Centralized, Distributed, and Coalitional Model Predictive Control

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$$\{ U_1^c(t), U_2^c(t) \} = \arg \min_{U_1, U_2} \quad J_1(x_1(t), U_1, U_2) + J_2(x_1(t), U_2, U_1) \\ x_{1,k+1} = A_1 x_{1,k} + B_{11} u_{1,k} + B_{12} u_{2,k} \\ x_{1,0} = x_1(t) \\ x_{1,k} \in \mathcal{X}_1, \ k = 0, \dots N \\ u_{1,k} \in \mathcal{U}_1, \ k = 0, \dots N - 1 \\ x_{2,k+1} = A_2 x_{2,k} + B_{22} u_{2,k} + B_{21} u_{1,k} \\ x_{2,0} = x_2(t) \\ x_{2,k} \in \mathcal{X}_2, \ k = 0, \dots N \\ u_{2,k} \in \mathcal{U}_2, \ k = 0, \dots N - 1$$

- Irrigation canals are waterways used to deliver water to farmers
- 40% of all the food production comes from irrigated lands and 70% of freshwater consumption is used in agriculture (F.A.O.)





- The control objectives in this context are generally:
 1) keeping the water levels at the end of each reach at set point
 - 2) while using as few changes in structure settings as possible or as little energy as possible when pumping water

• The behavior of these systems is well characterized but complex, e.g.:



Partial Differential Saint-Venant Equations

• For this reason, it is common to use simpler models for control



MPC uses the system model to predict its evolution and calculate the optimal inputs along a certain horizon according to a given cost function



 $u^*(k:k+N_c) = \{u_1^*(k), u_2^*(k), u_3^*(k), u_1^*(k+1), u_2^*(k+1), u_3^*(k+1), \dots, u_1^*(k+N_c), u_2^*(k+N_c), u_3^*(k+N_c)\}$





• However, there are certain issues MPC cannot solve...



 We integrate the operator inside the MPC controller as a movable sensor/actuator with a delay due to traveling times



$$u^{*}(k:k+N_{c}) = \{u_{1}^{*}(k), 0, 0, \underbrace{0, 0, 0}_{travel \ time}, 0, u_{2}^{*}(k+2), 0, \underbrace{0, 0, 0}_{travel \ time}, 0, 0, u_{3}^{*}(k+N_{c})\}$$

 $travel \ time$

• To this end, an MI-QP is solved in an event triggered fashion:





$$\begin{split} \min_{u(k:k+N_{c}),p_{v}^{j}} & \sum_{l=0}^{N_{p}-1} \ell(k+l) \\ \text{s.t.} \\ x(l+1) &= Ax(l) + Bu(l) + w(l) \\ p_{v}^{j} &\in \mathcal{P}_{v}^{j}(N_{s}) \\ u_{i}(l) &= 0, \ \forall i \in \mathcal{V}, \ \forall l \in \{k, k+1, \dots, k+N_{c}\} : a(p_{v}^{j}, i, l) = 0 \\ u_{i}(l) &= 0, \ \forall i \in \mathcal{V}, \forall l \in \{k, k+1, \dots, k+N_{c}\} : a(\hat{p}_{v}^{-j}, i, l) = 0 \\ x(l) &\in \mathcal{X} \\ u(l) &\in \mathcal{U} \end{split}$$





Water Deficiency Comparison

Control configuration	WD(%)
Centralized Control	1.06
2 Human operators applying feedback control	11.21
Mobile Canal Control with 2 human operators	1.87

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Distributed Model Predictive Control



Distributed Model Predictive Control

• Many control schemes have been proposed with differences on

– System decomposition

- Information available

Communicational constraints



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- Algorithm
 - In order to make a proposal, each agent calculates the optimal control action for a (sub)set of inputs that affect its dynamics

$$\begin{aligned} \{U_j^p(t)\}_{j\in n_p} &= \arg\min_{\{U_j\}_{j\in n_p}} J_p(x_p, \{U_j\}_{j\in n_p}) \\ s.t. \\ x_{p,k+1} &= A_p x_{p,k} + \sum_{j\in n_p} B_{pj} u_{j,k} \\ x_{p,0} &= x_i(t) \\ x_{p,k} &\in \mathcal{X}_p, \ k = 0, \dots N \\ u_{j,k} &\in \mathcal{U}_j, \ k = 0, \dots N - 1, \ \forall j \in n_p \\ x_{p,N} &\in \Omega_p \\ U_j &= U_j^s(t), \ \forall j \notin P_p \end{aligned}$$

