

The coordination of centralised and distributed electricity generation

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We focus on a major change occurred in energy markets over the last few years: the coordination of centralised and distributed generation.

Development of affordable distributed energy sources (solar panels)



Consumers can now produce by themselves a certain amount of electricity and then buy in the market the energy they still need



*New interactions between energy companies and final consumers
(no longer unidirectional system, now bidirectional system)*



Need for new models

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Our goals: finance. Solution to the three problems above? Equilibrium between the planner's suggestions and the consumer/company's choices?

Our goals: mathematics. Solution to linear-quadratic McKean-Vlasov control problems with stochastic coefficients?

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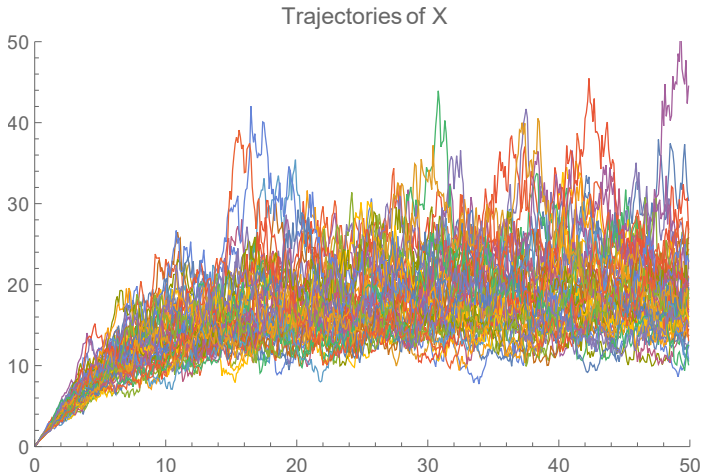
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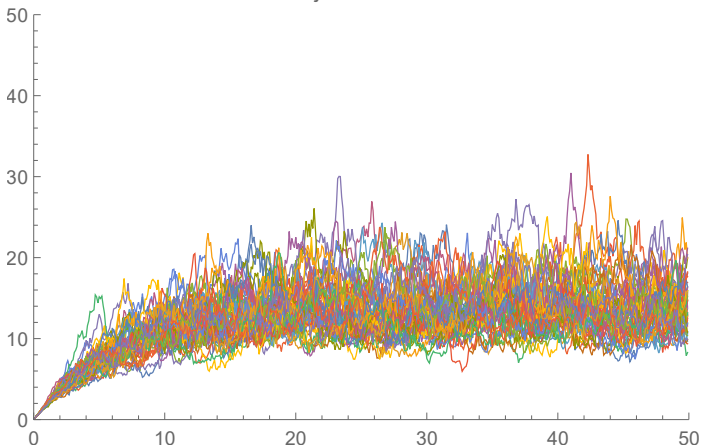
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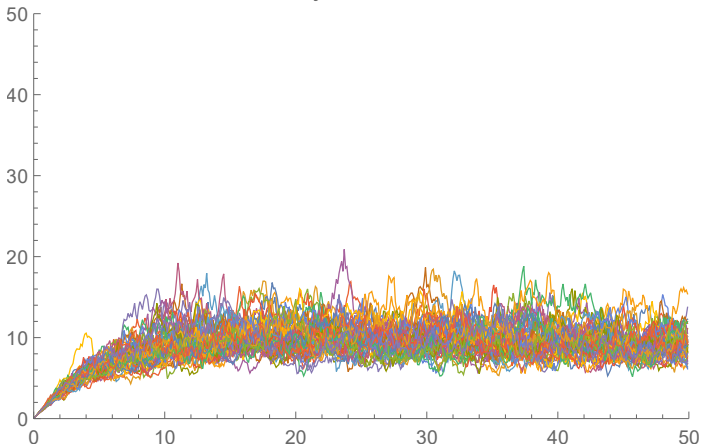
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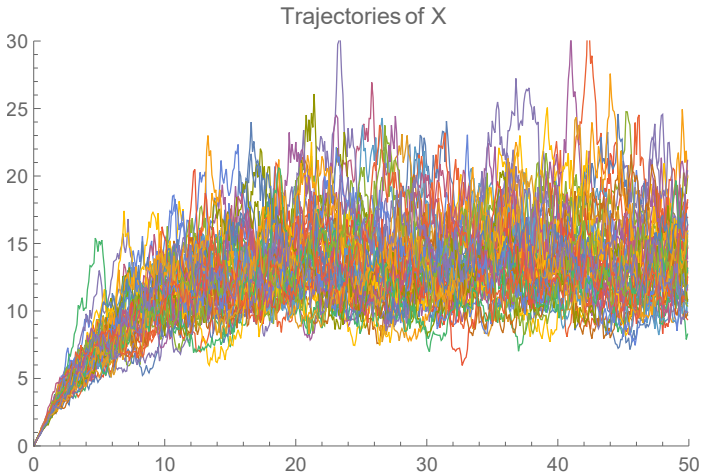
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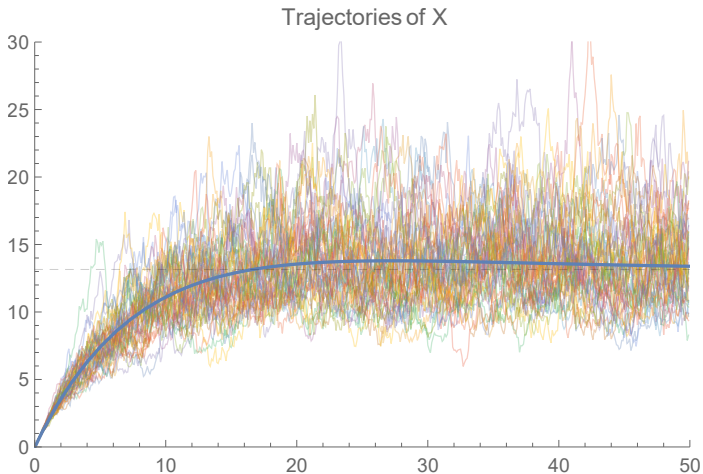


