

Advances in Two-Stage Robust Optimization

An Augmented Lagrangian Duality Viewpoint

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Literature Review: Exact Approaches for Continuous Recourse

2004	Affine Decision Rules (approximation) Ben-Tal et al.	Duality
2009	Benders Decomposition Thiele et al.	Duality
2013	Column-and-Constraint Generation (CCG) Zeng et al.	Duality
2016	Benders & CCG without complete recourse Ayoub et al.	Duality
2023	Benders & CCG for convex problems Lefebvre et al.	Duality

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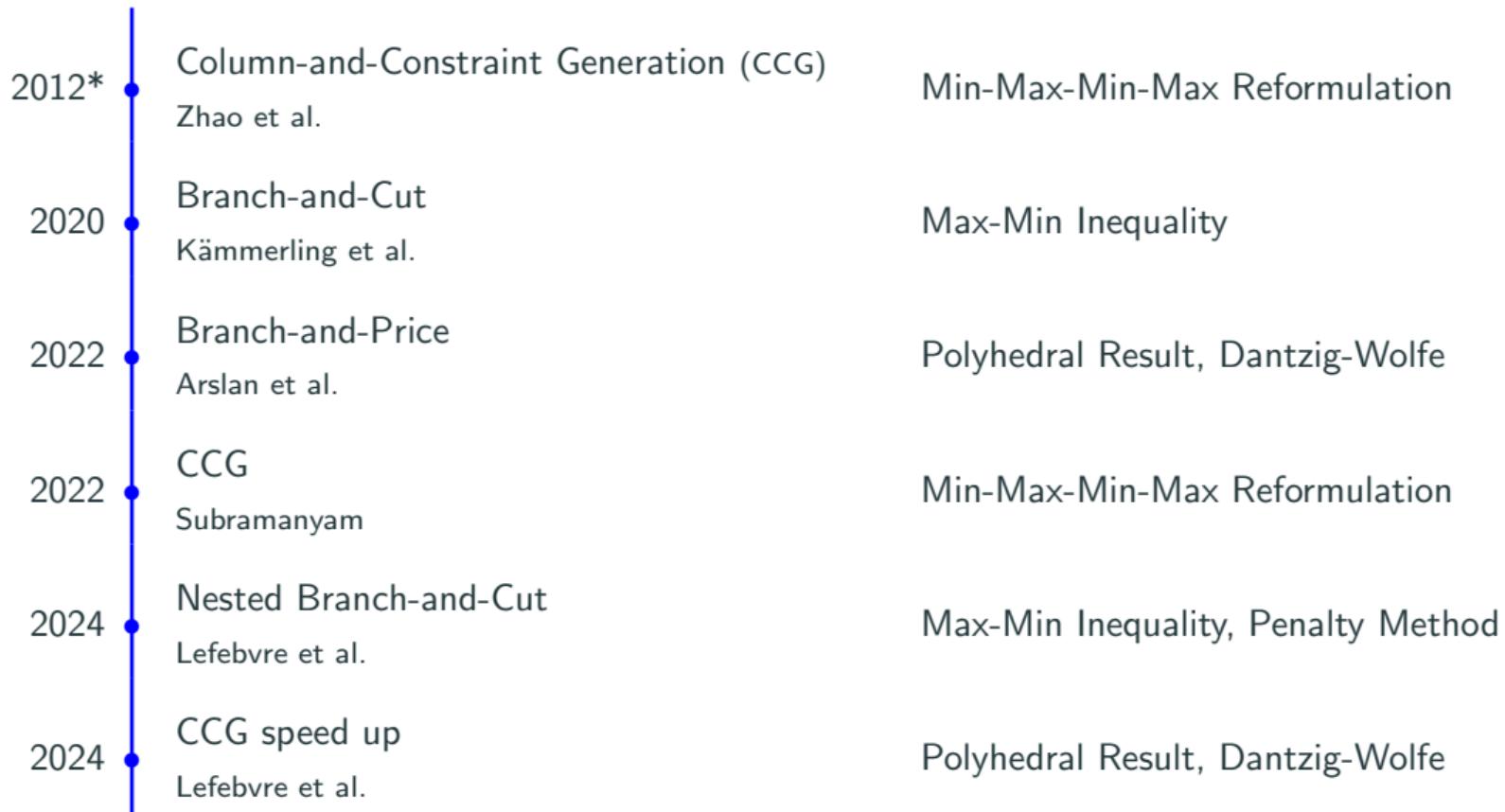
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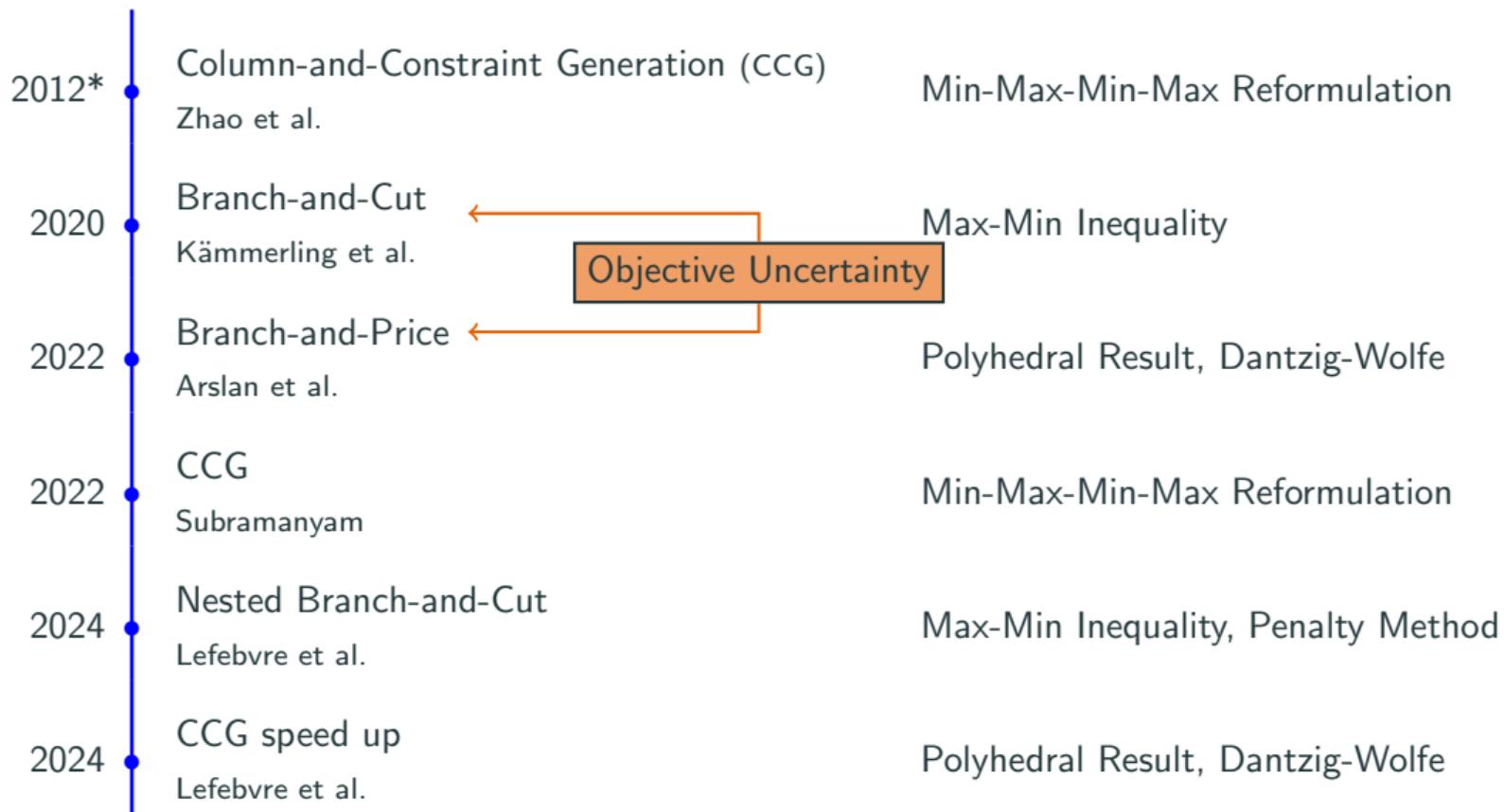
