Mobilizing Grid Flexibility for Renewables Integration through Topology Control and Dynamic Thermal Ratings

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Presentation Outline

- Introduction
- Challenges and solutions
- Topology Control as recourse in stochastic UC
- Test results
- Flexible line rating as recourse in stochastic UC
- Test results
- Conclusions.
Introduction

Integration of Renewable Generation

| States and territories with Renewable Portfolio Standards | States and territories with a voluntary renewable energy standard or target | States and territories with no standard or target |

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<th>California</th>
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<td><strong>Requirement</strong></td>
<td>2020: 33%, 2024: 40%, 2027: 45%, 2030: 50%</td>
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33% RPS - Cumulative expected VERs build-out through 2020

Source: CAISO
Could you predict the energy production for this wind park either day-ahead or 5 hours in advance?

Each Day is a different color.
Negative Correlation with Load

- wind power output (MW)
- load (MW)

hour
The "Duck Curve"

![Diagram of the Duck Curve](https://www.caiso.com/Documents/FlexibleResourcesHelpRenewables_FastFacts.pdf)
New Challenges

The ISO needs a flexible resource mix that can react quickly to adjust electricity production to meet the sharp changes in electricity net demand.

- Ramping requirements
- Flexible resources
- Over generation mitigation
Integration of Renewable Generation

Flexibility

Flexible Generation

Flexible Transmission (Topology Control)

Demand Response

Storage
Flexible Transmission Network Control

- **Topology Control**
  - Switch on/off lines

- **Flexible Line Rating**
  - Include choosing proper line ratings as decisions

- **FACTS**
Topology Control

- Topology control has been studied to:
  - Relieve abnormal conditions\[^{[1]}\]
  - Reduce system loss\[^{[2]}\]
  - Reduce operating cost (Optimal Transmission Switching)\[^{[3]}\]

- Utilize existing assets required by normal operating conditions. No additional cost other than the wear of breakers is incurred.


Operating Cost Reduction

Original Optimal Cost: $20,000 (A=180MW, B=30MW, C=40MW)

Open Line A-B, Optimal Cost: $15,000 (A=200MW, B=50MW)
Topography Control in Practice

- Topology Control in Practical Power System Operations
  - PJM Manual 03: Transmission Operations

  PJM uses the following techniques to control contingency or system violations:
  - ...
  - switching transmission facilities in/out of service
  - ...

- ISO New England Operating Procedure No. 19 - Transmission Operations

  In the operating procedure, transmission circuit switching is listed as one of EMERGENCY system actions.

  Where it is clear that opening a transmission facility will alleviate a problem existing for a specific emergency situation, consideration will be given to opening such facility.

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Topology Control Formulation

**Bθ Formulation**

\[-M_{ij} \left(1 - r_{ij,t,s}\right) \leq F_{ij,t,s} - B_{ij} \left(θ_{ij,t,s} - θ_{j,t,s}\right) \leq M_{ij} \left(1 - r_{ij,t,s}\right), \quad ∀i, j ∈ N_z, t ∈ T, s ∈ S\]

\[-r_{ij,t,s} F_{ij}^{\text{max}} \leq F_{ij,t,s} \leq r_{ij,t,s} F_{ij}^{\text{max}}, ∀i, j ∈ N_z, t ∈ T, s ∈ S\]

**PTDF Formulation – Flow Cancellation (Ruiz, 2012)**

\[
\begin{aligned}
\min_{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{z}} & \mathbf{c}'\mathbf{p} \\
\text{subject to} & \\
\mathbf{1}'(\mathbf{p} - 1) = 0 \\
\mathbf{p} \leq \mathbf{p} \leq \overline{\mathbf{p}} \\
\mathbf{f}_\tau^M \leq \Psi_\tau^M(\mathbf{p} - 1) + \Phi_\tau^{MS} \mathbf{v}_\tau \leq \overline{\mathbf{f}}_\tau^M, & \quad ∀\tau \\
\overline{\mathbf{f}}_\tau^S \mathbf{z} \leq \Psi_\tau^S(\mathbf{p} - 1) + (\Phi_\tau^{SS} - \mathbf{I}) \mathbf{v}_\tau \leq \overline{\mathbf{f}}_\tau^S \mathbf{z}, & \quad ∀\tau \\
- M(1 - \mathbf{z}) \leq \mathbf{v}_\tau \leq M(1 - \mathbf{z}), & \quad ∀\tau \\
\mathbf{z}_\ell \in \{0, 1\}, & \quad ∀\ell
\end{aligned}
\]
Results – DCOPF – IEEE 118

