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Computationally Efficient Transmission Switching: Solution Space Reduction



Optimal Power Flow (DC Model)

$$\min \sum_g c_{ng} P_{ng}$$

Total Generation Cost

s. t.

$$\theta_n^{\min} \leq \theta_n \leq \theta_n^{\max},$$

$$P_{ng}^{\min} \leq P_{ng} \leq P_{ng}^{\max},$$

$$P_{nk}^{\min} \leq P_{nk} \leq P_{nk}^{\max},$$

**Voltage Angle Limits
Generator Limits
Line Flow Limits**

$$\sum_{i=n} P_{kij} - \sum_{j=n} P_{kij} - \sum_g P_{ng} - \sum_d$$

Power Balance

$$B_k(\theta_n - \theta_m) - P_{nk} = 0,$$

**Linearized DC
Power Flow**



Optimal Transmission Switching

$$\min \sum_g c_{ng} P_{ng}$$

Total Generation Cost

s. t.

$$\theta_n^{min} \leq \theta_n \leq \theta_n^{max},$$

$$P_{ng}^{min} \leq P_{ng} \leq P_{ng}^{max},$$

$$P_{nk}^{min} z_k \leq P_{nk} \leq P_{nk}^{max} z_k,$$

**Voltage Angle Limits
Generator Limits
Line Flow Limits**

$$\sum_{i=n} P_{kij} - \sum_{j=n} P_{kij} - \sum_g P_{ng} - \sum_d$$

Power Balance

$$B_k(\theta_n - \theta_m) - P_{nk} + (1 - z_k) M_i$$

$$B_k(\theta_n - \theta_m) - P_{nk} - (1 - z_k) M_j$$

**Linearized DC
Power Flow**

$$z_k \in \{0, 1\}$$

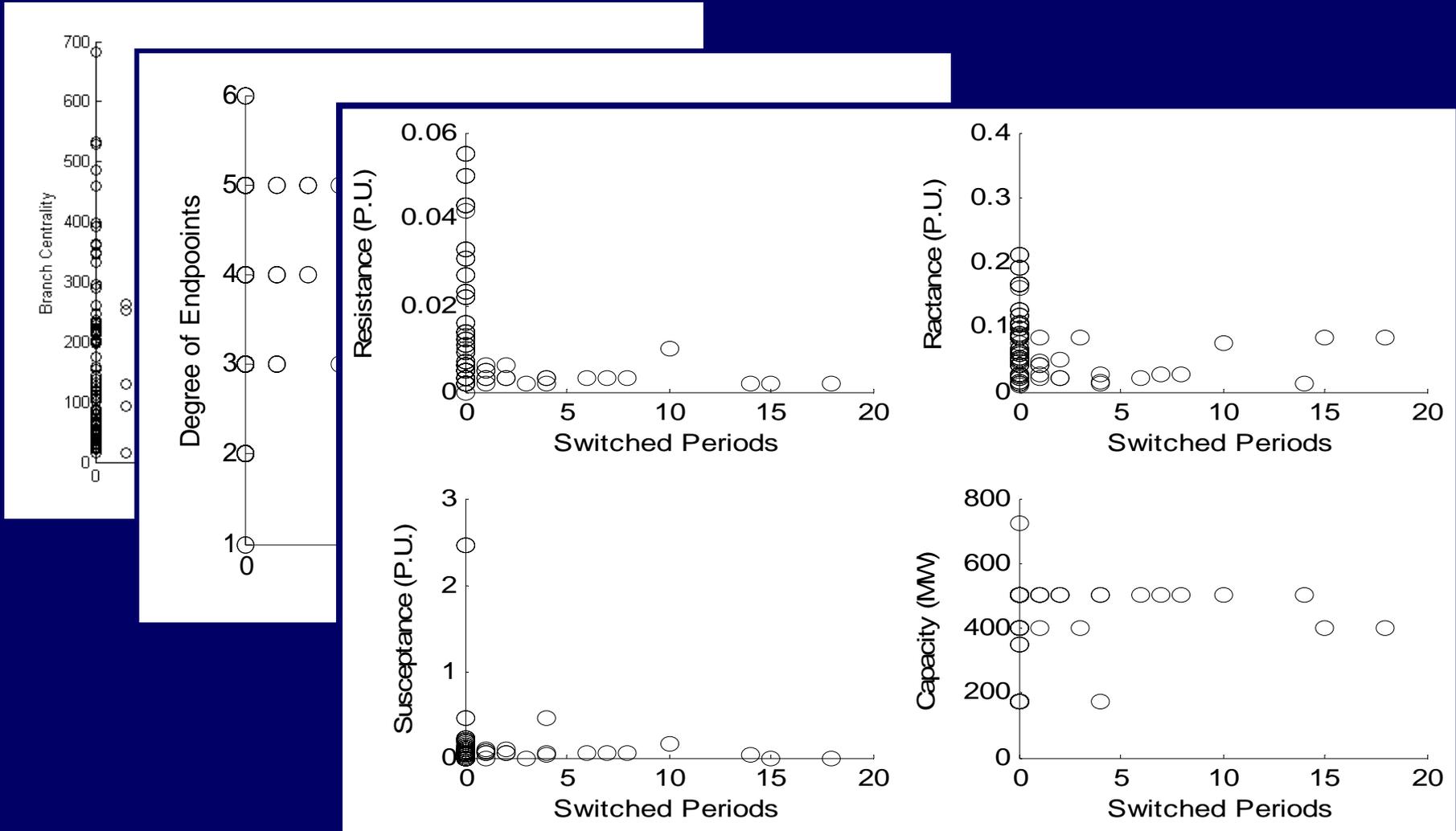
Line State



OTS on Test Networks

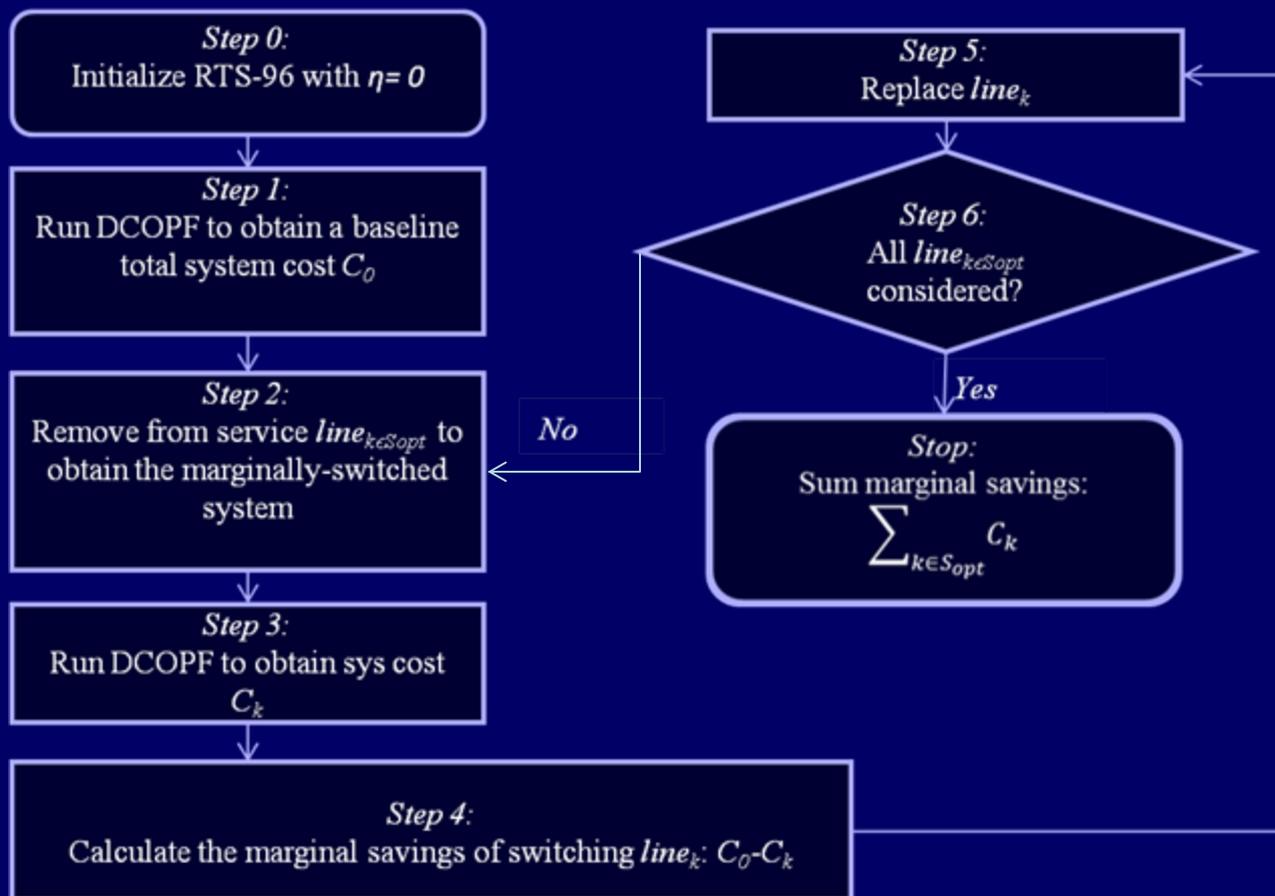
- **Optimal Transmission Switching MIP**
 - Integer variables representing line status
 - $2^{n\text{-lines}}$ possible network topologies
 - **IEEE 118- Bus Model** E. Fisher et al.
 - 22% Savings (7 lines switched)
 - **IEEE RTS 96 Model (73 Busses)** K. Hedman et al.
 - 3.7% Savings over 24 x 1hr periods
 - Computation time: Over 20 hours per period
- **Marginal Transmission Switching in the RTS-96**
 - Savings are due to switching a relatively small number of lines
 - The effects of switching a line are somewhat localized

