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Scheduling of Commitment, Energy and Reserves Under Uncertainty in a Two-Settlement Framework

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Problem Characteristics

Many problems we would like to solve in electricity markets, operations and planning are:

- large-scale
- stochastic
- non-linear
- mixed-integer
- multi-stage
- multi-period

Our Formulation

- Generalized extension of combined UC/OPF problem, to include ...
 - intertemporal energy constraints for storage, flexible/deferrable demand
 - endogenous, price responsive contingency and ramping reserves
 - multi-stage stochastic approach w/scenario recombination
- Presented here in 2013 and published in [1].

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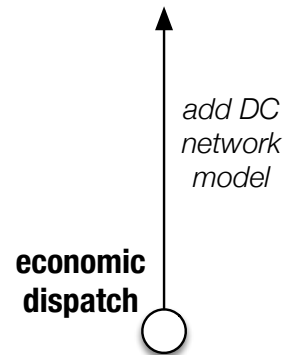
MOPS

- **M**ATPOWER **O**ptimal **P**ower **S**cheduler
 - Current implementation based on DC power flow model.
 - Being refined and integrated into next major MATPOWER release.
 - AC version still at early prototype stage.

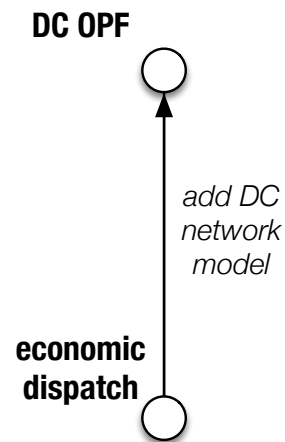
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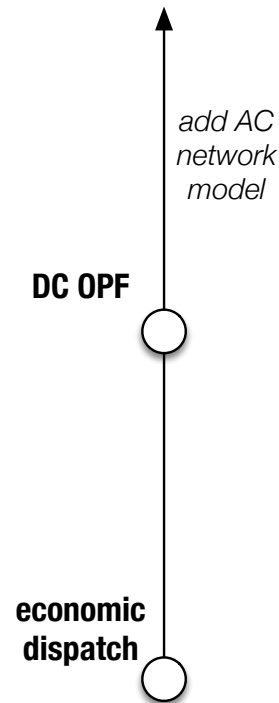
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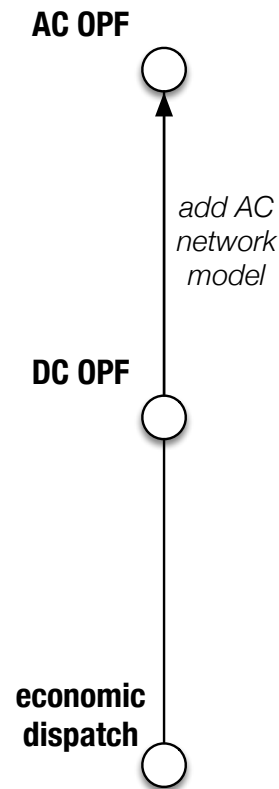
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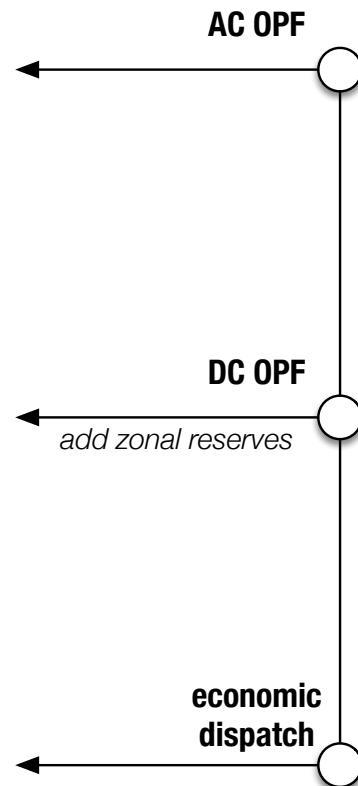
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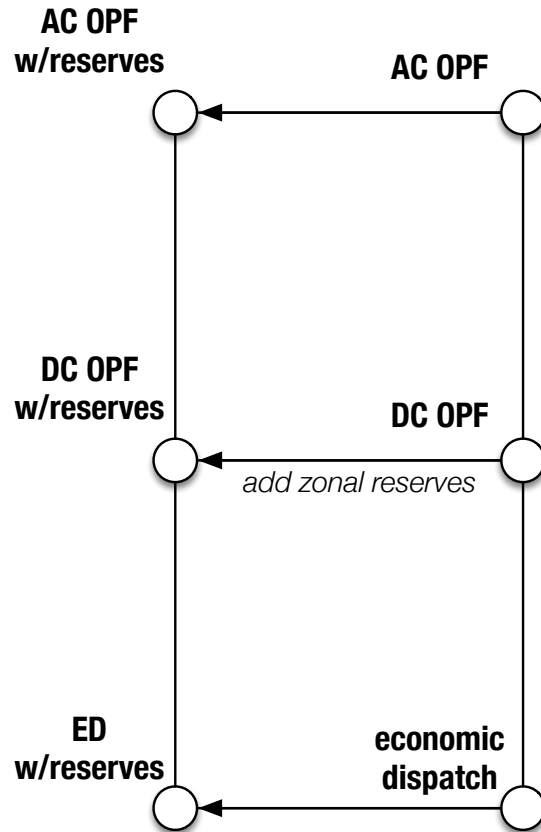
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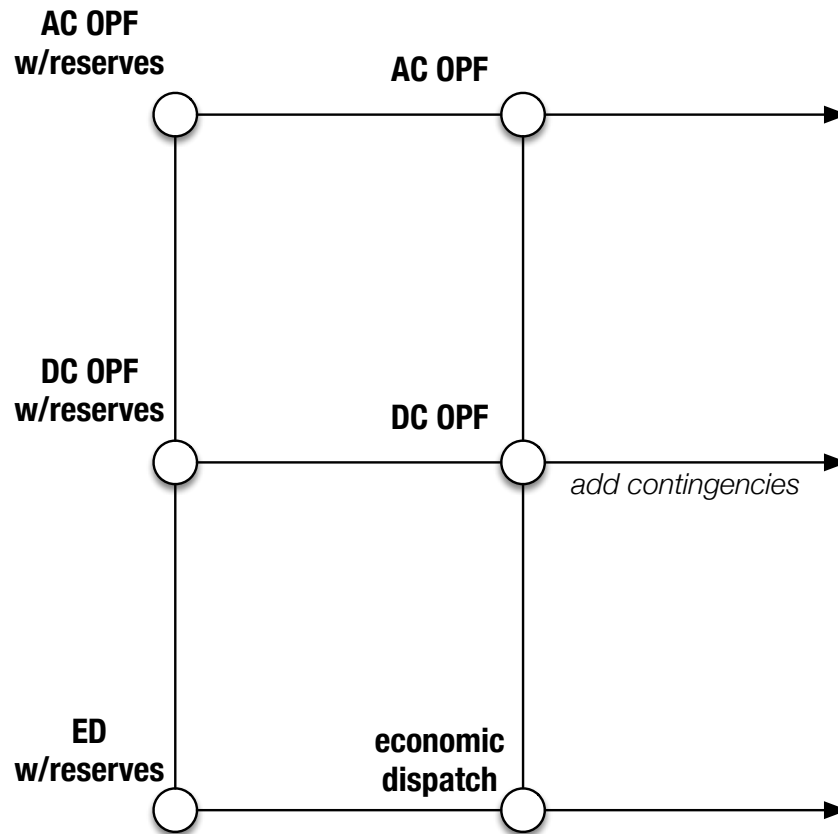
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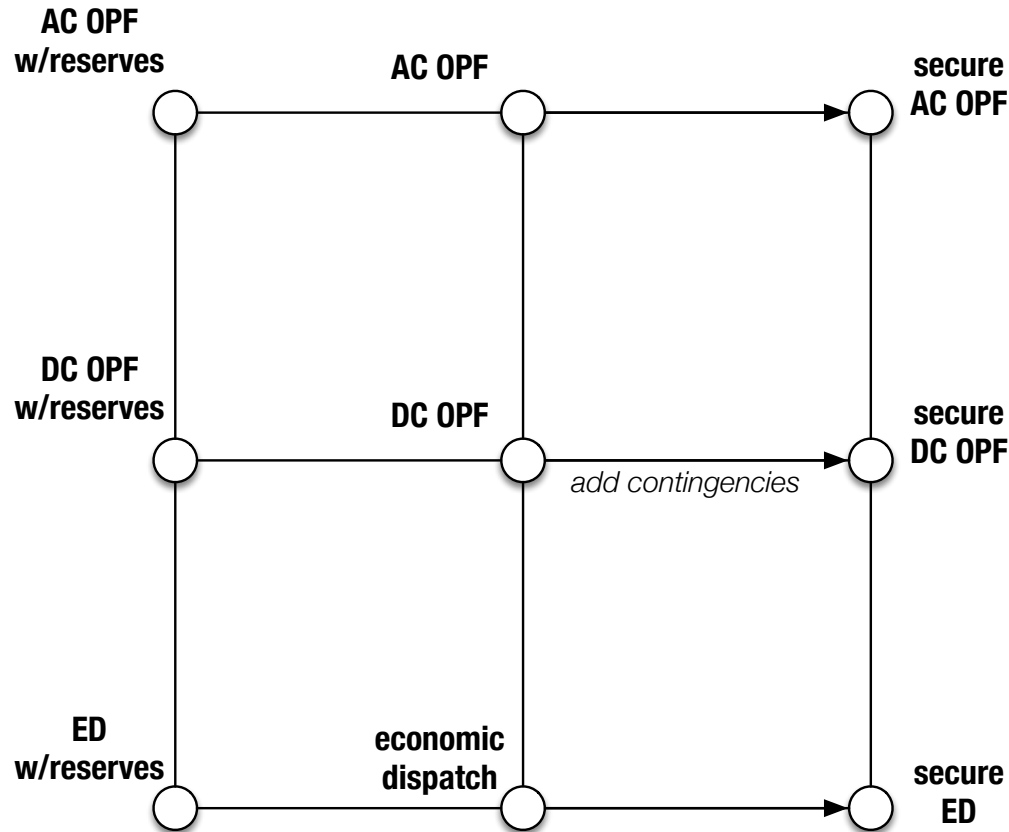
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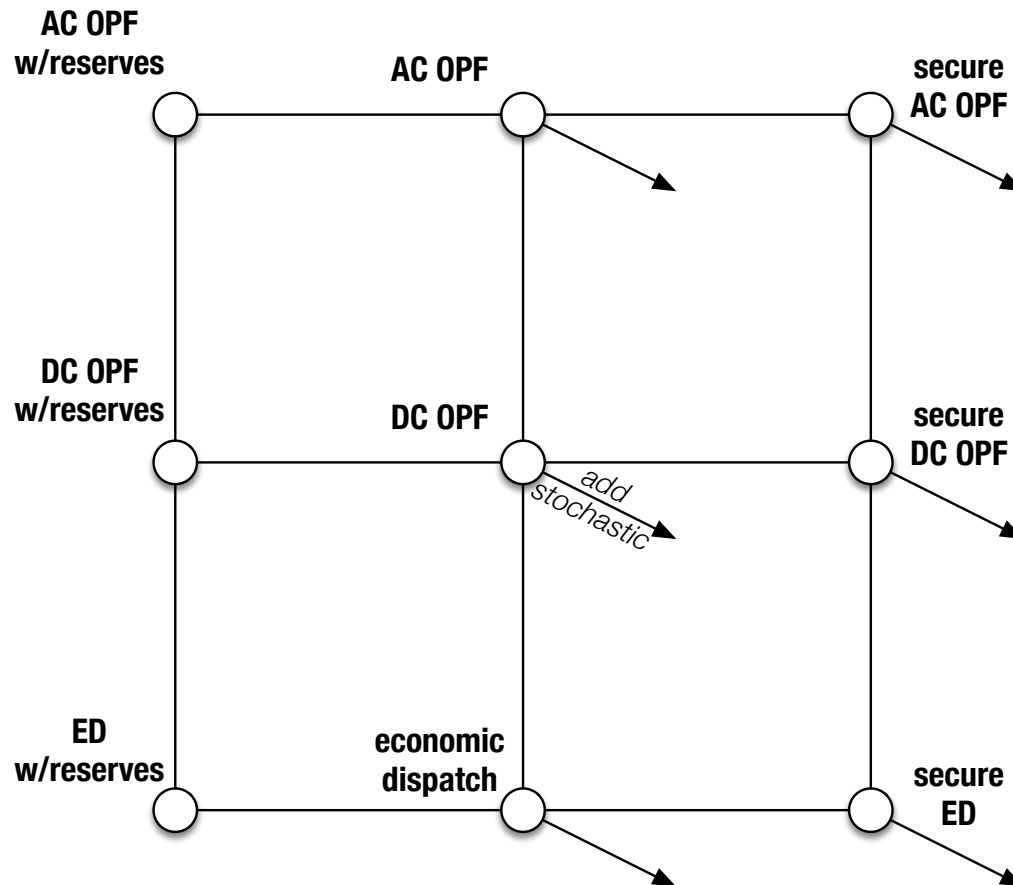
