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# Optimal Configuration of Distribution Networks under Technical Constraints based on Predictive Methods

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## Background

*Electrical Distribution Network Optimization*

- **Merlin and Back** method, close to 40 years ago!
- Developments in Optimization.
- Shift from **single-objective** to **multiple-objectives**, to genetic, and other nature-inspired methods.
- Problems with DRES integration!
- Distribution network optimization has to take a new, giant leap.
- This work proposes a method to take this leap!



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## Introduction

*to the problem*

Why is large-scale DRES integration is a problem?

- Variability / Intermittency
- Bi-directional Power Flows
- Grid Weakening
- Network Imbalance
- Fault Current Issues
- And finally: Money!

There is a **real need** to find solutions that assuage the problem with the integration of DRES.



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## Literature Review

*Current Work in the Domain*

**Forecasting:**

- A lot of work has been done in forecasting for DRES and Loads
- Persistency / NWP based methods
- Both traditional and stochastic load forecasting: fairly **mature**
- But are they applicable to Distribution Networks?

**Distribution Network Optimization:**

- "Snapshot" based optimization
- Few instances of multi-temporal optimization
- Even they don't take a lot of issues into account
- Hence, there is a real need for a novel tool



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## Work Objectives

The following requirements were defined for the work to be done. The work should:

- Create a **day-ahead schedule** based on DRES and Load forecasts
- Effectively utilize all **flexibilities** in distribution networks for optimization
- **NOT only use "snapshot"** based optimziation, i.e. should be multi-temporal
- Be **multi-objective**
- Be **modular**
- Be a **black box** for end-users



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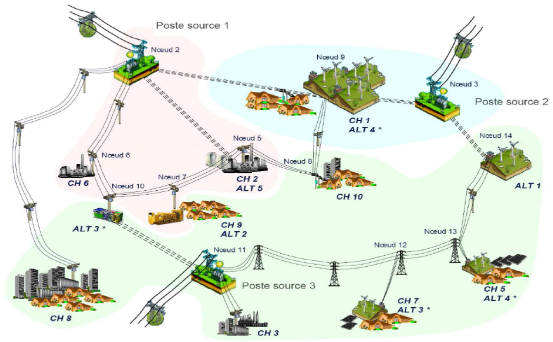
## Test Networks

*Network 1 - PREDIS Urban Network*




- Reduced-scale Urban Network
- 14 buses, 17 lines
- Connected Load: 26.5 MVA
- Installed DRES Capacity: 27 MW
- Undervoltage and overcurrent problems



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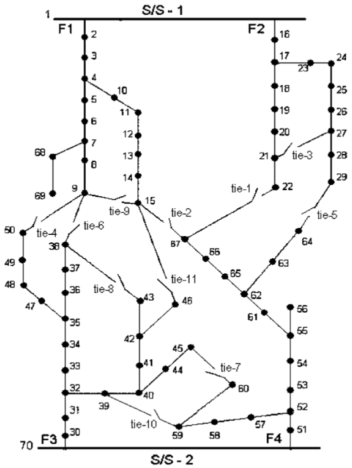
## Test Networks

*Network 2 - IEEE 11kV Rural Network*




- Larger Network than PREDIS
- 70 buses, 79 lines
- Connected Load: 5.41 MVA
- DRES Info not available



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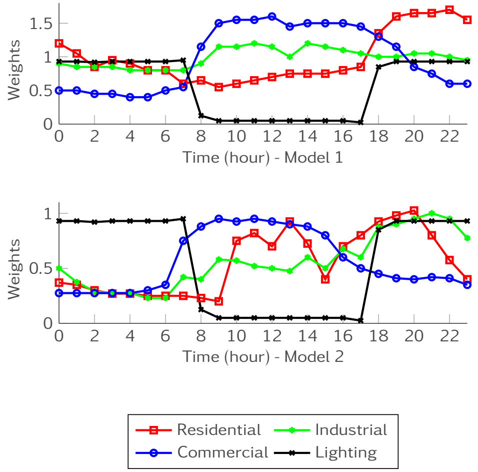
# Day-ahead Load and DRES Models

*Raw Models*

- **Two raw models** extracted from literature.
- Specific weights for different types of loads.
- Residential, Industrial, Commercial, and Public Lighting.
- DRES Models: Values based on characteristic curves.
- Variation of Solar Power etc., taken into account.



