

Machine-Learning-aided Optimal Transmission Switching

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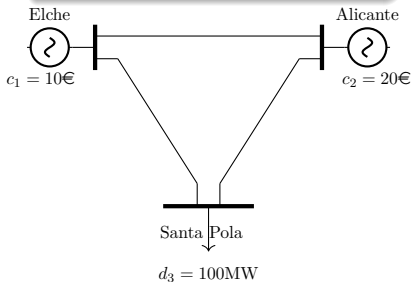
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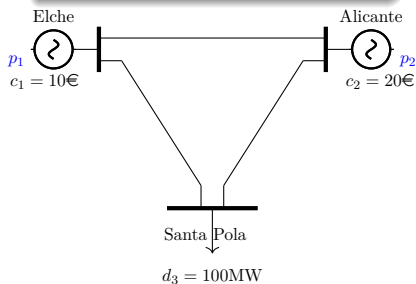
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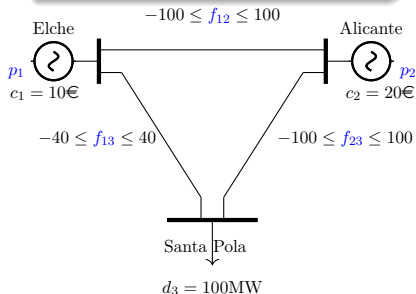
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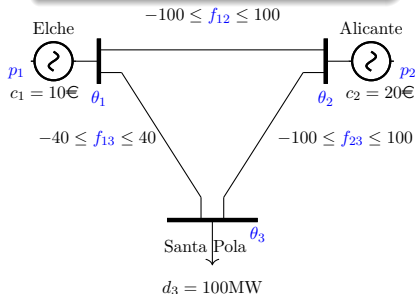
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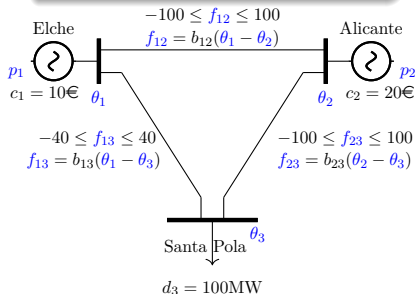
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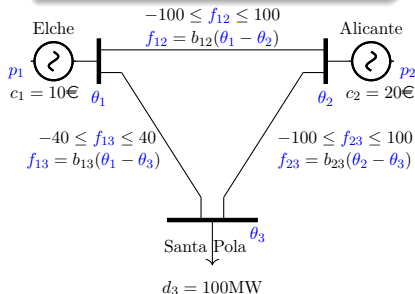
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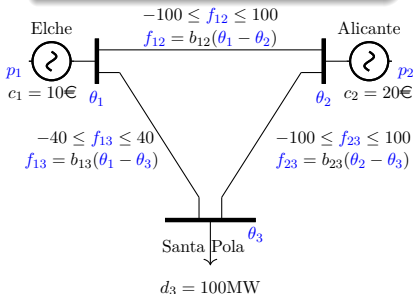
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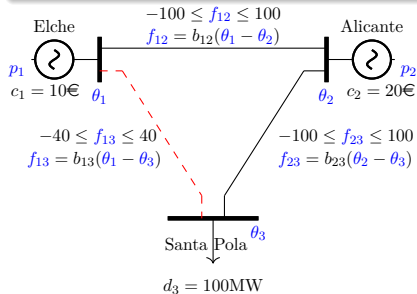
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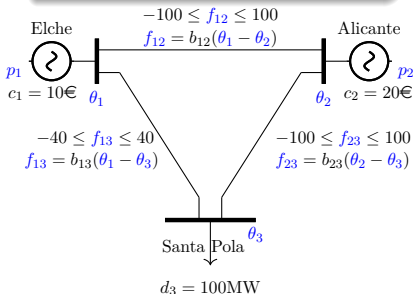
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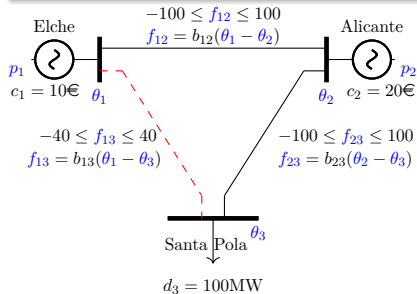
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- Binary variables $x_{nm}, \forall (n, m) \in \mathcal{L}_S$.
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- $p_1^* = 100, p_2^* = 0$.
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- MINLP because $x_{nm}(\theta_n - \theta_m)$.
- NP-hard problem.

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Original constraint

$$f_{nm} = x_{nm} b_{nm} (\theta_n - \theta_m)$$

Reformulation using big-Ms

$$b_{nm}(\theta_n - \theta_m) - \overline{M}_{nm}(1 - x_{nm}) \leq f_{nm} \leq b_{nm}(\theta_n - \theta_m) - \underline{M}_{nm}(1 - x_{nm})$$

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- **Objective:** Find good bounds for bigMs.

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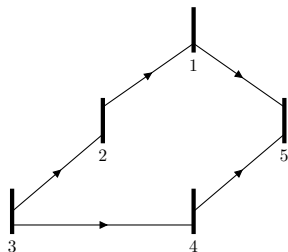
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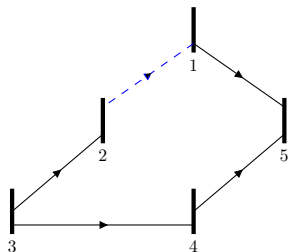
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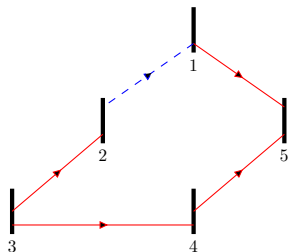


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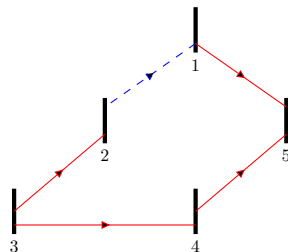
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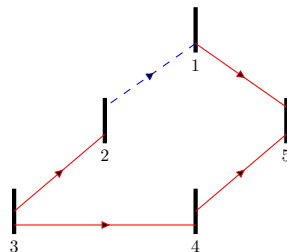
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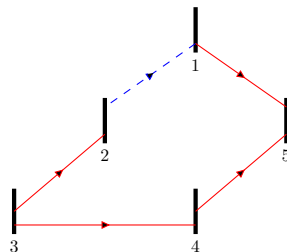
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Experimental Setup

- Realistic network, [Blumsack, 2006].
- 118 buses - 186 lines.
- $|\mathcal{L}_S| = 69$.
- 500 instances.
- Demand follows uniform distribution in $[0.9d_n, 1.1d_n]$.
- Gurobi 9.1.2.
- Gap = 0.01%.
- Time limit: 1 hour.
- Github.

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- Trade-off decision.
- Competitive against existing approaches.

More details

Learning-Assisted Optimization for Transmission Switching

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