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Coordinated energy management
in prosumer communities

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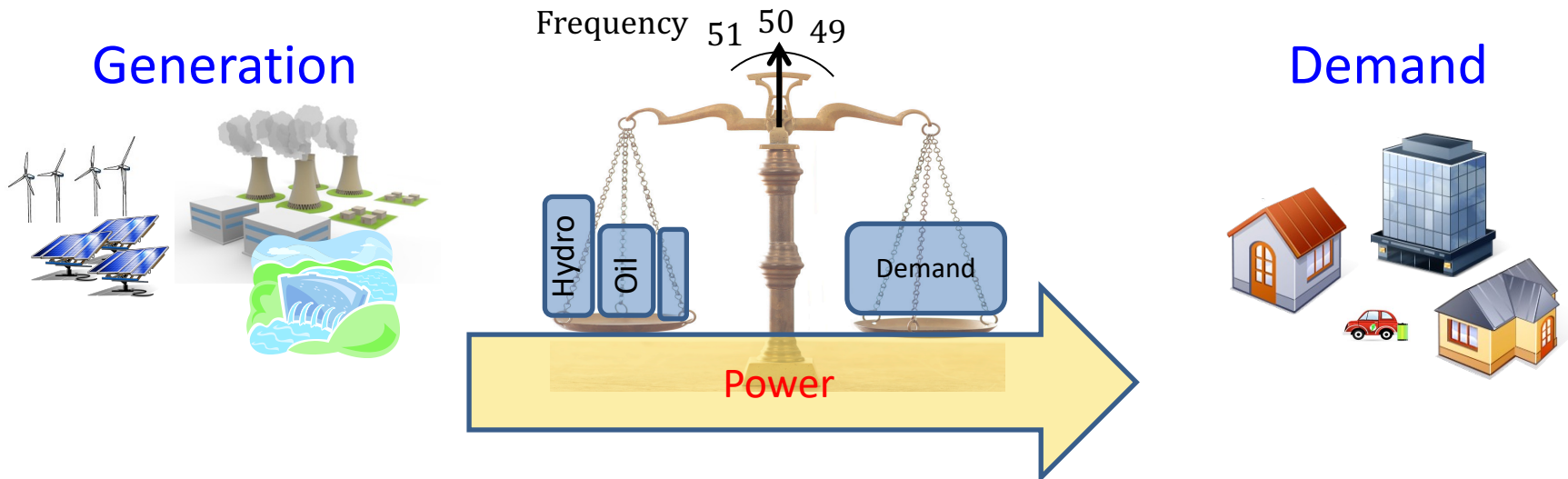
Traditional Power System

- Centralized Generation
- Uni-directional
- Generation is controlled
- Demand is not controlled

Power Balancing

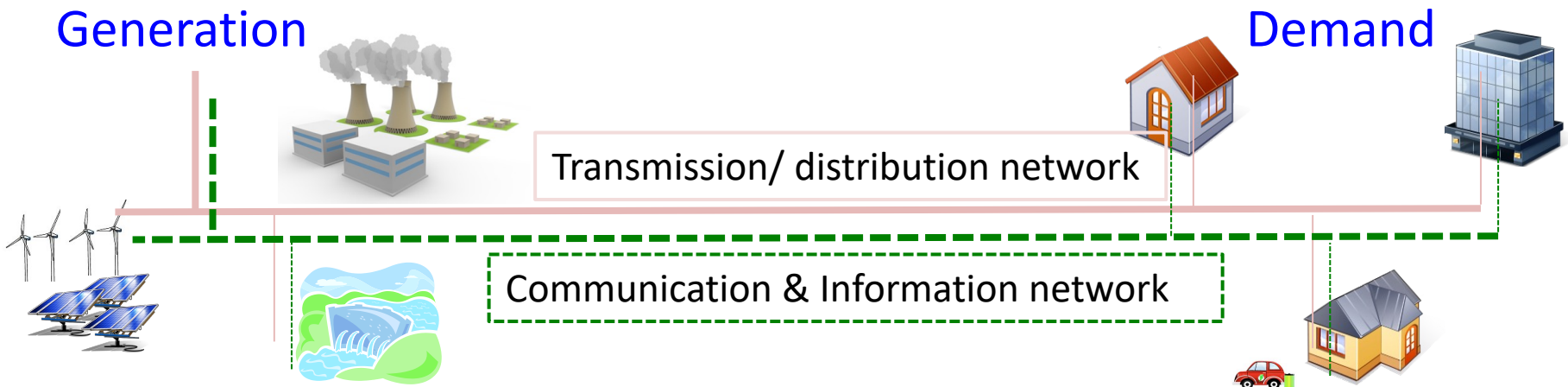
$$\text{Supply} = \text{Demand (+Losses)} \text{ [W]}$$

Should be satisfied at all times



Grid → Smart-grid

- Smartgrid: Focus on improving the **grid**
- **Goals**
 - Improve reliability
 - Reduce cost
 - Reduce the need of peaking generation



Priorities in power systems

Developing countries

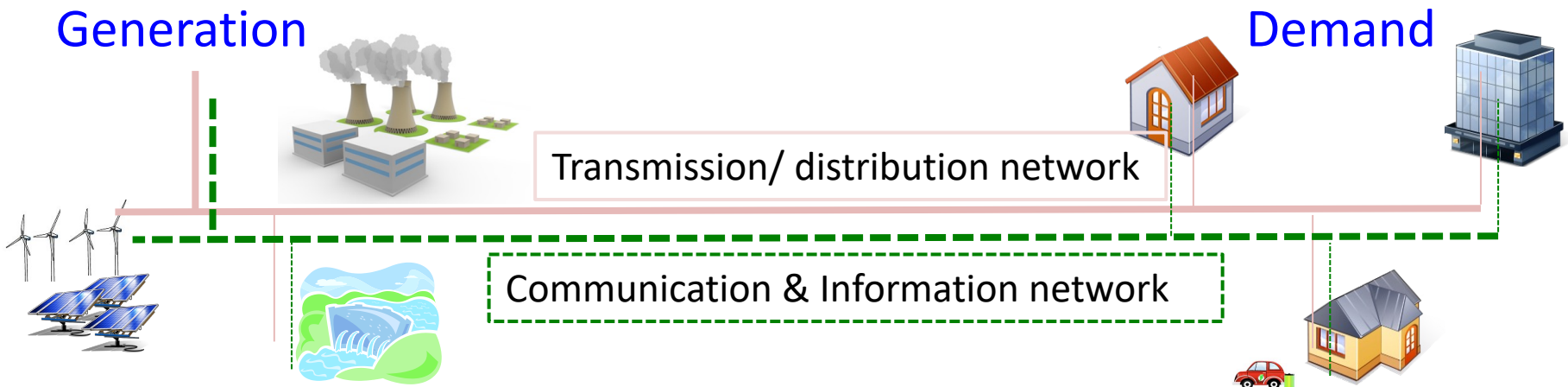
- Manage increasing generation capacity
- Improve system stability

Advanced countries

- Better management of energy consumption
- Demographics changes
- Environmental concerns

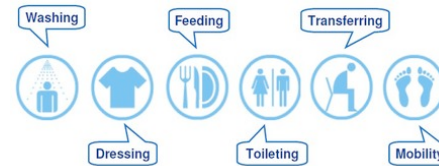
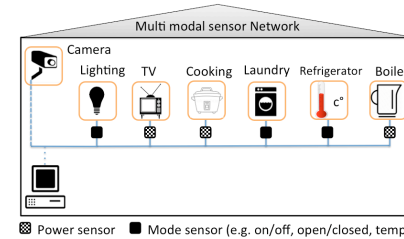
Diversify the generation mix

- reduce costs & increase energy security



Changes in Technology

- Electrification of loads
 - Heating, transportation
- Sensing & Control
 - Smart-taps
 - Sensor networks
 - Living activity recognition
 - Energy Management Systems (EMS)
 - at home, factories, etc.
- Decrease in cost of
 - Storage (e.g. Batteries)
 - Renewables (e.g. PV and wind)

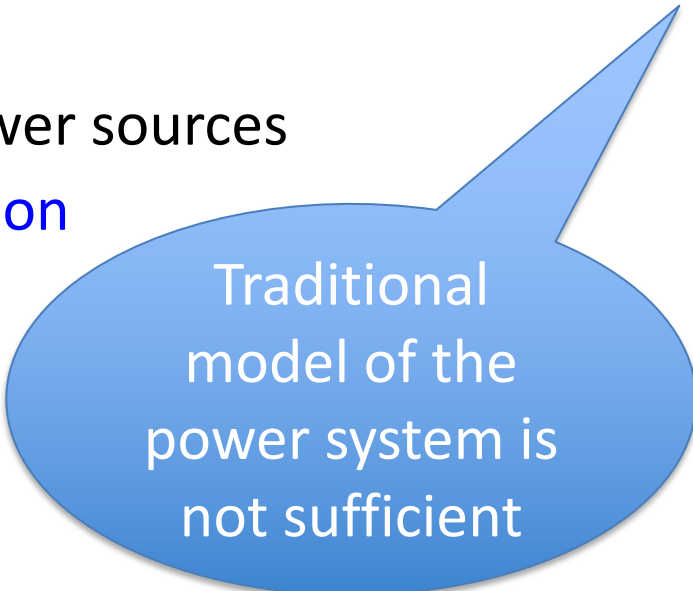


Changes in Government policies

- Increase renewable use (Feed-in tariff (FIT) scheme)
- Deregulation of the power system
 - Elimination of vertical monopolies
 - Liberalization of
 - the generation market
 - the retail market (from April'16, Japan)

As a result:

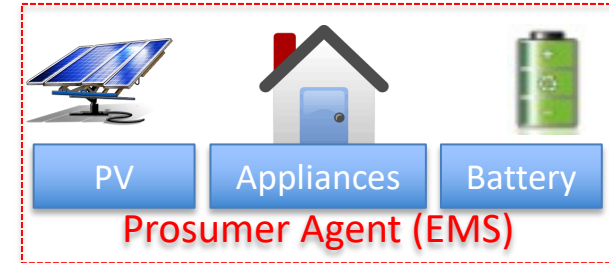
- Reduced dependency on traditional power sources
- Decentralized & uncontrollable generation
- End-user has sensing, control & generation capabilities



Traditional model of the power system is not sufficient

Consumer → Prosumer

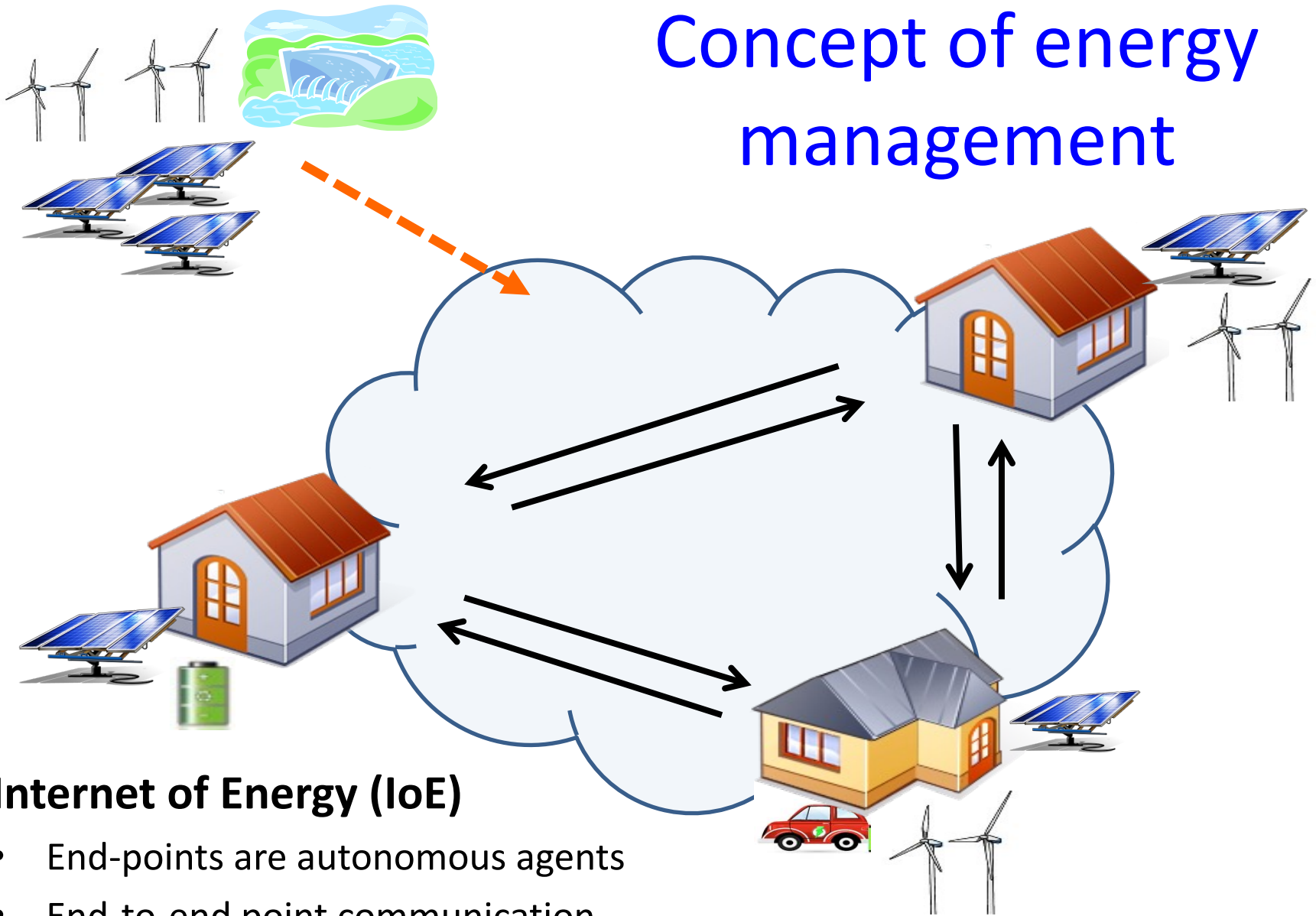
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- Prosumer can buy & sell power energy
 - Decide which energy they want to buy (origin & type)
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This will require

