



# Distributed Hydropower Models in StochasticPrograms.jl

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### In short

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*Efficiently model and solve stochastic problems using expressive syntax*



# Outline

- `StochasticPrograms.jl` showcase
- Real-world application: the day-ahead problem
- Numerical experiments
- Final remarks





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- Interface to structure-exploiting (distributed) solver algorithms
  - ▶ L-shaped variants ([LShapedSolvers.jl](#))
  - ▶ Progressive-hedging variants ([ProgressiveHedgingSolvers.jl](#))

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## StochasticPrograms.jl - Discrete distribution

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s2 = Scenario(q1 = -28.0, q2 = -32.0, d1 = 300.0, d2 = 300.0, probability = 0.6);  
simple_discrete = instantiate(simple_model, [s1, s2])
```

Stochastic program with:

- \* 2 decision variables
- \* 2 recourse variables
- \* 2 scenarios of **type** Scenario

Solver is default solver

```

print ( simple_discrete )

  First - stage
  =====
Min 100 x1 + 150 x2
Subject to
  x1 + x2 ≤ 120
  x1 ≥ 40
  x2 ≥ 20

  Second - stage
  =====
Subproblem 1 ( p = 0.4 0 ) :
Min -24 y1 - 28 y2
Subject to
  -60 x1 + 6 y1 + 10 y2 ≤ 0
  -80 x2 + 8 y1 + 5 y2 ≤ 0
  0 ≤ y1 ≤ 500
  0 ≤ y2 ≤ 100

Subproblem 2 ( p = 0.6 0 ) :
Min -28 y1 - 32 y2
Subject to
  6 y1 + 10 y2 - 60 x1 ≤ 0
  8 y1 + 5 y2 - 80 x2 ≤ 0
  0 ≤ y1 ≤ 300
  0 ≤ y2 ≤ 300
  
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```
dep = DEP(simple_discrete)
print(dep)
```

Min  $100 x_1 + 150 x_2 - 9.6 y_{11} - 11.2 y_{21} - 16.8 y_{12} - 19.2 y_{22}$

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```
vrp = VRP(simple_discrete, solver = glpk)  
-855.83
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```
vss = VSS(simple_discrete, solver = glpk)  
286.92
```

```
evpi = EVPI(simple, solver = glpk)  
662.92
```



