From Automation to Autonomy: Infrastructure for intelligent protection, control, optimization and operations

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Introduction & Background

Rapidly increasing number of new controllable devices with new characteristics at the transmission and distribution level as well as third party resources. Utility size Wind and PV plants, as well as a plethora of customer owned resources (PV rooftops, EV, TCL).

Controllable Resources Advantages:

(a) Increases Flexibility and enables adjusting load to generation

(b) Tremendous storage capability

Controllable Resources Challenges:

(a) Variability and impact on system operations: need to use inherent flexibility

(b) Reduced fault current levels, impact on protection: Need new methods.

Present centralized architectures and tools have serious shortcomings.

Dealing with these issues requires increased automation and better yet autonomy



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Automation and Autonomy

- Automation in any engineering system goes back to ancient times.
- Let's take a look at the milestones occurred in power systems that led to automation. History is the best teacher.



History of Automation in PS

Automation before computers in mechanical systems of electric energy systems:

- Frequency Control,
- Voltage Control, etc.

Some of these systems still in use.

Digital systems brought a revolution in automation. Some specific milestones:

- Computer relaying (PRODAR 1970)
- Microprocessor based relaying (SEL, 1984) introduced digital communications
- OSI seven layer communications protocol (1984, ISO 7498)
- GPS synchronized measurements (Jay Murphy, Microdyne PMU, 1992)
- Merging units (GE hardfiber, 2009)
- UCA project (EPRI, 1986)
- IEC 61850 (2003 proposed in IEC 1995)

With digital systems, the sky is the limit.





Computer Relaying (PRODAR 1970)

- G. B. Gilcrest
- G. D. Rockefeller
- E. A. Udren



Microprocessor Based Relaying (SEL, 1984) – Introduced Digital Communications





OSI Seven Layer Communications Protocol (1984, ISO 7498)

Open Systems Interconnection model (OSI model)				
	OSI Layer	TCP/IP	Datagrams are called	
Software	Layer 7 Application	HTTP, SMTP, IMAP, SNMP, POP3, FTP	Upper Layer Data	
	Layer 6 Presentation	ASCII Characters, MPEG, SSL, TSL, Compression (Encryption & Decryption)		
	Layer 5 Session	NetBIOS, SAP, Handshaking connection		
	Layer 4 Transport	TCP, UDP	Segment	
	Layer 3 Network	IPv4, IPv6, ICMP, IPSec, MPLS, ARP	Packet	
Hardware	Layer 2 Data Link	Ethernet, 802.1x, PPP, ATM, Fiber Channel, MPLS, FDDI, MAC Addresses	Frame	
	Layer 1 Physical	Cables, Connectors, Hubs (DLS, RS232, 10BaseT, 100BaseTX, ISDN, T1)	Bits	









Present State of the Art: Centralized C&O/Function BasedControl & OperationP&CP&CProtection & Control



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Smart Grid Focus: Real Time Model, Component and System Protection, Communications

Real Time Model

State Estimation

Applications (MB)

Load Forecasting Optimization (ED, OPF) VAR Control Available Transfer capability Security Assessment Congestion Management Dynamic Line Rating Transient Stability EM Transients, etc. Visualizations

Markets:

Day Ahead, Power Balance, Spot Pricing, Transmission Pricing (FTR, FGR), Ancillary Services

A Large Number of Standards – Examples: OASIS: Open Access Same-Time Information System

UCA: Utility Communication Architecture

ICCP: Inter-Control Center Communications Protocol C37.118, IEC 61850, DNP3.0, ..

CCAPI: Control Center Application Program Interface CIM: Common Information Model

Component Protection

generators, transformers, lines, motors, capacitors, reactors

System

Protection

Special Protection Schemes, Load Shedding, Out of Step Protection, etc.

