

1        **A Mixed-Integer-Linear-Logical Programming Interval-**  
2        **based Model for Optimal Scheduling of Isolated Microgrids**  
3        **with Green Hydrogen-based Storage considering Demand**  
4        **Response**

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14        *Abstract - Hydrogen produced from renewable sources (green hydrogen) will be*  
15        *recognized as one of the main trends in future decarbonized energy systems. Green*  
16        *hydrogen can be effectively stored from surplus renewable energy to thus reducing*  
17        *dependency of fossil fuels. As it is entirely produced from renewable sources, green*  
18        *hydrogen generation is strongly affected by intermittent behaviour of renewable*  
19        *generators. In this context, proper uncertain modelling becomes essential for adequately*  
20        *management of this energy carrier. This paper deals with this issue, more precisely, a*  
21        *novel optimal scheduling model for robust optimal scheduling of isolated microgrids is*  
22        *developed. The proposal encompasses a green hydrogen-based storage system and*  
23        *various demand-response programs. Logical rules are incorporated into the*  
24        *conventional optimal scheduling tool for modelling green hydrogen production, while*  
25        *uncertain character of weather and demand parameters is added via interval-based*

26 *formulation and iterative solution procedure. The developed tool allows to perform the*  
27 *scheduling plan under pessimistic or optimistic point of views, depending on the influence*  
28 *assumed by uncertainties in the objective function. A case study serves to validate the*  
29 *model and highlight the paper of green hydrogen-based storage facilities in reducing*  
30 *fossil fuel consumptions and further exploit renewable sources.*

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## 39 Nomenclature

### 40 *Indexes(Sets)*

41	$t(\mathcal{T})$	Time
42	$s(\mathcal{S})$	Sheddable consumer
43	$d(\mathcal{D})$	Shiftable consumer

### 44 *Superscripts*

45	NS	Non-served
46	DEG	Diesel engine generator
47	PV	Photovoltaic
48	WG	Wind generation units
49	EZ	Electrolyser
50	FC	Fuel cell
51	LD	Local demand
52	HSS	Hydrogen storage system
53	$\overline{(*)}/(\underline{(*)})$	Maximum/minimum value
54	$\widehat{(*)}$	Uncertain parameter

### 55 *Parameters & constants*

56	$\Delta\tau$	Time step (h)
57	$\lambda$	Penalization for loss load (\$/kWh)
58	$\varrho$	Penalization for shedding application (\$/h)
59	$\nu$	Penalization for unserved energy (\$/kWh)
60	$\varepsilon$	Total energy demanded by consumers subjected to shifting agreements (kWh)
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62	$\omega_1^{DEG}, \omega_2^{DEG}, \omega_3^{DEG}$	Cost coefficients of the DEG (\$, \$/kW, \$/kW <sup>2</sup> )
63	$\kappa$	Capital cost (\$/kW)
64	$\mu$	Operation & maintenance cost (\$/kWh)
65	$\nu$	Start-up and shutdown costs (\$)
66	$T$	Number of life hours
67	$RD/RU$	Ramping up/down rate limit (kW)
68	$\eta$	Efficiency (p.u.)
69	$\alpha^{WG}, \beta^{WG}$	Speed-power curve coefficients (kW·(m/s) <sup>-3</sup> , -)
70	$\overline{v}^{HSS}$	Capacity of the hydrogen storage system (m <sup>3</sup> )
71	$\theta^{HSS}$	Temperature inside the hydrogen tank (K)
72	LHV	Hydrogen lower heating value (J/mol)
73	$\mathfrak{R}$	Gas constant (m <sup>3</sup> ·bar/(K·mol))
74	$\xi$	Uncertain level (-)

### 75 *Interval modelling*

76	$[a]$	Uncertain parameter $a$ modelled as an interval number
77	$\mathbb{E}[a]$	Expected value of the uncertain parameter $a$

### 78 *Decision variables*

79	$p$	Power (kW)
80	$n$	Molar hydrogen (mol)
81	$g$	Hydrogen pressure (bar)

82	$u$	Commitment status (binary)
83	$on_t^i/off_t^i$	Takes 1 if the unit $i$ is activated at time $t$ , and 0 otherwise (binary)
84	<i>Uncertain parameters (<math>\Omega</math>)</i>	
85	$\theta^{air}$	Ambient temperature (°C)
86	$\vartheta$	Solar irradiance (kW/m <sup>2</sup> )
87	$\gamma$	Wind speed (m/s)
88	$d$	Local non-sheddable/deferrable demand (kW)
89	<i>Vectors notation</i>	
90	$\mathbf{w}$	Vector of continuous variables
91	$\mathbf{u}$	Vector of commitment (binary) variables
92	$\Omega$	Uncertain set

## 93 **1 - Introduction**

### 94 *1.1 - Context & motivation*

95 Hydrogen has gained an attention as future essential energy vector [1], especially the  
96 so-called green hydrogen, which is entirely produced through water electrolysis from  
97 renewable sources [2]. Different governmental entities and institutions are launching  
98 initiatives and projects to boost up investigation and use of this kind of source in future  
99 decarbonized energy systems [3]. Specifically, green hydrogen is expected to be one of  
100 the main energy sources in future smart cities [4]. Nowadays, European Union uses  
101 approximately 9.7 Mt of hydrogen annually, which needs to be decarbonized (i.e.  
102 converting it to green) [5].

103 Due to the increasing importance of green hydrogen in the upcoming energy sector,  
104 recent researches have been focused on improving the technology and efficiency of fuel  
105 cells (FCs) and electrolyzers (EZs) [6]. In this regard, reversible FCs have appeared as an  
106 attractive alternative to conventional devices, in order to improve the efficiency and  
107 economy of the hydrogen-based systems [7]. Emerging technologies such as solid-oxide  
108 FCs and EZs are gaining importance and are nowadays profusely studied for different  
109 applications, such as thermal energy storage by means of waste heat utilization [8] or co-  
110 electrolysis of water and CO<sub>2</sub> [9]. Hydrogen can be stored in different states. The most  
111 conventional one is inside pressurized tanks [10], but emerging technologies such as

112 metal hydride [11] and metal alloys [12] are being profusely studied to improve the  
113 efficiency, economy and security of the storage process.

114 In this context, it is observed a growing interest for integrating hydrogen generators  
115 and storage facilities with renewable sources such as photovoltaic (PV) and wind  
116 generation (WG) units, and demand-response (DR) programs [13]. To manage with  
117 intermittent nature and properly exploiting eventual surplus energy from renewable  
118 generators, hydrogen-based storage units which encompass EZs, hydrogen storage  
119 system (HSS) and FCs, become an essential facility to properly manage green hydrogen.  
120 More precisely, HSSs will play a vital role in energy management of isolated microgrids  
121 (MGs). Hydrogen-based storage has a higher energy density compared with traditional  
122 storage systems like Li-ion batteries [14]. Because this salient feature, HSSs are capable  
123 of storing large amounts of energy in a reduced space, thus supposing an attractive  
124 alternative to electro-chemical batteries. In this sense, hydrogen vessels may complement  
125 or even replace other technologies like batteries in MG applications [15].

## 126 *1.2 - Related works*

127 Some references have focused on energy market integration of HSSs, determining  
128 their optimal bidding strategy. In this regard, the reference [16] deals with the optimal  
129 integration of hydrogen-based systems in energy markets. To this end, a Mixed-Integer  
130 Linear programming (MILP) energy management problem is formulated, which  
131 determines the optimal bidding strategy in competitive electricity markets. On the other  
132 hand, the reference [17] also contemplates the implantation of price-based DR initiatives  
133 to improve the flexibility of the system. In both references, the uncertainties from  
134 renewable generation are modelled via stochastic programming. This approach requires  
135 to generate and solve a large amount of scenarios. In addition, a priori knowledge about  
136 probability distributions of uncertain parameters is needed. To circumvent such issues,

137 the authors in [18] used information gap decision theory (IGDT) to model the  
138 uncertainties related with optimal bidding strategy of a hydrogen-based MG.

139 Other group of references is focused on the flexibility offered by smart parking lots.  
140 The model in [19] considers the response capability of vehicles charging processes, thus  
141 improving the economy of the retailer. The authors in [20] developed a multi-objective  
142 energy management problem, in which DR from charging infrastructures is considered  
143 and peak load management is incorporated as a secondary objective. Morzaghi, et al [21],  
144 developed an energy management model for smart parking lots integrated with HSSs. To  
145 manage with uncertainties from PV and WG, the authors employed interval arithmetic.  
146 The resulting bi-objective problem is then solved using the epsilon-constraint procedure.  
147 Similarly, interval arithmetic was considered in [22] to manage with uncertainties,  
148 employing in this case scalarizing functions to deal with the multi-objective optimization  
149 problem.

150 The reference [23] poses a multi-objective optimization approach for a hydrogen-  
151 based clean energy hub which considers economic, environmental and energy reserve  
152 objectives. In this model, DR is included by deferring the operation of EZs with hysteresis  
153 control under stochastic programming. In [24], the authors proposed a security  
154 constrained unit commitment for power systems with high penetration of wind energy,  
155 HSSs and DR programs. Kholardi, et al [25], proposed an energy hub model with  
156 consideration of the hydrogen network and thermal DR premises. The considered system  
157 comprises EZ, HSS and FC, and considers a bi-objective function with economic and  
158 environmental targets. The reference [26] deals with optimal sizing of HSSs for  
159 minimizing the intermittent impact of renewable generators. This model considers a  
160 flexible operation of hot water reservoirs.

161 The reference [27] proposed a three-level optimization framework, for optimal  
162 operation of an electric-hydrogen virtual power plant, which can sell/purchase energy in  
163 both electricity and hydrogen markets. Each level of the developed framework optimizes  
164 the energy flows in the system from different time scales. The article [28], deals with the  
165 optimal coordination of multiple Power-to-Hydrogen plants, with the objective of  
166 determining the most suitable hydrogen dynamic pricing and minimizing the joint  
167 operation cost. The different stations incorporate HSSs to participate in capacity ancillary  
168 services. In [29], the optimal operation of hydrogen-based storage system is performed  
169 through a bi-objective optimization procedure with scalarizing functions and max-min  
170 fuzzy decision-making technique.

