



**ENERGIEKOPPLER**  
Wir vernetzen im Schwarm

***VPP projects  
Challenges for flexibility aggregation***

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# DieEnergiekoppler



- Established in 2020 as spinoff of Technical University Dresden
- Market entry in 2021
- **About:**
  - Technology provider of the Flexibility Plant for aggregation and connection of controllable assets
  - Utilization of flexibility in the sectors electrical energy, heat and mobility

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**eXIST**  
Existenzgründungen  
aus der Wissenschaft

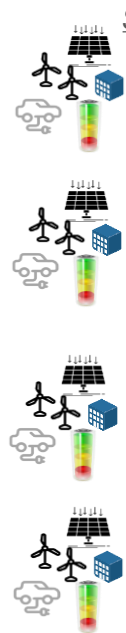


9 years research



Practical Demonstration  
(2014-2018)

# VPP in the middle



## SCADA connections

e.g. Enercon SCADA

VPN: IPsec, openVPN, ...  
Protocols: Modbus TCP,  
IEC 60870-5-104, SOAP,  
OPC XML DA, Rest-API

## VPP connections

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## VPN connections

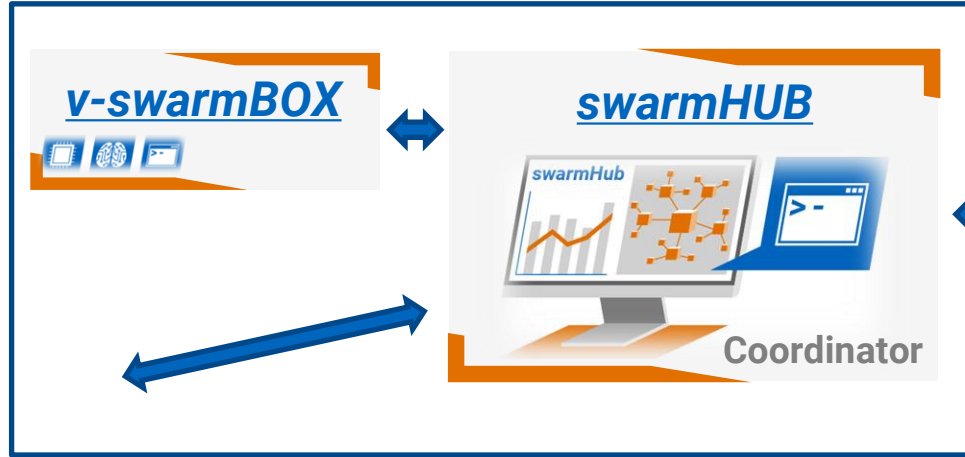


Remote control system



Note: Manage hundreds  
different device/endpoint  
specifications

## Virtual Power Plant (Flexibility Plant)



- Monitoring and control assets
- Provide forecasts for RES, demands and flexibility
- Aggregation of assets / flexibility
- Cont. Monitoring of goodness (FC quality, ...)



# Challenge VPPs



Trends and requirements

Decentralized and compartmentalized

Hybrid and diverse asset structures

Continuously changes in the regulatory and market situation

## Requirements to VPPs as key element in Smart Grids

- **Scalability** – connection of thousands assets
- **Abstraction** – asset modelling and VPP design independent of the asset technology
- **Holistic optimization** – allow parallel fulfilment of different marketing options to realize economical operation
- **Standardization** – be variable in the usecase and the asset technology
- **Automation** – use helpers for boarding and operation the VPP
- **Flexibility Handling and Aggregation**



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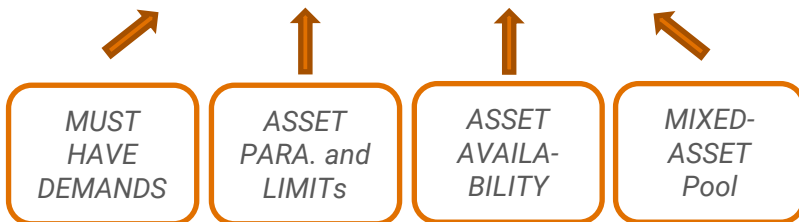
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TRADER

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Mismatch to physical situation  
at single assets

**Note: Handle the information  
loss during aggregation**

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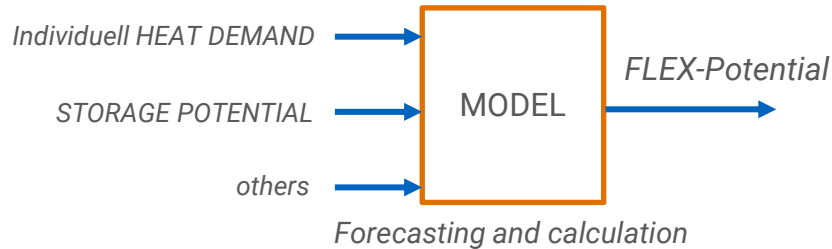


## MUST HAVE DEMANDS

CHP or HEAT PUMPS example



Note: primary supply task is HEAT

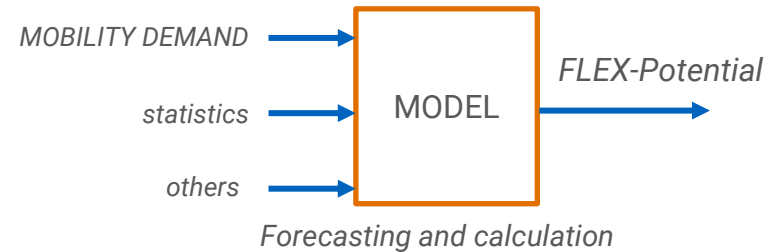


## ASSET AVAILABILITY

E-Mobility example



Note: unplugged car – no flexibility



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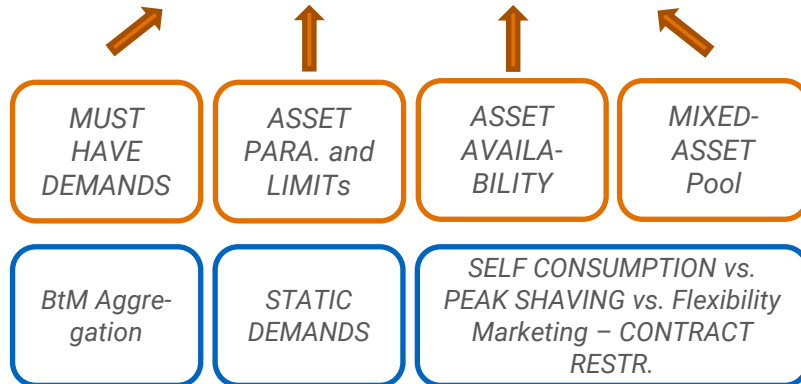
Behind the Meter (BtM):



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*For solution contact us ! ;-)*



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