

# Security of distributed Model Predictive Control under False Data injection or How I Learned to Stop and Worry about Everything

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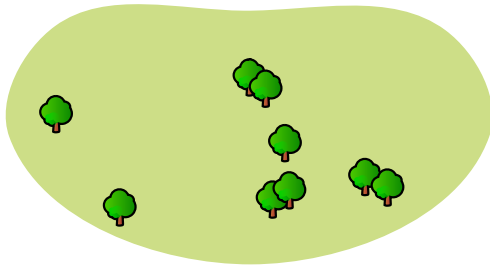


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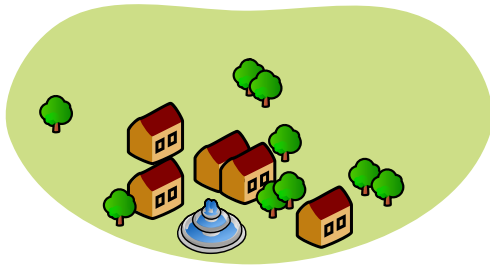


45 minutes !!!!

Good afternoon, thank you all for being here. I'm Rafael Accácio and I'm going to present my work on the security of distributed model predictive control under false data injection.



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For those who are not familiar with mpc. Mpc is the model based predictive controller.

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And we have the control sequence of  $\mathbf{u}$  as the decision variable.



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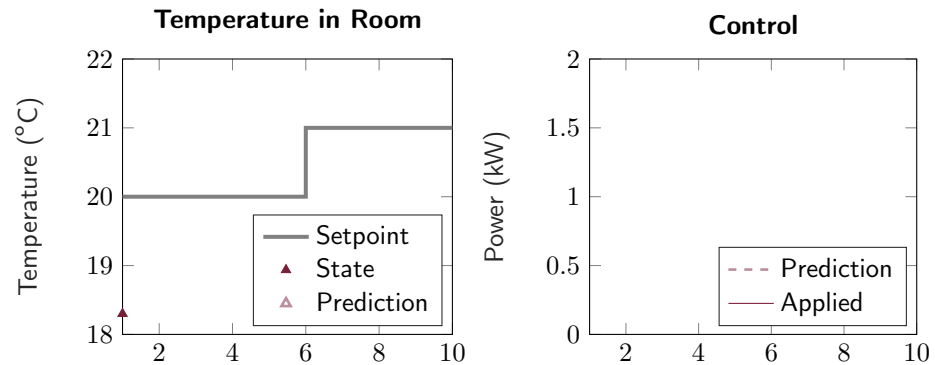
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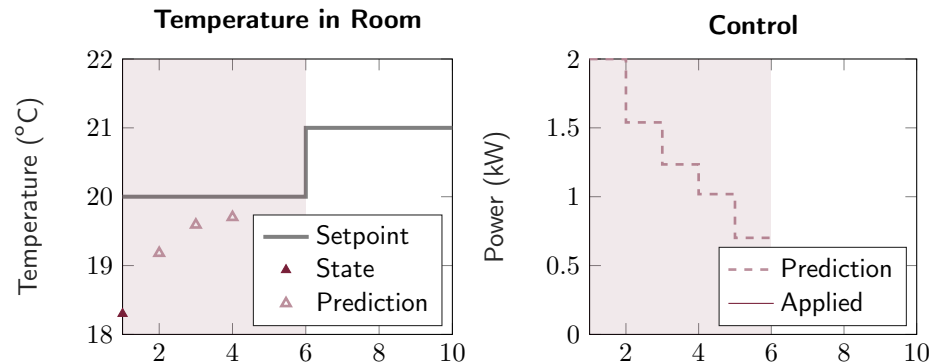
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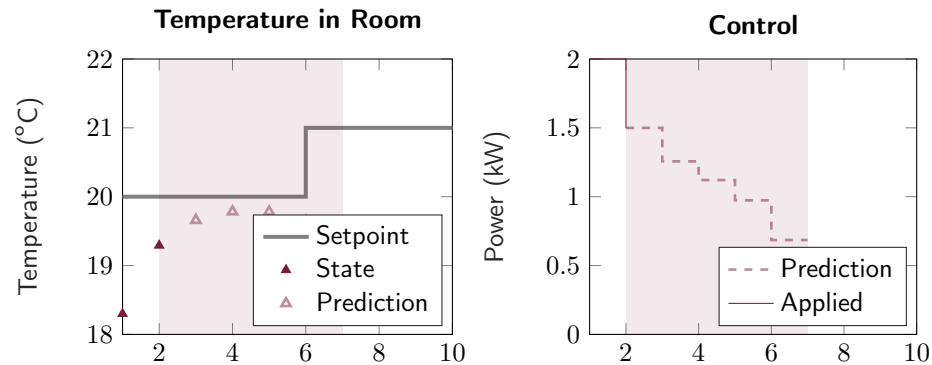


