

Description and a first application of the TEMOA energy system model: Tools for Energy Model Optimization and Analysis

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The TEMOA Project

Tools for Energy Model
Optimization and Analysis

Goal: Create a community-driven, technology explicit, energy economy model

Our Approach:

- ❑ Open source code (GNU Public License)
- ❑ Open source data (GNU Public License)
- ❑ No commercial software dependencies
- ❑ Input and output data managed directly with a relational DB
- ❑ Data and code stored in a web accessible electronic repository
- ❑ A version control system
- ❑ Programming environment with links to linear, mixed integer, and non-linear solvers
- ❑ **Design for sensitivity and uncertainty analysis**
- ❑ **Utilize multi-core and compute cluster environments**

Version Control with Subversion



We are using a version control system called Subversion (SVN)

<http://subversion.apache.org/>
<http://svnbook.red-bean.com/>

Why? Ensure the integrity, sustainability and traceability of changes during the entire software lifecycle.

SVN enables:

- ❑ Multiple developers to work simultaneously on software components; automatic integration of non-conflicting changes
- ❑ Display the modifications to model source code
- ❑ Create software snapshots (releases) that represent well-tested and clearly defined milestones
- ❑ Public access to snapshots of the code and data

You can view our code online: <http://svn.temoaproject.org/trac/browser>

Most current branch: [branches/energysystem-process](#)

Works on all major (Unix, Windows, MacOS) platforms

COmmon Optimization Python Repository (COOPR)

- COOPR is a collection of Python optimization-related packages that supports a diverse set of optimization capabilities for formulating and analyzing optimization models.
- Algebraic model formulation using Python Optimization Modeling Objects (Pyomo)
- Capability to formulate linear, mixed integer, and non-linear model formulations without commercial solvers
- **Part of a rich Python ecosystem**

Developed by the Discrete Math and Complex Systems Department at Sandia National Laboratories: <https://software.sandia.gov/trac/coopr/>

TEMOA Model Features

- ❑ Flexible time slicing by season and time-of-day
- ❑ Variable length model time periods
- ❑ Technology vintaging
- ❑ Separate technology loan periods and lifetimes
- ❑ Global and technology-specific discount rates
- ❑ All commodity flows balanced at the timeslice level
- ❑ Capacity determined by commodity flows at the timeslice level

Commodity Balance

$\forall p$ in time_period

$\forall s$ in season

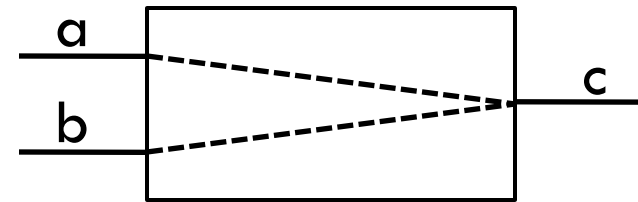
$\forall d$ in time_of_day

$\forall c_i$ in commodity

$\forall t$ in technology

$\forall v$ in vintage

$\forall c_o$ in commodity



ProcessBalanceConstraint_rule

$V_FlowOut(p, s, d, c_i, t, v, c_o)$
 \leq

$V_FlowIn(p, s, d, c_i, t, v, c_o)$
 $*Efficiency(c_in, t, v, c_o)$

Activity and Capacity Derived from V_FlowOut

ActivityConstraint_rule

Activity(p, s, d, t, v)

$$= \sum_{c_i} \sum_{c_o} V_FlowOut(p, s, d, c_i, t, v, c_o)$$

CapacityConstraint_rule

Activity(p, s, d, t, v)

≤ Capacity(t, v)

* CapacityFactor(t, v)

* SegFrac(s, d)

* Capacity2Activity(t)

Other Key Constraints

DemandConstraint_rule

$$\sum_{c_i} \sum_t \sum_v V_FlowOut(p, s, d, c_i, t, v, c_o) \geq Demand(p, s, d, c_o)$$

CommodityBalanceConstraint_rule

$$\sum_{c_i} \sum_t \sum_v V_FlowOut(p, s, d, c_i, t, v, c_o) \geq \sum_{c_o} \sum_t \sum_v V_FlowIn(p, s, d, c_i, t, v, c_o)$$

TEMOA Objective Function

Cost =

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\sum_p \sum_t \sum_v \right. \\ & V_Capacity[t, v] \\ & * (CostInvest[t, v] \\ & * LoanAnnualize[t, v] \\ & + CostFixed[p, t, v]) \\ & + \sum_s \sum_d \\ & V_Activity[p, s, d, t, v] \\ & * CostMarginal[p, t, v] \left. \right) * df[p] \end{aligned}$$

