Modeling and control of multi-energy dynamical systems: Hidden paths to decarbonization

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Presentation outline

- Emerging dynamical problems-roadblock to decarbonization
- Need to enhance today's practice; examples
- Proposed approach: Multi-layered energy modeling and control; from BAs to iBAs.
- Specifications for stand-alone subsystems;
 Feasibility and stability using energy dynamics.
- Physics-based minimal standards/ protocols for flexible utilization of diverse technologies over broad ranges of temporal and spatial conditions.

Emerging dynamical problems

- Power system oscillations
- Electro-mechanical—older problems (inter-area slow frequency oscillations; torsional oscillations)
- Electromagnetic oscillations and their control-newer problems (caused by large generator faults in BPS; wind gusts/solar radiance in BPS/distribution/microgrids; SSCI—control induced, forced)
- Stability assessment
- Extensive simulations-based studies; eigenvalue analysis
- Hard to scale up, and find causes and effects
- Control for ensuring stable operations
- No systematic approaches to designing control for provably stable frequency/voltage regulation within reliability standards
- The worst case approach which does not ensure desired operations; various FFR, RFR system-specific requirements; UFLS
- Sporadic R&D under different modeling assumptions

The NPCC .75Hz growing interarea oscillations

- A 38-bus, 29 machine equivalent dynamic model of the NPCC system
- It was shown to reproduce a multi-machine oscillation that occurred at .75Hz, involving groups of machines in NYC (modeled as Sprainbrook generator) and the northeastern part of New York State, as well as parts of Canadian power system (modelled primarily by the Oswego and Chateaguay units);
- The fault scenario selected for this test was a five-cycle threephase short circuit of the Selkrik/Oswego transmission line carrying 1083MW. The oscillation grows until the Chateaguay generator loses synchronism, followed shortly by the Oswego unit.

Chapman, J. W., Ilic, M. D., King, C. A., Eng, L., & Kaufman, H. (1993). Stabilizing a multimachine power system via decentralized feedback linearizing excitation control. IEEE Transactions on Power Systems, 8(3), 830-839.

NY, NE and Canada islanding

Rotor angles -- base case for Selkrik fault



Torsional oscillations



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State space transformation for rotating machines

- Conventional modeling
 - Transformed state
 space

$$u_{j} = ri_{j} + \frac{d\psi_{j}}{dt}, \quad j = 1, 2, \cdots, m$$

$$y = (\emptyset, \emptyset, 0, i_{1}, \cdots, i_{k-1}, i_{k+1}, \cdots i_{m})$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} = \omega$$

$$J \frac{d^{2}\theta}{dt^{2}} = T_{e} - T_{l}$$

$$T_{j}(\theta, i_{j}) = \frac{\partial W_{j}'}{\partial \theta}, \quad j = 1, 2, \cdots, m$$

$$W_{j}'(\theta, i_{j}) = \int_{0}^{i_{j}} \psi_{j}(\theta, i_{j}) di_{j}.$$

$$U_{i} = ri_{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi_{k}} \omega + \frac{\partial\psi_{i}}{\partial i_{k}} (\frac{\partial T_{k}}{\partial i_{k}})^{-1}$$

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$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x) + G(x)a(x) + G(x)S(x)v$$

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$$E = f(x) + G(x)a(x) + G(x)S(x)v$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial$$

provable control of torque dynamics

Ilic, M., Marino, R., Peresada, S., & Taylor, D. (1987). Feedback linearizing control of switched reluctance motors. IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control, 32(5), 371-379.

Hidden problems in today's primary controllers

- Governor (output feedback; not guaranteed to be stable)
- AVR (designed for controlling voltage magnitude –nonlinear function of states; no guaranteed stability due to linearization)
- PSS --- full state PID controller (voltage cannot be controlled over broad ranges of system conditions due to linearization)
- Feedback linearizing control (FBLC) enhanced PSS (works over broader ranges of system conditions; voltage problematic; non robust wrt model/sensing uncertainties)
- Sliding mode control (SMC) –brings robustness to FBLC; excellent application of power electronics

R&D on control of electromechanical interactions

- Torsional oscillations; low frequency oscillations during faults
- Key idea -- control rate of electrical power
- No linearization—feedback linearizing control/sliding mode control to make dynamics of electrical power stable in closed loop
- The first use of FBLC in interconnected power systems; interpretation in transformed state space (power – rate of change of stored energy—intVar)
- Demonstration on NY real world data; in collaboration with industry