Network Forensics





Marginal Switching Analysis





Marginal Switching

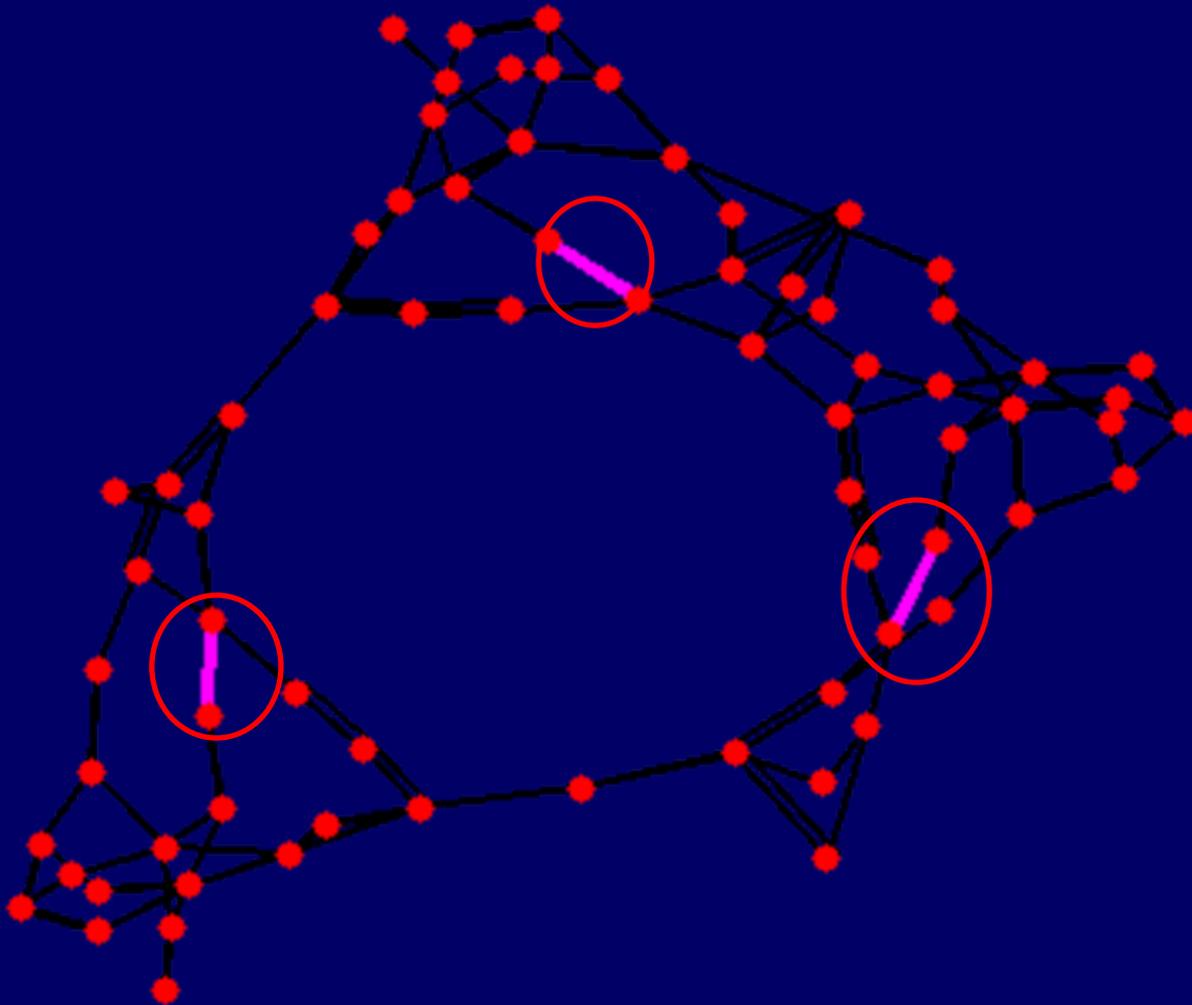
Lines	Periods (Hours)																								
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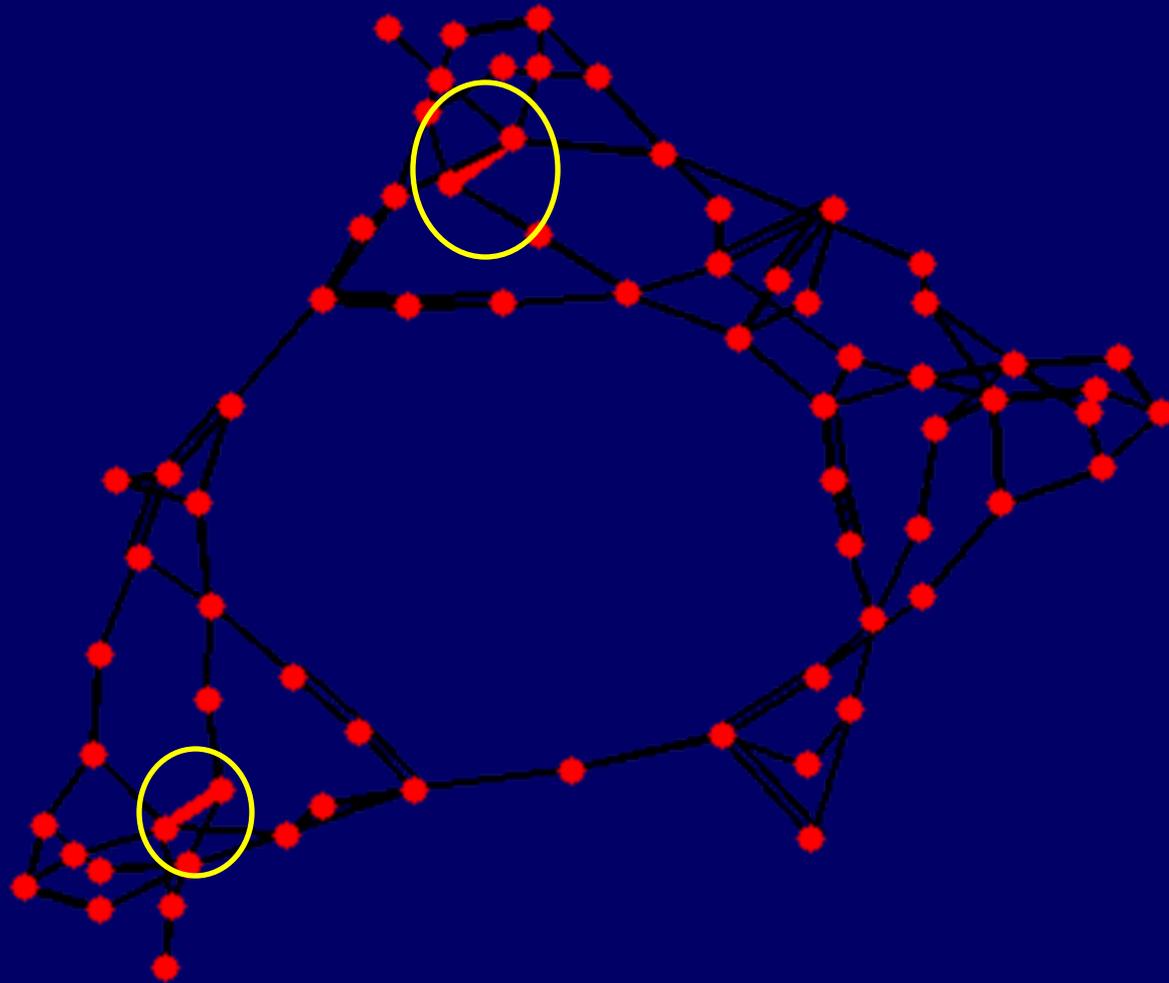
Observations

- **OTS savings are primarily due to the switching actions of a small number of lines**
 - a) The lines that contribute most to savings reside in separate areas
 - b) The difference between the sum of Marginal Switching savings and OTS savings is small
- The effects of switching a line are somewhat localized**
- **Problem complexity scales by # of lines considered in optimization (*feasible topologies* = $2^{\# \text{ lines}}$)**
 - 2 Strategies for complexity reduction
 1. Screen for Switchable Lines
 2. Network Partitioning

RTS-96 Congestion (Hour 20)



RTS-96 OTS Results (Hour 20)

