

Integrating demand uncertainty in inventory routing for recyclable waste collection

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- Efficient waste collection thus depends on the ability to:
 - forecast container levels,
 - select the containers to collect each day,
 - and route the vehicles in an (near-)optimal way.



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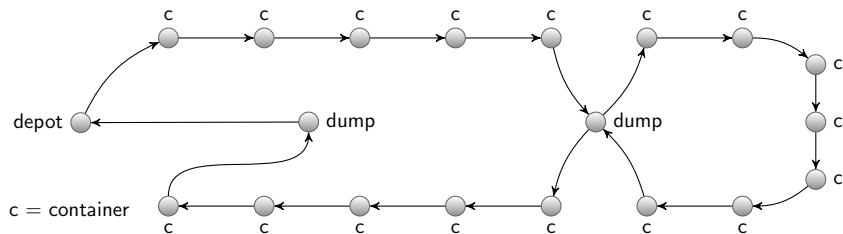
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- The routing component includes:
 - intermediate facility visits (recycling plants),
 - heterogeneous capacitated vehicles,
 - site dependencies,
 - vehicle-to-period availabilities,
 - time windows,
 - maximum tour duration.

Routing Component

Figure 1: Example of a Collection Tour



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Related VRP Literature

- VRP with Intermediate Facilities (VRP-IF):
 - Bard et al. (1998a), Kim et al. (2006), Crevier et al. (2007).
- Electric and alternative fuel VRP:
 - Conrad and Figliozzi (2011), Erdoğan and Miller-Hooks (2012), Schneider et al. (2014), Schneider et al. (2015).
- Heterogeneous fixed fleet VRP:
 - Taillard (1999), Baldacci and Mingozzi (2009), Subramanian et al. (2012), Penna et al. (2013).
 - Hiermann et al. (2014) and Goeke and Schneider (2015) use some form of vehicle heterogeneity in the electric VRP.

Related SIRP Literature

- Early research on optimal replenishment policies in a stochastic setting:
 - Trudeau and Dror (1992), Jaillet et al. (2002), Bard et al. (1998b).
- Robust optimization:
 - Solyalı et al. (2012).
- Chance constraints:
 - Soysal et al. (2015), Abdollahi et al. (2014), Yu et al. (2012).
- Scenario based:
 - roll-out/branch-and-cut: Bertazzi et al. (2013), Bertazzi et al. (2015).
 - stochastic optimization: Hemmelmayr et al. (2010), Nolz et al. (2014), Adulyasak et al. (2015).

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- We derive empirical lower and upper bounds for the solution cost of a rolling horizon approach.

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Parameters

ρ_{it}	demand of container i on day t (random variable)
ς	forecasting model error (st. dev. of the fit's residuals)
π_{ij}	travel distance of arc (i, j)
τ_{ijk}	travel time of vehicle k on arc (i, j)
λ_i, μ_i	lower and upper time window bound at point i
δ_i	service duration at point i
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β_k	unit-distance running cost of vehicle k (monetary)
θ_k	unit-time running cost of vehicle k (monetary)
α_{kt}	$= 1$ if vehicle k is available on day t , 0 otherwise
α_{ik}	$= 1$ if point i is accessible by vehicle k , 0 otherwise
Ω_k	capacity of vehicle k
H	maximum tour duration
ψ	Route Failure Cost Multiplier (RFCM) $\in [0, 1]$

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Decision variables: binary

$$x_{ijkt} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if vehicle } k \text{ traverses arc } (i,j) \text{ on day } t \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$y_{ikt} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if vehicle } k \text{ visits point } i \text{ on day } t \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$z_{kt} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if vehicle } k \text{ is used on day } t \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Decision variables: continuous

