

# 04\_pandapower

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## pandapower – A Short Introduction

This tutorial explains **pandapower** library basis used in RHT laboratories. **pandapower** is an easy to use tool for loadflow and short-circuit calculations in power systems. To go further, we recommend you take a look at these two - [pandapower's documentation](#). - [pandapower's tutorials](#). - [pandapower\\_heig\\_ui's documentation](#).

## 1 Create a small power network

We consider the following simple 3-bus example network from [pandapower's tutorial](#).

The above network can be created in pandapower as follows:

```
[1]: import pandapower as pp
```

### 1.1 Create a pandapower empty power network object

In order to create an empty network object, we can run the following **pandapower** command:

```
[2]: # Create an empty network
net = pp.create_empty_network()
net
```

[2]: This pandapower network is empty

The empty network object is composed by a dictionary of pandas DataFrame.

### 1.2 Create three buses with different voltage levels

We need three buses with different voltage levels and names, buses are the elements which connect equipments together:

```
[3]: # Create buses
bus1 = pp.create_bus(net, vn_kv=20., name="Bus 1")
bus2 = pp.create_bus(net, vn_kv=0.4, name="Bus 2")
bus3 = pp.create_bus(net, vn_kv=0.4, name="Bus 3")
```

**Remark:** We need to pay attention that voltage levels are express in kV and correspond to line voltages.

### 1.3 Creating a transformer and connecting it to the network

For a full understanding of the parameters to be applied, please read the [documentation](#) carefully.

In order to create the transformer object that will be connection to the network previously created, we can proceed as follows:

```
[4]: # Create transformer
trafo = pp.create_transformer_from_parameters(
    net, hv_bus=bus1, lv_bus=bus2, sn_mva=0.4, vn_hv_kv=20.0, vn_lv_kv=0.4,
    vk_percent=6.0, vkr_percent=1.425, pfe_kw=1.35, i0_percent=0.3375,
    name="Trafo")

# trafo = pp.create_transformer(net, hv_bus=bus1, lv_bus=bus2, std_type="0.4
# MVA 20/0.4 kV", name="Trafo")
```

**Remark:** pay attention in parameters units and in voltage levels matches.

#### 1.3.1 Create a transmission line and connect it to the network

```
[5]: line = pp.create_line_from_parameters(net, from_bus=bus2, to_bus=bus3,
    length_km=0.1, r_ohm_per_km=0.642, x_ohm_per_km=0.083, c_nf_per_km=210,
    max_i_ka=0.142, name="Line")
```

#### 1.3.2 Create a load connect it to the network

```
[6]: # Create bus elements
load = pp.create_load(net, bus=bus3, p_mw=0.100, q_mvar=0.05, name="Load")
```

#### 1.3.3 Create an external grid connection

This element is mandatory to be able to perform powerflow simulations. It insures to keep powers balanced within the power network:

```
[7]: ext_grid = pp.create_ext_grid(net, bus=bus1, vm_pu=1.20, name="Grid Connection")
```

## 2 Data structure and data access

A **pandapower** network object is structured as a dictionary:

- Keys are the type names of power network equipments names such as line, load transformer, etc. (string).
- Values are tables which contains all the information needed about their corresponding equipments (pandas DataFrame).

By calling the network have a quick overview of it and the number of element for each equipment.

```
[8]: net
```

[8]: This pandapower network includes the following parameter tables:

- bus (3 element)
- load (1 elements)
- ext\_grid (1 elements)
- line (1 elements)
- trafo (1 elements)

There are two ways to get the one equipment type table:

- By using the dictionary way to call values.
- By using the pandapower object.

[9]: `net["bus"]`

```
[9]:      name  vn_kv type  zone  in_service
0  Bus 1    20.0   b  None         True
1  Bus 2     0.4   b  None         True
2  Bus 3     0.4   b  None         True
```

[10]: `type(net["bus"])`

[10]: `pandas.core.frame.DataFrame`

[11]: `net.bus`

```
[11]:      name  vn_kv type  zone  in_service
0  Bus 1    20.0   b  None         True
1  Bus 2     0.4   b  None         True
2  Bus 3     0.4   b  None         True
```

