

Multilevel mixed-integer nonlinear optimization for electricity market design: Motivation, models, solution techniques, and results

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Motivation & Introduction

Wenn der Strompreis geteilt wird

Die EU-Staaten treiben die Energiewende voran. Der Stromriese RWE warnt vor einem Kohleausstieg durch die Hintertür. Und sollte Deutschland beim Netzausbau nicht vorankommen, droht die Aufteilung in mehrere Preiszonen.



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20 unterschiedliche Strompreiszonen in Deutschland?

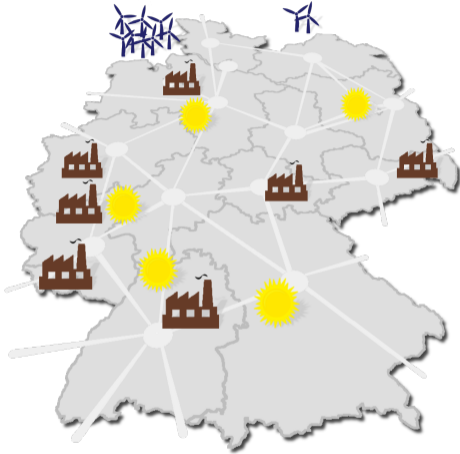
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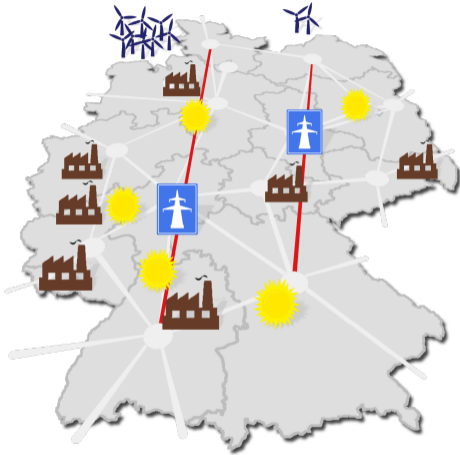
Bisher wird Strom zentral gehandelt. Rund herum strickt sich ein kompliziertes System aus Entgelten, Steuern, Abgaben und Umlagen. Ein einflussreicher Think Tank hat nun radikale Reformvorschläge vorgelegt.



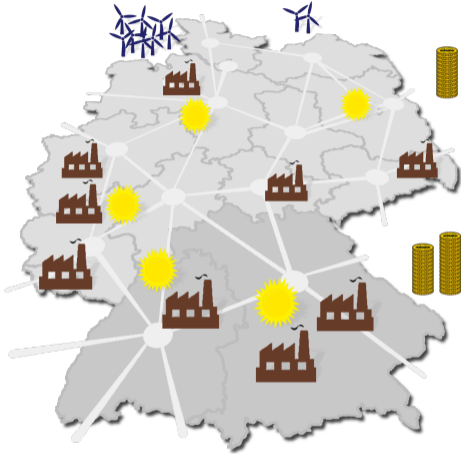
- “The old system”
- Conventional producers
- Tailored network



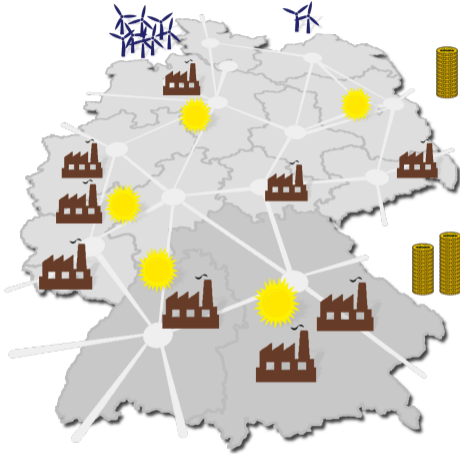
- The system changed in the last years
- More and more renewable energy
- Most of it in the northern part of Germany



- **Problem**
north-south bottlenecks in the network
- **Remedy #1**
line expansion



