# Modelling Intelligent Energy Distribution Systems by Hyperdag P Systems 

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Summary. The paper introduces a new model in membrane computing, using the hyperdag P systems to simulate a complex, feedback-driven energy distribution system. The proposed model is tested within an ad-hoc developed simulator, and the evolution of the system is presented step by step.

## 1 Introduction

The P systems are a computational model inspired from cellular biology, introduced by Păun [10] in 1998 in order to simulate the behaviour of natural systems by means of formal specifications.

Membrane computing is a vast research field, involving contributions from different areas, like parallel and distributed systems, financial case studies and evolution of living cells populations. There are many types of P systems, like tissue P systems, neural (spiking) P systems or asynchronous P systems. The model was further examined in Păun et al. [11].

The hyperdag P systems are a refinement of the original model, in which the tree structure is replaced by a directed acyclic graph (dag), introduced by Nicolescu [8] in 2008.

P system models allow realistic simulations of evolving systems, as transition rules can be applied separately for each cell, taking into account the environment factors (represented as promoters or inhibitors) and the received information from other cells (transported symbols).

## 2 Energy distribution systems (EDS) - a case study

When we consider an energy distribution system (EDS), there are two approaches. One involves the big-scale entities, like power plants, the national network of transformers and transmission lines, and finally the consumers (industrial-grade and home).

The small-scale approach regards the self-powered home, that has its own generators using renewable energy sources like the sun (photovoltaic panels) and the wind (eolian turbines).

The main goal in designing an ecological household regards the control of energy consumption level and the ways to optimize it.

In order to bypass short-time fluctuations that this kind of generators can suffer due to sudden changes in the environment factors, the system makes use of a set of batteries, that store the energy when it is available and give it back instantly if ecological power falls for a short period.

To summarize, the EDS (figure 1) has the following components:

- connection to the grid
- grid controller
- batteries
- battery regulator
- generators
- generator regulator
- the consumers
- the consumer controller (inverter)
- sensors
- sensor monitor
- memory for comfort variables
- main control unit (MCU)

As the natural factors change all the time, one cannot rely solely on independent generators to supply all the necessary power to a household for everyday needs. Thus, the connection to the national power grid is mandatory. To control how much power is taken from the grid and to monitor the costs involved, a grid controller is taken into account.

The set of batteries acts both as a buffer in case of short outages (temporary lack of wind or sunlight), and as an affordable alternative source for low-power requirements (night lighting, standby current for different devices), where grid energy can be avoided. Batteries charge only when there is enough green power, in order to keep the costs as low as possible. Their cycle is regulated by a dedicated controller to prevent overcharging or over-discharging, both being equally dangerous for the internal chemistry.

The generator set is the core of a self-powered home system, transforming the freely available energy from the natural sources, like sun and wind, into usable electrical power to drive all the devices that surround us and make our life easier. Using such energy implies reduced costs, long-term sustainability and a reduced impact on the planet's resources. The controller to which they are attached to is used for monitoring their usage, reporting failures and disconnecting them when power requirements indicate there's no need for more, in order to protect the life of moving components (turbine).

The consumers are all the electrical appliances that the owner makes use of but, for the case study in this paper, only the lighting and air conditioning systems
are considered to be monitored and adjusted according to the desired parameters. Their controller has a function in conversion also, as the supplied DC voltage (usually 12 to 48 V ) from batteries and generators must be raised and converted to AC before it can be used.

The sensors read the instantaneous values (available light level and temperature) from the environment, and report them through their monitor to the MCU. They play the key role in the feed-back mechanism.

The desired values for the comfort variables (temperature and amount of light) that the user sets are stored in a dedicated memory that the MCU will read each time it needs to make an adjustment.

The MCU is the brain of the system, containing all necessary logic (rules) to request data from the memory and sensor controller, calculate the difference between values and issue the appropriate commands for the generators and consumers to adjust their behaviour as required. It is connected directly with all other controllers and the memory, as all communication between them passes through it.

## 3 Intelligent Energy distribution systems

### 3.1 The model structure and logic

The intelligence involved in the distribution is achieved through the rules implemented by the MCU, with the declared goal of minimizing the consumption from the grid. When the parameters need to be adjusted upwards, the first source considered are always the generators, as their energy comes almost for free (after the investment has been recovered). If they cannot supply the necessary instantaneous power, the second choice are the batteries, as they have an amount of power that comes also at no cost. If they are empty or have already reached the maximum that they can offer, there is no other option than to take the rest from the grid. This is the costly solution, but sometimes it's the only one left. When renewable power is available again, the first to be satisfied are the consumers, followed by the batteries who need to be refilled.

The philosophy behind such a system is to react promptly to the changes that occur and to satisfy the current needs without wasting energy when there's no one home, or at night, when there's usually no need for powerful lighting. If the temperature in the house is already at the desired level, the air conditioning system will not be started and, if the desired level has been reached after an increased consumption, the controller will just keep with it, without other increases.

### 3.2 Architecture - Hyperdag $\mathbf{P}$ systems

As mentioned in the Introduction, hyperdag P systems are a new family of P systems that R. Nicolescu proposed as an alternative to other existent types (tissue
and neural P systems) in order to offer a more flexible way to communicate between cells, but respecting the hierarchical structure. In this approach the messages can be passed also to the cells on the same level (siblings), rewriting rules can be applied in a deterministic or parallel way, and the transfer modes can be dedicated (a single receiver) or spread across a domain (broadcast). The efficiency of such P systems has been proven by modelling problems like Synchronization in P Modules [2], the Byzantine Agreement [1] and optimizations to FSSP [4].

The basic definitions and notions from graph theory will not be discussed again here, as they can be found very easily in the literature.

The definition of hyperdag P systems and the two extensions are the ones given in Part A of the technical report by R. Nicolescu [7], [8], [9].

