

SOFC Model

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0.1 Mathematical Formulation

Sets

\mathcal{K}	Technology cost segments
\mathcal{J}	Power producing technologies
\mathcal{M}	Months of year
\mathcal{T}	Time steps
\mathcal{L}	Locations to construct microgrid

Subsets and indexed Sets

$\mathcal{J}^S \subseteq \mathcal{J}$	Solid oxide fuel cell technologies
$\mathcal{J}^{\text{CHP}} \subseteq \mathcal{J}$	Combined heat and power technologies
$\mathcal{J}^R \subseteq \mathcal{J}$	Renewable technologies
$\mathcal{J}^B \subseteq \mathcal{J}$	Heat-only producing technologies
$\mathcal{J}^E \subseteq \mathcal{J}$	Electrical producing technologies
\mathcal{T}^{fa}	Time steps needed for feasibility analysis
$\mathcal{T}_m \subseteq \mathcal{T}$	Time steps in month m
$\mathcal{T}^g \subseteq \mathcal{T}$	Time steps when the utility is available

Time and demand parameters

Δ	Demand time steps	[hours]
d_{lt}^h	Heating load in time step t for the campus/building at location l	[kW]
d_{lt}^p	Electric load in time step t	[kW]

Cost and emission parameters

κ_j	Annualized variable capital cost of technology j	[\$/unit]
κ_{jk}^a	Annualized fixed installation cost of technology j in size segment k	[\$]
κ^b	Annualized variable capital cost of electric battery	[\$/kWh]

κ^w	Annualized variable capital cost of water storage	[\$/gal]
c_j^{om}	Operation and maintenance cost of technology j	[\$/kWh]
c_t^p	Utility energy cost (including emissions penalty) in time step t	[\$/kWh]
c_t^s	Utility energy purchase price in time step t	[\$/kWh]
c_t^g	Utility gas cost (including emissions penalty) in time step t	[\$/kWh]

Power generation and storage parameters

b_{jk}	Maximum power rating of technology j in cost segment k	[kW]
$\bar{\eta}_j^e$	Maximum electricity efficiency for technology j	[fraction]
$\underline{\eta}_j^e$	Minimum electricity efficiency for technology j	[fraction]
$\bar{\eta}^b$	Maximum electricity efficiency for technology electrical storage	[fraction]
\hat{k}_j	Power rating of technology j	[kW/unit]
f_j^b	y -intercept for fuel of technology j	[unitless]
f_j^m	Fuel burn slope of technology j	[unitless]
f_{jt}^p	Production factor of technology j in time step t	[fraction]
μ_j	Maximum turn-down of technology j	[fraction]
ψ_j	Amount of fuel needed to start up technology j	[kWh/unit]
\underline{s}	Minimum capacity of electrical storage system	[fraction]
\bar{s}	Maximum capacity of electrical storage system	[fraction]
σ_j	Start-up time for each technology j to reach maximum turn-down (μ_j)	[hours]

Heat generation and storage parameters

α	Ambient heat loss for water	[fraction]
ϵ	Arbitrary temperature for which there is no thermal loss	[°C]
η_j^h	Thermal efficiency for technology j	[fraction]
γ_j	Exhaust gas output for technology j	[kg/kWh]
h^e	Specific heat of exhaust	[kWh/(kg °C)]
h^w	Specific heat of water	[kWh/(gal °C)]
\bar{v}	Maximum water storage capacity	[gal]
\underline{v}	Minimum water storage capacity	[gal]

$\hat{\tau}_j$	Average exhaust temp from hot-thermal-producing technology j	[°C]
$\tilde{\tau}$	Average return water temperature to water storage tank	[°C]
$\bar{\tau}$	Maximum allowed temperature of water in the system	[°C]
$\underline{\tau}$	Minimum allowed temperature of water in the system	[°C]

Continuous variables

X_l^w	Volume of water storage tank at location l	[gal]
X_l^{ba}	Amount of electrical storage procured at location l	[kWh]
\hat{X}_t^u	Power purchased from the utility in time step t	[kW]
\tilde{X}_t^u	Power sold to the utility in time step t	[kW]
\bar{X}_m^u	Peak power purchased from the utility in month m	[kW]
X_{jlt}^p	Power produced by each technology j at location l in time step t	[kW]
\tilde{X}_{lt}^b	Power into electrical storage system at location l in time step t	[kW]
\hat{X}_{lt}^b	Power out of electrical storage system at location l in time step t	[kW]
X_{lt}^{bsc}	State of charge of electrical storage system at location l in time step t	[kWh]
X_{jlt}^{ef}	Electric efficiency of each technology j at location l in time step t	[fraction]
X_{jlt}^f	Fuel consumed by technology j at location l in time step t	[kW]
\tilde{X}_{jlt}^{fl}	Flow rate of fluid into thermal storage from technology j at location l in time step t	[kg/hour]
\hat{X}_{lt}^{fl}	Flow rate of water out of thermal storage at location l in time step t	[gal/hour]
X_{lt}^t	Temperature of water in storage at location l in time step t	[°C]

