

# A Scalable Semidefinite Relaxation Approach to Grid Scheduling

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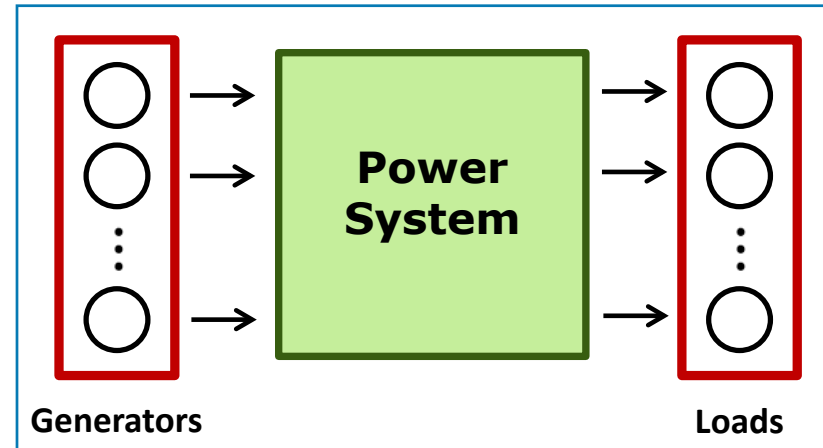
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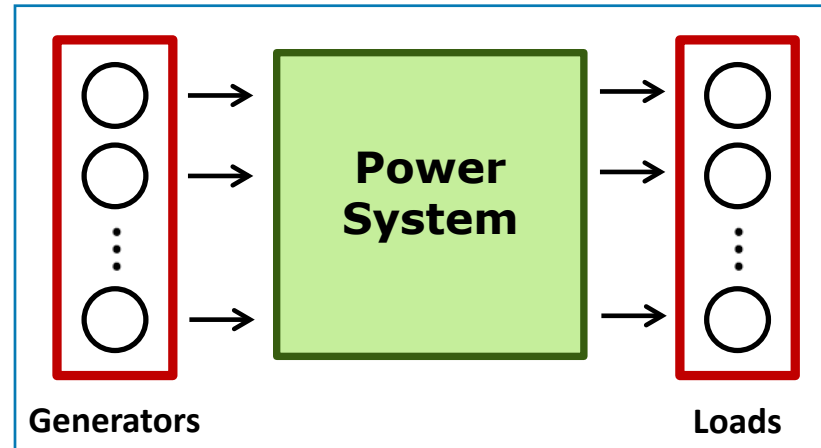
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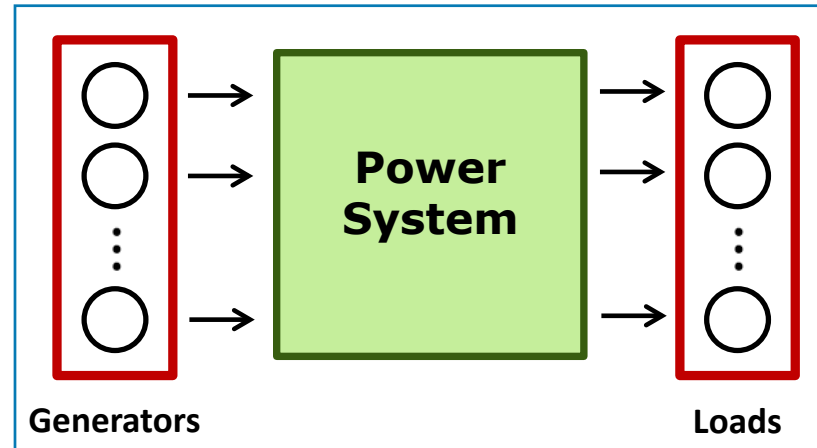
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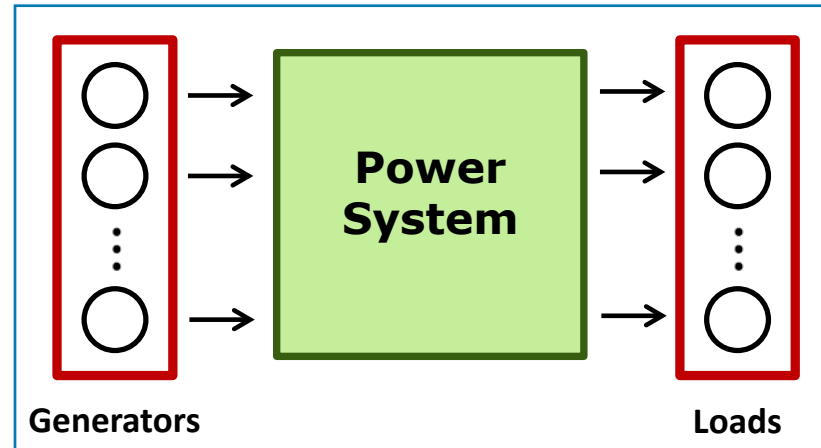
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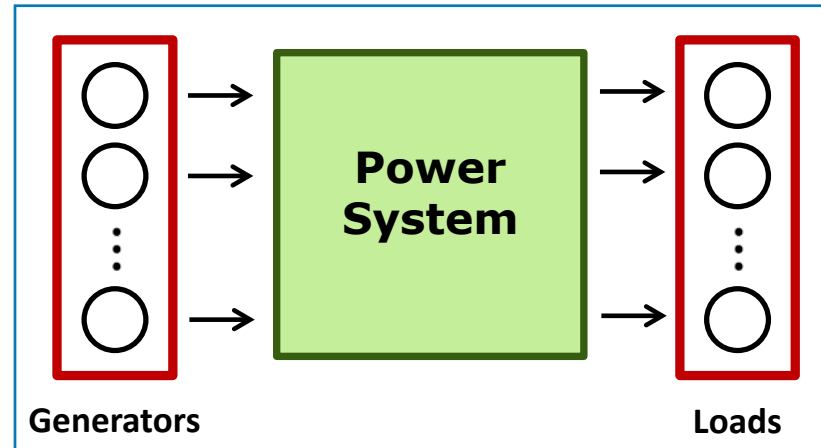
