



Distributed Inference and Management of Future Cyber-Physical Networks

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SMART GRID: Advanced infrastructure and information technologies (**Cyber**) to enhance the electrical power network (**Physical**)



controllable







participation



Dept. of Energy, "The smart grid: an introduction"



Outline

- Distributed and robust power system state estimation (PSSE)
- Distributed optimal power flow (OPF)
- Distributed demand response (DR)
- Distributed electric vehicle (EV) charging

Complex power

• Power injection to bus *m*

$$\mathcal{S}_m = \mathcal{V}_m \mathcal{I}_m^* = P_m + jQ_m$$



- (Re) active power generated or consumed at a bus
- Power flow over line (*m*, *n*) $S_{mn} = V_m \mathcal{I}_{mn}^* = P_{mn} + jQ_{mn}$
- Multivariate nodal power model (*quadratic* in v)

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{concatenating } \{\mathcal{V}_m\} & \text{bus admittance matrix} \\ \mathbf{s} = \operatorname{diag}(\mathbf{v})\mathbf{i}^* = \operatorname{diag}(\mathbf{v})\mathbf{Y}^*\mathbf{v}^* \\ \mathbf{s} = \operatorname{diag}(\mathbf{v})\mathbf{i}^* = \operatorname{diag}(\mathbf{v})\mathbf{Y}^*\mathbf{v}^* \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{l} \text{concatenating } \{\mathcal{S}_m\} & \text{concatenating } \{\mathcal{I}_m\} \end{array} \end{array}$$

Power system state estimation

Motivation for PSSE

Goal: Given meter readings and grid parameters, find state vector \mathbf{v}

- Quantities of interest expressible as functions of bus voltages in v
- PSSE is of paramount importance for
 - Situational awareness
 - Reliability analysis and planning
 - Load forecasting
 - Economic operations and billing
- Can be formulated as an estimation problem [Schweppe et al'70]

F. C. Schweppe, J. Wildes, and D. Rom, "Power system state estimation: Parts I, II, and III," *IEEE Trans. Power App. Syst.*, Jan. 1970.

SCADA-based PSSE

- Supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system
 - □ Terminals forward readings to control center (~4 secs)
 - Phases cannot be used due to timing mismatches
- Available measurements (M) $\{V_m, P_m, Q_m, P_{mn}, Q_{mn}, I_{mn}\}$ $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{v}) + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$



$$\hat{\mathbf{v}} := rg\min_{\mathbf{v}} \|\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{v})\|^2$$

- Constraints
 - Zero-injection buses $P_m = Q_m = 0$
 - Feasible ranges $V_m^{\min} \le V_m \le V_m^{\max}$

Popular solvers

(M1) Gauss-Newton iterations

$$\hat{\mathbf{v}} := rg\min_{\mathbf{v}} \|\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{v})\|^2$$

- Approximate $\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{v}) \simeq \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{v}_k) + \mathbf{G}_k^T(\mathbf{v} \mathbf{v}_k), \mathbf{G}_k$: Jacobian at \mathbf{v}_k
- □ Linear LS in closed form $\mathbf{v}_{k+1} = \mathbf{v}_k + (\mathbf{G}_k \mathbf{G}_k^T)^{-1} \mathbf{G}_k (\mathbf{z} \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{v}_k))$
- Cholesky factorization based remedies for numerical stability
- Sensitive to initialization; No convergence guarantee

(M2) Fast decoupled solver

- Active powers depend only on $\{\theta_m\}$; reactive only on $\{V_m\}$
- Approximate $(\mathbf{G}_k \mathbf{G}_k^T)^{-1}$ at *flat voltage profile* $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{1} + j\mathbf{0}$

Semidefinite relaxation

Rectangular coordinates: measurements are *quadratic* in **v**

$$P_m + jQ_m = \mathcal{V}_m \mathcal{I}_m^* = \mathbf{e}_m^T \mathbf{v} (\mathbf{Y} \mathbf{v})^H \mathbf{e}_m = \operatorname{Tr}(\underbrace{\mathbf{Y}^H \mathbf{e}_m \mathbf{e}_m^T}_{m} \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v}^H)$$



