Comparison of Alternative Linear Approximations of Optimal Power Flow Problem

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Motivation

- The Optimal Power Flow (OPF) problem plays a critical role in ensuring efficient, cost-effective, and secure
 operation of power systems.
- The **AC-OPF model** provides **high accuracy but is nonlinear** and **computationally demanding**, making it less suitable for large-scale or real-time use.
- Linear OPF models offer faster and simpler solutions, but often at the expense of reduced accuracy.
- This thesis **introduces a linear OPF** model and evaluates its performance against classical linear approximations (B θ and Decoupled).
- The goal is to investigate whether the proposed linear model can serve as a practical alternative for Distribution System Operators (DSOs), enabling **faster and simpler decision-making** while still capturing the essential behaviour of the power system.

Thesis model description

Accuracy of the proposed model

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General structure of the model

 $minimize_{p,q,f,fq,u,\theta,rp,rq}$ Generation Cost

s.t.

Linear power flow equations

Generators technical limits

Lines technical flow limits

Nodal power balance

Flows calculation $p \ge 0$

Objective function

The objective of the Optimal Power Flow (OPF) problem is to minimize the total generation cost.

This is formulated through the objective function:

$$min_{p,q,f,fq,u,\theta,rp,rq} \sum_{g \in G} MC_g \cdot p_g$$

Notation

- MC_g: Marginal cost of generator g
- p_g : Active power production of generator g
- *G*: Set with generators' names

Linear power flow equations

- At the core of the power flow problem lie the power flow equations.
- The linearized formulation used in this thesis is based on the work of Saverio Bolognani and Sandro Zampieri: "On the existence and linear approximation of the power flow solution in power distribution networks".
- These equations provide a simplified yet effective description of the system, capturing the linear relationships between voltages and active, reactive power injections.
- Voltage magnitude:

$$u_J = \mathbf{1}V_0 + \frac{1}{V_0}Re(Z\bar{s}_J) \quad (1)$$

Voltage angle:

$$\theta_J = \mathbf{1}\Theta_0 + \frac{1}{V_0^2} \operatorname{Im}(Z\bar{s}_J) \quad (2)$$

Notation

J: Set of all nodes except slack node V_0 : Voltage magnitude of slack node Θ_0 : Voltage angle of slack node T: Inverse of admittance matrix V

Z: Inverse of admittance matrix Y

 \bar{s}_I : Vector of complex power injection

Linear power flow equations

Understanding how the previous equations are incorporated into the model formulation is crucial.

This requires a clear grasp of how the impendance matrix Z and power injections vector \bar{s}_J are defined and constructed.

• For Z matrix:

$$Z = \begin{bmatrix} Z_{KK} & Z_{KL} \\ Z_{LK} & Z_{LL} \end{bmatrix}$$

• For \bar{s}_I :

$$\bar{s}_J = \begin{bmatrix} s_K \\ s_L \end{bmatrix}$$

In both cases, a remapping is necessary to position the elements of the matrix and vector correctly. In the new indexing, **generator nodes** are assigned the **initial positions**, followed by the non-generator nodes.

Notation

- K: Set of generator nodes, excluding the slack node
- *L*: Set of non-generator nodes

Linear power flow equations

The equations for voltage magnitudes and angles, using the previously defined Z matrix and \bar{s}_J vector, are expressed in the form of equations (3) and (4).

Voltage magnitude

$$u_{j} = V_{0} + \frac{1}{V_{0}} \cdot \sum_{i \in K} (Re[Z_{j,i}] \cdot rp_{i} + Im[Z_{j,i}] \cdot rq_{i}) + \frac{1}{V_{0}} \cdot \sum_{i \in L} (Re[Z_{j,i}] \cdot rp_{i} + Im[Z_{j,i}] \cdot rq_{i}), j \in J$$
(3)

Voltage angle

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- *J*: Set of all nodes except slack node
- rp_i : Active power injection at node j
- rq_i : Reactive power injection at node j

Voltages at nodes with generators

Voltage magnitudes at generator nodes:

$$u_K = 1$$
 (5)

- \circ Fixing the voltage magnitudes at generator buses to a specified value is a necessary constraint. It ensures that, for a given active power injection vector, the model will yield unique solution vectors for voltage magnitudes (u), angles (θ) and reactive power (rq) variables.
- o If equation (5) were omitted, then for a given active power injection vector, the system would admit **multiple solutions** for the vectors of u, θ and rq.
- The value to which we assume the voltages are equal is not immediately obvious, but a common assumption is that they are set to 1.

