

I-SEM Trialing of EUPHEMIA

Working Group 10
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Agenda

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- Paradoxically Rejected Blocks
- Batch Three Results and Analysis
- Batch Four Trial Script
- Unscripted Phase Arrangements
- Report Arrangements
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SEMO Update

SEMO Update – Recent Activities

- Unscripted phase training:
 - ❑ Three sessions attended by c. 50 participants
 - ❑ Good level of engagement throughout
 - ❑ Helped inform the arrangements required (more later)

- EPEX Spot/ECC selected as service provider for NEMO services:
 - ❑ Will provide DAM, IDM and clearing services for the I-SEM
 - ❑ Process for NEMO implementation has kicked off
 - ❑ Process for NEMO rules development being planned
 - ❑ Process for PCR change request being discussed

SEMO Update – Milestones for close out

- I-SEM EUPHEMIA Trial report:
 - ❑ To be published by SEMO 31/05/16
 - ❑ Drafts to be circulated to WG in advance for comments
 - ❑ Schedule for periodic review outlined in later slides

- RA decision on order types for I-SEM DAM:
 - ❑ 6 weeks after EUPHEMIA Trial report (mid-July)
 - ❑ Will directly follow from the report

- Other milestones through NEMO implementation work:
 - ❑ PCR change request; NEMO rules development

Paradoxically Rejected Blocks

PRBs – Background

➤ Paradoxically rejected blocks (PRBs):

- Block which is rejected despite being in-the-money
- Affects all block types (offshoot of having no paradoxical acceptance)
- Subject of concern across European markets
- Information from PCR below:

<https://www.apxgroup.com/services/research-projects/pcr/>

➤ Does not mean block should/should not have been accepted:

- In most cases block being accepted would reduce welfare
- Forcing EUPHEMIA to accept block lowers the price
- This new price would not allow block to be accepted

PRBs – Example from Data (Batch 2)

- Two units offered the same volumes in LB family:
 - ❑ Session ID 20150281
 - ❑ Used same structure (i.e. same volumes and number of blocks)
 - ❑ GU_500280 average price of 99.67
 - ❑ GU_500282 average price of 95.98
- GU_500280 accepted and GU_500282 rejected:
 - ❑ GU_500280 accepted despite higher cost
 - ❑ Part of the branch and bound of the solution
 - ❑ GU_500282 accepted first but excluded in branching
 - ❑ With GU_500282 excluded, GU_500280 was examined and accepted

PRBs – Linked block

- Harder to quantify with linked blocks:
 - ❑ Welfare is transferred from child to parent
 - ❑ Multiple possible configurations of welfare transfer
 - ❑ System flags blocks on an individual basis
 - ❑ Not within our scope to identify all PRBs in I-SEM trial

- Overall welfare transfers need to be considered:
 - ❑ Not as simple as comparing prices of blocks
 - ❑ Overall impact of accepting the block may be further reaching
 - ❑ Ceteris paribus, cheaper blocks/families should still be accepted

PRBs – Points for I-SEM operations

- New release of EUPEMIA (9.3) targeted PRBs:
 - New module to reinsert PRBs
 - PRBs are reinserted to see if they improve welfare
 - This does not work for linked blocks currently
- Information on PRBs is considered owned by the PX:
 - Currently reported on (member only) by EPEX daily
 - Report outlines all blocks and market prices
 - Participants need to work out number of PRBs
- Paradoxical rejection also applies to complex orders (PRMIC)

