

Planning of Multi-carrier Energy System (Energy Hub) with Considering Reliability Indices

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Abstract: Planning and reliability are very significant factors in power systems. In this thesis, after introducing multi-carrier energy systems, reliability, planning and mentioning the optimization methods, an attempt has been made to statically investigate planning multi-carrier energy system with regard to energy reliability indices. Therefore, one multiple system containing different kinds of elements with various efficiencies is taken into consideration and the cost of energy carriers in different hours in the target year is calculated. By the genetic hybrid optimizing algorithms and with the help of the mathematical methods, the best condition for installing elements in different times in static model framework was determined and the exact amount of input energy is calculated with reference to rate of demand for electronic and thermal energy. Finally, by extending the period for planning system to one-year period, the results are evaluated in a sample system.

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1.Introduction

Energy hub acts as an energy receiving, converting and storing unit in the consumer side and variety of equipmentssuch as combined heat and power units (CHPs), transformers,power electronic equipments, compressors, heat exchangers,energy storage units and etc are installed inside it based onrequired output load. Using these equipments, energy hubreceives energy carriers from their upstream network in itsinput and delivers required output loads to the consumers in itsoutput. Before raising the energy hub concept, studies onsimultaneous operation of gas and electricity networks andtheir optimal power flow were carried out Offering thenew concept of energy hub, variety of case studies wereopened in front of researchers such as extending new conceptsabout

energyhubs modeling the hub and determiningenergy converting equations in different nodes defining the coupling matrix between hubs input and output and optimizinghubs power flow structural optimization of energy hub anddetermining elements that should be installed inside the hubbased on output loads and etc. In reference promotingthe concept of co and trigeneration systems, new systemstitled as multi-source multi-product systems (MSMP) areintroduced which are based on energy hub concept. References present a stable model for conversion and storage of multiple energy carriers like electricity, natural gas, hydrogenand local heat and use it for system optimization.Energy hub's concept has been developed in order toguarantee an optimal method for supplying different loads in amulti-carrier energy system. Optimal

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supplying of output loads in a hub depends not only on the proper operation of energy hub, but also depends on the structure of the hub and attributes of its energy converter or storage elements. So, in order to achieve a global optimum condition for supplying hub's output loads, it is required to optimize the structure and the operation of the hub simultaneously. Among all studies carried out up until now, most of them are focused on operational or structural optimization separately and their simultaneous optimization is rarely reported. In this paper, a simultaneous operational and structural optimization of energy hub considering energy storage elements is proposed in a completely linear format. In previous studies, the models were often non-linear (MINLP) which increases risk of diverging or sub-optimality and slower the solve process. In the proposed method, the whole model is linearized (MIP) which leads to a faster solve process and globally optimal obtained results. Finally, a comprehensive example is presented and simultaneous operational and structural optimization is applied on a desired energy hub using GAMS optimization software. Obtained result shows the efficiency of supplying electrical and thermal loads using energy hubs, especially in presence of energy storage elements and confirms its obvious preference in comparison to the traditional methods of supplying consumer's demands. The superiority of proposed linear method is observed obviously in its higher accuracy and speed of calculations in comparison to the previous non-linear methods.[1].

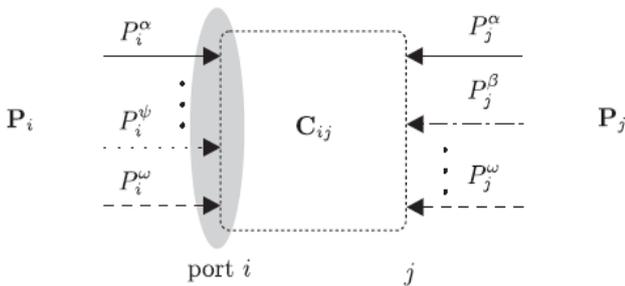


Figure 1: Port to port coupling for a hub containing input and output ports

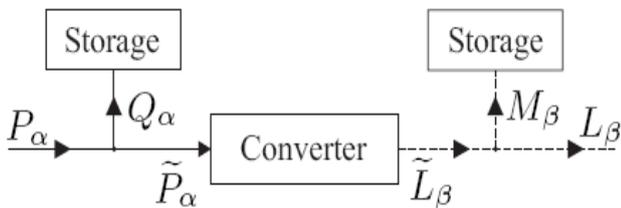


Figure 2: Input and output power of energy converter in a hub with energy storage

2. Modeling of energy storage in hub

Considering Fig. 1 that contains a storage interface and an ideal energy storage element, the relation between transferred power Q_α and internal stored energy E_α is defined as stated in

$$\tilde{Q}_\alpha = e_\alpha Q_\alpha = \frac{dE_\alpha}{dt} \approx \frac{\Delta E_\alpha}{\Delta t} \quad (1)$$

In e_α is declared as the storage efficiency that contains the efficiency of storage interface which converts the energy carrier exchanged with the system to the internal stored carrier. Energy hub can include energy storage elements in its input, output or between the energy converter elements. Input and output powers of converters are modeled as depicted in Fig. 2 input powers of converters are shown by P and output powers are shown by L .

$$\tilde{P}_\alpha = P_\alpha - Q_\alpha \quad (2)$$

$$L_\beta = L_\beta + M_\beta \quad (3)$$

Consequently, the coupling of energy between hub's input and output is modeled as in

$$[L + M] = C[P - Q] \quad (4)$$

In M shows total stored power in output and Q shows total stored power in input side[2].

