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*To learn without thinking is labour in vain;  
To think without learning is desolation.  
-- Confucius, < LUN YU•WEI ZHENG>*

学而不思则罔;  
思而不学则殆.  
-- 孔子, <论语•为政>



# ABSTRACT

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Currently, a high penetration level of Distributed Generations (DGs), such as Wind Turbines (WTs) and Combined Heat and Power plants (CHPs), has been observed in the Danish distribution systems, and even more DGs are foreseen to be present in the coming years. With adequate DGs available, how to utilize them for maintaining the security of the power supply under the emergency situations, has been of great interest for study. One proposal is the intentional island operation. This PhD project is intended to develop a control architecture for the island operation in distribution system with high amount of DGs.

As part of the NextGen project, this project focuses on the system modeling and simulation regarding the control architecture and recommends the development of a communication and information exchange system based on IEC 61850.

This thesis starts with the background of this PhD project, followed by an overview of three existing activities that are related to island operation. Afterwards, the experience of the planned island operation both in Bornholm, Denmark and Canada is discussed. Thereafter, an Islanding Security Region (ISR) concept is established based on which the Islanding Control Architecture with its associated coordination scheme (ICA) is designed.

Moreover, an investigation of different factors that affect the ISR concept is performed, and different case studies about the ICA demonstration are conducted in DIgSILENT/PowerFactory. Both the 2-Dimension ISR (with one lumped generator and one lumped load) and the 3-Dimension ISR (with one generator, one WT, and one lumped load) are plotted. The influence of the Demand as Frequency controlled Reserve (DFR) on the ISR is investigated. A specific coordination scheme between WT and load is designed and implemented.

Furthermore, the feasibility of the application of Artificial Neural Network (ANN) to ICA is studied, in order to improve the computation efficiency for ISR calculation.

Finally, the integration of ICA into Dynamic Security Assessment (DSA), the ICA implementation, and the development of ICA are discussed.



# RESUMÉ

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Antallet af vindmøller og kraftvarmeværker, der er tilsluttet det danske elsystem, vokser, og størrelsen af denne decentrale elproduktion kan forventes at stige yderligere i de kommende år. Derfor er det relevant at analysere, hvorledes den decentral elproduktion kan kontrolleres med henblik på at opnå en høj grad af forsyningssikkerhed, herunder bidrage i kritiske driftssituationer. Indførelsen af ø-drift i elnettet forventes at udgøre en mulighed for at skabe øget forsyningssikkerhed. Formålet med dette ph.d. projekt er at designe en kontrolarkitektur for ø-drift af distributionssystemer med mange decentrale produktionsenheder. Fokus i afhandlingen er systemmodellering og simulation af elsystemets kontrolarkitektur. Projektet anbefaler udviklingen af et kommunikations- og informationssystem baseret på IEC 61850.

Indledningsvist sættes de problemstillinger, som behandles i ph.d.-afhandlingen ind i en større sammenhæng og der gives en kort beskrivelse af tre eksisterende aktiviteter, som er beslægtet med ø-drift. Dernæst diskuteres eksisterende erfaringer med planlagt ø-drift på Bornholm, i Danmark og i Canada. Ph.d.-afhandlingen udvikler et nyt koncept med driftsregioner for sikker ø-drift (Islanding Security Region (ISR)). Udviklingen af dette begreb baserer sig på den i afhandlingen designede kontrolarkitektur for ø-drift i elsystemet og en tilhørende koordinationsplan (Islanding Control Architecture (ICA)).

Videre analyserer afhandlingen en række forskellige faktorer indflydelse på regional ø-driftssikkerhed. For at vise den positive indvirkning på forsyningssikkerheden, som den i afhandlingen udviklede kontrolarkitektur har i et givent elsystem, udføres forskellige casestudier i simuleringssprogrammerne DlgSILENT/PowerFactory. Der foretages simuleringer, hvor både to-dimensionel ISR (hvor henholdsvis generatorer og elforbruger er aggregeret) og tre-dimensionel ISR (hvor henholdsvis generatorer, vindmøller og alt elforbrug er aggregeret) genereres og plottes. Ligeledes simuleres virkningerne af at anvende elforbrug som frekvensstyret reserve (Demand as Frequency controlled Reserve (DFR)). Med udgangspunkt i disse simuleringer udvikles der i afhandlingen en koordinationsplan med vindmøller og elforbrug, som afprøves i nye simuleringer.

Endeligt vurderer afhandlingen, hvorvidt det er muligt at anvende neurale netværk i opbygning af en kontrolarkitektur. Formålet er at afdække, hvorvidt anvendelsen af neurale netværk vil lette computerberegningerne i forbindelse med udarbejdelsen af en given kontrolarkitektur for ø-drift. Til sidst diskuteres afhandlingen, hvorledes en kontrolarkitektur for ø-drift integreres i en overordnet dynamisk sikkerhedsstruktur (Dynamic Security Assessment (DSA)) samt hvorledes en given kontrolarkitektur udvikles og implementeres. Projektet indgår som en del af NextGen projektet.



## 摘要

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目前，在丹麦的电力配电网中，涌现出大量诸如风机和热电联产电厂的可再生和高能源利用率的分布式电源。据预测，未来几年内，将出现更多的分布式电源。如此高的分布式电源并网接入水平使得对如何控制他们以保证供电安全性，特别是在紧急情况下的供电安全性的研究成为热点。在这样的背景之下，一种较可行的方案是进行有意识的孤岛运行。本论文项目旨在发展专为电力配电网在运行扰动或是故障的情况下进行有意识孤岛运行的控制架构。

作为“下一代电源”项目的一部分，本项目关注于对控制架构的系统建模和仿真以及针对基于IEC 61850国际标准的通信交换系统提出相关建议。

本论文以对此博士论文项目的背景介绍开篇，紧接着介绍三个现存的有关孤岛运行的项目。然后讨论在丹麦博恩霍姆岛(Bornholm)以及在加拿大有关孤岛运行的经验。之后，本论文创新性地提出孤岛安全域(Islanding Security Region (ISR))的概念并在此基础上设计了包括协调方案在内的孤岛控制架构 (Islanding Control Architecture with its associated coordination scheme (ICA) )。

在本论文中，作者对影响孤岛安全域的不同因素进行了研究。这些不同因素可以是以运行约束形式来表达的孤岛评估标准，可以是负载特性，可以是发电机的调速器率，可以是发电机电压调节器增益，抑或是在发电机组中不同的调度功率比。在这之后，作者针对所提出的孤岛控制架构，利用商用系统仿真工具DIgSILENT/PowerFactory，进行了不同的实例研究，绘制了二维孤岛安全域和三维孤岛安全域，分析了可作为频率可控备用源的需求侧对孤岛安全域的影响。同时，本文具体设计并实施了一个在风机和负载之间进行的协调方案。

此外，本论文还对人工神经网络在孤岛控制架构中的应用的可行性进行了研究。目的是为了探析利用神经网络来解决繁重计算负担的可能性。

最后，作者对孤岛控制架构集成于动态安全评估，孤岛控制架构的落实及其发展进行了探讨。





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# ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

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AGC	Automatic Generation Control	GHG	GreenHouse Gas
ANN	Artificial Neural Network	HV	High Voltage
AVR	Automatic Voltage Regulator	ICA	Islanding Control Architecture
CB	Circuit Breaker	ICT	Information and Communication Technology
CCPP	Cell Controller Pilot Project	IEC	International Electrotechnical Commission
CET	Centre for Electric Technology	IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
CHP	Combined Heat and Power plant	IPP	Independent Power Producer
COP15	UN Climate Change Conference, Copenhagen	ISR	Islanding Security Region
DER	Distributed Energy Resource	LV	Low Voltage
DFR	Demand as Frequency controlled Reserve	MC	Microsource Controller
DG	Distributed Generation	MGCC	MicroGrid Central Controller
DPL	DlgSILENT Programming Language	MIC	Monitoring, Information exchange and Control
DR	Distributed Resource	MLP	Multi-Layer Perceptron
DSA	Dynamic Security Assessment	MMO	Multi-Master Operation
DSO	Distribution System Operator	MSE	Mean Squared Error
DTU	Technical University of Denmark	NWPC	Nordic Wind Power Conference
EMS	Energy Management System	P	Active power
ENTSO-E	European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity	PCC	Point of Common Coupling
EPS	Electric Power System	PCU	Primary Controller Unit
EU	European Union	PEP	Power Export Pattern
FP5 (7)	The European 5 <sup>th</sup> (7 <sup>th</sup> ) Framework Programme	PF	DlgSILENT/PowerFactory
FSIG	Fixed Speed Induction Generator	PIP	Power Import Pattern

PMU	Phasor Measurement Unit
PSCAD	Electromagnetic time domain transient simulation tool
Q	Reactive power
RES	Renewable Energy Source
RLC	resistance, inductance, capacitance
RMS	Root Mean Square
ROCOF	Rate Of Change Of Frequency
RPSI	Real Power Space for Islanding
SA	Security Assessment
SAIDI	System Average Interruption Duration Index
SAIFI	System Average Interruption Frequency Index
SAS	Statistical Analysis System tool
SCADA	Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition
SCC21	IEEE Standards Coordinating Committee 21 on Fuel Cell, Photovoltaics, Dispersed Generation, and Energy Storage
SMO	Single Master Operation
SS	State Space
TSO	Transmission System Operator
UCTE	Union for the Coordination of the Transmission of Electricity
UFLS	Under Frequency Load Shedding
UN	United Union
UPEC	University Power Engineering Conference
VSI	Voltage Source Inverter
WAMS	Wide Area Monitoring System
WT	Wind Turbine



# 1

## BACKGROUND

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This chapter starts with a brief introduction to the opportunities and the associated challenges that the Danish power system is facing, followed by a general introduction to the NextGen project. Finally, the summary of each chapter is presented.

### ***1.1 Opportunities and challenges for Danish power system***

Climate change and energy security has stimulated the global awareness of both utilization of renewable energy and energy efficiency. On the one hand, the United Nations (UN) Climate Change Conference (COP15) in Copenhagen, Denmark, concluded with the Copenhagen Accord on December 18, 2009, stating a strong worldwide political will to urgently combat climate change [1-1]. On the other hand, both European Union (EU) and Danish government have already taken actions.

In Europe, two key targets have been set by European Council regarding the EU's climate and energy policy [1-2]:

- A reduction of at least 20% in greenhouse gases (GHG) by 2020;
- A 20% share of renewable energies in EU energy consumption by 2020.

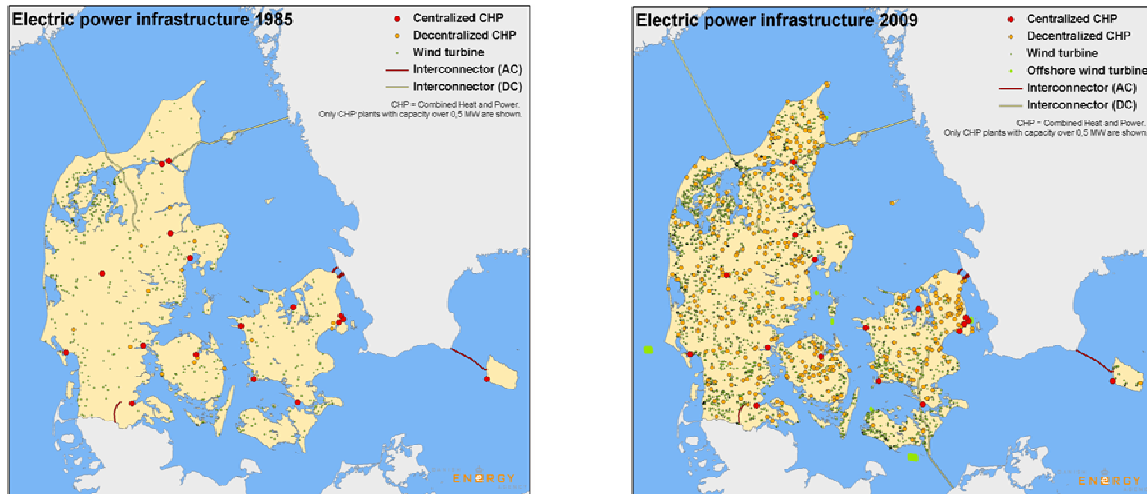
This brings in opportunities for the development of both renewable energy and energy efficiency technology, which are two of main tools to deliver the targets. A great number of related research projects have been set up across Europe, financed by the EU funding - under the Seventh framework programme for research and technological development (FP7) [1-3] [1-4].

In Denmark, "A visionary Danish energy policy 2025", published by the Danish government in early 2007 [1-5], underlines efficient energy generation and consumption, renewable energy (the share of renewable energy must be increased to at least 30% of energy consumption by 2025), and more efficient energy technologies as crucial areas to achieve the following targets by 2025:

- Reduce the use of fossil fuels by at least 15% compared with today;
- Effectively counteract rises in overall energy consumption, which must remain static.

This indicates that 50% of total electricity demand in Denmark by 2025 will be supplied by Wind Turbines (WTs) [1-6], and the status of Combined Heat and Power plants (CHPs) (especially CHPs fueled by renewable energy) will be strengthened, which has been extremely important for improving energy efficiency in Denmark [1-7, p. 5].

In this regard, “the commissioning of increasing amounts of wind power and other renewable energy requires the well organized expansion of the electric power grid” [1-5]. In fact, the countenance of Danish power grid has already been transformed by its legacy of high amount of Distributed Generations (DGs) as **Figure 1-1** presents, in that lots of local CHP plants were established and WTs were installed during 1990s, following a political decision, and the market share of electricity production of the central power plants was reduced by more than 40 % by 2004 [1-8, p. 78].



**Figure 1-1:** Overview of the Danish power infrastructure in 1985 and 2009 (Source: Danish Energy Agency, [www.ens.dk](http://www.ens.dk) (last visit: 16/05/2010)).

As encouraged by [1-5], more decentralized and intermittent power generations would be integrated into the grid in the future, which consequently requires system flexibility while the security and reliability of power supply should still be maintained. With that, the Danish Transmission System Operator (TSO) Energinet.dk is developing a Smart-Grid, or “Concept for controlling the power system”, whose main attribute is the measurement and control of the power grid on both the generation and the consumption sides via digital communication [1-9].

This highlights the role of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) to increase the system flexibility and to strengthen the security of power supply. Accordingly, the NextGen project, established at the Centre for Electric Technology (CET), Technical University of Denmark (DTU) in 2006, aims at developing an internationally standardized information and communication system for DGs. With that, those DGs can help maintain the stable system operation on a commercial basis and underpin an efficient electricity market [1-10]. Besides, the EU FP7 work programme also outlines a call for novel ICT solutions for smart electricity distribution networks [1-11].

### 1.2 Overview of NextGen project

(based on [1-12])

In collaboration with Energinet.dk, the Brødstrup Totalenergianlæg A/S, EURISCO ApS and Siemens A/S, CET at DTU initiated the “Next generation communication system for the system integration of distributed generation” or NextGen project in 2006.

In order to support the increased penetration of those either environmentally-friendly or energy efficiency-friendly DGs into electric power system in the future, the requirements for those DGs would be higher. These requirements can be, for example, the power output regulation, the voltage regulation, the system reserve and black start function, as well as the system support under the emergency.

In order to meet those requirements and actively utilize those DGs, an interconnected information and communication system is needed, which can ensure a closely manageable integration of DGs into the power system.

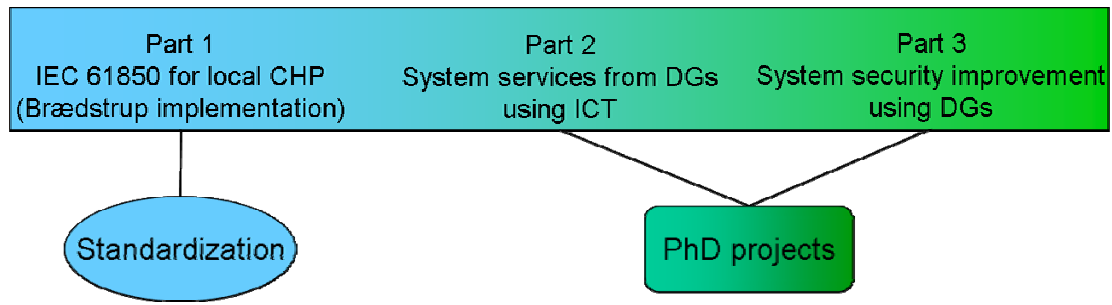
One main objective of the NextGen project is to develop the international standardized information and communication system for the commercial function based DGs. These DGs are expected to help maintain the stable and secure system operation and to develop a well functioned electricity market. In addition, the vision of this project is to develop a future integrated energy and information infrastructure. Besides, this project can also provide concrete recommendations to the development of the IEC61850 standard.

The project contains the following three parts:

- To develop, implement and demonstrate a standardized information and communication system for DGs. This system is based on the international standard, IEC 62350, which is established for Decentralized Energy Resources (DERs) and is part of the IEC 61850 standard. This sub-project would pave the way for the employment of the IEC 62350, and create the knowledge about the possible applications of the standard.
- To develop an interconnected infrastructure for electricity market, which could secure an appropriate adaptation of DGs to the whole electric power system. The focus would be on the future integrated and standardized communication structure which is based on the IEC 61850 and its utilization for monitoring, regulation, control and the delivery of the system ancillary services of DGs.
- To develop a concept for the application of the information and communication system, which is based on the IEC 61850, to the future intelligent power system that requires high degree of system security. The focus would be on the development of a control architecture for WTs and other DGs, in order that they could actively contribute to the maintenance of the system operation during the interruption, with the communication system within the future dynamic network. In particular, intentional island operation, which is similar to the Cell-separation of network [1-13], is the main study.

All in all, the focus of these three parts is to develop IEC 62350 and further to recommend improvement for IEC 61850.

**Figure 1-2** illustrates the relationship among these three parts.



**Figure 1-2:** Relationship between three parts in NextGen project.

### 1.3 Overview of NextGen project Part 3

This PhD program belongs to Part 3 and intends to explore a control architecture for intentional island operation, in order to maintain the security of power supply in a future distribution system with high penetration of DGs, based on ICT, such as IEC 61850.

There are mainly 6 activities involved. Activity 1 to 3 are intended to perform literature review and relevant knowledge preparation. In Activity 4, one possible control architecture for island operation and its associated coordination scheme is designed, followed by Activity 5, where the subsequent demonstration of the architecture and coordination scheme is conducted in the system modeling and simulation tool: DIgSILENT/PowerFactory (version: 13.2.338) (PF) [1-14]. Finally, some relevant recommendations to both the online implementation and the requirements for ICT are outlined in Activity 6. The 6 activities are:

- To perform literature review about islanding and islanding related projects; to generally study system stability and control, system protection, DGs and distribution network, load demand response; to learn modeling and simulation tool: PF; to learn experience from the planned island operation in Bornholm and analyze system frequency data during the islanding period, extracted from Phasor Measurement Unit (PMU) in SAS software [1-15], as well as the Canadian experience from utility's perspectives;
- To deeply understand possible system scenario for the island operation of the future system with lots of DGs, to study details about characteristic, modeling and simulation of synchronous generator, WT with Fixed Speed Induction Generator (FSIG), and Demand as Frequency controlled Reserve (DFR) [1-16, p. 122] in PF;
- To define both non-functional and functional requirements for island operation;
- To design an islanding control architecture and a coordination scheme, based on Islanding Security Region (ISR) concept, realized by DIgSILENT Programming Language (DPL) in PF;
- To demonstrate the designed architecture and coordination scheme by time domain modeling and simulation; to improve the computation efficiency by Artificial Neural Network (ANN);

- To recommend the possible implementation of the islanding architecture and the requirements for ICT; to explore the potential integration into the Dynamic Security Assessment (DSA) in Supervisory, Control And Data Acquisition (SCADA)/Energy Management System (EMS).

## 1.4 Chapters in thesis

This PhD thesis includes nine chapters.

Chapter 1 (this chapter) in general presents opportunities and challenges for the Danish electric power system, followed by an overview of NextGen project, to which this PhD project belongs. This chapter finalizes with the summary of every chapter.

Chapter 2 starts with an overview about island operation. Afterwards, several island operation related activities such as EU MicroGrids project [1-17], Danish Cell Controller Pilot Project (CCPP) [1-9, 1-13], and IEEE 1547.4 standard draft for Distributed Resource island systems [1-18] are introduced. The definitions of island operation from different entities are presented in the end.

Chapter 3 discusses the island operation experience from both Denmark and Canada. In Denmark, the experience learned from the one-week long island operation test in Bornholm is of great importance to understand the operation difficulty with large amount of wind energy; while in Canada, the focus is on the application of small/medium size DGs to the planned island operation for the purpose of system reliability improvement.

In Chapter 4, different components considered in the architecture design are introduced, and requirements for islanding architecture are defined. Besides, this chapter presents the ISR concept, which is the base for the proposed Islanding Control Architecture and its associated coordination scheme (ICA). Subsequently, a 2-Dimension ISR is plotted for a study system that is based on a 9-bus demo model in PF [1-19] [1-20, pp. 37-39].

Chapter 5 analyzes the influence of different factors on ISR, such as the criteria for ISR, the load characteristics, the droop of governor, the gain of voltage regulator, and different power dispatches for generators.

Chapter 6 starts with the description of a Canadian rural feeder benchmark, based on which a WT with FSIG and a DFR function is modeled. Afterwards, a specific coordination scheme of ICA among load and WT is designed and presented. In the end, this chapter conducts four study cases to demonstrate the ICA.

In order to tackle the multi-dimension issue for the ISR and also the heavy computation burden, the Artificial Neural Network (ANN) technique is suggested and applied in Chapter 7. The feasibility of ANN is proved by comparing the ANN results with the analytically obtained ISR, which is explained in this chapter.

Chapter 8 further explores the potential online application of ICA to DSA, including the implementation structure and the requirements for Monitoring, Information exchange and Control (MIC). This chapter also discusses the possible extension of ICA to transmission level, from which both Transmission System Operator (TSO) and Distribution

System Operator (DSO) may benefit. Finally, the influence of generator response speed on the coordination scheme design is discussed.

Chapter 9 concludes the PhD thesis with several highlights.

### **1.5 Publications**

#### *Published:*

- [A] Yu Chen, Zhao Xu, and Jacob Østergaard, “Frequency Analysis for Planned Island operation in the Danish Distribution System – Bornholm,” 43rd international Universities Power Engineering Conference, Padova, Italy, September 1-4, 2008.
- [B] Yu Chen, Zhao Xu, Jacob Østergaard, “Control Mechanism and Security Region for Intentional Islanding Transition,” IEEE PES General Meeting, Calgary, Canada, July 26-30 July, 2009.
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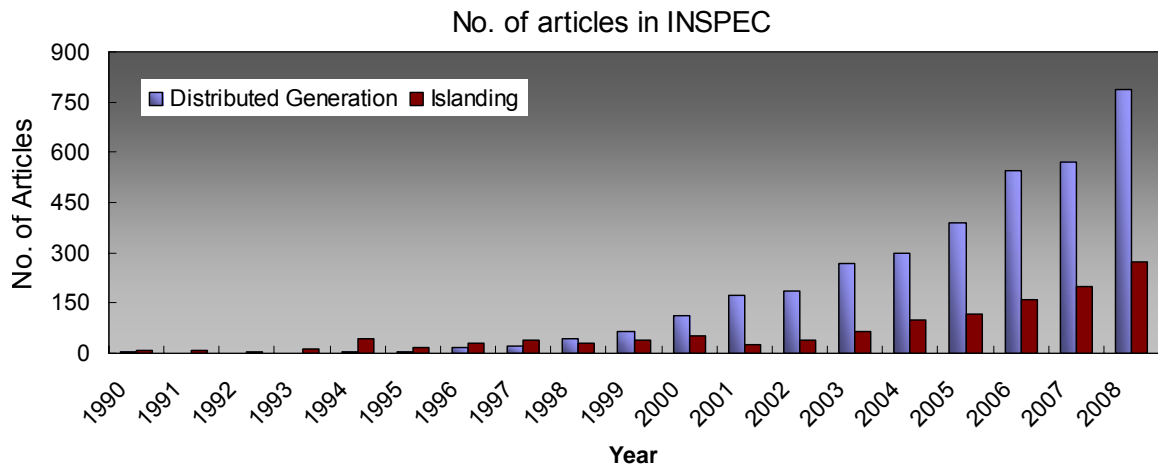
# 2

## INTRODUCTION

This chapter provides an overview of the island operation and its related research and development activities, including the European MicroGrids, the Danish Cell Controller Pilot Project (CCPP), and the IEEE P1547.4 standard draft. Afterwards, islanding definitions by different entities are introduced, together with the definitions used in this PhD study.

### 2.1 Overview of island operation

Rightly or wrongly, the new research interest in island operation has been increasing from 2001, associated with the increase of interest in Distributed Generations (DGs). This may be proved by **Figure 2-3**, which demonstrates the number of articles in Inspec database, entitled ‘Distributed Generation’ and ‘Islanding’, respectively, from 1990 to 2008.



**Figure 2-3:** Number of articles searched in Inspec database through the library at Technical University of Denmark (DTU), entitled ‘Distributed Generation’ and ‘Islanding’, respectively.

In fact, the issue of DG related island operation in distribution systems has also been an interest in Denmark [2-1], due to the high penetration of DGs, especially Wind Turbines (WTs) and Combined Heat and Power plants (CHPs). One of the main intentions of the Danish Transmission System Operator (TSO) is to utilize those integrated DGs to support the island operation during contingencies [2-1]. Thus, the security of power supply can be maintained, reliability can be improved, and the customer satisfaction can be

met. These contingencies could be the congestion pressure in nearby line, natural disturbances or others.

However, there are many technical challenges related to the island operation with DGs, which we should tackle before marching towards the objective:

- The lack of architecture for system control with higher and higher penetration of DGs;
- Different generation mix, especially with intermittent DGs and power electronics interface;
- Flexible protection settings for island operation, related to criteria for successful island operation;
- The demand participation for power balance during islanding is expected;
- The controllability of DGs and demand is required;
- The coordination among DGs and demand is required;
- Fast response speed of DGs and demand is anticipated;
- Monitoring, measuring, Information and Communication Technology (ICT) is needed.