171 The reference [30] deals with the optimal operation of a wind-based MG with HSSs.  
172 The optimization problem is solved via stochastic programming, incorporating risk-  
173 averse constraints and price-based DR programs. Mirzaei, et al [31], developed a  
174 stochastic security-constrained operation for a wind-HSS system in which a part of the  
175 demand is controllable under price-based DR programs. In [32], a stochastic-robust  
176 model for optimal coordination of WG units and HSS in a multi-energy hub is proposed,  
177 which aims at minimizing the total operational cost of the system. This reference  
178 contemplates price-based DR initiatives in both, electrical and thermal demand. The  
179 optimal operation of a multi-energy hub with power, gas, heating networks and HSS is  
180 addressed in [33], including the conditional value at risk in the model to count the  
181 uncertainty of wind speed. Shabani, et al, developed in [34] a decentralized framework  
182 for optimal coordination of various agents in a multi-energy system. The system  
183 comprises a HSS and DR in thermal, hydrogen and electrical loads.

184 The reference [35] addresses the optimal management of a multi-energy system with  
185 hybrid energy storage comprising HSS and batteries. In [36], a robust optimization

186 approach is proposed for an energy hub which incorporates a storage system. The  
187 proposed model takes into account volatility of energy prices and contemplates possible  
188 revenues for selling hydrogen to a local consumer. Similarly, the reference [37] developed  
189 a hybrid robust-stochastic approach, by which the energy price is treated by robust  
190 optimization while remainder uncertainties are modelling via scenarios. Al Hajri, et al,  
191 developed in [38] a stochastic day-ahead unit commitment model for integrated  
192 electricity-gas networks. This model contemplates both HSS and plug-in electric vehicles,  
193 supplied by high penetration of renewable units.

### 194 *1.3 - Contributions & paper organization*

195 Uncertainties modelling is one of the main concern when dealing with green  
196 hydrogen, due to stochastic essence of renewable generators. This aspect is especially  
197 relevant in isolated MGs, in which robust scheduling tools are essential for ensuring  
198 reliable supplying. In this regard, multiple approaches such as stochastic or robust  
199 programming, interval arithmetic or IGDT have been applied to HSSs. Table 1  
200 summarizes the main features of the reviewed literature. On the basis of this analysis, the  
201 following research gaps have been encountered:

- 202 • Some references totally ignore the stochastic essence of renewable generation,  
203 while the majority of the literature employs stochastic-based approaches, which  
204 present a high computational burden and require a knowledge of the probability  
205 distributions of uncertain parameters.
- 206 • In most cases, only price-based DR programs are considered. This kind of  
207 initiatives find to shift the demand to off-peak periods through lower prices.  
208 However, further capabilities of DR schemes are seldom analyzed, such as the  
209 impact of incentive-based programs.



210 • Green hydrogen is normally not explicitly modelled. Instead, optimization  
211 problems assume that electrolyzers are only operated under eventual surplus  
212 renewable energy. However, this assumption does not ensure that produced  
213 hydrogen is totally green. This simplification may lead to generation of no-clean  
214 hydrogen, which may entail environmental concerns [2].

215 This paper is therefore motivated in the issues numerated above, and aims at solving  
216 them. To this end, a novel interval-based model for optimal scheduling of isolated MGs  
217 with green HSS and DR programs. In contrast to conventional interval-based  
218 formulations (e.g. see [21, 22]), the new proposal is inspired in [39], which takes  
219 advantage of the merits of conventional interval-based approaches but replacing the use  
220 of interval arithmetic by a simpler but reliable yet an iterative solution approach. This  
221 way, the MG operator can use forecast information of weather and demand forecast and  
222 their associated confidence intervals to carry out a robust scheduling plan of the MG. By  
223 this approach, it is avoided the resolution of a bi-objective optimization problem, as in  
224 the case of conventional interval-based approaches. Furthermore, the proposed approach  
225 allows to adopt optimistic or pessimistic strategies depending on the impact of  
226 uncertainties, which is not possible in other methodologies like stochastic programming.  
227 In addition, this paper presents the following relevant contributions:

228 • The developed optimization model incorporates detailed components modelling,  
229 which occasionally present nonlinearities. To preserve the linearity of the model,  
230 different linearization techniques are used and they are suitable to different  
231 nonlinearities encountered. This way, the resulting problem is a MILP, which is  
232 easily solvable by conventional software and present a modular structure [40],  
233 being so adaptable to different MG layouts.

234 • Mixed-Integer-Logical constraints are added to model green hydrogen  
 235 production, so that the scheduling plan ensures that all the hydrogen produced in  
 236 EZs is totally green.

237 • Different DR programs are considered. Thus, the studied MG incorporates various  
 238 sheddable and deferrable consumers, which can be shut down or deferred if the  
 239 scheduling plan thus considering. Establishing a series of penalty payments to  
 240 compensate the application of DR premises.

241 As seen in Table 1, the new proposal supposes the first attempt to apply the iterative  
 242 procedure in [39] to hydrogen-based MGs. In addition, the present research is, to the best  
 243 of our knowledge, the first one to incorporate an explicit modelling of green hydrogen  
 244 through logical constraints. A case study on a benchmark isolated MG is performed and  
 245 various results are provided to validate the developed optimization model.

246 Table 1 - A summary of the literature review

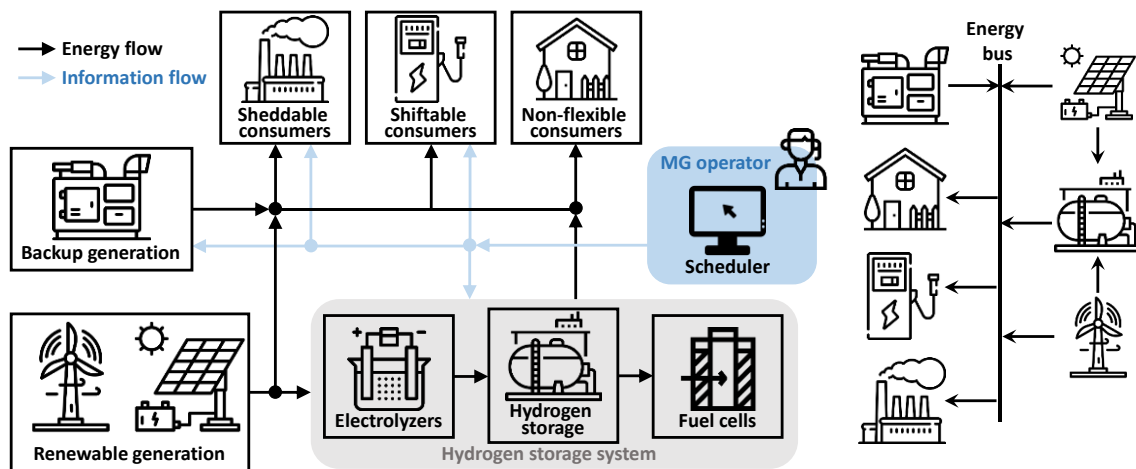
Reference	Optimization model	Uncertainties modelling	DR	Green hydrogen modelling
[16, 17]	MILP	Stochastic	Price-based	No
[18]	MILP	IGDT	Price-based	No
[19, 20, 30, 33, 34]	MILP	Stochastic	Price-based	No
[21, 22]	MILP	Interval arithmetic	Price-based	No
[23]	MILP	Stochastic	Incentive-based	No
[24-26, 29]	MILP	No	Price-based	No
[27]	Nonlinear	No	Price-based	No
[28]	Nonlinear	No	Incentive-based	No
[31, 38]	Nonlinear	Stochastic	Price-based	No
[32, 37]	MILP	Stochastic-robust	Price-based	No
[36]	MILP	Min-max	Price-based	No
Present	MILP	Forecast intervals (iterative)	Price-based Incentive-based	Logical constraints

247 In the rest of this paper, Section 2 overviews the isolated system under study. Section  
 248 3 develops the mathematical models employed in the paper. The solution procedure for  
 249 robust optimal scheduling of the MG under study using interval optimization is described

250 in Section 4. Section 5 presents a case study and provides various numerical results. The  
 251 paper is concluded with Section 6.

252 **2 - Overview of the isolated system under study**

253 This paper focuses on studying isolated MGs with green hydrogen-based storage  
 254 system, which is schematically depicted in Fig. 1. The grid can supply the local demand  
 255 by either renewable or backup generation through diesel engine generators (DEGs).  
 256 Instead of conventional storage facilities formed by batteries, the studied MG  
 257 incorporates a HSS with large storage capacity. As commented in the Introduction,  
 258 reversible FCs could be used thus avoiding the necessity of EZs. Nevertheless, reversible  
 259 FCs can be easily modelled as a FC + EZ system, in which each device simulates the  
 260 charging/discharging processes of the HSS [41]. This is the reason why this paper  
 261 assumes a conventional HSS formed by FC, pressurized hydrogen tank and EZ. The  
 262 renewable generation is provided by PV and WG units. These generators can also produce  
 263 hydrogen through water electrolysis. Hydrogen production is enabled when there is an  
 264 excess of renewably energy, thereby, the hydrogen production is entirely green. The  
 265 produced hydrogen is then stored in vessels, from which FCs can be supplied to generate  
 266 electricity.