q_{ikt} expected pickup quantity by vehicle k from container i on day t

Q_{ikt} expected cumulative quantity on vehicle k at point i on day t

I_{it} expected inventory in container i at the start of day t

S_{ikt} start-of-service time of vehicle k at point i on day t

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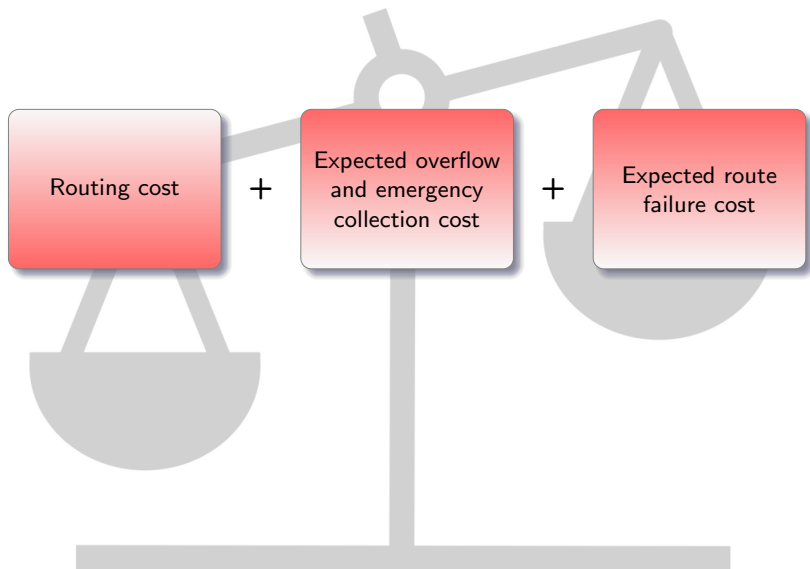
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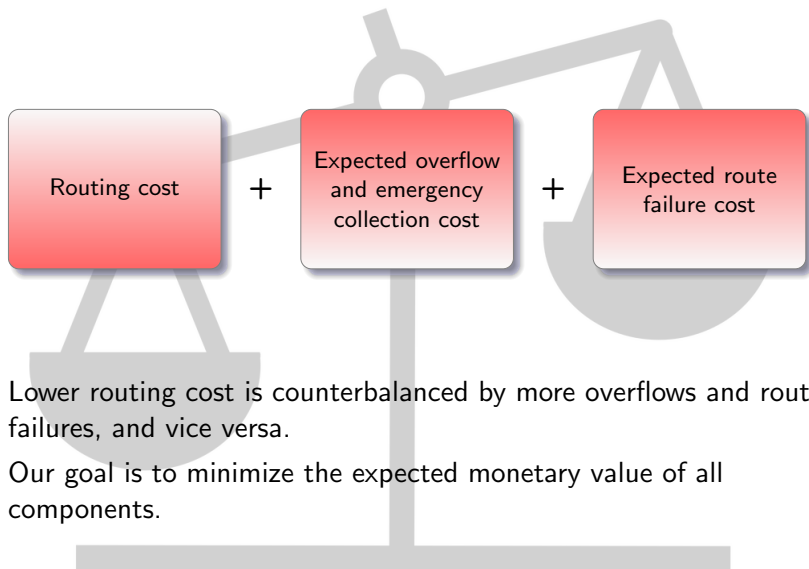
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 - and the vehicle visits on each day.

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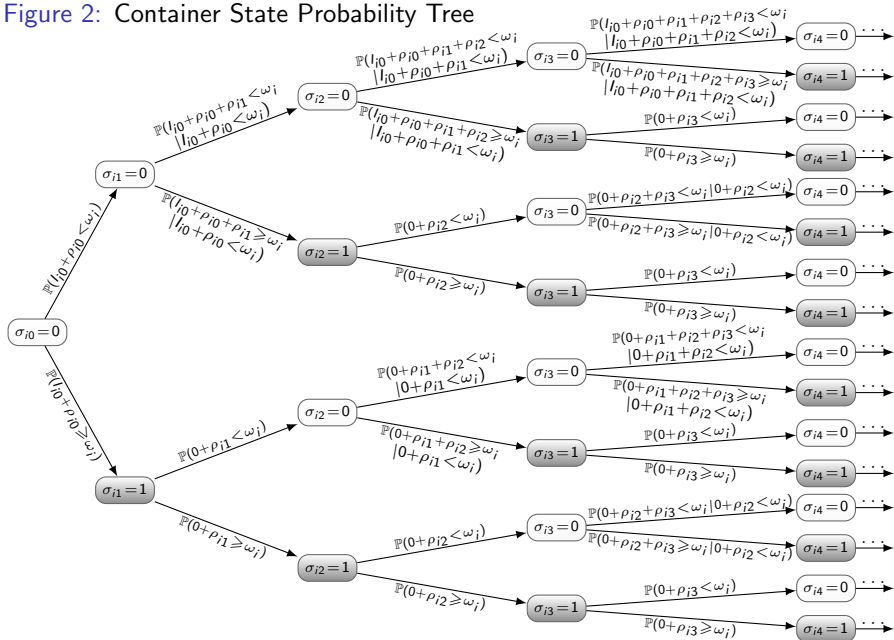
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- Related costs:
 - overflow cost χ : paid in state $\sigma_{it} = 1$,
 - emergency collection cost ζ : paid in state $\sigma_{it} = 1$ when $y_{ikt} = 0, \forall k \in \mathcal{K}$.

