





Learning for Monitoring and Control in Power Distribution Grids

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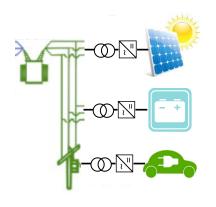
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Learning in distribution grids

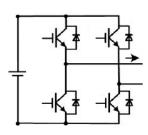
- Reduced observability due to sheer extent and limited real-time metering
- However, load estimates and topology information needed for grid optimization and control



Smart inverters interfacing new technologies



- Adding a third functionality to smart inverters
 - 1. energy conversion
 - 2. grid control
 - 3. grid monitoring



Inverter Probing for Learning Distribution Grids



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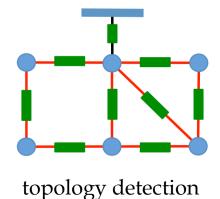


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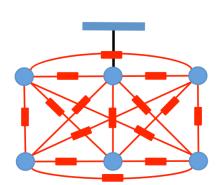


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Grid topology learning



 Given data and existing line infrastructure, find which lines are energized



topology identification

 Given data alone, find grid topology and line impedances

Prior work

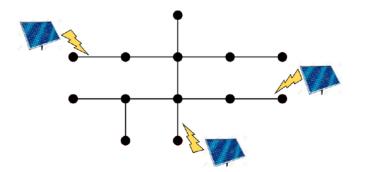
Passive data collection

- Voltage covariance [Bolognani'13], [Deka-Backhaus-Chertkov'15], [Li-Scaglione-Poor'15]
- Graphical models and DNN [Weng-Liao-Rajagopal'17], [Sevlian-Rajagopal'17], [Zhao-Poor'17]
- Micro-PMU data [Ardakanian et al'18]

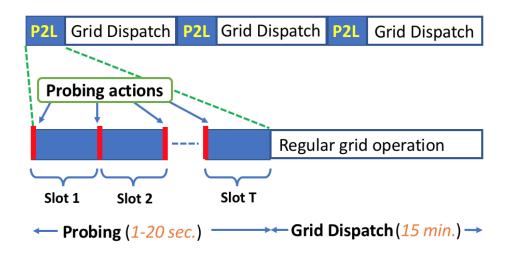
Grid perturbation for active data collection

- Oscillation modes in transmission grid dynamics [Trudnowski-Pierre'09]
- Identification of DC microgrids [Angjelichinoski-Scaglione '16]
- Thevenin impedance for single inverter [Jaksic-Boroyevich-Burgos ′17]

Grid probing using inverters

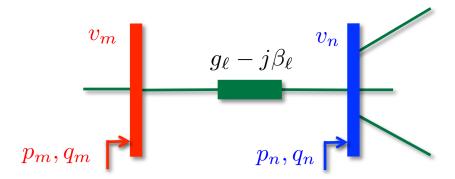


- Perturb power injections at probing buses [how?]
- Collect grid voltage response (magnitudes, phasors)
- Repeat over *T* probing actions spaced 1-2' apart



Approximate grid model

Single-phase *radial* grid with *N*+1 nodes and *N* lines



$$\mathbf{a}_{\ell} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ +1 \\ \mathbf{0} \\ -1 \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \longleftarrow \text{node } m$$

Linear distribution flow (LDF) model [Baran-Wu'89], [Deka et al'17]

$$\mathbf{v}\simeq\mathbf{R}\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{X}\mathbf{q}+\mathbf{1}_N$$

inverse graph
$$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{A}^{\top} dg(\mathbf{g}) \mathbf{A}$$

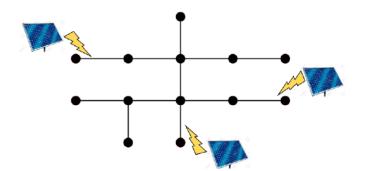
Laplacian $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{L}^{-1}$

- Differential quantities $\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_t = \mathbf{R}\tilde{\mathbf{p}}_t + \mathbf{X}\tilde{\mathbf{q}}_t + \mathbf{n}_t$ $\tilde{\mathbf{p}}_t := \mathbf{p}_t \mathbf{p}_{t-1}$ 1. modeling error 2. metering noise 3. unmodeled (load) variations

Probing for topology identification

• Active power probing $(\tilde{\mathbf{q}}_t = \mathbf{0})$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{p}}_t = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{p}}_{t,\mathcal{M}} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{p}}_{t,\mathcal{O}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathrm{known} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}$$
 probed buses \mathcal{M} unchanged loads \mathcal{O}