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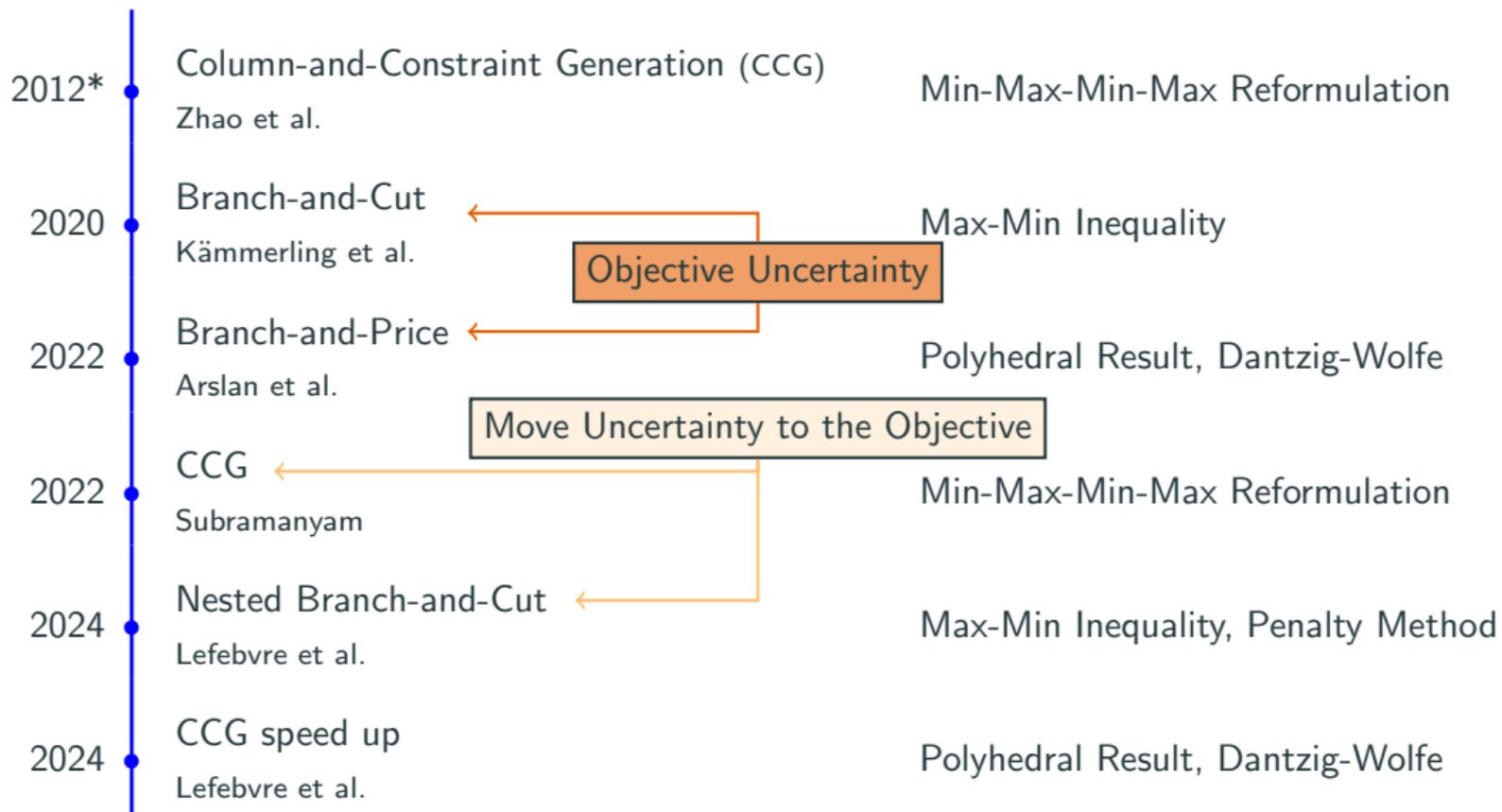
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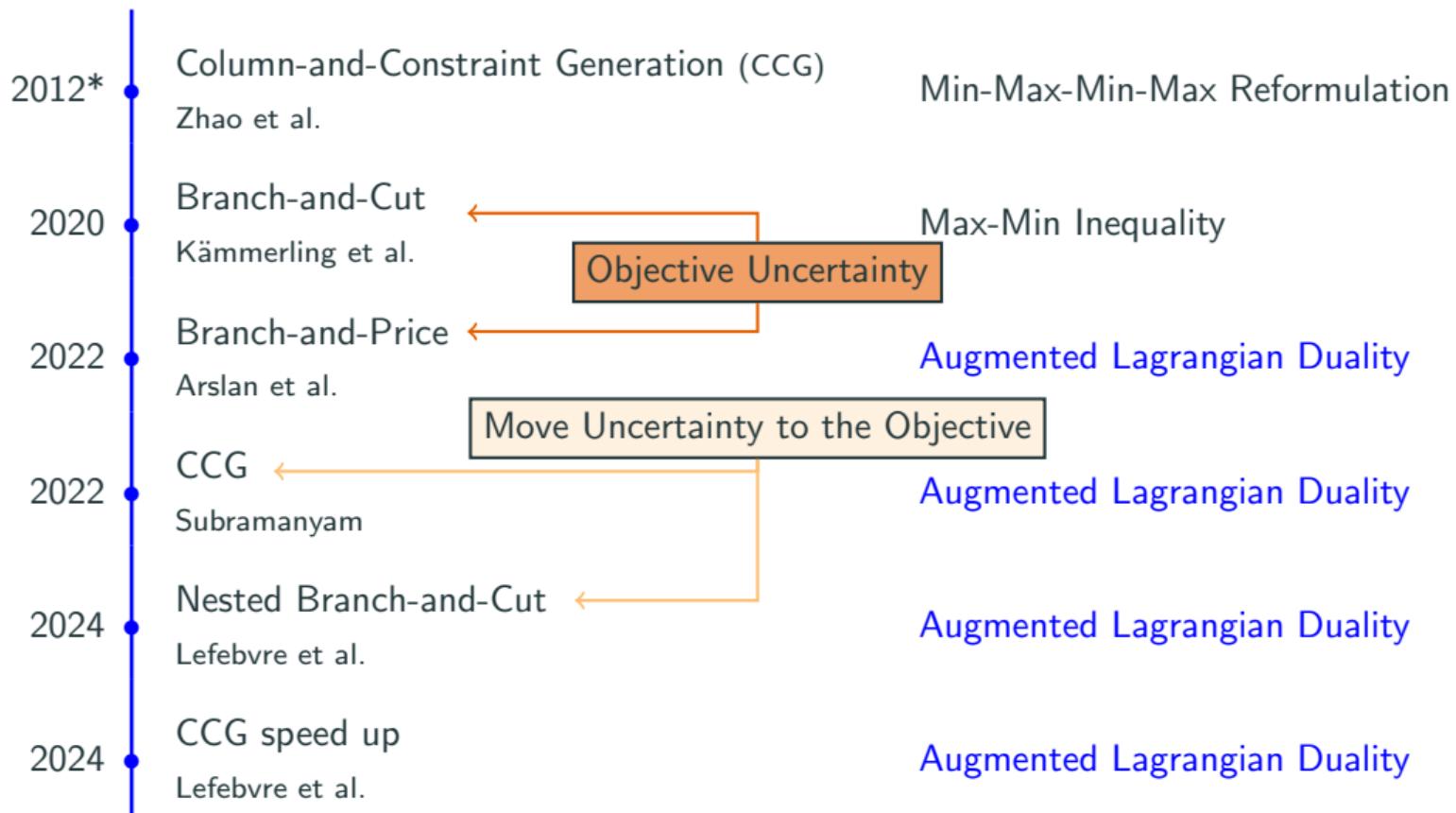
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MINLP (our work)		✓	✓		✓

