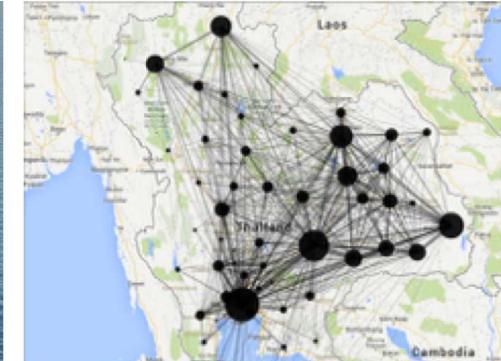


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## Algorithms, Architectures, and Applications: High-Performance Mathematical Programming Approaches for Improved Safety and Security

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# Process Systems Engineering: Computer Aided Decision Making

$$\begin{array}{ll} \min_{\mathbf{x}} & f(\mathbf{x}) \xleftarrow{\hspace{1cm}} \text{Objective Function} \\ \text{s.t.} & c(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \xleftarrow{\hspace{1cm}} \text{Equality Constraints} \\ & d^L \leq d(\mathbf{x}) \leq d^U \xleftarrow{\hspace{1cm}} \text{Inequality Constraints} \\ & x^L \leq \mathbf{x} \leq x^U \xleftarrow{\hspace{1cm}} \text{Variable Bounds} \end{array}$$

## Mathematical programming (i.e. Optimization)

Problem types classified according to:

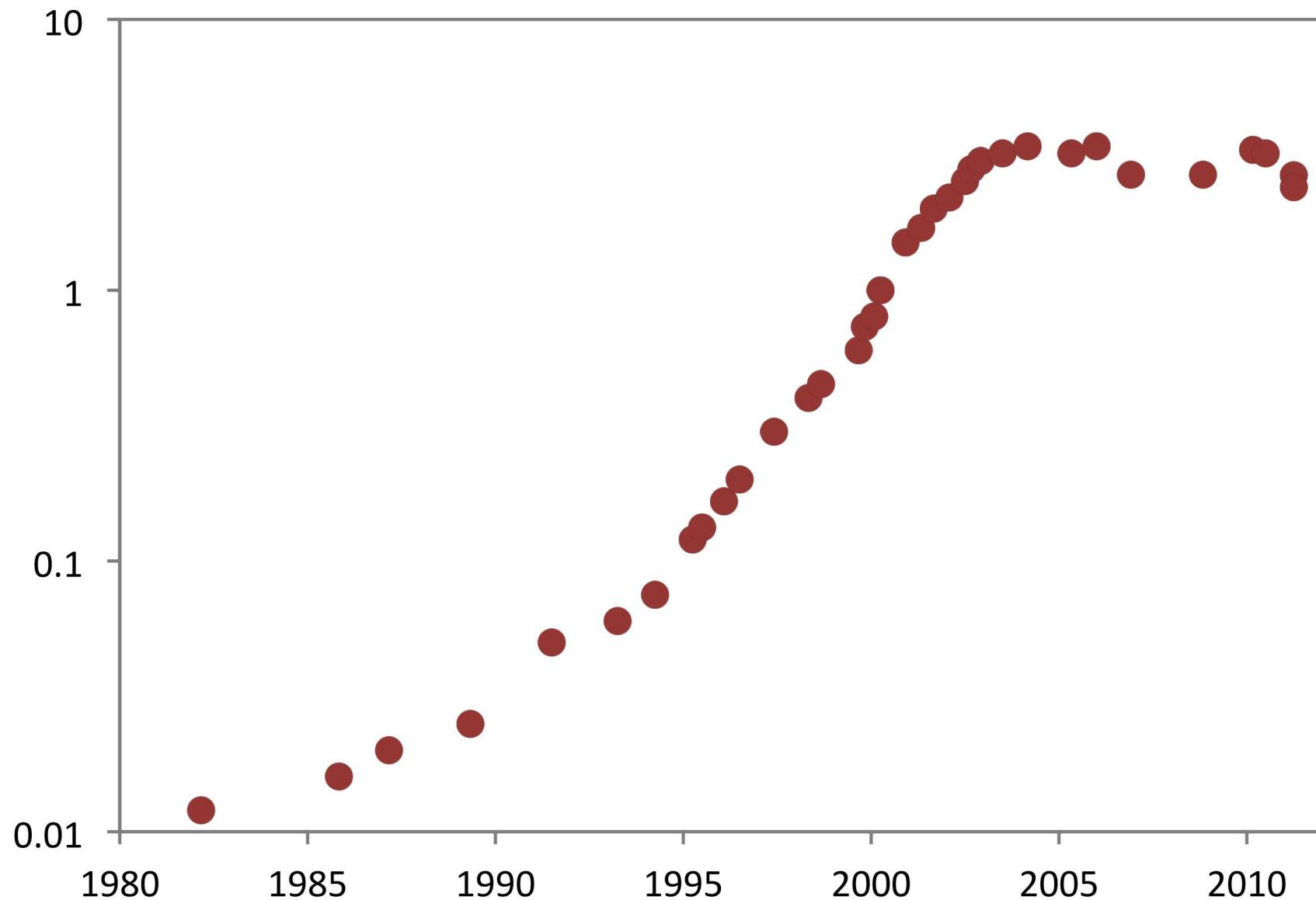
- Linearity/Nonlinearity of objective and constraints
- Continuous/Discrete/Mixed variables

LP, QP, NLP, MILP, MINLP

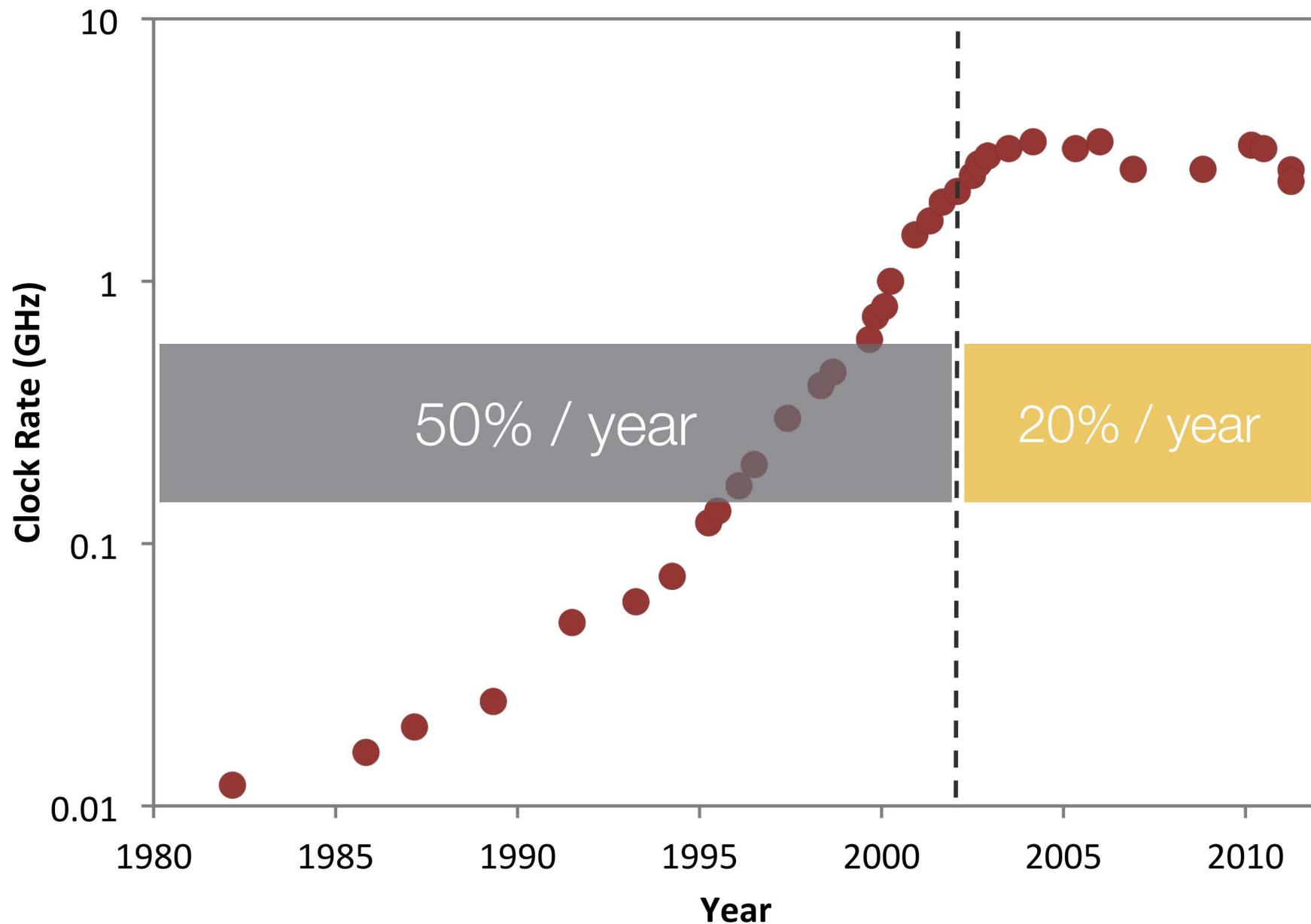
Useful for much more than... “optimization”

Solve relevant science and engineering problems using advanced modeling, mathematical programming (optimization), and high-performance computing

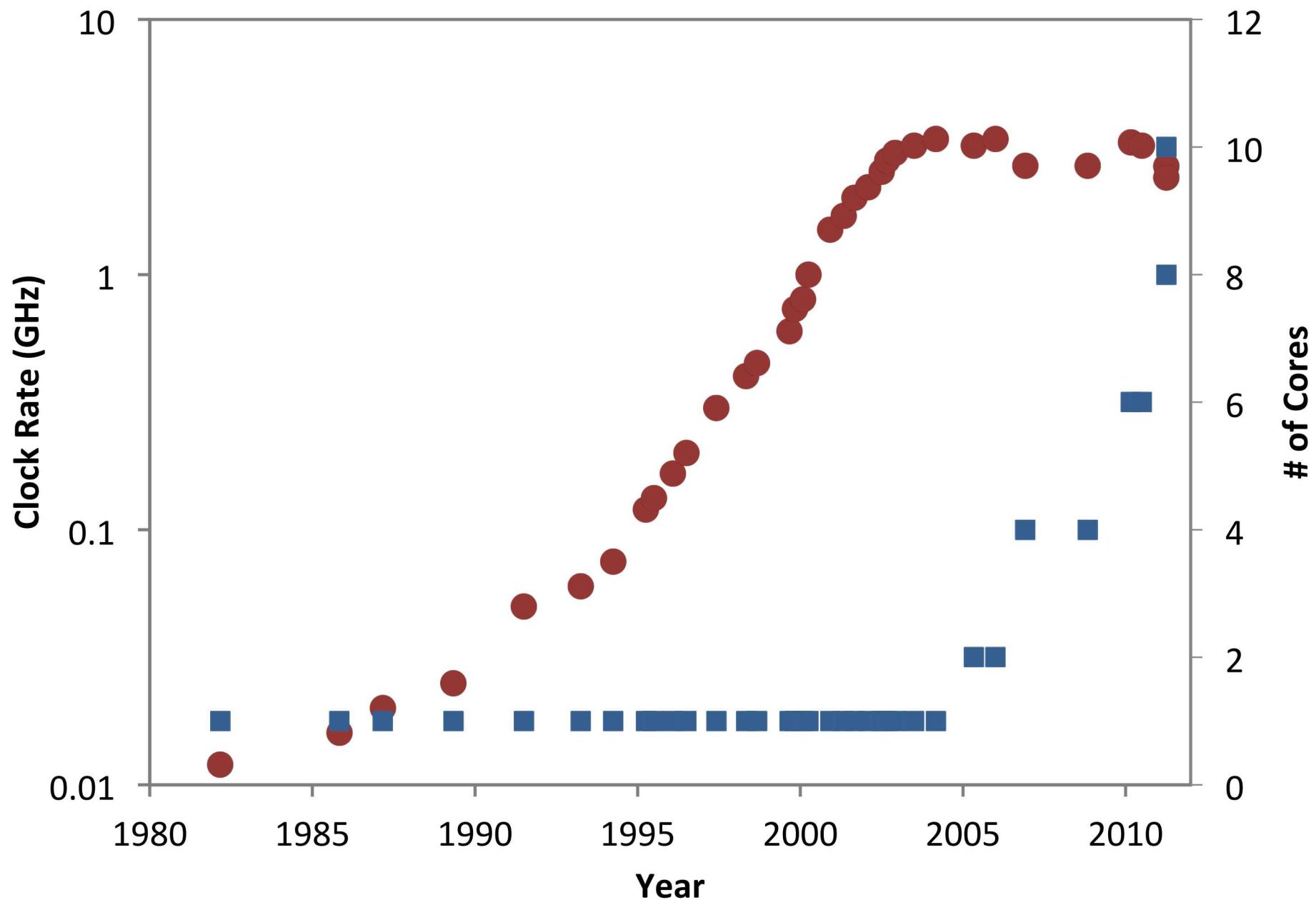
# Landscape of Desktop Scientific Computing



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# Intel Tick-Tock architecture development model

2 designs at each feature size

No more free lunch...

- ½ hardware
- ½ algorithms

65 nm	Tick	Early 2006: Presler
	Tock	Late 2006: Merom
45 nm	Tick	Late 2007: Penryn
	Tock	Late 2008: Nehalem
32 nm	Tick	Early 2010: Westmere
	Tock	Early 2011: Sandy Bridge
22 nm	Process	Early 2012: Ivy Bridge
	Architecture	Mid 2013: Haswell
	Optimization	Mid 2014: Haswell refresh
14 nm	Tick	Late 2014: Broadwell
	Tock	Mid 2015: Skylake
		Early 2017: Kaby Lake
		Late 2017: Coffee Lake



## Applications

EPA, Sandia	FERC, Sandia	U. Florida, Hopkins	P2SAC, MKOPSC
Water Security 	Powergrid Optimization 	Infectious Disease Spread 	Safety Systems Design 



## Adoption

High-level modeling languages and open-source software  
(Pyomo, IPOPT, WST, WNTR, CHAMA, EGRET)



## Architectures

Optimization algorithms  
(NLP, MINLP, SP),  
Numerical analysis,  
Problem formulation



## Algorithms

Scientific computing,  
parallel computing,  
software development

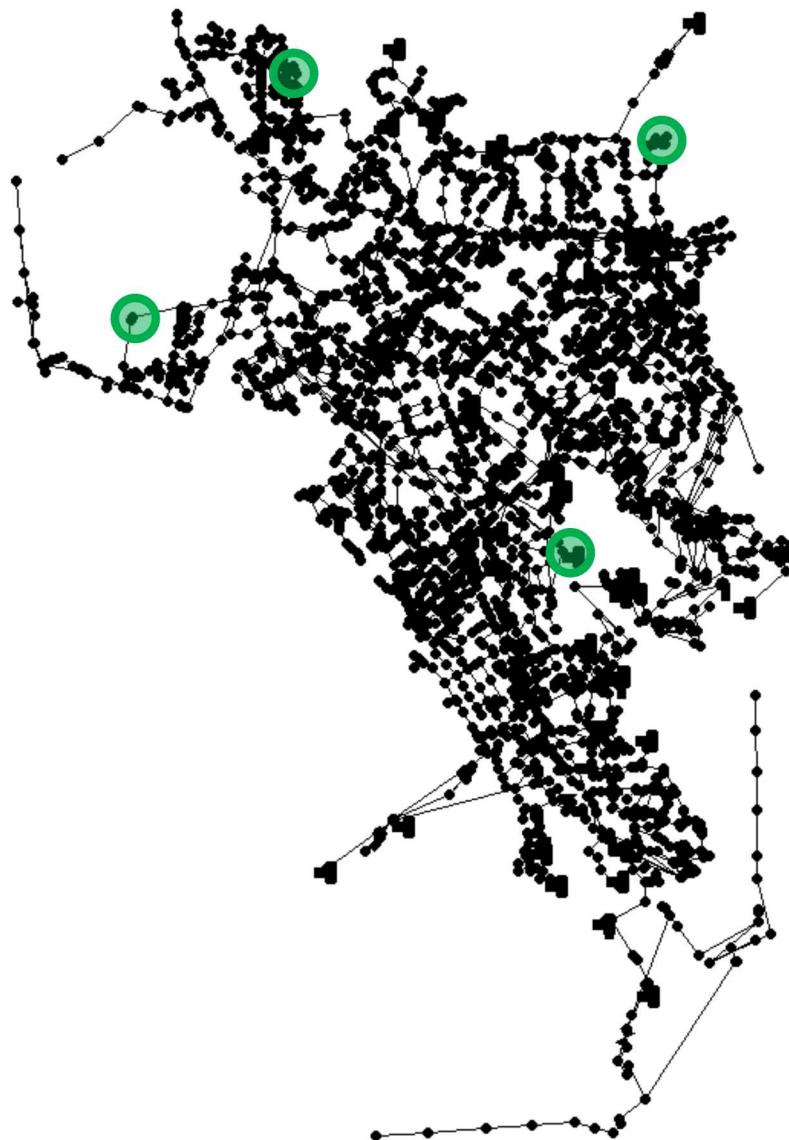
# Protecting Drinking Water Infrastructure



## Water distribution systems

- Large networks of junctions and pipes
- Vulnerable to chemical and biological contamination

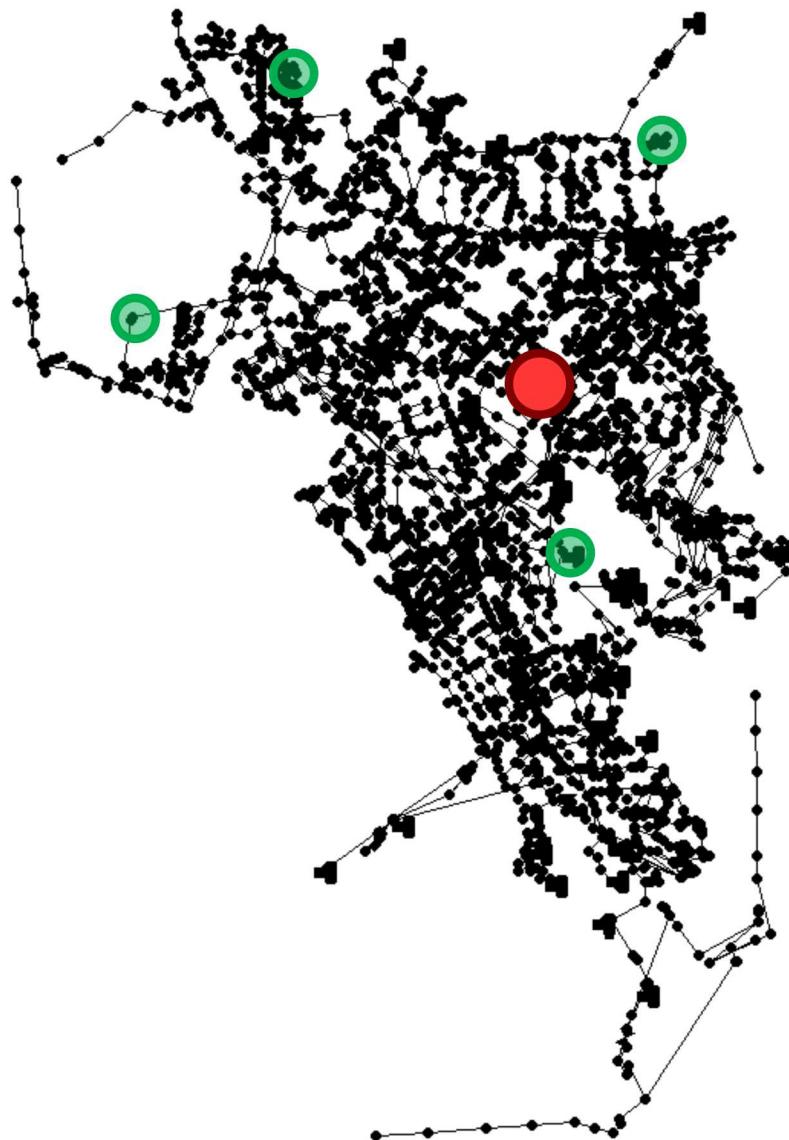
# Early Warning and Response System



Fixed set of sensors

- What technology?
- Where will they be placed?
- How many?

