Pricing Energy Storage for Social-Welfare Maximization

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Background—Role of Energy Storage





Background—Pricing of Energy Storage





Background—Pricing of Energy Storage

Large Storage: Capacity Withholding (Extreme High Bid: \$500-1000/MWh!)



RTPD and IFM Charge/Discharge Proportions for January 16, 2024



Normal Price Day

Default Bid?

Price Spike Day

https://www.caiso.com/library/daily-energy-storage-reports



RTPD and IFM Charge/Discharge Proportions for May 15, 2024



Background—Pricing of Uncertainty

Deterministic Formulation

 $\min \sum_{t} \left[\sum_{i} G_i(g_{i,t}) + \sum_{s} M_s(p_{s,t}) \right]$ (1a) $[\lambda_t]: \sum_{s} g_{i,t} + \sum_{s} p_{s,t} - \sum_{s} b_{s,t} = D_t, \forall t \in \mathcal{T}$ **Energy Price** (1b) $[\theta_{s,t}]: e_{s,t+1} - e_{s,t} = -p_{s,t}/\eta_s + b_{s,t}\eta_s, \forall t \in \mathcal{T}, \forall s \in \mathcal{S}$ (1c) $[\pi_t]: \sum_{i} \varphi_{i,t} + \sum_{s} \psi_{s,t} \ge d_t, \forall t \in \mathcal{T}$ **Reserve Price** (1d) $[\underline{\nu}_{i,t}, \overline{\nu}_{i,t}]: \underline{G}_i \leq g_{i,t} \leq \overline{G}_i - \varphi_{i,t}, \forall t \in \mathcal{T}, \forall i \in \mathcal{G}$ (1e) $[\kappa_{i,t}, \overline{\kappa}_{i,t}]: -RD_i \leq g_{i,t} - g_{i,t-1} \leq RU_i, \forall t \in \mathcal{T}, \forall i \in \mathcal{G}$ (1f) $[\alpha_{s,t}, \overline{\alpha}_{s,t}]: 0 \le b_{s,t} \le \overline{P}_s, \forall t \in \mathcal{T}, \forall s \in \mathcal{S}$ (1g) $[\underline{\beta}_{s,t}, \overline{\beta}_{s,t}]: 0 \leq p_{s,t} \leq \overline{P}_s - \psi_{s,t}, \forall t \in \mathcal{T}, \forall s \in \mathcal{S}$ (1h) $[\iota_{s,t}, \overline{\iota}_{s,t}]: (\psi_{s,t} + p_{s,t})/\eta_s + E_s \leq e_{s,t},$ (1i) $e_{s,t} < \overline{E}_s - b_{s,t} \eta_s, \forall t \in \mathcal{T}, \forall s \in \mathcal{S}$

- Price and Dispatch Decoupled with Uncertainty
- Reserve Price≈0, Lose Profit for Reserve Provision
- ✓ Incorporate Uncertainty into Pricing and Dispatch

Probabilistic Formulation

Stochastic Optimization

× Revenue adequacy and cost recovery for each scenario
× Scenario-Based Price, No Default Price
✓ Market Analysis × Market Clearning

D Robust Optimization

✓ Conservative

Chance-Constrained Optimization

- ✓ Tractable
- ✓ Scalable
- \checkmark Control the Risk

$$\mathbb{P}\!\left(a_i(\boldsymbol{x})^{\mathsf{T}}\boldsymbol{\xi}(\boldsymbol{x}) \leq b_i(\boldsymbol{x})\right) \geq 1 - \epsilon$$

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Problem Formulation & Preliminary



✓ Default Bid and Benchmark the Market Power of Storage

Robust Competitive Equilibrium !



