

Optimization of Energy Production and Transport

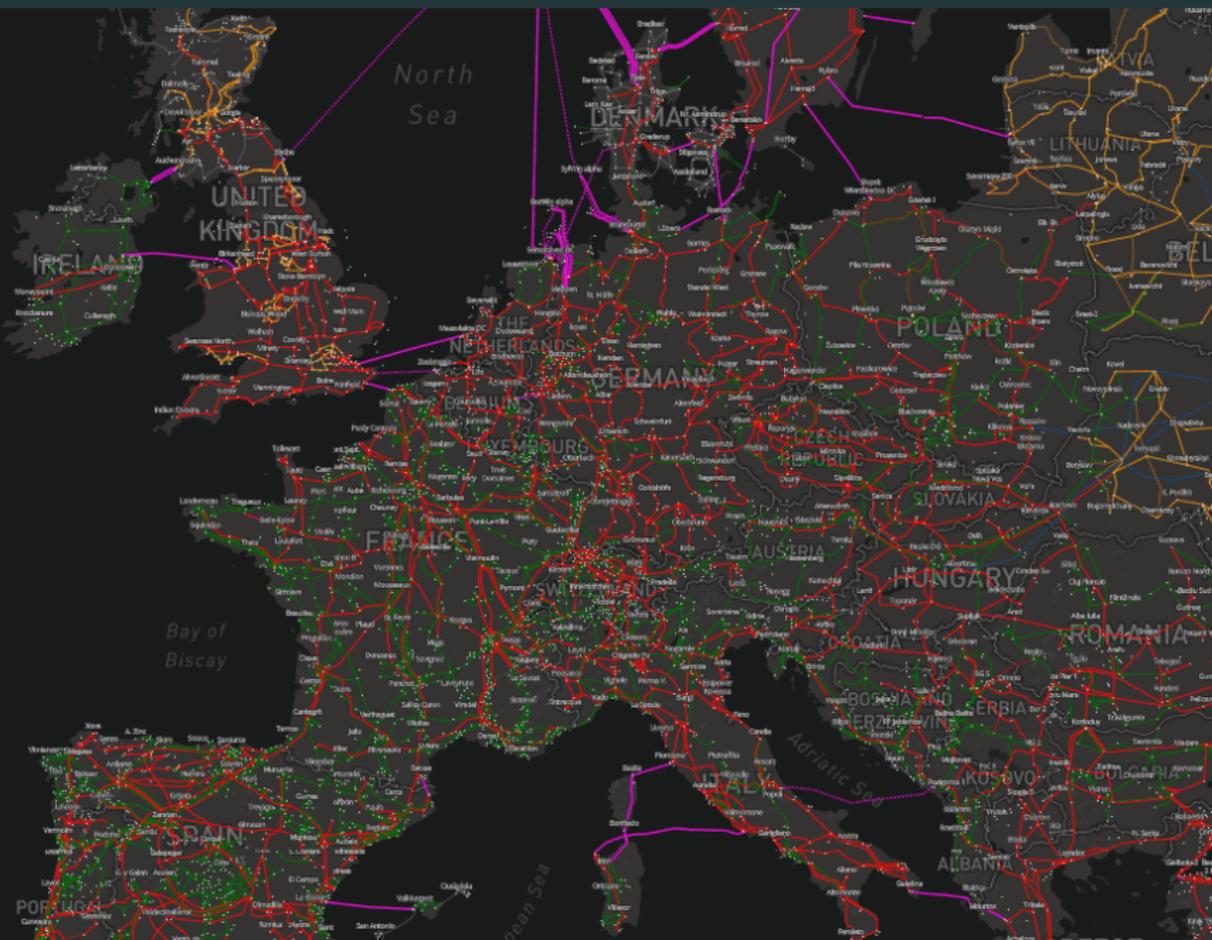
A stochastic decomposition approach

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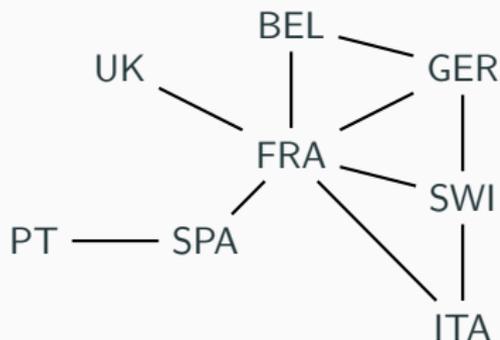
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Managing the network at European scale



Motivation

An energy **production and transport optimization problem** on a grid modeling energy exchange across European countries.¹



- Stochastic dynamical problem
- Discrete time formulation (weekly time steps)
- Large-scale problem (8 countries)

¹But the framework remains valid for smaller energy management problems.

