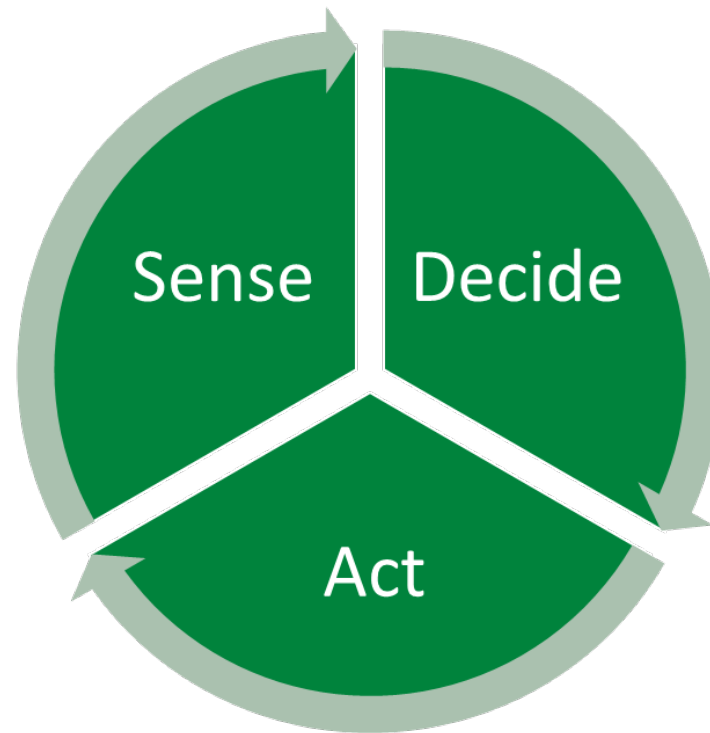


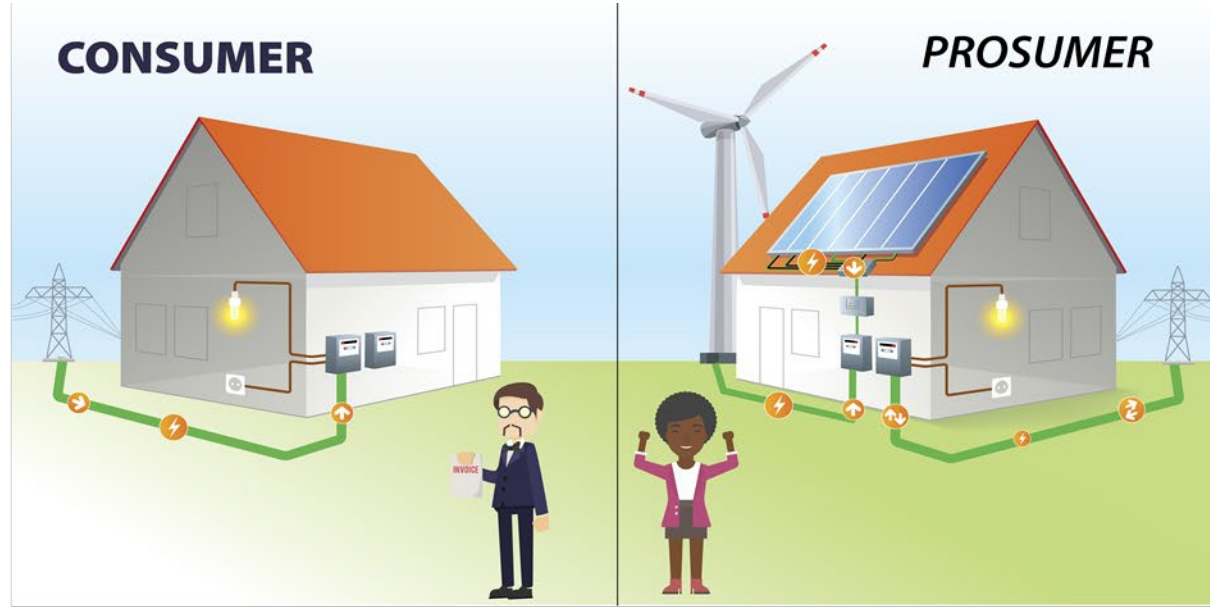
Situational Awareness in Distribution Networks - Doing More with Less!

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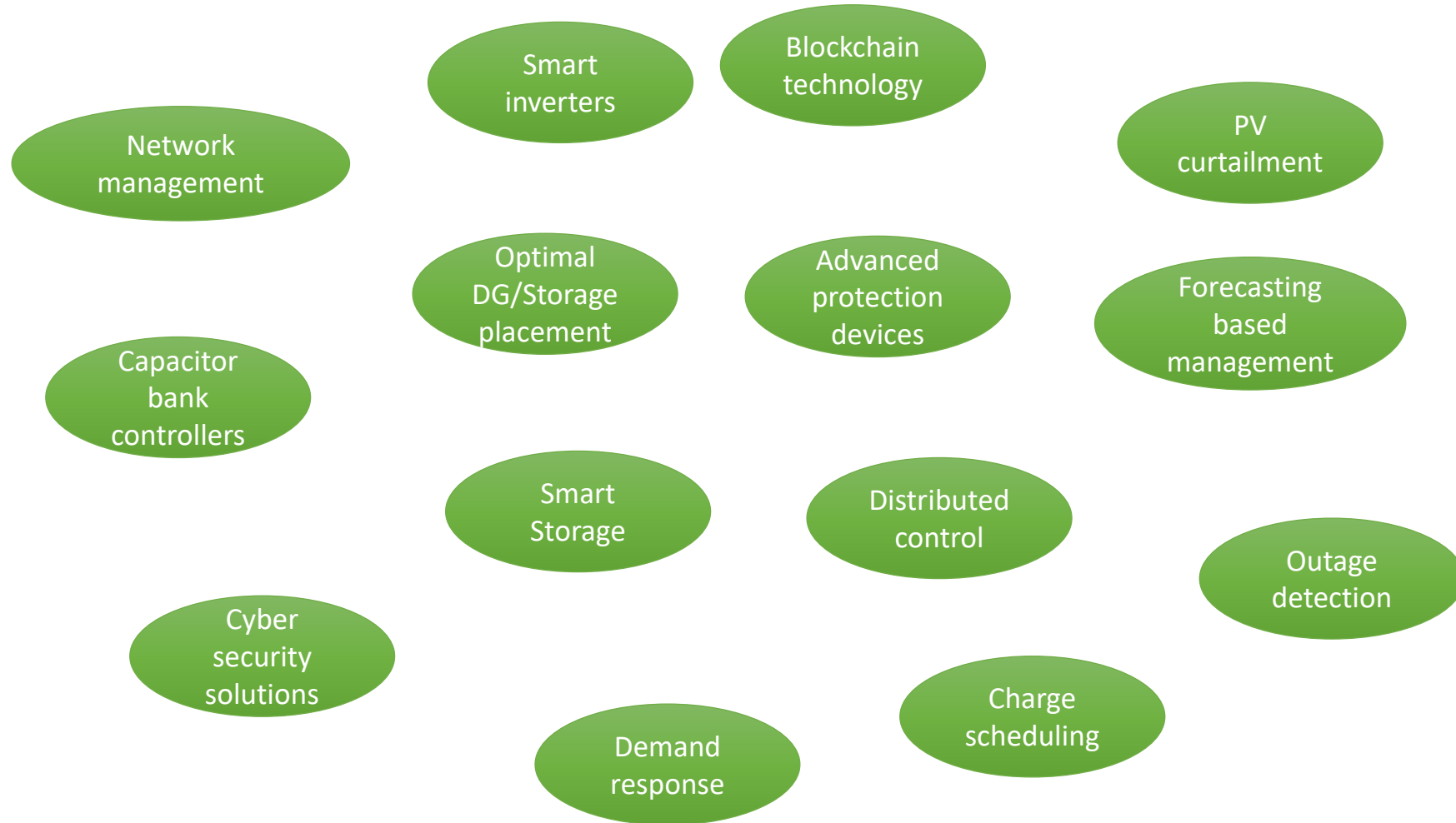
Foundations of Intelligence



Grid Edge Evolution



Ideas and Solutions



Situational Awareness is Key!

Most grid operators lack either visibility or control of behind-the-meter devices



DERMS transform the DER/EV/BTM assets into solutions

Exploiting Information for system situational awareness

Information is Power!

Utility standpoint

- Have less than what we would like
- Lack visibility or control of BTM devices
- Collected data is in different databases
- Data is collected at different time scales
- Data collected may not be consistent/reliable
- Data is not used for operational purposes due to the delays involved

Grand Challenge

**We may never have the quantity or the quality of data we need for complete situational awareness at the grid edge.
Can we do more with less?**

Doing More with Less!