Theoretical Analysis

- Proposition 1: Physical Cost Origins: (1) Marginal Cost of Cleared Generator & Storage (2) Storage Efficiency
- $\theta_{st} = H_i(q_{it} + \varphi_{it} d_t) / \eta_s$ Charging $\partial \mathbb{E} G_i(q_{i,t} + \varphi_{t,t} \boldsymbol{d}_t) / \partial q_{t,t} = H_i(q_{i,t} + \varphi_{i,t} \boldsymbol{d}_t)$ $\theta_{s,t} = \eta_s (H_i(g_{i,t} + \varphi_{i,t} d_t) - M_s)$ Discharging

Theorem: Constrained and Bounded Price

- **Proposition 2: Convex Opportunity Price:** Monotonically Decreases with Storage SoC
- Quadratic/Super-Quadratic SoC-Dependent Bid^[1] $\partial \theta_{s,t} / \partial e_{s,t} \leq 0$ **Generation Cost Function**
- **Proposition 3: Uncertainty-aware Price:** Monotonically Increases with Uncertainty

 $\partial \theta_{s,t} / \partial \sigma_t \geq 0$

Quadratic/Super-Quadratic **Generation Cost Function**

 $\mathbb{E}(\theta_{s,t}(\boldsymbol{d_t})) > \theta_{s,t}(\mathbb{E}(\boldsymbol{d_t}))$

Uncertainty-Aware and Bounded Bid^[2]

Linear Relationship with

Energy and Reserve Price

Charging

$$\begin{split} \theta_{s,t-1} &= \frac{\eta_s}{\widetilde{d}_t} \left(\theta_{s,t} \eta_s \widehat{d}_t + \lambda_t (\frac{\widetilde{d}_t}{\eta_s^2} - \widehat{d}_t) + \pi_t - M_s \mu_t \right) \\ \theta_{s,t-1} &= \frac{1}{\eta_s \widehat{d}_t} \left(\frac{\theta_{s,t} \widetilde{d}_t}{\eta_s} + \lambda_t (\eta_s^2 \widehat{d}_t - \widetilde{d}_t) + \pi_t + M_s (\widetilde{d}_t - \eta_s^2 \widehat{d}_t - \mu_t) \right) \end{split}$$
Discharging

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350

 $G_i(g_{i,t})$ $g_{i,t}$ Cumulative Capacity (MW Bids/\$•kWh discharge λ_2^s charge λ_3^s λ_{1}^{b} VSOC/kWh Efix E^{fix} , (4MW/\$) spiq 100 Bound

50

100

150

200

Price forecast σ (\$/MWh



Case Study—Test System

• ISO-NE 8-Zone Test System



- 76 Generators: 23.1 GW
- Load: 13 GW
- Renewables: Wind and Solar^[1], 10%-90% of Total Generation Capacity
- Uncertainty: Elia Historical Data^[2]
- Multiple Storages: 10%-60% of Total Generation Capacity; 4-8-12 hr duration; 0.8, 0.85, 0.9, 0.95 One-Way Efficiency
- Coding^[3]: MatLab and solved by Gurobi 11.0 solver, Intel Corei9-13900HX @ 2.30GHz with RAM 16 GB.



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Case Study—Simulation Results

- Convex Opportunity Price Function θ(SoC)
 Monotonically Decreasing
- Higher Efficiency: Higher Discharge Price, Lower Charge Price





Case Study—Simulation Results

- **Uncertainty-Aware** Price Function $\theta(\sigma)$
- **Proposed Formulation: Monotonically Increasing**
- Deterministic Formulation: Fixed



Constrained and **bounded** Price

Anticipated Default Bid

- Benchmark Comparison
- Storage Profit Maximization^[1,2]

 $V_{t-1}(e_{t-1}) = \max_{p_t, b_t} \lambda_t (p_t - b_t) - M p_t + V_t(e_t)$ **Opportunity** Value Function $e_{t+1} - e_t = -p_t / \eta + b_t \eta$ $0 < b_t < \overline{P}, \ 0 < p_t < \overline{P}$ $0 \le e_t \le \overline{E}$ $p_t = 0, \lambda_t < 0$ $O_t(p_t) = \frac{\partial (Mp_t + V_t(e_t))}{\partial p_t} = M + \frac{1}{\eta} v_t(e_{t-1} - p_t/\eta)$ **Storage Bid** $B_t(b_t) = \frac{\partial(V_t(e_t))}{\partial b_t} = \eta v_t(e_{t-1} + b_t \eta)$ $\min \sum_{i} \sum_{t} G(g_{i,t}) + O_t(p_t) - B_t(b_t)$ **Market Clearing**