Definition 1. $A \mathrm{hP}$ system (of degree $m$ ) is a system $\Pi=\left(O, \sigma_{1}, \ldots, \sigma_{m}, \delta, I_{\text {out }}\right)$, where:

1. $O$ is an ordered finite non-empty alphabet of objects;
2. $\sigma_{1}, \ldots, \sigma_{n}$ are cells, of the form $\sigma_{i}=\left(Q_{i}, s_{i 0}, w_{i 0}, P_{i}\right), 1 \leq i \leq m$, where:

- $Q_{i}$ is a finite set (of states),
- $s_{i 0} \in Q_{i}$ is the initial state,
- $w_{i 0} \in O^{*}$ is the initial multiset of objects,
- $P_{i}$ is a finite set of multiset rewriting rules of the form $s x \rightarrow s^{\prime} x^{\prime} u_{\uparrow} v_{\downarrow} w_{\leftrightarrow} y_{g o} z_{o u t}$, where $s, s^{\prime} \in Q_{i}, x, x^{\prime} \in O^{*}, u_{\uparrow} \in O_{\uparrow}^{*}, v_{\downarrow} \in O_{\downarrow}^{*}, w_{\leftrightarrow} \in O_{\leftrightarrow}^{*}, y_{g o} \in O_{g o}^{*}$, and $z_{\text {out }} \in O_{\text {out }}^{*}$ with the restriction that $z_{\text {out }}=\lambda$ for all $i \in\{1, \ldots, m\} \backslash I_{\text {out }}$;

3. $\delta$ is a set of dag parent/child arcs on $\{1, \ldots, m\}$, i.e., $\delta \subseteq\{1, \ldots, m\} x\{1, \ldots, m\}$, representing bidirectional communication channels between the cells;
4. $I_{\text {out }} \subseteq\{1, \ldots, m\}$ indicates the output cells, the only cells allowed to send objects to the "environment".

In addition to this definition, there are two more elements that should be presented in order to fully describe the simulation mechanism. One is the object transfer mode and the other is rewriting mode for symbols. Both define how rules are applied.

Regarding the object transfer mode, there are three options:

- replication: the replicated symbols are transmitted to all parents ( $\uparrow$ ), all children $(\downarrow)$ or all siblings $(\leftrightarrow)$;
- one: the object will be delivered to a single, randomly chosen, parent $(\uparrow)$, child $(\downarrow)$ or sibling $(\leftrightarrow)$;
- spread: the multiset will be decomposed and the parts are to be sent arbitrarily to the parents $(\uparrow)$, children $(\downarrow)$ or siblings $(\leftrightarrow)$.
Regarding the symbol rewriting mode, there are also three options:
- min: the rule is applied once, if possible;
- par: rule is applied in parallel manner for all available symbols;
- max: a rule is applied as many times as possible.

It is important to mention that rules are applied in weak priority order, meaning that the ones with higher priority (appear at the beginning) come first, and that lower priority rules are applied only if they do not change the target state reached from the previous rules.


Fig. 1. General view of the system

### 3.3 Algorithm - The rule set and types

At the beginning, we define the connexions between the cells, by mentioning the parent and all its children. The initial cell configurations follow @ lines, as we define the memory for comfort variables MemConf, current $u$ and maximum $m$ energy values for each entity. Each consumer has a maximum amount of power that it can take, each generator has a limit of what it can give. The sensors store the values read from the environment. The first step is to send the trigger command $q$ from the main control unit Ctrl to the memory and the sensors, in order to ask them to reply with their content. Sensors report to their dedicated controller CtrlSenz, which then sends the information to the main Ctrl.

After receiving all data, the controller is able to make the decision to increase or decrease the amount of energy offered by the generators, by calculating the difference between the desired temperature (or light) level - stored in MemConf, and the current one, reported by the sensors. The confirmation of energy availability
will be sent to the consumers (temperature, lights), and they will increase their current consumption by one unit at each step.


Fig. 2. Logical scheme

## 4 The simulator overview

The simulator implements the hyperdag P systems in respect with Def. 1, object rewriting rules and object transfer modes. At its core we defined the digraph structure, with arcs, nodes, rules, states and symbols as components, grouped into Configurations. We also implemented the Rewriting and Transition types as described above.

The direction for symbol transfer is indicated within the Behaviour class, all communication channels being considered as bi-directional. There are four options:

- down: symbols are sent to direct children of the current node;
- up: symbols are sent to the directly connected parent(s);
- sibling: objects reach the nodes on the same level and which are connected with the emitting cell;
- out: this is the production of the P system calculation, symbols are sent from the Output cell to the environment, and their multiplicity is regarded as the final result.

Rules form a separate class, each one having defined the initial and final states, the priority, rewriting and transition types. Rules are defined as strings entered by the user, as one would usually describe them, in the following form:

* cell init.state <sym._mult.> -> f.state <sym._mult._dir.rewr.transf.>

As an example, we present a rule for the $M C U$, which will propagate down the commands to increase the light and the power from the Grid, without changing the current state $s q c$. The rule is applied as many times as possible, and symbols are replicated to all the children:

* Ctrl sqc ALu $S u \rightarrow s q c A L u_{\downarrow} S u_{\downarrow}$ max repl

Before entering the rules (marked by ${ }^{*}$ ), one needs to define the cells in the system, their connections and their initial states (lines beginning with @). When the command Create is given, the parser reads each line, builds the dag structure and the graphical representation on the fly (using GraphViz [3]) and loads each cell with its rule set. From that point, the system can evolve fully in one step (Run command) or step by step, with the currently applied rules being showed in red, for easier understanding of the transitions, and the content of each cell being updated in real time. Execution uses the parallel features of the .NET platform, cells that can evolve simultaneously have dedicated threads for their computations.

The simulator will be available for download in the near future at the following address: http://fmi.upit.ro/psim/.

## 5 Description of the rule set

In this section we present all the rules, grouped in subsections by each cell, and explain their roles in the system.