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1. continuous on $\text{dom}(\psi)$, i.e., $\lim_{u \rightarrow u^*} \psi(u) = \psi(u^*)$;
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$$\rho\psi(Ax_\rho - b) \leq \kappa(\mathcal{E}, A, b, c, \lambda)$$

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Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Any $\rho \geq \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \kappa(\mathcal{E}, A, b, c, \bar{\lambda})$ guarantees that $\psi(Ax_\rho - b) \leq \varepsilon$.

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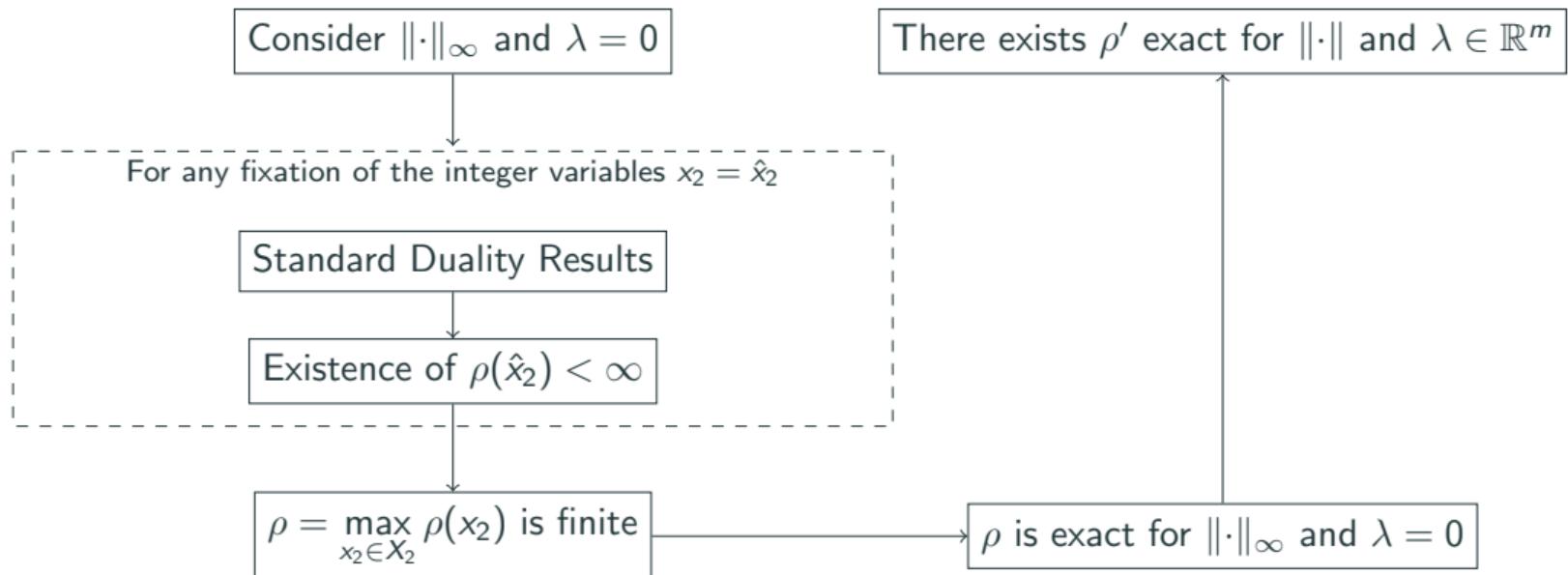
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Exact Penalty Parameter: The Overall Picture



Exact Penalty Parameter: The Proof

Fix the integer part in the primal, say, $x_2 = \hat{x}_2$ with $x = (x_1, x_2)$

$$z^*(\hat{x}_2) = \min_{x_1} c_1^\top x_1 + c_2^\top \hat{x}_2$$

$$\text{s.t. } Ax_1 = b - A\hat{x}_2$$

$$g(x_1, \hat{x}_2) \leq 0$$

$$x_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1}$$

We distinguish two cases

1. Feasible case: $z^*(\hat{x}_2) < \infty$
2. Infeasible case: $z^*(\hat{x}_2) = \infty$

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$$\text{conv}(Y) = \left\{ \sum_{e=1}^E \alpha_e \bar{y}^e : \sum_{e=1}^E \alpha_e = 1, \quad \alpha_e \geq 0 \right\}$$