[1] X. Qin, I. Lestas, and B. Xu, "Economic capacity withholding bounds of competitive energy storage bidders," arXiv preprint arXiv:2403.05705,2024

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- Enhance social welfare, reduce conventional generator production and consumer payment; Sacrifice storage margins
- Electricity Payment Decrease by 17%
- Storage Profit Reduces by 0.5% (based on Electricity Payment)





- Benefit Scales Up with Increased Renewable & Storage Integration
- Sensitivity Analysis of Storage Capacity
- ✓ 4-hr storage:20% storage capacity (-18%)

60% storage capacity (-27%)

✓ 20% storage capacity:
4-hr storage (-18%)

12-hr storage (-23%)

Sensitivity Analysis of Renewable Capacity

✓ 30% renewable capacity (-18%)

✓ 50% renewable capacity (-21%)

✓ 70% renewable capacity (-22%)



• Uncertainty Realization & Risk-Aversion

(1) Normal Distribution

 $F^{-1}(1-\epsilon)=\Phi^{-1}(1-\epsilon)$

(2) Distributionally Robust

Type & Shape	$F^{-1}(1-\epsilon)$	ϵ
No Distribution Assumption (NA)	$\sqrt{(1\!-\!\epsilon)/\epsilon}$	$0\!<\!\epsilon\!\le\!1$
Symmetric Distribution (S)	$\sqrt{1/2\epsilon}$	$0\!<\!\epsilon\!\le\!1/2$
(_)	0	$1/2\!<\!\epsilon\!\le\!1$
Unimodal Distribution (U)	$\sqrt{(4-9\epsilon)/9\epsilon}$	$0\!<\!\epsilon\!\le\!1/6$
(-)	$\sqrt{(3-3\epsilon)/(1+3\epsilon)}$	$1/6 < \epsilon \le 1$

(3) Versatile Distribution^[1]



[1] Z.-S. Zhang, Y.-Z. Sun, D. W. Gao et al., "A versatile probability distribution model for wind power forecast errors and its application economic dispatch," IEEE Transactions on Power Systems, vol. 28,no. 3, pp. 3114–3125, 2013.

 More Risk-Aversion→Higher Cost & Prices
 Versatile Distribution Best Fits the Netload Forecast Error



Distributions	Energy Price	Storage Price
Versatile	0.08	0.12
Gaussion	0.23	0.20
SU	0.48	1.00

Compared with Empirical Result Lower RMSE: Better Fitting



• Computational Efficiency

Generator Number	1	76	76	76	76	76	76	76	76	76
Storage Number	1	1	5	10	50	100	500	1000	5000	10000
Time1 (s)	0.08	0.42	0.57	0.78	5.63	11.86	370.00	424.45	>3000	>3000
Time2 (s)	0.04	0.35	0.46	0.59	0.74	1.16	2.85	5.32	33.34	72.60

Time1: Complementary Constraints to Prevent Storage from Simultaneous Charging and DischargingTime2: Relaxation of Complementary Constraints^[1] $0 < 1_T E_0 + \eta_c A P_c - \frac{1}{-A} P_d$

$$\mathbf{E}^{r}(\mathbf{P}_{c}^{r}, \mathbf{P}_{d}^{r}) = \mathbf{1}_{T} E_{0} + \eta_{c} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P}_{c}^{r} - \frac{1}{\eta_{d}} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{P}_{d}^{r}$$

$$\mathbf{E}_{max} \geq \mathbf{1}_{T} E_{0} + \eta \mathbf{A} (\mathbf{P}_{c} - \mathbf{P}_{d})$$

$$0 \leq \mathbf{P}_{c} \leq \mathbf{1}_{T} P_{max}$$

$$0 \leq \mathbf{P}_{d} \leq \mathbf{1}_{T} P_{max}$$

$$\mathbf{P}_{c} + \mathbf{P}_{d} \leq \mathbf{1}_{T} P_{max}$$

[1] N. Nazir and M. Almassalkhi, "Guaranteeing a physically realizable battery dispatch without charge-discharge complementarity constraints," *IEEE Transactions on Smart Grid*, vol. 14, no. 3, pp. 2473–2476, 2021.