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# Day-ahead Load and DRES Models

*Models Applied to Networks*

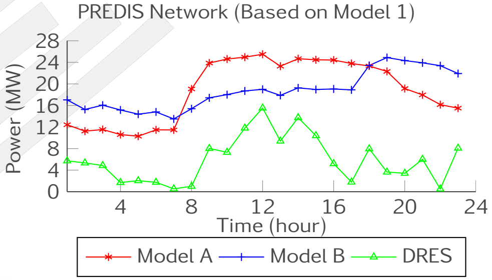
**Load Model A**

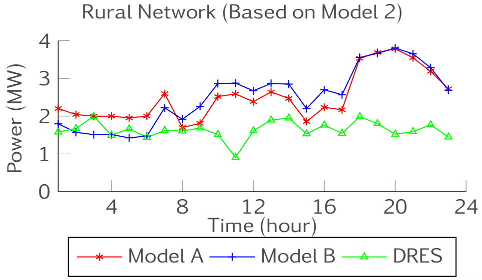
- This model consists of a simple association of each load type to one node.
- The load in each node varies accordingly for a given 24 hour period.

**Load Model B**

Each node has a particular % of loads of each type.

| Load Type | PREDIS Network | Rural Network |
|---|---|---|
| Residential | 5 – 80% | 8 – 50% |
| Industrial | 5 – 50% | 20 – 75% |
| Commercial | 0 – 50% | 5 – 70% |
| Lighting | 5 – 15% | 5 – 15% |



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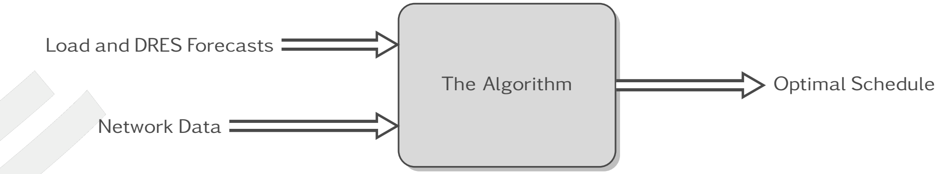
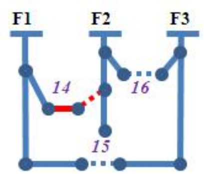
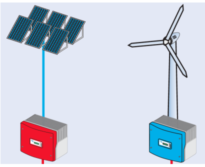
# The Algorithm

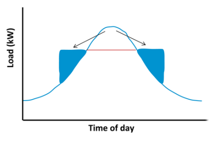
*Formulation*

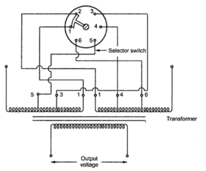



Available Flexibilities







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# The Algorithm

*Economic Models*

- Switching:

$$Cost/switching = \frac{C_{sw}}{n_{sw}} + C_{OM} + C_{log}$$

$$C_{OM} = c \cdot f(t_{sw})$$

- OLTC:

$$Cost/operation = \frac{C_{OLTC}}{n_{op}} + C_{OM} + C_{log}$$

$$C_{OM} = c \cdot f(t_{op})$$

- Models for Load Reduction, VVC, and Violations are more difficult to develop.

| | |
|---|---|
| Switching Operation | 300 € |
| Load Reduction | 6 €/MWh |
| OLTC Operation | 20 €/Tap Change |
| VVC | 132.9 €/MWh |
| Violations | 500 €/violation |