Distribution system state estimation (DSSE)

Integrating multi-timescale measurements

Integrating Topology and Phase Identification

Distribution grid is unobservable

Currently few measurements are available



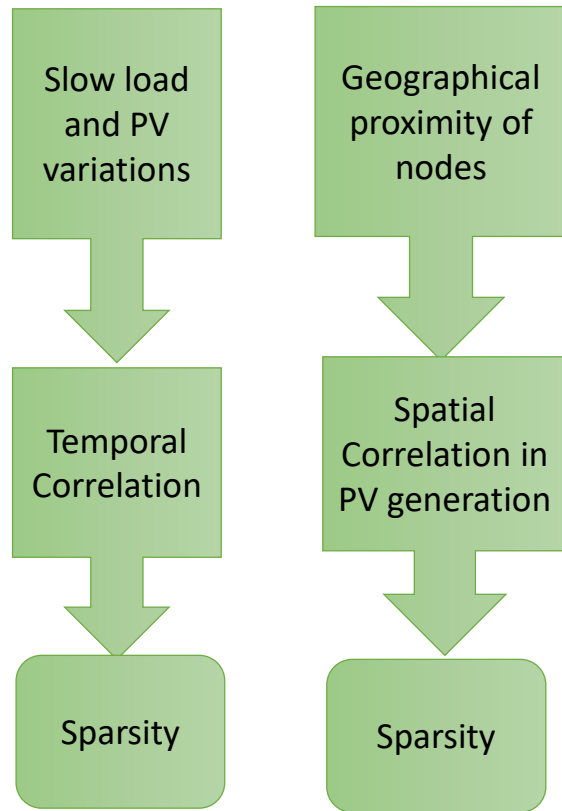
Theorem 1: If there exists a vertex-disjoint set of

Question 1: How to estimate the states using a small number of measurements?

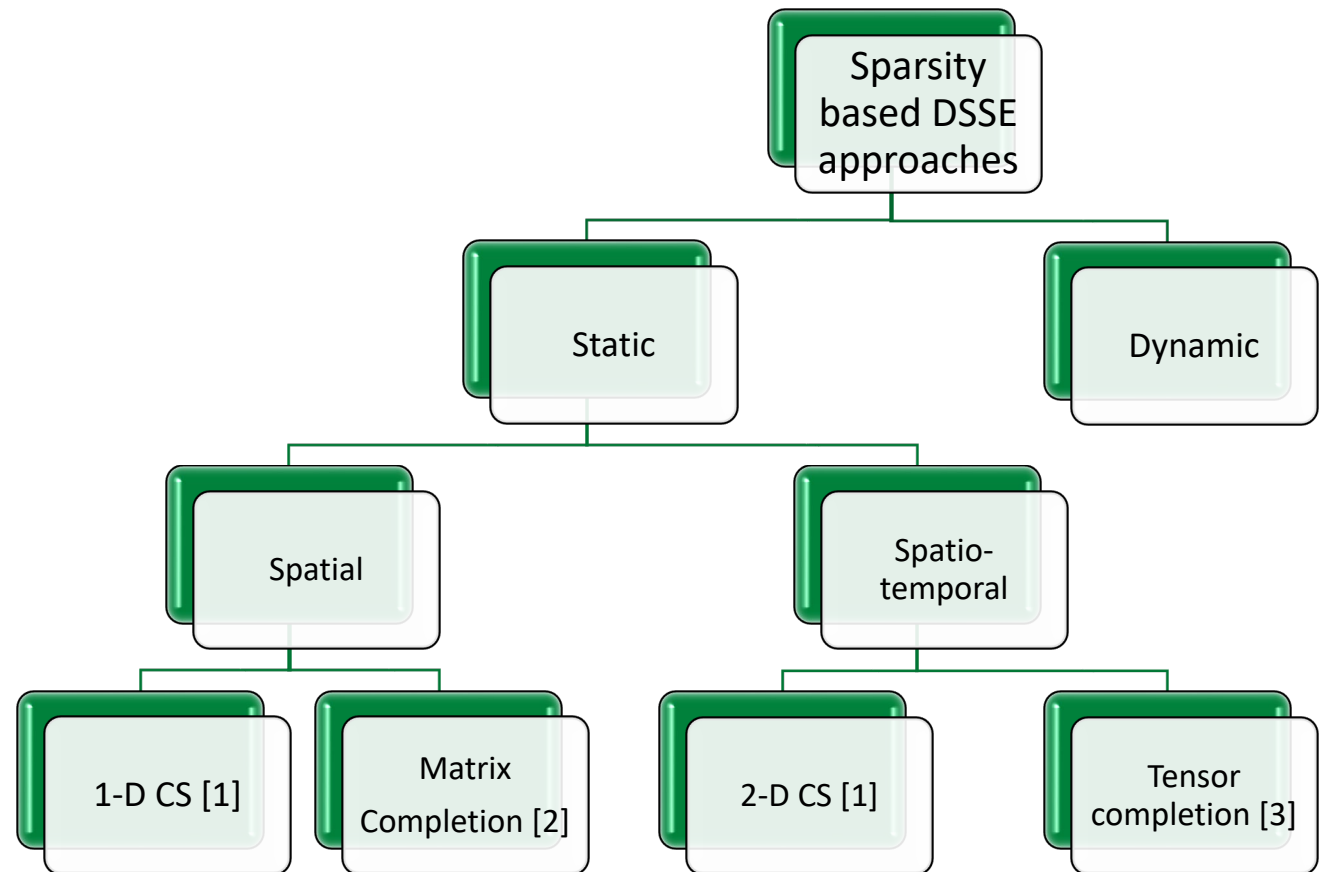
Question 2: How robust are the estimators to bad data, system uncertainties and cyber attacks

network/data processing

Sparsity-based state estimation



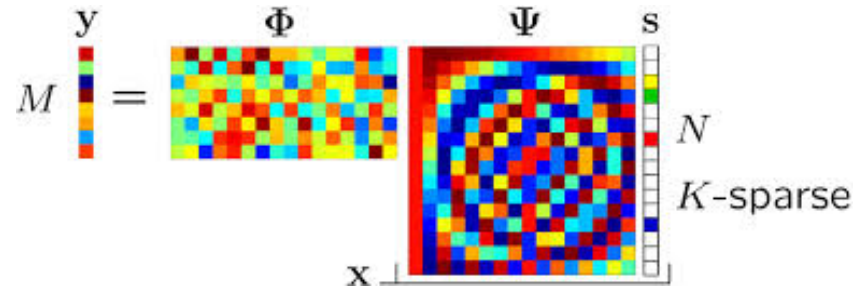
Sparsity in distribution systems



Sparsity-aware DSSE approaches

Compressed Sensing based DSSE

Estimate the signal of interest $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^N$ from compressed measurements $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^M$ ($M < N$)



$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{P} \\ \mathbf{V} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{w} = -\mathbf{Y}_{LL}^{-1} \mathbf{Y}_{L0} \mathbf{V}_0$$

$$\mathbf{M} = \left(\mathbf{Y}_{LL}^{-1} \text{diag}(\bar{\mathbf{V}}), -j\mathbf{Y}_{LL}^{-1} \text{diag}(\bar{\mathbf{V}}) \right)$$

$$\mathbf{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Y}_{00} & \mathbf{Y}_{0L} \\ \mathbf{Y}_{L0} & \mathbf{Y}_{LL} \end{bmatrix}$$

Admittance Matrix

$$\min \|\mathbf{s}\|_1 + \gamma \|\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\varphi} \boldsymbol{\psi} \mathbf{s}\|_2$$

subject to:

$$\|\mathbf{V} - \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{P} + \mathbf{w}\|_2 < \epsilon$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \boldsymbol{\psi} \mathbf{s}$$

The recovered signal

\mathbf{s} : Sparse signal

\mathbf{y} : Compressed measurement
(Power and Voltage (\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{V}))

$\boldsymbol{\varphi}$: Measurement matrix

$\boldsymbol{\psi}$: Sparsifying matrix (e.g., wavelet)

Matrix completion based DSSE

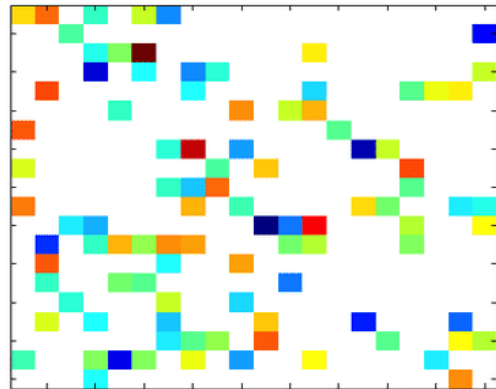
$$\mathbf{X} = [\mathbf{P} \quad \mathbf{Q} \quad \text{Re}(\mathbf{V}) \quad \text{Im}(\mathbf{V}) \quad |\mathbf{V}|]$$

← Matrix of interest

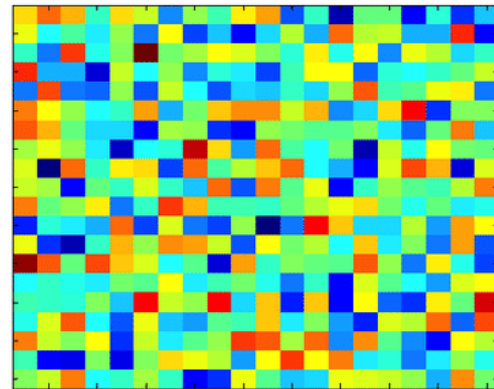
$$\mathbf{Y} = (P_{\Omega}(\mathbf{X}))_{ij} = \begin{cases} \mathbf{X}_{ij} & (i, j) \in \Omega \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Only a sampled set of entries $\mathbf{X}_{ij}, (i, j) \in \Omega$ are available.

