

# Zombie Optimization or How I Learned to Love Decomposition

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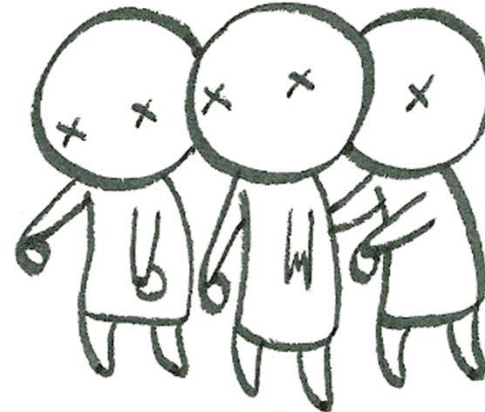
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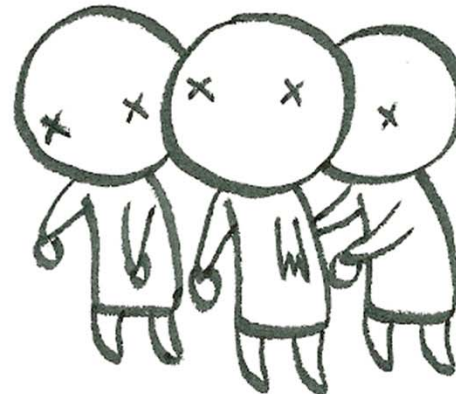
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# Disclaimer #2

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  - well, there is some
  - I will try, with varying degrees of success, to provide examples of decomposition in problems related to computational sustainability



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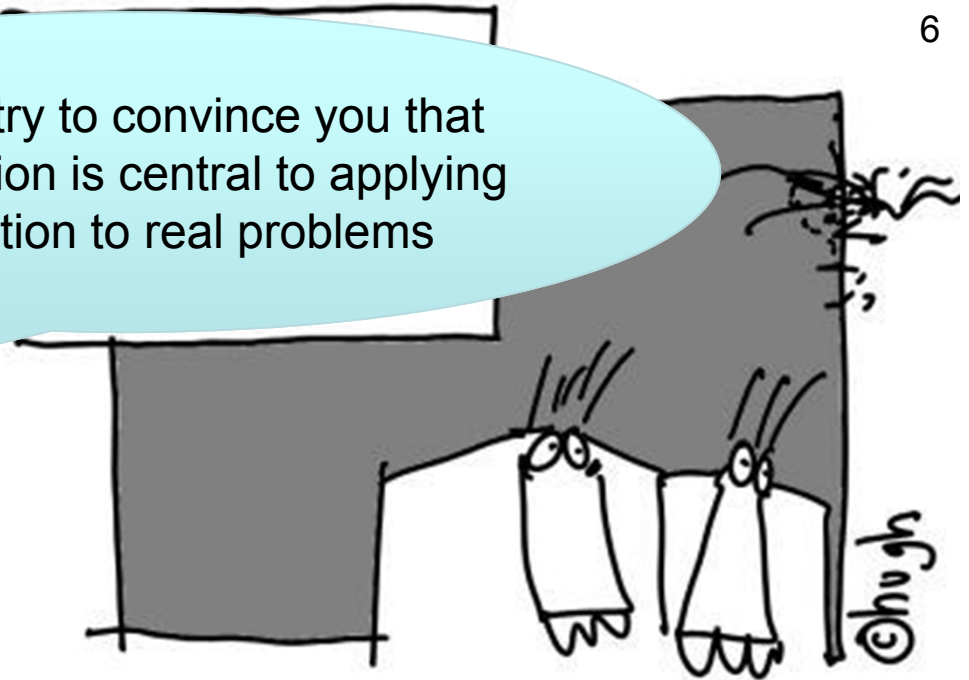
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wherein, I try to convince you that decomposition is central to applying optimization to real problems

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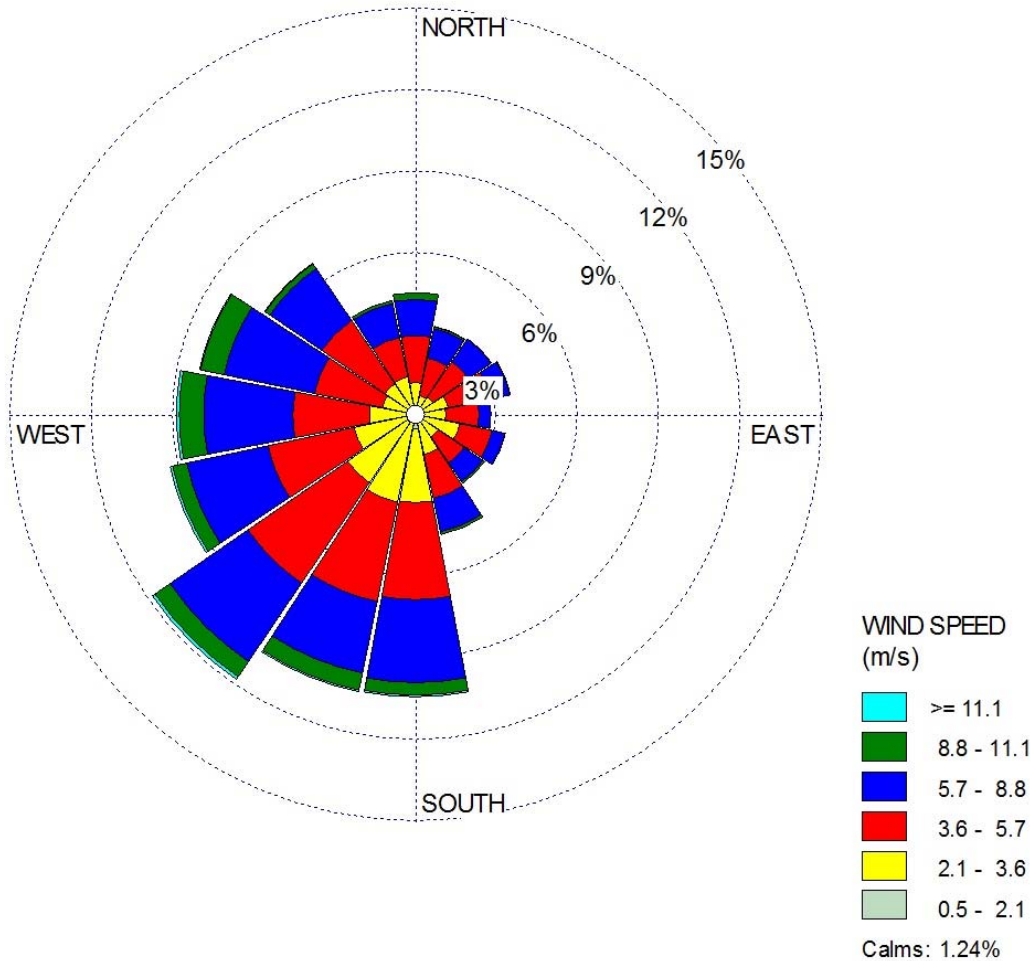


# Problem 1: Turbine Placement

- Objective: maximize energy production or profit
- Constraints:
  - location: min. separation, land topology, existing infrastructure
  - limit of input power to grid
  - turbine specifications
- Decisions:
  - turbine types, number, placement

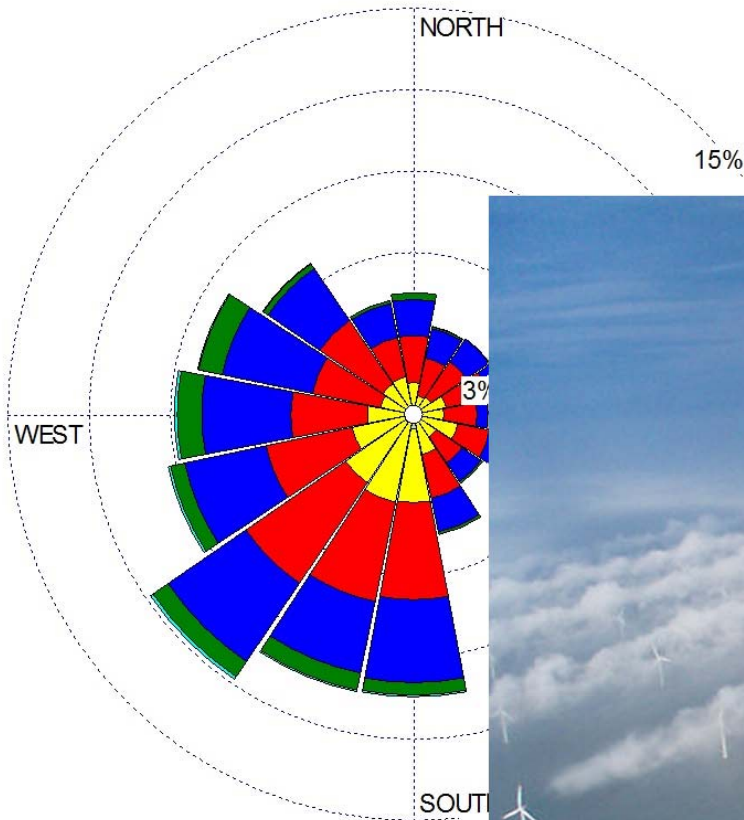
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# Problem 2: Infrastructure Layout

- Design the supporting structure
  - turbine foundations, electrical network, road network, control, monitoring and data gathering
  - reliability, maintenance, life time (stochastic!)
- Power loss via transmission scales with length
  - the turbine placement and electrical network are interdependent

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# Problem 3: Wind Energy Storage

- Smooth supply variations by storing energy (e.g., battery)
  - how big should the battery be?
- Depends on how it is used
  - connection with unit commitment problem
  - economic connection with turbine placement



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- Standard approach: decomposition
  - focus on something we can solve
- Maybe particularly dangerous in computational scalability
  - law of unintended consequences
- But the original problem is just too big!



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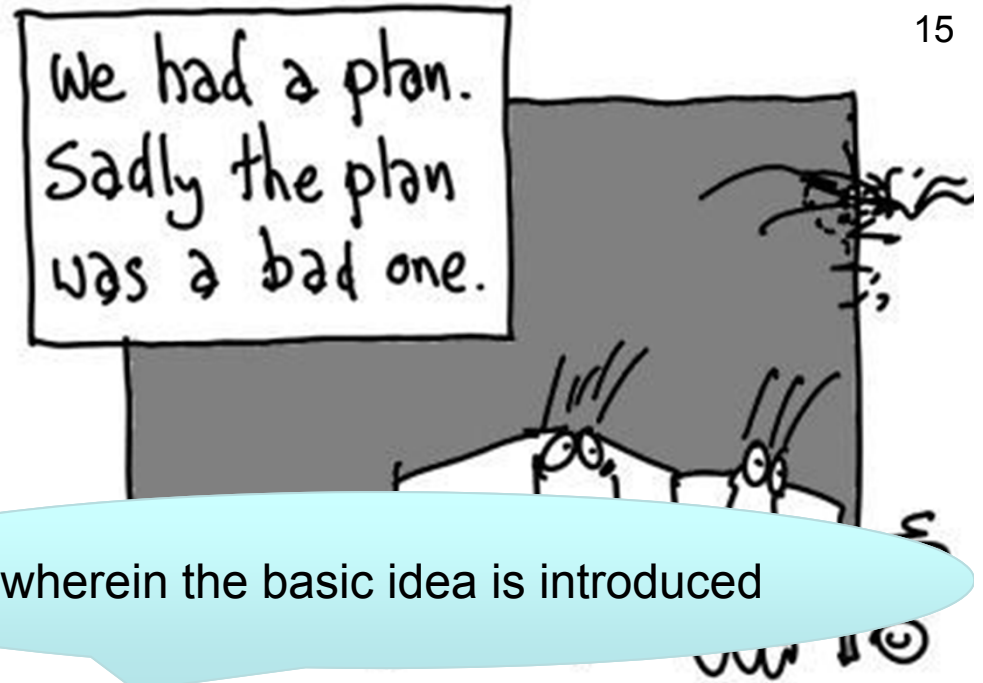
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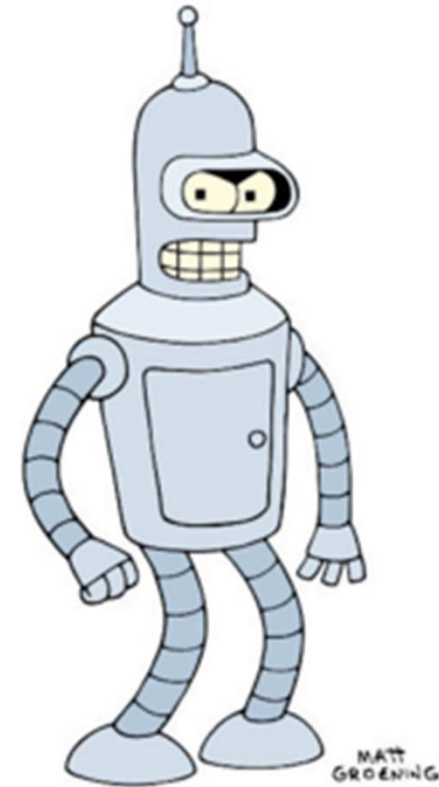
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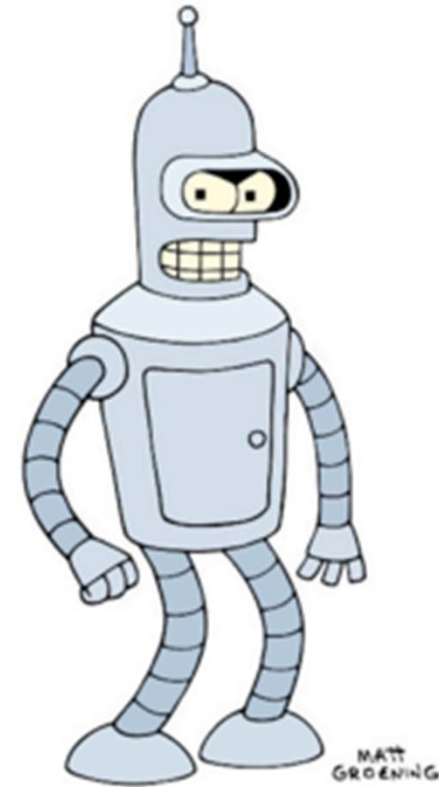




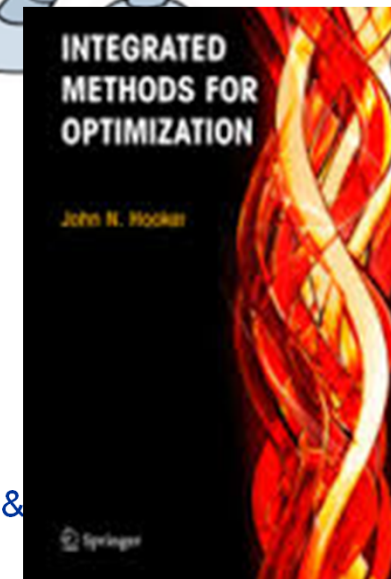
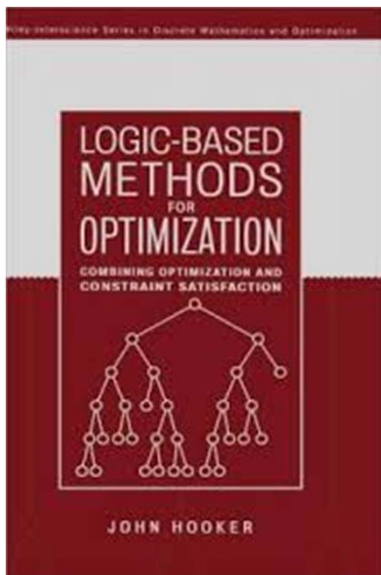
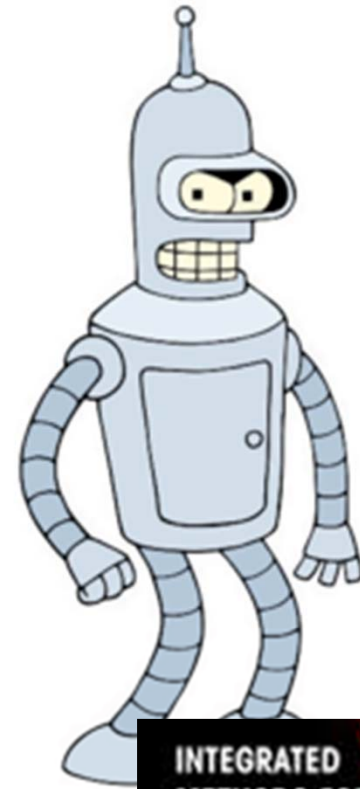
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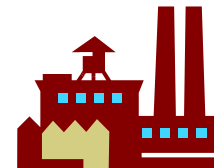
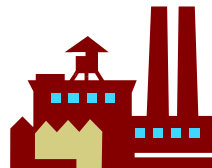
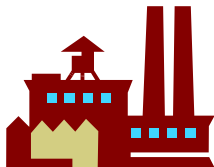
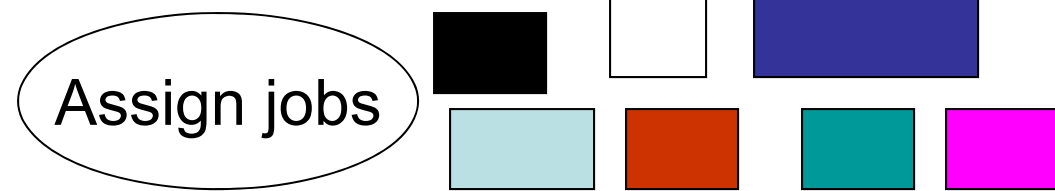
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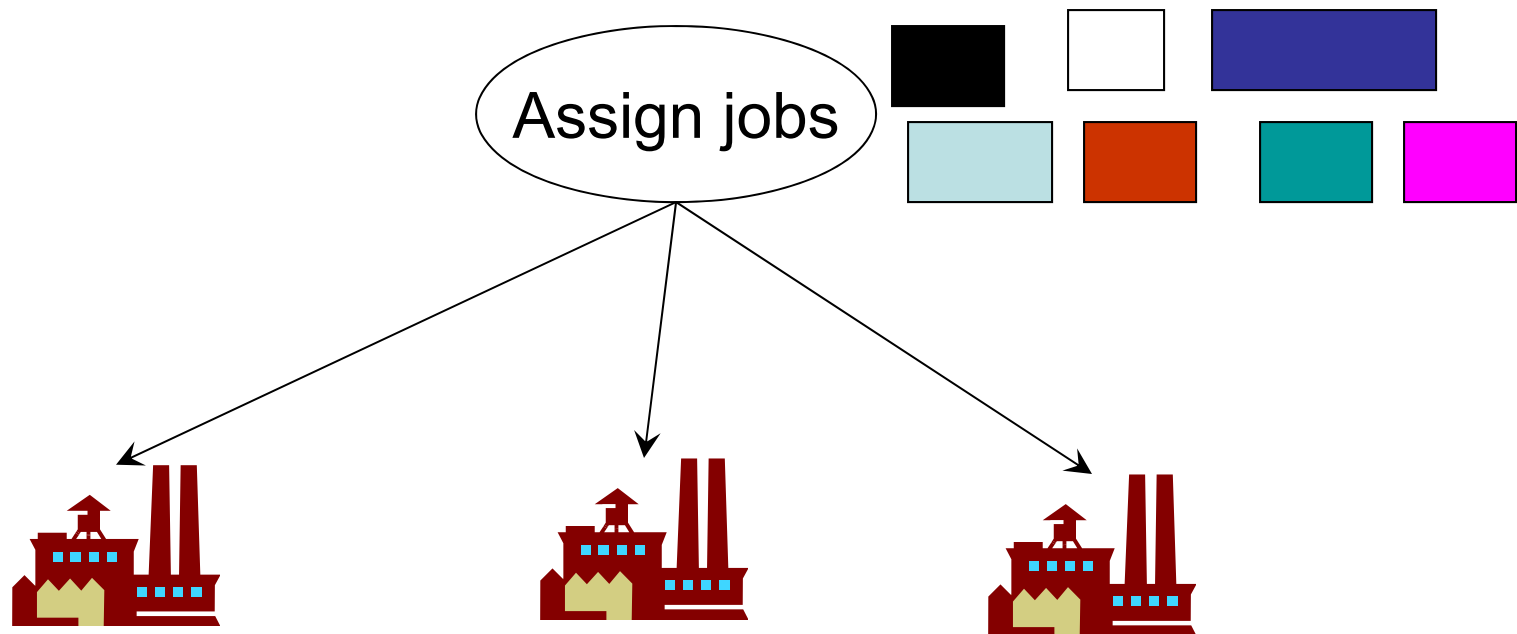
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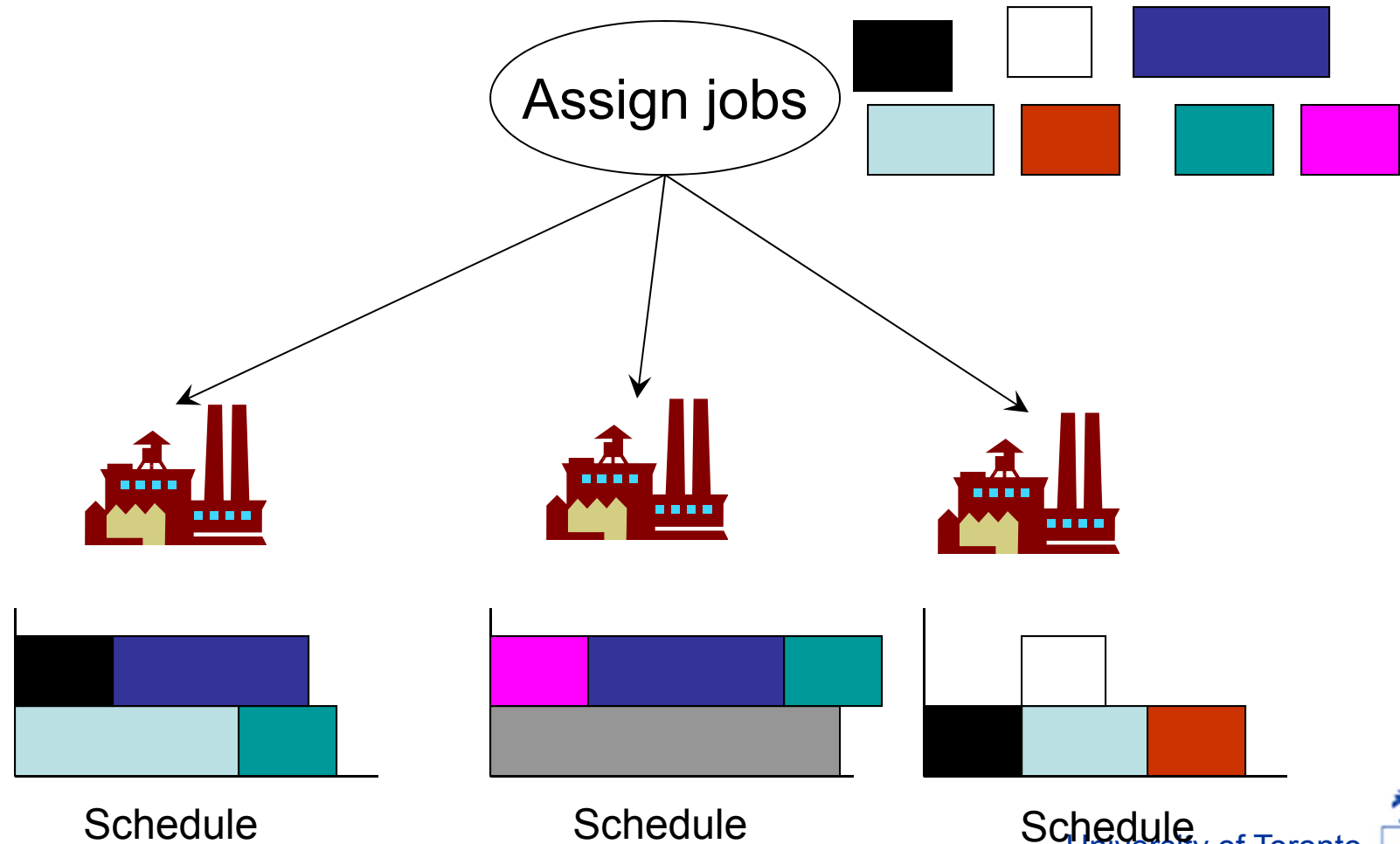


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# Problem Details

- Each job,  $j$ , has:
  - release date,  $R_j$  (earliest start time)
  - deadline,  $D_j$  (latest end time)
  - processing time,  $p_{jk}$ , on resource  $k$
  - resource requirement,  $r_{jk}$ , for resource  $k$
  - cost,  $c_{jk}$ , to use resource  $k$
- Goal: assign and schedule jobs to minimize total assignment cost while satisfying time windows and resource capacity

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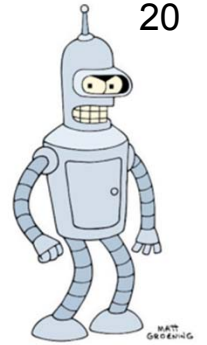
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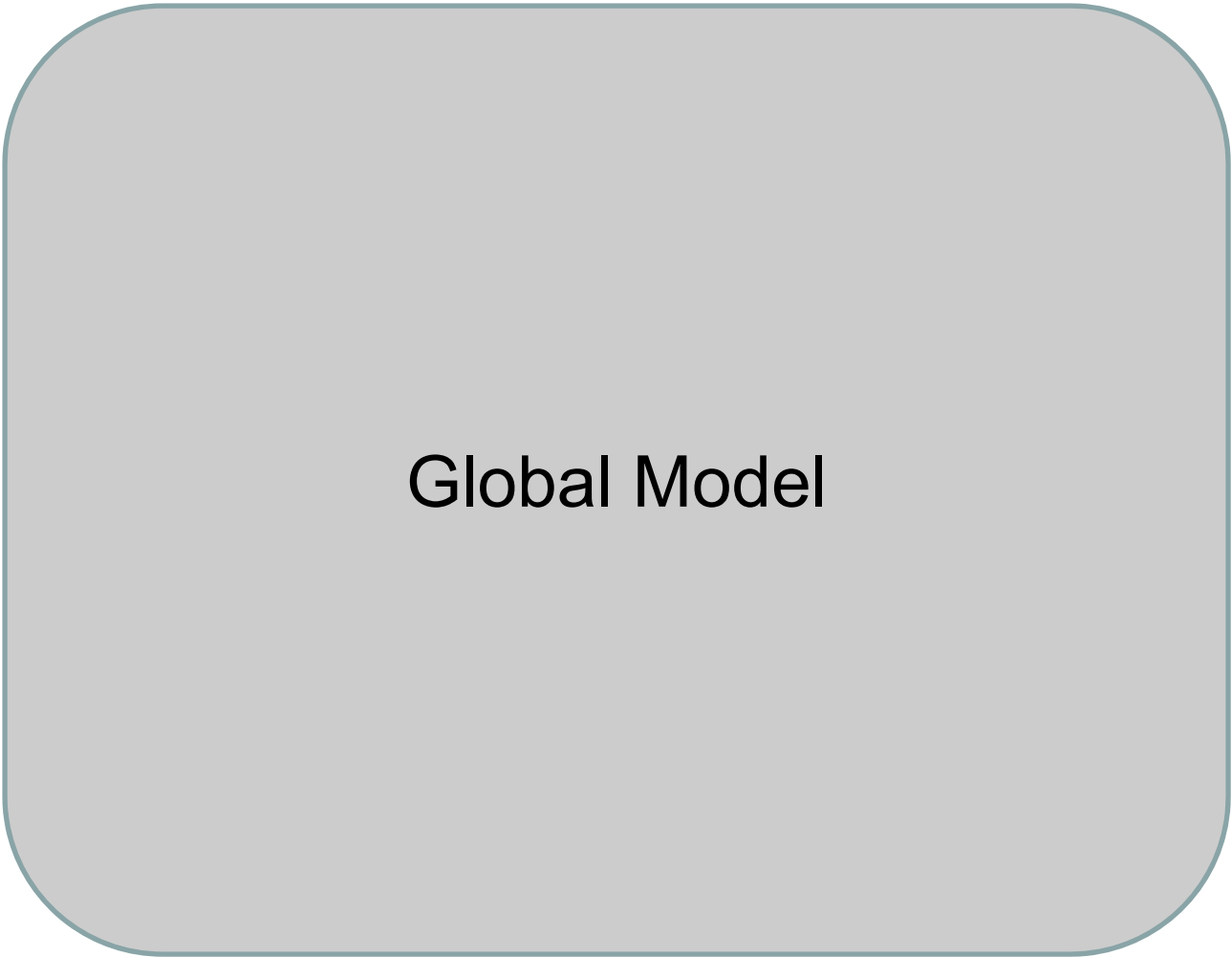
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Tends not to work too well  
(if goal is finding and proving optimality).  
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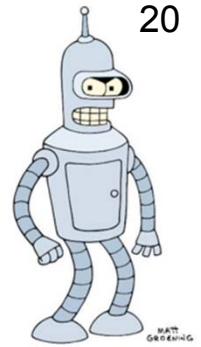


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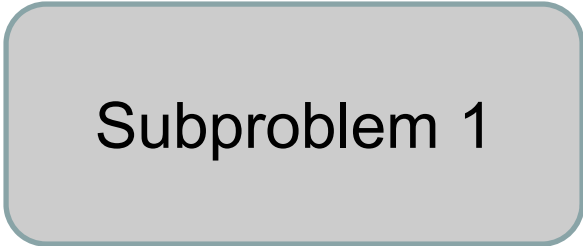
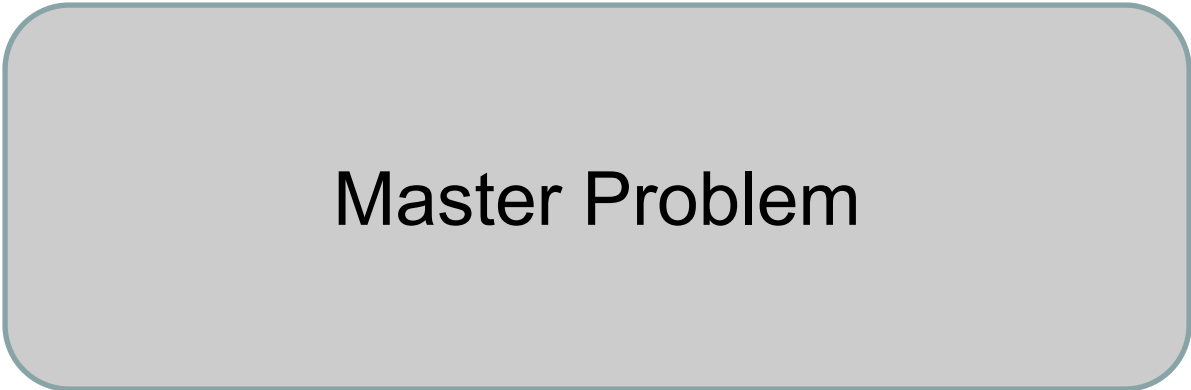


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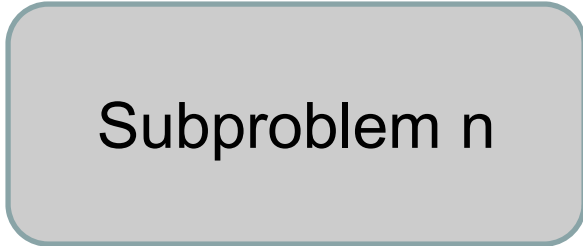