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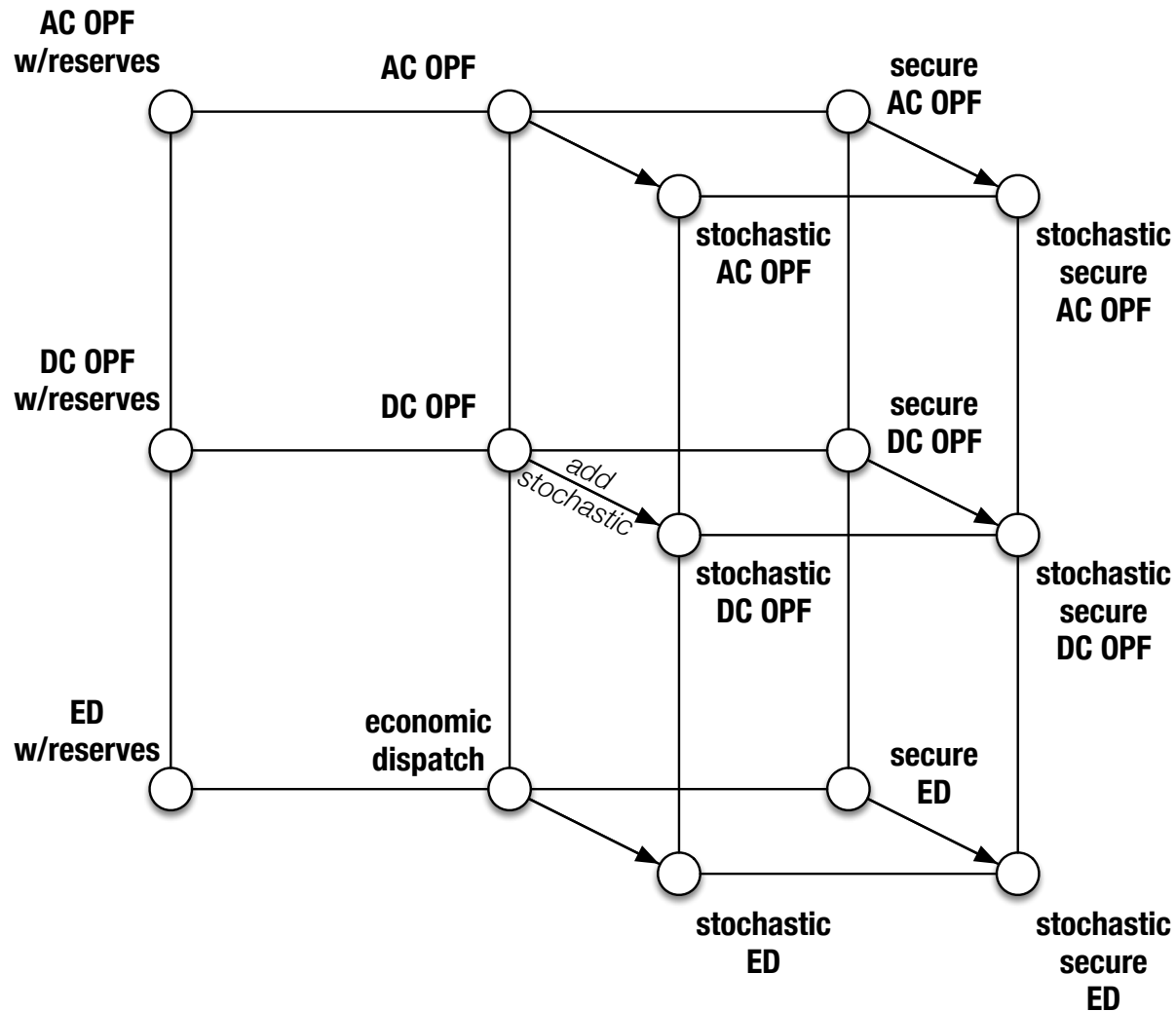
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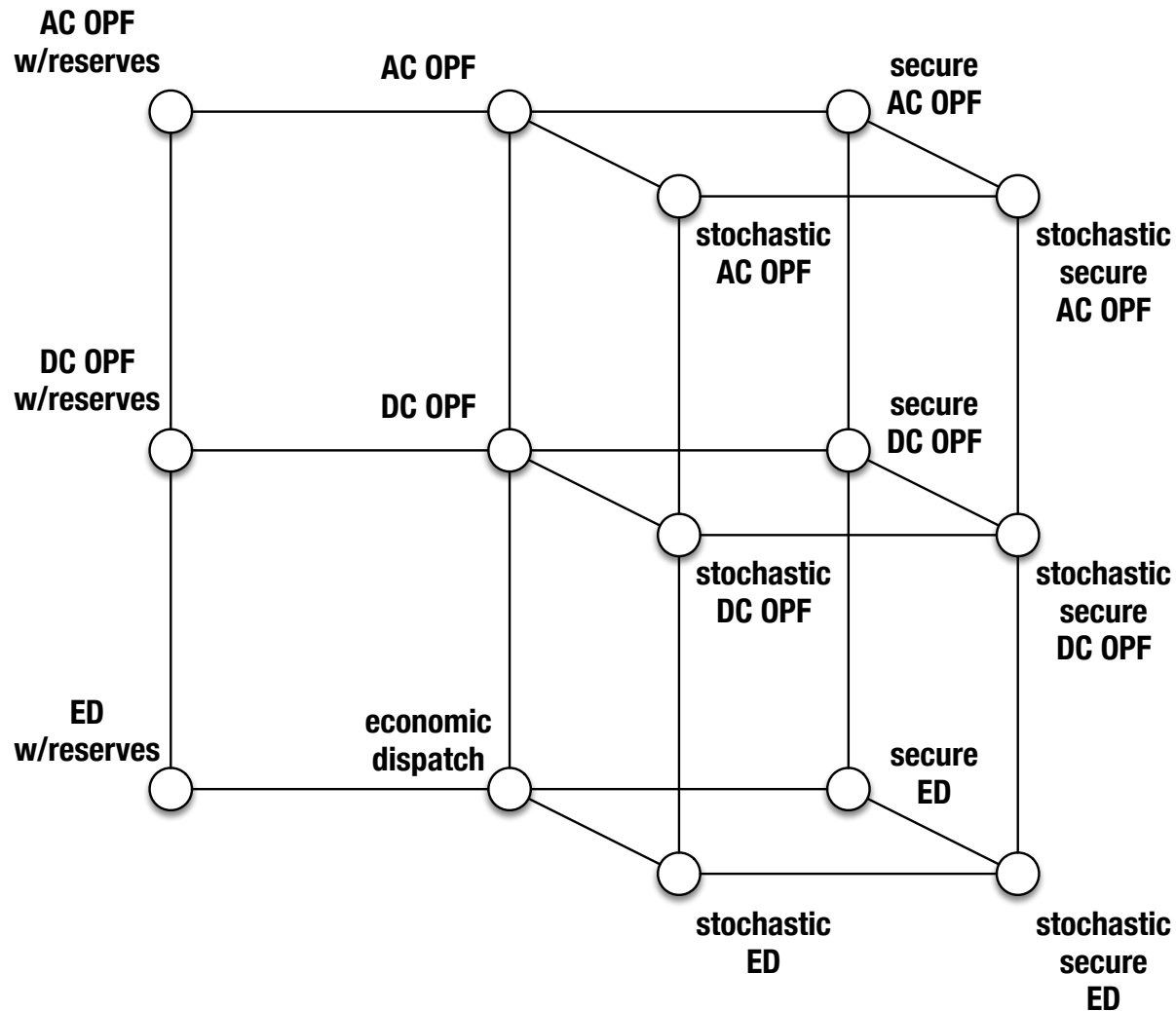
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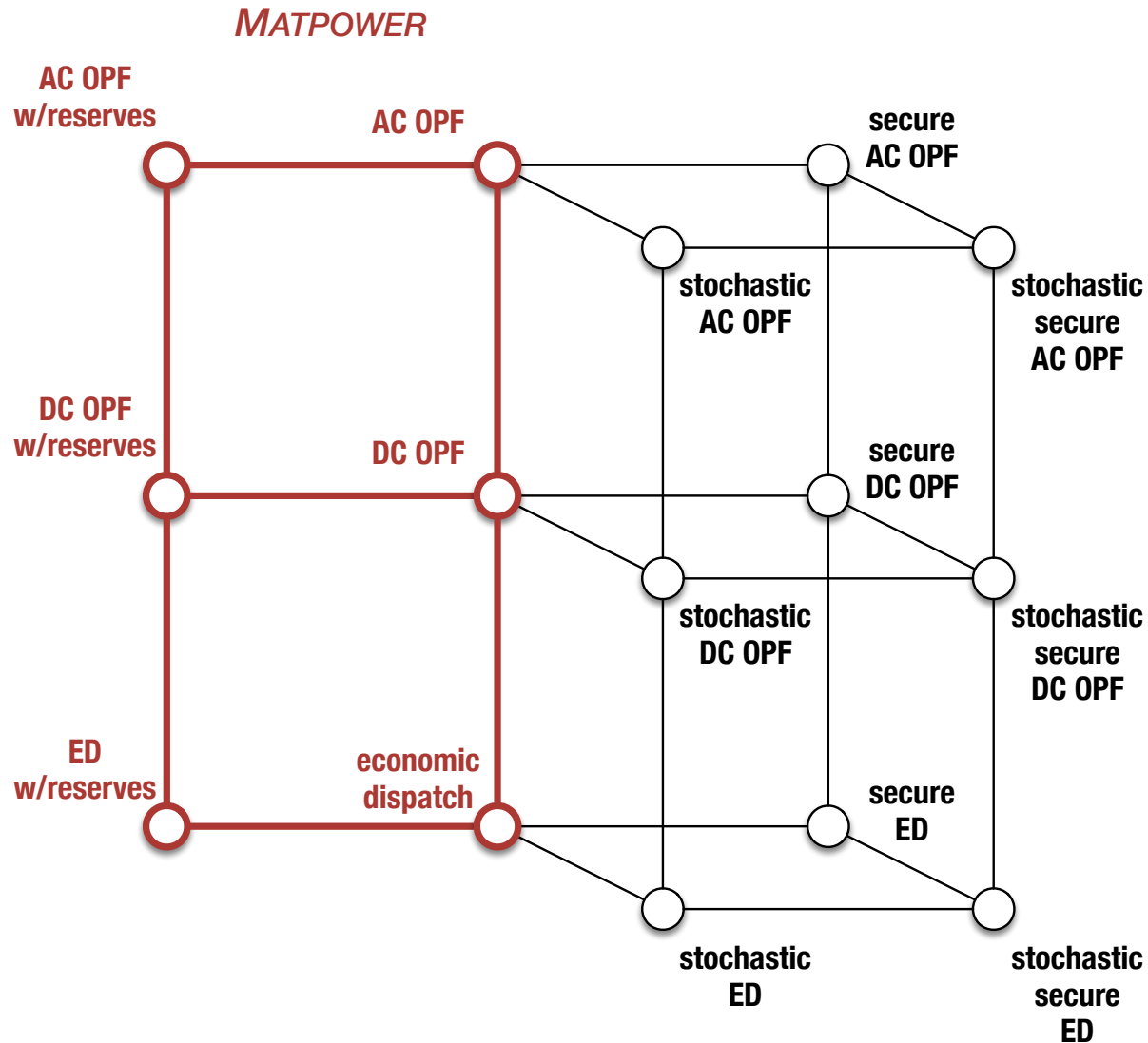
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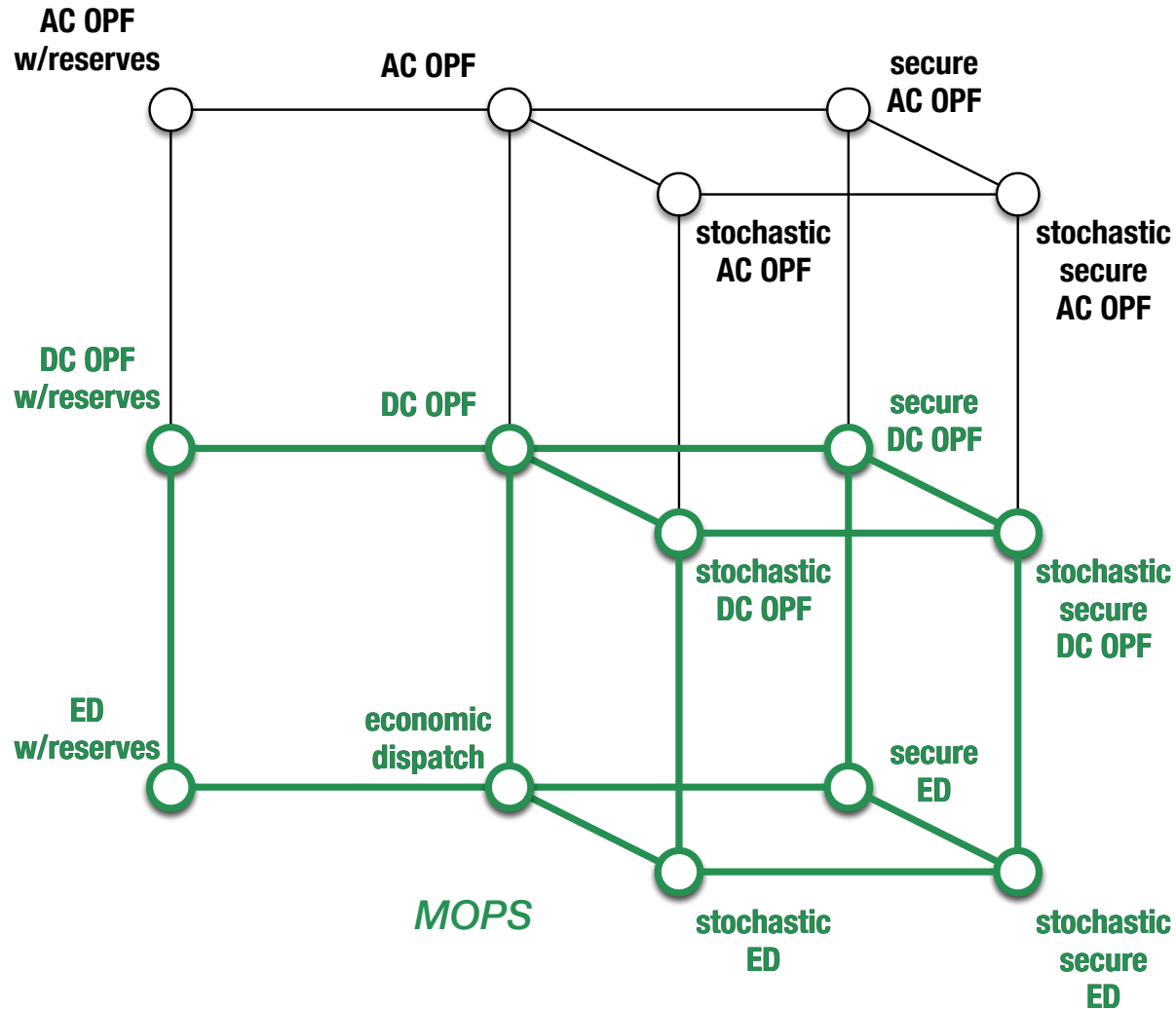
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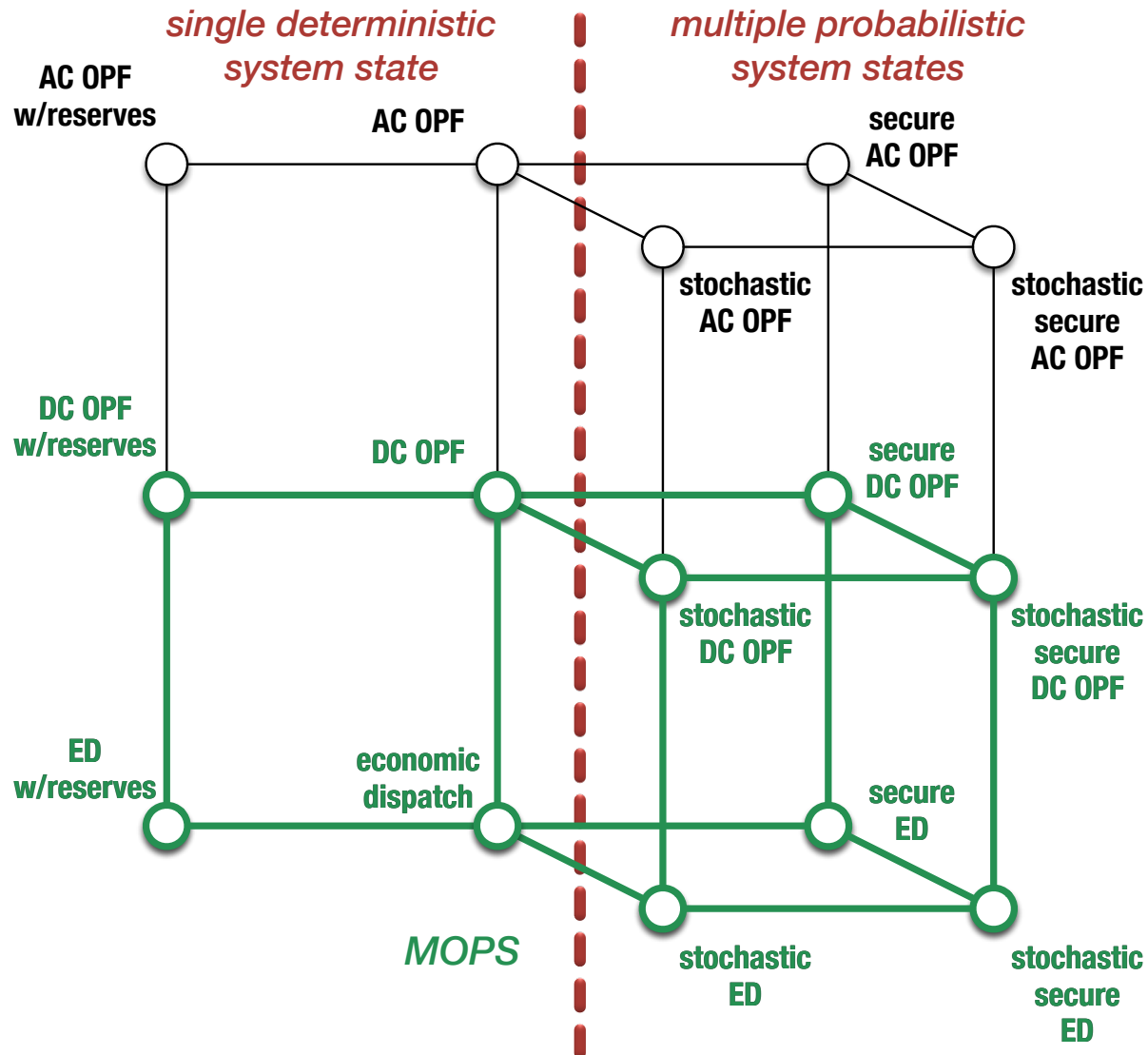
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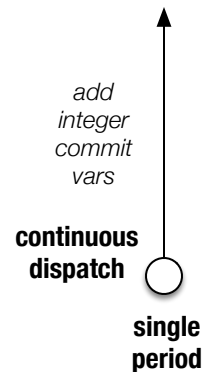
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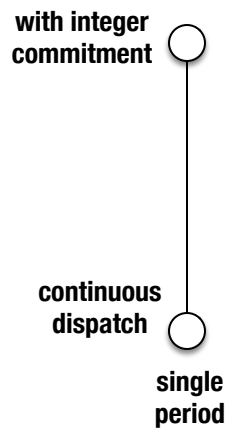
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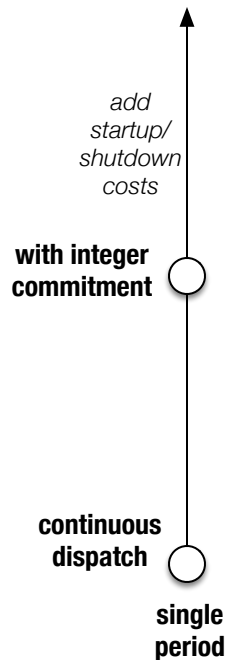
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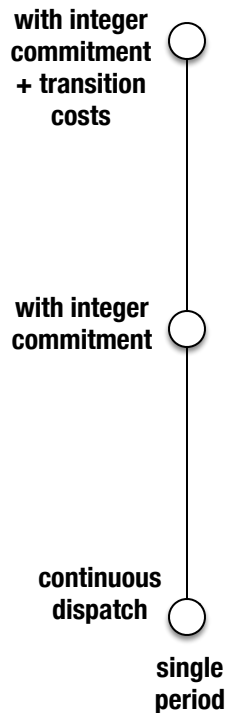
