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## Beyond Retail Competition... a new electricity world is coming

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## Sharing knowledge at world level: a noble cause



**Power sector enters an interactive digital world...** 

- -- Part I -- Innovations start to disrupt the power sector- -- --
- 1- (Incentive Regulation) + Innovation(s) = RIIO
- 2- The "<u>Coupling</u> Regulation" looking for <u>Sector Integration</u>
- 3- The "<u>Dynamic</u> Regulation" responding to "<u>Prosumer</u>" revolution
- 4- The "<u>3D Dynamic Regulation</u>" pushed by <u>Digital interactions</u> in a multi-level power system
- -- Part II-- The case of flexibility from the demand side -- --
- 1- The 4 types of "<u>Demand Flexibility</u>"
- 2- The 3 levels of usage of "<u>Demand Flexibility</u>"
- You can ask Pr Anoop Singh for an adaptation to India's realities





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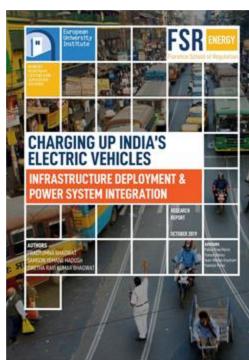
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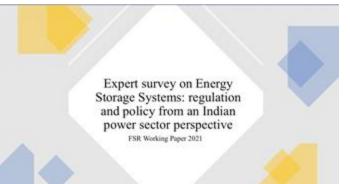




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## 21st Century Novelty 1: <u>Innovation(s)</u>

Incentive Regulation assumed that companies innovate on their own: Getting Opex lowered, Performances increased, to handle risky contracts taken from the Menus, etc.

10 years ago, it became clear that <u>innovation</u> had to accelerate (digitalization as smart grids, smart metering) and had to enter into all parts of incentive regulation. British regulator redefined regulation: >> RIIO >> Regulation as "*Revenues = Incentives + <u>Innovation</u> + Outputs*"

- What's new for regulation?
- Innovation is to face the unknown, to take risks, to do trials & errors. Regulator has to be lenient: it can return to 'cost of service' for testing & running experiences; to grants for undertaking innovation; to increased ROR for Capex uncertainty
- Big novelty = "<u>Sandboxing</u>": where companies learn; the regulator too. With more knowledge, innovation can marry better with the 'classic' incentive regulation

## 21st Century Novelty 1: <u>Innovation(s)</u>

Incentive Tools can adapt to innovation

\*If innovation lowers costs, it can enter Price Cap; Capex too can enter Price Cap: TOTEX can substitute to (Opex Price Cap + RoR for Capex) > future decrease of TOTEX to be shared between company & society \*\*If innovation increases performances that can be measured; Performance Based Regulation <u>Renewables capacity hosted</u> by the grid: performance better than predefined targets = extra reward; worse = punishment \*\*\*If innovation requires strong skills: Menu of Contracts Only people with strong skills will take more rewarding / more risky contract UK offshore sea grid: generators can define & build them if they want; then reselling these sea grid assets to sea grid franchisee by auctioning, before starting normal offshore operation. **X** More innovation to come offshore To come: Danish offshore hub; 10-20 GW energy islands. What regime?

## Novelty 2: "Coupling Regulation(s)" to get <u>Sector</u> <u>Integration</u>

Just seen that "Incentive Regulation + Innovation" can create structural changes like "<u>new modules of regulation</u>" separated from the general regime of regulation (UK: Offshore grids; Denmark: Offshore hubs)

Many other cases of "<u>New</u> regulatory <u>modules</u> / <u>Local</u> regulatory <u>regimes</u>" like:

- Rural microgrids, minigrids to give access to electricity
- Auctions for utility-scale solar parks, or wind farms, with FiT
- Local storage, for grids to balance RES intermittency
- Planning of charging stations, for EVs & El.bikes
- Creation of city gas infrastructures, to decrease local air pollution
- Green Hydrogen industrial valleys

>> All these new modules de-integrate the regulatory frame; create new particular regulatory regimes for particular classes of infrastructure assets or technological systems.