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• Hydro-Power Valley (EDF)





Scheme	IATE	ETE	ETE2	Comm. Cost.	Violations	SAIDS	SAII	
	(MW·h)	(€)	(€)	(#floats/sample]	(m·h)	(m ³ /s)	(m ³ /s)	
DMS	0.06	4	3	6 027 168	$0.02 \\ 0.13 \\ 0.62 \\ 2.10 \\ 60.48$	12 637.91	10 489.28	
DMPC-BAN	89.09	5808	3388	1500		8152.11	2915.82	
DAPG	3.86	250	229	1 218 000		7434.22	1034.83	
S-DMPC	36.72	2419	1788	2937		8951.34	2731.54	
GT-DMPC	116.39	7998	5184	500		11 267.17	5517.10	



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Fallacies of Distributed Computing (1994)

- 1 The network is reliable.
- 2 Latency is zero.
- 3 Bandwidth is infinite.
- 4 The network is secure.
- 5 Topology doesn't change.
- 6 There is one administrator.
- 7 Transport cost is zero.
- 8 The network is homogeneous.

DMPC based on dual decomposition

 We have a coupled optimization problem and we would like to solve it in a distributed fashion

 $J(U) = J_1(U) + J_2(U)$

Can we do this? $\min J(U) \Leftrightarrow \min J_1(U), \min J_2(U)$

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The dual decomposition trick

• We use auxiliary variables

$$\min J(U) \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \min J_1(U_1), \min J_2(U_2) \\ \text{s.t.} \\ U_1 = U_2 \end{cases}$$

 But how do we satisfy these new constraints in a distributed fashion?

The dual decomposition trick

• We use Lagrangian prices

$$\begin{array}{l} \min_{U_1,U_2} J_1(U_1) + J_2(U_2) \\ \text{s.t.} \\ U_1 = U_2 \end{array} \right\} \Leftrightarrow \max_{\lambda} \min_{U_1,U_2} J_1(U_1) + J_2(U_2) + \lambda(U_1 - U_2)$$

- There is an incentive to make U1=U2 to minimize costs
- Can we solve this now in a distributed fashion?
 YES!!!

The dual decomposition trick

• At time k, we start with initial prices

$$\lambda_0(k)$$

- Each local controller optimizes a local cost function

$$\min_{U_1} J_1(U_1) + \lambda U_1 \qquad \min_{U_2} J_2(U_2) - \lambda U_2$$

 After local optimization, prices are updated by a coordinator following a gradient method in order to reduce the constraint violation until convergence is attained

$$\lambda_{l+1}(k) = \lambda_l(k) + \gamma(U_1 - U_2)$$

What happens if agent 1 solves a different problem?

For example, by using different prices

$$\min_{U_1} J_1(U_1) + \frac{\lambda}{\alpha} U_1$$



 Or by introducing fake constraints or implementing a different control action

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Syste	em Mo	odel		
$\frac{dh_1}{dt}$	$=-rac{a_1}{A_1}$	$(2gh_1 + \frac{1}{2})$	$\frac{a_3}{A_3}\sqrt{2gh_3} +$	$\frac{\gamma_a}{A_1}q_A,$
$\frac{dh_2}{dt}$	$=-\frac{a_2}{A_2}$	$(2gh_2 + \frac{1}{2})$	$\frac{a_4}{A_4}\sqrt{2gh_4} +$	$\frac{\gamma_b}{A_2}q_B,$
$\frac{dh_3}{dt}$	$=-\frac{a_3}{A_3}$	$\sqrt{2gh_3} + \frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{(1-\gamma_b)}{A_3}q_B,$	
$\frac{dh_4}{dt}$	$=-rac{a_4}{A_4}$	$\sqrt{2gh_4} + \frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{(1-\gamma_a)}{A_4}q_A,$	

Constraints

 $0.2 \,\mathrm{m} \le h_1[k], \, h_3[k] \le 1.36 \,\mathrm{m}, \\ 0.2 \,\mathrm{m} \le h_2[k], \, h_4[k] \le 1.36 \,\mathrm{m}, \\ 0 \,\mathrm{m}^3/\mathrm{h} \le q_A[k] \le 3.26 \,\mathrm{m}^3/\mathrm{h}, \\ 0 \,\mathrm{m}^3/\mathrm{h} \le q_B[k] \le 4 \,\mathrm{m}^3/\mathrm{h}.$

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Example (III)

Standard DMPC

Fake prices



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Goal:

Provide robustness to the subsystems in a distributed fashion.

