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**The EASY-RES approach for aggregation and
disaggregation of Inertia and PFR**

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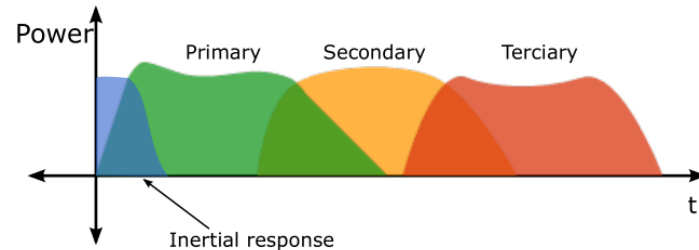
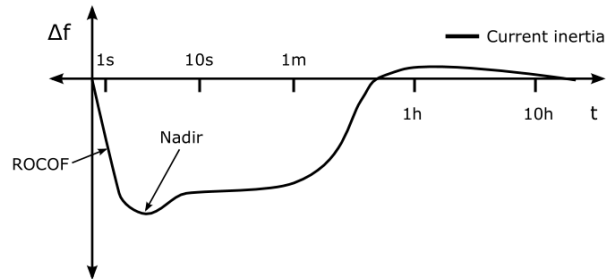
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Introduction

Introduction

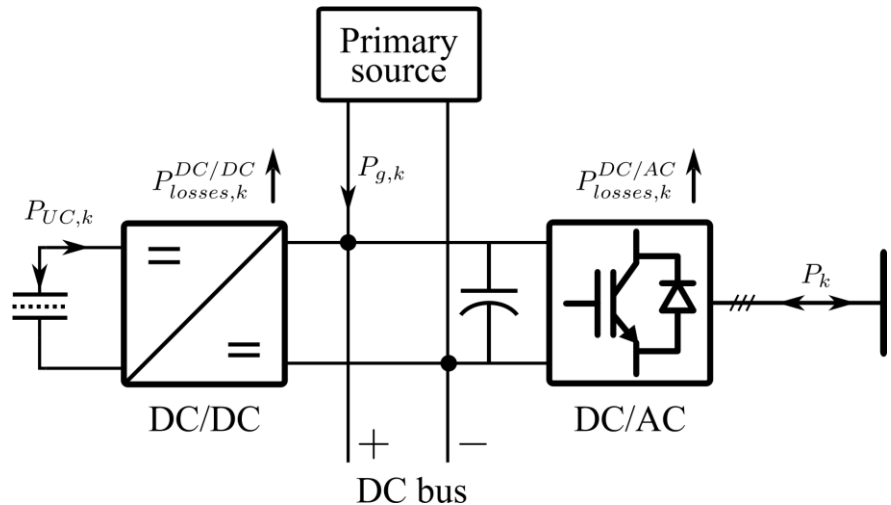
- The integration of DRESs in the electric power system has two main issues that are currently studied:
 - The architecture of the electric power system is being altered moving towards a distributed architecture in which generation units can be placed close to loads.
 - Losses reduction.
 - Associated network stability problems.
 - Most of the DRESs are interconnected to the grid through power converters.
 - New control strategies to provide ancillary services such as inertial response or PFR.



Inertial response

Inertial response

- The inertial response of the DRESs is given by the energy stored in **UCs**.
- The power provided by the UC is first converted to a different DC level by using a DC/DC converter and, after that, it is converted to AC form through the DC/AC converter of the DRES.
- How can a DRES be assigned an equivalent inertia value?
- What factors of the structure of the DRES as well as of the topology of the ADN must be considered?
- How can we provide a specific inertia at the ADN point of interconnection by coordinating several DRESs?

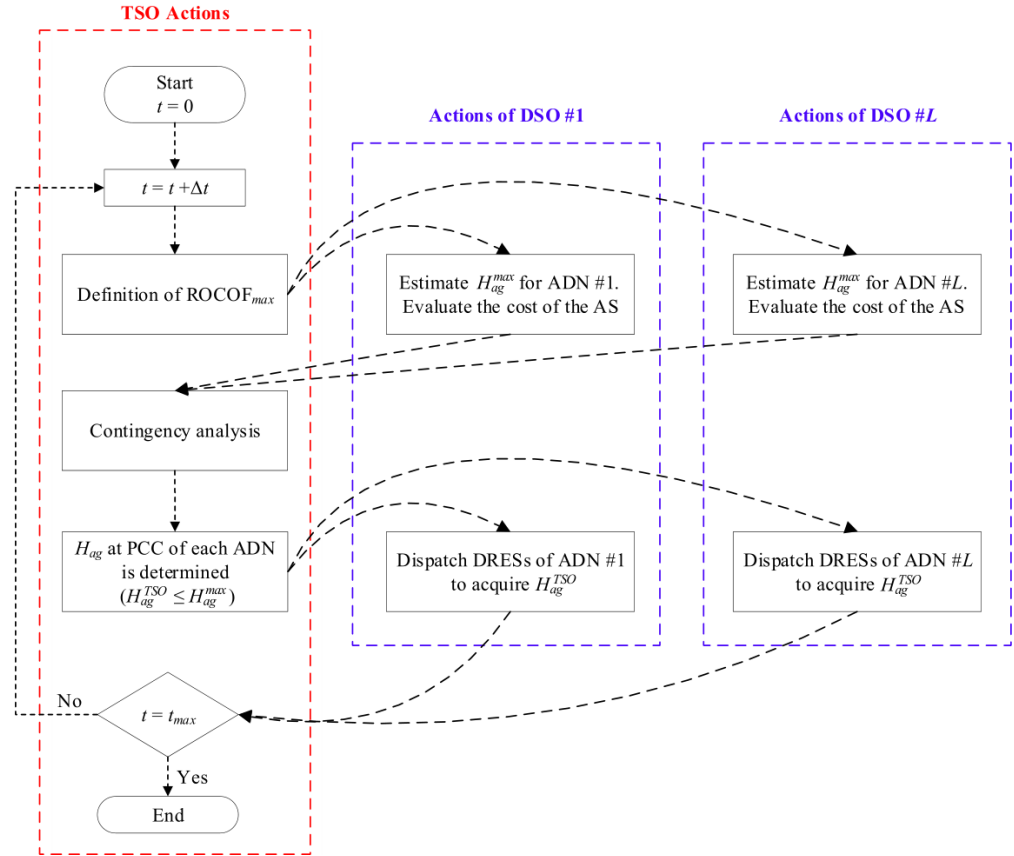




Inertial response

Proposed solution

- The proposed solution is based on the continuous interaction between TSO and DSOs.
- The problem can be divided into two main phases:
 - Evaluation of the inertial capability of the ADN.
 - Determination of DRESSs inertia to provide a specific inertia at the point of interconnection with the transmission system.





Inertial response

Operational constraints

- Malfunctioning of protection means:

- Voltage limits. $V^{\min} \leq |U_i| \leq V^{\max}$
- Line Congestions. $|I_{i,j}| \leq I_{i,j}^{\max}$

$$P_k(pu) = \frac{2H_k}{f_n} \frac{df}{dt} + P_k^{ss}(pu)$$

- Ultracapacitor limitations:

- Maximum output power.
- Maximum energy available.

$$P_{UC,k}(pu) = 2\tilde{H}_k \frac{df}{dt} \frac{1}{f_n}$$

$$P_{UC,k} \leq P_{UC,k}^{max}$$

$$P_{UC,k} \leq \frac{3600 E_{UC,k}^{max} SoC_{UC,k}}{\tilde{H}_k}$$

- Power converter limitations:

- Maximum temperature of operation.

$$T_{igbt} \leq T^{\max}, \quad T_d \leq T^{\max}$$

Example

$$E_{UC,k}^{max} = 8 \text{ Wh}$$

$$SoC_{UC,k} = 30 \%$$

$$P_{UC,k}^{max} = 2 \text{ kW}$$

Available energy:

$$E_{UC,k} = 2,4 \text{ Wh} \frac{3600 \text{ s}}{1 \text{ h}} = 8640 \text{ Ws}$$

$$\tilde{H}_k = 6 \text{ s} \rightarrow P^{max} = 1,44 \text{ kW}$$

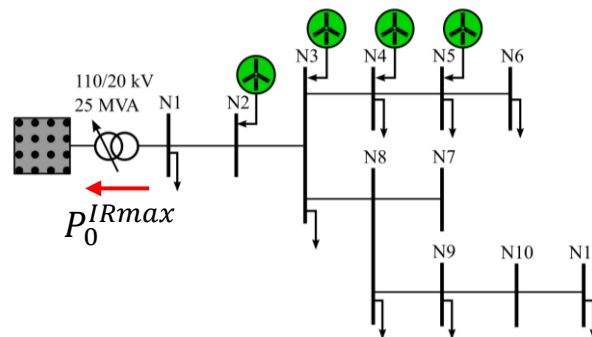
Inertial response

Stage 1: Evaluation of the maximum inertial capability

- Given the maximum ROCOF that the DRESs shall at least be capable of withstanding by the TSO, the DSOs must compute the maximum value of the equivalent inertia that can provide at the point of interconnection with the transmission system.

$$H_{ag}^{max} = \frac{f_n}{2} \frac{P_0^{IRmax}(pu) - P_0^{ss}(pu)}{ROCOF_{max}}$$

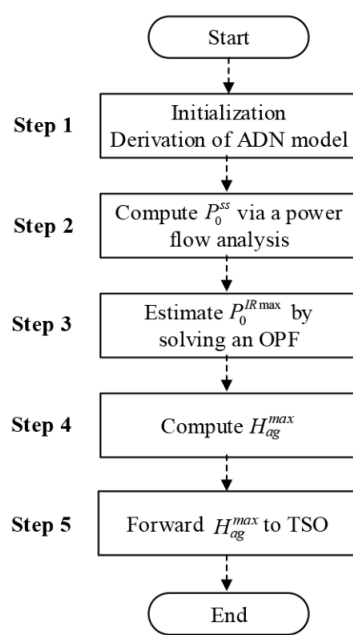
- Thus, the problem is reduced to find the maximum active power injection at the point of interconnection: P_0^{IRmax} .
 - Network constraints.
 - Power converter limitations.
 - Ultracapacitor characteristics.