Communications

Substation Automation, Enterprize, InterControl Center





Observations and Comments

Observation	Comment
All control, optimization and operations functions are model based	Many times models are error laced. Need an automated model validation process
All control, optimization and operations functions are feedback based	Feedback is presently measurement based and/or partial state using static state estimation. Full dynamic state feedback needed to deal with new challenges.
All zone protection functions are independent. Protection system represents a ubiquitous measurement and monitoring system. Gradually, relays are used to provide SCADA. Vulnerability to hidden failures/attacks	Seamless integration of protection, control and operation. New technology enables relays to become providers of validated models and data and full dynamic state feedback. They can also detect hidden failures/attacks



Overall Decentralized Infrastructure (Substation/Plant Level, Subnetwork, System)







Delivering Accurate Data to All

This is Extremely Important

Calibration

- Traditional Approaches are Tedious, Expensive and at Off-Line
- New Technologies allow automation and continuous real time
- Examples will follow
- Health of Data Acquisition and Protection & Control System
 - Protection & Control Critical for System Reliability
 - Vulnerable to faults, hidden failures and cyber attacks
 - New technologies offer the capability to monitor the health of the system in real time.



Requirements for Autonomy

- Autonomous Extraction of Real Time Model and State
 - Model Objectification
 - Setting-less Protection
 - Integrated Autonomous Dynamic State Estimator
 - Intrusion Detection secure operation
 - Autonomous Parameter Identification

Self Regulating

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- Autonomous Frequency Control
- Autonomous Voltage Control
- Other (Contractual Obligations, Environmental Control,....)
- Self Managing (Operations Planning)

Model Objectification – Beyond CIM

The SCAQCF: (State, Control & Parameter Algebraic Quadratic Companion Form)





The SCPQDM Model

(State, Control & Parameter Quadratized Device Model)

The Only User Input: State, Control & Parameter Quadratized Device Model

$$i(t) = Y_{eqx1}\mathbf{x}(t) + Y_{equ1}\mathbf{u}(t) + Y_{eqp1}\mathbf{p}(t) + D_{eqxd1}\frac{d\mathbf{x}(t)}{dt} + C_{eqc1}$$

$$0 = Y_{eqx2}\mathbf{x}(t) + Y_{equ2}\mathbf{u}(t) + Y_{eqp2}\mathbf{p}(t) + D_{eqxd2}\frac{d\mathbf{x}(t)}{dt} + C_{eqc2}$$

$$0 = Y_{eqx3}\mathbf{x}(t) + Y_{equ3}\mathbf{u}(t) + Y_{eqp3}\mathbf{p}(t) + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{x}(t)^T \langle F_{eqx3}^i \rangle \mathbf{x}(t) \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}(t)^T \langle F_{equ3}^i \rangle \mathbf{u}(t) \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{p}(t)^T \langle F_{eqp3}^i \rangle \mathbf{x}(t) \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{p}(t)^T \langle F_{eqp3}^i \rangle \mathbf{x}(t) \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}(t)^T \langle F_{equ3}^i \rangle \mathbf{p}(t) \\ \vdots \end{cases} + C_{eqc3}$$

Connectivity: Terminal Node Names

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subject to: $\mathbf{h}_{\min} \le \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}) \le \mathbf{h}_{\max}$ $\mathbf{u}_{\min} \le \mathbf{u} \le \mathbf{u}_{\max}, \ \mathbf{x}_{\min} \le \mathbf{x} \le \mathbf{x}_{\max}$ $\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{p}) = Y_{feqx}\mathbf{x} + Y_{fequ}\mathbf{u} + Y_{feqp}\mathbf{p} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{x}^{T} \langle F_{feqxx}^{i} \rangle \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}^{T} \langle F_{fequx}^{i} \rangle \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}^{T} \langle F_{fequx}^{i} \rangle \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{p}^{T} \langle F_{feqxx}^{i} \rangle \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{p}^{T} \langle F_{feqxx}^{i} \rangle \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}^{T} \langle F_{feqxx}^{i} \rangle \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}^{T} \langle F_{feqxx}^{i} \rangle \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}^{T} \langle F_{feqxx}^{i} \rangle \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}^{T} \langle F_{feqxx}^{i} \rangle \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}^{T} \langle F_{feqxx}^{i} \rangle \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}^{T} \langle F_{feqxx}^{i} \rangle \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}^{T} \langle F_{feqxx}^{i} \rangle \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}^{T} \langle F_{feqxx}^{i} \rangle \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}^{T} \langle F_{feqxx}^{i} \rangle \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}^{T} \langle F_{feqxx}^{i} \rangle \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}^{T} \langle F_{feqxx}^{i} \rangle \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}^{T} \langle F_{feqxx}^{i} \rangle \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}^{T} \langle F_{feqxx}^{i} \rangle \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}^{T} \langle F_{feqxx}^{i} \rangle \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}^{T} \langle F_{feqxx}^{i} \rangle \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}^{T} \langle F_{feqxx}^{i} \rangle \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}^{T} \langle F_{feqxx}^{i} \rangle \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}^{T} \langle F_{feqxx}^{i} \rangle \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}^{T} \langle F_{feqxx}^{i} \rangle \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}^{T} \langle F_{feqxx}^{i} \rangle \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}^{T} \langle F_{feqxx}^{i} \rangle \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}^{T} \langle F_{feqxx}^{i} \rangle \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}^{T} \langle F_{feqxx}^{i} \rangle \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}^{T} \langle F_{feqxx}^{i} \rangle \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}^{T} \langle F_{feqxx}^{i} \rangle \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}^{T} \langle F_{feqxx}^{i} \rangle \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}^{T} \langle F_{feqxx}^{i} \rangle \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}^{T} \langle F_{feqxx}^{i} \rangle \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}^{T} \langle F_{feqxx}^{i} \rangle \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}^{T} \langle F_{feqxx}^{i} \rangle \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}^{T} \langle F_{feqxx}^{i} \rangle \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}^{T} \langle F_{feqxx}^{i} \rangle \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}^{T} \langle F_{feqxx}^{i} \rangle \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}^{T} \langle F_{fexx}^{i} \rangle \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}^{T} \langle F_{fexx}^{i} \rangle \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}^{T} \langle F_{fexx}^{i} \rangle \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}^{T} \langle F_{fexx}^{i} \rangle \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \vdots \\ \mathbf{u}^{T} \langle F_{fexx}^{i} \rangle \mathbf{x} \\ \vdots \end{cases} + \end{cases}$



