

# HANDS-ON: USING AMIRIS

open **A**gent-based **M**arket Model for the  
**I**nvestigation of **RI**ntegrated **E**nergy **S**ystems



# WELCOME

# Motivation

## Market Modelling with AMIRIS



Transformation to **renewable-dominated** energy system

- > Rising shares of fluctuating renewable energies
- > Alignment of supply and demand challenging
- > Electricity prices / Refinancing uncertain

Energy systems are **complex systems**

- > Market actors' behaviour under uncertainty
- > Interdependencies of actors
- > Emergent and non-linear effects

## Aim

- Understand **market effects** of integrating renewables and flexibilities
- Consider **actors' behaviour**, uncertainty and market distortions caused by regulatory framework
- Study **policy instruments** to incite system-friendly investment and operational decisions

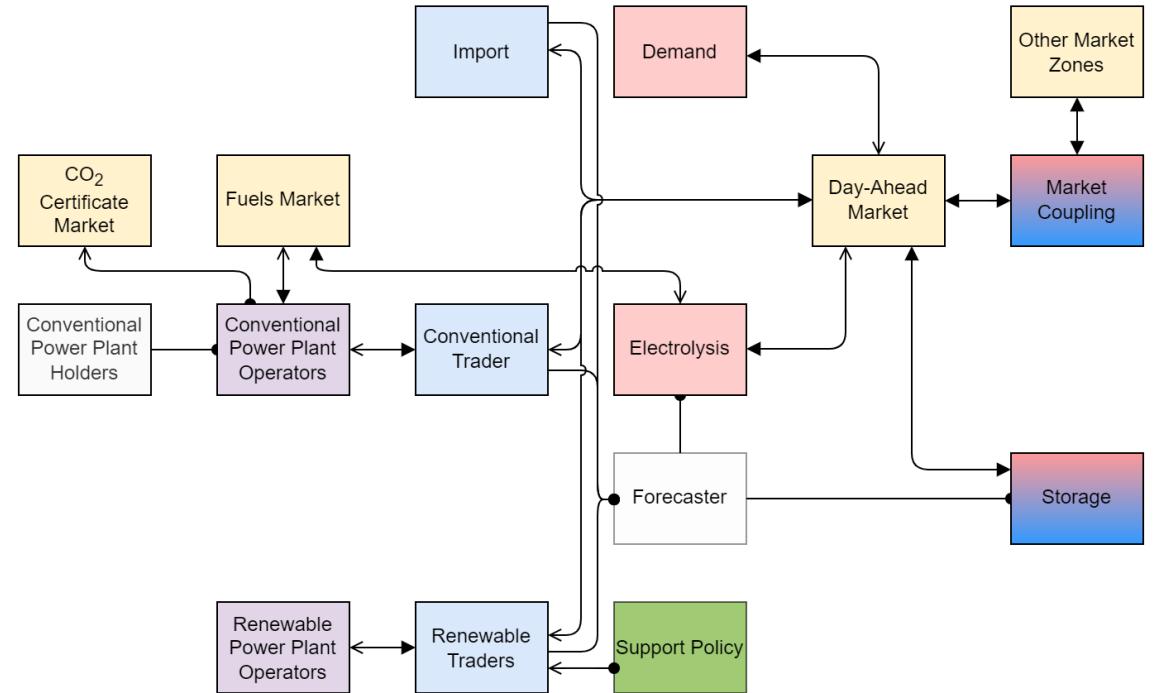
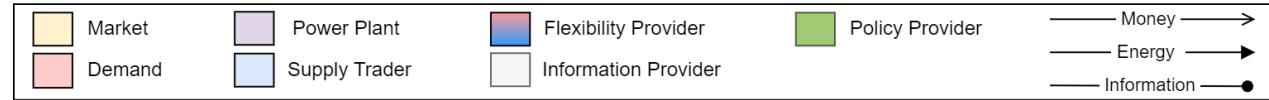
# Motivation

## Market Modelling with AMIRIS



- ⚙️ Simulate trading and operation of power generation plants and flexibility options
- 🧠 Model business-oriented behaviour under uncertainty
- ⌚ Temporal resolution: ≤ hourly
- 🌐 Spatial resolution: market zone(s)

Input	Output
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Power plant park</li><li>▪ Efficiencies</li><li>▪ Availabilities</li><li>▪ Feed in potential</li><li>▪ Demand</li><li>▪ Fuel prices</li><li>▪ CO<sub>2</sub> prices</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Electricity prices</li><li>▪ CO<sub>2</sub> emissions</li><li>▪ System costs</li><li>▪ Costs for support instruments</li><li>▪ Plant dispatch</li><li>▪ Market values</li></ul>

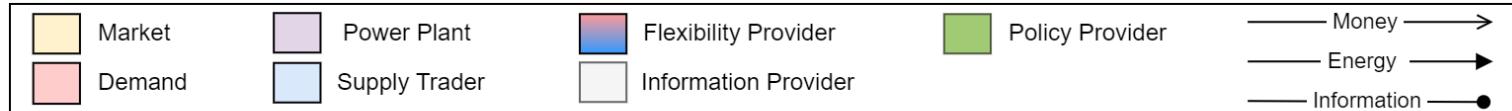


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# AMIRIS AGENTS 101

### Markets

- Determine prices



CO<sub>2</sub>  
Certificate  
Market

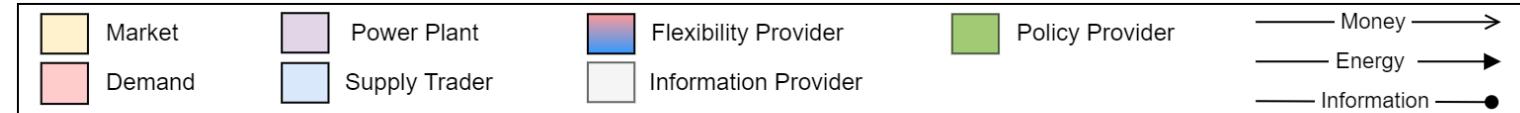
Fuels Market

Day-Ahead  
Market

Other Market  
Zones

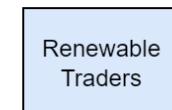
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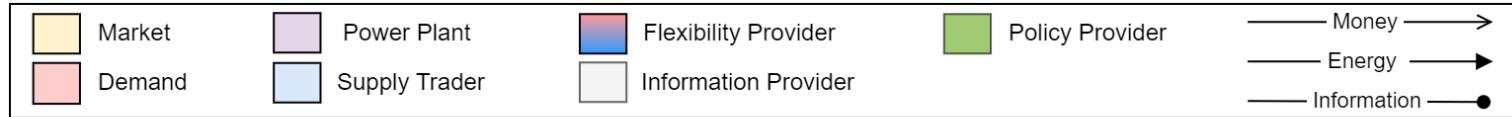
### Traders

- Fulfil marketing strategies



### Markets

- Determine prices



### Traders

- Fulfil marketing strategies

### Plant operators

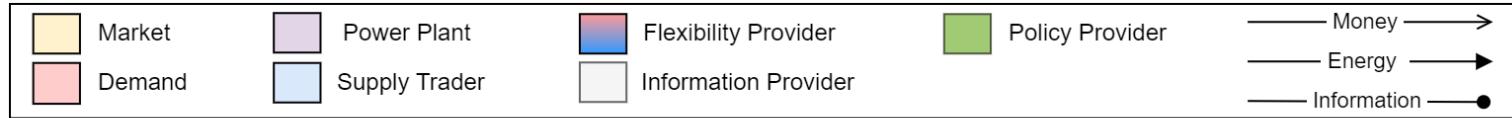
- Control power plants

Conventional  
Power Plant  
Operators

Renewable  
Power Plant  
Operators

### Markets

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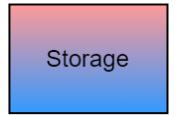
### Plant operators

- Control power plants



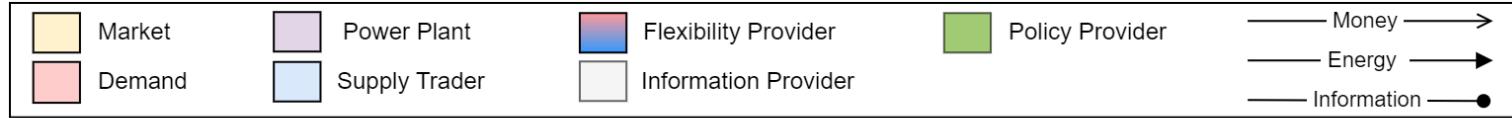
### Flexibility providers

- Optimise dispatch



### Markets

- Determine prices



### Traders

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### Plant operators

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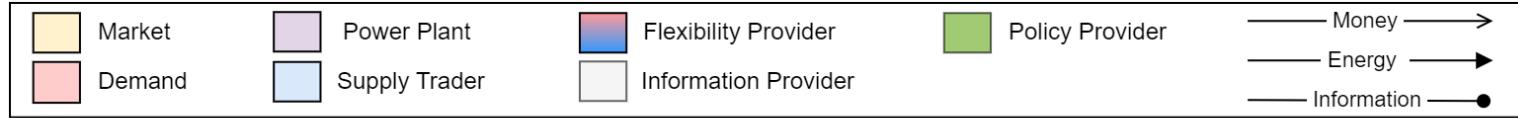
### Information provider

