

Multi-Stage Investment Decision Rules for Power Systems: Sensitivities, Deterministic Equivalents, and Performance Guarantees

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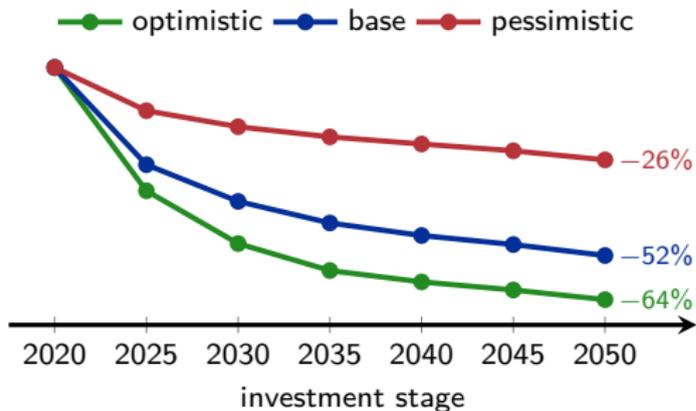
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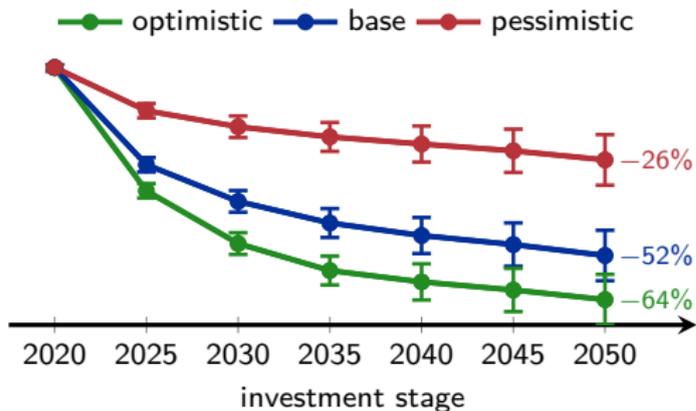
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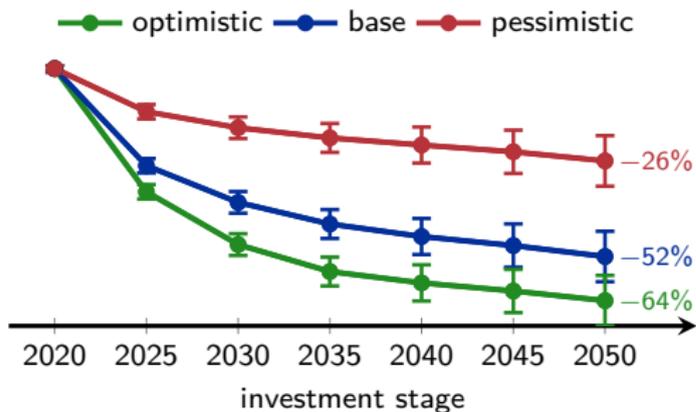
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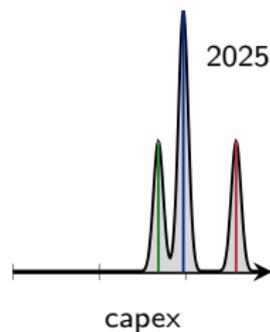


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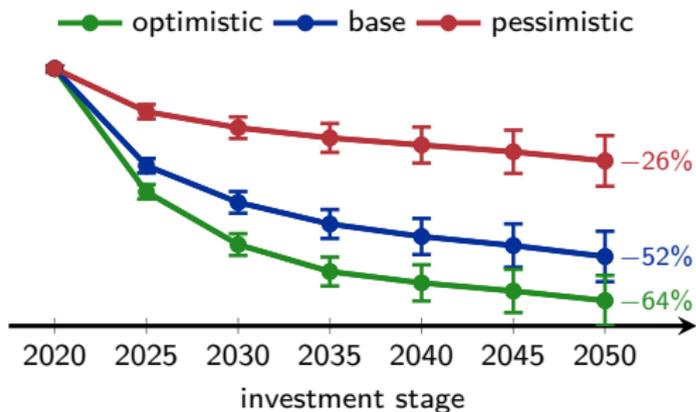


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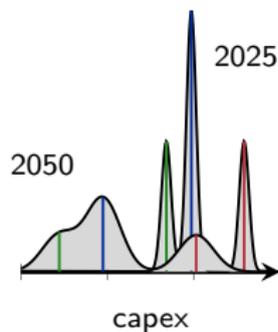


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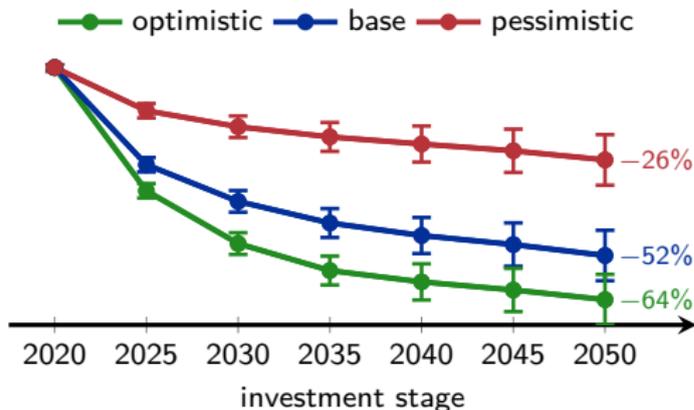


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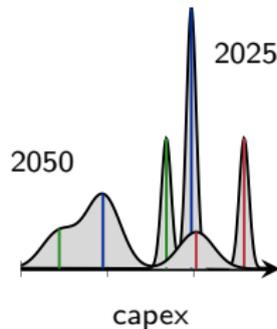


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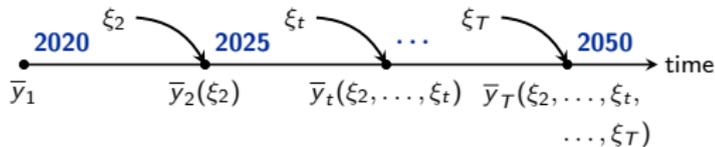
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- ▶ Planning uncertainty accumulates throughout the investment horizon:



- ▶ Scenario # grows exponentially \rightarrow optimizing dynamic investment decisions ($\bar{y}_1, \dots, \bar{y}_T$) becomes intractable even under decomposition (SDDP, progressive hedging. etc.)



