

Integrating Demand-Side-Management in decentralized electricity systems: a few examples from EDF research projects

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Hourly-Load-Proportional (HLP) [Jacquot 2017]

$$b_i(l_i, l_{-i}) = \sum_t \frac{l_{i,t}}{l_t} \times C_t(l_t)$$

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Input $(\ell_i^{(k=0)})_i, \eta, K$ for stopping criterion

Initial iteration $k = 0$

while $\sum_i \|\ell_i^{(k)} - \ell_i^{(k-1)}\|_2^2 \geq \eta$ **and** $k \leq K$ **do**

Next iteration $k = k + 1$

for $i \in \{1, \dots, I\}$ **do**

(I) Solve a pb for i : $\min_{\ell_i} C_i(\ell_i, \ell_{-i}^{(k)})$ with

$$\ell_{-i}^{(k)} = (\ell_1^{(k+1)}, \dots, \ell_{i-1}^{(k+1)}, \ell_{i+1}^{(k)}, \dots, \ell_I^{(k)})$$

(II) Choose $\ell_i^{(k+1)}$ minimizing $C_i(\cdot, \ell_{-i}^{(k)})$

end for

end while

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Proposition (Mohsenian-Rad et al. 2010)

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\mathcal{G} **potential game** if it exists a function Φ (potential) s.t.

$$\forall i, \forall \ell_i, \ell'_i \in \mathcal{L}_i, \forall \ell_{-i} \in \mathcal{L}_{-i}, \\ C_i(\ell'_i, \ell_{-i}) - C_i(\ell_i, \ell_{-i}) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \Phi(\ell'_i, \ell_{-i}) - \Phi(\ell_i, \ell_{-i}) \geq 0$$

Proposition (Mohsenian-Rad et al. 2010)

\mathcal{G}^{DLP} **potential game** with

$$\Phi(\ell) = \sum_t C_t(\ell_t) + \sum_i \frac{E}{E_i} f_i(\ell_i)$$

Proposition (Jacquot et al. 2017)

If $C_t(\ell_t) = a_{1,t}\ell_t + a_{2,t}(\ell_t)^2$, \mathcal{G}^{HLP} **potential game** with

$$\Phi(\ell) = \sum_t \frac{a_{2,t}}{2} \left[(\ell_t)^2 + \sum_i (\ell_{i,t})^2 \right] + a_{1,t}\ell_t + \sum_i f_i(\ell_i)$$

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*In a finite (resp. "infinite") **potential game** Best-Response-Dynamics converges to a (resp. ϵ) Nash Equilibrium.*

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Warning individual stability (collective profitable deviation may exist...)

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Remark existence + uniqueness also obtained with more general system cost functions C_t using "concave games" of **[Rosen, 1965]** (but NOT convergence of BRD...)

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Convergence of BRD? Yes!

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Convergence of BRD? Yes! **Speed?**

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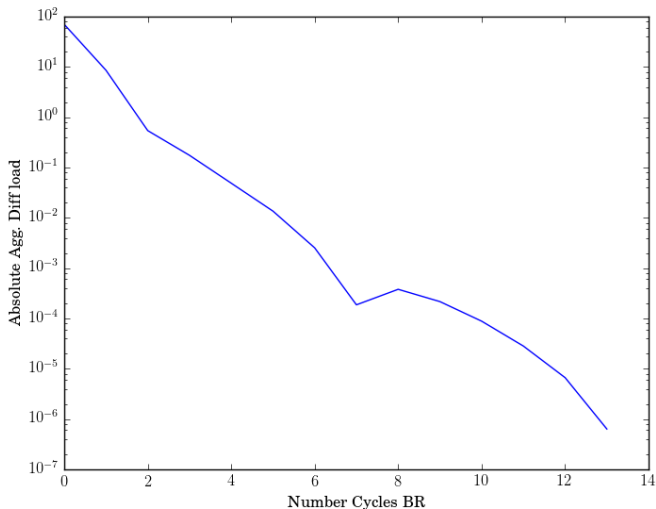
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Numerically **Total load profiles with on/off peak scheduling**

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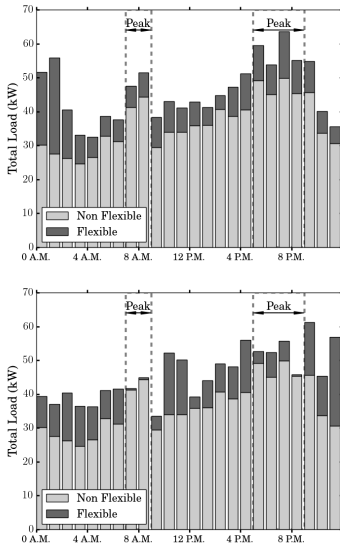


Figure: Real data = all nonflexible (top), on/off peak (bottom)

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Convergence of BRD? Yes!

