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The model



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The plan4res electricity system modelling suite



a Stochastic Power System model composed of 3 embedded layers:

□ The Capacity expansion model computes the optimal mix on a given year

- ✓ electric generation plants,
- ✓ Short term storages (batteries....),
- ✓ interconnection capacities

□ The seasonal storage valuation model computes the optimal strategy for seasonal storages

- ✓ For Hydro reservoirs
- ✓ And also all other 'seasonal' flexibilities such as Seasonal Demand response

□ The European unit commitment (EUC) model computes the optimal dispatch:

- ✓ Supply power demand and ancillary services
- ✓ Minimal inertia in the system
- ✓ Maximum transmission and distribution capacities between clusters
- ✓ Technical (including dynamic) constraints of all assets



■ **The Capacity expansion model** computes the optimal mix:

- ✓ electric generation plants,
- ✓ storages,
- ✓ interconnection capacities between clusters
- ✓ distribution grid capacities,

■ **The seasonal storage valuation model** computes the operation strategies for seasonal storages:

- ✓ For Hydro reservoirs
- ✓ And also all other 'seasonal' flexibilities such as Demand response

■ **The unit commitment model** computes the optimal operation schedule for all the assets dealing with constraints:

- ✓ Supply power demand and ancillary services
- ✓ Minimal inertia in the system
- ✓ Maximum transmission and distribution capacities between clusters
- ✓ Technical constraints of all assets

Capacity Expansion

$$\min_{\kappa} \left\{ C^{inv}(\kappa) + \max_{\eta \in Y} C^{op}(\kappa, \eta) \right\}$$



Generation Mix

Interconnexion Capacities

Seasonal Storage Valuation

$$C^{op}(\kappa) = \min_{x \in \mathcal{M}} \mathbb{E} \left[\sum_{s \in S} C_s(x_s) \right]$$



Water Values

Strategies

Unit Commitment

$$\min \sum_i C_i^{op}(p_{:,i}, p_{:,i}^{pr}, p_{:,i}^{sc}, p_{:,i}^{he}) + \alpha(v^{hy})$$



Optimal Schedules

Marginal Costs

Main characteristics

• Adaptable Geography perimeter

- Europe or lower perimeter
- Subcountry representation is possible

• Uncertainties:

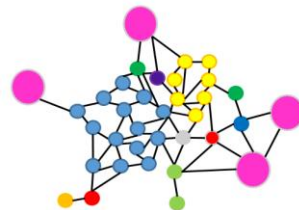
- Electricity demand
- RES profiles (PV, Wind, RoR...)
- Inflows
- Failures of traditional plants

• Modular Time horizon and granularity

- Typically 1 yr. with hourly granularity

• Modular Grid

- Regions and interconnections
- Regions can be:
 - Countries
 - Groups of countries
 - Sub country regions



❑ Power plants

- Operational decision of power plants based on their specific fuel costs
- Technical constraints (ramping, min up-/downtimes,...)

❑ Storages

- Hydro storages including complex cascaded systems
- Battery storages

❑ Intermittent generation

- Generation of wind, solar, run of river based on meteorological profiles

❑ E-mobility

- Storage capability of electric vehicles (vehicle-to-grid, power-to-vehicle)
- Limitation of storage availability by driving profiles

❑ Demand Response

- Load shifting of a given energy consumption during a sub-period
- Load curtailment based on a given potential (e.g. during one year)