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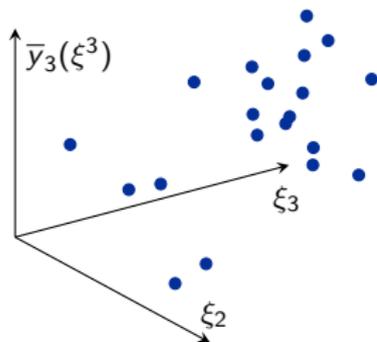
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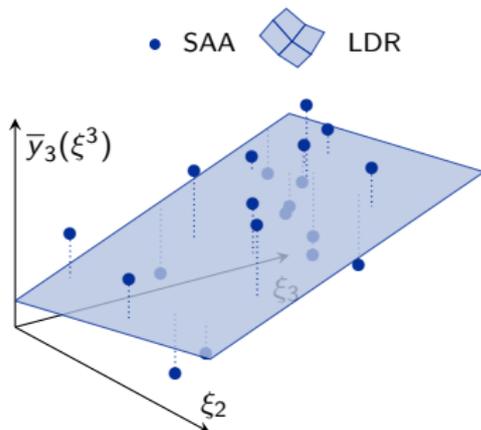
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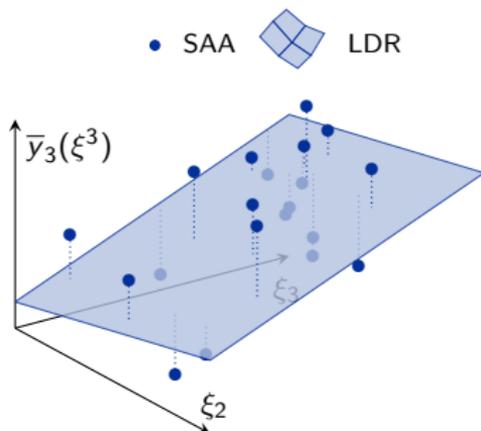
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- ▶ How good is the LDR approximation? **This work:**
 1. Providing feasibility guarantees
 2. Optimizing sensitivity to uncertainty
 3. Providing sub-optimality bounds
 4. Learning worst-case scenarios

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- ▶ Power balance (equality constraint) at time stage t and operating hour h :

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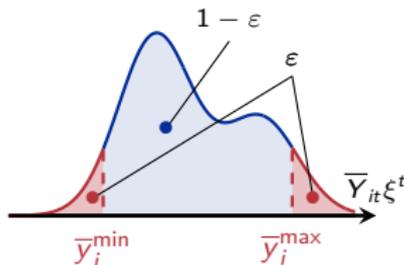
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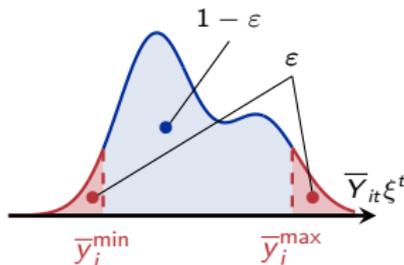
$$\Downarrow \xi^t \sim \mathbb{P}(\mu^t, F^t F^{t\top})$$

scenario-free dist. robust reformulation [XA17]:

$$-\frac{2}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}} \left\| F^t [\bar{Y}_t]_i^\top \right\| \leq \frac{1}{2}(\bar{y}_i^{\max} - \bar{y}_i^{\min}) - \gamma_{ti}$$

$$\left| [\bar{Y}_t]_i \mu^t - \frac{1}{2}(\bar{y}_i^{\max} - \bar{y}_i^{\min}) \right| \leq \delta_{ti} + \gamma_{ti}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(\bar{y}_i^{\max} - \bar{y}_i^{\min}) \geq \gamma_{ti} \geq 0, \delta_{ti} \geq 0$$



LDR approximation: Investment (in)sensitivity to uncertainty

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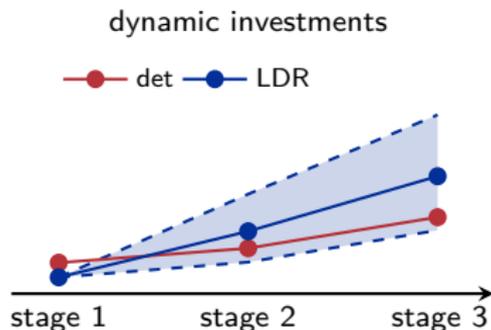
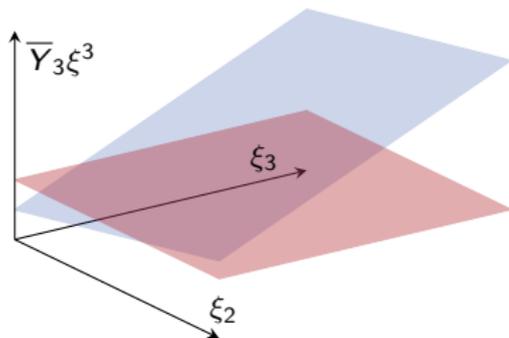
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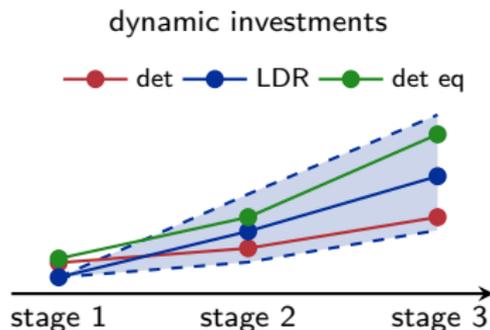
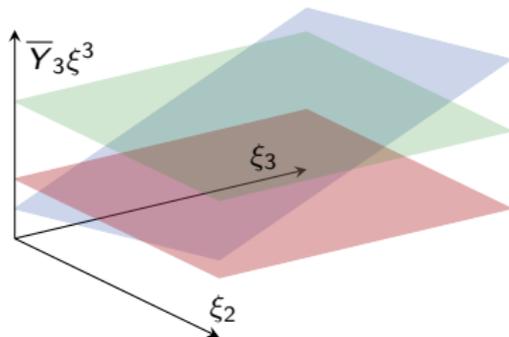


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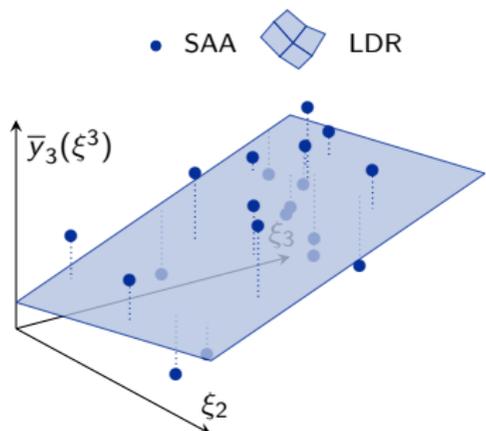
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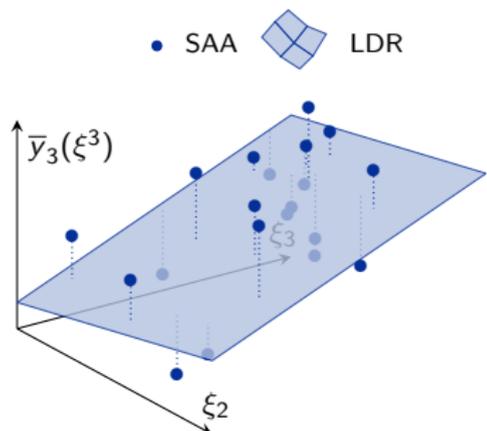
- ▶ Linear decision rules evaluate the sensitivity of investments to uncertainty
- ▶ The sensitivity can be optimized to meet a trade-off between the expected cost and investment variance (up to penalty α)
- ▶ **Deterministic equivalent** - *insensitive* to uncertainty but *robust* to its realizations