• Probe grid over $T \ge |\mathcal{M}|$ periods and ignore noise

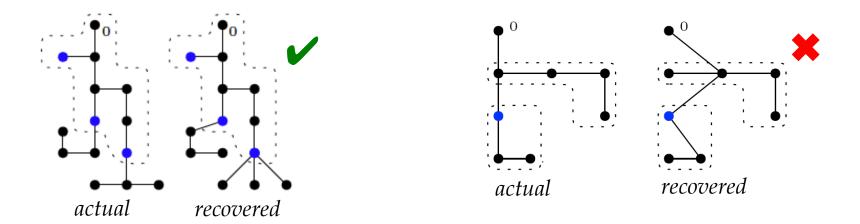
$$ilde{\mathbf{v}}_t = \mathbf{R} ilde{\mathbf{p}}_t + \mathbf{X} ilde{\mathbf{q}}_t + \mathbf{n}_t \quad \Longrightarrow \quad ilde{\mathbf{V}} = \mathbf{R} ilde{\mathbf{P}} = \mathbf{R} \left[egin{array}{c} ilde{\mathbf{P}}_{\mathcal{M}} \ ilde{\mathbf{0}} \end{array}
ight]$$

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{M},\mathcal{M}} & \mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{O},\mathcal{M}}^{\top} \\ \mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{O},\mathcal{M}} & \mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{O},\mathcal{O}} \end{bmatrix}$$
matrix partition

- Complete data: voltages collected at all buses, recover $\mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{M}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{M},\mathcal{M}} \\ \mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{O},\mathcal{M}} \end{bmatrix}$
- Partial data: voltages collected only at probing buses, recover $\mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{M},\mathcal{M}}$

Topology identifiability

Theorem 1 (Complete data): Remove the descendants of probed buses. If you get a tree with all its leaves probed, this tree can be identified.

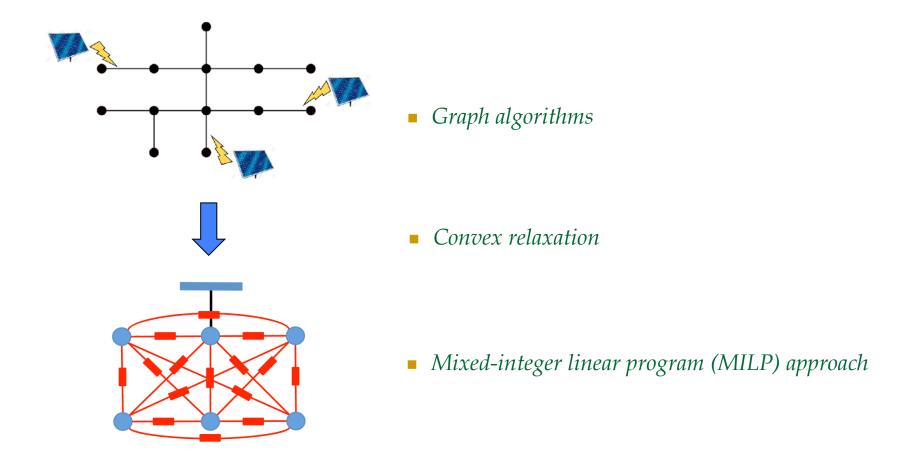


Corollary: If all leaf buses are probed, the entire grid topology can be identified.

Theorem 2 (Partial data): If all leaf nodes are probed, a reduced grid can be identified.

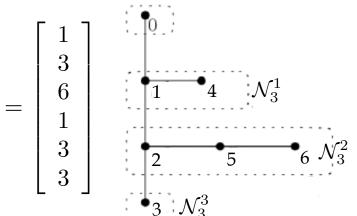
Rich literature on recovering graphs; parallel results [Park-Deka-Chertkov'17]

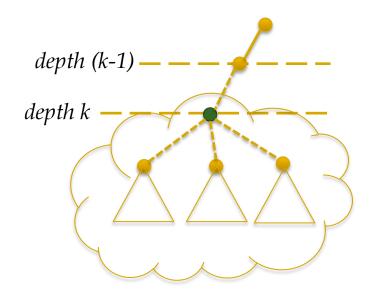
From probing data to topology identification



Root and Branch (R&B) algorithm

- Group entries of m-th column of $\mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{M}}$
- Buses grouped together comprise a *level set* \mathcal{N}_m^k





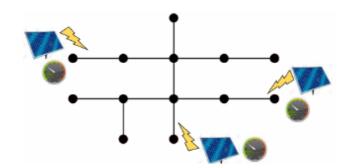
Recursive graph algorithm

- *S*1) Find *k*-depth root as intersection of $\{\mathcal{N}_m^k\}$
- *S*2) Connect *k* to (*k*-1)-depth root with resistance
- *S3*) Group buses with identical \mathcal{N}_m^k and recurse

