

AI for Power Systems

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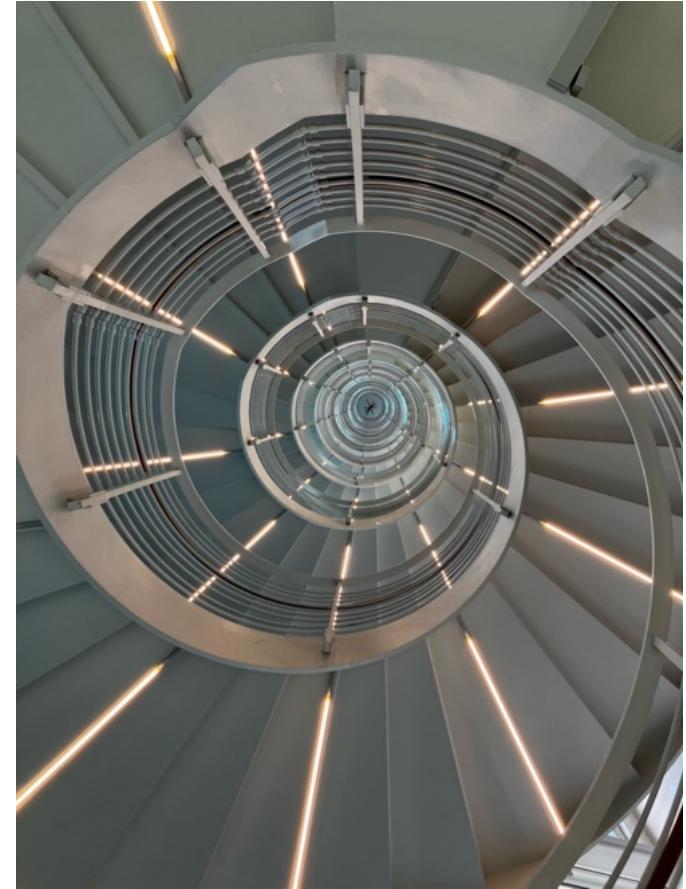
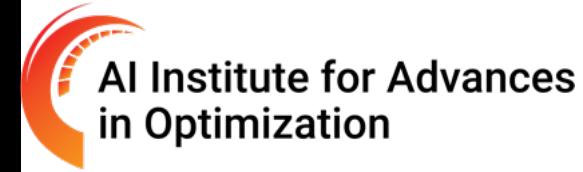
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Use-Inspired Research



Industrial Partners

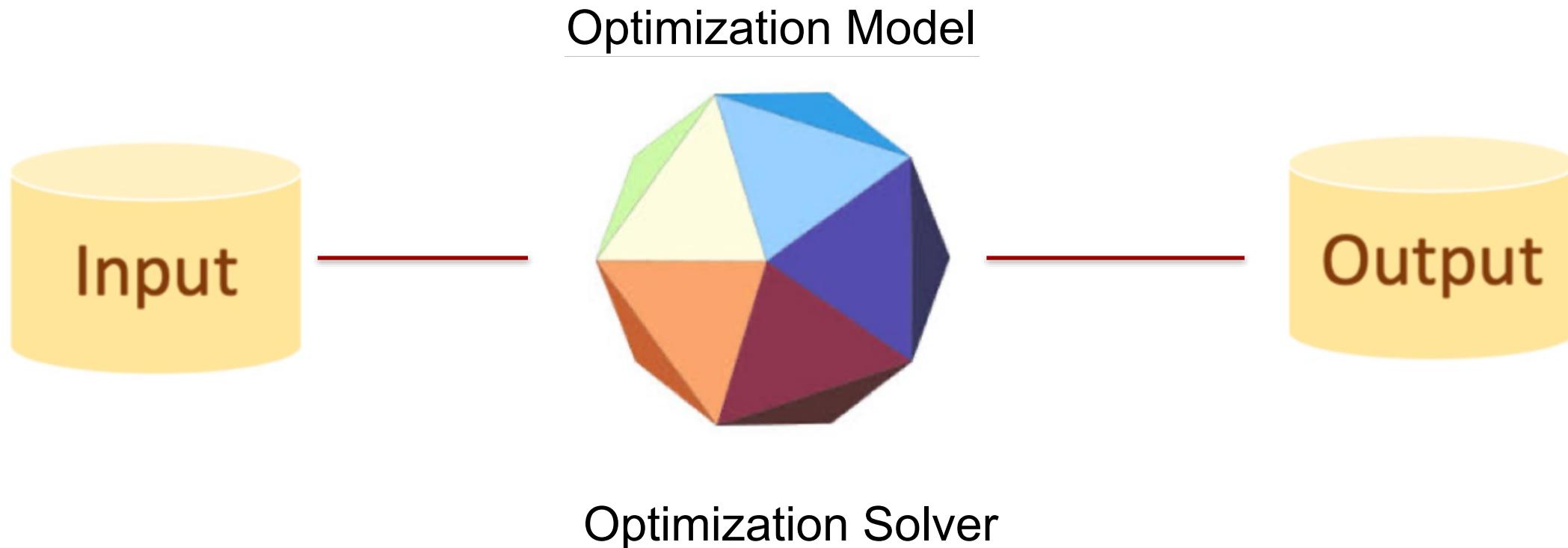


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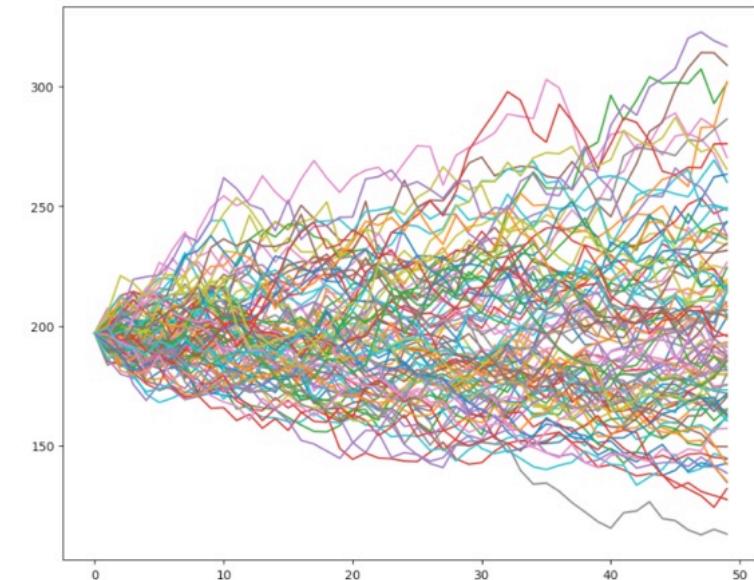
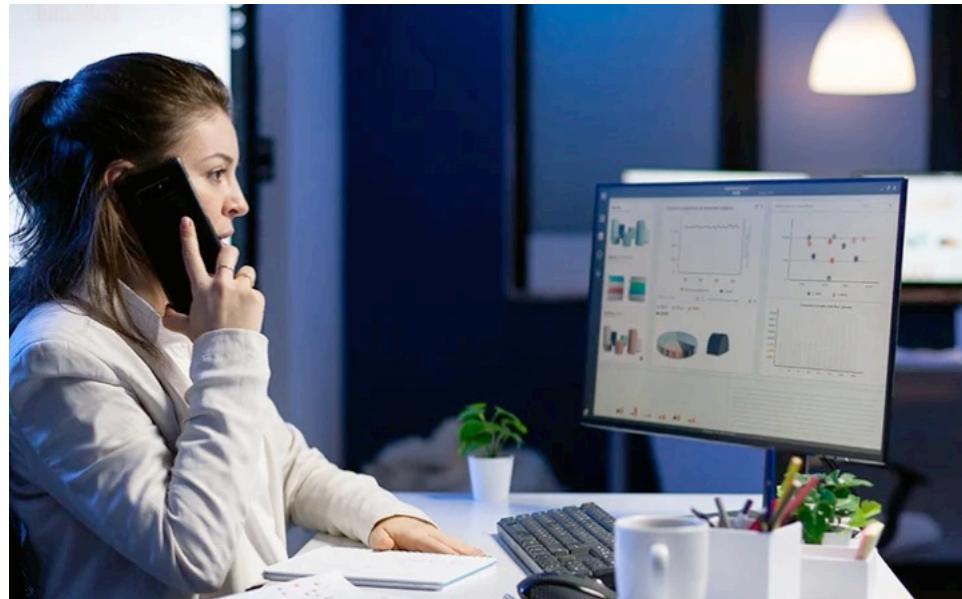


The Beauty of Optimization



The Challenges of Optimization

- ▶ Optimization may be too slow in some circumstances



Realities in the Fields

► Optimization over physical infrastructures

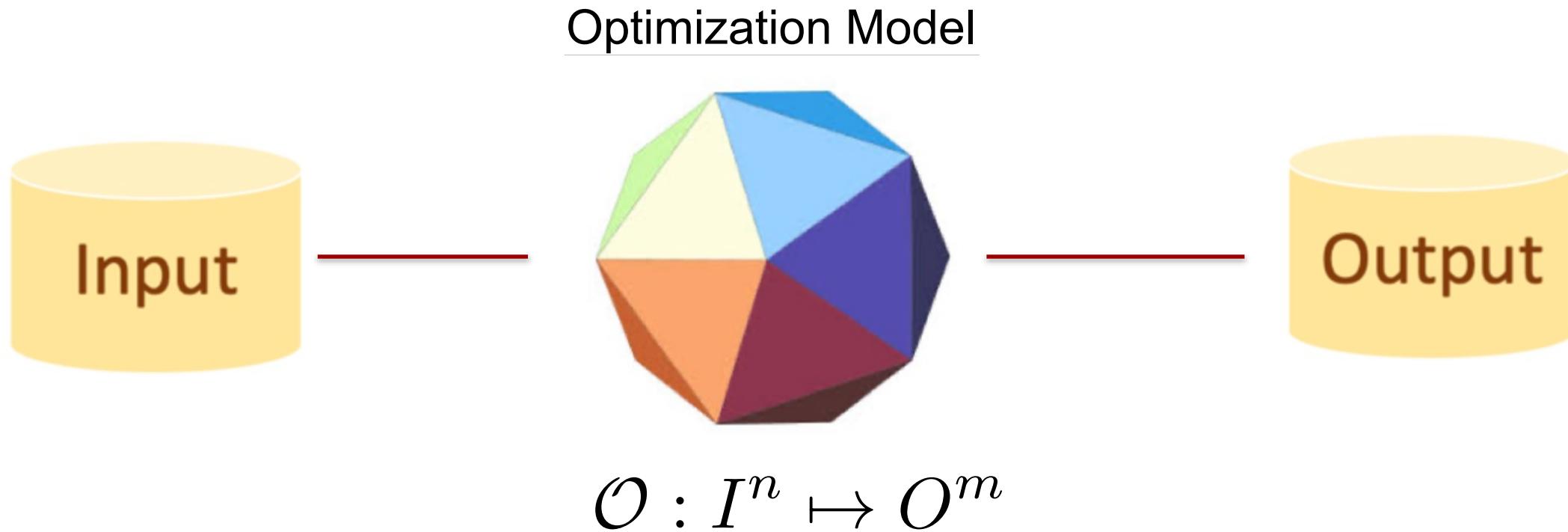


- Solving the same core problem repeatedly
 - in situations that are relatively stable
 - in situations where a lot of historical and forecasted data is available



