

# Distributed Optimization Algorithms for Networked Systems

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# Distributed Optimization

Distributed  $\approx$  Parallel

## Distributed (or Decentralized)

Divide problem into smaller sub-problems (nodes)

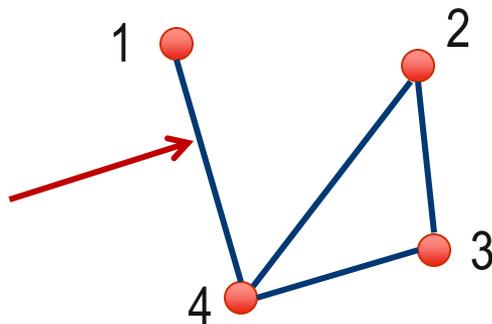
Each node solves only its assigned sub-problem (more manageable)

Only local communications between nodes (no supervisor, more privacy)

Iterative procedure until convergence

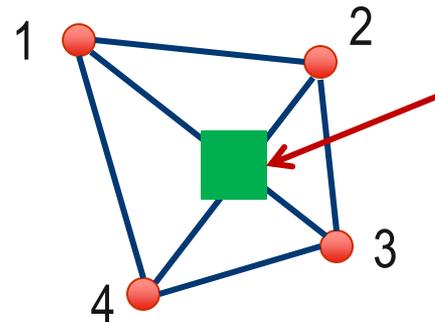
## Distributed

Nodes 1&4 can  
communicate  
their decisions



## Parallel

Shared memory  
may exist.



# Why Distributed?

## Centralized computation suffers from:

Poor Scalability (curse of dimensionality)

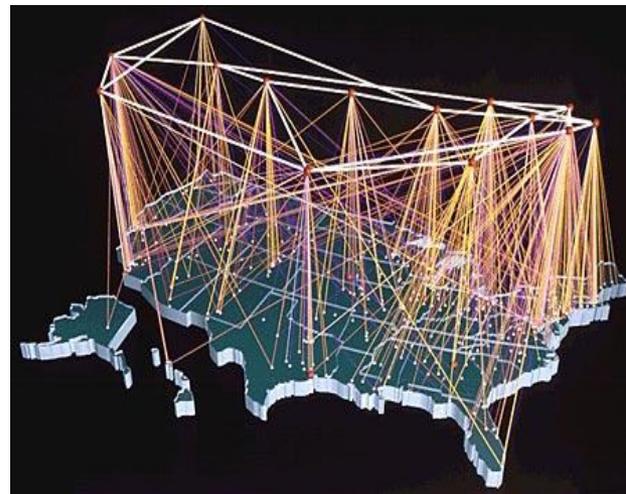
Requires supervising unit

Large communication costs

Significant Delays

Vulnerable to Changes

Security/Privacy Issues



## Question to answer in Distributed methods:

Convergence to centralized solution  
(optimality, speed)?

# Distributed Optimization Methods

## Primal Decomposition

## Dual Decomposition (Ordinary Lagrangians)

[Everett, 1963]

## Augmented Lagrangians

Alternating Directions Method of Multipliers (ADMM) [Glowinski et al., 1970], [Eckstein and Bertsekas, 1989]

Diagonal Quadratic Approximation (DQA) [Mulvey and Ruszczyński, 1995]

## Newton's Methods

Accelerated Dual Descent (ADD) [Zargham et al., 2011]

Distributed Newton Method [Wei et al., 2011]

## Random Projections

[Lee and Nedic, 2013]

## Coordinate Descent

[Mukherjee et al., 2013], [Liu et al., 2015], [Richtarik and Takac, 2015]

## Nesterov-like methods

[Nesterov, 2014], [Jakovetic et al., 2014]

## Continuous-time methods

[Mateos and Cortes, 2014], [Kia et al., Arxiv], [Richert and Cortes, Arxiv]

Optimal Wireless  
Networking

Distributed State  
Estimation

# Outline

**Accelerated Distributed Augmented Lagrangians (ADAL) method**  
for optimal wireless networking

**Fast convergence**  
**Noisy communication**

**Accelerated Distributed Augmented Lagrangians (ADAL) method under noise**  
for optimal wireless networking

**Random Approximate Projections (RAP) method with inexact data**  
for distributed state estimation

**Light-weight**  
**Distributed LMI constraints**  
**Mobile networks**

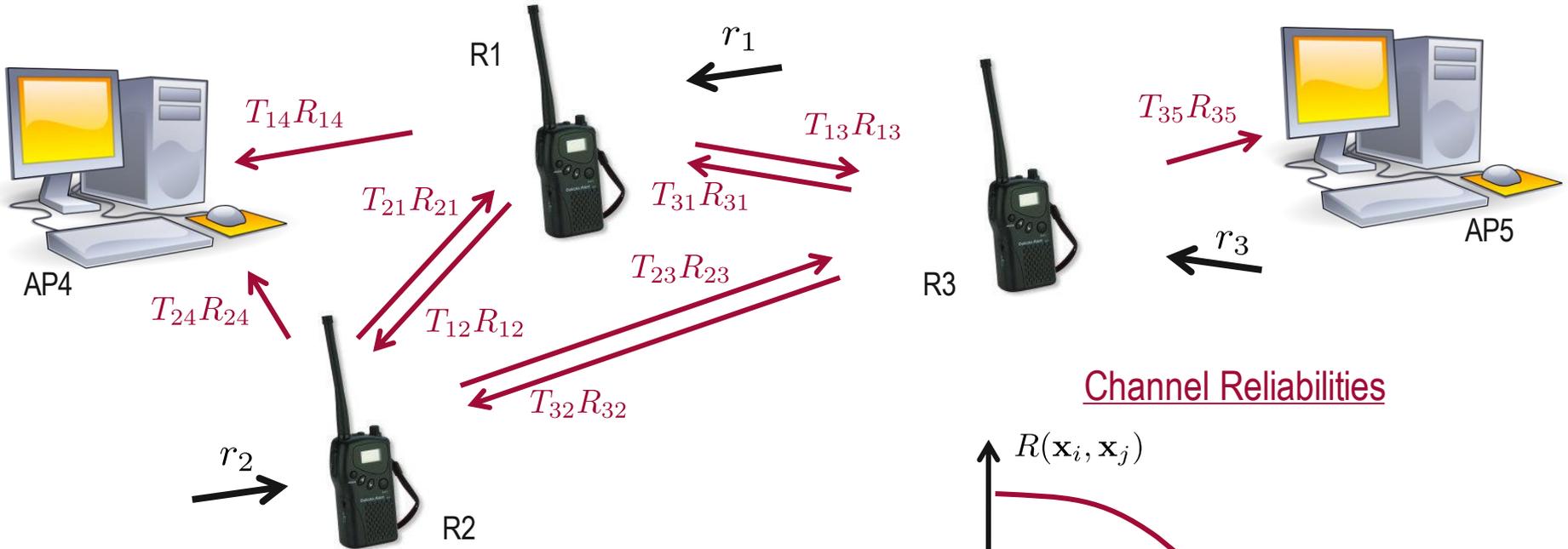
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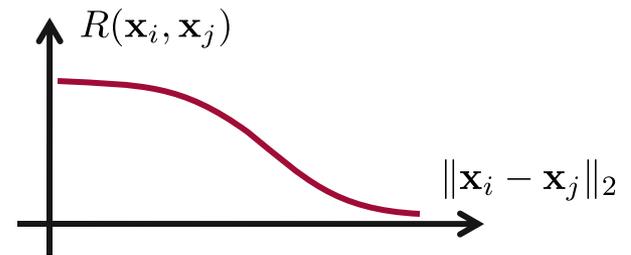
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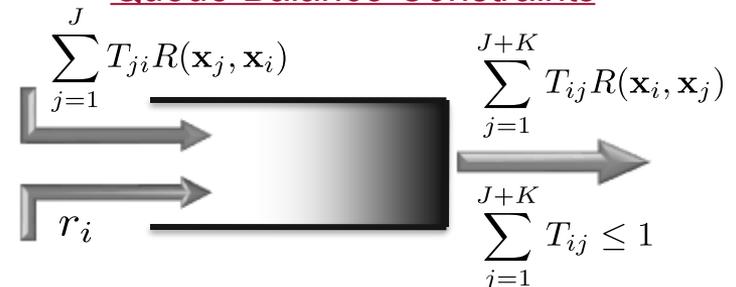
# Wireless Communication Networks