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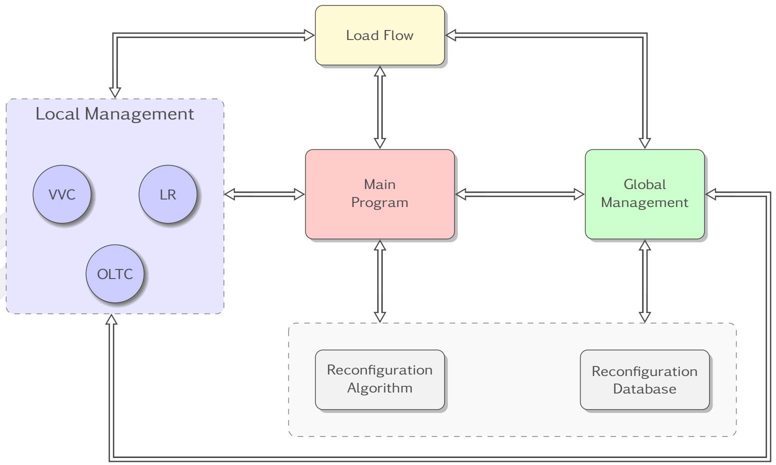
# The Algorithm

*Components*




Legend: VVC: Voltage VAr Control, LR: Load Reduction, OLTC: On-Load Tap Changing



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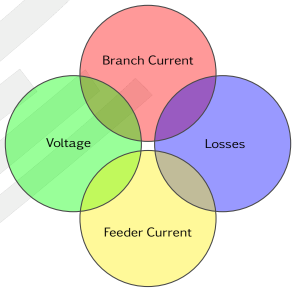
# The Algorithm

*Components - Reconfiguration*

Multi-Objective Reconfiguration




- Branch exchange based method with pre-selection
- Membership Functions for Each Objective:

$$
\begin{aligned}
x_i &= \frac{PLOSS(i)}{PLOSS0} && i = 1, 2, N_k \\
\mu L_i &= \frac{(x_{max} - x_i)}{(x_{max} - x_{min})} && \text{for } x_{min} < x_i < x_{max} \\
\mu L_i &= 0 && \text{for } x_i \leq x_{min} \\
\mu L_i &= 1 && \text{for } x_i \geq x_{max}
\end{aligned}
$$

- Fuzzy min-max principle for finding branch to exchange
- Reconfiguration database based on “maximum” conditions



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# The Algorithm

*Components - Local Management*

To manage "local" violations in distribution networks for the hour when it is launched.

**Voltage Violations**

- When $V < 0.95pu$ or $V > 1.05pu$
- Solution: Use nearby nodes to improve voltage profile
- Objective function: $f = abs(V - (0.95 + c))$

**Current Violations**

- When $I > I_{max}$
- Solution: Use downstream nodes to try reduce line current
- Objective function: $f = abs(I_{max} - (I + c))$

- When both current and voltage violations exist, consider both sets of nodes, $f = abs(V - (0.95 + c)) + abs(I_{max} - (I + c))$
- Once done, check if $C_{spent} \geq C_{org}$, if yes, do not optimize.
- Return solution to calling function.



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# The Algorithm

*Components - Global Management*

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                 Global Management (hour h)
                            |
         ------------------------------------------
         |                                        |
With Reconfiguration                  Without Reconfiguration
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**With Reconfiguration**

- At hour *h*, perform reconfiguration, and globally optimize using LM functions
- From hour *h+1* to end of the day, check for violations
- Classify violations found and launch the respective management function
- At the end of the day, calculate overall costs and feed it back to calling function

**Without Reconfiguration**

- At hour *h*, use only LM functions to optimize globally
- From hour *h+1* to end of the day, check for violations
- Classify violations found and launch the respective management function
- At the end of the day, calculate overall costs and feed it back to calling function



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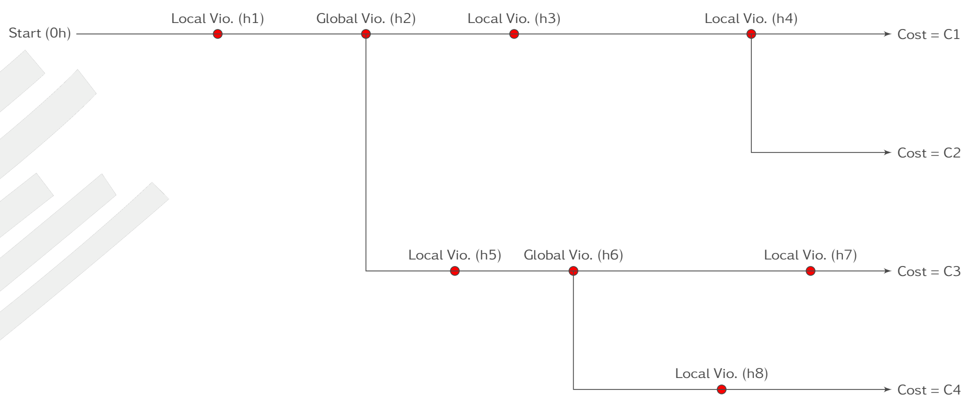
# The Algorithm

