

# Learning to Run a Power Network Delft 2023

27 September 2023

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# L2RPN **D**elft

# 2023

Organized by Delft-AI-Energy Lab

# PowerWeb L2RPN Session

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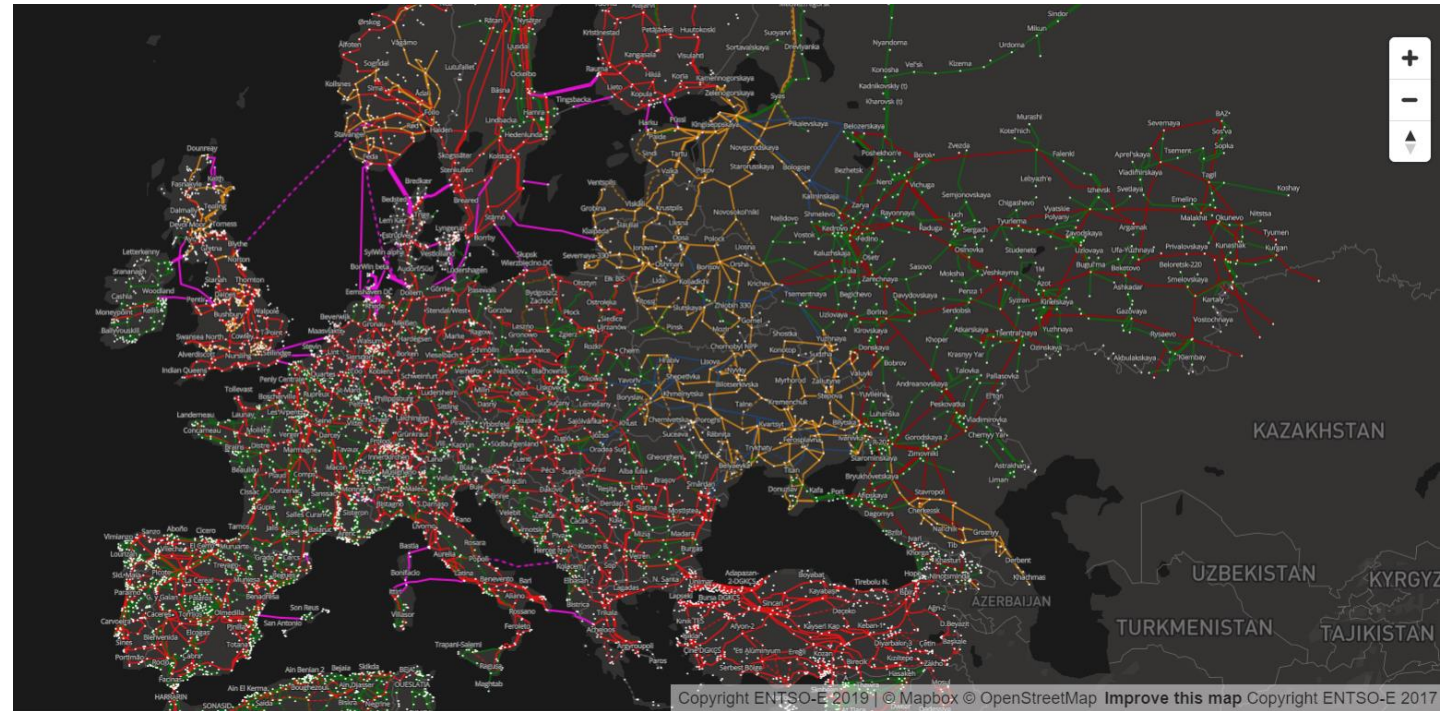
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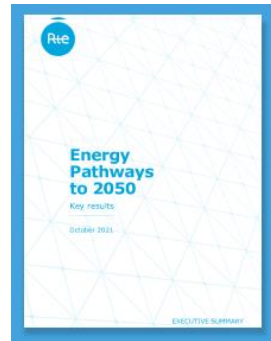
# Energy Transition



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2020 ~ 10% solar+wind



## NARRATIF

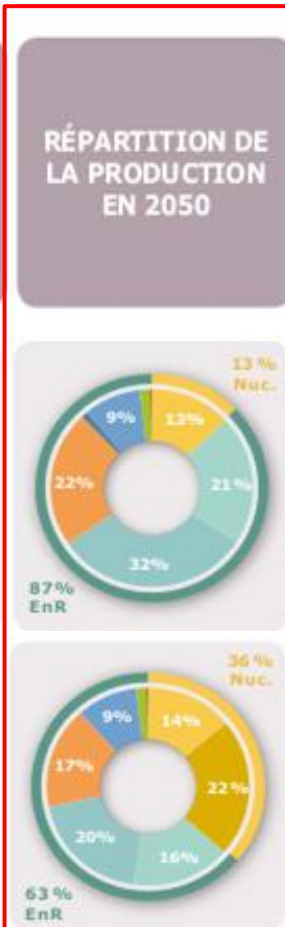
**M23**  
EnR, grands parcs

Développement très important de toutes les filières renouvelables, porté notamment par l'installation de grands parcs éoliens sur terre et en mer. Logique d'optimisation économique et ciblage sur les technologies et les zones bénéficiant des meilleurs rendements et permettant des économies d'échelle.

**N2**  
EnR + nouveau nucléaire 2

Lancement d'un programme plus rapide de construction de nouveaux réacteurs (une paire tous les 3 ans) à partir de 2035 avec montée en charge progressive. Le développement des énergies renouvelables se poursuit mais moins rapidement que dans les scénarios N1 et M.

2050 > 50% solar + wind

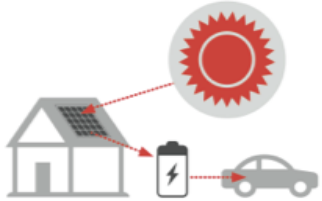



## CAPACITÉS INSTALLÉES EN 2050 (EN GW)\*


Solaire	Éolien terrestre	Éolien en mer	Nucléaire historique	Nouveau nucléaire	BOUQUET DE FLEXIBILITÉS EN 2050
~ 125 GW (soit x12)	~ 72 GW (soit x4)	~ 60 GW	16 GW	/	15 GW 1,7 GW (1,1 MVE) 20 GW 13 GW
~ 90 GW (soit x8,5)	~ 52 GW (soit x2,9)	~ 36 GW	16 GW	23 GW (soit 14 EPR)	15 GW 1,7 GW (1,1 MVE) 5 GW 2 GW

# Operational Complexity

New actors & scales



Network Security Cooperation Organisms




Source: ENTSO-E 2014 Annual Report




Operators will need to get assisted !


Evolving grid




AC + DC



No New Lines

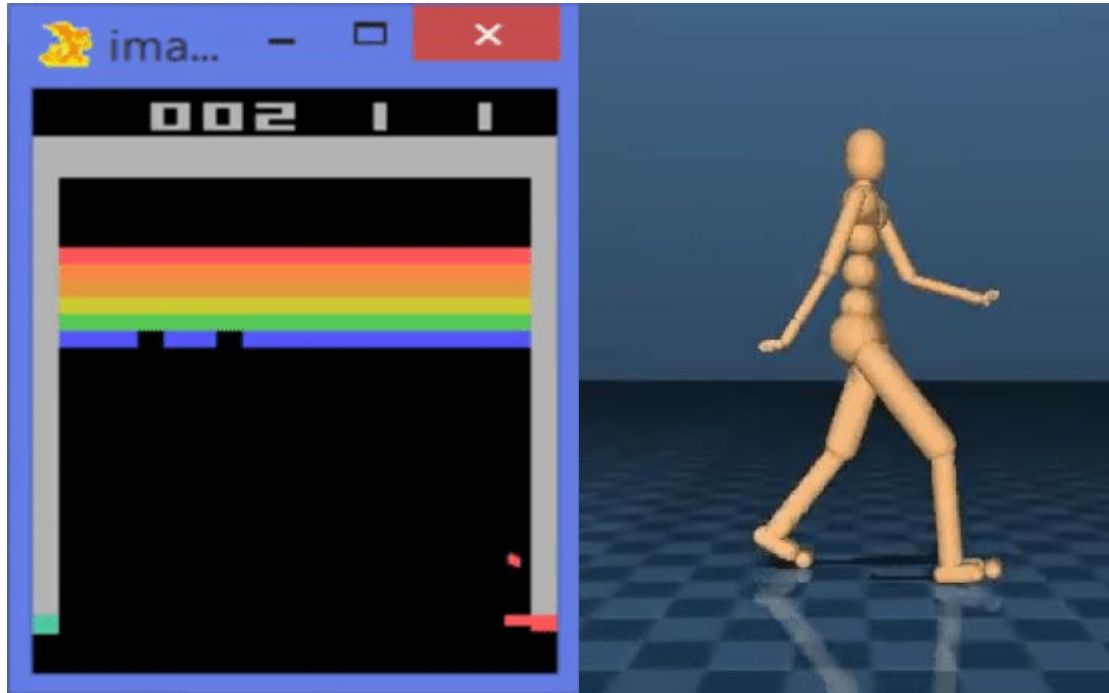


Digitalisation



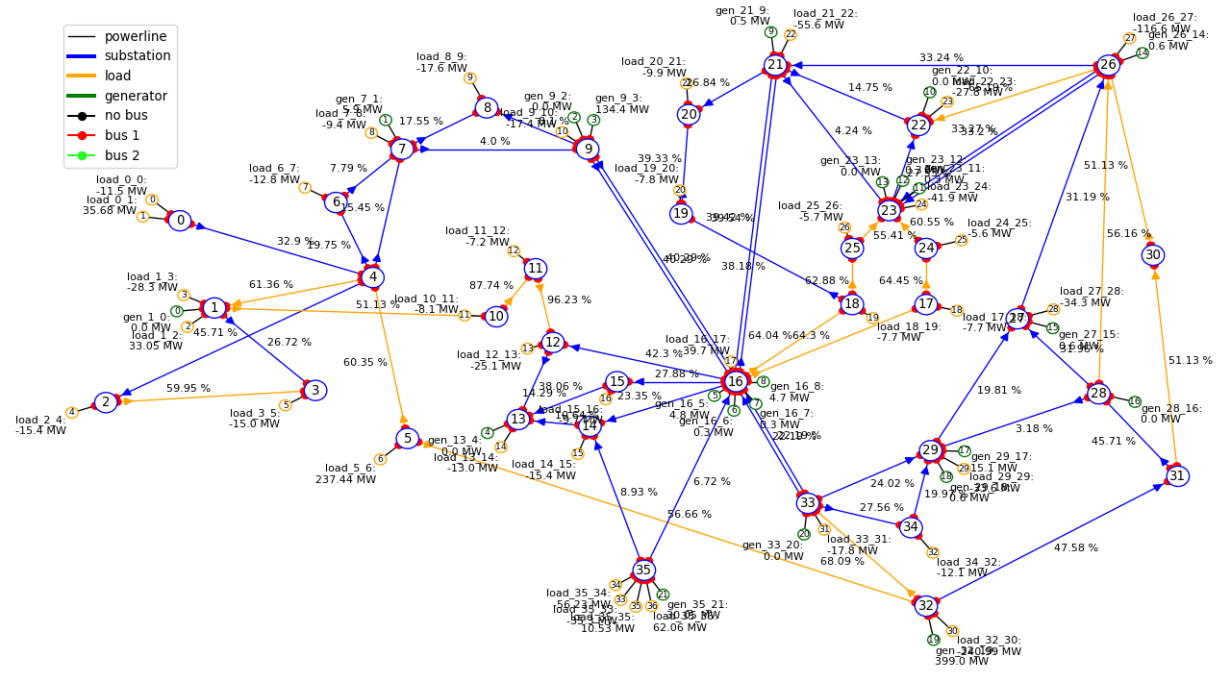
Automates distribués

# Artificial Intelligence (AI)



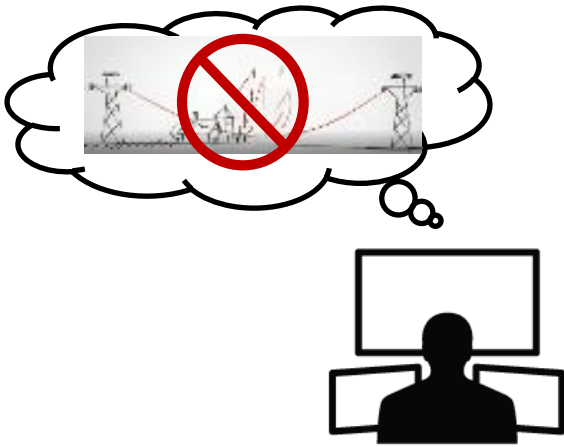
2013

2017



Soon?