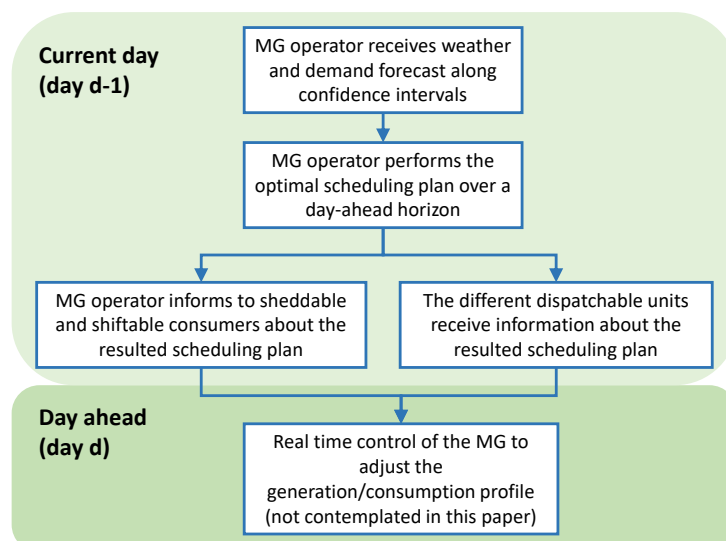


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 268 Figure 1 - Schematic representation (left) and single-line diagram (right) of the isolated system  
 269 under study

270 The system under study contemplates various DR programs. On the other hand, a  
271 series of loads could be considered sheddable. These consumers may be directly  
272 disconnected from the grid, obtaining a compensatory payment for each hour that they  
273 are shut down [42]. This kind of DR is typical of large consumers, which may play a  
274 crucial role in power systems for ensuring the stability of the system. Nonetheless, in this  
275 paper their response might be still valuable for the MG operator, who could reduce the  
276 dependence of backup generators if penalization payments compensate the cost of diesel  
277 generation. In this sense, consumers agree a penalization payment which compensates the  
278 scheduled interruption of their consumption, which may presumably be deferred to other  
279 days. It is worth noting that interruption of sheddable loads is day-ahead scheduled,  
280 therefore, these consumers may properly adapt its routine according the programmed  
281 disconnections. Similarly, shiftable loads provide flexibility to the MG operation by  
282 deferring their consumption. Thus, these consumers agree an amount of energy that they  
283 desire to receive through the considered time horizon, however, this energy can be served  
284 whatever the scheduling plan determines most profitable. This kind of DR may be  
285 valuable for that kind of consumers which have certain storage capability, as for example  
286 electric vehicle recharging stations. Similar to sheddable consumers, the deferring loads  
287 obtain a monetary counterpart for each kWh that it is not served. The operator informs  
288 these consumers about the total quantity of energy that will be supplied, thus these  
289 consumers could schedule their internal operation accordingly. Finally, a large percentage  
290 of consumers is considered non-flexible and, therefore, their consumption patterns cannot  
291 be modified on the basis of price signals. Nevertheless, the MG can still decide no serving  
292 a percentage of the demand, paying a high penalization for each kWh non satisfied.

293 The MG operator daily performs a day-ahead scheduling plan for the MG under study.  
294 The scheduling tool consists on a robust optimization problem, that it is described in the

295 following Section. For this task, operator requires forecast profiles for local demand and  
 296 weather parameters. Conventional techniques normally provide confidence forecast  
 297 intervals [43], within which the observed value may lie assuming a degree of probability.  
 298 These intervals are essential for carrying out the developed scheduling problem, as  
 299 explained in Section 3. With the necessary predicted information, the scheduling plan is  
 300 calculated, which is transmitted to the different assets and consumers, as shown in Fig. 1.  
 301 This operational principle is illustrated in Fig. 2. This paper does not deal with real time  
 302 management, therefore, possible adjustments in the scheduling plan during the current  
 303 day are not considered. For this task, a variety of real time management control are  
 304 available in the literature (e.g. see [44]). Therefore, the developed tool is perfectly  
 305 applicable to real cases, since the real-time control can be easily used in combination with  
 306 the developed optimization model forming modular tools (e.g. see [45]). This feature is  
 307 enabled because the MILP formulation of the developed day-ahead scheduling problem,  
 308 since, as said in [40], this formulation presents a modular structure that allows it to be  
 309 adapted to different cases and layouts.



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 311 Figure 2 - Flowchart of the day-ahead scheduling procedure for the MG under study

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314 **3 - Mathematical models**

315 This section describes the mathematical models for the optimal scheduling tool of the  
 316 MG under study. For the formulation of the problem, a particular interval is utilized in  
 317 formulation of uncertain parameters, which is firstly described.

318 *3.1 - Interval numbers*

319 Interval arithmetic was firstly proposed by Moore [46] and has been extensively used  
 320 in different problems [21, 22]. This approach represents an inexact parameter taking its  
 321 expected value and maximum and minimum values, as follows:

322  $[a] = [\bar{a}, \underline{a}]$  (1a)

323  $[a] = \{a | \underline{a} \leq a \leq \bar{a}\}$  (1b)

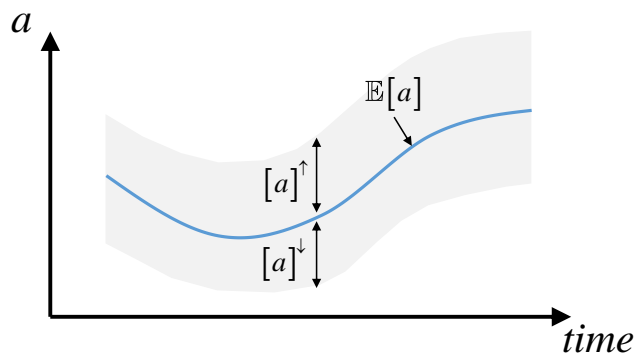
324 As commented, forecast techniques usually provide not only the expected value of a  
 325 parameter, but also its confidence interval. In this paper, we propose an alternative  
 326 formulation to (1), which fully exploits this information, as follows:

327  $[a] = \langle \mathbb{E}[a], [a]^\uparrow, [a]^\downarrow \rangle$  (2a)

328  $\bar{a} = \mathbb{E}[a] + [a]^\uparrow$  (2b)

329  $\underline{a} = \mathbb{E}[a] - [a]^\downarrow$  (2c)

330 As seen, by (2), the uncertain parameter  $a$  is represented by its expected value and the  
 331 amplitude of the predicted interval below and above the expected value. This approach is  
 332 illustrated in Fig. 3.



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 334 Figure 3 - Illustration of the interval approach used in this paper

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337 3.2 - MG energy balance

338 The constraint in (3) ensures the generation-load balance in the MG any time instant.

339 As seen, this expression includes the non-served load as an independent generator.

$$340 \quad p_t^{\text{DEG}} + p_t^{\text{PV}} + p_t^{\text{WG}} + p_t^{\text{FC}} + p_t^{\text{NS}} = [\hat{p}_t^{\text{LD}}] + p_t^{\text{EZ}} + \sum_{\forall s \in \mathcal{S}} \{u_t^s \cdot [\hat{p}_t^s]\} +$$

$$341 \quad \sum_{\forall d \in \mathcal{D}} \{p_t^d\}; \forall t \in \mathcal{T} \quad (3)$$

342 3.3 - Green hydrogen modelling

343 As commented, the storage system contemplates in the MG depicted in figure 1 is  
 344 based on green hydrogen production, therefore, all the hydrogen produced by electrolysis  
 345 has to be generated from surplus renewable energy. In particular, surplus renewable  
 346 energy in the case of the MG under study is given by:

$$347 \quad \text{SP}_t = [\hat{\phi}_t^{\text{PV}}] + [\hat{\phi}_t^{\text{WT}}] - [\hat{d}_t]; \forall t \in \mathcal{T} \quad (4)$$

348 Equation (4) represents the net renewable potential at time  $t$ , which is positive if there  
 349 is an excess of renewable generation and negative otherwise. To ensure that all the  
 350 hydrogen produced is totally green, the following ‘if’ logical condition is imposed.

$$351 \quad \begin{cases} p_t^{\text{EZ}} \leq \text{SP}_t, & \text{if } \text{SP}_t > 0 \\ 0, & \text{o. w.} \end{cases}; \forall t \in \mathcal{T} \quad (5)$$

352 By the constraint in (5), the total energy absorbed by the EZs is provided by renewable  
 353 generators and, consequently, the hydrogen produced is green. The logical constraint in  
 354 (5) can be converted to linear terms by using the big M method [47]. This approach  
 355 requires to declare the dummy binary variable  $\varpi^{(1)}$  and impose the following constraints.

$$356 \quad M \cdot \varpi_t^{(1)} \geq \text{SP}_t; \forall t \in \mathcal{T} \quad (6)$$

$$357 \quad M \cdot (1 - \varpi_t^{(1)}) \geq -\text{SP}_t; \forall t \in \mathcal{T} \quad (7)$$

358 where  $M$  is a large positive number. It can be easily checked that  $\varpi^{(1)} = 1$  if  $\text{SP}_t > 0$ ,  
 359 and 0 otherwise. To complete the linear model of (5), it is necessary to impose the  
 360 constraint in (8).

$$361 \quad p_t^{\text{EZ}} \leq \varpi_t^{(1)} \cdot \text{SP}_t; \forall t \in \mathcal{T} \quad (8)$$

362       The constraint in (8) ensures that the total energy absorbed by the EZs does not  
363       surpass the total renewable surplus. When the interval numbers in (5) are declared as  
364       optimization variables (see Section 4), products of integer and continuous variables  
365       appear in (8). These terms can be easily linearized by declaring additional variables and  
366       constraints (see Appendix A).

