

Designing a robust supply chain of relief material for disaster preparedness with aftershocks: a branch-and-cut approach

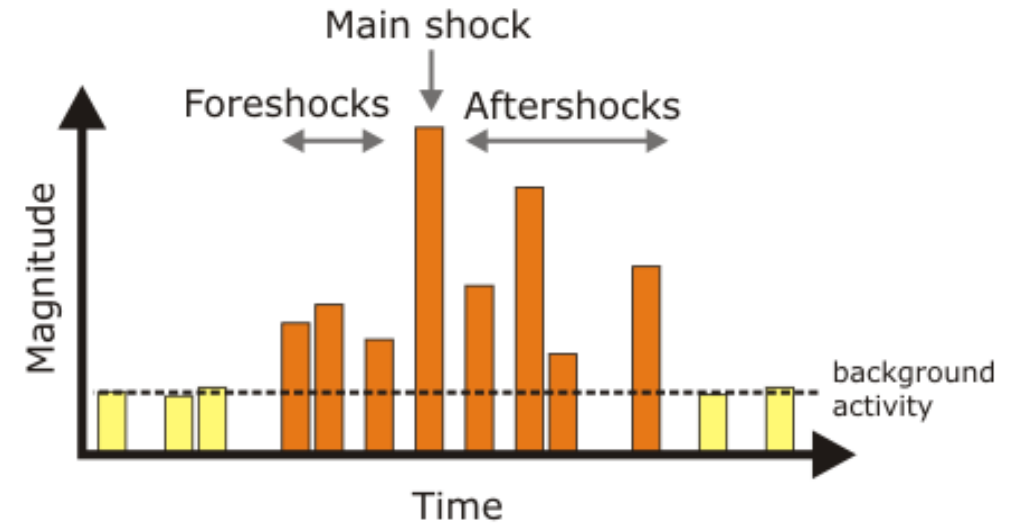
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Earthquakes and Aftershocks

- **Aftershocks** are earthquakes that follow the largest shock of an earthquake sequence
- They are typically smaller than the main shock, but the larger the main shock the larger and more numerous the aftershocks
- They can continue over a period of weeks, months, or even years after the main shock
- They can also trigger other emergencies like landslides, building collapses, tsunamis, etc.
- This paper: focus on earthquakes, but can be generalized to any kind of disaster with aftershocks



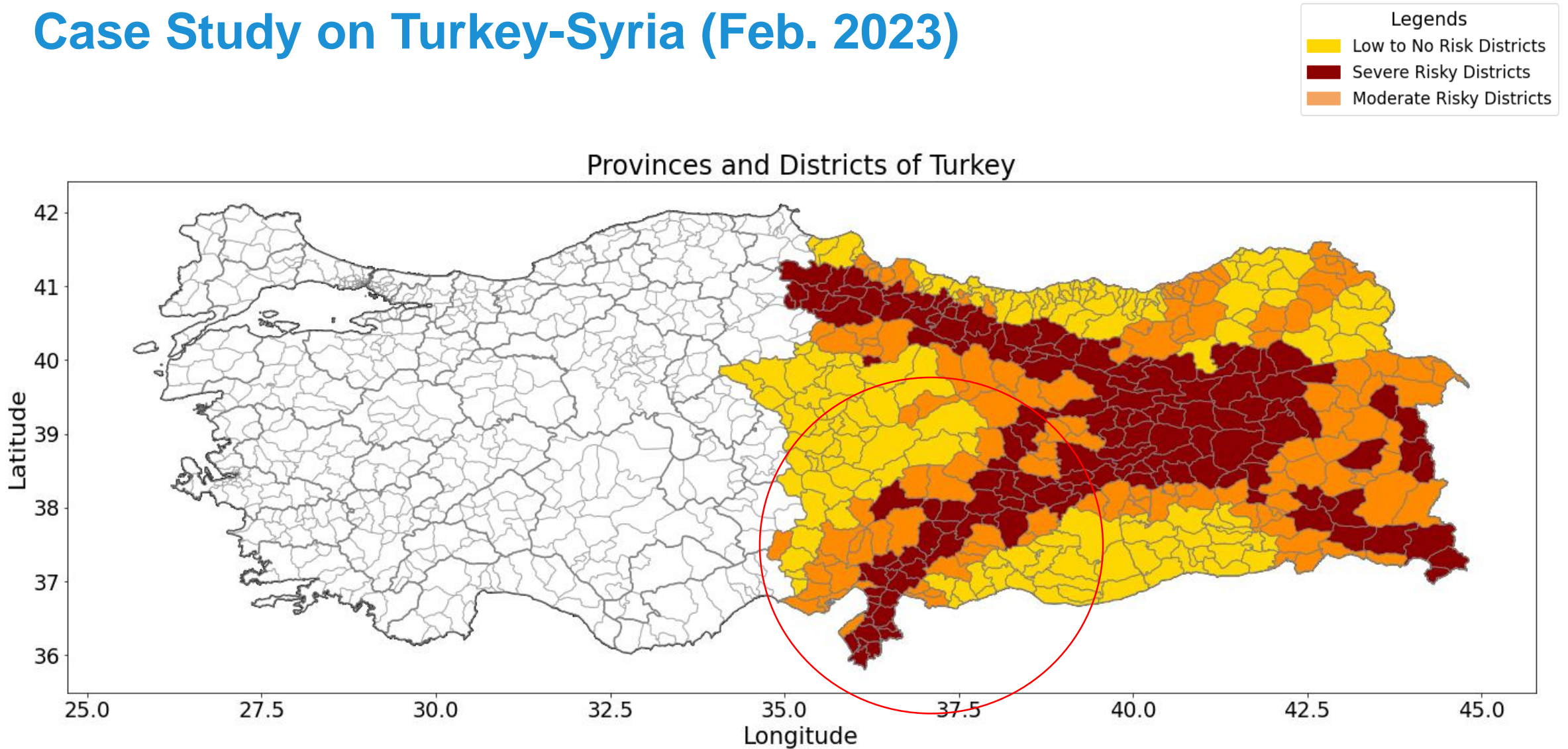
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Motivation - Nepal Earthquake (2015)



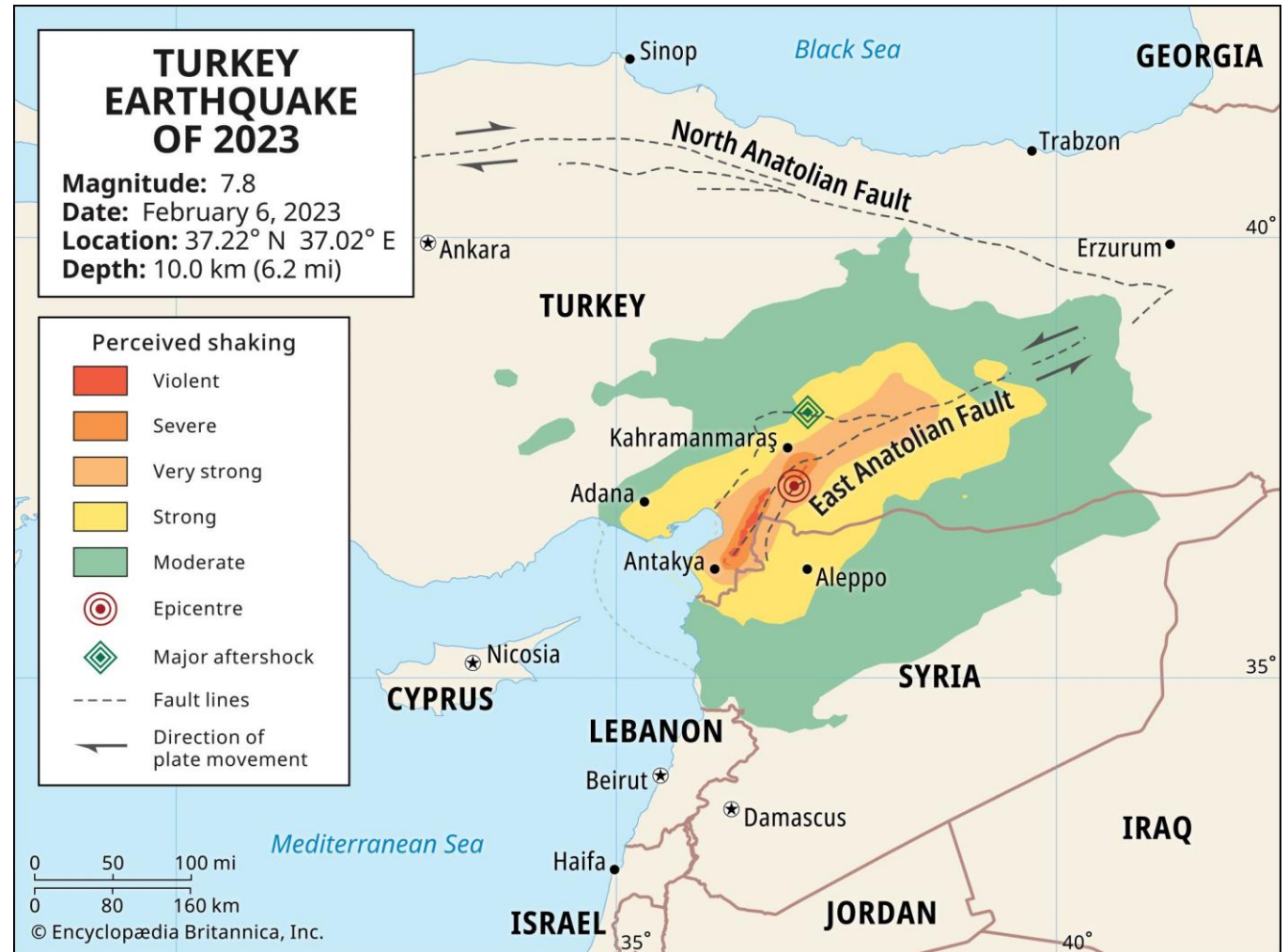
- Caused **landslides, avalanches, building collapses**
- **3 major aftershocks** followed
- Deaths of approximately **9000 people, 16,800 injured, 2.8 million people displaced** due to the **main earthquake and the aftershocks**
- The **last aftershock** alone resulted in **over 200 deaths and over 2500 injured**
- An **avalanche** caused by the earthquake **killed 19 on Mt. Everest** and stranded hundreds at the base camp