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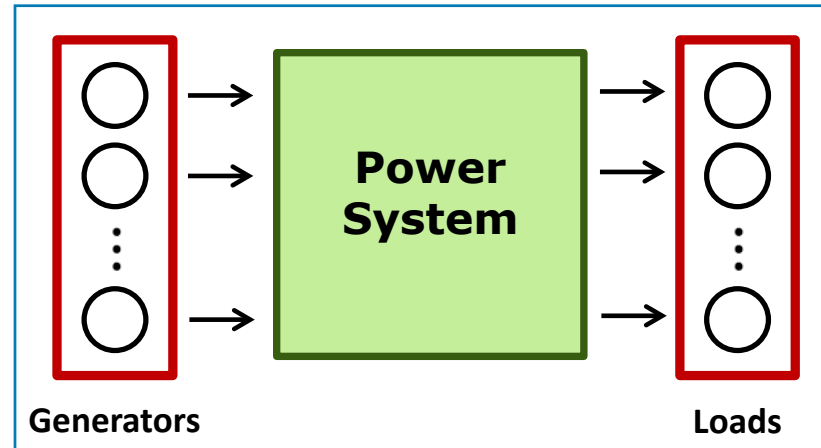
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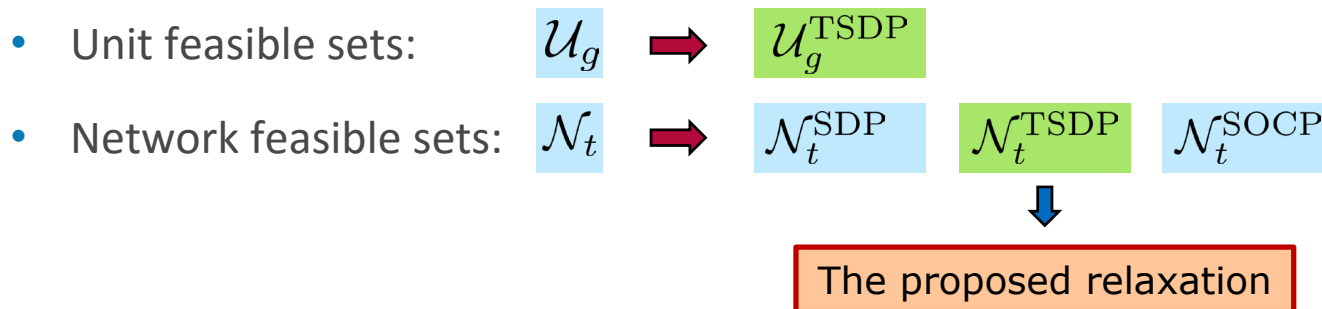
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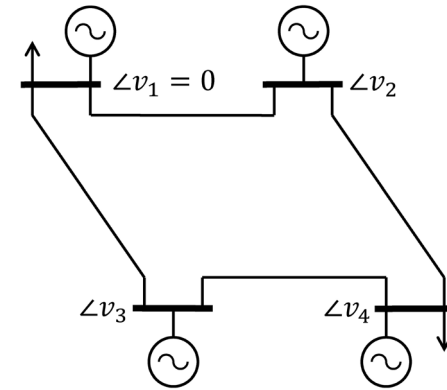
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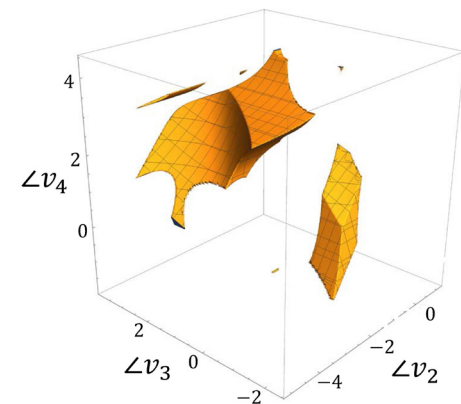
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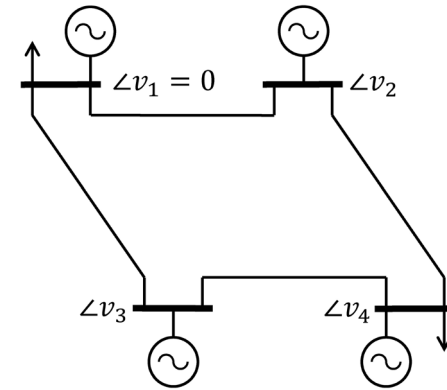




