



A Probabilistic Optimization Reliability Assessment Commitment Framework

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Brief Review of Reliability Assessment Commitment

Brief Review of Reliability Assessment Commitment (RAC)

- **A commitment process after Day Ahead clearing and throughout the operating day**
- **The purpose of the RAC process is to ensure that sufficient capacity is available to meet Real-Time demand for energy and reserves.**
 - Forward RAC is run prior to the operating day for the entire day.
 - Intra-day RAC is run periodically during the day and covers a period from current hour to the end of the day.
- **RAC depends upon forecasts of Demand, Net Scheduled Interchange, Intermittent Resource Availability, etc.**
 - Considerable uncertainty can exist in the forecasts given that they cover periods that may be several hours in the future.

Dealing with Uncertainty

- **The current RAC formulation employs a deterministic unit commitment**
 - How to deal with uncertainty?
 - Allocating enough operating reserve
 - Usually to cover the worst case scenario, can be expensive
 - Operator's judgment and response to uncertainty
- **Characteristics of the resources for commitment can be quite different**
 - Slow start resources, long notification time and may require hours to come on-line
 - Fast start, can be on line within 10 or 30 minutes etc
 - Commitment of fast start resources can wait till real time, after uncertainty resolved.

Dealing with Uncertainty

- **Ideally, we should commit resources taking into account the uncertainties around future conditions (Demand, NSI, Intermittent Resource Availability, etc.) at the time.**
 - The state at time t will consist of the demand, NSI, intermittent resource availability, etc. at time t as well as the states (demand, NSI, intermittent resource availability) that were occupied in times 1 through $t-1$
 - As time moves forward, past states will be known and future states will be subject to uncertainty.
 - Initially, we will assume that we have an estimate of the probability that the system will be in a given state at a particular time given the states prior to that time.
- **Probabilistic optimization is a natural framework to deal with such a problem.**