Figure 2: Container State Probability Tree



Objective Function: Formulation

- Routing Cost (RC):

$$\sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}} \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \left(\varphi_k z_{kt} + \beta_k \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}} \pi_{ij} x_{ijkt} + \theta_k (S_{dkt} - S_{okt}) \right) \quad (1)$$

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- Expected Overflow and Emergency Collection Cost (EOECC):

$$\sum_{t \in \mathcal{T} \cup \mathcal{T}^+} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{P}} \left(\mathbb{P}(\sigma_{it} = 1 \mid \max(0, g) < t: \exists k \in \mathcal{K}: y_{ikg} = 1) \left(\chi + \zeta - \zeta \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} y_{ikt} \right) \right) \quad (2)$$

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- Expected Route Failure Cost (ERFC):

$$\sum_{t \in \mathcal{T} \setminus 0} \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} \sum_{S \in \mathcal{S}_{kt}} \left(\psi C_S \mathbb{P} \left(\sum_{s \in \mathcal{S}} (I_{st} > \Omega_k \mid \max(0, g < t: y_{skg} = 1)) \right) \right), \quad (3)$$

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- The objective function becomes

$$\min z = \text{RC} + \text{EOECC} + \text{ERFC} \quad (4)$$

and is non-linear, thus resulting in an MINLP.

Constraints: Basic routing

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- To solve it, we develop an Adaptive Large Neighborhood Search (ALNS) algorithm with solution acceptance by Simulated Annealing (SA).
- The ALNS accepts infeasible intermediate solutions with dynamic penalty management for various types of infeasibilities.

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- We solve each instance 10 times and report best and average results.

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Table 1: Results on Instances with High Inventory Holding Cost

\mathcal{T}	n	ALNS Fast Version			ALNS Slow Version		
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3	10	14	0.00	0.00	59	0.00	0.00
3	15	22	0.00	0.00	93	0.00	0.00
3	20	36	0.00	0.01	149	0.00	0.00
3	25	53	0.00	0.06	221	0.00	0.01
3	30	77	0.00	0.27	318	0.00	0.06
3	35	108	0.01	0.15	440	0.00	0.04
3	40	149	0.12	0.48	602	0.01	0.23
3	45	199	0.17	0.47	808	0.10	0.25
3	50	276	0.15	0.52	1074	0.07	0.25
6	5	14	0.00	0.00	55	0.00	0.00
6	10	28	0.00	0.01	113	0.00	0.00
6	15	53	0.00	0.07	198	0.00	0.01
6	20	81	0.04	0.14	331	0.01	0.08
6	25	128	0.19	0.64	513	0.10	0.38
6	30	189	0.08	0.70	772	0.07	0.38
Average		90	0.05	0.22	361	0.02	0.11

Benchmarking: Archetti et al. (2007) Instances

Table 2: Results on Instances with Low Inventory Holding Cost

\mathcal{T}	n	ALNS Fast Version			ALNS Slow Version		
		Runtime(s.)	Best Gap(%)	Avg Gap(%)	Runtime(s.)	Best Gap(%)	Avg Gap(%)
3	5	7	0.00	0.00	30	0.00	0.00
3	10	14	0.00	0.00	55	0.00	0.00
3	15	22	0.00	0.00	89	0.00	0.00
3	20	34	0.00	0.04	141	0.00	0.01
3	25	52	0.00	0.17	210	0.00	0.04
3	30	71	0.02	0.56	295	0.00	0.14
3	35	101	0.01	0.53	423	0.00	0.18
3	40	140	0.37	1.20	567	0.12	0.48
3	45	191	0.59	1.71	751	0.26	1.03
3	50	247	0.30	1.52	1009	0.25	1.00
6	5	13	0.00	0.00	54	0.00	0.00
6	10	28	0.00	0.02	109	0.00	0.01
6	15	49	0.00	0.03	188	0.00	0.00
6	20	77	0.08	0.26	315	0.05	0.15
6	25	121	0.25	1.29	493	0.24	0.65
6	30	182	0.67	1.90	726	0.07	1.06
Average		84	0.14	0.58	341	0.06	0.30

