

Challenges in the Application of Mathematical Programming Approaches to Enterprise-wide Optimization of Process Industries

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Motivation for Enterprise-wide Optimization

Global chemical/petrochemical industry

Strong international competition process industry

Pressure for reducing costs, inventories and ecological footprint



Major goal: Enterprise-wide Optimization

At interface with Operations Research and Industrial Engineering

A major challenge: optimization models and solution methods

Enterprise-wide Optimization (EWO)



EWO term coined at FOCAPO-2003 (Marco Duran)

EWO involves optimizing the operations of R&D, material supply, manufacturing, distribution of a company to reduce costs, inventories, ecological footprint and to maximize profits, responsiveness.

Key element: Supply Chain

Example: petroleum industry



Wellhead



Trading



Transfer of Crude



Refinery Processing



Schedule Products



Transfer of Products



Terminal Loading

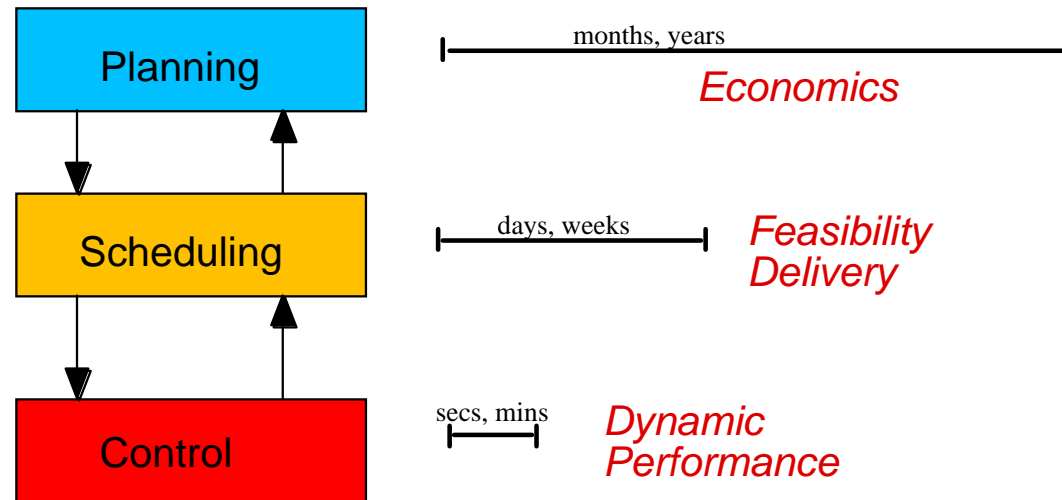


Pump

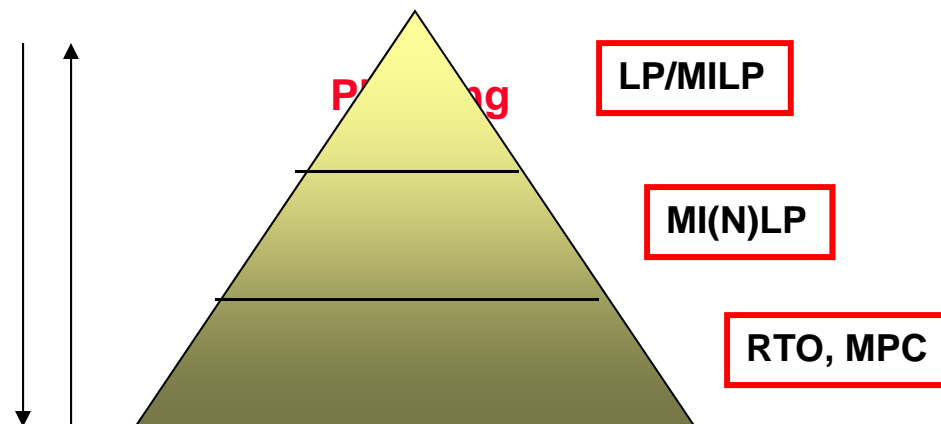
Key issues:

I. Integration of planning, scheduling and control

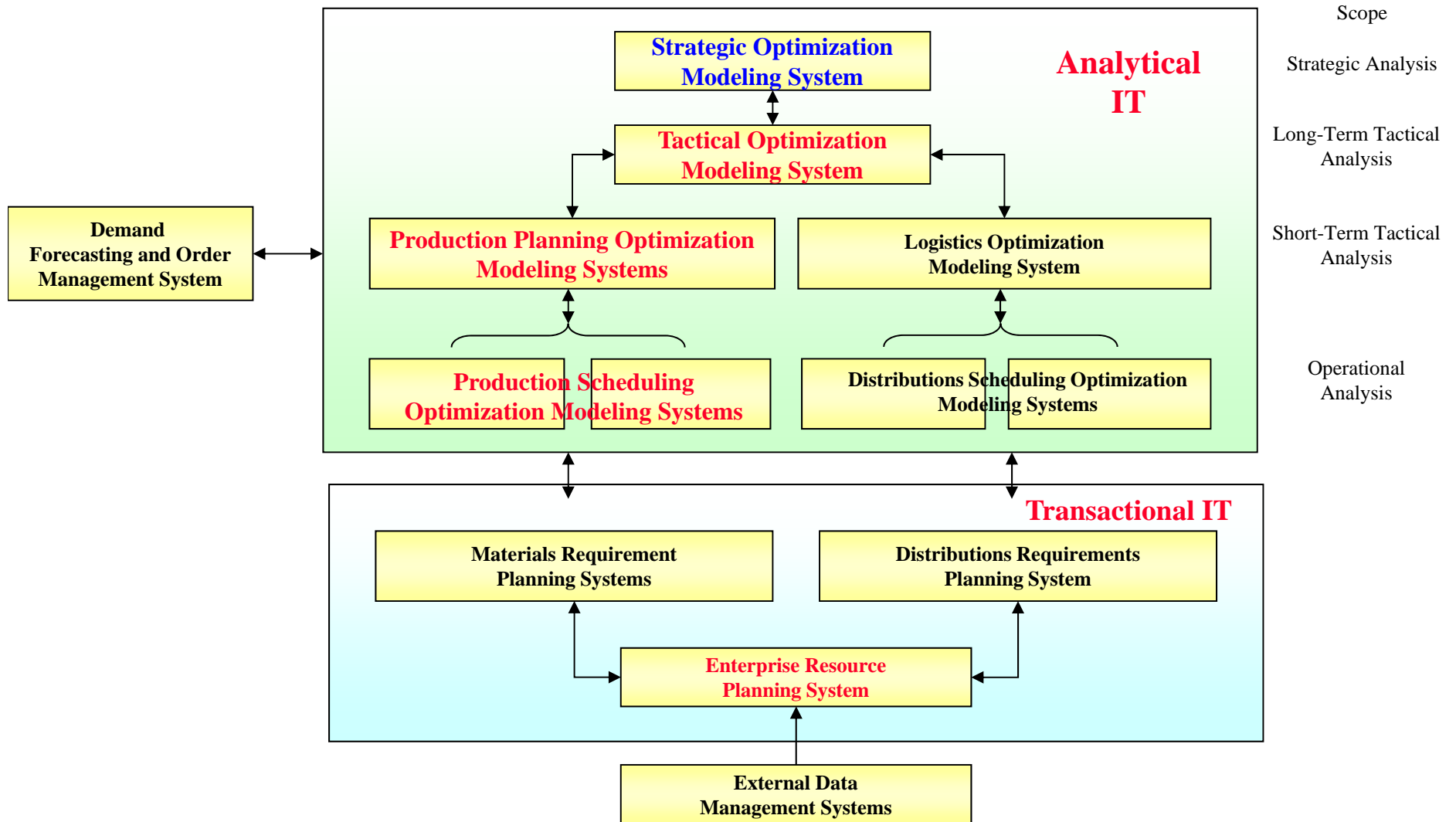
Multiple time scales



Multiple models



II. Integration of information and models/solution methods



Source: Tayur, et al. [1999]

Optimization Modeling Framework: Mathematical Programming

$$\min Z = f(x, y) \quad \text{Objective function}$$

$$s.t. \quad h(x, y) = 0 \quad \text{Constraints}$$

$$g(x, y) \leq 0$$

$$x \in R^n, \quad y \in \{0,1\}^m$$

MINLP: Mixed-integer Nonlinear Programming Problem

$$\begin{aligned} \min Z &= f(x) \\ \text{s.t. } h(x) &= 0 \\ g(x) &\leq 0 \\ x &\in R^n \end{aligned}$$

LP Codes:

CPLEX, XPRESS, GUROBI, XA

Very large-scale models

Interior-point: solvable polynomial time

NLP Codes:

CONOPT *Drud (1998)*

IPOPT *Wächter & Biegler (2006)*

Knitro *Byrd, Nocedal, Waltz (2006)*

MINOS *Murtagh, Saunders (1995)*

SNOPT *Gill, Murray, Saunders (2006)*

BARON *Sahinidis et al. (1998)*

Couenne *Belotti, Margot (2008)*

GloMIQO *Misener, Floudas (2012)*

**Global
Optimization**

Large-scale models

Issues:

Convergence

Nonconvexities

$$\begin{aligned} \min Z &= f(x, y) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad &h(x, y) = 0 \\ &g(x, y) \leq 0 \\ &x \in R^n, \quad y \in \{0,1\}^m \end{aligned}$$

MILP Codes:

CPLEX, XPRESS, GUROBI, XA

Great Progress over last decade

MINLP Codes:

DICOPT (GAMS) Duran and Grossmann (1986)

a-ECP Westerlund and Petersson (1996)

MINOPT Schweiger and Floudas (1998)

MINLP-BB (AMPL) Fletcher and Leyffer (1999)

SBB (GAMS) Bussieck (2000)

Bonmin (COIN-OR) Bonami et al (2006)

FilMINT Linderoth and Leyffer (2006)

BARON Sahinidis et al. (1998)

Couenne Belotti, Margot (2008)

GloMIQO Misener, Floudas (2012)

} Global
Optimization

*New codes over last decade
leveraging progress in MILP/NLP*

Issues:

Convergence

Nonconvexities

Scalability

Modeling systems

Mathematical Programming

GAMS (*Meeraus et al, 1997*)

AMPL (*Fourer et al., 1995*)

AIMSS (*Bisschop et al. 2000*)

1. Algebraic modeling systems => pure equation models
2. Indexing capability => large-scale problems
3. Automatic differentiation => no derivatives by user
4. Automatic interface with
LP/MILP/NLP/MINLP solvers

Have greatly facilitated development and implementation of Math Programming models

Generalized Disjunctive Programming (GDP)

$$\min Z = \sum_k c_k + f(x)$$

Raman, Grossmann (1994)

$$s.t. \quad r(x) \leq 0$$

$$\bigvee_{j \in J_k} \begin{bmatrix} Y_{jk} \\ g_{jk}(x) \leq 0 \\ c_k = \gamma_{jk} \end{bmatrix} \quad k \in K$$

Disjunctions

$$\Omega(Y) = true$$

Logic Propositions

$$x \in R^n, \quad c_k \in R^1$$

Continuous Variables

$$Y_{jk} \in \{ true, false \}$$

Boolean Variables

Codes:

LOGMIP (GAMS-Vecchiotti, Grossmann, 2005)

EMP (GAMS-Ferris, Meeraus, 2010)

Other logic-based: Constraint Programming (Hooker, 2000)

Codes: CHIP, Eclipse, ILOG-CP

Multistage Stochastic Programming

Birge & Louveaux, 1997; Sahinidis, 2004

$$\min z = c^1 x^1 + E_{\omega^2} [c^2(\omega) x^2(\omega^2) + \dots + E_{\omega^N} [c^N(\omega) x^N(\omega^N)] \dots]$$

s.t.

$$W^1 x^1 = h^1$$

$$T^1(\omega) x^1 + W^2 x^2(\omega^2) = h^2(\omega)$$

\vdots

*Exogeneous uncertainties
(e.g. demands)*

$$T^{N-1}(\omega) x^{N-1}(\omega^{N-1}) + W^N x^N(\omega^N) = h^N(\omega)$$

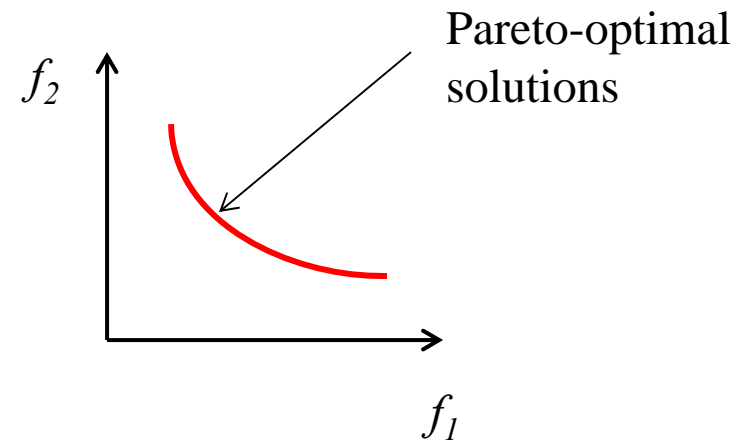
$$x^1 \geq 0, x^t(\omega^t) \geq 0, t = 2, \dots, N-1$$

