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Education

University of Michigan

2013 Dow Sustainability Fellow, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
• Supervisor: Dr. Ian Hiskens

University of Wisconsin–Madison

2013 Ph.D. Electrical Engineering (Electric Power Systems)
• Dissertation: *Application of Semidefinite Optimization Techniques to Problems in Electric Power Systems*
• 2014 Harold A. Peterson Best Dissertation Award, Second Place
• Advisor: Dr. Bernard Lesieutre

2012 M.P.A. La Follette School of Public Affairs

2010 M.S. Electrical Engineering
• Thesis: *Power System Models Formulated as Eigenvalue Problems and Properties of Their Solutions*
• Certificate in Energy Analysis and Policy
• Grainger Power Engineering Award

2008 B.S. Electrical Engineering, Mathematics
• Graduated with Highest Distinction Honors

Experience

2019 – Assistant Professor, Georgia Institute of Technology, School of Electrical and Computer Engineering

2015 – Computational Engineer, Argonne National Laboratory, Energy Systems Division

2013 – 2015 Dow Sustainability Fellow, University of Michigan

2009 – 2013 Research Assistant, University of Wisconsin–Madison

2012 Teaching Assistant (Electric Power Systems), University of Wisconsin–Madison

2008 – 2012 Graduate Fellow, University of Wisconsin–Madison

2008 Ford Motor Company, Sustainable Mobility Technology (Internship)

2007 Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, Electric Distribution Engineering (Internship)

2005 – 2007 Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, Information Technology (Internship)

Publications

In Review (Journal Articles)

1. J. Liu, B. Cui, **D.K. Molzahn**, C. Chen, and X. Lu, “Optimal Power Flow for DC Networks with Robust Feasibility and Stability Guarantees,” submitted.
2. A. Venzke, S. Chatzivasileiadis, and **D.K. Molzahn**, “Inexact Convex Relaxations of AC Optimal Power Flow Problems: Towards AC Feasibility,” submitted.
3. A. Barzegar, **D.K. Molzahn**, and R. Su, “A Method for Quickly Bounding the Optimal Objective Value of an OPF Problem using a Semidefinite Relaxation and a Local Solution,” submitted.
4. M. Yao, **D.K. Molzahn**, and J.L. Mathieu, “A Multiperiod Optimal Power Flow Approach to Improve Power System Voltage Stability Using Demand Response,” submitted.

In Review (Conference Proceedings)

1. L.A. Roald and **D.K. Molzahn**, “Implied Constraint Satisfaction in Power System Optimization: The Impacts of Load Variations,” submitted.
2. K. Girigoudar, **D.K. Molzahn**, and L.A. Roald, “Analytical and Empirical Comparisons of Voltage Unbalance Definitions,” submitted.

Monographs

- 2019 1. **D.K. Molzahn** and I.A. Hiskens, “A Survey of Relaxations and Approximations of the Power Flow Equations,” *Foundations and Trends in Electric Energy Systems*, vol. 4, no. 1-2, pp. 1-221, February 2019.

Journal Articles

- 2019 1. M. Yao, **D.K. Molzahn**, and J.L. Mathieu, “A Multiperiod Optimal Power Flow Approach to Improve Power System Voltage Stability Using Demand Response,” to appear in *IEEE Transactions on Control of Network Systems, Special Issue on Analysis, Control, and Optimization of Energy System Networks*, 2019.
2. **D.K. Molzahn** and J. Wang, “Detection and Characterization of Intrusions to Network Parameter Data in Electric Power System Operations,” to appear in *IEEE Transactions on Smart Grid*, 2019.
- 2018 3. **D.K. Molzahn**, “Identifying and Characterizing Non-Convexities in Feasible Spaces of Optimal Power Flow Problems,” *IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems II: Express Briefs*, vol. 65, no. 5, pp. 672-676, May 2018. Presented at *IEEE International Symposium on Circuits and Systems (ISCAS), special session on On-line Identification, Control, & Optimization of Electric Power Systems*, 27-30 May 2018.
4. C. Jozs and **D.K. Molzahn**, “Lasserre Hierarchy for Large Scale Polynomial Optimization in Real and Complex Variables,” *SIAM Journal on Optimization*, vol. 28, no. 2, pp. 1017-1048, 2018.
5. **D.K. Molzahn**, “Identifying Redundant Flow Limits on Parallel Lines,” *IEEE Transactions on Power Systems (Letters)*, vol. 33, no. 3, pp. 1-3, May 2018.
6. O. Coss, J.D. Hauenstein, H. Hong, and **D.K. Molzahn**, “Locating and Counting Equilibria of the Kuramoto Model with Rank One Coupling,” *SIAM Journal on Applied Algebra and Geometry*, vol. 2, no. 1, pp. 45-71, 2018.

