

# Security of distributed Model Predictive Control under False Data Injection

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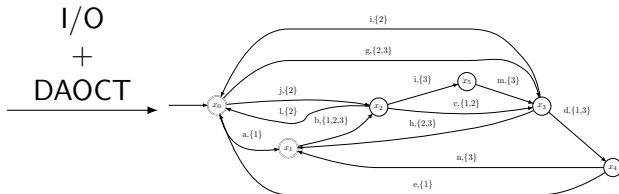
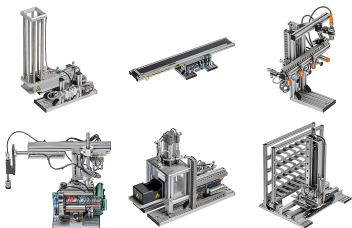
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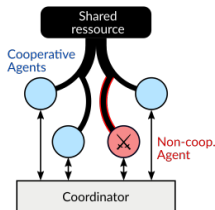
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Multiple systems interacting



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- Distribution:
  - Electricity
  - Heat
  - Water
- Traffic
- ...

Multiple systems interacting under



- Technical/Comfort Constraints
- We also want
  - Minimize consumption
  - Maximize satisfaction
  - Follow a trajectory
- Solution  $\rightarrow$  MPC

# Model-based Predictive Control

## Brief recap

Find optimal control sequence using predictions based on a model.

- We need an optimization problem
  - Decision variable is the control sequence calculated over horizon  $N$
  - Objective function to optimize
  - System's Model
  - Other constraints to respect (QoS, technical restrictions, ...)

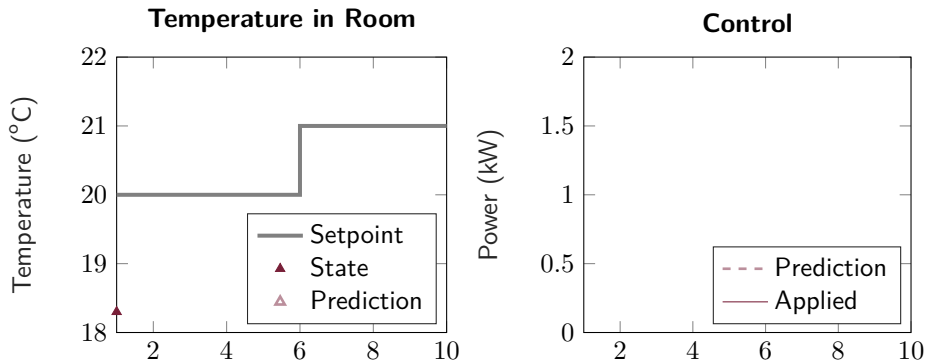
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# Model Predictive Control

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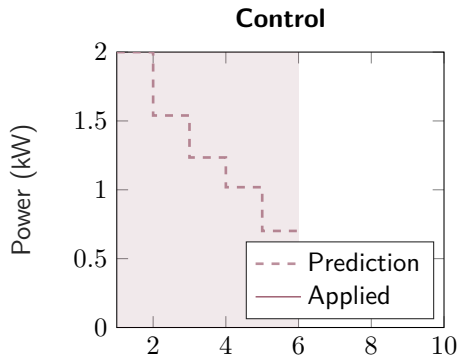
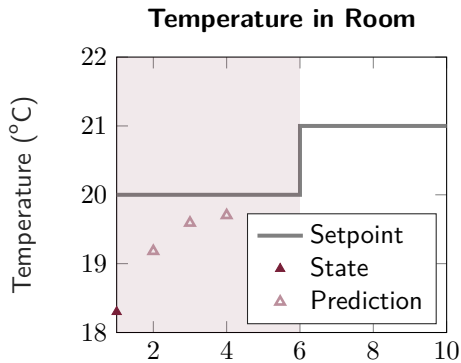
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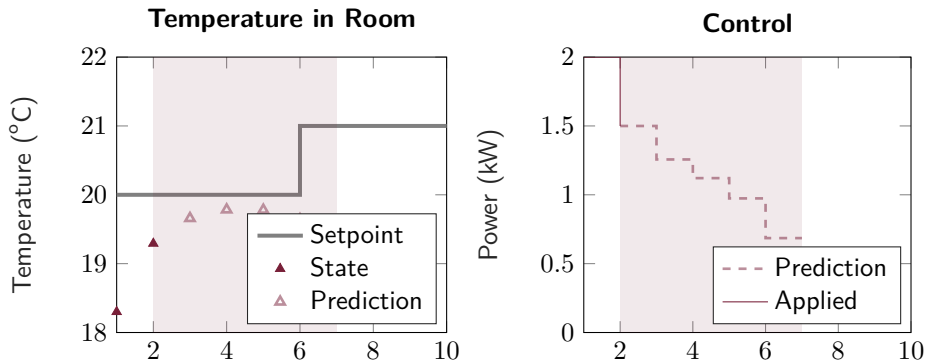
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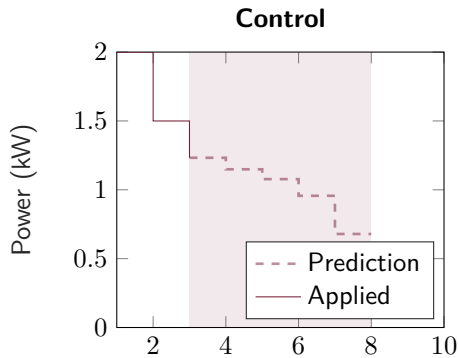
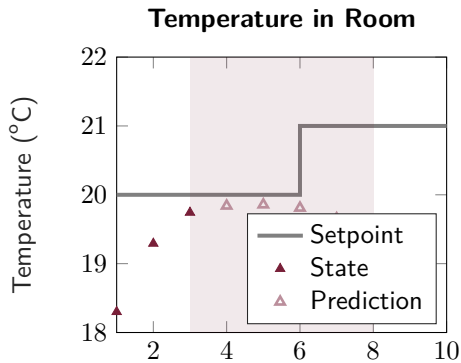
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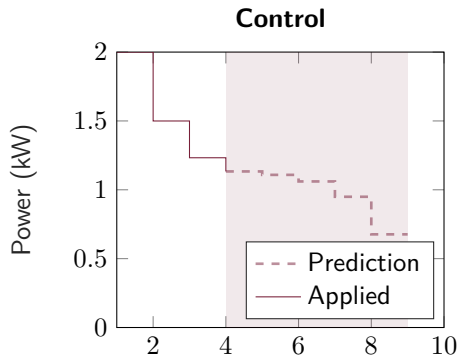
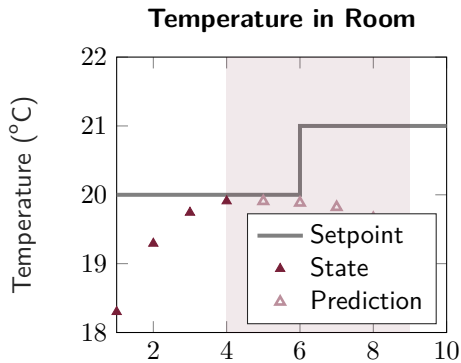
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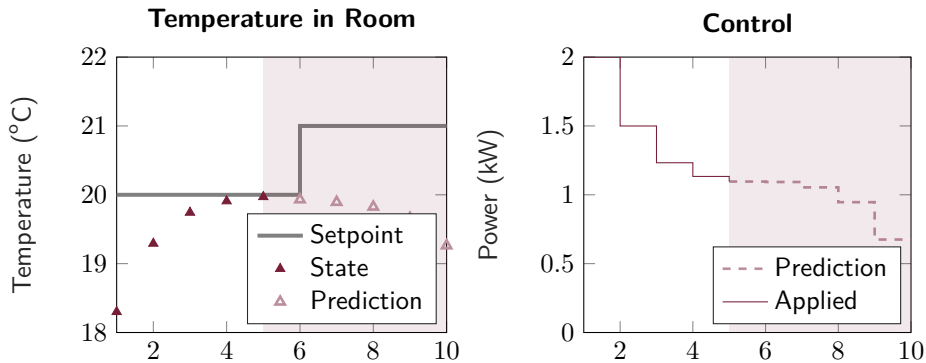
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# Model Predictive Control