# Develop an AI-based Assistant for human operators



**Line Overload to  
redispatch urgently**

**Hypervision** Supervision ✕

**Notifications**

**Risque sur aléa N-1 sur la ligne** Sureté ⚠

**62\_58\_180**

Lignes impactées ['48\_49\_135', '48\_50\_136', '55\_56\_146', '49\_56\_147', '55\_57\_148', '50\_57\_149', '58\_59\_155', '58\_60\_156'], charge max 205.2%

**Surcharge sur ligne 54\_58\_154** Sureté ⚠

Attention la ligne 54\_58\_154 est en surcharge de 100.8%

**Risque sur aléa N-1 sur la ligne** Sureté ⚠

**48\_53\_141**

Lignes impactées ['55\_56\_146', '49\_56\_147', '55\_57\_148', '50\_57\_149'], charge max 101.6%

**Risque sur aléa N-1 sur la ligne** Sureté ⚠

**48\_50\_136**

Lignes impactées ['48\_49\_135', '55\_56\_146', '49\_56\_147', '55\_57\_148', '54\_58\_154'], charge max

**Contexte**

Flux

Tension

Parade

**Assistance à l'opérateur**

**Parades**

Parade topologique : Prise de schéma au poste 16  
Passage à 2 noeuds LTTD: 15min Appliquer Parade

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Parade topologique : Prise de schéma au poste 12  
Ouverture départ vers poste 11  
LTTD: 10min Appliquer Parade

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Parade injection : Effacement de 30% de l'éolien au poste 16  
Production à la baisse LTTD: 15min Appliquer Parade

**Make trusted remedial  
action recommendations**

**Timeline**

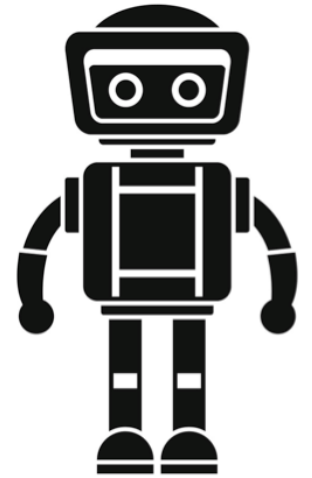
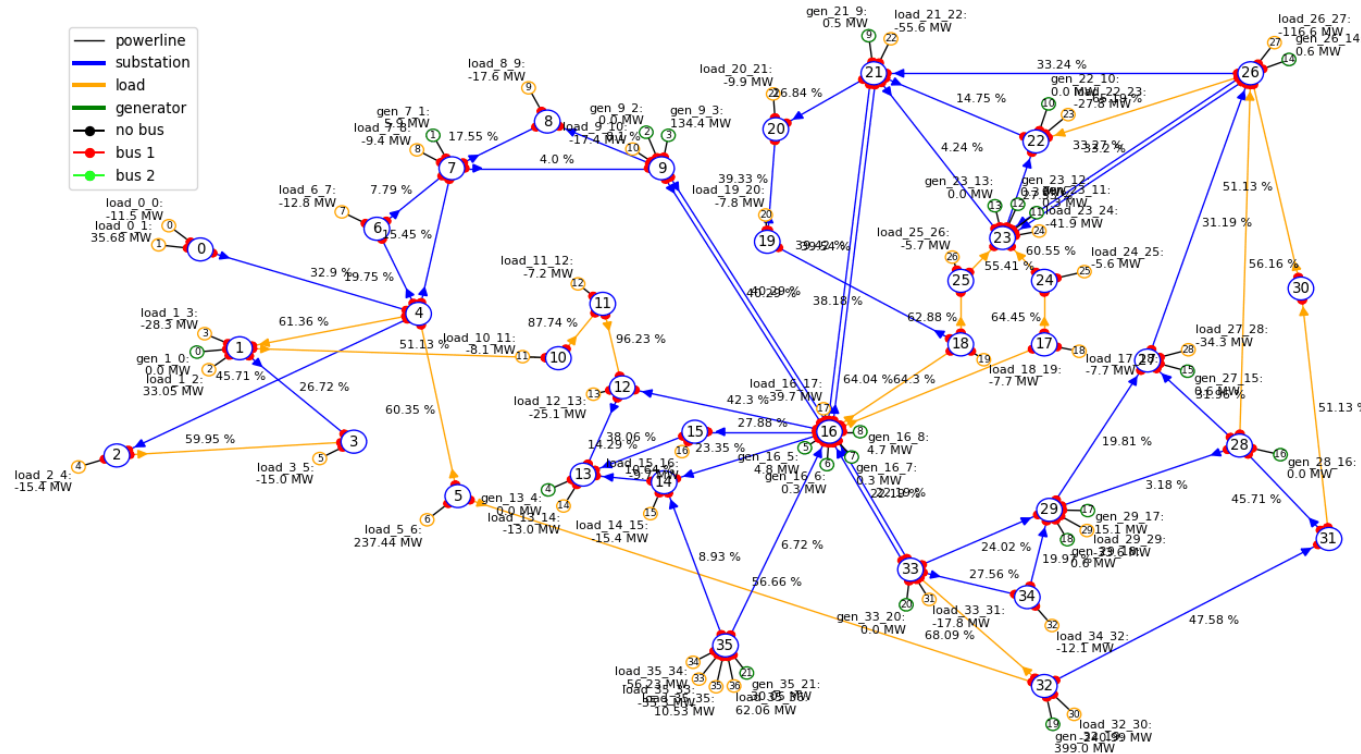
Real Time Day 7 Days Week Month Year 📌

^ Hide Timeline

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# Learning to Run a Power Network (L2RPN) Competition



**Test the potential of AI** to robustly operate a power grid in real-time given operational constraints.

# Learning to Run a Power Network (L2RPN) Competition

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## L2RPN competition series

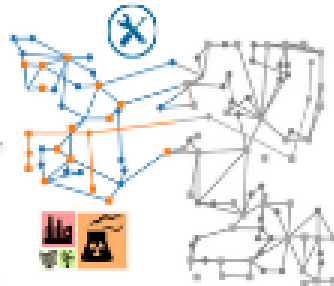
### Feasibility challenges

IJCNN 2019



Small Grid,  
no events,  
Winter month,  
only topology

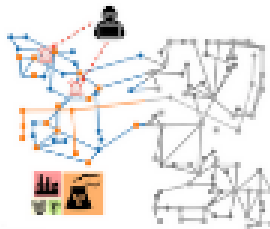
WCCI 2020



Medium Grid, maintenance,  
all year long, only topology

Robustness

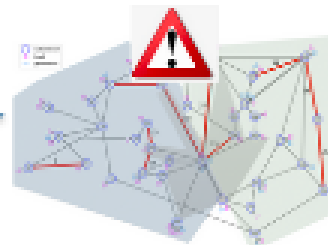
NeurIPS 2020



Medium Grid, adversarial attacks,  
Topology & redispatching actions

Trust

ICAPS 2021

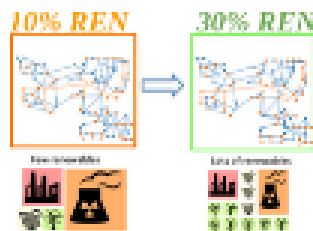


Ability to send timely alert  
in risk of failure

For AI Startup  
...2023...