- Create forecasts

Forecaster

### Markets

- Determine prices



### Traders

- Fulfil marketing strategies

### Plant operators

- Control power plants

### Flexibility providers

- Optimise dispatch

### Information provider

- Create forecasts

### Policy

- Provide support



# AMIRIS: INTERACTION CHAINS

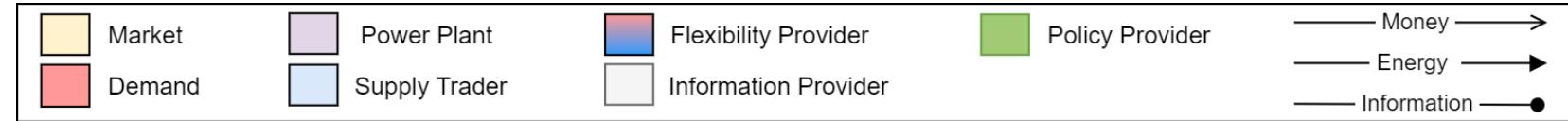
# AMIRIS Interactions

## Renewables



### Power Plant Operator

- Calculate marginal cost
- Dispatch power plants



### Renewable Trader

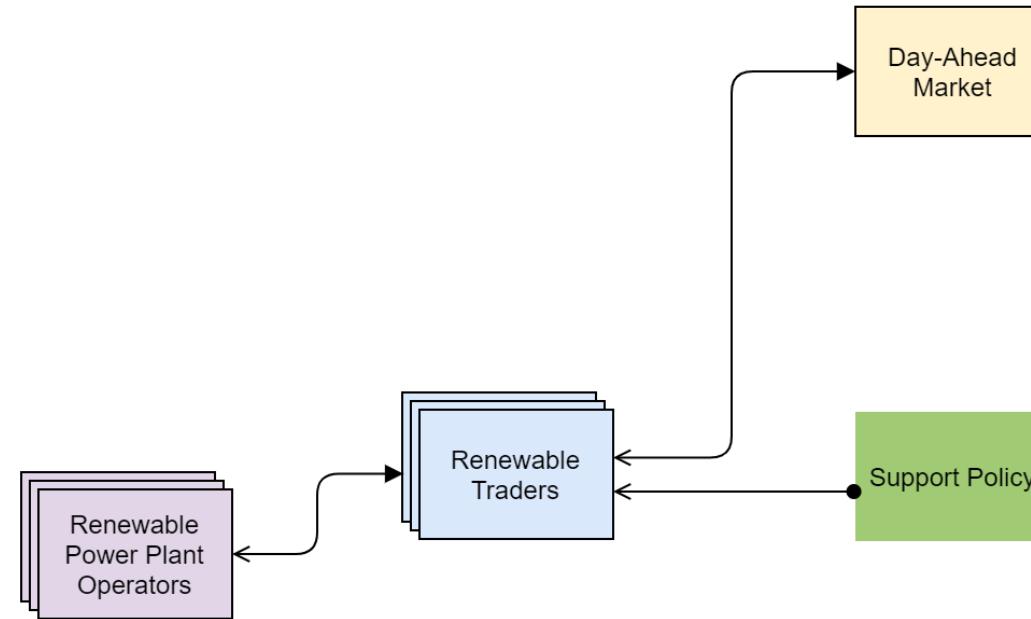
- Create bid
- Request support

### Support Policy

- Calculate support tariffs
- Provide support funding

### Day-Ahead Market

- Clears Market



# Renewables

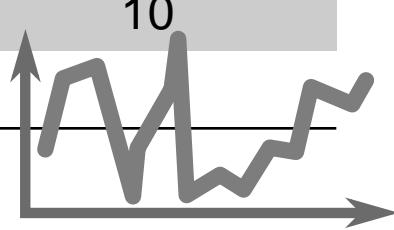
## Power Plant Operator



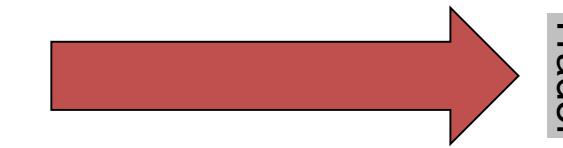
### Actions

- 1) Calculate power potential
- 2) Calculate marginal costs
- 3) Send marginals to Trader
- 4) Receive assignment
- 5) Dispatch plants

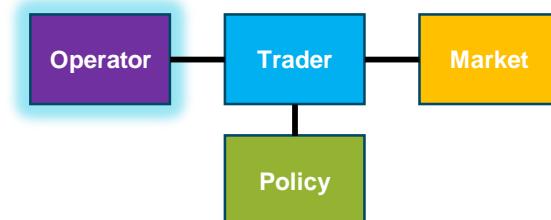


Input parameter	Value
EnergyCarrier	WindOn
InstalledPowerInMW	1000
OpexVarInEURperMWh	10
YieldProfile	 A line graph showing a fluctuating yield profile over time. The vertical axis has a value of 10 marked. The horizontal axis has a double-headed arrow indicating the time dimension.

MW	€/MWh
497	10



497 MW

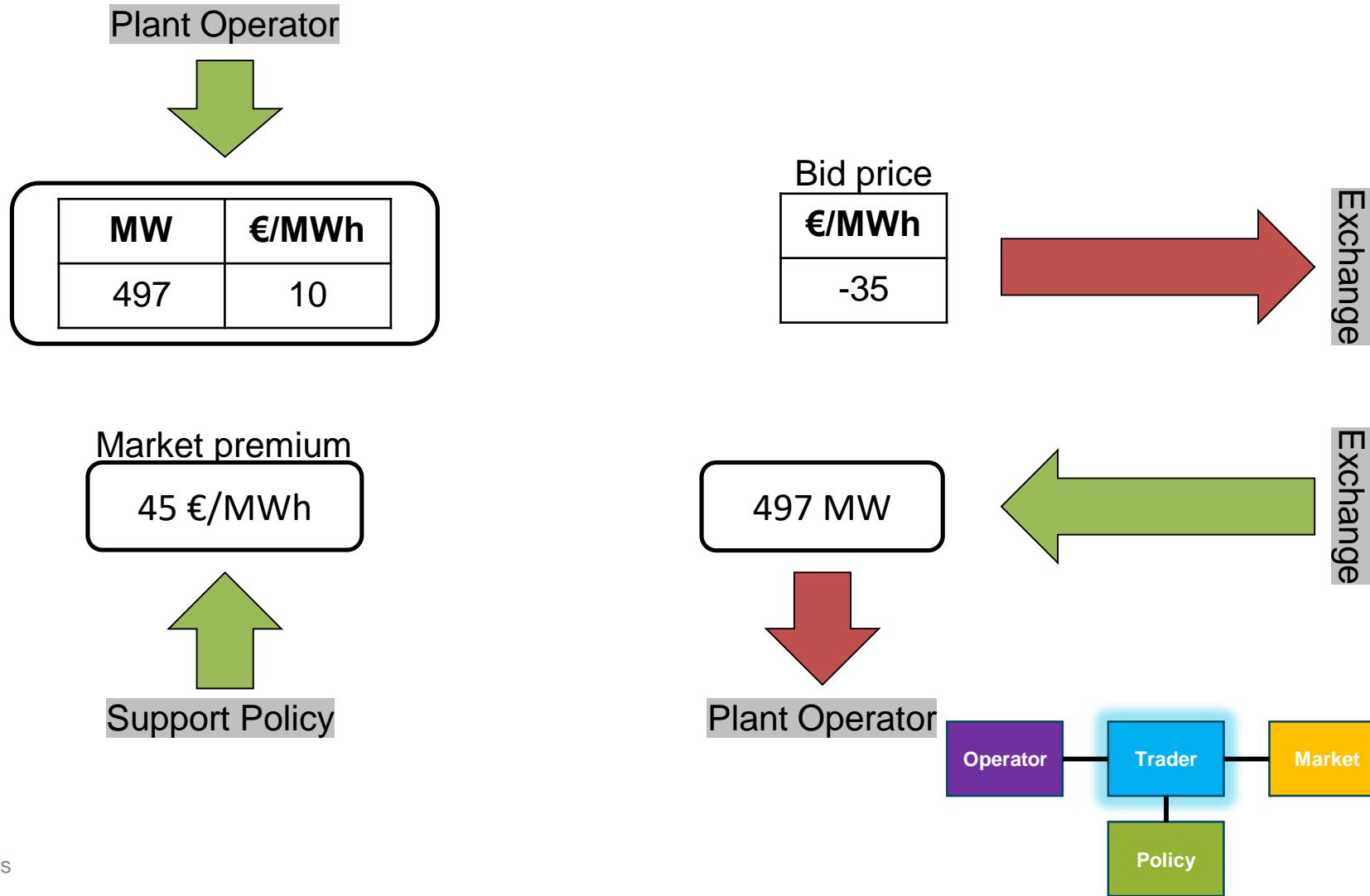


# Renewables Trader



## Actions

- 1) *Receive marginal costs*
- 2) *Check support instrument*
- 3) *Derive bid*
- 4) *Send bids to Exchange*
- 5) *Receive awards*
- 6) *Forward power to operator*