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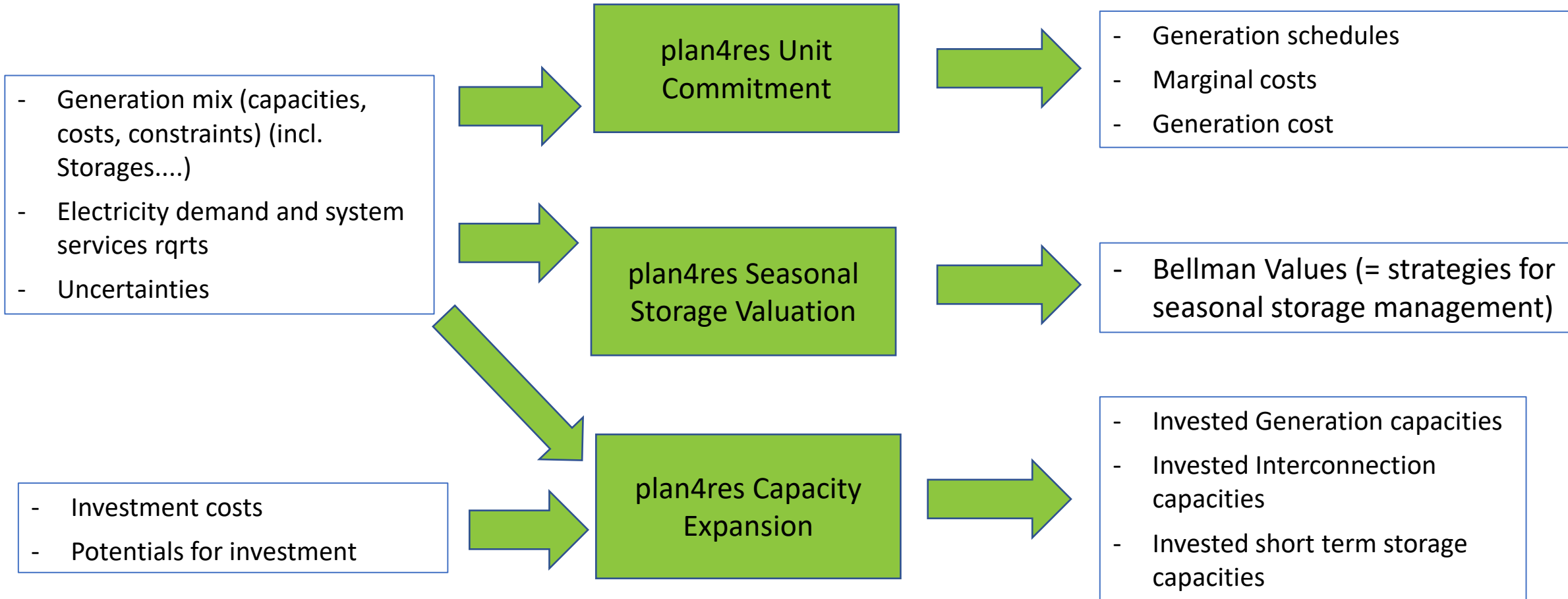
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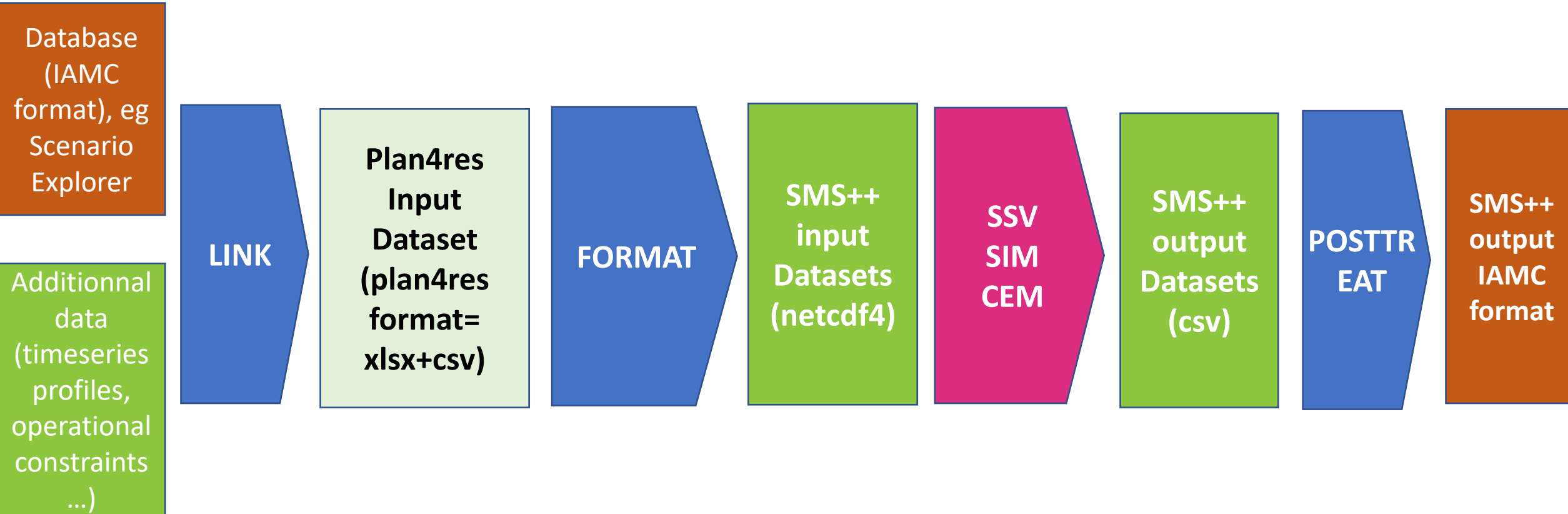
Design of the tool



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plan4res design



plan4res design

- Plan4res is composed of:
 - Linkage scripts: from and to IAMC format (python)
 - Formatting tool:
 - Creates NetCDF4 SMS++ inputs
 - C++ version available in the container
 - Currently being rewritten in python
 - Plan4res Solvers
 - Written in C++ based on SMS++

<https://gitlab.com/smspp/smspp-project>

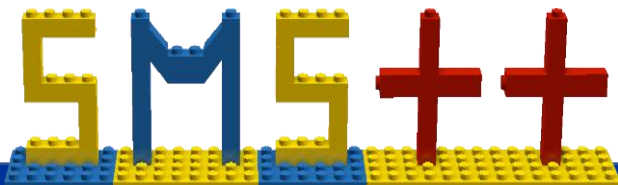


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Main modules:

- ucblock_solver
- sddpsolver
- investmentsolver



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Plan4res solving modules

- 3 modules
 - *(ucblock_solver: solves a short term deterministic unit commitment problem (usually on 1 week))*
 - **sddp_solver:**
 - Compute bellman values
 - Solves a serie of unit commitments on a sequence of periods, with bellman values as input
 - **Investment_solver**
 - Compute optimal investments
 - Simulates (= solves series of unit commitment problems on all periods, for all scenarios)