- IEEE 118 opened lines for J=10
- Note: this diagram has additional gens than our model
Transmission switching solution saves 25% of total generation cost
More Test Results

- **IEEE 118 Bus Model:**
  - DCOPF transmission switching solution with no contingencies saves 25% of total generation cost (10 lines switched off)
  - Up to 16% savings with N-1 DCOPF transmission switching (for feasible solutions)

- **IEEE 73 (RTS 96) Bus Model**
  - Up to 8% savings with N-1 DCOPF transmission switching (for feasible solutions)
  - Savings of 3.7% in Unit Commitment for 24 hours with N-1 security constraints

- **ISO-NE 5000 Bus Model:**
  - DCOPF transmission switching with approximate solution produced 5-13% savings
## 4th Green Electricity Network Integration (GENI)

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**Robust Adaptive Topology Control (RATC)**

Historically, the electric grid was designed to be passive, causing electric power to flow along the path of least resistance. The Texas Engineering Experiment Station team will develop a new system that allows real-time, automated control over the transmission lines that make up the electric power grid. This new system would create a more robust, reliable electric grid, and reduce the risk of future blackouts, potentially saving billions of dollars a year.
Topology Control as Recourse

- In deterministic unit commitment, topology control can reduce the generation cost\(^4\) and mitigate post contingency violations.
- In stochastic unit commitment, topology control as a recourse action may leverage the grid controllability and mitigate the variability of renewable generation.

Two-stage Stochastic Unit Commitment

- Objective: minimize the expected operating cost
- Decision variables:

1\textsuperscript{st} Stage
- Commitment of Slow Generators

Uncertainty
- Renewable Generation

2\textsuperscript{nd} Stage
- Commitment of Fast Generators, Dispatch of Generation & Flexible Transmission
Formulation: Constraints

- **System-wide constraints**
  - Market clearing
  - DC power flow
  - Line capacity
  - Number of lines that can be switched off

- **Generator constraints**
  - Generation capacity
  - Ramping up/down
  - Min up/down time
  - On/off transition
Wind Modeling

- Wind Generation Simulation
  - In our test, wind speed and wind power data of three locations in Wyoming are obtained from NREL Western Wind Resources Dataset.
  - 1000 wind generation scenarios are generated using the method described in [5].
  - To reduce the computational complexity, we adopt the scenario reduction technique introduced in [6].

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Wind Speed Scenario Generation
Power Curve
Test Case

- IEEE 118 system

118 buses
186 lines
19 conventional generators
Solving the problem—Branch and Bound

- 48,336 binary variables, 80,352 continuous variables.

- The problem is solved on a laptop: 2.6GHz CPU, 12G RAM.

- When the MIP gap tolerance is 5%, using the default setting of CPLEX the program does not terminate after 8 hours.

- The automatic tuning tool of CPLEX does not work for this problem. Appropriate parameters are not found after over 8 hours.
Warm Starts

- Solving the problem—Branch and Bound
  - Using CPLEX MIP warm-start

Diagram:

- Stochastic Unit Commitment without Topology Control
- Optimal Transmission Switching for 1 Hour with the Heaviest Net Load
- Warm-Start Solution
- Solver
Warm Start Heuristic

- Solving the problem—Branch and Bound Using CPLEX MIP

- Unit Commitment Decisions
  - The warm-start values for unit commitment decisions are obtained from solving a stochastic unit commitment problem with no topology control recourse.
  - In practice, system operators can use the commitment decisions of previous days with similar loading conditions to construct warm-up values for commitment decisions.
Warm Start Heuristic

- Solving the problem—Branch and Bound Using CPLEX MIP

- Topology Control Decisions
  - Topology control warm-up values are obtained from solving an optimal transmission switching problem for the highest load hour (no wind).
  - The warm-start values for switching decisions are the same for different hours and scenarios.
Test Results

- **Start Switching Solutions**
  - We conducted 9 numerical tests
  - “x” in “TCSUC-x” stands for the maximum number of lines that can be switched off. ($J = x$)

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Stochastic Unit Commitment with Topology Control Recourse
Results Analysis

- Sources of cost savings
  - Reduction of production cost
  - Reduction of start-up cost
  - Reduction of no-load cost
  - Reduction of load shedding
Test Results

- Reduction of production cost
Test Results

- Reduction of start-up cost (STC6<STC8)
Test Results

- Reduction of no-load cost
Test Results

- Reduction of load shedding
The optimality gap for each sub-problem is set to be 4% and the time limit for each sub-problem is set to be 6 minutes.