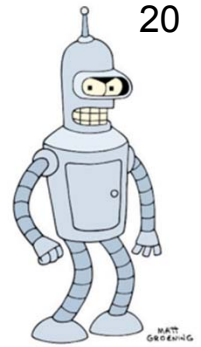
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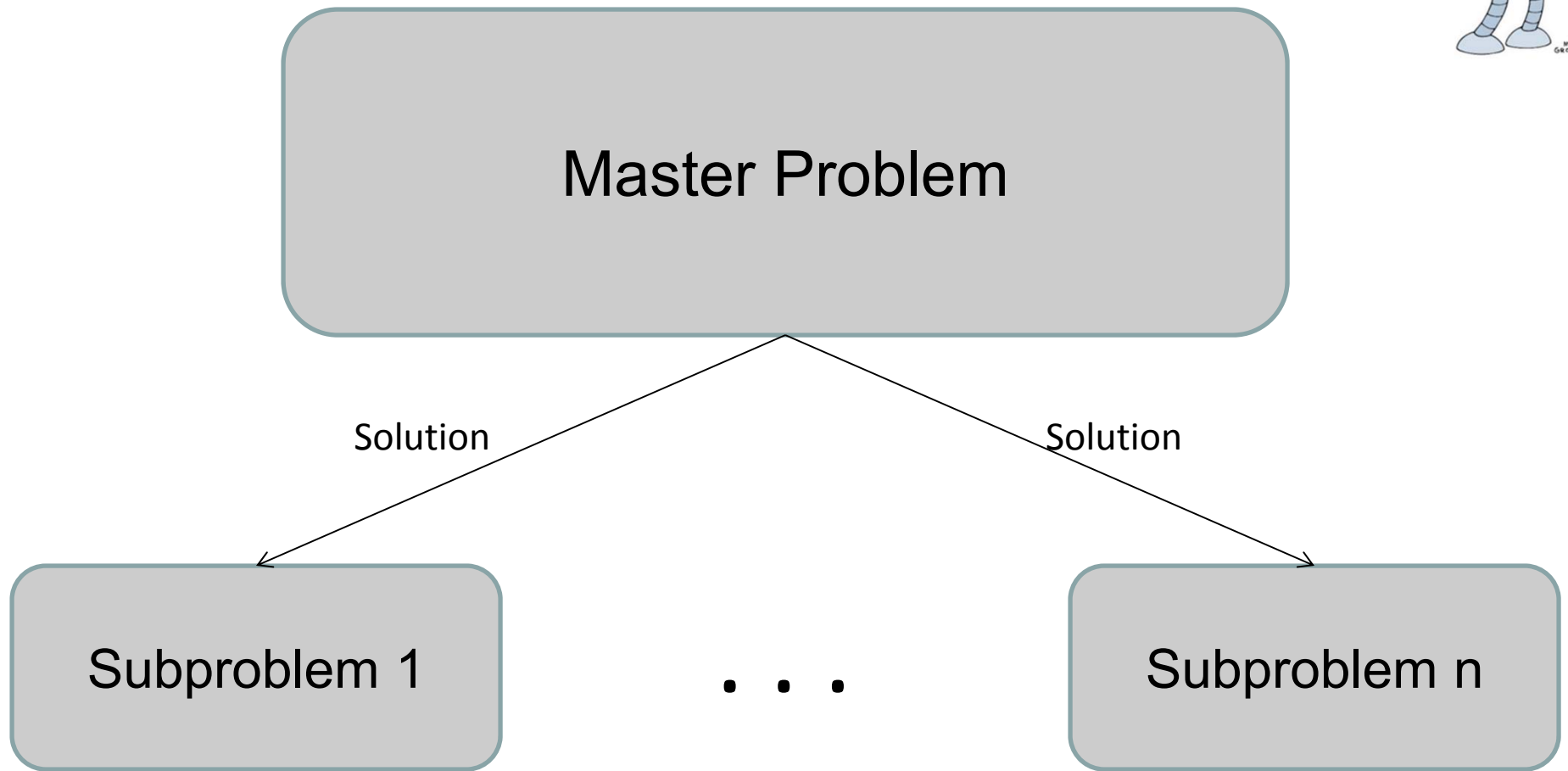
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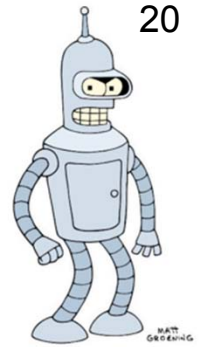
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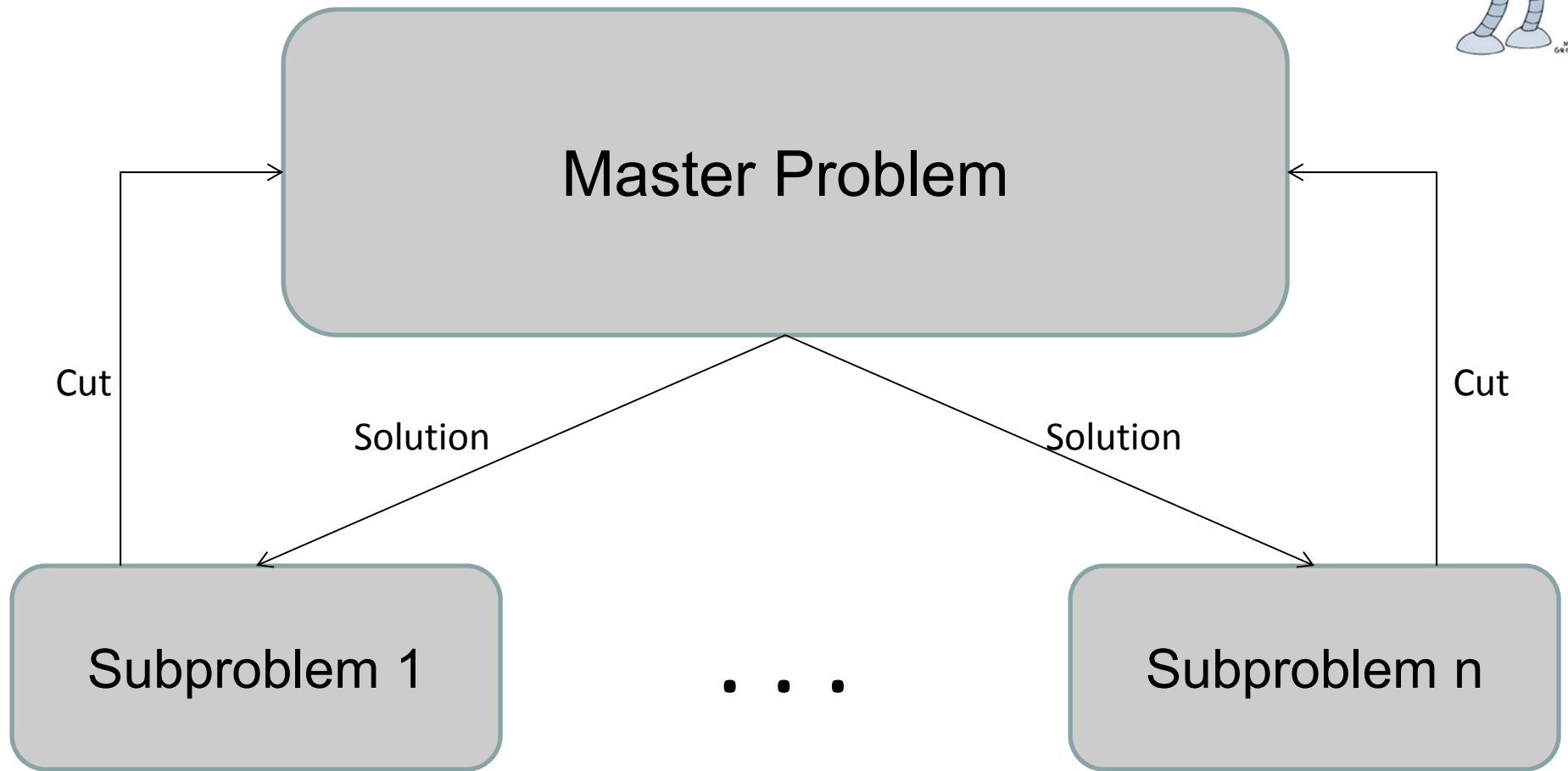
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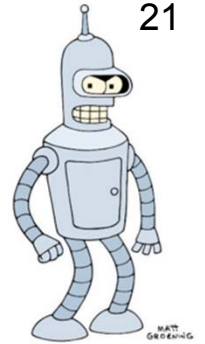
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# LBBD

- Partition problem into
  - Master problem with decision variables,  $y$
  - Sub-problem(s) with decision variables,  $x$
  - When the  $y$ 's are fixed (to say,  $\hat{y}$ ), sub-problems are formed
- MP & SP do **not** have to be any particular form (e.g., IP/LP, IP/CP)
- Each sub-problem is an inference dual
  - What is the max. LB that can be inferred assuming  $y = \hat{y}$ ?

# Making LBBD Work

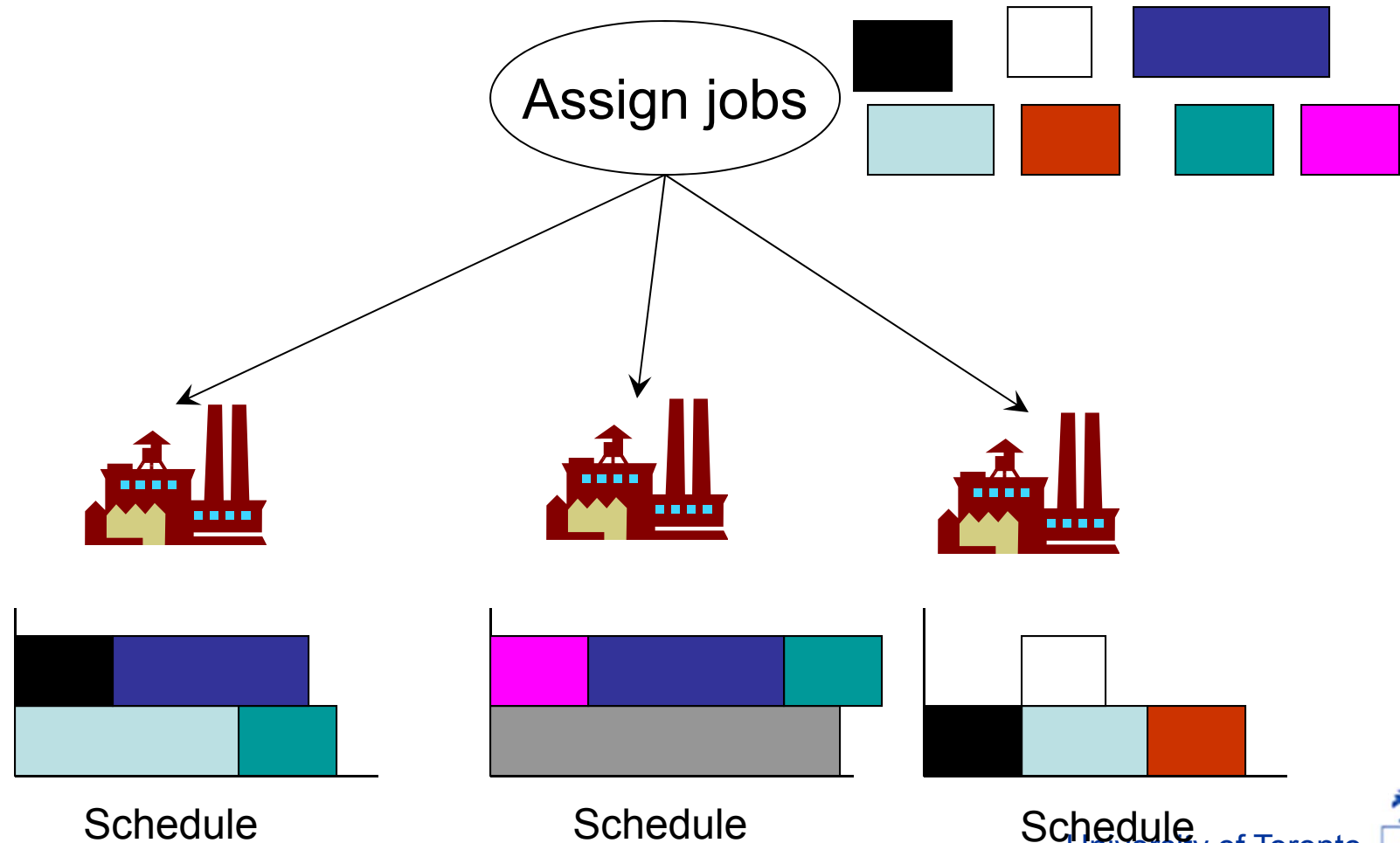
- Sub-problem relaxation
  - MP solving needs to have some guidance or else it just enumerates all MP solutions
- Strong & cheap cuts
  - Cuts should remove more than just the current MP solution

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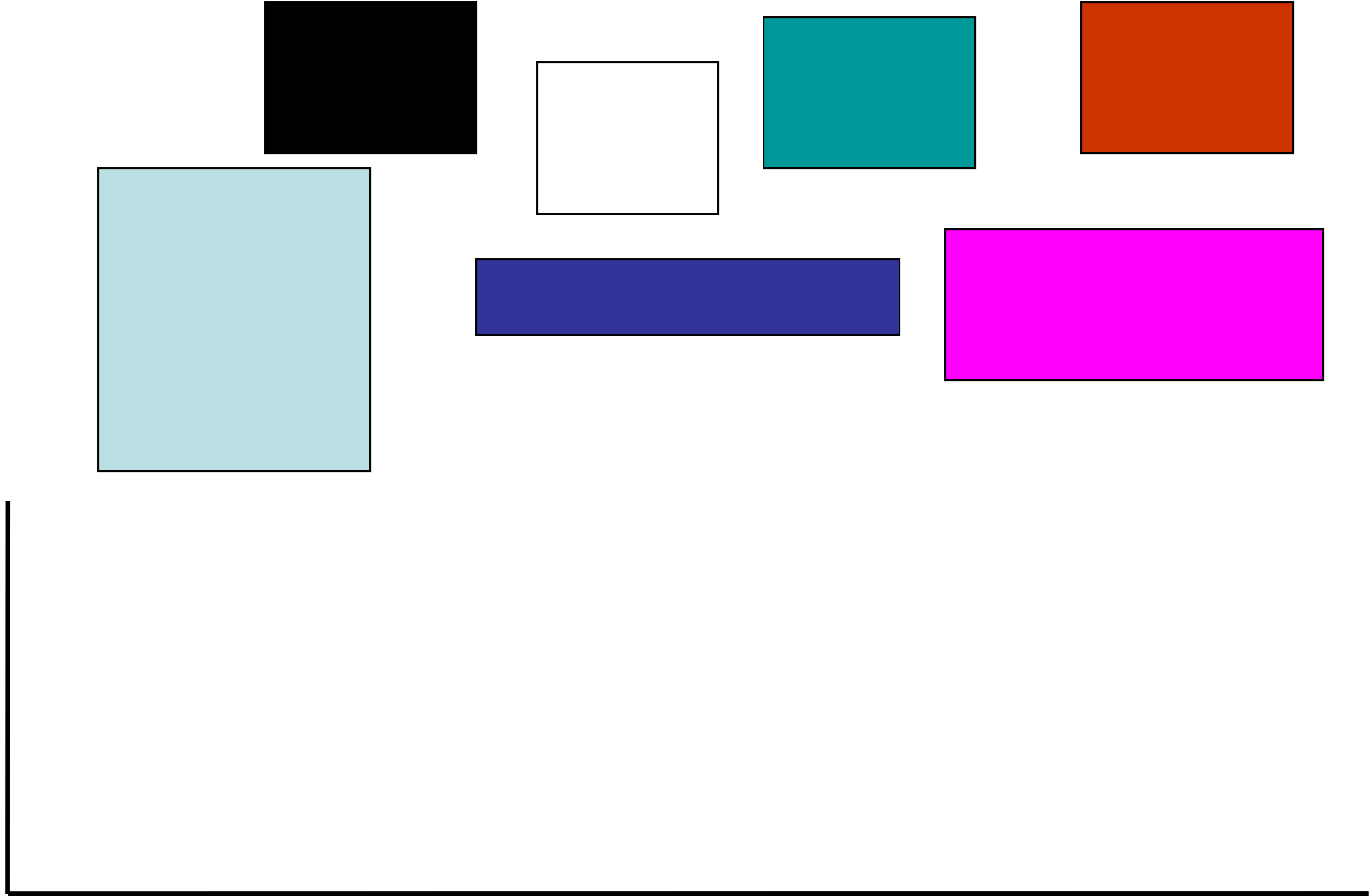
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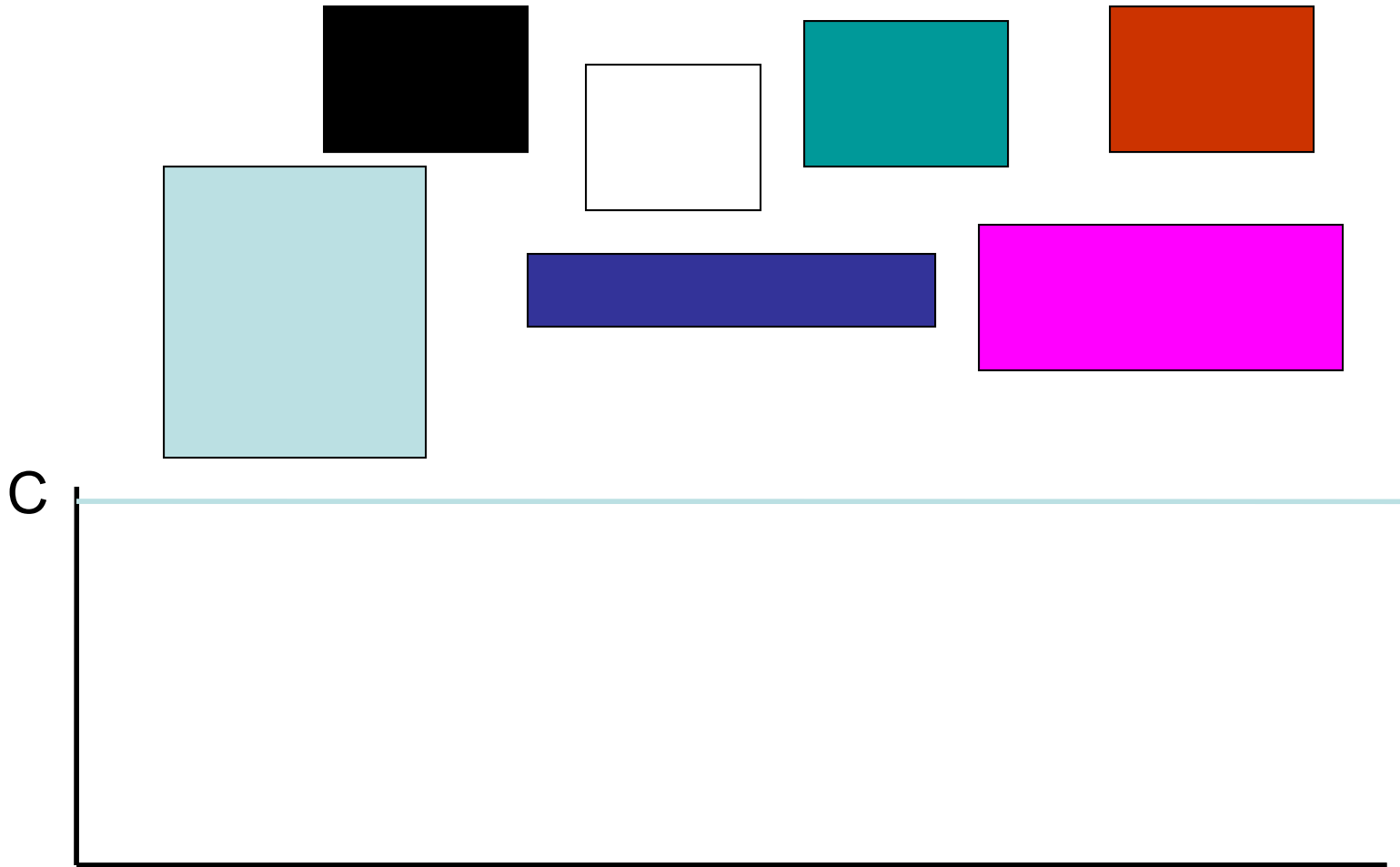
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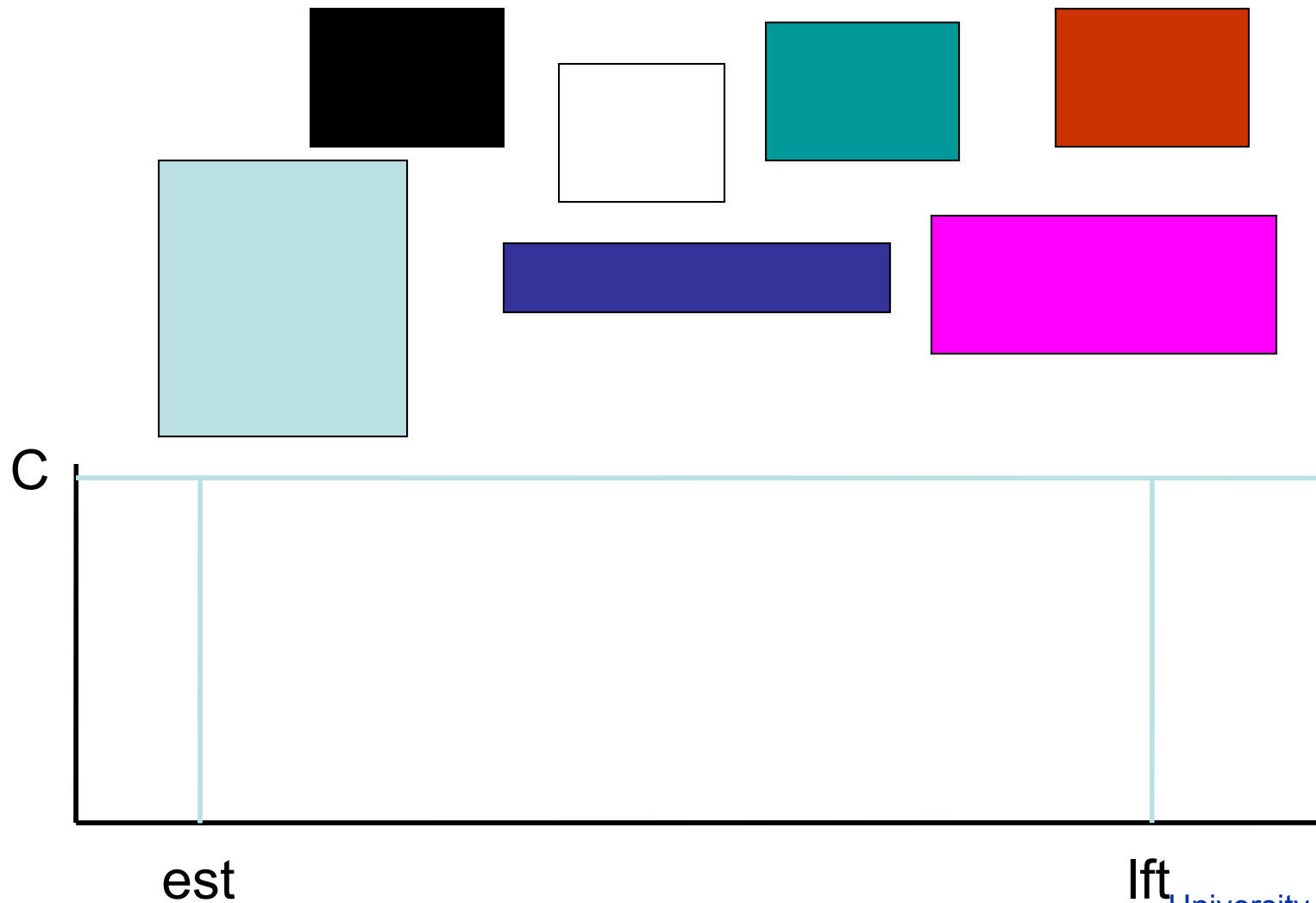


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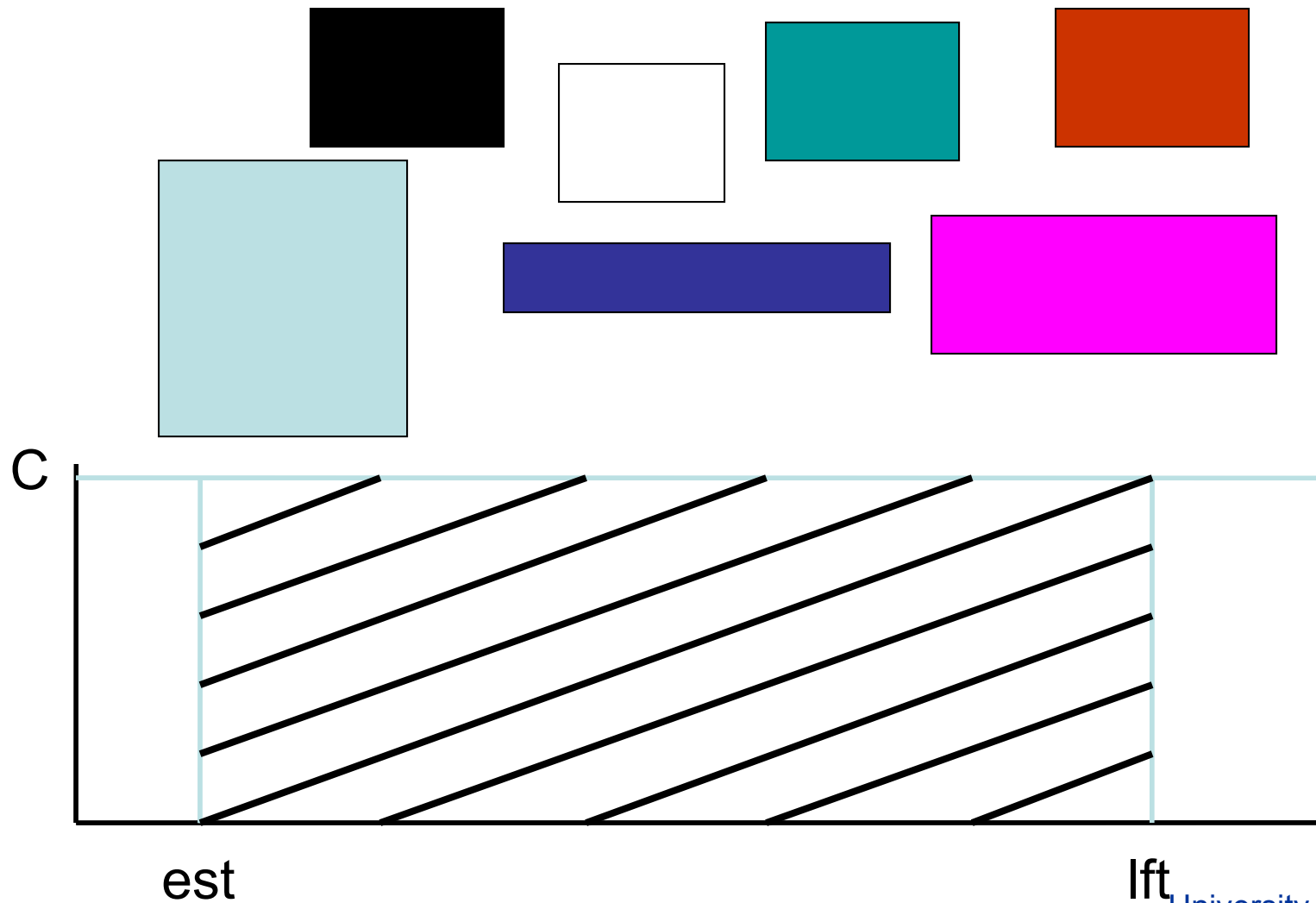




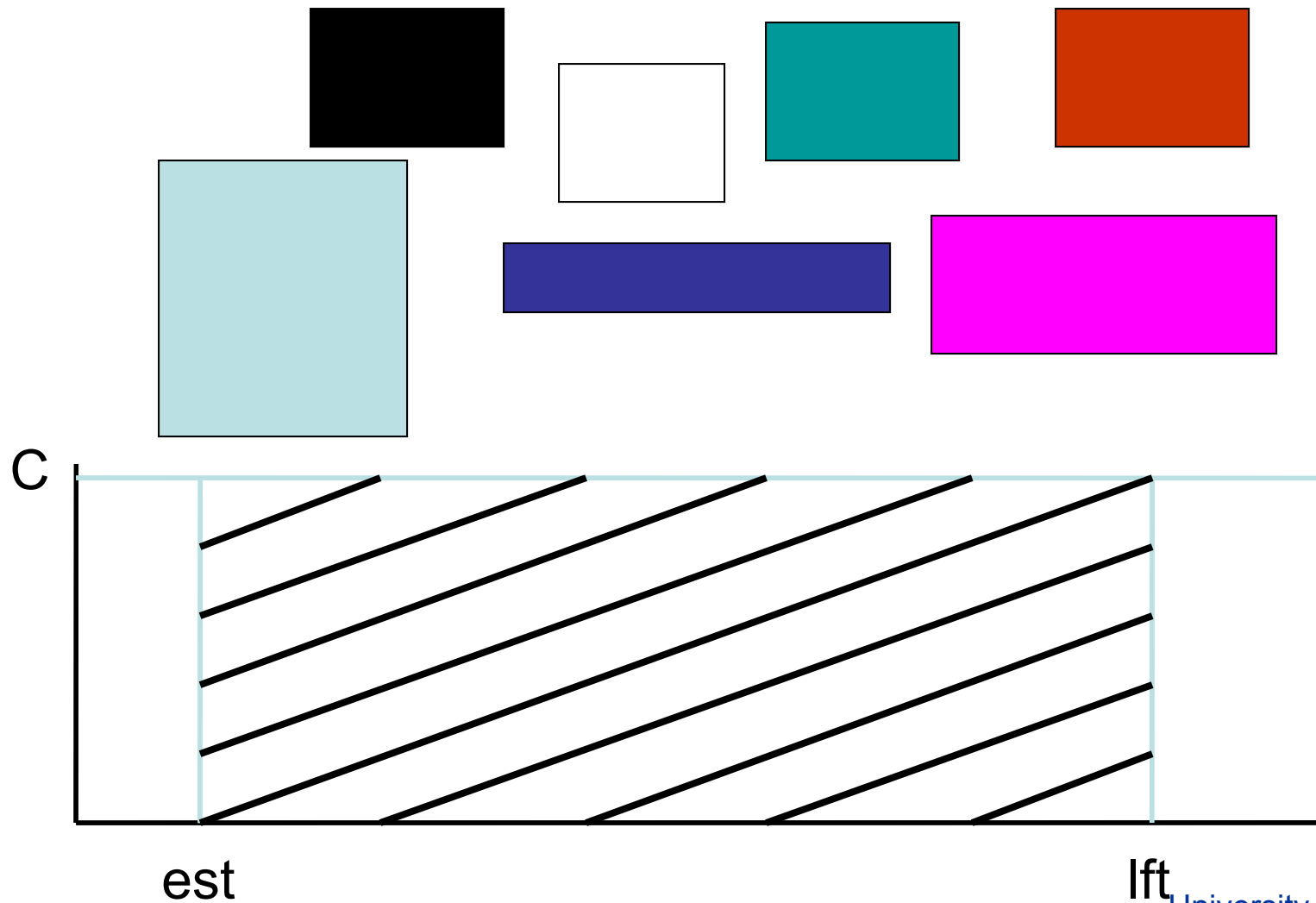
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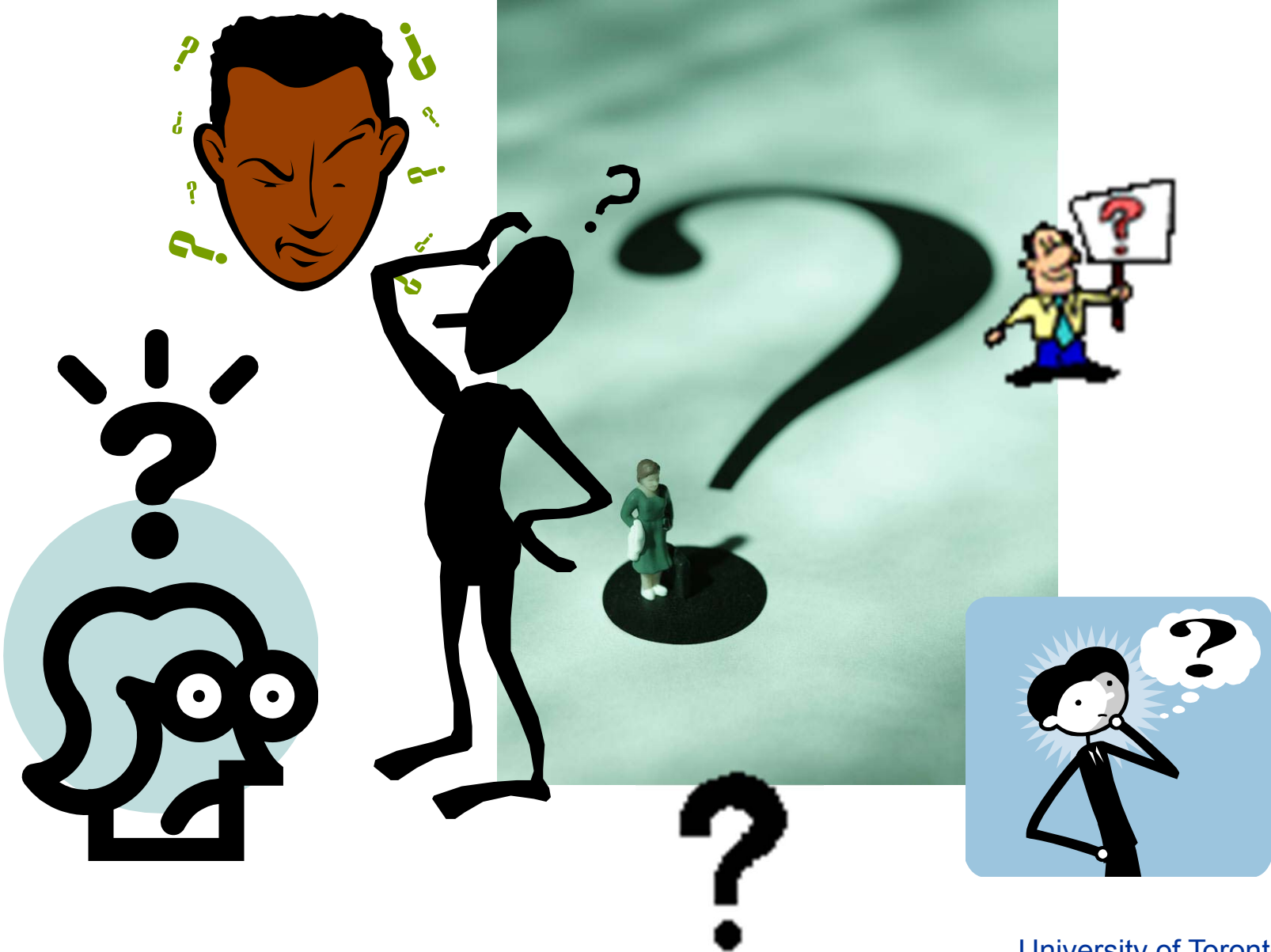
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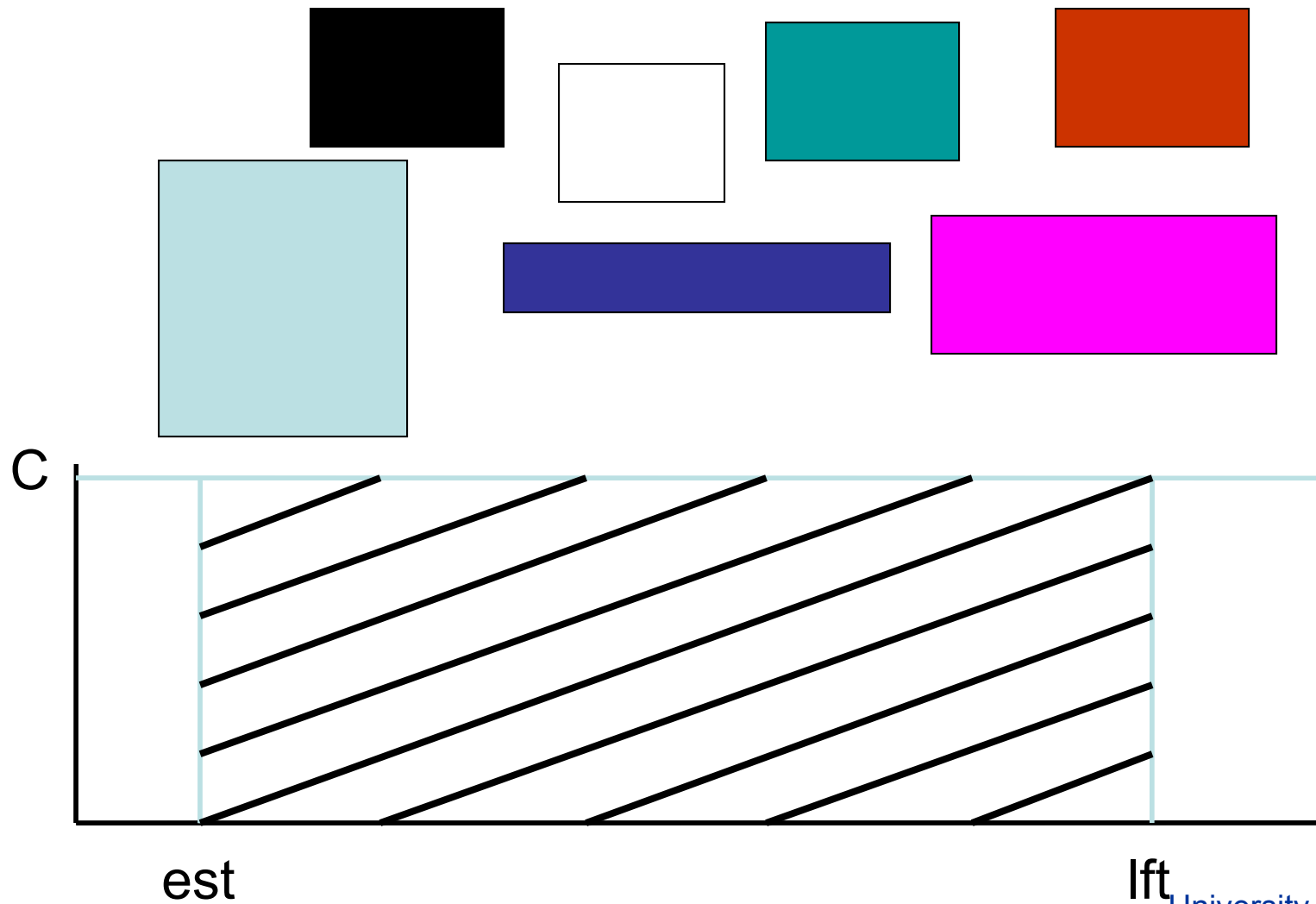
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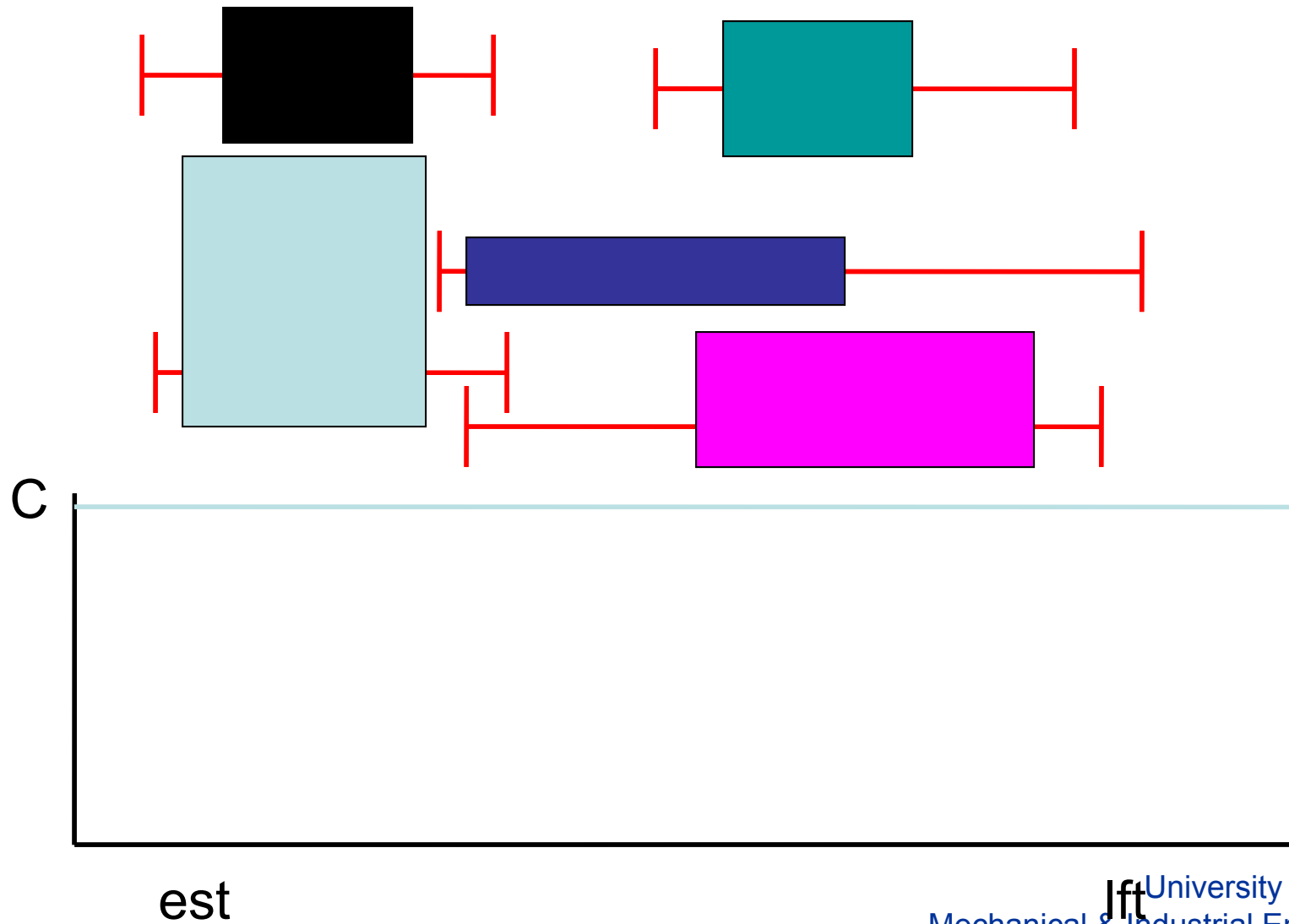