MARKAL 'Utopia' System Diagram

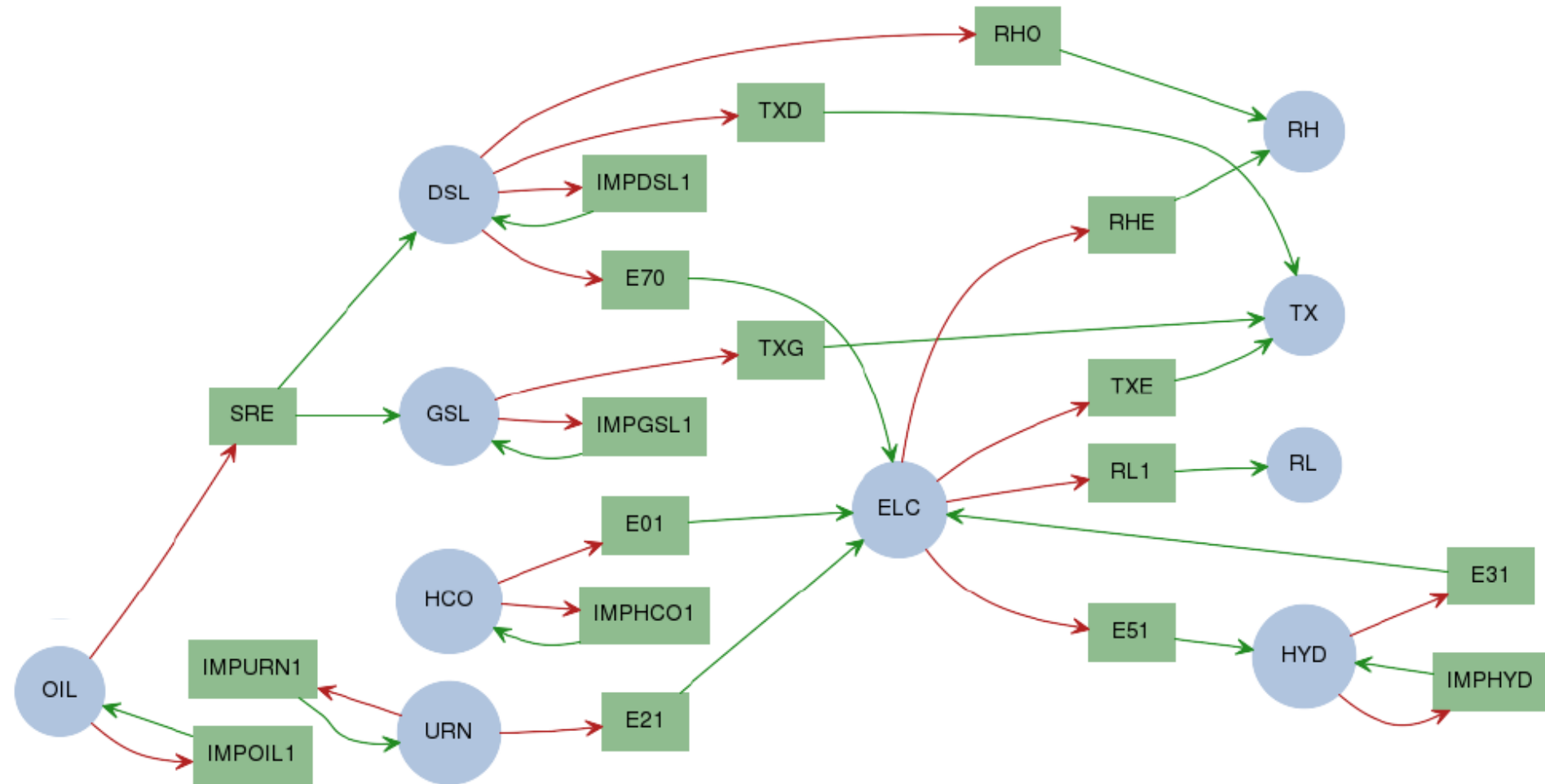