New control equipment/new modeling and primary control challenge-fast electromagnetic problems



Transient stabilization in systems with wind power –SVC

1.5 time[s]

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Fig. 19.16 Mechanical frequency of all generators in the system during a long-term lowmagnitude wind perturbation: (a) dashed (without control on the SVC), (b) solid (with control on the SVC)



Fig. 19.14 (a) Voltage on the buses and (b) the electric power output of the generators if the system is controlled by the proposed energy-based controller



Fig. 19.15 (a) Total accumulated energy and (b) total accumulated electromagnetic energy in a system controlled by different controllers

Oscillations in islands –prolonged wind gusts





Fig. 19.20 Interface between the power grid and the flywheel



Fig. 19.34 Full diagram connecting the flywheel to Flores



Fig. 19.35 Frequency of (a) the hydro, diesel, and wind generators, and (b) the flywheel, in the Flores system

Transient stabilization with flywheels



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Concept of Sliding Mode Control Applied to a Flywheel



Fig. 19.32 Power delivered to the flywheel in re



Hindsight view of FBLC and SMC

- NY .7Hz oscillation controlled by a nonlinear power system stabilizer (PSS) which works over broad ranges of operations (nuclear power plant outage)
- Field exciter responds to the rate of change of power to ensure response of frequency
- FACTS, flywheels, SVC all respond to the rate of change of electromagnetic energy and are controlled by fast power electronics switching

 TODAY'S DECENTRALIZED, LINEARIZED OUTPUT FEEDBACK CONTROLLERS CANNOT STABILZE SYSTEM DYNAMICS (FREQUENCY AND/OR VOLTAGE)
 KEY ROLE OF CONTROLLING RATE OF CHANGE OF POWER
 KEY NOTION OF INTERACTION VARIABLE (CLOSELY RELATED TO RATE OF CHANGE OF POWER); LEAD TO ENERGY DYNAMICS AND CONTROL

Enhancements needed—hidden traps

- A (tertiary level controller): should have adaptive performance metrics and optimize over all controllable equipment (not today)
- B (secondary control-droops): modeling often hard to justify (droops only valid in certain conditions)
- C (primary control): A combination of primary and secondary control should guarantee that commands given by microgrid controller are implementable (stable and feasible). Huge issue—hard to control power/rate of change of power while maintaining voltage within the operating limits!
- Control co-design key to improved performance

Today's industry practice—tune generator control



Time-scales of frequency and voltage control



Source: "Balancing and Frequency Control," NERC Resources Subcommittee, 2011

Is there a more general simple paradigm? General structure of electric energy systems

-general idea---rethink physical dynamics in terms of interaction variables



Note: SBAs renamed to iBAs (suggestion by a PSERC member some time ago)

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Baros, S., & Ilić, M. (2014, July). intelligent Balancing Authorities (iBAs) for transient stabilization of large power systems. In 2014 IEEE PES General Meeting/ Conference & Exposition (pp. 1-5). IEEE.

Toward a general structure-based simple paradigm?

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FROM TODAY'S BALANCING AUTORITIES TO NESTED INTELLIGENT (SMART) BALANCING AUTHORITIES (iBA)

Innovation time line (1990s-2020's) – Energy modeling using intVars

- Introduced in an increasing order of complexity
- Linear frequency dynamics in transformed state space*
- Used to formalize LQR for hierarchical frequency modeling and control (time scale separation assumed)**
- Time scale separation relaxed***; needed for controlling frequency in systems with intermittent resources (ODEs)
- Nonlinear control of torsional oscillations****
- More recent generalization to include coupled nonlinear electromechanical-electromagnetic dynamics***** (non-standard form of ODEs)
- Critically relevant for distributed nonlinear control of faults, wind gusts, equipment loss, reconfigurations; huge opportunity for power electronics

*Ilic, M. and Liu, X., 1994. A simple structural approach to modeling and control of the inter-area dynamics of the large electric power systems: Part ii nonlinear models of frequency and voltage dynamics. NAPS Proceedings. **Ilic, Marija, X. Liu, B. Eidson, C. Vialas, and Michael Athans. "A structure-based modeling and control of electric power systems." Automatica 33, no. 4 (1997): 515-531.

