A new primal-dual framework for European day-ahead electricity auctions

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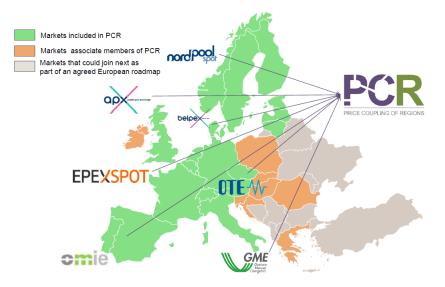
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# Introduction

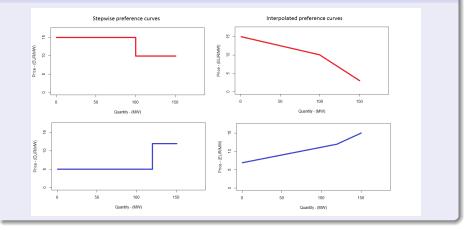
Day-ahead Markets:

- 24 periods (23 or 25 once a year)
- several areas/locations for bids + network constraints
- Both demand and offer bids (elastic demand)



We are interested in uniform/linear prices. Here: only one location but everything holds for any linear transmission network representation (Flow-based, ATC, etc) Main kinds of bids - CWE region (EPEX, APX), Nordpool - :

# Hourly bids - (Monotonic) DEMAND / SUPPLY bid curves



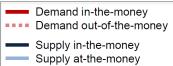
#### Block bids, i.e. 'binary bids'

Span multiple periods and "fill-or-kill condition": bid must be entirely accepted or rejected.

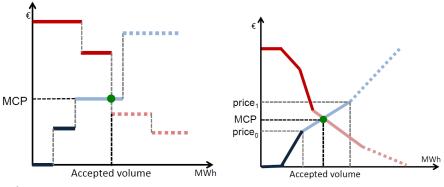
Well-behaved, continuous setting:

#### Market Equilibrium : <u><u>J MCP such that :</u></u>

- in-the-money bids -> accepted
- out-of-the-money bids -> rejected
- at-the-money bids -> accepted / frac. / rejected for piecewise lin. bids, fraction accepted w.r.t to p0 < MCP < p1</li>



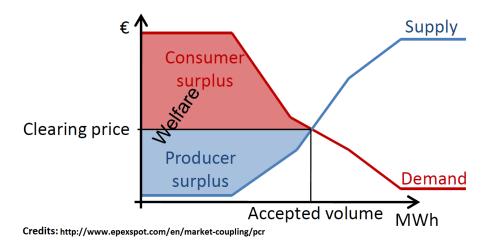
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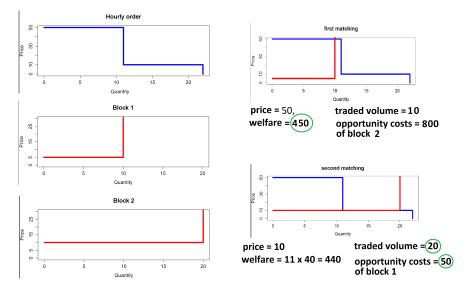
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Well-behaved convex context (convexity of feas. set & welfare function): Market equilibrium  $\leftrightarrow$  Welfare maximization

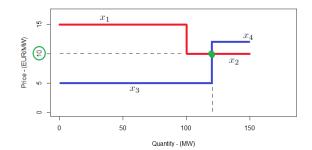
(True more generally when considering spatially separated markets, and remarkable according to Paul Samuelson in [a])



# Equilibrium with block orders ?...



Welfare maximizing solution  $\neq$  Traded volume maximizing solution Welfare maximizing solution  $\neq$  Opportunity costs minimizing solution Matching *in the convex case* as a simple LP:



 $\max_{x_i \ge 0} \quad (100 \times 15)x_1 + (50 \times 10)x_2 - (120 \times 5)x_3 - (30 \times 12)x_4$ 

s.t. 
$$x_i \le 1$$
  $\forall i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$   $[s_i]$  (1)  
 $100x_1 + 50x_2 = 120x_3 + 30x_4$   $[p_m]$  (2)

welfare optimal solution = 1100 with  $x_1 = 1, x_2 = \frac{2}{5}, x_3 = 1, x_4 = 0$  $p_m$  gives the equilibrium market clearing price Primal (welfare maximizing) program:

$$\max_{x_i,y_j} \quad \sum_i Q^i P^i x_i + \sum_j Q^j P^j y_j$$

subject to:

$$\begin{array}{ll} x_i \leq 1 & \forall i \in I \quad "[s_i]" & (3) \\ y_j \leq 1 & \forall j \in J \quad "[s_j]" & (4) \\ \sum_i Q^i x_i + \sum_j Q^j y_j = 0 & "[p_m]" & (5) \\ x_i, y_j \geq 0, \quad y_j \in \mathbb{Z}. & (6) \end{array}$$

Q < 0 for sell orders and Q > 0 for buy orders !

