Texas A&M Smart Grid Center Webinar

An Approach for the Direct Inclusion of Weather Information in the Power Flow

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- Slides also include contributions from many of my students, postdocs, staff and colleagues at TAMU
- The views presented here are my own, and are partially contained in a paper submitted to the 2023 Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences (HICSS)
- The simulations and visualizations shown here are done using the PowerWorld Simulator version 23 beta

Overview



- The purpose of this presentation is to show the benefits of having weather information become a standard part of power flow analysis (with weather including the insolation)
 - The results also apply to related applications such as optimal power flow (OPF), contingency analysis, security-constrained OPF
- The power flow models grid operations past, present and future
- While it is widely recognized that weather impacts electric grid operations, in general weather information has only been implicitly included in the power flow
- The presentation shows how weather could be incorporated into the standard power flow with little changes to existing models, and demonstrates results on grids with more than 80,000 buses.

Weather in Electric Grid Planning and Operations

- Weather information has been used in electric grid planning and operations going back to the initial grids in the 1880's
- In operations real-time weather information has been long used in control rooms, with computerized information used at least since the 1980's; current applications are quite sophisticated
- In planning weather information plays many roles, including load forecasting, outage scheduling and in the development of planning power flow cases (summer, winter, spring, fall)
- The focus of this talk is on direct inclusion of weather information in the power flow, with the talk showing this is relatively simple to do with potentially very good benefits

The Power Flow

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- The power flow (also called the load flow) is used to determine how the power flows from the generators through the transmission system to the load
 - Prior to digital computers analogs simulators were used; digital computer approaches started to develop in the mid to late 1950's with the algorithms needing to solve the set of nonlinear power balance equations
- In its simplest form the inputs are a power grid model, a set of fixed loads (real and reactive), fixed generator real power outputs and voltage setpoints; the power flow then determines the bus voltages
- Commonly many control values are also adjusted including sometimes the generator real power outputs
- The OPF and SCOPF add additional optimizations

The Power Flow as a System

- The word "system" is can be defined as "a set of connected things or devices that operate together." [Cambridge Dictionary]
- The term power flow is sometimes thought of as just the core algorithm [e.g., Newton-Raphson power flow] but more broadly it is a system the includes
 - The core algorithm for solving the power balance equations
 - External algorithms for modifying controls (e.g., AGC, taps)
 - The set of models used in the algorithms ← _ This talk focuses mostly on
 - The input data including its format < including weather here</p>
 - The associated human machine interface (HMI) including visualizations
- The determination of the input parameters could be thought of at the edge of, or outside, the power flow system

A Few Background Thoughts

- "All models are wrong but some are useful," George Box, *Empirical Model-Building and Response Surfaces*, (1987, p. 424)
 - George Box (1919-2013) formed the Department of Statistics at UW-Madison, and has a more than 200,000 Google Scholar citations
 - Models are an approximation to reality, not reality, so they always have some degree of approximation
 - Box went on to say that the practical question is how wrong to they have to be to not be useful
- A good part of engineering is deciding what is the appropriate level of modeling, and knowing under what conditions the model will fail
- The point of this talk is directly including weather information can be very useful, even if it necessarily involves some approximation

Of course Models Should be Implemented Correctly

- Saying the models are always wrong (at least to some degree) does not mean one should be sloppy in implementing the models
 - A power flow example is looking for quadratic convergence to ensure that the Jacobian is being calculated correctly
- Engineering is also balancing the degree of wrongness in the models, tolerating it more when it matters less
- This certainly occurs with the models used in the power flow
 - Positive sequence versus full three-phase
 - Load models
 - Generator PV buses
 - AC versus DC power flow

Engineering Model Tradeoffs

- In any engineering analysis tools (e.g., the power flow here) there are tradeoffs associated with the models to use
 - The existence of the models themselves (i.e., do we understand the physics)
 - The availability of the model parameters and the memory required to store them
 - The computational complexity required to utilize the model
 - The impact of the model on the ultimate results
 - Compatibility with existing software, etc.
- The focus of this talk is to present an approach for the direct inclusion of weather information in the power flow that does not require substantial changes to existing algorithms, and is expandable moving forward