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Generators technical limits, voltage magnitude limits and power injections

Maximum and minimum generation capability:

$$P_{min_g} \le p_g \le P_{max_g}, g \in G$$

$$Q_{min_g} \le q_g \le Q_{max_g}, g \in G$$

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- J: Set of all nodes except slack node
- D_n^p : Active power load at node n
- D_n^q : Reactive power load at node n
- B: Set of all generator nodes
- *L*: Set of non-generator nodes
- N: Set of all nodes, $N = B \cup L$

Active power injection

$$(\rho_b): rp_b = D_b^p + \sum_{g \in G} p_g, b \in B$$

$$(\rho_l): rp_l = D_l^p, l \in L$$

Reactive power injection

$$rq_b = D_b^q + \sum_{g \in G} q_g, b \in B$$

$$rq_l = D_l^q, l \in L$$

Dual variables ρ

- The constraints of active power injection are important, as their dual variables have economic interpretation.
- o ρ_n is the **nodal price** of node $n \in N$.

Power Flows Calculation and Nodal Power Balance

To determine the line flows, a Taylor series approximation is employed to linearize the nonlinear AC flow equations:

Active power flows

$$f_m = \frac{R_{ij}(u_i - u_j) + X_{ij}(\theta_i - \theta_j)}{R_{ij}^2 + X_{ij}^2}, m \in M$$

Reactive power flows

$$fq_{m} = \frac{X_{ij}(u_{i} - u_{j}) - R_{ij}(\theta_{i} - \theta_{j})}{R_{ij}^{2} + X_{ij}^{2}}, m \in M$$

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At each node, power balance must be maintained between the net injections and the incoming and outgoing flows. This condition is enforced through the following constraints:

Active power balance

$$rp_n = \sum_{m=(n,:)} f_m - \sum_{m=(:,n)} f_m$$
 , $n \in N$

Reactive power balance

$$rq_n = \sum_{m=(n,:)} fq_m - \sum_{m=(:,n)} fq_m$$
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Technical Limits of Transimission Lines

Constraints for maximum and minimum flow limits

$$-S_m \le f_m \le S_m, m \in M$$

$$-S_m \le f q_m \le S_m, m \in M$$

- \circ The above constraints represent a simple linearization of the nonlinear maximum flow constraint: $f_m^2+fq_m^2\leq S_m^2$
- The set of feasible values for the active and reactive power flows in the nonlinear (AC) constraint is a subset of feasible values in the linear constraint.

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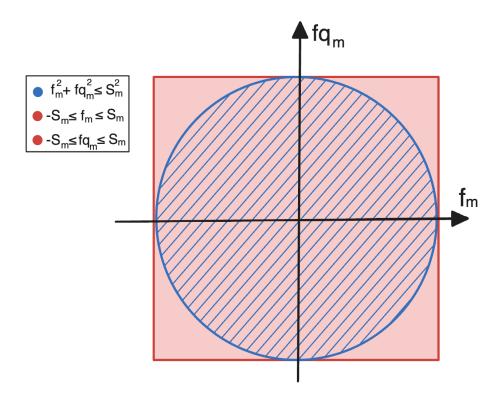


Figure: Comparison between linear and nonlinear constraint

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compared to the AC-OPF

Inaccurate approximation of active power production
 Root cause

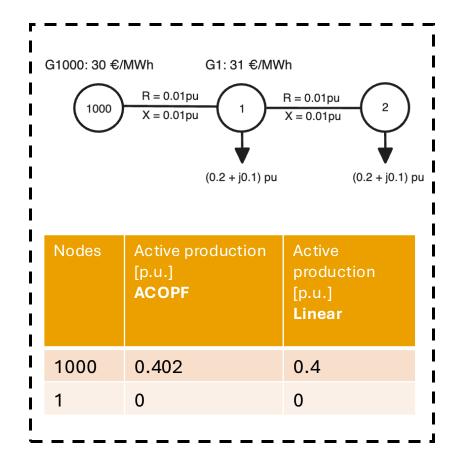
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 Inaccurate approximation of active power production compared to the AC-OPF Root cause

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Conclusions

 Linear model results in lower total active power production.



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Inaccurate approximation of active power production Root cause Linear model ignores losses. compared to the AC-OPF Resistance Increase G1000: 30 €/MWh G1: 31 €/MWh G1000: 30 €/MWh G1: 31 €/MWh **Conclusions** R = 0.1puR = 0.01puR = 0.01puR = 0.01pu Linear model results in 1000 X = 0.01pu X = 0.01puX = 0.01pu X = 0.01pu lower total active power production. (0.2 + j0.1) pu (0.2 + j0.1) pu (0.2 + j0.1) pu (0.2 + j0.1) pu Linear model is unaffected by increases in line losses, Active production Active Nodes Active Active production Nodes unlike the AC model, which production [p.u.] [p.u.] adjusts its production **ACOPF** Linear **ACOPF** decisions in order to avoid Linear

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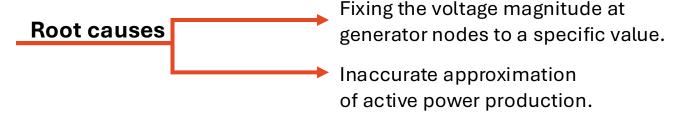
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the lines with more losses.