Batch 3 Results and Analysis

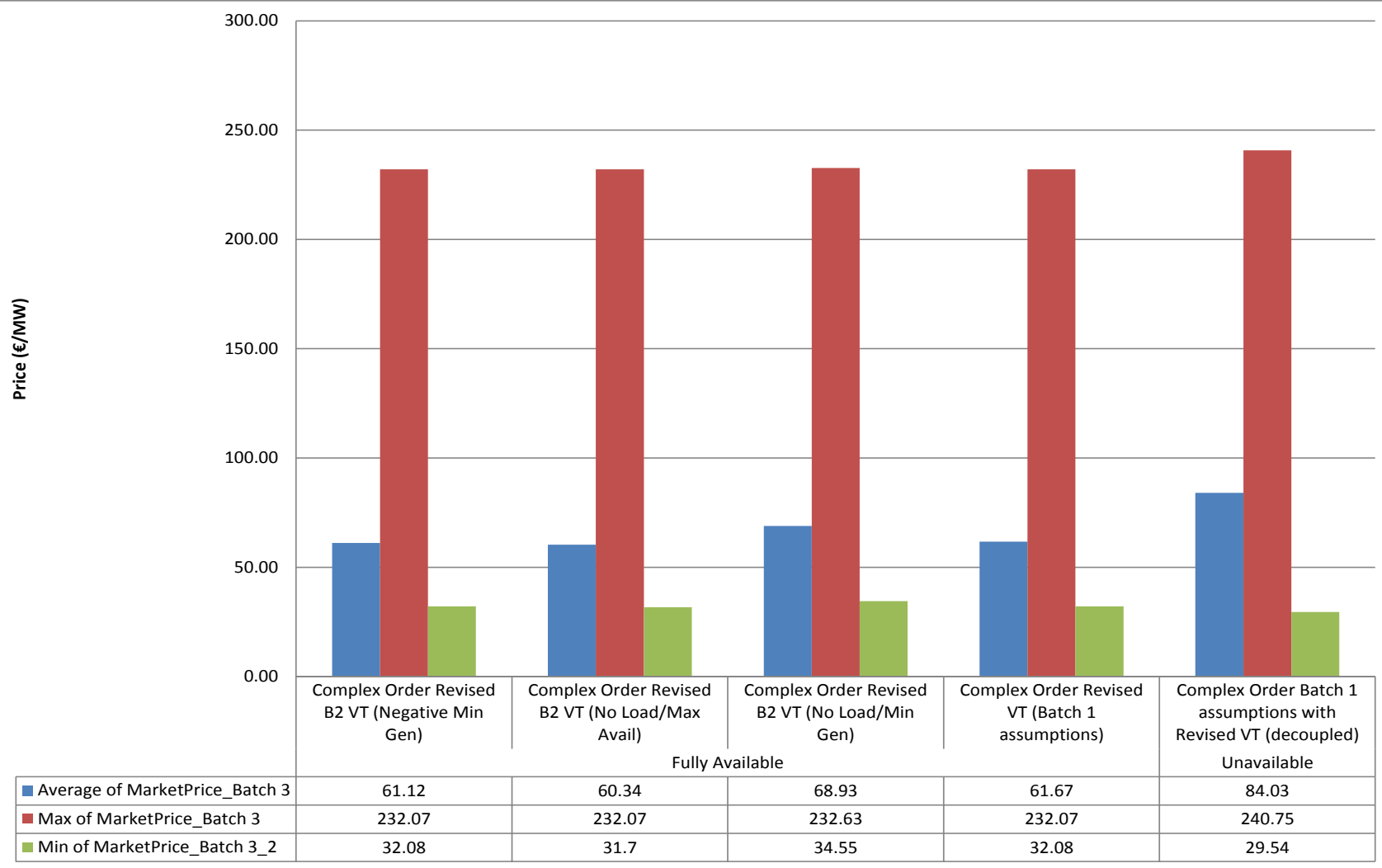
Batch 3 – Objective

- Assess multiple methods of complex orders:
 - ❑ Which method led to better pricing outcomes

- Assess linked block methods:
 - ❑ Will altering certain outputs improve results in specific circumstances
 - ❑ Compare results from altering twin plant assumptions

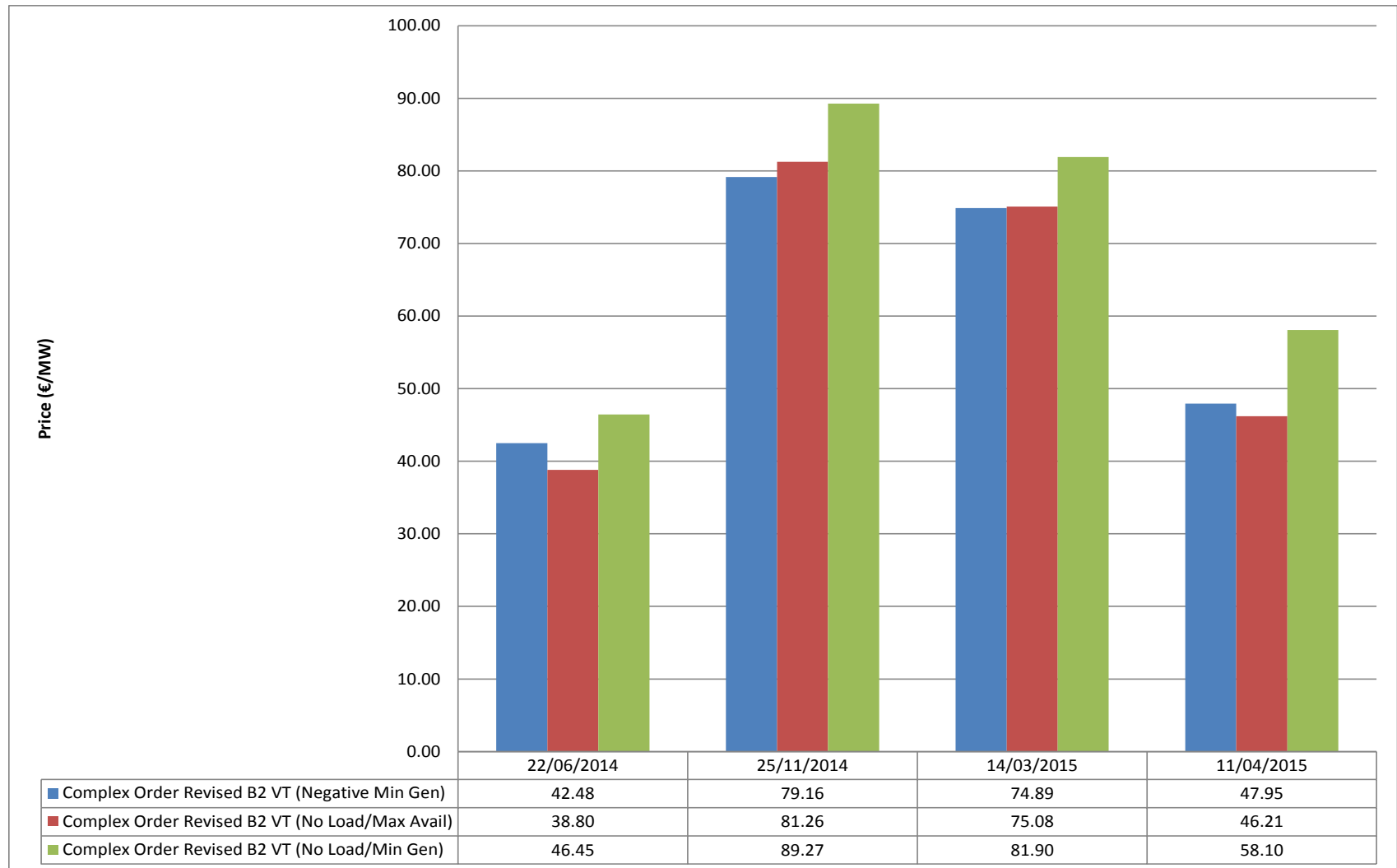
- Compare linked block and complex orders:
 - ❑ Compare results from mixed sets to single sets

