

Pricing Rules for Electricity Auctions with Non-Convexities

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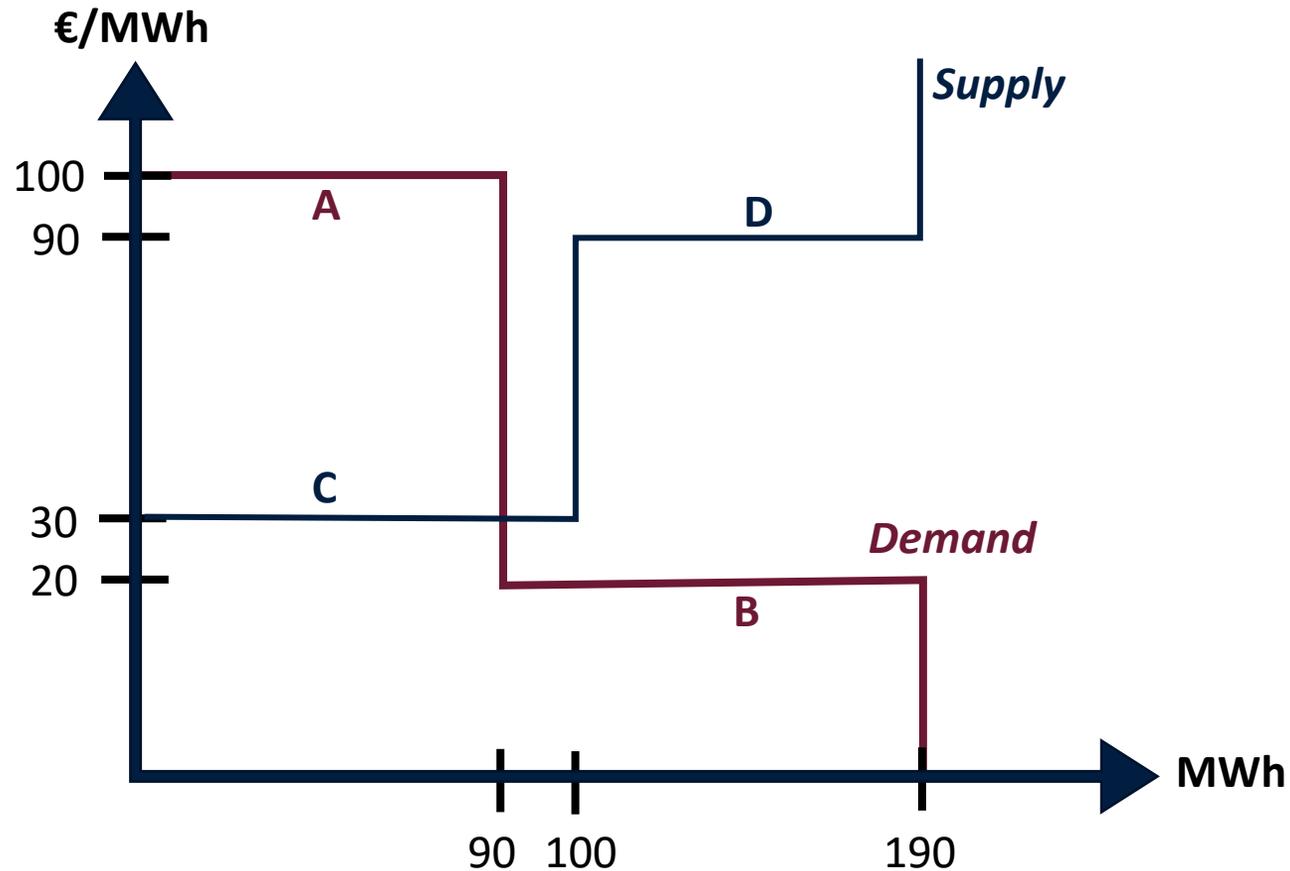
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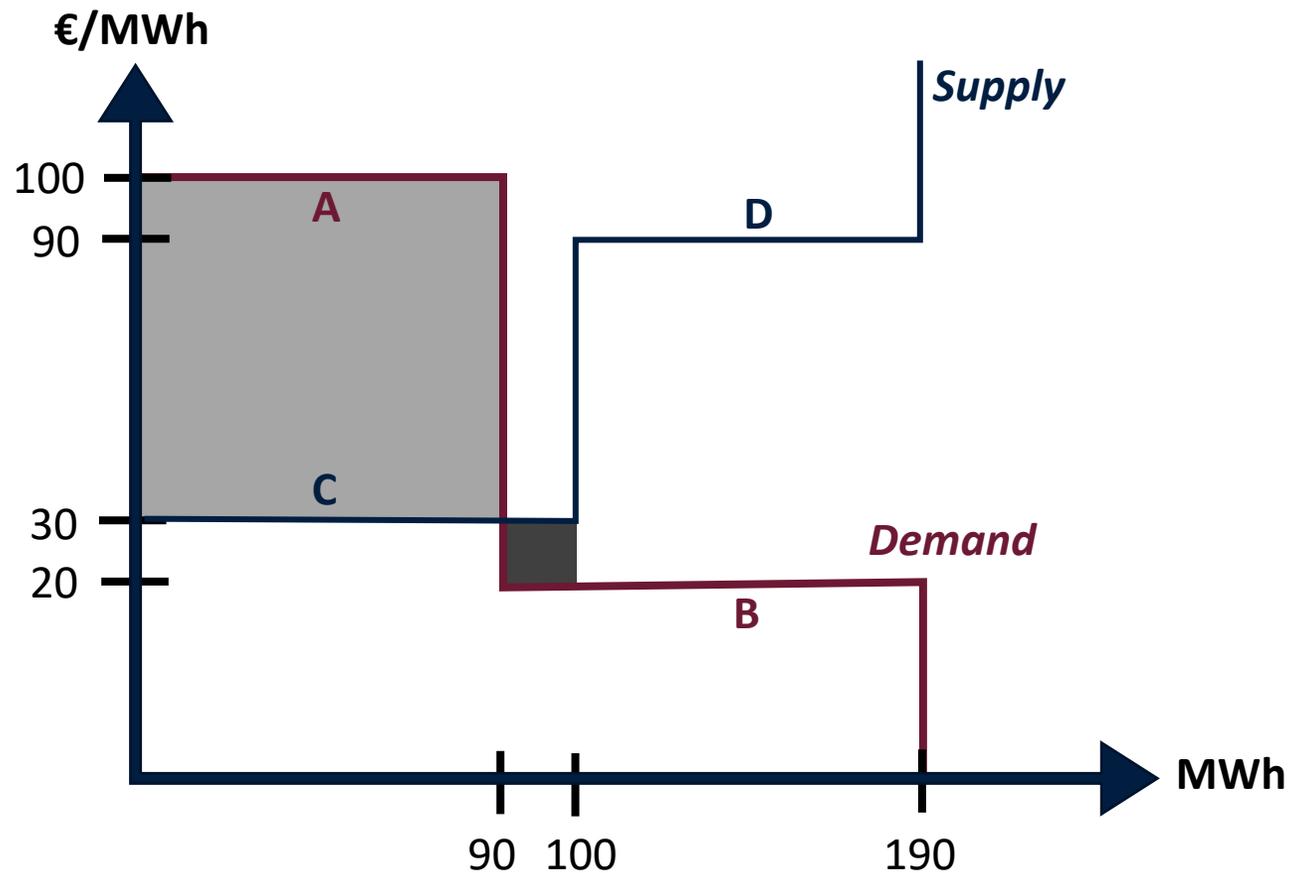
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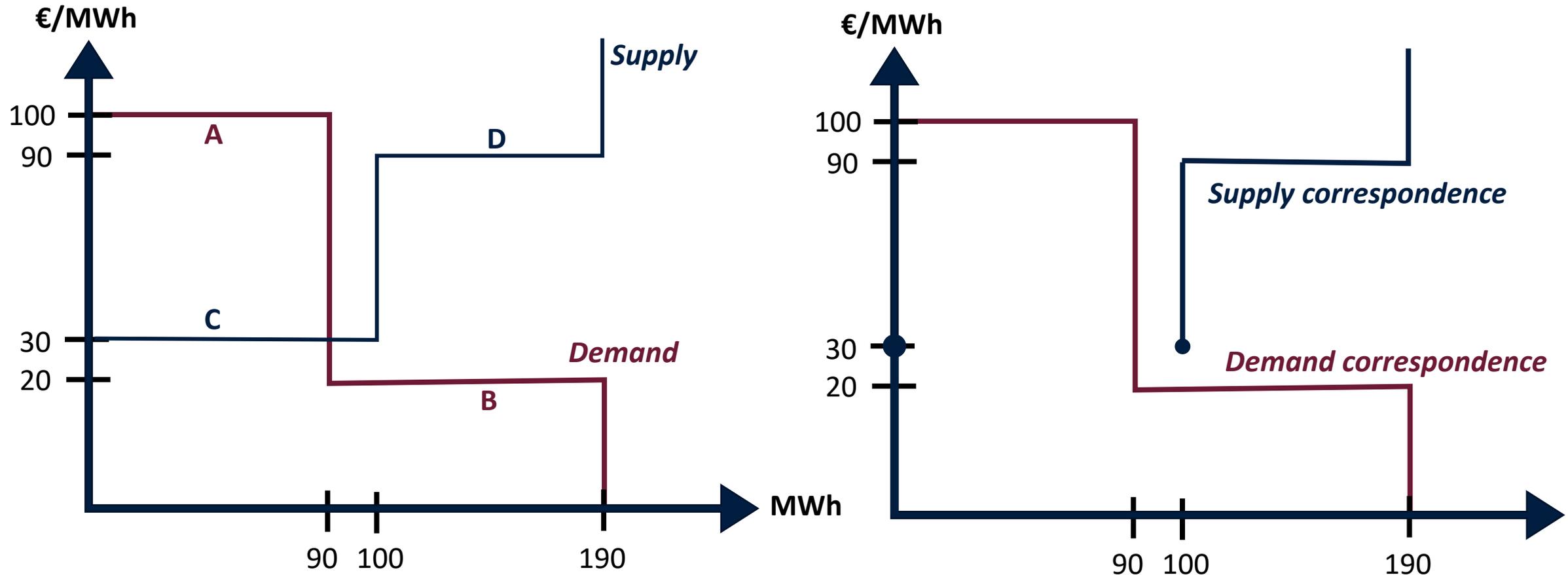
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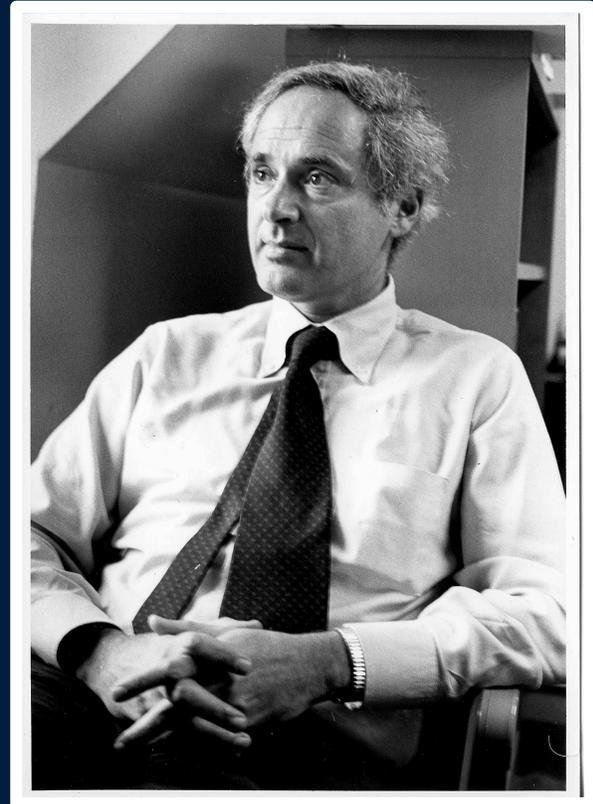
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*“in the presence of indivisibilities in production,
prices simply don’t do the jobs that they were
meant to do”*

