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Abstract. MOST (Media Oriented Systems Transport) protocol is a high-speed multimedia bus protocol. The system can make more and more media devices in the car automatically collaborate, sharing of audio, video and other data, but its own power consumption has not been a better optimization. In the paper, depending on the network management and the notification mechanism, a distributed power management solutions was designed that the slave nodes can sleep independently and the master node manages the network state, and the wake-up mechanisms in the sleep state were proposed. A mathematical modeling and analysis of MOST networks power were built in MATLAB. This program takes full advantage of MOST network protocol for the intelligent management. Simulation results shown that, with the increasing number of nodes in MOST, energy saving become more effective. More than 20% power saved can be achieved with distributed power management solution in 8-node MOST.

Keywords: power management, MOST, notification, distributed management.

1. Introduction

MOST (Media Oriented Systems Transport) is the de-facto standard for multimedia and infotainment networking in the automotive industry. The technology was designed from the ground up to provide an efficient and cost-effective fabric to transmit audio, video, data and control information between any devices attached even to the harsh environment of an automobile. The features of MOST make it suitable for any application, inside or outside the car that needs to network multimedia information along with data and control functions, for example, CD-Changer, DVD, GPS, Video camera, Phone, Radio, Laptops and communicators and so on. MOST not only defines the physical interconnection between devices but also specifies and standardizes a lean embedded communication protocol and software

framework that simplifies the development of complete systems and applications to distribute and manage multimedia content [1].

It solved some problems about the complexity of car wiring, the increase of the weight and EMI of cars. Although its roots are in the automotive industry, MOST can be used for applications in other areas such as other transportation applications, A/V networking, security and industrial applications. With the devices increasing, it has become a very serious problem that the power cost of MOST enlarged greatly. In some cases, we can reduce system power consumption actually. For example, when using a car phone, all the audio equipment should be shut down.

The current power management is ensured by a central controller in which a program is implemented. This centralized management is based on a "top-down" approach. The master node as a central controller switched the system state between running, standby and sleep [2]. In this mode, as long as there is a node in work, the entire network is running. Only all the nodes have not the task, the system will sleep or be shut down. The centralized management requires the designer of the control system to be exhaustive in the control flow written in the program. If an event not covered by the system occurs it is unable to respond adequately. Moreover, if the configuration has to be changed (addition or removal of a node), the program must be completely redesigned. So the effect of energy saving with the centralized power management solution is low and not obvious. Therefore this paper gives a more intelligent power management solution based on a "bottom-up" approach. Every slave node controls its state based on the event, and shares the changes with the other nodes [3]. On the basis of the overall management, we added the control of each node, only to maintain the current working node. In last the design achieved minimum power consumption across the network and reached the green energy-conserving results.

This paper makes the following specific contributions:

- Depending on the network management principle and the notification mechanism, a distributed power management solution was designed that the slave nodes can sleep independently and the master node manages the network state, and the wake-up mechanisms in the sleep state were proposed.
- A mathematical modeling and analysis of MOST networks power were built in MATLAB. After executing the same sequence of tasks generated randomly, the total cost of MOST based on a distributed power management is shown.

The paper is organized as follows: Section 2 introduces related research in power management. Section 3 describes the MOST protocols and principles which we taken as the base for power management. Section 4 addresses the design and implementations include hardware and software designs. Section 5 investigates the efficient and effective implementation of it through comprehensive simulations. Finally, section 6 draws concluding remarks and our future work.

2. Related Works

MOST is a novel network architecture which is designed for high quality of service and efficient transport of audio and video, so related research in MOST is poor and the references on the power management of MOST were very limited. So the related work we focused on was MOST principle and application of power management in other projects.

The centralized management In MOST principle was implemented by a PowerMaster(master node). It broadcasts a query message to each node to make sure whether every node is already to be shut down [2][4]. It was accomplished by a poll procedure so that there would be a heavy load on the bus. The "top–down" approach results in the weaknesses such as bad fault tolerance of an element, high operating costs and so on.

Distributed management idea has been introduced by various systems. The distributed management solution was proposed as an application of multi-agent (MAS) to power management in a hybrid power source [3] [5]. Various photovoltaic generator, super-condensators, batteries and grids regarded as agents were developed individually, and communicated between each other for ensure cohesion of the system. A multi-agent system was proposed for a distributed smart grid whose message exchange is designed to be compatible with an IP-based network [6].