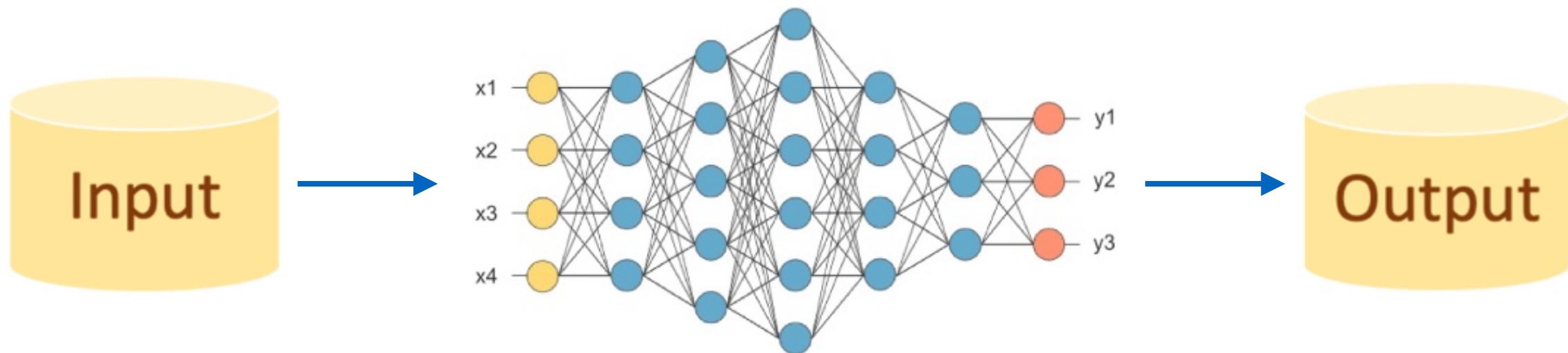
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Optimization as a Function



Parametric Machine Learning

Machine Learning Model



$$\mathcal{M}_\theta : I^n \mapsto O^m$$

The Overall Approach

- ▶ Considering a multi-parametric optimization
 - using a distribution of inputs
- ▶ Move the computational burden offline
 - through machine learning
- ▶ Learning offline
 - empirical risk minimization
- ▶ Evaluation at inference time / real time
 - on a specific input with orders of magnitude improvement in efficiency

$$\mathcal{M}_{\theta^*}(\mathbf{x})$$

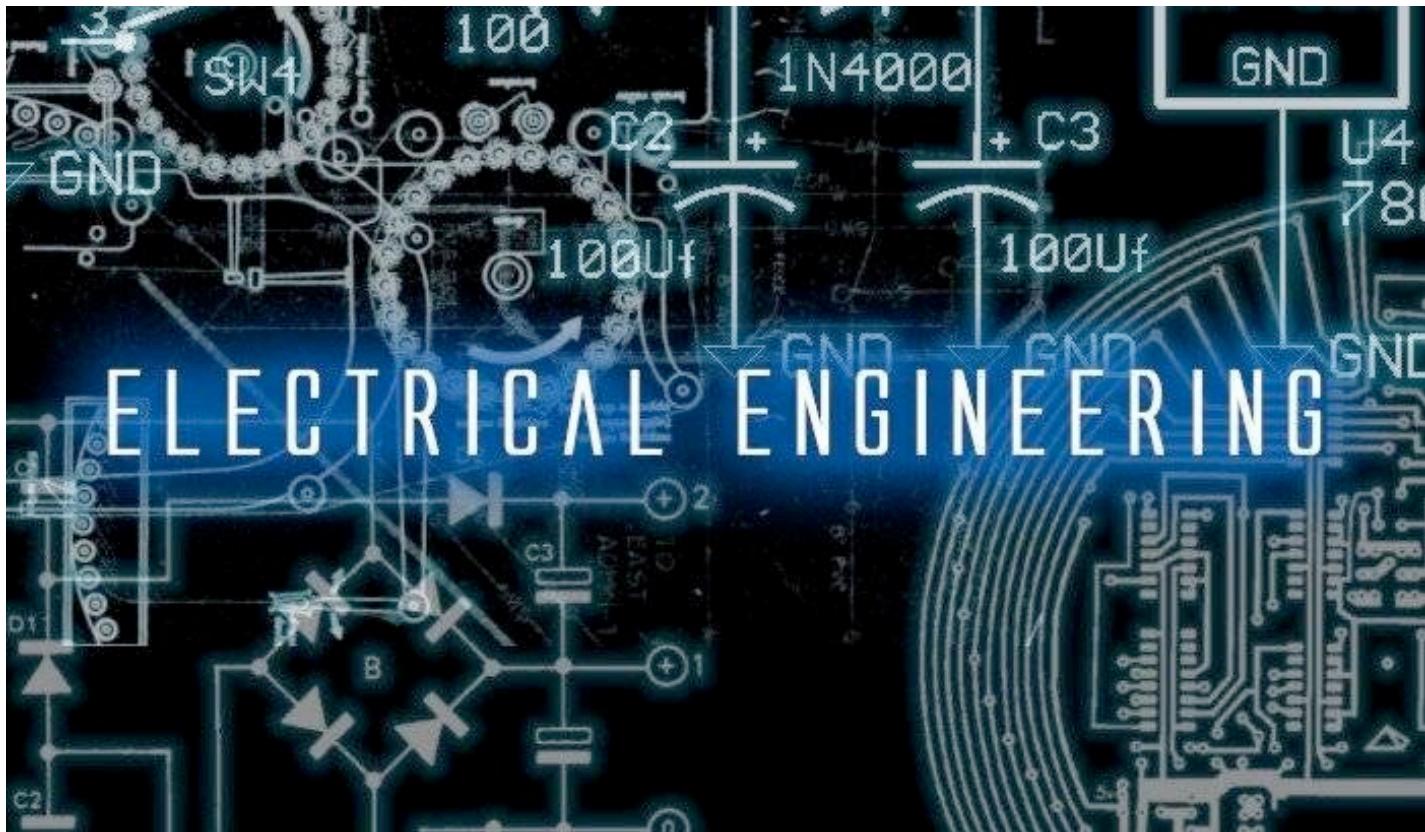
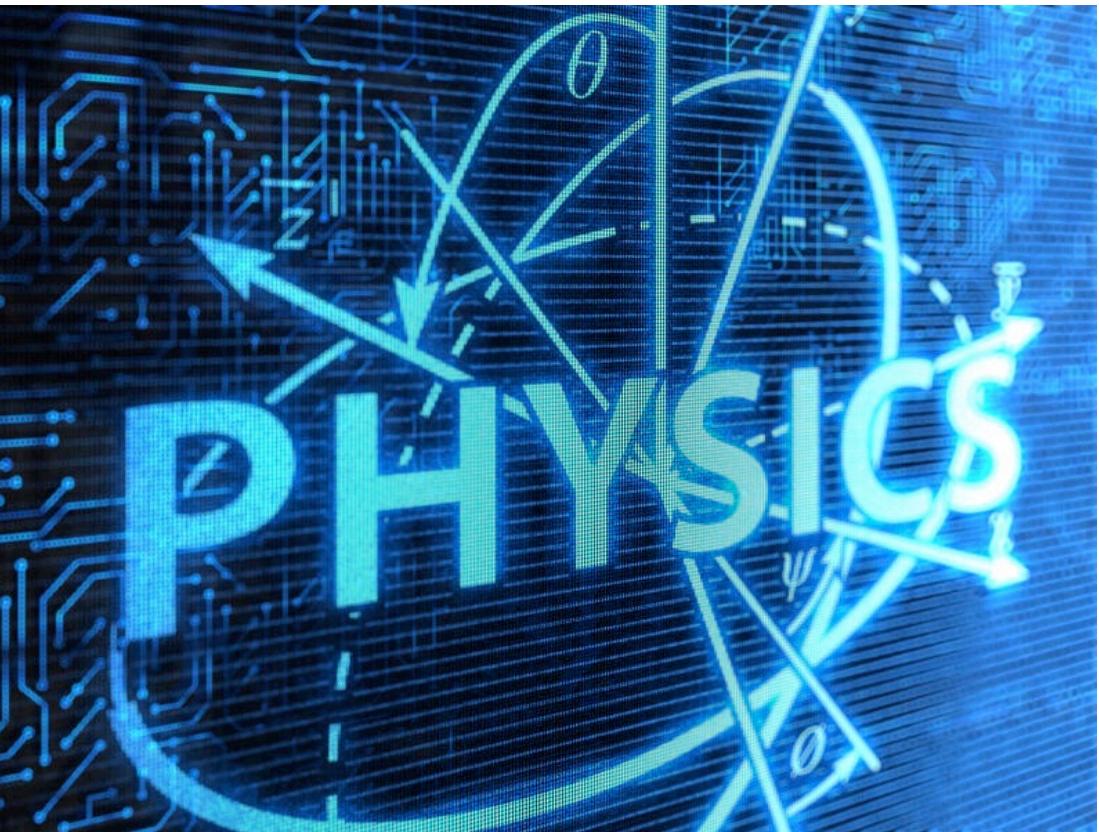
Does it work?

The Challenges for AI in Engineering

- ▶ Empirical risk minimization under constraints
 - physical, engineering, and/or business constraints
- ▶ Trustworthy AI by design
 - not as an after-thought
- ▶ Reliability
 - models to be deployed in critical infrastructures
- ▶ Performance guarantees
 - quality of solutions (e.g., optimality gaps)
- ▶ Scalability (and energy efficient)
 - input size of 1,000,000 and output size of 100,000

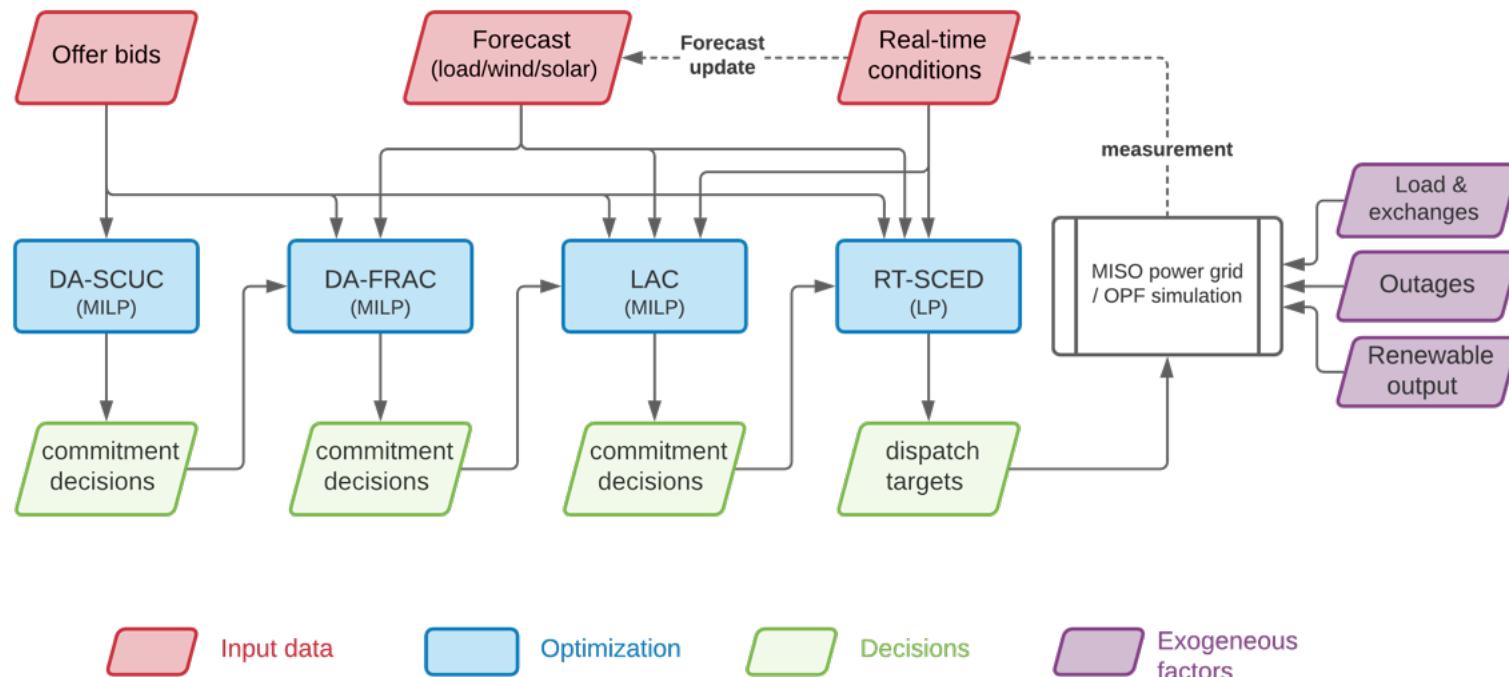
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Energy Systems Operator Pipeline