## Channel Reliabilities

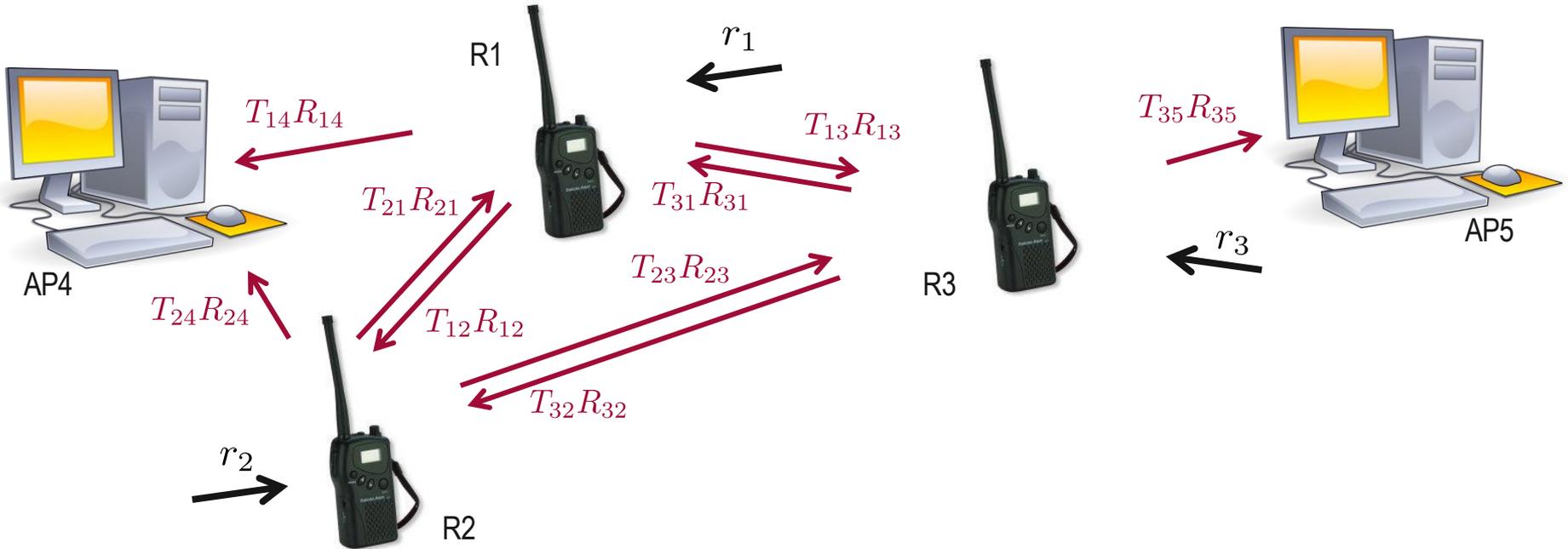


## Queue Balance Constraints



- $J$  source nodes,  $K$  access points (APs)
- $r_i$ : the rate of information generated at node  $i$
- $R_{ij}$ : the rate of information correctly transmitted from node  $i$  to node  $j$
- $T_{ij}$ : the fraction of time node  $i$  selects node  $j$  as its destination

# Optimal Wireless Networking

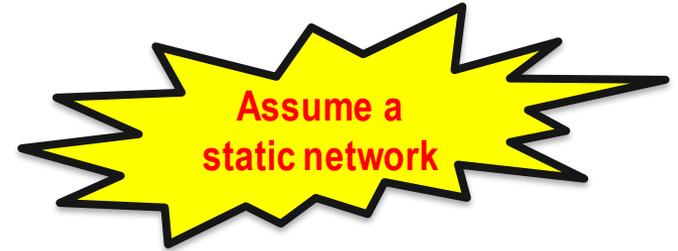


Find the routes  $T$  that maximize a utility of the rates generated at the sources, while respecting the queue constraints at the radio terminals.

# Mathematical Formulation

Optimal network flow:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \max_{T \in [0,1]^{J(J+K)}} f(r(T)) && \text{Network cost function} \\
 \text{s.t.} & r_{i,\min} \leq r_i(T) = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J} \cup \mathcal{K}} T_{ij} R_{ij} - \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} T_{ji} R_{ji}, && \text{Rate constraint} \\
 & \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J} \cup \mathcal{K}} T_{ij} = 1, \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{K} && \text{Time slot share}
 \end{aligned}$$

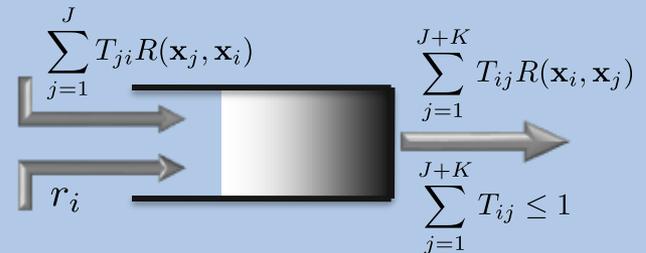


Linear:  $f(r(T)) = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{J}} w_i r_i(T)$

Logarithmic:  $f(r(T)) = - \sum_{i \in \mathcal{J}} \log(r_i(T))$

Min-Rate:  $f(r(T)) = \min_{i \in \mathcal{J}} \{r_i(T)\}$

Rate constraint:



# Dual Decomposition

**Lagrangian:** 
$$\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\lambda}, \mathbf{T}) = \sum_{i=1}^J f_i(r_i(\mathbf{T})) + \sum_{i=1}^J \lambda_i \left[ \sum_{j=1}^{J+K} T_{ij} R_{ij} - \sum_{j=1}^J T_{ji} R_{ji} - r_{i,\min} \right]$$

**Local Lagrangian:**

$$\mathcal{L}_i(\boldsymbol{\lambda}, \mathbf{T}) = f_i(r_i(\mathbf{T})) - \lambda_i r_{i,\min} + \sum_{j=1}^J T_{ij} R_{ij} (\lambda_i - \lambda_j) + \sum_{j=J+1}^{J+K} \lambda_i T_{ij} R_{ij}$$

so that 
$$\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\lambda}, \mathbf{T}) = \sum_{i=1}^J \mathcal{L}_i(\boldsymbol{\lambda}, \mathbf{T})$$

Involves only primal variables  $\{T_{ij}\}_{j=1}^{J+K}$  and for a given  $i$ .

Therefore, to find the variables  $\{T_{ij}(\lambda)\}_{j=1}^{J+K}$  that maximize the global Lagrangian, it suffices to find the arguments that maximize the local Lagrangians.