[12]: `net.trafo`

```
[12]:      name std_type  hv_bus  lv_bus  sn_mva  vn_hv_kv  vn_lv_kv  vk_percent  \
0  Trafo      None      0      1    0.4    20.0      0.4      6.0

      vkr_percent  pfe_kw  i0_percent  shift_degree  tap_side  tap_neutral  \
0      1.425    1.35    0.3375      0.0      None      NaN

      tap_min  tap_max  tap_step_percent  tap_step_degree  tap_pos  \
0      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN      NaN

      tap_phase_shifter  parallel  df  in_service
0      False      1  1.0      True
```

[13]: `net.line`

```
[13]:      name std_type  from_bus  to_bus  length_km  r_ohm_per_km  x_ohm_per_km  \
0  Line      None      1      2      0.1      0.642      0.083
```

	c_nf_per_km	g_us_per_km	max_i_ka	df	parallel	type	in_service
0	210.0	0.0	0.142	1.0	1	None	True

```
[14]: net.load
```

```
[14]:      name  bus  p_mw  q_mvar  const_z_percent  const_i_percent  sn_mva  scaling \
0  Load    2   0.1   0.05              0.0              0.0      NaN    1.0

      in_service type
0           True  wye
```

To have access to one specific element or value of a table, use Pandas functions:

```
[15]: net.bus.loc[0, :]
```

```
[15]: name          Bus 1
vn_kv          20.0
type           b
zone           None
in_service      True
Name: 0, dtype: object
```

```
[16]: type(net.bus.loc[0, :])
```

```
[16]: pandas.core.series.Series
```

```
[17]: net.bus.at[0, "name"]
```

```
[17]: 'Bus 1'
```

We can also modify the data using Pandas function:

```
[18]: net.bus.loc[0, "name"] = "hv_bus"
net.bus
```

```
[18]:      name  vn_kv  type  zone  in_service
0  hv_bus   20.0    b  None      True
1   Bus 2    0.4    b  None      True
2   Bus 3    0.4    b  None      True
```

### 3 Run power flow

Now we can run a balanced power flow calculation using the following command:

```
[19]: pp.runpp(net)
net
```

[19]: This pandapower network includes the following parameter tables:

- bus (3 element)
- load (1 elements)
- ext\_grid (1 elements)
- line (1 elements)
- trafo (1 elements)

and the following results tables:

- res\_bus (3 element)
- res\_line (1 elements)
- res\_trafo (1 elements)
- res\_ext\_grid (1 elements)
- res\_load (1 elements)

Then if you check you **pandapower** object you will see that powerflow results tables have been added.

It may also be interesting to consult the results for buses, lines and transformers:

```
[20]: net.res_bus
```

```
[20]:      vm_pu  va_degree      p_mw      q_mvar
0  1.200000   0.000000 -0.106038 -0.051875
1  1.190635  -0.539841  0.000000  0.000000
2  1.153532   0.080701  0.100000  0.050000
```

```
[21]: net.res_line
```

```
[21]:      p_from_mw  q_from_mvar  p_to_mw  q_to_mvar      pl_mw  ql_mvar  i_from_ka  \
0   0.103769    0.050486    -0.1    -0.05  0.003769  0.000486  0.139895

      i_to_ka      i_ka  vm_from_pu  va_from_degree  vm_to_pu  va_to_degree  \
0  0.139896  0.139896   1.190635    -0.539841   1.153532    0.080701

      loading_percent
0          98.518141
```

```
[22]: net.res_trafo
```

```
[22]:      p_hv_mw  q_hv_mvar  p_lv_mw  q_lv_mvar      pl_mw  ql_mvar  i_hv_ka  \
0  0.106038    0.051875 -0.103769  -0.050486  0.002268  0.001389  0.00284

      i_lv_ka  vm_hv_pu  va_hv_degree  vm_lv_pu  va_lv_degree  loading_percent
0  0.139895    1.2          0.0  1.190635    -0.539841          24.593091
```

All other pandapower elements and power grid analysis functionality (e.g. optimal power flow, state estimation or short-circuit calculation) are also fully integrated into pandapower's tabular data structure. This concludes a short walkthrough of some pandapower features. More in-depth tutorials can be found under this [link](#)

## 4 Create small power network using pandapower\_heig\_ui package

A package has been created in order to simplify network generation, timeseries simulation and data visualisation. We can generate **pandapower** object from data stored in excels files through the following function. We advice you to take a look at its [documentation](#).

```
[23]: import pp_heig_plot as pp_plot
import pp_heig_simulation as pp_sim
from datetime import time
```

```
[24]: net_file_path = "data/3_bus_example.xlsx"
net = pp_sim.load_net_from_excel(file_path=net_file_path)
net
```