### 5.1 The memory for the comfort variables

For the cell MemConf, there are the following rules:

1. $s_{0} q \rightarrow$ sqt min rep
2. sql $l \rightarrow$ sqal $M L_{\downarrow} \max$ rep
. sqt $t \rightarrow$ sql $t M T_{\downarrow}$ max rep
3. sql $\rightarrow$ sqa min rep
4. sqt $\rightarrow$ sql min rep
5. sqa $\rightarrow s_{0} a_{\downarrow} \max \mathrm{rep}$

The meaning of the symbols are detailed in Table 1.

### 5.2 Main Control Unit

The Ctrl cell analyses and regulates the functioning of the entire system, and thus it has an increased number of rules and symbols. It communicates with all other Controllers in a full cycle. The states for this cell are, as follows:

| Symbol | Description |
| :--- | :--- |
| q | The query request |
| t | The desired temperature value, stored in memory |
| l | The desired light level, stored in memory |
| MT | The response symbol for temperature |
| ML | The response symbol for light |

Table 1. MemConf cell symbols


Fig. 3. State diagram for MemConf
$s_{0}$ : initial state;
$s q$ : waiting for a system query;
sqa: the analysis phase;
$s q c$ : computing the base regulation (phase I), computing the commands for the full regulation (phase II) and cleaning the unnecessary symbols.


Fig. 4. State diagram for Ctrl

The role of the symbols are described in Table 2.

| Symbol | Description |
| :--- | :--- |
| a | An answer |
| MT | The temperature value stored in memory |
| ST | The system temperature |
| CTu | Temperature can be increased |
| CTd | Temperature can be decreased |
| ATu | The computing answer is to increase the temperature |
| ATd | The computing answer is to decrease the temperature |
| ML | The light level stored in memory |
| SL | the light measured by the sensor |
| CLu | Light can be in increased |
| CLd | Light can be decreased |
| ALu | The computing answer is to increase the light |
| ALd | The computing answer is to decrease the light |
| GEu | The eolian generator has available power |
| GEd | The eolian generator cannot increase power |
| GPu | The photovoltaic generator has available power |
| GPd | The photovoltaic generator cannot increase power |
| B1u | Battery 1 can be charged |
| B1d | Battery 1 can be used for power |
| B2u | The battery 2 can be charged |
| B2d | The battery 2 can be used for power |
| Su | The Grid can offer more power |
| Sd | The Grid cannot offer more power |

Table 2. Ctrl cell symbols

Request rules:

1. $s_{0} \rightarrow s q q_{\uparrow} \min r e p$
2. $s q a_{6} \rightarrow$ sqa min rep

The first step when starting the system is to send a query command $(q)$ to all components. After receiving six answers ( $a$ symbols), the Ctrl has all necessary informations and it can start computing the differences and adjust the parameters by sending the appropriate commands to the other controllers.

The state analysis:

| 1. sqa $M T S T \rightarrow$ sqa max rep | 8. sqa $M L S L \rightarrow$ sqa max rep |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2. sqa $M T C T u \rightarrow$ sqa ATu min rep | 9. sqa $M L C L u \rightarrow$ sqa ALu min rep |
| 3. sqa $S T C T d \rightarrow$ sqa ATd min rep | 10. sqa $S L C L d \rightarrow$ sqa ALd min rep |
| 4. sqa $M T \rightarrow$ sqa max rep | 11. sqa $M L \rightarrow$ sqa max rep |
| 5. sqa $S T \rightarrow$ sqa max rep | 12. sqa $S L \rightarrow$ sqa max rep |
| 6. sqa $C T u \rightarrow$ sqa min rep | 13. sqa $C L u \rightarrow$ sqa min rep |
| 7. sqa $C T d \rightarrow$ sqa min rep | 14. sqa $C L d \rightarrow$ sqa min rep |

Rule \#1 computes the difference between the desired Temperature value that is stored in Memory $(M T)$ and the current one, read by the Sensor $(S T)$. If there
are $M T$ symbols left and it is possible to increase the consumption for the heating device ( $C T u$ is present), the command is issued by creating the $A T u$ symbol. If there are $S T$ symbols present and it is possible to reduce the consumption ( $C T d$ is present), then we produce the command to decrease the Temperature, ATd. Rules 4 to 7 clean the remaining symbols.

Rule \#8 makes the difference between the desired Light level form the Memory $(M L)$ and the current one from the Sensor $(S L)$. If there are $M L$ symbols present and it is possible to increase the power for lighting ( $C L u$ is present), then we produce the command $A L u$ with rule $\# 9$. If there are $S L$ symbols left, and it is possible to reduce the power for lighting (presence of $C L d$ ), then symbol Ald is produced. Rules $\# 11 . . . \# 14$ do the cleaning.

The first set of regulation rules is the following:

1. sqa $\rightarrow$ sqc min rep
2. sqc $B 1 o S d \rightarrow s q c B 1 o_{\downarrow} S d_{\downarrow} \max$ rep
3. sqc $B 2 o S d \rightarrow s q c B 2 o_{\downarrow} S d_{\downarrow} \max$ rep
4. sqc $G E u S d \rightarrow s q c G E u_{\downarrow} S d_{\downarrow} \max$ rep
5. $s q c G P u S d \rightarrow s q c G P u_{\downarrow} S d_{\downarrow} \max \operatorname{rep}$
6. $s q c G E u B 1 i \rightarrow s q c G E u_{\downarrow} B 1 i_{\downarrow} \max$ rep
7. $s q c G P u B 1 i \rightarrow s q c G P u_{\downarrow} B 1 i_{\downarrow}$ max rep
8. sqc $G E u B 2 i \rightarrow s q c G E u_{\downarrow} B 2 i_{\downarrow} \max$ rep
9. sqc GPu $B 2 i \rightarrow s q c G P u_{\downarrow} B 2 i_{\downarrow}$ max rep