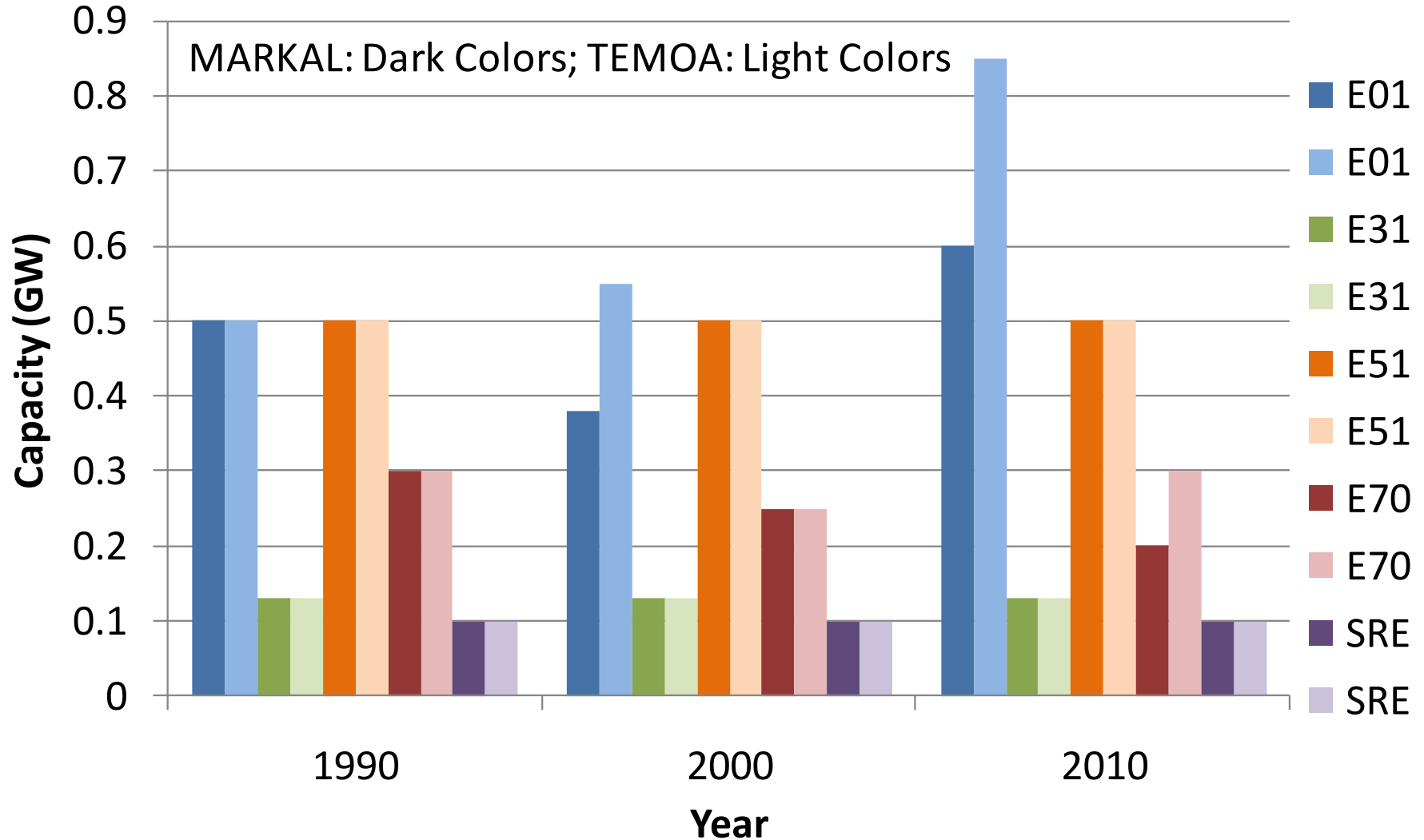
Diagram generated using Graphviz: <http://www.graphviz.org/>