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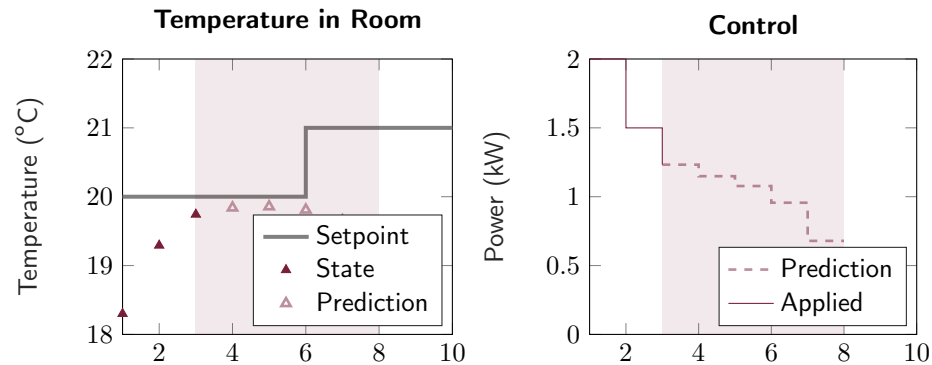


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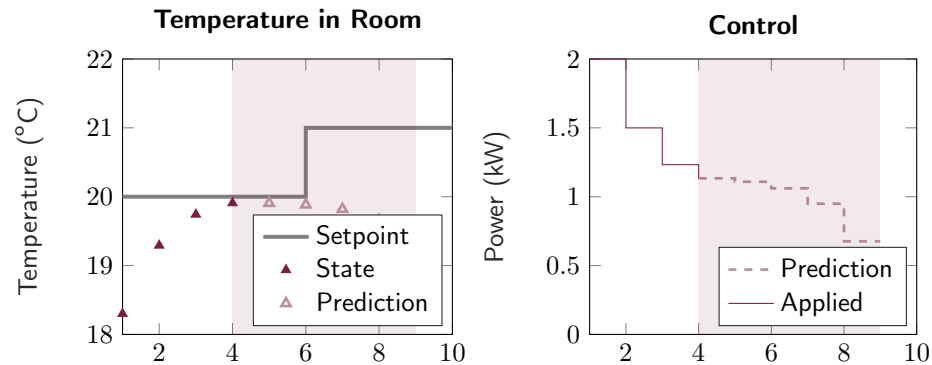