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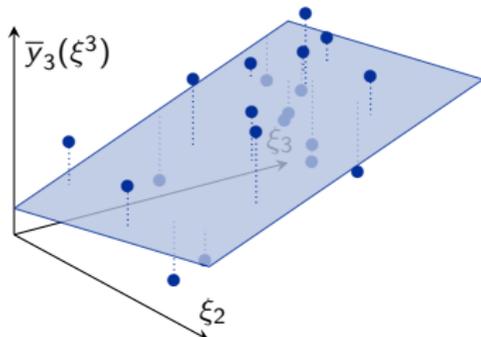
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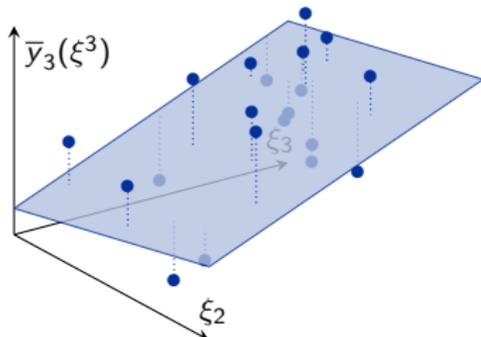
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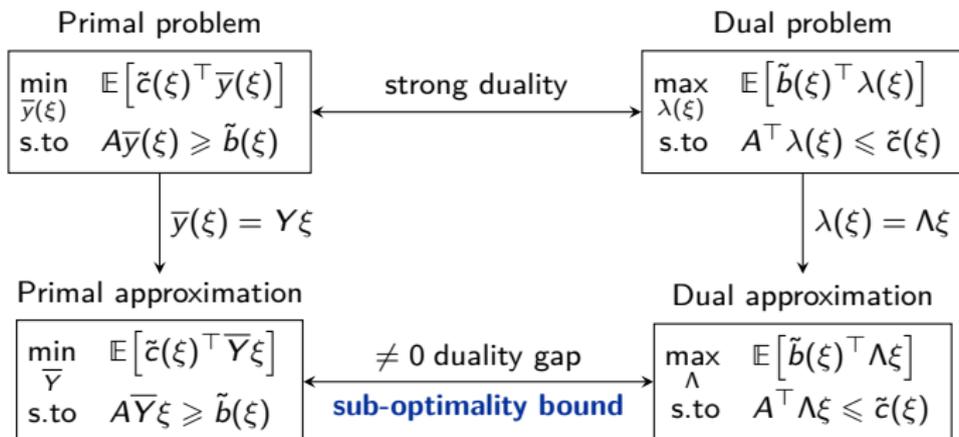
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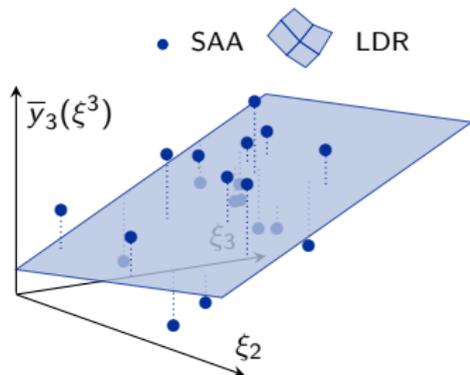
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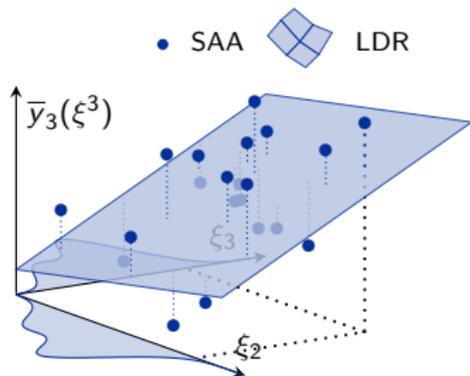


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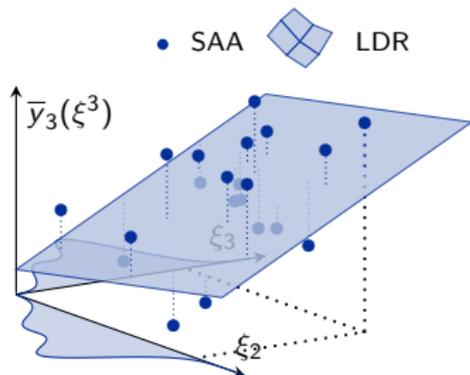
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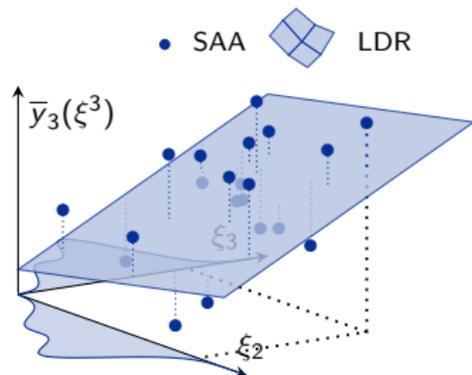
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Bilevel optimization-based learning

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- ▶ Acts on the support of \mathbb{P}_ξ
- ▶ Recast as a mixed-integer linear program
- ▶ Only right-hand side uncertainty $\tilde{b}(\xi)$

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Sample-based learning

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\gamma} \quad & \gamma \\ \text{s.to} \quad & \left\| \underbrace{\tilde{c}(\xi_s)^T \bar{Y}^*}_{\text{LDR}} \xi_s - \underbrace{\tilde{c}(\xi_s)^T (\bar{y}_1^* + \bar{y}_{2s}^*)}_{\text{SAA}} \right\| \leq \gamma \\ & \forall s = 1, \dots, S \end{aligned}$$

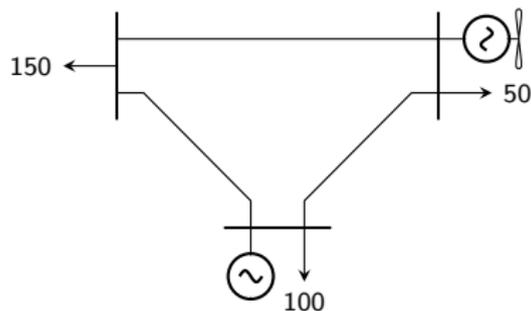
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- ▶ Uncertainty of $\tilde{c}(\xi)$ and $\tilde{b}(\xi)$

