



POSYTYF WP5

Optimal DVPP operation in energy and ancillary service markets

WP5 – Objectives

Title: Optimal operation and configuration of DVPP under uncertainty of non-dispatchable RESs

- Other WPs look at the DVPP from the dynamic, control and/or stability points of view for the development of solutions to improve its dynamic performance.
- We look at the problem from a *business* perspective.
 - How can we maximize the DVPP economic benefits when trading energy in the different *mid-term* electricity markets?
 - If a fast and reliable coordination among DVPP assets can be achieved by other WPs, can we also benefit from participating in ancillary service markets?
 - Can we anticipate to the many uncertainties that characterize the problem? If not, can we *adapt* to them quickly (“*real-time*”) while minimizing the cost?
 - ...

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- How can we **maximize** the **DVPP economic benefits** when trading energy in the different mid-term **electricity markets**?
 - Despite their relatively **low operational costs**, nondispatchable renewable sources show **limited competitiveness** against conventional power plants due to their **stochastic sources**, and relatively **small size**
 - Each country has particular **regulations** that characterize its electricity **market structure**
 - **Sequence** of market trading floors
 - **Requirements** for market participants
 - **Penalties** if not compliance with schedule
 - ...

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- How can we **maximize** the **DVPP economic benefits** when trading energy in the different mid-term **electricity markets**?
 - For small DVPPs, a **price-taker approach** can be used
 - **Larger DVPPs** → Larger benefits, but also higher **impact on the market price**
 - If DVPP is *too* large → a **price-maker** approach should be used
 - To avoid market power, regulators **limit the size of market** participants with aggregated units
 - Last (but not least!), we can't forget about **uncertainties**

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- If a **fast and reliable coordination** among DVPP assets can be achieved by other WPs, can we also benefit from **participating in ancillary service markets**?
- Can we **anticipate to** the many **uncertainties** that characterize the problem? If not, can we **adapt to them quickly** (“real-time”) while **minimizing the cost**?
 - Need to look at **shorter time frames** than in the previous problem
 - The DVPP needs to respond to:
 - **Changes in power setpoints** imposed by system operator (at 4-seconds intervals in Spain)
 - **Contingencies** (e.g., unit outages)
 - **Forecast errors**

WP5 – Objectives

- **Two main lines of research are being studied in this WP:**

Optimal electricity market participation of DVPPs under uncertainty for maximum profit

Optimal operation of DVPPs in real-time at minimum cost

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Spanish Energy Market Structure:

DELIVERY HORIZONS:

Day-Ahead (DA) market, Congestion Management (CM) procedure, Additional Upward Reserve (AUR) market, Secondary Reserve (SR) market & Tertiary Reserve (TR) market

Intraday (ID) market sessions

Imbalance management (BAL) market

- The sequence of markets
- Different time period
- Different payment for each market
- The objective of each market
- Interactions between different markets