Lecture outline

Modeling

Resolution methods

- Stochastic Programming

- Time decomposition

- Spatial decomposition

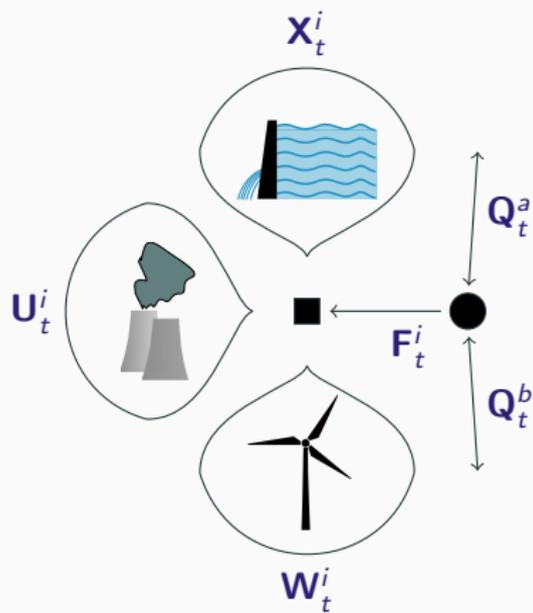
Numerical implementation

Conclusion

Modeling

Production at each node of the grid

At each node i of the grid, we formulate a **production problem** on a discrete time horizon $[0, T]$, involving the following variables at each time t :



- X_t^i : **state variable**
(dam volume)
- U_t^i : **control variable**
(energy production)
- F_t^i : **grid flow**
(import/export from the grid)
- W_t^i : **noise**
(consumption, renewable)

Writing the problem for each node

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- The **dynamics** $x_{t+1}^i = f_t^i(x_t^i, u_t^i, w_t^i)$ writes

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Thus, we explicit w_t^i and u_t^i

$$w_t^i = (a_t^i, d_t^i) , \quad u_t^i = (p_t^i, s_t^i, g_t^i, r_t^i) .$$

We pay to use the **thermal power plant** and we penalize the **recourse**:

$$L_t^i(x_t^i, u_t^i, f_t^i, w_t^i) = \underbrace{\alpha_t^i (g_t^i)^2}_{\text{quadratic cost}} + \underbrace{\beta_t^i g_t^i + \kappa_t^i r_t^i}_{\text{recourse penalty}} .$$

A stochastic optimization problem decoupled in space

At **each node** i of the grid, we have to solve a stochastic optimal control subproblem depending on the grid flow process \mathbf{F}^i :²

$$J_{\mathfrak{P}}^i[\mathbf{F}^i] = \min_{\mathbf{x}^i, \mathbf{u}^i} \mathbb{E} \left(\sum_{t=0}^{T-1} L_t^i(\mathbf{X}_t^i, \mathbf{U}_t^i, \mathbf{F}_t^i, \mathbf{W}_{t+1}^i) + K^i(\mathbf{X}_T^i) \right),$$

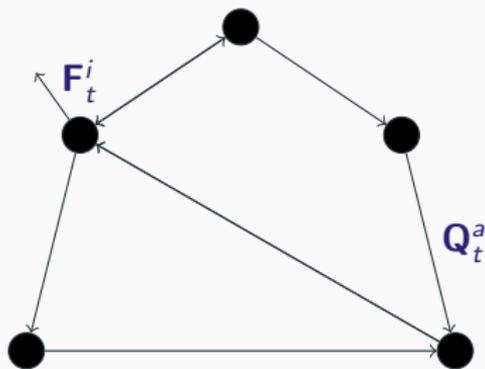
$$\begin{aligned} \text{s.t. } \quad & \mathbf{X}_{t+1}^i = f_t^i(\mathbf{X}_t^i, \mathbf{U}_t^i, \mathbf{F}_t^i, \mathbf{W}_{t+1}^i), \\ & \mathbf{X}_t^i \in \mathcal{X}_t^{i, \text{ad}}, \quad \mathbf{U}_t^i \in \mathcal{U}_t^{i, \text{ad}}, \\ & \mathbf{U}_t^i \preceq \mathcal{F}_t, \end{aligned}$$

The last equation is the **measurability constraint**, where \mathcal{F}_t is the σ -field generated by the noises $\{\mathbf{W}_\tau^i\}_{\tau=1\dots t, i=1\dots N}$ up to time t .

²The notation $J_{\mathfrak{P}}^i[\cdot]$ means that the argument of $J_{\mathfrak{P}}^i$ is a *random variable*.