A Little Bit of Power Flow History

- When the power flow was first introduced in the mid 1950's, 50 bus systems were being solved on computers with 4KB of memory [a] and by the mid 1960's 700 buses were solved with 32KB or memory
 - Comments in [c] indicate that by the early 1970's power flows contained up to 4000 buses and 7000 lines
- Hence initial power flows were very much memory constrained
- Into the mid 1980's many computers had on the order of 512KB of memory
- Adding non-crucial parameters like location was not worth the memory

[a] J.B. Ward, H.W. Hale, "Digital Computer Solution of Power Flow Problems," *AIEE Transactions*, vol. 75, pp. 394-404, June 1956
[b] W.F. Tinney, C.E. Hart, "Power Flow Solution by Newton's Method, *IEEE Trans. Power App. & Syst.*, vol. pas-86, pp. 1449-1460, Nov. 1967
[c] "Common Format for Exchange of Solved Load Flow Data," *IEEE Trans. Power App. & Syst.*, vol. pas-92, pp. 1916-1925, Nov/Dec 1973

- In comparing power flow applications of today versus those of the past, much as changed
- The grid sizes in interconnection level models can be 25 times larger
- Computer memory has increased by at least a factor of 100,000
- However, the key model parameters are mostly the same, contrasting say [a] with [b] and [c]
 - There are now more model parameters, individual objects for loads, generators, switched shunts, three-winding transformers, FACTS, HVDC, impedance correction tables, substations

- Substation latitude and longitude is now mostly required

[a] "Common Format for Exchange of Solved Load Flow Data," *IEEE Trans. Power App. & Syst.*, vol. pas-92, pp. 1916-1925, Nov/Dec 1973
[b] "NERC Library of Standardized Power Flow Parameters and Standardized Dynamic Models, Version 1.0," North American Electric Reliability Corporation, Atlanta, GA, Oct. 2015

[c] "WECC Data Preparation Manual for Interconnection-Wide Cases," WECC, Salt Lake City, UT, 2019.



The Power Flow and Weather

- Human activity depends on the weather, and this has always been reflected in the electric load
- Traditionally some power flow parameters have depended on the weather (e.g., line ratings, combustion turbine max MW, line resistance)
- Over the last several decades this dependence has grown substantially with the increase in wind and solar generation
 - They now provide more than 14% of US electric energy; there are times in which most of the electric power in regions is supplied by these sources
 - They are extremely dependent on the weather
- Major power system input parameters are now heavily weather dependent (e.g., wind and solar generator Max MW)

ERCOT Wind and Solar on 7/8/22

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Supply and Demand



Combined Wind and Solar

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An Approach for the Direct Inclusion of Weather Information in the Power Flow

- The importance of weather has reached the point in which it should be included as a standard part of the power flow inputs
 - Some models for representing weather impacts already exist, and if weather data is readily available more will be developed
- Requirements for explicitly including weather information in the power flow include
 - Have adequate weather information for the footprint of interest
 - Be able to map the weather information to the pertinent electric grid components
 - Have adequate models of how the weather impacts the grid components
- Remainder of presentation shows that meeting these requirements is relatively straightforward now, and can be improved going forward

Availability of Weather Information: Present and Past

- Current and at least some historical weather information is ubiquitously available
 - Associated with some of the research presented here, we obtained hourly

worldwide weather data going back to the 1930's (with the key values being temperature, wind speed, cloud coverage, dew point and wind direction)

 The number of available stations increases as times get closer to the present



Weather Stations (TAMU Dataset) 1949 vs 2022

- In the dataset we obtained there were about 1600 weather stations in the late 1940's and more than 23,000 today
 - The number of missing values also decreases moving forward in time



Weather Station Identifiers

- There is no single standard for identifying weather stations, and there are now many different types of weather stations with available data
- The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) provides data for more than 22,000 locations worldwide using 4-letter identifiers
 - Usually these include the common airport IDs with a letter prefix (KCLL for the College Station airport)
 - Current weather data for about 4900 stations using ICAO is available at https://aviationweather.gov/adds/dataserver_current/current/metars.cache.csv
- The World Meteorological Association (WMO) uses five digit identifiers with some overlap with the ICAOs
- For power flow this data could be supplemented with electric utility weather stations