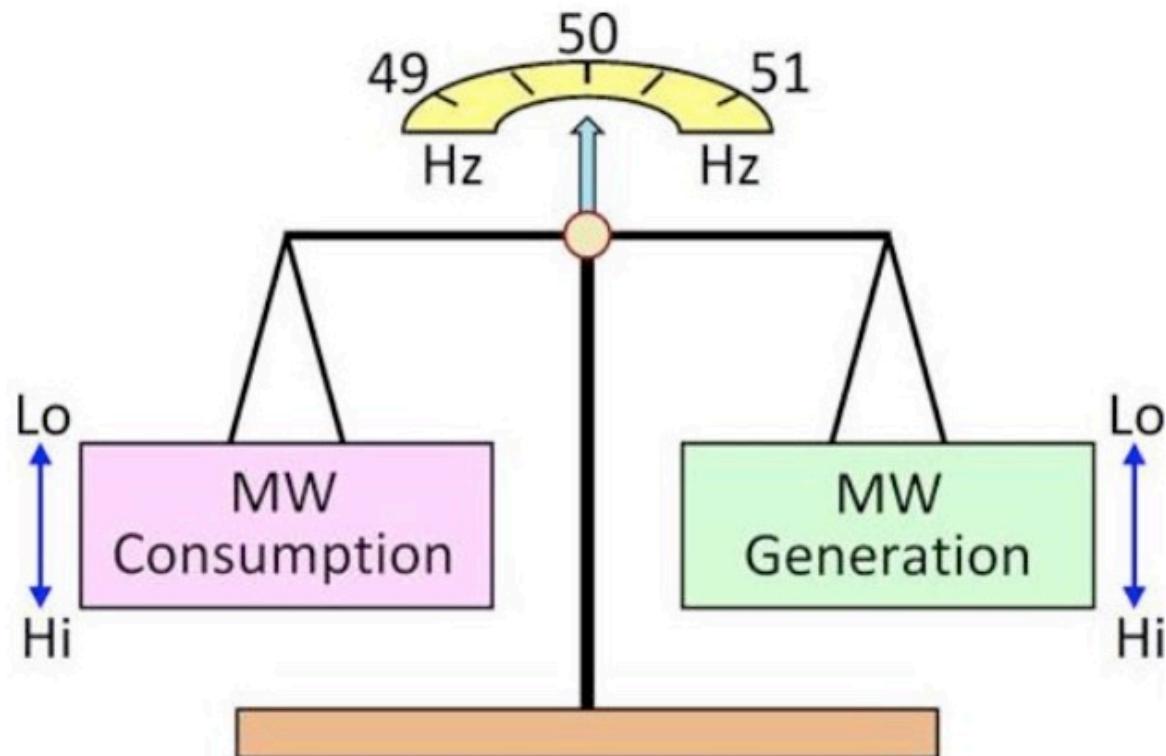
- ▶ A sequence of optimization problems to decide
 - **Commitments:** Which generators do we switch on/off?
 - **Dispatches:** How much power each generator produces and how much reserves it provides?



Keeping the lights on!



THE POWER BALANCE



Economic Dispatch with Reserves

$$\min_{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{r}, \xi} c(\mathbf{p}) + M \|\xi\|_1$$

$$\text{s.t. } \mathbf{e}^\top \mathbf{p} = L,$$

$$\mathbf{e}^\top \mathbf{r} \geq R,$$

$$\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{r} \leq \bar{\mathbf{p}},$$

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$$\mathbf{0} \leq \mathbf{r} \leq \bar{\mathbf{r}},$$

$$\underline{\mathbf{f}} - \xi \leq \Phi \mathbf{p} \leq \bar{\mathbf{f}} + \xi,$$

$$\xi \geq \mathbf{0}.$$

load = generation



Economic Dispatch with Reserves

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enough reserves



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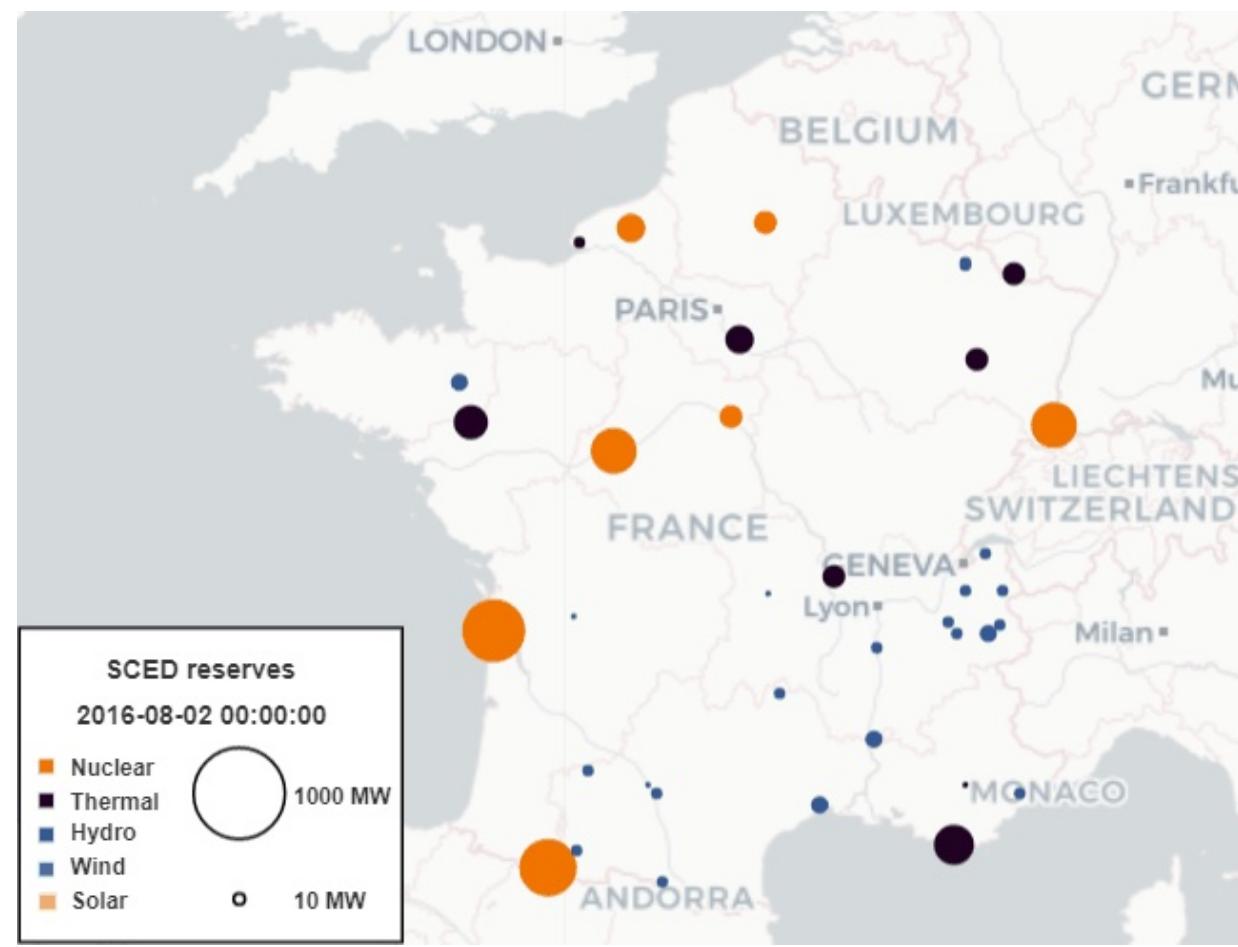
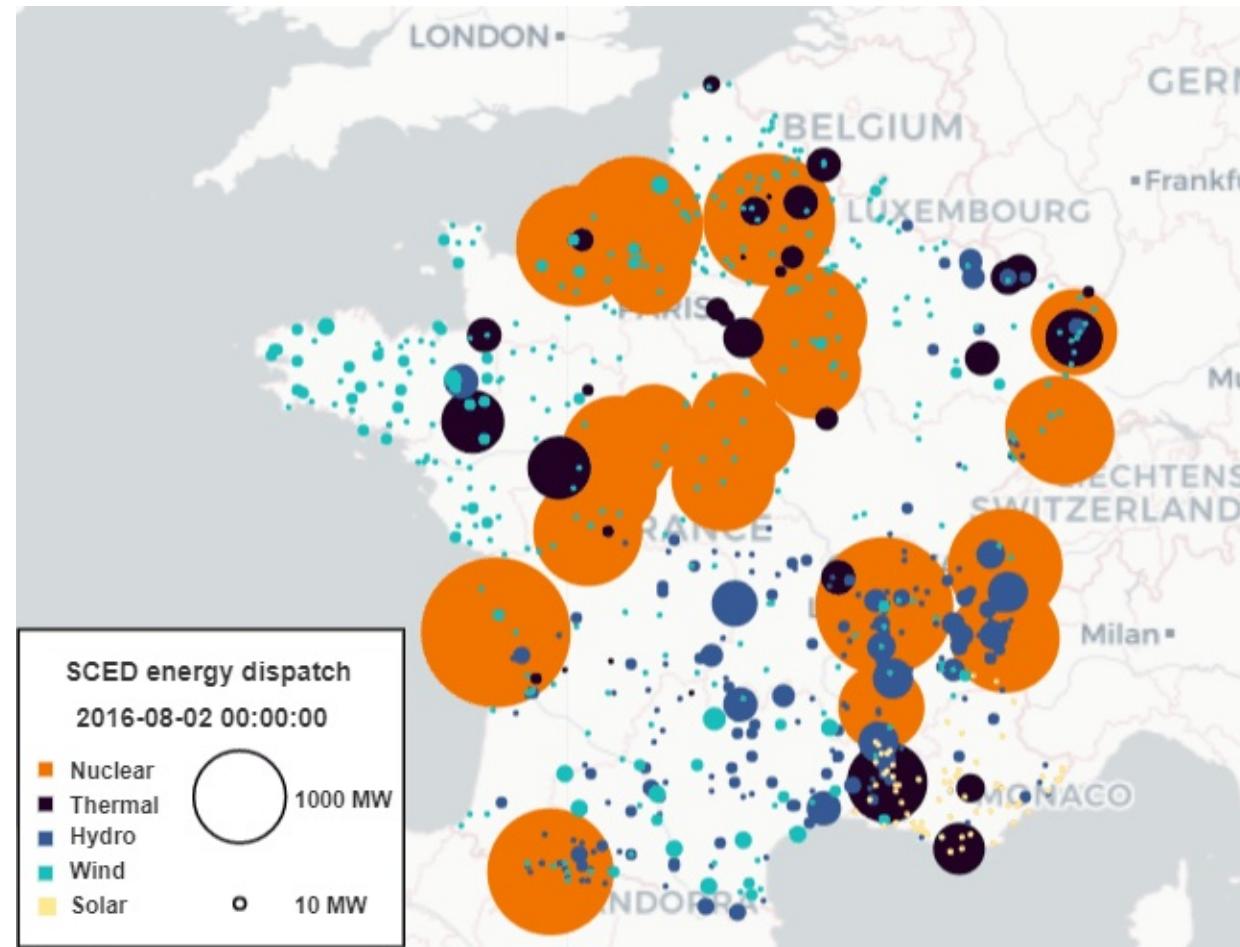
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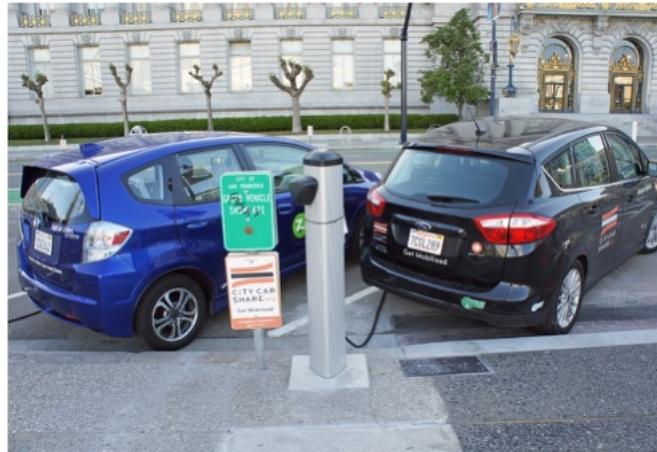


