



Modeling and Co-optimizing Integrated Transmission-Distribution Systems

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- Background & Challenges
- Introduction to **PowerModelsITD.jl**
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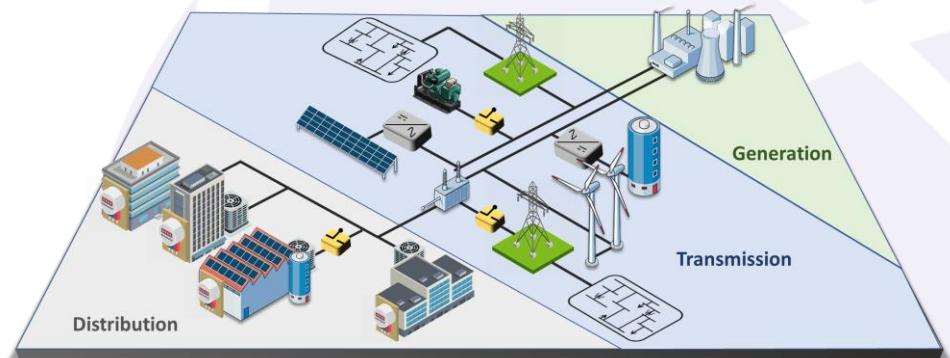
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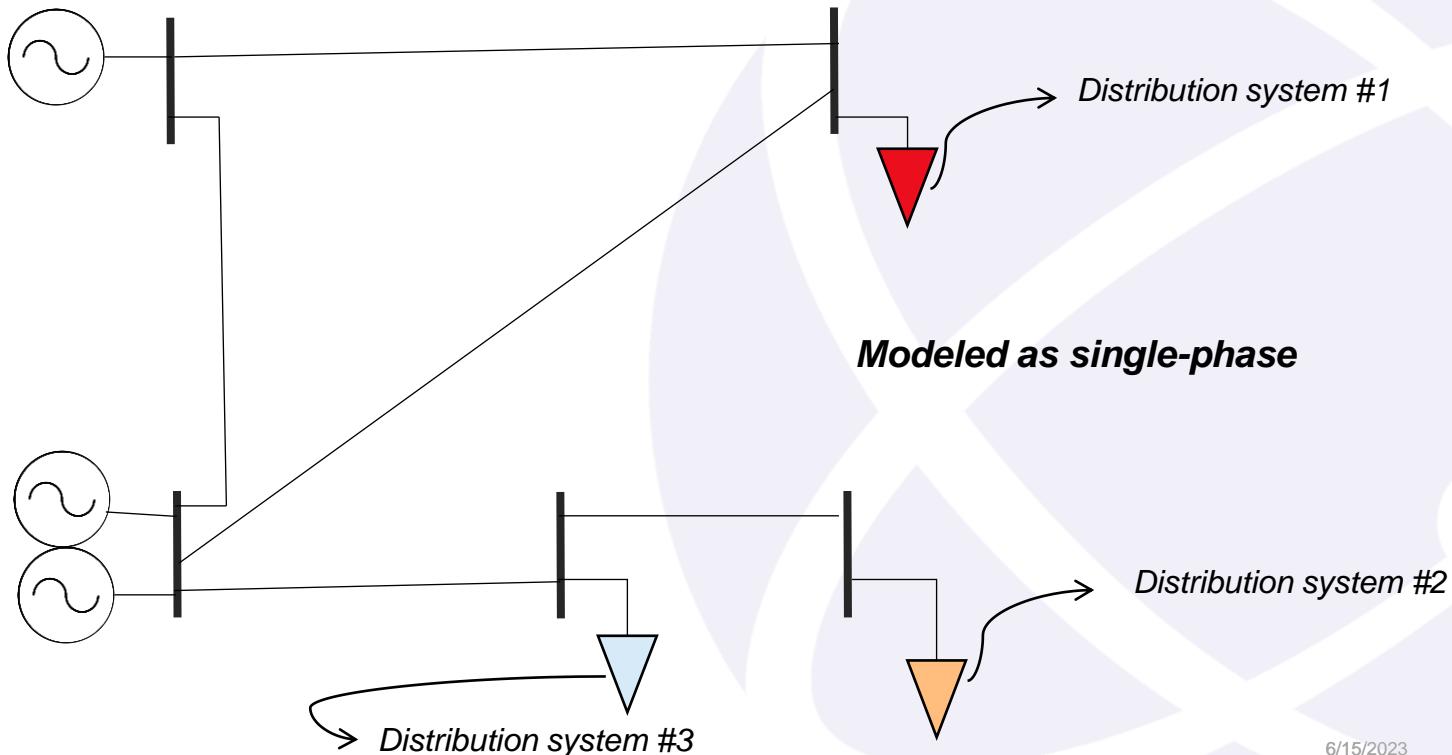
Background

- Conventional electric power systems (EPS) are composed of:
 - **Generation**
 - **Transmission**
 - **Distribution**
- Managed independently by:
 - Transmission system (TSOs)
 - Distribution system operators (DSOs).



