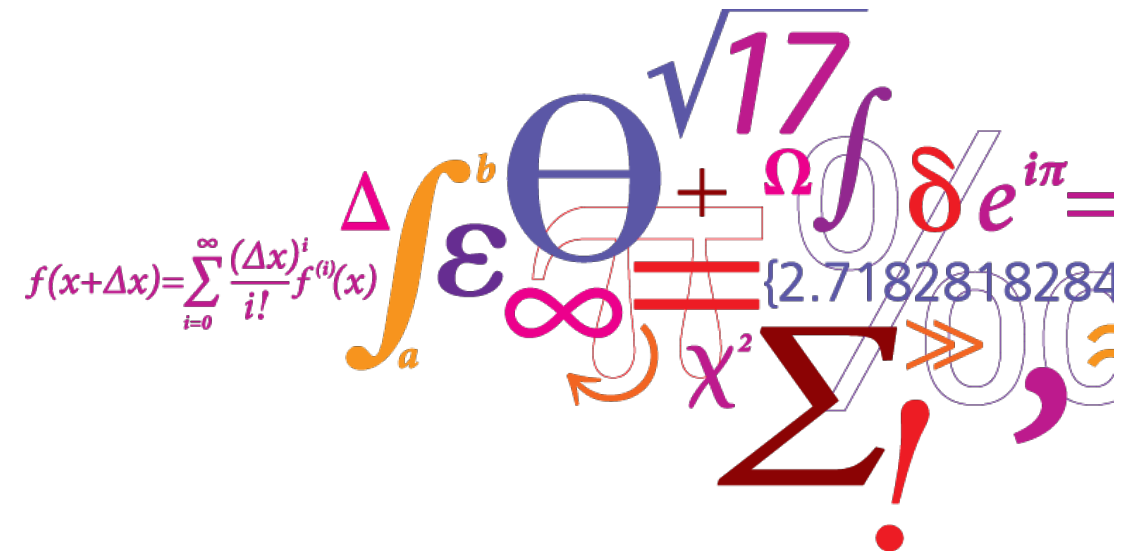


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Lecture 2: Fundamentals of electricity markets

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Recap

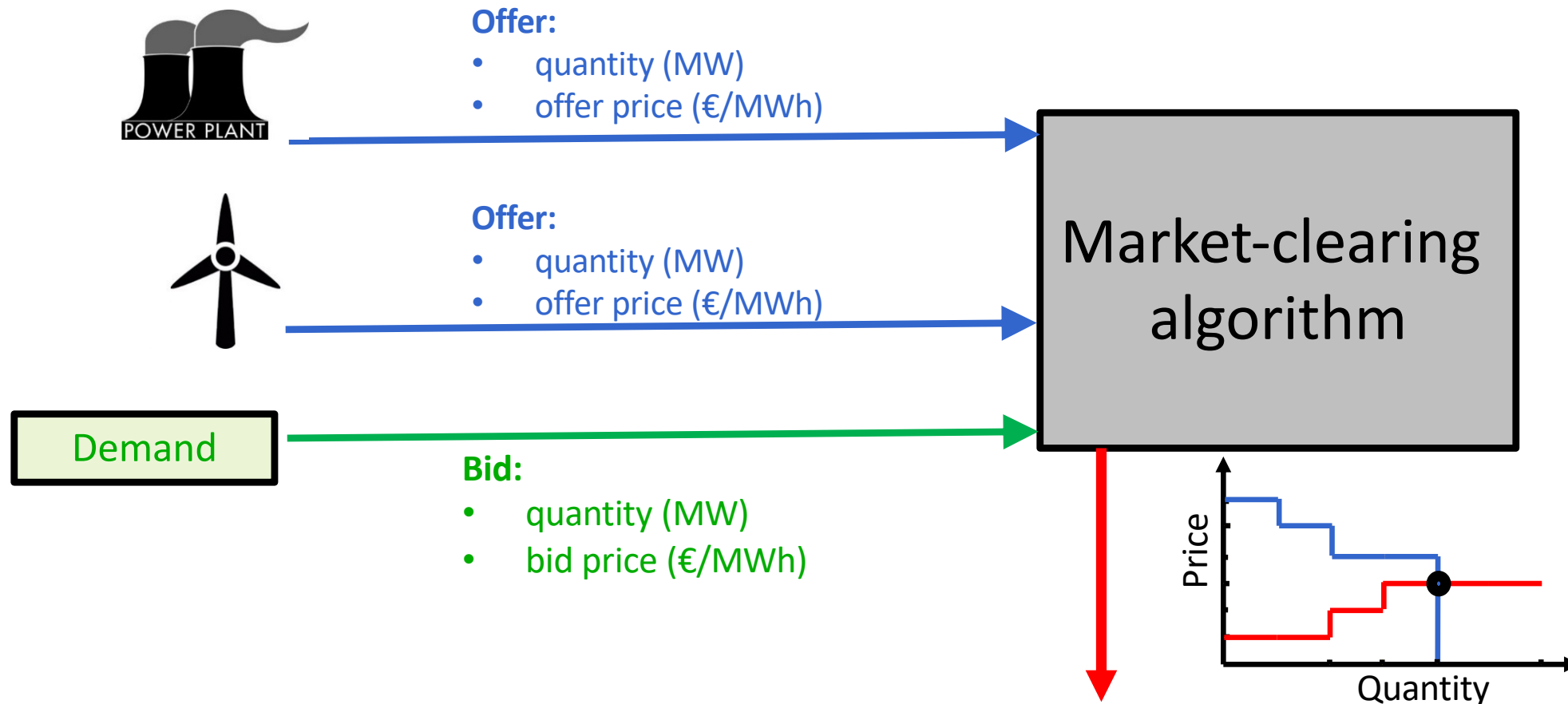
Key topics from the previous lecture:

- **Centralized power systems vs. electricity markets**
- **Supply and demand curves** and their role in market dynamics
- **Merit-order principle:** Least-cost dispatch in the supply side
- **Market clearing:** Determining prices and quantities based on supply and demand curves
- **Social welfare:** Definition and significance in market efficiency
- **Equilibrium concepts:** Market-clearing price and traded quantities
- **Pricing mechanisms:** Uniform pricing vs. pay-as-bid pricing
- **Unique characteristics of electricity markets** compared to other commodity markets

Electricity markets



Electricity markets



Market-clearing outcomes:

- Clearing price (€/MWh)
- Generation/consumption level of each producer/demand (MW)

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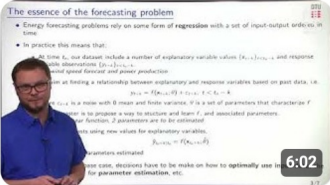
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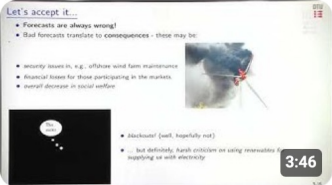
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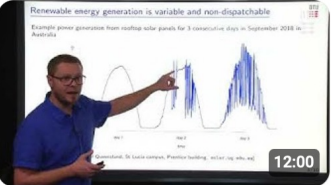
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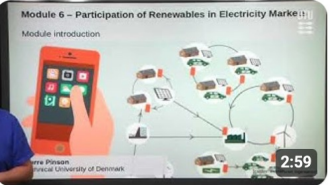
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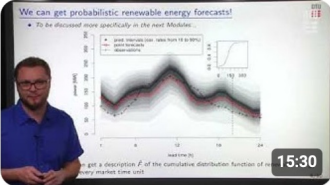
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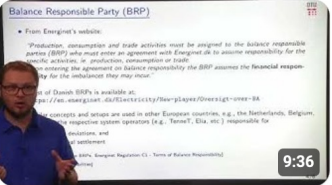
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Module 6: Offering renewable energy under uncertainty



Module 9: Digging in the data



Module 3: From market outcomes to physical operation



Module 5: Electricity cost and cost structure

By Prof. Pierre Pinson, 2019

<https://www.youtube.com/@Renewablesinelectricitymarket/videos>

Learning objectives of this lecture

After this lecture, you will be able to:

- Identify key actors in the electricity market.
- Describe the different types of markets in the power sector.
- Compare and contrast the current practices in European and U.S. electricity markets.
- Formulate the market-clearing procedure as a linear optimization problem, excluding the transmission network.

Outline

- **Various market actors**
- **Various types of electricity market**
- **European vs. U.S. electricity markets**
- **Market-clearing as a linear optimization problem**

Market actors

- Also referred to as “market players” or “market participants”!

Which market actors have we identified so far?

Market actors: Power producers

Power producers

- A **conventional** generation unit, e.g., coal, gas-fired power plants, combined heat and power (CHP) plants, nuclear plants, etc.
- A **renewable** power unit, e.g., wind, solar, hydro, biomass, etc.
- A producer who owns a **portfolio** of conventional and/or renewable units, with assets potentially distributed across the transmission network.

Examples in Denmark:



Market actors: Power demands

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- Retailers

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Examples in Denmark:

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Visit [Elpris.dk](https://elpris.dk) to explore and compare electricity retailers available in your area.

Market actors: Market Operator

Market operator

A non-profit entity that receives all offers from producers and bids from consumers, clears the market by maximizing social welfare, and ultimately disseminates the market-clearing outcomes, including prices and quantities.

Examples in Europe:



Market actors

Do we need any other actor?

Market actors

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Key point:

- The market-clearing outcomes are **financial contracts**, i.e., contracts for buying and selling electricity.
- Who is responsible for **operating** the power system in practice based on these contracts?

