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# Self Unit Commitment of Combined-Cycle Units with Real Operational Constraints

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# INTRODUCTION

Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT) plants are one of the most common power technologies in the world due to their high efficiency and the high level of flexibility to support the integration of renewable energy resources. Hence, it is necessary to represent the operational elements of CCGTs in detail in a power system in order to simulate the correct output available in a specific period by the Independent System Operators (ISO) to meet demand and avoid critical damages in these plants.

Therefore, it is important to represent the intricate operating conditions of a CCGT in an optimization model in order to improve the CCGT's performance and meet technical operating constraints such as minimum heat requirements for steam to prevent equipment failures.

This work proposes a type of self-unit commitment (SEUC) model formulated as a Mixed Integer Programming (MIP) problem to overcome these shortcomings and to represent the detailed and realistic operating conditions of a CCGT plant given a specific dispatch.



Erosion on the blades as found



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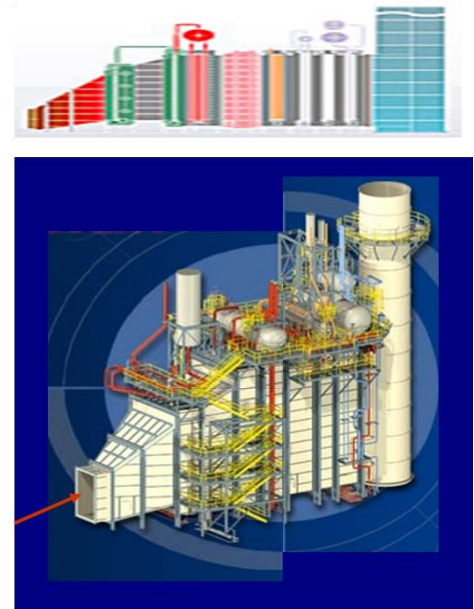
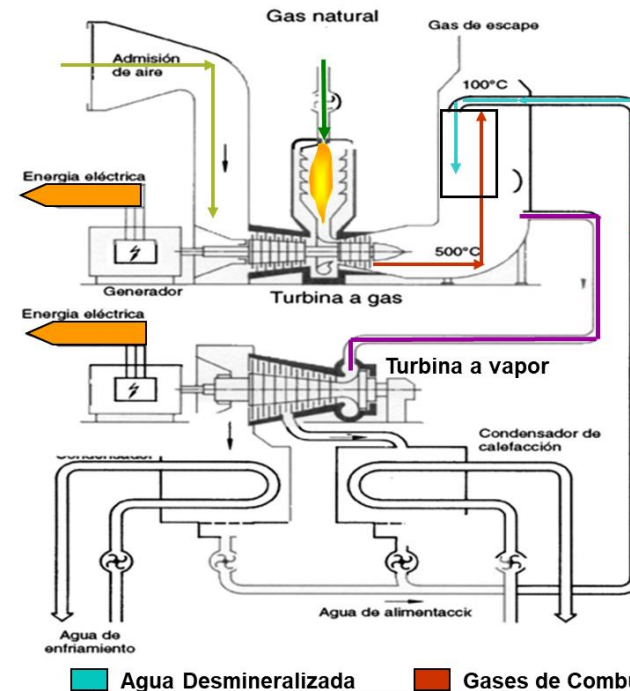
Overview of gland sealing area



Close up of steam cuts / erosion

# WHAT IS A COMBINE-CYCLE GAS UNIT

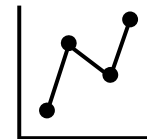
It is a power cycle that is based on the coupling of two different cycles, one of a steam turbine (Rankine cycle) and the other of a gas turbine (Brayton cycle). The heat not used by one of the cycles is used as a heat source for the other. In this way, the hot exhaust gases from the gas turbine cycle deliver the energy necessary for the operation of the coupled steam cycle. This configuration allows a very efficient use of fuel.