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Complete	100.00	1.00	781.71	1.96	43.44	2.31	664.76	679.54	2.22
Complete	100.00	0.50	862.13	1.96	43.43	2.30	664.82	678.84	2.11
Complete	100.00	0.25	806.52	1.95	43.52	2.28	664.34	677.81	2.03
Complete	100.00	0.00	715.82	1.95	43.80	2.28	664.00	677.11	1.97
Complete	50.00	1.00	915.61	1.92	41.08	2.20	650.86	662.18	1.74
Complete	50.00	0.50	812.67	1.91	41.22	2.21	650.55	662.28	1.80
Complete	50.00	0.25	809.76	1.91	41.19	2.19	650.72	661.88	1.71
Complete	50.00	0.00	790.21	1.91	41.07	2.19	651.09	661.93	1.66
Complete	25.00	1.00	814.44	1.90	39.56	2.13	641.43	651.24	1.53
Complete	25.00	0.50	789.00	1.90	39.56	2.14	641.79	652.04	1.60
Complete	25.00	0.25	789.40	1.90	39.57	2.15	641.42	651.85	1.63
Complete	25.00	0.00	783.33	1.89	39.59	2.13	642.71	651.71	1.40
Routing-only	0.00	0.00	725.46	1.83	16.77	1.87	422.64	425.08	0.58

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Table 4: Key Performance Indicators for Cost Analysis

Objective	ECC	RFCM	Avg Routing Cost (CHF)	Avg Overflow Cost (CHF)	Avg Rte Failure Cost (CHF)	Avg Collected Volume (L)	Liters Per Unit Cost	Liters Per Unit Routing Cost
Complete	100.00	1.00	579.78	99.73	0.03	47,234.59	69.51	81.47
Complete	100.00	0.50	579.46	99.33	0.05	47,225.62	69.57	81.50
Complete	100.00	0.25	577.84	99.93	0.04	47,455.19	70.01	82.13
Complete	100.00	0.00	578.83	98.28	0.00	47,662.90	70.39	82.34
Complete	50.00	1.00	559.44	102.72	0.02	45,646.48	68.93	81.59
Complete	50.00	0.50	558.37	103.82	0.09	45,852.89	69.24	82.12
Complete	50.00	0.25	558.47	103.35	0.07	45,949.94	69.42	82.28
Complete	50.00	0.00	557.16	104.77	0.00	45,788.15	69.17	82.18
Complete	25.00	1.00	547.74	103.46	0.04	44,682.00	68.61	81.57
Complete	25.00	0.50	548.10	103.83	0.11	44,653.66	68.48	81.47
Complete	25.00	0.25	547.75	104.05	0.06	44,678.38	68.54	81.57
Complete	25.00	0.00	546.34	105.37	0.00	44,773.34	68.70	81.95
Routing-only	0.00	0.00	425.08	0.00	0.00	25,286.94	59.49	59.49