The algorithm converges after 7 iterations. The estimated time for solving the problem in parallel is 42 minutes.

The expected cost is reduced by 10.1% with topology control recourse.
## Switching Results

### Switching solution for different scenario

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Evaluation

- Evaluate the robustness of the solution that was based on a reduced scenario set, under a richer uncertainty representation.
- The **commitment of slow generators are fixed as the slow generators commitment solution** of TCSUC-10.
- The **line switching decisions are optimized for each of the simulation scenarios among the set of lines in the union of lines switched in TCSUC-10** for the 10 optimization scenarios.
- 1000 wind generation scenarios produced using Monte Carlo simulation are used in the evaluation.
- Both unit commitment and unit commitment with transmission switching are implemented to compare the cost.
Evaluation

- In all 1000 tests, when there is transmission switching in the recourse, the total cost is less than when there is no transmission switching.
- The average total cost is reduced by 12.9% with transmission switching in the recourse.
- The simulation provides a lower bound of the cost reduction for the case where there is no restriction on the lines that can be switched.
Central European System Test Case

- Central European System
  - 7 Countries
  - 679 Buses
  - 1036 Lines
  - 667 Conventional Units:
    - 183 fast units and 484 slow units
  - 10 selected scenarios for renewable generation
  - Renewable Generation: 1439 units
    - Wind
    - Solar
    - Hydro
### Central European Test System

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Central European Test System

- Central European System
- Renewable Generation Scenarios

Graphs showing renewable generation scenarios for different regions.
Stochastic unit commitment with topology control recourse

- With 10 scenarios, there are over 1 million continuous decision variables and over 300,000 binary decision variables.
- The problem cannot be solved within reasonable run time just using branching and cut even without topology control.
- For single scenario deterministic unit commitment problem when the switching decision is relaxed as a continuous variable, the cost saving for the entire system is within 5%.
- A good warm start solution is required for tuning Progressive Hedging.
Test Results

- Proposed Method
  - Decompose the system into 5 control areas.
  - Power exchanges between areas are obtained through solving an optimal dispatching problem for the whole system.
  - Each control area solve its own SUC/TCSUC.
Test Results

- **Proposed Method**

5 Control Areas

- **Norway**
- **Great Britain**
- **Spain**
- **Italy**
- **Great Britain**

- **DE+LX**
- **FR+CH**
- **AT**

- **BE**
- **DE+LX**
- **FR+CH**
- **NL**
- **AT**

- **Norway**
- **Denmark**
- **Poland**
- **Sweden**
- **Czech Republic**

- **Italy**
- **Hungary**
- **Slovenia**
- **Czech Republic**

- **Control Areas**
TCSUC vs. SUC: Cost Savings

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**To solve TCSUC within reasonable time, switching decision for DE+LX and FR+CH are restricted on a preselected set.**
Flexible Line Rating

- Thermal Limits

Sag:

Mechanical Structure:
Line Rating Standards

- IEEE Std 738 -2012
- CIGRE Technical Brochure 601, 2014

- Current flowing in the conductor
- Solar radiation

- Convection heat loss
- Radiation heat loss

Heat Balance Equation (HBE)

\[ q_c + q_r + mC_p \frac{dT}{dt} = q_s + I^2R(T) \]

- Ambient conditions:
  - Temperature
  - Wind speed and direction
  - Solar radiation
Static Line Rating Adjustment

- Line Ratings in Practical Power System Operations
  - PJM Manual 03: Transmission Operations
    - Three sets of thermal limits:
      - normal limit
      - emergency limit
      - load dump limit
    - Eight ambient temperatures are used with a set for the night period and a set for the day period; thus, 16 sets of three ratings are provided for each monitored facility.