Probabilistic Optimization Framework

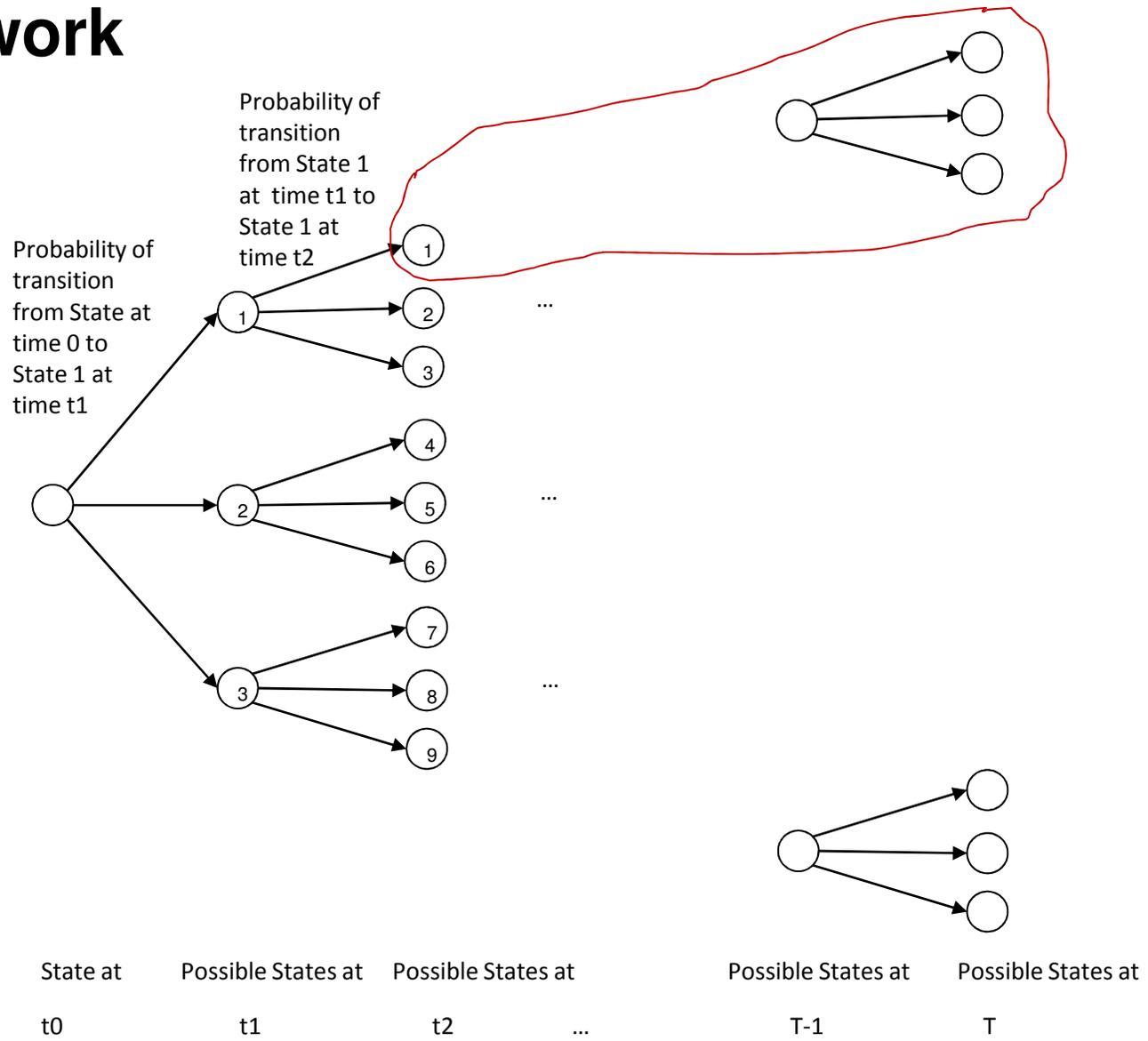
Framework

- **Assume that we will run commitment and dispatch problems at times 1, 2, ... T.**
 - At time 0 (prior to the operating day) we will run a commitment problem only.
- **Suppose that we are at time t:**
 - Outcomes for all conditions at time = 1, 2, ..., t are known.
 - Commitment and dispatch actions taken at time = 0, 1, ... t-1 are fixed.
 - Given the state at time t, we have estimates of the probability distribution for states at time t+1.
 - Similarly, for each state at time t+1, we have probability distributions for states at time t+2; etc.

Framework

- **The next slide shows the tree of possible future states starting at time 0.**
- **At time t , we know the state of the system. Pruning the tree to start at this state and moving to times $t+1, \dots, T$ shows the possible future states and their probabilities.**
 - The part circled in red, shows the tree of possible future states starting from time 2 assuming that we are in state 1 at time 2.

Framework



Framework

- **At time t , we want to determine:**
 - Resources to which we should send start signals at time t
 - Dispatch instructions to resources on line at time t to meet requirements at time t
- **We want to minimize:**
 - The cost of commitment and dispatch actions taken at time t plus
 - The expected costs of commitment and dispatch actions that we will take at times $t+1, \dots, T$ to meet requirements in the future.
- **We minimize expected production cost from time t through T given the state at time t .**

Probabilistic Optimization Framework

- **The previous probabilistic optimization framework results in a very large optimization problem.**
 - Problem size grows exponentially in number of states and decision variables as number of stages grows (time steps).
 - Not practical to solve with existing commercial software.
- **We can seek to reduce the number of stages in the optimization.**
 - Formulate a simplified problem as a two stage probabilistic optimization.