# StochasticPrograms.jl - Continuous distribution

```
@sampler SimpleSampler = begin
    N::MvNormal

    SimpleSampler( $\mu$ ,  $\Sigma$ ) = new(MvNormal( $\mu$ ,  $\Sigma$ ))

    @sample Scenario begin
        x = rand(sampler.N)
        return Scenario(q1 = x[1], q2 = x[2], d1 = x[3], d2 = x[4])
    end
end

 $\mu$  = [-28, -32, 300, 300]
 $\Sigma$  = [2 0.5 0 0
         0.5 1 0 0
         0 0 50 20
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sampler = SimpleSampler( $\mu$ ,  $\Sigma$ )
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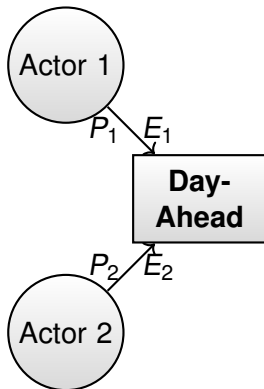
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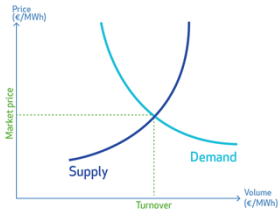
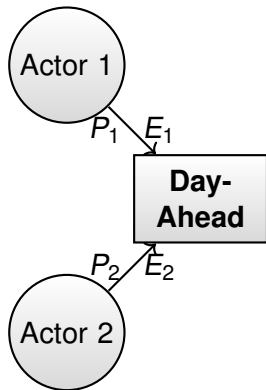
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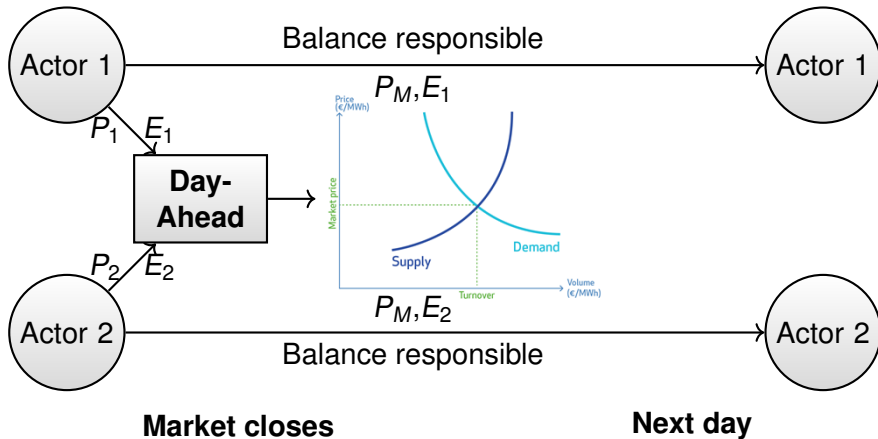
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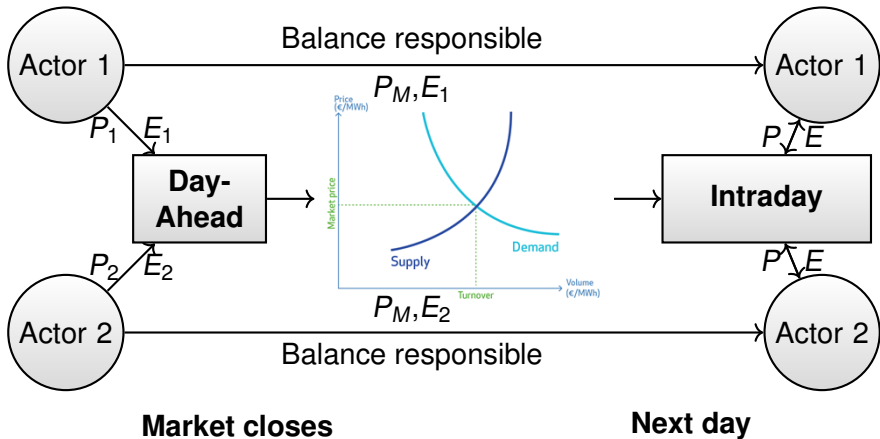
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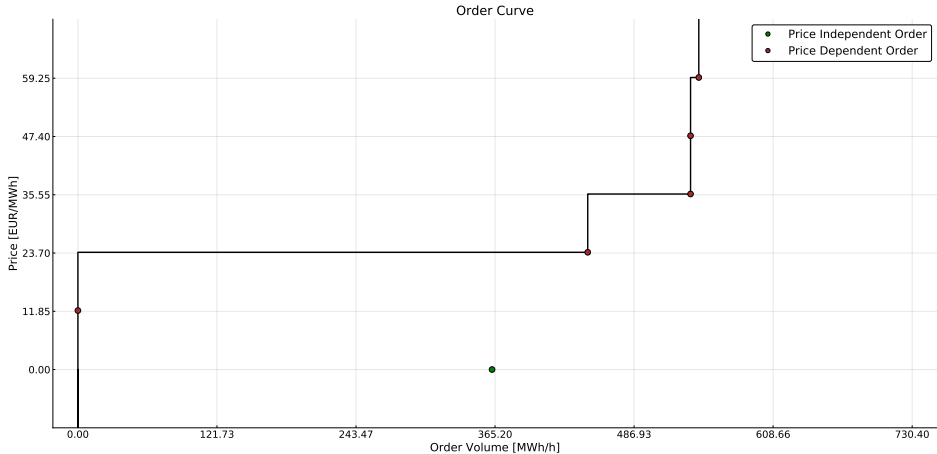


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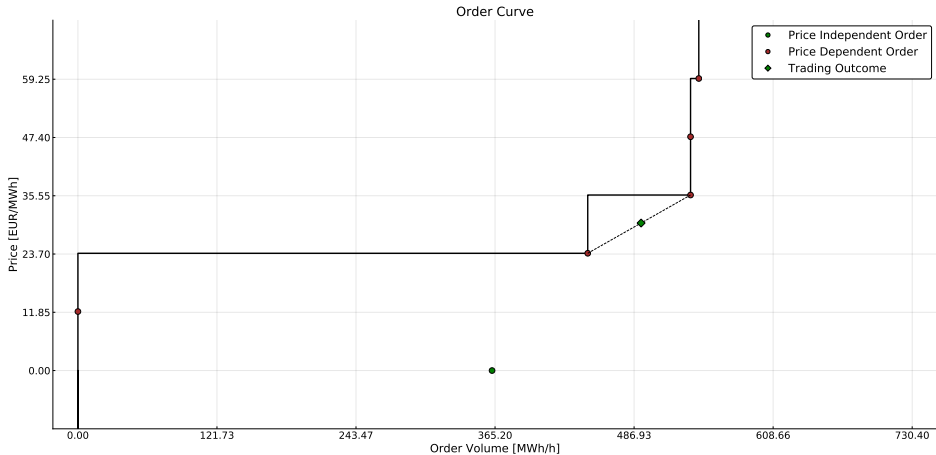
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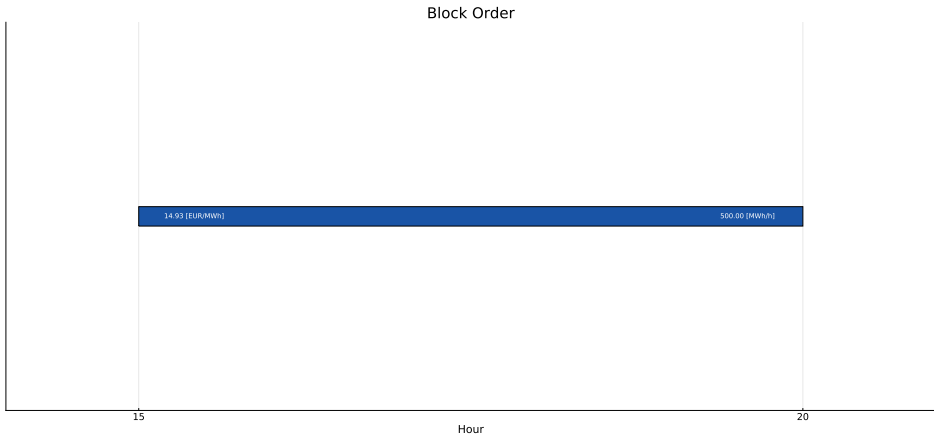
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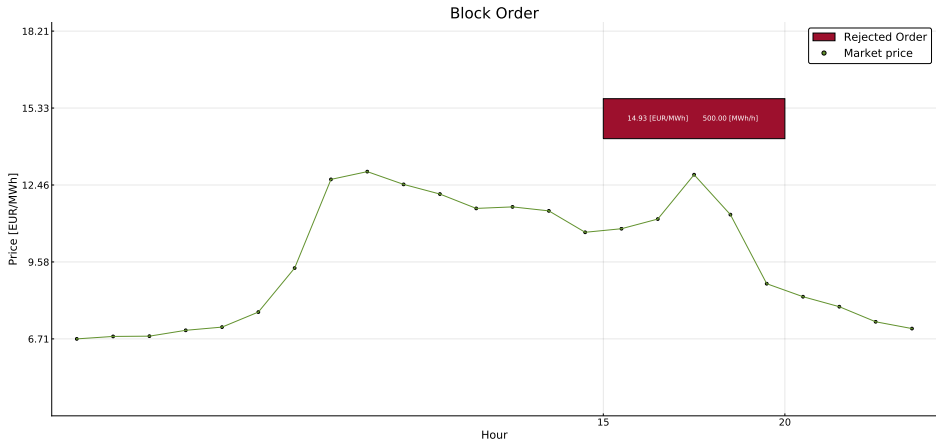
