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# Model Reduction of Active Distribution Networks under Uncertainty

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- More and more Inverter-Based Generators connected to distribution grids
- distribution networks become active
- their influence on the whole power system dynamics increases
- it is increasingly important for TSOs to model those Active Distribution Networks (ADNs) in their dynamic simulations





- Dynamic simulations of combined Transmission Distribution system are impractical
  - large computing times
  - heavy model maintenance
  - confidentiality issue
- DSOs process their own data and transmit to the TSO simplified, reducedorder models of their distribution systems : dynamic equivalents
  - to be attached to the transmission system model
  - no confidentiality issue





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- For use in simulation of large disturbances in the transmission system
- accurate in terms of *P*(*t*) and *Q*(*t*) power flows in the distribution transformer
- accounting for discrete controls of dispersed units
  - dynamic voltage support, undervoltage tripping, etc.
- compatible with TSO dynamic simulation software
- physically intuitive  $\rightarrow$  "grey-box" model
  - includes "physical" components with known models
  - but unknown parameters

easily updated when operating point changes.





P(t), Q(t)





#### **Unreduced system modeling**



#### Loads :

- static part : exponential model
- dynamic part : 3<sup>rd</sup>-order induction motor model



Inverter-Based Generators (IBGs) :

- Phase Locked-Loop (PLL)
- Low Voltage Ride-Through (LVRT)
- dynamic volt. support by reactive current injection
- limited rate of active current recovery after limitation



### **IBG modeling**

IBG generic model reproducing the response to voltage variations required by most grid codes

- NC RfG (ENTSO-e)
- VDE AR N 4105/ BDEW MV (Germany)
- IEEE 1547
- etc.





#### **Example of IBG response to voltage dips**



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#### ADN dynamic equivalent : grey-box model





## Identifying the ADN equivalent from simulations



- Measurements not available...
- transmission system replaced by voltage source  $\overline{V}_{tr}(t)$  imposing various disturbances
  - voltage magnitude, phase angle, frequency
- parameters  $\theta$  of the ADN equivalent tuned so that  $(P_e, Q_e)$  approaches (P, Q) of unreduced system





- Dynamic models involve parameters not known accurately
  - loads : models are already simplified equivalents
  - IBGs : grid codes leave freedom on some parameters
- Impact assessed through Monte-Carlo simulations
  - at a given initial operating point, a disturbance is simulated for s instances of the same model corresponding to randomly drawn parameter vectors  $p_1, ..., p_s$ .
  - *s* randomized dynamic responses to the disturbance
  - statistics computed at each point in time





#### Simulation results : test system



75 buses	53 loads	22 IBGs	
		MW	Mvar
Consumption of loads		19.95	2.83
Production of IBGs		9.80	0
Power flow in transformer		10.33	2.96

- Nb of differential-algebraic equations :
  - unreduced model : 3297
  - equivalent : 117
- Nb of components in  $\theta$  :
  - 17 initially tested
  - 7 removed : negligible impact identified

### **Example of Monte-Carlo simulations**

Responses of active power to a transmission voltage dip of 0.5 pu during 250 ms





#### **Example of Monte-Carlo simulations**

Responses of reactive power to a transmission voltage dip of 0.5 pu during 250 ms





## Weighted Least Square (WLS) identification of heta

derivative-free, metaheuristic optimization : Differential Evolution algorithm  $\min_{\theta} F(\theta) = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{j=1}^{d} [F_P(\theta, j) + F_Q(\theta, j)]$  $= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^{N} \left[ \frac{P_e(\theta, j, k) - \mu_P(j, k)}{\sigma_P(j, k)} \right]^2$  $F_Q(\theta, j) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^{N} \left[ \frac{Q_e(\theta, j, k) - \mu_Q(j, k)}{\sigma_Q(j, k)} \right]^2$  $= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^{N} \left[ \frac{Q_e(\theta, j, k) - \mu_Q(j, k)}{\sigma_Q(j, k)} \right]^2$  $= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^{N} \left[ \frac{Q_e(\theta, j, k) - \mu_Q(j, k)}{\sigma_Q(j, k)} \right]^2$ 

d: number of "training" disturbances N: number of discrete times of simulation  $\mu_P(j,k)$ : median of distribution of P at time k for the j-th disturbance  $\sigma_P(j,k)$ : corresponding standard deviation  $\mu_Q(j,k)$  and  $\sigma_Q(j,k)$ : same for Q





#### Simulation results : fitting of equivalent

Responses to a transmission voltage dip of 0.3 pu during 100 ms





## Keeping the dimension of $\theta$ as small as possible

- To make the reduced model :
  - easier to optimize (faster convergence of DE)
  - more consistent from one case to another
  - easier to interpret
- variant of Least Absolute Shrinkage and Selection Operator (LASSO) method



### Undervoltage tripping of IBGs



- If the transmission voltage drop is deep enough, some IBGs may disconnect
  - voltage falls below LVRT curve
- Example : transmission voltage drop of 0.8 pu lasting 250 ms



# Monte-Carlo simulations with randomized tripping



• IBGs with voltage falling below the LVRT curve may trip



responses with tripping randomized, together with other parameters

• by reducing the current injected by the equivalent IBG



- $V_{pt}$ ,  $V_{ft}$ ,  $\gamma$  are adjusted by weighted least squares
  - after dealing with the other components of  $\, heta \,$





### **Response of equivalent with tripping of some IBGs**

Responses to a transmission voltage dip of 0.8 pu during 250 ms







- ADN equivalent for simulation of large disturbances at transmission level
- grey-box model
- equivalent significantly smaller than unreduced system
- strong nonlinearities and discontinuities considered
  - in particular, partial tripping of IBGs
- weighted-least square identification
  - number of parameters to identify : as small as possible (LASSO)
- impact of model uncertainties identified from Monte-Carlo simulations
  - fitting the "average" response + weighting factors to reflect dispersion
- equivalent trained with multiple disturbances
- good results on a test system with high penetration of renewable energy sources.