 Weak approximation of reactive power production, compared to the AC-OPF



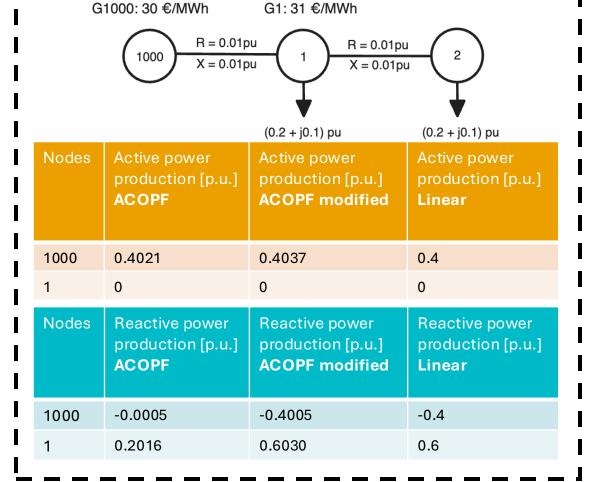
- To examine these two root causes within the previously introduced 3-node systems, a modified version of the ACOPF model will be employed.
- From this point onward, "ACOPF modified" refers to the AC model with voltage magnitudes of generator nodes fixed to 1 per unit.
- We will observe that the linear model attempts to approximate the results of the ACOPF modified model,
 which is assumed to produce outcomes reasonably close to those of the ACOPF model.

Weak approximation of reactive power
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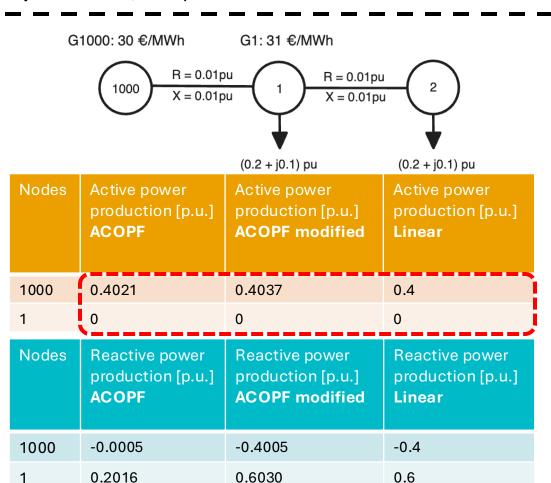
Root causes

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Observations

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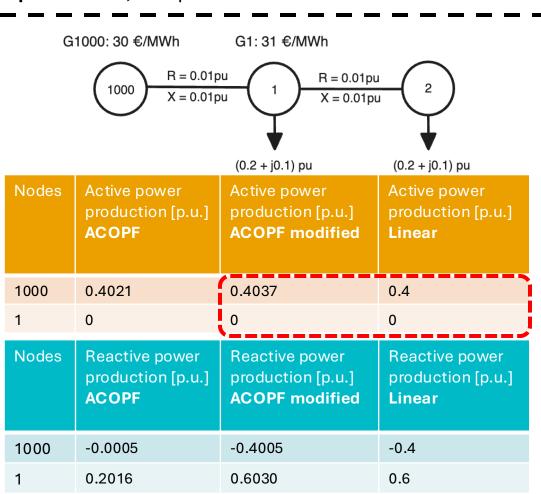
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- o The linear model accurately approximates the active power results of both the ACOPF and the ACOPF *modified*.
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- The linear model aims to approximate the reactive power output of the ACOPF modified model, primarily because the voltage magnitudes at generator buses are set identically in both models.

G	1000: 30 €/MWh	G1: 31 €/MWh		
R = 0.01pu $X = 0.01pu$ $Y = 0.01pu$				
Nodes	Active power production [p.u.] ACOPF	Active power production [p.u.] ACOPF modified	Active power production [p.u.] Linear	
1000	0.4021	0.4037	0.4	
1	0	0	0	
Nodes	Reactive power production [p.u.] ACOPF	Reactive power production [p.u.] ACOPF modified	Reactive power production [p.u.] Linear	
1000	-0.0005	-0.4005	-0.4	
1	0.2016	0.6030	0.6	
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 Weak approximation of reactive power production, compared to the AC-OPF