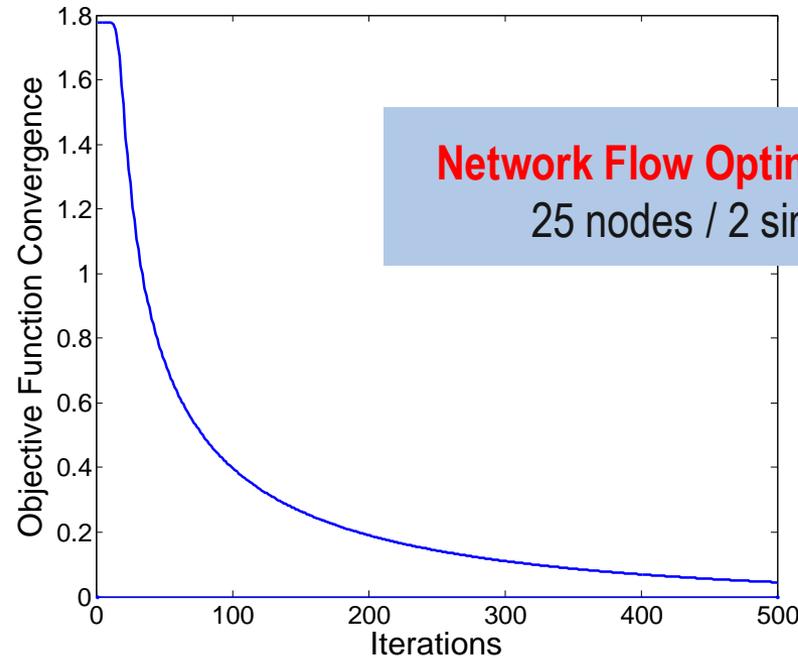
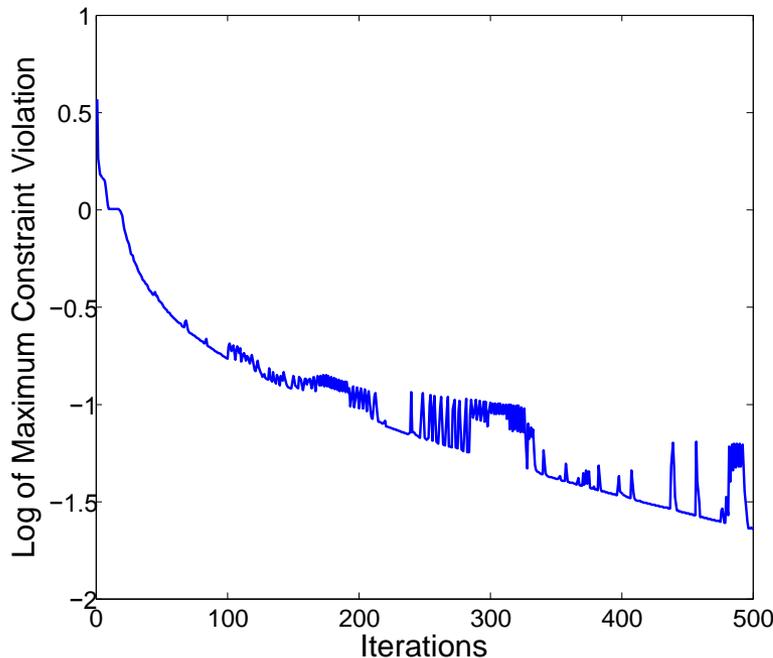
# Primal-Dual Method

**Primal Iteration:**

$$\mathbf{T}^k = \operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{T} \in [0,1]^{J(J+K)}} \left\{ \mathcal{L}_i(\boldsymbol{\lambda}^k, \mathbf{T}) \mid \sum_{j=1}^{J+K} T_{ij} = 1 \right\}$$

**Dual Iteration:**

$$\lambda_i^{k+1} = \left[ \lambda_i^k - \epsilon \left( \sum_{j=1}^{J+K} T_{ij}^k R_{ij} - \sum_{j=1}^J T_{ji}^k R_{ji} - r_{i,\min} \right) \right]^+$$



**Network Flow Optimization**  
25 nodes / 2 sinks

# Accelerated Network Optimization

Ordinary Lagrangian methods are attractive because of their simplicity, however, they converge slow. Thus, we opt for regularized methods.

**Augmented Lagrangian:**

Ordinary Lagrangian



$$\Lambda(\boldsymbol{\lambda}, \mathbf{T}) = \sum_{i=1}^J f_i(r_i(\mathbf{T})) + \sum_{i=1}^J \lambda_i \left( \sum_{j=1}^{J+K} T_{ij} R_{ij} - \sum_{j=1}^J T_{ji} R_{ji} - r_{i,\min} \right) + \frac{\rho}{2} \sum_{i=1}^J \left( \sum_{j=1}^{J+K} T_{ij} R_{ij} - \sum_{j=1}^J T_{ji} R_{ji} - r_{i,\min} \right)^2$$

Regularization term

Non-separable !!

# In Matrix Form

**Local variables:**  $\mathbf{z}_i = [T_{i1}, T_{i2}, \dots, T_{i(J+K)}] \in [0, 1]^{J+K}$

**Primal problem:**

$$\min_{\mathbf{z}_i \in \mathcal{Z}_i} \sum_{i=1}^J f_i(\mathbf{z}_i)$$

s.t.  $\sum_{i=1}^J \mathbf{R}_i \mathbf{z}_i = \mathbf{r}_{\min}$

**Augmented Lagrangian:**

$$\Lambda(\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \sum_{i=1}^J f_i(\mathbf{z}_i) + \boldsymbol{\lambda}^T \left( \sum_{i=1}^J \mathbf{R}_i \mathbf{z}_i - \mathbf{r}_{\min} \right) + \frac{\rho}{2} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^J \mathbf{R}_i \mathbf{z}_i - \mathbf{r}_{\min} \right\|^2$$

# Method of Multipliers

Augmented Lagrangian:

$$\Lambda(\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \sum_{i=1}^J f_i(\mathbf{z}_i) + \boldsymbol{\lambda}^T \left( \sum_{i=1}^J \mathbf{R}_i \mathbf{z}_i - \mathbf{r}_{\min} \right) + \frac{\rho}{2} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^J \mathbf{R}_i \mathbf{z}_i - \mathbf{r}_{\min} \right\|^2$$

**Method of Multipliers** (Hestenes, Powell 1969):

**Step 0:** Set  $k=1$  and define initial Lagrange multipliers  $\boldsymbol{\lambda}^1$

**Step 1:** For fixed Lagrange multipliers  $\boldsymbol{\lambda}^k$ , determine  $\mathbf{z}^k$  as the solution of

$$\min_{\mathbf{z}} \Lambda(\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}^k) \quad \text{such that} \quad \mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{Z}$$

**Step 2:** If the constraints  $\sum_{i=1}^J \mathbf{R}_i \mathbf{z}_i^k = \mathbf{r}_{\min}$  are satisfied, then stop (optimal solution found). Otherwise, set:

$$\boldsymbol{\lambda}^{k+1} = \boldsymbol{\lambda}^k + \rho \left( \sum_{i=1}^J \mathbf{R}_i \mathbf{z}_i^k - \mathbf{r}_{\min} \right)$$

increase  $k$  by one and return to Step 1.



Centralized

# An Accelerated Distributed AL Method

**Local Augmented Lagrangian:**

$$\Lambda_i(\mathbf{z}_i, \mathbf{z}^k, \boldsymbol{\lambda}) = f_i(\mathbf{z}_i) + \boldsymbol{\lambda}^T \mathbf{R}_i \mathbf{z}_i + \frac{\rho}{2} \left\| \mathbf{R}_i \mathbf{z}_i + \sum_{j \neq i} \mathbf{R}_j \mathbf{z}_j^k - \mathbf{r}_{\min} \right\|^2$$

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$$\min_{\mathbf{z}_i} \Lambda_i(\mathbf{z}_i, \mathbf{z}^k, \boldsymbol{\lambda}^k) \quad \text{such that} \quad \mathbf{z}_i \in \mathcal{Z}_i$$

**Step 2:** Set for every  $i$ :

$$\mathbf{z}_i^{k+1} = \mathbf{z}_i^k + \tau(\hat{\mathbf{z}}_i^k - \mathbf{z}_i^k)$$

**Step 3:** If the constraints  $\sum_{i=1}^J \mathbf{R}_i \mathbf{z}_i^{k+1} = \mathbf{r}_{\min}$  are satisfied and  $\mathbf{R}_i \hat{\mathbf{z}}_i^k = \mathbf{R}_i \mathbf{z}_i^k$ ,

then stop (optimal solution found). Otherwise, set:

$$\boldsymbol{\lambda}^{k+1} = \boldsymbol{\lambda}^k + \rho\tau \left( \sum_{i=1}^J \mathbf{R}_i \mathbf{z}_i^{k+1} - \mathbf{r}_{\min} \right)$$

Increase  $k$  by one and return to Step 1.

