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Flow-Based Market-Coupling in EMPS

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Presentation overview

1. FBMC in EMPS

- Introduction of Flow-Based Market-Coupling
- Overview
- Method
- New input and results

2. FBMC in LtmApi

Introduction - FBMC

- New capacity calculation method (CCM) for the day-ahead market - live in october 24
 - Replaced the Net Transmission Capacity (NTC) method
- Why?
 - More sophisticated method than the NTC
 - Better utilization of the grid
 - Increases the system's social welfare
 - Provides transparency of grid info
- How?
 - Physical limits in the grid
 - Based on available margin on Critical Network Elements (CNE) and Power Transfer Distribution Factors (PTDF) for the CNEs in relevant Bidding Zones
 - Describes how the change in Net Position of a bidding zone influence the flow on the CNEs

History - FBMC in EMPS

- More grid information available to producer
- **Vannfly 2020-2023:**
 - Knowledge building research project at SINTEF Energy
 - Main delivery: **prototype FBMC functionality in EMPS**
- Operationalisation of FBMC 2024
 - Main delivery: **official FBMC functionality in EMPS**

Overview - FBMC in EMPS

- EMPS simulation
- Released in LTM version 10.9
- Usage requirements:
- *Licenced functionality*
- *EMPS input file*



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Method: FBMC in EMPS

Objective: Minimise costs

Subject to:

$$\Sigma_{BZ}(\text{Net position}) = 0$$

NTC or FB constraints

- NTC constraints
 - Transmission corridors constrained by capacity limits
- *Economic power flow*
- FB constraints
 - CNEs constrained by RAM
 - Change in NP is described by PTDFs
- *Physical power flow*

Net position = sum of import/export in Bidding Zone

Consequence of new method

- FB constraints:
 - Change in structure requires building and solving a general *LP-problem*
- Solving general LP-problems is computationally demanding
- Additional EMPS results

New data input

- FB parameters
 - PTDFs for all Bidding Zones (Flow distribution)
 - RAM for all CNEs (Flow constraint)
- Input can be provided by JAO publication tool*:
 - Data available on .json or .csv format
 - Hourly resolution

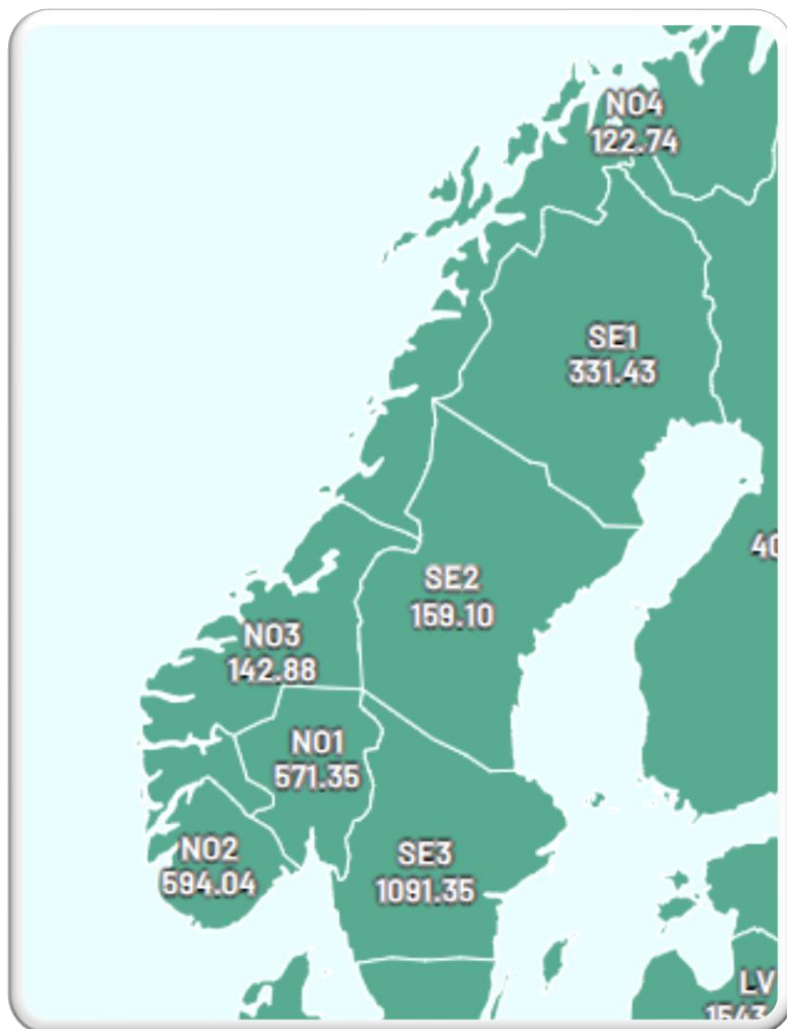
*<https://publicationtool.jao.eu/nordic/>