1. Solve a restricted master problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}, y, \lambda} g^\top \lambda$$

s.t. $\mathbf{x} \in X$

$$y = \sum_{e=1}^{E'} \alpha_e \bar{y}^e \quad (\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^n)$$

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2. Solve a pricing problem

$$\min_y \pi + \mu^\top y$$

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Further Works on Objective Uncertainty

- Kämmerling et al. (2021), Alternative approach based on locally valid cutting planes
- Bodur et al. (2024), Handle constraint " $y \in \text{conv}(Y)$ " using decision diagrams
- Detienne et al. (2024), Introduce spatial branching to deal with general MINLPs

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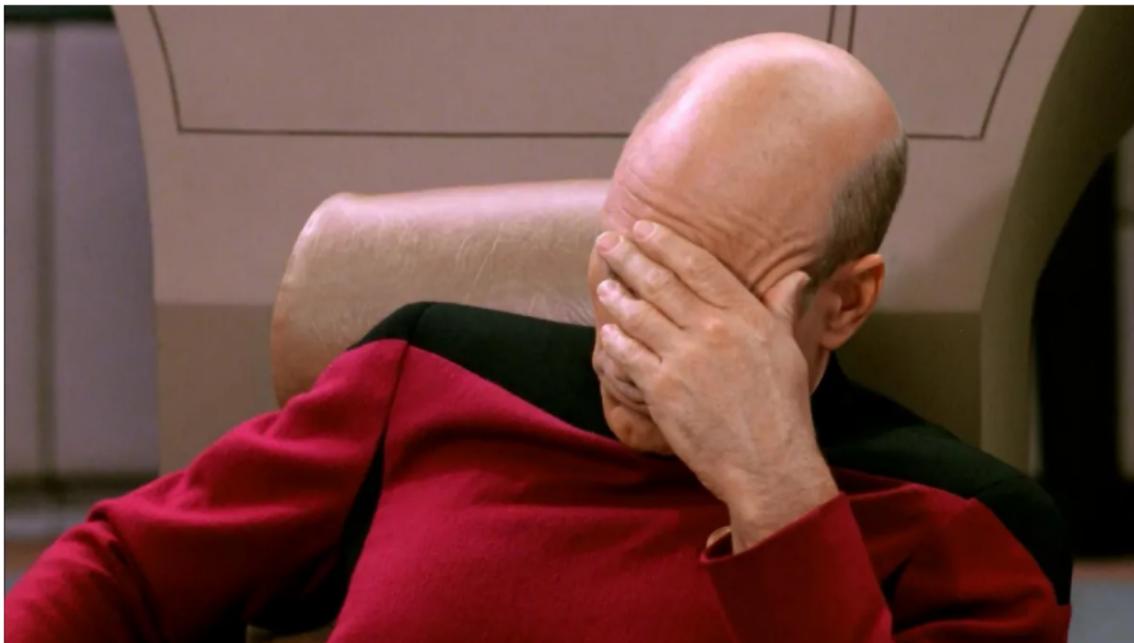
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$$\begin{aligned} & \min s \\ \text{s.t. } & s \geq f(\bar{x}, \xi, \bar{y}^j, \lambda^j, \mu^j) \quad j = 1, \dots, J \\ & (\lambda^j, \mu^j) \in \Lambda(\xi) \quad j = 1, \dots, J \\ & \xi \in \Xi \end{aligned}$$

2. Solve the separation problem

$$\min_{y \in Y} \max_{(\lambda, \mu) \in \Lambda(\xi)} f(\bar{x}, \bar{\xi}, y, \lambda, \mu) = \min_{y \in Y(\bar{x}, \bar{\xi})} d(\bar{\xi})^\top y$$

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- ALD can be used to move things to the objective function in integer problems
Just like standard duality for continuous problems
- ALD leads to simplified proofs for recent approaches in the literature
- There are still open questions!
 - How to compute small penalty parameters?
 - Approaches for continuous uncertainty sets? Can ALD help?
 - Can we use ALD in bilevel optimization as well?