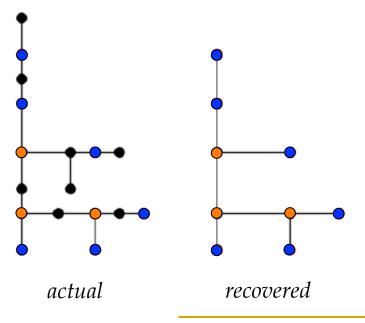
R&B with partial voltage data

What if voltages are collected only at M?

$$ilde{\mathbf{V}}_{\mathcal{M}} = \mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{M}\mathcal{M}} ilde{\mathbf{P}}_{\mathcal{M}} \ \, ext{where} \ \, \mathbf{R} = \left[egin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{M},\mathcal{M}} & \mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{M},\mathcal{O}} \\ \mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{O},\mathcal{M}} & \mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{O},\mathcal{O}} \end{array}
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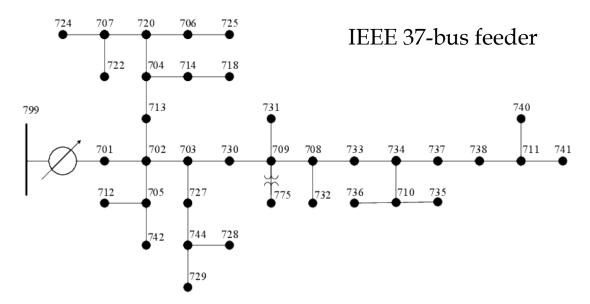


Level sets of probing nodes are partially observed



- Modified R&B recovers a reduced grid
 - ✓ radial grid
 - ✓ recovers non-metered buses having two children each one with a probed descendant
 - ✓ correct pair-wise path resistances

Numerical tests



Probability of Erroneous Topology

Complete voltage data

T_m	1	10	20	40	90
Error Prob. [%]	98.5	55.3	20.9	3.1	0.2

Partial voltage data

T_m	1	5	10	20	39
Error Prob. [%]	97.2	45.8	26.3	18.9	0.1

• Each inverter is probed T_m times to average out noise

Convex relaxation heuristic

- Graph algorithms rely on noiseless estimates of $\mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{M}}$ ($\mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{M},\mathcal{M}}$)
- For complete voltage data, invert probing data model

$$\tilde{\mathbf{V}} = \mathbf{R}\tilde{\mathbf{P}} + \mathbf{N}$$
 $\tilde{\mathbf{P}} = \mathbf{L}\tilde{\mathbf{V}} + \mathbf{E}$

Topology identification via data fitting

$$\min_{\mathbf{L}} \|\tilde{\mathbf{P}} - \mathbf{L}\tilde{\mathbf{V}}\|_F^2 \qquad convex \qquad \min_{\mathbf{L}} \|\tilde{\mathbf{P}} - \mathbf{L}\tilde{\mathbf{V}}\|_F^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{L}\|_1 - \mu \log |\mathbf{L}|$$
s.to $\mathbf{L} \succ \mathbf{0}$

$$L_{m,n} \leq 0, \quad \forall m \neq n$$

$$\|\mathbf{L}\|_{0,\text{off}} = 2N$$

$$\sin \|\tilde{\mathbf{P}} - \mathbf{L}\tilde{\mathbf{V}}\|_F^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{L}\|_1 - \mu \log |\mathbf{L}|$$

$$\text{s.to } \mathbf{L} \succeq \mathbf{0}$$

$$L_{m,n} \leq 0, \quad \forall m \neq n$$

Recover tree through heuristics (e.g., minimum spanning tree)

Topology detection vs. identification

Similar formulation if Laplacian is parameterized in terms of lines

$$L(\mathbf{b}) = \sum_{\ell \in \mathcal{L}} \frac{\mathbf{b}_{\ell}}{r_{\ell}} \mathbf{a}_{\ell} \mathbf{a}_{\ell}^{\top}$$
 where $\mathbf{b}_{\ell} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{, line } \ell \text{ is energized} \\ 0 & \text{, otherwise} \end{cases}$

Topology detection through data fitting

$$\min_{\mathbf{b}} \|\tilde{\mathbf{P}} - \mathbf{L}(\mathbf{b})\tilde{\mathbf{V}}\|_F^2$$

$$\text{s.to } \mathbf{b} \in \{0, 1\}^{\bar{L}}$$

$$\mathbf{b}^{\top} \mathbf{1} = N$$

$$\mathbf{L}(\mathbf{b}) \succ \mathbf{0}$$

$$\min_{\mathbf{b}} \|\tilde{\mathbf{P}} - \mathbf{L}(\mathbf{b})\tilde{\mathbf{V}}\|_F^2 - \mu \log |\mathbf{L}(\mathbf{b})|$$