Modeling exchanges between countries

The grid is represented by a **directed graph** $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{A})$. At each time $t \in \llbracket 0, T - 1 \rrbracket$ we have:



- a flow Q_t^a through each arc a , inducing a cost $c_t^a(Q_t^a)$, modeling the exchange between two countries
- a grid flow F_t^i at each node i , resulting from the balance equation

$$F_t^i = \sum_{a \in \text{input}(i)} Q_t^a - \sum_{b \in \text{output}(i)} Q_t^b$$

A transport cost decoupled in time

At each time step $t \in \llbracket 0, T - 1 \rrbracket$, we define the **transport cost** as the sum of the cost of the flows \mathbf{Q}_t^a through the arcs a of the grid:

$$J_{\mathcal{S},t}[\mathbf{Q}_t] = \mathbb{E} \left(\sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}} c_t^a(\mathbf{Q}_t^a) \right),$$

where the c_t^a 's are easy to compute functions (say quadratic).

Kirchhoff's law

The balance equation stating the conservation between \mathbf{Q}_t and \mathbf{F}_t rewrites in the following matrix form:

$$A\mathbf{Q}_t + \mathbf{F}_t = 0,$$

where A is the node-arc incidence matrix of the grid.

The overall production transport problem

The *production cost* $J_{\mathfrak{P}}$ aggregates the costs at all nodes i :

$$J_{\mathfrak{P}}[\mathbf{F}] = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} J_{\mathfrak{P}}^i[\mathbf{F}^i],$$

and the *transport cost* $J_{\mathfrak{T}}$ aggregates the costs at all time t :

$$J_{\mathfrak{T}}[\mathbf{Q}] = \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} J_{\mathfrak{T},t}[\mathbf{Q}_t].$$

The compact **production-transport problem** formulation writes:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{F}} \quad & J_{\mathfrak{P}}[\mathbf{F}] + J_{\mathfrak{T}}[\mathbf{Q}] && (\mathcal{P}) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q} + \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{0}. \end{aligned}$$

Resolution methods

Where are we heading to?

The problem \mathcal{P} has:

- N nodes (with $N = 8$);
- T time steps (with $T = 52$);
- N independent random variables per time step t : $\mathbf{W}_t^1, \dots, \mathbf{W}_t^N$.

We aim to solve the problem numerically. We suppose that for all t , \mathbf{W}_t^i is a **discrete** random variable, with support size n_{bin} . We denote by

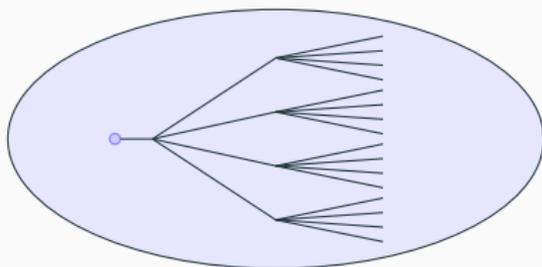
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the global random variable at time t .

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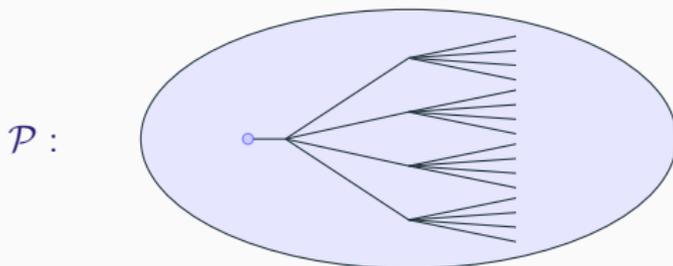
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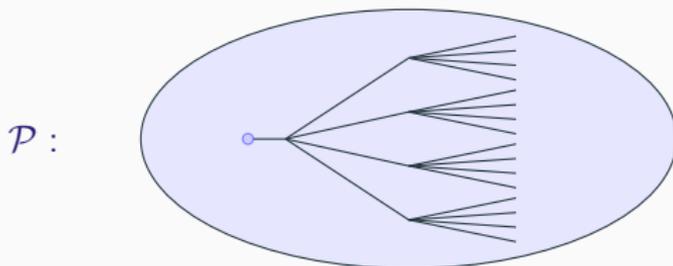
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n leafs	1	$\approx 10^{125}$	$\approx 10^{290}$

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- N nodes: **curse of dimensionality** (8 decoupled stocks dynamics).
- Still a support size n_{bin}^N for \mathbf{W}_t

We use **Stochastic Dual Dynamic Programming** to solve the problem with $N = 8$ dimensions.