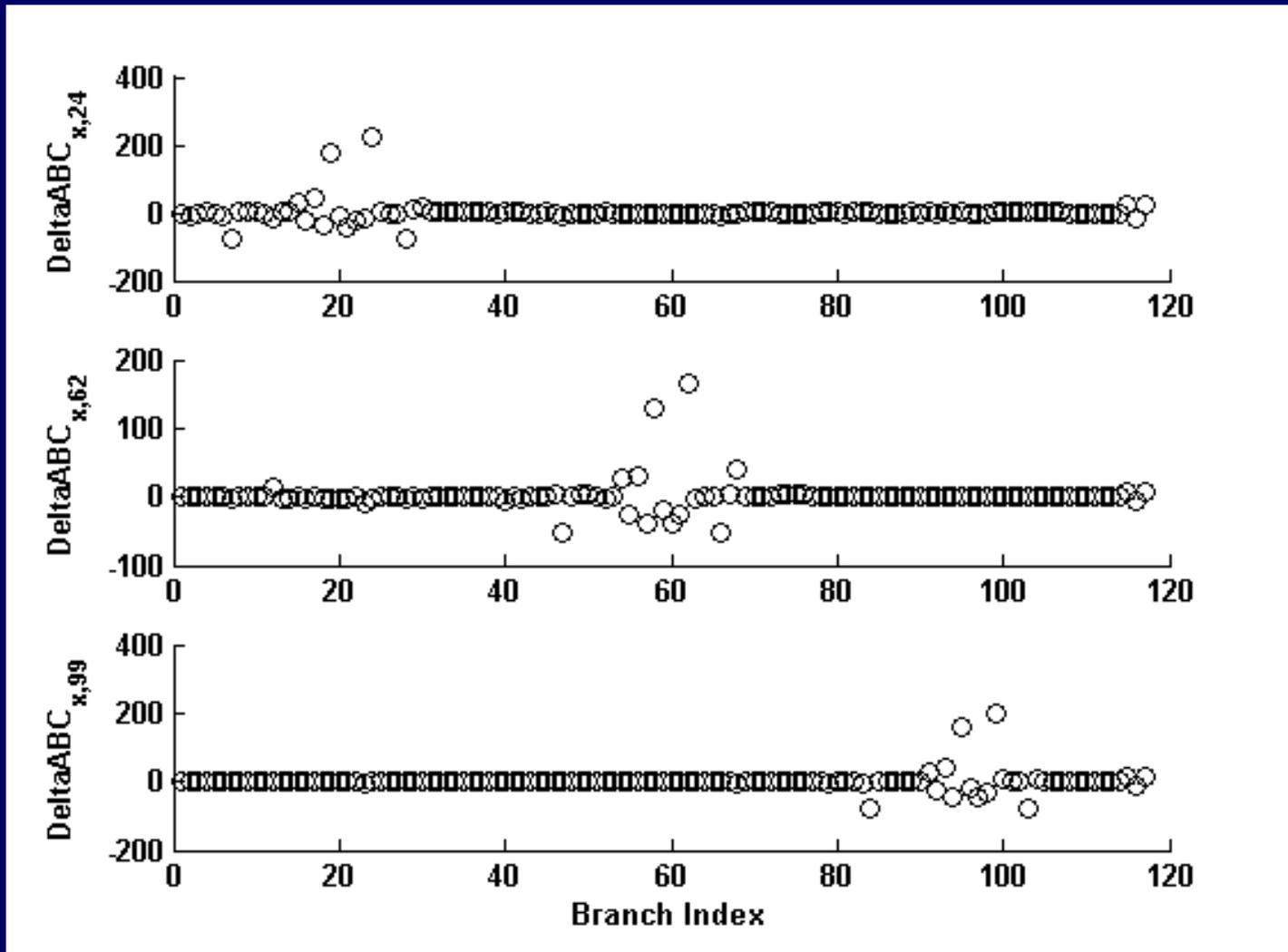




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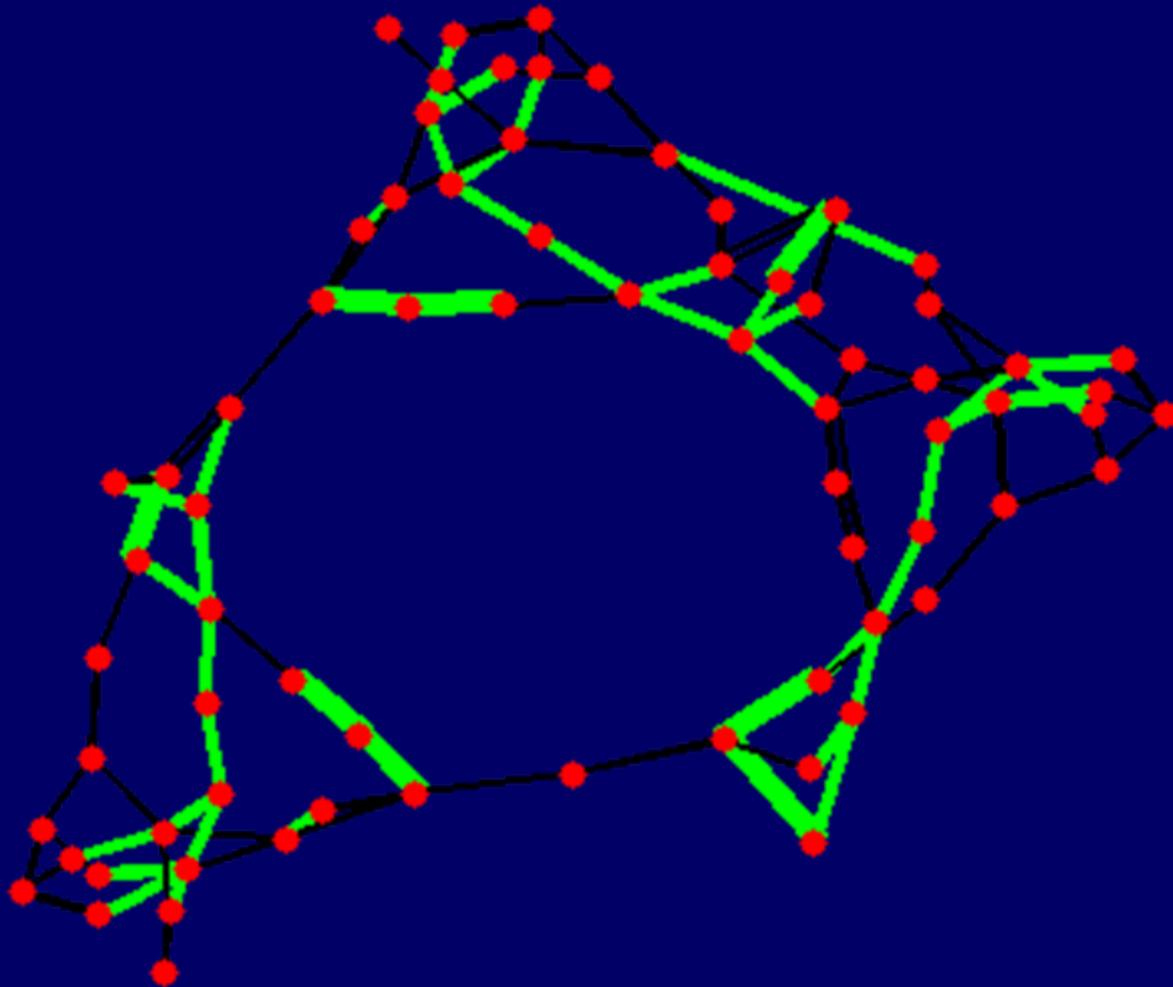
- $$L_{ij,mn} = \frac{\Delta f_{ij}}{f_{mn}^0} = \frac{\psi_{ij}^m - \psi_{ij}^n}{1 - \psi_{mn}^m + \psi_{mn}^n}$$
 - Δf_{ij} - Change in MW flow on $Line_{ij}$
 - f_{mn}^0 - Original MW flow on $Line_{mn}$
 - ψ_{ij}^m - Δf_{ij} due to an injection at $node_m$
- $$\Delta ABC_{mn} = \sum_{ij} L_{ij,mn} \cdot (f_{mn}^0 \mu_{ij} + f_{nm}^0 \mu_{ji})$$
 - Change in Available Branch Capacities due to a removal of $Line_{mn}$
 - μ – LaGrange multiplier on the line flow constraints
- $$Line_{mn} |_{\Delta ABC_{mn} > 0} \in S_{switchable}$$