3. Applying linear operational and structural optimization in energy Hub and its Results

In this part it is considered that we have an empty hub as depicted in Fig. 3. The hub is connected to the electricity and natural gas networks in its input and must supply electrical and thermal loads in its output

As depicted in Fig 4, a set of elements are available for desired hub and the appropriate ones should be selected using structural optimization. We have three types of combined heat and power (CHP) units in the first row of the figure, three types of power transformers in the second row and three types of heat exchangers in the third row. Finally in the last row of the figure we have heat and natural gas storage units.

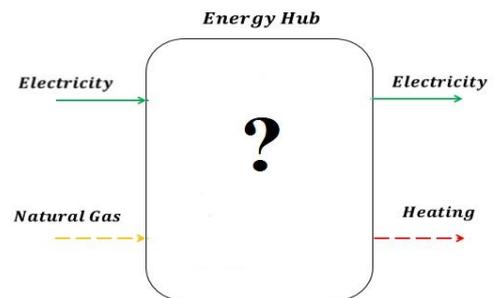


Figure 3: Desired energy hub for structural and operational optimizations

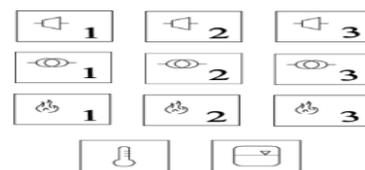


Figure 4: Available energy converter and storage elements for the desired hub

4. Reliability

Reliability and availability of energy supply is an important issue, therefore models have also been developed for this kind of investigations. Failure and repair rates can be defined for all components in the system. Considering an energy hub, failure and repair rates of the coupling elements can be stated in matrices similar to the mentioned coupling matrix in and this has been elaborated in . It is out of the scope of this paper to go into the details of such an analysis, but the general conclusions can be illustrated by an example. shows the German standard weekday electrical load profile for a small business, scaled to a total annual consumption of 20 MWh. The electrical load can be supplied by: Direct electrical connection, capacity[2].

$$C_{ee} = 10 \text{ kW} \tag{5}$$

Conversion chemical to electrical, capacity

$$C_{ce} = 2 \text{ kW} \tag{6}$$

Conversion thermal to electrical, capacity

$$C_{te} = 0.5 \text{ kW} \tag{7}$$

As can be seen from Figure 4 the load can during different time intervals be supplied through different combinations of the three supply channels given above.

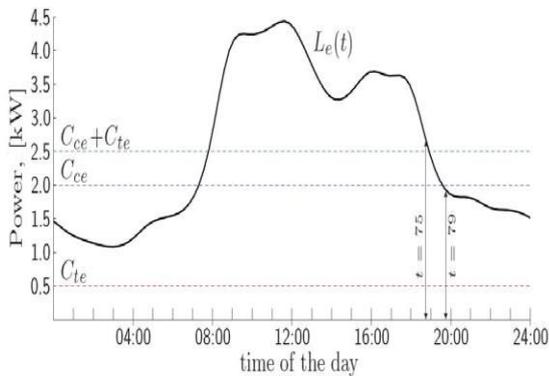


Figure 5: Electrical load curve of a small business of total annual consumption of 20 MWh. Indicated are the capacities of the different converters as given in text.

Obviously the load can be supplied by the electrical connection alone, but during different time intervals the load or part of the load can be supplied by the chemical to electrical connection alone or in combination with the thermal to electrical connection. This will increase the reliability indicators of the system, e.g. the availability and the Expected Energy Not Supplied, EENS. The detailed modelling using Markov techniques and numerous application examples can be found in

5. System optimization

Various optimization problems can be identified when considering integrated multi-carrier systems. The basic question of combined optimal power flow is how much of which energy carriers the hubs should consume and how should they be converted in order to meet the loads at their

outputs. This is an operational problem. In the planning phase, the optimal structure of the hub may be of interest, which can be found by determining the optimal coupling matrix which describes the conversions within the hub. Converters can then be selected in order to establish this optimal coupling, and missing technology can be identified. These and other optimization problems have been formulated and analysed using various criteria such as energy cost, system emissions, transmission security measures, etc. Bi- and multi-objective optimization can be performed by combining different criteria in composite objective functions. In reference [4] the details of the optimization procedure have been described. Here only one interesting result will be highlighted. The relationship between the outputs, i.e. the load vector **L**, and the input vector, **P**, in Figure 5 can in matrix form be written as:

$$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{p} \tag{8}$$

where **C** is the coupling matrix in Figure 4. A general optimality condition of the hub can then be written as:

$$\Psi\Lambda = \mathbf{C} \tag{9}$$

where Ψ is the vector of system marginal prices and Λ the vector of hub marginal prices. This latter equation is the equivalent to the well-known economic dispatch rule for generators in electrical systems, the so called “equal incremental cost rule” as illustrated in Figure 6.