Special case: two-stage programming (N=2)

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|---------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| x^1 stage 1 | ω | x^2 recourse (stage 2) |
| <i>Here and now</i> | | <i>Wait and see</i> |

Multiobjective Optimization

$$\begin{aligned} \min Z &= \begin{bmatrix} f_1(x, y) \\ f_2(x, y) \\ \dots\dots \end{bmatrix} \\ \text{s.t.} \quad &h(x, y) = 0 \\ &g(x, y) \leq 0 \\ &x \in R^n, \quad y \in \{0,1\}^m \end{aligned}$$



ϵ -constraint method: Ehrgott (2000)

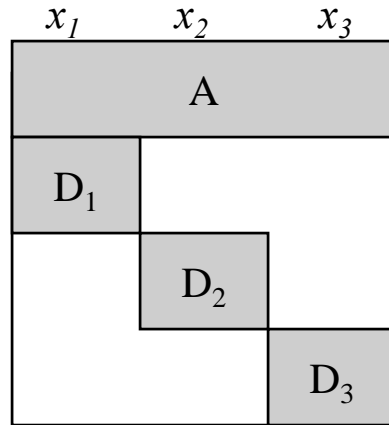
Parametric programming: Pistikopoulos, Georgiadis and Dua (2007)

Decomposition Techniques

Lagrangian decomposition

Geoffrion (1972) Guinard (2003)

Complicating Constraints



complicating constraints \rightarrow

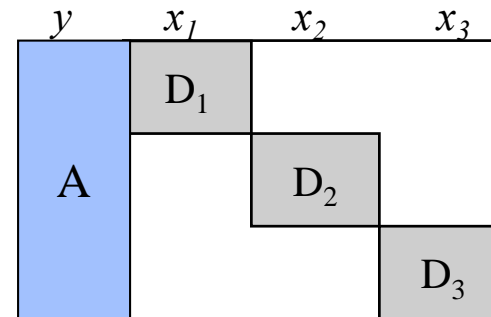
$$\begin{aligned} & \max c^T x \\ & st \ Ax = b \\ & \quad D_i x_i = d_i \quad i = 1, \dots, n \\ & \quad x \in X = \{x \mid x_i, i = 1, \dots, n, \mid x_i \geq 0\} \end{aligned}$$

Widely used in EWO

Benders decomposition

Benders (1962), Magnanti, Wing (1984)

Complicating Variables



complicating variables \rightarrow

$$\begin{aligned} & \max a^T y + \sum_{i=1, \dots, n} c_i^T x_i \\ & st \ Ay + D_i x_i = d_i \quad i = 1, \dots, n \\ & \quad y \geq 0, x_i \geq 0, i = 1, \dots, n \end{aligned}$$

Applied in 2-stage Stochastic Programming

Special **industrial interest group** in CAPD:
“Enterprise-wide Optimization for Process Industries”

<http://egon.cheme.cmu.edu/ewocp/>

Multidisciplinary team:

Chemical engineers, Operations Research, Industrial Engineering

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Larry Biegler (ChE)

Nick Sahinidis (ChE)

John Hooker (OR)

Nick Secomandi (Optns Mgmt)

Carnegie Mellon

Overall Goal:

- Novel planning and scheduling models, including consideration of uncertainty
- Effective integration of Production Planning, Scheduling and Real-time Optimization
- Optimization of Entire Supply Chains

ABB

AIR PRODUCTS

AIR LIQUIDE

Aurubis

Braskem

DOW

ExxonMobil

BR

PETROBRAS

P&G

PRAXAIR

SK innovation

TOTAL

EWO Projects and case studies with partner companies

| | | |
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| ABB: | <i>Integrating RTN scheduling models with ISA-95 standard</i> | |
| | Contact: Iiro Harjunoski | Ignacio Grossmann, Pedro Castro |
| Air Liquide: | <i>Optimal Production of Industrial Gases with Uncertain Energy Prices</i> | |
| | Contact: Ajit Gopalakrishnan, Irene Lotero, Brian Besancon | Ignacio Grossmann, Carlos Mendez, Natalia Basan |
| Aurubis: | <i>Optimal Scheduling for Copper Concentrates Operations</i> | |
| | Contact: Pablo Garcia-Herreros, Bianca Springub | Ignacio Grossmann, Brenno Menezes, Ynkai Song |
| Braskem: | <i>Dynamic Optimization of Polypropylene Reactors</i> | |
| | Contact: Rita Majewski, George Ostace | Larry Biegler, Bobby Balsom |
| Dow: | <i>Solution Strategies for Dynamic Warehouse Location under Discrete Transportation Costs</i> | |
| | Contact: John Wassick, Anshul Agrawal, Matt Bassett | Ignacio Grossmann, Braulio Brunaud |
| Dow: | <i>Optimization Models for Reliability-based Turnaround Planning Integrated Sites</i> | |
| | Contact: Satyajith Amaran, Scott Bury, J. Wassick | Nick Sahinidis, Sreekanth Rajagopalan |
| Dow: | <i>Parameter Estimation and Model Discrimination of Batch Solid-liquid Reactors</i> | |
| | Contact: Mukund Patel, John Wassick | Larry Biegler, Yajun Wang |
| ExxonMobil: | <i>Optimal Design and Planning of Electric Power Networks</i> | |
| | Contact: A. Venkatesh, D. Mallapragada, D. Papageorgiou | Ignacio Grossmann, Cristiana Lara |
| Mitsubishi E: | <i>Optimization circuitry arrangements for heat exchangers</i> | |
| | Contact: Christopher Laughman, Arvind U. Raghunathan | Nick Sahinidis, Nick Ploskas |
| P&G: | <i>Kinetic Model Parameter Estimation for Product Stability</i> | Contact: Ben Weinstein |
| | Larry Biegler, Mark Daichendt | |
| Praxair: | <i>Mixed-Integer Programming Models for Optimal Design of Reliable Chemical Plants</i> | |
| | Contact: Jose Pinto, Sivaraman Ramaswam | Ignacio Grossmann, Yixin Ye |
| Praxair: | <i>Robust Tactical Planning of Multi-period Vehicle Routing under Customer Order Uncertainty</i> | |
| | Contact: Jose Pinto, Arul Sundramoorthy | Chrysanthos Gounaris, Anirudh Subramanyam |
| SKInnovation: | <i>Complex Crude-oil Refinery Scheduling Optimization</i> | |
| | Contact: Faram Engineer | Ignacio Grossmann, Brenno Menezes |
| Total: | <i>Integration of Reservoir Modeling with Oil Field Planning and Infrastructure Optimization</i> | |
| | Contact: Meriam Chebre | Ignacio Grossmann, Kinshuk Verma |

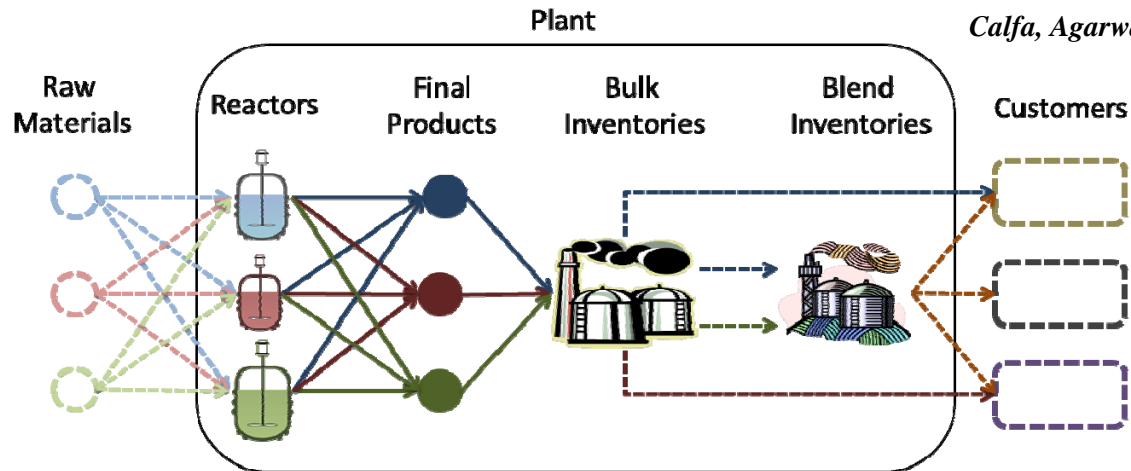
Major Issues

- **The multi-scale optimization challenge**
- **Linear vs Nonlinear models**
- **The uncertainty challenge**
- **Economics vs. performance**

The multi-scale optimization challenge

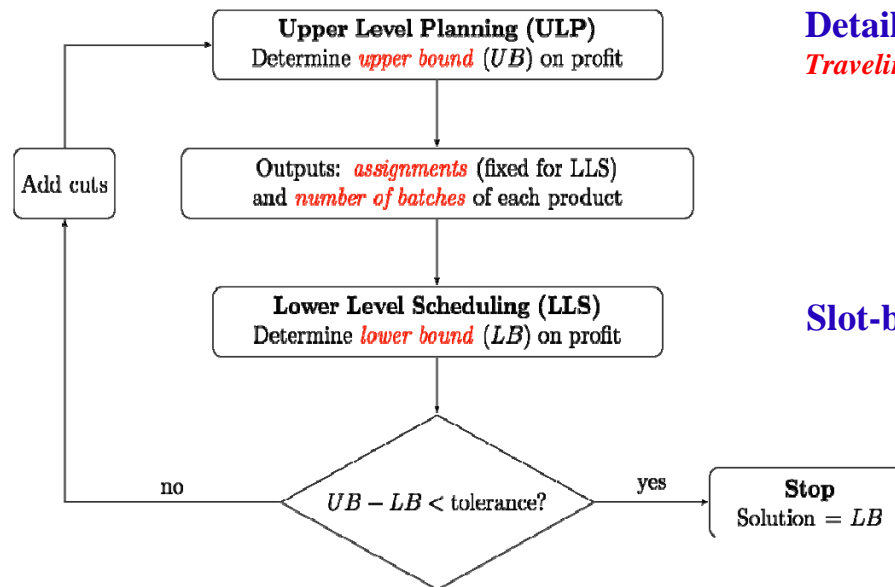
Integrated Planning and Scheduling Batch Plant

Calfa, Agarwal, Wassick, Grossmann (2013)



- Batch units operating in **parallel**
- **Sequence-dependent changeovers** between products groups
- A subset of products are **blended**

Bi-level Decomposition

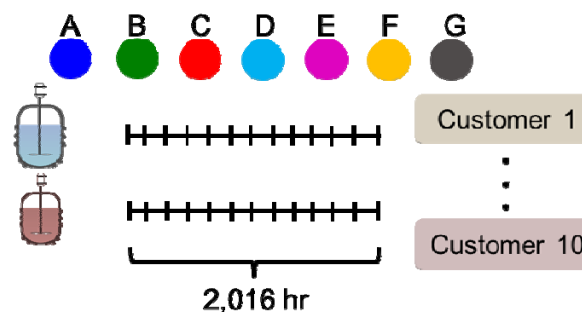


Detailed MILP Planning
Traveling-salesman constraints

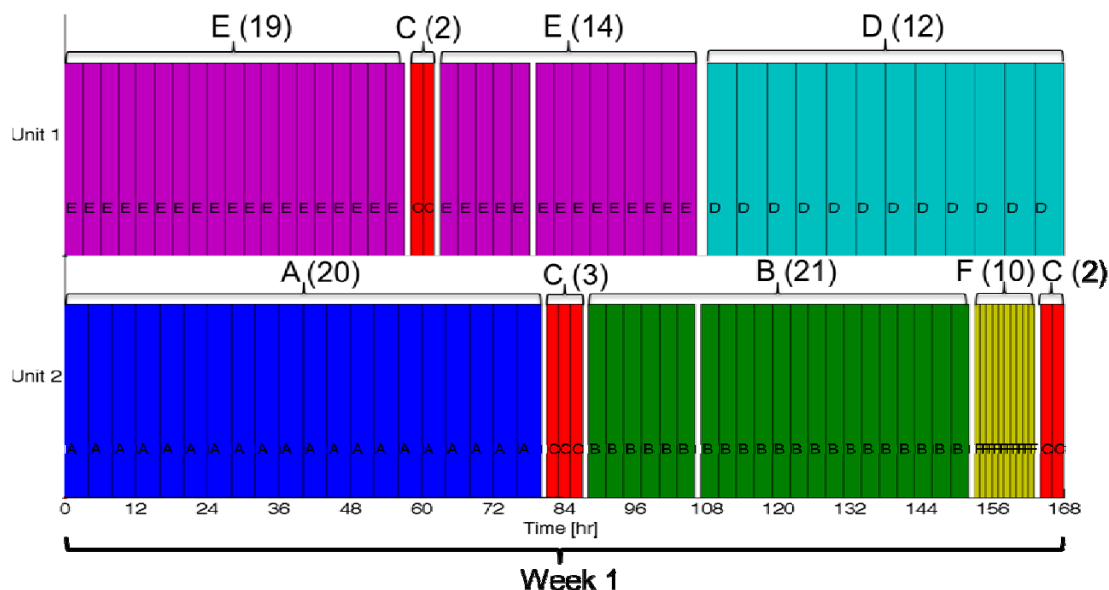
Slot-based MILP model

Example

- 2 parallel units
- 2 raw materials
- 7 products (6 individual and 1 blended)
- 10 customers
- Time horizon
- 12 weeks**



