

Incremental Cost Consensus Algorithm in a Smart Grid Environment

Y3.F.C1 Distributed Control of FREEDM System

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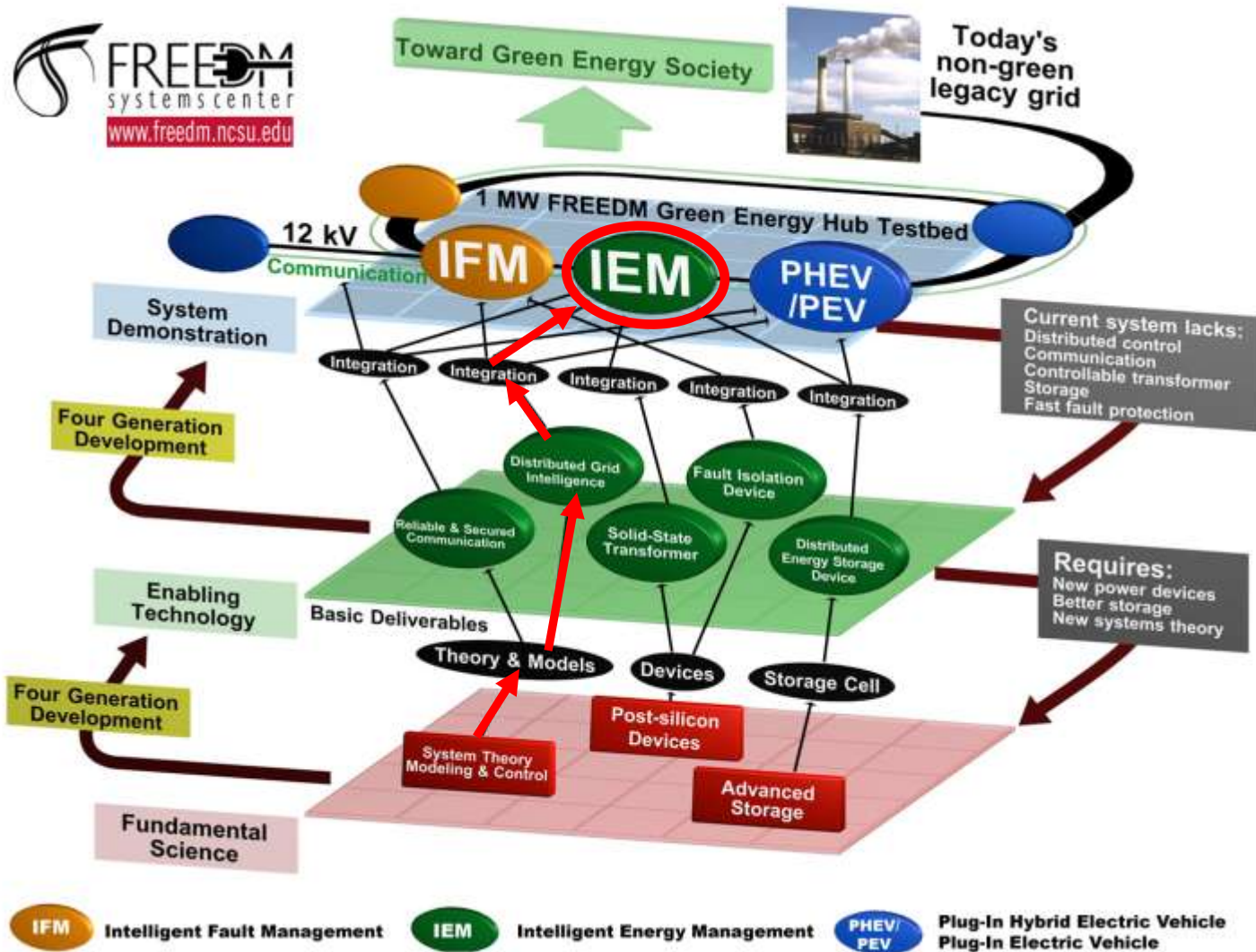
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Background



System Demonstration:

- Intelligent Energy Management

Enabling Technology:

- Distributed Grid Intelligence (DGI)

Fundamental Technology:

- System Theory Modeling and Control (SMC)

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Challenges for the Current Power Grid

- Lack of support for Distributed Generation and Renewable Energy
- Lack of flexibility and adaptability
- Vulnerability to Cyber attack, natural disasters and human errors
- \$100 Billion annual loss due to power quality problems
- Aging Components

Solution:

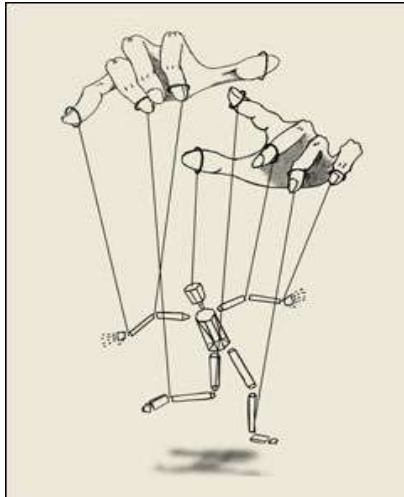
Take advantages from the new technologies -- make the grid smarter

Project Goal

Design and implement high performance distributed controls to achieve real-time intelligent power allocation in FREEDM system.

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Central Control vs. Distributed Control



Puppet

vs.

School of fish



	Central Control	Distributed Control ^[1]
System	Puppets and Puppeteer	School of fish

... groups on the move", *Nature* 433, 513-516 (3 February 2005)

Central Control vs. Distributed Control

	Central Controlled System
Pros	• Control algorithm is relatively simple • ...
Cons	• Computational limitation of central controller • Communication limitation of central controller • Single point of failure will affect the entire system • ...
Usages	Normally more appropriate for systems with simple control

What is consensus?



Consensus ☒ [1]