## Novelty 2: "Coupling Regulation(s)" to get <u>Sector</u> <u>Integration</u>

However these new modules can enter the 'general regulatory frame' in a 4 step process

**Step 1-** <u>Rolling out</u> of the new infrastructure, or infant technical system, with its particular set of rules

- **Step 2-** At a <u>maturity point</u>; decision if (Unbundling) & (Nomination of a regulated operator) is needed
- **Step 3-** Definition of a <u>maturity regime</u>: (Definition of a Code of operation of this infrastructure or system)< < Alignment >> (Rules of Market Design; maybe with market operator)
- **Step 4-** This modular maturity regime evolves with <u>successive</u> <u>realignments of the pair {</u> infrastructure operation code) & (rules of market design} to operate smoothly this pair, in coordination of general regime of regulation

"Coupling of all Regulatory Regimes" might end up in a general "Sector Integration": all different energy sectors & vectors get aligned

## Novelty 3 "Dynamic Regulation" to respond to "<u>Prosumer</u> Revolution Spiral"

"Innovation(s)" created "new modules of regulation"... NOW: <u>one single structural change</u> can transform the entire regulation landscape...

Classics of regulation (*Monopoly + Costs of service*) or (*Markets + Incentive regulation*) were both assuming that consumers need access to monopoly grid to get served: a state of dependence

"<u>Prosumer</u>" breaks that by investing: into self-generation, selfconsumption, self-storage, self-management of individual load

Any decision by regulator, or any regulated operator, is followed by *prosumers striking back*: in their behaviour, investments, operation of assets, new decisions to become prosumer, etc.

### Novelty 3 "Dynamic Regulation" to respond to "<u>Prosumer</u> Revolution Spiral"

Regulator & Regulated Operator cannot assume that their own alignments - just seen in Update2- will work as they would like

[[(Code of operation of the infrastructure or technical system)< <
<u>Alignment</u> >> (Rules of Market Design; maybe with market
operator)]]

"<u>Prosumer Revolution Spiral</u>": the whole regulatory regime has to evolve - with successive realignments of its various pairs {infrastructure operation code} & {rules of market design} to respond to actual decisions taken by active prosumers

>> "<u>Dynamic Regulation</u>" = continuously coupling the various "Regulatory Regimes" with new reactions / new decisions taken by Prosumers

## Novelty 4 "Dynamic Regulation" becoming 3D pushed by <u>Multilevel digital</u> interactions

The idea of "<u>dynamic regulation</u>" acknowledges that a new player (the <u>prosumer</u>) has enough incentives & liberty of decision-making to always react to regulator & regulated operators' decisions.

"<u>3D Dynamic Regulation</u>" is the new system we are entering in. The electricity system is incredibly changing, in all its dimensions: it's becoming 3D. ..

From the top to the bottom within its frontiers,

as well as <u>behind</u> or <u>beyond</u> its frontiers (think EVs, interactive buildings, Green H2...)

"<u>3D</u> Dynamic Regulation" = continuously coupling the classical "Regulatory Regimes" with novelties popping anywhere...

## Novelty 4 "Dynamic Regulation" becoming 3D pushed by <u>Multilevel digital</u> interactions

\*Distributed energy resources, \*self-generation & selfconsumption, \*self-storage, \*demand response, \*charging electric vehicles, etc. are managed with decisions taken "<u>beyond</u> electricity regulation" and "<u>behind</u> the meter"...

The classical electricity system was made of "Transmission & Distribution" encapsulating Generation

<u>A new level of electricity system appears today at its "bottom":</u> the individual decisions taken "<u>Behind-the-Meter</u>"

"<u>3D</u> Dynamic Regulation" = the electricity system is become multilevel... not anymore controlled by a single "system operator" & its "central dispatch"...