There are already several attempts, aiming at removing some of those hurdles, such as the EU CLUSTER RES+DG [2-2]. Among others, European MicroGrids project [2-3], Danish CCPP [2-1], and IEEE P1547.4 standard draft [2-4] will be mainly discussed as follows.

## **2.2 *Islanding related activities***

### **2.2.1 Island operation in European project - MicroGrids**

Under the European fifth framework programme (FP5), the MicroGrids project, entitled “Large Scale Integration of Micro-Generation to Low Voltage Grids”, focuses on the operation of one single Microgrid with the following objectives [2-3]:

- To increase the penetration of Renewable Energy Source (RES) and other micro-sources in order to contribute to the reduction of Green House Gas (GHG) emissions;
- To study the main issues regarding the operation of Microgrids in parallel with the upstream grid and in islanding conditions that may follow faults;
- To define, develop and demonstrate control strategies that will ensure the most efficient, reliable and economic operation and management of Microgrids;
- To define appropriate protection and grounding policies that will assure safety of operation and capability of fault detection, isolation and islanded operation;
- To identify the needs and develop the telecommunication infrastructures and communication protocols required;



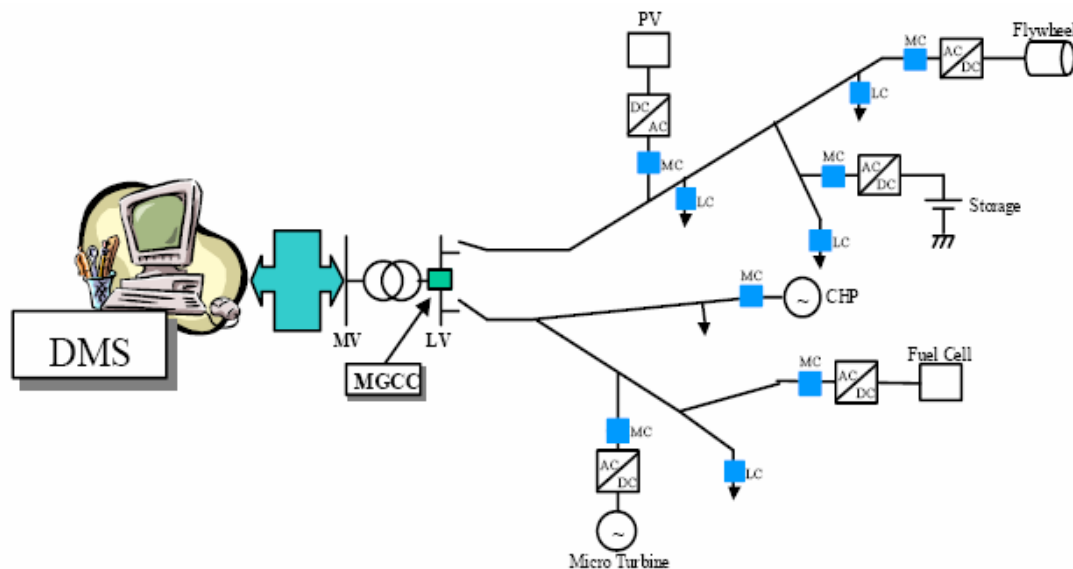
- To determine the economic benefits of the Microgrid operation and to propose systematic methods and tools to quantify these benefits and to propose appropriate regulatory measures.

It involved 14 partners from 7 European countries.

The concept of Microgrid, according to [2-3], was defined as follows:

“The interconnection of small, modular generation sources to low voltage distribution systems can form a new type of power system, the Microgrid. Microgrids can be connected to the main power network or be operated autonomously, if they are isolated from the power grid, in a similar manner to the power systems of physical islands. Microgrids comprise Low Voltage distribution systems with distributed energy sources, storage devices and controllable loads, operated connected to the main power network or islanded, in a controlled, coordinated way.”

The hierarchical control architecture (see **Figure 2-4**) was one of its highlights, consisting of a Microgrid Central Controller (MGCC), several Microsource Controllers (MCs) and Load Controllers (LCs). With that, the main study issues were related to the operation of Microgrids in parallel with the upstream grid and in islanding conditions that may follow faults [2-3].



**Figure 2-4:** EU MicroGrids control architecture (source: EU MicroGrids, website: [www.microgrids.eu](http://www.microgrids.eu) (last visit: 16/05/2010)).

The project work package D, entitled “Development of Emergency Functions”, developed control strategies and algorithms for Low Voltage (LV) (0.4 kV) Microgrid islanding under emergency and black start after blackout.

The main attributes of the developed strategies can be summarized below (Reference [2-5] [2-6] detail the control strategies.):

- Voltage Source Inverter (VSI) or/and conventional synchronous generator for frequency and voltage control (either under Single Master Operation (SMO) or Multi Master Operation (MMO)) after the island operation;
- Storage devices, such as flywheels, battery with power electronics interface, for primary frequency and voltage control;
- Load shedding participation in primary frequency control, when large frequency excursion or storage overload occurs.

Meanwhile, there are also some limits and uncertainties: several pre-specified conditions assumed, which causes the lack of overall understanding for all possible operating states, no participation of Wind Turbines (WTs) in frequency control; the lack of coordination either between generators or between generators and loads. Besides, this strategy is designed for LV Microgrids.

Nevertheless, plenty of the strengths, exposed in MicroGrids project, are of great use and value to guide the further development and application of MicroGrids concept.

### **2.2.2 Island operation in Danish Cell Controller Pilot Project**

CCPP was initiated by Danish TSO Energinet.dk in 2004. For the purpose of pursuing the intelligent mobilization of local power generation, CCPP aims to ensure that the Danish power system is adapted to the future requirements by increasing the extent of system control and monitoring, to maintain the high degree of security of power supply, and to support the liberalized power market, as a great amount of DGs are expected to be integrated into the system [2-7]. More details about CCPP can be found in [2-1] [2-7]-[2-9].

CCPP defines a distribution cell as each sectionized, radially operated 60 kV network below each 150/60 kV transformer [2-1]. An entire pilot cell implementation is scheduled for 2011.

As the high ambition of CCPP, controlled island operation is expected to avoid blackout and eventually maintain the security of power supply in case a regional emergency situation occurs, reaching the point of no return.

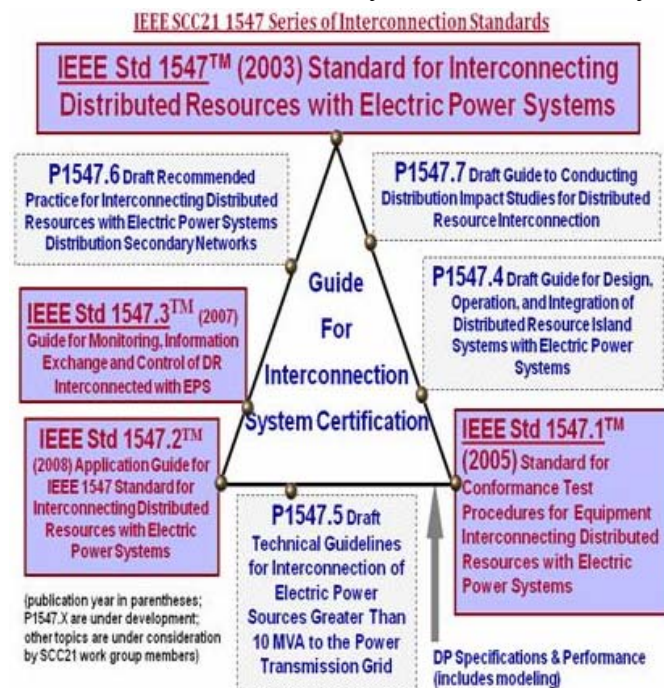
As [2-1] points out, “it is important to understand that each cell will be required to operate in parallel with the High Voltage (HV) power system in any normal and stressed contingency situation....The only exception is that during a regional severely stressed situation as in an impending voltage collapse, where the point of no return has been reached, the Cell Controller can be allowed to transfer the cell into islanded operation.” In this regard, the immediate question would be how to define “stressed contingency situation” and “severely stressed situation” (or the point of no return), and how long the lead time prior to the island operation moment can be obtained. In [2-1], an early warning system has been envisioned, which may provide the lead time for reactions.

For the system operator, it would be beneficial to know beforehand whether or not the system can survive an island operation. The Islanding Security Region (ISR), proposed in this thesis, is specifically designed for this purpose. By comparing the system operat-

ing state with its corresponding ISR in real time, the system operator can tell if a successful island operation can be performed. Further, once the lead time prior to the island operation moment is available, the operator can instantly initiate certain ISR based co-ordination scheme among generation and load to prepare for the coming island operation if needed. Thus, a successful island operation can be more quickly and easily ensured, thanks to the ISR and the lead time.

### 2.2.3 Islanding guide - IEEE P1547.4 Standard draft

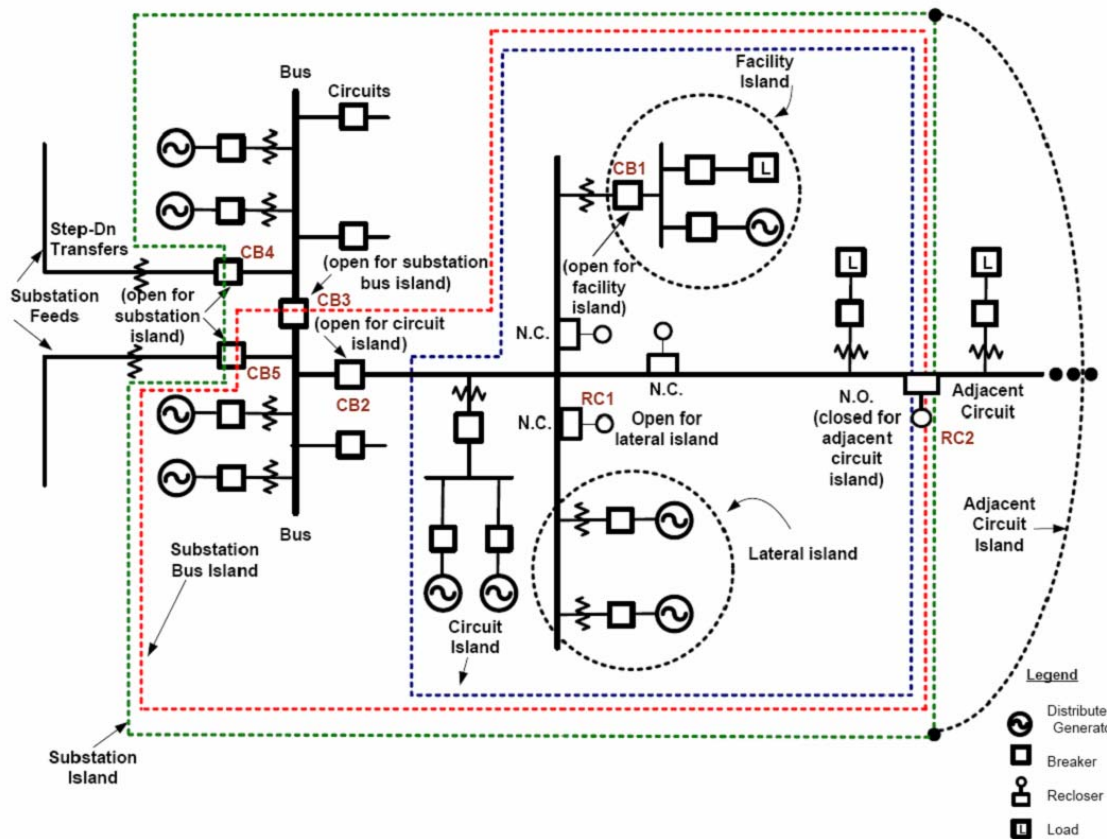
As one member of the IEEE 1547 series of standards, developed by IEEE Standards Coordinating Committee 21 on Fuel Cell, Photovoltaics, Dispersed Generation, and Energy Storage (SCC21), the IEEE P1547.4 is so far the Draft Guide for Design, Operation, and Integration of Distributed Resource Island Systems with Electric Power Systems. The whole 1547 family can be illustrated by **Figure 2-5**.



**Figure 2-5:** IEEE SCC21 1547 Series of Distributed Resources (DR) Interconnection Standards (source: IEEE 1547, website: [http://grouper.ieee.org/groups/scc21/dr\\_shared/](http://grouper.ieee.org/groups/scc21/dr_shared/) (last visit: 16/05/2010)).

The IEEE P1547.4 provides an introduction, overview and address engineering concerns of DR island systems for reliability improvement. It also presents alternative approaches and good practices for the design, operation, and integration of DR island systems with electric power systems (EPS). This includes the ability to separate from and reconnect to part of the area EPS while providing power to the islanded local EPSs [2-10].

Reference [2-4] defines six planned DR island systems: a local EPS island (facility island), a lateral island, a circuit island, a substation bus island, a substation island, and an adjacent circuit island, as shown in **Figure 2-6**.



**Figure 2-6:** Six DR island system configuration (source: [2-4]).

With the DR island system, there are several benefits as [2-4] points out, such as to improve reliability, to allow for maintenance, to resolve overload problems and power quality issues.

By referring to the standard, we could better understand the concepts, definitions and engineering concerns in terms of island operation, which may help prepare for the research work and make it promising and executive.

### 2.3 Definitions of island operation

There are several islanding related definitions by different entities. This PhD study has referred to some of them that are listed in **Table 2-1**.

**Table 2-1:** Islanding related definitions by different entities

Entity	Definition	Source
Energinet.dk, Denmark (Danish TSO)	<p>Isolated island operation: Operating condition where a power station unit supplies an isolated grid area either alone or as a significant unit.</p> <p>Island operation: Mode of operation comprising house-load operation and isolated island operation.</p>	<p>“Technical Regulations for Thermal Power Station Units of 1.5 MW and higher”, p. 6/89 (Regulation for grid connection TF 3.2.3, Version 5, 2007-09-27; Document No.: 165788-07) [2-11] &amp;</p> <p>“Technical Regulations for Thermal Power Station Units larger than 11 kW and smaller than 1.5 MW”, p. 6/62 (Regulation for grid connection TF 3.2.4, Version 0, 2007-07-20; Document No.: 163073-07) [2-12] (both can be downloaded on <a href="http://www.energinet.dk">www.energinet.dk</a>)</p>
Hydro Québec, TransEnergie, Québec, Canada	<p>Islanding: The splitting of a power system into subsystems with both a load or electrical equipment and generating facilities. This phenomenon generally arises following a disturbance or a switching operation.</p>	<p>“Transmission provider technical requirements for the connection of power plants to the Hydro-Québec transmission system”, February 2009, p. 6. [2-13]</p>
BC Hydro, British Columbia, Canada	<p>Power Generator (PG) islanding: Islanding is defined (for this report) as the condition when a portion of the BC Hydro system is energized by one or more PG facilities and that portion of the system is separated electrically from the rest of the BC Hydro system. PG islanding may be inadvertent or intentional.</p>	<p>“Distribution power generator islanding guidelines”, June 2006, p.3. [2-14]</p>
	<p>Generation islanding: Islanding is a condition where the power system splits into isolated load and generation following operation of a transmission Circuit Breaker (CB), substation bus or feeder CB, distribution line recloser or line fuses.</p>	<p>“35 kV and below interconnection requirements for power generators”, February 2010, p. 29. [2-15]</p>

<p>Union for the Coordination of the Transmission of Electricity (UCTE)</p> <p>(Note: as of July 2009, the work of UCTE has been fully integrated into European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity (ENTSO-E))</p>	<p>Island Operation:</p> <p>In contrast to interconnected operation, island operation is the unusual operation mode, where all interconnections / TIE-LINES of a CONTROL AREA/BLOCK are disconnected (e.g. after a disturbance the CONTROL AREA is not connected to the SYNCHRONOUS AREA any more) and thus no EXCHANGE PROGRAMS are possible.</p>	<p>UCTE Operation Handbook – Policy 1: Load-Frequency Control and performance (final policy 2.2 E, 20.07.2004) p. P1–8. [2-16]</p>
<p>Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)</p>	<p>Island:</p> <p>A condition in which a portion of an Area EPS is energized solely by one or more Local EPSs through the associated Point of Common Couplings (PCC) while that portion of the Area EPS is electrically separated from the rest of the Area EPS.</p> <p>Island, intentional: A planned island.</p> <p>Island, unintentional: An unplanned island.</p> <p>Non-islanding:</p> <p>Intended to prevent the continued existence of an island.</p>	<p>1547™-2003, IEEE Standard for Interconnecting Distributed Resources with Electric Power Systems, 28 July 2003, p. 4. [2-18]</p>
<p>International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)</p>	<p>Islanding (Network splitting):</p> <p>The process whereby a power system is split into two or more islands. (NOTE – Islanding is either a deliberate emergency measure, or the result of automatic protection or control action, or the result of human error.)</p>	<p>“Generation, transmission and distribution of electricity - Power systems planning and management / Power system control”, IEV number 603-04-31, IEC 60050 [On-line]. Available: <a href="http://std.iec.ch/iec60050">http://std.iec.ch/iec60050</a> (last visit: 16/05/2010) [2-19]</p>

For clarity and the relevance to this PhD study, three kinds of islanding have been defined as follows:

- *Planned islanding*: an operation condition where the distribution system is islanded when the power at the Point of Common Coupling (PCC) is adjusted to be zero or near zero during the maintenance, or under other non-emergent situations;
- *Forced islanding*: an operation condition where the distribution system is immediately islanded by formidable fault without any warning;
- *Intentional islanding*: an operation condition where the distribution system is islanded with considerable lead time for the system to initiate coordination scheme and take preventive actions for islanding preparation, under a gradually aggravated stressed situation. This lead time (seconds or minutes) can be given by an early warning system or TSO.

The intentional islanding is the focus of this study and will be mainly discussed in this thesis.





# 3

## PLANNED ISLAND OPERATION IN PRACTICE

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This chapter starts with the introduction to one planned operation in Bornholm, Denmark. The analysis of this island operation has been summarized in two conference papers (see Appendix A, [3-1] and Appendix B, [3-2]). Furthermore, the chapter presents the Canadian experience about planned island operation from the utility's perspective by discussing two cases: the BC Hydro Boston Bar and the Hydro Québec Senneterre substation. The main objective and intention of planned islanding in Canada is to improve the system reliability.

### ***3.1 Danish experience – Bornholm island operation***

During the period from September 11 to 14, 2007, the local Distribution System Operator (DSO) Østkraft conducted a planned island operation in a Danish island, Bornholm, which is located in Baltic Sea.

The electric power system in Bornholm is a 60 kV distribution network. There is one 60 kV sea cable with 60 MW capacity, connecting the Bornholm system to the Swedish system. This cable makes Bornholm a part of the Nordic power system. The Bornholm system is normally inter-connected with the Nordic system. The peak load in Bornholm is around 60 MW while the minimum load is 13 MW in 2007. The generators include 14 Diesel (Oil) units with a total capacity of 35 MW, 1 steam plant (BLOK 5) with 25 MW capacity, 1 Combined Heat and Power plant (CHP) (BLOK 6) with 37 MW capacity, 35 Wind Turbines (WTs) with a total capacity of 30 MW and one 2 MW Biogas plant.

The interest in island operation for Bornholm was initiated by several unexpected breakdown of the sea cable by ship anchor. This causes the trouble in terms of system operation for power balance and the system stability. Besides, the high penetration of Wind Turbines (WTs) in Bornholm makes the islanding more difficult. Its wind energy in 2007 accounted for 32.4% of the total electricity supply.

In fact, such a high penetration level of WTs makes Bornholm a representative to the Danish 60 kV distribution systems, where more distributed WTs and CHPs are foreseeable to be installed, as driven by [3-3]. With that, the island operation is considered as a potential measure to maintain the power supply under emergency by utilizing those DGs. In this regard, to learn from the Bornholm experience will benefit the future island operations for Danish power systems or alike. Details about the description of island

operation and the data analysis can be found in Appendix A, [3-1], and Appendix B, [3-2].

During the analysis of the Bornholm island operation, some experience was obtained, a number of challenges were found, and some suggestions were made. These are listed in **Table 3-2**.

The main conclusion is that a successful and smooth island operation with a high penetration of intermittent DGs requires a control architecture with effective and efficient coordination either between generations or between generation and demand, based on qualified data measurement and information exchange infrastructure.

**Table 3-2:** Experience, challenges, and suggestions after Bornholm island operation

Experience	<p>It was feasible to conduct planned island operation with the generation mix: WTs, CHP, Steam plant;</p> <p>Back-up steam plant was needed to be started before islanding;</p> <p>Data collection favored the analysis after the islanding.</p>
Challenges	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poor system frequency quality was observed: more oscillation and more high/low frequency events under islanding mode;</li> <li>WTs were shut down during transitions, and only three WTs were connected under islanding mode (low penetration);</li> <li>Least power through interconnection was required before islanding, which was not flexible and made it impossible to have island operation during contingency/emergency;</li> <li>Not high-quality data led to more time and effort on data processing.</li> </ol>
Suggestions	<p>Based on Challenge a:</p> <p>Criteria for acceptable system parameters during island operation should be studied and designed accordingly;</p> <p>Due to the less power reserve during the islanding, traditionally passive loads should be made active to contribute to the reserve and system support;</p> <p>Based on Challenge b:</p> <p>A coordination control scheme is needed;</p> <p>Based on Challenge c:</p> <p>It would be beneficial if the degree or region of security for island operation can be acquired for system operator, which increases the flexibility for islanding;</p> <p>Based on Challenge d:</p> <p>A reliable and intelligent real-time measuring and communication system is a necessity for diagnosis and control.</p>

### 3.2 Canadian experience

The main objective of planned islanding projects in Canada is to enhance customer-based power supply reliability on rural feeders by utilizing an appropriately located In-

dependent Power Producer (IPP) [3-4], either during contingency or maintenance. This is quantified by two indexes: System Average Interruption Frequency Index (SAIFI) and System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI) [3-5].

In addition, utility BC Hydro published a report about islanding guidelines in June 2006, which outlines how BC Hydro will consider the technical attributes of power generator planned islanding in the integrated distribution system at 35 kV and below.

Within the report, a so-called “Two-to-One” rule-of-thumb has been developed to estimate the islanding capability of a power generator. The “Two-to-One” rule is based on the assumption that an island is not sustainable where the annual minimum load in the island is at least twice the island’s generation [3-5] [3-6]. As a matter of fact, there would be some loads in system which may change their power consumption as the system frequency changes, such as fans or pumps with induction motors. This introduces a damping factor  $D$  to the swing equation, as shown in the following:

$$2H \frac{d\Delta f}{dt} = \Delta P - D \cdot \Delta f \quad (3.1)$$

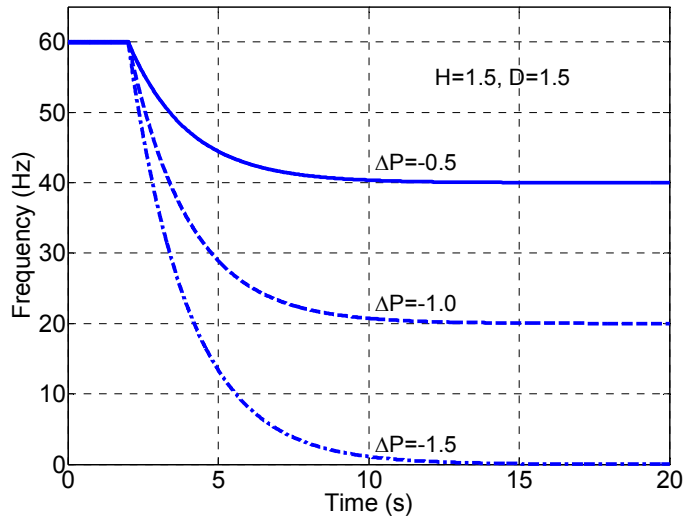
where,  $\Delta f$  is per unit frequency change from starting frequency,  $\Delta P$  is generation deficiency (generation minus load divided by generation), and  $H$  is system inertia constant.

The solution of this swing equation can be calculated as shown below:

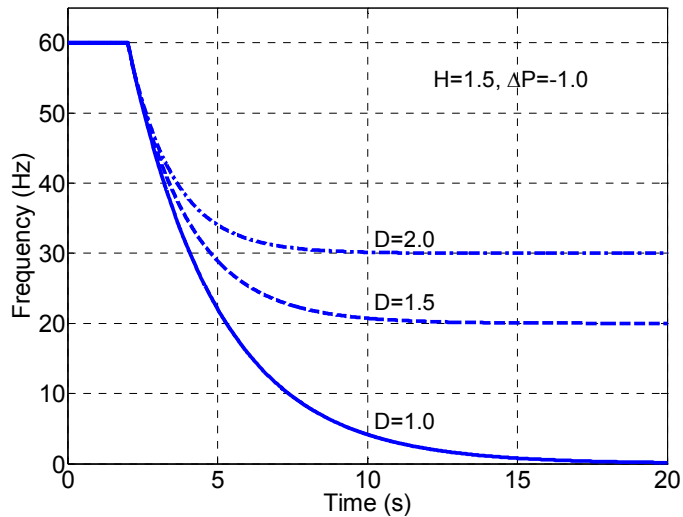
$$\Delta f = \frac{\Delta P}{D} \left( 1 - e^{-\frac{D \cdot t}{2H}} \right) \quad (3.2)$$

Thus, we can study the influence of both the generation deficiency and the damping factor on the system frequency, in the absence of a speed governor, as shown in **Figure 3-7** and **Figure 3-8**, respectively. Here we assume that the system is islanded at 2s.

In **Figure 3-7**, the frequency drop changes as the generation deficiency changes, with the same system inertia and load damping factor. The “Two-to-One” rule corresponds to the case when generation deficiency equals minus one. As [3-6] clarifies, BC Hydro assumes that a Dispersed Resource generation will collapse on its own without intervention from utility’s protection or control systems when it separates and forms an island with load at least twice the connected generation. This defines the boundary for acceptable island operation. As **Figure 3-8** shows, the larger the damping factor is, the smaller the magnitude of the frequency drop is, with the same  $\Delta P$  and  $H$ . With that, the system may benefit from the larger damping factor during the islanding period, if it was with the Power Import Pattern (PIP) under the grid connection mode. Therefore, it is of importance to learn the system loads in reality for islanding study, as with different load characteristic, the “Two-to-One” rule may not be valid any more. However, it is not precise enough to make a reliable judgement for different systems. A complete security region may be needed, which is the study purpose of this PhD program.