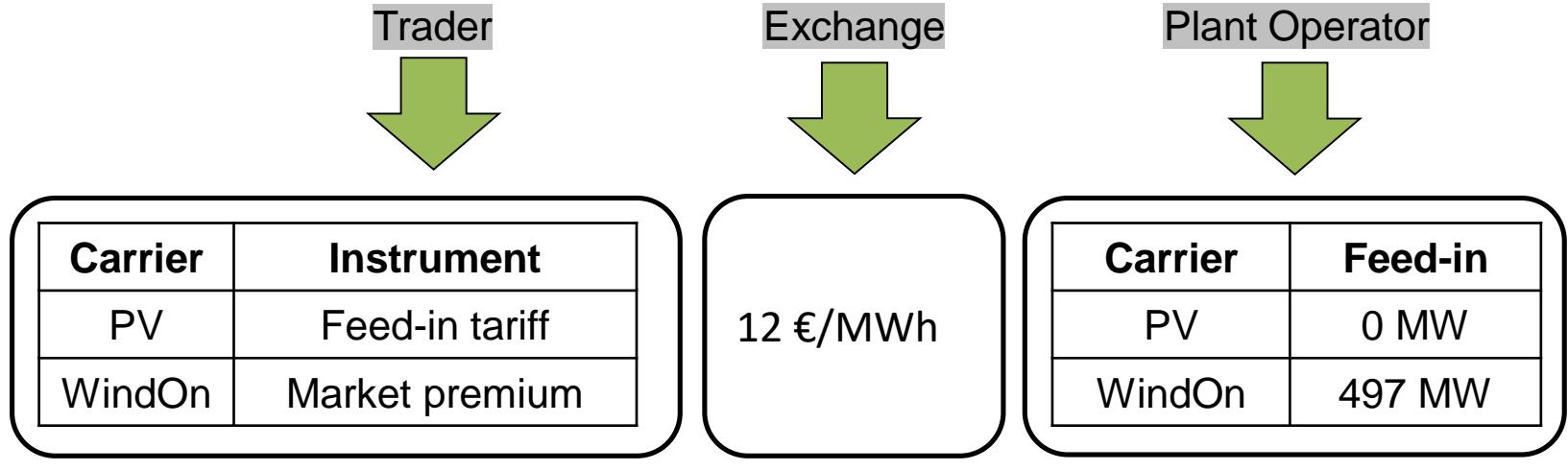
# Renewables

## Support Policy

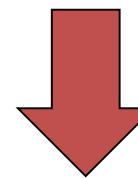


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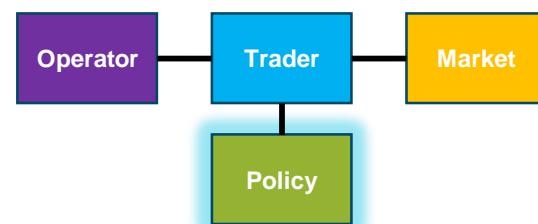
- 1) Register clients
- 2) Track power prices
- 3) Track feed-in potentials
- 4) Calculate variable tariffs
- 5) Provide support



Carrier	Instrument	Support
PV	Feed-in tariff	90 €/MWh
WindOn	Market premium	45 €/MWh



Trader

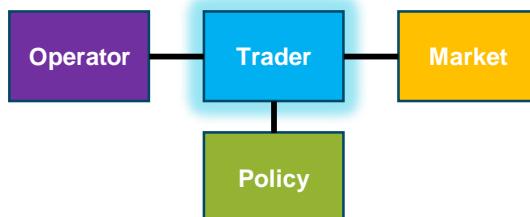
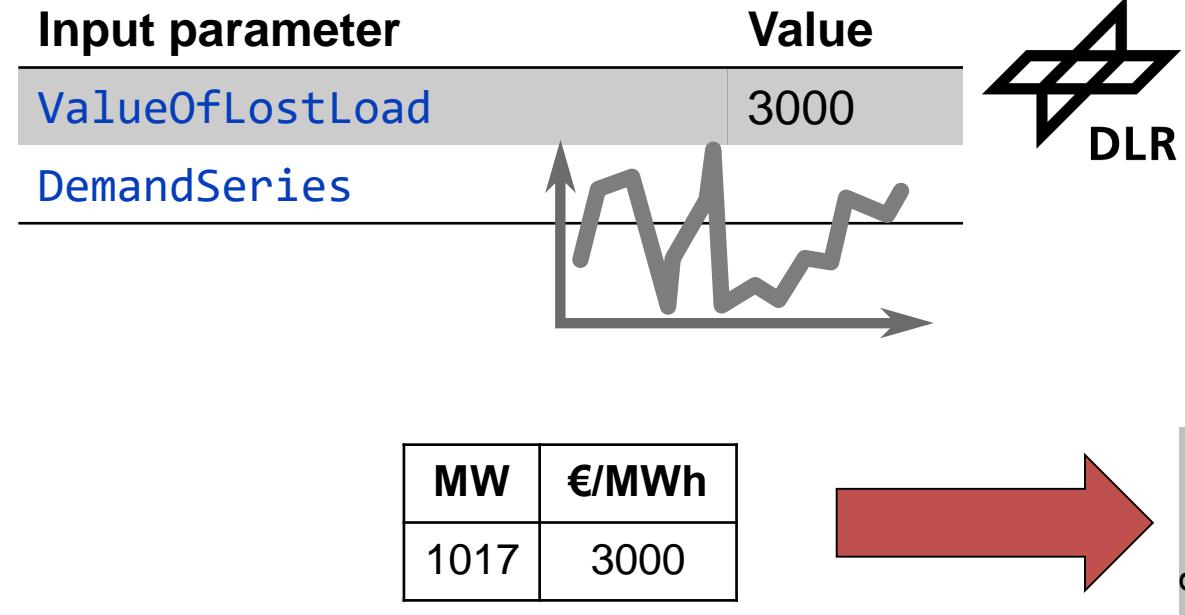


# Demand

Trader

## Actions

- 1) Create bid
- 2) Send bid(s) to Exchange



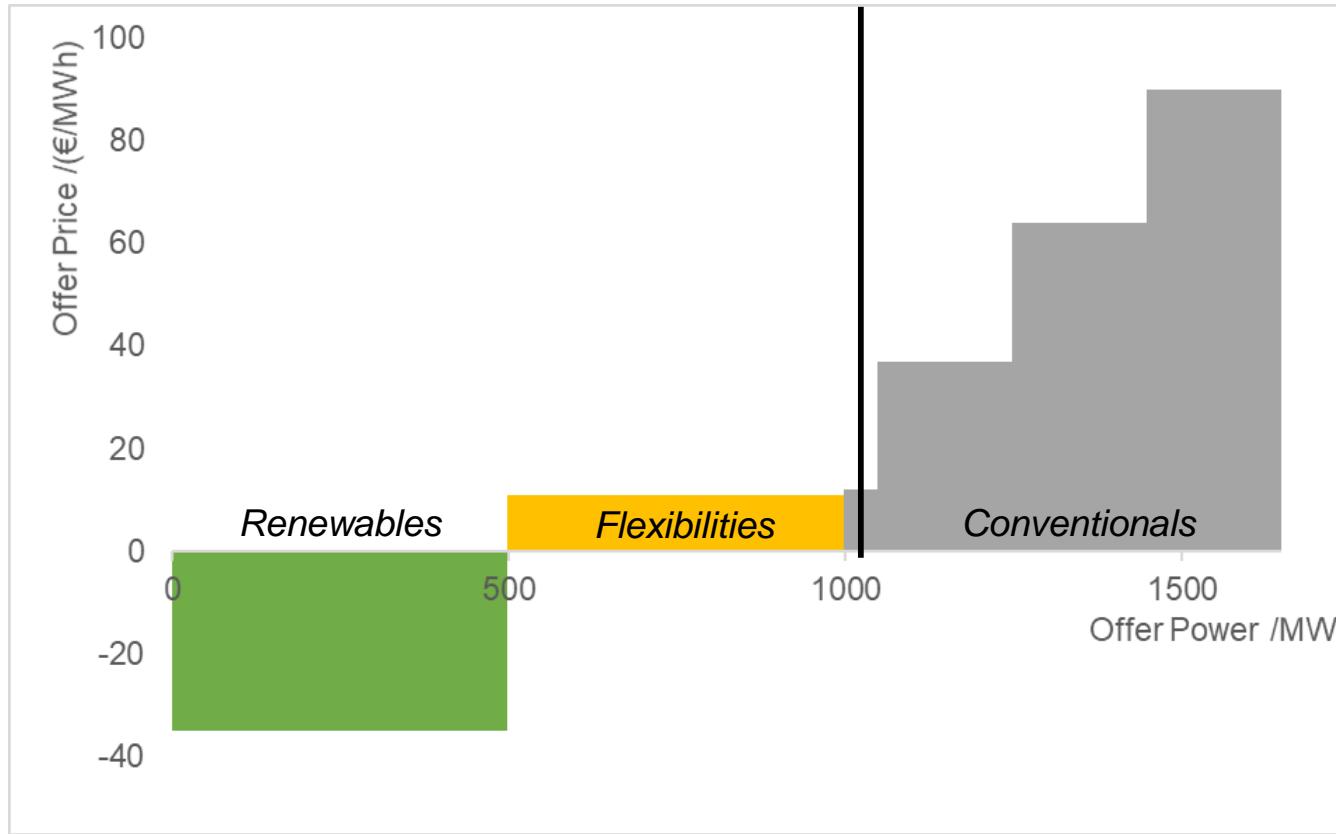
# Day-Ahead Market

## Market Clearing

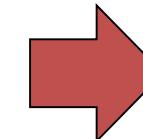


### Actions

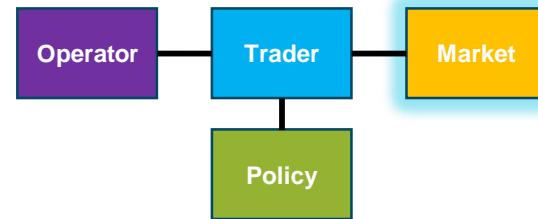
- 1) Receive bids
- 2) Clear market
- 3) Send awards



