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Probabilistic Forecasting of Imbalance Prices in the Belgian Context

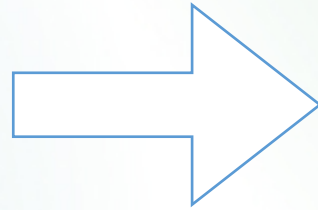
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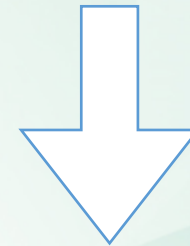
Introduction

Focus on **imbalance prices**

Probabilistic forecasting



A two-step **probabilistic** forecasting approach in the **Belgian** context

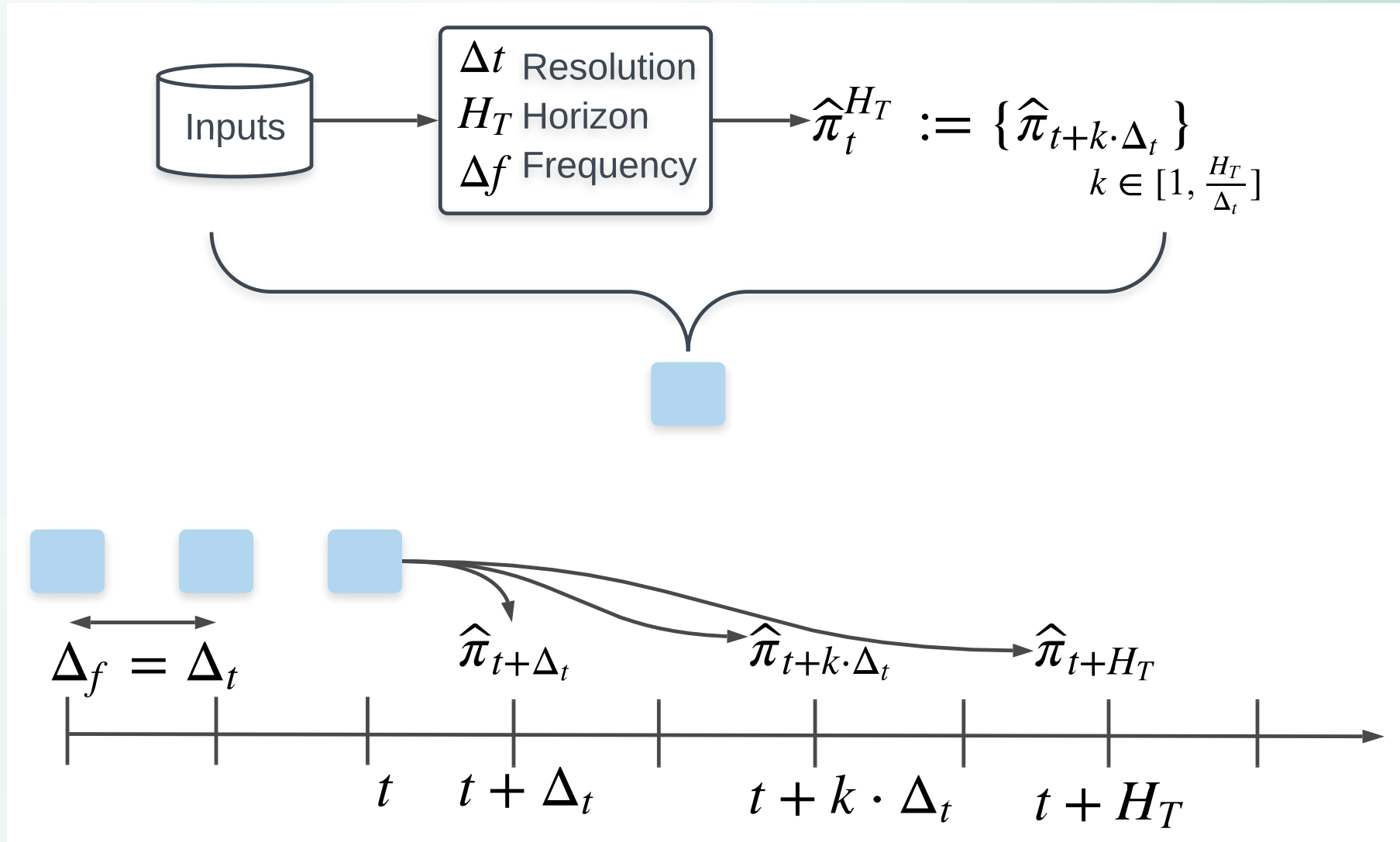


A tool for decision making

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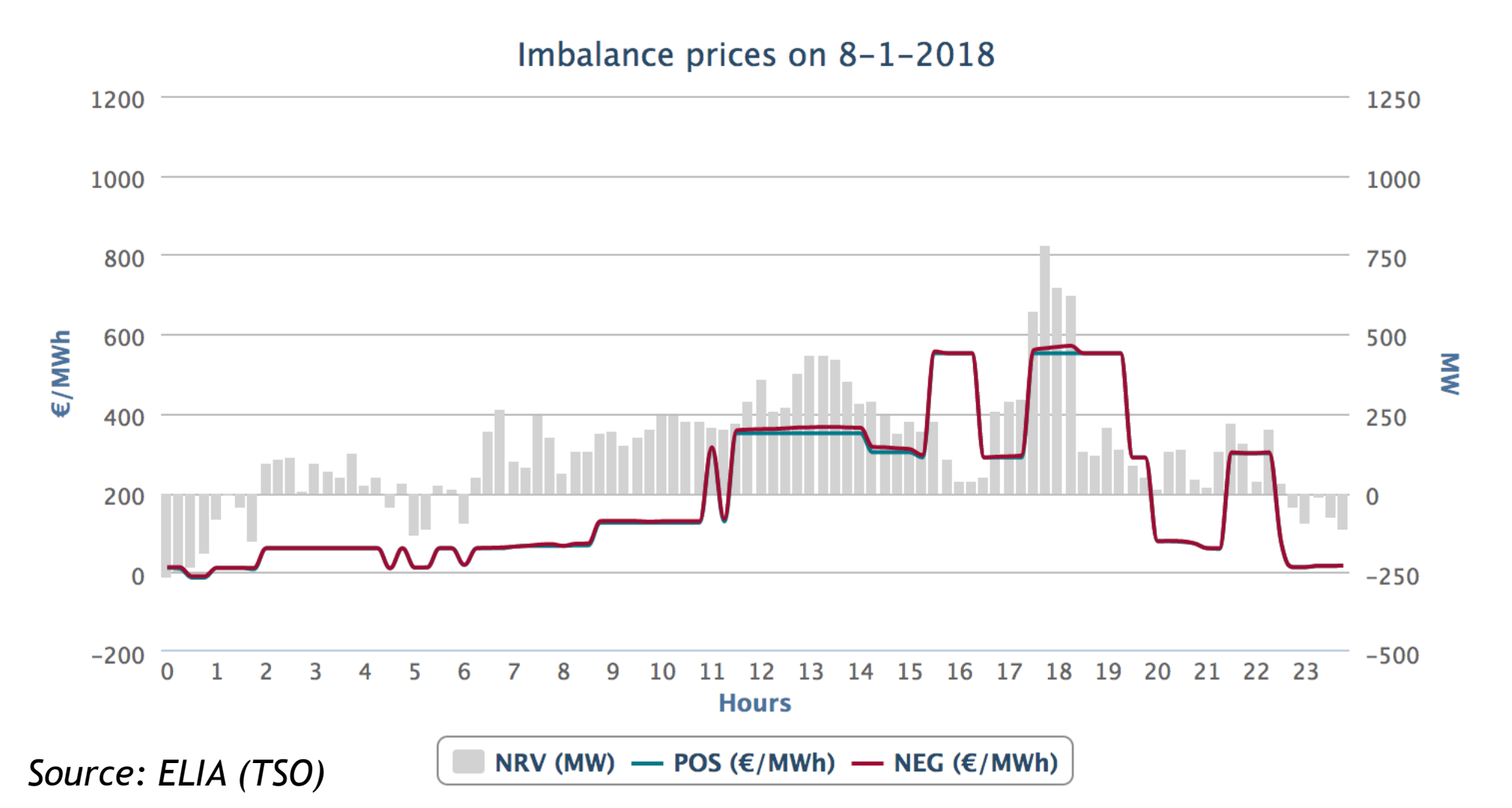
Problem formulation