Calibration to Utopia

MARKAL Objective value: 36,821

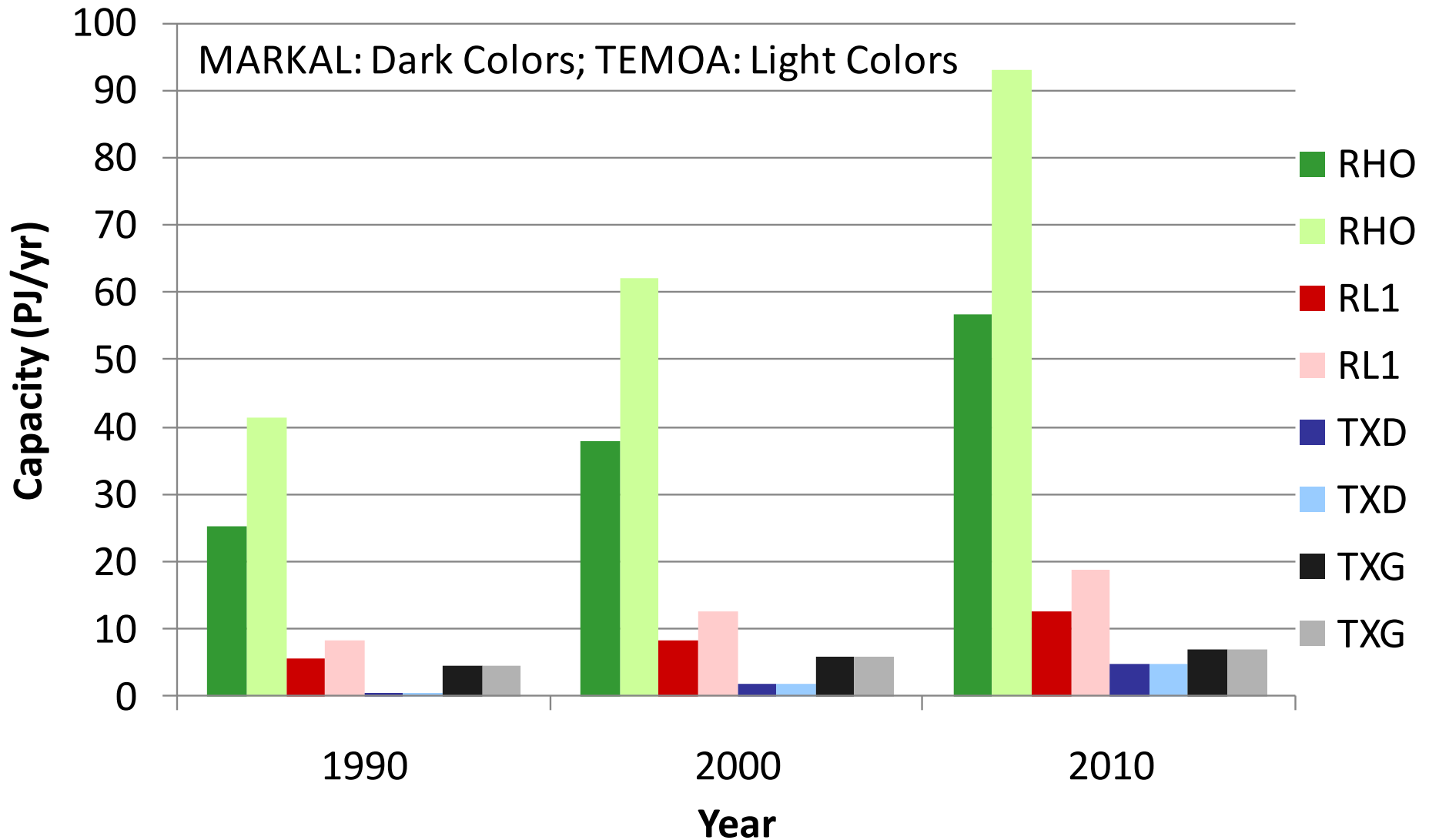
TEMOA Objective value: 38,502

Installed Capacity of Process Technologies:



Calibration to Utopia (continued)

Installed Capacity of Demand Technologies:



Stochastic Optimization

Decision-makers need to make choices before uncertainty is resolved → requires an “act then learn” approach

Need to make short-term choices that hedge against future risk

→ Sequential decision-making process that allows recourse

Stochastic optimization

- Build a scenario tree
- Assign subjective probabilities to future outcomes
- Optimize over all possibilities

Stochastic Optimization of Energy Models

Desirable features for energy models:

- Multi-stage (greater than 2)
- Multi-objective (e.g., cost, risk, emissions)
- Mixed integer (esp. endogenous tech learning)

Potential stochastic parameters:

- Fuel prices (esp. crude oil, natural gas, coal)
- Policy targets (e.g., CO₂ constraints, subsidies)
- Technology performance (e.g., capital cost, thermal eff)
- End-use demand projections (e.g., heating, cooling)

Simple Example of Stochastic Optimization

Suppose we have two technologies, A and B. Let x and y represent the installed capacity in Stages 1 and 2, respectively.

Stage 1 Decision Variables:

$$x_A, x_B$$

Stage 2 Decision Variables:

$$y_{A,s_1}, y_{B,s_1}, y_{A,s_2}, y_{B,s_2}$$

$$\text{Minimize: } c^T x + \sum_{s=1}^N p_s \cdot d_s^T \cdot y_s$$

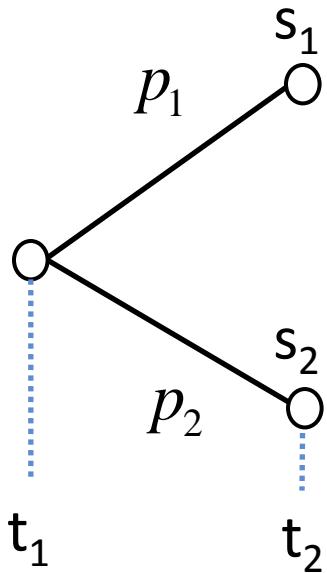
Subject To:

$$Ax = b$$

$$T_s x + W_s y_s = h_s \quad \text{for } s = 1, \dots, N$$

$$x \geq 0$$

$$y_s \geq 0 \quad \text{for } s = 1, \dots, N$$



Stochastic Optimization with PySP

Python-based Stochastic Programming (PySP) is part of the COOPR package.