MW	€/MWh
497	12
500	12
20	12

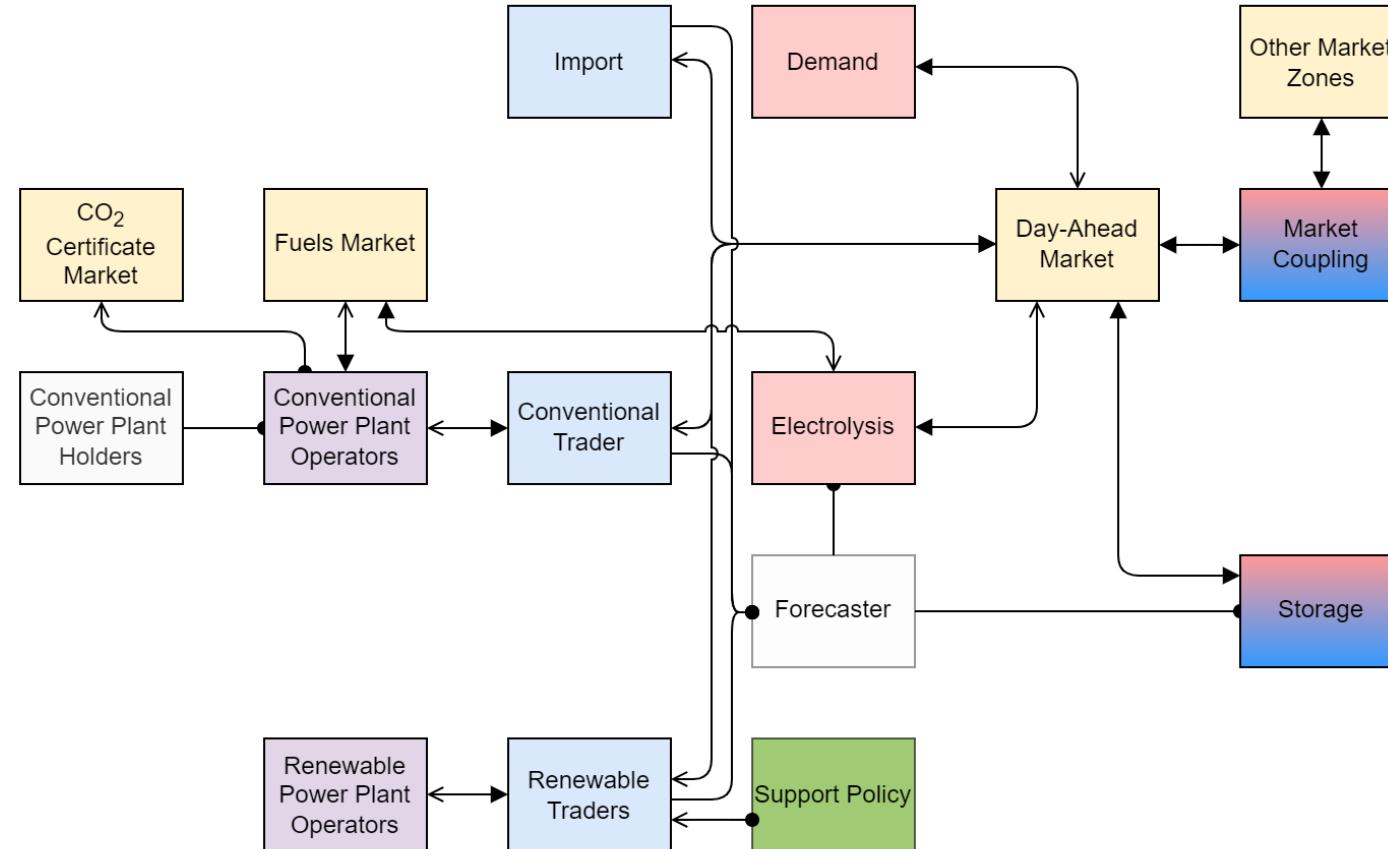
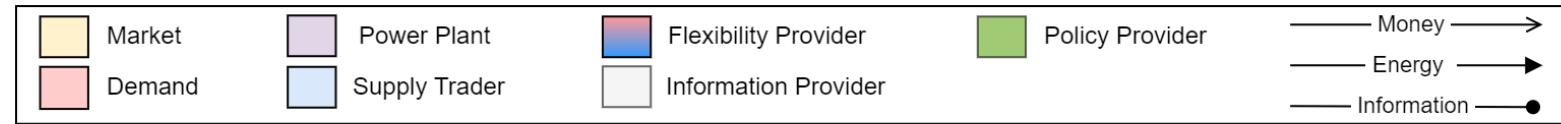


