EMERALD: a green GEM

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- This talk presents a summary and some results of EMERALD.

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Generation capacity:

$$0 \leq g_k^{bh} \leq \theta_k^b(u_k + x_k U_k) \quad \forall b \in \mathcal{B}_t, t \in \mathcal{T}, h \in \mathcal{H}, k \in \mathcal{K},$$

Stored hydro generation:

$$\sum_{b\in\mathcal{B}_t}g_{ ext{hydro}}^{bh} imes\Delta_b=\mu_t^h\quad orall h\in\mathcal{H},\,t\in\mathcal{T},$$

Expansions:

$$x_k \in [0,1], \quad \forall k \in \mathcal{K}, i \in \{1,\ldots,N\}.$$

EMERALD demonstration

EMERALD case study uses...

- Three regions (NI, HAY, SI).
- Four seasons with 10 load blocks each.
- 16 load growth scenarios.
- 13 historical years model seasonal hydrological inflows.
- Data based on two-stage model of NZ system. $^{\rm 3}$

³Ferris & Philpott, 100% renewable electricity with storage (2019) http://www.epoc.org.nz.

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Dynamic investment equilibrium by backward induction



Dynamic investment equilibrium = EMERALD

- Optimal risk-averse plan from EMERALD matches partial equilibrium when risk measures are coherent and risk-trading instruments are available.⁴
- Each agent in EMERALD has their own coherent risk measure. This corresponds to a nested risk measure with single-stage risk sets that vary with node.
- What model of social risk model should we use in EMERALD? JuDGE uses an end-of-horizon risk measure.
- NOTE: the intersection of agent risk sets define a nested risk measure for the social planner that might not be an end-of-horizon measure.

⁴Ralph & Smeers, SIOPT, 2015, Ferris & P., Operations Research, 2022.

The End

JuDGE. jl Julia Library downloadable from

https://github.com/EPOC-NZ/JuDGE.jl

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