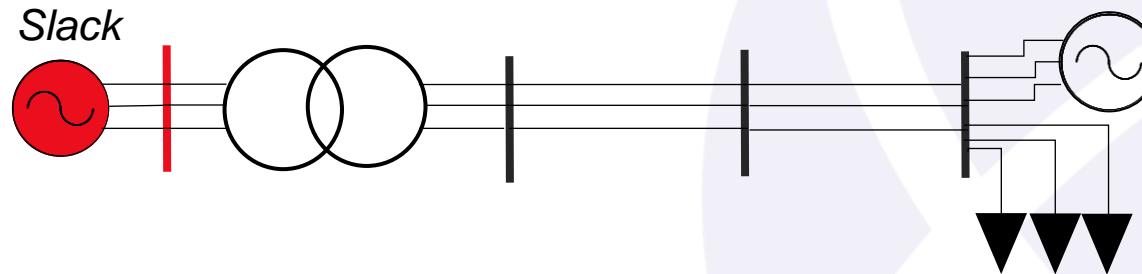
Background: TSOs

- TSOs traditionally model distribution systems as consumers (**loads**).



Background: DSOs

- DSOs traditionally regard transmission systems as slack buses with unlimited resources (often modeled as **voltage sources**).

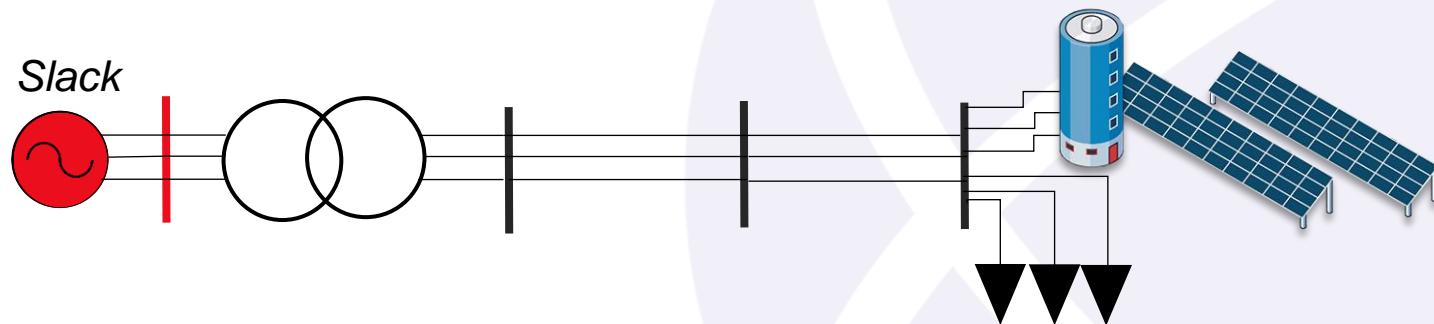


Modeled as three-phase (multiconductor)



Background: Integration of DERs

- Distribution systems are becoming more **active**:
 - Integration of **Distributed Energy Resources** (DERs)
 - Integration of **Information & Communication** Technologies (ICTs).



The **common** assumption of the distribution system being **just a load** seen from the **transmission system-side** **is now unreasonable**

Challenges

- Traditionally owned and operated by **separate entities**.
- **Centralized models** may not be scalable and hard to solve. (Assumption)
- **Convergence issues with AC OPF (nonlinear, nonconvex formulations)**
- The '**independent**' optimization does **not** allow **optimal** dispatch of both T&D resources simultaneously.

Coordination (Co-optimization) between **T&D** networks will be **imperative** for the **optimal operation** of the power grid.



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InfrastructureModels.jl

- Core package for multi-infrastructure modeling and optimization ecosystem

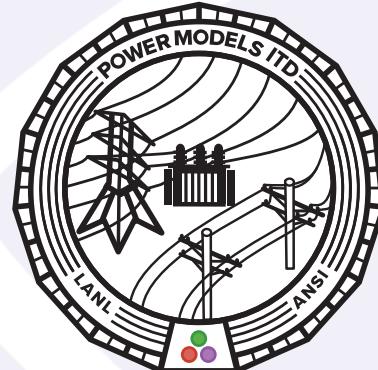
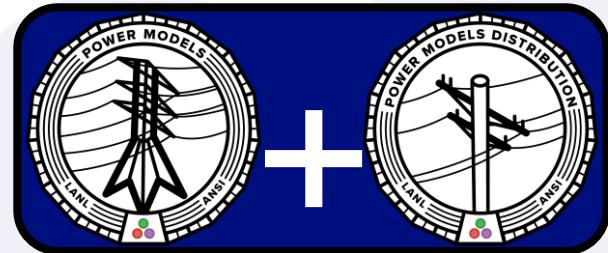


<https://github.com/lanl-ansi/InfrastructureModels.jl>



PowerModelsITD.jl (PMITD)

- PMITD enables
 - rapid prototyping of integrated transmission-distribution (ITD) optimization problems
- PMITD provides
 - baseline implementations of steady-state ITD optimization problems (OPF)
 - common platform for the evaluation of emerging formulations and optimization problems.