A school of fish

Goal: swimming towards one same direction



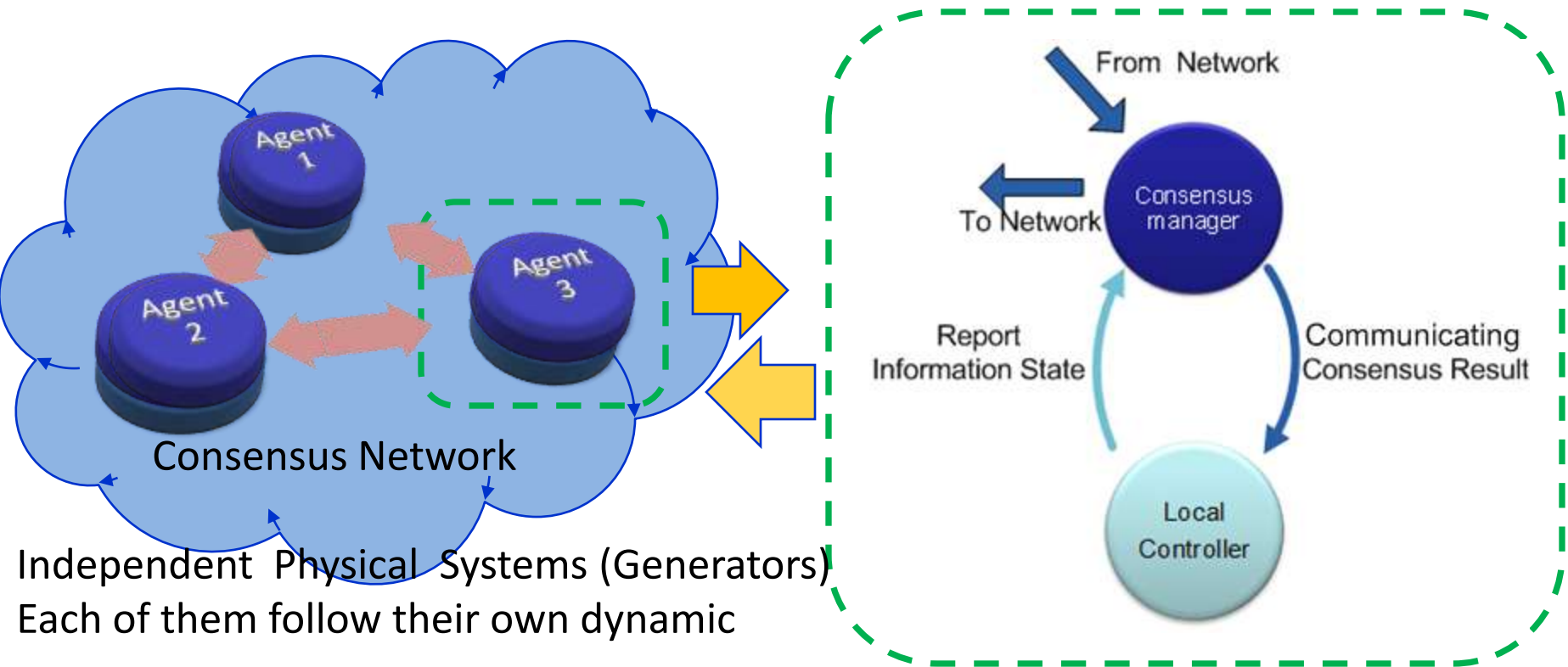
Consensus ☐

Chorus

Goal: Synchronize the melody

[1]. Larissa Conradt and Timothy J. Roper, "Consensus decision making in animals", Trends in Ecology & Evolution, Volume 20, Issue 8, August 2005, Pages 449-456.

How can consensus be reached?

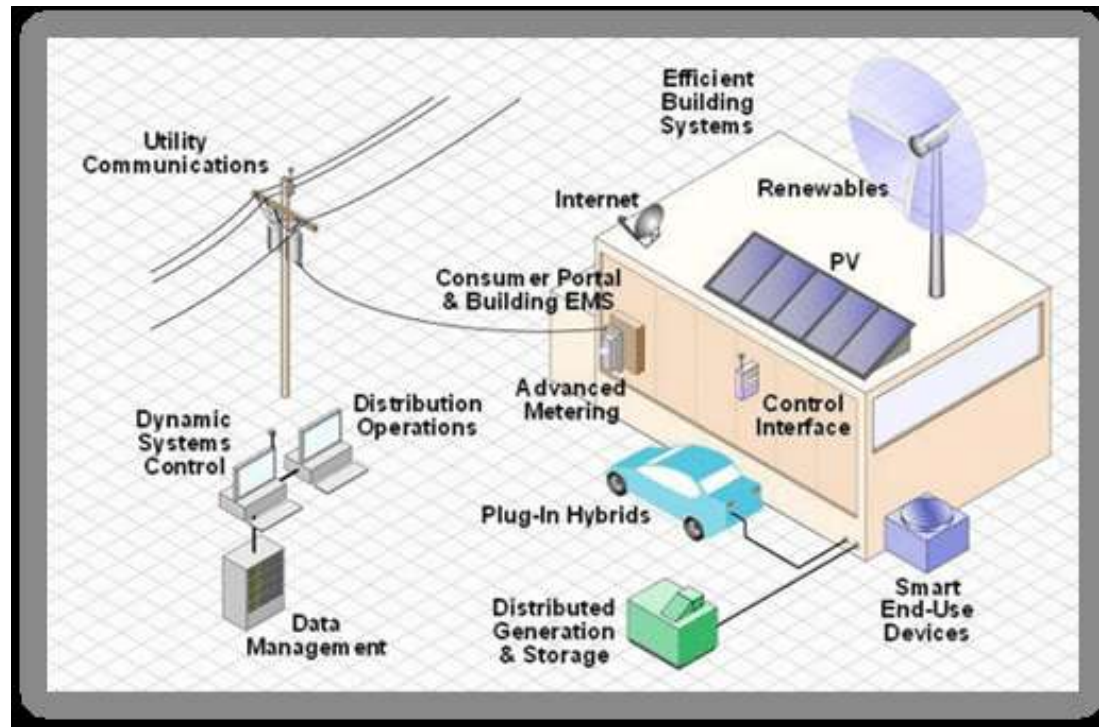


A sufficient condition for reach consensus: If there is a directed spanning tree* exists in the communication network, then consensus can be reached. **

*Spanning tree: a minimal set of edges that connect all nodes

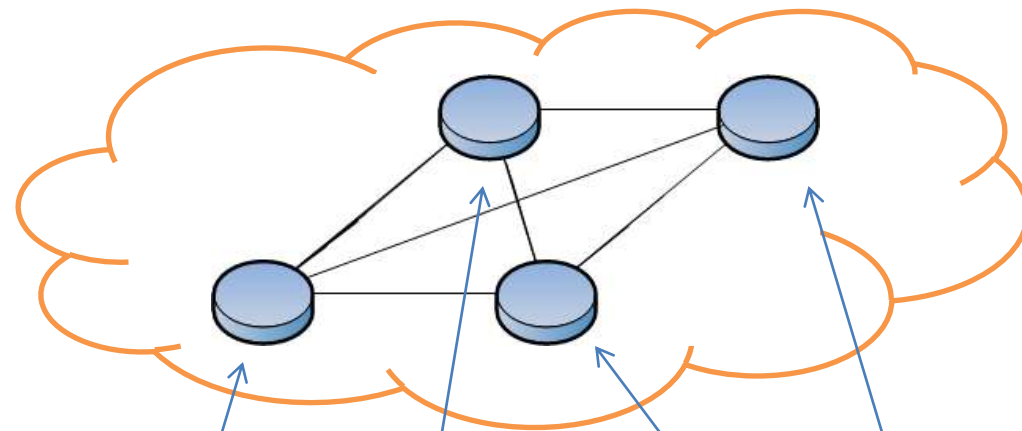
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Networked Control System

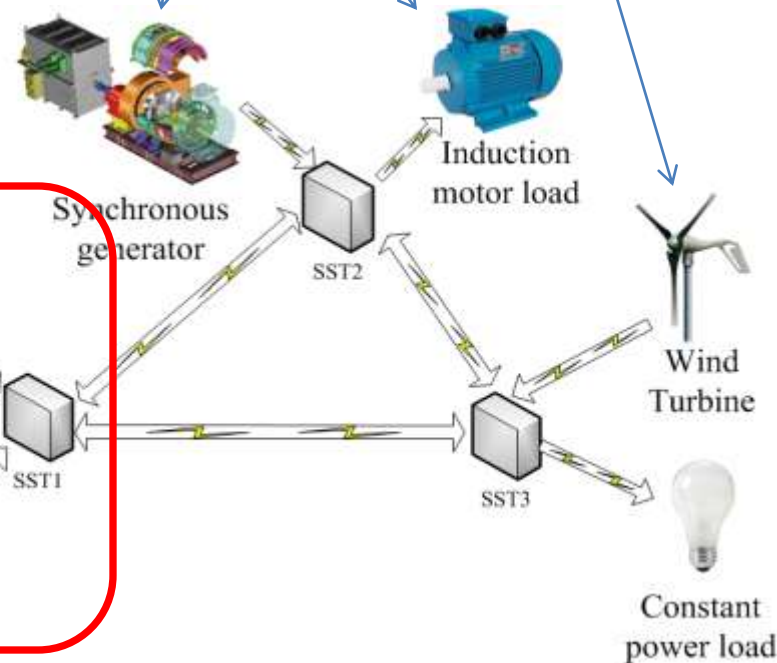


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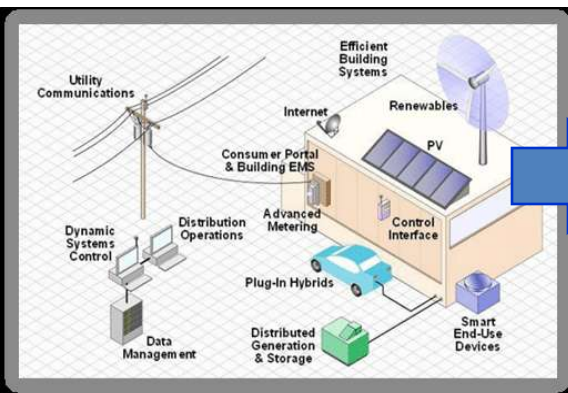
Networked Physical Control System