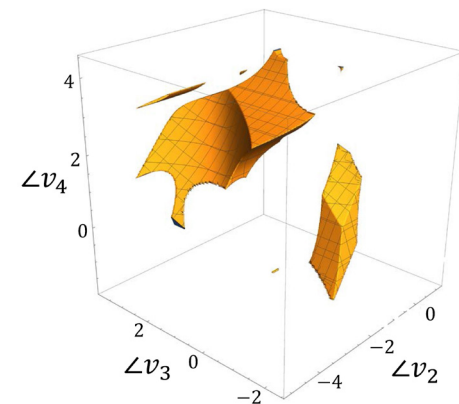
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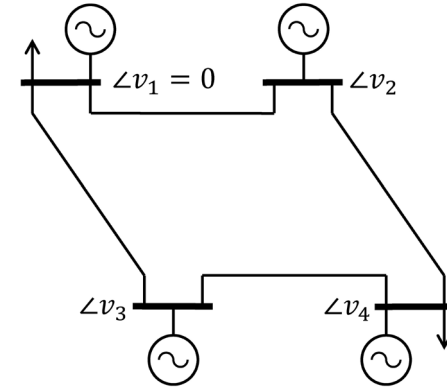
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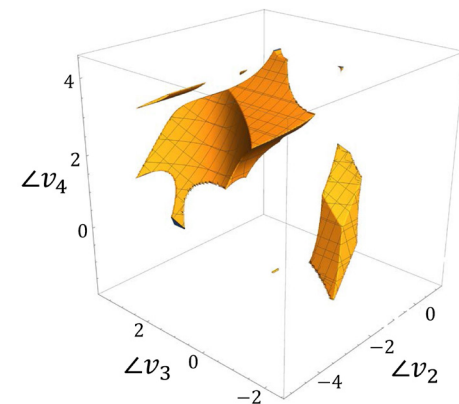
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- Future directions:
  - Incorporation of uncertainties and security consideration,
  - **Implementation on GPU:** Linear algebra on 3 x 3 matrices has closed-form solutions.

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**Thank you**