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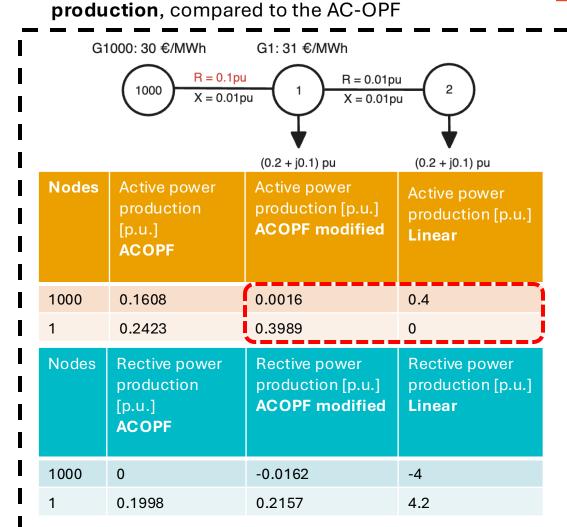
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1000	0.1608	0.0016	0.4		
1	0.2423	0.3989	0		
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Weak approximation of reactive power

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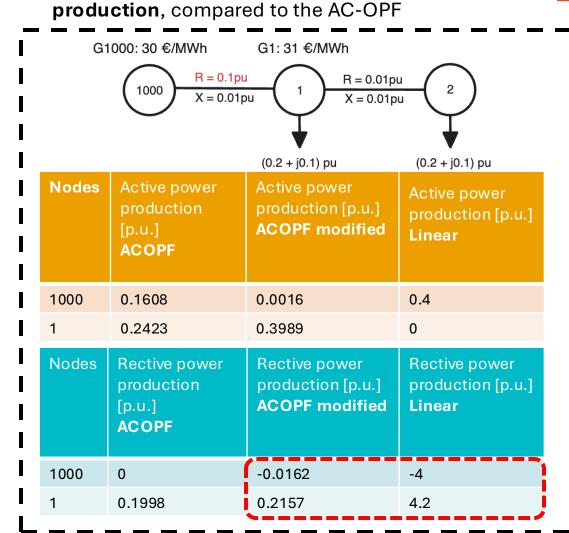




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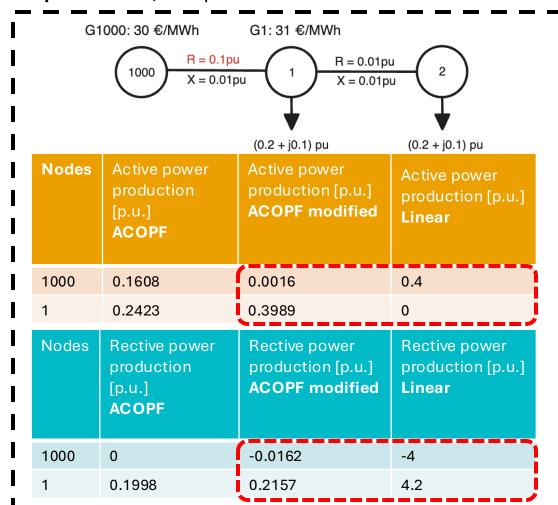
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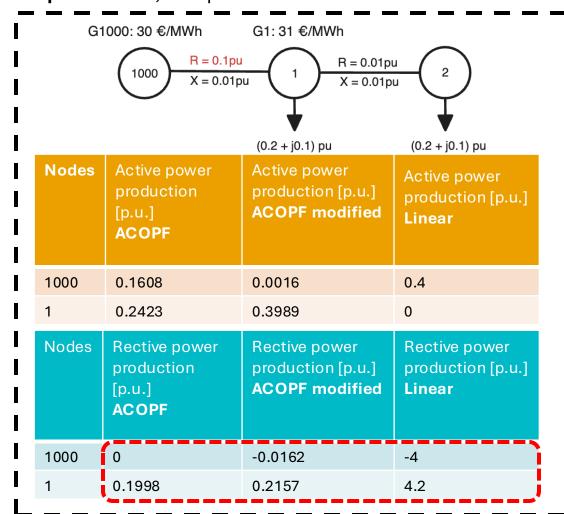
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- Also, the result is weak approximation of reactive power compared to ACOPF.

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Taylor series approximation for power flows works only for voltage magnitude of slack bus equal to 1

- Taylor series constraint was structured around a slack bus voltage magnitude of 1.
- o In practice, if $V_{slack} \neq 1$, the model will decide an active power generation that differs form the active power demand.