Rule \#1 puts the Ctrl cell in a state where potential anomalies are detected and removed (rules $\# 2 \ldots \# 9$ ).
2, 3: If the Batteries can give more power (presence of B1o or B2o) and the consumption from the Grid can be decreased (presence of $S d$ ), then the appropriate commands will be propagated down.
4, 5: If the Generators can give more power ( $G E u$ or $G P u$ are present) and the consumption from the Grid can be decreased ( $S d$ is there), then the commands are sent down.
$6,7,8,9$ : If the battery charge current can be increased (we have B1i or B2i) and the Generators can offer more energy, the appropriate commands are sent to their controller.
The second set of regulation rules consists of:

1. $s q c A T u G E u \rightarrow s q c A T u_{\downarrow} G E u_{\downarrow} \max r e p$
2. sqc $A T u G P u \rightarrow s q c A T u_{\downarrow} G P u_{\downarrow}$ max rep
3. sqc $A T u B 1 o \rightarrow s q c A T u_{\downarrow} B 1 o_{\downarrow} \max$ rep
4. sqc $A T u B 2 o \rightarrow s q c A T u_{\downarrow} B 2 o_{\downarrow} \max$ rep
5. sqc ATu $S u \rightarrow s q c A T u_{\downarrow} S u_{\downarrow} \max$ rep
6. sqc $A T d S d \rightarrow s q c A T d_{\downarrow} S d_{\downarrow}$ max rep
7. sqc ATd $B 1 i \rightarrow s q c A T d_{\downarrow} B 1 i_{\downarrow}$ max rep
8. sqc ATd $B 2 i \rightarrow s q c A T d_{\downarrow} B 2 i_{\downarrow} \max r e p$
9. sqc ATd $G E g \rightarrow s q c A T d_{\downarrow} G E d_{\downarrow} \max r e p$
10. sqc $A T d G P g \rightarrow s q c A T d_{\downarrow} G P d_{\downarrow} \max r e p$
11. sqc $A L u G E u \rightarrow s q c A L u_{\downarrow} G E u_{\downarrow} \max$ rep
12. sqc $A L u G P u \rightarrow s q c A L u_{\downarrow} G P u_{\downarrow} \max$ rep
13. sqc $A L u B 1 o \rightarrow s q c A L u_{\downarrow} B 1 o_{\downarrow} \max$ rep
14. sqc $A L u B 2 o \rightarrow s q c A L u_{\downarrow} B 2 o_{\downarrow} \max$ rep
15. sqc $A L u S u \rightarrow s q c A L u_{\downarrow} S u_{\downarrow} \max$ rep
16. sqc $A L d S d \rightarrow s q c A L d_{\downarrow} S d_{\downarrow}$ max rep
17. sqc $A L d B 1 i \rightarrow s q c A L d_{\downarrow} B 1 i_{\downarrow}$ max rep
18. sqc $A L d B 2 i \rightarrow s q c A L d_{\downarrow} B 2 i_{\downarrow}$ max rep
19. sqc $A L d G E g \rightarrow s q c A L d_{\downarrow} G E d_{\downarrow} \max r e p$
20. sqc $A L d G P g \rightarrow s q c A L d_{\downarrow} G P d_{\downarrow} \max$ rep

These rules are in charge of the increase ( $A T u, A L u$ ) and decrease commands ( $A T d, A L d$ ) for the Temperature and Light levels.
1..5: We try to increase the consumption for the Temperature ( $A T u$ ) by checking the available sources, in the following order: Eolian Generator (GEu), Photovoltaic Generator (GPu), and the Batteries (B1o, B2o) and finally, as a last resort, the national power Source ( $S u$ ). If any one of those has available power, the appropriate commands are sent to it.
6..10: We try to decrease the consumption for the Temperature and take into account the sources in reverse order: grid $(S d)$, batteries (B1d, B2d) and the generators ( $G E d, G P d$ ). If the amount taken form any of these sources can be decreased, the commands are to be sent accordingly.
10..15: We try to increase the consumption for the Light ( $A L u$ ) by checking the available sources, in the following order: Eolian Generator ( $G E u$ ), Photovoltaic Generator $(G P u)$, and the Batteries $(B 1 o, B 2 o)$ and finally, as a last resort, the national power Source $(S u)$. If any one of those has available power, the appropriate commands are sent to it.
16..20: We try to decrease the consumption for the Light and take into account the sources in reverse order: grid $(S d)$, batteries ( $B 1 d, B 2 d$ ) and the generators $(G E d, G P d)$. If the amount taken form any of these sources can be decreased, the commands are to be sent accordingly.

We use the following rules for cleaning:

1. sqc $M T \rightarrow$ sqc max rep
2. sqc $S T \rightarrow$ sqc max rep
3. sqc $M L \rightarrow$ sqc max rep
4. sqc $S L \rightarrow$ sqc max rep
5. sqc $B 1 i \rightarrow$ sqc max rep
6. sqc $B 1 o \rightarrow$ sqc max rep
7. sqc $S u \rightarrow$ sqc max rep
8. sqc $S d \rightarrow$ sqc max rep
9. sqc $G E u \rightarrow$ sqc max rep
10. sqc GEd $\rightarrow$ sqc max rep
11. sqc $G P u \rightarrow$ sqc max rep
12. sqc $G P d \rightarrow$ sqc max rep
13. sqc $B 2 i \rightarrow$ sqc max rep
14. sqc $B 2 o \rightarrow$ sqc max rep
15. sqc $C T u \rightarrow$ sqc max rep
16. sqc CTd $\rightarrow$ sqc max rep
17. sqc $C L u \rightarrow$ sqc max rep
18. sqc $C L d \rightarrow$ sqc max rep
19. $s q c \rightarrow s_{0}$

In the end, all unused symbols from this cell are cleared, rule \#19 having the role to prepare the cell for a new computation cycle.