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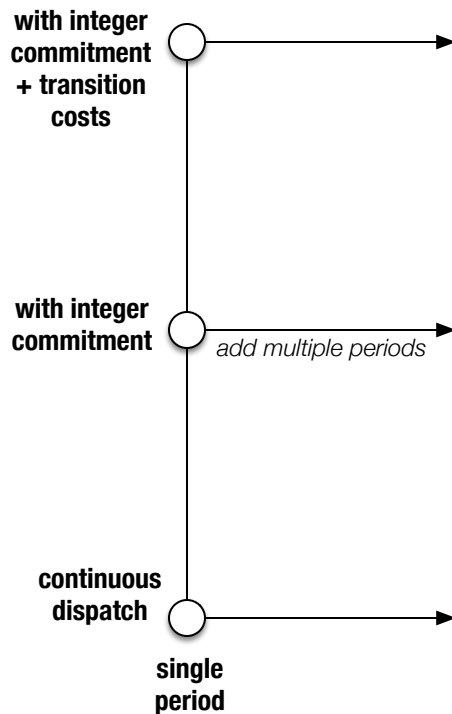
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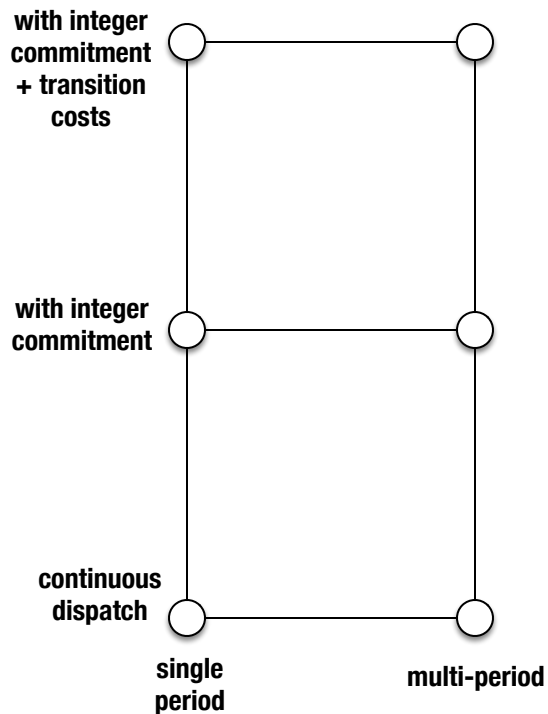
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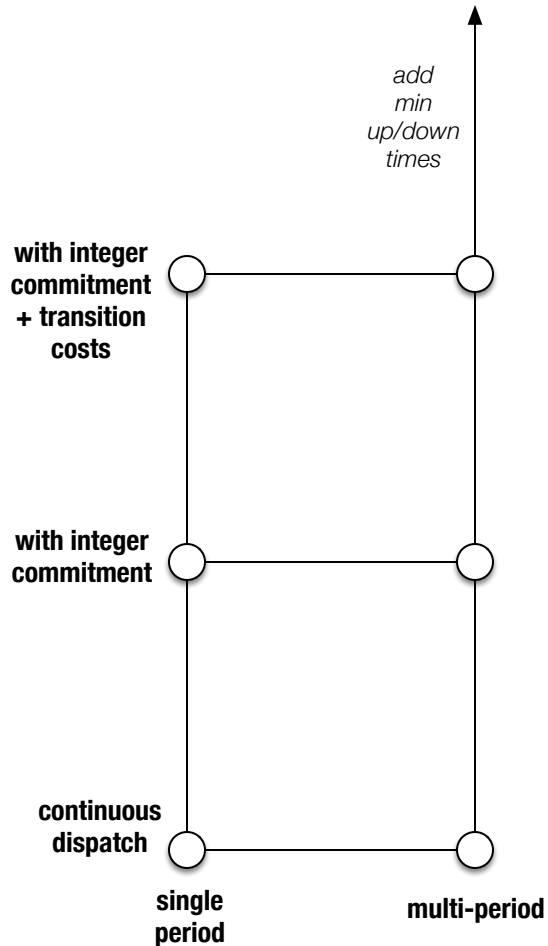
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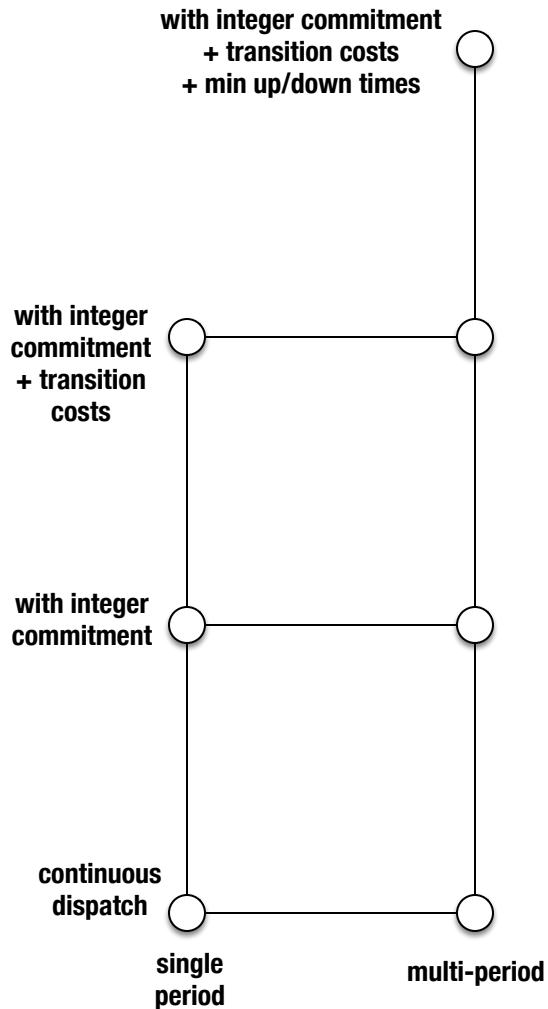
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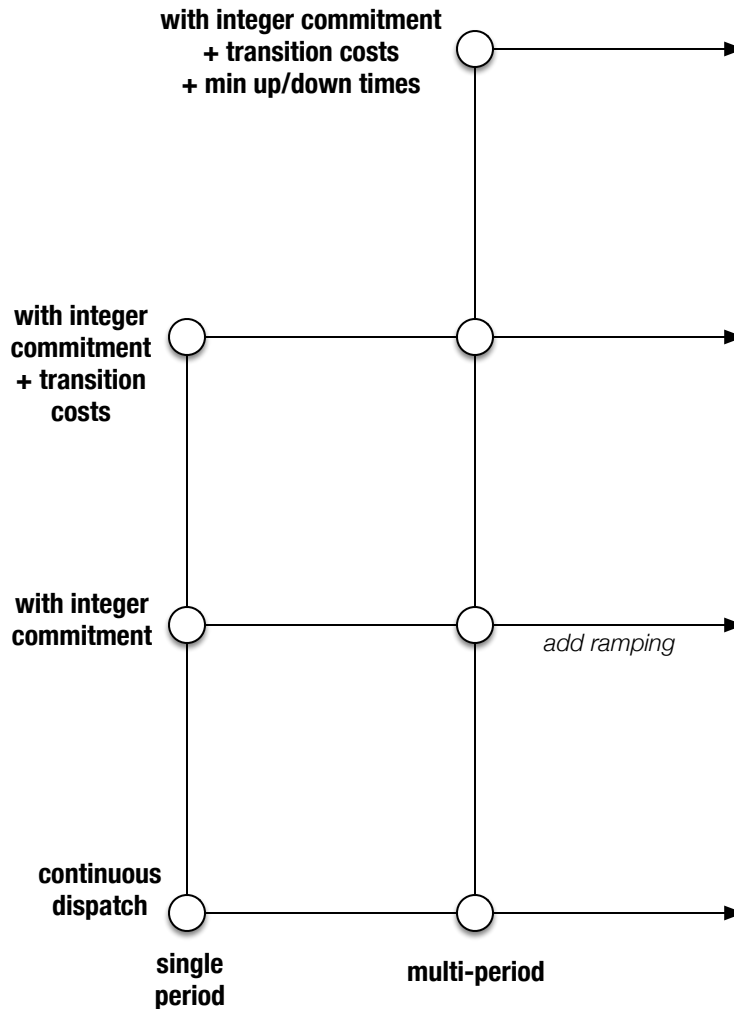
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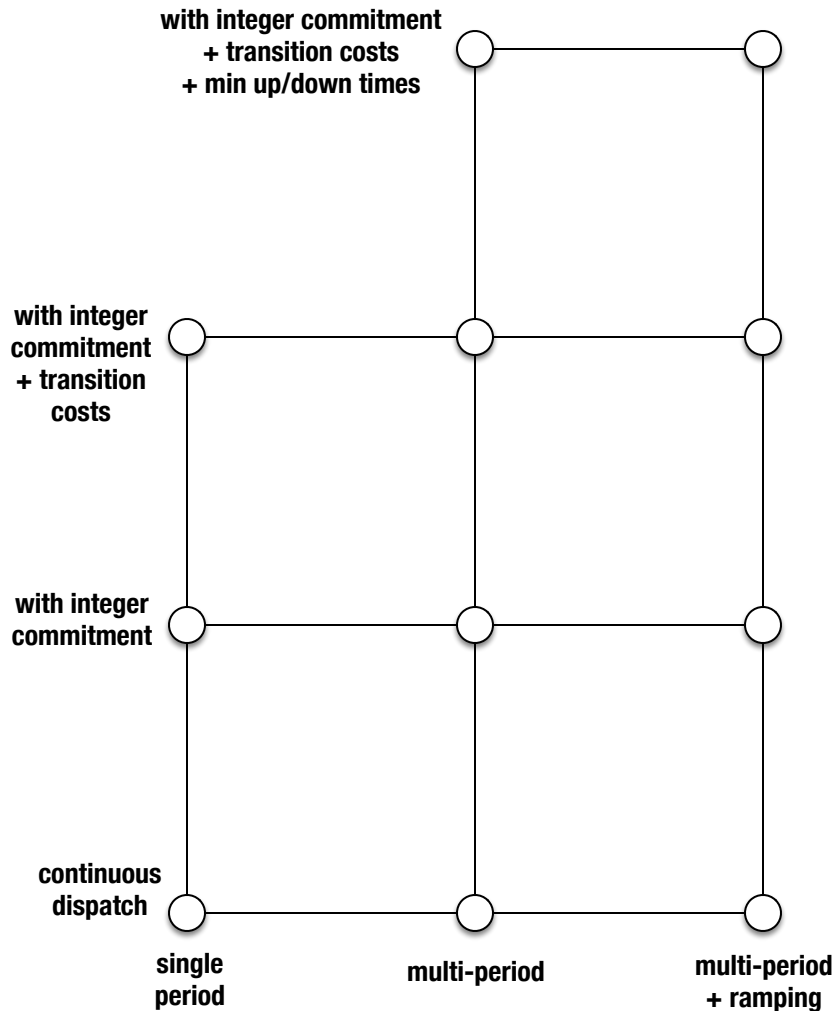
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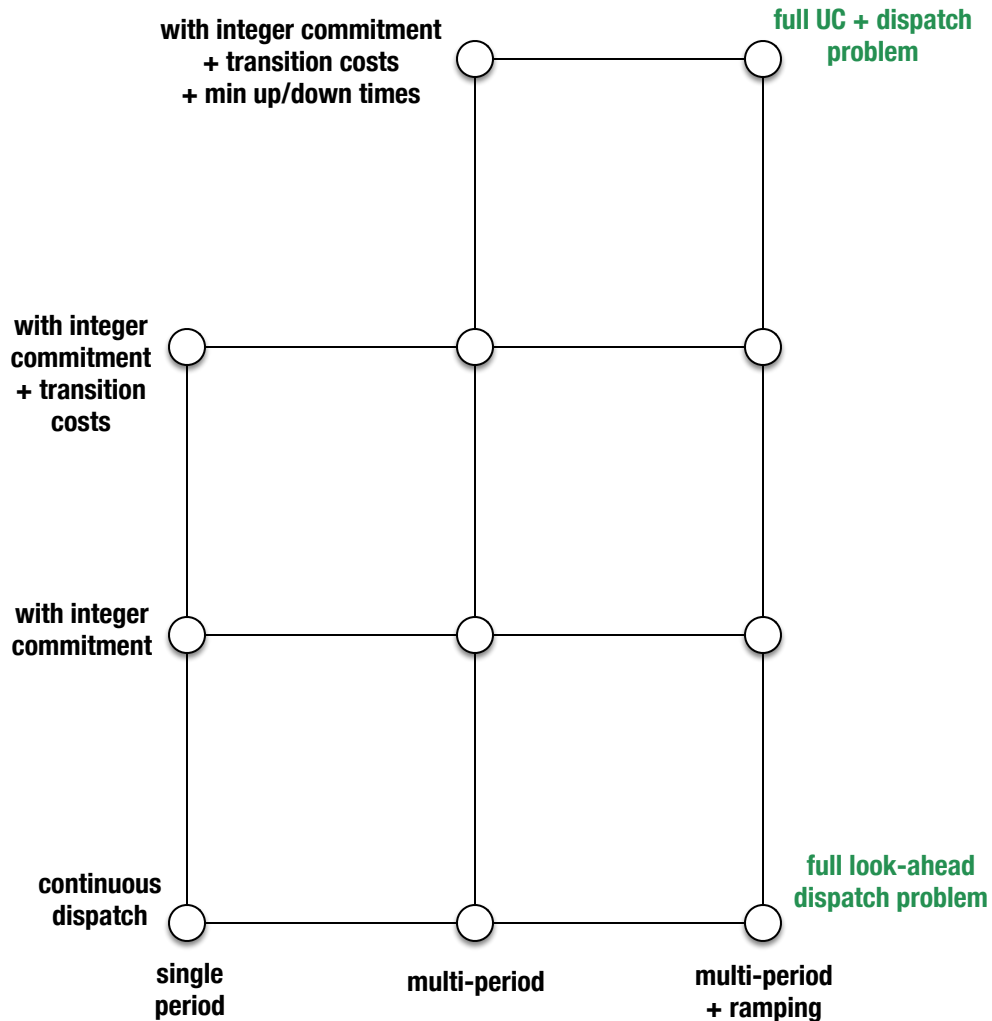
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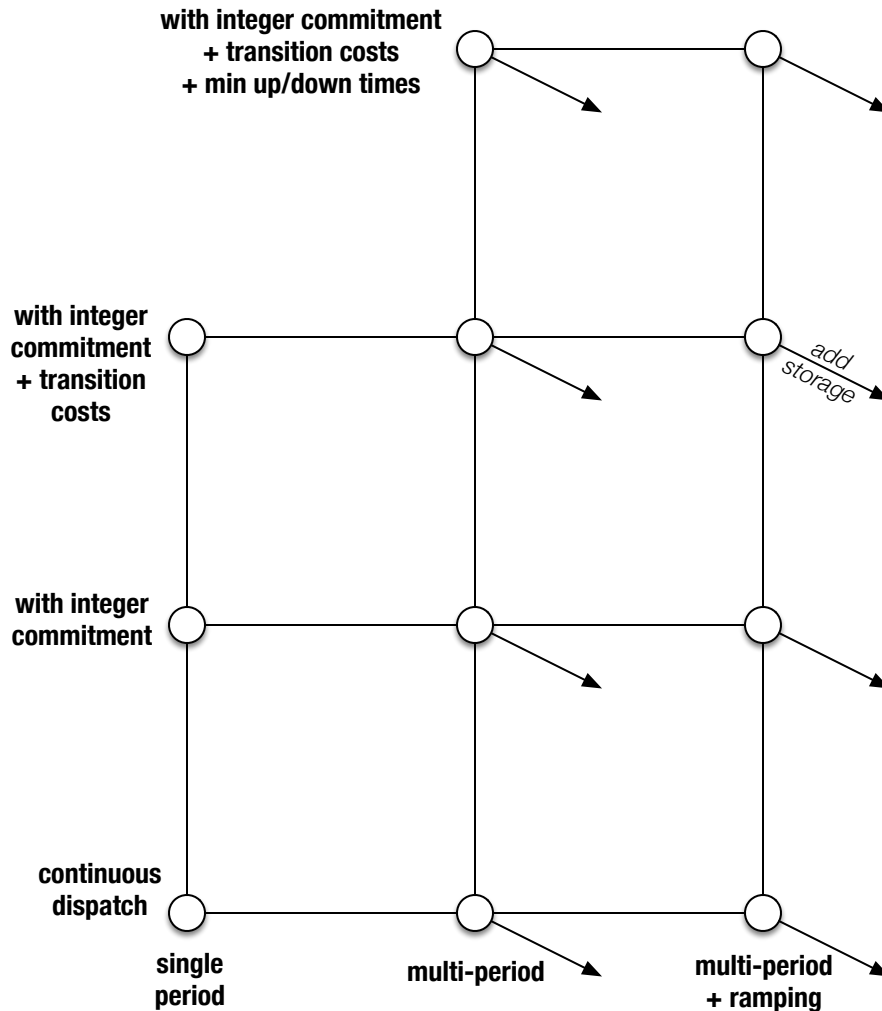
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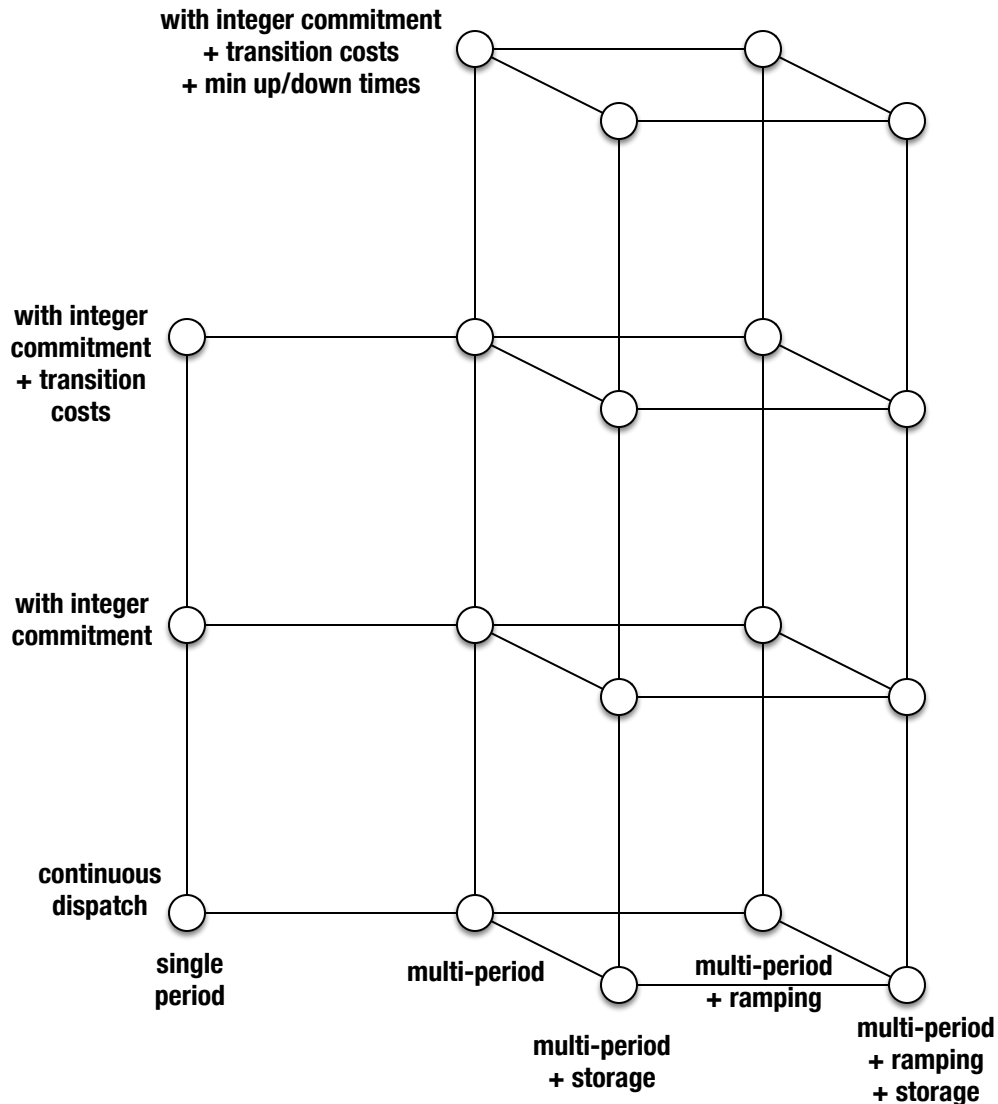
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Objective Function

