

## **Neural State Estimation**

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## **Energy Informatics at OFFIS**



#### **Energy research in Oldenburg**

- > since the 80s "regenerative" (Luther, Schellnhuber, Appelrath,...)
- > since OFFIS was founded in 1991 also "Energy Informatics" (EI)

#### El milestones of OFFIS (and Uni-Informatik), e.g.

- > 1995: First wind power information system in Germany
- > 2003: Early "decentralized energy management systems"
- > 2008: with eTelligence at E-Energy
- > 2010: First Energy Informatics Professorship in Germany
- > 2017: SINTEG project partner (Designetz and Enera)

#### **Current state**

- > Largest EI team in D/EU (> 100 employees)
- > Federal, EU, contract projects e.g. with EWE, Innogy, TenneT, E.ON, Siemens, BTC, ABB, Alcatel Lucent, FhG-Instituten, KIT, AIT/ Wien, KTH/ Stockholm, DTU/ Risø







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How can the digitization of the energy system transformation be made safe and secure?

How can the systemic characteristics of digitised energy systems be modelled, simulated and tested?

How can digitised energy systems be efficiently designed, operated and optimised in the field of conflicting objectives and dynamic constraints?

### AI Research at OFFIS: Power Systems Intelligence



Resilient, De-Carbonized Power Grids through Artificial Intelligence





Data Integration and Processing Layer

#### % whoami Eric MSP Veith





#### **Computer Scientist**

- > University of Appl Sciences Worms (Diploma 2010) (NFS Integration in High-Availablity Storage Cluster)
- > Freiberg University of Mining and Technology (PhD 2017) Universal Smart Grid Agent

#### **R&D Group Manager at OFFIS, Oldenburg** Power Systems Intelligence

- > AI in Critical Infrastructures
- > Adversarial Resilience Learning
- > Deep Reinforcement Learning, Continual Learning, eXplainable Reinforcement Learning

## A Not So Long Time Ago...

...A Power Grid Near, Near-By.





The power grid: A Hierarchy.

TSOs always needed current data.

DSOs never before.

These times are long since over...

## The Rise of the Renewables



Toppling the Hierarchy



### A Hierarchy No More



Typical Load Flow at a 110-20kV Transformer



Mostly feed-back!

## **Network Transparency**

Or: Why It Is Important to Know the State of the Grid



#### Grid state must be known.

- > Bi-directional feed-in
- > Atypical usage patterns
- > Wish to use infrastructure more efficiently
- > Implementation of regional energy markets

#### Deploy more sensors?

- > ICT often a problem
- > Costs of installation & data processing

#### Solution? Make edulcated guesses.

> Called State Estimation

## **State Estimation**

Estimating the State of the Grid from Measurements



#### 1. Topology

- > Initial design
- > State of switches, breakers, etc.
- 2. Parameters
  - > Position of tap changers
  - > Shunt capacitors
- 3. Gathering Measurements
- > Voltage, Angles
- 4. Estimate State
- > Weighted least squares to elminiate bad data and estimate state



### **Pseudo-Measurements**

Replacing Unknown Values





A grid has usually only "islands of observability."

- > Important grid connectors (transformers)
- > Major consumers/feed-in

#### Missing values substituted with Pseudo Measurements

- > E.g., switch closed, but impedance unknown: 0
- > Inferring voltages from current flow at branch interconnection

 $P_{mk}V_m + (P_mk \cos \theta_{km} - Q_mk \sin \theta_{km}V_k) = 0$  $Q_{km}V_m + (P_mk \sin \theta_{km} - Q_mk \sin \theta_{km}V_k) = 0$ 

## Speed and Ill-Conditioning How to Optimize State Estimation

#### State Estimation is iterative at heart:

- $> G(x^{\nu}) \Delta x^{\nu} = H'(x^{\nu}) R^{-1} r(x)$  $x^{\nu+1} = x^{\nu} + \Lambda x^{\nu}$
- > G: Gain Matrix; H: Hessian
- > Elements of **H** are functions of  $(\theta, V)$ , vary by each iteration

State Estimation is compute-intensive, but can be optimized:

- > Normalize by voltage (i.e.,  $P \rightarrow \frac{P}{V}, Q \rightarrow \frac{Q}{V}, ...$ ), then H = const
- > Obtain  $H_{QV}$  from asset data and set  $b_{km} = -\frac{1}{x_{km}}$ , similar for  $H_{P\theta}$



## Optimization can be the Root of Evil



Not Quite Premature, but Still...