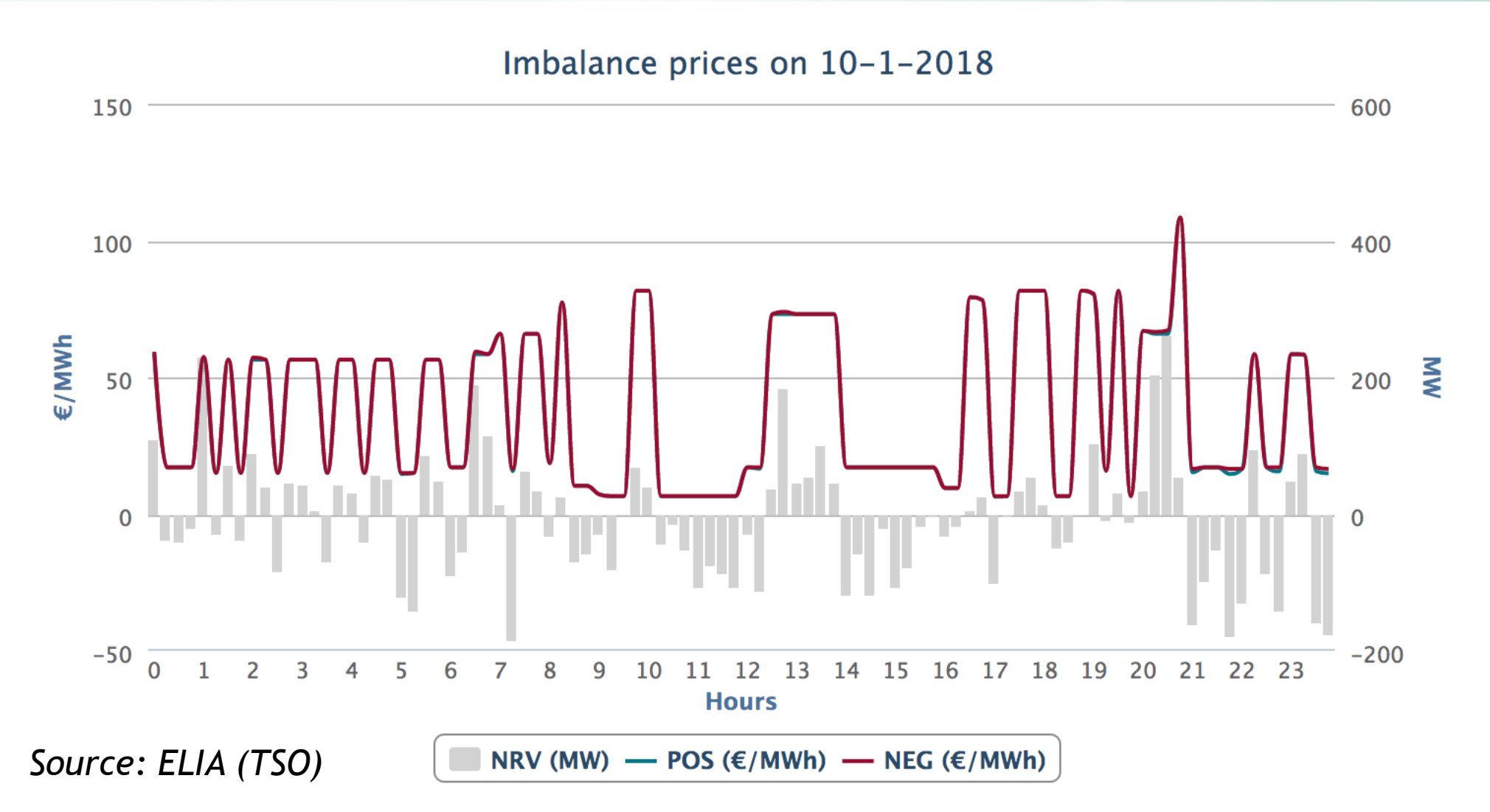
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Belgian context