Optimal Schedule (week 1)



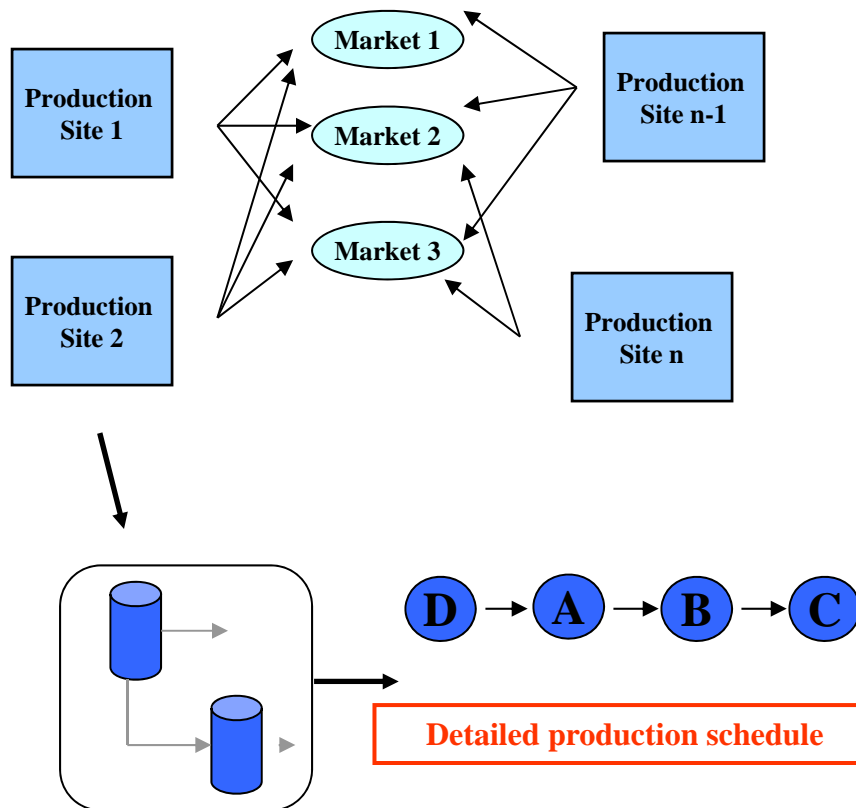
Bilevel decomposition converged in one iteration!

Upper level MILP: 1,032 0-1 1,800 cont.v. 3,300 constr. **2.5 sec**

Lower level MILP: 19,600 0-1 23,100 cont.v. 15,300 constr **479 sec**



Multi-site Network



Given:

- Network of production sites and markets
- Production rates
- Forecast demands over time horizon
- Sequence-dependent transition times
- All costs and product prices
- Shipment and storage max capacities

Determine:

- Product assignment to sites
- Production sequencing
- Detailed production scheduling
- Production and shipment volumes
- Inventory levels

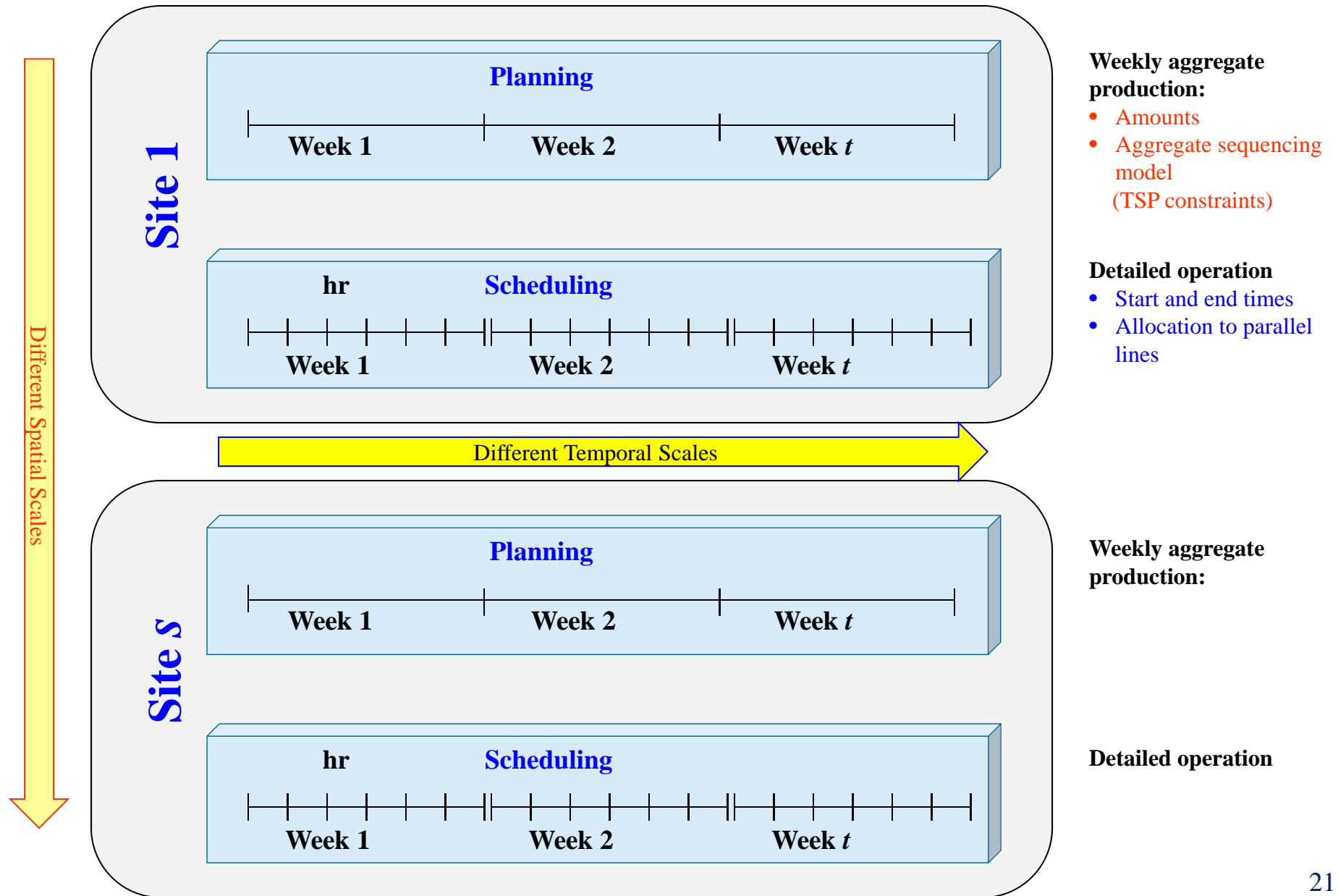
Objective: Maximize profit

Profit = Sales

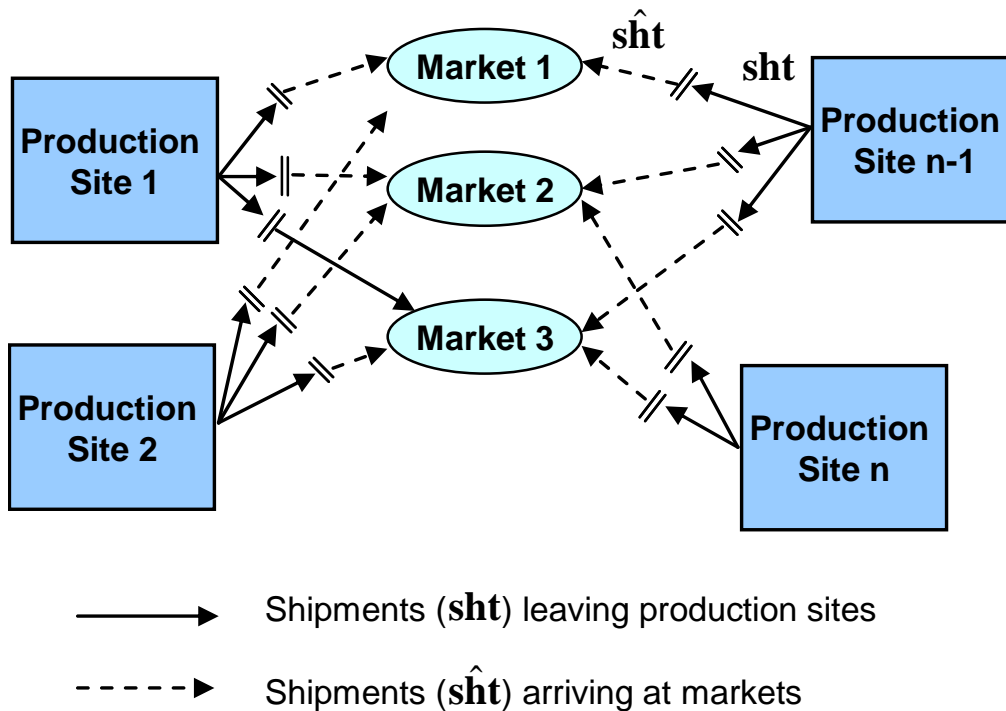
- Operating costs - Inventory costs

- Distribution costs - Changeover costs

Multi-site planning and scheduling involves different temporal and spatial scales



Bilevel decomposition + Lagrangean decomposition



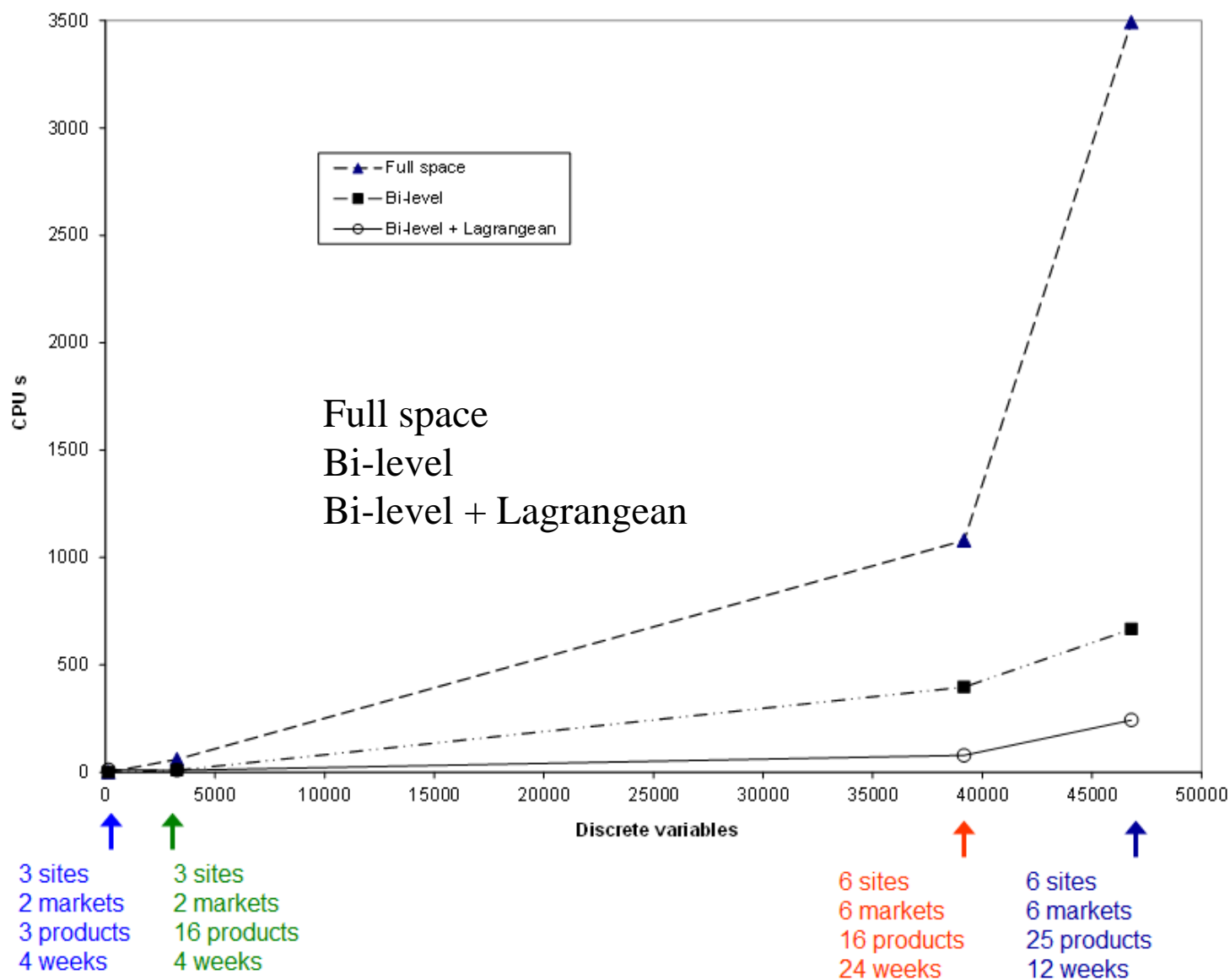
- **Bilevel decomposition**

- Decouples planning from scheduling
- Integrates across temporal scale

- **Lagrangean decomposition**

- Decouples the solution of each production site
- Integrates across spatial scale