ICAO METAR Example Information

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Future Weather

- Given that power flow studies often look at future conditions, there are several options for getting this information
 - Grid organizations (e.g., NERC, EROs, etc.) could select a set of times from the past to study and standardize on them (peak summer is 3pm CDT on xx-xx-xxxx)
 - Grid organizations could develop or obtain future representative weather conditions (many different organizations already do such studies)
 - Entirely fictional conditions could be used (e.g., high temperature, high wind, etc.)
- Inclusion of weather in a power flow data file would have very little impact on the file size
- An advantage of including the weather is the underlying weather assumptions would become explicit

Mapping Weather to the Electric Grid Components

- As noted, geographic information is now available in most power flow cases, either in the main file or a supplemental file
 - Large-scale synthetic grids with geographic information are also available
- Given the number of weather station data available even in the 1940's, close by meteorological measurements are usually available for electric grid infrastructure
- There is no single best algorithm for doing the needed 2D scattered data interpolation, but there are a number of good and fast algorithms (Delaunay Triangulation, Shepherd's, closest neighbor)
- Usually places in which the weather changes rapidly with geography (e.g., mountains) don't have much electric infrastructure (the exceptions are covered next)

Delaunay Triangulation of 1949 Weather Stations



Delaunay Triangulation of 2022 Weather Stations



Temperature Contour for February 15, 2021





Mapping Weather to the Electric Grid Components

- In situations in which interpolation does not work well (e.g., valleys, mountains, some coastal regions), specific weather stations could be assigned to the electric grid devices (e.g., a wind farm)
 - A example is the Columbia River Gorge with a length of 190 km and an
 - average width of 5 km; the gorge has a unique and complex climate often with high winds
 - Image shows the generation (ovals, with green for wind and blue for hydro) and the weather stations (as white rectangles)



Last Issue: Models of Grid Weather Impacts

- Certainly a number of models already exist, and undoubtedly more will be created as weather data is included with power flow cases
- An approach for handling a growing list of models is to mimic what has been done with power system stability – start small and expand
 - Stability codes from 1960 gave some nice results on grids with up to 96 generators using a total of three models (a machine, an exciter, and a governor)
 - Current stability codes support hundreds of models

[a] M. S. Dyrkacz, C. C. Young, and F. J. Maginniss, "," AIEE Trans. (Power App. & Syst.), vol. 79, pp. 1245-1257, Feb. 1961.



Example of Model Evolution: Exciters for Stability

- In previous 1961 article the exciter had one differential equation
- In 1968 the IEEE type 1 to 4 exciters were defined [a]
- In 1981 updated exciters are provided (modeled as EX...) [b]
- In 1992 IEEE Std. 421.5-1992 provides more updates (modeled as ES...) and also includes power system stabilizers
- In 2005 IEEE Std. 421.5-2005 provides more updates and includes over and underexcitation limiters, and power factor and reactive controllers and regulators
- In 2016 IEEE Std. 421-5-2016 provides more updates

[a] "Computer Representation of Excitation Systems," *IEEE Trans. Power App. and Syst.*, vol. PAS-87, pp. 1460-1464, June 1968
[b] "Excitation System Models for Power Stability Studies," *IEEE Trans. Power App. and Syst.*, vol. PAS-100, pp. 494-509, February 1981

Initial Models: Gen MaxMW Wind and Solar

- Initially we've code just six different models, all relating weather to generator maximum MW values (four wind turbines, a generic solar and a generic temperature)
 - The wind turbine models are based on the turbine classes using data from [a]
 - The solar PV model uses the standard equations for insolation based on location and time of day including cloud cover, combining it with whether the solar has tracking and, if needed, its tilt and azimuth



[a] C. Draxl, A. Clifton, B. Hodge, J. McCaa, "The Wind Integration National Dataset (WIND) Toolkit," *Applied Energy*, vol. 151, pp. 355-366, 2015.

Example: Wind During Record Cold in Texas (1949)





Example: Solar at 4am (Central) on 1/31/49





Needed Wind and Solar Data is in EIA 860

- For generation in the US the data needed to setup the wind and solar models is in the EIA 860 data
 - For wind this includes the wind quality class, the design speed, the turbine model, and the hub height
 - For solar this includes the type of tracking (single or dual), tilt angle and azimuth angle
 U.S. wind capacity additions by wind design class (1990–2018)



Image source: www.eia.gov/todayinenergy/detail.php?id=41474

Initial Model: Generation Max MW and Temperature

- The impact of ambient temperature on some types of generators is well known, with their output decreasing as the temperature rises
- As demonstrated in Feb 2021 generators can be impacted by low temperatures, but the relationship is less well defined
- As presented in [a] the failure rate for generators does show some strong temperature dependency (left image is Figure 6 from [a]



[a] S. Murphy, F. Sowell, J. Apt, "A time-dependent model of generator failures and recoveries captures correlated events and quantifies temperature dependence," *Applied Energy*, vol. 253, 2019.