- advanced communication & information technologies,
- advanced prediction & estimation technologies,
- new economic & social models

Concept of energy management



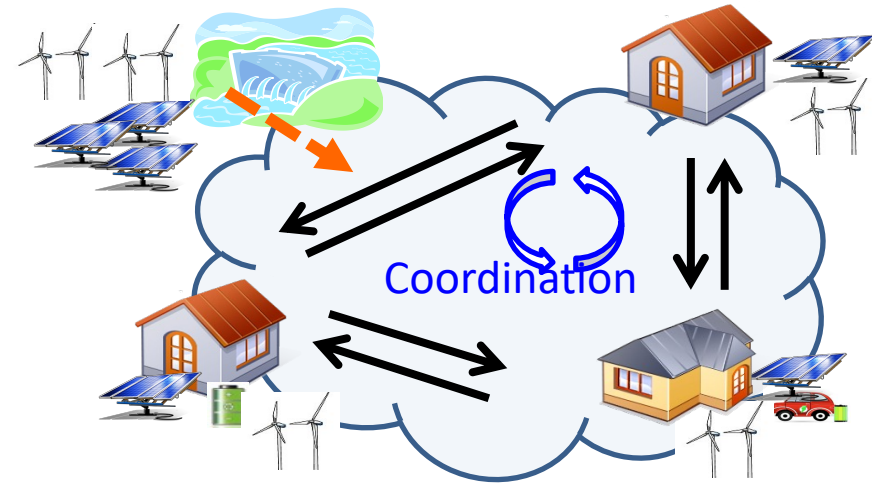
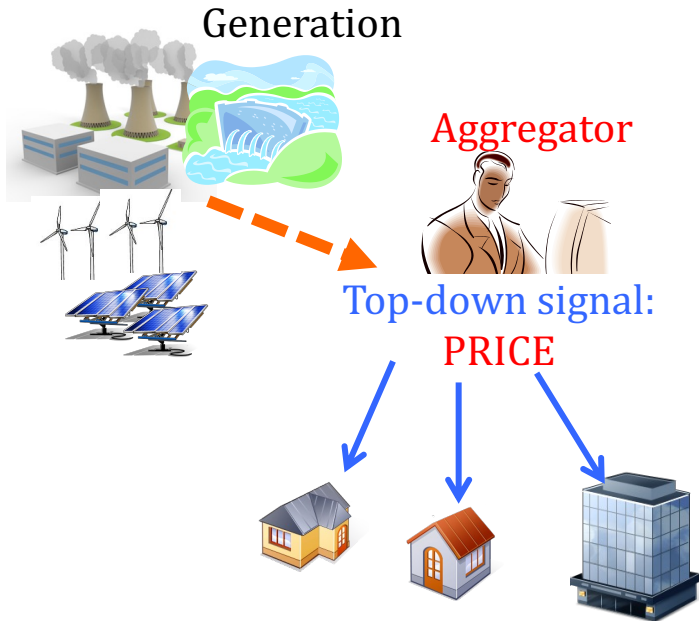
Internet of Energy (IoE)

- End-points are autonomous agents
- End-to-end point communication
- Distributed management through collaboration
- IoE: Energy management protocols (vs device control of IoT)

Comparison

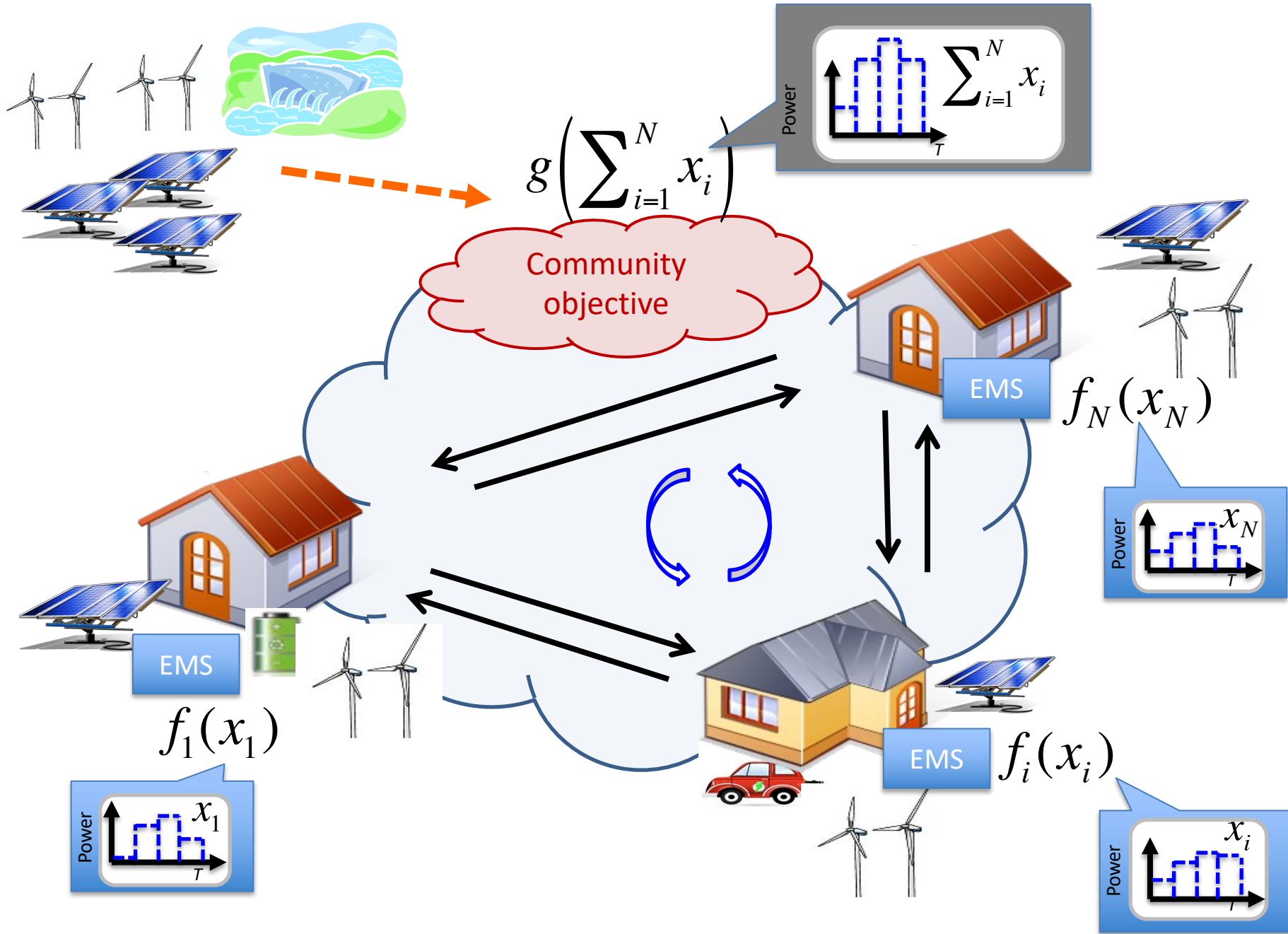
➔ Price-based Demand response

➔ Coordinated energy management



- Agents do not communicate
 - No control feedback
- Cluster of single agent best effort
- Limited control ability

- Agents **communicate** to coordinate
 - Control feedback
- Community best effort
- Higher control ability

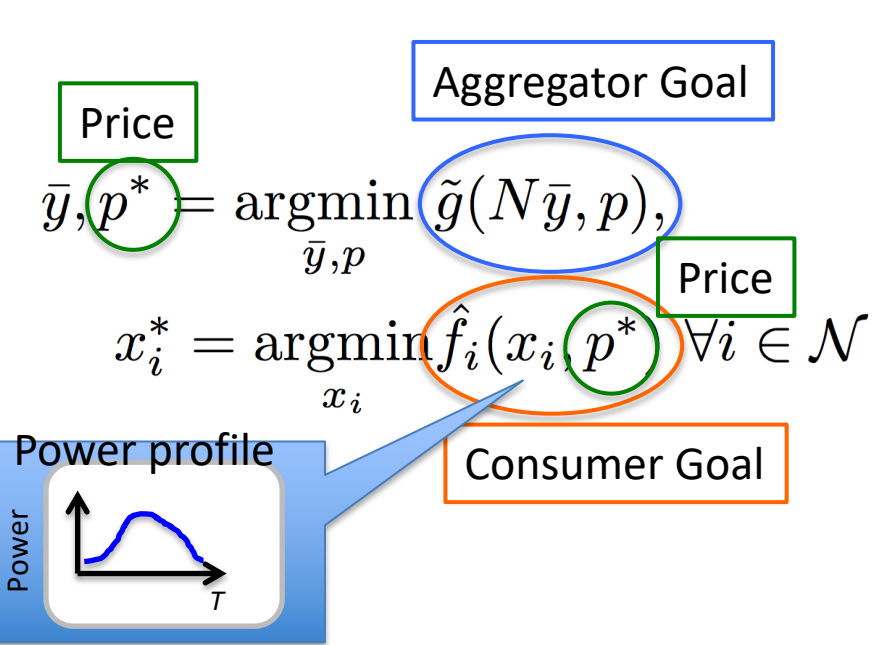


A cost function is associated to each agent and to the community

Formulation (for day-ahead planning)

→ Price-based Demand response

→ Coordinated energy management



Community Goal

$$\operatorname{minimize}_{(x_i)_{i \in \mathcal{N}}} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} f_i(x_i) + g\left(\sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} x_i\right)$$

Prosumer Goal

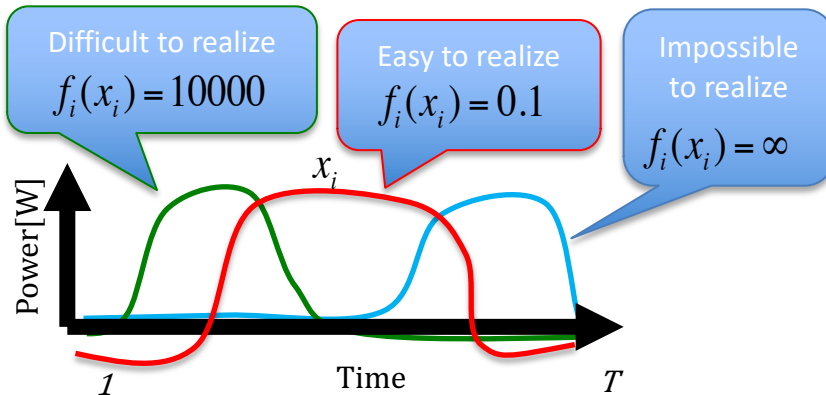
The equation represents the coordinated energy management problem. The objective is to minimize the total cost, which is the sum of individual prosumer goals $f_i(x_i)$ and a community goal $g(\sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} x_i)$ that depends on the total power consumption across all prosumers.