The SCPAQCF Model

(State, Control & Parameter Algebraic Quadratic Companion Form)

SCPQDM \rightarrow Numerical Integration \rightarrow SCPAQCF (Automated Process)

$$\begin{bmatrix} i(t) \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ i(t_{sn}) \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = Y_{cqs} \mathbf{x}(t) + Y_{equ} \mathbf{u}(t) + Y_{eqp} \mathbf{p}(t) + \begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ \mathbf{x}(t)^{T} \langle F_{eqxx}^{t} \rangle \mathbf{x}(t) \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{i} \\ \mathbf{p}(t)^{T} \langle F_{eqyx}^{t} \rangle \mathbf{p}(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{i} \\ \mathbf{u}(t)^{T} \langle F_{equx}^{t} \rangle \mathbf{u}(t) \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{i} \\ \mathbf{u}(t)^{T} \langle F_{equx}^{t} \rangle \mathbf{u}(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{i} \\ \mathbf{u}(t)^{T} \langle F_{equx}^{t} \rangle \mathbf{x}(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{i} \\ \mathbf{u}(t)^{T} \langle F_{equx}^{t} \rangle \mathbf{x}(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{i} \\ \mathbf{u}(t)^{T} \langle F_{equx}^{t} \rangle \mathbf{x}(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{i} \\ \mathbf{u}(t)^{T} \langle F_{equx}^{t} \rangle \mathbf{x}(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{i} \\ \mathbf{p}(t)^{T} \langle F_{equx}^{t} \rangle \mathbf{x}(t) \end{bmatrix} - B_{eq} \\ B_{eq} = -N_{eqx} \mathbf{x}(t-h) - N_{equ} \mathbf{u}(t-h) - N_{eqp} \mathbf{p}(t-h) - M_{eq} \mathbf{i}(t-h) - K_{eq} \\ B_{eq} = -N_{eqx} \mathbf{x}(t-h) - N_{equ} \mathbf{u}(t-h) - N_{eqp} \mathbf{p}(t-h) - M_{eq} \mathbf{i}(t-h) - K_{eq} \\ H_{unin} \leq \mathbf{u} \leq \mathbf{u}_{max}, \quad \mathbf{x}_{min} \leq \mathbf{u} \leq \mathbf{u}_{max} \\ \mathbf{u}_{min} \leq \mathbf{u} \leq \mathbf{u}_{max}, \quad \mathbf{x}_{min} \leq \mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{x}_{max} \\ + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{i} \\ \mathbf{p}(t)^{T} \langle F_{equx}^{t} \rangle \mathbf{p}(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{i} \\ \mathbf{u}(t)^{T} \langle F_{equx}^{t} \rangle \mathbf{x}(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{i} \\ \mathbf{u}(t)^{T} \langle F_{equx}^{t} \rangle \mathbf{x}(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{i} \\ \mathbf{u}(t)^{T} \langle F_{equx}^{t} \rangle \mathbf{x}(t) \end{bmatrix} + C_{equx} \mathbf{u}(t) \end{bmatrix} + C_{equx} \mathbf{u}(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

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The SCPAQCF Model Properties

Given a System or Sub-system Consisting of n devices and the SCPAQCF of each device

 The system or subsystem model is in the SCPAQCF form. It can be constructed with a relatively simple algorithm. Large scale system algorithms must be employed.

