The future of the Belgian electricity system Bart Pycke, Managing Director Yuso

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Overview

- About myself
- □ Yuso: a new look at energy management
- **Renewables and aggregation: a practical guide**
- **Battery storage: the missing link**
- Barriers to renewable integration
- Policy advocacy and main takeaways

About Myself: Bart Pycke

- > Master Electrical Engineering, University of Ghent, Belgium 1994
- > MBA Vlerick Management School, Ghent, 1995
- Research Associate, INSEAD, Fontainebleau, France, 1995-1997
- > Head of Trading, GDF SUEZ Electrabel (now Engie), Brussels, Belgium, 1997-2007
- Board member Powernext (now Epex Spot), 2001-2007
- > Managing Director, Mercuria Energy Trading, Geneva, Switzerland, 2007-2011
- > 1998-Now: Board member EFET
- > 2012-Now: Co-founder and MD Yuso, renewable power & flexibility aggregator

The start of Yuso

Industry trends



UNBUNDLING AND SPOT MARKETS

The current trends of unbundling and spot markets are reshaping the value chain, allowing Yuso to act as a full actor in the energy business system.



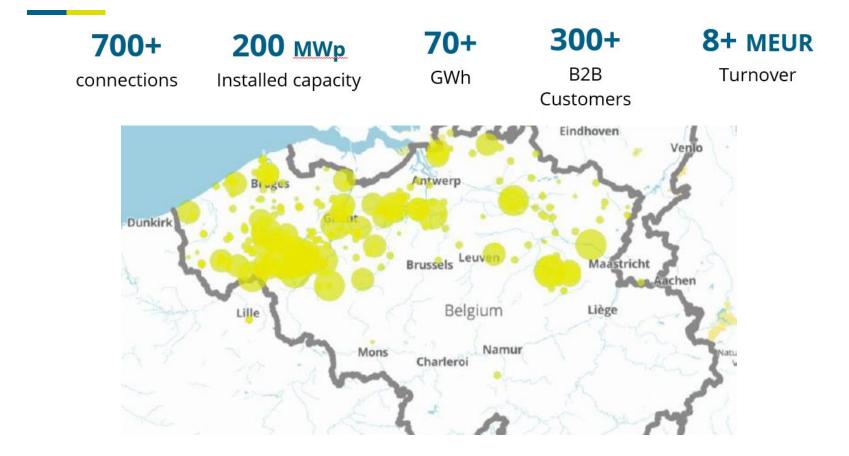
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ENERGY TRANSFORMATION

The rise of renewables and batteries is radically changing the industry.

DATA IS THE NEW GOLD

Data is becoming one of the most valuable assets in the energy value chain of tomorrow.



Disruption of the utility business model

An innovative digital platform offering tailored at B2B "prosumers"





Each hour the market price

Why negotiate a price when their is an open market that determines the fair price?! With Yuso, you pay the market price every hour!



No contract Just signing up

No more fixed contract durations or tacit renewal: The Yuso Delivery Contract only has a start date: You step in and out whenever you want; No surprises!



Demand response incentive

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Hourly Belpex prices varying between 0 and 300 euro/MWh give a clear demand response incentive immediately reflected on your invoice!



Transparent digital

reporting

Clear insight into your

pricing, consumption and

production via Yuso's

dashboard platform!

Linking wholesale and retail prices

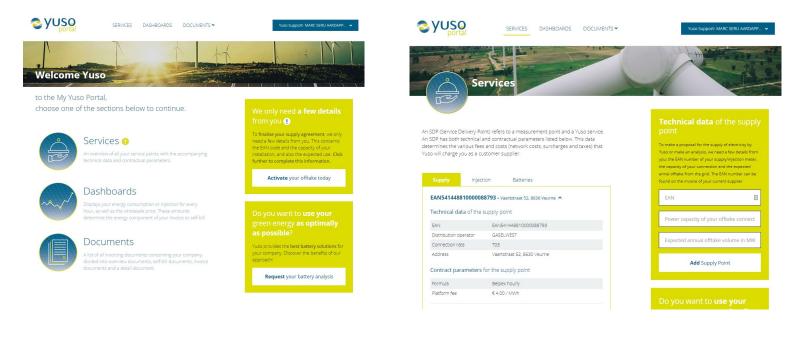
Components of the Yuso energy platform price