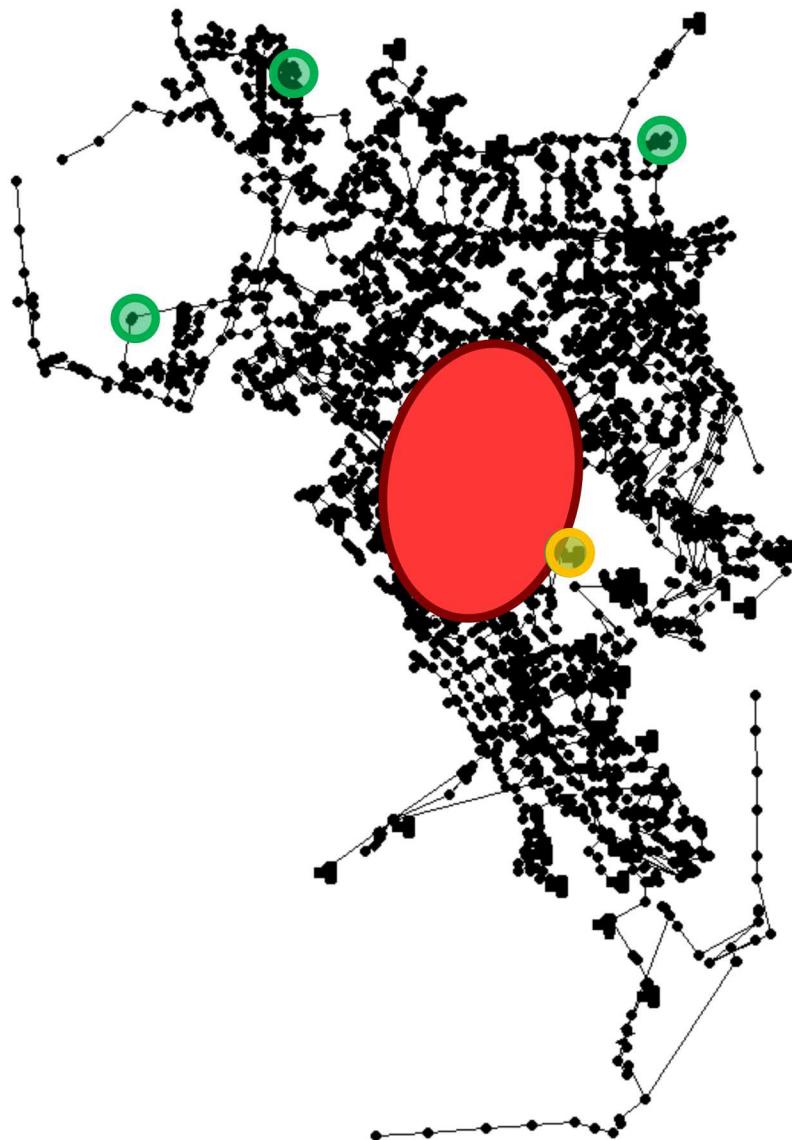
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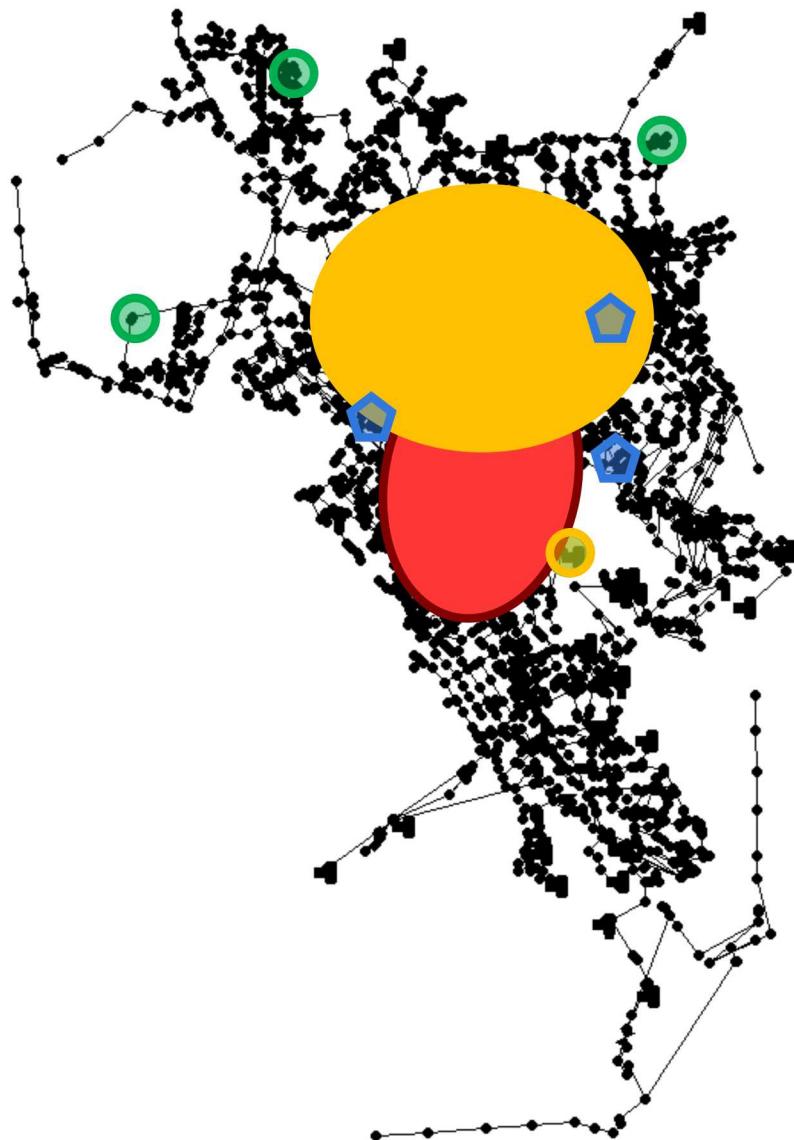
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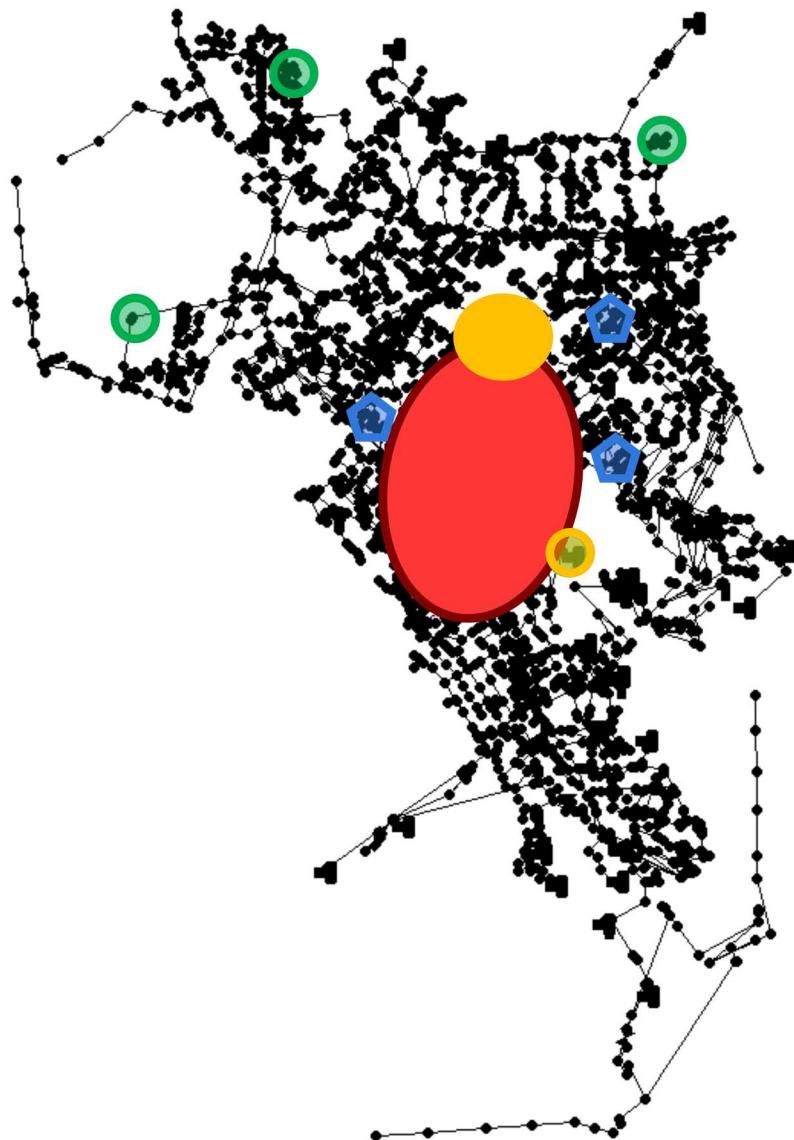
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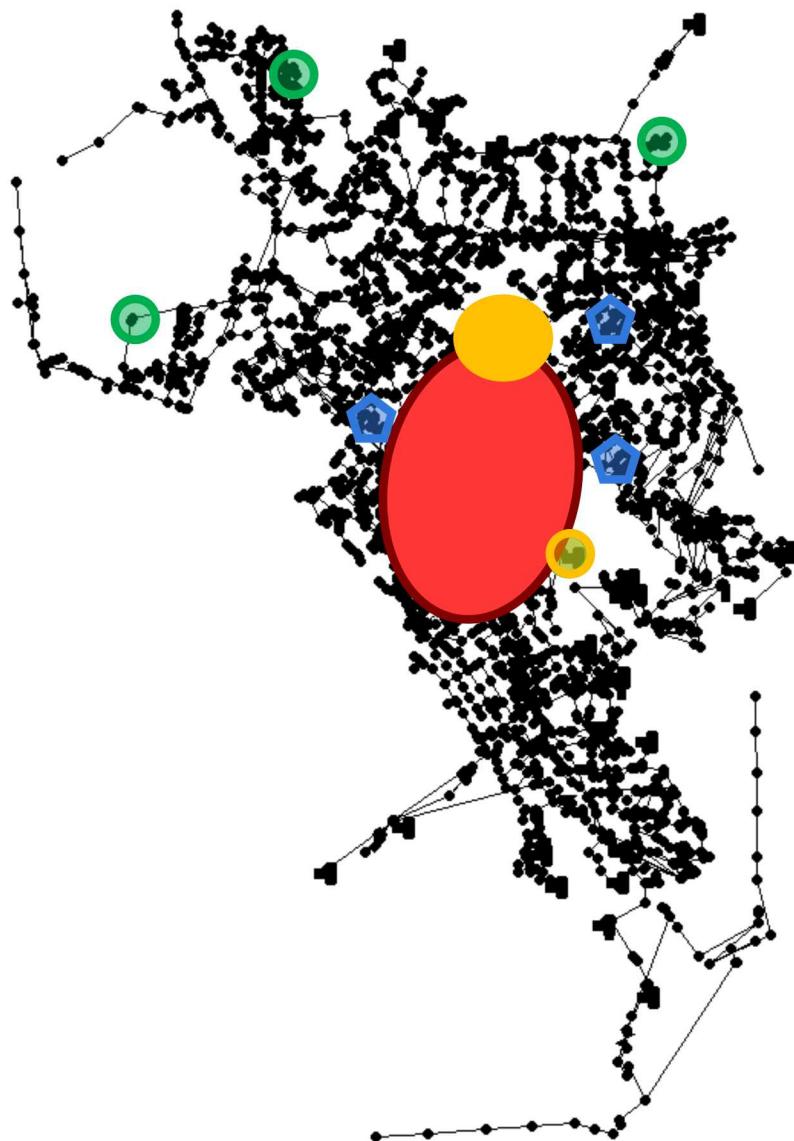
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# Early Warning and Response System



## Vulnerability assessment

- Millions of WQ simulations

## Detection hardware

- Chemistry/Signal analysis

## Mitigation System Design

Huge uncertainty space  
(contamination location, hydraulics, rxns)

## Optimal Real-time response

Very large-scale models (10,000s nodes)

Real-time performance required

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# Optimal Real-time Sampling Approach

Given a contamination event

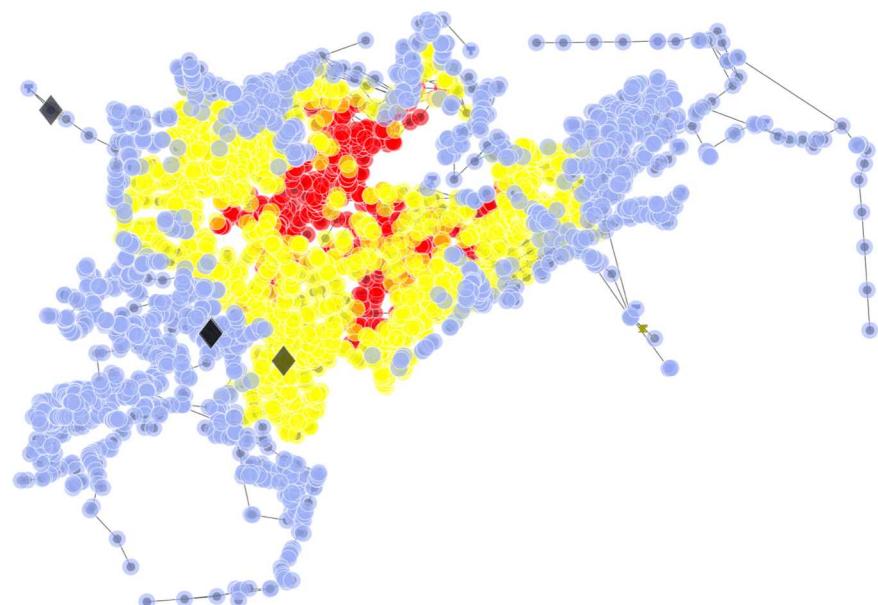
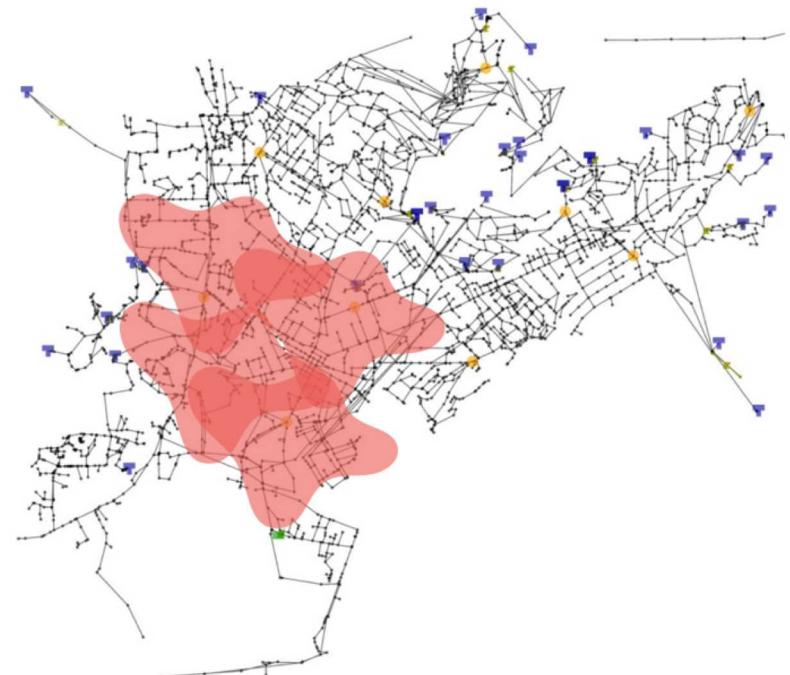
- Determine the best estimate of extent of contamination plume (probabilistic)

Account for uncertainty in

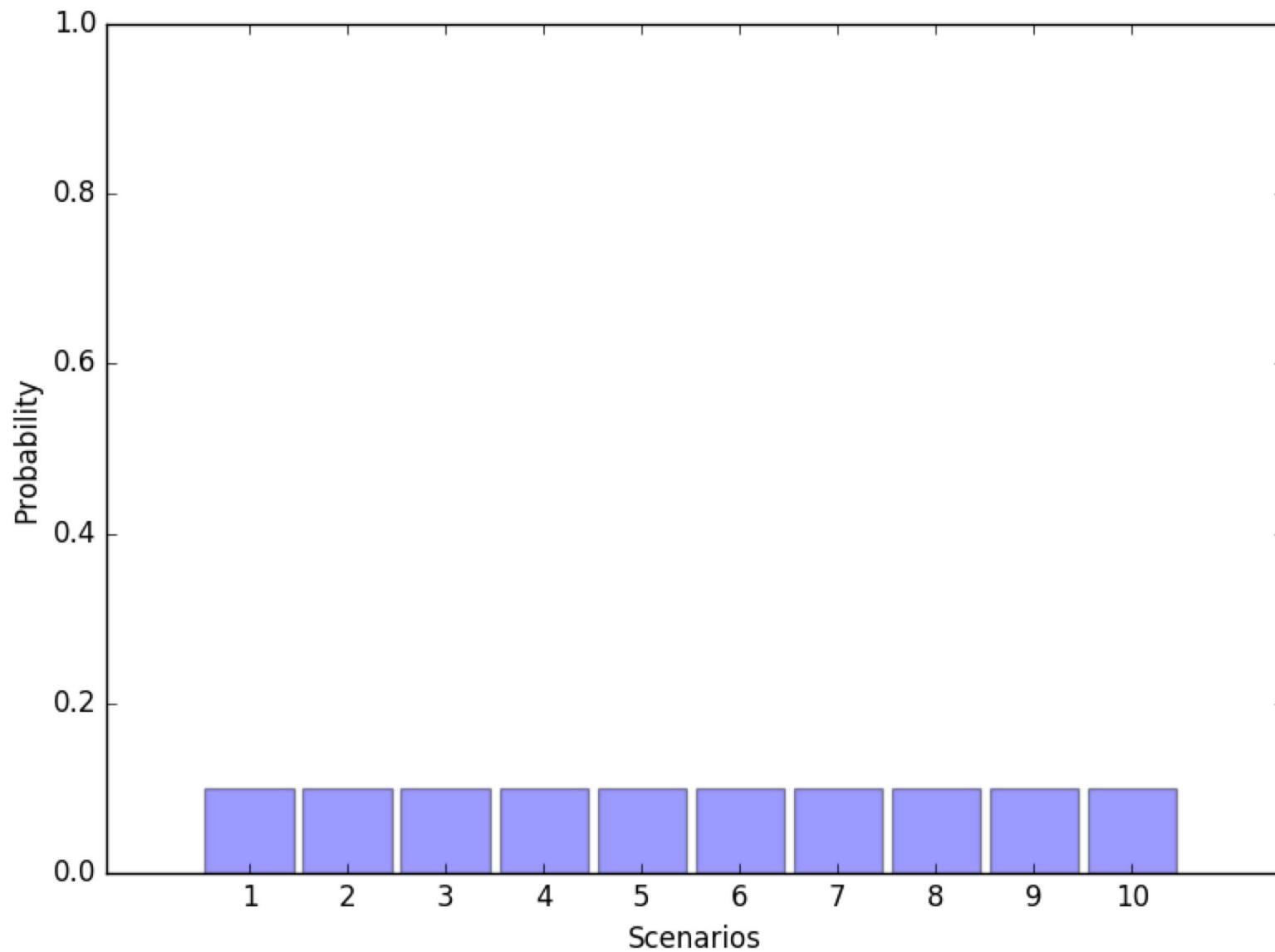
- Contamination source location/time
- Poorly characterized hydraulics
- Reaction dynamics

Computational approach

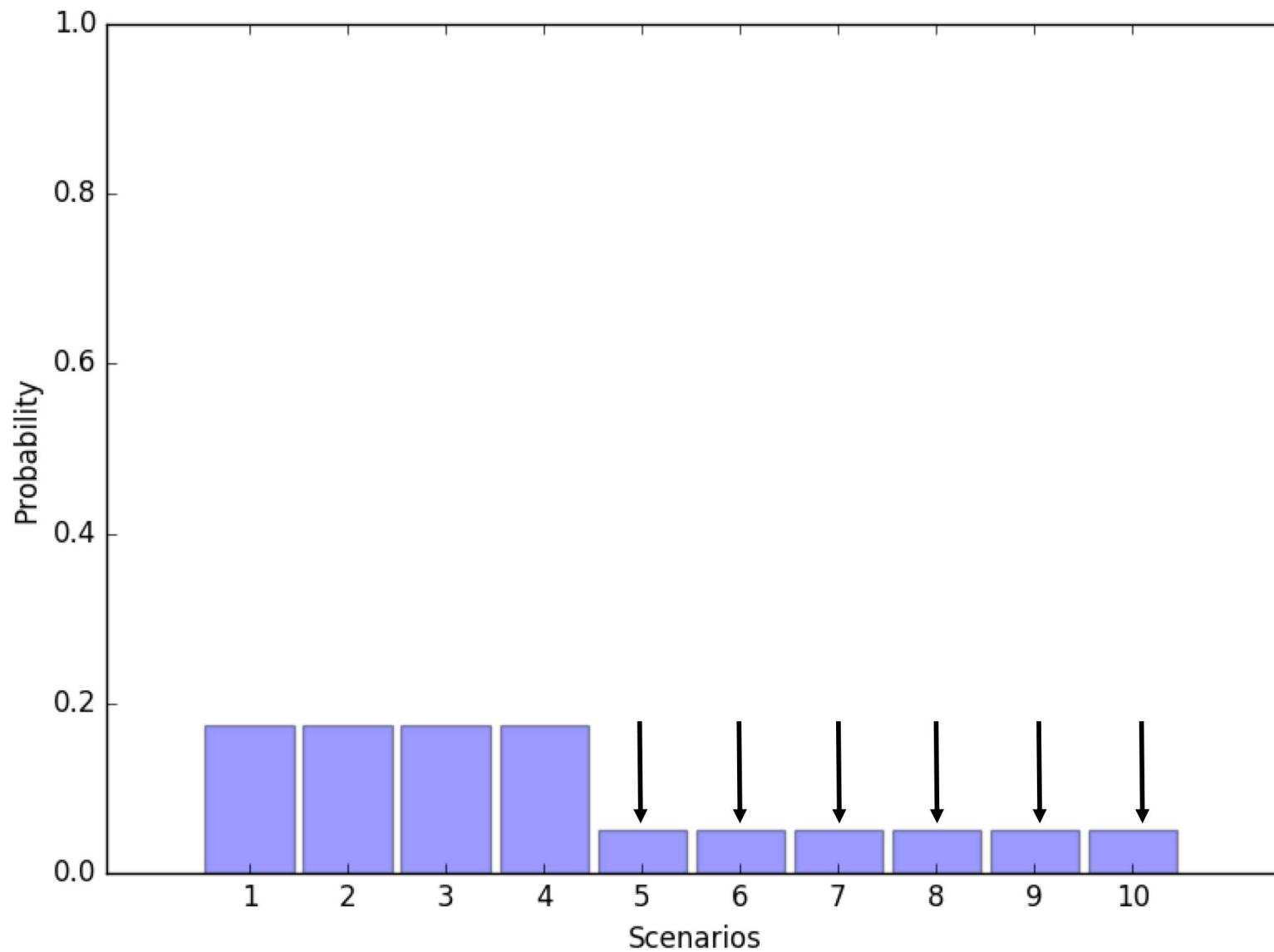
- Pre-compute contamination scenarios
- Propagate scenario probability to contamination probability
- Bayesian updates to scenario probability based on sample measurements
- Optimization approach to determine the best sampling locations