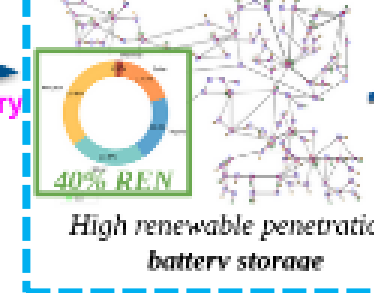
Adaptability



Battery

Large Grid, Multi Energy Mixes,  
Topology & redispatching actions

WCCI 2022



High renewable penetration,  
battery storage

remake



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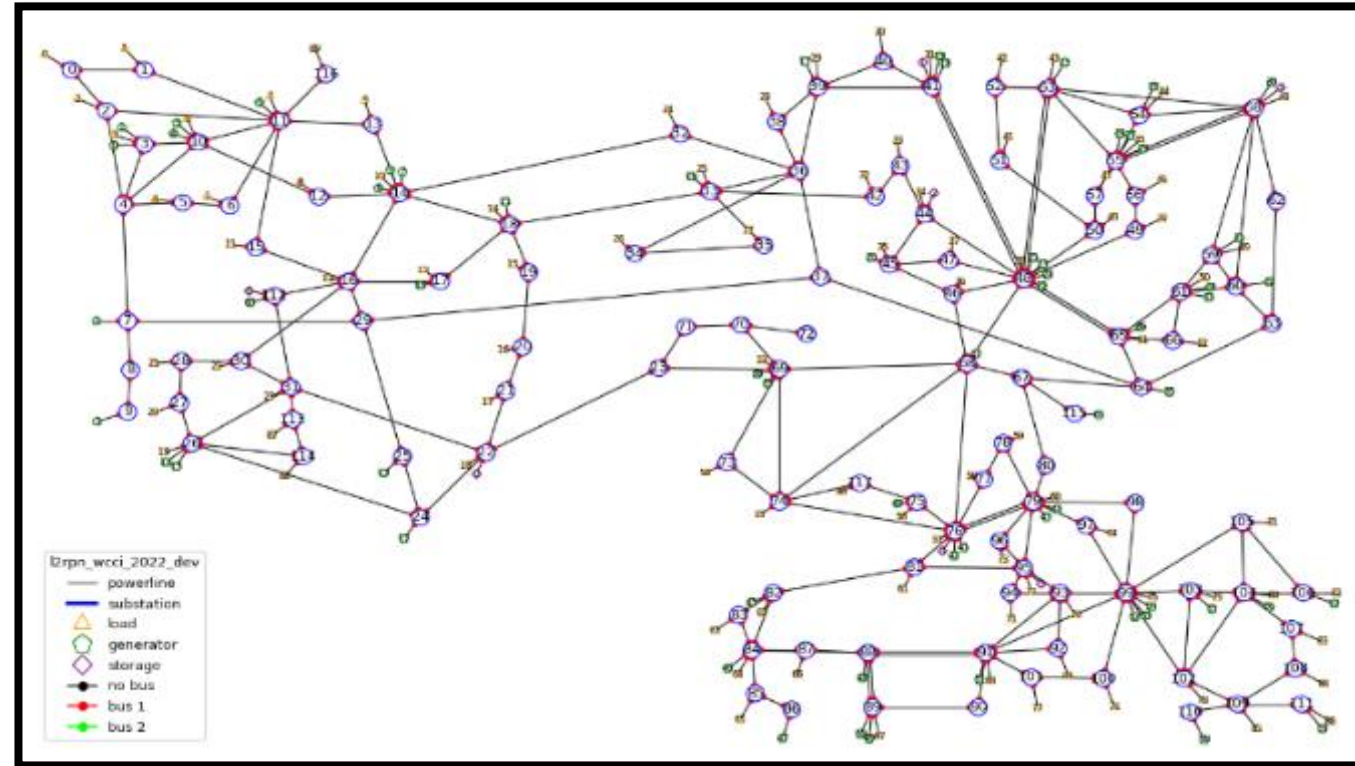
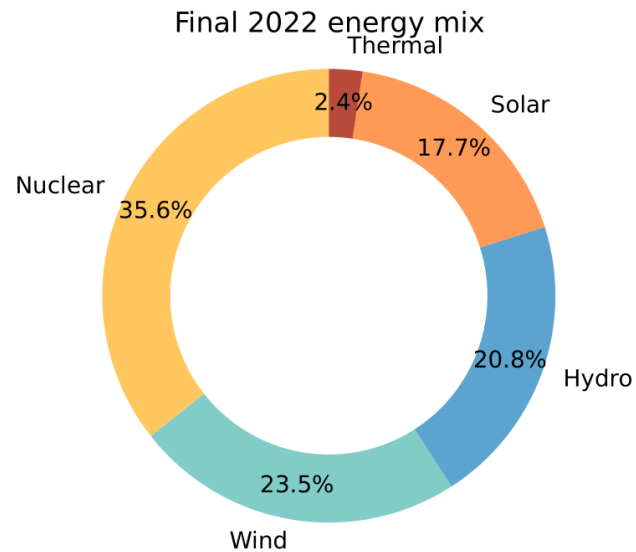
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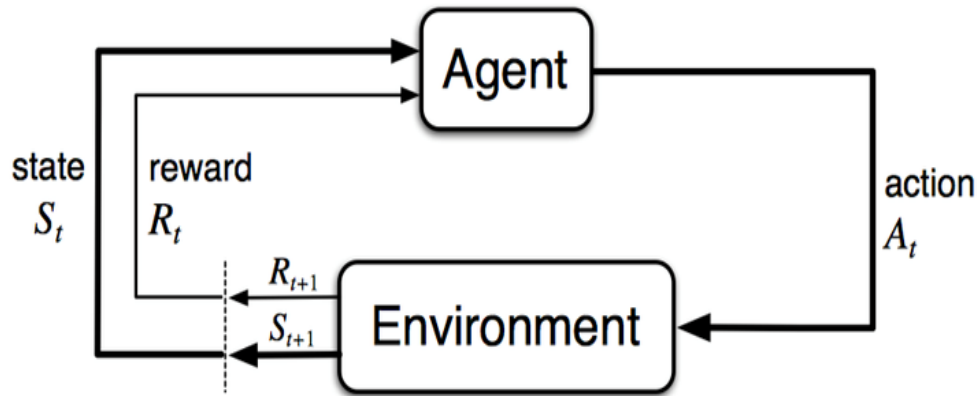
# L2RPN Delft 2023 Environment

- IEEE 118-bus system.
- Observation space: more than 4,000
- Action space: more than 70,000



“l2rpn\_wcci\_2022” environment

# Modeling of real-time operation decision making



- State:** flows, generations, demands, grid topology, etc
- Action:** re-dispatch or topology change
- Reward/cost function:** number of overflowed lines, cost, ... **Participant design choice**
- Score:** scaled to 100.

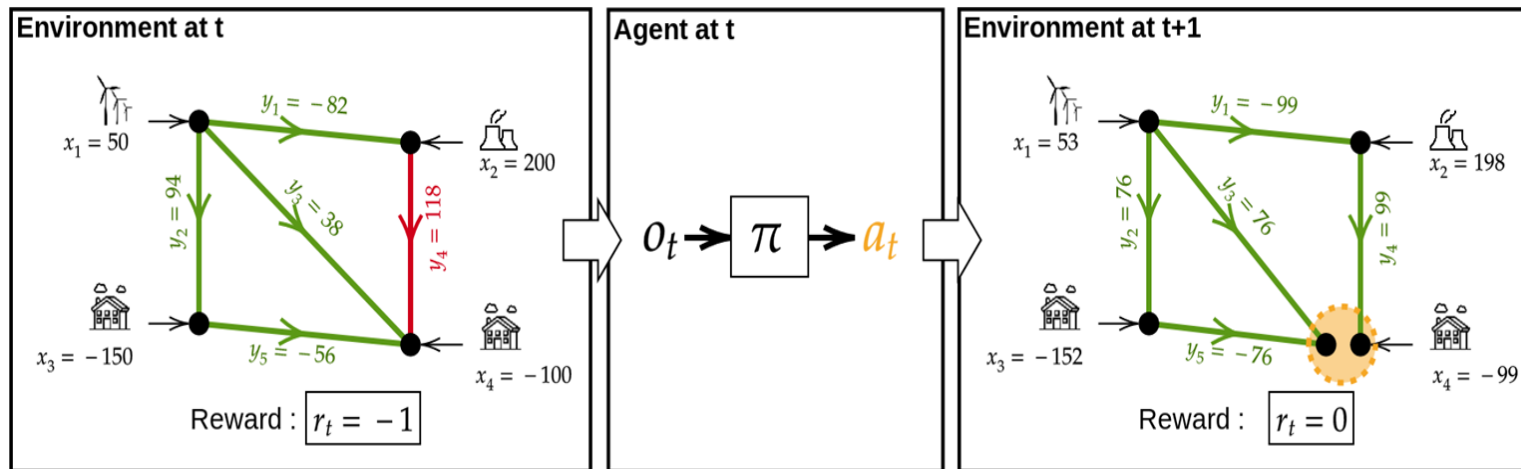


Fig. 2 - Step-by-step evolution of the RL environment

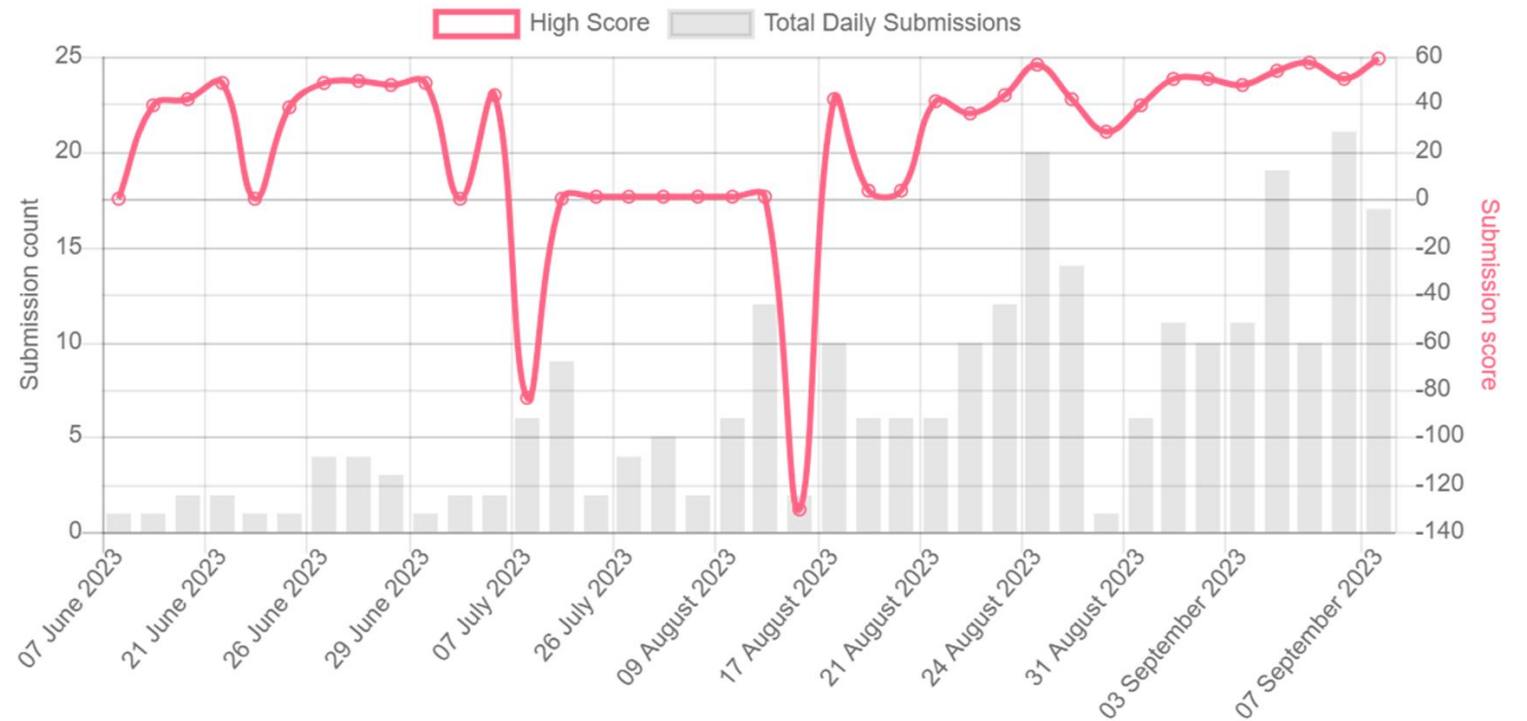


# L2RPN Delft 2023

- 90 registrations from around the world.
- 12 teams.
- 410 submissions.