Case Study on Turkey-Syria (Feb. 2023)

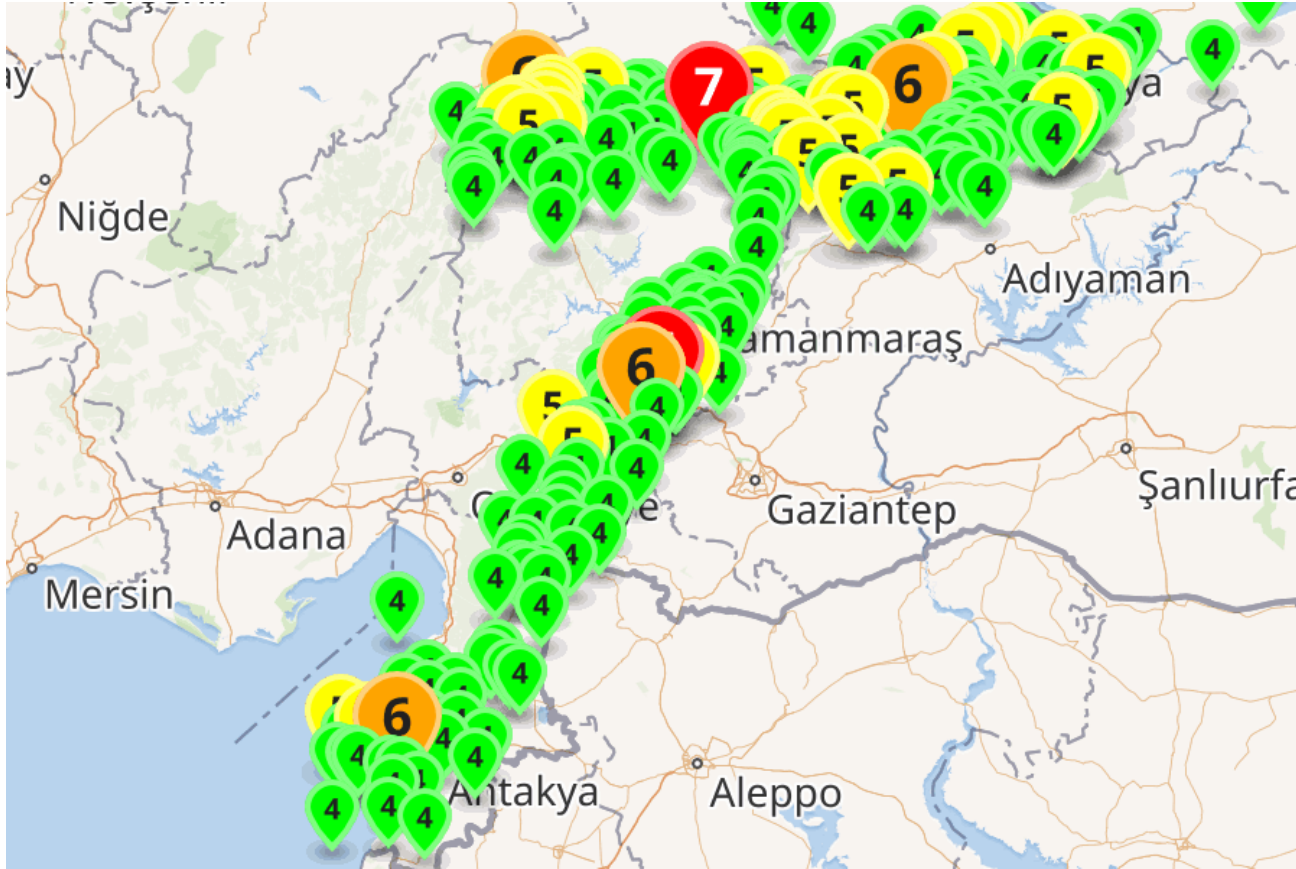


Case Study on Turkey-Syria (Feb. 2023)

- Turkey and Syria were hit by a series of earthquakes
- First magnitude 7.8 earthquake on February 6



Case Study on Turkey-Syria (Feb. 2023)



- **+ 570 aftershocks recorded within 24h** of the M_w 7.8 earthquake and over 30,000 recorded by May 2023.
- **+25 aftershocks $M_w \geq 4$** recorded within 6 h of the main earthquake
- **Some regions were also hit by floods in the following months**
- **Syria already undergoing a humanitarian crisis**

Facility Location decisions- Problem setting

- **Disaster Preparedness Phase- Location of Facilities**
- **Strategic level of decision-making (Supply Chain network design)**
- **Prepositioning of relief materials**, e.g., blankets, water, canned food, first-aid
- **Earthquakes (1st-stage scenarios) with Aftershocks (2nd stage) in its 'vicinity'**
- To serve the demands of an area (Demand nodes) in a catastrophic event
- **Robust Facility Location-** Worst-case situation in the event of an earthquake with at most Δ aftershocks
- Uncapacitated Facilities (Warehouses)

Assumptions:

- No damage to Facilities due to earthquakes : located in “safe” places (or even in risky areas for earthquake-proof buildings)
- **2nd stage demand is caused by the closest aftershock**
- **Demand d at a “demand” node = $f(\text{population, distance to the earthquake or aftershock, magnitude})$: d_1, d_2**