GOAL: recover the unknown entries in \mathbf{Y}



↑
Measurement
(Incomplete) Matrix



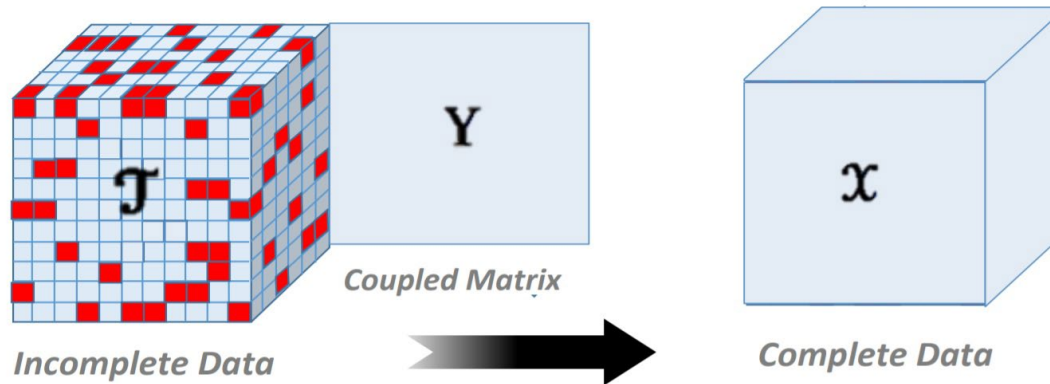
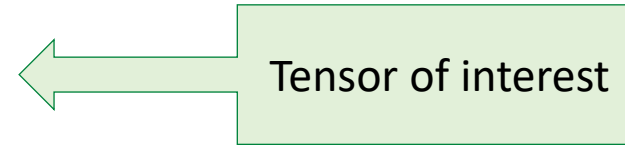
↑
Complete Matrix

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{\mathbf{X}} && \|\mathbf{X}\|_* + \lambda_1 \|\mathbf{Y} - P_{\Omega}(\mathbf{X})\|_F^2 \\ & \text{subject to} && \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{Mz} + \mathbf{w} \end{aligned}$$

Tensor Completion based DSSE

When, we have different matrices of interest across time:

$$\mathcal{M} = [M_1 \quad M_2 \quad \dots \quad M_{t-1} \quad M_t]$$



GOAL: recover the unknown entries in \mathcal{M}

$$\min. \left(\sum_{i=1}^3 \beta_i \|\mathcal{X}_i\|_* \right)$$

subject to:

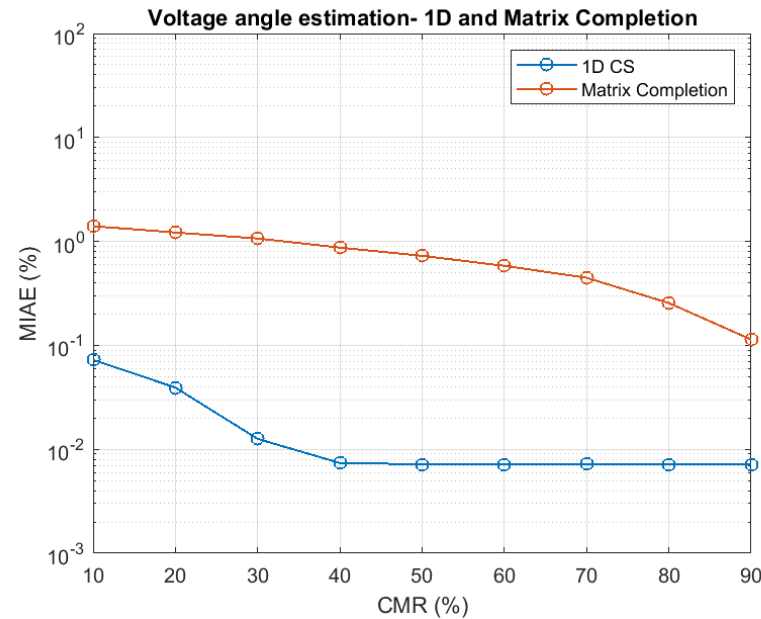
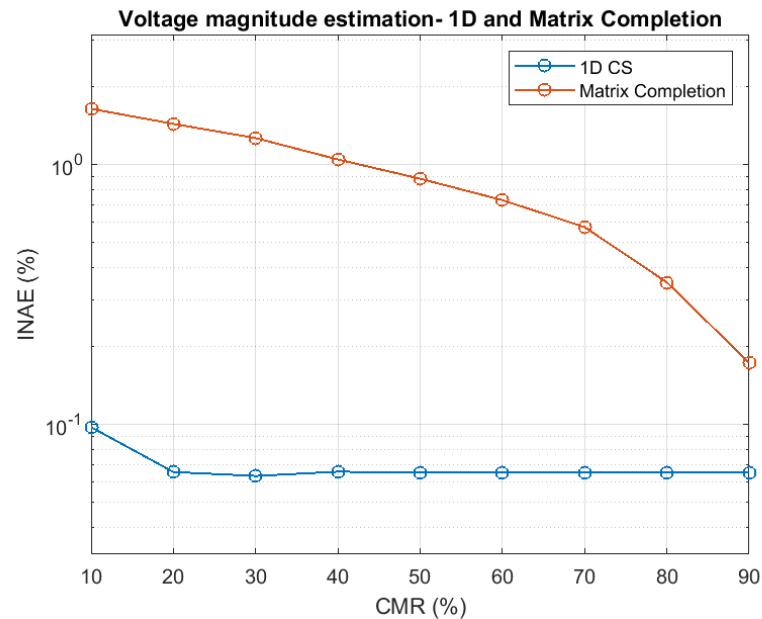
$$P_{\Omega}(\mathcal{X}_i) = P_{\Omega}(\mathcal{M}_i)$$

$$V_i = A \cdot P_i + W$$

β_i - positive constant value.
 Suffix i denotes the unfolding operation along the mode i

Sample Simulation results

Comparison of Sparsity-based DSSE - 1D- Compressive Sensing and Matrix Completion based DSSE approaches [4]



Key observations-

- Estimate system states accurately even at 30% of available measurements.
- Compressive sensing exploits sparsity of a signal, hence performs better than Matrix completion

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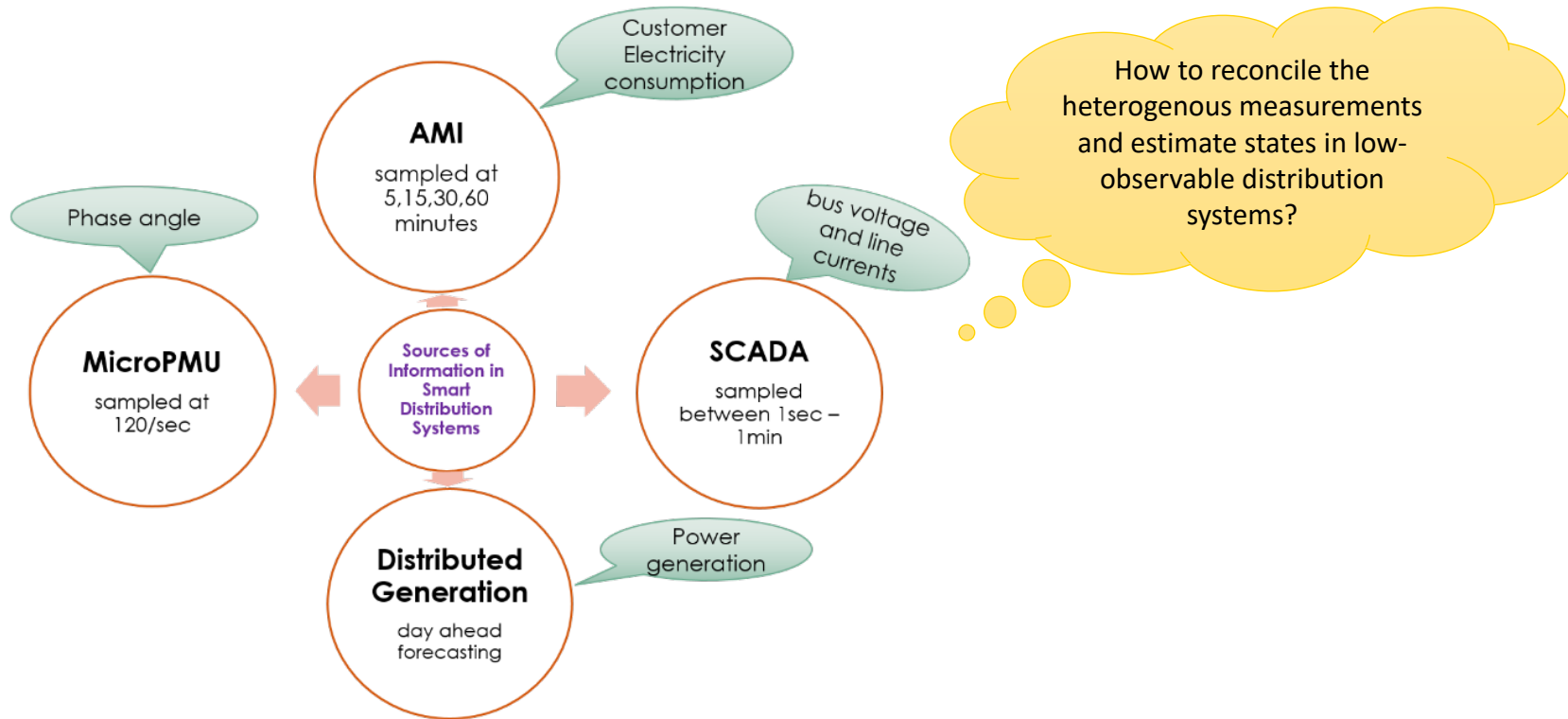
Doing More with Less!