ΔABC in the RTS-96: Hour 20

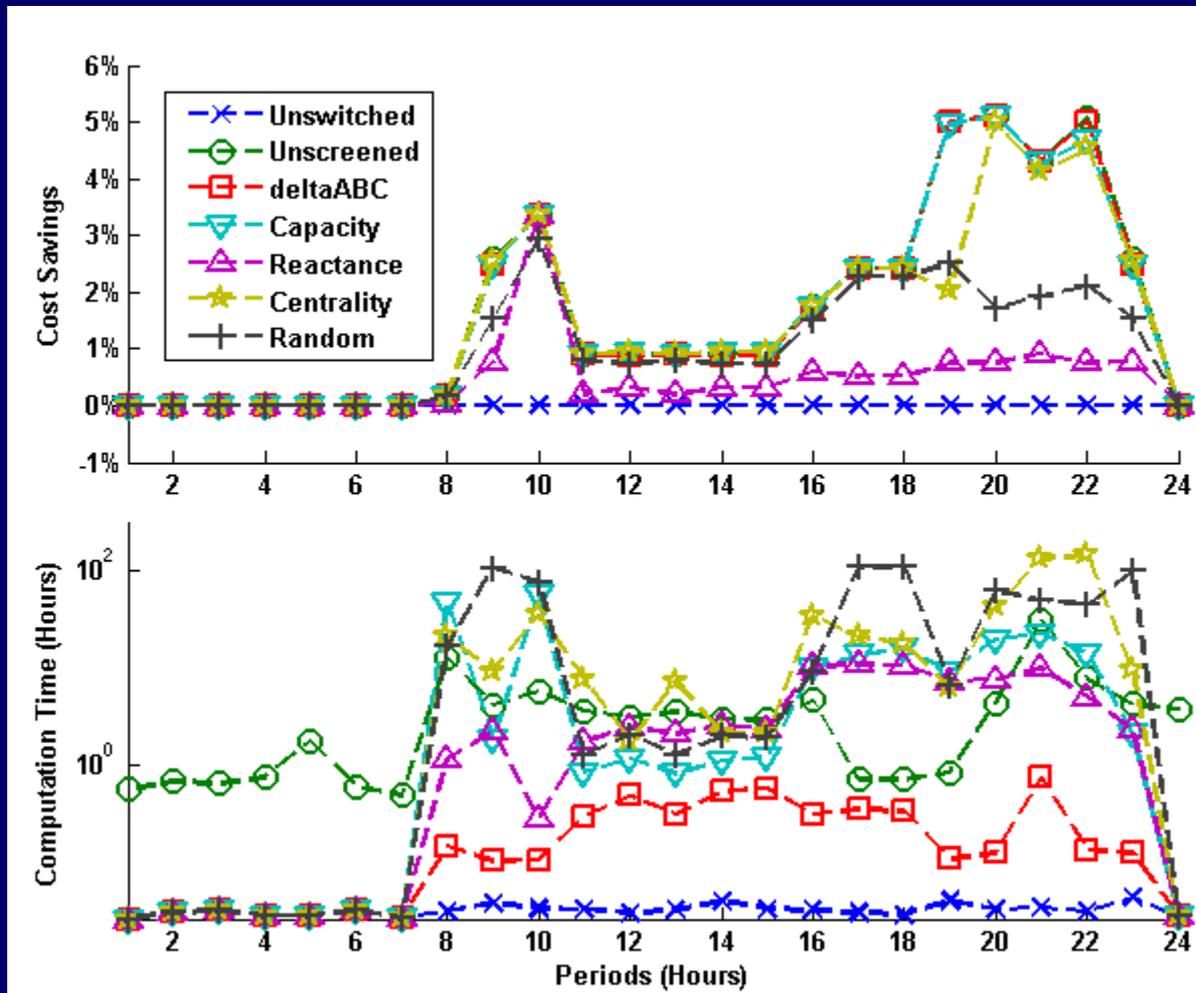




RTS-96 Δ ABC Screen (Hour 20)