Batch 3 Results – Comparison of Complex Orders



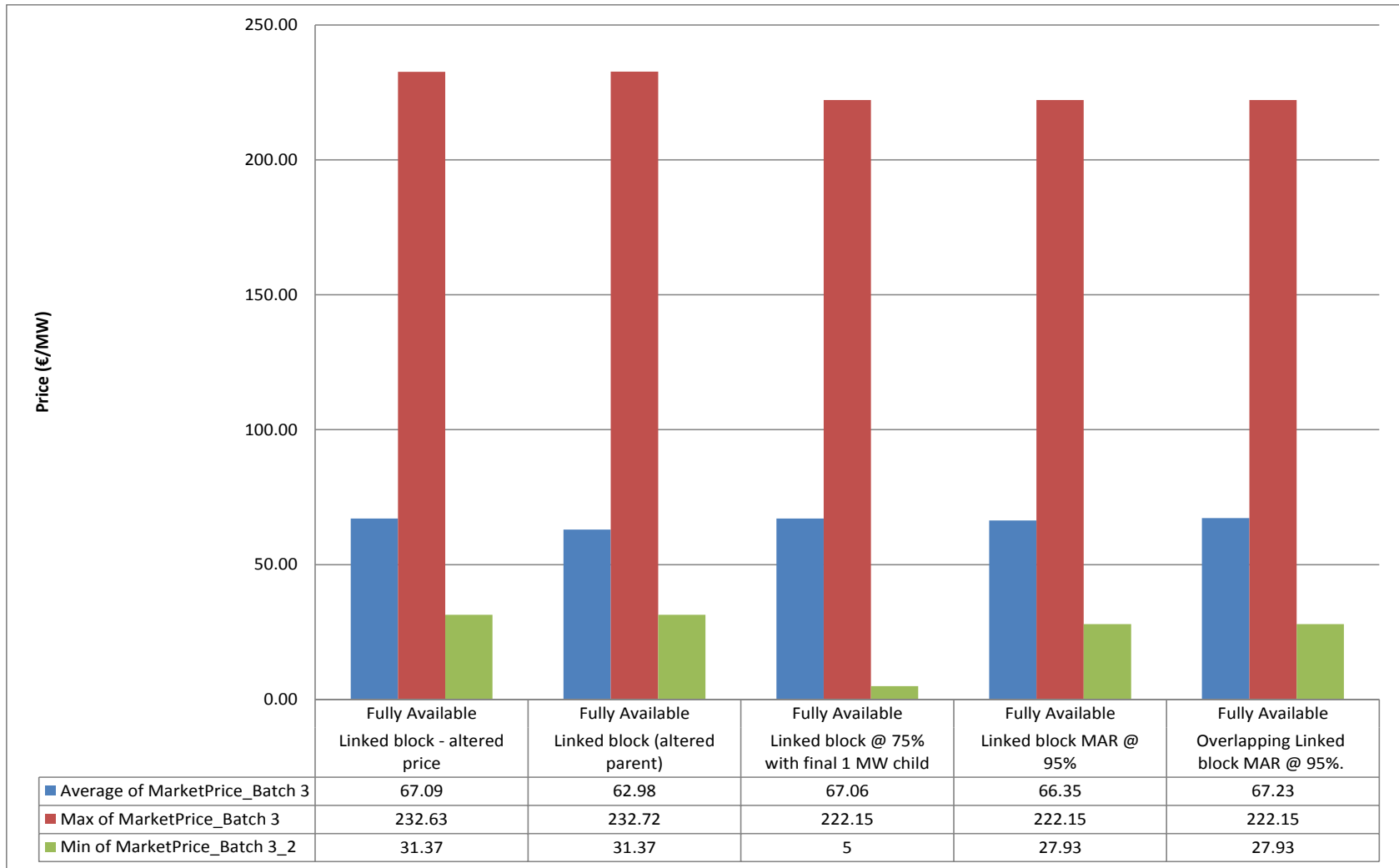
- No load/min gen led to higher average pricing
- Decoupling led to on average 20 – 25 euro increase

Batch 3 Results – Comparison of Complex Orders (Daily)



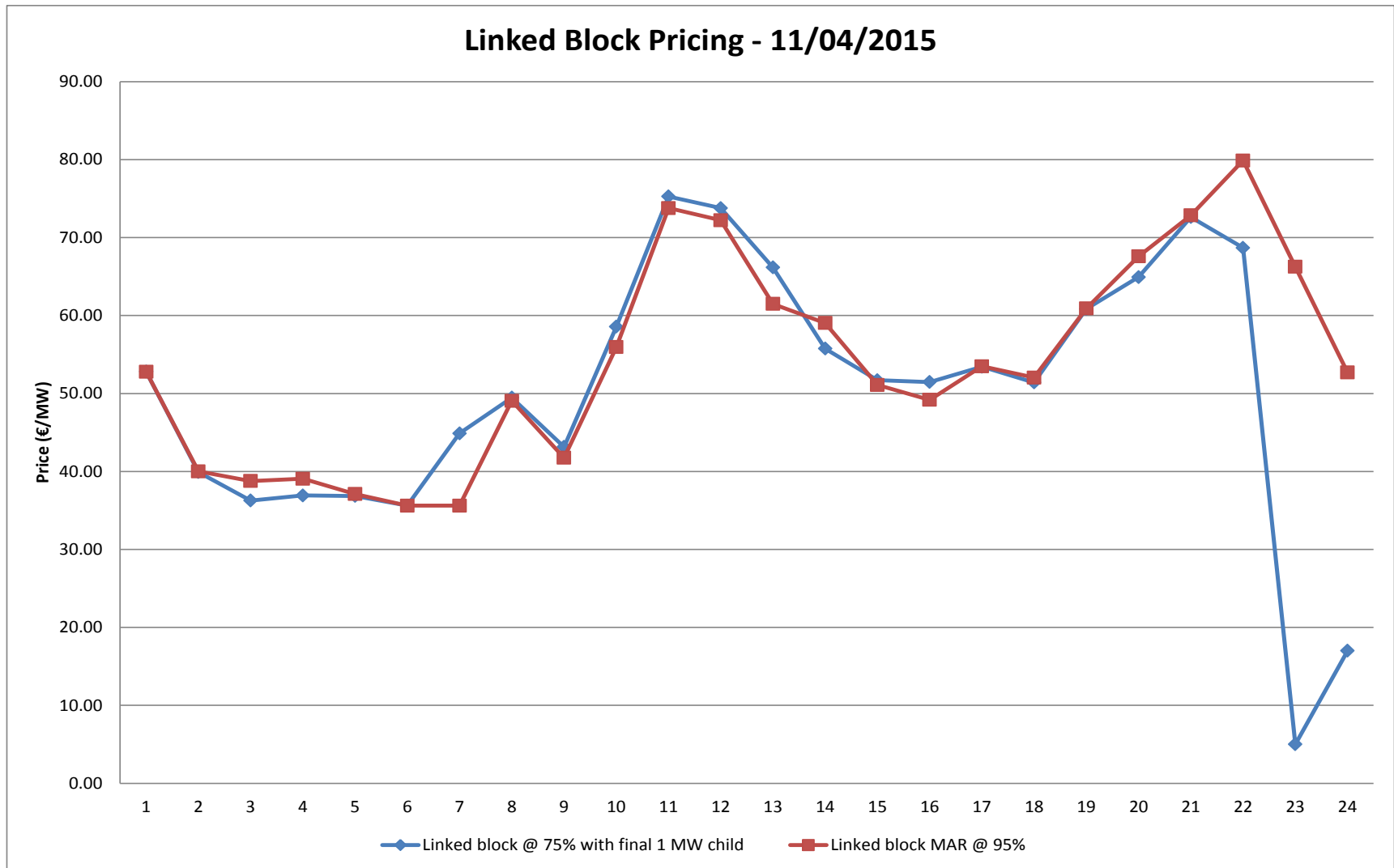
- Inconclusive which gives best result on daily basis
- Advantages of methods apply to different situations