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(ii) optimality conditions for fixed values of 'y'	$\sum_i Q^i x_i + \sum_j Q^j y_j = 0$	[ <i>p</i> <sub><i>m</i></sub> ]
(block order selection)	$x_i, y_i \ge 0,  y_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ Primal	constraints (feasible dispatch)
	$s_i + Q' p_m \geq Q' P'$	$\forall i \in I \ [x_i]$
	$s_j + Q^j p_m \geq Q^j P^j$	$\forall j \in J \ [y_j]$
	$s_i, s_j \ge 0$	Dual program (prices)
Market	$\overline{s_i(1-x_i)}=0$	$\forall i \in I$
Equilibrium	$\frac{s_i(1-y_i)=0}{s_i(1-y_i)=0}$	$\forall j \in J$
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Primal (welfare maximizing) program with blocks fixed:

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subject to:

$$egin{aligned} & x_i \leq 1 & orall i \in I \quad [s_i] \ & \sum_i Q^i x_i = -\sum_j Q^j y_j & [p_m] \ & x_i \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

Dual with these blocks fixed:

$$\min_{s_i,p_m}\sum_i s_i - p_m(\sum_j Q^j y_j)$$

subject to:

$$\begin{split} s_i + Q^i p_m &\geq Q^i P^i \ \forall i \in I \ [x_i] \\ s_i &\geq 0 \end{split}$$

Complementarity Constraints:

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  $\forall i \in I$   
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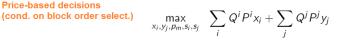
real instances: more than 50 000 hourly bids  $\rightarrow$  100 000 aux. bin. vars. !! Not tractable for real large-scale instances !

 $s_i(1-x_i) = 0$   $x_i(s_i + Q^i p_m - Q^i P^i) = 0$  $y_j(s_j + Q^j p_m - Q^j P^j) = 0$ 

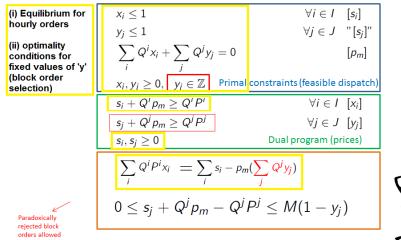
With big-M's and  $z_i, v_i \in \{0, 1\}$ , i.e. 2|*Hourly bids*| auxiliary bin. vars.:

- $0 \leq (1-x_i) \leq Mz_i$
- $0 \leq s_i \leq M(1-z_i)$
- $0 \leq x_i \leq Mv_i$
- $0 \leq (s_i + Q^i p_m Q^i P^i) \leq M(1 v_i)$
- $0 \le s_j + Q^j p_m Q^j P^j \le M(1 y_j)$  (since  $y_j \in \{0, 1\}$ )

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Again, not tractable for real large-scale instances (cf. paper)

Well-known trick:

To linearise  $p_m y_j$ , replace it by  $z_j$ , adding constraints with big-Ms:

$$egin{aligned} & z_j \leq M y_j \ & z_j \leq p_m \ & z_j \geq p_m - M(1-y_j) \end{aligned}$$

If *n* coupled markets, *n* prices, and  $n \times |block \ orders|$  aux. vars. e.g in the CWE region: 24 periods, 4 counties  $\rightarrow$  96 submarkets and about 700 block orders  $\rightarrow$  67200 auxiliary vars.

# Third way: yields a useful primal-dual framework

Primal-dual framework:

Feasible Set LMM defined by:

 $\forall i \in I$  $x_i \leq 1$  $y_i < 1$  $\forall i \in J$  $\sum_{i} Q^{i} x_{i} + \sum_{i} Q^{j} y_{j} = 0$  $x_i, y_i \geq 0, y_i \in \mathbb{Z}$  $s_i + Q^i p_m > \overline{Q^i P^i}$  $\forall i \in I$  $s_j + d_{0_i} - d_{1_i} + Q^j p_m \ge Q^j P^j$  $\forall i \in J$  $d_{0_i} \leq M_i(1-y_i)$   $d_{0_i}$ \*upper bound\* on the opportunity cost of order j  $\forall i \in J$  $d_{1_i}$  \*upper bound\* on the actual loss of executed order j  $\forall i \in J$  $d_1 \leq M_i y_i$  $s_i, s_i, d_{0_i}, d_{1_i} \ge 0$ , param. :  $M_i >> 0$  $\sum Q^i P^i x_i + \sum Q^j P^j y_j \geq \dots = \sum s_i + \sum s_j - \sum a_i$ 