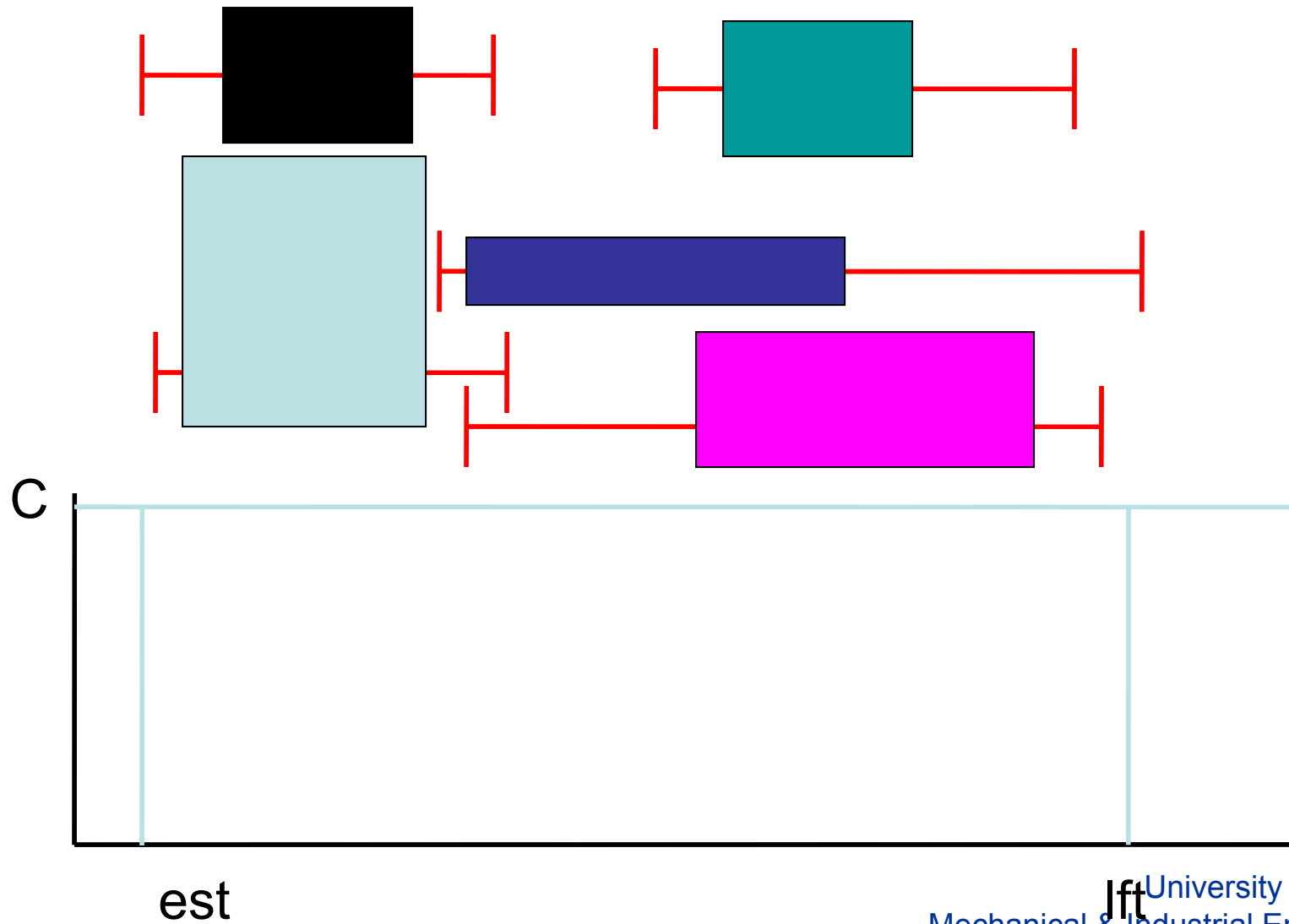
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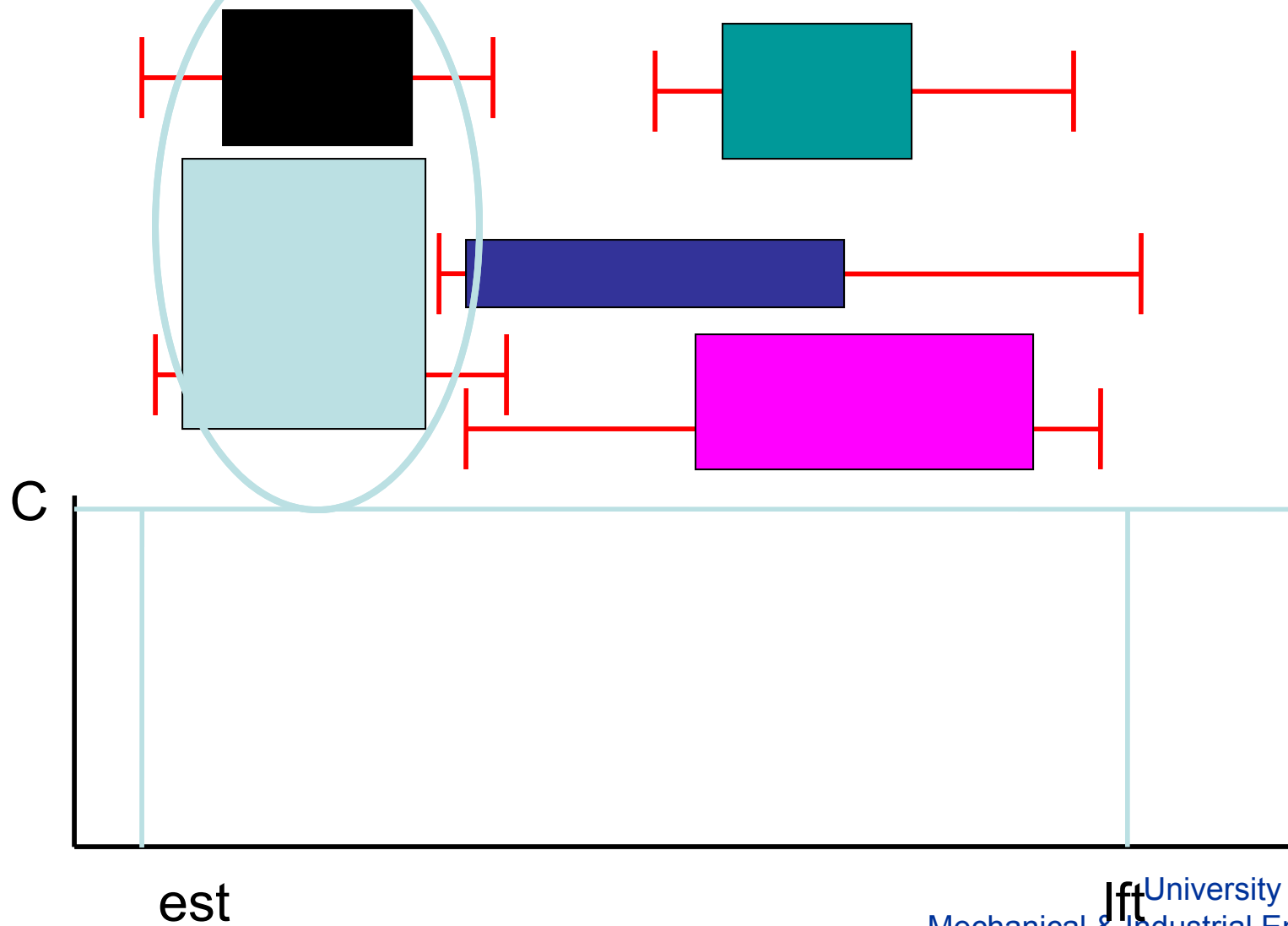
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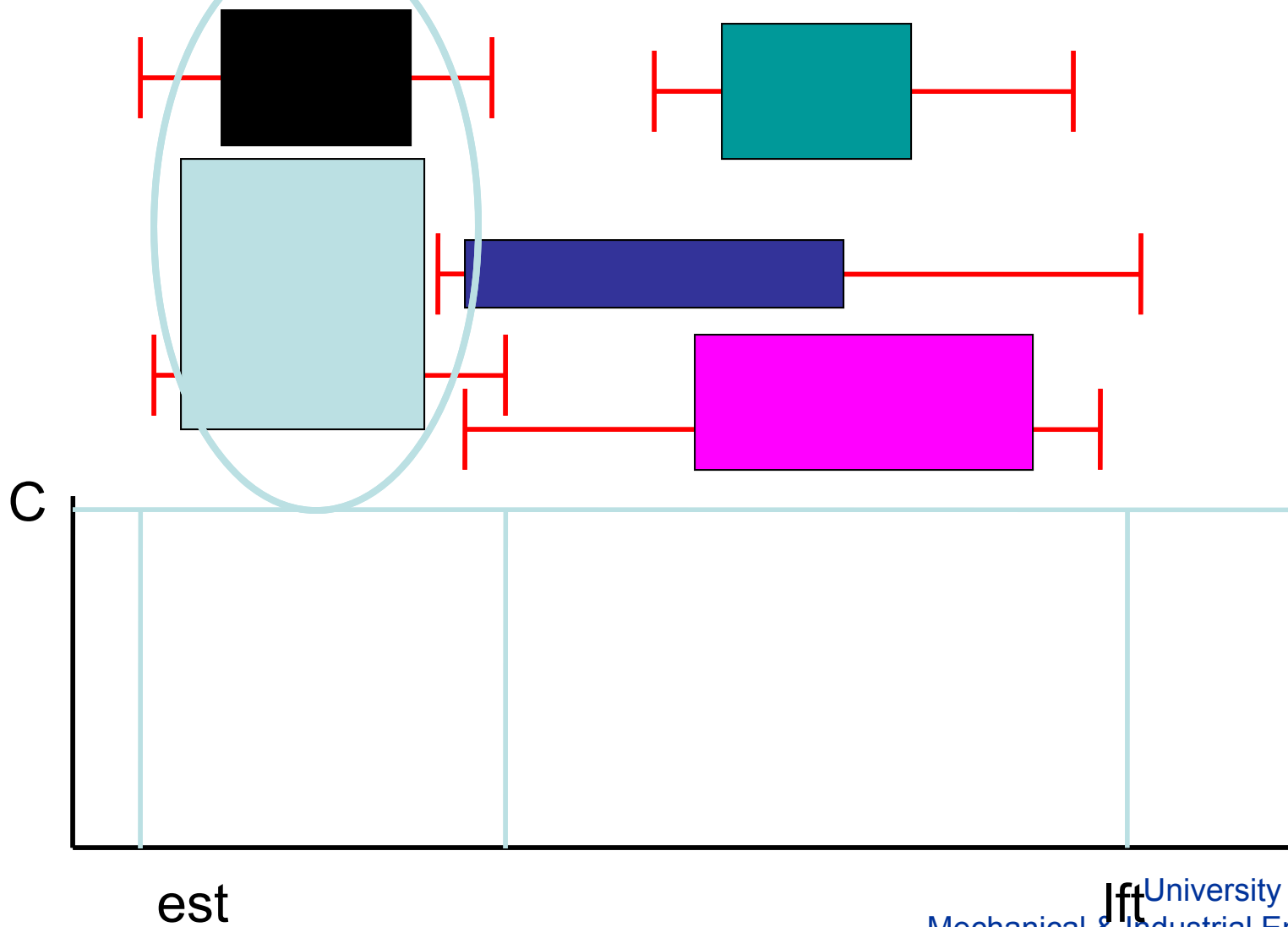
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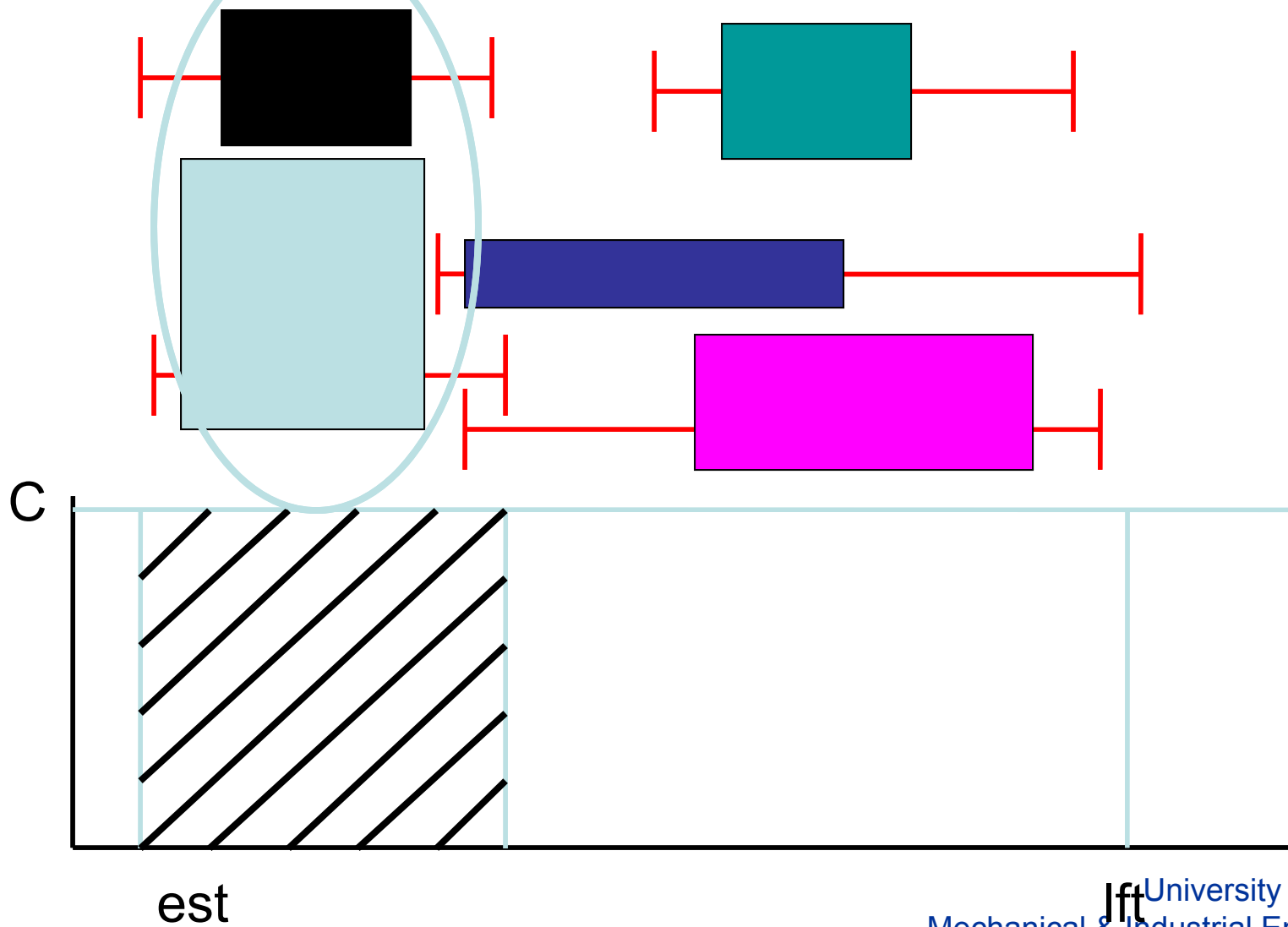
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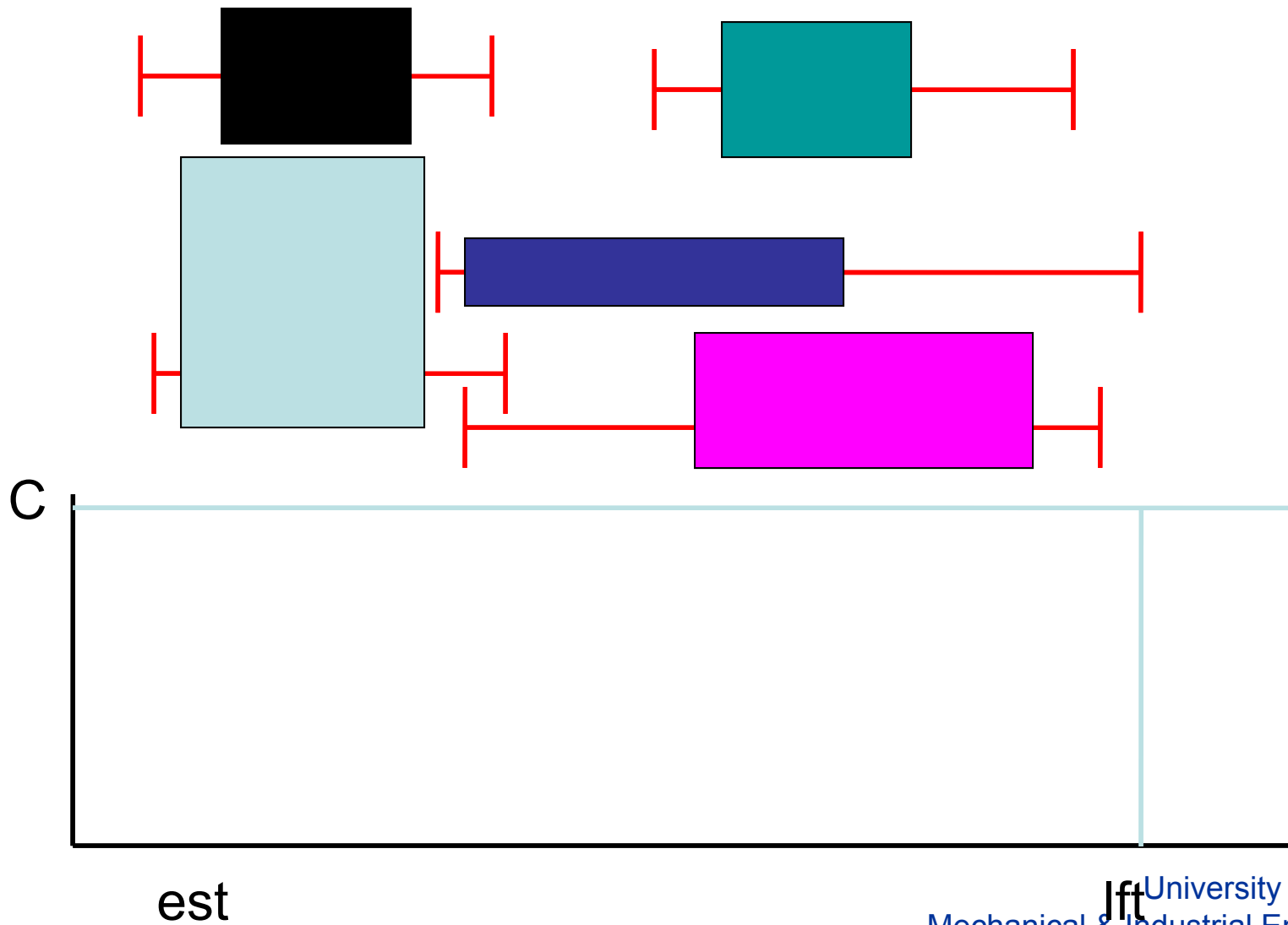
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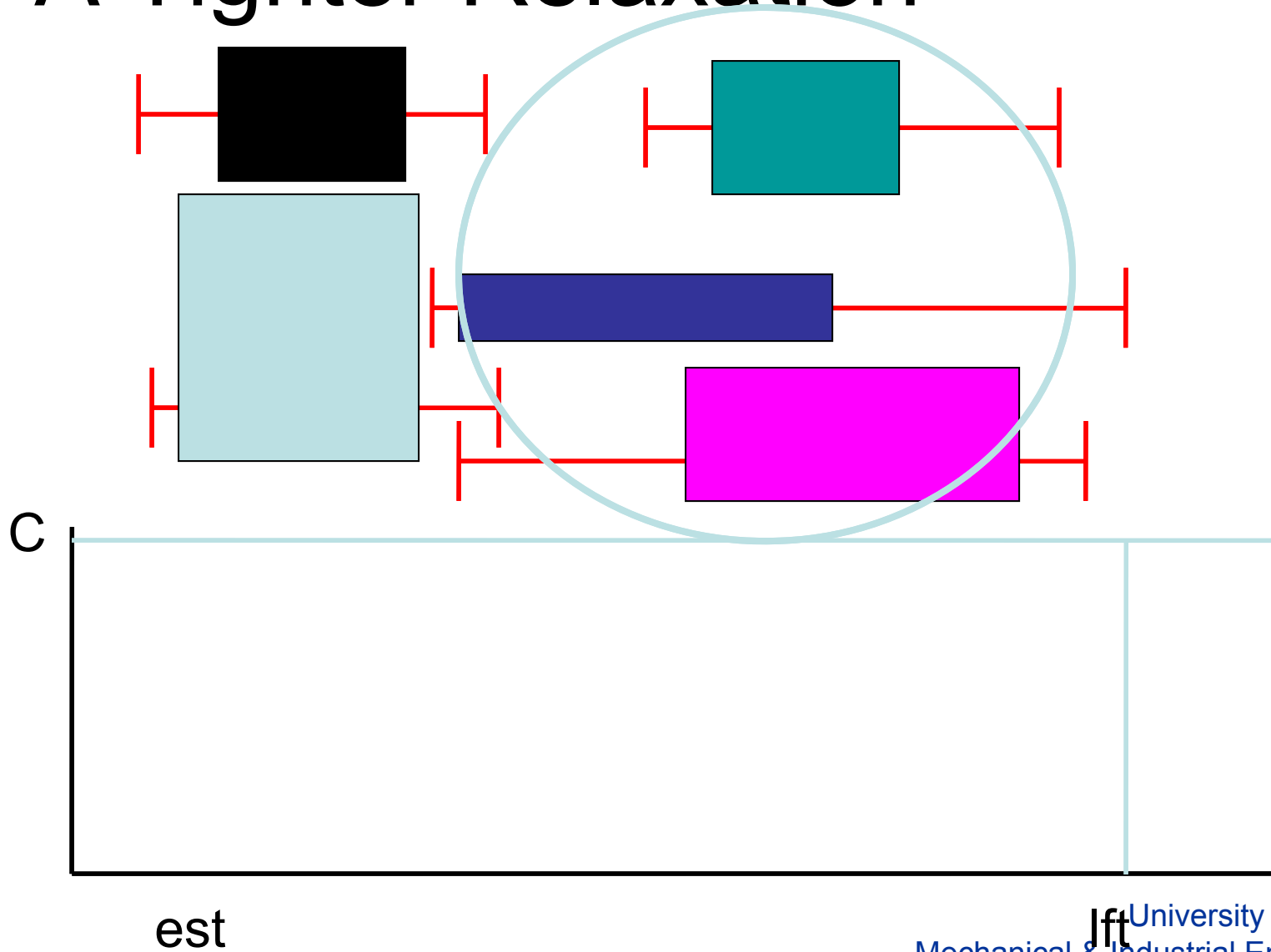
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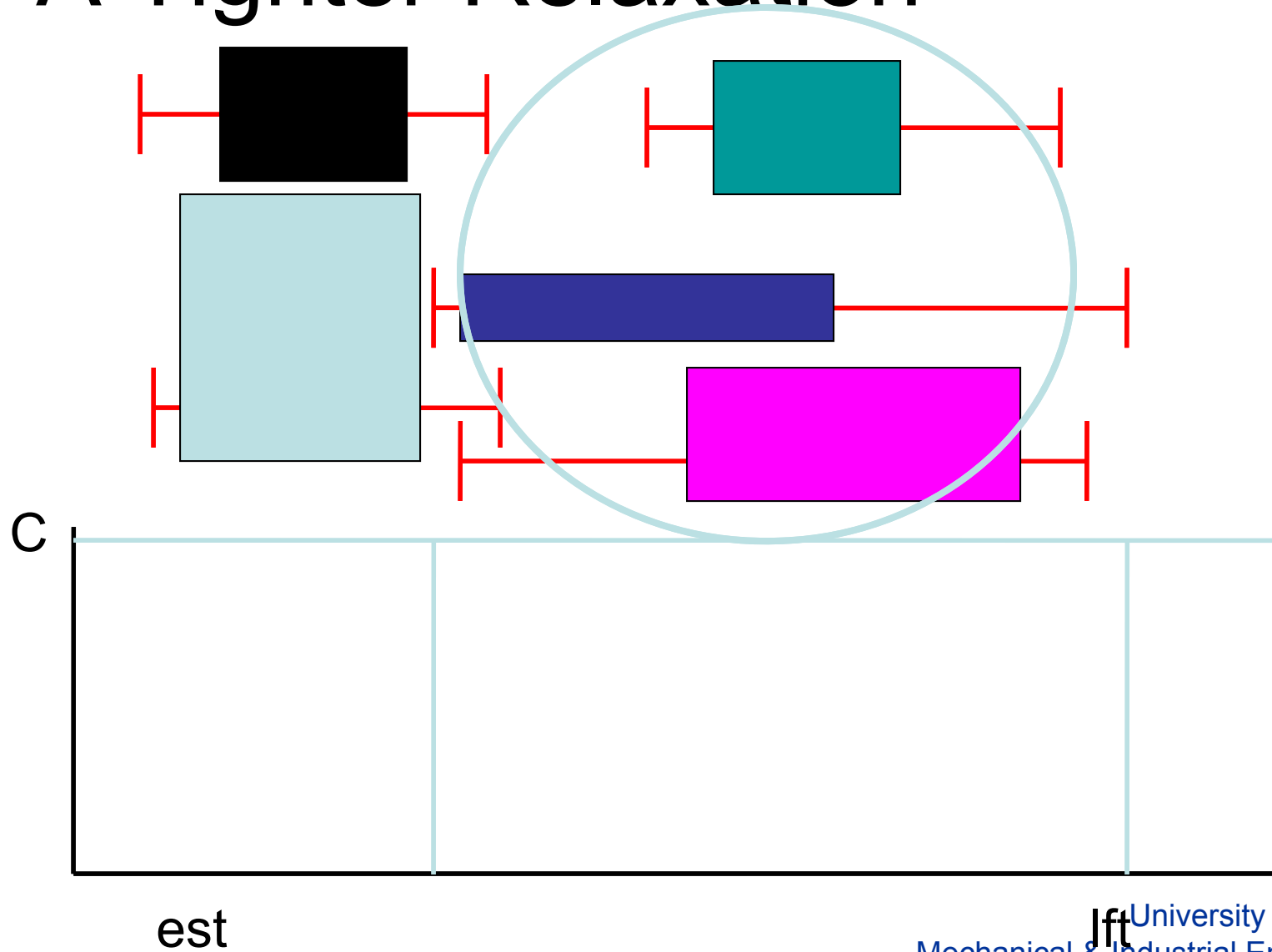


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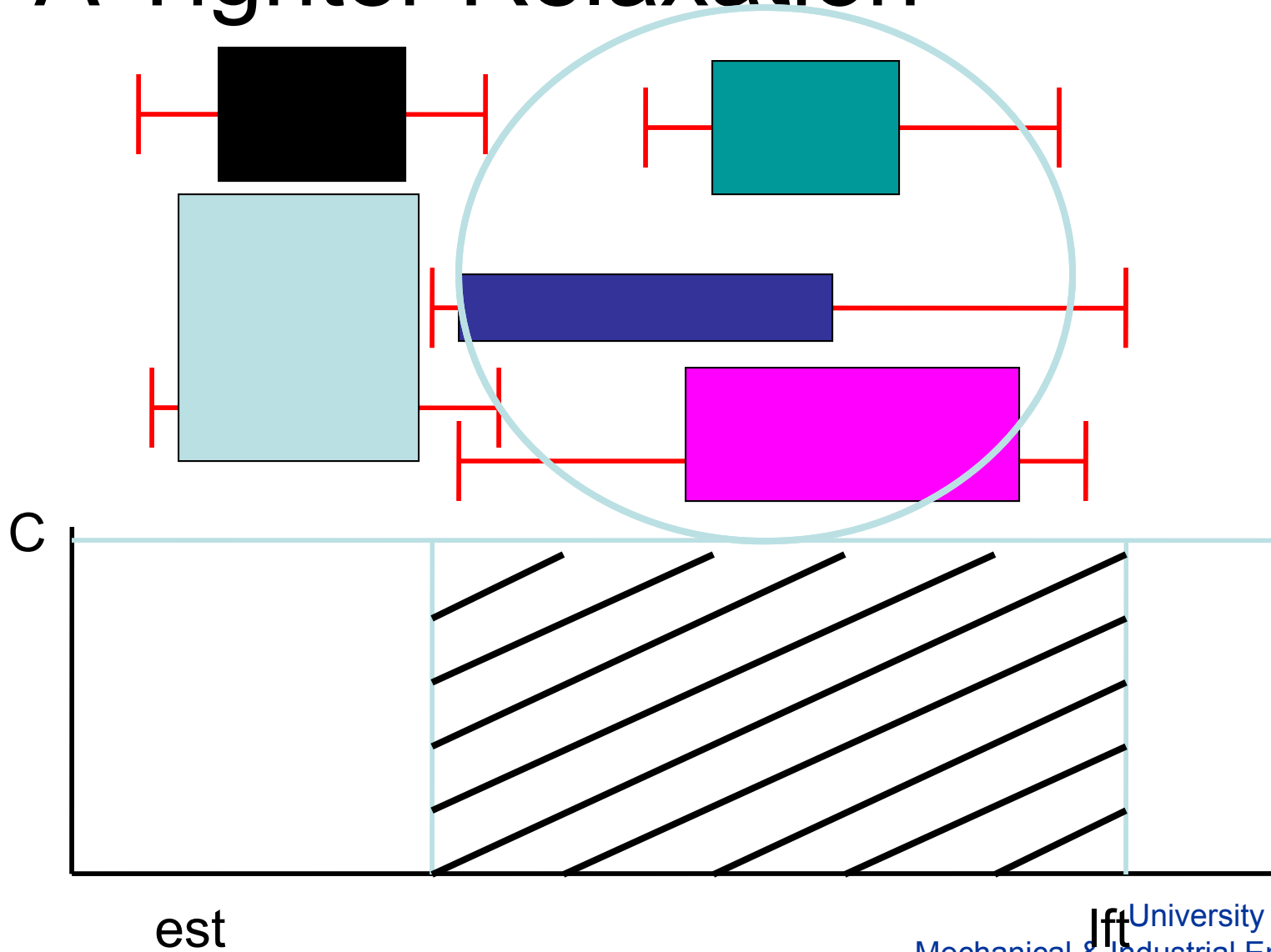