Nothing is perfect

- Issues
  - Topology
  - Complexity of calculation
  - Flexibility (Add/remove parts)
  - Privacy (RGPD)
- Solution: distributed MPC

# Objective

## Study security in dMPC context

Security in dMPC context is relatively new<sup>1</sup> (First article from 2017<sup>2</sup>)

- CentraleSupélec Rennes - Expertise in MPC for Smart Buildings
  - Brittany Region (Sustainable Energy + cybersecurity)
- How fragile are dMPC structures?
  - How can agents act non-cooperatively?
  - How to identify such agents and mitigate the effects?

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<sup>1</sup> <30 documents in scopus

<sup>2</sup> Velarde, Jose Maria Maestre, H. Ishii, et al., "Vulnerabilities in Lagrange-Based DMPC in the Context of Cyber-Security"



# Outline

- ① Decomposing the MPC
- ② Attacks on the dMPC
- ③ Securing the dMPC
- ④ Conclusion

# Distributed Model Predictive Control

- We break the MPC optimization problem
- Make agents communicate

In other words

- Agents solve local problems
  - Exchange some variables
  - Variables are updated
- } Until  
Convergence

## Remark

*If agents exchange same variable  $\rightarrow$  consensus problem*

# Distributed Model Predictive Control

## Optimization Frameworks

Usually based on optimization decomposition methods<sup>3</sup>:

- Local problems with auxiliary variables
- Update auxiliary variables

Basically 2 choices<sup>4</sup>:


- Modify based on dual problem<sup>5</sup> (Solve with dual and send primal)
- Modify based on **primal problem** (Solve with primal and send dual)

Many methods:

- Cutting plane, **sub-gradient** methods, ...

Security/privacy properties

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<sup>3</sup>  Boyd et al., “Notes on Decomposition Methods”

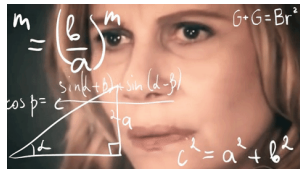
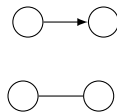
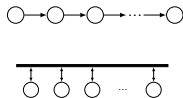
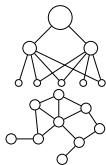
<sup>4</sup> Other approaches, but similar concepts

<sup>5</sup> Lagrangian, ADMM, prices, etc +1000 articles in scopus

# Distributed Model Predictive Control

It is about communication

- We break the MPC optimization problem
- Make agents communicate. But how?
  - Many flavors to choose from<sup>6</sup>
    - **Hierarchical**/Anarchical
    - **Parallel**/Sequential
    - **Synchronous**/Asynchronous
    - **Bidirectional**/Unidirectional
    - ...