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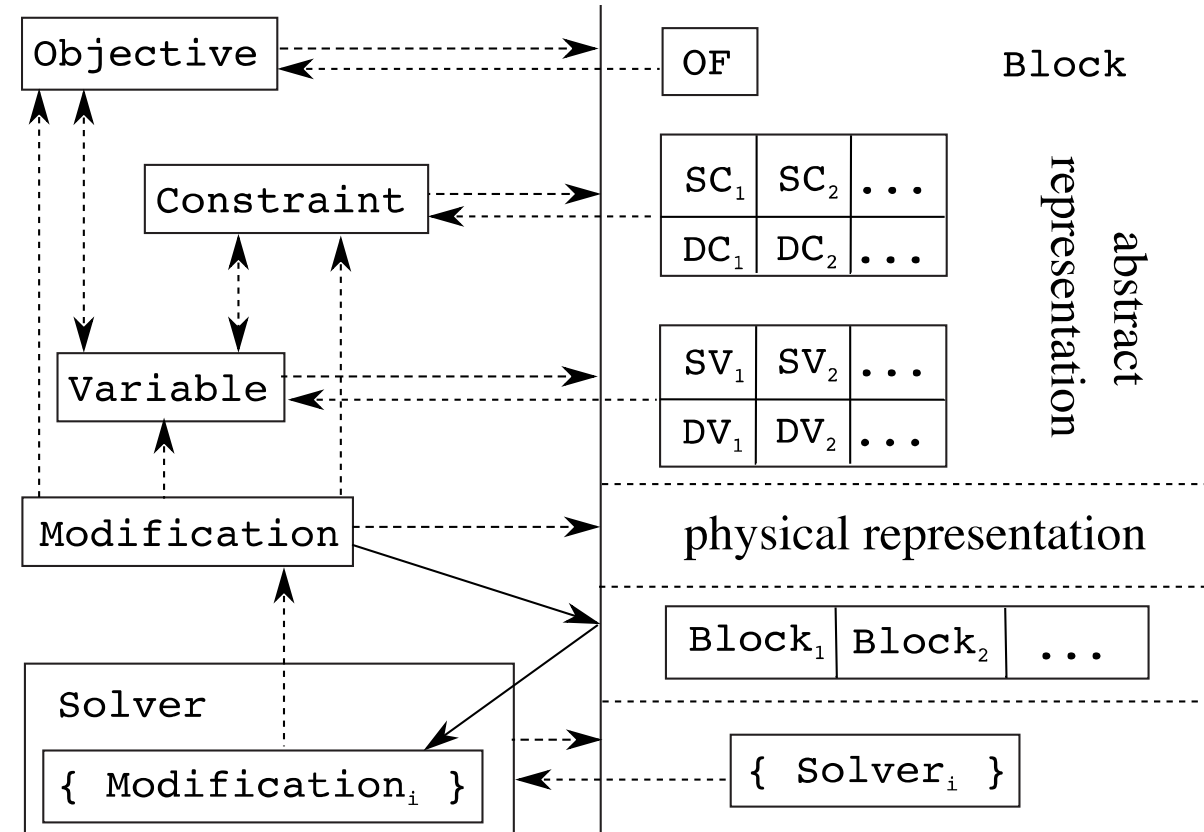
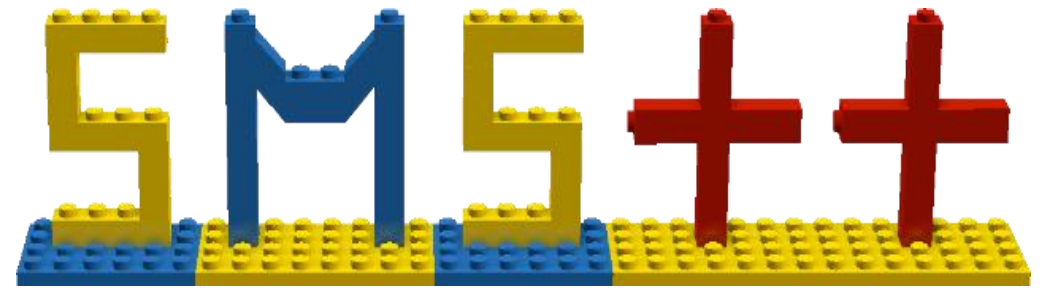


Plan4res solving modules

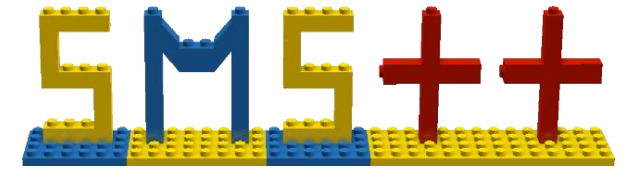
- The 3 modules are implemented with the SMS++ framework (developed by University of Pisa)
- They are available within a container (developed by HPE)
- Can run on any platform (Unix, Windows, Mac), but more adapted to Linux
- Includes parallelisation

