

# Enhanced Flexibility Aggregation for LinDistFlow<sup>[1]</sup>

Application in TSO-DSO Coordination

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## Background & Motivation<sup>[2]</sup>

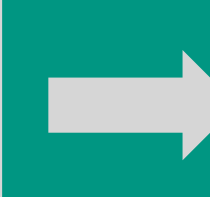
### Integration of renewables

- Data privacy and limited info exchange between TSO & DSO
- Growing DERs increase computational complexity



### Limitations of LinDistFlow

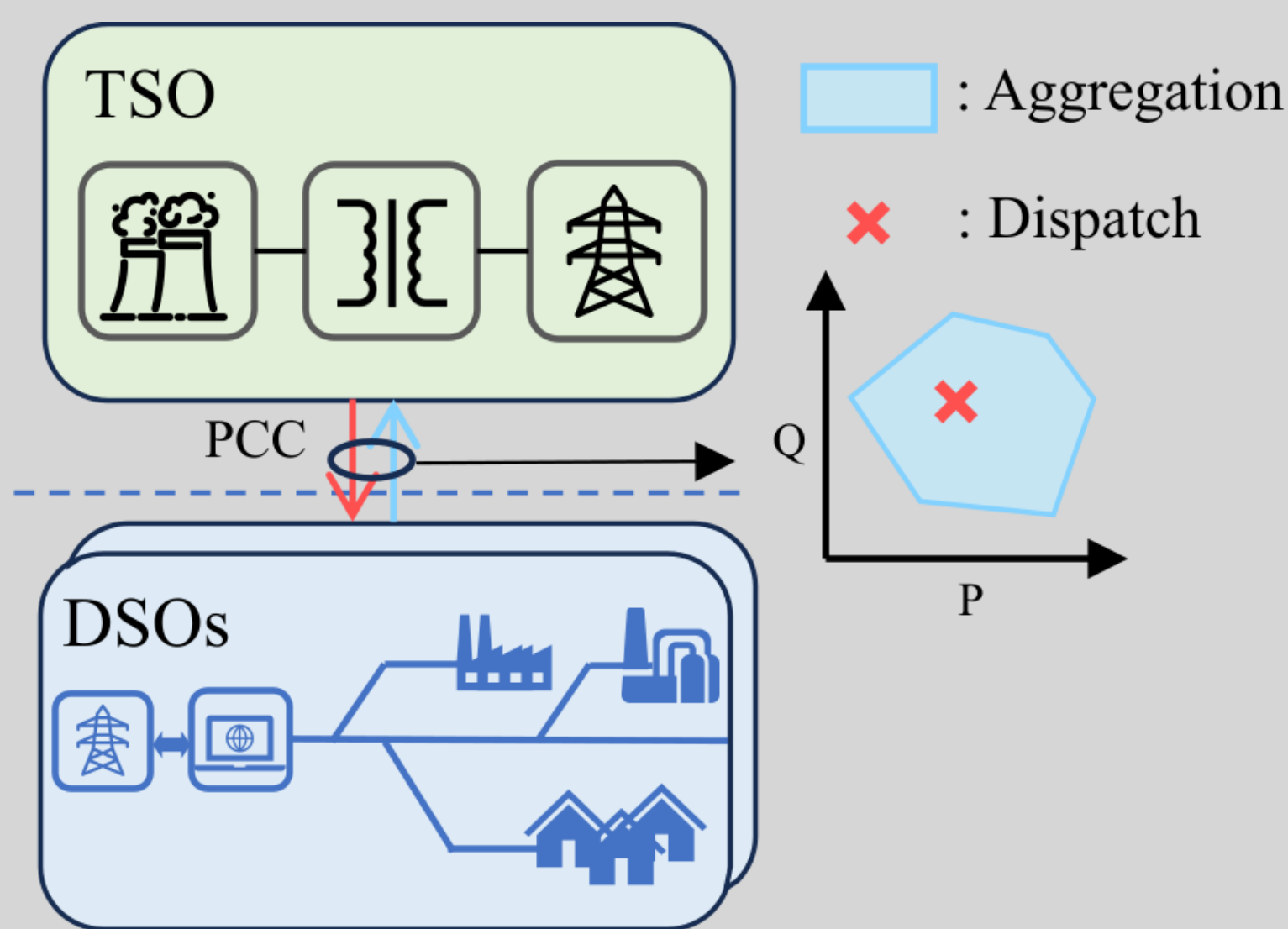
- Assumption of negligible power loss and voltage drop
- Inaccurate flexibility aggregation and potential operation risks