Trader



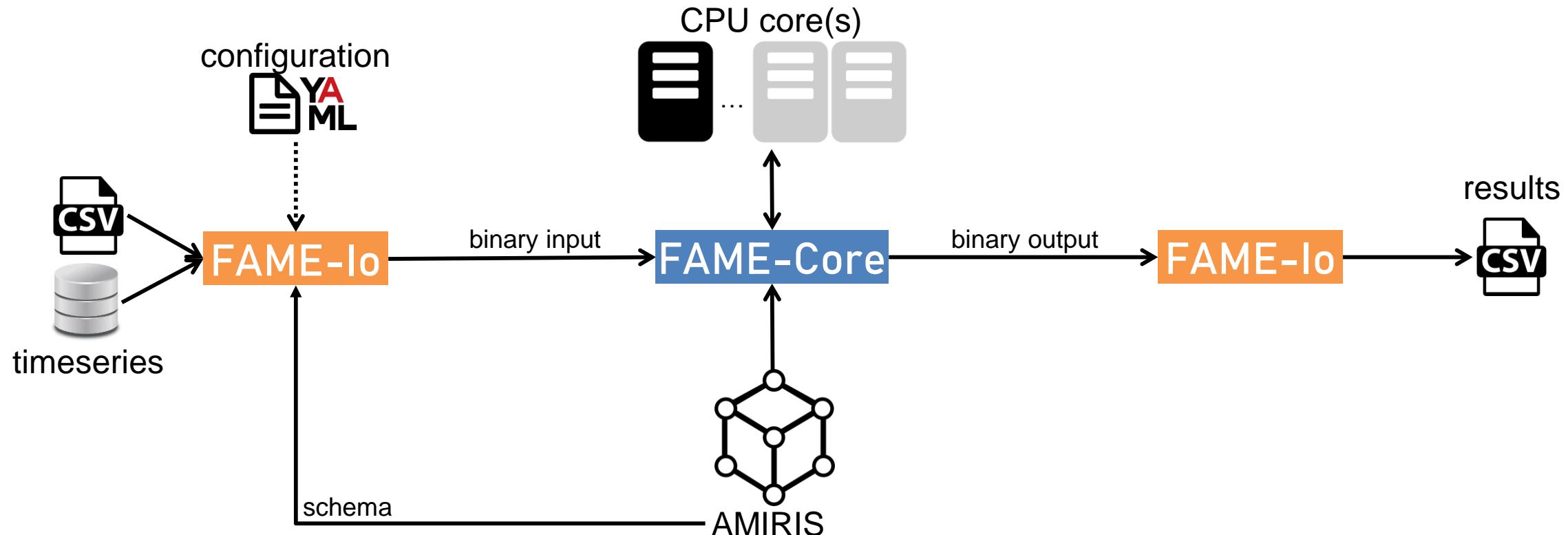
# AMIRIS Agents

## Overview



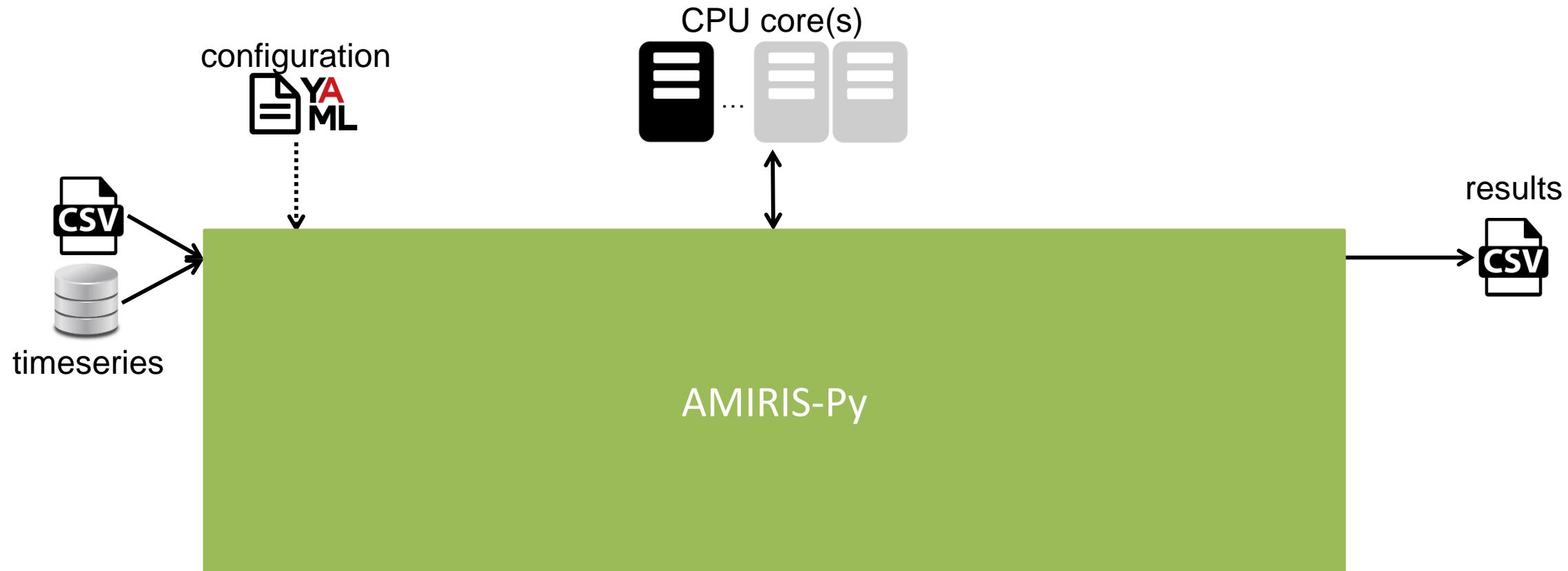
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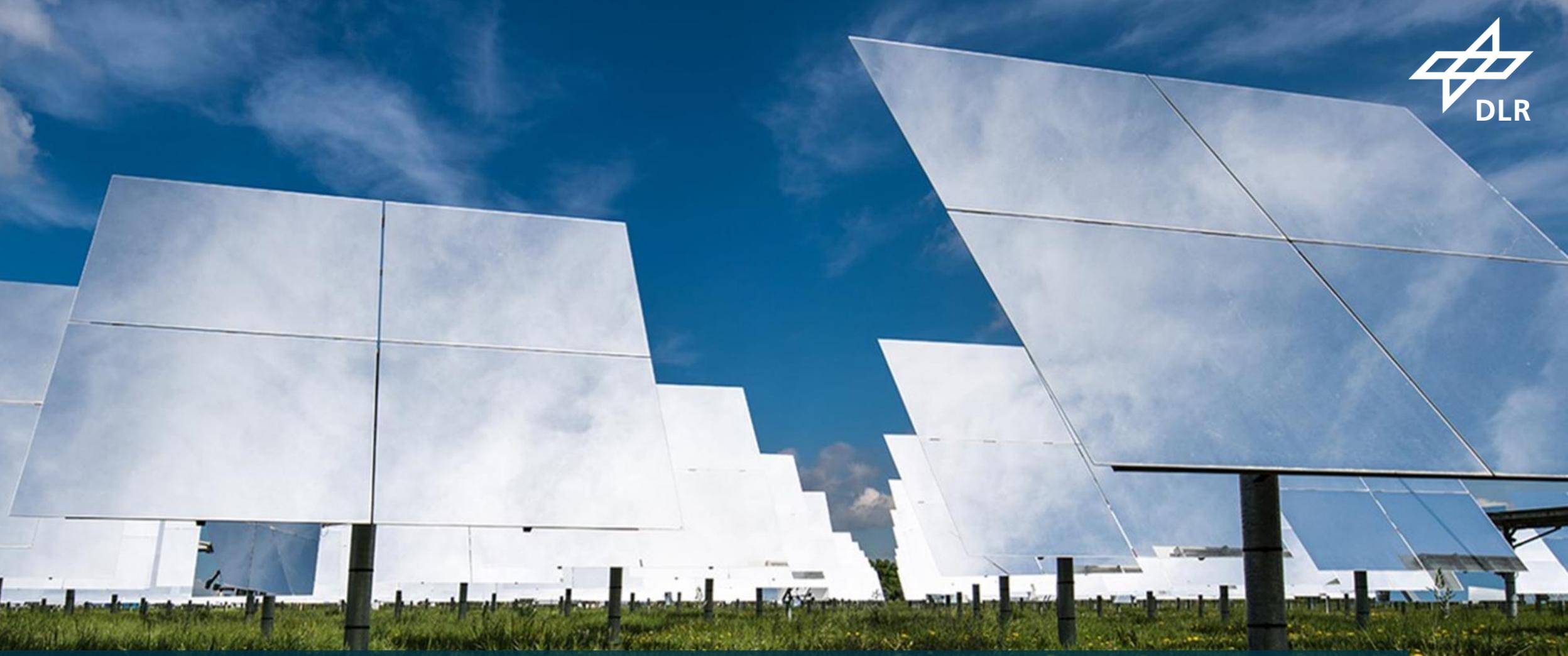


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FAME-Core: <https://joss.theoj.org/papers/10.21105/joss.05087>  
FAME-lo: <https://joss.theoj.org/papers/10.21105/joss.04958>

A wide-angle photograph of a solar farm under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The solar panels are large, rectangular, and tilted at an angle, reflecting the sunlight. They are installed in rows across a field of green grass and small yellow flowers.

# AMIRIS: INSTALL & RUN

- Java JDK 11

```
(base) PS C:\> java --version
openjdk 11.0.9.1 2020-11-04
OpenJDK Runtime Environment AdoptOpenJDK (build 11.0.9.1+1)
OpenJDK 64-Bit Server VM AdoptOpenJDK (build 11.0.9.1+1, mixed mode)
```

- Obtain from, e.g., <https://adoptium.net/>

- Python 3.9

```
(base) PS C:\> python --version
Python 3.9.7
```

- Obtain from, e.g., <https://github.com/conda-forge/miniforge#mambaforge>

# Setup

## Python environment



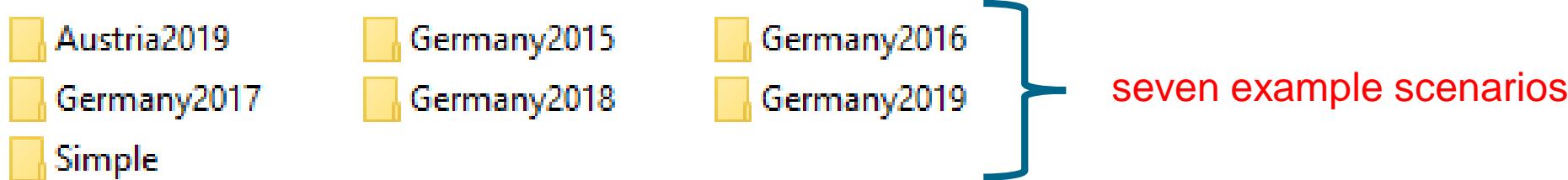
- Create environment      (base) PS C:\> conda create -n AmirisEnv python=3.9
- Activate environment    (base) PS C:\> conda activate AmirisEnv
- Install *amirispy*       (AmirisEnv) PS C:\> pip install amirispy
- Create folder:            (AmirisEnv) PS C:\> mkdir amiris; cd amiris
- Install *AMIRIS*:        (AmirisEnv) PS C:\amiris> amiris install

# Setup

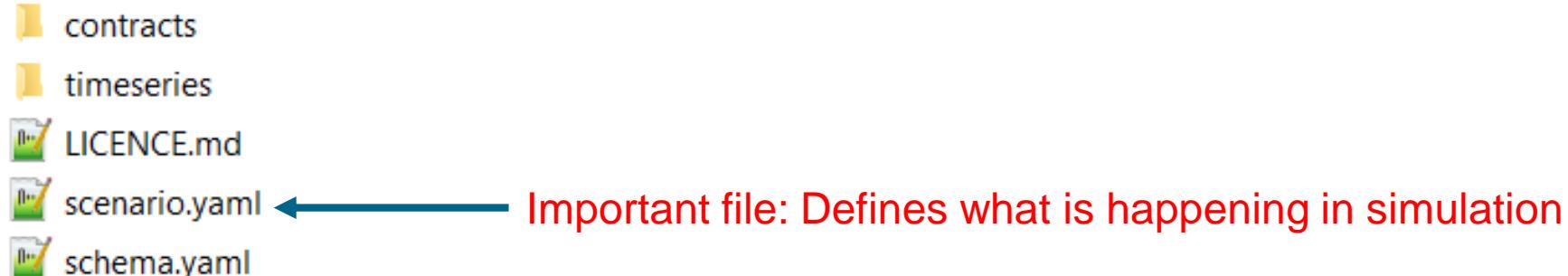
## Files



examples/



Examples/Simple/



# Setup

## Run AMIRIS



```
(AmirisEnv) PS C:\amiris> amiris run  
usage: amiris run [-h] --jar JAR --scenario SCENARIO  
                   [--output OUTPUT]  
amiris run: error: the following arguments are required: --jar/-j, --scenario/-s
```