(Scarf, 1994)



Markets for power

- ***Specificities of electricity as a commodity*** → need for coordination
 - Exchanged through an **electrical grid** : physical network constraints
 - Demand must be met just-in-time by production
 - **Difficult/expensive to store**
 - **Low elasticity** of demand (few substitutes & lack of metering)
- ***Deregulation of power systems:***
 - From a **coordination by a firm to a coordination through *market transactions*** (Coase, 1937)
 - Electricity market design

*“The old problem asks which unit should be committed ;
the new problem asks what market design will best solve the old problem.”*

(Stoft, 2002)

Electricity auctions in a nutshell

1) **Centralized** market

- Closed-gate auction
- Uniform-price auction

2) Integration of **multiple commodities**

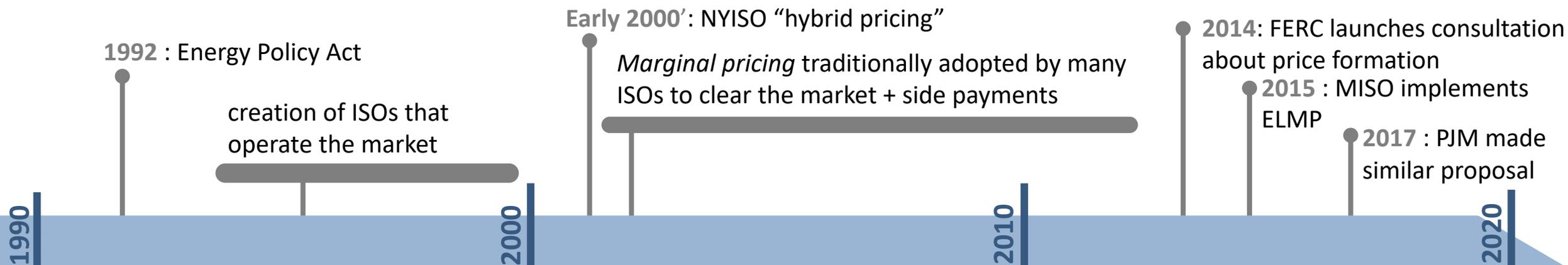
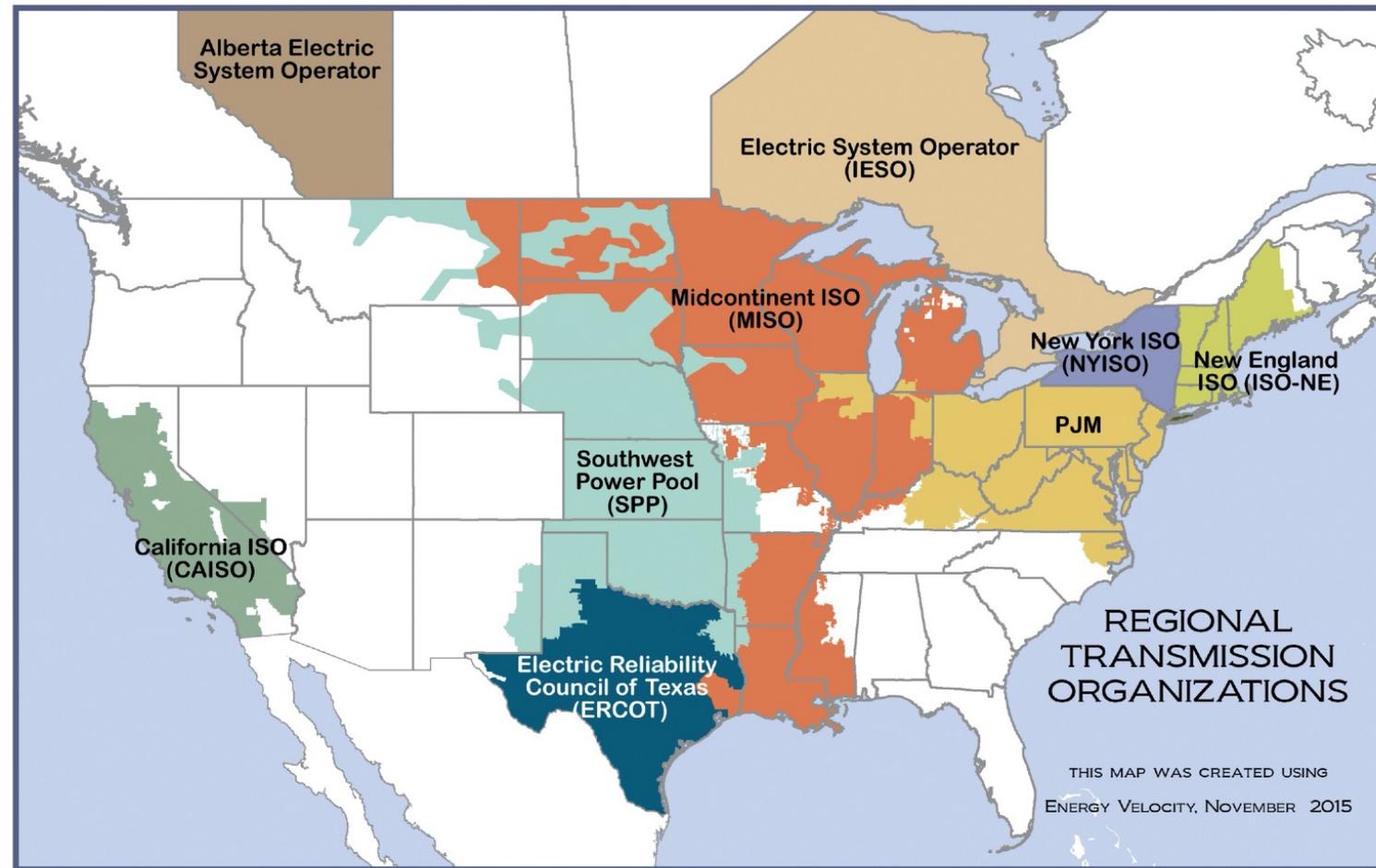
- Electrical energy, transmission capacity & ancillary services products
- Multi-periods : typically, 24 hours