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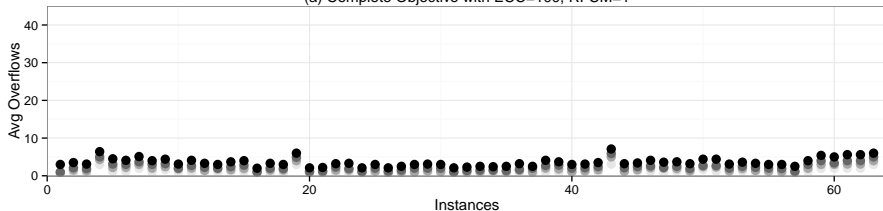
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Complete	100.00	1.00	0.98	1.78	2.40	3.58	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.05
Complete	100.00	0.50	0.99	1.78	2.39	3.55	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.07
Complete	100.00	0.25	0.97	1.80	2.38	3.56	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.10
Complete	100.00	0.00	0.94	1.77	2.33	3.54	0.08	0.10	0.12	0.16
Complete	50.00	1.00	1.26	2.19	2.82	4.14	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
Complete	50.00	0.50	1.28	2.19	2.84	4.16	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.09
Complete	50.00	0.25	1.28	2.18	2.83	4.15	0.04	0.06	0.07	0.10
Complete	50.00	0.00	1.31	2.23	2.85	4.18	0.07	0.09	0.10	0.12
Complete	25.00	1.00	1.48	2.46	3.14	4.58	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.07
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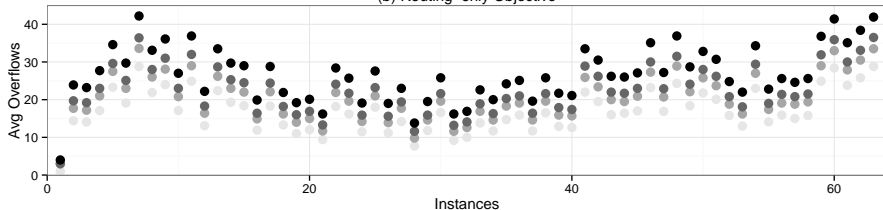
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Figure 3: Average Number of Overflows for All Instances

(a) Complete Objective with ECC=100, RFCM=1



(b) Routing-only Objective



Percentiles 75th 90th 95th 99th

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Table 6: Average Number of Collections by Day

Type	EC	RFCM	day $t = 0$	day $t = 1$	day $t = 2$	day $t = 3$	day $t = 4$	day $t = 5$	day $t = 6$	day $t = 7$
Complete	100.00	1.00	60	4	15	53	49	—	—	—
Complete	100.00	0.50	60	6	17	54	56	—	—	—
Complete	100.00	0.25	60	5	16	56	52	—	—	—
Complete	100.00	0.00	60	4	14	53	53	—	—	—
Complete	50.00	1.00	59	6	25	56	44	—	—	—
Complete	50.00	0.50	59	7	18	57	44	—	—	—
Complete	50.00	0.25	59	6	20	54	37	—	—	—
Complete	50.00	0.00	59	6	23	55	43	—	—	—
Complete	25.00	1.00	57	8	27	54	31	—	—	—
Complete	25.00	0.50	57	8	24	56	26	—	—	—
Complete	25.00	0.25	57	8	24	55	29	—	—	—
Complete	25.00	0.00	57	9	28	54	34	—	—	—
Routing-only	0.00	0.00	53	60	45	7	3	—	—	—