Initial Model: Generation Max MW and Temperature

- More R&D is needed to determine how this dependence should be reflected in power flow models
 - This temperature dependence could be represented either in a deterministic or in a stochastic model (e.g., for power flow Monte Carlo simulations)
- One simple model is shown below



Some Potential Additional Models

- With weather information a part of the power flow a wide variety of additional power flow model enhancements become possible.
 Some examples are given below, recognizing that many are already done using external analysis
 - Transmission line limits that depend on temperature, wind and insolation along the right-of-way
 - Transformer limits
 - Load models (recognizing that the load depends on many factors, initial models could be linearizations about a specified value)
 - Line resistance (though this would be more complex since it is operating point dependent
 - Etc.

A 6700 Bus Synthetic Grid Example

- Next slides give some specific examples, with the first example using a 6700 bus synthetic grid on the ERCOT footprint.
 - The transmission grid is shown on the left (red is 345 kV, black 138 kV), with the generation shown using a geographic data view (GDV) visualization with green wind, yellow solar, red nuclear, brown natural gas



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Applying July 11 and 12, 2022 Weather to Case

- Given that ERCOT set an all time peak on 7/11/22 (78,379 MW) with a conservation appeal (driven in part by low wind availability) for between 2 and 8 pm, the first example shows how weather can be quickly applied to this situation
- According to the ERCOT 7/10/22 news release their capacity is 80,083 MW dispatchable, 35,162 MW wind , and 11,787 MW solar
 - On July 11 only about 8% of the wind was forecasted to be available at peak
- The example uses the 6700 bus case with 2019 capacity of 25,700 MW wind, 2335 MW solar and 76,900 dispatchable
- The power flow case was initially set to all generation online with a load of 78,400 MW

6700 Bus Power Flow Solution: No Weather

Standard Voltage Contour GDV of generation dispatch, size is MW, color is fuel type (green is wind, yellow solar) Date and Time (Central): 07/11/2022 02:20 PM Date and Time (Central): 07/11/2022 02:20 PM Total Load: 78400 MW Total Load: 78400 MW Wind Gen 25118 MW This a 6700 Bus Wind Gen 24886 MW Solar Gen 2060 MW Synthetic Grid with This a 6700 Bus Solar Gen 2040 MW Synthetic Grid with all lines fictitious. all lines fictitious. Generation is based on 2019 EIA 860 Generation is based on 2019 EIA 860 data. data. oltage Magnitude -1.06 pu -1.00 pu 0.94 pu

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GDV of Generation with Layout with No Weather



Adding the Weather

example

- On July 11 at about 3pm CDT I downloaded the worldwide weather data from
 - <u>https://aviationweather.gov/adds/dataserver_current/current/metars.cache.csv</u>
 - There are many sources for weather information; this is just one easy to get

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20	LSGS 1120207 AUTO 25004KT 220V/280 CAVUSGS	2022-07-1	46 22	7 32	24	12	250	4		6.21	30.08858			TRUE							interior co	CAVOK	0500 0	501
21	LSGG 112020Z 01004KT 320V040 CAVOK 22 LSGG	2022-07-1	46.25	6.12	27	10	10	4		6.21	30 11811			mor			TRUE					CAVOK		
22	LSGC 1120207 AUTO 03006KT 9999 NCD 17/ LSGC	2022-07-1	47.08	6.8	17	11	30	6		6.21	30,23622			TRUE								CLR		
23	LLBG 1120207 VBB02KT 9999 SCT031 26/20 LLBG	2022-07-1	32	34.88	26	20	0	2		6.21	29,79331						TRUE					SCT	3100	
24	LGKR 112020Z 22003KT CAVOK 23/15 Q101: LGKR	2022-07-1	39.62	19.92	23	15	220	3		6.21	29.91142						TRUE					CAVOK		
25	LGIR 112020Z 30010KT 9999 FEW025 25/18 (LGIR	2022-07-1	35.33	25.17	25	18	300	10		6.21	29.94095						TRUE					FEW	2500	
26	LGAV 112020Z 33004KT 280V040 9999 FEW(LGAV	2022-07-1	37.93	23.95	23	13	330	4		6.21	30						TRUE					FEW	3000	
27	LATI 112020Z VRB03KT CAVOK 20/14 Q1017 LATI	2022-07-1	41.42	19.72	20	14	0	3		6.21	30.02953						TRUE					CAVOK		
28	KQFX 112020Z AUTO 11001KT 9999 FEW003 KQFX	2022-07-1172	20:20:00Z		21	21	110	1		6.21	29.77854			TRUE	TRUE			TRUE				FEW	300	
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Loading the Weather