engineering
constraints

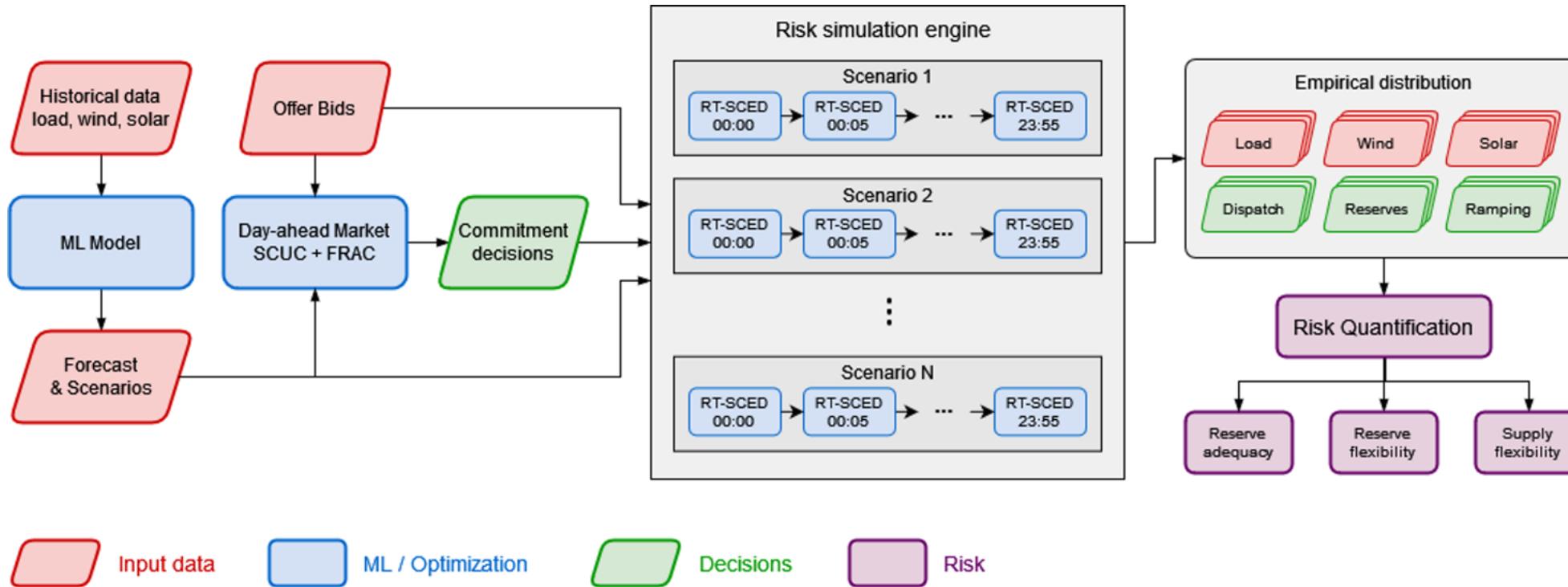
Security-Constrained Economic Dispatch



Increased Volatility



Real-Time Risk Assessment

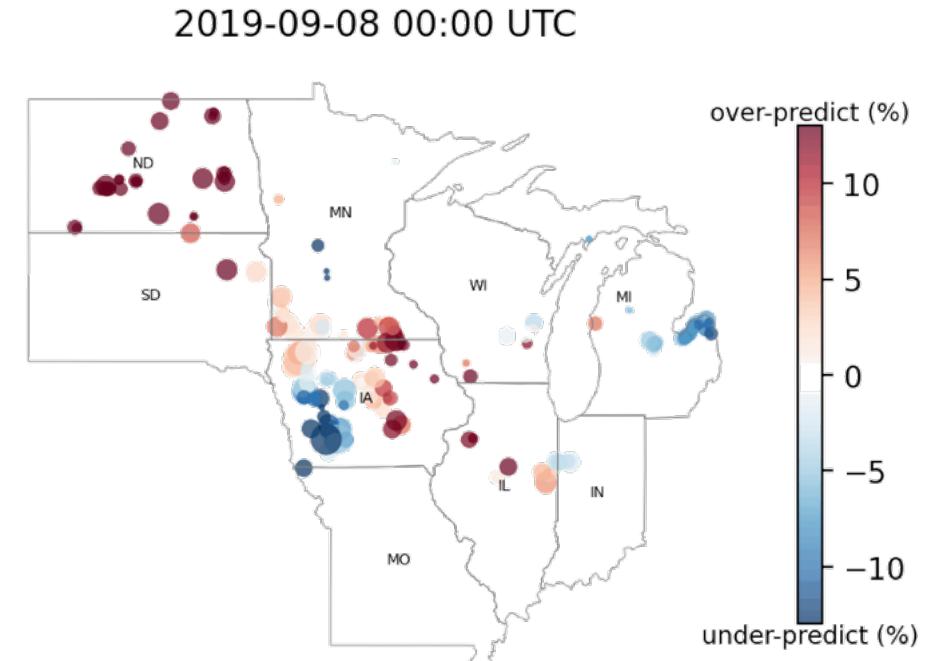
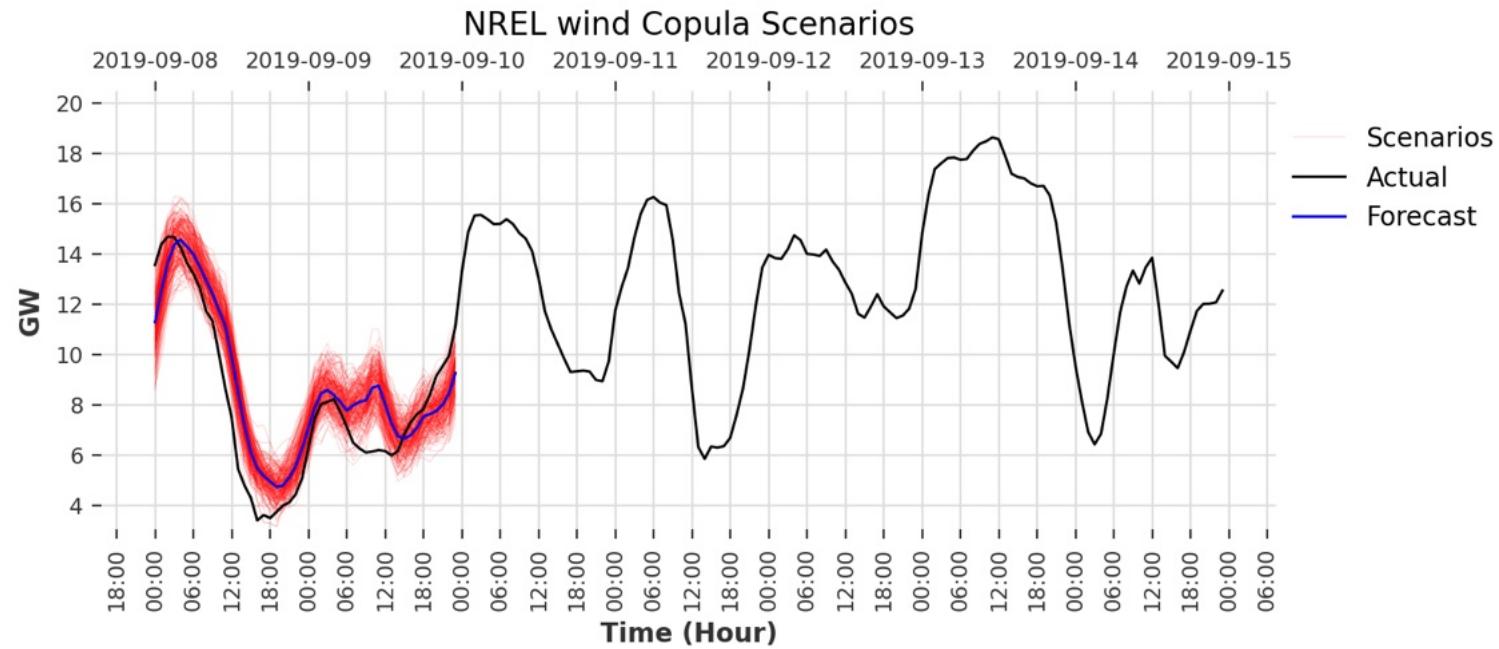