Simplified Probabilistic Optimization



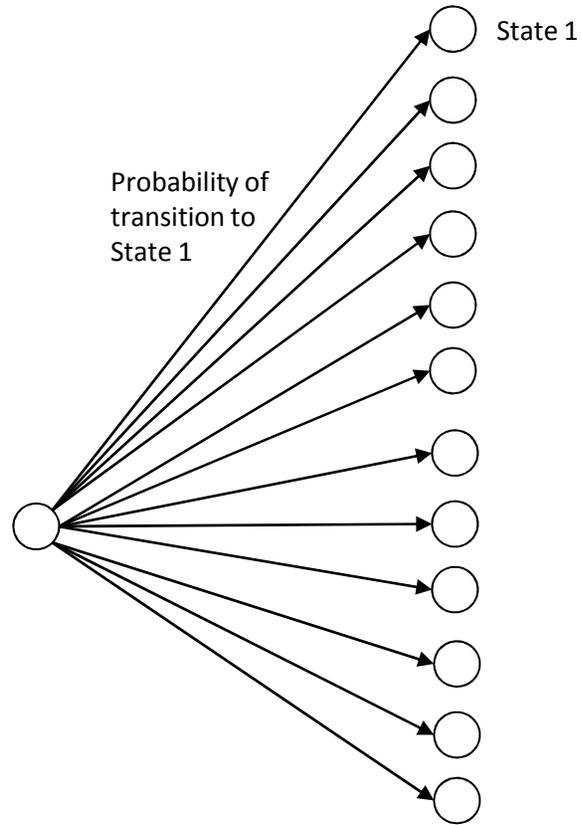
Simplified Probabilistic Optimization

- **Two stage probabilistic optimization:**
 - Stage 1: Commitment decisions for slow start units for remainder of the day must be made at the start of the optimization before uncertainty is resolved.
 - Stage 2: Commitment decisions for fast start resources and dispatch decisions for all committed resources are made after uncertainty is resolved.
 - In reality, these commitment and dispatch decisions will be made for a few hours at a time.
 - Will fit in the future look ahead commitment (LAC) and look ahead dispatch (LAD) framework
- **System states in stage 2 will be uncertain when decisions are made in the first stage.**
 - Index system states by l .



Let p_l be the probability of state l occurring in the second stage.

Simplified Tree



Stage 1

Slow Start Commitment

Stage 2

Fast Start Commitment
and Dispatch



Simplified Formulation

- **This formulation minimizes:**
 - The cost of committing slow start resources before uncertainty is resolved
- Plus
 - The expected cost of committing fast start resources and dispatching all committed resources to meet requirements after uncertainty is resolved in all possible states.
- **Problem size is significantly reduced and can be solved using commercial solvers as long as we keep the number of states small.**

Problems with Simplified Formulation

- **Problems remain with the simplified formulation.**
 - It can be difficult to set realistic probabilities on the states after reducing the complex tree to the simple two step tree.
 - This can produce results that do not actually minimize expected production costs in the more realistic model.
- **We can address these issues by choosing to minimize costs to ensure the ability to operate reliably in all states.**
 - In the first stage, commit slow start resources that will enable the RTO meet requirements in the second stage by committing fast start resources and dispatch.
 - Ignore costs in the second stage and focus only on first stage costs to meet reliability goals.
 - We can call this a “robust optimization” formulation.

Robust Optimization

Robust Optimization

- **Robust optimization can be viewed as setting the probabilities in the simplified formulation to zero.**
 - The expected costs of committing fast start resources and dispatching committed resources are ignored in the optimization.
 - The argument is: managing the economic impact of uncertainty should be left to the participants and not taken on by the RTO.
 - Only the feasibility constraints in the second stage are considered.
- **Extension to Robust optimization formulation exists, e.g.,**
 - The costs of committing fast start resources for a pre-defined scenario is considered in the optimization.
 - This can help RTO to achieve additional goals
 - The feasibility constraints in the second stage are considered.

Numerical Examples

A Six Generators Example

- **Generator information**

Generator #	Unit Type	EconMin (MW)	EconMax (MW)	StartUpCost (\$)	NoLoadCost (\$)	Incremental Cost (\$/MWh)
1	Slow start	5500	6500	1000	0	5
2	Slow start	50	580	0	580	50
3	Slow start	150	350	500	350	20
4	Slow start	300	400	500	100	19
5	Fast start	50	60	0	3500	120
6	Fast start	50	50	0	0	160

- **Assuming energy only clearing, no Ancillary Service requirement, also assuming Generator #1 is combination of several smaller units with similar cost structure.**
- **Expected Load at 7051MW**

MIS Possible high and low load are 7351 and 6801MW

Re deterministic model – minimum commitment cost

- Commit against expected Load 7051MW
- Unit 1 and 2 will be on, and the dispatch results are:

unit	on/off	Dispatch MW (MW)	Commitment Cost (\$)	Production Cost (\$)	LMP (\$/MWh)	Revenue (\$)	RSG (\$)
1	1	6500	28500	33500	50	325000	0
2	1	551	3080	28130	50	27550	580
3	0	0	0	0	50	0	0
4	0	0	0	0	50	0	0
5	0	0	0	0	50	0	0
6	0	0	0	0	50	0	0

- What will happen if actual load is higher than the expected load, for example, load goes up to 7351MW?
 - Fast start unit 5 & 6 will be called on
 - Slow start units 3 & 4 can not be on due to time limitation
 - Total available capacity is 7190MW, short of 161MW.
 - Scarcity!