# Convergence

## Assume that:

- 1) The functions  $f_i(\mathbf{z}_i)$  are convex and the sets  $\mathcal{Z}_i$  are convex and compact.
- 2) The Lagrange function has a saddle point  $(\mathbf{z}^*, \boldsymbol{\lambda}^*)$  so that:

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{z}^*, \boldsymbol{\lambda}) \leq \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{z}^*, \boldsymbol{\lambda}^*) \leq \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\lambda}^*)$$

## Theorem:

- 1) If  $0 < \tau < \frac{1}{q}$  then the sequence

$$\phi(\mathbf{z}^k, \boldsymbol{\lambda}^k) = \sum_{i=1}^N \rho \|\mathbf{R}_i(\mathbf{z}_i^k - \mathbf{z}_i^*)\|^2 + \frac{1}{\rho} \|\boldsymbol{\lambda}^k + \rho(1 - \tau)\mathbf{r}(\mathbf{z}^k) - \boldsymbol{\lambda}^*\|^2$$

is strictly decreasing.

- 2) The ADAL method stops at an optimal solution of the problem or generates a sequence of  $\boldsymbol{\lambda}^k$  converging to an optimal solution of it. Moreover, any sequence  $\{\mathbf{z}^k\}$  generated by the ADAL algorithm has an accumulation point and any such point is an optimal solution.

**Residual:**  $\mathbf{r}(\mathbf{z}) = \sum_{i=1}^J \mathbf{R}_i \mathbf{z}_i - \mathbf{r}_{\min}$

# Rate of Convergence

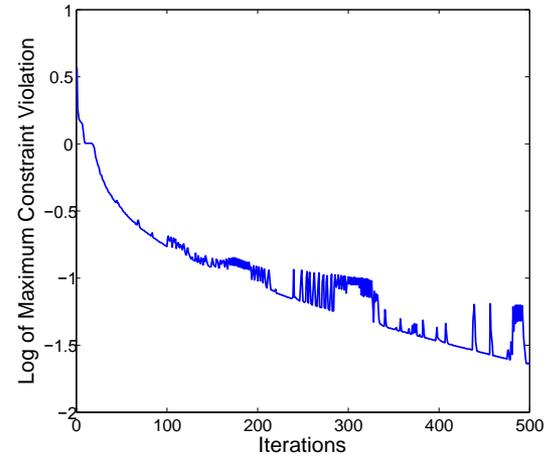
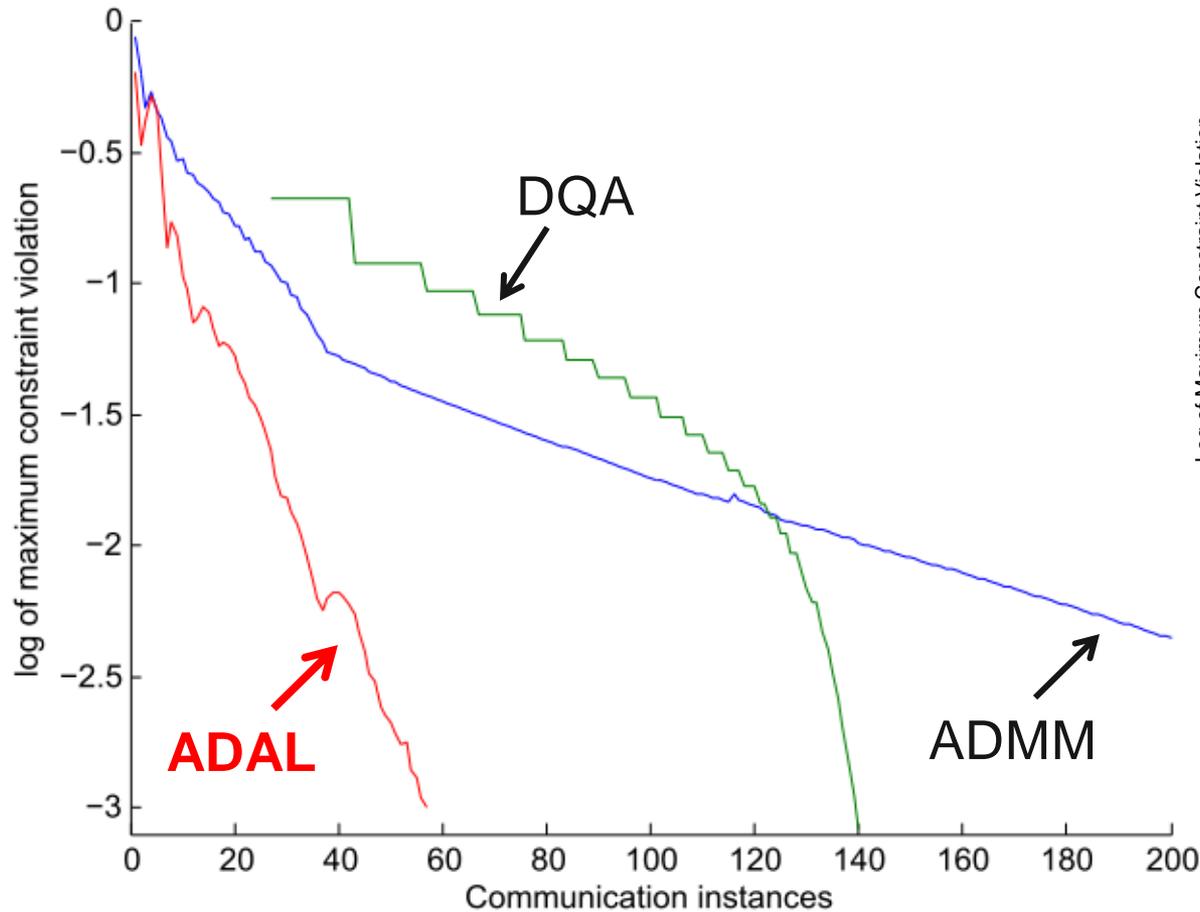
**Theorem:** Let  $F(\mathbf{z}) = \sum_{i=1}^N f_i(\mathbf{z}_i)$  and denote by  $\tilde{\mathbf{z}}^k = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{p=0}^{k-1} \hat{\mathbf{z}}^p$  the ergodic average of the primal variable sequence generated by ADAL at iteration  $k$ . Then,

$$(a) \quad |F(\tilde{\mathbf{z}}^k) - F(\mathbf{z}^*)| \leq \frac{1}{2k\tau} \max\{\phi^0(\mathbf{z}^0, \mathbf{0}), \phi^0(\mathbf{z}^0, 2\boldsymbol{\lambda}^*)\}$$

where 
$$\phi^0(\mathbf{z}^0, \boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \rho \|\mathbf{R}_i(\mathbf{z}_i^0 - \mathbf{z}_i^*)\|^2 + \frac{1}{\rho} \|\boldsymbol{\lambda}^0 + \rho(1 - \tau)\mathbf{r}(\mathbf{z}^0) - \boldsymbol{\lambda}\|^2$$

$$(b) \quad \|\mathbf{r}(\tilde{\mathbf{z}}^k)\| \leq \frac{1}{2k\tau} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^N \rho \|\mathbf{R}_i(\mathbf{z}_i^0 - \mathbf{z}_i^*)\|^2 + \frac{2}{\rho} (\|\boldsymbol{\lambda}^0 + \rho(1 - \tau)\mathbf{r}(\mathbf{z}^0) - \boldsymbol{\lambda}^*\|^2 + 1) \right]$$

# Numerical Experiments



Dual Decomposition

Promising for real-time implementation

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# Network Optimization under Noise

## Noise corruption/Inexact solution of the local optimization steps due to:

- i) An exact expression for the objective function is not available (only approximations)
- ii) The objective function is updated online via measurements
- iii) Local optimization calculations need to terminate at inexact/approximate solutions to save time/resources.

## Noise corrupted message exchanges between nodes due to:

- i) Inter-node communications suffering from disturbances and/or delays
- ii) Nodes can only exchange quantized information.

The noise is modeled as sequences of random variables that are added to the various steps of the iterative algorithm. The convergence of the distributed algorithm is now proved in a stochastic sense (with probability 1).