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# WAYS OF DISPATCH

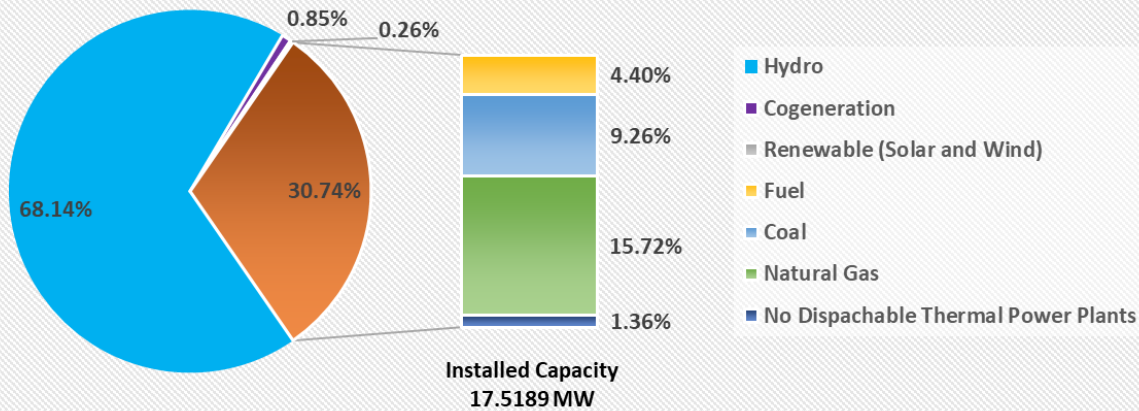
- Necessity of organize 3 basic functions of the industry
  - The instantaneous equilibrium between the supply and the demand
  - Network congestion management
  - Trade of electricity in the short term
- Option:
  - Decentralize dispatch (Bilateral Model)
  - Centralize dispatch (Pool Model)
    - Tight pool or loose pool