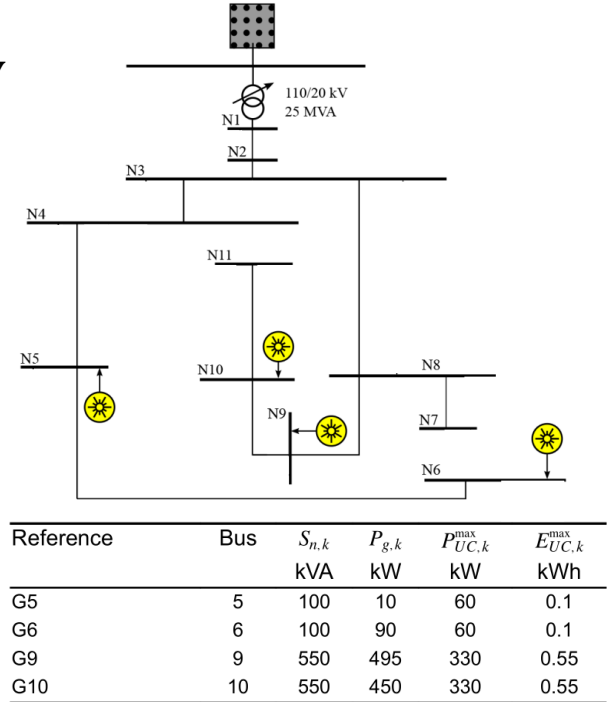
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Stage 1: Evaluation of the maximum inertial capability



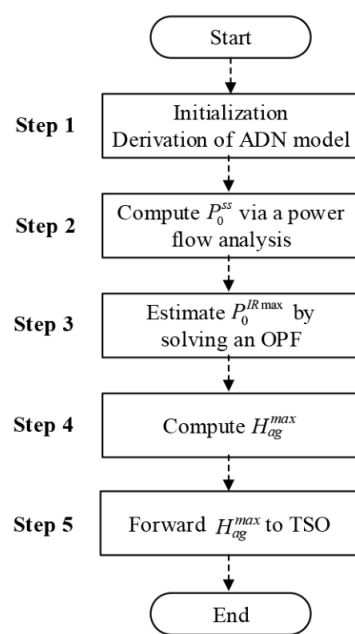
$$P_0^{ss} = P_{g,5} + P_{g,6} + P_{g,9} + P_{g,10} - P_{loss}$$

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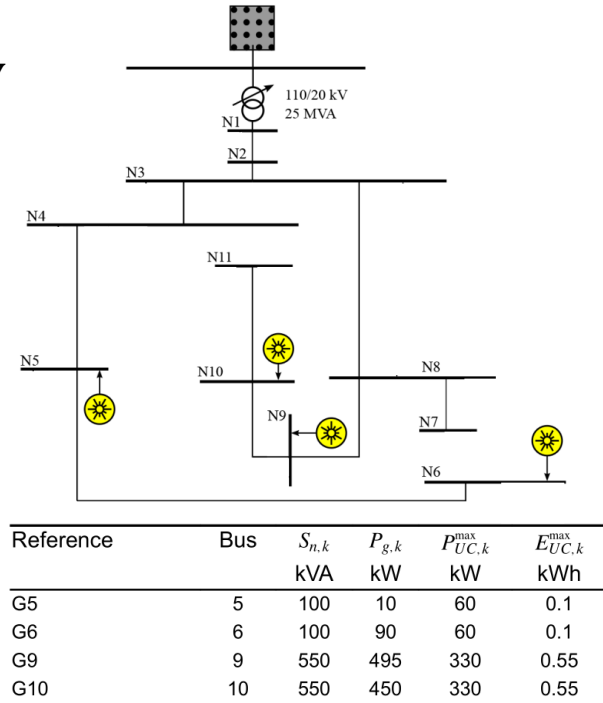
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DRES	G5	G6	G9	G10
$P_{UC,k}$	60.00	40.18	221.01	330.00

DRES	G5	G6	G9	G10
T_{IGBT}^{ss}	49.22	151.20	151.20	134.69
T_{IGBT}^{IR}	74.66	174.77	174.77	166.87

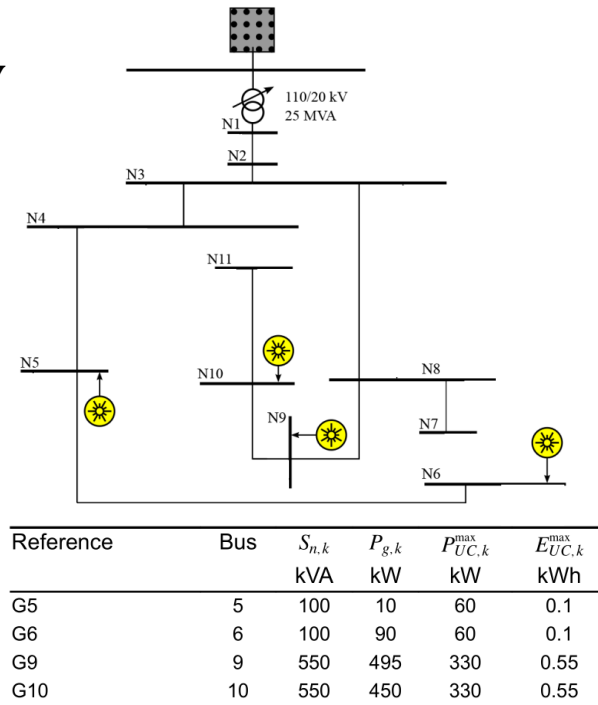
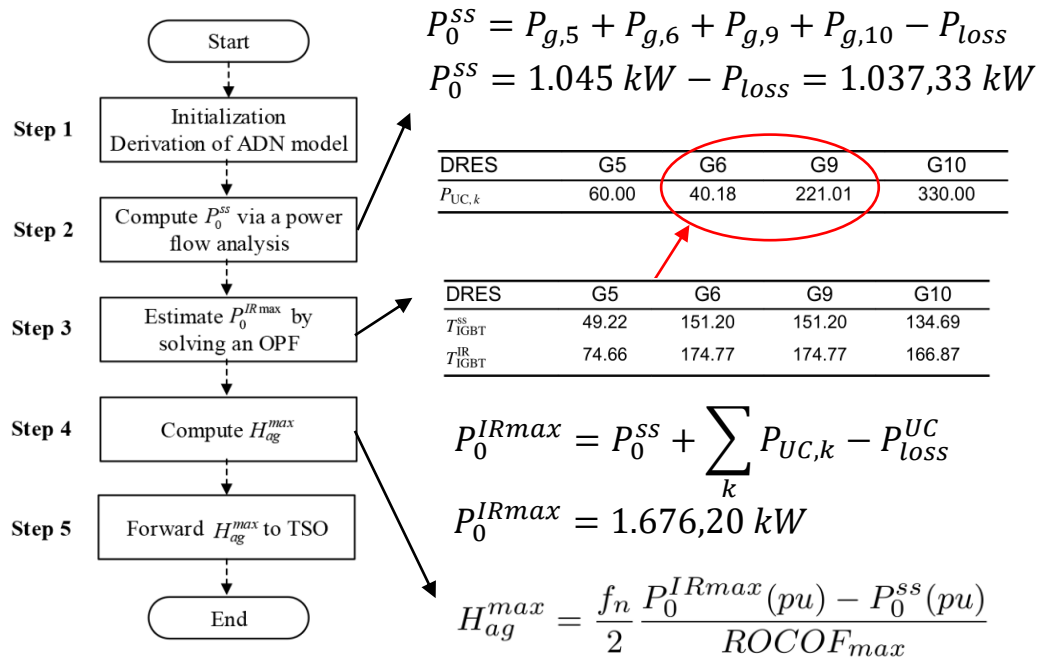
$$P_0^{IRmax} = P_0^{ss} + \sum_k P_{UC,k} - P_{loss}^{UC}$$