$$\min_x f(x) \quad \text{where}$$

(1) expected active power
dispatch and
re-dispatch costs

(2) contingency
reserve
costs

(3) expected ramping
wear & tear
costs

$$f(x) = f_p(p, p_+, p_-) + f_r(r_+, r_-) + f_\delta(p) \\ + f_{lf}(\delta_+, \delta_-) + f_s(p_{sc}, p_{sd}) + f_{uc}(v, w)$$

(4) load following
ramp reserve
costs

(5) expected cost/value
of leftover stored
energy in terminal
states

(6) startup and
shutdown
costs

Constraints

(1) standard OPF constraints

- nonlinear AC power balance equations
- nonlinear transmission flow and voltage limits, other OPF inequalities

(2) contingency constraints

- reserve, redispatch and contract variables
- ramping limits on transitions from base to contingency cases

(3) intertemporal constraints

- load following ramping limits and reserves
- energy storage constraints

(4) unit commitment constraints

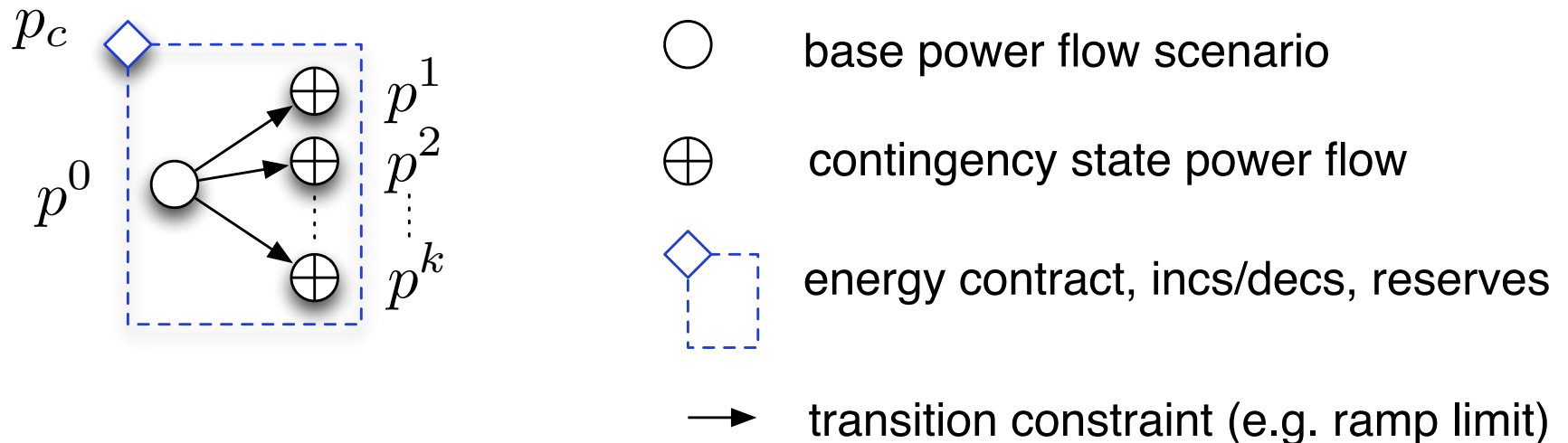
- injection limits vs. commitment variables
- startup/shutdown events
- minimum up/down times

Uncertainty

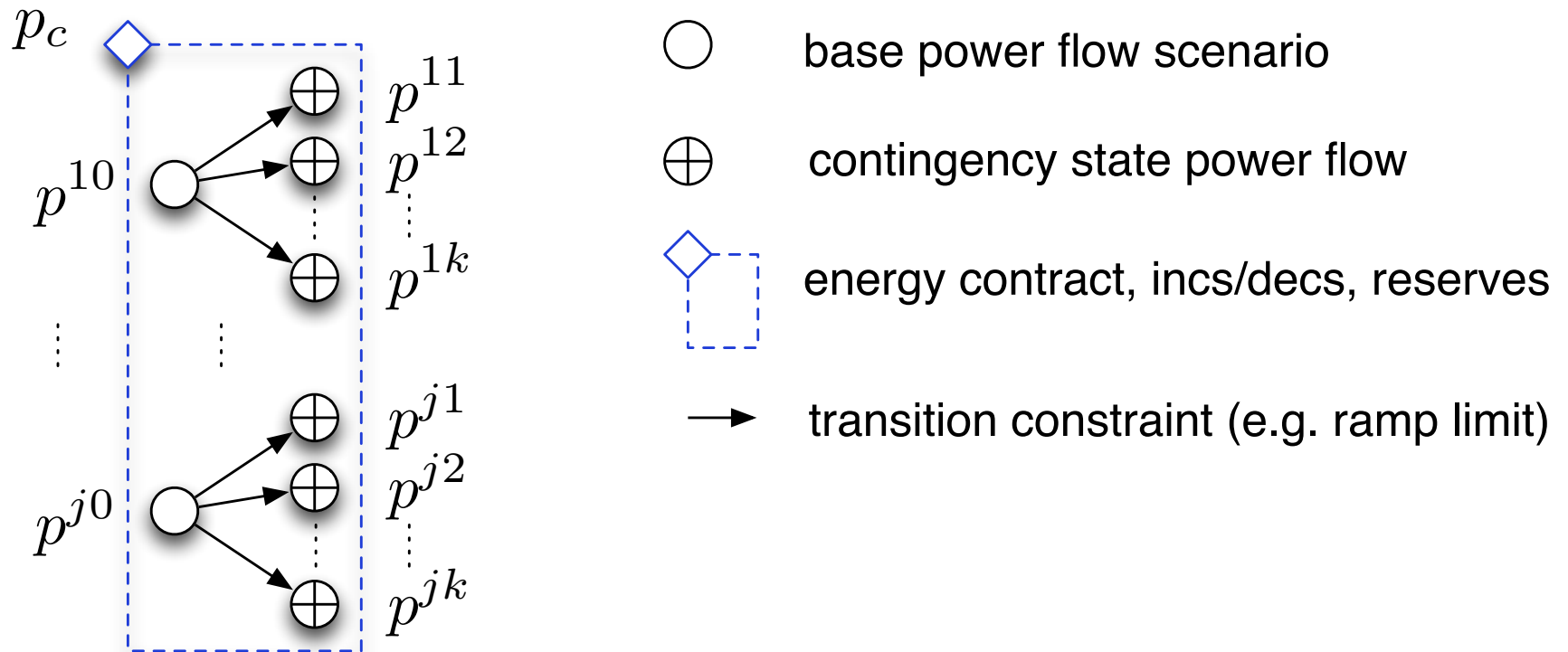
Begin with single period problem, that is, making the OPF stochastic and secure.

- two types of uncertainty
 - wind, load (continuous, distribution)
 - contingencies (discrete, low probability)
- both handled by selecting sets of individual probability weighted scenarios, so that:
 - overall **stochastic cost** is approximated adequately,
 - credible, low probability, high impact events are included to ensure **security**,
 - number of scenarios is minimized to keep **computational cost** reasonable.

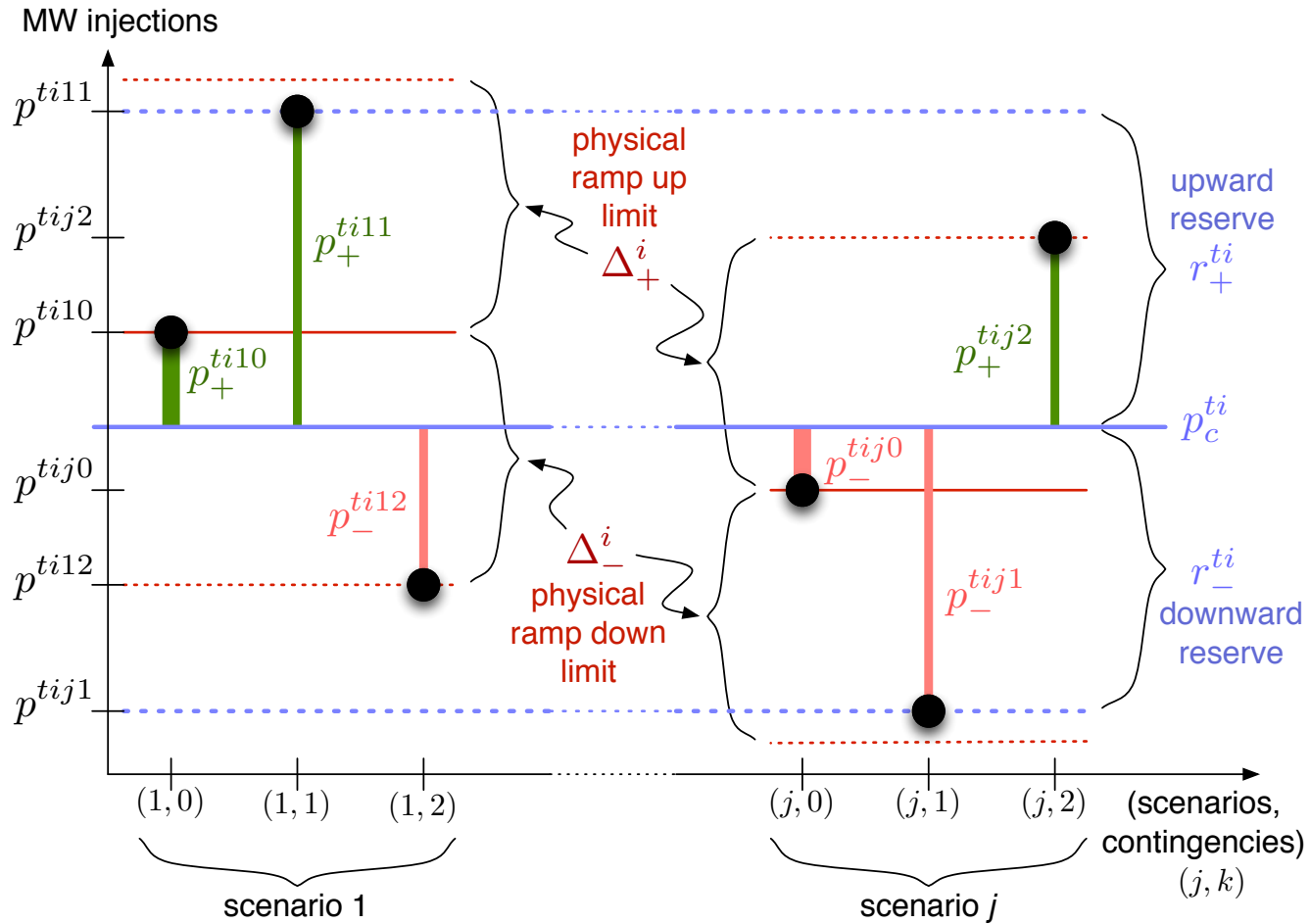
Problem Structure – Contingencies



Problem Structure – Wind



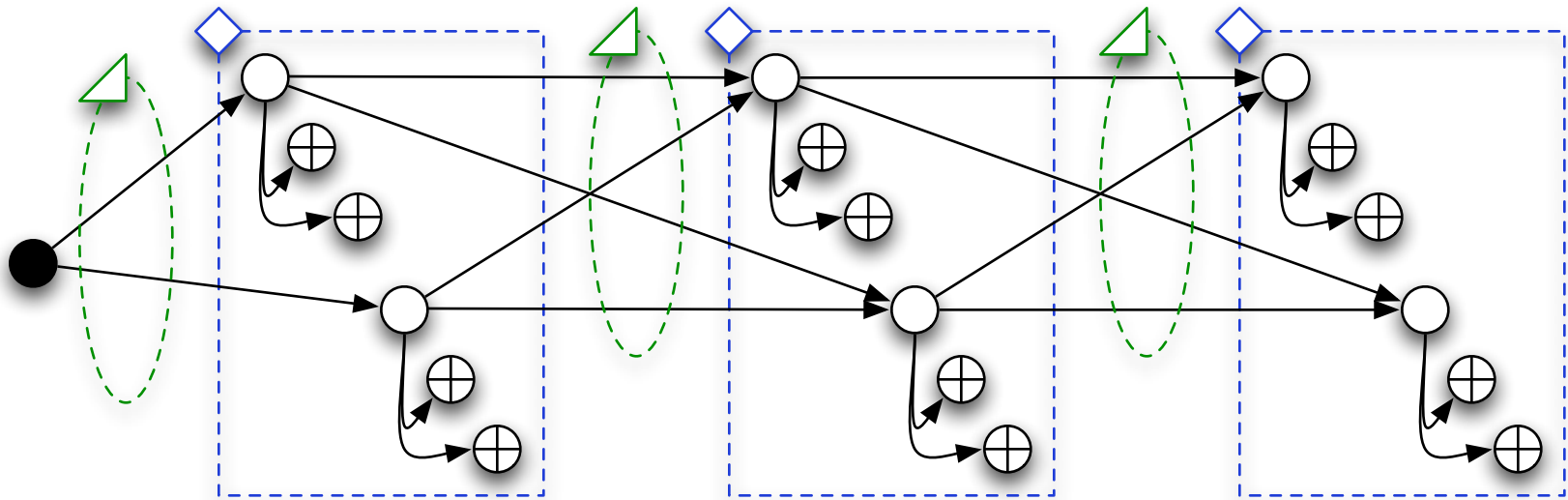
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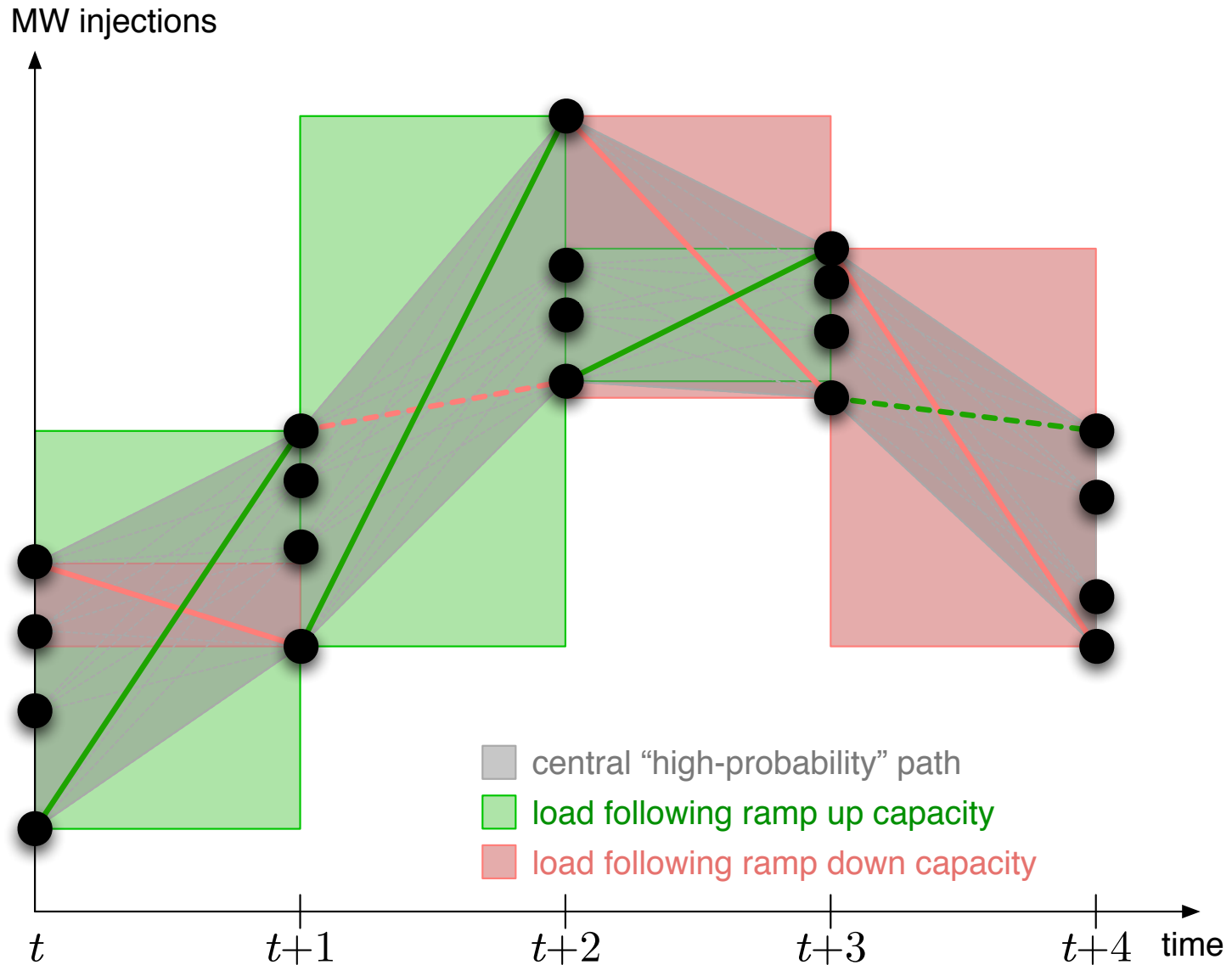
Extending to Multiple Periods

