

Decision Programming for Multi-Stage Optimization under Uncertainty

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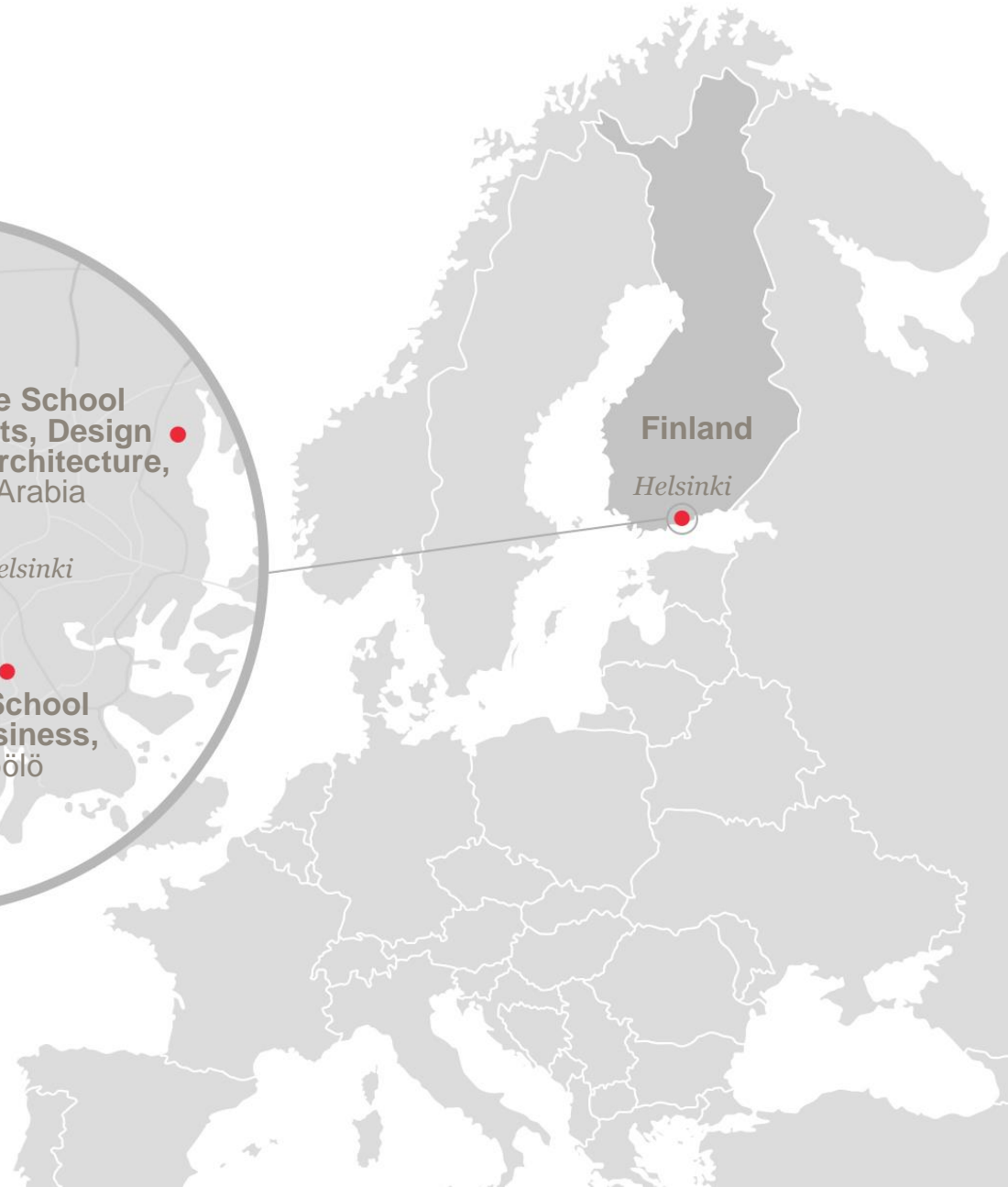
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Portfolio Decision Analysis

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“By Portfolio Decision Analysis (PDA) we mean a body of theory, methods, and practice

which seeks to help decision makers make informed multiple selections from a discrete set of alternatives through mathematical modeling that accounts for relevant constraints, preferences, and uncertainties.”

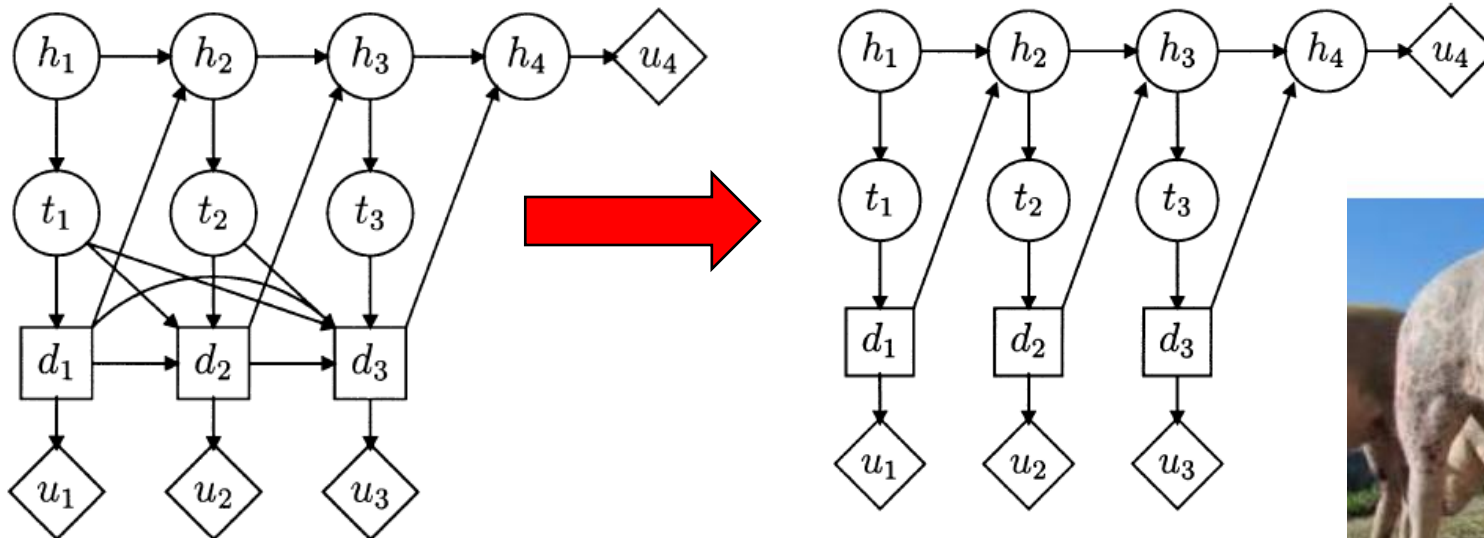
Winner of the 2013 Publication Award of the Decision Analysis Society of the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS)

Influence diagrams

- Graphical representations of
 - ① chance, decision and value nodes
 - ② arcs which indicate dependencies between these
- Common solution approaches (Howard & Matheson, 2005; Bielza et al 2010)
 - ① Form the decision tree and it solve with dynamic programming
 - ② Eliminate nodes (after arc reversals, if needed)
- Assumptions and limitations
 - Earlier decisions must be recalled ('no forgetting')
 - Risk constraints cannot be easily handled
 - Problems of portfolio decision analysis become unwieldy

Limited information influence diagrams (LIMID)

- Pigs are grown for four months and then sold
- Diagnosing t_i and treating pigs d_j through injections (Lauritzen and Nilsson, 2001)





Pig farm problem

- Pigs sold after 4 months, diseased ones for 300 DKK, healthy for 1000 DKK
- A pig has the disease after the first month with 10 % probability
- Monthly tests: diseased pigs indicated with 80% probability and healthy 90% probability
- Based on tests, pigs can be injected at for 100 DKK
- If injected, a healthy pig develops the disease in the following month with 10% probability; and without injection, with 20%
- If injected, a diseased pig remains diseased in the following month with 50% probability%; without injection, with 90% probability



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Contingent Portfolio Programming for the Management of Risky Projects

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Methods for selecting a research and development (R&D) project portfolio have attracted considerable interest among practitioners and academics. This notwithstanding, the industrial uptake of these methods has remained limited, partly because of the difficulties of capturing relevant concerns in R&D portfolio management. Motivated by these difficulties, we develop contingent portfolio programming (CPP), which extends earlier approaches in that it (i) uses states of nature to capture exogenous uncertainties, (ii) models resources through dynamic state variables, and (iii) provides guidance for the selection of an optimal project portfolio that is compatible with the decision maker's risk attitude. Although CPP is presented here in the context of R&D project portfolios, it is applicable to a variety of investment problems where the dynamics and interactions of investment opportunities must be accounted for.

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Characteristics of PDA in R&D project selection

■ Projects

- Can be started in different ways (not only ‘go/no-go’ decisions)
- Can offer opportunities for follow-up investments
- Can involve interdependencies (synergies, cannibalization)