*Working*



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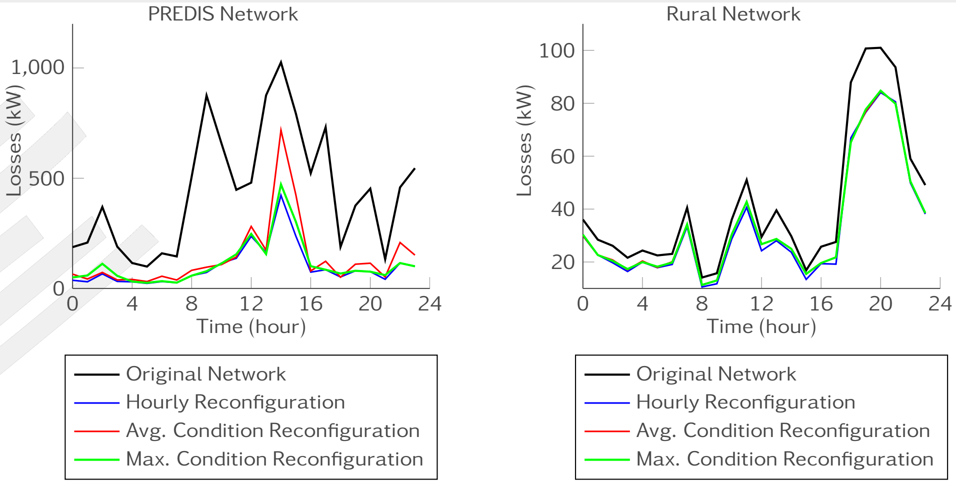
# Initial Results

*Why "Maximum" Condition was Chosen*



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# Results

*Methodology*

- Both networks were tested with the two load models.
- Two initial configurations were used: the original, and the 24 hour optimal configurations.

| Output Variables | |
|---|---|
| Money Spent without Optimization | Money Spent with Optimization |
| Load Reduction effected | DRES VVC Outputs |
| Number of Switching Operations | Number of OLTC Operations |
| Loss Curves over the 24h period | Complete Bus Voltage Profiles |
| Violations in the Network | Final Line and Bus statuses for every hour |



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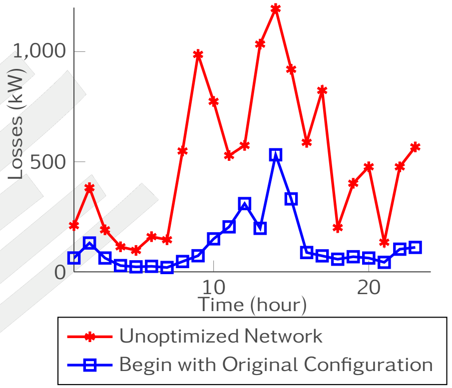
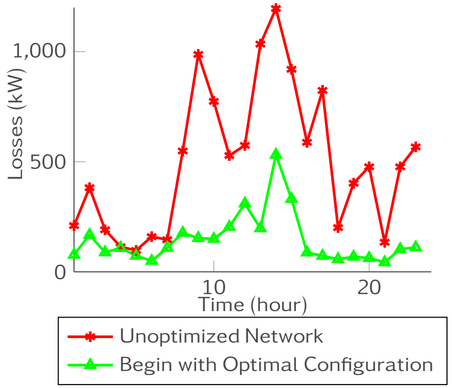
# Results