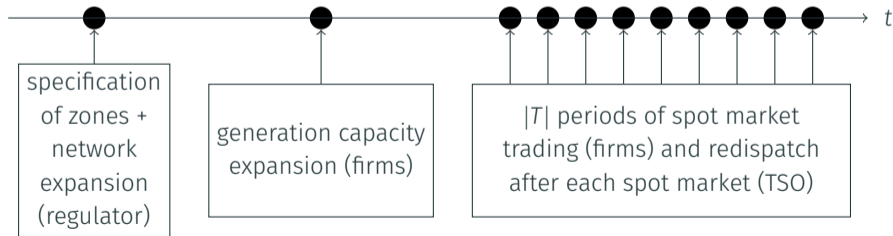
- **Problem**
north-south bottlenecks in the network
- **Remedy #2**
more power generation in the south
- Needs to be incentivized
- Higher electricity prices in the south



- Given a number k of price zones
- What is the best configuration of price zones in combination with a possible network expansion?
- Graph partitioning
- Network design

Liberalized Electricity Markets

1. Specification of price zones & network expansion
2. Generation capacity investment by profit-maximizing firms
3. Zonal spot-market trading
 - Intra-zonal network constraints: **ignored** at the spot market
 - Inter-zonal network constraints: (partly) **respected** at the spot market
4. Cost-based redispatch (if required)

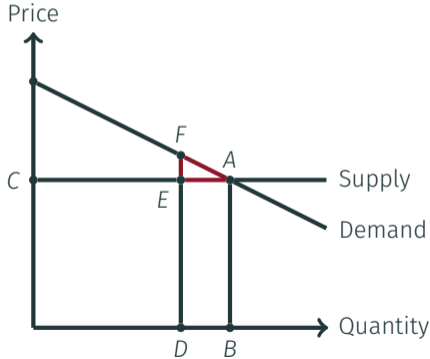


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- **Energy-only market**
equilibrium quantity B
equilibrium price C
- **Transmission constraints**
transportable capacity D
- Producer pays to TSO: $ABDE$
- TSO pays to consumer: $ABDF$
- **TSO's cost: AEF**

A Mixed-Integer Multilevel Model

max total social welfare (regulator)

s.t. network design

graph partitioning with connectivity constraints

max profits (competitive firms)

s.t. generation capacity investment

production & demand constraints

Kirchhoff's 1st law (zonal)

flow restrictions (inter-zonal)

min redispatch costs (TSO)

s.t. production & demand constraints

lossless DC power flow constraints

$$\max \quad \psi_1 = \sum_{t \in T} \sum_{n \in N} \left(\sum_{c \in C_n} \int_0^{d_{c,t}^{\text{red}}} p_{c,t}(\omega) d\omega - \sum_{g \in G_n^{\text{all}}} c_g^{\text{var}} q_{g,t}^{\text{red}} \right) - \sum_{n \in N} \sum_{g \in G_n^{\text{new}}} c_g^{\text{inv}} \bar{q}_g^{\text{new}} - \sum_{l \in L^{\text{new}}} c_l^{\text{inv}} z_l$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad z_l \in \{0, 1\}, \quad l \in L^{\text{new}},$$

$$x_{n,i} \in \{0, 1\}, \quad n \in N, \quad i \in [k],$$

$$\sum_{i \in [k]} x_{n,i} = 1, \quad n \in N,$$

... to be continued ...

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$$s_{n,i} \in \{0, 1\}, \quad s_{n,i} \leq x_{n,i}, \quad n \in N, i \in [k],$$

$$\sum_{n \in N} s_{n,i} = 1, \quad i \in [k],$$

$$0 \leq u_a^i, \quad a \in \{(n, m), (m, n)\}, l = (n, m) \in L, i \in [k],$$

$$u_a^i \leq z_l, \quad a \in \{(n, m), (m, n)\}, l = (n, m) \in L^{\text{new}}, i \in [k],$$

$$\sum_{a \in \delta_n^{\text{out}}} u_a^i \leq Mx_{n,i}, \quad n \in N, i \in [k],$$