Batch 3 Results – Comparison of Linked Blocks



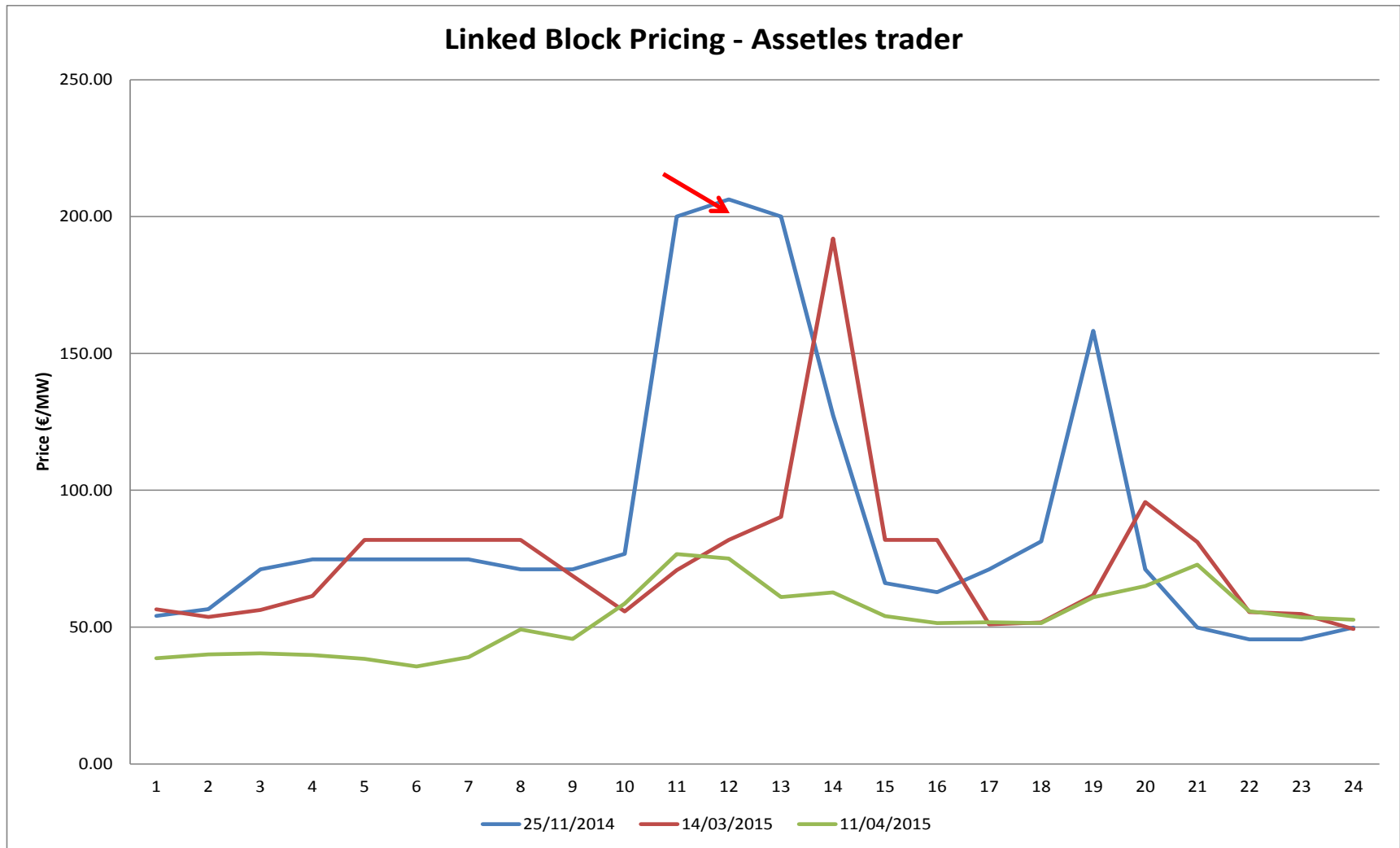
- Most changes did not cause a significant change
- Evidence that altered parent improved pricing

Batch 3 Results – Linked Blocks, Low Price Event



- Low price due to interconnector congestion
- Interconnector hits full export in 75% 1 MW child case