Illustrative example: System and uncertainty data

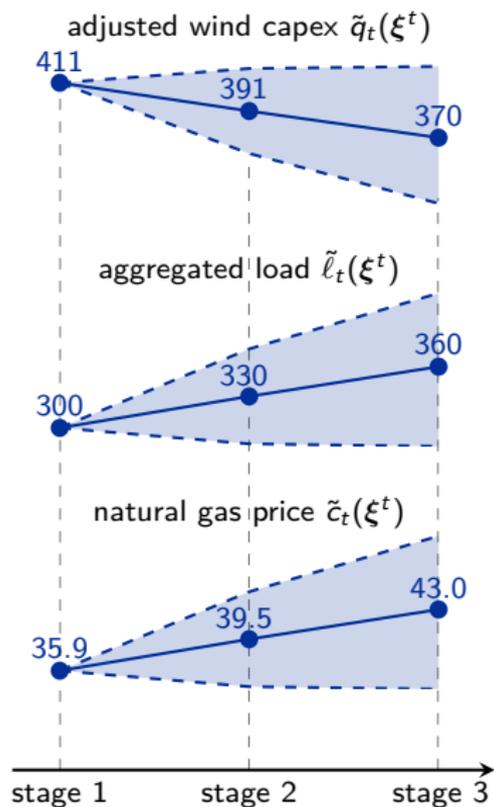
3-bus power system



Tech.	capex	opex
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CCGT	\$4500/kW	\$35.9/MWh

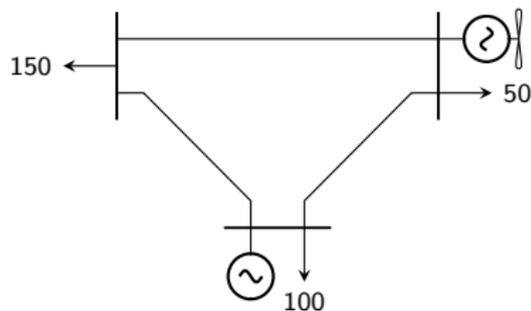
- ▶ Zero initial capacity
- ▶ Wind – CCGT competition
- ▶ 3-stage investment horizon
- ▶ 24 representing operating hours

Uncertainty of planning data

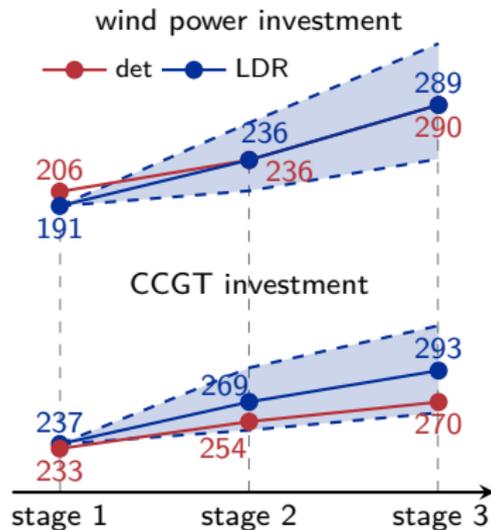


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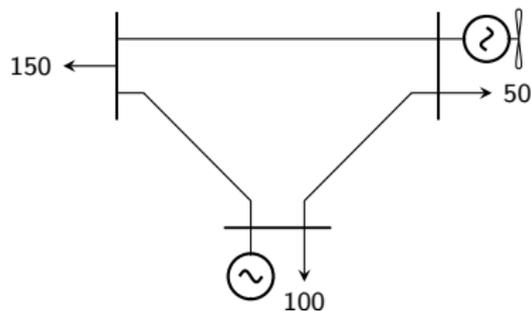


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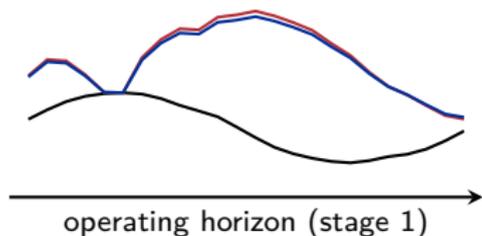
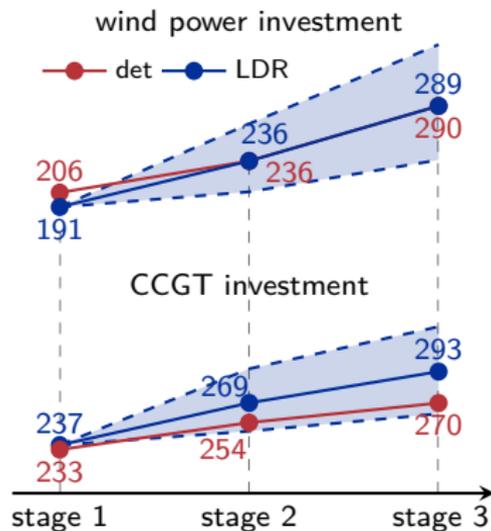
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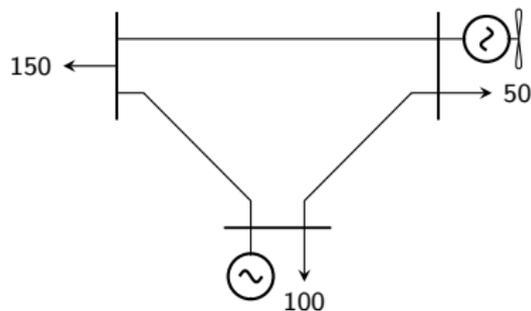


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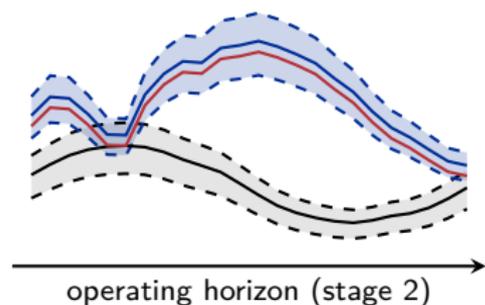
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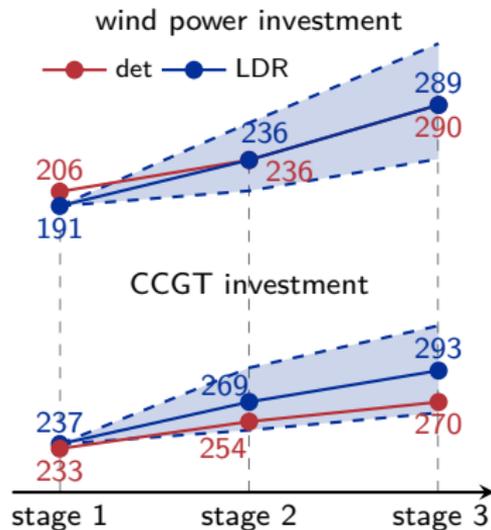
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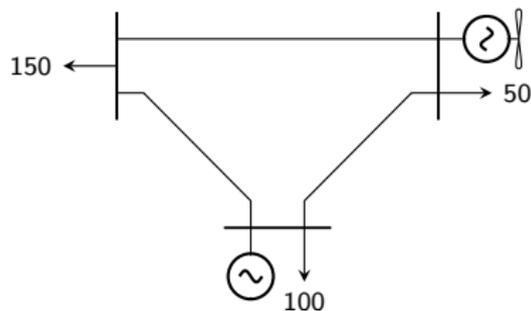