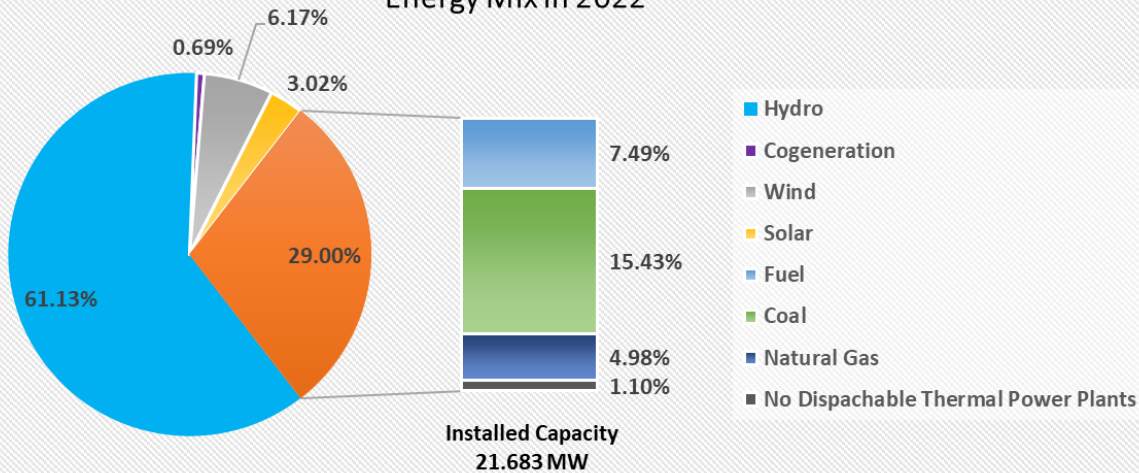


# COLOMBIAN ENERGY MARKET

Energy Mix July 2020



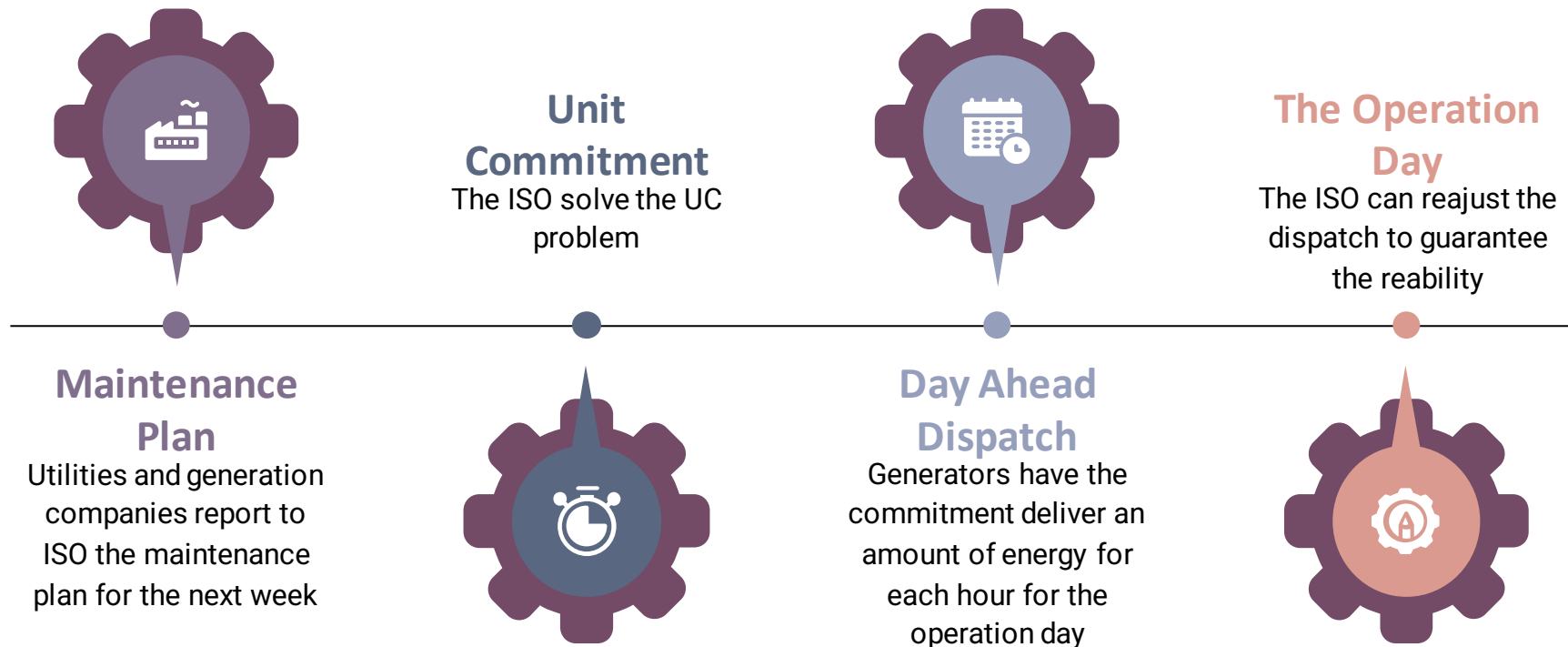
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# COLOMBIAN ENERGY MARKET