In wireless network, [7] demonstrated Busy-time power consumption of 802.11 interfaces can be dramatically reduced by judiciously putting the interface into a power-saving mode for idle intervals as short as several microseconds. Cell2Notify was presented to minimize energy consumption by powering off the Wi-Fi interface when there is no VoIP call in progress, and powering it on only on the reception of an incoming VoIP call [8]. Proxy architecture was proposed for reducing energy waste based on network traffic patterns and user presence indicators [9]. Sleeping and rate adaptation are valuable [10] depending on the power profile of network equipment and the utilization of the network itself for reducing network energy. A power assignment was found, which induced communication graph is an energy t-spanner, and its cost is bounded by some constant times the cost of an optimal power assignment [11]. Neighborhood-based Power Management was proposed for conserving energy by allowing neighbors of the signaling node to send data opportunistically [12]. A predictive control algorithm was developed which, in an online fashion, determines the transmission power levels and codebooks to be used by the sensors [13], it conserved sensor energy well.

3. MOST Transmission Principle

In order to design power management solution, a clear understanding of the relevant MOST principle and protocols should be absolutely necessary. In the section, we introduced MOST structure and network management briefly.

3.1. MOST Structure

MOST system is a ring network, which is composed of device nodes connected each other by optical fiber. The node communicates with the MOST ring network through optical-to-electrical transducer. The connection between each node is reciprocal, one-way and point to point. So there is only one path between two nodes. The data frame is transmitted in the direction fixed in the network.

In the MOST network nodes can be divided into the master node and the slave nodes. The master node is the network master controller and the interface between the network and external application. The slave node receives the control message (such as volume tuner) from the master node, able to manage one or more network function [2].



Fig. 1. Structure Diagram of MOST.EHC: External Host Controller. INIC: Intelligent Network Interface Controller. OEC: Optical-to-Electrical Converter. EOC: Electrical-to-Optical Converter

The MOST system uses either 44.1 KHZ or 48 KHZ sample rates for transmitting digital audio signals in hi-fi quality. Devices with a different sample rate can be adapted to the networks by mans of a sample rate conversion. Since the MOST system transmits the audio data synchronously, additional data buffering is not needed and complexity of the device is reduced, thus saving costs.

A MOST25 frame consists of 512 bits or 64 bytes. Sixty bytes are used for the transmission of synchronous and asynchronous data. Two bytes transport part of the control message that is made of a total of 32 bytes for the administration of network and notes. The control message is transported over 16 frames that are combined into one block [14]. The first and the last bytes contain control information for the frame. Synchronous and asynchronous areas that share a total of 60 bytes are available in a frame for transmitting streaming and packet data. The bandwidths of the two areas can be adapted to their corresponding requirements by means of boundary descriptor. The boundary between the two areas can be shifted in steps of 4 bytes (a quadlet). The synchronous area can thus have a width of between 24 and 60 bytes and the asynchronous area a width of between 0 and 36 bytes.

3.2. MOST Network Management

The workflow of the MOST networks include: Wake-up start, system initialization, notification, connection management [4].

The components of the MOST system are woken up by a light signal received via the RX diode of the FOT. Basically all components can wake up the network. After a wake-up, the network master first of all builds up the communicative relations to the slave components via a system scan.

If there is a stable lock, the network master starts quarrying all nodes present about their function blocks. It addresses each physical node address and uses the physical node position address as instance. The network master stores the information by quarrying the node in the Central Registry [15] [16]. It is filled with the logical address and the corresponding function blocks of all nodes. As soon as there is a valid system status, the stored information is available for all participants in the ring, the network master can then compare with a previously stored registry and detect possible changes of the current network configuration.

If the Central Registry has not changed after the last system run, the network master sends the massage Configuration.status(OK).The notification of this status means for all nodes that the Central Registry can be quarried. The slave components can then establish their communicative relations with each other [17] [18].

In many cases devices must be informed of property changed in other function blocks belonging to other devices. If this had to take place by a poll procedure, there would be a heavy load on the bus. In order to prevent this, the mechanism of notification was created. In the case of a property changed, an event is automatically sent to the device concerned. The notification is

stored in a table, the Notification Matrix which is implemented in the network service layer 2 [15].