**Figure 3-7:** Influence of generation deficiency on system frequency.



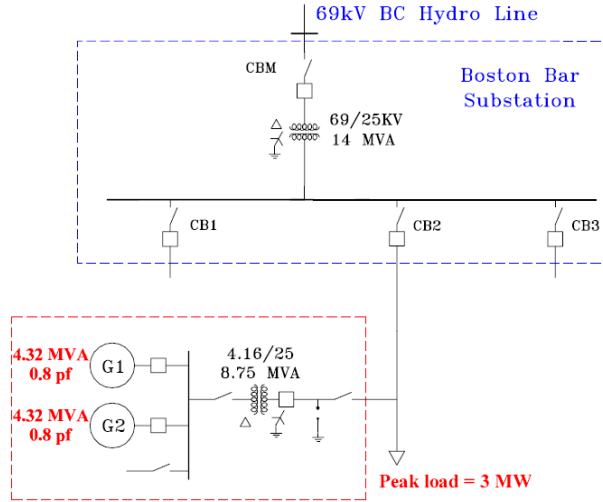
**Figure 3-8:** Influence of load damping factor on system frequency.

There will be two cases discussed below: one is the BC Hydro Boston Bar, based on [3-4] [3-5] [3-7] [3-8], the other is the Hydro Québec Senterre, based on [3-4] [3-9]. Both cases could be good references for further research and study on island operation with more DGs and different generation mix in a more practical way.

### 3.2.1 BC Hydro Boston Bar

The BC Hydro Boston Bar has experienced planned islanding for many years since the first time in 1995 [3-7]. It has rich experience and knowledge in terms of the engineering implementation of islanding with one run-of-river hydro plant during the emergency.

References [3-4], [3-7], and [3-8] have in detail described the planned islanding for BC Hydro Boston Bar. In short, the BC Hydro Boston Bar (see **Figure 3-9**) has a 69/25 kV substation which serves three 25 kV feeders. An Independent Power Producer (IPP) operates an 8.6 MVA run-of-river hydro-electric plant which is connected to one of those feeders with the winter peak load of 3 MW. As equipped with the islanding capability, the hydro plant can take care of one or more of the feeders.



**Figure 3-9:** The BC Hydro Boston Bar (Source: [3-4]).

There are several functional requirements the Boston Bar can fulfill in order to realize the planned island operation according to [3-4] [3-7]: governor frequency control capability (isochronous mode for single unit and droop control for two-unit), engineering mass to increase inertia and improve the transient response, excitation system control for output current boost to supply high fault current, Automatic Voltage Regulation (AVR), different protection settings, real time data communication, and black start capability.

Learning from its experience, one reflection is the release of protection settings for planned islanding. According to the Boston Bar case, it is acceptable to have less strict settings, provided that the island operation during the contingency usually lasts for a short duration. This is relevant to the criteria design to determine the secure island operation, which is discussed in Chapter 5.

### 3.2.2 Hydro Québec Senterre

The Hydro Québec Senterre, another benchmark for planned island operation in Canada, performed its first attempt in 2005 with eight-hour's duration [3-9], for the maintenance purpose.

This Senterre substation, being supplied at 120 kV by a 40 km long transmission line, serves three 25 kV feeders, while a 35 MW steam power plant is connected to it through a 13.8/120 kV transformer. The total feeder load is 15 MVA, typically for normal weather during spring or fall. The majority of the load is residential.

To meet the requirements for island operation, such as the load following, voltage and frequency control and the power plant stability, the steam plant had to modify its installation. Similar to the case in Bornholm, the active and reactive power from the power station were adjusted to meet a near zero power flow at the Point of Common Coupling (PCC). After the islanding, the plant regulator was transferred from the power factor regulation mode to the voltage regulation mode.

There are two technical constraints to be emphasized. Firstly, it is the limited synchronous reserve under the islanding mode, which affects the load pick-up capability, and consequently, automatic reclosure is not acceptable. In this regard, the demand may contribute to the system reserve. At the Centre for Electric Technology (CET), Technical University of Denmark (DTU), a completed Demand as Frequency controlled Reserve (DFR) project [3-10] concludes that DFR is a promising technology, which utilizes the existing resources to supplement the system reserve and support the system operation. The DFR technology and its application in this PhD study are discussed in Chapter 4 and Chapter 6, respectively.

The second constraint is the lack of black start capability, which reduces the flexibility of the system. Once the generator is shut down after islanding, the restarting requires the return of the external grid power. Thus, the rigid requirements for weather and limited islanding duration are expected.

Based on [3-11], an outlook about the challenges for the island operation in Canada could be firstly the increasing number of integrated DGs and secondly the different generation mix: such as wind-diesel, wind-hydro, wind-CHP-hydro, etc. Further, the demand response is another foreseeable participation. Therefore, an effective coordination among generators and loads is needed.

From the Canadian planned islanding experience, the following reflections are worth being emphasized:

- An overall control architecture and the coordination scheme among generators and loads are in need for systems with multi-DGs;
- Criteria for security assessment of island operation should be designed, either by releasing the protection settings or by considering the power quality;
- Demand response including DFR and load shedding are good candidate to participate in island operation;
- Intermittent DGs, like WTs, should be taken into account for future islanding study;
- An effective and efficient monitoring, measuring, and information exchange system is necessary for reliable real-time system analysis, diagnosis, and control.

All in all, both Danish experience and Canadian experience pave the way for the future intentional island operation that is expected to be stable, all-around, active, controllable, visible and smart, for the purpose of system reliability and security of power supply.

# 4

## ISLANDING SECURITY REGION BASED CONTROL ARCHITECTURE

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The term “Architecture” is defined as the organizational structure of a system or component according to [4-1]. It is further developed in [4-2] to be the structure of components, their relationships, and the principles and guidelines governing their design and evolution over time. Particularly for power systems, [4-3] defines the architecture as a specification of operating objectives, functions and components and their mutual relations in the electrical power generation, transmission, distribution and consumption subsystems. The specification also includes associated subsystems for data acquisition, coordination, control and protection and the linkage of these systems through communication networks.

Especially for island operation of the future distribution system with high penetration of Distributed Generations (DGs), it is necessary to design a corresponding control architecture. Due to the foreseeable complexity, this architecture should define the functions of different components and clarify their relationships, including a tangible coordination scheme among them, in order to assist the system operation and maintain the security of power supply under emergency situation.

In this regard, this Chapter 4 develops the Islanding Security Region (ISR) based control architecture and its associated coordination scheme, or the Islanding Control Architecture (ICA) for short.

This chapter starts with the introduction to main components involved in the ICA, such as synchronous generator with droop control, Wind Turbine (WT), Demand as Frequency controlled Reserve (DFR) and load shedding. Afterwards, requirements for ICA are defined and a generic ICA introduced. The details about ICA are described and explained in Appendix C.

### **4.1 Architecture components**

During the whole island operation, including the transition period and the islanding mode, one of the crucial issues is the frequency stability due to the real power imbalance. For the transition period, due to the sudden loss of the power interchange, the main concern is whether or not the islanded system can survive the islanding moment and smoothly transfer to the islanding mode, without the system crash or any severe damages to the system equipments. In this regard, the ISR concept is proposed in this

chapter. While under the islanding mode, how to continuously accommodate the load or generation variations (due to the generation intermittency) to tackle the balancing issue would be the focus, due to the reduced system reserve. This is out of the scope of this study. Nevertheless, for both cases, it will be effective to find solutions by studying both two ends of the ‘power/frequency scale’: generators and loads.

In this study, normal synchronous generator, Fixed Speed Induction Generator (FSIG) WT, and load with constant power (voltage and frequency independent) are considered. Some may argue that variable speed WT would dominate in the future, but for this study purpose, it can be acceptable to consider FSIG WT, as only the power control is needed for architecture design; meanwhile, they are relatively simple, which can avoid much time spent only on component modeling and simulation. For load with constant power, as the worst case, it is beneficial since the system may benefit from the load with voltage and/or frequency dependence in reality, and then release the system to some extent.

#### **4.1.1 Synchronous generator**

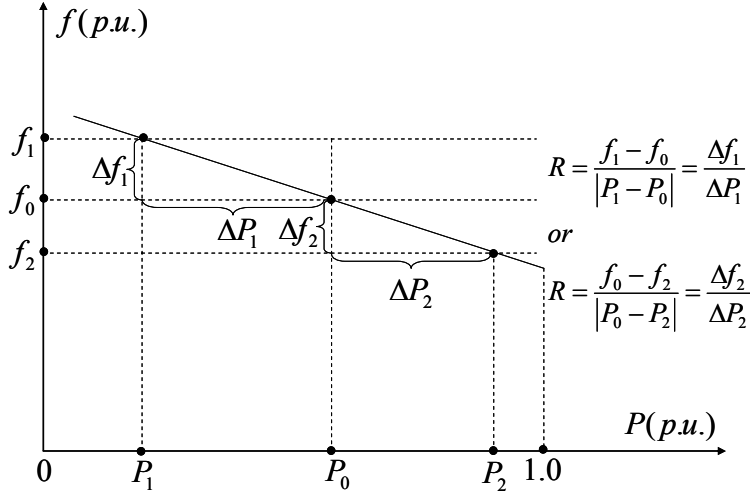
In tradition, large central power plants take the responsibility of load-frequency control within a large scale power system, while other medium/small size synchronous generators, sparsely distributed in distribution power systems, would be run under the dispatch mode with constant power settings. If island operation is required in some distribution systems for certain reasons, such as the avoidance of cascading failure and blackout during emergency situation, regular maintenance of substation and etc., those DGs may be disconnected by protection, because they are not expected to energize the distribution system, being considered as so-called passive resources.

Normally, several synchronous generators within the islanded system could be switched to the droop control function to stabilize the system and finally maintain the power supply to its customers. Since droop control could realize the active load sharing strategy among two or more generators, it is more flexible and better to improve the system frequency behavior, compared to the case with one swing source or isochronous control. (For one synchronous generator within the power system, then only isochronous control could be applied.) Alternatively, a combination of load sharing and constant power control can be used for effective generation control [4-4].

In [4-5], droop control and the associated load sharing are explained in detail.

For droop control, as the steady state speed or frequency increases/decreases, the power output of a generator decreases/increases. The relation between the steady-state speed and load characteristic of one generating unit is determined by the value of droop  $R$ , as shown in **Figure 4-10**.



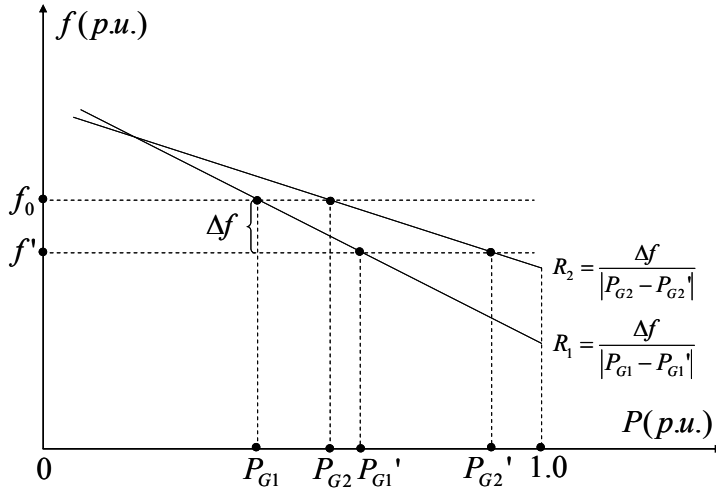


**Figure 4-10:** The droop control for synchronous generators.

If there are more than one generator with droop control in a system, it is possible to have load sharing among them. **Figure 4-11** illustrates this function, which takes two generators into account. If their droops are known as  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ , the allocation of load being shared can be obtained by following equations for the frequency drop in **Figure 4-11**:

$$\Delta G_1 = |P_{G1} - P'_{G1}| = \frac{\Delta f}{R_1} \quad (4.3)$$

$$\Delta G_2 = |P_{G2} - P'_{G2}| = \frac{\Delta f}{R_2} \quad (4.4)$$



**Figure 4-11:** Load sharing with droop control.

In Denmark, CHPs are good candidates for this purpose, if their droop control function is enabled. The reason is that since 1990s, a great amount of distributed CHPs were installed following a political decision, as Chapter 1 has explained.

In other countries with rich hydro resources, such as Canada [4-6], small hydro plants could be an option for load-frequency control during island operation.

In the following study, the synchronous generator modeled in simulation tool is equipped with droop control.

#### 4.1.2 Wind turbine

Since the concept of the Riisager wind turbine (22 kW) became the kick-off for the Danish wind generator industry more than twenty years ago, WT technology has been experiencing a great development [4-7, p.10].

There are plenty of outstanding reference materials, comprehensively describing the WT technology, such as [4-7]-[4-10], on which the following summary and understanding is based.

The kinetic energy  $K_w$  of wind at speed  $V_w$ , which enters a swept area  $A$  formed by a specific WT with radius  $R$ , within time  $t$  second, can be derived as:

$$K_w = \frac{1}{2} \cdot Mass \cdot V_w^2 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot (\rho_{air} \cdot A \cdot V_w \cdot t) \cdot V_w^2 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot (\rho_{air} \cdot \pi \cdot R^2 \cdot V_w \cdot t) \cdot V_w^2. \quad (4.5)$$

Thus, the wind power is:

$$P_w = \frac{K_w}{t} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot (\rho_{air} \cdot A \cdot V_w) \cdot V_w^2 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho_{air} \cdot \pi \cdot R^2 \cdot V_w^3. \quad (4.6)$$

Because of the aerodynamic characteristic of WT itself, the mechanical power  $P_m$  captured for generator is reduced by power efficiency coefficient  $C_p$ :

$$P_m = P_w \cdot C_p \quad (4.7)$$

where  $C_p$  is the function of tip speed ratio  $\lambda$  and the pitch angle  $\beta$ .

$\lambda$  is defined as:

$$\lambda = \frac{\omega R}{V_w} \quad (4.8)$$

where  $\omega$  is the speed of the turbine rotor.

Given a constant wind speed, the power transferred into grid can be controlled by rotor speed  $\omega$  and pitch angle  $\beta$ , without considering the losses during the whole process:

$$P_{el} = P_m = f(\omega, \beta). \quad (4.9)$$

In this regard, WT control technology can be categorized into different types, based on different control techniques: speed control (fixed speed/variable speed, which is related to  $\omega$ ) and blade angle control (pitch control/active stall control, which is related to  $\beta$ ).

For the control architecture designed in this study, the main requirement for WT is power control: the power output of WT can be controlled by external command, which may come from system operator. With that, FSIG WT with blade angle control (pitch control) is fairly sufficient, even though FSIG is considered as a passive power producing component [4-8, p.539]. Another reason to model FSIG WT is the complexity and difficulty of WT modeling. Compared to variable speed WT, FSIG WT is relatively simple and easier to model. Thus, more time could be saved for architecture study. Chapter 6 explains the details about the modeling in this PhD study.

### 4.1.3 Demand

#### 4.1.3.1 Demand as Frequency controlled Reserve

Some loads may have frequency dependence feature, which cause load demand to respond to system frequency change. Similarly, by installing a small electronic device, we could intentionally make the loads responsive to the system frequency. Thus, they could support the system operation. Those loads, either from the households or industry, could be electric heating, refrigerator, waste water treatment plant, cooling and ventilation units, etc., to whose temporary interruptions of several minutes or even one hour, human beings will not become sensitive [4-11]. Although these interruptions are short, the system may be released from being heavily loaded and even crashed.

A research project about the investigation of the potential technology to utilize the electricity Demand as Frequency controlled Reserve (DFR) in power system finalizes with a conclusion: using DFR is an emerging technology which allows demand to actively participate in maintaining the system operation without reducing the energy service delivered to the customer and without the need of user interaction [4-12]. The demonstration of DFR in reality is under development at CET, with close cooperation with Danish industry.

There are two kinds of control logics for DFR. The first one is the external control type, denoted as type I; the other is named integrated control, differentiated as type II. The main difference in between is whether or not the load is turn on or off directly according to the system frequency. Type I turns on and off the loads according to system frequency directly, while type II turns on or off the thermostatically controlled loads (space heaters) by adjusting their temperature set points according to system frequency [4-12]. Regarding the island operation with possibility of bi-directional power flow through interconnection, type II would be favourable in this study, thanks to its capability of continuous regulation for both low and high frequency cases.

With type II DFR control, the temperature settings vary in accordance with system frequency for thermostats activation:

$$T_{high} = T_{high\_normal} + K_f (f - f_0) \quad (4.10)$$

$$T_{low} = T_{low\_normal} + K_f (f - f_0) \quad (4.11)$$

where  $T_{high\_normal}$  and  $T_{low\_normal}$  are nominal high and low temperature settings;  $f_0$  is system nominal frequency (for example, 50 Hz for Nordic system and 60 Hz for North America system);  $f$  is actual system frequency;  $K_f$  is the coefficient of frequency change, which is defined in the following as the ratio of the temperature difference  $\Delta T$  to the frequency deviation  $\Delta f$ :

$$K_f = \frac{\Delta T}{\Delta f} \quad (4.12)$$

Thus, actual temperature settings  $T_{high}$  and  $T_{low}$  are coupled with system frequency change through different design of  $K_f$ . If actual temperature  $T$  is reaches  $T_{high}$ , the heater

turns off, while if  $T$  reaches  $T_{low}$ , the heater turns on. The design of  $K_f$  determines the share of loads which are activated for a given frequency deviation.

Take the Nordic system for example, if the system frequency is required to be within  $50 \pm 0.1$  Hz [4-13], and assume the temperature difference is  $2^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $K_f$  can be set to the following value if all demand is activated when  $\Delta f$  equals  $\pm 0.1$  Hz:

$$K_f = \frac{2 \text{ deg ree}}{0.1 \text{ Hz}} = 20 \left( \frac{\text{deg ree}}{\text{Hz}} \right) \quad (4.13)$$

More details can be found in [4-12] [4-14], and it has been recognized with great potential for implementation in Denmark.

DFR is further studied in Chapter 6 and the simulation results show that it is an effective measure to assist a smooth islanding transition.

#### 4.1.3.2 Load shedding

In addition to the DFR technology, load shedding is also considered in the islanding coordination scheme of the designed ICA. Some loads could be coordinated with WT once there is a need for more generation while WT reaches its maximum available power. According to ISR, the amount of loads needed to be shed can be calculated, and then the loads close to the required amount would be selected for load shedding. This will be studied in Chapter 6.

### 4.2 Requirements for control architecture

In power system, the security of power supply is one of main objectives for operation and control.

Practically, the distribution system may be islanded under certain emergency when there is an unavoidable disturbance or contingency occurring in the upstream grid. The normal procedure is to detect the island operation and then de-energize those DGs, causing the system blackout, since unintentional islanding is considered as a hazard.

As more DGs are emerging in distribution system, it is of concern to utilize them to maintain the security of power supply, instead of the blackout under emergency. In this regard, intentional island operation is suggested to reach the objective. Those DGs are expected to continue supply electricity to their customers. However, this leads to a prerequisite for ICA design: DGs should become controllable, active and visible to system operator.

Based on this, the requirements for ICA can be defined as:

The control architecture should conduct the proactive diagnosis, search preventive measures accordingly, and finally execute coordination scheme before island operation, in order to ensure a smooth islanding transition which may ease the control and operation under islanding mode, even for later reconnection operation.

### 4.3 Islanding Security Region based control architecture

As early as in 1978, [4-15] defined the states of operation, and described the controlled

islanding as one of those control methods in the extremis state caused by the loss of ties in system. Afterwards, the islanding research was mainly about synchronous generators coherency, surviving cascading failure, or system separation oriented island operation for system with few DGs or with non-intermittent DGs [4-16]-[4-20]; later, islanding control strategies were more or less corrective: such as the Under Frequency Loading Shedding (UFLS) and load shedding based on the Rate Of Change Of Frequency (ROCOF) [4-21], load/generation disconnection [4-22], AGC function [4-23], and islanding protection system with both active and reactive power control [4-24].

Presently, many systems have experienced a large amount of DGs, especially in Denmark, and this trend is predicted to continue. These DGs have brought in new challenges:

- The unpredictability and intermittency of generation, for example, the wind energy;
- The grid integration of more DGs with different types;
- Bidirectional power flow in the system;
- Advanced modeling with power electronics interface;
- Communication and monitoring system for DGs, etc.

All these should be taken into account when utilities and research institutes are designing system islanding control. Under this new situation, some research papers about the island operation with DGs and mainly MicroGrids related can be read and studied [4-25]-[4-31].

With that background, this PhD study tries to design a generic ICA for islanding transition in MV/LV distribution network with high penetration of DGs. With the common requirements defined in 4.2, this generic ICA should be independent of system structure and components, and be able to define a framework or provide guideline for island operation. Thus, this generic ICA could be realized by different system components for different distribution systems.

The studied transition duration starts at the time when the islanding signal is sent and ends when either the primary control/ the coordination scheme is completed or the warm-up of the back up generators is completed.

Meanwhile, a coordination scheme between generation and demand is studied for preventive actions if the system studied is insecure in terms of islanding.

Appendix C details the architecture design, which is the core of this PhD study.

### **4.3.1 Islanding Security Region**

To fulfill the proactive diagnosis function, the control architecture is based on Islanding Security Region (ISR) concept. ISR defines a specific region which can determine whether or not the distribution system can perform island operation without significant impacts on the system security.

The following context presents an explicit mathematical description of the ISR, based on [4-32] [4-33].

First of all, two spaces are defined:

- Real Power Space for Islanding (RPSI): In RPSI, there are  $n$  axes or dimensions, representing real power of both generator and load within the studied system. They could be individual or lumped values. ISR is located in RPSI;
- State Space (SS): SS is a space where the system is represented by system parameters, such as magnitudes and phase angles of bus voltages, magnitudes and phase angles of bus currents, impedances of system components, system frequency, etc.

In the RPSI with  $n$  dimensions of real power, we define a point  $P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ , where  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  represent  $n$  dimensions. This  $P$  should fulfill the power limits requirement in RPSI, i.e.:

$$P \in \{P \mid x_{n\_min} \leq x_n \leq x_{n\_max} (n = 1, 2, \dots)\}$$

where  $x_{n\_min}$  and  $x_{n\_max}$  are minimum and maximum power for the  $n^{th}$  dimension, respectively.

Further,  $P$  in RPSI is mapped to point  $P'(x'_1, x'_2, \dots, x'_m)$  in SS through power flow and islanding dynamic simulation, where  $x'_1, x'_2, \dots, x'_m$  represent  $m$  variables observed in SS.

In SS, a stability region can be formed according to both steady state (power flow) constraints:

$$\{C_{min}(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_o), C_{max}(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_o)\} \text{ (} o \text{ is the number of constraints),}$$

and islanding dynamic state constraints:

$$\{D_{min}(d(o+1), d(o+2), \dots, d(m-o)), D_{max}(d(o+1), d(o+2), \dots, d(m-o))\}.$$

If we define:

$$E_{min} = \{C_{min}, D_{min}\} \quad (4.14)$$

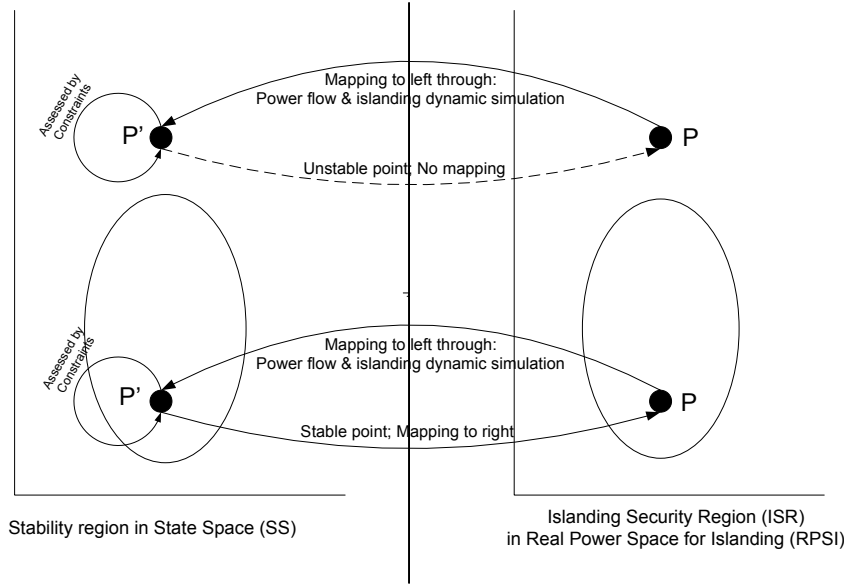
$$E_{max} = \{C_{max}, D_{max}\} \quad (4.15)$$

point  $P'$  is stable and within stability region, if and only if:

$$P' \in \{P' \mid E_{min} \leq P'(x'_1, x'_2, x'_3, \dots, x'_m) \leq E_{max}\}$$

Thus, every stable  $P'$  in SS is mapped back to its corresponding  $P$  in RPSI and an ISR is formed.

The whole process is illustrated in **Figure 4-12**, where a 2-Dimension (2D) case is considered.



**Figure 4-12:** Mapping between State Space (SS) and Real Power Space for Islanding (RPSI).

There are two issues of high importance to be mentioned.