Two Stage Probabilistic Model

- 2 stage stochastic model
- Assuming three scenarios with different load

	Scenario1	Scenario2	Scenario3
Probability	0.3	0.6	0.1
Demand (MW)	7351	7051	6801

- Commitment results

Slow start unit commitment result			
unit	on/off		
1	1		
2	1		
3	1		
4	1		
Fast start unit	scenario 1	scenario 2	scenario 3
5	0	0	0
6	0	0	0

Two Stage Probabilistic Model

- Dispatch results under different scenarios:

	Scenario1 (demand = 7351 MW)						Scenario2 (demand = 7051 MW)						Scenario3 (demand = 6081 MW)					
Unit #	Dispatch MW (MW)	Commitment Cost (\$)	Production Cost (\$)	LMP (\$/MWh)	Revenue (\$)	RSG (\$)	Dispatch MW (MW)	Commitment Cost (\$)	Production Cost (\$)	LMP (\$/MWh)	Revenue (\$)	RSG (\$)	Dispatch MW (MW)	Commitment Cost (\$)	Production Cost (\$)	LMP (\$/MWh)	Revenue (\$)	RSG (\$)
1	6500	28500	33500	50	325000	0	6500	28500	33500	19	123500	0	6301	28500	32505	5	31505	1000
2	101	3080	5630	50	5050	580	50	3080	3080	19	950	2130	50	3080	3080	5	250	2830
3	350	3850	7850	50	17500	0	150	3850	3850	19	2850	1000	150	3850	3850	5	750	3100
4	400	6300	8200	50	20000	0	351	6300	7269	19	6669	600	300	6300	6300	5	1500	4800
5	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0
6	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0
Total	7351	41730	55180			580	7051	41730	47699			3730	6801	41730	45735			11730

- Expected production cost: \$49,746.9
- Commitment results rely on probabilities of scenarios

Note: RSG is the uplift payment needed to cover the cost



Two Stage Robust Model

- **Still assume same three load scenarios:**
 - High load: 7351MW
 - Middle load: 7050MW
 - Low load: 6801MW

- **Commitment results:**

Slow start unit commitment result			
unit	on/off		
1	1		
2	1		
3	1		
4	0		
Fast start unit	scenario 1	scenario 2	scenario 3
5	1	1	0
6	1	1	1

Two Stage Robust Model

- Dispatch results under different scenarios:

unit	Scenario1 (demand = 7351 MW)						Scenario2 (demand = 7051 MW)						Scenario3 (demand = 6081 MW)					
	Dispatch MW (MW)	Commitment Cost (\$)	Production Cost (\$)	LMP (\$/MWh)	Revenue (\$)	RSG (\$)	Dispatch MW (MW)	Commitment Cost (\$)	Production Cost (\$)	LMP (\$/MWh)	Revenue (\$)	RSG (\$)	Dispatch MW (MW)	Commitment Cost (\$)	Production Cost (\$)	LMP (\$/MWh)	Revenue (\$)	RSG (\$)
1	6500	28500	33500	50	325000	0	6500	28500	33500	50	325000	0	6500	28500	33500	20	130000	0
2	501	3080	25630	50	25050	580	201	3080	10630	50	10050	580	50	3080	3080	20	1000	2080
3	350	3850	7850	50	17500	0	350	3850	7850	50	17500	0	251	3850	5870	20	5020	850
4		0	0	50	0	0		0	0	50	0	0		0	0	20	0	0
5		0	0	50	0	0		0	0	50	0	0		0	0	20	0	0
6		0	0	50	0	0		0	0	50	0	0		0	0	20	0	0
Total	7351	35430	66980			580	7051	35430	51980			580	6801	35430	42450			2930

The accuracy of the probabilities for each scenario is not important
 The reach-ability of the scenarios is still maintained.