### Compensation method

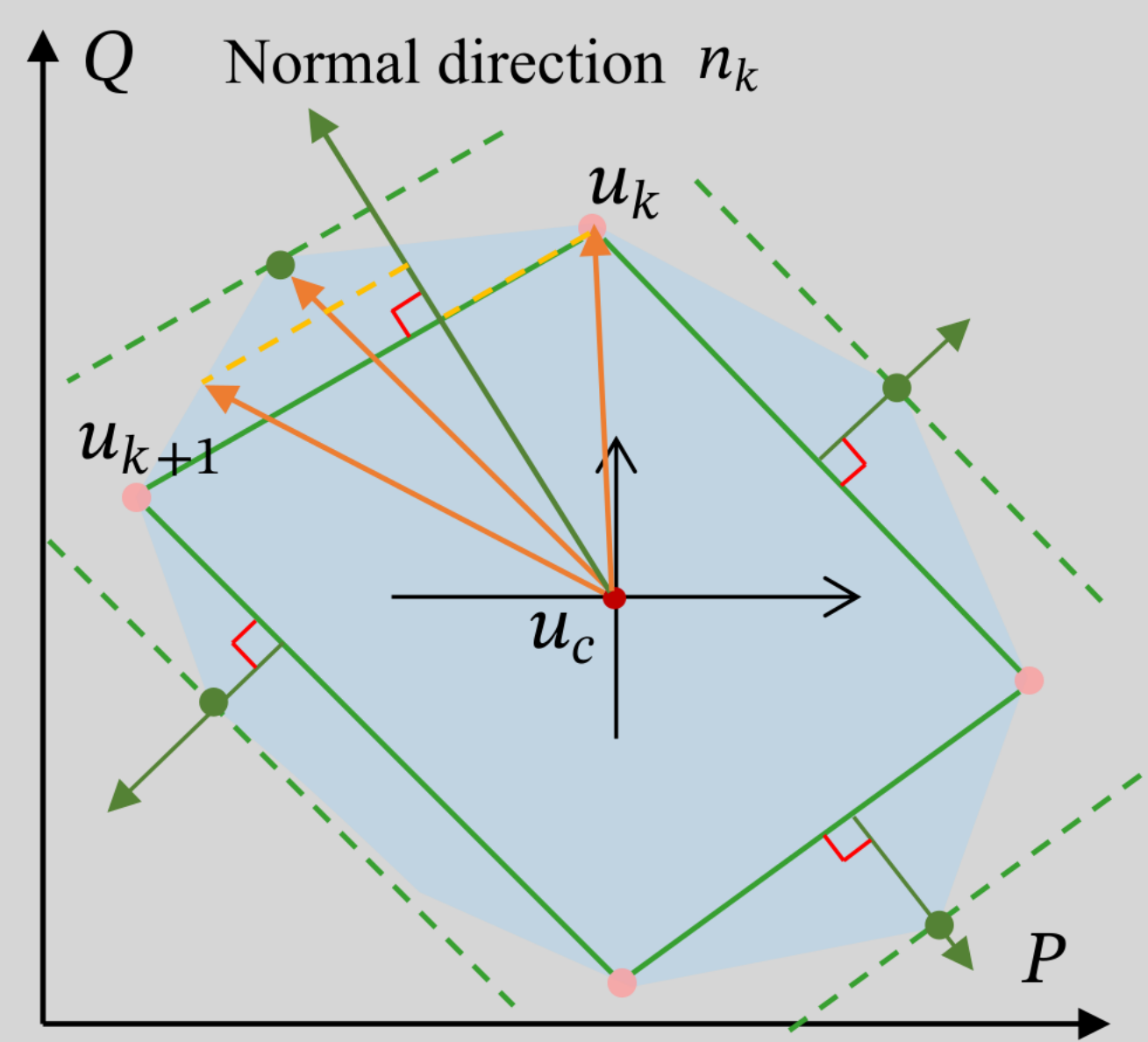
- Compensation for power losses and refining aggregated flexibility
- Simulations confirm better integrated TSO-DSO coordination