- SDR popular in SP and communications [Goemans et al'95]
- SDR for SE [Zhu-GG'11], SDR for OPF [Bai etal'08], [Lavaei-Low'11]
 - > Generalizations include PMU data, and robust SDR-based PSSE
 - > (Near-)optimal regardless of initialization; polynomial complexity $O(N^{4.5} \log(1/\epsilon))$

H. Zhu and G. B. Giannakis, "Estimating the state of AC power systems using semidefinite programming," in *Proc. of North American Power Symposium*, Aug. 2011.

Numerical tests

IEEE 30, 57, and 118-bus benchmarks

•
$$V_m \sim \mathcal{N}(1, 0.01), \ \theta_m \sim \mathcal{U}[-\theta, \theta]$$

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SDR

Average running time in secs.

# of buses	WLS	SDR
30	0.216	1.62
57	0.558	4.32
118	2.87	21.6



Decentralized PSSE - motivation

- Scalable with control area size, and privacy preserving
- Area 2 buses (states): {3,4,7,8}
- Area 2 collects flow measurements {(4,5), (4,9), (7,9)}...
- Option 1: Ignore tie-line meters
 - statistically suboptimal
 - observability at risk (bus 11)
 - tie-line mismatches (trading)
- Option 2: Augment v₂ to {3,4,7,8,5,9}
 - consent with neighbors on shared states



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G. Korres, "Distributed multi-area state estimation," *IEEE Trans. Power Syst.*, vol. 26, no. 1, pp. 73-84, Feb. 2011.

Cost decomposition

Include tie-line buses to split local LS cost per $\mathcal{N}_{(k)}$

$$f_k(\mathbf{V}_{(k)}) := \sum_{\ell=1}^{M_k} \left[z_k^{\ell} - \operatorname{Tr}(\mathbf{H}_{(k)}^{\ell} \mathbf{V}_{(k)}) \right]^2$$



$$\mathcal{N}_{(2)} := \mathcal{N}_2 \cup \{5,9\}$$



Challenge: as $\{N_{(k)}\}$ overlap partially, PSD constraint couples $\{V_{(k)}\}$

Blessing: overlap \rightarrow global; no overlap: $\mathbf{V} \succeq \mathbf{0} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{V}_{(k)} \succeq \mathbf{0}, \forall k$

Distributed SDP for PSSE

If graph with areas-as-nodes and overlaps-as-edges is a tree, then

- ADMM [Glowinski-Marrocco'75]; for D-Estimation [Schizas-Giannakis'07]
 - > Iterates between local variables and multipliers per equality constraint

$$\{\Lambda_{kj}(i)\}_{j \in \mathcal{A}_k} : \text{Area } k \xrightarrow{\mathbf{V}_{(k)}(i)} \{\mathbf{V}_{(j)}^{[k]}(i)\}_{j \in \mathcal{A}_k} : \text{Area } k \xrightarrow{\{\Lambda_{kj}(i+1)\}_{j \in \mathcal{A}_k}} \text{Linear Update} \}$$

• Converges $\mathbf{V}_{(k)}(i) \rightarrow \hat{\mathbf{V}}_{(k)}$ even for noisy-async. links [Schizas-GG'08], [Zhu-GG'09]

ADMM convergence in action

IEEE 14-bus grid with 4 areas; 5 meters on tie-lines





Errors $\|\mathbf{V}_{(k)}(i) - \hat{\mathbf{V}}_{(k)}\|_F$ vanish asymptotically



H. Zhu and G. B. Giannakis, "Power system nonlinear state estimation using distributed semidefinite programming, *IEEE J. Sel. Topics Signal Process.*, pp. 1039-1050, Dec. 2014. 1

Decentralized PSSE for linear models

- Local linear(ized) model $\mathbf{z}_k = \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{n}_k$
- Regional PSSEs