Conclusion

- **A simplified probabilistic optimization RAC framework is presented**
 - To deal with more uncertainties in RTO's business
 - Application to RTO's operation seems achievable
- **Variations for actual applications can be made to achieve different goals**
- **Benefits:**
 - Improved reliability with capability to cover different scenarios
 - More economic if RTO can reduce reserve procurement

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Appendices: Mathematical Formulations

Mathematical Formulation for Probabilistic Optimization Framework

Probabilistic Optimization Framework

- **Index possible system states at time t by l_t**
 - We will assume that only demand depends upon state
 - Let the vector of nodal demands be given by $\mathbf{d}_t^{l_t}$
 - Let the probability of transitioning to state l_t depend upon state at time t-1: $p(l_t|l_{t-1})$
- **Index resources by i**
 - Resource characteristics for resource i:
 - m_{it} = minimum output from unit i in period t if unit is on
 - M_{it} = maximum output from unit i in period t if unit is on
 - $ramp_{it}$ = maximum ramp from unit i between period t - 1 and period t
 - $StartCost_{it}$ = Cost to start unit i in period t
 - $NoLoad_{it}$ = No load cost for unit i in period t if unit is on
 - $GenCost_{it}(\cdot)$ = Production cost above No Load Cost to produce energy from unit i in period t
 - $notify_i$ = notification time needed from receiving start signal to being on - line

Probabilistic Optimization Framework

- **Decision variables for resource i:**

$$start_{it}^{l_t} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if the decision in period } t \text{ is not to start unit } i \text{ given the state in period } t \\ 1 & \text{if the decision in period } t \text{ is to start unit } i \text{ given the state in period } t \end{cases}$$

$$on_{it}^{l_t} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if unit } i \text{ is off in period } t \text{ given the state in period } t \\ 1 & \text{if unit } i \text{ is on in period } t \text{ given the state in period } t \end{cases}$$

$$g_{it}^{l_t} = \text{output of unit } i \text{ in period } t \text{ given the state in periods } t$$

- At time 0, we only will have commitment decisions since it is before the operating day.
- We will use the constant on_{i0} to indicate that a unit was on at the end of the last day and does not require a start decision to be on-line.

Formulation for Energy Only

$$\min_{\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{on}, \mathbf{start}} \left[\sum_{t=1}^T \left[\sum_{l_t} p(l_t | l_{t-1}) \cdot \left[\sum_i (StartCost_{i,t+notify_i} \cdot start_{it}^{l_t} + NoLoad_{it} \cdot on_{it}^{l_t}) + \sum_i GenCost_{it}(g_{it}^{l_t}) \right] \right] + \sum_i (StartCost_{i,notify_i} \cdot start_{i0}) \right]$$

subject to

$$m_{it} \cdot on_{it}^{l_t} \leq g_{it}^{l_t} \leq M_{it} \cdot on_{it}^{l_t} \quad \forall i, l_t, t \geq 1$$

$$-ramp_{it} \leq g_{it}^{l_t} - g_{i,t-1}^{l_t} \leq ramp_{it} \cdot on_{it}^{l_t} \quad \forall i, l_t, t \geq 1$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 0 \leq on_{it}^{l_t} \leq on_{i,t-1}^{l_t} \quad \text{if } t - notify_i < 0 \\ start_{i,0} \leq on_{it}^{l_t} \leq start_{i,0} + on_{i,t-1}^{l_t} \quad \text{if } t - notify_i = 0 \\ start_{i,t-notify_i}^{l_1 \dots l_t} \leq on_{it}^{l_1 \dots l_t} \leq start_{i,t-notify_i}^{l_1 \dots l_t} + on_{i,t-1}^{l_1 \dots l_t} \quad \text{otherwise} \end{array} \right\} \quad \forall i, l_t, t \geq 1$$

$$start_{i0} = 0 \text{ or } 1 \quad \forall i$$

$$start_{it}^{l_t} = 0 \text{ or } 1 \quad \forall i, l_t, t \geq 1$$

$$on_{it}^{l_t} = 0 \text{ or } 1 \quad \forall i, l_t, t \geq 1$$

$$\mathbf{e}^T \mathbf{g}_t^{l_t} + (\mathbf{LossSen}_t^{l_t})^T \mathbf{g}_t^{l_t} = (\mathbf{e} + \mathbf{LossSen}_t^{l_t})^T \mathbf{d}_t^{l_t} - OffSet_t^{l_t} \quad \forall l_t, t \geq 1$$

$$(\nabla Flow_{kt}^{l_t})^T \mathbf{g}_t^{l_t} \leq F_{kt}^{max, l_t} + (\nabla Flow_{kt}^{l_t})^T \mathbf{d}_t^{l_t} \quad \forall k, l_t, t \geq 1$$