Distribution system state estimation (DSSE)

Integrating multi-timescale measurements

Integrating Topology and Phase Identification

Multi-time scale data issue



Sources of information in smart distribution systems

Issues -

Limited measurements

Unevenly sampled data

Missing and corrupt data

Different accuracy levels

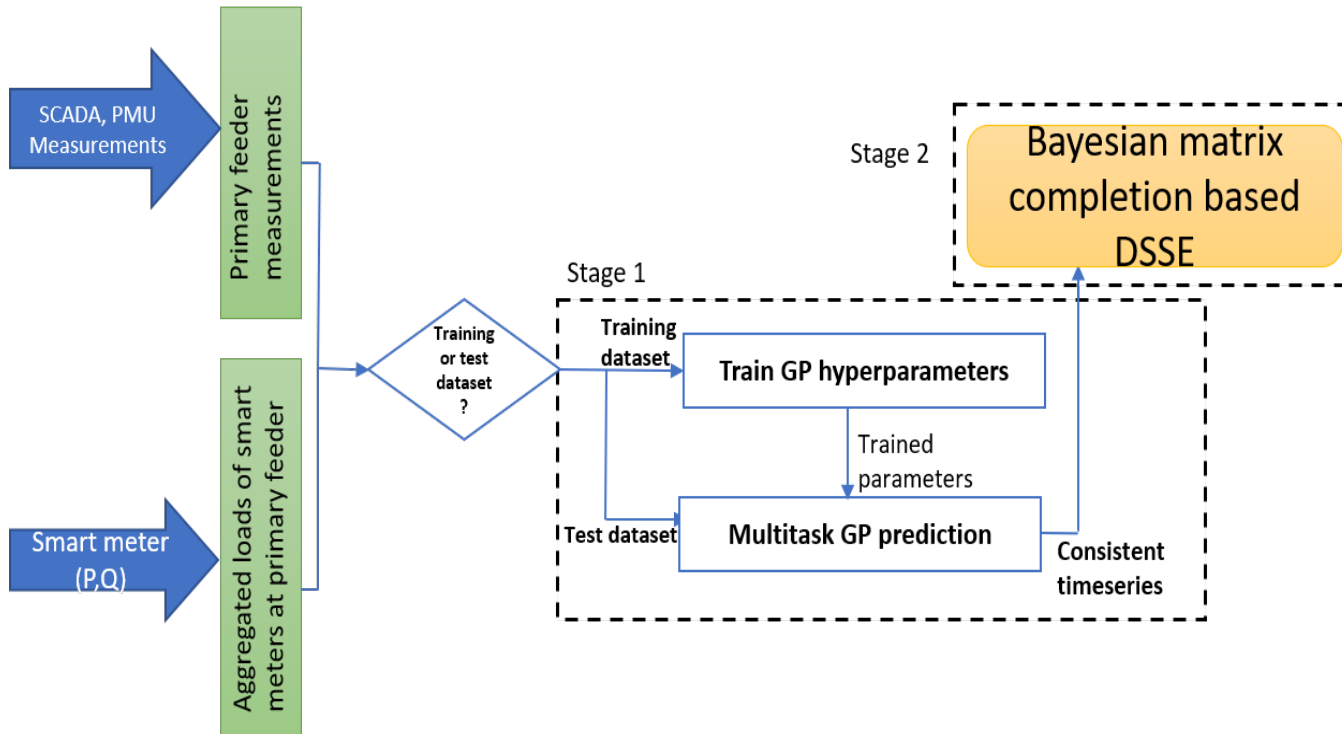
Related work

- Authors in [5] incorporated a simple linear interpolation technique along-with Weighted least squares state estimation technique.
- [6] uses historical timeseries data from smart meters to find kNN cluster centers and then use for imputation approach to impute the time-series data.
- Approach in [7] uses a data collation method to reconcile heterogeneous measurements and a Kalman filter method to perform DSSE. The data collation consists of an exponential moving average method to extrapolate the slow-rate measurements.

Shortcomings

- Existing approaches do not effectively exploit the correlations among the time-series data.
- Requires large measurement redundancy and performs poorly in case of intermittent measurements.
- Do not provide uncertainty bounds on the imputed measurements.

Proposed GP framework



Proposed GP Framework [8], [9]

Stage 1 – Multitask GP approach.

Stage 2 – Bayesian matrix completion based DSSE.

- Stage 1 reconciles measurements at finest time resolution and provides uncertainty bounds
- Stage 2 incorporates the measurements and the associated uncertainty to estimate the system states in low-observable distribution systems.

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Stage 1: Multitask GP approach

- Gaussian process (GP) is defined as a collection of random variables, any finite collection of them has a joint normal distribution.
- GP prior function is defined over time for each measurement as,

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{GP} \left(m_\phi(\mathbf{x}_i), k_\theta(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_i') \right)$$

where, $m_\phi(\cdot)$ is the mean function (e.g., deep neural network)

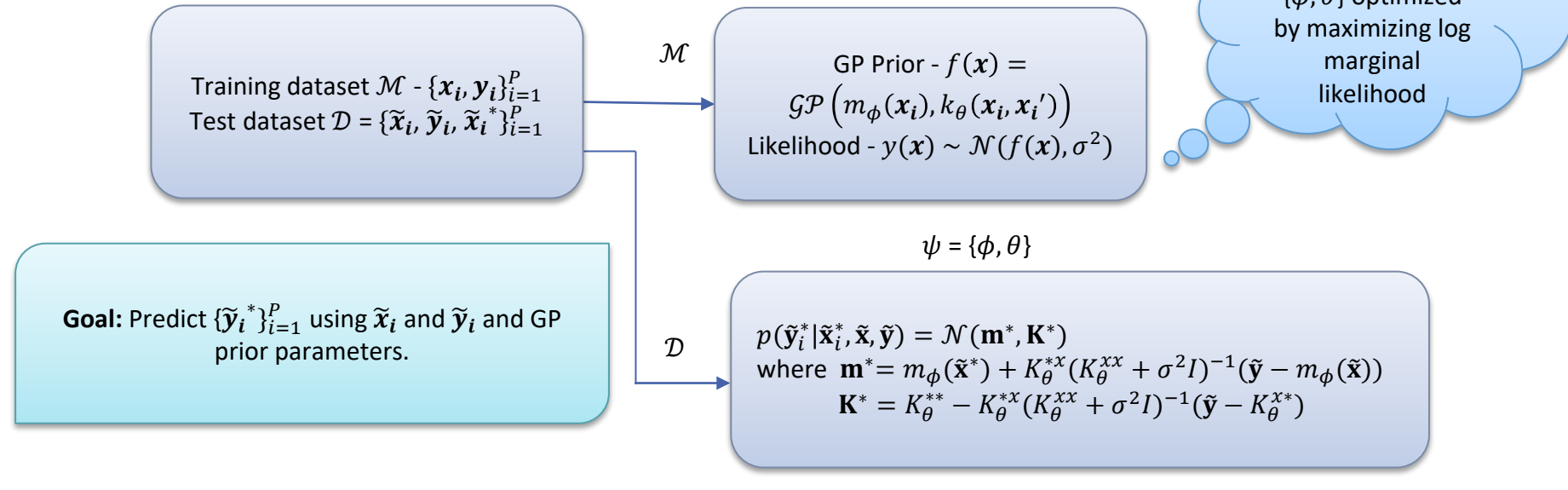
$k_\theta(\cdot, \cdot)$ is the kernel function (e.g., radial basis kernel function)

Inputs:

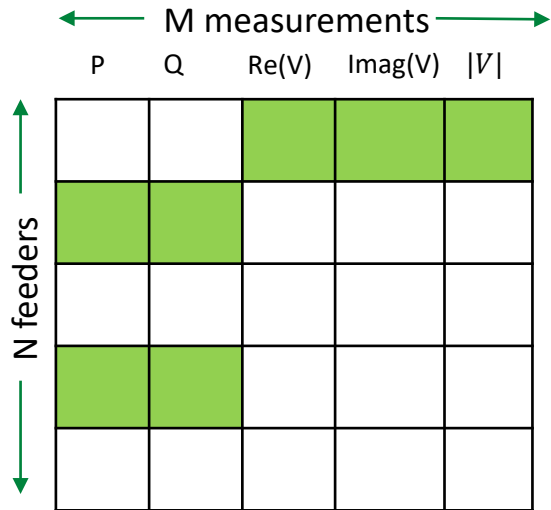
- Incomplete **P, Q** measurements sampled at 15-min interval
- Incomplete **V** measurements sampled at 1-min interval

Output:

- **P, Q, V** measurements obtained at finest time resolution along-with their variances.