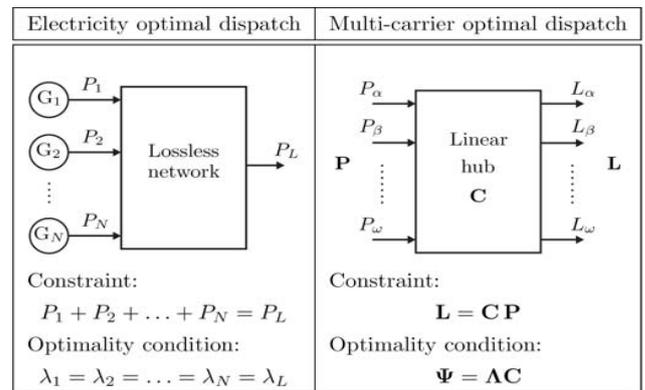


Figure 6: Electricity and multi-carrier optimal dispatch.

6. The objective function

$$F = \text{Operation cost} + \text{Emission cost} + \text{cost(Ens)} \tag{10}$$

That objective function consists of three parts. The first part is related to the cost of installing equipment in one year's time: The first part of the energy costs and the cost of operation of the equipment, including the cost of buying electricity from the grid. production at prices determined by the network, the cost of energy produced by the plant is the simultaneous production of electricity and heat.

(11)

$$\text{Operation cost} = 365 \times \sum_{t=1}^{24} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{N_i} [c_1 + c_2 P_i(t) + c_3 P_i^2(t)] + \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_\alpha} [P_\alpha(t) \times \text{cost } P_\alpha(t)] \right)$$

In the above passage c_1 the fixed cost maintenance and c_2 and c_3 represents the variable costs and exploit are

chp, α type and i-type fuel energy input to the system integrated components installed. Cost $P(t)$ electric in energy prices according to p_u be purchased from the grid. The second part of the cost of offenses pollution and emissions of toxic carrier of change

$$Emission\ cost = 365 \times \sum_{t=1}^{24} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N\alpha} [E_1 + E_2 P_{\alpha}(t) + E_3 P_{\alpha}^2(t)] \tag{12}$$

E_3 and E_2 E_1 coefficients and coefficients are apply the cost of pollution and air quality are determined by the controller. Here factor θ is added to the system of power sharing between the boiler the inlet gas chp defines the value of θ is between zero and one Equations describing the system can be expressed as a matrix:

$$L(t) = CP(t) \tag{13}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} L_e(t) \\ L_h(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \eta_T & \vartheta \times \eta_{chpe} \\ 0 & \vartheta \times \eta_{chph} + (1 - \vartheta)\eta_B \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_e(t) \\ P_g(t) \end{bmatrix} \tag{14}$$

In the above passage coefficients P_e and P_g by express carrier power and carrier gas are also η_T efficiency of trans- η (chp (e)) electrical efficiency chp and η (chp (h)) thermal efficiency chp and η_B efficiency heat Boilers are The fourth part of the cost of supply of energy is not cost Reliability

$$cost(ENS) = ENS_i \times Rens_i \tag{15}$$

In the above passage coefficient r ENS and ENS are not represents cost and lack of energy not supplied The importance of an integrated system to optimize the use of energy carriers according to the constraints is that the current system, it becomes clear. Thus, the constraints to specify some of the variables are used such the limitations include the following

$$0 \leq P_i(t) \leq P_{i,max} \tag{16}$$

$$i \in e, g \tag{17}$$

And of the the limitations is that the variable values in the relationship between input and output connection and apply a matrix parameters

$$L_e(t) = \eta_T P_e(t) + \vartheta \eta_{chpe} P_g(t) \tag{18}$$

$$L_h(t) = \vartheta \eta_{chph} P_g(t) + (1 - \vartheta)\eta_B P_g(t) \tag{19}$$

At this stage, in addition to the proposed constraint must be considered in the limit θ

7. The introduction of an integrated system of exploitation

Hub energy system under consideration is taken to include transformers, combined heat and power system (CHP) and

boiler (Boiler) system consists of electrical energy and natural gas and the electricity and heat output is obtained. Duration of operation 24 hours a day, 365 days is taken into account. The system can select the most suitable equipment options.[3].