### 367   3.4 - Dispatchable units modelling

368       In the MG described in Section 2, some units can be considered dispatchable. More  
369       specifically, DEG, EZ and FC can be scheduled on the basis of signals sent by the MG  
370       operator and determined by the scheduling tool. These units are normally described by  
371       lower and limit dispatchable powers and ramp constraints [48], as illustrated in (9) and  
372       (10), respectively. On the other hand, the equation (11) links the on/off and commitment  
373       variables.

$$374 \quad u_t^i \cdot \underline{p}^i \leq p_t^i \leq u_t^i \cdot \bar{p}^i; \forall t \in \mathcal{T} \wedge i \in \{\text{DEG, EZ, FC}\} \quad (9)$$

$$375 \quad p_{t-1}^i - RD^i \leq p_t^i \leq p_{t-1}^i + RU^i; \forall t \in \mathcal{T} \setminus t > 1 \wedge i \in \{\text{DEG, EZ, FC}\} \quad (10)$$

$$376 \quad \text{on}_t^i + \text{off}_t^i = u_t^i - u_{t-1}^i; \forall t \in \mathcal{T} \setminus t > 1 \wedge i \in \{\text{DEG, EZ, FC}\} \quad (11)$$

### 377   3.5 - PV generators modelling

378       PV potential generation is determined by weather parameters, more precisely, the  
379       maximum power that a PV generator can deliver is a function of the solar irradiation and  
380       ambient temperature, and can be calculated, as follows [49]:

$$381 \quad [\hat{\phi}_t^{\text{PV}}] = \bar{p}^{\text{PV}} \cdot \left[ 0.25 \cdot [\hat{\vartheta}_t] + 0.03 \cdot [\hat{\vartheta}_t] \cdot [\hat{\vartheta}_t^{\text{air}}] + (1.01 - 1.13 \cdot \eta^{\text{PV}}) \cdot [\hat{\vartheta}_t]^2 \right]; \forall t \in$$

$$382 \quad \mathcal{T} \quad (12)$$

383       As commented in [50], the expression above cannot be directly applied since its value  
384       can be occasionally higher than the installed peak power. To avoid this conflict, the  
385       following logical constraint can be imposed.



$$0 \leq p_t^{\text{PV}} \leq \begin{cases} [\hat{\phi}_t^{\text{PV}}], & \text{if } [\hat{\phi}_t^{\text{PV}}] \leq 1.1 \cdot \bar{p}^{\text{PV}} \\ 1.1 \cdot \bar{p}^{\text{PV}}, & \text{o. w.} \end{cases}; \forall t \in \mathcal{T} \quad (13)$$

By the constraint in (13), the power given by PV units is limited to 10% over the installed peak power, which is a usual bound for PV installations [50]. When the interval numbers are declared optimization variables, the condition (13) can be linearized by using the big M method in a similar way to (5), as follows:

$$M \cdot \varpi_t^{(2)} \geq 1.1 \cdot \bar{p}^{\text{PV}} - [\hat{\phi}_t^{\text{PV}}]; \forall t \in \mathcal{T} \quad (14)$$

$$M \cdot (1 - \varpi_t^{(1)}) \geq [\hat{\phi}_t^{\text{PV}}] - 1.1 \cdot \bar{p}^{\text{PV}}; \forall t \in \mathcal{T} \quad (15)$$

$$p_t^{\text{PV}} \leq \varpi_t^{(2)} \cdot [\hat{\phi}_t^{\text{PV}}] + (1 - \varpi_t^{(2)}) \cdot (1.1 \cdot \bar{p}^{\text{PV}}); \forall t \in \mathcal{T} \quad (16)$$

where  $\varpi^{(2)}$  is analogue to  $\varpi^{(1)}$  in (6)-(8). A product of the dummy integer variable  $\varpi^{(2)}$  and the continuous one  $[\hat{\phi}_t^{\text{PV}}]$  appears in (16), which can be linearized following the procedure described in Appendix A. In the expression (12), a quadratic term due appears when solar irradiance is declared as a variable. To linearize this term, the procedure described in Appendix B can be used. Similarly, a bi-linear term may appear in (12) because the product of the solar irradiance and ambient temperature. This product can be linearized using advanced piecewise strategies (see Appendix C).

### 3.6 - WG units modelling

The power given by WG units is a function of the wind speed and is normally given by the well-known speed-power curves of the wind turbines [48], as shown in Fig. 4. As seen in this figure, these profiles are divided into 4 sections limited by characteristics wind speeds. These curves are normally facilitated by manufacturers and can be mathematically expressed as follows [48]:

$$[\hat{\phi}_t^{\text{WG}}] = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } [\hat{\gamma}_t] < \underline{\gamma}^{\text{WG}} \\ \alpha^{\text{WG}} \cdot ([\hat{\gamma}_t])^3 - \beta^{\text{WG}} \cdot \bar{p}^{\text{WG}}, & \text{if } \underline{\gamma}^{\text{WG}} \leq [\hat{\gamma}_t] \leq \gamma^{\text{WG},*} \\ \bar{p}^{\text{WG}}, & \text{if } \gamma^{\text{WG},*} < [\hat{\gamma}_t] \leq \bar{\gamma}^{\text{WG}} \\ 0, & \text{if } [\hat{\gamma}_t] > \bar{\gamma}^{\text{WG}} \end{cases}; \forall t \in \mathcal{T} \quad (17)$$

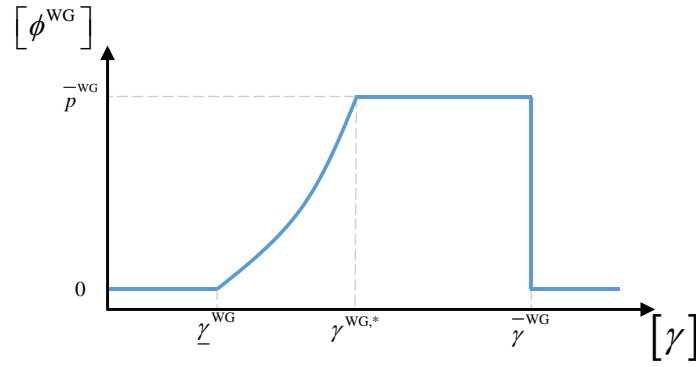


Figure 4 - Typical speed-power curve of a wind turbine

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410 To linearize the model (17), a piece representation of the speed-power curve into 5  
411 sections is proposed as follows:

$$412 \quad \tilde{\psi} = \begin{cases} \langle \tilde{\gamma}_i \rangle & \begin{cases} \tilde{\gamma}_1 = 0 \\ \tilde{\gamma}_2 = \underline{\gamma}^{\text{WG}} \\ \tilde{\gamma}_3 = \gamma^{\text{WG},*} \\ \tilde{\gamma}_4 = \bar{\gamma}^{\text{WG}} \\ \tilde{\gamma}_5 = M \end{cases} \end{cases} \quad (18)$$

413 The piece representation in (18) can be efficiently linearized by introducing the  
414 integer set  $\zeta$ , which has 4 dimensions, and imposing the constraints (19) and (20).

$$415 \quad \sum_{i=1}^{i=4} \{\zeta_{i|t} \cdot \tilde{\gamma}_i\} \leq [\hat{\gamma}_t] \leq \sum_{i=2}^{i=5} \{\zeta_{i-1|t} \cdot \tilde{\gamma}_i\}; \quad \forall t \in \mathcal{T} \quad (19)$$

$$416 \quad p_t^{\text{WG}} = \zeta_{1|t} \cdot 0 + \zeta_{2|t} \cdot \left( \alpha^{\text{WG}} \cdot [\hat{\gamma}_t]^3 - \beta^{\text{WG}} \cdot \bar{p}^{\text{WG}} \right) + \zeta_{3|t} \cdot \bar{p}^{\text{WG}} + \zeta_{4|t} \cdot 0; \quad \forall t \in \mathcal{T} \quad (20)$$

417 The equation (19) determines which element of the set  $\zeta$  according the wind speed  
418 any moment, while the model (20) yields the power given by WG units using the piece  
419 model (18). To ensure that only one element of the set  $\zeta$  is activated at once, it can be  
420 declared a special ordered set 1 (see [51]). On the other hand, the cubic term in (20) can  
421 be linearized using piecewise representations (see Appendix B) while the product of  
422 integer and continuous variables are linearized following the model described in  
423 Appendix A. The wind turbine model is completed by introducing the efficiency, as said  
424 the equation (21).

$$425 \quad 0 \leq p_t^{\text{WG}} \leq \eta^{\text{WG}} \cdot [\hat{\phi}_t^{\text{WG}}]; \quad \forall t \in \mathcal{T} \quad (21)$$

426 3.7 - Hydrogen storage modelling

427 The set of constraints (22)-(27) model the HSS contemplated in the MG under study,  
 428 and corresponds with modified versions of other standard modelling (e.g. see [19, 52]).

$$429 \quad n_t^{\text{EZ}} = \frac{\eta^{\text{EZ}} \cdot p_t^{\text{EZ}}}{\text{LHV}}; \quad \forall t \in \mathcal{T} \quad (22)$$

$$430 \quad n_t^{\text{FC}} = \frac{p_t^{\text{FC}}}{\eta^{\text{FC}} \cdot \text{LHV}}; \quad \forall t \in \mathcal{T} \quad (23)$$

$$431 \quad g_t^{\text{HSS}} = g_{t-1}^{\text{HSS}} + \frac{\theta^{\text{HSS}} \cdot \eta}{v^{\text{HSS}}} \cdot (n_t^{\text{EZ}} - n_t^{\text{FC}}); \quad \forall t \in \mathcal{T} \setminus t > 1 \quad (24)$$

$$432 \quad \underline{g}^{\text{HSS}} \leq g_t^{\text{HSS}} \leq \overline{g}^{\text{HSS}}; \quad \forall t \in \mathcal{T} \quad (25)$$

$$433 \quad \sum_{i \in \{\text{EZ}, \text{FC}\}} \{u_t^i\} \leq 1; \quad \forall t \in \mathcal{T} \quad (26)$$

434 The equations (22) and (23) are the molar hydrogen production/absorption, as  
 435 function of the electrical power absorbed/generated by EZ/FC. The equation (24) models  
 436 the state of pressure inside the hydrogen tank, which must lie within acceptable limits, as  
 437 said the constraint (25), whereas the constraint in (26) avoids the simultaneous charging-  
 438 discharging of the hydrogen tank. Similar to conventional models used for batteries (e.g.  
 439 see [48]), the initial pressure of the hydrogen tank must be set since the equation (24) is  
 440 not defined for  $t = 1$ . In this work, as customary for other storage technologies, it is  
 441 assumed that the hydrogen tanks are totally filled at the beginning of the time horizon. In  
 442 order to keep the model coherent, the constraint (27) ensures that the final status of the  
 443 HSS is equal to the initial state of charge.

$$444 \quad g_{t=1}^{\text{HSS}} = g_{t=\text{end}}^{\text{HSS}} = \overline{g}^{\text{HSS}} \quad (27)$$