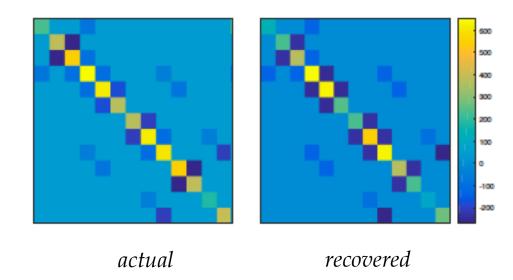
$$\text{s.to } \mathbf{b} \in [0, 1]^{\bar{L}}$$

$$\mathbf{b}^{\top} \mathbf{1} = N$$

Related formulations with covariance matrices for smart meter data analytics

Numerical tests

Resistive Laplacian matrix for *IEEE 13-bus feeder*



Identification/detection results for IEEE 37-bus feeder

AVERAGE NUMBER OF LINE STATUS ERRORS FOR THE 37-BUS FEEDER

	T = 1	T=2	T = 5	T = 10
Identification task of (22)	5.07	3.92	3.73	2.69
Verification task of (32)	0.32	0.21	0.08	0.01

Exact model fitting

- $\textbf{Recall grid Laplacian} \quad \textbf{L} = \textbf{A}^{\top} dg(\textbf{g}) \textbf{A}$ $\textit{topology} \quad \textit{line conductances}$
- Vectorize probing data model

$$\tilde{\mathbf{P}} = \mathbf{L}\tilde{\mathbf{V}} + \mathbf{E}$$
 \Longrightarrow $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{g} + \mathbf{e}$ where $\mathbf{H} = \tilde{\mathbf{V}}^{\top}\mathbf{A}^{\top} \star \mathbf{A}^{\top}$ Khatri-Rao product

- Pretending topology A is known, find conductances g through LS fit
- Optimal \mathbf{g}_{LS} provides LS fit error $f(\mathbf{A}) = -\mathbf{p}^{\top} \mathbf{H} (\mathbf{H}^{\top} \mathbf{H})^{-1} \mathbf{H}^{\top} \mathbf{p}$
- Find topology **A** attaining smallest LS fit $f(\mathbf{A})$

Topology identification

selection matrix

Select from candidate lines $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{S}\bar{\mathbf{A}}$ $\mathbf{S}\mathbf{S}^{\top} = \mathbf{I}_N, \quad \mathbf{S}^{\top}\mathbf{S} = \mathrm{dg}(\mathbf{b})$

$$\mathbf{S}\mathbf{S}^{ op} = \mathbf{I}_N, \quad \mathbf{S}^{ op}\mathbf{S} = \mathrm{dg}(\mathbf{b})$$

 \mathbf{Z}

- Reformulate LS fit $f(\mathbf{b}) = \bar{\mathbf{p}}^{\top} dg(\mathbf{b}) \bar{\mathbf{p}} + \bar{\mathbf{p}}^{\top} dg(\mathbf{b}) (\mathbf{C} dg(\mathbf{b}))^{-1} dg(\mathbf{b}) \bar{\mathbf{p}}$
- Solve problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{b} \in \{0,1\}^{\bar{L} \times 1}} f'(\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{z}) = \bar{\mathbf{p}}^{\top} \operatorname{dg}(\mathbf{b}) \bar{\mathbf{p}} + \bar{\mathbf{p}}^{\top} \operatorname{dg}(\mathbf{b}) \mathbf{z}$$
s.to $(\mathbf{C} - \operatorname{dg}(\mathbf{b})) \mathbf{z} = \operatorname{dg}(\mathbf{b}) \bar{\mathbf{p}}$

$$\mathbf{1}_{\bar{L}}^{\top} \mathbf{b} = N$$

$$|\bar{\mathbf{A}}|^{\top} \mathbf{b} \ge \mathbf{1}_{N+1}$$

every bus connected to at least one line

- Products handled by *McCormick linearization* to yield MILP
- Caveat: If $(\mathbf{C} dg(\mathbf{b}^*))$ is singular, the relaxation is not exact!