 Coupled local problems

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}_k \in \mathcal{X}_k} \ f_k(\mathbf{x}_k)$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c} \min & \sum_{k=1}^{K} f_k(\mathbf{x}_k) \\ \text{s.t.} & \mathbf{x}_k[l] = \mathbf{x}_l[k] \end{array} \end{array}$$



$$\mathcal{S}_2 := \mathcal{N}_{(2)} \setminus \mathcal{N}_2$$

S1.
$$\mathbf{x}_{k}^{t+1} \Leftarrow \arg\min_{\mathbf{x}_{k} \in \mathcal{X}_{k}} f_{k}(\mathbf{x}_{k}) + \frac{c}{2} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{S}_{k}} (x_{k}(i) - p_{k}^{t}(i))^{2}$$

S2. $p_{k}^{t+1}(i) \Leftarrow p_{k}^{t}(i) + \left(x_{l}^{t+1}[i] - \frac{x_{k}^{t}(i) + x_{l}^{t}[i]}{2}\right)$

ADMM solver: convergent with minimal exchanges and privacy-preserving

V. Kekatos and G. B. Giannakis, "Distributed robust power system state estimation," *IEEE Trans. Power Syst.*, vol. 28, pp. 1617-1626, May 2013.



L. Xie, C. Choi, and S. Kar, "Cooperative distributed state estimation: Local observability relaxed," *Proc. IEEE PES General Meeting*, Detroit, MI, July 2011.

Decentralized bad data cleansing
$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{n} + \mathbf{o}$$
• Reveal *single* and *block* outliers via
$$f(\mathbf{x}) := \min_{\mathbf{o}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{o}\|_{2}^{2} + \lambda \|\mathbf{o}\|_{1}$$

$$= \sum_{m=1}^{M} h(z_{m} - \mathbf{h}_{m}^{T}\mathbf{x})$$

S1.
$$\mathbf{x}_{k}^{t+1} \Leftarrow \left(\mathbf{H}_{k}^{T}\mathbf{H}_{k} + \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{D}_{k}\right)^{-1} \left(\mathbf{H}_{k}^{T}(\mathbf{z}_{k} - \mathbf{o}_{k}^{t}) + \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{D}_{k}\mathbf{p}_{k}^{t}\right)$$

S2. $\mathbf{o}_{k}^{t+1} \Leftarrow \left[\mathbf{z}_{k} - \mathbf{H}_{k}\mathbf{x}_{k}^{t+1}\right]_{\lambda}^{+}$

$$\overbrace{-\lambda}^{t+1} + \lambda$$
S3. $p_{k}^{t+1}(i) \Leftarrow p_{k}^{t}(i) + \left(x_{l}^{t+1}[i] - \frac{x_{k}^{t}(i) + x_{l}^{t}[i]}{2}\right)$

D-PSSE on a 4,200-bus grid



Optimal Power Flow

A. Gomez-Exposito, A. J. Conejo, and C. Canizares, *Electric Energy Systems: Analysis and Operation*, CRC, 2009.A. J. Wood and B. F. Wollenberg, *Power Generation, Operation, and Control*, 2nd ed., Wiley, 1996.



Economic dispatch (ED): Find most economically generated power output to serve given load

• ED typically solved every 5-10 minutes

AC optimal power flow

• **Motivation**: Minimize generation cost respecting physical constraints

$$\begin{split} \min_{\mathbf{p}_{G},\mathbf{q}_{G},\mathbf{v}} & \sum_{m=1}^{N_{b}} C_{m}(P_{G_{m}}) \\ \text{subj. to} & \mathbf{p}_{G} - \mathbf{p}_{D} + j(\mathbf{q}_{G} - \mathbf{q}_{D}) = \text{diag}(\mathbf{v})(\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{v})^{*} \\ & |\text{Re}\{\mathcal{S}_{mn}\}| \leq f_{mn}^{\max}; \ |\mathcal{S}_{mn}| \leq S_{mn}^{\max} \\ & V_{m}^{\min} \leq |\mathcal{V}_{m}| \leq V_{m}^{\max} \\ & \mathbf{p}_{G}^{\min} \leq \mathbf{p}_{G} \leq \mathbf{p}_{G}^{\max}; \ \mathbf{q}_{G}^{\min} \leq \mathbf{q}_{G} \leq \mathbf{q}_{G}^{\max} \end{split}$$