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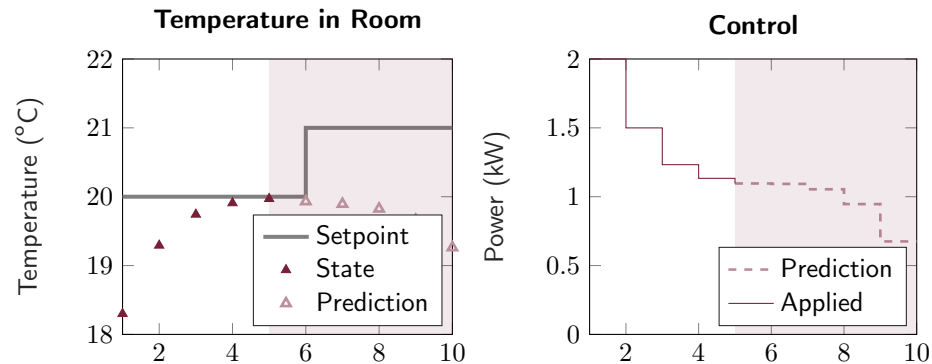


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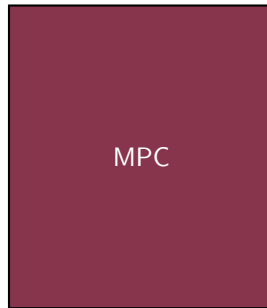
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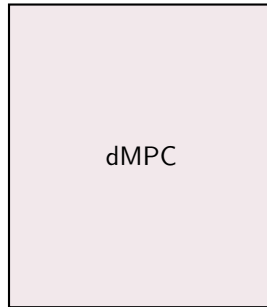
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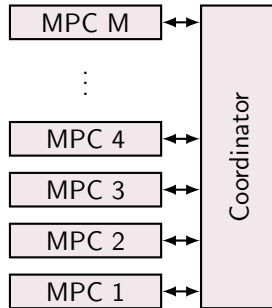


A strategy to alleviate is to distribute the calculation whenever possible. And there are many ways to divide it as the book shows.

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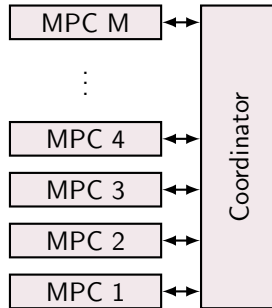


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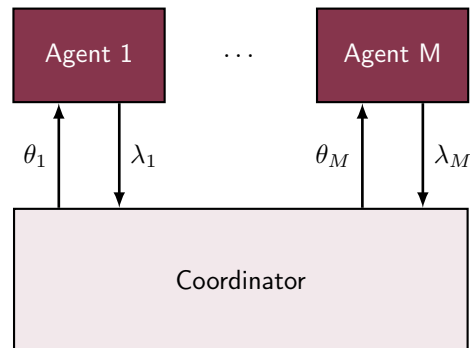


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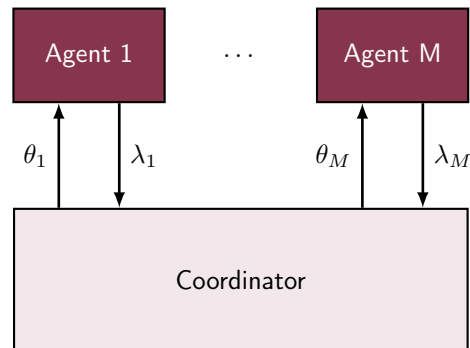
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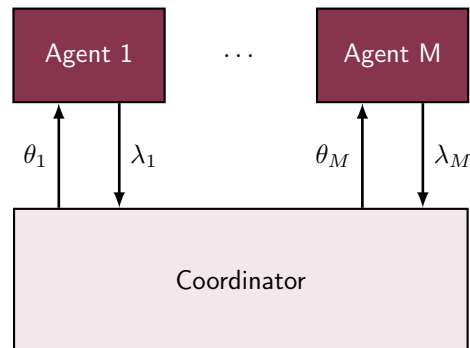


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## ① Vulnerabilities in distributed MPC based on Primal Decomposition

- What is the Primal Decomposition?

- How can an agent attack?