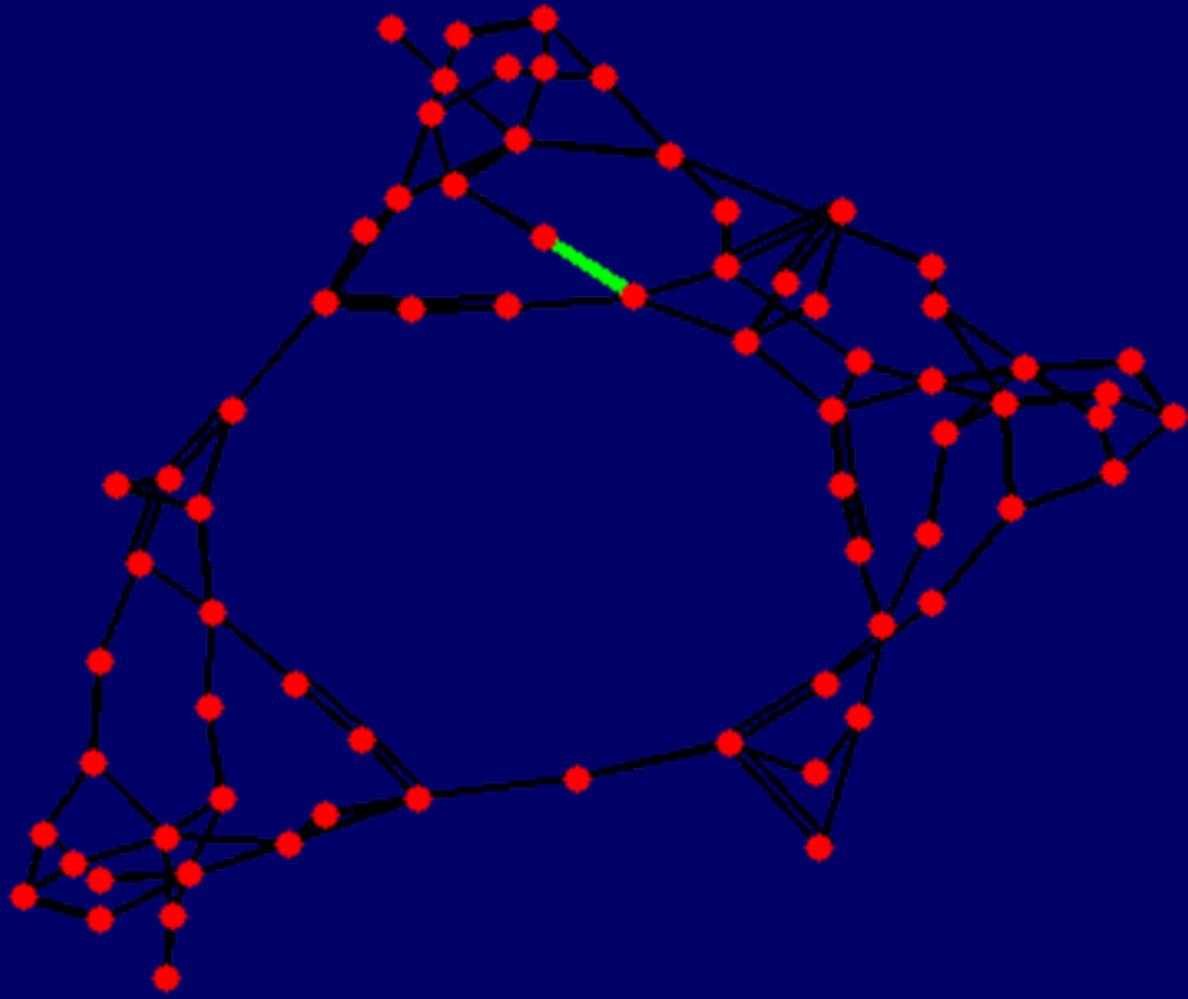


RTS-96 Screened OTS Results



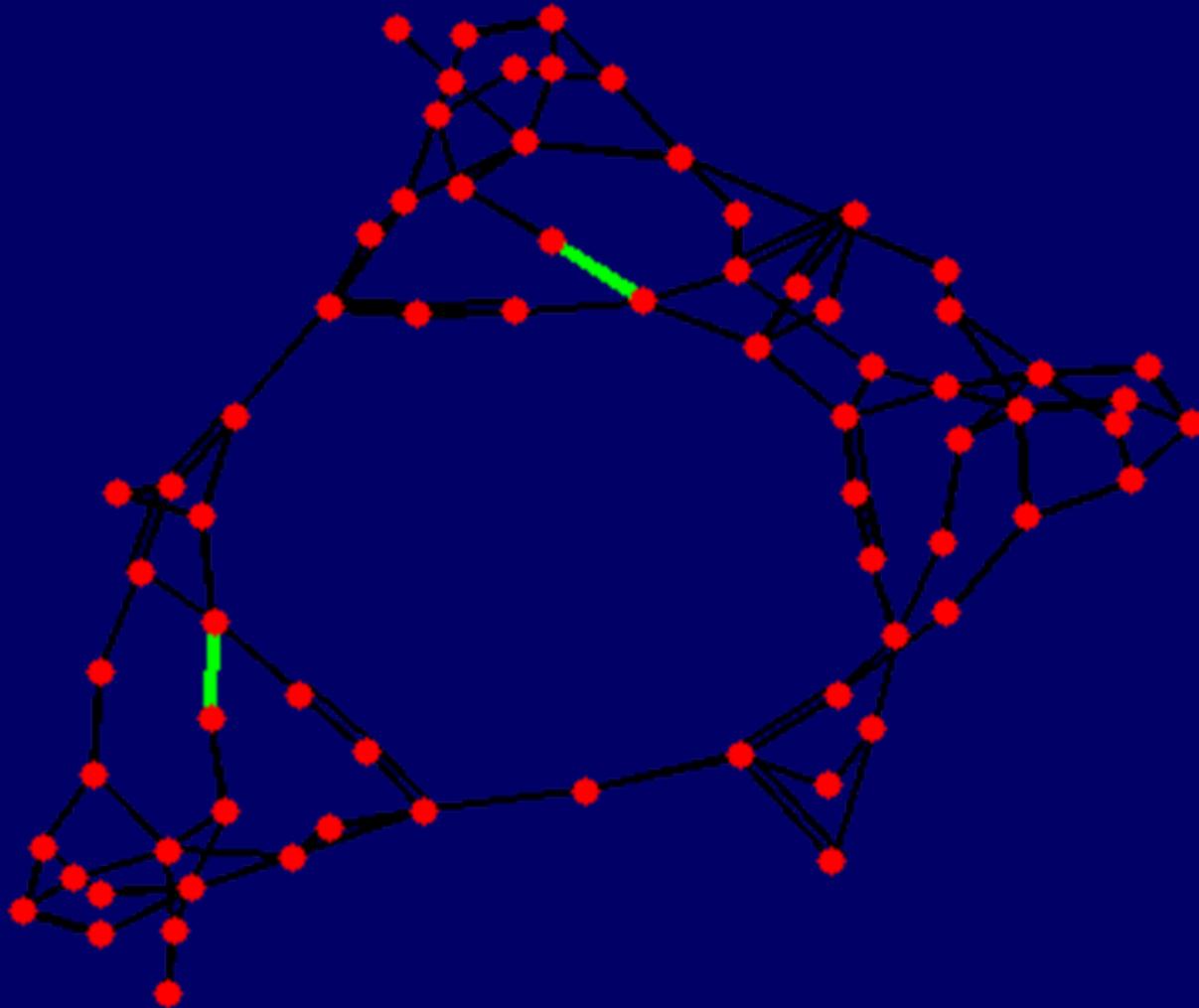


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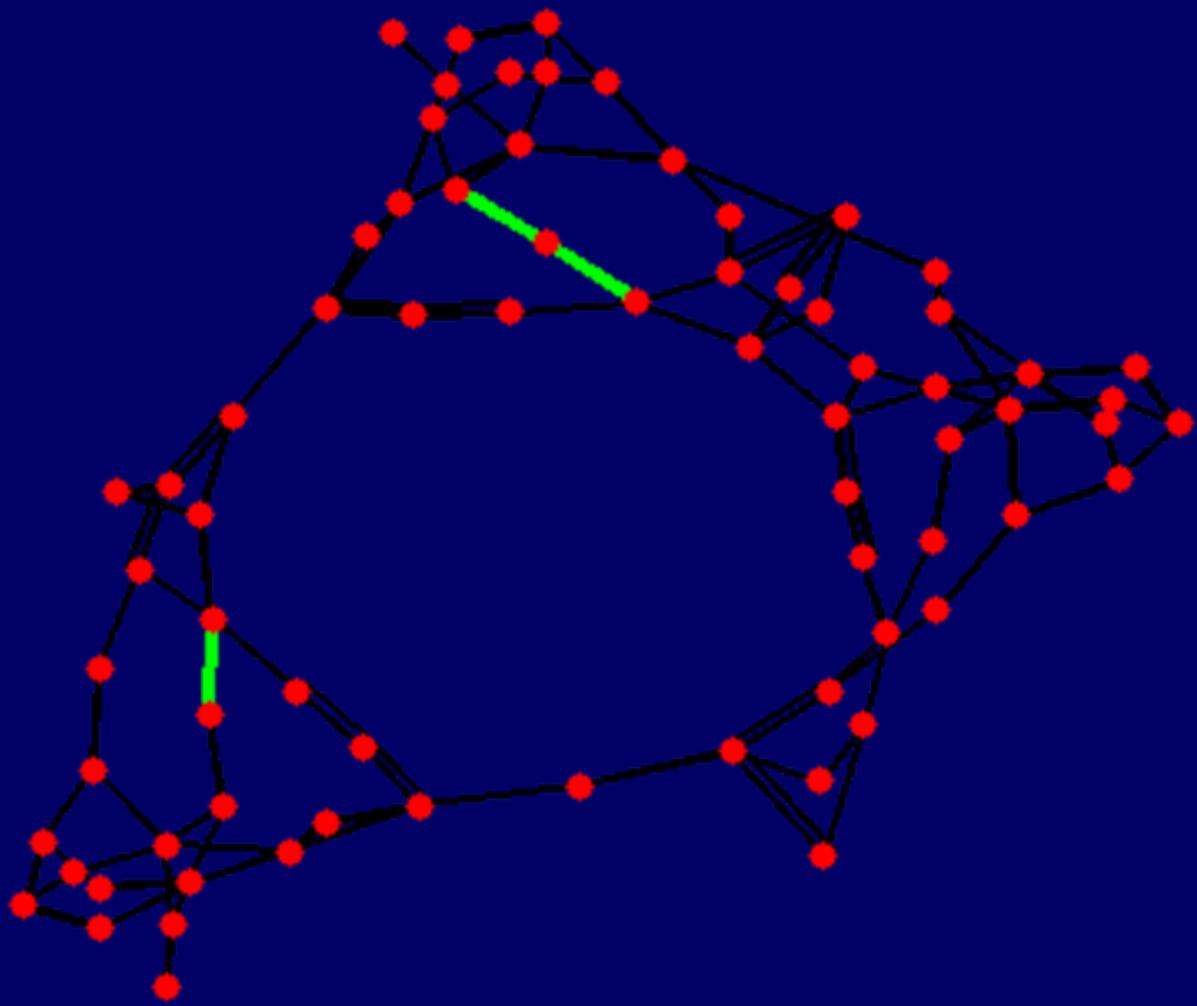


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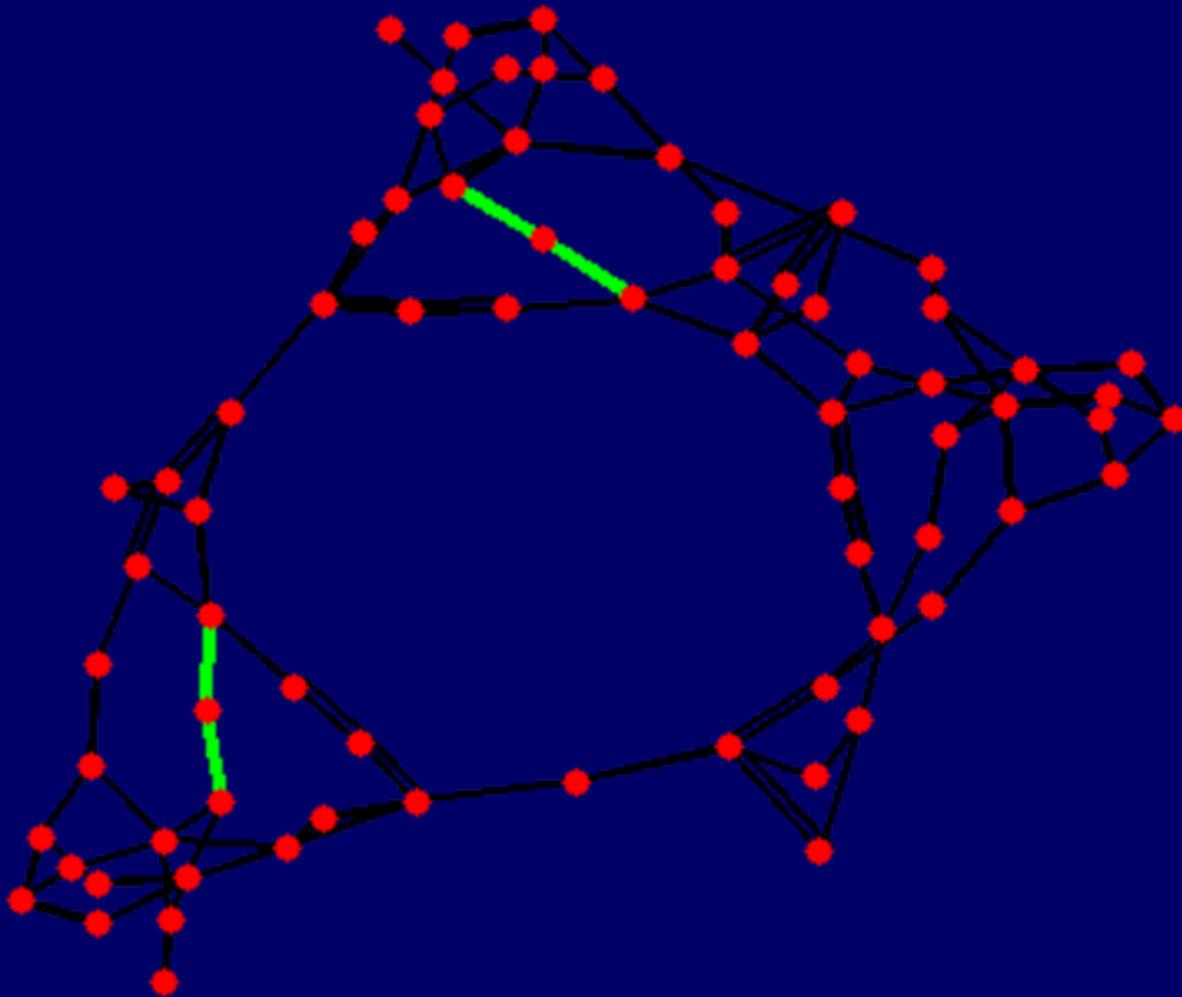