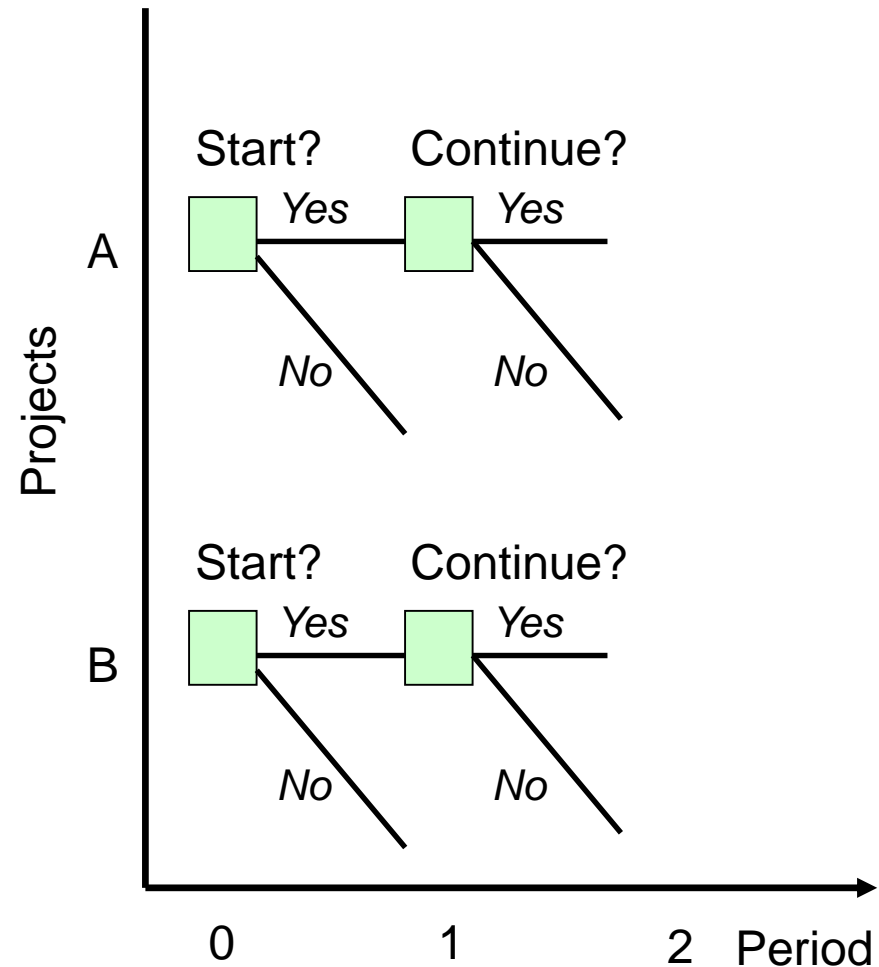
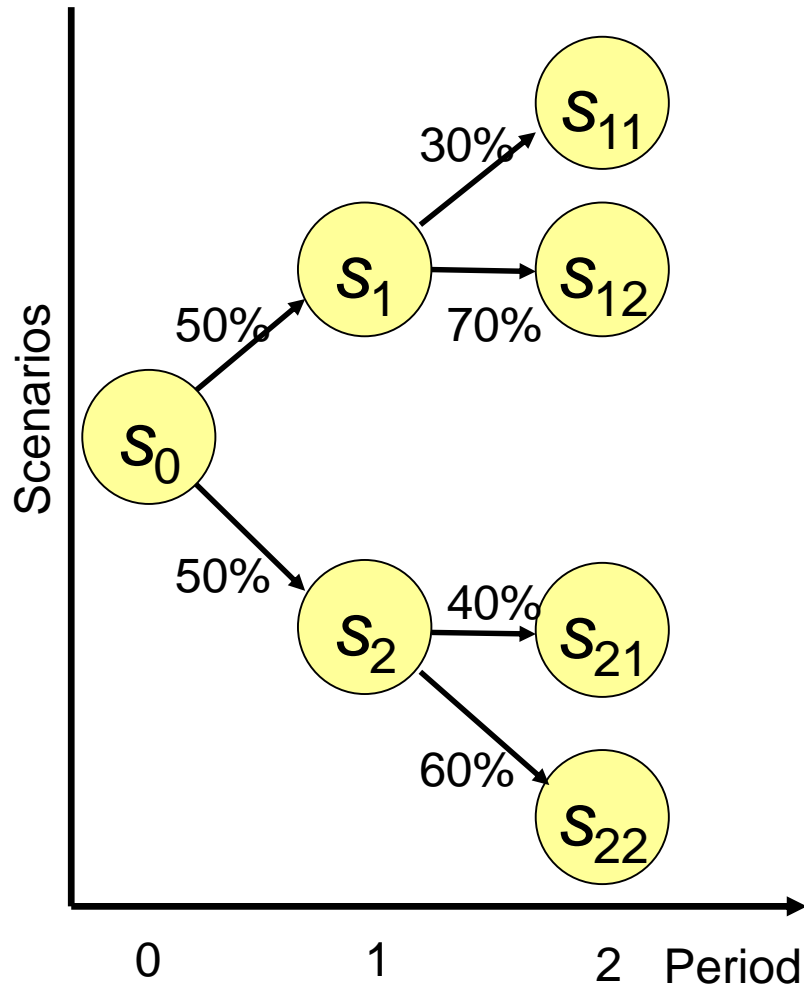
■ Uncertainties

- **Exogenous** – do not depend on project decisions (e.g., total market size)
- **Endogenous** – are influenced by project decisions (e.g., time-to-market)

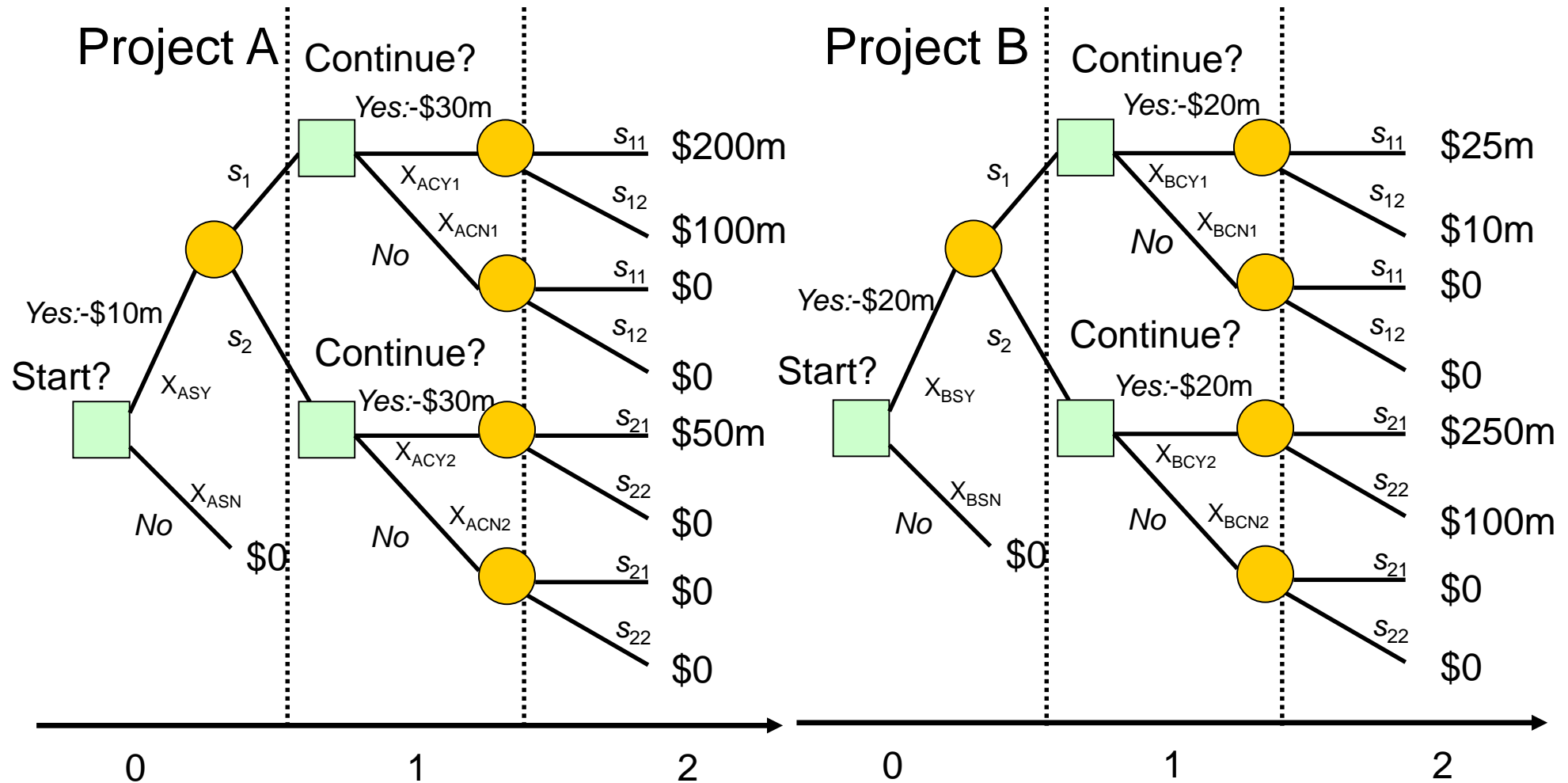
An example of Contingent Portfolio Programming (CPP)

- A portfolio of two projects: A and B
 - One or both can be started at $t=0$
 - Continued investments possible at $t=1$
 - If completed, projects yield cash flows at $t=2$
- Cash flows from projects are contingent on scenarios
- Money as the only resource
 - Initial budget $b = \$100\text{m}$
 - Leftover budget invested at the risk free interest rate $r = 8\%$

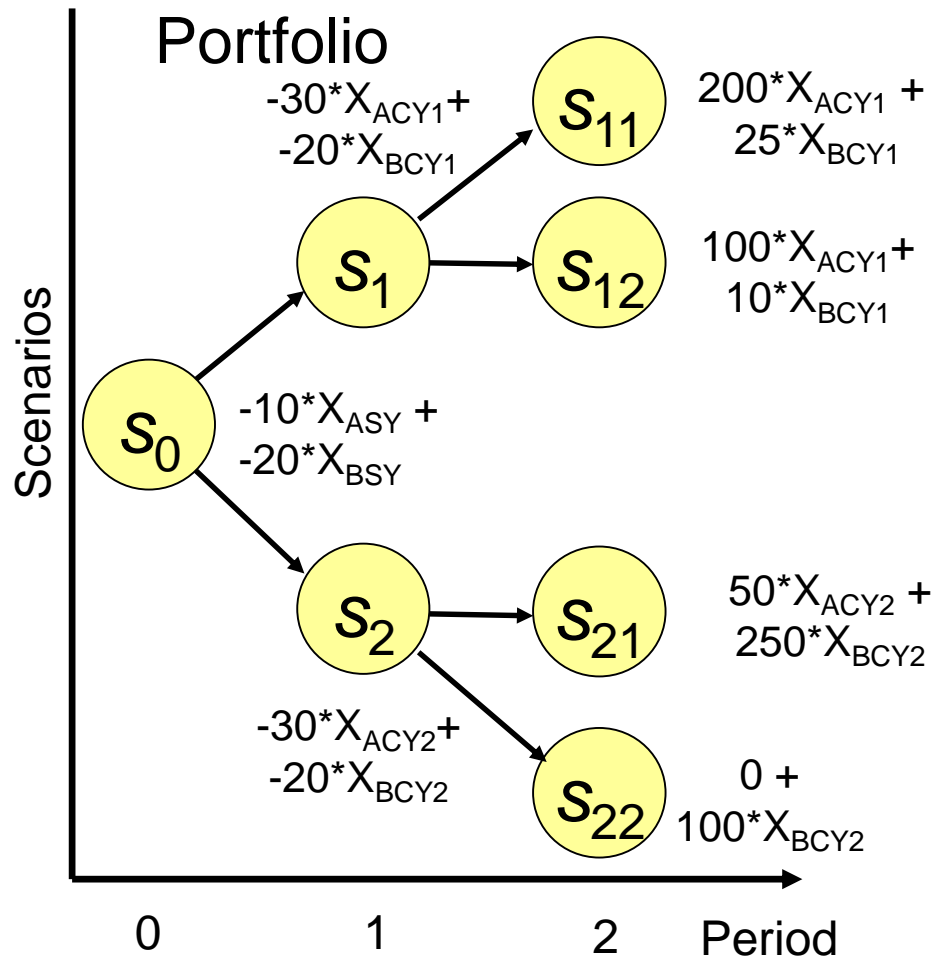
Scenario tree and decisions



Parallel decision trees



Cash flows for the portfolio of two projects



- Maximize NPV certainty equivalent
 - Approximated by the linear model $E[NPV] - k \cdot absdev[NPV]$
 - $absdev$ = mean absolute deviation (model remains linear)
- Subject to
 - Consistency constraints
 - Resource constraints
 - Deviation constraints
- Note: Project cash flows are negatively correlated