Market actors: System operator

Transmission System Operator (TSO)

In the context of European electricity markets:

TSOs are responsible for the "safe" operation of the underlying power grid in the **high-voltage transmission level** (typically meshed grid), ensuring supply security, real-time power supply and demand balance, and system stability

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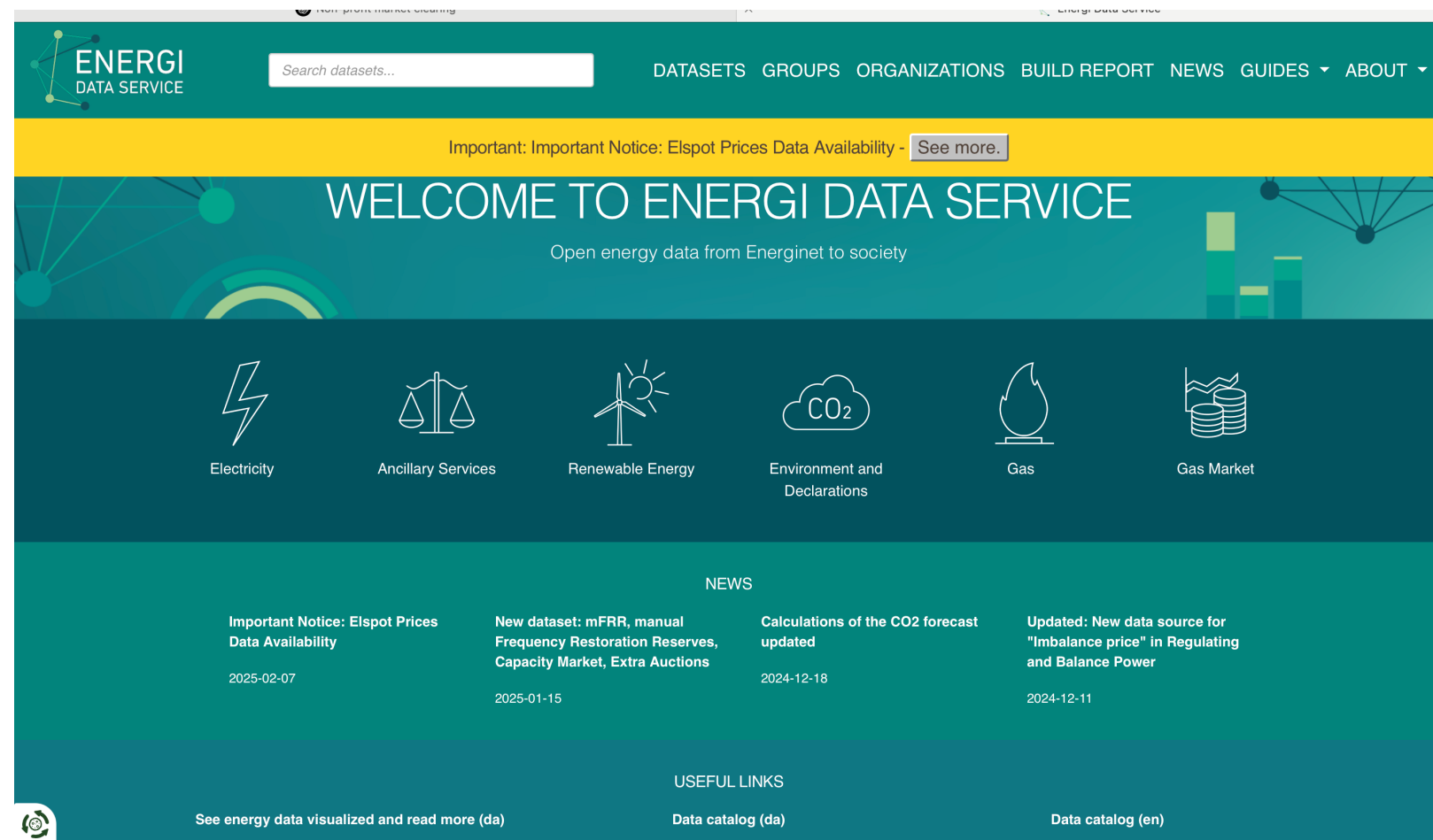
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In Denmark, **Energinet** (<https://energinet.dk>), as the Danish TSO, is responsible for the operation of both the power and gas systems at the transmission level.

The logo for Energinet, featuring the word "ENERGINET" in a bold, sans-serif font. The letters "ENERGI" are in a teal color, and "NET" is in a dark blue color.

Market actors: System operator

Energinet publishes a wealth of important data, including real-time system information:



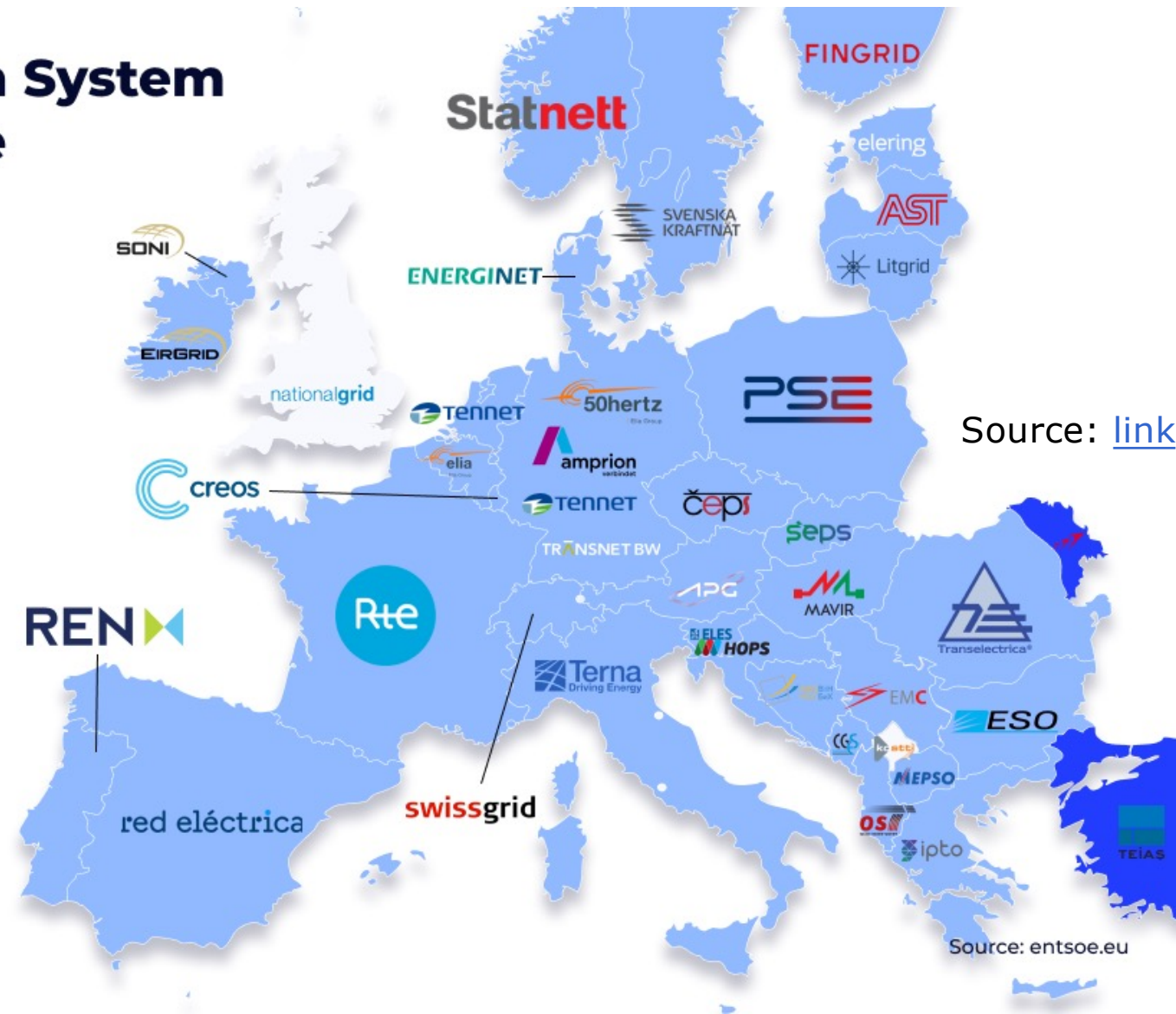
<https://www.energidataservice.dk>

Power Transmission System Operators in Europe

Legend:

- Members of ENTSO-E
- Observer members
- Not members of ENTSO-E

Note: Iceland's Landsnet, Ukraine's TSOUA and Cyprus' TSOC are also members of ENTSO-E. Membership status as of June 2024.



Source: [link](#)

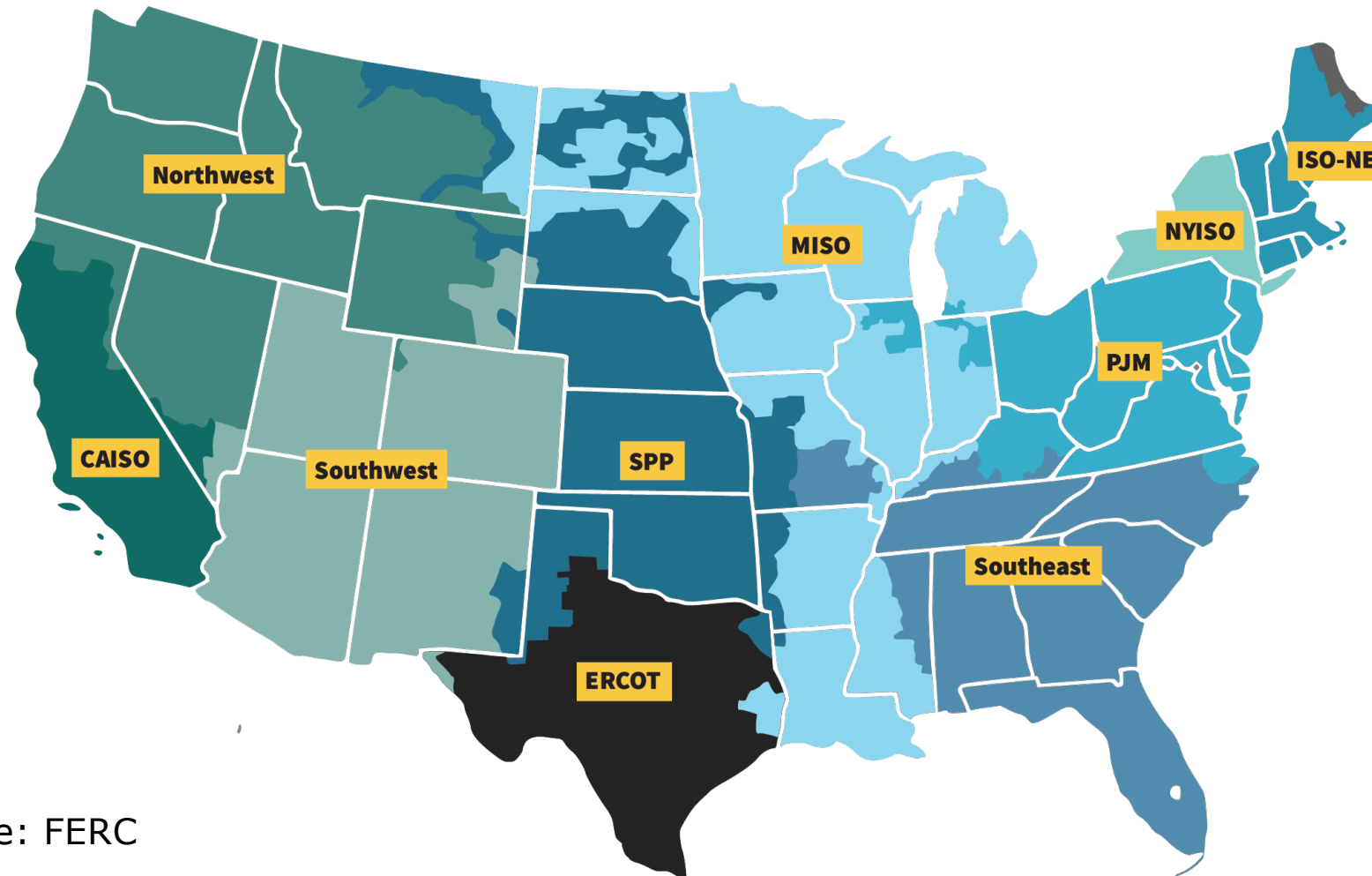
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ENTSO-e: European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity (www.entsoe.eu)



Market actors: System operator

In the context of U.S. electricity markets, this role is typically carried out by the **Independent System Operator (ISO)** or **Regional Transmission Organization (RTO)**, depending on the region.



