



GAS STORAGE OPTIMIZATION AND VALUATION

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CEZ TRADING PROVIDES ACCESS TO COMMODITY MARKETS FOR THE WHOLE CEZ GROUP



- **CEZ Trading activities:**
 - 30+ traders trade power, gas, coal, oil and emissions
 - Dispatch and optimization of CEZ assets
 - Market access for CEZ group and other companies
 - Marketing of non-standard products
 - Proprietary trading
- **Analytical Team provides:**
 - Meteorological services
 - Fundamental commodity price forecasts
 - Evaluation of trading/hedging strategies
 - Pricing of consumption diagrams and products with optionality



GAS STORAGES SMOOTHEN PRICES ACROSS TIME PERIODS, MAINLY SUMMER WINTER DIFFERENCES

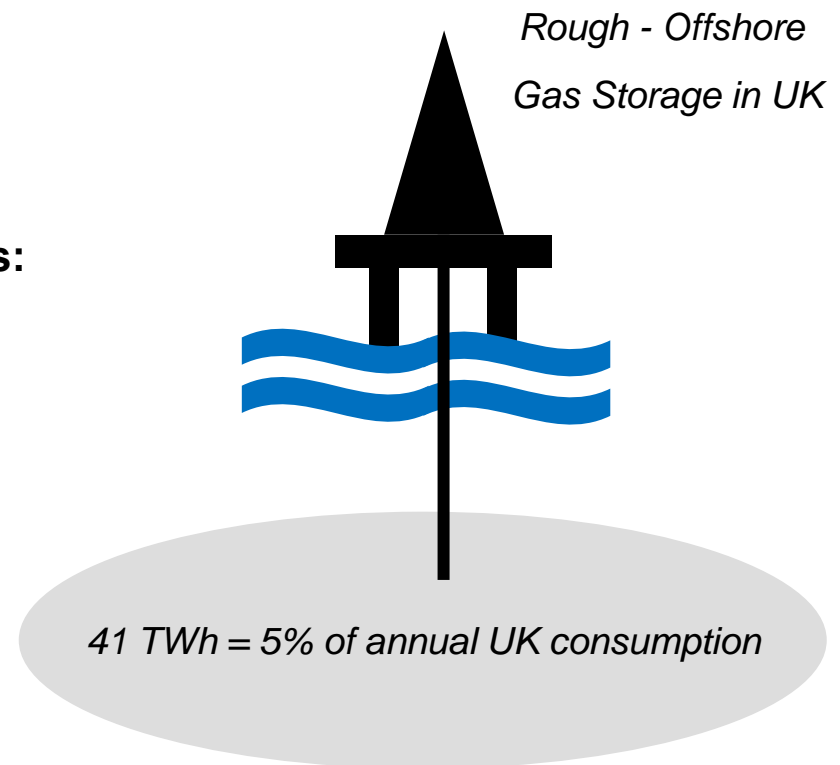


■ Gas storages are:

- Depleted gas fields
- Salt caverns
- LNG
- Pipelines

■ Gas storage can serve multiple purposes:

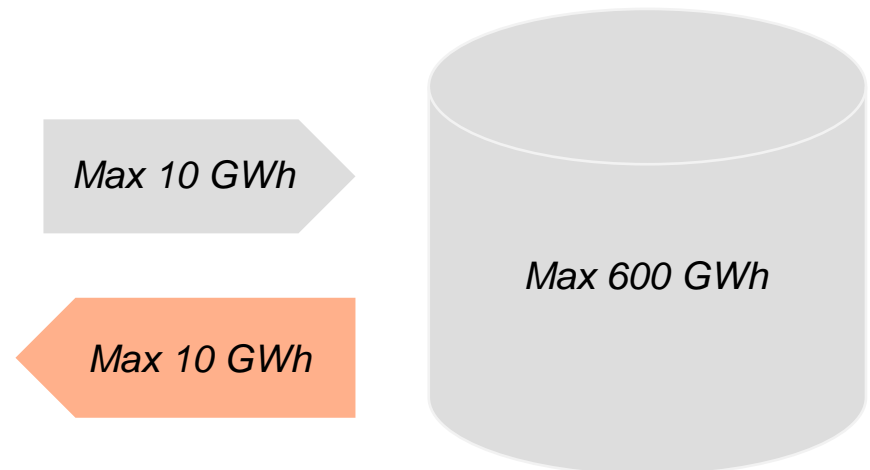
- Balancing supply and demand
- Insurance against shortages
- Regulatory obligations
- Speculative trading