Conclusion & Future Work

- ✓ Two-Stage Chance-Constrained Pricing Framework—Default Bid, Benchmark Market Power of Storage, Integrated into Current Economic Dispatch
- ✓ Theoretical Analysis: Convex, Uncertainty-Aware, Bounded and Anticipated
- ✓ Simulations: Significantly Enhance Social Welfare!—CASIO^[1]
- ? Long-Duration Storage—Track the Seasonal Pattern^[3]



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Theoretical Analysis—Deterministic Framework

Deterministic Formulation

$$\min \sum_{t} \left[\sum_{i} G_{i}(g_{i,t}) + \sum_{s} M_{s}(p_{s,t}) \right]$$
(1a)

$$\left[\lambda_{t} \right]: \sum_{i} g_{i,t} + \sum_{s} p_{s,t} - \sum_{s} b_{s,t} = D_{t}, \forall t \in \mathcal{T}$$
(1b)

$$\left[\theta_{s,t} \right]: e_{s,t+1} - e_{s,t} = -p_{s,t}/\eta_{s} + b_{s,t}\eta_{s}, \forall t \in \mathcal{T}, \forall s \in \mathcal{S}$$
(1c)

$$\left[\pi_{t} \right]: \sum_{i} \varphi_{i,t} + \sum_{s} \psi_{s,t} \ge d_{t}, \forall t \in \mathcal{T}$$
(1d)

$$\left[\underline{\nu}_{i,t}, \overline{\nu}_{i,t} \right]: \underline{G}_{i} \le g_{i,t} \le \overline{G}_{i} - \varphi_{i,t}, \forall t \in \mathcal{T}, \forall i \in \mathcal{G}$$
(1e)

$$\left[\underline{\kappa}_{i,t}, \overline{\kappa}_{i,t} \right]: -RD_{i} \le g_{i,t} - g_{i,t-1} \le RU_{i}, \forall t \in \mathcal{T}, \forall i \in \mathcal{G}$$
(1f)

$$\left[\underline{\alpha}_{s,t}, \overline{\alpha}_{s,t} \right]: 0 \le b_{s,t} \le \overline{P}_{s}, \forall t \in \mathcal{T}, \forall s \in \mathcal{S}$$
(1g)

$$\left[\underline{\beta}_{s,t}, \overline{\beta}_{s,t} \right]: 0 \le p_{s,t} \le \overline{P}_{s} - \psi_{s,t}, \forall t \in \mathcal{T}, \forall s \in \mathcal{S}$$
(1h)

$$\left[\underline{\iota}_{s,t}, \overline{\iota}_{s,t} \right]: (\psi_{s,t} + p_{s,t})/\eta_{s} + \underline{E}_{s} \le e_{s,t},$$
(1i)

$$e_{s,t} \le \overline{E}_{s} - b_{s,t}\eta_{s}, \forall t \in \mathcal{T}, \forall s \in \mathcal{S}$$

 Proposition 1: Physical Cost Origins: (1) Marginal Cost of Cleared Generator & Storage (2) Storage Efficiency

 $heta_{s,t} = H_i(g_{i,t})/\eta_s$ Charging

 $\theta_{s,t} \!=\! \eta_s \big(H_i(g_{i,t}) \!-\! M_s \big) \quad \text{Discharging}$

• Proposition 2: Convex Opportunity Price: Monotonically Decreases with Storage SoC