# Deterministic vs Noisy Network Optimization

Where the noise corruption terms appear compared to the deterministic case

Noise in the communicated dual variables

**Step 1:**

$$\min_{\mathbf{z}_i \in \mathcal{Z}_i} \Lambda_i(\mathbf{z}_i, \mathbf{z}^k, \boldsymbol{\lambda}) = f_i(\mathbf{z}_i) + \boldsymbol{\lambda}^T \mathbf{R}_i \mathbf{z}_i + \frac{\rho}{2} \left\| \mathbf{R}_i \mathbf{z}_i + \sum_{j \neq i} \mathbf{R}_j \mathbf{z}_j^k - \mathbf{r}_{\min} \right\|^2$$

Noise in the objective function

Noise in the communicated primal variables

**Step 2:**

$$\mathbf{z}_i^{k+1} = \mathbf{z}_i^k + \tau(\hat{\mathbf{z}}_i^k - \mathbf{z}_i^k)$$

(Trivial local computation = no noise)

**Step 3:**

$$\boldsymbol{\lambda}^{k+1} = \boldsymbol{\lambda}^k + \rho\tau \left( \sum_{i=1}^J \mathbf{R}_i \mathbf{z}_i^{k+1} - \mathbf{r}_{\min} \right)$$

Noise in the communicated primal Variables for the dual updates

# The Stochastic ADAL Algorithm

**Step 0:** Set  $k=1$  and define initial Lagrange multipliers  $\lambda^1$  and initial primal variables  $\mathbf{z}^1$

**Step 1:** For fixed Lagrange multipliers  $\lambda^k$ , determine  $\hat{\mathbf{z}}_i^k$  for every  $i$  as the solution of

$$\min_{\mathbf{z}_i} \Lambda_i(\mathbf{z}_i, \tilde{\mathbf{z}}_i^k, \tilde{\lambda}_i^k, \xi_i^k) \text{ such that } \mathbf{z}_i \in \mathcal{Z}_i$$

**Step 2:** Set for every  $i$ :

$$\mathbf{z}_i^{k+1} = \mathbf{z}_i^k + \tau_k (\hat{\mathbf{z}}_i^k - \mathbf{z}_i^k)$$

$$\mathbf{y}_i^{k+1} = \mathbf{z}_i^k + \frac{1}{q} (\hat{\mathbf{z}}_i^k - \mathbf{z}_i^k)$$

**Step 3:** If the constraints  $\sum_{i=1}^J \mathbf{R}_i \mathbf{z}_i^{k+1} = \mathbf{r}_{\min}$  are satisfied and  $\mathbf{R}_i \hat{\mathbf{z}}_i^k = \mathbf{R}_i \mathbf{z}_i^k$ ,

then stop (optimal solution found). Otherwise, set:

$$\lambda^{k+1} = \lambda^k + \rho \tau_k \left( \sum_{i=1}^J \mathbf{R}_i \tilde{\mathbf{y}}_i^{k+1} - \mathbf{r}_{\min} \right)$$

Noise terms

Increase  $k$  by one and return to Step 1.

# Convergence

## Assumptions (Additional to those of ADAL)

- i. Decreasing stepsize (square summable, but not summable)
- ii. The noise terms have zero mean, bounded variance, and decrease appropriately as iterations grow

**Theorem:** The sequence

$$\phi(\mathbf{z}^k, \boldsymbol{\lambda}^k) = \sum_{i=1}^N \rho \|\mathbf{R}_i(\mathbf{z}_i^k - \mathbf{z}_i^*)\|^2 + \frac{1}{\rho} \|\boldsymbol{\lambda}^k + \rho(1 - \tau)\mathbf{r}(\mathbf{z}^k) - \boldsymbol{\lambda}^*\|^2$$

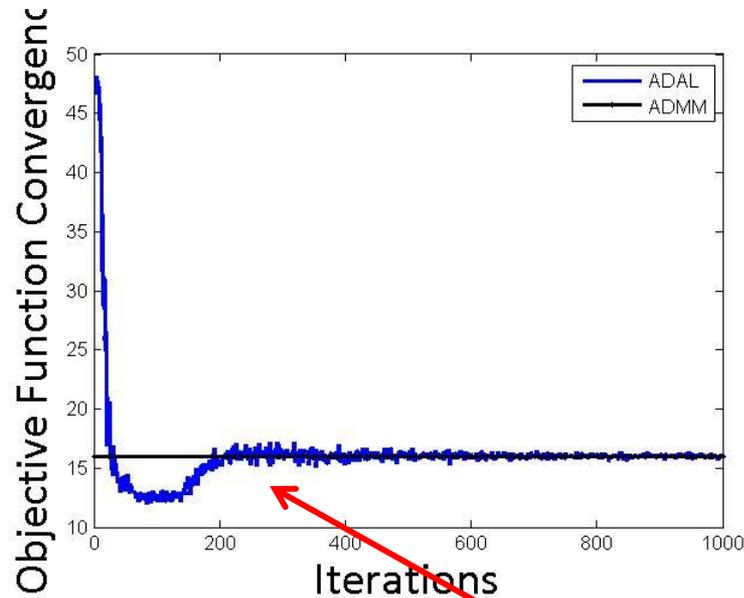
generated by SADAL converges almost surely to zero. Moreover, the residuals  $\mathbf{r}(\mathbf{z}^k)$

and the terms  $\mathbf{R}_i \hat{\mathbf{z}}_i^k - \mathbf{R}_i \mathbf{z}_i^k$  converge to zero almost surely. This further implies that the

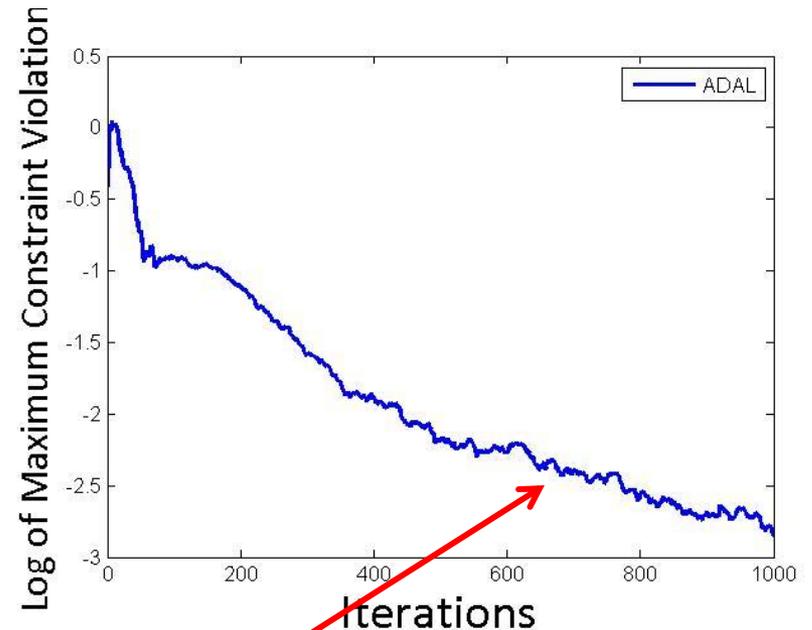
SADAL method generates sequences of primal  $\{\mathbf{z}^k\}$  and dual variables  $\boldsymbol{\lambda}^k$  that converge to their respective optimal sets almost surely.