# Distributed Model Predictive Control

## Optimization Decomposition



MPC

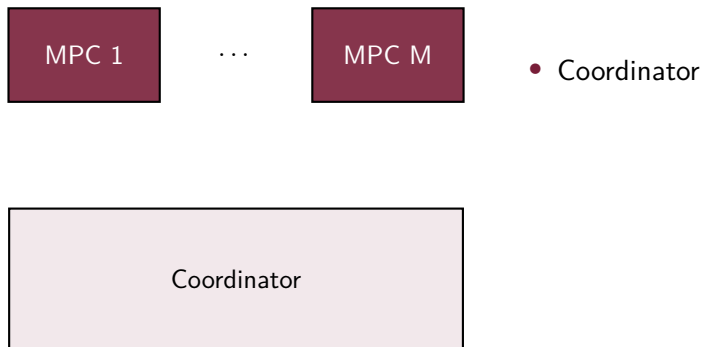
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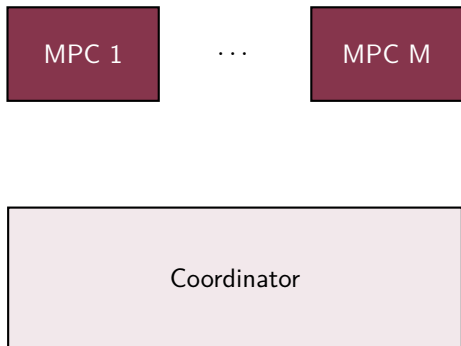
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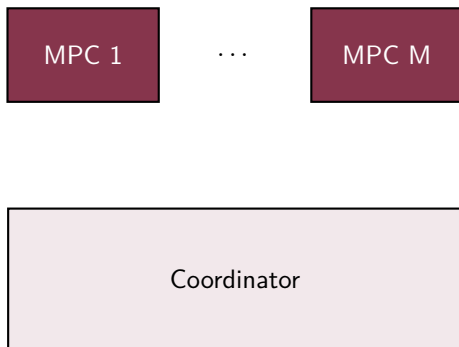


- Coordinator
  - Enforce global constraints



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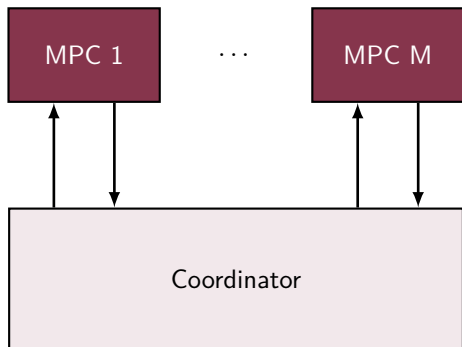
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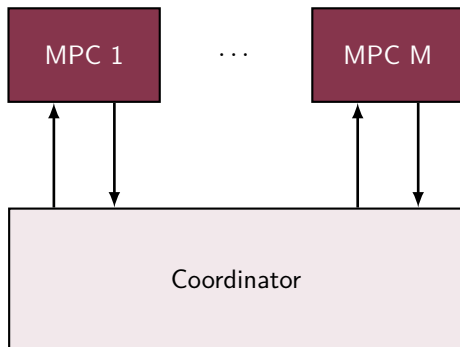
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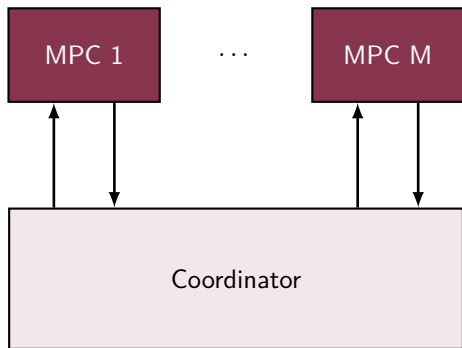
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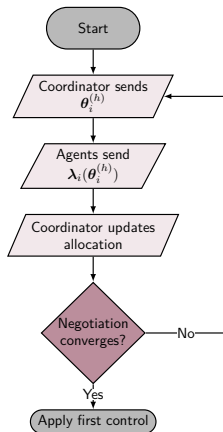
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- Coordinator → Hierarchical
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- Bidirectional
- No delay → Synchronous
- But what to send?

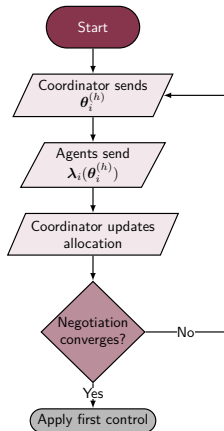
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or Quantity Decomposition | or Resource Allocation



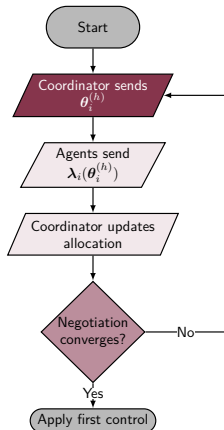
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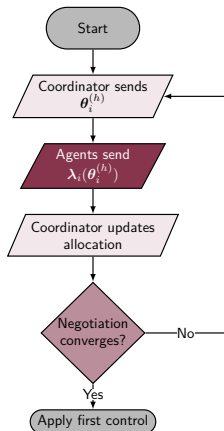


Allocation  $\theta_i$



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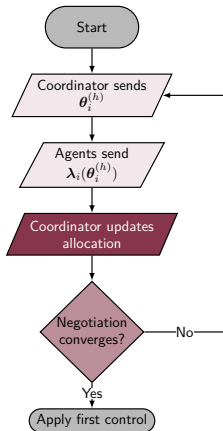
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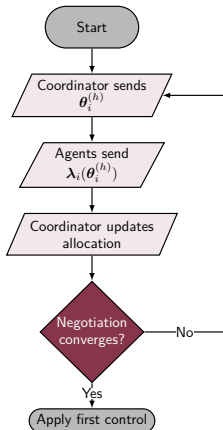
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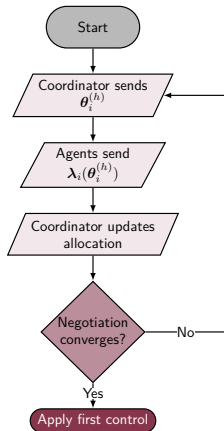
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# Primal Decomposition