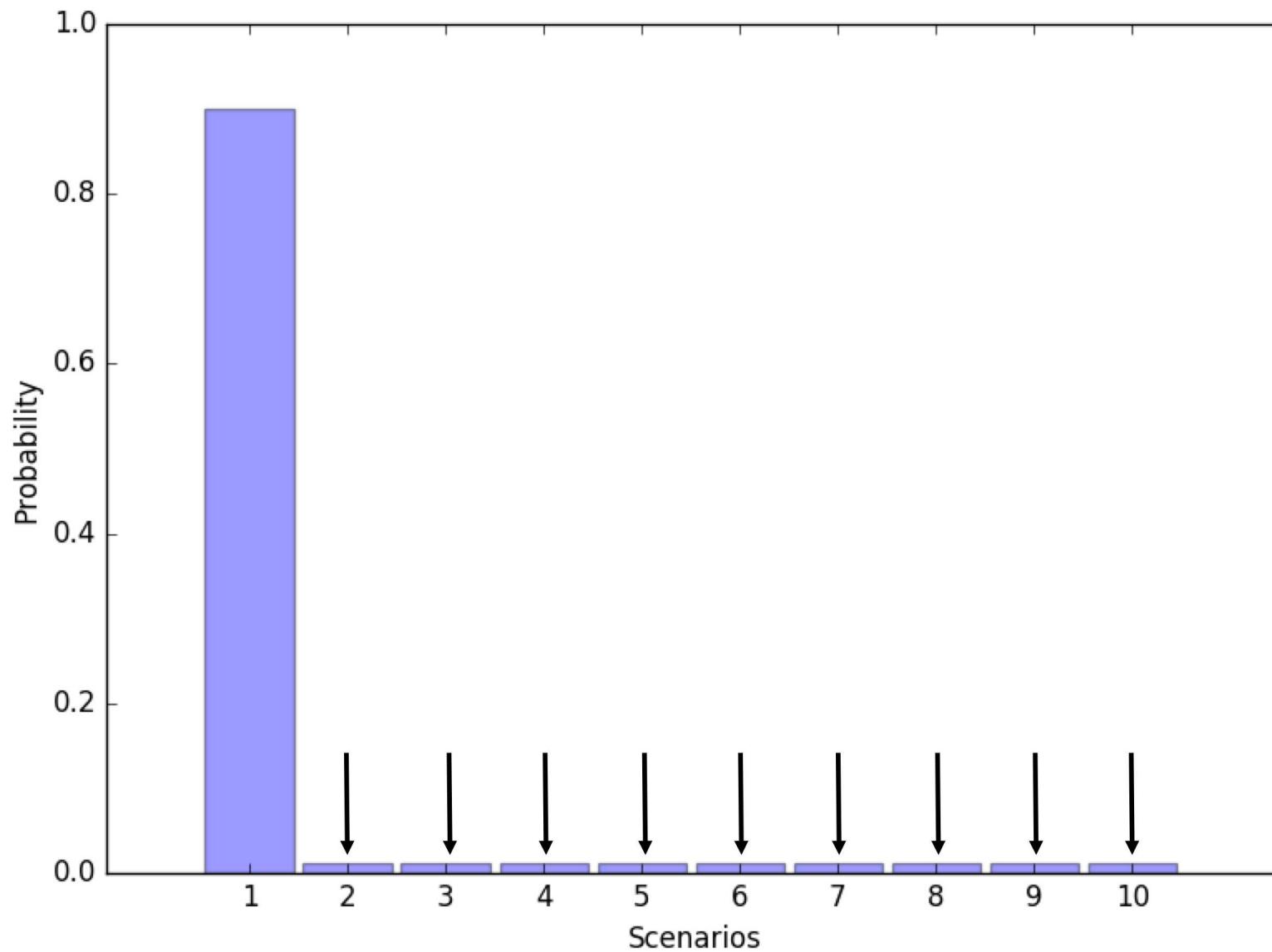
# Quickly Shape Scenario Probability Distribution



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# Optimization formulation

$$\max_x \sum_{s \in S} P_s^{\text{miss}}$$

Maximize expected value of mismatch probability across all scenarios

$$\text{s.t. } P_s^{\text{miss}} = 1 - P_s^{\text{match}} \quad \forall s \in S$$

Probability that scenario s mismatches on at least one

$$P_s^{\text{match}} = \prod_{n \in N} \alpha_{s,n}^{x_n} \quad \forall s \in S$$

Probability that scenario s matches all measurements

$$\sum_{n \in N} x_n \leq S_{\text{max}}$$

Maximum number of sample locations

$$x_n \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall n \in N$$

Variable: which nodes will be sampled

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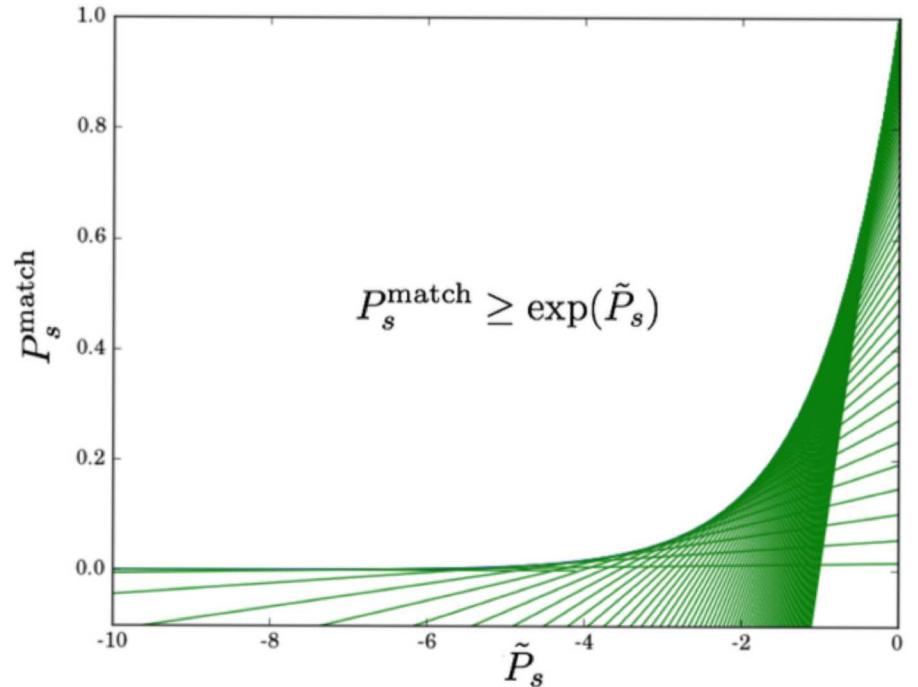
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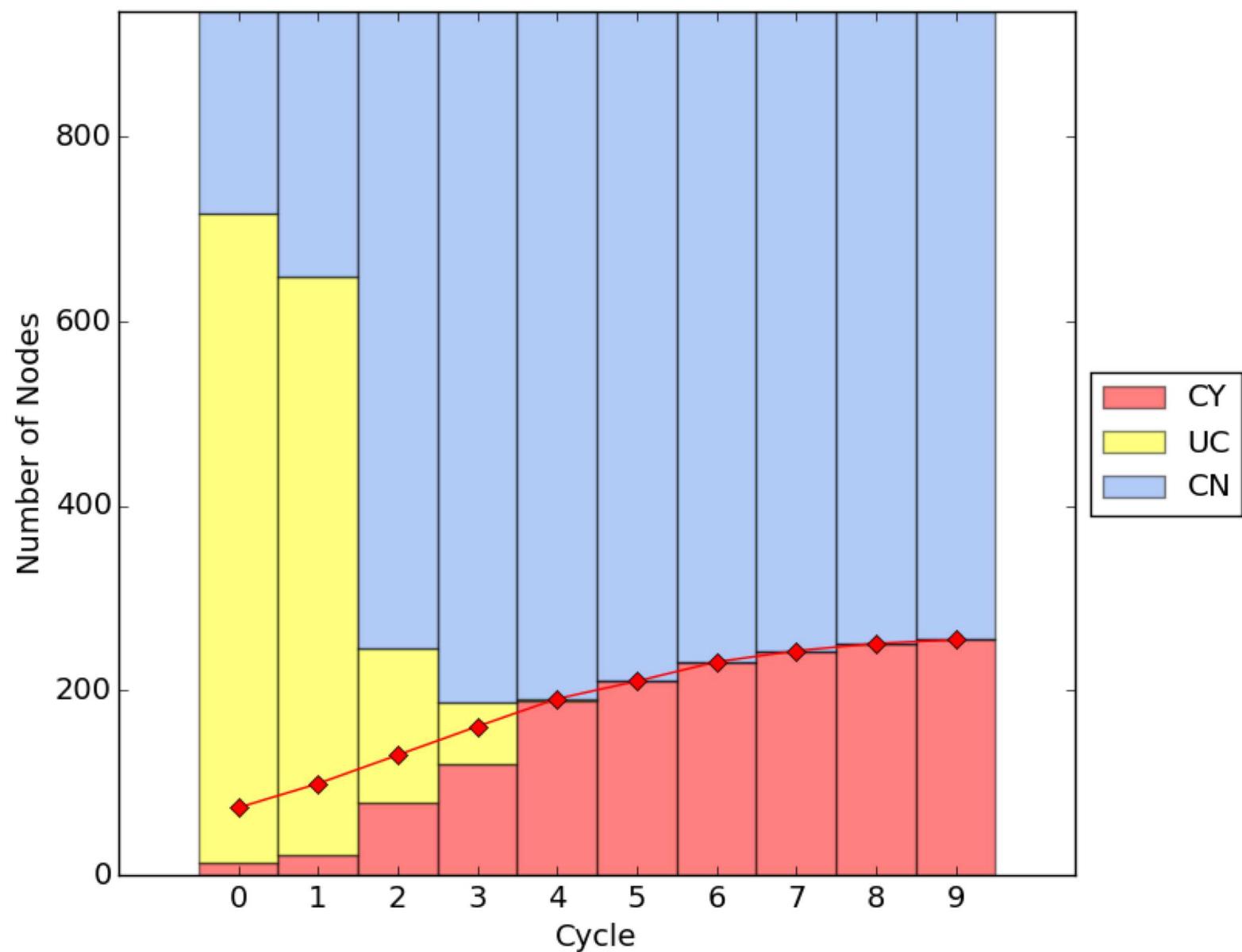
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# Reduction in Uncertainty of Contaminant Plume



# Summary: Protecting Water Distribution Systems

Water distribution systems are vulnerable to chemical or biological contamination (accidental or intentional)

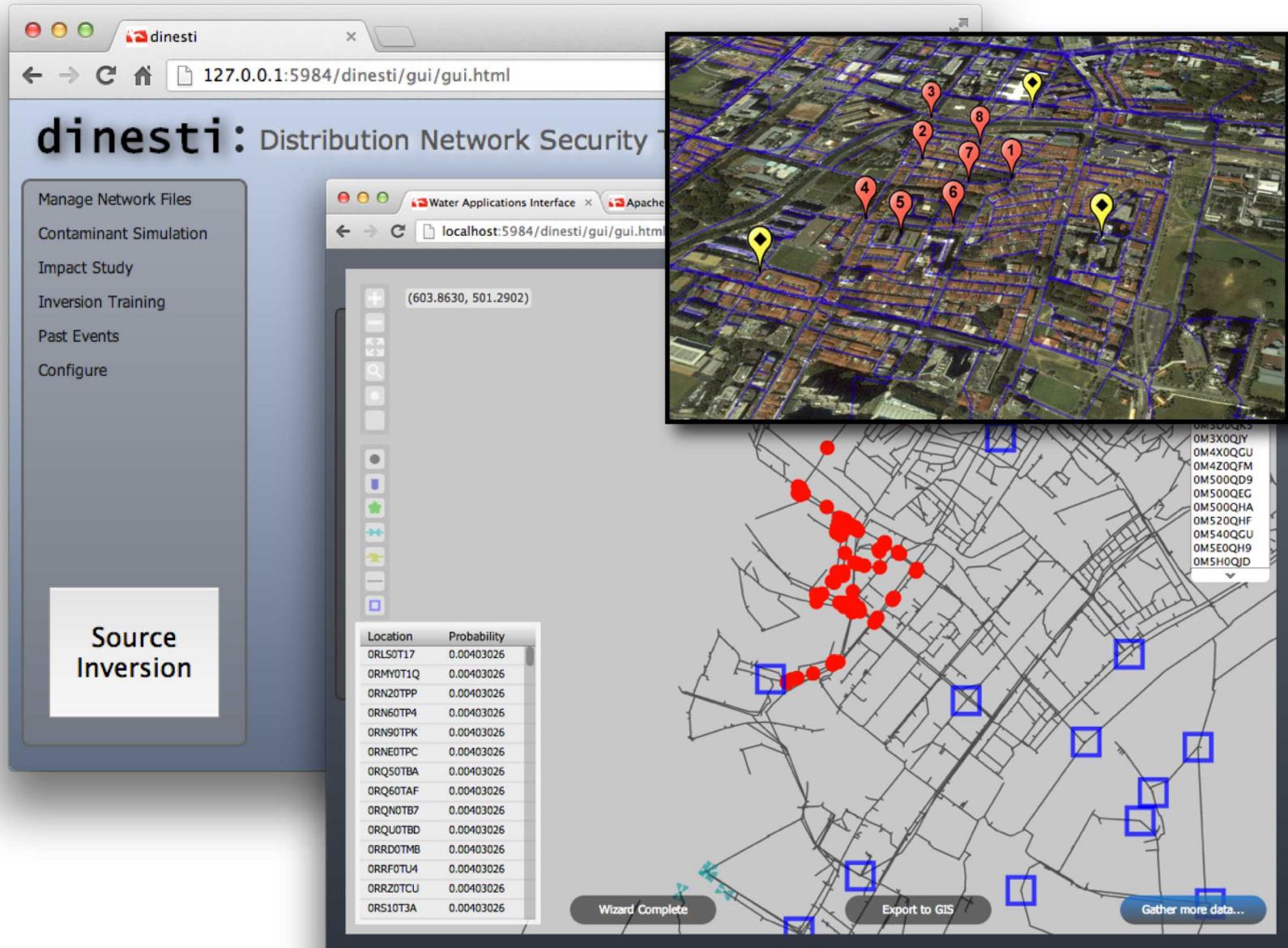
Significant research into optimal design of mitigation systems

- Sensor / Booster placement (TEVA-SPOT, WST)
- Current research:
  - Confidence intervals as function of # of scenarios
  - Optimization considering sensor failure probabilities

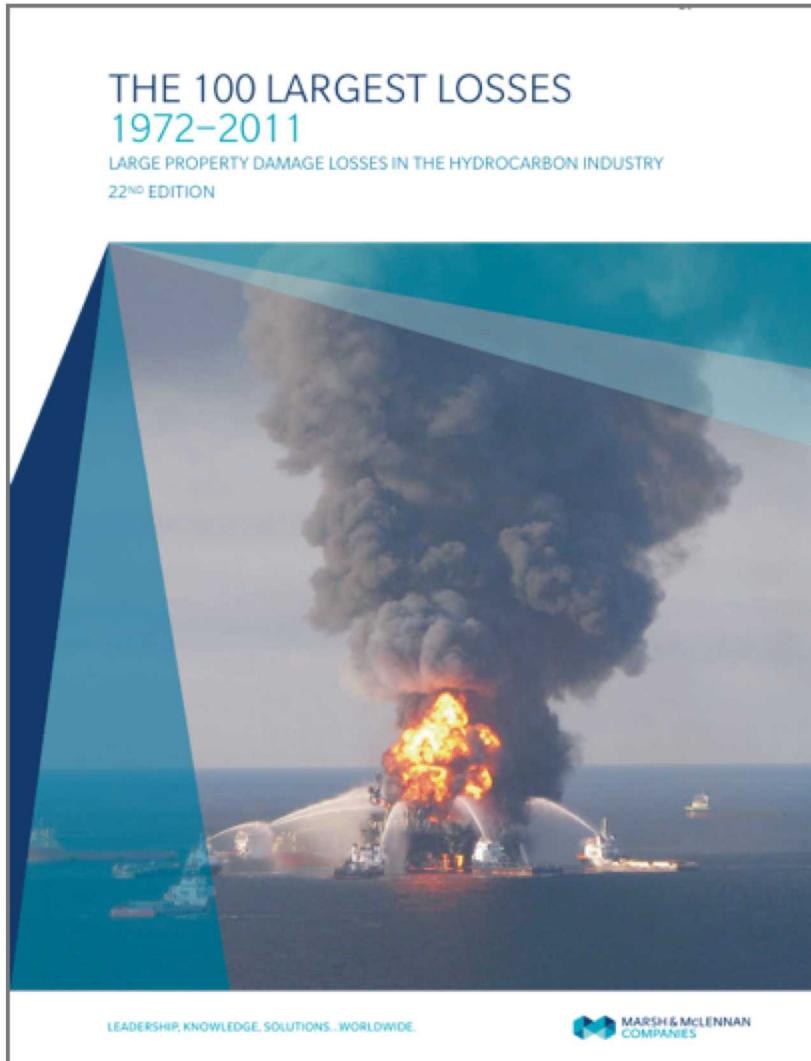
Optimal real-time response more challenging

- Large models embedded into optimization
- Real-time performance is required
- Source inversion solved for large networks (continuous only)
- Optimal sampling solved for large networks (hydraulics input)
- Remarkably few sampling cycles (and teams) required for inversion and plume extent
- Flushing and recovery open problem (hydraulics part of solution)

# Installed sampling and source inversion system



# Optimal gas detector placement in process facilities



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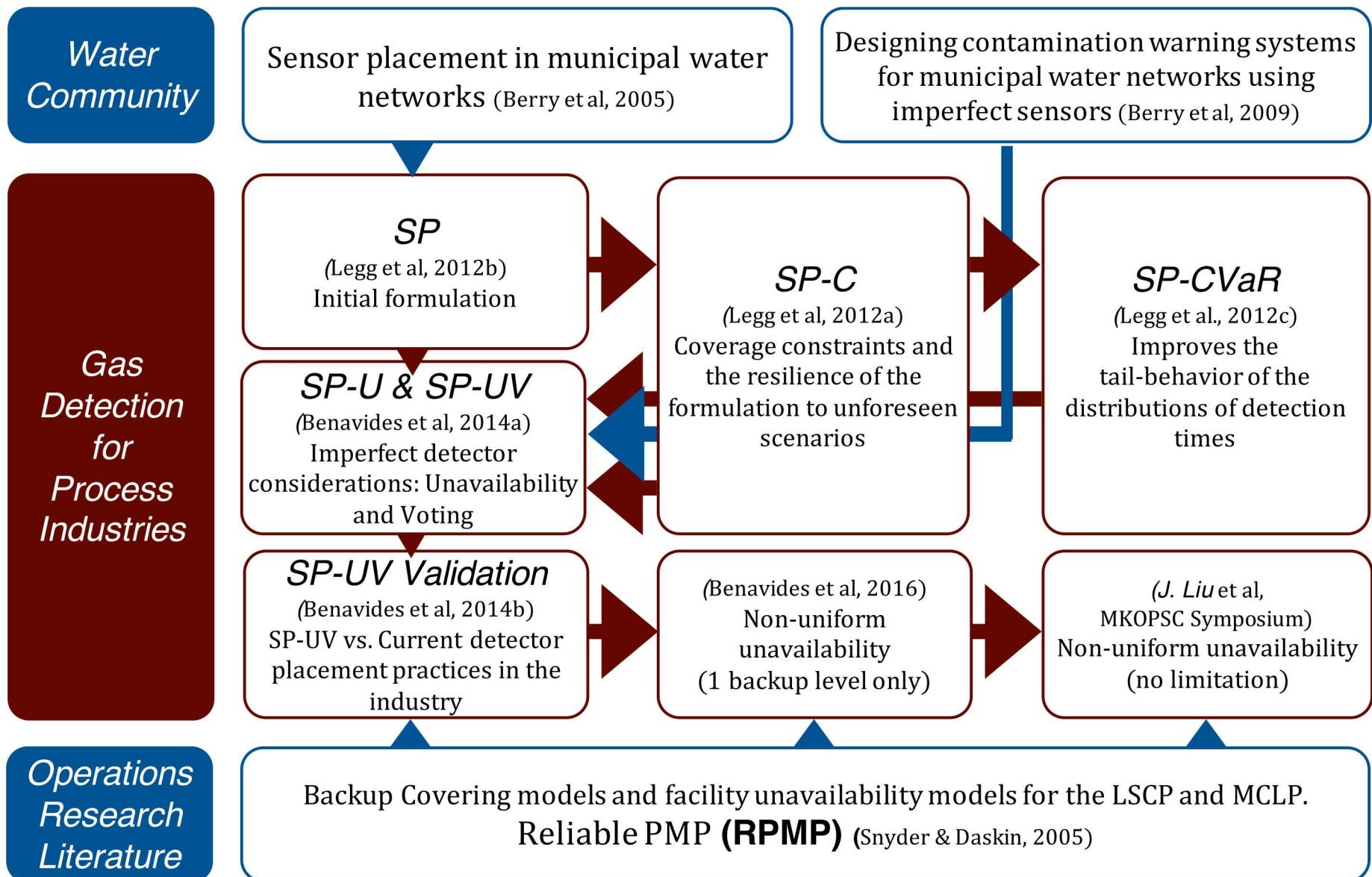
Less than 50% of all known gas released are detected (HSE 1997 & 2003)