*PREDIS Network - Load Model A*



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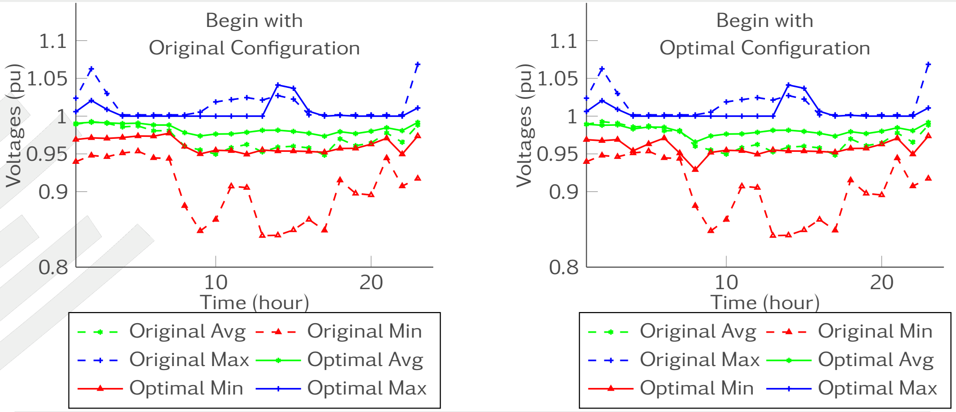


| | Unoptimized Network | Begin With Original Configuraiton | Begin With Optimal Configuration |
|---|---|---|---|
| Minimum Voltage (pu) | 0.8417 | 0.9359 | 0.9290 |
| Average Voltage (pu) | 0.9700 | 0.9826 | 0.9809 |
| Maximum Voltage (pu) | 1.0686 | 1.0413 | 1.0413 |



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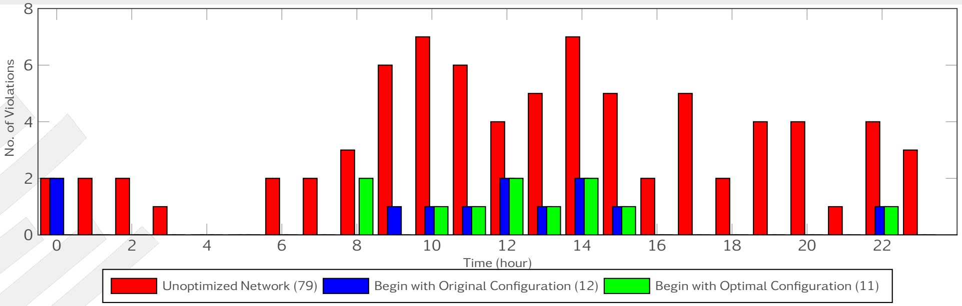
## Results

*PREDIS Network - Load Model A*




| Network Parameter | Original Configuration | Optimal Configuration |
|---|---|---|
| Money Spent without Optimization | € 41057 | |
| Money Spent with Optimization | € 14096 | € 13994 |
| Original Losses | 11503 kWh | |
| Optimal Losses | 2991 kWh | 3406 kWh |
| Load Reduced | 354 kWh | |
| VVC Energy | 512 kVArh | |
| Switching Operations | 8 (1 Reconfiguration) | 6 (1 Reconfiguration) |
| OLTC Operations | 3 | |



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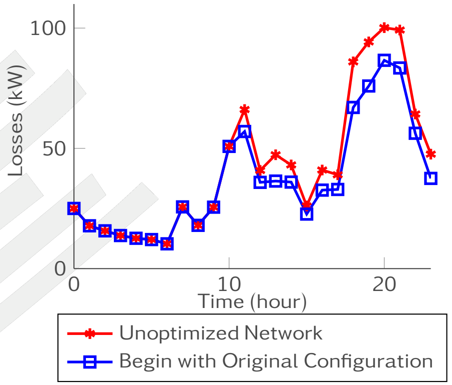
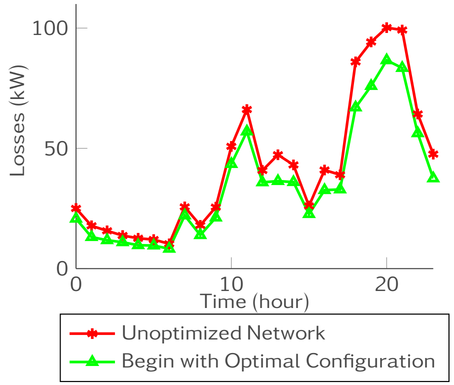
# Results