# Novelty 4 "Dynamic Regulation" becoming 3D pushed by <u>Multilevel digital</u> interactions

Electricity system is not only become "Multilevel"; it is also become "digitally interactive" in all its dimensions

Digitalisation continuously enables <u>new</u> players, permits <u>new</u> products, favours <u>new</u> types of trade arrangements: towards generalized digitalization, with 5G & "Internet of Things"

### New Players

Aggregators, prosumers, energy communities, asset fleet managers, platforms

#### New Products

Realtime green energy, blockchained generator, sharing local storage, "smart" charging EV, flexibility as "V2Grid", automated load management

New Trade arrangements

C2B, C2C (Peer2Peer – Blockchain), two-sided Markets (platforms)

**"3D Dynamic Regulation" in Multilevel digital interactions** 

## Ones still have to align (Operation of Infrastructures & Technical Systems) with (Rules of Market Design) but...

	Infrastructures & Technical Systems Levels				
	TRSM level	<b>DSTRB level</b>	BthM level		
Market					
<b>Designs Rules</b>					
B2B					
B2C					
C2B					
<b>C2C</b>					

### A Multilevel Regulation World

## become Digitally interactive...



#### IF re-arranged as... "Internet of Energy"



## **Conclusions: a lot of challenges for regulation, and regulators**

<:> <u>Towards a "New Regulatory Frame"</u> to favour structural business innovations Innovative Business Models to come <through> "Modular Regulatory Regimes" + Their reciprocal "Couplings"

<:> Towards a "<u>3D Dynamic Regulation"</u> interacting with New Players, New Products, New Trade Arrangements, with growing "<u>Beyond el. Regulation</u> + <u>Behind the Meter</u>" activities



## Part II: Towards flexible energy systems on the demand side: Markets & Regulation

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Handbook on Electricity Markets

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# Flexibility at core of EU decarbonization strategy

- At the core of EU decarbonization strategy is **electrification** with **clean electricity**. This implies 6 times more Green electricity.
- <u>1- Decarbonizing</u> the electricity EU consumes today 2,500 TWh
- +2 <u>Direct electrification</u> of road mobility 3,100 TWh , heating & cooling buildings & households 2,900 TWh, parts of industrial processes 1,000 TWh
- +3 <u>Indirect electrification</u> of maritime & aviation, other parts of industrial processes (via Green Hydrogen & Ammonia, etc.) 2,000 TWh. Competing with Biofuels? Synthetic fuels from gas + CCUS?
- Today's EU gas crisis reminds: **'Flexibility of electricity systems**' is key

## Overview of electricity flexibility <u>seen from</u> <u>consumer side</u>

- First, <u>the supply of flexibility</u> on the consumer side, distinguishing 4 types of consumer flexibility (from demand response to system peaks, to integrating consumption in a transactive process)
- Then, <u>the uses of flexibility</u>, distinguishing 3 levels of flexibility use (¤ at transmission level, ¤ at distribution level, ¤ and ''*Behind-the-Meter*'')

# Consumer Flex (1) Demand response to system peak pricing

- Not new, exists since decades that certain consumers gain by not consuming at peaks
- Tradition in France is '*EJP*'' = <u>Demand response to</u> <u>seasonnal peaks</u>. Mainly professionals do that. But even households: in 2021, 22 'Red Days' at 374 Euro a MWh (retail rate)
- New business for 'Aggregators' = Demand response at all peaks, incl. daily peaks. Made EU legal by Clean Energy Package, but rules (Aggregators vs Suppliers) left national. Leading French: Voltalis. Leading German: Next Kraftwerke (10,000 clients & 9GW in 2020). Business of 'Light Assets'' intermediary & trader

# Consumer Flex (1) Demand response to system peak pricing

• Expansion of electricity consumption via electrification of industrial processes will expand the potential business of demand response; and I have already seen industrials studying what could be the ''right flexibility potential'' to give to their new investments.

# Consumer Flex (2) Managing distributed generation with storage

- Expansion of rooftop PV questions the right size of PV assets vis-à-vis size of self-consumption; plus the lower storage costs expand set of choices for prosumers (1.2m in California)
- Management of distributed generation with storage opens the box of 'price arbitrage': grid tariffs for peak injection or withdrawal; supplier tariff for energy; support schemes for renewables... The prosumer can decide, act & react
- German company Sonnen sold > 60,000 home storages