### 445 3.8 - Shiftable consumers modelling

446 It is realistic to assume that power supplied to shiftable consumers should be limited  
 447 by any type or physical or contractual bound, as said the constraint (28). On the other  
 448 hand, the constraint in (29) is included to avoid incoherency in the objective function.

$$449 \quad 0 \leq p_t^d \leq \overline{p}^d; \quad \forall t \in \mathcal{T} \wedge d \in \mathcal{D} \quad (28)$$

$$450 \quad \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}} \{p_t^d\} \leq \varepsilon^d; \quad \forall t \in \mathcal{T} \wedge d \in \mathcal{D} \quad (29)$$

### 451 3.9 - Objective function

452 The MG operator presumably aims at minimizing the total operating cost of the  
 453 system. According to the description in Section 2, the operating cost of the MG under  
 454 study encompasses various terms, as follows:

$$455 \quad f = f^{\text{Shedding}} + f^{\text{Shifting}} + f^{\text{NS}} + f^{\text{DEG}} + f^{\text{PV}} + f^{\text{WT}} + f^{\text{EZ}} + f^{\text{FC}} \quad (30)$$

456 It is noteworthy that despite the objective function (30) involves eight terms, all of  
 457 them are referred to different costs which, in combination, yield the total daily operational  
 458 cost of the MG under study. Therefore, due to all of terms in (30) are referred to monetary  
 459 units, the resulting optimization problem is solved as a single-objective approach since  
 460 the unique target is the minimization of the total expenditures.

461 The first two terms in (30) are the cost of penalizations due to application of DR  
 462 programs. For the sheddable consumers, these payments are proportional to the total  
 463 number of hours that they are forced to be disconnected from the grid, and can be  
 464 calculated as follows:

$$465 \quad f^{\text{Shedding}} = \sum_{\forall s \in \mathcal{S}} \{ \Delta\tau \cdot \varrho^s \cdot (\mathcal{T} - \sum_{\forall t \in \mathcal{T}} \{ u_t^s \}) \} \quad (31)$$

466 For the shiftable consumers, penalizations are established proportional to the  
 467 deviation of the amount of energy agreed with the operator. Therefore, the total penalty  
 468 cost in which the system incurs for shiftable demands is given by:

$$469 \quad f^{\text{Shifting}} = \sum_{\forall d \in \mathcal{D}} \{ v^d \cdot (\varepsilon^d - \Delta\tau \cdot \sum_{\forall t \in \mathcal{T}} \{ p_t^d \}) \} \quad (32)$$

470 The third term in (30) is the cost of non-served energy. In this paper, non-served load  
 471 is treated as an independent generator with its own associated cost per kWh. This way,  
 472 the cost of non-served load can be easily calculated by (33), while (34) establishes  
 473 coherent limits for the variable.

$$474 \quad f^{\text{NS}} = \sum_{\forall t \in \mathcal{T}} \{ \Delta\tau \cdot \lambda^{\text{NS}} \cdot p_t^{\text{NS}} \} \quad (33)$$

$$475 \quad 0 \leq p_t^{\text{NS}} \leq [\hat{p}_t^{\text{LD}}]; \forall t \in \mathcal{T} \quad (34)$$

476 The fourth term in (30) are the total expenditures of DEG operation, which comprises  
 477 degradation and fuel costs. The latter, can be calculated as a quadratic function of the

478 power delivered [53]. Therefore, the total costs associated to DEG operation are given  
 479 by:

$$480 \quad f^{\text{DEG}} = \sum_{\forall t \in \mathcal{T}} \left\{ \Delta\tau \cdot \left[ u_t^{\text{DEG}} \cdot \left( \frac{\kappa^{\text{DEG}} \cdot \bar{p}^{\text{DEG}}}{T^{\text{DEG}}} + \omega_1^{\text{DEG}} \right) + p_t^{\text{DEG}} \cdot \omega_2^{\text{DEG}} + (p_t^{\text{DEG}})^2 \cdot \right. \right. \\ 481 \quad \left. \left. \omega_3^{\text{DEG}} \right] \right\} \quad (35)$$

482 In this paper, the quadratic term in (35) is linearized by using efficient piecewise  
 483 representation (see Appendix B). The remainder terms in (30) account for the operational  
 484 and maintenance costs of renewable generators and the hydrogen-based storage system.  
 485 For renewable units, these costs are proportional to the total energy generated, as said the  
 486 equation (36) [48]:

$$487 \quad f^i = \sum_{\forall t \in \mathcal{T}} \{ \Delta\tau \cdot p_t^i \cdot \mu^i \}; \quad \forall i \in \{\text{PV}, \text{WG}\} \quad (36)$$

488 While in the case of the HSS, along the maintenance expenditures, the startup and  
 489 shutdown costs and equipment degradation have to be included, as follows [54]:

$$490 \quad f^i = \sum_{\forall t \in \mathcal{T}} \left\{ \Delta\tau \cdot \left( \frac{\kappa^i \cdot \bar{p}^i}{T^i} \cdot u_t^i + p_t^i \cdot \mu^i \right) + v^i \cdot (\text{on}_t^i + \text{off}_t^i) \right\}; \quad \forall i \in \{\text{EZ}, \text{FC}\} \quad (37)$$

#### 491 **4 - Solution Procedure**

492 This section describes the procedure for robust solution of the optimal scheduling tool  
 493 developed in Section 3, using interval notation of uncertain parameters. The proposed  
 494 optimization problem is performed into three stages. The first one corresponds to the  
 495 conventional deterministic scheduling model, in which the uncertain parameters take their  
 496 expected values. As a result of this stage, the scheduling plan for the different assets and  
 497 sheddable consumers is passed to the second step, in which the most  
 498 favorable/unfavorable values of the forecast variables are calculated. To this end, the  
 499 uncertainties are taken as decision variables, allowing them to vary within the predicted  
 500 intervals. In this stage, the effect of the uncertainties in the objective function (30) is  
 501 evaluated. Thus, it is assumed that an uncertain parameter takes favorable values if it

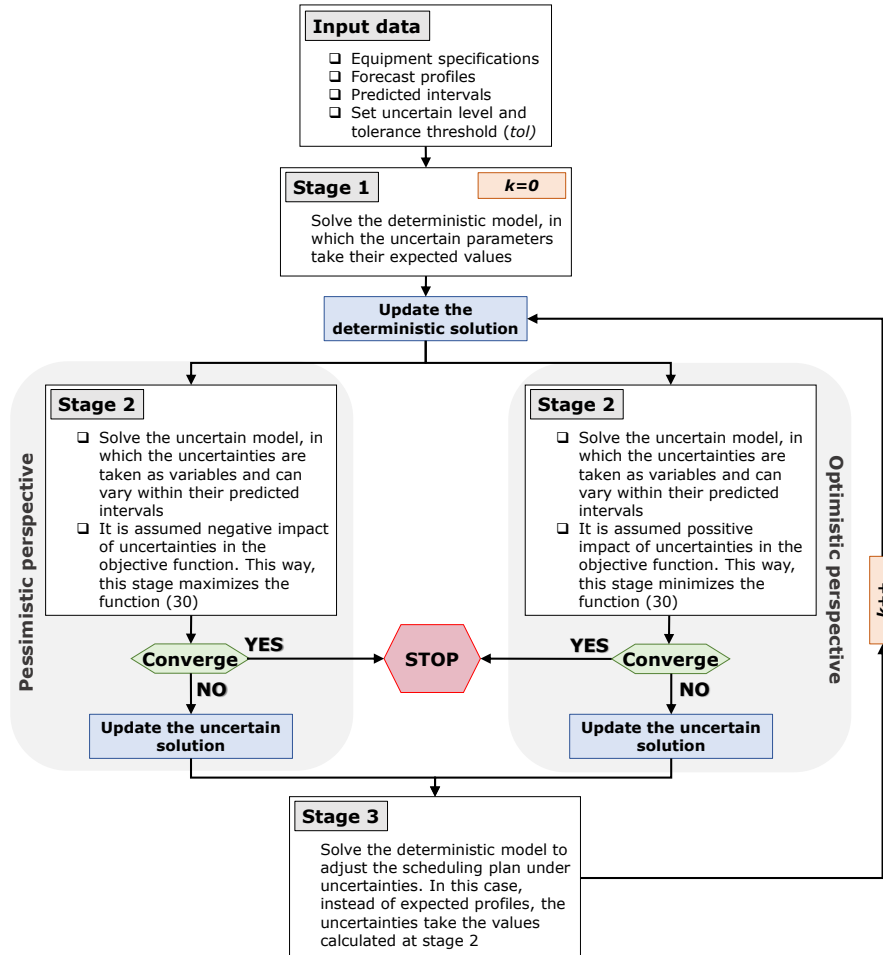
502 supposes a reduction of the operational cost, while the unfavorable values increment the  
503 monetary expenditures. Finally, the third stage receives the information of the second  
504 stage and adjusts the scheduling plan accordingly. To this end, the deterministic model is  
505 again solved in this stage, but taking the value of uncertainties calculated at stage 2  
506 (favorable or unfavorable values depending of the strategy taken). The proposed  
507 procedure allows to adjust the degree in which the predicted intervals are considered,  
508 which indirectly set the level of uncertainty assumed by the operator. This is modelled by  
509 introducing the so-called uncertain level  $\xi$ , whose importance is later highlighted.