7. D. Wu, **D.K. Molzahn**, B.C. Lesieutre, and K. Dvijotham, "A Deterministic Method to Identify Multiple Local Extrema for the AC Optimal Power Flow Problem," *IEEE Transactions on Power Systems*, vol. 33, no. 1, pp. 654-668, January 2018.
- 2017 8. J. Lavaei, S.H. Low, R. Baldick, B. Zhang, **D.K. Molzahn**, F. Dörfler, H. Sandberg, "Guest Editorial: Distributed Control and Efficient Optimization Methods for Smart Grid," *IEEE Transactions on Smart Grid, Special issue on Distributed Control and Efficient Optimization Methods for Smart Grid*, vol. 8, no. 6, pp. 2939-2940, November 2017.
9. **D.K. Molzahn**, F. Dörfler, H. Sandberg, S.H. Low, S. Chakrabarti, R. Baldick, and J. Lavaei, "A Survey of Distributed Optimization and Control Algorithms for Electric Power Systems," *IEEE Transactions on Smart Grid, Special issue on Distributed Control and Efficient Optimization Methods for Smart Grid*, vol. 8, no. 6, pp. 2941-2962, November 2017.
10. **D.K. Molzahn**, "Computing the Feasible Spaces of OPF Problems," *IEEE Transactions on Power Systems*, vol. 32, no. 6, pp. 4752-4763, November 2017.
11. **D.K. Molzahn**, "Incorporating Squirrel-Cage Induction Machine Models in Convex Relaxations of OPF Problems," *IEEE Transactions on Power Systems (Letters)*, vol. 32, no. 6, pp. 4972-4974, November 2017.
12. J.F. Marley, **D.K. Molzahn**, and I.A. Hiskens, "Solving Multiperiod OPF Problems using an AC-QP Algorithm Initialized with an SOCP Relaxation," *IEEE Transactions on Power Systems*, vol. 32, no. 5, pp. 3538-3548, September 2017.
13. **D.K. Molzahn**, C. Josz, I.A. Hiskens, and P. Panciatici, "A Laplacian-Based Approach for Finding Near Globally Optimal Solutions to OPF Problems," *IEEE Transactions on Power Systems*, vol. 32, no. 1, pp. 305-315, January 2017.
- 2016 14. **D.K. Molzahn** and I.A. Hiskens, "Convex Relaxations of Optimal Power Flow Problems: An Illustrative Example," *IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems I: Regular Papers*, vol. 63, no. 5, pp. 650-660, May 2016.
- 2015 15. **D.K. Molzahn** and I.A. Hiskens, "Sparsity-Exploiting Moment-Based Relaxations of the Optimal Power Flow Problem," *IEEE Transactions on Power Systems*, vol. 30, no. 6, pp. 3168-3180, November 2015.
- 2014 16. **D.K. Molzahn**, B.C. Lesieutre, and C.L. DeMarco, "Approximate Representation of ZIP Loads in a Semidefinite Relaxation of the OPF Problem," *IEEE Transactions on Power Systems, Letters*, vol. 29, no. 4, pp. 1864-1865, July 2014.
17. **D.K. Molzahn**, B.C. Lesieutre, and C.L. DeMarco, "A Sufficient Condition for Global Optimality of Solutions to the Optimal Power Flow Problem," *IEEE Transactions on Power Systems, Letters*, vol. 29, no. 2, pp. 978-979, March 2014.
- 2013 18. **D.K. Molzahn**, J.T. Holzer, B.C. Lesieutre, and C.L. DeMarco, "Implementation of a Large-Scale Optimal Power Flow Solver Based on Semidefinite Programming," *IEEE Transactions on Power Systems*, vol. 28, no. 4, pp. 3987-3998, November 2013.
19. **D.K. Molzahn**, B.C. Lesieutre, and C.L. DeMarco, "A Sufficient Condition for Power Flow Insolvability with Applications to Voltage Stability Margins," *IEEE Transactions on Power Systems*, vol. 28, no. 3, pp. 2592-2601, August 2013.
20. **D.K. Molzahn** and B.C. Lesieutre, "Initializing Dynamic Power System Simulations Using Eigenvalue Formulations of the Induction Machine and Power Flow Models," *IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems I: Regular Papers*, vol. 60, no. 3, pp. 690-702, March 2013.

21. **D.K. Molzahn**, B.C. Lesieutre, and H. Chen, “Counterexample to a Continuation-Based Algorithm for Finding All Power Flow Solutions,” *IEEE Transactions on Power Systems, Letters*, vol. 28, no. 1, pp. 564–565, February 2013.
- 2011 22. **D.K. Molzahn** and C. Singletary, “An Empirical Investigation of Speculation in the MISO Financial Transmission Rights Auction Market,” *The Electricity Journal*, vol. 24, issue 5, pp. 57–68, June 2011.