A brief recall on Stochastic Dynamic Programming

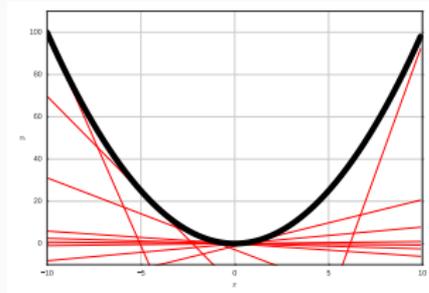
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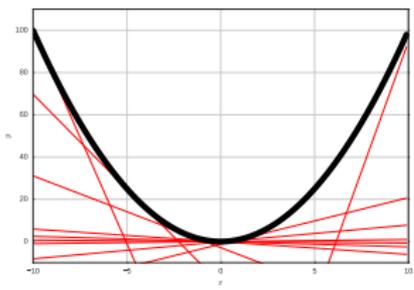
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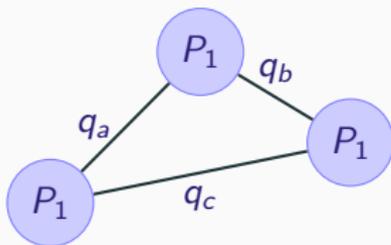
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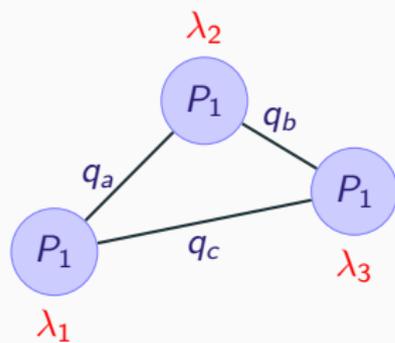
However, SDDP still has to deal with a noise \mathbf{W}_t with a support size $n_{bin}^N \dots$

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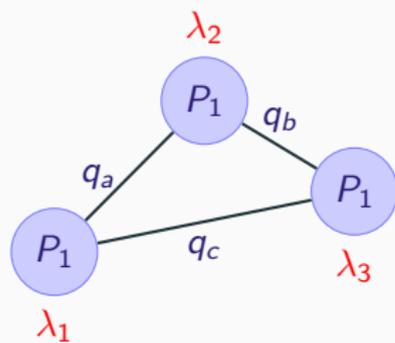
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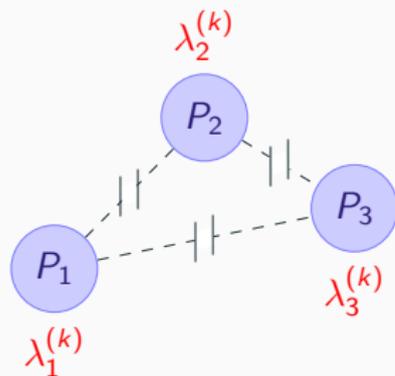
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Dual decomposition:

- Fix a voltage $\lambda^{(k)}$
- Decouple the problem **node by node**
- Solve $\mathcal{P}_1, \dots, \mathcal{P}_3$ by Dynamic Programming and get an outflow \mathbf{F}
- Solve transport problem and get flow \mathbf{Q}
- Update λ with:

$$\lambda^{(k+1)} = \lambda^{(k)} + \rho \times \underbrace{(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q} + \mathbf{F})}_{=0 \text{ if equilibrium}}$$



Recalling the original problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{F}} \quad & J_{\mathfrak{F}}[\mathbf{F}] + J_{\mathfrak{X}}[\mathbf{Q}] && (\mathcal{P}) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q} + \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{0} . \end{aligned}$$

where

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s.t. lot of constraints

- $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{F}_0, \dots, \mathbf{F}_{T-1}$ is a process,
- so is $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{Q}_0, \dots, \mathbf{Q}_{T-1}$.

$\rightsquigarrow \lambda$ appears to be also a time process ...