Design of gas detector systems:  
rule-of-thumb and semi-  
quantitative methods

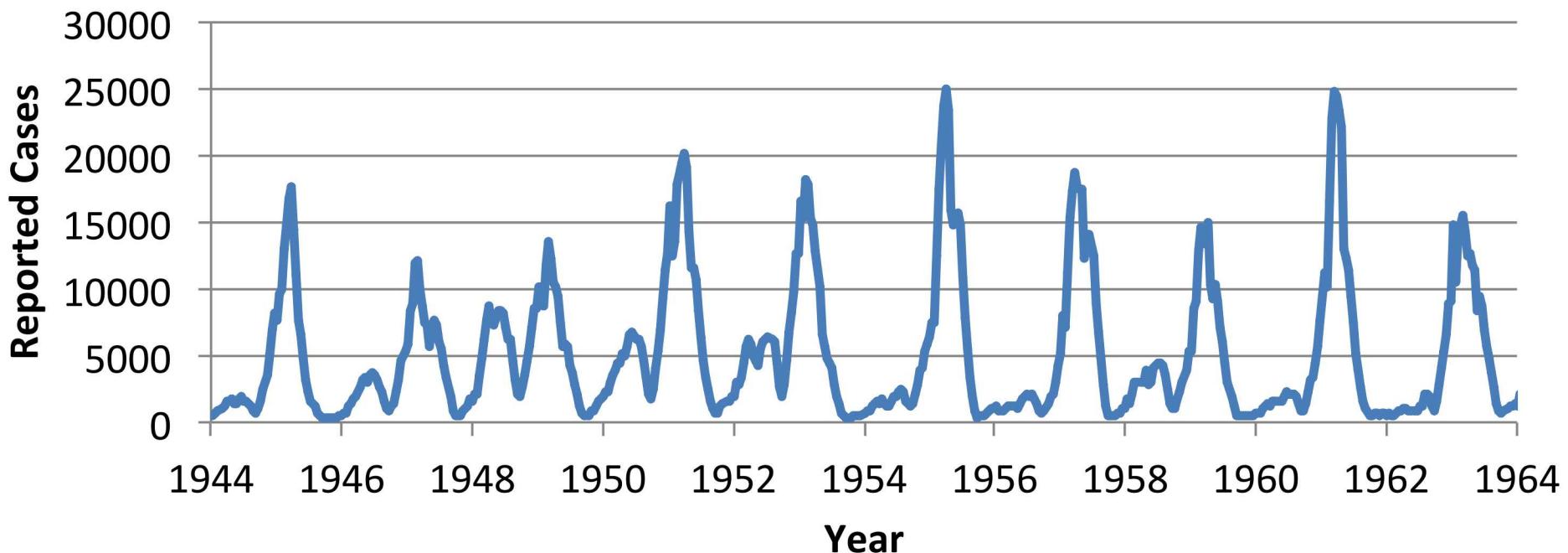
Optimal gas detector placement

- 100's of leak dispersion simulations (location, weather)
- Solve for sensor placement that minimizes expected impact
- Handles voting / sensor failure
- Outperforms existing guidelines
- Most used (volumetric coverage) was worse than random

# Publications in Gas Detector Placement



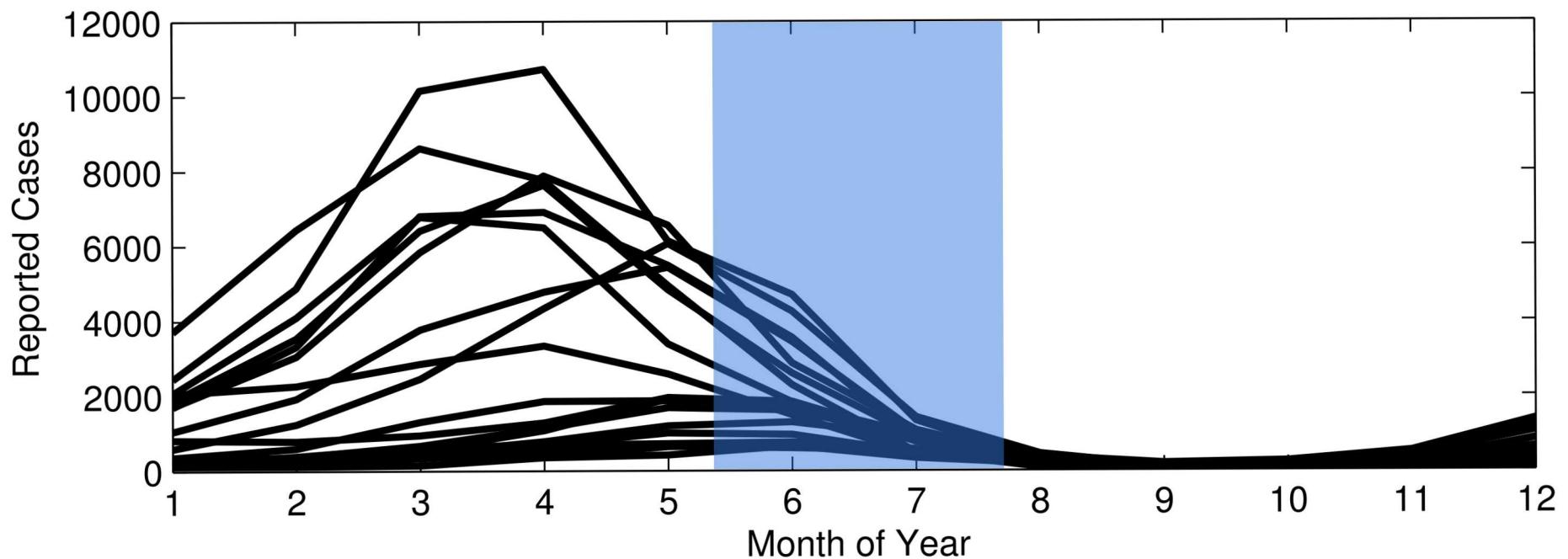
# Estimating drivers of infectious disease dynamics



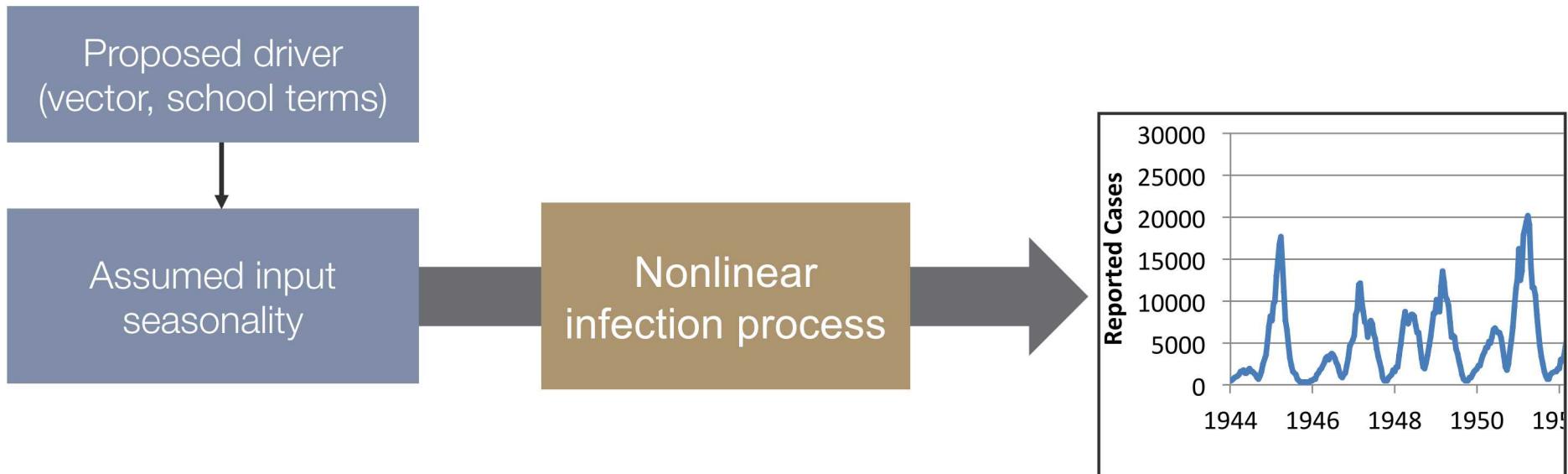
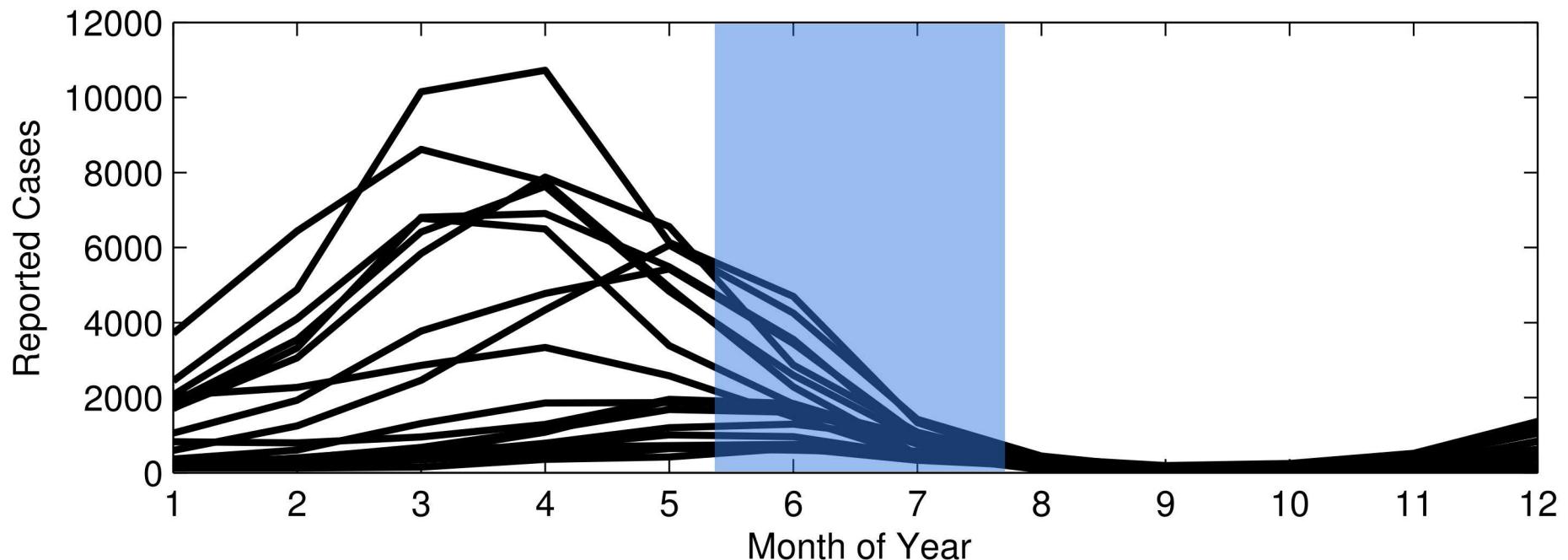
Can we use this data to better understand the fundamental drivers of infectious disease dynamics? (transmission vector? Seasonal mixing?)

How can we use this data for improved intervention in emerging childhood respiratory illness?

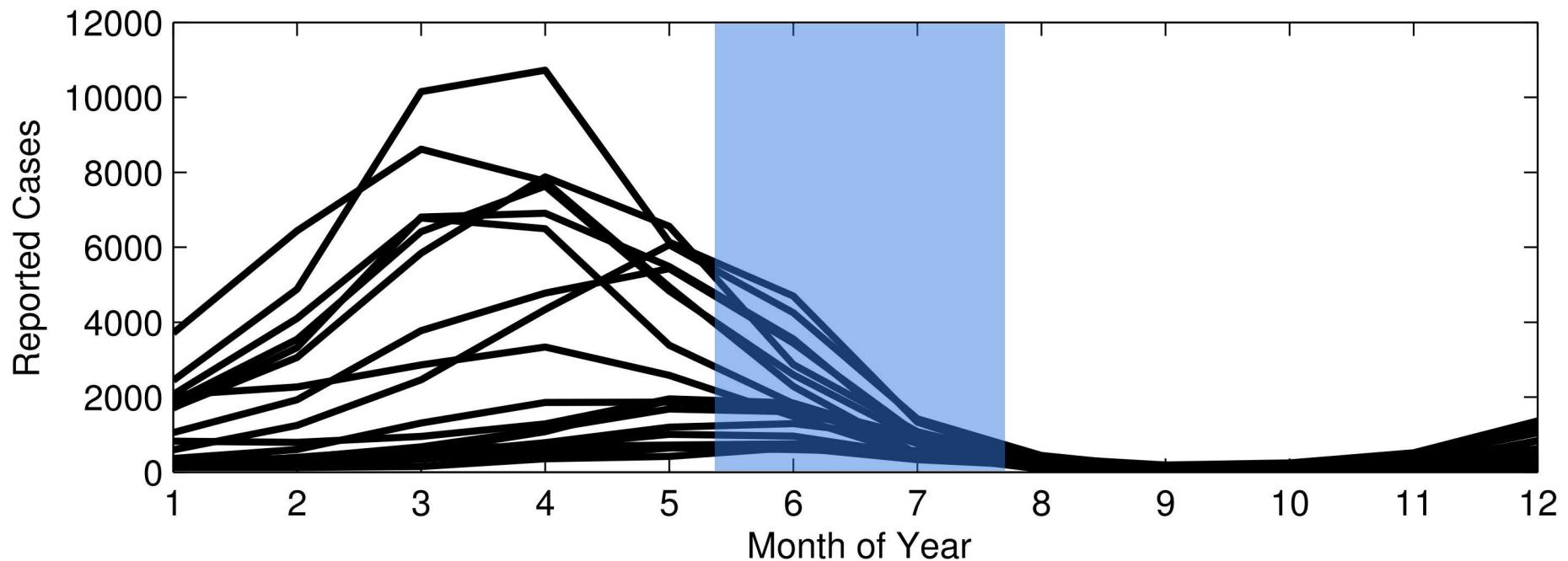
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# Estimating Seasonal Drivers in Childhood Infectious Diseases

Childhood Infectious Diseases (e.g., measles, chickenpox)

- Seasonality induced by school holidays
- Pre-vaccination era: Everyone contracts the disease
- Still a significant problem in developing countries (easy ID)

Estimation challenges

- Long time horizons (20-30 years)
- Historical aggregated monthly or biweekly
- No susceptible information
- Severe under reporting of cases (1/2 for UK, 1/100 for Thailand)
- Missing data (1974, 1979), substantial noise, time-varying reporting fraction

Data used:

- England & Wales: 60 and 900 city datasets (1944-1963)
- US: New York City, Baltimore, TYCO Data
- Thailand: 76 Provinces (1972-1998)

# Estimating Seasonal Drivers in Childhood Infectious Disease

Compartment models based on status w.r.t. the disease (SIR)

Formulated as discrete-time or continuous time dynamic optimization problem

Estimate unknown seasonal transmission parameter from case data

$$\min \mathcal{L}(\varepsilon_M(t), \varepsilon_Q)$$

Time-varying, restricted to  
be yearly periodic

s.t.

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \frac{\beta(y(t))S(t)I(t)}{N(t)} \cdot \varepsilon_M(t) - \gamma I(t)$$

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = \frac{-\beta(y(t))S(t)I(t)}{N(t)} \cdot \varepsilon_M(t) + B(t)$$

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = \frac{\beta(y(t))S(t)I(t)}{N(t)} \cdot \varepsilon_M(t)$$

$$R_k^\star = \eta_k (Q(t_k) - Q(t_{k-1})) + \varepsilon_{Q_k} \quad \forall k \in \mathcal{T}$$

$$0 \leq I(t), S(t) \leq N(t)$$

$$0 \leq \beta(y(t)), Q(t)$$

# Efficient Optimization of Discretized Systems

$$\min_u \int_{t_0}^{t_f} L(x, y, u) dt$$

$$\text{s.t. } F(\dot{x}, x, y, u) = 0$$

$$x(t_0) = x_0$$

Optimize-then-discretize  
Variational Approach (Pontryagin, 1962)

Discretize-then-optimize  
Apply NLP Solver

## Sequential Approach

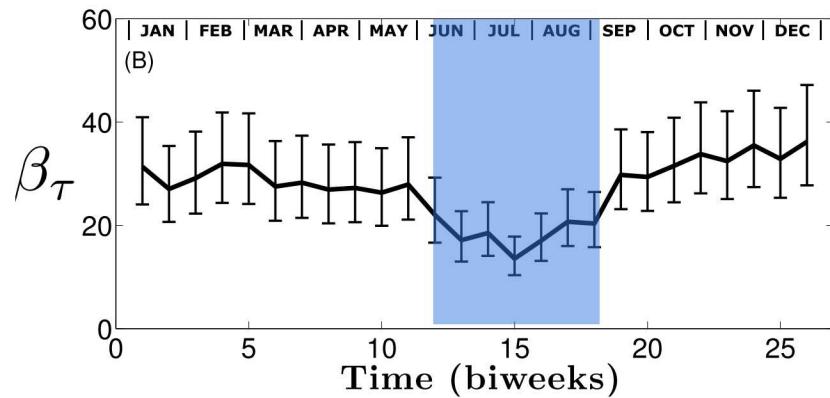
- Discretize controls only
- Small NLP Problem
- Sensitivities or adjoints for derivatives
- Converge simulation in each iteration

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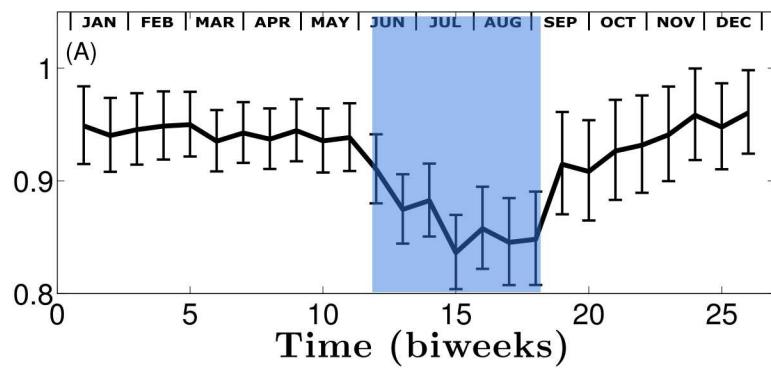
## Simultaneous Approach

- Discretize entire problem (states and controls - OCFE)
- Converge simulation only once with optimization
- Very large-scale NLP
- Structured NLP

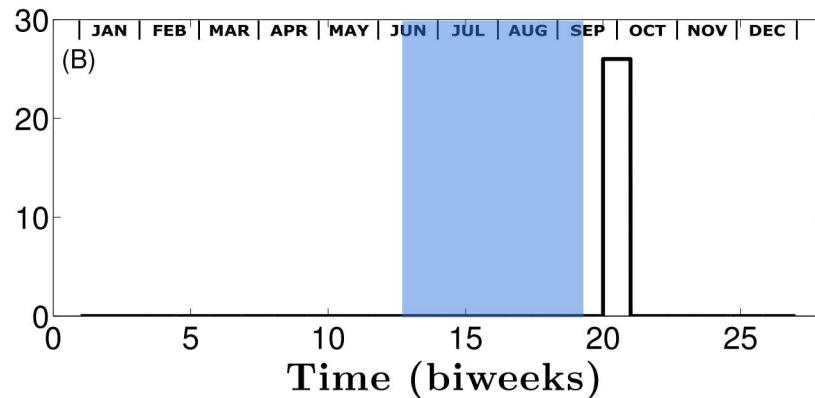
# Estimated Seasonal Patterns for NYC



Seasonality in transmission parameter



Seasonality in mixing coefficient



Seasonality in birth rate only

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# Summary: Estimation of Infectious Disease Models

Pioneering work estimating seasonal transmission with TSIR model

- Grenfell, Bjornstadt (2000): Two-stage linear estimation

Recent approaches:

- Cauchemez & Ferguson (2008): Sampling-based approach (single-city: 20 hrs)
- Hooker et. al (2010): Sequential dyn. Optimization (single-city: over 2 hours)

Nonlinear Programming Approaches Provide Fast, Reliable Estimation

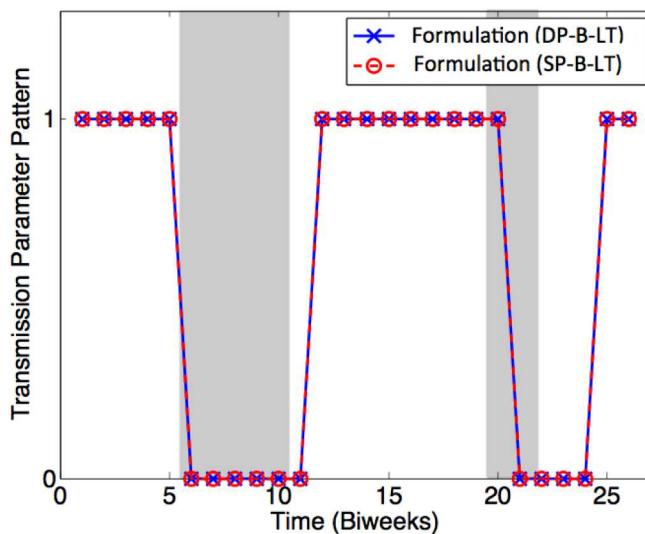
- Discrete-time / Continuous time models
- Very fast, (20 hours —> under 30 seconds) Changes the science