Integer variables

Y_{jl}^a	Number of each technology j procured and emplaced at location l	[units]
Y_{jlt}^{op}	Number of each technology j at location l operating in time step t	[units]
Y_{jlt}^{to}	Increased number of each technology j operating at location l from $t - 1$ to t	[units]

Binary variables

Z_{jk}^{ak}	1 if generating technology j in segment k is procured, 0 otherwise	[binary]
Z_l^{w}	1 if additional water storage capacity is procured at location l , 0 otherwise	[binary]
$\tilde{Z}_{lt}^{\text{t}}$	1 if water storage tank is above $(\tilde{\tau} + \epsilon)$ at location l in time step t , 0 otherwise	[binary]
\hat{Z}_{lt}^{t}	1 if water storage tank is above $(\hat{\tau}_{\text{boiler}})$ at location l in time step t , 0 otherwise	[binary]

Objective function

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\mathcal{P}') \quad \text{minimize} \quad & \underbrace{\sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}, k \in \mathcal{K}} \kappa_{jk}^{\text{a}} Z_{jk}^{\text{ak}} + \sum_{l \in \mathcal{L}} \left\{ \kappa^{\text{b}} X_l^{\text{ba}} + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \kappa_j Y_{jl}^{\text{a}} + \kappa^{\text{w}} (X_l^{\text{w}} - \underline{\nu}) \right\}}_{\text{Capital Costs}} \\
 & + \underbrace{\Delta \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}^{\text{E}}, t \in \mathcal{T}} c_j^{\text{om}} X_{jlt}^{\text{p}}}_{\text{O\&M Costs}} + \underbrace{\sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}^{\text{S}}, t \in \mathcal{T}} c_t^{\text{g}} (\psi_j Y_{jlt}^{\text{to}} + \Delta X_{jlt}^{\text{f}})}_{\text{Fuel Costs}} \\
 & + \underbrace{\Delta \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}^{\text{B}}, t \in \mathcal{T}} (\eta_j^{\text{h}} c_j^{\text{om}} + c_t^{\text{g}}) X_{jlt}^{\text{f}}}_{\text{Existing Boiler Cost}} \Big\} \\
 & + \underbrace{\Delta \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}} c_t^{\text{p}} \hat{X}_t^{\text{u}} + \sum_{m \in \mathcal{M}} c_m^{\text{d}} \bar{X}_m^{\text{u}}}_{\text{Grid Purchase}} - \underbrace{\Delta \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}} c_t^{\text{s}} \check{X}_t^{\text{u}}}_{\text{Grid Sales}} \quad (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

Load balancing

$$\sum_{l \in \mathcal{L}} \left((\bar{\eta}^{\text{b}} \hat{X}_{lt}^{\text{b}} - \check{X}_{lt}^{\text{b}}) + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}^{\text{E}}} X_{jlt}^{\text{p}} \right) + (\hat{X}_t^{\text{u}} - \check{X}_t^{\text{u}}) = \sum_{l \in \mathcal{L}} d_{lt}^{\text{p}} \quad \forall t \in \mathcal{T}^{\text{g}} \quad (2\text{a})$$

$$(\bar{\eta}^{\text{b}} \hat{X}_{lt}^{\text{b}} - \check{X}_{lt}^{\text{b}}) + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}^{\text{E}}} X_{jlt}^{\text{p}} = d_{lt}^{\text{p}} \quad \forall l \in \mathcal{L}, t \in \mathcal{T} \setminus \mathcal{T}^{\text{g}} \quad (2\text{b})$$

$$h^{\text{w}} (\hat{\tau}_j - \tilde{\tau}) \hat{X}_{lt}^{\text{fl}} \left[\left(1 - \left[1 - \frac{\hat{\tau}_j - \underline{\tau}}{X_{lt}^{\text{t}} - \underline{\tau}} \right] \hat{Z}_{lt}^{\text{t}} \right)^{-1} \right] = d_{lt}^{\text{h}} \quad \forall j \in \mathcal{J}^{\text{B}}, l \in \mathcal{L}, t \in \mathcal{T} \quad (2\text{c})$$