Given a measurement (datum) expressed as a function of x, u and p of a device

• The measurement (datum) can be also expressed as a function of x, u and p of the system or subsystem SCPAQCF. This is a relatively simple mapping algorithm.



Protection & Control of IBR Dominated Power Systems

Adaptive Protection or New Protection Approaches?







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Dynamic State Estimation Based Protection

- Setting-less protective relay
- Sampled Value based dynamic state estimation

Protection

Logic

Chi-Square

Test

rip

NO

Trip

- Fast fault detection (sub ms)
- Measurement of frequency
- Measurement of ROCOF

State Estimation Based Protection Parameter Identification

- The method is dependent on a high-fidelity protection zone model
- For most devices/components we can construct a high-fidelity model from first principles
- If certain parameters are suspect of inaccuracy, augment state estimation problem by moving the suspected parameters into the state. Then, these parameters are estimated from measurements. Model Parameter identification.



Dynamic State Estimation Based Protection Hidden Failures

 As any protection and control system, the estimation-based protective relay is also dependent upon an instrumentation system that provides reliable measurements to the relay. Failures in instrumentation or malfunction of instrumentation will cause relay mis-operation and affect reliability.

• The answer is: provide a supervisory system to guarantee validated input data to each relay. How can this be achieved? Use of substation based dynamic state estimation methods.



Substation DSE, Anomaly Detection and Identification

Basic Functions in Absence of Anomalies



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State Estimation Based Protection

Makes the Relay the Gatekeeper of the Model (validated)

Relays: a Ubiquitous System for Perpetual Model Validation

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Protection is Ubiquitous

- Makes Economic Sense to Use Relays as Keepers of Component Models
- Capability of Perpetual Model Validation in Estimation Based Relays
- Provide Other Level Models as Needed.

Self-Calibration and End-to-End Testing





Self-Calibration and End-to-End Testing: Real time self calibrating and end-to-end testing. Equivalent to primary injection testing. Guaranteed health of protection and control.

System Wide Dynamic State Estimation: update rate of once per cycle, high resolution situational awareness.

Monitoring of the Protection and Control Health: detection of hidden failures, detection of cyber-attacks.

Self-healing of the Protection and Control System: provides continuity of protection and situational awareness, alerts operator to perform repairs.

END RESULT

- Real time assessment of the health of the Protection and Control System
- Guarantee that all data are validated



Basic Approach of Self-Calibration and End-to-End Testing





Data Acquisition, Calibration and Validation







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Identification of Hidden Failures / Cyber Attacks





Substation QDSE, Anomaly Detection

Immediate Detection of Anomaly



An intruder stages an attack by altering data as shown.

Attack: Change MU-DA Settings: from 1200:5 to 2400:5

Dynamic state tracking detects the event immediately.

Identification: it is more complex to be discussed later.



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Compromised Data Alerts







I want to make the point:

All of this is possible today


Pilot Programs: Field Verification and Validation

Integrated 3-Substation System Model

Example of one utility in the Atlanta area



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West End Substation

Davis Substation

Butler Substation

Example Pilot Project

Each Installation Runs the Following Functions (Technology Summary)

- Dynamic State Estimation Based
 protection.
- Substation centralized protection.
- Hidden failure detection and selfhealing.
- False data and malicious control detection, isolation and disinfection real time cyber security
- Full state feedback control (Closed Loop OPF)

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 System Wide Dynamic State Estimation





Extension to Active Distribution Systems SETO Project a2SDP

Motivation and Acknowledgement:

The method has been developed as a real time application in the a2DSP (autonomous, adaptive Distribution System Protection) sponsored by SETO.