→ The “pricing problem” is thus a **multi-dimensional problem**: computation of hundreds or even **thousands of prices in a single market session**

3) **Multi-parts, non-convex** bids → issue discussed in the first slide

- Account for the cost structure (production cost, start-up cost, etc.) & operational constraints (ramp, up time constraint, etc.) of suppliers
- Unit commitment model (US)
- Portfolio bidding (EU)

Electricity markets in the US



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❑ EU Electricity market — “Price Coupling of Regions”:

- 27 countries
- 30 TSOs
- 16 NEMOs
- 4.66 TWh daily trade



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2010: CWE cleared by COSMOS

2014: Single Day-Ahead Coupling (SDAC), Price Coupling of Regions

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Objectives of the work

- Ongoing **discussions among European stakeholders** & research undertaken by NEMOs to **reform the current EU pricing rule** (NEMO Committee, 2020a ; MCSC, 2022 ; SDAC, 2023)
- How to price the indivisibilities has also been a **vivid subject of debate in the US** for the past 20 years: heterogeneous and changing policies
- **Objective of the paper** : contribute to these discussions, in particular the reform of the European pricing rules
 - Formalize the problem
 - Theoretical cross-comparison of several pricing approaches
 - Numerical simulations on auction dataset

Motivations

- Theoretical motivation
- Policy relevance: both in US and EU markets

Theoretical framework

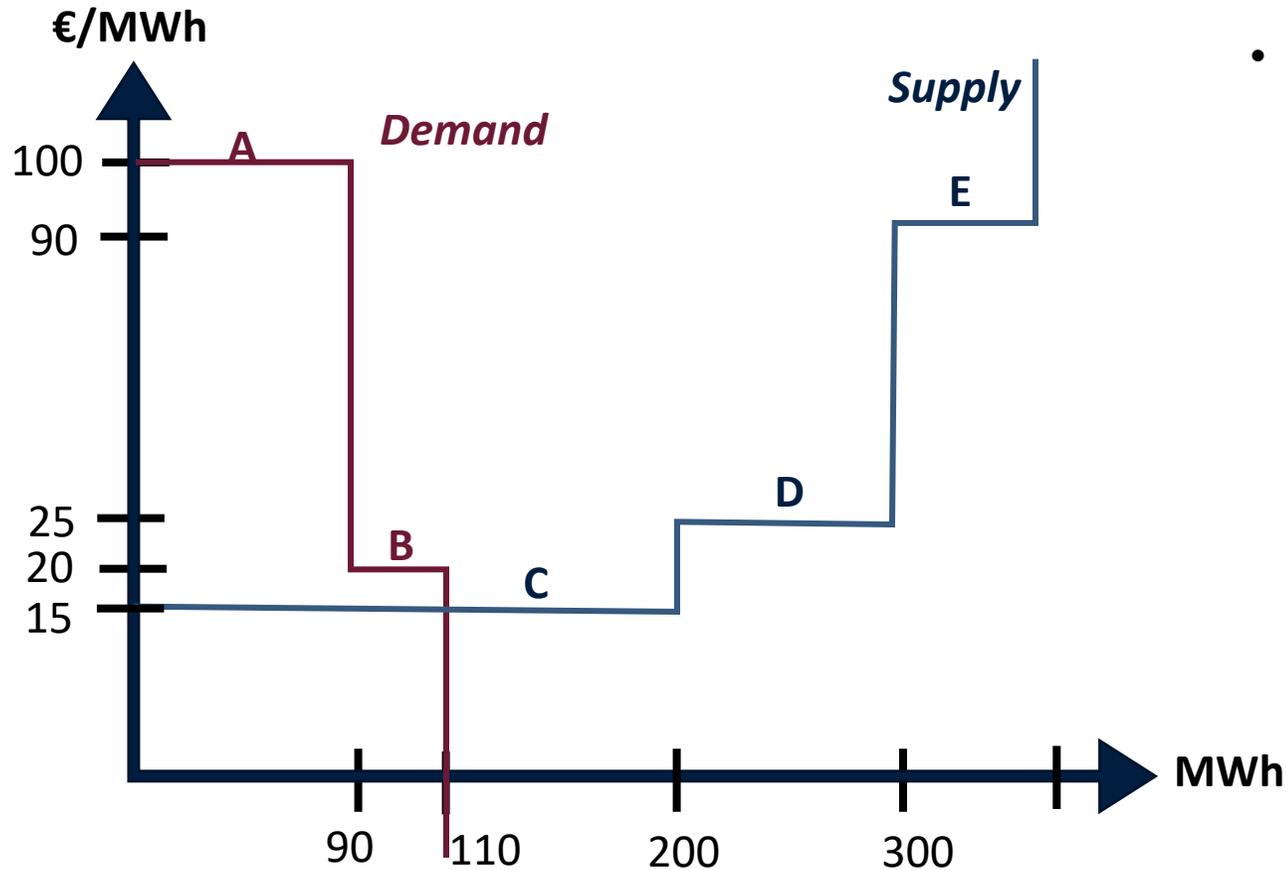
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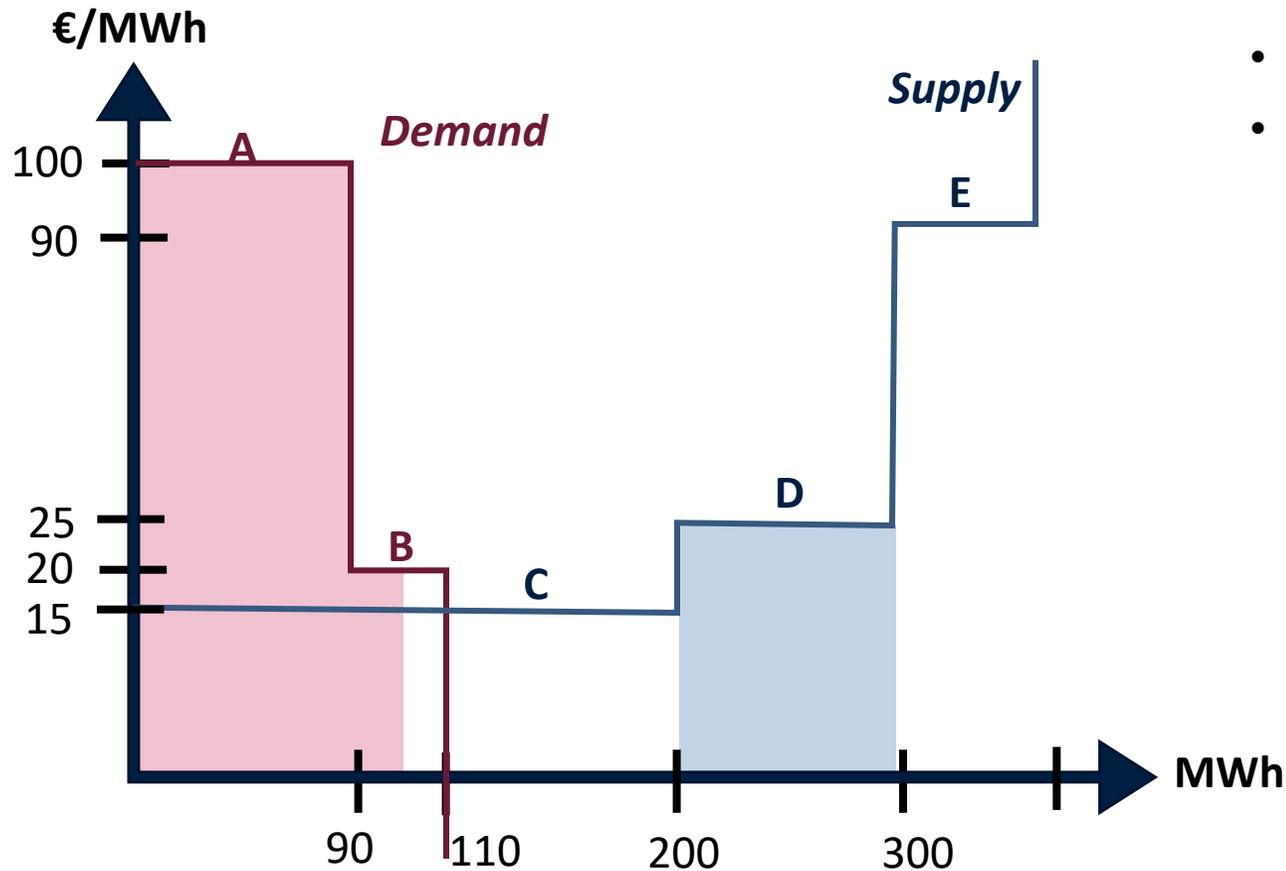
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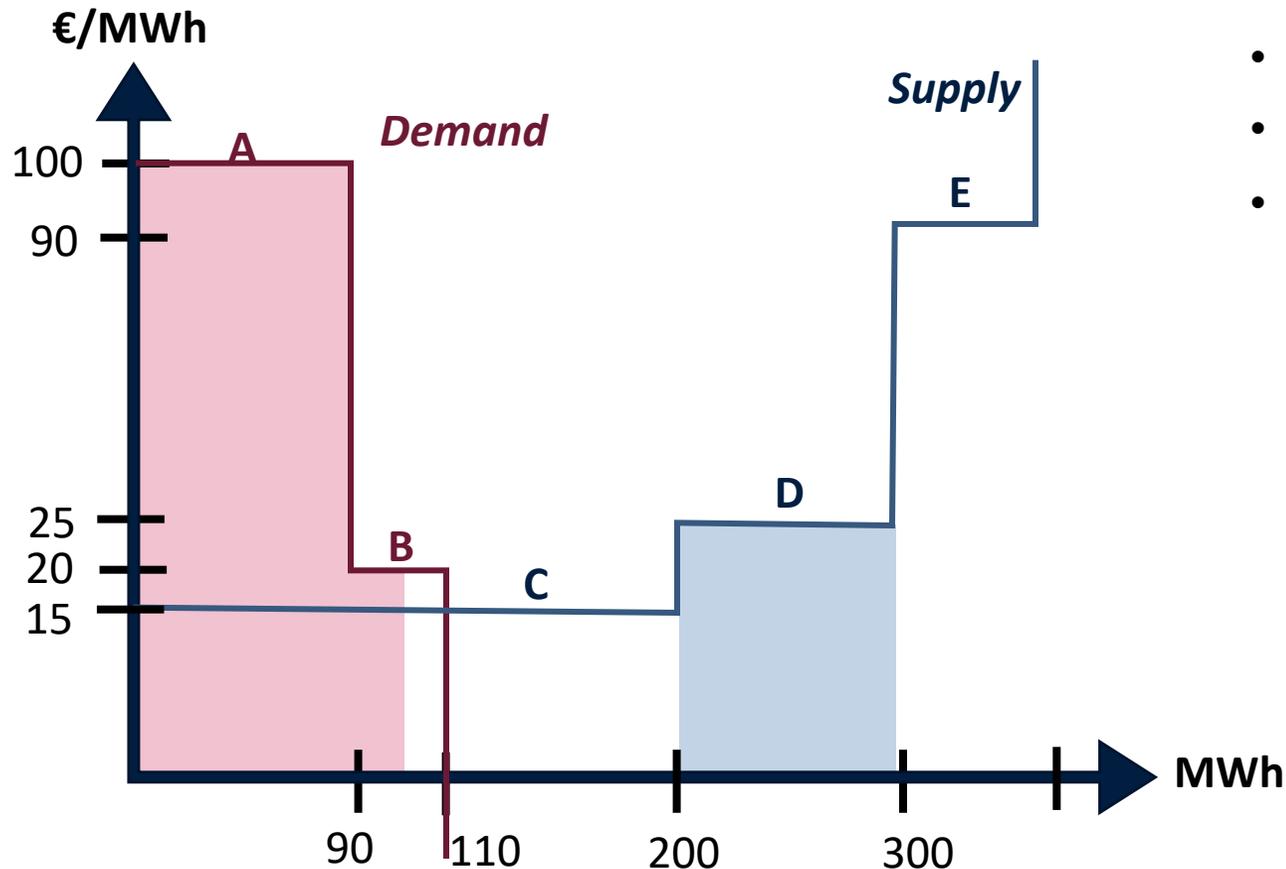
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 - C has a lost opportunity of 2,000€
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Two metrics to compare the candidate pricing approaches