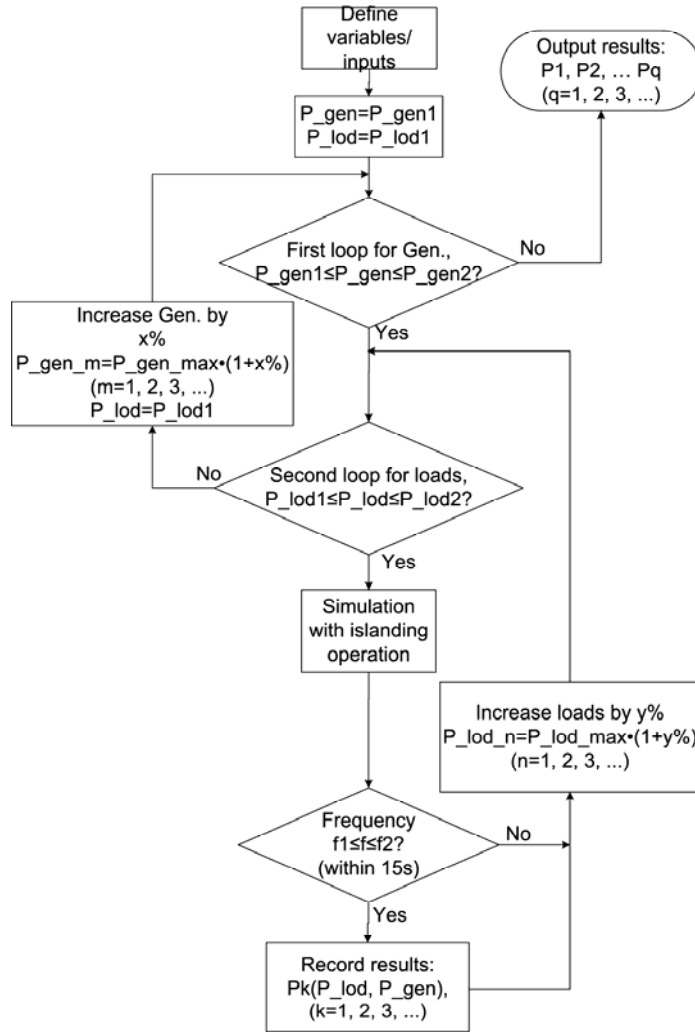
Firstly, according to [4-33], there are three concerns of topological characteristics relevant to ISR:

- Are there any holes inside ISR?
- Is there any suspension on the boundary of ISR?
- Is the boundary of ISR compact?

In fact, ISR is a set of stable points (stable time-domain simulation cases) in RPSI mapped from SS. Those simulations are conducted in a radar-alike scanning way with certain resolution. Every point would be compared with its previous and following neighboring point in order that the boundary of ISR can be plotted by connecting all stable points whose neighboring points have opposite stable status (either stable or unstable), and this kind of point ensures the compactness and the closure of ISR within the power operating range. Thus, no points would be missed and there are no holes inside ISR and all points on the boundary of ISR are stable. Besides, it is worth mentioning that the computation resolution decides the degree of denseness of ISR. The lower the resolution is, the higher the denseness is. But the price is the heavier computation.

Moreover, the influence of different criteria on ISR should be of great concern. These criteria are expressed in the form of islanding dynamic state constraints, as described above. They could be the system frequency and several selected busses voltage. Chapter 5 will have more discussions on it.

The ISR is calculated based on the algorithm in **Figure 4-13** (Note: this is an updated figure for Fig. 5 in Appendix C). The detailed description can be found in Appendix C [4-34]. In this study, this algorithm was realized by DIgSILENT Programming Language (DPL) in power system simulation tool DIgSILENT/PowerFactory (PF).



**Figure 4-13:** Flow chart for 2D ISR.

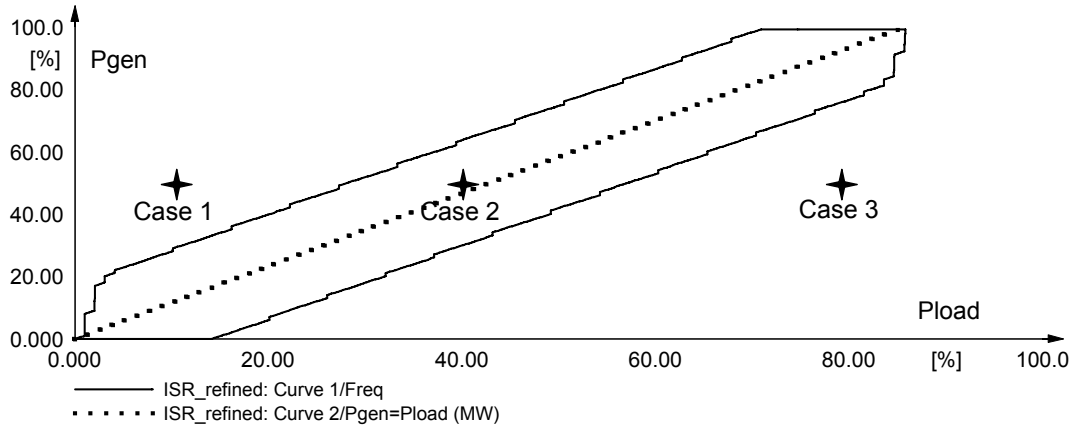
With the same study system, as Section IV in Appendix C describes, ISR can be calculated and plotted.

If the maximum power is assumed as the base value, the 2D ISR can be calculated as the solid curve in **Figure 4-14** shows. **Table 4-3** lists the base values for both generators and loads.

**Table 4-3:** Base value for both generators and loads

	<b>Pmax (MW/p.u.)</b>
G2	163.2/1.0
G3	108.8/1.0
Load A	120/1.0
Load B	125/1.0
Load C	72/1.0



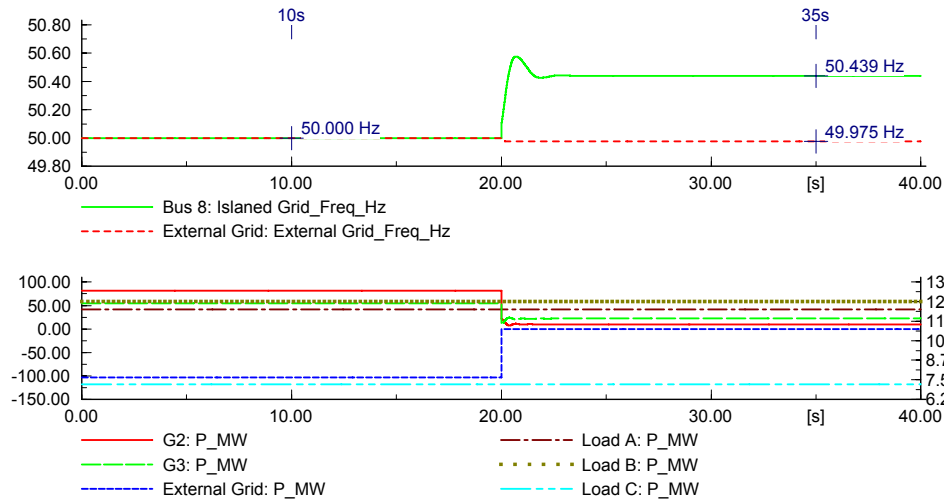


**Figure 4-14:** 2D ISR for study system with frequency criteria defined in Appendix C [4-34]: system frequency should be within [49.8, 50.2] Hz within 15s after islanding.

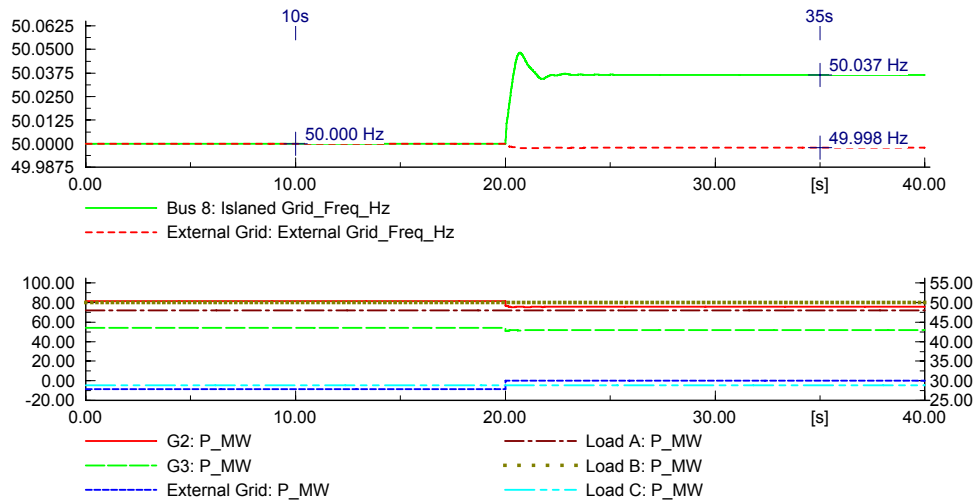
In order to verify the ISR, three cases with dynamic simulation results were studied (marked in **Figure 4-14**), as shown in the following, from **Figure 4-15** to **Figure 4-17**. **Table 4-4** lists the parameters for both generation and loads for three cases, respectively. Case 1 and 3 were outside ISR and their frequency after islanding could not meet the criteria, indicating they could not survive the islanding transition.

**Table 4-4:** Parameters of generators and loads for three study cases

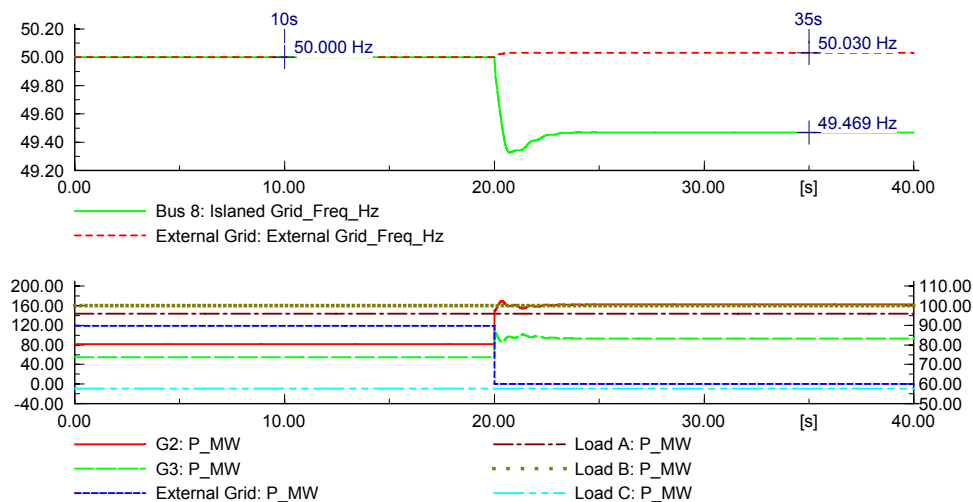
	<b>(G2+G3) MW/pu (Pbase=163.2+108.8=272)</b>	<b>External Grid MW</b>	<b>(Load A+Load B+Load C) MW/pu (Pbase=120+125+72=317)</b>	<b>Losses MW</b>
Case 1	(81.6+54.4=136)/0.5	-102.653	(12+12.5+7.2=31.7)/0.1	1.647
Case 2	(81.6+54.4=136)/0.5	-8.56	(48+50+28.8=126.8)/0.4	0.64
Case 3	(81.6+54.4=136)/0.5	119.45	(96+100+57.6=253.6)/0.8	1.85



**Figure 4-15:** Dynamic simulation results (frequency, active power) for case 1.



**Figure 4-16:** Dynamic simulation results (frequency, active power) for case 2.



**Figure 4-17:** Dynamic simulation results (frequency, active power) for case 3.

### 4.3.2 Coordination scheme in architecture

**Figure 4-18** illustrates the architecture, based on ISR concept. Details have been described in Appendix C.

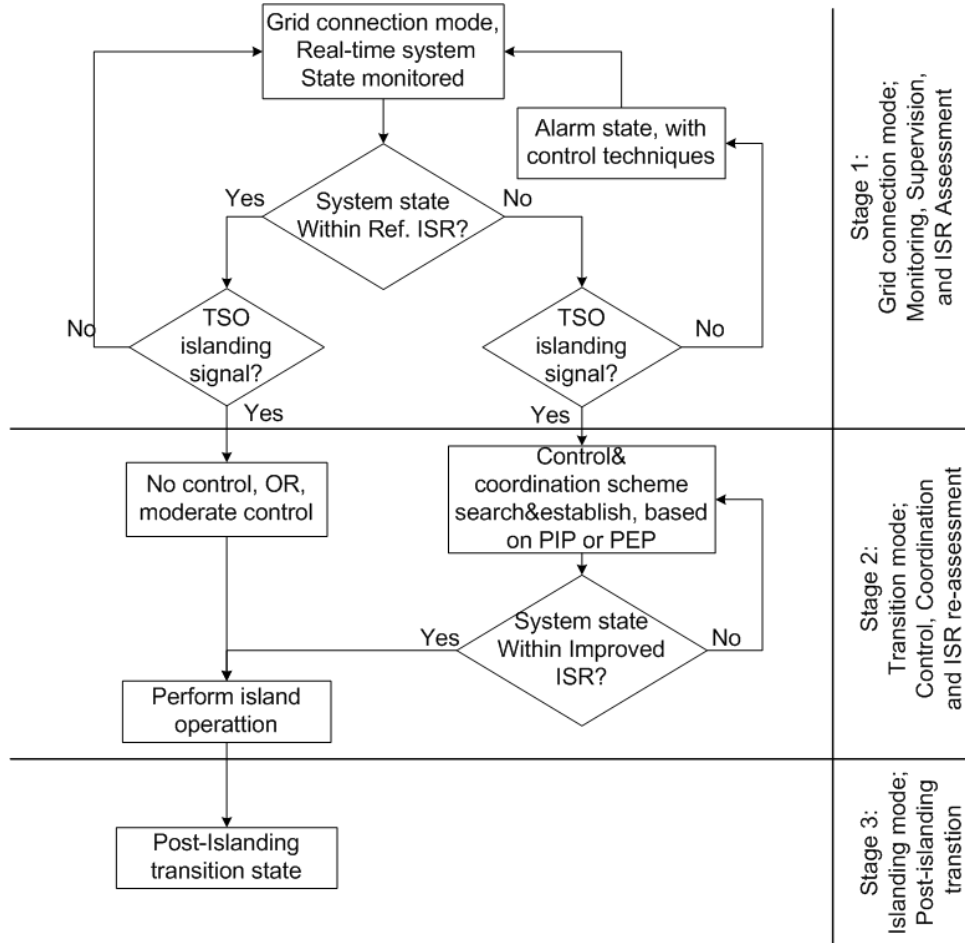
According to the designed architecture, the coordination scheme should be applied when system operating state is outside the ISR and the system receives the islanding signal sent by TSO at the same time.

Meanwhile, the coordination scheme should be designed and implemented in accordance with different systems with different kinds of DGs and loads.

There are some common requirements for coordination scheme design.

The coordination scheme should in general:

- clearly define the functions that different system components need hold;
- correctly calculate the amount of power adjustment and load shedding for individual generator and load based on ISR, make decision and send the execution commands to corresponding components on time and reliably.



**Figure 4-18:** Islanding Control Architecture (ICA).

For example, if one system has both medium/small size synchronous DGs (such as CHPs or run-of-over hydro-power) and WTs, and some of its loads can participate in emergency control, the coordination scheme can be designed as following:

- Step 1: define functions of different components:
  - One CHP switches to isochronous mode and others still in dispatch mode (Master-slave mode [4-4]); or some/all CHPs switch to droop control to realize a load sharing function;
  - WTs are standby for possible power downward or upward (if WT is not under power optimization or limitation mode) adjustment;
  - Loads that can be shed are placed on the list for selection.
- Step 2: calculate power needed for adjustment and make a decision to allocate the task:
  - Calculate the amount of power needed for adjustment, based on ISR;
  - Compare the calculated power with the WT's ability, and make decision if WT is capable;
  - Send command to WT, otherwise calculate the power amount for load shedding, based on power exchange through interconnection:
    - Select loads which have the closest amount of power needed for load shedding on the list;
    - Send load shedding command.

In chapter 6, a specific coordination scheme for a Canadian rural feeder benchmark is designed and demonstrated in PF.

# 5

## INVESTIGATION OF FACTORS AFFECTING ISLANDING SECURITY REGION

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### 5.1 *Criteria influence*

In the flow chart for calculating Islanding Security Region (ISR) in **Figure 4-13** of Chapter 4, whether or not the system could be successfully islanded depends on the frequency requirement: within 15 seconds after the system has been islanded, system frequency should return to the range  $[f_1, f_2]$  Hz. In fact, this assessment reference for islanding transition can include other requirements, for example, the voltage requirement, except for the frequency requirement if necessary. The selection of different requirements is referred to the criteria design in this subchapter. To understand how different criteria affect the ISR would be of use for criteria design. Thus, it is the purpose for this subchapter to study the influence of the criteria design on the ISR.

Before designing appropriate criteria, we need answer two questions: what system parameters should be considered and where are those requirements?

Those criteria for islanding transition assessment should include the requirements for equipments and overall system performance. These can be based on the protection requirements, which define the minimum acceptable conditions for equipments operation and their endurance to disturbances. Among other things, we mainly consider the generator protection to avoid the interruption and the damage to generators, because they are crucial for power balance and frequency stability during the islanding transition. Equally, other requirements are acknowledged as important and they can be included if needed, but not considered in this study.

However, there is still a wide range of abnormal conditions for generator [5-1, p.165]:

- a. Winding Faults:
  - Stator
  - Phase and Ground
  - Rotor
- b. Overload
- c. Overspeed
- d. Abnormal Voltages and Frequencies
- e. Underexcitation
- f. Motoring and Start-up.

In this PhD study, abnormal voltages and frequencies are considered for the criteria design. This is because system frequency is a panorama indicator for power balance, and as [5-1, p.165] explains, the consequences of frequency failure in cost and system performance are often very serious for generator. Besides, the overvoltage may result in thermal damage to generator cores [5-1, p.185] while undervoltage could cause system instability according to the voltage-power characteristics for power transfer and stability considerations [5-2, pp.216-219, 960-968]. Meanwhile, the combined effect of voltage and frequency could cause overvoltage, whenever the per unit Volts/Hertz exceeds the design limits. It is worth noticing that this may not be a problem for generators, but the transformers will be prone to failure from this condition [5-1, p.185]. For example, in an islanded system frequency variations up to  $\pm 4\%$  are expected. In such cases the flux density in the transformer core may increase up to 4% at the same applied voltage [5-3, p.179].

Now we should turn to the second question: where are the specific requirements for system frequency and voltage?

Normally, grid codes for generation defined by the system operator contain the technical requirements that the generation should meet, in order to be connected to the system. Therefore, the criteria for ISR can be designed in line with the grid codes. In our case, the Danish grid code [5-4] is applied to the same study system as in Appendix C, and the grid code from Hydro Québec [5-5] for one Canadian rural feeder benchmark in Chapter 6. **Table 5-5** summarizes and compares these two grid codes concerning both the frequency and the voltage requirements.

**Table 5-5:** Comparison of frequency and voltage requirements applied to the connection of power generation

	Frequency	Voltage
Energinet.dk	Nominal: 50 Hz; Steady-state: (49.0, 50.5] Hz; Operating time $\geq 300$ ms, when frequency is within (47, 53) Hz; Transient frequency gradients: $\pm 2.5$ Hz/s.	Full-load voltage range: For 50-60 kV: [0.95, 1.1] p.u.; For 10-30 kV: [0.95, 1.05] p.u.; For 0.69-0.4 kV: [0.9, 1.05] p.u.
Hydro Québec	Nominal: 60 Hz; Steady-state: [59.4, 60.6] Hz; instantaneous trip when frequency is outside [55.5, 66] Hz; Transient frequency gradients: $\pm 4$ Hz/s.	[0.85, 1.2] p.u. (Minimum time: $\geq 30$ s)

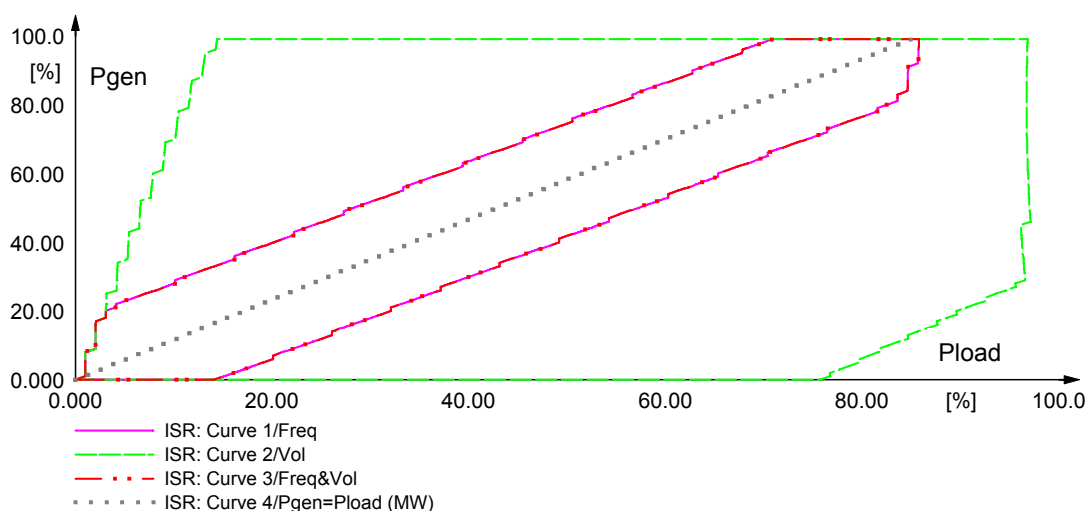
In [5-6], there are other issues that may be taken into account in terms of the island operation:

- If short/long-time interruptions are concerned for production lines, choose the most acceptable limits for frequency, or  $df/dt$  or voltage or Voltage/Hz (which causes heat loss to generator and transformer) in industries, and ensure that the islanded system can meet those requirements within the longest interruption (the time duration could be obtained according to the statistical records for interruptions.);
- If the protection of loads/equipments is concerned (heating issue-alike), choose the minimum requirements for frequency, voltage or other system parameters from manufacturers;
- If whether the generators would be tripped or not is concerned, the criteria would be or become stricter than the protection settings;
- After the system has been islanded, the reconnection of the system back to the upstream grid may be the main concern. There must be some requirements for the reconnection operation. If to better reconnect to the grid is concerned, then the requirements for reconnection can be used in criteria. Thus, the system can be always ready for reconnection after being islanded.

In general, equipment operating ranges, safety concerns and customer needs should be considered for criteria design.

To compare the impacts of different criteria on ISR, three simulation cases using different criteria were conducted, and the results are shown in **Figure 5-19**. **Table 5-6** lists the detailed voltage and frequency constraints for the three different criteria. These criteria were designed specifically for the study system. Other different criteria can also be introduced according to different needs. The reason for the selection of “15s” as an assessing moment is that the primary control reserve should be fully activated according to the regulation in [5-7, p. A1-8], for the primary control reserve. This “15s” will be used in the rest of the thesis.

In **Figure 5-19**, the ISR with the frequency criteria (marked as the solid line) is covered by the ISR formed by the voltage criteria (marked as the dashed line), indicating that the voltage criteria were redundant in this case and could be ignored in order to speed up the computation. As long as the frequency criteria are met, the system could survive an islanding transition. Thus, frequency analysis would be of the main concern in this case. This can be proved by the overlap between the ISR with the frequency criteria (marked as the solid line) and the ISR with both the frequency and voltage criteria (marked as the dash-double dot line). On the dotted line, the generation is equal to the load consumption in MW, which indicates that there is no real power exchange with the external grid through the interconnection.



**Figure 5-19:** Impacts of different criteria on ISR, designed in Table 5-6.

**Table 5-6:** Three different criteria, based on Table 5-5 with release for requirement

	<b>Islanding transition is successful if:</b> <b>(Note: Other requirements can be supplemented to the criteria.)</b> <b>(the numbers chosen here are only for demonstration purpose. Specific criteria need studied according to different applications.)</b>
Criteria 1	$49.8 \text{ Hz} \leq \text{Frequency} \leq 50.2 \text{ Hz}$ (stationary, at 15s) $49 \text{ Hz} \leq \text{Frequency\_transient} \leq 51 \text{ Hz}$ (temporary, within 15s)
Criteria 2	$0.9 \text{ pu} \leq \text{Voltage} \leq 1.1 \text{ pu}$ (at 15s) $0.85 \text{ pu} \leq \text{Voltage\_transient} \leq 1.2 \text{ pu}$ (within 15s)
Criteria 3	$49.8 \text{ Hz} \leq \text{Frequency} \leq 50.2 \text{ Hz}$ (stationary, at 15s) $49 \text{ Hz} \leq \text{Frequency\_transient} \leq 51 \text{ Hz}$ (temporary, within 15s) & $0.9 \text{ pu} \leq \text{Voltage} \leq 1.1 \text{ pu}$ (at 15s) $0.85 \text{ pu} \leq \text{Voltage\_transient} \leq 1.2 \text{ pu}$ (within 15s)

## 5.2 Other factors affecting the Islanding Security Region

Except the criteria which would affect the security region, there are other factors affecting ISR, such as:

- load characteristics (either capacitive or inductive),
- the droop of governor,
- the gain of voltage regulator for synchronous generator,
- the actual power dispatches for different generators, i.e., the percentages of power contribution from different generators.



In what follows, those factors will be analyzed and discussed by different dynamic simulation cases. All simulations are based on the modified 9-bus system which has been introduced in Appendix C. The criteria are the same as in **Table 5-6**.

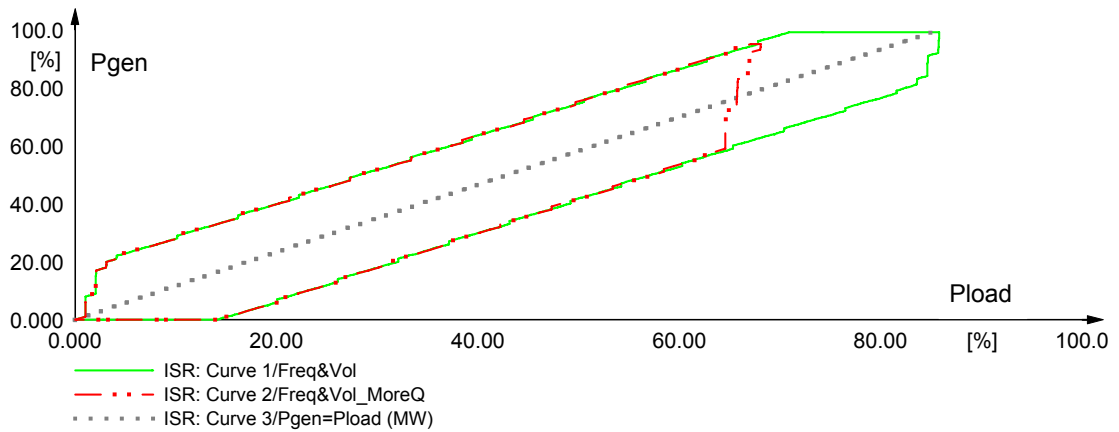
### 5.2.1 Load characteristics

In order to demonstrate the influence of the load characteristic on the ISR, loads were modeled to consume more reactive power in DIgSILENT/PowerFactory (PF). It was expected that the voltage of the buses, to which those loads were connected, would become deteriorated, which may affect the ISR. The criteria 3 as listed in **Table 5-6** were applied.