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Alternative Linear OPF models

Βθ $min_{p,u,\theta} \sum_{g \in G} MC_g \cdot p_g$ $P_{min_g} \le p_g \le P_{max_g}, g \in G$ $u_n = 1, n \in \mathbb{N}$ $p_{ij} = b_{ij}(\theta_i - \theta_j), i \in N \text{ and } j \in M(i)$ $\sum_{i \in \mathcal{M}(i)} p_{ij} = p_i - D_i^p, i \in N$ $-S_{ij} \le p_{ij} \le S_{ij}$ $p_q \ge 0$

Decoupled

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{p,u,\theta} \sum_{g \in G} MC_g \cdot p_g \\ P_{\min_g} &\leq p_g \leq P_{\max_g}, g \in G \\ Q_{\min_g} &\leq q_g \leq Q_{\max_g}, g \in G \\ p_{ij} &= b_{ij} (\theta_i - \theta_j), i \in N \text{ and } j \in M(i) \\ q_{ij} &= b_{ij} (u_i - u_j), i \in N \text{ and } j \in M(i) \\ \sum_{j \in M(i)} p_{ij} &= p_i - D_i^p, i \in N \\ \sum_{j \in M(i)} q_{ij} &= q_i - D_i^q, i \in N \\ -S_{ij} &\leq p_{ij} \leq S_{ij} \\ -S_{ij} &\leq q_{ij} \leq S_{ij} \\ p_g &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

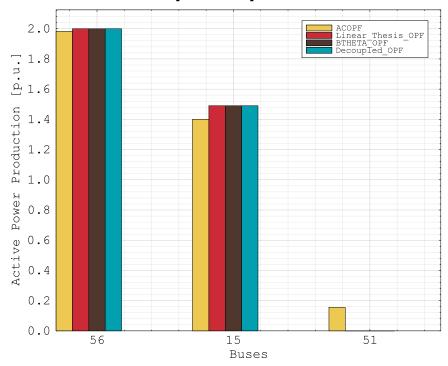
Overview of the test system

The testbed used in this case study is a modified version of the IEEE 123 Test Feeder. It is the same system employed in the work by Saverio Bolognani and Sandro Zampieri, titled "On the existence and linear approximation of the power flow solution in power distribution networks."

Brief system description

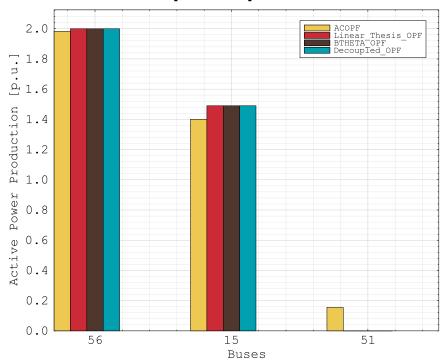
- 56 nodes in total.
- 1000 serves as the slack bus.
- 15 and 51 are the two additional generators of the system.
- Lines are represented as a resistance in series with inductive reactance.
- Generators Marginal Cost:
 - Generator 1000 = 29 € / *MWh*
 - Generator 15 = 30 € / MWh
 - Generator 51 = 30 € / MWh

Active power production



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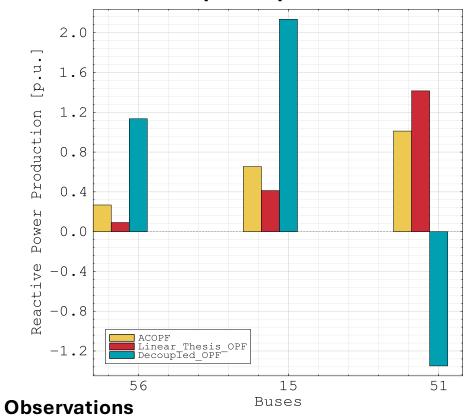
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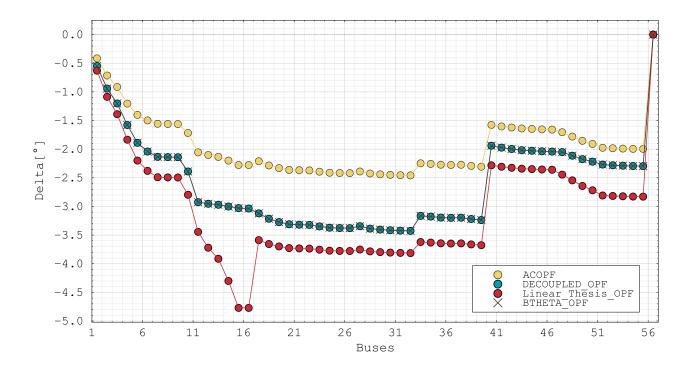
Reactive power production



- Bθ model ignores reactive power
- The Thesis OPF seems to have better approximation, for this case, than the Decoupled model.
- The thesis model shows a smoother and more balanced reactive power profile, avoiding the large swings in generation and absorption seen in the Decoupled model.