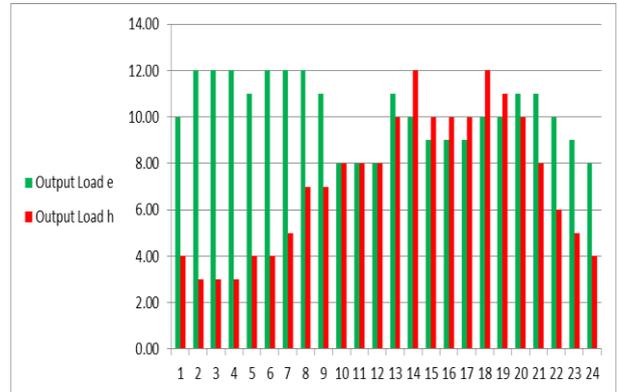


Figure 7: The question of electricity and heat

In energy prices in the calculation and determination of the amount of gas and electricity is very effective input, this model in energy prices is evaluated according to the following diagram

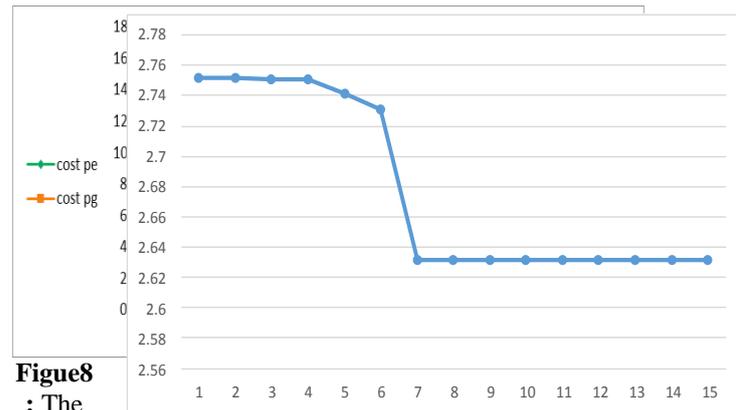


Figure8 : The cost of

electricity and gas energy input to the system

After the simulation and run the software according to the demand of electricity and heat, the system of transformers 2, Chp 2 and boiler 1 uses Electric and gas input is calculated by the optimization software in the following diagram[4].

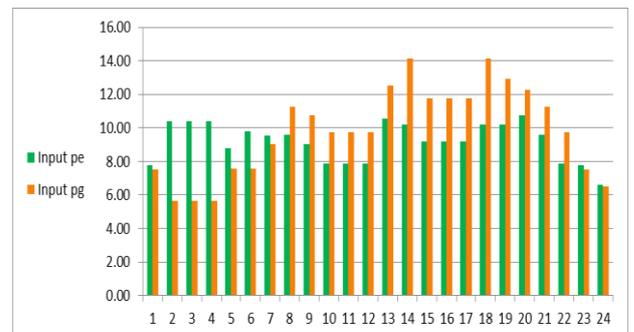


Figure 9: The amount of electrical energy input to the system in the first scenario study

Electricity and gas energy input to the system In this model, taking into consider the amount of gas boiler in the

hub energy input by a factor θ is divided between the boiler and Chp Gams is determined by optimization software, the following diagram to determine the value of θ [5].

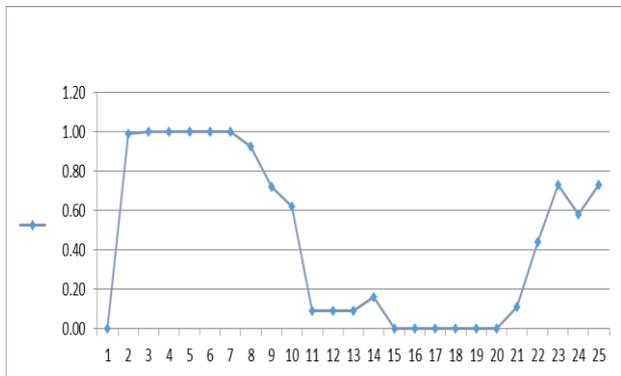


Figure 10: The division of power between the inlet gas Chp, boiler

Figure 11: The results of the objective function reliability for multiple repeat

7.conclusion

In this paper a linear method is presented for modeling and formulation of the energy hub's structural and operational optimization problem. The MILP model of this problem has been introduced here. Branch and cut algorithm is used for solving this problem and because of the model's linearity, it is guaranteed to obtain the global optimum solution and the solution would be converged with a higher speed in comparison to the non linear models. The gas and thermal storage units are considered and a multi-period optimization problem is solved. Utilizing the energy hub increases the load serving reliability and decreases the operational cost. The results show the usefulness of storage units and the benefit of MILP modeling.

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