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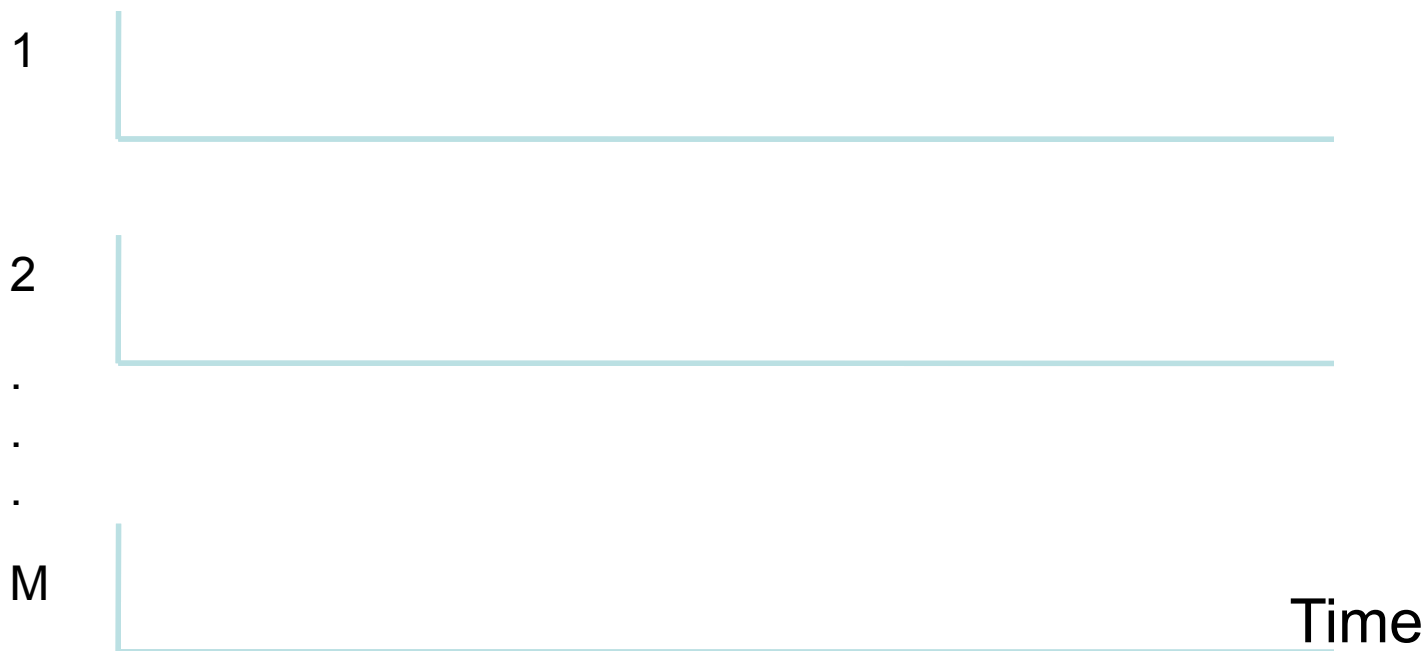
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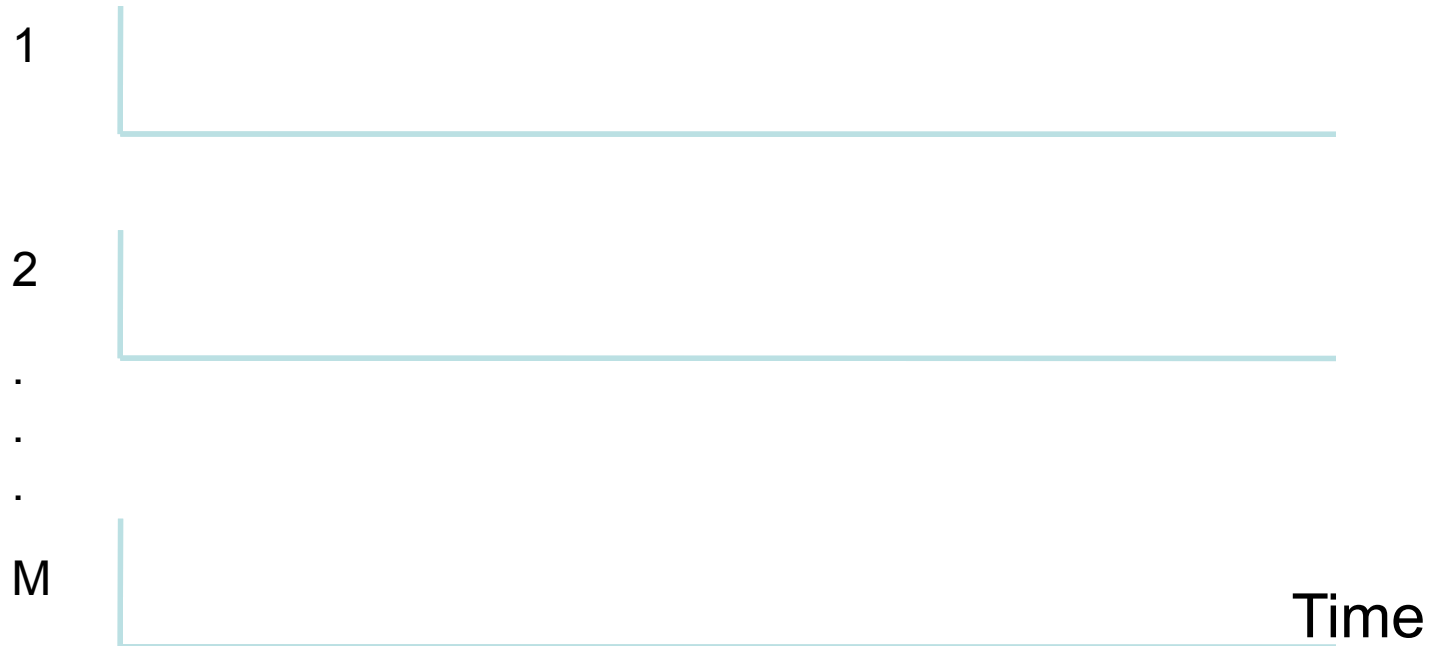


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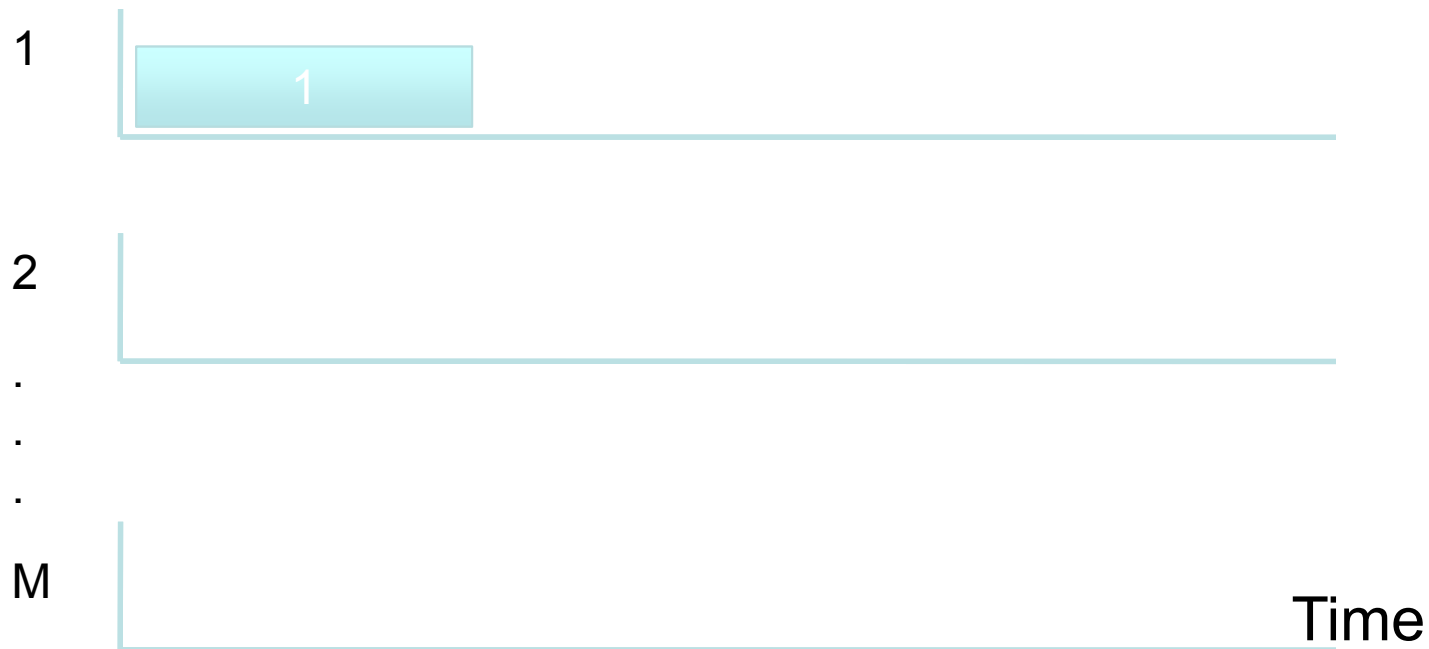
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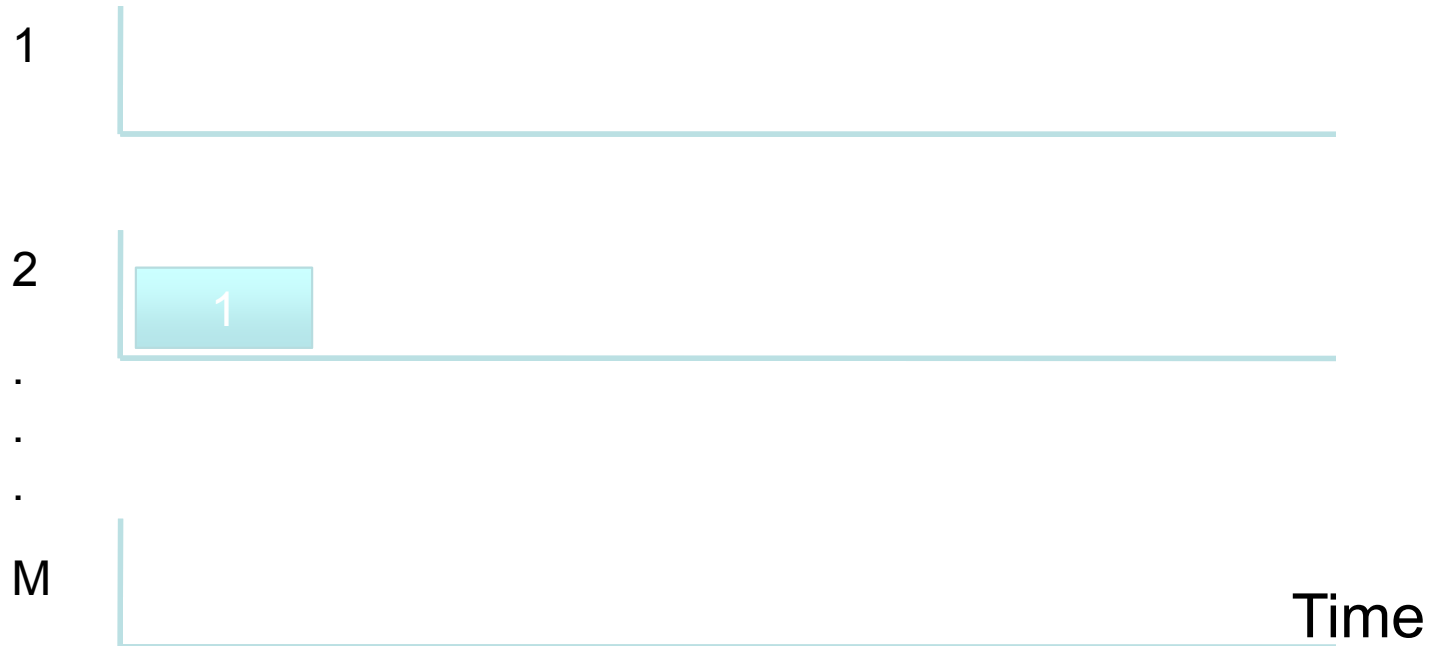


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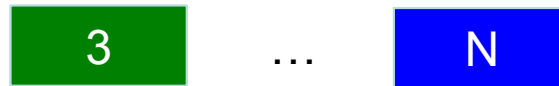


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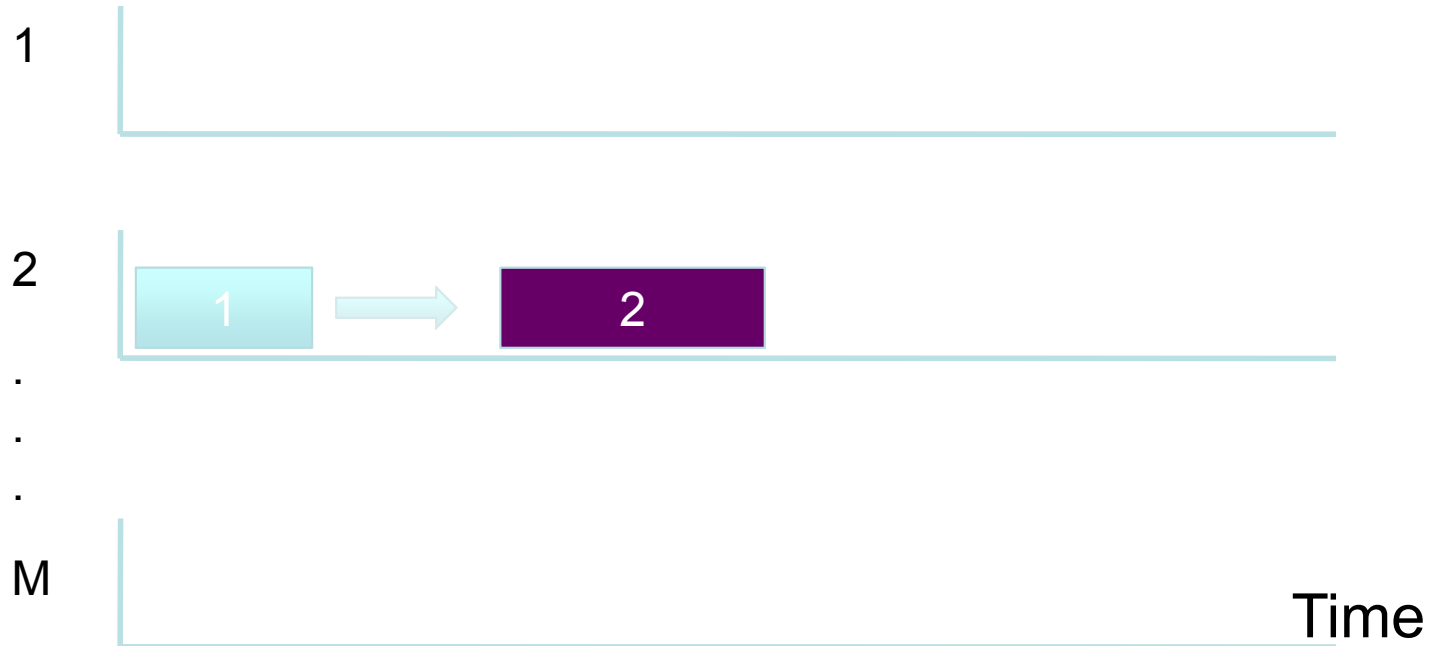


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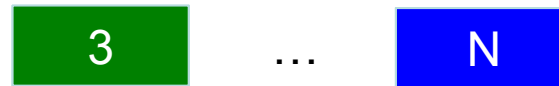


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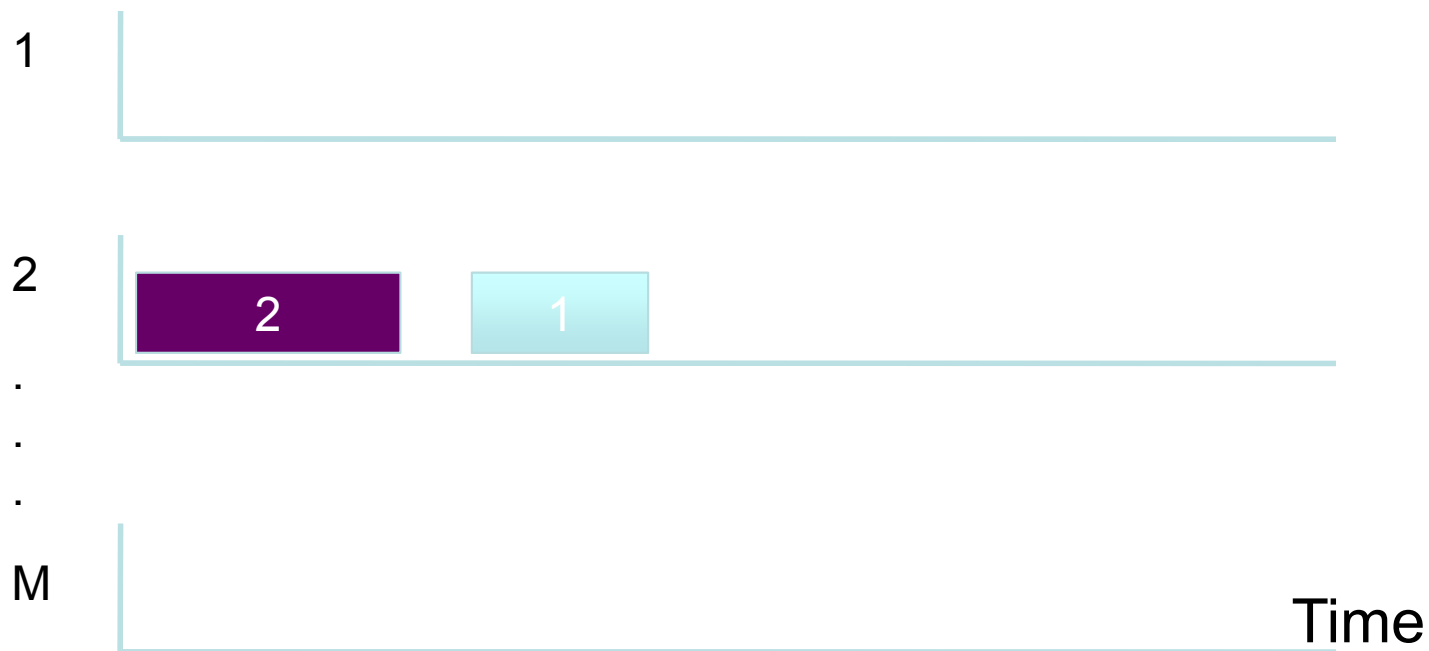


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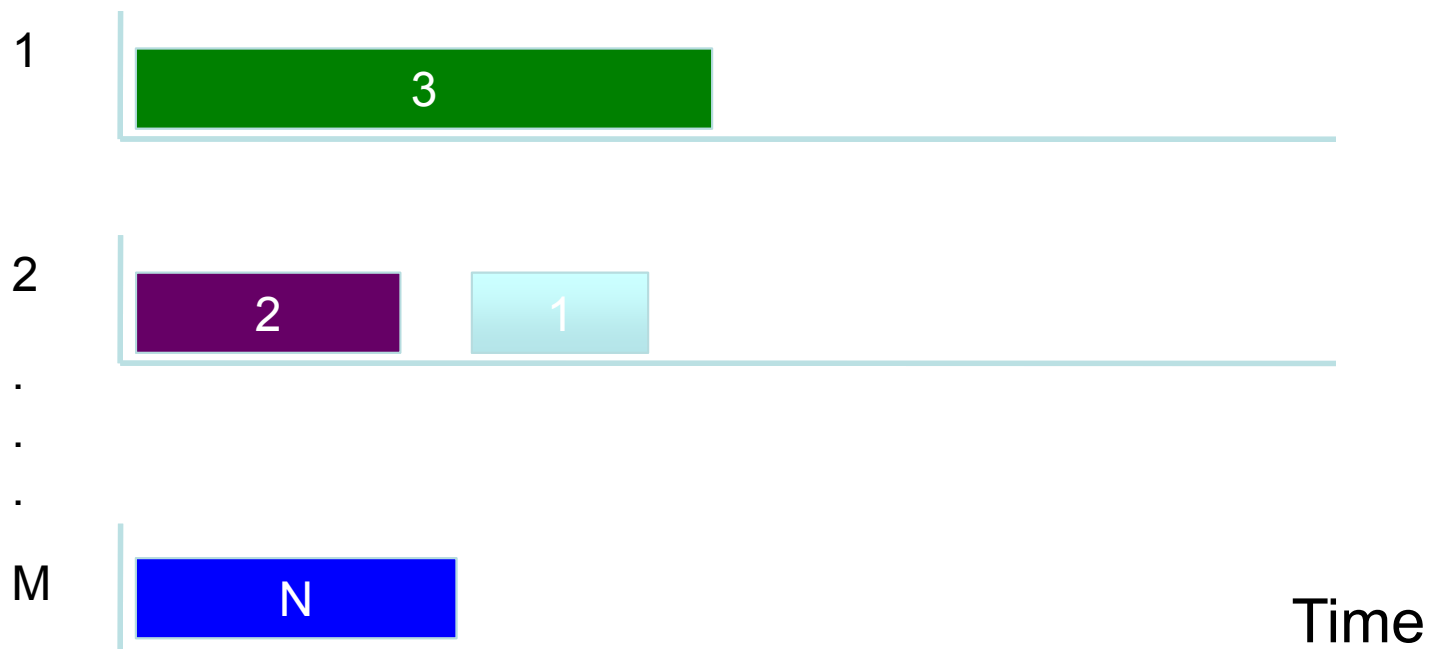
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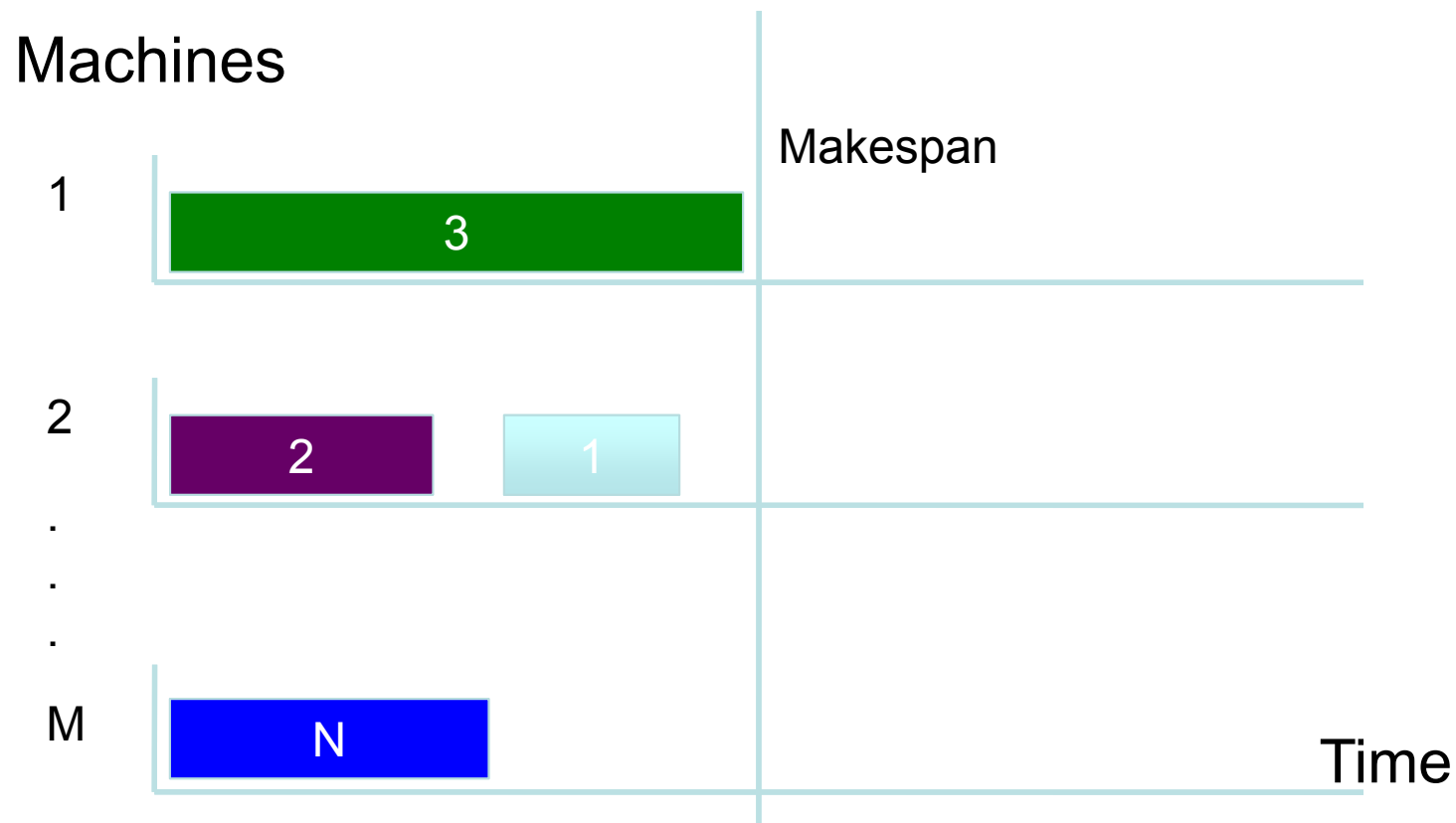
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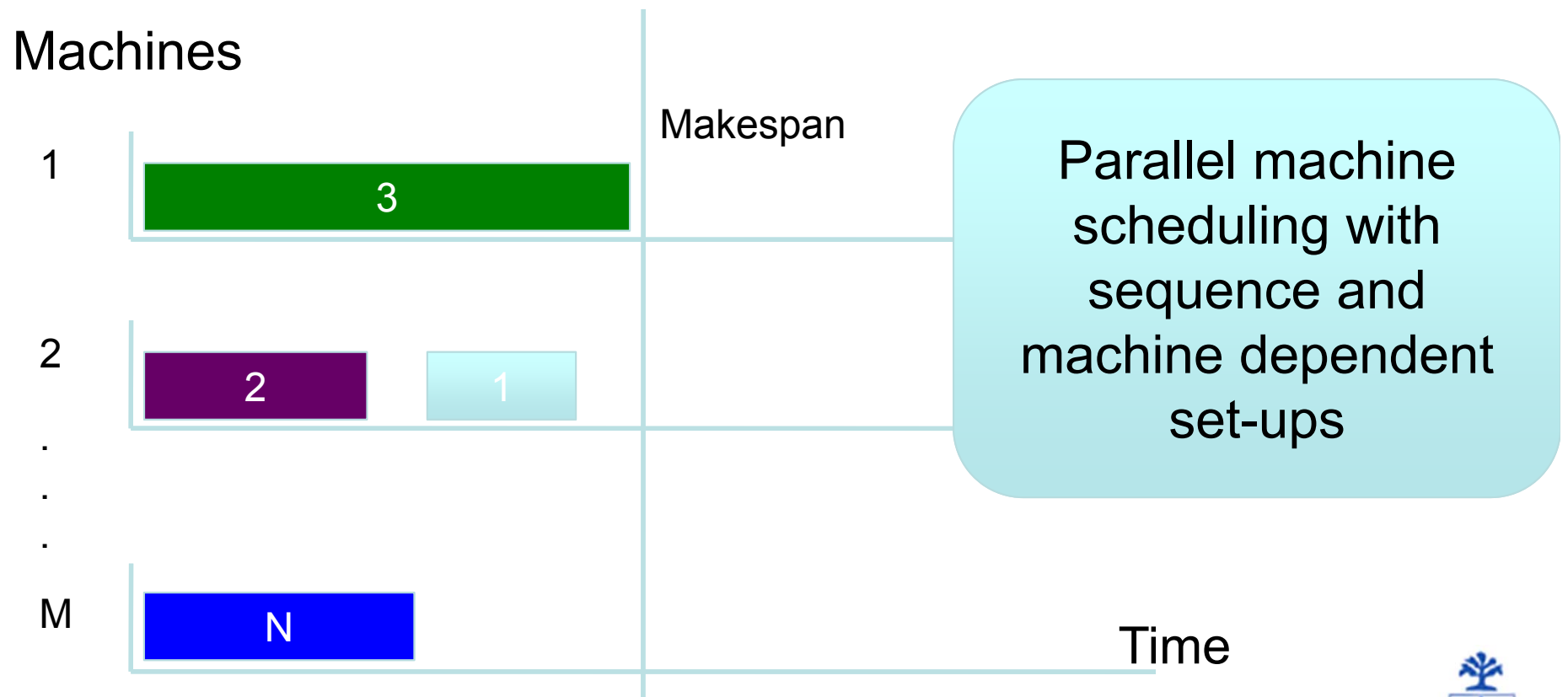
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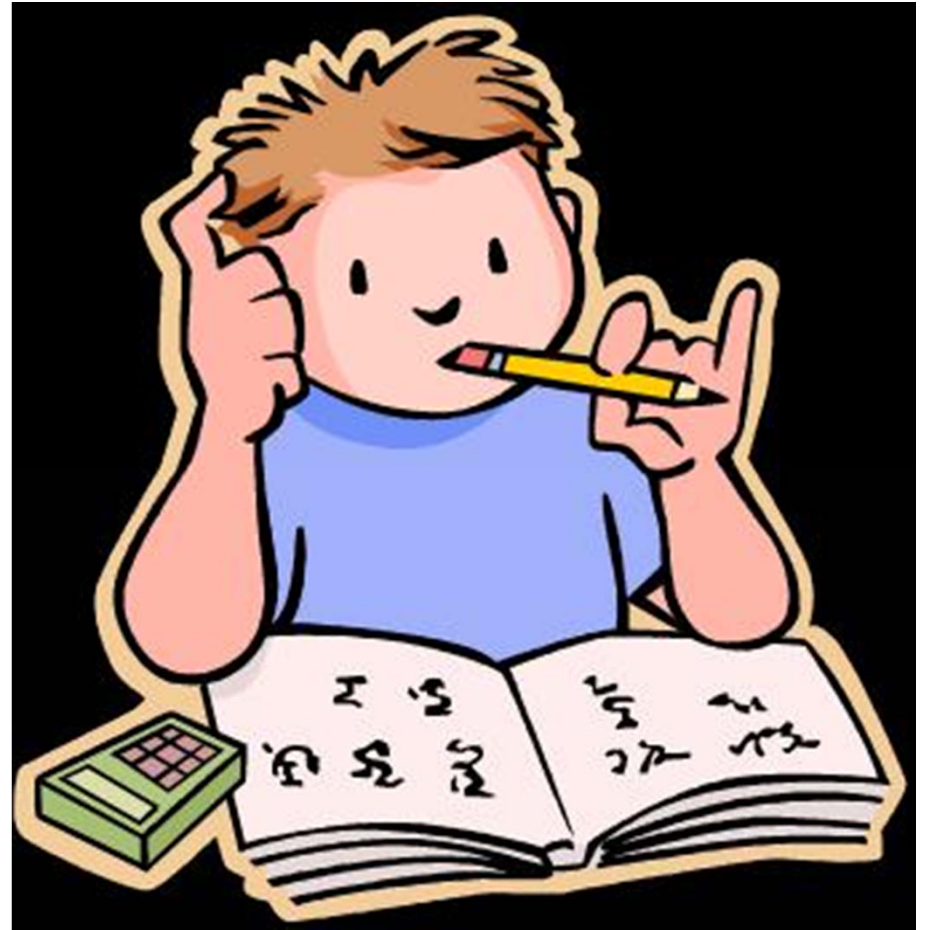
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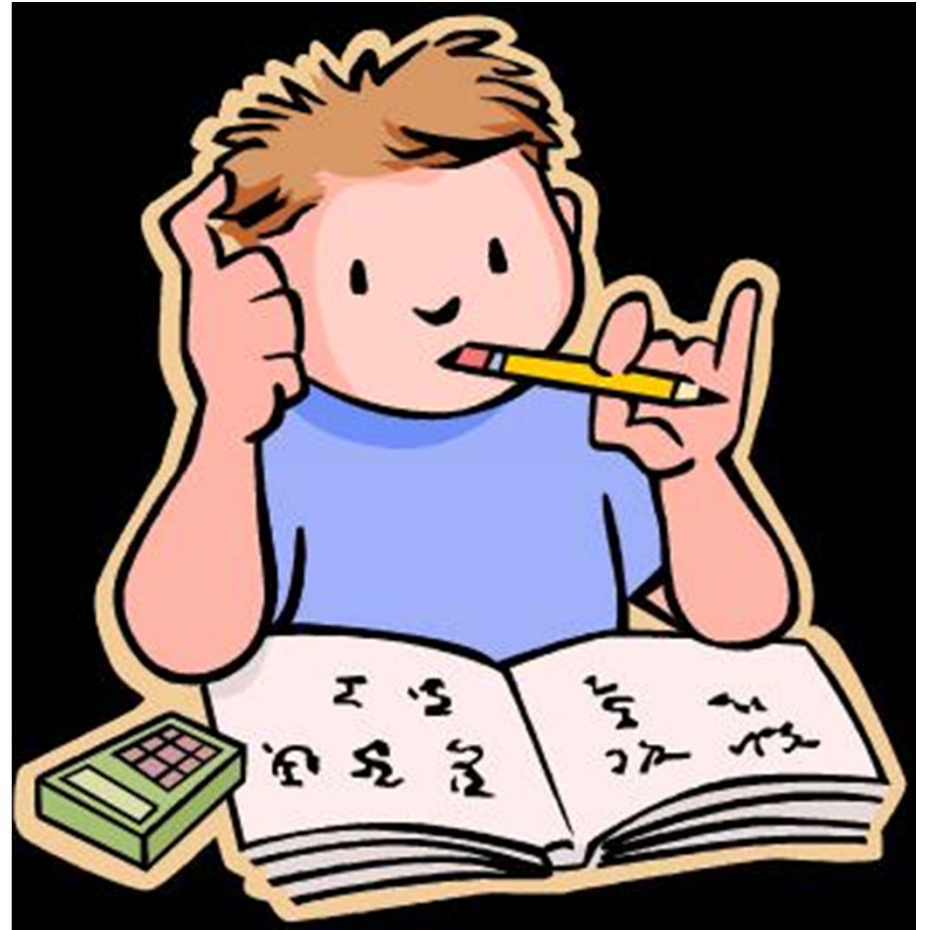
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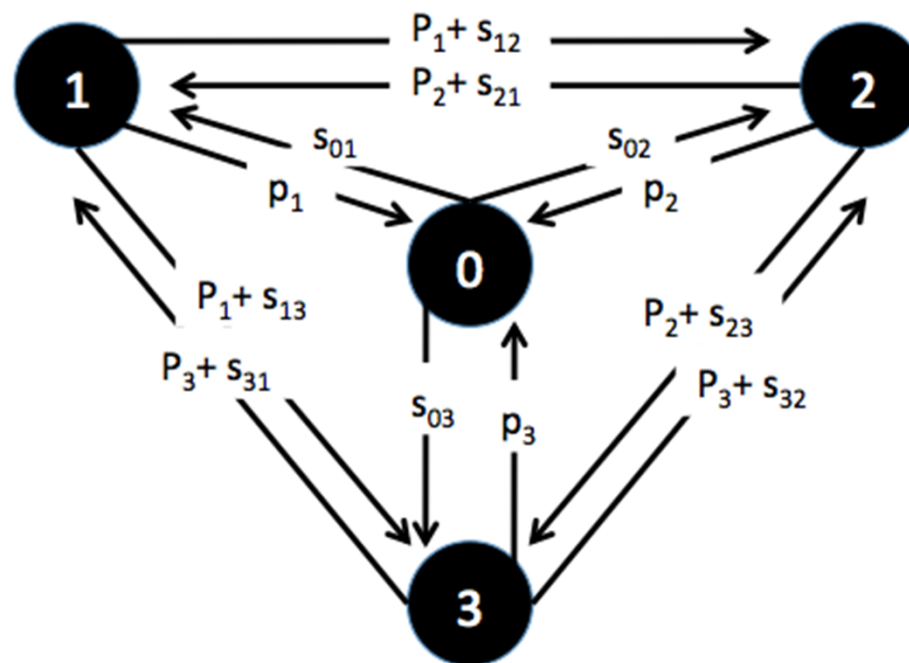
Sub-problem relaxation