- The METAR file can be directly loaded into the power flow software (other options for handling historical weather will be covered shortly)
 - Since the file has the weather station latitudes and longitudes, optionally new stations can be created if they don't exist, the approach used here

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1	KEED	114.620000	34.770000	889	2022-07-11T19:56:00.000	YES	114.1		5.1	11.5	220.0	0.0	81.
2	KLSV	115.050000	36.230000	1847	2022-07-11T19:58:00.000	NO		10	3.1	6.9	230.0	20.0	65
3	KPSP	116.500000	33.820000	404	2022-07-11T19:53:00.000	YES	113.0	24.1	2.6	5.8	0.0	0.0	81
4	KHII	114.370000	34.570000	791	2022-07-11T20:15:00.000	YES	113.0	33.8	4.1	9.2	100.0	0.0	81
5	KBLH	114.720000	33.620000	390	2022-07-11T19:52:00.000	YES	111.9	44.1	5.1	11.5	160.0	75,0	20
6	KPHX	112.020000	33.430000	1109	2022-07-11T19:51:00.000	YES	111.9	45.0	3.1	6.9	260.0	45.0	44
7	KLGF	114.400000	32.870000	387	2022-07-11T19:58:00.000	NO		45.0	3.1	6.9	190.0	0.0	81
8	KNJK	115.670000	32.820000	-49	2022-07-11T19:56:00.000	NO		30.0	2.6	5.8	100.0	0.0	81
9	KIFP	114.570000	35.150000	689	2022-07-11T19:47:00.000	YES	111.2	41.0	4.1	9.2	210.0	45.0	44
10	KLUF	112.370000	33.530000	1093	2022-07-11T20:18:00.000	NO		42.8	6.2	13.8	240.0	45.0	44
11	KGEU	112.300000	33.530000	1047	2022-07-11T19:50:00.000	YES	111.2	46.4	5.7	12.7	190.0	45.0	44
12	KBXK	112.680000	33.420000	994	2022-07-11T20:15:00.000	YES	111.2	44.6	3.6	i 8.1	230.0		
13	KL08	116.320000	33.270000	512	2022-07-11T20:15:00.000	YES	111.2	15.8	4.1	9.2	90.0	0.0	81
14	KIPL	115.580000	32.830000	-52	2022-07-11T19:53:00.000	YES	111.0	34.0	3.6	i 8.1	90.0	0.0	81
15	KDVT	112.070000	33.680000	1490	2022-07-11T19:53:00.000	YES	111.0	46.0	6.2	13.8	280.0	0.0	81
16	KTRM	116.170000	33.630000	-128	2022-07-11T19:52:00.000	YES	111.0	39.0	4.1	9.2	130.0	0.0	81
17	KGXF	112.720000	32.880000	856	2022-07-11T19:58:00.000	YES	110.5	43.5	4.1	9.2	280.0	20.0	65
18	KFFZ	111.720000	33.470000	1378	2022-07-11T19:54:00.000	YES	109.9	46.9	4.6	i 10.4	270.0	0.0	81