$$\sum_{a \in \delta_n^{\text{out}}} u_a^i - \sum_{a \in \delta_n^{\text{in}}} u_a^i \geq x_{n,i} - Ms_{n,i}, \quad n \in N, i \in [k],$$

$$y_l \in \{0, 1\}, \quad x_{n,i} + x_{m,i} + y_l \leq 2, \quad l = (n, m) \in L,$$

$$x_{n,i} - x_{m,i} \leq y_l, \quad x_{m,i} - x_{n,i} \leq y_l, \quad l = (n, m) \in L.$$

$$\max \psi_2 = \sum_{t \in T} \sum_{n \in N} \left(\sum_{c \in C_n} \int_0^{d_{c,t}^{\text{spot}}} p_{c,t}(\omega) d\omega - \sum_{g \in G_n^{\text{all}}} c_g^{\text{var}} q_{g,t}^{\text{spot}} \right) - \sum_{n \in N} \sum_{g \in G_n^{\text{new}}} c_g^{\text{inv}} \bar{q}_g^{\text{new}}$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad -Mz_l \leq f_{l,t}^{\text{spot}} \leq Mz_l, \quad l \in L^{\text{new}}, t \in T,$$

$$d_{n,t}^{\text{spot}} = \sum_{c \in C_n} d_{c,t}^{\text{spot}}, \quad q_{n,t}^{\text{spot}} = \sum_{g \in G_n^{\text{all}}} q_{g,t}^{\text{spot}}, \quad n \in N, t \in T,$$

$$D_{i,t} = \sum_{n \in N} x_{n,i} d_{n,t}^{\text{spot}}, \quad Q_{i,t} = \sum_{n \in N} x_{n,i} q_{n,t}^{\text{spot}}, \quad i \in [k], t \in T,$$

$$F_{i,t}^{\text{in}} = \sum_{l=(n,m) \in L} (1 - x_{n,i}) x_{m,i} f_{l,t}^{\text{spot}}, \quad i \in [k], t \in T,$$

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$$D_{i,t} + F_{i,t}^{\text{out}} = Q_{i,t} + F_{i,t}^{\text{in}}, \quad i \in [k], t \in T,$$

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$$-\bar{f}_l - (1 - y_l)M \leq f_{l,t}^{\text{spot}} \leq \bar{f}_l + (1 - y_l)M, \quad l \in L, t \in T,$$

$$\bar{q}_g^{\text{new}} \leq \hat{q}_g^{\text{new}}, \quad g \in G_n^{\text{new}}, n \in N,$$

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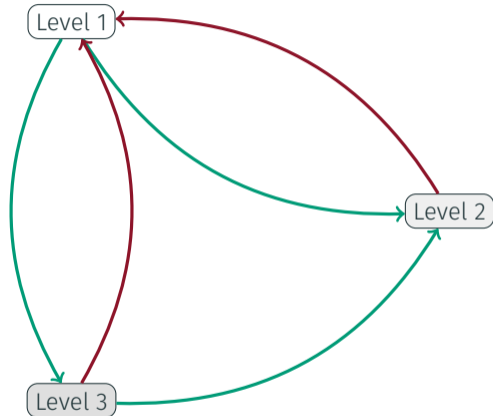
$$0 \leq q_{g,t}^{\text{spot}} \leq \bar{q}_g^{\text{ex}}, \quad g \in G_n^{\text{ex}}, n \in N, t \in T,$$