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PowerModelsITD.jl: Core Design

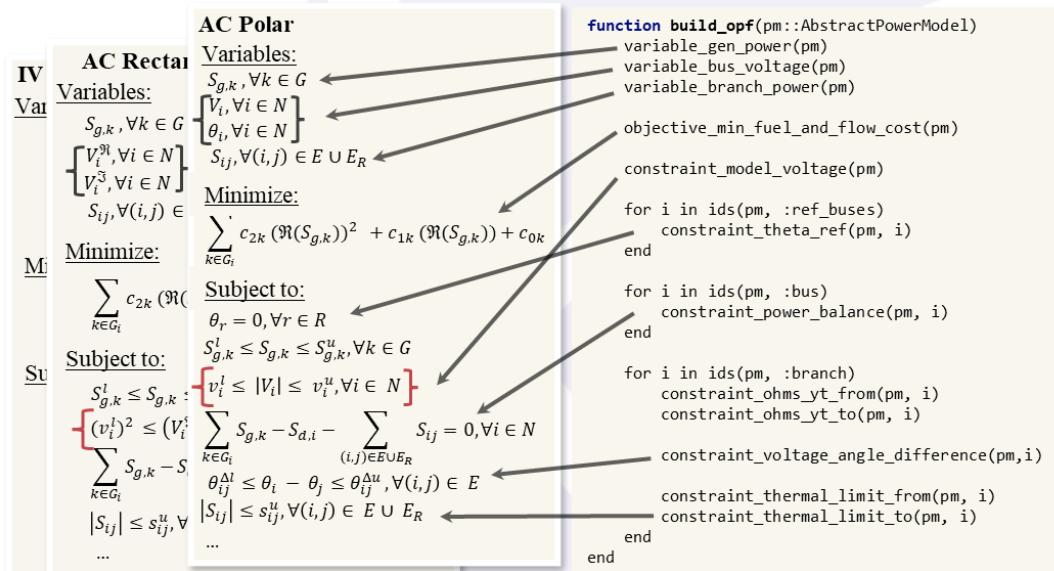
Problem Specifications

Integrated T&D Power Flow (pfitd)
 Integrated T&D Optimal Power Flow (opfitd)
 ...