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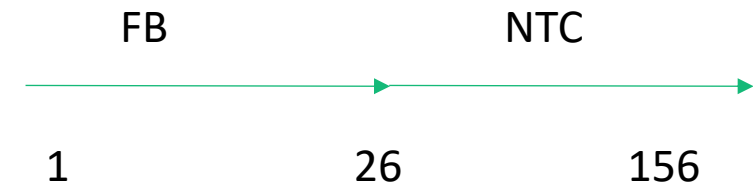
AC grid, Bidding Zones and EMPS price areas



FBMC functionality options

1. Simulation speed up:

1. Parallell processing
2. Flexible use of FB and NTC constraints
 - FB constraints activated/deactivated for a defined periods
3. Solver options: CPLEX and Coin



2. Scenario dependent FB-parameters

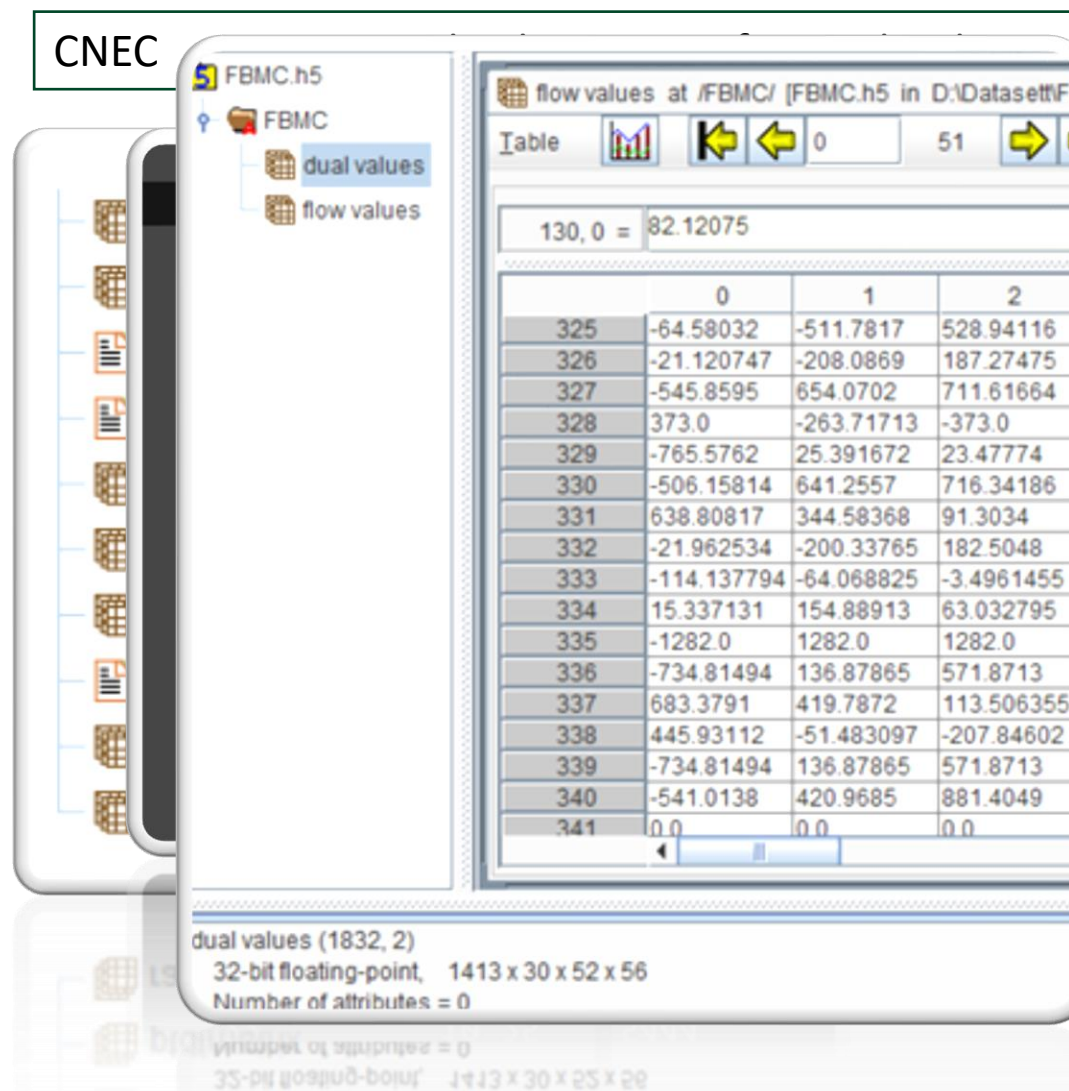


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Input and output

- Input:
 - ptdf_constraints.h5
- Output:
 - fbmc_stats.txt
