
Transmission capacity allocation in zonal electricity markets

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Introduction

Zonal electricity markets

- European electricity market organized as a zonal market, [EC 714/2009](#)
- Two types of export/import limits:
 - Limits on the bilateral exchange between neighbouring zones, Available-Transfer-Capacity Market Coupling (**ATCMC**)
 - Limits on the net position configuration of zones, Flow-Based Market Coupling (**FBMC**)
- Both methodologies should be **N-1 robust** (*Critical Branches/Critical Outages*), [Amprion et al. \(2017\)](#)
- FBMC used to clear day-ahead electricity market at the Central Western European system since May 2015
- Other markets might implement FBMC in the near future (e.g. Nord Pool, [Energinet et al. \(2017\)](#))

Flow-Based Market Coupling (FBMC)

- Preferred methodology for electricity market operations of the EC, [EU 2015/1222](#): “... a method that takes into account that electricity can **flow via different paths** and optimizes the available capacity in **highly interdependent grids** ...”
- Increases in day-ahead market welfare of **95M€/year** with respect to ATCMC, [Amprion et al. \(2013\)](#)
- Congestion management and balancing costs not included in studies. They amounted to **945M€** in 2015, [ENTSO-E \(2015\)](#).
- Questions:
 - Do FBMC or ATCMC correctly account for physical flows? Why do they/do they not?
 - Does FBMC significantly improve the overall welfare of the market with respect to ATCMC?

Literature

- [Jensen et al. \(2017\)](#), and many references therein, study ATCMC and conclude that its performance is significantly **worse than that of a nodal market**
- [Waniek et al. \(2009\)](#), [Waniek et al. \(2010\)](#) study the accuracy of the approximation of flows in FBMC at cross-border lines
- [Marien et al. \(2013\)](#) study how **discretionary aggregation parameters** (for export/import limits) affect the outcome of FBMC
- [Van den Bergh et al. \(2015\)](#) summarize the concepts and methodology used for FBMC at the Central Western European system
- [Dierstein \(2017\)](#) analyzes the impacts of **discretionary aggregation parameters** on welfare, exchanges, prices and counter-trading costs

Contributions

1. We propose a new framework for modelling ATCMC and FBMC in which we **derive export/import limitations directly from the physics of the real network.**
(the proposed models **do not depend** on discretionary aggregation parameters)
2. We present cutting-plane algorithms to systematically account for the **N-1 security criterion on day-ahead markets.**
3. We perform **numerical simulations** using an industrial-scale instance of the Central Western European system considering **100 years of operating conditions.**
 - Vast similarities between ATCMC and FBMC in all aspects.
 - **Zonal market designs fail at allocating transmission capacity and are outperformed by a nodal market.**

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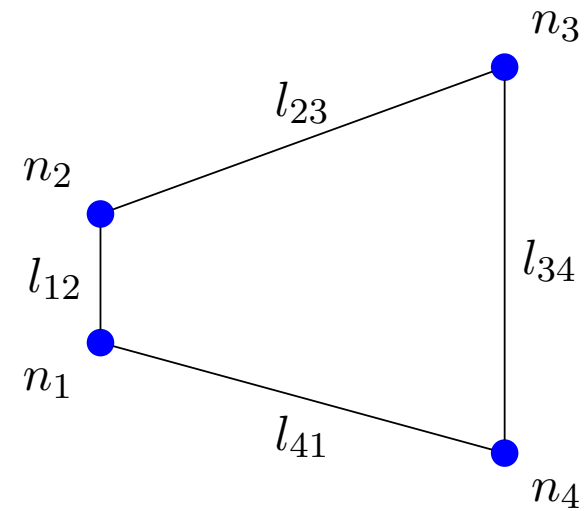
Assumptions

1. All energy trades take place at the day-ahead auction
2. Bids are price-quantity pairs, associated with a node/zone
3. Participants bid truthfully
4. System operator knows:
 - Topology of the network
 - Susceptance and thermal limits of lines
 - Installed production capacity at each node
5. Consumers have an infinite valuation (only for simplicity)

Nodal electricity market

\min production cost
bids,
flows

s.t. fractional bids
net production =
outgoing flows, at each node
line thermal limits
power-angle constraints

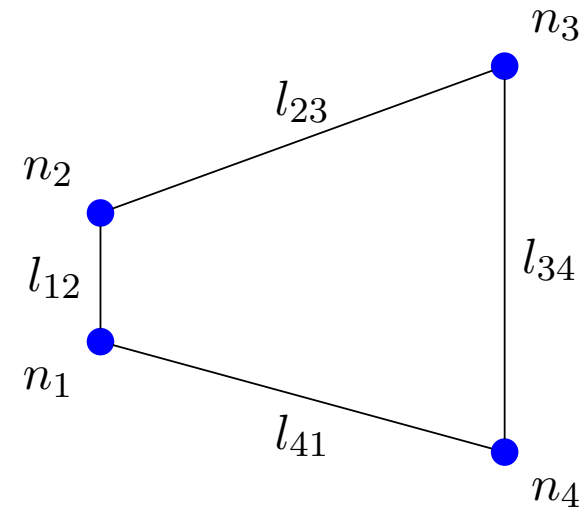


Nodal electricity market

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \min_{v, f, \theta} \sum_{g \in G} P_g Q_g v_g \\
 & \text{s.t. } 0 \leq v_g \leq 1 \quad \forall g \in G \\
 & \sum_{g \in G(n)} Q_g v_g - Q_n = \\
 & \quad \sum_{l \in L(n, \cdot)} f_l - \sum_{l \in L(\cdot, n)} f_l \quad \forall n \in N \quad [\rho_n] \\
 & -F_l \leq f_l \leq F_l \quad \forall l \in L \\
 & f_l = B_l (\theta_{m(l)} - \theta_{n(l)}) \quad \forall l \in L
 \end{aligned}$$

P, Q : price and quantity

F_l, B_l : capacity and susceptance line l



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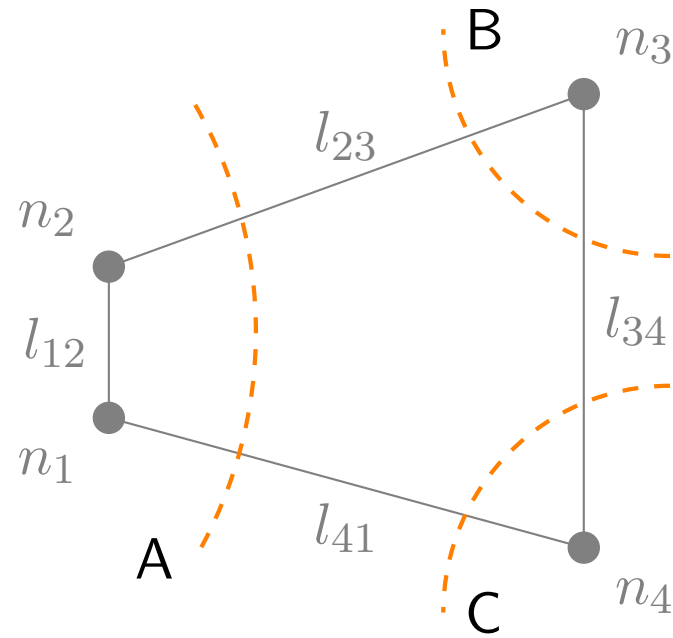
$$G(n_1) = \{1\}, \dots$$

$$N = \{n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4\}$$

$$L = \{l_{12}, l_{23}, l_{34}, l_{41}\},$$

$$L(n_1, n_2) = \{l_{12}\}, \dots$$

Zonal network organization

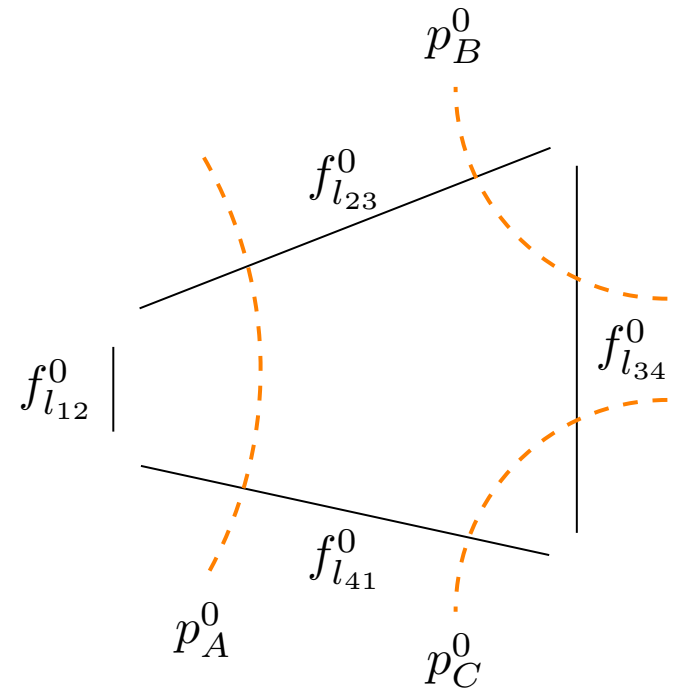


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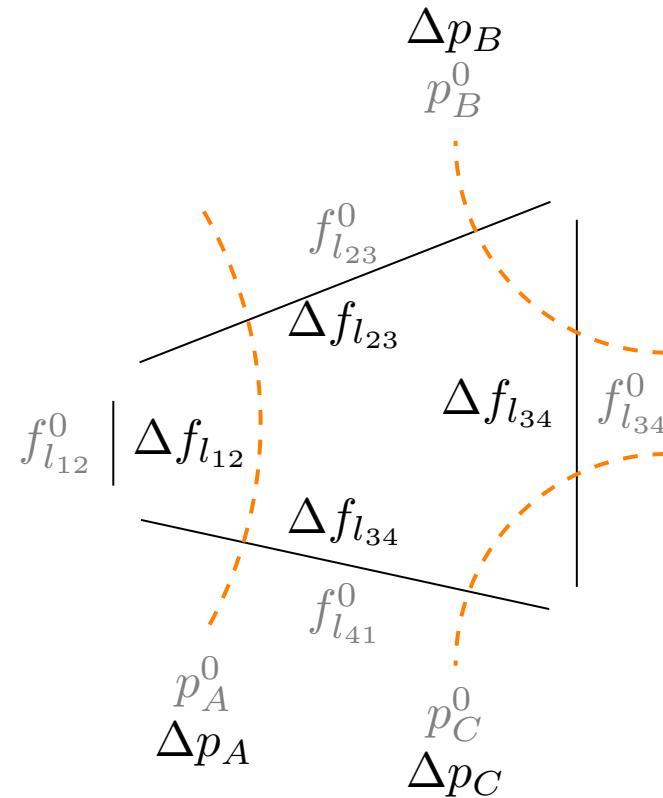
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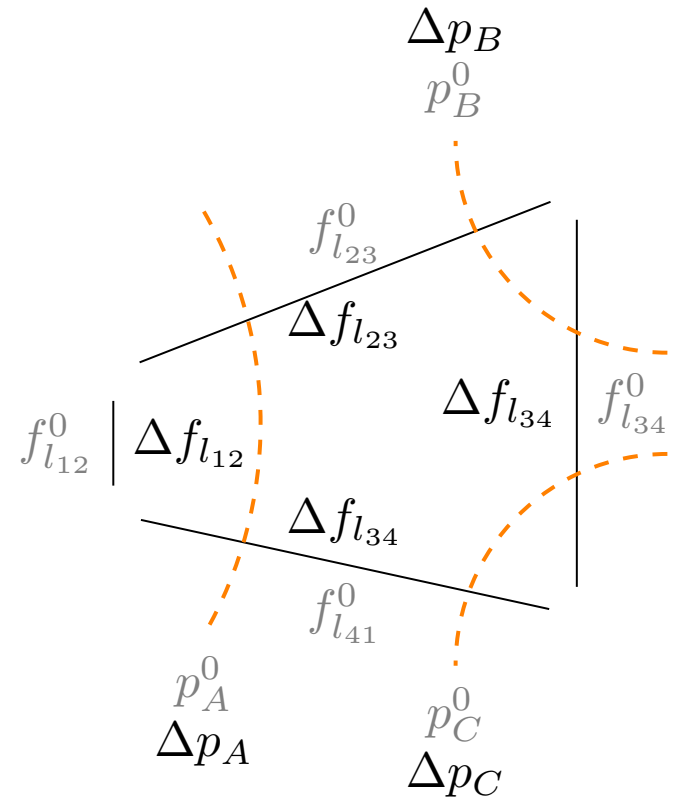
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3. Define **flow-based domain**:

$$\mathcal{P}^{FB-A} := \left\{ p \in \mathbb{R}^{|Z|} \mid \sum_{z \in Z} p_z = 0, \right.$$

$$\left. -F_l \leq \sum_{z \in Z} PTDF_{l,z} (p_z - p_z^0) + f_l^0 \leq F_l \quad \forall l \in L \right\}$$



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4. Clear day-ahead market by solving:

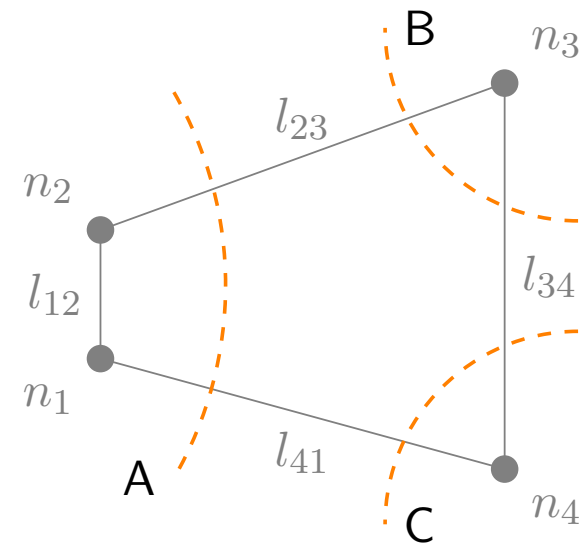
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- Circular definitions: base case (p^0, f^0) , market clearing point
- Discretionary parameters: zone-to-line PTDF (among others)

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 & p \in \mathcal{P}
 \end{aligned}$$

- \mathcal{P} should include all feasible cross-border trades, [EC 714/2009](#), Annex I, Art. 1.1
- \mathcal{P} should not include configurations that can harm security, [EC 714/2009](#), Annex I, Art. 1.7



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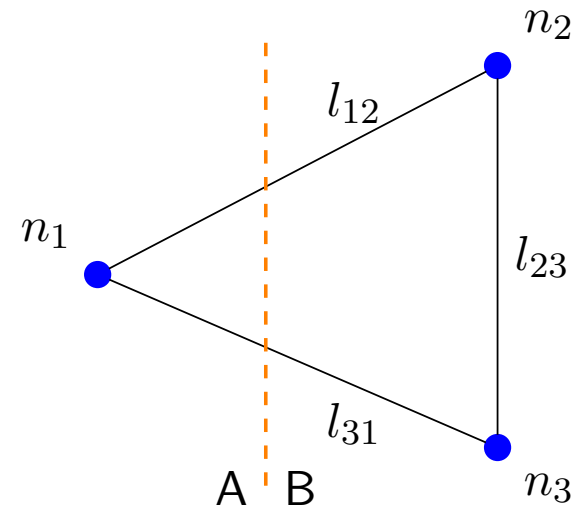
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Zonal net positions:

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$$G = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$Q_1 = 200, Q_2 = 200, Q_3 = 50$$

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100MW demand per node

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True net position feasible set \mathcal{P} :

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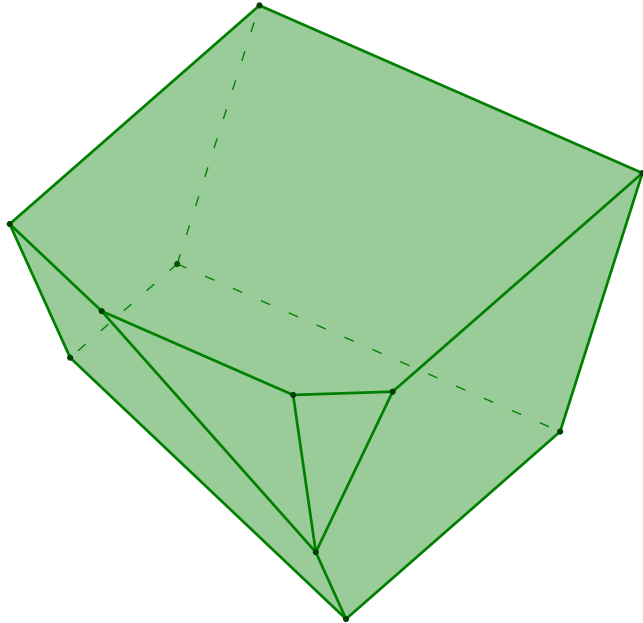
$$-12.5 \leq p_A \leq 87.5$$

Flow-Based Market Coupling with Exact Projection (FBMC-EP)

space of nodal injections



space of zonal net positions



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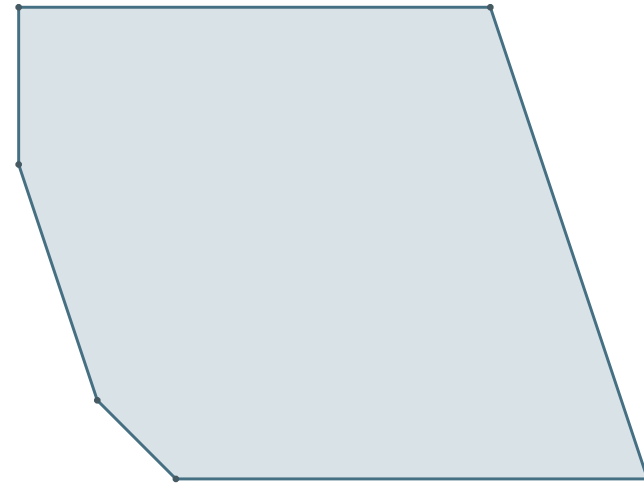
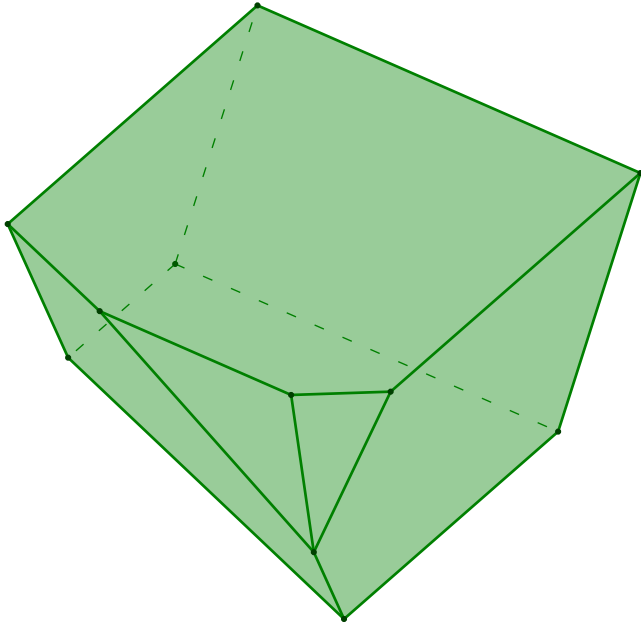
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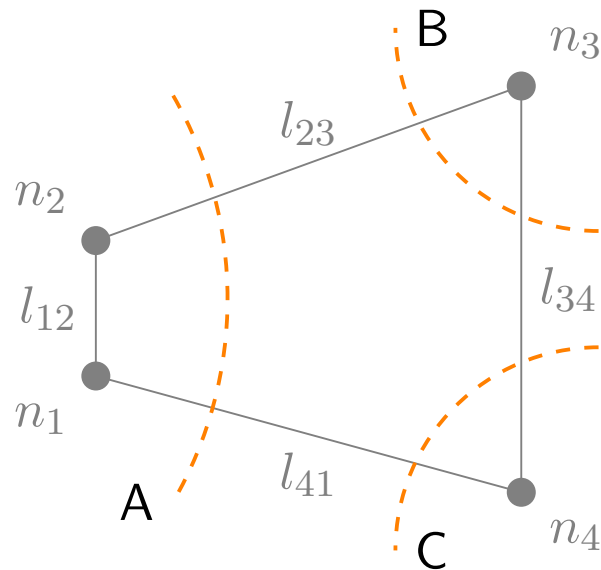
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$$\mathcal{P}^{FB-EP} = \left\{ \begin{aligned} & \mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{R}^{|Z|} \left| \exists (\bar{v}, f, \theta) \in [0, 1]^{|G|} \times \mathbb{R}^{|L|} \times \mathbb{R}^{|N|} : \right. \\ & \sum_{g \in G(z)} Q_g \bar{v}_g - \mathbf{p}_z = \sum_{n \in N(z)} Q_n \quad \forall z \in Z, \\ & \sum_{g \in G(n)} Q_g \bar{v}_g - \sum_{l \in L(n, \cdot)} f_l + \sum_{l \in L(\cdot, n)} f_l = Q_n \quad \forall n \in N, \\ & \left. -F_l \leq f_l \leq F_l, f_l = B_l (\theta_{m(l)} - \theta_{n(l)}) \quad \forall l \in L \right\} \end{aligned}$$