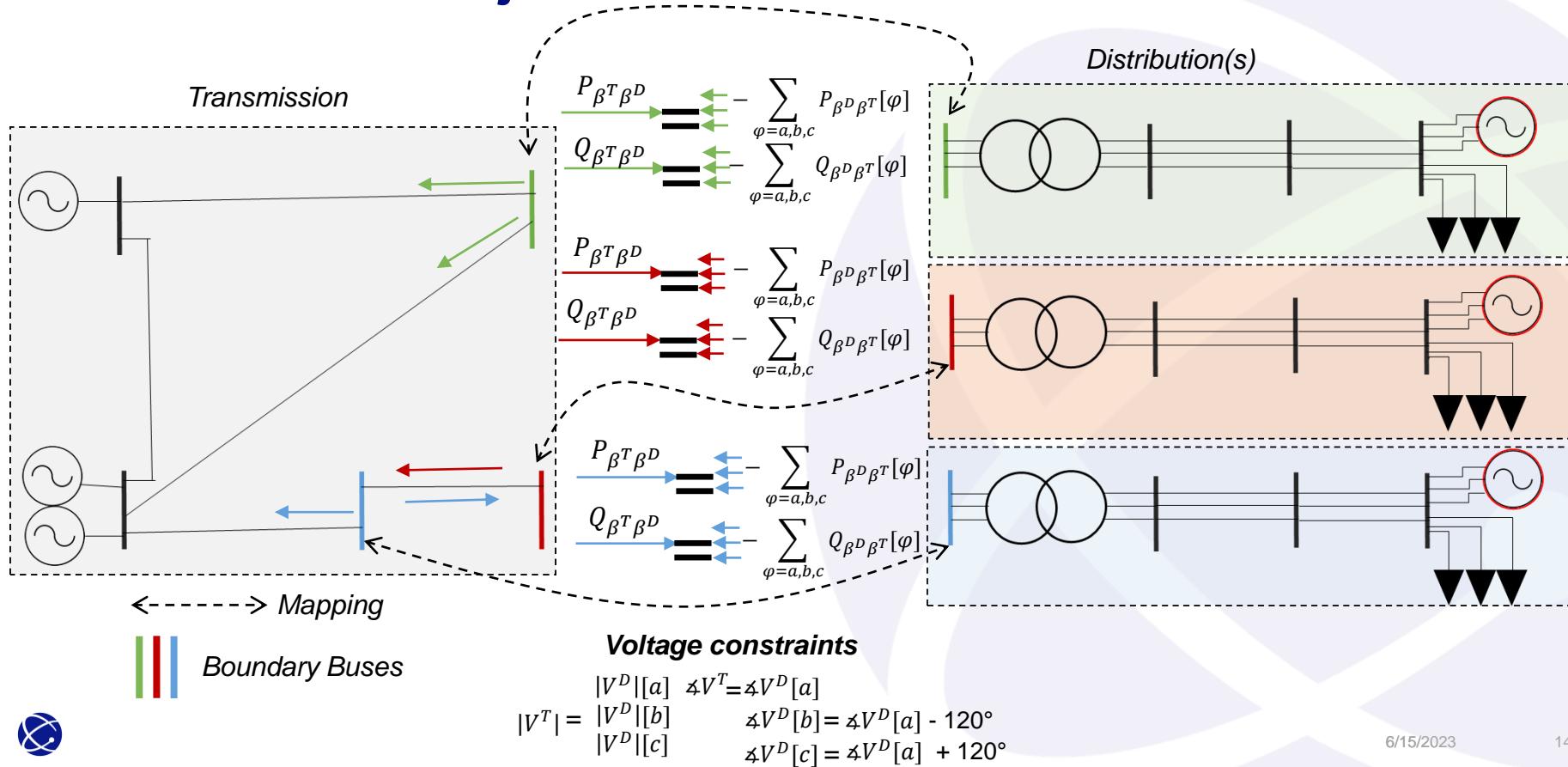
Formulations

ACP-ACPU
 ACR-ACRU
 IVR-IVRU
 NFA-NFAU
 SOCBFM- LinDis3Flow
 ...

*Core language feature:
Multiple dispatch*



PowerModelsITD.jl



PowerModelsITD.jl: Supported Formulations

NLP Formulations

- ACP-ACPU
 - Power-Voltage, polar coordinates, non-linear ([NLP](#))
- ACR-ACRU
 - Power-Voltage, rectangular coordinates, non-linear ([NLP](#))
- IVR-IVRU
 - Current-Voltage, rectangular coordinates, non-linear ([NLP](#))

Linear Approximations

- NFA-NFAU
 - Network Flow [Approximation](#)
 - Active power only, lossless, linear (LP)
- BFA-LinDist3Flow
 - Branch Flow [Approximation](#) - Linear [Approximation](#)

Relaxations

- SOCBFM-SOCUBFM
 - Second Order Cone Branch Flow Model [Relaxations](#)
– W-space.

Hybrid Formulations ([Experimental](#))

- ACR-FOTRU
 - Power-Voltage [NLP](#), rectangular coordinates, First-Order Taylor [Approximation](#)
- ACP-FOTPUS
 - Power-Voltage [NLP](#), polar coordinates, First-Order Taylor [Approximation](#)
- ACR-FBSU
 - Power-Voltage [NLP](#), rectangular coordinates, Forward-Backward Sweep [Approximation](#)
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Using PowerModelsITD.jl: Files

The files needed to run OPFITD are:

Transmission file

```
function mpc = case5
mpc.version = '2';
mpc.baseMVA = 100.0;

%% bus data
% bus_i type Pd Qd Gs Bs area Vm Va baseKV zone
mpc.bus = [
    1 2 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 1 1.07762 2.80377
    2 1 390.0 98.61 0.0 0.0 1 1.08407 -0.73465
    3 2 390.0 98.61 0.0 0.0 1 1.10000 -0.55972
    4 3 390.0 131.47 0.0 0.0 1 1.06414 0.00000
    5 4 0.0 1.2 0.0 0.0 1 1.06000 0.00000
    10 2 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 1 1.06907 1.59033
];
];

%% generator data
% bus Pg Qg Qmax Qmin Vg mBase status Pmax Pmin
mpc.gen = [
    1 40.0 30.0 30.0 -30.0 1.07762 100.0 1 40.0 0.0;
    1 170.0 127.5 127.5 -127.5 1.07762 100.0 1 170.0 0.0;
    3 324.498 390.0 390.0 -390.0 1.1 100.0 1 520.0 0.0;
    4 0.0 -10.802 150.0 -150.0 1.06414 100.0 1 200.0 0.0;
    10 470.694 -165.039 450.0 -450.0 1.06907 100.0 1
];
];

%% generator cost data
% startup shutdown n c(n-1) ... c0
mpc.gencost = [
    2 0.0 0.0 3 0.000000 14.000000 0.000000 2.000
    2 0.0 0.0 3 0.000000 15.000000 0.000000 2.000
    2 0.0 0.0 3 0.000000 30.000000 0.000000 2.000
    2 0.0 0.0 3 0.000000 40.000000 0.000000 2.000
    2 0.0 0.0 3 0.000000 10.000000 0.000000 2.000
];
];

%% branch data
% fbus tbus r x b rateA rateB rateC ratio angle status
mpc.branch = [
    1 2 0.00281 0.0281 0.00712 400.0 400.0 400.0 0.0
    1 4 0.00394 0.0394 0.00658 426 426 426 0.0
    1 10 0.00664 0.0064 0.03126 426 426 426 0.0
    2 3 0.00108 0.0108 0.01852 426 426 426 0.0
    3 4 0.00297 0.0297 0.00674 426 426 426 1.05
    4 10 0.00297 0.0297 0.00674 240.0 240.0 240.0 0.0
    2 5 0.00297 0.0297 0.00674 426 426 426 0.0
];
;
```

MATPOWER ("m")

PSS(R)E v33 specification ("raw")
(support PowerWorld for PSSE conversions)