Stage 2 -Bayesian Matrix completion based DSSE



A) Observation and noise models

$$\mathbf{D} = P_{\Omega}(\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{N})$$

$$\mathbf{p}(\mathbf{D}|\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) = \prod_{(i,j) \in \Omega} \mathcal{N}(D_{ij}|X_{ij}, \beta_{ij}^{-1})$$

GP output – \mathbf{D} and β

B) Low-Rank Modeling

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}^T = \sum_{i=1}^k \mathbf{a}_{.i} \mathbf{b}_{.i}^T$$

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{V}^T. \text{ Set } \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{S}^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{ and } \mathbf{B}^T = \mathbf{S}^{1/2}\mathbf{V}^T$$

$$\mathbf{p}(\mathbf{A}|\boldsymbol{\gamma}) = \prod_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{a}_{.i}|\mathbf{0}, \gamma_i^{-1}\mathbf{I}_m)$$

$$\mathbf{p}(\mathbf{B}|\boldsymbol{\gamma}) = \prod_{i=1}^k \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{b}_{.i}|\mathbf{0}, \gamma_i^{-1}\mathbf{I}_n)$$

$$\mathbf{p}(\gamma_i) = \text{Gamma}(a, \frac{1}{b})$$

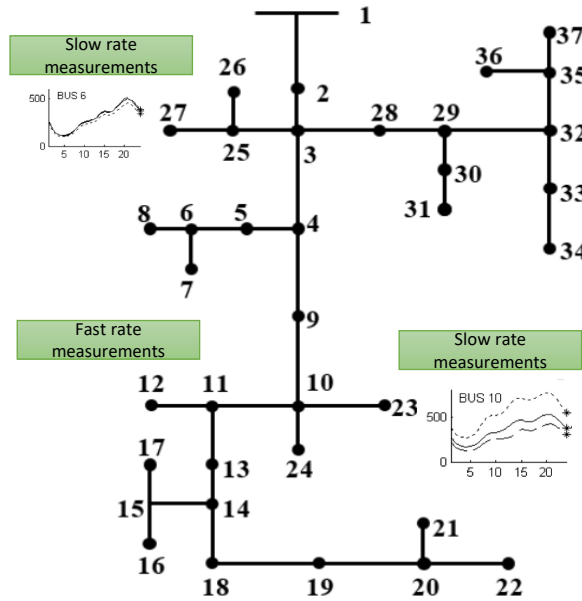
C) Obtain an estimate of \mathbf{A} , \mathbf{B} and $\boldsymbol{\gamma}$ by using the joint probability distribution given as,

$$\mathbf{p}(\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \boldsymbol{\gamma}) = \mathbf{p}(\mathbf{D}|\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})\mathbf{p}(\mathbf{A}|\boldsymbol{\gamma})\mathbf{p}(\mathbf{B}|\boldsymbol{\gamma})\mathbf{p}(\boldsymbol{\gamma})$$

→ Joint probability distribution

$\mathbf{a}_{.i}$ - i^{th} column of \mathbf{A}
 $\mathbf{a}_{i.}$ - i^{th} row of \mathbf{A}

Simulation results



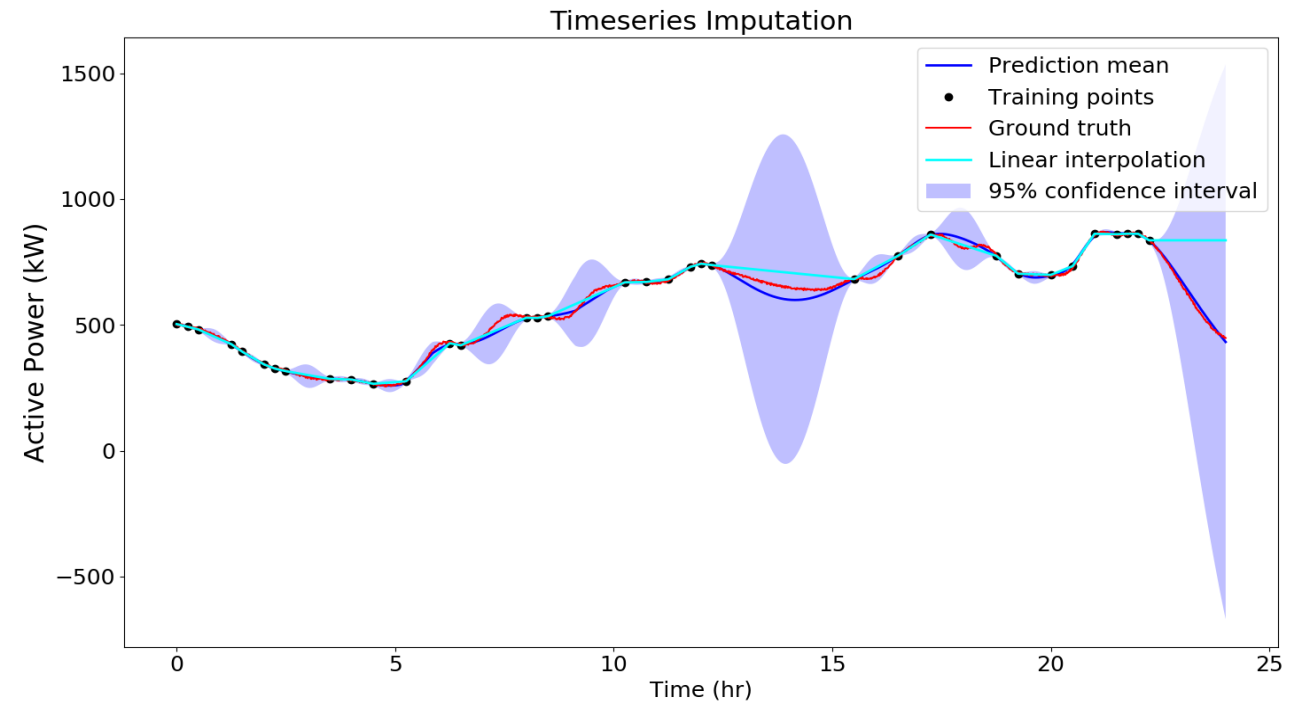
IEEE 37 test system

Slow rate measurements – Averaged at 15 min

Fast rate measurements – Sampled at 1 min

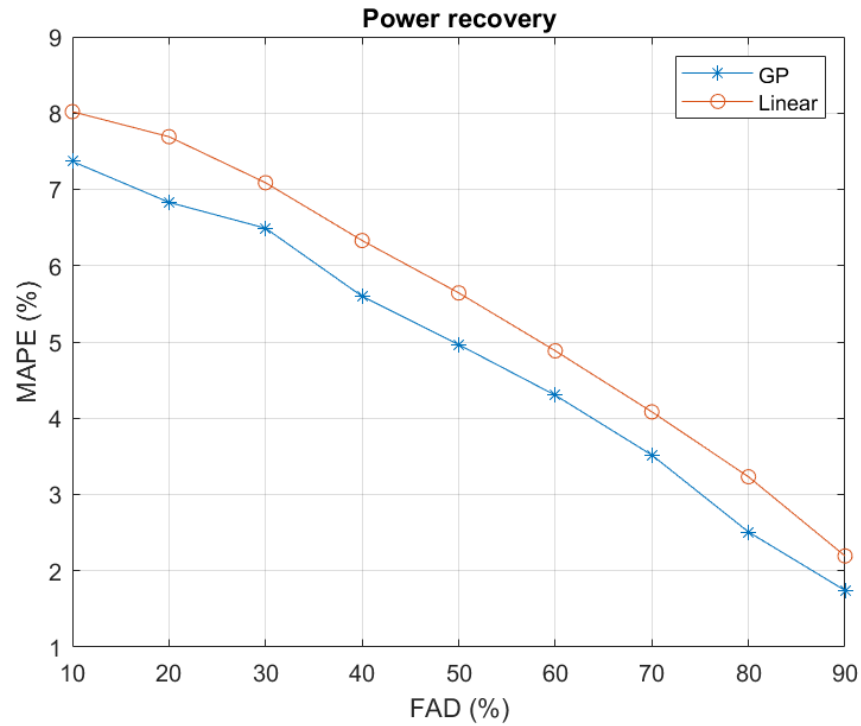
parameter	value
MLP layer	Two hidden layer (size 64 each)
Activation	ReLU
No. of epochs	20
Optimizer	Adam

Bayesian MC initial parameters	value
Initial γ	10e-5
Convergence criteria	10e-17

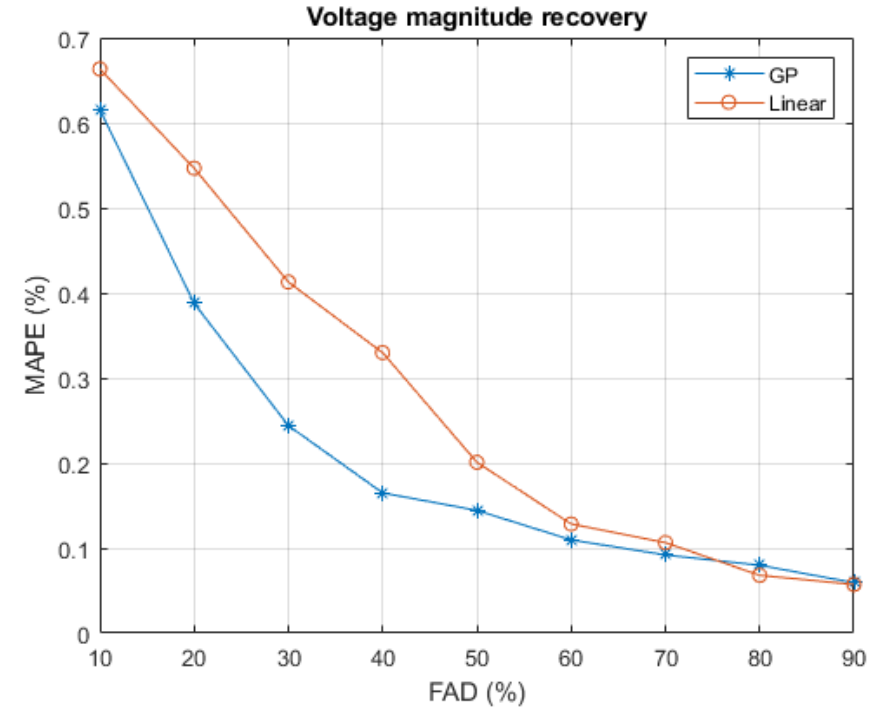


Data imputation of a slow-rate measurement timeseries at node 4

Simulation results



Power recovery performance at different FADs



Voltage magnitude recovery performance at different FADs

Key observations:

- *State estimates using Bayesian matrix completion with measurements from multitask GP approach performs better than linearly interpolated timeseries measurements.*

Multitask Recursive GP approach

- Recursively imputes multiple unevenly sampled measurements [10]
- Incorporate spatial information among measurements by leveraging graphical structure of the grid.
- A computationally efficient approach with the flexibility to perform batch-wise or real-time processing of measurements.