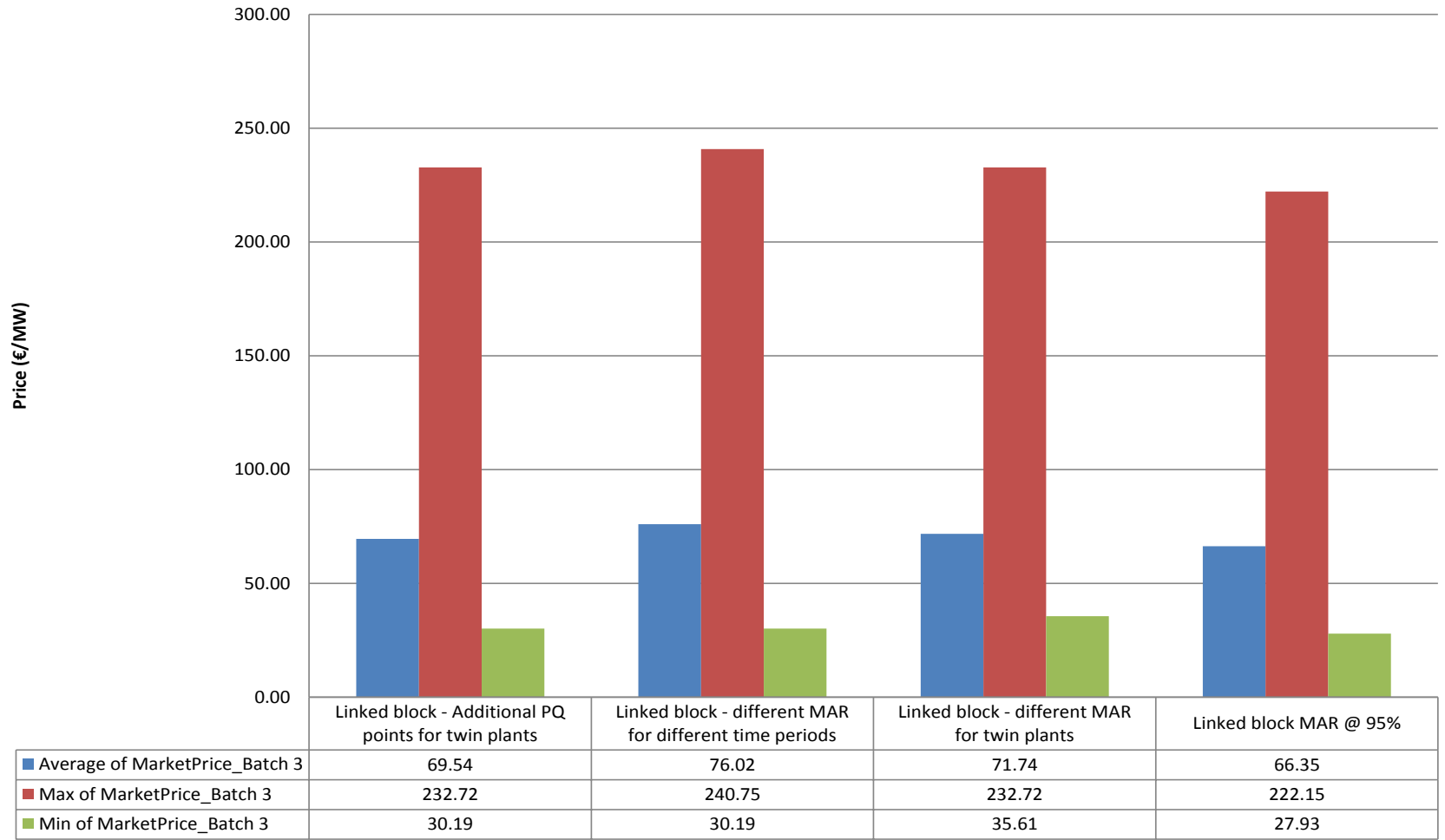
Batch 3 Results – Assetless Trader



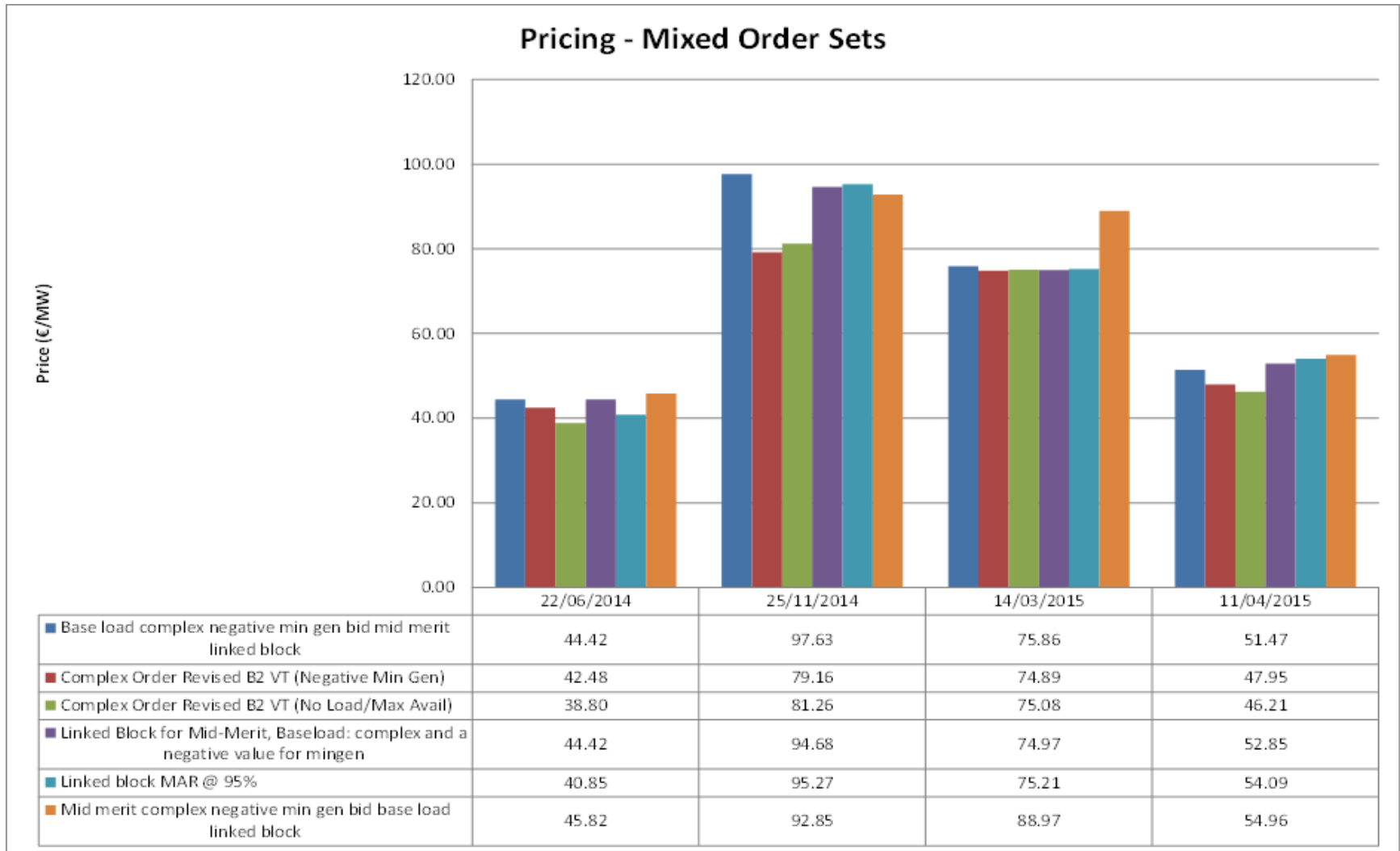
- Orders become activated in three periods
- Number of periods linked to price of order