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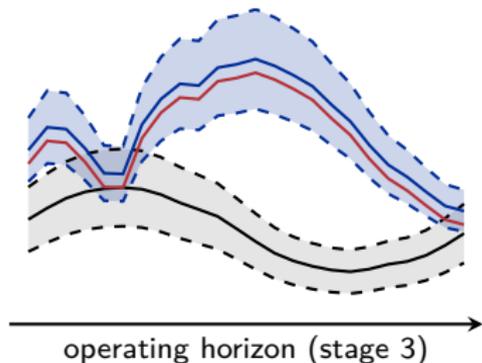
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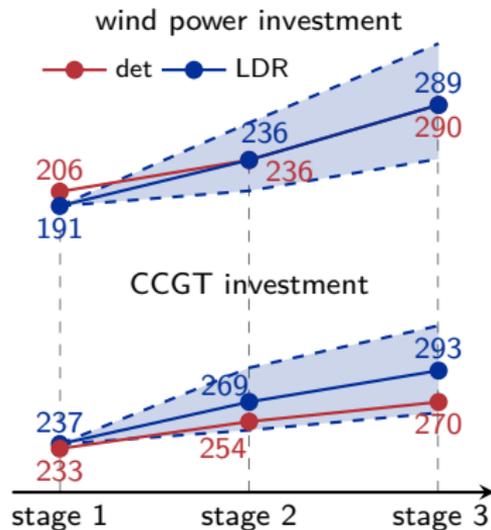
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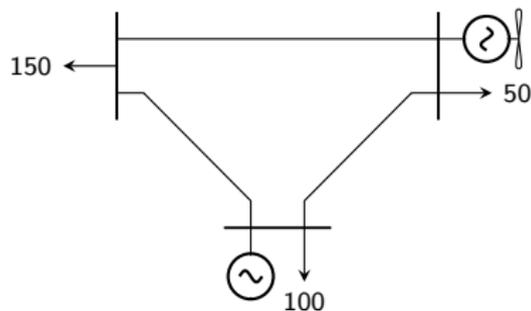


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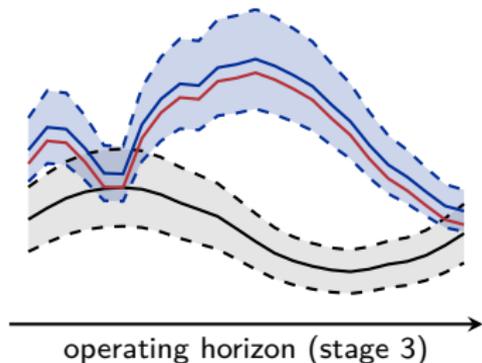
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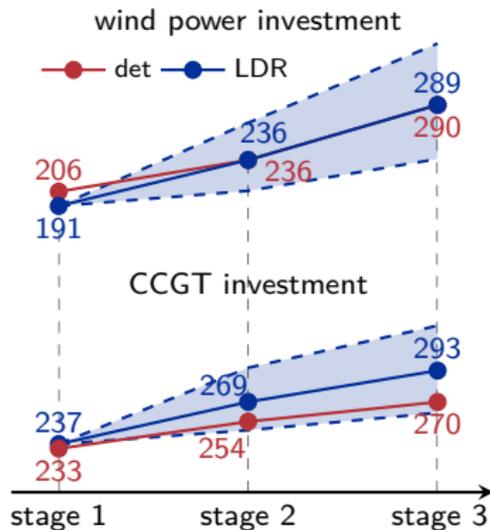
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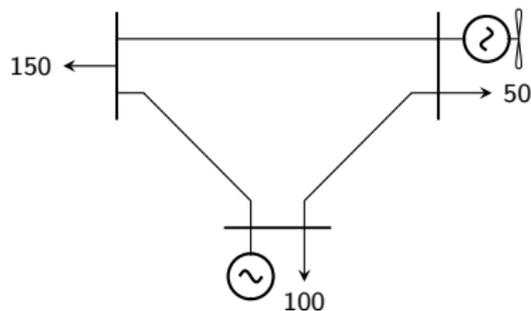