Ensuring connectivity

Lemma: Matrix $(\mathbf{C} - dg(\mathbf{b}^*))$ is invertible iff $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{S}\bar{\mathbf{A}}$ yields a connected grid

- *Key question:* How to guarantee a connected topology?
- Introduce optimization vector of *virtual* line flows $\mathbf{f} \in \mathbb{R}^L$

add these constraints to
$$\bar{\mathbf{A}}^{\top}\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{1}$$
previous formulation $-N\mathbf{b} \leq \mathbf{f} \leq N\mathbf{b}$

- *Intuition:* find topology that can deliver 1 pu injected at each bus and N pu received by substation
- Comparison to formulation of [Lei-Chen-Song-Hou'19]

Numerical tests

Prob. of Correct Topology Identification $T_{inv} = 2$ $T_{inv} = 10$ $T_{inv} = 50$ 0.6

0.4

0.2

Noise variance

Prob. of Correct Line Detection $T_{inv} = 2$ $T_{inv} = 10$ $T_{inv} = 50$ 0.4

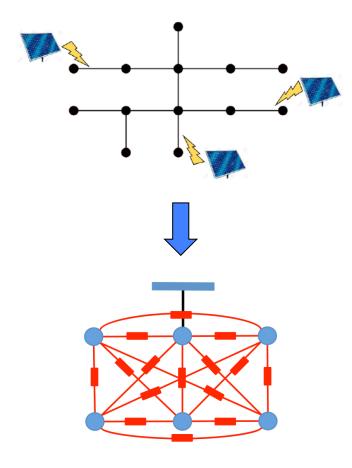
Noise variance

Each inverter probed *T* times to average out noise

RUNNING TIME FOR MILPS [SEC]

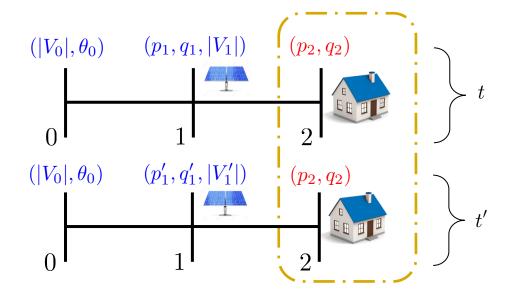
# of candidate lines $ar{L}$	24	36	48
MILP formulation	1	27	200

Topology identification algorithms



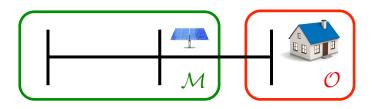
- Graph algorithms
 - complete or partial voltage data
 - exact for noiseless data
- Convex relaxation
 - complete voltage data
 - noisy data but heuristic
- Mixed-integer linear program (MILP) approach
 - complete voltage data
 - computationally more demanding yet exact

Probing for learning loads



Coupled power flow (CPF) problem

Problem statement: Given inverter data on metered buses \mathcal{M} and assuming time-invariant injections at buses \mathcal{O} , find states $\{\mathbf{v}_t\}_{t=1}^T$ and non-metered loads on \mathcal{O}



probing (metered) buses non-metered buses

$$\begin{array}{ll}
p_n(\mathbf{v}_t) = \hat{p}_n^t & \forall n \in \mathcal{M} \\
q_n(\mathbf{v}_t) = \hat{q}_n^t & \forall n \in \mathcal{M} \\
u_n(\mathbf{v}_t) = \hat{q}_n^t & \forall n \in \mathcal{M}
\end{array}$$

$$3MT \qquad p_n(\mathbf{v}_t) = p_n(\mathbf{v}_{t+1}) & \forall n \in \mathcal{O} \\
q_n(\mathbf{v}_t) = q_n(\mathbf{v}_{t+1}) & \forall n \in \mathcal{O}
\end{array}$$

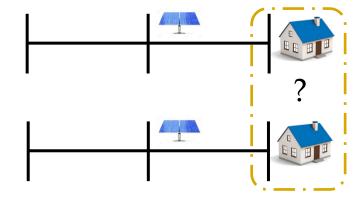
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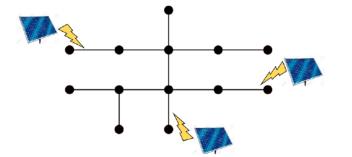
- Counting equations and unknowns yields $|\mathcal{M}| \ge \frac{2|\mathcal{O}|}{T}$
- **Q1**) Can non-metered loads be recovered by probing *T* slots?
- Q2) How to optimally design probing actions?
- **Q3**) How to solve the CPF problem?
 - S. Bhela, V. Kekatos, and S. Veeramachaneni, "Smart Inverter Grid Probing for Learning Loads: Parts I & II", IEEE Trans. on Power Systems, Sep 2019.