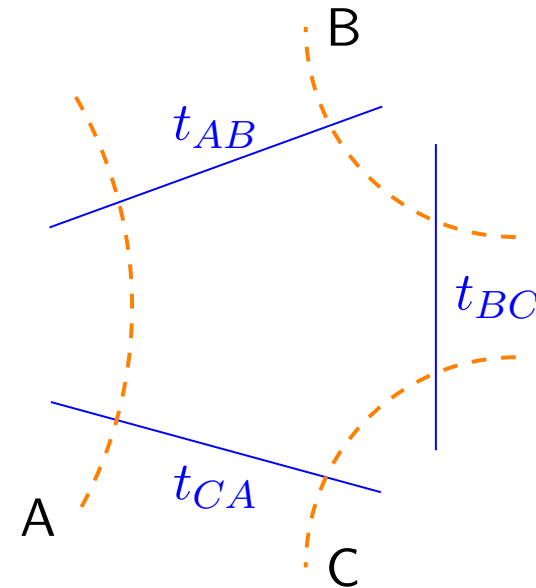
- \mathcal{P}^{FB-EP} **allows for all trades that are feasible** with respect to the real network and **bans only trades that can be proven to be infeasible** for the real network
- \mathcal{P}^{FB-A} provides no guarantees: might ban feasible trades and, also, allow infeasible trades

Available-Transfer-Capacity Market Coupling (ATCMC)

net positions of zones Z



flow on interconnectors
between zones T



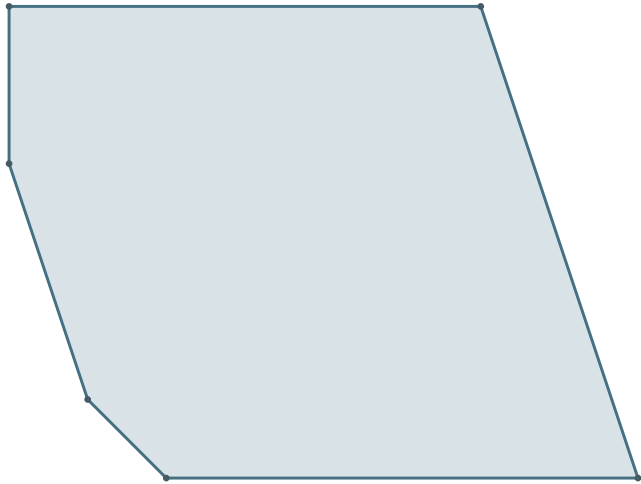
- ATCMC clears day-ahead market over the network $\mathcal{G}(Z, T)$
- Available-transfer-capacities (ATCs): $ATC_t^- \leq e_t \leq ATC_t^+$
- How to compute ATCs?

Available-Transfer-Capacity Market Coupling (ATCMC)

space of zonal net
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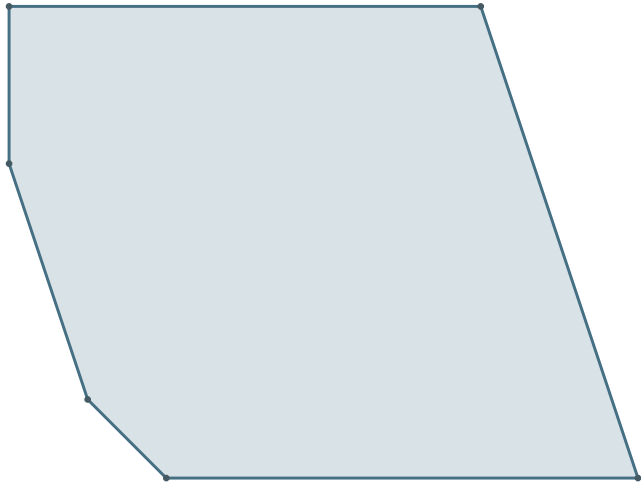
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\mathcal{P}^{FB-EP}

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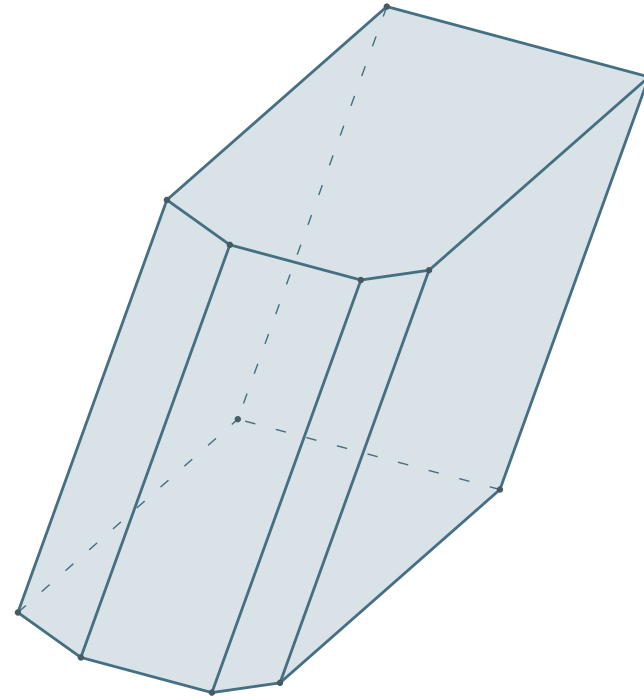
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$$\mathcal{E} := \left\{ e \in \mathbb{R}^{|T|} \mid - \sum_{l \in L(t)} F_l \leq e_t \leq \sum_{l \in L(t)} F_l \quad \forall t \in T, \right. \\ \left. \exists p \in \mathcal{P} : p_z = \sum_{t \in T(z, \cdot)} e_t - \sum_{t \in T(\cdot, z)} e_t \quad \forall z \in Z \right\}$$

Maximum-volume Available-Transfer-Capacities (ATCs)

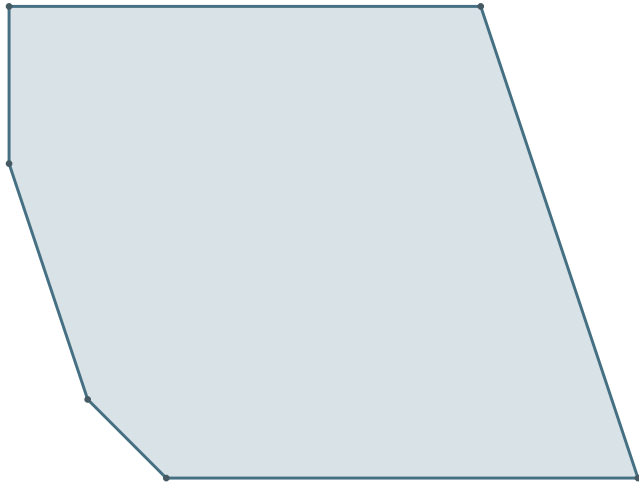
- ATC limits, $ATC_t^- \leq e_t \leq ATC_t^+ \forall t \in T$, are a box in the space of exchanges
- Compute ATCs as a maximum volume box inside \mathcal{E} ,

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{ATC} \quad & \prod_{t \in T} (ATC_t^- + ATC_t^+) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & [-ATC^-, ATC^+] \subseteq \mathcal{E} \end{aligned}$$

- $\mathcal{E}^{ATC} := [-ATC^{-,*}, ATC^{+,*}]$ allows for the **largest subset of bilateral exchanges** that can be accommodated using a box and it **bans** all trades that would result in **infeasible zonal net positions**
- Implemented methodology for computing ATCs provides no guarantees

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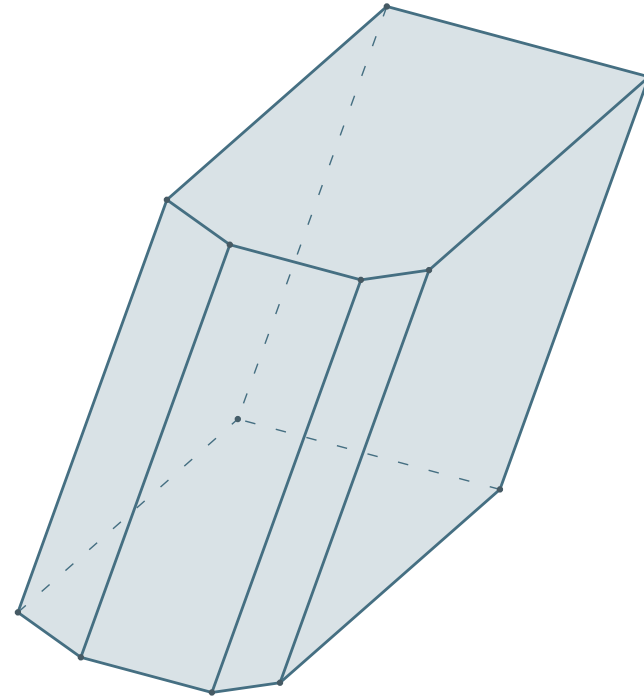
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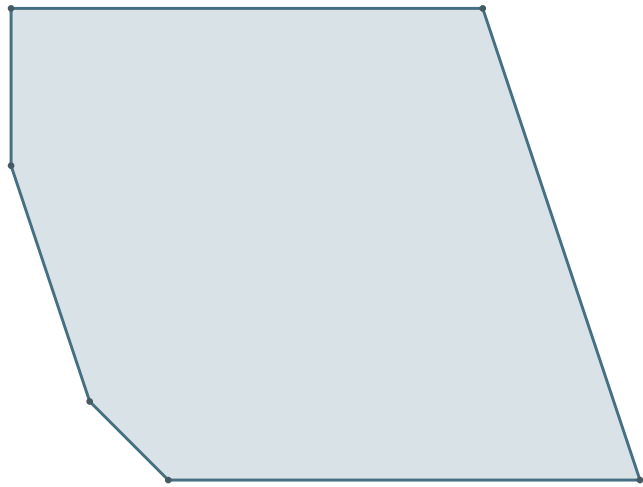
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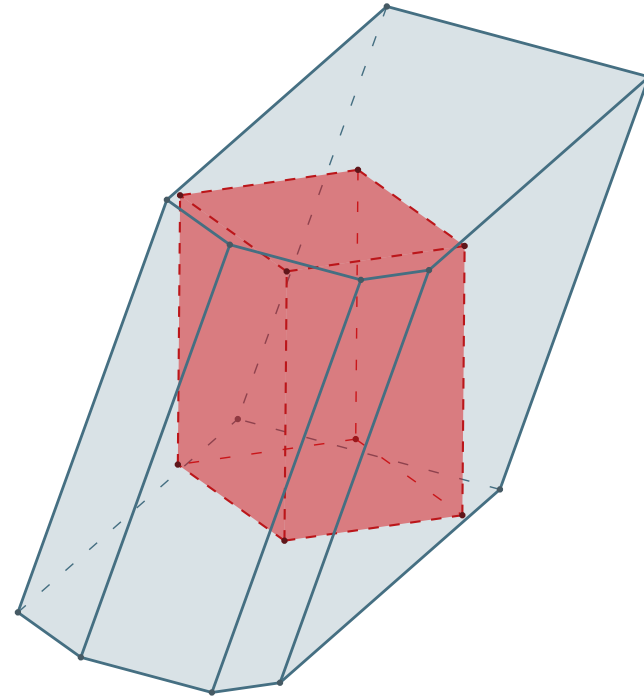
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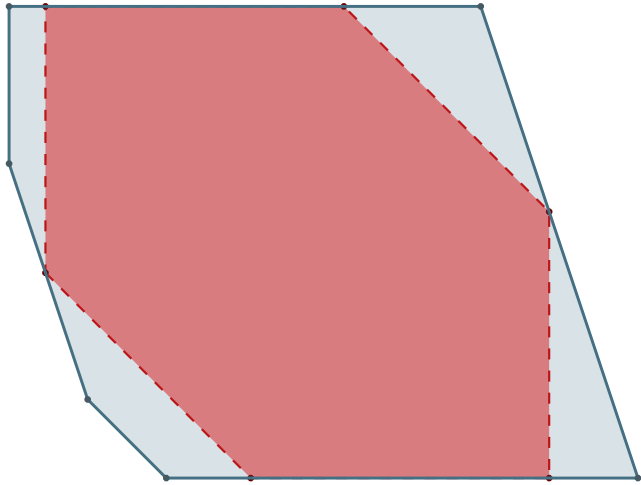
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$$\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E}^{ATC} = [-ATC^{-,*}, ATC^{+,*}]$$