Results show strong correlation with school-term holidays over different environments

Bangkok:

Time Horizon: 1980-1987

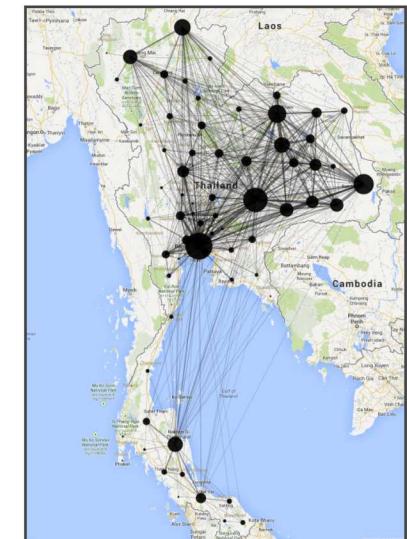
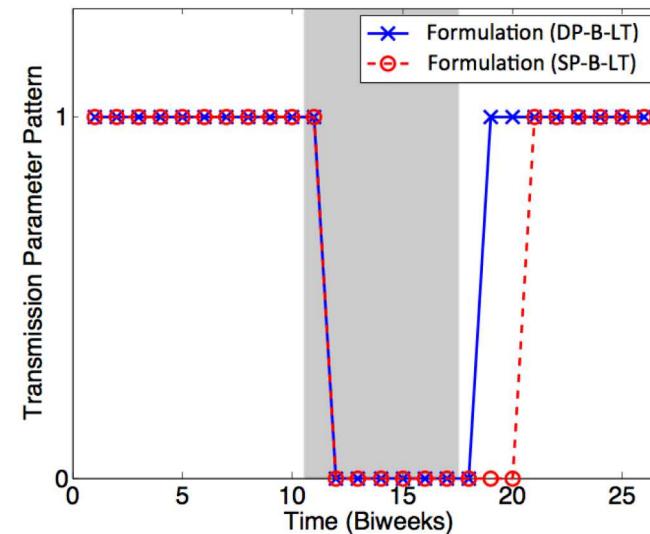
Reporting Fraction: 3.2 %



New York City:

Time Horizon: 1947-1962

Reporting Fraction: 10.7 %



# Parallel Computing Architectures

	Single Data	Multiple Data	
Single Instruction	SISD	SIMD	Alternative architectures (e.g, Graphics Processing Unit)
Multiple Instruction	MISD	MIMD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Affordable -- 1000's cores</li><li>• Specialized compilers and tools (CUDA, OpenCL)</li><li>• Several complexities and limitations</li></ul>

## Desktop Multi-core (MIMD)

- Affordable hardware
- Standard tools (threads/openMP)
- Fast communication (no network)
- Low # of cores (relatively)
- Bottleneck: Memory access/# CPU

## HPC Cluster (MIMD)

- Distributed computing (networked)
- Standard tools (MPI)
- Scalable: 100-1000s of cores
- Bottlenecks: communication

# Nonlinear Interior-Point Methods

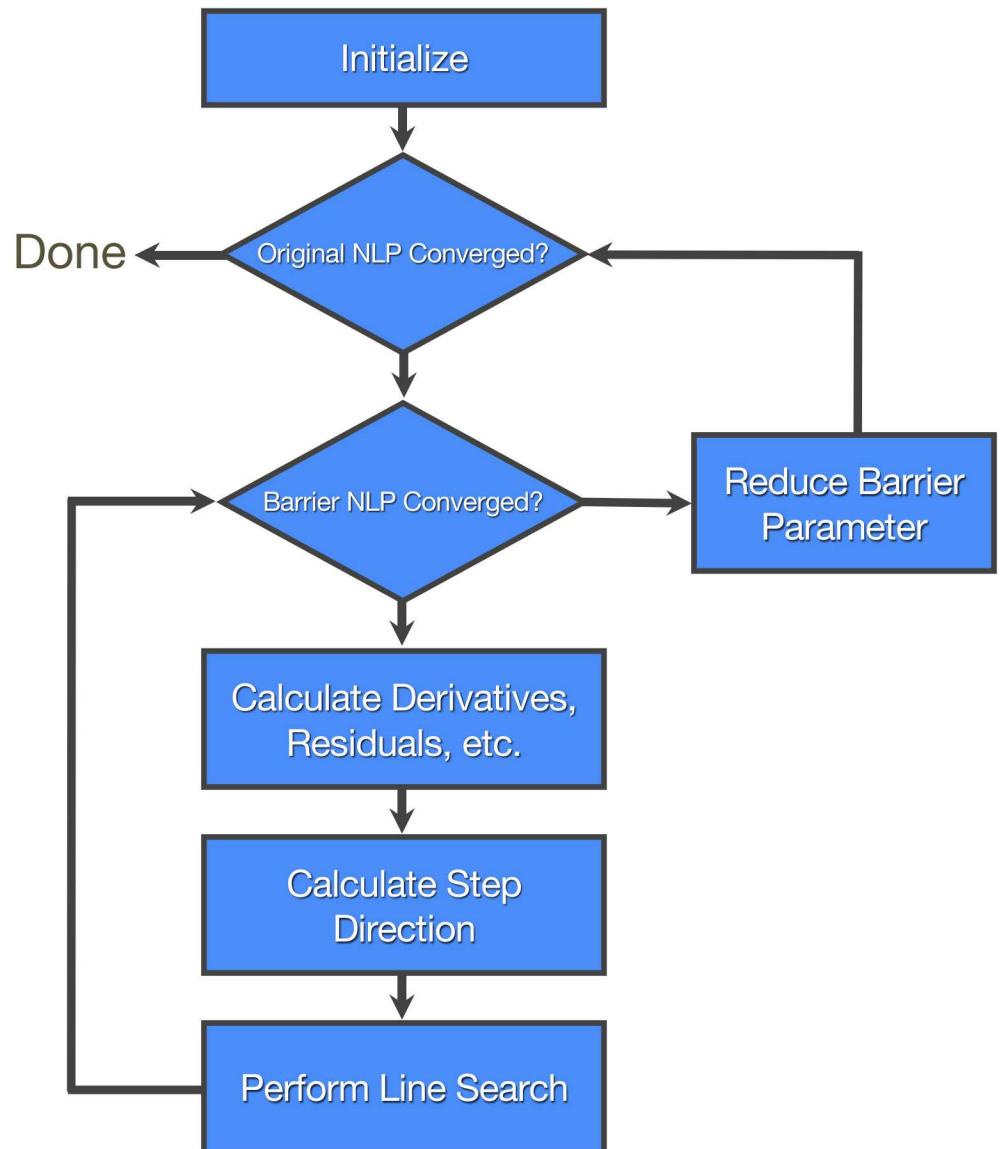
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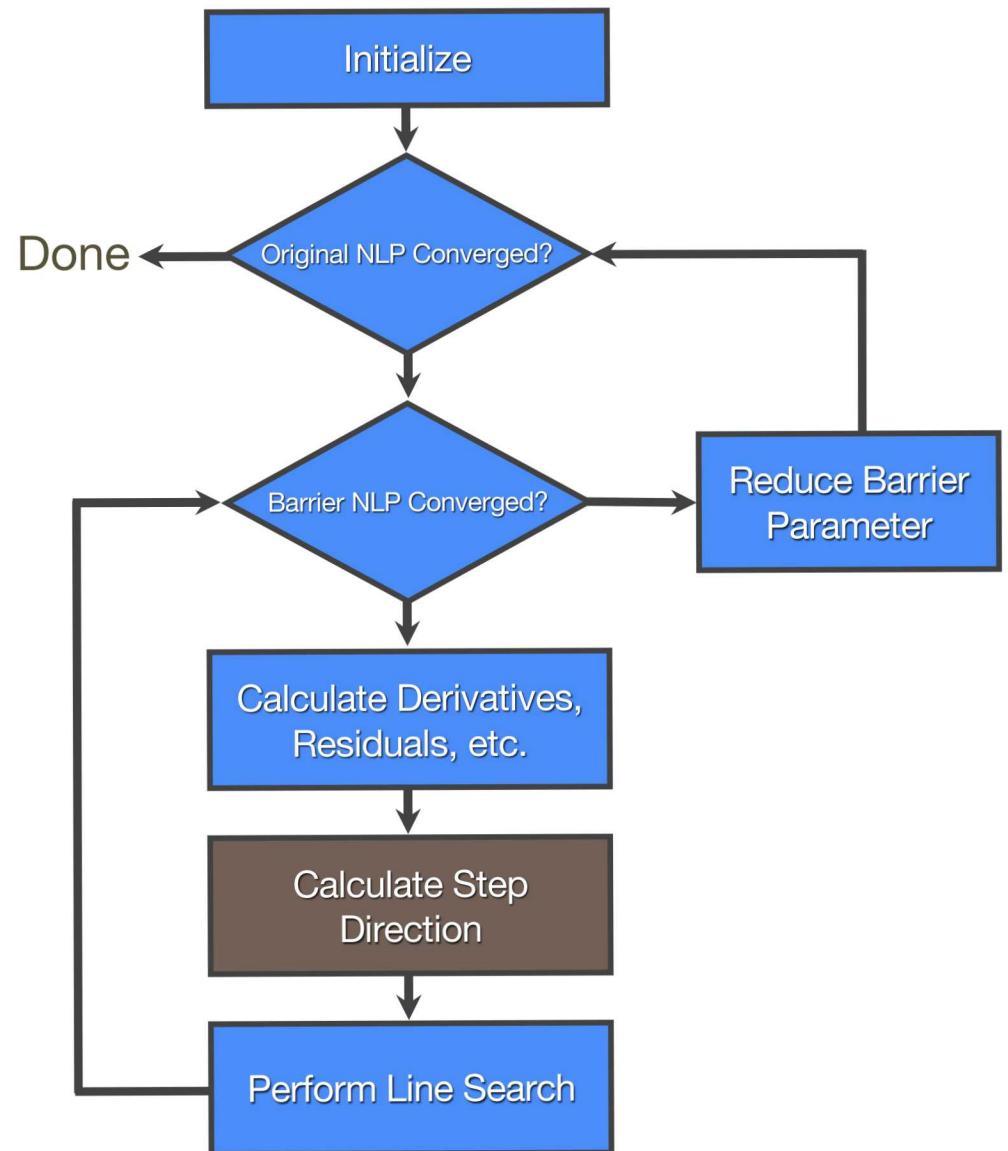
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# Nonlinear Primal-Dual Interior-Point Step

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$$\begin{array}{l} \nabla f(x) + \nabla c(x) - z = 0 \\ c(x) = 0 \\ Xz = \mu e \\ (x > 0, z > 0) \end{array}$$

$$z = \mu X^{-1} e$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \nabla f(x) + \nabla c(x)^T \lambda - \mu X^{-1} e = 0 \\ c(x) = 0 \\ (x > 0) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} W_k + \Sigma_k + \delta_w I & \nabla c(x_k) \\ \nabla c(x_k)^T & -\delta_c I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x \\ \Delta \lambda \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} \nabla \psi_\mu(x_k) + \nabla c(x_k)^T \lambda_k \\ c(x_k) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(W_k = \nabla_{xx}^2 \mathcal{L}, \Sigma_k = Z_k X_k^{-1})$$

# Nonlinear Interior-Point Methods

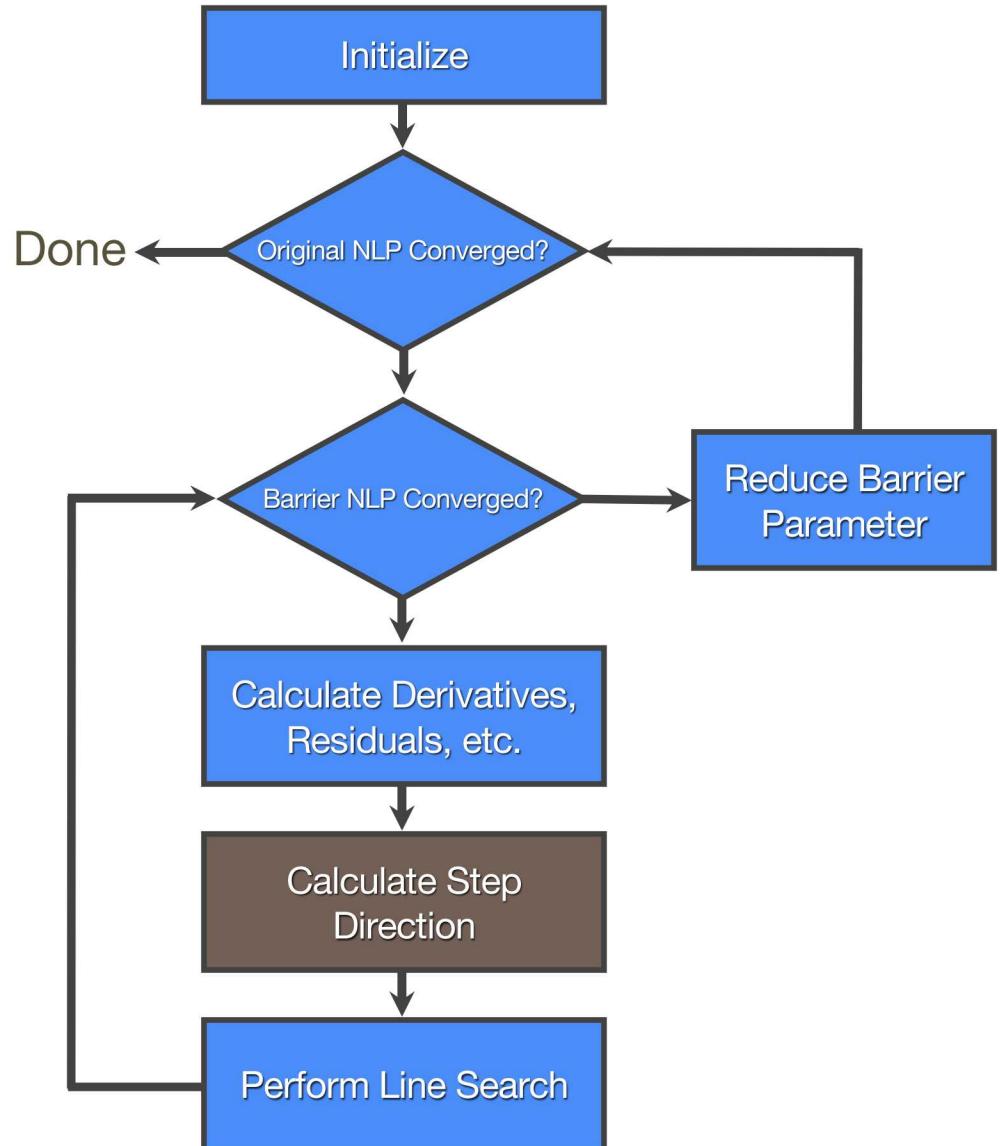
Structure in the optimization problem induces structure in the linear algebra

Parallelize all scale-dependent operations

- Vector and matrix operations
- Model evaluation

Compared with problem-level decomposition, implementation is time consuming

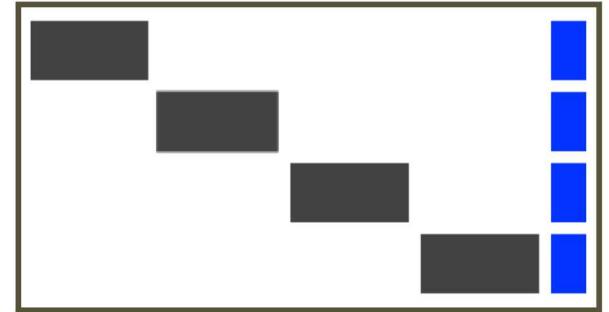
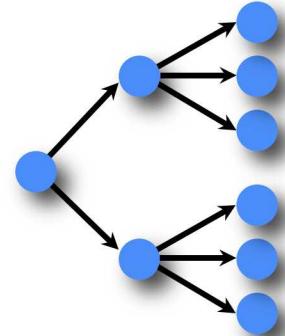
Retain convergence properties of serial algorithm



# Exploiting Problem Structure

## Optimization Under Uncertainty

- block structure because of coupled scenarios
- common structure of many applications

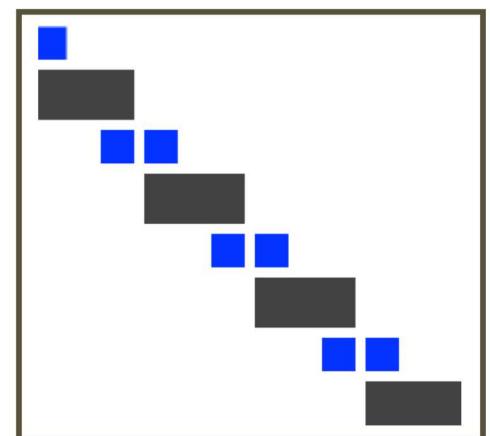


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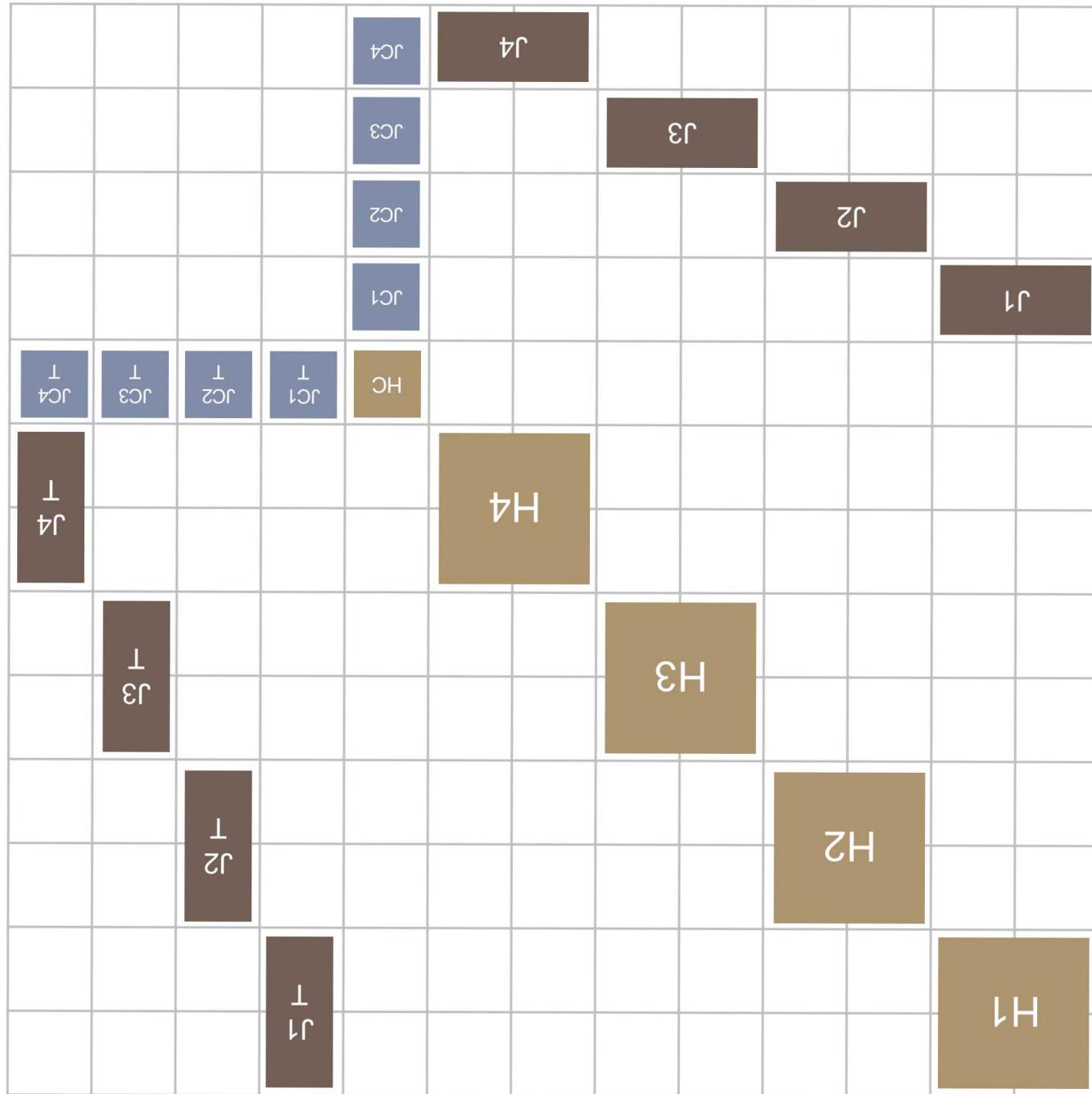
## Dynamic Optimization