[codalab.lisn.upsaclay.fr/competitions/12420](https://codalab.lisn.upsaclay.fr/competitions/12420)



## Winner teams!

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: €1500
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place: €1000
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place: €500



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Team: Hybrid Agent

- Members:
  - Anandsingh Chauhan
  - Dr. Mayank Baranwal
- Score: 42.44



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Team: ACT SMART

- Members:
  - Pusen Dong
  - Tianchen Zhu
  - Chang Liu
  - Yue Qiu
  - Haoyi Zhou
  - Yingying Zhao
  
- Score: 54.44 and 52.01



# 1<sup>st</sup> Team: BYZ-UCSC

- Members:
  - Shourya Bose
  - Qiuling Yang
  - Yu Zhang
- Score: 58.98



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# Zoom meeting



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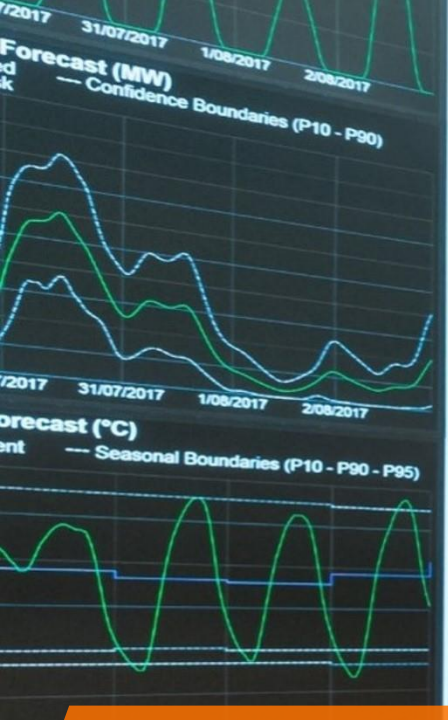




# From L2RPN to the real grid

Challenges we face as a TSO

27.09.2023 | Christian Merz



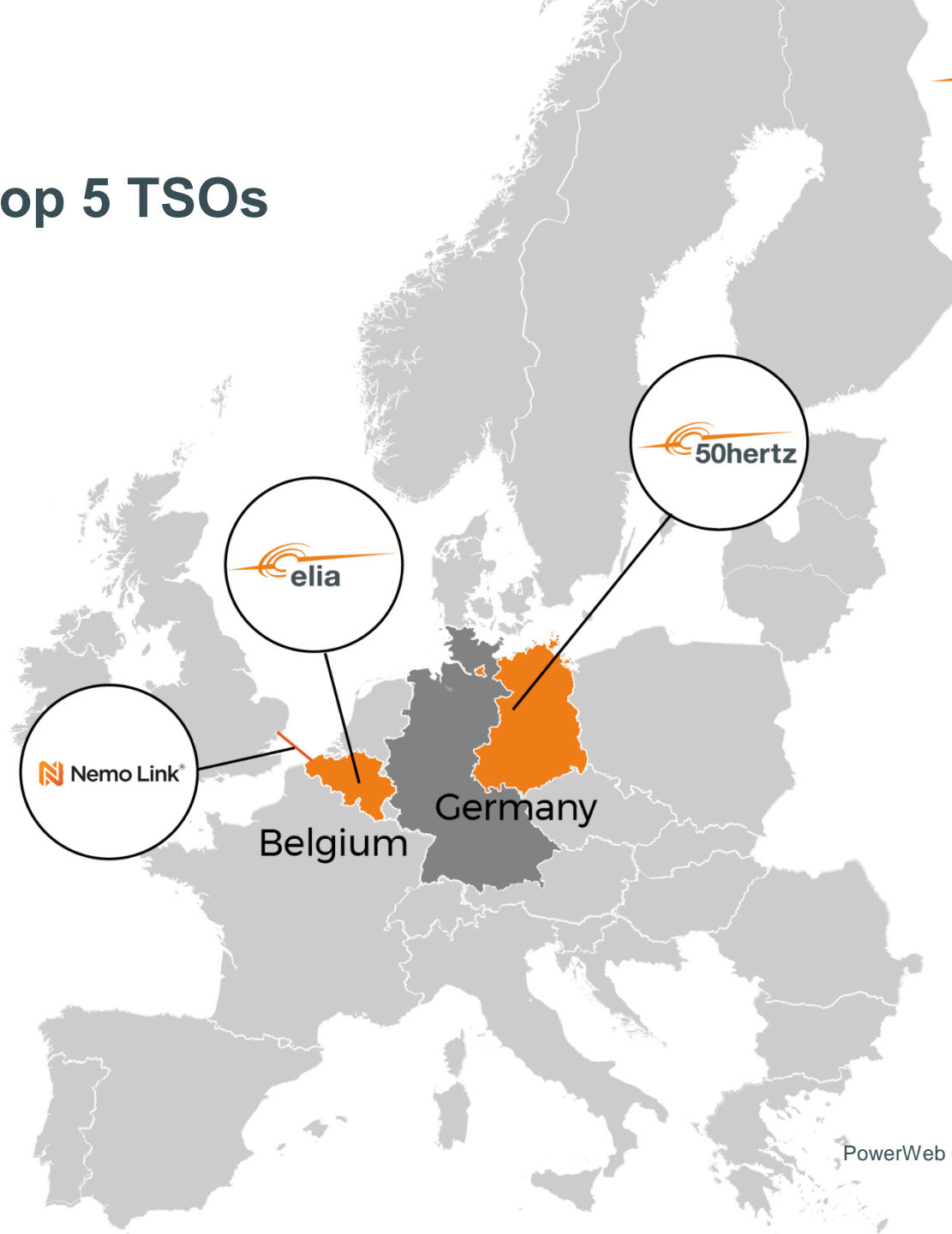
# Agenda

1. Why do we need to optimize for grid topology?
2. Our approach
3. The challenges
4. Next steps

# Elia Group: one of Europe's top 5 TSOs

Elia Group is active in electricity transmission.  
It encompasses two leading TSOs strategically located in two European regions:

- Elia in Belgium
- 50Hertz in Germany



**International consulting services**



**Connect to energy data and digital products via APIs**



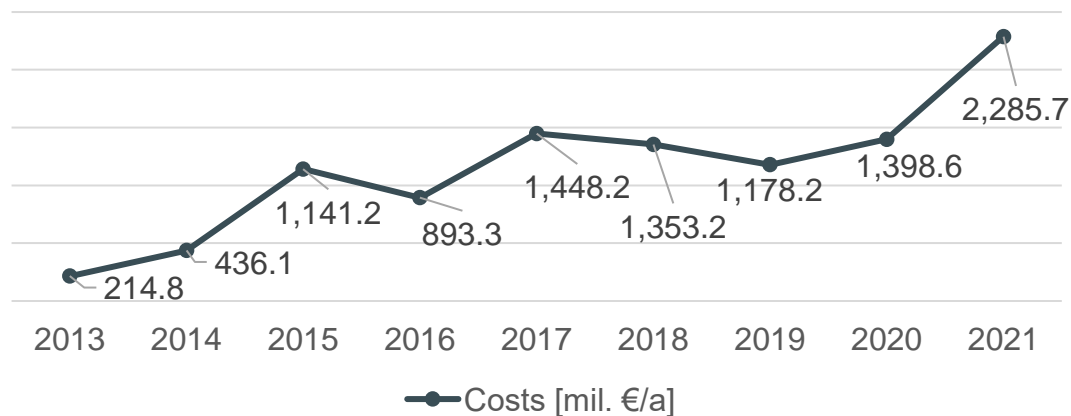
**Accelerate development of offshore energy**

**1. Why do we need to optimize for grid topology ?**

# Why do we need to optimize for grid topology ?

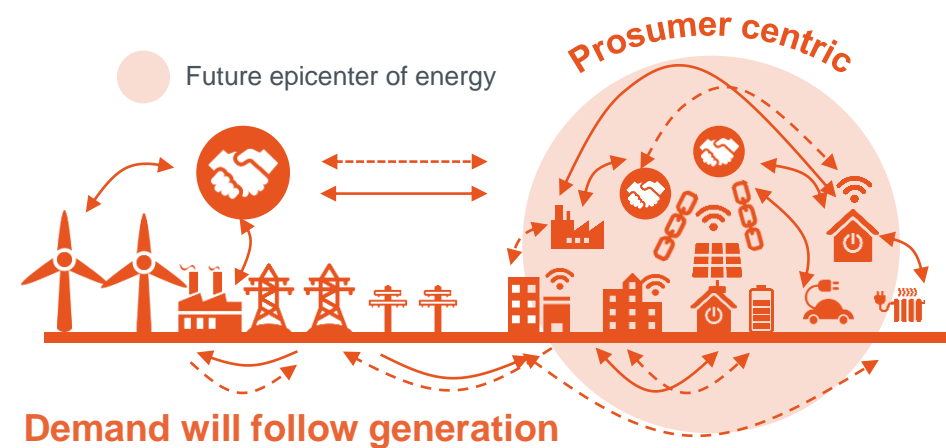
## Increasing redispatch costs

Volume and Cost for Congestion Management in Germany



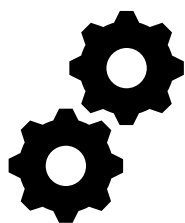
In **2022** redispatch costs nearly doubled to **4,2 billion €**.

## Increasing grid complexity

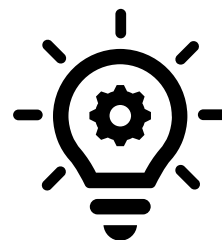


## 2. Our Approach

**There is a strong need to find topological grid actions to resolve congestion in the grid and to lower redispatch costs**



**Can we optimize  
for topological  
actions in the grid?**



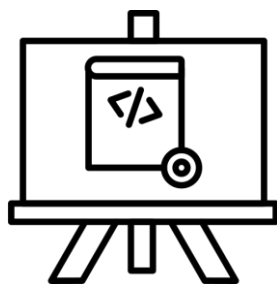
**1. Proof of Concept  
„Advanced Analytics for  
Topology Optimization“  
2020-2022**



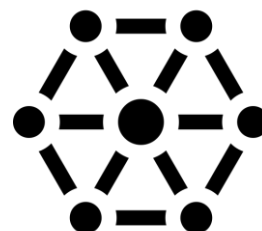
**2. Proof of Concept  
RL & optimized load  
flow solver approach  
(Q2 2023)**

Together with  InstaDeep™

**Our goal is to work on the challenges that have been discovered during the first proof of concept phase.**



**RL Demonstration**  
of a test grid



**Requirements to implement**  
RL for **Congestion Management**  
to Elia's grid + first steps



**Analysis of potential**  
**use-cases** for RL  
in Elia Group

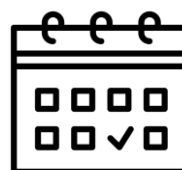


From a topology optimizer different departments would benefit. In addition,

Elia Group



Grid development

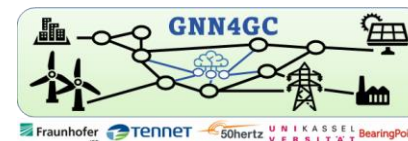


Operational Planning



(Close-to)-Realtime

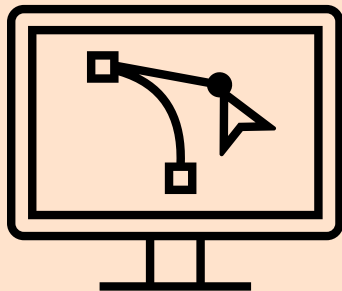
European level / TSO / academia



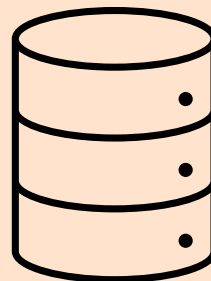
and probably many more.