Power Profile-based coordination



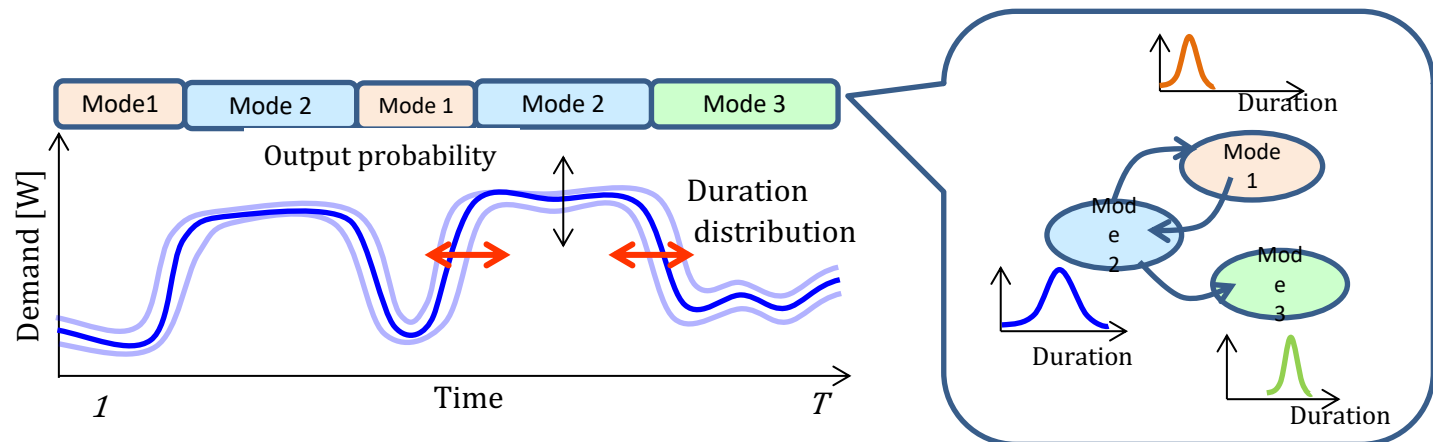
- Objective function $f_i(x_i)$ $x_i \in R^T$
 - Difficulty of realizing profile x_i by Household i

Related to the Quality of Life (QoL) associated to a given profile



Generative Model

- Sequence of stages
- HSMM-based generative model



Distributed Optimization via ADMM

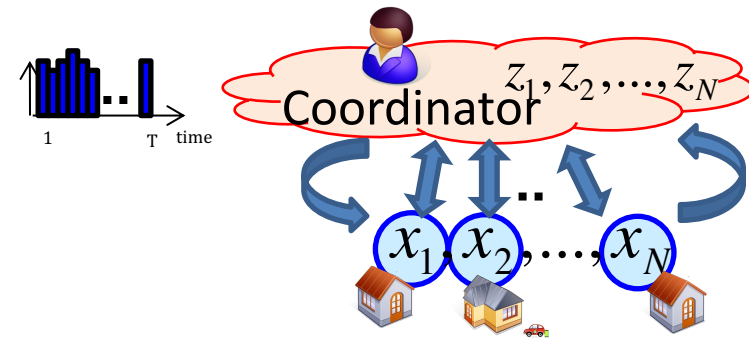
Sharing Problem:

$$\min_{x_1, \dots, x_N} L(x) \triangleq \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} f_i(x_i) + g\left(\sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} x_i\right) \quad x_i \in \mathbb{R}^T$$

Global cost ← $\sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} x_i$

Aggregated profile → $\sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} x_i$

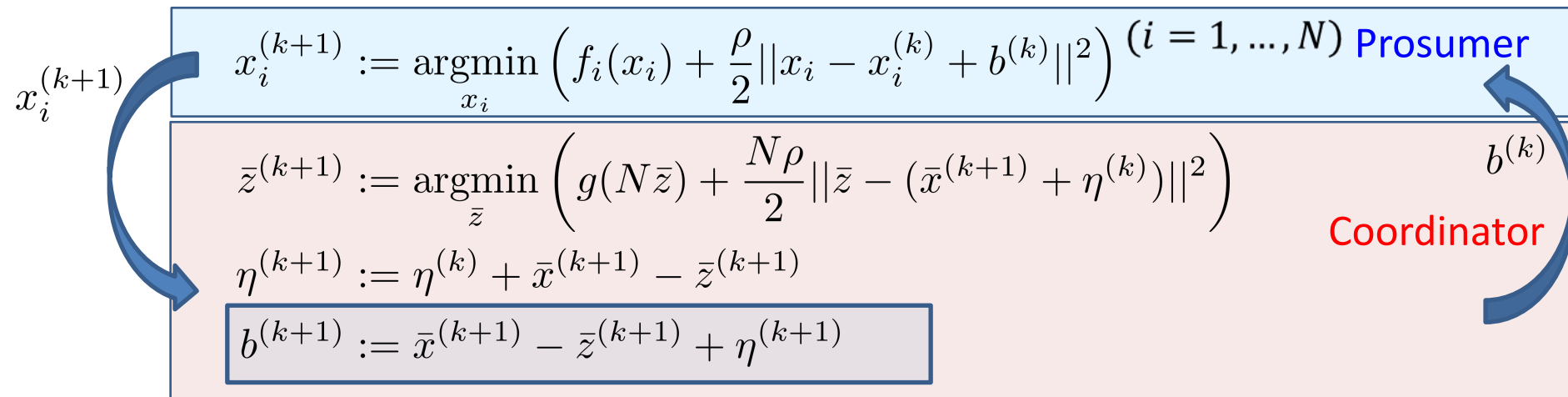
Subject to $x_i = z_i$



Dual decomposition with Augmented Lagrangian

$$L_\rho(x, z, \lambda) \triangleq \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} f_i(x_i) + g\left(\sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} z_i\right) + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \lambda_i^\top (x_i - z_i) + \frac{\rho}{2} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \|x_i - z_i\|^2$$

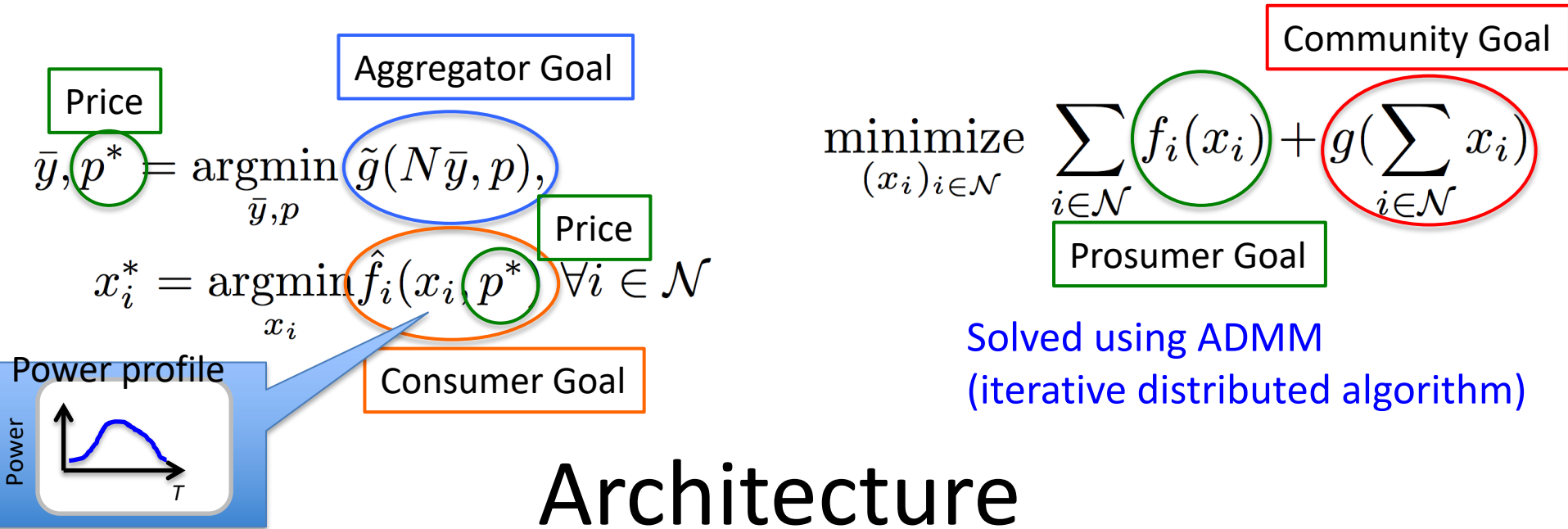
Alternating Direction Method of Multipliers (ADMM):



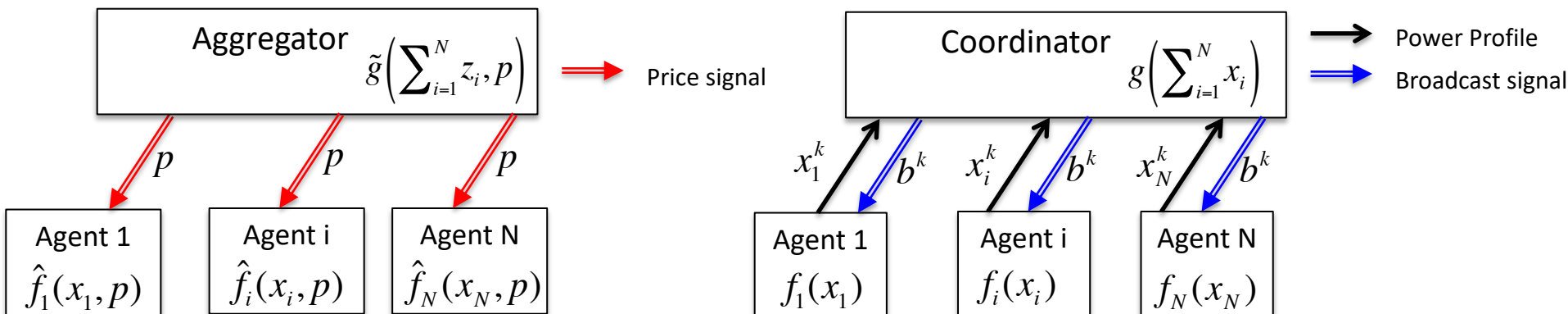
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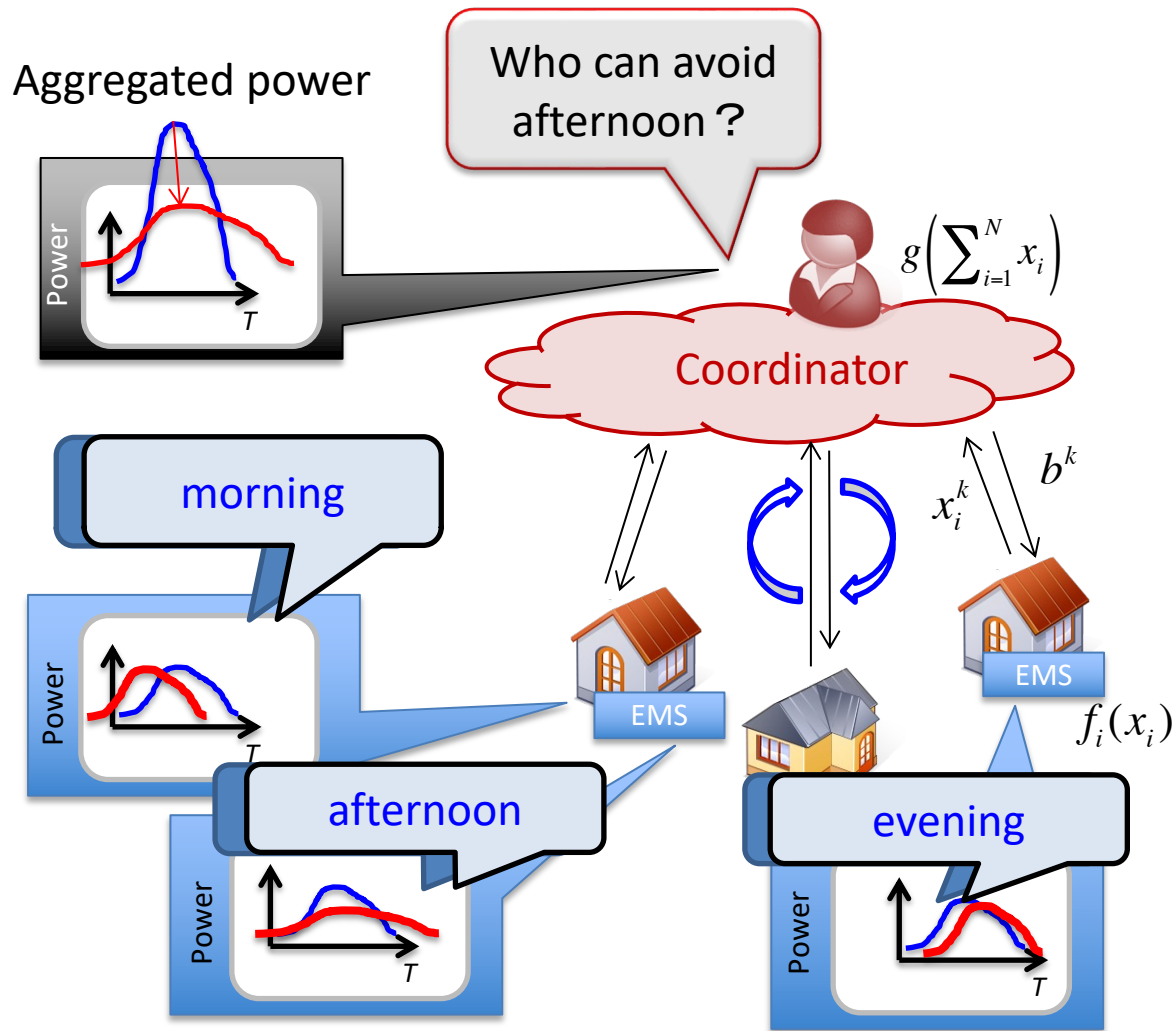
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Architecture