Large-scale problems



Mitra, Grossmann, Pinto, Arora (2012)



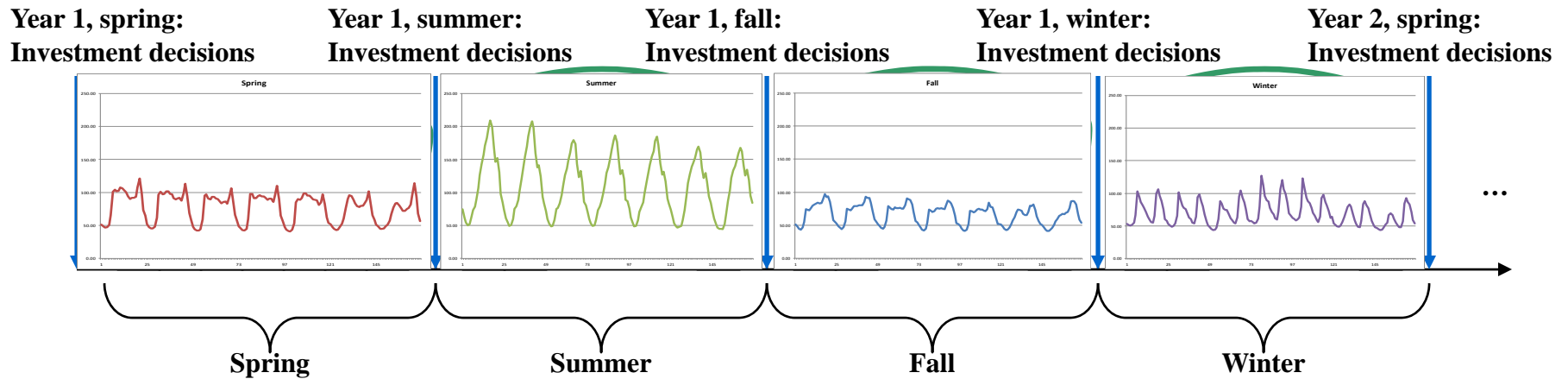
Given:

- Power-intensive plant
- Products $g \in G$ (Storable and Nonstorable)
- Product demands d_g^t for season $t \in T$
- Seasonal electricity prices on an hourly basis $e^{t,h}$, $t \in T$, $h \in H$
- Upgrade options $u \in U$ of existing equipment
- New equipment options $n \in N$
- Additional storage tanks $st \in ST$

Determine:

- Production levels $Pr_g^{t,h}$
 - Mode of operation $\tilde{y}_{m,o}^{t,h}, y_m^{t,h}$
 - Sales $S_g^{t,h}$
 - Inventory levels $INV_g^{t,h}$
- for each season on an hourly basis
- Upgrades for equipment $VU_{m,u}^t$
 - Purchase of new equipm. VN_n^t
 - Purchase of new tanks $VS_{st,g}^t$

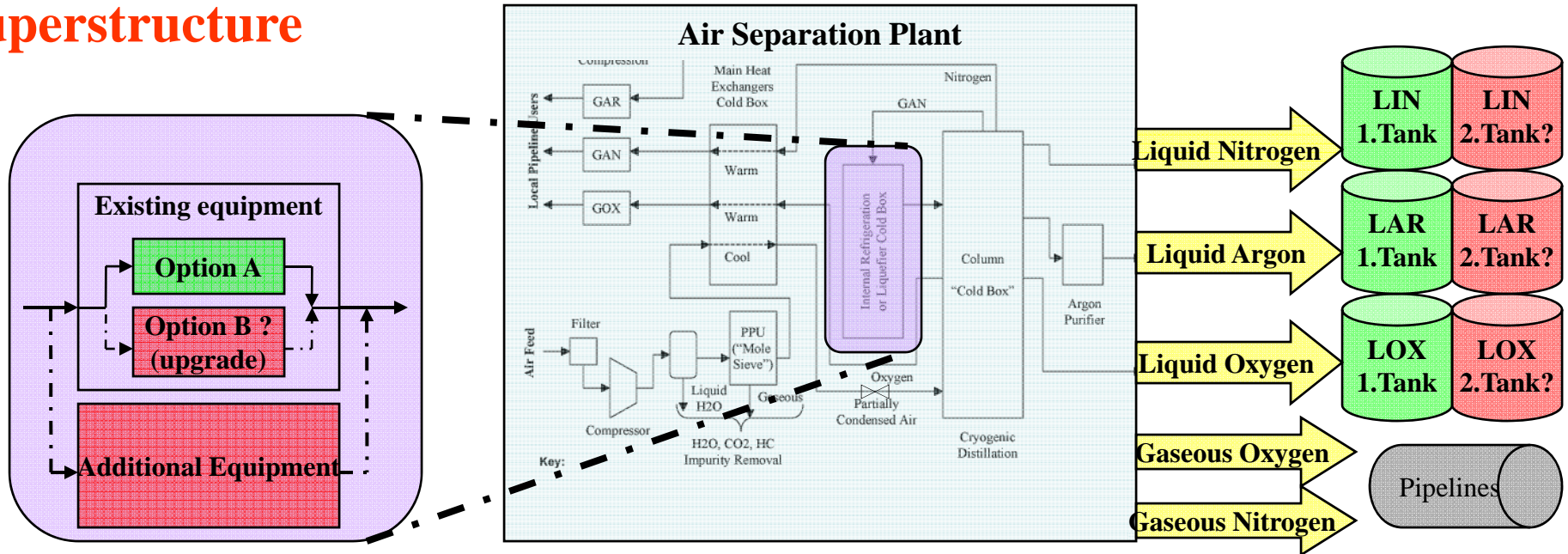
With minimum investment and operating costs



- Horizon: 5-15 **years**, each year has 4 **periods** (spring, summer, fall, winter)
- Each period is represented by **one week on an hourly basis**
- Each representative week is repeated in a **cyclic** manner (**13** weeks reduced to **1** week)
(8736 hr vs. 672 hr)
- Design decisions are modeled by **discrete equipment sizes**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| <p>Operational Disjunction over the modes that describe the feasible region</p> | $\min \quad OBJ = \sum_t (Cost_{ops}^t + Cost_{invest}^t) \quad (37)$ | |
| <p>Strategic Additional storage</p> <hr/> <p>Strategic Additional equipment</p> <p>Idea: additional modes for which variables are controlled by the corresponding binary investment</p> | <p>Operational Logic constraints for transitions (e.g. minimum uptime/downtime)</p> <hr/> <p>Strategic Equipment replacement</p> <p>Idea: the corresponding mode has an alternative feasible region</p> | <p>Operational Mass balances for inventory, constraints related to demand</p> <hr/> <p>Terms for the objective function</p> |

Superstructure



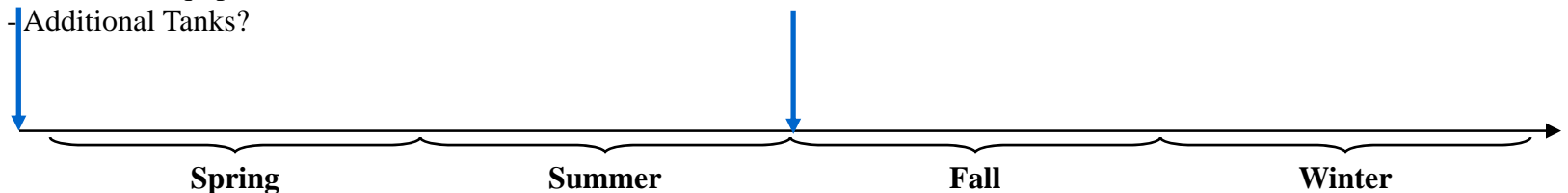
Time

Spring - Investment decisions:
(yes/no)

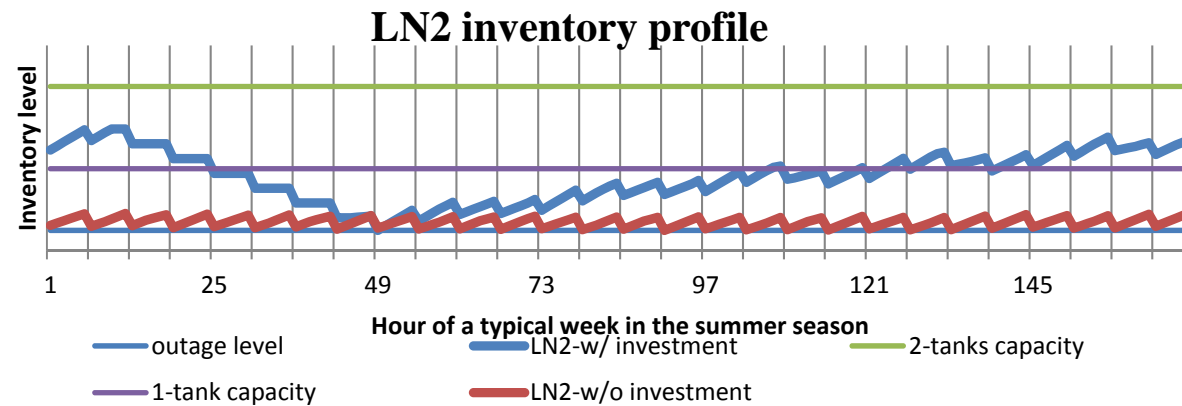
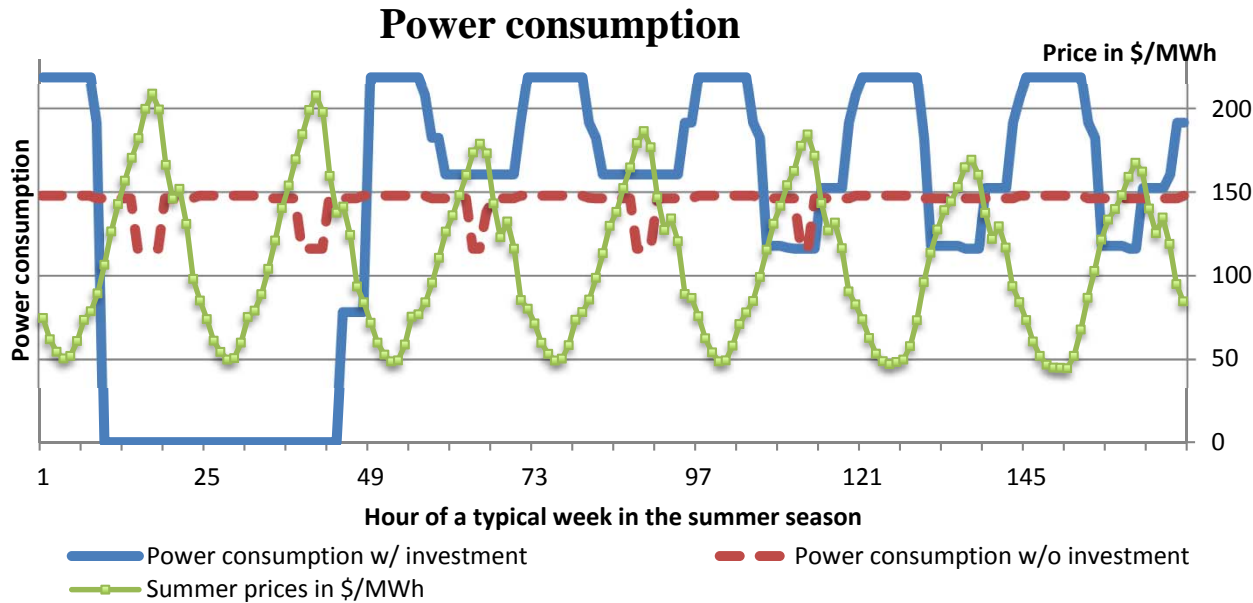
- Option B for existing equipment?
- Additional equipment?
- Additional Tanks?

Fall - Investment decisions: (yes/no)

- Option B for existing equipment?
- Additional equipment?
- Additional Tanks?



- The resulting MILP has **191,861 constraints** and **161,293 variables (18,826 binary.)**
- Solution time: **38.5 minutes** (GAMS 23.6.2, GUROBI 4.0.0, Intel i7 (2.93GHz) with 4GB RAM)



Remarks on case study

- **Annualized costs: \$5,700k/yr**
- **Annualized savings: \$400k/yr**
- Buy **new liquefier** in the first time period (annualized investment costs: \$300k/a)
- Buy **additional LN2 storage tank** (\$25k/a)
- **Don't upgrade** existing equipment (\$200k/a) equipment: 97%.