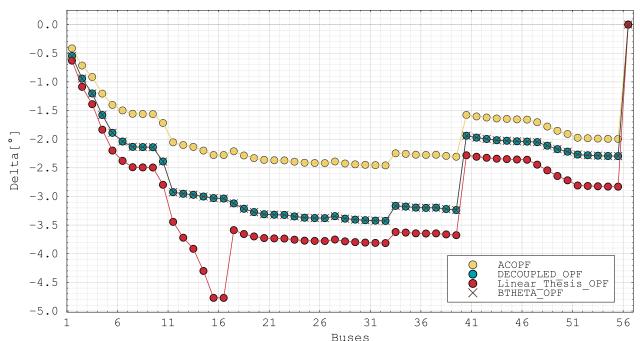
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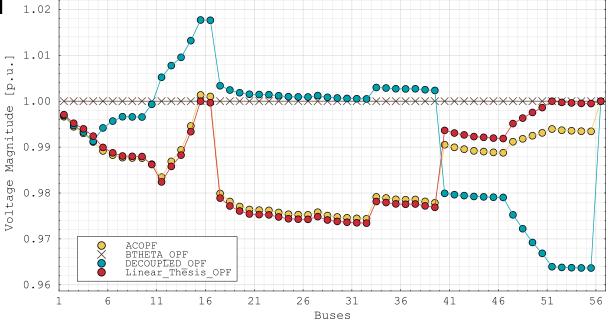
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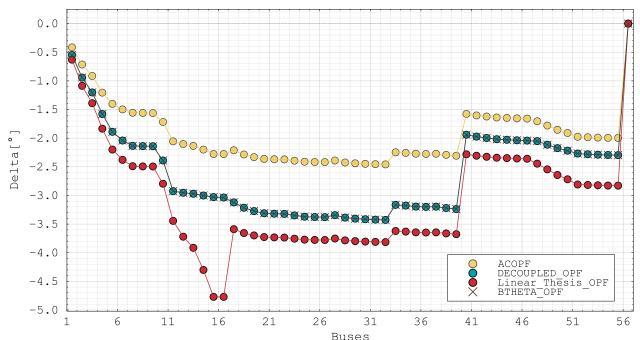


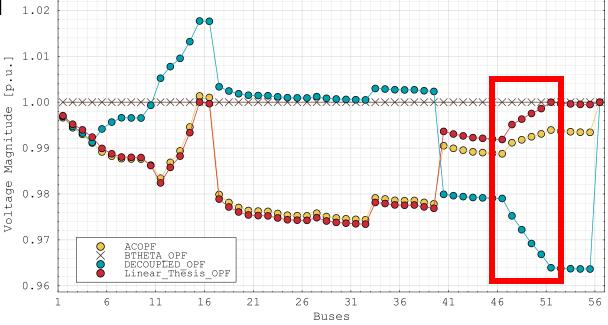
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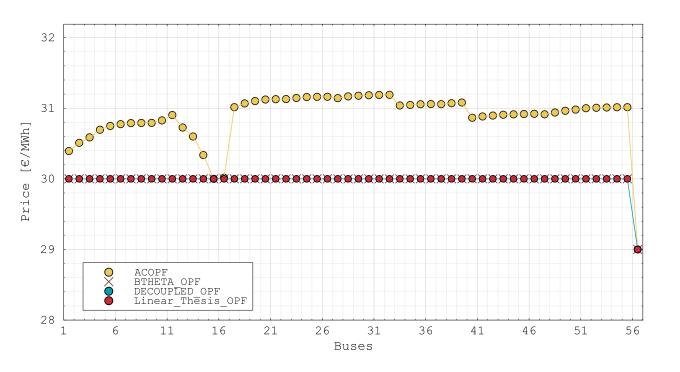




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Nodal Prices



Observations

- Linear models produce identical nodal prices, as they make the same decisions for active power generation.
- Only node 56 has lower price. At node 56 the generator with the lowest marginal cost operates until the thermal limit of the transmission line is reached.
- Between neighboring nodes without congestion, nodal prices:
 - Are equal for the linear models.
 - Differ for the AC model as it accounts for line losses.

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- I propose a linear model for the Optimal Power Flow (OPF) problem.
- The conclusions from more case studies were:
 - All models share the same disadvantages in terms of active power production.
 - The thesis model demonstrates smoother behaviour for reactive power production, compared to the Decoupled model. However, it cannot be definitively stated that one model offers better approximations than the other.
 - All three models follow the ACOPF patterns for voltage magnitudes and angles. The thesis model shows slightly better accuracy for magnitudes, while the Decoupled and Bθ models perform better for angles in terms of maximum and average errors.
 - Linear models exhibit different behaviour for nodal prices, compared to ACOPF, with the root cause being the disregard of line losses.

Thank You!

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Source code: https://github.com/ManousosAlexandrakis/Linear_Approximation_OPF.git

Web App code: https://github.com/ManousosAlexandrakis/OPF_app.git

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Importance of OPF problem

- Purpose of Solving the Optimal Power Flow (OPF) Problem
 - Efficient and reliable energy dispatch

The OPF problem determines the most cost-effective generation schedule that meets system demand while satisfying operational constraints.