 - fbmc.h5



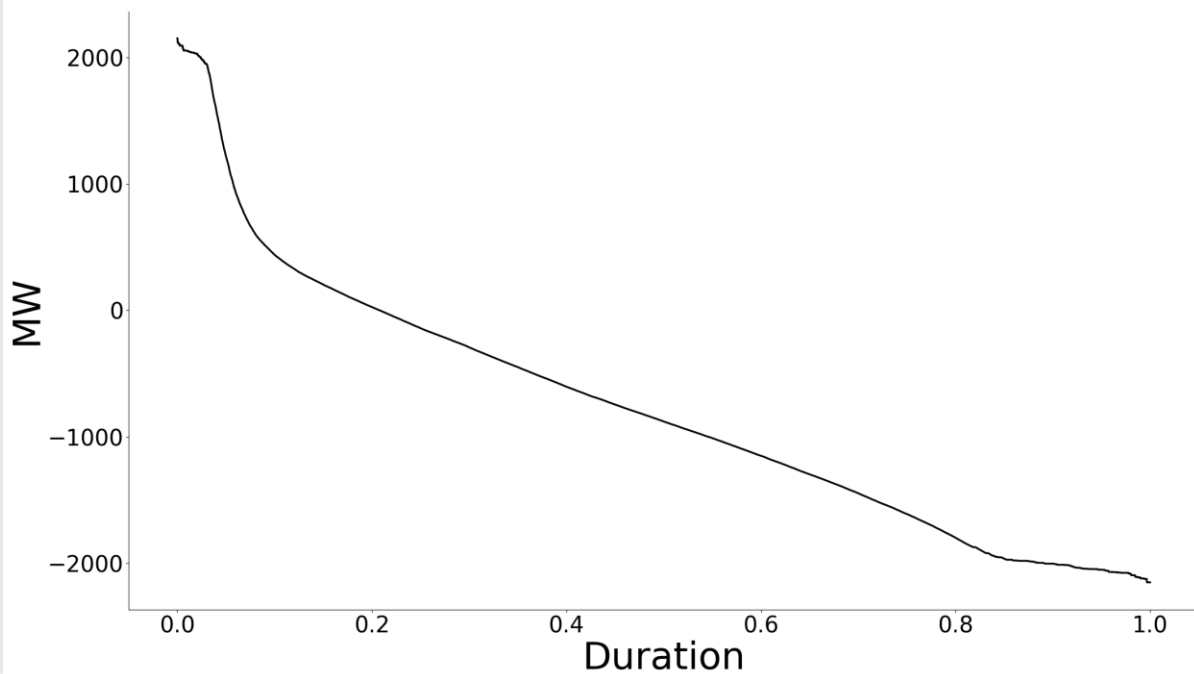


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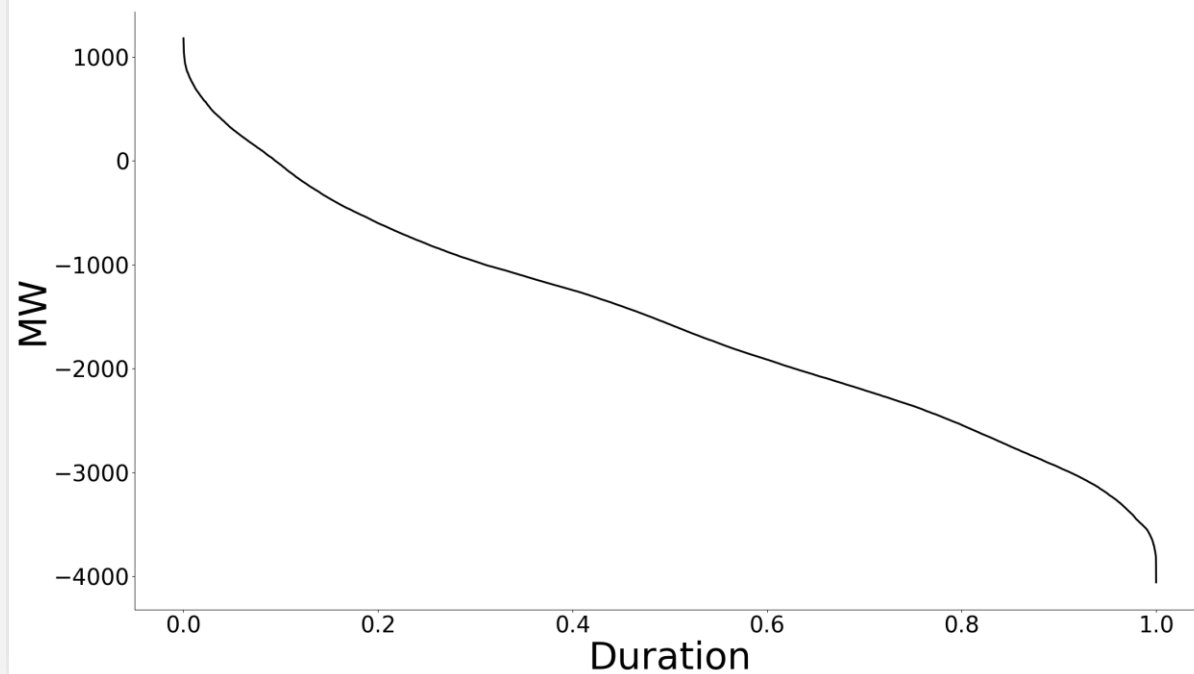
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Example new results – physical flow on CNE(C)

NO1 -> SE3 cne=354



NO1 -> NO5 cne=15



Related projects - FBMC

- Småstein – FB-parameters calculator based on EMPS results and open grid information
 - Input to EMPS
- NordenStein – project proposal

Summary

- FBMC functionality is available in EMPS
- Requires new input data
- Produces new results