Distribution file(s)

```
New Circuit_3bus.bas
    ! define a really stiff source
    ~ basenkv=230 puwl1.00 MVAsc3=200000 MVAsc1=210000

    ! Substation Transformer
    New Transformer:SubXF Phases=3 Windings=2 Xhl=0.01
        ~ wdg1 bus=sourcebus connwye kw=230 kva=25000 Xr=0.0005
        ~ wdg2 bus=Substation connwye kw=13.8 kva=25000 Xr=0.0005

    !Define Linecodes
    New linecode:556MCM nphases=3 basefreq=60 ! ohms per 5 mile
        ~ rmatrix = ( 0.1000 | 0.0400 0.1000 | 0.0400 0.0400 | 0.1000 )
        ~ xmatrix = ( 0.0583 | 0.0233 0.0583 | 0.0233 0.0233 | 0.0583 )
        ~ cmatrix = ( 50.92958178940651 | -0 50.92958178940651 | -0 -50.92958178940651 ) ! small cap

    New linecode:4/0QUMAD nphases=3 basefreq=60 ! ohms per 100ft
        ~ rmatrix = ( 0.1167 | 0.0467 0.1167 | 0.0467 0.0467 | 0.1167 )
        ~ xmatrix = ( 0.0667 | 0.0267 0.0667 | 0.0267 0.0267 | 0.0667 )
        ~ cmatrix = ( 50.92958178940651 | -0 50.92958178940651 | -0 -50.92958178940651 ) ! small cap

    !Define lines
    New Line:Online bus1=Substation.1.2.3 Primary.1.2.3 linecode = 556MCM length=1 normamps=600
    New Line:Quad bus1=Primary.1.2.3 loadbus=1.2.3 linecode = 4/0QUMAD length=1 normamps=6000 e

    !Loads - single phase
    New Load:L1 phases=1 loadbus.1.0 ( 13.8 3 sqrt() ) kW=3000 kvar=1500 model=1
    New Load:L2 phases=1 loadbus.2.0 ( 13.8 3 sqrt() ) kW=3000 kvar=1500 model=1
    New Load:L3 phases=1 loadbus.3.0 ( 13.8 3 sqrt() ) kW=3000 kvar=1500 model=1 I178940651 ) ! small cap

    !GENERATORS DEFINITIONS
    New generator:gen Bus1=loadbus.1.2.3 Phases=3 kV=( 13.8 3 sqrt() ) kW=2000 pf=1 connwye Model
    Set VoltageBases = "230,13.8"
    Set tolerance=0.000001
    set defaultbasefreq=60 I178940651 ) ! small cap

    !Length=1 normamps=600
    New generator:gen Bus1=loadbus.1.2.3 Phases=3 kV=( 13.8 3 sqrt() ) kW=2000 pf=1 connwye Model
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    set defaultbasefreq=60
```

OpenDSS ("dss")

<https://lanl-ansi.github.io/PowerModelsITD.jl/stable/manual/fileformat.html>

[2] "DiTTo (Distribution Transformation Tool)," 2021, Accessed: Aug. 06, 2021. [Online]. Available: <https://github.com/NREL/ditto>

Boundary file

```
{
    "transmission_boundary": "5",
    "distribution_boundary": "3bus_unbal_voltage_source.source"
},
{
    "transmission_boundary": "6",
    "distribution_boundary": "3bus_ba_voltage_source.source"
}
```

JSON ("json")

other proprietary file formats supported via DiTTo [2]

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Using PowerModelsITD.jl: Run OPF

Simple User Interface



Easy User Adoption

Case w/ 1 distro. system

```
1 using PowerModelsITD
2 import Ipopt
3 ipopt = Ipopt.Optimizer
4
5 # Path for the files
6 pmitd_path = joinpath(dirname(pathof(PowerModelsITD)), "..")
7
8 # Files
9 pm_file = joinpath(pmitd_path, "test/data/transmission/case5_withload.m")
10 pmd_file = joinpath(pmitd_path, "test/data/distribution/case3_balanced.dss")
11 boundary_file = joinpath(pmitd_path, "test/data/json/case5_case3_bal.json")
12
13 pmitd_type = NLPowerModelITD{ACPPowerModel, ACPUPowerModel}
14
15 result = solve_opfjtd(pm_file, pmd_file, boundary_file, pmitd_type, ipopt)
16
```

Case w/ 2 distro. systems

```
1 using PowerModelsITD
2 import Ipopt
3 ipopt = Ipopt.Optimizer
4
5 # Path for the files
6 pmitd_path = joinpath(dirname(pathof(PowerModelsITD)), "..")
7
8 # Files
9 pm_file = joinpath(pmitd_path, "test/data/transmission/case5_with2loads.m")
10 pmd_file1 = joinpath(pmitd_path, "test/data/distribution/case3_unbalanced.dss")
11 pmd_file2 = joinpath(pmitd_path, "test/data/distribution/case3_balanced.dss")
12 boundary_file = joinpath(pmitd_path, "test/data/json/case5_case3x2_unbal_bal.json")
13
14 pmd_files = [pmd_file1, pmd_file2] # vector of files
15 pmitd_type = NLPowerModelITD{ACPPowerModel, ACPUPowerModel}
16
17 result = solve_opfjtd(pm_file, pmd_files, boundary_file, pmitd_type, ipopt)
```



