Results and Output of Premium Capping Schemes

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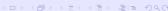
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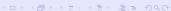
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The idea of capping premium increases

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The idea is to avoid financial hardship by capping increases.





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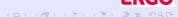
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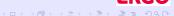


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Many reports for each scheme • folder



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Objective: just a wink to people how dislike component files. . .



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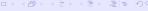
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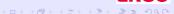
Export providing schemes to mainframe programs

Objective: quickly build and export useful capping schemes.



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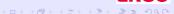




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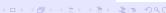
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There are working prototypes but some points are still being discussed.





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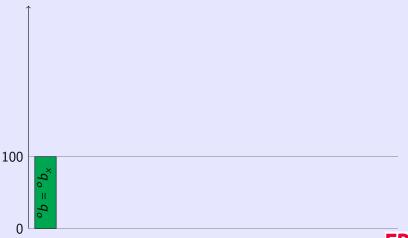
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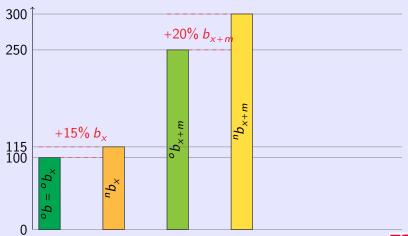




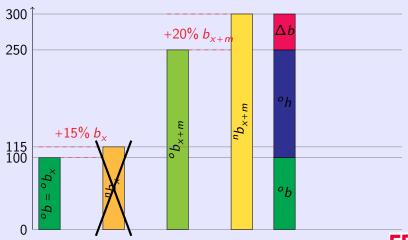


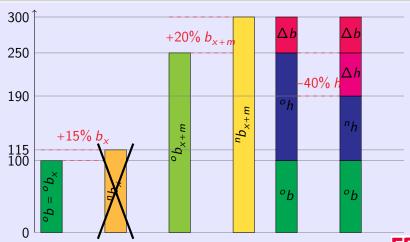


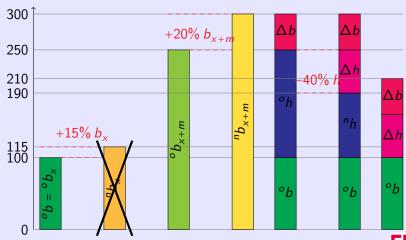


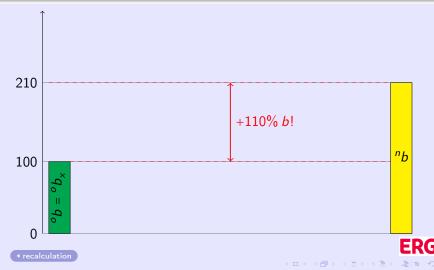


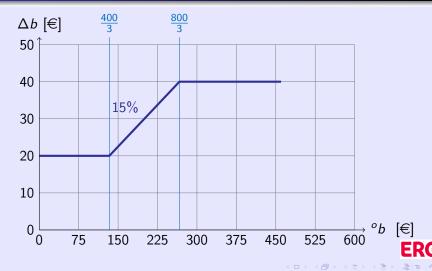


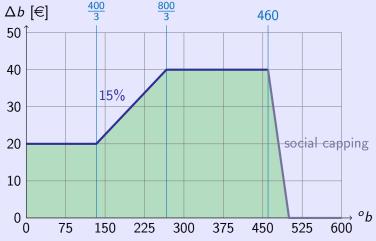


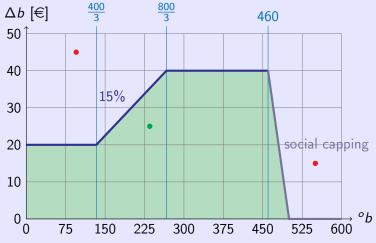


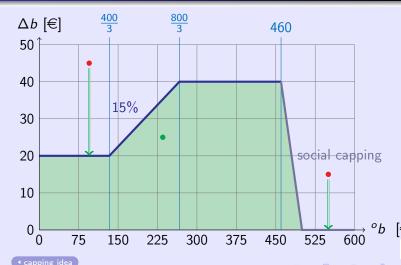












Surplus of DKV and its use (older years)

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year	capping scheme	premium refunding	added surplus	
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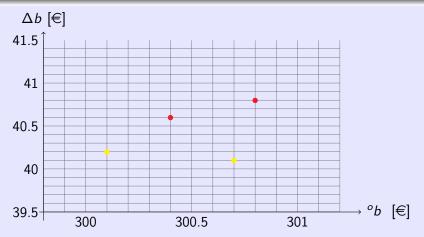
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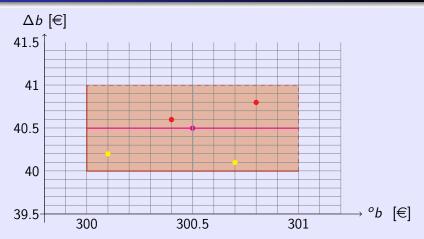
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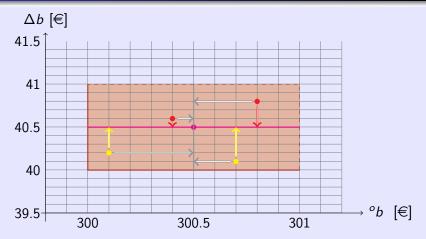
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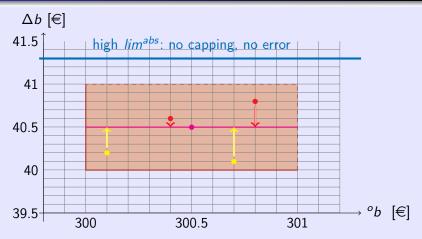


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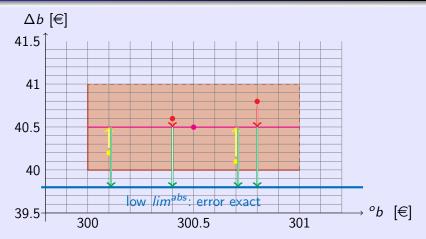




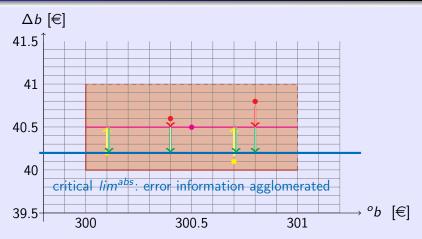




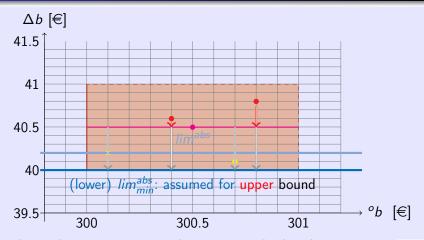




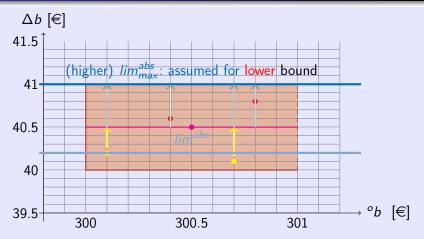














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