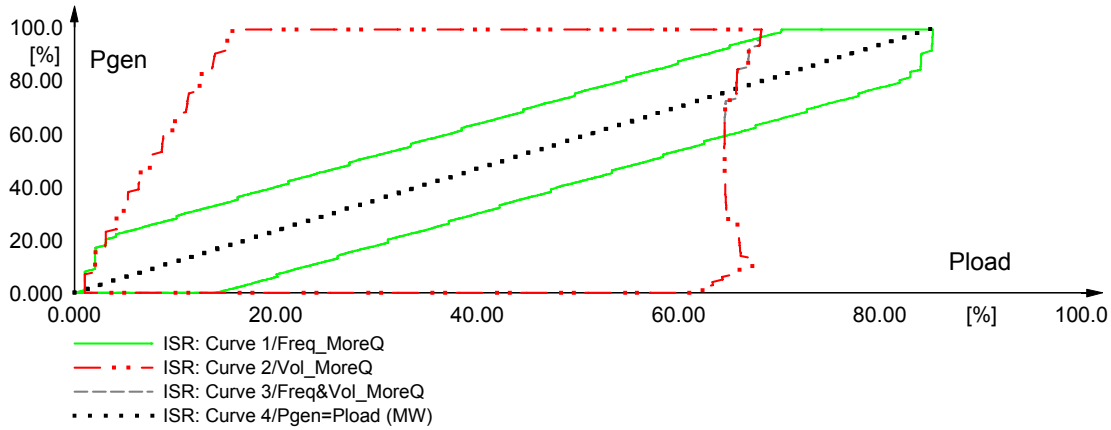
The simulation results in **Figure 5-20** verify the expectation. The ISR shrinks due to the more reactive power consumption. If we apply criteria 1 and 2 in **Table 5-6**, their respective ISRs can be plotted, as shown in **Figure 5-21**. It is clear that the voltage criteria affected the ISR, and the final ISR was the intersection of the separate ISRs formed by both frequency criteria and voltage criteria. Neither was redundant.

Thus, it is important to study the load characteristics. The degree of the load inductive characteristic may affect the weight of voltage criteria on the formation of ISR. As described above, the voltage criteria was redundant when the loads were less inductive, while the voltage criteria would affect the shape of ISR when the loads became more inductive. Therefore, the criteria for islanding assessment may be simplified with the knowledge about the load characteristics.

In the following, those inductive loads were retained.



**Figure 5-20:** Impacts of load characteristics on ISR.



**Figure 5-21:** Impacts of different criteria on ISR, with more inductive loads.

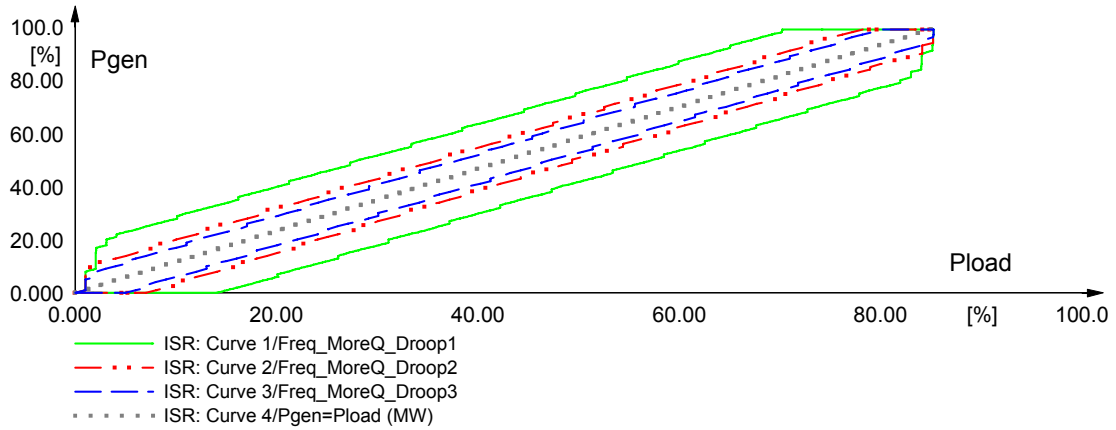
### 5.2.2 Droop of governor

As Chapter 4 has introduced, the droop control function would affect the frequency change according to the real power demand. Thus, criteria 1 (frequency criteria) in **Table 5-6** was used to assess the ISR. In this study, there were three droop settings applied for both G2 and G3 in the study system, listed in **Table 5-7**. Accordingly, three different ISRs were calculated and are plotted in **Figure 5-22**.

**Table 5-7:** Droop settings

	<b>Droop R in Controller of PCU (governor)</b> <b>(with criteria 1 in Table 5-6)</b>		
	Droop 1	Droop 2	Droop 3
G2	0.02	0.05	0.08
G3	0.03	0.04	0.05

**Figure 5-22** indicates that the ISR shrinks as the droop setting increases. As explained in Chapter 4, the droop is the ratio of frequency variation to power variation. Therefore, given the fixed power variation, the frequency variation is proportional to the droop. The larger the droop is, the larger the frequency variation is. Thus, with the same frequency criteria, the case with larger droop is more liable to violate the frequency criteria, which finally shrinks the ISR.



**Figure 5-22:** Impacts of droop of governor on ISR, with more inductive loads.

### 5.2.3 Gain of voltage regulator

The voltage regulator is a controller that senses the generator output voltage (and sometimes the current) then initiates corrective action by changing the exciter control in the desired direction [5-8, p.236, pp. 250-254], after comparing with the desired voltage. Since the voltage regulator is related to voltage, criteria 2 (voltage criteria) in **Table 5-6** was applied in this study, and three different values for the gain of the voltage regulator were selected to study the influence of voltage regulator gain on the ISR. These three groups of the gain values for G2 and G3 in the study system are listed in **Table 5-8**, and the ISRs are plotted in **Figure 5-23**.

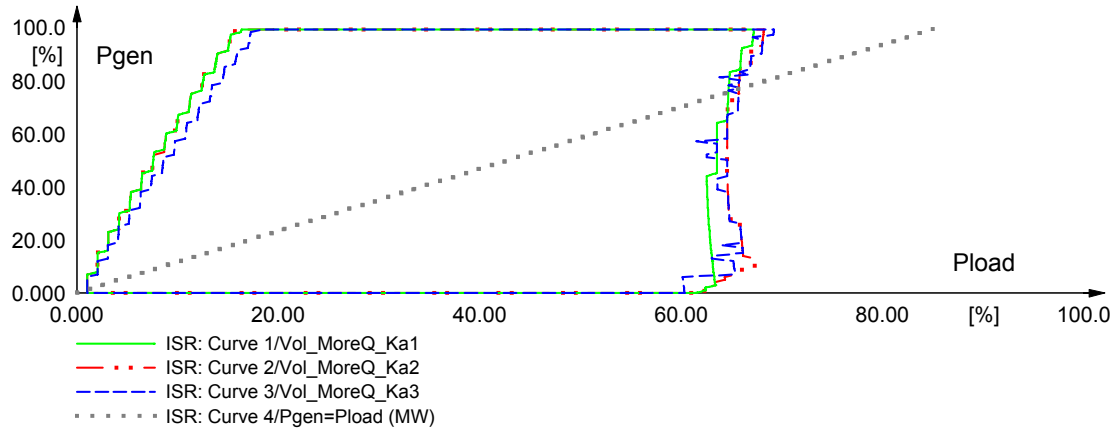
**Table 5-8:** Gain settings

	Controller Gain Ka in Voltage Controller (Exciter)		
	Ka1	Ka2	Ka3
G2	70	175	280
G3	80	175	270

The ISRs were not affected by the gain change as much as by the droop of governor. This may indicate that the ISR was less sensitive to the gain of voltage regulator, although there were some limited effects in some small specific operation areas of the ISR, as shown in **Figure 5-23**. This is due to the fact that the voltage regulator traces the setting point of the terminal voltage, which normally does not deviate so much. Hence, the voltage regulator gain does not affect the ISR very much.

### 5.2.4 Power dispatches among generators

In this subchapter, how different power dispatches among generators before islanding affects the ISR is studied.

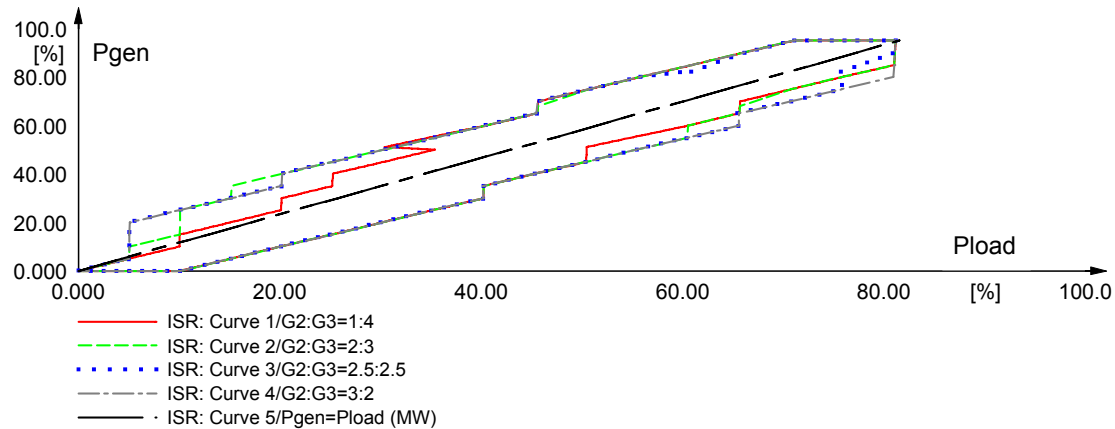


**Figure 5-23:** Impacts of gain of voltage regulator on ISR, with more inductive loads.

There are four groups of different power dispatches listed in **Table 5-9** for study, with criteria 1 (frequency criteria) in **Table 5-6**. The ISRs are plotted in **Figure 5-24**.

**Table 5-9:** Different power dispatches

Group	Power dispatch between generators: G2:G3
Group A	1:4
Group B	2:3
Group C	2.5:2.5
Group D	3:2



**Figure 5-24:** Influence of different power dispatches on ISR.

In Group A in **Table 5-9**, the power dispatched for both G2 and G3 was largely different from each other. This caused both generators to be operated pretty close to their limits, and this may affect the performance of load sharing after islanding. Therefore, it was more prone to islanding failure under either power export pattern or power import pattern, as Curve 1 in **Figure 5-24** illustrates. The results also indicate that adequate re-

serve capacity for every generator should be ensured, especially for systems with potential to be islanded.

According to the study in this chapter, the following three conclusions are worth being emphasized:

- Criteria to assess the successful islanding transition can include different requirements from grid codes for the connection of power generation. Based on utility experience or recommendation and practical considerations (e.g.: effects on equipments/customers/power quality), those requirements can be the range for the variation of stationary/temporary frequency/voltage, transient frequency gradient, etc.;
- Due to different load characteristics, the weight of voltage criteria on the ISR may be different, and the voltage criteria can even become redundant. In this case, the criteria for the successful islanding transition assessment may be simplified;
- Appropriate power dispatches among generators should be well planned to ensure adequate reserve capacity, which can benefit the load sharing performance during the island operation.



# 6

## CASE STUDY FOR ISLANDING CONTROL ARCHITECTURE

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As many DGs have been integrated into the distribution system and even more would be integrated in the future, there is a great potential to utilize them to maintain the security of power supply and consequently to avoid blackout. This is particularly important once the distribution system has to be islanded due to a disturbance occurring in the upstream grid or system maintenance, etc.

Meanwhile, the electricity demand can also play an active role to assist power balance. This brings a measure to tackle the power balance issue, which is the most crucial problem during island operation period [6-1].

However, the difficulty is how to coordinate DGs with demand in a smart way, considering the possible availability of standardized Information and Communication Technology (ICT), for example, IEC 61850. To answer this question, a tangible coordination scheme, as one organic element of the control architecture introduced in Chapter 4, is needed.

This chapter tries to design and apply a detailed scheme to one Canadian rural feeder benchmark system to demonstrate effective coordination of its Wind Turbine (WT) and demand. It is necessary to point out that a different coordination scheme for a different specific system should be designed accordingly. But the architecture and the philosophy underneath the operational coordination scheme are generic and could be a reference for scheme design.

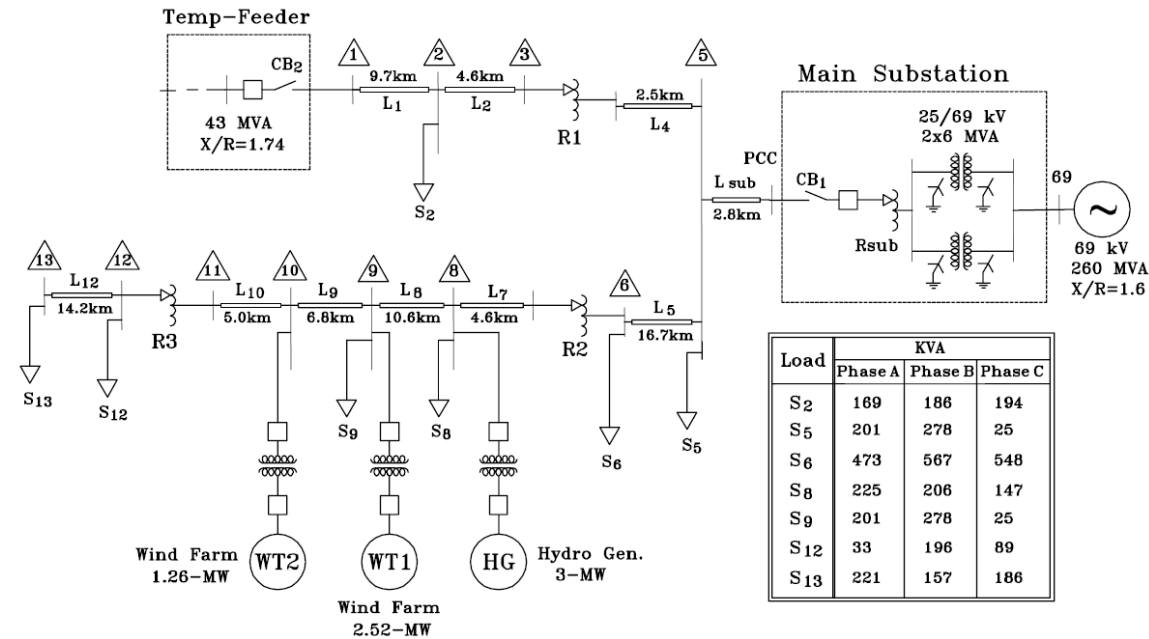
In the following, the Canadian rural feeder benchmark system is introduced firstly, including the system model in both PSCAD/EMTDC and DIgSILENT/PowerFactory (PF). Based on that, a Demand as Frequency controlled Reserve (DFR) model developed by CET, a WT with Fixed Speed Induction Generator (FSIG) and blade angle control and their modeling in PF are described. Afterwards, a detailed coordination scheme is designed. Finally, Islanding Security Regions (ISRs) for different cases and the application of the scheme are introduced.

## 6.1 System modeling and simulation

### 6.1.1 System introduction

All the following simulations and studies are based on the Canadian rural feeder benchmark with several assumptions and changes for study purpose.

The benchmark has been described in detail in [6-2]. For clarity, the main information is summarized here. Its one-line diagram is shown below in **Figure 6-25**.



**Figure 6-25:** One-line diagram (source: [6-2]).

It is a 25 kV local distribution network, which is normally connected to the upstream utility grid via a 69/25 kV main substation at the Point of Common Coupling (PCC). During maintenance periods of the main substation, the utility supply is temporarily transferred to an adjacent 25 kV distribution feeder of a 138/25 kV substation. Its inductive load (overall power factor: 0.95) is represented by equivalent lumped models connected at seven nodes along the backbone feeder. In PF, unsymmetrical loads connected to Phase A, B, and C were lumped together and modeled as one symmetric load, whose values are listed in **Table 6-10**. The total load demand is 4.37 MW.



**Table 6-10:** Loads values transferred to PF

Load	Apparent Power (KVA)	Active Power (KW)
S2	549	521.55
S5	504	478.8
S6	1588	1508.6
S8	578	549.1
S9	504	478.8
S12	318	302.1
S13	564	535.8

Two WTs were used to represent two wind farms, with 3.78 MW capacity in total. A run-of-river hydro-power generator with peak generation of 3 MW is connected along the backbone feeder of this network, as two WTs are. Thus, the penetration of DGs (installed DG power (MW)/load power (MW)) is calculated to be 155.1%. A bi-directional real power flow occurs due to the intermittent DGs. Real power is exported under strong wind conditions and high water levels, while real power needs imported when local DGs can not meet the local demand. In reality, this distribution network is always drawing reactive power from utility grid, since the hydro-power generator operates under-excited and the WTs require reactive power as well. In this regard, the network has trouble in terms of reactive power support during island operation. To simplify this problem, and also because the main focus in this project is to demonstrate the feasibility of the control architecture, it is assumed the hydro-power generator could offer reactive power supply once islanded. Besides, the effects of a substation load tap-changing transformer  $R_{sub}$ , and three line voltage regulators  $R_1$  to  $R_3$  were ignored in PF for this study. 4.37 MW, 3.78 MW, and 3 MW are considered as the base values for  $P_{load}$ ,  $P_{wt}$ , and  $P_{gen}$ , respectively in the following study. This complete benchmark was originally modeled in PSCAD/EMTDC.

### 6.1.2 System preparation

Due to the under excitation operation of the hydro-power generator, it is difficult to conduct island operation for this benchmark. Thus, one crucial precondition that the hydro-power generator is capable of providing reactive power was assumed in this study.

Moreover, two modeling simplifications were taken:

- Distributed load along the network was modeled as seven purely resistive spot loads with lumped 3-phase values;
- Two WTs were grouped together as one WT, which was represented by one WT model with FSIG and blade angle control in PF for simplicity.

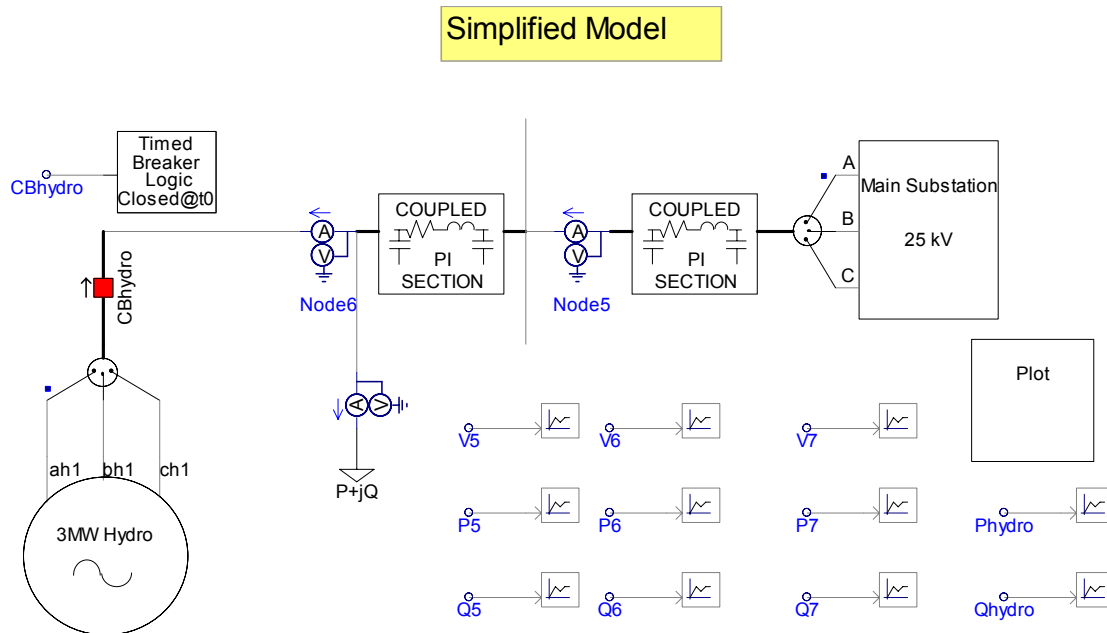
Besides, when the network was islanded by switching off the Circuit Breaker (CB) at main substation, there was no connection to the temporary feeder.

### 6.1.3 Validation of hydro-power generator model

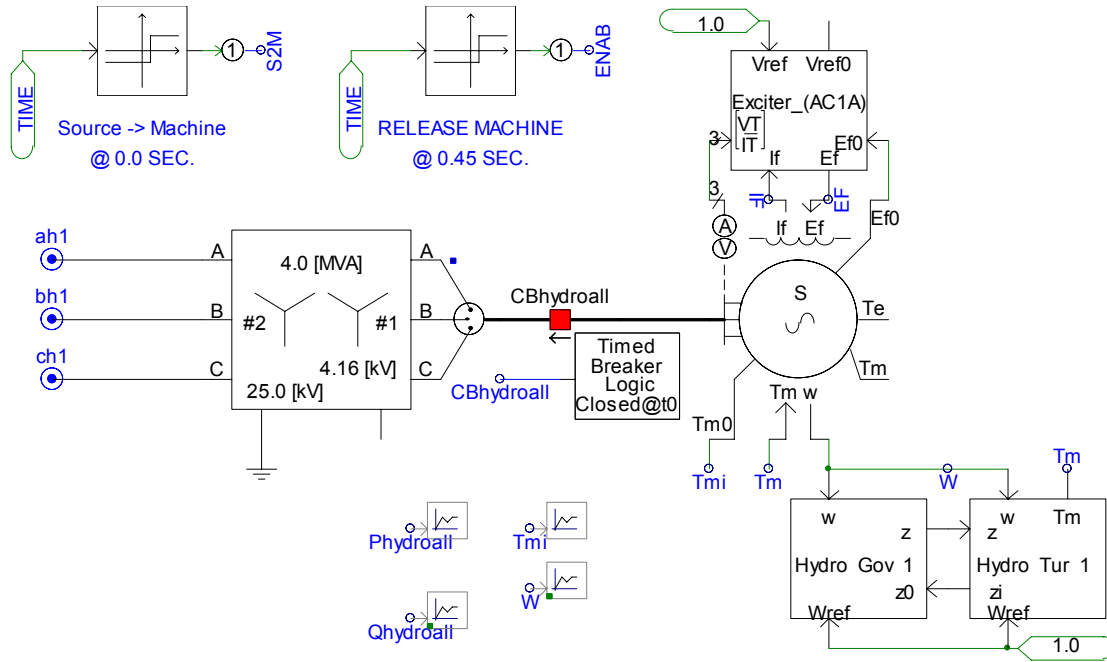
Since the architecture and scheme would be studied in PF which has better functionalities, it is necessary to firstly transfer the system model from PSCAD.

It is quite straightforward to model the same system elements including dynamic models as shown in **Figure 6-25** in PF with available parameters.

Because of the importance of the hydro-power generator during the island operation, it is necessary to ensure its performance in PF can match its counterpart in PSCAD, especially within the 15s after system island operation. The reason for the selection of “15s” is that the primary control reserve should be fully activated according to the regulation in [5-7, p. A1-8]. Thus, the original system model in PSCAD was simplified by retaining only Hydro-power generator and one load as shown in **Figure 6-26**. The shaft model of the generator model was ignored, given that it was not necessary to model the details of the shaft torsional effects for the electromechanical dynamic simulation (RMS) in this study, as shown in **Figure 6-27**.