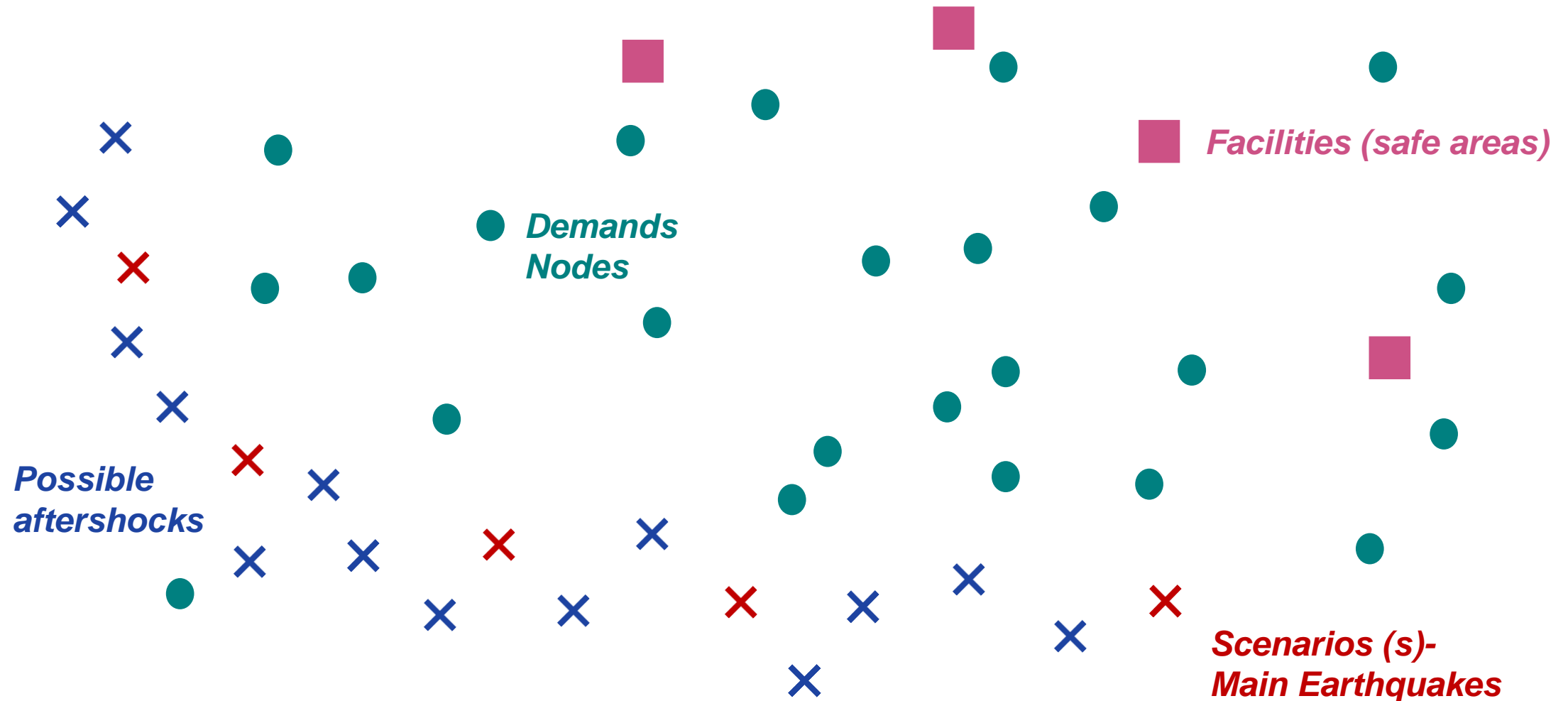
Literature Review

- **Facility location with Prepositioning-** Balcik and Beamon (2008); Elci and Noyan (2018); Rezaei-Malek et al. (2016); Balcik et al. (2019)
- **Facility location-allocation decisions-** Paul and MacDonald (2016); Elci and Noyan (2018); Paul and Wang (2019)
- **Facility location with disruptions-** Salman and Yucel (2015); Paul and MacDonald (2016)
- **Other types of facilities: shelter sites, relief distribution centers, casualty collection points, etc.-** Lin et al. (2012); Lu and Sheu (2013); Alizadeh et al. (2019)
- **Simultaneous disasters-** Ozbay (2018); Ozbay et al. (2019)

Facility location under uncertainty: Mainly three kinds- **uncertainty on the supply side, uncertainty on the demand side, uncertainties in the network** (Donmez et al. 2021)

We focus on uncertainty in the location of the disasters (specifically aftershocks), which results in demand uncertainty

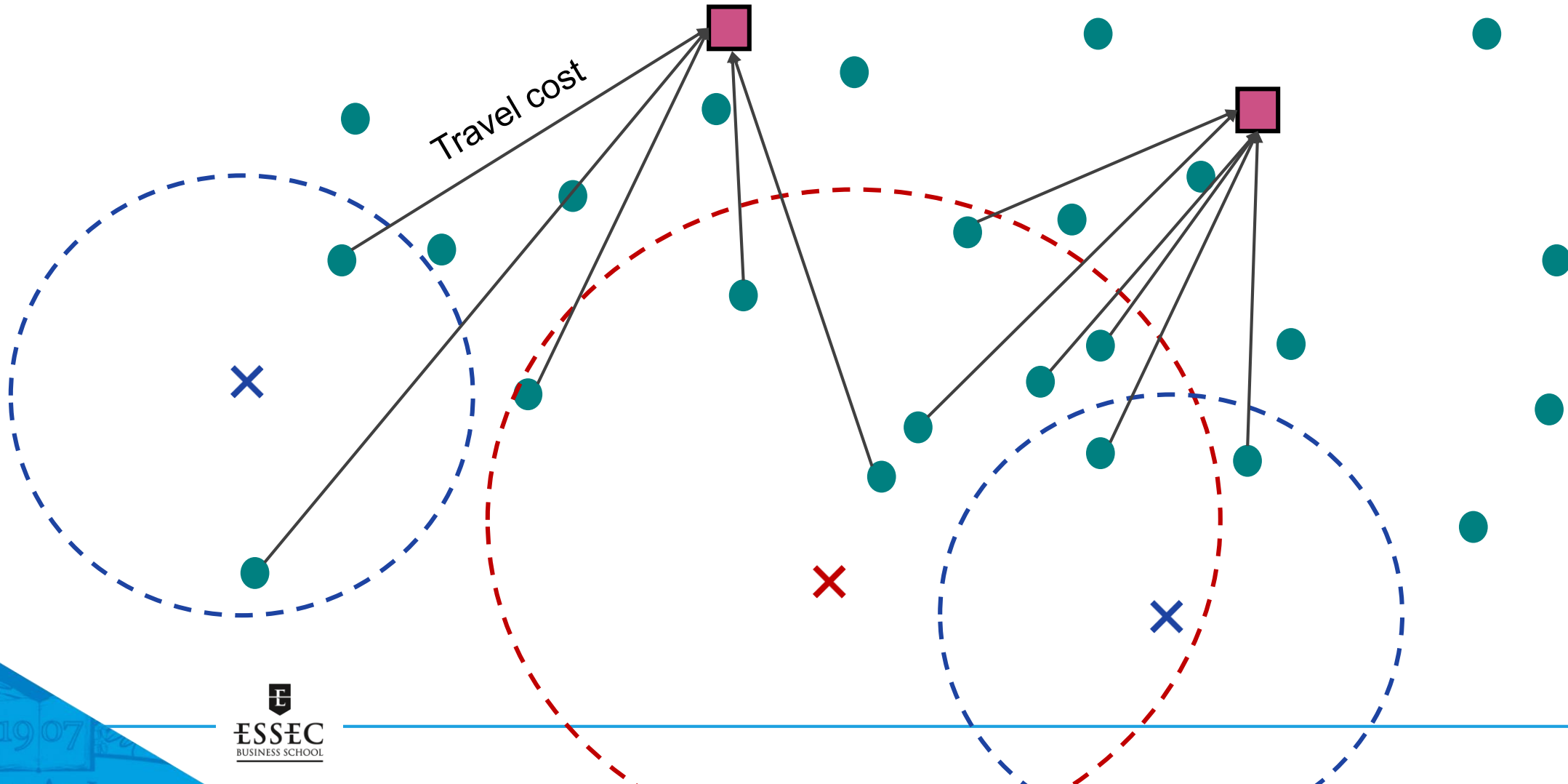
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(travel cost = travel time x demand; demand depends on closest shock location)

Whatever the demand, damaged cities are served by the closest open warehouse (uncapacitated)



Uncertainty set for aftershocks

$$\mathcal{K}_s^\Delta = \{K \subset \mathcal{K}_s : |K| \leq \Delta\}, s \in \mathcal{S}$$

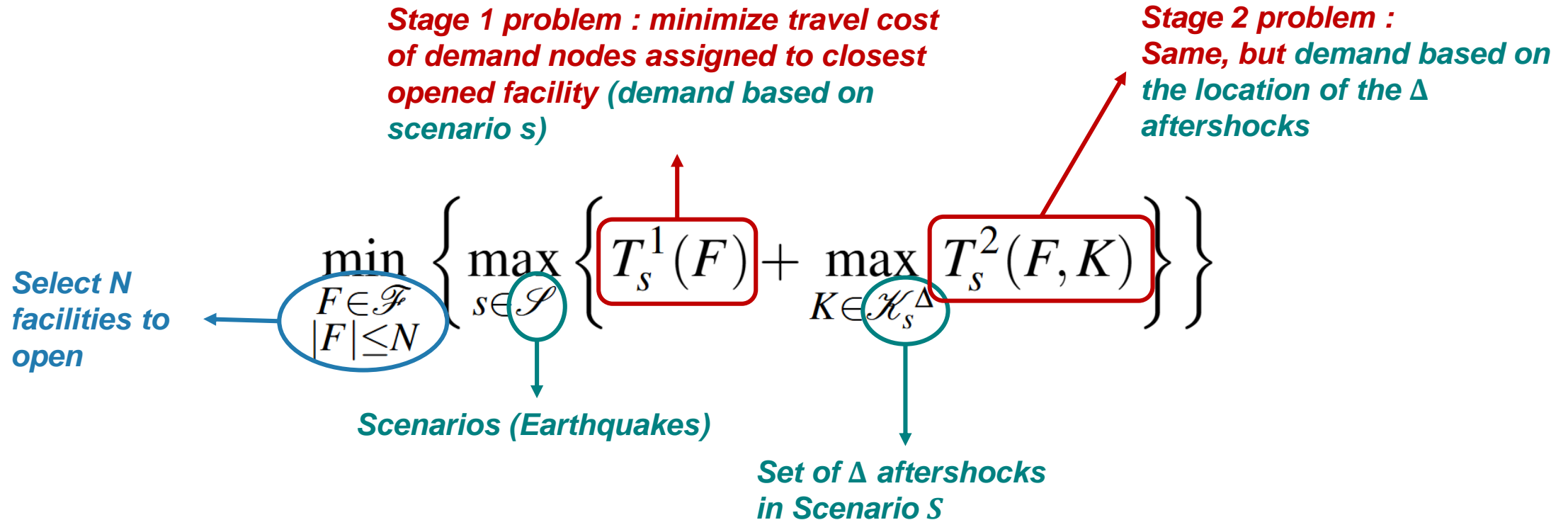
s = possible location of the *main earthquake (1st stage scenario)*