$$P_0^{IRmax} = 1.676,20 \text{ kW}$$



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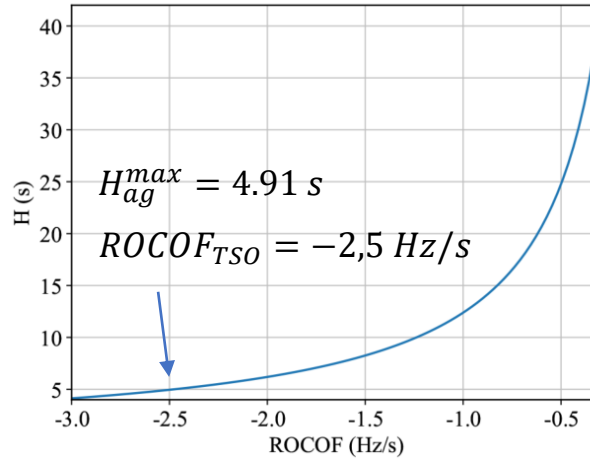
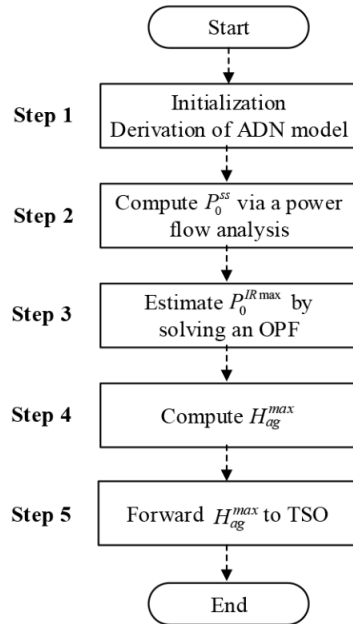
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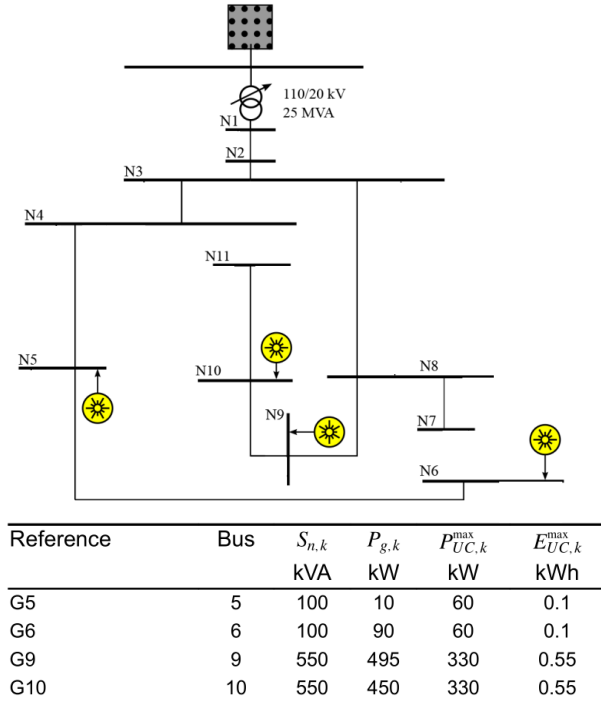


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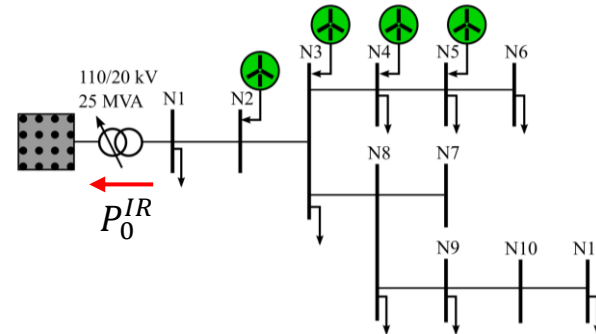
Stage 2: Optimal allocation of inertia

- The DSO must determine the inertia constants for all the DRESs within the ICA in order to provide a specific, TSO-defined, inertia constant at the point of interconnection with the transmission system.

$$P_0^{IR}(\text{pu}) = 2H_{\text{ag}}^{\text{TSO}} \frac{1}{f_n} \text{ROCOF}_{\text{max}} + P_0^{\text{ss}}(\text{pu})$$

- Thus, the problem is reduced to optimally find the power provided by the UCs of each DRES to meet P_0^{IR} at the point of interconnection.

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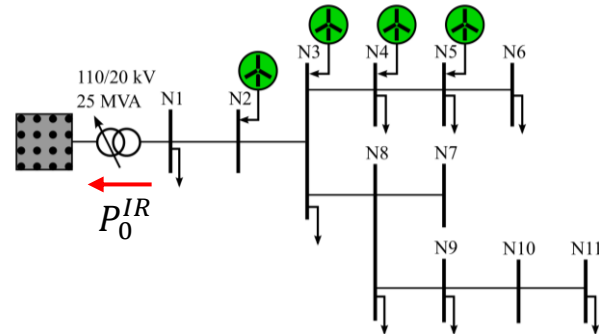
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Stage 2: Optimal allocation of inertia

- There are multiple combinations to provide P_0^{IR} at the point of interconnection with the transmission system.
 - Minimize the cost of providing the ancillary service

$$C = C_{\text{losses}}^{\text{lines}} + C_{\text{losses}}^{\text{DC/DC}} + C_{\text{losses}}^{\text{DC/AC}}$$

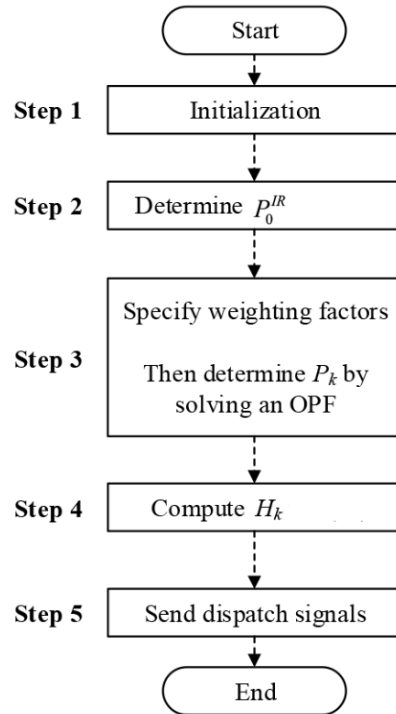
- Extra power losses in the lines.
- Power losses in the DC/DC converter.
 - Not used when service is not provided.
- Extra power losses in the AC/DC converter.
 - Power converters that operate closer to their rated power experience greater losses than those that operate further from that point.





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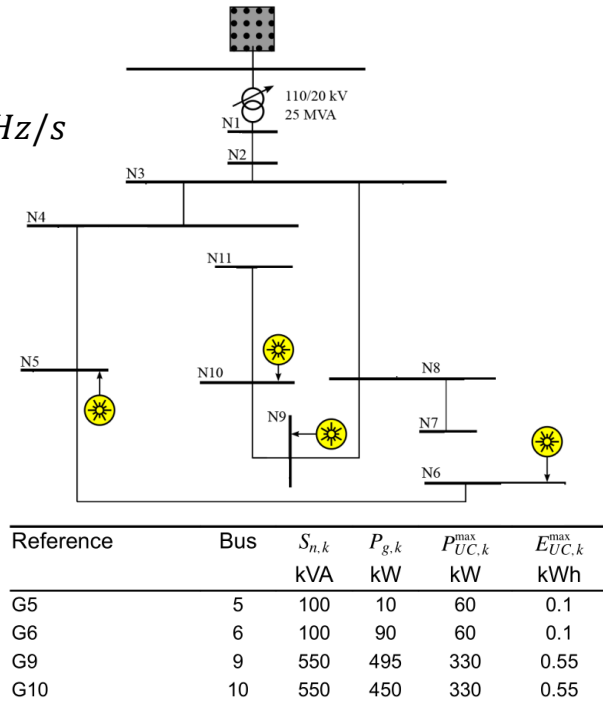
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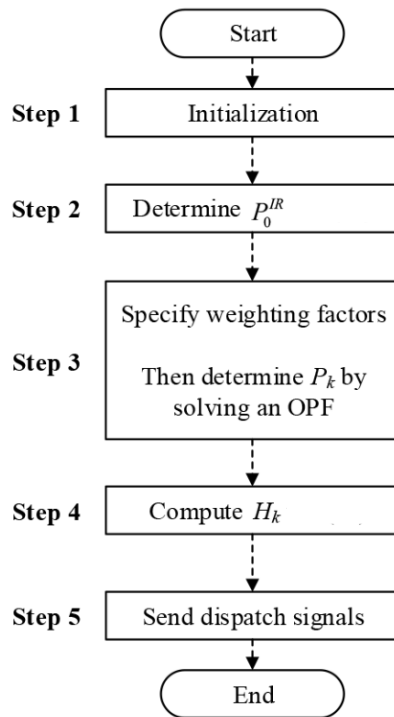
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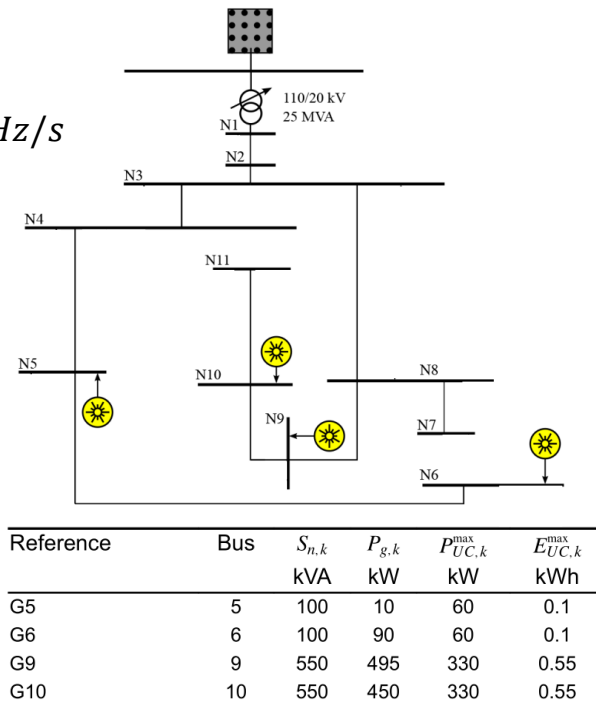


