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Boosting Profits with Smart Power

Advanced Optimisation and Automation for Multi-Asset Portfolios

A growing share of intermittent power sources imposes new challenges for power producers and grid operators

A rapid increase in intermittent renewable energy production

Global electricity generation by source in IEA Net Zero Emission by 2050 scenario



Moving from a centralised to a distributed power system



Optimisation, trading and grid operations is becoming more complex



Strong and increasing demand for software and services that can address complex and real-time decisions



What does this mean for asset optimisation?

From internal optimization to market optimization

- Need to connect to markets in integrated manner
- Need for market analysis to make correct decisions in algorithms
- Willingness to act on markets actively





Deterministic scenarios: Opportunity costs calculation





Post processing: Marginal Cost Pricing

1. Selling power to Marginal Cost

2. Selling power to average cost at maximum production

3. Selling power to average cost at best point





Stochastic: Evaluation of value with uncertainties





Short term stochastic : Energy Activations

As the highest price is at 01:45 model prefers to get as much energy as possible even over buying for some scenarios.



Optimising Flexibility Premium



- Asset is awarded a premium for Flexiblity
- Operating in the middle is preferred for maximum flexiblity
- Activation change for reserves is increased due both directions

Example: Volue Flex trading

- Algotrader sells flexiblity to short term markets
- Expected revenue 3.0–5.0 €/MWh flex



Multi-Market





Need of automation









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From manually triggered to event triggered automation





Is there a process that cannot be automated at all?

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Full control of input

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Event based automation Asset onboarding







Event based automation

Use case – IT process





Event based automation

Handle multiple markets



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Attention dashboard



Enabling automation with business process modelling



Energy-production & trading planning processes

Examples



Method of business process modelling

Structured analysis and design technique (SADT)



<u>Method</u>

- Shows how the dataflows is organized
- Very simple but effective way to pin down the key facts
- Interview technique
- It merges IT-infrastructure, interfaces, data- and communication flows and modelling in one landscape
- It maps responsible persons/ departments/ owners
- Proven in many implementation- and sales projects

3 Steps:

- Status quo process Modell/ pain point identification
- Process-to-be modelling (target concept; best practice)
- Move from status quo-process to target process (elimination of weaknesses & former design flaws)

Example Day-Ahead planning

Process organization chart







Volue business process modelling

Methods & value added





Volue business process modelling



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Conclusions

- Market changes leads to more complex processes
- Going from internal to market to multi market optimisation
- The need for event based automation in real time increases
- Automation of several tools playing together is a key for profitable trading
- Attention dashboard to overview automated processes

Thank you

Backup

Optimisation of a big number of assets

To optimize problems with big amount of assets (in thousands) in short times for short term planning we "decompose" the problem. Volue uses Lagrangian relaxations for this:

- Lagrangian relaxation applied to energy balance / reserves
- Lagrangian multipliers, "shadow prices" introduced
- Subproblems: optimisation against shadow price
- Price coordination, "master problem", dual optimisation

Event based automation - Use case – power plant optimisation

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