Modelling with SMS++

- SMS++ is a set of C++ classes implementing a modelling system that:
 - allows exploiting specialised solvers
 - manages all types of dynamic changes in the model
 - Explicitly handles reformulation/restriction/relaxation
 - does parallel from the start
 - should be able to deal with almost anything (bilevel, PDE,...)
 - *Includes specialized blocks for energy system modelling*

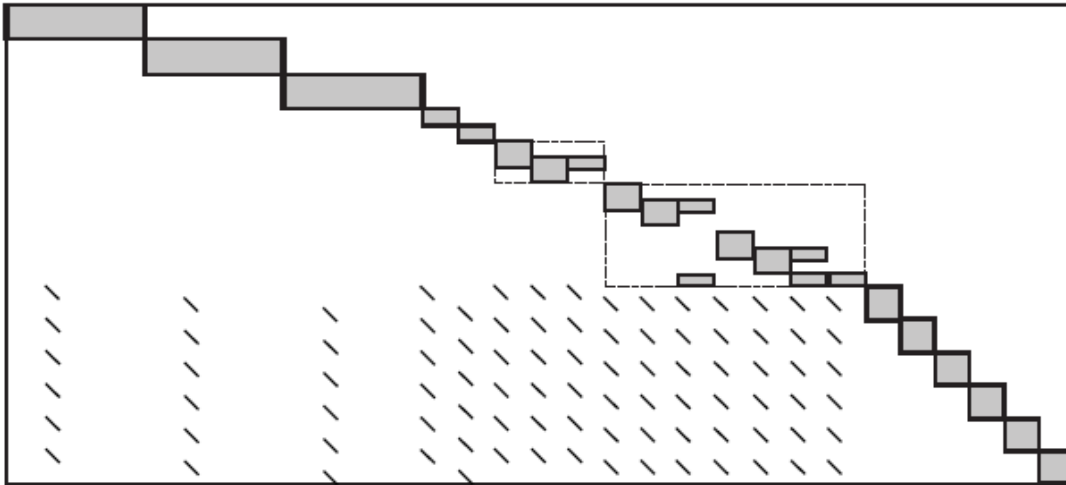


Modelling with SMS++



Nested decompositions at different time horizons

- Schedule a set of generating units to satisfy the demand at each node of the transmission network at each time instant of the horizon (24h)

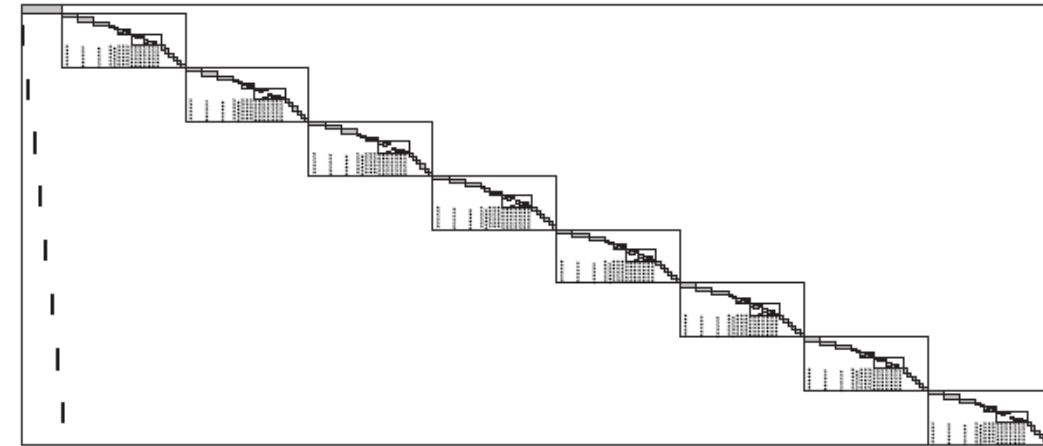


- Several types of almost independent blocks + linking constraints
- Perfect structure for Lagrangian relaxation^{1,2}

¹ Borghetti, F., Lacalandra, Nucci "Lagrangian Heuristics Based on Disaggregated Bundle Methods [...]", *IEEE TPWRS*, 2003

² Scuzziato, Finardi, F. "Comparing Spatial and Scenario Decomposition for Stochastic [...]" *IEEE Trans. Sust. En.*, 2018

- Manage water levels in reservoirs considering uncertainties (inflows, temperatures, demands, ...) to minimize costs over the time horizon