Source: FERC

Market actors: System operator

Distribution System Operator (DSO)

DSOs are responsible for the "safe" operation of the underlying power grid in the **mid- and low-voltage distribution level** (typically radial grid).

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Examples in Denmark:

The logo for TREFOR, featuring the word "TREFOR" in blue capital letters. A stylized yellow and red arrow points from the "E" towards the "F".The logo for radius, consisting of the word "radius" in white lowercase letters inside a dark blue square.The logo for Elnetselskabet N1, featuring a stylized graphic of green and blue lines forming a network or wave pattern above the text "Elnetselskabet N1" in black.The logo for cerius, featuring the word "cerius" in a bold, dark blue, lowercase sans-serif font.

Market actors: System operator

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Examples in Denmark:

TREFOR

radius

Elnetselskabet N1

cerius



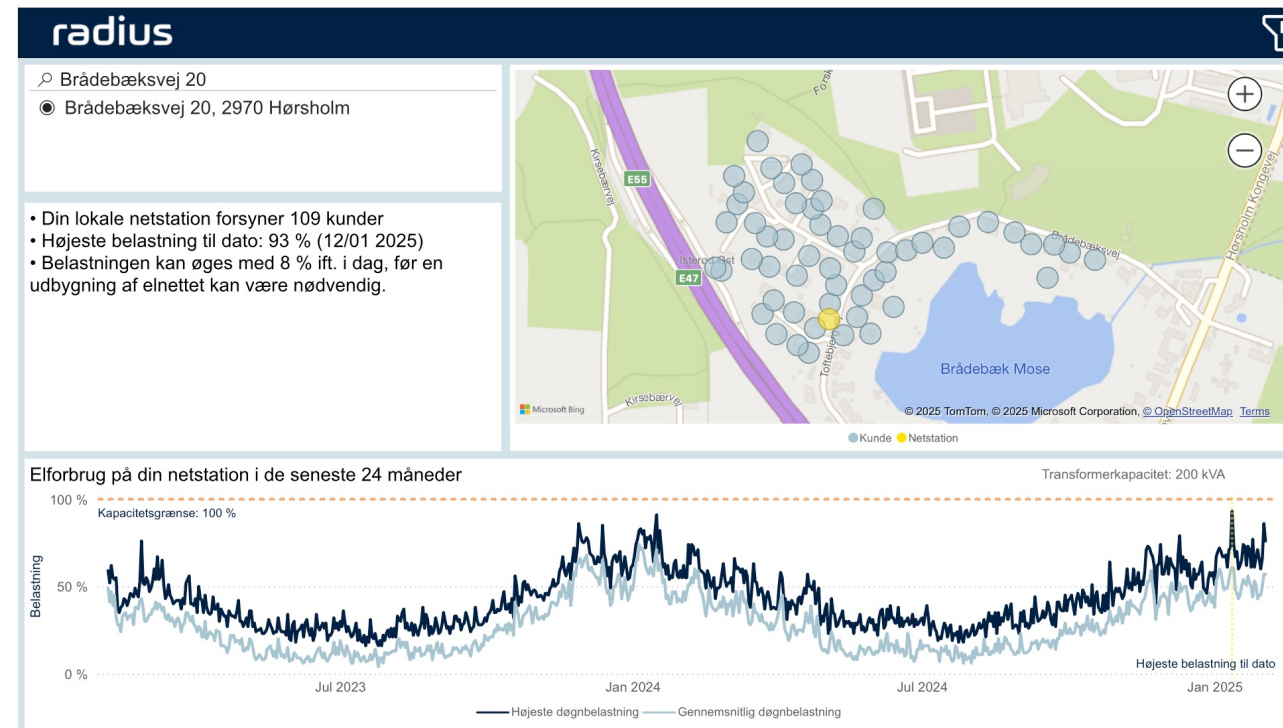
DSOs in Zealand (eastern Denmark)

Market actors: System operator

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An example
task of a DSO:

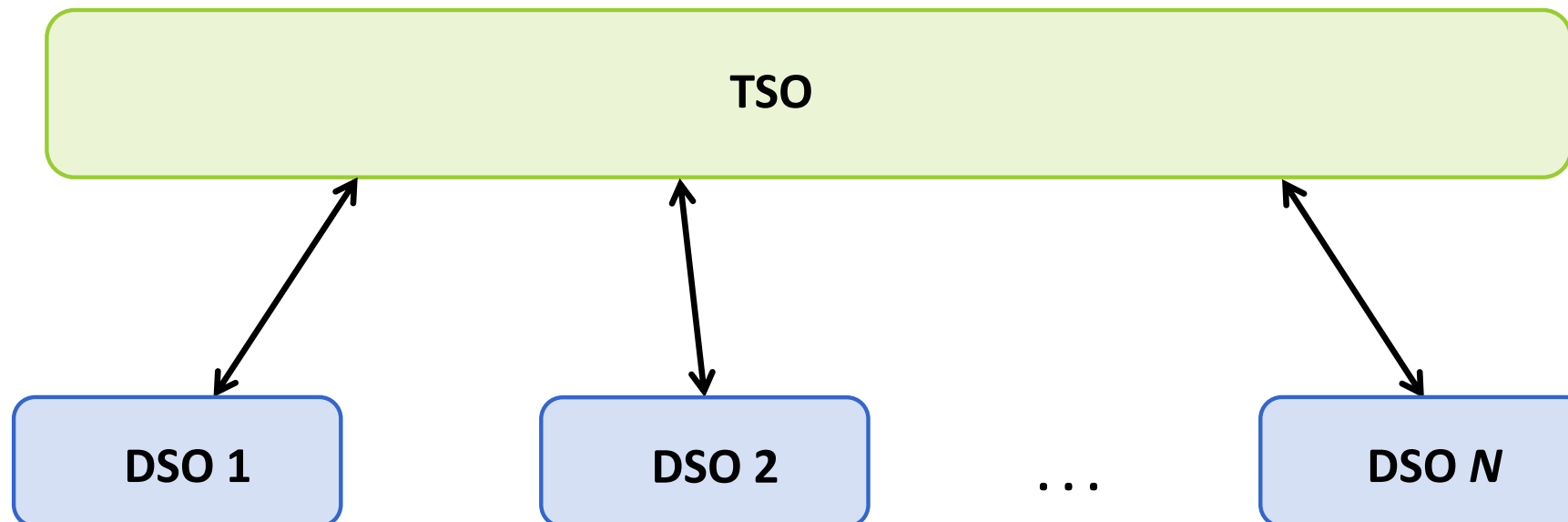


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Market actors: System operator

TSO-DSO coordination

Proper **coordination** between the **TSO** and each **DSO** is essential for ensuring the safe and reliable operation of the entire power grid!



Market actors: Market regulator

Market regulator

Responsible for monitoring market performance in both the short and long run, as well as designing appropriate market regulations and policies.

Examples:

- **The Danish Utility Regulatory** (forsyningstilsynet.dk) in Denmark
- **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)** in the U.S.
-



European Union Agency for the Cooperation
of Energy Regulators

Other market actors

- **Traders** (both physical and purely financial),
- **Balancing Responsible Parties (BRPs)**,
- **Flexibility Aggregators**,
- and other relevant market actors

will be introduced throughout the course as needed.

Market actors: Recap

- **Power producers**
- **Power demands**
- **Market operator**
- **System operators (TSO, DSO, ISO)**
- **Market regulator**
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Various markets in the power sector

Three main markets with **different products** are:

Capacity markets

Energy markets

Ancillary service markets

Various markets in the power sector

Three main markets with different products are:

Capacity markets

Energy markets

Ancillary service markets

- Capacity markets are designed to ensure that **sufficient** generation capacity (measured in MW) is available to maintain supply security and support reliable system operation.
- Any producer submitting an offer to the electricity market—regardless of whether it is accepted or rejected—is **eligible** for compensation based on their availability (measured in €/MW).
- Capacity payments serve as an **incentive** for power producers to invest in new generation assets over the long term.

However, we will **not** cover capacity markets in this course.

Various markets in the power sector

Three main markets with different products are:

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Ancillary service markets

A central marketplace for exchanging energy (in MWh), where electricity supply and demand are matched.

Various markets in the power sector

Three main markets with different products are:

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Various energy markets are cleared **at different points in time**, including:



Various markets in the power sector

Three main markets with different products are:

Capacity markets

Energy markets

Ancillary service markets

1) Futures markets:

Long-Term Financial Contracts (with a time span of up to six years)

Purpose: Price hedging and risk management for buyers and sellers.

Example: NASDAQ OMX Commodities [\[link\]](#) in Scandinavian countries.

Note: This topic will not be covered in this course.

Futures
markets

Actual time for physical
delivery of energy

Time

Various markets in the power sector

Three main markets with different products are:

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Ancillary service markets

2) Day-ahead market:

also known as the “spot” market

Timing: Cleared 12–36 hours before the actual delivery time.

Example: Nord Pool Elspot, which is cleared at noon on day D-1 for energy exchange during each hour of day D (from midnight to midnight), resulting in different market prices and quantities for each hour.



Various markets in the power sector

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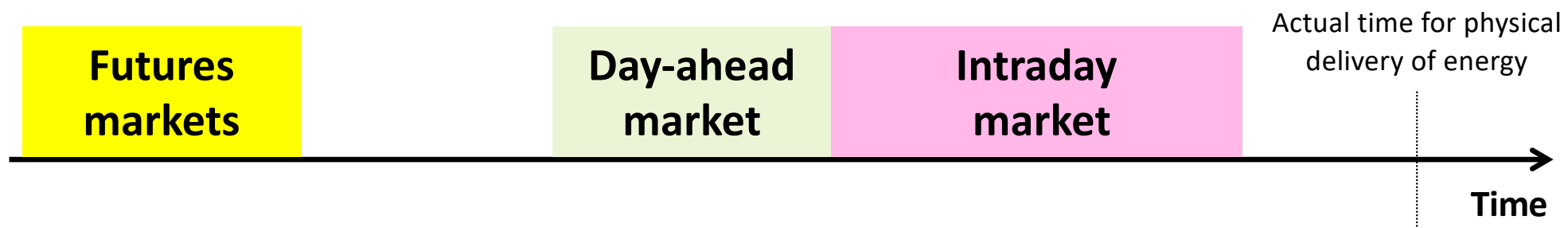
Ancillary service markets

3) Intraday market:

This market provides an opportunity to "modify" day-ahead schedules in case of updated forecasts, asset failures, or for trading purposes. It operates as a **continuous** and/or **discrete auction-based** trading platform between the day-ahead market and real-time.