Generated by sub-problem



# Sub-problem

- Assymmetric TSP
  - nodes = jobs
  - distance = set-up time



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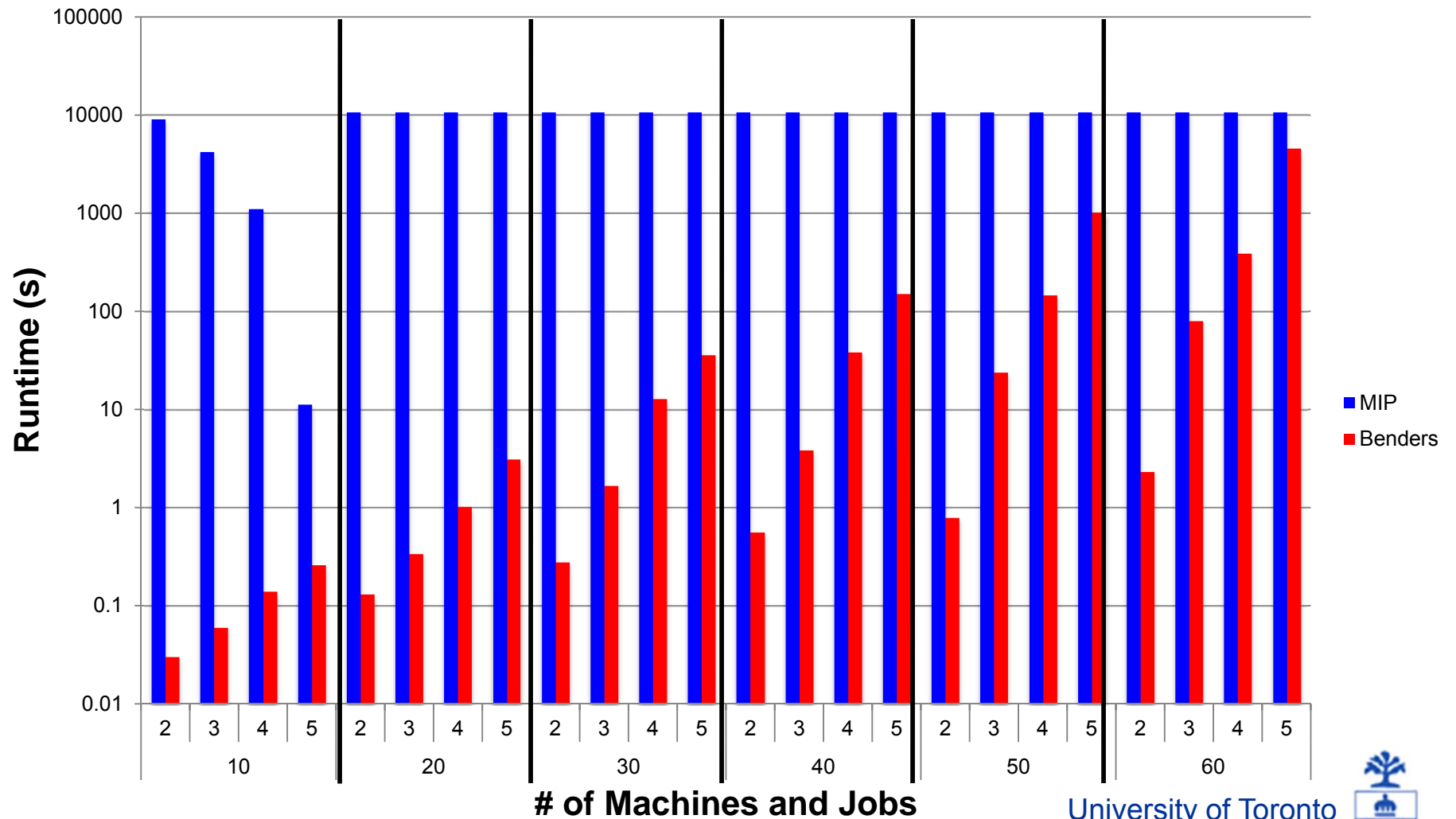


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- All SPs find schedule with makespan  $\leq$  makespan of MP, or
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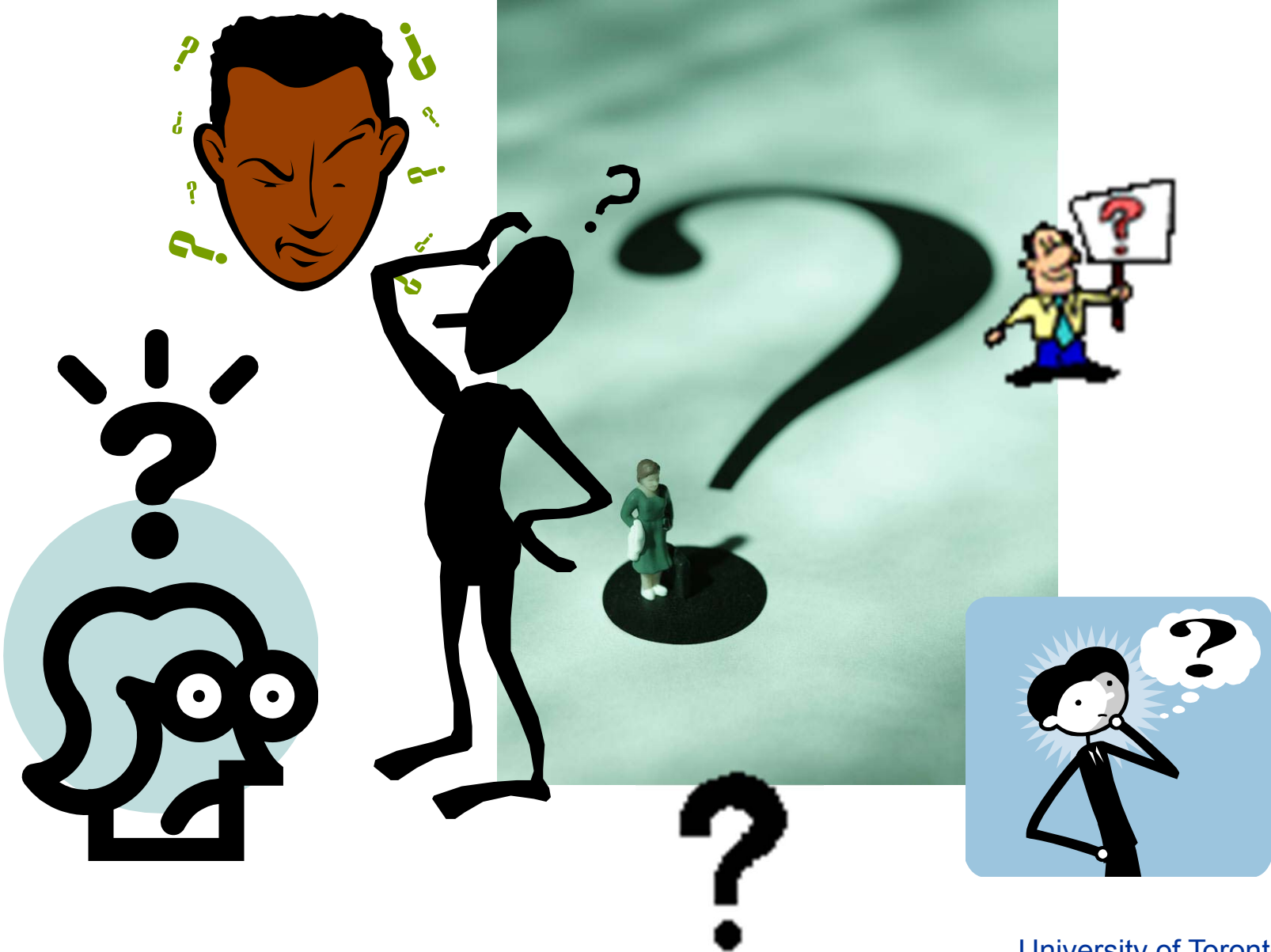


# Results



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# The Plan

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- Logic-based  
Benders Decomposition  
(LBBD)



wherein we try to get back to the topic of the Master Class

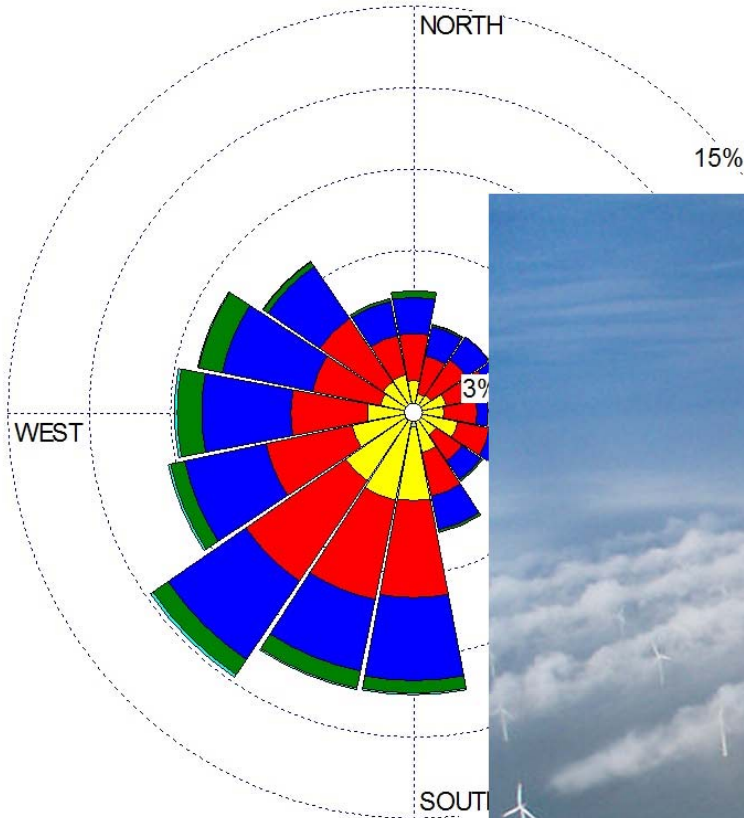
- **Applying LBBD to Problems Somewhat Related to Computational Sustainability**
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# Problem 1: Turbine Placement

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  - limit of input power to grid
  - turbine specifications
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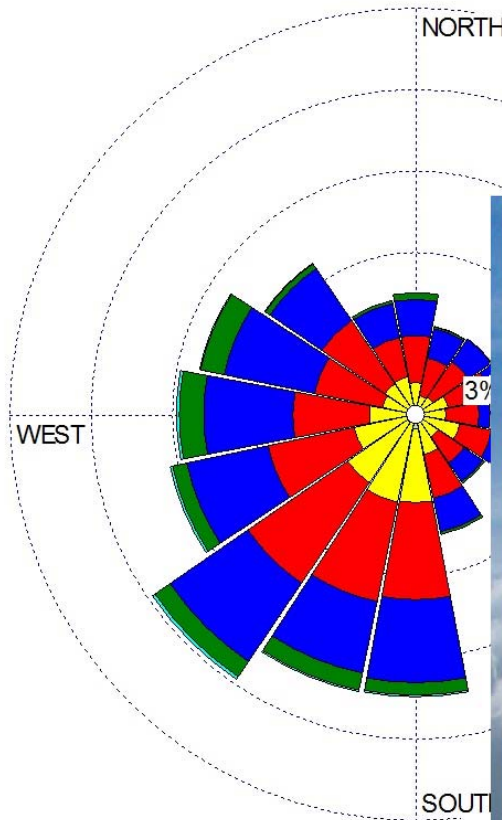
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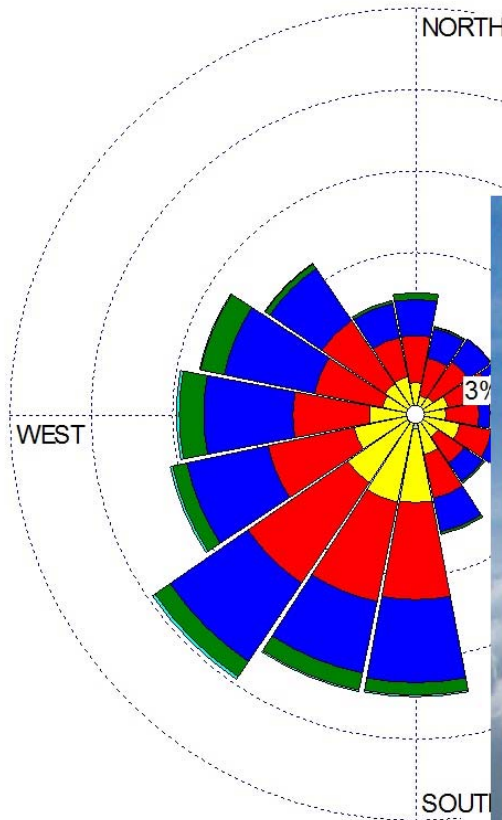
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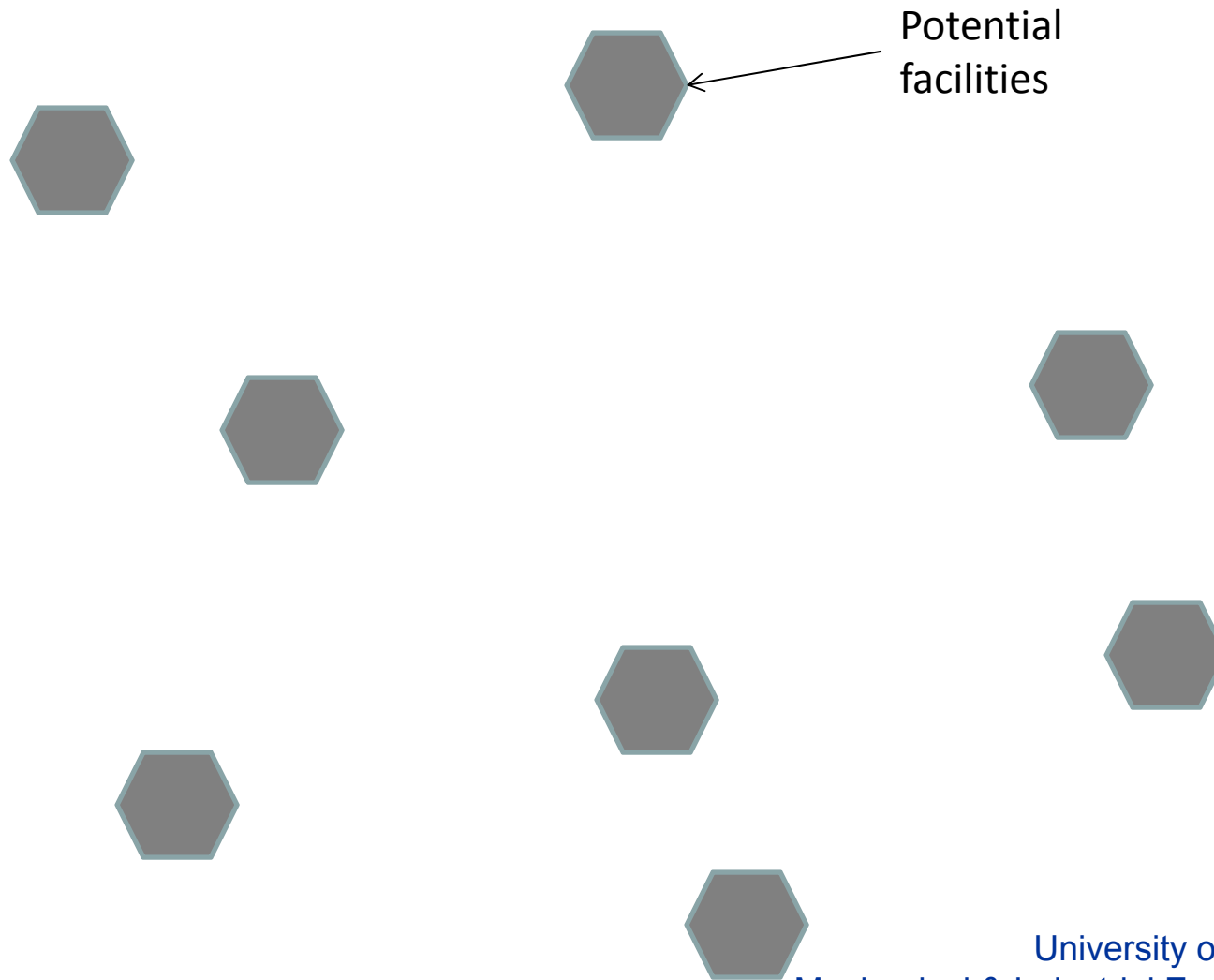
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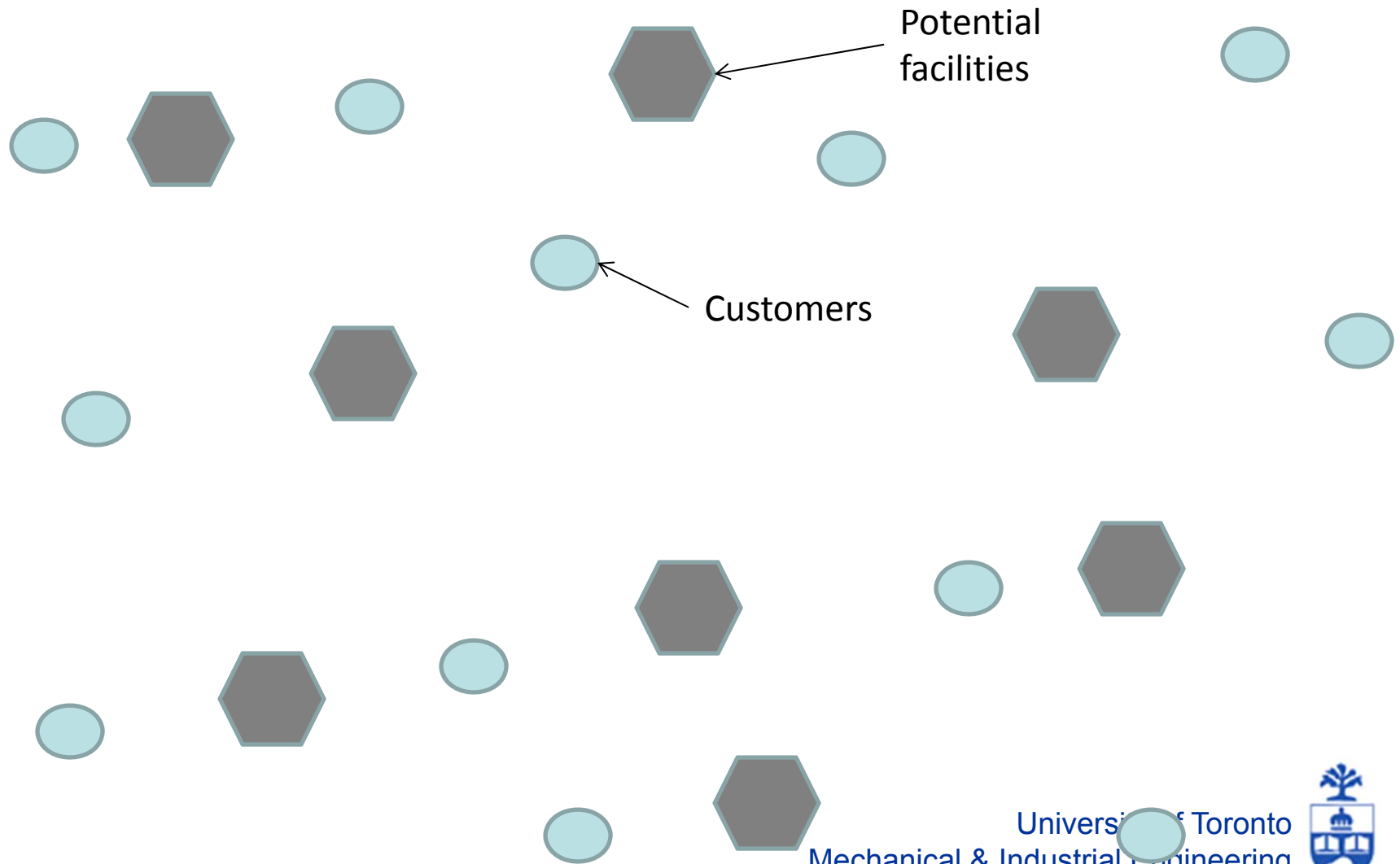
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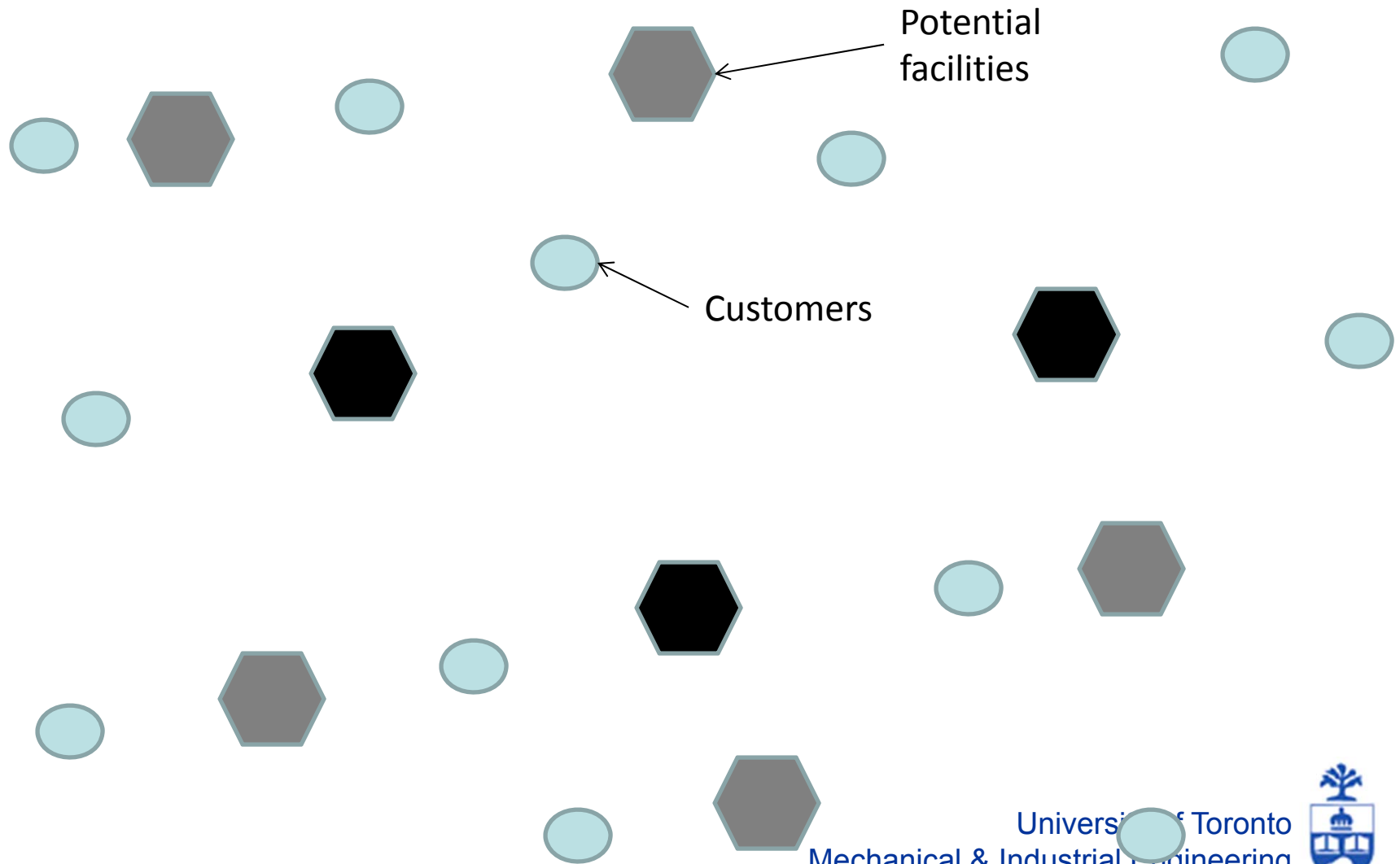
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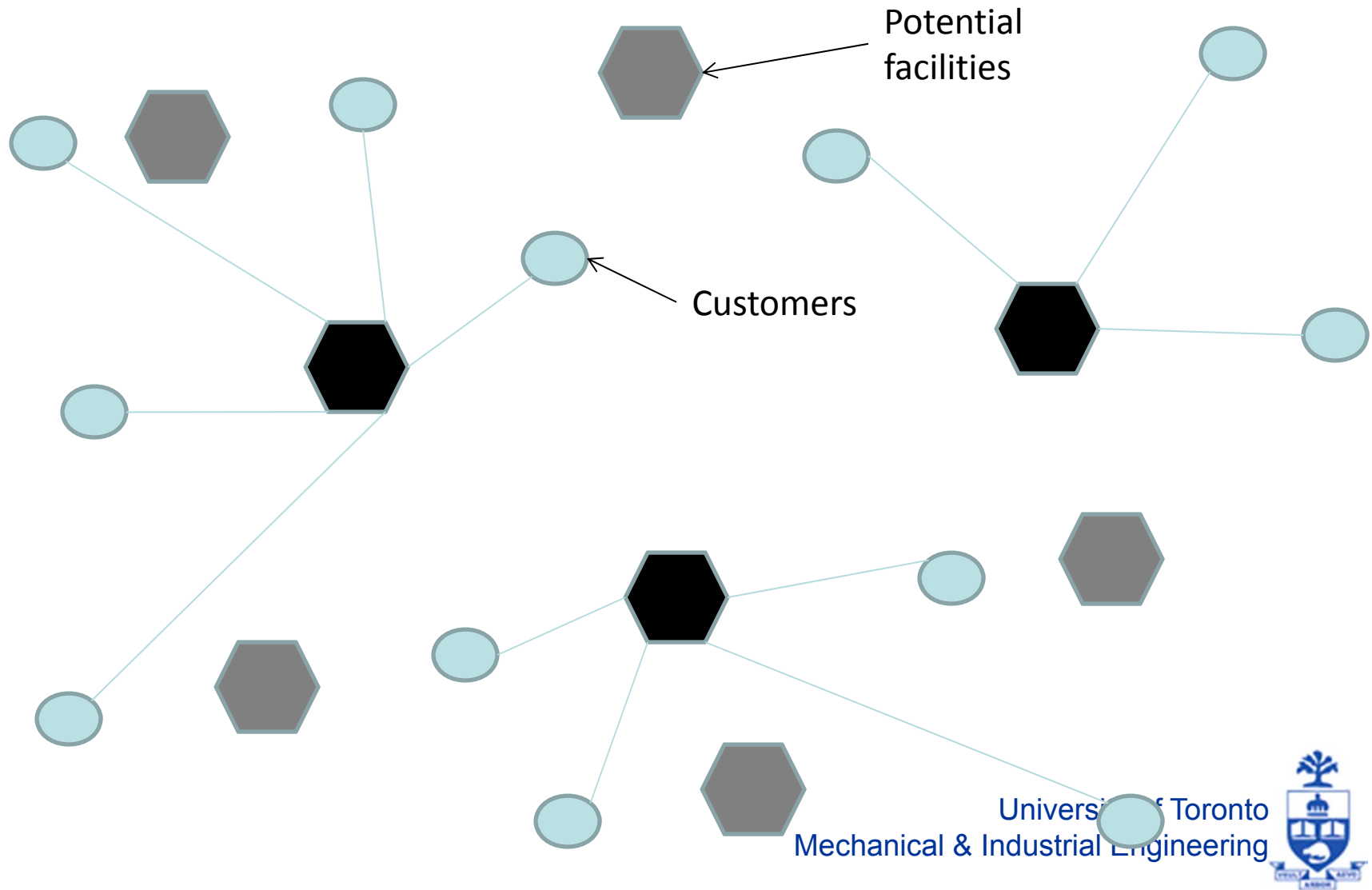


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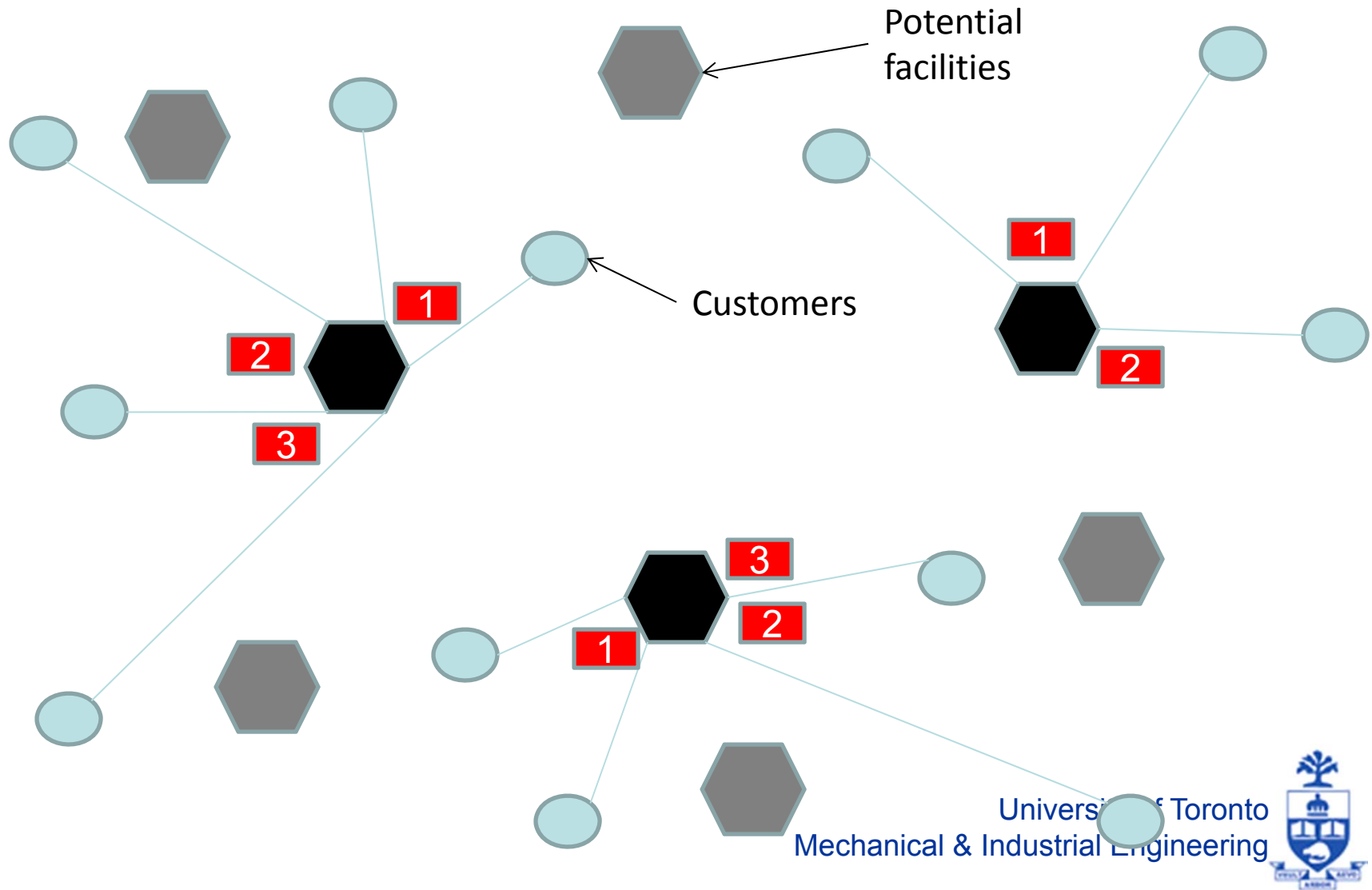