**Figure:** Interpolated energy volume for a given market price.

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**Figure:** Block order between 15:00-20:00.

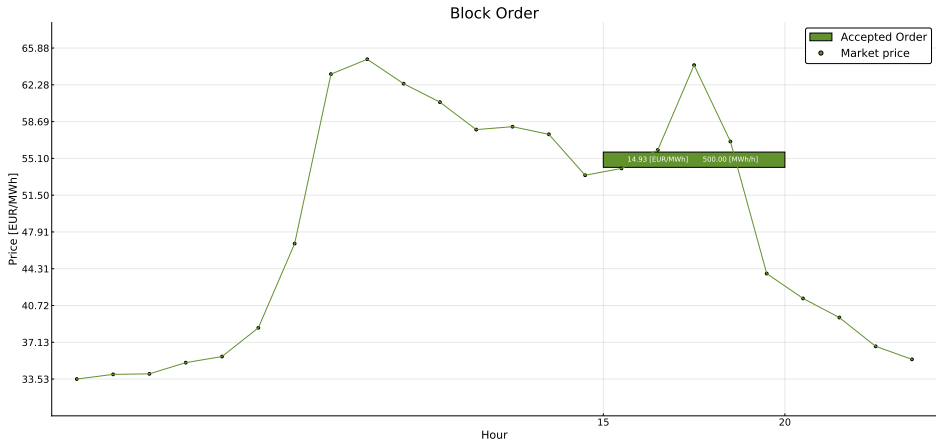
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**Figure:** Rejected after market price settlement.



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**Figure:** Accepted after market price settlement.



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- Full model defined in [HydroModels.jl](#)



# Day-ahead problem - Data

## Deterministic

- Physical parameters for power plants in Skellefteälven
- Trade regulations from NordPool

## Uncertain

- Day-ahead prices from NordPool
- Mean water flows in Skellefteälven from SMHI





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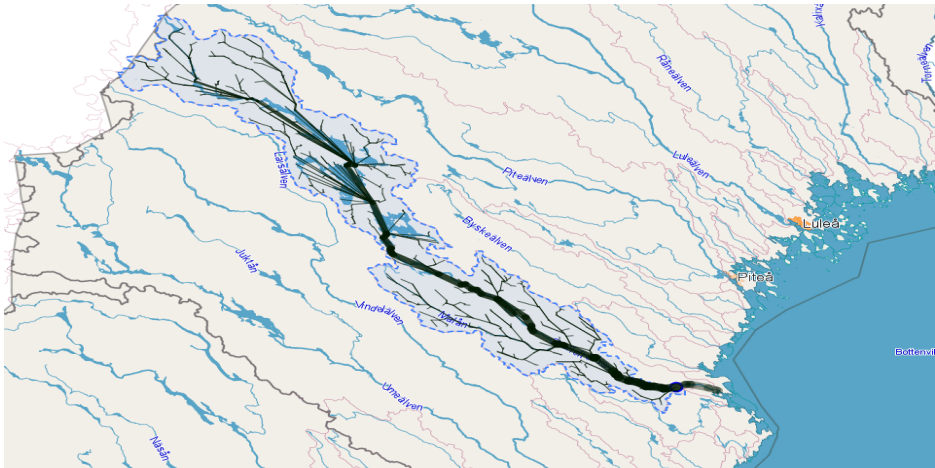
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01 - 02	35.18	35.18	35.18	35.18	35.18	35.18	34.05	35.18	35.18	35.18	35.18	35.18	35.18	35.18	35.18	35.18	35.18	34.05	34.05
02 - 03	33.73	33.73	33.73	33.73	33.73	33.73	33.73	33.73	33.73	33.73	33.73	33.73	33.73	33.73	33.73	33.73	33.73	32.65	32.65
03 - 04	34.37	34.37	34.37	34.37	34.37	34.37	34.37	34.37	34.37	34.37	34.37	34.37	34.37	34.37	34.37	34.37	34.37	32.46	32.46