19	KSDL	111.920000	33.620000	1437	2022-07-11T19:53:00.000	YES	109.9	45.0	4.6	i 10.4	280.0	0.0	81
20	KA39	111.920000	32.980000	1283	2022-07-11T20:15:00.000	YES	109.4	48.2	5.7	12.7	250.0	0.0	81
21	KIWA	111.650000	33.300000	1378	2022-07-11T19:50:00.000	YES	109.4	50.0	3.1	6.9	310.0	0.0	81
22	KGYR	112.370000	33.420000	958	2022-07-11T19:47:00.000	YES	109.4	50.0	5.1	11.5	240.0	75.0	20
23	KP08	111.430000	32.930000	1565	2022-07-11T20:15:00.000	YES	109.4	46.4	6.2	13.8	320.0	0.0	81
24	KMKN	-98.600000	31.920000	1404	2022-07-11T20:06:00.000	YES	109.4	62.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	45.0	44
25	KNOZ	114.500000	32.530000	256	2022-07-11T19:59:00.000	YES	109.0	55.9	3.1	6.9	170.0	0.0	81
26	ксот	-99.220000	28.450000	472	2022-07-11T19:53:00.000	YES	109.0	63.0	4.1	9.2	110.0	45.0	44
27	KNYL	114.620000	32.650000	190	2022-07-11T19:57:00.000	YES	109.0	54.0	4.6	i 10.4	200.0	0.0	81
28	KCGZ	111.770000	32.950000	1457	2022-07-11T19:56:00.000	NO		48.9	3.6	8.1	220.0	0.0	81
29	KAPY	-99.250000	26.970000	423	2022-07-11T20:15:00.000	YES	108.7	61.0	3.1	6.9	70.0	100.0	0
30	KSJT	100.500000	31.370000	1909	2022-07-11T19:51:00.000	YES	108.0	46.0	2.6	5.8	0.0	0.0	81
31	KLAS	115.170000	36.070000	2172	2022-07-11T19:56:00.000	YES	108.0	42.1	4.6	i 10.4	100.0	20.0	65
32	KTUS	110.950000	32.130000	2546	2022-07-11T19:53:00.000	YES	108.0	48.0	5.1	11.5	360.0	0.0	81
33	KMZJ	111.320000	32.520000	1883	2022-07-11T20:15:00.000	YES	107.6	46.4	5.1	11.5	310.0	0.0	81
34	MMML	115.230000	32.620000	69	2022-07-11T19:40:00.000	YES	107.6	41.0	3.1	6.9	110.0		
35	KAVK	-98.670000	36.770000	1476	2022-07-11T20:20:00.000	YES	107.6	48.2	3.6	8.1	190.0	0.0	80
36	KAVQ	111.220000	32.400000	2028	2022-07-11T20:15:00.000	YES	107.6	40.6	2.6	5.8	320.0	0.0	81
37	KBVU	114.870000	35.950000	2146	2022-07-11T20:15:00.000	YES	107.6	39.2	3.6	8.1	0.0	0.0	81
38	KCVB	-98.850000	29.350000	768	2022-07-11T20:17:00.000	YES	107.6	51.8	2.6	5.8	120.0	0.0	80