1 Monte-Carlo simulation (24hr) = 288 LPs = ~15 CPU.min

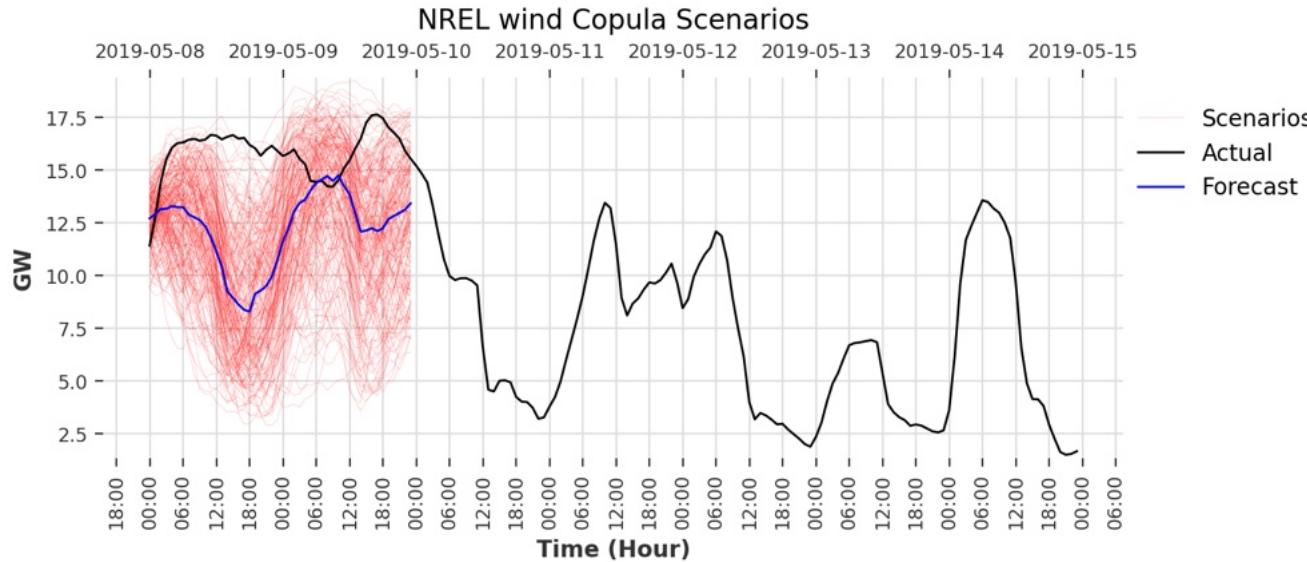


Probabilistic Forecasting

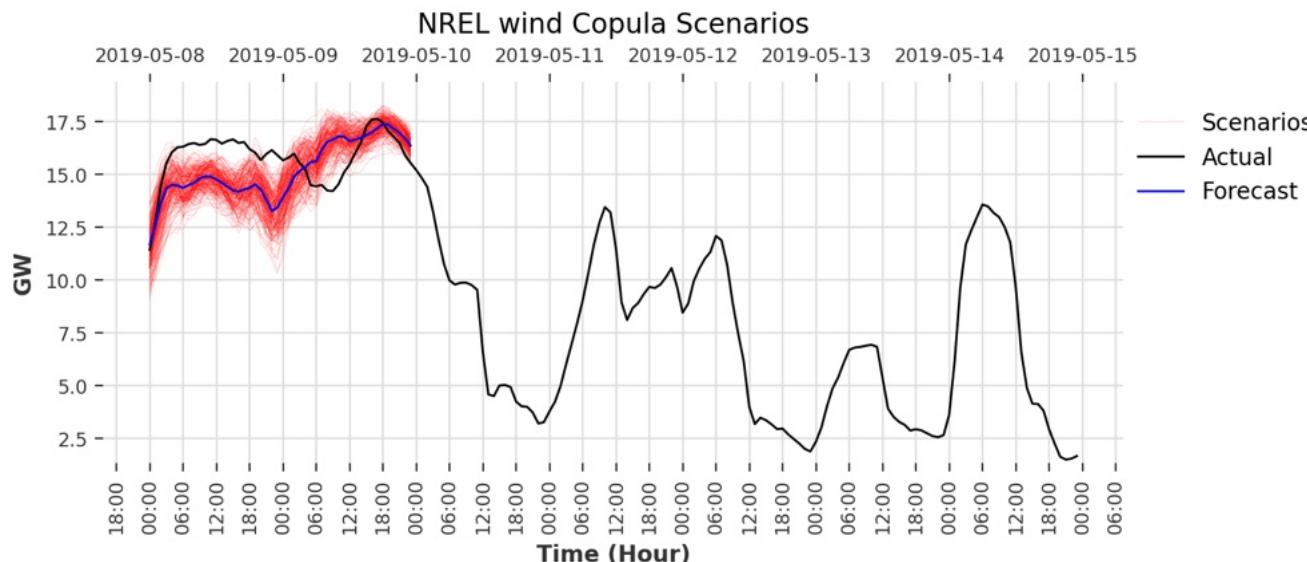
- ▶ High-dimensional time series forecasting
 - Joint distribution of $O(10^4)$ variables
 - Uncertainty quantification



Data-Driven v.s. Weather-Informed



Data Driven



Weather-informed

Forecasting Accuracy

Probabilistic Forecasting and Scenario Generation

model	load				wind				solar			
	s-sum	NMAE(%)	RMSE	ind	NMAE(%)	RMSE	s-sum	ind	NMAE(%)	RMSE	ind	RMSE
ARIMA	4.2%	6316.1	5.2%	1302.4	16.6%	4136.8	28.5%	25.4	9.0%	190.3	12.4%	0.7
Dlinear	2.8%	4211.2	4.2%	1003.1	16.7%	4134.2	26.9%	24.6	7.2%	181.0	10.0%	0.7
Nlinear	3.3%	4964.5	3.9%	994.9	16.2%	4030.6	26.0%	23.9	7.4%	182.5	10.2%	0.7
DeepAR	5.1%	7261.4	6.1%	1428.8	16.8%	4357.0	27.2%	25.3	5.2%	168.9	8.2%	0.7
TFT	2.9%	4473.8	3.7%	954.5	16.7%	4335.3	27.0%	25.7	5.5%	173.3	8.9%	0.7
WI-Dlinear	2.7%	4149.3	3.8%	947.3	9.6%	2615.7	18.5%	18.5	4.8%	130.2	7.3%	0.6
WI-Nlinear	3.0%	4572.3	3.9%	984.6	9.7%	2633.1	18.4%	18.4	5.0%	134.9	7.5%	0.6
WI-DeepAR	1.6%	2461.2	2.3%	596.4	10.3%	2778.3	18.7%	19.4	4.0%	139.7	6.3%	0.6
WI-TFT	1.1%	1702.6	1.9%	500.4	7.9%	2152.1	16.1%	17.0	3.1%	106.1	5.8%	0.5

Table 3

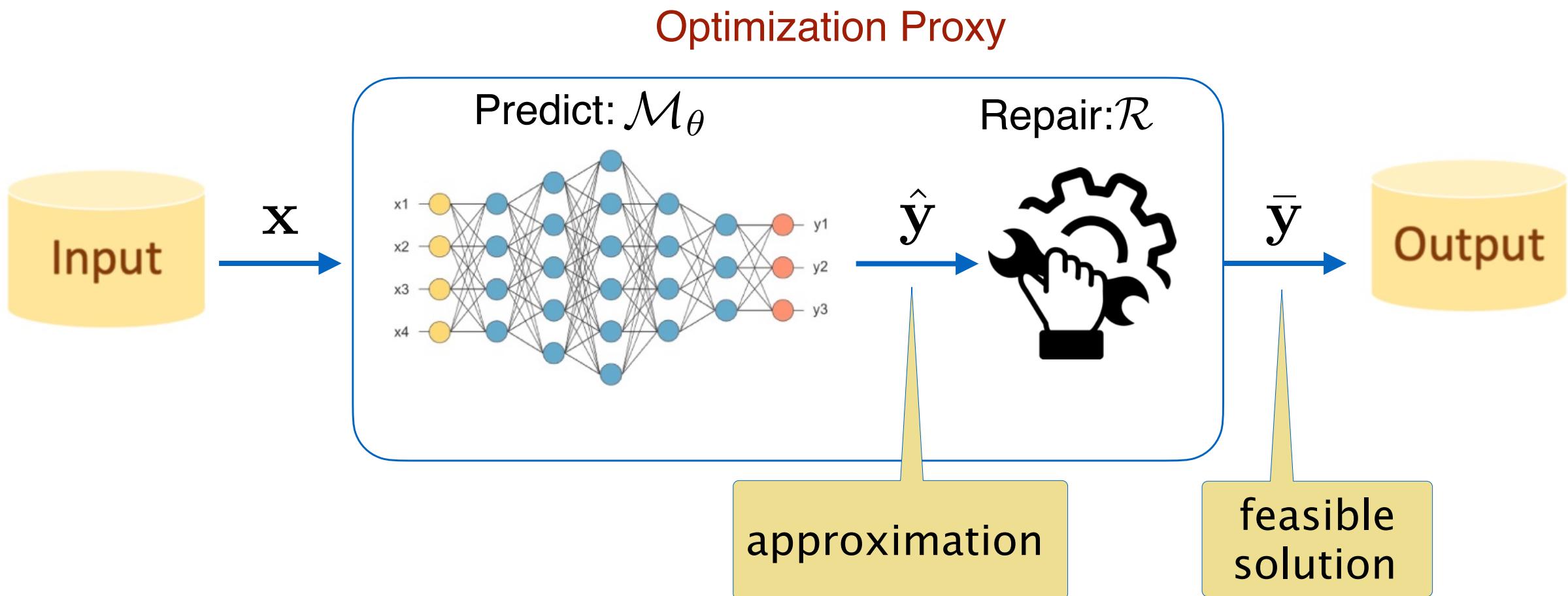
Deterministic Forecast accuracy on MISO dataset

Hanyu Zhang, Reza Zandehshahvar, Mathieu Tanneau and Pascal Van Hentenryck. Weather-Informed Probabilistic Forecasting and Scenario Generation in Power Systems. Applied Energy (to appear)

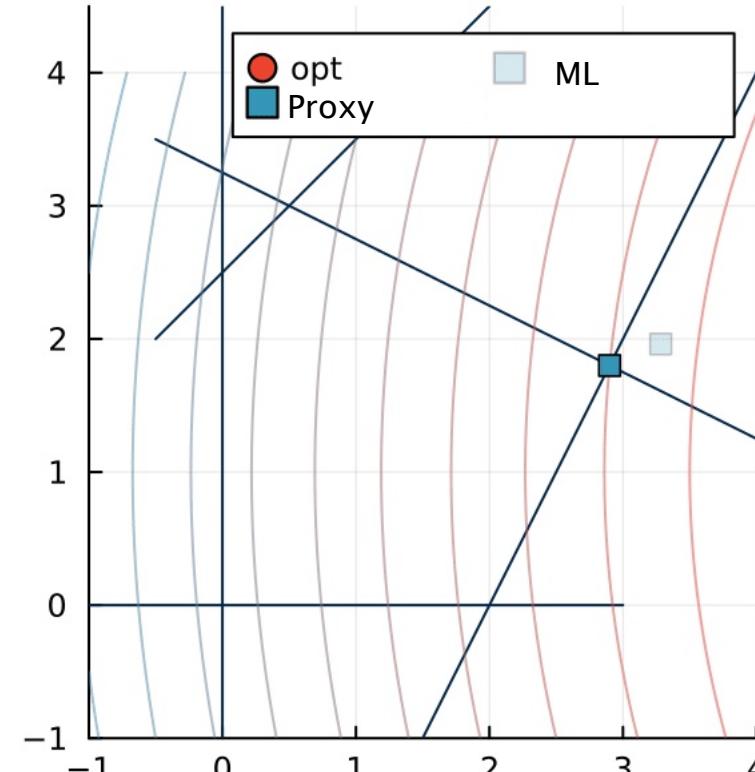
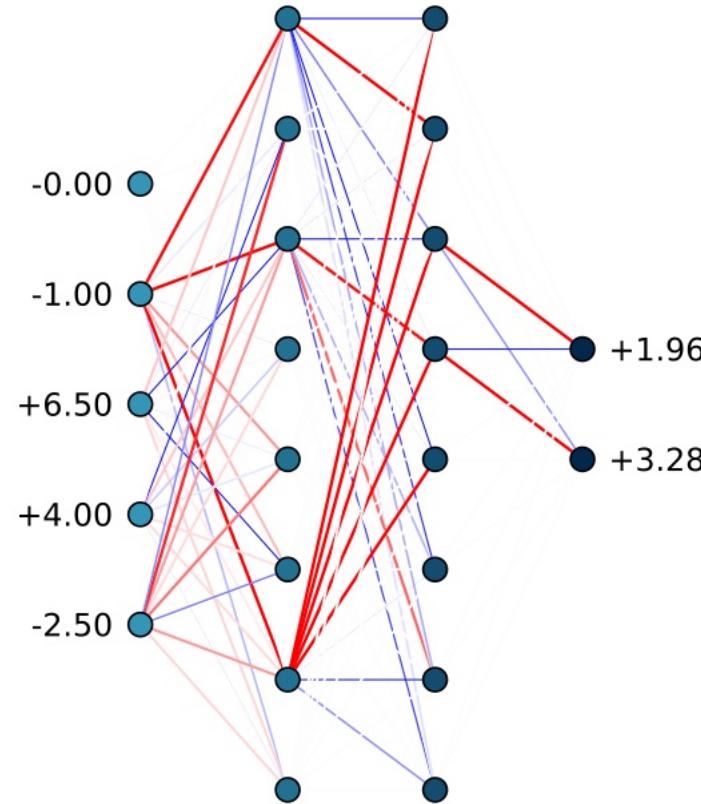
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Optimization Proxy