- number of possible states explodes due to path dependence
- treating each trajectory as a scenario requires too many trajectories to capture the range of possible outcomes in each period
- our approach – enforce feasibility of a central path, the high probability path defined by the set of base scenarios

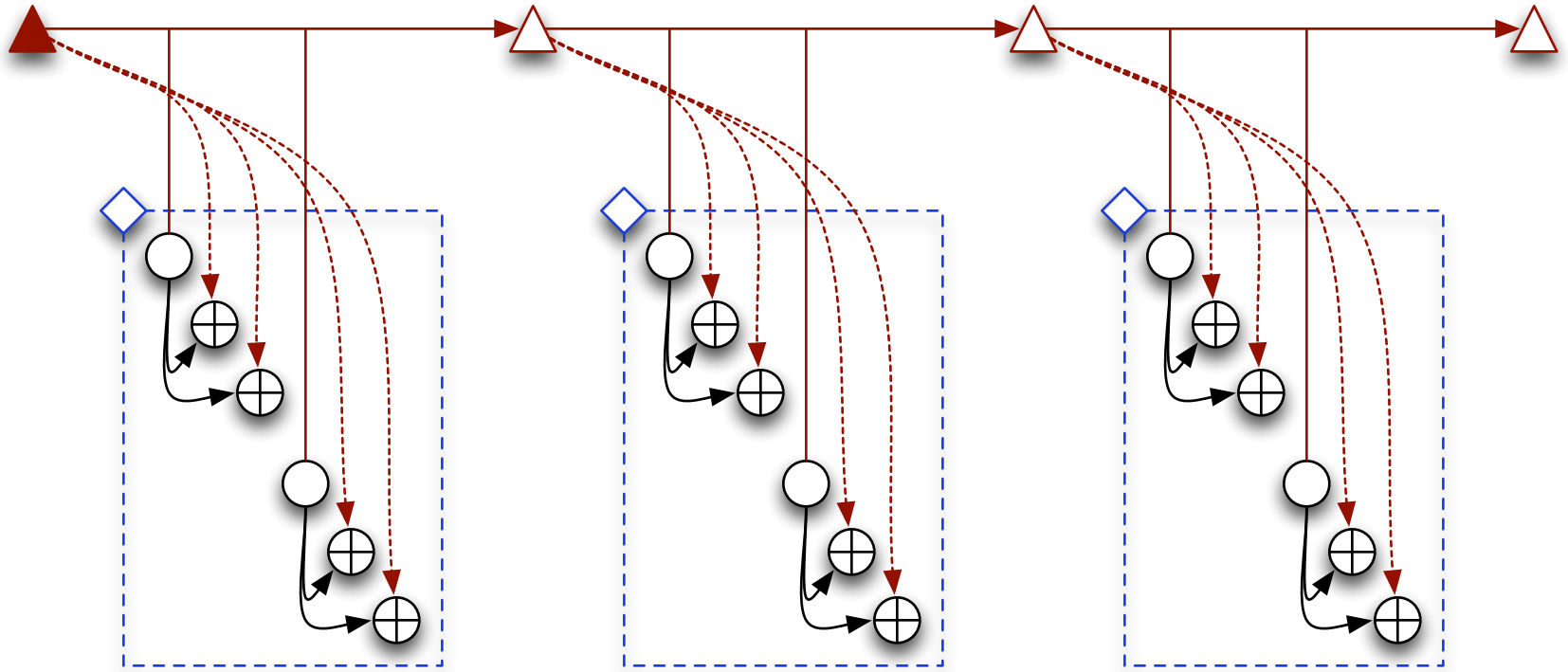
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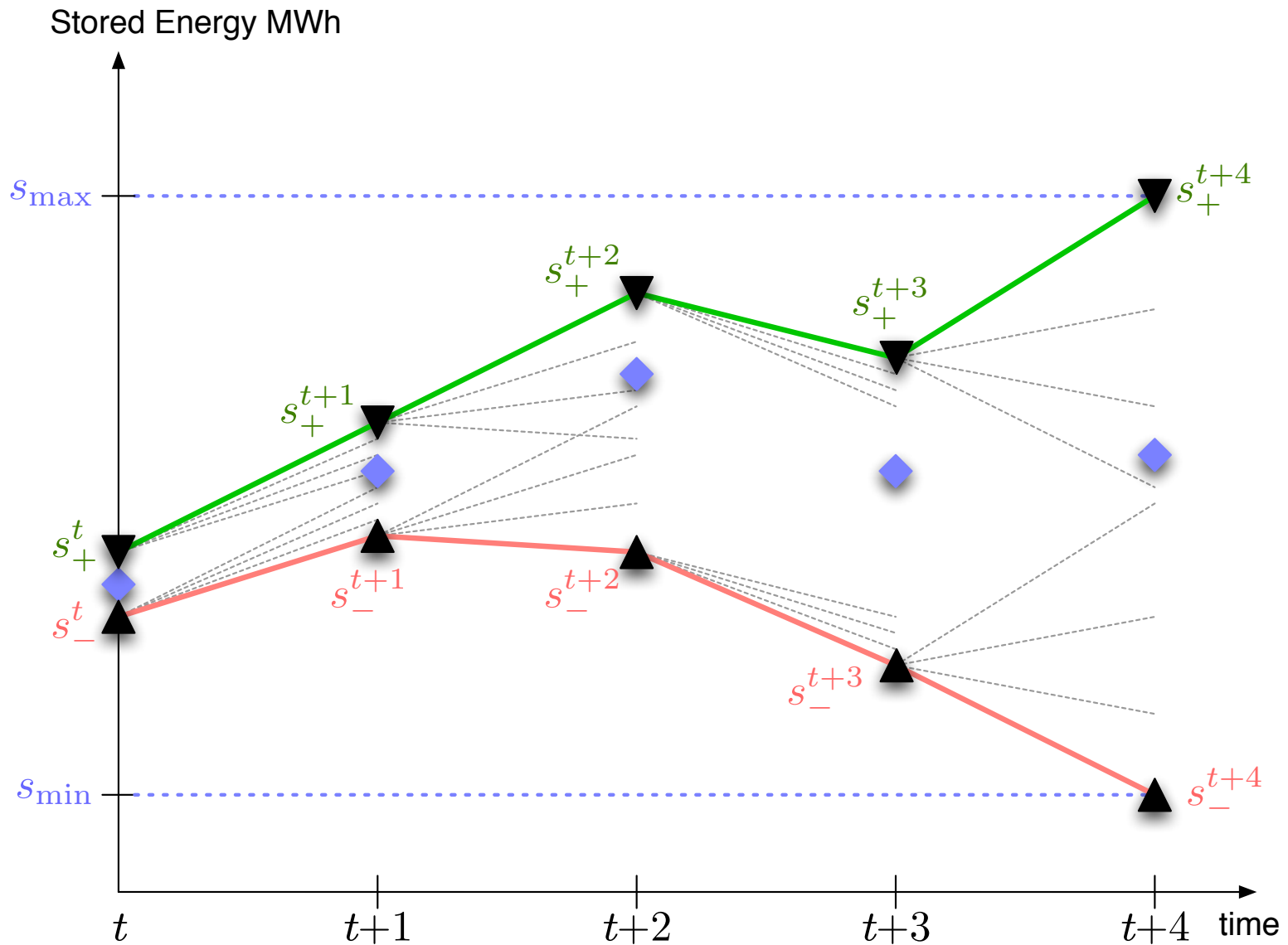
Ramping – Load Following Reserve



Storage



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Application Context

- In system operations, we have multi-stage decisions (focus on day-ahead commitments through 5-minute dispatch), with uncertainty revelation along the way.

The Challenge – Testing MOPS

Stochastic

Secure UC+OPF

- multiple scenarios for demand and renewable availability
- explicit contingencies for security

Deterministic

UC+OPF

- single scenario with expected demand and renewable availability
- zonal reserve requirements for security

Ideal Comparison

- Our stochastic approach in a receding horizon context vs. current ISO practice with realistic forecasting of uncertain inputs (time varying distributions).
 - Under uncertainty, allowing recourse in decision-making can dramatically improve efficiency
 - Tests should reflect potential real-world benefits
- Both are too complex
- Data problem is massive

Tradeoffs

- Two settlement structure
 - 1st settlement : solves a multi-period plan resulting in day-ahead commitment decisions and reserve allocations
 - 2nd settlement : solves single-period problem to determine energy dispatch and contingency reserve allocation subject to UC decisions from 1st settlement, dispatch from previous period 2nd settlement and newly revealed uncertainty
 - Ideally, should have 3rd phase to simulate “what actually happens” but for now we assume 2nd settlement approximates that well enough

Distinctive Features of Our Approach

- MOPS formulation
 - design does not preclude AC network model
 - multi-stage scenario tree w/scenario recombos vs. individual trajectories as scenarios
 - smaller number of scenarios required to capture range of outcomes
 - preserves non-anticipativity of dispatch decisions
 - scenarios linked by reserves, ramping, storage as well as unit commitment
- Benchmarking structure
 - 2nd settlement decisions are sequential (causal) as in real world

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Testing Structure

- Given:
 - historical temp, wind, demand up to today (*any selected day of interest*)
 - ARIMA model of temp, wind, demand that can generate potential realizations of the operating day
- For each approach:
 1. Solve 1st settlement problem for the day (based on uncertainty predicted by the ARIMA model).
 2. Select N realizations of the day generated by ARIMA model, for each solve 2nd settlement problems sequentially for each hour, subject to 1st settlement.