EACH GAS STORAGE HAS DIFFERENT OPERATIONAL CONSTRAINTS



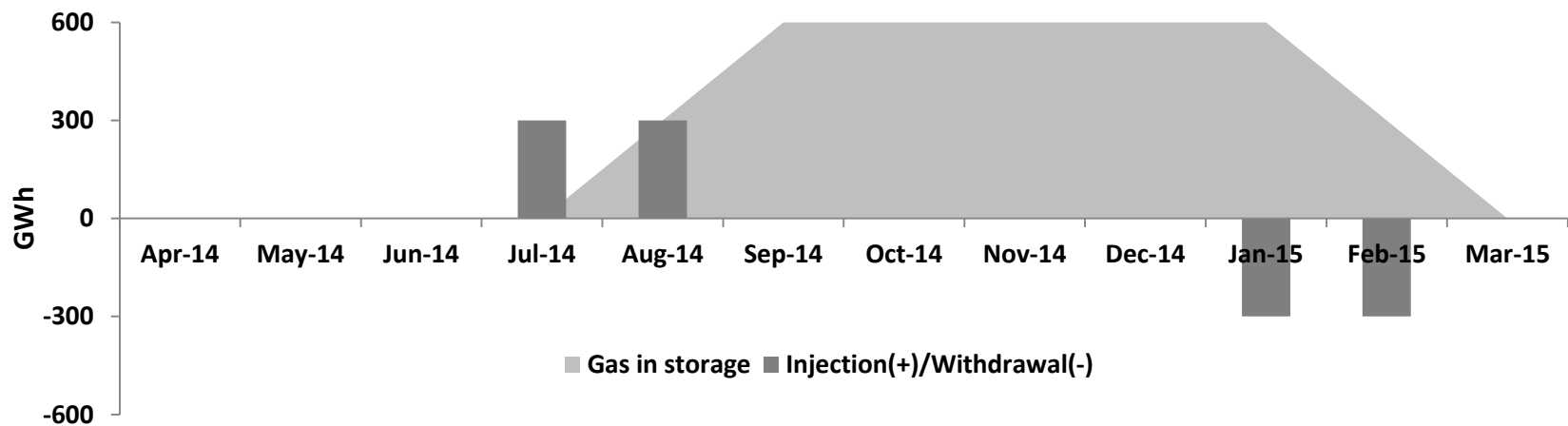
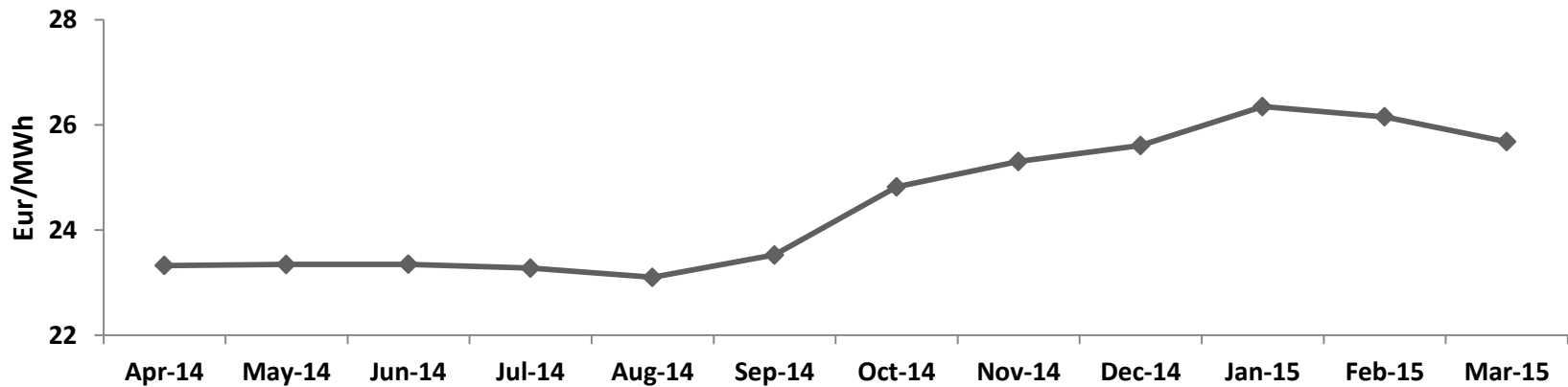
- **Gas storage often come with limits such as**
 - Maximum daily injection and withdrawal
 - Maximum and minimum level of gas in the storage
 - Maximum number of injection and withdrawals...
- **Simple storage contract might look like:**
 - Available April through March
 - Capacity 600 GWh
 - Max daily injection 10 GWh
 - Max daily withdrawal 10 GWh