510 Inspired by [39], an iterative procedure is proposed to robust scheduling of the MG  
511 under study. The proposed algorithm is illustrated in the flowchart of Fig. 5. By this  
512 procedure, firstly the deterministic solution is calculated taking the expected value of  
513 uncertainties. After, the value of the uncertainties and the scheduling plan are  
514 progressively updated each iteration, by iteratively running the stages 2 and 3. Each stage  
515 updates the deterministic and uncertainties solution, and passes this information to the  
516 following stage. The process is finalized when the solution of both stages no longer vary,  
517 which is determined by the following stopping criterion:

$$518 \quad \frac{|f_k^{(2)} - f_k^{(3)}|}{f_k^{(2)}} \leq tol \quad (38)$$

519 where the subscript denotes the  $k^{th}$  iteration of the iterative procedure;  $f^{(2)}$  and  $f^{(3)}$  are  
520 the values of the objective function (3) in the stages 2 and 3, respectively; and  $tol$  is a  
521 preset convergence threshold which is fixed equal to 0.01 in this work. It is worth noting  
522 that the scheduling plan can be executed under optimistic or pessimistic perspectives  
523 depending on the impact of uncertainties in the objective function. In the former case, the  
524 uncertainties are assumed to impact negatively on the objective function, while in the  
525 latter, the uncertainties take favorable values. Therefore, the optimistic strategy finds the  
526 value of uncertainties that minimizes the objective function (30), while the pessimistic

527 perspective finds those values of uncertainties that maximize the monetary expenditures.  
 528 In this regard, the optimistic and pessimistic perspectives can be conceived as the risk-  
 529 seeker and risk-averse strategies in [55], respectively.



530 Figure 5 - Flowchart of the developed procedure for robust optimal scheduling of the MG under  
 531 study  
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533 As commented, the stage 1 of the developed algorithm determines the scheduling plan  
 534 from a deterministic point of view, which can be calculated by running the following  
 535 optimization problem:

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$$\mathbf{u}^{\text{det}} \rightarrow \arg \min_{\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{u}} f(\mathbb{E}[\boldsymbol{\Omega}]) \quad (39)$$

537 Subject to (11)-(37)

538 As seen, the problem (39) seeks to minimize the operational cost assuming expected  
 539 profiles of the uncertain parameters, while conventional control signals such as  
 540 commitment status and power set-points are the variables of the problem.

541 The second stage receives information calculated in the first step, and determines the  
542 most favorable/unfavorable values of the uncertain parameters. This way, the stage 2  
543 takes the uncertain parameters as variables, which are modelled as interval numbers  
544 following the notation described in Section 3.1. In this case, limits of each uncertain  
545 variable are determined by the predicted intervals and the introduced uncertain level, as  
546 expressed in (40).

$$547 \mathbb{E}[a_t] - \xi \cdot [a_t]^\downarrow \leq [a_t] \leq \mathbb{E}[a_t] + \xi \cdot [a_t]^\uparrow; \forall t \in \mathcal{T} \wedge a \in \Omega \quad (40)$$

548 As seen in (40), the uncertain level determines the degree in which the predicted  
549 intervals are considered in the optimization problem. Thus, if  $\xi = 1$ , the entire interval is  
550 considered. In this case, the operator assumes a high degree of uncertainty. Otherwise,  
551 the problem becomes deterministic if  $\xi = 0$ . The most typical solution consists on fixing  
552  $\xi \in (0,1)$ , which supposes that a certain degree of uncertainty is assumed.

553 The stage 2 can be solved under pessimistic or optimistic perspectives. In the former  
554 case, it is assumed that uncertain variables have a negative impact on the objective  
555 function, which is mathematically represented by the following optimization problem:

$$556 \Omega^{\text{unc}} \rightarrow \arg \max_w f(\mathbf{u}^{\text{det}}, [\Omega]) \quad (41a)$$

557 Subject to (11)-(37), (40)

558 Indeed, the most unfavourable value of the uncertain parameters is attained when the  
559 objective function is maximized, as said the problem (41a). At this stage, the commitment  
560 plan calculated at stage 1 is assumed fixed, being only possible to control some  
561 continuous signals like power set-points of shiftable consumers. In this manner, the  
562 pessimistic uncertain conditions are calculated for a given commitment plan. In contrast,  
563 if the MG is operated under an optimistic point of view, the uncertain variables positively  
564 impacts on the objective function, thus minimizing the operational cost as said the  
565 problem (41b).



$$566 \quad \mathbf{\Omega}^{\text{unc}} \rightarrow \arg \min_w f(\mathbf{u}^{\text{det}}, [\mathbf{\Omega}]) \quad (41b)$$

567 Subject to (11)-(37), (40)

568 Finally, the stage 3 seeks the scheduling plan which minimizes the operational cost  
 569 under favorable/unfavorable uncertain profiles. In this way, this stage adjusts the  
 570 scheduling plan according to the value of uncertainties calculated in the stage 2, which is  
 571 stated in the following optimization problem:

$$572 \quad \mathbf{u}^{\text{det}} \rightarrow \arg \min_{w,u} f(\mathbf{\Omega}^{\text{unc}}) \quad (42)$$

### 573 **5 - Case study**

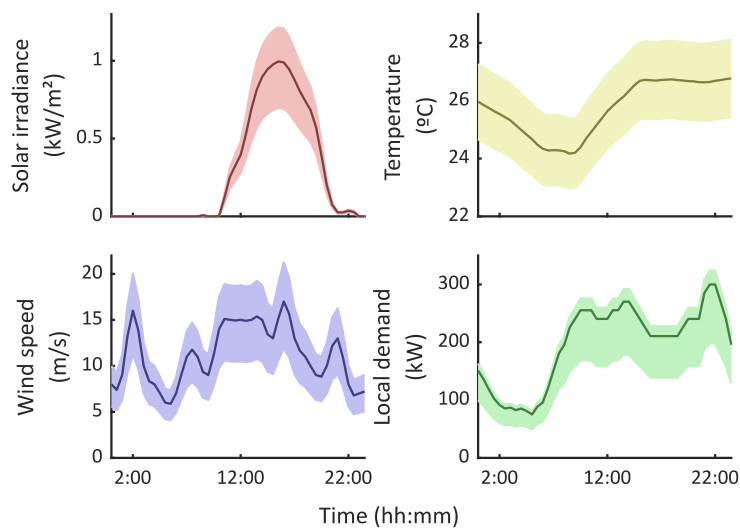
574 This section presents a case study to validate the developed Mixed-Integer-Linear-  
 575 Logical programming model for scheduling of isolated MGs, and the iterative solution  
 576 procedure for robust optimization. To this purpose, the benchmark MG depicted in Fig.  
 577 1 has been considered, for which the mathematical model developed in Section 3 is used.  
 578 The developed optimization model is coded in Matlab R2019a and is solved using Gurobi  
 579 [56]. All the simulations are performed using an Intel® Core™ i5-9400F, 2.90 GHz,  
 580 8.00 GB RAM, personal computer.

581 In order to compare the computational burden of the developed methodology with  
 582 other similar approaches, the optimization model described in Section 3 was run for a  
 583 variety of scenarios under stochastic programming. To this end, the methodology  
 584 described in [49] was used to create (and posteriorly reduced to a set of representative  
 585 profiles) the scenario-space for the uncertain parameters. Although the results obtained  
 586 with both methodologies cannot be directly compared since stochastic programming does  
 587 not look for extreme values of uncertainties, a comparison of the computational times  
 588 give an idea about the computational performance of both techniques. In this sense, the  
 589 developed procedure took approximately 3-5 minutes to be completed, which improved  
 590 by 15-25% the performance of the stochastic approach. These results are due to under

591 stochastic programming all the variables are bi-dimensional (no. of scenarios  $\times$  time  
 592 horizon), resulting in a very high computational cost. In addition, the observed runtimes  
 593 are considered acceptable for scheduling tools, which are performed over day-ahead time  
 594 horizons.

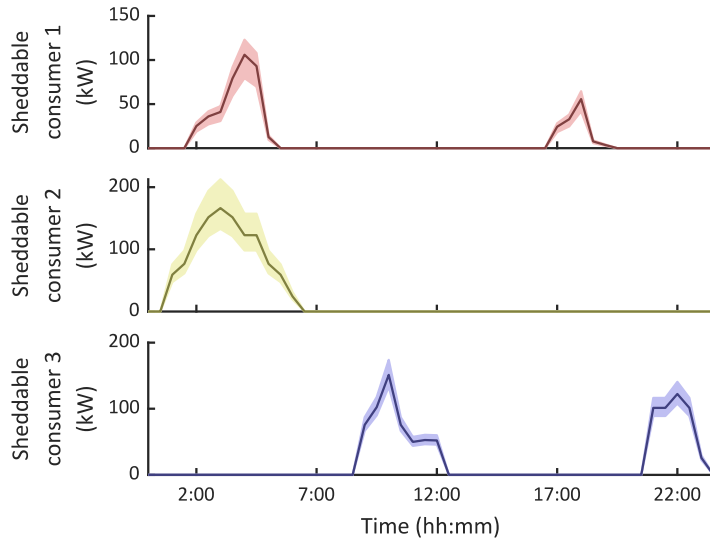
595 *5.1 - Input data*

596 The scheduling plan of the MG is performed over a 24 hours horizon with 30 minutes  
 597 time resolution. Fig. 6 plots the weather and demand forecasts with their associated  
 598 predicted interval. The weather information is extracted from [57], and correspond with  
 599 the values observed at Virgin Islands (U.S.) on May 3, 2016; whereas the demand profile  
 600 is built scaling down the consumption at La Palma Island (Spain) on May 3, 2016 [58].  
 601 Three sheddable consumers are considered whose forecast demand and predicted  
 602 intervals are plotted in Fig. 7. Penalty costs for these consumers are established in 550,  
 603 700 and 900 \$/h for each consumer, respectively. The cost of non-served load is fixed at  
 604 100 \$/kWh in order to avoid unserved energy, while the data of shiftable consumers are  
 605 collected in Table 2. Lastly, Tables 3-8 report the parameters of DEG, PV array, WG  
 606 units, EZ, FC and HSS, respectively.



