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I. INTRODUCTION

The goal of public transportation is to provide transit services using cost effective and environmentally sound methods. To better meet these needs, electric buses are becoming more common. Benefits include the use of renewable energy, reduced emissions, and fewer maintenance costs [14]. However, there are also extended charge times, electrical expenses, increased loads on power infrastructure [16], [6], [3], and limited battery lifespans [9].

Because charging requires time, buses have limited availability, and there are limited charging resources, charge times must be scheduled with care. This work addresses the problem of charge scheduling and proposes a methodology with the following considerations: bus availability, external loads, fiscal expenses, day/night charging, and variable charge rates. To the best of our knowledge, this is the first time these methods have been included in the same framework.

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II. LITERATURE REVIEW

We acknowledge the existence of additional contributions, such as minimizing costs for startup infrastructure [17], and preserving battery lifespan [9]. However, as these are not relevant to this work, we consider them outside the scope of this review. We further acknowledge that some works cited herein contain solutions to several of these problems, such as in [20], but for sake of organization, we list them in the most relevant context.

A. Battery Charging

Here we consider solutions to empty batteries and focus our attention on either battery replacement or charging methods. We also refer to charging methods as either static (at rest) or dynamic (in motion).

Because charge times can significantly complicate logistics, [19] and [11] give methods for exchanging spent with charged batteries. The benefits include minimal down time as refueling can occur in a matter of minutes. Unfortunately, batteries can be cumbersome, and their exchange can be difficult. It also requires specialized tools, and could require automation.

Another alternative is to inductively charge buses while they traverse their routes [2], [11], [12], [5]. Unfortunately, this requires significant infrastructure which may not be available and is cost prohibitive for large systems.

Alternative solutions tend towards optimal planning. This allows for buses to charge in the traditional sense, minimizes additional infrastructure, and avoids the complexities of exchanging batteries. These approaches generally fall into one of three categories; reactive, hybrid, and global.

Reactive planning focuses strictly on presential circumstances. Methods of this type are computationally efficient, run in real-time, and are adaptable. These techniques generally stem from control theory and manipulate a current state to minimize cost. One such example includes the work done by [4], who uses comparable methodology to reduce demand on the power grid. This methodology however, does not account for global phenomena that require broader planning schemes and for the most part this class of techniques remain unused for bus charging.

Another class of algorithms encompasses a limited number of projected events to improve decision making. This allows for a middle ground between simplicity and global planning and has proven useful in previous work [10], [1].

Global planning algorithms assume complete foreknowledge of future events and provide globally optimal plans [18],[7]. This class of algorithm requires more computation and is less flexible than reactive or hybrid approaches. However, the solutions are globally optimal and derive from insight unavailable to other algorithm classes.

B. Cost Management

The final set of constraints aim to decrease load on the grid. Previous work has shown that the use of electric buses can significantly complicate local power management [3] [6]. Additionally, power demand generally increases the fiscal cost from a billing perspective. [8] has provided methodology for forecasting the load on the grid. These types of models often form the basis for power distribution algorithms. For example, [15] gives an approach to minimize grid demand, but requires foreknowledge of uncontrolled loads. [4] takes a different approach and observes real-time data to control the charge rates of connected buses. [13] also operates in the real-time sense but uses on-board batteries to mitigate the effects of rapid charging.

III. GRAPH INFO

1. Describe basic structure a. nodes i. what this is, and how it relates to the problem. 1. a node represents charging options, 0th is no charge, i,j ($i \neq 0$) represents the option to charge bus i at time j . This can be thought of as some aspect of state (include picture). Make sure to mention how nodes indicate bus schedule b. edges i. what this is, and how it relates to the problem. 1. an edge represents how a charger gets from one node to the next. 2. Give example of node

to node connection and what this means (include picture) 2. Describe representation a. adjacency matrix 3. How this fits in a. Associated variables for linear program b. How these work with adjacency matrix for flow constraints c. How these work with adjacency matrix for group constraints

IV. BATTERY STATE OF CHARGE

1. remind how charging relates to the graph 2. introduce $d_{i,j}$ and $g_{i,j}$ and show how they relate to the graph (picture for d for each node), (second picture for g for each charging timestep) 3. Charging a. Introduce variable rate charging – make sure to mention this as a contribution b. Show how this adds edges to the graph (show picture) 4. Discharging a. Show how delta is incorporated b. mention that delta is taken from real data (contribution)

V. FISCAL RATE SCHEDULE

general introduction with details for demand and consumption charge and how these relate to the end-of-the-month billing. a. external loads (contribution) b. consumption charge i. total energy in Kwh ii. on-peak vs off-peak iii. constraints for consumption charge c. demand charge i. average power in 15 minute window ii. on-peak vs facilities iii. constraints for on-peak and facilities charges d. total cost breakdown i. Show how Rocky Mountain Power uses these and what the cost weighting is.

VI. BUS FLEET OPERATIONS

Overview of bus operations during the day vs the night a. night environment i. one charger per bus ii. slow chargers iii. single rate chargers iv. buses always available b. day environment i. limited number of chargers ii. fast/variable rates iii. limited charging availability c. multiple graphs to incorporate day vs night charging i. show picture to illustrate this ii. show SOC constraints to implement these relationships

VII. OBJECTIVE FUNCTION

VIII. GUROBI & USAGE

IX. RESULTS

X. FUTURE WORK

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