S = set of scenarios of *first earthquake* s

K = subset of *aftershocks' locations* in the vicinity of s

K_s^Δ = set of Δ aftershocks following scenario s

Problem at a glance



Minimize the allocation cost in the worst-case demand scenario



WE PROPOSE FOUR MODELING/SOLVING APPROACHES

1. Model P_{xy} -full: Full enumeration of all two-stage « aggregated » scenarios

worst-case allocation cost

$$P_{xy} : \min \theta$$

subject to

$$\theta \geq \sum_{i \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{F}} t_{ij} (d_{\omega i}^1 + d_{\omega i}^2) x_{ij}$$

$\omega \in \Omega$

The aggregated set of scenarios of type (s, K)

Minimize the cost of allocating the demand nodes to the facilities

$$\sum_{j \in \mathcal{F}} x_{ij} = 1 \quad i \in \mathcal{D}$$

$$y_j \geq x_{ij} \quad i \in \mathcal{D}, j \in \mathcal{F}$$

$$1 \leq \sum_{j \in \mathcal{F}} y_j \leq N$$

$$\theta \geq 0$$

$$x_{ij}, y_j \in \{0, 1\} \quad i \in \mathcal{D}, j \in \mathcal{F}$$

Tractable only for very small instances!
(requires to enumerate all subsets of Δ aftershocks in Ω)

$x_{ij} = 1$ iff city i is supplied by (closest) facility j (opened iff $y_j = 1$)

2. Model Pxy-sep : Branch-and-Cut algorithm: Separation of aggregated scenarios

$$\theta \geq \sum_{i \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{F}} t_{ij} (d_{\omega i}^1 + d_{\omega i}^2) x_{ij}$$

Demand of i depending
on the aftershocks' locations

$$\tau_s^1(x^*) = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{F}} t_{ij} d_{si}^1 x_{ij}^*$$

**First-stage
allocation cost**

**Second-stage
worst allocation cost**

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_s^2(x^*) = \max \sum_{i \in \mathcal{D}} \left(\sum_{j \in \mathcal{F}} t_{ij} x_{ij}^* \right) \max_{k \in \mathcal{K}_s} \{ d_{ik}^2 u_k \} \\ \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}_s} u_k \leq \Delta \\ u_k \in \{0, 1\} \quad k \in \mathcal{K}_s. \end{aligned}$$

→ $u_k = 1$ if there is an aftershock at location k

→ Solvable as a MILP

2. Model Pxy-sep : Branch-and-Cut algorithm:

Separation of aggregated scenarios : MILP reformulation of 2nd-stage

$$\theta \geq \sum_{i \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{F}} t_{ij} (d_{\omega i}^1 + d_{\omega i}^2) x_{ij}$$

With $C_{ik} = (\sum_j t_{ij} x_{ij}^*) d_{sik}^2$

$$\tau_s^1(x^*) = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{F}} t_{ij} d_{si}^1 x_{ij}^*$$

**First-stage
allocation cost**

**Second-stage
worst allocation cost
= max p-median
(MILP)**

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_s^2(x^*) = \max \quad & \sum_{i \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}_s} C_{ik} z_{ik} \\ & \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}_s} z_{ik} = 1 \quad i \in \mathcal{D} \\ & z_{ik} \leq u_k \quad i \in \mathcal{D}, k \in \mathcal{K}_s \\ & \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}_s} u_k \leq \Delta \\ & u_k \in \{0, 1\} \quad k \in \mathcal{K}_s \\ & z_{ik} \geq 0 \quad i \in \mathcal{D}, k \in \mathcal{K}_s \end{aligned}$$

→ $u_k = 1$ if there is an aftershock at k

→ $z_{ik} = 1$ if k is the closest aftershock from i

2. Model P_{xy-sep} : Branch-and-Cut Algorithm

Cut Generation Scheme

We verify that for **each** 1st-stage (main earthquake) scenario s :

$$\theta^* \geq \tau_s^1(x^*) + \tau_s^2(x^*)$$

If not satisfied for some s , we add the constraint (cut) corresponding to the violated aggregated scenario $\bar{\omega} = (s, K)$ (such K , or u^* vector, is easy to find, see next slide)

$$\theta \geq \sum_{i \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{F}} t_{ij} (d_{i\bar{\omega}}^1 + d_{i\bar{\omega}}^2) x_{ij}$$

3. Model Pxy-ext : Extended Formulation (upper bound heuristic)

Based on Dualization of 2nd-stage subproblem $\tau_s^2(x^*)$ LP-relaxation

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_s^2(x^*) = \max \quad & \sum_{i \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}_s} C_{ik} z_{ik} \\ & \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}_s} z_{ik} = 1 \quad i \in \mathcal{D} \\ & z_{ik} \leq u_k \quad i \in \mathcal{D}, k \in \mathcal{K}_s \\ & \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}_s} u_k \leq \Delta \\ & u_k \in \{0, 1\} \quad k \in \mathcal{K}_s \\ & z_{ik} \geq 0 \quad i \in \mathcal{D}, k \in \mathcal{K}_s \end{aligned}$$

With $C_{ik} = (\sum_j t_{ij} x_{ij}^*) d_{sik}^2$

$z_{ik} = 1$ iff k is the closest
aftershock from i

Dualize with relaxed $0 \leq u_k \leq 1$

(note: we obtain an upper bound on θ^* in theory... but the LP-relaxation happened to be 0-1 on **ALL** instances (!!!))

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_s^2(x^*) = \min \quad & \sum_{i \in \mathcal{D}} p_{si} + \Delta \phi_s + \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}_s} r_{sk} \\ & p_{si} + q_{sik} \geq \sum_{j \in \mathcal{F}} t_{ij} d_{ik}^2 x_{ij}^* \quad i \in \mathcal{D}, k \in \mathcal{K}_s \\ & - \sum_{i \in \mathcal{D}} q_{sik} + \phi_s + r_{sk} \geq 0 \quad k \in \mathcal{K}_s \\ & q_{sik}, r_{sk}, \phi_s \geq 0, p_{si} \in \mathbb{R} \quad i \in \mathcal{D}, k \in \mathcal{K}_s, s \in \mathcal{S} \end{aligned}$$

3. Model Pxy-ext : Extended Formulation

Final (compact) model after dualization

$$\mathbf{F}_{xy}^{\text{ext}} : \min \theta$$

$$\text{subject to } \theta \geq \sum_{i \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{F}} t_{ij} d_{si}^1 x_{ij} + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{D}} p_{si} + \Delta \phi_s + \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}_s} r_{sk} \quad s \in \mathcal{S}$$

$$p_{si} + q_{sik} \geq \sum_{j \in \mathcal{F}} t_{ij} d_{ik}^2 x_{ij} \quad i \in \mathcal{D}, k \in \mathcal{K}_s$$

$$-\sum_{i \in \mathcal{D}} q_{sik} + \phi_s + r_{sk} \geq 0 \quad k \in \mathcal{K}_s$$

$$\sum_{j \in \mathcal{F}} x_{ij} \geq 1 \quad i \in \mathcal{D}$$

$$y_j \geq x_{ij} \quad i \in \mathcal{D}, j \in \mathcal{F}$$

$$1 \leq \sum_{j \in \mathcal{F}} y_j \leq N$$

$$\theta \geq 0$$

$$x_{ij}, y_j \in \{0, 1\} \quad i \in \mathcal{D}, j \in \mathcal{F}$$

$$q_{sik}, r_{sk}, \phi_s \geq 0, p_{si} \in \mathbb{R} \quad i \in \mathcal{D}, j \in \mathcal{F}, k \in \mathcal{K}_s, s \in \mathcal{S}$$

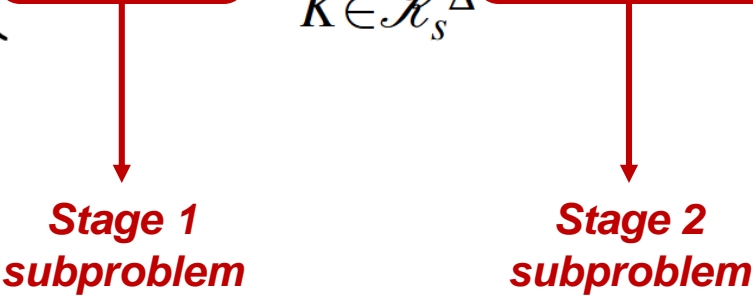
Adding the dualized second-stage subproblem

- **Directly solvable by a MILP solver**
- Happened to be systematically optimal (good property of **p-median LP-relaxation**)

4. Formulation F_y (in the space of only y variables)

Recall (general) problem :

$$\min_{\substack{F \in \mathcal{F} \\ |F| \leq N}} \left\{ \max_{s \in \mathcal{S}} \left\{ \boxed{T_s^1(F)} + \max_{K \in \mathcal{K}_s^\Delta} \boxed{T_s^2(F, K)} \right\} \right\}$$