Source: CAPD analysis; Mitra, S., I.E. Grossmann, J.M. Pinto and Nikhil Arora, "Integration of strategic and operational decision- making for continuous power-intensive processes", submitted to ESCAPE, London, Juni 2012

Linear vs. Nonlinear

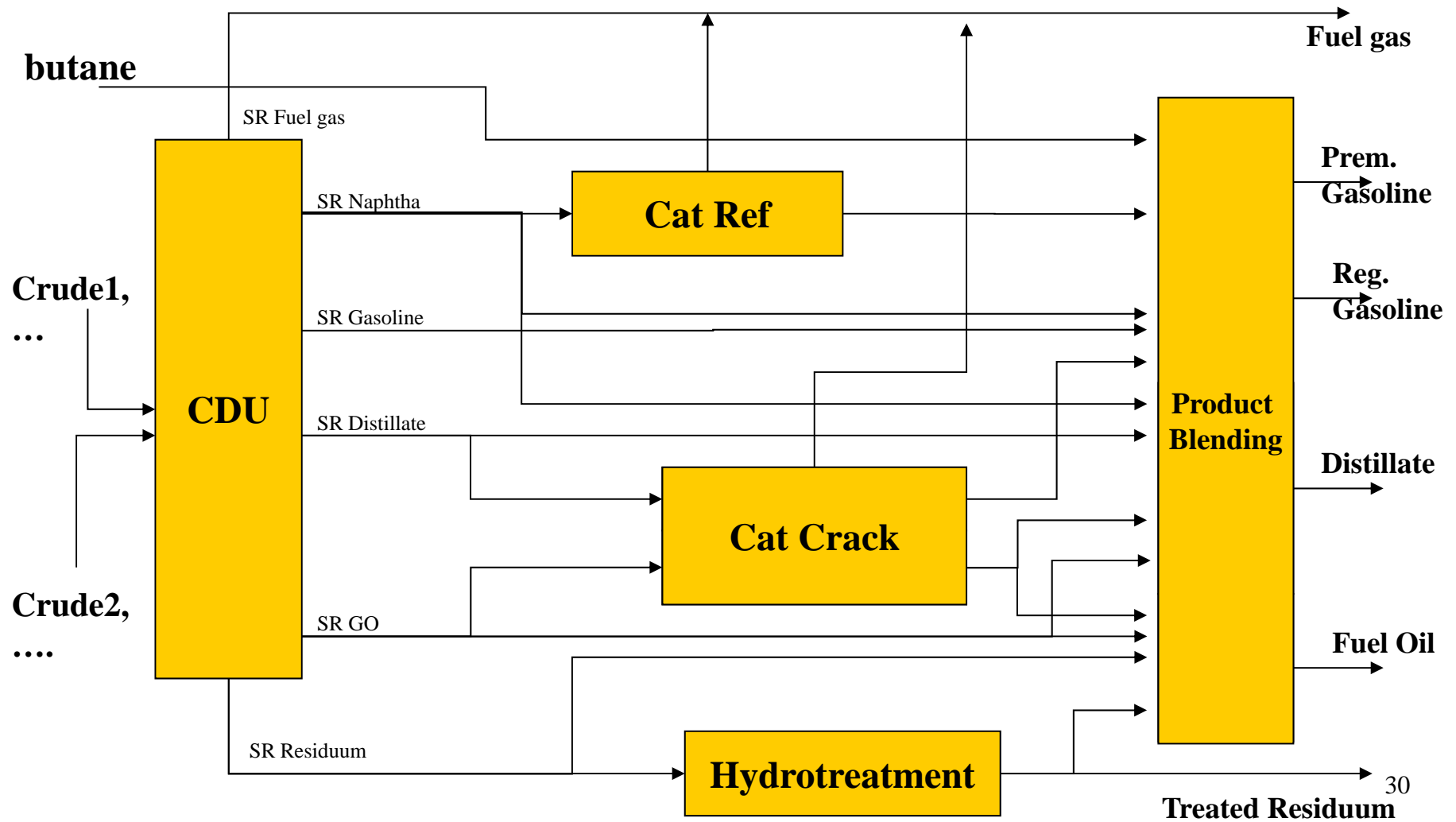
Nonlinear CDU Models in Refinery Planning Optimization



Alattas, Palou-Rivera, Grossmann (2010)

Typical Refinery Configuration

(Adapted from Aronofsky, 1978)

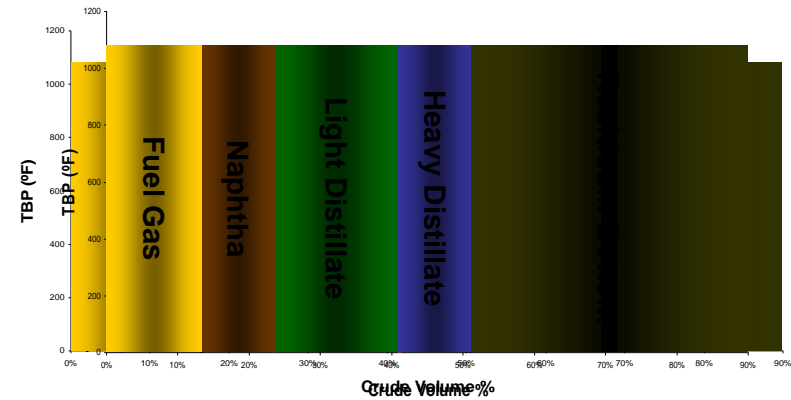


Refinery Planning Models



LP planning models

Fixed yield model
Swing cuts model



Nonlinear FI Model (*Fractionating Index*)

- FI Model is crude independent
 - *FI values are characteristic of the column*
 - *FI values are readily calculated and updated from refinery data*
- Avoids more complex, nonlinear modeling equations
- Generates cut point temperature settings for the CDU
- Adds few additional equations to the planning model

Planning Model Example Results

| | | | |
|--------|-----------|-------|----------|
| Crude1 | Louisiana | Sweet | Lightest |
| Crude2 | Texas | Sweet | ↓ |
| Crude3 | Louisiana | Sour | |
| Crude4 | Texas | Sour | Heaviest |

- Comparison of *nonlinear fractionation index (FI)* with the fixed yield (FY) and swing cut (SC) models
- Economics: maximum profit

FI yields highest profit

| Model | Case1 | Case2 | Case3 |
|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
| FI | 245 | 249 | 247 |
| SC | 195 | 195 | 191 |
| FY | 51 | 62 | 59 |

Model statistics LP vs NLP

- FI model larger number of equations and variables
- Impact on solution time
- ~30% nonlinear variables

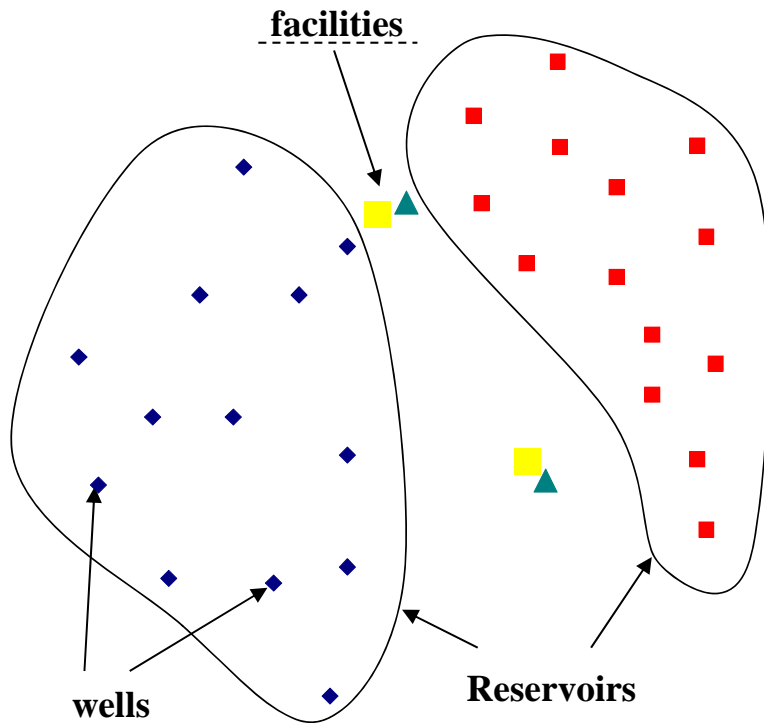
| | Model | Variables | Equations | Nonlinear Variables | CPU Time | Solver |
|------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------|--------|
| 2 Crude Oil Case | <i>FY</i> | 128 | 143 | | 0.141 | CPLEX |
| | <i>SC</i> | 138 | 163 | | 0.188 | |
| | <i>FI</i> | 1202 | 1225 | 348 | 0.328 | CONOPT |
| 3 Crude Oil Case | <i>FY</i> | 159 | 185 | | 0.250 | CPLEX |
| | <i>SC</i> | 174 | 215 | | 0.281 | |
| | <i>FI</i> | 1770 | 1808 | 522 | 0.439 | CONOPT |
| 4 Crude Oil Case | <i>FY</i> | 192 | 231 | | 0.218 | CPLEX |
| | <i>SC</i> | 212 | 271 | | 0.241 | |
| | <i>FI</i> | 2340 | 2395 | 696 | 0.860 | CONOPT |

Optimal Development of Oil Fields (*deepwater*)

Offshore field having several reservoirs (oil, gas, water)

ExxonMobil

Gupta, Grossmann (2011)



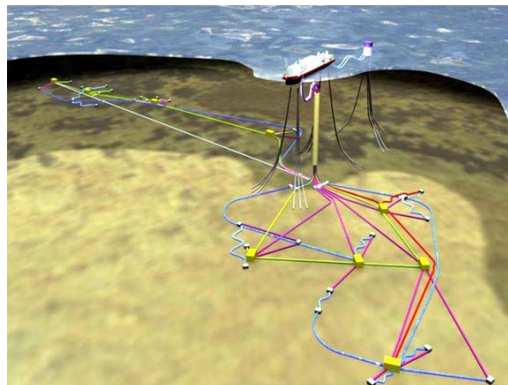
Decisions:

- Number and capacity of FPSO facilities
- Installation schedule for facilities
- Number of sub-seawells to drill
- Oil/gas production profile over time

Objective:

- **Maximize the Net Present Value (NPV) of the project**

FPSO (*Floating Production Storage Offloading*)



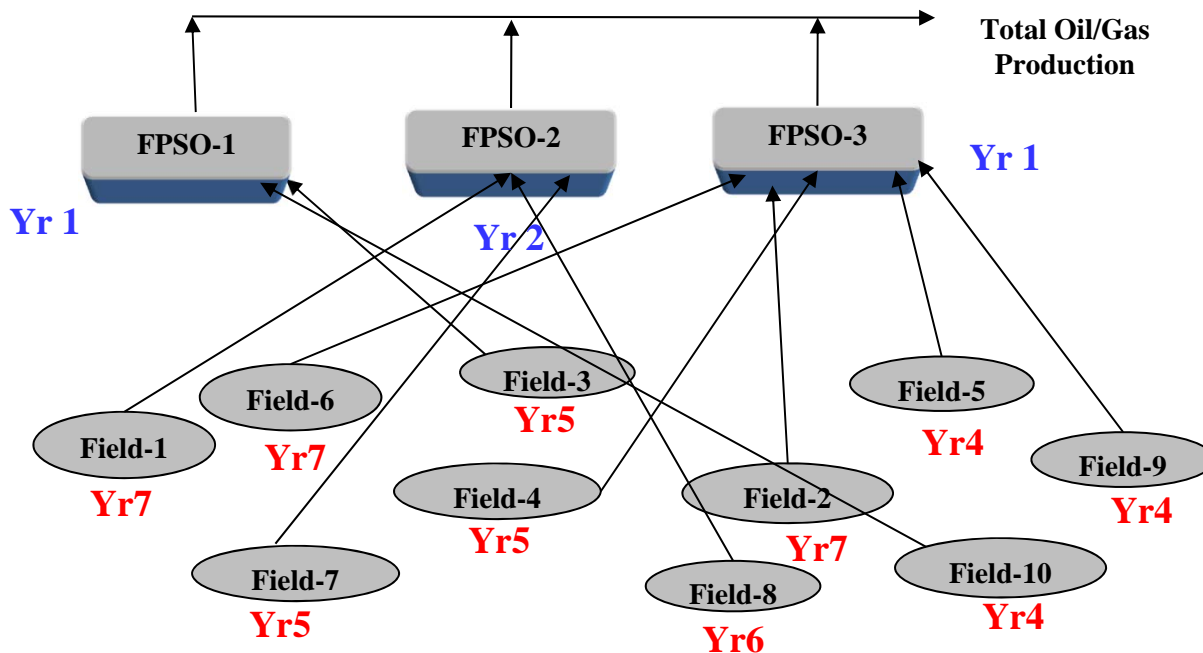
MINLP model

- Nonlinear reservoir behavior
- Three components (oil, water, gas)
- Lead times for FPSO construction
- FPSO Capacity expansion
- Well Drilling Schedule