Formulation for Energy Only Expanded to Show Nested Nature of Decisions

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left[\sum_i (StartCost_{i,notify_i} \cdot start_{i0}) \right. \\
 & \left. + \sum_{l_1} p(l_1) \cdot \left[\min_{g_1^{l_1}, on_1^{l_1}, start_1^{l_1}} \sum_i (StartCost_{i,1+notify_i} \cdot start_{i,1}^{l_1} + NoLoad_{i,1} \cdot on_{i,1}^{l_1}) + \sum_i GenCost_{i,1}(g_{i,1}^{l_1}) \right. \right. \\
 & \left. \left. + \sum_{l_2} p(l_2|l_1) \cdot \left[\min_{g_2^{l_2}, on_2^{l_2}, start_2^{l_2}} \sum_i (StartCost_{i,2+notify_i} \cdot start_{i,2}^{l_2} + NoLoad_{i,2} \cdot on_{i,2}^{l_2}) + \sum_i GenCost_{i,2}(g_{i,2}^{l_2}) \right] \right. \right. \\
 & \left. \left. \begin{array}{l} + \dots \\ \text{Subject to} \\ \text{Operating constraints at time 2} \end{array} \right] \right. \\
 & \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Subject to} \\ \text{Operating constraints at time 1} \end{array} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Subject to

$$start_{i0} = 0,1 \quad \forall i$$

Operating Constraints in Formulation

- Operating constraints at time t for state l_t

$$\begin{aligned}
 m_{it} \cdot on_{it}^{l_t} &\leq g_{it}^{l_t} \leq M_{it} \cdot on_{it}^{l_t} && \forall i \\
 -ramp_{it} &\leq g_{it}^{l_t} - g_{i,t-1}^{l_{t-1}} \leq ramp_{it} \cdot on_{it}^{l_t} && \forall i \\
 0 \leq on_{it}^{l_t} &\leq on_{i,t-1}^{l_{t-1}} && \text{if } t - notify_i < 0 \\
 start_{i,0} &\leq on_{it}^{l_t} \leq start_{i,0} + on_{i,t-1}^{l_{t-1}} && \text{if } t - notify_i = 0 \\
 start_{i,t-notify_i}^{l_{t-notify_i}} &\leq on_{it}^{l_t} \leq start_{i,t-notify_i}^{l_{t-notify_i}} + on_{i,t-1}^{l_{t-1}} && \text{otherwise} \\
 start_{it}^{l_t} &= 0 \text{ or } 1 && \forall i \\
 on_{it}^{l_t} &= 0 \text{ or } 1 && \forall i \\
 \mathbf{e}^T \mathbf{g}_t^{l_t} + (\mathbf{LossSen}_t^{l_t})^T \mathbf{g}_t^{l_t} &= (\mathbf{e} + \mathbf{LossSen}_t^{l_t})^T \mathbf{d}_t^{l_t} - Offset_t^{l_t} \\
 (\nabla Flow_{kt}^{l_t})^T \mathbf{g}_t^{l_t} &\leq F_{kt}^{max,l_t} + (\nabla Flow_{kt}^{l_t})^T \mathbf{d}_t^{l_t} && \forall k
 \end{aligned}$$

Mathematical Formulation for Simplified Probabilistic Optimization Framework

Formulation

- **We will change the start up decision variable to reflect the decision to have a resource on-line at time t instead of the time the start-up signal is sent.**

$start_{it}$ = the decision variable to start slow start resource i to be on - line at time t

$start_{it}^l$ = $\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{the decision variable to start a fast start resource i to be on - line at time t} \\ \text{when the system is in state } l \end{array} \right)$