Stage 1 subproblem *Stage 2 subproblem*

4. Formulation F_y (in the space of only y variables): First-stage subproblem T_s^1

$$T_s^1(y^*) = \min_x \sum_{i \in \mathcal{D}} d_{si}^1 \sum_{j \in \mathcal{F}} t_{ij} x_{ij}$$

$$\sum_{j \in \mathcal{F}} x_{ij} = 1 \quad i \in \mathcal{D}$$

$$0 \leq x_{ij} \leq y_j^* \quad i \in \mathcal{D}, j \in \mathcal{F}$$

Substitute in Primal
the assignment variables x
by a closed-loop expression in y^*
(possible for Uncapacitated problems)
 p_i = critical facility for i (closest opened)

Primal and Dual Solutions

$$x_{ij} = \begin{cases} y_j^*, & j < p_i \\ 1 - \sum_{j=1}^{p_i-1} y_j^*, & j = p_i, \\ 0, & j > p_i \end{cases} \quad j \in \mathcal{F}$$

$$\lambda_i = t_{ip_i} d_{si}^1$$

$$\mu_{ij} = \begin{cases} (t_{ip_i} - t_{ij}) d_{si}^1, & j < p_i \\ 0, & j \geq p_i \end{cases}, \quad i \in \mathcal{D}, j \in \mathcal{F}$$

4. Formulation F_y : Second-stage subproblem T_s^2

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_s^2(y^*, u_s^*) = \min_{z_s} \quad & \sum_{i \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{F}} t_{ij} z_{sij} \\
 \quad & \sum_{j \in \mathcal{F}} z_{sij} \geq u_{sk}^* d_{ik}^2 \quad i \in \mathcal{D}, k \in \mathcal{K}_s \\
 \quad & z_{sij} \leq \hat{D}_i y_j^* \quad i \in \mathcal{D}, j \in \mathcal{F} \\
 \quad & z_{sij} \geq 0 \quad i \in \mathcal{D}, j \in \mathcal{F}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Dualize the LP

$$\begin{aligned}
 \max_{u_s \in \mathcal{K}_s^\Delta} T_s^2(y^*, u_s) = \max_{\alpha_s, \beta_s, u_s} \quad & \sum_{i \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}_s} d_{ik}^2 \alpha_{sik} - \sum_{i \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{F}} \hat{D}_i y_j^* \beta_{sij} \\
 \text{subject to:} \quad & \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}_s} \alpha_{sik} - \beta_{sij} \leq t_{ij}, \quad i \in \mathcal{D}, j \in \mathcal{F} \\
 \quad & \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}_s} u_{sk} \leq \Delta \\
 \quad & \alpha_{sik} \leq M u_{sk}, \quad i \in \mathcal{D}, k \in \mathcal{K}_s \\
 \quad & \alpha_{sik}, \beta_{sij} \geq 0, u_{sk} \in \{0, 1\}, \quad i \in \mathcal{D}, j \in \mathcal{F}, k \in \mathcal{K}_s
 \end{aligned}$$

4. Formulation F_y : Branch-and-Cut Algorithm- Cut Generation Scheme

$F_y : \min \theta$

$$\theta \geq \sum_{i \in \mathcal{D}} d_{si}^1 \left[t_{ip_i} - \sum_{j \in \mathcal{F}} (t_{ip_i} - t_{ij})^+ y_j \right] + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}_s} d_{ik}^2 \alpha_{sik}^* - \sum_{i \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{F}} \hat{D}_{ij} y_j \beta_{sij}^*,$$

$$(p_1, \dots, p_{|\mathcal{D}|}) \in \mathcal{F}^{|\mathcal{D}|}, (\alpha^*, \beta^*, u^*) \in \mathcal{L}_s^2, s \in \mathcal{S}$$

$$1 \leq \sum_{j \in \mathcal{F}} y_j \leq N, \quad j \in \mathcal{F}$$

$$\theta \geq 0, y_j \in \{0, 1\} \quad j \in \mathcal{F}$$

4. Solution Approach P_y Branch-and-Cut Algorithm- Cut Generation Scheme

If for a given solution $(\bar{\theta}, \bar{y})$ of the master we have for some scenario \tilde{s} :

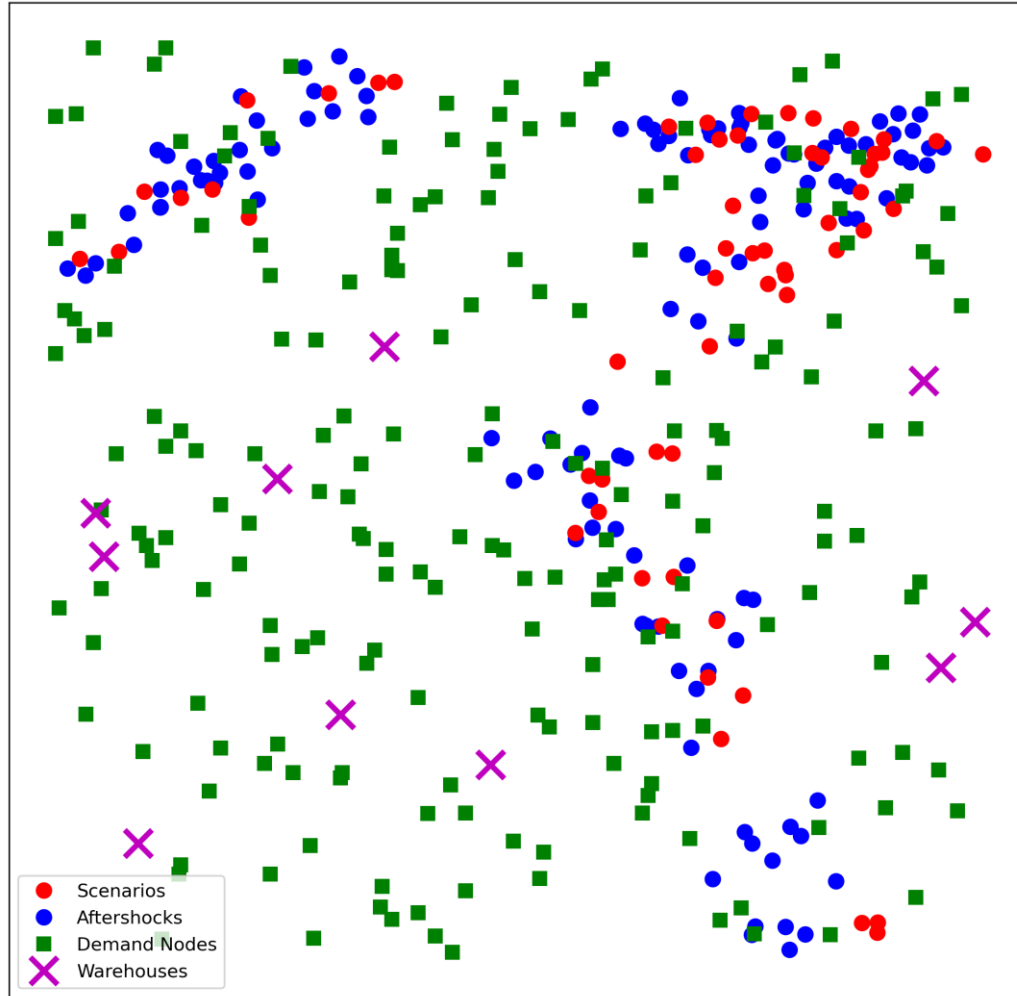
$$\bar{\theta} < \sum_{i \in \mathcal{D}} d_{i\tilde{s}}^1 \left[t_{i\bar{p}_i} - \sum_{j \in \mathcal{F}} (t_{i\bar{p}_i} - t_{ij})^+ \bar{y}_j \right] + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}_{\tilde{s}}} d_{ik}^2 \alpha_{i\tilde{s}k}^* - \sum_{i \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{F}} \hat{D}_{i\bar{y}j} \beta_{ij\tilde{s}}^*$$

Then we add the corresponding cut for this $s = \tilde{s}$:

(note : the cut uses variables y but not x) :