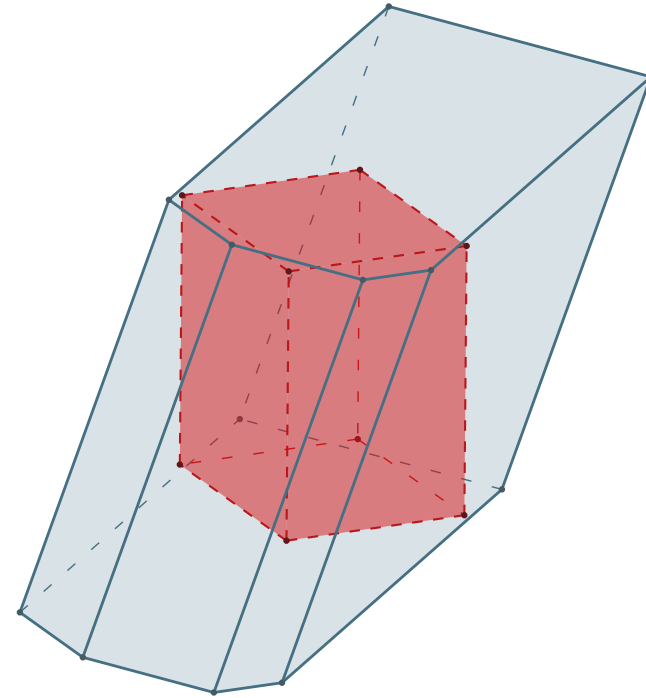
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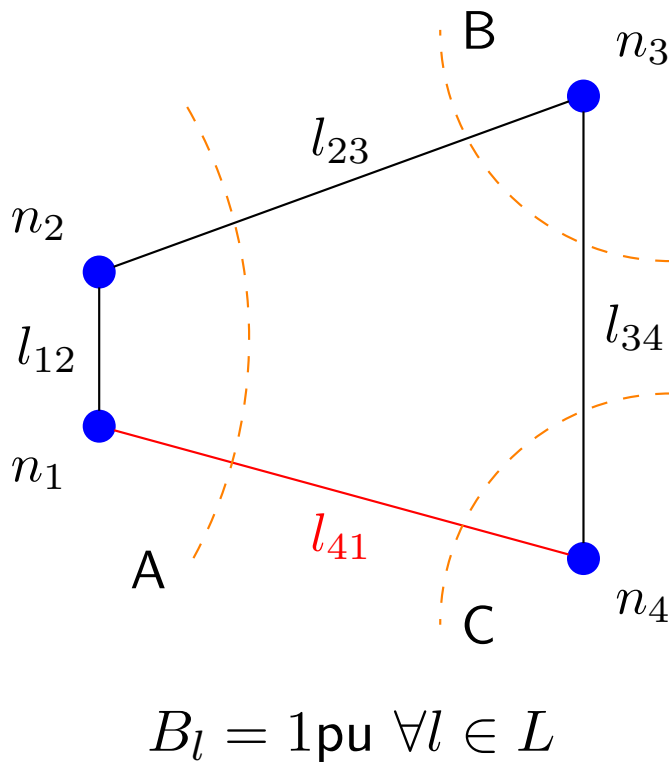
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Policy analysis using 4-node, 3-zone network

Recap: 4 policies

- **LMP**: Minimizes cost over nodal model
- **FBMC-A**: Minimizes cost over zonal model with $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}^{FB-A}$
- **FBMC-EP**: Minimizes cost over zonal model with $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}^{FB-EP}$
- **ATCMC**: Minimizes cost over zonal model with $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}^{ATC}$

Inter-zonal congestion case study



Generators			
g	$n(g)$	Q_g [MW]	P_g [\$/MWh]
1	n_1	500	8
2	n_2	200	45
3	n_3	300	18
4	n_4	500	200

Consumers	
n	Q_n [MW]
n_2	300
n_4	300

$$F_{l_{41}} = 100 \text{ MW}, F_l = +\infty \forall l \in L \setminus \{l_{41}\}$$

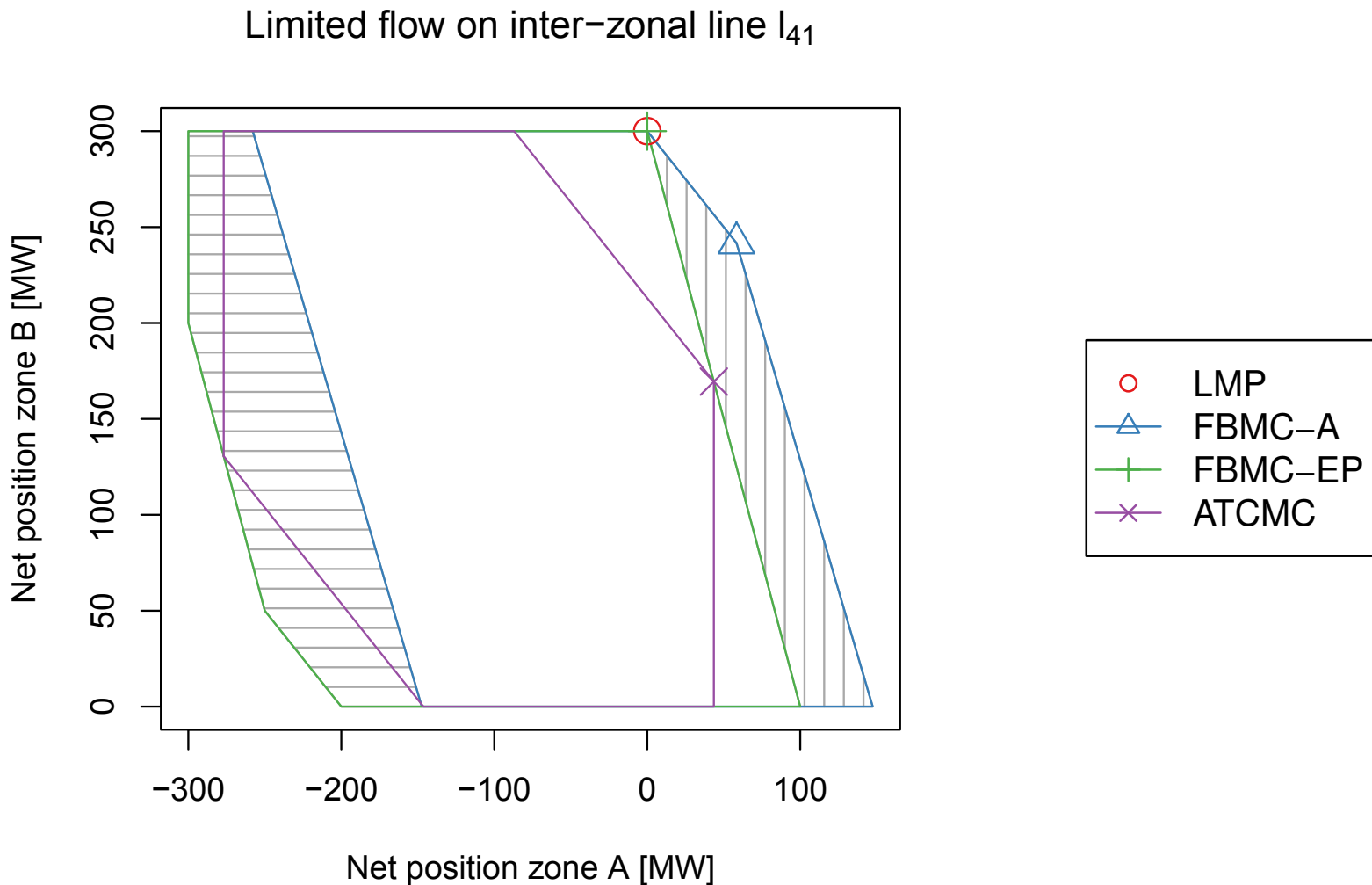
Inter-zonal congestion: results

Summary of clearing quantities and prices for a case of inter-zonal congestion (l_{41} limited to 100MW)

Policy	Total cost [\$]	ρ [\$/MWh]	Abs. error flow approx. [MW]	Overload l_{41} [MW]
LMP	15 200	(8, 45, 82, 119)	0	0
FBMC-A	7 217	(8, 18, 200)	475	79
FBMC-EP	7 800	(8, 18, 23)	300	50
ATCMC	23 208	(8, 18, 200)	—	50

- Cleared quantities on all zonal markets overload line l_{41} : **failure to account for inter-zonal congestion**
- Flow approximation error and overload larger in FBMC-A than in FBMC-EP
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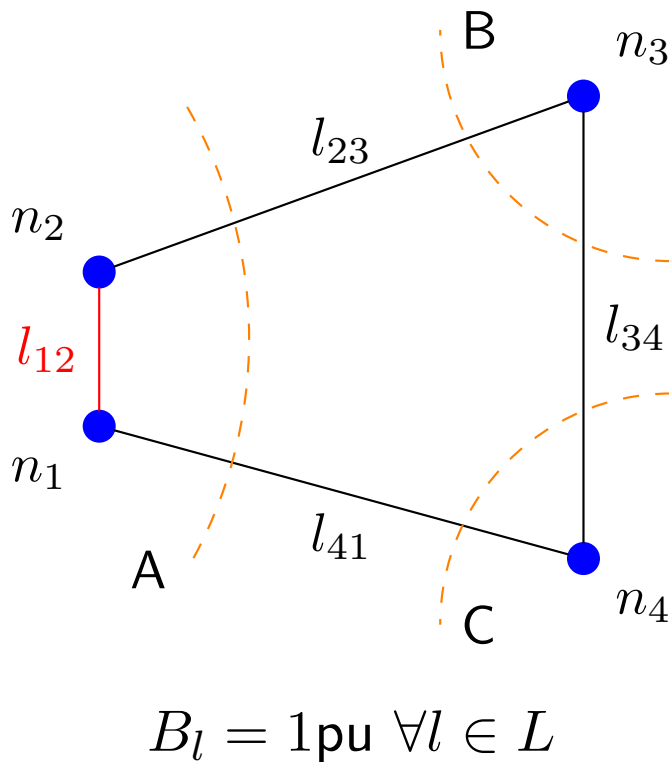
Inter-zonal congestion: space of zonal net positions