- Donald Knuth



#### A necessary optimization to speed up convergence

- > Assume a specific relation of impedance to resistance (X/R)
- > Fix H, approximate as if DC
- > ... works very well for transmission grids!

#### The optimization doesn't hold for DG anymore.

- > DSOs employing SE unexpected even in the early 2000s
- > Now a necessity! (Remember power flow patterns in DGs?)

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## State Estimation Using Artificial Neural Networks

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Publications as Early as 1991

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Nakagawa, Hayashi & Iwamoto (!) replace SE with Hopfield Networks in 1991.

## Why Does This Work?

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A Shallow Introduction To... Feed-Forward Neural Networks

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Multi-Layer Perceptrons: Universal approximators of any Borel-measurable function

> 
$$f(5) = 2: f(x) = x - 3; f(4) = 2: f(x) = \left\lfloor \frac{x}{2} \right\rfloor, f(x) = 2, \dots$$
 - infty much  
>  $F(x, \theta) = F^{(n)}(F^{(n-1)}(F^{(n-2)}(\dots(F^{(1)}(x, \theta)))))$ 

## Why Does This Work? Pt. 2

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A Shallow Introduction To... Recursive Neural Networks

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Siegelmann & Sontag show 1992, that Recurrent Neural Networks are universal approximators of dynamic systems.

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## Neural State Estimation With Deep Learning

State Of The Art

#### ANN architecture built to optimize proximate-linear solver

- > Based on Least-Absolute-Value estimator: robust, but slow (both in contrast to Weighted Least Squares)
- > Prox-linear algorithms minimize a sequence of convex quadratic subproblems
- > Prox-linear algorithms still struggle with changing conditions (RES feed-in!)
- > Idea: Unroll solver iterations into DNN architecture based on phyiscal model

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## Wedding Prox-Linear Algorithms and DNNs

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Hybrid of Data-Driven and Physical Model

Algorithm 1 Reduced-complexity prox-linear solver.
<b>Input:</b> Data $\{(z_m, \mathbf{H}_m)\}_{m=1}^M$ , step sizes $\{\mu_i\}, \eta$ , and initial-
ization $\mathbf{v}_0 = 1, \ \mathbf{u}_0^0 = 0$ .
1: for $i = 0, 1,, I$ do
2: Evaluate $\mathbf{W}_{i}^{k}$ , $\mathbf{A}_{i}$ , and $\mathbf{b}_{i}^{k}$ according to (7).
3: Initialize $\mathbf{u}_i^0$ .
4: <b>for</b> $k = 0, 1,, K$ <b>do</b>
5: Update $\mathbf{u}_i^{k+1}$ using (6).
6: end for
7: Update $\mathbf{v}_{i+1}$ using (5).
8: end for

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## Isn't There Still a Catch?

The Problem of Training

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- > An ANN still needs training (obviously).
- > Prox-linear nets are still ANNs.
- > Model-building (training) happens on a given data-set.

The ANN (prox-linear net) is suitable only for the power grid it was trained on.

## Transfer Learning to the Rescue

Transferring Models Between Problem Domains

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## Types of Transfer Learning The Easy and the Hard Way

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#### Homogeneous Transfer Learning

- $> \chi_{s} = \chi_{T}$
- > Marginal propability distributions match
- > Simple approach: Throw away input/output layer and retrain

#### **Heterogeneous Transfer Learning**

- >  $\chi_{S} \neq \chi_{T}$
- > Different marginal propability distributions
- > Specific Transfer Learning algorithm

#### Transfering Neural State Estimation is almost always Heterogenous Transfer Learning.

## Putting It All Together

Project Transense

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- Create simulation model from real data
- 2. Train Prox-Linear Net PSSE
- Interface between Training and Simulator (SIMaaS) ensures minimal amount of samples
- 4. Employ & evaluate Transfer Learning

https://www.offis.de/en/offis/project/transense.html

## Validation Approach in the Project

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