**Figure 6-26:** Simplified model in PSCAD

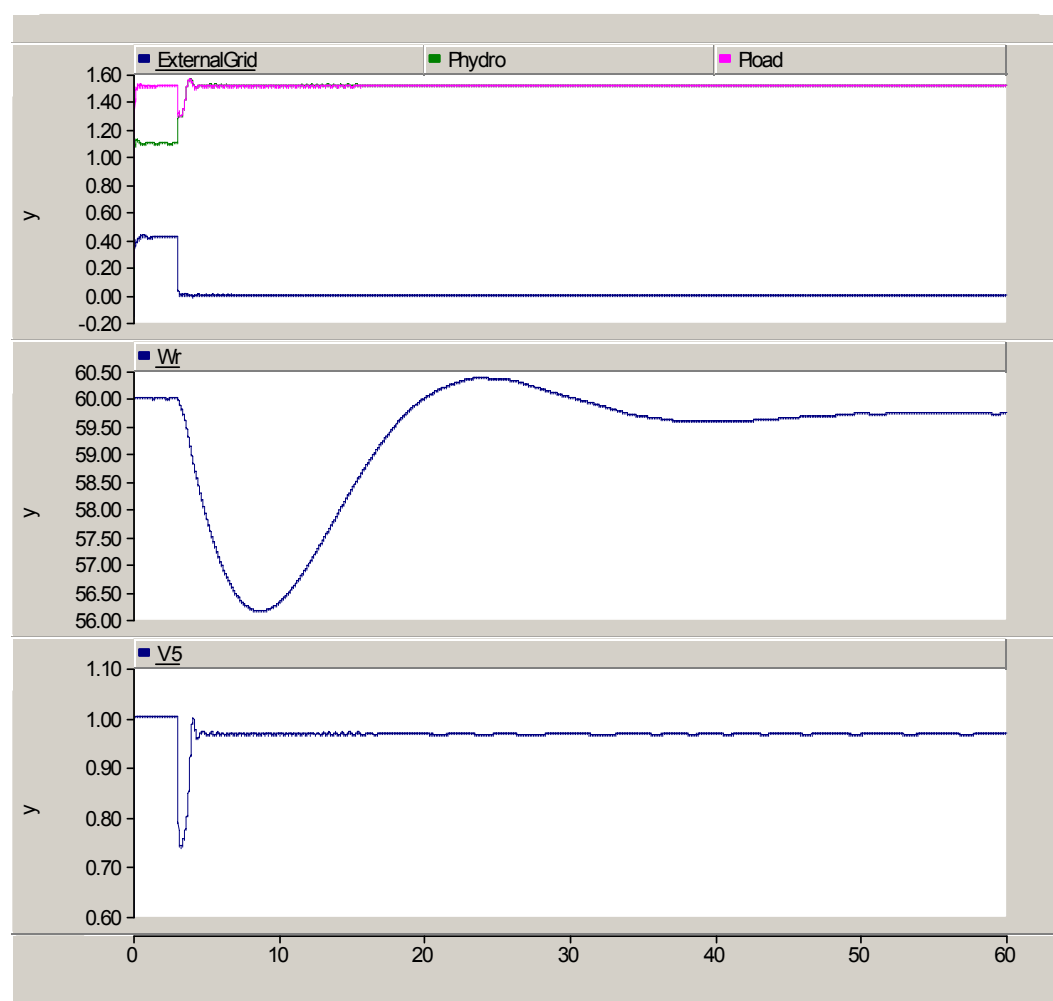


**Figure 6-27:** Hydro-power generator model without shaft model in PSCAD

To validate, the Hydro Generator was adjusted to produce 1.1 MW and 0 MVAR, and the load was 1.51 MW and 0.5 MVAR. In addition, the load at Node 6 in **Figure 6-26** was modeled as a “fixed load” in PSCAD, with zero setting for both the “Voltage index” and “Frequency index” of both real power and reactive power. Thus, the load had constant real power and reactive power.

(It is worth knowing that, according to [6-3], the RLC values of all phases are changed when the voltage of any one of the phases goes through a zero crossing. The Fixed Load is not purely modeled with constant P&Q during the whole simulation period.)

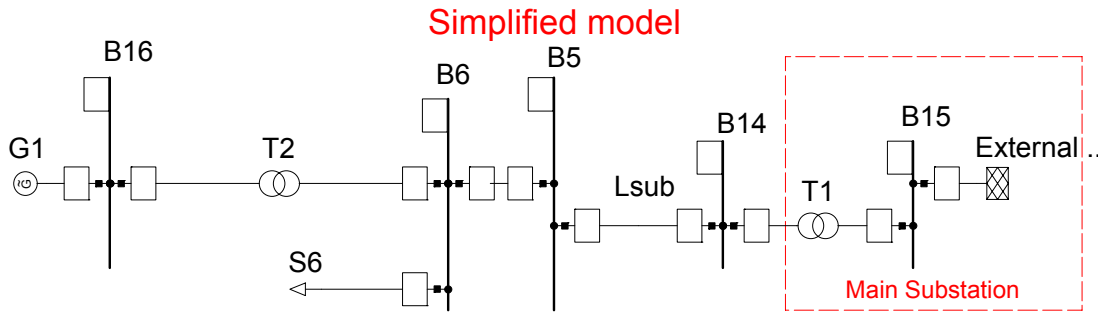
Thus, the simplified model imported 0.4 MW real power. At 3s, this feeder was islanded. The results in PSCAD were shown in **Figure 6-28**, with 0.0001s step size and Instantaneous values (Electromagnetic transients) for simulation, and 0.01s step size for results output. Care should be taken regarding the start-up and initialization of a synchronous generator, as there is a transition issue from voltage source model to a machine model with constant speed condition in PSCAD.



**Figure 6-28:** Simulation results from PSCAD for simplified model (*ExternalGrid* represents the real/active power from the utility grid; *Phydro* indicates the real/active power generated by Hydro-power generator; *Pload* is the power consumed by the load;  $Wr$  is the system frequency, and  $V5$  represents the voltage on node 5 in **Figure 6-26**).

Afterwards, the same simplified system model was developed in PF, as shown in **Figure 6-29**.

In PF, the electromechanical models were applied, because they were good enough for this study purpose, which could also speed up the simulation time.



**Figure 6-29:** The simplified model in PF.

In PF, an IEEE standard governor model *GOV1* [6-3] and a turbine model *TUR1* [6-4], which were used in **Figure 6-27**, were built together as a common model based on the PF library model *pcu\_HYGOV*, as shown in **Figure 6-30**.

(location of *pcu\_HYGOV* in PF: *Library/Models/IEEE/Models/pcu\_HYGOV*)

A default voltage controller was applied.

(Location of voltage controller in PF: *Library/Models/IEEE/Models/vco\_EXAC1A*)

Besides, a PF default frame for generator composite model is shown in **Figure 6-31**.

(Location in PF: *Library/Models/IEEE/Frames/IEEE-frame no droop*)

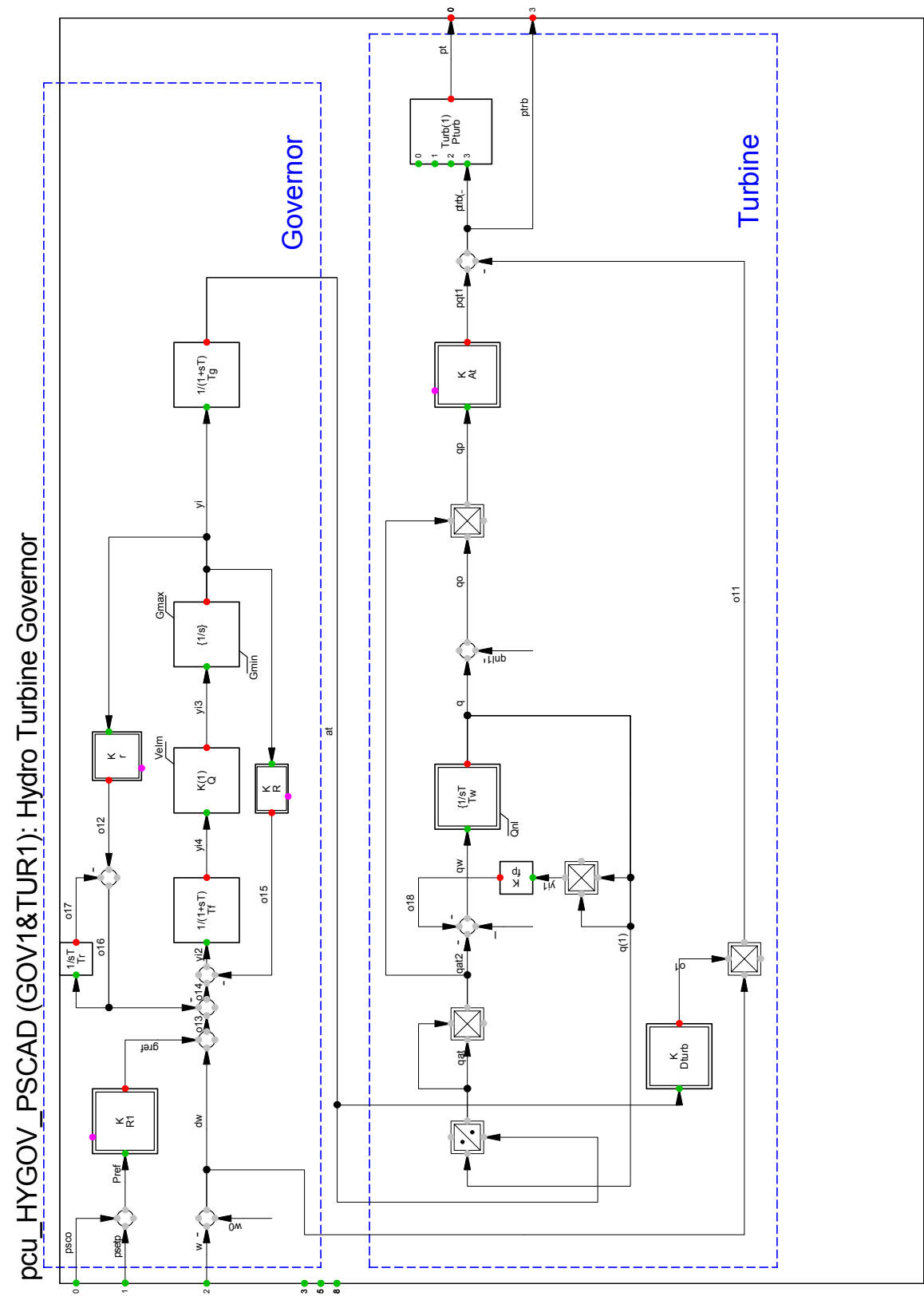


Figure 6-30: Common model for Hydro-power generator.

## IEEE Frame (Gen model):

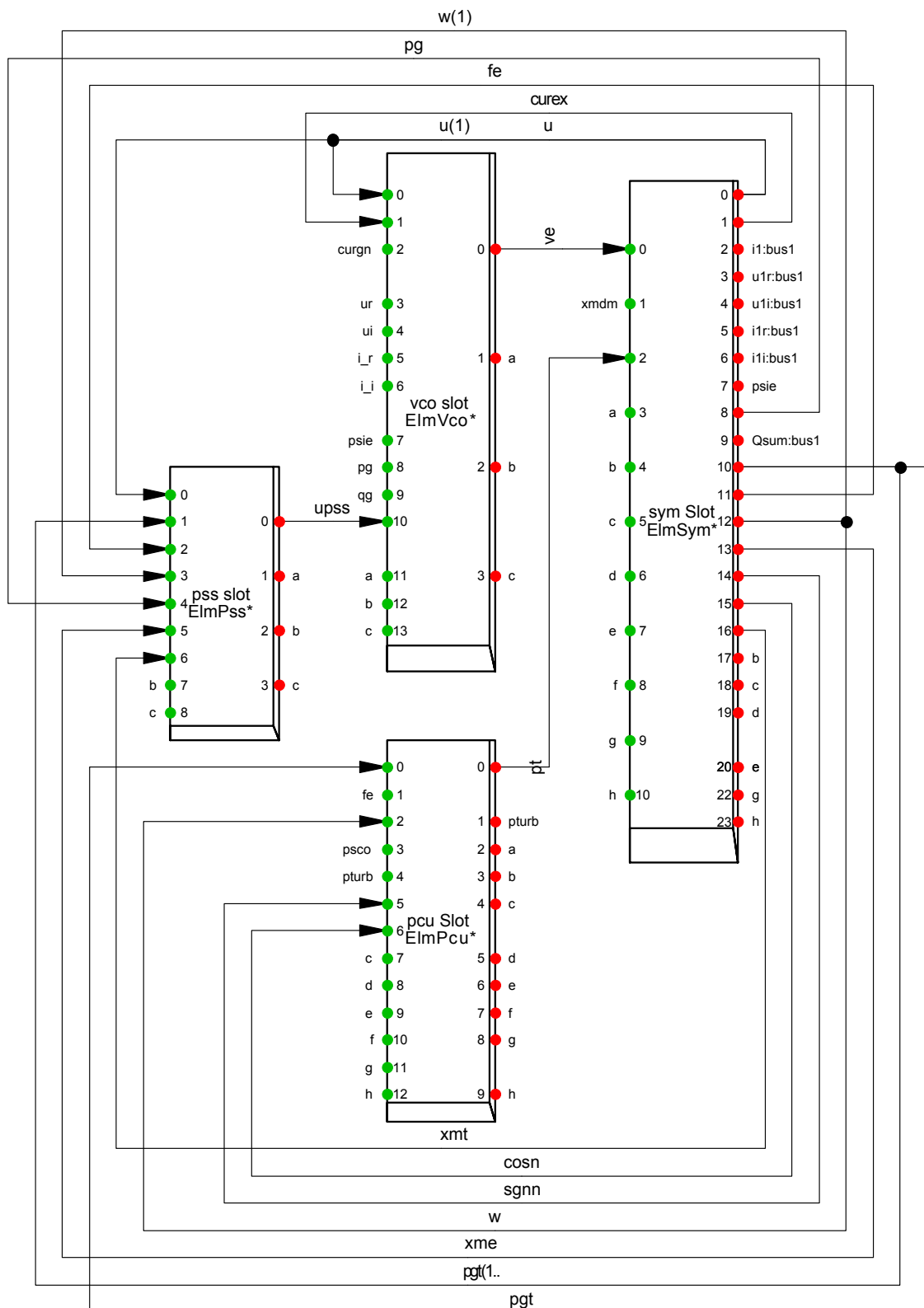
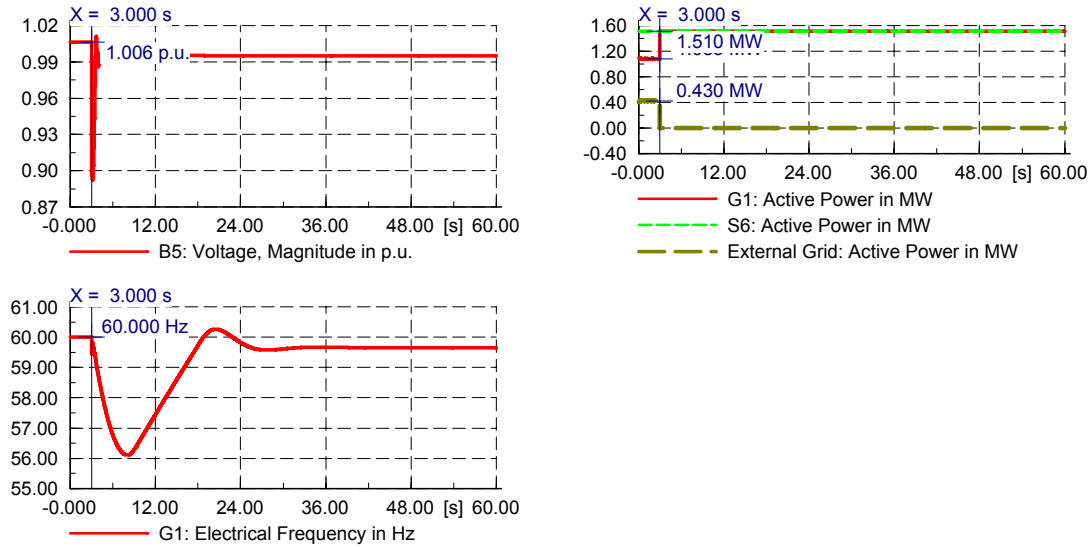


Figure 6-31: PF default frame for generator.

With the same simulation case as for PSCAD model, the results are shown below in **Figure 6-32** in PF, with 0.01s step size and RMS (electromechanical transient) values for simulation, and 0.01s step size for results output.

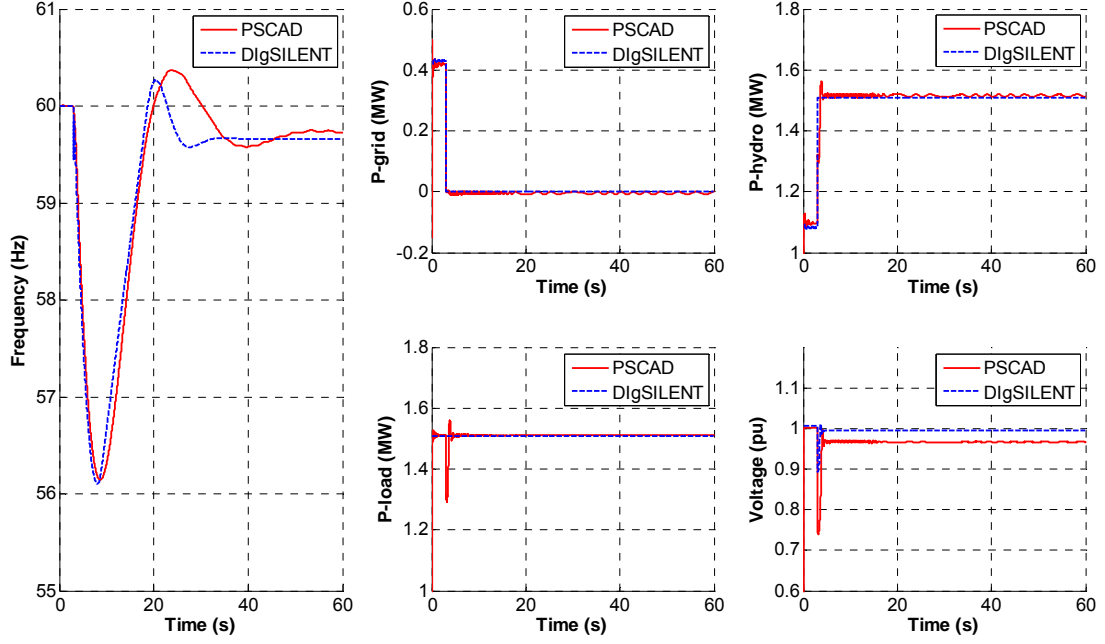


**Figure 6-32:** PF simulation results with the same simulation case as for PSCAD.

Thereafter, the dynamic simulation results in time domain during the islanding transition from both PSCAD and PF were compared. Those results to be compared were system frequency, real power of the external grid, real power of the hydro-power generator, real power consumption of the load and the load voltage at node 5 in **Figure 6-26**. Thus, the matching degree of the results between PSCAD and PF could determine the validity of the system model in PF.

The comparison of the results obtained by both PSCAD and PF, shown in **Figure 6-33**, proves the qualified validation of the hydro-power generator model in PF, even though there is a mismatch for system frequency after around 20s. However, this will not affect the plotting of ISR, as the main parameters in criteria for successful islanding assessment were measured before that moment. It is worth noticing that the models in PSCAD and in PF were different: electromagnetic models were applied in PSCAD, while in PF, only electromechanical models were used. Whether or not the different modeling causes the frequency mismatch after 20s and the slight difference for voltage needs further investigation, and future study on the results comparison between PSCAD and PF is also beneficial.





**Figure 6-33:** Comparison of results from PSCAD and PF.

#### 6.1.4 DFR introduction

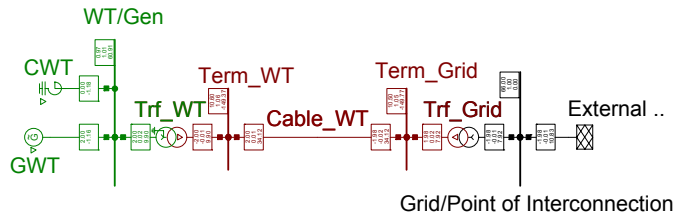
In **Figure 6-25**, Load  $S_6$ , assumed as a group of heaters, was equipped with DFR function type II, which has been described in Chapter 4. This enabled  $S_6$  to adjust its load in response to the system frequency. As Chapter 4 has introduced, with type II DFR control, the temperature setting of the thermostatically controlled loads varies in accordance with system frequency through the design of coefficient of frequency change  $K_f$ , which is defined as the ratio of the temperature difference to the frequency deviation. In this study, the  $2^\circ\text{C}$  temperature difference  $\Delta T$  was assumed. According to [6-5], the frequency deviation  $\Delta f$  was assumed to be 0.6 Hz for this Canadian benchmark. Thus,  $K_f$  was set as:

$$K_f = \frac{\Delta T}{\Delta f} = \frac{2 \text{ degree}}{0.6 \text{ Hz}} = 3.33 \frac{\text{degree}}{\text{Hz}} \quad (6.16)$$

Thus, the initial condition for DFR was defined. The DFR function was triggered as long as the system frequency was outside [59.4, 60.6] Hz (with 0.6 Hz frequency deviation).

#### 6.1.5 Wind turbine introduction

A WT with Fixed Speed Induction Generator (FSIG) was modeled for simulation in PF, as shown in **Figure 6-34**.



**Figure 6-34:** The PF FSIG WT demo.

In this study, this WT was adjusted to represent WT1 and WT2 in **Figure 6-25**, rated 3.78 MW in total, other assumed parameters are listed in **Table 6-11**.

**Table 6-11:** WT parameters

PARAMETER	VALUE
$R(m)$ : Rotor Blade Radius	41.145
$\rho(kg/m^3)$ : Air density	1.225
$RPM_{nom}(rpm)$ : Nominal Turbine-Speed	18.75
Rated mechanical power of WT (MW)	3.78
Wind speed for rated power (m/s)	13.715
$\beta_{max}(degree)$ : Maximum Blade Angle	25
$\beta_{min}(degree)$ : Minimum Blade Angle	0

Thus, the power from the wind coming through the swept area of the WT and the tip speed ratio  $\lambda$  were calculated by:

$$P_{wind} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho \cdot \pi \cdot R^2 \cdot V_{wind}^3 \quad (6.17)$$

$$\lambda = \frac{\omega R}{V_{wind}} = \frac{\frac{RPM_{nom} \cdot 2 \cdot \pi}{60} \cdot R}{V_{wind}} \quad (6.18)$$

At rated wind speed and minimum blade angle, the wind power was 8.4 MW and the tip speed ratio was 6.

Until now, the model in **Figure 6-34** could not be used for coordination scheme study, due to the lack of a wind speed common model, a suitable power efficiency coefficient – tip speed ratio curve ( $C_p$ - $\lambda$  curve or  $C_p$  lookup table;  $C_p$  is specified as a mechanical power efficiency coefficient) and a blade angle control for the demo WT model in PF.

Therefore, the following improvements were necessary:

- A wind speed common model was introduced, shown in **Figure 6-35**, where either measurement or simulated wind speed could be configured. In this study,

the wind speed was defined by constant parameter  $C$  for simplicity; the wind speed should be fed to the turbine model and the blade angle control model;

- A new  $C_p$  lookup table from PF (the curve is plotted in **Figure 6-36**) was introduced to replace the old one (the curve is plotted in **Figure 6-37**) in the original PF WT model, in order to make the  $C_p$ - $\lambda$  curve more reasonable and closer to the generic curve calculated by two generic numerical approximation Equation 6.19 and 6.20, introduced in [6-6]. **Figure 6-38** shows the generic curve with given constants in [6-6];

$$C_p(\lambda, \theta) = C_1 \cdot \left( \frac{C_2}{\lambda_i} - C_3 \cdot \theta - C_4 \cdot \theta^{C_5} - C_6 \right) \cdot e^{\frac{-C_7}{\lambda_i}} \quad (6.19)$$

$$\lambda_i = \frac{I}{\frac{I}{\lambda + C_8 \cdot \theta} - \frac{C_9}{\theta^3 + 1}} \quad (6.20)$$

The values of constants from  $C_1$  to  $C_9$  in [6-6] are listed in **Table 6-12**.  $\lambda$  was calculated by Equation 6.18 for different wind speed. In reality, those constants should be adjusted to match the manufacturer data.

**Table 6-12:** Values of constants from  $C_1$  to  $C_9$

$C_1$	$C_2$	$C_3$	$C_4$	$C_5$	$C_6$	$C_7$	$C_8$	$C_9$
0.5	116	0.4	0	-	5	21	0.08	0.035

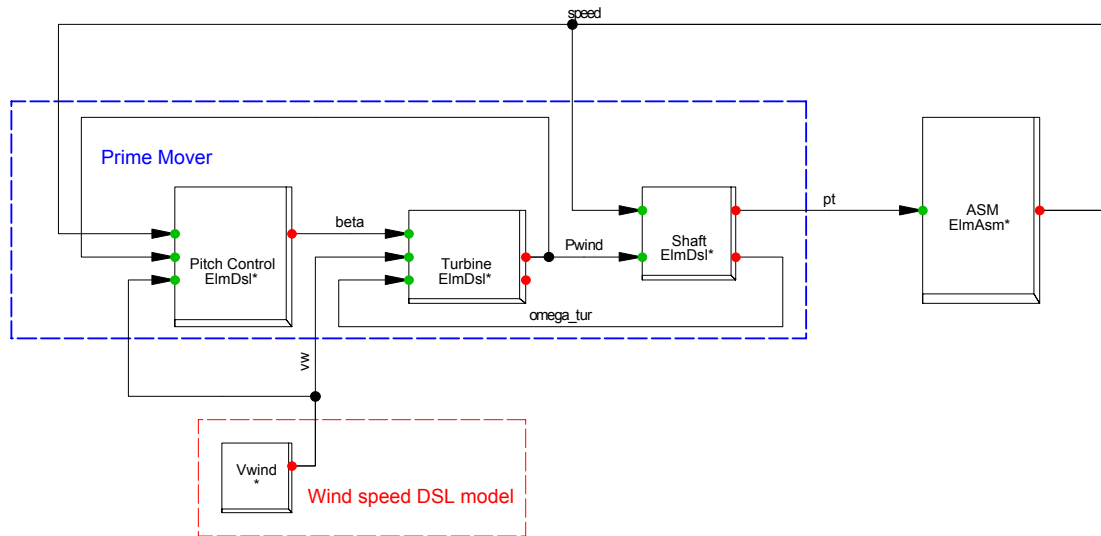
From the  $C_p$  lookup table, the mechanical power efficiency coefficient was 0.45 at the rated wind speed and minimum blade angle ( $C_p(\lambda, \beta) = C_p(6, 0) = 0.45$ ).