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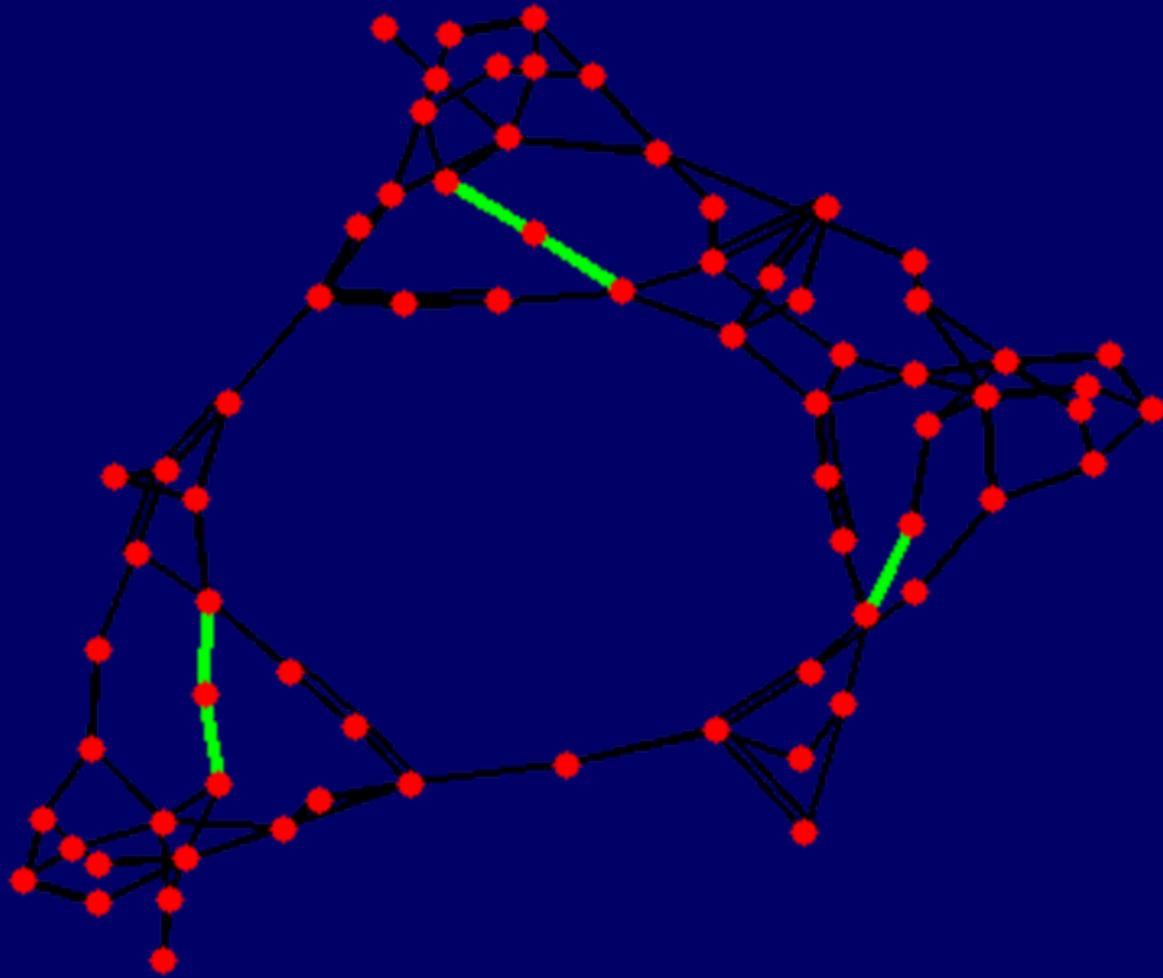


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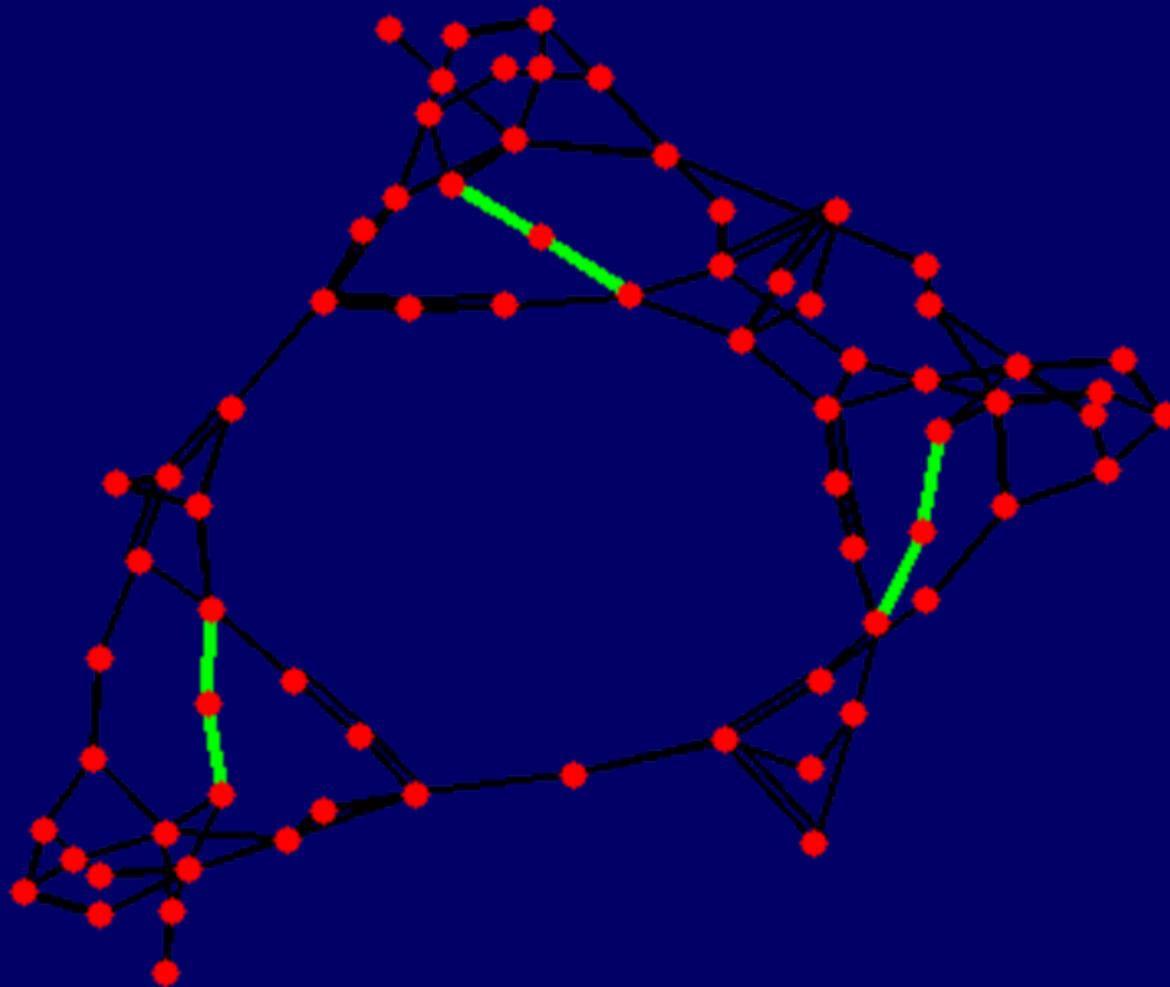


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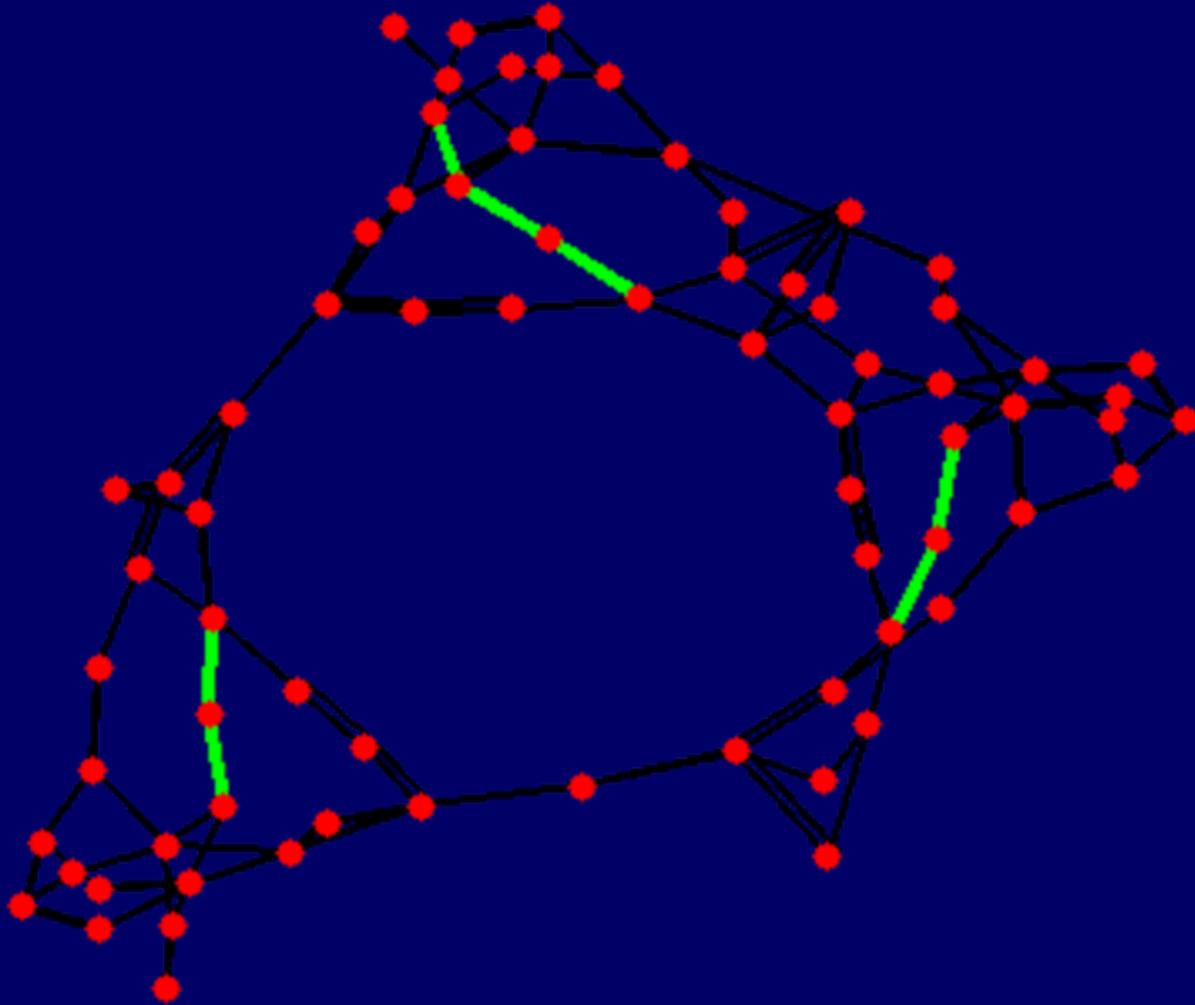