Utility operations

$$\bar{X}_m^{\text{u}} \geq \hat{X}_t^{\text{u}} \quad \forall m \in \mathcal{M}, t \in \mathcal{T}_m \quad (3\text{a})$$

$$\sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}_m} \check{X}_t^{\text{u}} \leq \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}_m} \hat{X}_t^{\text{u}} \quad \forall m \in \mathcal{M} \quad (3\text{b})$$

Power capacity

$$\sum_{l \in \mathcal{L}} X_{jlt}^{\text{p}} \leq f_{jt}^{\text{p}} \hat{k}_j \sum_{l \in \mathcal{L}} Y_{jl}^{\text{a}} \quad \forall j \in \mathcal{J}^{\text{R}}, t \in \mathcal{T} \quad (4\text{a})$$

$$\mu_j \hat{k}_j Y_{jlt}^{\text{op}} \leq X_{jlt}^{\text{p}} \leq \hat{k}_j Y_{jlt}^{\text{op}} \quad \forall j \in \mathcal{J}^{\text{E}} \setminus \mathcal{J}^{\text{R}}, l \in \mathcal{L}, t \in \mathcal{T} \quad (4b)$$

$$Y_{jlt}^{\text{op}} \leq Y_{jl}^{\text{a}} \quad \forall j \in \mathcal{J}^{\text{S}}, l \in \mathcal{L}, t \in \mathcal{T} \quad (4c)$$

$$\hat{k}_j \sum_{l \in \mathcal{L}} Y_{jl}^{\text{a}} \leq \bar{b}_{jk} Z_{jk}^{\text{ak}} \quad \forall j \in \mathcal{J}, k \in \mathcal{K} \quad (4d)$$

$$\sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} Z_{jk}^{\text{ak}} \leq 1 \quad \forall j \in \mathcal{J} \quad (4e)$$

Electricity efficiency

$$X_{jlt}^{\text{ef}} = \left(\frac{\bar{\eta}_j^{\text{e}} - \mu_j \underline{\eta}_j^{\text{e}}}{1 - \mu_j} \right) - \left(\frac{\bar{\eta}_j^{\text{e}} - \underline{\eta}_j^{\text{e}}}{\hat{k}_j (1 - \mu_j)} \right) \left(\frac{X_{jlt}^{\text{p}}}{Y_{jlt}^{\text{op}}} \right) \quad \forall j \in \mathcal{J}^{\text{S}}, l \in \mathcal{L}, t \in \mathcal{T} \quad (5)$$

Fuel consumption

$$X_{jlt}^{\text{f}} = \frac{X_{jlt}^{\text{p}}}{X_{jlt}^{\text{ef}}} \quad \forall j \in \mathcal{J}^{\text{S}}, l \in \mathcal{L}, t \in \mathcal{T} \quad (6a)$$

$$\sum_{l \in \mathcal{L}} X_{jlt}^{\text{f}} = \sum_{l \in \mathcal{L}} \left(f_j^{\text{b}} \hat{k}_j Y_{jlt}^{\text{op}} + f_j^{\text{m}} X_{jlt}^{\text{p}} \right) \quad \forall j = \mathcal{J}^{\text{E}} \setminus (\mathcal{J}^{\text{S}} \cup \mathcal{J}^{\text{R}}), t \in \mathcal{T} \quad (6b)$$

$$X_{jlt}^{\text{f}} = \frac{h^{\text{w}} \hat{X}_{lt}^{\text{fl}} (\hat{\tau}_j - X_{lt}^{\text{t}}) (1 - \hat{Z}_{lt}^{\text{t}})}{\eta_j^{\text{h}}} \quad \forall j \in \mathcal{J}^{\text{B}}, l \in \mathcal{L}, t \in \mathcal{T} \quad (6c)$$

Start-up

$$Y_{j,l,t+\sigma_j}^{\text{op}} - Y_{jlt}^{\text{op}} \leq Y_{j,l,t+\sigma_j}^{\text{to}} \quad \forall j \in \mathcal{J}^{\text{S}}, l \in \mathcal{L}, t \in \mathcal{T} : t < |\mathcal{T}| - \sigma_j \quad (7)$$

Power storage

$$X_{l,t+1}^{\text{bsc}} - X_{lt}^{\text{bsc}} = \Delta (\bar{\eta}^{\text{b}} \check{X}_{lt}^{\text{b}} - \hat{X}_{lt}^{\text{b}}) \quad \forall l \in \mathcal{L}, t \in \mathcal{T} : t < |\mathcal{T}| \quad (8a)$$

$$\underline{s} X_l^{\text{ba}} \leq X_{lt}^{\text{bsc}} \leq \bar{s} X_l^{\text{ba}} \quad \forall l \in \mathcal{L}, t \in \mathcal{T} \quad (8b)$$

$$X_{l,1}^{\text{bsc}} = X_{l,|\mathcal{T}|}^{\text{bsc}} \quad \forall l \in \mathcal{L} \quad (8c)$$