- Quadratic equality constraints problem
- Traditional approaches rely on KKT conditions

SDP relaxation

$$\mathcal{V}_m \mathcal{I}_m^* = \mathbf{e}_m^H \mathbf{v} (\mathbf{Y} \mathbf{v})^H \mathbf{e}_m = \operatorname{tr} [\mathbf{e}_m^H \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v}^H \mathbf{Y}^H \mathbf{e}_m] = \operatorname{tr} [\mathbf{Y}^H \mathbf{e}_m \mathbf{e}_m^H \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v}^H]$$

• Nodal balance constraint linear in $\mathbf{V} := \mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^H$

$$P_{G_m} - P_{D_m} + j(Q_{G_m} - Q_{D_m}) = \operatorname{tr}[\mathbf{Y}^H \mathbf{e}_m \mathbf{e}_m^H \mathbf{V}]$$

- Line flow and bus voltage constrains also linear in V
- AC-OPF with variables $\mathbf{p}_G, \mathbf{q}_G, \mathbf{V}$ and additional constraints

$$\mathbf{V} \succeq \mathbf{0}$$
 $\operatorname{rank}[\mathbf{V}] = 1 \implies \operatorname{Nonconvex} \implies \operatorname{Drop}$

- Works in many practical OPF instances and IEEE benchmarks
- Optimal in tree graphs [Lam etal'12]

X. Bai, H.Wei, K. Fujisawa, and Y.Wang, "SDP for optimal power flow problems," Int. J. El. Power-Ener. Syst., 2008. J. Lavaei and S. Low, "Zero duality gap in optimal power flow problem," *IEEE Trans. Power Syst.*, Feb. 2012.

AC OPF for multi-phase

- Power and voltage magnitude as linear functions of $\mathbf{V} := \mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^H$
- Regulating constraints per node *and* per phase (can be unbalanced)

$$\min_{\mathbf{V},\mathbf{p}_{G},\mathbf{q}_{G}} C(\mathbf{p}_{G},\mathbf{q}_{G})$$
sub. to $\{P_{G,n}^{\phi}, Q_{G,n}^{\phi}\} \in \mathcal{B}_{n}^{\phi}$, and $\forall \phi n$

$$\operatorname{Tr}(\mathbf{\Phi}_{n}^{\phi}\mathbf{V}) = P_{G,n}^{\phi} - P_{\ell,n}^{\phi}$$

$$\operatorname{Tr}(\mathbf{\Psi}_{n}^{\phi}\mathbf{V}) = Q_{G,n}^{\phi} - Q_{\ell,n}^{\phi}$$

$$(V^{\min})^{2} \leq \operatorname{Tr}(\mathbf{M}_{n}^{\phi}\mathbf{V}) \leq (V^{\max})^{2}$$

$$\mathbf{V} \succeq \mathbf{0}, \ \operatorname{rank}(\mathbf{V}) = 1$$

• $rank(\mathbf{V}^{opt}) = 1 \implies globally optimal AC OPF solution!$

E. Dall'Anese, H. Zhu, and G. B. Giannakis, "Distributed optimal power flow for smart microgrids," 25 *IEEE Trans. Smart Grid*, vol. 4, no. 3, pp. 1464-1475, Sep. 2013.

Distributed three-phase OPF

- Multi-area based on non-convex OPF [Kim-Baldick'97, Hug-Andersson'09, Erseghe'14]
- Node-to-node for single-phase systems [Zhang et al'12]
- Distributed SDP for three-phase systems

$$\min_{\mathbf{V}, \{\mathbf{s}_n\}} \sum_{a} C_a(\mathbf{V}^{(a)}, \mathbf{s}^{(a)})$$

sub. to $\{\mathbf{V}^{(a)}, \mathbf{s}^{(a)}\} \in \mathcal{B}^{(a)} \ \forall a$
 $\mathbf{V} \succeq \mathbf{0}$