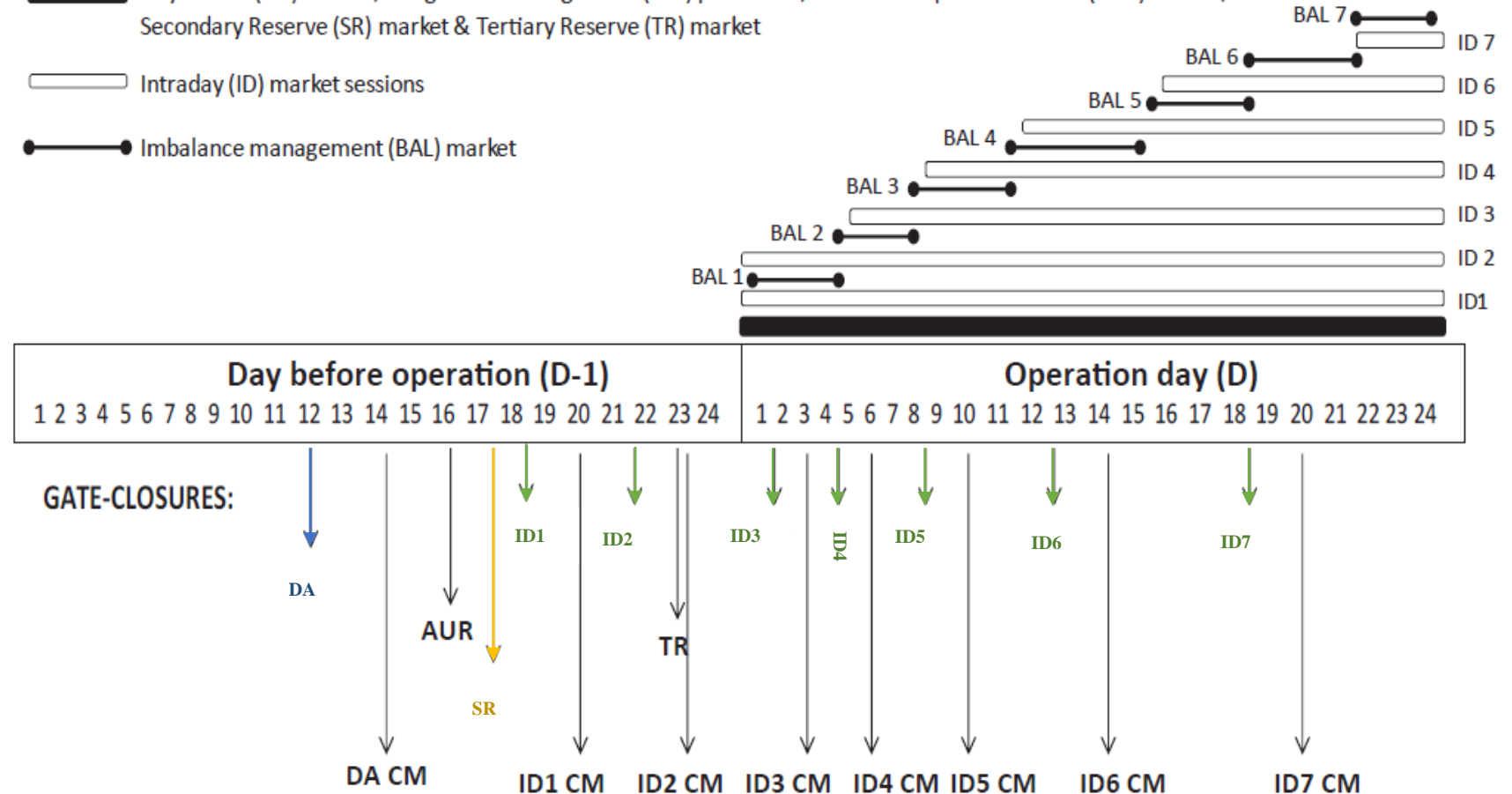


Fig. 1. Delivery horizons and gate-closures of the Spanish short-term electricity markets.

Price taker DVPP objective in the Day-Ahead (DAM), Secondary reserve (SRM), and Intra-Day (IDM) Markets:

■ 1.1 DAM:

Known Data: -

Optimize DA power + up/down SR

Bid DA power

$$M \text{ ax} \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{DAM benefit} + \text{SRM up / down benefit} \\ -\text{DRES cost} - \text{NRES cost} - \text{ESS cost} - \text{Load cost} \end{array} \right]$$

■ 1.2 SRM:

Known Data: DA power bid

Optimize up/down SR + ID1 power

Bid up/down SR

$$M \text{ ax} \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{SRM up / down benefit} + \text{IDM1 benefit} \\ -\text{Changes in: DRES cost, NRES cost, ESS cost} \end{array} \right]$$

■ 1.3 IDMs:

Known Data: DA power + up/down SR

+ previous IDs power

Optimize each Ids power

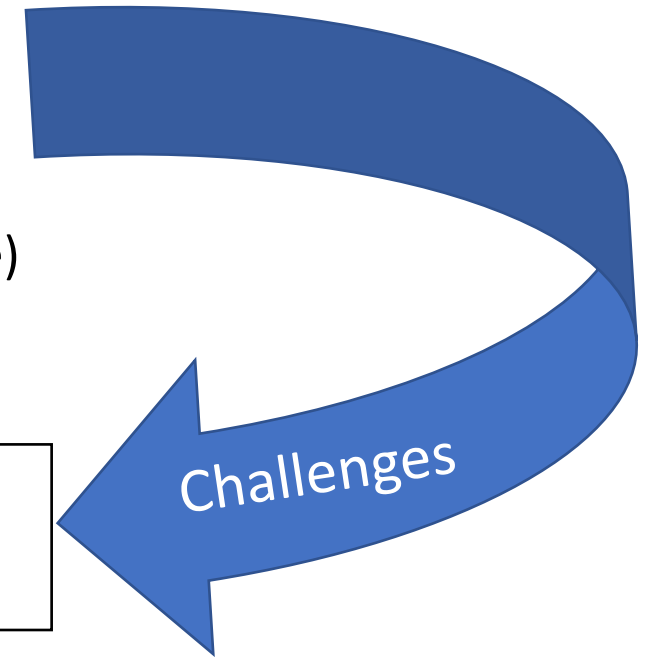
Bid each IDs power

$$M \text{ ax} \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{IDMs benefit} \\ -\text{Changes in: DRES cost} + \text{NRES cost} + \text{ESS cost} \end{array} \right]$$

Constraints of DAM, SRM, and IDMs:

- Energy Balance Constraints
- Dispatchable RES Constraints (Hydro, Biomass)
- Non-dispatchable RES Constraints (Wind, solar PV)
- Solar-Thermal Power (CSP) Constraints
- Flexible Demand Constraints
- Energy Storage Systems Constraints (Pumped-hydro, CSP storage)
- Battery Energy Storage (BES) Constraints

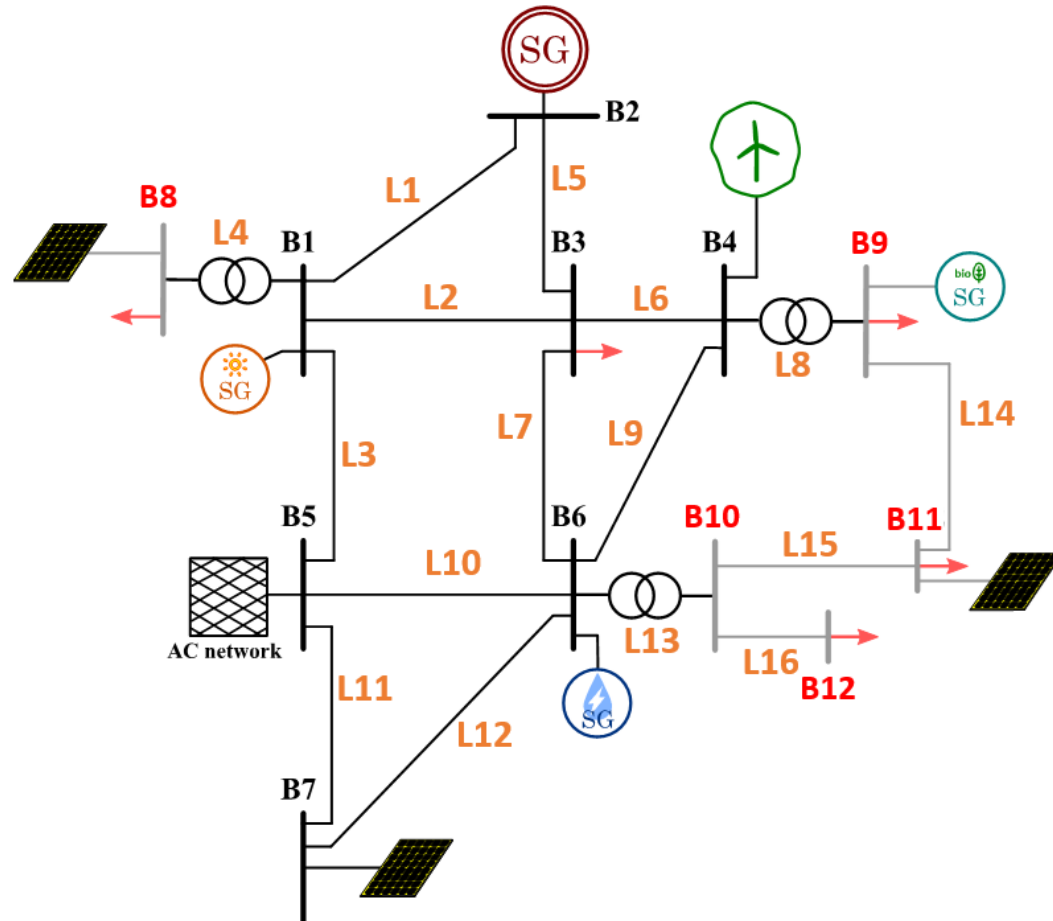
- Feasible operation of assets when it comes to power delivery
- Confining penalties (specially for SRM)