Constraints

Consistency constraints:

$$X_{ASY} + X_{ASN} = 1$$

$$X_{ACY1} + X_{ACN1} = X_{ASY}$$

$$X_{ACY2} + X_{ACN2} = X_{ASY}$$

$$X_{BSY} + X_{BSN} = 1$$

$$X_{BCY1} + X_{BCN1} = X_{BSY}$$

$$X_{BCY2} + X_{BCN2} = X_{BSY}$$

Resource constraints:

$$-10 \cdot X_{ASY} - 20 \cdot X_{BSY} + 100 - RS_{s0} = 0$$

$$-30 \cdot X_{ACY1} - 20 \cdot X_{BCY1} + 1.08 \cdot RS_{s0} - RS_{s1} = 0$$

$$-30 \cdot X_{ACY2} - 20 \cdot X_{BCY2} + 1.08 \cdot RS_{s0} - RS_{s2} = 0$$

$$200 \cdot X_{ACY1} + 25 \cdot X_{BCY1} + 1.08 \cdot RS_{s1} - RS_{s11} = 0$$

$$100 \cdot X_{ACY1} + 10 \cdot X_{BCY1} + 1.08 \cdot RS_{s1} - RS_{s12} = 0$$

$$50 \cdot X_{ACY2} + 250 \cdot X_{BCY2} + 1.08 \cdot RS_{s2} - RS_{s21} = 0$$

$$100 \cdot X_{BCY2} + 1.08 \cdot RS_{s2} - RS_{s22} = 0$$

Resource surplus variables RS indicate how much resources there are after each scenario

Deviation constraints

$$NPV_{sp}^r(\mathbf{X}) - ENPV^r(\mathbf{X}) - \Delta NPV_{sp}^{r+} + \Delta NPV_{sp}^{r-} = 0$$

First deviation constraint:

$$NPV_{s11}(\mathbf{X}) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} -10 \cdot X_{ASY} - 20 \cdot X_{BSY} + 1/1.08 \cdot (-30 \cdot X_{ACY1} - 20 \cdot X_{BCY1}) \\ + 1/1.08^2 \cdot (200 \cdot X_{ACY1} + 25 \cdot X_{BCY1}) \end{array} \right.$$

$$ENPV(\mathbf{X}) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} - [-10 \cdot X_{ASY} - 20 \cdot X_{BSY} \\ + 50\% \cdot 1/1.08 \cdot (-30 \cdot X_{ACY1} - 20 \cdot X_{BCY1}) \\ + 50\% \cdot 1/1.08 \cdot (-30 \cdot X_{ACY2} - 20 \cdot X_{BCY2}) \\ + 50\% \cdot 30\% \cdot 1/1.08^2 \cdot (200 \cdot X_{ACY1} + 25 \cdot X_{BCY1}) \\ + 50\% \cdot 70\% \cdot 1/1.08^2 \cdot (100 \cdot X_{ACY1} + 10 \cdot X_{BCY1}) \\ + 50\% \cdot 40\% \cdot 1/1.08^2 \cdot (50 \cdot X_{ACY2} + 250 \cdot X_{BCY2}) \\ + 50\% \cdot 60\% \cdot 1/1.08^2 \cdot (100 \cdot X_{BCY2})] \\ - \Delta NPV_{sp11}^+ + \Delta NPV_{sp11}^- = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

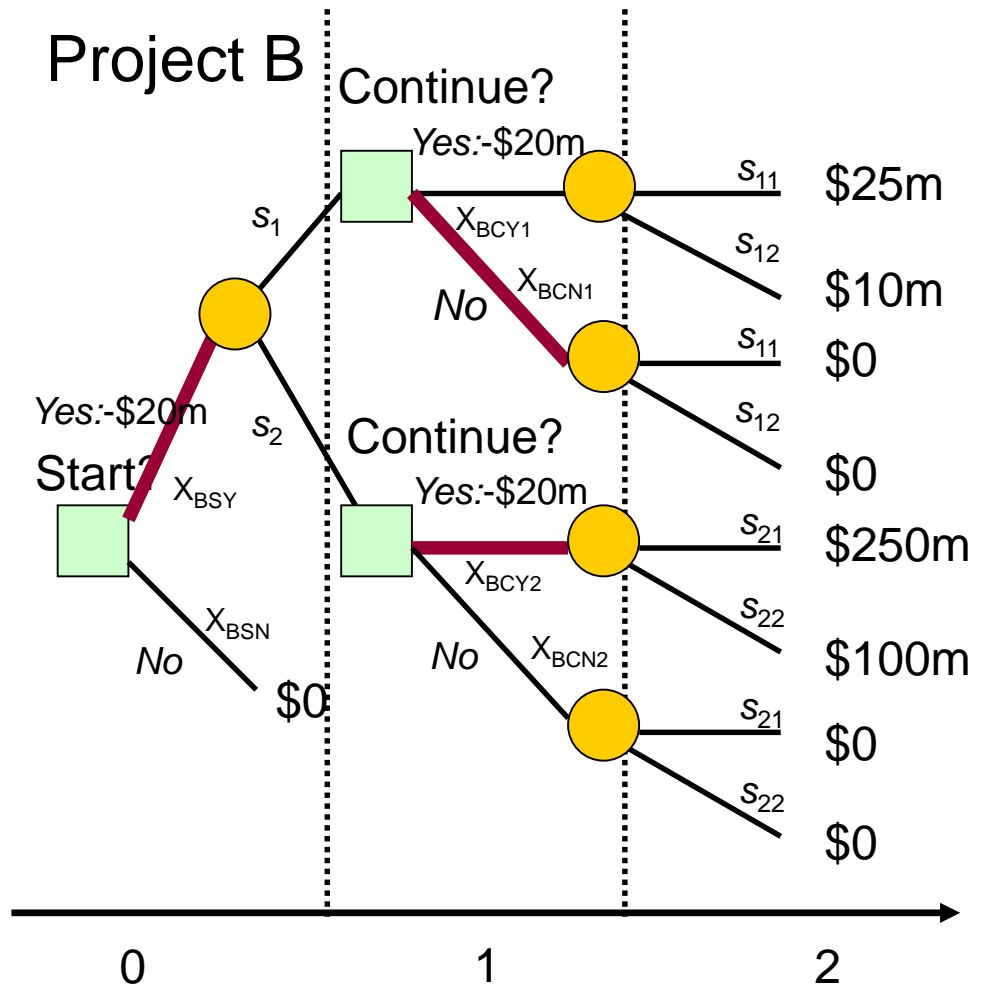
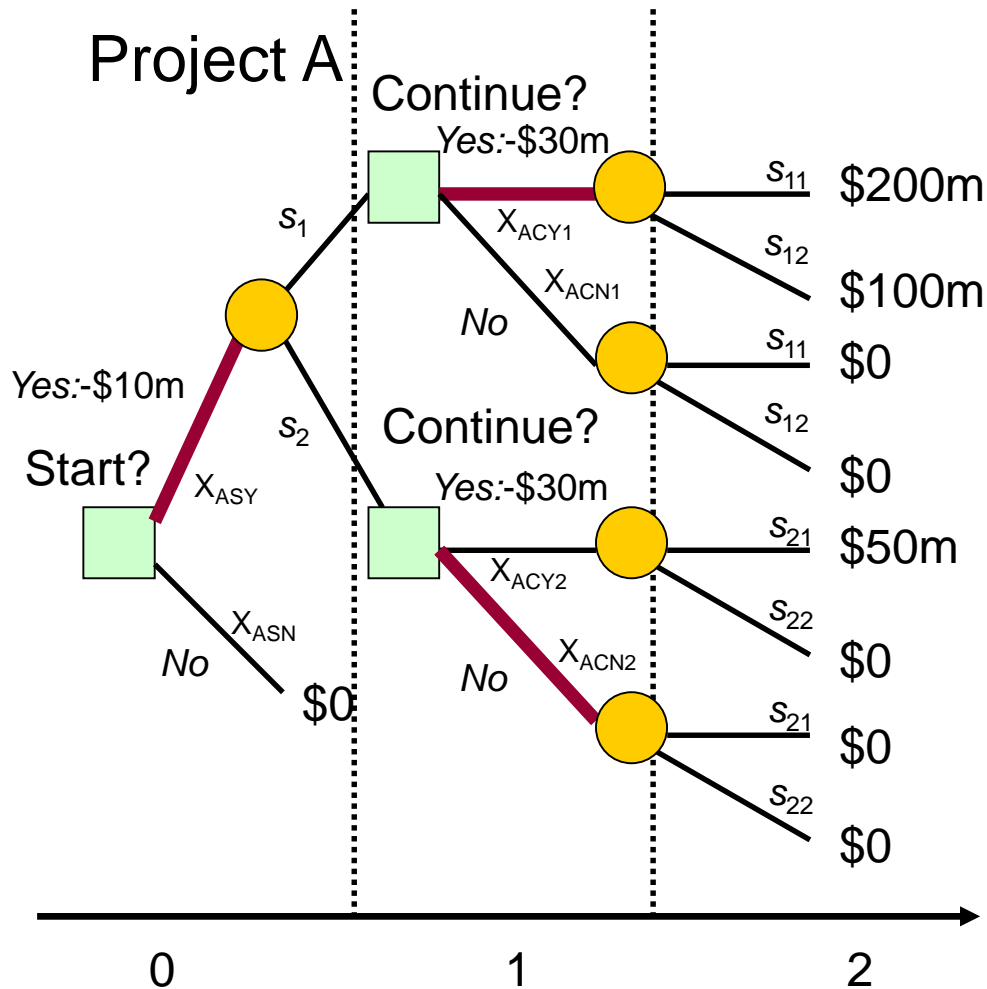
Deviation variables

ΔNPV 's indicate by how much the present value in each scenario path deviates from the expected NPV