Conference Proceedings

- 2019 1. T. Mühlfordt, **D.K. Molzahn**, V. Hagenmeyer, and S. Misra, “Optimal Adaptive Power Flow Linearizations: Expected Error Minimization using Polynomial Chaos Expansion,” to appear in *IEEE Milan PowerTech*, 23-27 June 2019.
2. C. Jozs, **D.K. Molzahn**, M. Tacchi, and S. Sojoudi, “Transient Stability Analysis of Power Systems via Occupation Measures,” *Innovative Smart Grid Technologies (ISGT)*, 17-20 February 2019.
3. **D.K. Molzahn** and L.A. Roald, “Grid-Aware versus Grid-Agnostic Distribution System Control: A Method for Certifying Engineering Constraint Satisfaction,” *52nd Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences (HICSS)*, 8-11 January 2019.
- 2018 4. M.R. Narimani, **D.K. Molzahn**, H. Nagarajan, and M.L. Crow “Comparison of Various Trilinear Monomial Envelopes for Convex Relaxations of Optimal Power Flow Problems,” to appear in *IEEE Global Conference on Signal and Information Processing (GlobalSIP)*, 26-28 November 2018.
5. M.R. Narimani, **D.K. Molzahn**, D. Wu, and M.L. Crow, “Empirical Investigation of Non-Convexities in Optimal Power Flow Problems,” *American Control Conference (ACC)*, 27-29 June 2018.
6. **D.K. Molzahn** and L.A. Roald, “Towards an AC Optimal Power Flow Algorithm with Robust Feasibility Guarantees,” *20th Power Systems Computation Conference (PSCC)*, 11-15 June 2018.
7. M.R. Narimani, **D.K. Molzahn**, and M.L. Crow, “Improving QC Relaxations of OPF Problems via Voltage Magnitude Difference Constraints and Envelopes for Trilinear Monomials,” *20th Power Systems Computation Conference (PSCC)*, 11-15 June 2018.
8. S. Misra, **D.K. Molzahn**, and K. Dvijotham, “Optimal Adaptive Approximations of the AC Power Flow Equations,” *20th Power Systems Computation Conference (PSCC)*, 11-15 June 2018.
9. J.A. Kersulis, I.A. Hiskens, C. Coffrin, and **D.K. Molzahn**, “Topological Graph Metrics for Detecting Grid Anomalies and Improving Algorithms,” *20th Power Systems Computation Conference (PSCC)*, 11-15 June 2018.
- 2017 10. M. Yao, **D.K. Molzahn**, and J.L. Mathieu, “The Impact of Load Models in an Algorithm for Improving Power System Voltage Stability via Demand Response,” *55th Annual Allerton Conference on Communication, Control, and Computing*, October 4-6, 2017.
11. L.A. Roald, **D.K. Molzahn**, and A.F. Tobler, “Power System Optimization with Uncertainty and AC Power Flow: Analysis of an Iterative Algorithm,” *IREP Symposium on Bulk Power System Dynamics and Control – X. The Power System of the Future: Global Dynamics arising from Distributed Actions*, August 27–September 1, 2017.

12. M. Yao, J.L. Mathieu, and **D.K. Molzahn**, “Using Demand Response to Improve Power System Voltage Stability Margins,” *IEEE PowerTech Manchester*, 18-22 June 2017.
High-quality paper award.
- 2016 13. K. Dvijotham and **D.K. Molzahn**, “Error Bounds on the DC Power Flow Approximation: A Convex Relaxation Approach,” *IEEE 55th Annual Conference on Decision and Control (CDC)*, 12-14 December 2016.
14. **D.K. Molzahn**, C. Josz, and I.A. Hiskens, “Moment Relaxations of Optimal Power Flow Problems: Beyond the Convex Hull,” *IEEE Global Conference on Signal and Information Processing (GlobalSIP)*, 7-9 December 2016.
15. **D.K. Molzahn**, D. Mehta, and M. Niemerg, “Toward Topologically Based Upper Bounds on the Number of Power Flow Solutions,” *American Control Conference (ACC)*, 6-8 July 2016.
Best presentation in session award.
16. D. Mehta, **D.K. Molzahn**, K. Turitsyn, “Recent Advances in Computational Methods for the Power Flow Equations,” *American Control Conference (ACC)*, 6-8 July 2016.
17. **D.K. Molzahn**, C. Josz, I.A. Hiskens, and P. Panciatici, “Computational Advances for Sparsity-Exploiting Moment Relaxations of the OPF Problem,” *19th Power Systems Computation Conference (PSCC)*, 20-24 June 2016.
18. **D.K. Molzahn**, I.A. Hiskens, and B.C. Lesieutre, “Calculation of Voltage Stability Margins and Certification of Power Flow Insolvability using Second-Order Cone Programming,” *49th Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences (HICSS)*, 5-8 January 2016.
- 2015 19. **D.K. Molzahn**, C. Josz, I.A. Hiskens, and P. Panciatici, “Solution of Optimal Power Flow Problems using Moment Relaxations Augmented with Objective Function Penalization,” *IEEE 54th Annual Conference on Decision and Control (CDC)*, 15-18 December 2015.
20. **D.K. Molzahn**, Z.B. Friedman, B.C. Lesieutre, C.L. DeMarco, and M.C. Ferris, “Estimation of Constraint Parameters in Optimal Power Flow Data Sets,” *47th North American Power Symposium (NAPS)*, 4-6 October 2015.
21. **D.K. Molzahn** and I.A. Hiskens, “Mixed SDP/SOCP Moment Relaxations of the Optimal Power Flow Problem,” *IEEE PowerTech Eindhoven*, 29 June–2 July, 2015.
22. **D.K. Molzahn**, S.S. Baghsorkhi, and I.A. Hiskens, “Semidefinite Relaxations of Equivalent Optimal Power Flow Problems: An Illustrative Example,” *2015 IEEE International Symposium on Circuits and Systems (ISCAS)*, 24-27 May 2015.
- 2014 23. P. Panciatici, M.C. Campi, S. Garatti, S.H. Low, **D.K. Molzahn**, A.X. Sun, L. Wehenkel, “Advanced Optimization Methods for Power Systems,” *18th Power Systems Computation Conference (PSCC)*, 18-22 August 2014.
24. **D.K. Molzahn** and I.A. Hiskens, “Moment-Based Relaxation of the Optimal Power Flow Problem,” *18th Power Systems Computation Conference (PSCC)*, 18-22 August 2014.
25. **D.K. Molzahn**, B.C. Lesieutre, and C.L. DeMarco, “Investigation of Non-Zero Duality Gap Solutions to a Semidefinite Relaxation of the Optimal Power Flow Problem,” *47th Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences (HICSS), 2014*, 6-9 January 2014.
- 2013 26. A.R. Borden, **D.K. Molzahn**, B.C. Lesieutre, and P. Ramanathan, “Power System Structure and Confidentiality Preserving Transformation of Optimal Power Flow Model,” *51st Annual Allerton Conference on Communication, Control, and Computing (Allerton), 2013*, 2-4 October 2013.