## **3. The challenges**

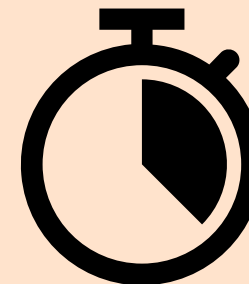
## From L2RPN to the real grid – three main challenges need to be tackled



**1. Show the potential of RL to the business**

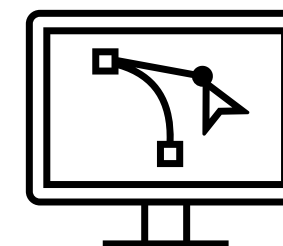
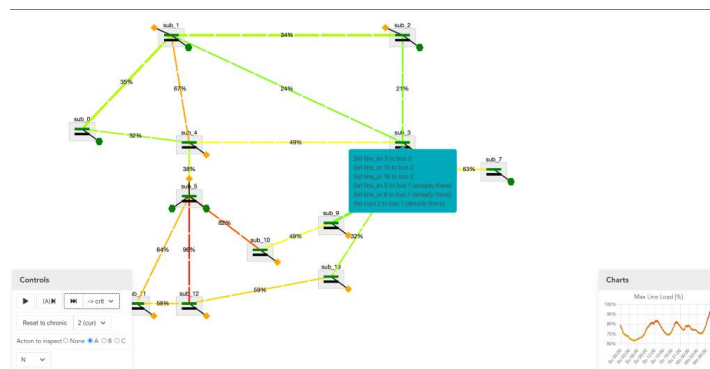


**2. Get the real grid into the environment**



**3. Speed up load flow calculations**

**Grid2op / L2RPN – great starting point to demonstrate RL to the business but currently difficult to adapt to the Elia Group grids.**



**Grid2Elia Version**

# Data artifacts and inconsistent data make it difficult to set-up a RL environment



## Requirements

- Load and generation data with sufficient critical situations
- A consistent number of elements between the timesteps
- Loaded into Pandapower



## Data sources

- Elia Group tools: Integral (50 Hertz), PowerFactory (Elia), Pandapower
- The `benm_gridmodel_importer` used to do the conversion to pandapower

### CGMES Files

- Grid operation (DACF (50Hertz & Elia) (PowerFactory & AMICA exports)
- Test files

### Pandapower

- VoltControl project files (Belgium)

### Integral .dat files

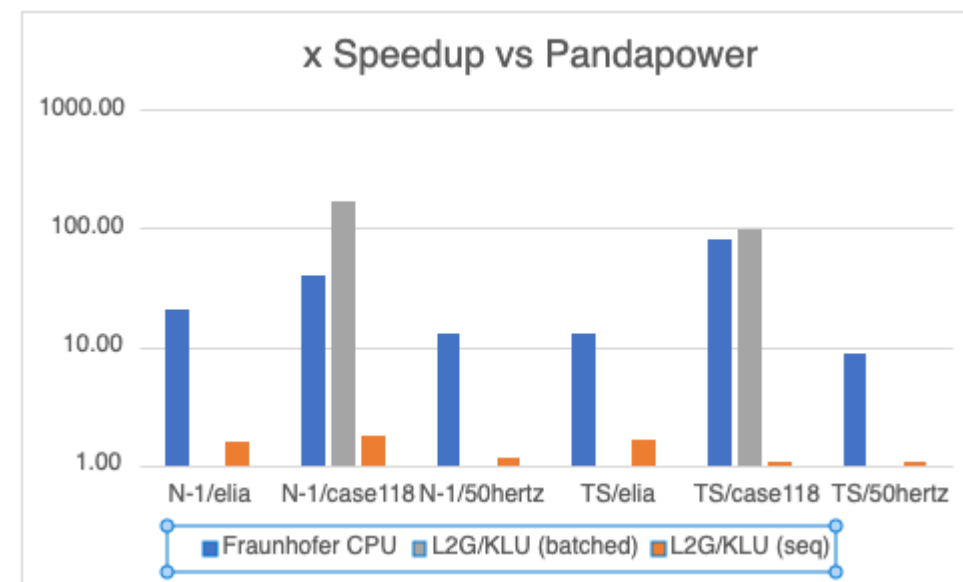
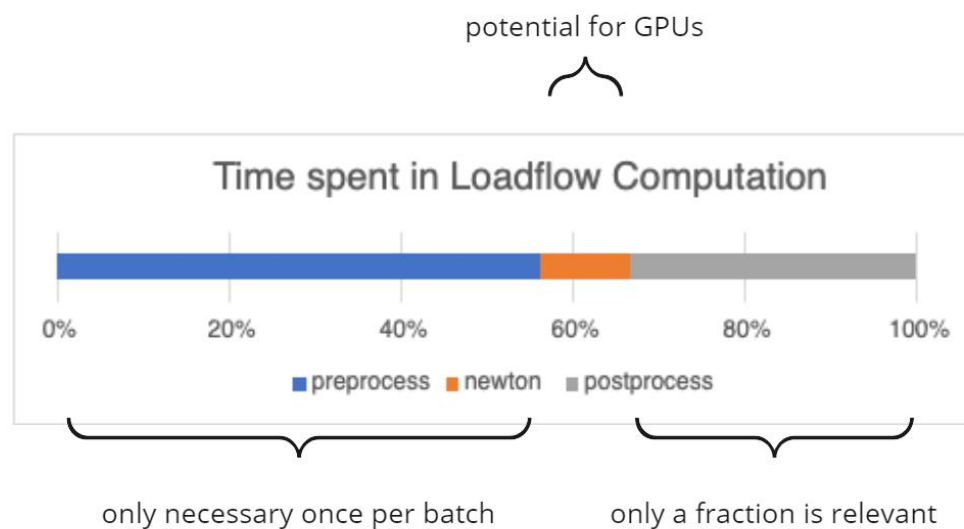
- Grid Planning (50Hertz) Integral exports



## challenges

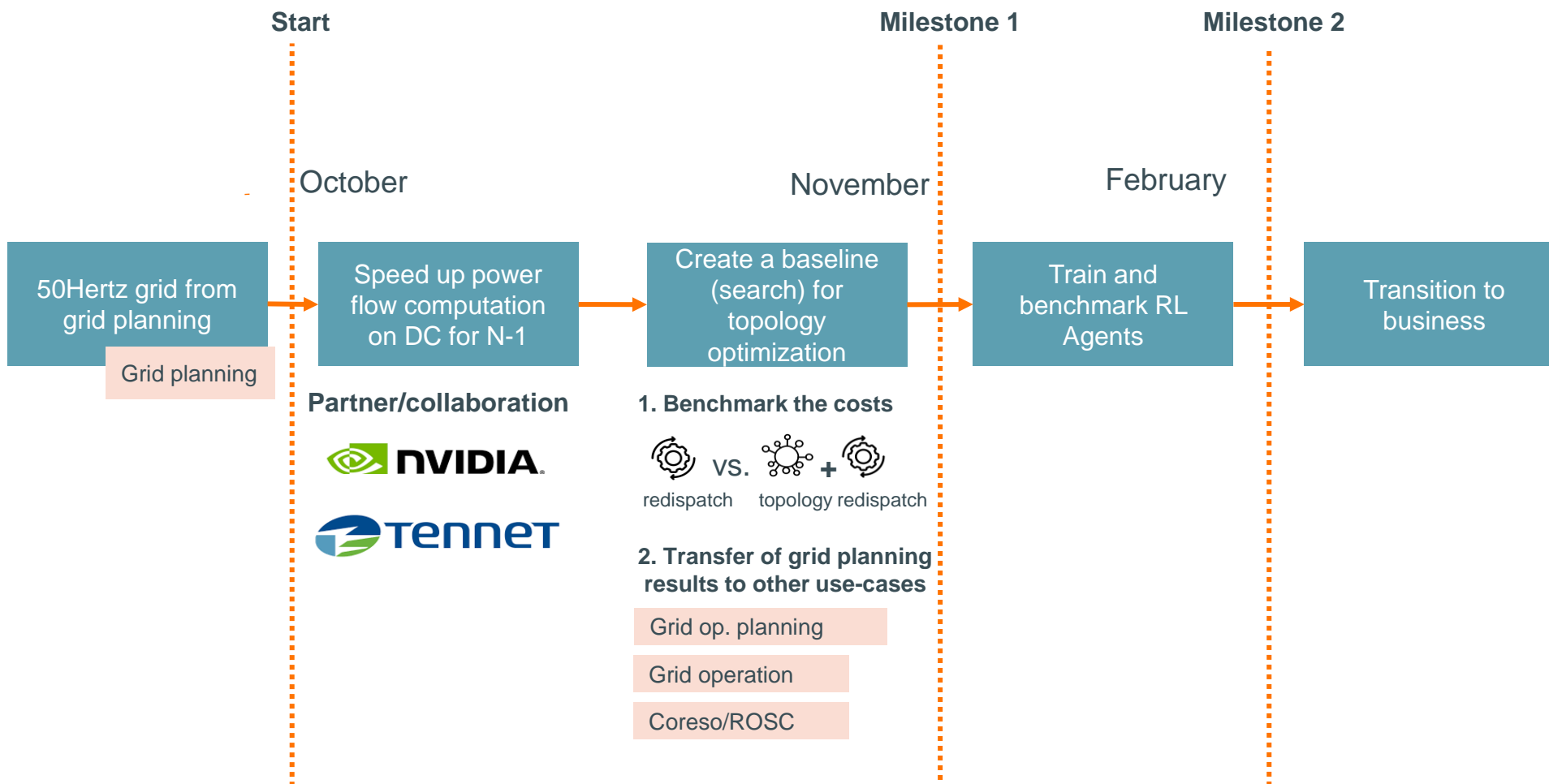
- Inconsistent numbers of elements
- AC load flow would not converge
- Converter would introduce artifacts
- Discovering new bugs in the converter
- Some elements not modelled in Pandapower

# Speed up the load flow calculations to handle the big grid and enable various solving methodologies.



## 4. Next steps

# Next steps

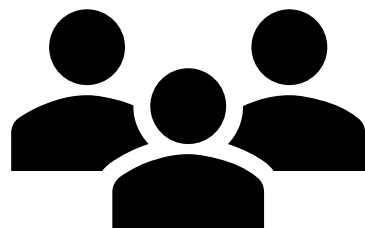




# Summary

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Let's get in touch and exchange !



**Community of Practice**



**Christian Merz**

*Data Scientist*

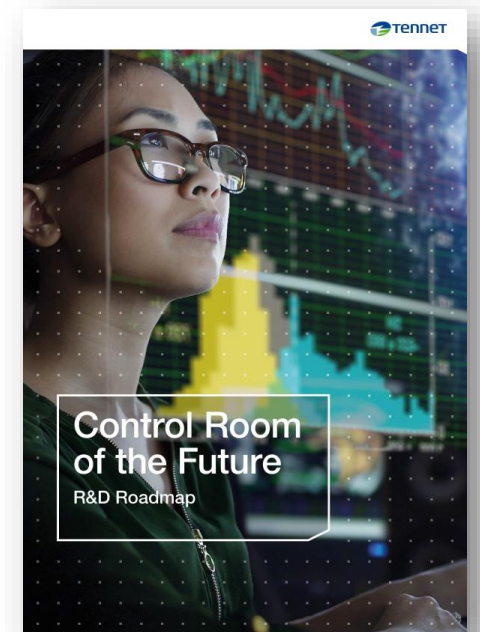
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# Practical Challenges in AI Development for Real-World Congestion Management at TenneT

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Davide Barbieri (TenneT)