Example: Nord Pool Elbas

It starts at 3 PM on D-1 and ends 1 hour before real-time. Three discrete auction-based sessions (ID-D) and a continuous platform (ID-C) are available. The current time resolution is 1 hour, but it will shift to 15 minutes soon.



Various markets in the power sector

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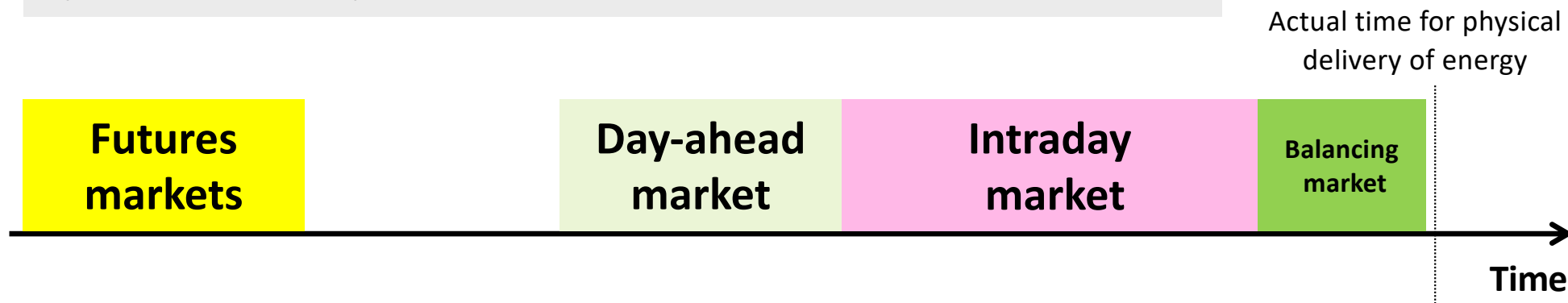
Energy markets

Ancillary service markets

4) Balancing market:

- Also known as the “imbalance” market or the “real-time” market.
- This market operates close to real-time system operations.

Purpose: To ensure power supply-demand balance and the safe operation of the system.



Various markets in the power sector

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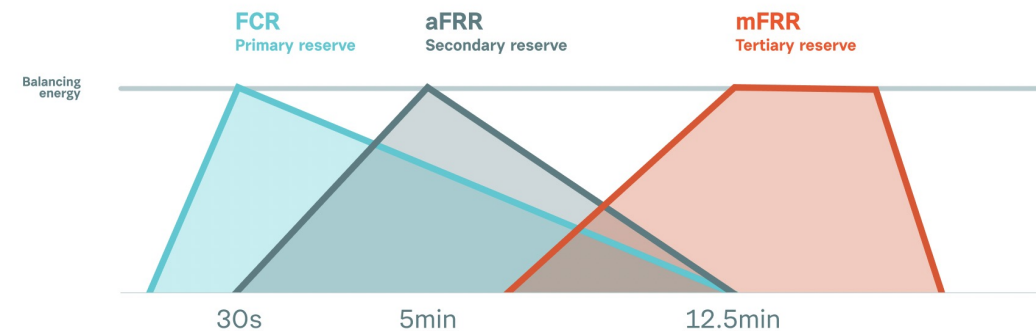
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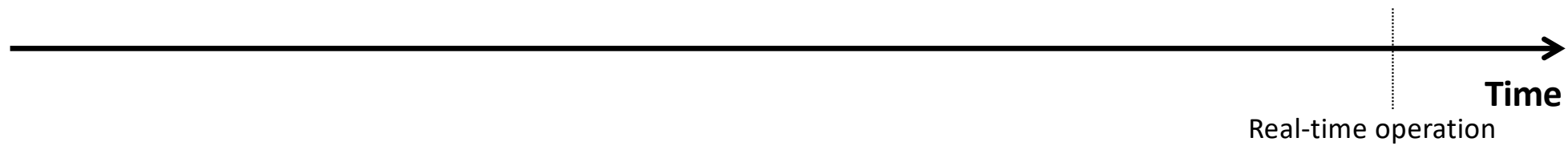
These markets allow the system operator to procure services necessary for the secure and reliable operation of the system.

Examples of such services include:

- Primary reserves
- Secondary reserves
- Tertiary reserves
- Black-start capability
- Reactive and voltage-control reserves
- And more.

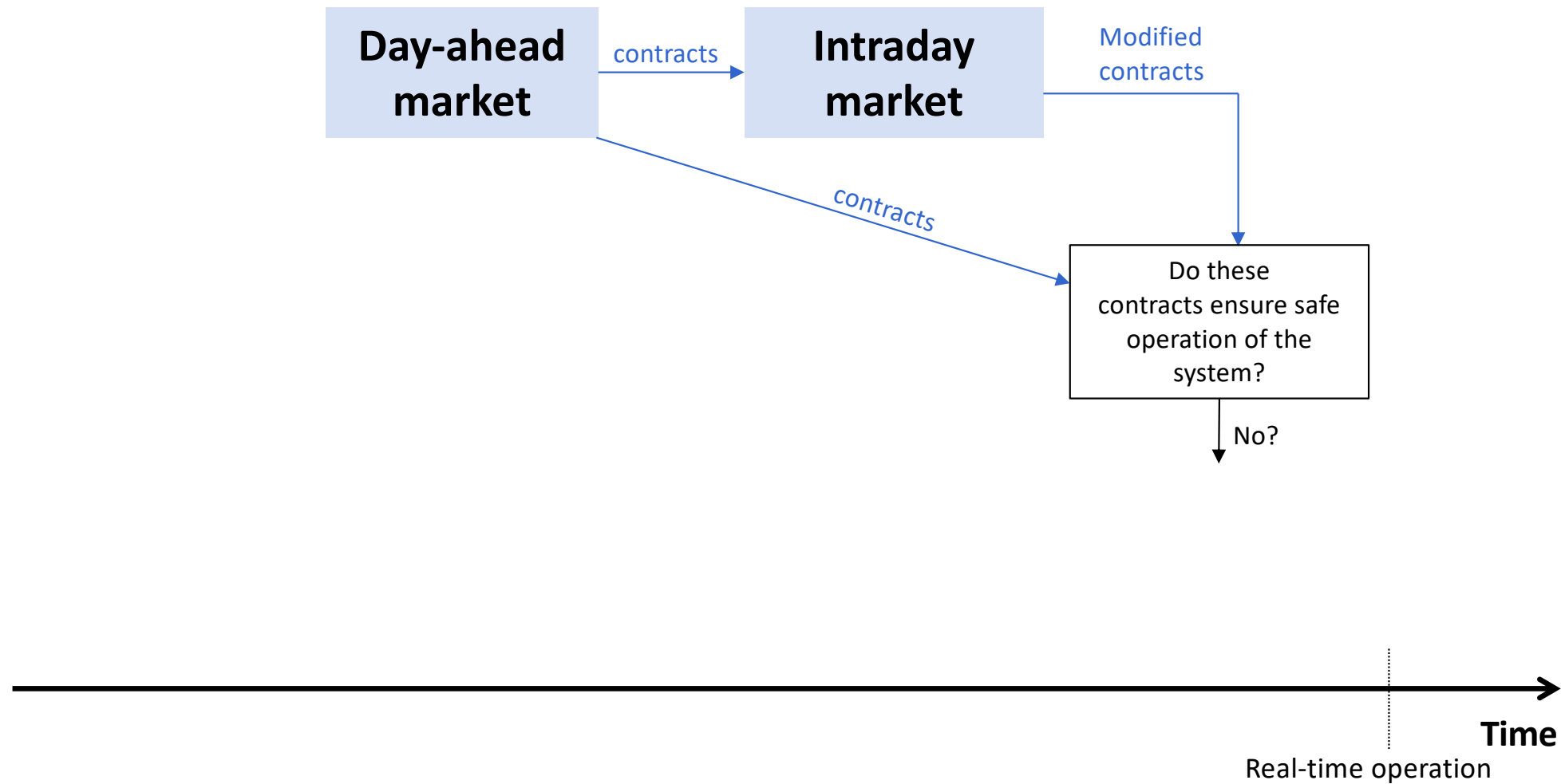


From market to operation



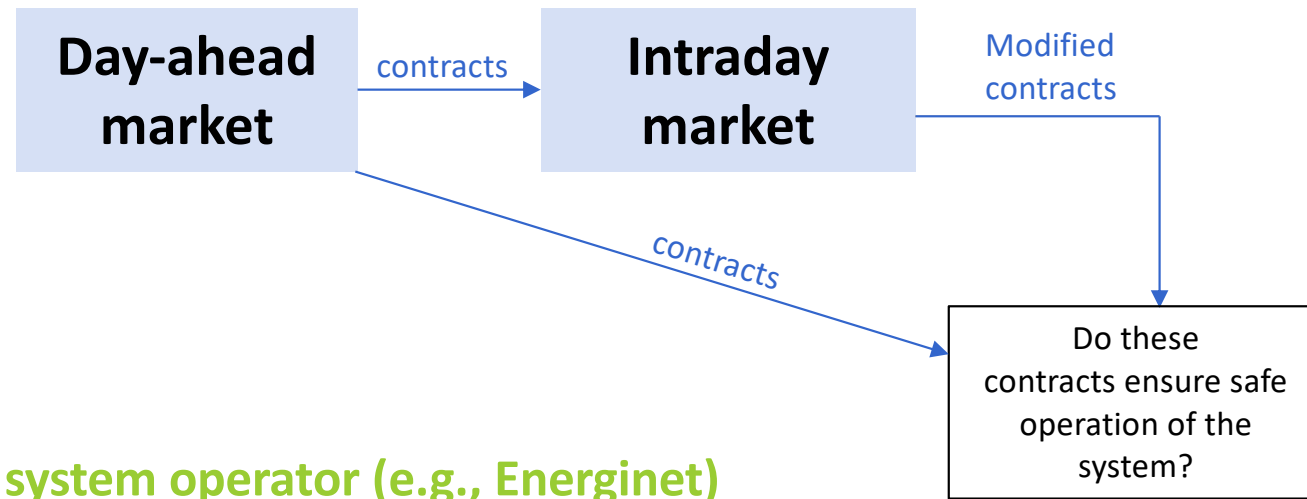
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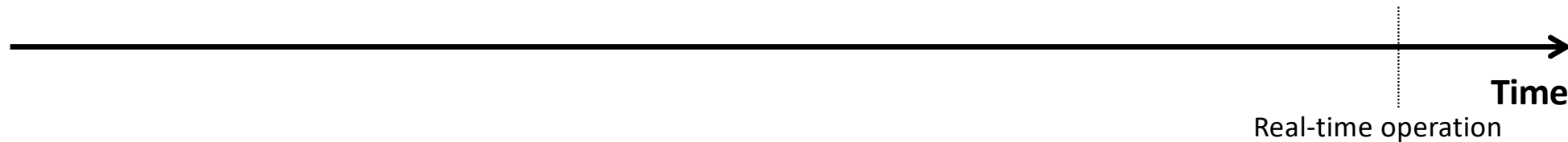


From market to operation

By the market operator (e.g., Nord Pool)



By the transmission system operator (e.g., Energinet)



From market to operation

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Lecture 3

Day-ahead
market

contracts

Lecture 5

Intraday
market

Modified
contracts

contracts

Do these
contracts ensure safe
operation of the
system?