Multitask Recursive GP approach

Proposed approach: Recursive GP with/ without graphs

RGP-G/RGP Interpolation

RGP-G/ RGP Prediction

Goal: Recursively update the GP function and perform imputation as measurements are received at time $t = 1, \dots, T$

A. RGP-G Interpolation approach

Performs imputation after a batch of measurements in set time-frame are received.

Initialize: GP prior function with zero mean and covariance

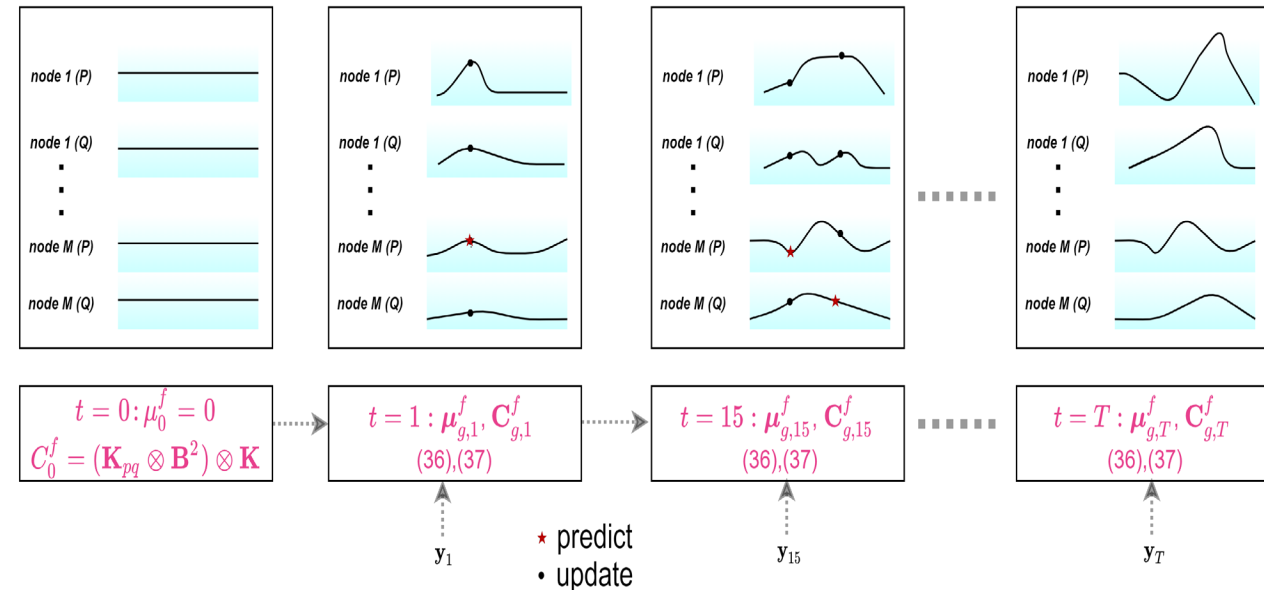
Inputs: Measurements received upto time T .

Consists of two steps:

a) **Predict:** Infer the joint probability GP function using measurements received upto time $t - 1$

b) **Update:** Update the GP function with new measurements received at time t using Kalman filter step

Output: Impute at finest time resolution using updated GP mean and covariance function.



RGP-G interpolation approach

Multitask Recursive GP approach

B. RGP-G Prediction approach

Performs future predictions at desired time resolution using the previously obtained measurements.

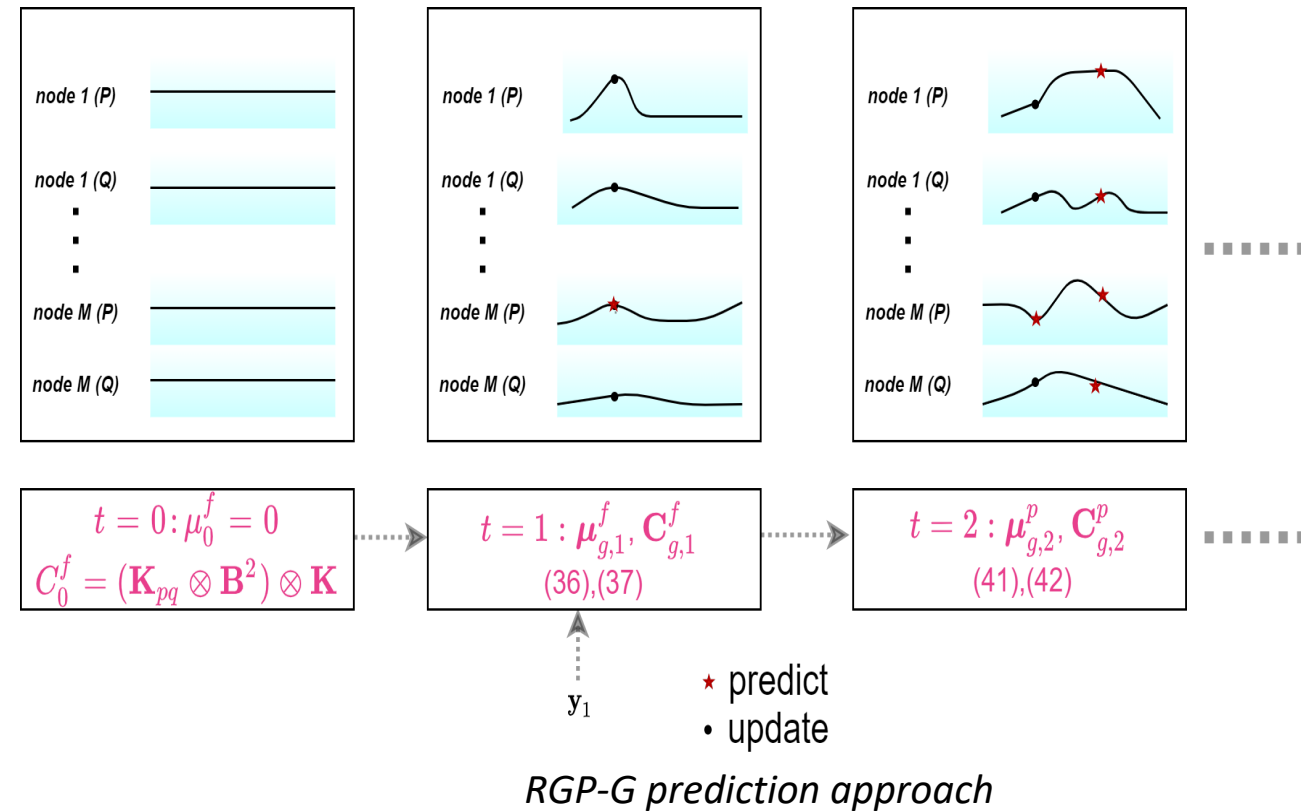
Initialize: GP prior function with mean and covariance

Inputs: Measurements received at time $t = 1$.

Consists of two steps:

- Predict:** Infer the joint GP prior using measurements received upto time $t - 1$
- Update:** Update the GP function with new measurements received at time t using Kalman filter step
- Forecast measurements at time $t+1$ using GP function updated at previous times. Continue until next measurements are received.

Output: Predicted measurements at finest time resolution



Simulation results

- IEEE 37 bus system
- AMI and SCADA measurements recursively arrives at time $t = 1, \dots, T$
- Predictions of AMI measurements: 1-min ahead
- Use the previously updated GP function for predictions.

Scenario	RGP-G prediction	Exponential moving average [11]
0% missing	2.26%	6.44%
10% missing	3.5%	7.75%
20% missing	4.8%	8.13%

MAPE of imputed time-series data of AMI measurements

Key observations:

- *Recursive GP prediction accurately predicts the AMI measurements at finest time resolution.*
- *Offers nearly 40% improvement compared to the exponential moving average method [11]*

Doing More with Less!