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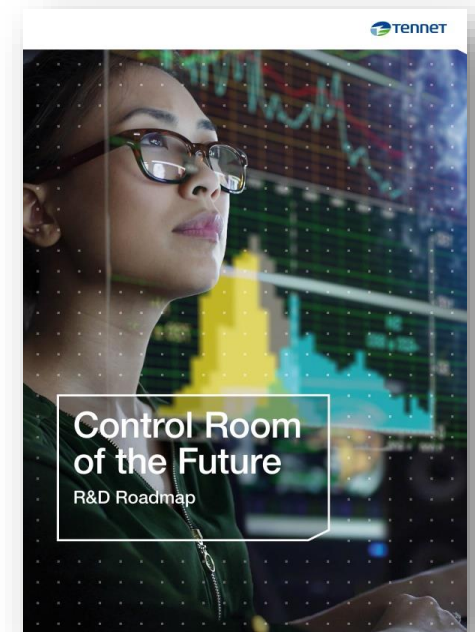
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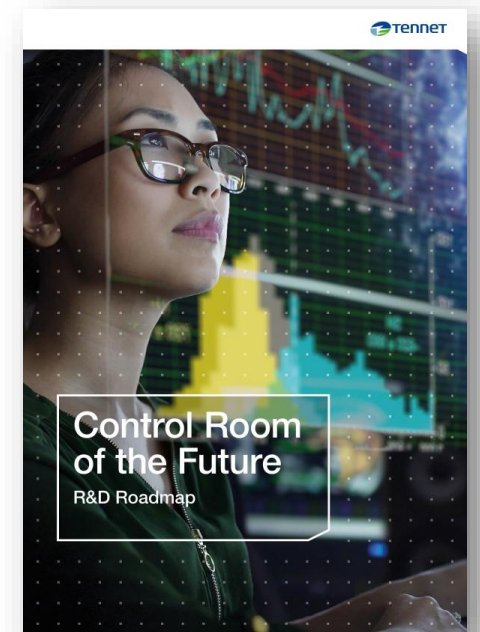
- Established in Summer 2020
- Why?
  - Develop new (smart) functionalities to mitigate future risk
  - **Congestion management** given high priority

#	System Issue
1	Increase in Transmission System Congestion in Known Areas
2	Increase in Transmission System Congestion in Unpredictable or Unknown Areas
3	Increased ROCOF & Reduced Nadirs
4	Faster Ramping
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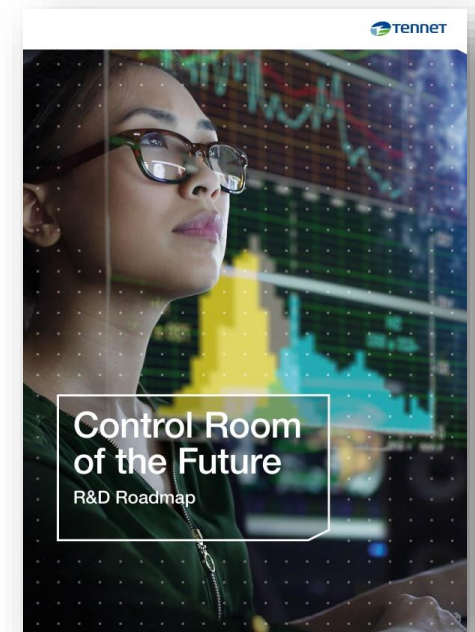
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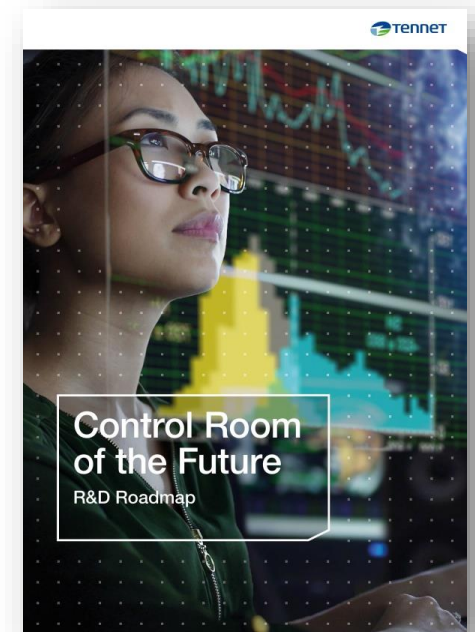
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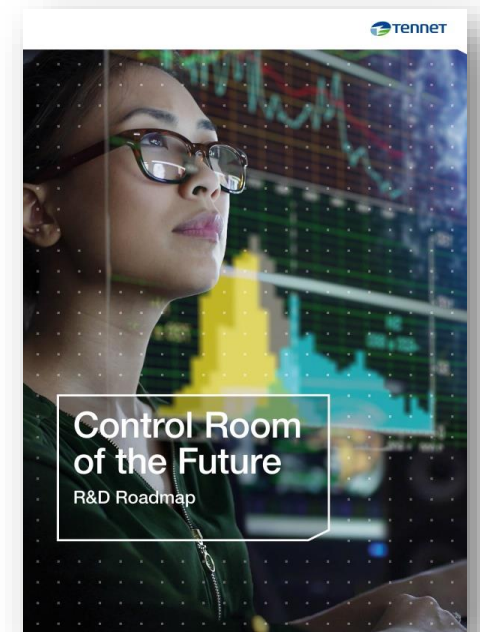
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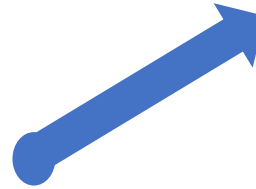
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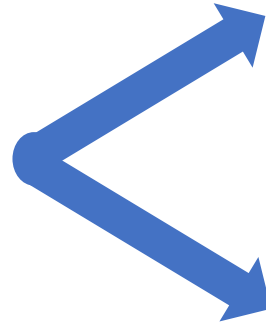
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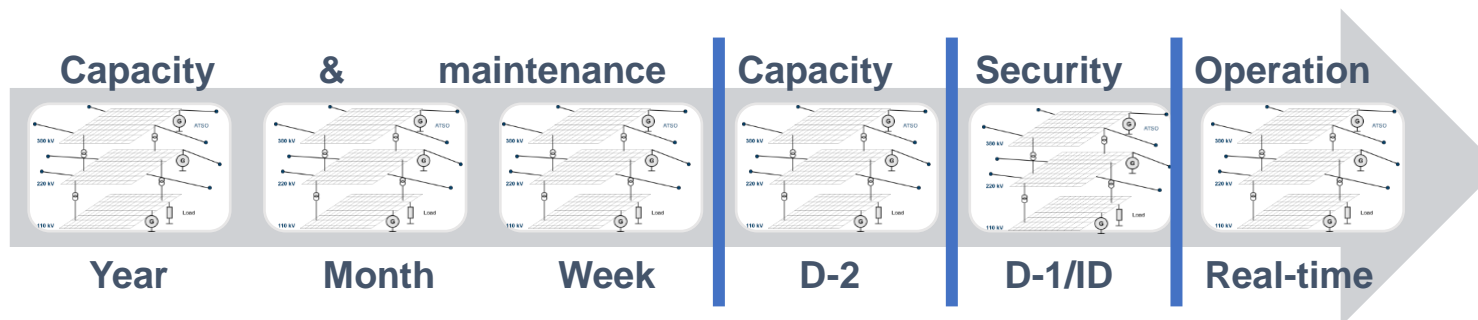
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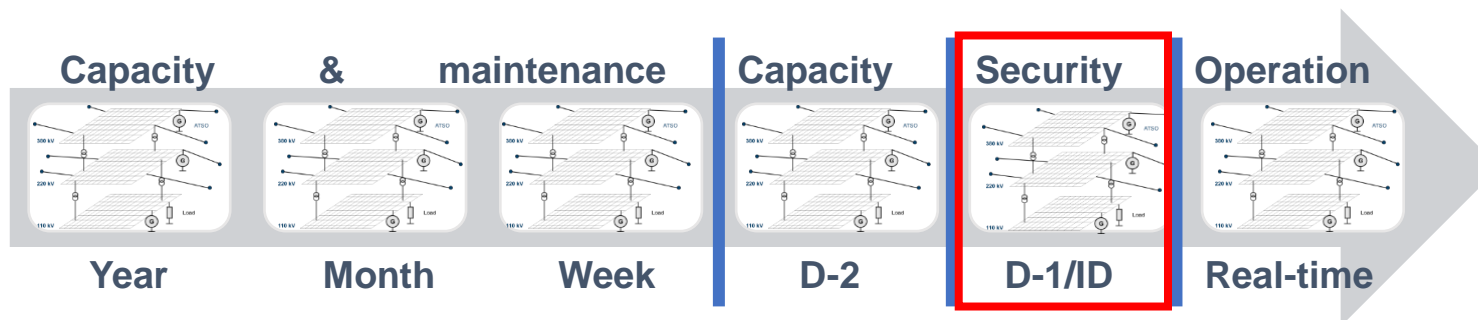
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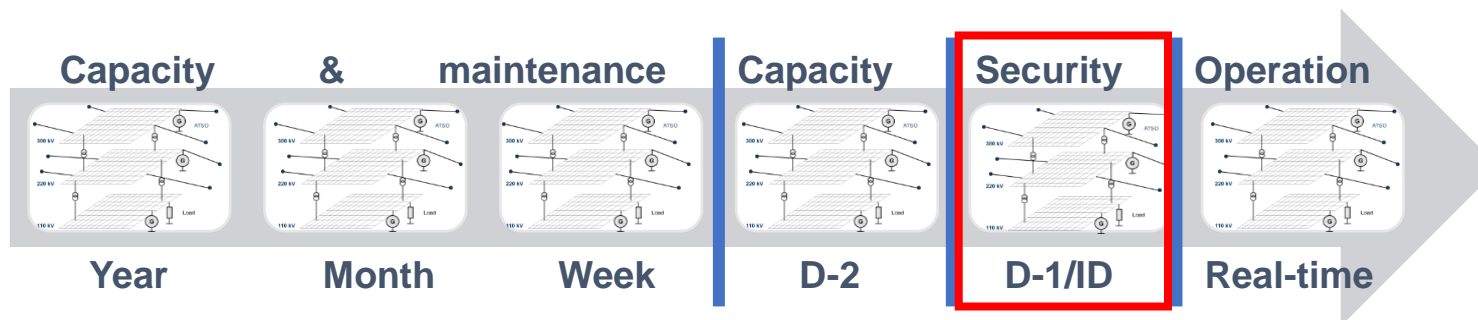
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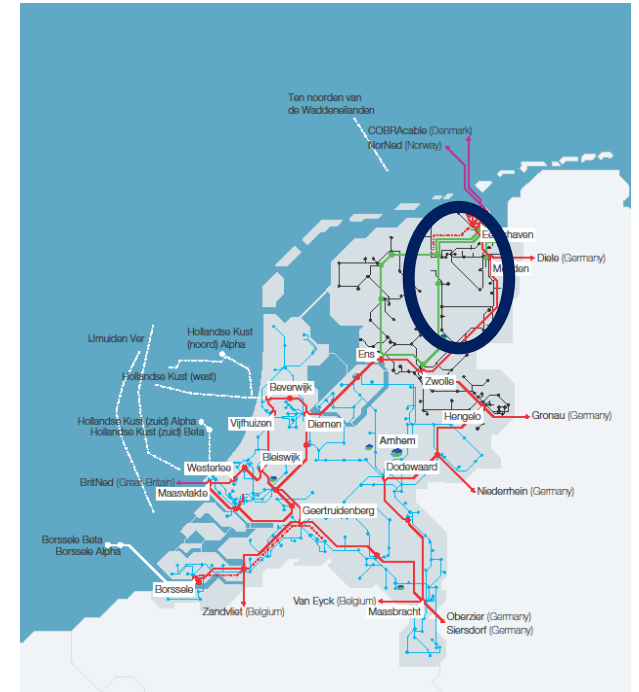
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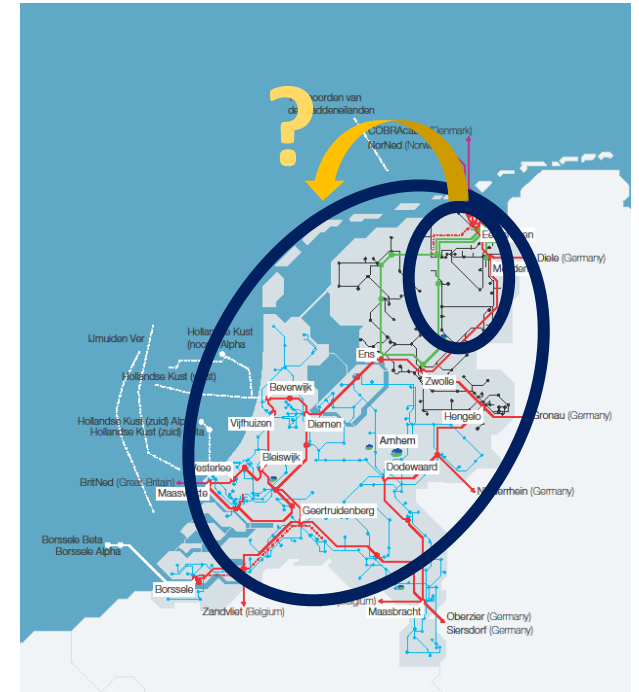
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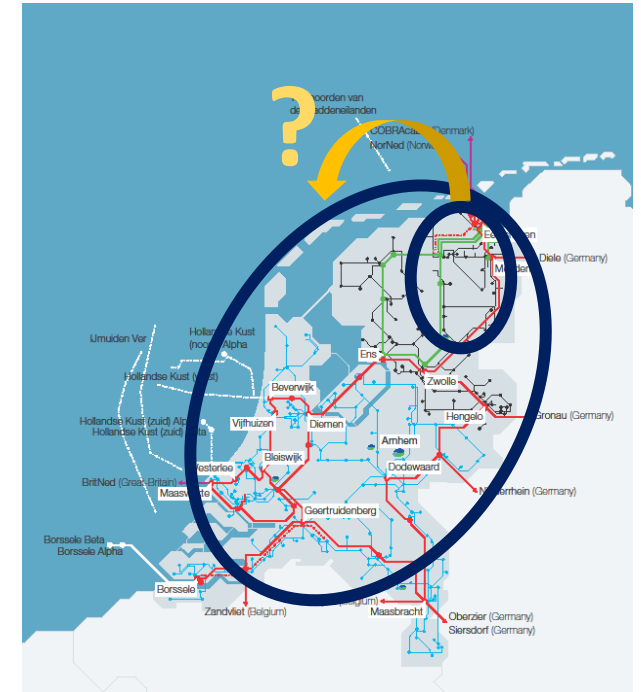
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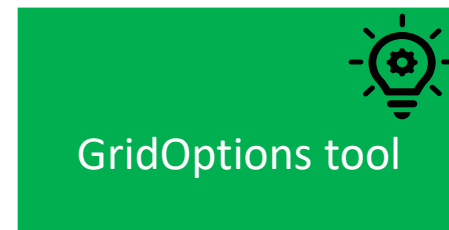