$$0 \leq d_{c,t}^{\text{spot}}, \quad c \in C_n, n \in N, t \in T.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\min \quad & \psi_3 = \sum_{t \in T} \sum_{n \in N} \sum_{c \in C_n} \int_{d_{c,t}^{\text{red}}}^{d_{c,t}^{\text{spot}}} p_{c,t}(\omega) d\omega + \sum_{t \in T} \sum_{n \in N} \sum_{g \in G_n^{\text{all}}} c_g^{\text{var}} (q_{g,t}^{\text{red}} - q_{g,t}^{\text{spot}}) \\
\text{s.t.} \quad & \sum_{c \in C_n} d_{c,t}^{\text{red}} + \sum_{l \in \delta_n^{\text{out}}} f_{l,t}^{\text{red}} = \sum_{g \in G_n^{\text{all}}} q_{g,t}^{\text{red}} + \sum_{l \in \delta_n^{\text{in}}} f_{l,t}^{\text{red}}, \quad n \in N, t \in T, \\
& f_{l,t}^{\text{red}} = B_l(\theta_{n,t} - \theta_{t,m}), \quad l = (n, m) \in L^{\text{ex}}, t \in T, \\
& M(z_l - 1) \leq f_{l,t}^{\text{red}} - B_l(\theta_{n,t} - \theta_{t,m}), \quad l = (n, m) \in L^{\text{new}}, t \in T, \\
& M(1 - z_l) \geq f_{l,t}^{\text{red}} - B_l(\theta_{n,t} - \theta_{t,m}), \quad l = (n, m) \in L^{\text{new}}, t \in T, \\
& \theta_{t,\hat{n}} = 0, \quad t \in T \\
& -\bar{f}_l \leq f_{l,t}^{\text{red}} \leq \bar{f}_l, \quad l \in L^{\text{ex}}, t \in T, \\
& -\bar{f}_l z_l \leq f_{l,t}^{\text{red}} \leq \bar{f}_l z_l, \quad l \in L^{\text{new}}, t \in T, \\
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& 0 \leq d_{c,t}^{\text{red}}, \quad c \in C_n, n \in N, t \in T.
\end{aligned}$$

Trilevel Model Structure

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & \psi_1(W_2, W_3, X_1) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & (W_1, X_1) \in \Omega_1 \\ \max \quad & \psi_2(W_2) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & (W_2, X_1) \in \Omega_2 \\ \min \quad & \psi_3(W_2, W_3) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & (W_2, W_3, X_1) \in \Omega_3 \end{aligned}$$



Solution Approaches

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- Reduction to a bilevel problem
- Lower level is a concave QP for fixed discrete first-level variables
- KKT reformulation + big-M linearization of KKT complementarity conditions
- Final result: single-level MIQP
- Still very(!) hard to solve
- Valid inequalities for stronger dual bounds (see paper)

Master problem (MIQP)

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & \tau - \sum_{l \in L^{\text{new}}} c_l^{\text{inv}} z_l \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \tau \leq a^\top \begin{pmatrix} x \\ z \end{pmatrix} + b, \quad (a, b) \in O, \end{aligned}$$

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Subproblem(s)

- 2nd (spot market) and 3rd level (redispatch)
 - Convex quadratic problems
- Can be solved sequentially
- Construct cuts for the master problem based on the subproblem's solution

Benders-like Decomposition: Key Lemma

Suppose that “a reasonable assumption” holds. Let $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{F}_1^{\text{proj}}$ and let $O = O(\mathcal{F})$ consist of the cuts

$$\begin{aligned}\tau &\leq \psi_2^*(\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z}) - \psi_3^*(\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z}) \\ &\quad + \psi_{\text{ub}}^* \left(\sum_{i \in [k]} \sum_{n \in N: \hat{x}_{n,i}=0} x_{n,i} + \sum_{i \in [k]} \sum_{n \in N: \hat{x}_{n,i}=1} (1 - x_{n,i}) \right) \\ &\quad + \psi_{\text{ub}}^* \left(\sum_{l \in L^{\text{new}}: \hat{z}_l=0} z_l + \sum_{l \in L^{\text{new}}: \hat{z}_l=1} (1 - z_l) \right), \\ \tau &\leq \psi_{\text{ub}}^*(\hat{z}) + \psi_{\text{ub}}^* \left(\sum_{l \in L^{\text{new}}: \hat{z}_l=0} z_l + \sum_{l \in L^{\text{new}}: \hat{z}_l=1} (1 - z_l) \right),\end{aligned}$$

for all $(\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z}) \in \mathcal{F}$. Furthermore, let O contain the cut

$$\tau \leq \psi_{\text{ub}}^*.$$

Then for any point $(x, y, z, s, u) \in \mathcal{F}_1$, there exists a point $(x, y, z, s, u, \tau) \in \mathcal{F}_M^O$ that satisfies

$$\tau - \sum_{l \in L^{\text{new}}} c_l^{\text{inv}} z_l \geq \psi_1^*(x, y, z).$$

Benders-like Decomposition

Input: The trilevel problem.