Batch 3 Results – Linked Block Pricing

Linked Block Pricing - Three Day Sets

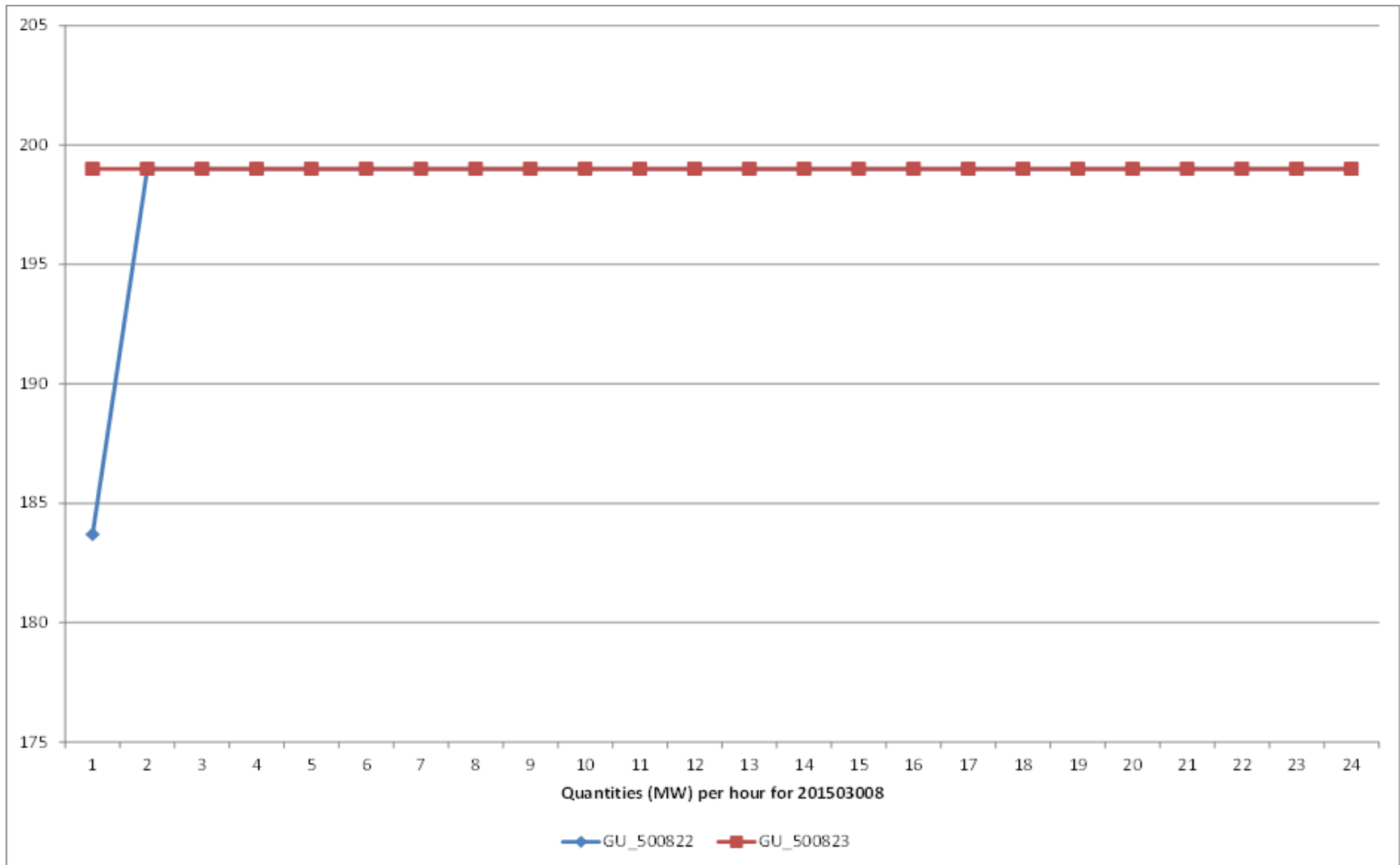


Batch 3 Results – Complex Orders vs. Linked Blocks



- Inconclusive on mixing linked block and complex
- Complex have more stable and lower pricing outcomes

Batch 3 Results – Complex vs LB for Twin Plant



- 500822 using linked block; 500823 using complex
- Scheduling is dependent on assumptions applied

Batch 3 – Summary

- Inconclusive on method for best results with complex:
 - ❑ Complex results were poor using no-load/min gen method
 - ❑ Unclear between no-load/max gen and neg PQ1 methods
 - ❑ Prices meant no difference between -500 and 0 PQ1

- Inconclusive on mix of orders:
 - ❑ Mixing improved stability of linked block results
 - ❑ Unclear as to whether complex in isolation is better

- Additional complexity did not improve linked block pricing:
 - ❑ Additional PQ points; 1 MW child etc.