4. Design and Implementation

In this section, hardware and software design were given. Hardware design includes selection and application of components, interface design. Software design was divided into three subsections: Slave Nodes Sleep, Network Shutdown, Waking from Device Shutdown.



Fig. 2. Power Management Structure Diagram of MOST

Each node has a separate power management module [19]. When there is no task to be executed by a node, after a time threshold, the node's power management module will set the node in sleep state. Before going to sleep state, the slave node will notify the master node. Sleep state of each node is recorded in the master node. When all the nodes are in sleep state, after a

time threshold, the master power management module will make the entire network sleep. Any local wake-up signals from the slave node or the master node can wake up the whole network. The Wake-up signal was transmitted in the direction fixed in the network and the nodes were waked up one by one. The power management structure of the MOST networks is shown in Figure 2.

4.1. Hardware Design

In the node's power management model, the FOR (Fiber Optic Receiver) receives continually the messages from the network to detect the occurrence of the events. So as the controller the power management works without any break. Therefore, the FOR and the power manager are out of power management, and always in a working state. INIC, EHC, and applications are the managed part, which can be set to power, sleep or power-down mode.



Fig. 3. Hardware Structure of Power Management Module

The devices in MOST nodes which can be managed include the Intelligent Network Interface Controller OS81050 [20], microcontroller ATmega128 and the application equipments. The Intelligent Network Interface Controller (INIC) OS81050 packages messages from the physical layer to the data link layer

and provides the corresponding API functions to application layer. The master controller ATmega128 focuses on the data controlled processing and the entire network management. In the design of power module interface, we set two external interrupt as a wake-up trigger and a closing network interrupt signal. At the same time two reset control ports were established for INIC and EHC. The data transferred between EHC and the power management Module is two-way. So we select the I²C serial bus as the communication which is simple and effective. Foregoing considerations, ATmega644 is quite fit for the control chip of the power management module, which controls the LDO on and off, to provide intermittent power supply for devices. The hardware structure was shown in Figure 3.

The wake-up process started from the network front end or the local event. Network front end received light signals from the network, and sent an external interrupt STATUS to the Power Management Module ATmega644. So the node was waked up. The ATmega644 has begun to trigger the LDOs to supply the other parts with power. The local event is also an external interrupt which can wake up the EHC and power management directly. The 2-wire Serial Interface (TWI) which is compatible with the I²C protocol is ideally suited for typical microcontroller applications. The TWI protocol allows the systems designer to interconnect up to 128 different devices using only two bi-directional bus lines, one for clock (SCL) and one for data (SDA). The EHC is master and the INIC and the ATmega644 are the slave in communication. They all receive and transmit the commands. When the EHC is deciding whether to wake up the network, HOLD is used to maintain power supply in the active state.

4.2. Software Design

Software design must be considered from the whole and part. The master node manages the entire power supply of the network, or shuts down the entire network. The slave node has its own power management features. When there is no command to be executed, the slave node can send a message to the master node and then automatically sleep [21].

4.2.1. Slave Nodes Sleep

When a node has no transactions from request to NetServices, after a delay of inquiry, still no transaction request, the node can be ready to go to sleep. Before sleeping, the node must release the information to the network through the Notification Mechanism [15]. The master node sends FBlockID.Inst.Notification.Set(DeviceID, FktID) to each node, so the Notification Mechanism about the sleep state property was launch. FBlockID mans the position of the sleep function module; DeviceID is the address of the node which has received a notification; FktID indicates the

function of the sleep property. The slave node set the notification matrix and equipment matrix through function the NtfSetNotificationMatrix(*tx ptr,*rx ptr), then send FblockID.Inst.Function.Status (Paramerer Values) to inform the master node that the sleep property has been changed, in which Parameter Values is the value of the property. The slave node calls the function NtfPropertyChanged (device index tab pt) which mans some changes occurred in the property. The corresponding parameter device index tab ptr points to the sleep property in the notification matrix. The NTFS [22] services ware called for the message processing. Then contrasted to the notification matrix of the master node, the master node will know the slave node preparing to go to sleep.