A scalable self-service platform for B2B prosumers



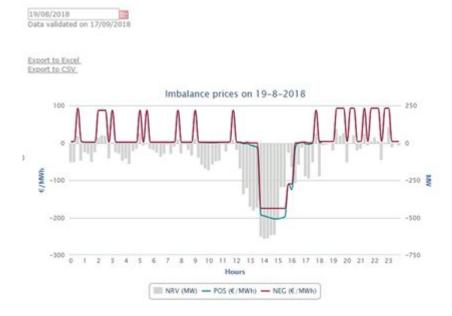


Bringing transparency to B2B prosumers

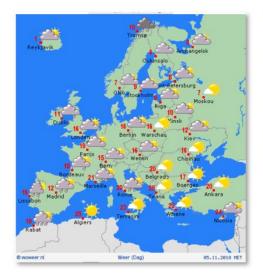




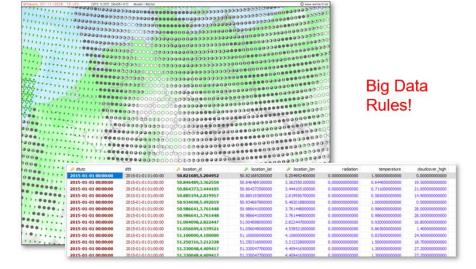
Power price volatility driven by intermittent renewable infeed into the Belgian system



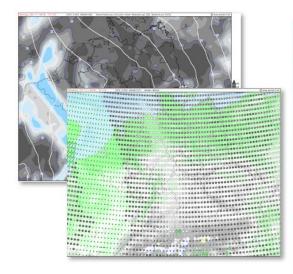
'Live Market' organized by TSO Elia
TSO's 'market' task relates to keeping demand and supply in balance
Post unbundling, TSO's can not operate assets themselves
(Transport vs. Generation)
The 'imbalance price' reflects the active optimization of
excess/shortage of power in the Elia
zone versus offtake/supply bids
obtained on 15-minute basis



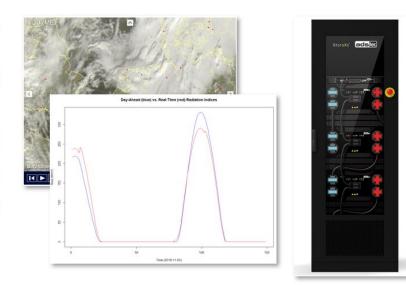
This is a good start...



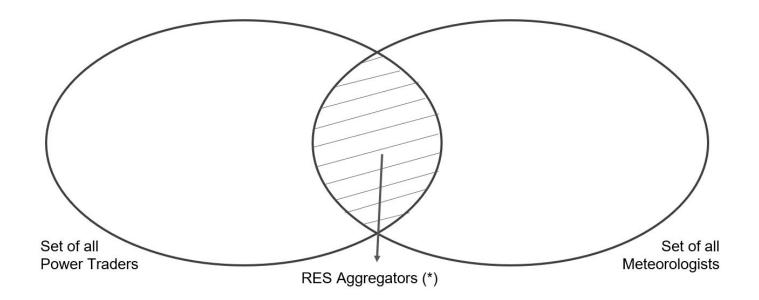
This is way better in terms of spatio-temporal resolution...



