# Ambiguous Chance-Constrained Bin Packing under Mean-Covariance Information 

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## Stochastic Bin Packing



Items
Bins

Applications:
o healthcare, cloud computing, airline scheduling...

## Problem Setup

Parameter:

- J: set of items
- I: set of bins
- $c_{i}^{z}$ : the cost of opening bin $i, \forall i \in I$
- $c_{i j}^{y}$ : the cost of assigning item $j$ to bin $i, \forall i \in I, j \in J$
- $T_{i}$ : capacity of bin $i, \forall i \in I$
- $\rho_{i j}=1$ if item $j$ can be assigned to bin $i$; $=0$ o.w.
- $\tilde{t}_{i j}$ : item $j$ 's random weight in bin $i$

Decision Variables:

- $z_{i} \in\{0,1\}: z_{i}=1$ if we open bin $i$, and $=0$ if not
- $y_{i j} \in\{0,1\}: y_{i j}=1$ if item $j$ is assigned to bin $i$


## A Chance-Constrained Formulation

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\min _{\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{y}} & \sum_{i \in I} c_{i}^{\mathrm{z}} z_{i}+\sum_{i \in I} \sum_{j \in J} c_{i j}^{\mathrm{y}} y_{i j} \\
\text { s.t. } & y_{i j} \leq \rho_{i j} z_{i} \quad \forall i \in I, j \in J \\
& \sum_{i \in I} y_{i j}=1 \quad \forall j \in J \\
& y_{i j}, z_{i} \in\{0,1\} \quad \forall i \in I, j \in J \\
& \mathbb{P}\left\{\sum_{j \in J} \tilde{t}_{i j} y_{i j} \leq T_{i}\right\} \geq 1-\alpha_{i} \quad \forall i \in I \tag{1e}
\end{array}
$$

- Objective (1a): Minimize the total cost.
- (1b)-(1d): Feasible assignment of items $\rightarrow$ open bins
- (1e): "total weight $\leq$ bin $i$ capacity" at $1-\alpha_{i}$ probability


## Gaussian Approximation $\Rightarrow$ 0-1 SOC Reformulation

If $\tilde{t}_{i}=\left[\tilde{t}_{i j}, j \in J\right]^{\top}$ follows a Gaussian with known mean $\mu_{i}$ and covariance $\Sigma_{i}$, the chance constraints (1e) are equivalent to (see, Prékopa (2003)):

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Phi^{-1}\left(1-\alpha_{i}\right) \sqrt{y_{i}^{\top} \Sigma_{i} y_{i}} \leq T_{i}-\mu_{i}^{\top} y_{i}, \forall i \in I, \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\Phi(\cdot)$ represents the CDF of the standard normal distribution.
If $\tilde{t}_{i}$ follows a general distribution, model (1) can be approximated by a second-order cone (SOC) program by replacing (1e) with (2).


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## DCBP:

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\text { s.t. } & (1 \mathrm{~b})-(1 \mathrm{~d}), \\
& \inf _{\mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{D}} \mathbb{P}\left\{\sum_{j \in J} \tilde{t}_{i j} y_{i j} \leq T_{i}\right\} \geq 1-\alpha_{i} \quad \forall i \in I \tag{3}
\end{array}
$$

- An accurate and complete estimation of $\mathbb{P}$ is rarely accessible.
- Alternative: a set of plausible candidates of $\mathbb{P}$ (ambiguity set D).
- (3): The worst-case probability for any $\mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{D}$ is guaranteed at least $1-\alpha_{i}$ (an ambiguous chance constraint).