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Figure 6 - Forecast profiles and predicted intervals of uncertain parameters



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Figure 7 - Expected demand of sheddable consumers and associated confidence intervals

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Table 2 - Data of shiftable consumers

Parameter	Consumer 1	Consumer 2
$\varepsilon$ (kWh)	900	700
$\bar{p}$ (kW)	100	100
$v$ (\$/kWh)	6.10	6.10

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Table 3 - Data of DEG [49, 53]

Parameter	Value
$\bar{p}, p$ (kW)	750, 50
$RU, RD$ (kW)	200, 200
$T$ (h)	30,000
$\kappa$ (\$/kW)	340
$\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3$ (\$/h, \$/kWh, \$/kWh <sup>2</sup> )	0.6, 0.05, 0.02

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Table 4 - Data of PV units [48]

Parameter	Value
$\bar{p}$ (kW)	350
$\eta$	0.167
$\mu$ (\$/kWh)	0.14

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Table 5 - Data of WG units [48]

Parameter	Value
$\bar{p}$ (kW)	300
$\underline{\gamma}, \gamma^*, \bar{\gamma}$ (m/s)	2, 11, 21
$\alpha, \beta$ kW·(m/s) <sup>-3</sup> , -	0.2268, 0.006
$\eta$	0.88
$\mu$ (\$/kWh)	0.19

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Table 6 - Data of EZ [54, 59]

Parameter	Value
$\bar{p}, \underline{p}$ (kW)	400, 25
$RU, RD$ (kW)	300, 300
$\eta$	0.65
$T$ (h)	10,000
$\kappa$ (\$/kW)	8.50
$\nu$ (\$)	0.15
$\mu$ (\$/kWh)	0.03

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Table 7 - Data of HSS [19]

Parameter	Value
$\bar{v}$ (m <sup>3</sup> )	25
$\bar{g}, \underline{g}$ (bar)	13.8, 2
$\theta$ (K)	313

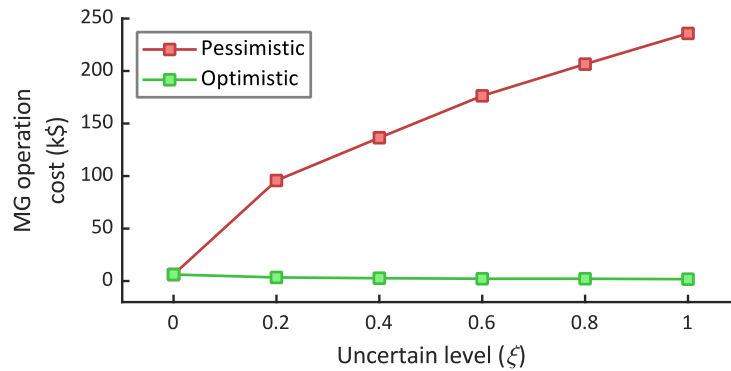
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Table 8 - Data of FC [53, 59]

Parameter	Value
$\bar{p}, \underline{p}$ (kW)	400, 25
$RU, RD$ (kW)	300, 300
$\eta$	0.77
$T$ (h)	10,000
$\kappa$ (\$/kW)	32
$\nu$ (\$)	0.02
$\mu$ (\$/kWh)	0.03

620 *5.2 - Results*

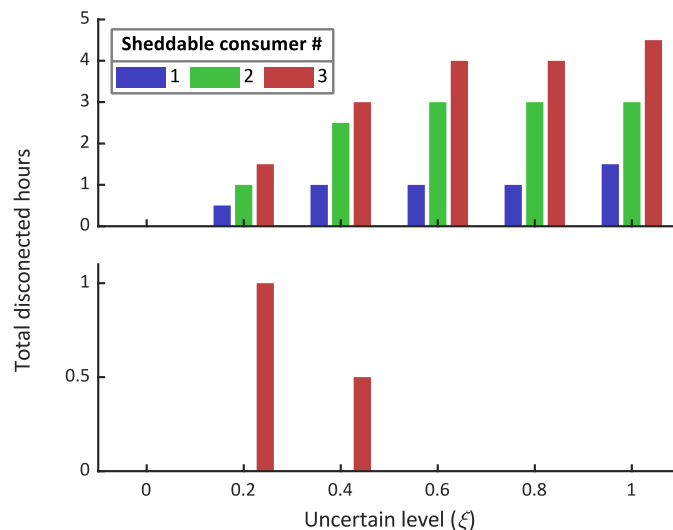
621 Fig. 8 plots the value of the objective function for different uncertain levels. As seen,  
622 the operation cost decreases when the uncertain level grows under a pessimistic point of  
623 view, while the opposite trend is observed under an optimistic strategy. This result is logic  
624 since under a pessimistic perspective it is assumed that the uncertain parameters have a  
625 negative impact on the objective function. Hence, if the uncertain level grows, it is  
626 expected that the operation cost grows as well, while the contrary behavior can be equally  
627 deduced under an optimistic point of view.



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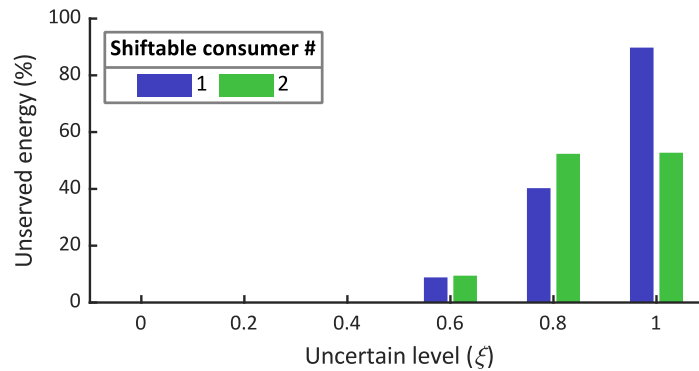
Figure 8 - Total MG operation cost for different uncertain levels

630 Similar behavior can be deduced for other variables. For example, let us focus on the  
 631 behavior of flexible demand. Fig. 9 shows the total hours that sheddable consumers were  
 632 necessarily disconnected from the system, as seen, this result grows with the uncertain  
 633 level under a pessimistic strategy while the opposite trend is observed under an optimistic  
 634 point of view. The same conclusions can be extracted for the shiftable demands, as  
 635 observed in Fig. 10 where the total non-served energy (%) is plotted for different  
 636 uncertain levels. In this case, energy requirements of these users are expected to be totally  
 637 satisfied in the deterministic case and under an optimistic strategy, however, unserved  
 638 energy may grow by ~90% under a pessimistic point of view.



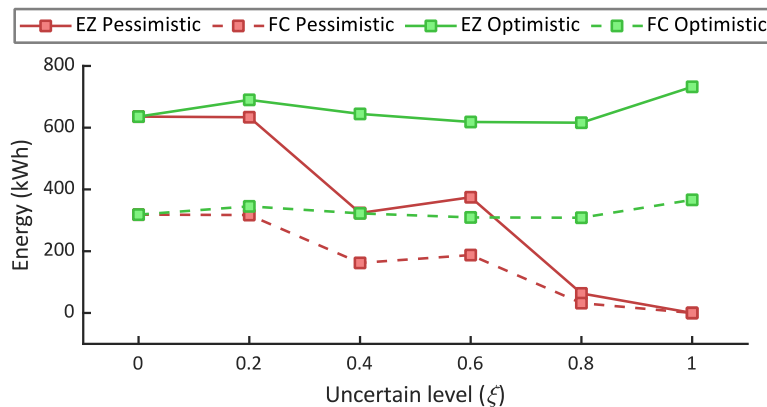
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Figure 9 - Total disconnected hours of sheddable consumers for different uncertain levels under pessimistic (top) and optimistic (bottom) strategies

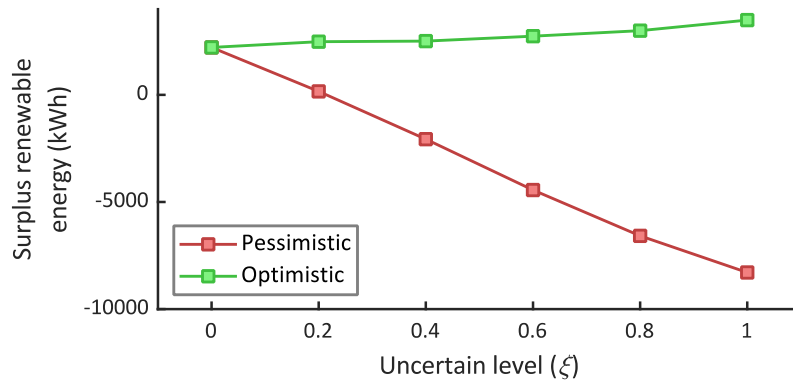


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 643 Figure 10 - Total unserved energy hours of shiftable consumers for different uncertain levels  
 644 under a pessimistic strategy (100% of energy was covered in the optimistic case for all the range  
 645 of uncertain levels)

646 Now, the behavior of the green hydrogen-based storage system is analyzed. Fig. 11  
 647 shows the total energy absorbed/produced by EZ/FC. As seen, the exploitation of the  
 648 storage facility decreases with the uncertain level under a pessimistic perspective, while  
 649 the opposite behavior is observed with optimistic strategies. The responsible of these  
 650 results is the surplus renewable energy. As observed in Fig. 12 where total surplus  
 651 renewable energy is plotted for various uncertain levels, the excess of renewable  
 652 generation drastically decreases with the degree of uncertainty under a pessimistic point  
 653 of view, which hinders the exploitation of the storage facility. This last aspect is better  
 654 appreciated in Fig. 13, where the state of pressure of the HSS is plotted for different  
 655 uncertain levels under pessimistic strategy. It can be noted that the storage facility is  
 656 progressively less exploited as the uncertain level grows.

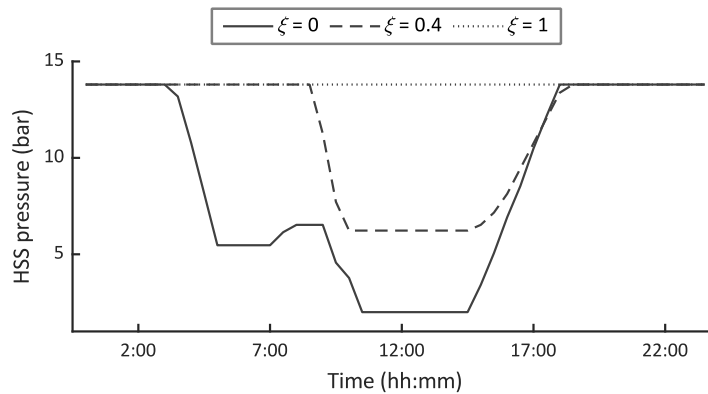


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 658 Figure 11 - Total energy absorbed/produced by EZ/FC for different uncertain levels



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Figure 12 - Total surplus renewable energy for different uncertain levels



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Figure 13 - State of pressure of the HSS for different uncertain levels under a pessimistic perspective

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Finally, we analyze how the uncertain level affects the dependency of fossil fuels (i.e.