In detail

- ① Allocate  $\theta_i$  for each agent
- ② They solve local problems and
- ③ Send dual variable  $\lambda_i$ <sup>7</sup>
- ④ Allocation is updated<sup>8</sup>  
(respect global constraint)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \underset{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_M}{\text{minimize}} && \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}} J_i(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{u}_i) \\
 & \text{s.t.} && \sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}} \mathbf{h}_i(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{u}_i) \leq \mathbf{u}_{\text{total}}
 \end{aligned}$$

↓ For each  $i \in \mathcal{M}$

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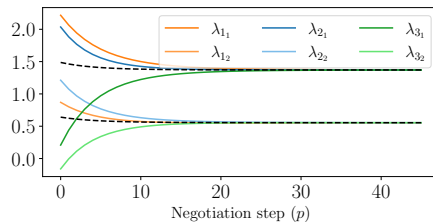
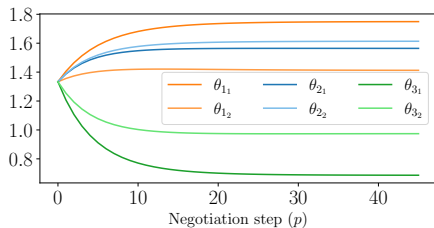
$$\theta[k]^{(p+1)} = \text{Proj}^{\mathcal{S}}(\theta[k]^{(p)} + \rho^{(p)} \lambda[k]^{(p)})$$

<sup>7</sup>It obfuscates system's parameters (+ Privacy)

<sup>8</sup>Only equation to change to add/remove agents

# Example

Until everybody is evenly<sup>9</sup> dissatisfied



<sup>9</sup>For inequality constraints dynamics are more complex

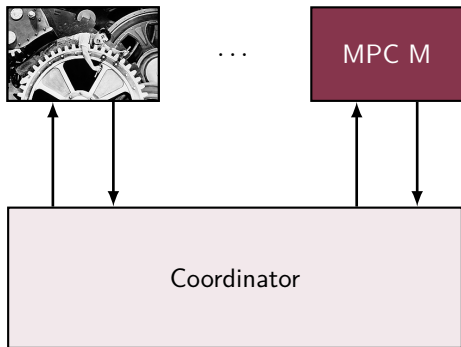
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Negotiation works if agents comply.

But what if some agents are ill-intentioned and attack the system?

# How can a non-cooperative agent attack?

## Literature

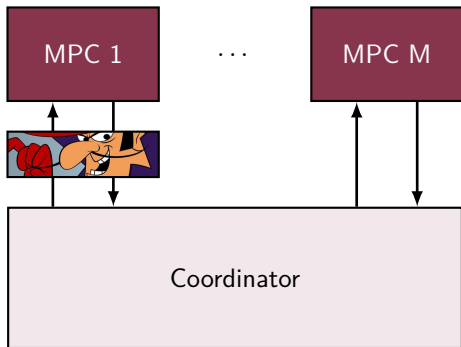


- Common attacks<sup>10</sup>
    - Fake objective function
    - Fake constraints
    - Use different control
- } Deception Attacks

<sup>10</sup>Velarde, Jose Maria Maestre, Hideaki Ishii, et al., "Scenario-based defense mechanism for distributed model predictive control"

# How can a non-cooperative agent attack?

Our approach<sup>11</sup>



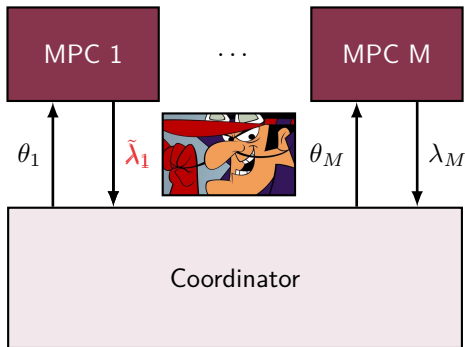
- Primal decomposition
  - Maximum resources fixed
- We are in coordinator's shoes
- What matters is the interface
  - Attacker changes communication
    - **False Data Injection**

<sup>11</sup>Nogueira, Bourdais, and Guéguen, "Detection and Mitigation of Corrupted Information in Distributed Model Predictive Control Based on Resource Allocation"



# How can a non-cooperative agent attack?

Our approach<sup>11</sup>



- $\lambda_i$  is the only interface
- Malicious agent modifies  $\lambda_i$

$$\tilde{\lambda}_i = \gamma_i(\lambda_i)$$

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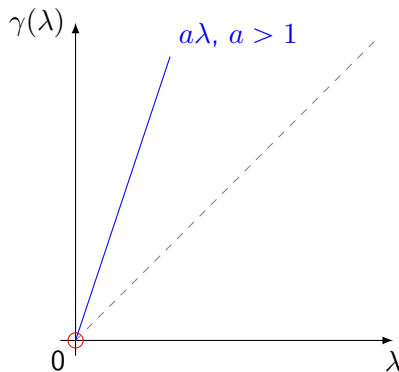
# Attack model

Liar, Liar, Pants of fire

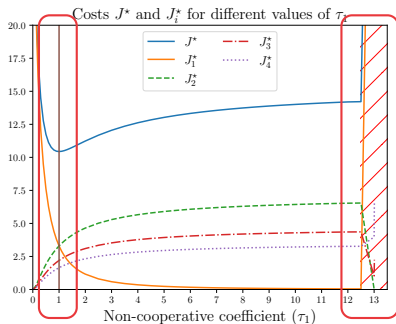
- $\lambda \geq 0$  means dissatisfaction
- $\lambda = 0$  means complete satisfaction

## Assumptions

- *Same attack during negotiation*
- *Attacker satisfied only if it really is*
  - $\gamma(\lambda) = 0 \rightarrow \lambda = 0$
- $\tilde{\lambda}_i = T_i[k]\lambda_i$
- Attack is invertible  $\rightarrow \exists T_i[k]^{-1}$