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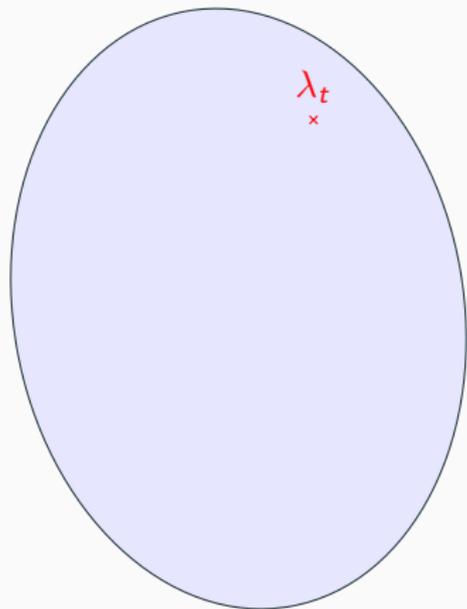
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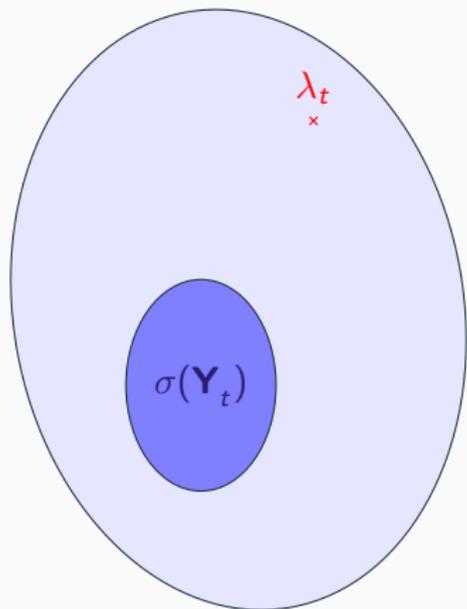
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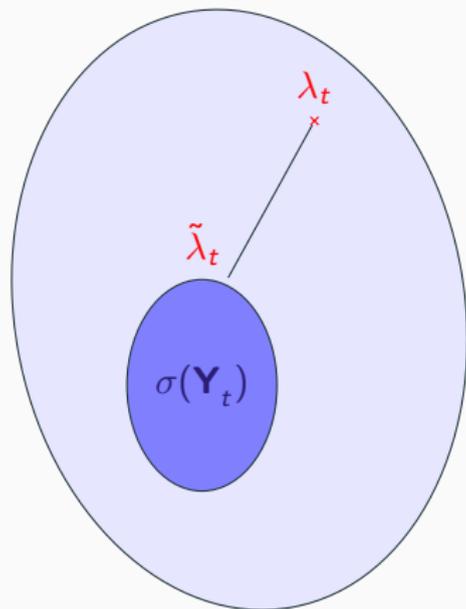
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Price decomposition

The production and transport optimization problem writes

$$\min_{\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{F}} J_{\mathfrak{P}}[\mathbf{F}] + J_{\mathfrak{T}}[\mathbf{Q}] \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q} + \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{0}. \quad (\mathcal{P})$$

The decomposition scheme consists in:

1. **dualizing** the constraint,
2. **approximating** the multiplier λ by its conditional expectation w.r.t. \mathbf{Y} .

This **trick** leads to the following problem

$$\max_{\lambda} \min_{\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{F}} J_{\mathfrak{P}}[\mathbf{F}] + J_{\mathfrak{T}}[\mathbf{Q}] + \langle \mathbb{E}(\lambda \mid \mathbf{Y}), \mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q} + \mathbf{F} \rangle.$$

A dual gradient-like algorithm

Applying the Uzawa algorithm to the **dual** problem

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leads to a decomposition between production and transport:

$$\mathbf{F}^{(k+1)} \in \arg \min_{\mathbf{F}} J_{\mathfrak{P}}[\mathbf{F}] + \langle \mathbb{E}(\lambda^{(k)} | \mathbf{Y}), \mathbf{F} \rangle, \quad \text{Production}$$

$$\mathbf{Q}^{(k+1)} \in \arg \min_{\mathbf{Q}} J_{\mathfrak{T}}[\mathbf{Q}] + \langle \mathbb{E}(\lambda^{(k)} | \mathbf{Y}), \mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q} \rangle, \quad \text{Transport}$$

$$\mathbb{E}(\lambda^{(k+1)} | \mathbf{Y}) = \mathbb{E}(\lambda^{(k)} | \mathbf{Y}) + \rho \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q}^{(k+1)} + \mathbf{F}^{(k+1)} | \mathbf{Y}). \quad \text{Update}$$

Decomposing the production problem

The **production** subproblem

$$\min_{\mathbf{F}} J_{\mathfrak{P}}[\mathbf{F}] + \langle \mathbb{E}(\boldsymbol{\lambda}^{(k)} \mid \mathbf{Y}), \mathbf{F} \rangle,$$

evidently **decomposes** node by node

$$\min_{\mathbf{F}^i} J_{\mathfrak{P}}^i[\mathbf{F}^i] + \langle \mathbb{E}(\boldsymbol{\lambda}^{i,(k)} \mid \mathbf{Y}), \mathbf{F}^i \rangle,$$

hence a stochastic optimal control subproblem for each node i :