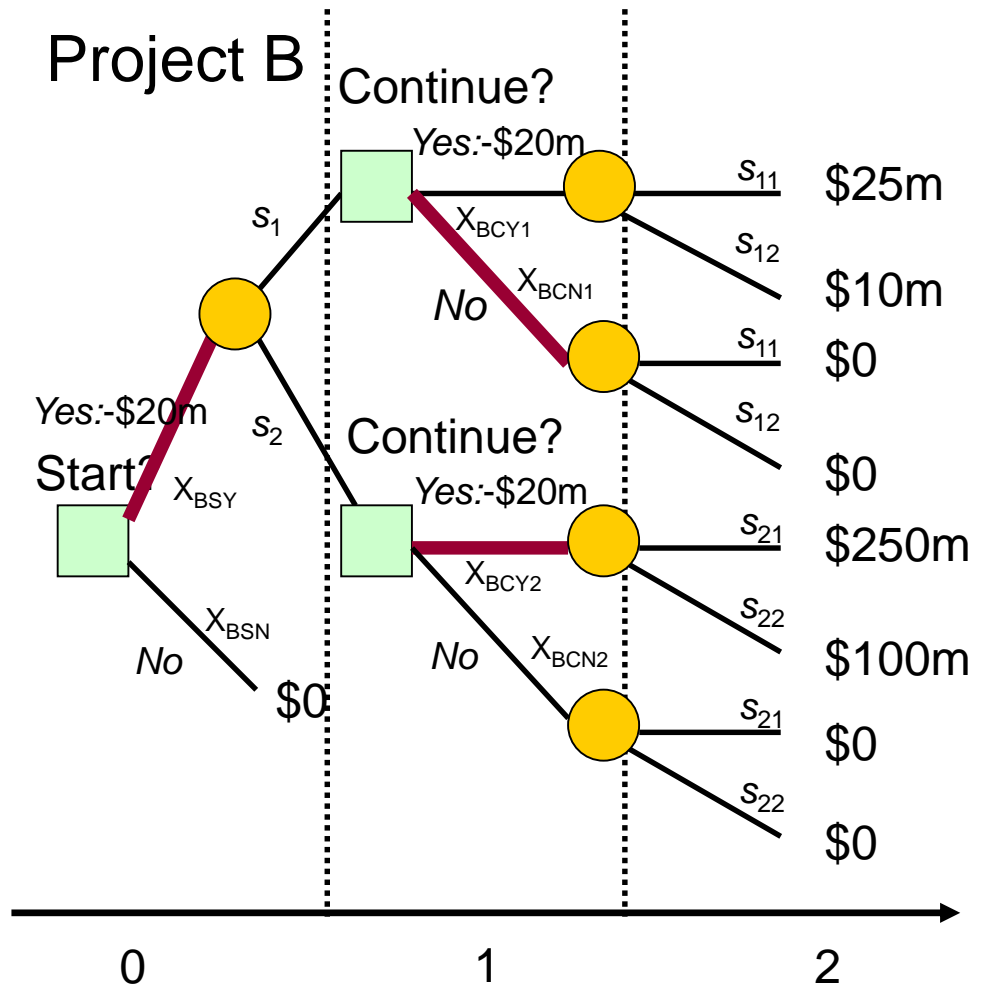
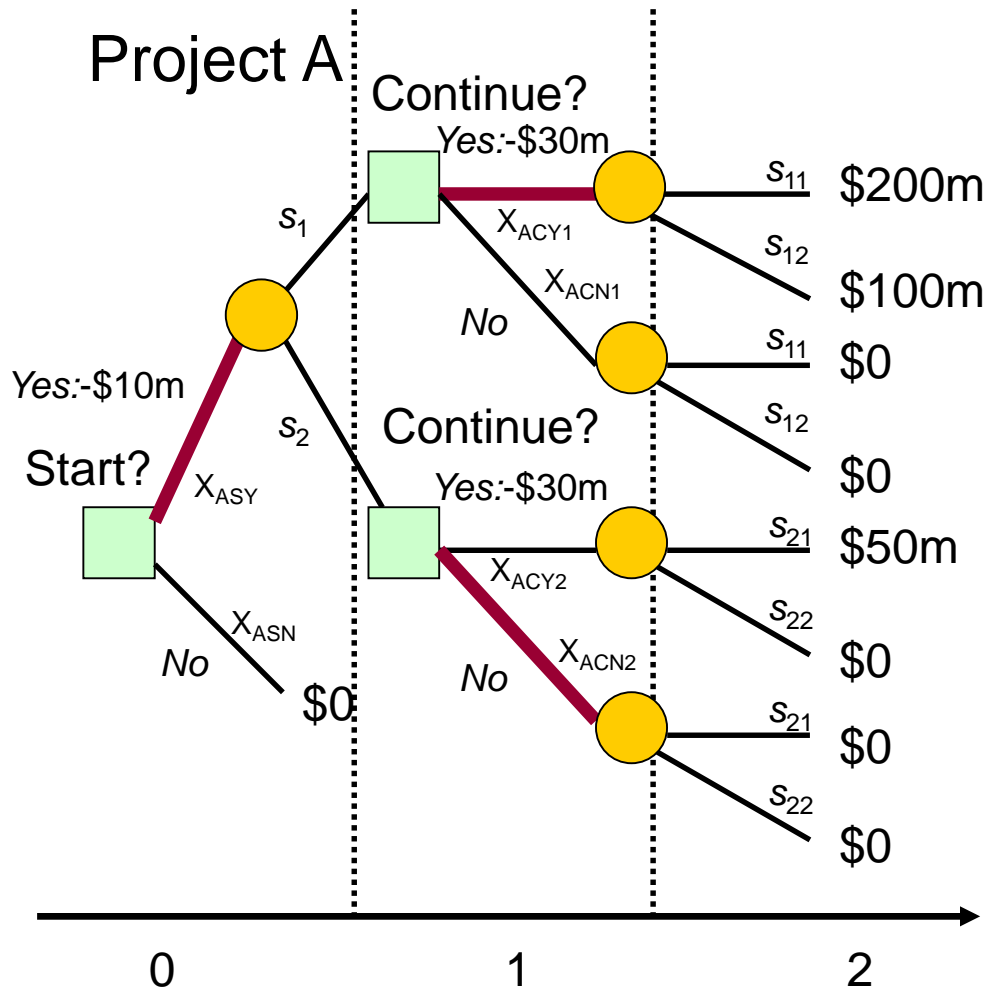
Objective function

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\text{Maximize} \left\{ \begin{aligned}
 &-10 \cdot X_{ASY} - 20 \cdot X_{BSY} + \\
 &50\% \cdot 1/1.08 \cdot (-30 \cdot X_{ACY1} - 20 \cdot X_{BCY1}) + \\
 &50\% \cdot 1/1.08 \cdot (-30 \cdot X_{ACY2} - 20 \cdot X_{BCY2}) + \\
 &ENPV \left\{ \begin{aligned}
 &50\% \cdot 30\% \cdot 1/1.08^2 \cdot (200 \cdot X_{ACY1} + 25 \cdot X_{BCY1}) + \\
 &50\% \cdot 70\% \cdot 1/1.08^2 \cdot (100 \cdot X_{ACY1} + 10 \cdot X_{BCY1}) + \\
 &50\% \cdot 40\% \cdot 1/1.08^2 \cdot (50 \cdot X_{ACY2} + 250 \cdot X_{BCY2}) + \\
 &50\% \cdot 60\% \cdot 1/1.08^2 \cdot (100 \cdot X_{BCY2})
 \end{aligned} \right. \\
 &k \longrightarrow -0.25 \cdot [\\
 &absdev \left\{ \begin{aligned}
 &50\% \cdot 30\% \cdot (\Delta NPV_{sp11}^+ + \Delta NPV_{sp11}^-) + \\
 &50\% \cdot 70\% \cdot (\Delta NPV_{sp12}^+ + \Delta NPV_{sp12}^-) + \\
 &50\% \cdot 40\% \cdot (\Delta NPV_{sp21}^+ + \Delta NPV_{sp21}^-) + \\
 &50\% \cdot 60\% \cdot (\Delta NPV_{sp22}^+ + \Delta NPV_{sp22}^-)
 \end{aligned} \right.
 \end{aligned} \right.
 \end{aligned}$$