## Required arguments

- -j AMIRIS executable
- -s Scenario file

```
(AmirisEnv) PS C:\amiris> amiris run -j .\amiris-core_2.0.0-jar-with-dependencies.jar  
-s .\examples\Simple\scenario.yaml
```

Use tab-completion for jar-file and scenario

## Console output

```
14:18:38 - PRINT - Start running AMIRIS  
Starting up 1 processes.  
Warm-up completed after 1 ticks.  
04.10.2023 14:18:39:: Simulation completed! Ran 219 ticks in 258 ms  
14:18:40 - PRINT - Successfully executed AMIRIS. See your results in '..'
```

examples  
 scenario ← **output in here**  
 amiris-core\_2.0.0-jar-with-dependencies.jar

# Setup

## Redirect output



```
(AmirisEnv) PS C:\amiris> amiris run -h
usage: amiris run [-h] --jar JAR --scenario SCENARIO [--output OUTPUT]

optional arguments:
  -h, --help            show this help message and exit
  --jar JAR, -j JAR      Path to 'amiris-core_<version>-jar-with-dependencies.jar'
  --scenario SCENARIO, -s SCENARIO
                        Path to a scenario yaml-file
  --output OUTPUT, -o OUTPUT
                        Directory to write output to
```

use this

```
(AmirisEnv) PS C:\amiris> amiris run -j .\amiris-core_2.0.0-jar-with-dependencies.jar
  -s .\examples\Simple\scenario.yaml -o simple
```

examples

simple ← output now in here

# Setup

## Results

- ConventionalPlantOperator.csv
- ConventionalPlantOperator\_Dispatched...
- ConventionalPlantOperator\_ReceivedM...
- ConventionalPlantOperator\_VariableCos...
- ConventionalTrader.csv
- DayAheadMarketSingleZone.csv ←
- DemandTrader.csv
- NoSupportTrader.csv
- VariableRenewableOperator.csv



AgentId	TimeStep	AwardedEnergyInMWH	ElectricityPriceInEURperMWH
1	01.01.2021 00:00	12431	267.4721054
1	01.01.2021 01:00	11416	262.9066734
1	01.01.2021 02:00	11163	260.8119727
1	01.01.2021 03:00	11036	257.4786831
1	01.01.2021 04:00	11192	256.4702082
1	01.01.2021 05:00	12177	256.2193284
1	01.01.2021 06:00	12685	256.2193284
1	01.01.2021 07:00	15222	259.7771467
1	01.01.2021 08:00	16491	260.2935264
1	01.01.2021 09:00	17125	257.9859146
1	01.01.2021 10:00	17378	255.7190453
1	01.01.2021 11:00	16997	255.4696391
1	01.01.2021 12:00	16237	257.2258181
1	01.01.2021 13:00	15476	256.4702082

# PARAMETERISATION

# Parameterisation

Scenario: Main config file to bundle all simulation properties



Open: examples/Germany2019/scenario.yaml

## scenario.yaml

### **schema**

*definition of valid agent and contract structures*

### **general properties**

*simulation start/end time, random seed*

### **variables**

*YAML anchors, optional*

### **agents**

*which agents have what parameters*

### **contracts**

*how and when agents interact*



You can split the scenario.yaml into separate files, e.g. schema, contracts, etc., and join them using ***!include***, see <https://gitlab.com/fame-framework/fame-io#split-and-join-multiple-yaml-files>

# Parameterisation

## General Properties



- Define
  - start and end of simulation
  - which random seed to use

```
GeneralProperties:  
  RunId: 1 ← ignore  
Simulation:  
  StartTime: 2018-12-31_23:58:00  
  StopTime: 2019-12-31_23:58:00  
  RandomSeed: 1  
Output: ← ignore
```

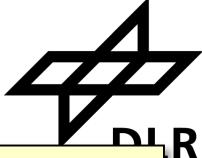
- FAME's time definition **always** uses 365 days / 8760 hours per year, see also <https://gitlab.com/fame-framework/wiki-/wikis/architecture/decisions/TimeStamp>

- YAML is indentation-based (2 spaces)

# Parameterisation

## Agents

- Define
  - agents
  - their type, ID, and attributes.
- Supported data types:
  - integer, floating point, enums, timeseries
- Supported structures
  - Any combination of blocks and lists
- Structure of attributes
  - depends on type of agent
  - is defined in schema



*In YAML, dash is used to denote lists*

### Agents:

```
- Type: EnergyExchange  
Id: 1
```

#### Attributes:

```
DistributionMethod: SAME SHARES
```

```
GateClosureInfoOffsetInSeconds: 11
```

```
- Type: CarbonMarket
```

```
Id: 3
```

#### Attributes:

```
OperationMode: FIXED
```

```
Co2Prices: "./timeseries/co2_price.csv"
```

```
- Type: FuelsMarket
```

```
Id: 4
```

#### Attributes:

##### FuelPrices:

```
- FuelType: LIGNITE
```

```
Price: 5.00
```

```
ConversionFactor: 1.0
```

```
- FuelType: NATURAL_GAS
```

```
Price: "./timeseries/natural_gas_cost.csv"
```

```
ConversionFactor: 1.0
```



*Time series attributes also support a single value.*



*Every agent **must** have a unique ID within the simulation.  
This is how agents address each other.*

# GERMANY 2019: BASE SCENARIO

# Parameterisation

## Timeseries



Open: examples/Germany2019/timeseries/co2\_price.csv

- Use case: time-dependent input
- File Format
  - Timestamp – semicolon – (dot-separated) floating point value
- Timestamps Format
  - YYYY-MM-DD hh:mm:ss
  - Refer to *simulation time !not UTC!*
  - Idea: Easily reapply timeseries from one year to another
- Missing datapoints: AMIRIS will interpolate