Fig. 4. Flow of Slave Node Sleep

When the slave node is Stand-by state, the external control module Interface (EHCI) is semi-protected. In this state the EHC can not access the network and communicate with the other nodes. It allows, however, full access to the Fblock INIC. EHC can configure the INIC and open ports, such as the streaming Port. Sleep is the EHCI is protected. The other nodes in MOST networks can not access this node's EHC and the communication between EHC and with INIC is also limited. In both states, for the message asked from the MOST networks, NBMIN will return an empty list as the message response.

4.2.2. Network Shutdown



Fig. 5. Flow Chart of Network ShutDown

After every node went to sleep, a counter TIMER0 in the master node will plus one. When the count reaches the total number of nodes in the network,

TIMER0 will overflow and trigger interrupts, then the interrupt service program $ISR(TIMER0_OVF_vect)$ will be called. For avoiding that devices have to save their status to persistent memory very often, the master node procedure ShutDown has two stages (request and execution). After interrupt, the master waits for $t_{ShutDownWait}$ before it sends NetBlock.ShutDown.Start(Query). If no respond on NetBlock.ShutDown.Start(Query), the execution will be announced by the master node by starting NetBlock.ShutDown.Start (Execute).Then the network shutdown was completed, which is shown by Figure 5.

4.2.3. Waking from Device Shutdown

The device can be woken up by the master node or the slave node itself.

If the device waked up by master node, the master node sends NetBlock.ShutDown.Start(WakeFromDeviceShutDown) to the slave nodes firstly. The FOR in INIC receives the message from optical fiber and wakes its application (EHC) by signaling an external interrupt STATUS. Then the NBEHC registers its own Fblocks using FblockIDs.Status (FblockIDList) to the master node, when the master node responds the new Fblocks, the device can be used.

The internal Wakeup is similar to the Wakeup by the master node. They are different in that the application was waked up by local events. After it, the device registers its own Fblocks using FblockIDs.Status (FblockIDList), when the system state is OK or when explicitly by the master node. As soon the master node responds the new Fblocks they can be used.

5. Simulation Test

In this section, the model of most cost was created and the control algorithm was programmed by MATLAB. Based on the model, the cost of 4-node MOST, 6-node MOST and 8-node MOST were simulated, which driven by different types of events. Analysis of images and data are essential.

5.1. Modeling

The demo we simulated included the master node, CD node, radio node, and the amplifier node. In order to build the energy model, we set two random functions A=randint(1, 10, [0 9]) and B=randint(1, 10, [0 200]), "A" generates 10 random numbers as the type of event. 0: No event; 1-6: CD node events (CD eject, Play, Up, Down, Pause, Shutdown); 7-9: radio node events (Play, Up, Down). As long as the CD or the radio node has events, the amplifier node

also starts to work. So there are not events set for the amplifier node. "B" also generates 10 random numbers as the time interval of the 10 events.

 $P_{distributed}$ means the power cost of MOST with the distributed power management; $P_{centralized}$ means the power cost of MOST with the centralized power management; P_{D1} , P_{D2} , P_{D3} , P_{D4} identify the real-time power of the master node, the CD node, the radio node, and the amplifier node with the distributed power management, respectively. P_{L1} , P_{L2} , P_{L3} , P_{L4} identify the real-time power of the master node, CD node, radio node, and the amplifier node with the centralized power management respectively; P_{min} is the power of each node in sleep, whose device has be turned off; P_1 , P_2 , P_3 , P_4 denote respectively the power of the master node, CD node, radio node, and the amplifier node with all parts of module running. P_1 , P_2 , P_3 , P_4 denote respectively the power of the master node, CD node, radio node, and the amplifier node with the device shut off but the others running [23].

$$P_{\text{Distributed}} = P_{D1} + P_{D2} + P_{D3} + P_{D4}$$
(1)

$$\boldsymbol{P}_{D2} = \begin{cases} \boldsymbol{P'}_{2} & 0 < A(i) \le 6 \\ \boldsymbol{P}_{min} & \text{Else} \end{cases}$$
(2)

$$\boldsymbol{P}_{D3} = \begin{cases} \boldsymbol{P}'_{3} & A(i) > 6 \\ \boldsymbol{P}_{min} & \text{Else} \end{cases}$$
(3)

$$\boldsymbol{P}_{D4} = \begin{cases} \boldsymbol{P'}_{4} & A(i) \neq 0 \\ \boldsymbol{P}_{min} & \text{Else} \end{cases}$$
(4)