Minimization of operating costs

Ensures that electricity is delivered to consumers at the **lowest possible cost**, considering generator costs, transmission limits and system reliability.

Secure system operation

Maintains voltage levels and power flows within safe limits, promoting grid stability and resilience.

- Real World Applications Examples
 - Real-time market clearing
 - Day-ahead market clearing
 - Expansion planning

History of OPF

1930-1950

Energy system problems solved by hand or analog circuits.

1962

Carpentier formalizes
OPF as a constrained
nonlinear optimization
problem.

1991

Huneault & Galliana publish

extensive survey of optimal power flow literature up to 1991. They conclude that challenges with **convergence** and **speed** still remain.

2000 - Today

No universally adopted, fast, and reliable OPF model yet. Modern solutions use approximations — practical but not fully optimal.

1950-1960

Digital solution for Power Flow Problem.

Mid 1960s

Iterative **Newton-Raphson**method becomes popular and
efficient handling of **sparse matrices** significantly improves
performance.

Late 1990s

Development of Security-Constrained OPF (SCOPF) to include contingencies and system risks. Increased modeling realism but also complexity.

At the core of the power flow problem lie the power flow equations. The linearized formulation used in this thesis is based on the work of Saverio Bolognani and Sandro Zampieri. These equations provide a simplified yet effective description of the system, capturing the **linear relationships** between voltages and active, reactive power injections.

Voltage magnitude:

$$u_J = \mathbf{1}V_0 + \frac{1}{V_0} Re(Z\bar{s}_J) \quad (1)$$

Voltage angle:

$$\theta_J = \mathbf{1}\Theta_0 + \frac{1}{V_0^2} \operatorname{Im}(Z\bar{s}_J) \quad (2)$$

Voltage magnitudes at generator nodes:

$$u_K = 1$$
 (3)

Notation

J: Set of all nodes except slack node V_0 : Voltage magnitude of slack node

 $\boldsymbol{\Theta}_0\text{:}$ Voltage angle of slack node

Z: Inverse of admittance matrix Y

 \bar{s}_I : Vector of complex power injection

Understanding how the previous equations are incorporated into the model formulation is crucial. This requires a clear grasp of how the impendance matrix Z and power injections vector \bar{s}_I are defined and constructed.

• For Z matrix:

$$Z = \begin{bmatrix} Z_{KK} & Z_{KL} \\ Z_{LK} & Z_{LL} \end{bmatrix}$$

• For \bar{s}_I :

$$\bar{s}_J = \begin{bmatrix} s_K \\ s_L \end{bmatrix}$$

In both cases, a remapping is necessary to position the elements of the matrix and vector correctly. In the new indexing, **generator nodes** are assigned the **initial positions**, followed by the non-generator nodes.

Notation

- *K*: Set of generator nodes, excluding the slack node
- L: Set of non-generator nodes

The equations for voltage magnitude and angle, using the previously defined Z matrix and \bar{s}_I vector, are expressed in the form of equations (4) and (5).

Voltage magnitude

$$\begin{aligned} u_{j} &= V_{0} + \frac{1}{V_{0}} \cdot \sum_{i \in K} (Re[Z_{j,i}] \cdot rp_{i} + Im[Z_{j,i}] \cdot rq_{i}) \\ &+ \frac{1}{V_{0}} \cdot \sum_{i \in L} (Re[Z_{j,i}] \cdot rp_{i} + Im[Z_{j,i}] \cdot rq_{i}) , j \in J \end{cases}$$
(4)

Voltage angle

$$\theta_{j} = \Theta_{0} + \frac{1}{V_{0}^{2}} \cdot \sum_{i \in K} (-Re[Z_{j,i}] \cdot rq_{i} + Im[Z_{j,i}] \cdot rp_{i}) + \frac{1}{V_{0}^{2}} \cdot \sum_{i \in L} (-Re[Z_{j,i}] \cdot rq_{i} + Im[Z_{j,i}] \cdot rp_{i}) , j \in J$$
 (5)

Reactive power production

- The **issue** that arises is that the equations (4) and (5), for a given value of vector rp_K , determine the values of three variables u, θ and rq.
- As a result, for a given value of vector rp_K , the system admits multiple solutions for the vectors of u, θ and rq.