Test Case

- Test case: South Spain region

VPP ASSETS



- **Hydro Power plant (110 MW)** – Bus 6
- **Biomass (5 MW)** – Bus 9
- **Wind Power Plant (50 MW)** – Bus 4
- **Solar PV (50 MW)** – Bus 8
- **Solar Thermal Plant with Storage (50 MW)** – Bus 1
- **Industrial load (55 MW peak)** – Bus 3
- **Airport load (69 MW peak)** – Bus 12
- **Residential load (50 MW peak)** – Bus 9

3 profiles for each load
24 time periods

Comparison between Case 1 and Case 2

- VPP Participating in Energy Markets in the Spanish System

Clear Day										
Market		DAM	IDM1	IDM2	IDM3	IDM4	IDM5	IDM6	IDM7	TOTAL
Profits	Base Case – No Coord.	65,713	4,058	-	-	-	-	-	-	69,771
	DVPP	68,128	5,416	92	0	8	0	0	0	73,644

Cloudy Day										
Market		DAM	IDM1	IDM2	IDM3	IDM4	IDM5	IDM6	IDM7	TOTAL
Profits	Base Case – No Coord.	28,295	3,227	-	-	-	-	-	-	31,522
	DVPP	33,013	4,714	28	398	699	446	157	0	39,455

Future Steps and Possible Questions

■ Future Steps:

- Investigating other Ancillary markets, such as **Tertiary reserve market**
- **Uncertainties** in Energy and Ancillary Service Markets Participation → **Robust Optimization**
- Comparison with **BES** Solutions
- DVPP as **Price Maker**
- Studying DVPP from a **system level perspective**

■ Possible questions:

- How big DVPP could be to not disrupt the market?
- Other networks with different characteristics

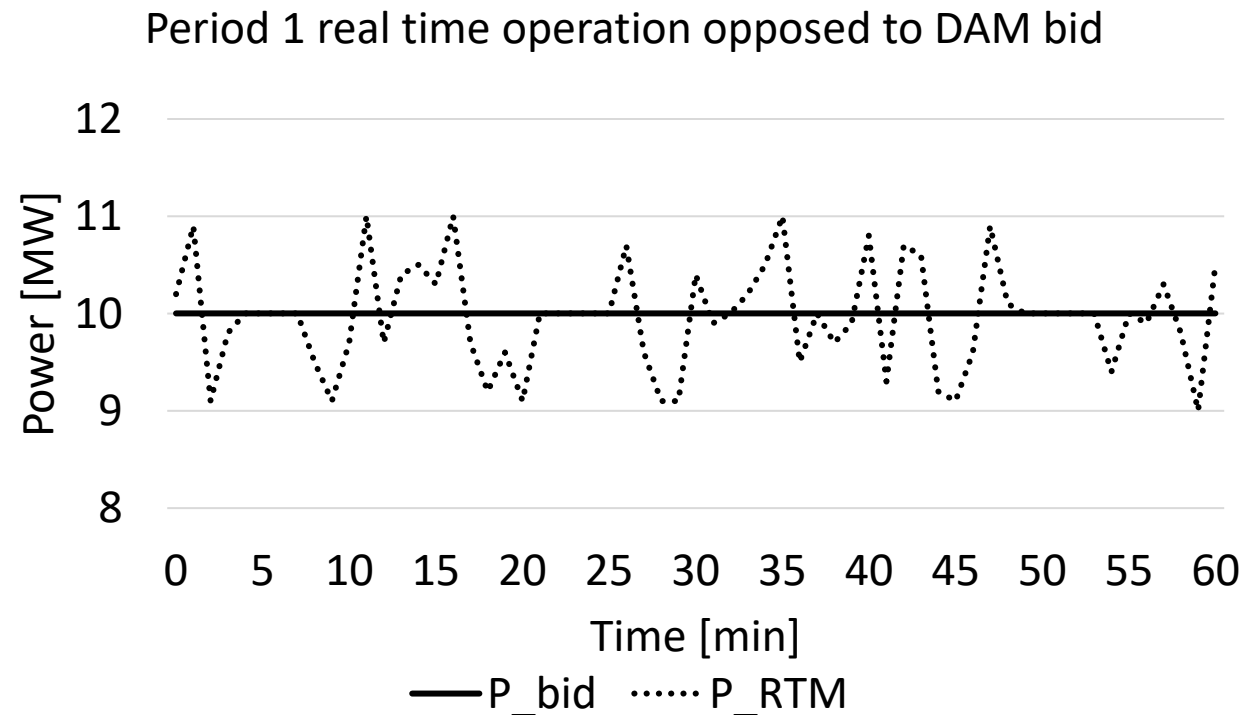
Optimal operation of DVPPs in real-time at minimum cost