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{x}^i, \mathbf{u}^i, \mathbf{F}^i} \mathbb{E} & \left(\sum_{t=0}^{T-1} \left(L_t^i(\mathbf{x}_t^i, \mathbf{u}_t^i, \mathbf{F}_t^i, \mathbf{w}_{t+1}) + \langle \mathbb{E}(\boldsymbol{\lambda}_t^{i,(k)} \mid \mathbf{Y}_t), \mathbf{F}_t^i \rangle \right) + K^i(\mathbf{x}_T^i) \right) \\ \text{s.t. } \mathbf{x}_{t+1}^i &= f_t^i(\mathbf{x}_t^i, \mathbf{u}_t^i, \mathbf{F}_t^i, \mathbf{w}_{t+1}) \\ \mathbf{u}_t^i &\preceq \mathcal{F}_t. \end{aligned}$$

Solving the production subproblems by DP

Assuming that

- the process \mathbf{W} is a white noise,
- the process \mathbf{Y} follows a dynamics $\mathbf{Y}_{t+1} = h_t(\mathbf{Y}_t, \mathbf{W}_{t+1})$,

Then $(\mathbf{X}_t, \mathbf{Y}_t)$ is a valid state to apply **Dynamic Programming**:

$$V_T^i(x, y) = K^i(x)$$

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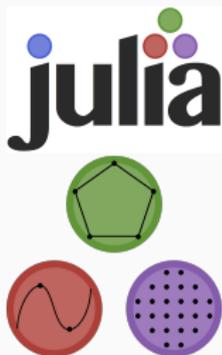
Where are we heading to?

- Solving directly the problem is not numerically tractable
- SDDP allows to solve the problem, but still has to deal with a noise \mathbf{W}_t with size $n_{bin}^N \dots$
- Price decomposition allows to decompose the problem in N independent subproblems

Now, we aim to compare **numerically** SDDP and DADP.

Numerical implementation

Our stack is deeply rooted in Julia language



- Modeling Language: JuMP
- Open-source SDDP Solver:
StochDynamicProgramming.jl
- LP/QP Solver: Gurobi 7.02

<https://github.com/JuliaOpt/StochDynamicProgramming.jl>

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- Implementing SDDP is straightforward (but still a noise \mathbf{W}_t with size n_{bin}^N ...)
- DADP is more elaborated. The difficulty lies in the **update scheme**:

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We use a crude relaxation: $\mathbf{Y} = 0$. Denoting $\underline{\lambda}^{(k)} = \mathbb{E}(\boldsymbol{\lambda}^{(k)})$, the update becomes

$$\underline{\lambda}^{(k+1)} = \underline{\lambda}^{(k)} + \underbrace{\rho}_{\text{Update step}} \underbrace{\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q}^{(k+1)} + \mathbf{F}^{(k+1)})}_{\text{Monte Carlo}} .$$

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- We exploit the strong-convexity,
- The line-search is penalized by inexact gradient
(especially near convergence where the algorithm requires precision)

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Adding an augmented Lagrangian

Let first introduce the augmented Lagrangian corresponding to the relaxed problem:

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{Q}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}) = J_{\mathfrak{P}}(\mathbf{F}) + J_{\mathfrak{I}}(\mathbf{Q}) + \langle \boldsymbol{\lambda}, \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q} + \mathbf{F} | \mathbf{Y}) \rangle + \frac{\rho}{2} \|\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{Q} + \mathbf{F} | \mathbf{Y})\|^2 .$$

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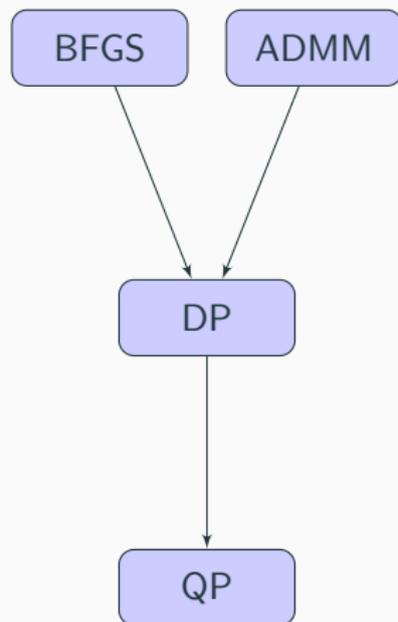
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Double, double toil and trouble

Digesting the stochastic caldron, between time and space ...