Notation

- rp_i : Active power injection at node j
- rq_i : Reactive power injection at node j

By inverting the equation (4) and solving for rq_K ,

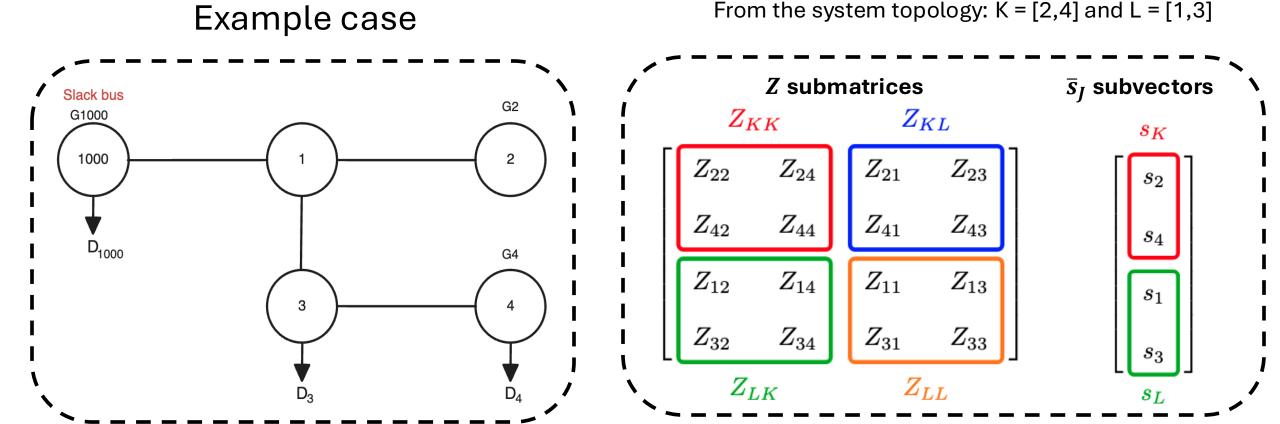
we obtain an expression for the reactive power injection.

$$rq_K = -(Im[Z_{KK}])^{-1}(V_0(V_0\mathbf{1}-u_K))$$

 $+Re[Z_{KK}]rp_K + Re[Z_{KL}]rp_L + Im[Z_{KL}]rq_L$ (6) This equation cannot be incorporated into the model, as it is identical to equation (4).

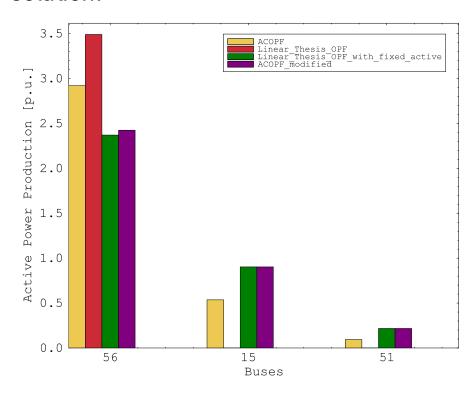
- By setting the vector u_K to a specific value, we obtain:
 - \circ A unique solution for the vector rq_K , as expressed in equation (6), for a given vector rp_K .
- As a result voltage magnitude and voltage angle equations have only two unknown variables.
- Conclusion: Fixing the voltage magnitude at generator nodes leads to unique solution vectors for u_J , θ_J and rq_K and that is the reason why equation (3) must be incorporated into the model.

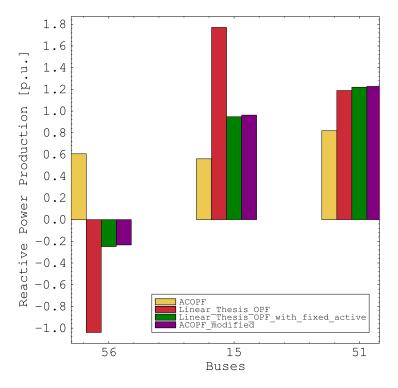
Example for the formulation of the Z matrix and the \bar{s}_{J} vector



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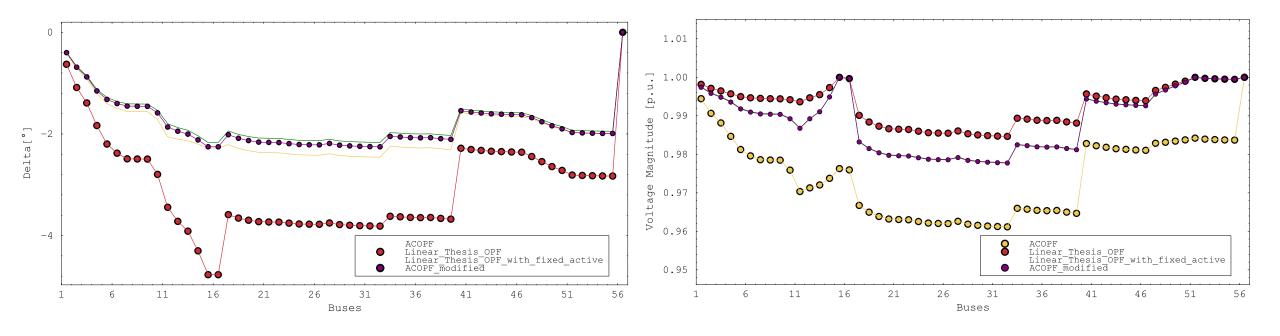




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