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Robust Analysis of Smart Distribution Networks

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 Various methods are being investigated for better management of DERs and the distribution networks
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Robust State Estimation

- State estimation is used to clean up errors in measurements and estimate the system state, and the data set is processed using statistical estimation techniques
- State estimation techniques are widely used in transmission systems where redundant measurements are available (i.e. the system is overdetermined)
- For under-determined distribution systems, a large number of pseudo measurements have to be used as input to the distribution state estimator



Difficulties in distribution state estimation

- The pattern of distribution load consumption is more dynamic
- The trend of the load variation is less apparent
- There are usually larger errors and more bad data in pseudo and real-time measurements







Machine Learning Component



Robust Stator Estimator



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Robust State Estimation



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Spatial-Temporal Model

Expect a large EV penetration

- Decarbonisation of the transport sector
- Reduce the reliance on imported fossil fuel

Impact on electric power networks

- New electricity demand
- Voltage profile and branch current
- System frequency
- System reliability, stability and security

Characteristics

- Mobility
- Spatial temporal distribution
- Various charging strategies

Exiting methods

- Worst-case-scenario based
- Probabilistic and fuzzy based



EU FP7 MERGE project: Mobile Energy



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Spatial-Temporal Model



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Statically Similar Networks

 Objective: To develop a statistical assessment tool for energy distribution networks, in order to achieve robust and generalised conclusions.



Key features

- Capturing essence of real networks using a few statistical parameters.
 - Ability to generate many realistic, random test-networks which are statistically similar in terms of the selected topological and technical features and decisive for a given network study.
- The ability of performing studies on many such statistically similar networks to come up with statistically robust conclusions.

Applications

- To conduct network studies on specific real-world/future networks with limited availability of topological and technical information.
- To provide generalised conclusions on the behaviour of different types of networks (rural/semi-rural/suburban/urban) under different scenarios.
 - To enable robust network planning and design.





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Statically Similar Networks

Statistical assessment tool for distribution networks





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Some topological properties are able to clearly characterise the topological differences of urban and sub-urban networks

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- Due to the widespread use of distributed energy resources, the behaviour of distribution networks will become increasingly uncertain, which will lead to operational and planning difficulties.
- Robust analysis methods of smart distribution networks will play a critical role in the development of smart distribution networks.
- Close-loop robust state estimation with machine learning capability, spatial-temporal model, and statistically similar network generator are able to to better tackle information uncertainties, gaps and errors, from different angles, thus support distribution network operation.





Thank You!

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