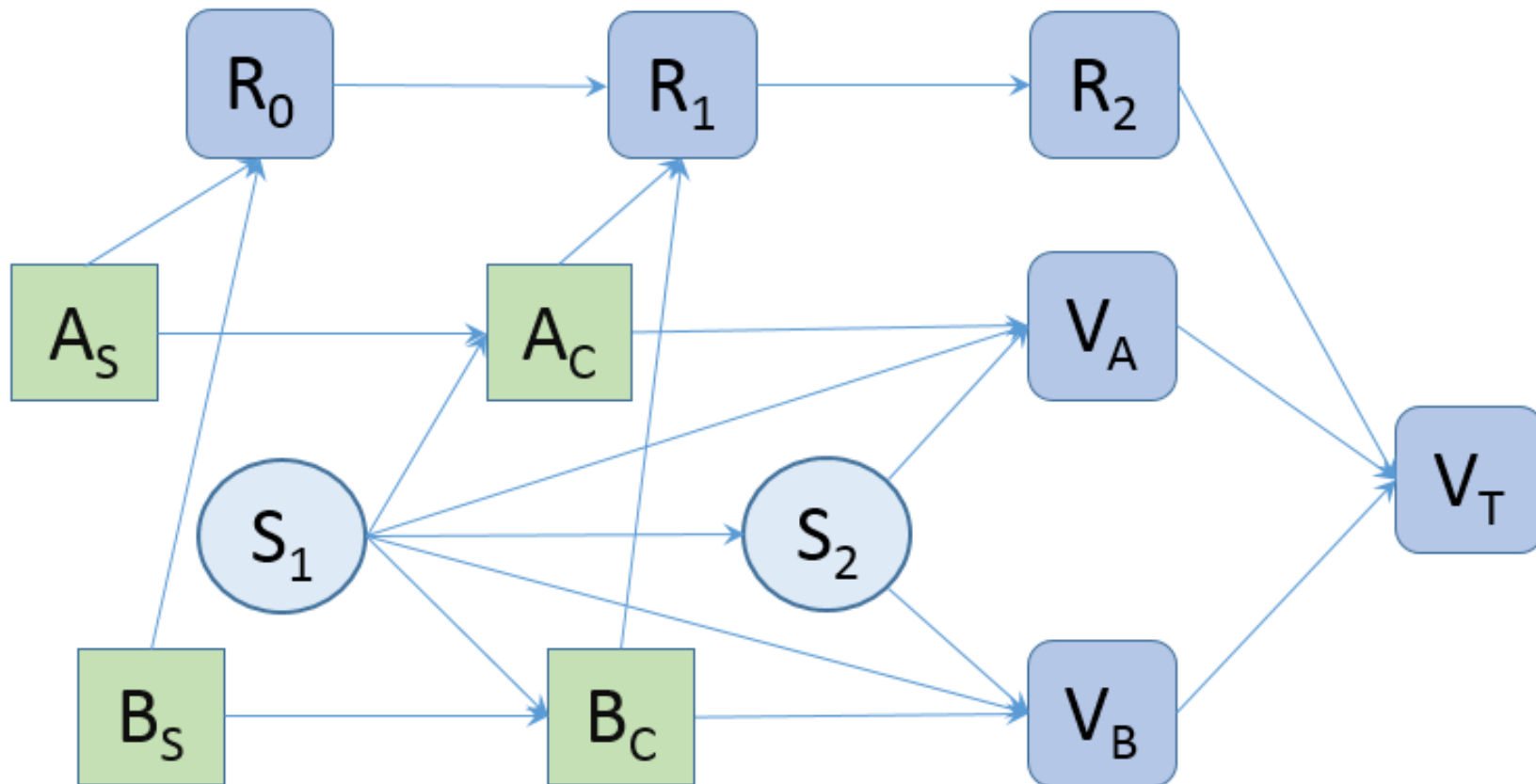
Solution in decision trees



Solution in decision trees



Influence diagram for this CPP example





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Decision Support

Scenario-based portfolio model for building robust and proactive strategies



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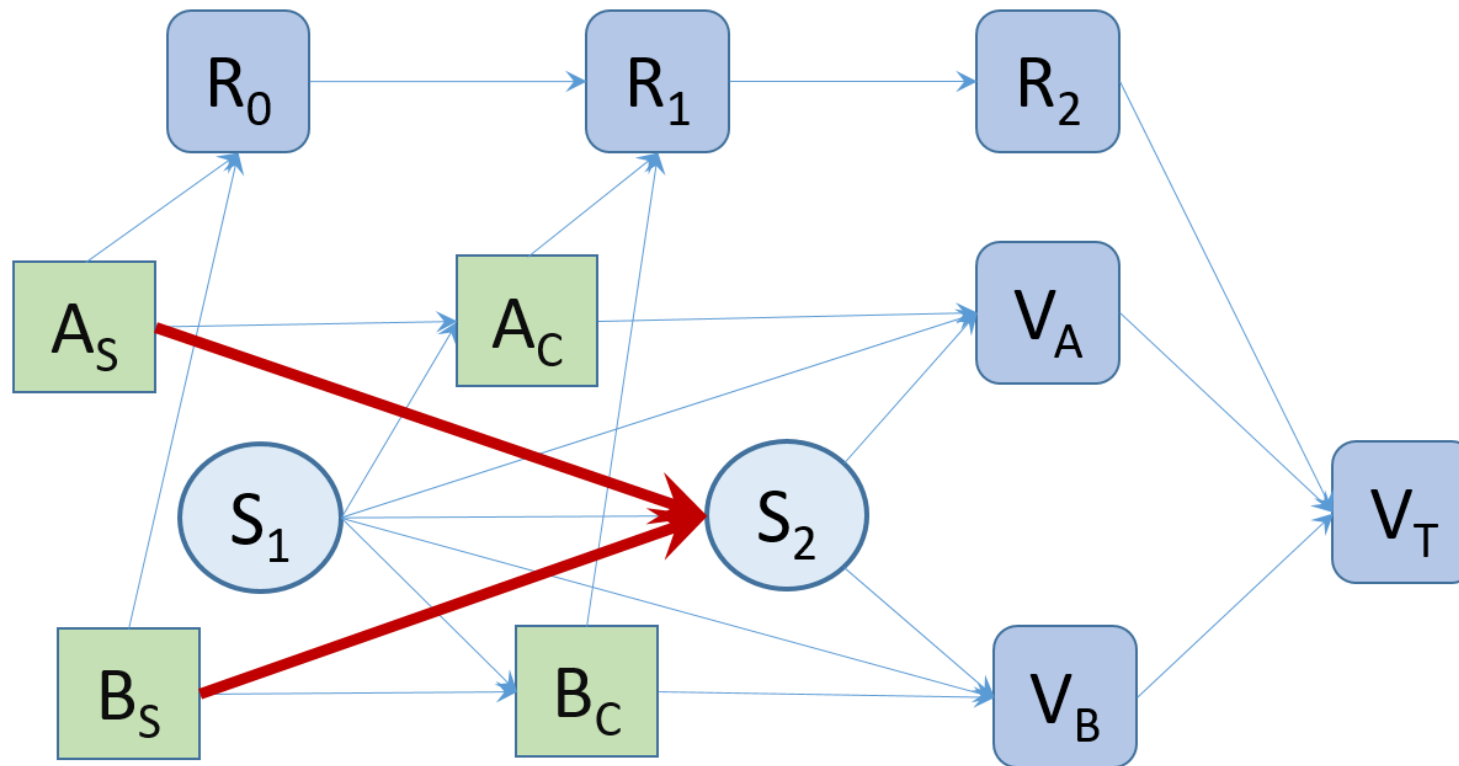
Scenarios

Incomplete probabilities

ABSTRACT

In order to address major changes in the operational environment, companies can (i) define scenarios that characterize different alternatives for this environment, (ii) assign probabilities to these scenarios, (iii) evaluate the performance of strategic actions across the scenarios, and (iv) choose those actions that are expected to perform best. In this paper, we develop a portfolio model to support the selection of such strategic actions when the information about scenario probabilities is possibly incomplete and may depend on the selected actions. This model helps build a strategy that is *robust* in that it performs relatively well in view of all available probability information, and *proactive* in that it can help steer the future as reflected by the scenarios toward the desired direction. We also report a case study in which the model helped a group of Nordic, globally operating steel and engineering companies build a platform ecosystem strategy that accounts for uncertainties related to markets, politics, and technological development.

The CPP example with endogenous uncertainties



Decision analysis + mathematical programming

- A framework for modelling endogenous uncertainties in CPP and stochastic optimization
- ... but more generally, an approach for using **mixed integer linear programming (MILP)** to solve multi-stage decision problems which can be represented as influence diagrams with limited information
- Extensions
 - The ‘no-forgetting’ assumption can be forgotten
 - Many kinds of logical, resource and risk constraints can be handled
- Does not depend on dynamic programming as a solution approach
- Problems of realistic size can be solved thanks to the MILP formulation

Definitions (1/3)

- Decision problem represented as an acyclic network $G=(V,A)$
- V consists of chance $c \in C$, decision $d \in D$ and value nodes $u \in U$
- There are $n = |C| + |D|$ chance and decision nodes
- Chance and decision nodes $i \in C \cup D$ have a finite set of states $s_i \in S_i$
- Arcs $(i,j) \in A$ represent dependencies between nodes
- **Information set** $I(j)$ consists of nodes from which there is an arc to j
- **Information state** $s_{I(j)} \in S_{I(j)} = \prod_{i \in I(j)} S_i$ is a combination of states s_i for nodes in the information set of predecessors $i \in I(j)$

Definitions (2/3)

- G is acyclic \Rightarrow nodes labelled so that $(i,j) \in A \Rightarrow i < j$
- Each node $i \in C \cup D$ is associated with a variable X_i
- At chance nodes $c \in C$, the states of X_c occur based on conditional probabilities

$$P(X_c = s_c \mid X_i = s_i, i \in I(c))$$
- At decision nodes $d \in D$, **local decision strategies** map information states to decisions $Z_d : S_{I(d)} \rightarrow S_d$

$$P(X_d = s_d \mid X_i = s_i, i \in I(d), Z_d) = 1 \Leftrightarrow Z_d(s_{I(d)}) = s_d$$
- A **(decision) strategy** $Z = \Pi_{d \in D} Z_d$ is a combination of local decision strategies for all decision nodes $d \in D$

Definitions (3/3)

- At the value node $u \in U$, the consequences of decisions and chance events are given by function $X_u: S_u \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$
- Utility function $U: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ gives the real-valued utility of consequences
- A **path** of length $k \leq n$ is a sequence of states (s_1, s_2, \dots, s_k) such that $s_i \in S_i, i = 1, \dots, k$
- Paths of length n are denoted by $s \in S = \prod_{i \in C \cup D} S_i$
- If $s \in S$, then $s_i \in S_i$ is the state of node i along this path s

Path probabilities

- For strategy Z , the probability of path $s \in S$ is

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_i=s_i, i=1, \dots, k \mid Z) &= P(X_k=s_k \mid X_i=s_i, i=1, \dots, k-1, Z) \\ &\quad \times \\ &\quad P(X_i=s_i, i=1, \dots, k-1 \mid Z), \end{aligned}$$

where for chance nodes $k \in C$ the first term is

$$P(X_k=s_k \mid X_i=s_i, i \in I(k))$$

and for decision nodes $k \in D$ it is

$$P(X_k=s_k \mid X_i=s_i, i \in I(k), Z) = 1 \Leftrightarrow Z_k(s_i, i \in I(k)) = s_k$$

Towards an optimization formulation

- Fix any decision strategy Z and scenario path $s \in S$
- Define binary variables $z(s_d \mid s_{I(d)}) \in \{0,1\}$ so that

$$Z_d(s_{I(d)}) = s_d \iff z(s_d \mid s_{I(d)}) = 1 \quad (1)$$

- Put $\pi_0(s) = 1$ and define **path probabilities** $\pi_k(s)$ recursively so that for chance nodes $k \in C$

$$\pi_k(s) = \mathbf{P}(X_k = s_k \mid X_i = s_i, i \in I(k)) \pi_{k-1}(s) \quad (2)$$

and for decision nodes $k \in D$

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_k(s) &= \pi_{k-1}(s), & \text{if } z(s_k \mid s_{I(k)}) &= 1 \\ \pi_k(s) &= 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{aligned}$$

Towards a MILP formulation

Theorem: Let Z be a decision strategy and choose a path $s \in S$.
If the constraints (1), (2) and

$$0 \leq \pi_d(s) \leq \pi_{d-1}(s) \quad (3)$$

$$\pi_d(s) \leq z(s_d \mid s_{I(d)}), \quad (4)$$

$$\pi_d(s) \geq \pi_{d-1}(s) + z(s_d \mid s_{I(d)}) - 1 \quad (5)$$

hold for $z(s_d \mid s_{I(d)})$, $d \in D$, $s_d \in S_d$, $s_{I(d)} \in S_{I(d)}$ and $\pi_k(s)$, $k=1, \dots, n$, then

$$\pi_k(s) = \mathbf{P}(X_i=s_i, i=1, \dots, k \mid Z), \quad k=1, \dots, n$$

Optimal decision strategies

Corollary: The strategy Z^* which maximizes the decision maker's expected utility is the solution to the optimization problem

$$\max \sum \pi_n(s) U[X_u(s_i, i \in I(u))],$$

where the summation is taken over all paths $s \in S$ subject to constraints (1)-(5).