# Numerical Experiments

## Objective function convergence



## Constraint violation convergence



Oscillatory behavior due to  
the presence of noise

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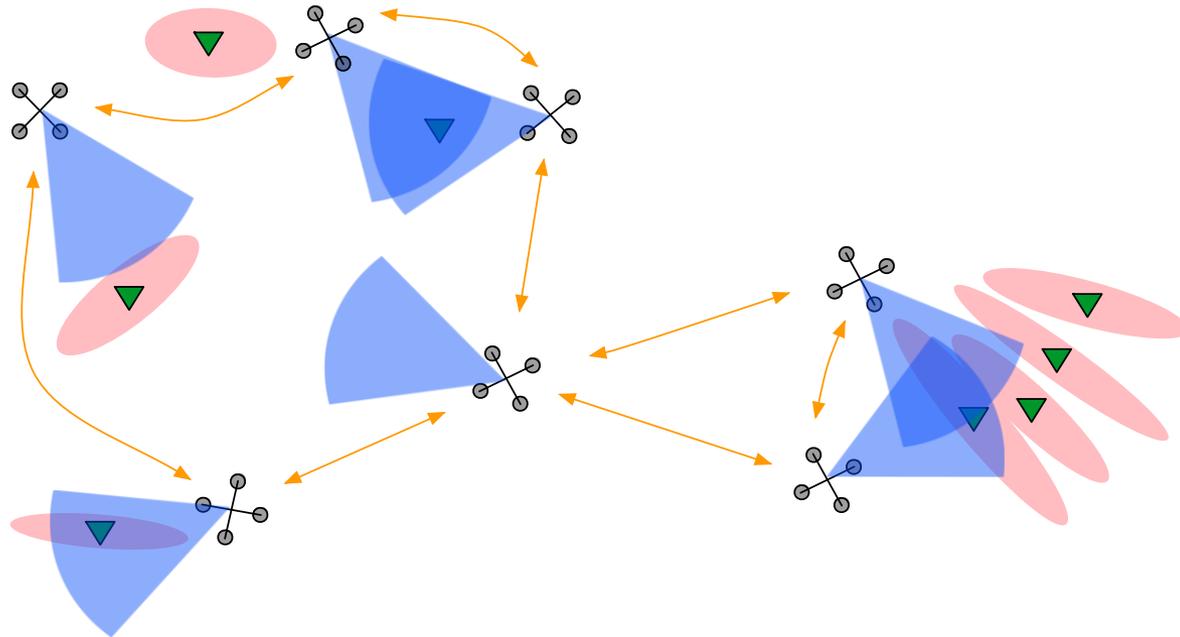
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# Distributed State Estimation

Control a decentralized robotic sensor network to estimate **large collections** of hidden states with **user-specified worst case error**.



- Every state can be observed by multiple robots at each time
- Every robot can observe multiple states at each time

# Observation Model

Stationary hidden vectors:  $\{\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^p\}_{i \in \mathcal{I}}$

Noisy observations from sensors located at  $\{\mathbf{r}_s(t) \in \mathbb{R}^q\}_{s \in \mathcal{S}}$  given by:

$$\mathbf{y}_{i,s}(t) = \mathbf{x}_i + \zeta_{i,s}(t) \quad \text{with} \quad \zeta_{i,s}(t) \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \underbrace{Q(\mathbf{r}_s(t), \mathbf{x}_i)}_{\text{information matrix}})$$

Instantaneous observations:  $\mathcal{O}(t) = \{(\mathbf{y}_{i,s}(t), Q(\mathbf{r}_s(t), \mathbf{x}_i))\}_{i \in \mathcal{I}, s \in \mathcal{S}}$

Filtered data at time  $t$ :  $\mathcal{D}(t) = \{\hat{\mathbf{x}}(t), S(t)\}$

where  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{pm}$  is the state estimate and  $S(t) \in (\text{Sym}_+(p, \mathbb{R}))^m$  is the filtered information matrix

# Minimizing Worst-Case Error

- $S(t)$  defines an ellipsoid, related to confidence regions
- Worst case error is the length of the semi-principal axis of the ellipsoid, given by the largest eigenvalue of  $S^{-1}(t)$ , equivalently, the smallest eigenvalue of  $S(t)$
- Uncertainty thresholds  $\tau_i$

$$\{\gamma(t+1), \mathbf{u}(t+1)\} = \underset{(\gamma, \mathbf{u}) \in \Gamma \times \mathcal{U}}{\operatorname{argmax}} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \gamma_i$$

$S_i(t+1)$  instead of  $x_i$

$$\text{s.t. } \gamma_i I \preceq \underbrace{S_i(t)}_{\text{from } \mathcal{D}(t)} + \underbrace{\sum_{s \in \mathcal{S}} Q(\overbrace{\mathbf{r}_s(t-1) + \mathbf{u}_s}_{\text{from } \mathcal{O}(t)}, \underbrace{\hat{\mathbf{x}}_i(t)}_{\text{from } \mathcal{D}(t)})}_{\text{from } \mathcal{O}(t)}$$

where  $\Gamma = \prod_{i \in \mathcal{I}} [0, \tau_i]$  and  $\mathcal{U} \subset B(0, \delta)$ ,  $\delta > 0$

# Problem Reformulation

Define the state variables  $\mathbf{z}(t-1) = [\boldsymbol{\gamma}(t+1), \mathbf{u}(t-1)]$

Define local copies  $\mathbf{z}_s$  of the state  $\mathbf{z}$

Define local objective functions  $f_s(\mathbf{z}_s) = -\sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \gamma_{i,s}$

Define by  $h(\mathbf{z}; \mathcal{D}, i)$  the linearization of the constraints around  $\mathcal{D}(t-1)$

## Distributed Optimization with LMI Constraints

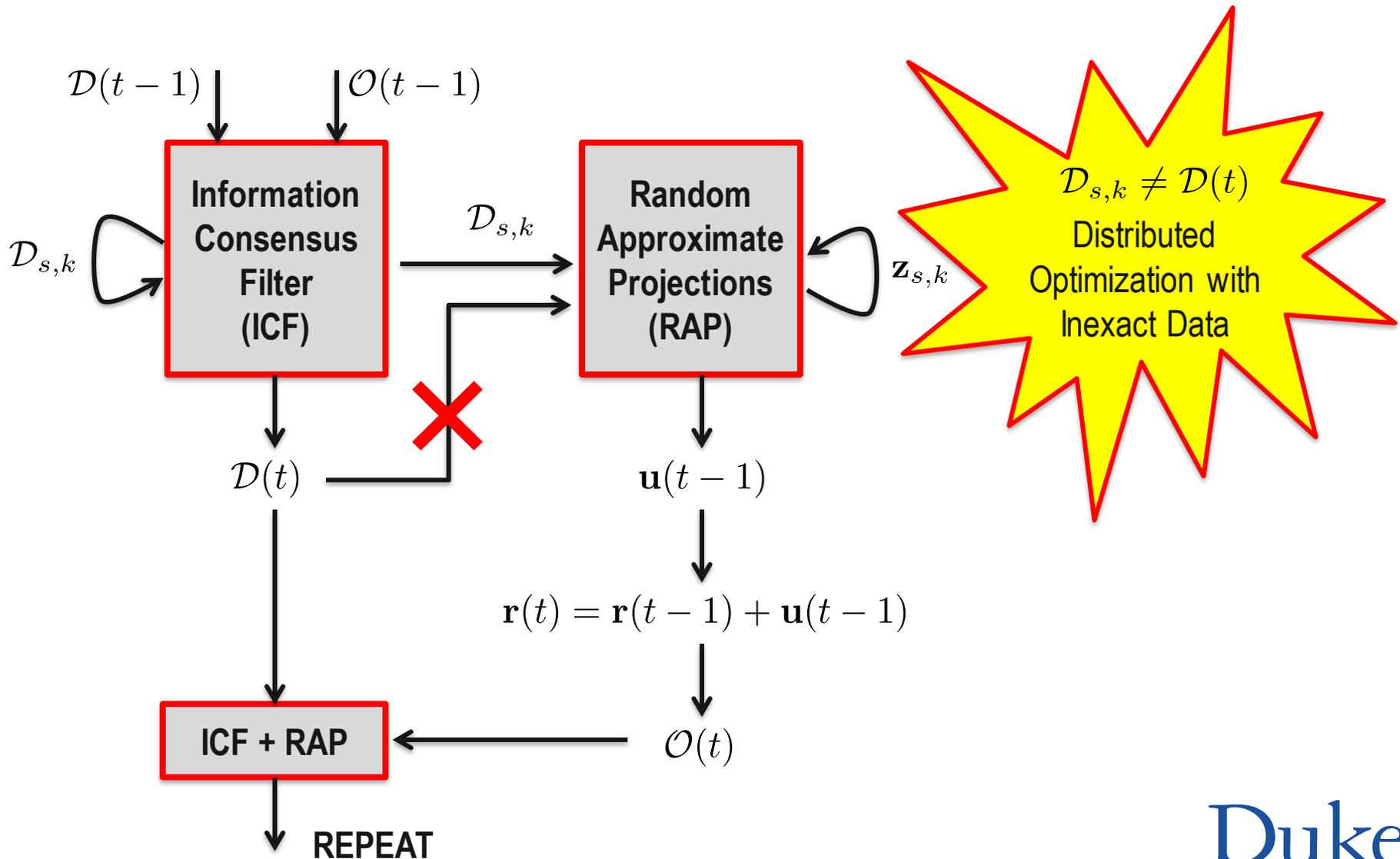
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{z}(t-1) = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{z}_s \in \Gamma \times \mathcal{U}} \quad & \sum_{s \in \mathcal{S}} f_s(\mathbf{z}_s) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & h(\mathbf{z}_s; \mathcal{D}(t), i) \leq 0, \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{I}, \quad \forall s \in \mathcal{S} \end{aligned}$$