## 1. Coordination with Flexibility



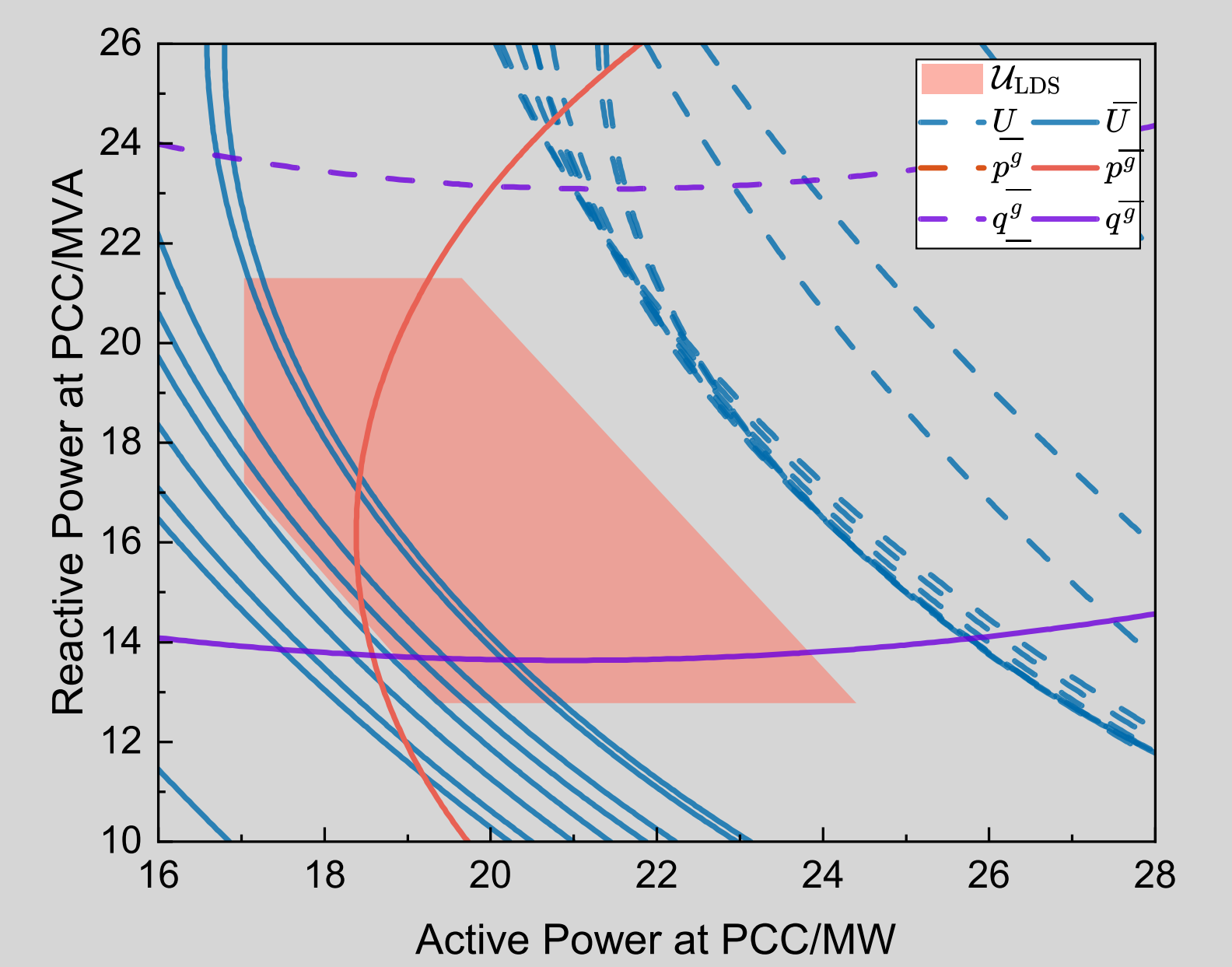
- Projection onto  $P^{pcc} - Q^{pcc}$  domain to help TSO make dispatching decision

## 2. Linear model Aggregation



- Properties: convex but inexact compared with the AC power flow model

## 3. LinDistFlow Aggregation



- LinDistFlow model (red) vs. Reference, formed with solid and dashed lines.

## Improving Flexibility Aggregation with Loss Compensation in LinDistFlow

**Problem:** What results in the mismatches between LinDistFlow and the reference? How to improve the flexibility of the LinDistFlow model?  
**Contribution:** We propose a compensation method to correct LinDistFlow-based flexibility by approximating power loss on boundary points.

