

# Densys Summer School

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Application Session : Operational  
planning of microgrids

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# Description

- ◆ Design, simulate and compare the operation of a microgrid with the use of three controllers:
  - A idle controller
  - A rule-based controller
  - An optimization-based controller
- ◆ The microgrid is operated in grid-tied mode. It can purchase / sale energy from / to the grid.
- ◆ It consists of the following components:
  - A PV system
  - A Load
  - A lithium-ion battery

# Microgrid simulator

- Simulate an operation planning policy on real data
- New datasets can be easily integrated (timeseries.csv)
- Microgrid topology can be easily changed (data/data.json)
- Results are stored in the results folder (e.g. case1\_out.json)
- Plots are automatically generated and can be regenerated from the results.
- [https://github.com/bcornelusse/DENSYSSchool/blob/main/Operationnal planning/microgrid-simulator.zip](https://github.com/bcornelusse/DENSYSSchool/blob/main/Operationnal%20planning/microgrid-simulator.zip)

# Device models

- Load: non\_flexible\_load + dishwasher + washing\_dryer (timeseries)
- Non-steerable generation: pv\_production (timeseries)
- Simple battery model: Limited capacity, max [dis]charge rates, [dis]charge efficiencies (.json file)
- Inputs:
  - ◆ “examples/data/application\_data.json”
  - ◆ “examples/data/application\_timeseries.csv”

# Main requirements

- A Python 3.6 distribution
- Main libraries:
  - Numpy
  - Pandas: time-series management
  - Pyomo: mathematical programming
  - Matplotlib
- Install missing packages with « conda » or « pip» if needed.

# 1) Idle controller (Idle)

- The battery is not in use.
- The photovoltaic energy is consumed directly and the surplus is injected into the grid.
- Energy is imported from the grid when necessary.
- Used as a baseline for comparison with other controllers.

## 2) Rule-based controller (RBC)

- It stores in the battery as much as possible when the consumption exceeds generation, and discharges it as much as possible otherwise.
- It has no information on the future state of the microgrid. It only imposes actions for the current time-step.
- The goal is the maximization of self-consumption.
- TODO:
  - Write down the logic used for the implementation of the controller
  - Implement your logic in the microgrid simulator

### 3) Optimization-based controller (OPC)

- Using a mathematical programming formulation (Linear Programming), compute decisions with a rolling look-ahead horizon of 24 hours making a perfect information assumption.
- The goal is the minimization of the operational cost over the rolling horizon of 24 hours.
- TODO
  - Formulate your optimization problem (objective, variables and constraints)
  - Implement your formulation in the microgrid simulator using pyomo.

# TODO

- Complete the files:
  - ◆ microgrid/control/rule\_based\_controller.py
  - ◆ microgrid/control/optimization\_based\_controller.py
- Use a time step of 1 hour (already set in the .json file)
- Compare the above operation policies (idle, rule-based, optimization-based) on the case provided on different time intervals.
- First consider the case without peak cost ( $= 0 \text{ €/kW}$ )
- Extend then your formulation (in the OPC) to consider the peak penalty. Test your formulation with a peak cost  $= 25 \text{ €/kW}$
- Expected results in term of total cost :
  - ◆ Idle  $\gg$  RBC  $\geq$  OPC (without peak) , Idle  $\gg$  RBC  $>$  OPC (with peak)