[24]: This pandapower network includes the following parameter tables:

- bus (3 element)
- load (1 elements)
- ext\_grid (1 elements)
- line (1 elements)
- trafo (1 elements)

We can plot a simplified diagram of our network using the following function:

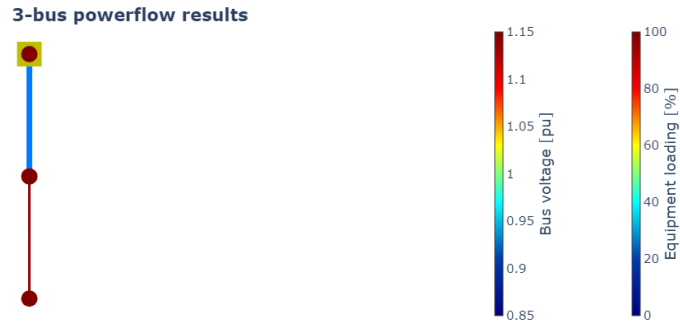
- By adding a filename, the plot will be saved in a png format in the default folder *plot*.
- We can change the folder name using the folder parameter.
- We can view the equipment parameters in the plot by moving the mouse over them.
- The network is well traced when it is tree-like. In the case of a mesh grid, a coordinate parameter must be added to the buses.

```
[25]: pp_plot.plot_power_network(net=net, plot_title="3-bus example",
↪filename="3_bus_example")
```



We can run a simple power flow and visualise result using the following functions:

```
[26]: pp.runpp(net)
pp_plot.plot_powerflow_result(net=net, plot_title="3-bus powerflow results",
    ↪filename="3_bus_pp_result")
net.res_bus
```



```
[26]:      vm_pu  va_degree      p_mw      q_mvar
0  1.200000   0.000000  -0.106038  -0.051875
1  1.190635  -0.539841   0.000000   0.000000
2  1.153532   0.080701   0.100000   0.050000
```

#### 4.1 Timeseries powerflow simulation

We can create power profiles from excel files to perform timeseries powerflow simulations. After having been loaded, the resulting object is a dictionary of dataframe:

- Keys is the equipment name where profile are related to.
- Values can be active and reactive power profile table.

```
[27]: profile_file_path = "data/3_bus_power_profile.xlsx"
time_series = pp_sim.load_power_profile_form_excel(file_path=profile_file_path)
print(time_series.keys())
print(time_series["load"].keys())
time_series["load"]["p_mw"]
```

```
dict_keys(['load'])
dict_keys(['p_mw', 'q_mvar'])
```

```
[27]: profile      0      1
00:00:00  0.02301  0.08414
01:00:00  0.01743  0.08866
02:00:00  0.01592  0.08950
03:00:00  0.02022  0.08509
04:00:00  0.03131  0.07463
05:00:00  0.03377  0.07337
06:00:00  0.03829  0.06886
07:00:00  0.05299  0.05567
```

08:00:00	0.07359	0.04019
09:00:00	0.08708	0.03242
10:00:00	0.08454	0.03552
11:00:00	0.08326	0.03750
12:00:00	0.07909	0.04142
13:00:00	0.06846	0.04953
14:00:00	0.06324	0.05306
15:00:00	0.06635	0.05080
16:00:00	0.05867	0.05915
17:00:00	0.05251	0.06481
18:00:00	0.04749	0.06822
19:00:00	0.04147	0.06954
20:00:00	0.03622	0.07252
21:00:00	0.03267	0.07635
22:00:00	0.02918	0.07906
23:00:00	0.02701	0.08083

In this example, the file loaded contains two different profiles for loads. If we take a look in the load **pandapower** table we can see that the **profile\_mapping** parameter of the load is set to 0. It means that power profiles applied to this load will be the 0.

```
[28]: net.load
```

```
[28]:      name bus p_mw q_mvar scaling const_z_percent const_i_percent \
0  load_0   2  0.1   0.05      1.0              0.0              0.0

      sn_mva in_service type profile_mapping
0    None      True  wye              0
```

```
[29]: pp_sim.apply_power_profile(net=net, equipment="load",
    ↪ power_profiles=time_series["load"])
```

Then we need to create an output writer which will store simulation results:

- Default results stored are `res_bus.vm_pu`, `res_line.loading_percent`, `res_trafo.loading_percent`.
- We can add other results using `add_results` parameters.

```
[30]: pp_sim.create_output_writer(net=net, add_results= ["res_line.p_from_mw"])
```