Sorted by temperature; it was nice to see that Texas wasn't the hottest place in the world! Locally (KCLL) we were 76th out of more than 4800

Visualizing the Weather

GDVs can be created for the weather stations for quick visualization with dynamic formatting

Here the stations with temperatures above 100 F are shown larger

Contouring the Data

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• If desired the data can be readily contoured

Cloud Cover and Wind Speed

Cloud Cover Percent

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Wind Speed in the Focus Area of Texas

• There is a disconnect between the power flow assumption for wind and what was actually occurring

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Mapping Weather to Power Flow Parameters

 Using the new models the weather can be mapped to power system values (all generator MaxMW here)

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3 Gen MWN	1ax SolarP	/Basic1	36		36	(
4 Cap MM/A	lax Tempe	ratureBasic1	664		664	0							

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2	15	0492 1	DESDEMONA 3 2	13.80	North Centra	l WindBasic	72	Active	Gen MWMa	2.7162	Yes		4.5941	0.0766 Yes	1	1	(60	3.5	11	25	2	5 1.5	i
3	15	0496 1	BRYSON 1 2_18.00)	North Centra	l WindBasic	144	Active	Gen MWMa	2.8997	Yes		13.593	0.1133 Yes	1	1	(D 120	3.5	11	25	2	5 1.5	i
4	15	0499 1	OLNEY 2 3_18.00		North Centra	l WindBasic	270	Active	Gen MWMa	3.992	Yes		74.6393	0.3317 Yes	1	1	(225	3.5	11	25	2	5 1.5	i
5	15	0502 1	WINDTHORST 2 3	3_20.00	North	WindBasic	193.2	Active	Gen MWMa	3.82	Yes		47.8704	0.2973 Yes	1	1	(0 161	3.5	11	25	2	5 1.5	i
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7	15	0507 1	MUENSTER 5 2_13	3.80	North	WindBasic	135	Active	Gen MWMa	2.0639	Yes		0	0 Yes	1	1	(112.5	3.5	11	25	2	5 1.5	i
8	15	0510 1	ODELL 1 2_13.80		North	WindBasic	162.48	Active	Gen MWMa	2.0265	Yes		0	0 Yes	1	1	(135.4	3.5	11	25	2	5 1.5	i
9	15	0512 1	JACKSBORO 3 2_1	3.80	North Centra	I WindBasic	132	Active	Gen MWMa	2.642	Yes		6.7896	0.0617 Yes	1	1	(110	3.5	11	25	2	5 1.5	i
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11	15	0517 1	WINDTHORST 4 2	2_13.80	North	WindBasic	81.12	Active	Gen MWMa	3.6485	Yes		17.7805	0.263 Yes	1	1	(67.6	3.5	11	25	2	5 1.5	i
12	15	0520 1	SEYMOUR 3 2_24.	.00	North	WindBasic	180	Active	Gen MWMa	3.198	Yes		25.939	0.1729 Yes	1	1	(D 150	3.5	11	25	2	5 1.5	6
13	15	0528 1	OKLAUNION 2 3_1	18.00	North	WindBasic	276	Active	Gen MWMa	2.7604	Yes		19.6474	0.0854 Yes	1	1	(230	3.5	11	25	2	5 1.5	<i>i</i>
14	15	0531 1	MUENSTER 6 3_18	8.00	North	WindBasic	150	Active	Gen MWMa	1.9491	Yes		0	0 Yes	1	1	(125	3.5	11	25	2	5 1.5	5
15	15	0534 1	MINGUS 4 3_18.00	0	North Centra	WindBasic	120.6	Active	Gen MWMa	2.5313	Yes		3.9801	0.0396 Yes	1	1	(100.5	3.5	11	25	2	5 1.5	i
16	15	0549 1	SEYMOUR 4 2_18.	.00	North	WindBasic	36.24	Active	Gen MWMa	3.6916	Yes		8.2039	0.2717 Yes	1	1	(30.2	3.5	11	25	2	5 1.5	i
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Mapping Weather to Power Flow Parameters

- Actual ERCOT wind between 2pm and 3pm gradually rose from about 2200 to 3670 MW
- Using the real-time weather with the default Class 2 wind turbine models the wind generation in the power flow decreased from 24.5 GW to 3.3 GW
 - This is based on an assumed hub height to surface wind scaling of 1.4; the value is 2.8 GW with a scaling of 1.25

Weather Scaled Generation Values, 7/11/2022

Easily Using Models or Weather with Other Power Flows: First the Same Grid with New Weather

- With the weather and associated models available, both can be readily used with other cases. The below example takes the previous power flow and applies the July 12, 2022 weather (a hot day but with more wind in Texas)
 - As before the input is the METAR weather, now from 2pm on July 12

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Easily Using Models or Weather with Other Power Flows: July 13, 2022 about 130pm

 One of the advantages of using actual generator locations in the synthetic grids coupled with actual weather is validation,
 Something we have just started

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Easily Using Models or Weather with Other Power Flows: Now a New Grid with July 11 Weather

- Historical weather can also be applied to future grids. The below example is for a 2030 extreme renewable Texas synthetic scenario
 - This grid has 26.8 GW of solar and 55.7 GW of wind

This was solved using a DC OPF

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Using Large Amounts of Historical Data

We have now setup historical data going back to the 1940's in a form that allows different weather scenarios to be quickly applied to grids of today or the future
 *.tsb files