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Routing-only	1.00	1.00	812.43	1.83	16.77	1.87	422.72	425.48	0.65
Routing-only	1.00	0.90	845.99	1.84	16.72	1.88	422.73	426.94	0.99
Routing-only	1.00	0.75	865.26	1.83	16.81	1.93	424.29	428.02	0.88
Routing-only	0.90	1.00	882.96	2.00	22.69	2.04	486.88	488.76	0.39
Routing-only	0.90	0.90	853.53	2.00	22.69	2.06	487.38	489.20	0.37
Routing-only	0.90	0.75	860.20	2.00	22.71	2.17	489.55	491.91	0.48
Routing-only	0.75	1.00	1003.83	2.10	33.80	2.57	547.48	564.83	3.17
Routing-only	0.75	0.90	1010.03	2.11	33.87	2.73	553.27	570.32	3.08
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Routing-only	1.00	0.90	426.94	0.00	0.00	25,233.43	59.10	59.10
Routing-only	1.00	0.75	428.02	0.00	0.00	25,371.43	59.28	59.28
Routing-only	0.90	1.00	488.76	0.00	0.00	31,532.12	64.51	64.51
Routing-only	0.90	0.90	489.20	0.00	0.00	31,611.40	64.62	64.62
Routing-only	0.90	0.75	491.91	0.00	0.00	31,732.72	64.51	64.51
Routing-only	0.75	1.00	564.83	0.00	0.00	44,134.12	78.14	78.14
Routing-only	0.75	0.90	570.32	0.00	0.00	44,084.86	77.30	77.30
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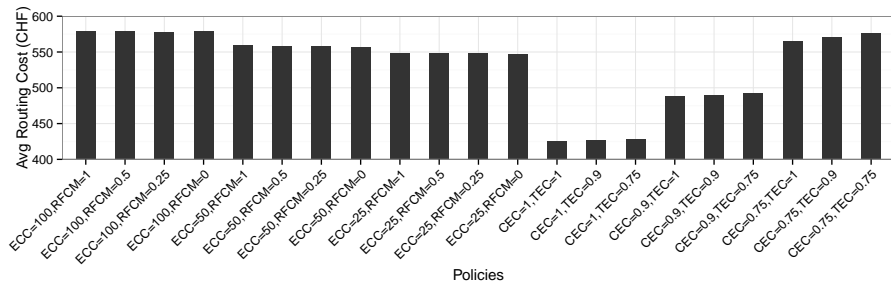
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Routing-only	1.00	0.90	17.02	20.51	22.65	26.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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Routing-only	0.90	1.00	10.32	13.14	14.85	18.29	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Routing-only	0.90	0.90	10.30	13.09	14.81	18.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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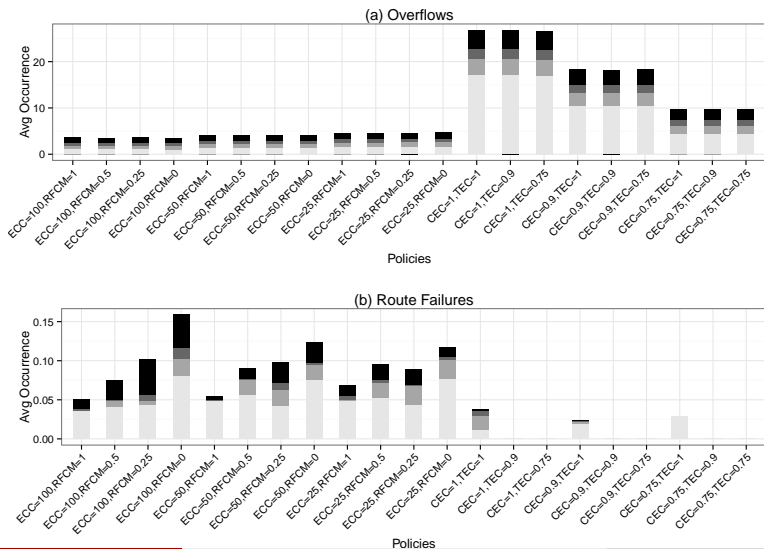
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Figure 4: Comparison of Routing Cost for Probabilistic and Alternative Policies



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Table 10: Analysis of Rolling Horizon DSIRP Bounds

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Inst_1	276.44	582.89	665.19	Inst_22	429.20	531.04	607.63
Inst_2	448.67	784.55	854.49	Inst_23	241.44	551.58	690.62
Inst_3	307.95	653.60	819.79	Inst_24	547.92	758.84	748.71
Inst_4	266.15	574.23	700.36	Inst_25	446.31	618.80	696.75
Inst_5	454.61	682.24	824.57	Inst_26	442.38	589.53	695.11
Inst_6	485.30	677.92	764.86	Inst_27	441.36	589.07	707.30
Inst_7	268.65	569.11	649.57	Inst_28	468.46	616.53	738.58
Inst_8	429.56	585.42	681.23	Inst_29	436.25	575.25	701.73
Inst_9	442.34	599.24	659.30	Inst_30	414.41	677.65	690.37
Inst_10	448.70	564.04	650.88	Inst_31	442.87	544.75	668.51
Inst_11	467.88	549.61	670.36	Inst_32	255.32	612.44	694.35
Inst_12	449.20	674.53	626.18	Inst_33	460.04	677.54	808.74
Inst_13	254.66	556.94	629.93	Inst_34	505.55	682.90	711.62
Inst_14	276.60	585.77	683.65	Inst_35	490.37	989.21	785.51
Inst_15	431.08	548.56	790.39	Inst_36	454.60	646.95	805.95
Inst_16	529.60	635.37	701.64	Inst_37	465.31	607.52	746.64
Inst_17	423.07	578.84	662.76	Inst_38	520.38	721.23	815.21
Inst_18	458.18	595.36	680.75	Inst_39	243.94	613.96	705.10
Inst_19	448.66	524.63	611.56	Inst_40	450.94	624.76	759.97
Inst_20	418.12	520.30	653.18	Inst_41	403.01	575.80	688.24
Inst_21	276.32	791.63	626.29				

Note: The four instances for which the hypothesized bounds do not hold are shown in bold.

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