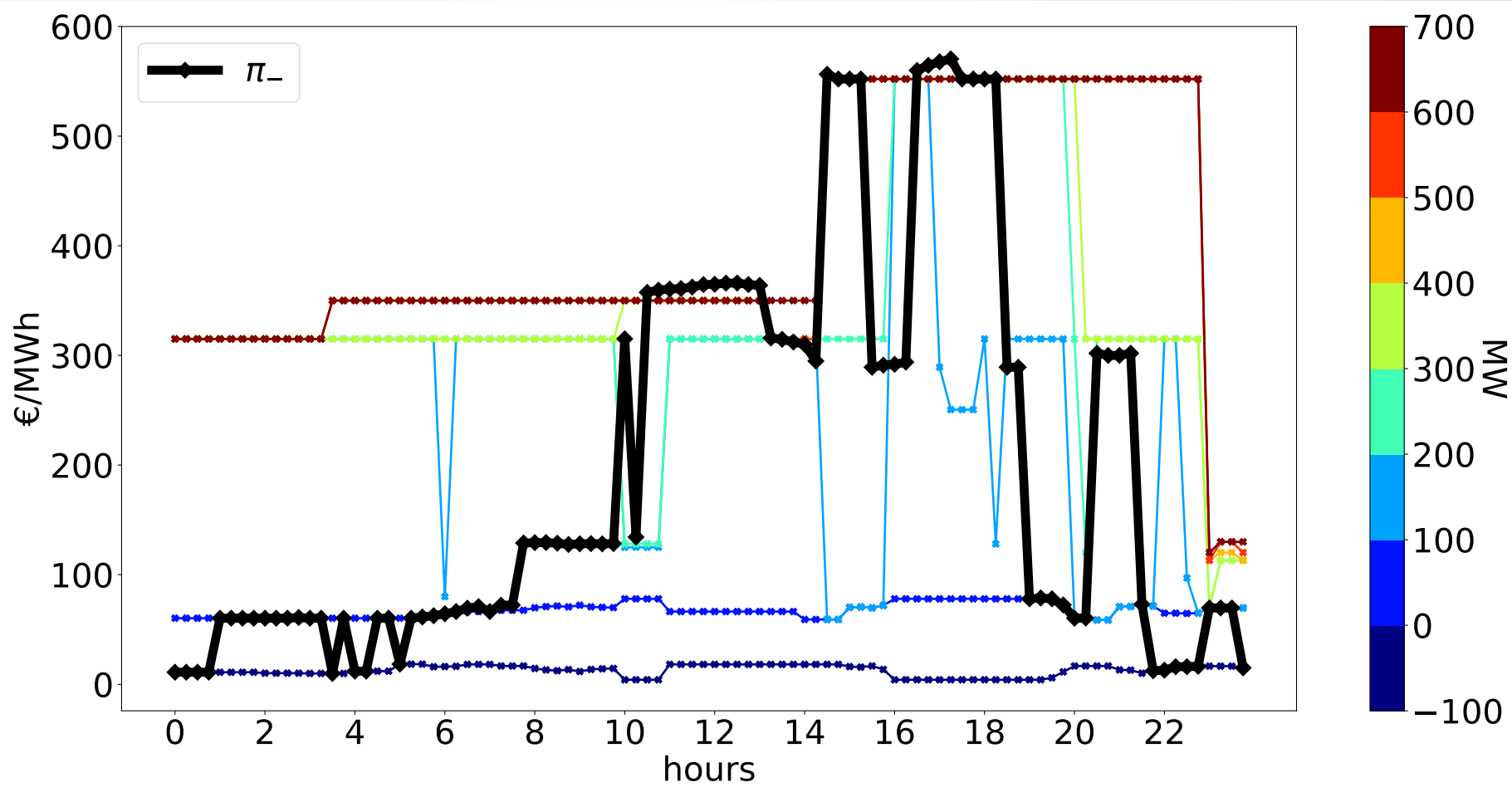


Belgian context



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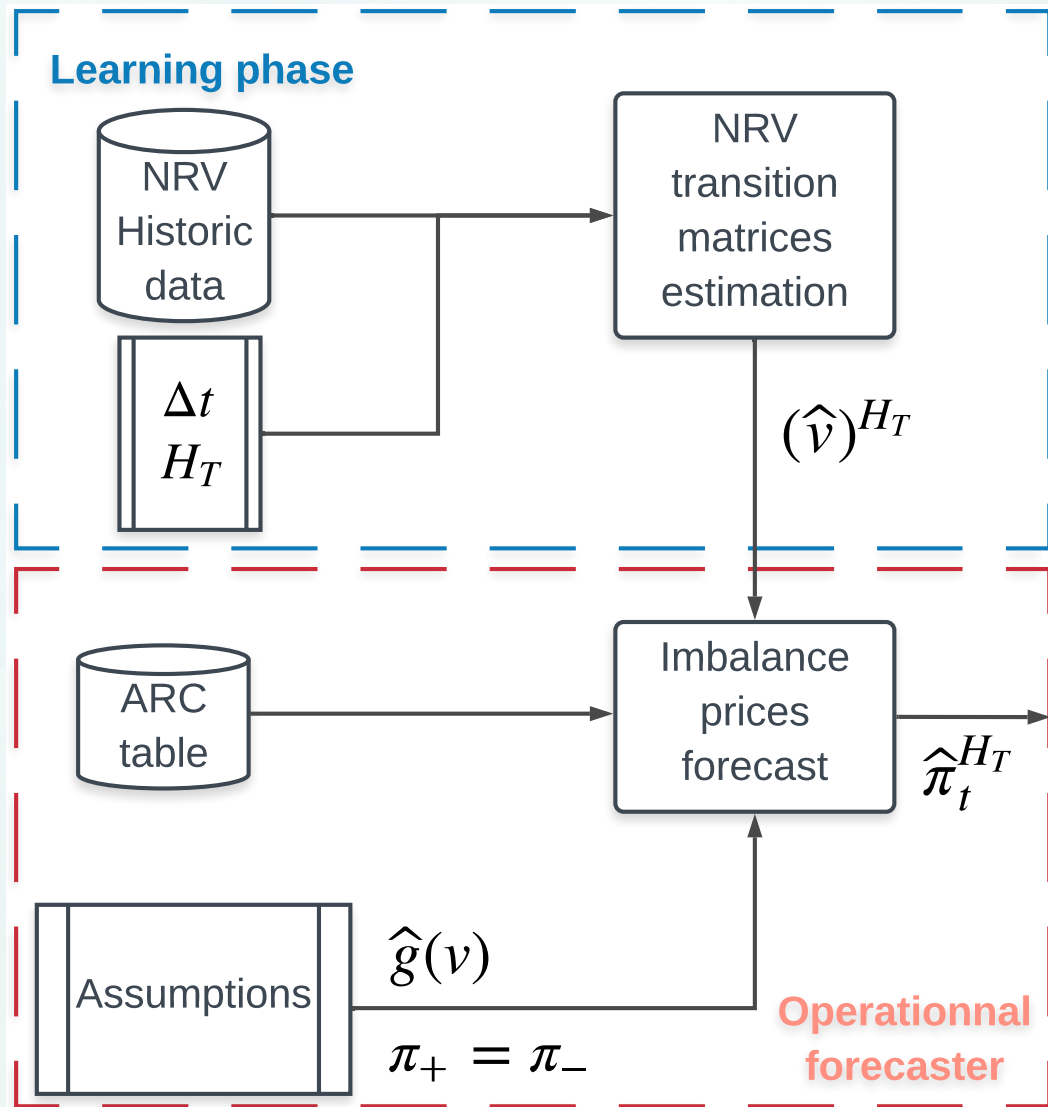
Marginal and imbalances prices on 08/01/2018



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A two-step probabilistic approach



Step 1:
computing the NRV state transition probabilities

Step 2:
forecasting the imbalance prices

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Case study description: Belgium