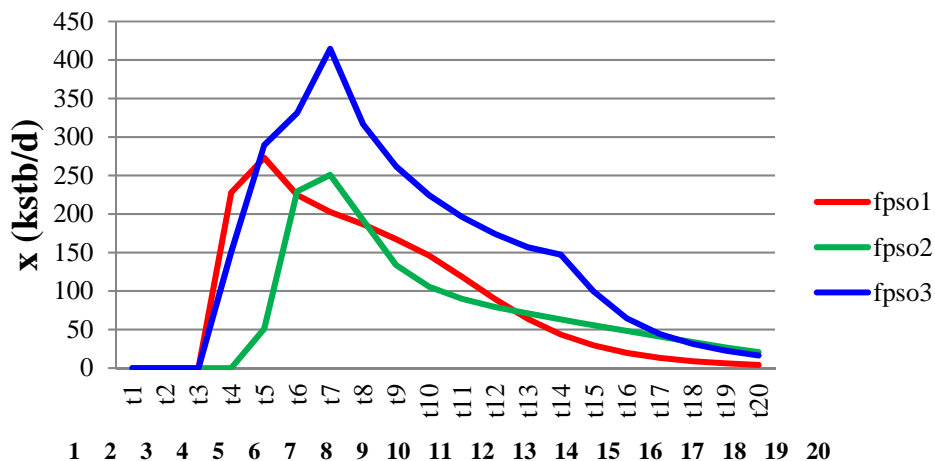
Example

Optimal NPV = \$30.946 billion

20 Year Time Horizon
10 Fields
3 FPSOs
23 Wells
3 Yr lead time FPSO
1 Yr lead time expansion



Oil Flowrate



| | MINLP | Reformulated MILP |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Discrete Var. | 483 | 863 |
| SOS1 Var. | 0 | 800 |
| Continuous Var. | 5,684 | 12,007 |
| Constraints | 9,877 | 17,140 |
| Solver | DICOPT 2x-C | CPLEX 12.2 |
| NPV (billion dollars) | 30.946 | 30.986 (<10% gap) |
| CPU time(s) | 67 | 16,295 |

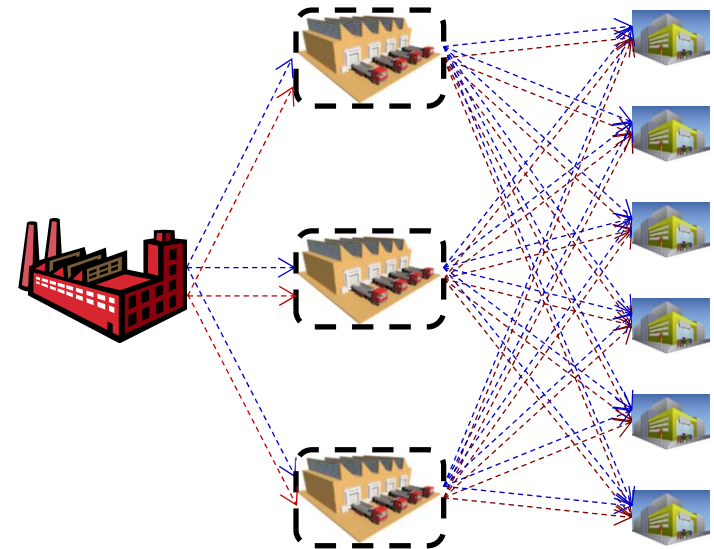
The uncertainty challenge

Garcia-Herreros, Grossmann, Wassick (2014)



Given:

- Reliable plant
- Candidate locations for DCs with *risk of disruption*
- Set of customer with deterministic demands for multiple commodities
- Set of *scenarios and their associated probabilities*



Minimize

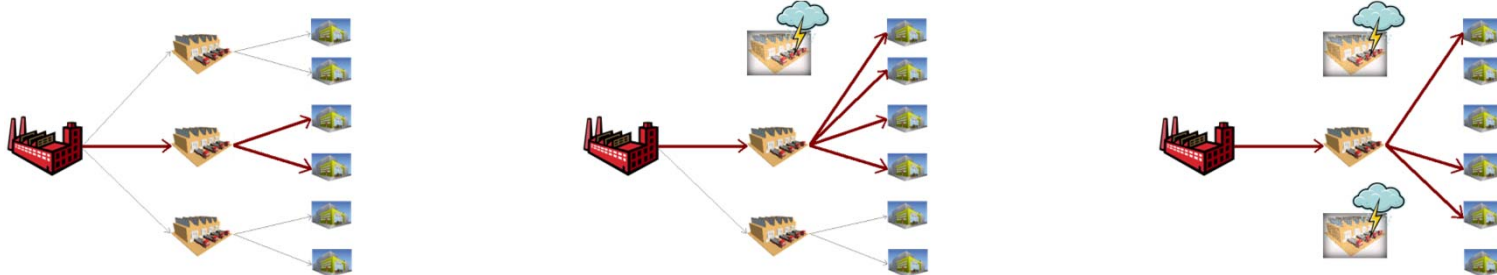
cost by:

- Selecting **DCs locations**
- Determining **storage capacity for each commodity** in selected DCs
- **Allocating demands in every scenario**

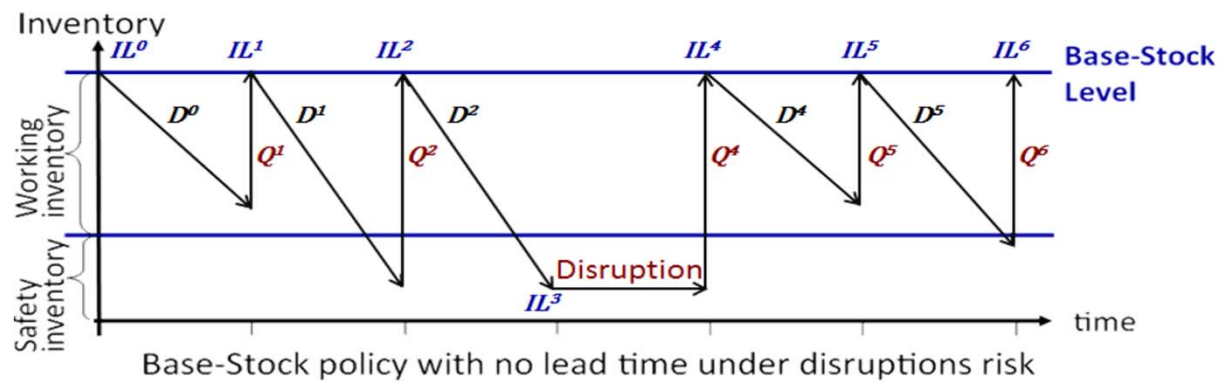
Disruptions give rise to scenarios

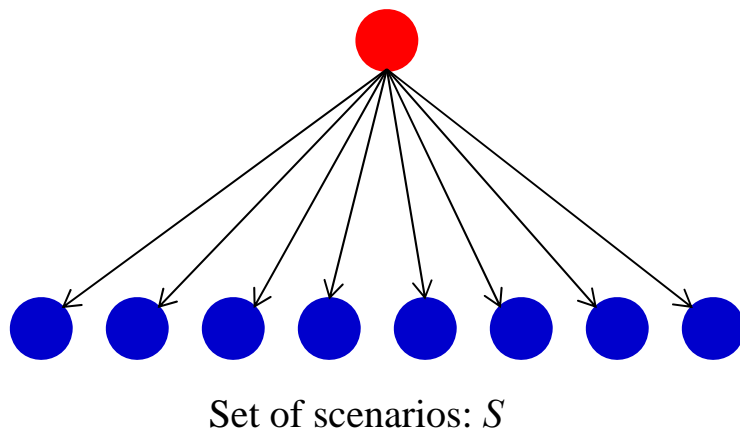


DCs serve different customers in different scenarios



Rerouting produces a stochastic demand on DCs



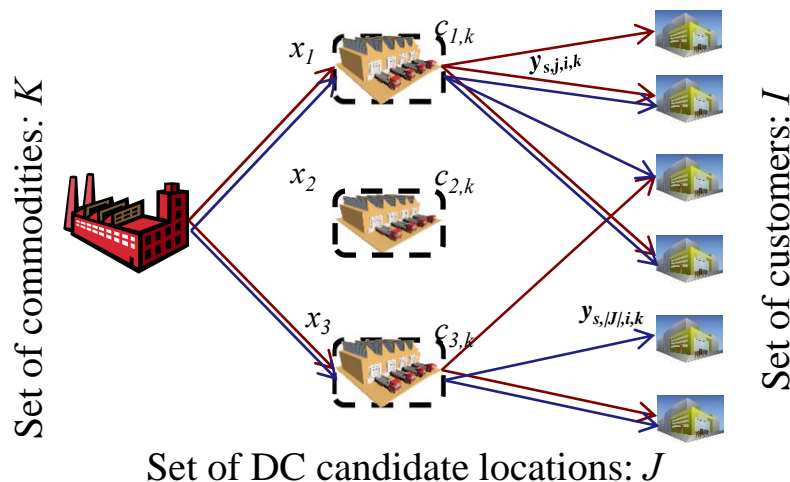


First stage decisions:

- **DC selection:** $x_j \in \{0,1\}$
- **DC capacities:** $c_{j,k} \in R^+$

Second stage decisions:

- **Demand allocation:** $y_{s,j,i,k} \in R^+$
- **Penalties:** $y_{s,|J|,i,k} \in R^+$



Objective:

- *Investment cost*
- *Expected cost of distribution*



Industrial Instance



Supply chain network optimization:

- 1 Production plant
- 29 candidate DCs with disruption probabilities between 0.5% and 3%
- 110 customers
- 61 commodities

Total number of scenarios: **$2^{29} \approx 537$ million**

| | | Deterministic problem | Reduced problem 1 | Reduced problem 2 |
|---------------------------------|---|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Relevant set of scenarios | Number of scenarios | 1 | 30 | 436 |
| | Max. number of simultaneous disruptions | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| | Probability of scenarios | 50.3% | 85.4% | 98.5% |
| Expected costs for scenario set | Investment (MM \$) | 18.47 | 18.78 | 21.56 |
| | Total (MM \$): | 34.09 | 48.68 | 53.85 |
| Solution | Optimality gap for scenario set | 0% | 0.44% | 0.87% |
| | Full problem upper bound | 57.40 | 56.32 | 55.89 |
| | Full problem lower bound | 48.15 | 52.43 | 53.81 |
| Computational statistics | No. of constraints | 11,849 | 304,256 | 4,397,984 |
| | No. of continuous variables | 10,080 | 251,186 | 3,626,670 |
| | No. of binary variables | 29 | 29 | 29 |
| | Solution time | 0.1 min | 289 min^a | 7,453 min^a |