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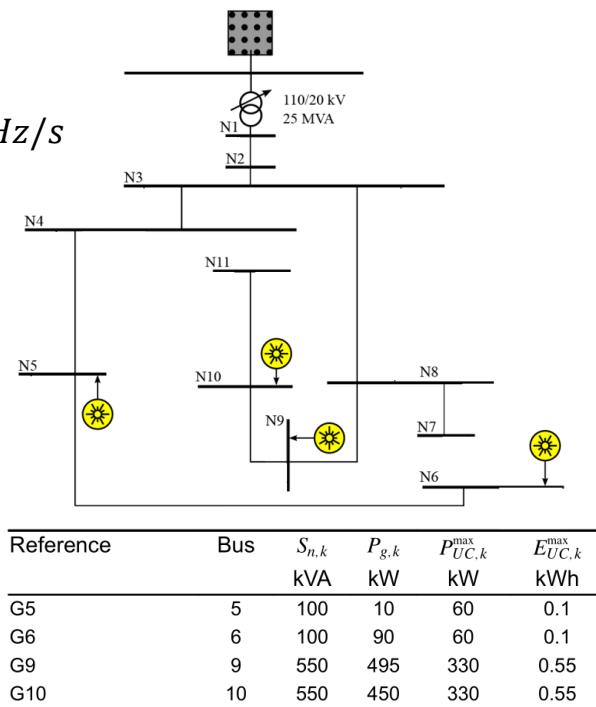
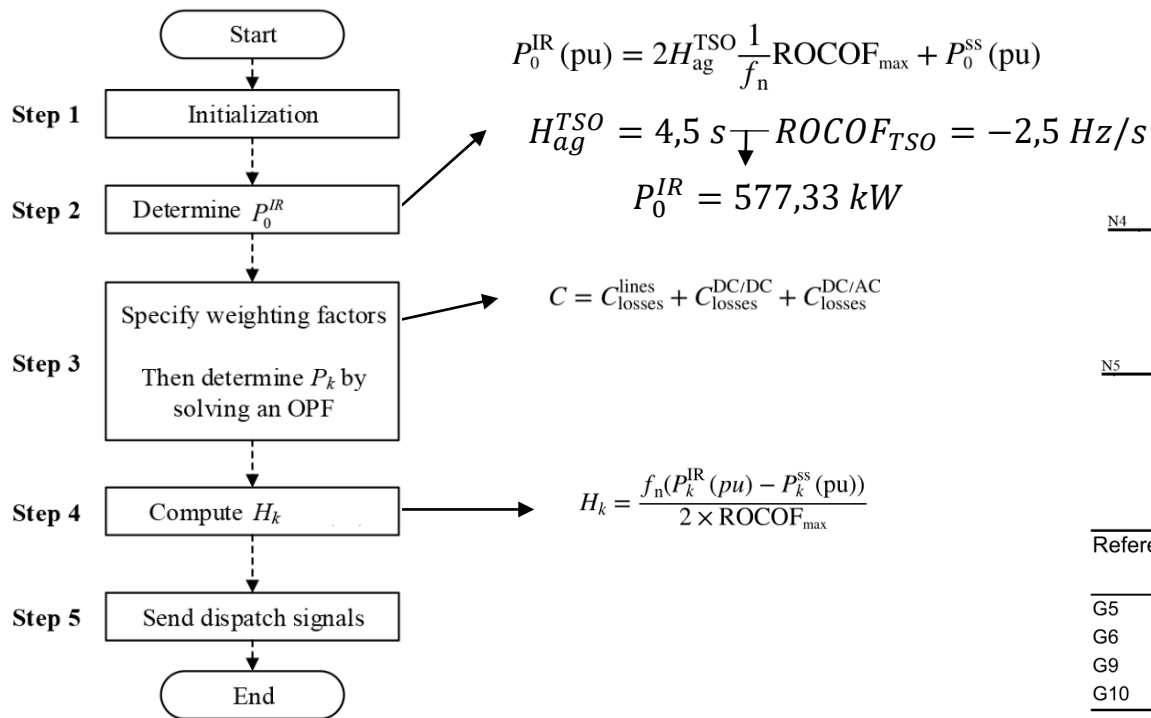
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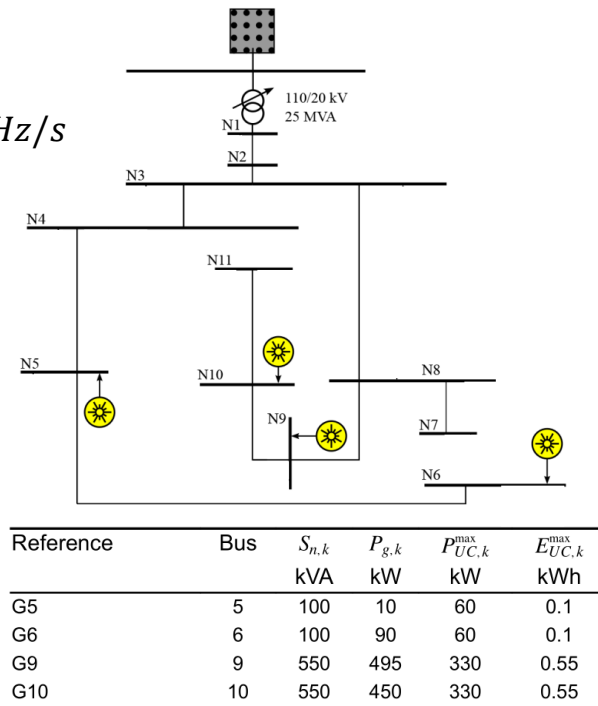
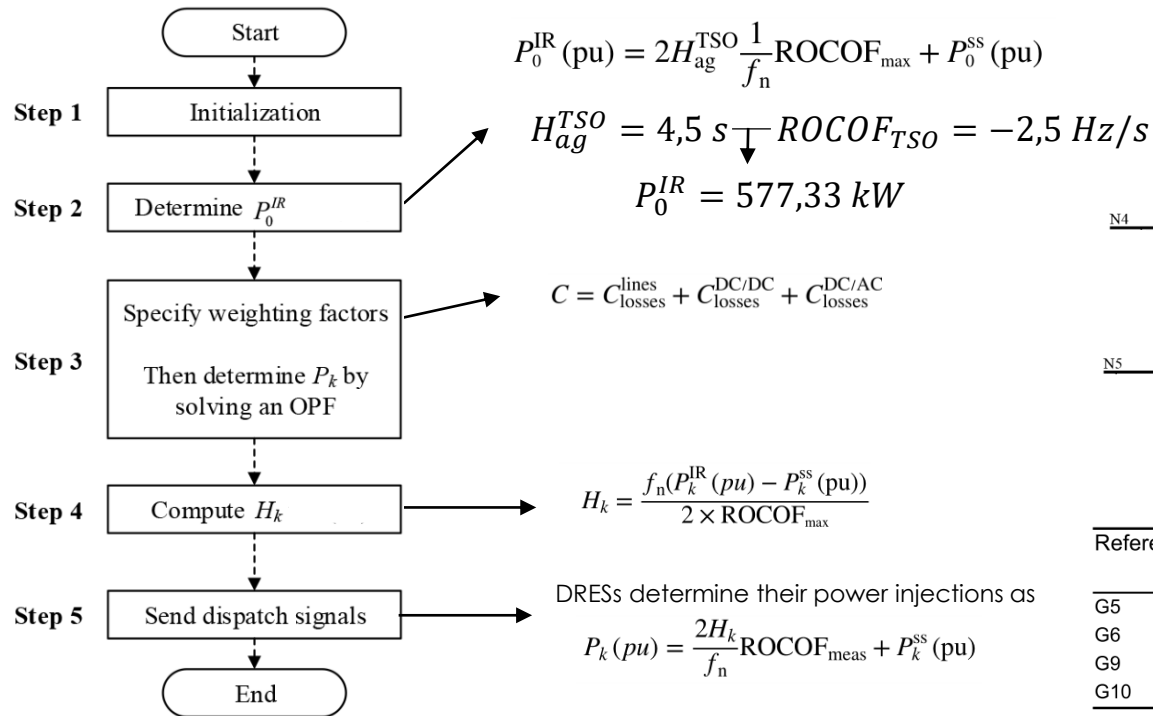
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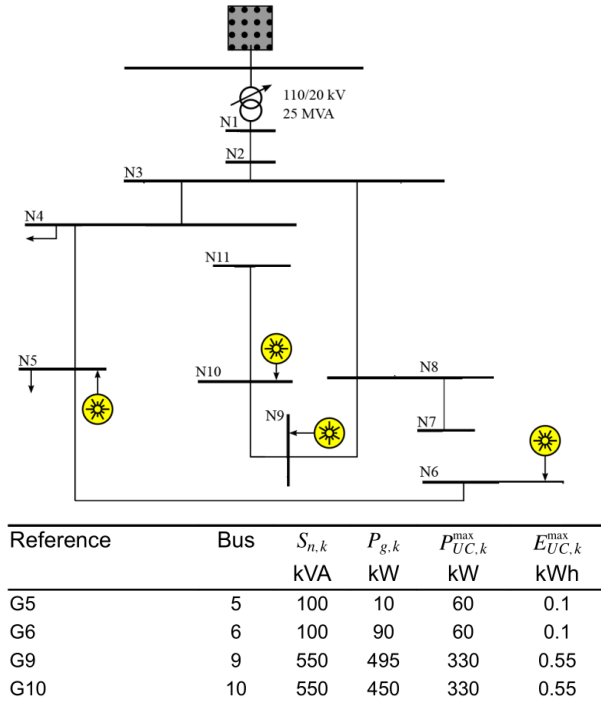
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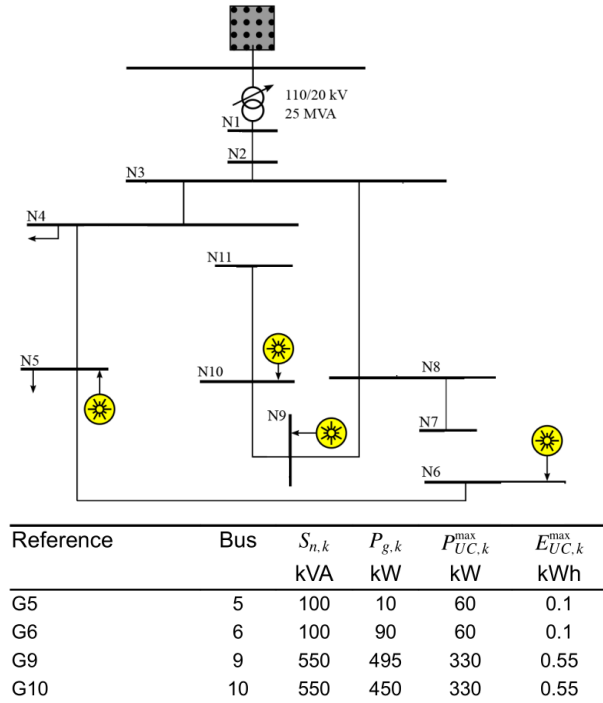
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Power losses	$P_{UC,k}$	59,88 kW	40,01 kW	220,67 kW	275,33 kW	595,89 kW
	H_k	5,99 s	4,00 s	4,01 s	5,01 s	
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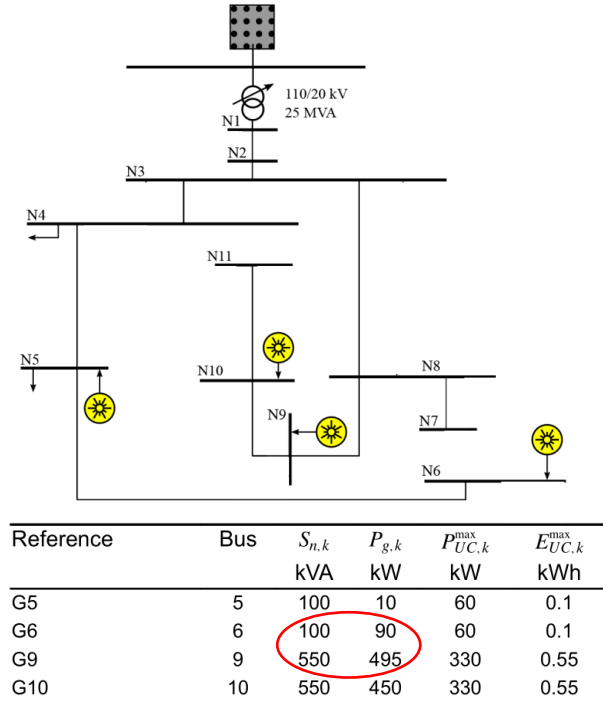
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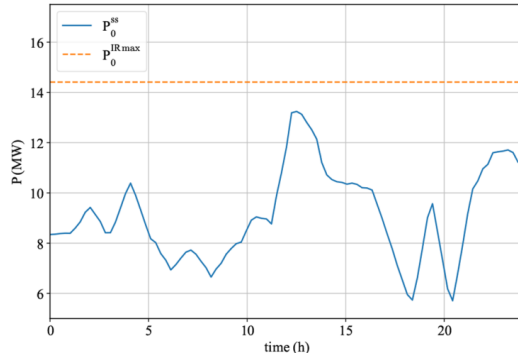
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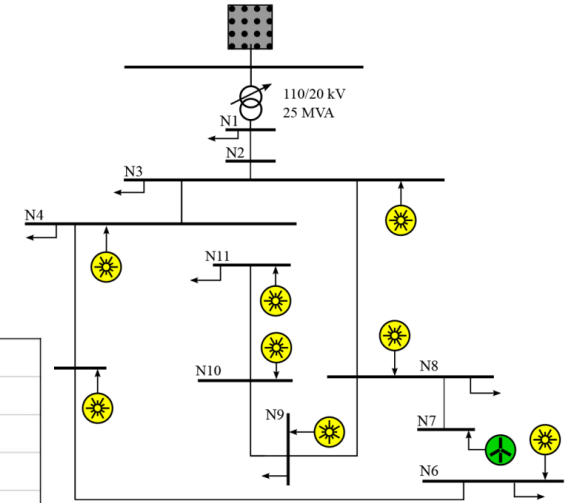
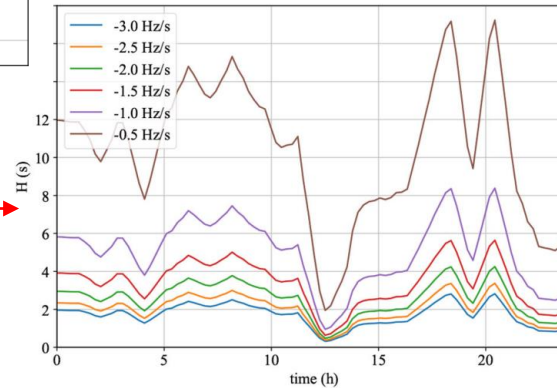
Some simulation results

