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*"Oh how much is left to learn"*

*Ziggy Alberts*

*"Always remember the blue sky.  
Let thoughts come and go"*

*"Pas a pas"*



*To Silvia,  
Joan and Jèssica.*



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#### **2.2.2 Local Flexibility Markets**

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#### **2.3.1 market oriented**

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# Chapter 3

## OPF for Congestion management in MV distribution networks

### 3.1 Introduction

RESEARCH QUESTION: INCLOURE FEINA DEL PAPER DEL CIRED

- NUVVE Congestion management
- pilot estabane ll INVADE - BD4OPEM
- altres pilots

#### 3.1.1 Use cases/Business models for congestion management

incloure aquí diagrama interacció de l INVADE-CIRED Possibilitat d incloure els use cases que estem fent pel BD4OPEM

#### 3.1.2 Standards and protocols for flexibility provision between aggregators and DSOs

OPENADR - USEF?

#### 3.1.3 Literature review on congestion management tools - OPF

#### 3.1.4 Contribution

### 3.2 Mathematical formulation for Flexibility request calculation

- OPF (Julia) (Python)

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## Aggregated Flexibility Forecast

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RESEARCH QUESTION: Feina que estic fent a DTU

#### 4.1.1 Use cases/Business models for flexibility services and flexibility forecast

#### 4.1.2 Literature review on flexibility forecast

#### 4.1.3 Contribution

- non-intrusive approach
- less data required (15 kHz for NILM algorithms). Here we can work with 1 minute data
- no submetering (only main smart meter data)
- total aggregated load forecast
- from the total load forecast, we forecast the flexibility UP and flex DOWN, as well as the INFLEXIBLE load
- flexible capacity band (power band) forecast

### 4.2 Algorithms proposed

- Hidden Markov Model
- combinatorial optimization
- Factorial hidden markov model?

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# Appendix A

## Publications

### Included in the thesis

#### Published journal papers

- J2** P. Olivella-Rosell, P. Lloret-Gallego, Í. Munné-Collado, R. Villafafila-Robles, A. Sumper, S. Ottesen, J. Rajasekharan, B. Bremdal, “Local flexibility market design for aggregators providing multiple flexibility services at distribution network Level,” *Energies*, vol. 11, no. 4, p. 822, Apr. 2018. doi: 10.3390/en11040822

#### Submitted journal papers

- J4** flexibility review hussain

#### Conference papers

- C1** I. Munné-Collado, P. Lloret-Gallego, P. Olivella-Rosell, R. Villafafila-Robles, S. Ø. Ottesen, R. Gallart-Fernandez, V. Palma-Costa, A. Sumper, “System architecture for managing congestions in distributions grids using flexibility,” 25th International Conference on Electricity Distribution, June 2019.

- conference sara LCA

#### Book chapters

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- BC2** Í. Munné-Collado, E. Bullich-Massagué, M. Aragüés-Peñalba, P. Olivella-Rosell “Local and Micro Power Markets,” in A. Sumper (ed) *Micro and*

Local Power Markets, John Wiley & Sons, pp. 37-97, 2019.  
doi: 10.1002/9781119434573.ch2

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### Published journal papers

**J3** Í. Munné-Collado, F. M. Aprà, P. Olivella-Rosell, R. Villafafila-Robles, A. Sumper, “The potential role of flexibility during peak hours on greenhouse gas emissions: a life cycle assessment of five targeted national electricity grid mixes,” *Energies*, vol. 12, no. 23, Nov. 2019. doi: 10.3390/en12234443

**J4** review sara big data

**J5** review hussain

### Submitted journal papers

#### Conference papers

- kejrwejr

## Local conferences

### Published papers

### Conference presentations

## Supervised bachelor and master thesis

**T1** F. Aprà, “Environomical analysis of peak hours electricity production in targeted European countries”, June 2019.

**T2** K., Beehuspoteea, “Impact factors of heat generation units for zoned temperature controlled in office buildings”, June 2019.

**T3** A. Quattrone, “Development of flexibility device models for a micro-grid laboratory test”, June 2019.

**T4** N. Condorelli, “Evaluation and forecast of CO2 emissions in the electricity sector for European targeted countries” March 2020.

- T5** P. Plana, “Analysis of measures to increment the share of renewable energy in distribution grids” April 2020.
- T6** A. Bové Salat, “Optimal scheduling of flexible assets under a HEMS for prosumers’ economic savings” June 2020.
- T7** M. Ferran, “Power flow tool for active distribution grids and flexibility analysis”, June 2020.

## **Published technical reports**

- TR7** E. F. Bødal, P. Crespo-del-Granado, H. Farahmand, M. Korpås, P. Olivella-Rosell, I. Munné-Collado, P. Lloret-Gallego, “INVADE Deliverable 5.1 Challenges in distribution grid with high penetration of renewables,” June 2017. doi: 10.5281/zenodo.853271
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  - entregables EMPOWER LCA?