Coordination Framework (ADMM based)



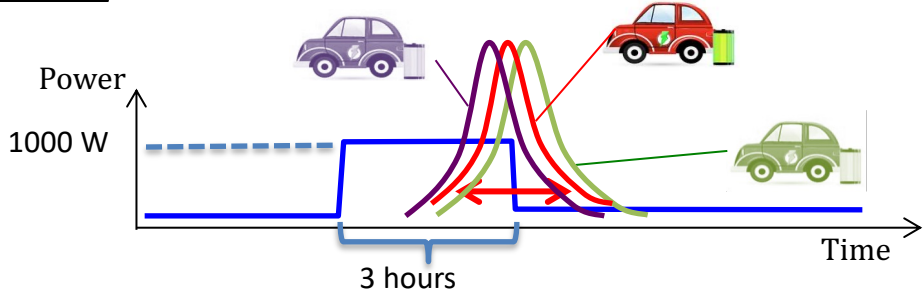
Illustrative Example. Scenario:

- 40 electric vehicles (EV) are charged.
- Charging all EVs at similar time should be avoided.

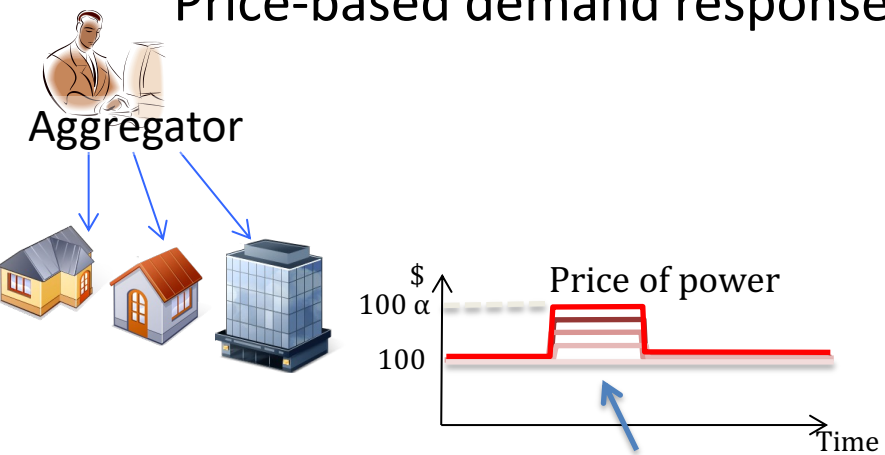
The scheduling is done by taking into account each agent's preferences

Electric vehicle charging

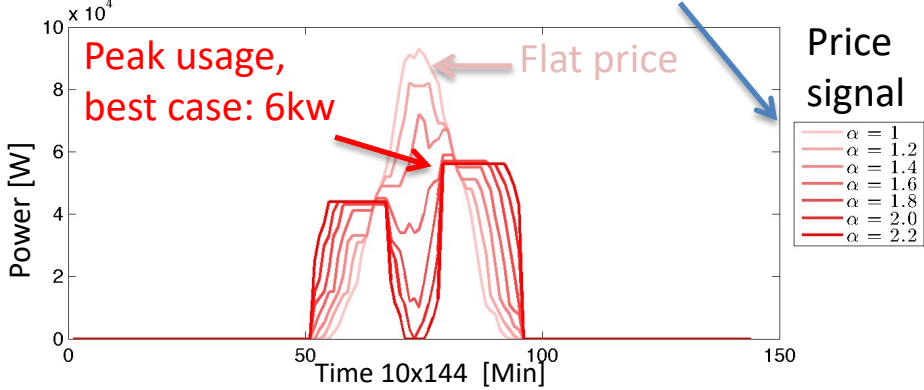
- Takes about 3 hours (uninterruptible)
- Requires 1000 Watts



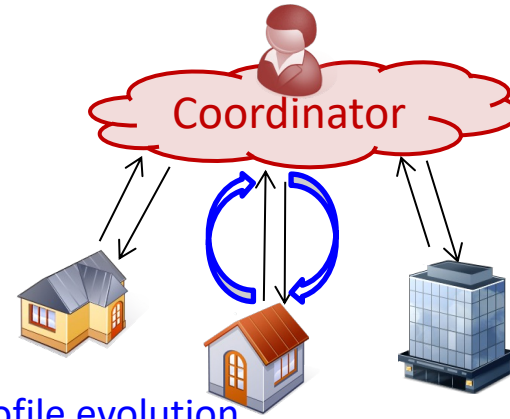
Price-based demand response



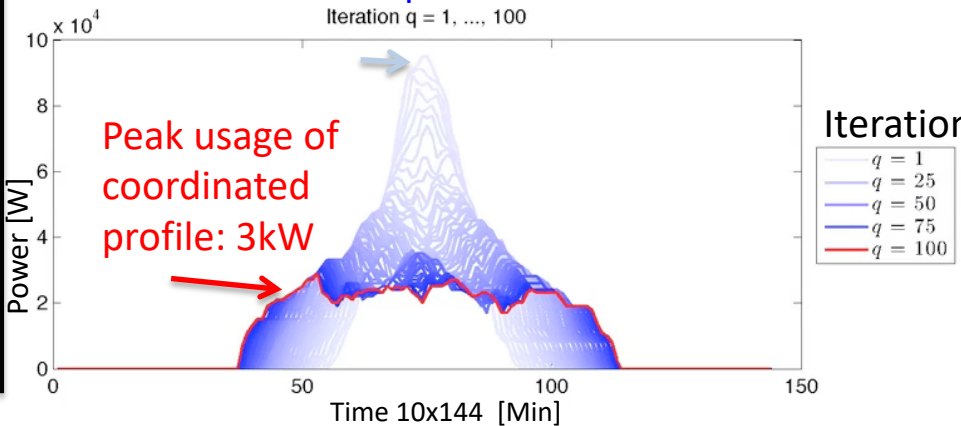
Aggregated power for different price signals

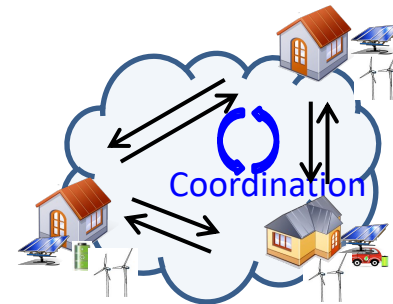
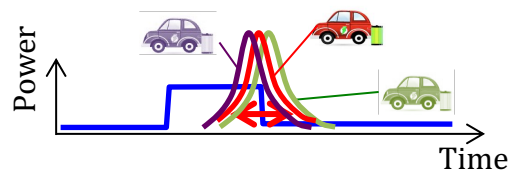