- Evaluation of the maximum inertial capability



Ampacity of the power line at the header of the ADN

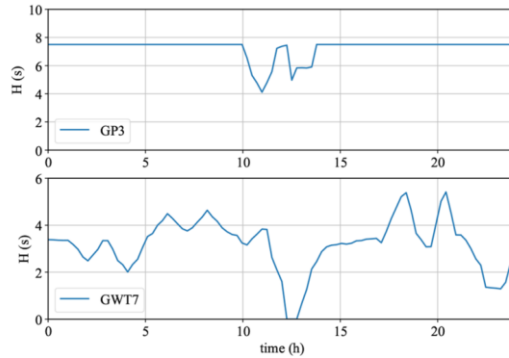
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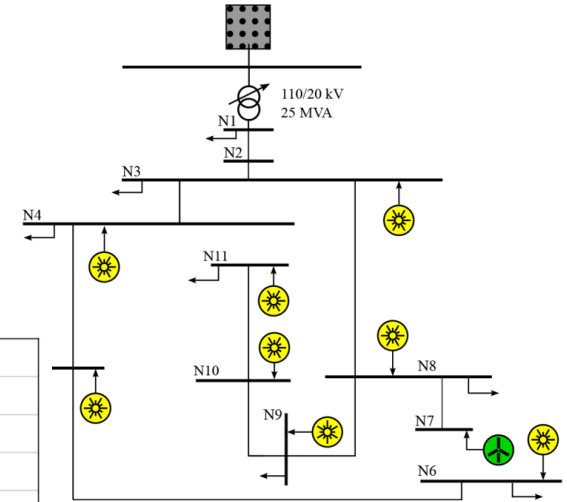
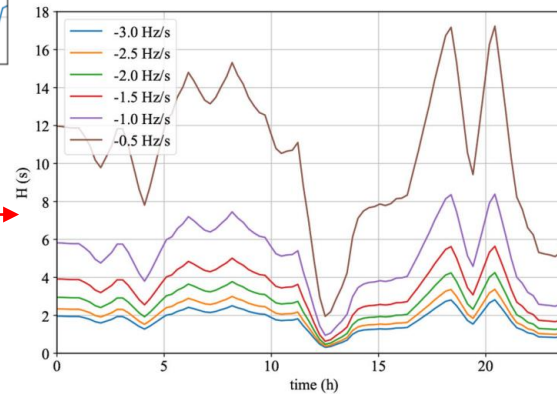
Some simulation results

- Optimal allocation of inertia



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The wind turbine does not participate in the provision of inertia during the bottleneck





Inertial response

Discussion and conclusions

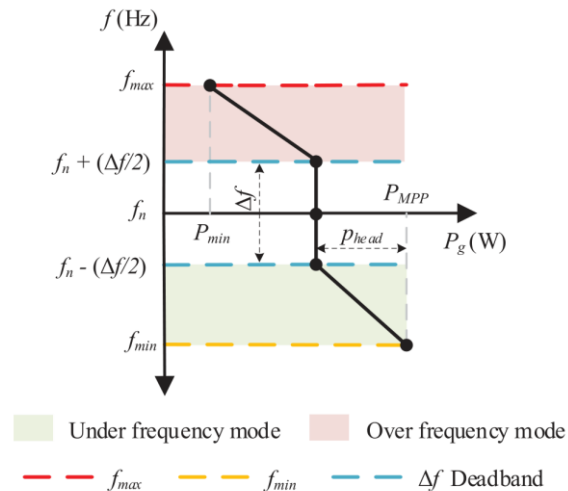
- Two methodologies have been presented in order to evaluate and provide inertia from AND to the transmission system.
 - The first one aims to determine the maximum aggregated inertial capability of ADNs.
 - The second one aims to optimally dispatch DRESs in order to provide specific, TSO-defined inertial response with the minimum cost .
- Both methodologies are developed based on OPF formulations and take into account all technical and operational limitations of ADNs.
- Future work lines will consider cost functions to allocate inertia within the ICA derived from business models of providing these kind of ancillary services.



Primary frequency response

Primary frequency response

- In the framework of the EASY-RES project, the primary frequency response is given by deloading the DRESSs, i.e., operating with a headroom under their maximum available power.
- DRESSs are controlled with $P(f)$ droop curves to adjust their active power injections based on frequency signals.
 - How can all the DRESSs within the ADN be coordinated to provide a specific $P(f)$ droop at the point of interconnection with the transmission system?
 - Can the ancillary service be provided by only some of the DRESSs?