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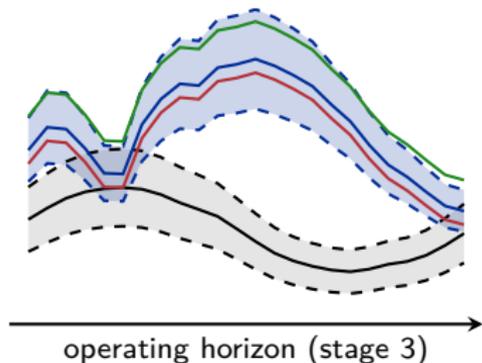
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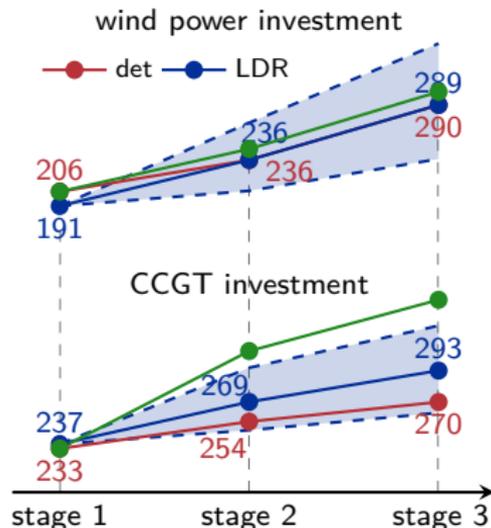
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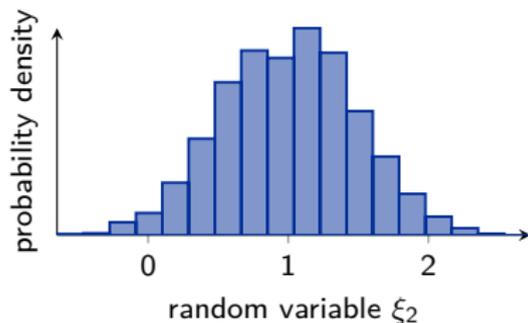
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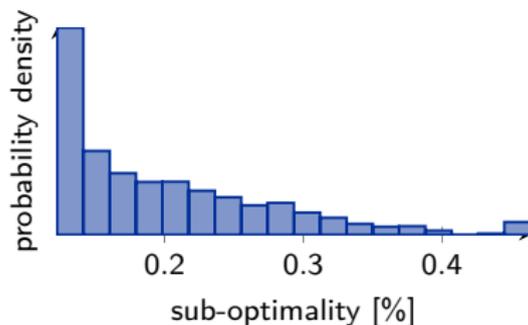
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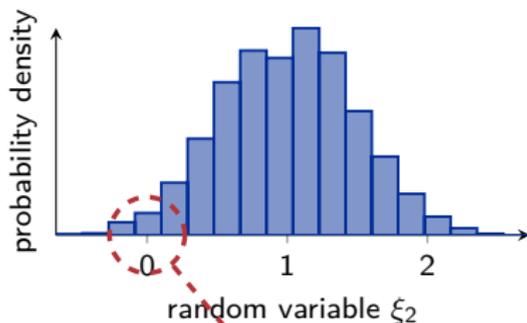
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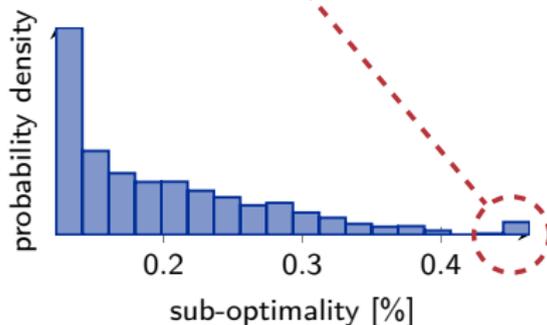
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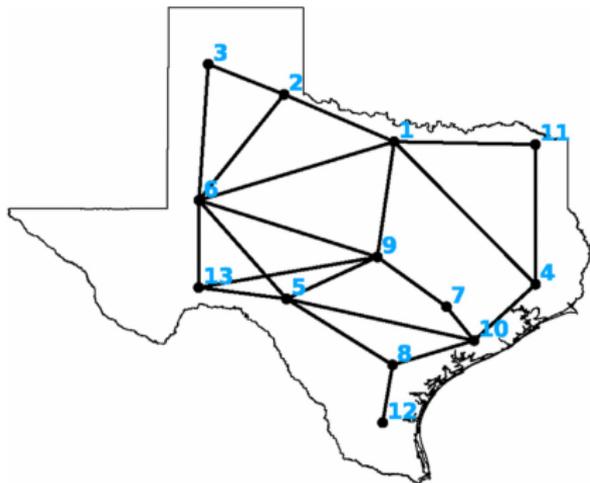
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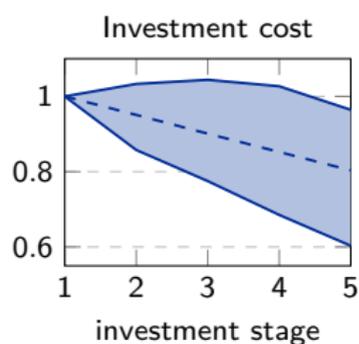
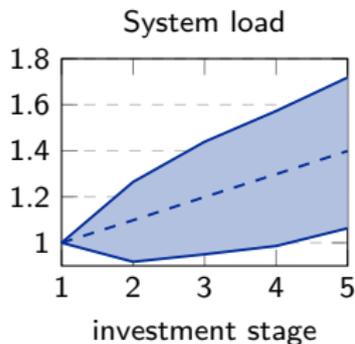
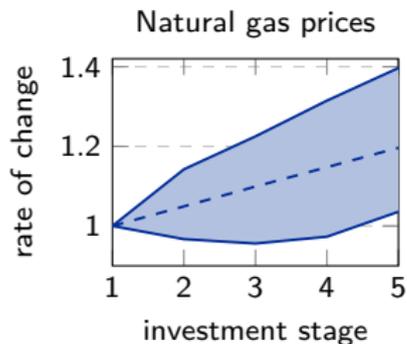