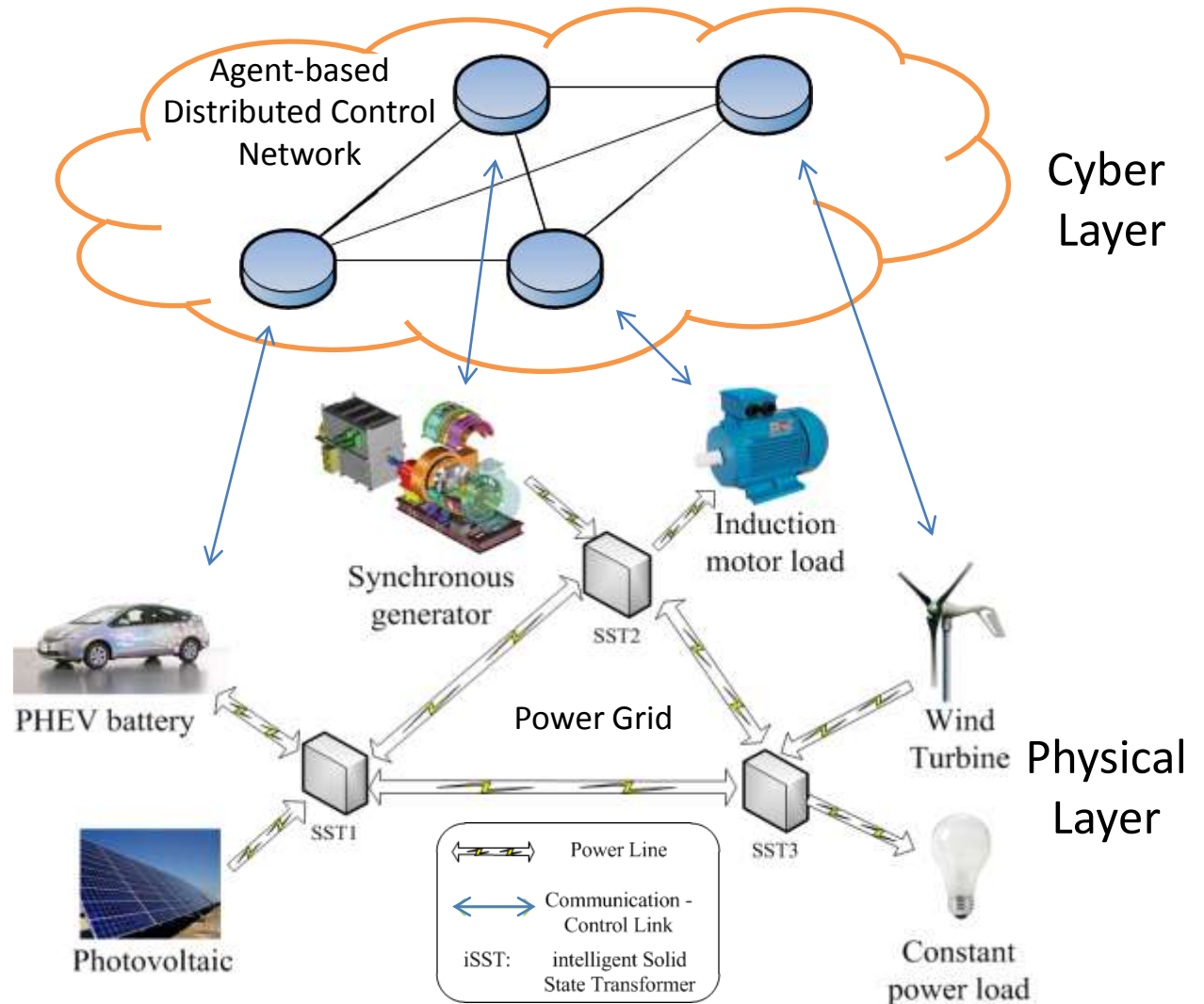
Cyber
Layer



Physical
Layer



Picture from EPRI



Graph Theory Modeling

- Adjacency matrix of a finite graph G on n vertices is the $n \times n$ matrix where the entry a_{ij} is the number of edges from vertex i to vertex j , $a_{ij}=0$ represent that agent i cannot receive information from agent j

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

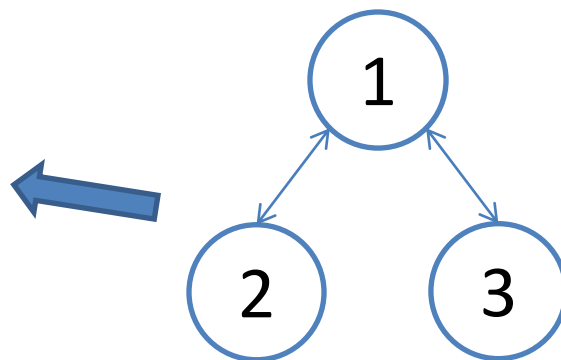
Adjacency matrix



$$\text{diag}(2,1,1) - A = L;$$

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

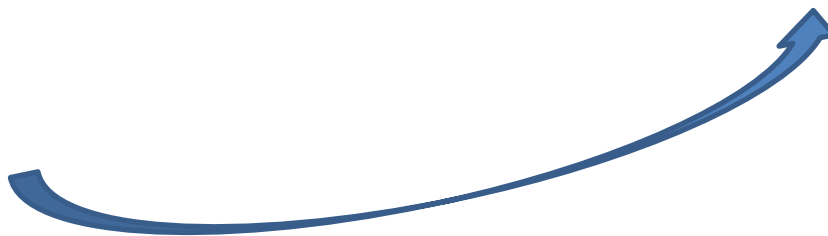
Laplacian matrix



Example Network

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Row-stochastic matrix



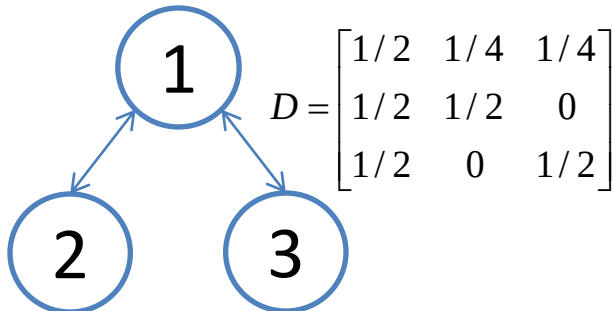
First-order Consensus Algorithm

➤ Consensus problem modeling

- Local information state ξ_i
- First-order system $\dot{\xi}_i = \xi_i, i = 1, \dots, n$
- Consensus algorithm:

	Scalar Form	Matrix Form
Continuous-time	$\dot{\xi}_i = -\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}(\xi_i - \xi_j), i = 1, \dots, n$	$\dot{\xi} = -L_n \xi$
Discrete-time	$\xi_i[k+1] = \sum_{j=1}^n d_{ij} \xi_j[k], i = 1, \dots, n$	$\xi[k+1] = D_n \xi[k]$

Where L_n is the Laplacian matrix associated with A,
and D_n is Row-stochastic matrix associated with A.



k	0	1	2	3...
ξ_1	-2	$-2*1/2+1/4+3/4 = 0$	0	0...
ξ_2	1	$-2*1/2+1*1/2 = -0.5$	-0.25	-0.125...
ξ_3	3	$-2*1/2+3*1/2 = 0.5$	0.25	0.125...