- Increased simulation time (dependent on LP-solver, parallel processing, FB activation period, degree of details in dataset, etc...)

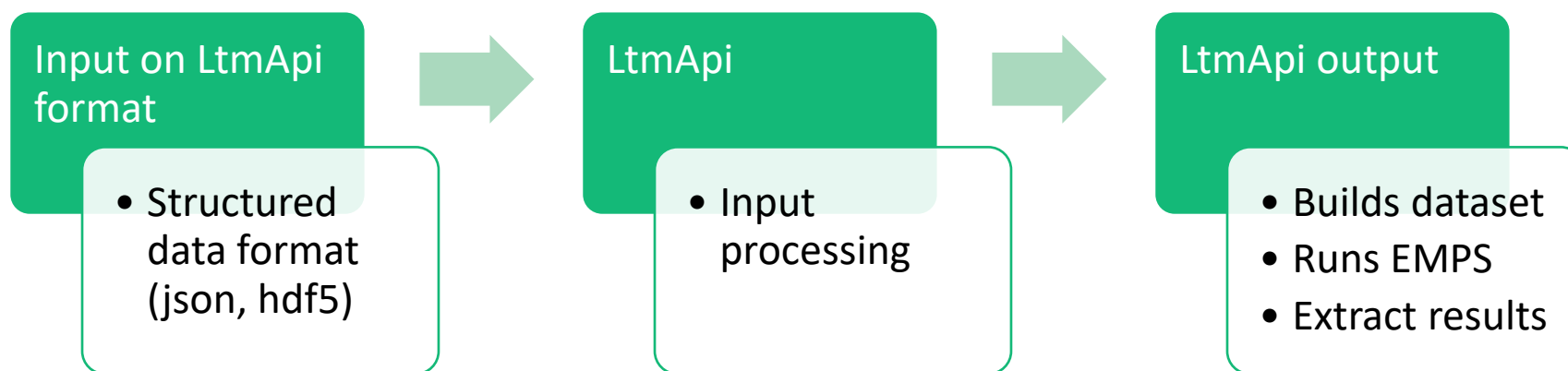


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FBMC in the LtmApi

- LtmApi allows for building, running and extracting results using python





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EMPS input

Price
Areas

Hydro power

Market description

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Busbars

Reservoirs

Hydro
plants

Aggregated
hydro
power

...