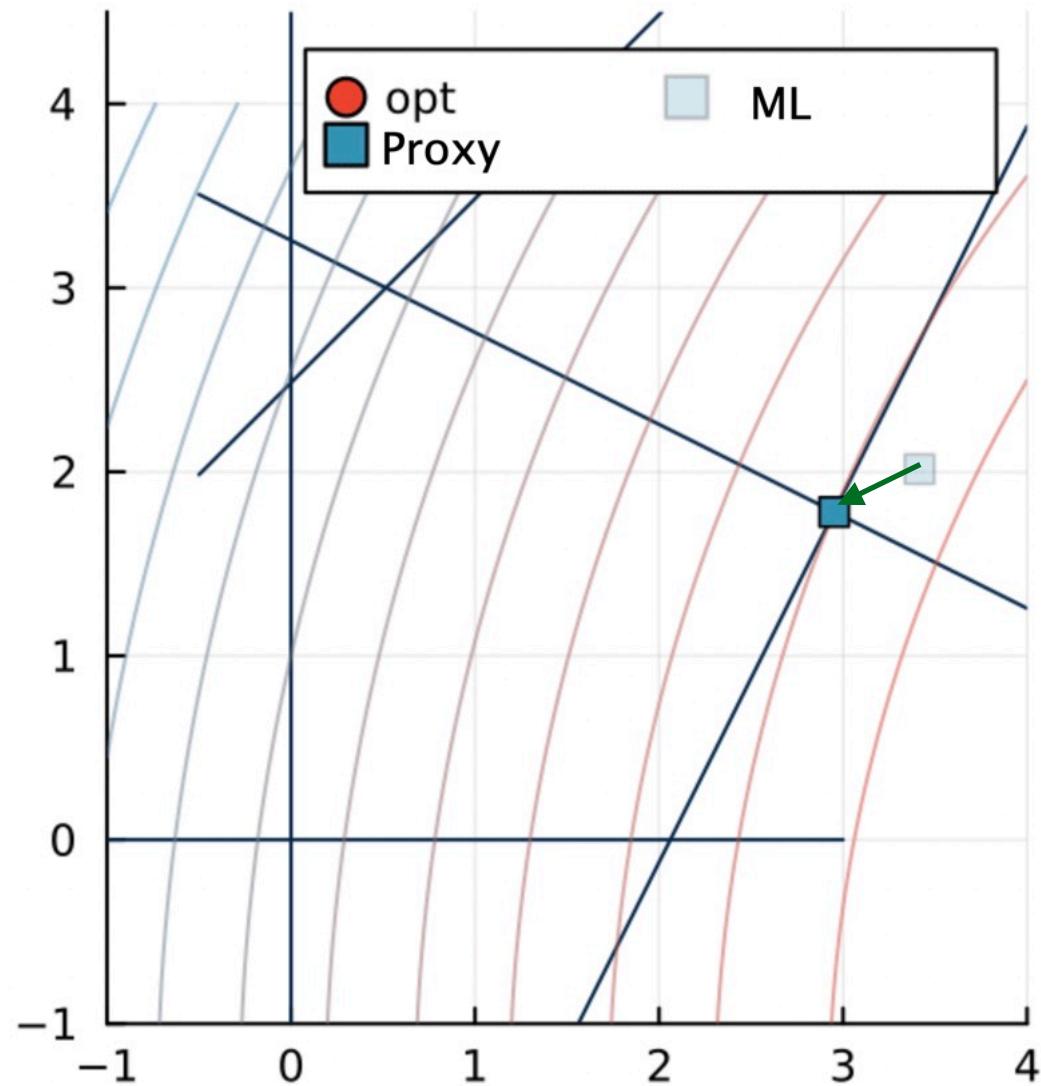


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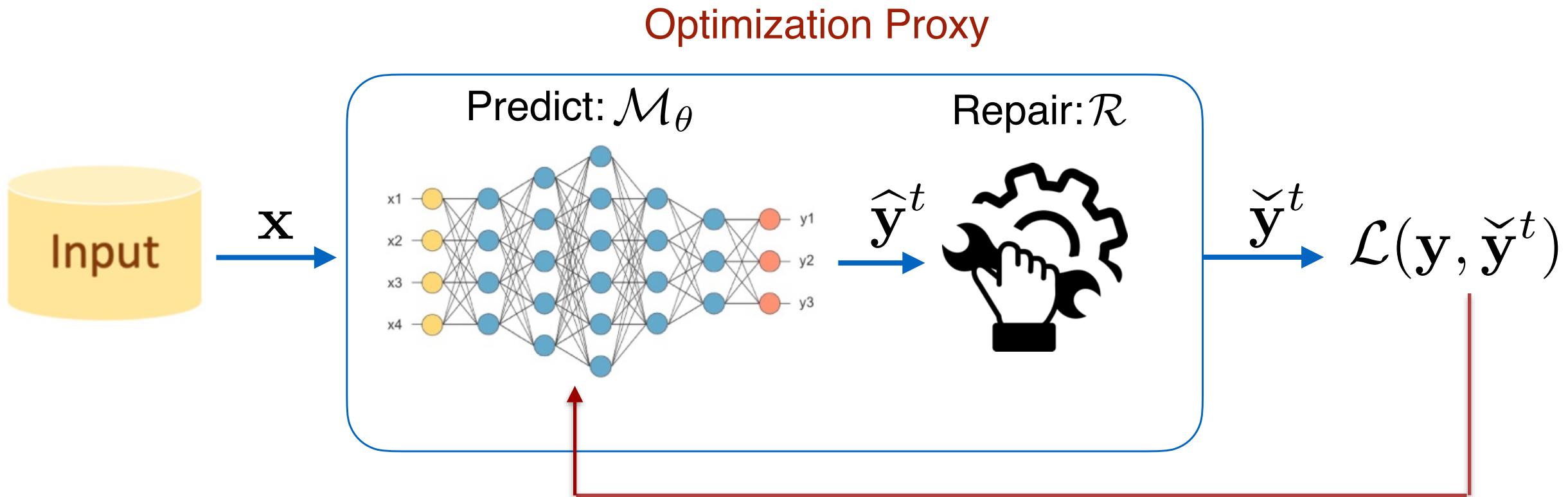


	MAE	gap	viol
ML	+0.54	-0.29	+1.31
Proxy	+0.00	-0.00	+0.00

Repair Step

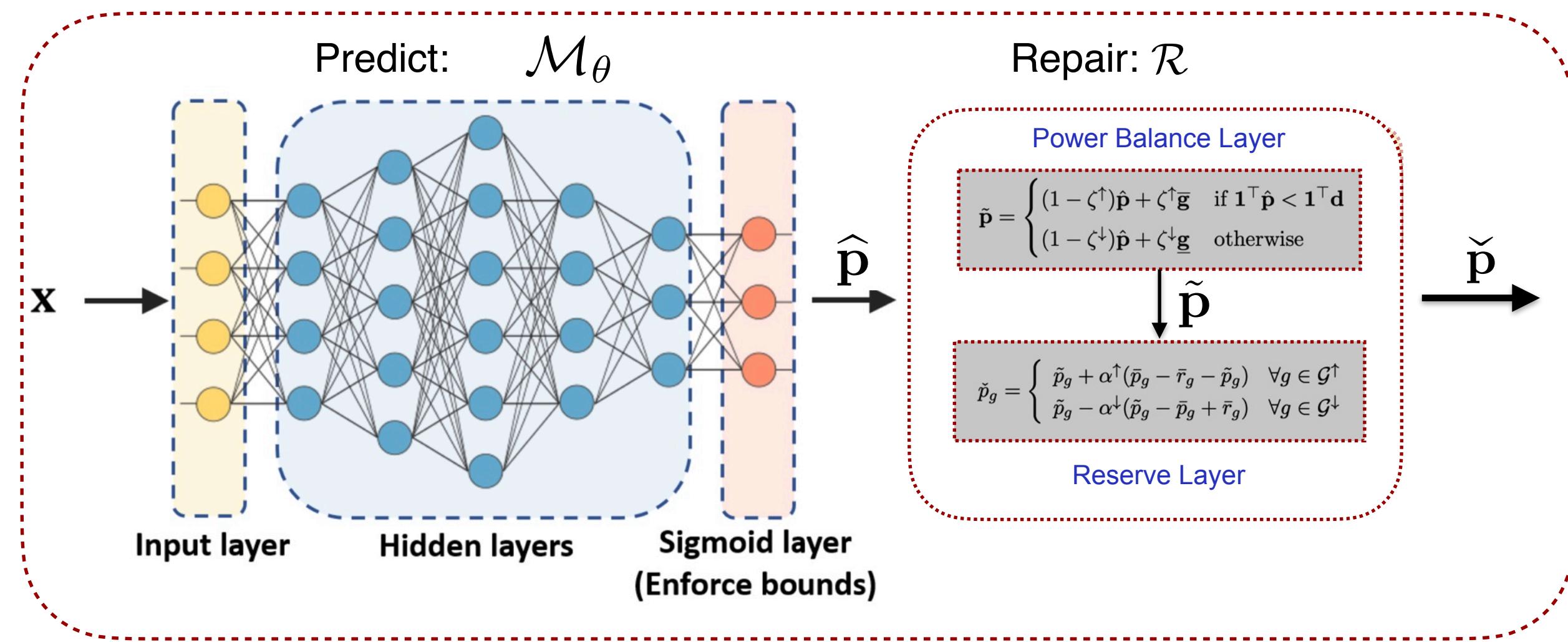


Training the Optimization Proxy

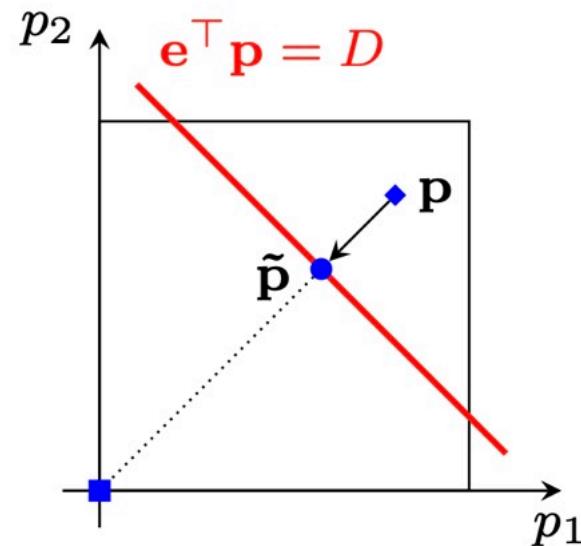
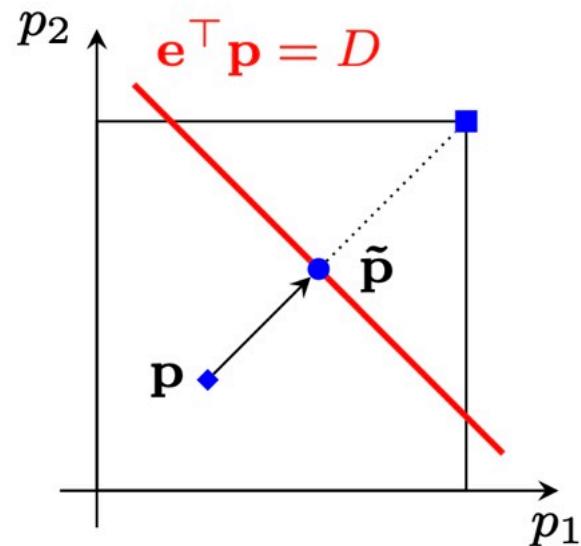


$$\text{Gradient Step: } \theta^{t+1} = \theta^t - \alpha \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{y}, \check{\mathbf{y}}^t)}{\partial \theta}$$