04 - 05	34.80	34.80	34.80	34.80	34.80	34.80	34.80	34.80	34.80	34.80	34.80	34.80	34.80	34.80	34.80	34.80	34.80	32.70	32.70
05 - 06	36.41	36.41	36.41	36.41	36.41	36.41	35.43	36.41	36.41	36.41	36.41	36.41	36.41	36.41	36.41	36.41	36.41	35.55	35.55
06 - 07	39.93	39.77	39.77	39.77	39.77	39.77	55.32	40.75	39.77	39.77	39.77	39.77	39.77	39.77	55.32	55.32	55.32	40.82	39.60
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08 - 09	41.00	40.82	40.82	40.82	40.82	57.40	74.17	57.40	40.82	40.82	40.82	40.82	40.82	40.82	74.17	74.17	74.17	60.08	45.32
09 - 10	41.89	41.21	41.21	41.21	41.21	51.51	71.89	51.51	41.21	41.21	41.21	41.21	41.21	41.21	71.89	71.89	71.89	52.08	47.06
10 - 11	42.01	41.48	41.48	41.48	41.48	48.84	69.77	48.84	41.43	41.43	41.43	41.43	41.43	41.43	69.77	69.77	69.77	50.20	44.93
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12 - 13	42.08	41.46	41.46	41.46	41.46	47.35	73.26	47.35	41.46	41.46	41.46	41.46	41.46	41.46	73.26	73.26	73.26	48.95	42.76
13 - 14	41.61	41.37	41.37	41.37	41.37	45.72	64.63	45.72	40.31	40.31	40.31	40.31	41.37	41.37	64.63	64.63	64.63	48.20	38.89
14 - 15	41.47	41.21	41.21	41.21	41.21	45.30	63.68	45.30	40.03	40.03	40.03	40.03	41.21	41.21	63.68	63.68	63.68	48.92	35.32
15 - 16	40.98	41.00	41.00	41.00	41.00	45.13	61.61	45.13	39.67	39.67	39.67	41.00	41.00	41.00	61.61	61.61	61.61	48.91	34.02