# Example



## 4 distinct agents

- Agent 1 is non-cooperative
- It uses  $\tilde{\lambda}_1 = \gamma_1(\lambda_1) = \tau_1 I \lambda_1$
- Simulate for different  $\tau_1$  get  $J_i$
- We can observe 3 things
  - Global minimum when  $\tau_1 = 1$
  - Agent 1 benefits if  $\tau_1$  increases (inverse otherwise)
  - All collapses if too greedy

- But can we mitigate these effects?
- Yes! (At least in some cases)

# Classification of mitigation techniques

## Passive (Robust)

- 1 mode

## Active (Resilient)

- 2 modes
  - ① Attack free
  - ② When attack is detected
    - Detection/Isolation
    - Mitigation

# State of art

## Security dMPC

	Decomposition	Resilient/Robust	Detection	Mitigation
<sup>12</sup>	Dual	Robust (Scenario)	NA	NA
<sup>13</sup>	Dual	Robust (f-robust)	NA	NA
<sup>14</sup>	Jacobi-Gauß	–	–	–
<sup>15</sup>	Dual	Resilient	Analyt./Learn.	Disconnect (Robustness)

<sup>12</sup>José M. Maestre et al., “Scenario-Based Defense Mechanism Against Vulnerabilities in Lagrange-Based Dmpc”.

<sup>13</sup>Velarde, José M. Maestre, et al., “Vulnerabilities in Lagrange-Based Distributed Model Predictive Control”.

<sup>14</sup>Chanfreut, J. M. Maestre, and H. Ishii, “Vulnerabilities in Distributed Model Predictive Control based on Jacobi-Gauss Decomposition”.

<sup>15</sup>Ananduta et al., “Resilient Distributed Model Predictive Control for Energy Management of Interconnected Microgrids”.

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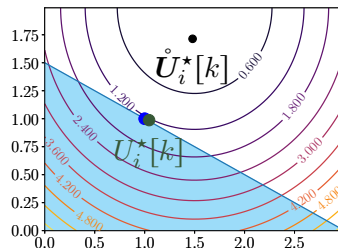
## Explore Scarcity

- Resilient
- Analytical/Learning } Parameter
- Data reconstruction } Estimation
- Explore Scarcity

# What are deprived systems?

Systems whose optimal solution has all constraints active

- Unconstrained Solution  $\mathring{U}_i^*[k]$
- $h_i(\mathring{U}_i^*[k]) > \theta_i[k] \rightarrow$  Scarce resources
  - Solution projected onto boundary
  - Same as with equality constraints<sup>16</sup>



$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & \frac{1}{2} \|U_i[k]\|_{H_i}^2 + f_i[k]^T U_i[k] \\ U_i[k] & \\ \text{subject to} & \bar{\Gamma}_i U_i[k] \leq \theta_i[k] : \lambda_i[k] \end{array}$$

$\rightarrow$

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<sup>16</sup>If system can have all constraints active simultaneously



# Analyzing Deprived Systems

## Assumptions

- *Quadratic local problems*
- *Linear inequality constraints*
- *Scarcity*
- Solution is analytical and affine

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\mathbf{U}_i[k]}{\text{minimize}} && \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{U}_i[k]\|_{H_i}^2 + \mathbf{f}_i[k]^T \mathbf{U}_i[k] \\ & \text{subject to} && \bar{\Gamma}_i \mathbf{U}_i[k] = \boldsymbol{\theta}_i[k] : \boldsymbol{\lambda}_i[k] \end{aligned}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\lambda}_i[k] = -\mathbf{P}_i \boldsymbol{\theta}_i[k] - \mathbf{s}_i[k]$$

$$(\text{local parameters unknown by coordinator}) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bullet \mathbf{P}_i \text{ is time invariant} \\ \bullet \mathbf{s}_i[k] \text{ is time variant} \end{array} \right.$$

# Deprived Systems

## Under attack!

- Normal behavior
  - Affine solution

$$\lambda_i[k] = -P_i \theta_i[k] - s_i[k]$$

- Under attack  $\rightarrow \tilde{\lambda}_i = T_i[k] \lambda_i$ 
  - Parameters modified

$$\tilde{\lambda}_i[k] = -\tilde{P}_i[k] \theta_i[k] - \tilde{s}_i[k]$$

- But wait!  $P_i$  is not supposed to change!
- Change  $\rightarrow$  Probably an Attack! Let's take advantage of this!

# Detection Mechanism

- We estimate<sup>17</sup>  $\hat{P}_i[k]$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{s}}_i[k]$  such as:

$$\tilde{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_i[k] = -\hat{P}_i[k]\boldsymbol{\theta}_i - \hat{\mathbf{s}}_i[k]$$

## Assumption

*We can estimate  $\bar{P}_i$  from a attack free negotiation*

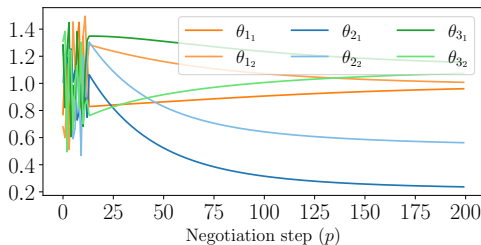
- If  $\left\| \hat{P}_i[k] - \bar{P}_i \right\|_F > \epsilon_P \rightarrow \text{Attack}$
- Ok, but how can we estimate  $\hat{P}_i[k]$ ?

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<sup>17</sup>Using Recursive Least Squares for example

# Estimating $\hat{P}_i[k]$

- We estimate  $\hat{P}_i[k]$  and  $\hat{s}_i[k]$  simultaneously using RLS
- Challenge: Online estimation during negotiation fails
  - Update function couples  $\theta_i^p$  and  $\lambda_i^p \rightarrow$  low input excitation
- Solution: Send a random<sup>18</sup> sequence to increase excitation until convergence.