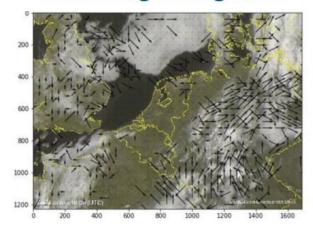
Day-Ahead: Models, models



Intraday: Models, actuals and flexibility (batteries)



Cloud Image Recognition



Robotized Portfolio Management

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 XMP
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 Yuso (API in BOT,Pavlov) offers 1 MW 03-04 at 32.4 EUR/MWh
 Yuso (API in BOT,Pavlov) sold 1 MW 03-04 at 38 EUR/MWh (http://dante.yuso.be/trading/trades/detail/16546)

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 Yuso (API in BOT,Pavlov) bids 1 MW 05-06 at 40 EUR/MWh
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 Yuso (API in BOT,EarlyBird) bids 1 MW 09-10 at 85 EUR/MWh (http://dante.yuso.be/trading/trades/detail/16547)

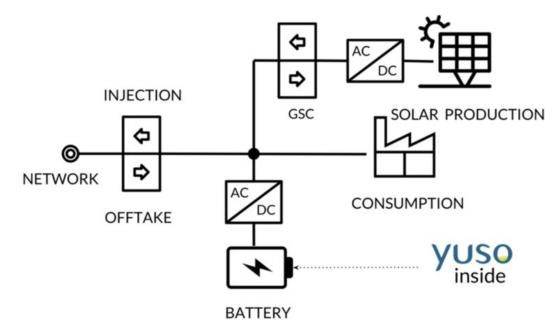
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 Yuso (Michel in Proprietary) bought 5 MW 09-10 at 85 EUR/MWh (http://dante.yuso.be/trading/trades/detail/16548)

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The basic battery concept

How Yuso operates batteries



Realised battery projects

Batteries as a service, growing expertise on different dimensions and types



Redox-Flow at Filclair Serren

This large battery allows Filclair Serren to use more solar energy itself, saving thousands of euros on grid costs.



Grid battery in Zeeland

Yuso currently manages the largest battery in Europe in Zeeland (NL). With 10 MW of flexibility. It contributes to the equilibrium of the net via Yuso.



Lithium-ion at Verplancke Haarden

This unit is about four times smaller than the one at Filclair Serren, but it has a higher power capacity making it a valuable asset to act on flexibility markets. Yuso dispatches this highly flexible battery to contribute to network equilibrium.

Grid batteries in practice

ENERGY MANAGEMENT of 10 MW / 10 MWh BATTERIJ ZEELAND



Energy storage is booming worldwide...



Ruien Energy Storage



Ruien Energy Storage

Development of a 25 MW BESS in Belgium in partnership with Nippon Koei (Japan)





Ruien Energy Storage Project planning

- APRIL 2018 Yuso partners with Nippon Koei
- JUNE 2018 Incorporation of RES: Ruien Energy Storage NV
- JULI 2018 Grid study requested
- SEPTEMBER 2018 Launch of battery supply tender (BESS)
- NOVEMBER 2018 Grid study of Elia completed
- DECEMBER 2018 Filing of building permit
- JANUARI 2019 Selection of BESS suppliers
- MARCH 2019 Complete site permitting
- APRIL 2019 Financial Close
- JUNE 2019 Construction on site
- **Q2 2020 Go live commissioning and commercial operation**

Barriers to renewable integration

→ Inadequate (metering) data management

- No real time metering data
- No information if 15-min meter reading (AMR) are available before switching
- Lack of standardization
- Disparate systems, lacking API
- Smart meters without smart metering (15-min data not used in settlement process !)
- → Market design prevents batteries delivering on their full potential
 - DSO grid fee 'friction' prevents participation in balancing market
 - Awaiting the implementation EU grid codes to opening of all ancillaries markets to batteries
 - Battery investment by market rather than DSO/TSO who should remain neutral, non-discriminatory actors

Policy advocacy and main takeaways

- → Evolution rather than revolution: build regulation on top 20+ years of market opening
 - Ensure all generation assets (including renewables) and all demand (including flexibility) have balancing obligation
 - Use of price signals to balance the system (including a single real time balancing price)
- → Put the customer at the center
 - link retail prices to wholesale prices
 - give customer ownership of his data and the associated date flows
- → Cost- and incentive-based regulation towards DSOs and TSOs
 - complement cost-based regulation with incentives for effective data management
 - incentives to promote the integration of renewables and storage in the system
- → Smart regulation to stimulate storage
 - Exempt storage from grid fees
 - Provide for regulatory models to embed storage assets without friction in energy communities

Making new energy flow

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