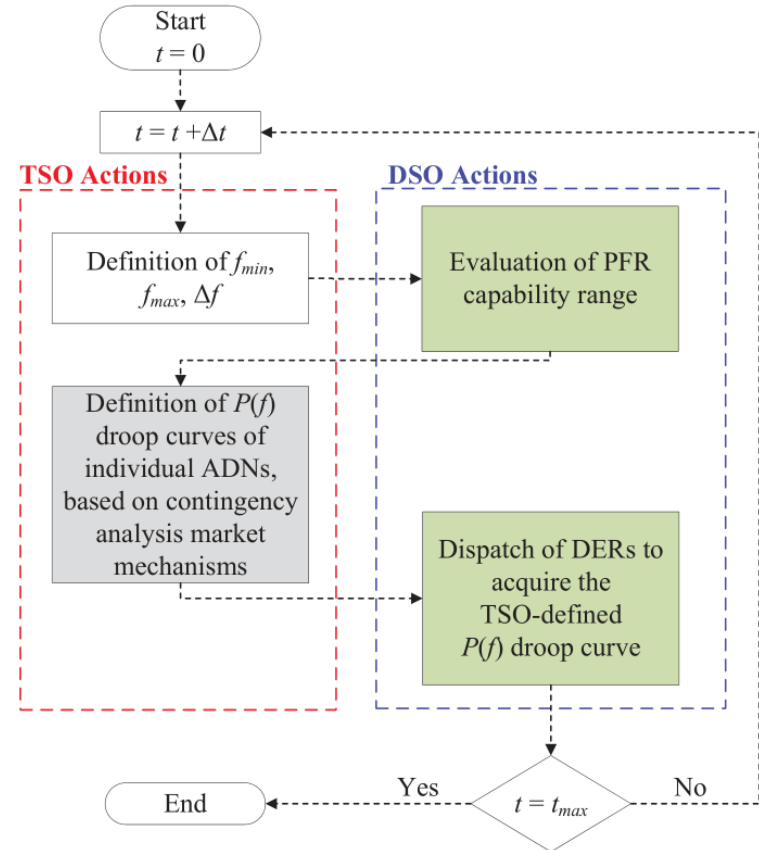




Primary frequency response

Proposed solution

- The proposed solution is based on the continuous interaction between TSO and DSOs.
- The problem, again, can be divided into two main phases:
 - Evaluation of PFR capability range.
 - Determination of DRESs $P(f)$ droop to provide a specific $P(f)$ droop at the point of interconnection with the transmission system.





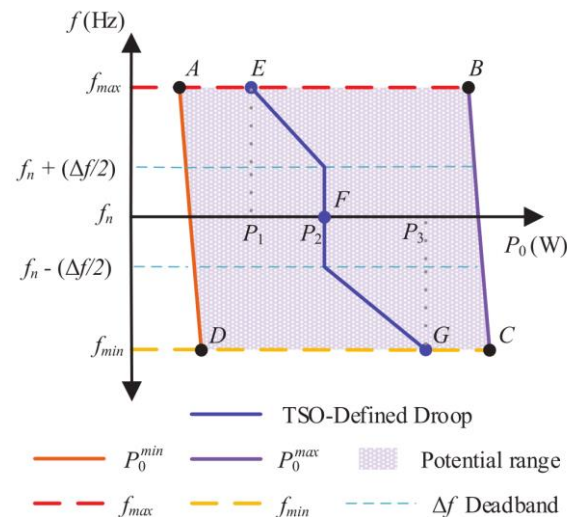
Primary frequency response

Stage 1: Evaluation of the PFR capability

- DSOs should evaluate the range of the aggregated response of all the DRESs within the ADN, i.e., equivalent $P(f)$ droop curves that can be provided at the point of interconnection with the transmission system.
- The maximum and minimum active power that the ADN can deliver at the point of interconnection is computed for several grid frequencies.

Reactance: $X_L = 2\pi fL$

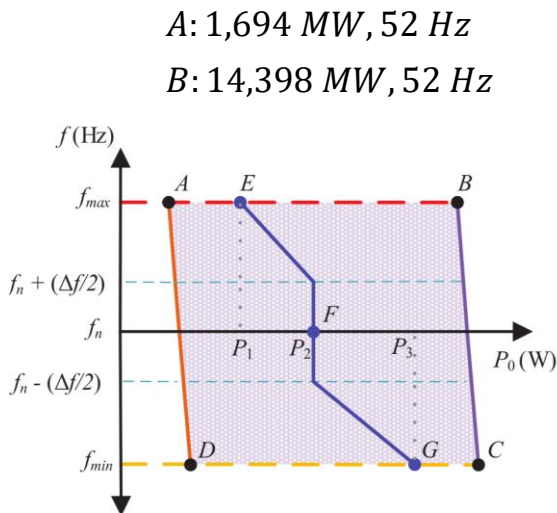
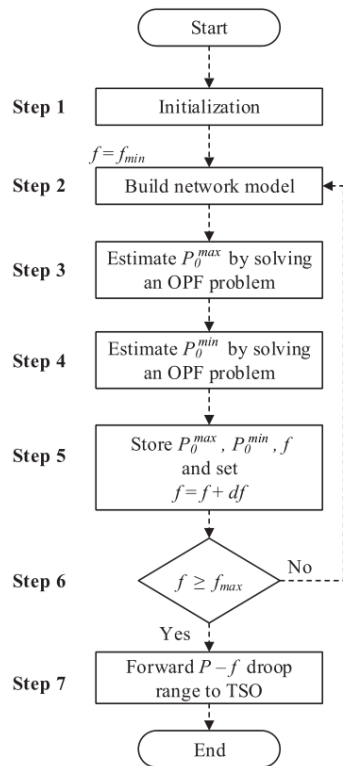
- Consideration of network constraints.
- It is assumed that the AC/DC power converter of the DRES has been properly sized to handle the possible power coming from the primary source



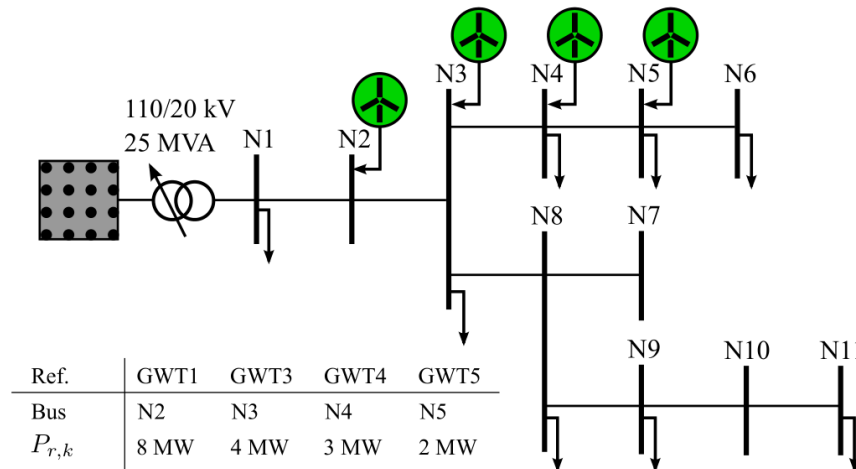


Primary frequency response

Stage 1: Evaluation of the PFR capability



Bus	N1	N3	N4	N5	N9	N6	N8	N11
P_i^L	300 kW	200 kW	150 kW	200 kW	350 kW	250 kW	275 kW	100 kW

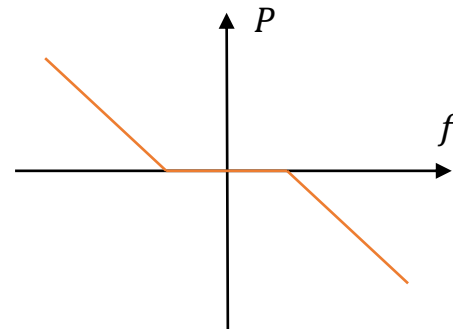
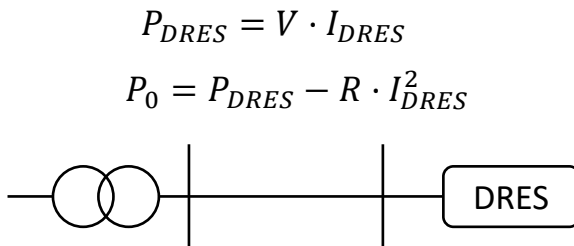
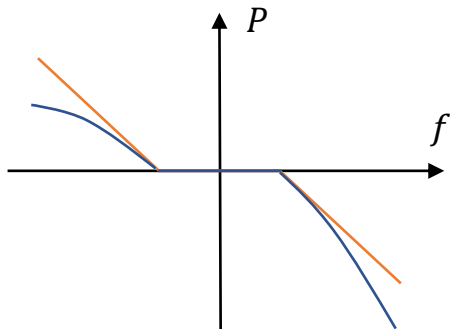




Primary frequency response

Stage 2: Optimal PFR distribution

- TSO determines, based on contingency analysis and market mechanisms, the $P(f)$ droop curve that the ADN shall provide at the point of interconnection with the transmission system.
- DSOs must coordinate the PFR droop curves of all the DRESs within the ICA (taking into account the topology of the network) in order to provide the specific $P(f)$ droop at the point of interconnection.