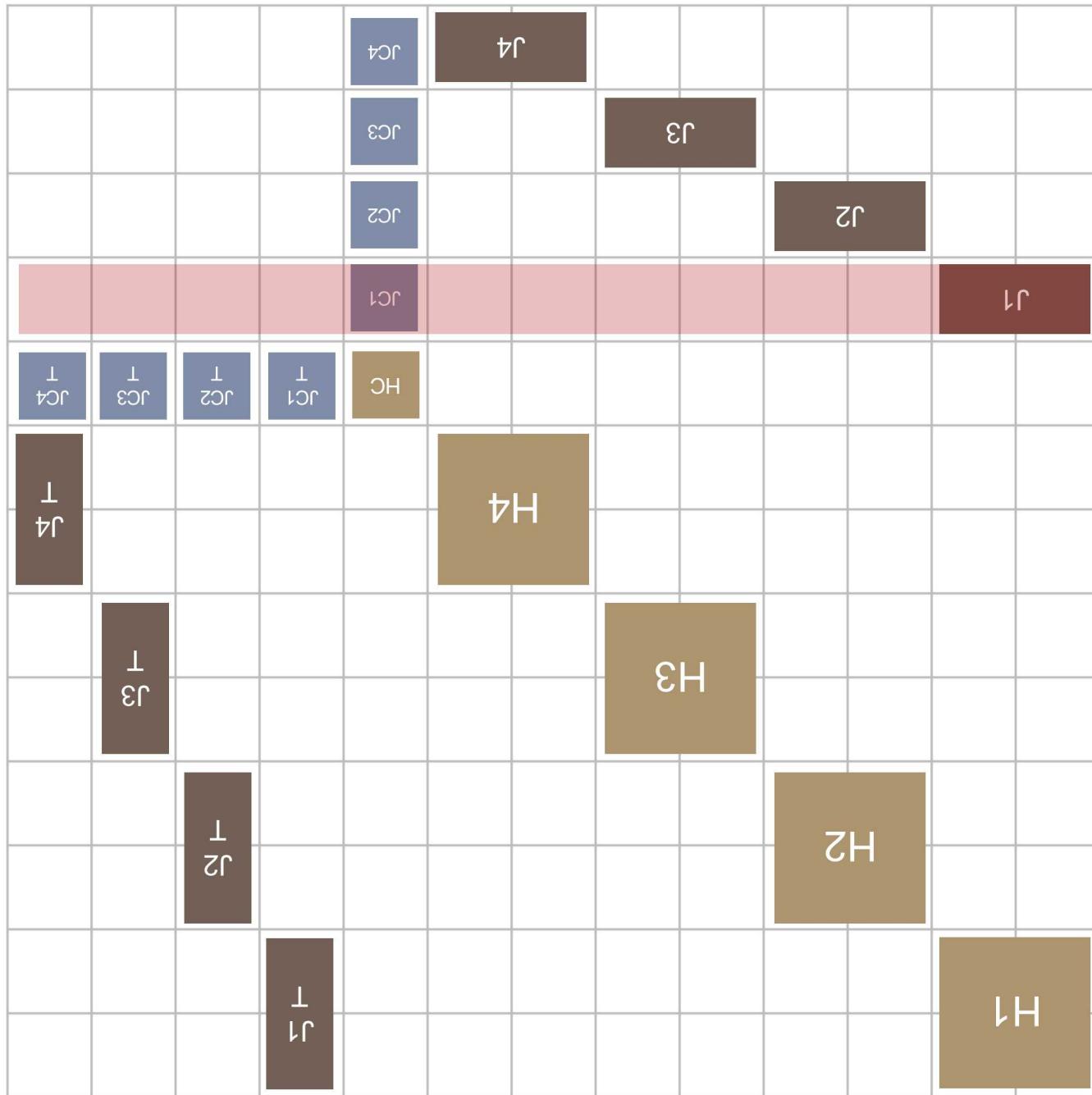
- block structure because of finite element discretization

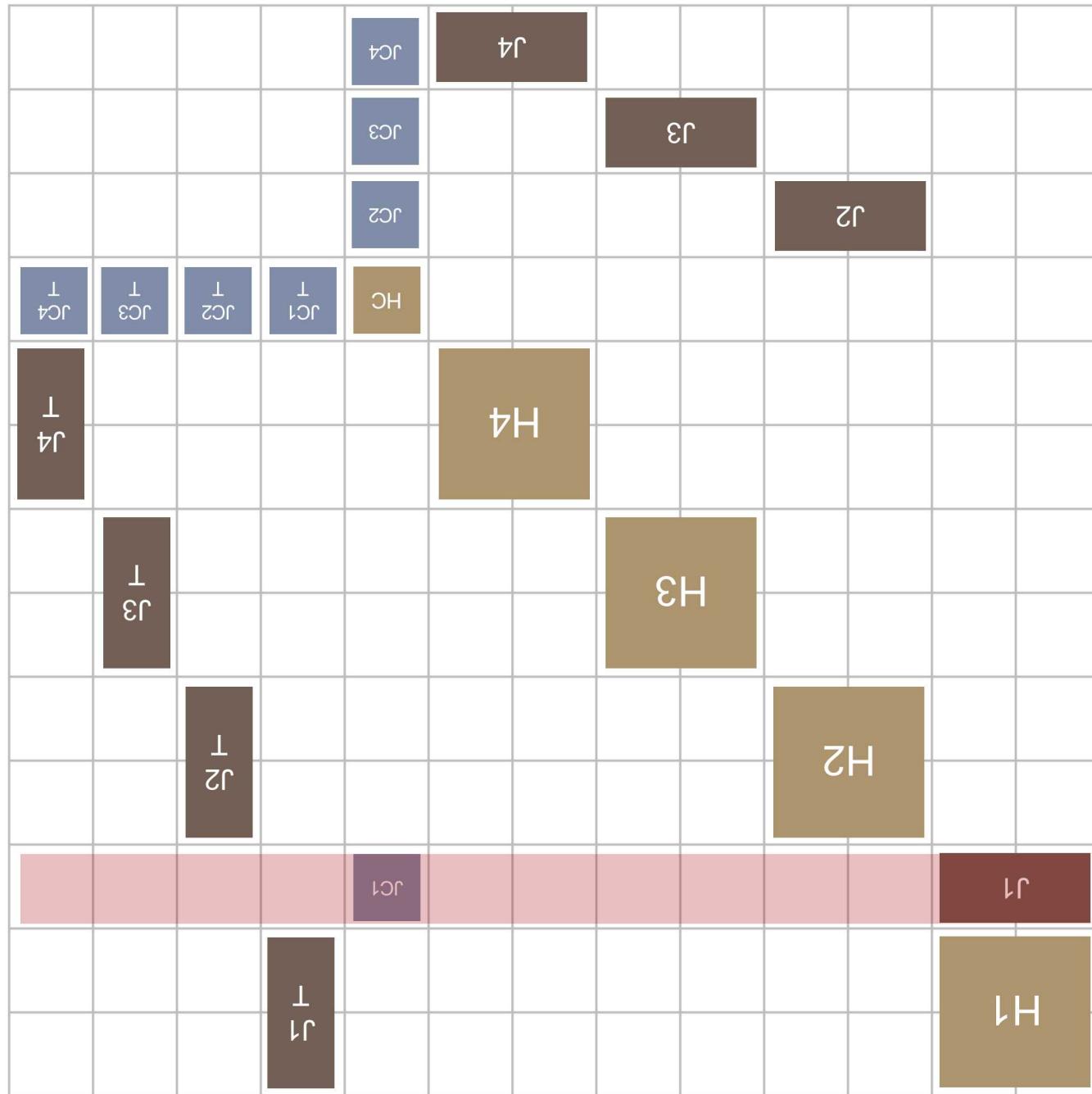
$$\begin{aligned} & \min_u \int_{t_0}^{t_f} L(x, y, u) \, dt \\ \text{s.t. } & F(\dot{x}, x, y, u) = 0 \\ & x(t_0) = x_0 \\ & (x, y, u)^L \leq (x, y, u) \leq (x, y, u)^U \end{aligned}$$

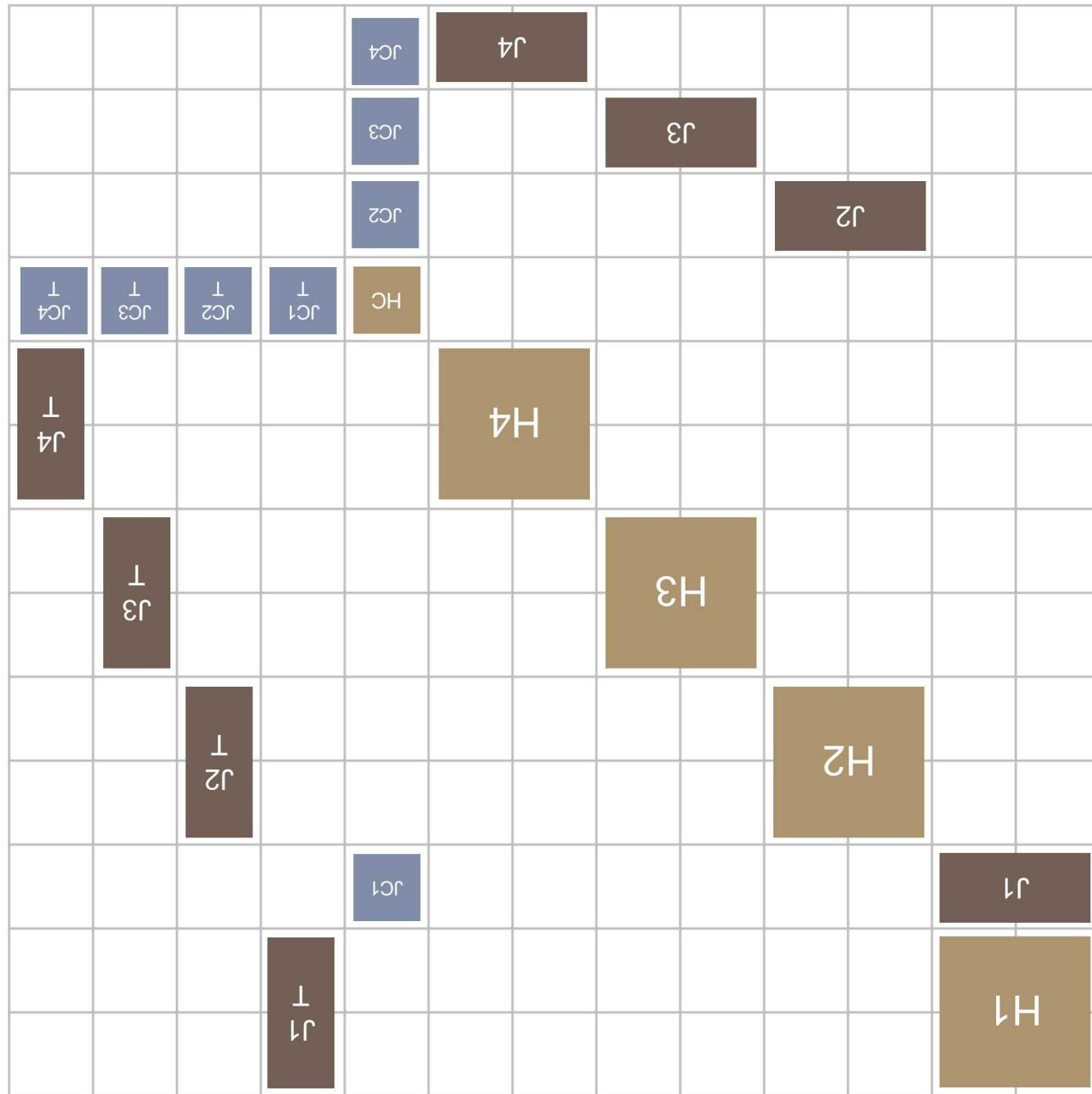


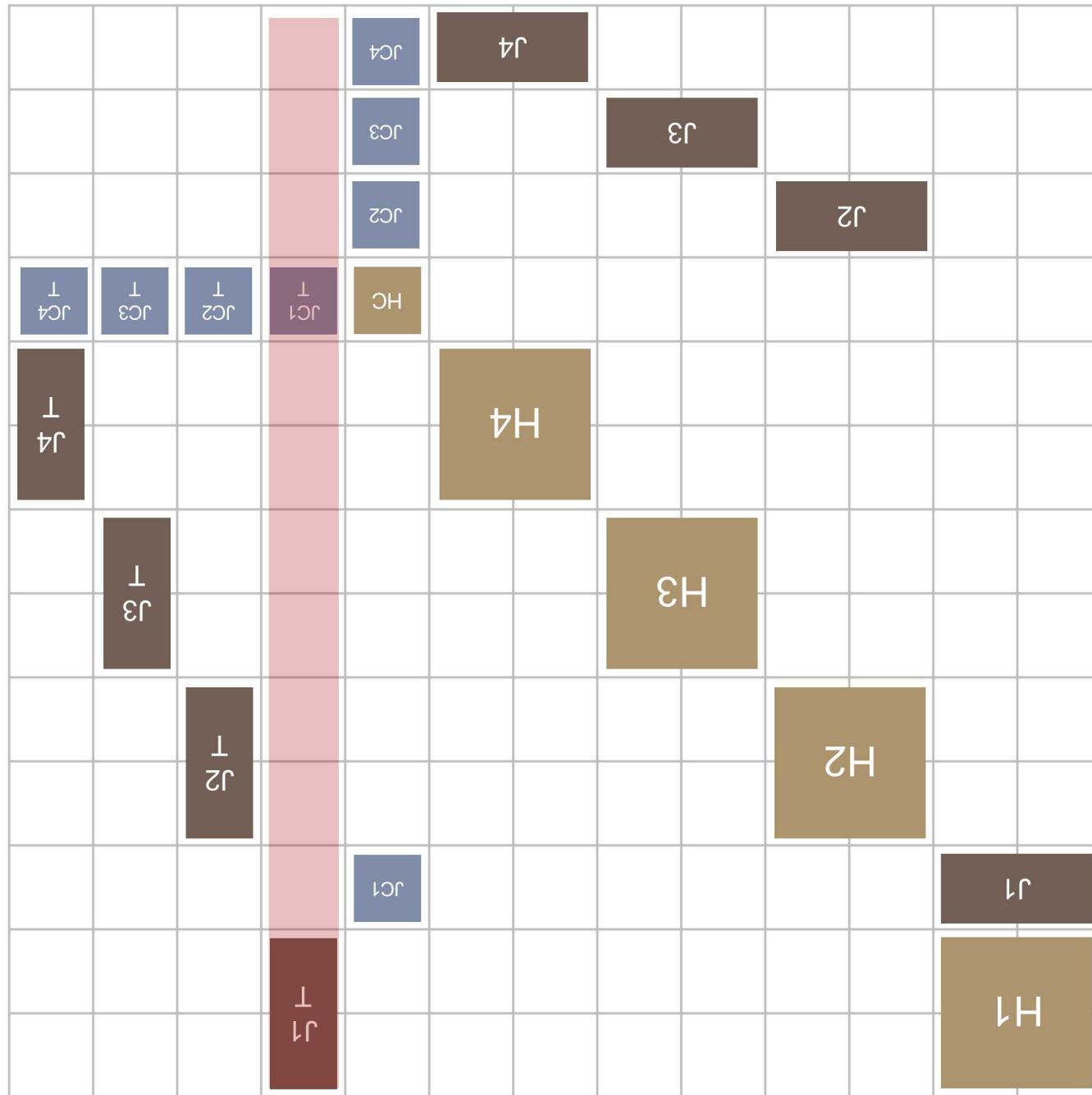
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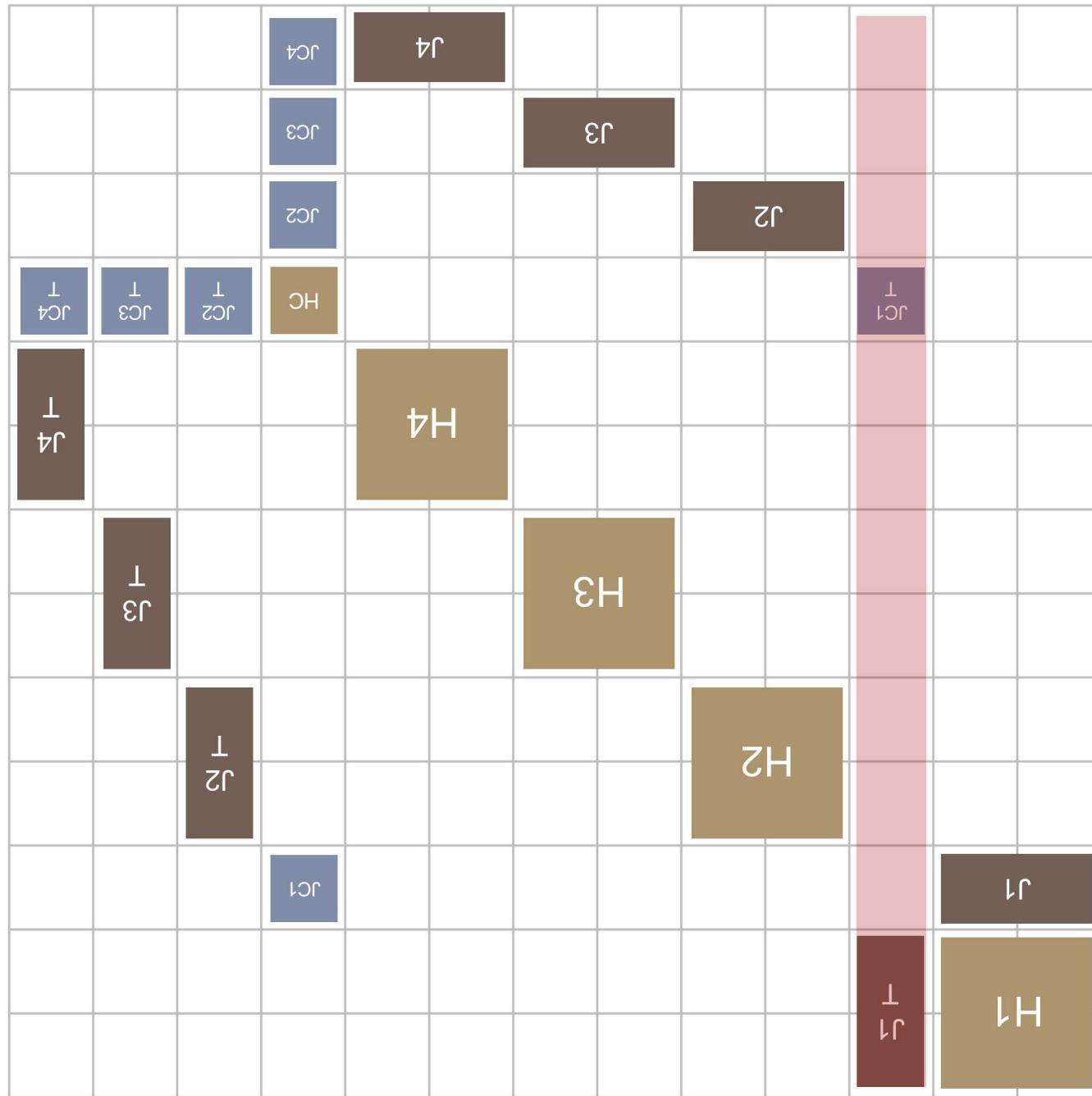