Market
steps

Loads

....

....

Api objects



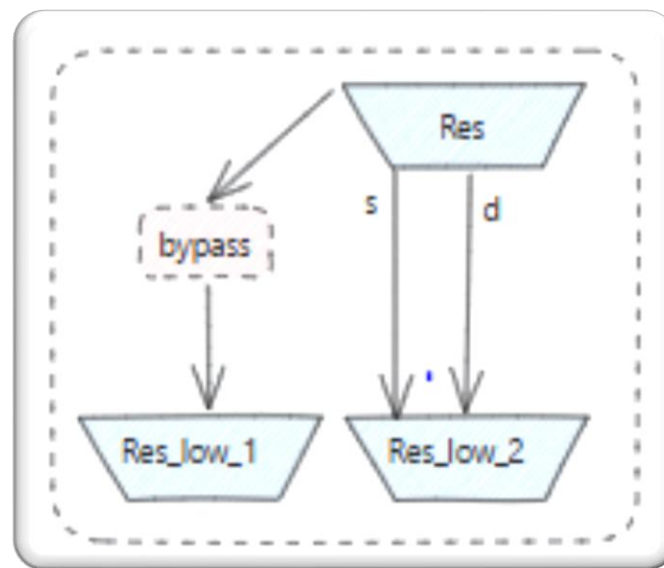
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LtmApi - input

- LtmApiModel description on structure data format (json)
 - Objects (Plants, Reservoirs, Batteries, DC-lines, Market_steps, Loads, Bidding Zones etc.)

```
{
  "reservoirs": [
    {"name": "UpperReservoir", "..."},
    {"name": "LowerReservoir1", "..."},
    {"name": "LowerReservoir2", "..."}
  ],
  "plants": [
    {"name": "HydroPlant1", "..."}
  ],
  "bypasses": [
    {"name": "Bypass1", "..."}
  ],
  "spills": [
    {"name": "Spill1", "..."}
  ]
}
```





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FBMC in LtmApi – additional input

Api objects

Bidding Zones

```
{
  "#comment": "tev and battery",
  "name": "N2",
  "is_fbmc": true
},
{
  "#comment": "otra",
  "name": "N3",
  "is_fbmc": true
},
{
  "#comment": "HVDC numedal",
  "name": "N1_hvdc",
  "is_fbmc": true
},
{
  "#comment": "HVDC tev",
  "name": "N2_hvdc",
  "is_fbmc": true
},
{
  "#comment": "HVDC stov",
  "name": "N3_hvdc",
  "is_fbmc": true
}
```

CNEs

```
{
  "name": "N1-N2",
  "cnecName": "Test1",
  "biddingZoneFrom": "N1",
  "biddingZoneTo": "N2",
  "active": {
    "name": "",
    "timestamps": [
      "2025-02-13T00:00:00Z"
    ],
    "scenarios": [
      [
        1
      ]
    ]
  },
  "ram": {
    "name": "",
    "timestamps": [
      "2025-02-13T00:00:00Z"
    ]
  }
}
```

- *API can build CNE objects from JAO input!*

Summary 2

- LtmApi for FBMC functionality is available
 - JAO API format support (json)
 - LtmApi FBMC input objects (Bidding Zones and CNEs)
- LtmApi extraction of FBMC output – *still in progress*
 - Physical flow on CNEs
 - Results summary



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Sintef dataset - 2030

FBMC input fra
uke 1 2023

57 areas

- 11 NO, 4 SE, 2 DK, FI
1, + UK and northern
Europe

~1200 hydro
modules

3 hour time
resolution

52 weeks

30 scenarios

AC-grid:
NO,SE,DK2,FI

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