Coordinated energy management



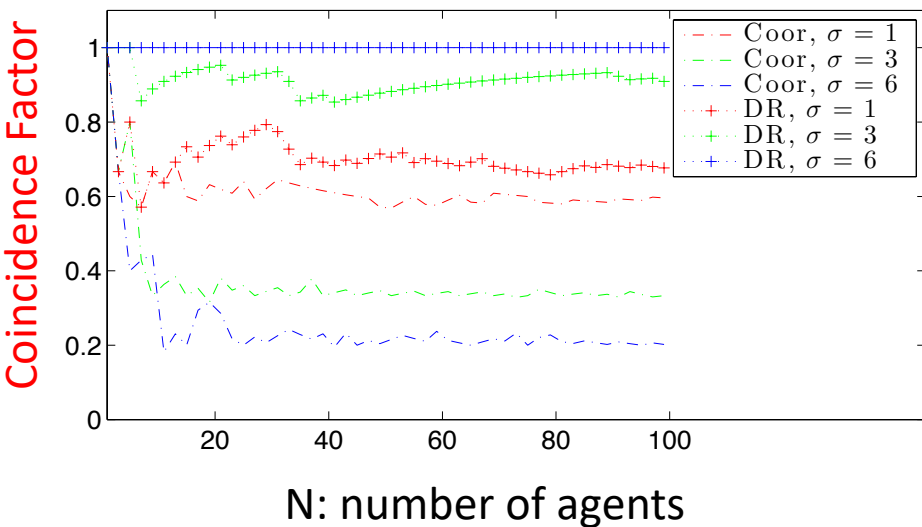
Coordinated profile evolution



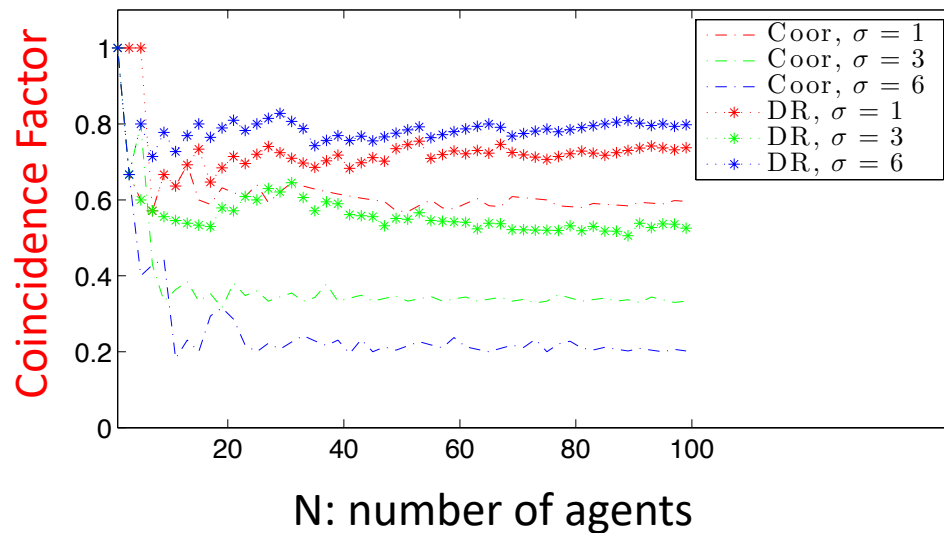


Scalability

Coordination versus critical-peak-pricing DR



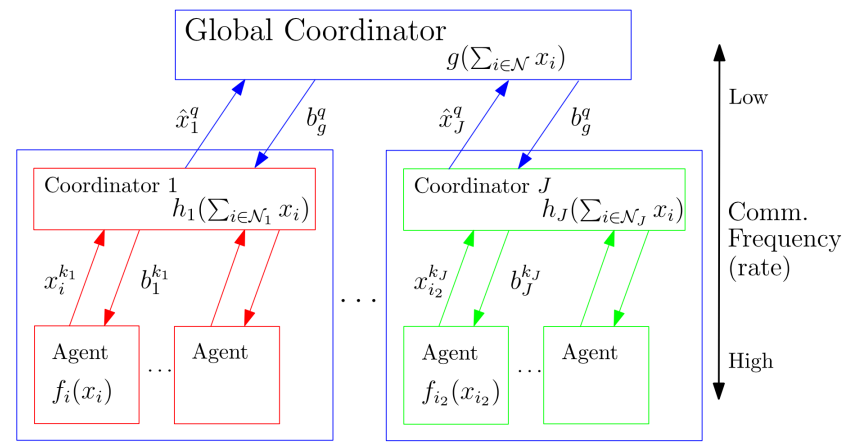
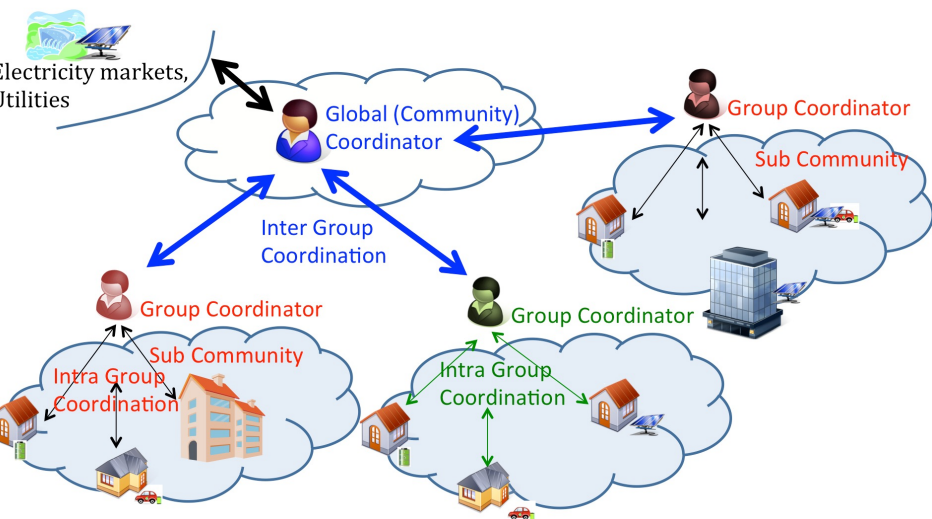
Coordination versus proportional price DR



Coincidence Factor: peak consumption relative to peak consumption of worst case (no energy management)

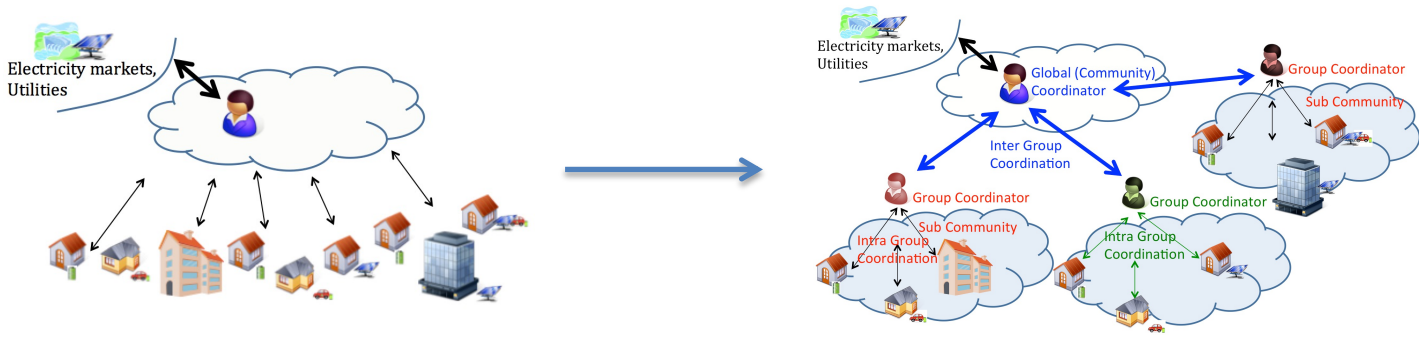
Extension 1: Inter-community coordination

Hierarchical architecture & coordination algorithms



Extension 2: Group formation

Grouping of agents: assignment algorithm & criteria



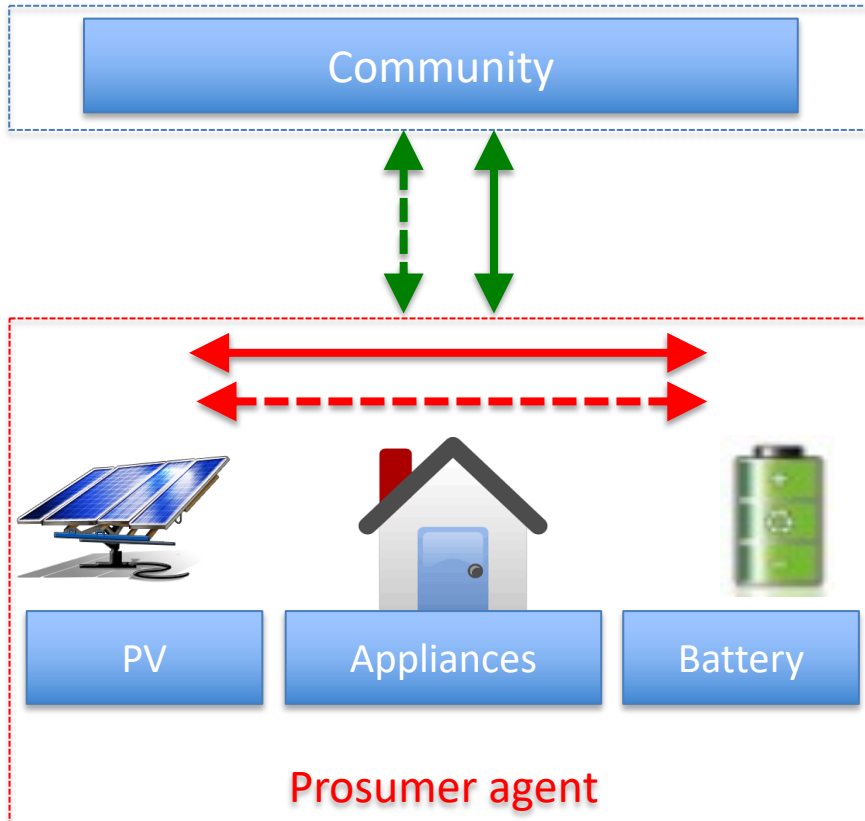
Extension 3: Plan update

AUGMENTED PROSUMER MODEL


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 - Decide which energy they want to buy (origin & type)
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Consumer → Prosumer



Offline management
Real-time management

Controllable 

Uncontrollable 

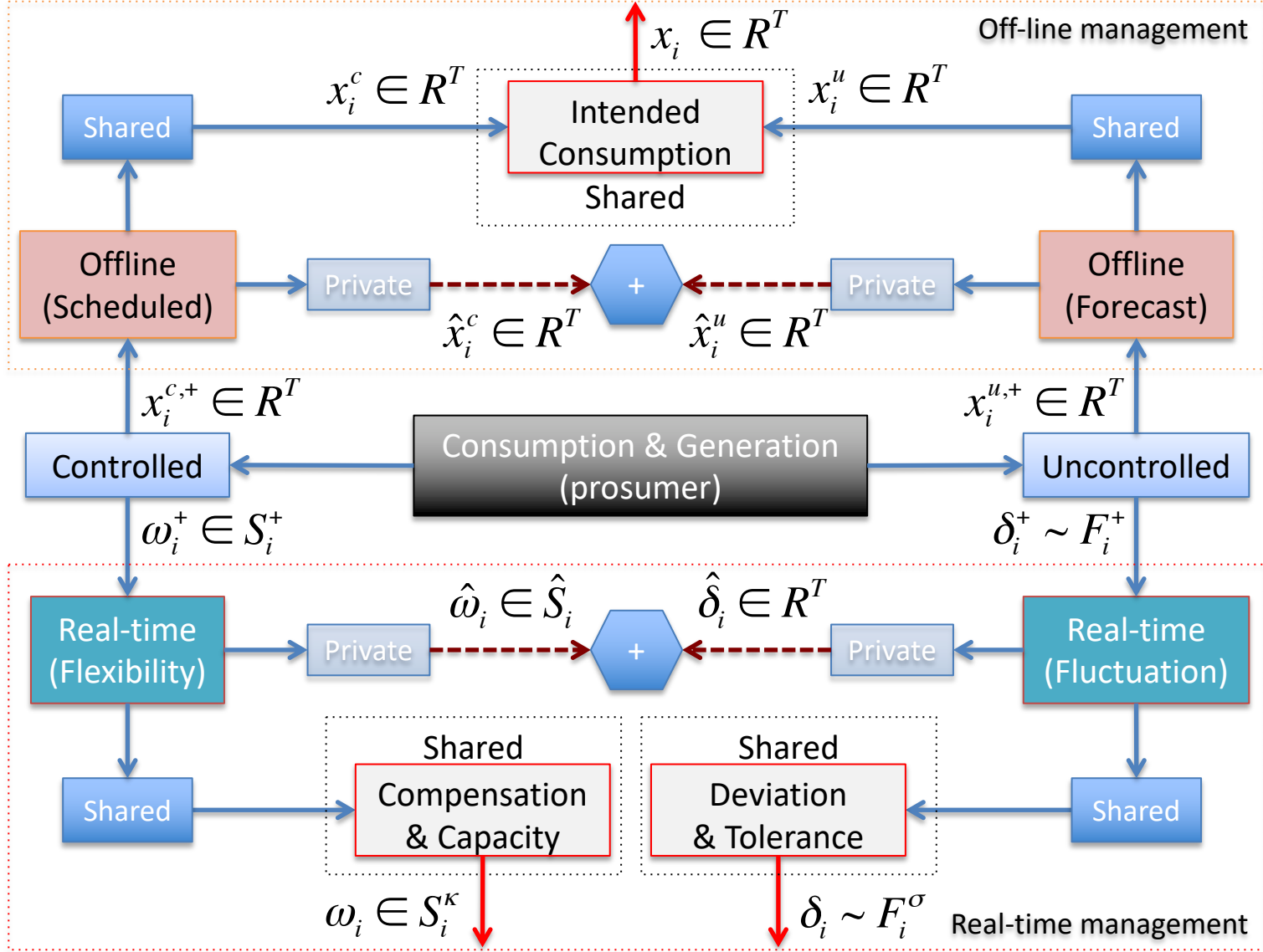
Private 

Shared (public) 