WP5 – Real Time Optimal Operation

▪ What is our perspective of real time operation?

Objectives:

- Coordinate VPP assets.
- Minimize deviation from DAM/IDM bids; avoid TSO penalties from failure to meet offers/bids.
- Follow TSO set points



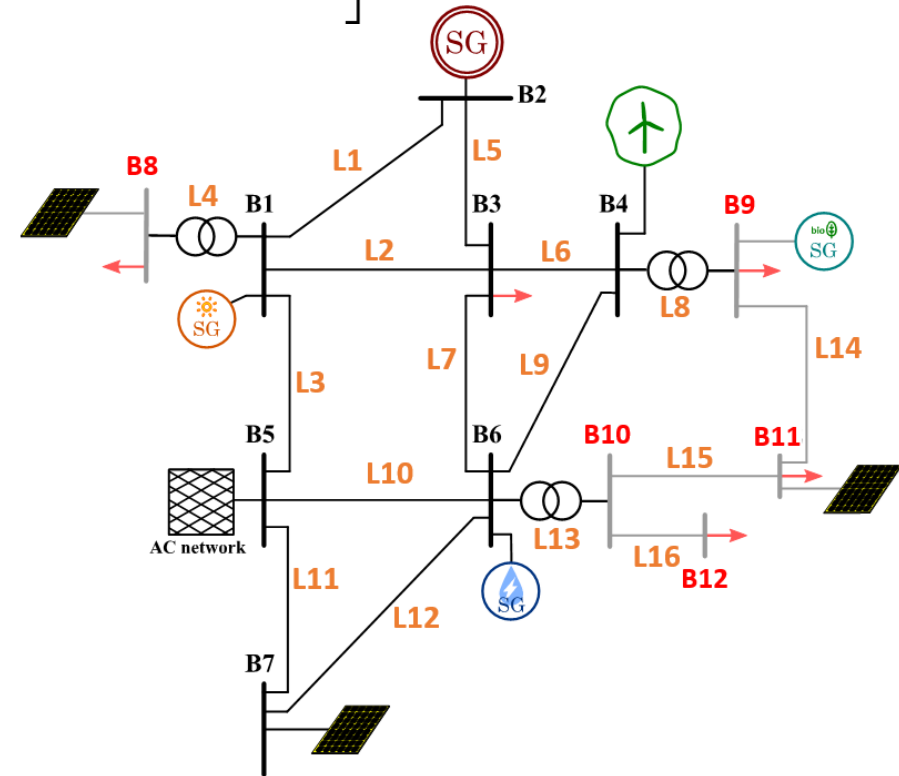
WP5 – Model formulation of Real-Time Redispatch

- Formulation of the real time optimization redispatch model:

$$\min_{\Xi_{RT}} \sum_{\text{time}} \left[\sum_{\text{VPP units}} \left(C_{\text{Regulation}} \times p_{\text{regulation}} \right) + \sum_{\text{buses}} \left(C_{\text{penalty}} \times p_{\text{unmet}} \right) \right]$$

S.T. :

- Power Balance Constraints
- Bounds on reserve provision
- Assets Technical Constraints
- Power flow constraints (DC/AC power flow) *



WP5 – Model formulation of Real-Time Redispatch

■ Constraints:

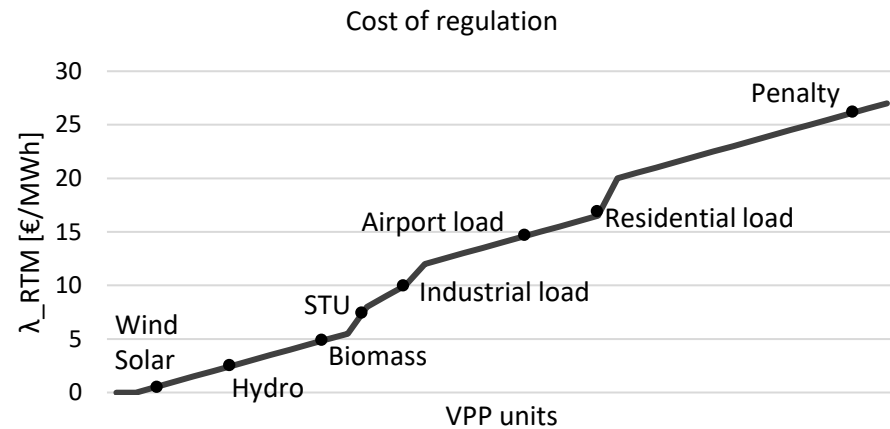
- a) Real Time Balancing Settlement
- b) Secondary Control Command

$$\sum_{\text{VPP units}} p_{\text{units}} - \sum_{\text{lines}} p_{\text{line flows}} + p_{\text{unmet}} = P_{\text{DAM offer}} + p_{\text{regulation at bus}}, \quad \forall \text{ buses}$$

$$\sum_{\text{buses}} p_{\text{regulation at bus}} = P_{\text{Secondary control command}}^{TSO}, \quad \forall \text{ time}$$

WP5 – Priority of Assets for Real Time Redispatch

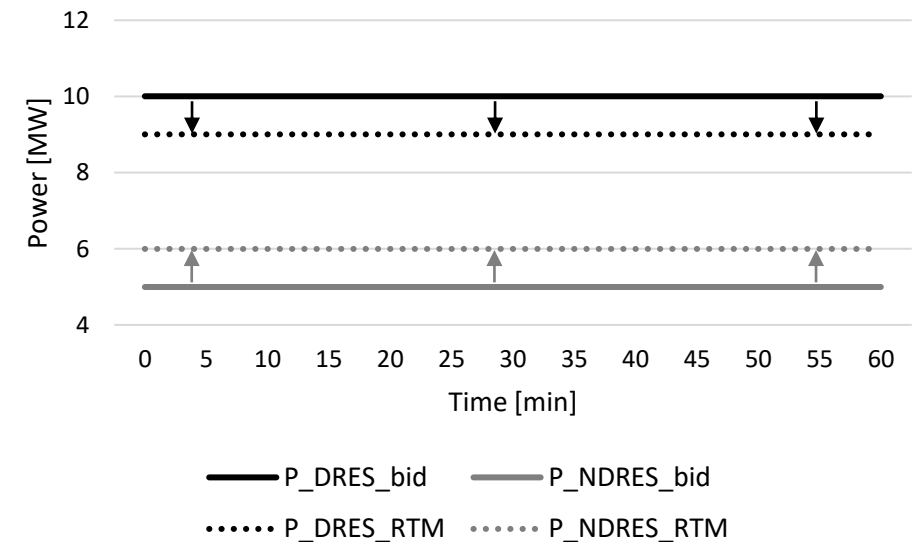
- How do we select appropriate costs on this regulation cost curve?