16 - 17	40.99	40.85	40.85	40.85	40.85	44.95	60.00	44.95	40.16	40.16	40.16	40.85	40.85	40.85	60.00	60.00	60.00	47.54	37.78
17 - 18	41.19	40.92	40.92	40.92	40.92	45.21	56.05	45.21	40.92	40.92	40.92	40.92	40.92	40.92	56.05	56.05	56.05	45.21	45.21
18 - 19	41.51	41.05	41.05	41.05	41.05	49.50	60.09	49.50	41.05	41.05	41.05	41.05	41.05	41.05	60.09	60.09	60.09	49.50	48.05
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20 - 21	40.95	40.69	40.69	40.69	40.69	56.07	55.36	56.07	40.69	40.69	40.69	40.69	40.69	40.69	56.07	56.07	56.07	57.80	52.17
21 - 22	40.45	40.39	40.39	40.39	40.39	51.96	51.96	51.96	40.39	40.39	40.39	40.39	40.39	40.39	51.96	51.96	51.96	51.90	49.12
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**Figure:** Historical day-ahead prices 2013-2018 from NordPool.

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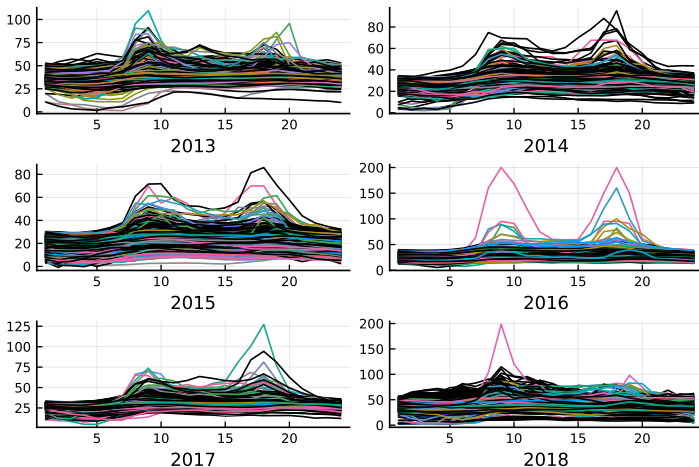
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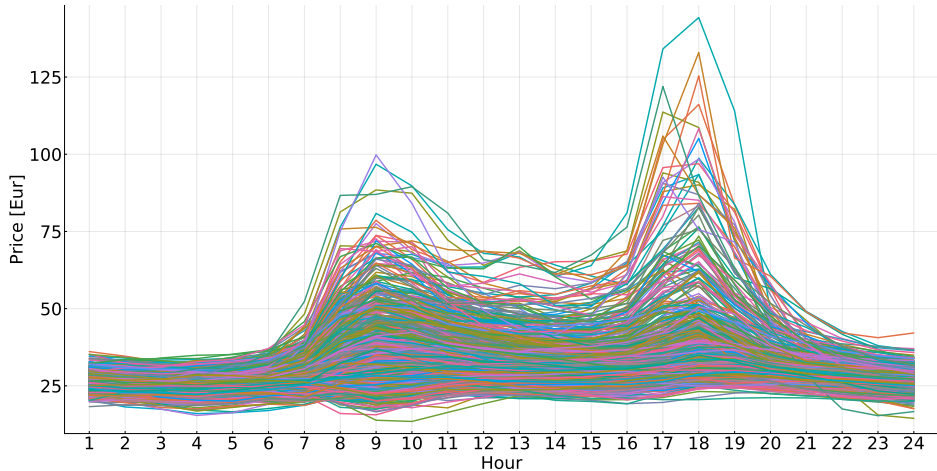
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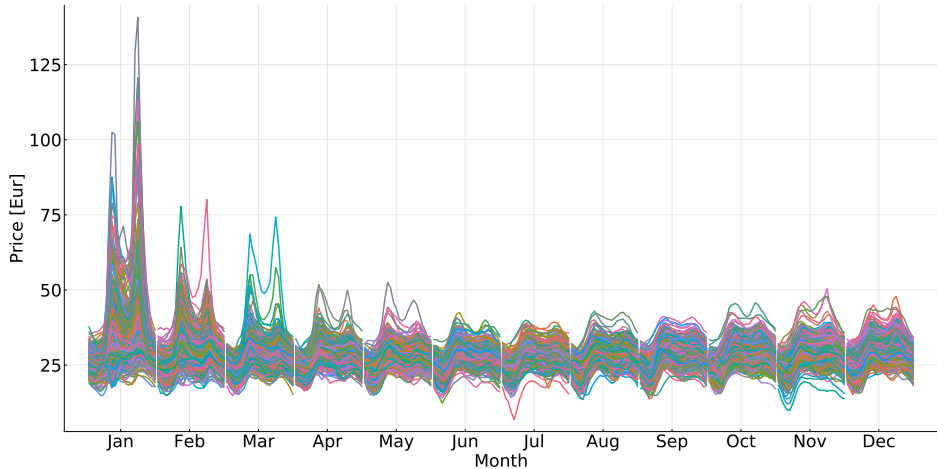


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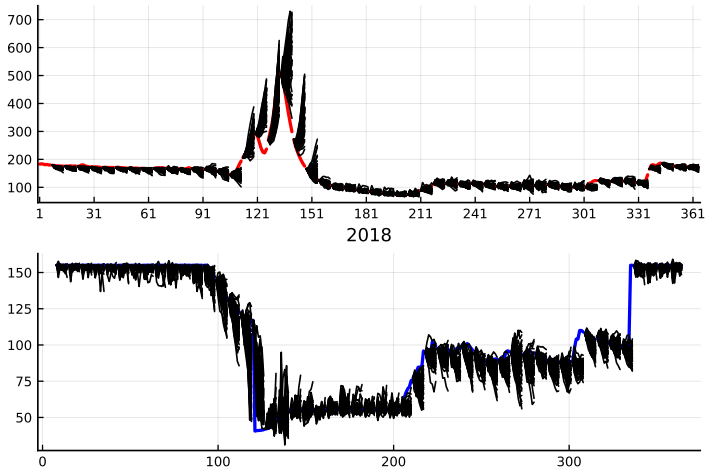
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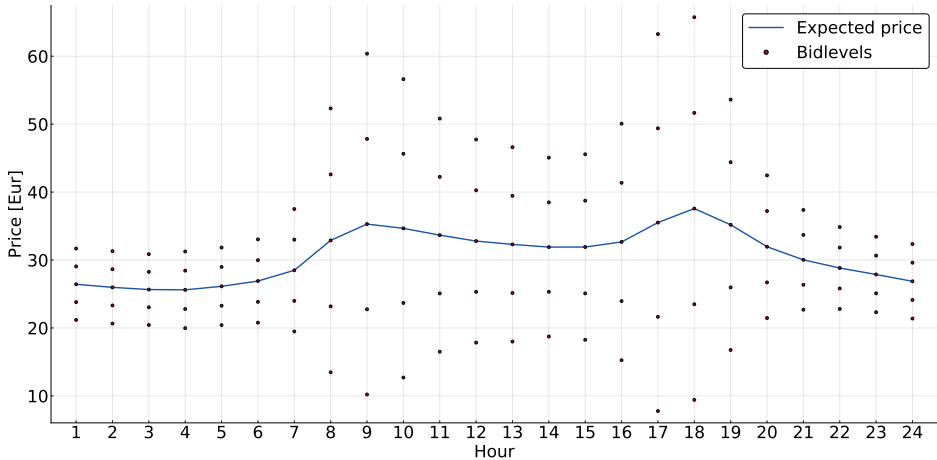


# Day-ahead problem - Sampler