Using PowerModelsITD.jl: Results

Transmission

```
julia> result
Dict{String, Any} with 8 entries:
  "solve_time"      => 0.12712
  "optimizer"       => "Ipopt"
  "termination_status" => LOCALLY_SOLVED
  "dual_status"     => FEASIBLE_POINT
  "primal_status"   => FEASIBLE_POINT
  "objective"        => 18146.3
  "solution"         => Dict{String, Any}{"multiinfrastructure"=>true, "it"=>Dict{String, Any}{"pmd..."}
  "objective_lb"     => -Inf
```

```
julia> result["solution"]["it"]["pm"]
Dict{String, Any} with 6 entries:
  "baseMVA"        => 100.0
  "branch"          => Dict{String, Any}{"3"=>Dict{String, Any}("qf"=>206.656, "qt"=>-202.276, "pt"=>221.006, "pf"=>-220.308), "4"=>Dict{String, Any}("qf"=>-217.108, "qt"=>221.882, "pt"=>79.0383, "pf"=>-78.3924), "1"=>Dict{String, Any}("qg"=>56.3262, "pg"=>18.0328), "2"=>Dict{String, Any}("qg"=>-201.205, "pg"=>461.003), "5"=>Dict{String, Any}("qg"=>0.0, "pg"=>0.0), "6"=>Dict{String, Any}("qg"=>0.0, "pg"=>0.0)
  "gen"             => Dict{String, Any}{"4"=>Dict{String, Any}("qg"=>56.3262, "pg"=>18.0328), "1"=>Dict{String, Any}("qg"=>30.0, "pg"=>40.0), "5"=>Dict{String, Any}("qg"=>-201.205, "pg"=>461.003), "2"=>Dict{String, Any}("qg"=>0.0, "pg"=>0.0), "6"=>Dict{String, Any}("qg"=>0.0, "pg"=>0.0)
  "multinetwork"    => false
  "bus"             => Dict{String, Any}{"4"=>Dict{String, Any}("va"=>-1.06955e-34, "vm"=>0.9), "1"=>Dict{String, Any}("va"=>3.95367, "vm"=>0.917681), "5"=>Dict{String, Any}("va"=>-0.949629, "vm"=>0.937736), "2"=>Dict{String, Any}("va"=>0.0, "vm"=>0.0), "6"=>Dict{String, Any}("va"=>0.0, "vm"=>0.0)
  "per_unit"        => false
```

Distribution

```
julia> result["solution"]["it"]["pmd"]
Dict{String, Any} with 7 entries:
  "line"            => Dict{String, Any}{"3bus_unbal.quad"=>Dict{String, Any}("qf"=>[1344.85, 1503.97, 1502.46], "qt"=>[-1333.33, -1500.0, -1500.0], "pt"=>[-3333.33, -2333.33, -2333.33], "pf"=>[3351.62, 2340.39, 2344.9...])
  "settings"        => Dict{String, Any}{"sbase"=>100000.0)
  "transformer"     => Dict{String, Any}{"3bus_bal.subxf"=>Dict{String, Any}("q"=>[[1508.51, 1508.51, 1508.51], [-1508.41, -1508.41, -1508.41]], "p"=>[[2351.59, 2351.59, 2351.59], [-2351.58, -2351.58, -2351.58]]], "3bus...
  "generator"       => Dict{String, Any}{"3bus_unbal.gen1"=>Dict{String, Any}("qg_bus"=>[-0.0, -0.0, -0.0], "qg"=>[-0.0, -0.0, -0.0], "pg"=>[666.668, 666.668, 666.668], "pg_bus"=>[666.668, 666.668, 666.668]), "3bus...
  "load"            => Dict{String, Any}{"3bus_unbal.l2"=>Dict{String, Any}("qd_bus"=>[1500.0], "qd"=>[1500.0], "pd"=>[3000.0]), "3bus_bal.13"=>Dict{String, Any}("qd_bus"=>[1500.0], "pd_bus"=>[3000.0], "q...
  "bus"             => Dict{String, Any}{"3bus_unbal.loadbus"=>Dict{String, Any}("va"=>[-1.0106, -120.971, 119.172], "vm"=>[7.38801, 7.42776, 7.41273]), "3bus_bal.substation"=>Dict{String, Any}("va"=>[-1.08179, -121.0...
  "per_unit"        => false
```

Boundary

```
julia> result["solution"]["it"]["pmitd"]["boundary"]
Dict{String, Any} with 4 entries:
  "(100001, 5, voltage_source.3bus_unbal.source)" => Dict{String, Any}{"pbound_fr"=>[8068.8], "qbound_fr"=>[4367.42])
  "(100001, voltage_source.3bus_unbal.source, 5)" => Dict{String, Any}{"pbound_to"=>[-3367.36, -2346.47, -2354.97], "qbound_to"=>[-1355.14, -1507.53, -1504.75])
  "(100002, voltage_source.3bus_bal.source, 6)" => Dict{String, Any}{"pbound_to"=>[-2351.62, -2351.62, -2351.62], "qbound_to"=>[-1508.64, -1508.64, -1508.64])
  "(100002, 6, voltage_source.3bus_bal.source)" => Dict{String, Any}{"pbound_fr"=>[7054.87], "qbound_fr"=>[4525.93])
```

