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Future distribution networks

New constraints appear on MV and LV networks

- DG connected to distribution networks → impact on voltage profiles, losses, power quality
- Assets ageing
- New types of loads

New DMS functionalities to be developed

- To optimise future network reinforcement/development capex
- Voltage control functions, Network Reconfiguration Functions, Power Flows and losses Optimisation, etc...

Algorithms require topology and observability information





DNO's architecture

Distribution State Estimation: objectives

- Determine the current operating point of the MV network in near to real-time
 - Redundant measurements are required
 - Load models for un-measured MV/LV substations
 - Real time topology of the network



Distribution State Estimation: issues

MV networks have:

- Instrumentation issues
 - No (or only a few) sensors in the distribution networks
- Algorithmic issues
 - Long radial feeders with heterogeneous lines and cables → III conditioned matrices
 - Large number of nodes → Long calculation times
 - Active and reactive power cannot be decoupled → Transmission State Estimation techniques cannot always be applied

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Distribution State Estimation: algorithms

- **•** Objective function: $\min \sum_{i} \left(\frac{z_i h_i(x)}{\sigma_i} \right)^2$
 - z: measurement vector,
 - h: non-linear function linking measurements to the state vector.

DSE algorithms

- Constrained and un-constrained WLS DSE using Newton optimisation,
- Specific robust DSE based on M-estimator,
- DSE based on trust region optimisation,
- Meta-heuristic approach,
- ...

Criteria choice

- Bobustness
 - Detect, identification and elimination of measurements, network model or parameters errors
- Accuracy of results
- Calculation time
- Impact of sensors on DSE results

Depend on DMS functionalities





DNO's architecture

Distribution State Estimation: accuracy (1/2)





Distribution State Estimation: accuracy (2/2)

HiperDNO project



- High Performance Computing Technologies for Smart Distribution Network Operation
- From 1/02/2010 to 31/01/2013
- EC FP7 funding
- 11 European partners:
 - Slovenia, Germany, Israel, Spain, France, UK

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Conclusions

- DSE algorithms to enable new DMS functionalities
- DMS functionalities will define the performance required by DSE function
 - DSE results accuracy
 - Calculation time
 - Required instrumentation

DSE algorithms have been investigated in the HiperDNO project



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