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Inter-area dynamics- interaction variable

The first concept using linearized decoupled real power – frequency dynamical model



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Dynamics of interaction variables of two areas—Sao Miguel



IntVar of area 1—sum of generation-load deviations in Area 1 around dispatch (power flow); IntVar of area 2—sum of generation-load deviations in Area 2 around dispatch (power flow)

Ilic, M., Xie, L., & Liu, Q. (Eds.). (2013). Engineering IT-enabled sustainable electricity services: the tale of two low-cost green Azores Islands (Vol. 30). Springer Science & Business Media.

A large-scale systems framework for coordinated frequency control with intermittent disturbances –new relevance



CONTINUOUS POWER FLUCTUATIONS AND OPERATING PROBLEMS (POOR FREQUENCY QUALITY, INSTABILITIES)

Frequency stabilization using intVar







- Dependence of frequency response on power balancing control (generator, BA level, system levels)
- Use of intVars makes these scalable

Basics on intVar: transformed state space (v.1)



Ilic, M., Liu,X., ``A Simple Structural Approach to Modeling and Analysis of the Inter-area Dynamics of the Large Electric Power Systems: Part I - Linearized Models of Frequency Dynamics, Proc NAPS, 1994.

Use of intVar for distributed control



Fig. 5 The communication scheme of the E-AGC system in the weak interaction scenario

minimize $J = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty \left[\hat{y}^T Q \hat{y} + \hat{u}^T R \hat{u} \right] dt$ subject to $\frac{d\hat{x}}{dt} = \hat{A}\hat{x} + \hat{B}\hat{u}$ $\hat{y} = \hat{C}\hat{x}$ $\hat{u} = -\hat{K}\hat{y}.$

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Fig. 12 System interactions variable performance for case 1

Preliminary Results: Secondary control that guarantees frequency regulation







Need to model, simulate and control new phenomena



Remark 1: The system response simulated using industry simulation tools appears to be stable Remark 2: Industry simulation tools may not see benefits of better "smarts"

*Ilić, Marija D., Rupamathi Jaddivada, and Xia Miao. "Scalable electric power system simulator." 2018 IEEE PES Innovative Smart Grid Technologies Conference Europe (ISGT-Europe). IEEE, 2018.

Unifying energy-based dynamical modeling



Ilić, M. D., & Jaddivada, R. (2018). Multi-layered interactive energy space modeling for near-optimal electrification of terrestrial, shipboard and aircraft systems. Annual Reviews in Control, 45, 52-75.

Making the case for using ``better" definition^{*}₃₀

$$\begin{aligned} v(t) &= V_m \cos(\omega t) + V_n \cos(n\omega t) \tag{1} \\ v(t) &= L \frac{di}{dt} \tag{2} \\ i(t) &= \frac{V_m}{L} \int_0^t \cos(\omega t) dt + \frac{V_n}{L} \int_0^t \cos(n\omega t) dt \tag{3} \\ i(t) &= \frac{V_m}{\omega L} \sin(\omega t) + \frac{V_n}{n\omega L} \sin(n\omega t) \tag{4} \\ \dot{Q}(t) &= v \frac{di}{dt} - i \frac{dv}{dt} \tag{5} \\ \dot{Q}(t) &= \frac{1}{L} ((V_m \cos(\omega t) + V_n \cos(n\omega t)) \times (V_m \cos(\omega t) + V_n \cos(n\omega t)) \\ &+ (V_m \sin(\omega t) + V_n \times n \sin(n\omega t)) \times (V_m \sin(\omega t) + \frac{V_n}{n} \sin(n\omega t))) \end{aligned}$$



**Zoomed out view- The effect of switching noise on rate of change of reactive power; 10kHz noise superposed on 50 Hz sinusoidal signal with 1% amplitude of fundamental component (100V) for a simple inductive energy storage of 100mH.

**Zoomed in view—

as high as 200% swing in the

rate of change of reactive

power varying at the rate of

switching frequency as

compared to a fixed reactive

power rate value when there is

no high frequency noise.





**Simulations by Dr. Pallavi Bardawhaj, MIT postodoc, June 2021

Generalized intVar dz/dt = [p(t) dQ/dt]

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Jaddivada, Rupamathi, A unified modeling for control of generalized reactive power dynamics in electric energy systems, MIT EECS PhD thesis, July 2020.

Controlling BPS with IBRs



Cvetković, M., & Ilić, M. D. (2014). Ectropy-based nonlinear control of facts for transient stabilization. *IEEE Transactions on Power Systems*, 29(6), 3012-3020.