GAS STORAGE PROFITS FROM DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HIGH AND CHEAP PERIODS



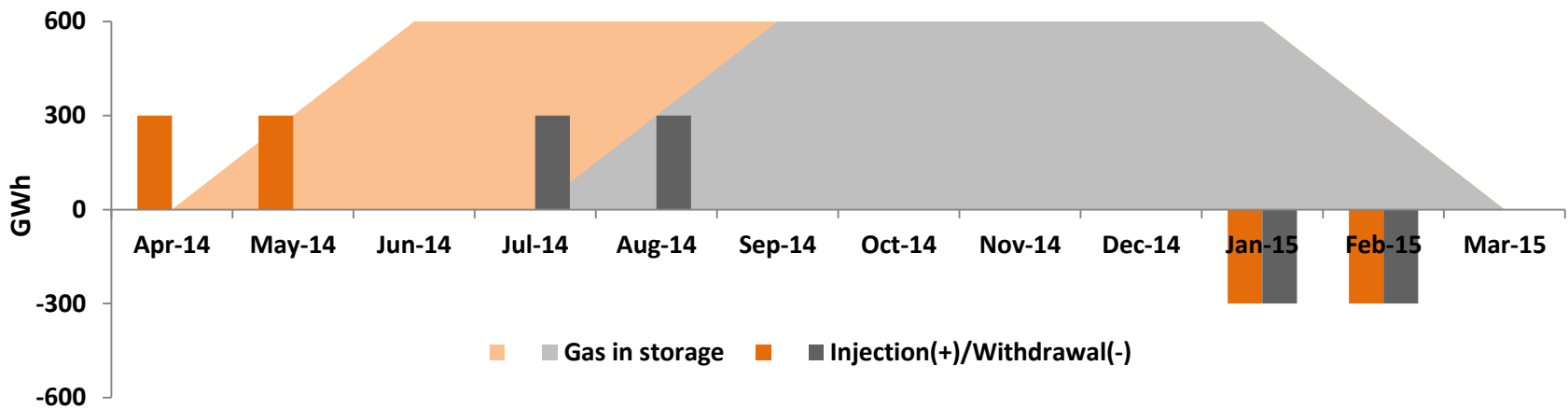
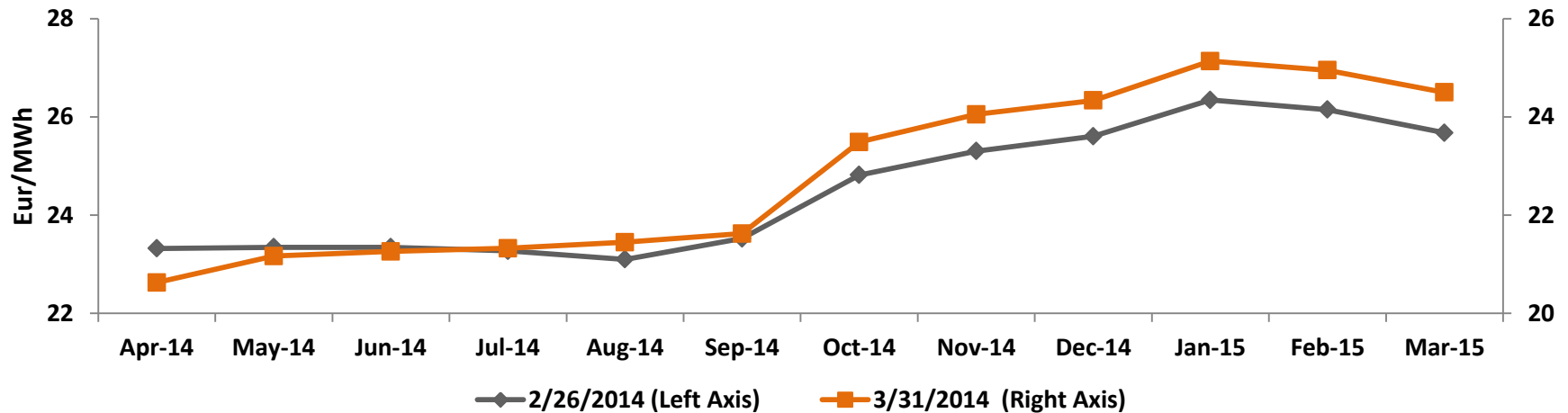
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VOLATILITY OF PRICES BRINGS OPPORTUNITY TO REOPTIMIZE STORAGE AND EARN HIGHER VALUE



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ESTIMATION OF RETURNS FROM DAILY REOPTIMIZATION REQUIRES STOCHASTIC METHODS