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System-related Uncertainties

Basic Matrix completion

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{X}} \quad & \|\mathbf{X}\|_* + \lambda_2 \|\mathbf{Y} - P_{\Omega}(\mathbf{X})\|_F^2 \\ \text{subject to} \quad & \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{M}\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{w} \end{aligned}$$

Linearized Power Flow

$$\mathbf{W} = -\mathbf{Y}_{LL}^{-1} \mathbf{Y}_{L0} \mathbf{V}_0$$

$$\mathbf{M} = \left(\mathbf{Y}_{LL}^{-1} \text{diag}(\bar{\mathbf{V}}), -j\mathbf{Y}_{LL}^{-1} \text{diag}(\bar{\mathbf{V}}) \right)$$

$$\mathbf{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Y}_{00} & \mathbf{Y}_{0L} \\ \mathbf{Y}_{L0} & \mathbf{Y}_{LL} \end{bmatrix}$$

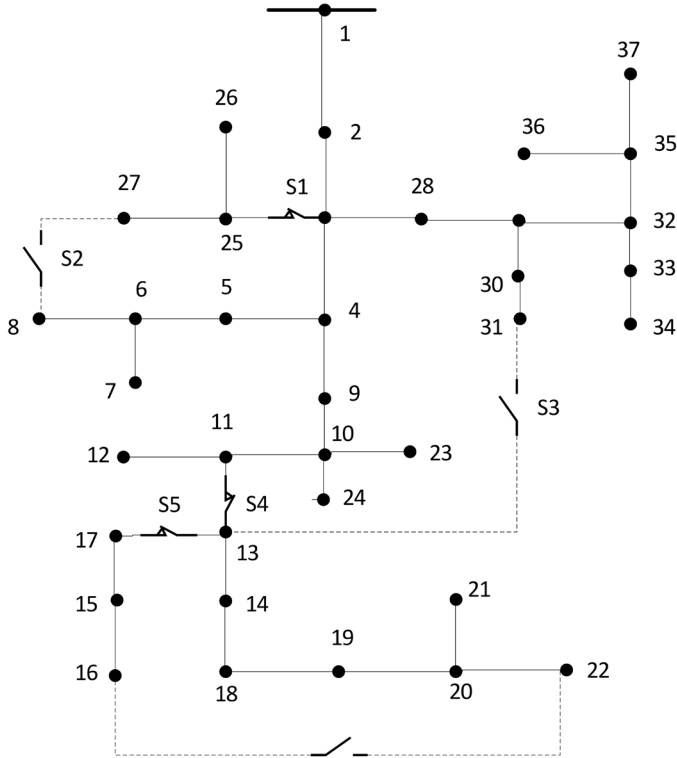
Admittance Matrix

Uncertainties

1- Topology Error (Lacking information about connection among the nodes)

2 – Phase Error (incorrect information about the phase labels)

Joint Topology Identification and State estimation



$$s_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{Close} \\ 0 & \text{Open} \end{cases}$$

Topology Identification:

Knowledge of switch status (open/close) using available measurements

$$\min \|S\|_1 + \lambda \|y - \varphi \psi S\|_2$$

subject to:

$$Y_{LL} V - M_y \cdot P + Y_{L0} V_0 = 0$$

$$Y_{LL} = \bar{Y} + s_1 Y_1 + \dots + s_n Y_n$$

$$M_y = \left(\text{diag}(\bar{V}), -j \text{diag}(\bar{V}) \right)$$

$$Y = \begin{bmatrix} Y_{00} & Y_{0L} \\ Y_{L0} & Y_{LL} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Admittance Matrix}$$

MINLP

Linearized Power Flow

Goals:
1- Estimate Voltage and Power
2- Estimate Switch Status

1- MILP

$$\begin{aligned} \min & \|S\|_1 + \lambda \|y - \varphi\psi S\|_2 \\ \text{subject to:} \\ & Y_{LL} V - M_y \cdot P + Y_{L0} V_0 = \mathbf{0} \\ & -(1 - s_i)F \leq U_i - V \leq (1 - s_i)F \\ & -Fs_i \leq U_i \leq Fs_i \end{aligned}$$

Using an auxiliary variable, we remove the nonlinear term:

$$U_i = s_i V$$

$$Y_{LL} = \bar{Y} + s_1 Y_1 + \dots + s_n Y_n$$

2- Convex Relaxation

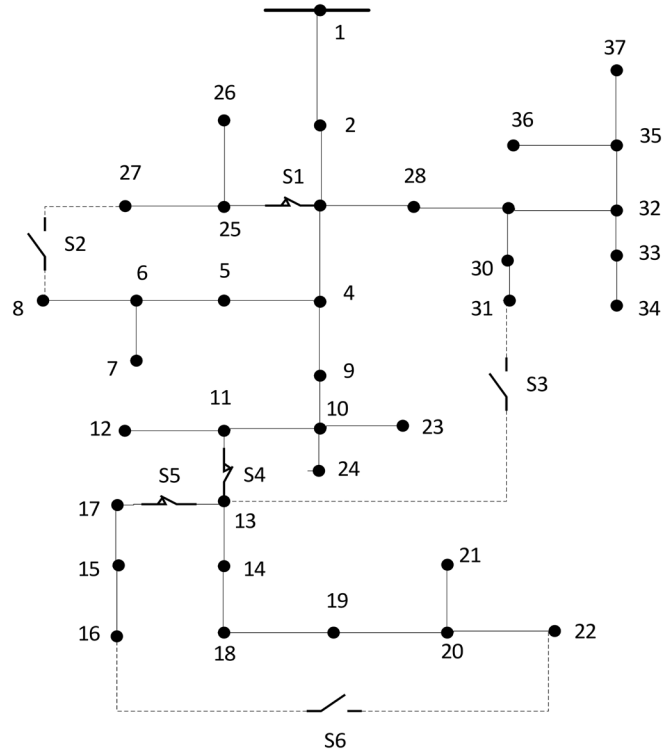
We consider x_i as switch status where
 $0 \leq x_i \leq 1$

$$Y_{LL} = \bar{Y} + x_1 Y_1 + \dots + x_n Y_n$$

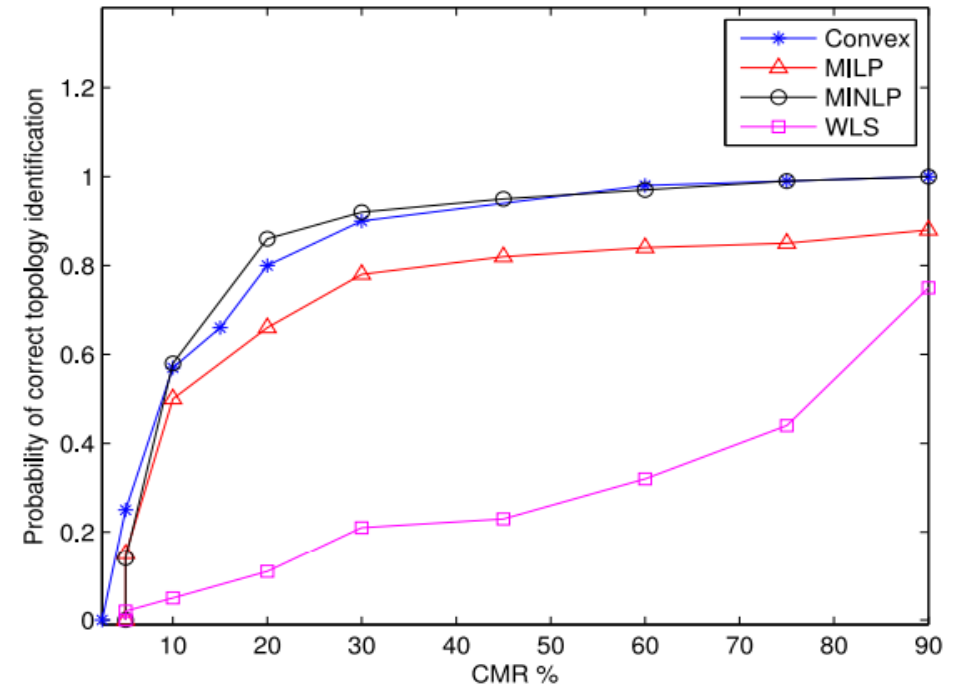
Solution: Alternating Minimization

$$\begin{aligned} \min & \|S\|_1 + \lambda \|y - \varphi\psi S\|_2 \\ \text{subject to:} \\ & Y_{LL} V - M_y \cdot P + Y_{L0} V_0 = \mathbf{0} \end{aligned}$$

Results



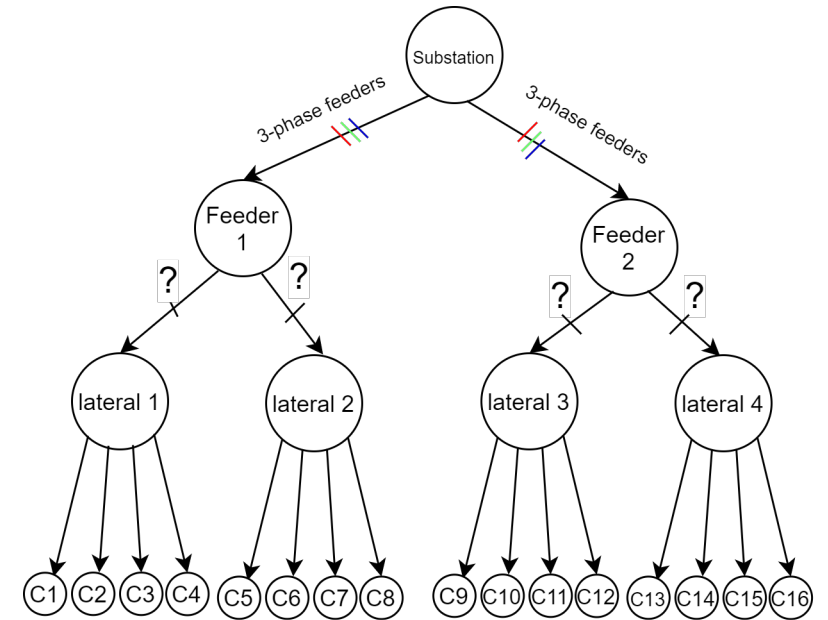
IEEE 37-node test feeder with 6 switches



Probability of accurate topology identification – MINLP, MILP and convex approaches

Phase Identification

- Phase changes occur frequently in the distribution networks which are not always tracked continuously.
- Utilities have limited or unreliable information to identify the phase labels (A, B or C).
- Distribution grid is generally unobservable and measurement data is limited.