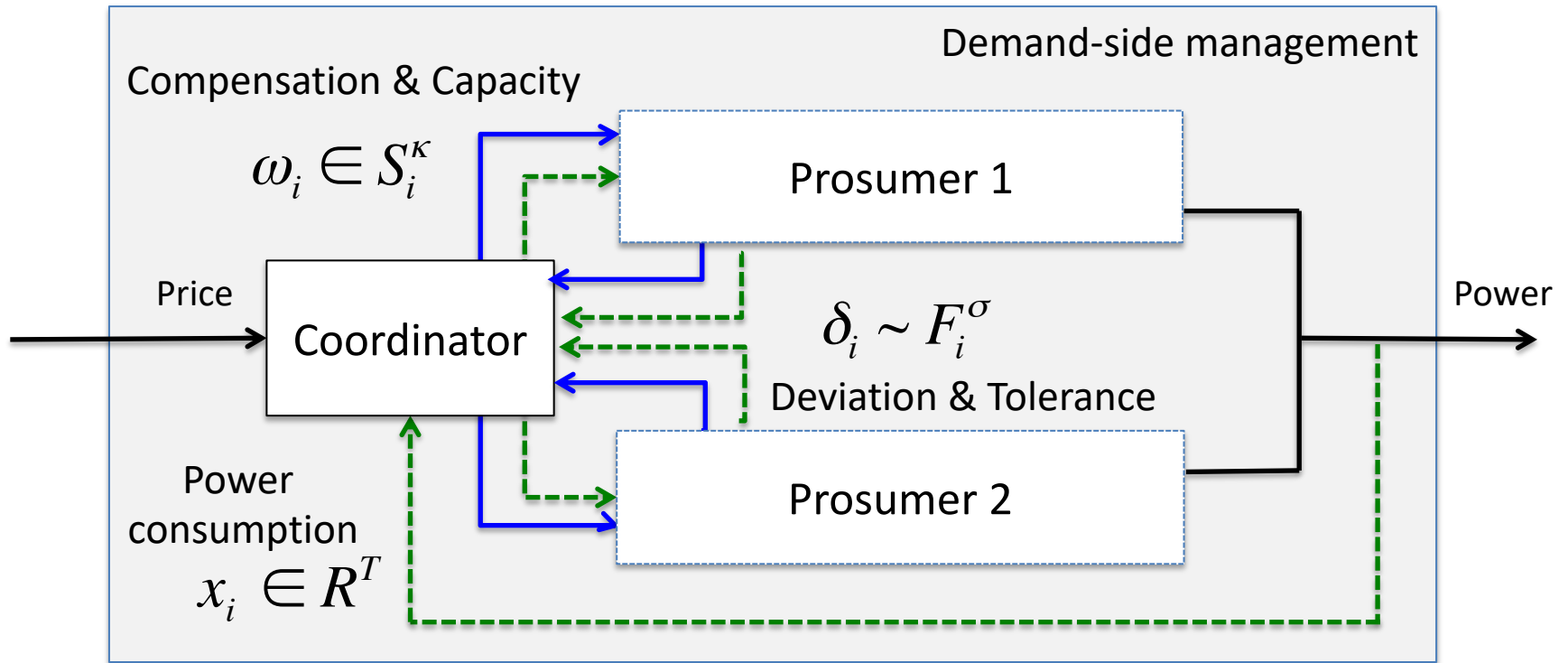
Power profile is decomposed in 8 components:

- Controlled / uncontrolled
- Offline / real-time
- Shared / private

Augmented prosumer model



Augmented Control model

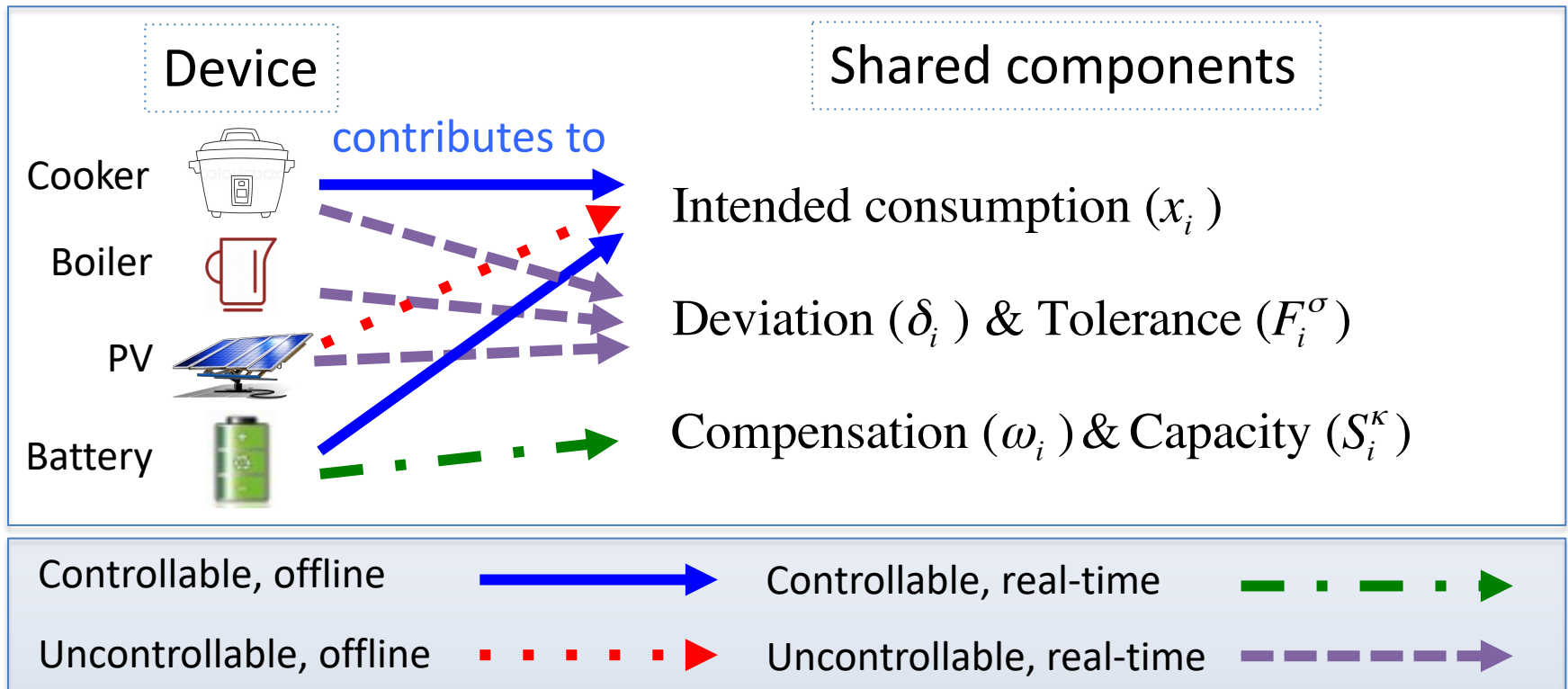


Prosumer model and devices

Intended consumption: $\sum_{p=1}^P x_i^p$, with $x_i^p \in \mathbb{R}^T$ the intended consumption of device p .

Compensation (shared and private) $\omega_i = \sum_{p=1}^P \omega_i^p$ and $\hat{\omega}_i = \sum_{p=1}^P \hat{\omega}_i^p$, and *capacity (shared and private)* $S_i = S_i^1 \oplus \dots \oplus S_i^P$ and $\hat{S}_i = \hat{S}_i^1 \oplus \dots \oplus \hat{S}_i^P$.

Deviation (shared and private) $\delta_i = \sum_{p=1}^P \delta_i^p$ and $\hat{\delta}_i = \sum_{p=1}^P \hat{\delta}_i^p$, and *tolerance (shared and private)* $F_i = F_i^1 * \dots * S_i^P$ and $\hat{F}_i = \hat{F}_i^1 * \dots * \hat{F}_i^P$.

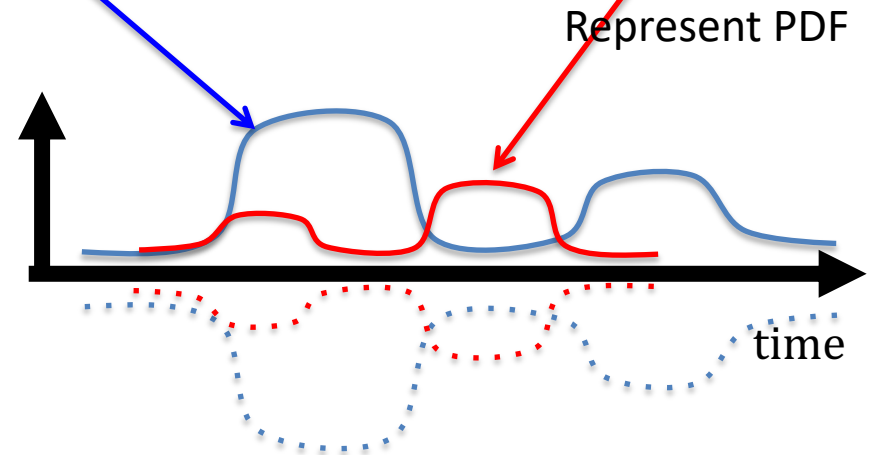
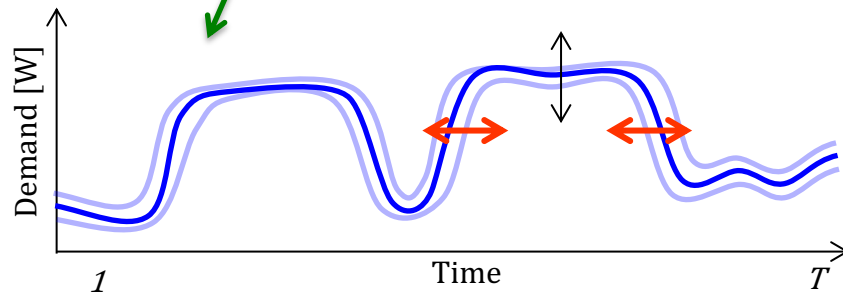


Decomposition of the ability to control the power profile

$x_i \in R^T$: Consumption plan profile

$\kappa_i \in R_+^T$: Control capacity profile [Wh]

$\sigma_i \in R_+^T$: Tolerance profile [W]



These can be aggregated at the community level

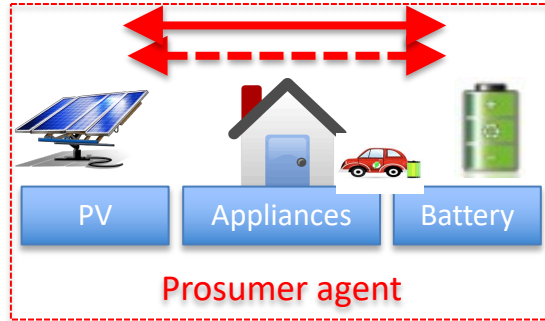
Augmented day-ahead coordination

Optimization problem (sharing problem)

$$\text{Minimize } \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} f_i(x_i, \sigma_i, \kappa_i) + g\left(\sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} x_i, \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \sigma_i, \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \kappa_i\right) \quad (1)$$

with i an agent $\in \mathcal{N}$.

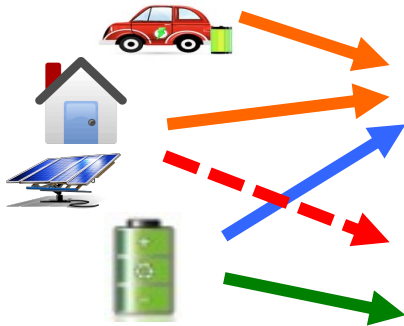
Basic Agent Model



Each agent has three devices:

- EV: controllable
- Battery: controllable
- PV: uncontrollable

The agents coordinate:



x_i : Power profile (generation + controllable appliance + base consumption + battery (dis)charge plan)

σ_i : Deviation profile

κ_i : Capacity profile

Optimization problem to be solved by the community

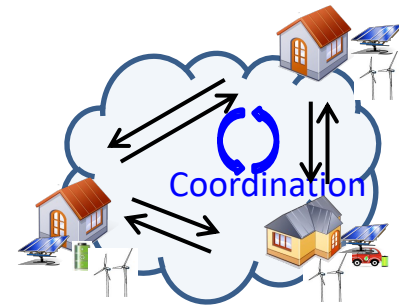
$$\underset{(x_i, \sigma_i, \kappa_i)_i}{\text{minimize}} \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^N f_i(x_i, \sigma_i, \kappa_i)}_{\text{Agent cost}} + \underbrace{g^x \left(\sum_{i=1}^N x_i \right)}_{\text{Community cost (power)}} + \underbrace{g^{\sigma, \kappa} \left(\sum_{i=1}^N \sigma_i, \sum_{i=1}^N \kappa_i \right)}_{\text{Community cost (encapsulation of deviation by capacity)}}$$

Agent cost

Community cost
(power)

Community cost (encapsulation
of deviation by capacity)

Coordinator Model



Community objective function:

$$g(x, \sigma, \kappa) = g^x(x) + g^{\sigma, \kappa}(\sigma, \kappa)$$

Power Cost:

$$g^x(x) = \beta_2 \|x\|^2$$

Flatten power

Encapsulation of deviation by capacity:

Shared capacity larger than aggregated shared deviation (at each time slot)

$$g^{\sigma, \kappa}(\sigma, \kappa) = \Pi[\Delta d \sigma_t < \kappa_t - C_\kappa, \forall t], \text{ with } C_\kappa = 50[\text{Wh}]$$

$$\sigma = (\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_T) \in R_+^T$$

$$\kappa = (\kappa_1, \dots, \kappa_T) \in R_+^T$$

Δd with is the time-slot duration

e.g. $\Delta dxT = 24\text{hrs}$

Gap

Indicator function:

$$\Pi[v] = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } v \text{ is true} \\ +\infty, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Agent model