Dataset: imbalance prices, NRV and ARC table

- Learning Set = 2017
- Validation Set = 2018

We compare to two approaches:

- **Deterministic:** Multi Layer Perceptron (MLP)
- **Probabilistic:** Gaussian Processes (GP)

Forecasting horizons: from 15 minutes to 6 hours ahead

Metrics:

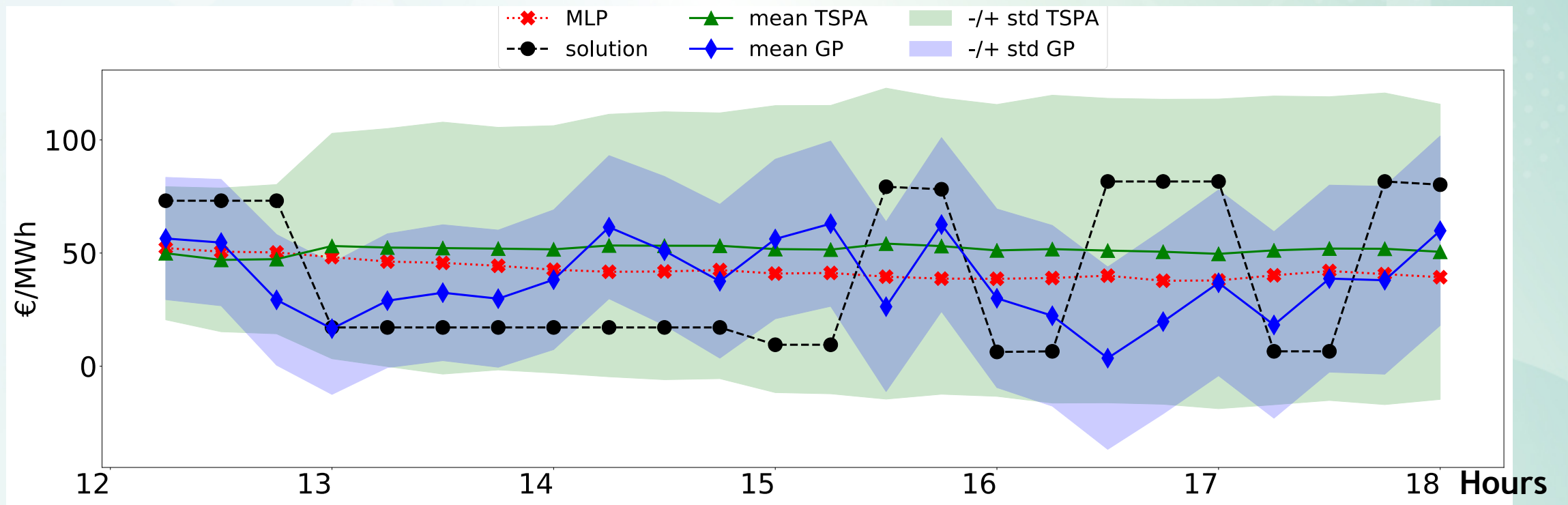
- Probabilistic: CRPS & PLF
- Deterministic: NMAE & NRMSE

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Numerical results: one-shot forecast

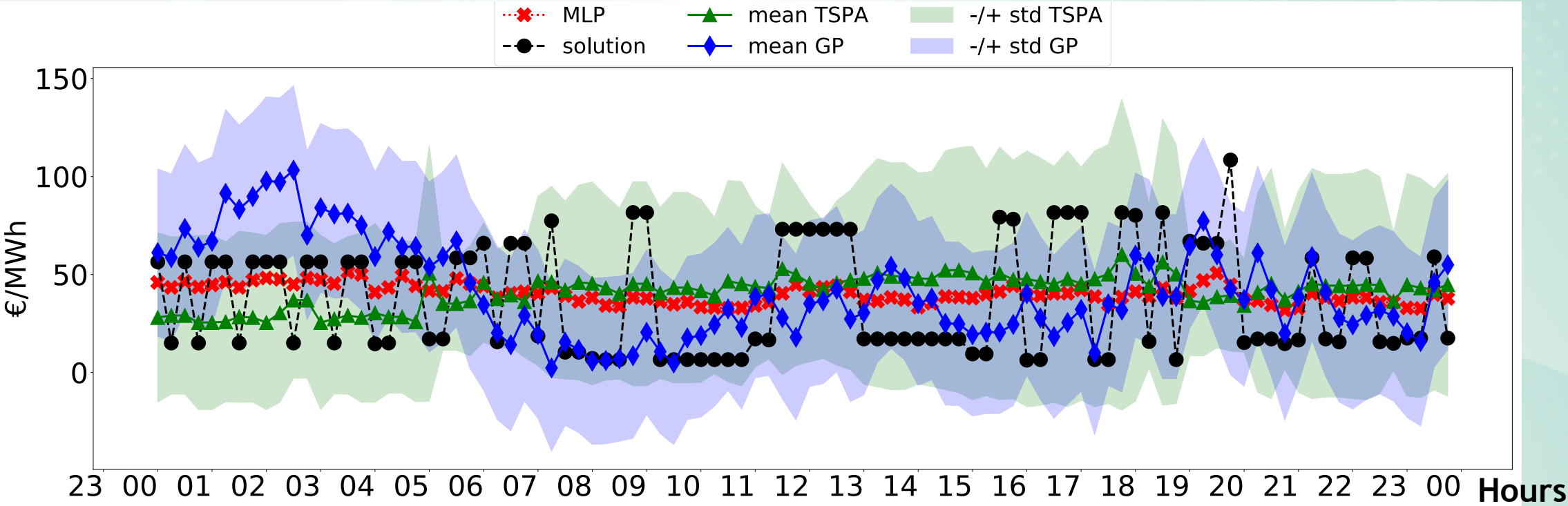
Horizon = 6 hours ahead 10/01/2018, 12h00 UTC