- **Lost opportunity costs (LOC)**

$$LOC = \max(\text{profit under price } p^*) - \text{cleared profit}$$

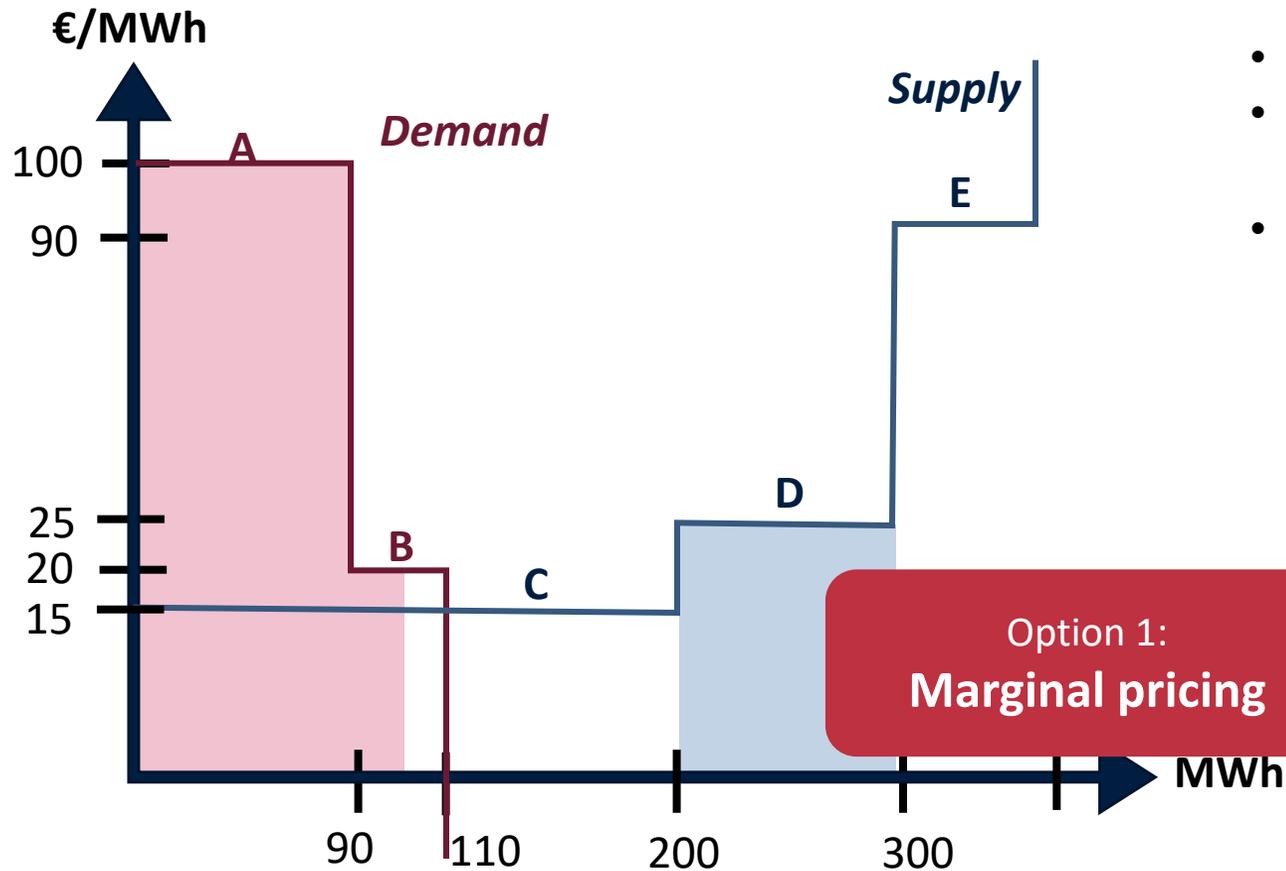
- It measure the **incentive-compatibility** of prices and dispatch instructions
- Does the price *support* the cleared allocation?** If not, the dispatch could unravel as suppliers “self-schedule”