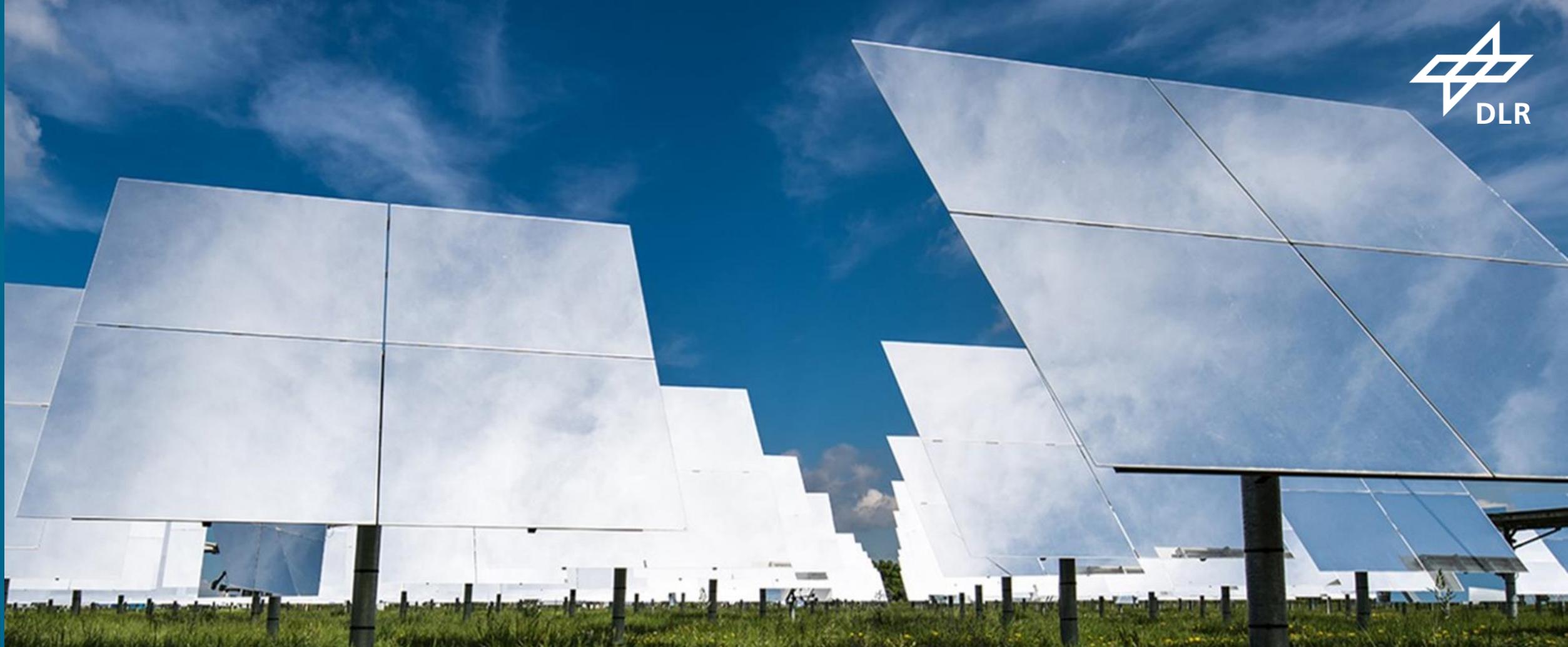
timestamp	value
2019-01-07_00:00:00;23.01	
2019-01-08_00:00:00;22.4	
2019-01-10_00:00:00;21.4	
2019-01-14_00:00:00;21.95	
2019-01-15_00:00:00;22.55	
2019-01-16_00:00:00;22.72	
2019-01-17_00:00:00;23.55	
2019-01-21_00:00:00;24.22	
2019-01-22_00:00:00;24.42	
2019-01-24_00:00:00;24.6	
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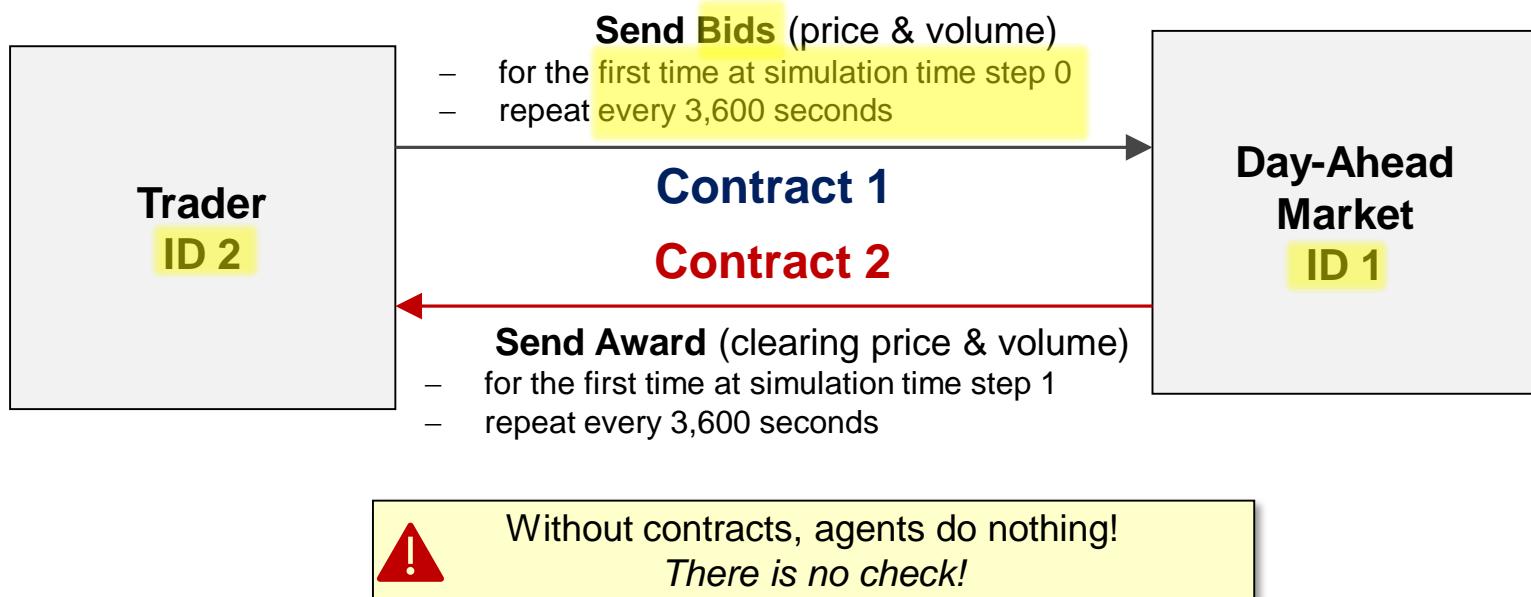


# GERMANY 2019: HIGH GAS PRICE

# Parameterisation

## Contracts

Define **when** agents send **what** data to **which** other agents



# Parameterisation

Contracts: Advanced



Open: examples/Germany2019/contracts/conventionals.yaml

- Simulations often require *many* contracts!
- Contracts are often *similar*!
- Short notations available:
  - 1:N → one sender to multiple receivers
  - N:1 → one receiver from multiple senders
  - M:M → m senders, each to **one** of m receivers

```
- SenderId: 1
  ReceiverId: [2,5]
  ProductName: Award
  FirstDeliveryTime: 5
  DeliveryIntervalInSteps: 3600

- SenderId: [2,5]
  ReceiverId: 1
  ProductName: Bid
  FirstDeliveryTime: 5
  DeliveryIntervalInSteps: 3600

- SenderId: [1,2,3]
  ReceiverId: [11,12,13]
  ProductName: Award
  FirstDeliveryTime: 5
  DeliveryIntervalInSteps: 3600
```

# Parameterisation

## Contracts: Advanced



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- Sender / receiver lists *repeat* often!
- Use YAML anchors to replace similar lists
  - Define: &anchorName <something>
  - Reference: \*anchorName

### AgentGroups:

```
- &builders [2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005]
- &traders [1000, 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005]
- &operators [500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505]
- &exchange 1
- &carbonMarket 3
- &fuelsMarket 4
- &forecaster 6
```

anchors

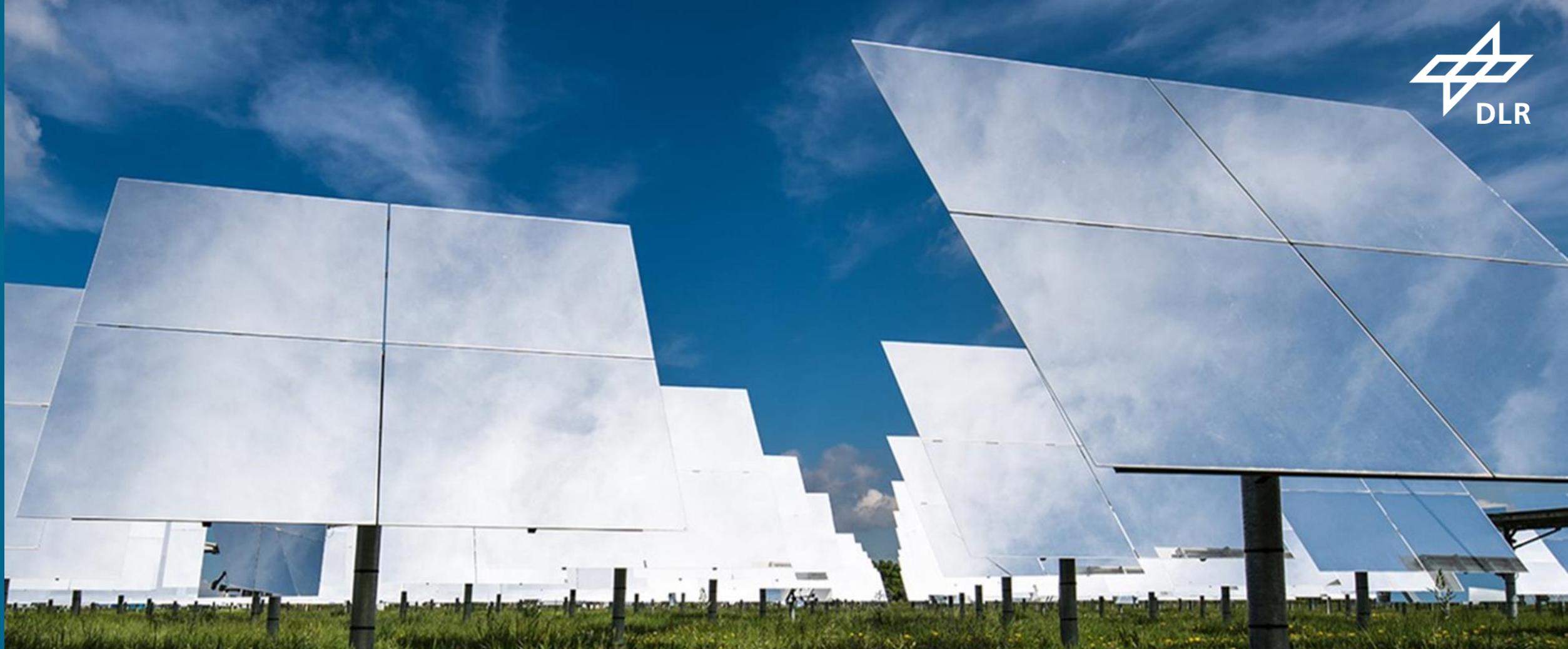
### Contracts:

```
#####
# -- PlantBuildingManagement -- #
#####
- SenderId: *builders
  ReceiverId: *operators
  ProductName: PowerPlantPortfolio
  FirstDeliveryTime: -60
  DeliveryIntervalInSteps: 31536000
```

comment

reference

```
#####
# -- Forecast Preparation -- #
#####
- SenderId: *forecaster
  ReceiverId: *traders
  ProductName: ForecastRequest
  FirstDeliveryTime: -26
  DeliveryIntervalInSteps: 3600
```



# GERMANY 2019: EXTRA PV

# Schema

All parametrisation options



Open: examples/Germany2019/schema.yaml

- Defines
  - types of agents
  - their contract products
  - their attributes
  - attribute types
  - if attributes are mandatory / lists
  - attribute value restrictions