Finally, we can run times series simulation and plot results – as follows:

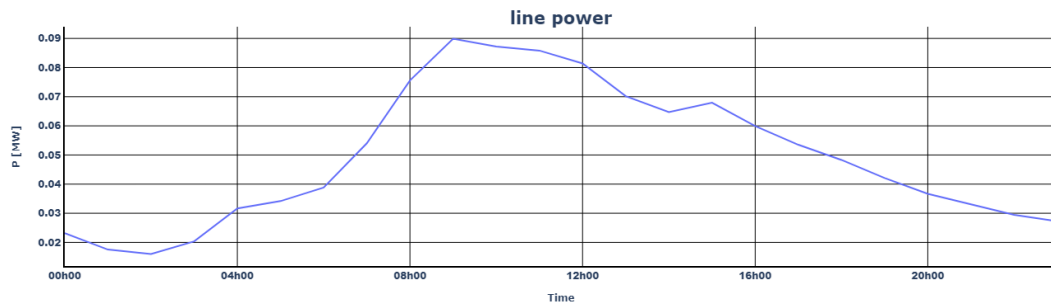
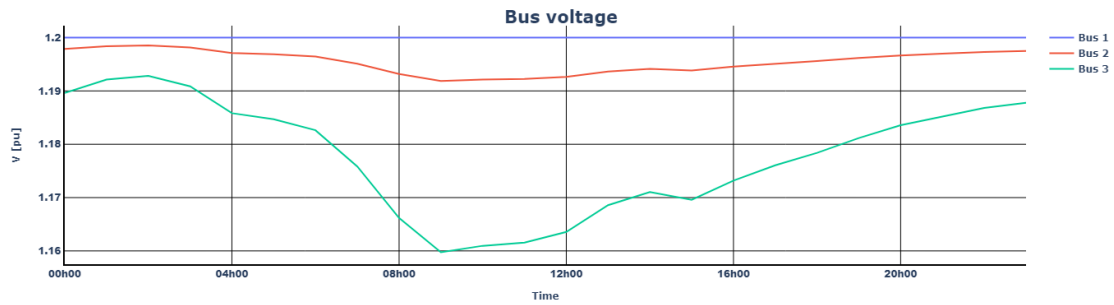
```
[31]: result_df = pp_sim.run_time_simulation(net=net)
print()
pp_plot.plot_timeseries_result(data_df=result_df["res_bus.vm_pu"], ylabel="Vpu"
    ↪ "[pu]",
                                plot_title="Bus voltage", filename= "voltage_result")
print()
```



```

pp_plot.plot_timeseries_result(data_df=result_df["res_line.p_from_mw"],
    ↪ylabel="P [MW]",
                                plot_title="line power", filename= "line_result")
print()
pp_plot.plot_timestamps_powerflow_result(net=net, filename="net_result_12h",
    ↪plot_time=time(hour=12))

```

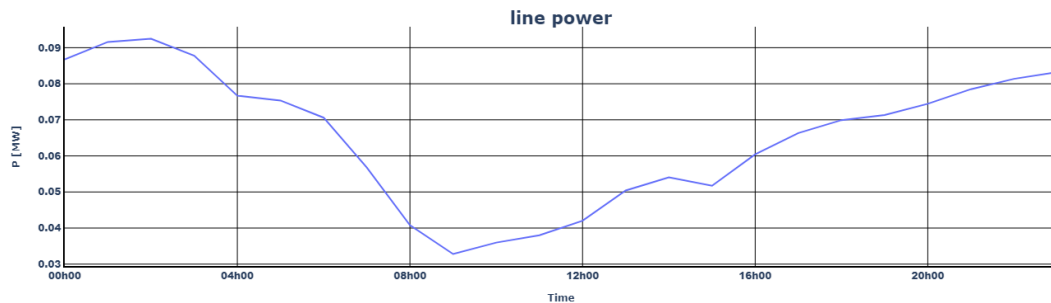
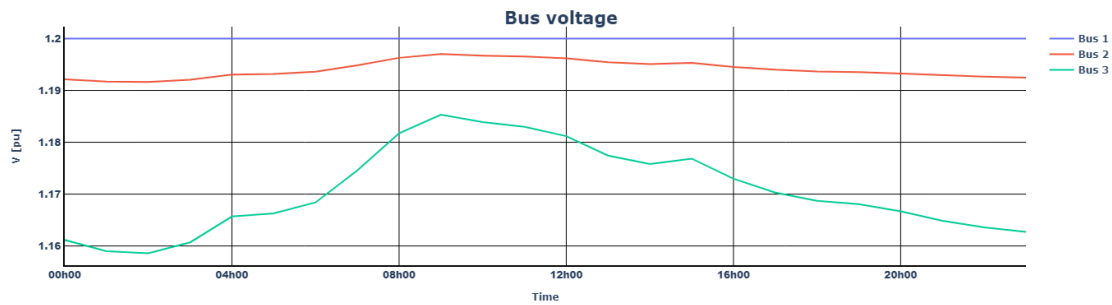