<sup>18</sup>A random signal causes persistent excitation of any order (  Adaptive Control )

# Classification of mitigation techniques

- Active (Resilient)
  - ① Detection/Isolation ✓
  - ② Mitigation ?

# Mitigation mechanism

## Reconstructing $\lambda_i$

- Now, we have  $\hat{\tilde{P}}_i[k]$ 
  - Since  $\tilde{P}_i[k] = T_i[k]\bar{P}_i$
  - We can recover  $T_i[k]^{-1}$

$$\widehat{T_i[k]^{-1}} = P_i \hat{\tilde{P}}_i[k]^{-1}$$

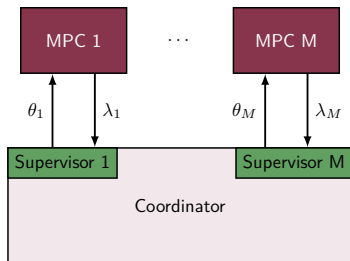
- Reconstruct  $\lambda_i$

$$\lambda_i^{\text{rec}} = -\bar{P}_i \theta_i - \widehat{T_i[k]^{-1}} \hat{\tilde{s}}_i[k]$$

- Choose adequate version for coordination

$$\lambda_i^{\text{mod}} = \begin{cases} \lambda_i^{\text{rec}}, & \text{if attack detected} \\ \tilde{\lambda}_i, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Complete Mechanism



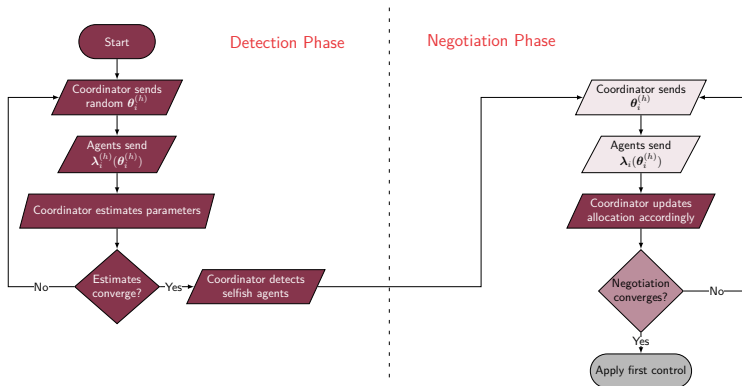
- Supervise exchanges by inquiring the agents
- Estimate how they will behave

## Two Phases

- 1 Detect which agents are non-cooperative
- 2 Reconstruct  $\lambda_i$  and use in negotiation

# Complete algorithm

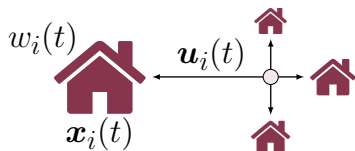
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# Example

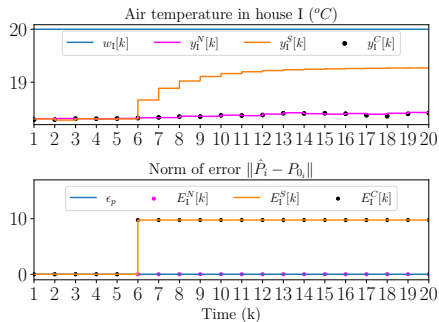


## District Heating Network (4 Houses)

- Houses modeled using 3R-2C (monozone)
- Not enough power
- Period of 5h ( $T_s = 0.25h \rightarrow k = \{1 : 20\}$ )
- Prediction horizon ( $N = 4$ )
- 3 scenarios
  - Ⓝ Nominal
  - Ⓒ Agent I cheats (dMPC)
  - Ⓢ Agent I cheats (RPdMPC-DS)

# Results

## Temporal



Temperature in house I.

Error  $E_I(k)$ .

**N** Nominal, **S** Selfish, **C** Corrected

- Agent starts cheating in  $k = 6$
- S** Agent increases its comfort
- C** Restablish behavior close to **N**



# Results

## Costs

Objective functions  $J_i$  (Normalized error %)

Agent	Selfish	Corrected
I	-36.3	0.5
II	21.67	-0.55
III	17.39	-0.0
IV	17.63	-0.09
Global	3.53	0.02

# Relaxing scarcity assumption

- Systems are not completely deprived
  - We can't change our constraints to equality ones anymore
  - Nor use the simpler update equation

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\mathbf{U}_i[k]}{\text{minimize}} && \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{U}_i[k]\|_{H_i}^2 + \mathbf{f}_i[k]^T \mathbf{U}_i[k] \\ & \text{subject to} && \bar{\Gamma}_i \mathbf{U}_i[k] \leq \boldsymbol{\theta}_i[k] : \boldsymbol{\lambda}_i[k] \end{aligned}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}[k]^{(p+1)} = \text{Proj}^{\mathcal{S}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}[k]^{(p)} + \rho^{(p)} \boldsymbol{\lambda}[k]^{(p)})$$

# Analyzing System

Solution for  $\lambda_i[k]$

Instead of having one single affine solution

$$\lambda_i[k] = -P_i \theta_i[k] - s_i[k]$$

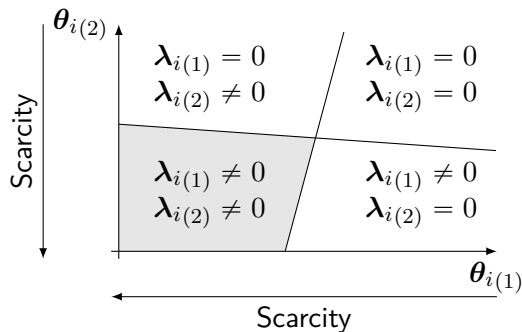
Now, we may have multiple (Piecewise affine function)

$$\lambda_i[k] = \begin{cases} -P_i^{(0)} \theta_i[k] - s_i^{(0)}[k], & \text{if } \theta_i[k] \in \mathcal{R}_{\lambda_i}^0 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ -P_i^{(Z)} \theta_i[k] - s_i^{(Z)}[k], & \text{if } \theta_i[k] \in \mathcal{R}_{\lambda_i}^Z \end{cases}$$

Still the  $P_i^{(z)}$  are time independent

# Analyzing System

## Solution for $\lambda_i[k]$ (Continued)



Separation surfaces depend on state and local parameters.  
Unknown by the coordinator.