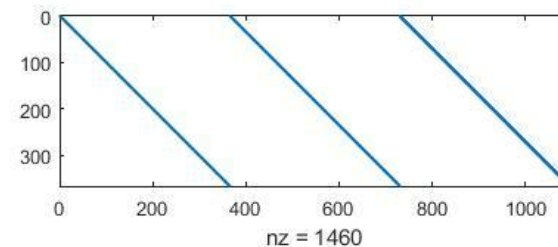
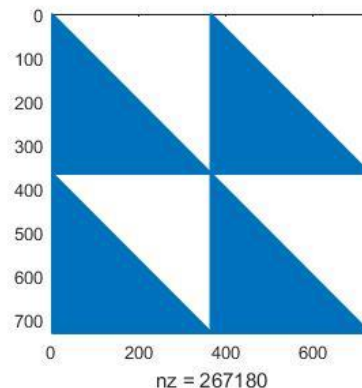
- **Forward curve is simulated by Monte Carlo methods.**
 - Summer – Winter spread is greater than zero
 - Forwards are correlated and cointegrated
 - Volatility increases as delivery approaches
- **Optimal decision is LP problem for each trading day and each simulation**
- **With large number of simulations and trading days speed matters**
 - Sparse *linprog* reduce calculation time if the problem is properly formulated

Calculation time

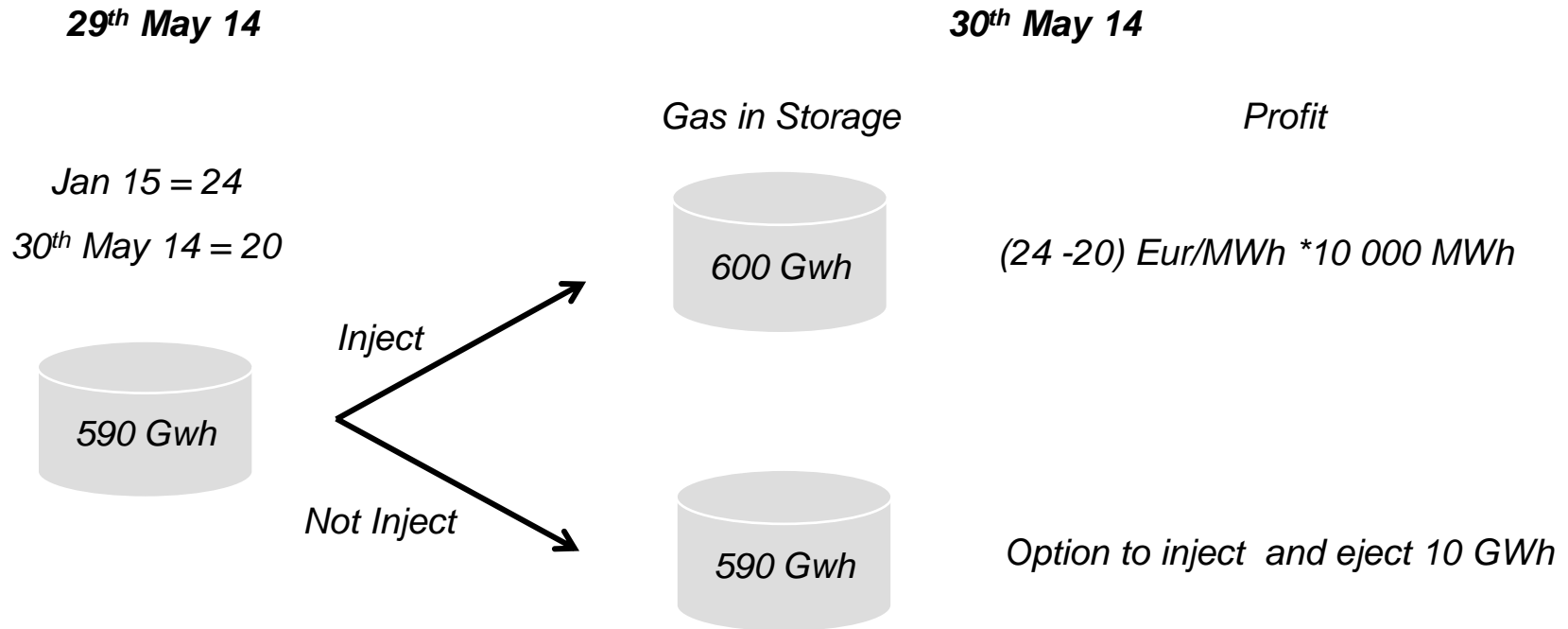
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Non-zero entries of constraints matrices