^a: Strengthened Benders multi-cut

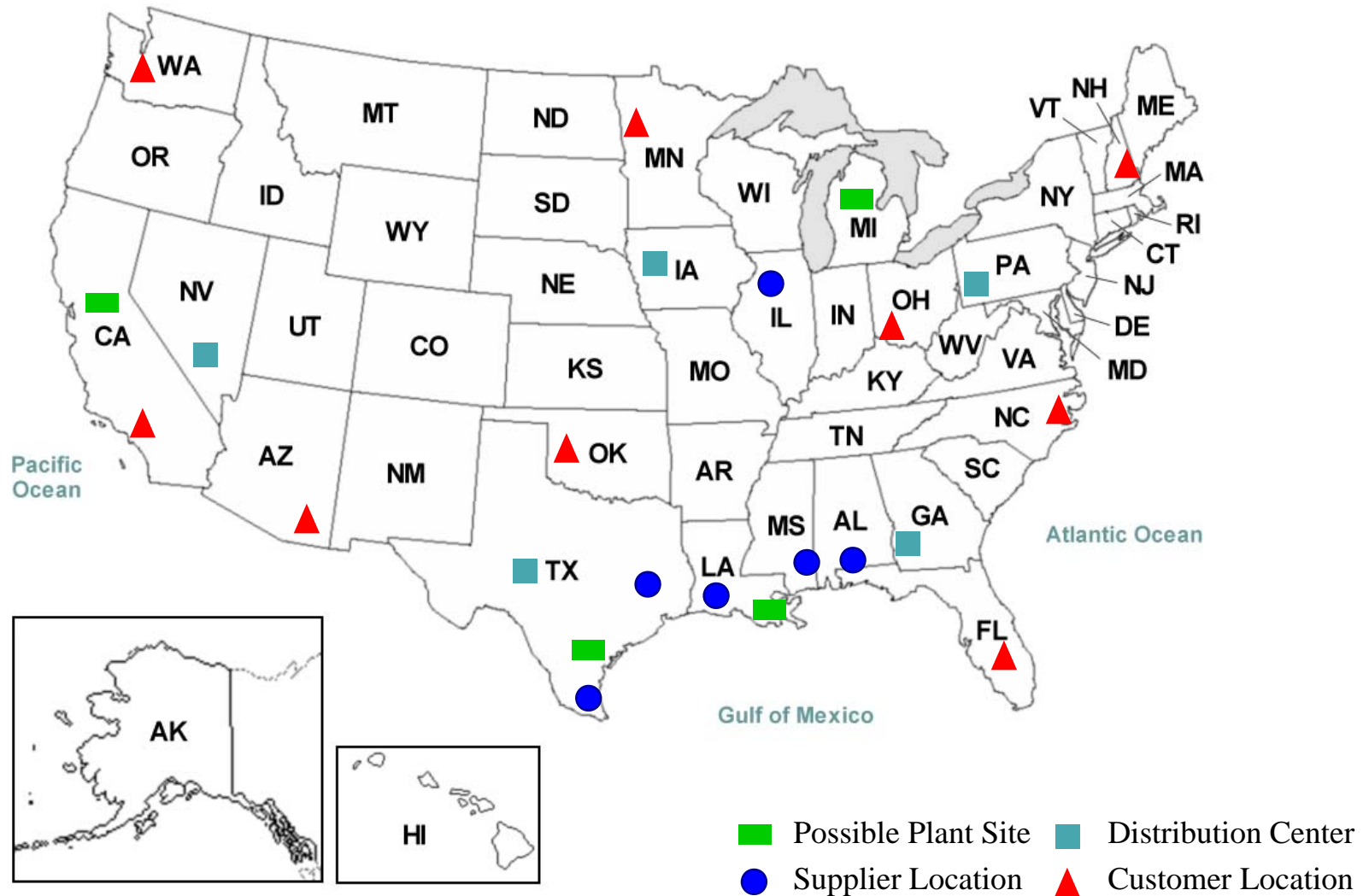
Economics vs. performance?

Multiobjective Optimization Approach

Bi-level optimization

Objective: design supply chain polystyrene resins under **responsive** and **economic** criteria

You, Grossmann (2008)



Production Network of Polystyrene Resins

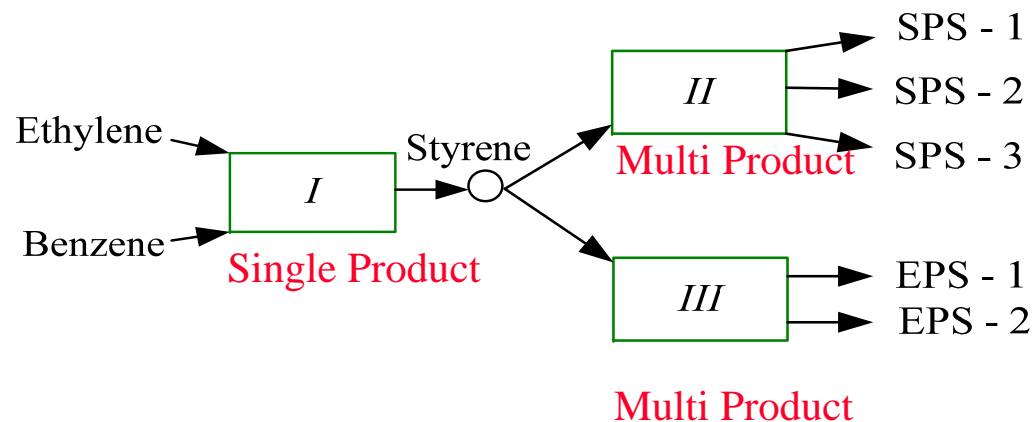
Three types of plants:

Plant I: *Ethylene + Benzene* \longrightarrow *Styrene* (1 products)

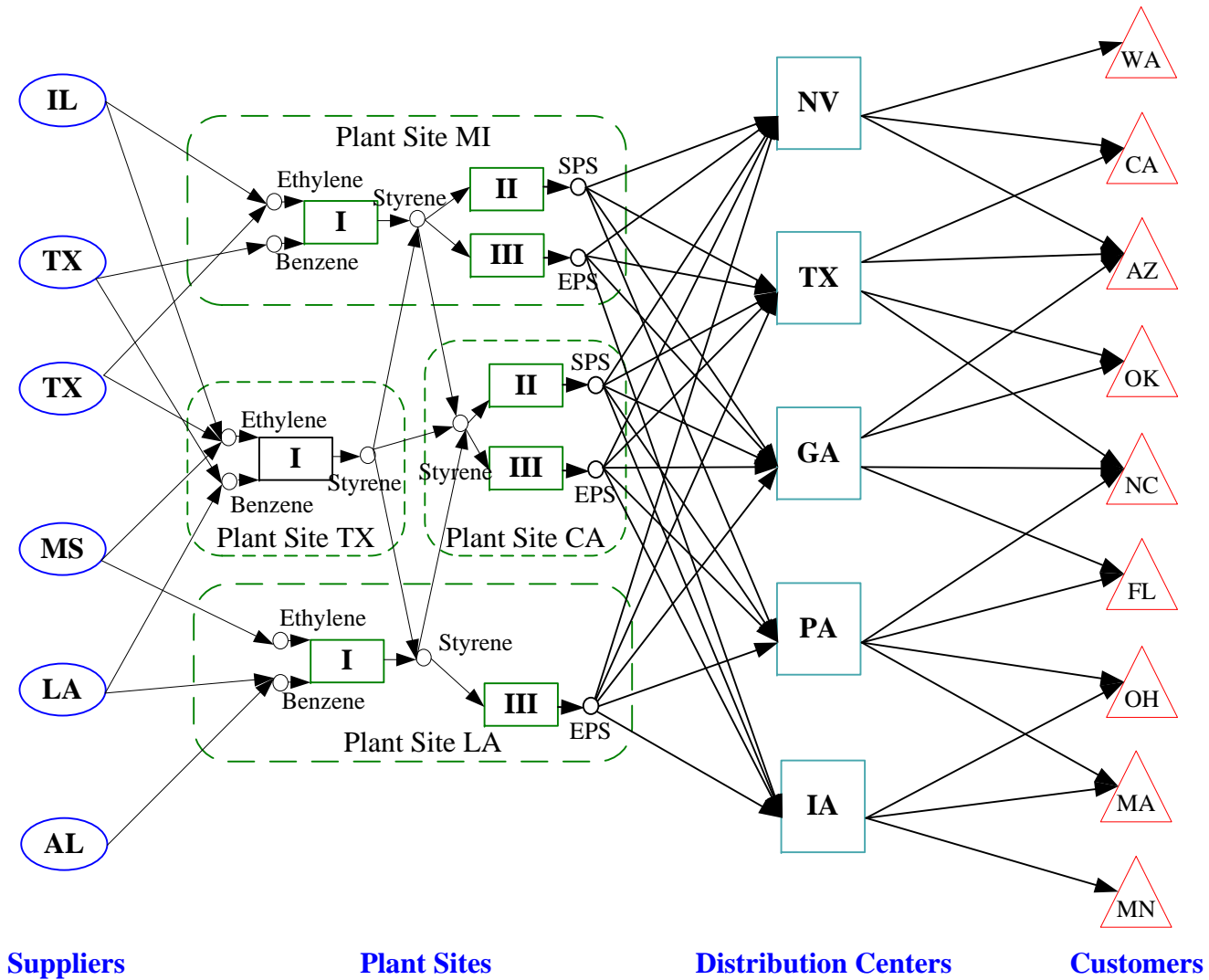
Plant II: *Styrene* \longrightarrow *Solid Polystyrene (SPS)* (3 products)

Plant III: *Styrene* \longrightarrow *Expandable Polystyrene (EPS)* (2 products)

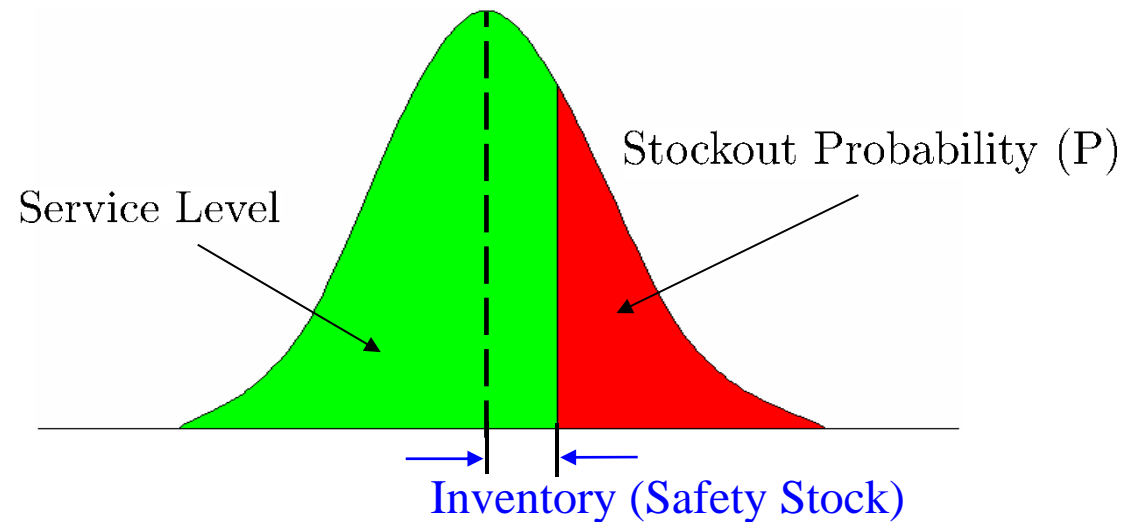
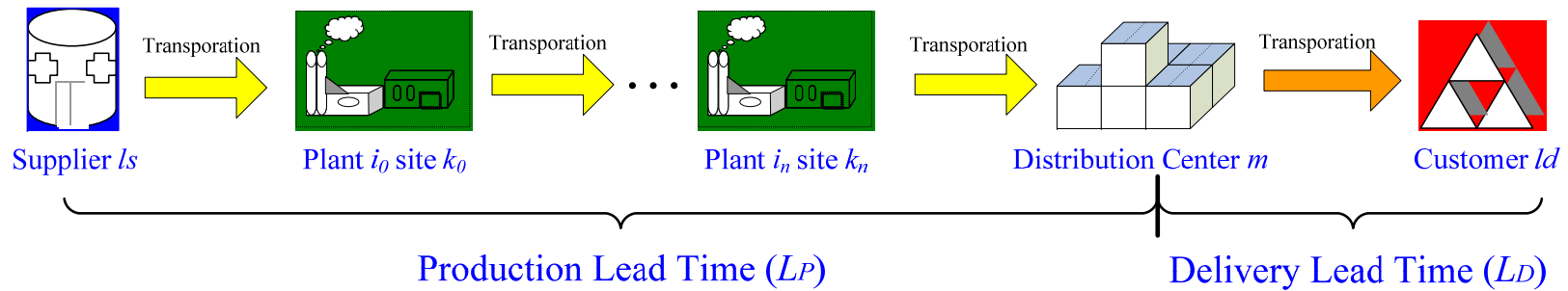
Basic Production Network



Potential Network Superstructure



Lead Time under Demand Uncertainty



$$\text{Expected Lead Time} = L_D + P(\text{Stockout}) \cdot L_P$$

Bi-criterion Multiperiod MINLP Formulation

Choose Discrete (0-1), continuous variables

- Objective Function:

- ◆ Max: Net Present Value
 - ◆ Min: Expected Lead time
- } Bi-criterion

- Constraints:

- ◆ Network structure constraints



- Suppliers – plant sites Relationship
- Plant sites – Distribution Center
- Input and output relationship of a plant
- Distribution Center – Customers
- Cost constraint

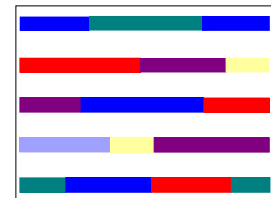
- ◆ Operation planning constraints



- Production constraint
- Capacity constraint
- Mass balance constraint
- Demand constraint
- Upper bound constraint

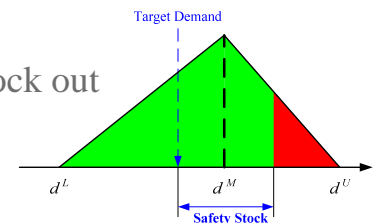
- ◆ Cyclic scheduling constraints

- Assignment constraint
- Sequence constraint
- Demand constraint
- Production constraint
- Cost constraint