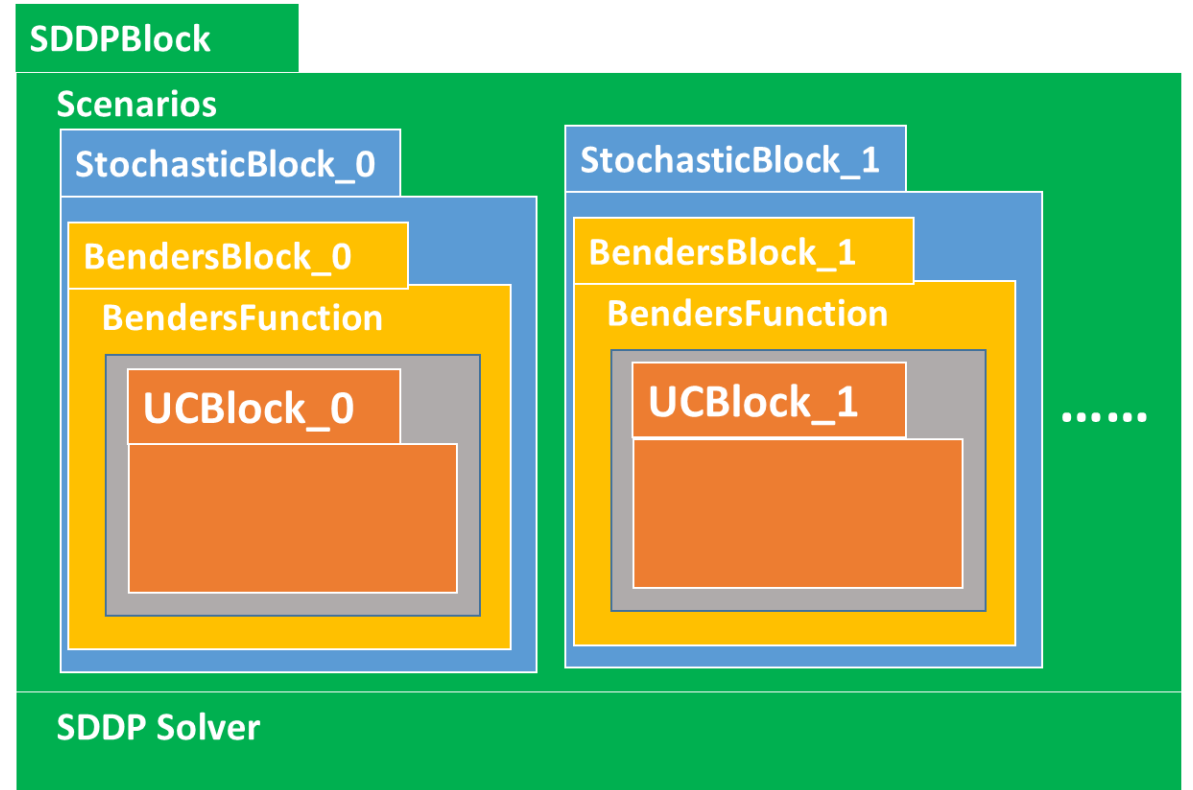
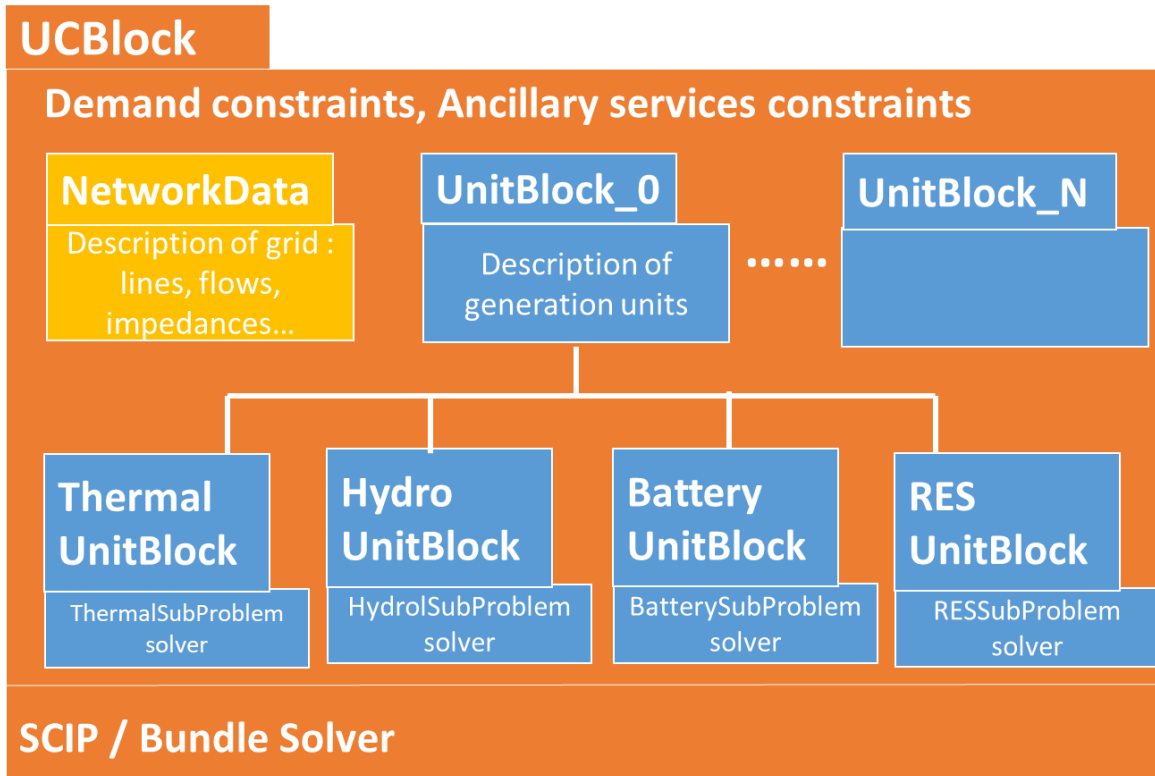