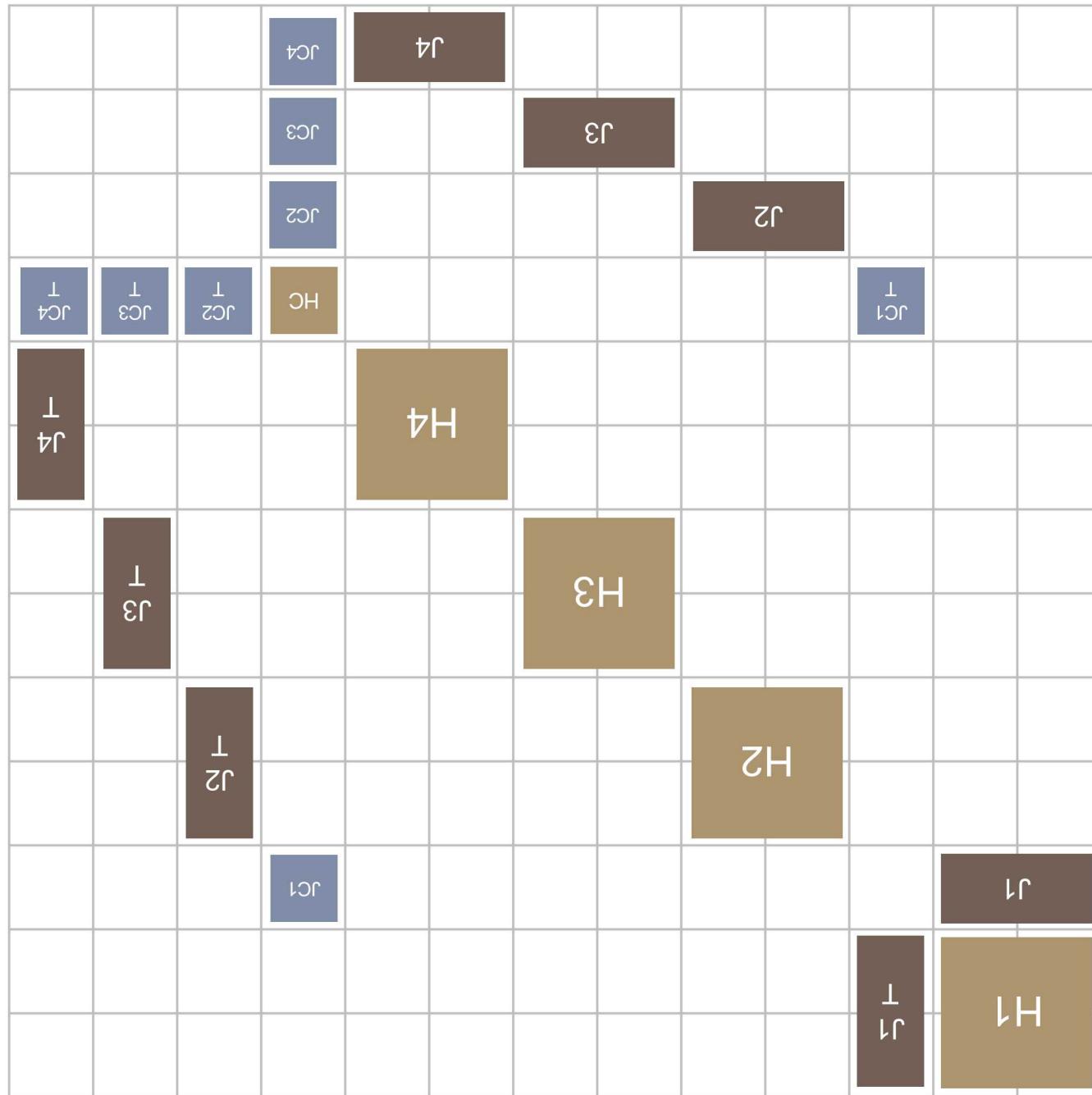


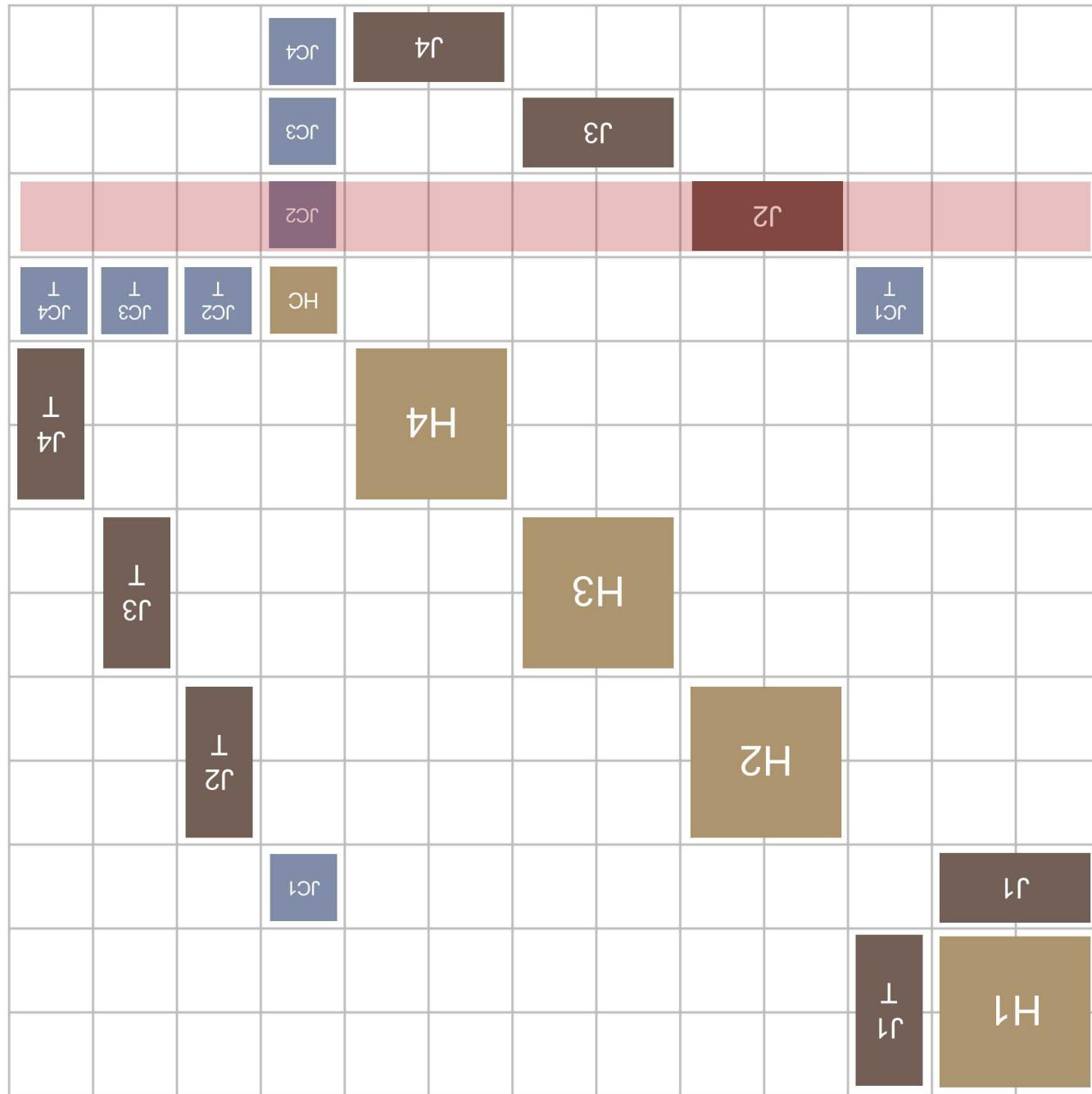


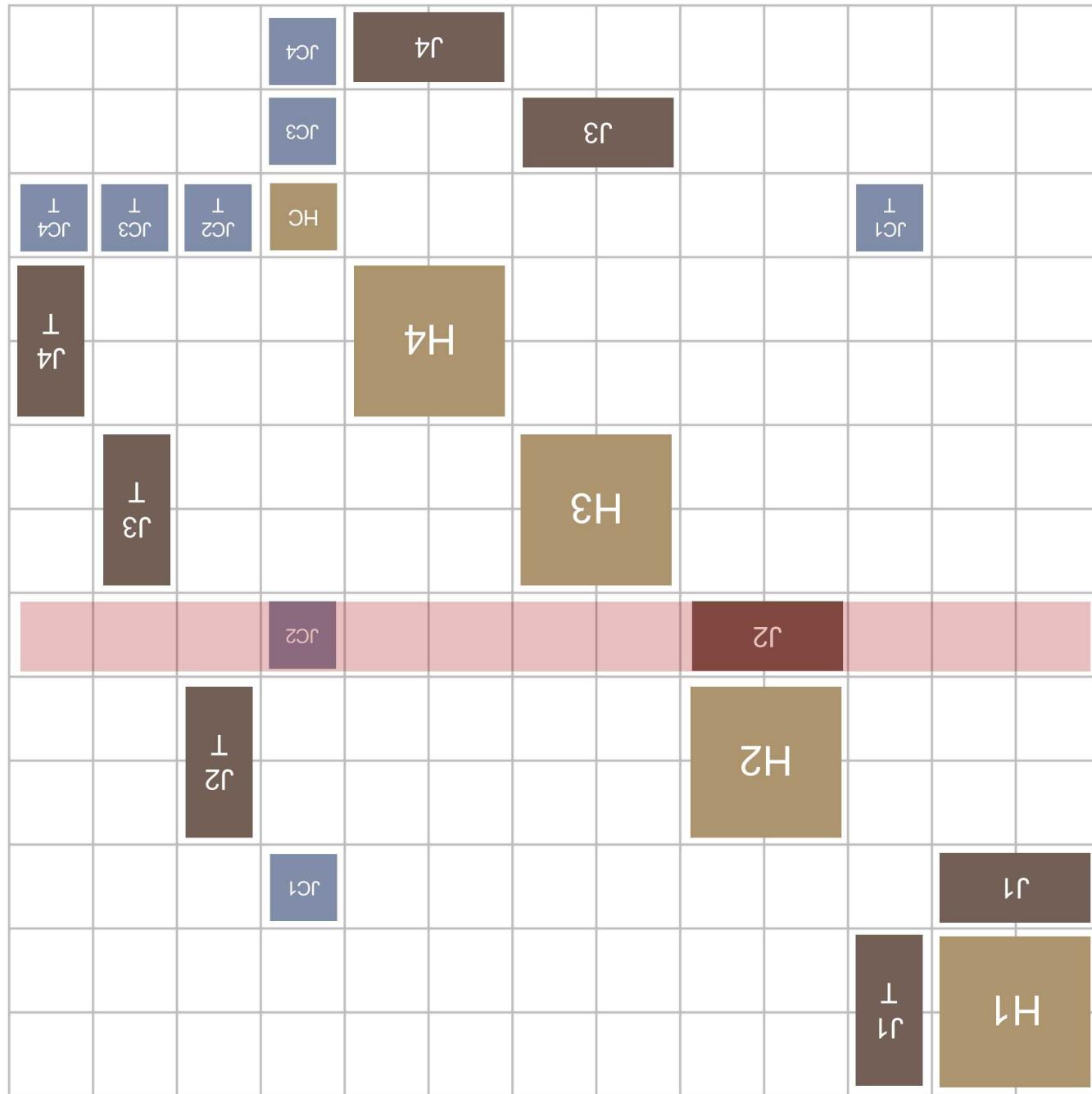


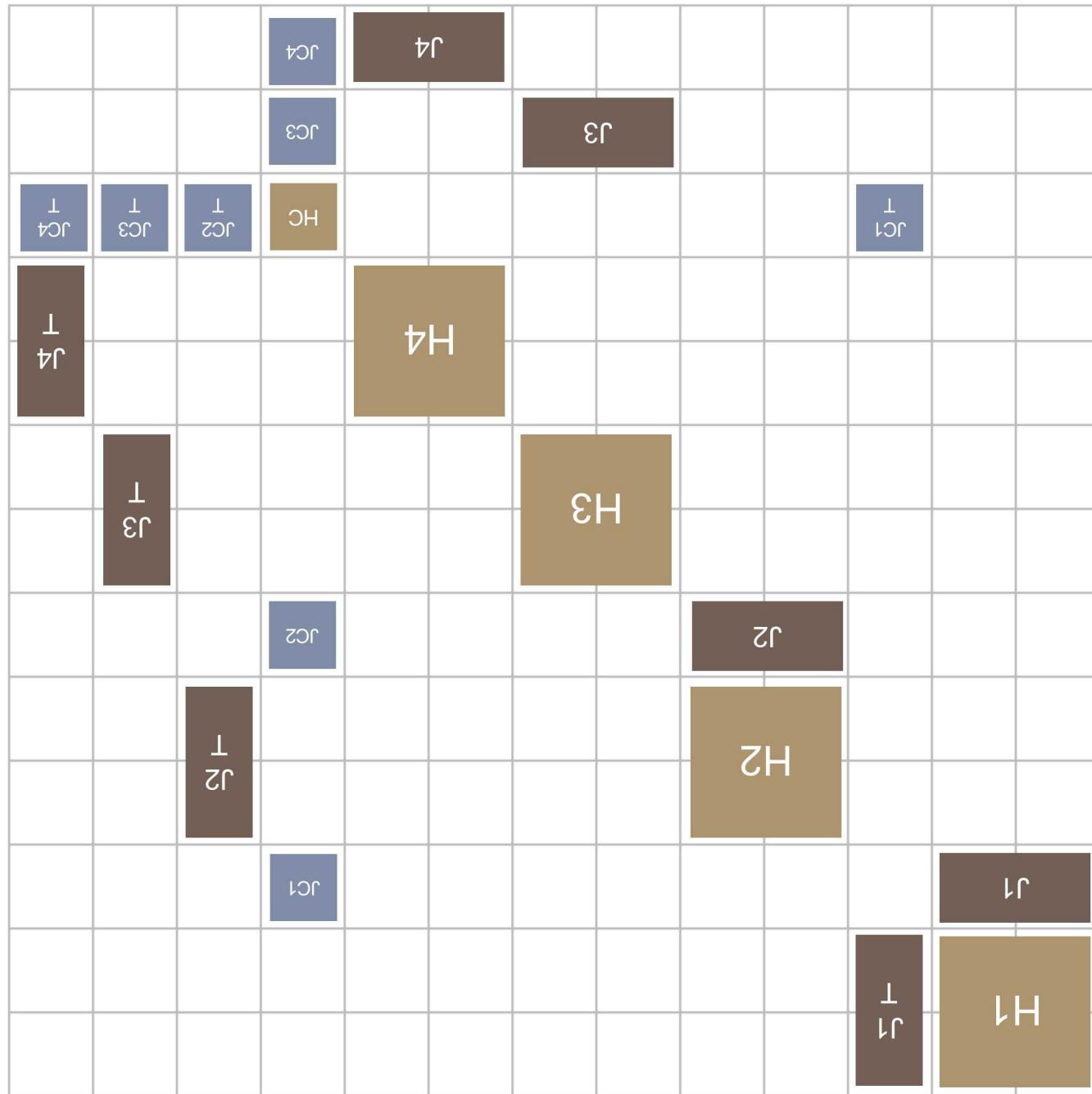


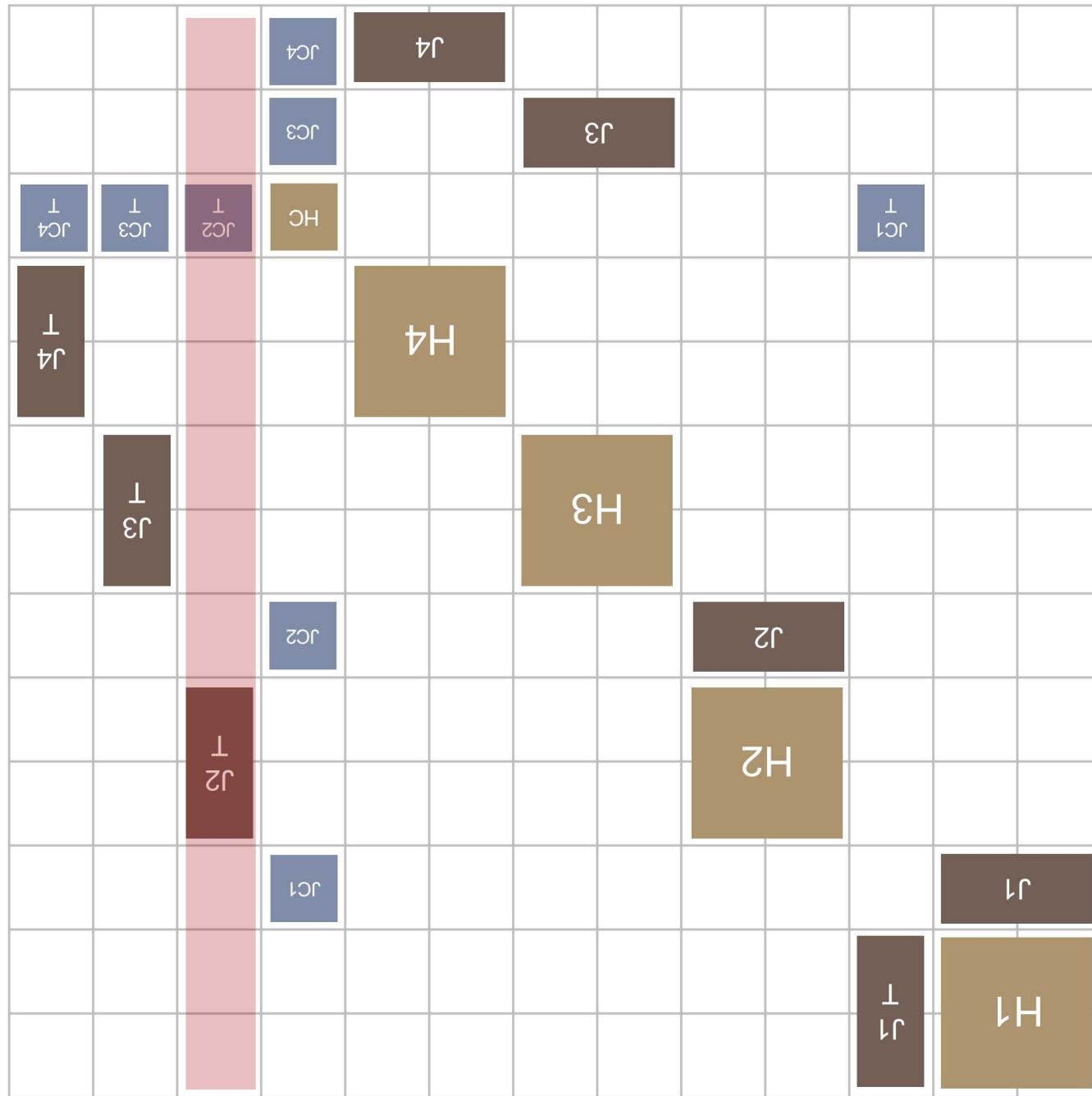


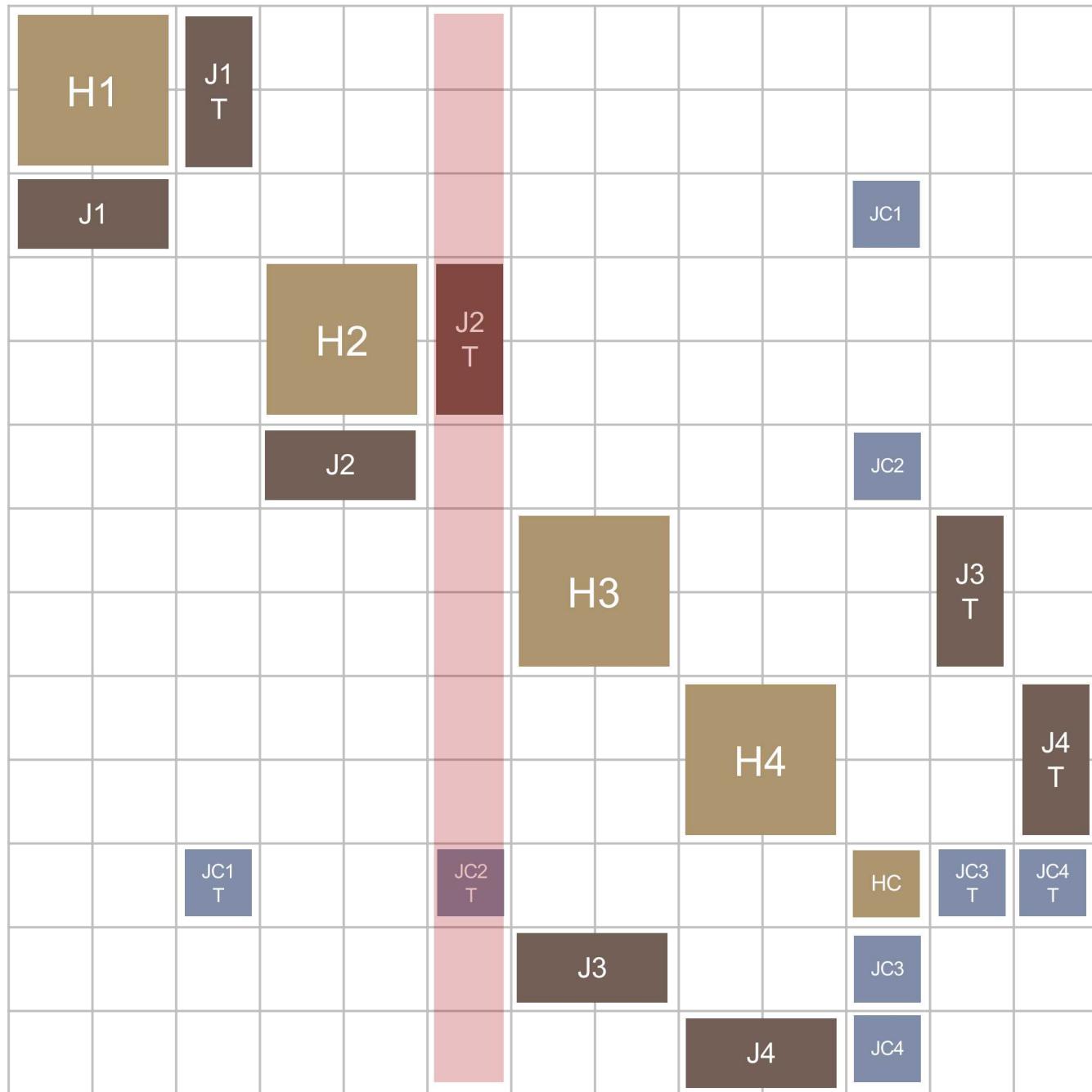


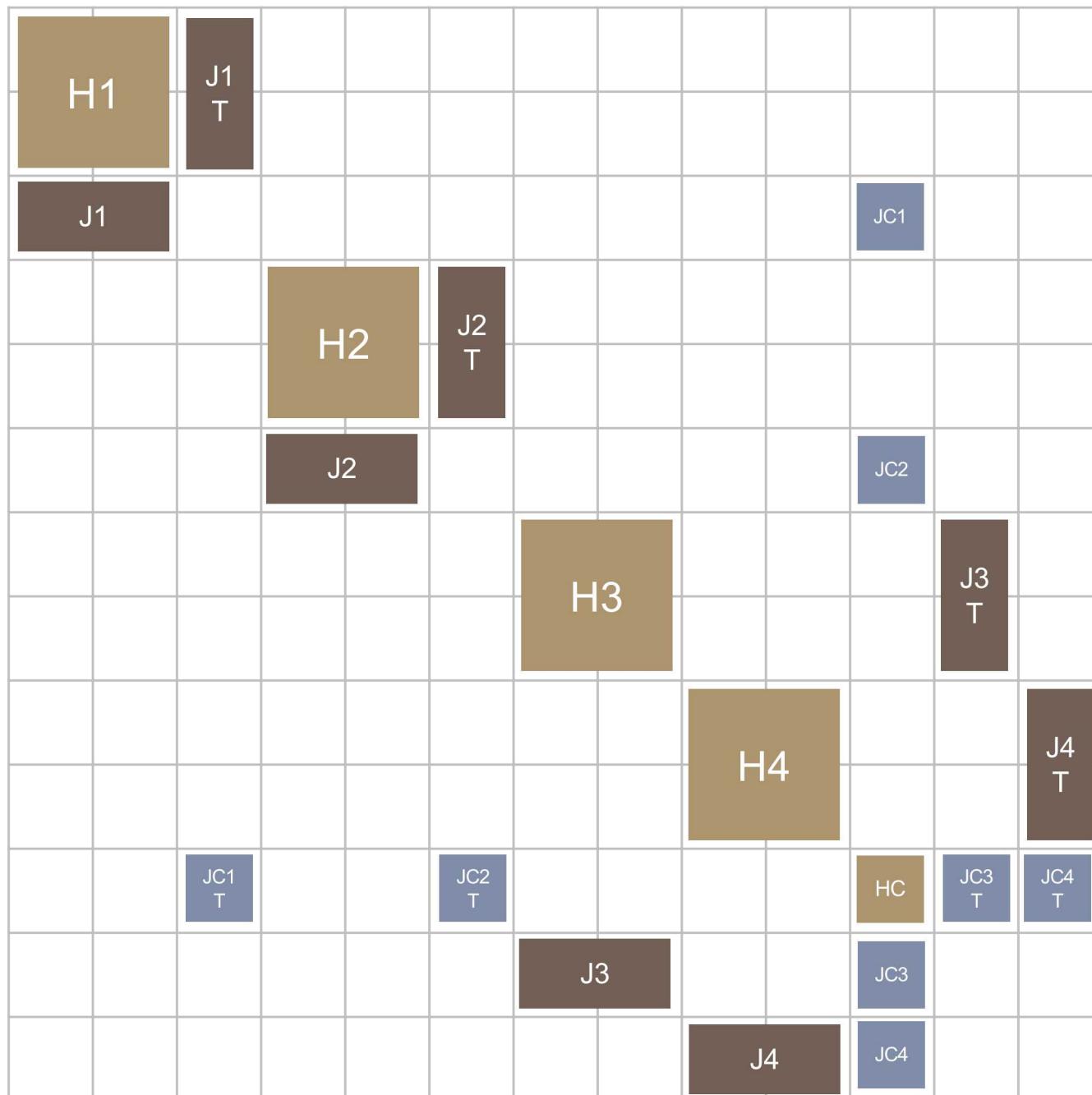


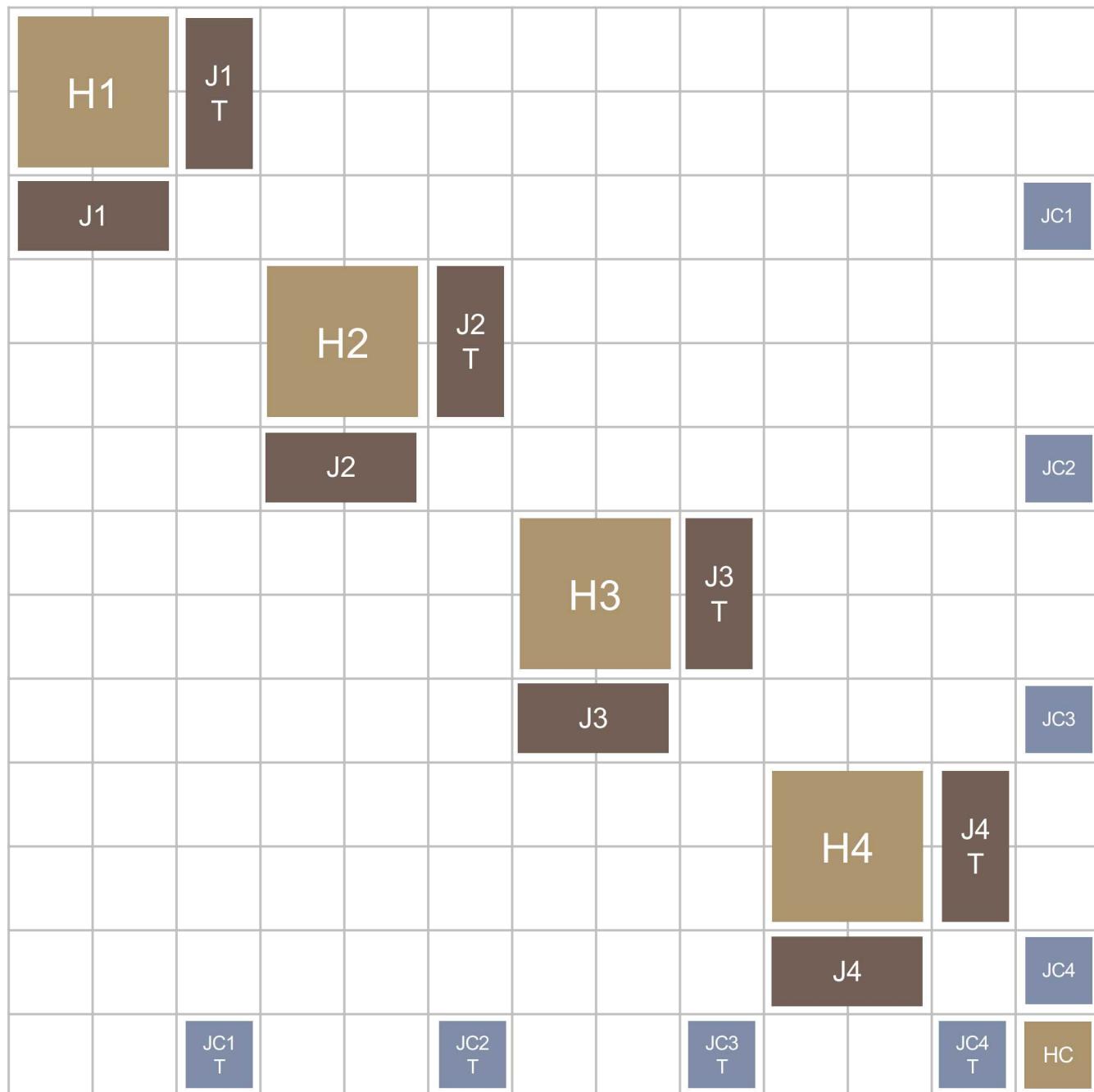


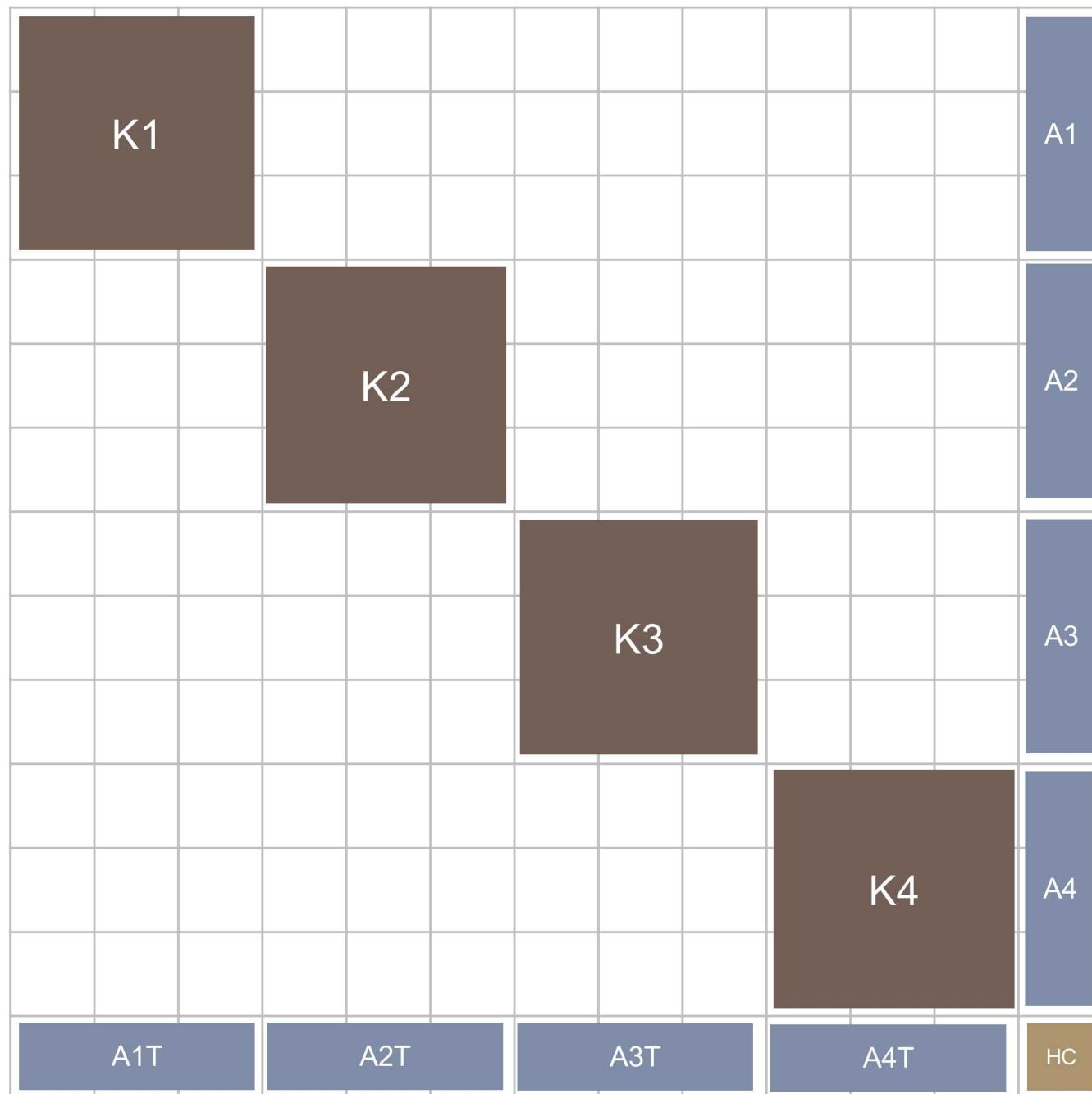


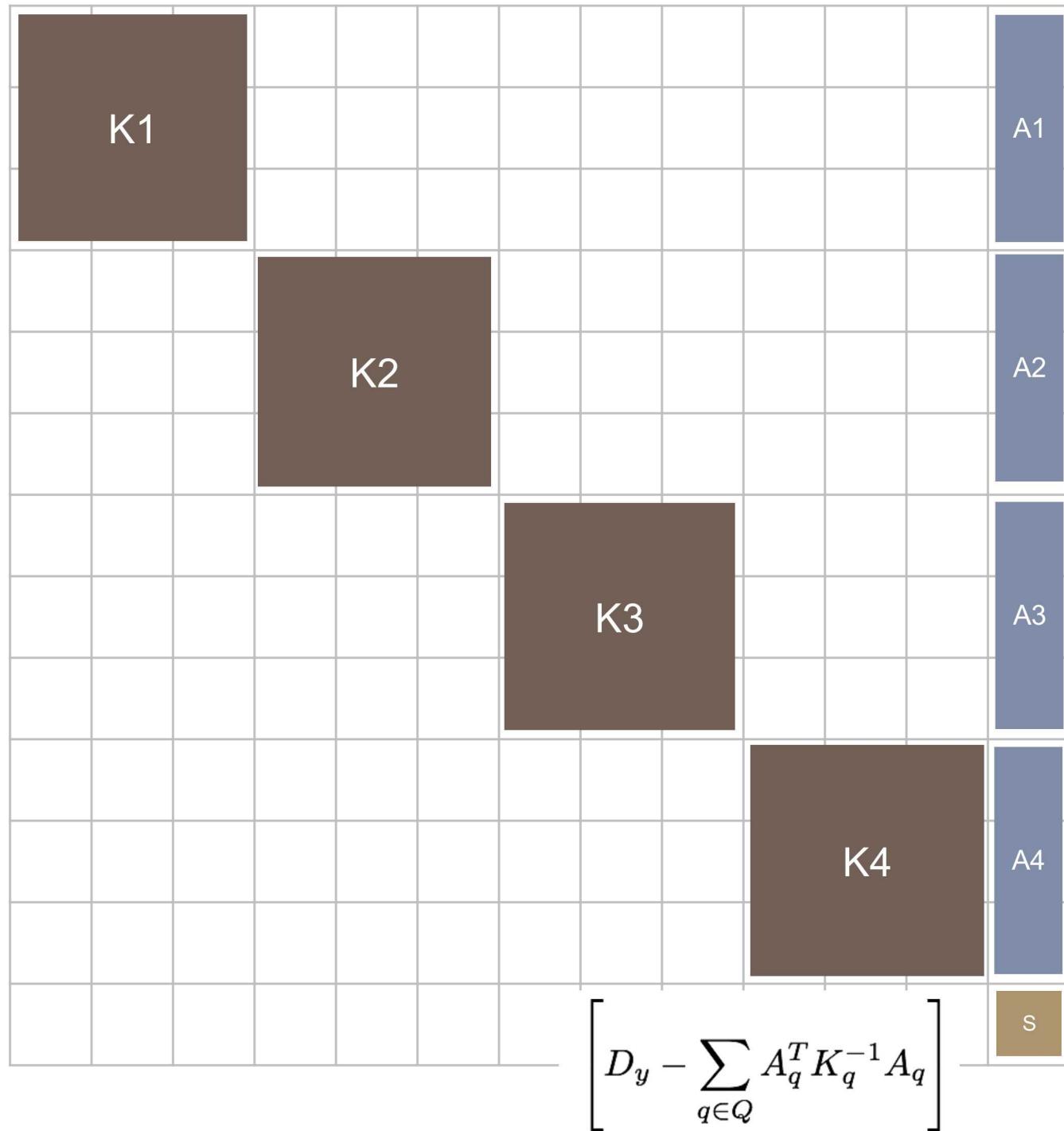












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**1.1:** factor  $K_i$

Factor K  
Blocks

**2:** let  $S = [-\delta_c I]$

**3:** let  $r_{sc} = r_s$

**4:** for each  $i$  in  $1, \dots, n_e$

**4.1:** for each column  $j$  in  $A_i^T$

**4.1.1:** solve the system  $K_i q_i^{} = [A_i^T]^{}$

        Form Schur-  
        Complement

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**5:** solve  $S \Delta \nu_s = r_{sc}$  for  $\Delta \nu_s$

Solve Schur-Complement

**6:** for each  $i$  in  $1, \dots, n_e$

**6.1:** solve  $K_i \Delta \nu_i = r_i - A_i^T \Delta \nu_s$  for  $\Delta \nu_i$

Solve Remaining  
Vars

$$\left[ D_y - \sum_{q \in Q} A_q^T K_q^{-1} A_q \right] \Delta y = r_y - \sum_{q \in Q} A_q^T K_q^{-1} r_q$$

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# Explicit Schur-Complement Decomposition

## LDPE Process

- Parameter estimation problem [Zavala et al. 2008]

## Water network optimization

- Spatial decomposition of network [Zhu, 2011]

## Operation of air separation plants

- Dynamic load change under uncertainty
- Optimal operation with uncertain demand and energy pricing [Zhu, Legg, Laird, 2011a,b]

## N-1 Contingency constrained ACOPF (current work)

## Explicit SC does not scale well to large coupling variables

- Excellent when number of coupling variables is small (~100 variables)
- Time to form and factor the Schur-complement becomes bottleneck

## Implicit-PCG-SC for problems with significant coupling

# Implicit PCG Approach for Strongly Coupled Systems

Solve Schur-complement implicitly, iteratively using PCG

- Never Explicitly Form Schur-complement
- Requires Only 1 Backsolve of K-block per PCG Iteration

