Aiming for Half Gets You to the Top

The Strategy of TUC-TAC

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Architecture





Retail Market Module

Responsible for:

- **Publishing** and **Revoking** tariffs
 - Tariff Types Offered
 - Consumption Tariffs
 - Thermal Storage Consumption Tariffs
 - Solar Production Tariffs
 - Wind Production Tariffs



TUC TAC Strategy: Links to a winning LSG Strategy

2010 Lemonade Stand Game Winning Strategy:

- Coordinate with an opponent and sit opposite of him
 As a result:
 - Receive the **Highest Utility** at all times

TUC-TAC Strategy:





- Acquire half the market share, by competing with (best) opponent(s)
 As a result:
 - Half of the profits goes to TUC-TAC, the rest are splitted amongst the others
 - Same happens with the Transmission capacity fees
 - Experimentally proven, TUC-TAC has the **<u>Highest utility</u>** at all times*



Wholesale Market Module

• We implemented **Monte Carlo TS** for bidding, similar to that developed by

Chowdhury et al.(2018)

- <u>Without</u> implementing a wholesale price predictor (ongoing work)
- So, we used the Sample Broker "Predictor" with some added <u>experimental</u> offsets and bounds

- Generally solid performance
- But, in some specific games TUC-TAC <u>"paid dearly"</u> the lack of prediction capabilities



Net Demand Predictor

- Neural Networks
 - FFNN (Feed Forward Neural Network)
 - LSTM (Long short-term Memory) Recurrent Neural Networks
- Classification Methods
 - Peaks Finding (FFNN)
 - Random Forests
- Regression methods
 - Kernel Regression



Deep Learning Models

• Models

- Online Training
- Model per Customer
- Pre Trained Models
- Features
 - Time slot
 - Day
 - Hour
 - Weather data (temperature, wind speed, wind direction, cloud cover)
- Target Value
 - Net demand (target value)



Work in Progress

- Focus on the FFNN
- Add time lag features
- Number of lag features
- Make experiments
- Regression / Classification
- Thoughts on the 2021 PowerTAC



Post - Tournament Analysis



Sources of TUC-TAC's income throughout a game





Regular and special "Phoenix" Games





The Impact of TUC-TAC in the games

<u>Regular Games</u>









The Impact of the top agents in 3-player Games





Sorting Regular Games by total T. Capacity Fees



The TUC-TAC winning strategy in PowerTAC 2020

Thank you !

Any Questions?