27. **D.K. Molzahn**, V. Dawar, B.C. Lesieutre, and C.L. DeMarco, “Sufficient Conditions for Power Flow Insolvability Considering Reactive Power Limited Generators with Applications to Voltage Stability Margins,” *IREP Symposium on Bulk Power System Dynamics and Control – IX. Optimization, Security, and Control of the Emerging Power Grid*, 25-30 August 2013.
- 2012 28. A.R. Borden, **D.K. Molzahn**, P. Ramanathan, and B.C. Lesieutre, “Confidentiality-Preserving Optimal Power Flow for Cloud Computing,” *50th Annual Allerton Conference on Communication, Control, and Computing (Allerton)*, 2012, pp. 1300-1307, 1-5 October 2012.
- 2011 29. B.C. Lesieutre, **D.K. Molzahn**, A.R. Borden, and C.L. DeMarco, “Examining the Limits of the Application of Semidefinite Programming to Power Flow Problems,” in *49th Annual Allerton Conference on Communication, Control, and Computing (Allerton)*, 2011, pp. 1492-1499, 28-30 September 2011.
30. D.R. Schwarting, **D.K. Molzahn**, C.L. DeMarco, and B.C. Lesieutre, “Topological and Impedance Element Ranking (TIER) of the Bulk-Power System,” *44th Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences (HICSS)*, 2011, pp. 1-10, 4-7 January 2011.
- 2010 31. **D.K. Molzahn** and B.C. Lesieutre, “An Eigenvalue Formulation for Determining Initial Conditions of Induction Machines in Dynamic Power System Simulations,” *2010 IEEE International Symposium on Circuits and Systems (ISCAS)*, pp. 2311-2313, 30 May–2 June 2010.

Other Conference and Workshop Presentations

- 2019 1. **D.K. Molzahn**, S. Misra, and T. Mühlpfordt “Controlling Electric Power Grids: Computing Optimal Adaptive Approximations of the Power Flow Equations,” Poster presentation at *18th German-American of Engineering Symposium organized by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (AvH) and the National Academy of Engineering (NAE)*, Hamburg, Germany, 20-23 March 2019.
- 2018 2. **D.K. Molzahn** and S. Misra, “Optimal Adaptive Approximations of the Power Flow Equations,” *Georgia Tech Workshop on Electric Energy Systems and Operations Research*, Atlanta, GA, 15-16 November 2018.
3. A. Venzke, S. Chatzivasileiadis, and **D.K. Molzahn**, “Recovery of Locally Optimal Solutions from Convex Relaxations of the AC Optimal Power Flow,” *INFORMS Annual Meeting 2018*, Phoenix, AZ, 4-7 November 2018.
4. **D.K. Molzahn** and L.A. Roald, “AC Optimal Power Flow with Robust Feasibility Guarantees,” *Modeling and Optimization: Theory and Applications (MOPTA)*, Bethlehem, PA, 15-17 August 2018.
5. **D.K. Molzahn**, H. Hijazi, and C. Josz, “Quickly Certifying Global Optimality of a Candidate Optimal Power Flow Solution using a Moment Relaxation Hierarchy,” *Power Systems: Semi-Algebraic Techniques for Optimal Power Flow and Stability Assessment*, Paris, France, 16-17 January 2018.
- 2017 6. **D.K. Molzahn** and L.A. Roald, “AC Optimal Power Flow with Robust Feasibility Guarantees,” *Georgia Tech Workshop on Electric Energy Systems and Operations Research*, Atlanta, GA, 9-10 November 2017.
7. **D.K. Molzahn** and K. Dvijotham, “Error Bounds on Power Flow Linearizations: A Convex Relaxation Approach,” *INFORMS Annual Meeting 2017*, Houston, TX, 22-25 October 2017.