Output: A globally optimal solution for the trilevel problem.

Initialize $O \leftarrow \{(0, \psi_{ub}^*)\}$, $\Theta \leftarrow 0$, $\phi \leftarrow \infty$, $\mathcal{Z} \leftarrow \emptyset$, $\mathcal{S} \leftarrow \emptyset$.

while $\Theta < \phi$ **do**

 Solve the master problem.

 Let $(\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z})$ be part of its optimal solution, set ϕ to its optimal value.

 Solve the second-level problem with fixed $(\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z})$.

 Let $(q^{\text{spot}}, d^{\text{spot}}, \bar{q}^{\text{new}})$ be part of its optimal solution and let $\psi_2^*(\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z})$ be its optimal value.

 Solve the third-level problem with fixed $(\hat{z}, q^{\text{spot}}, d^{\text{spot}}, \bar{q}^{\text{new}})$.

 Let $(q^{\text{red}}, d^{\text{red}}, f^{\text{red}}, \theta)$ be its optimal solution and let $\psi_3^*(\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z})$ be its optimal value.

if $\psi = \psi_2^*(\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z}) - \psi_3^*(\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z}) - \sum_{l \in L^{\text{new}}} c^{\text{inv}} \hat{z}_l > \Theta$ **then**

 Set $\Theta \leftarrow \psi$ and $\mathcal{S} \leftarrow (\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z}, q^{\text{spot}}, d^{\text{spot}}, \bar{q}^{\text{new}}, q^{\text{red}}, d^{\text{red}}, f^{\text{red}}, \theta)$.

 Add first cut to O .

if $\hat{z} \notin \mathcal{Z}$ **then** add second cut to O .

return \mathcal{S} .

Correctness

Suppose that “some reasonable assumptions” hold. Assume further that for every (x, y, z) that is part of a feasible solution for the first-level problem, **the second-level solution is unique**, and that the network $G = (N, L)$ is finite and connected. Then, the algorithm terminates within a finite number of iterations and returns a globally optimal solution for the trilevel problem.

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- Grübel, Kleinert, Krebs, Orlinskaya, Schewe, S., Thürauf (Computers & OR, 2020): “On Electricity Market Equilibria with Storages: Modeling, Uniqueness, and a Distributed ADMM”

Numerical Results

$ N $	$ L^{\text{ex}} $	$ L^{\text{new}} $	$ T $
3	3	1	4
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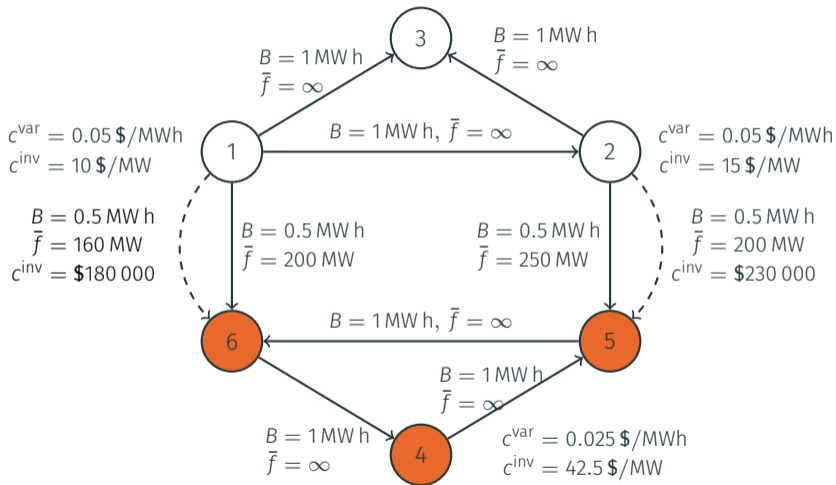
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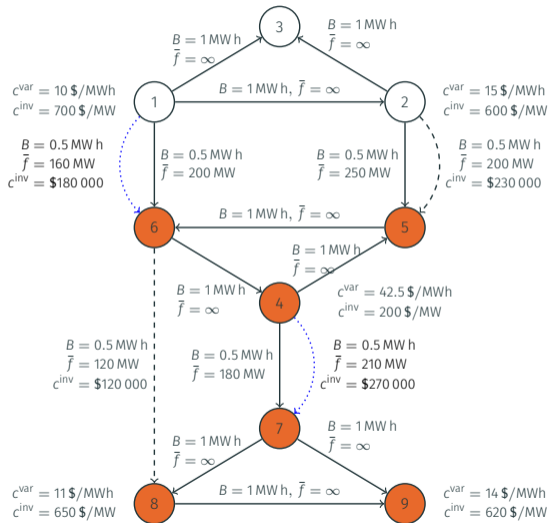
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- Python 2.7.12 using the graph library NetworkX within Anaconda 2.7
- Gurobi 7.5.1 for solving MIQPs, MIPs, or convex QPs