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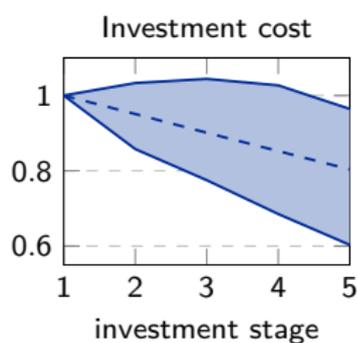
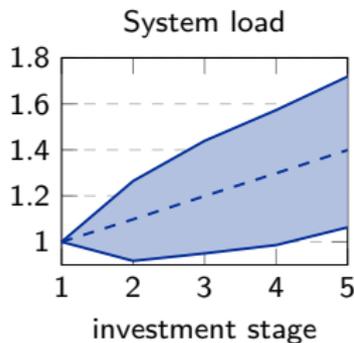
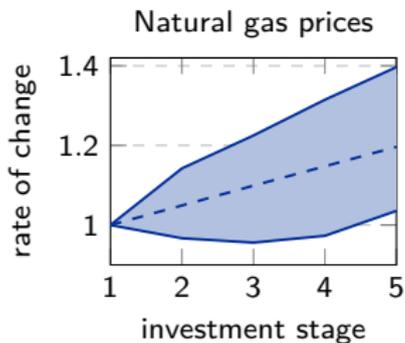
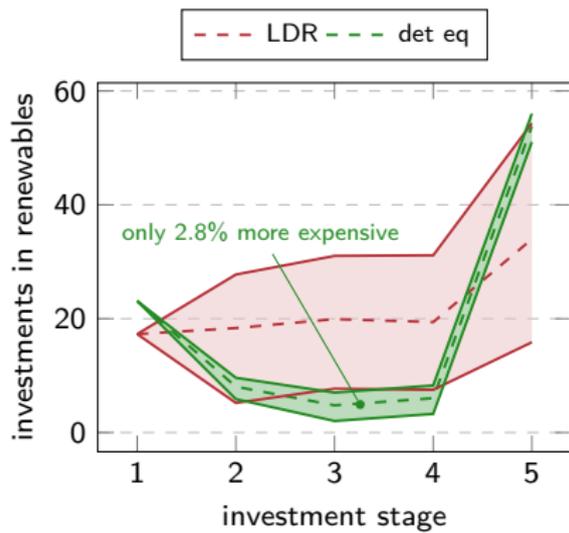
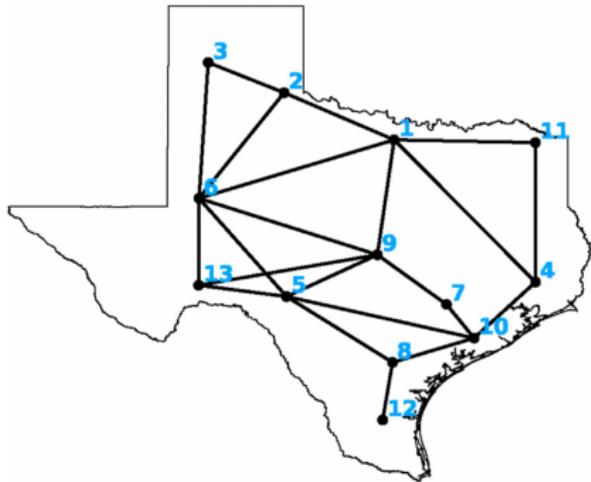
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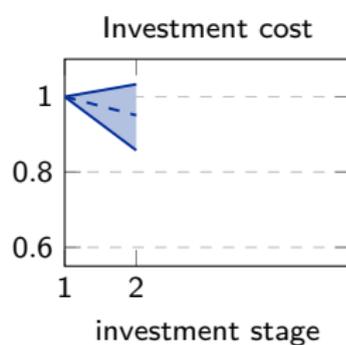
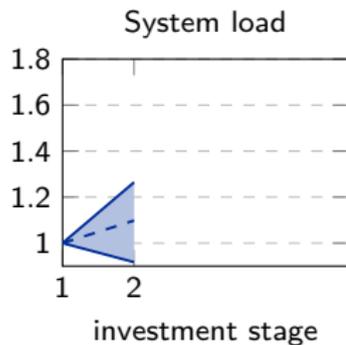
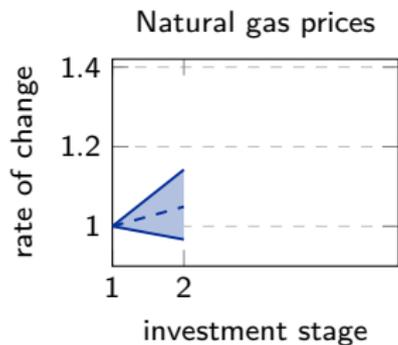
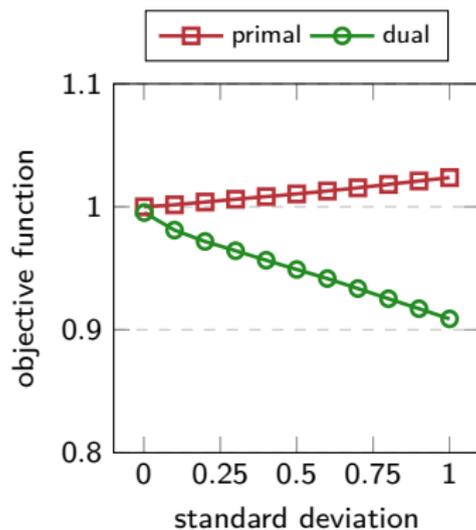
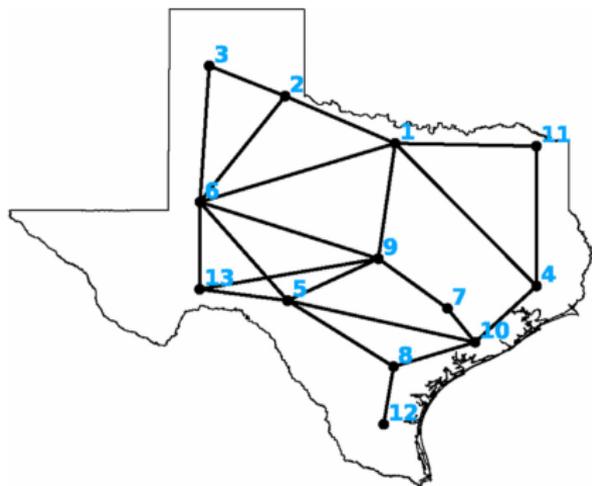
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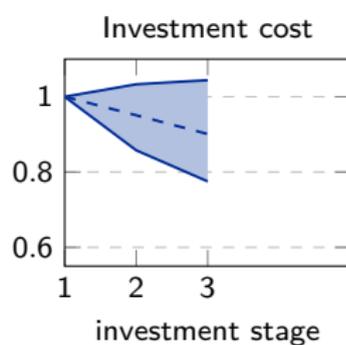
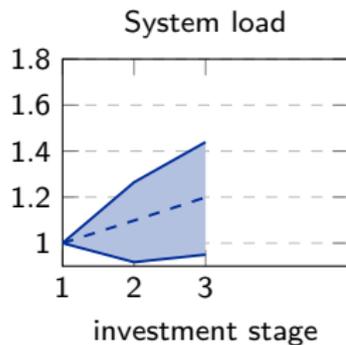
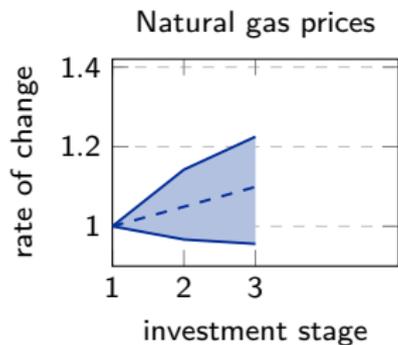
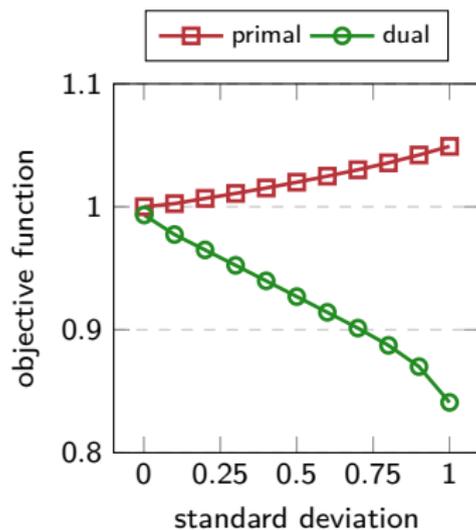
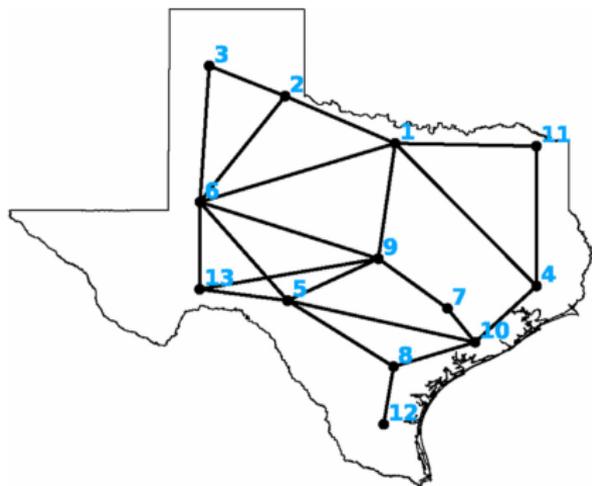
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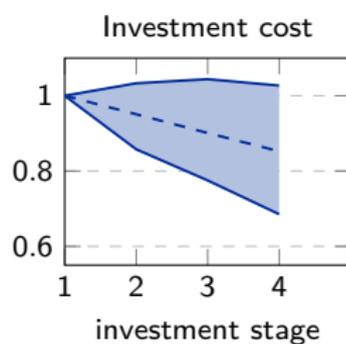
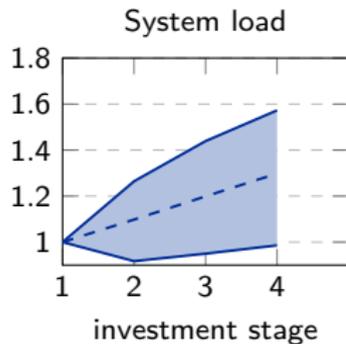