8. **D.K. Molzahn**, M. Yao, and J.L. Mathieu, “A Multi-Period OPF Approach to Improve Voltage Stability using Demand Response,” *INFORMS Annual Meeting 2017*, Houston, TX, 22-25 October 2017.
9. **D.K. Molzahn**, “Characterizing Non-Convexities in the Feasible Spaces of AC OPF Problems,” *INFORMS Annual Meeting 2017*, Houston, TX, 22-25 October 2017.
10. O. Coss, J.D. Hauenstein, H. Hong, and **D.K. Molzahn**, “Finding & Counting Equilibria of the Kuramoto Model for Coupled Oscillators,” *SIAM Conference on Applied Algebraic Geometry*, Atlanta, GA, 31 July–4 August, 2017.
11. **D.K. Molzahn**, C. Jozs, I.A. Hiskens, and P. Panciatici, “A Laplacian-Based Approach for Finding Near Globally Optimal Solutions to OPF Problems,” *IEEE Power and Energy Society General Meeting, Transactions Paper Session*, Chicago, IL, 19 July 2017.
12. **D.K. Molzahn**, J.L. Mathieu, and M. Yao, “Power System Voltage Stability using Demand Response,” *Staff Technical Conference on Increasing Real-Time and Day-Ahead Market Efficiency through Improved Software (Docket No. AD10-12-008)*, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC, 26-28 June 2017.
13. **D.K. Molzahn** and K. Dvijotham, “Error Bounds on Power Flow Linearizations: A Convex Relaxation Approach,” *Staff Technical Conference on Increasing Real-Time and Day-Ahead Market Efficiency through Improved Software (Docket No. AD10-12-007)*, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC, 26-28 June 2017.
14. **D.K. Molzahn**, “A Tutorial on Convex Relaxations of the Power Flow Equations,” *Modern Challenges in Power System Operation and Electricity Market: An Optimization Perspective*, DTU Summer School, Copenhagen, Denmark, 12-16 June, 2017.
15. **D.K. Molzahn** and K. Dvijotham, “Error Bounds on Power Flow Linearizations: A Convex Relaxation Approach,” *Banff International Research Station, Workshop on Optimization and Inference for Physical Flows on Networks (17w5165)*, 7 March 2017.
16. **D.K. Molzahn**, D. Wu, B.C. Lesieutre, and K. Dvijotham, “Computing Multiple Local Optima for OPF Problems using an Elliptical Tracing Algorithm,” *INFORMS Computing Society Conference (ICS)*, Austin, TX, 15-17 January 2017.
17. **D.K. Molzahn** and K. Dvijotham, “Error Bounds on Power Flow Linearizations: A Convex Relaxation Approach,” *Los Alamos National Laboratory, Center for Nonlinear Studies, Grid Science Winter School and Conference*, Santa Fe, NM, 12-13 January 2017.
- 2016 18. **D.K. Molzahn**, “Visualizing The Feasible Spaces of Optimal Power Flow Problems and Their Convex Relaxations,” *INFORMS Annual Meeting 2016*, Nashville, TN, 13-16 November 2016.
19. J.-C. Gilbert, C. Jozs, and **D.K. Molzahn**, “Plea for a Semidefinite Optimization Solver in Complex Numbers,” *14th EUROPT Workshop on Advances in Continuous Optimization*, Warsaw, Poland, 1-2 July 2016.
20. **D.K. Molzahn**, “Visualizing the Feasible Spaces of Challenging OPF Problems,” *Staff Technical Conference on Increasing Real-Time and Day-Ahead Market Efficiency through Improved Software (Docket No. AD10-12-007)*, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC, 27-29 June 2016.
21. C. Jozs and **D.K. Molzahn**, “Moment/Sum-of-Squares Hierarchy for Complex Polynomial Optimization,” *INFORMS International*, Waikoloa Village, HI, 12-15 June 2016.

22. **D.K. Molzahn**, F. Qiu, and J. Wang, “Optimization of Electric Power Systems: Considering Uncertainty and Non-Convexity,” Poster presentation at *Argonne National Laboratory Grid Day*, Lemont, IL, 18 April 2016.
- 2015 23. **D.K. Molzahn** and I.A. Hiskens, “Computational Advances for Moment Relaxations of Optimal Power Flow Problems,” *INFORMS Annual Meeting 2015*, Philadelphia, PA, 1-4 November 2015.
24. **D.K. Molzahn**, I.A. Hiskens, and B.C. Lesieutre, “Calculation of Voltage Stability Margins and Certification of Power Flow Insolvability using Convex Relaxations,” *INFORMS Annual Meeting 2015*, Philadelphia, PA, 1-4 November 2015.
25. **D.K. Molzahn** and I.A. Hiskens, “Sparsity-Exploiting Moment Relaxations of Optimal Power Flow Problems,” *22nd International Symposium on Mathematical Programming*, Pittsburgh, PA, 12-17 July 2015.
26. **D.K. Molzahn** and I.A. Hiskens, “Moment-Based Relaxations of the Optimal Power Flow Problem,” *SIAM Conference on Computational Science and Engineering*, Salt Lake City, UT, 14-18 March 2015.
- 2014 27. **D.K. Molzahn** and I.A. Hiskens, “Convex Optimization of Electric Power Systems,” *Dow Sustainability Fellows Symposium*, poster session, Ann Arbor, MI, 15 November 2014.
28. **D.K. Molzahn** and I.A. Hiskens, “Moment-Based Relaxations of Optimal Power Flow Problems,” *INFORMS Annual Meeting 2014*, San Francisco, CA, 9-12 November 2014.
29. **D.K. Molzahn** and I.A. Hiskens, “Moment-Based Relaxations of Optimal Power Flow Problems,” *Staff Technical Conference on Increasing Real-Time and Day-Ahead Market Efficiency through Improved Software (Docket No. AD10-12-005)*, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC, 23-25 June 2014.
30. **D.K. Molzahn** and I.A. Hiskens, “Moment-Based Relaxation of the Optimal Power Flow Problem,” *IBM and RTE Workshop on Convexification of the AC Optimal Power Flow Problem*, Dublin, Ireland, 23 April 2014.
- 2013 31. **D.K. Molzahn**, B.C. Lesieutre, C.L. DeMarco, and M.C. Ferris, “Application of Semidefinite Programming to Large-Scale Optimal Power Flow Problems,” *Staff Technical Conference on Increasing Real-Time and Day-Ahead Market Efficiency through Improved Software (Docket No. AD10-12-004)*, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC, 24-26 June 2013.
32. M.C. Ferris, Z.B. Friedman, **D.K. Molzahn**, C.L. DeMarco, and B.C. Lesieutre, “ACOPF Models: Extending Data, Formulations, and Solution Methodology,” *Staff Technical Conference on Increasing Real-Time and Day-Ahead Market Efficiency through Improved Software (Docket No. AD10-12-004)*, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC, 24-26 June 2013.
33. B.C. Lesieutre, **D.K. Molzahn**, and C.L. DeMarco, “Advanced Optimization Tools for OPF Formulations in Power Markets,” *Power Systems Engineering Research Center (PSERC) Industry-University Meeting, 2013*, Madison, WI, 29-31 May 2013.