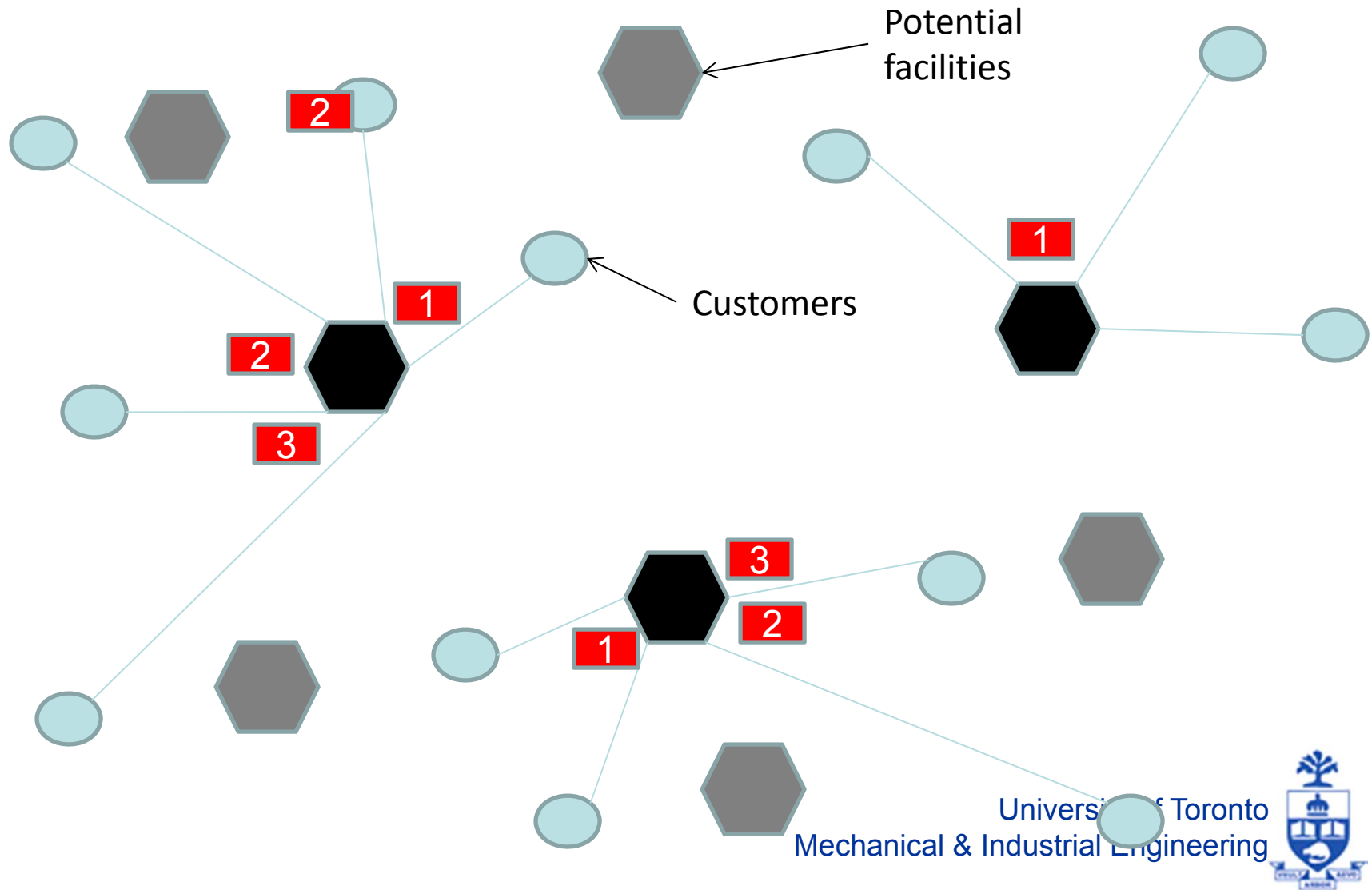
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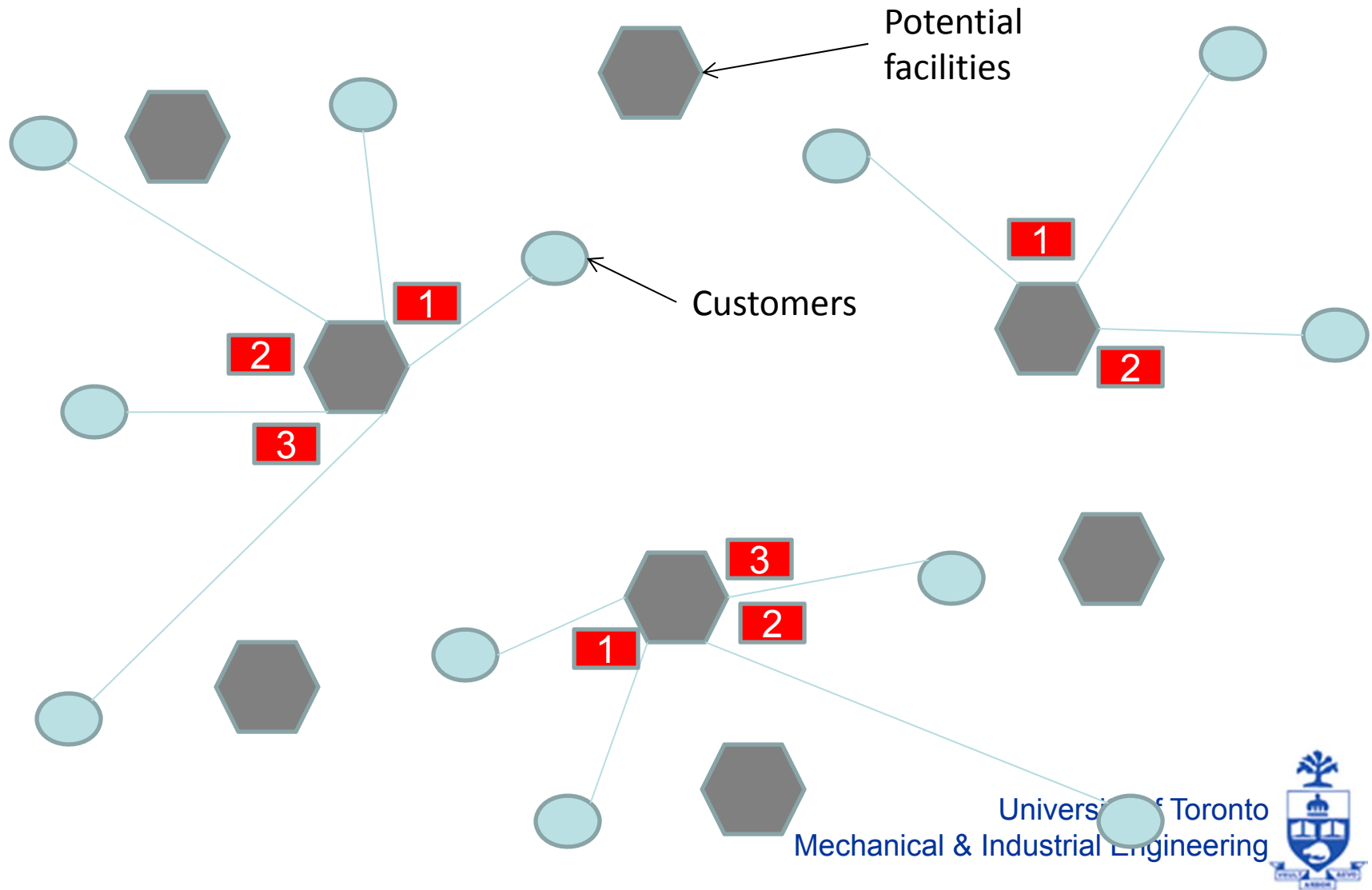
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# Computational Sustainability?

- Originally the facilities were to be recycling centres in the city of Tehran



# A Mixed Integer Model

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**Problem:** The model doesn't scale

40 clients, 20 possible locations:  
75% of problems unsolved in 48  
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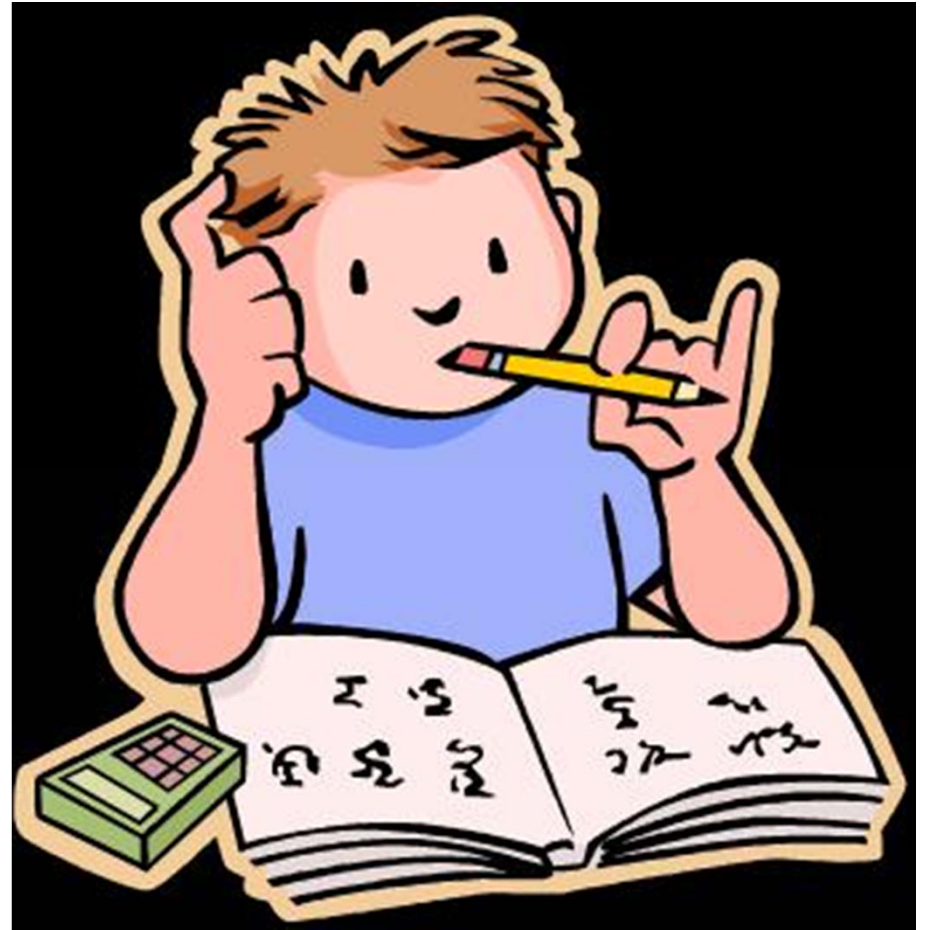
[CP is even worse]





# Your Turn

- Develop an LBBD model
  - master problem?
  - sub-problem?
  - sub-problem relaxation?
  - cut?



# Decisions to make

- Which facilities to open
- Which customers to assign to which open facilities
- How many vehicles at each facility
- Which customers to assign to which trucks

# Logic-Based Benders Decomposition (LBBD)

Capacity and Distance  
Constrained Plant Location  
Problem

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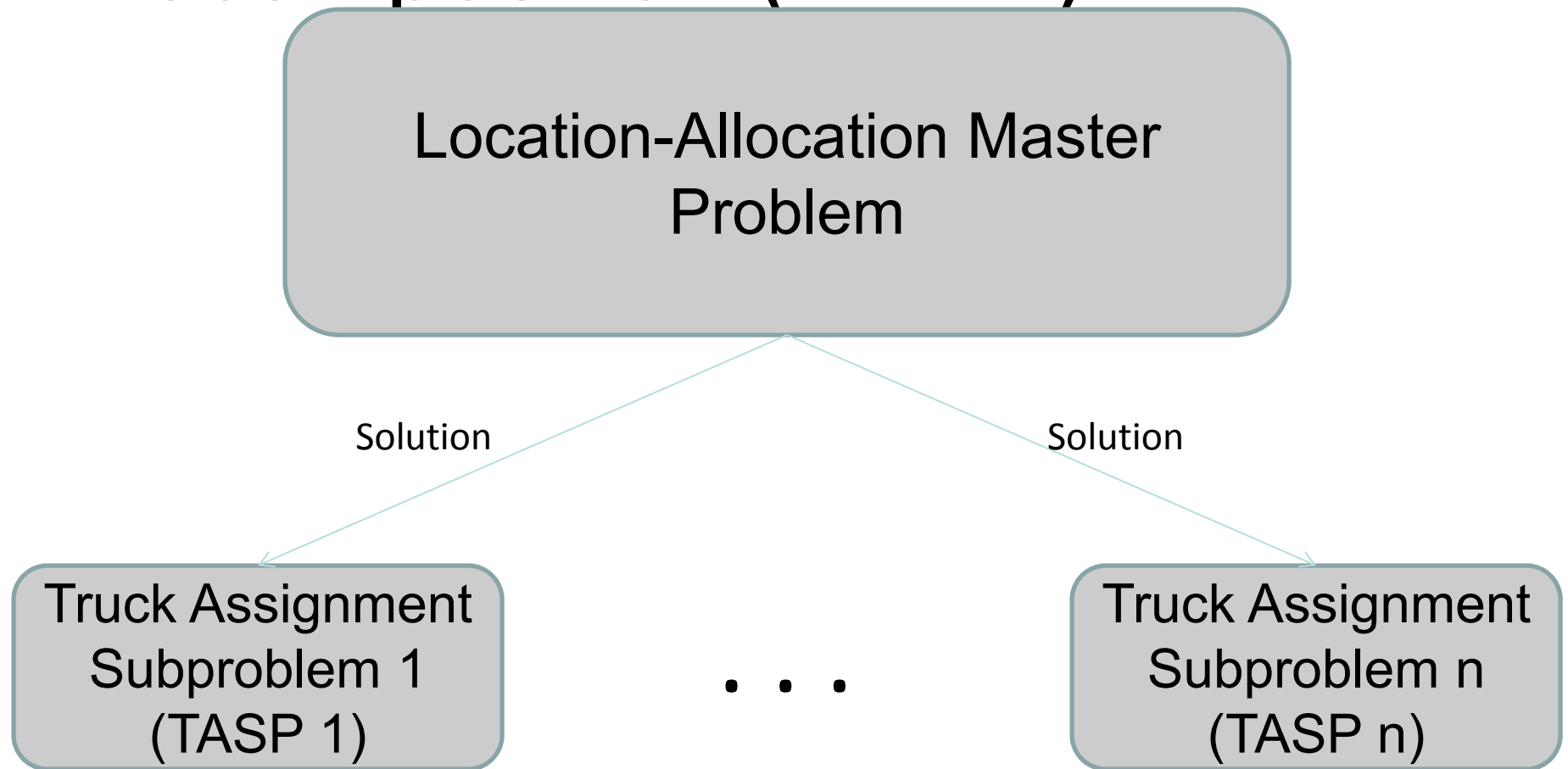
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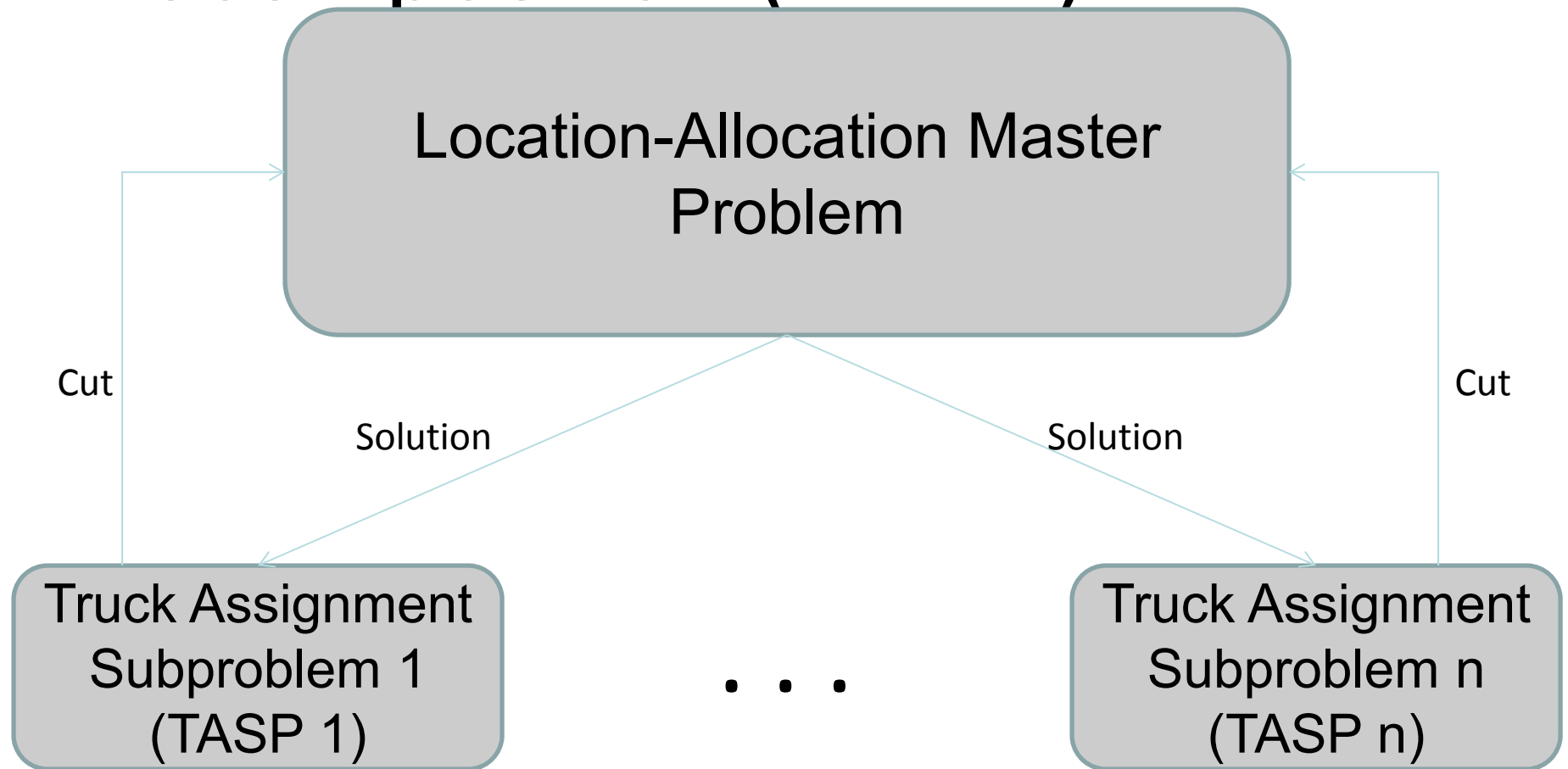
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# Can We Do Better?

- Why do I have to make the truck assignment right away?
  - introduces a lot of symmetry
  - delay detailed truck assignment until we have a facility and customer assignment that looks good
- Triple index ( $x_{ijk}$ ) is ugly

# Change the Model

$$p_j = \begin{cases} 1: & \text{if site } j \text{ is open} \\ 0: & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$x_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1: & \text{if client } i \text{ is served by site } j \\ 0: & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$numVeh_j$  : The number of vehicles assigned to facility  $j$



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So we're done, right?



# A Problem

- The customers assigned to a facility might not fit in the trucks we have allocated to that facility

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# Truck Assignment Subproblem (TASP)

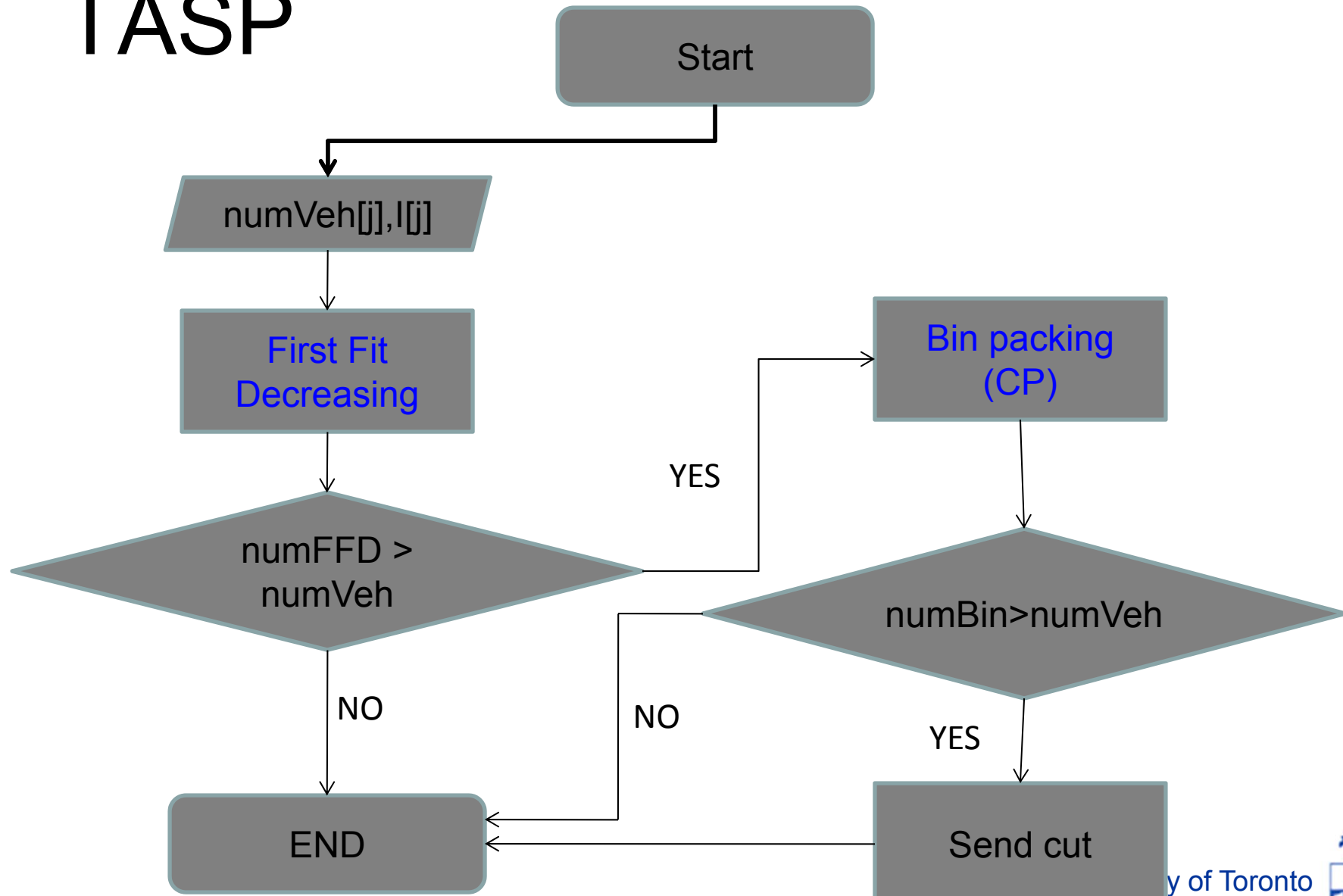
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TASP = bin packing  
[distance = “capacity”]

# TASP



# Bin Packing Using CP

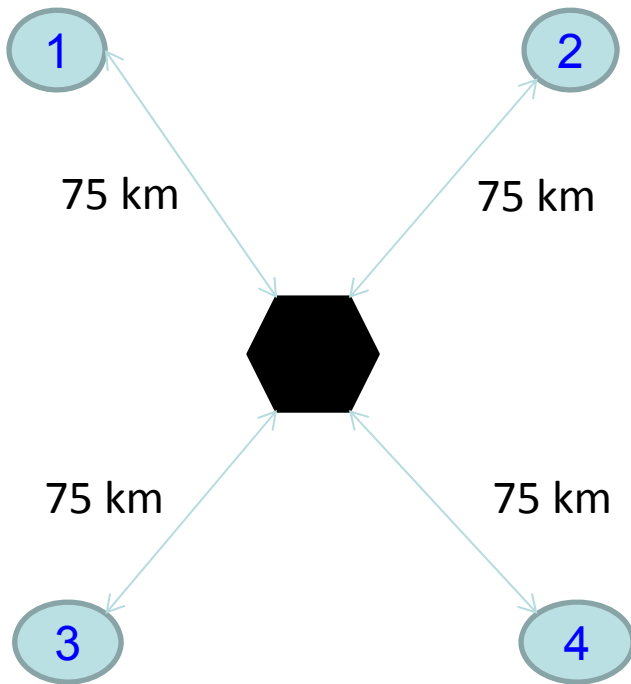
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*S.t :*

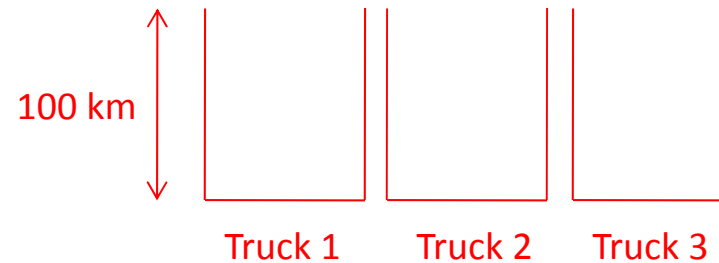
$\text{pack}(\text{vehicleDist}, I_j, \text{dist}_{ij})$

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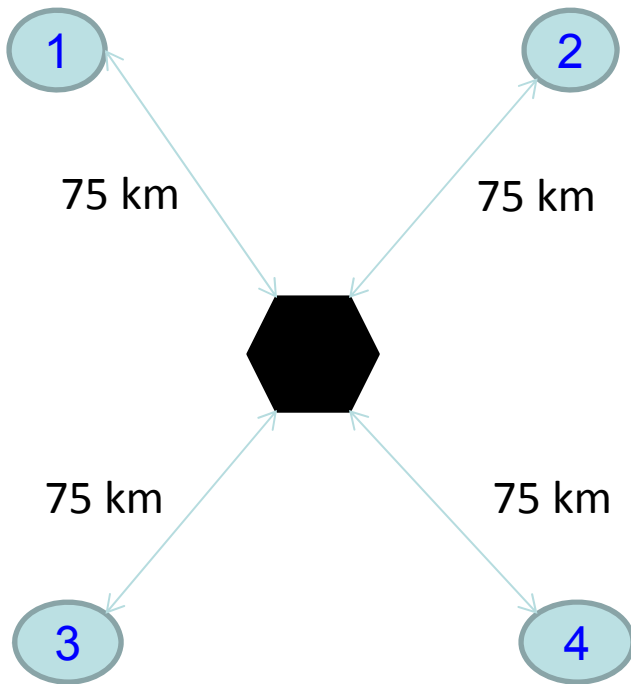
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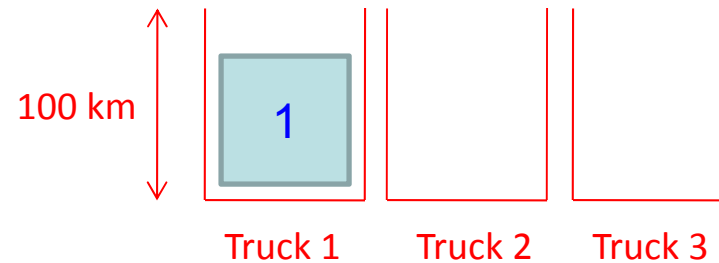
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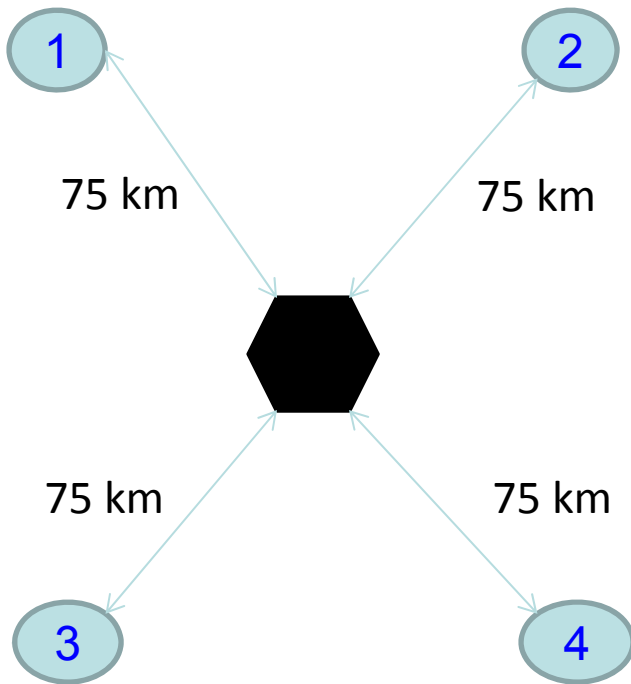
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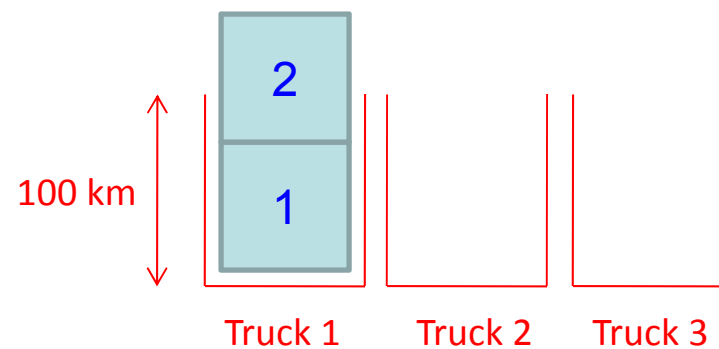
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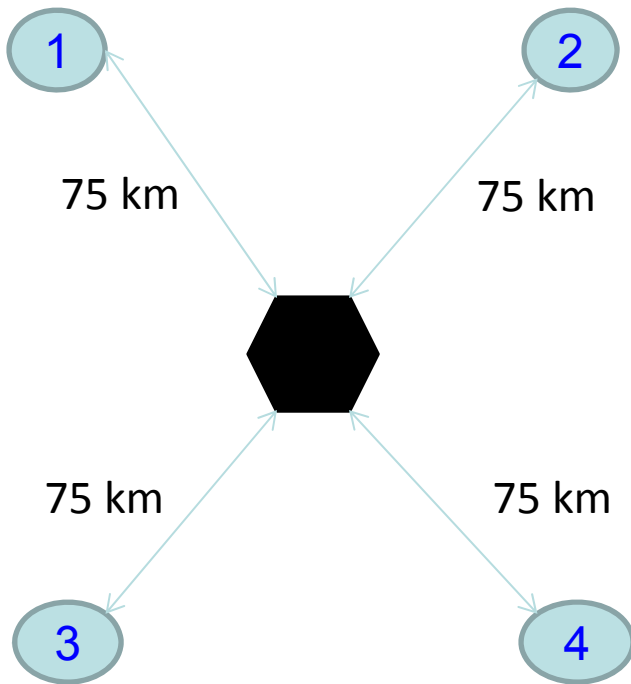


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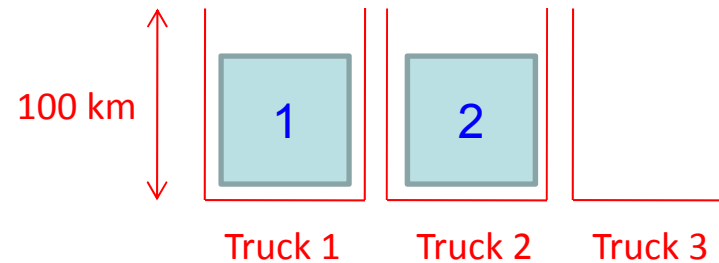