- **Revenue shortfall (RS)** (or “make-whole payments”)

$$RS = - \min(0 ; \text{cleared profit})$$

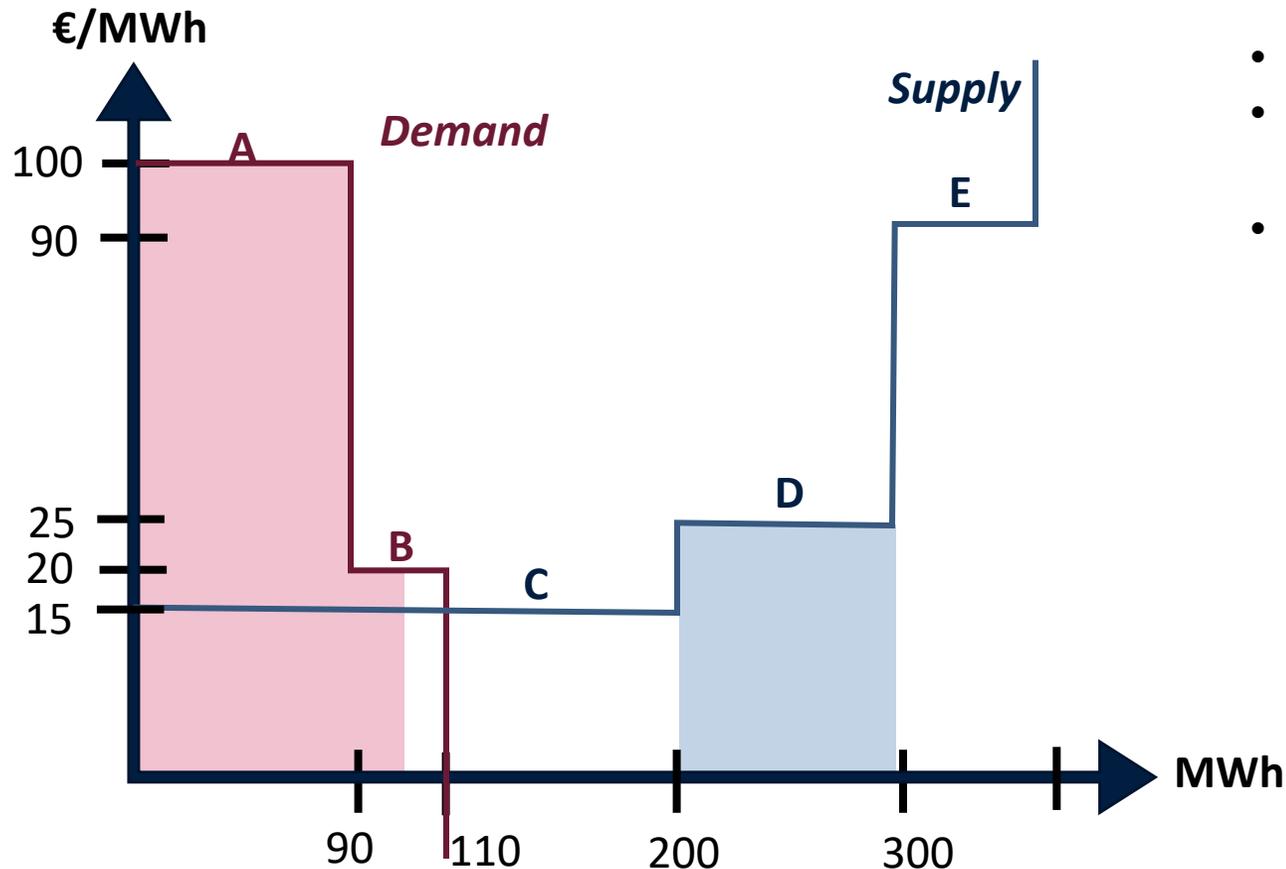
- It measure the **revenue-adequacy** of prices and dispatch instructions
- Does the uniform price enable the market participants to break even?**

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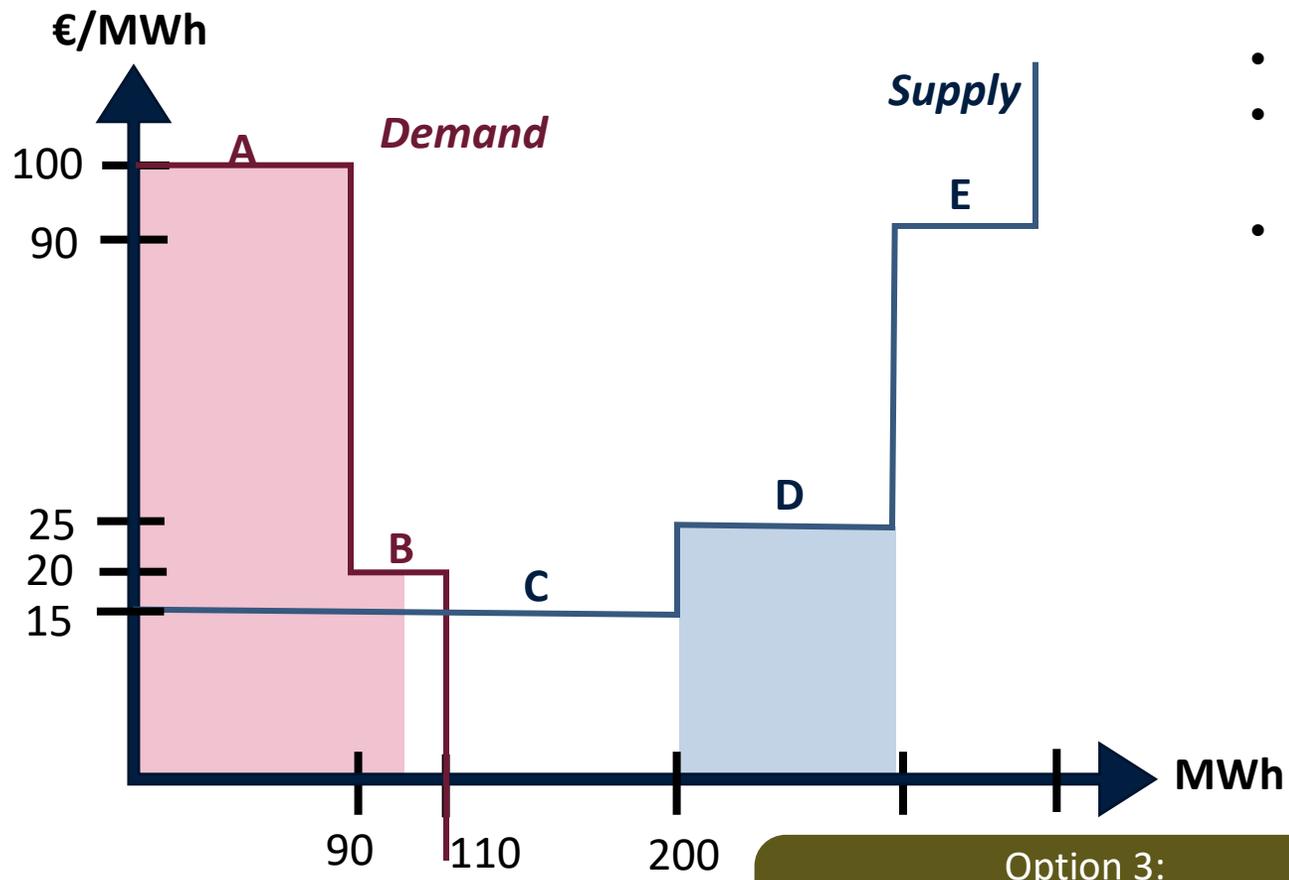


