

# COURS RTE 2022

## OPTIMISATION STOCHASTIQUE



### En guise de conclusion

Mélange des techniques de décomposition spatiale  
et de décomposition par blocs temporels

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# Two time scales stochastic control problem. . .

We start with a stochastic multistage optimization problem presenting a **two time scales structure**

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{(\mathbf{X}_{0:D+1}, \mathbf{U}_{0:D})} \mathbb{E} & \left[ \sum_{d=0}^D L_d(\mathbf{X}_d, \mathbf{U}_d, \mathbf{W}_d) + K(\mathbf{X}_{D+1}) \right] \\ \text{s.t. } \mathbf{X}_0 &= x_0, \quad \mathbf{X}_{d+1} = f_d(\mathbf{X}_d, \mathbf{U}_d, \mathbf{W}_d) \\ & \sigma(\mathbf{U}_{d,m}) \subset \sigma(\mathbf{W}_{d',m'}, (d', m') \leq (d, m)) \end{aligned}$$

The decision  $\mathbf{U}_d$  (resp. noise  $\mathbf{W}_d$ ) at the slow time step  $d$  is a sequence of decisions (resp. noises) at the fast time scale

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{U}_d &= (\mathbf{U}_{d,0}, \dots, \mathbf{U}_{d,m}, \dots, \mathbf{U}_{d,M}) \\ \mathbf{W}_d &= (\mathbf{W}_{d,0}, \dots, \mathbf{W}_{d,m}, \dots, \mathbf{W}_{d,M}) \end{aligned}$$

$\mathbf{X}_d$  being the state at the beginning of the slow time step  $d$

We assume that the  $\mathbf{W}_d$  are **independent** at the slow time scale

# that incorporates a large spatial dimension

The problem is assumed to have a **large spatial dimension**

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{(\mathbf{x}_{0:D+1}, \mathbf{u}_{0:D})} \mathbb{E} & \left[ \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \sum_{d=0}^D L_d^i(\mathbf{x}_d^i, \mathbf{u}_d^i, \mathbf{w}_d) + K^i(\mathbf{x}_{D+1}^i) \right) \right] \\ \text{s.t. } & \mathbf{x}_0^i = x_0^i, \quad \mathbf{x}_{d+1}^i = f_d^i(\mathbf{x}_d^i, \mathbf{u}_d^i, \mathbf{w}_d) \\ & \sigma(\mathbf{u}_{d,m}^i) \subset \sigma(\mathbf{w}_{d',m'}^i, (d', m') \leq (d, m)) \\ & \sum_{i=1}^N \Theta_d^i(\mathbf{x}_d^i, \mathbf{u}_d^i, \mathbf{w}_d) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

The question is: how to decompose the problem **both**

- **in the time dimension** (time blocks)
- **and in the space dimension** (units)

If we first perform a **time blocks decomposition** (say by resources), we obtain a collection of relaxed deterministic intraday function  $L_d^R$

$$L_d^R(x_d^1, \dots, x_d^N, r_{d+1}^1, \dots, r_{d+1}^N) = \min_{\mathbf{U}_d} \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^N L_d^i(x_d^i, \mathbf{U}_d^i, \mathbf{W}_d) \right]$$

s.t.  $f_d^i(x_d^i, \mathbf{U}_d^i, \mathbf{W}_d^i) \geq r_{d+1}^i, \forall i \in \llbracket 1, N \rrbracket$   
 $\sigma(\mathbf{U}_{d,m}^i) \subset \sigma(\mathbf{W}_{d,0:m}), \forall i \in \llbracket 1, N \rrbracket$   
 $\sum_{i=1}^N \Theta_d^i(\mathbf{x}_d^i, \mathbf{U}_d^i, \mathbf{W}_d) = 0$

- This intraday problem seems to be a stochastic version of the deterministic problem solved by **Antares** when using targets
- The problem may be difficult to solve in a stochastic framework
- and has to be solved for every pair  $(x_d, r_{d+1})$

Once computed the resource intraday functions, we have to solve the associated Bellman equation

$$\bar{V}_d^R(x_d) = \inf_{r_{d+1}} L_d^R(x_d, r_{d+1}) + \bar{V}_{d+1}^R(r_{d+1})$$

- This Bellman equation can not be solved directly by DP  
→ **curse of dimensionality**
- SDDP, or some decomposition tool, is needed

If we first perform a **spatial decomposition** (say by prices), we obtain a collection of subproblems indexed by the spatial index  $i$

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{U}_d^i} \mathbb{E} & \left[ \sum_{d=0}^D L_d^i(\mathbf{X}_d^i, \mathbf{U}_d^i, \mathbf{W}_d) + \langle \lambda_d, \Theta_d^i(\mathbf{X}_d^i, \mathbf{U}_d^i, \mathbf{W}_d) \rangle + K^i(\mathbf{X}_{D+1}^i) \right] \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & f_d^i(\mathbf{X}_d^i, \mathbf{U}_d^i, \mathbf{W}_d) = \mathbf{X}_{d+1}^i \\ & \sigma(\mathbf{U}_{d,m}^i) \subset \sigma(\mathbf{W}_{d',m'}^i, (d', m') \leq (d, m)) \end{aligned}$$

- This subproblem involves a small dimension state
- and displays a two time scales structure, hence possible **time blocks decomposition**

In order to use time blocks decomposition with resources, one has to check that the **monotonicity property** holds true when introducing the duality terms  $\langle \lambda_d, \Theta_d^i(\mathbf{X}_d^i, \mathbf{U}_d^i, \mathbf{W}_d) \rangle$  in the criterion...

Performing a **time blocks decomposition** (say by resources) on the  $i$ -th subproblem leads to defining deterministic intraday functions  $L_d^{R,i}$

$$L_d^{R,i}(x_d^i, r_{d+1}^i, \lambda_d) = \min_{\mathbf{U}_d^i} \mathbb{E} \left[ L_d^i(x_d^i, \mathbf{U}_d^i, \mathbf{W}_d) + \langle \lambda_d, \Theta_d^i(x_d^i, \mathbf{U}_d^i, \mathbf{W}_d) \rangle \right]$$

s.t.  $f_d^i(x_d^i, \mathbf{U}_d^i, \mathbf{W}_d) \geq r_{d+1}^i$   
 $\sigma(\mathbf{U}_{d,m}^i) \subset \sigma(\mathbf{W}_{d,0:m})$

Once computed the intraday functions, we have to solve a **Bellman equation** associated to subsystem  $i$

$$\bar{V}_d^{R,i}(x_d^i) = \min_{r_{d+1}^i} L_d^{R,i}(x_d^i, r_{d+1}^i, \lambda_d) + \bar{V}_{d+1}^{R,i}(r_{d+1}^i)$$

and then **update the prices**  $\lambda_d$  by a gradient-like method

- The computation of the intraday functions for all pair  $(x_d^i, r_{d+1}^i)$  is tractable, but has to be done for different values of the price  $\lambda_d$
- The Bellman equation involves a low dimension state