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Submodularity in (conic) quadratic program
- Atamtürk and Narayanan (2008); Atamtürk-Berenguer-Shen (2012); Atamtürk and Bhardwaj (2016); Atamtürk and Jeon (2017); Nemhauser et al. (1978)


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## Two Moment Ambiguity Sets

$\mathcal{M}_{+}^{J}$ : the set of all probability distributions on $\mathbb{R}^{J}$.
Case 1: Exactly match the empirical mean and covariance:

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However, due to estimation error in $\mu_{i}$ and $\Sigma_{i}$, we also consider:
Case 2: A more general ambiguity set (Delage and Ye, 2010):

$$
\mathcal{D}_{2}=\left\{\mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{M}_{+}^{J}: \begin{array}{l}
\left(\mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}}\left[\tilde{t}_{i}\right]-\mu_{i}\right)^{\top} \Sigma_{i}^{-1}\left(\mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}}\left[\tilde{t}_{i}\right]-\mu_{i}\right) \leq \gamma_{1}, \\
\mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{P}}\left[\left(\tilde{t}_{i}-\mu_{i}\right)\left(\tilde{t}_{i}-\mu_{i}\right)^{\top}\right] \preceq \gamma_{2} \Sigma_{i}, \quad \forall i \in I
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$$

- $\gamma_{1}>0$ and $\gamma_{2}>\max \left\{\gamma_{1}, 1\right\}$ are for controlling $\mathcal{D}_{2}$; can be chosen based on the amount of data and desired confidence level or via cross validation.


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Remarks:

- we can recapture the convexity of chance constraints (3) by employing set $\mathcal{D}_{1}$ to model the $\tilde{t}_{i}$ uncertainty.
- The continuous relaxation of DCBP is an SOC program, one of the most computationally tractable nonlinear programs.


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NEXT, we seek
- More tractable reformulation (0-1 SOC program)
- More efficient algorithms (branch-and-cut)


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Remarks:

- The result holds for general covariance matrices. $\left(\Sigma_{i}\right)$
- Both (5a) and (5b) are SOC constraints with different coefficients, dependent on values of $\gamma_{1}, \gamma_{2}, \alpha_{i}$.


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$$
\begin{aligned}
\inf _{\mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{D}_{2}} \mathbb{P}\left\{\tilde{t}_{i}^{\top} y_{i} \leq T_{i}\right\} & =\inf _{\mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{D}_{\tilde{s}_{i}}} \mathbb{P}\left\{y_{i}^{\top} \tilde{s}_{i} \leq b_{i}\right\} \\
& =\inf _{\mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{D}_{\tilde{\xi}_{i}}} \mathbb{P}\left\{\tilde{\xi}_{i} \leq b_{i}\right\} \\
& =\inf _{\left(\mu_{1}, \sigma_{1}\right) \in S} \inf _{\mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{D}_{1}\left(\mu_{1}, \sigma_{1}^{2}\right)} \mathbb{P}\left\{\tilde{\xi}_{i} \leq b_{i}\right\}
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- As DRCC states that $\inf _{\mathbb{P} \in \mathcal{D}_{2}} \mathbb{P}\left\{\tilde{t}^{\top} y \leq T\right\} \geq 1-\alpha>0$, we can assume $b \geq \mu_{1}$ for all $\left(\mu_{1}, \sigma_{1}\right) \in S$ w.l.o.g.


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- The objective function decreases as $\sigma_{1} /\left(b-\mu_{1}\right)$ increases. Hence, equivalently, we solve $\inf _{\left(\mu_{1}, \sigma_{1}\right) \in S}-\left(\frac{\sigma_{1}}{b-\mu_{1}}\right)$.



## 0-1 SOC Formulation Summary

The DRCC (3) can be reformulated by three types of 0-1 SOC constraints in the same form of:

$$
\left(\mu_{i}\right)^{\top} y_{i}+\Omega_{i} \sqrt{y_{i}^{\top} \Sigma_{i} y_{i}} \leq T_{i}, \Omega_{i} \geq 0
$$

- Guassian: $\Omega_{i}=\Phi^{-1}\left(1-\alpha_{i}\right)$
- DCBP1 with $\mathcal{D}=\mathcal{D}_{1}: \Omega_{i}=\sqrt{\left(1-\alpha_{i}\right) / \alpha_{i}}$
- DCBP2 with $\mathcal{D}=\mathcal{D}_{2}$ :

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$$

## CPU Time of 0-1 SOC under different $\Omega_{i}$

We test $I=6$ and $J=32, \alpha_{i}=0.05, \forall i \in I$, and vary $\Omega_{i}, \forall i$ in between [1.64, 6.32]. ( $\Omega_{i}=1.64$ for "Gaussian" and $\Omega_{i}=6.32$ for "DCBP2".)