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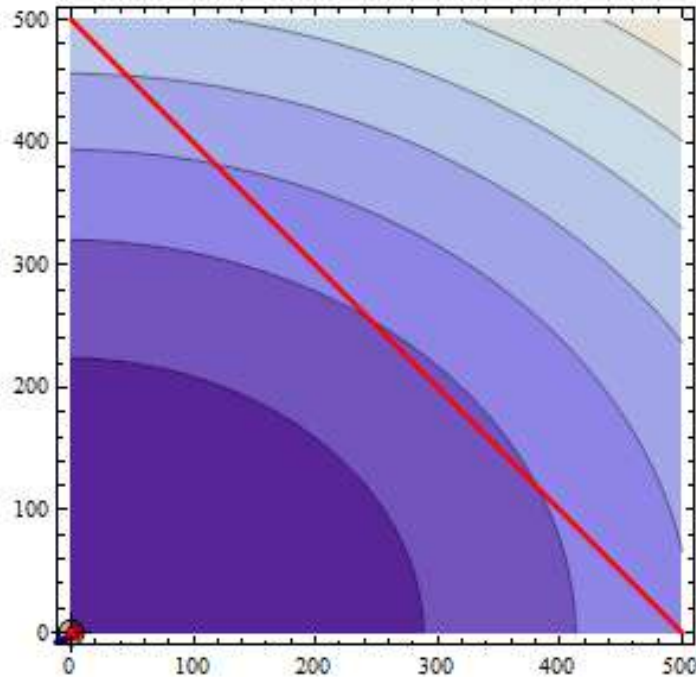
Assumptions:

- All the signals are “good”
 - No security issue
- No generation limitation (in this presentation)
- The cost functions are quadratic
- The power grid topology is fixed

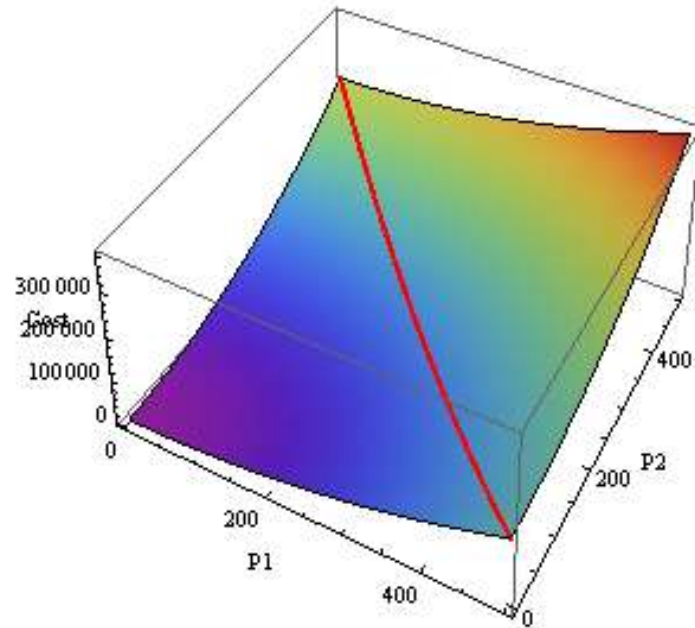
Economic Dispatch Problem -- A constrained optimization problem

$$\text{Min: Cost} = (561 + 7.92P_1 + 0.562P_1^2) + (310 + 7.85P_2 + 0.94P_2^2)$$

$$\text{s.t. : } P_1 + P_2 = 500$$



Contour Graph

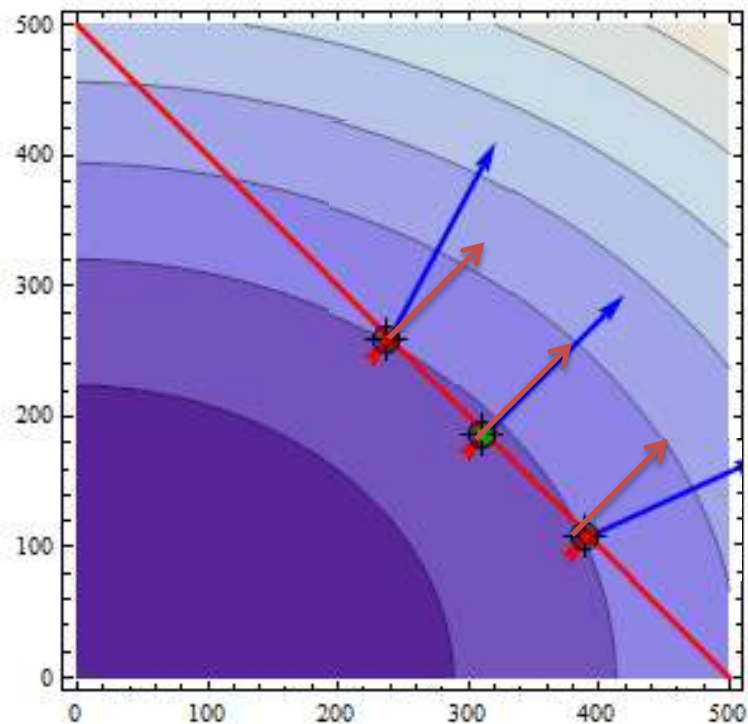


3D view

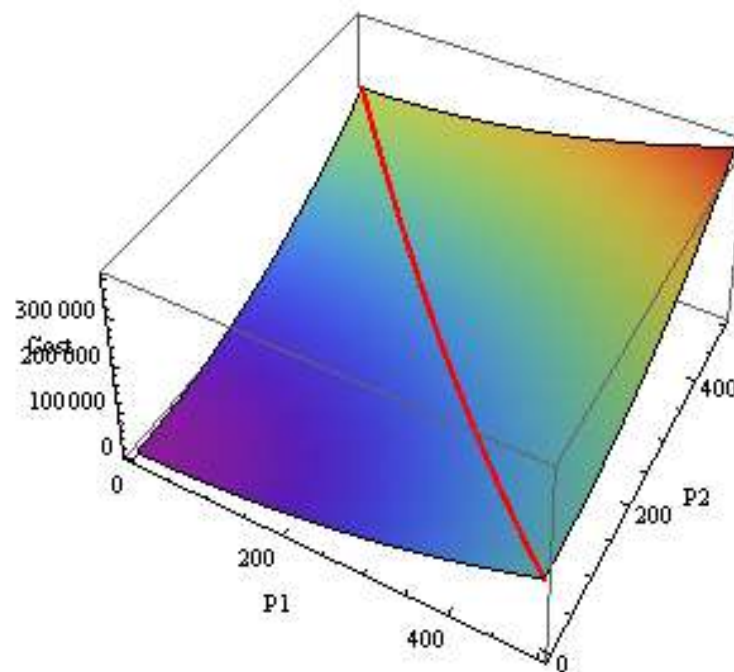
Economic Dispatch Problem -- A constrained optimization problem