### Challenges:

- The global parameters  $\mathcal{D}(t)$  are unknown to the sensors.
- Agreement on the local state variables  $\mathbf{z}_s$

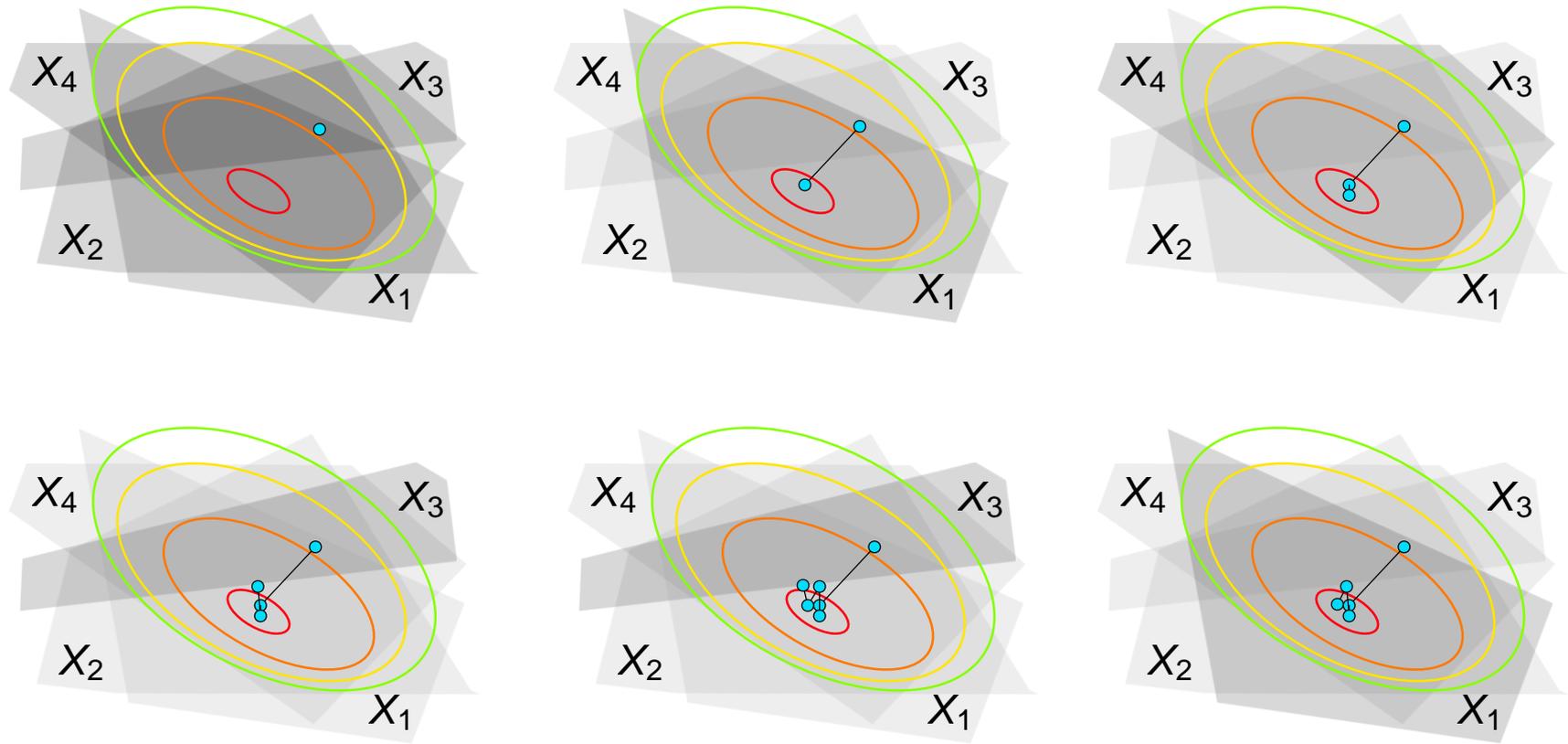


# Distributed Estimation and Control



# Random Projections

Divide the complicated problem into simpler ones



# Approximate Projections

Constraint sets  $\mathcal{X}_i = \{\mathbf{z} \in \Gamma \times \mathcal{U} \mid h(\mathbf{z}; \mathcal{D}, i) \preceq 0\}$

Exact projection on LMI constraints is computationally expensive.

Define  $h_+ = \|\Pi_+ h\|_F$

Define approximate projection onto  $\mathcal{X}_i$  by  $\mathbf{z} - \beta h'_+(\mathbf{z}; \mathcal{D}, i)$



Polyak step size

Projection onto the positive Semidefinite Cone  $\Pi_+ X = E(\Lambda)_+ E^T$

$E$  orthogonal matrix of eigenvectors

$\Lambda$  diagonal matrix of eigenvalues

$(\cdot)_+$  element-wise maximum operator

# The RAP Algorithm

Consensus

$$\mathbf{p}_{s,k} = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_{s,k}} [W_k]_{s,j} \mathbf{z}_{s,k-1}$$

$W_k$  row stochastic

Minimization

$$\mathbf{v}_{s,k} = \Pi_{\mathcal{X}_0} (\mathbf{p}_{s,k} - \alpha_k f'_s(\mathbf{p}_{s,k}))$$

$\alpha_k$  square summable,  
non-summable

Polyak step size

$$\beta_{s,k} = \frac{h_+(\mathbf{v}_{s,k}; \mathcal{D}_{s,k}, \omega_{s,k})}{\|h'_+(\mathbf{v}_{s,k}; \mathcal{D}_{s,k}, \omega_{s,k})\|^2}$$

$\mathcal{D}_{s,k}$  from ICF

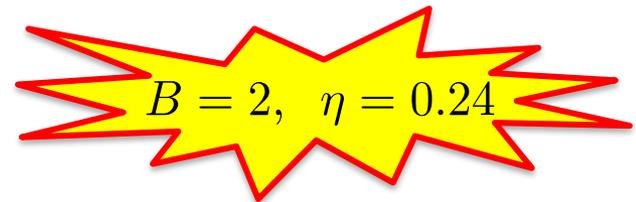
where  $h'_+(\mathbf{v}_{s,k}; \mathcal{D}_{s,k}, \omega_{s,k}) = d\mathbf{1} > \mathbf{0}$  if  $h_+(\mathbf{v}_{s,k}; \mathcal{D}_{s,k}, \omega_{s,k}) = 0$

Approximate projection

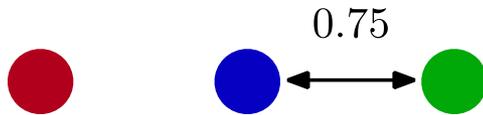
$$\mathbf{z}_{s,k} = \Pi_{\mathcal{X}_0} (\mathbf{v}_{s,k} - \beta_{s,k} h'_+(\mathbf{v}_{s,k}; \mathcal{D}_{s,k}, \omega_{s,k}))$$

# Assumptions

- **Information:** The information function  $Q$  cannot be infinite or change infinitely quickly. Relatively few critical points
- **Optimization:** Convexity, metric regularity
- **RAP:** Constraints selected with nonzero probability
- **Network:** Can have link failures. Require only  $B$ -connectivity.