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- Branch-and-cut (B\&C): $\pi_{i}^{*}=\arg \max _{\pi_{i} \in E P_{g_{i}}} \pi_{i}^{\top} y_{i}$ can be found efficiently by the greedy algorithm (Edmonds, 1971).


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## Non-diagonal $\sum_{i}$ : Not Submodular

Example: Suppose that $\mathcal{J}=\{1,2,3\}, \mu=0$, and

$$
\Lambda=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
0.6 & -0.2 & 0.2 \\
-0.2 & 0.7 & 0.1 \\
0.2 & 0.1 & 0.6
\end{array}\right]
$$

The three eigenvalues of $\Lambda$ are $0.2881,0.7432$, and 0.8687 , and so $\Lambda \succ 0$. However, function $g(y)=\mu^{\top} y+\sqrt{y^{\top} \Lambda y}$ (with $\left.\Lambda=\Omega^{2} \Sigma\right)$ is not submodular because $h(R \cup\{j\})-h(R)<h(S \cup\{j\})-h(S)$, where $R=\{1\}, S=\{1,2\}$, and $j=3$.

## (Necessary) and Sufficient Conditions for Submodularity

We take out the index $i$ for all the variables and parameters for presentation clarity.
Theorem
Define function $h:\{0,1\}^{J} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $h(y):=y^{\top} \wedge y$, where $\Lambda \in \mathbb{R}^{J \times J}$ represents a symmetric matrix. Then, $h(y)$ is submodular if and only if $\Lambda_{r s} \leq 0$ for all $r, s=1, \ldots, J$ and $r \neq s$.

## Proposition

Let $\Lambda \in \mathbb{R}^{J \times J}$ represent a symmetric and positive semidefinite matrix that satisfies (i) $2 \sum_{s=1}^{J} \Lambda_{r s} \geq \Lambda_{r r}$ for all $r=1, \ldots, J$ and (ii) $\Lambda_{r s} \leq 0$ for all $r, s=1, \ldots, J$ and $r \neq s$. Then, function $g(y)=\mu^{\top} y+\sqrt{y^{\top} \Lambda y}$ is submodular.

## Relaxed Submodular Approximation

The 0-1 SOC constraint $g(y) \leq T$ implies another SOC constraint

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mu^{\top} y+\sqrt{y^{\top} \Delta^{\llcorner } y} \leq T \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

where function $g^{\mathrm{L}}(y):=\mu^{\top} y+\sqrt{y^{\top} \Delta^{\mathrm{L}} y}$ is submodular and $\Delta^{\mathrm{L}}$ is an optimal solution of SDP

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\min _{\Delta} & \|\Delta-\Lambda\|_{2} \\
\text { s.t. } & 0 \preceq \Delta \preceq \Lambda, \\
& 2 \sum_{s=1}^{J} \Delta_{r s} \geq \Delta_{r r}, \quad \forall r=1, \ldots, J, \\
& \Delta_{r s} \leq 0, \quad \forall r, s=1, \ldots, J \text { and } r \neq s . \tag{7d}
\end{array}
$$

The extended polymatroid cuts for (6) are valid for DCBP.

## Conservative Submodular Approximation

Additionally, $g(y)=\mu^{\top} y+\sqrt{y^{\top} \Lambda y} \leq T$ is implied by

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\begin{equation*}
\mu^{\top} y+\sqrt{y^{\top} \Delta^{u} y} \leq T \tag{8}
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$$

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$$
\begin{align*}
\min _{\Delta} & \|\Delta-\Lambda\|_{2}  \tag{9a}\\
\text { s.t. } & \Delta \succeq \Lambda, \quad(7 \mathrm{c})-(7 \mathrm{~d}) \tag{9b}
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- The results hold for general 0-1 SOC constraints. We can apply relaxed and conservative submodular approximations and (8) to obtain valid bounds on any 0-1 SOC programs, e.g., the knapsack problem with DRCCs.