No?

By the transmission system operator (e.g., Energinet)

Ancillary service
(reserve)
markets

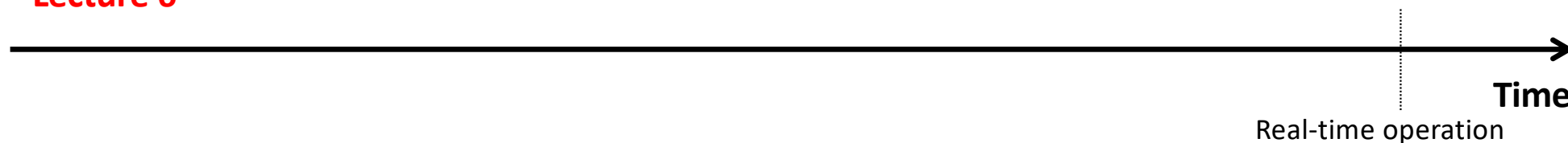
Lecture 6

Reserve capacities booked to be activated later (if needed)
in the balancing stage

Balancing
market

Lecture 5

Actual
operation of
the system



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- **Market-clearing as a linear optimization problem**

European vs U.S. electricity markets

In terms of market and system operation:

In Europe:

Market operators and system operators are **separate** entities (e.g., Nord Pool as the market operator and Energinet as the TSO)

In the U.S.:

An Independent System Operator (ISO) is responsible for **both** clearing the market and operating the system (e.g., CAISO and PJM).

European vs U.S. electricity markets

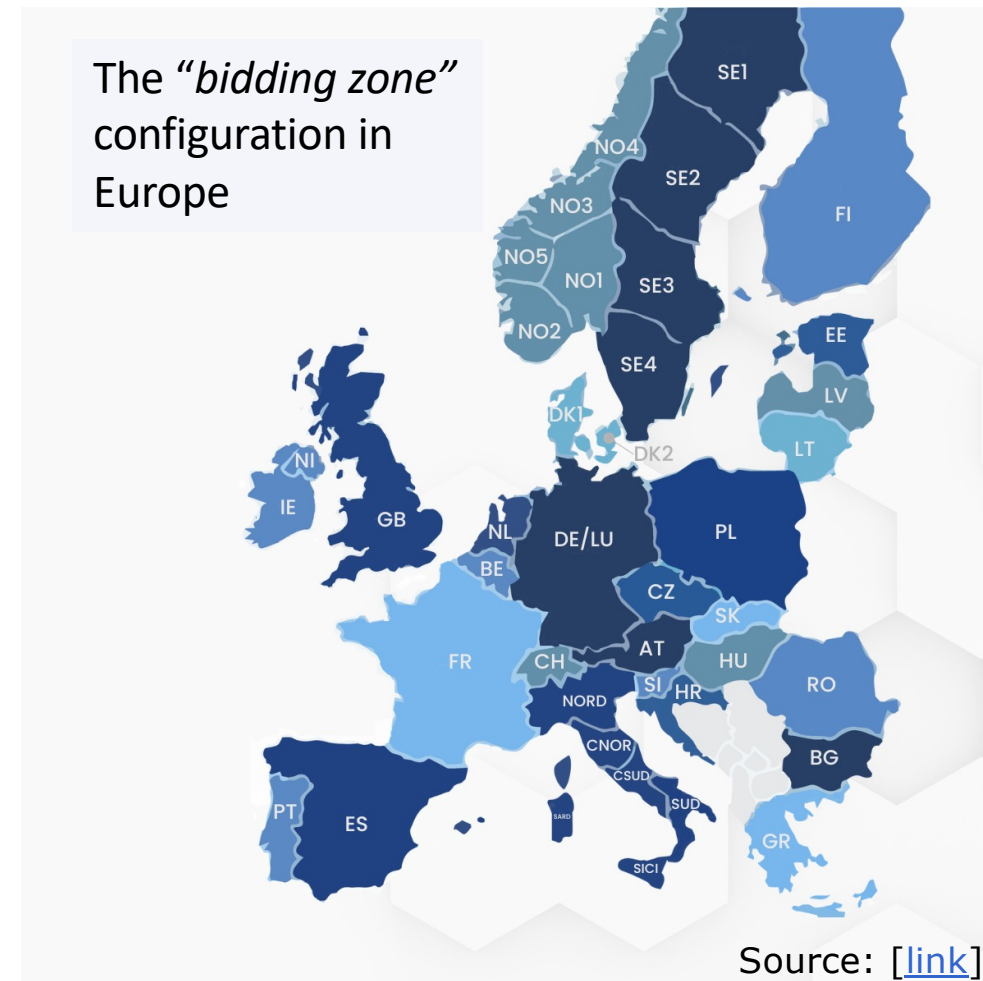
In terms of network modeling for market clearing:

In Europe:

The transmission network is modeled in a simplified manner (using a **zonal** representation) within the day-ahead and intraday market-clearing process. There is no detailed network modeling within each bidding zone.

In the U.S.:

The transmission network is fully modeled using a **nodal** representation and a linearized power flow model in all market-clearing problems.



European vs U.S. electricity markets

In terms of energy and reserve markets:

In Europe:

The reserve markets are cleared **separately** by the TSOs (e.g., Energinet) before the day-ahead energy market is cleared by the market operator.

In the U.S.:

A **joint** energy and reserve market exists in the day-ahead time stage, cleared by the ISO, resulting in an energy and reserve dispatch **co-optimization** problem.

European vs U.S. electricity markets

Regarding complex offers versus complex market clearing:

In Europe:

Market actors, such as power producers, are responsible for ensuring their offers/bids adhere to their technical constraints (e.g., ramp limits, minimum production limits, and minimum up/down time limits for conventional generators).

- Market actors **internalize** their technical limits within their own offers/bids:
 - They offer/bid for their entire portfolio within a bidding zone (not per asset).
 - This results in complex orders (bids and offers), while the market-clearing process remains relatively simple.

See “**Block Orders**” in Nord Pool: [\[link\]](#)

Block order

A block order consists of a specified volume and price for a certain number of consecutive hours within the same day. There are four types of block orders defined in Nord Pool markets: regular, profiled, curtailable and linked.

A block order is particularly useful for example if the participant wants to run a power station for a longer period than one hour and wish to minimise costs related to start and stop.

European vs U.S. electricity markets

Regarding complex offers versus complex market clearing:

In U.S.:

Market actors, such as power producers, **submit** all their technical constraints (e.g., ramp limits, minimum production limits, and minimum up/down time limits for conventional generators) to the market.

- As a result, the market-clearing problem becomes a unit commitment problem with on/off (0/1 binary) variables.
 - This introduces pricing challenges due to the binary variables (not to be discussed in this course).
 - Thus, the market-clearing problem is complex, while the bids and offers remain relatively simple.

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An illustrative example

Consider an electricity market consisting of two conventional generators (G1 and G2) and one wind farm (W1), where the total demand is price-inelastic.



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Offer price: €0/MWh



Capacity: 50 MW
Offer price: €20/MWh



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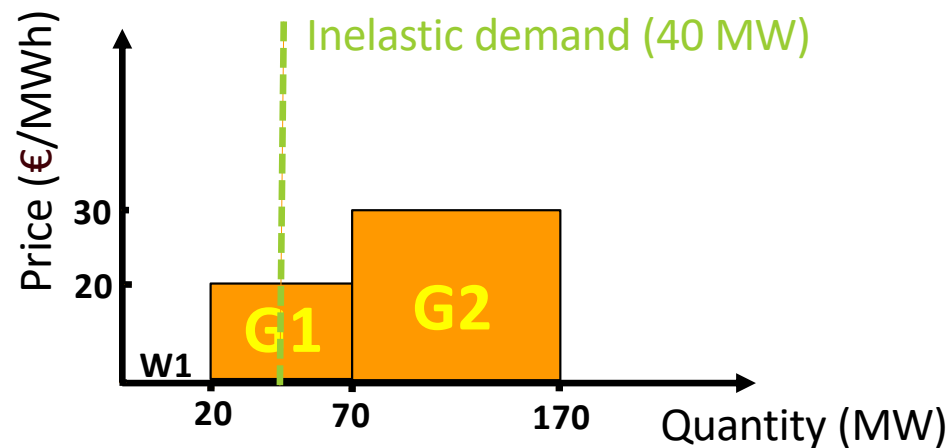
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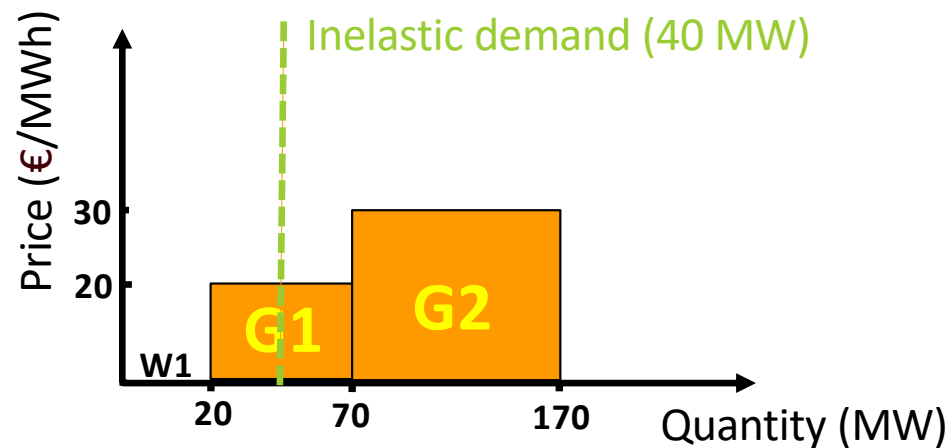
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Market-clearing outcomes:

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- Production level (MW) of G2: ?
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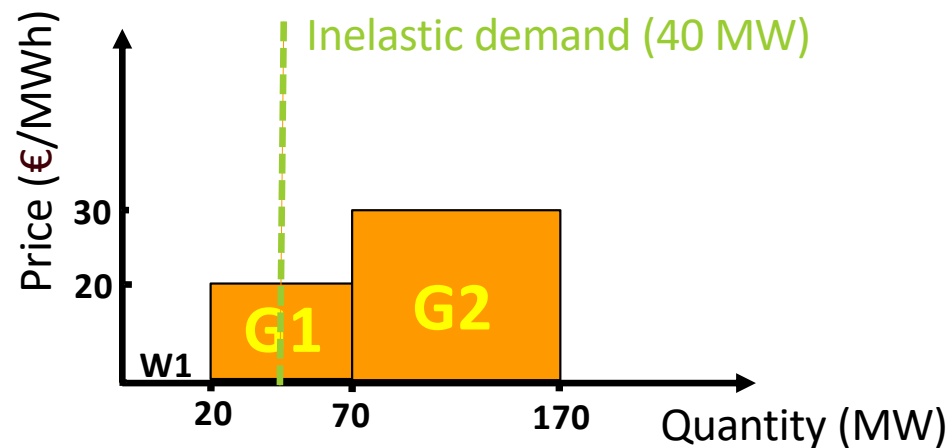
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Market-clearing outcomes:

- Production level (MW) of W1: **20**
- Production level (MW) of G1: **20**
- Production level (MW) of G2: **0**
- Market-clearing price (€/MWh): **20**

Optimization problem for market clearing

$$\text{Minimize}_{p^{W1}, p^{G1}, p^{G2}} \quad 0 p^{W1} + 20 p^{G1} + 30 p^{G2}$$

subject to:

$$0 \leq p^{W1} \leq 20 \quad : \quad \underline{\mu}^{W1}, \bar{\mu}^{W1}$$

$$0 \leq p^{G1} \leq 50 \quad : \quad \underline{\mu}^{G1}, \bar{\mu}^{G1}$$

$$0 \leq p^{G2} \leq 100 \quad : \quad \underline{\mu}^{G2}, \bar{\mu}^{G2}$$

$$40 - p^{W1} - p^{G1} - p^{G2} = 0 \quad : \quad \lambda$$

Optimization problem for market clearing

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Objective function

Set of primal variables

subject to:

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Set of constraints
(6 inequality constraints and one equality constraint)

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Questions:

- What does a dual variable represent (mathematical interpretation)?
- Can we infer anything about the sign of different dual variables?

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subject to: **Objective function:**
Total power generation cost of the system

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$$0 \leq p^{G1} \leq 50 \quad : \quad \underline{\mu}^{G1}, \bar{\mu}^{G1}$$

$$0 \leq p^{G2} \leq 100 \quad : \quad \underline{\mu}^{G2}, \bar{\mu}^{G2}$$

Generation limits

$$40 - p^{W1} - p^{G1} - p^{G2} = 0 \quad : \quad \lambda \longrightarrow \text{Power balance}$$

Optimization problem for market clearing

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How to derive **Lagrangian function**?

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subject to:

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Complementary slackness,
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Recall the optimization problem for market clearing

Optimization problem for market clearing

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Rewritten to a standard form

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subject to:

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Lagrangian function of the market-clearing optimization problem

Standard form of our optimization problem

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KKT conditions of the market-clearing optimization problem

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$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(.)}{\partial p^{G2}} = 30 + \bar{\mu}^{G2} - \underline{\mu}^{G2} - \lambda = 0$$

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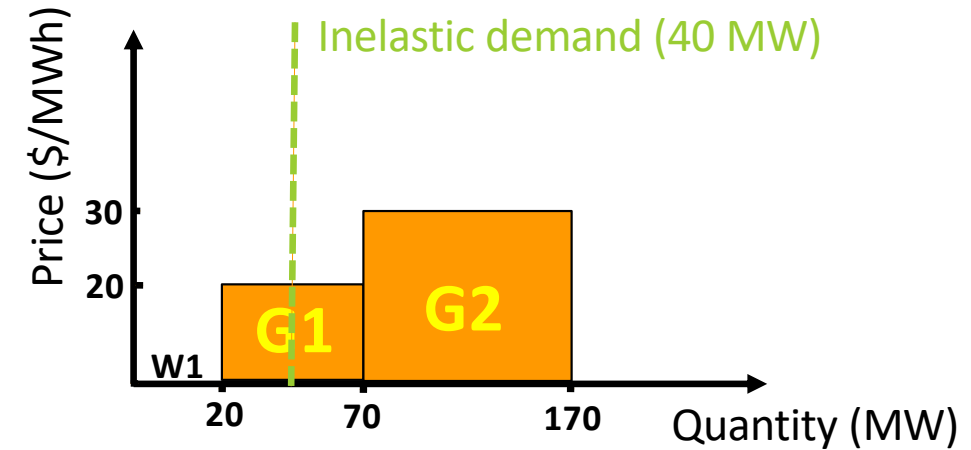
KKT conditions

We can solve KKT conditions as a system of equations!

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(.)}{\partial p^{W1}} &= 0 + \bar{\mu}^{W1} - \underline{\mu}^{W1} - \lambda = 0 & 0 \leq (20 - p^{W1}) \perp \bar{\mu}^{W1} \geq 0 \\ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(.)}{\partial p^{G1}} &= 20 + \bar{\mu}^{G1} - \underline{\mu}^{G1} - \lambda = 0 & 0 \leq p^{W1} \perp \underline{\mu}^{W1} \geq 0 \\ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(.)}{\partial p^{G2}} &= 30 + \bar{\mu}^{G2} - \underline{\mu}^{G2} - \lambda = 0 & 0 \leq (50 - p^{G1}) \perp \bar{\mu}^{G1} \geq 0 \\ 40 - p^{W1} - p^{G1} - p^{G2} &= 0 & 0 \leq p^{G1} \perp \underline{\mu}^{G1} \geq 0 \\ & & 0 \leq (100 - p^{G2}) \perp \bar{\mu}^{G2} \geq 0 \\ & & 0 \leq p^{G2} \perp \underline{\mu}^{G2} \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

How to verify the market-clearing price by the KKT conditions?

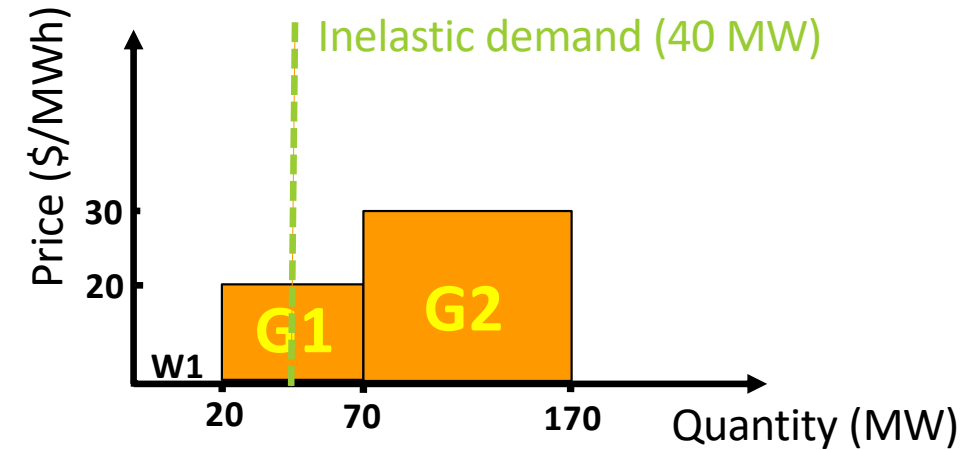
By solving the market-clearing optimization problem, we determine that the optimal schedule for G1 is 20 MW.



Note: We choose G1 for price verification because it is the **marginal producer**, i.e., the most expensive generator that is either partially or fully dispatched.

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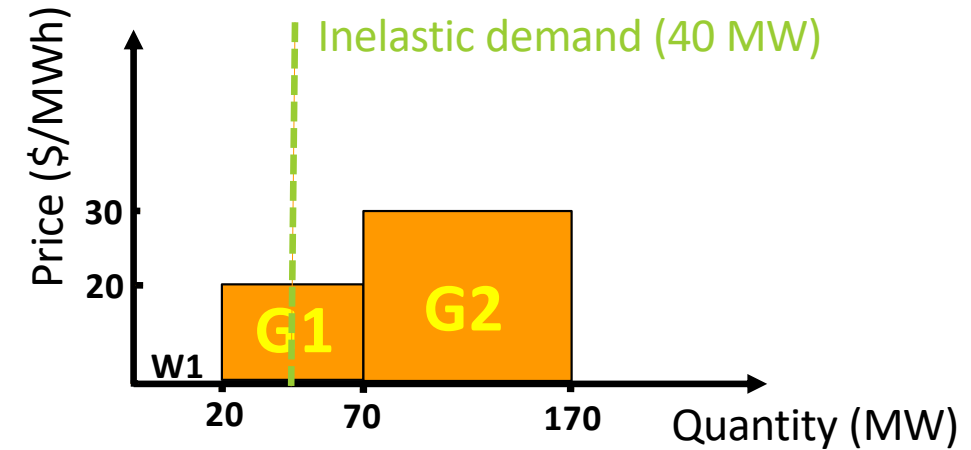
Recall the complementary slackness conditions associated with G1:

$$0 \leq (50 - p^{G1}) \perp \bar{\mu}^{G1} \geq 0$$

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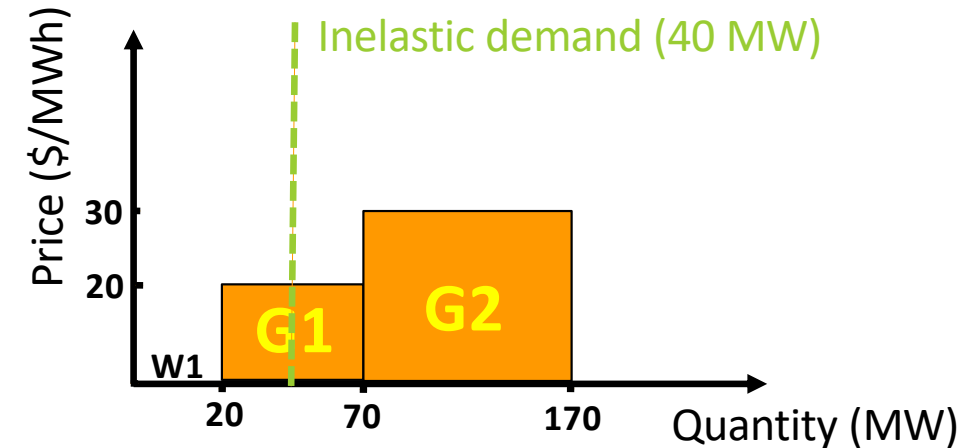