- Global problem \mathcal{P}

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- Decomposed production subproblem \mathcal{P}_i

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- DP subproblem V_t^i

$$\begin{aligned} V_t^i(x, y) = \min_{u, f} \quad & \mathbb{E} \left(L_t^i(x, u, f, \mathbf{w}_{t+1}) \right. \\ & \left. + \langle \mathbb{E}(\lambda_t^{i,(k)} \mid \mathbf{Y}_t = y), f \rangle + V_{t+1}^i(\mathbf{x}_{t+1}^i, \mathbf{Y}_{t+1}) \right) \end{aligned}$$

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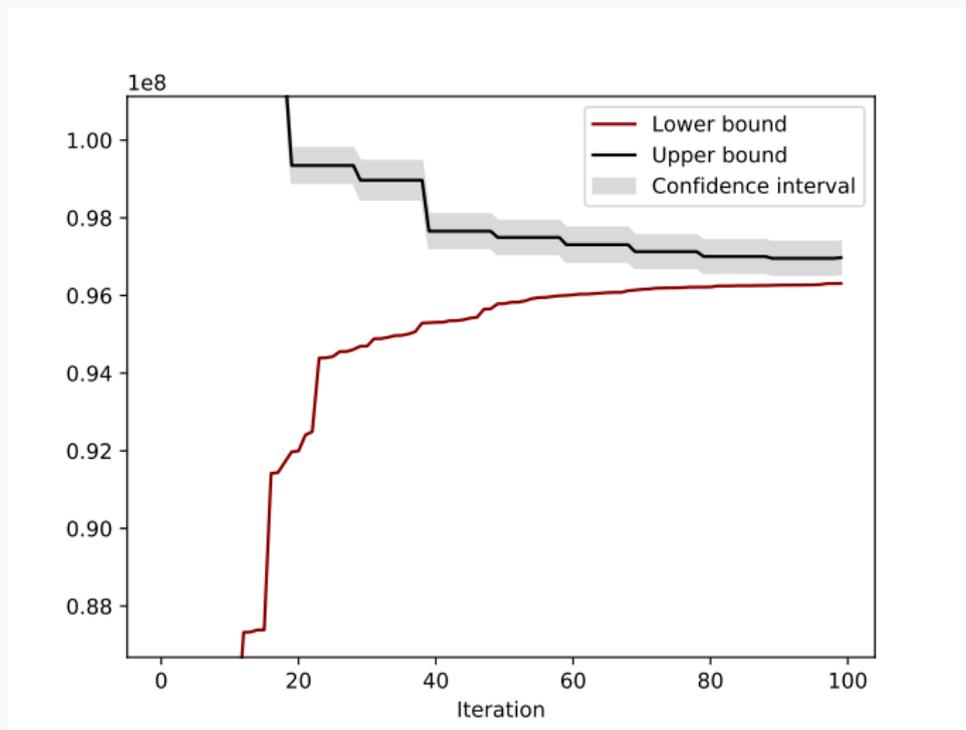


Figure 1: Convergence of SDDP's upper and lower bounds ($T = 52$, $n_{bin} = 2$).

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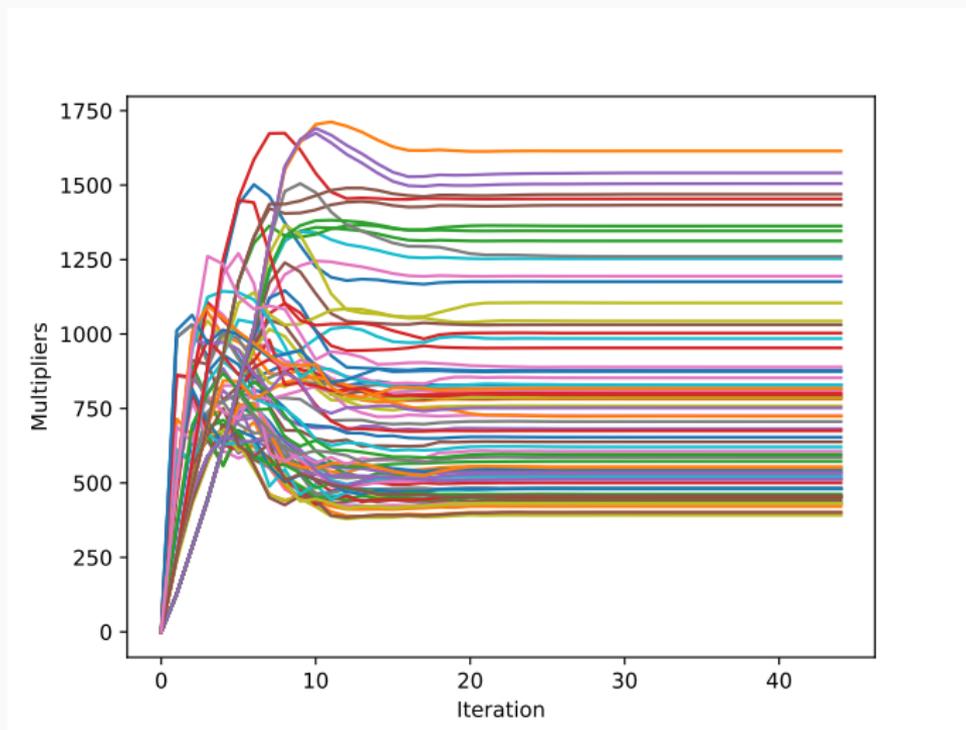


Figure 2: Convergence of multipliers with BFGS ($T = 52$, $n_{bin} = 2$).