$$\boldsymbol{P}_{Di} = \begin{cases} \boldsymbol{P'}_{i} & A(i) \neq 0 \\ \boldsymbol{P}_{min} & \text{Else} \end{cases}$$
(5)

$$P_{\text{centralized}} = P_{L1} + P_{L2} + P_{L3} + P_{L4}$$
(6)

$$P_{L2} = \begin{cases} P'_{2} & 0 < A(i) \le 6 \\ P_{\min} & A(i) = 0 \\ P''_{2} & Else \end{cases}$$
(7)

$$P_{L3} = \begin{cases} P'_{3} & A(i) > 6 \\ P_{\min} & A(i) = 0 \\ P''_{3} & E / s e \end{cases}$$
(8)

$$\boldsymbol{P}_{L4} = \begin{cases} \boldsymbol{P}'_{4} & A(i) \neq 0 \\ \boldsymbol{P}_{min} & \text{Else} \end{cases}$$
(9)

$$\boldsymbol{P}_{L1} = \begin{cases} \boldsymbol{P}'_{1} & A(i) \neq 0 \\ \boldsymbol{P}_{min} & \text{Else} \end{cases}$$
(10)

 $\triangle P$ is the difference of power consumption between the two methods:

$$\Delta P = \boldsymbol{P}_{distributed} - \boldsymbol{P}_{centralized} = \begin{cases} 0 \quad ; \quad A(i) = 0 \\ \boldsymbol{P}_{min} - \boldsymbol{P}''_{3}; \quad 0 < A(i) \le 6 \\ \boldsymbol{P}_{min} - \boldsymbol{P}''_{2}; \quad A(i) > 6 \end{cases}$$
(11)

It can be seen from the formula (11), when no event request, $\triangle P = 0$, which shows the power consumption of two methods is same. Now the system with two methods is also in sleep state. After examination, $P_{min} = 0.3w$; $P_2 = P_3 = 0.4w$. So when the CD or the radio node has a request, $\triangle P < 0$, that means the power consumption of MOST system with the distributed power management is less than the power consumption of MOST system with the traditional power management.

5.2. Simulation Results

Based on the model, experiments were conducted and the simulation images were given by MATLAB. The random sequences were created in simulation for 4-node MOST:

A= [0749448526;];

B= [98 70 163 73 27 40 39 121 54 39;];

The corresponding graph is Figure 6.

In figure 6, P(distributed) is the power cost of MOST system with the distributed power management. P(centralized) is the power cost of MOST system with the centralized power management. It can be seen from the figure the minimum power consumption is 1.2W, when the system is not the task request, the minimum power consumption of the two methods is also 1.2W. When a task requests the radio, P(distributed)=2.1W< P(centralized)=2.0W. When a task requests the CD, P(distributed)=2.3W< P(centralized)=2.4W.

Similarly, a 6-node MOST networks could be simulated, which includes the master node, CD node, radio node, the amplifier node, DVD node and display node. The simulation result is Fig. 7.



Fig. 6. Simulation Power Cost of 4-node MOST



Fig. 7. Simulation Power Cost of 6-node MOST

We also obtained an 8-node MOST system by adding a MP3 node and a telephone node into 6-node MOST. The corresponding simulation result is Figure 8.

As Figure 6 shown, P(distributed) curve is close to P(centralized) curve, the energy saving result is not apparent. Figure 7 illustrates a better result than Figure 6 and Figure 8 indicated the best effect. P(distributed) curve was obviously lower than P(centralized) curve in Figure 8. After the contrast and analysis of Figure 6, Figure 7 and Figure 8, we found that the more nodes in MOST networks, the greater effect achieved by distributed power management. So a classified summary of statistical data was completed to prove it.



Fig. 8. Simulation Power Cost of 8-node MOST

Table 1 shows the cost of three MOST systems based on centralized management and distributed management. A(1,i) as an element of random event matrix A denotes the type of event. Firstly, no matter how many nodes in MOST, $P_{centralized}$ equals $P_{distributed}$ when no events request, $\Delta P=0$. As long as there is an event to process, $P_{distributed}$ is smaller than $P_{centralized}$. This is due to free nodes shut down by the distributed management program. Secondly, we can make conclusions from Figure 9 that with the nodes increasing in ring-network, the energy saved ΔP raises rapidly. The maximum ΔP in 4-node mode is 0.2w, 2.0w in 6-node mode, and increase to 3.2w in 8-node mode. Energy-saved growth rate changed from 8.7% to 50.3% accordingly. The more nodes in MOST, the more free nodes will be shut down in processing a determinate event. For example, when a MP3 event occurred in 8-node

MOST, the MP3 and amplifier node set up the communication between each other and the master node still run for supervision, while the other five nodes can be shut down. Compared with the centralized management, the distributed management saved more energy from five nodes, especially for high power node such as DVD. This explained the reason: the more nodes in MOST networks, the greater effect achieved by distributed power management.