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Option 3:
**Minimal Make-whole
Payment Pricing (MMWP)**

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Pricing scheme	Objective	Computation	Math. Formulation	References
Marginal Pricing (MP)		Easy	Fix binary variables (primal-dependent)	O'Neill et al. (2005)
Convex Hull Pricing (CHP)	Minimize LOC	Difficult but can be solved: (Stevens and Papavasiliou, 2022)	Convex hull of prod. & cons. sets (primal-dual separated)	Hogan and Ring (2003) and Gribik et al. (2007)
Minimal Make-Whole Payment pricing (MMWP)	Minimize RS	Easy	Solve ad-hoc problem	Madani and Papavasiliou (2022), Bichler et al. (2022)

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Two auction datasets used to compare the pricing schemes

FERC Dataset*	CWE dataset
~1000 power units	~70 power units
Sophisticated unit commitment model	Simpler unit commitment model
Convex & non-convex power units	Only non-convex power units
Possibility of inaction holds	Possibility of inaction does not hold
No network	Network of 30 bidding zones
11 load scenarios, 24 periods	12 load scenarios of 24 and 96 periods
Public data	Private data

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Num. Suppl. with LOC		33.2%	35.9%	45.3%	83.6%	63.4%	64.3%	
Av. LOC per Suppl.		3,528	278	1,285	141,834	29,326	27,066	
LOC	Tot.	83,543	8,093	42,948	98,681,795	41,808,171	20,789,079	
	Suppl.	83,543	6,810	39,006	8,746,513	1,350,259	1,250,017	
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Intuition: fixed “indivisible” costs (start-up, etc.) are not reflected the price signal

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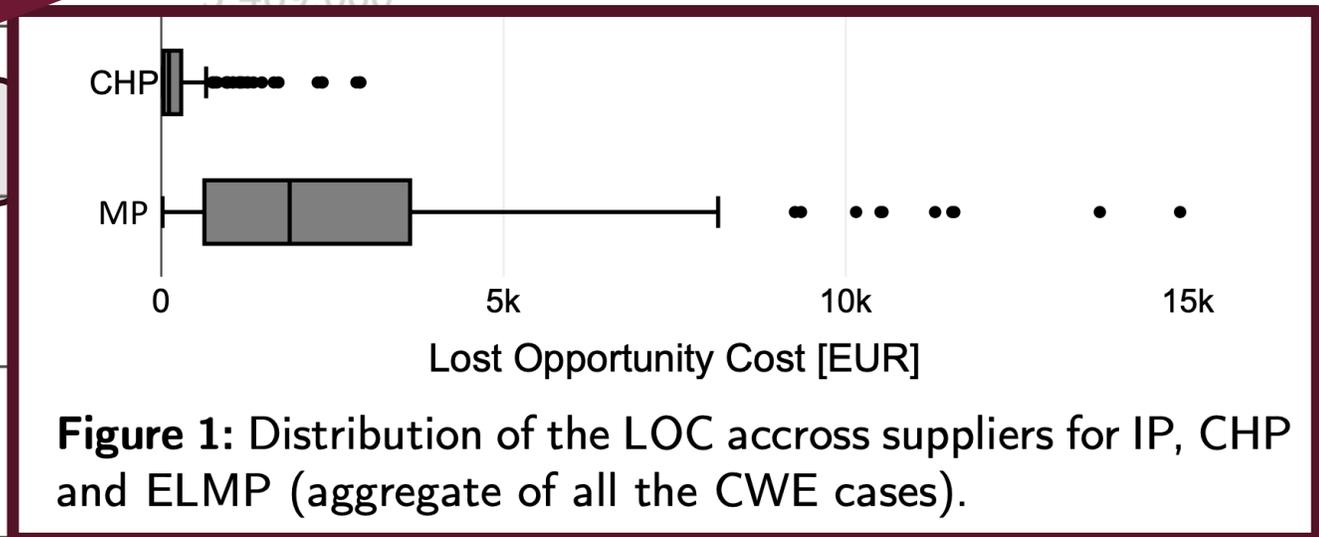
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Distribution of the LOC across participants: CHP improves significantly the average LOC born by individual agents



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this is because $RS \leq LOC$
 $\rightarrow RS = \text{incentive to self-schedule at } 0$

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Minimizing RS:

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- Many ways to do it (not one single unambiguous pricing outcome)

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	Conv.	0	0			0
	Non-Conv.	669	19	203	0	0

But it exacerbate the LOC

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5 Minimizing the RS, on the other hand, exacerbates the LOC significantly

Table 2

Incentives of market agents on the CWE dataset depending on the price (average over 12 scenarios).

		MP	CHP	ELMP	MMWP	MMWP*	MMWP**
Dispatch Cost					5,489,000		
	Av. Price [€/MWh]	42.8	43.4	47.2	27.7	22.9	52.6
	Num. Suppl. with LOC	33.2%	35.9%	41.3%	64.3%	64.3%	64.3%
	Av. LOC per Suppl.	3,528	278	1,000	27,066	27,066	27,066
LOC	Tot.	83,543	8,093	4,000	20,789,079	20,789,079	20,789,079
	Suppl.	83,543	6,810	39,000	1,250,017	1,250,017	1,250,017
	Net.	0	1,282	3,942	89,935,282	40,457,912	19,539,062
RS	Tot.	10,550	1,987	8,508	0	0	0
	Suppl.	10,550	1,987	8,508	0	0	0
	Net.	0	0	0	0	0	0

In presence of network constraint, this becomes dramatic

Motivations

- Theoretical
- Policy relevance: both in US and EU markets

Theoretical framework

- Formalize the problem
- Solution to the problem — pricing schemes: marginal pricing, convex hull pricing...

Numerical simulations

- Numerical analysis on auction datasets
- Cross comparison of different pricing schemes
- Some advantages of convex hull pricing

Conclusion

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- Pricing the non-convexities in electricity auctions is a **long-lasting debate**
 - In the **US**: heterogeneous and changing policies
 - Recent discussions in **Europe** to reform the market pricing rule
- **Marginal pricing** could be an upgrade as compared to the current pricing rule: improvement in both **welfare** and **scalability**...
- But **Convex hull pricing comes with many benefits**
 - Significantly improves the incentives of the market participants
 - Ensures revenue shortfall remain contained
 - Guarantee that the LOC become relatively small when the market size increases
- While **minimizing the revenue shortfall**—or “make-whole payments”—may sound like a reasonable, target, it may also result in unbearable (and unbounded) lost opportunity costs