Notes:

- Path probabilities needed for paths of full length n only
- Utilities for consequences can be pre-evaluated
- The chance component $p(s) = \prod_{c \in C} P(X_c = s_c \mid X_i = s_i, i \in I(c))$ of $\pi_n(s)$ can be pre-evaluated, too

Constraints on full paths only

Proposition: Let Z be a decision strategy and choose a path $s \in S$.
If the constraints (1), (2) and

$$0 \leq \pi(s) \leq p(s), \quad (3')$$

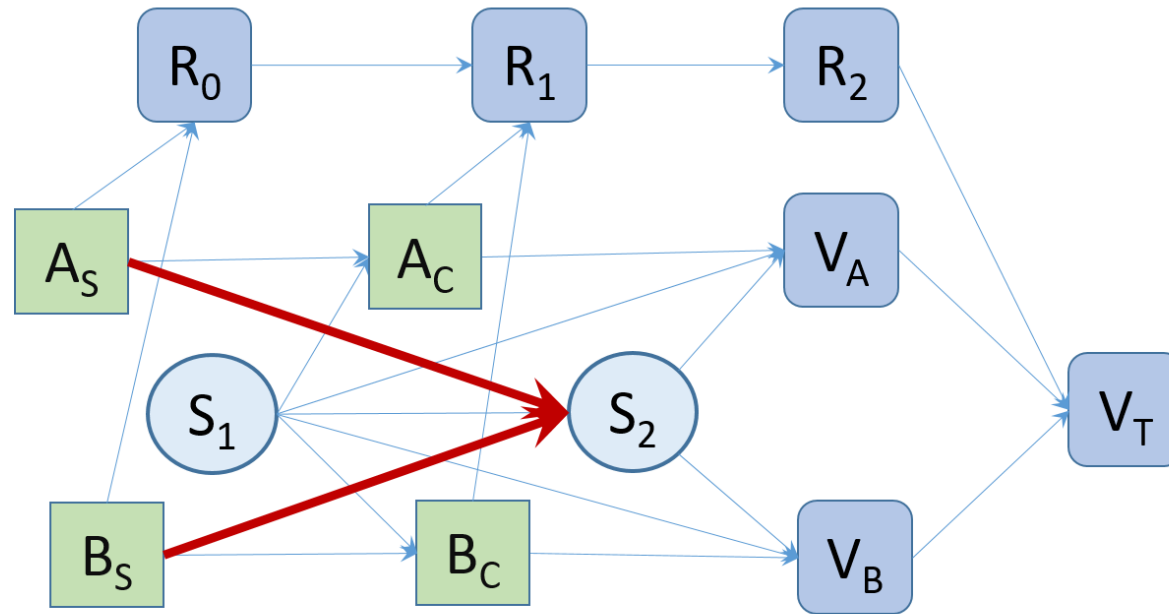
$$\pi(s) \leq z(s_d \mid s_{I(d)}) \quad (4')$$

$$\pi(s) \geq p(s) + \sum_{d \in D} z(s_d \mid s_{I(d)}) - |D| \quad (5')$$

hold for $s \in S$, then

$$\pi(s) = P(X_i = s_i, i=1, \dots, k \mid Z).$$

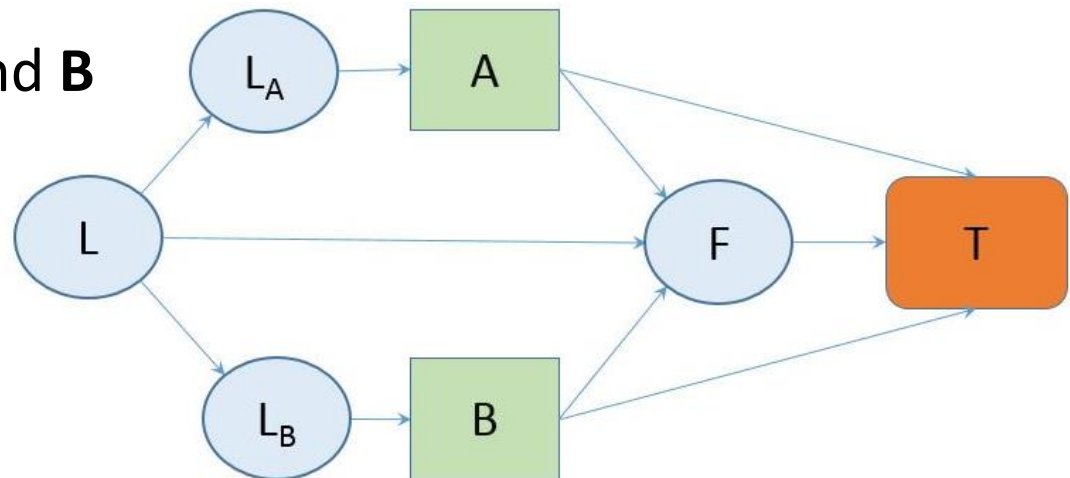
Endogenous uncertainties in CPP

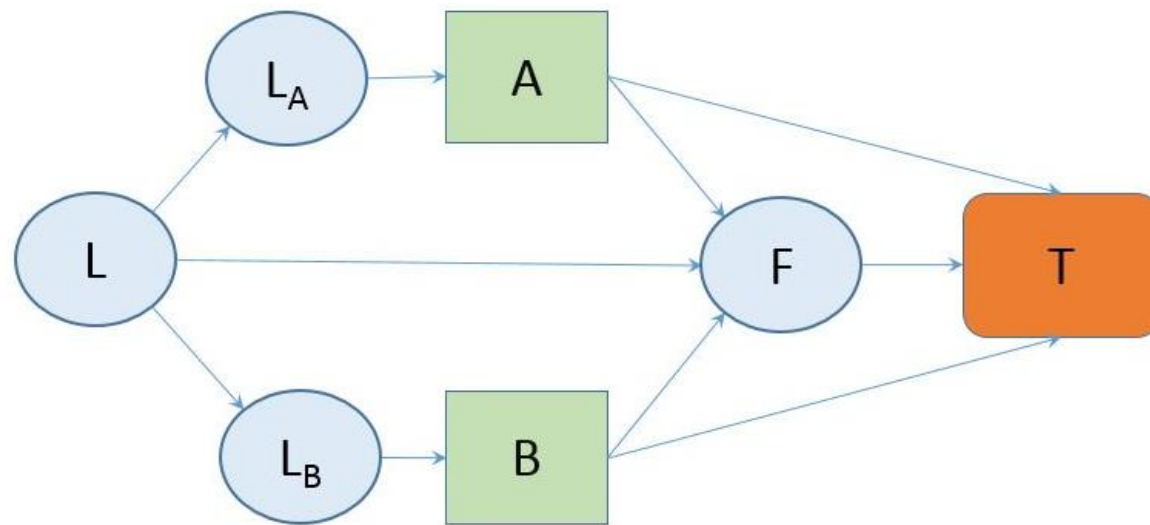


- Decision and chance nodes in sequence $(A_S, B_S, S_1, S_2, A_C, B_C)$
- Scenario paths are sequences of states $(a_S, b_S, s_1, s_2, a_C, b_C)$
- Probabilities $\Pr(s_2|a_S, b_S, s_1)$ needed in defining $\pi_4(s)$

Forgetting the “no forgetting” assumption

- An uncertain load **L** on a structure which may fail **F**
- The structure can be fortified through actions **A** and **B**, informed by conditionally independent measurements L_A and L_B
- Decision **A** is not known when making decision **B** and vice versa
⇒ There is no decision tree formulation for this problem
- 4 local strategies at **A** and **B**
- $4 \times 4 = 16$ strategies





Priors		Conditionals for A			Conditionals for B			Utilities		Costs	
L		L	LA+	LA-	L	LB+	LB-	F	U(F)		Costs
+	0,6	+	0,8	0,2	+	0,9	0,1	ok	100	CA	60
-	0,4	-	0,1	0,9	-	0,05	0,95	not ok	0	CB	40

P(F L,A,B)	(+,+,+)	(+,+,-)	(+,-,+)	(-,+,+)	(+,-,-)	(-,-,+)	(-,-,-)
ok	0,90	0,80	0,75	0,96	0,02	0,90	0,95
not ok	0,10	0,20	0,25	0,04	0,98	0,10	0,05

■ The optimum can be computed with linear programming

L	LA	A	LB	B	F	A?	B?	Decision	p	U(F)-CA-CB	E[U(F)-CA-CB]	CA+CB
L + 0,6	LA + 0,8	A Yes 0	LB + 0,9	B Yes 1	ok 0,90	0	1	0	0,39	60	0,00	0
					not ok 0,10	0	1	0	0,04	-40	0,00	0
				No 0	ok 0,80	0	0	0	0,35	100	0,00	0
					not ok 0,20	0	0	0	0,09	0	0,00	0
			- 0,1	Yes 0	ok 0,90	0	0	0	0,04	100	0,00	0
					not ok 0,10	0	0	0	0,00	0	0,00	0
				No 1	ok 0,80	0	0	0	0,04	100	0,00	0
					not ok 0,20	0	0	0	0,01	0	0,00	0
		No 1	LB + 0,9	B Yes 1	ok 0,75	0	1	1	0,32	60	19,44	40
					not ok 0,25	0	1	1	0,11	-40	-4,32	40
				No 0	ok 0,02	0	0	0	0,01	100	0,00	0
					not ok 0,98	0	0	0	0,42	0	0,00	0
			- 0,1	B Yes 0	ok 0,75	0	0	0	0,04	100	0,00	0
					not ok 0,25	0	0	0	0,01	0	0,00	0
				No 1	ok 0,02	0	0	1	0,00	100	0,10	0
					not ok 0,98	0	0	1	0,05	0	0,00	0
	- 0,2	A Yes 1	LB + 0,9	B Yes 1	ok 0,90	1	1	1	0,10	0	0,00	100
					not ok 0,10	1	1	1	0,01	-100	-1,08	100
				No 0	ok 0,80	1	0	0	0,09	40	0,00	0
					not ok 0,20	1	0	0	0,02	-60	0,00	0
			- 0,1	B Yes 0	ok 0,90	1	0	0	0,01	40	0,00	0
					not ok 0,10	1	0	0	0,00	-60	0,00	0
				No 1	ok 0,80	1	0	1	0,01	40	0,38	60
					not ok 0,20	1	0	1	0,00	-60	-0,14	60
		No 0	LB + 0,9	B Yes 1	ok 0,75	0	1	0	0,08	60	0,00	0
					not ok 0,25	0	1	0	0,03	-40	0,00	0
				No 0	ok 0,02	0	0	0	0,00	100	0,00	0
					not ok 0,98	0	0	0	0,11	0	0,00	0
			- 0,1	B Yes 0	ok 0,75	0	0	0	0,01	100	0,00	0
					not ok 0,25	0	0	0	0,00	0	0,00	0
				No 1	ok 0,02	0	0	0	0,00	100	0,00	0
					not ok 0,98	0	0	0	0,01	0	0,00	0