# Analyzing System

Solution for  $\lambda_i[k]$  (Continued) Still?

$$\lambda_i[k] = \begin{cases} -P_i^{(0)} \theta_i[k] - s_i^{(0)}[k], & \text{if } \theta_i[k] \in \mathcal{R}_{\lambda_i}^0 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ -P_i^{(Z)} \theta_i[k] - s_i^{(Z)}[k], & \text{if } \theta_i[k] \in \mathcal{R}_{\lambda_i}^Z \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \text{Scarcity} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{All constraints active} & -P_i^{(0)} \theta_i[k] - s_i^{(0)}[k] \rightarrow -P_i \theta_i[k] - s_i[k] \\ \text{None constraints active} & -P_i^{(Z)} \theta_i[k] - s_i^{(Z)}[k] \rightarrow \mathbf{0} \end{array}$$

## Assumptions

The region  $\mathcal{R}_{\lambda_i}^0 \neq \emptyset$  and we known a point  $\theta_i^{\emptyset} \in \mathcal{R}_{\lambda_i}^0$

# Analyzing System

Under attack!

$$\tilde{\lambda}_i[k] = T_i[k]\lambda_k$$

Parameters are modified. But not the regions' limits

$$\tilde{\lambda}_i[k] = \begin{cases} -\tilde{P}_i^{(0)}\theta_i[k] - \tilde{s}_i^{(0)}[k], & \text{if } \theta_i[k] \in \mathcal{R}^0 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ -\tilde{P}_i^{(Z)}\theta_i[k] - \tilde{s}_i^{(Z)}[k], & \text{if } \theta_i[k] \in \mathcal{R}_{\lambda_i}^Z \end{cases}$$

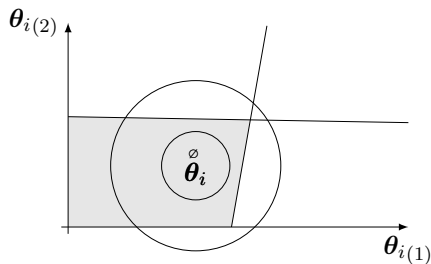
- If we can estimate  $\tilde{P}_i^{(0)}$  we can use same strategy than before
- Problem: We don't know in which region  $\theta_i$  is
- Solution: Let's force it using Artificial Scarcity



# Artificial Scarcity

What you thought was way too much is not enough

- We use the point  $\theta_i^\emptyset$ , which activates all constraints<sup>20</sup>



- Generate points close to  $\theta_i^\emptyset$
- Estimate  $\hat{P}_i^{(0)}[k]$
- How do we know the radius?
  - Unfortunately we don't.
- How to estimate  $\hat{P}_i^{(0)}[k]$  nonetheless?
  - Expectation Maximization

<sup>20</sup>If we have local constraints, we suppose this point respects them.

# Expectation Maximization

- Iterative method to estimate parameters of multimodal models<sup>21</sup>
- We give multiple observations  $\theta_i^o[k]$  and  $\tilde{\lambda}_i^o[k]$
- At each step we calculate
  - Ⓔ the probability of each  $(\hat{P}_i^{(z)}[k], \hat{s}_i^{(z)}[k])$  having generated each  $\tilde{\lambda}_i^o[k]$
  - Ⓜ new estimates  $(\hat{P}_i^{(z)}[k], \hat{s}_i^{(z)}[k])$  based on the probabilities
- At the end we have
  - Ⓛ Parameters with associated region index
  - Ⓜ Observations with associated region index
- We consult the index associated to  $\theta_i^\emptyset$
- We recover the associated parameter, i.e.,  $\hat{P}_i^{(0)}[k]$

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<sup>21</sup>Such as our PWA function after using some tricks

# Detection and Mitigation

Same same, but different

## Assumption

*We estimate nominal  $\bar{P}_i^{(0)}$  from attack free negotiation*

- Detection

$$\left\| \hat{\bar{P}}_i^{(0)}[k] - \bar{P}_i^{(0)} \right\|_F \geq \epsilon_{P_i^{(0)}}$$