Conclusions

Take-home: Inverter probing as active data collection paradigm for grid learning

- ☑ identifiability
- ☑ topology ID algorithms
- ☑ probing for load learning





- □ multiphase configurations
- □ partial and noisy data
- ☐ 'probing' by regulators/capacitors

Kernel-Based Learning for Smart Inverter Control



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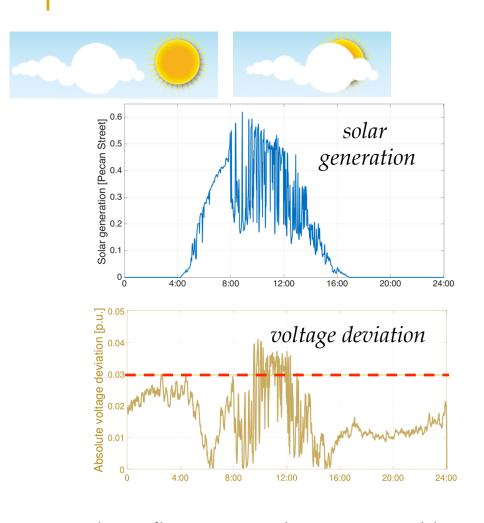


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Motivation



Voltage fluctuations due to renewables

Inefficiency of voltage control devices



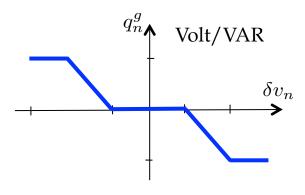


Reactive power control with inverters



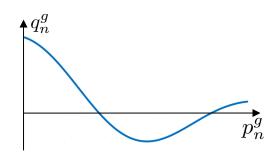
Finding reactive power setpoints

Local control curves [Turitsyn'11], [Kekatos-Zhang-Giannakis'15], [IEEE 1547]



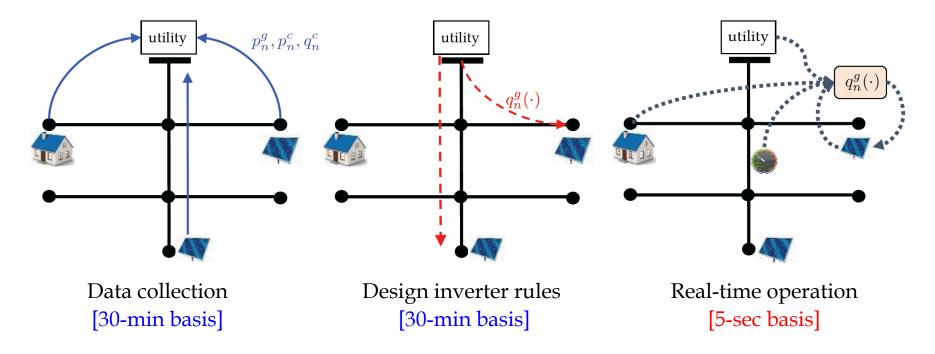
- Centralized OPF [Lavaei-Low'14], [Farivar-Low'15]
- Decentralized OPF
 [Dallanese-Dhople-Giannakis'15], [Peng-Low'16]

Customize control curves on a quasi-stationary basis



- ✓ no cyber cost
- × suboptimal
- ✓ optimal
- × cyber, obsolete
- ✓ cyber
- × iterations

Designing control rules

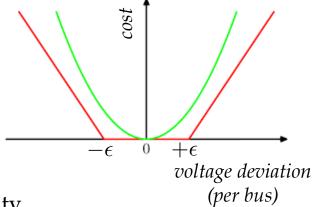


- Control rules as *linear* policies
 - □ Chance-constrained [Ayyagari-Gatsis-Taha'17]
 - Robust approaches [Jabr'18]; [Lin-Bitar'18]
 - Closed-loop approach [Baker, Bernstein, Dall'Annese, Zhao'18]
 - □ OPF-then-Fit [Dobbe-Callaway'18], [Karagiannopoulos-Hug'18]

Control rules do not have to be linear!

Problem formulation

- Approximate grid model $\tilde{\mathbf{v}} \simeq \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{p}^g \mathbf{p}^c) + \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{q}^g \mathbf{q}^c)$ $= \mathbf{X}\mathbf{q}^g + \mathbf{y}$
- Options for voltage deviation penalties
 - least-squares $\Delta_s(\mathbf{q}^g) = \|\mathbf{X}\mathbf{q}^g + \mathbf{y}\|_2^2$
 - epsilon-insensitive $\Delta_{\epsilon}(\mathbf{q}^g) = \sum_{n=1}^N [\mathbf{e}_n^{\top} \left(\mathbf{X} \mathbf{q}^g + \mathbf{y} \right)]_{\epsilon}$



OPF

Inverter setpoints to minimize voltage deviation penalty

$$egin{array}{l} \min \limits_{\mathbf{q}^g} \;\; \Delta(\mathbf{q}^g; \mathbf{y}) \ \mathrm{s.to} \;\; -ar{\mathbf{q}}^g \leq \mathbf{q}^g \leq ar{\mathbf{q}}^g \end{array}
ight)$$