## Consumer Flex (3) Managing a flexible load being a storage: Electric Vehicles

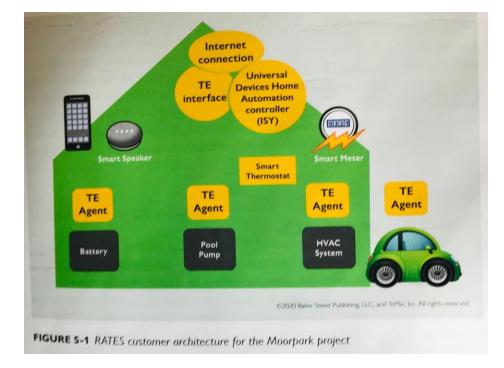
- An EV is both a flexible load (it can charge at different points & different times) and a storage...
- '*Smart Charging*' means making arbitrage for EV charging
- '<u>Vehicle to Grid</u>' (V2G) adds options of injecting electricity into the grid > wider arbitrage perimeter.
- EV owners have to choose being active or passive; incl. for their car to be able to do V2G. But VolksWagen now installs V2G on all its EVs.
- EV owners can also arbitrage charging at home, work, or station
- 15% EU fleet to EV = 40 m cars = > 2 TWh batteries ''On Wheels''

Consumer Flex (4) *Integrating* key consumption devices *into a transactive process* 

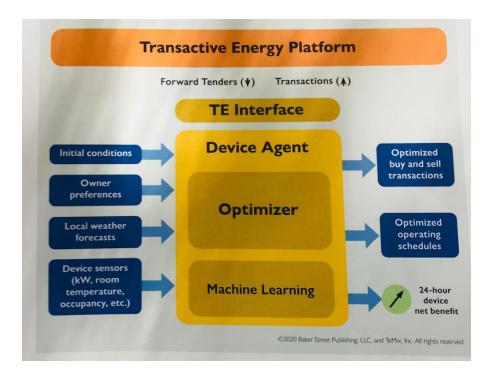
- Not so easy for consumers to evaluate all options & manage well flexibility of home (or shop, or building) consumption
- But it can be automatized: via a proper digitalization of key consumption devices ('sensors' + 'actuators' + 'controller')

• Let's look at cases of *'transactive energy''* in the US Proof of concept *'RATES''* in suburb of Los Angeles, for 3 years Tested at scale in Colorado, *'TESS''*, with 58,000 participants.

## Each key device gets sensors + an actuator



Each device obeys 'owner preferences' + 'machine learning advices' via a *Home Integrating Controller* 



Txs to dedicated Platform the *Home Controller* interacts with the System Operator pricing & the Supplier tariffs



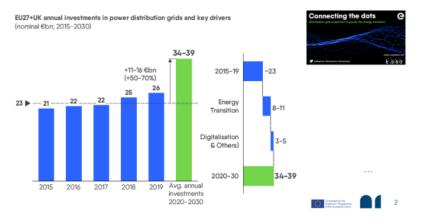
## Flex. Use Level (1) At Transmission level

- Needs of flexibility at transmission level vary from one country to another; in same country from one electricity mix to another
- French Transmission System Operator 'RTE' just released its '2050 Net Zero' study. Central scenario sees electricity consumption in 2050 at +200 TWh (+40%)
- IF 51 GW nuclear in 2050 (today 61 GW) & 135 GW renewables, Flexibility by demand response & V2G is at 15 GW ~ France SoS needs additional 1 GW system battery.
- IF 0 Nuclear & 345 GW renewables, France SoS needs additional 26 GW system battery & 29 GW decarbonized thermal plants.

## Flex. Use Level (2) At Distribution level

 Another story... French TSO RTE expects 135GW to 345GW renewables in France 2050: 110 GW to 285 GW connected to distribution grids

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#### Estimation of future distribution grid costs

## Flex. Use Level (2) At Distribution level



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#### Flexibility as a tool to reduce network investments

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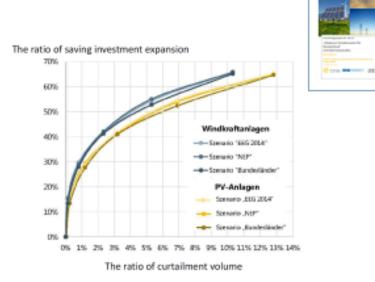
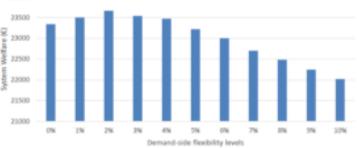


Figure 4: System welfare for different demand-side flexibility levels





### Flex. Use Level (2) Distribution level Flex. Toolbox

### **CEER = EU regulators**

- Network tariffs
- Connection agreements
- Market-based procurement
- Rules-based approach