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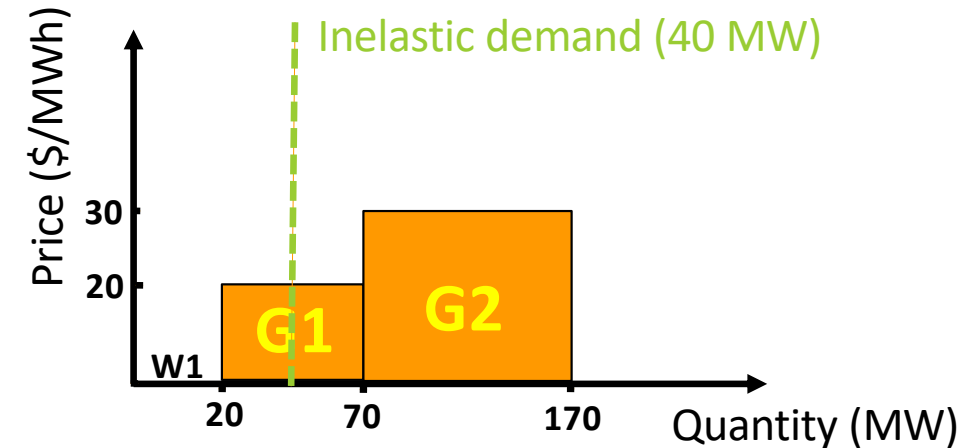
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This confirms that the market-clearing price is €20/MWh!

An illustrative example: Different demand

Consider an electricity market consisting of two conventional generators (G1 and G2) and one wind farm (W1), where the total demand is price-inelastic.



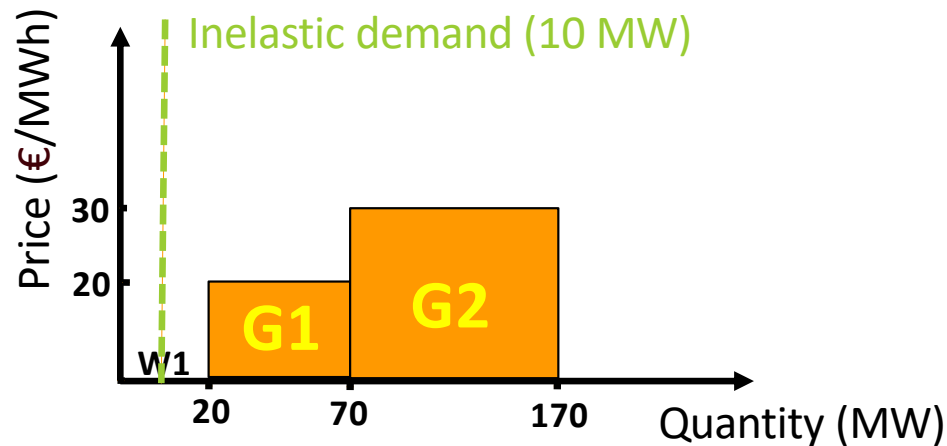
Production forecast: 20 MW
Offer price: €0/MWh



Capacity: 50 MW
Offer price: €20/MWh



Capacity: 100 MW
Offer price: €30/MWh



Market-clearing outcomes:

- Production level (MW) of W1: **10**
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- Market-clearing price (€/MWh): **0**

Verify by the KKT conditions!

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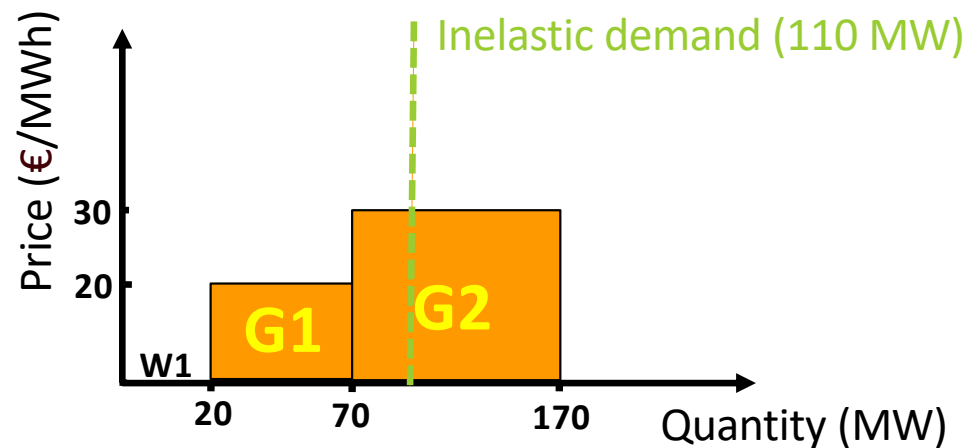
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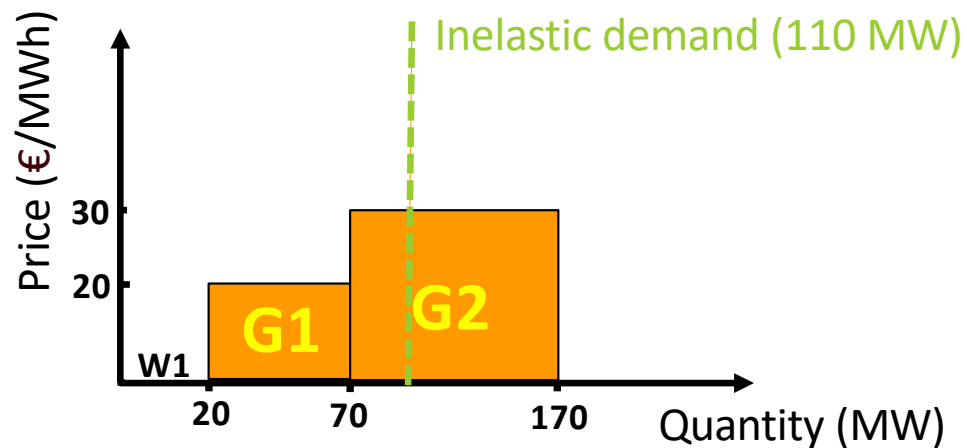
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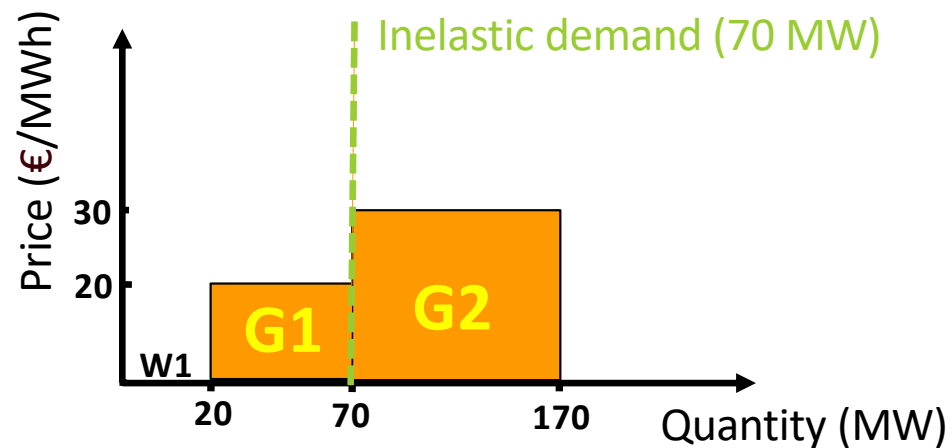
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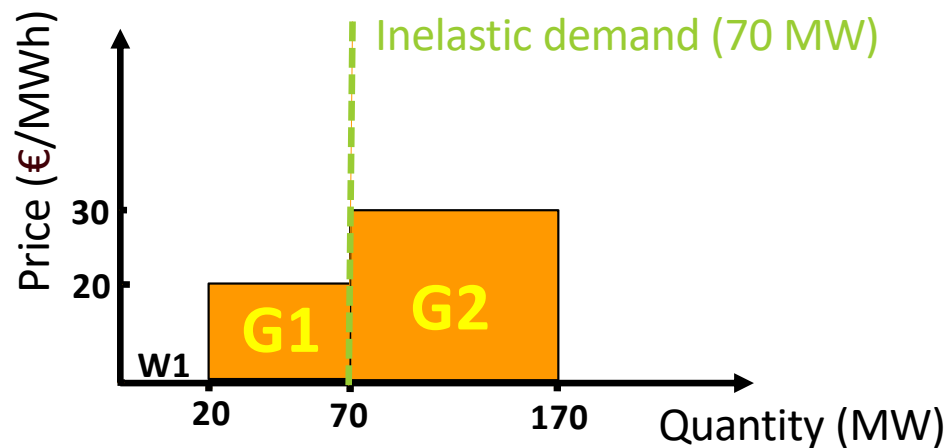
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- Market-clearing price (€/MWh): **[20,30]**

Price multiplicity: Any price between 20 and 30 (inclusive) can clear the market (verify by the KKT conditions)

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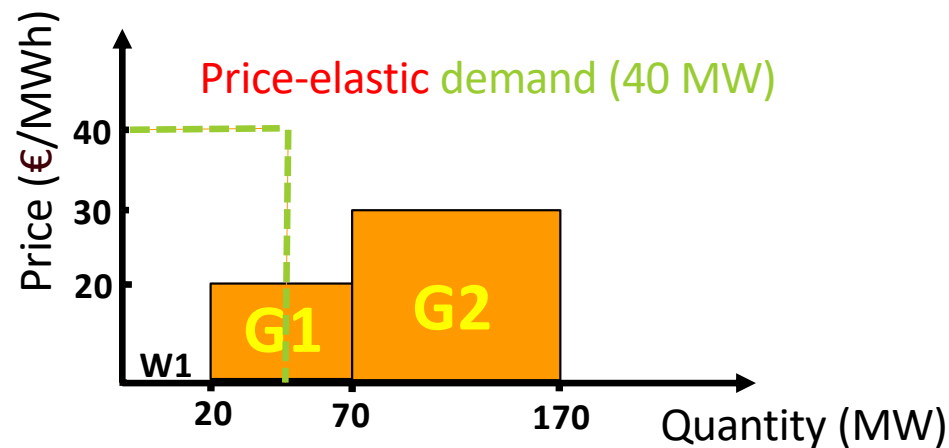
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Demand D1

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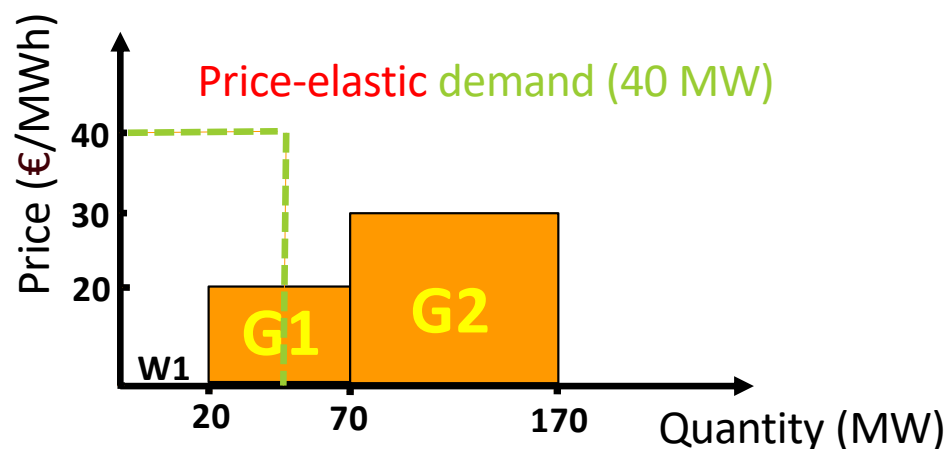
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- Production level (MW) of G1: **20**
- Production level (MW) of G2: **0**
- Consumption level (MW) of D1: **40**
- Market-clearing price (€/MWh): **20**

Verify by the KKT conditions!