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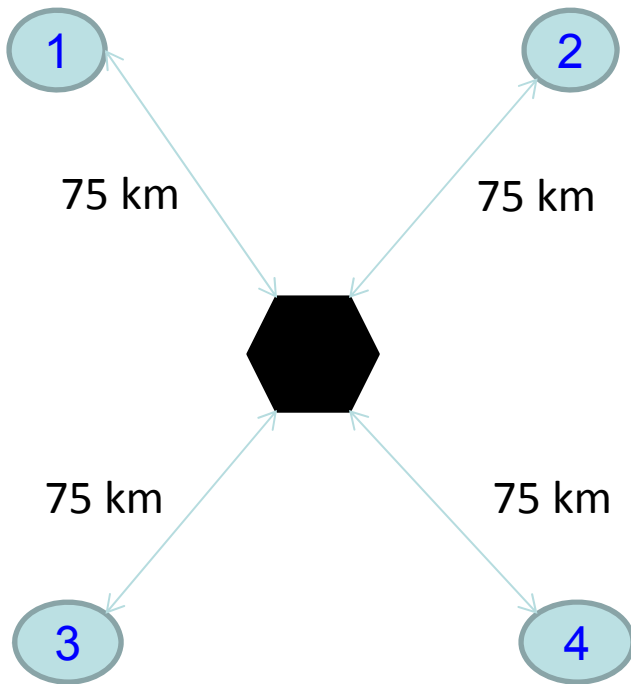
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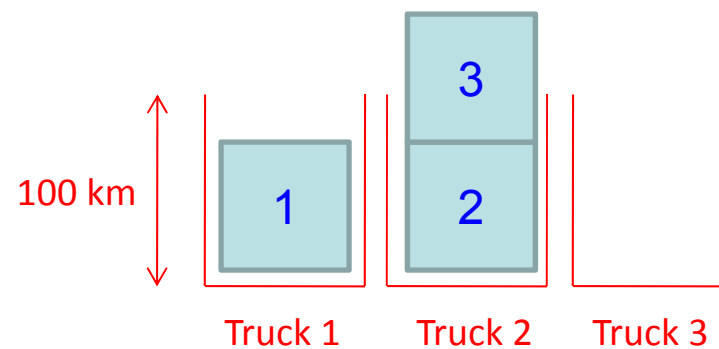
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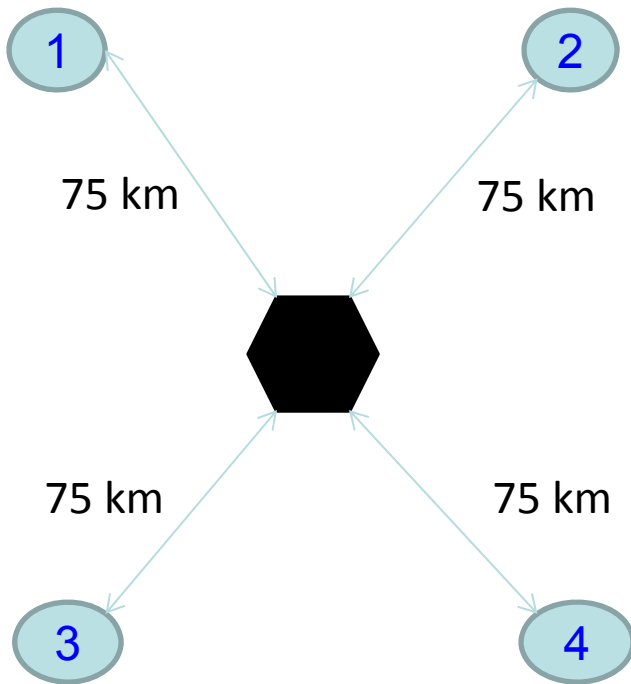
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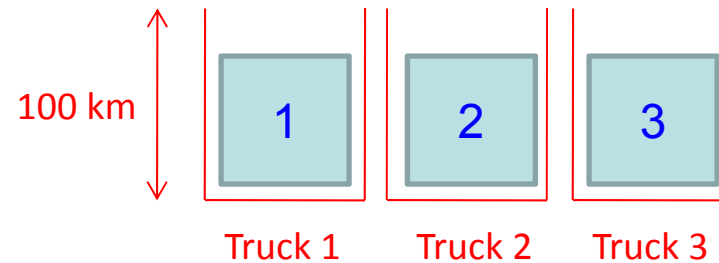
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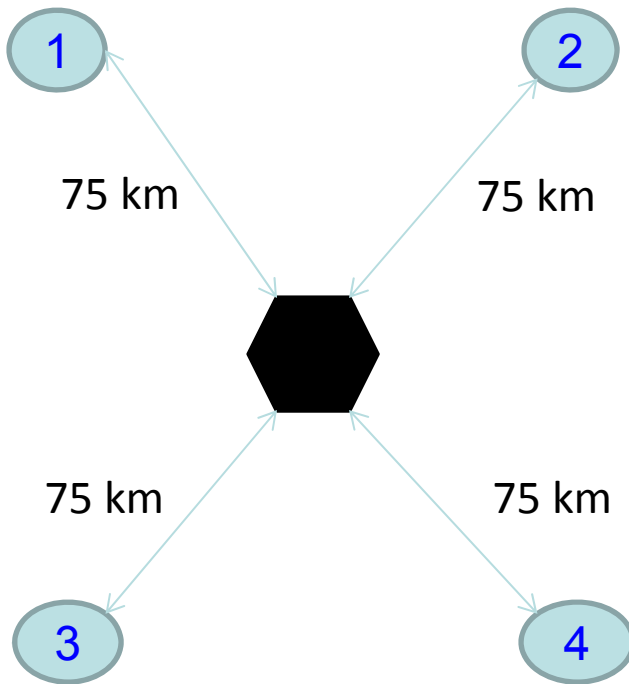
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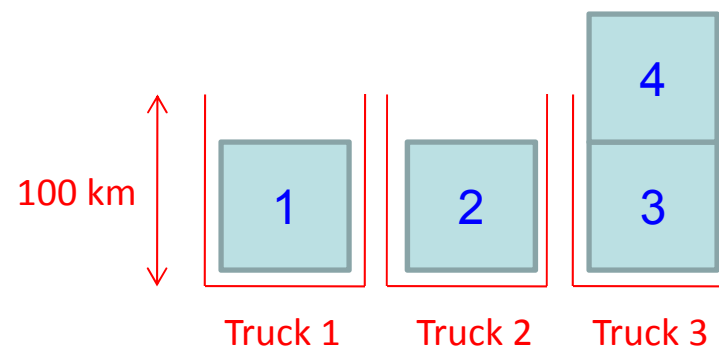
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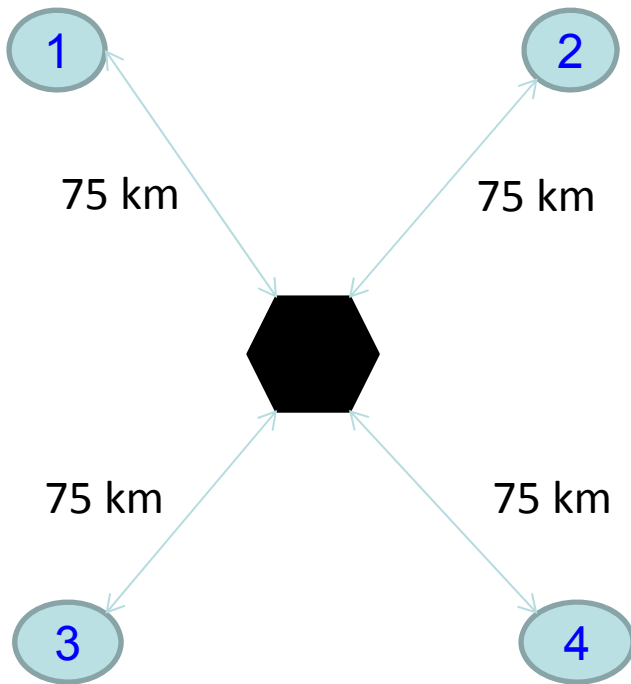
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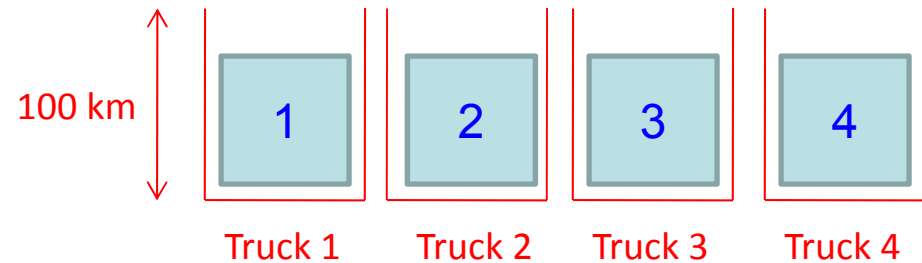
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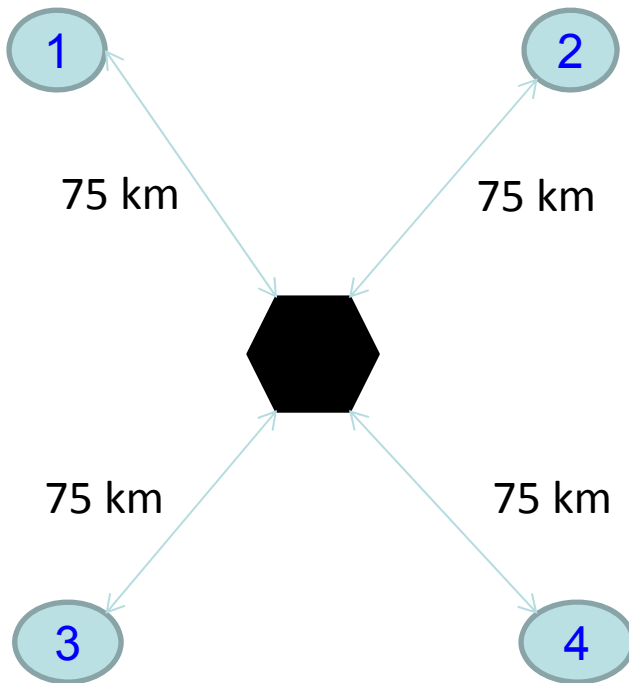
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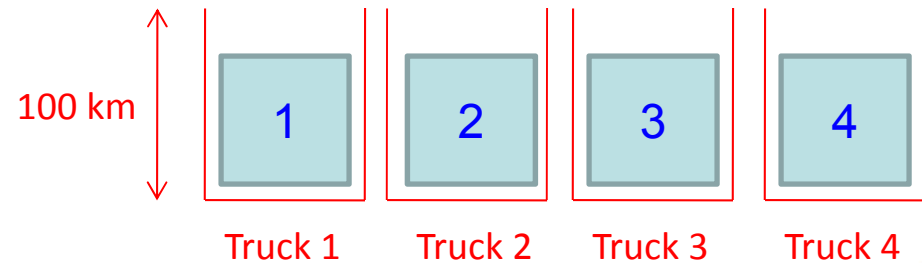


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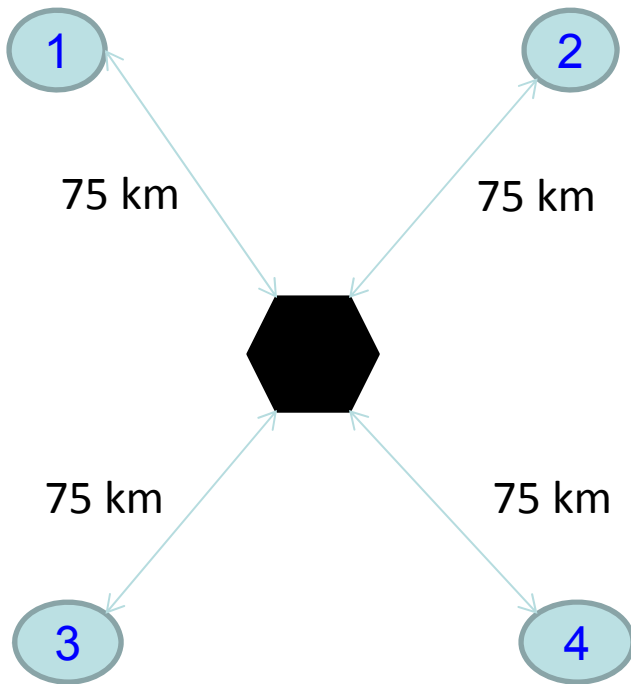


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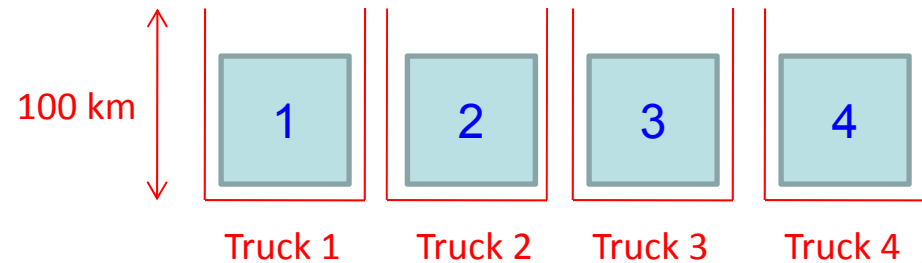
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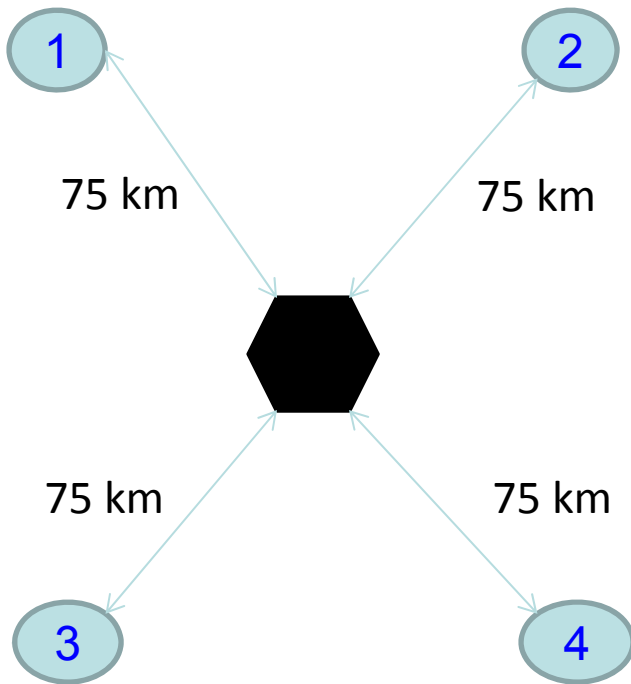
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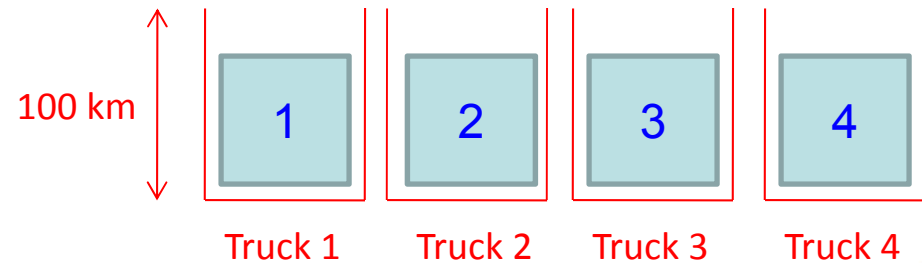
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4 trucks
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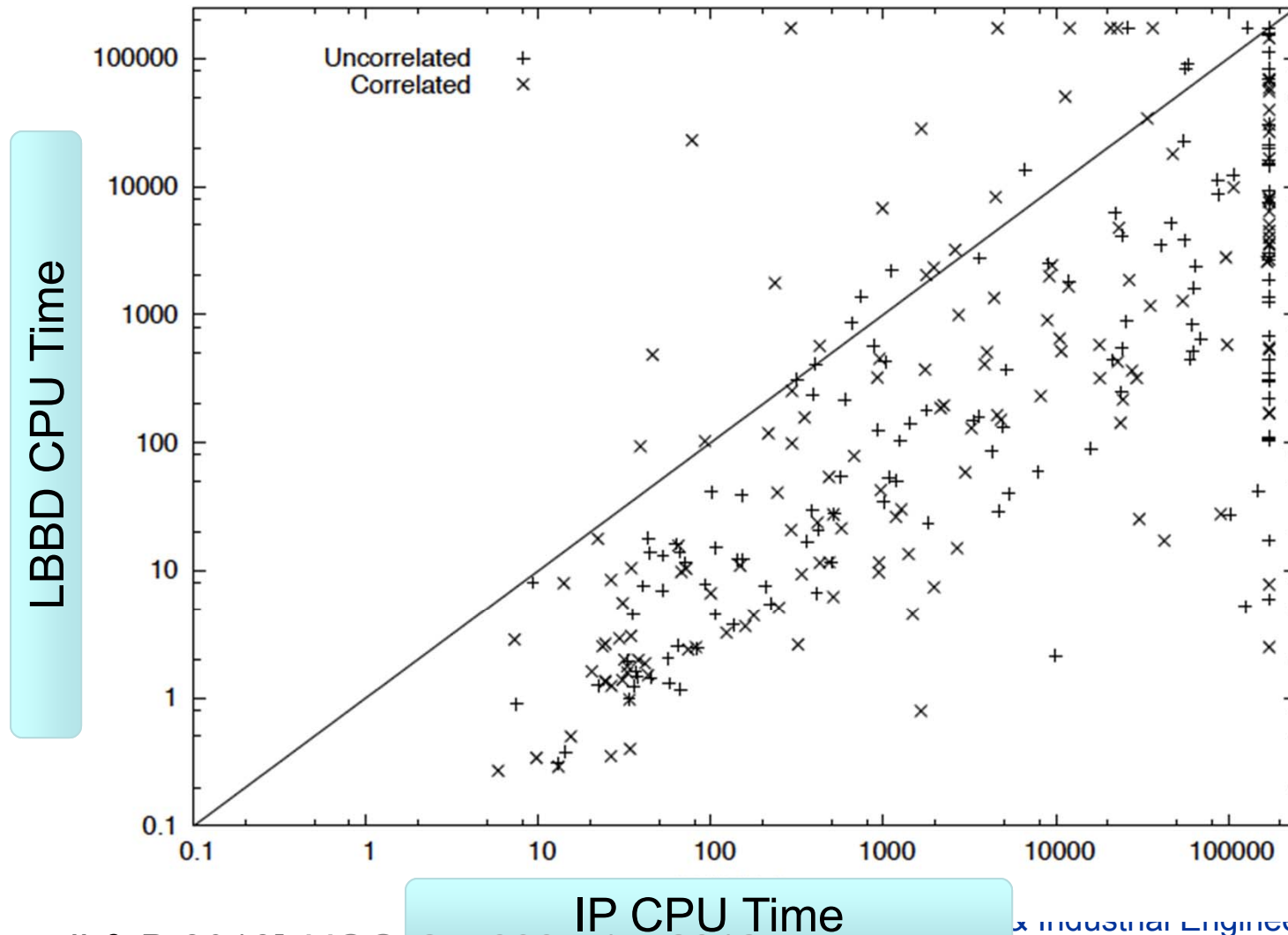
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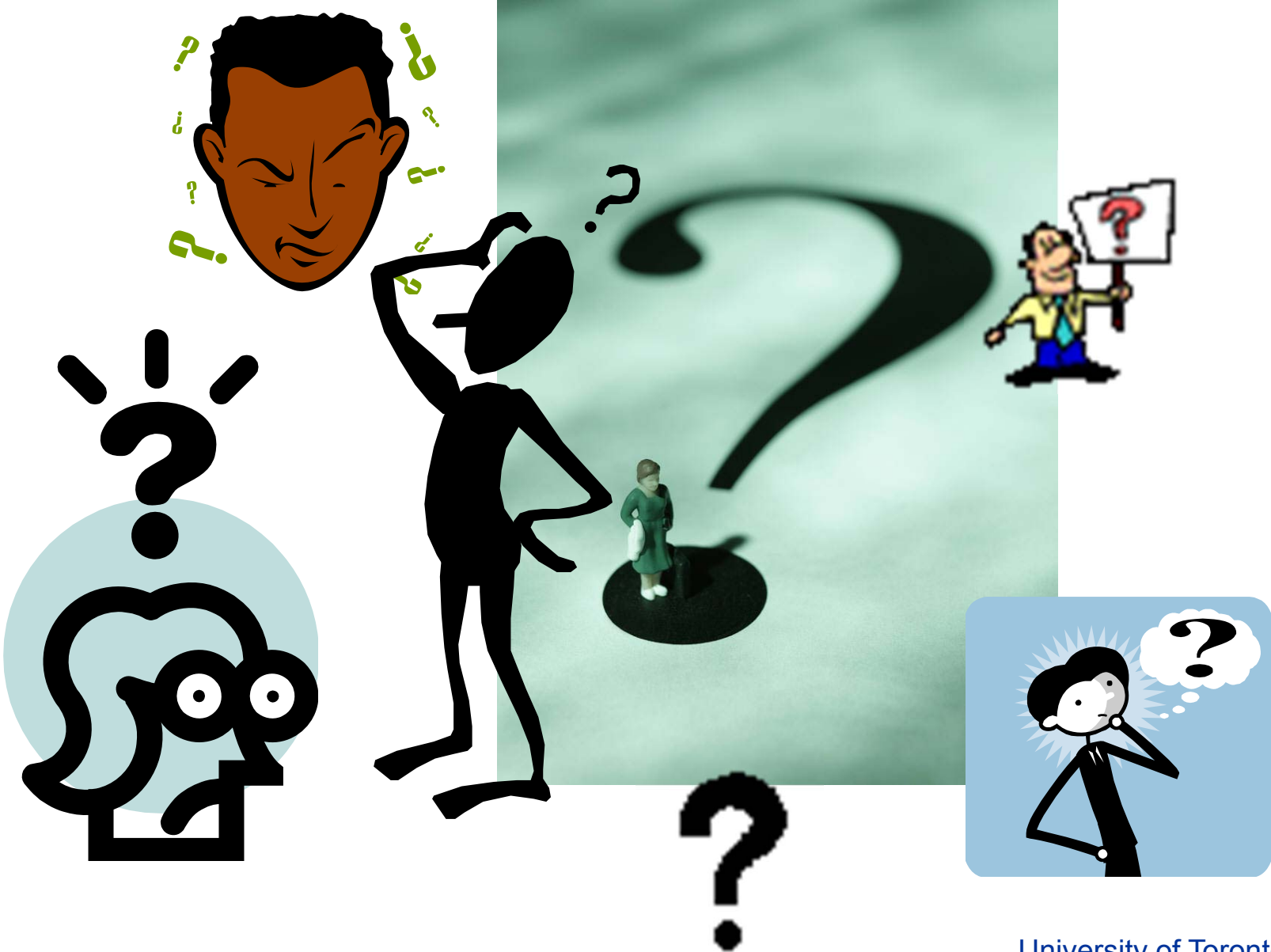
LBBBD > 300 times faster than IP



[Fazel-Zarandi & B 2012] *IJOC*, 24, 399-415, 2012.







# The Plan

- Decomposition & Modeling
- Logic-based  
Benders Decomposition  
(LBBD)
- Applying LBBD to Problems Somewhat  
Related to Computational Sustainability
- **Beyond Decomposition**

We had a plan

Does anyone notice any inconsistencies in the story I am telling you so far?

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# A Weakness in My Story

- Motivation was about taking really big complex problems and decomposing
- But all my examples have really been “small” problems (the type we normally solve in CP/AI/OR)
  - e.g., all the aspects of building a wind farm not just turbine placement

# A Challenge

- Rather than decomposing what we already see as a single problem, can we unify what we think of as separate problems?

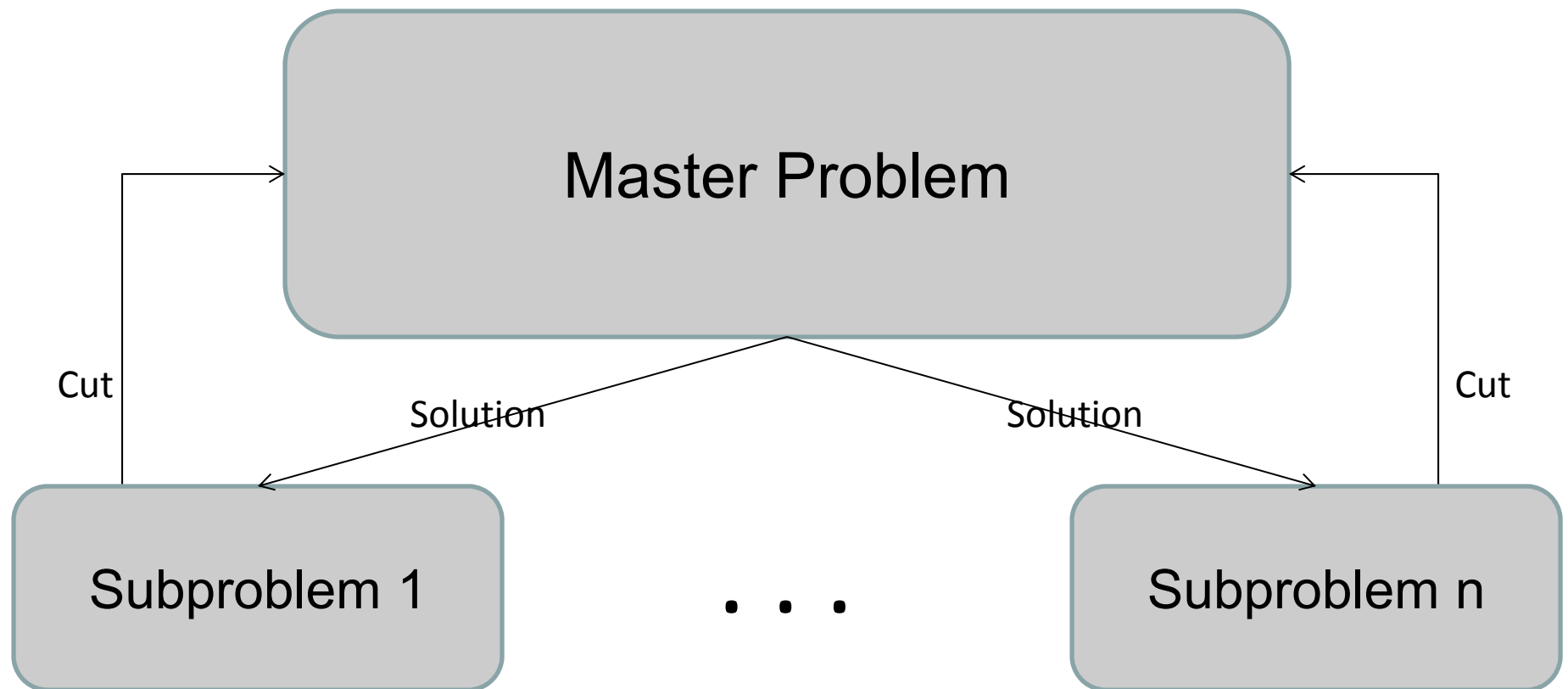


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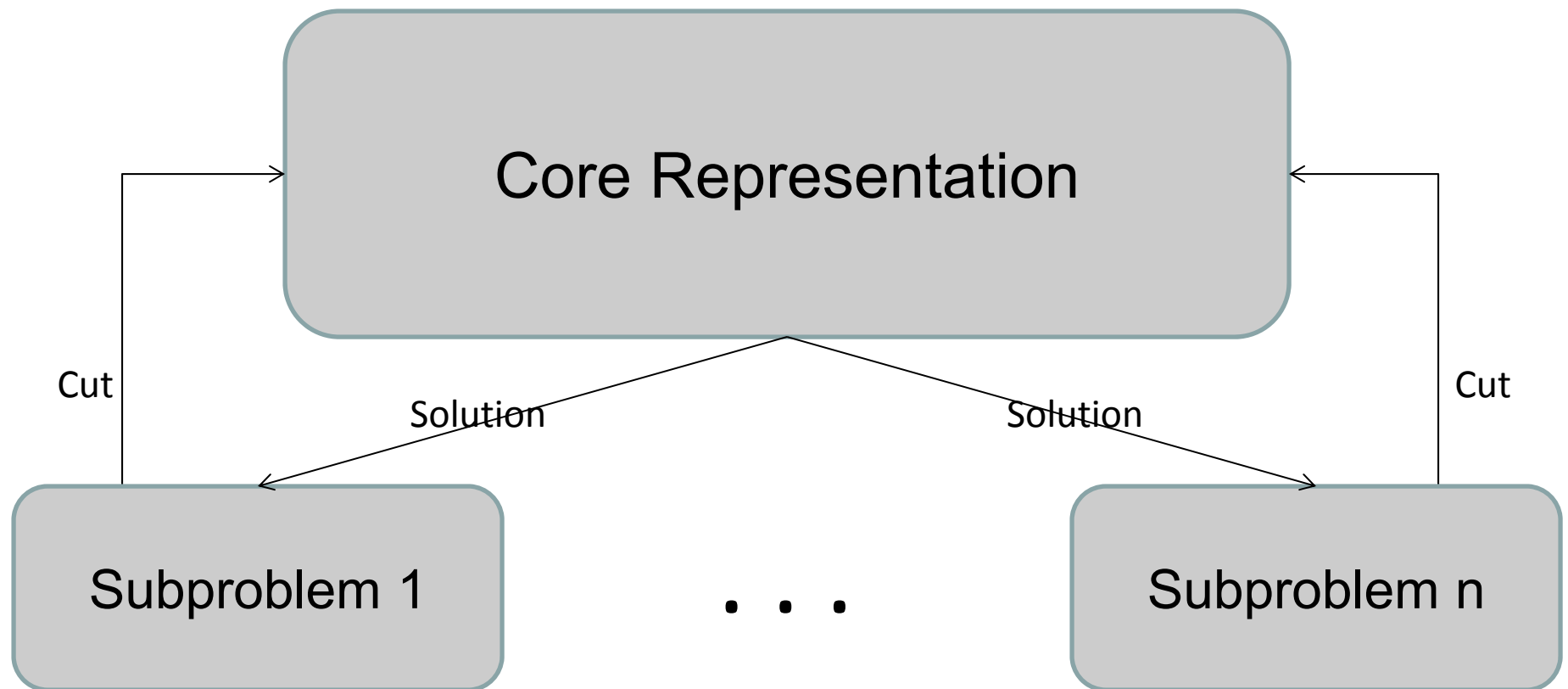
- Integrating maintenance planning and production scheduling
  - long-term stochastic reasoning combined with short-term combinatorial reasoning

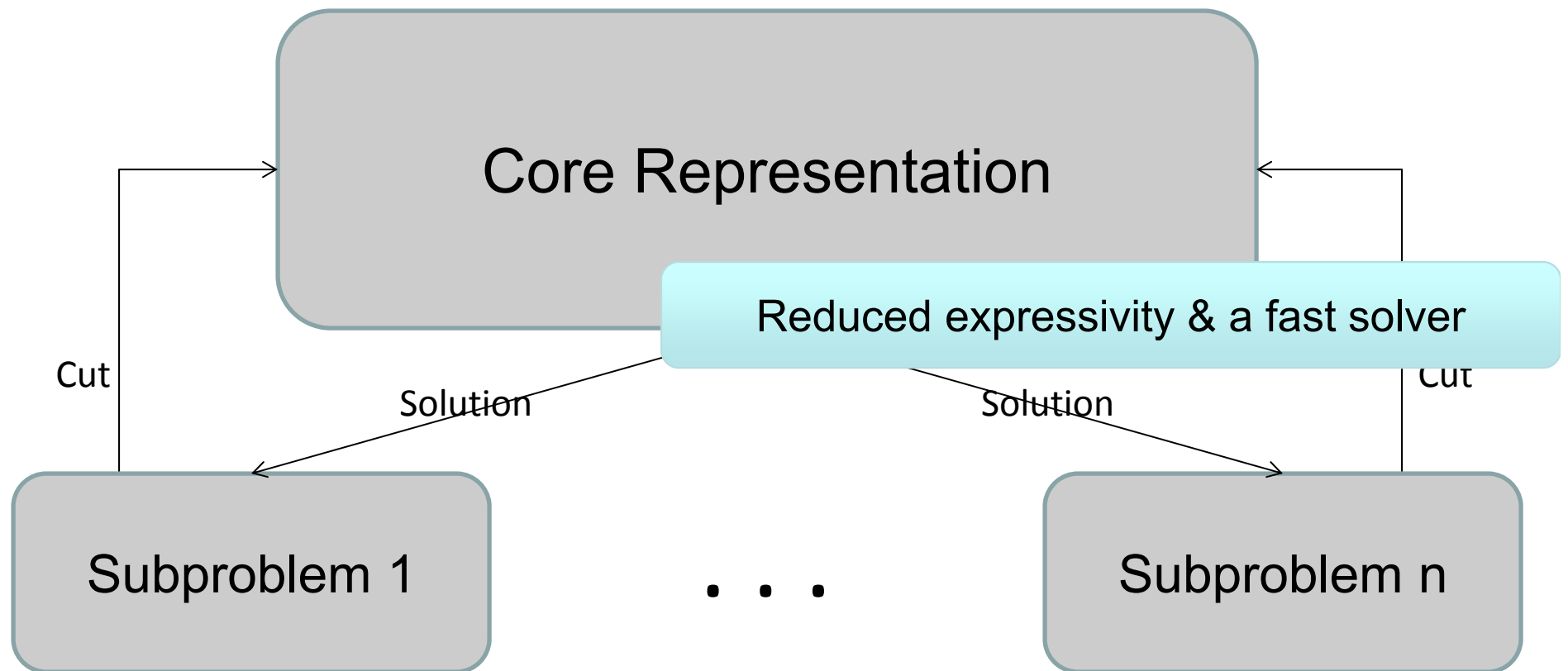
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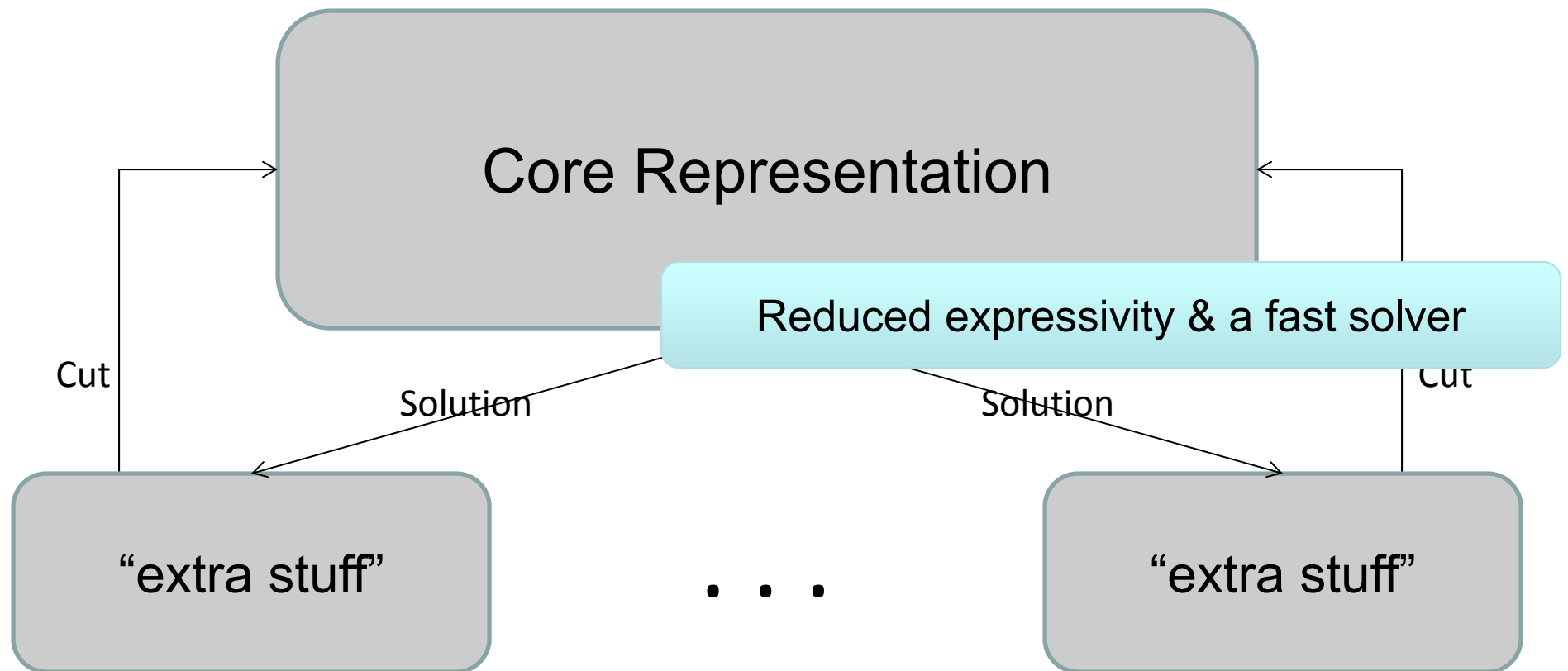