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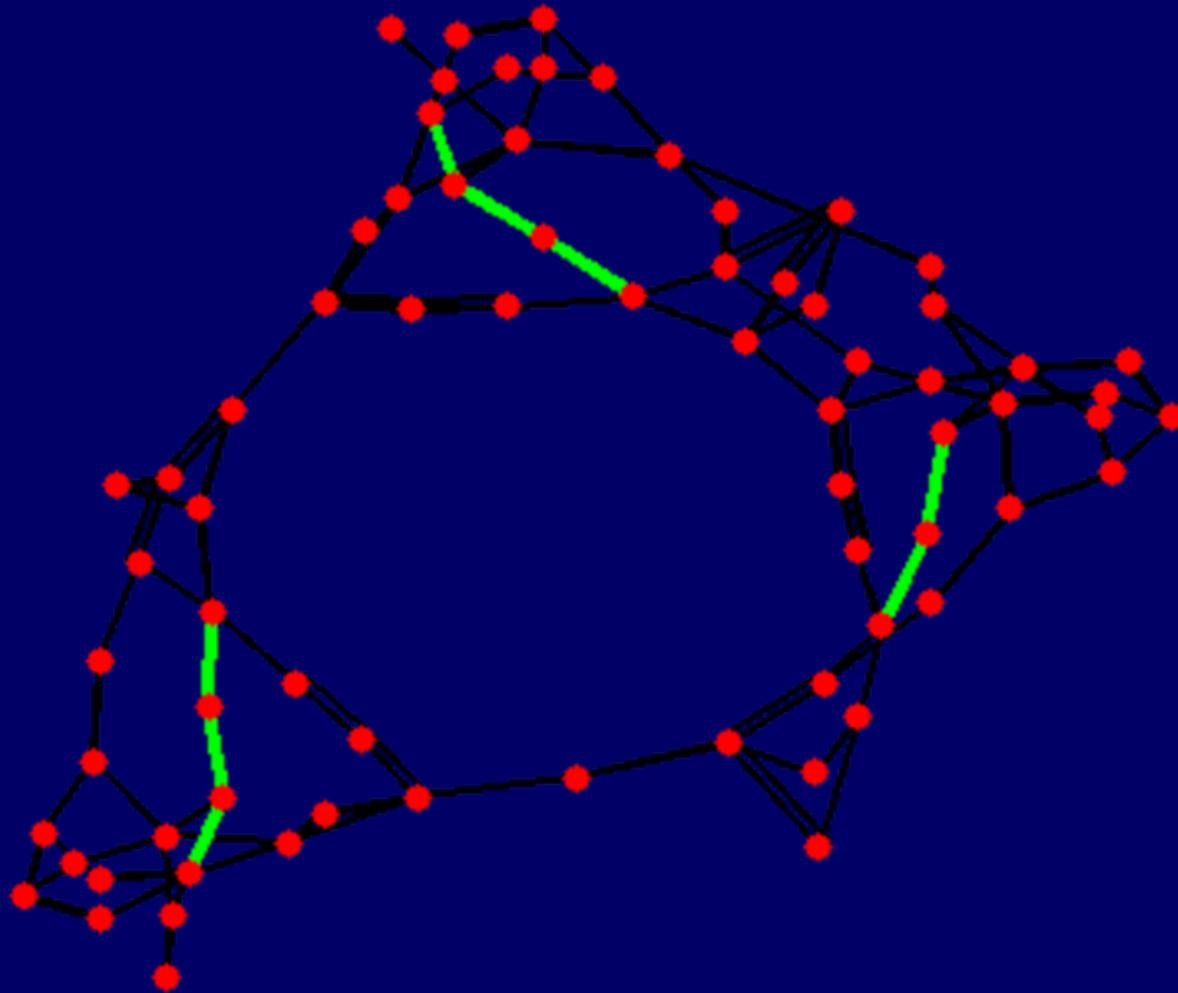


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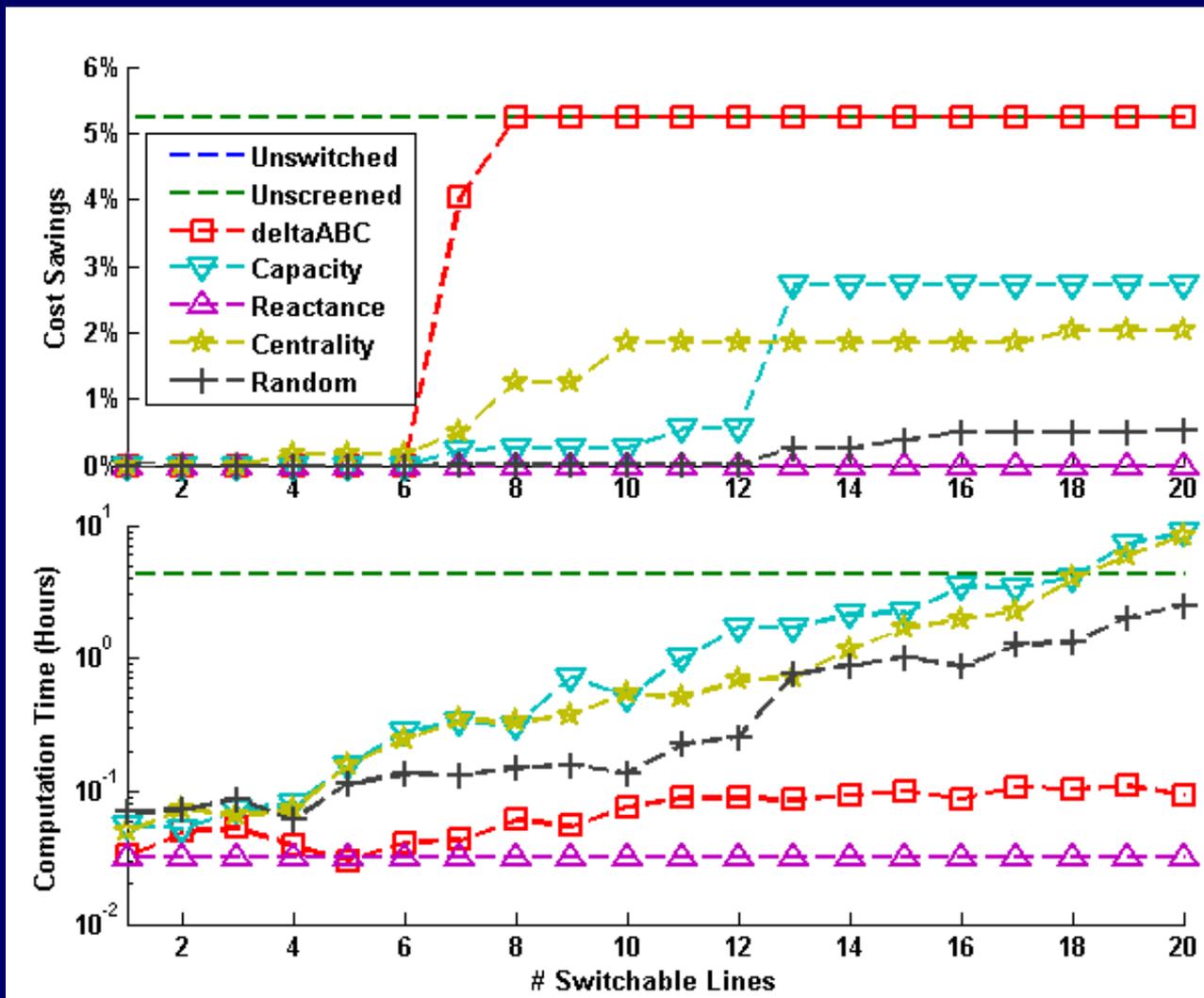