Tree representation of network topology with ? representing the unknown phase labels



Question 1: How to provide accurate phase information using limited measurements in the distribution grid?

Proposed approach [13]

Theorem 1 - In a multi-phase distribution grid, if two terminal buses of a branch are connected on the same phase, their phase voltage correlation is the largest [14].

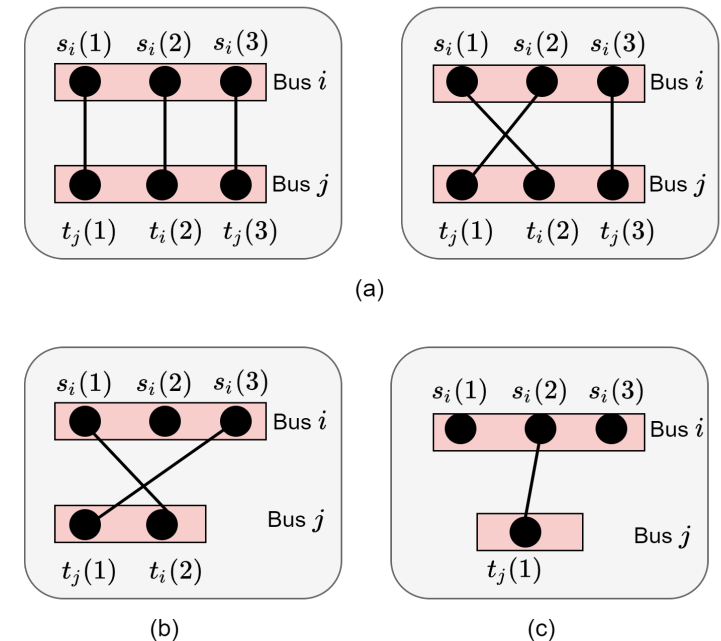
Inputs:

- Voltage magnitude time-series measurements.
- Set of known bus label indices.

Recover the Graph phase connectivity by solving an optimization problem using -

Objective function: Minimize the variation of voltage signals in the graph and use the known phase label information

Constraints: Must-link constraints, cannot-link constraints, Valid set of Adjacency matrices.



Different possible configurations for a two bus connection. (a) three phase end (b) two phase end (c) one phase end

Proposed approach

Consider a matrix of voltage magnitude measurements $\mathbf{V} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$, where N - total time over which the samples are collected.

$$\mathbf{V} = [\mathbf{V}_1^{p_1}, \dots, \mathbf{V}_K^{p_K}]^T \text{ where } \mathbf{V}_i^{p_i} \text{ is the nodal voltages on bus } i \text{ with phases } p_i, \\ \text{(e.g., } \mathbf{V}_i^{p_i} = [\mathbf{V}_i^a, \mathbf{V}_i^b, \mathbf{V}_i^c]).$$

The aim is to determine the ϕ labels with respect to the reference of substation phases.

- **Objective function:** Minimize the variation of voltage signals in the graph and use the known phase label information.
- **Constraints:** Must-link constraints, cannot-link constraints, Valid Adjacency matrix.

Known entries in the adjacency matrix ($P_\Omega(\mathbf{A}_{\text{known}})$) is defined as,

$$[P_\Omega(\mathbf{A}_{\text{known}})]_{mn} = \begin{cases} [\mathbf{A}_{\text{known}}]_{mn}, & \text{if } (m, n) \in \Omega \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\min_{\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{S}} \text{tr}(\mathbf{V}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{V}) + \eta \|\text{vec}(\mathbf{A})\|_1 + \beta \text{tr}(\mathbf{S}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{S}) + \lambda_1 \|P_\Omega(\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{A}_{\text{known}})\|_F^2$$

$$0.5 \leq \sum_{m=1}^{p_j} \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{s}_i(l), \mathbf{t}_j(m)) \leq 1, \forall i, \forall j, i \sim j$$

$$0.5 \leq \sum_{l=1}^{p_i} \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{s}_i(l), \mathbf{t}_j(m)) \leq 1, \forall i, \forall j, i \sim j$$

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{s}_i(l), \mathbf{s}_i(m)) \leq 0, \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{t}_i(l), \mathbf{t}_i(m)) \leq 0, \quad m, l = 1, \dots, p_i, i = 1, \dots, K.$$

$$\mathbf{S}^T \mathbf{S} = \mathbf{I}$$

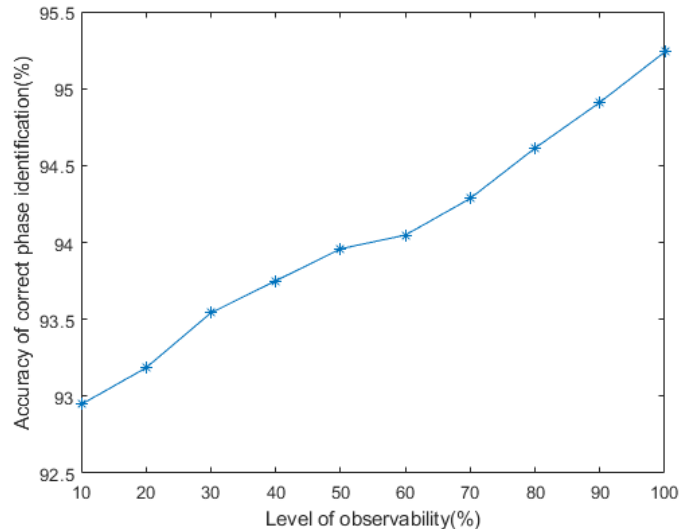
$$\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{A}$$

} Must-link constraints

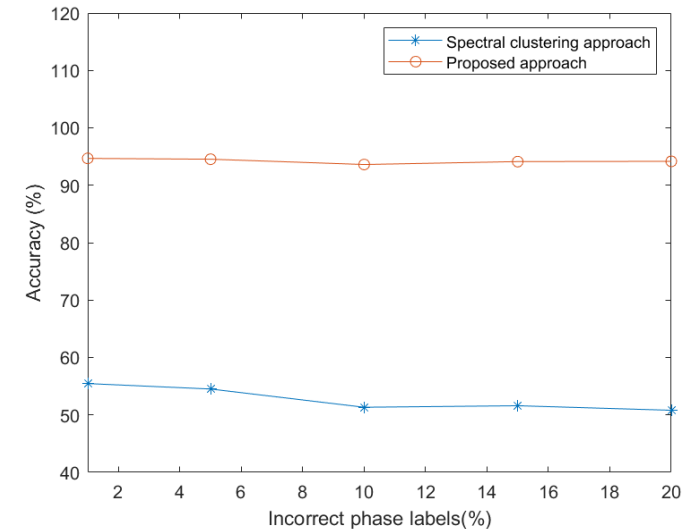
} Cannot-link constraints

Results

- We compared the proposed approach with Spectral Clustering approach [15] on IEEE 37 bus test system (40% known and 60% unknown).
- The power at each bus is an aggregation of customers which are randomly considered in the range 75-100.
- Power flow analysis is run for one day to generate voltage timeseries measurements.



Performance of phase identification approaches in the presence of limited spatial measurements




Performance of phase identification approaches in the presence of incorrect phase labels

Key observations:

- Across all fraction of available data, the proposed approach is accurate in identifying the phase labels.
- The proposed approach is insensitive to incorrect bus phase labels and achieves high fidelity with an accuracy higher than 90%.

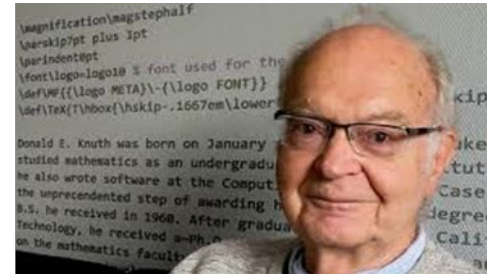
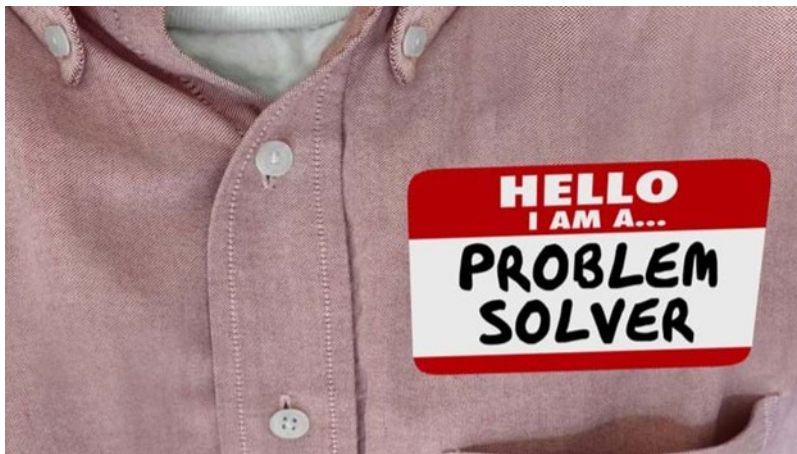
Take-home Message

Focus on Distribution system situational awareness NOW!

- Data and model driven approaches can help
- Less data  more opportunities to innovate!

"It is much more rewarding to do more with less."

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