- Very large size, nested structure
- Perfect structure for Stochastic Dual Dynamic Programming^{3,4} with multiple EUC inside

³ Pereira, Pinto "Multi-stage stochastic optimization applied to energy planning" *Math. Prog.*, 1991

⁴ van-Ackooij, Warin "On conditional cuts for Stochastic Dual Dynamic Programming" arXiv:1704.06205, 2017

The Seasonal Storage Valuation and Unit Commitment in SMS++



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Installation recap



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Plan4res structure



plan4res is composed of the following pieces:

- ❑ The p4r-env container : <https://gitlab.com/cerl/plan4res/p4r-env>
- ❑ The SMS++ modelling and optimization library : <https://gitlab.com/smspp>
- ❑ The plan4res python linkage, pre/post processing, visualisation scripts : <https://github.com/openENTRANCE/plan4res-scripts>
- ❑ Launching scripts, documentation, example of datasets : <https://github.com/openENTRANCE/plan4res>

Installing plan4res requires installing each piece



Installing p4r-env



p4r-env is the main container

❑ It includes:

- A full linux installation (currently debian:bullseye)
- All dependences required by of SMS++ (in particular boost, eigen, netcdf-C++, see <https://gitlab.com/smspp/smspp#getting-started>)
- Python3 and all packages needed by the plan4res python scripts



Installing p4r-env in windows



Requirements:

- Windows 7 pro 64bit SP1 or higher
- powershell 3.0 or higher
- CPU must support hardware virtualization (which may require being enabled in the BIOS)

Procedure:

- Install Git for Windows (use default settings) <https://git-for-windows.github.io/>
- Install VirtualBox and Extension Pack <https://www.virtualbox.org/wiki/Downloads>
- Install Vagrant <https://www.vagrantup.com/downloads.html>
- (Optional) Install Vagrant Manager <http://vagrantmanager.com/downloads/>

Vagrant and VirtualBox allow to emulate a UNIX system on the windows computer

See <https://gitlab.com/cerl/plan4res/p4r-env#windows>



Installing p4r-env in windows



Commands for windows installation:

- Run Git Bash
- Within Git Bash:
 - `git clone --recursive https://gitlab.com/cerl/plan4res/p4r-env`
 - `cd p4r-env`
 - Edit Vagrantfile to give more memory....
 - `git config submodule.recurse true`
 - `vagrant plugin install vagrant-proxyconf`
 - `vagrant up`
 - `vagrant halt`

Creates
structure
p4r-env

Starts the container
(first time
downloads image)

Stops the
container

You can set the RAM and CPU allocated to the VM by editing parameters `vb.cpus` and `vb.memory` in file `p4r-env\Vagrantfile`. We advise setting at least **4096 Mb of RAM!**

See <https://gitlab.com/cerl/plan4res/p4r-env#windows>



Installing p4r-env in linux



Commands for linux installation:

- Create a directory (install_dir)
 - `mkdir install_dir`
- Download p4r-env:
 - `git clone --recursive https://gitlab.com/cerl/plan4res/p4r-env`
 - `cd p4r-env`
 - *(if you are using OpenMPI, edit config/plan4res.conf => change MPICH to OpenMPI – see next slide)*
 - `bin/p4r`
 - `exit`

Creates
structure
p4r-env

Starts the container (first
time downloads image)

Stops the
container

See <https://gitlab.com/cerl/plan4res/p4r-env#linux>



Adaptations of p4r-env to local needs



If your system allows parallelisation

- Check mpi version :
 `mpiexec --version`
- 2 versions of the container are available depending on MPI installation: openMPI and MPICH

Default version of the container is for MPICH

To change to openMPI:

- **edit file** `p4r-env/config/plan4res.conf`
- **change value of** `P4R_MPI_IMP`:
 - Instead of `P4R_MPI_IMP=${P4R_MPI_IMP:-"MPICH"}`
 - Write: `P4R_MPI_IMP=${P4R_MPI_IMP:-"OpenMPI"}`



Adaptations of p4r-env to local needs



To prevent download of SIF image each time you run bin/p4r (or any Launch)

- edit file p4r-env/config/plan4res.conf
- change value of P4R_SINGULARITY_IMAGE_PRESERVE:

➤ Instead of

P4R_SINGULARITY_IMAGE_PRESERVE=\${P4R_SINGULARITY_IMAGE_PRESERVE:-0}

➤ Write

P4R_SINGULARITY_IMAGE_PRESERVE=1



Installing SMS++ in p4r-env



Requirements:

- You must have a linux installer of CPLEX (even if installing on a windows machine!!)
=> cplex_studioXXXX.bin (XXXX depends on the version of CPLEX)

Procedure (for academics to get free version of CPLEX):

- Go to IBM ILOG CPLEX Optimization Studio: <https://www.ibm.com/products/ilog-cplex-optimization-studio>
- click "Try it free" => You will be asked for create an account as an academic or use an already existing one, then you will be directed to the download page
- Download the **LINUX** version of the installer bin (cplex_studioXXX.bin)



Installing SMS++ in p4r-env



For Windows users, if necessary:

Edit `install_dir\p4r-env\scripts\add-ons\sms++`: replace 3 instances of `make -j$(getconf _NPROCESSORS_ONLN)` with `make -j1`.