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## Submodularity through Lifting

We show that the submodularity of $g(y)=\mu^{\top} y+\sqrt{y^{\top} \Lambda y} \leq T$ holds for general $\Lambda$ in a lifted (i.e., higher-dimensional) space by

- defining $w_{j k}=y_{j} y_{k}$ for all $j, k=1, \ldots, J$ and augment vector $y$ to vector $v=\left[y_{1}, \ldots, y_{J}, w_{11}, \ldots, w_{1 J}, w_{21}, \ldots, w_{J J}\right]^{\top}$;
- reformulating $g(y) \leq T$ as $y^{\top}\left(\Lambda-\mu \mu^{\top}\right) y+2 T \mu^{\top} y \leq T^{2}$;
- decomposing $\left(\Lambda-\mu \mu^{\top}\right)$ to be the sum of two matrices, one containing all positive entries and the other all nonpositive;

Accordingly, we derive extended polymatroid inequalities $\pi^{\top} v \leq T^{2}$ with $v=(y, w)$ in the lifted space + McCormick Inequalties to linearize $w$-variables.

## Valid Inequalities in the Lifted Space

Consider the feasible region of DCBP in the lifted space. We prove the following valid inequalities:

$$
\begin{align*}
w_{i j k} & \geq y_{i j}+y_{i k}+\sum_{\substack{\ell=1 \\
\ell \neq i}}^{\prime} w_{\ell j k}-1 \quad \forall j, k=1, \ldots, J  \tag{10a}\\
w_{i j k} & \geq y_{i j}+y_{i k}-z_{i} \quad \forall i=1, \ldots, l, \forall j, k=1, \ldots, J  \tag{10b}\\
\sum_{\substack{j=1 \\
j \neq k}}^{J} w_{i j k} & \leq \sum_{j=1}^{J} y_{i j}-z_{i} \quad \forall i=1, \ldots, l, \forall k=1, \ldots, J  \tag{10c}\\
\sum_{j=1}^{J} \sum_{k=j+1}^{J} w_{i j k} & \geq \sum_{j=1}^{J} y_{i j}-z_{i} \quad \forall i=1, \ldots, l . \tag{10d}
\end{align*}
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- The above valid inequalities are polynomially many and all coefficients are in closed-form. We do not need any separation processes for these inequalities.


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## Approaches and Computer Setting

Compute the three 0-1 SOC reformulations:

- Gaussian - Gaussian distributed uncertainty assumption
- DCBP1 -DR model with $\mathcal{D}_{1}$
- DCBP2 -DR model with $\mathcal{D}_{2},\left(\gamma_{1}, \gamma_{2}\right)=(1,2)$

Appointment allocation setting:

- default: $|I|=6$ servers, $|J|=32$ appointments
- $T_{i} \in[420,540]$ minutes (7-9 hours)
- $c_{i}^{\mathrm{Z}}=T_{i}^{2} / 3600+3 T_{i} / 60, c_{i j}^{\mathrm{y}}$ vary in between $[0,18]$

Computer setup:

- GUROBI 5.6.3 in Python 2.7; Windows 7 machine with Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-2600 CPU 3.40 GHz ; 8GB memory.
- Cuts added using GUROBI callback class Model.cbCut().
- Cuts generated at each branch-and-bound node, for both integer and fractional temp solutions.
- Optimality gap tolerance $=$ threshold for violated cuts $=10^{-4}$
- Time limit $=3600$ seconds.


## Instance Design

## In-sample data:

- At each server $i \in I, \tilde{t}_{i j}$ follows Gaussian:
high mean: 25 min, low mean: 12.5 min ;
high variance: $s t d /$ mean $=1.0$, low variance: std $/$ mean $=0.3$
- Mix for $j \in J(8 \mathrm{hMhV}, 8 \mathrm{hM} \ell \mathrm{V}, 8 \ell \mathrm{M} \ell \mathrm{V}, 8 \ell \mathrm{MhV})$
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## Moments ambiguity

- The same distribution type but pure hMhV appointments.
- out-of-sample size $=10,000$ data points

Distribution type ambiguity

- $\tilde{t}_{i j}$ (Two-point distribution; long-tail):
$=\mu_{i j}+\frac{(1-p)}{\sqrt{p(1-p)}} \sigma_{i j}$ with probability $p=0.3$
$=\mu_{i j}-\frac{\sqrt{p(1-p)}}{(1-p)} \sigma_{i j} \mathrm{~min}$ with probability $1-p=0.7$
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## Computing 0-1 SOC models with diagonal covariance