All Transmission Owners’ and the PJM RTO’s security analysis programs must be able to handle all 16 sets and allow operating personnel to select the appropriate rating set to be used for system operation.
Flexible Line Rating

Dynamic Line Ratings

- Dynamic Line Rating in Research
  - Davis, 1977: First proposed dynamic line ratings (DLR)
  - Foss, 1990: Impacts of DLR on system security
  - Michiorri, 2015; Fan, 2016: Probabilistic forecast of DLR
  - Nick, 2016: HBE in unit commitment; select representative scenarios of weather conditions
  - Tschampion, 2016: DLR in N-1 secure dispatch optimization
  - Cheung, 2016: DLR in security constrained economic dispatch
Flexible Line Rating

- **Motivation**
  - Lack of measurement/forecast of meteorological conditions in day-ahead operations.
  - HBE: thermal inertia of

\[ q_c + q_r + mC_p \frac{dT}{dt} = q_s + I^2R(T) \]
Flexible Line Rating

Formulation

Line Status Variables:

- \( r_{ij,t,s}^0 \): 1 if line \( ij \) is switched off in scenario \( s \) at time \( t \)
- \( r_{ij,t,s}^1 \): 1 if line \( ij \) adopts normal rating in scenario \( s \) at time \( t \)
- \( r_{ij,t,s}^2 \): 1 if line \( ij \) adopts high rating in scenario \( s \) at time \( t \)

\[
r_{ij,t,s}^0 + r_{ij,t,s}^1 + r_{ij,t,s}^2 = 1,
\forall i, j \in N, t \in T, s \in S
\]
Flexible Line Rating

- **Formulation**
  - **Line flow constraints** (DCPF-FLR)
    
    \[-M_{ij} r_{ij,t,s}^{0} \leq F_{ij,t,s} - B_{ij} (\theta_{i,t,s} - \theta_{j,t,s}) \leq M_{ij} r_{ij,t,s}^{0}\]
  
  - **Line flow limit constraints** (LC-FLR)
    
    \[-F_{ij}^{\text{max,normal}} r_{ij,t,s}^{1} - F_{ij}^{\text{max,high}} r_{ij,t,s}^{2} \leq F_{ij,t,s} \leq F_{ij}^{\text{max,normal}} r_{ij,t,s}^{1} + F_{ij}^{\text{max,high}} r_{ij,t,s}^{2}\]

- **Maximum time allowed to adopt high rating**

  \[
  \min(|T| - t, t_{ij}^{H}) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} r_{ij,t+k,s}^{2} \leq t_{ij}^{H} \]

- **Minimum time required to cool down**

  \[
  \min(|T| - t, t_{ij}^{N}) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (1 - r_{ij,t+k,s}^{H}) \geq \min(|T| - t, t_{ij}^{N})(r_{ij,t-1,s}^{H} - r_{ij,t,s}^{H}), \forall i,j \in M, t \in T, 2 \leq t \leq |T| - 1, s \in S
  \]
With flexible line rating (including switching), the cost of stochastic unit commitment can be reduced by 19%.
IEEE 118 System Test Results

Results Analysis

Cost Comparison of Slow Units

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IEEE 118 System Test Results

- Results Analysis

Cost Comparison of Fast Units

- Expected Start-Up Cost of Fast Units
- Expected No-Load Cost of Fast Units
- Expected Fuel Cost of Fast Units
- Expected Generation of Fast Units
- Expected Cost of Fast Units
- Average Fuel Cost of Fast Units

Legend:
- SUC
- FLRSUC
Model Complexity

- **FLR**
  - With 10 scenarios, there are around 1 million continuous decision variables and over 900,000 binary decision variables.
  - For a single scenario sub-problem, there are over 120,000 binary decision variables.
  - In the zone of FR+CH, with 10 scenarios, there are around 450,000 binary decision variables and over 500,000 continuous variables. The solution time for this zone is around 18 hr.
## Test Results

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Test Results

- FLRSUC vs. SUC: Result Analysis
- Zone FR+CH
Conclusion

- Topology control and flexible line rating can both reduce the operating cost.
- Flexible transmission network control can mitigate the variability of renewable generations so that cheaper slow generators can commit in the first stage.
- With declining costs and increased availability of high performance computing substituting infrastructure investment with enhanced computation is a winning proposition.
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