- Inverter setpoints as policies $q_n^g(\mathbf{z}_n) = f_n(\mathbf{z}_n)$
 - remote and local inputs $\mathbf{z}_n = [p_n^g p_n^c \quad \bar{q}_n^g \quad q_n^c]^{\top}$

Kernel-based learning

• Given data $\{(x_t \in \mathcal{X}, z_t \in \mathbb{R})\}_{t=1}^T$, and kernel function $K: \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \to \mathbb{R}$

$$f^* = \arg\min_{f \in \mathcal{H}_K} \sum_{t=1}^T (z_t - f(x_t))^2 + \mu \|f\|_K$$
 where
$$\mathcal{H}_K := \left\{ f(x) = \sum_t K(x, x_t) a_t \right\}$$

Representer's Theorem: Minimizing function depends only on training data

$$f^*(x) = \sum_{t=1}^{T} K(x, x_t) a_t^*$$

Functional minimization as vector optimization

$$\arg\min_{\mathbf{a}} \ \|\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{K}\mathbf{a}\|_{2}^{2} + \mu \sqrt{\mathbf{a}^{\top}\mathbf{K}\mathbf{a}}$$

Least-squares inverter control

• Control rule design as function fitting using *T* scenario data

$$\min \sum_{t=1}^{T} \Delta(\mathbf{q}_{t}^{g}; \mathbf{y}_{t}) + \mu \sum_{n=1}^{N} \|q_{n}^{g}\|_{\mathcal{K}_{n}}$$
s.to $|q_{n,t}^{g}| \leq \bar{q}_{n,t}^{g} \quad \forall n, t$

Jointly learning inverter functions can be solved as QP or SOCP

$$q_{n,t}^g(\mathbf{z}_n) = \sum_{t=1}^T K(\mathbf{z}_n, \mathbf{z}_{n,t}) a_{n,t}^*$$
 rule described by $\{\mathbf{z}_{n,t}, a_{n,t}^*\}_{t=1}^T$

- Increasing μ unselects some inverters from reactive control (*spatial sparsity*)
- Policy output heuristically projected within feasible range

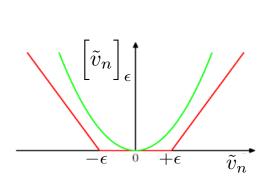
Support vector inverter control

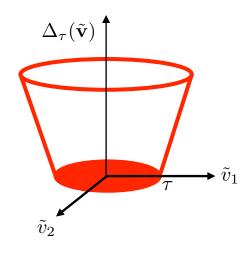
Lemma: Voltage deviation penalties and *sparsity across scenarios*

$$\Delta_{\epsilon}(\mathbf{q}^g) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \left[\tilde{v}_n \right]_{\epsilon} : \text{ if } \|\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_t\|_{\infty} > \epsilon, \text{ then } a_{n,t} \neq 0 \ \forall n$$

$$\Delta_{\tau}(\mathbf{q}^g) = \left[\|\tilde{\mathbf{v}}\|_2 \right]_{\tau} : \text{ if } \|\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_t\|_2 \leq \tau, \text{ then } a_{n,t} = 0 \ \forall n \text{ with } |q_{n,t}^g| < \bar{q}_{n,t}^g$$

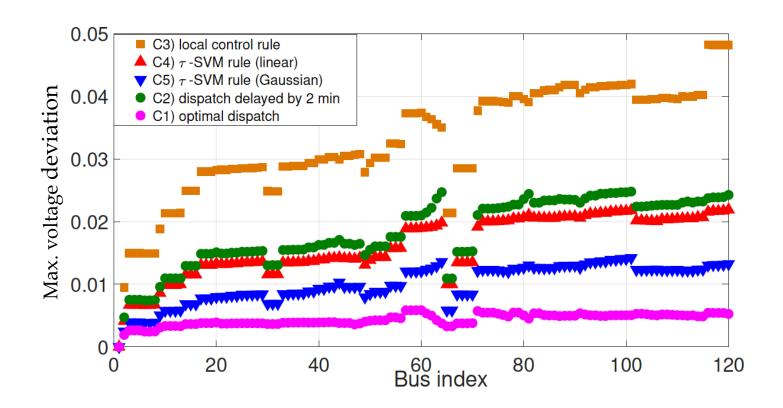
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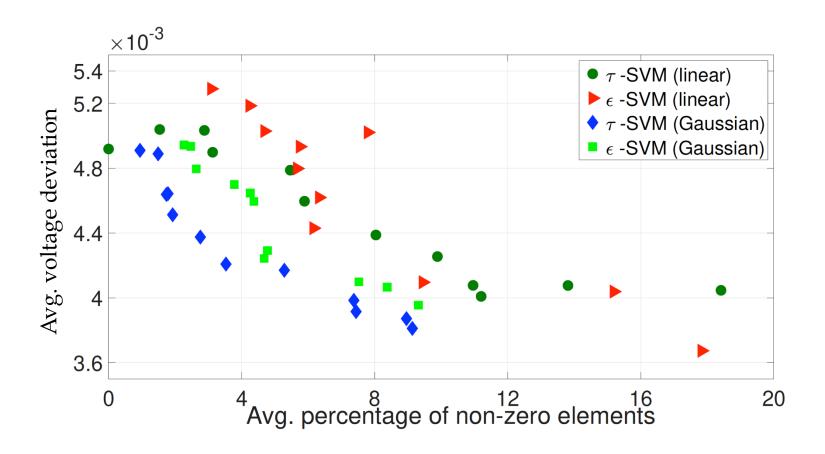
Different from SVMs, block voltage penalties yield support feeder scenarios