Technical Reports

- 2016 1. **D.K. Molzahn**, “A Survey of Distributed Optimization Algorithms for Optimal Power Flow Problems,” Grid Modernization Initiative, Grid Architecture Project, November 2016.
2. S. Backhaus, K. Kalsi, S. Misra, **D.K. Molzahn**, J. Lian, E. Dall’Anese, M. Vuffray, S. Kundu, and K. Baker, “Grid Modernization Initiative Project 1.4.10 Control Theory Project Road Map,” October 2016.

3. **D.K. Molzahn**, M. Niemerg, D. Mehta, and J.D. Hauenstein, “Investigating the Maximum Number of Real Solutions to the Power Flow Equations: Analysis of Lossless Four-Bus Systems,” *arXiv:1603.05908*, March 2016.
- 2014 4. B.C. Lesieutre and **D.K. Molzahn**, “Optimization and Control of Electric Power Systems,” *Final Technical Report, DOE Grant #DE-SC0002319*, 17 October 2014.
- 2012 5. B.C. Lesieutre, C.L. DeMarco, and **D.K. Molzahn**, “Power System Deliverability Ranking of Critical Elements to Support Select Facilities,” *Report to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (not publicly available)*, January 2012.
6. B.C. Lesieutre, C.L. DeMarco, and **D.K. Molzahn**, “Power System Ranking of Nodal Locations,” *Report to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (not publicly available)*, January 2012.
- 2010 7. **D.K. Molzahn**, S.P. Williams, and R. Srinivasan, “Plug-In Vehicles in Madison, WI: Consumer Preferences, Charging Stations, and Distribution System Impacts,” *Energy Analysis and Policy Capstone Project Report to Madison Gas and Electric (not publicly available)*, 2010.