Agent i
 $f_i(x_i, \sigma_i, \kappa_i)$



x_i : Power profile (base consumption + battery)

σ_i : Deviation profile

κ_i : Capacity profile

$$f_i(x_i, \sigma_i, \kappa_i) = \min_{\tau_i, y_i \in \mathcal{U}_i} \underbrace{f_i^\tau(\tau_i)}_{\text{EV scheduling}} + \underbrace{f_i^{x|\tau, y}(x_i, \tau_i, y_i)}_{\text{Constraint}} + \underbrace{f_i^{\sigma, \kappa|y}(\sigma_i, \kappa_i, y_i)}_{\text{Capacity, deviation, \& battery}}$$

Control Variables:

- Battery Charge/discharge plan
- EV starting time

Battery charge/discharge

EV charging profile

Base consumption

Constraint: $f_i^{x|\tau, y}(x_i, \tau_i, y_i) = \Pi[x_i = \psi_i(\tau_i) + y_i + \bar{x}_i^g]$

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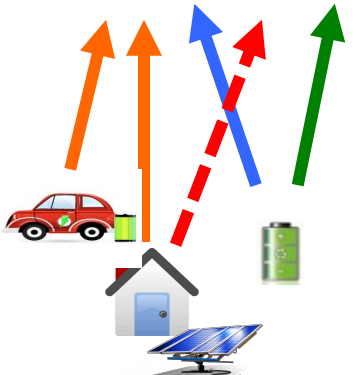
Agent model

$$\Pi[v] = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } v \text{ is true} \\ +\infty, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \mathbf{1}_T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{L} = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta d & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \Delta d & \Delta d & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 0 & \vdots \\ \Delta d & \Delta d & \cdots & \Delta d & 0 \\ \Delta d & \Delta d & \cdots & \Delta d & \Delta d \end{pmatrix}$$

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Control Variables:

EV

Constraint

Capacity, deviation, & battery

Battery:

SoC

Capacity

Private capacity
 = priv deviation

allow negative shared deviation & negative shared capacity

$$f_i^{\sigma, \kappa|y}(\sigma_i, \kappa_i, y_i) = \beta_2 \|\sigma_i\|^2 + \beta_3 \|\kappa_i\|^2$$

$$+\Pi \left[C_{\min} \mathbf{1}_T \leq Ly_i + c_0 + \kappa_i + \Delta d(\sigma_i^{\max} - \sigma_i) \leq C_{\max} \mathbf{1}_T \right]$$

$$+\Pi \left[C_{\min} \mathbf{1}_T \leq Ly_i + c_0 - \kappa_i - \Delta d(\sigma_i^{\max} - \sigma_i) \leq C_{\max} \mathbf{1}_T \right]$$

Encapsulation
 (symmetric deviation and capacity)

$$+\Pi \left[C_{\min} \mathbf{1}_T \leq Ly_i + c_0 \leq C_{\max} \mathbf{1}_T \right]$$

$$+\Pi \left[y_i^{\min} \leq y_i \leq y_i^{\max} \right] + \Pi \left[\kappa_i^{\min} \leq \kappa_i \leq \kappa_i^{\max} \right] + \Pi \left[\sigma_i^{\min} \leq \sigma_i \leq \sigma_i^{\max} \right]$$

Constraints
 (allowed ranges)

RESULTS

Example 1

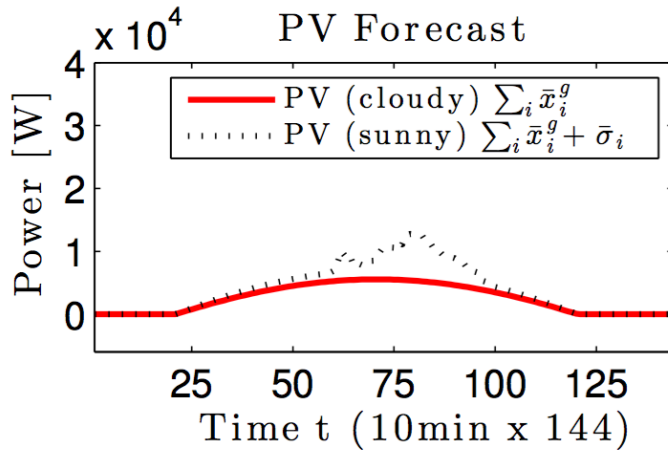
- PV (deviation)
- EV (off line control)
- Battery (online & off line control)



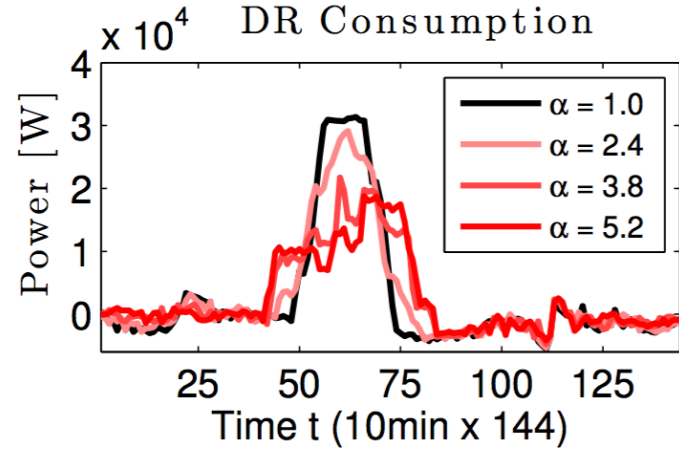


Generation

Demand response:
intended power consumption



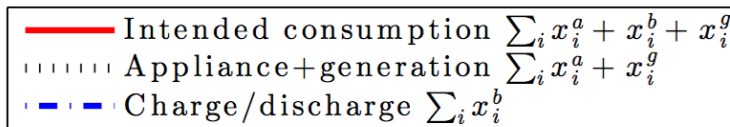
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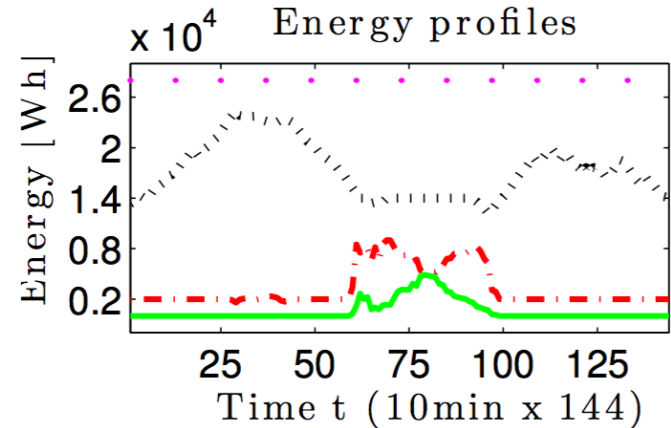
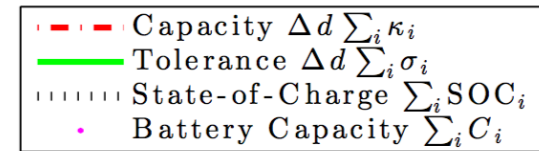
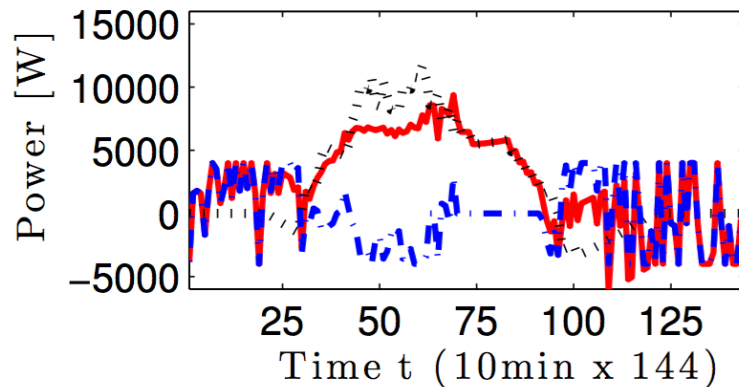
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Coordination: intended power consumption

Coordination: Tolerance & capacity



Power profiles

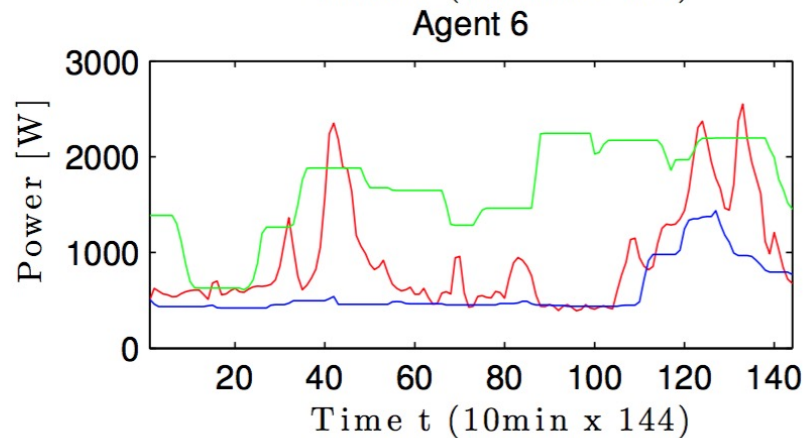
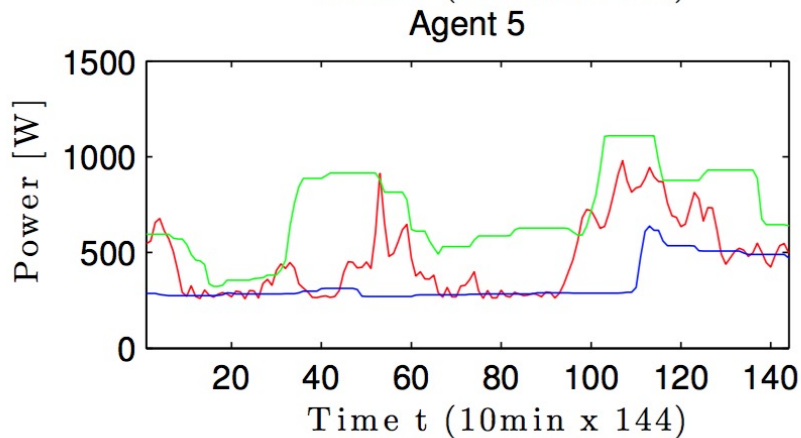
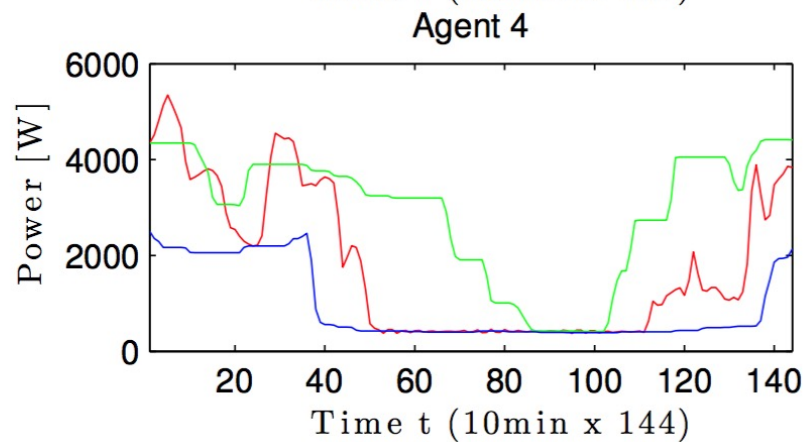
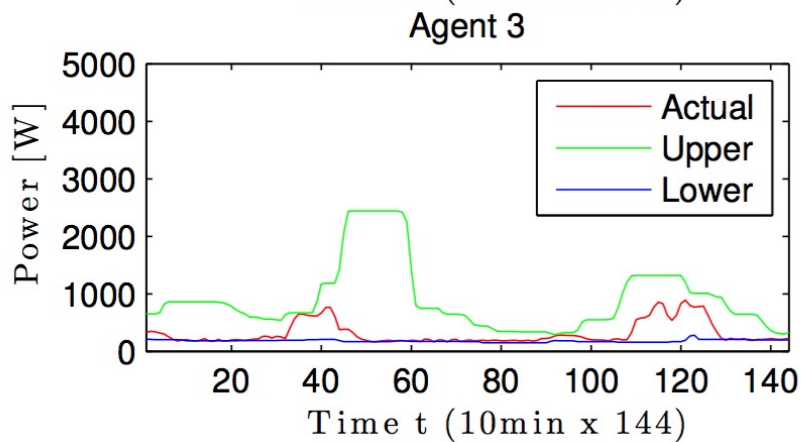
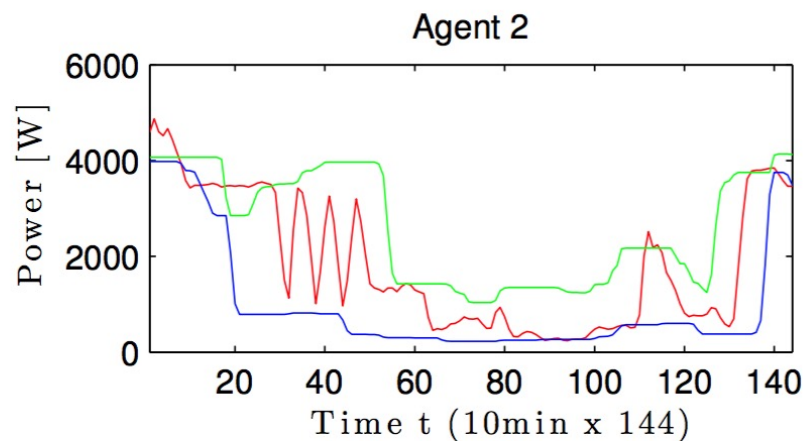
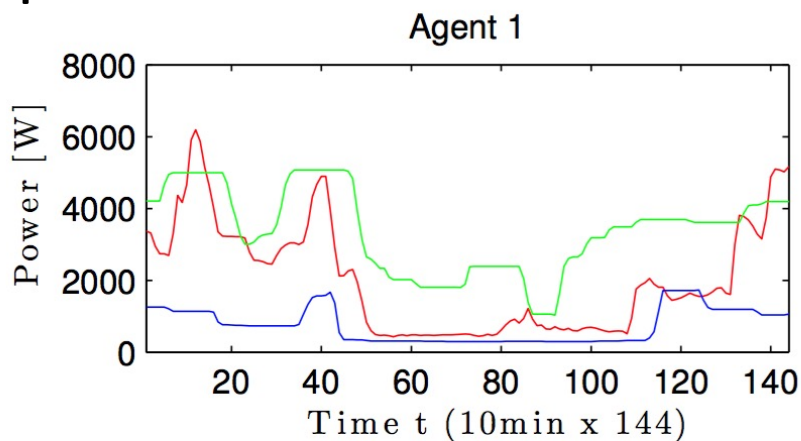