To perform stochastic optimization, specify a Pyomo reference model and a scenario tree

PySP offers two options:

- 1 . **runef**: builds and solves the extensive form of the model.
“Curse of dimensionality” → memory problems
- 2 . **runph**: builds and solves using a scenario-based decomposition solver (i.e., “Progressive Hedging) based on Rockafellar and Wets (1991).
Can be implemented in a computer cluster environment; more complex scenario trees possible.

R.T. Rockafellar and R. J-B. Wets. Scenarios and policy aggregation in optimization under uncertainty. *Mathematics of Operations Research*, pages 119–147, 1991.

A Test Case of the US Electric Sector

Time periods: 2010-2040, 5-year increments

2030 and after, 2 possible CO₂ emissions levels, 3 possible natural gas prices

Electric sector CO₂ emissions in 2010: 2340 MmtCO₂

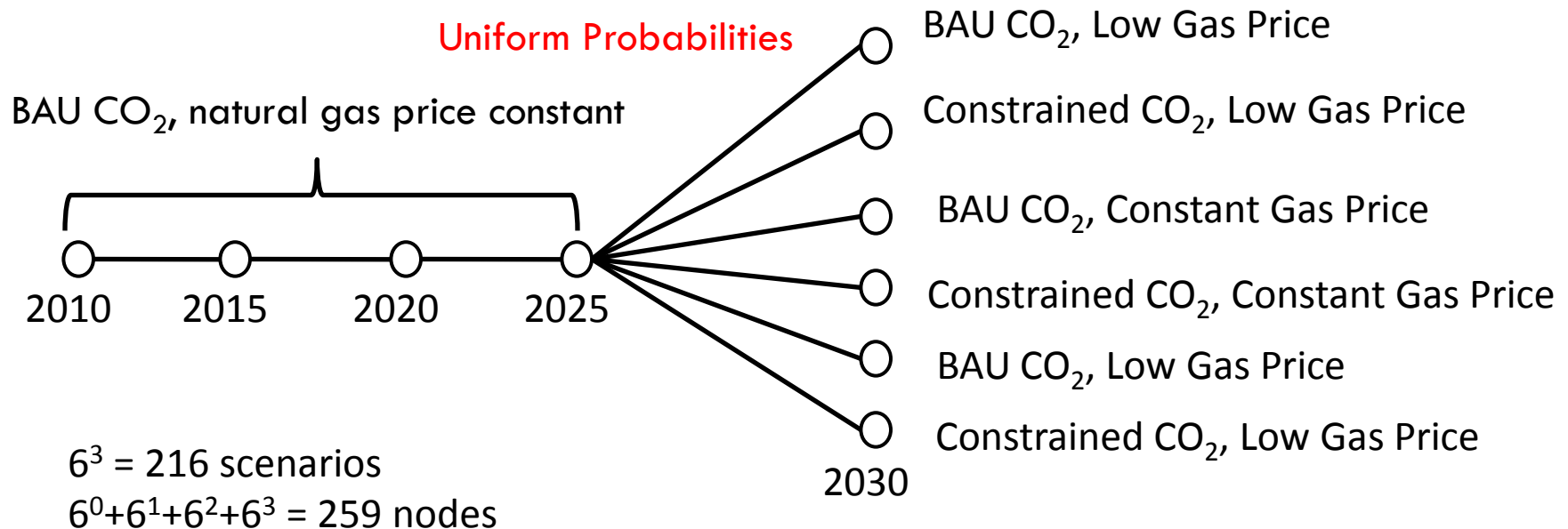
BAU CO₂: 0.6% annual increase, **CO₂ Constrained:** 4.7% annual decrease

[-50% to +20% change in CO₂ emissions in 2040 relative to 2010]

Natural gas prices in 2010: 4.45 \$/GJ

Low: 1.1% annual decrease, **Constant, High:** 8.4% annual increase

[Price ranges from 3.8 to 15 \$/GJ in 2040]