- Consequences

# Distributed Model Predictive Control

Primal Decomposition | Quantity Decomposition | Resource Allocation

Decompose original problem using primal problem

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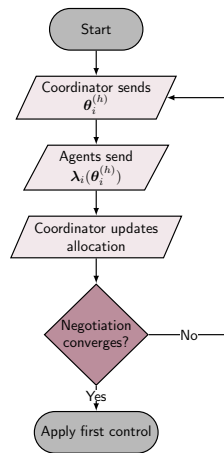
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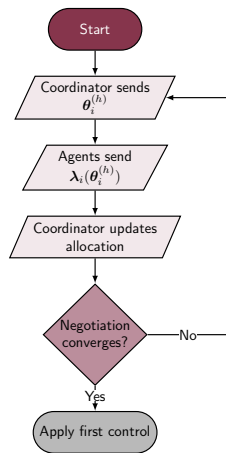


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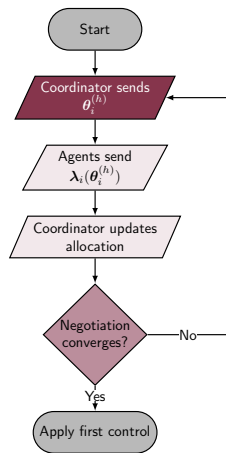
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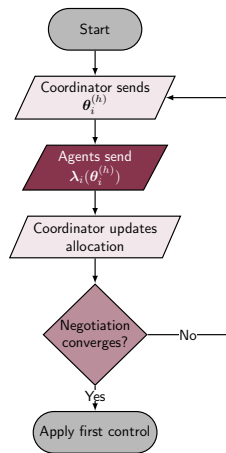
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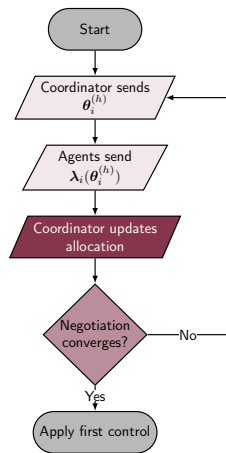
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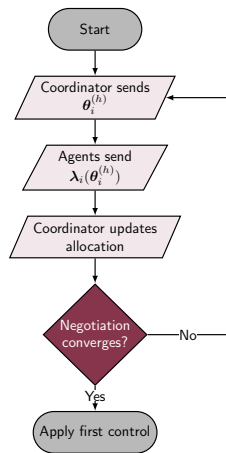
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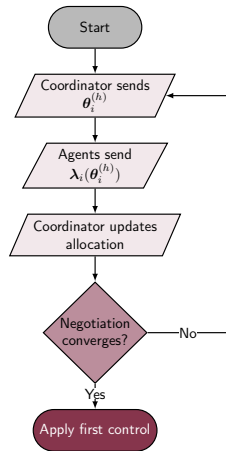
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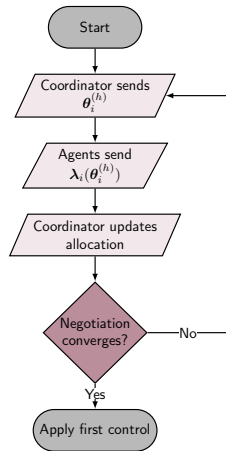
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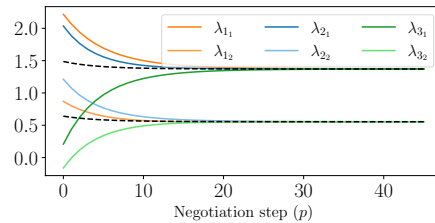