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Second one: true (proof as above). We focus on the first one: very hard to solve. Idea: weaker definition, in term of limits.

Definition (second attempt). An asymptotic Pareto equilibrium is a real number \bar{P} such that $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}[\hat{X}_t](\bar{P}) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}[X_t^*]$.

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Pareto: conditions and formulas. We now look for admissible asymptotic Pareto equilibria for our problem. The equation

$$\widehat{X}_\infty(\bar{P}) = \overline{X_\infty^*}$$

corresponds, by the formulas above, to

$$\frac{\bar{P} + \theta - \frac{\rho c}{b}}{2\sigma^2 K} = \frac{\rho h + \pi + \theta - \frac{\rho c}{b}}{2\sigma^2 K^{11}}.$$

We solve w.r.t. \bar{P} and check the three admissibility conditions.

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Some remarks about the previous result.

- The $\exists!$ condition is very mild: just $\rho c/b - \theta \leq \rho h + \pi$.
- We have $K, K^{11} > 0$ and it can be proved that $K < K^{11}$, so that $0 < \frac{K}{K^{11}} < 1$. Then, the equilibrium \bar{p}^{Par} above can be seen as a **convex linear combination**.

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- Point of view of a consumer, a company, a social planner
- Framework: McKean-Vlasov stochastic optimal control
- Explicit formula for the optimal controls

2. Looking for an equilibrium

- Definition of admissible asymptotic Pareto equilibrium
- Necessary and sufficient conditions for existence and uniqueness
- Explicit formula for the equilibrium

...some self-advertisement to conclude!

Joint work with Haoyang Cao and Xin Guo (UC Berkeley), soon in ArXiv.

- N -player stochastic games with impulse controls.
- Mean-field stochastic games with impulse controls.
- Application to the Constantinides-Richard cash management problem: 1 vs. 2 vs. ∞ players.

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Thank you!