Alternatives:

- MS-DMPC
- TB-DMPC
- Secure dual decomposition DMPC

Scenario Generation

Noise was added to the controllers' states xi[k] at each time step considered in the experiments.

$$\Lambda_i(k) = \{\lambda_i^1(k), \lambda_i^2(k), \cdots, \lambda_i^{N_s}(k)\}$$

Set of collected scenarios

MS-DMPC

$$\min_{u_i[k:k+N_{\rm p}-1]} \sum_{l=1}^{N_s} \rho_i^l \sum_{j=k}^{k+N_{\rm p}-1} (\ell_i(x_i^l(j+1), u_i(j)) + \lambda^l(j)^T C_i u_i(j)),$$

subject to

$$\begin{split} x_i^l(j+1) &= A_i^l x_i^l(j) + B_i u_i(j), \\ x_i^l(j) &\in \mathcal{X}_i, \quad \forall j \in \mathbb{Z}_+, \quad \forall l \in \mathbb{Z}_1^{N_s}, \\ u_i(j) &\in \mathcal{U}_i, \quad \forall j \in \mathbb{Z}_+, \quad \forall l \in \mathbb{Z}_1^{N_s}, \end{split}$$

where ρ^l is the probability of occurrence of each scenario l.

Example (III)

MS-MPC Defense Mechanism Running



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- Typical assumption
 - Coupling does not change with time
 - Consequently neighborhoods are static

But does coupling change with time?

• It does. Coupling changes with time...

Neurons



Formations





Strategies





- Coalitions are groups of agents with relevant coupling at a given period of time
- Static coalitions already exist in control: partitions



Decentralized control

No information exchange Mutual interactions are neglected



Distributed control

Continuous information exchange Interactions are handled







- We have developed different coalitional control algorithms that promote coalitional behavior
- Two approaches:
 - Top-down (Hierarchical)
 - Bottom-up



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Improvement of performance through **coalitional** control













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- 16 interconnected water tanks
 - Only one global source (top-left)
 - Only one global sink (bottom-right)



Decentralized MPC

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0.5

Distributed/Centralized MPC



0.5

Coalitional MPC

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0.5

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Pairwise bargaining with:

- Closed loop stability
- Coalitional stability
- Convergence to the core



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Noncooperative Game Theory				Cooperative Game Theory					
Rational behavior	Conflicting interests	Independent agents	Objective function influenced by other agents' actions	No coordina tion	Communication	Self- organizing agents	Benefit through cooperation	Fairness	
						70			

• Constraints on Shapley value and closed-loop stability

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Basic equation: energy demand at CM-i

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$$E_{t+1}^i = E_t^i + \Delta T E_i \left(b(p^{per} - p_i) + d(p^{alt} + \phi - p_i) + c(QoS_t^i - QoS_t^{per}) - f(1 - QoS_t^i) \right)$$

Where:

- E_i Energy served by CM-i.
- p_i Energy price offered by CM-i (\in /kWh).
- $p^{per} \rightarrow Price perceived by customers$
- QoSper Quality of Service perceived by custumers which is assumed to be a weighted sum of the quality of the services provided by the different CMs.
- *p_{alt}* is the price of an alternative energy source (e.g. the price for charging the battery at home).
- Δt sample time.
- b_i, c_i, d_i, f_i coefficients: to be tuned using the microscopic model



- Coalitions on pricing strategies
 - Measures like limitations on the allowed market share of a single coalition (antitrust) demonstrate to be a mean to keep prices under control
 - Access costs as a function of the sold energy volume allow to avoid the formation of monopoly

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Conclusions

- Model Predictive Control is a powerful and versatile framework
 - i. Mature control method with many theoretical results
 - ii. It largely benefits from the advances on ICT
 - iii. Promising application to cyber-physical systems
- Distributed MPC is powerful but...
 - i. Schemes have been developed naively
 - ii. There is a need for cyber-security
 - iii. Deep implications regarding theoretical properties
- Future points to flexible and resilient architectures
 - i. Misbehaving agents have to be identified
 - ii. Control architecture must be adapted in real time
 - iii. Coalitional control offers an opportunity
- Current work: flexible/coalitional MPC schemes that deal with noncompliant agents

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