*Rural Network - Load Model B*



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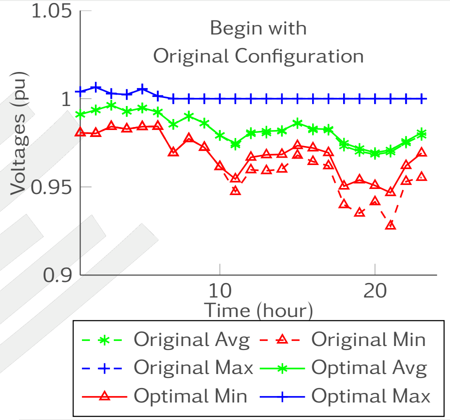
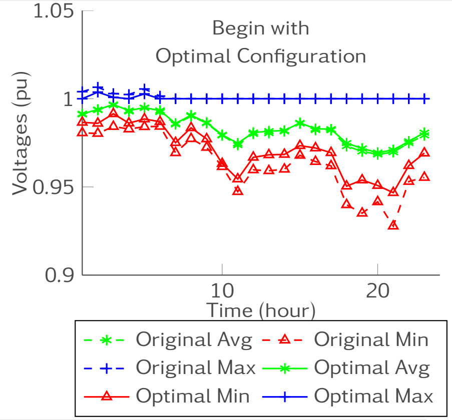
*Rural Network - Load Model B*




| | Unoptimized Network | Begin With Original Configuraiton | Begin With Optimal Configuration |
|---|---|---|---|
| Minimum Voltage (pu) | 0.9278 | 0.9467 | 0.9467 |
| Average Voltage (pu) | 0.9829 | 0.9834 | 0.9836 |
| Maximum Voltage (pu) | 1.0065 | 1.0065 | 1.0037 |



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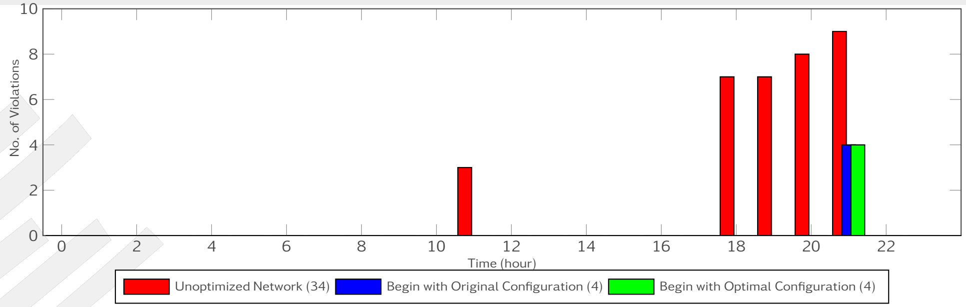
*Rural Network - Load Model B*




| Network Parameter | Original Configuration | Optimal Configuration |
|---|---|---|
| Money Spent without Optimization | € 17136 | |
| Money Spent with Optimization | € 7818 | € 10824 |
| Original Losses | 1022 kWh | |
| Optimal Losses | 887 kWh | 845 kWh |
| Load Reduced | ~ 0 kWh | |
| VVC Energy | 0 kVArh | |
| Switching Operations | 14 (2 Reconfigurations) | 2 (1 Reconfiguration) |
| OLTC Operations | 0 | |



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# Conclusions

## The developed algorithm

- Can optimize networks with a variety of characteristics.
- Is multi-objective and multi-temporal.
- Takes into account the day-ahead forecasts of DRES and loads, and uses inherent flexibilities.
- Outputs a day-ahead schedule.
- Provides Up to 70% reduction in **expenditure**, 91% reduction in **violations**, and 75% reduction in **losses**.
- Executes quickly.

## Professional and Personal Perspectives

- Professional Perspectives: about my work in the laboratory
- Personal Perspectives: studying abroad



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## Future Work

**Work envisaged**

- Sensibility studies
- The development of a novel reconfiguration function
- The development of a better multi-objective constrained optimization function
- The development of a complete economic model
- The development of a day-ahead market based purchase scenario
- The development of a probabilistic load-flow function

All as a part of my PhD here at G2ELab, commencing in September.



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