The key idea: Control energy/power/rate of change of power



(a) Generator energy increment in an uncontrolled system

(b) FACTS energy increment in an uncontrolled system



(c) Generator energy increment in a controlled system



(d) FACTS energy increment in a controlled system

Increment of accumulated energy caused by a fault—the key role of FACTS control

Energy-based nonlinear FACTS control—huge opportunity



Basic R&D control challenge: Overcoming complexity of modeling and control



considering its dynamical effects



Model of solar PV droop? Starting from physics!!!

Example of a physics-based solar PV droop

Energy Space Model: $E\dot{(t)} = P_{rad}(t) + P_{bat}(t) + P_e(t) - \frac{E(t)}{\tau} = p(t)$ $\dot{p}(t) = 4E_t(t) - \dot{Q}_{rad}(t) - \dot{Q}_{bat}(t) - \dot{Q}_e(t)$ Here, $E(t) = \frac{1}{2}Li(t)^2 + \frac{1}{2}Cv(t)^2$

- The power electronics switch control of battery can be so designed that would ensure

$$P_{bat}(t) = -P_{e}[n] + P[n] - K_{i}^{P}(i_{F}(t) - i_{F}^{ref}[n]) -K_{V}^{P}(V(t) - V^{ref}[n]) Q_{bat}(t) = -Q_{e}[n] + Q[n] - K_{i}^{P}(i_{F}(t) - i_{F}^{ref}[n]) -K_{V}^{P}(V(t) - V^{ref}[n])$$

Coupled Droop: $\alpha \Delta P[n] + \beta \Delta Q[n] = \Delta V[n]$



Over much longer time scale identified by sample number k, it is possible to obtain the following relation (assuming converter efficiencies are all 100%)

PV Energy-conversion Droop Relation:

 $\Delta P[k] + \Delta P^{Bat}[k] = \Delta P^{rad}[k]$

DER Energy Conversion Droop Relation: $\Delta P[k] = \sigma \Delta W[k]$

Proof of concept energy control – power load

- IBR SERVING
 CONSTANT POWER
 (VOLTAGE COLLAPSE
 CASE)
- IBR with two loops
- IBR with PID control
- ENERGY CONTROL
- Aligning power part of intVar
- Aligning both power and rate of change of reactive power

- IBR SERVING INTERMITTENT POWER(OSCILLATORY CASE)
- IBR with two loops
- IBR with PID control
- ENERGY CONTROL
- Aligning power part of intVar
- Aligning both power and rate of change of reactive power

UNDERSTANDING EFFECTS OF VARIOUS CONTROL ON ENERGY DYNAMICS

Conventional full state feedback (two loop IBR)



Conventional PID –no voltage collapse; der important



Single time scale energy control aligning P only



Two time scale energy control—aligning P and Qdot



IBR for INTERMITTENT POWER (OSCILLATORY CASE) Conventional full state feedback



Conventional PD control responding to Vi



Single time scale energy control responding to Prout – with SMC



Two time scale energy control ks = 1, kf = 1



Two time scale energy control ks = 1e2, kf = 1e4



Unified component specifications and interaction conditions in energy space for stable/feasible operations



Possible way forward: Multi-layered functional specifications

- Interactive model of interconnected systems
 --multi-layered complexity
- --component (modules) designed by experts for common specifications (energy; power; rate of change of reactive power)

--interactions subject to conservation of instantaneous power and reactive power dynamics; optimization at system level in terms of these variables

--physically intuitive models

DyMonDS framework



-protocols for minimal information exchange reliably and efficiently

-distributed decisions and intVar-specifications as the basis for choice

-technology agnostic for candidate architectures

Ilić, Marija D. "Dynamic monitoring and decision systems for enabling sustainable energy services." Proceedings of the IEEE 99.1 (2010): 58-79.

Conclusions: Three steps forward

• Principle 1: BAs transform to iBAs. In order to support

interactive control and co-design today's BAs are further organized as iBAs – groups of stakeholders, both utility and third parties, with their own subobjectives. Each iBA is responsible for electricity services to its members and must communicate its commitments in terms of intVars to participate in electricity services with others.

• Principle 2: Next generation SCADA to support this information exchange among iBAs. As the operating conditions vary, stakeholders process the shared information, as sketched in Fig- ures 1 and 3; optimize their own sub-objectives, subject to own constraints and preferences; and, communicate back their willingness to participate in system-wide integration.

 Principle 3: The basic information exchange is in terms of energy, power and rate of change of reactive power intVars with physical interpretation as a generalized ACE.

Thank you. Questions?

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