TSPA = Two-Step Probabilistic Approach

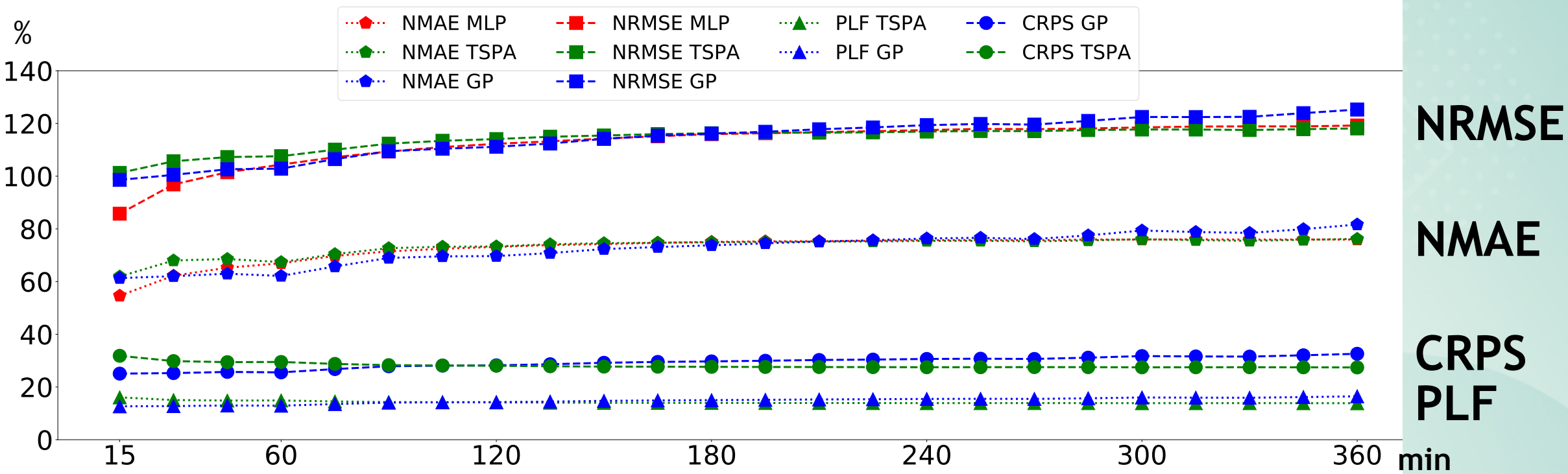
Numerical results: last value forecasted

Horizon = 6 hours ahead, 10/01/2018



Numerical results: scores

Mean scores for horizon from 15 to 360 minutes



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A first step:

- outperforms other approaches on probabilistic error measures
- is less accurate at predicting the precise imbalance prices

Future work:

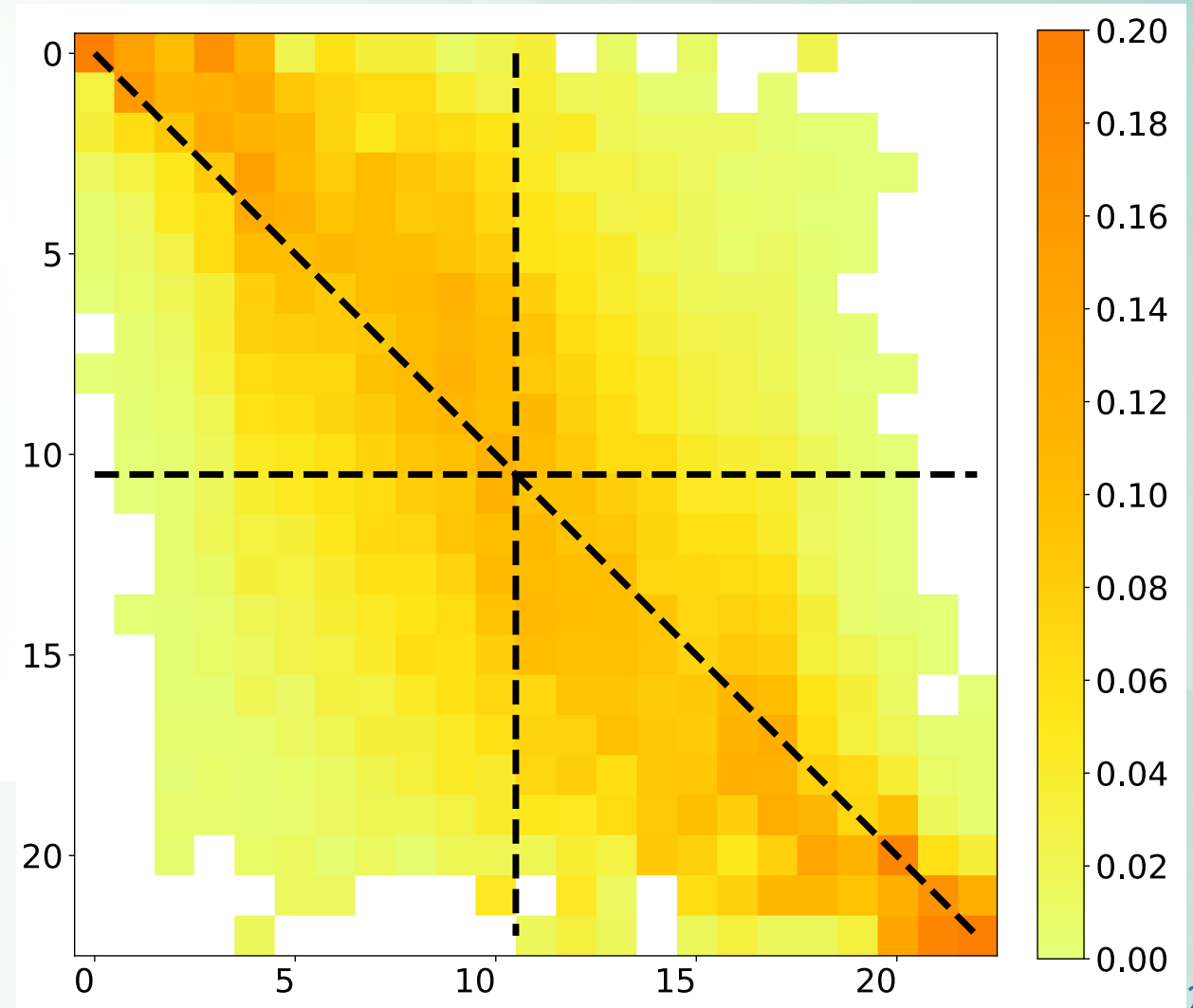
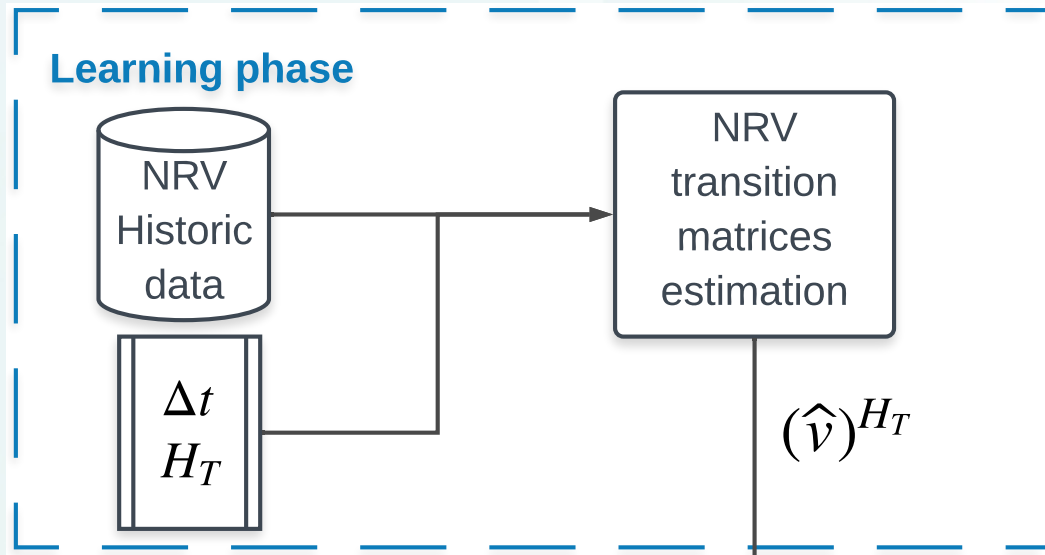
- add input features to better describe the market situation
- **extend** the approach to implement the **whole bidding strategy**

Thank you, any question?

