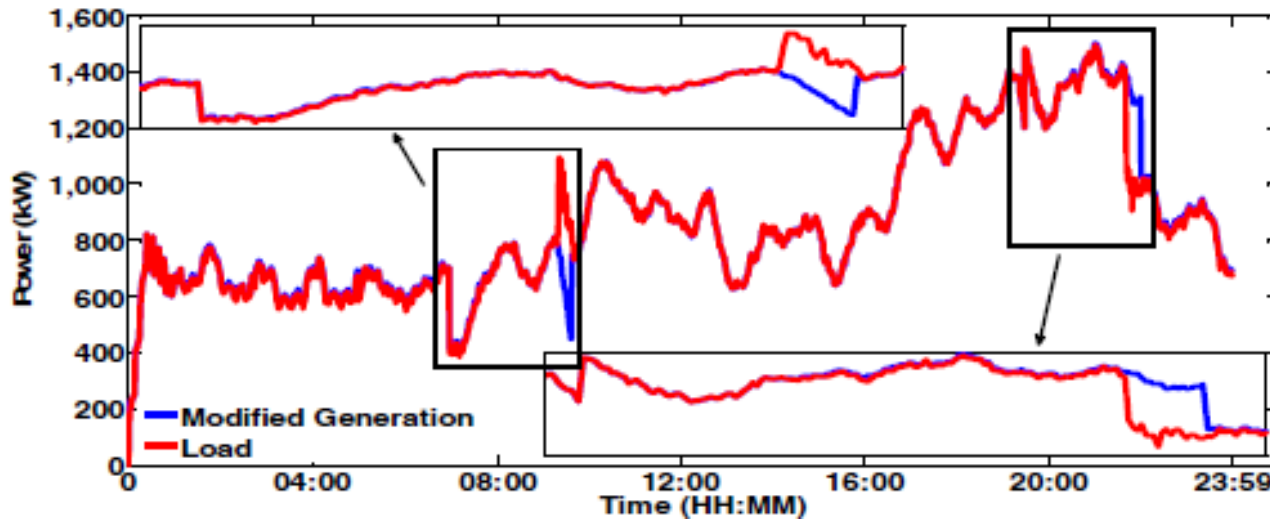
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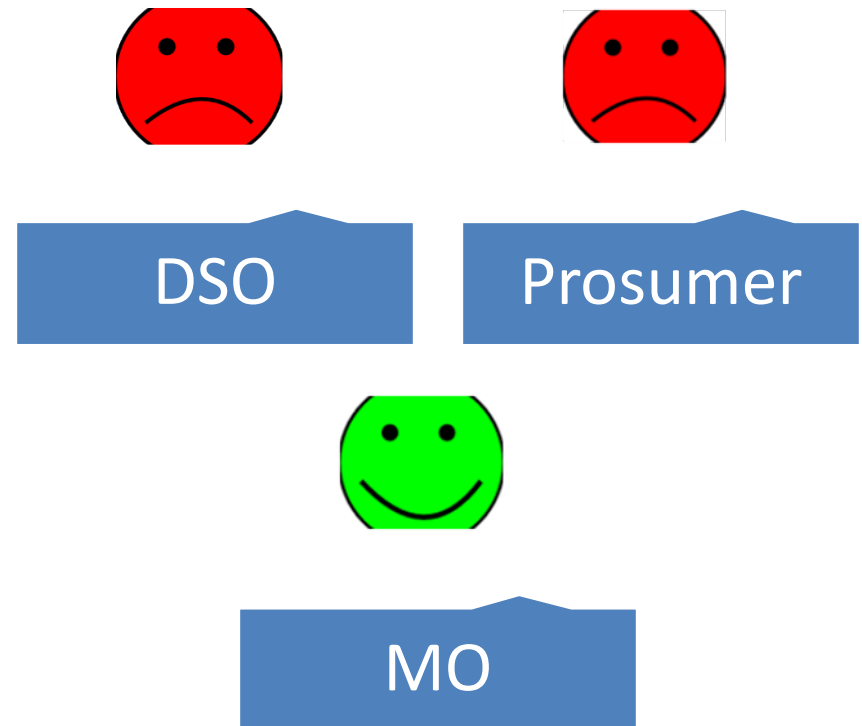
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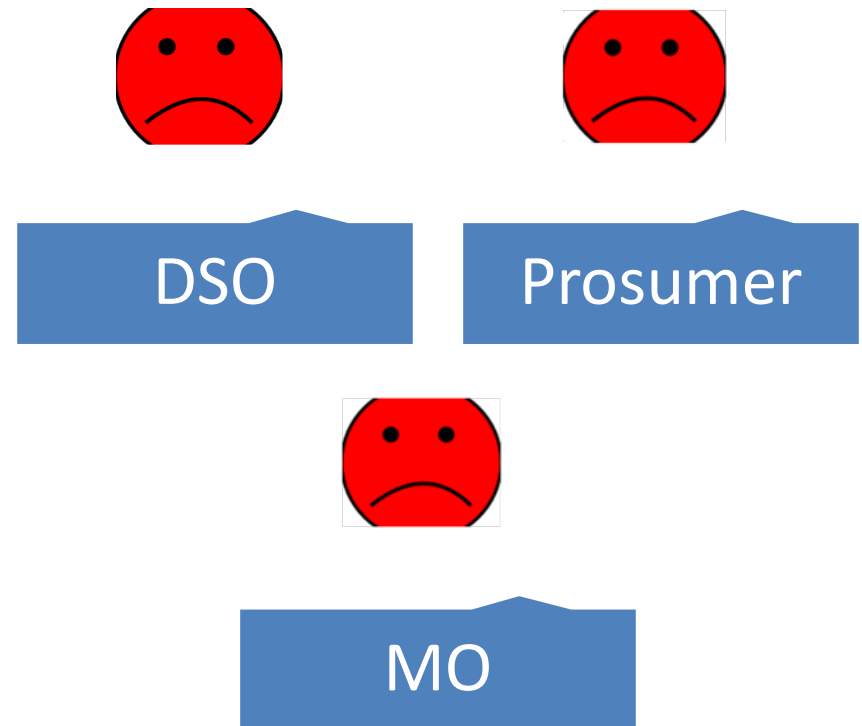
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  - Bad integration in wholesale markets.