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backup generation. Fig. 14 analyses this aspect showing the total working hours and

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energy generated by the DEG for different uncertain levels. As expected, dependency of

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the backup generation grows with the uncertain level if a pessimistic strategy is assumed,

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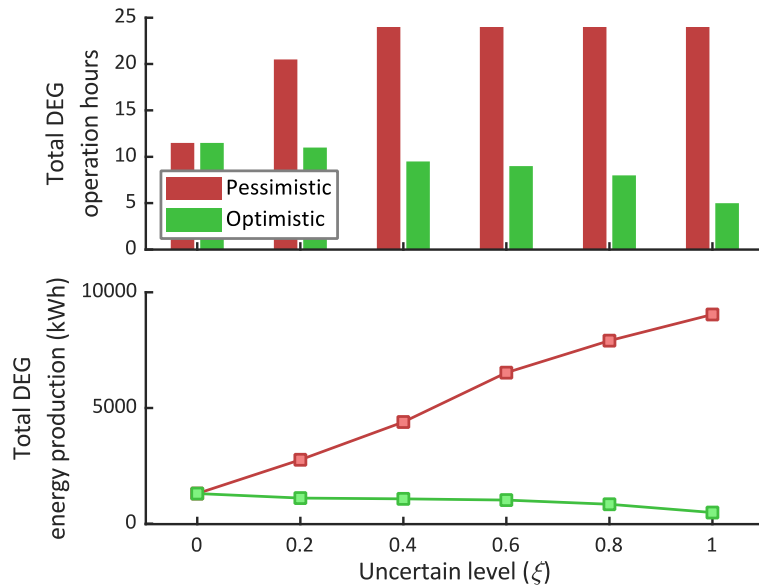
while the opposite trend is manifested under an optimistic perspective. Nevertheless, total

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disconnection of DEG is not possible any case, due to negative surplus renewable energy

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has to be inevitably covered by the backup generator.



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672 Figure 14 - Total DEG operation hours and energy production for different uncertain levels

## 673 6 - Conclusions

674 This paper has presented a novel optimal scheduling model for isolated MGs,  
675 encompassing a green hydrogen-based storage system and demand response programs.  
676 In the developed tool, green hydrogen generation is modelled by logical rules, which are  
677 incorporated into the Mixed-Integer-Linear programming optimization model using  
678 Mixed-Integer-Logical formulation. Since the green hydrogen production is explicitly  
679 modelled, it is ensured that totally of the hydrogen generated is green, which may result  
680 vital to address certain governmental initiatives. Uncertainties in renewable generation  
681 and local demand are handled by an original interval formulation and iterative solution  
682 procedure. The proposal allows to perform the scheduling plan from pessimistic and  
683 optimistic perspectives, being therefore adaptable to different operational strategies  
684 adopted by the operator.

685 Extensive simulations have been performed on a benchmark MG model. Preliminary  
686 experiments revealed that the developed optimization model is fully competitive with  
687 other standard approaches like stochastic programming. In fact, substantial computational  
688 savings were observed, thus validating the developed tool for day-ahead scheduling  
689 applications. Numerical experiments allowed to analyze how the different scheduling



690 strategies (pessimistic or optimistic) impact on different operating aspects. For example,  
691 it has been observed a decreasing exploitation of the hydrogen storage facility for  
692 increasing uncertain levels in pessimistic environments, while the dependency of backup  
693 generation and total operation cost increases. The degree of uncertainty also affects  
694 consumers subjected to DR programs, which are generally less covered as the uncertain  
695 grows. In general, the opposite trend was observed in the different results when the system  
696 is operated under an optimistic point of view. This way, the results revealed the  
697 effectiveness of the new proposal to handle with uncertainties in hydrogen-based MGs,  
698 highlighting its practical implications in industry tools. The developed model is modular  
699 enough to be easily applied to other systems. In addition, its particular versatile structure  
700 allows to incorporate real-time control modules, thus providing a totally usefulness tools  
701 for MG operators.

702 In the future, we will study the applicability of the new proposal in multi-energy hubs,  
703 home energy management tools and electric vehicle recharging stations.

#### 704 **Appendix A - Linearization of products of continuous and integer variables**

705 Let us consider  $k$  integer variables  $\delta_i, \forall i \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  and a continuous variable  $x$ ,  
706 then the product of the integer variables by the continuous one can be replaced by the  
707 linear dummy variable  $z = x \cdot \delta_1 \cdot \delta_2 \cdot \dots \cdot \delta_k$  by imposing the constraints (A1) and (A2)  
708 [49].

$$709 \quad x - \sum_{i=1}^{i=k} \{M \cdot (1 - \delta_i)\} \leq z \leq x + \sum_{i=1}^{i=k} \{M \cdot (1 - \delta_i)\} \quad (\text{A1})$$

$$710 \quad -M \cdot \delta_i \leq z \leq M \cdot \delta_i; \quad \forall i \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\} \quad (\text{A2})$$

#### 711 **Appendix B - Linearization of quadratic and cubic terms**

712 To linearize quadratic and cubic terms, we use an efficient piecewise representation  
713 of the nonlinear function (e.g. see [52]). Let us denote the nonlinear function  $\psi$  of which  
714 its limits are known. Then, the range of the concerned function is divided into  $n$  points,  
715 so that its piecewise representation is given by:

$$716 \quad \tilde{\psi} = \langle \tilde{x}_i, \psi(\tilde{x}_i) \rangle; \forall i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \quad (B1)$$

717       Wherever the nonlinear term appears in the problem, it can be replaced by the dummy  
718 variable  $z$ , which is calculated as:

$$719 \quad z = \sum_{i=2}^{i=n} \{\delta_i \cdot (K_i \cdot x + L_i)\} \quad (B2)$$

720 where  $\delta$  is a binary SOS1 [51], and  $K, L$  are respectively calculated, as follows:

$$721 \quad K_i = \frac{\psi(\tilde{x}_i) - \psi(\tilde{x}_{i-1})}{\tilde{x}_i - \tilde{x}_{i-1}}; \forall i \in \{2, 3, \dots, n\} \quad (B3)$$

$$722 \quad L_i = \psi(\tilde{x}_i) - K_i \cdot \tilde{x}_i; \forall i \in \{2, 3, \dots, n\} \quad (B4)$$

723       By declaring  $\delta$  as a SOS1, one ensures that only one segment of (B1) is activated at  
724 once. Finally, the constraint in (B5) links  $\delta$  with the set of points  $\tilde{x}$ .

$$725 \quad \sum_{i=1}^{i=n-1} \{\delta_i \cdot \tilde{x}_i\} \leq x \leq \sum_{i=2}^{i=n} \{\delta_{i-1} \cdot \tilde{x}_i\} \quad (B5)$$

726       The products of integer and continuous variables that appear in (B1) can be linearized  
727 following the strategy described in Appendix A.

### 728 **Appendix C - Linearization of bi-linear terms**

729       To linearize bi-linear terms, we use one of the advanced piecewise representations  
730 developed in [51]. More precisely, we use the formulation denoted as ‘nf4l’ in this  
731 reference, because its good trade-off between computational burden and accuracy. Let us  
732 consider the product of the continuous variables  $x$  and  $y$ , which will be replaced in the  
733 model by the dummy variable  $z$ . Let us declare the integer set  $\delta$  as a SOS1 and the grid-  
734 point partitioning of the domain of  $x$ , as follows:

$$735 \quad x \approx \langle \tilde{x}_i \rangle; \forall i \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\} \quad (C1)$$

736       Thereby, the variable  $x$  is approximated by its piecewise representation, which is  
737 constructed by introducing the continuous variable  $\Delta\tilde{x}$  and the constraints (C2)-(C4):

$$738 \quad m_i = \tilde{x}_i - \tilde{x}_{i-1}; \forall i \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\} \quad (C2)$$

$$739 \quad x = \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} \{\delta_i \cdot \tilde{x}_{i-1} + \Delta\tilde{x}_i\} \quad (C3)$$

$$740 \quad 0 \leq \Delta\tilde{x}_i \leq m_i \cdot \delta_i; \forall i \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\} \quad (C4)$$

741 Similarly, the variable  $y$  can be represented by the limits of its domain and the  
 742 continuous variable  $\Delta y$ , which represents the deviation of the continuous variable from  
 743 its lower bound. This model is implemented with the constraints (C5) and (C6).

$$744 \quad y = \underline{y} + \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} \{\Delta y_i\} \quad (C5)$$

$$745 \quad 0 \leq \Delta y_i \leq (\bar{y} - \underline{y}) \cdot \delta_i; \quad \forall i \in \{0,1, \dots, n\} \quad (C6)$$

746 Finally, the variable  $z$  can be effectively calculated with (C7) by linking the  
 747 representations of the variables  $x$  and  $y$  above, for which, the continuous variable  $\Delta z$  has  
 748 to be declared, whose bounds are given in (C8)-(C10).

$$749 \quad z = \underline{y} \cdot x + \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} \{\tilde{x}_{i-1} \cdot \Delta y_i\} + \Delta z \quad (C7)$$

$$750 \quad \Delta z \geq \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} \{m_i \cdot \Delta y_i\} + (\bar{y} - \underline{y}) \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} \{\Delta \tilde{x}_i - m_i \cdot \delta_i\} \quad (C8)$$

$$751 \quad \Delta z \leq (\bar{y} - \underline{y}) \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} \{\Delta \tilde{x}_i\} \quad (C9)$$

$$752 \quad \Delta z \leq \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} \{m_i \cdot \delta_i\} \quad (C10)$$

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