```
@scenario DayAheadScenario = begin
   $\rho$ ::PriceCurve{Float64}
  Q:Vector{Float64}
end
@sampler RecurrentDayAheadSampler = begin
  date::Date
  price_forecaster::Forecaster{:price}
  flow_forecaster::Forecaster{:flow}

  @sample DayAheadScenario begin
    prices = forecast(sampler.price_forecaster, month(sampler.date))
    flows = forecast(sampler.flow_forecaster, week(sampler.date))
    return DayAheadScenario(PriceCurve(prices), flows[1])
  end
end
```

# Day-ahead problem - Bidlevels



**Figure:** Available price points for bidding.



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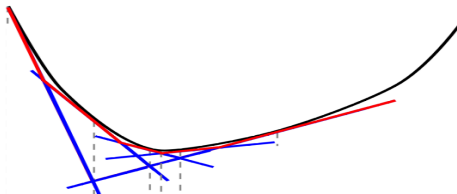


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**Figure:** Polyhedral approximation.



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```
@stage 1 begin
  @parameters begin
    horizon = horizon
    indices = indices
    data = data
  end
  @unpack hours, plants, bids, blockbids, blocks = indices
  @unpack hydrodata, regulations = data
  # Variables
  # =====
  @variable(model, xt_i[t = hours] >= 0)
  @variable(model, xt_d[i = bids, t = hours] >= 0)
  @variable(model, xb[i = blockbids, b = blocks] >= 0)
  ...
end
```

```

@stage 2 begin
...
@uncertain  $\rho$ , V from  $\xi::\text{DayAheadScenario}$ 
@decision xt_i xt_d xb
# -----
@variable(model, yt[t = hours] >= 0) # Hourly dispatch
@variable(model, yb[b = blocks] >= 0) # Block dispatch
@variable(model, z_up[t = hours] >= 0) # Power bought from intraday
@variable(model, z_do[t = hours] >= 0) # Power sold to intraday
@variable(model, 0 <= Q[p = plants, t = hours] <= Q # Water discharge
@variable(model, S[p = plants, t = hours] >= 0) # Spillage
@variable(model, Qf[p = plants, t = hours] >= 0) # Incoming discharge
@variable(model, Sf[p = plants, t = hours] >= 0) # Incoming spillage
@variable(model, 0 <= M[p = plants, t = hours] <= M # Reservoir content
@variable(model, H[t = hours] >= 0) # Power production
...
@objective(model, Max, net_profit + value_of_stored_water)
...