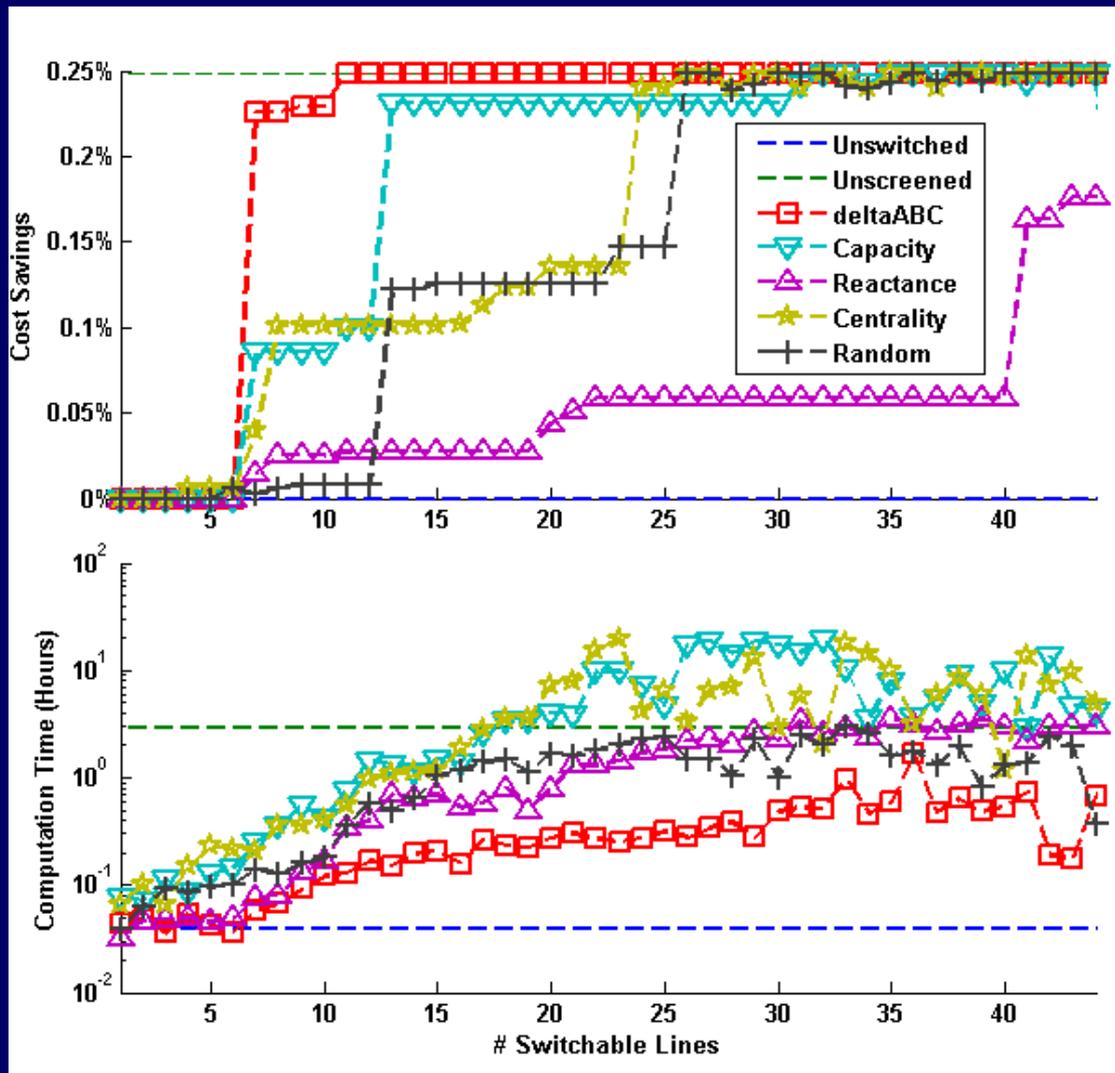
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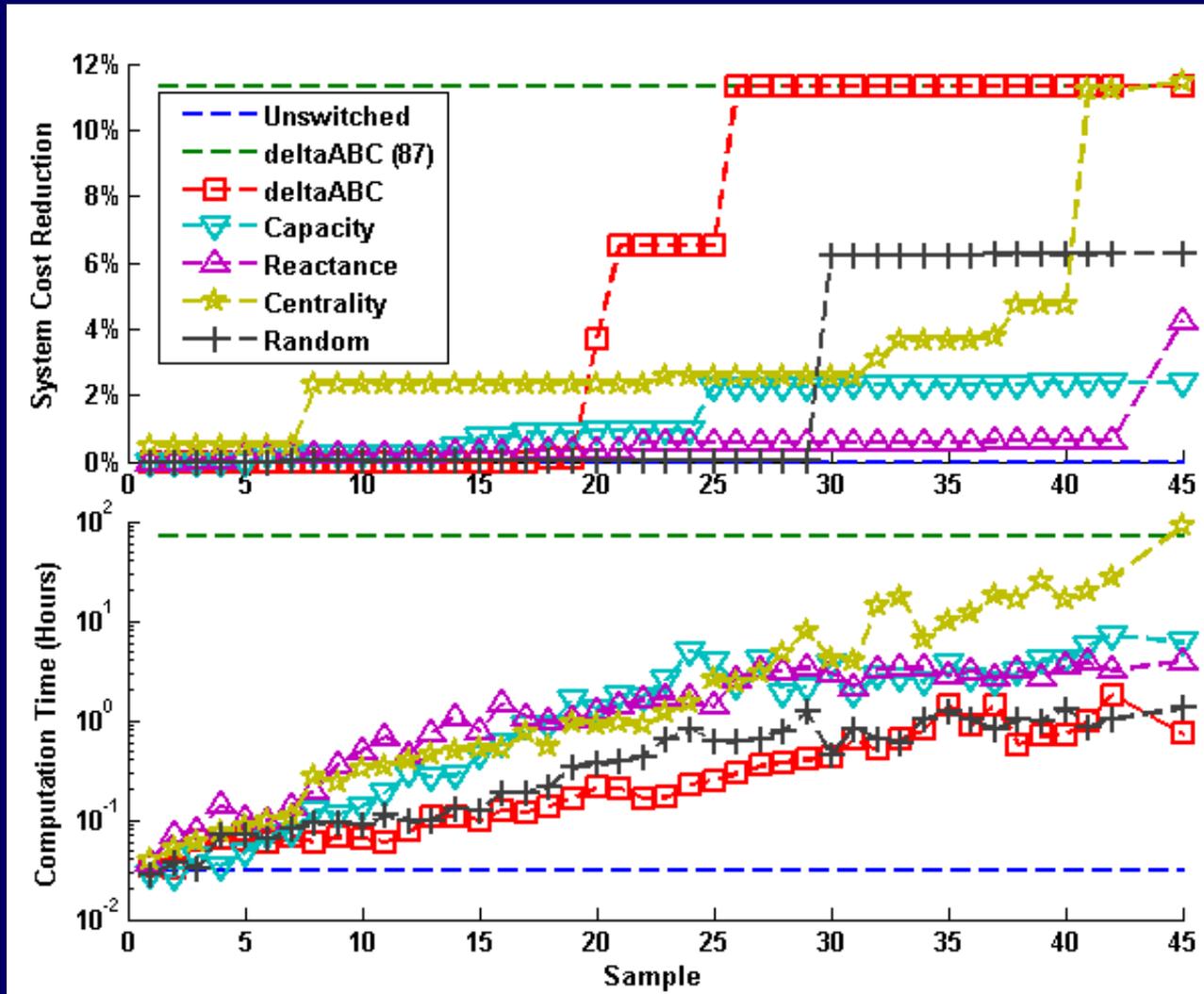
RTS-96 Progressive Screen (Hour 20)



RTS-96 Progressive Screen (Hour 14)



IEEE 118-Bus Network





Summary

RTS-96				IEEE 118-BUS (26 SWITCHABLE LINES)	
Screen	Avg Hourly Savings ($Sav_h > 0$)	Total Savings	24hr Solution Time	Savings	Solution Time
DCOPF	0%	0%	0.76 hr	0%	0.03 hr
OTS	1.71%	2%	100.93 hr	15.8%*	213 hr*
Δ ABC	2.43%	1.98%	4.97 hr	11.3%	0.29 hr
Capacity	2.42%	1.97%	216.94 hr	2.3%	2.23 hr
Reactance	0.69%	0.58%	78.5 hr	0.59%	2.58 hr
Centrality	2.21%	1.8%	491.65 hr	2.55%	2.31 hr
Random	1.52%	1.25%	692.22 hr	0.01%	0.62 hr

*Sub-optimal result

- **OTS has large savings potential**
 - Problem is too complex to solve quickly
 - 1. Partitioning enables solutions on parallel sub-networks
 - 2. Screening reduces the set of candidate switchable lines and facilitates faster solutions



Ongoing Work

- **OTS and Screened OTS application to larger networks**
 - Polish Power Models: ~2000 buses
 - Eastern Interconnect
- **Network Partitioning**
 - Partition network and apply OTS to distinct sub networks
- **Verify AC power flow feasibility under reconfigured topology**

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