Electric system planning and operation process

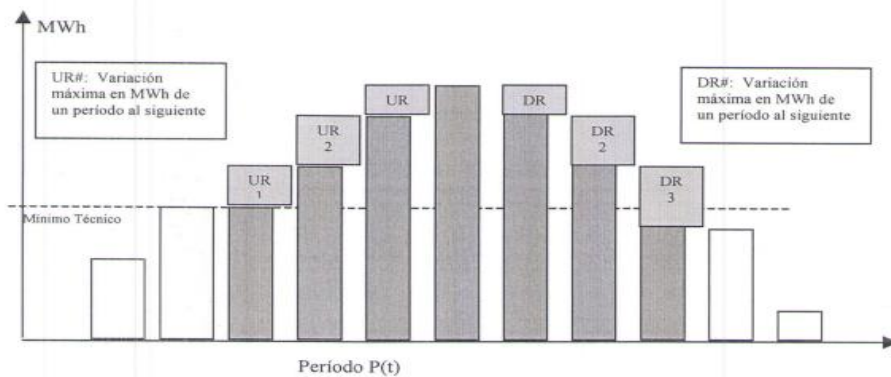


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## Operation Stages

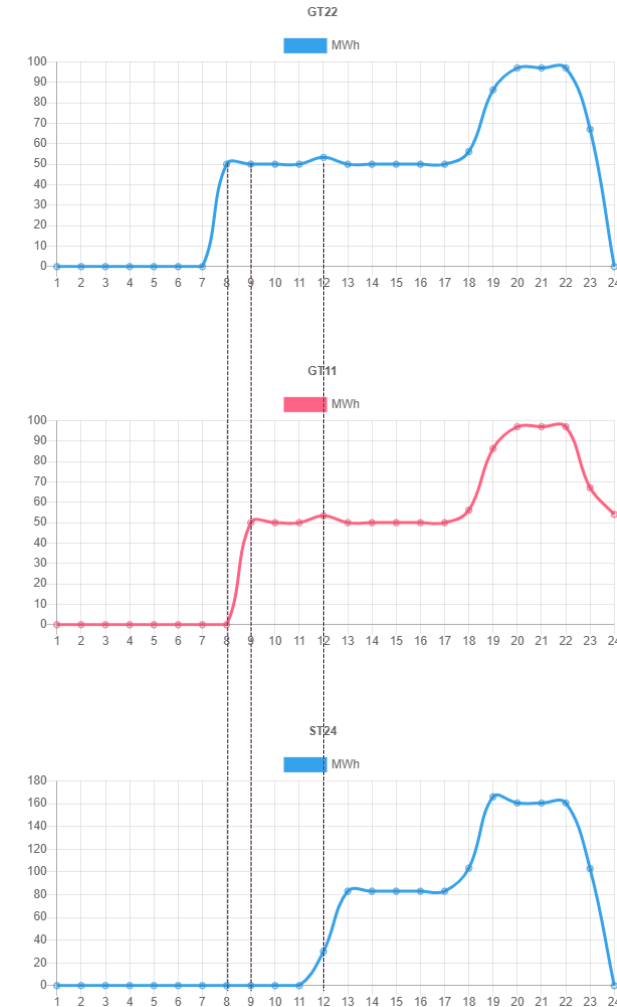


- ✓ Minimum up/down time
- ✓ Startup ramp (Model 1)
- ✓ Shut down ramp (Model 1)
- ✓ Up/Down ramp (Model 2 or 3)
- ✓ Additional fires
- ✓ Auxiliary consumption

### Self Unit Commitment of Combined-Cycle Units with Real Operational Constraints

# CCGT OPERATIONAL CONSTRAINTS

1. Minimum number of combustion units necessary to have a coupled operation in combined cycle with steam turbines.
2. Minimum startup hours required for the gas turbines to produce the steam needed for the steam turbines in the right qualities.
3. Differentiate between a hot and cold startup for the steam turbines.
4. Load distribution between combustion turbines that is necessary to guarantee a steam production given to each steam turbine in the same conditions and prevent temperature deltas in these units produced when the load between the gas turbine are not the same.





Fecha de aplicación: Operación Diciembre 15 de 2007  
Aprobado según acuerdo CNO 531 ([Ver acuerdo](#))

Fecha de estudio : 2020-08-19

PER	DES	AGC	SEG		220 KV						110 KV				GEN	DES	DES	GT's		ST	DGT		INF	RMP
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Technical constraints are not represented correctly!



- Colombian ISO does not dispose of a faithful technical representation of the corresponding CCGT plants.
- It is important to represent the intricate operating conditions of a CCGT to improve the CCGT's performance and meet technical operating constraints such as minimum heat requirements for steam to prevent equipment failures.
- Technical constraints are not commonly represented correctly with heuristic approximation models that are being used to operate the plant currently.
- Deviation and penalties due to the impossibility to attend the unit commitment plan.



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# CASE STUDIES

## CCGT Parameters

Variable	Value	Unit
$\overline{GCC}$	800	MW
$\underline{GCC}$	210	MW
$\overline{PAF}$	15	MW
$AUXCC$	5	MW
$AUXGT$	0.45	MW
$AUXST$	2	MW
$RD/RU$	335	MWh
$PCC$	120	\$/MWh
$PBC$	500	\$/MWh
$CSC$	15000	\$
$MUG$	2	p.u.
$STF$	0.613	p.u.
$NC$	5	p.u.
$NS$	2	p.u.
$t1$	$t \leq 16$	Hours
$t2$	$16 < t \leq 30$	Hours
$t3$	$t > 30$	Hours
$KGC$	3	Hours

## Combustion Turbines

Variable	Value	Units
$\overline{G}$	100	MW
$\underline{G}$	50	MW
TC	5	MW/min
TD	5	MW/min

## Steam Turbines

Variable	Value	Units
$\overline{G}$	170	MW
$\underline{G}$	80	MW
$GSTH$	80	MW
$GSTC$	30	MW