```

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```
...
# Bid-dispatch links
@constraint(model, hourlybids[t = hours],
            yt[t] == interpolate( $\rho$ [t], bidlevels, xt_d[t]) + xt_i[t]
            )
@constraint(model, bidblocks[b = blocks],
            yb[b] == sum(xb[j,b] for j = accepted_blocks(b))
            )
# Hydrological balance
@constraint(model, hydro_constraints[p = plants, t = hours],
            # Previous reservoir content
            M[p,t] == (t > 1 ? M[p,t-1] : M_0[p])
            # Inflow
            + sum(Qf[i,t]+Sf[i,t] for i = upstream_plants[p])
            # Local inflow
            + V[p]
            # Outflow
            - (Q[p,t] + S[p,t])
            )
...
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```
...
# Production
@constraint(model, production[t = hours],
    H[t] == sum(hydrodata[p].μ[s]*Q[p,s,t]
        for p = plants, s = segments)
    )
# Load balance
@constraint(model, loadbalance[t = hours],
    yt[t] + sum(yb[b] for b = blocks[t]) - H[t] == z_up[t] - z_do[t]
    )
...
# Water travel time
...
# Water value
@constraint(model, water_value_approximation[c = 1:ncuts(water_value)],
    sum(water_value[c][p]*M[p,nhours(horizon)]
        for p in plants)
    + sum(W[i]
        for i in cut_indices(water_value[c]))
    >= cut_lb(water_value[c]))
end
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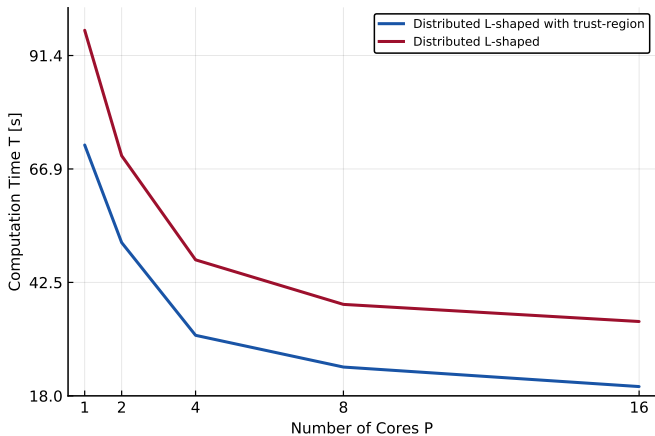
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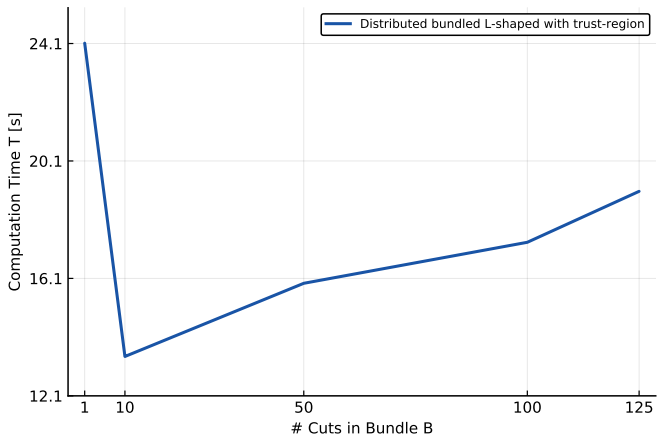
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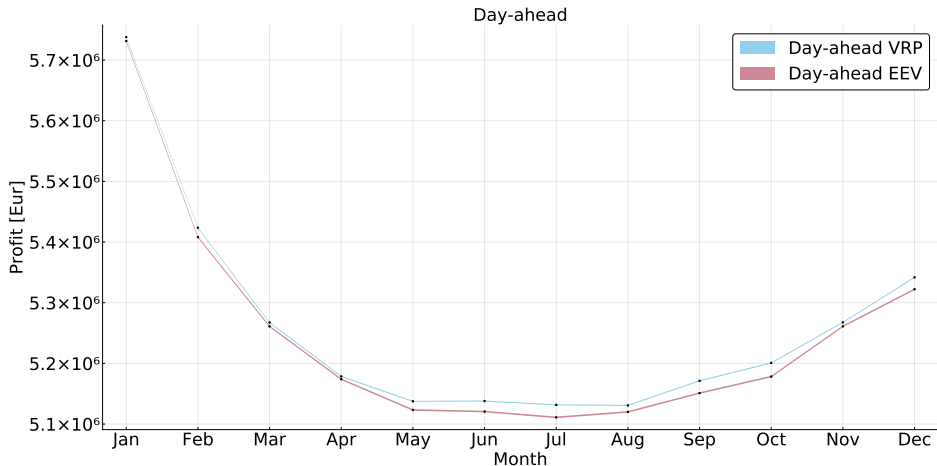
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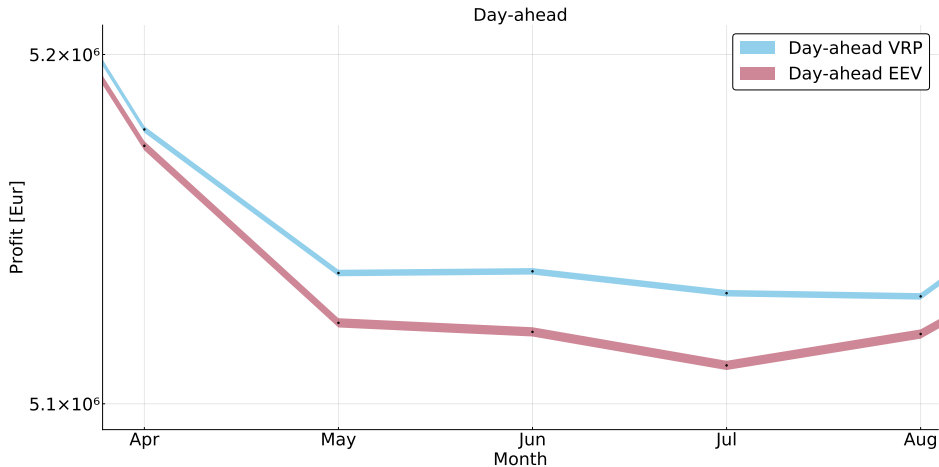
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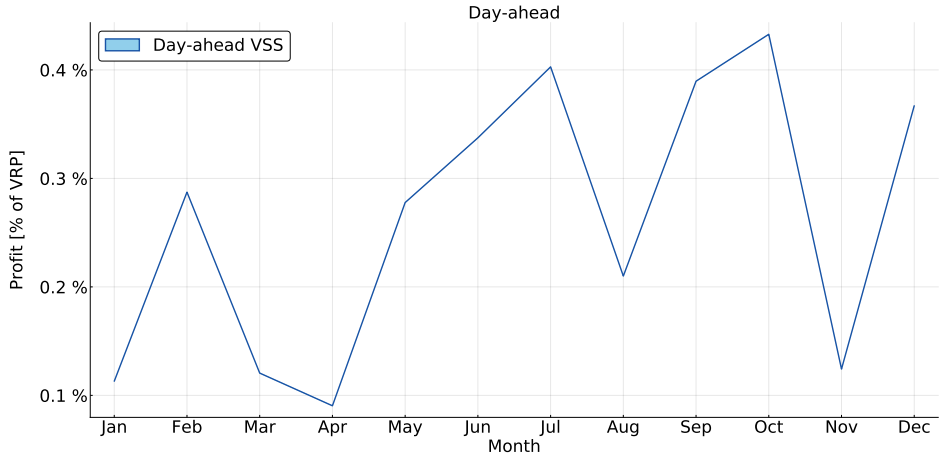
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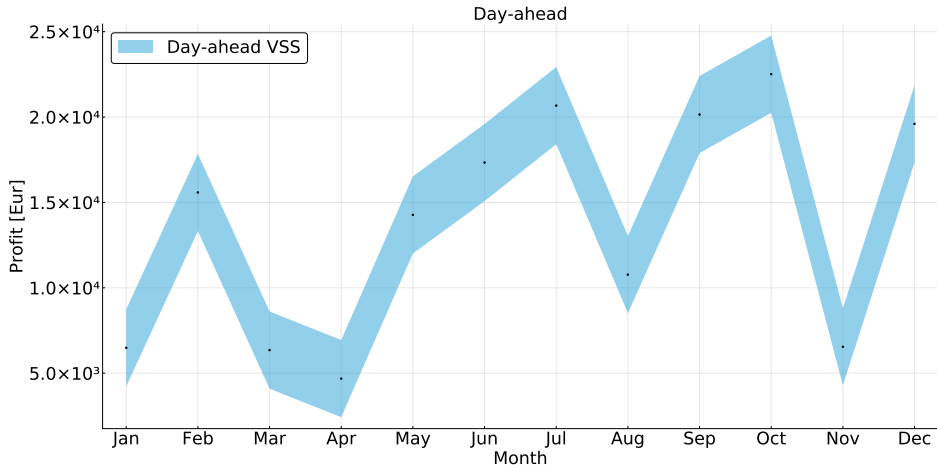
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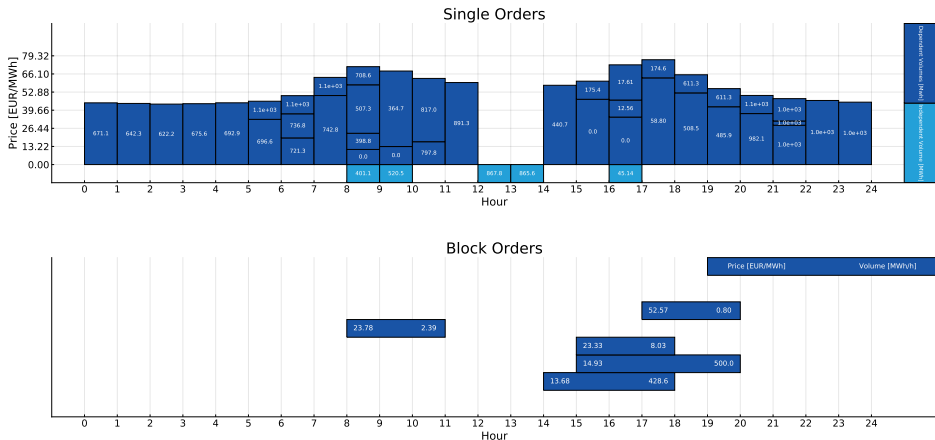
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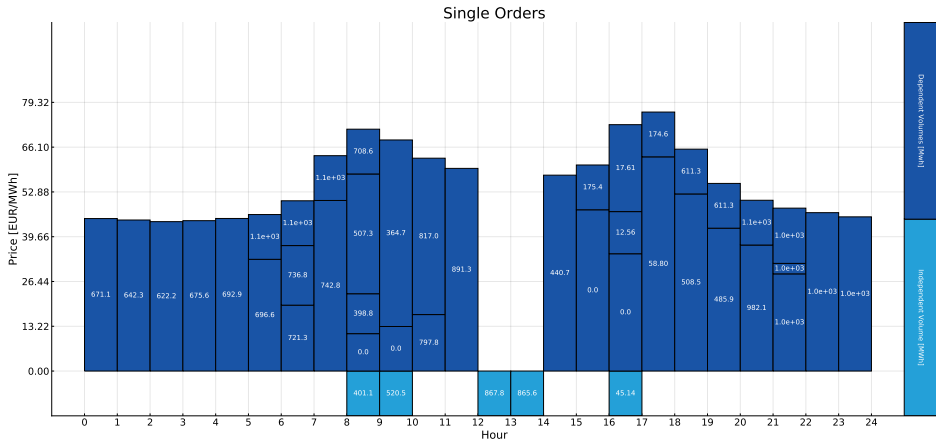
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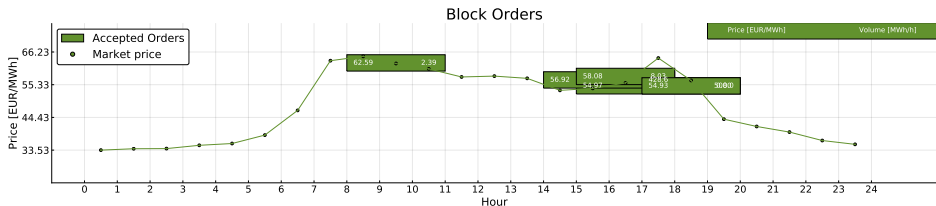
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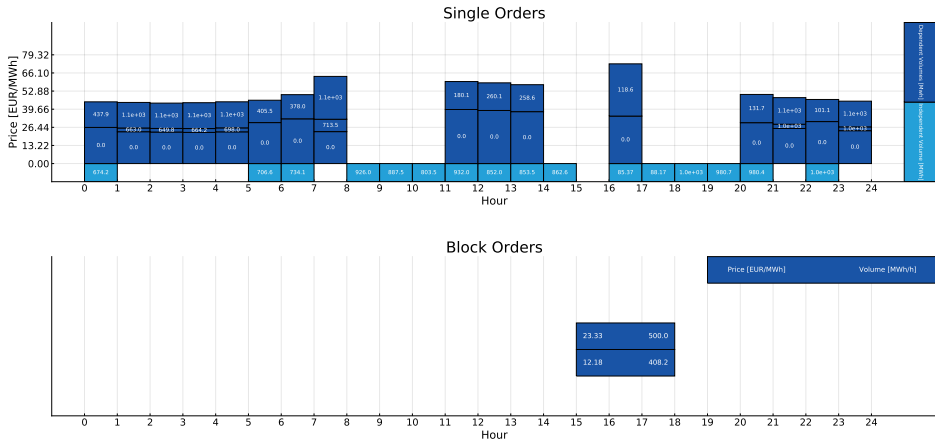
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