# Improved MBC of DER

- To improve the performance of real-time MBC systems used for DER coordination.

...heterogeneous, Numerous, self-interested DERs.

...scalability, openness, privacy, simplicity.

# Improved MBC of DER

Planning ahead



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# Improved MBC of DER

## Planning ahead

- Multi-time step.
  - Sequential.
  - Simultaneous.
- Negotiation schemes
- Cooperative mechanisms.
- Iterative mechanisms.
- Central planning

# Methodology

- Planning ahead in real-time MBC.
- Market steering and forecasting.
- Evaluation of the approach.
- Connection to the main grid
- Effect of grid constraints.



# Methodology

- Planning ahead by agents

$$\min \sum_{i=1}^{nt} p_i^* d_i$$

$$s.t. \sum_{i=1}^{nt} d_i = E_{nt} - E_1$$

$$E_{i+1}^{min} - E_i \leq d_i \leq E_{i+1}^{max} - E_i$$

$$T = \{t_1, \dots, t_{nt}\}$$

$$i = 1, \dots, nt$$

$$E_1 \geq 0$$

$$E_{nt} \geq 0$$

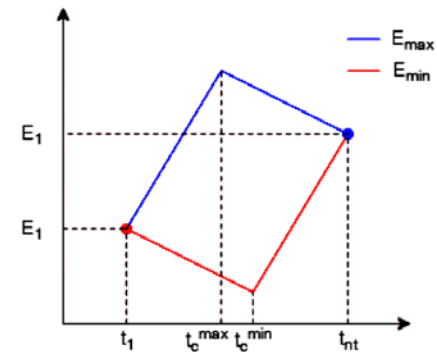
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# Methodology

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- DR agents
  - power flow is unidirectional
  - non-flexible once turned on





# Methodology

- Flexible Device Agent:
  - Small, with local objectives.
  - Self-interested.
  - Given a steering signal (forecasted price, accuracy).
  - Determines bid curve for current time step, within a planned bidding profile, to achieve local objective.
  - Updates the plan when updated forecasts are available.

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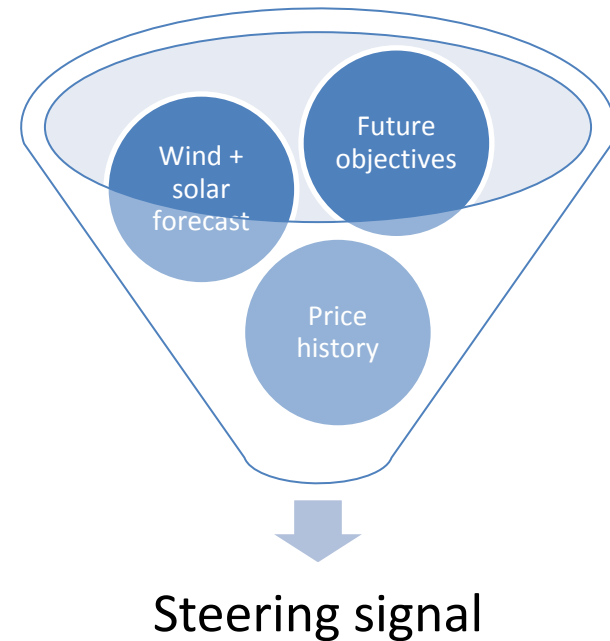
- Case 1: fixed prices
  - Resource allocation problem.
  - Polynomial time (simplified).
  - Requires extension, simplification.
- Case 2: including uncertainty
  - MDP, SDP.
  - Still, a lot of work to be done here.