$$\left[ D_y - \sum_{q \in Q} A_q^T K_q^{-1} A_q \right] \Delta y$$

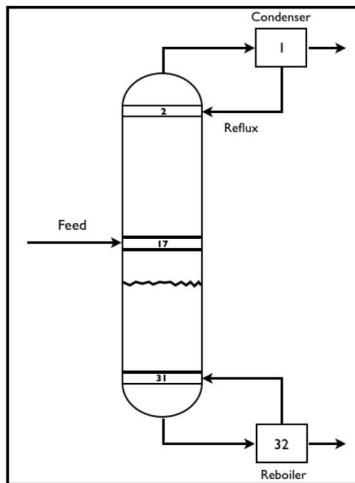
Preconditioner for the Schur-complement system

- Automatic preconditioning [J.L. Morales, and J. Nocedal, 2000]
- L-BFGS update using CG steps from the previous IP iteration
- In practice, significantly fewer than n PCG iterations

Schur-complement must be positive semi-definite

- closely tied to the inertia condition

# Parallel Performance: Optimization Under Uncertainty



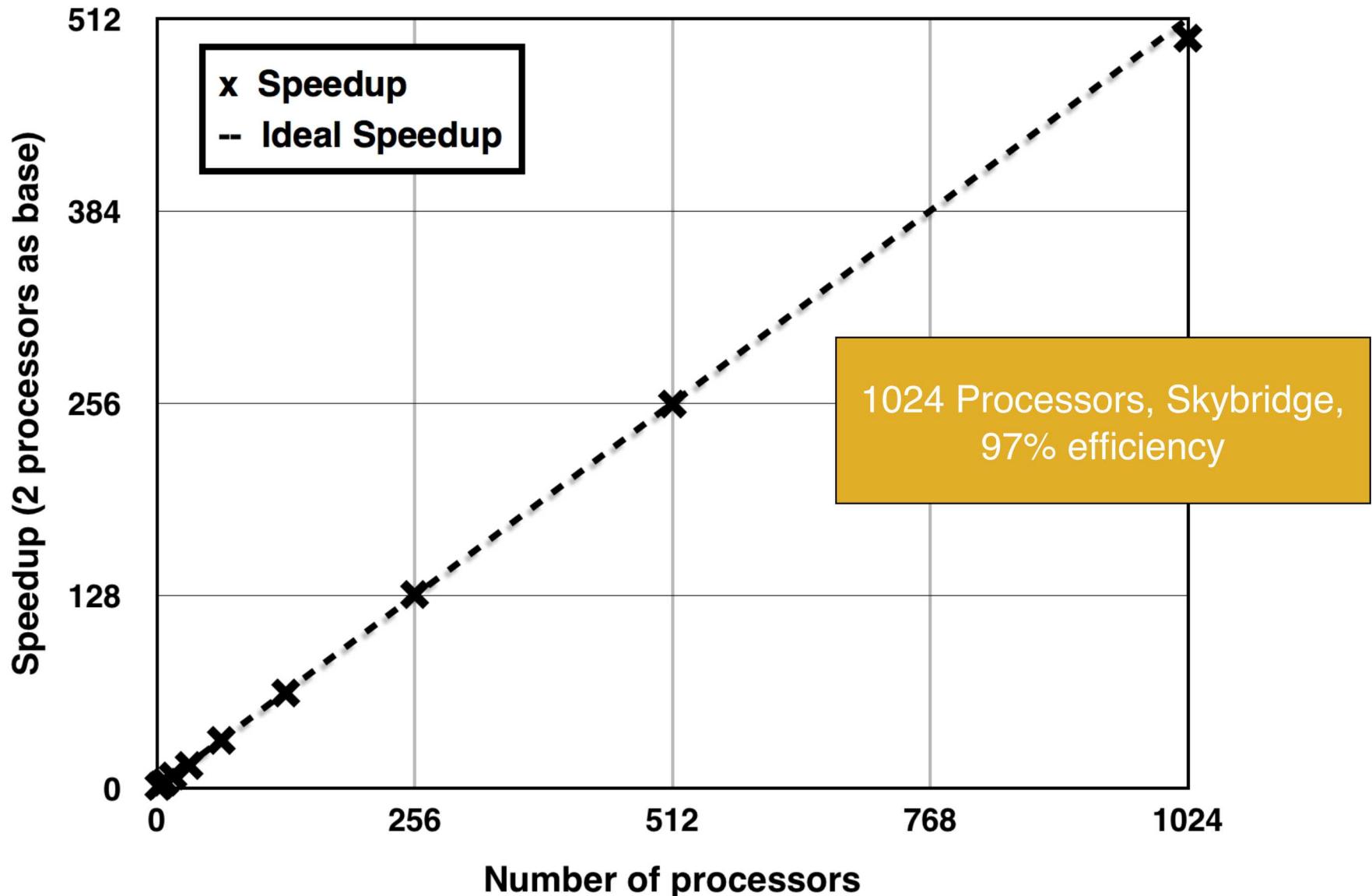
- 32 state variables, 35 algebraic variables
- Discretize model (OCFE)
- Uncertainty in mole fraction of the feed stream
- 96 scenarios, 32 processors

[Benallou, Seborg, and Mellichamp (1986)]

Case	# Vars.	# Coupling Vars.	FS-S time(s)	ESC-S time(s)	ESC-P time(s)	PCGSC-S time(s)	PCGSC-P time(s)
1	1430550	150	10.3	79.1	2.6	17.9	0.6
2	2861100	300	-	-	10.8	-	1.1
3	4291650	450	-	-	32.1	-	2.4
4	5722200	600	-	-	70.3	-	3.2
5	7152750	750	-	-	90.5	-	4.3
6	8583300	900	-	-	160.5	-	5.3
7	10013850	1050	-	-	218.0	-	6.3
8	11444400	1200	-	-	286.6	-	8.1

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# Parallel Performance: Strong Scaling



## Summary and Conclusions

Tremendous opportunities for rigorous mathematical programming approaches in science and engineering

Emerging science and engineering problems continue to push the capabilities of scientific computing tools

No more free lunch...

# Summary and Conclusions

## Applications, Architectures, Algorithms, Adoption

- Need to understand the applications, assumptions
  - Structure: Uncertainty, discretization, spatial/network, data
- Need to understand architectures
  - E.g. Big-Iron clusters, shared-memory multi-core, GPU
  - Not all parallel architectures created equal
- Need for new algorithms
  - Tailored decomposition based on interior-point methods
  - Problem level decomposition strategies
  - Strategies are problem and architecture dependent
- Need to make tools available for other researchers
  - Open-source parallel algorithms
  - Pyomo: Optimization Modeling in Python

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