First Settlement

Stochastic

- n_j base wind/load scenarios per period
- n_c contingencies for each base scenario
- base scenarios selected based on ARIMA model
- $n_j \times n_c \times 24$ OPF problems tied together by ramping, UC and additional variables, costs, constraints

Deterministic

- based on single expected wind/load scenario per period
- zonal reserve requirements to handle largest outage + forecast errors, no explicit contingencies
- base scenario based on ARIMA model
- 24 OPF problems tied together by ramping and UC

Second Settlement

Stochastic

- 1 base scenario with realized wind/load
- n_c contingencies
- UC from 1st settlement
- dispatch constrained by ramp from previous period
- n_c OPF problems tied together by additional variables, costs, constraints

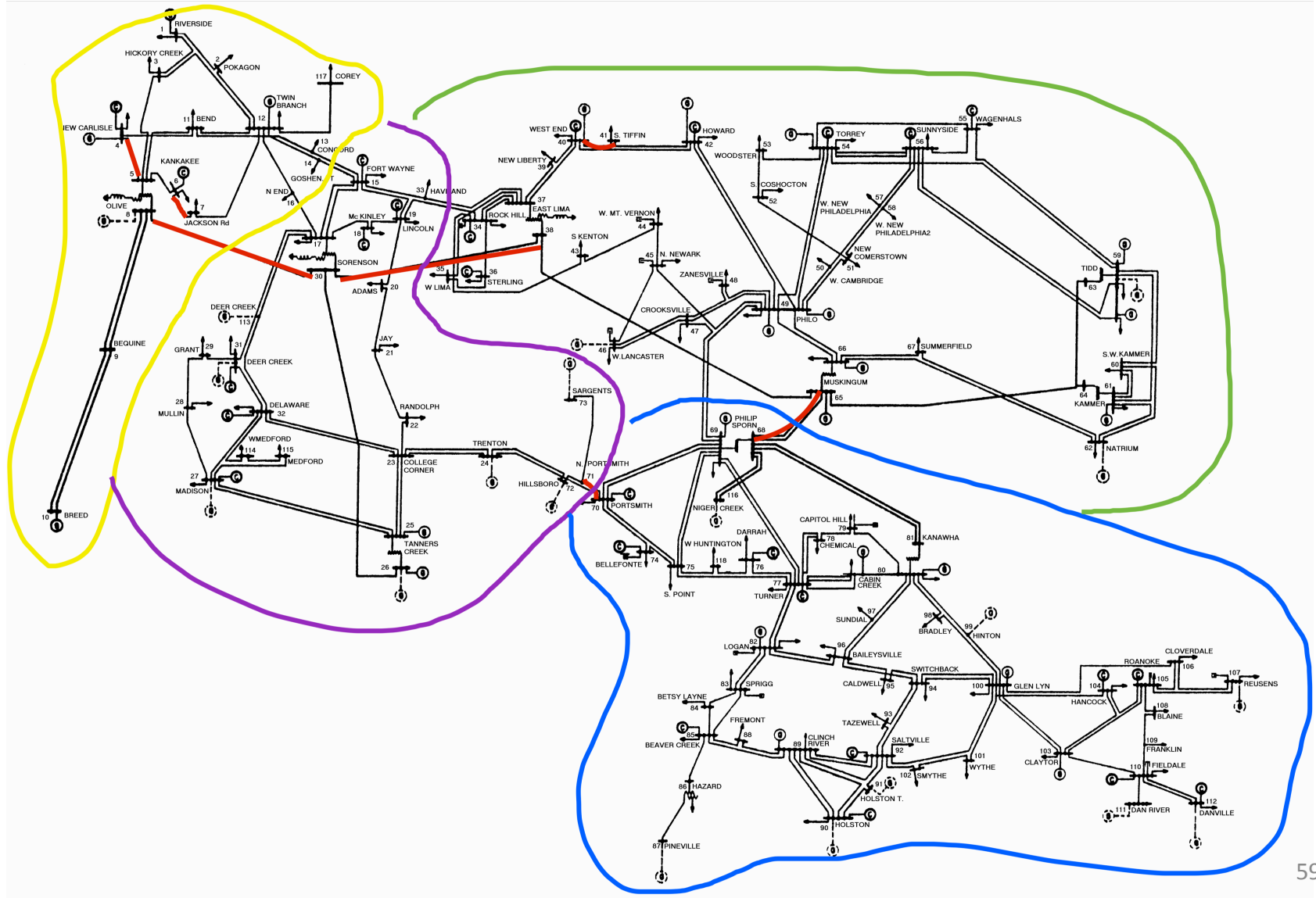
Deterministic

- 1 base scenario with realized wind/load
- zonal reserve requirements to handle largest outage, no explicit contingencies
- UC from 1st settlement
- dispatch constrained by ramp from previous period
- single OPF problem

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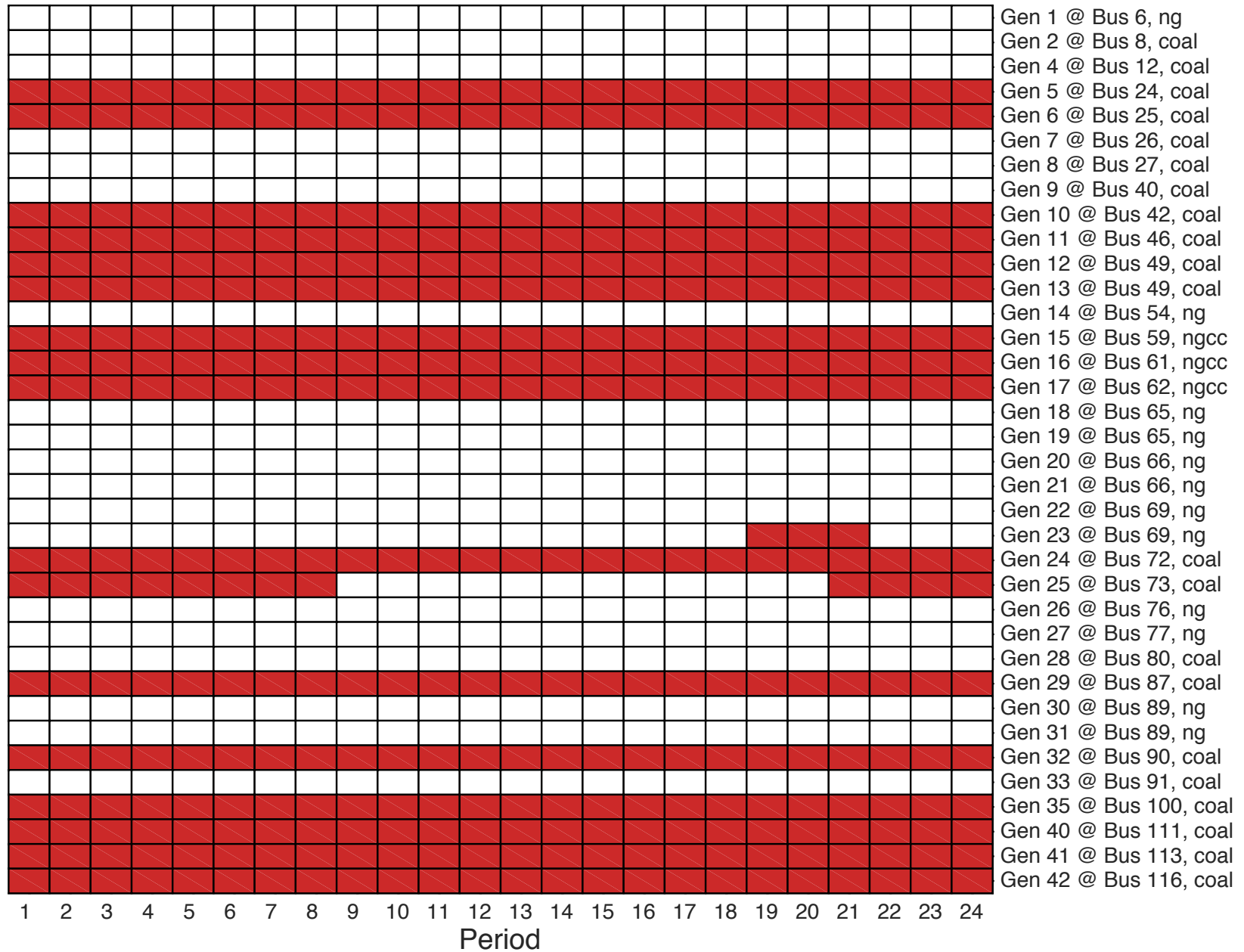
118-bus Test System



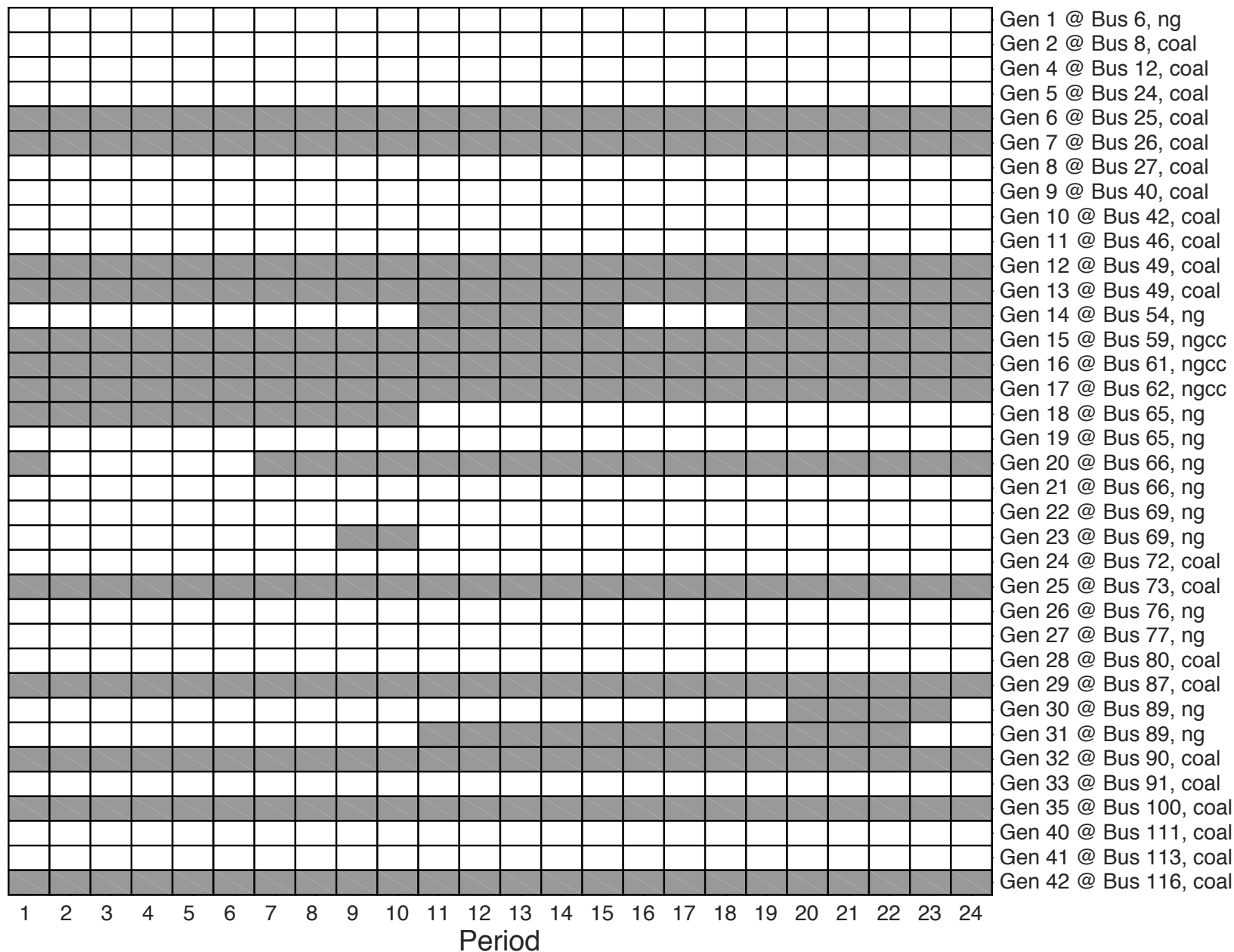
DC Network Example

number of ...	
buses	118
conventional generators	42
wind farms	12
grid-level storage units	0
curtailable loads	99
periods in horizon, $ T $	24
scenarios per period, $ J^t $	5
contingencies per scenario, $ K^{tj} - 1$	7
variables in resulting MIQP	582,990
constraints in resulting MIQP	1,536,006