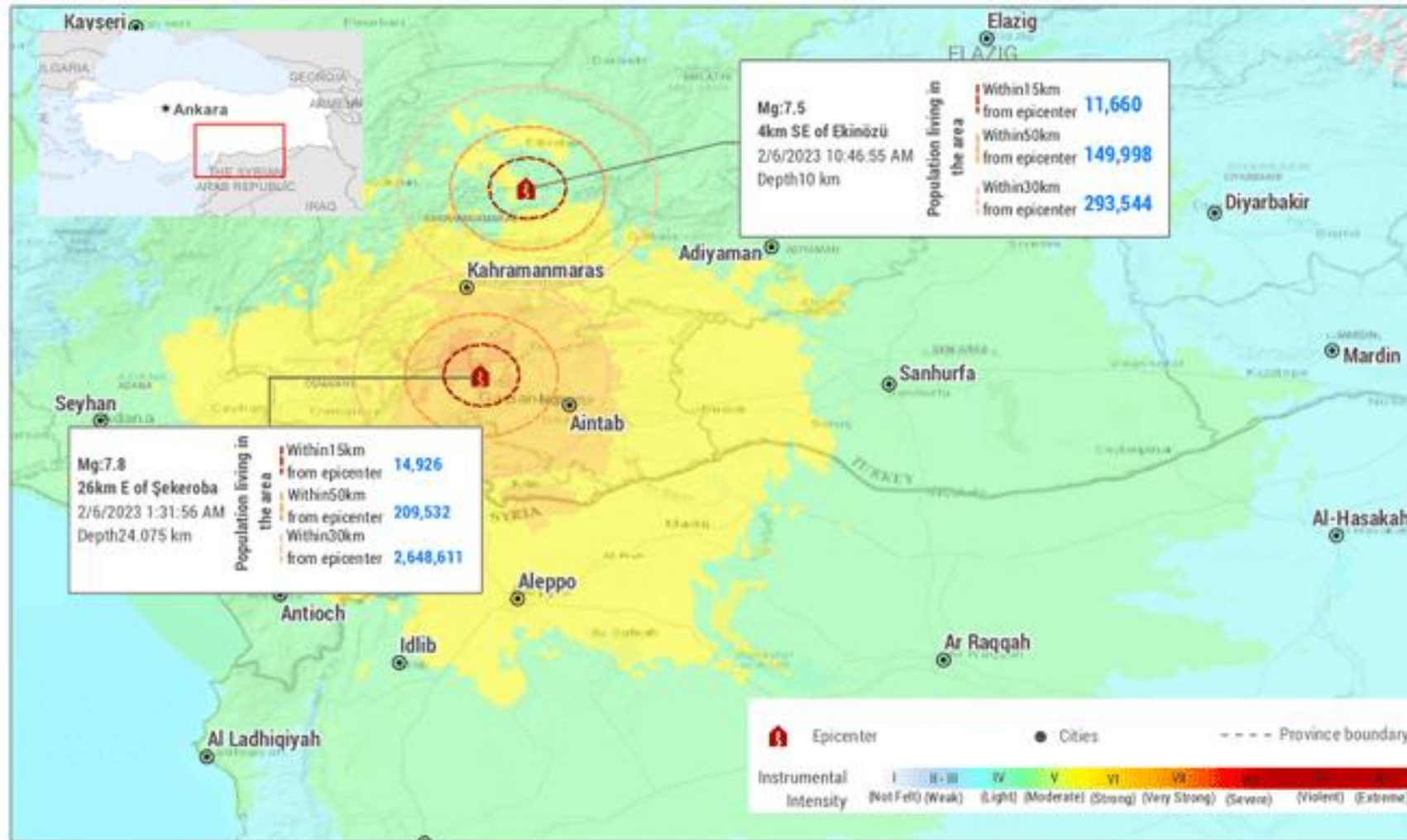
$$\theta \geq \sum_{i \in \mathcal{D}} d_{si}^1 \left[t_{ip_i} - \sum_{j \in \mathcal{F}} (t_{ip_i} - t_{ij})^+ y_j \right] + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}_s} d_{ik}^2 \alpha_{sik}^* - \sum_{i \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{F}} \hat{D}_{iyj} \beta_{sij}^*,$$

Numerical Experiments: Generation of Instances



- # demand nodes : 100 (Small), 200 (Medium), 400 (Large)
- # main earthquake scenarios s : 10, 20, 30, ..., 100
- # possible aftershocks : 20, 40, ..., 200
- # possible facilities : 10 ($N = 3, 5, 8$)
- $\Delta = 3, 5, 7, 10$
- Total of 360 instances

Turkey earthquake in Gaziantep on Feb 2023



Source: OCHA, <https://reliefweb.int/map/turkiye/turkiye-earthquakes-southern-turkiye-06-february-2023-06-february>

Demand due to the Earthquakes and Aftershocks

Demand at any demand node is:

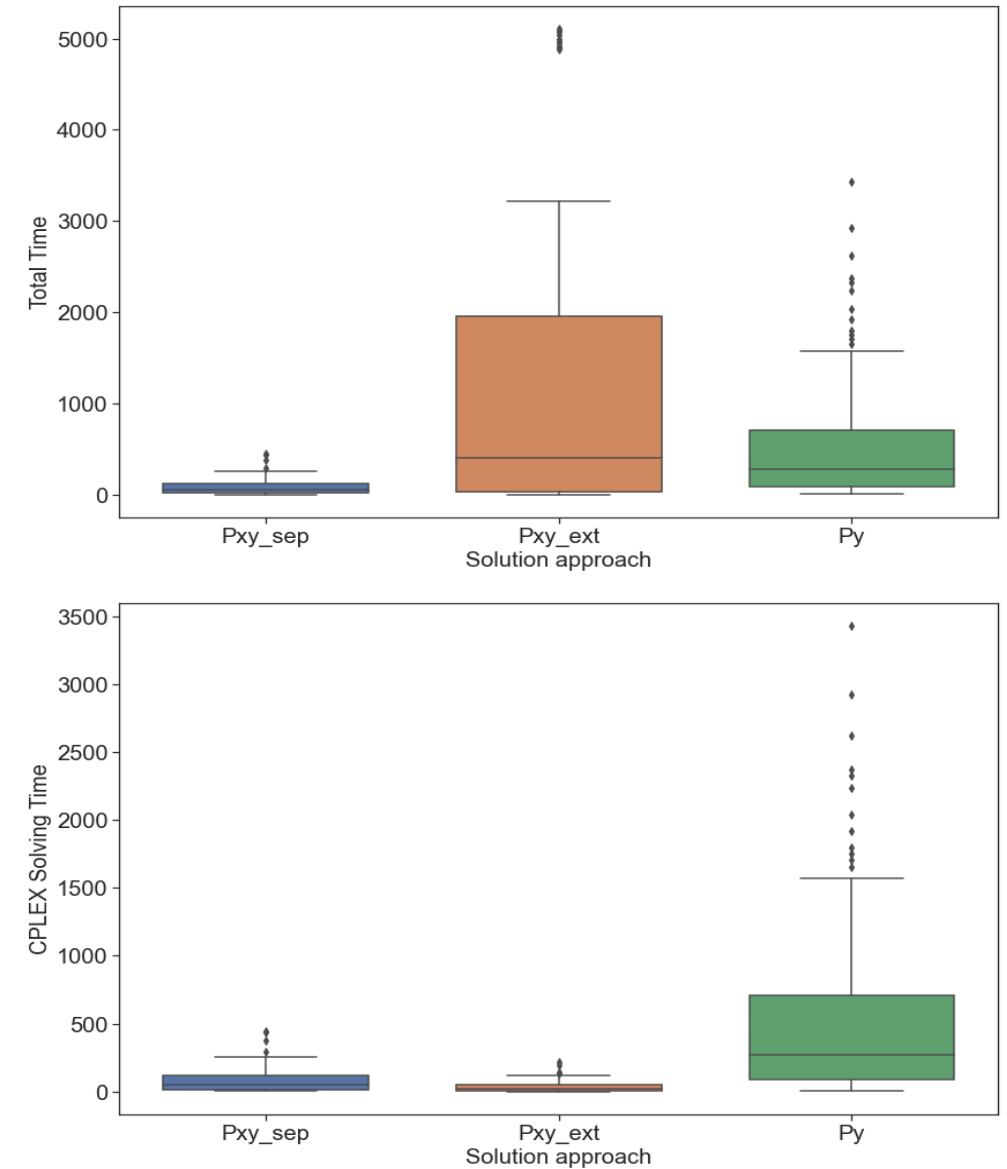
- Strictly increasing in the **Magnitude** of the Earthquake
- Strictly decreasing with the **Distance** from the Epicenter
- Strictly increasing to the **Population** of the Demand Node

$$Demand = k \cdot \frac{Population * Magnitude^{\alpha}}{Distance^{\beta}}$$

k, α, and β are calibrated using a regression model based on data from Turkey following the earthquake of February 2023