Batch 4 Trial Script

Batch 4 – Feedback on data

- FX rate: NI Units have been converted to € for batch 4
- Heat states: Some units that should have had a “cold” start cost were attributed a “warm” start. This has been corrected in batch 4.
- Hydro units that did not submit an energy limit were omitted from previous batches. Now included in batch 4.
- Indaver omitted from previous batches. Now included in batch 4.

Batch 4 – Objective

- Final scripted trial:
 - Iterative trial based on previous findings
 - Assess the market using standardised assumptions
 - Take account of any recent updates

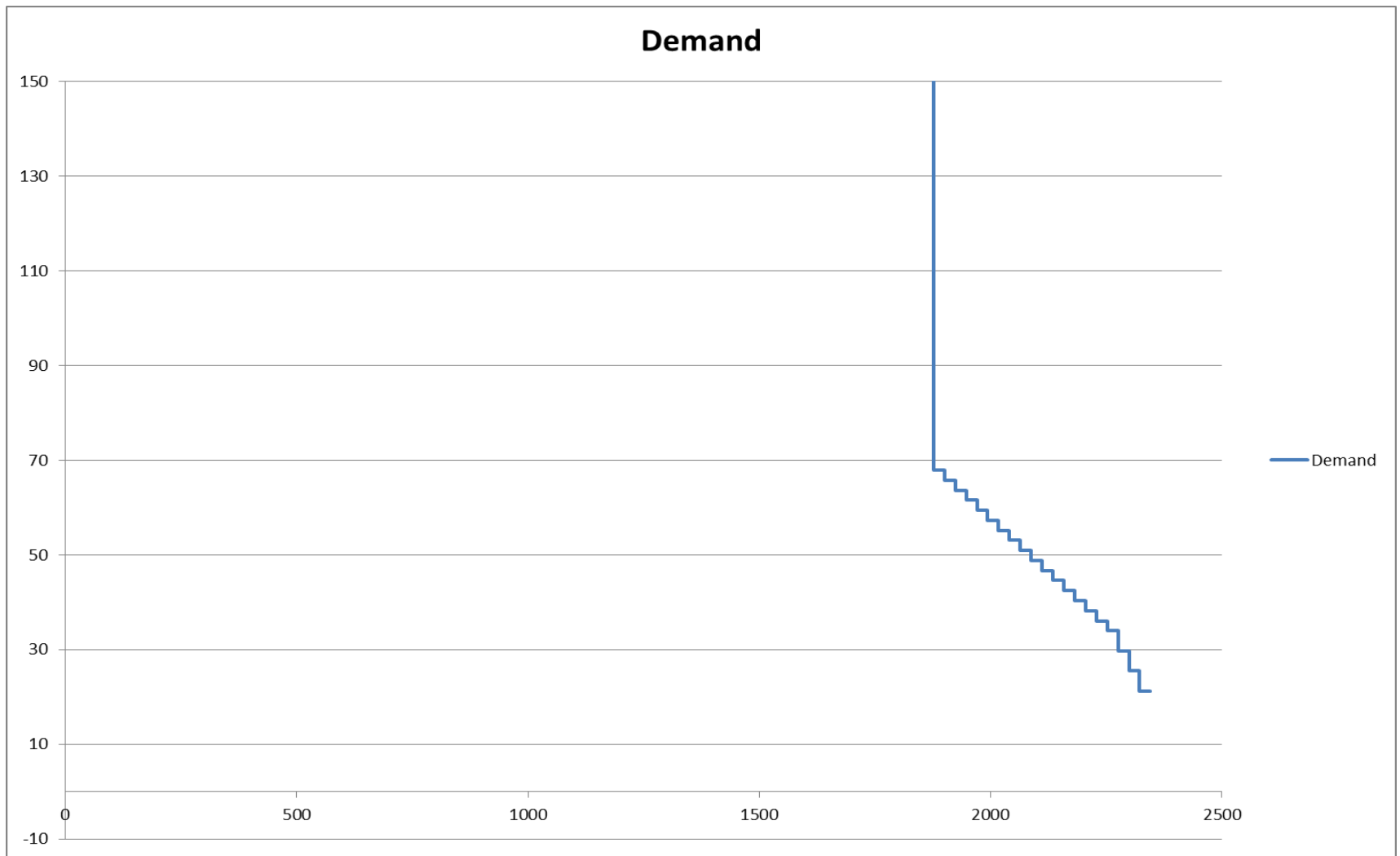
- A number of refinements identified:
 - Alignment of load and wind with GB
 - Further refinement of complex orders
 - Further refinement of demand orders

Batch 4 – Demand Values

- Demand at 20% price making:
 - Maintain price range previously discussed
 - Assess effect of additional volumes
 - Assess effect of more price increments (i.e. broken into multiple steps)

- Half sessions will use price taking demand:
 - Based on working group feedback
 - Feedback asked for significant use of price taking demand
 - Will allow for direct comparison to price making demand

Batch 4 – Demand Values Graph



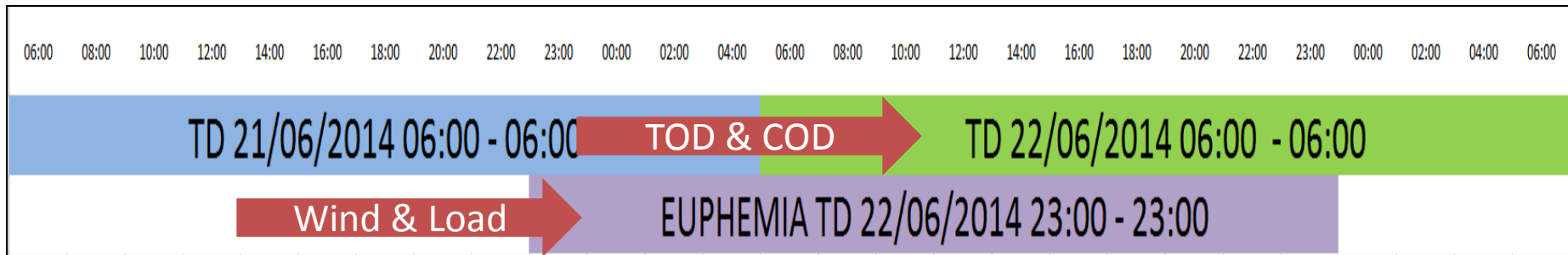
- Smaller price gaps than in batch 3 (more steps)
- Price gaps more sensitive as price increases