Invited Seminars

- 2018 1. **D.K. Molzahn**, “Achieving Robust Power System Operations using Convex Relaxations of the Power Flow Equations,” *ETH Zürich*, 12 November 2018.
2. **D.K. Molzahn**, “Convex Relaxations of the Power Flow Equations: Overview and Selected Applications,” *University of Colorado Boulder*, 25 September 2018.
3. **D.K. Molzahn**, “Recent Research in Power System Optimization: Approximation Error Quantification and Feasible Space Computation,” *ETH Zürich*, 31 May 2018.
4. **D.K. Molzahn**, “Optimal Power Flow with Robust Feasibility Guarantees,” *Argonne National Laboratory, Laboratory Directed Research and Development (LDRD) Seminar*, 17 April 2018.
5. **D.K. Molzahn**, “Characterizing Non-Convexities in the Feasible Spaces of OPF Problems and an Algorithm for Finding Multiple Local Optima,” *Los Alamos National Laboratory, Center for Nonlinear Studies*, 26 March 2018.
6. **D.K. Molzahn**, “Recent Research in Power System Optimization: Feasible Space Computation and Approximation Error Quantification,” *Boston University, Center for Information and Systems Engineering*, 23 February 2018.
7. **D.K. Molzahn**, “Recent Research in Power System Optimization: Feasible Space Computation and Approximation Error Quantification,” *Massachusetts Institute of Technology*, 22 February 2018.
- 2017 8. **D.K. Molzahn**, “Recent Research in Power System Optimization: Approximation Error Quantification, Feasible Space Computation, and Convex Relaxations,” *Northwestern University*, 30 November 2017.
9. **D.K. Molzahn** and L.A. Roald, “Recent Progress in Optimal Power Flow: A Survey of Convex Relaxations and an Algorithm for Robust Feasibility,” *Argonne National Laboratory, Mathematics and Computer Science Division*, 16 November 2017.
10. **D.K. Molzahn**, “Recent Research in Power System Optimization: Approximation Error Quantification, Feasible Space Computation, and Convex Relaxations,” *Purdue University*, 19 October 2017.
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12. **D.K. Molzahn**, “Recent Research in Power System Optimization: Approximation Error Quantification, Feasible Space Computation, and Convex Relaxations,” *University of California, Berkeley*, 3 May 2017.
13. **D.K. Molzahn**, “Recent Research in Optimization of Electric Power Systems and Implications for Electricity Markets,” *Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago (EPIC)*, 21 February 2017.
- 2016 14. **D.K. Molzahn**, “Moment Relaxations of Optimal Power Flow Problems,” *Missouri University of Science and Technology*, 4 October 2016.
15. **D.K. Molzahn**, “Recent Developments in Moment Relaxations of Optimal Power Flow Problems,” *Columbia University*, 9 May 2016.
16. **D.K. Molzahn**, “Moment Relaxations of Optimal Power Flow Problems,” *Argonne National Laboratory*, 22 January 2016.
- 2015 17. **D.K. Molzahn**, “Computational Advances for Moment Relaxations of Optimal Power Flow Problems,” *University of Wisconsin–Madison*, 18 September 2015.
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19. **D.K. Molzahn** and I.A. Hiskens, “Moment-Based Relaxations of the Optimal Power Flow Problem,” *ETH Zürich*, 8 June 2015.
20. **D.K. Molzahn** and I.A. Hiskens, “Moment-Based Relaxations of the Optimal Power Flow Problem,” *University of Notre Dame*, 16 April 2015.
21. **D.K. Molzahn** and I.A. Hiskens, “Optimization of Electric Power Systems,” *University of Michigan Dow Sustainability Seminar*, 26 February 2015.
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- 2014 23. **D.K. Molzahn** and I.A. Hiskens, “Moment-Based Relaxations of the Optimal Power Flow Problem,” *University of California, Berkeley*, 6 November 2014.
24. **D.K. Molzahn** and I.A. Hiskens, “Moment-Based Relaxation of the Optimal Power Flow Problem,” *Argonne National Laboratory*, 12 May 2014.
25. **D.K. Molzahn** and I.A. Hiskens, “Moment-Based Relaxation of the Optimal Power Flow Problem,” *University of Wisconsin–Madison*, 10 April 2014.
26. **D.K. Molzahn**, I.A. Hiskens, B.C. Lesieutre, and C.L. DeMarco, “Optimization and Other Research Topics in Electric Power Systems,” *University of Michigan Dow Sustainability Seminar*, 17 February 2014.
27. **D.K. Molzahn**, I.A. Hiskens, B.C. Lesieutre, and C.L. DeMarco, “Application of Semidefinite Optimization Techniques to the Optimal Power Flow Problem,” *Texas A&M University*, 20 January 2014.
- 2013 28. **D.K. Molzahn**, I.A. Hiskens, B.C. Lesieutre, and C.L. DeMarco, “Application of Semidefinite Optimization Techniques to the Optimal Power Flow Problem,” *Los Alamos National Laboratory, Center for Nonlinear Studies*, 30 October 2013.
29. B.C. Lesieutre and **D.K. Molzahn**, “A New Method for Estimating Maximum Power Transfer and Voltage Stability Margins to Mitigate the Risk of Voltage Collapse,” *PSERC Webinar*, 15 October 2013.

30. **D.K. Molzahn**, “Research Topics in Electric Power Systems Engineering,” *University of Michigan Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP) Seminar*, 8 October 2013.
31. **D.K. Molzahn**, B.C. Lesieutre, and C.L. DeMarco, “Training on the TIER Methods for Ranking Transmission System Facilities,” *Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Training Session*, 18-20 June 2013.

Software Packages

- 2013 1. **D.K. Molzahn**, “SDP_PF: Implementation of Applications for a Semidefinite Programming Relaxation of the Power Flow Equations.”

A package of MATLAB code integrated with MATPOWER that implements the semidefinite programming relaxation of the optimal power flow problem for large-scale systems, a sufficient condition for global optimality of an optimal power flow solution, a power flow insolvability condition (including the possibility of generator reactive power limits), and voltage stability margins. *Available in the current version of the MATPOWER distribution:*

<http://www.pserc.cornell.edu/matpower/>

Research Grants

- 2018 1. Department of Energy, Advanced Research Projects Agency–Energy (ARPA-E), “Hybrid Interior-Point/Active-Set SCOPF Algorithms Exploiting Power System Characteristics,” Co-I and Georgia Tech lead (Total project: \$250,000 for one year)
2. Department of Energy, Solar Energy Technologies Office (SETO), “Mitigating Phase Unbalance for Distribution Systems with High Penetrations of Solar PV,” PI (Total project: \$750,000 for one year)
- 2016 3. Department of Energy, Grid Modernization Laboratory Consortium (GMLC), “Control Theory Enabling the Deployment of Huge Numbers of Distributed Energy Resources,” Co-I and Argonne Lead (Argonne portion: \$655,000 over three years)
4. Department of Energy, Advanced Research Projects Agency–Energy (ARPA-E), “EPIGRIDS: Electric Power Infrastructure & Grid Representation in Interoperable Data Sets,” Co-I and Argonne Lead (Argonne portion: \$324,900 over two years)
5. Laboratory Directed Research and Development (LDRD) SEED Project, “Enhancing Computational Tools for Polynomial Optimization Problems Relevant to Networked Systems,” PI (\$25,000 for one year)

Fellowships

- 2013 1. University of Michigan, Dow Sustainability Fellows Program, “Optimization of Electric Power Systems”
- 2009 2. National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellowship Program, “Electricity Pricing Using Power Flow Tracing and Bilateral Contracts”
- 2008 3. Electrical and Computer Engineering Distinguished Fellowship, UW–Madison

Professional Service

1. Vice-chair of the Technical Program Committee for the *Power Systems Computation Conference* (2020). Previously served as a member of the technical program committee (2016, 2018), reviewer, and session chair for this conference.