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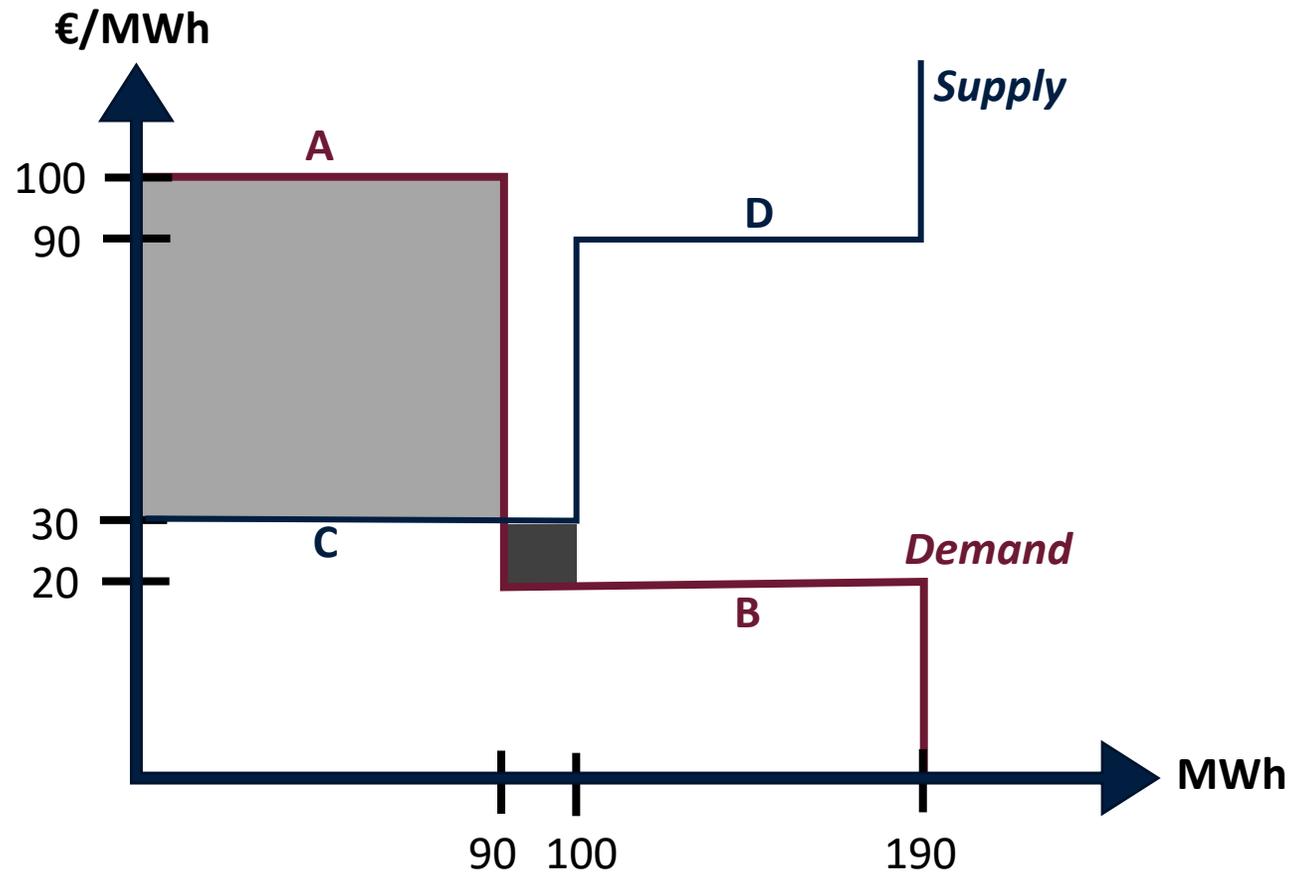
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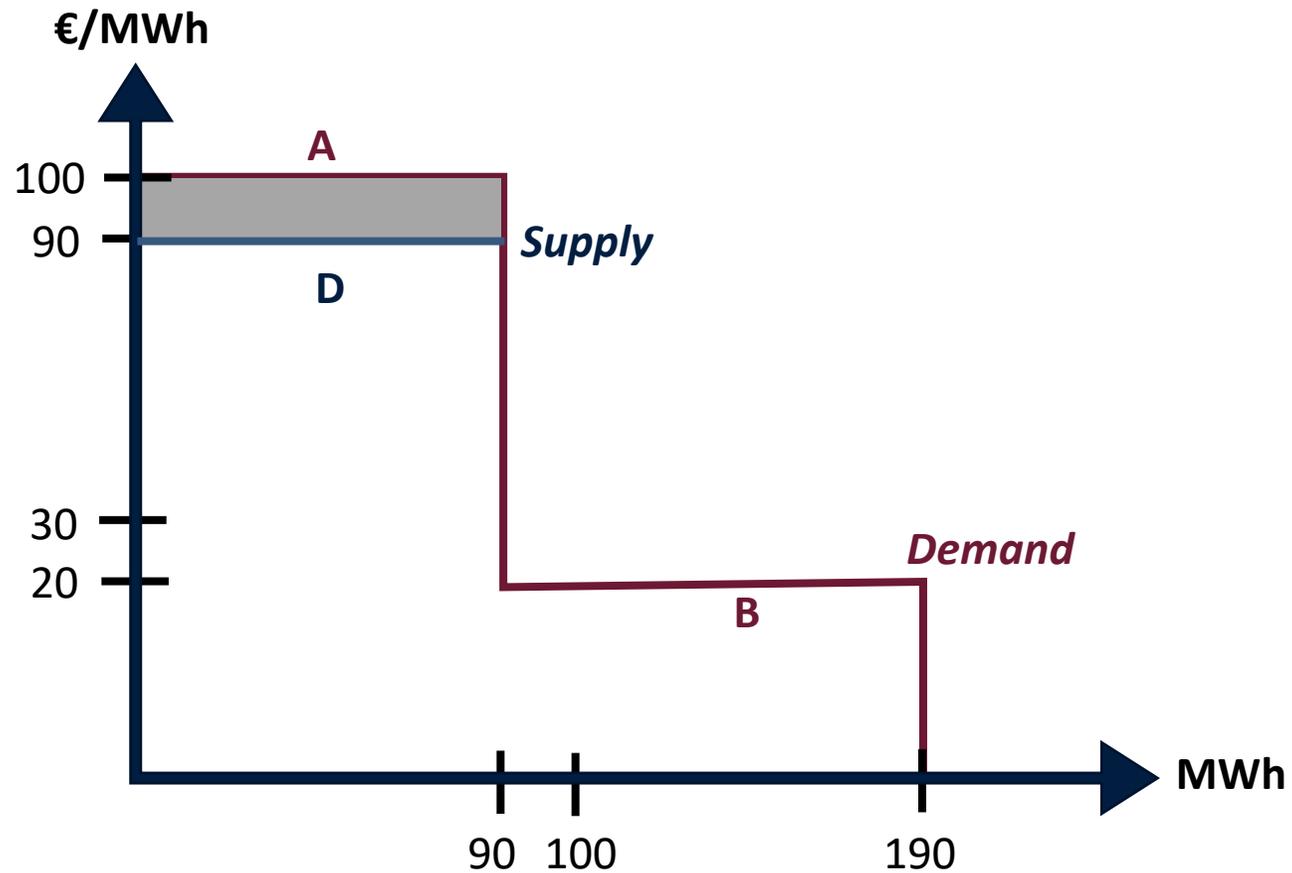
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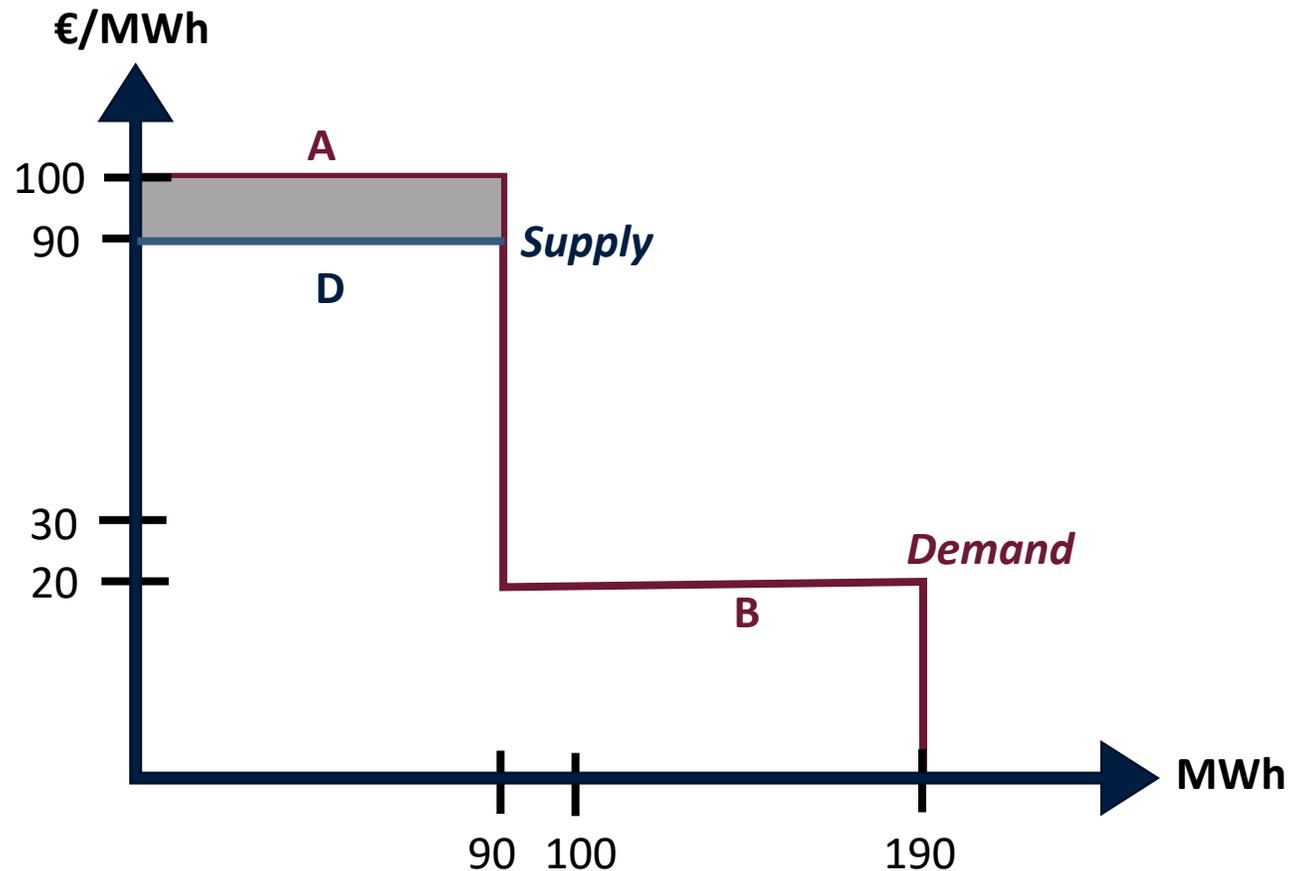
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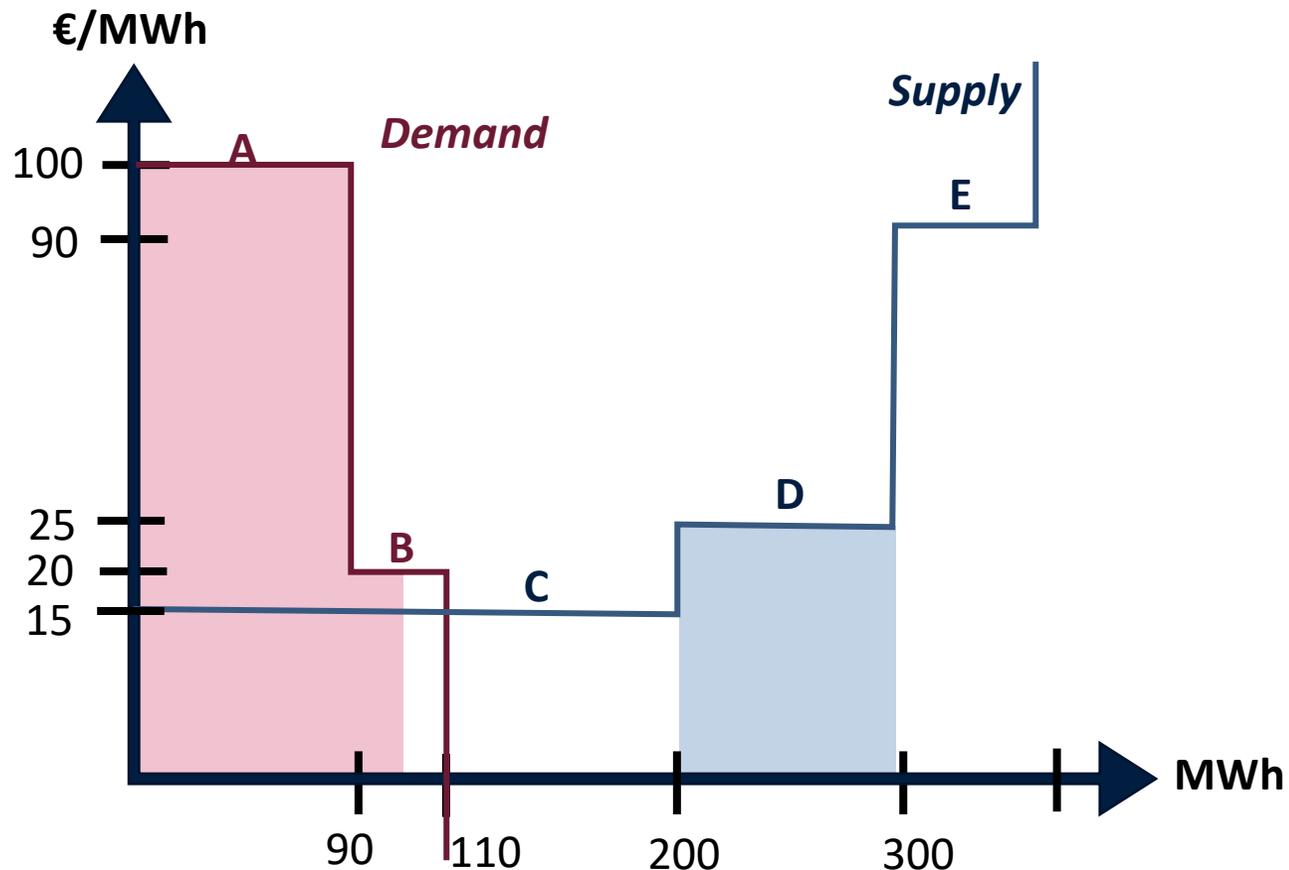