Strong duality <-> 'relayed complementarity constraints'

# Core European market model, new formulation: No auxiliary variables at all & *tractable for large-scale instances*

$$\max_{x_i, y_j, p_m, s_i, s_j} \sum_{i} Q^i P^i x_i + \sum_{j} Q^j P^j y_j$$

subject to:

$$\begin{aligned} x_{i} \leq 1 & \forall i \in I \quad [s_{i}] & (7) \\ y_{j} \leq 1 & \forall j \in J \quad "[s_{j}]" & (8) \\ \sum_{i} Q^{i}x_{i} + \sum_{j} Q^{j}y_{j} = 0 & [p_{m}] & (9) \\ x_{i}, y_{j} \geq 0, \quad y_{j} \in \mathbb{Z} & (10) \\ s_{i} + Q^{i}p_{m} \geq Q^{i}P^{i} & \forall i \in I \quad [x_{i}] & (11) \\ s_{j} + Q^{j}p_{m} \geq Q^{j}P^{j} - M_{j}(1 - y_{j}) & \forall j \in J \quad "[y_{j}]" & (12) \\ \sum_{i} Q^{i}P^{i}x_{i} + \sum_{j} Q^{j}P^{j}y_{j} \geq \sum_{i} s_{i} + \sum_{j} s_{j} & (13) \\ s_{i}, s_{j} \geq 0, \quad param. \quad M_{j} >> 0 & (14) \end{aligned}$$

Third way: yields a useful primal-dual framework Consider a block order selection  $J = J_0 \cup J_1$ Primal:

$$\max_{x_i,y_j} \sum_i Q^i P^i x_i + \sum_j Q^j P^j y_j$$

subject to:

 $\begin{aligned} x_i &\leq 1 & \forall i \in I \quad [s_i] & (15) \\ y_j &\leq 1 & \forall j \in J \quad [s_j] & (16) \\ y_{j_0} &\leq 0 & \forall j_0 \in J_0 \subseteq J \quad [d_{0_{j_0}}] & (17) \\ -y_{j_1} &\leq -1 & \forall j_1 \in J_1 \subseteq J \quad [d_{1_{j_1}}] & (18) \\ \sum_i Q^i x_i + \sum_j Q^j y_j &= 0, & [p_m] & (19) \end{aligned}$ 

 $x_i, y_j \ge 0 \tag{20}$ 

**Dual:** min 
$$\sum_{i} s_{i} + \sum_{j} s_{j} - \sum_{j_{1} \in J_{1}} d_{1_{j_{1}}}$$

subject to:

$$s_i + Q^i p_m \ge Q^i P^i$$
  $\forall i \in I \ [x_i]$  (21)

$$s_{j_0} + d_{0_{j_0}} + Q^{j_0} p_m \ge Q^{j_0} P^{j_0} \quad \forall j_0 \in J_0 \quad [y_{j_0}]$$
 (22)

$$s_{j_1} - d_{1_{j_1}} + Q^{j_1} p_m \ge Q^{j_1} P^{j_1} \quad \forall j_1 \in J_1 \quad [y_{j_1}]$$
 (23)

$$s_i, s_j, d_{j_0}, d_{j_1}, u_m \ge 0$$
 (24)

## **Complementarity constraints**

$$s_i(1-x_i)=0$$
  $\forall i \in I$  (25)

$$s_{j_0}(1-y_{j_0})=0 \qquad \qquad \forall j\in J \qquad (26)$$

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$$x_i(s_i + Q^i p_m - Q^i P^i) = 0 \qquad \forall i \in I \qquad (28)$$

$$y_{j_0}(s_{j_0} + d_{0_{j_0}} + Q^{j_0}p_m - Q^{j_0}P^{j_0}) = 0 \qquad \forall j \in J_0$$
(29)

$$y_{j_1}(s_{j_1} - d_{1_{j_1}} + Q^{j_1} p_m - Q^{j_1} P^{j_1}) = 0 \qquad \forall j \in J_1 \qquad (30)$$

$$y_{j_0}d_{0_{j_0}} = 0, \quad (1 - x_{j_1})d_{1_{j_1}} = 0 \qquad \forall j_0 \in J_0, \forall j_1 \in J_1 \qquad (31)$$

With primal, dual and complementarity constraints:

- $d_{0_i}$  is an \*upper bound\* on the opportunity cost of order j
- $d_{1_i}$  is an \*upper bound\* on the actual loss of (executed) order j

Block order selection  $J = J_0 \cup J_1$  not known 'ex ante'.