The Primal ED Proxy



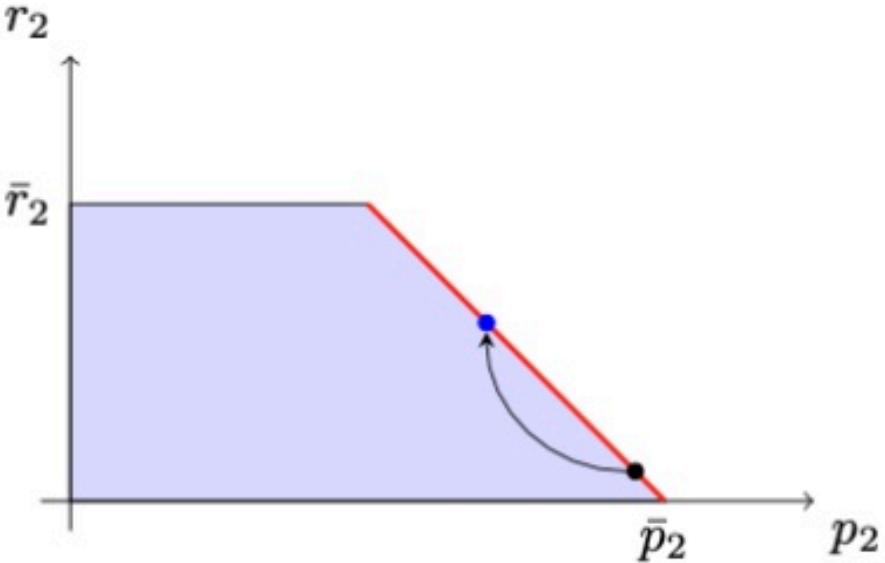
Repairing the Power Balance



proportional
response

$$\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{p}) = \begin{cases} (1 - \eta^\uparrow)\mathbf{p} + \eta^\uparrow \bar{\mathbf{p}} & \text{if } \mathbf{e}^\top \mathbf{p} < D \\ (1 - \eta^\downarrow)\mathbf{p} + \eta^\downarrow \mathbf{0} & \text{if } \mathbf{e}^\top \mathbf{p} \geq D \end{cases}$$

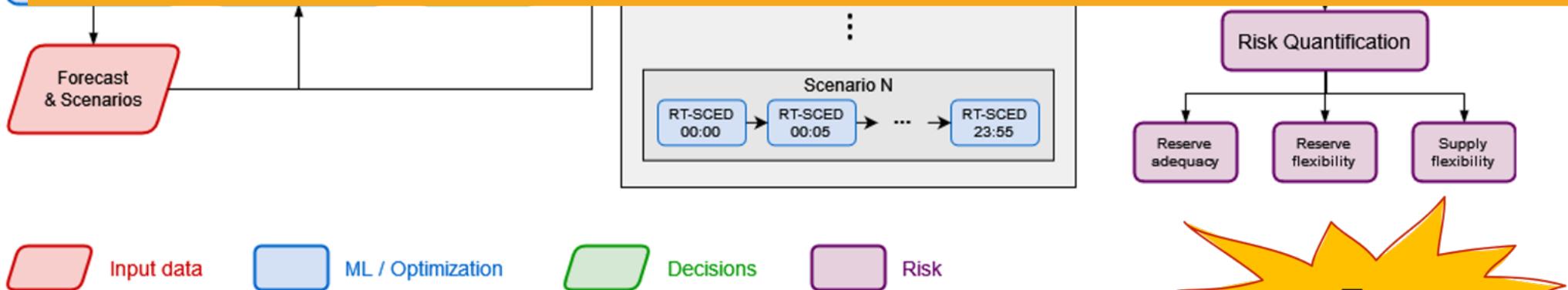
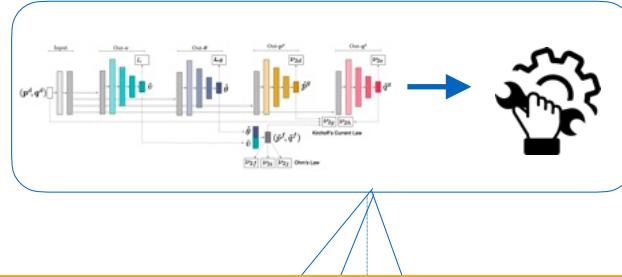
Increasing the Reserves



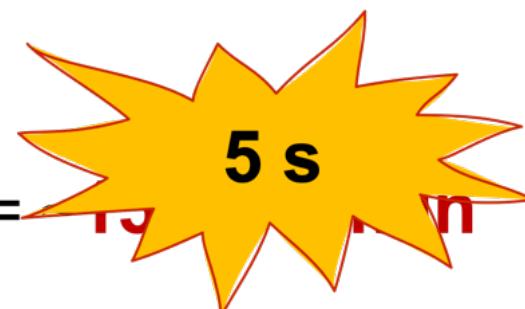
Greedy Generators

\mathcal{G}^{\downarrow}

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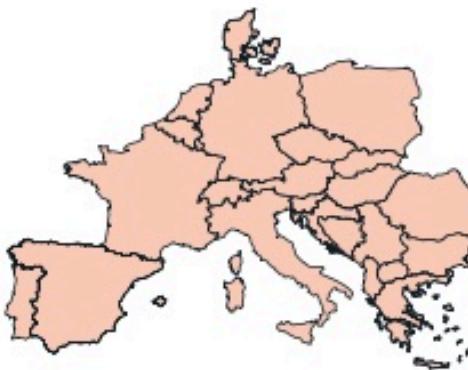




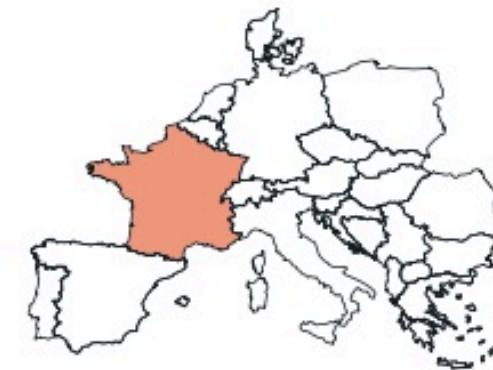
Power plant outage



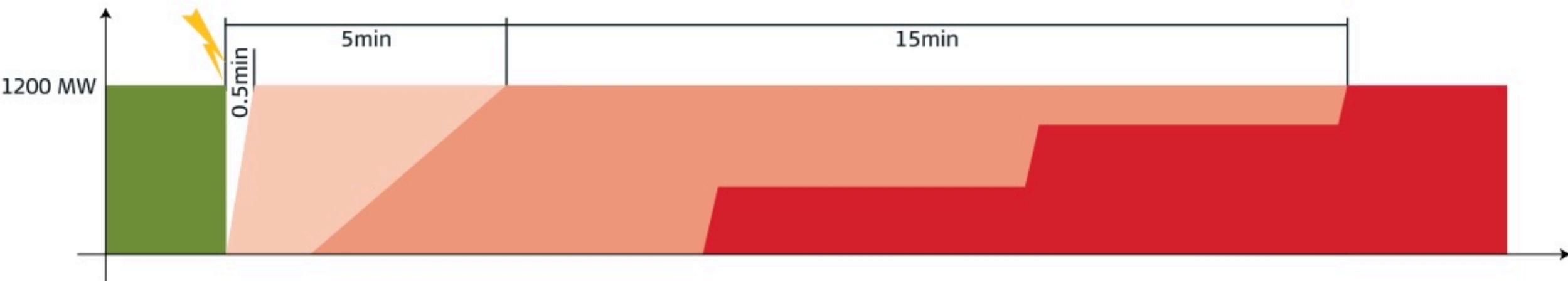
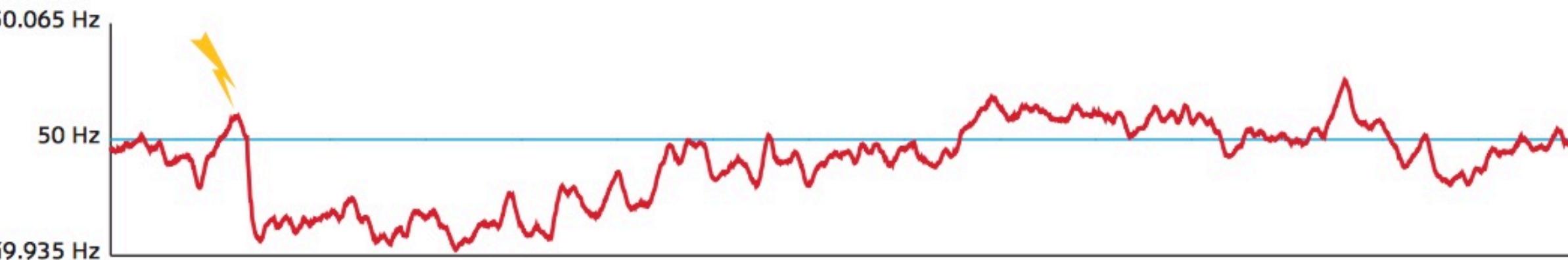
Primary control



Secondary control



Tertiary control



Security-Constrained OPF

$$\min_{\mathbf{g}, \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{g}_k, \boldsymbol{\rho}_k, n_k \end{bmatrix}_{k \in \mathcal{K}_g}, [\boldsymbol{\eta}_k]_{k \in \{0\} \cup \mathcal{K}_g \cup \mathcal{K}_e}} \mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{g} + M_\eta \left(\sum_{k \in \{0\} \cup \mathcal{K}_g \cup \mathcal{K}_e} \|\boldsymbol{\eta}_k\|_1 \right) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{s. t.: } \mathbf{1}^\top \mathbf{g} = \mathbf{1}^\top \mathbf{d} \quad (2)$$

$$\underline{\mathbf{f}} - \boldsymbol{\eta}_0 \leq \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{B}\mathbf{g}) \leq \bar{\mathbf{f}} + \boldsymbol{\eta}_0 \quad (3)$$

$$\underline{\mathbf{g}} \leq \mathbf{g} \leq \bar{\mathbf{g}} \quad (4)$$

$$\mathbf{1}^\top \mathbf{g}_k = \mathbf{1}^\top \mathbf{d} \quad \forall k \in \mathcal{K}_g \quad (5)$$