# Methodology

- Given perfectly predicted prices, how to plan a DER agent's demand profile over a period of time?
- Given a steering signal (e.g. price forecast), how can a flexible device agent plan future bidding profile to achieve local objectives?  
...in real-time.

# Methodology

- Forecasting and Market steering
  - One agent, to provide market steering signal.
  - How to include future DSO/MO objectives?
  - Forecasting is updated periodically, less forecasting errors, better planning (unlike day-ahead).



# Methodology

- Given non-private data (e.g. weather forecast, price history, DSO objectives) how can a steering signal be generated with the aim of improving overall performance over a time period?

# Methodology

- Evaluation of overall system performance.
  - 1000 households with inflexible LP.
  - Randomly allocated DER.
    - Inflexible RES.
    - Flexible storage and DR.
- Base case, no planning ahead.
- Optimal case, planning ahead with complete information by central controller.
- Proposed methodology, real-time MBC with market steering and local planning.
- Comparison between different cases.



# Methodology

- What is the effect of such behavior on the overall performance of the system?
  - Incentive for prosumers?
  - Improved use of flexibility?
  - Violation of prosumer constraints?

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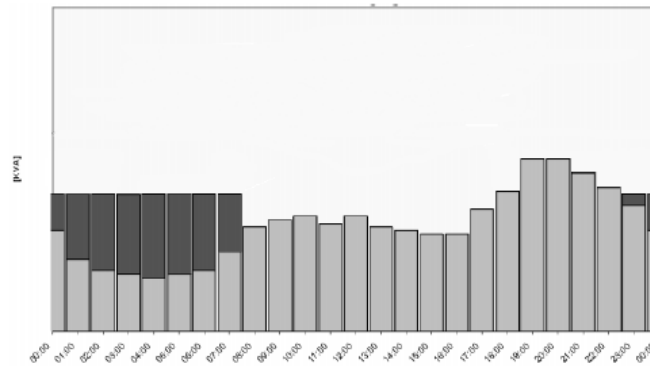
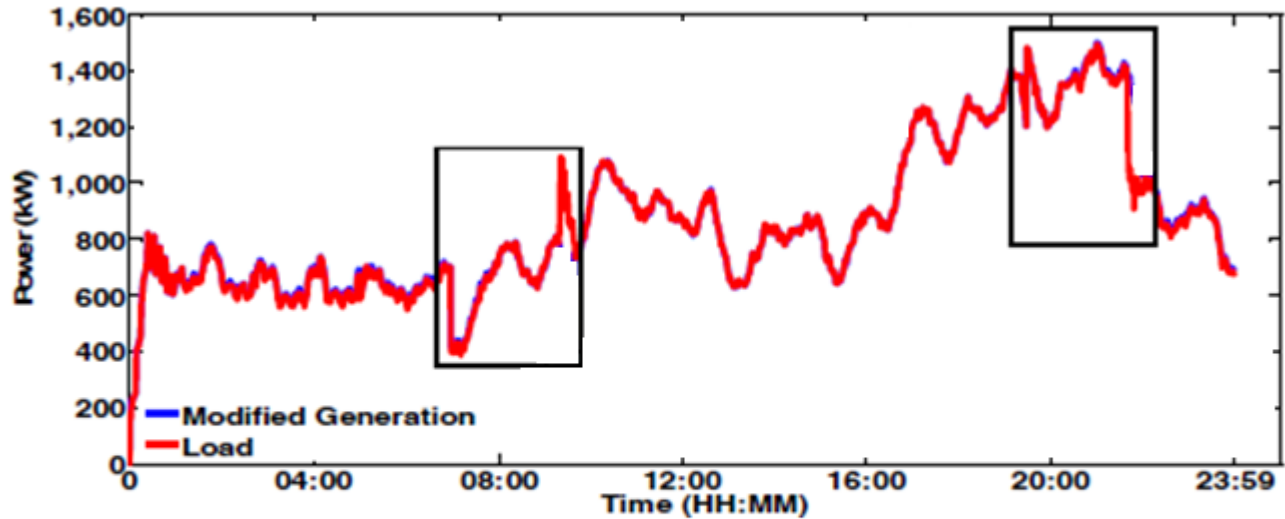
- Main grid connection
  - Model the main grid as a storage device, with “infinite” capacity.
- How can we include grid constraints?
  - DSO/MO agents to affect market outcome.



# Conclusion

- Improved real-time MBC of heterogeneous, numerous, self-interested DER.
  - ...scalability, openness, simplicity, privacy.
- Local planning based on market steering.
- Expected outcome:
  - Improved performance “utilization of flexibility”.
  - Improved WSM integration.
  - Incentives for prosumers.

# Conclusion



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