Applications

- Optimization (via full state feedback)
 - Voltage / VAR Control
 - Dispatch / Network controls
 - Integration of customer flexibility
- Network Reconfiguration
- Intrusion Detection
- Inertia meter / Frequency Response
- Etc.... Etc....

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Application

Optimization – (via full state feedback)

Example: Volt/VAR Control



Example of Full State Feedback Control



Modeling and Implementation of Autonomous OPF

Formulate OPF as a Quadratic OPF

Solution Method:

- (a) Convexify Quadratic OPF,
- (b) Solve Convexified Quadratic OPF,
- (c) Compute final solution of Quadratic OPF with SLP (initial conditions defined from step (b))



Quadratic OPF Objective Function Generation

The Objective Function is the Weighed sum of:

Interchange through the MSU, Line Voltage levelization, Flow levelization on two key circuits

$$J = w_1 \left(P_{MSU} - P_{sche,int} \right)^2 + \sum_{i \in S_{bus}} \left(\frac{V_{i,mag} - V_{i,tar}}{\alpha_i V_{i,tar}} \right)^2 + \sum_{i \in S_{cc}} \left(\frac{I_i - I_{i,t}}{0.05I_{i,t}} \right)^2$$

The quadratic objective function is expressed in SCPAQCF syntax:
$$J(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{p}) = Y_{objx} \mathbf{x} + Y_{obj\mu} \mathbf{u} + Y_{objp} \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{x}^T F_{objxx} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{u}^T F_{obju\mu} \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{p}^T F_{objxy} \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u}^T F_{objxy} \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u}^T F_{objxy} \mathbf{x} + C_{objc}$$



Quadratic OPF Constraints



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Convexify Quadratic OPF Why Convexification? And How?

In the last 2-3 decades, there is a serious activity towards convexified OPF formulations and solutions.

There are many extremely efficient solvers for convex OPF problems.

Examples: Gurobi, GAMS, etc. as well as open-source software, OPT++, IPOPT.



Convexification Mechanics of the Quadratic OPF

Given a quadratic OPF with hessian matrix H (symmetric without loss of generality)

 $H^+ = H + \mathbf{d}^T \mathbf{I}$

The entries of vector \mathbf{d} are obtained by solving the following minimization problem:

Min
$$\sum_{i} |d_{i}|$$

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leading principal minor k of $(H + \mathbf{d}^T \mathbf{I}) \ge 0, k = 1, ... n$

Convexification Example 1

Given the quadratic system below

 $0.1x^2 + 0.2u^2 + 0.45xu$

What is the convex system with minimal changes? $0.1x^{2} + 0.2u^{2} + 0.45xu + ax^{2} + bu^{2}$ $Min \quad |a| + |b|$ $subject \ to:$ $a + 0.1 \ge 0$ $ab + 0.2a + 0.1b - 0.23 \ge 0$

Solution:

 $a = 0.125, \quad b = 0.025 \quad \rightarrow \quad 0.225x^2 + 0.225u^2 + 0.45xu$



Quadratic OPF Convexification





Quadratic Convex problem:

Handling of Quadratic Equality Constraints





Overall Solution Approach

The solution of the convexified QACOPF problem represents a solution of an approximated model. It may or may not be feasible.

To compute the final optimal and feasible solution of the notapproximated ACOPF, a SLP approach is applied to the QACOPF.



Example Test System – Four-Bus System





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Results for Four-Bus System



The lowest cost of \$6308.51 corresponds to the solution to the convexified problem. Correction of convexification error with SLP result in the optimal generation cost of \$6612.85 and no violation in any of the functional constraints.

The largest number of model constraints is 5 and the largest number of violated model constraints is 3, or respectively 35.7% and 21.4% of the total number of functional constraints.



Results for final event Network_02*-173



The lowest cost of \$271401.97/hr corresponds to the solution to the convexified problem. Correction of convexification error with SLP result in the optimal generation cost of \$273289.62/hr and no violation in any of the functional constraints.

The largest number of model constraints is 113 and the largest number of violated model constraints is 53, or respectively 5.58% and 2.62% of the total number of functional constraints.

Application

Optimization – (via full state feedback)

Example: Active Distribution System Reconfiguration



Introduction & Background

Network topology optimization as a means to increase reliability and meet optimization objectives has gain attention for both Transmission and Distribution systems.

While for transmission systems some folks has raised concerns, for distribution systems there is general acceptance of the value of network topology optimization.