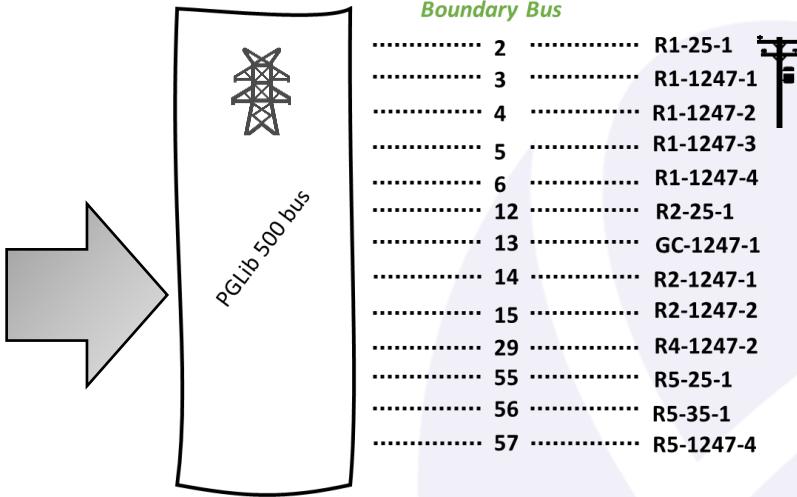
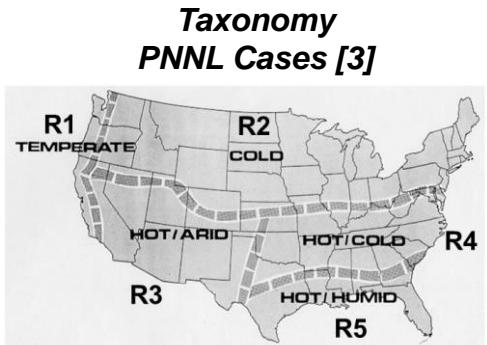


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Use Case #1: PNNL Tests – 4 Regions



Totals:
Buses/Nodes: 19,637
(w/ +500 from transmission)

Edges: 20,595 (w/ +733
from transmission)

Test Cases	N	E
case_r1_25_1	759	762
case_r1_1247_1	3403	3583
case_r1_1247_2	1450	1527
case_r1_1247_3	168	165
case_r1_1247_4	970	981
case_r2_25_1	1617	1681
case_gc_1247_1	96	93
case_r2_1247_1	1731	1750
case_r2_1247_2	1207	1275
case_r4_1247_2	1155	1202
case_r5_25_1	3116	3250
case_r5_35_1	1435	1505
case_r5_1247_4	2030	2088

Totals: 19,137 19,862

PVs



55

DGs



17



Use Case #1: PNNL Tests – 4 Regions

CPU: x6 Cores @ 2.80 Ghz

RAM: 128 GB

Ipopt vers.: 3.14.4

MUMPS vers.: 5.4.1

Case PNNL - All Regions			
Formulation	\$/hr	Time (s)	Iterations
ACP-ACPU	422,095.2350	525.154	94
IVR-IVRU	422,095.2348	360.954	99
NFA-NFAU	412,286.7567	10.860	24
ACR-FBSUBF	422,074.7218	226.852	97
BFA-LinDist3	412,286.7567	146.084	45
SOCBF-LinDist3	421,529.7893	241.203	75



Use Case #2: Market Manipulation Studies

- Power grid is modernizing
 - adopting information and communication technologies (ICTs)
 - IoT internet-connected high-wattage appliances are being used more and more (e.g., smart HVACs)
- IoTs/ICTs are opening new **attack vectors** (e.g., Internet)
- Cyber **threat actors** are exploiting vulnerabilities in these **vectors** to destabilize the grid [4] or for financial gain [5]

A novel way of **obtaining profits** is via the **market manipulation of local real-time energy markets**

Inducing **high prices**, e.g., by **artificially manipulating the supply and demand of a commodity.**



[4] Kovacs, E. SecurityWeek: Cybersecurity News, Insights & Analysis. High-Wattage IoT Botnets Can Manipulate Energy Market: Researchers.

[5] Walton, R. Utility Dive Transmission & Distribution, Grid Security & Reliability. Sophisticated Hackers Could Crash the US Power Grid, but Money, Not Sabotage, Is Their Focus.