**Powerflow results at 12h00**



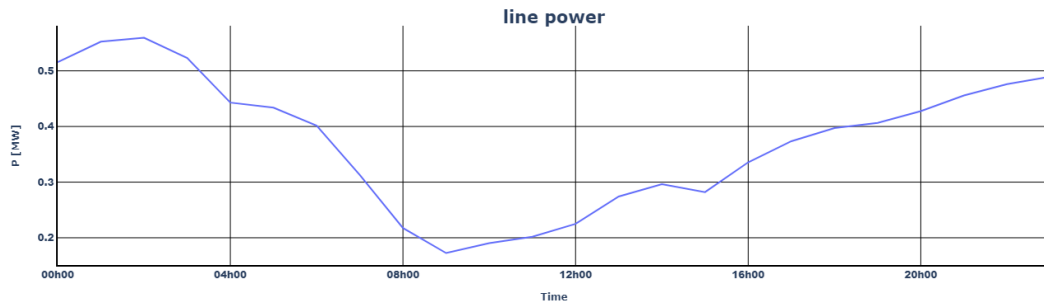
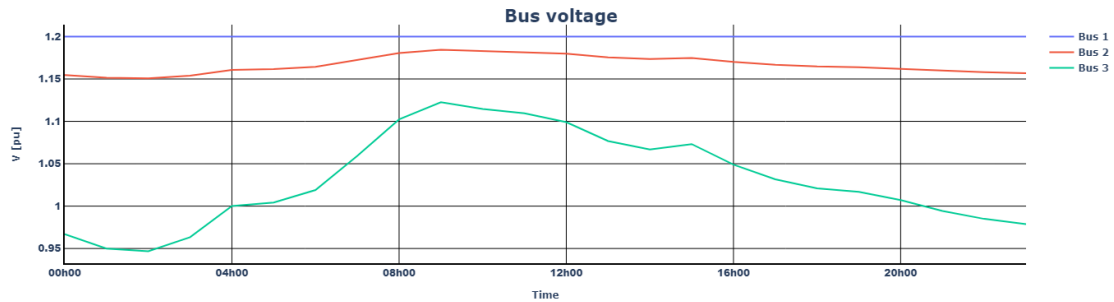
We can use the second power profile loaded for the excel file. To do this, we just need to modify the `profile_mapping` parameter before applying once again the power profile:

```
[32]: net.load.loc[0, "profile_mapping"] = 1
pp_sim.apply_power_profile(net=net, equipment="load",
    ↪ power_profiles=time_series["load"])
result_df = pp_sim.run_time_simulation(net=net)
print()
pp_plot.plot_timeseries_result(data_df=result_df["res_bus.vm_pu"], ylabel="V [
    ↪ pu]",
                                plot_title="Bus voltage", filename= "voltage_result")
print()
pp_plot.plot_timeseries_result(data_df=result_df["res_line.p_from_mw"],
    ↪ ylabel="P [MW]",
                                plot_title="line power", filename= "line_result")
```



We can also scale our power profiles modifying `scaling` parameters:

```
[33]: net.load.loc[0, "scaling"] = 5
result_df = pp_sim.run_time_simulation(net=net)
pp_plot.plot_timeseries_result(data_df=result_df["res_bus.vm_pu"], ylabel="V [pu]",
                               plot_title="Bus voltage", filename= "voltage_result")
print()
pp_plot.plot_timeseries_result(data_df=result_df["res_line.p_from_mw"],
                               ylabel="P [MW]",
                               plot_title="line power", filename= "line_result")
```



## 5 References

- [Pandapower 'Getting started'](#)
- [Pandapower's documentation](#)
- [Pandapower's tutorials on GitHub](#)

### 5.1 Citing pandapower

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