Commands :

- Commands are launched from the directory `p4r-env`
- Install StOpt (stochastic optimization library)
 - `(bin/p4r add-on stopt uninstall)`
 - `bin/p4r add-on stopt`
- Install SMS++
 - `(bin/p4r add-on sms++ uninstall)`
 - `bin/p4r add-on sms++ CPLEX=<Your-CPLEX-Linux-Installer.bin>`

Always install
before SMS++

only if old install
already exists

Install sms++
executables in p4r-env

See <https://gitlab.com/cerl/plan4res/p4r-env#p4r-env>



Installing the python scripts in p4r-env



Commands (You are still located in the directory p4r-env)

- cd scripts
- mkdir python
- cd python
- git clone <https://github.com/openENTRANCE/openentrance.git>
- git clone <https://github.com/openENTRANCE/plan4res-scripts.git>

Install Open
ENTRANCE
nomenclature

Install linkage, pre/post-treatment and
visualisation scripts



Get documentation, config files and launch scripts



- From your install_DIR
- git clone <https://github.com/openENTRANCE/plan4res.git>
- Copy launch scripts plan4res/run* to p4r-env
- Copy the sub-dir plan4res/include to p4r-env/scripts/
- Copy the datasets in ExampleData to p4r-env/data/local/

Creates plan4res dir in
Install_Dir, populated
with.... (see next slide)



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Plan4res input data



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What do we need ?



- to be specified in settingsCreateInputPlan4res_xx.yml
- Yearly data:
 - Electricity demand (Final Energy|Electricity)
 - Interconnections (Network|Electricity|Maximum Flow)
 - Installed Capacities (Capacity|Electricity|)
 - Costs (Variable Cost (incl. Fuel Cost)|Electricity|)
- Hourly Timeseries





The IAMC file as converted from GENeSYS-MOD inputs and outputs

Example in

<https://github.com/openENTRANCE/plan4res/tree/main/ExampleData/mini/IAMC>





- Main files:
 - Regions: ZP_ZonePartition
 - Demand: ZV_ZoneValues
 - Interconnections: IN_Interconnections
 - Thermal Power: TU_ThermalUnits
 - Hydro Réservoirs: SS_SeasonalStorage
 - Renewable Power: RES_RenewableUnits
 - Storage: STS_ShortTermStorage
- TimeSeries:
 - Demand Profiles
 - Inflows
 - Renewable load factors
 - ...





Example in

https://github.com/openENTRANCE/plan4res/tree/main/ExampleData/mi/ni/csv_simul

https://github.com/openENTRANCE/plan4res/tree/main/ExampleData/mi/ni/csv_invest



Creating the Plan4res datasets



CreateInputPlan4res.py

runCREATE.sh

Usage: from p4r-env,

./runCREATE.sh NAMEDATASET simul



Dataset for simulation

or

./runCREATE.sh NAMEDATASET invest



**Dataset for investment
optimisation**





- Main files:

- InvestmentBlock.nc4



Describes the investment optimisation problem

- SDDP_Block.nc4



Describes the problem on 1 year

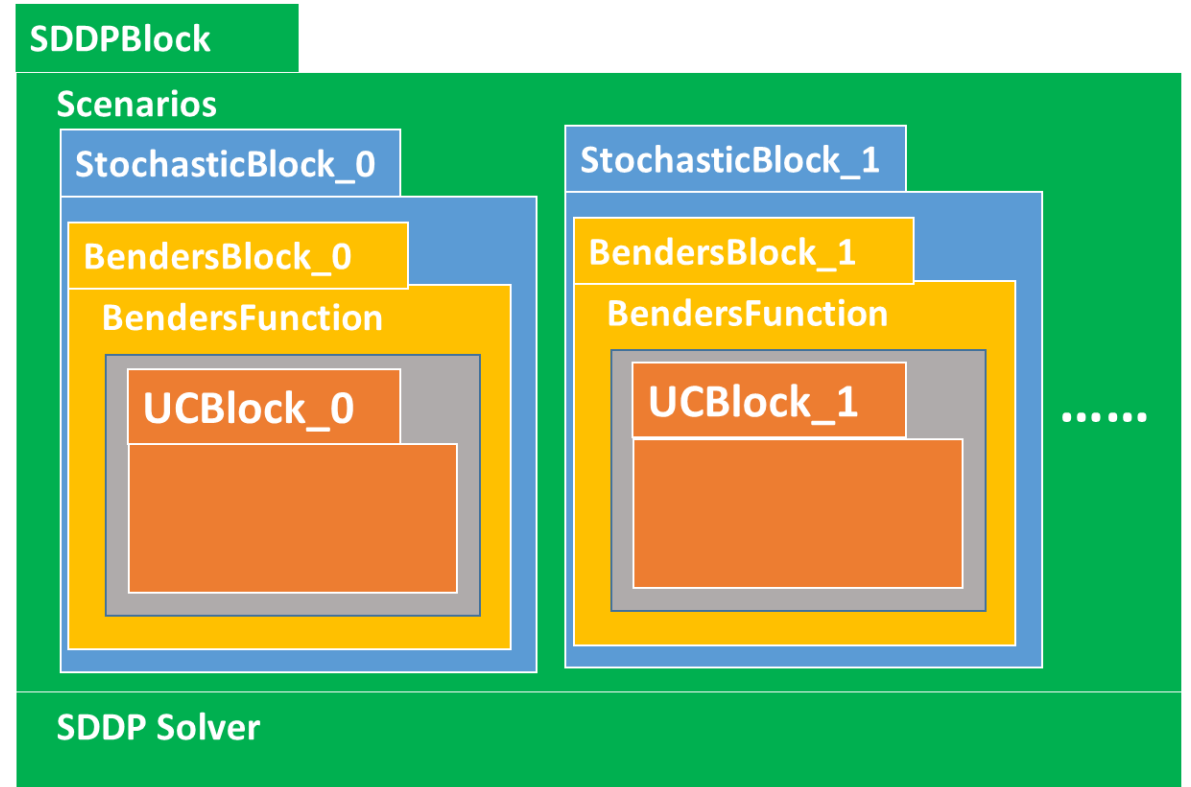
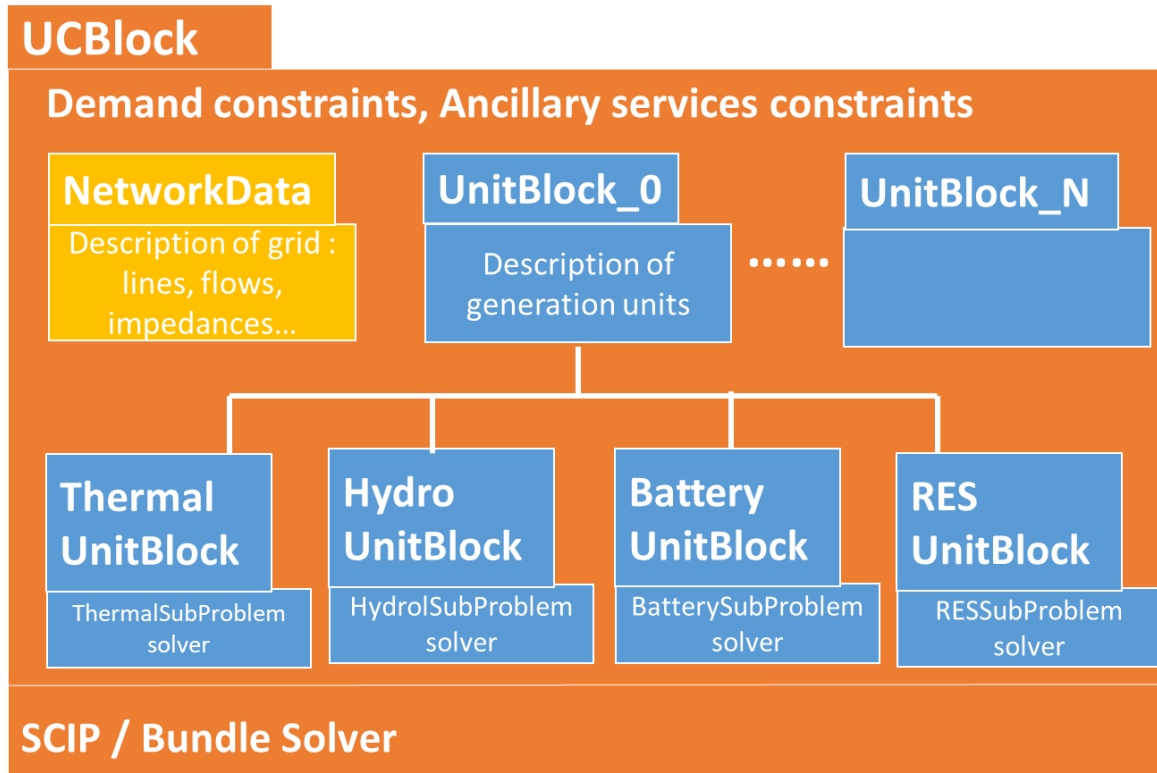
- Block_\$i.nc4



Describes the short term problems and the power system



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Example in

https://github.com/openENTRANCE/plan4res/tree/main/ExampleData/mi ni/nc4_simul



Creating the netCDF files

format.py



runFORMAT.sh

Usage: from p4r-env,

./runFORMAT.sh NAMEDATASET simul



Dataset for simulation

or

./runCREATE.sh NAMEDATASET optim



Dataset for computing
bellman values

or

./runCREATE.sh NAMEDATASET invest



Dataset for investment
optimisation



Running the models



- 3 solvers available:

- SDDP



Computes Bellman values

- Simulation



Computes schedules of all units

- Investment



Computes a more adapted power mix



Running the SDDP



runSSV.sh

Usage: from p4r-env,

./runSSV.sh NAMEDATASET



BellmanValuesOUT



Running the Simulation



runSIM.sh

Usage: from p4r-env,

./runSIM.sh NAMEDATASET



ActivePower
MarginalCosts
Flows

.....



Running the Investment



runCEM.sh

Usage: from p4r-env,

./runCEL.sh NAMEDATASET



SolutionOUT.csv
And all results of simulation