It can be seen from Figure 6, Figure 7, and Figure 8, when switching task between nodes or waking up from sleep, the power consumption of system increased dramatically, because the current peak appears.

	No	CD	FM	DVD	MP3	Phone
	A(1,i)=0	1≤A(1,i)≤6	7≤A(1,i)≤9	10≤A(1,i)≤15	16≤A(1,i)≤21	22≤A(1,i)≤30
4-node	1.2	2.5	2.3			
Pcentralized						
4-node	1.2	2.35	2.1			
Pdistributed						
4-node	0	0.15	0.2			
ΔP						
4-node	0%	6%	8.7%			
$\Delta P/P_{centralized}$	4.0	4.0	4.0	- -		
6-node	1.8	4.9	4.6	5.5		
Pcentralized	1 0	2.0	0.7	4.0		
b-node	1.0	2.9	2.7	4.0		
Pdistributed	0	2.0	10	0.7		
0-noue	0	2.0	1.9	0.7		
ΔP 6-node	00/	40.00/	44 00/	40 70/		
$\Delta P/P_{centralized}$	0%	40.8%	41.3%	12.7%		
8-node	2.4	6.3	6.0	6.9	6.35	6.5
Pcentralized						
8-node	2.4	3.5	3.3	5.4	3.15	3.9
Pdistributed						
8-node	0	2.8	2.7	1.5	3.2	2.6
ΔP						
8-node	0%	44.4%	45%	21.7%	50.3%	40%
$\Delta P/P_{centralized}$						

Table 1. Comparisons of Various System Energy Saved

Only when the total power saving of the system is greater than the power consumption of switching the state and start-up, the power management is effective. We set P_u is the system power during wake-up, P_w is the power of the working process, P_e is the power of the system into sleep, P_s is the system power in sleep, T_{sd} is the time to sleep, T_{wd} is the wake-up time, and T_{th} is the limit time of a effective power management. So we have:

$$(P_{u} - P_{w}) \times T_{wd} \leq (P_{w} - P_{e}) \times T_{sd} + (P_{w} - P_{s}) \times (t - T_{wd} - T_{sd})$$

$$t \geq \frac{(P_{u}T_{wd} + P_{e}T_{sd} - P_{s}(T_{sd} + T_{wd}))}{P_{w} - P_{s}} = T_{th}$$
(12)

■ 4-node $\triangle P$ / Pcentralized ■ 6-node $\triangle P$ / Pcentralized ■ 8-node $\triangle P$ / Pcentralized



Fig. 9. Comparison of Energy Saved Based on Various Events

We obtained from the formula (12), free time interval must be greater than T_{th} , and the system could go to sleep. Otherwise, the energy consumed when the wake-up will be more than the energy savings, so the management is useless. Switching state too often will make the system of energy consumption higher, we selected time valve for 10 seconds.

6. Conclusions

In this paper, the objective of the distributed power management program is that the node can control separately its state in the absence of task requests, regardless of the status of other nodes. The traditional management model is a master switch. Each node can not manage separately, which results that the node still work without the task, waste of the energy. As can be seen from the test, when there are tasks in the system, distributed power management is always superior to the traditional power management. As the system will perform a task, not all nodes need to participate, so we can close some idle nodes to save energy.

Although the proposed method has achieved good results, there is still much room for optimization. For example, when preparing to shut down the node, how to elect the size of the time period [24] [25] to be extended is a problem. If it is too long, there will be no effect, and if too short, it will increase the system's power consumption. Power and performance management via lookahead control [26] or prediction algorithm [27] offer a reference way to our subject, which always virtualized or studied the workload laws. How to do more intelligent management and the imitation of the event's law will be the next focus of consideration.

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