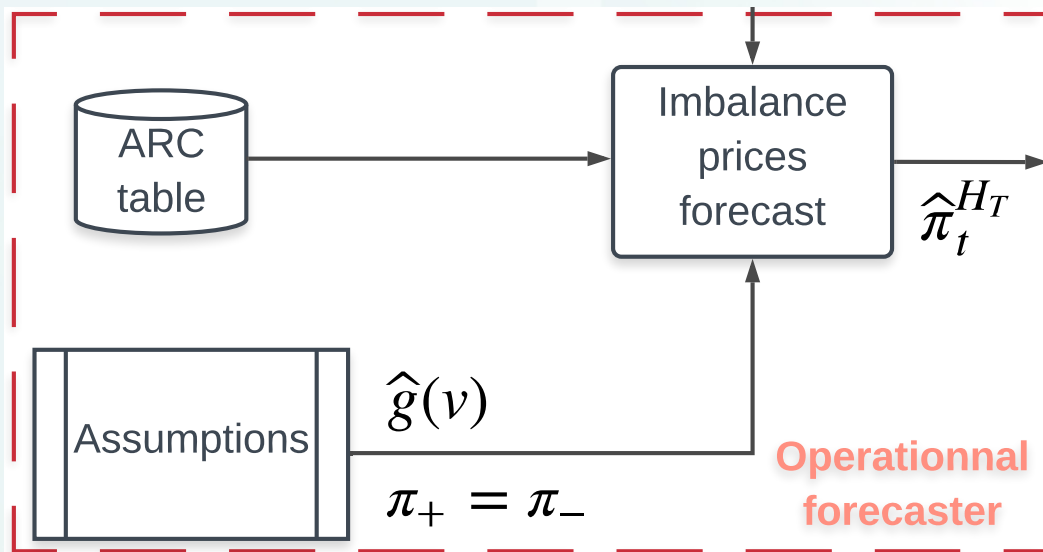


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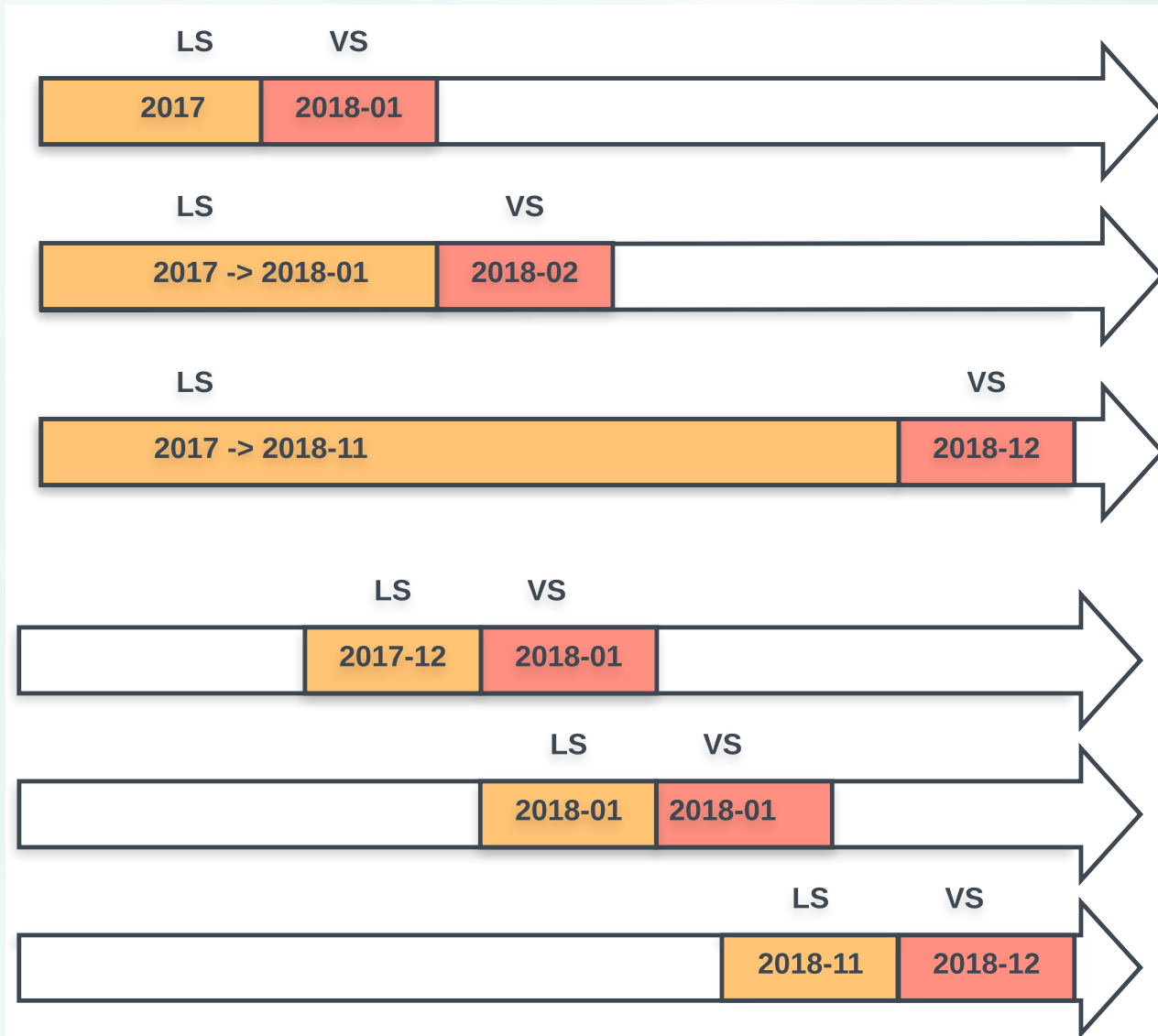
A two-step probabilistic approach



1. NRV forecast

2. Selection of the most probable MIP/MDP into the ARC table.

Case study description: Belgium



MLP & Two-Step
Probabilistic Approach

GP