Use Case #2: Market Manipulation Studies

Load-Altering Attack (LAA) Scenario: IoT High-Wattage HVAC

- Attack Building automation/HVAC control systems
- Vulnerability (Example):
 - critical authentication bypass vulnerability ([CVE-2021-412922](https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/CVE-2021-412922))[6]
- **Attack Scenario:** An attacker could exploit CVE-2021-412922
 - **Modify HVACs Eco-mode -> Max. power**
 - Assume **large residential/commercial buildings** (as the targets):
 - **10-30 HVAC units**
 - Each HVAC unit rated at **7-16 kW**
 - A feeder w/ **30 units** - **maximum** 'compromised' consumption of **480 kW (16*30)**
 - Imagine 100+ (or more!) compromised



Use Case #2: Market Manipulation Studies

Case Studies

1. Normal scenario
2. LAA 50%
3. LAA 100%

LAA applied to different buses of RTS 24

- Bus 8
- Bus 9
- Bus 19
- Bus 8, 9, & 19

Statistical Analysis of LMPs

- Variation of LMPs in adjacent feeders
- Min/Max LMPs
- Effects of LAA in adjacent feeders

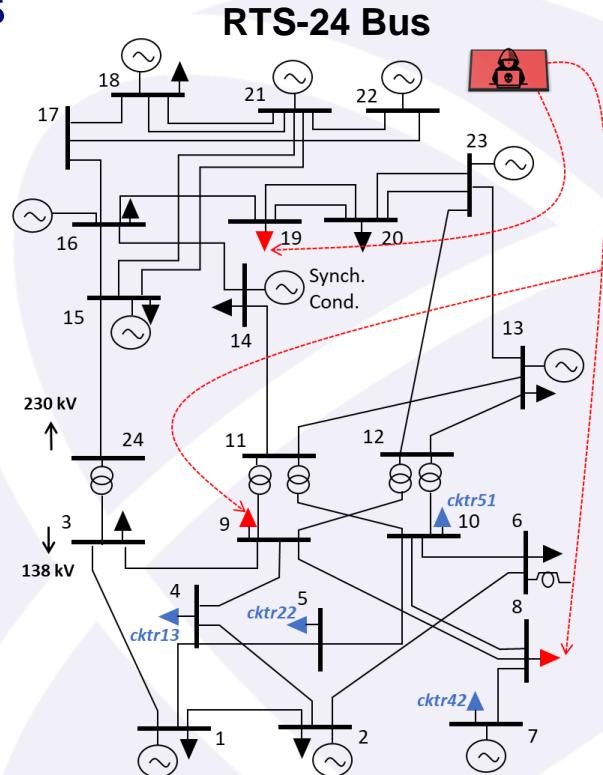
Feeders

PNNL-R1-12.47-3
(*cktr13*)

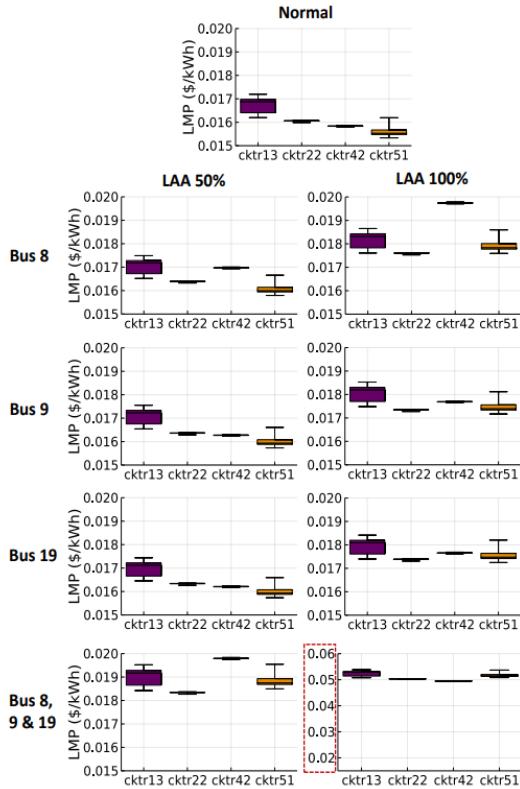
PNNL-R2-12.47-2
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PNNL-R4-12.47-2
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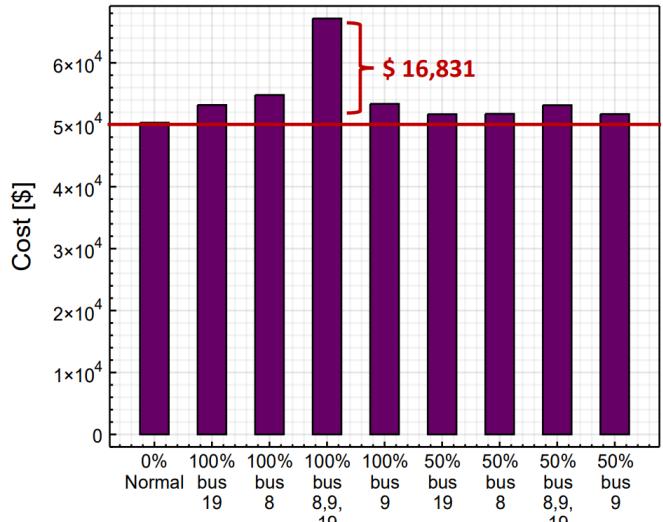
PNNL-R5-12.47-1
(*cktr51*)



Use Case #2: Market Manipulation Studies



Box plots for LMPs in the distribution systems



Optimal power flow (OPF) costs for the nine scenarios

16 \$/MWh → 55 \$/MWh



Thank you Questions?

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