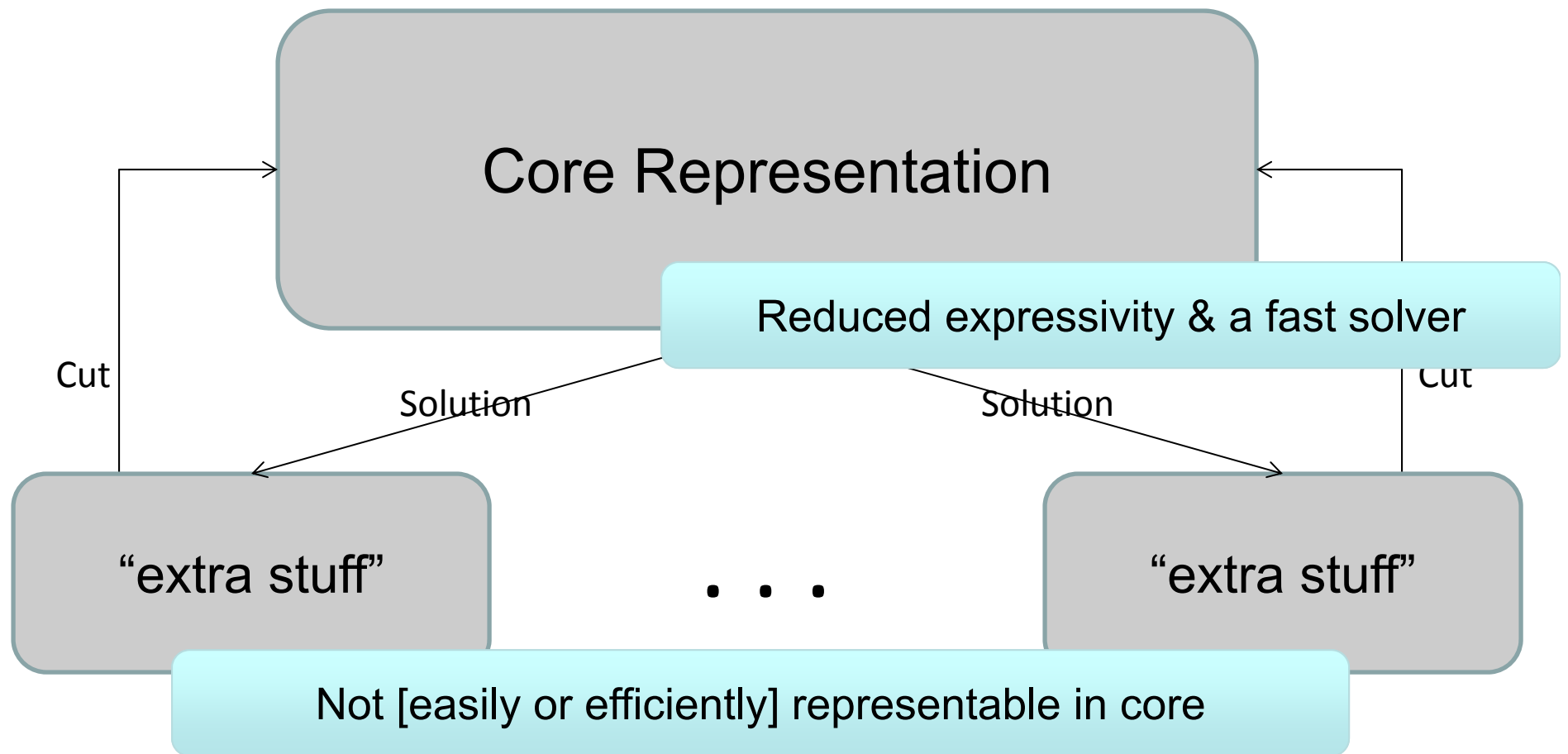


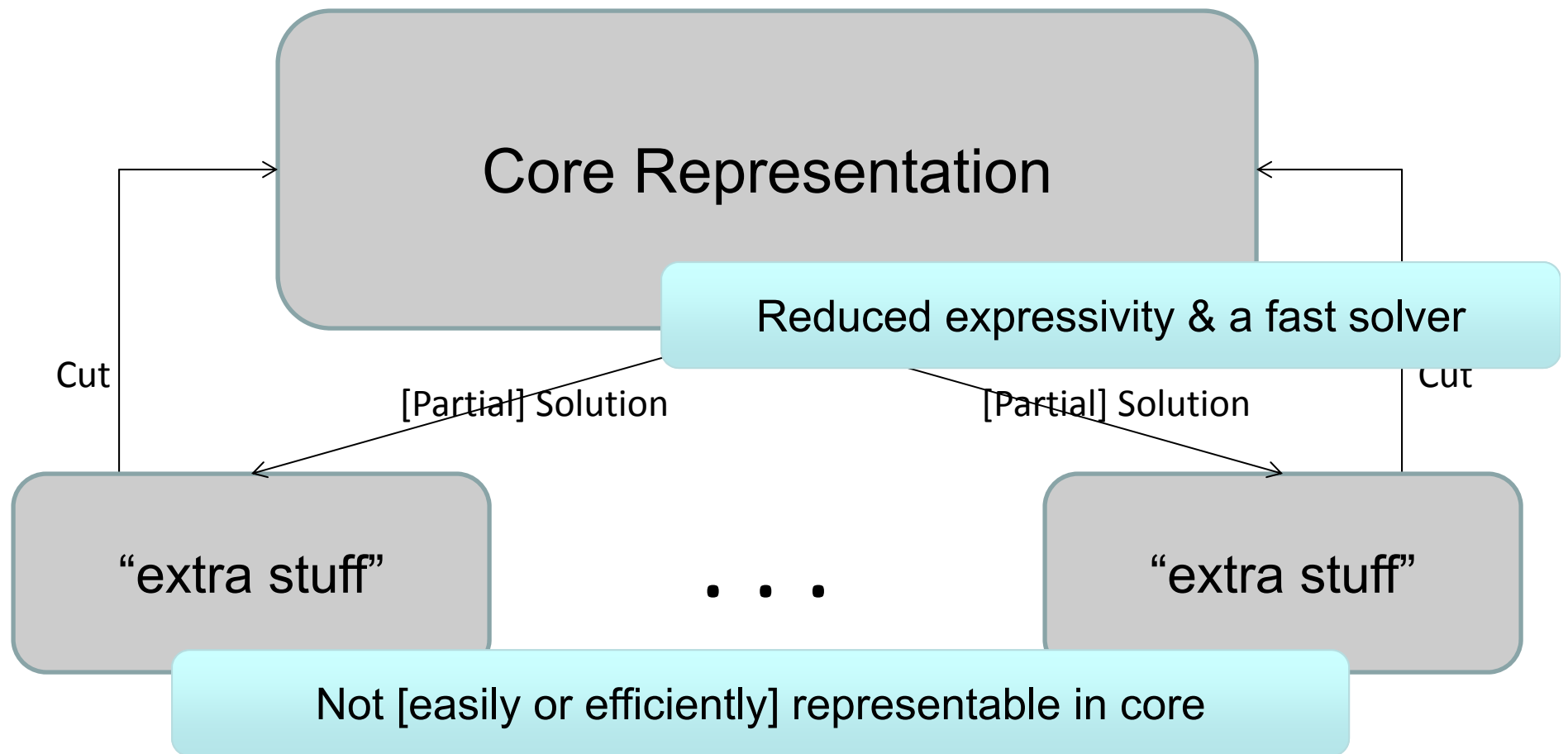


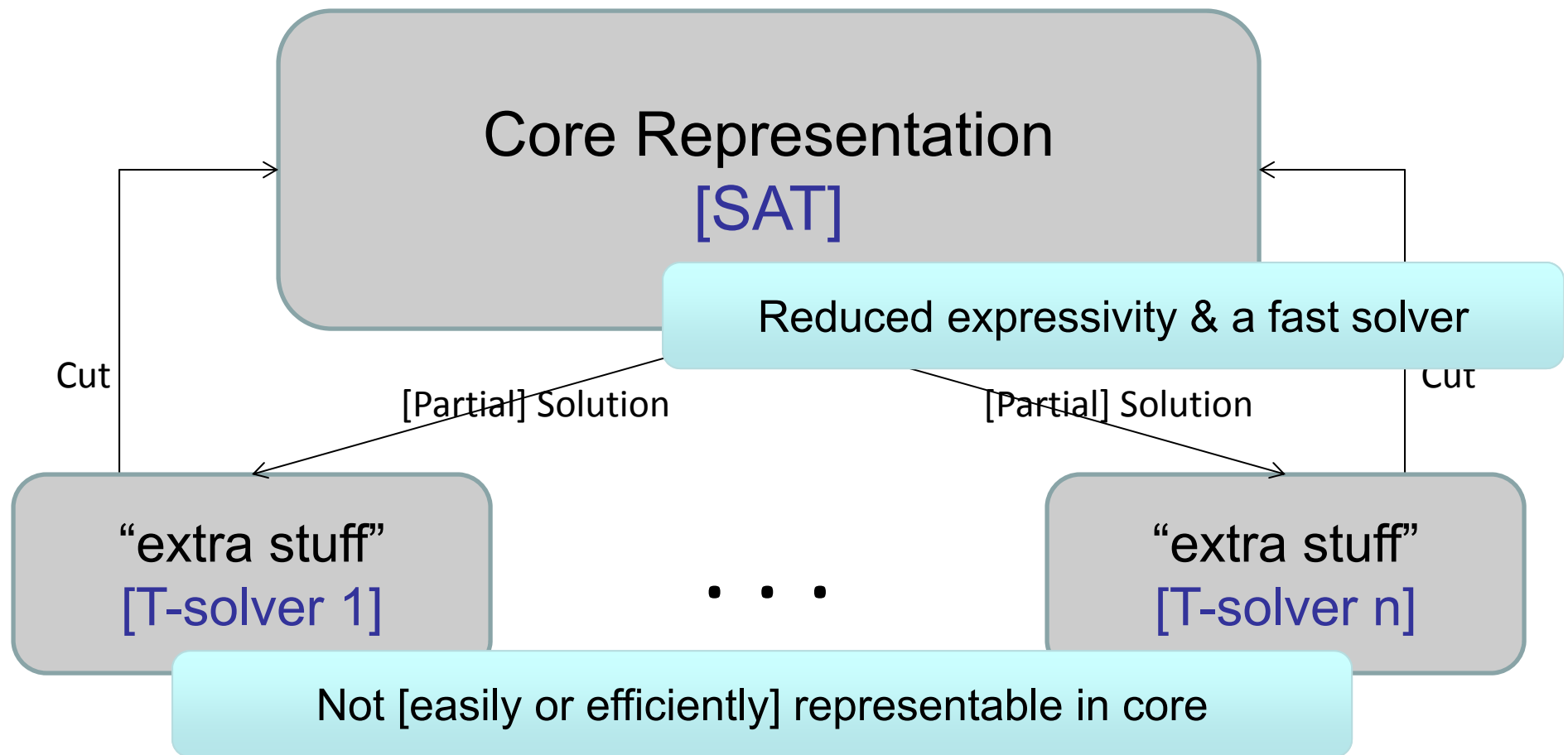




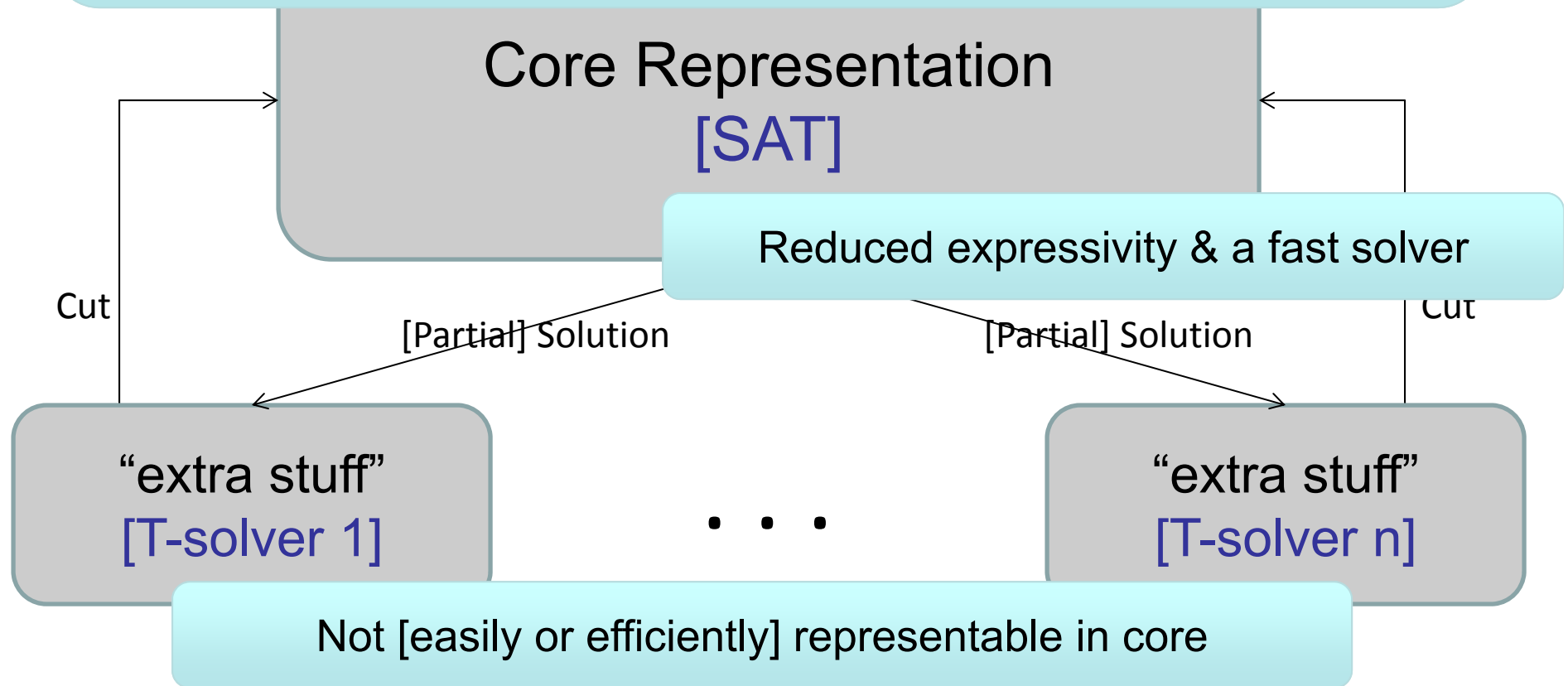


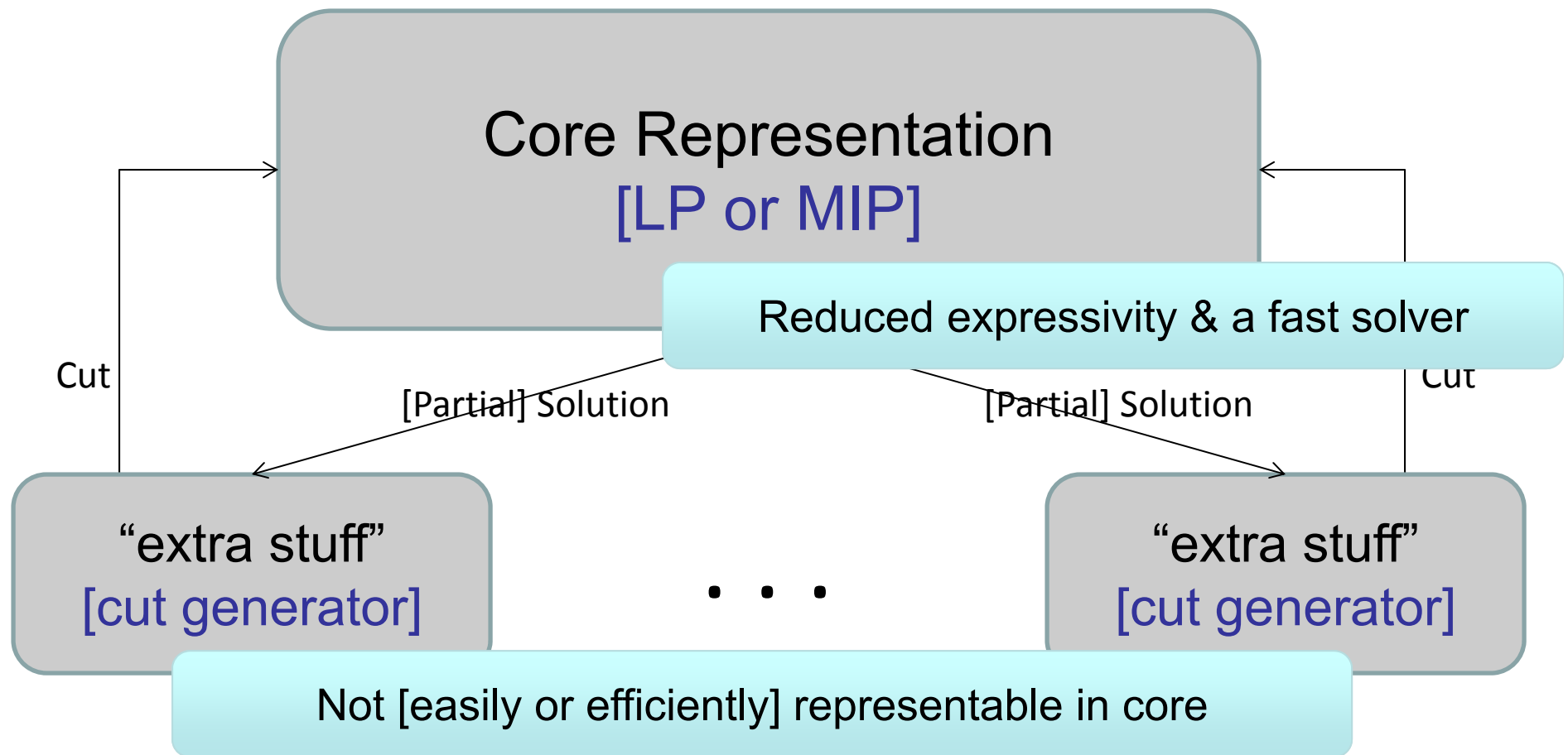






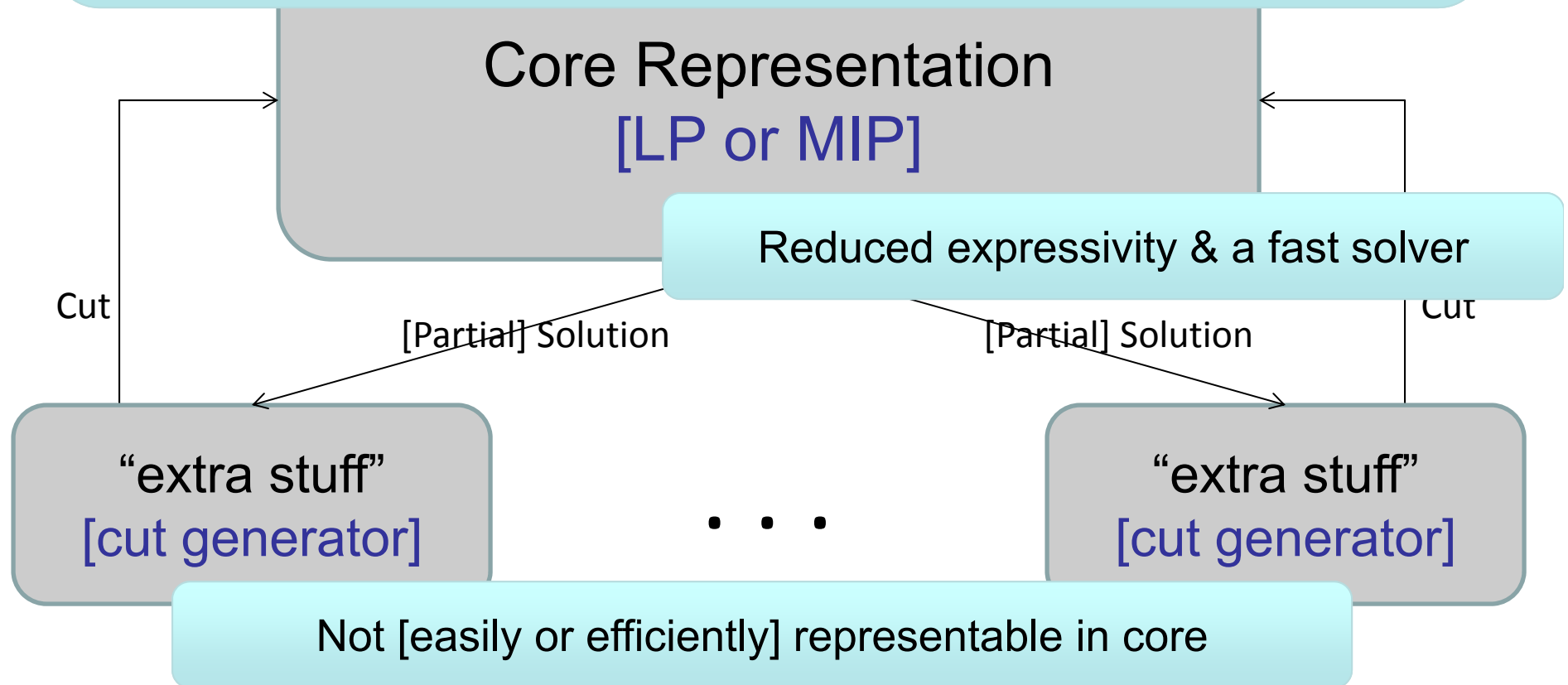
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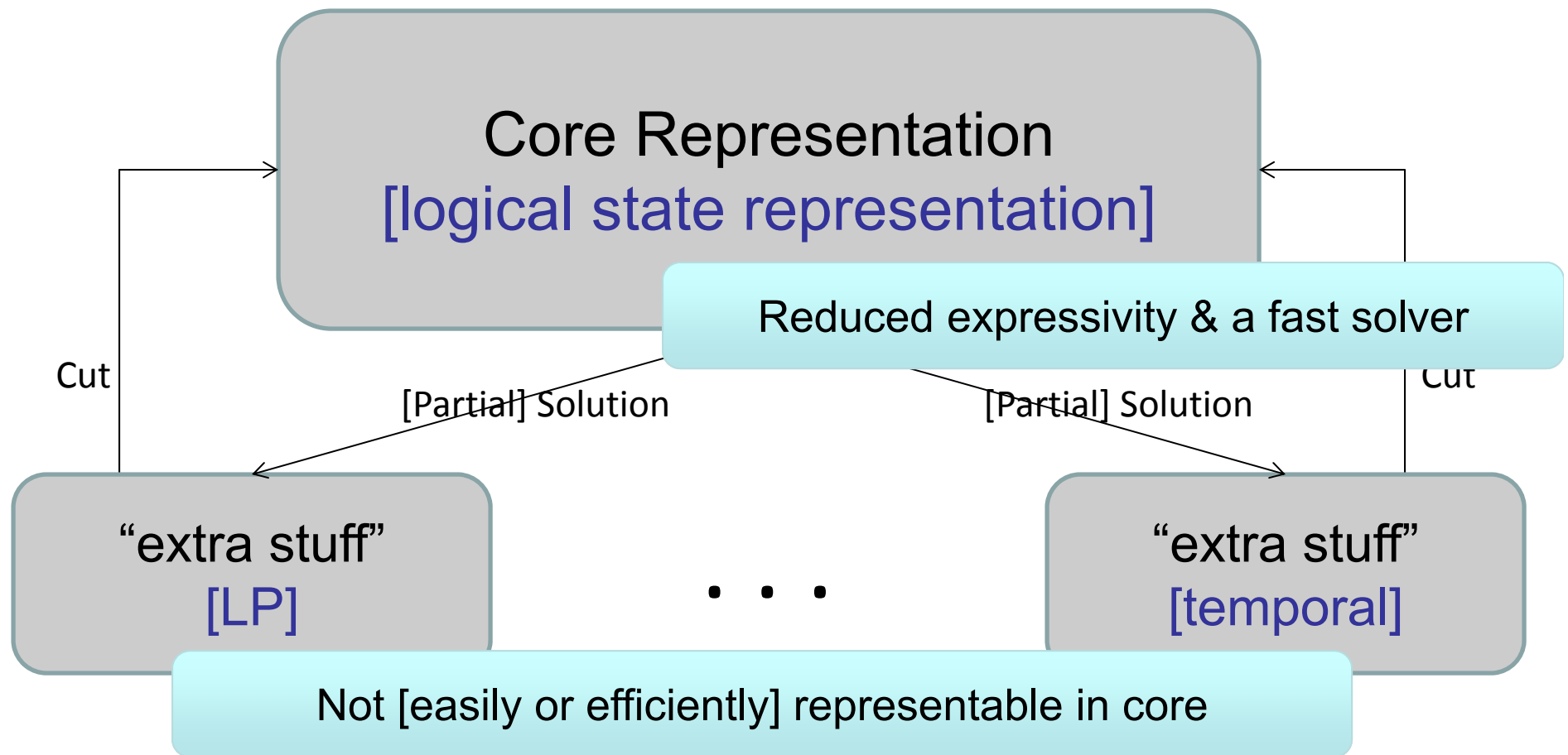






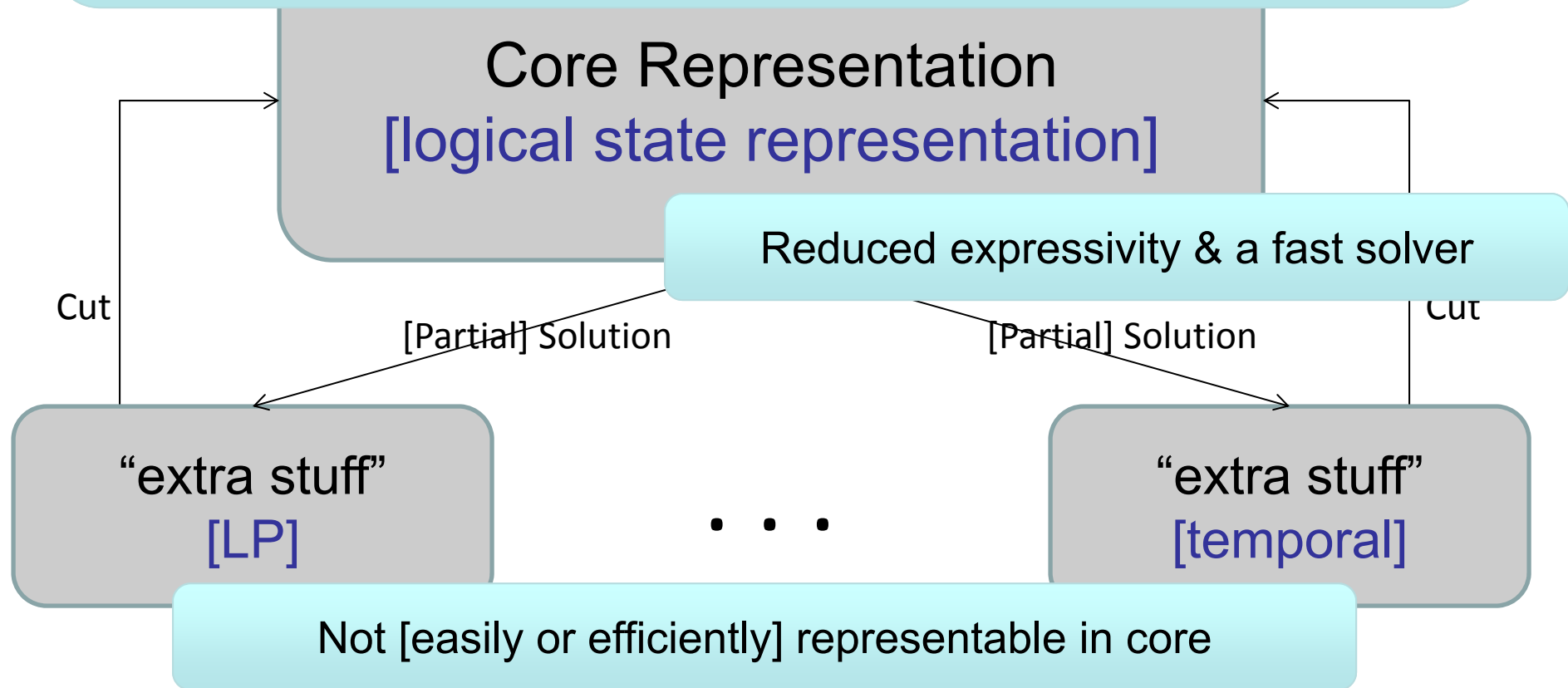
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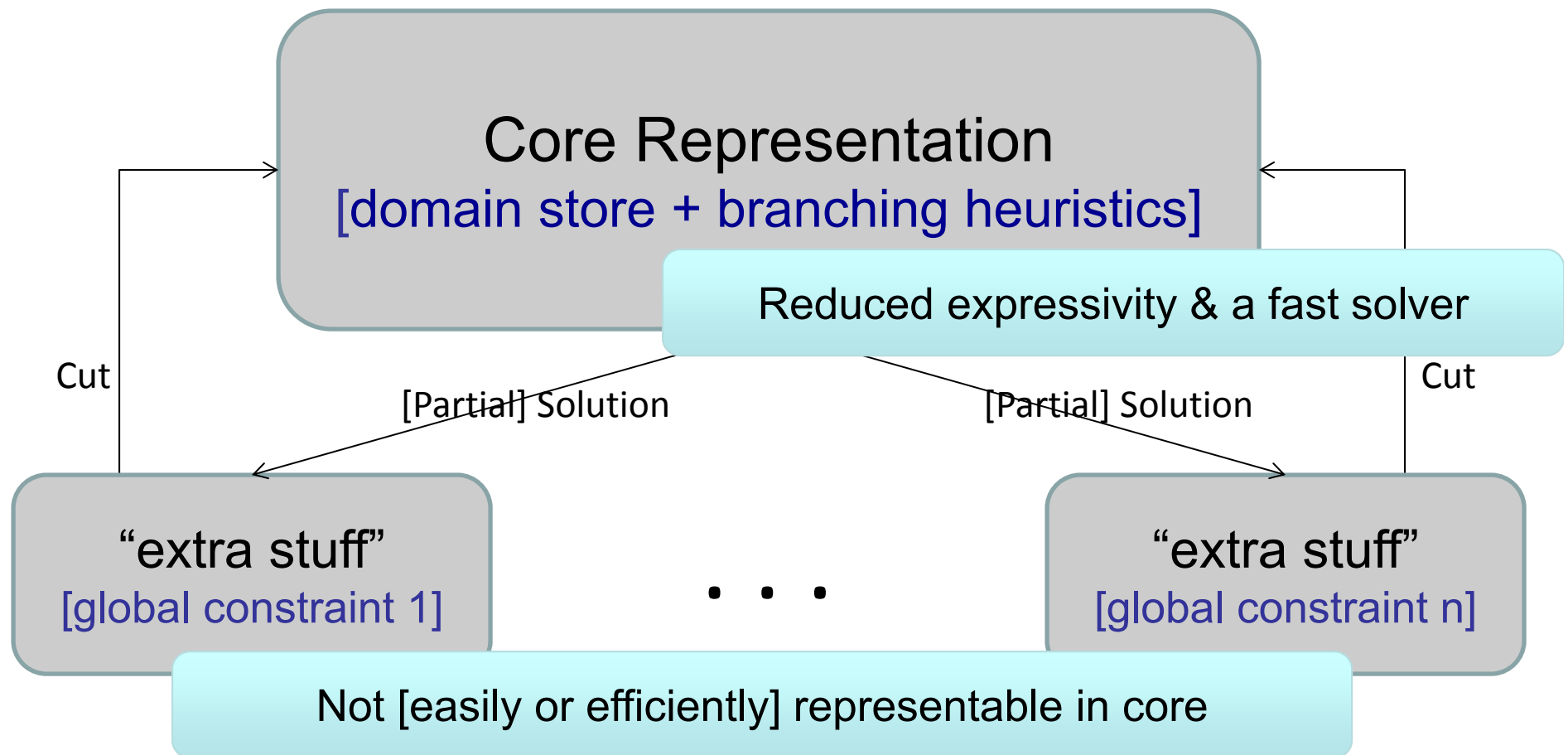


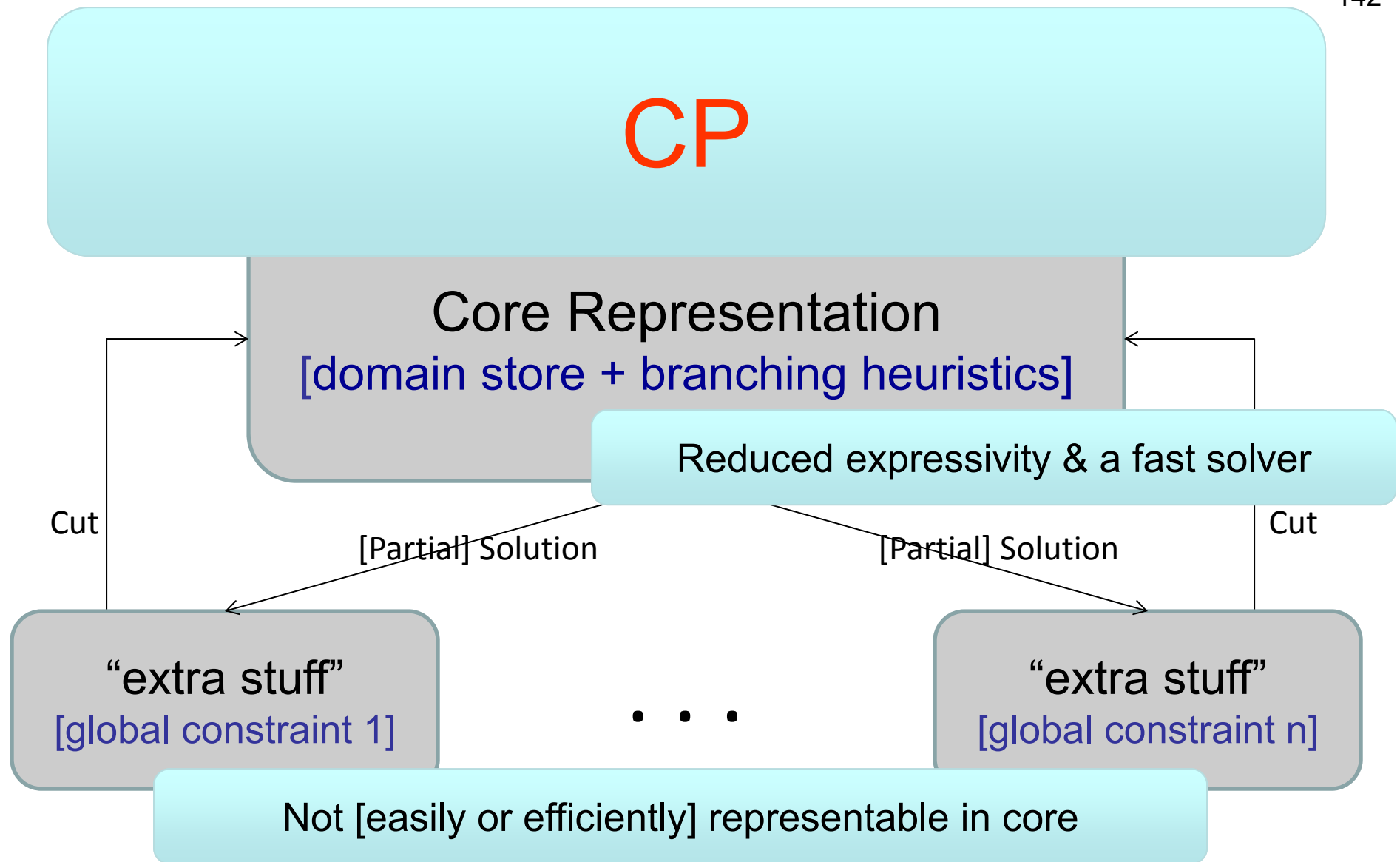


[Gregory et al. 2012] *ICAPS*, 65-73, 2012.

# (AI) Planning Modulo Theory







# Thesis



- CP itself can be seen as an instance of this decomposition pattern
- But a sub-problem “solver” (i.e. a constraint) has been almost always consistency enforcement
- It is time to move beyond this narrow view of a constraint and really exploit the choice of a rich constraint representation

# Things a Constraint Can Do

- Automatically detect independent sub-problems and solve them  
[Heinz, Ku, & B. 2013] *CPAIOR*, 12-27, 2013.
- Automated remodeling via dual presolving  
[Heinz, Schulz, & B. 2013] *Constraints*, 18, 166-201, 2013.
- Provide heuristic information (solution counting)  
[Pesant et al. 2012] *JAIR*, 43, 173-210, 2012.
- Generate clauses/explanations  
[Schutt et al. 2011] *Constraints*, 16, 173-194, 2011.

# Take Home Message I



- Decomposition (LBBD) is a valuable approach to solving hard combinatorial optimization problems
  - But it is non-trivial to use
  - Sub-problem relaxation and cuts critical
- Can it be used to integrate related problems currently solved separately?



# Take Home Message II



- LBBB is a pattern of delayed constraint posting that can be seen in a number of techniques: SMT, B&Cut, and PMT
  - thinking of global constraints as such a sub-problem (and more than just an inference mechanism) is a promising direction

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