Decide a selection  $J = J_0 \stackrel{.}{\cup} J_1$  according to some objective:

- Using equality of objective functions to enforce complementarity conditions
- .... and using a 'dispatcher'

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#### New primal-dual formulation - [b] - M. Van Vyve & M.

- No auxiliary variables at all !
- Could then derive a powerful Benders decomposition with strengthened Benders cuts improving on Martin-Muller-Pokutta [d] (both propositions: projection on the space of primal variables)
- Martin-Muller-Pokutta: Branch-and-Cut with exact (globally valid) no-good cuts:

$$\sum_{j \mid y_j^* = 1} (1 - y_j) + \sum_{j \mid y_j^* = 0} y_j \ge 0$$

• with the new stuff: recovering these globally valid cuts + stronger *locally valid* cuts:

$$\sum_{i|y_j^*=1}(1-y_j)\geq 0$$

- needed with piecewise linear bid curves  $(\rightarrow$  quad. prog. setting, using convex quad. prog. duality)
- 'State-of-the-art'

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# Other optimization problems under European rules

 $d_{0_i} \ge 0$  \*upper bound\* on the opportunity cost of block order j...

Minimizing opportunity costs ?

$$\min \sum d_{0_j}$$

Minimizing # PRBs ?

 $\min \sum z_{0_j} \text{ s.t. } Mz_{0_j} \ge d_{0_j} \& z_{0_j} \in \{0,1\}, \quad \forall j \in J$ 

Maximizing the traded volume ?

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# Numerical results: welfare optimization

- Real data of 2011, thanks to Apx-Endex and Epex Spot
- Belgium, France, Germany and the Nederlands, 24 time slots
- time limit: 10 min., about 60 000 cont. vars, 600/700 bin. vars
- Branch-and-cut in AIMMS, using Cplex 12.5 with locally valid lazy constraints callbacks (not in Gurobi) platform: windows 7 64, i5 with 4 cores @ 3.10 GHz, 4 GB RAM

## Stepwise preference curves (linearisation):

	Solved instances	Running time	Final abs. gap	Nodes	Cuts
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New MILP formulation	84%	104.42	418.16	43 - 33584	/
Decomposition Procedure	72.78%	6.47	402.05	16 - 1430	8 - 3492

#### Quadratic setting:

	Solved instances	Running time	Final abs. gap	Nodes	Cuts
		(solved instances, sec)	(unsolved instances)	(solved - unsolved) instances	(solved - unsolved) instances
Decomposition Procedure	70.41%	16.70	370.91	11 - 619	7 - 1382

#### Many blocks (almost binary orders only):

	Solved instances	Running time Final abs. gap		Nodes	Cuts	
		(solved instances, sec)	(unsolved instances)	(solved - unsolved) instances	(solved - unsolved) instances	
New MILP formulation	100%	4.17	/	40797 - /	-	
Decomposition Procedure	78%	13.82	9303.16	64564 / 937172	1662 / 82497	

# Opportunity costs vs Welfare Maximization

CWE Region, some instances from 2011 (see [e] for more details)

#	WMP Solution	OCMP solution		Comparison		
Instances	OC	OC - best solution	OC - best bound	Delta Welfare	Delta OC	Final Gap / Initial Gap
1	961.37	961.37	927.13			4%
2	156.81	156.81	156.81			0%
3						
4	783.19	265.97	127.29	20.00	517.22	18%
5	249.24	132.16	132.16	67.00	117.08	0%
6	5669.17	5669.17	590.11			90%
7	2257.03	2257.03	546.77			76%
8	581.56	581.56	581.56			0%
9	504.24	481.74	145.63	29.00	22.50	67%
10	535.21	203.38	111.59	59.00	331.83	17%

# Short conclusion and Extensions

Conclusions / Extensions

- Well-known nowadays: MIP formulation issues really matter ...
- framework useful both for economic modelling (min. opportunity costs, max traded volume, etc) and algorithmically (feeding Cplex or e.g. Benders decomposition to derive new cuts)
- The same approach (whole MIP) extends to complex bids with a Minimum income condition ! (WP available within a couple of days)
- Many other things to say e.g. about network/spatial equilibrium, etc

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