Introduction & Background

Back in the 1980's we introduced transmission switching as a means for remedial actions during emergency or restorative actions:

See: A. G. Bakirtzis and A. P. Meliopoulos, "Incorporation of Switching Operations in Power System Corrective Control Computations," *IEEE Transactions on Power Systems*, vol. PWRS-2, no. 3, pp. 669-676, August 1987.

When we discussed with a group of utilities of extending the work for optimization of the transmission system under normal conditions, there was a lot of pushback, captured in two arguments: (a) gains are minimal, and (b) wear and tear on breakers may increase cost.



Distribution System Reconfiguration in Real Time

OFR: Optimal feeder reconfiguration - normal conditions **FLISR:** Fault Locating Isolation & Service Restoration – after a fault





Distribution System Reconfiguration in Real Time

Dynamic Programming Based Approach: Addresses Two Problems

OFR: Optimal feeder reconfiguration - normal conditions
 FLISR: Fault Locating Isolation & Service Restoration - fault

OFR: In normal operation, the feeder connections are optimally configured through controlling the states of switches with the objective of minimizing the system operating loss

Optimal Reconfiguration – Normal Operation $Min \quad J = \sum_{all \ circuits \ k} \left(P_{ij}\left(k\right) + P_{ji}\left(k\right) \right)$



Distribution System Reconfiguration in Real Time

Dynamic Programming Based Approach: Addresses Two Problems

Optimal feeder reconfiguration - normal conditions
 FLISR: Fault Locating Isolation & Service Restoration - fault

FLISR: After a fault, based on the fault locating information provided by protection system, the method can isolate the minimum part of the system affected by the fault in a real-time fashion, and generate an optimal switching operation sequence to help to restore the service to customers, thus minimizing the unserved power in the system.

Optimal Reconfiguration – After A Faul
Min
$$J = \sum_{all \ loads \ i} P_{load, i}$$



Important Consideration in OFR

Dynamic Programming is Extremely Flexible in Incorporating Many Other Issues:

- Optimal Control of DERs and Coordination with Storage
- Voltage Control
- Include Customer Flexibility
- Coordination with Transmission
- Beware of the "Curse of Dimensionality"

Solution for Efficiency

Successive Dynamic Programming



Example OFR Results





Example OFR Results

Step 1: Power flow analysis on initial system topology and conditions 12.66kV System with 3 Feeders, 58 Buses, and 12 Switches Total load: 15MW; Initial system loss: 1081.52kW (7.333% of total load)



Performance

Original System Loss: 1081.52kW (7.333% of total load) Final System Loss: 432.36kW (2.88% of total load)



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Option 2 Two Node System (Microgrid + EcoDistrict) Plus the Master Node (Node 0)



Laboratory Setup: Node 1





Inertia Meter: Real-Time Frequency Response Meter





Importance of Frequency Response

A very important issue affecting system operations and reliability.

It affects operation of renewables who are inverter-based resources. Sudden changes in frequency affect the operation of the controller, increase probabilities of misfiring and shutting down operation.

There is concern that sudden changes in frequency can cause massive imbalances in IBR dominated power systems.



Inertia Meter: Real-Time Frequency Response Meter

The Experimentalist Approach



- Apply disturbance: Open SL or open SR
- Measure frequency at all substations.
- Report frequency response

Problem:

Frequency measurement with practical disturbances is unreliable

Example: for my local utility I need a disturbance of 4,000 MW to cause a frequency deviation of 100 mHz.



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Use model of the system to compute frequency response:

Models should include: (a) generators with exciters and governor models, dead-bands, frequency dependent and their controls, (b) inverter models with their controls – both continuous and triggered controls, (c) all models should be high fidelity.

Advantages: Analysis can provide:

(a) Small signal frequency response, and

(b) Large scale frequency response

Important Issue: Model must be valid, accurate and real time **Note**: Described system provides this information



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Typical Frequency Response using this Method Model Based Approach



Post-Mortem Recreation of the Frequency Response Model Based Approach



Note a 110 mHz deviation for a 1300 MW loss of renewables and an unknown imbalance caused by the fault.



Note a phase shift during the fault condition. The phase shift had a negative effect of the inverter controllers.


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This is a straightforward application of the digital substation



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This is Dipylon (two leaf door) Imagine it.

If you wanted to visit Athens in ancient times, you have to enter Athens here.





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