Vertically shaded area: $\mathcal{P}^{FB-A} - \mathcal{P}^{FB-EP}$

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Intra-zonal congestion case study



Generators			
g	$n(g)$	Q_g [MW]	P_g [\$/MWh]
1	n_1	500	8
2	n_2	200	45
3	n_3	300	18
4	n_4	500	200

Consumers	
n	Q_n [MW]
n_2	300
n_4	300

$$F_{l_{12}} = 100 \text{ MW}, F_l = +\infty \forall l \in L \setminus \{l_{12}\}$$

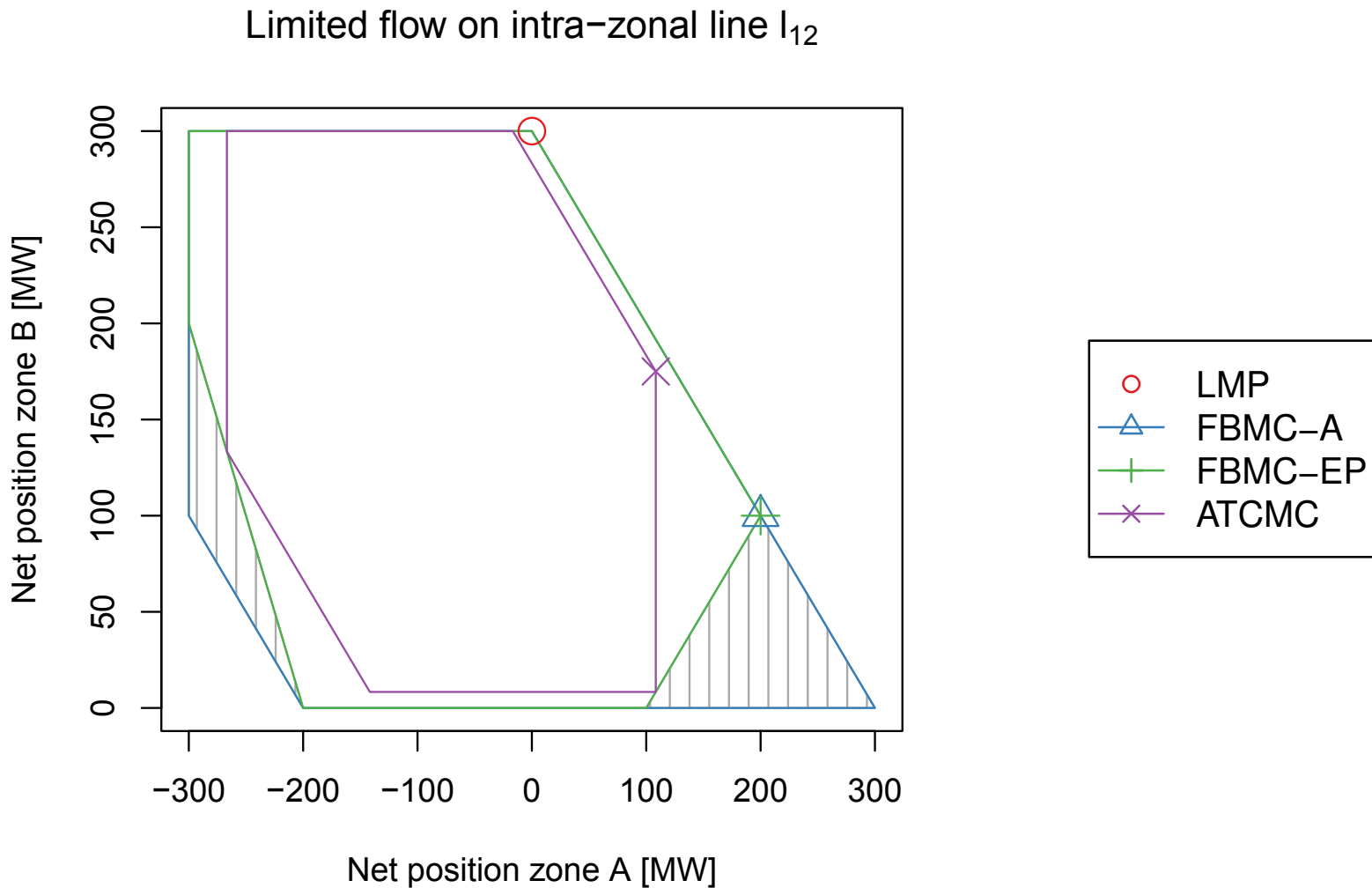
Intra-zonal congestion: results

Summary of clearing quantities and prices for a case of intra-zonal congestion (l_{12} limited to 100MW)

Policy	Total cost [\$]	ρ [\$/MWh]	Abs. error flow approx. [MW]	Overload l_{12} [MW]
LMP	10 267	(8, 45, 32.7, 20.3)	0	0
FBMC-A	5 800	(18, 18, 200)	536	150
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ATCMC	9 750	(8, 18, 200)	—	108

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Discussion

- FBMC-A, FBMC-EP, ATCMC led to clearing quantities that would overload the transmission system
- FBMC-A can be cleared with infeasible net positions and can prevent feasible trades from being accepted
In direct conflict with [EC 714/2009](#), Annex I, Art. 1.1 and 1.7
- **All zonal market designs suffer the same problem** for inter- and intra-zonal transmission capacity allocation: losing track of nodal injections leads to **inaccurate physical flow estimations**
- Given these results, in what follows, we only use FBMC-EP for modelling flow-based market coupling

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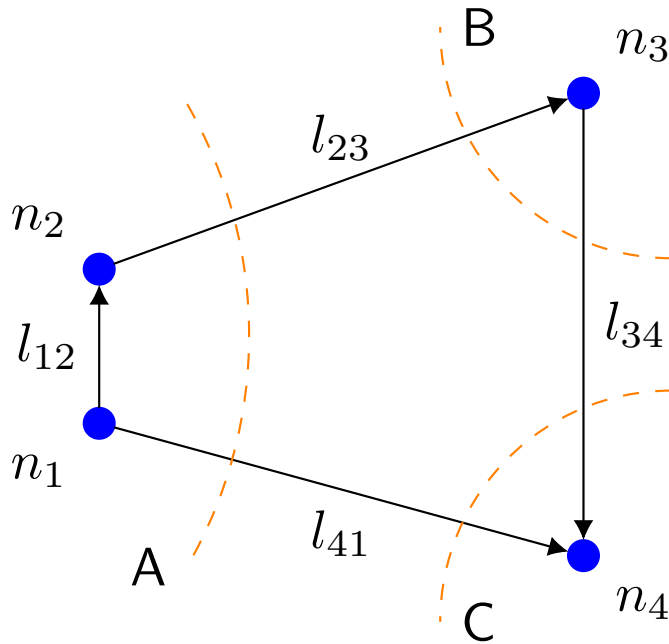
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Cutting-plane algorithms for robust day-ahead electricity markets

Nodal N-1 security criterion

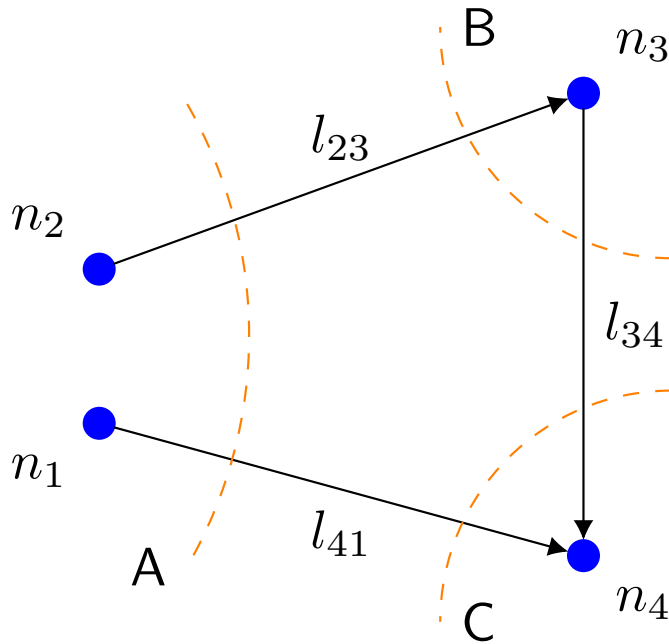
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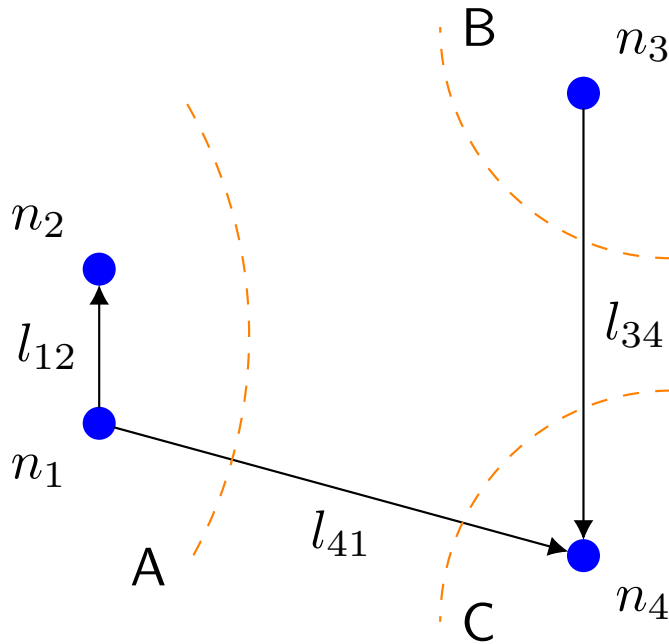
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Nodal day-ahead market clearing problem with N-1 security

$$\begin{aligned}
 \min_{v,r} \quad & \sum_{g \in G} P_g Q_g v_g \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & 0 \leq v_g \leq 1 \quad \forall g \in G \\
 & \sum_{g \in G(n)} Q_g v_g - Q_n = r_n \quad \forall n \in N \quad [\rho_n] \\
 & r \in \mathcal{R}_{N-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathcal{R}_{N-1} = \bigcap_{\substack{u \in \{0,1\}^{|L|} \\ \|u\|_1 \leq 1}} \mathcal{R}(u)$ and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{R}(u) = \left\{ r \in \mathbb{R}^{|N|} \mid \exists (f, \theta) \in \mathbb{R}^{|L|} \times \mathbb{R}^{|N|} : \right. \\
 r_n = \sum_{l \in L(n, \cdot)} f_l - \sum_{l \in L(\cdot, n)} f_l \quad \forall n \in N, \\
 \left. -F_l \leq f_l \leq F_l, \quad f_l = B_l(1 - u_l) (\theta_{m(l)} - \theta_{n(l)}) \quad \forall l \in L \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Cutting-plane algorithm for FBMC under N-1 security

- \mathcal{R}_{N-1} is a **convex polytope** \rightarrow we can describe it as $\bar{V}r \leq \bar{W}$, for certain $\bar{V} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times |N|}$ and $\bar{W} \in \mathbb{R}^{|N|}$
 - **MCO**(V, W) (Market Clearing Oracle): Clears day-ahead nodal market using $Vr \leq W$ as a description of \mathcal{R}_{N-1}
 - **IO**(r) (Injection Oracle): Checks if $r \in \mathcal{R}_{N-1}$, returning a separating hyperplane $v^\top r \leq w$ if $r \notin \mathcal{R}_{N-1}$
- 1: Initialize $V := 0_{1, |N|}, W := 0, \text{inclusion} := \text{FALSE}$
 - 2: **while** !inclusion **do**
 - 3: Call **MCO**(V, W) $\rightarrow r$
 - 4: Call **IO**(r) $\rightarrow \text{inclusion}, (v, w)$
 - 5: $V := [V^\top \ v]^\top, W := [W^\top \ w]^\top$
 - 6: **end while**
 - 7: Terminate: inner model of **MCO**(V, W) gives the optimal clearing.