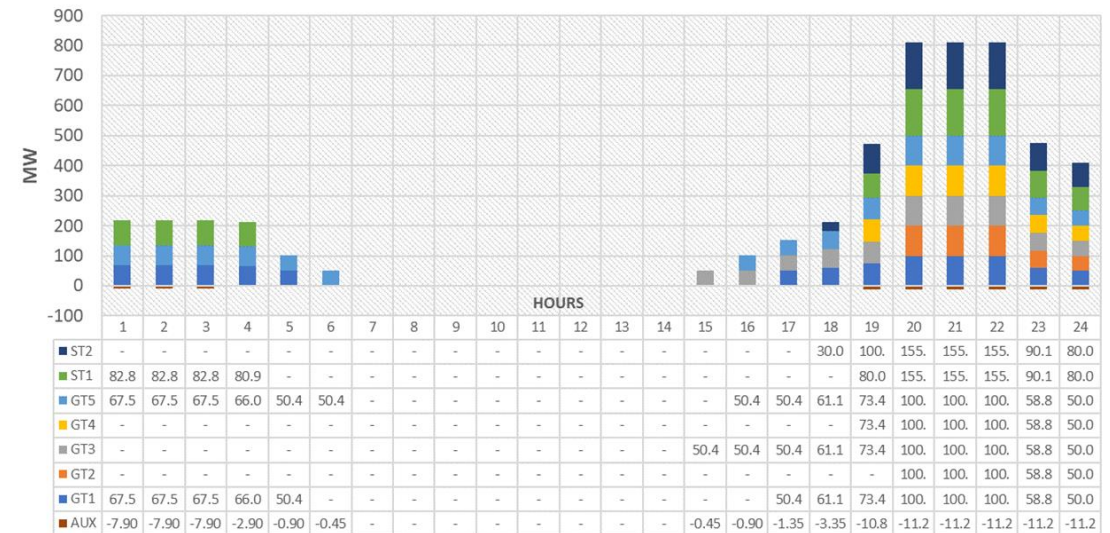
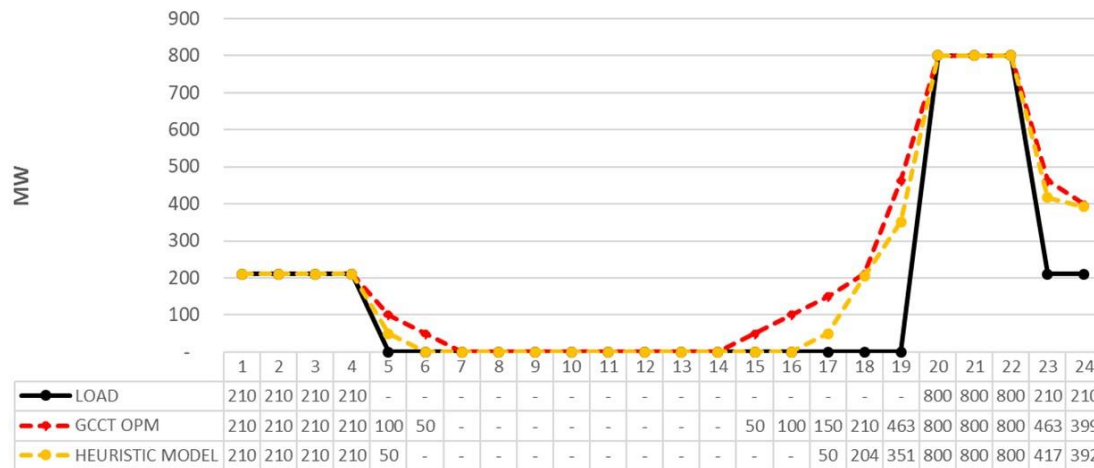
## Startup and Shut Down Ramps

Hour	H-Startup	W-Startup	C-Startup	Shutdown
H1	50	50	50	210
H2	100	100	100	100
H3	150	100	100	50
H4	210	150	100	0
H5	0	210	150	0
H6	0	0	210	0

Unit	on/off (Hours)	Gl0 (MW)
GT1	8	67
GT2	0	0
GT3	0	0
GT4	0	0
GT5	8	67
ST1	8	83
ST2	0	0

- The model decides to do a shutdown ramp in period 5, keeping the CCGT offline until period 15, where the model decides to do hot startup ramp.
- It is important to highlight that the model decides to ramp up in period 19 to reach the maximum capacity of the CCGT from period 20 to 22.