Challenge: PSD constraint couples local quantities! $\mathbf{Q}: \mathbf{V} \succeq \mathbf{0} \xleftarrow{?} {\mathbf{V}^{(a)} \succeq \mathbf{0}}$

Topology-based decoupling

Result: If the *graph of areas* is a tree, without "loops" across areas, then the centralized PSD constraint *decouples*

$$\{\mathbf{V}_{opt}^{(a)}, \mathbf{s}_{opt}^{(a)}\} = \underset{\{\mathbf{V}^{(a)}\}, \{\mathbf{s}^{(a)}\}}{\operatorname{sub. to}} \sum_{a} C_{a}(\mathbf{V}^{(a)}, \mathbf{s}^{(a)})$$

$$\operatorname{sub. to} \quad \{\mathbf{V}^{(a)}, \mathbf{s}^{(a)}\} \in \mathcal{B}^{(a)} \; \forall a$$

$$\mathbf{V}^{(a)} \succeq \mathbf{0} \; \forall a$$

$$\mathbf{V}_{j}^{(a)} = \mathbf{V}_{a}^{(j)} \; \forall (a, j) \in \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{A}}$$

Distributed solution via alternating direction method of multipliers



Illustrative test case

Consensus error



- Comparison with sub-gradient [Zhang et al'12]
- Convergence rate does not depend on area size

A1

A2

Demand Response

Motivation for DR

• Changes in electricity consumption by end-users in response to

- Changes in electricity prices over time
- Incentive payments at times of high wholesale prices
- Benefits of DR
 - Reduced demand reduces the potential of forced outages
 - Lower demand holds down electricity prices in spot markets
 - Can reduce the amount of generation and transmission assets
- DR programs
 - Incentive-based programs
 - Price-driven programs

Cooperative DR

- Set of users (residences) $\{1, \ldots, R\}$ served by the same utility
- Set of smart appliances \mathcal{A}_r per user r
- Power consumption p_{ra}^t
- End-user utility function $U_{ra}(\mathbf{p}_{ra})$
- Cost of power procurement for utility company $C^t \left(\sum_{r=1}^{t} \sum_{a \in A} p_{ra}^t \right)$





Social welfare maximization

$$\min_{\{\mathbf{p}_{ra}\}} \sum_{t=1}^{T} C^{t} \left(\sum_{r=1}^{R} \sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}_{r}} p_{ra}^{t} \right) - \sum_{r=1}^{R} \sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}_{r}} U_{ra}(\mathbf{p}_{ra})$$

subj. to $\mathbf{p}_{ra} \in \mathcal{P}_{ra}, a \in \mathcal{A}_{r}, r = 1 \dots, R$

- Motivation: Reduce peak demand respecting preferences of users
- Convexity depends on \mathcal{P}_{ra}
- Challenges
 - Scalable scheduling over AMI; and privacy issues

Solution approaches

- Gradient projection, block coordinate descent, dual decomposition [Chen etal'12], [Mohsenian-Rad etal'10], [Papavasiliou etal'10], [Samadi etal'11], [Gatsis-GG'12]
- **Dual decomposition:** Introduce variable *s^t* for total supplied power

$$\sum_{r=1}^{R} \sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}_r} p_{ra}^t \le s^t$$

Demand-supply balance

• Lagrange multiplier λ^t for supply-demand balance

Upshot

- Sub-problems for utility and smart meters are separated
- Privacy respected

Distributed DR algorithm

Schedule update: At the utility company and smart meters



total hourly consumption

• **Multiplier update:** At utility company

$$\lambda^t(\ell+1) = \left[\lambda^t(\ell) + \beta\left(\sum_{r=1}^R \sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}} p_{ra}^t(\ell) - s^t(\ell)\right)\right]^+$$

Lost AMI messages

- Messages in both ways may be lost
 - Not transmitted, due to failure
 - Not received, due to noise
 - Cyber-attacks



- Convergence established for different lost-message patterns
 - Asynchronous subgradient method
- **Benefit:** Resilience to communication network outages

N. Gatsis and G. B. Giannakis, "Residential load control: Distributed scheduling and convergence with lost AMI messages," *IEEE Trans. Smart Grid*, vol. 3, pp. 770-786, June 2012.