$k - 1$



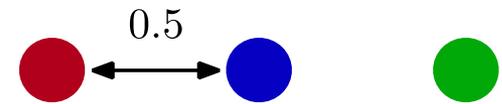
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$k$



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

$k + 1$



$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0.5 & 0 \\ 0.5 & 0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Preliminary Results

For a.e. bounded sequence  $\mathbf{z}_{s,k}$ , the following two sequences are absolutely summable:

## Constraint Violation Errors

$$\{h_+(\mathbf{z}_{s,k}; \mathcal{D}_{s,k}, \omega_{s,k}) - h_+(\mathbf{z}_{s,k}; \mathcal{D}(t), \omega_{s,k})\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$$

## Constraint Violation Gradient Errors

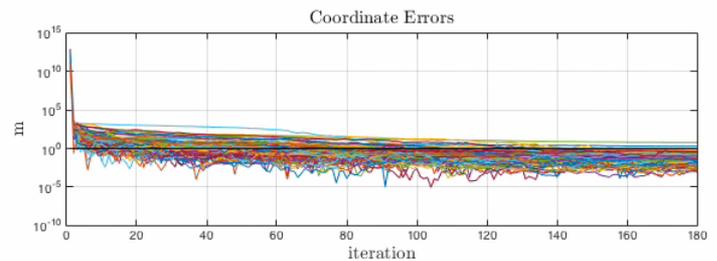
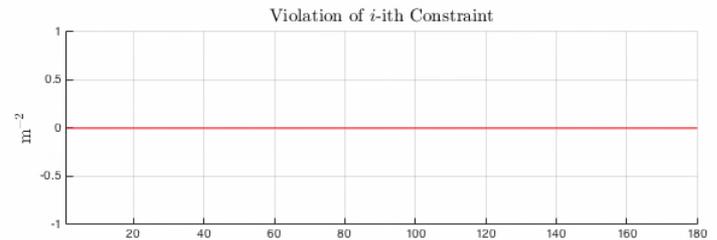
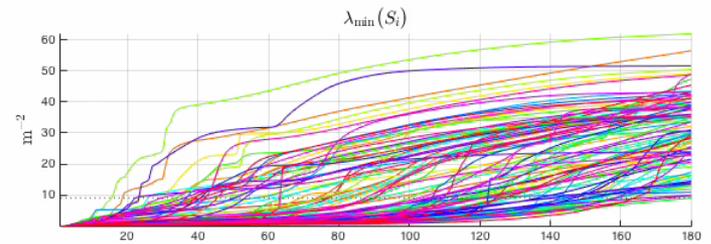
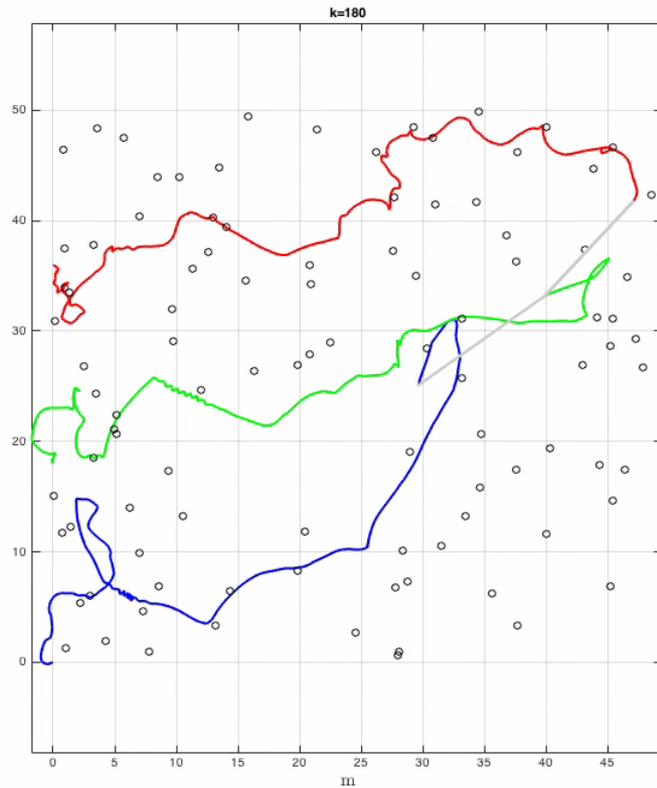
$$\{h'_+(\mathbf{z}_{s,k}; \mathcal{D}_{s,k}, \omega_{s,k}) - h'_+(\mathbf{z}_{s,k}; \mathcal{D}(t), \omega_{s,k})\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$$

# Main Results

**Theorem:** Let all assumptions be satisfied. Then,

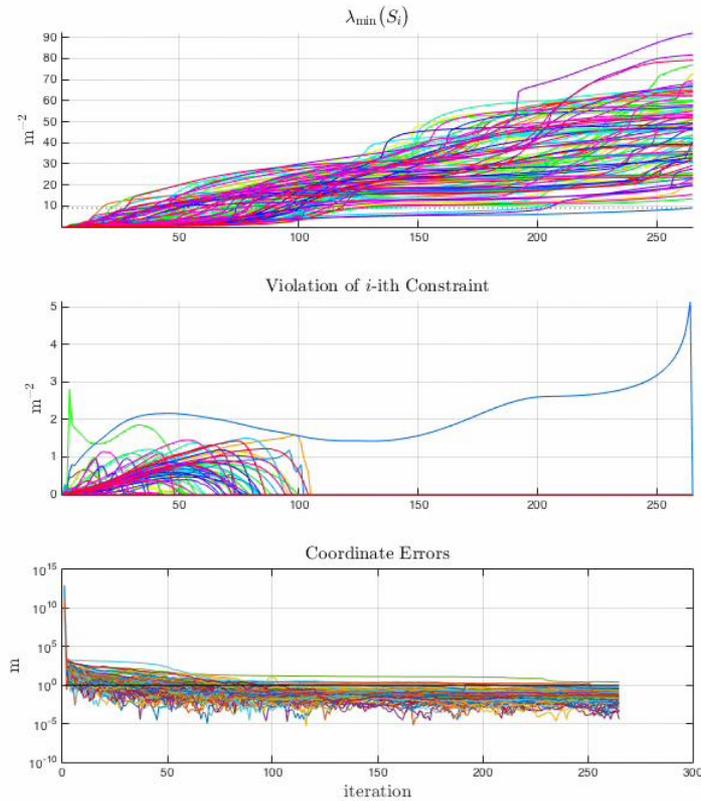
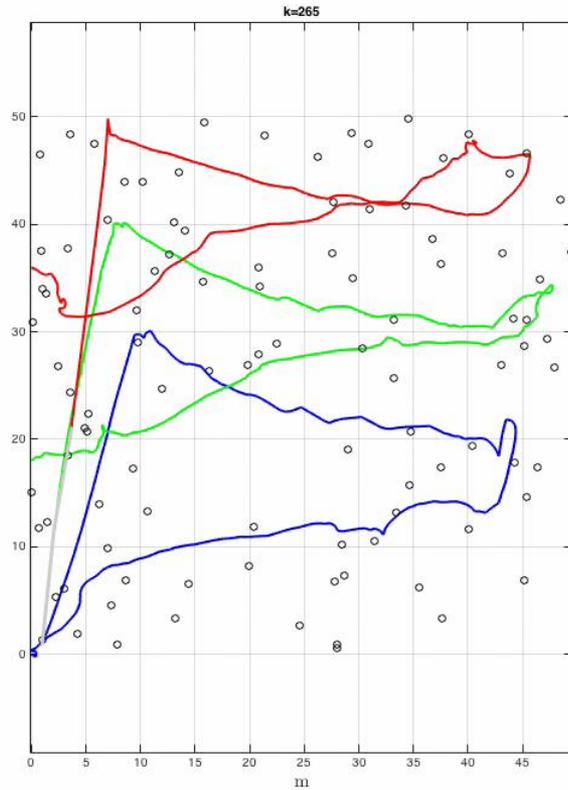
$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{z}_{s,k} = \mathbf{z}^*, \quad \forall s \in \mathcal{S} \quad a.s.$$

# Simulation Experiments



**Minimization of worst-case estimation uncertainty**

# Simulation Experiments



**Minimization of the trace of the estimation uncertainty**

# Summary

**Accelerated Distributed Augmented Lagrangians (ADAL) method**  
for optimal wireless networking

**Fast convergence**  
**Noisy communication**

**Accelerated Distributed Augmented Lagrangians (ADAL) method under noise**  
for optimal wireless networking

**Random Approximate Projections (RAP) method with inexact data**  
for distributed state estimation

**Light-weight**  
**Distributed LMI constraints**  
**Mobile networks**

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