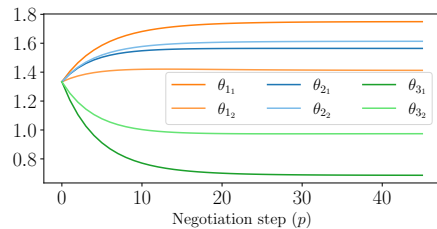
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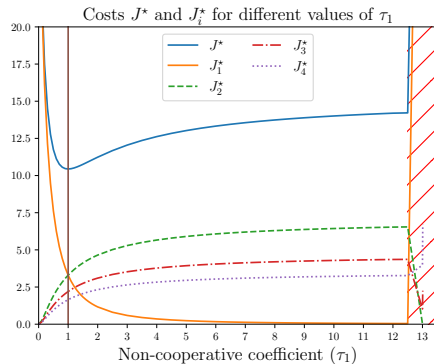
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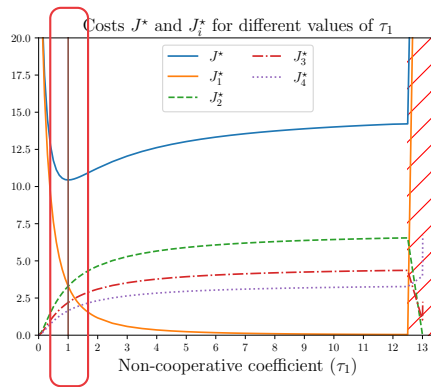
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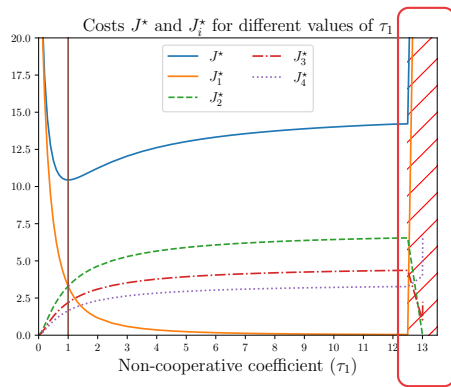
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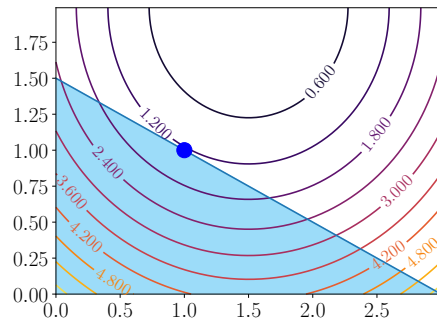
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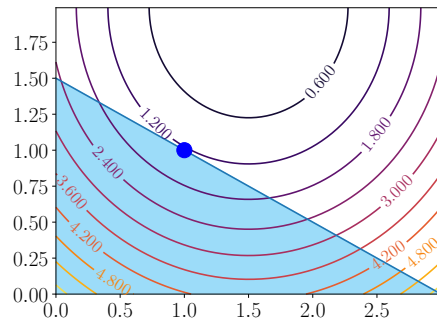
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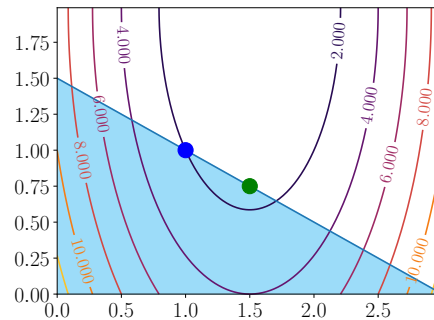
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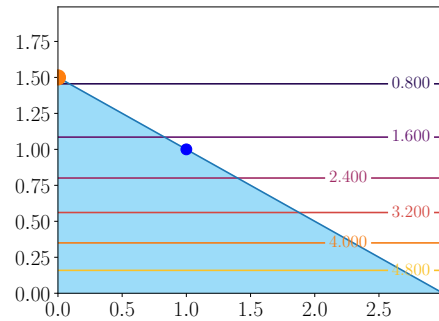
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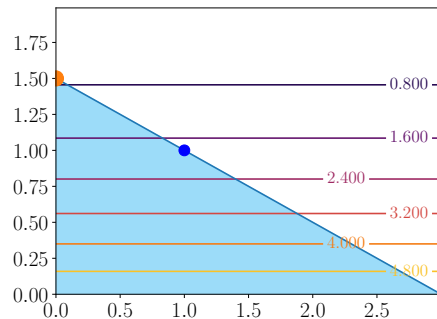
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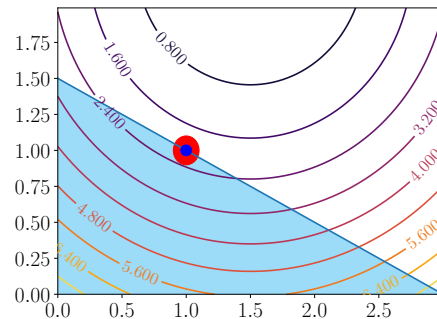
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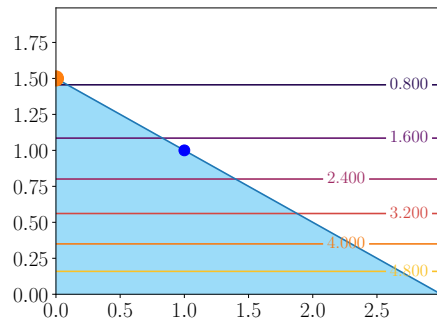