### 5.3 The sensor controller

For the cell CtrlSens we defined the following rules:

1. $s_{0} q \rightarrow s_{0} q_{\uparrow}$ min rep
2. $s q S L \rightarrow s q S L_{\downarrow} \max r e p$
3. $s_{0} a_{2} \rightarrow$ sqamin rep
4. $s q S T \rightarrow s q S T_{\downarrow}$ max rep
5. sqa $\rightarrow s_{0} a_{\downarrow}$ min rep

Description for these rules is given below:
1: the response request is forwarded to the sensors;
2: the cell waits for all sensors to answer;
3,4 : the measured values are relayed to the general controller;
5: cell confirms that all measured values have been submitted.
If the Temperature sensor receives a query, it will answer with an $S T$ symbol for each $t$, and the Light sensor will answer with an $S L$ symbol for each $l$ it contains.

The description of the symbols is given in the table 3 .

| Symbol | Description |
| :--- | :--- |
| q | Query |
| t | The measured temperature |
| ST | The response symbol for temperature |
| l | The measured light |
| SL | The response symbol for light |

Table 3. Sensor Controller symbols

### 5.4 Sensors

As announced, we have two sensors that measure the current temperature and amount of light from the environment we wish to monitor and control.

The rules for the Temperature sensor (Sens $T$ ) are the following:

1. $s_{0} q \rightarrow$ sqt min rep
2. sqt $\rightarrow$ sqa min rep
3. sqt $t \rightarrow$ sqat $S T_{\downarrow} \max r e p$
4. sqa $\rightarrow s_{0} a_{\downarrow}$ min rep

For the Light sensor SensL we have:

1. $s_{0} q \rightarrow$ sqt min rep
2. sql $\rightarrow$ sqa min rep
3. sql $t \rightarrow$ sqal $S L_{\downarrow}$ max rep
4. sqa $\rightarrow s_{0} a_{\downarrow}$ min rep

Again, they will answer with $S T$ and $S L$ for the queries, the same as their Controller, symbols having the same sense.


Fig. 5. State diagram for the Sensors

### 5.5 Consumers controller

The main property for the consumers is the availability to increase or decrease their current power absorbed. Let variable $X$ represent the consumers. The request received by the consumer controller will be sent to all consumers. They will answer with $C X u$, meaning that the consumption for variable $X$ (where $X \in\{T e m p .$, Light $\}$ ) can be increased, or with $C X d$, meaning that the consumption for that variable can be decreased. These symbols are further forwarded to the MCU, when answers from all consumers have been received.

The second phase regards treating the commands for actually increasing or decreasing the consumptions. These are forwarded to the consumers themselves for execution. Unnecessary symbols are then cleared.

Rules for the cell CtrlCons are the following:

1. $s_{0} q \rightarrow s q q_{\downarrow}$ min rep
2. $s_{0} G E u \rightarrow s_{0} \max$ rep
3. $s q a_{2} \rightarrow$ sa min rep
4. $s_{0} G E d \rightarrow s_{0}$ max rep
5. saCTu $\rightarrow$ saCTu $u_{\uparrow}$ min rep
6. $s_{0} G P u \rightarrow s_{0}$ max rep
7. saCTd $\rightarrow$ saCTd $d_{\uparrow}$ min rep
8. $s_{0} G P d \rightarrow s_{0}$ max rep
9. saCLu $\rightarrow$ saCLu $u^{\min }$ rep
10. $s_{0} B 1 o \rightarrow s_{0} \max$ rep
11. sa $C L d \rightarrow$ sa $C L d_{\uparrow}$ min rep
12. $s_{0} B 1 i \rightarrow s_{0}$ max rep
13. $s a \rightarrow s_{0} a_{\uparrow}$ min rep
14. $s_{0} B 2 o \rightarrow s_{0} \max$ rep
15. $s_{0} A T u \rightarrow s_{0} A T u_{\downarrow}$ max rep
16. $s_{0} B 2 i \rightarrow s_{0}$ max rep
17. $s_{0} A T d \rightarrow s_{0} A T d_{\downarrow} \max r e p$
18. $s_{0} S u \rightarrow s_{0} \max r e p$
19. $s_{0} A L u \rightarrow s_{0} A L u_{\downarrow}$ max rep
20. $s_{0} S d \rightarrow s_{0} \max r e p$

Description for these rules is given below:

1: the request is transmitted to all consumers;
2: the cell waits for all consumers to answer;
3..6: the answers are relayed to the general controller;

7: the cell confirms that all answers have been submitted;
8..11: all commands are distributed to the consumers;
12..21: clean the unnecessary symbols.

The symbols' meanings are shown in Table 4.

| Symbol | Description |
| :--- | :--- |
| q | Query |
| a | Counting the consumers answers |
| CTu | Temperature can be increased |
| CTd | Temperature can be decreased |
| ATu | The computing answer is to increase the temperature |
| ATd | The computing answer is to decrease the temperature |
| CLu | Light can be in increased |
| CLd | Light can be in decreased |
| ALu | The computing answer is to increase the light |
| ALd | The computing answer is to decrease the light |

Table 4. CtrlCons cell symbols

### 5.6 Consumers

Each consumer can be asked to report it's actual state. The state consists of it's current consumption level (the multiplicity of the symbol $u$, if $u>0$ ) and the availability to increase it (if $u<m, m$ being the maximum value). The answer can be positive or negative. The second set of commands is about actually increasing the consumption, which is executed. Unknown commands are to be cleared.