Injection oracle (IO)

- Recall $\mathcal{R}_{N-1} = \bigcap_{\substack{u \in \{0,1\}^{|L|} \\ \|u\|_1 \leq 1}} \mathcal{R}(u)$
- Generating Benders' cuts independently for every $u \in \{0,1\}^{|L|}$, $\|u\|_1 \leq 1$ can be very expensive
- A better approach: use a **distance function** d between the query point r and the set \mathcal{R}_{N-1}

$$d(r, \mathcal{R}_{N-1}) := \max_{\substack{u \in \{0,1\}^{|L|} \\ \|u\|_1 \leq 1}} \min_{\bar{r} \in \mathcal{R}(u)} \|r - \bar{r}\|_1$$

which can be evaluated by solving a single-level MILP

- Cutting-plane algorithm converges finitely
- Algorithm inspired by original work by [Street et al. \(2014\)](#) on security constrained unit commitment

Zonal day-ahead market clearing problem with N-1 security

- **Zonal net positions** should be feasible even if a single transmission element is not available

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{v,p} \quad & \sum_{g \in G} P_g Q_g v_g \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & 0 \leq v_g \leq 1 \quad \forall g \in G \\ & \sum_{g \in G(z)} Q_g v_g - \sum_{n \in N(z)} Q_n = p_z \quad \forall z \in Z \quad [\rho_z] \\ & p \in \mathcal{P} \end{aligned}$$

- **FBMC**: $\mathcal{P} \equiv \mathcal{P}_{N-1}^{FB-EP} := \{p \in \mathbb{R}^{|Z|} \mid \text{there exists a feasible } (\bar{v}, f, \theta) \text{ for each single-element unavailability scenario}\}$
- **ATCMC**: $\mathcal{P} \equiv$ projection of ATC box, computed as maximum-volume box inside \mathcal{E}_{N-1} (defined in an analogous fashion to \mathcal{E})

Set of feasible net positions under N-1 security

- Define $\mathcal{P}_{N-1}^{FB-EP} := \bigcap_{\substack{\mathbf{u} \in \{0,1\}^{|L|} \\ \|\mathbf{u}\|_1 \leq 1}} \mathcal{P}^{FB-EP}(\mathbf{u})$, where

$$\mathcal{P}^{FB-EP}(\mathbf{u}) = \left\{ \mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{R}^{|Z|} \mid \begin{aligned} &\exists (\bar{\mathbf{v}}, \mathbf{f}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \in [0, 1]^{|G|} \times \mathbb{R}^{|N|} \times \mathbb{R}^{|L|} : \\ &\sum_{g \in G(z)} Q_g \bar{v}_g - \sum_{n \in N(z)} Q_n = \mathbf{p}_z \quad \forall z \in Z, \\ &\sum_{i \in G(n)} Q_i \bar{v}_i - Q_n = \sum_{l \in L(n, \cdot)} f_l - \sum_{l \in L(\cdot, n)} f_l \quad \forall n \in N, \\ &-F_l \leq f_l \leq F_l, \quad f_l = B_l(1 - u_l) (\theta_{m(l)} - \theta_{n(l)}) \quad \forall l \in L \end{aligned} \right\}$$

- $\mathcal{P}_{N-1}^{FB-EP}$ is a **convex polytope** \rightarrow we can clear FBMC using an analogous cutting-plane approach to that used for LMP
- Computing max-volume ATCs: similar approach, but separating hyperplanes guarantee box inclusion instead of point inclusion

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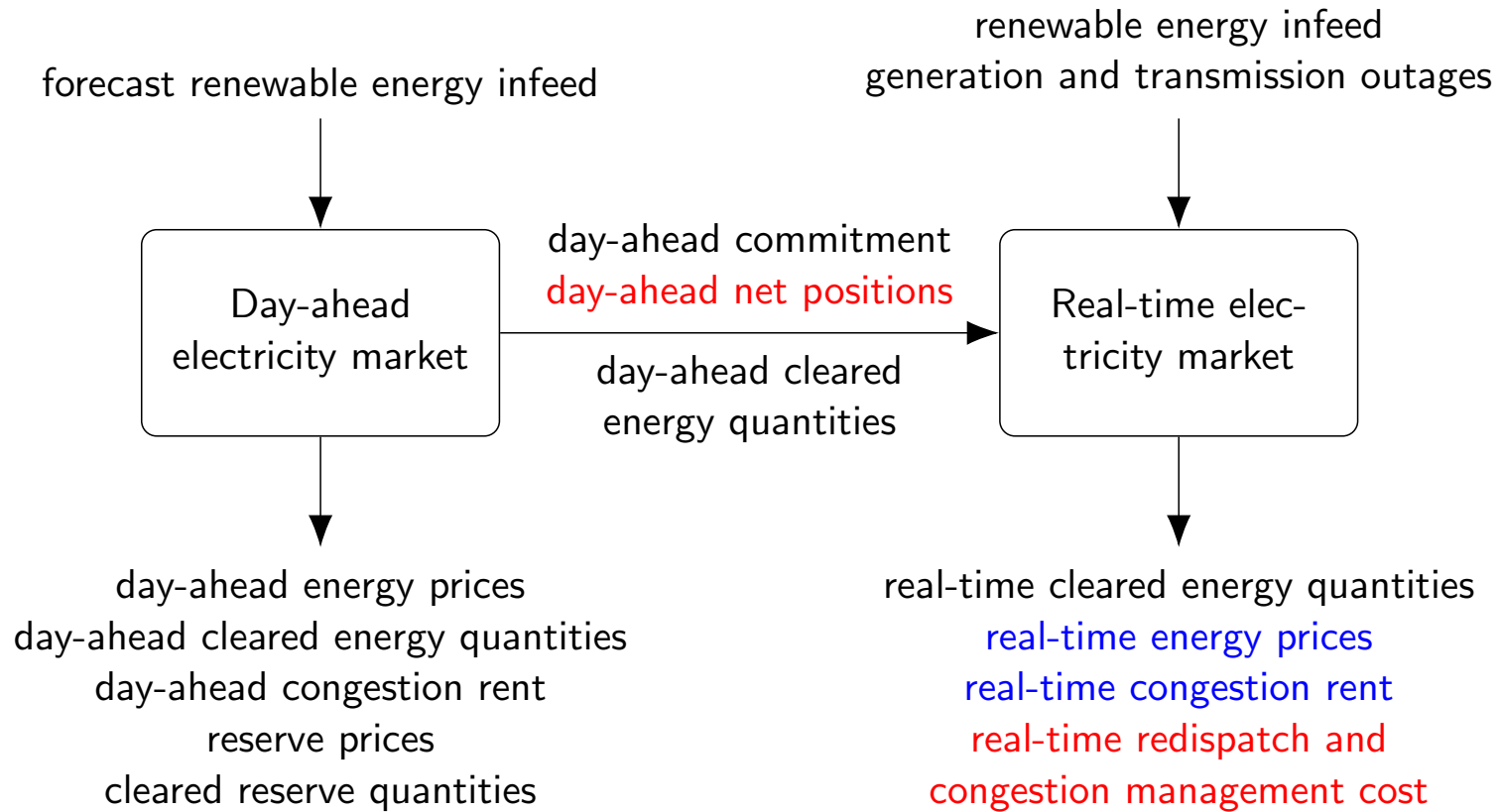
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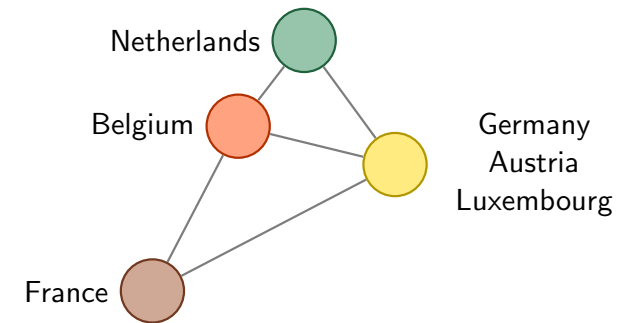
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Two-settlement system



- Commitment refers to $\{0, 1\}$ (on-off) decisions → European rules for integer pricing, [Madani and Van Vyve \(2015\)](#)

Central Western European network



- 632 buses, 945 branches (3 491 individual circuits), 346 slow thermal generators (154GW), 301 fast thermal generators (89GW) and 1 312 renewable generators (149GW)
- 768 typical snapshots \times 1 150 random uncertainty realizations \rightarrow \sim 100 years of operation

Implementation and deployment on HPC infrastructure

- Implementation in Julia/JuMP, using Gurobi, Ipopt compiled with HSL and Xpress as mathematical programming solvers
- High-performance computing (HPC) deployment using Julia's built-in parallel computing capabilities
- Total simulation time: $\sim 7\,579$ CPU-hours