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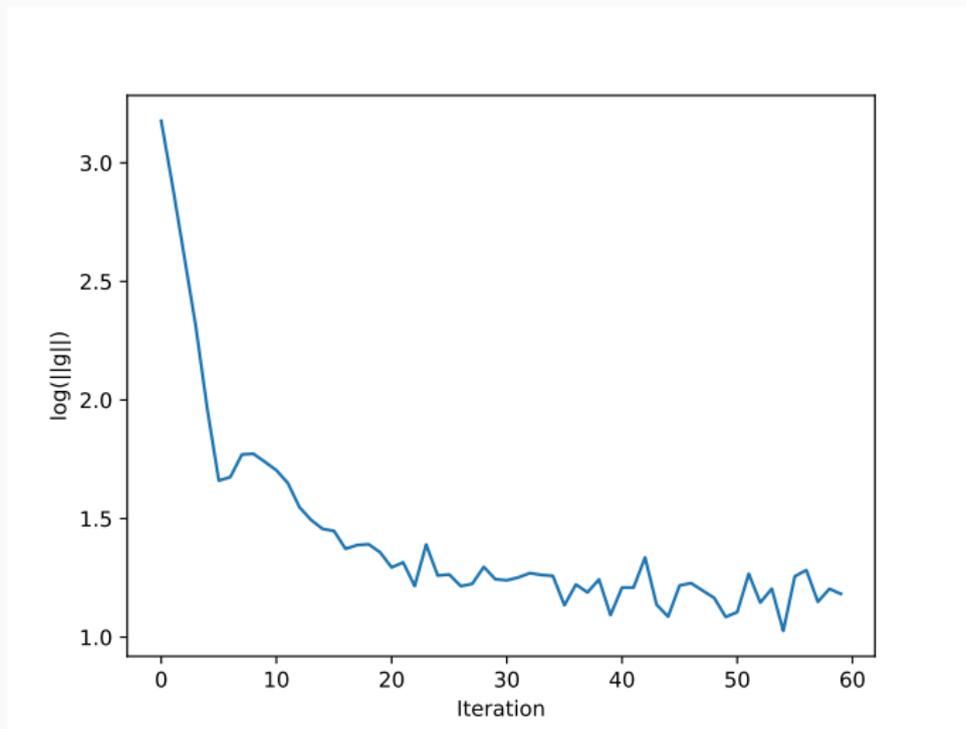


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Perspectives

- Find a proper information process \mathbf{Y} .
- Improve the integration between SDDP and DADP.
- Test other decomposition schemes (by quantity, by prediction).



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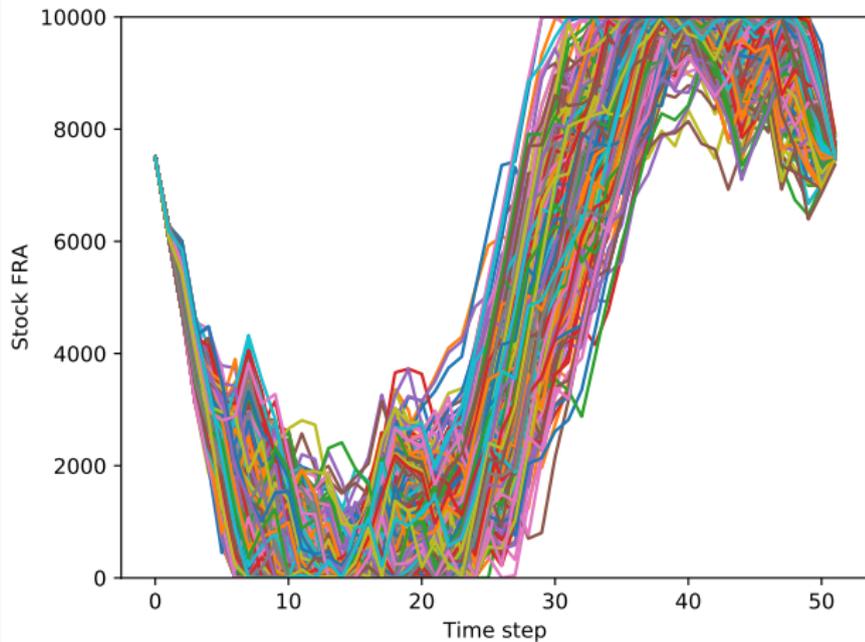
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