Example 2

- Household (deviation): real data
- Battery (online & off line control)



Consumption data



Day ahead-planning

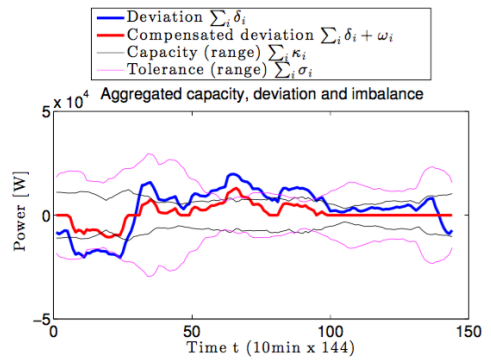


Tiny

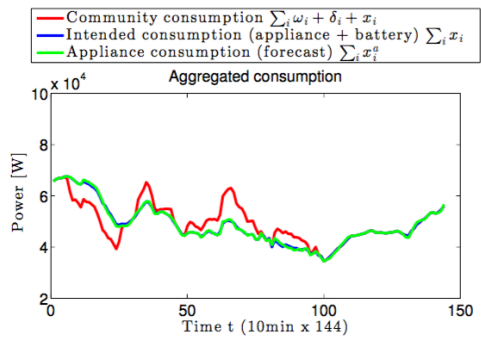
Deviation / compensation

Power Consumption

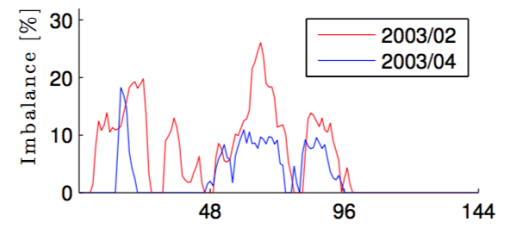
Imbalance



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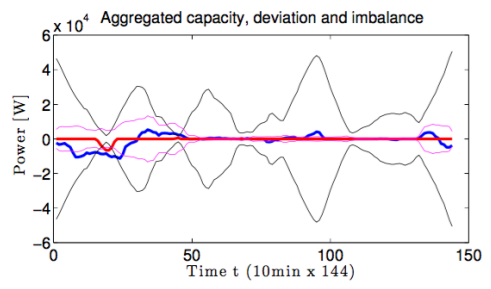


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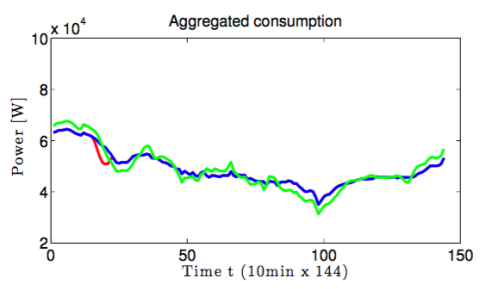


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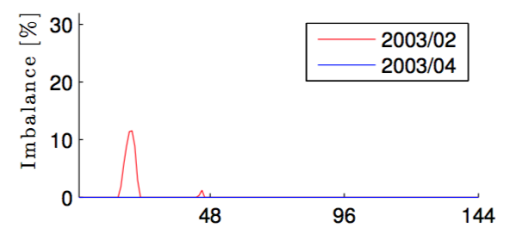
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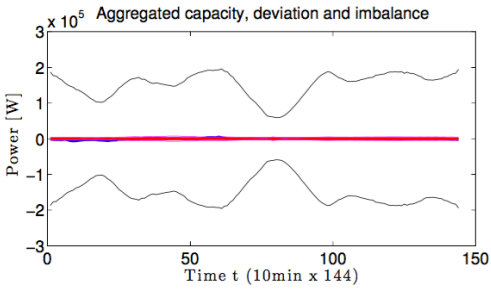


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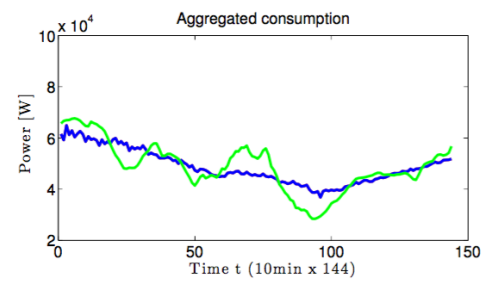


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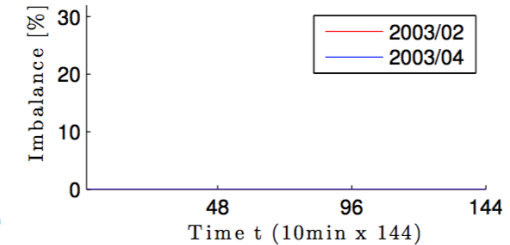
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(g) $\bar{C} = 3 \times 700[Wh]$.



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Week ahead-planning

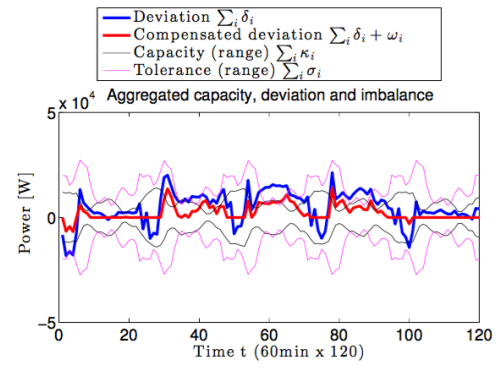


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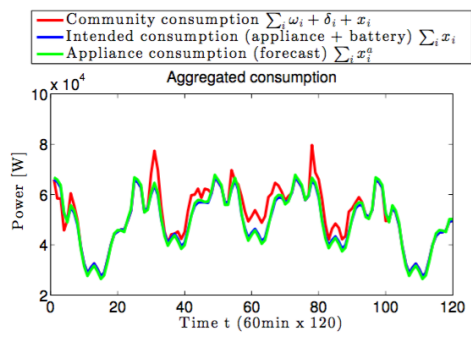
Power Consumption

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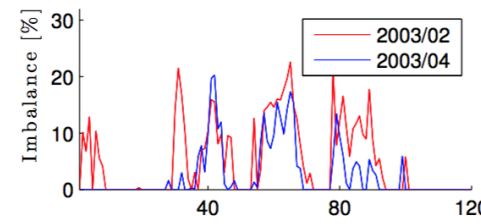
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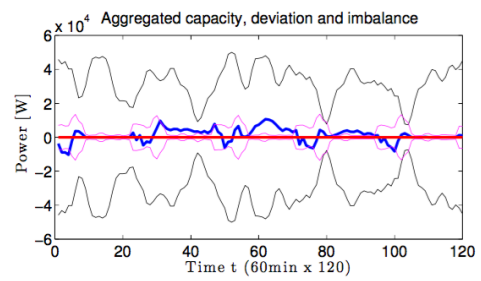


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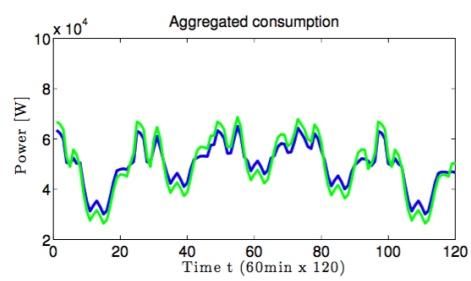


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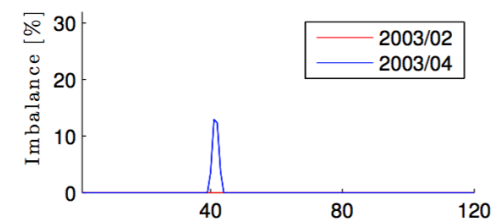
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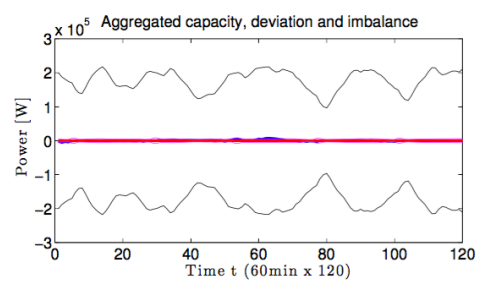


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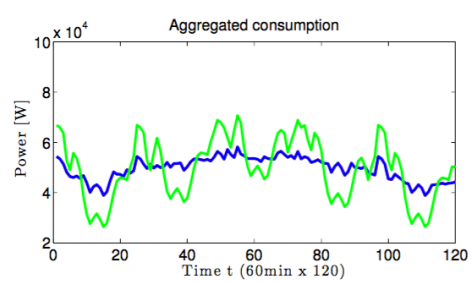


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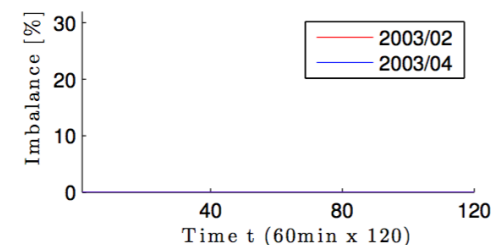
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Discussion

Coordination requires new technologies

- Prediction & estimation technologies
 - Living activity recognition
 - Living activity prediction
 - Local weather forecast
 - PV, wind generation forecast

Current and future directions

- Day-ahead, hour-ahead, *real-time* coordination
- Social issues
 - User incentives, Exchange Market
 - User acceptance: Fairness, Transparency, & QoL
- Evaluate Benefits for the environment & society



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