- The lower part for the less heavy load ($L = -$) is similar to the upper part

L	LA	A	LB	B	F	A?	B?	Decision	p	U(F)-CA-CB	E[U(F)-CA-CB]	CA+CB
L - 0,40	LA + 0,10	A Yes 0	LB + 0,05	B Yes 1	ok 0,96	0	1	0	0,00	60	0,00	0
					not ok 0,04	0	1	0	0,00	-40	0,00	0
				No 0	ok 0,90	0	0	0	0,00	100	0,00	0
					not ok 0,10	0	0	0	0,00	0	0,00	0
			- 0,95	B Yes 0	ok 0,96	0	0	0	0,04	100	0,00	0
					not ok 0,04	0	0	0	0,00	0	0,00	0
				No 1	ok 0,90	0	0	0	0,03	100	0,00	0
					not ok 0,10	0	0	0	0,00	0	0,00	0
		No 1	LB + 0,05	B Yes 1	ok 0,95	0	1	1	0,00	60	0,11	40
					not ok 0,05	0	1	1	0,00	-40	0,00	40
				No 0	ok 0,70	0	0	0	0,00	100	0,00	0
					not ok 0,30	0	0	0	0,00	0	0,00	0
			- 0,95	B Yes 0	ok 0,95	0	0	0	0,04	100	0,00	0
					not ok 0,05	0	0	0	0,00	0	0,00	0
				No 1	ok 0,70	0	0	1	0,03	100	2,66	0
					not ok 0,30	0	0	1	0,01	0	0,00	0
	- 0,90	A Yes 1	LB + 0,05	B Yes 1	ok 0,96	1	1	1	0,02	0	0,00	100
					not ok 0,04	1	1	1	0,00	-100	-0,07	100
				No 0	ok 0,90	1	0	0	0,02	40	0,00	0
					not ok 0,10	1	0	0	0,00	-60	0,00	0
			- 0,95	B Yes 0	ok 0,96	1	0	0	0,33	40	0,00	0
					not ok 0,04	1	0	0	0,01	-60	0,00	0
				No 1	ok 0,90	1	0	1	0,31	40	12,31	60
					not ok 0,10	1	0	1	0,03	-60	-2,05	60
		No 0	LB + 0,05	B Yes 1	ok 0,95	0	1	0	0,02	60	0,00	0
					not ok 0,05	0	1	0	0,00	-40	0,00	0
				No 0	ok 0,70	0	0	0	0,01	100	0,00	0
					not ok 0,30	0	0	0	0,01	0	0,00	0
			- 0,95	B Yes 0	ok 0,95	0	0	0	0,32	100	0,00	0
					not ok 0,05	0	0	0	0,02	0	0,00	0
				No 1	ok 0,70	0	0	0	0,24	100	0,00	0
					not ok 0,30	0	0	0	0,10	0	0,00	0

Computation times ($n = 9 \Rightarrow 4^9 = 262\,144$ strategies)

Table 1 Results on the 10 randomly generated n-monitoring instances.

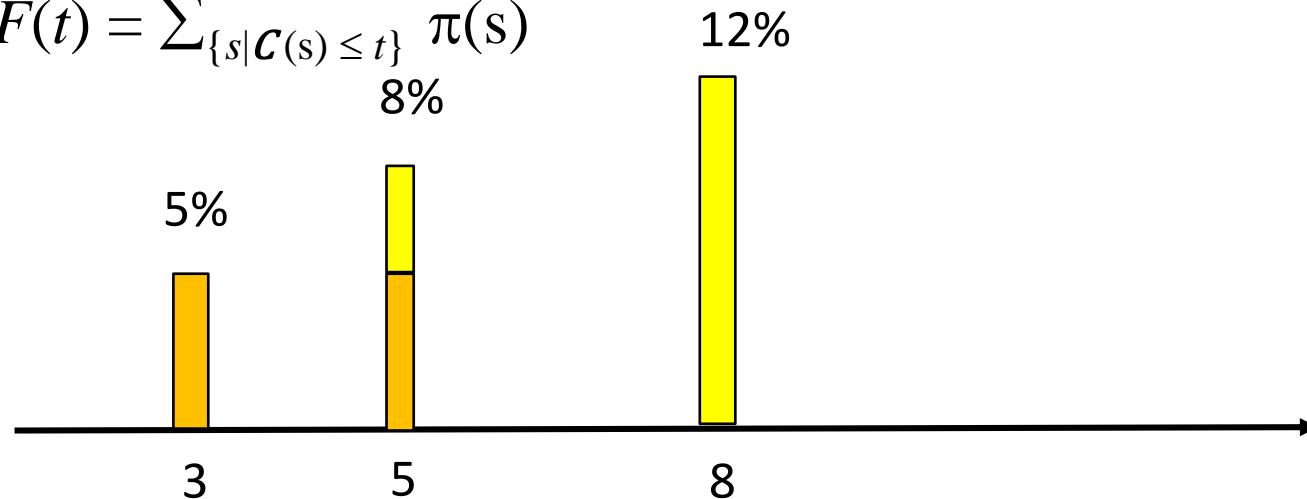
# Nodes	Number of variables		No probability cuts		With probability cuts	
	Binary	Real	A	SD	A	SD
2	8	64	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.00
3	12	256	0.12	0.13	0.04	0.01
4	16	1024	2.73	1.64	0.09	0.01
5	20	4096	34.60	30.02	0.44	0.14
6	24	16384	540.95	277.34	3.39	0.75
7	28	65536	10337.94	4370.09	42.09	20.44
8	32	262144	-	-	231.52	133.58
9	36	1048576	-	-	2256.50	1951.08

(Conditional) Value-at-Risk constraints

- Value-at-Risk defined (see e-g. Artzner et al 1999)

$$\text{VaR}(Z) = F_Z^{-1}(\alpha) = \sup \{t \mid \mathbf{P}(\{s \mid \mathbf{C}(s) \leq t\}) < \alpha\}$$

where $F(t) = \sum_{\{s \mid \mathbf{C}(s) \leq t\}} \pi(s)$



Liesiö & Salo (2012). Scenario-Based Portfolio Selection of Investment Projects with Incomplete Probability and Utility Information, *European Journal of Operational Research* 217/1, 162-172.

PROPOSITION 1. *Let $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ and assume that Z is a decision strategy. If η^* is the optimum to the minimization problem*

$$\min \quad \eta \tag{32}$$

$$\eta - \mathcal{C}(s) \leq M\lambda(s), \quad \forall s \in S \tag{33}$$

$$\eta - \mathcal{C}(s) \geq (M + \epsilon)\lambda(s) - M, \quad \forall s \in S \tag{34}$$

$$\eta - \mathcal{C}(s) \leq (M + \epsilon)\bar{\lambda}(s) - \epsilon, \quad \forall s \in S \tag{35}$$

$$\eta - \mathcal{C}(s) \geq M(\bar{\lambda}(s) - 1), \quad \forall s \in S \tag{36}$$

$$\bar{\rho}(s) \leq \bar{\lambda}(s), \quad \forall s \in S \tag{37}$$

$$\pi(s) - (1 - \lambda(s)) \leq \rho(s) \leq \lambda(s), \quad \forall s \in S \tag{38}$$

$$\rho(s) \leq \bar{\rho}(s) \leq \pi(s), \quad \forall s \in S \tag{39}$$

$$\sum_{s \in S} \bar{\rho}(s) = \alpha, \tag{40}$$

$$\bar{\lambda}(s), \lambda(s) \in \{0, 1\}, \quad \forall s \in S \tag{41}$$

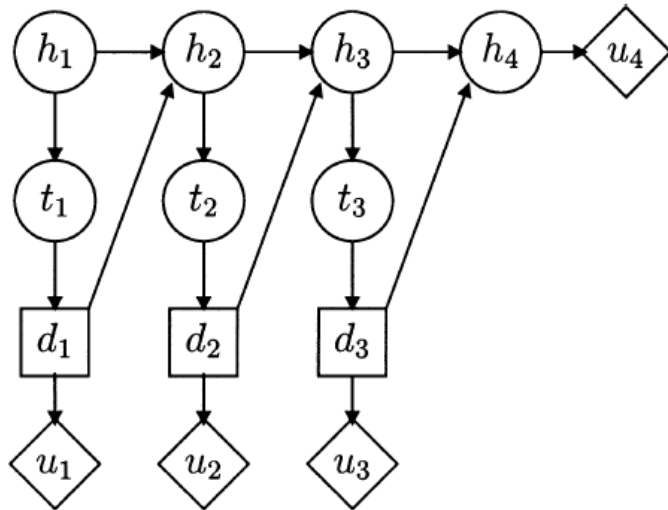
$$\bar{\rho}(s), \rho(s) \in [0, 1], \quad \forall s \in S \tag{42}$$

$$\eta \in [c^\circ, c^\star], \tag{43}$$

then $\text{VaR}_\alpha(Z) = \eta^*$ and $\text{CVaR}_\alpha(Z) = \frac{1}{\alpha} \sum_{s \in S} \bar{\rho}(s) \mathcal{C}(s)$.

Revisiting the pig farm

- What if the pigs should have the chance to live longer?
- What if the farmer wishes to curtail risks in the lower part of the profit distribution?



Computational results without risk constraints

Table 2 Results for the pig farm problem for different numbers of decision periods.

# Months	Optimal value (DKK)	Solution time (s)
3	764	0.03
4	727	0.09
5	703	1.43
6	686	43.83
7	674	920.48

Note: With 7 decision periods, there are $4^7 = 16\,384$ strategies

Determining all non-dominated strategies

- With many value nodes $v \in V$, strategy Z is non-dominated iff there is no Z' such that

$$\mathbf{E}[U_v|Z'] \geq \mathbf{E}[U_v|Z]$$

for all $v \in V$ with at least one strict inequality

- Any multiple objective optimization algorithms for discrete optimization problems can be used (Holzmann Smith 2018)

Alternative algorithm

- Choose a single set of positive weights $w_v > 0, \sum w_v = 1$
- Exclude previously generated non-dominated solutions Z' through

$$\sum_{\{(s_i, s_{I(i)}) \mid z'(s_i \mid s_{I(i)})=0\}} z(s_i \mid s_{I(i)}) + \sum_{d \in D} \prod_{i \in I(d)} |S_i| - \sum_{\{(s_i, s_{I(i)}) \mid z'(s_i \mid s_{I(i)})=1\}} z(s_i \mid s_{I(i)}) \geq 1$$

- Prune dominated solutions through the necessary conditions

$$\lambda_{Z',v}^+(Z) + \lambda_{Z',v}^-(Z) = 1$$

$$\lambda_{Z',v}^+(Z), \lambda_{Z',v}^-(Z) \in \{0, 1\}, v \in V$$

$$\mathbb{E}[U_v \mid Z] \leq \mathbb{E}[U_v \mid Z'] + M \lambda_{Z',v}^+(Z) \quad \sum_{v \in V} \lambda_{Z',v}^+(Z) \geq 1, Z' \in Z_{ND}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[U_v \mid Z'] \leq \mathbb{E}[U_v \mid Z] + M \lambda_{Z',v}^-(Z)$$