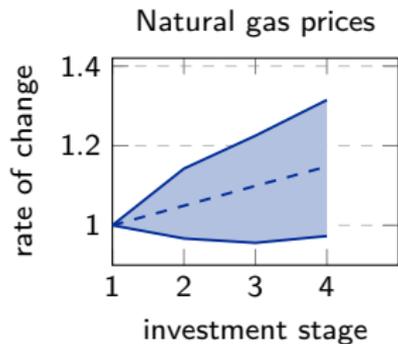
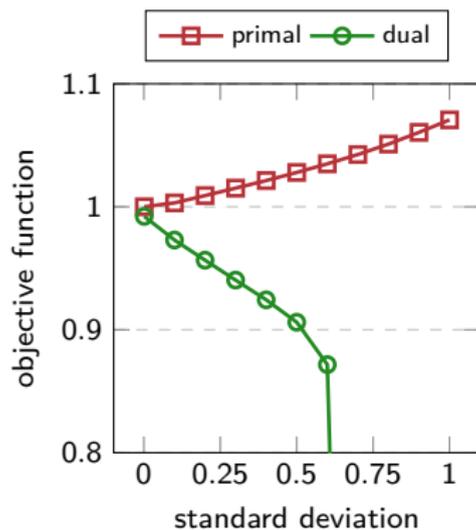
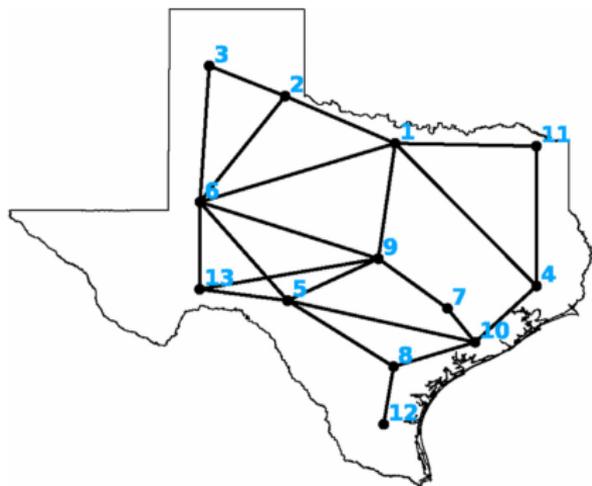
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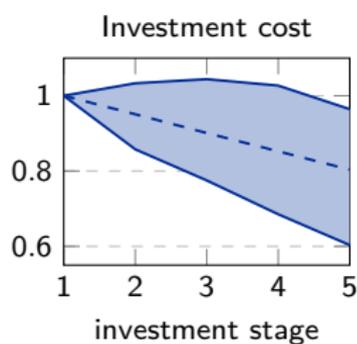
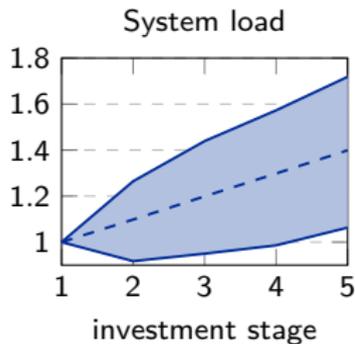
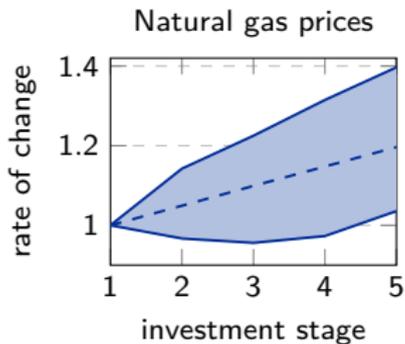
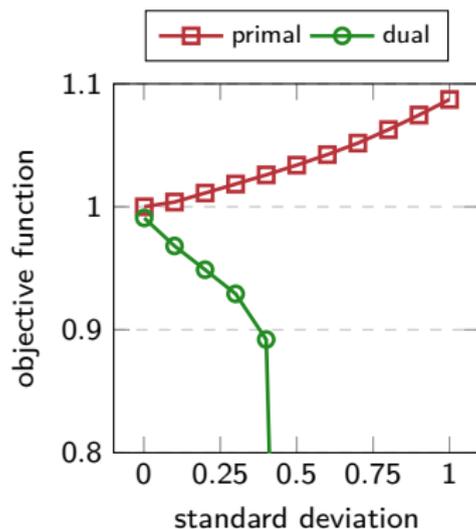
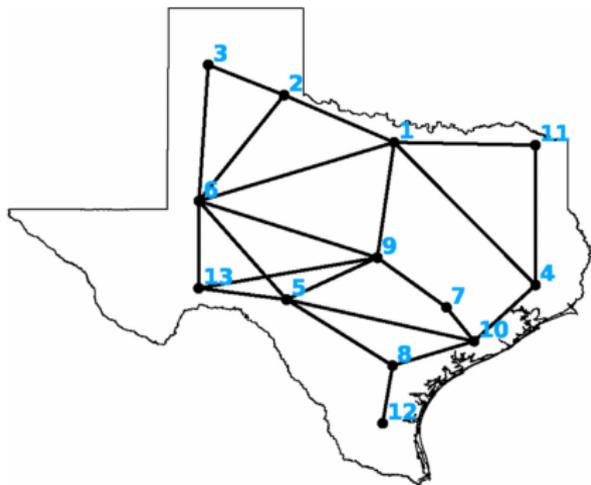
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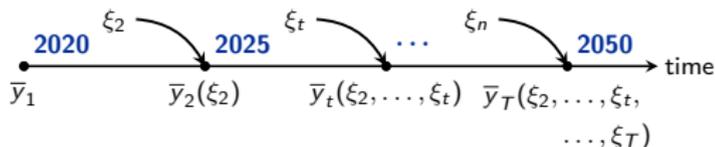


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Conclusions

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- ▶ LDRs ensure the feasibility of investment plan under uncertainty
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- ▶ ... yet the worst-case sub-optimality is at the boundaries of uncertainty set

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