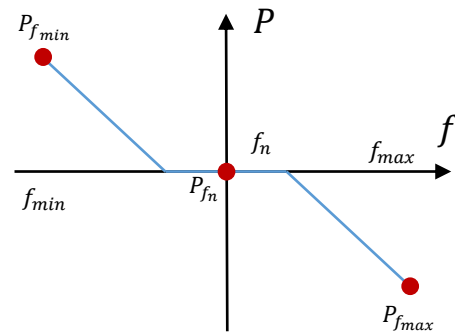
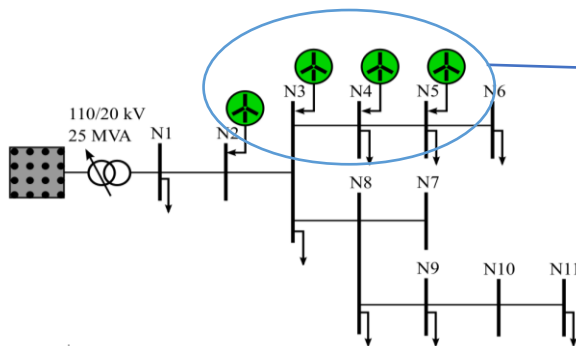
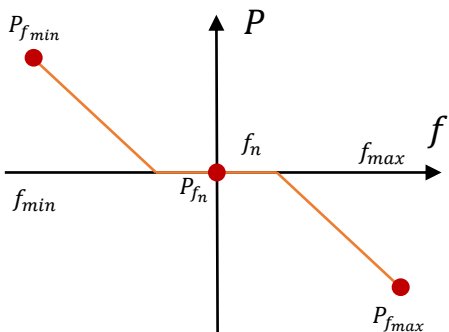
Primary frequency response

Stage 2: Optimal PFR distribution

- Power injections of each DRES, P_k , are computed using OPF calculations for different grid frequencies to ensure that in each frequency the aggregated contribution of all DRESs provides the TSO-defined $P(f)$ droop curve.
- In the simplest case, P_k should be determined at least for f_{min} , f_n and f_{max} .
 - The optimizer aims to minimize power losses in the lines and headroom power

$$C^d = \sum_{k \in \mathcal{D}_i, i \in \mathcal{V}} w_k^d (P_{MPP,k} - P_k)$$

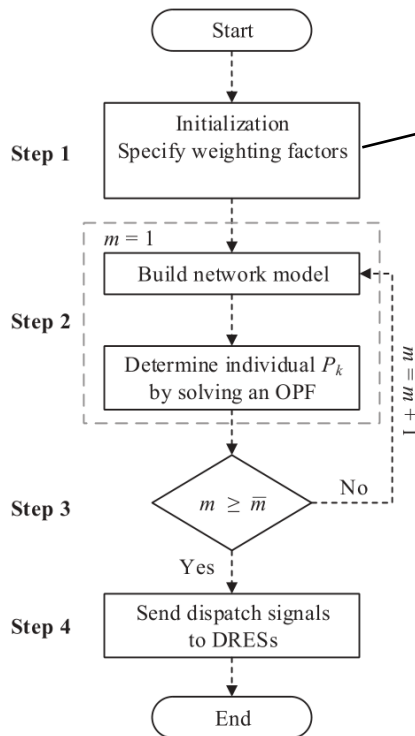
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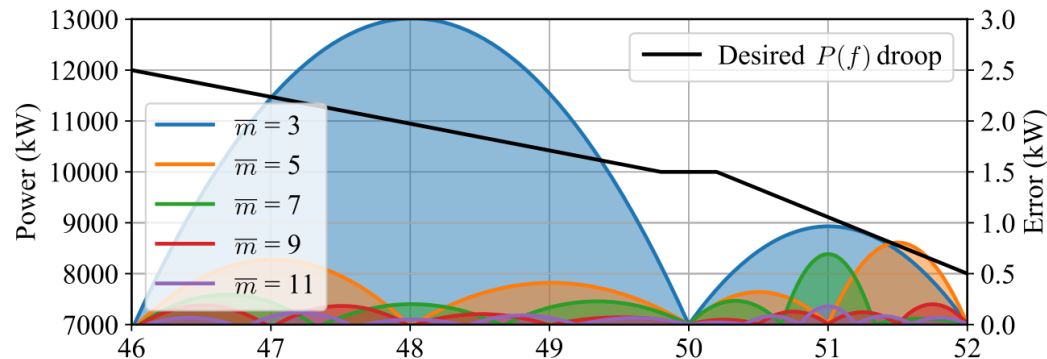
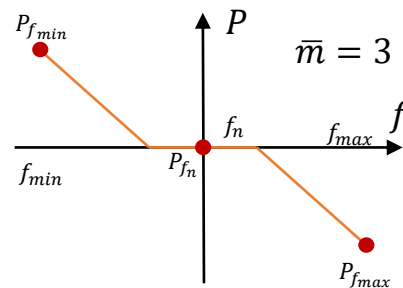


Primary frequency response

Stage 2: Optimal allocation of inertia



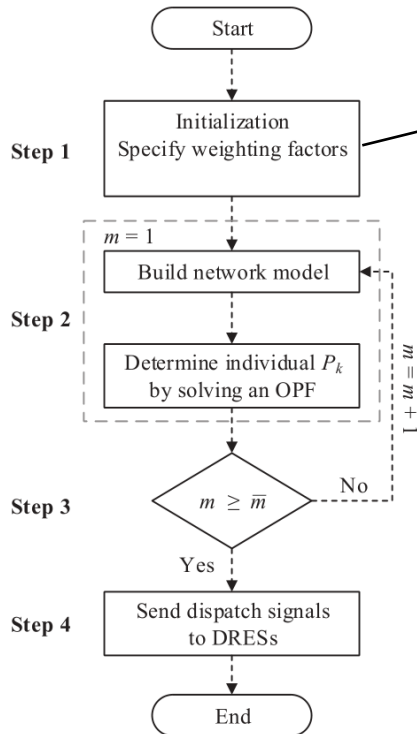
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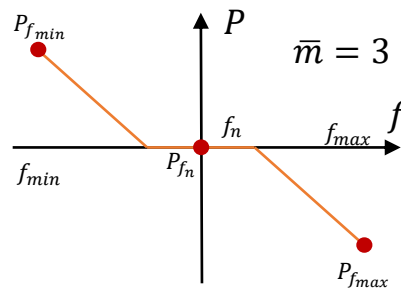
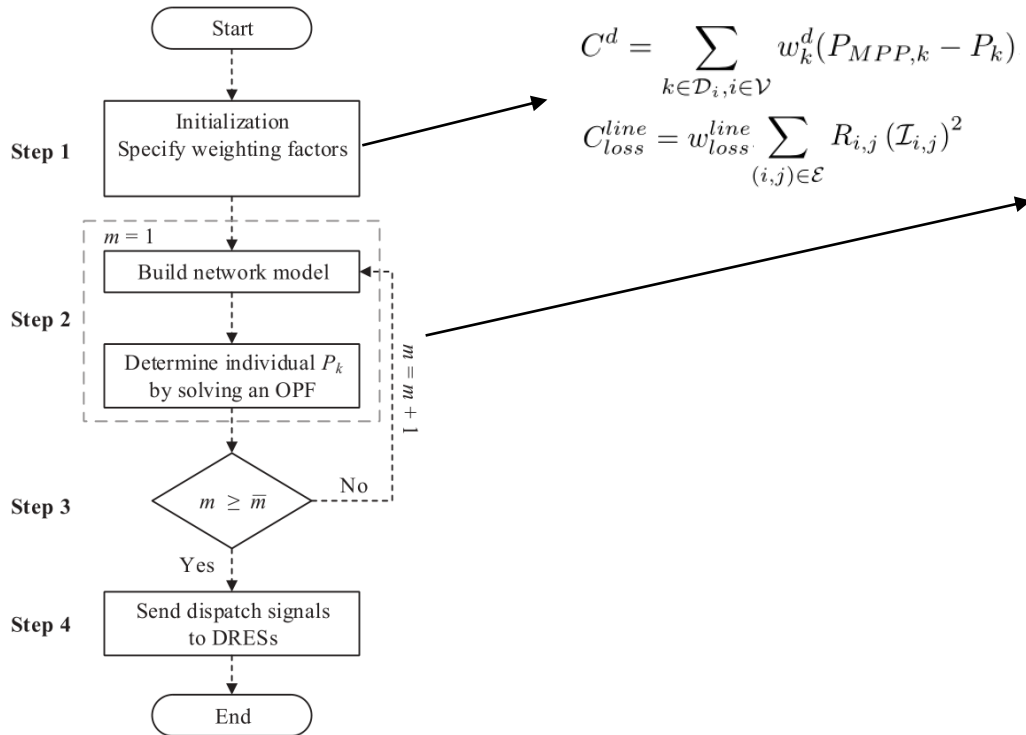


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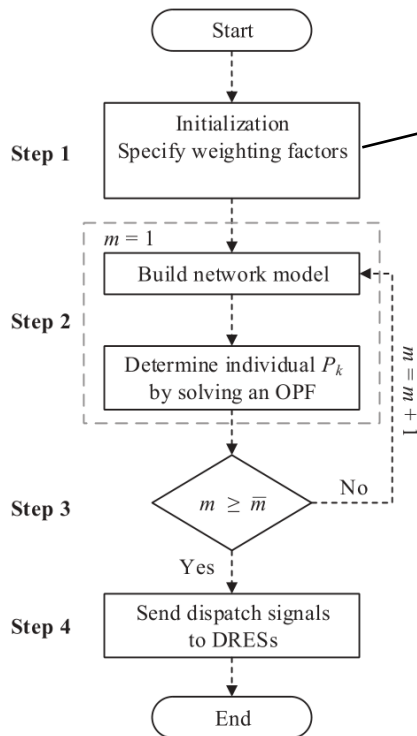
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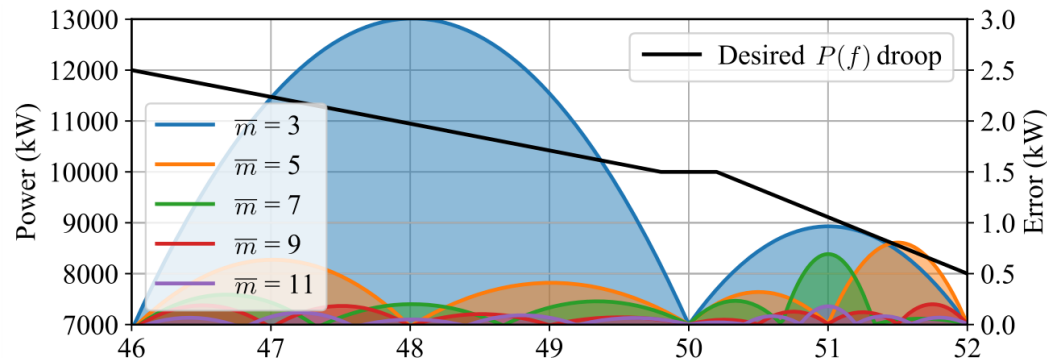
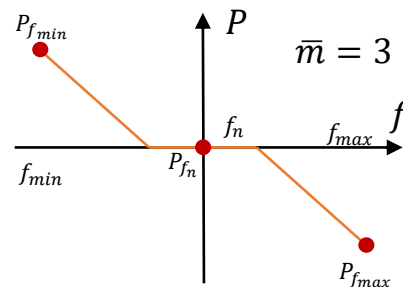