### E.DSO = EU DSOs

- Tariff solutions
- Connection agreement solutions
- Market-based solutions
- Rule-based solutions
- Technical solutions using grid assets



## But there are 22 options: not agreed upon...

- Use case and voltage level
  - Congestion management and/or voltage control
  - Deferral of network investments
  - Planned maintenance
  - Incidents
- Market integration
  - TSO-DSO coordination
  - Timing and sequence in DAM/IDM
  - Single market vs series of call markets vs continuous market
- Market rules
  - Market objective
  - Integration of network constraints
  - Pricing scheme
  - Baseline approach

- Product definition
  - Tailored vs generic products
  - Fixed vs open attributes
  - Short vs long-term products
  - Active vs reactive power
- Roles and responsibilities
  - Market operator role
  - Market clearing role
  - Meter data operator role
  - (independent) aggregators
- Financial vs reputation vs regulatory incentives
- Calculation of cost and benefits flexibility markets
- Customer engagement

## But EU Transm. & Distrib. Roadmap in June



Roadmap on the Evolution of the Regulatory Framework for Distributed Flexibility

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June 2021 EU Roadmap Transmission – Distribution

"A Regulatory Framework for Distributed Flexibility"

With 24 recommendations, in 4 areas

but... > 1/3 disagreements

**¤ Market Access & Rules for Aggregation** 5
Topics 100% agreement **¤ Measurement, Validation & Settlement** 5
Topics 100% agreement

Product Design & Procurement 5 Topics 100% disagreement
 Market Processes & Transmission –
 Distribution coordination
 10 topics 40% disagreement

## Flex. Use Level (3) Behind-the-Meter

- Aggregators & retailers play in the wholesale market.
   Retailers buy wholesale & fraction it for the consumers.
   Aggregators buy at consumers & repack at a wholesale size.
- Many other actions stay at the consumption level: <u>behind the</u> <u>meter of the distribution grid</u>. As: decentralized generation, decentralized storage, management of EV charging & V2G, etc.
- Here consumption flexibility can be <u>directly integrated with</u> <u>operation</u> of decentralized generation & decentralized storage. It is the 3d level of flexibility: the <u>Behind-the-Meter</u> <u>flexibility</u>.

## Flex. Use Level (3) Behind-the-Meter

- Prosumers & Prosumagers can prefer to get the integration of their assets & consumption from an 'asset light' professional
- <u>UK supplier Octopus</u> does it for owners of a Tesla + Powerwall storage + RoofPV, guaranteeing the smallest price for all complementary energy supply
- <u>Sonnen in Germany</u> does something similar with the batteries it sells, offering an "Energy Community" to their owners. Highest Sonnen battery "*Econlix*" (10 kWh) also offered to control the consumption devices at home.
- <u>Ausgrid & Reposit Power, in Australia</u>, guarantee 5 years of free energy supply to all households investing into 6.6kW PV + 11.8kWh storage monitored & managed by Reposit Power 'home controller'

## Flex. Use Level (3) Behind-the-Meter

- The EU legal definition of *'Energy Communities''* (in "Clean Energy Package") might open the way to collective actions, independent of market-based suppliers' undertaking.
- See coming pioneering community "Solar" in city of Allensbach (Baden-Wurtemberg) [*Innovation Award 2021* by RGI]
- Empowerment of prosumers & prosumagers can also give rise to "*Peer-to-Peer*" sharing of PV, storage, EV charging in a "*sharing economy*" scheme. *Digital Platforms* can play there a big role to simplify trade & transactions.

## Conclusions

- 1¤ Wider electrification of EU energy systems will increase the role of decentralized resources, be they generation or storage, and the value of a deeper digitalisation of consumption devices, *Heat Pumps* or EVs. *Internet of Things* will permit billions of devices to emit, receive, act and interact.
- 2¤ Proper regulatory frame to reach the full potential of this wave is not yet defined. But regulators, grid operators, utilities, independent businesses, prosumers, communiites, EV owners are already thinking & testing. For the success of EU 2030 decarbonisation targets, one needs this EU Big Bang to succeed.

## Many thanks to you all... If any wish list...

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