Table: Time and solution details for instances with diagonal covariance matrices

| Approach | Model | Time (s) | Opt. Obj. | Server | Opt. Gap | Node | Cut |
| :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | DCBP1 | 0.73 | 328.99 | 3 | $0.00 \%$ | 83 | 82 |
| B\&C | DCBP2 | 27.50 | 366.54 | 3 | $0.00 \%$ | 2146 | 2624 |
|  | Guassian | 0.13 | 297.94 | 2 | $0.00 \%$ | 0 | 0 |
| w/o Cuts | DCBP1 | 95.73 | 328.99 | 3 | $0.01 \%$ | 76237 | N/A |
|  | DCBP2 | LIMIT | 380.09 |  | $9.15 \%$ | 409422 | N/A |
|  | Gaussian | 0.02 | 297.94 | 2 | $0.00 \%$ | 16 | N/A |
| SAA | MILP | 21.20 | 297.94 | 2 | $0.00 \%$ | 89 | N/A |

## Computing 0-1 SOC models with general covariance

Table: CPU time of DCBP2 by different methods with general covariance matrices

| Instance | w/o Cuts |  | Ineq. |  | B\&C-Relax |  |  | B\&C-Lifted |  |  |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Time (s) | Node | Time (s) | Node | Time (s) | Node | Cut | Time (s) | Node | Cut |
| 1 | 286.29 | 10409 | 156.50 | 795 | 51.99 | 9095 | 702 | 35.03 | 618 | 823 |
| 2 | 433.32 | 10336 | 167.91 | 687 | 26.63 | 6524 | 698 | 12.34 | 405 | 235 |
| 3 | 284.17 | 10434 | 206.82 | 971 | 70.43 | 17420 | 621 | 29.84 | 595 | 729 |
| 4 | 310.11 | 10302 | 139.06 | 656 | 15.37 | 2467 | 723 | 25.31 | 419 | 617 |
| 5 | 329.32 | 10453 | 181.83 | 777 | 56.53 | 12349 | 737 | 35.09 | 678 | 921 |
| 6 | 365.28 | 10300 | 168.26 | 652 | 23.89 | 4807 | 695 | 26.73 | 555 | 595 |
| 7 | 296.55 | 10759 | 198.87 | 873 | 45.21 | 11585 | 738 | 21.08 | 440 | 626 |
| 8 | 278.62 | 10490 | 211.05 | 900 | 53.84 | 14540 | 721 | 47.78 | 1064 | 1686 |
| 9 | 139.24 | 7771 | 177.41 | 632 | 19.90 | 3918 | 645 | 19.37 | 216 | 360 |
| 10 | 297.72 | 10330 | 159.52 | 822 | 30.36 | 6877 | 649 | 29.43 | 400 | 727 |