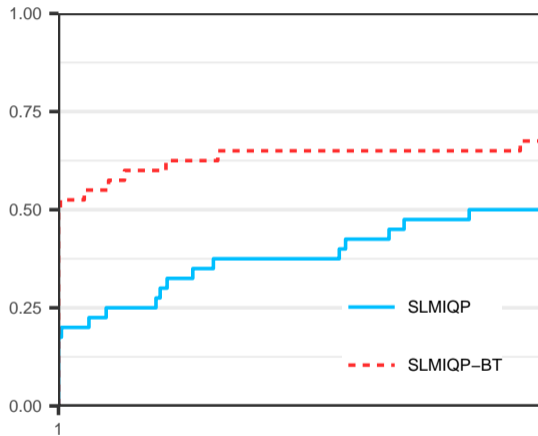
6-Node Network: Based on Chao, Peck (1998)



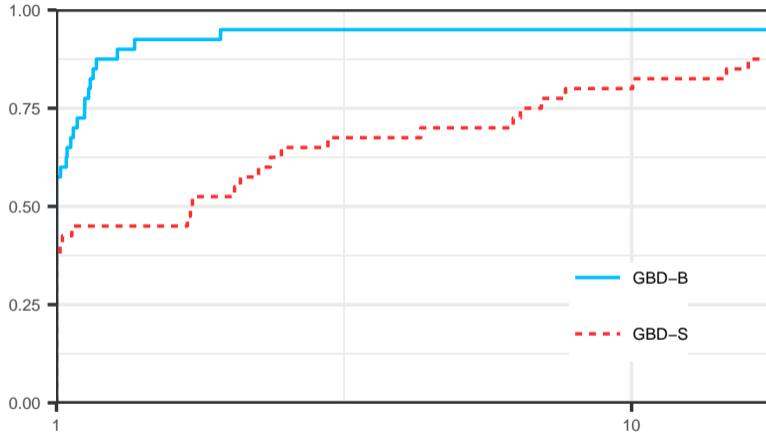
9-Node Network



KKT Transformation



Benders-like Decomposition



Solution Times: Networks with 3 and 6 Nodes

Network	Zones	SLMIQP	SLMIQP-BT	GBD-S	GBD-B
Grimm-et-al-2016-3	1	0.08	0.12	0.04	0.04
Grimm-et-al-2016-3	2	0.06	0.07	0.04	0.05
Grimm-et-al-2016-3	3	0.05	0.06	0.01	0.01
Chao-Peck-1998	1	0.34	0.22	0.06	0.06
Chao-Peck-1998	2	2.43	0.63	0.12	0.13
Chao-Peck-1998	3	2.50	4.78	0.29	0.29
Chao-Peck-1998	4	7.58	6.25	0.25	0.28
Chao-Peck-1998	5	3.89	0.96	0.09	0.10
Chao-Peck-1998	6	1.39	0.81	0.02	0.02
Grimm-et-al-2016-6	1	1.92	1.03	0.16	0.21
Grimm-et-al-2016-6	2	57.06	371.79	1.40	0.81
Grimm-et-al-2016-6	3	—	949.55	4.54	1.84
Grimm-et-al-2016-6	4	1843.84	1241.38	3.61	1.53
Grimm-et-al-2016-6	5	2018.33	381.15	1.29	0.62
Grimm-et-al-2016-6	6	3.10	2.74	0.24	0.23