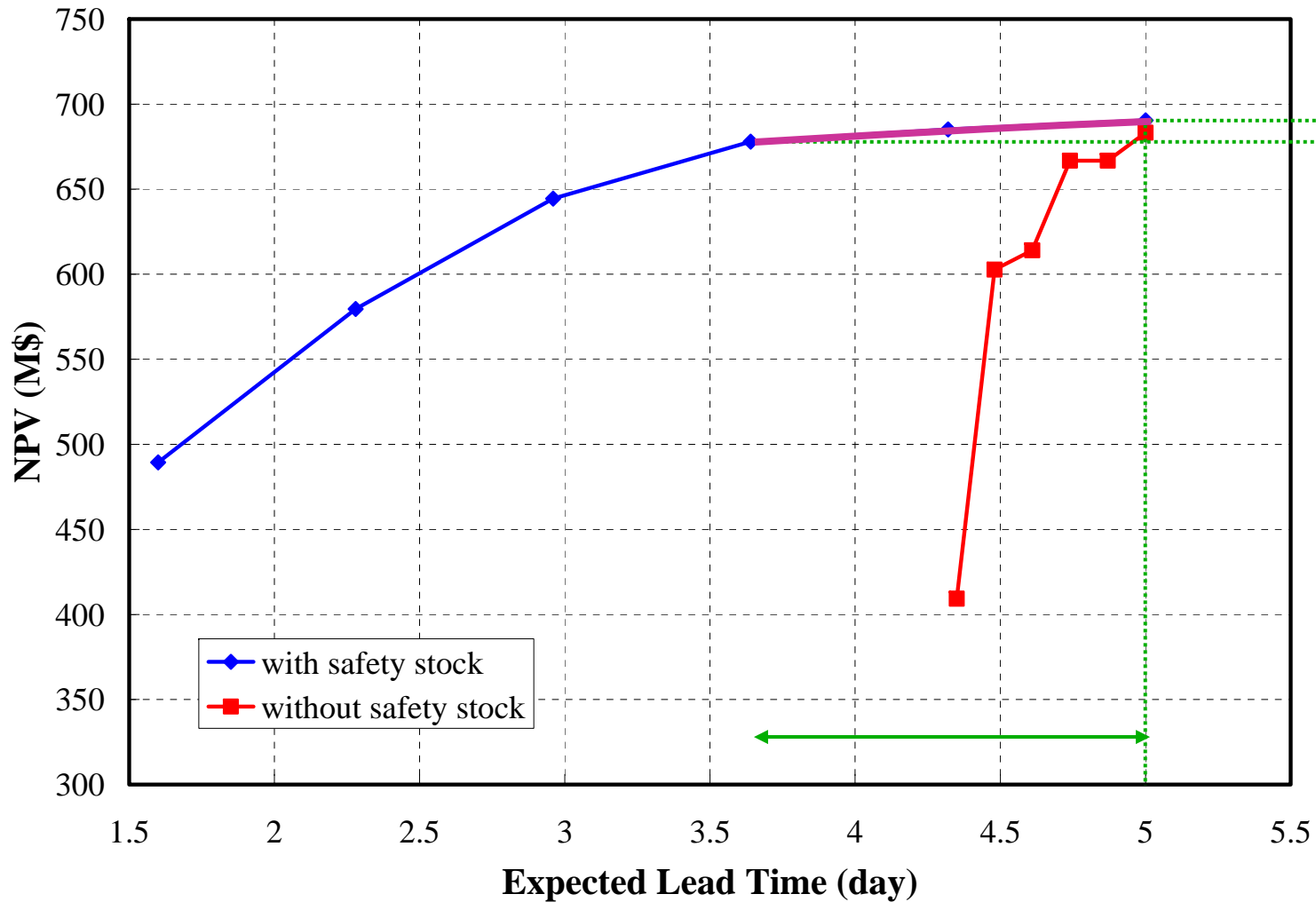


- ◆ Probabilistic constraints

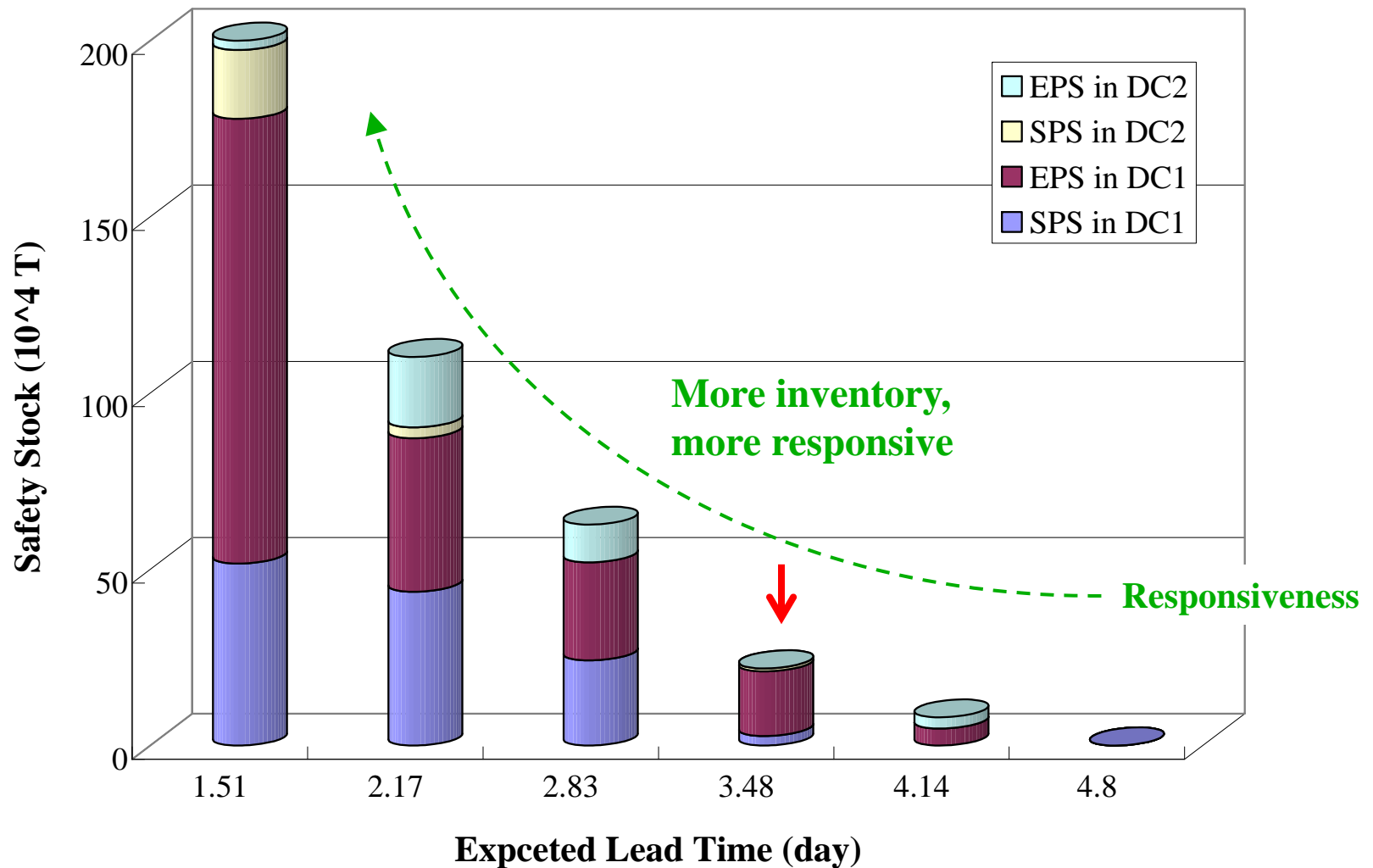
- Chance constraint for stock out (reformulations)



Pareto Curves – with and without safety stock



Safety Stock Levels - Expected Lead Time





Bi-level Optimization for Capacity Planning in Industrial Gas Markets



Motivation

Industrial gas markets are dynamic:

- Suppliers must anticipate **demand growth**
- Most markets are served **locally**



Capacity expansion is a major strategic decision:

- Requires **large investment** cost
- Benefits are obtained over a **long horizon**



Optimization

Benefits are sensitive to market behavior:

- Market preferences
- Economic environment



Variability

Sensitivity can be reduced by assuming rational behavior:

- Producers try to maximize their **profit**
- Markets try to minimize their **cost**



Bilevel optimization

Need to model the **conflicting interests** of producer and markets



Problem Statement



Given:

- Set of capacitated **plants** and **candidate locations** for new plants from leading supplier
- Set of plants from independent suppliers with limited capacity
- **Rational markets** that select their suppliers according to their own objective function
- Deterministic **demands** over the time horizon



Maximize net present value (NPV):

- Determine **expansion plan**
- Considering optimal **distribution strategy** in each time-period



Bilevel Approach (MILP)



Capacity expansion planning with rational market:

Plants are divided in two: plants from leading supplier (I^1) and plants from independent suppliers (I^2)

$$\max NPV = \sum_{t \in T} \frac{1}{(1+R)^t} \left\{ \sum_{i \in I^1} \sum_{j \in J} P_{t,i,j} y_{t,i,j} - \sum_{i \in I^1} \left[A_{t,i} v_{t,i} + B_{t,i} w_{t,i} + E_{t,i} x_{t,i} + \sum_{j \in J} (E_{t,i} y_{t,i,j} + G_{t,i,j,k} y_{t,i,j}) \right] \right\}$$

$$\text{s.t. } w_{t,i} = V_{t,i}^0 + \sum_{t'=1}^t v_{t,i} \quad (\forall t \in T, i \in I^1) \quad \text{Invest in new plants}$$

$$x_{t,i} \leq w_{t,i} \quad (\forall t \in T, i \in I^1) \quad \text{Expand only open plants}$$

$$c_{t,i} = C_{t,i}^0 + \sum_{t'=1}^t H x_{t'-1,i} \quad (\forall t \in T, i \in I^1) \quad \text{Capacity expansion}$$

$$\min \sum_{t \in T} \frac{1}{(1+r)^t} \left[\sum_{j \in J} \sum_{i \in I} P_{t,i,j} y_{t,i,j} \right]$$

$$\text{s.t. } \sum_{j \in J} y_{t,i,j} \leq c_{t,i} \quad (\forall t \in T, i \in I^1) \quad \text{Markets minimize cost paid}$$

$$\sum_{j \in J} y_{t,i,j} \leq C_{t,i} \quad (\forall t \in T, i \in I^2) \quad \text{Capacity of plants from leader}$$

$$\sum_{i \in I} y_{t,i,j} = D_{t,j} \quad (\forall t \in T, j \in J) \quad \text{Capacity of independent plants}$$

$$c_{j,k}, y_{s,j,i,k} \geq 0; v_{t,i}, w_{t,i}, x_j \in \{0,1\} \quad (\forall t \in T, i \in I, j \in J) \quad \text{All markets are satisfied}$$



Illustrative Example



Problem structure:

- 3 existing plants which can be expanded
- 1 new candidate plant
- 3 existing plants which can not be expanded
- 15 markets with deterministic demand for 1 commodity
- 20 time-periods (quarters)



Formulations:

- **Single-level (SL)**: leader selects the markets to satisfy
- **Single-level evaluation (SL-eval)**: evaluation of single-level investment decisions in a market driven environment
- **Bilevel KKT (KKT)**: KKT reformulation of the bilevel problem
- **Bilevel Primal-Dual (P-D)**: Primal-dual reformulation of the bilevel problem



Results



Computational statistics:

| Statistics | <i>SL</i> | <i>SL-eval</i> | <i>KKT</i> | <i>P-D</i> |
|------------------------------|-----------|----------------|------------|------------|
| No. of constraints: | 680 | 520 | 8,460 | 4,380 |
| No. of continuous variables: | 2,240 | 2,240 | 6,060 | 4,220 |
| No. of binary variables: | 240 | 0 | 3,080 | 240 |
| Solution time (CPLEX): | 0.10 s | 0.02 s | 193 s | 5.72 s |
| Optimality gap: | 0.1% | 0.1% | 0.1% | 0.1% |

Results:

| Items of objective function | <i>SL</i> | <i>SL-eval</i> | <i>KKT</i> | <i>P-D</i> |
|----------------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Income from sales [MM\$]: | 1,171 | 805 | 794 | 794 |
| Investment in new plants [MM\$]: | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Capacity expansion cost [MM\$]: | 199 | 199 | 58 | 58 |
| Maintenance cost[MM\$]: | 94 | 94 | 94 | 94 |
| Production cost[MM\$]: | 424 | 292 | 279 | 279 |
| Transportation cost[MM\$]: | 14 | 8 | 9 | 9 |
| Total NPV [MM\$]: | 440 | 212 | 354 | 354 |
| Market cost[MM\$]: | 1,239 | 1,234 | 1,234 | 1,234 |

Bilevel optimization yields **67% higher NPV (354 vs 212 million)** when compared to single-level expansion strategy

Conclusions



- 1. Enterprise-wide Optimization (EWO) of great industrial interest**
Great economic impact for effectively managing complex supply chains
- 2. Mathematical Programming: major modeling framework**
- 3. Key components in EWO: Planning and Scheduling**
Modeling challenge:
Multi-scale modeling (temporal and spatial integration)
Linear vs. Nonlinear
- 4. Computational challenges lie in:**
 - a) Large-scale optimization models (decomposition, advanced computing)*
 - b) Handling uncertainty (stochastic programming)*