The description is given for a generic consumer, indicated by $X$. The rules for a consumer cell are the following:

1. $s_{0} q \rightarrow$ sqd min rep
2. sqa uu $\rightarrow$ sqaCXCuヶ min rep
3. sqdu $\rightarrow$ squ u ud min rep
4. sqa ud $\rightarrow$ sqa $C X d_{\uparrow}$ min rep
5. sqd $\rightarrow$ squ min rep
6. sqa $\rightarrow s 0 a_{\uparrow}$ min rep
7. squ и $m \rightarrow$ squd max rep
8. $s 0 A X u \rightarrow s 0 u$ max rep
9. squm $\rightarrow$ sqa muu min rep
10. $s 0$ AXd $u \rightarrow s 0$ max rep

The rules description is given below:
1: request to for the consumer state;
2..6: computing the difference between maximum and current values;

7, 8: the cell emits the answer;
9: cell confirms that answers were submitted;
10: the cell increases consumption;
11: the cell decreases consumption.
The symbols' meaning are shown in Table 5.

| Symbol | Description |
| :--- | :--- |
| u | The consumption |
| m | The maximum value for the consumption |
| q | Query |
| a | Answer acknowledge |
| CXu | Consumption can be increased |
| CXd | Consumption can be decreased |
| AXu | Request to increase the consumption |
| AXd | Request to decrease power |

Table 5. Consumer cell symbols

### 5.7 Generators controller

The generators have or not the ability to increase or decrease the amount of power they give at each moment. Let $X$ be the generic name for a generator. The request received by the generator controller is further spread to all generators defined. They will answer with either $G X u$, meaning that they can increase the power, or $G X d$, if they can decrease their power. These symbols are to be delivered to the MCU when all generators have sent their answers.

The second phase of using a generator occurs when commands for increasing or decreasing the given power are actually received. These are forwarded to the generators, and the unnecessary symbols are to be cleaned up from their Controller.

The specific rules for the CtrlGen cell are as follows:

1. $s_{0} q \rightarrow s q q_{\downarrow}$ min rep
2. sqa $a_{2} \rightarrow$ sa min rep
3. sa $G E u \rightarrow s a G E u_{\uparrow} \max r e p$
4. sa GEd $\rightarrow$ sa GEd $d_{\uparrow} \max$ rep
5. sa GPu $\rightarrow$ sa $G P u_{\uparrow} \max$ rep
6. sa GPd $\rightarrow$ sa $G P d_{\uparrow}$ max rep
7. $s a \rightarrow s_{0} a_{\uparrow} \max$ rep
8. $s_{0} G E u \rightarrow s_{0} G E u_{\downarrow}$ max rep
9. $s_{0} G E d \rightarrow s_{0} G E d_{\downarrow}$ max rep
10. $s_{0} G P u \rightarrow s_{0} G P u_{\downarrow} \max$ rep
11. $s_{0} G P d \rightarrow s_{0} G P d_{\downarrow} \max r e p$
12. $s_{0} A T u \rightarrow s_{0}$ max rep
13. $s_{0}$ ATd $\rightarrow s_{0}$ max rep
14. $s_{0} A L u \rightarrow s_{0}$ max rep
15. $s_{0}$ ALd $\rightarrow s_{0}$ max rep
16. $s_{0} B 1 o \rightarrow s_{0}$ max rep
17. $s_{0} B 1 i \rightarrow s_{0}$ max rep
18. $s_{0} B 2 o \rightarrow s_{0}$ max rep
19. $s_{0} B 2 i \rightarrow s_{0}$ max rep
20. $s_{0} S u \rightarrow s_{0}$ max rep
21. $s_{0} S d \rightarrow s_{0} \max r e p$

Description for these rules is given below:
1: the response request is forwarded to the generators;
2: the cell waits for all generators to answer;
3..6: the measured values are relayed to the general controller;

7: cell confirms that all measured values were submitted;
8..11: all commands are submitted to generators;
12..21: cleaning rules.

The symbols $G X u$ and $G X d$ play two roles:

1. if the cell is in the state $s a$, then the symbol indicating a generator state $(G)$ is sent to the general controller;
2. if the cell is in state $s_{0}$, then the symbol designating a command forwarded to the each generator.
Unlike the consumers, symbols $G X u$ and $G X d$ have the multiplicity equal with the number of units that the power amount can be increased or decreased with.

The symbols' meaning are shown in Table 6.

| Symbol | Description |
| :--- | :--- |
| q | Query |
| a | Answer acknowledge |
| GEu | Eolian generator can increase power |
| GEd | Eolian generator decrease power |
| GPu | Photovoltaic generator can offer more |
| GPd | Photovoltaic generator can offer less |

Table 6. CtrlGen cell symbols

### 5.8 Generators

Each generator can be queried about it's current state. The state is about the actual power it gives, indicated by the multiplicity of the symbol $u$, and the availability to increase that power if the maximum value $(m)$ has not been reached. The answer can be positive or negative.

The second mode for the generators occurs when they receive actual power increase or decrease commands, which are to be executed directly. Unnecessary commands need to be cleared.

The description is given for a generic generator, indicated by $X$ :
The rules for a generator are the following:

1. $s_{0} q \rightarrow$ sqd min rep
2. sqa $u u \rightarrow s q a G X u_{\uparrow} \max$ rep
3. sqdu $\rightarrow$ squ u ud max rep
4. sqa ud $\rightarrow$ sqa $G X d_{\uparrow}$ max rep
5. sqd $\rightarrow$ squ min rep
6. sqa $\rightarrow s_{0} a_{\uparrow}$ min rep
7. squ $m \rightarrow$ squ d max rep
8. $s_{0} G X u \rightarrow s_{0} u$ max rep
9. squ $m \rightarrow$ sqa m uu max rep
10. $s_{0} G X d u \rightarrow s_{0}$ max rep

Rules description:
1: the request to report the consumer state;
2..6: computing the difference between maximum and current values;

7, 8: cell returns the answer;
9: the cell confirms that answers were submitted;
10: the cell increases generated power;
11: the cell decreases energy offered.
The symbols' meaning are shown in Table 7.

| Symbol | Description |
| :--- | :--- |
| u | The actual power level |
| m | The maximum power |
| q | Query |
| a | Answer acknowledge |
| GXu | Request to increase the generated power |
| GXd | Request to decrease the generated power |

Table 7. Generator cell symbols

### 5.9 Battery controller

Batteries are defined by the availability to increase or decrease the power they offer at each instant. The request to the CtrlBat is further disseminated to all batteries. They will answer each with $B X i$ - the value with which the charge current can be increased, or $B X o$ - the value with which the amount of power they give can be increased, where $\operatorname{Xin}\{1 \ldots n\}$. These symbols are further relayed to the MCU when answers from all batteries have been received.