2. Panel member for review of National Science Foundation grant proposals
3. Member of *IEEE Task Force on Benchmarks for Emerging Power System Algorithms*
4. Guest associate editor (special issue on distributed control and optimization) and reviewer for *IEEE Transactions on Smart Grid*. Included on list of “Best Reviewers” in 2017.
5. Guest associate editor (special issue on modeling, topology and control of grid-forming inverters) for *IEEE Journal of Emerging and Selected Topics in Power Electronics*.
6. Technical Program Committee member for *IEEE Global Conference on Signal and Information Processing*
7. Technical Program Committee member for *Intelligent System Applications to Power Systems*
8. Tutorial session co-organizer and reviewer for *American Control Conference*
9. Session organizer for *Modeling and Optimization: Theory and Applications (MOPTA)*
10. Session chair and reviewer for *IEEE PowerTech Conference*
11. Session chair for *North American Power Symposium*
12. Poster judge for *Postdoctoral Research and Career Symposium*, Argonne National Laboratory
13. Journal reviewer for *IEEE Transactions on Power Systems*
14. Journal reviewer for *IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control*
15. Journal reviewer for *IEEE Transactions on Control of Network Systems*
16. Journal reviewer for *IEEE Transactions on Network Science and Engineering*
17. Journal reviewer for *IEEE Transactions on Industrial Informatics*
18. Journal reviewer for *International Journal of Electrical Power and Energy Systems*
19. Journal reviewer for *IET Generation, Transmission & Distribution*
20. Journal reviewer for *Journal of Modern Power Systems and Clean Energy*
21. Journal reviewer for *Sustainable Energy, Grids and Networks*
22. Journal reviewer for *Electric Power Systems Research*
23. Journal reviewer for *Electric Power Components and Systems*
24. Journal reviewer for *Mathematical Programming*
25. Journal reviewer for *Optimization Methods and Software*
26. Journal reviewer for *Automatica*
27. Journal reviewer for *IEEE Journal on Emerging and Selected Topics in Circuits and Systems*
28. Journal reviewer for *EURASIP Journal on Advances in Signal Processing*
29. Reviewer for *IEEE Conference on Decision and Control*
30. Reviewer for *IEEE Multiconference on Systems and Control*
31. Reviewer for *IEEE Power and Energy Society General Meeting*
32. Reviewer for *IEEE International Symposium on Circuits and Systems*
33. Reviewer for *Mediterranean Conference on Control and Automation*
34. Reviewer for *Intelligent System Applications to Power Systems Conference*
35. Reviewer for *Mediterranean Conference on Control and Automation*

Advised / Co-Advised Students and Postdocs

- 2019 1. Bowen Li, Argonne National Laboratory
- 2018 2. Alejandra Peña-Ordieres, Northwestern University, doctoral student with Prof. Andreas Waechter
- 3. Shenyinying (Ruby) Tu, Northwestern University, doctoral student with Prof. Andreas Waechter and Prof. Ermin Wei
- 4. Jonas Kersulis, University of Michigan, doctoral student with Prof. Ian Hiskens
- 2017 5. Wesley Chan, Northwestern University, undergraduate student
- 2016 6. Alireza Barzegar, Nanyang Technological University, doctoral student with Prof. Rong Su
- 7. Mohammad Rasoul Narimani, Missouri University of Science and Technology, doctoral student with Prof. Mariesa Crow
- 8. Aldo Tobler, ETH Zürich, masters student with Dr. Line Roald and Prof. Gabriela Hug

PhD Committees

- 2019 1. Cheng Gong, Georgia Institute of Technology ECE, “Design and Control of Ultra-High Speed Switched Reluctance Machines Over 1 Million RPM”
- 2. Boqi Xie, Georgia Institute of Technology ECE, “An Object-Oriented Distribution System Distributed Quasi-Dynamic State Estimator”
- 3. Mengqi Yao, University of Michigan EECS, “Using Distributed Energy Resources to Improve Power System Stability and Voltage Unbalance”
- 4. Omer Lateef, Georgia Institute of Technology ECE, “Measurement-Based Parameter Estimation and Analysis of Power Systems”

Joint Appointments

- 1. Argonne Associate, Argonne National Laboratory, Energy Systems Division
- 2. Adjunct Professor, Missouri University of Science and Technology, Electrical and Computer Engineering Department

Memberships in Professional Organizations

- 1. Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (Power and Energy Society)
- 2. INFORMS (Optimization Society)
- 3. Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society
- 4. Eta Kappa Nu Electrical and Computer Engineering Honor Society