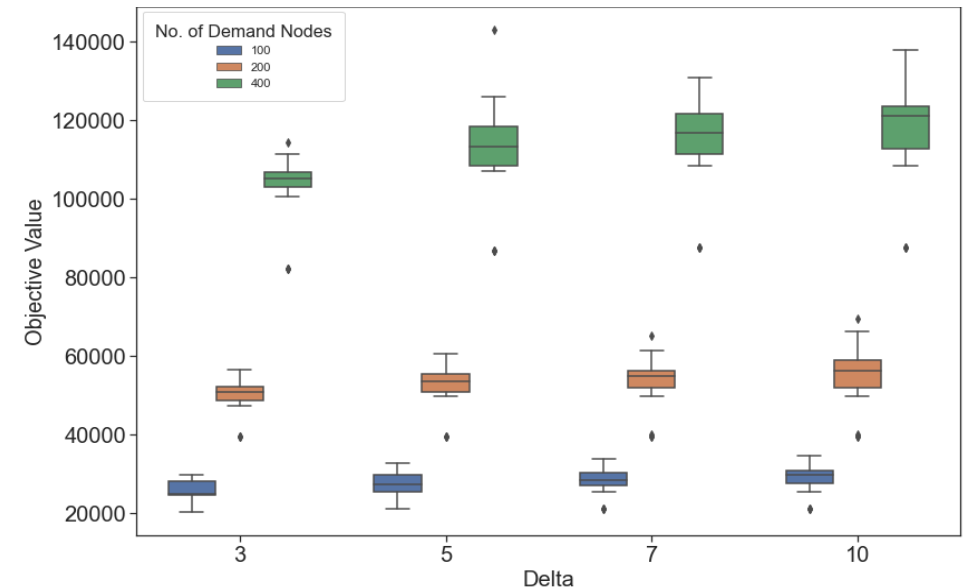
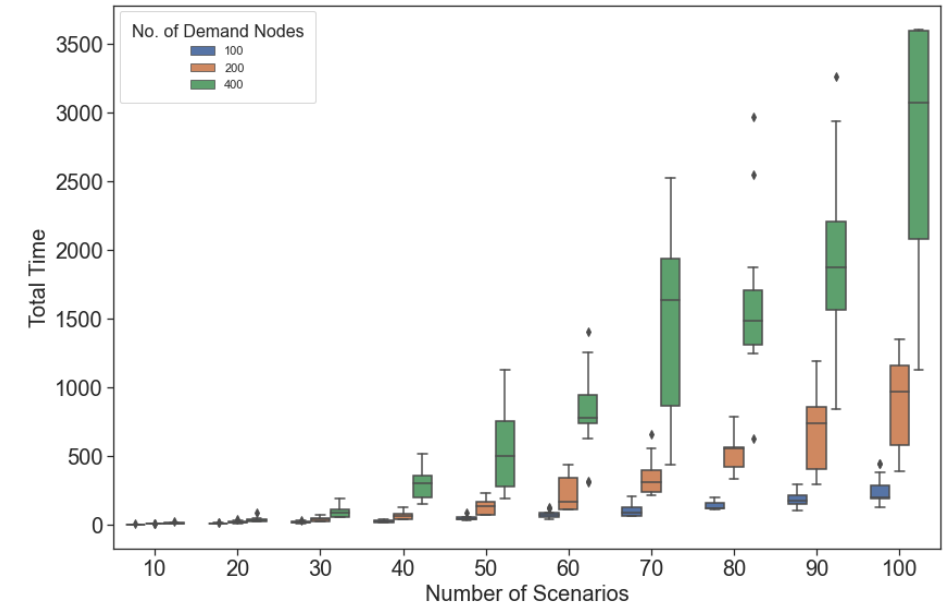
Results

- Models were solved using CPLEX
- Initially, we solve only the Small instances to compare our models
- The « full enumeration » model could solve all instances with up to 20 main earthquakes and 40 aftershocks. Beyond that NO instance was solved for any values of N and Δ
- The solution approach P_{xy}^{sep} , with **separation of scenarios** is the **best performing** one in terms of computational time and finding an optimal solution
- P_{xy}^{ext} had the worst total time. It took a lot of time for building the models by CPLEX, but once built took the lowest time
- P_y performance is in-between



Results

- The separation approach was able to find a solution for all instances and **optimal solutions for 356 instances out of 360** (with a low gap for others)
- The solution time increases as the number of scenarios increases
- The solution time decreases for the separation model as Δ increases
- The objective value (allocation cost) increases with the value of Δ , particularly for instances with 400 demand nodes

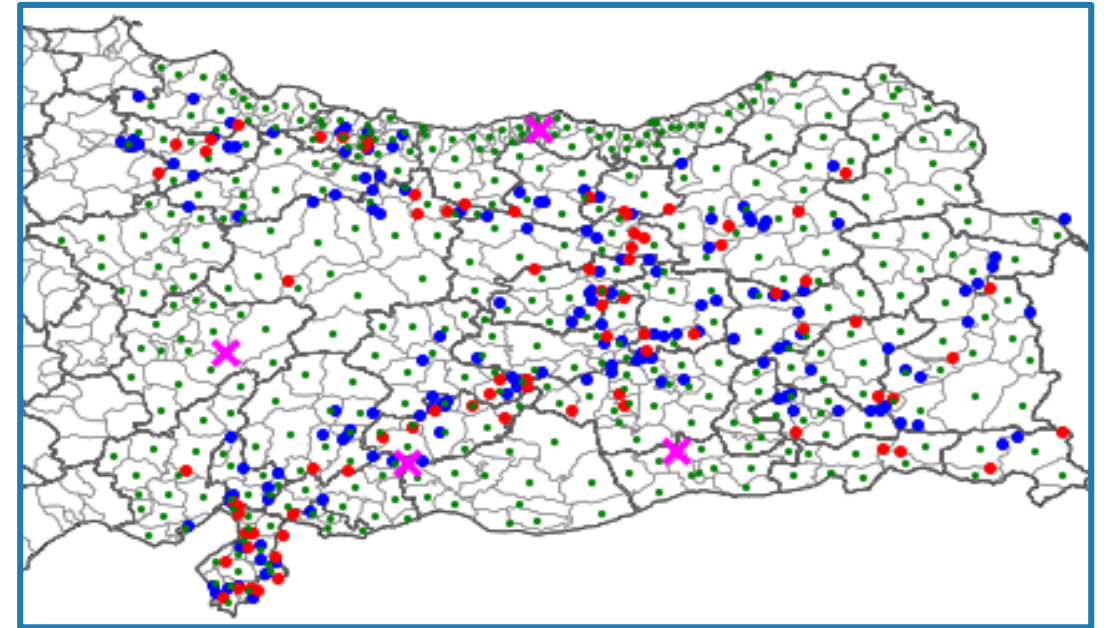
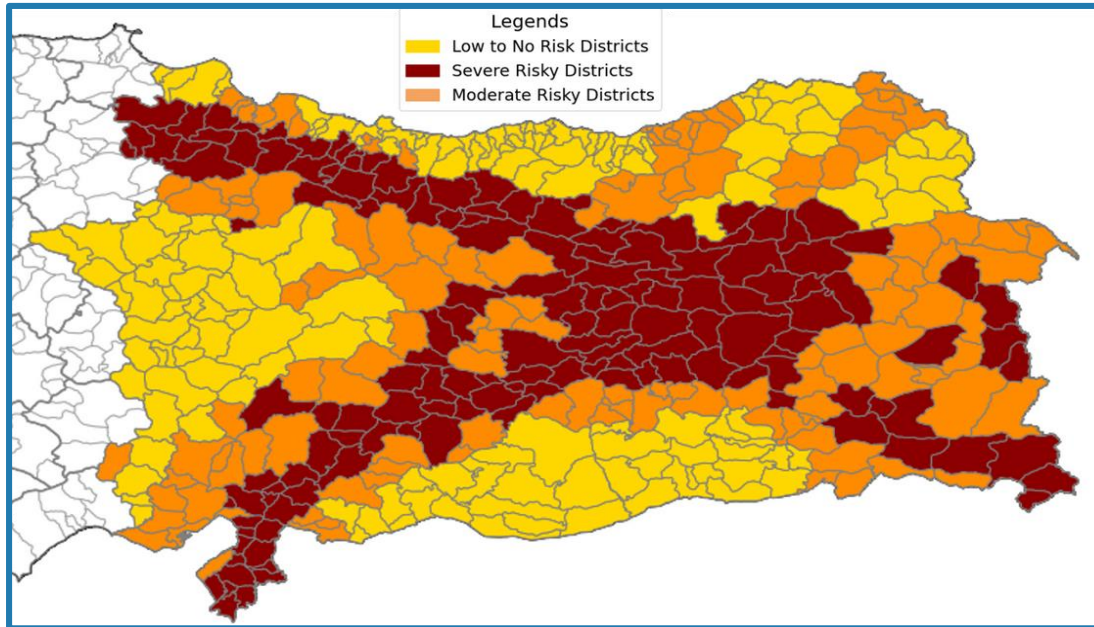


Case Study on the Turkey-Syria Earthquake of February 2023

- Implement our robust model on Turkey for establishing warehouses
- Turkey lies at the border of three tectonic plates
- **269 earthquakes** between 1900 and 2023
- **20 earthquakes of magnitude greater than 7**
- February 2023 earthquake is the latest one