 $\partial \theta_{s,t} / \partial e_{s,t} \le 0$ Quadratic/Super-Quadratic Generation Cost Function

- Theorem: Constrained and Bounded Price
- $\theta_{s,t} \ge \eta_s(\lambda_t \pi_t M_s), \ \theta_{s,t-1} = \lambda_t / \eta_s + \pi_t \eta_s$ Charging $\theta_{s,t} = \eta_s(\lambda_t - \pi_t - M_s), \ \theta_{s,t-1} \le \lambda_t / \eta_s + \pi_t \eta_s$ Discharging

×Uncertainty-aware Price



Chance-constrained optimization

Deterministic Reformulation

$$egin{aligned} &\mathbb{P}ig(a_i(oldsymbol{x})^{\mathrm{T}}oldsymbol{\xi} \leq b_i(oldsymbol{x})ig) \geq 1-\epsilon \ &a_i(oldsymbol{x})^{\mathrm{T}}oldsymbol{\mu}+b_i(oldsymbol{x})+F^{-1}(1-\epsilon)ig\sqrt{a_i(oldsymbol{x})^{\mathrm{T}}oldsymbol{\Sigma}a_i(oldsymbol{x})} \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

(1) Gaussion Distribution

 $F^{-1}(1-\epsilon)=\Phi^{-1}(1-\epsilon)$

(2) Distributionally Robust^[1]

Type & Shape	$F^{-1}(1-\epsilon)$	ε
No Distribution Assumption (NA)	$\sqrt{(1\!-\!\epsilon)/\epsilon}$	$0 \! < \! \epsilon \! \le \! 1$
Symmetric Distribution (S)	$\sqrt{1/2\epsilon}$	$0\!<\!\epsilon\!\le\!1/2$
	0	$1/2\!<\!\epsilon\!\le\!1$
Unimodal Distribution (U)	$\sqrt{(4-9\epsilon)/9\epsilon}$	$0\!<\!\epsilon\!\le\!1/6$
	$\sqrt{(3\!-\!3\epsilon)/(1\!+\!3\epsilon)}$	$1/6\!<\!\epsilon\!\le\!1$
	$\sqrt{2/9\epsilon}$	$0\!<\!\epsilon\!\le\!1/6$
Symmetric & Unimodal Distribution (SU)	$\sqrt{3}(1\!-\!2\epsilon)$	$1/6\!<\!\epsilon\!\le\!1/2$
	0	$1/2\!<\!\epsilon\!\le\!1$

(3) Versatile Distribution^[2]

$$F^{-1}(1-\epsilon\mid a,b,c)=c-\ln\Bigl((1-\epsilon)^{-1/b}-1\Bigr)/a$$

(4) Data-Driven Distributionally Robust^{[3]^{0-0.2}}

$$\begin{aligned} a_{i}(\boldsymbol{x})^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{\mu}(\boldsymbol{x}) + F_{\boldsymbol{x}}^{-1}(1-\epsilon)\sqrt{a_{i}(\boldsymbol{x})^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}(\boldsymbol{x})a_{i}(\boldsymbol{x})} \leq b_{i}(\boldsymbol{x}) \\ a_{i}(\boldsymbol{x})^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{\mu}(\boldsymbol{x}) + \psi_{K}\boldsymbol{r}(\boldsymbol{x}) + \pi_{K}\overline{F}_{\boldsymbol{x}}^{-1}(1-\epsilon) \|\boldsymbol{y}\|_{2} \leq b_{i}(\boldsymbol{x}) \\ \sqrt{a_{i}(\boldsymbol{x})^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}a_{i}(\boldsymbol{x})} \leq y_{1}, \sqrt{2\psi_{K}}\boldsymbol{r}(\boldsymbol{x}) \leq y_{2} \\ \psi_{K} = K^{(1/p-1/2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\pi_{K} = \left(1 - \frac{4}{\epsilon} \exp\left(-\left(K^{1/p} - 2\right)^{2}/2\right)\right)^{-1/2}$$

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IVD

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IVD 4

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