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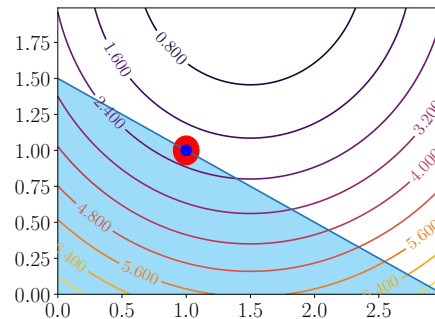


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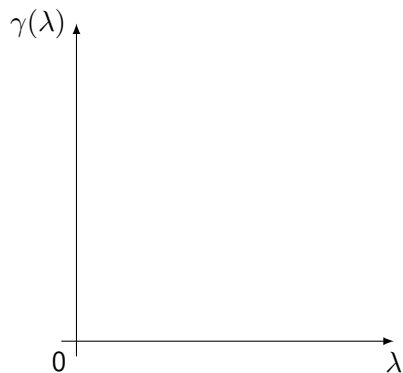
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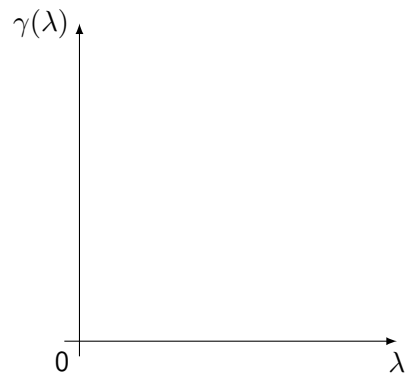
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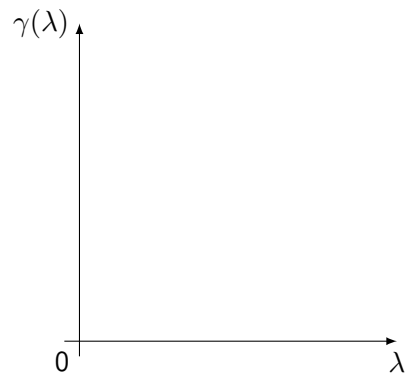
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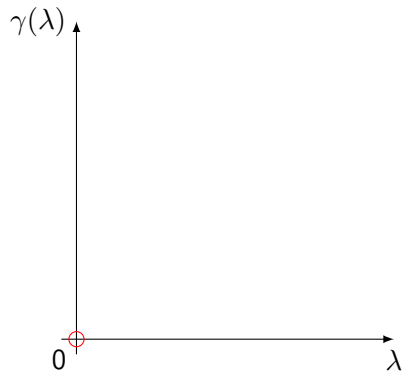
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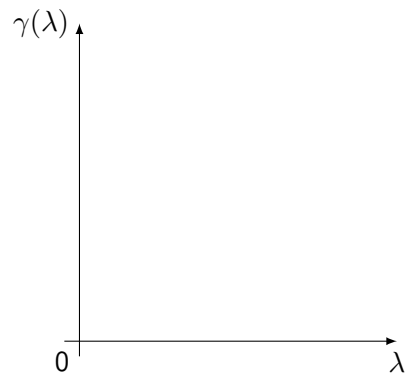
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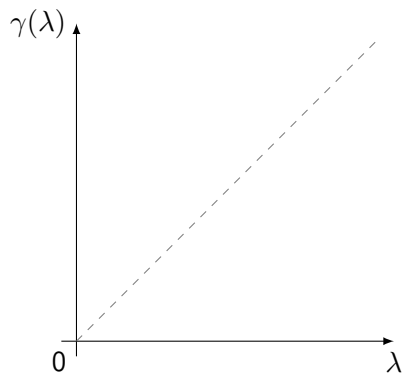
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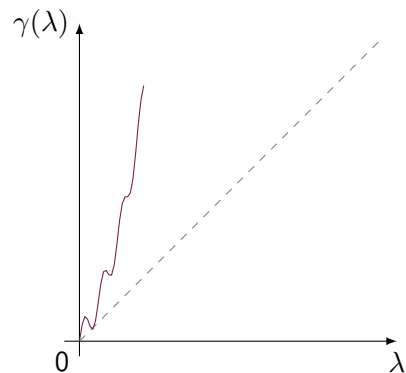
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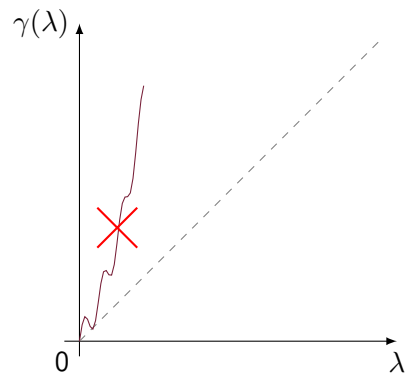
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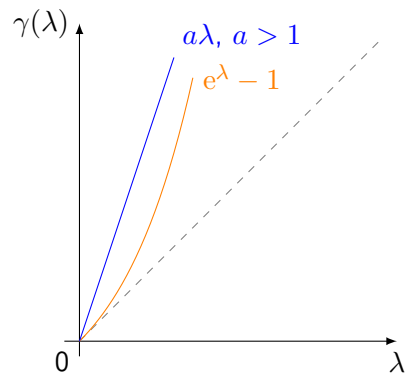
