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GRID RELIABILITY AND ADEQUACY RISK EVALUATOR





MAKE IT SIMPLE AS POSSIBLE, BUT NOT ANY SIMPLER.

Albert Einstein





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GRARE is a powerful computer-based tool of Terna, developed by CESI, that evaluates reliability and economic operational capability using probabilistic Monte Carlo analysis. GRARE has been developed to support medium and long-term planning studies and is particularly useful for evaluating the reliability of large power systems, modeling in detail the transmission networks. GRARE is developed taking advantage of a high performance multi-threaded code. GRARE is integrated in SPIRA application, that is designed to perform steady-state analyses (e.g. load-flow, short-circuits, OPF, power quality) and is based on a network Data Base of the system being analysed.

The calculation process is performed as a series of sequential steps starting from a high-level system representation and drilling down to low-level network details.



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Thanks to the ability to couple the economic dispatch of the generation with the complete structure of the electrical network, GRARE is able to offer a unique support for the planning and evaluation of the benefits related to network investments.



MAIN FEATURES

ALGORITHM AND MAIN OPTIMIZATION PROCESS

- The time horizon is a single year with a minimum time unit of one hour. Many Monte Carlo Years (MCYs) can be simulated, each one being split into 52 weeks with each week independently optimized.
- Probabilistic Monte Carlo method uses statistical sampling based on a "Sequential" or "Non Sequential" approach.
- Monte Carlo convergence analysis to verify the accuracy of results obtained.
- Optimised Maintenance schedule based on residual load distribution over the year.
- Reservoir and pumping Hydro optimisation mindful of water value as an opportunity cost for water in respect to other generation sources.
- Different hydro conditions managed (dry, normal, wet).

SYSTEM MODEL

- Network detail to represent each single area (grid dimension up to 5,000 buses). A DC load flow is calculated and an estimate of voltage level can be obtained using the Sauer algorithm.
- Area modelling to optimize Unit commitment and Dispatching consistent with transfer capacities.
- Unit Commitment and Dispatching with Flow or ATC based approach

MARKET ANALYSES

- Single year day-ahead Market analysis with area modelling detail, but with no Monte Carlo drawings.
- The general restrictions of the Unit Commitment like minimal uptime and downtime of generation units are taken into account for each optimization period.
- Dispatchable units characterised by power limits, costs, must-run or dispatching priority, power plants configurations, start-up and shutdown flexibility and CO2 emissions.

MCY - MONTE CARLO YEAR

A mix of Monte Carlo variables are simulated to obtain a MCY. Typically these are: Load conditions (due to economic scenarios and temperature dependence) + Hydro availability + Forced Outage Rate of Generation Fleet and Network Elements + Transfer Capacity availability + Wind and Solar stochastic behavior.

COMPLETE NETWORK MODEL

Simulation of the whole Network including each element (eg. Lines, transformers generation units, etc.). Flexible network devices (PST, HVDC) to control power flows also after fault conditions.

AVAILABLE TRANSFER CAPACITY

Power flows are distributed only on the basis of available capacity.

FLOW BASED

Power flows are distributed on the basis of network representation (GRARE can manage a full network representation or simplified ones such as PTDF matrix or equivalent impedances).

ADEQUACY ANALYSES

- System adequacy level measured with Reliability Indexes (EENS, LOLE, LOLP).
- Renewable production calculated by a random drawing starting from producibility figures.
- **Operational reserve level** evaluation taking account of largest generating unit, uncertainty of load and RES forecast, possible aggregation of Area and fixed % of load.
- **Demand side management** as rewarded load to be shed with priority without impact on adequacy.
- Over-generation management with possible priority on generation to be reduced.



GENERATION ADEQUACY EVALUATION

MAIN APPLICATIONS



Designed for technical analyses of large electric systems.



Evaluation of electric systems Generation & Transmission adequacy.



Optimal level of RES integration.

Cost Benefits Analysis for network reinforcements and storage which factors in Security of Supply, network overloads, RES integration, network losses, CO2 emissions and over-generation.



Calculation of Total Transfer Capacity of interconnections.



Generation reward evaluation for Capacity Remuneration Mechanism.



Point Of Connection and sizing for new power plants.



MAIN RESULTS



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Vincent Van Gogh



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