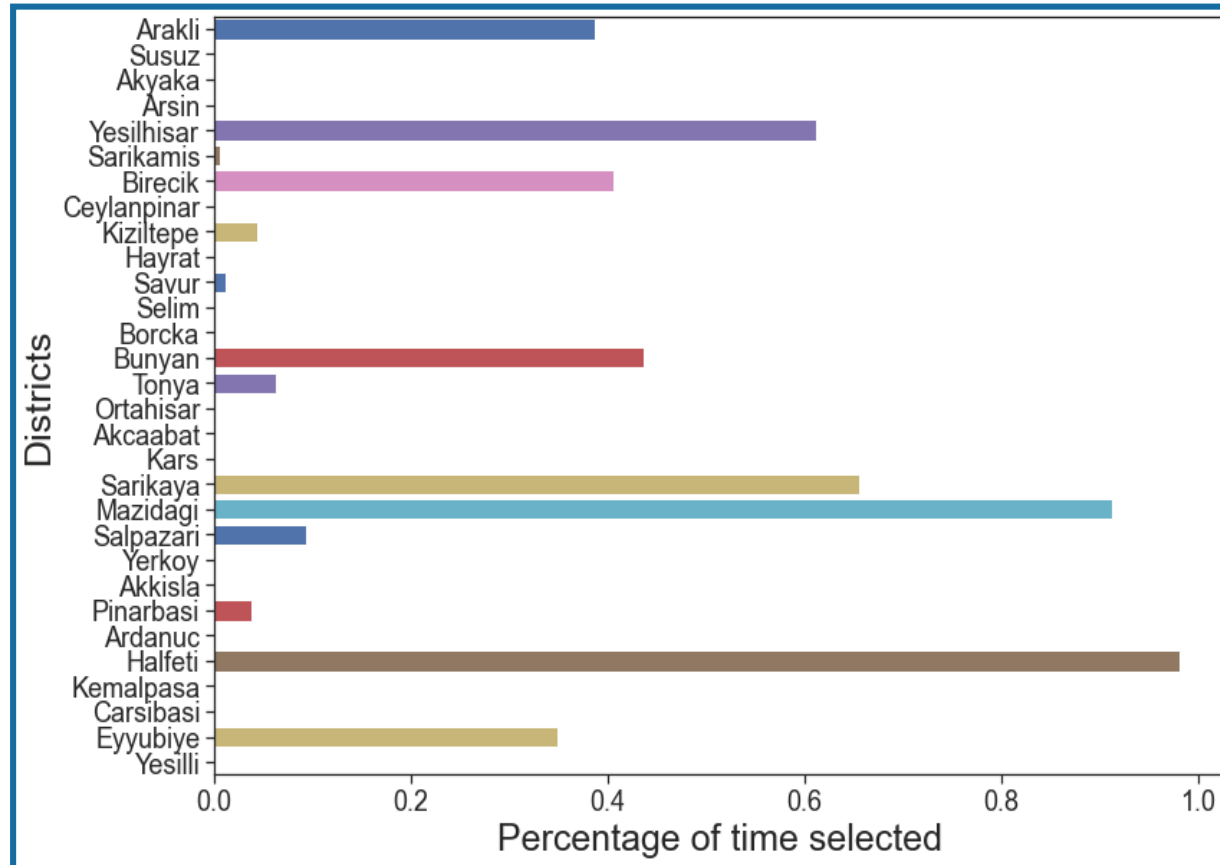


Instances for Turkey



- Instances based on the earthquake hazard map by AFAD
- Red-Severely risky, orange- moderate risky, yellow- no to low risky areas
- Red circles- earthquake epicentres, blue circles- aftershock epicenters, pink crosses- facilities, green circles- demand nodes (420 district centers)
- 70% epicenters in the red region, 30% in the orange region

Districts selected for constructing a warehouse



Some of the districts were selected more often than others:

- Halfeti- 98%
- Mazidagi- 91%
- Sarikaya- 66%
- Yesilhisar- 61%

Comparison with a First-Stage Model (without Aftershocks) : is it worth modelling aftershocks?

$\mathbf{p}_{xy}^{\text{StageI}} : \min \theta$

subject to $\theta \geq \sum_{i \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{F}} t_{ij} d_{si}^1 x_{ij} \quad s \in \mathcal{S}$

$$\sum_{j \in \mathcal{F}} x_{ij} = 1 \quad i \in \mathcal{D}$$

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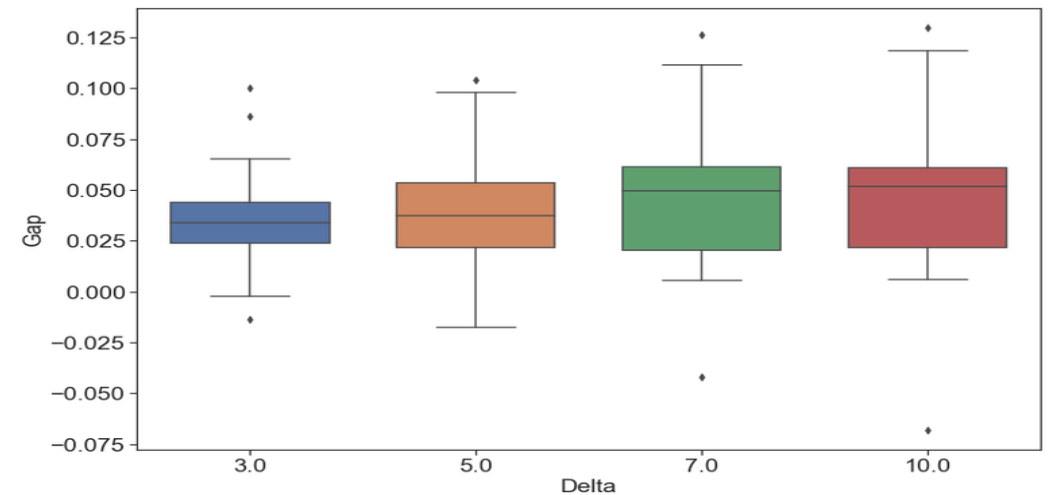
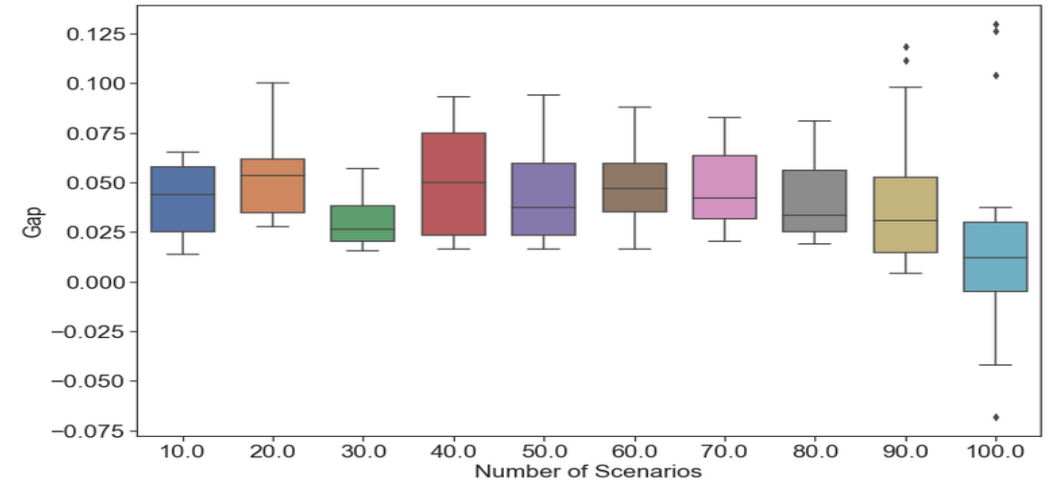
$$\theta \geq 0, \quad x_{ij}, y_j \in \{0, 1\} \quad i \in \mathcal{D}, j \in \mathcal{F}$$

$$\text{Gap} = \frac{\text{ROV}_1 - \text{ROV}_2}{\text{ROV}_2}$$

Comparison with a First-Stage Model (without Aftershocks)

$$\text{Gap} = \frac{\text{ROV}_1 - \text{ROV}_2}{\text{ROV}_2}$$

- The gap goes over 12.5%
- Average gap is 4.5%



Conclusions

- **Robust Facility Location / SC network design** – Strategic planning
- New key feature for robust optimization: binary choices of the Δ aftershocks for the 2nd-stage uncertainty set (instead of Γ coefficients of a constraint varying in « usual » RO (\neq Bertsimas & Sim 2004))
- The model with *full enumeration of scenarios (Model 1)* gets quickly intractable
- For **small-size** instances, the *B&C separation algorithm (Model 2)* and the *extended formulation (Model 3)* perform similarly (up to 30 major earthquakes, 100 aftershocks, 200 demand nodes)
- As the **instance size increases**, the *B&C separation algorithm (Model 2)* is the most efficient
- The model with y variables + separation (Model 4) outperforms the extended formulation (Model 3) as the instance size increases
- The models **except Model 2** are *highly sensitive to the number of aftershocks*
- Case Study on the Turkey Gaziantep Earthquake of 2023
- Not modelling aftershocks can give a gap on objective value up to 12.5%
- **Possible extension: capacitated version** (creates differentiation of assignments x_{ij} over the two stages)

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