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Plug-in Electric Vehicles

Plug-in electric vehicles

- PEVs feature batteries that can be plugged in
 - At end-user premises
 - At charging stations
- Benefits of high PEV penetration
 - Environmental: reduce carbon emissions
 - □ Economic: reduce dependency on oil
- Charging coordination is well motivated to avoid
 - Overloading of distribution networks [Clement-Nyns et al'10]
 - Creating new peaks



Charging coordination

- Fleet of vehicles n = 1, ..., N to charge on top of baseload D^t
- Fraction of charge (rate) r_n^t per slot $t = 1, \dots, T$
 - □ Vehicle plugged in at different slots $\implies 0 \le r_n^t \le r_n^{t,max}$
- Centralized charging coordination

$$\min_{\{\mathbf{r}_n\}} \sum_{t=1}^T C^t \left(D^t + \sum_{n=1}^N r_n^t \right)$$
subj.to
$$0 \le r_n^t \le r_n^{t, max}$$

$$\sum_{t=1}^T r_n^t = R_n$$

$$\mathcal{E}_n$$

$$n = 1, \dots, N$$

• Convex and differentiable $C^t(\cdot) : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$, e.g., $C^t(\cdot) := (\cdot)^2$

L. Gan, U. Topcu, and S. Low, "Optimal decentralized protocol for electric vehicle charging," *Proc. Conf. on Decision and Control*, 2011.

Distributed PEV scheduling

- Relies on Frank-Wolfe (FW) optimization method
 - Identical per-vehicle partial gradients of the costs

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{r}_n} \left(\sum_{t=1}^T C^t \left(D^t + \sum_{n=1}^N r_n^t \right) \right) = \mathbf{g}, \ n = 1, \dots, N$$

□ At iteration *i*, vehicle *n* solves a linear program

$$\hat{\mathbf{r}}_{n}(i) \in \arg\min_{\hat{\mathbf{r}}_{n} \in \mathcal{E}_{n}} \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{n}^{\top} \mathbf{g}(i)$$

auxiliary variable

Solution: charge first small entries of g(i)

• Vehicle *n* updates $\mathbf{r}_n(i+1) = (1 - \eta(i)) \mathbf{r}_n(i) + \eta(i) \hat{\mathbf{r}}_n(i)$

 $\uparrow \\ \eta(i) := \frac{2}{i+2} \text{ or chosen via line-search}$

L. Zhang, V. Kekatos, and G. B. Giannakis, "Scalable electric vehicle charging protocols," *IEEE Trans. Power Syst.*, 2016 (to appear).

Asynchronous updates

• To deal with *process delays* of EV controllers and/or *commutation failures*

(as1) Lost updates occur independently at random (as2) Probability of a successful update larger than α

Guaranteed convergence with

$$\eta(i) := \frac{2}{\alpha i + 2}$$

• $\mathcal{O}(1/i)$ convergence rate in expectation

L. Zhang, V. Kekatos, and G. B. Giannakis, "A generalized Frank-Wolfe approach to decentralized control of vehicle charging," *Proc. Conf. on Decision and Control*, 2016. 40

Numerical tests

51 out of 52 EVs are updated in an asynchronous setting



- Projected gradient descent (GD) and ADMM must project (expensive!)
- Speed-up advantage of FW thanks to simple updates

Take-home messages

- Distributed and robust PSSE
 - Non-convexity tackled via semidefinite relaxation
 - > Decentralized estimation via *ADMM*
 - Sparse outlier models for robustness to ``bad data''
- Distributed OPF
 - Semidefinite relaxation is tight for radial microgrids
 - ADMM solver for decentralized multiphase OPF
- Distributed DR
 - Decentralized management through *dual decomposition*
 - Resilience to lost AMI messages
- Distributed EV charging
 - Scalable and decentralized scheduler via *Frank-Wolfe* iteration

Thank you!

Robust to random communication outages