Heat capacity

$$\check{X}_{jlt}^{\text{fl}} \leq \gamma_j X_{jlt}^{\text{f}} \quad j \in \mathcal{J}^{\text{CHP}}, l \in \mathcal{L}, t \in \mathcal{T} \quad (9)$$

Heat storage

$$\begin{aligned} & X_{l,t+1}^{\text{t}} - (1 - \alpha \check{Z}_{lt}^{\text{t}}) X_{lt}^{\text{t}} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}^{\text{CHP}}} (\Delta \eta_j^{\text{h}} h^{\text{e}} \check{X}_{jlt}^{\text{fl}} (\hat{\tau}_j - X_{lt}^{\text{t}})) - \Delta h^{\text{w}} \hat{X}_{lt}^{\text{fl}} (X_{lt}^{\text{t}} - \check{\tau})}{h^{\text{w}} X_l^{\text{w}}} \quad \forall l \in \mathcal{L}, t \in \mathcal{T} : t < |\mathcal{T}| \end{aligned} \quad (10a)$$

$$X_{lt}^{\text{t}} - \check{\tau} \leq (\bar{\tau} - \check{\tau}) Z_l^{\text{w}} \quad \forall l \in \mathcal{L}, t \in \mathcal{T} \quad (10b)$$

$$\epsilon \check{Z}_{lt}^{\text{t}} \leq X_{lt}^{\text{t}} - \check{\tau} \leq \epsilon + (\bar{\tau} - \check{\tau} - \epsilon) \check{Z}_{lt}^{\text{t}} \quad \forall l \in \mathcal{L}, t \in \mathcal{T} \quad (10c)$$

$$(\bar{\tau} - \hat{\tau}_j)(1 - \hat{Z}_{lt}^t) \leq X_{lt}^t - \hat{\tau}_j \leq (\bar{\tau} - \hat{\tau}_j)\hat{Z}_{lt}^t \quad \forall j \in \mathcal{J}^B, l \in \mathcal{L}, t \in \mathcal{T} \quad (10d)$$

$$\underline{\nu} \leq X_l^w \leq \bar{\nu} \quad l \in \mathcal{L} \quad (10e)$$

$$Z_l^w \leq \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}^{\text{CHP}}} Y_{jl}^a \leq \left\lceil \frac{\max_{t \in \mathcal{T}} \{d_{lt}^{\text{P}}\}}{\min_{j \in \mathcal{J}^{\text{CHP}}} \{\hat{k}_j\}} \right\rceil Z_l^w \quad \forall l \in \mathcal{L} \quad (10f)$$

Non-negativity and integrality

$$X_l^w, X_l^{\text{ba}} \geq 0 \quad \forall l \in \mathcal{L} \quad (11a)$$

$$X_{jlt}^f, X_{jlt}^p, X_{jt}^{\text{ef}}, \check{X}_{jt}^{\text{fl}} \geq 0 \quad \forall j \in \mathcal{J}, l \in \mathcal{L}, t \in \mathcal{T} \quad (11b)$$

$$\bar{X}_m^u \geq 0 \quad \forall m \in \mathcal{M} \quad (11c)$$

$$\hat{X}_t^u, \check{X}_t^u, \check{X}_t^b, \hat{X}_t^b, X_t^{\text{bsc}}, \hat{X}_t^{\text{fl}}, X_t^t \geq 0 \quad \forall t \in \mathcal{T} \quad (11d)$$

$$Y_{lj}^a \geq 0, \text{integer} \quad \forall l \in \mathcal{L}, j \in \mathcal{J} \quad (11e)$$

$$Y_{jlt}^{\text{op}}, Y_{jlt}^{\text{to}} \geq 0, \text{integer} \quad \forall j \in \mathcal{J}, l \in \mathcal{L}, t \in \mathcal{T} \quad (11f)$$

$$Z_l^w \text{ binary} \quad \forall l \in \mathcal{L} \quad (11g)$$

$$\check{Z}_{lt}^t, \hat{Z}_{lt}^t \text{ binary} \quad \forall l \in \mathcal{L}, t \in \mathcal{T} \quad (11h)$$

$$Z_{jk}^{\text{ak}} \text{ binary} \quad j \in \mathcal{J}, k \in \mathcal{K} \quad (11i)$$