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Market clearing with price-elastic demand

$$\text{Maximize}_{p^{D1}, p^{W1}, p^{G1}, p^{G2}} 40 p^{D1} - 0 p^{W1} - 20 p^{G1} - 30 p^{G2}$$

subject to: Newly added primal variable: Consumption level of demand D1

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subject to:

Objective function:
Social welfare

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Market clearing as a linear optimization problem



Compact form:

Market clearing as a linear optimization problem



Compact form:

$$\underset{p_g^G, p_d^D}{\text{Maximize}} \quad SW = \sum_d U_d p_d^D - \sum_g C_g p_g^G \quad (1a)$$

subject to:

$$0 \leq p_d^D \leq \overline{P}_d^D \quad \forall d \quad (1b)$$

$$0 \leq p_g^G \leq \overline{P}_g^G \quad \forall g \quad (1c)$$

$$\sum_d p_d^D - \sum_g p_g^G = 0 \quad : \lambda \quad (1d)$$

U_d : bid price of demand d

C_g : offer price of generator g

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

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

Electricity price in DK

What is the typical electricity price for residential consumers in Denmark? What are the components of the rate?

Prices for Jalal's place, February 10, 2025
Source: Elekt [\[link\]](#)

Your electricity price:

Show total price

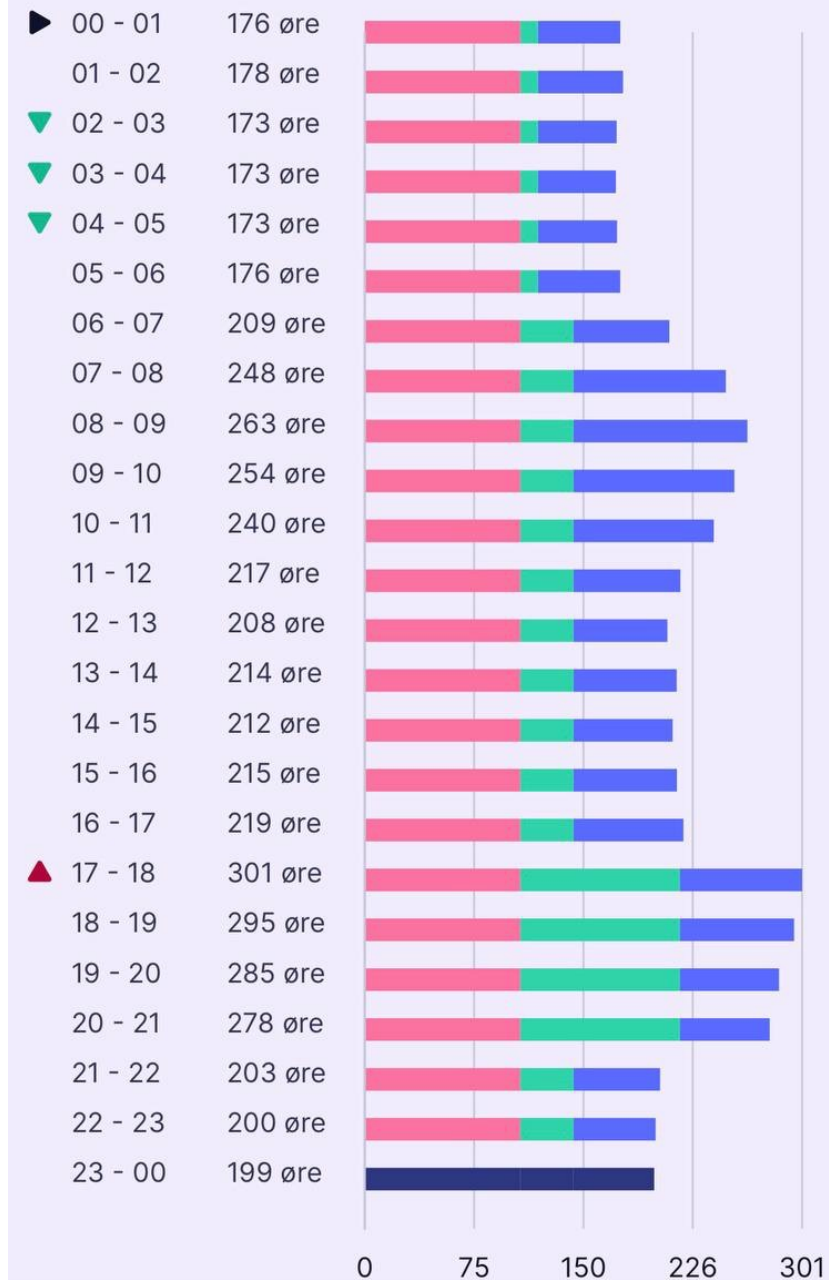
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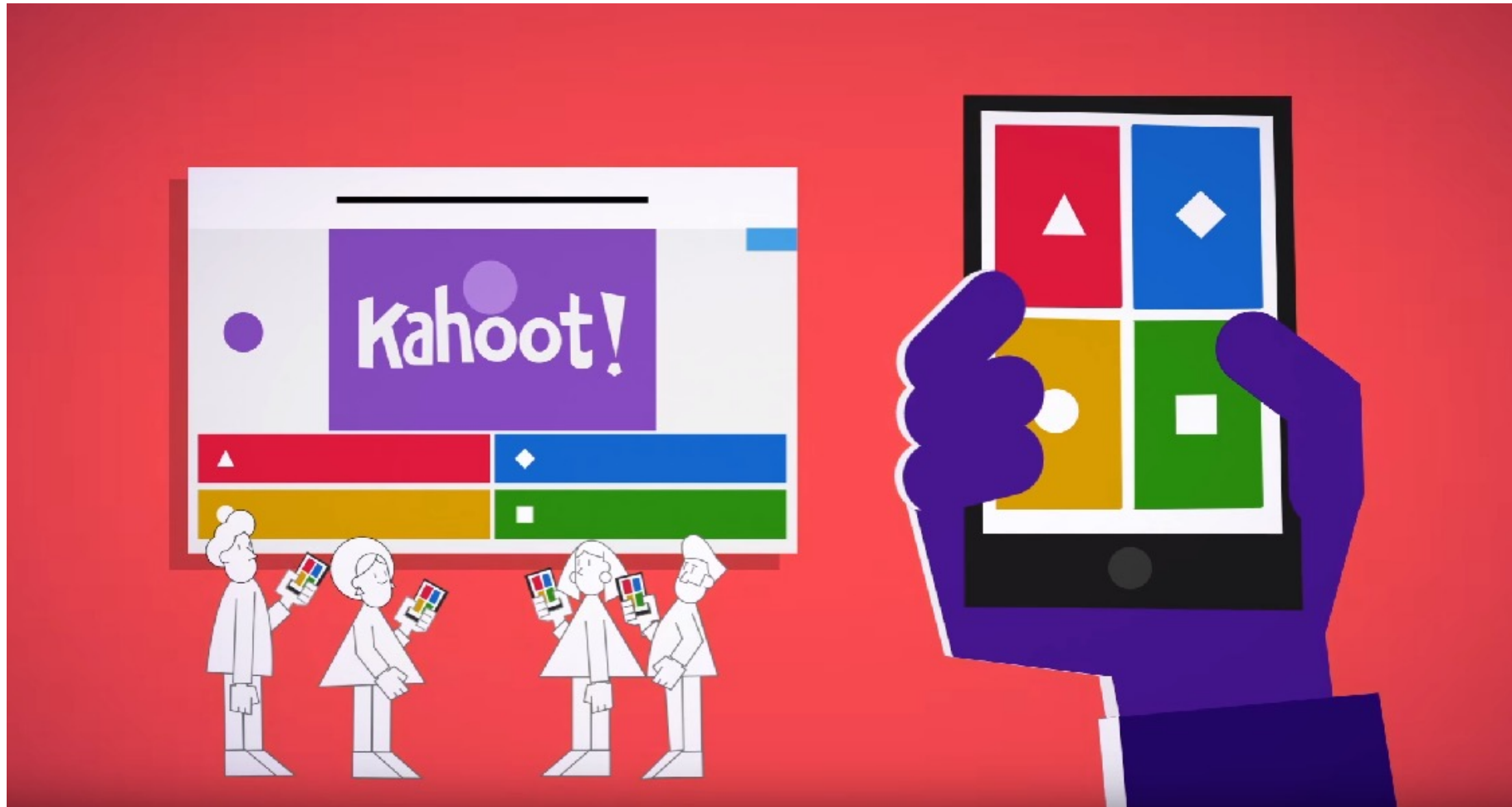
Assignment 1

Full assignment is uploaded on DTU Learn and my webpage:

<https://www.jalalkazempour.com/teaching>

Your tasks:

- Select a case study and complete it by finding data from the data sources introduced.
- **Step 1: Copper-Plate, Single Hour** (based on today's lecture, i.e., Lecture 2)
- **Step 2: Copper-Plate, Multiple Hours** (you can start working on it based on today's lecture)
- **Step 3: Network Constraints** (you can work on it after Lecture 3)
- **Step 4: Optimization vs. Equilibrium** (you can work on it after Lecture 4)
- **Step 5: Balancing Market** (you can work on it after Lecture 5)
- **Step 6: Reserve Market** (you can work on it after Lecture 6)



Thanks for your attention!

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