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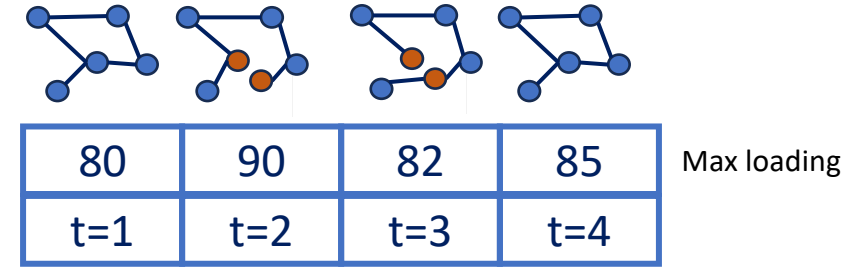
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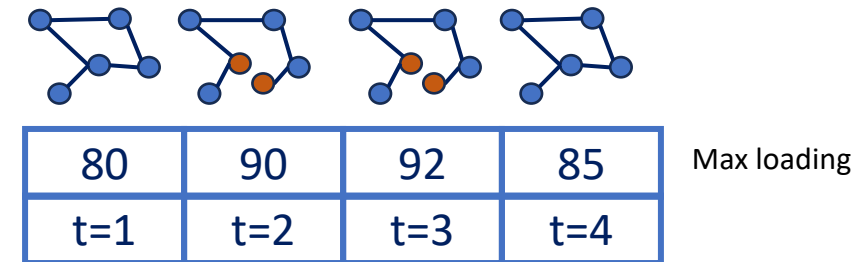
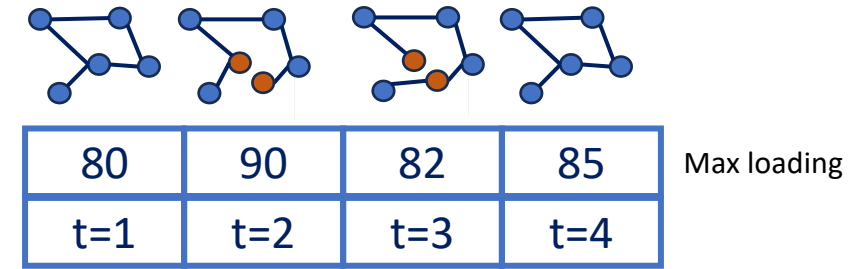
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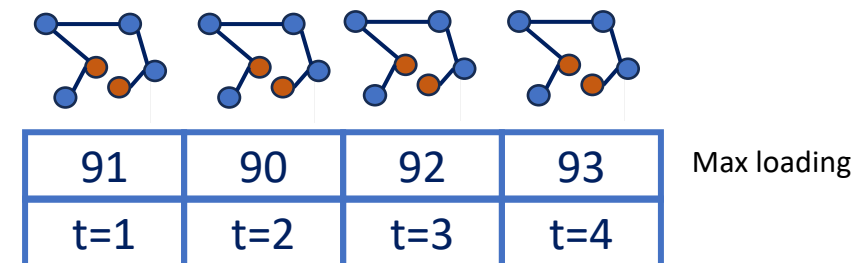
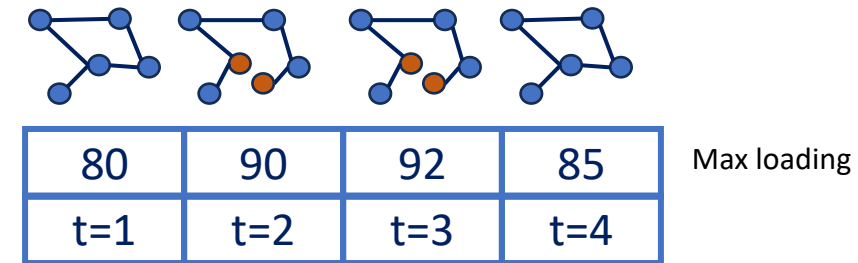
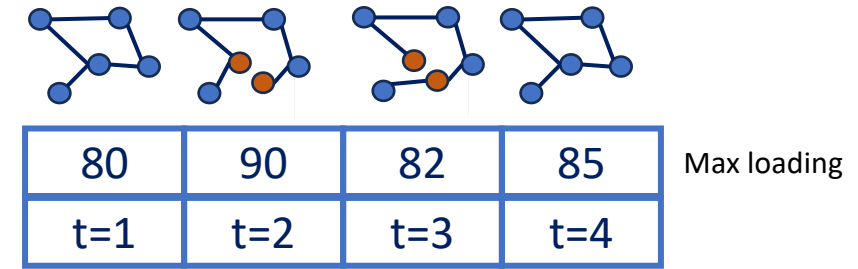
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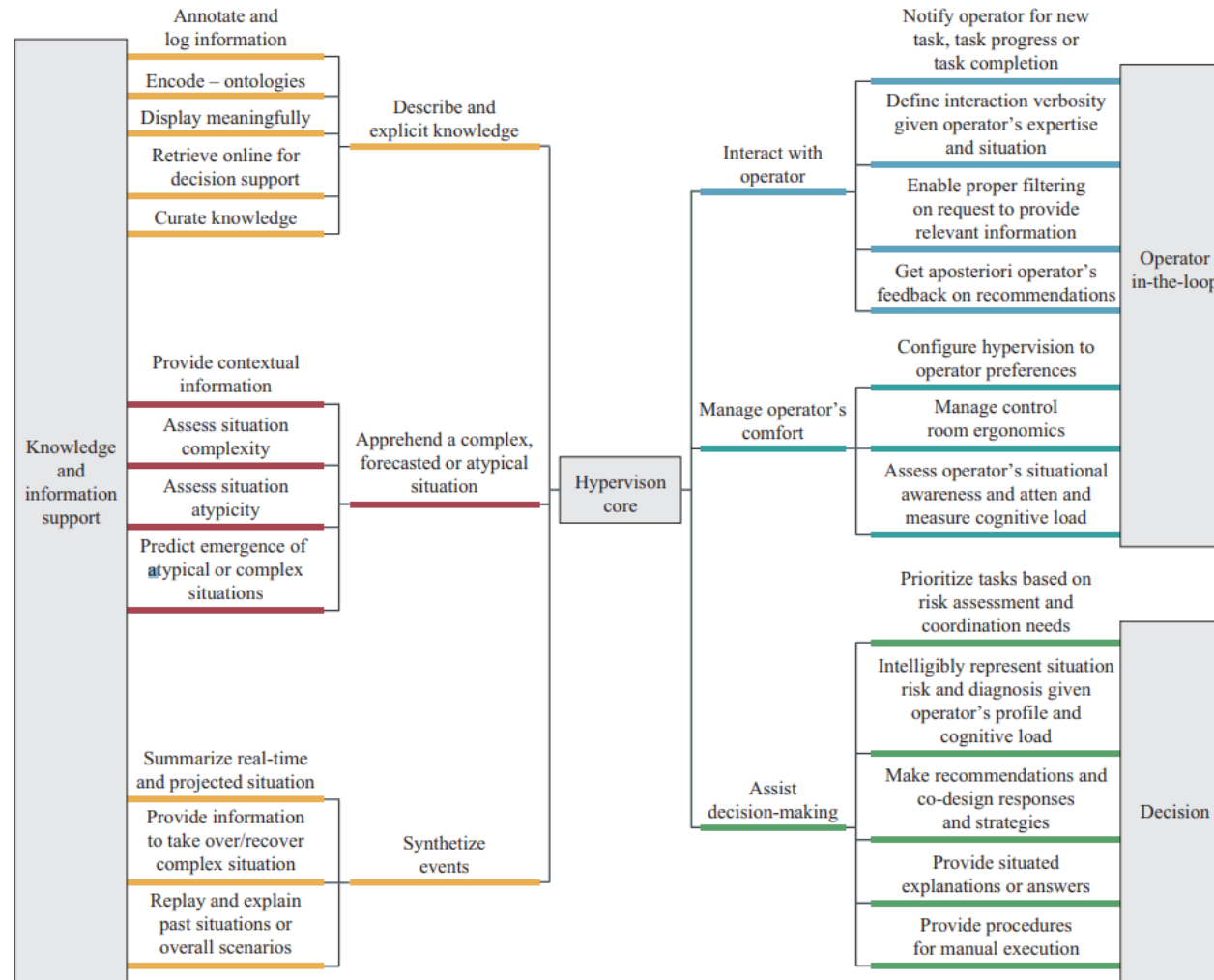
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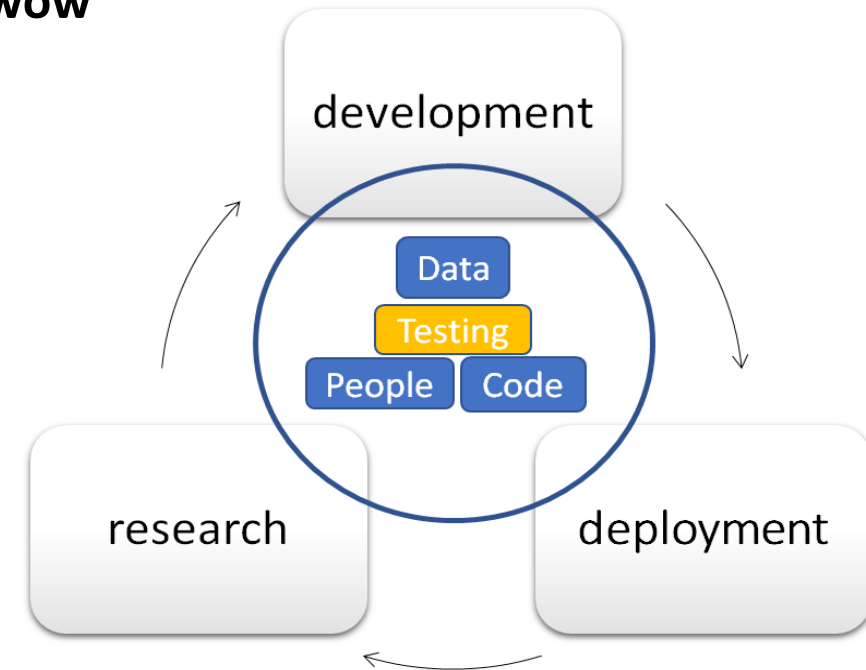