Simplified Formulation

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i \in SlowStart} (StartCost_{it} \cdot start_{it} + NoLoad_{it} \cdot on_{it} + GenCost_{it}(on_{it} \cdot m_{it})) \\
 & \min_{\substack{on, start \text{ for} \\ \text{Fast Start} \\ g \text{ for all}}} \sum_{t=1}^T \left[\sum_{i \in FastStart} (StartCost_{it} \cdot start_{it}^l + NoLoad_{it} \cdot on_{it}^l) \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \sum_{i \in FastStart} GenCost_{it}(g_{it}^l) + \sum_{i \in SlowStart} GenCost_{it}(g_{it}^l) - \sum_{i \in SlowStart} GenCost_{it}(on_{it} \cdot m_{it}) \right] \\
 & \text{subject to} \\
 & m_{it} \cdot on_{it}^l \leq g_{it}^l \leq M_{it} \cdot on_{it}^l \quad \forall i \in FastStart, t \\
 & -ramp_{it} \leq g_{it}^l - g_{i,t-1}^l \leq ramp_{it} \cdot on_{it}^l \quad \forall i \in FastStart, t \\
 & start_{it}^l \leq on_{it}^l \leq start_{it}^l + on_{i,t-1}^l \quad \forall i \in FastStart, t \\
 & \sum_l p_l \cdot start_{it}^l = 0 \text{ or } 1 \quad \forall i \in FastStart, t \\
 & on_{it}^l = 0 \text{ or } 1 \quad \forall i \in FastStart, t \\
 & m_{it} \cdot on_{it} \leq g_{it}^l \leq M_{it} \cdot on_{it} \quad \forall i \in SlowStart, t \\
 & -ramp_{it} \leq g_{it}^l - g_{i,t-1}^l \leq ramp_{it} \cdot on_{it} \quad \forall i \in SlowStart, t \\
 & \mathbf{e}^T \mathbf{g}_t^l + (\mathbf{LossSen}_t^l)^T \mathbf{g}_t^l = (\mathbf{e} + \mathbf{LossSen}_t^l)^T \mathbf{d}_t^l - Offset_t^l \quad \forall t \\
 & (\nabla Flow_{kt}^l)^T \mathbf{g}_t^l \leq F_{kt}^{max,l} + (\nabla Flow_{kt}^l)^T \mathbf{d}_t^l \quad \forall k, t
 \end{aligned}$$

$\min_{on, start \text{ for Slow Start}} \sum_l p_l \cdot$

subject to

$$\begin{aligned}
 & start_{it} \leq on_{it} \leq start_{it} + on_{i,t-1} \quad \forall i \in SlowStart, t \\
 & start_{it} = 0 \text{ or } 1 \quad \forall i \in SlowStart, t \\
 & on_{it} = 0 \text{ or } 1 \quad \forall i \in SlowStart, t
 \end{aligned}$$

Mathematical Formulation for Robust Optimization Framework

Robust Optimization Framework

$$\min_{\substack{g, on, start \text{ for} \\ \text{All Units}}} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i \in SlowStart} (StartCost_{it} \cdot start_{it} + NoLoad_{it} \cdot on_{it} + GenCost_{it} (on_{it} \cdot m_{it}))$$

subject to

$$\begin{aligned} m_{it} \cdot on_{it} &\leq g_{it}^l \leq M_{it} \cdot on_{it} && \forall i \in SlowStart, l, t \\ -ramp_{it} &\leq g_{it}^l - g_{i,t-1}^l \leq ramp_{it} \cdot on_{it} && \forall i \in SlowStart, l, t \\ start_{it} &\leq on_{it} \leq start_{it} + on_{i,t-1} && \forall i \in SlowStart, t \\ start_{it} &= 0 \text{ or } 1 && \forall i \in SlowStart, t \\ on_{it} &= 0 \text{ or } 1 && \forall i \in SlowStart, t \\ m_{it} \cdot on_{it}^l &\leq g_{it}^l \leq M_{it} \cdot on_{it}^l && \forall i \in FastStart, l, t \\ -ramp_{it} &\leq g_{it}^l - g_{i,t-1}^l \leq ramp_{it} \cdot on_{it}^l && \forall i \in FastStart, l, t \\ start_{it}^l &\leq on_{it}^l \leq start_{it}^l + on_{i,t-1}^l && \forall i \in FastStart, l, t \\ start_{it}^l &= 0 \text{ or } 1 && \forall i \in FastStart, l, t \\ on_{it}^l &= 0 \text{ or } 1 && \forall i \in FastStart, l, t \\ \mathbf{e}^T \mathbf{g}_t^l + (\mathbf{LossSen}_t^l)^T \mathbf{g}_t^l &= (\mathbf{e} + \mathbf{LossSen}_t^l)^T \mathbf{d}_t^l - OffSet_t^l && \forall l, t \\ (\nabla Flow_{kt}^l)^T \mathbf{g}_t^l &\leq F_{kt}^{max,l} + (\nabla Flow_{kt}^l)^T \mathbf{d}_t^l && \forall k, l, t \end{aligned}$$