## 4. Loss Compensation

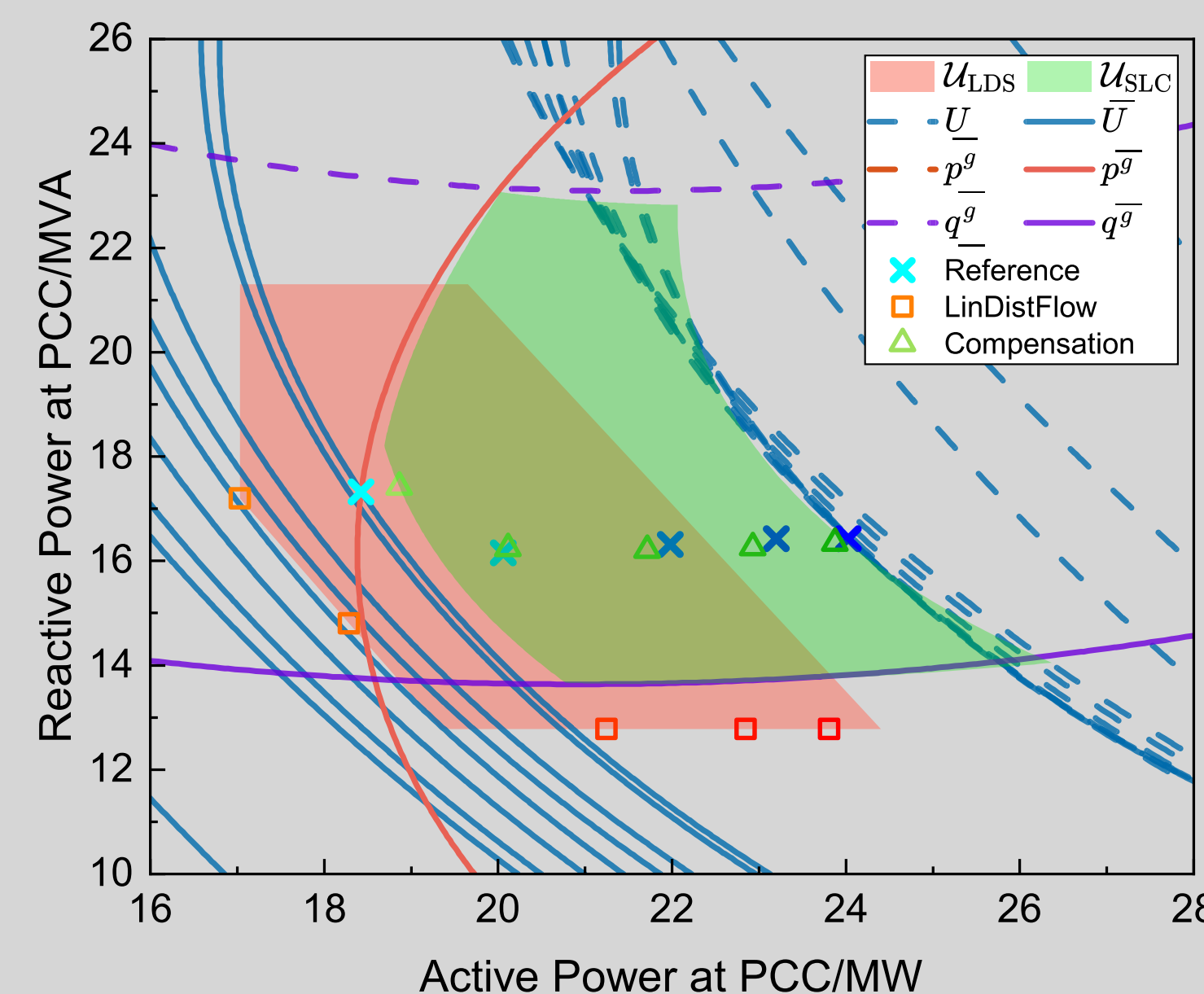
$$p^{\text{loss}}(u) = R^T \hat{U}^{-1} (\mathbf{P}^2(u) + \mathbf{Q}^2(u)) \mathbf{1},$$

$$q^{\text{loss}}(u) = X^T \hat{U}^{-1} (\mathbf{P}^2(u) + \mathbf{Q}^2(u)) \mathbf{1},$$

- $R$ : Branch resistance,  $X$ : Branch reactance
- $\mathbf{P}$ : Active branch flow,  $\mathbf{Q}$ : Reactive branch flow
- $\hat{U}$ : voltage differences across branch
- $\mathbf{1} \in \mathbb{R}^{N^{\text{line}}}$  denotes the vector of all ones

- $u = [P^{\text{pcc}}, Q^{\text{pcc}}]$  denotes the decision variable. The active and reactive power losses are approximated and incorporated at the boundary points of the LinDistFlow model to correct the aggregated flexibility.

## 5. Our method



- LinDistFlow (red) vs. Compensation (green)
- Dispatch simulations (markers)

## 6. Future Work

- Extend the flexibility aggregation to meshed distribution networks.
- Achieve multiperiod flexibility aggregation for scheduling problem.
- Leverage higher-order implicit function to improve the approximation