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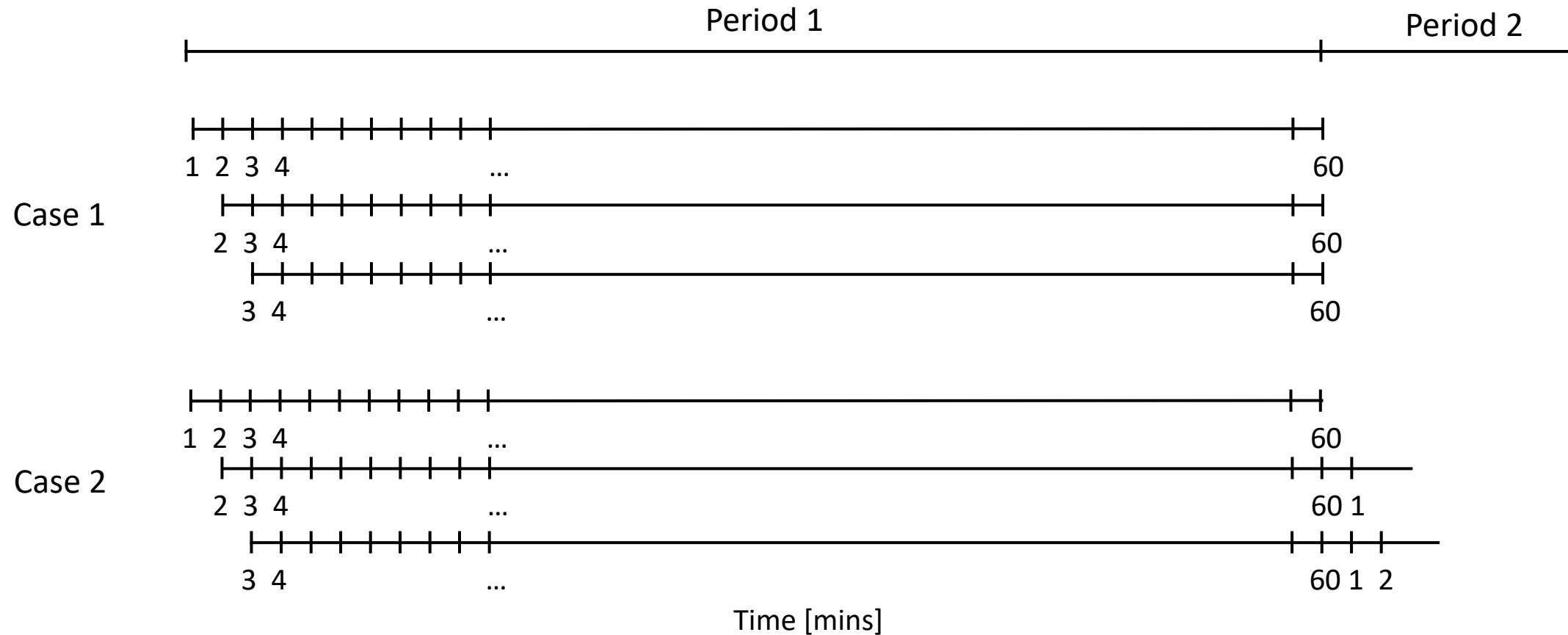
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- How do we model real time redispatch optimization to make profits during redispatch?



WP5 – Receeding Timeline during Redispatch

- Can we appropriately model real time redispatch optimization with a receding timeline?



WP5 – Objective Reformulation

$$\min_{\Xi_{RT}} \sum_{\text{time}} \left[\sum_{\text{VPP units}} \left(C_{\text{Regulation}} \times p_{\text{regulation}} \right) + \sum_{\text{buses}} \left(C_{\text{penalty}} \times p_{\text{unmet}} \right) \right]$$

- **New objective function that seeks to answer some of these questions:**

- Introduce operation costs used in submitting DAM/IDM offers (this ensures that there is no total reschedule based on regulation cost alone)
- Retain regulation costs for choosing preference of which units provide regulation first
- Introduce a cost that avoids simultaneous provision of up & down regulation at the same period

$$\min_{\Xi_{RT}} \sum_{\text{time}} \left[\sum_{\text{VPP units}} \left((C_{\text{DAM offer}} \times p_{\text{units}}) + (C_{\text{Regulation}} \times p_{\text{regulation}}) + (\lambda \times p_{\text{regulation}}) \right) + \sum_{\text{buses}} \left(C_{\text{penalty}} \times p_{\text{unmet}} \right) \right]$$

WP5 – Concluding Remarks

- **Two conference papers have resulted so far.**
 1. O. Oladimeji, et. al., “Optimal Participation of Heterogeneous, RES-based Virtual Power Plants in Energy Markets”, submitted to the 2022 *Power System Computation Conference (PSCC 2022)*
 2. O. Oladimeji, et. al., “Modeling Demand Flexibility of RES-based Virtual Power Plants”, to be submitted to the 2022 *IEEE PES General Meeting*.