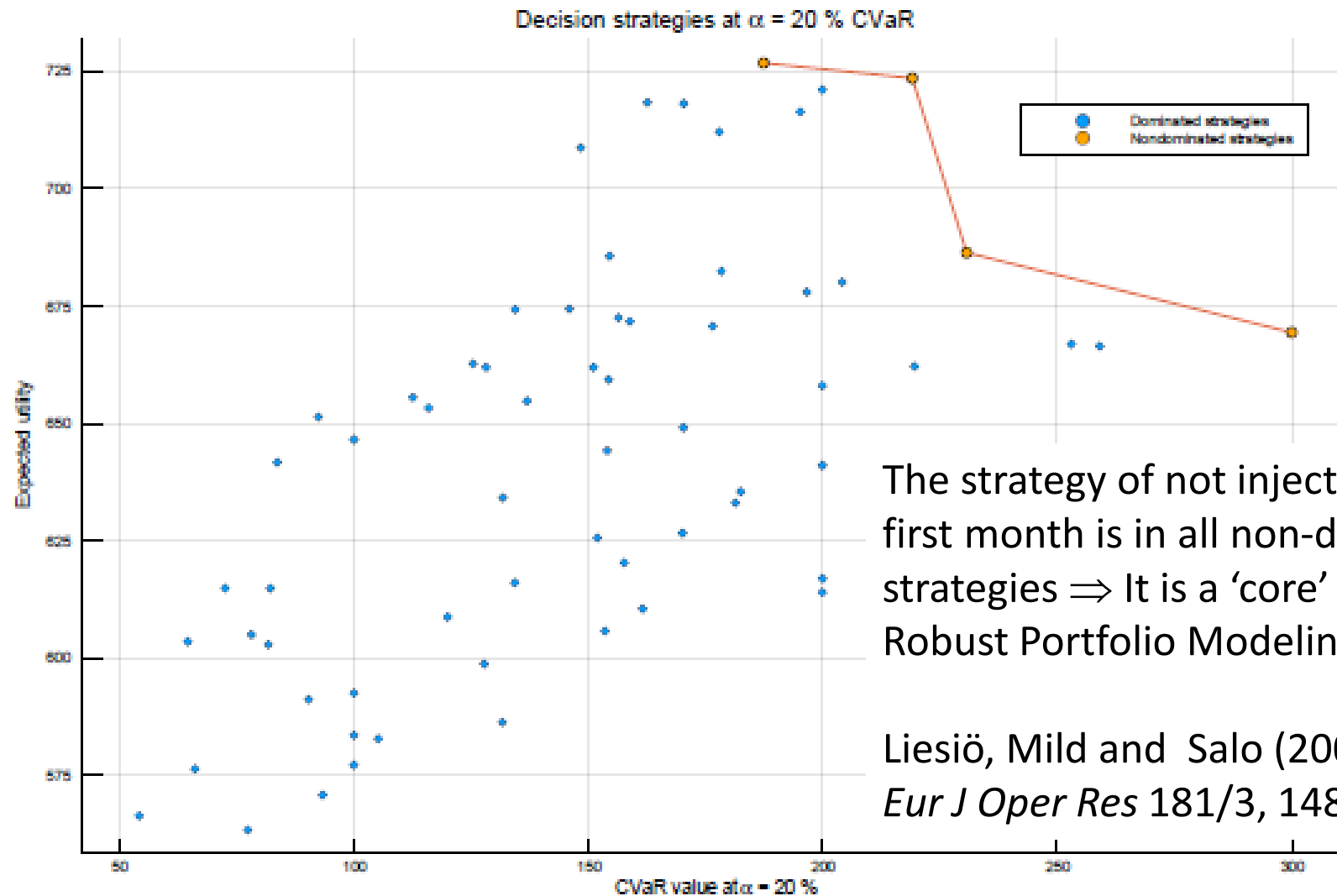


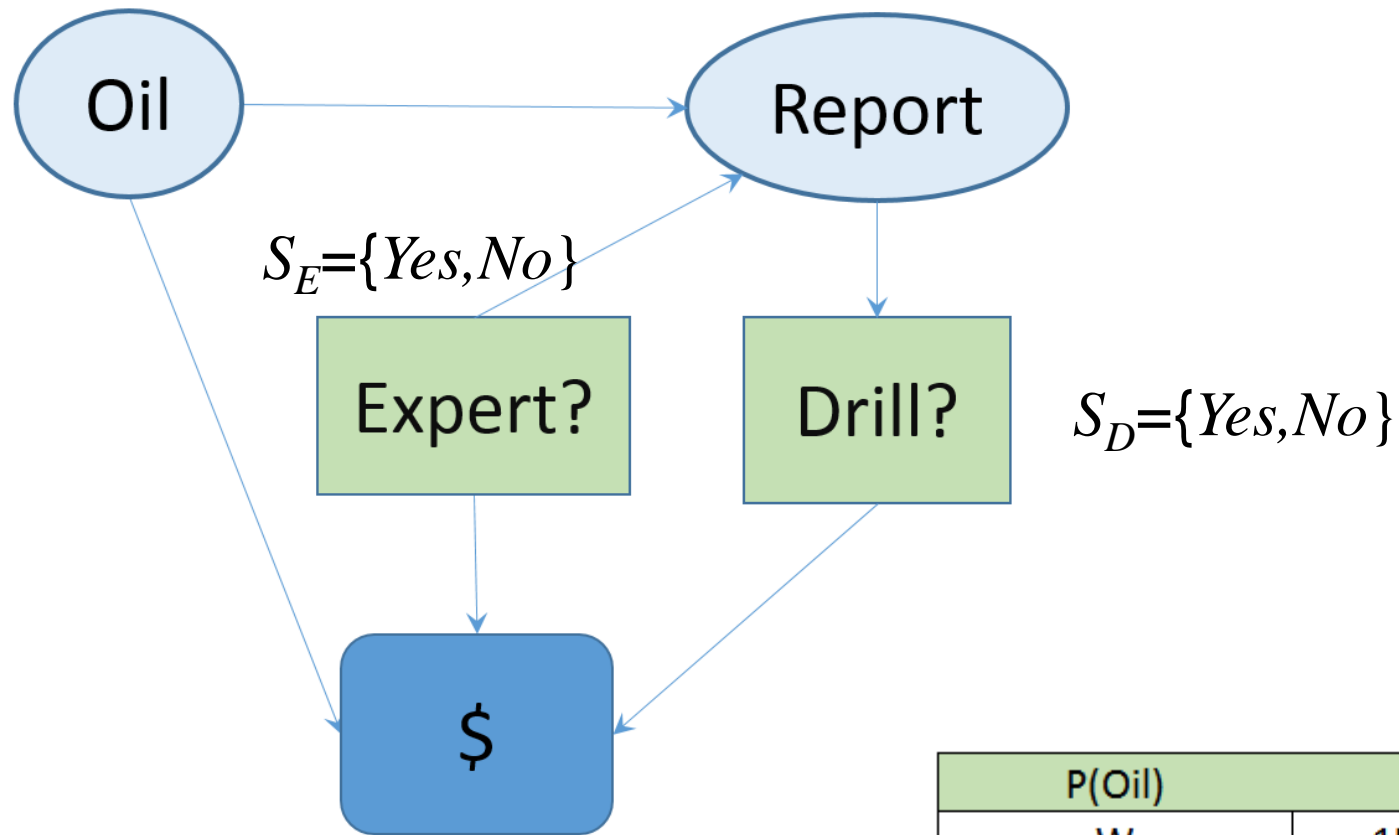
Figure 5 Expected utilities and conditional expectations in the lower $\alpha = 0.20$ tail for all 64 strategies of the 4-month pig problem. The four non-dominated strategies are connected and marked with orange circles.

Decision analysis + mathematical programming

- Leverages MILP to solve multi-stage optimization problems which can be represented as extended influence diagrams
- The 'no-forgetting' assumption can be forgotten
- Many types of deterministic and probabilistic constraints can be handled (resources, risks, logical dependencies)
- Value-at-Risk / Conditional VaR measures can be accommodated
- Computationally tractable (but problems can become large)
- Paper available at <https://arxiv.org/abs/1910.09196>

Ongoing and planned applications

- Planning and operational implementation of **state-dependent risk management actions** in safety critical systems (with Alessandro Mancuso, Michele Compare, Enrico Zio)
- **Identification of most critical scenarios** in the safety assessment of nuclear repositories (with Edoardo Tosoni, Enrico Zio)
- Multi-criteria evaluation of **diagnostic strategies** in healthcare (with Ellie Dillon, Eeva Vilkkumaa)
- Extensions to **adversarial risk management** (with Juho Roponen, David Ríos Insua)

$S_O = \{Wet, Dry\}$
 $S_R = \{Wet, Dry, None\}$


P(Oil)	
W	15 %
D	85 %

Payoff	200
Drilling	20
Expert	7

P(Report Oil)	W	D
W	95 %	15 %
D	5 %	85 %

Expert	Y	Report	W	27 %	Drill(W)	Y	Oil	W	53 %	173
16,1	16,1	16,1	D	73 %	78,6	78,6	78,6	D	47 %	-27
						N	Oil	W	53 %	-7
						-7,0	-7,0	D	47 %	-7
					-7,0	Y	Oil	W	1 %	173
						-24,9	-24,9	D	99 %	-27
						N	Oil	W	1 %	-7
						-7,0	-7,0	D	99 %	-7
	N				10,0	Y	Oil	W	15 %	180
						10,0	10,0	D	85 %	-20
						N	Oil	W	15 %	0
						0,0	0,0	D	85 %	0

P(Report=W)	27 %
P(Report=D)	73 %

$P(W W) = P(O=W \& R=W) / P(R=W)$	53 %
$P(D W) = P(O=D \& R=W) / P(R=W)$	47 %
$P(W D) = P(O=W \& R=D) / P(R=D)$	1 %
$P(D D) = P(O=D \& R=D) / P(R=D)$	99 %

Oil drilling with decision programming

Oil		Expert		Report		Drill		Decisions		p	Π	Payoff			Expert	Drilling	U	EU
Wet	15 %	Yes	1	Wet	95 %	Yes	1	1	14 %	14 %	200	-7	-20	173	24,65			
	95 %			No	0	0	14 %	0 %	0	-7	0	-7	0,00					
	Dry			5 %	Yes	0	0	1 %	0 %	200	-7	-20	173	0,00				
				5 %	No	1	1	1 %	1 %	0	-7	0	-7	-0,05				
	15 %	No	0	None	100 %	Yes	0	0	15 %	0 %	200	0	-20	180	0,00			
	100 %			No	1	0	15 %	0 %	0	0	0	0	0,00					
Dry	85 %	Yes	1	Wet	15 %	Yes	1	1	13 %	13 %	0	-7	-20	-27	-3,44			
	15 %			No	0	0	13 %	0 %	0	-7	0	-7	0,00					
	Dry			85 %	Yes	0	0	72 %	0 %	0	-7	-20	-27	0,00				
				85 %	No	1	1	72 %	72 %	0	-7	0	-7	-5,06				
	85 %	No	0	None	100 %	Yes	0	0	85 %	0 %	0	0	-20	-20	0,00			
	100 %			No	1	0	85 %	0 %	0	0	0	0	0,00					
1,000																		16,1

Decisions are in dark red cells

All other decisions are implied (in light orange)

Direct drilling is possible only if there is no consultation