$$\text{Min: Cost} = f(P_1, P_2)$$

$$\text{s.t. : } g(P_1, P_2) = P_1 + P_2 - 500$$



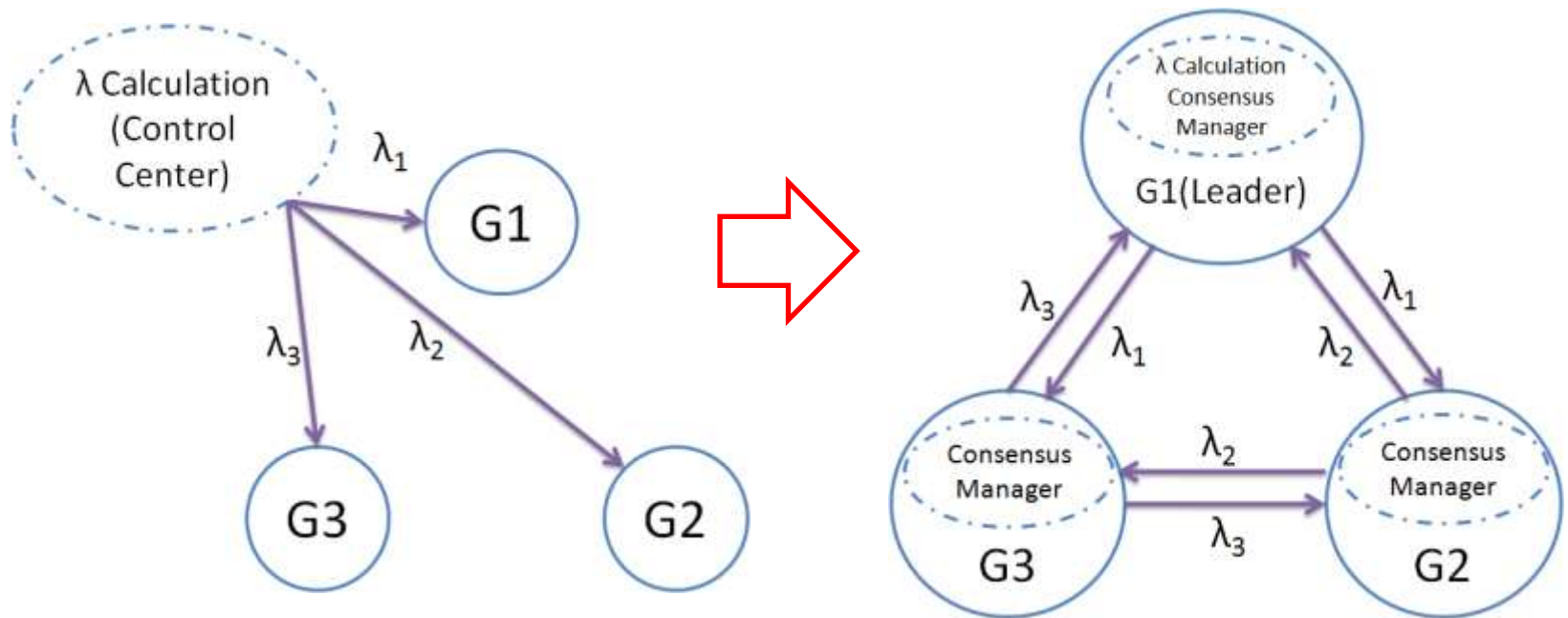
optimal solution at (312.893 , 187.107)



At the optimal point: $\nabla f(x, y) = \lambda \nabla g(x, y)$

Decentralize the Economic Dispatch Problem Using Consensus Network:

When using Lagrange multiplier method solving Economic Dispatch Problem, each generator will have the same Incremental Cost at the minimum cost point



Conventional Central Controlled Communication Topology for a 3-bus system

Distribute Controlled Incremental Cost Consensus Network

Mathematical Formulation :

Assume the fuel-cost curve of each generating unit is known and expressed in terms of the output power:

$$C_i(P_{Gi}) = \alpha_i + \beta_i P_{Gi} + \gamma_i P_{Gi}^2, \quad i=1,2,\dots,m$$

where $C_i(P_{Gi})$ is the cost of generation for unit i .

P_{Gi} is the output power of unit i

The objective is to minimize total cost of operation:

$$C_T = \sum C_i(P_{Gi}).$$

Subject to constraints: $\sum P_{Di} - \sum P_{Gi} = 0$;

From the conventional economic dispatch we know:

$$IC_i = \partial C_i(P_{Gi}) / \partial P_{Gi} = \lambda_i$$

Pick λ as the information state, use the first order discrete consensus algorithm :

$$\lambda_i[k+1] = \sum d_{ij} \lambda_j[k],$$

where d_{ij} is the (i,j) entry of row-stochastic matrix D_n .

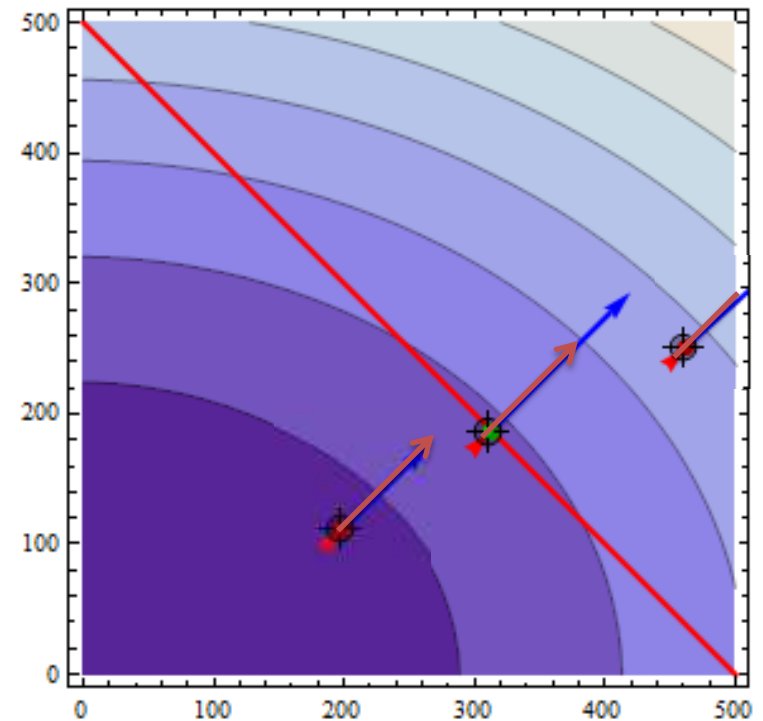
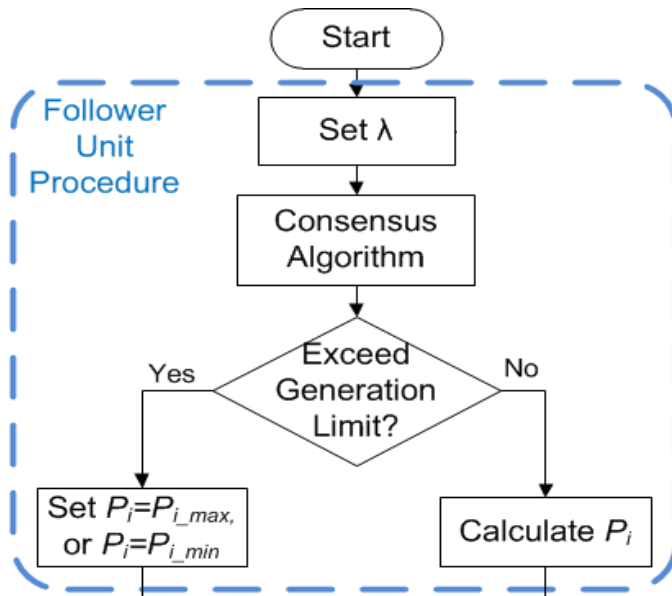
The consensus algorithm for the leader (mediator/ coordinator) generator becomes:

$$\lambda_i[k+1] = \sum d_{ij} \lambda_j[k] + \varepsilon \Delta P,$$

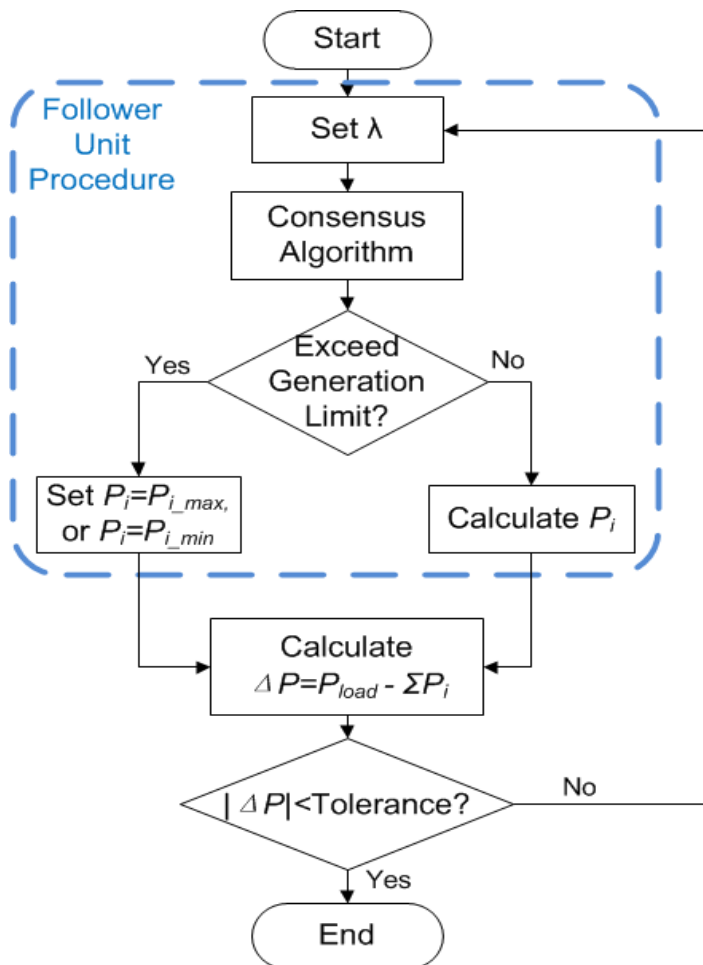
where ε is a scalar which controls the convergence speed.

$$\Delta P = \sum P_{Di} - \sum P_{Gi}.$$

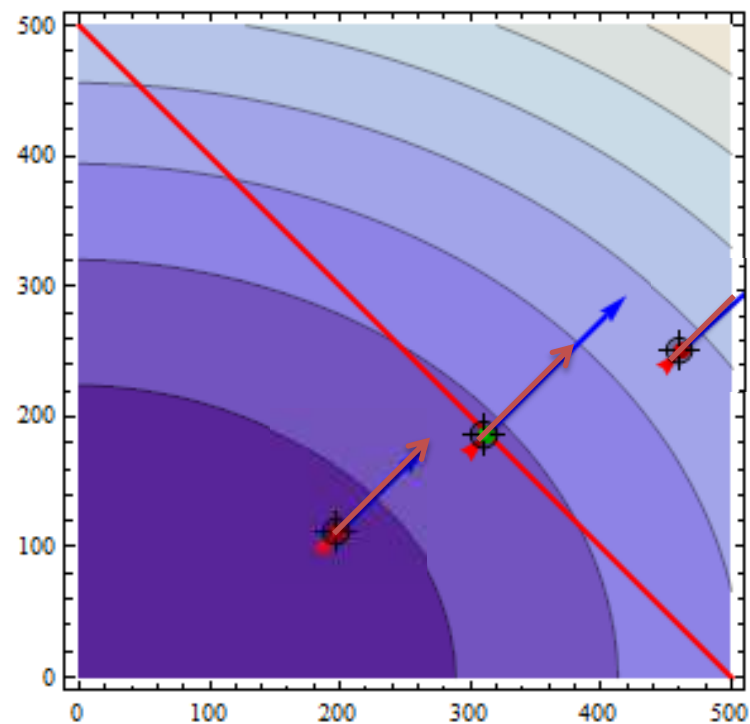
Flow Chart:



Flow Chart:



Increase or decrease λ base on $\text{sign}(\Delta P)$



Simulation Results

Using a fully connected 3-bus system with initial conditions:

$$P_D = 850 \text{ MW}, P_{G1}(0) = 450 \text{ MW},$$

$$P_{G2}(0) = 300 \text{ MW},$$

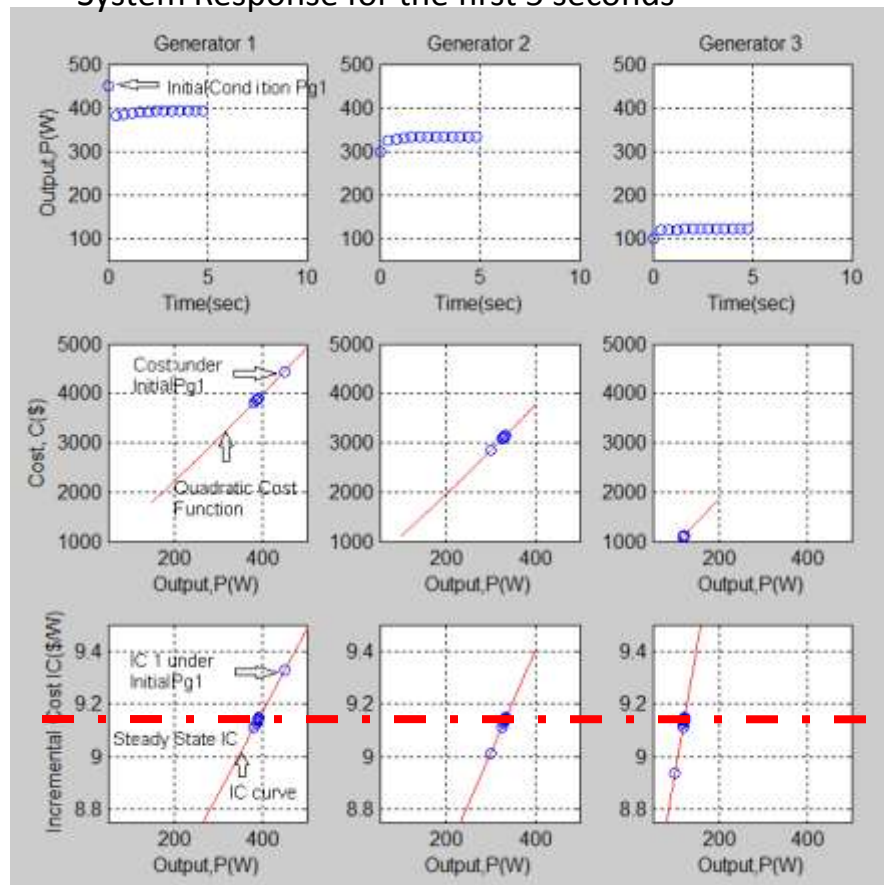
$$P_{G3}(0) = 100 \text{ MW},$$

$$C_1(P_{G1}) = 561 + 7.92P_{G1} + 0.001562P_{G1}^2 \text{ \$/hr}$$

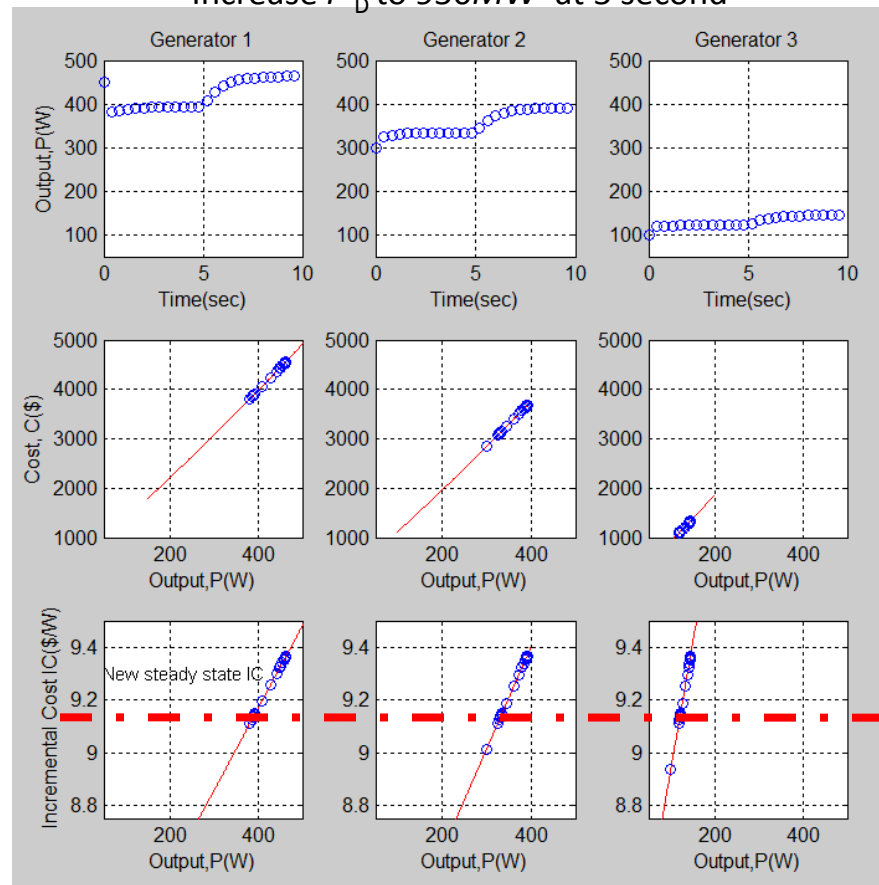
$$C_2(P_{G2}) = 310 + 7.85P_{G2} + 0.00194P_{G2}^2 \text{ \$/hr}$$

$$C_3(P_{G3}) = 78 + 7.79P_{G3} + 0.001482P_{G3}^2 \text{ \$/hr}$$

System Response for the first 5 seconds



Increase P_D to 950 MW at 5 second



When IC Consensus algorithm reach the steady state, the final IC we obtained is equal to the λ which calculated by using the Lagrange multiplier method

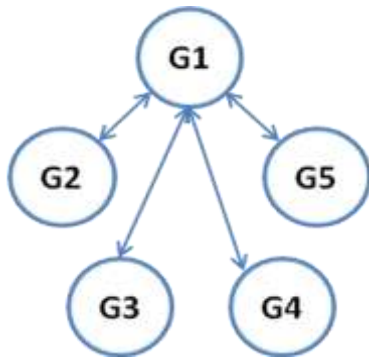
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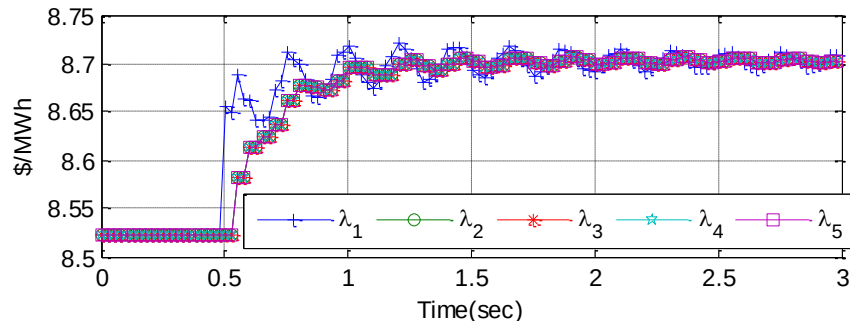
The convergence rate of Incremental Cost Consensus (ICC) algorithm can be affected by following configurations:

- General configurations(which also apply to conventional EDP):
 - Inertia of synchronous generators
 - Power grid topology
 - System sampling rate
 - Signal transmission delay
- Feature configurations (which only valid when using ICC):
 - Communication topology
 - Location of leader
 - Weighting of the edges of communication network

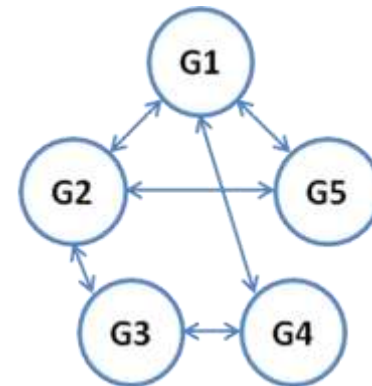
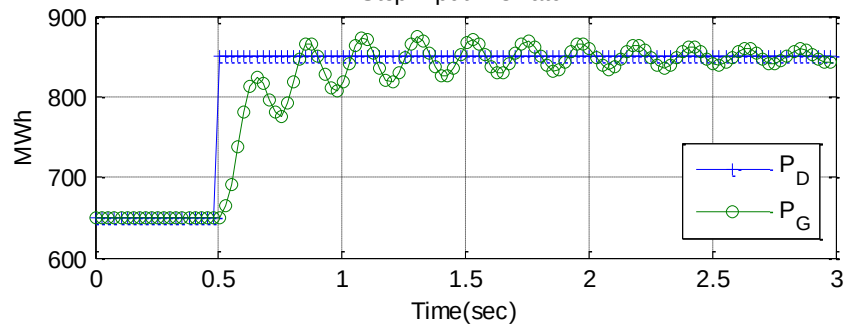
Communication Topology



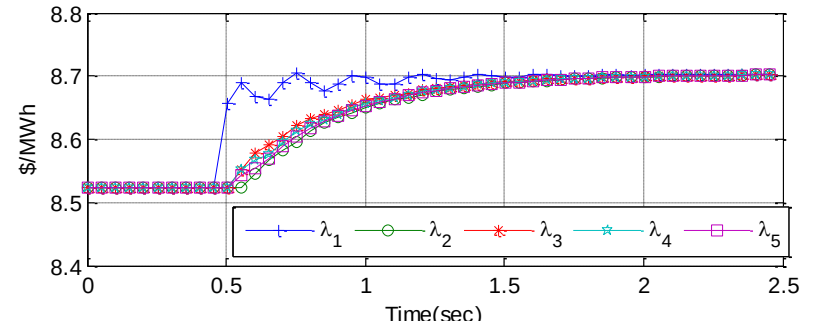
5 Unit Star connection ICs



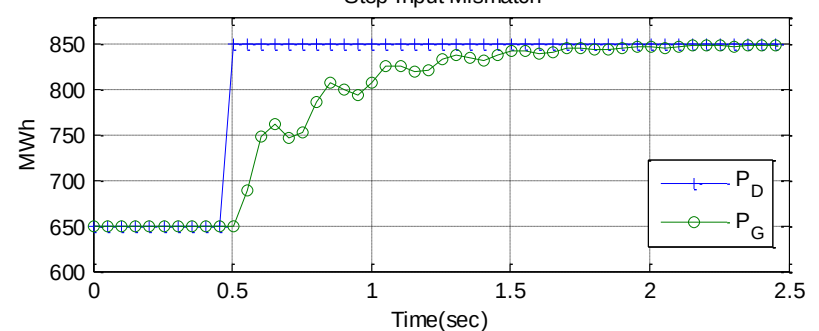
Step Input Mismatch



5 Unit ICs with random connection



Step Input Mismatch



The Location of Leader

Centrality indices have been tested:

C_D : Degree centrality (Nieminen 1974)

C_B : Betweenness centrality (Anthonisse 1971, Freeman 1979)

C_C : Closeness centrality (Sabidussi 1966)

C_E : Eigenvector centrality (Bonacic 1972)

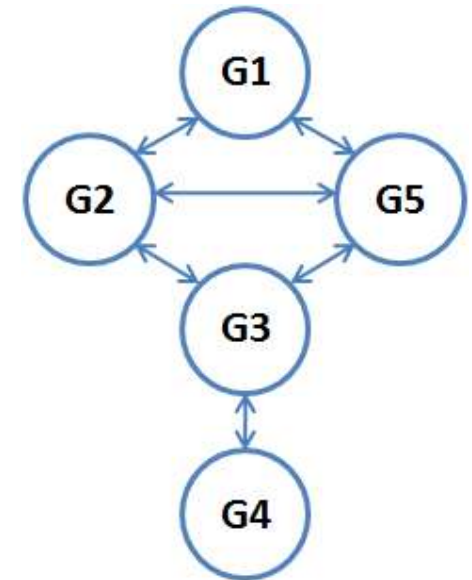
C_S : Subgraph centrality (Estrada and Rodriguez-Velazquez 2005)

Node centralities value calculated by different indices:
(the larger the better)

Node	C_D	C_B	C_C	C_E	C_S
1	2	0	0.14	0.41	3.03
2	3	0.2	0.2	0.54	4.33
3	3	0.6	0.2	0.47	3.82
4	1	0	0.13	0.18	1.67
5	3	0.2	0.2	0.54	4.33

Example:

For a given topology:



The ranking of five nodes based on different centrality measure are:

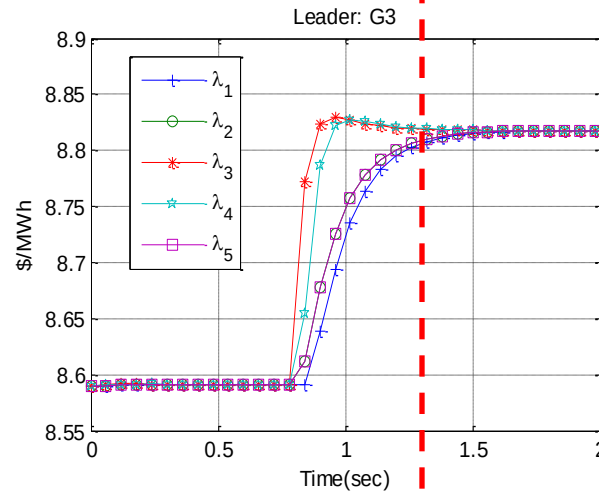
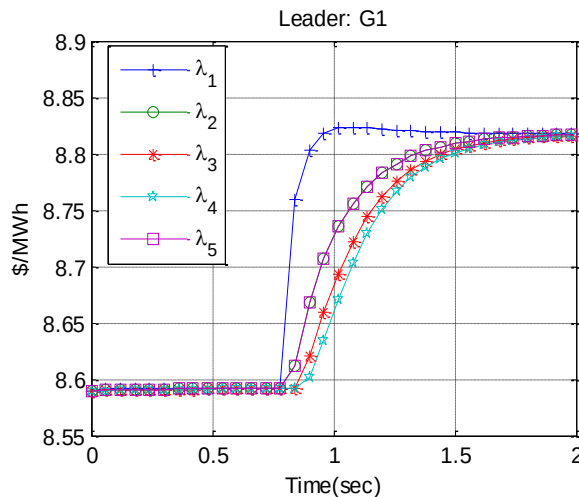
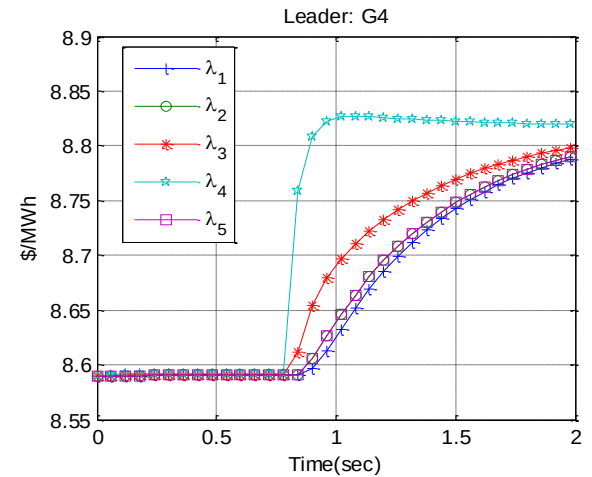
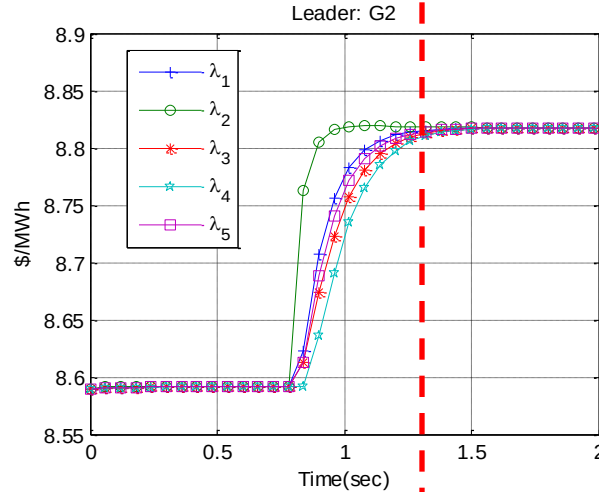
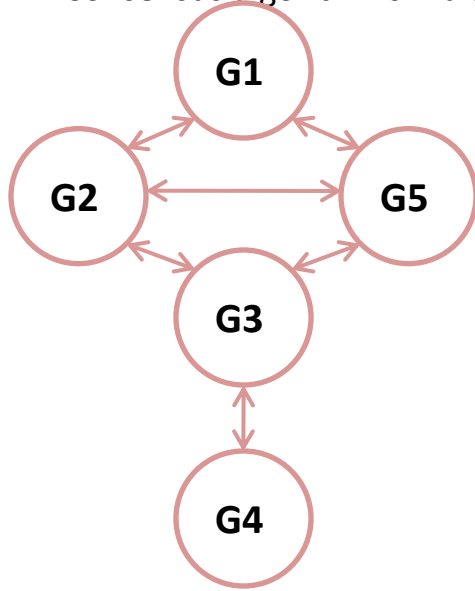
C_D and C_C : $G2 = G3 = G5 > G1 > G4$.

C_B : $G3 > G2 = G5 > G1 = G4$

C_E and C_S : $G2 = G5 > G3 > G1 > G4$

The Location of Leader

Consensus algorithm simulation results by selecting different node as leader :



Convergence rate from simulation :

G2 = G5 > G3 > G1 > G4

The convergence time is consistent with C_E and C_S 's result.

Thus, we suggest use C_E or C_S for leader election.

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- Detailed Greenhub distributed control modeling and simulation
 - Extend to full Greenhub scale
 - Include both communication network and power grid and their interactions
 - Use dynamic topology to simulate “Plug-and-Play” scenario
- Intelligent distributed control algorithms for FREEDM Greenhub
 - Effectively select leaders in the consensus algorithms to guarantee fastest convergence rate
 - Adjust appropriate weightings during consensus updating
- Analyze the robustness of algorithms
 - Package Loss
 - Link failure
 - Node failure
- Investigate the bandwidth limitation issue
 - Develop and implement adaptive sampling strategies
 - Develop and implement distributed bandwidth allocation algorithms
- Investigate network delay effects on the Greenhub distributed control
 - Develop corresponding network delay compensation algorithms

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