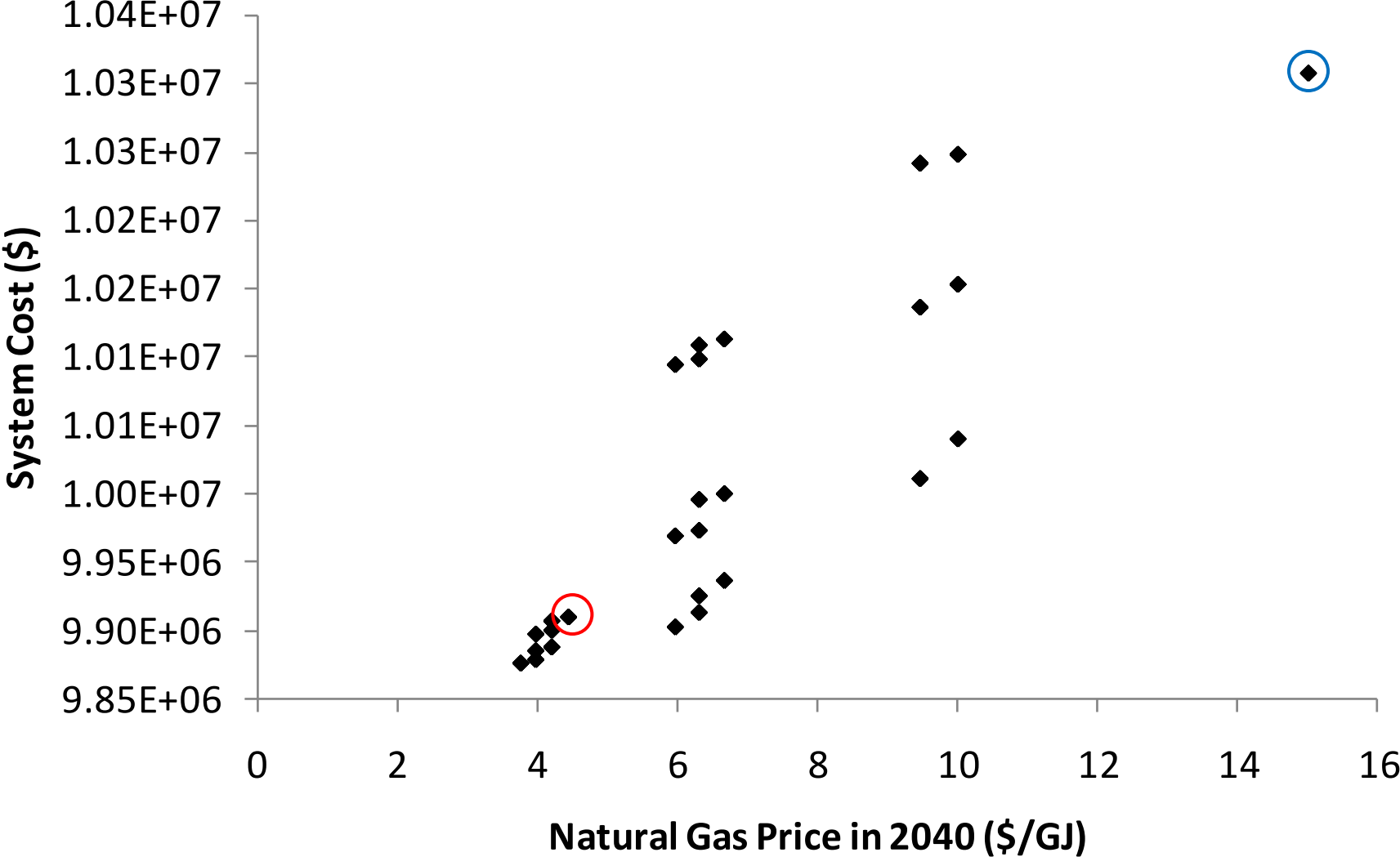
Technology Cost and Performance Characteristics

Annual growth in electricity demand of 0.6% based on the reference case in the *Annual Energy Outlook 2009*.