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			25 1	/1/1949	7:00:00 PM	NO	VES	Apply O	ily with v		Apply On	ly with Weath	NO	NO	VES	NO	812685.6	217506.0	81/075 03	1740/1.55	0.00	45360.69		0
			27 1	/1/1949	8:00:00 PM	NO	VES	Apply Or	ly with M	/ NO	Apply On	ly with Weath	NO	NO	VES	NO	812685.6	217506.0	812136 67	173628.49	0.00	45360.69		á
			28 1	/1/1949	9:00:00 PM	NO	YES	Apply Or	ly with V	/ NO	Apply On	with Weath	NO	NO	YES	NO	812685.6	217506.0	811699.12	173913.00	0.00	45360.69	Ċ	à
			29 1	/1/1949	10:00:00 PM	NO	YES	Apply O	nly with W	/ NO	Apply On	ly with Weath	NO	NO	YES	NO	812685.6	217506.0	811250.54	173899.73	0.00	45360.69	(ć
			30 1	/1/1949	11:00:00 PM	NO	YES	Apply Or	nly with W	/ NO	Apply On	ly with Weath	NO	NO	YES	NO	812685.6	217506.0	809928.17	173937.02	0.00	45360.69	()
			31 1	/2/1949	12:00:00 AM	NO	YES	Apply Or	nly with V	/ NO	Apply On	ly with Weath	NO	NO	YES	NO	812685.6	217506.0	810241.31	174075.44	0.00	45360.69	()
			32 1	/2/1949	1:00:00 AM	NO	YES	Apply O	nly with V	/ NO	Apply On	ly with Weath	NO	NO	YES	NO	812685.6	217506.0	806381.79	174117.87	0.00	45360.69	(3
			33 1	/2/1949	2:00:00 AM	NO	YES	Apply O	nly with V	/ NO	Apply On	ly with Weath	NO	NO	YES	NO	812685.6	217506.0	807034.96	174194.26	0.00	45360.69	()
			34 1	/2/1949	3:00:00 AM	NO	YES	Apply O	nly with V	/ NO	Apply On	ly with Weath	NO	NO	YES	NO	812685.6	217506.0	808874.02	173748.21	0.00	45360.69	()
			35 1	(2/1949	4:00:00 AM	NO	TES	Apply O	ily with V		Apply On	y with weath	NO	NO	TES	NO	812685.6	21/506.0	00/216.41	174194.13	0.00	45360.69		,
			30 1	/2/1949	6:00:00 AM	NO	VES	Apply O	ny with M	/ NO	Apply On Apply Op	ly with Westh	NO	NO	VES	NO	812685.6	217506.0	806409 57	174335 55	0.00	45360.69	(é –
			38 1	/2/1949	7:00:00 AM	NO	VES	Apply O	ly with M	/ NO	Apply On Apply On	ly with Westh	NO	NO	VES	NO	812685.6	217506.0	804617.48	174391.26	0.00	45360.69		á
			39 1	/2/1949	8:00:00 AM	NO	YES	Apply O	ly with V	/ NO	Apply On	ly with Weath	NO	NO	YES	NO	812685.6	217506.0	806929.98	174321,86	0.00	45360.69	(J
			40 1	/2/1949	9:00:00 AM	NO	YES	Apply O	ly with V	/ NO	Apply On	ly with Weath	NO	NO	YES	NO	812685.6	217506.0	812619.73	174433.89	0.00	45360.69	Ċ	J
			41 1	/2/1949	10:00:00 AM	NO	YES	Apply O	nly with W	/ NO	Apply On	ly with Weath	NO	NO	YES	NO	812685.6	217506.0	818705.81	174429.50	0.00	45360.69	()
I			42 1	/2/1949	111:00:00 AM	NO	YES	Apply Or	nlv with V	/ NO	Apply On	lv with Weath	NO	NO	YES	NO	812685.6	217506.0	824039.36	174417.86	0.00	45360.69	()

Example Results Using a 82,000 Bus Synthetic Grid

With this approach, any modifications to generator portfolio can be screened using a wide variety of historical points (e.g., we now have hourly worldwide weather values from about 1945 to 2022)

Example Results Using a 82,000 Bus Synthetic Grid

Temperatures February 15, 2021

Temperatures January 31, 1949

Potential Grid Impacts of January 31, 1949

- In comparing 2011 with 1949, in 1949 the temperatures were lower in parts of Central Texas, but not as low further north. However these lower temperatures did occur in locations the now have a large amount of natural gas generation
- The wind in 1949 was substantially lower, with almost no wind in South Texas

Conclusion

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- The presentation has shown the weather data can be used effectively in the power flow
- A number of models that relate weather to electric grid values already exist, but more certainly should be developed
- With adequate models historical and/or future forecasted weather can be relatively easily applied to the electric grids of today and the future

Thank You! Questions?