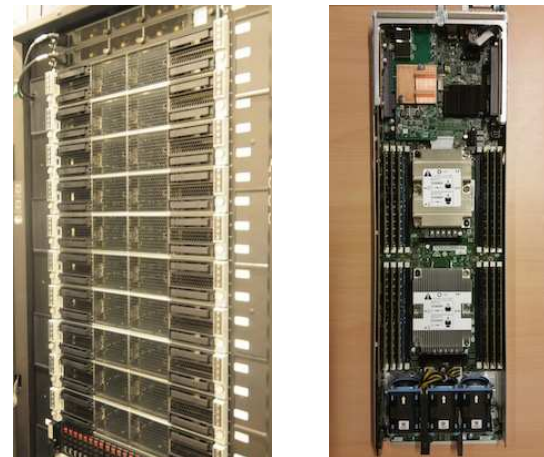
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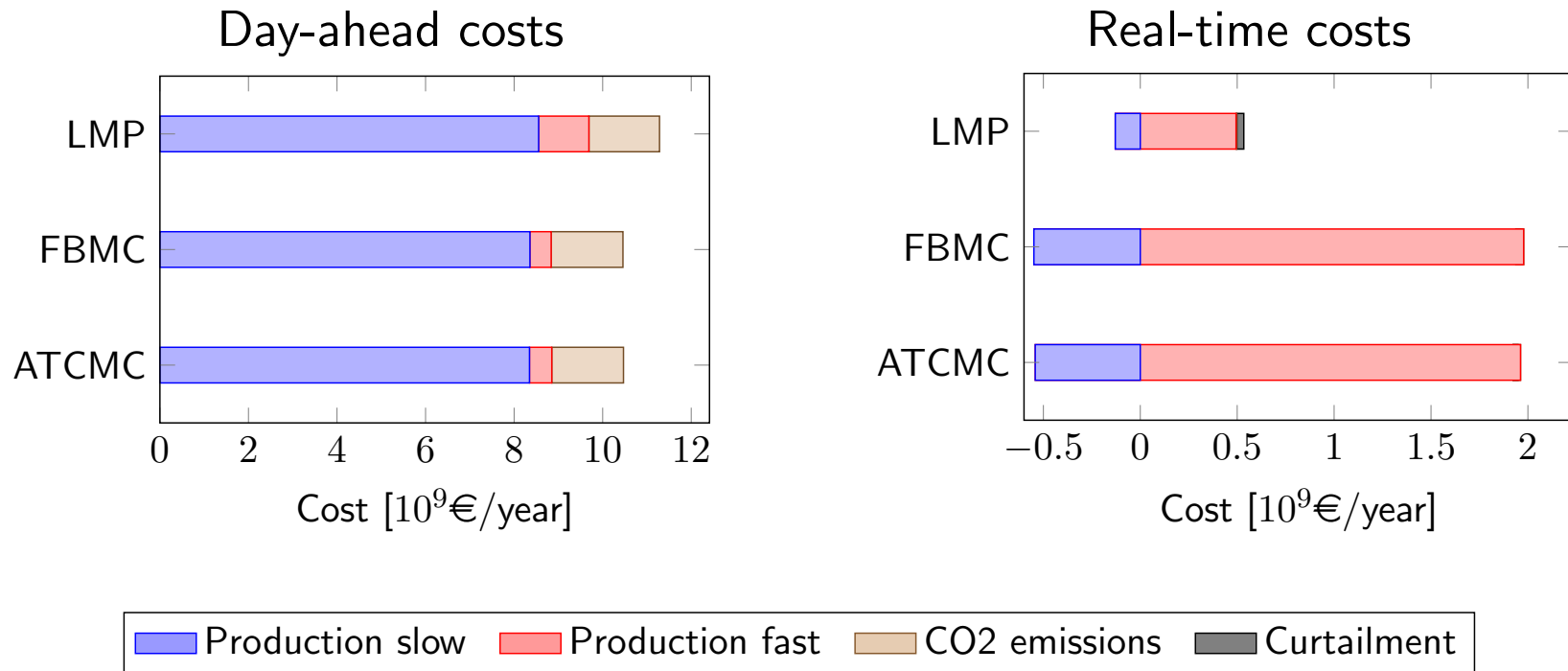
CWE results: total cost performance

Total costs and efficiency of different policies

Policy	Day-ahead [M€/year]	Real-time [M€/year]	Total [M€/year]	Efficiency losses
PF	–	11 476	11 476	-2.90%
LMP	11 284	534	11 818	–
FBMC	10 458	1 963	12 420	5.09%
ATCMC	10 470	1 949	12 419	5.08%

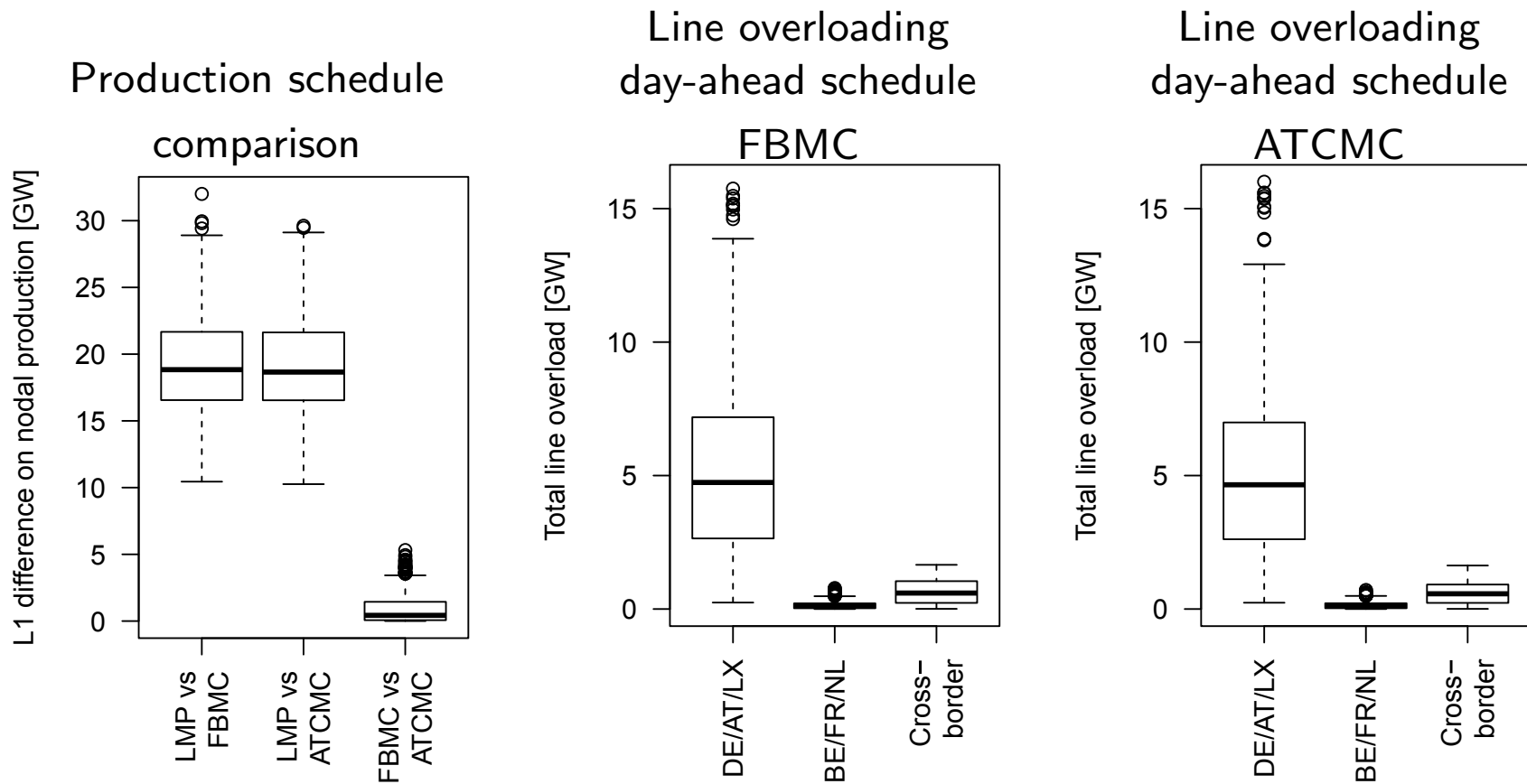
- PF: Perfect Foresight benchmark
- LMP schedules out-of-merit production to meet N-1 security, leading to inefficiencies with respect to PF
- Efficiency losses of zonal markets with respect to LMP amount to about 5.1% of total costs, ~600M€/year
- FBMC and ATCMC do not present a significant difference

CWE results: costs composition



- Day-ahead costs larger for LMP, real-time costs much larger for FBMC and ATCMC than LMP
- Zonal policies: re-dispatching slow (cheap) generators down and re-dispatching fast (expensive) generators up in real time

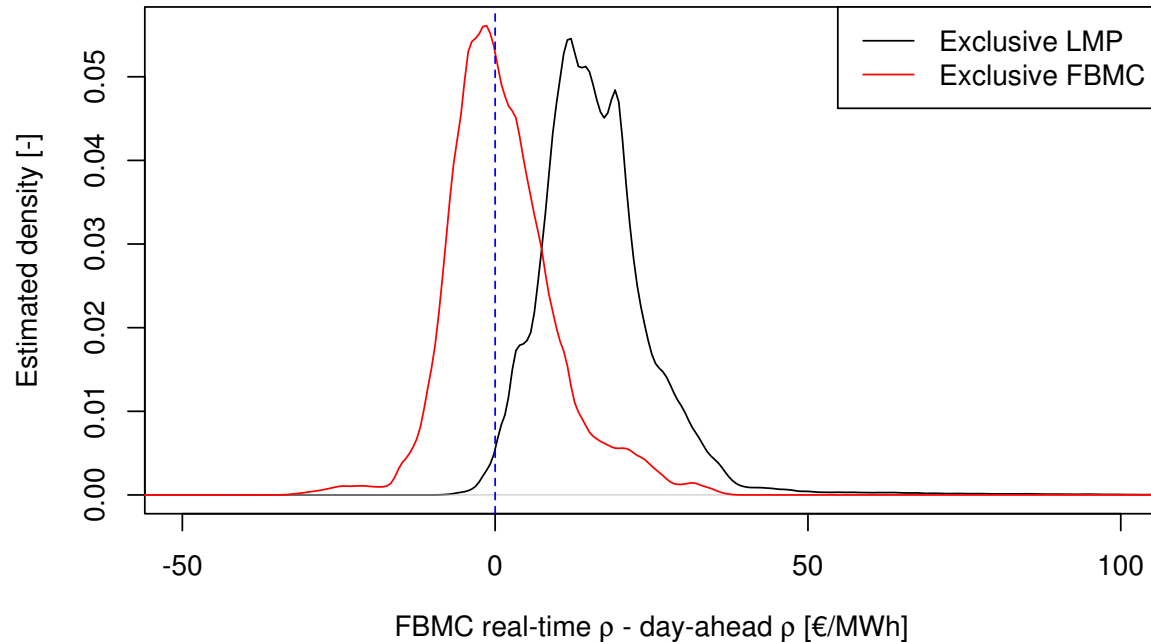
CWE results: production schedules and line overloading



- **Large differences** between day-ahead schedules of **nodal** and **zonal** policies, **small differences** between **FBMC** and **ATCMC**
- Zonal policies lead to decisions **overloading inter- and intra-zonal transmission lines**

CWE results: difference on commitment decisions

Price change in FBMC at nodes where $UC^{FBMC} \neq UC^{LMP}$



- “Exclusive LMP”: weighted average change $\rho_n^{RT} - \rho_{z(n)}^{DA}$ over all nodes where LMP committed slow units and FBMC did not commit units. “Exclusive FBMC” series computed analogously.
- LMP commits capacity where it is needed. FBMC suffers from suboptimal commitment.