Batch 4 – Timeframe alignment

- Trials have been performed on a SEM trading day basis:
 - ❑ 06:00 – 06:00
 - ❑ Goal was to use single set of TOD and COD
 - ❑ Better align with the SEM for initial comparisons

- Other bidding zones running on EUPHEMIA trading day:
 - ❑ 23:00 - 23:00 GMT (SEM day 7 hours behind)
 - ❑ Causes misalignment of load and wind profiles with GB
 - ❑ Potential impact on the accuracy of interconnector flows

Batch 4 – Demand Values Graph



- Wind and load data are aligned with EUPHEMIA:
 - ❑ 23:00 (TD-1) – 23:00 (TD)
- TOD and COD aligned with SEM:
 - ❑ Single source of data
 - ❑ No need to average COD across trading days

Batch 4 – Complex Orders with no VT

- Discussion in PCR on removal of the VT:
 - Related to overall efficiency of the solution
 - Only a discussion at this point – no decision planned
 - Prudent to look at runs which have a zero VT

- Goal is to assess the overall risk:
 - Comparison to runs which use different VT types
 - Assess the overall risk of not including the VT
 - Too little information to assess a strategy for using FT
 - Assumed running cost could be put into the FT (e.g. no loads)
 - Will provide information ahead of the unscripted phase

Batch 4 – Complex Orders mixing strategies

- Two complex order strategies investigated:
 - ❑ Altering the PQs to improve scheduling
 - ❑ Altering the VT to take account no-load costs

- Goal is to assess if mixing methods provides best results:
 - ❑ Altered VT with altered PQ pairs
 - ❑ Could give benefits to scheduling and cost recovery
 - ❑ Assessment of risk mitigation (risks are always present)

- Goal is to further stress our implementation of complex orders:
 - ❑ Want best understanding of the orders ahead of unscripted phase

Batch 4 – SEM Data Comparison

- SEMO to provide data for comparison:
 - Coupled and decoupled data from the SEM
 - Relevant load and wind values will be used
- Usual caveats with performing comparisons apply:
 - EUPHEMIA trial is not a replication exercise
 - Various differences between inputs and algorithms
- Data will be provided as part of trial work:
 - Schedule is being discussed with market operations
 - Will need to work around existing ops for CMS access

Unscripted Phase Arrangements

Unscripted Phase – Feedback

- Proposals sent to participants:
 - Feedback received from multiple parties
 - Feedback useful in determining best approach
 - Final arrangements sent to all unscripted phase participants

- A number of refinements identified:
 - Data provided to participants
 - Minor corrections to template documents
 - Changes to the trial dates

- Request that one trial day has mandatory start up input:
 - SEMO unclear on how to monitor if BCOP is not used

Unscripted Phase – Trial Dates

- Original proposal based on December 2015:
 - Idea was to use the most up to date information available
 - Most up to date SEM and EUPHEMIA topology
 - Based on verbal feedback across training days

- Feedback expressed need for a range of dates:
 - Summer/winter mix
 - Different conditions across seasonal days
 - Some requests for specific dates based on wind profile

- Revised set of dates has been prepared based on feedback

Unscripted Phase – Trial Dates

Date	Condition
27/12/15	Winter Day
02/12/15	Winter Day
09/06/15	Summer Day
01/06/15	Summer Day
04/08/15	Desired Wind Level
11/03/15	Desired Wind Level
17/11/15	Desired Wind Level

- Final dates should allow for a range of conditions
- Seven days will be trialled across four batches:
 - 1A and 1B: inputs by 01/04
 - 2A and 2B: inputs by 29/04

Unscripted Phase – Data Provision

- Request to provide additional information:
 - SEM COD and TOD
 - FX rates
 - Commodity prices
 - Provide single source for people's assumptions

- Request to provide example data:
 - Examples of different order types
 - Provide basis for checking inputs before sending to SEMO

- Information will be provided in advance of deadline:
 - Information provided on best endeavours basis

Report Arrangements

Report Arrangements - Background

- Report is the final output of the EUPHEMIA Trial:
 - Similar to Initial Phase report
 - Will outline assumptions, results and analysis
 - Will be based on WG meeting content (e.g. analysis/slides)

- Report will be written in stages to allow for parallel running:
 - Majority of results/assumptions available by end of March
 - Drafts will be updated as new results become available
 - Drafts will be updated for comments received
 - Periodic reviews are preferred but not mandatory

SEMO Update – Report Review Stages

10/03

- WG Meeting 10
- Batch 4 data executed in EUPHEMIA

01/04

- Working draft 1 of report circulated
- Covers scripted phase and unscripted assumptions

29/04

- Working draft 2 of report circulated
- Updated for comments and unscripted phase 1

Date TBC
(Mid-May)

- WG Meeting 12 to agree final comments
- Report published by SEMO 31/05/2016

➤ Suggestions are welcome on timeline outlined

➤ Final date is firm date agreed with RAs

Report Arrangements – Final Report

- Report will be published by SEMO:
 - Publicly available on SEMO website
 - Shared with RAs in addition to publication

- Report will be reflective of comments received:
 - All WG comments received will be considered
 - Preference is to receive comments early in the process
 - Early comments will better allow for discussion on points

- Report is expected to have a recommendation:
 - Recommendation will feed into RA decision making on order types

Next Steps

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- SEMO to release revised unscripted tools:
 - Updated for agreed trial dates
 - Updated following working group comments
 - Screenshot example outputs will be included

- Batch 4 Results:
 - Batch data sent to APX for execution
 - SEMO will provide results as soon as possible

- Interim intraday design:
 - NEMO implementation team looking for participant input
 - Can facilitate calls or meetings to discuss

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