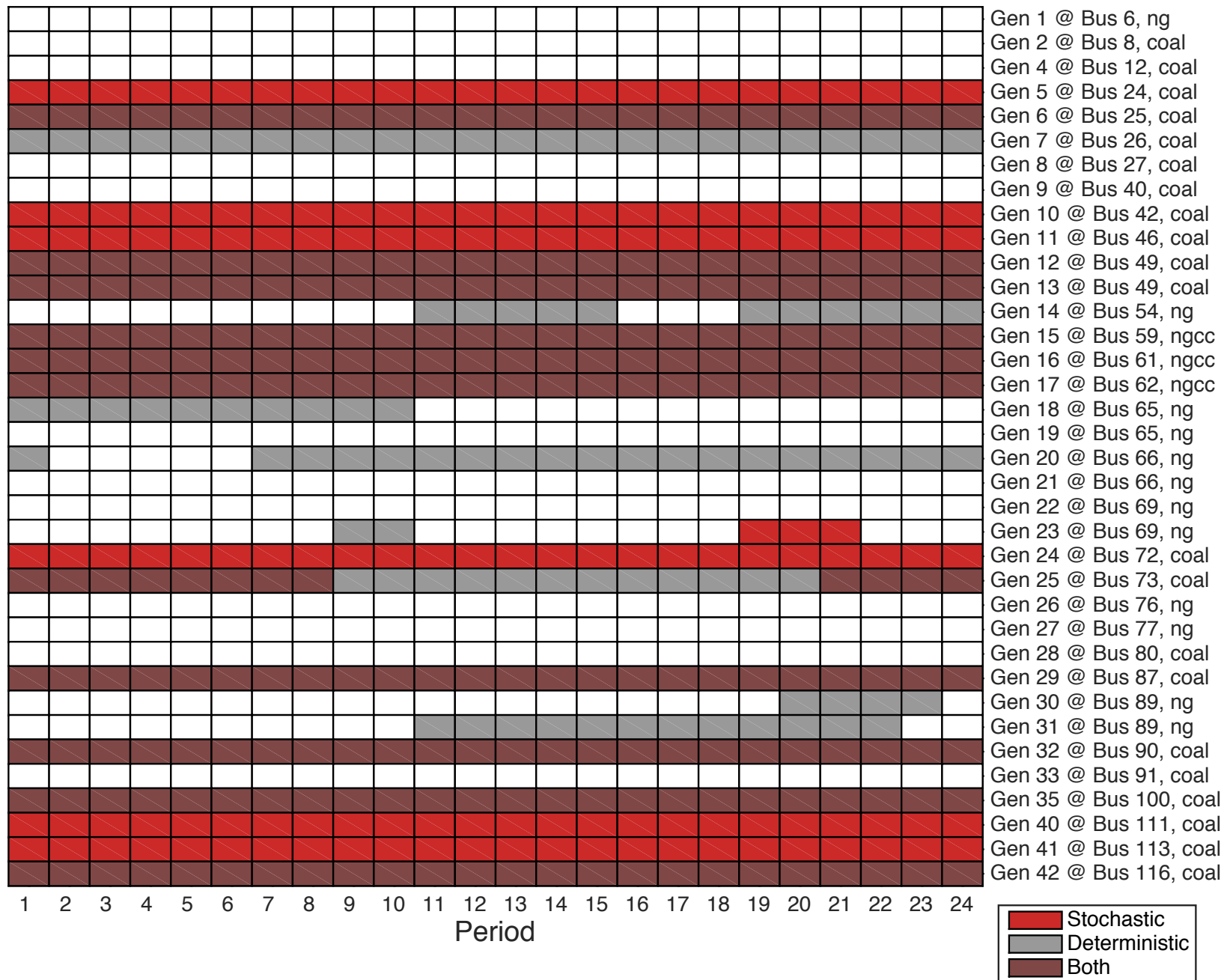
Unit Commitment - Stochastic



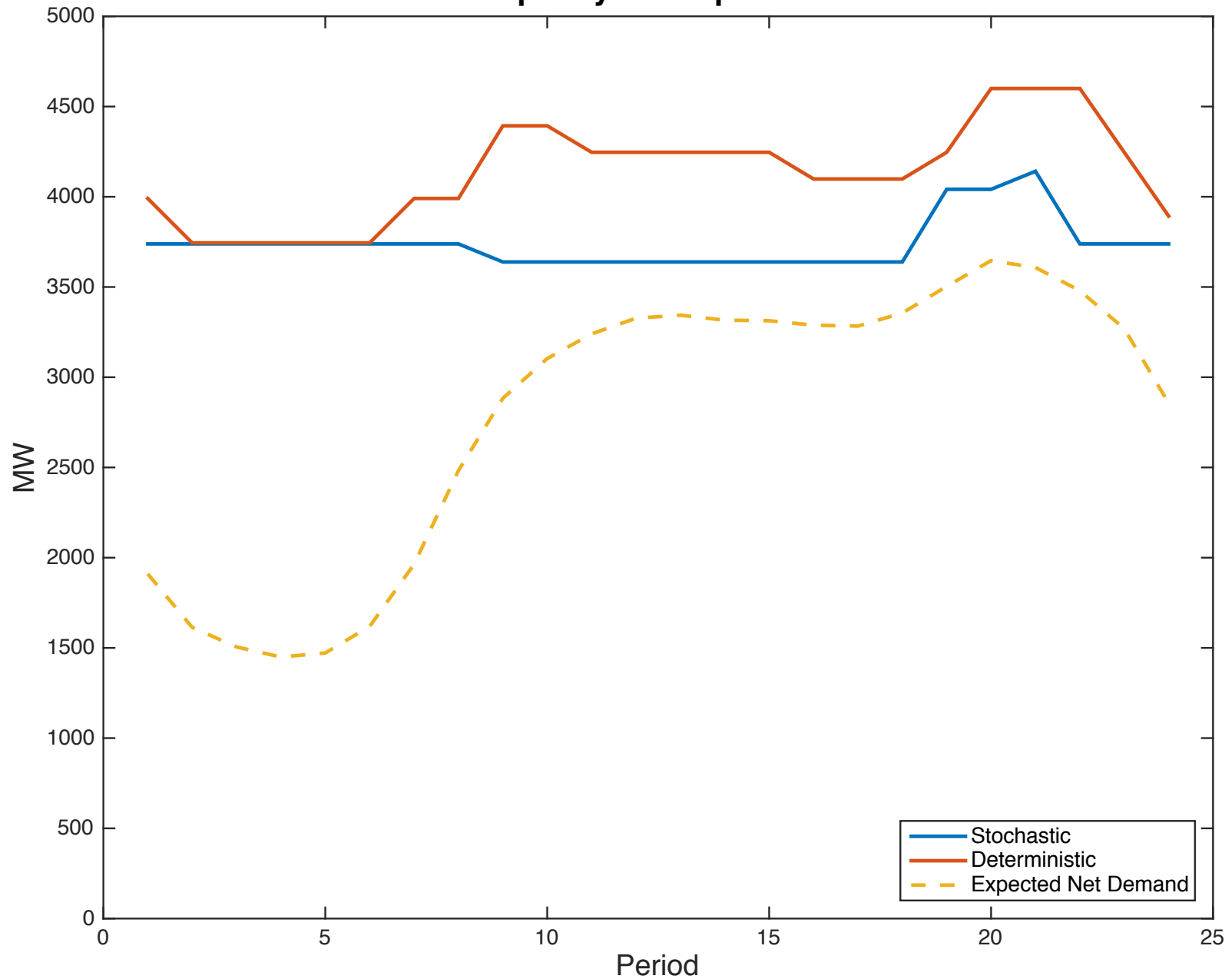
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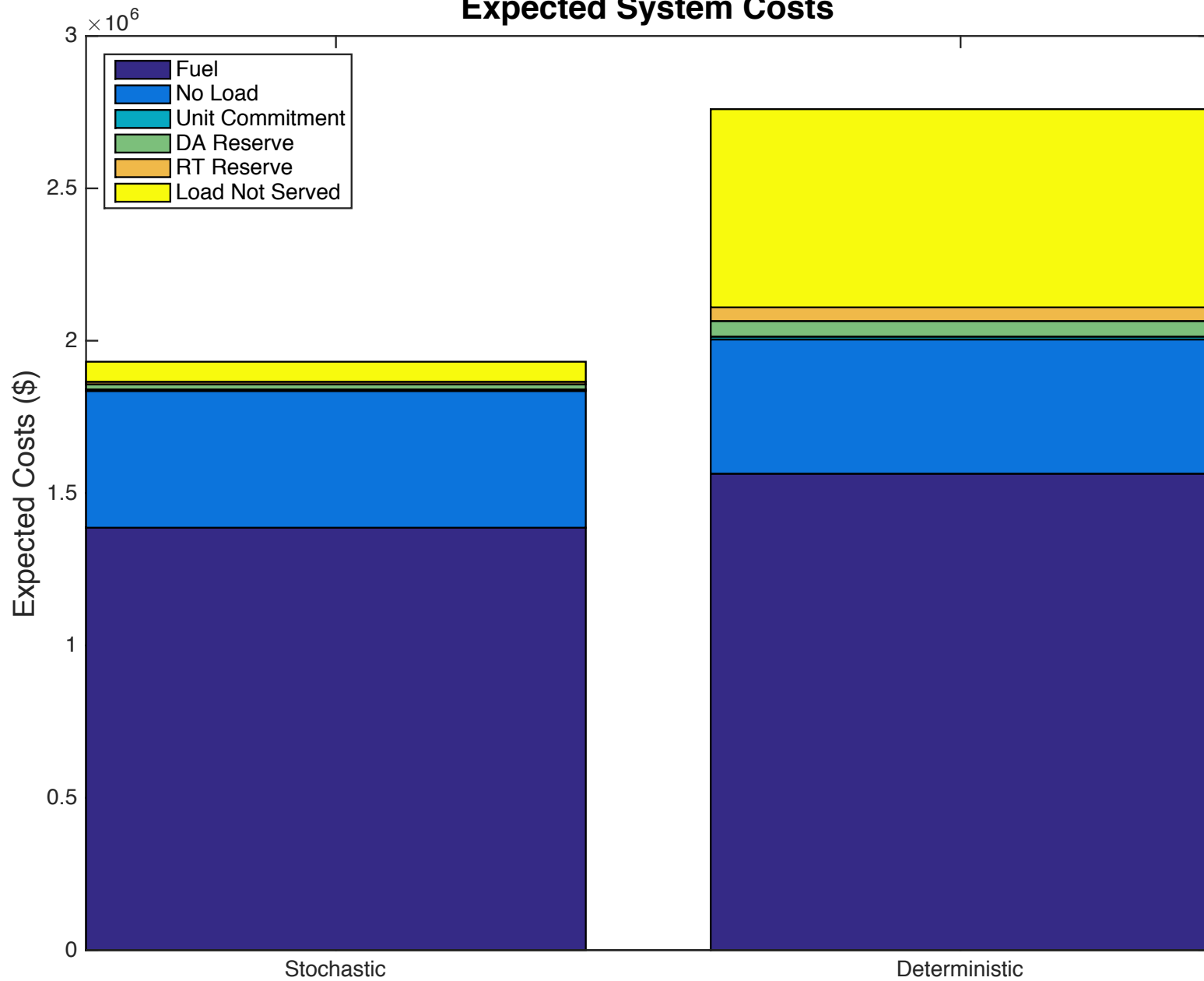
Unit Commitment - Both



Committed Capacity vs. Expected Net Demand



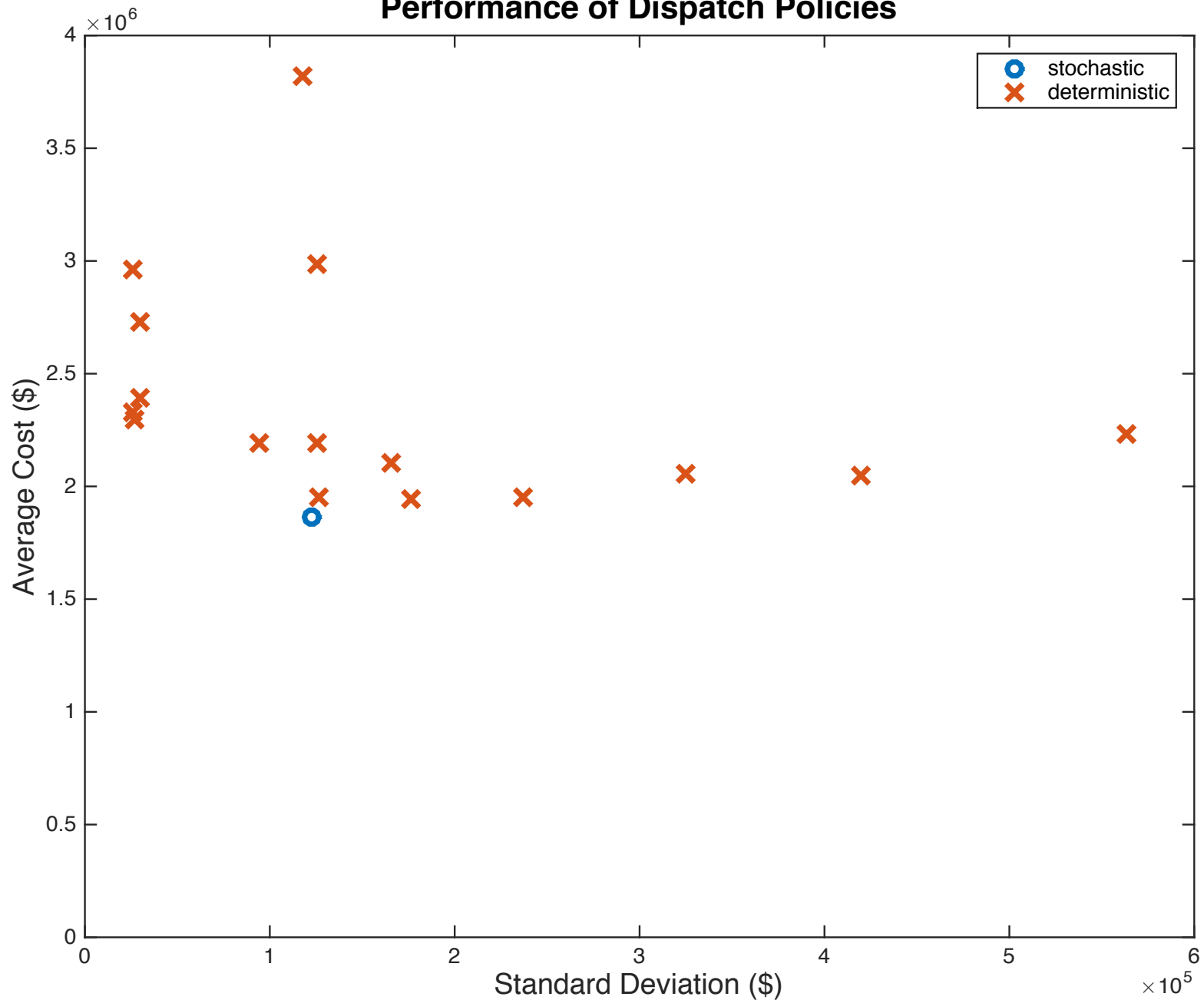
Expected System Costs



Expected Cost Comparison

	Stochastic	Deterministic	Difference
fuel	\$1,386,000	\$1,564,000	9%
no load	\$449,000	\$440,000	0%
UC	\$5,000	\$9,000	0%
DA Reserve	\$17,000	\$51,000	2%
RT Reserve	\$8,000	\$45,000	2%
LNS	\$66,000	\$650,000	30%
Total	\$1,931,000	\$2,760,000	43%

Performance of Dispatch Policies



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Challenges

- Began with the idea that 1st settlement contracts for commitment, energy, reserves and ramping would provide “look-ahead view” for single-period 2nd settlement problem
 - too restrictive
 - resulted in shedding load when unused (just not contracted) capacity was available
 - consequence of simplified uncertainty model

Challenges

- Ideally, 2nd settlement would also be multi-period, look-ahead with finer time step
 - not what has typically been done
 - data requirements are quite high
- Is there a way to incorporate “look-ahead” information from the solution of a multi-period problem to guide a subsequent single period recourse problem without being unnecessarily restrictive?

Questions?