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 - Inefficiencies
 - Not an equilibrium
 - Computational scalability issues

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2 Advantages of minimizing the LOC over the RS

CHP vs MMWP



- C & D are *indivisible* (all-or-nothing)
- Welfare optimum : clear A, D and 10MW of B
- It is **impossible to find a uniform price that eliminate revenue shortfalls for all market participant in a two-sided auction**
- Here:
 - $p \geq 25$ to ensure 0 RS for D
 - $p \leq 20$ to ensure 0 RS for B
- **Some discrimination is in any case needed with elastic load**
- If load is **inelastic** (this is the case in the numerical simulations): **any price that is high enough ensures zero RS... → significant indeterminacy**

Some advantages of convex hull pricing

1 Significant improvements of incentives for the market' participants

Table 1
Incentives of market agents on the FERC dataset depending on pricing mechanism

		IP	CHP	ELMP			
Dispatch Cost							
	Av. Price [\$/MWh]	28.8	28.7	28.8			
	Num. Suppl. with LOC	3.4%	1.8%	7.5%			
	Av. LOC per Suppl.	628	19	37			
LOC	Tot.	37,576	323	2,801	130,147,114	1,176,050	14,217
	Conv.	0	67	94	1,978,501	5,268	79
	Non-Conv.	37,576	257	2,707	128,168,613	1,170,782	14,137
RS (in LOC)	Tot.	669	19	206	0	0	0
	Conv.	0	0	3	0	0	0
	Non-Conv.	669	19	203	0	0	0
FO	Tot.	36,907	304	2,596	130,147,114	1,176,050	14,217
	Conv.	0	66	91	1,978,501	5,268	79
	Non-Conv.	36,907	238	2,505	128,168,613	1,170,782	14,137

Nonetheless, let's stress that it does not mean that each participant is better off under CHP: some could be better off under IP.

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		IP	CHP	ELMP			
Dispatch Cost							
	Av. Price [€/MWh]	42.8	43.4	47.3	5,48		
	Num. Suppl. with LOC	33.2%	35.9%	45.3%			
	Av. LOC per Suppl.	3,528	278	1,285			
LOC	Tot.	83,543	8,093	42,948	9		
	Suppl.	83,543	6,810	39,006	8,746,512	1,259	1,250,017
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FO	Tot.	72,993	6,106	34,440	98,681,795	41,808,171	20,789,079
	Suppl.	72,993	4,823	30,499	8,746,513	1,350,259	1,250,017
	Net.	0	1,282	3,942	89,935,282	40,457,912	19,539,062
RS (not in LOC)	Tot.	897,653	877,040	730,234	0	0	0
	Suppl.	897,653	877,040	730,234	0	0	0
	Net.	0	0	0	0	0	0

The network is a “convex participant”

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4 Consistency between LOC-minimization and welfare-maximization

CHP vs IP

Table 5

Sensitivity of lost opportunity cost to the primal optimality gap, depending on the price. The simulations are performed on CWE dataset (Spring WD 24). All figures are in €.

Proposition: under CHP or ELMP, the relationship between optimality gap and LOC is monotone

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Opt. gap	Tot. Cost	IP LOC	ELMP LOC	CHP LOC	MMWP LOC	MMWP* LOC	MMWP** LOC
0.1%	5,213,357	115,043	43,346	12,611	127,174,509	46,374,970	25,487,688
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0.05%	5,211,057	119,929	41,047	10,312	129,665,324	46,286,384	25,414,900
0.04%	5,210,885	119,579	40,875	10,140	129,855,305	46,366,246	25,411,805
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Going from 0.09% to 0.08% reduces the costs by 826€...
...but it increases the LOC by 93,309€. Which solution should be preferred?