Therefore, the rated mechanical power extracted from the WT with the same condition was calculated by:

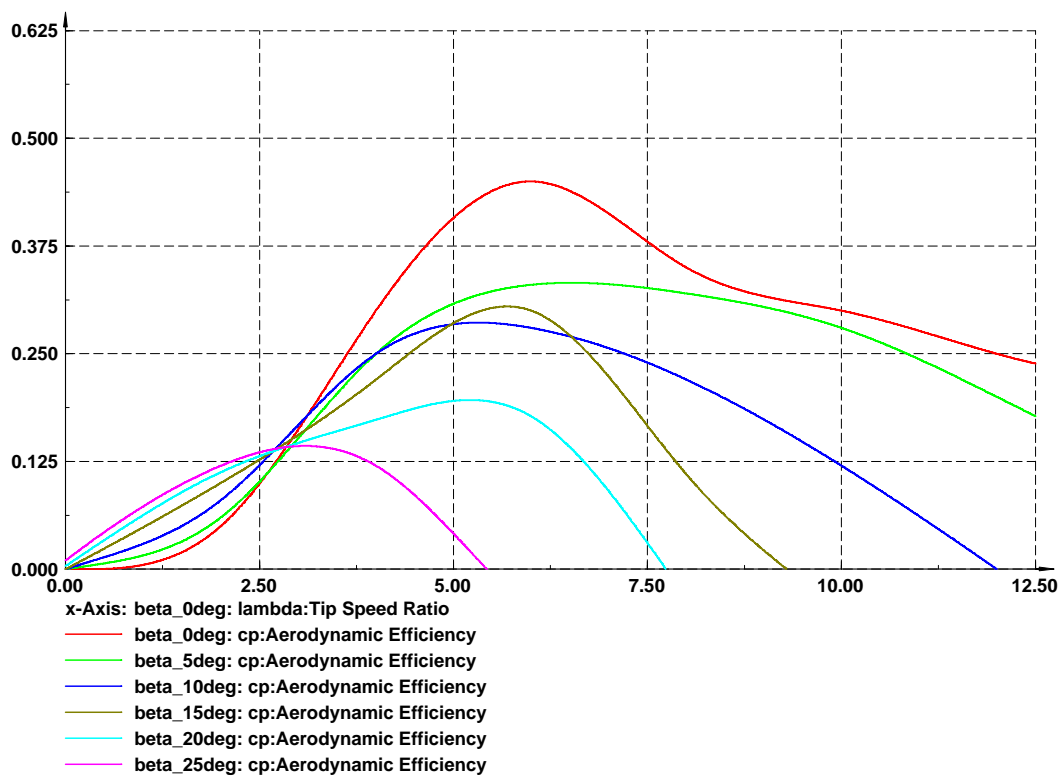
$$P_{base} = P_{wind} \cdot C_p(6, 0) = 8.4 \cdot 0.45 = 3.78 MW \quad (6.21)$$

- The  $C_p$ - $\lambda$  curve could be categorized into pitch control, because the power output from the WT would reduce as the blade angle increases. It is specifically applied in this study for simplicity, and it could be acceptable for the coordination scheme design and demonstration, as long as the power output can be adjusted in accordance with power command from TSO, even though it is not common for FSIG WT to have pitch control [6-7, p.10].
- A blade angle control function was introduced, shown in **Figure 6-39**; Based on the PF demo model and the description in [6-8, pp.42-44] about Pitch angle control system, a “power limitation” section, and a “TSO power command” section were added. “Power limitation” section ensured that the WT power output would not exceed the maximum allowable power once wind speed was higher than the rated wind speed 13.715 m/s in **Table 6-11**; “TSO power

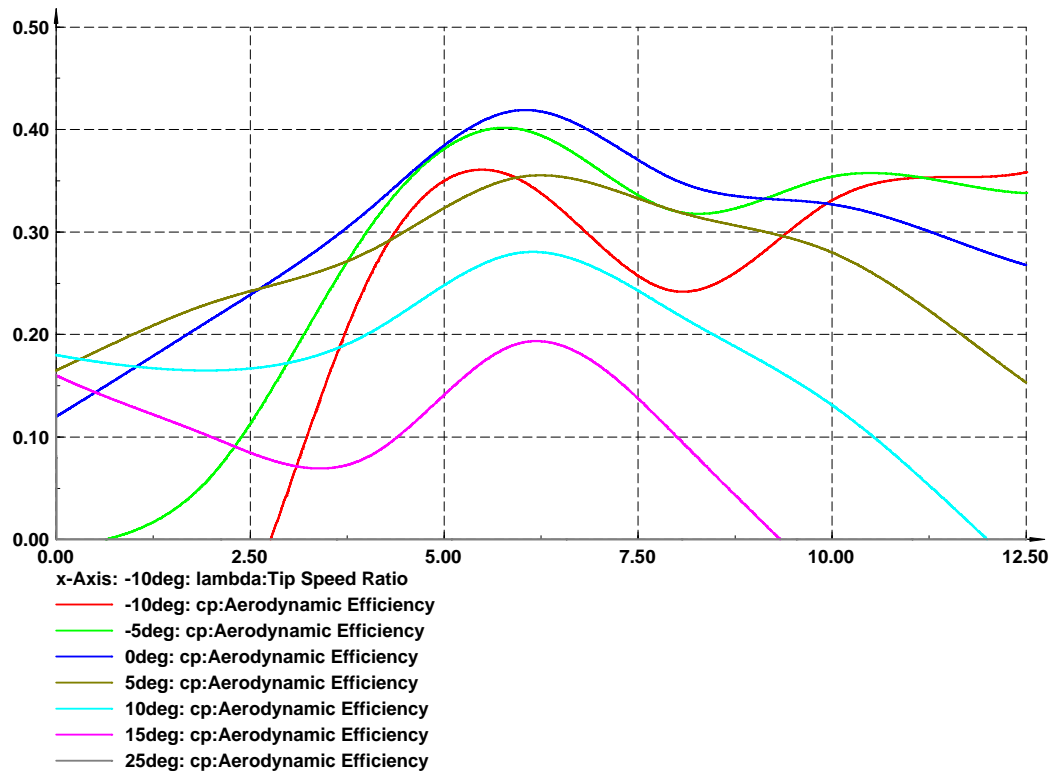
*command*” section realized the power control required by TSO and realized the WT power downward; the relation in between is illustrated in **Figure 6-40**.



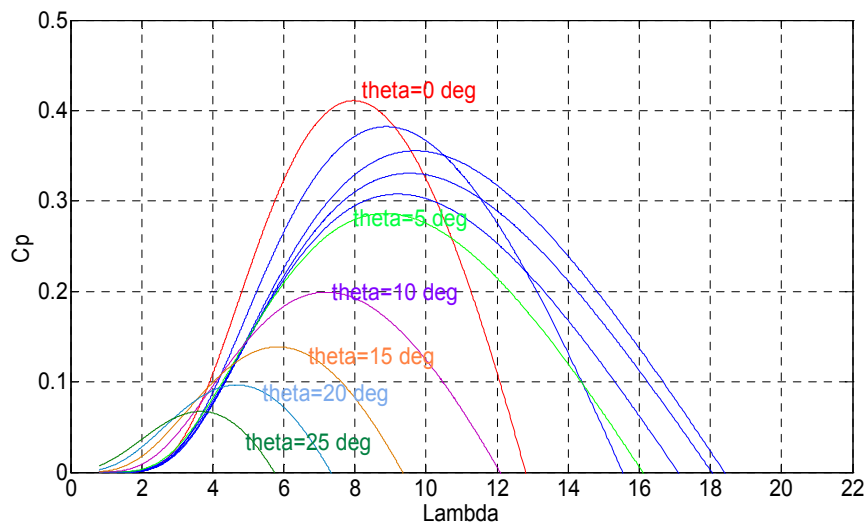
**Figure 6-35:** WT frame with Wind speed DSL model.



**Figure 6-36:**  $C_p$ - $\lambda$  curve from “WIND\_CpLambda.dz” PF demo.

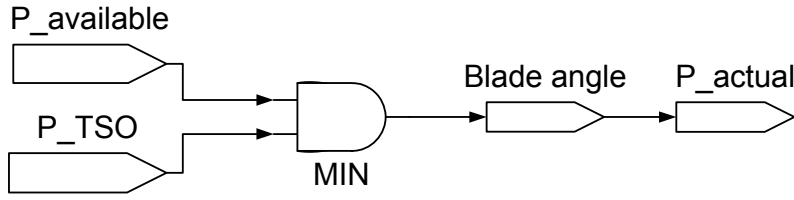


**Figure 6-37:**  $C_p$ - $\lambda$  curve from “*WIND\_ExampleAsm.dz*” PF demo.



**Figure 6-38:**  $C_p$ - $\lambda$  curve calculated by the generic numerical approximation and  $C_l$  to  $C_9$  from [6-4].



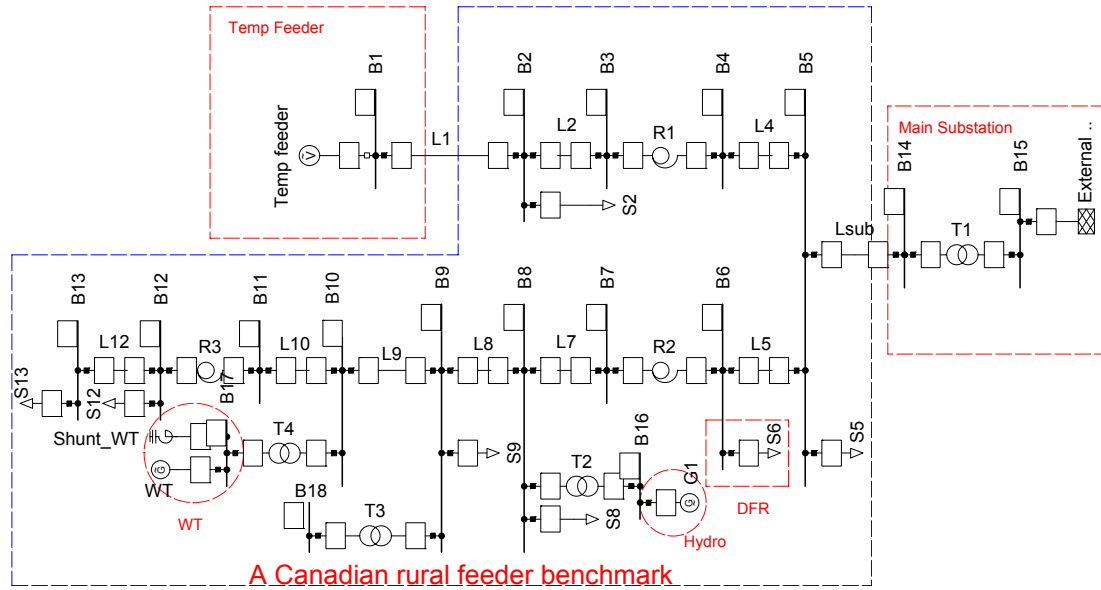


**Figure 6-40:** Philosophy of the blade angle controller.

In **Figure 6-39**, Block 1 is the power command  $P_{tso}$  sent by TSO. This power command is compared with the rated maximum power (3.78MW) from WT in Block 2, which ensures the power output is always limited under the rated value. Then, there are two blade angle settings:  $\beta_{a1}$  and  $\beta_{a2}$ , which are sent to Block 3, where either  $\beta_{a1}$  or  $\beta_{a2}$  is selected to be the final blade angle setting:  $\beta_{a\_ref}$ , for pitch servo system or pitch actuator system.

After being equipped with a wind speed model, a suitable  $C_p-\lambda$  curve, and a blade angle controller, this modified WT model in PF could be used for the designed coordination scheme in the following.

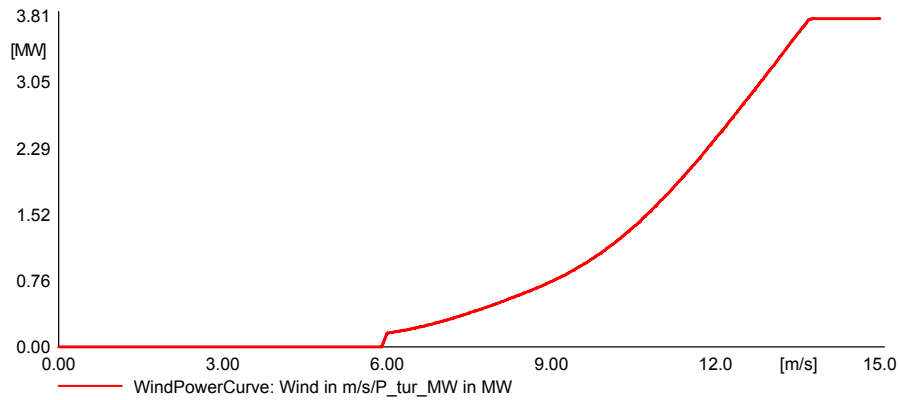
The entire system in PF with both DFR and WT introduced in 6.1.4 and 6.1.5 is shown in **Figure 6-41**.



**Figure 6-41:** The entire benchmark in PF.

In order to validate if the WT power control functions well or not, the extracted wind power vs. wind speed curve ( $P_{mech}-V_{wind}$  curve) at minimum blade angle was plotted in **Figure 6-42**.

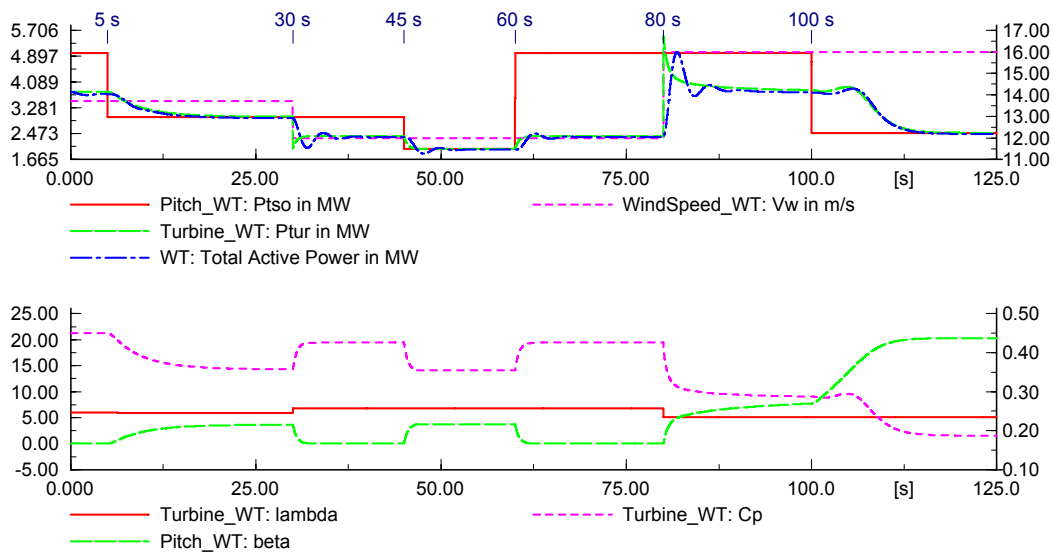
Besides, six testing simulations were conducted as listed in Table 6-13. The simulation started with rated wind speed (13.715 m/s) and no power command from TSO, which was realized by setting  $P_{tso}$  higher than maximum power output 3.78 MW. Those results shown in Figure 6-43 indicate that the modeled WT power control was able to follow the desired commands and it successfully functioned accordingly.



**Figure 6-42:**  $P_{wind}$  Vs.  $V_{wind}$  Curve.

**Table 6-13:** Six test simulations

EVENT NO.	INITIATION TIME	EVENT
1	5 s	Set $P_{tso}$ equal to 3 MW
2	30 s	Decrease $V_{wind}$ to 12 m/s
3	45 s	Decrease $P_{tso}$ to 2 MW
4	60 s	No TSO command ( $P_{tso} > 3.78$ )
5	80 s	Increase $V_{wind}$ to 16 m/s
6	100 s	Decrease $P_{tso}$ to 2.5 MW



**Figure 6-43:** Simulation results for six test events.

### 6.1.6 Load shedding introduction

Load shedding was utilized for the coordination with WT. Once WT power output reached its maximum while more power was needed, load shedding was an effective



measure to decrease the power balance during the islanding transition period and ensured a successful island operation, if the distribution system was under Power Import Pattern (PIP).

The amount of loads for shedding was attained by calculating the power imbalance which was required to be reduced for successful islanding transition, based on ISR. Thus, the coordination between the WT and loads was realized. In this study, the load closest to the amount needed to be shed was selected for load shedding.

## 6.2 Coordination scheme

In Chapter 4, we discussed about the architecture for island operation, where the coordination scheme was mentioned at the stage 2, see Appendix C.

The purpose of the coordination scheme is to bring the system operating point back into the ISR before islanding in a proactive way, by actively adjusting the resources from both power generation and consumption sides. This is a common objective, although there would be different measures to realize it, due to different kinds of available resources and different network structure.

In this PhD study, a coordination scheme for the simplified Canadian rural feeder benchmark was developed. Note that, only hydro power plant, WT with power adjustment capability, and load shedding were considered in this example. However, other components are acknowledged as equally important and can be introduced in the future in the coordination scheme.

Based on the resources available, a specific adaptive coordination scheme was designed to ensure the system was always within ISR when being islanded. The flow chart of this scheme is illustrated in **Figure 6-44**.

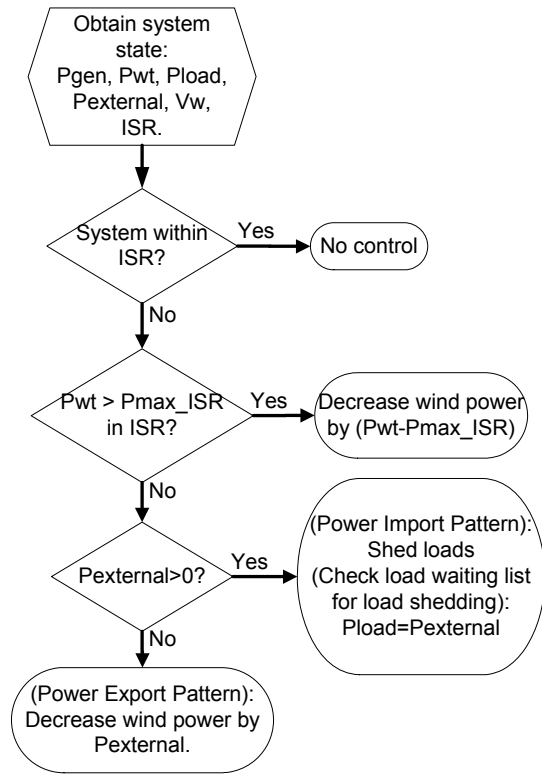
In this scheme, both WT and load shedding were chosen to realize the objective to bring the system back into ISR. In spite, to have as little influence on loads as possible and to maximize the wind power output were another two considerations.

The algorithm was:

First of all, system state such as the wind speed  $V_{wind}$ , power generation of hydro power plant  $P_{gen}$ , power output of WT  $P_{wt}$ , power export or import to or from external grid  $P_{external}$ , and the load power consumption  $P_{load}$  were acquired. Its ISR was calculated.

(Here two assumptions were taken:

First, in reality, both  $P_{gen}$  and  $P_{load}$  were within the allowable operational range recommended by ISR. Secondly, WT was under power maximum output mode, leaving no possibility to increase  $P_{wt}$ .)



**Figure 6-44:** Flow chart for coordination scheme.

In the next step, the wind power output  $P_{wt}$  was compared with the WT operational range from ISR, noted as  $[P_{min}, P_{max}]$ , given known  $V_{wind}$ ,  $P_{gen}$ ,  $P_{external}$ , and  $P_{load}$ . If  $P_{wt}$  was within that range, the system could be successfully islanded without any necessary remedial control actions.

Otherwise, there were two situations: either  $P_{wt}$  was higher than  $P_{max}$  or lower than  $P_{min}$ . If the first case was true, the system was pulled back into ISR by decreasing the WT power output to the power difference calculated by:

$$\Delta P = P_{wt} - P_{max}. \quad (6.22)$$

If  $P_{wt}$  was lower than  $P_{min}$ , either to take load shedding action or to decrease  $P_{wt}$  depends on whether the system is with either Power Import Pattern (PIP) or Power Export Pattern (PEP). If  $P_{external}$  was positive (with PIP), load shedding was executed, while WT power output was decreased if it was PEP.

The reason for this design is to make near zero active power flow through the interconnection for islanding transition. Therefore, the system has least disturbance in terms of islanding, and it has high possibility to survive the island operation, although the reactive power imbalance may cause voltage instability. In that case, the remedial action for reactive power compensation should be studied.

### 6.3 Case study

There are four study cases being described in the following. The first is the study case for 2-Dimension (2D) ISR calculation with only synchronous generator, followed by the case for 2D ISR calculation with the addition of DFR. Afterwards, the case with both

generator and WT is discussed. In the end, the application of the coordination scheme to the simplified Canadian benchmark is described.

### 6.3.1 Case study 1: ISR with synchronous generator

In this study case, there was only one hydro power plant supplying electricity to the load within the system.

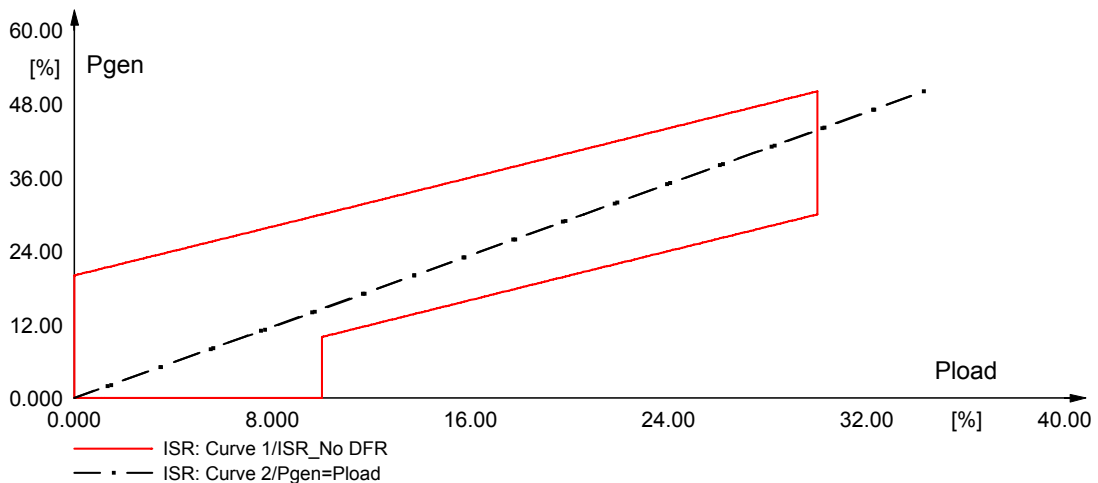
The criteria for the ISR, listed in **Table 6-14** in the form of constraints, were based on grid code from Québec Canada [6-5] and the requirement for temporary voltage was introduced as an addition.

**Table 6-14:** Criteria for study case 1

	Islanding transition is successful if:
Criteria	$59.4 \text{ Hz} \leq \text{Freq} \leq 60.6 \text{ Hz}$ (stationary, at 15s) $55.5 \text{ Hz} \leq \text{Freq} \leq 66 \text{ Hz}$ (temporary, within 15s) & $0.85 \text{ pu} \leq \text{Vol} \leq 1.2 \text{ pu}$ (stationary, at 15s) $0.5 \text{ pu} \leq \text{Vol}_{\text{max}} \leq 1.5 \text{ pu}$ (temporary, within 15s)

Thus, the ISR of this system was calculated, as shown in **Figure 6-45**.

It is clear that in order to ensure a successful islanding transition, the operation range for both the loads and the generation should be within [0, 32%] and [0, 50%], respectively. The ISR provides the system operator a clear picture about whether or not the system state is secure in terms of islanding, plus the indication about how to pull the system back into ISR under the grid connection mode, if system state is outside the ISR.

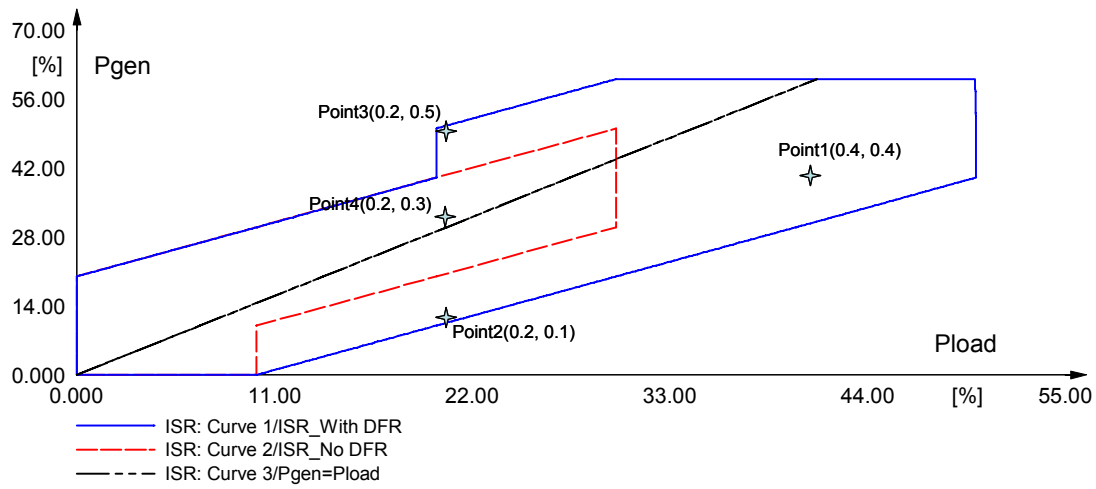


**Figure 6-45:** ISR for Canadian rural feeder benchmark with synchronous generator (resolution: 0.1, higher should be taken, if more precise ISR is needed.).

### 6.3.2 Case study 2: ISR with synchronous generator and Demand as Frequency controlled Reserve

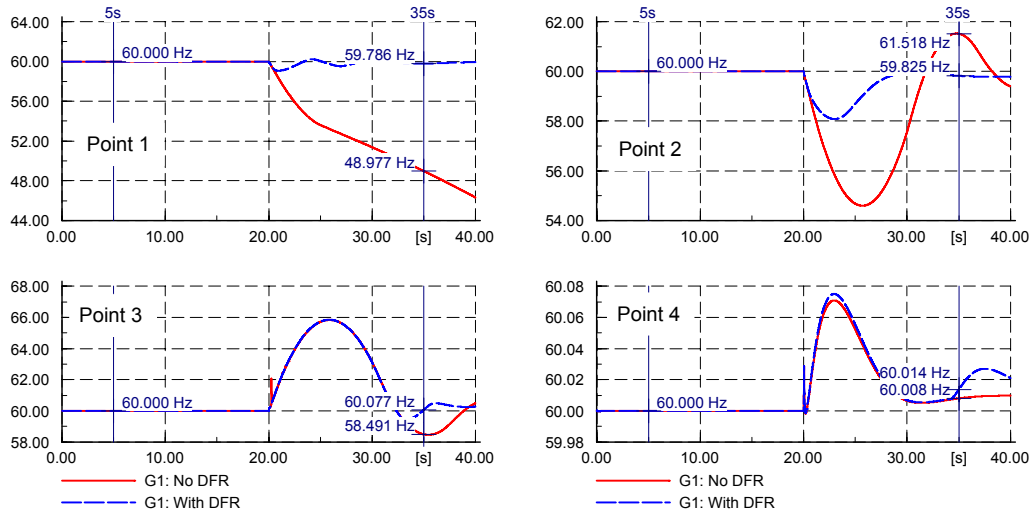
After introducing DFR to load  $S_6$ , as described in 6.1.4, the ISR was calculated and is plotted in **Figure 6-46**, together with the ISR obtained in **Figure 6-45**. According to **Table 6-10**, the maximum capacity of load  $S_6$  is 1.5086 MW, which accounts for 34.48% of the total system demand.