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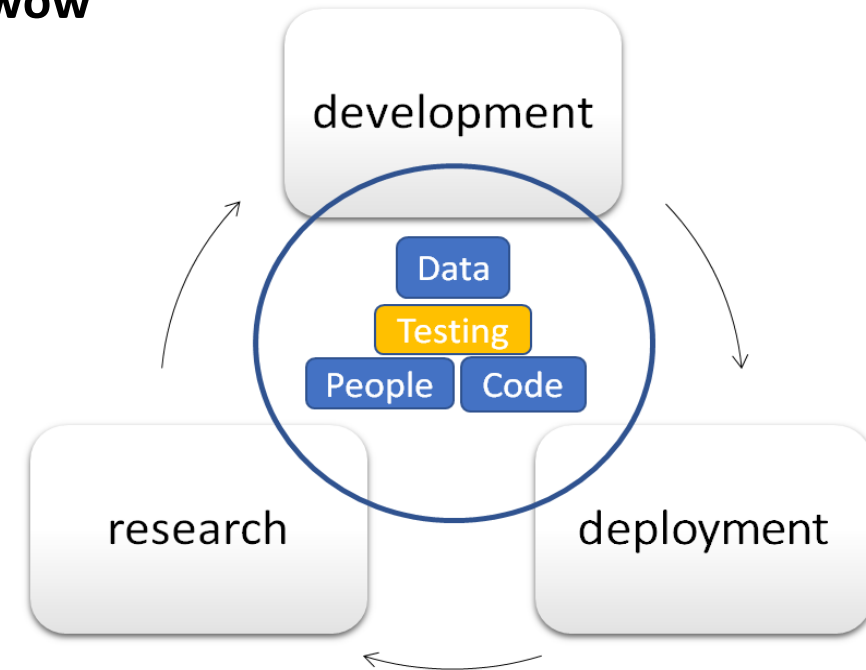
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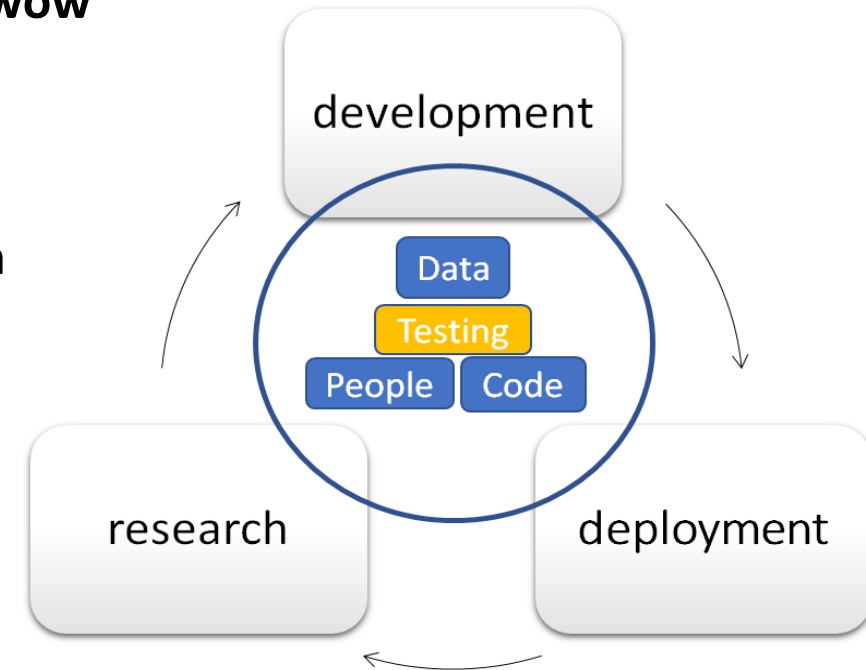
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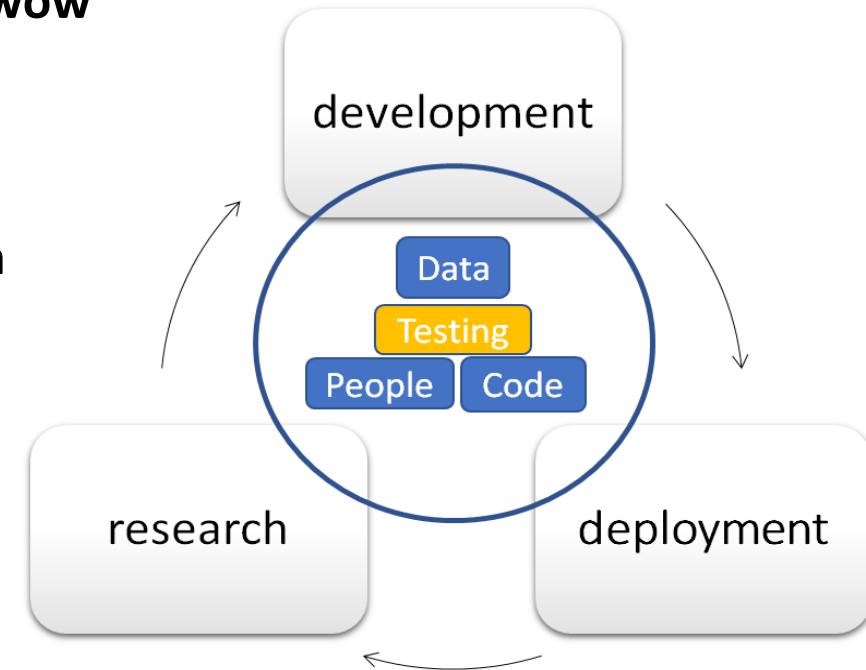
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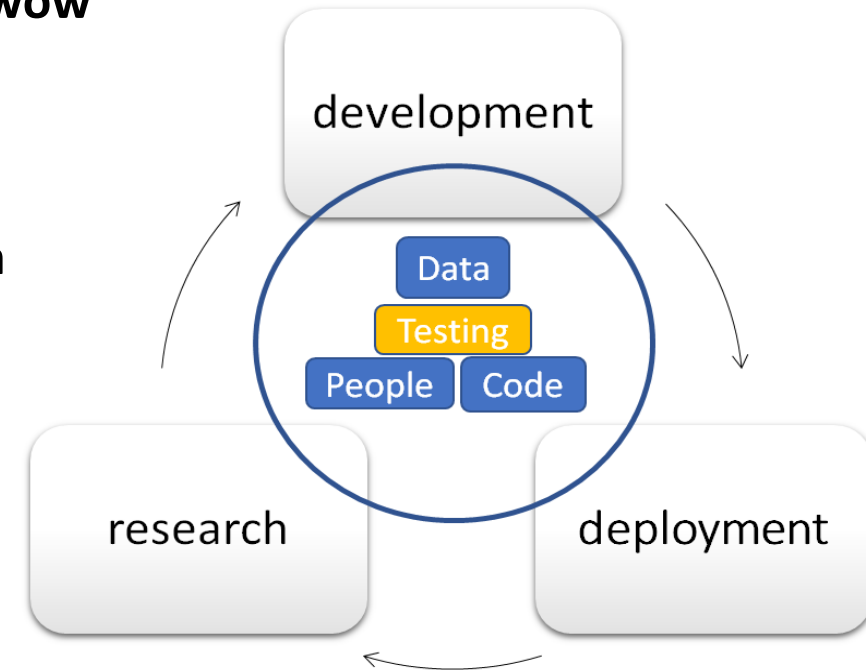
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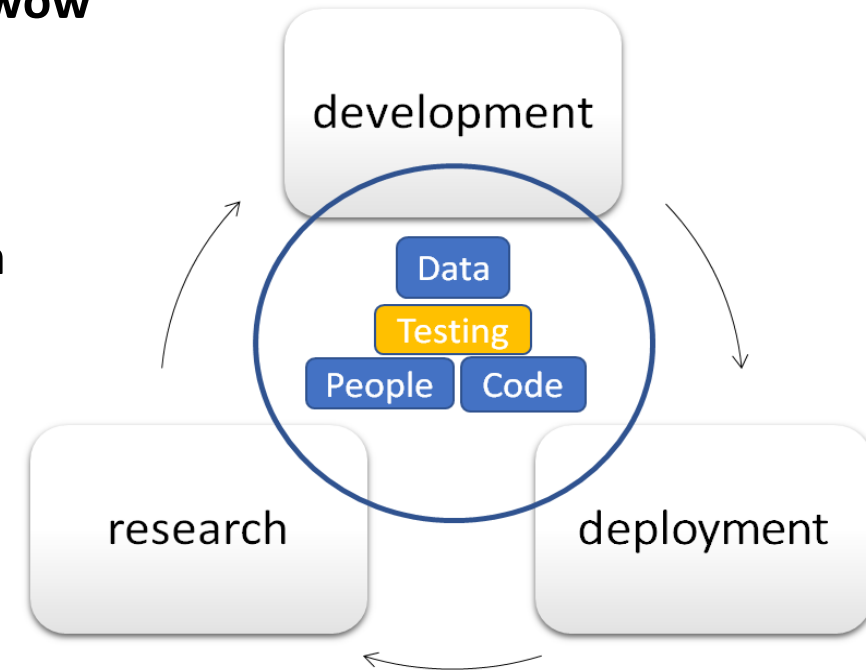




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