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$$\underline{g}_i \leq g_{k,i} \leq \bar{g}_i \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{G}, \forall k \in \mathcal{K}_g, i \neq k \quad (7)$$

$$g_{k,k} = 0 \quad \forall k \in \mathcal{K}_n \quad (8)$$

$$|g_{k,i} - g_i| \leq k \quad (9)$$

$$g_i + n_k \gamma_i \leq k \quad (10)$$

$$g_{k,i} \geq \hat{g}_i \quad (11)$$

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$$\boldsymbol{\eta}_k \geq 0 \quad \dots \subset \dots \subset \dots \subset \dots \subset \dots \quad (13)$$

$$n_k \in [0, 1] \quad \forall k \in \mathcal{K}_g \quad (14)$$

$$\rho_{k,i} \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{G}, \forall k \in \mathcal{K}_g, i \neq k \quad (15)$$

Contingencies

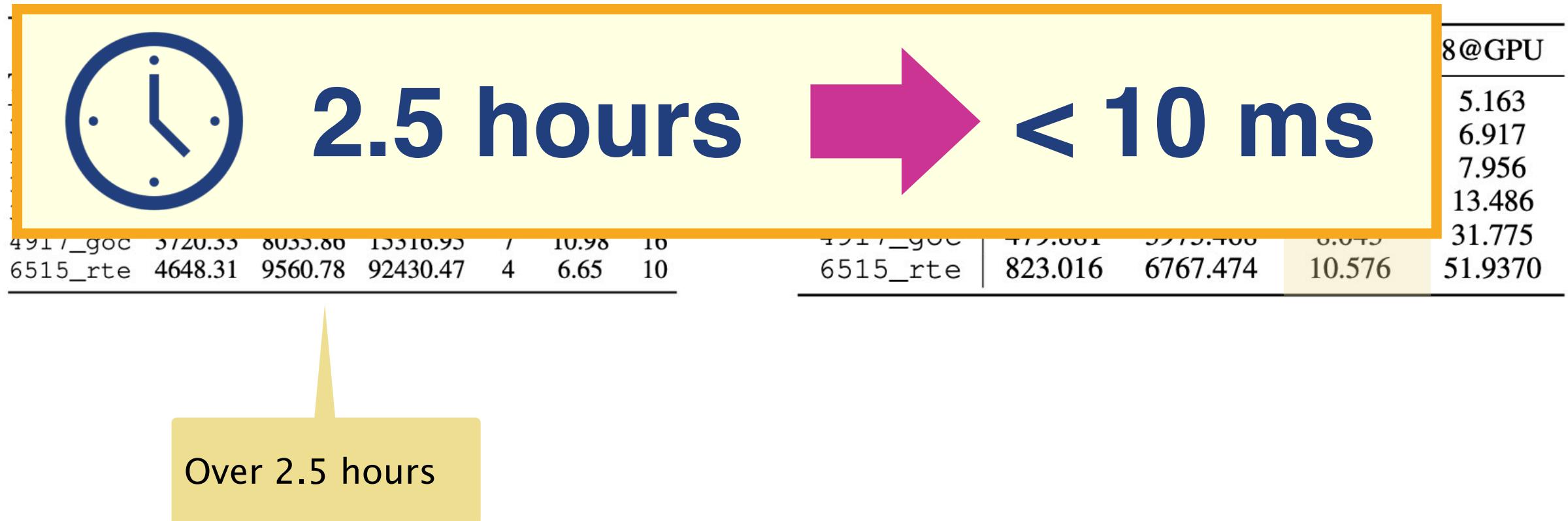
Power Balance in
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thermal limits

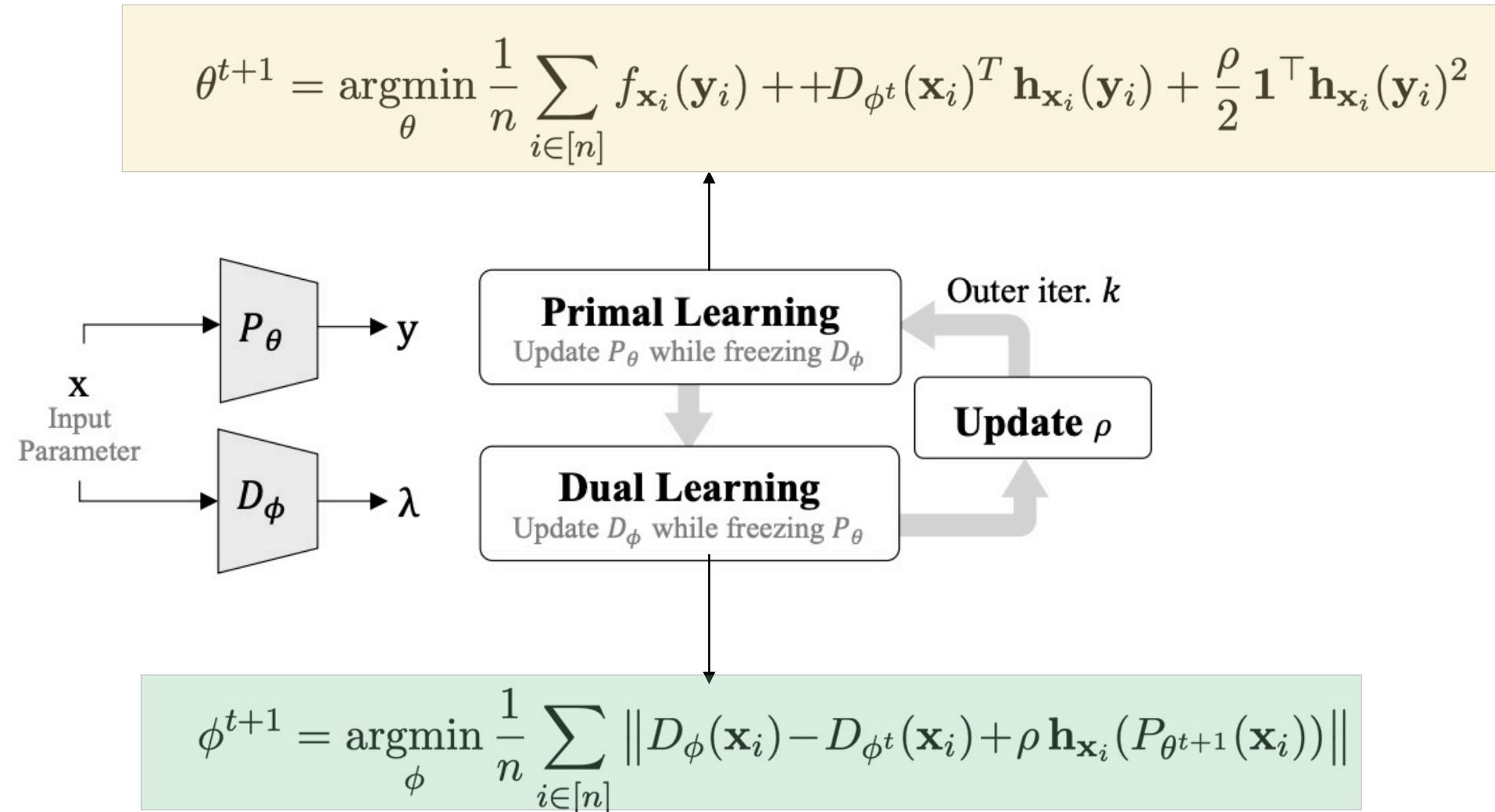
Case Studies

A. Velloso, P. Van Hentenryck, and S. E. Johnson. An exact and scalable problem decomposition for security-constrained optimal power flow. *Electric Power Systems Research* 195(June): 106677, 2021.

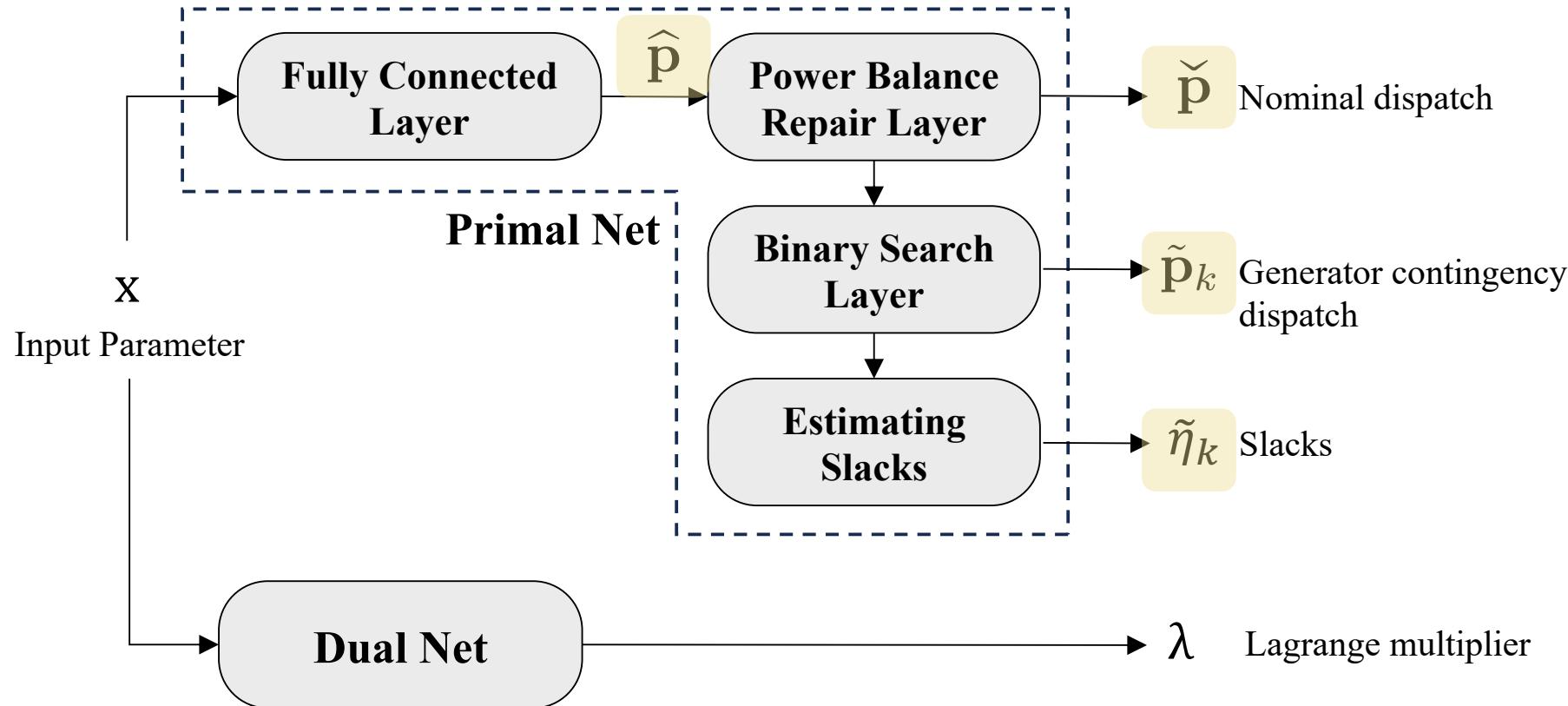
Inference Times in ms



Self-Supervised Primal-Dual Learning



The Primal and Dual Networks



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Self-Supervised Learning for Large-Scale Preventive Security Constrained DC Optimal Power Flow

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A stylized illustration of a finish line ribbon, which is orange with the word "FINISH" in white capital letters, draped over a dark grey silhouette of a person's head and shoulders. The background features a colorful, abstract city skyline with various buildings of different heights and colors, including shades of blue, yellow, and grey.

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