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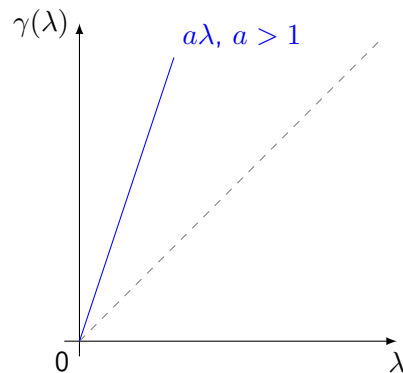
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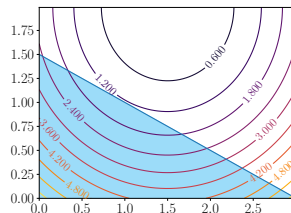
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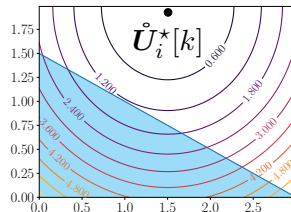
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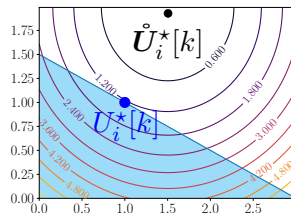




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Repository

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If you want to see the simulations of this paper we have a github repository, and if you want to send me an email about this paper or this presentation you can flash the QR code in the right. Thank you!



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As a recommended reading I give a book about distributed MPC and an article with another secure dmpc algorithm based in another decomposition method. That’s all







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