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- **New framework for modelling zonal electricity markets:**
 - Projecting network constraints onto space of exports/imports
 - Free from discretionary parameters (base case, flow approximation, etc.)
- ATCMC and FBMC fail at allocating inter- and intra-zonal transmission capacity
- CWE: **ATCMC and FBMC do not present significant performance differences**
- CWE: **Nodal design outperforms ATCMC and FBMC** by **~600M€/year**

Thank you

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Future extensions

- Application of the developed framework to answer policy questions in European electricity markets via simulation
- Extensions of the proposed framework:
 - Pricing AC power flow constraints implicitly on active power
 - TSO-DSO coordination

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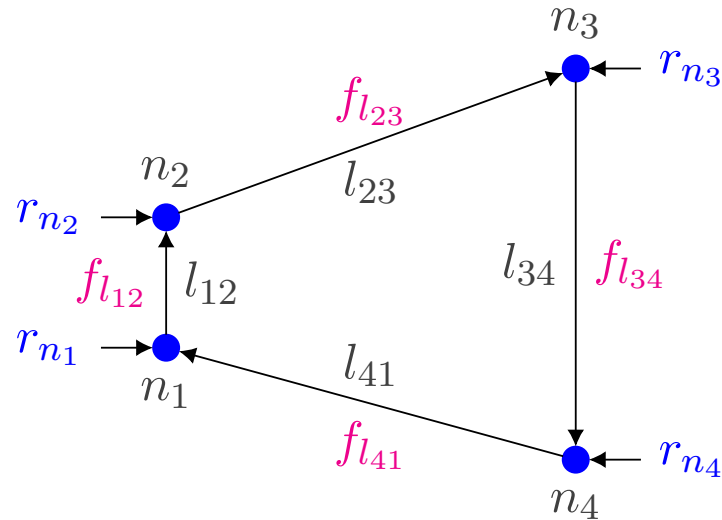
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Transportation networks



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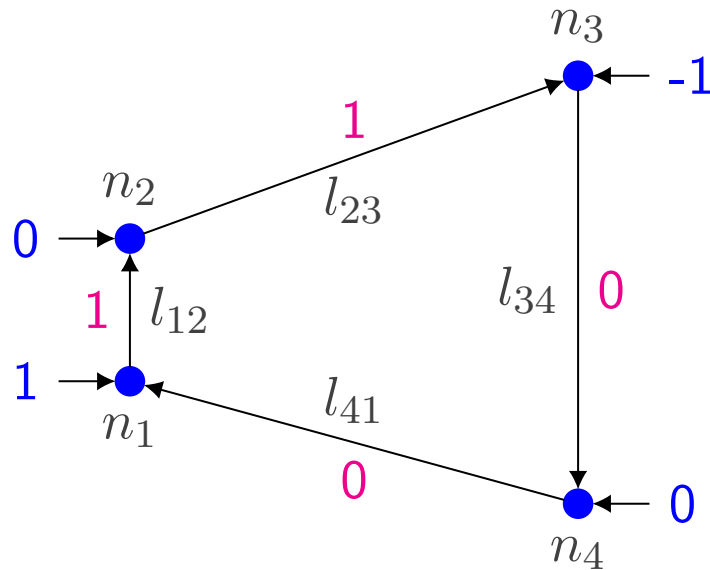
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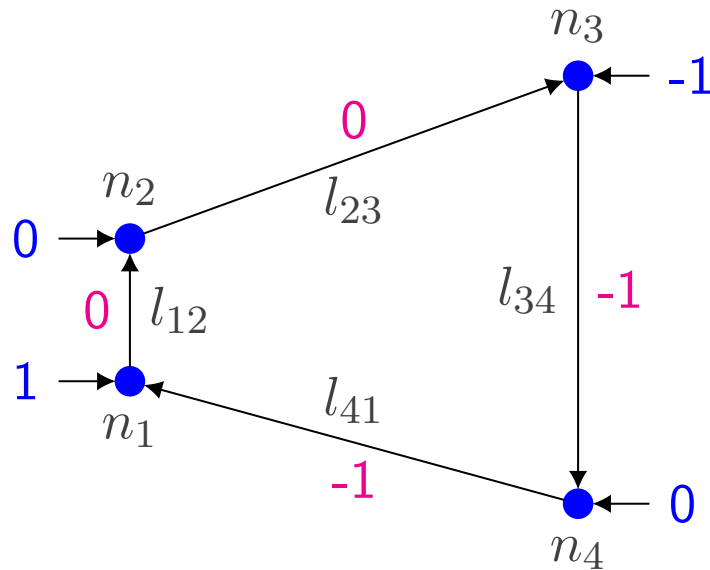
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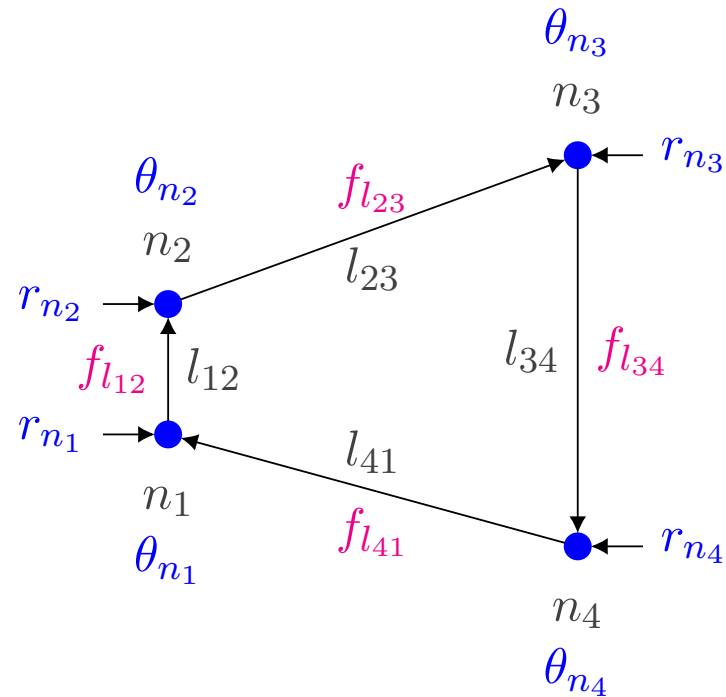
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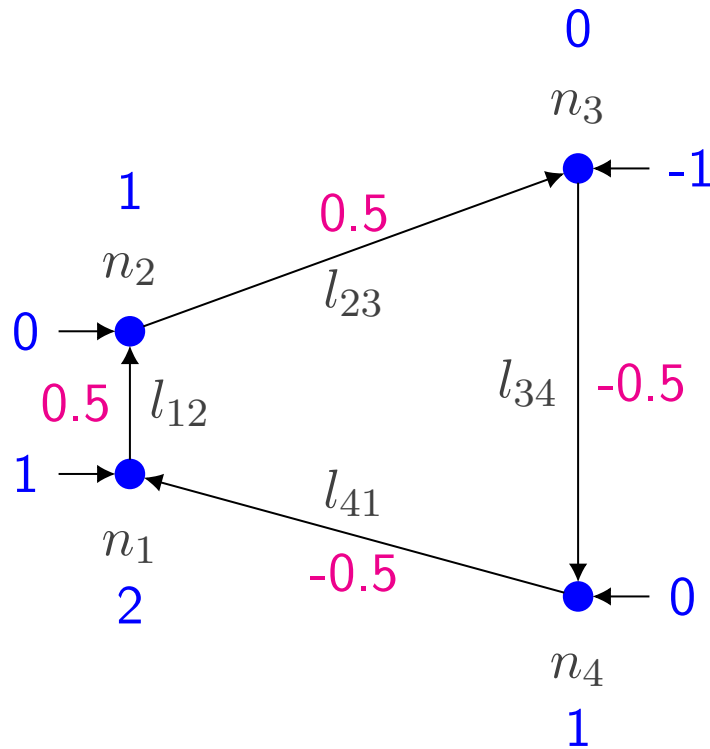
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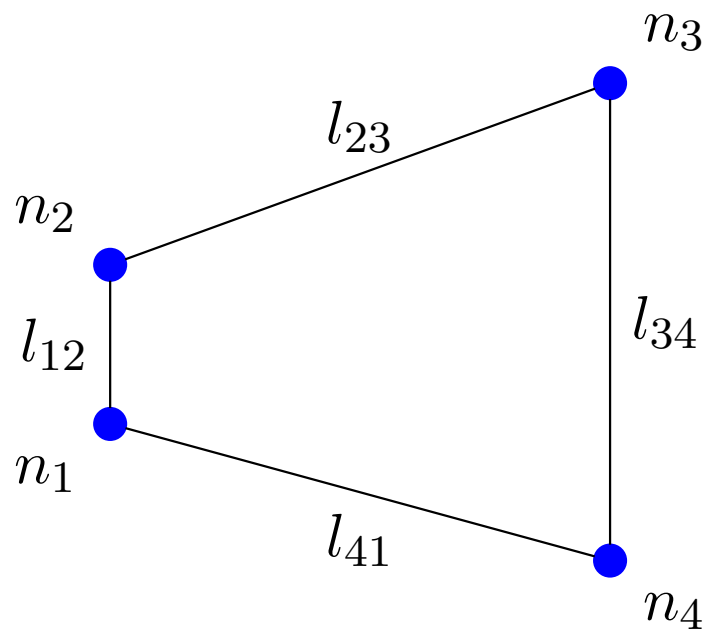
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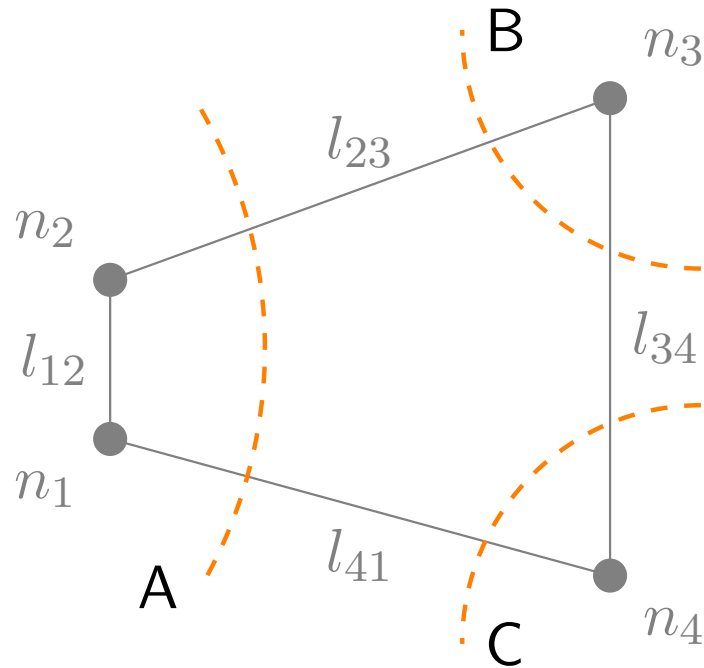
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Nodal markets: trading power over an electrical network



- Participants can **trade freely** when located at the **same node**
- Participants in **different nodes** can trade up to **congestion** of lines
- Congestion: power flow equations, thermal limits of transmission lines, among others (**physics**)

Zonal markets: trading power over an aggregated network



- Participants **trade freely** within each **bidding zone**
- Participants in **different zones** can trade up to certain **export/import limits**
- Limits: **aggregation** of power flow equations and others