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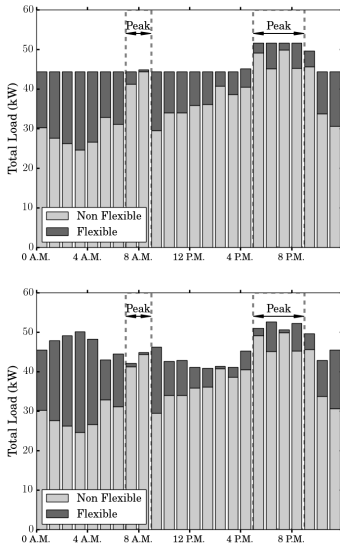


Figure: For DLP (top) and HLP (bottom)

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Fundamental relation $1 \leq \text{PoA} \leq +\infty$

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Supergame for game-theory researchers = **find smallest possible bound on Price of Anarchy**

$$1 \leq \text{PoA} \leq 1 + \text{bound}(\text{design})$$

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Definition (Baharlouei, 2014)

Using marginal contribution of i to system cost

$V_i =$ minimal syst. cost with \mathcal{I} – minimal syst. cost with $\mathcal{I} \setminus \{i\}$,

fairness index F is

$$F = \sup_{\ell^* \in \mathcal{L}^{\text{NE}}} \sum_i \left| \frac{V_i}{\sum_j V_j} - \frac{b_i(\ell^*)}{\sum_j b_j(\ell^*)} \right|$$

N.B. \mathcal{L}^{NE} = set of Nash Equilibria

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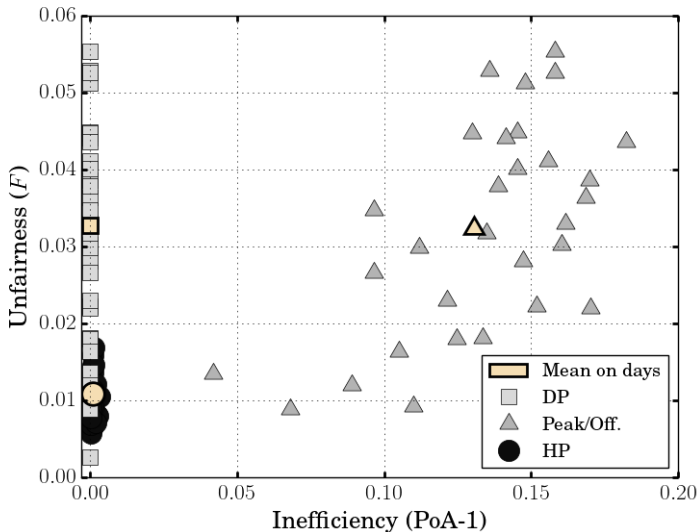
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Figure: Source [https://fr.fotolia.com/tag/'" jeu de dés"](https://fr.fotolia.com/tag/')

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”Vos actions ont de l'impact, vous en doutez ?“

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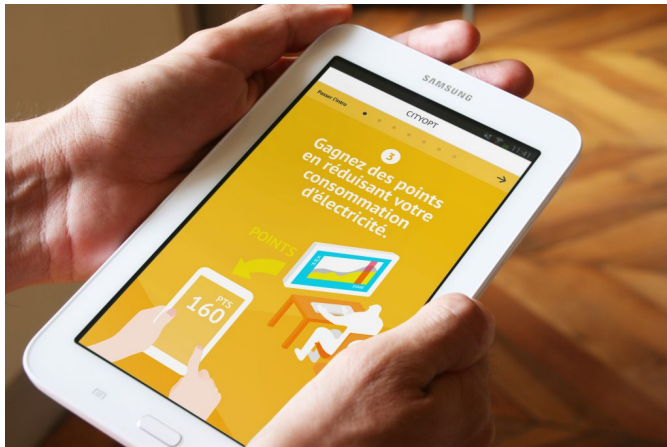


Figure: *Cityopt* - save energy (and money!) together

Source <http://blog.experientia.com/united-energy-economy-experientia-helps-wrap-cityopt-nice-pilot-project/>

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Reinterpret flexible elec. consumption game \mathcal{G}^{HLP} with
[Orda et al. 1993]

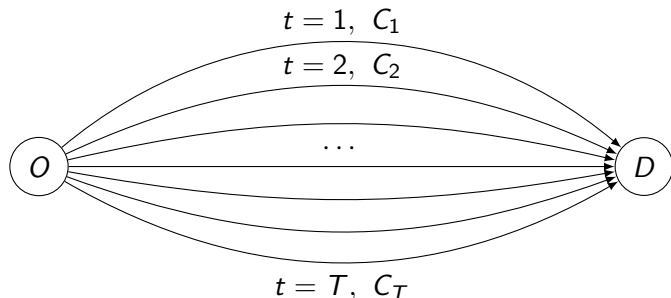


Figure: Network of the equivalent routing game.

$\rightarrow \ell_{i,t}$ = flow routed by i on arc t