Rules for CtrlBat are as follows:

1. $s_{0} q \rightarrow s q q_{\downarrow} \min r e p$
2. sa $\rightarrow s_{0} a_{\uparrow}$ max rep
3. sq $a_{2} \rightarrow$ sa min rep
4. $s_{0} B 1 o \rightarrow s_{0} B 1 o_{\downarrow}$ max rep
5. sa $B 1 i \rightarrow$ sa $B 1 i_{\uparrow} \max$ rep
6. $s_{0} B 1 i \rightarrow s_{0} B 1 i_{\downarrow}$ max rep
7. sa $B 1 o \rightarrow$ sa $B 1 o \uparrow$ max rep
8. $s_{0} B 2 o \rightarrow s_{0} B 2 o_{\downarrow}$ max rep
9. sa $B 2 i \rightarrow$ sa $B 2 i_{\uparrow}$ max rep
10. $s_{0} B 2 i \rightarrow s_{0} B 2 i_{\downarrow} \max$ rep
11. sa $B 2 o \rightarrow$ sa $B 2 o_{\uparrow}$ max rep
12. $s_{0} A T u \rightarrow s_{0} \max r e p$

| 13. $s_{0} A T d \rightarrow s_{0} \max r e p$ | 18. $s_{0} G P u \rightarrow s_{0}$ max rep |
| :--- | :--- |
| 14. $s_{0} A L u \rightarrow s_{0}$ max rep | 19. $s_{0} G P d \rightarrow s_{0}$ max rep |
| 15. $s_{0} A L d \rightarrow s_{0}$ max rep | 20. $s_{0} S u \rightarrow s_{0}$ max rep |
| 16. $s_{0} G E u \rightarrow s_{0}$ max rep | 21. $s_{0} S d \rightarrow s_{0}$ max rep |

Rules description:
1: the request is retransmitted to the batteries;
2: cell waits for all batteries to answer;
3..6: measured values are relayed to the general controller;

7: cell confirms that all measured values were submitted;
8..11: all commands are submitted to batteries;
12..21: cleaning rules.

The symbols $B X i$ and $B X o$ play two roles:

1. if the cell is in the state $s a$, then the symbol indicating a battery state $(B)$ is sent to the general controller;
2. if the cell is in state $s_{0}$, then the symbol designating a command forwarded to the each battery.

Unlike the consumers, symbols $B X i$ and $B X o$ have the multiplicity equal with the number of units that the power amount taken or given (for charging) can be increased or decreased with.

The symbols' meaning are shown in Table 8.

| Symbol | Description |
| :--- | :--- |
| q | Query |
| a | Answer acknowledge |
| BXi | The battery $X$ can give more energy |
| BXo | The battery $X$ can charge more |

Table 8. Battery controller symbols

### 5.10 Batteries

Each battery can be queried about its current state. The actual state refers to:
$\mathrm{u}, \mathrm{m}$ : Energy level and maximum level;
iu , im: Charge level and maximum charge;
du, dm: Discharge level and maximum discharge.
A battery can have dual behaviour: can be a generator as it discharges, but becomes a consumer when it charges back. The two states differ by the maximum instantaneous values. Thus, the maximum amount with which the charging can be
done is given by the stopping of discharging and maximizing the charge current. Also, the maximum available power is given when the charge current is 0 .

The second state for the batteries occurs when they receive commands to increase or decrease their given power amount. The command translates in changes for the values $i u$ and $d u$. The unnecessary commands are to be removed.

The description is given for a generic battery, indicated by $X$.
Rules for cell Battery X are:

| 1. $s_{0}$ iudu $\rightarrow s_{0}$ max rep | 10. sqi $\rightarrow$ sqo min rep |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2. $s_{0} q \rightarrow$ sqd min rep | 11. sqo dm $\rightarrow$ sqa dm BXo^ max rep |
| 3. sqdum $\rightarrow$ sqd d max rep | 12. sqo $\rightarrow$ sqa min rep |
| 4. sqdiu im $\rightarrow$ sqdid $B X o_{\uparrow}$ max rep | 13. sqad $\rightarrow$ sqa $u$ m max rep |
| 5. sqd du $d m \rightarrow$ sqd $d d B X i_{\uparrow}$ max rep | 14. sqaid $\rightarrow$ sqaiu im max rep |
| 6. sqd $m \rightarrow$ sqi m min rep | 15. sqadd $\rightarrow$ sqa du dm max rep |
| 7. sqd $d \rightarrow$ sqo d min rep | 16. sqa $\rightarrow s_{0} a_{\uparrow}$ min rep |
| 8. sqd $\rightarrow$ sqa min rep | 17. $s_{0} B X o \rightarrow s_{0} d u$ max rep |
| 9. sqi im $\rightarrow$ sqo im $B X i_{\uparrow}$ max rep | 18. $s_{0} B X i \rightarrow s_{0}$ iu max rep |

Rules description:
1: request to submit the battery state;
2..7: computing the difference between maximum value and inverse value for charge and discharge (decrease the inverse flow);
8, 12: computing the direct values for charge and discharge (increase the direct flow);
13..15: restore the initial cell's values;

16: cell confirms that answers were submitted;
10: the cell increases output flow;
11: the cell decreases input flow.
The symbols' meaning are shown in Table 9.

| Symbol | Description |
| :--- | :--- |
| u | The available energy level |
| m | The maximum energy level |
| iu | The charge level |
| im | The maximum charge level |
| du | The discharge level |
| dm | The maximum discharge level |
| q | Query |
| a | Answer acknowledge |
| BXi | The input can be increased |
| BXd | The output can be increased |

Table 9. Battery cell symbols

### 5.11 Grid controller

The power Grid is defined by the installed power $(m)$ which can be taken from the physical line. Let $X$ represent the source identifier (one can have many connections for different voltages, like 220 V and 380 V ). The request from the Grid Controller is forwarded to the source itself. Each of them answers with $S X u$, if the amount of power can be increased, or $S X d$, if the power can be decreased. The symbols are then delivered to the MCU, when all answers from the sources have been received.