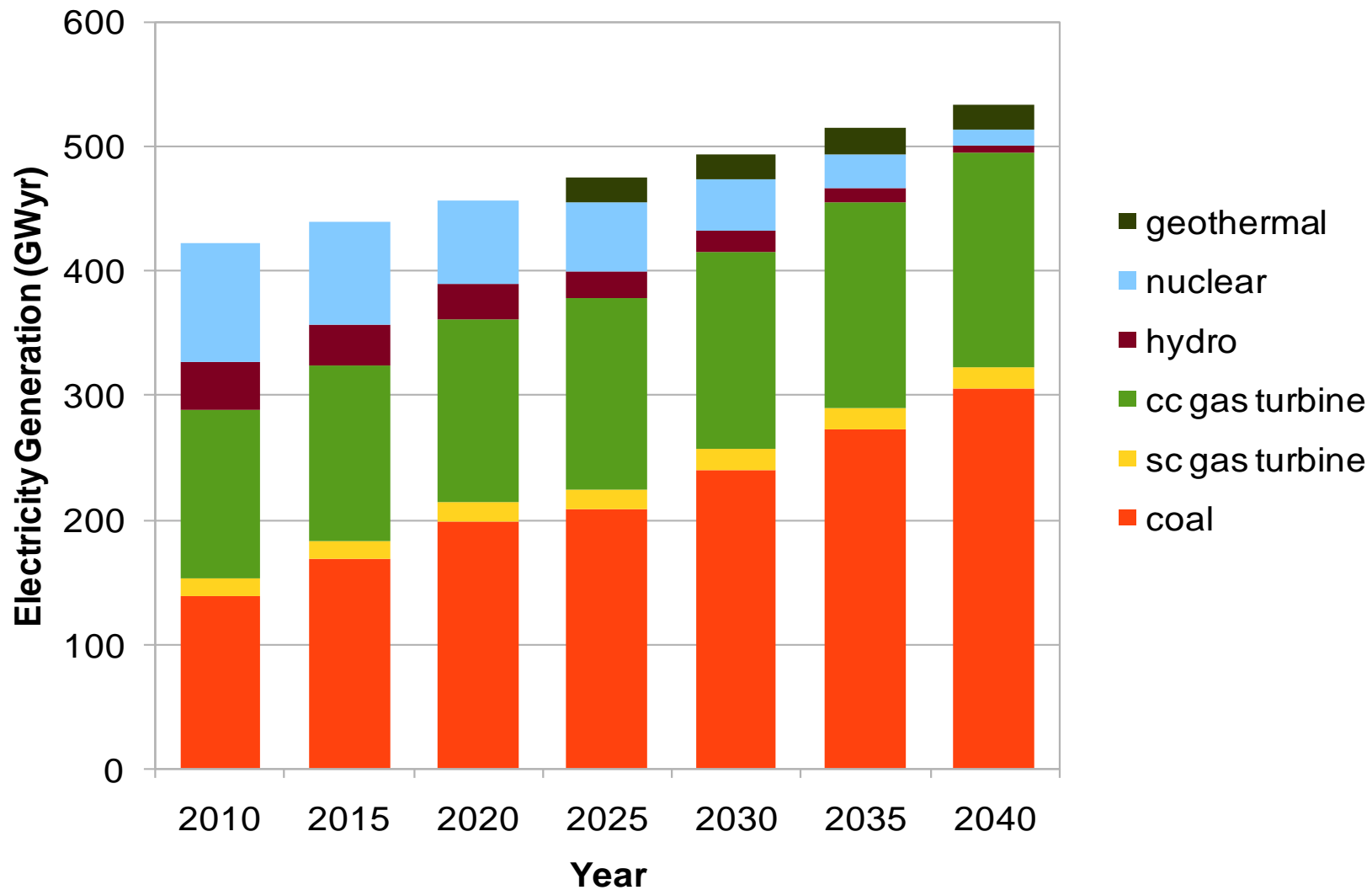
Technology ^a	Capital Cost (\$/kW)	Fixed O&M (\$/kW·yr)	Variable O&M (\$/kWh)	Efficiency (%)	Capacity Factor (%)	Average Cost (\$/kWh)	Baseload / Shoulder / Peak (B/S/P)	Capacity Constraint ^b (GW)
Pulverized Coal	2058	27.5	0.0459	39	95	0.043	B	
IGCC	2378	38.7	0.0292	46	90	0.045	B	
IGCC-CCS	3496	46.1	0.0444	41	90	0.066	B	
GTCC-CCS	1890	19.9	0.0294	46	90	0.086	B	
Nuclear	3318	90.0	0.0049	33	95	0.054	B	
Geothermal	1711	165	0.00	11	90	0.044	B	23
GTCC	948	11.7	0.0200	54	95	0.062	Any	
GT	634	10.5	0.0317	40	95	0.076	Any	
Hydro	2242	13.6	0.0243	34	65	0.047	Any	2
Wind-Onshore	1923	30.3	0.00	34	35	0.076	S	8000
Wind-Offshore	3851	89.5	0.00	34	40	0.14	S	800
Solar Thermal	5021	56.8	0.00	34	40	0.17	S	100
Solar PV	6038	11.7	0.00	34	30	0.25	S	

Source: EIA (US Energy Information Administration), Office of Integrated Analysis and Forecasting, US Department of Energy. *Assumptions to the Annual Energy Outlook 2009*. DOE/EIA-0554(2009); Washington DC; US Government Printing Office; 2009b.