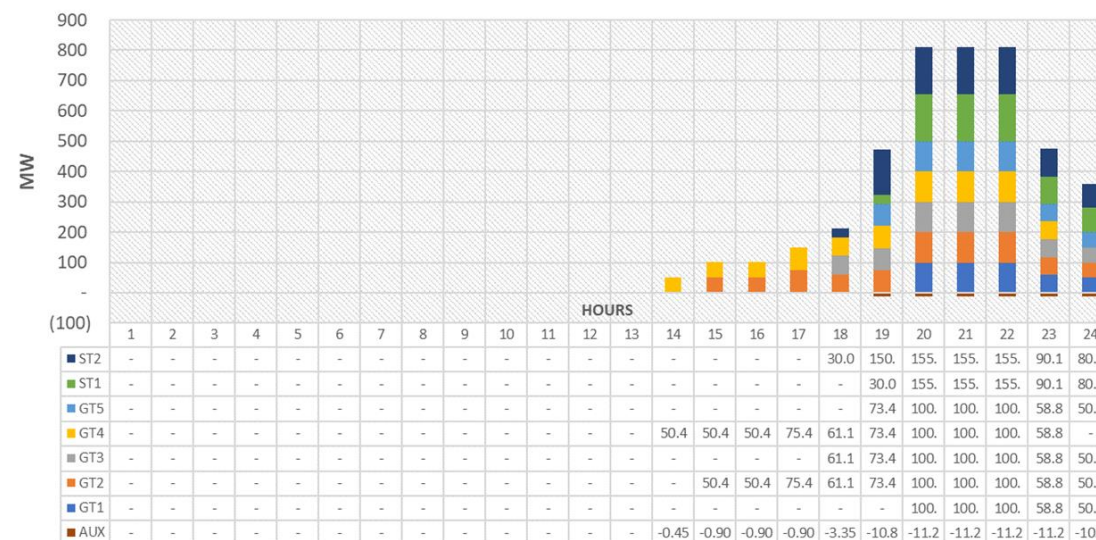
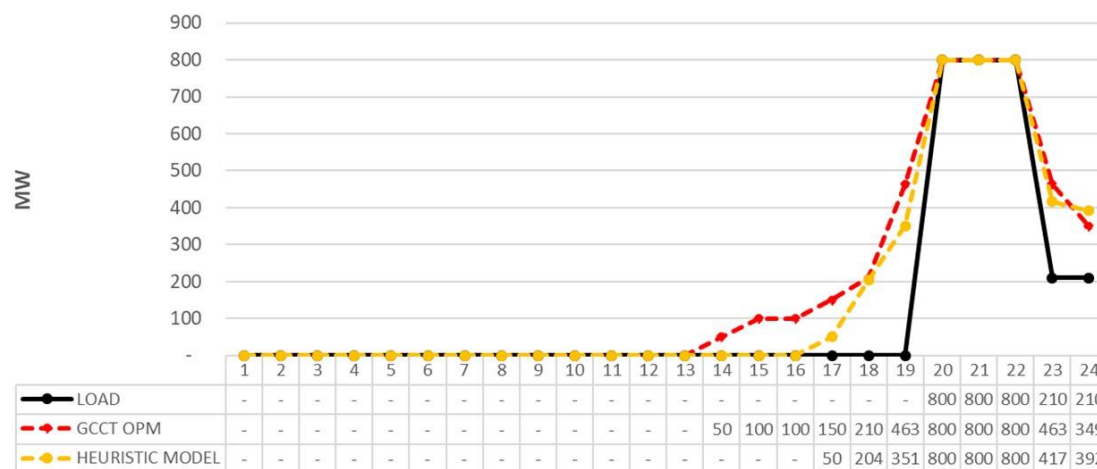
# CASE 1



Unit	<i>lon/off</i> (Hours)	<i>Gt0</i> (MW)
GT1	8	0
GT2	8	0
GT3	8	0
GT4	8	0
GT5	8	0
ST1	8	0
ST2	8	0

- It can be observed that to reach the initial dispatch \$L\$, a warm startup from periods 14 to 18 is required.
- an increased ramp is necessary in period 19 to deliver the maximum capacity in periods 20 to 22.
- In contrast, the heuristic model makes a hot startup, not considering the state of the units before the required dispatch.

## CASE 2





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# CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMENDATIONS


- We propose an original formulation for individual gas and steam turbine units that guarantee specific characteristics of the steam.
- The correct representation of the characteristics are necessary to minimize the impact of thermo-mechanical fatigue produced by the energy output changes required by the system operator and helps to increase the useful time of the CCGT units and the reliability of the CCGT, minimizing future failures.
- We also propose a novel operating constraint that allows for an even load distribution among individual gas turbines - a constraint that is being imposed in real-life CCGTs.
- Improve upon heuristic models in use currently by CCGT operators in the Colombian electric power system.

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# FUTURE WORKS

- In future research we want to extend this work from a self- to a full Unit-Commitment, considering all power plants of the system. Such a model would help the ISO in order to improve the solution of the dispatch in the Colombian power system, where CCGT plants play an important role.



The background of the slide is a close-up photograph of a tree trunk's cross-section. It shows concentric growth rings in shades of brown and tan. A prominent dark knot is visible on the left side. Two thin white horizontal lines are positioned near the top and bottom of the slide.

La manera de empezar  
es dejar de hablar y  
comenzar a actuar.

Walt Disney





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