Numerical tests

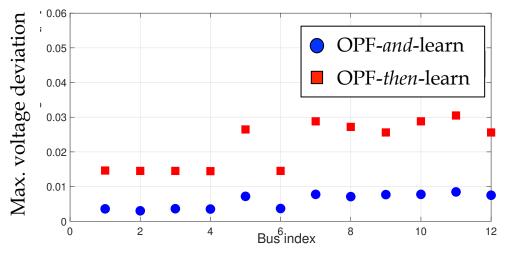


- Pecan Street data (8am-8pm) on IEEE 123-bus feeder (1-phase)
- 50% solar penetration with 1.1 inverter oversizing
- Train for *T*=30 one-min data; validate on next 30 one-min data

Performance vs. sparsity

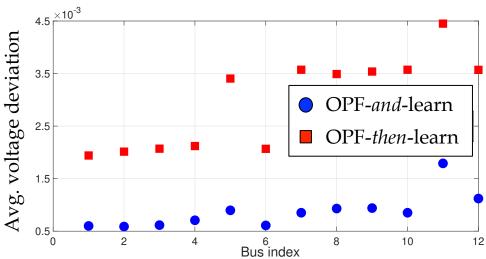


OPF-then-learn vs. OPF-and-learn



- *OPF-then-learn*: **2-**step approach
- solve multiple OPFs
- fit input-minimizer pairs

Linear rules on IEEE 13-bus grid

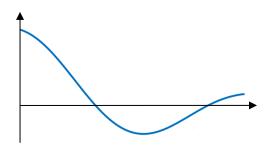


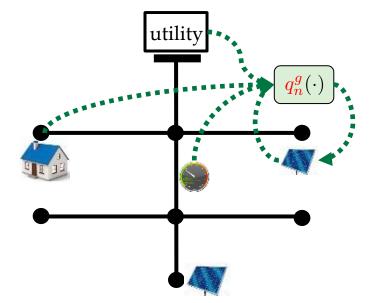
Conclusions





- ☑ learning non-linear inverter rules
- ☑ data-based feeder-wide designs
- ☑ SVM costs for communication savings





- closed-loop control
- ☐ remote input and kernel selection
- □ constrained kernel learning
- ☐ DNN-based rules

Thank you!

Grid IoT data analytics

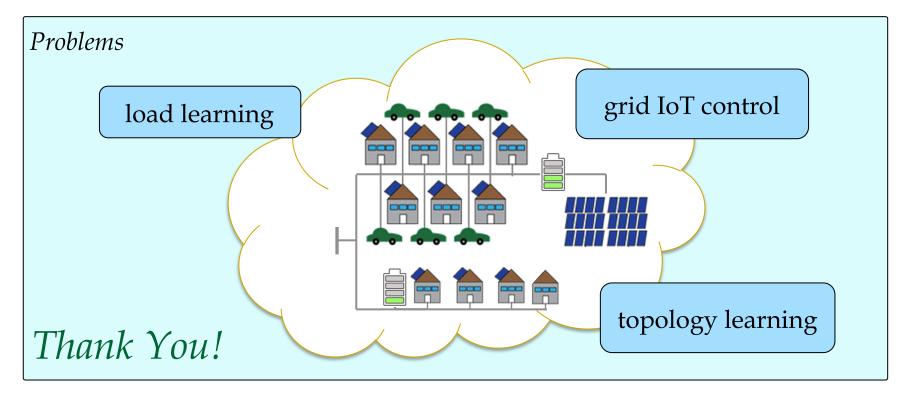




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