CHALLENGES: MAXIMIZATION OF CURRENT PROFIT REDUCES PROFITABLE OPPORTUNITIES IN FUTURE

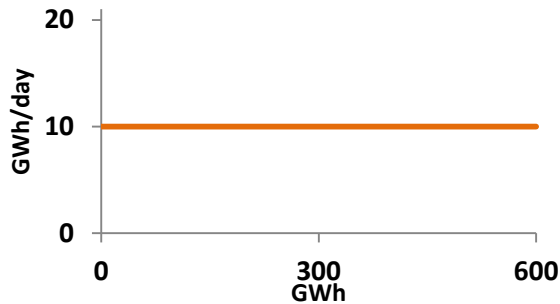


- **Full value of optionality can be valued by dynamic programming**
- **Value function can be estimated by:**
 - Binominal trees
 - Least squares Monte Carlo

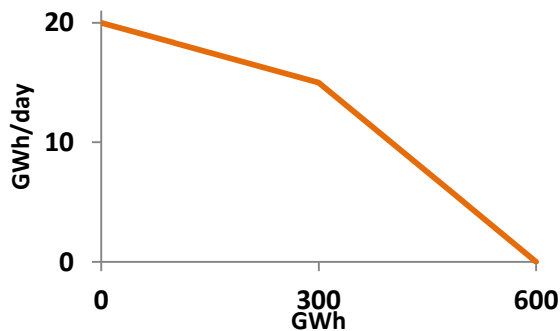
CHALLENGES: INJECTION AND WITHDRAWAL CONSTRAINTS ARE OFTEN VOLUME-DEPENDENT



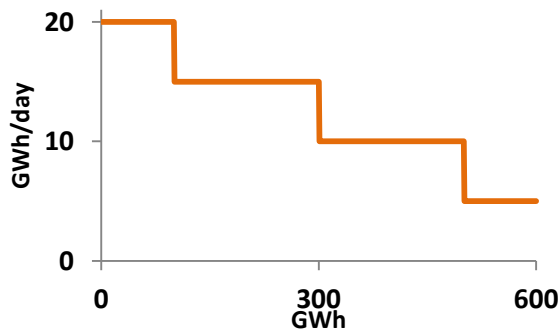
Injectability and Volume



- Feasible volume and injection form **convex** set
- Simple linear program - *linprog*

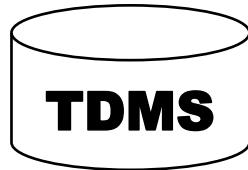
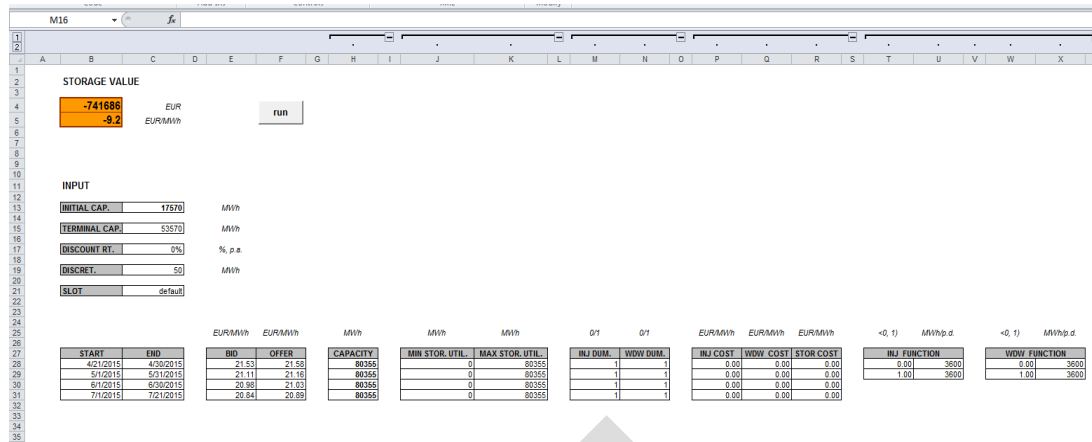


- Feasible volume and injection form **convex** set
- Linear program with multiple linear constraints



- Feasible volume and injection form **non-convex** set
- Need to use mixed-integer programming - *intlinprog*
- Slower and in many cases computationally infeasible

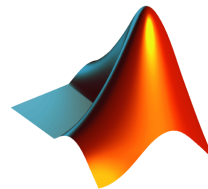
IMPLEMENTATION OF GAS STORAGE OPTIMIZATION TOOLS IN MATLAB



VBA API

JAVA API

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