The second phase of using the Controller occurs when actual increase or decrease commands are received. These are forwarded to the sources themselves, and all unnecessary symbols are cleaned up.

Rules for the cell CtrlGrid are presented below:

1. $s_{0} q \rightarrow s q q_{\downarrow}$ min rep
2. $s_{0} A L d \rightarrow s_{0} \max$ rep
3. sqa $\rightarrow$ sa min rep
4. $s_{0} G E u \rightarrow s_{0} \max r e p$
5. sa $S u \rightarrow s a S u_{\uparrow}$ max rep
6. $s_{0} G E d \rightarrow s_{0}$ max rep
7. sa $S d \rightarrow s a S d_{\uparrow} \max$ rep
8. $s a \rightarrow s_{0} a_{\uparrow} \max$ rep
9. $s_{0} S u \rightarrow s_{0} S u_{\downarrow}$ max rep
10. $s_{0} G P u \rightarrow s_{0}$ max rep
11. $s_{0} S d \rightarrow s_{0} S d_{\downarrow} \max$ rep
12. $s_{0} G P d \rightarrow s_{0}$ max rep
13. $s_{0} A T u \rightarrow s_{0} \max$ rep
14. $s_{0} B 1 o \rightarrow s_{0}$ max rep
15. $s_{0} A T d \rightarrow s_{0}$ max rep
16. $s_{0} B 1 i \rightarrow s_{0}$ max rep
17. $s_{0} A L u \rightarrow s_{0}$ max rep
18. $s_{0} B 2 o \rightarrow s_{0}$ max rep
19. $s_{0} B 2 i \rightarrow s_{0}$ max rep

Rules description:
1: the request is retransmitted to the sources;
2: the cell waits for all sources to answer;
3..4: measured values are relayed to the general controller;

5: cell confirms that all measured values were submitted;
6..7: all commands are submitted to sources;
8..19: cleaning rules.

The symbols $S X u$ and $S X d$ play two roles:

1. if the cell is in the state $s a$, then the symbol indicating a source state $(S)$ is sent to the general controller;
2. if the cell is in state $s_{0}$, then the symbol designating a command forwarded to the each source.

Unlike the external sources, symbols $S X u$ and $S X d$ have the multiplicity equal with the number of units that the power amount taken can be increased or decreased with.

The symbols' meaning are shown in Table 10.

| Symbol | Description |
| :--- | :--- |
| q | Query |
| a | Answer acknowledge |
| Sxu | Source can have more load |
| Sxd | Source decrease load |

Table 10. External power sources controller symbols

### 5.12 External sources (GRID)

The Grid is defined by the installed power $(m)$ and by the actual power given, $u$. The request from the Grid is about the instantaneous power $u$, if that is above 0 , and the possibility to increase the amount offered if maximum value $m$ has not been reached. The answer can be positive or negative.

The second state occurs when actual increase or decrease commands are received and executed. Unnecessary symbols will be removed from the cell.

Rules for the cell GridX are as follows:

1. $s_{0} q \rightarrow$ sqd min rep
2. sqdu $\rightarrow$ squ u ud max rep
3. sqd $\rightarrow$ squ min rep
4. squum $\rightarrow$ squ d max rep
5. squ $m \rightarrow$ sqa m uu max rep
6. sqad $\rightarrow$ sqau m max rep
7. sqauu $\rightarrow$ sqa $S X u_{\uparrow} \max$ rep
8. sqa ud $\rightarrow$ sqa $S X d_{\uparrow} \max$ rep
9. $s q a \rightarrow s_{0} a_{\uparrow} \min r e p$
10. $s_{0} S X u \rightarrow s_{0} u$ max rep
11. $s_{0} S X d u \rightarrow s_{0}$ max rep

Rules description:
1: request to submit the current state;
2..6: computing the difference between maximum value and current value;

7,8: the cell returns an answer;
9: cell confirms that answers were submitted;
10: the cell increases amount given;
11: the cell decreases power.
The symbols' meaning are shown in Table 11.

| Symbol | Description |
| :--- | :--- |
| u | Current consumption |
| m | Maximum available for consumption |
| q | Query |
| a | Answer acknowledge |
| SXu | Consumption can be increased and the request to increase the used power |
| SXd | Consumption can be decreased and the request to decrease the used power |

Table 11. External source cell symbols

## 6 Conclusions and future work

In this paper we presented a model for a real-life working system ([6]), we described the use of hyperdag P systems for a feedback-oriented infrastructure that quickly reacts to environment conditions and adapts the parameters accordingly. A detailed description of the system is followed by the complete rule set and transition diagrams, in order to better understand the concept. The model was tested and validated using the ad-hoc built simulator and the results were the ones expected.

Future work involves extending the simulator to accept new types of P systems and development of other models (like network-related algorithms) that can be simulated by using this architecture. Another aspect to be considered is a formal testing of the proposed model, by using techniques like the ones indicated in [5].

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## 7 Appendix

We present here the complete trace of the P -system evolution, at each step indicating the contents and current states of the cells.


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Table 1. System evolution - Part 2




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