## scenario.yaml

```
Type: CarbonMarket
Id: 3
Attributes:
  OperationMode: FIXED
  Co2Prices: "./timeseries/co2_price.csv"
```

```
AgentTypes:
  CarbonMarket:
    Attributes:
      Co2Prices:
        AttributeType: time_series
        Mandatory: false
        List: false
      OperationMode:
        AttributeType: enum
        Mandatory: true
        List: false
        Values: [ 'FIXED', 'DYNAMIC' ]
    Products: [ 'Co2PriceForecast', 'Co2Price', 'CertificateBill' ]
```

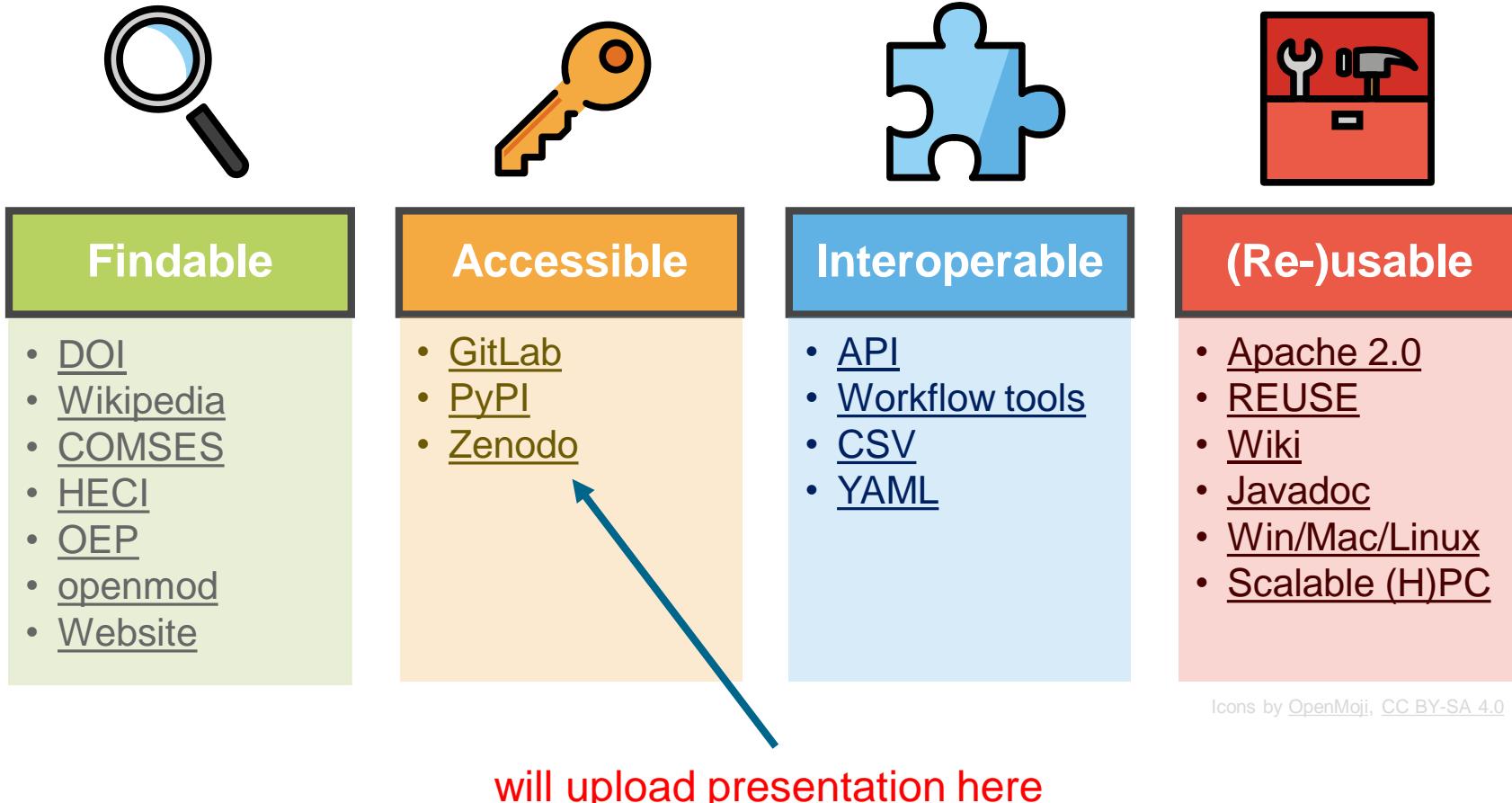


Use schema to look up agents & attributes,  
see also <https://gitlab.com/dlr-ve/esy/amiris/amiris-/wikis/Classes/Classes>



**Do not tamper with the schema!**  
Derived from Java code; Validates scenarios

# FINAL REMARKS



## Key Indicators

	<b>Users</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 16 confirmed external user</li><li>• 6 bugs reported</li></ul>
	<b>PhD candidates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 5 internal</li><li>• 5 external</li></ul>
	<b>Visibility</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 19k views on Wikipedia</li><li>• 10k views on openmod</li></ul>
	<b>Software</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 21 releases</li><li>• 11k downloads</li></ul>

## New Mechanics

Coupling of market zones,  
Easy coupling with other models

# New Agents

# Electrolysis, Import

# New Strategies

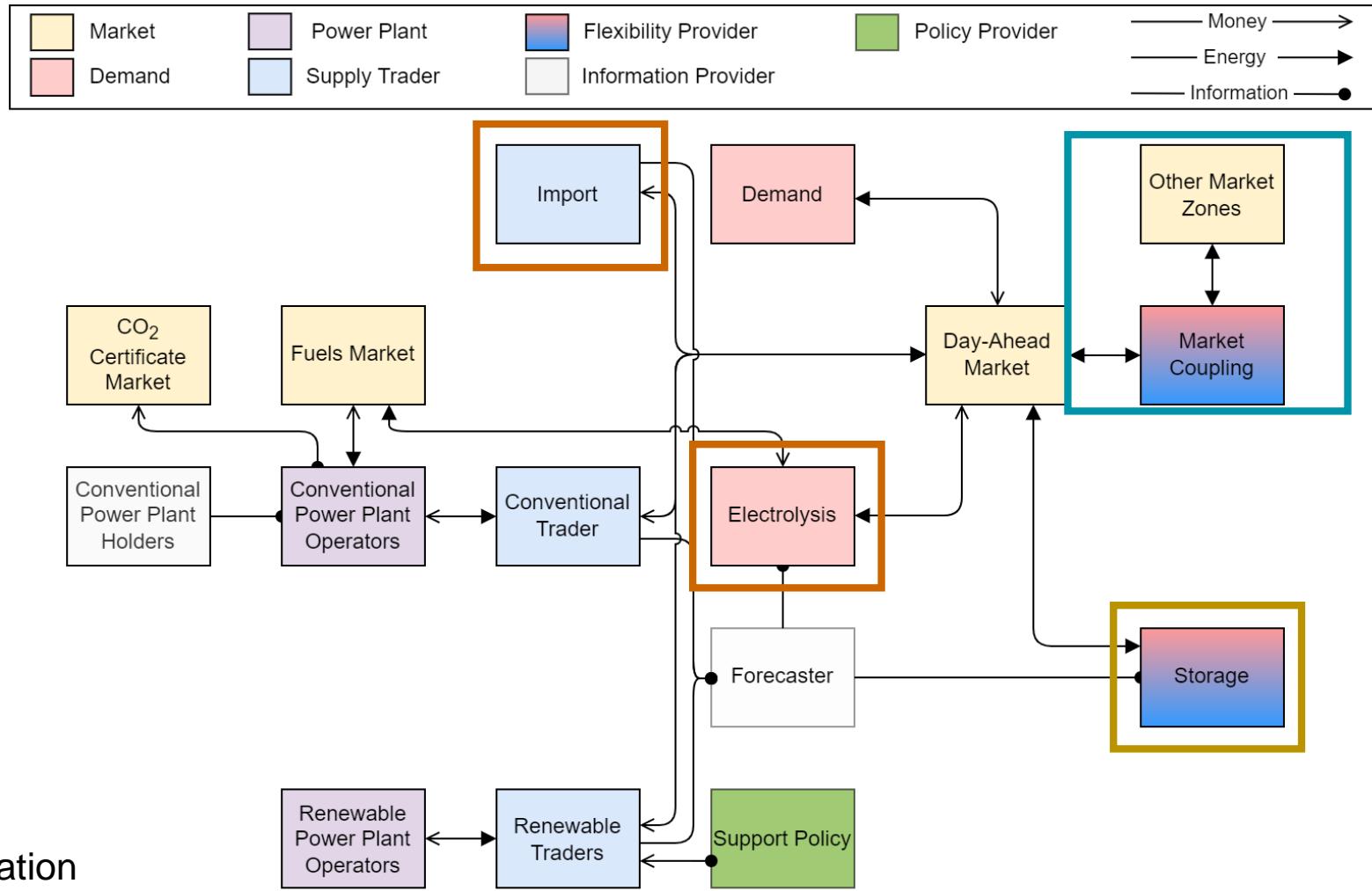
## Storage dispatch (profit maximising, file)

# New Data

## Germany 2015-2018

## Plus

Bug fixes, harmonisations, better documentation



# Use AMIRIS



## Use AMIRIS

- Report difficulties
- Ask questions in forum
- Create / publish scenarios
- Cite AMIRIS at [JOSS](#)

## Make us enhance AMIRIS

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