## Computing 0-1 SOC models under different problem sizes

Table: CPU time of DCBP2 with general covariance and different sizes

|  | Method | Inst. | $J=32$ |  |  |  |  | $J=40$ |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| $I=6$ | B\&C-Relax | Time (s) | 51.99 | 26.63 | 70.43 | 15.37 | 56.53 | 6.87 | 12.76 | 1.59 | 2.36 | 12.73 |
|  |  | Node | 9095 | 6524 | 17420 | 2467 | 12349 | 1009 | 1322 | 176 | 285 | 1270 |
|  |  | Cut | 702 | 698 | 621 | 723 | 737 | 174 | 604 | 171 | 179 | 602 |
|  | B\&C-Lifted | Time (s) | 35.03 | 12.34 | 29.84 | 25.31 | 35.09 | 64.58 | 98.18 | 91.12 | 60.11 | 59.50 |
|  |  | Node | 618 | 405 | 595 | 419 | 678 | 274 | 484 | 447 | 289 | 234 |
|  |  | Cut | 823 | 235 | 729 | 617 | 921 | 470 | 690 | 688 | 462 | 394 |
|  | w/o Cuts | Time (s) | 286.29 | 433.32 | 284.17 | 310.11 | 329.32 | 1654.31 | 208.12 | 1182.46 | 1580.41 | 1266.27 |
|  |  | Node | 10409 | 10336 | 10434 | 10302 | 10453 | 10525 | 1272 | 10732 | 10658 | 10642 |
| $I=8$ | B\&C-Relax | Time (s) | 41.57 | 139.41 | 55.22 | 261.24 | 305.72 | 23.91 | 9.73 | 17.76 | 27.16 | 12.98 |
|  |  | Node | 8342 | 29042 | 12267 | 49820 | 61334 | 2130 | 1240 | 1561 | 2607 | 1024 |
|  |  | Cut | 737 | 770 | 742 | 803 | 790 | 714 | 199 | 728 | 702 | 690 |
|  | B\&C-Lifted | Time (s) | 106.03 | 28.55 | 84.64 | 97.05 | 13.56 | 331.29 | 273.14 | 307.06 | 178.41 | 161.39 |
|  |  | Node | 678 | 502 | 647 | 634 | 125 | 1177 | 836 | 1397 | 457 | 529 |
|  |  | Cut | 114 | 691 | 128 | 143 | 216 | 1781 | 1175 | 2066 | 703 | 719 |
|  | w/o Cuts |  | 866.12 | 597.43 | 649.72 | 683.18 | 497.15 | 2265.53 | 2428.60 | 2294.62 | 1781.95 | 851.99 |
|  |  | Node | 10338 | 10305 | 10309 | 10306 | 14386 | 11441 | 11219 | 11708 | 11128 | 5241 |
| $I=10$ | B\&C-Relax | Time (s) | 3.75 | 9.28 | 6.56 | 3.23 | 16.71 | 29.94 | 80.34 | 22.58 | 24.48 | 339.93 |
|  |  | Node | 637 | 972 | 659 | 549 | 2274 | 2336 | 7315 | 1870 | 1959 | 34306 |
|  |  | Cut | 241 | 552 | 390 | 230 | 741 | 767 | 714 | 736 | 729 | 715 |
|  | B\&C-Lifted | Time (s) | 108.43 | 117.44 | 120.60 | 22.10 | 111.37 | 186.72 | 714.45 | 197.42 | 549.90 | 661.13 |
|  |  | Node | 668 | 785 | 828 | 291 | 779 | 766 | 1108 | 811 | 896 | 1209 |
|  |  | Cut | 108 | 191 | 314 | 281 | 188 | 1196 | 850 | 1106 | 568 | 808 |
|  | w/o Cuts | Time (s) | 987.92 | 1140.23 | 183.06 | 1113.09 | 1425.83 | 2382.97 | 2917.03 | LIMIT | 2052.42 | 2451.62 |
|  |  | Node | 10353 | 10357 | 4992 | 10307 | 10401 | 11015 | 11197 | 12101 | 10812 | 11001 |

## Out-of-Sample Performance I

- Test optimal solutions $y_{i}$ of Gaussian, DCBP1, DCBP2, and MILP in various out-of-sample instances.
- Reliability of each open server $i=$

$$
\frac{\# \text { of scenarios in which } \tilde{t}_{i}^{\top} y_{i} \leq T_{i}}{N=10,000}
$$

Table: Solution reliability results in simulation sample with misspecified moments (all hM $\ell$ V instances)

| Model | Server 2 | Server 4 | Server 5 | Server 6 |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| DCBP1 | N/A | 0.94 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| DCBP2 | 0.98 | 1.00 | 0.99 | N/A |
| Gaussian | N/A | 0.59 | N/A | 0.89 |
| SAA | N/A | 0.59 | N/A | 0.89 |

## Out-of-Sample Performance II

Table: Solution reliability results in simulation sample with misspecified distribution (two-point distribution)

| Model | Server 2 | Server 4 | Server 5 | Server 6 |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| DCBP1 | N/A | 0.96 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| DCBP2 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | N/A |
| Gaussian | N/A | 0.69 | N/A | 0.91 |
| SAA | N/A | 0.69 | N/A | 0.91 |

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Thank you! Any questions?