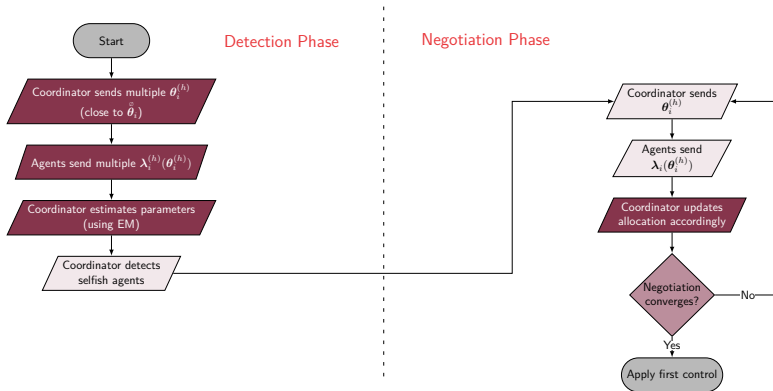
- Mitigation

$$\widehat{T_i[k]^{-1}} = \bar{P}_i^{(0)} \hat{\bar{P}}_i^{(0)}[k]^{-1}.$$

$$\lambda_i^{\text{rec}} = \widehat{T_i[k]^{-1}} \tilde{\lambda}_i.$$

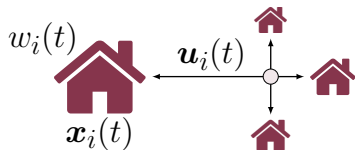
# Complete algorithm

RPdMPC-AS<sup>22</sup>



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# Example

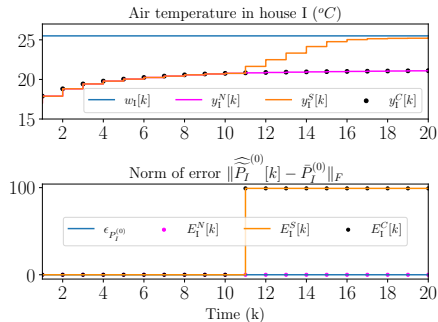


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(Change  $(x_0, w_0)$ )
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I	-36.49	$-4.12e - 05$
II	35.81	$1.74e - 05$
III	29.22	$2.14e - 05$
IV	37.54	$1.73e - 05$
Global	10.69	$-6e - 07$

# Too good to be true!

It's a kind of magic!~~It's a kind of magic!~~

- No disturbance in communication
- Unfortunately EM is not magic
  - Slow convergence
  - Dependency on initialization
    - No guarantees of achieving global optimal
- Some “solutions”:
  - Force some parameters to converge faster (case dependant)
  - Run multiple times with different initialization and pick best
  - Associate with other methods of the same family



# Conclusion

## Main takeaways

- Distributed MPC
  - increases privacy and flexibility
  - reduces complexity of calculation
  - in security context, it still is in its baby steps
- Primal decomposition
  - prevents agent to use more resources than agreed upon
  - increases privacy by communicating dual variables instead of primal
- Security for DMPC
  - Attacker can change the communication to receive more resources.
  - The consequences of an attack are suboptimality and instability
  - We can explore scarcity information to mitigate

# Open questions/Future directions

- Reconstruction with partial information (Current work)
- Study of error propagation (Current work)
- Robustness when add noise
- Estimation as Switched Auto-Regressive Exogenous System
- Sensibility to other topologies (more/less vulnerable?)
- Study of security on similar problems  
(flocking/consensus/averaging/federated learning etc)
- ...

Questions? Comments?

Repository

<https://github.com/Accacio/thesis>






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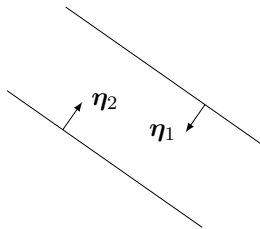
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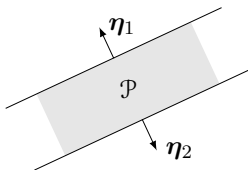
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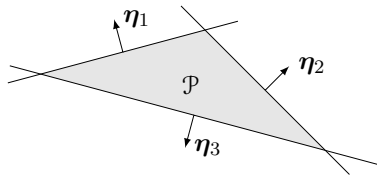
One way to ensure this, is to make the original constraints to form a cone.



No intersection



$$\langle \eta_2, \eta_1 \rangle = 180^\circ$$



A 3-sided polyhedron.

$$\theta^{(p+1)} = \mathcal{A}_\theta \theta^{(p)} + \mathcal{B}_\theta[k]$$

where

$$\mathcal{A}_\theta = \begin{bmatrix} I - \frac{M-1}{M} \rho^{(p)} P_1 & \frac{1}{M} \rho^{(p)} P_2 & \dots & \frac{1}{M} \rho^{(p)} P_M \\ \frac{1}{M} \rho^{(p)} P_1 & I - \frac{M-1}{M} \rho^{(p)} P_2 & \dots & \frac{1}{M} \rho^{(p)} P_M \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{1}{M} \rho^{(p)} P_1 & \frac{1}{M} \rho^{(p)} P_2 & \dots & I - \frac{M-1}{M} \rho^{(p)} P_M \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\mathcal{B}_\theta[k] = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{M-1}{M} \rho^{(p)} \mathbf{s}_1[k] + \frac{1}{M} \rho^{(p)} \mathbf{s}_2[k] \dots - \frac{1}{M} \rho^{(p)} \mathbf{s}_M[k] \\ \frac{1}{M} \rho^{(p)} \mathbf{s}_1[k] - \frac{M-1}{M} \rho^{(p)} \mathbf{s}_2[k] \dots - \frac{1}{M} \rho^{(p)} \mathbf{s}_M[k] \\ \vdots \\ \frac{1}{M} \rho^{(p)} \mathbf{s}_1[k] + \frac{1}{M} \rho^{(p)} \mathbf{s}_2[k] \dots - \frac{M-1}{M} \rho^{(p)} \mathbf{s}_M[k] \end{bmatrix}$$

# Parameters estimated depending on Prediction Horizon $N$

# constraints depend on # global constraints  $c$  and prediction horizon  $N$

- Number of Regions =  $2^{Nc}$
- Parameters in each region = Matrix  $P_i^{(z)} = (Nc)^2$  + vector  $\mathbf{s}_i^{(z)}[k] = Nc$ 
  - Total  $((Nc)^2 + Nc)2^{Nc}$

Some examples

- 1 constraint
  - $N = 3 \rightarrow 96$  elements
  - $N = 4 \rightarrow 320$  elements

## Remark

*We can reduce number of elements estimated from  $P_i^{(z)}$  if we assume  $P_i^{(z)} \in \mathbb{S}$   
New total  $\rightarrow ((Nc)^2 + 3Nc)2^{Nc-1}$*