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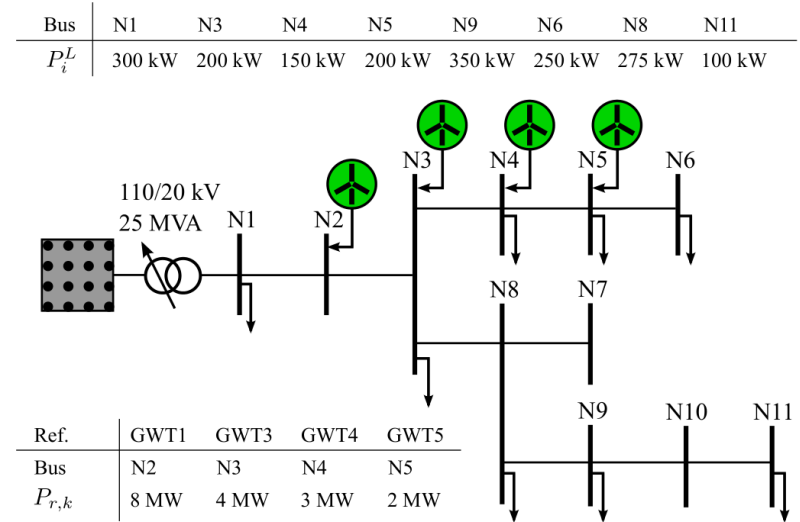
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- S2: WT4 does not participate in PFR

Scenario	f (Hz)	P_{loss}^{pline*}	P_{WT2}^{d**}	P_{WT3}^{d**}	P_{WT4}^{d**}	P_{WT5}^{d**}
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	50	79.29	0.569	2.036	2.56	1.756
	52	38.91	1.502	1.033	0.304	0.203
S2	46	180.89	0.473	2.759	0	1.588
	50	115.84	1.484	3.600	0	1.800
	52	101.81	3.499	3.600	0	1.800

* P_{loss}^{pline} are given in kW.

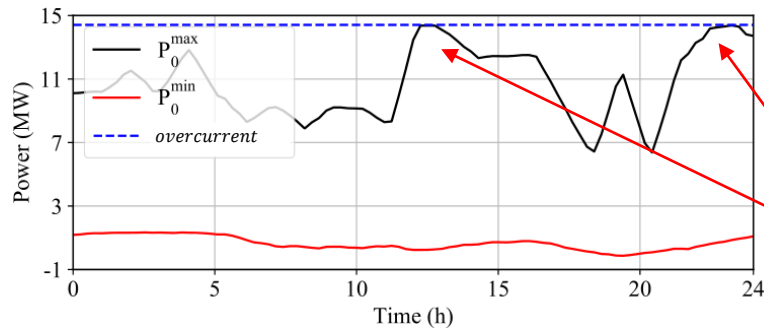
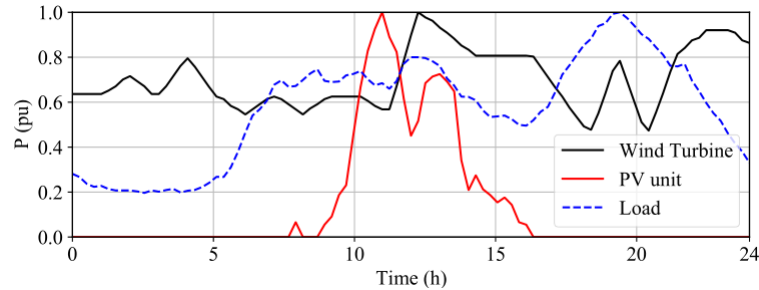
** P_{WT}^{d} , i.e., power that de-loaded, is given in MW.



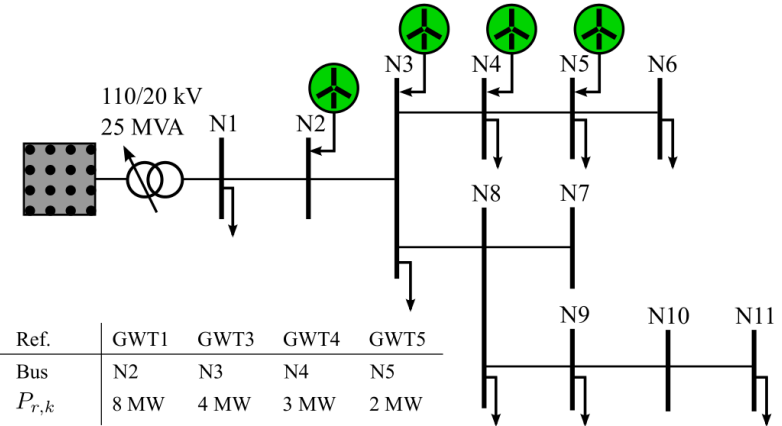
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Some simulation results

- Evaluation of the maximum PFR capability



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P_i^L	300 kW	200 kW	150 kW	200 kW	350 kW	250 kW	275 kW	100 kW



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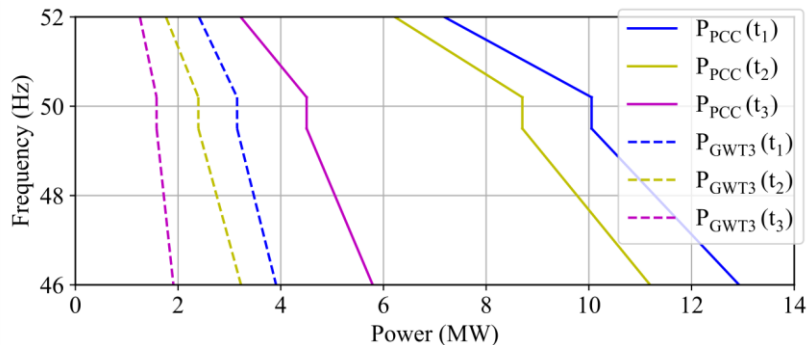
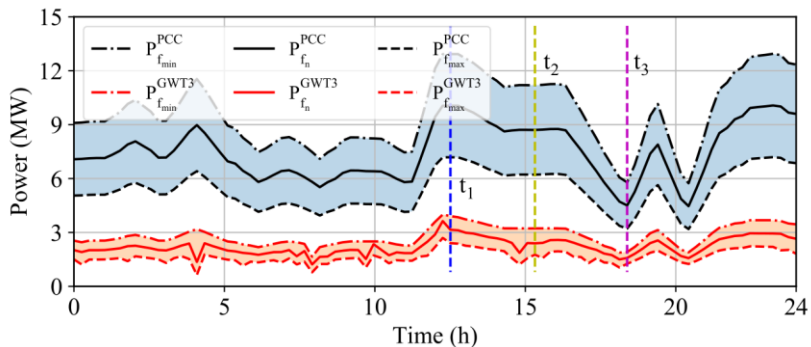
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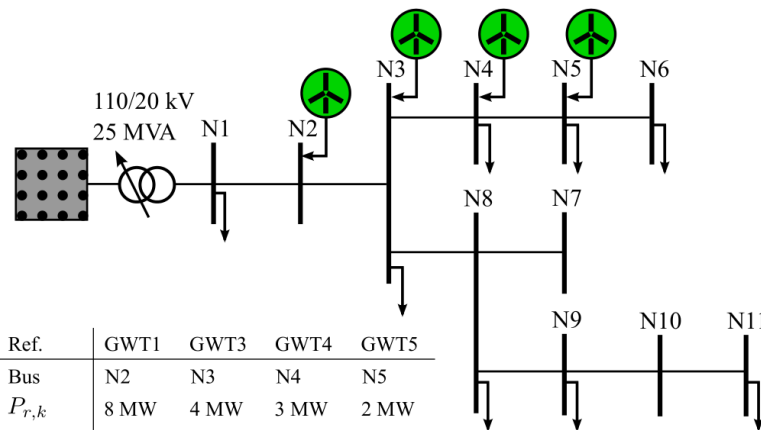
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Discussion and conclusions

- Two methodologies have been presented aiming to facilitate the provision of PFR from AND to the transmission system.
 - The first methodology targets to quantify the PFR capability range of the AND.
 - The second one is used to optimally dispatch DERs of the ADN in order to ensure specific frequency regulation characteristics at the point of interconnection.
- Both methodologies are developed based on OPF formulations and take into account all technical and operational limitations of ADNs.
- Future work lines will consider cost functions to allocate PFR within the ICA derived from business models of providing these kind of ancillary services.



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Publications

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