Natural Gas Price in 2040 vs. Total Cost

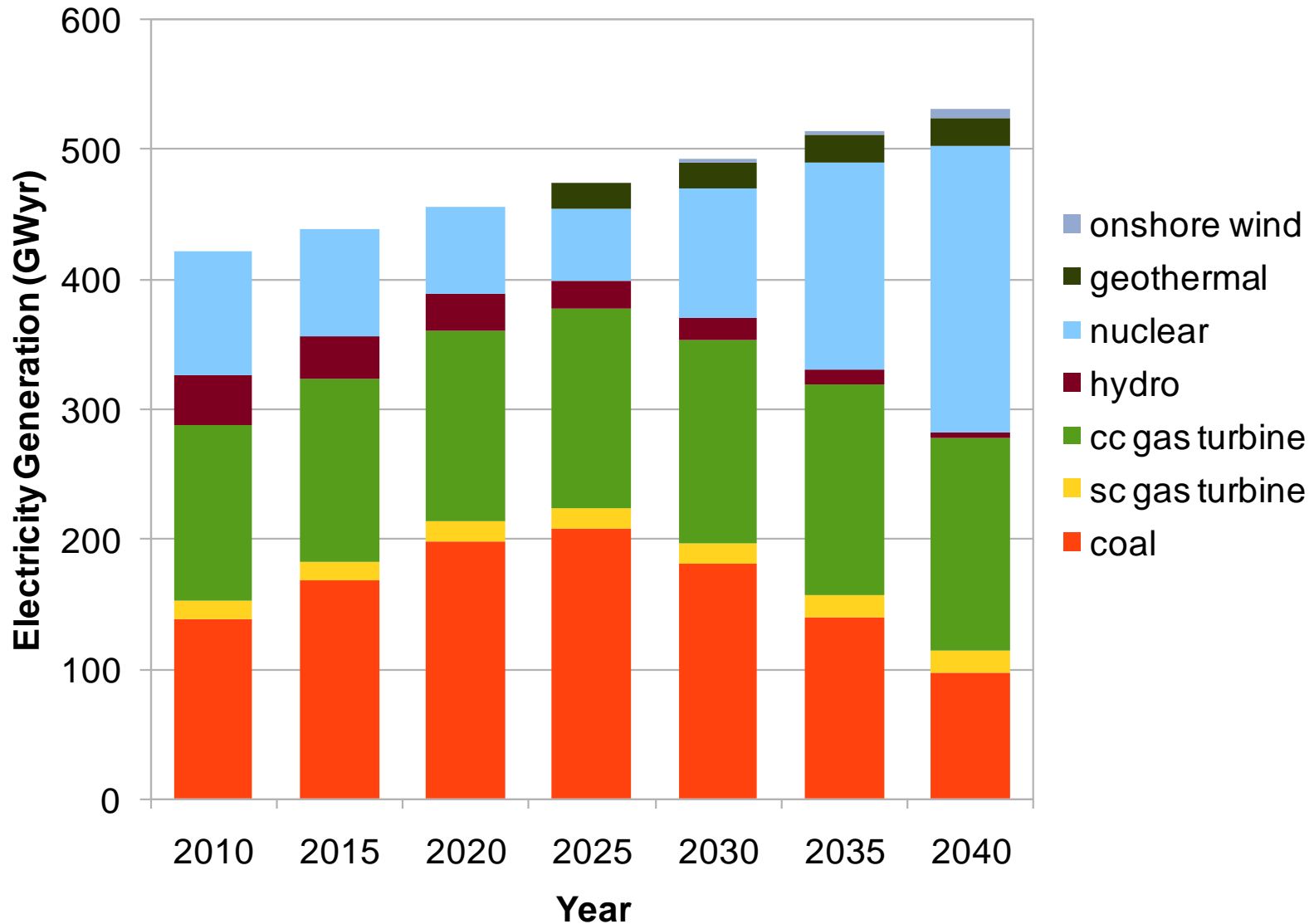


Constant Nat Gas Prices, Increasing CO₂



CO₂ emissions allowed to grow 0.6% annually
Natural gas prices remain constant at 4.5 \$/GJ

High Nat Gas Prices, Decreasing CO₂



CO₂ emissions decrease 4.6% annually from 2030-2040

Natural gas prices increase 8.3% annually from 2030-2040

Next Steps for the TEMOA Project

- Build in partial equilibrium capability
- Store I/O data in a SQLite relational database
- Build a US national database drawing data from NCSU TIMES model currently under development
- Solve stochastic version of more complex models using progressive hedging

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Questions?

Pyomo versus AMPL

Algebraic Formulation: $\sum_{t \in \text{tech}} \text{production}_{t, \text{seg}} \geq \text{dmd}_{\text{seg}}, \forall \text{seg} \in \text{segments}$

AMPL Formulation:

```
s.t. elc_demand{seg in segments}:  
sum{t in tech[seg]} production[t] >= dmd[seg];
```

Pyomo Formulation:

```
model.elc_demand = Constraint( model.segments, rule=elc_demand )
```

```
def elc_demand (seg, model):  
    "Constraint: Electricity production >= demand each segment"  
    constraint_val = sum(  
        model.production[t]  
        for t in model.tech[ seg ]  
    )  
    return ( constraint_val >= model.dmd[ seg ] )
```

Use comment blocks to dynamically generate model documentation (via Sphinx). Can embed LaTeX formatting in comments.