Solution Times: Networks with 9 Nodes

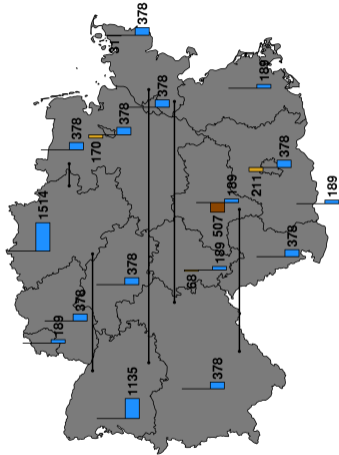
Network	Zones	SLMIQP	SLMIQP-BT	GBD-S	GBD-B
Haefner-2017	1	1.18	0.78	0.12	0.24
Haefner-2017	2	—	—	0.25	0.26
Haefner-2017	3	—	338.32	0.80	0.47
Haefner-2017	4	—	320.19	1.91	0.12
Haefner-2017	5	—	372.47	2.44	0.24
Haefner-2017	6	—	213.06	1.87	0.13
Haefner-2017	7	—	201.83	1.12	0.15
Haefner-2017	8	—	10.31	0.31	0.14
Haefner-2017	9	3.39	3.35	0.10	0.11
Kleinert-Schmidt-2018-9	1	4.65	1.49	3.82	4.38
Kleinert-Schmidt-2018-9	2	—	—	37.55	12.67
Kleinert-Schmidt-2018-9	3	—	—	1944.97	303.54
Kleinert-Schmidt-2018-9	4	—	—	—	1563.77
Kleinert-Schmidt-2018-9	5	—	—	—	2281.35
Kleinert-Schmidt-2018-9	6	—	—	4320.88	694.21
Kleinert-Schmidt-2018-9	7	—	—	350.40	81.49
Kleinert-Schmidt-2018-9	8	—	—	17.73	10.37
Kleinert-Schmidt-2018-9	9	14.03	18.34	3.94	3.88

Solution Times: The 12-Node Network

Network	Zones	SLMIQP	SLMIQP-BT	GBD-S	GBD-B
Kleinert-Schmidt-2018-12	1	7.81	2.44	8.35	11.41
Kleinert-Schmidt-2018-12	2	—	—	4770.68	2338.93
Kleinert-Schmidt-2018-12	3	—	—	—	—
Kleinert-Schmidt-2018-12	9	—	—	—	—
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Real-World Case Study

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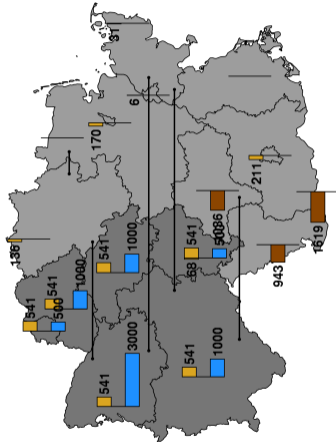
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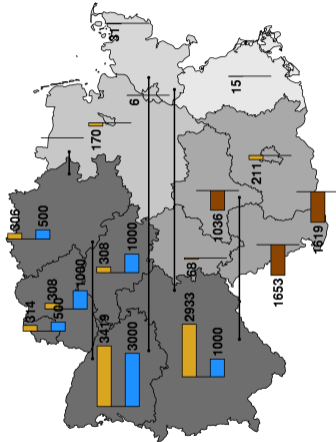
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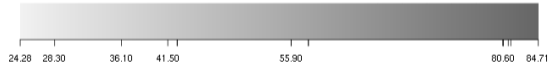
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