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UVIG Forecasting Workshop

Importance of Forecasting to Dynamic Line Rating of Transmission Lines

Weather Station

Control Facility



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State of the Industry

- The US produces 4.1 trillion Kilowatt-hours of electricity per year
- Distributed by 500 Power Companies
- 160,000 Miles of High Voltage transmission lines in the U.S. known as "the grid."
- Challenge is getting it to cities, factories, military bases in the right amounts when needed
- Power utilities operate transmission lines based on static ratings, which set a conservative limit on the amount of current the lines can safely carry without overheating



- Without accurately measuring the environmental conditions and their effects, lines can be critically underutilized.
- Without conservative and accurate forecasts of capacity utilities can NOT plan and effectively use the capacity.

Weather Based DLR Approach

Computational Fluid Dynamics Informed Weather Based Dynamic Line Rating

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Available Capacity Improvement with DLR... but



...how can it be made usable DLR Forecasting Decision Guidance Time scales

- 1. Instantaneous
- 2. Short-term: Thermal Inertia
- 3. Short-term look ahead
- 4. Daily Peak Loading, Generation Dispatch

- 5. Maintenance, Power Marketing
- 6. Maintenance, Marketing, Construction
- 7. Construction, Refurbishment, Voltage Upgrades

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NOAA HRRR Grid and INL Collaboration Early Results





















Importance of Forecasting Needs for Dynamic Line Rating



- Concurrent Cooling with Wind Generation is the easy part still need forecast for possibility.
- Development of the "True" Dynamic Line Rating requires Forecasting.
- Uncertainty of forecasts must be understood such that we miss on the conservative side of any tolerance but advance the rating.
- Accuracy from a DLR application perspective means forecasts are project accurate measure of line capacity or line temperature given the thermal time constant--individual errors in wind speed forecast minute to minute isn't the most important aspect)
- Different expectations/needs in different time frames.
- <60 minutes out—accuracy with high confidence to assess emergency (contingency of a line outage) or opportunistic (take advantage of a market condition.
- Hourly out through 24 hours out conservatively assess the capacity similar to load and generation markets/planning requires relatively lower accuracy but good assessment of what the conservative end of the forecast
- Beyond 24 hours less temporal fidelity expected more need more experience with forecast data applied to the application to understand the limits → Collaboration with NOAA

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WIND INTEGRATION R&D Concurrent Cooling, Dynamic Line Rating

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Back up Slides



Operational and Strategic Implementation of Dynamic Line Rating for Optimized Wind Energy Generation Integration

"A "Cool" Way to (1) Increase the Utilization of Existing Transmission and Distribution Infrastructure - DLR, and (2) the Optimization of New Infrastructure Developments – P&R Toolkit"

Affordable and effective implementation of real-time weather and forecast based dynamic line rating of overhead transmission lines by mitigating transmission congestion and optimizing the use of electricity infrastructure for the integration of wind energy to enhance the nation's energy portfolio.

The Challenge:

Provide science based methodologies and solutions that are readily adopted and usable by a conservative, regulated industry

Requirements:

Provide industry with a low cost, robust solution set, and enabling human operators to make informed decisions and take appropriate actions without being overwhelmed with data



Helping Operators Implement Dynamic Line Rating



Defining and Conveying transmission line current and temperature limits



Technology Value Chain





Time Scales in Transmission Lines

Time Scale Concept



Fast time scale **Electrical Dynamics** (+)**Thermal Dynamics** Slow time scale Transmission Line

- IEEE Std. 738 does not address the slow and fast inherent dynamics
- Perturbations in a transmission line are not taken into account
- Computationally challenging system!



electrical dynamics
$$\frac{di_{L}(t)}{dt} = -i(t)\frac{R(T_{avg})}{L} - i(t)\frac{R_{load}}{L} + \frac{v_{source}}{L},$$
thermal dynamics
$$\frac{dT_{avg}(t)}{dt} = \frac{1}{mC} \Big[R(T_{avg}(t))i_{L}^{2}(t) + q_{z} - q_{z} - q_{r} \Big]$$





- Real-time calculations -Decision Making \rightarrow SCADA/EMS
- Import MATLAB® model library into GLASS
- **Controller Design Mitigating** system perturbations

Controller Design





Example: Flow Gate use of TDLR with Human Factors Engaged

- Oklahoma Gas and Electric use of line ratings currently static
- Track N-1 Contingency Line current versus ratings
 - Simple Table of Lines and the percent of rating under N-1 line
 Flowgate Values
 1 Line 1
 86.017%
 13 Line 13
 86.017%
 - Color coding on alarm setting
 - Would prefer no additional fields
- Propose possible designs:
 - Engage with HF interviews
- 14 Line 14 2 Line 2 15 Line 15 3 Line 3 16 Line 16 4 Line 4 5 Line 5 17 Line 17 18 Line 18 6 Line 6 7 Line 7 8 Line 8 20 Line 20 9 Line 9 21 Line 21 22 Line 22 10 Line 10 23 Line 23 11 Line 11 12 Line 12 24 Line 24
- Highest value if added information is not "just more" information to process immediately but something that may even give more time to evaluate – Human Performance Principle
- Time to maximum conductor temp under contingency condition is one concept in consideration
- Next step provide alternatives including our biases preferred candidate and perform an evaluation with operators/stakeholders

Partners and Collaborators



Boise State University – Boise, ID

- Graphical processing units CFD research (GIN3D)
- Masters student, DLR standard development

Durham University – Durham, UK

- Collaborator & methodology validation/comparison
- Joint publications

Idaho Power Company – Boise, ID

- Test area (~500 line miles)
- Equipment funding and installation
- Engineering support

Idaho State University – Pocatello, ID

- Graduate intern (1.5 years) full-time position hire
- 2010 to 2012 Senior Design Projects (8 students)
- 2013 to 2015 PhD Candidate Dissertation

Montana Tech – Butte, MT

- Undergraduate student intern (4 years)
- Graduate student intern (2 years)

Genscape (Promethean Devices) - Boston, MA

Field validation subcontract (3 months)

University of Idaho – Moscow, ID

- PhD student intern supporting multiple publications
- Undergraduate student intern (3 years)

WindSim AS – Tonsberg, Norway

 Computational fluid dynamics (CFD) software collaborator and development partner

AESO – Alberta, Canada

AltaLink – Alberta, Canada

Nexans, The Valley Group – USA

Southwire Company – Carrollton, GA

Lindsey Manufacturing – Azuza, CA

StormGeo – Houston, TX

TechFlow – San Diego, CA

OSIsoft - San Leandro, CA

Bonneville Power Administration – Portland, OR

Southwest Power Pool – Little Rock, AR

Stantec - Portland, OR

Interactions w/ Industry & Academia – 10+ Non-Disclosure Agreements, 1 SPP Agreement Executed, 1 CRADA Project Executed, 1 CRADA Project Initiated, Over \$1M invested by industry/academia partners over a 3-year period.