The new ISR was enlarged, since  $S_6$  either reduced or increased its active power consumption in accordance with either the drop or swell of the system frequency, automatically. This eased the stress which the system experienced during the islanding period, and those system operating points that were not stable regarding island operation became stable due to the DFR function.



**Figure 6-46:** ISR comparison (resolution: 0.1, higher should be taken, if more precise ISR is needed.).

In particular, four system operating points were selected, as shown in **Figure 6-46**: point 1 (0.4, 0.4), point 2 (0.2, 0.1), point 3 (0.2, 0.5), and point 4 (0.2, 0.3) for further study in time domain. The frequencies both with and without DFR for these four points are shown in **Figure 6-47**.



**Figure 6-47:** Frequency comparison for point 1, 2, 3 and 4 ( $K_f=3.33$ ,  $\Delta f=0.6$  Hz).

Without DFR, Point 1 became crashed after islanding. Point 2 was not acceptable because its frequency could not meet the ISR frequency criteria. It is the same reason for point 3. Therefore, point 1 to 3 are located outside the ISR without DFR (marked in RED).

With DFR, the system frequency was improved and met the criteria for point 1 to 3. Thus, the new ISR enlarged and included the three study points. This benefit could be automatically obtained by applying DFR function, without any coordination.

Meanwhile, point 4 met the ISR frequency criteria, no matter it was without or with DFR. Thus, point 4 is located within both ISRs.

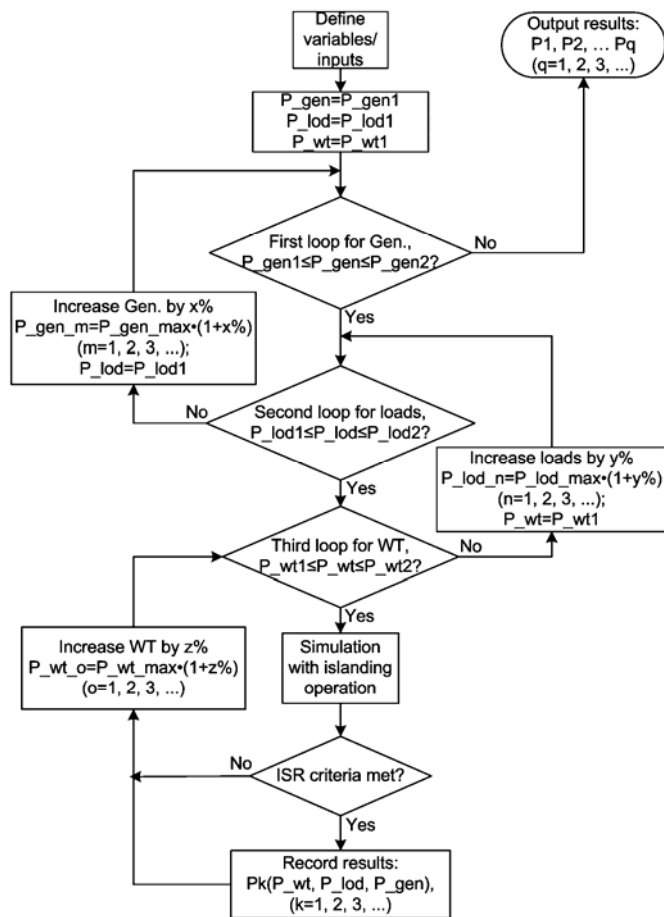
However, the DFR relies pretty much on the load type and availability. If one system does not have the sufficient DFR compatible load, e.g. during special seasons with low availability of heating load, the advantage of DFR will not be obtained.

### 6.3.3 Case study 3: ISR with synchronous generator and wind turbine

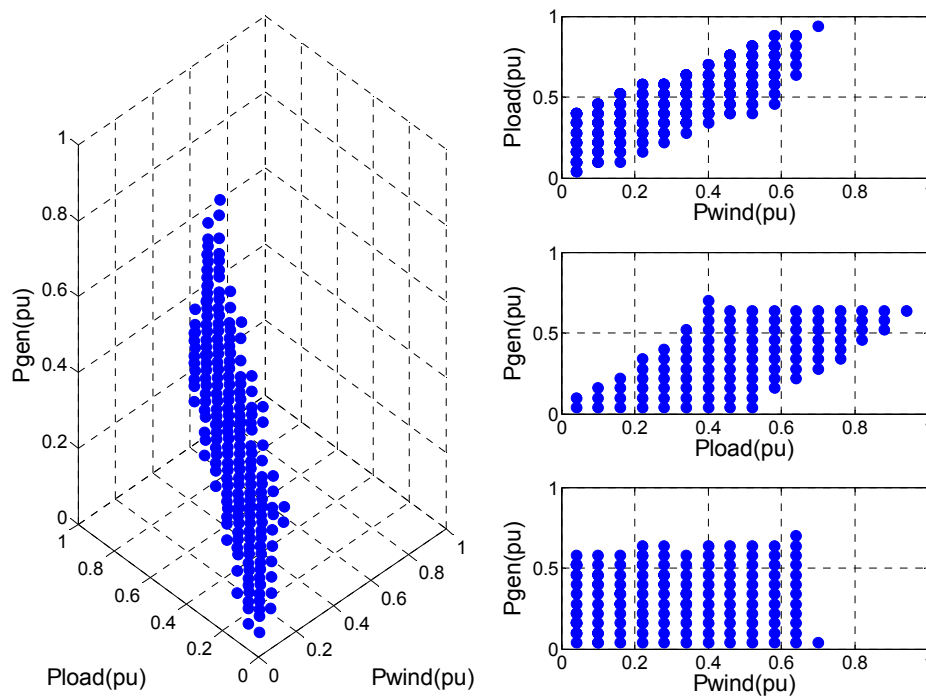
For the case with both synchronous generator and WT, it was necessary to introduce a third loop for WT to the flow chart for ISR calculation described in **Figure 4-13** in Chapter 4, as shown in **Figure 6-48**. The assessment criteria were the same as listed in **Table 6-14**.

Thus, the ISR with 3 dimensions: power output of synchronous generator, power output of WT and power consumption of loads, were calculated, as shown in **Figure 6-49**. The base values for  $P_{wt}$ ,  $P_{load}$ , and  $P_{gen}$  were 3.78 MW, 4.3747 MW, and 3 MW, respectively.

It is of importance to point out that there is a trade-off between the denseness of ISR and its calculation time. Denser ISR can be obtained by increasing the resolution for calculation, but the price is longer processing time. Besides, it is also limited by the number of data that the simulation tool PF could process.



**Figure 6-48:** Flow chart for ISR calculation with WT.



**Figure 6-49:** ISR with synchronous generator and WT (resolution: 0.06 for all).

#### 6.3.4 Case study 4: the coordination scheme

A coordination scheme designed and described in 6.2 was applied to the Canadian benchmark.

Three cases were studied:

Case 1: System operating point was within ISR, indicating that there was no additional control needed for islanding transition;

Case 2: System operating point was outside ISR, and  $P_{wt}$  was higher than  $P_{max}$ , the maximum allowable wind power output from the ISR, indicating the decrease of  $P_{wt}$  to  $P_{max}$ ;

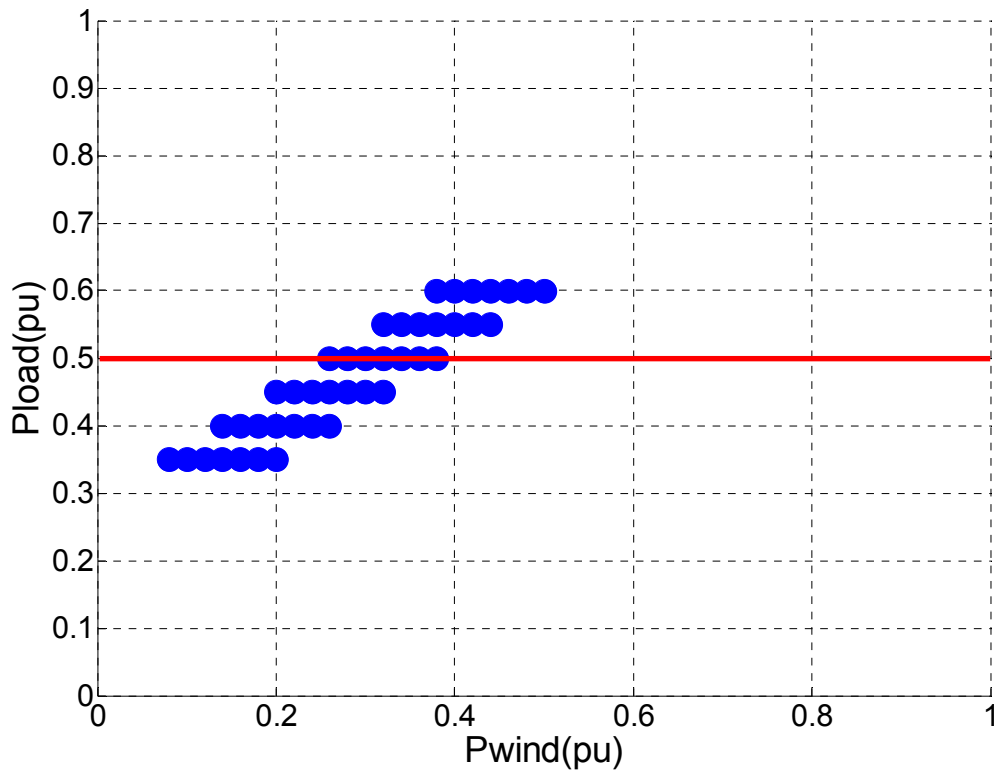
Case 3: System operating point was outside ISR,  $P_{wt}$  was lower than  $P_{min}$ , the minimum allowable wind power output according to the ISR, and the system imported active power from external grid (PIP), indicating the load shedding with the same amount of the power exchange:  $P_{external}$ .

The parameters for these three cases are summarized in **Table 6-15**, which were considered as the initial condition for time-domain simulation.

**Table 6-15:** System parameters of three study cases for time-domain simulation

	Wind power: $P_{wt}$ (MW/pu)	Loads consumption: $P_{load}$ (MW/pu)	Power output of synchronous generator: $P_{gen}$ (MW/pu)	Power exchange with external grid: $P_{external}$ (MW)
Case 1 (No control)	1.323/0.35	2.187/0.5	1.02/0.34	-0.156 (power export)
Case 2 (Wind power decrease: $\Delta P = P_{wt} - P_{max\_ISR}$ )	3.78/1.0	2.187/0.5	1.02/0.34	-2.613 (power export)
Case 3 (load shedding with $P_{LoadShed} = P_{external}$ )	0.756/0.2	2.187/0.5	1.02/0.34	0.411 (power import)

Because of the limitation of the computation capability of PF, we could not compute all points within  $[0, 1]$  pu for  $P_{wt}$ ,  $P_{load}$ , and  $P_{gen}$  with higher resolution. However, to find the precise operating range of WT for the given condition in **Table 6-15** required higher degree of denseness. Therefore, we limited the range for generator and load to  $[0.2, 0.4]$  pu and  $[0.35, 0.6]$  pu, respectively, and then increased the resolution to 0.05 for load, and 0.02 for both generator and WT. Thus, the operating points on the layer of 0.34 pu for  $P_{gen}$  were found as shown in **Figure 6-50**, and the operating range for WT for the study cases in **Table 6-15** was  $[0.26, 0.39]$  pu or  $[0.9828, 1.4742]$  MW when  $P_{load}$  was 0.5 pu.



**Figure 6-50:** Operating points on layer of 0.34 pu for  $P_{gen}$ .

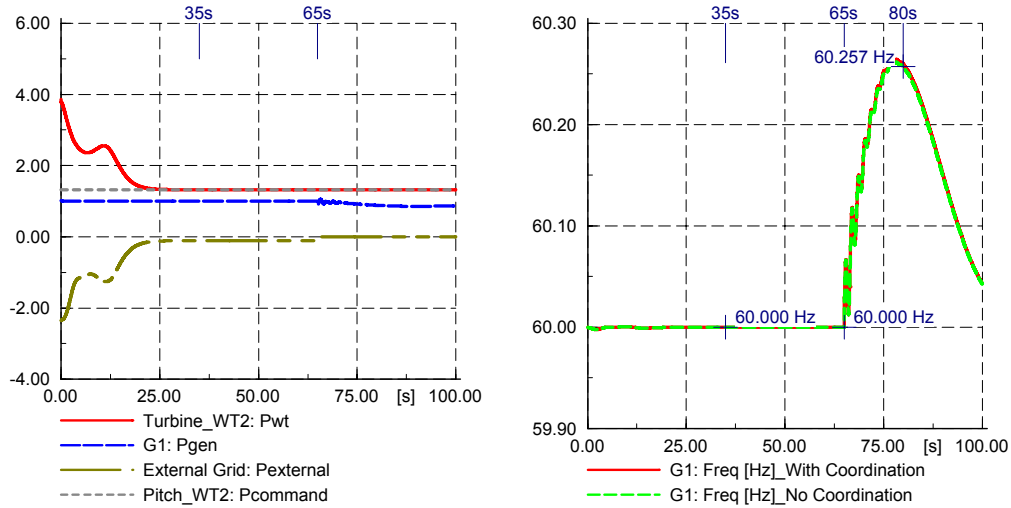
In the time-domain simulation, 25s were reserved as the response time for completion of initial conditions. System was islanded at 65s. The lead time for trip signal was designed to be 30s, which was for the WT power output adjustment. Thus, the islanding warning signal was sent at 35s, 30s in advance. The criteria were the same as listed in **Table 6-14**. The simulation results in PF for three cases are shown in **Figure 6-51**, **Figure 6-52** and **Figure 6-53**, respectively. (the wind speed in **Figure 6-53** is the same for all three cases.)

In Case 1, the frequencies overlapped each other, indicating that this case met the criteria, and there was no need for control according to the designed coordination scheme. The system operating status for this case was within the ISR shown in **Figure 6-49**.

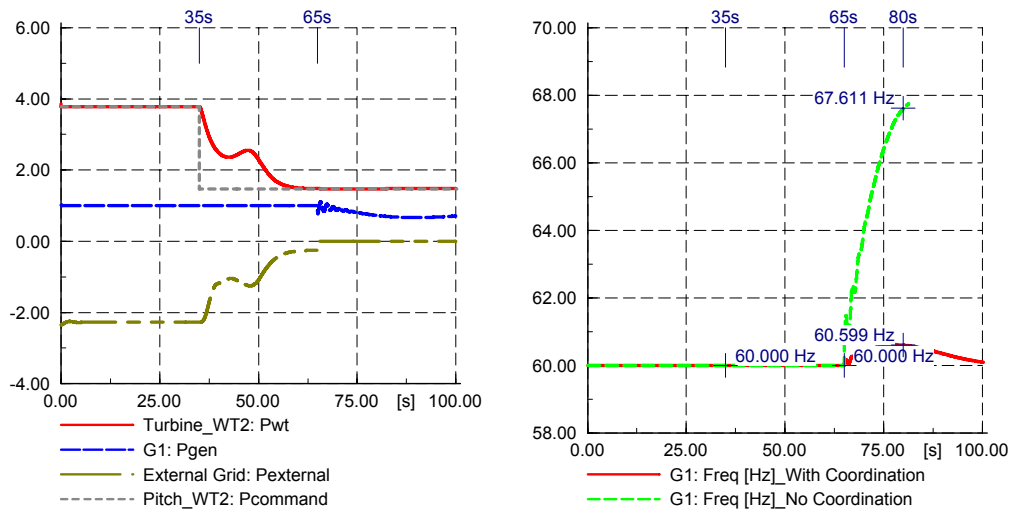
In Case 2, the frequency without control could not meet the criteria. This system operating status was outside the ISR. However, it was improved to meet the criteria by decreasing the WT power output, which was the suggested preventive action by the coordination scheme, indicating the system could survive the islanding transition.

In case 3, system could not meet the frequency criteria either, implying that the operating point was outside the ISR. While Load  $S_8$  was chosen to be shed by coordination scheme because its value (0.2745 MW) was closest to the power imported from external grid (0.411 MW). The load consumption for the simulation cases are listed in **Table 6-16**.

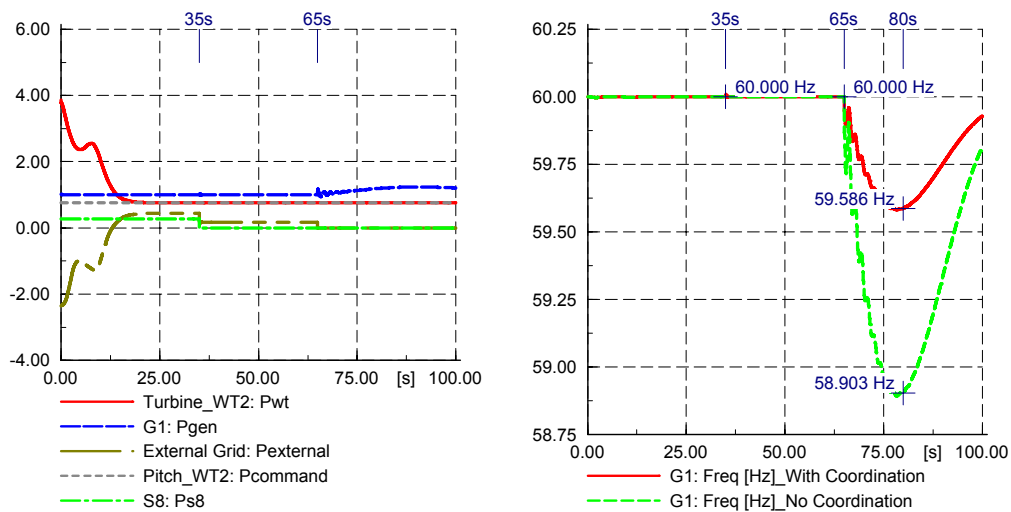




**Figure 6-51:** Simulation results for case 1.



**Figure 6-52:** Simulation results for case 2.



**Figure 6-53:** Simulation results for case 3.

**Table 6-16:** Load consumption

	$S_2$	$S_5$	$S_6$	$S_8$	$S_9$	$S_{12}$	$S_{13}$	Total
$P_{load}$ (MW)	0.2605	0.2394	0.753	0.2745	0.2394	0.15105	0.2679	2.19

Therefore, a well designed coordination scheme with its adaptive preventive remedial actions assisted the system to survive the island operation, even though the system operating status before the islanding was outside the ISR.

After these four case studies in this chapter, the following conclusions need emphasized:

- DFR can effectively enlarge the ISR, and eventually increase the probability for successful system island operation;
- ISR based coordination scheme can support island operation, by activating preventive remedial actions (such as WT power adjustment and load shedding in this study), in a self-adapting style, as long as an islanding warning signal is sent with considerable lead time and corresponding system components can respond fast.

# 7

## ARTIFICIAL NEURAL NETWORK APPLICATION TO ISLANDING CONTROL ARCHITECTURE

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This chapter starts with the brief introduction of Artificial Neural Network (ANN) and its application in power systems. Thereafter, its application to the designed Islanding Control Architecture (ICA) is explored.

The previous study has demonstrated that it is beneficial for system operator to obtain an ISR based architecture, with which operator can easily obtain a clear picture about whether or not one system could be successfully islanded if needed. It is expected to be straightforward and concise: if the system operating state is outside the ISR, preventive actions are suggested by the coordination scheme to pull the system back into the ISR in a self-adapting style. Thus, the system operator will have sufficient confidence with maintaining system security of power supply, once the system is on the back of risk to island operation.

However, through the development process, the disadvantages of the suggested ICA are equally noticed. It is time consuming and cumbersome to calculate ISR due to its instinct of time domain simulation. It is acceptable to obtain the ISR offline for a few dimensions, and afterwards, system operator can study the islanding feasibility by comparing the real time system operating point with ISR online. But it becomes bulky and weighty to calculate higher-dimension ISR. Moreover, the ISR relies on the system topology. Thus, it is not suitable for online operation, due to its slow calculation speed of ISR, if the system topology is changed. In this regard, how to reduce the calculation time and make it integrated into online service while without significant compromise of accuracy requires research wisdom. Therefore, this chapter tries to explore the potential application of ANN for online application of the ICA, because of its self-learning and fast calculation capability. The preliminary results show that the ANN application is possible and promising. However, further study is still needed for its real application in practice.

### **7.1 Artificial Neural Network introduction**

Based on [7-1], some basic concepts of ANN are extracted here.

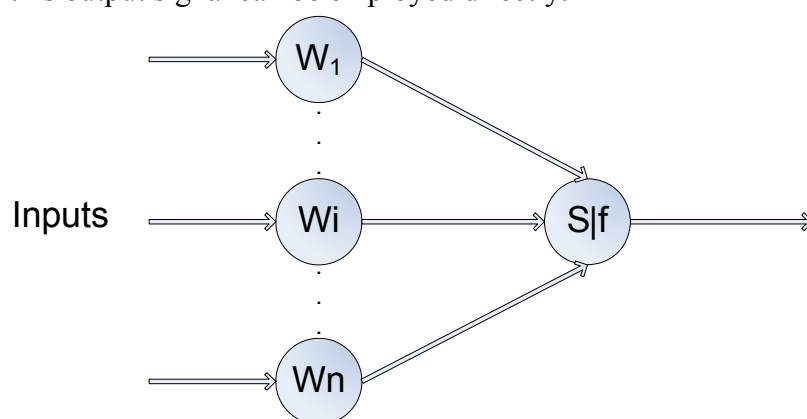
Artificial Neural Network (ANN) is a “bottom up” approach to artificial intelligence, in that a network of processing elements is designed, these elements being based on the

physiology and individual processing elements of the human brain, which is a fundamental aspect of ANN. An interesting and succinct definition of neural computing is that it is a study of networks of adaptable nodes which, through a process of learning from task examples, store experiential knowledge and make it available for use.

One important property of a neural network is its potential to infer and induce from what might be incomplete or non-specific information. Its special features of learning and generalization make neural networks distinctly different from conventional algorithm processing computers, along with their potential property of faster operational speeds realized through inherent parallel operation.

In general, neural networks consist of a number of simple node elements, which are connected together to form either a single layer or multiple layers. The relative strengths of the input connections and also of the connections between layers are then decided as the network learns its specific task(s).

The basic node elements employed in neural networks differ in terms of the type of network considered. One commonly encountered model is shown in **Figure 7-54**. The inputs to the node take the form of data items either from the real world or from other network elements, possibly from the outputs of nodes in a previous layer. The output of the node element is found as a function of the summed weighted strength inputs. Then this output signal can be employed directly.



**Figure 7-54:** Basic neuron model [7-1] ( $W_1$  to  $W_n$  are  $n$  weights.).

There are a number of different types of neural networks, such as Hopfield networks, Kohonen networks, Multi-layer perceptions, Radial basis function networks, and N-tuple networks.

There are several reasons for ANN application in power systems [7-2]. In general, the capability of ANN to solve non-linear and/or complex relationships and its advantage of massive parallelism and being not restricted in speed make itself very attractive for power system planning and operation that demand enormous computations. There have been several attempts: load forecasting, security assessment, harmonic evaluation and detection, fault diagnosis, adaptive control and alarm processing [7-2]. Among other things, load forecasting, security assessment and fault diagnosis may be three main areas for ANN application [7-3].

In this study, Multi-layer perceptrons (MLP) was applied as it has capability of rapid processing, which is suitable for real-time, online application [7-1]. Besides, it is receiving great attention as a viable candidate for application to power system [7-2] and it is used practically in all power system applications [7-3]. Details about MLP can be found in [7-1], [7-2] and [7-4].

For ANN design, the Matlab Neural Network Toolbox was used.

According to [7-4], there are mainly six steps for ANN implementation, as listed in **Table 7-17**. All the next three applications followed these six steps.

**Table 7-17:** Six steps for ANN application

Step No.	Step Function
1	Load data; (Example: <i>load dataWTISR.m</i> ;) )
2	Divide data into training set, validation set (optional, used to stop training early) and test set (optional, used to measure how well network generalizes); (Example: [trainV, val, test]=dividevec(p2, t2, 0.2, 0.2))
3	Create a network, including design of: Number of perceptrons/neurons per layer; Number of layers; Transfer function [7-4] or non-linear function [7-2] per layer: Hard-limit (a=hardlim(n)), linear (a=purelin(n), Neurons of this type are used as linear approximators in Linear Filters), Log-Sigmoid (a=logsig(n)), etc.; Back propagation algorithm: gradient descent (traingd), gradient descent with momentum (traingdm), Resilient Backpropagation (trainrp). Levenberg-Marquardt (trainlm), etc.
4	Train the network: During the training, the weights and biases of the network are iteratively adjusted to minimize the network performance function net.performFcn. The default performance function for feedforward networks is Mean Squared Error (MSE) -- the average squared error between the network outputs and the target outputs. There are four sub-steps for network training: Assemble the training data; Create the network object; Train the network; Simulate the network in response to new inputs.
5	Evaluate network (Optionally test network on more data)
6	Use 'sim' to put the network to use on new inputs.

## 7.2 Application for Islanding Security Region

In the beginning, we designed a neural network for a 2D ISR of the study system with synchronous generators, which was described in Chapter 4. In this case, the designed network could assess if the system with its present operating status could be success-

fully islanded. This is similar to the islanding feasibility assessment by comparing with the ISR.

First of all, the inputs and outputs of the network should be defined.

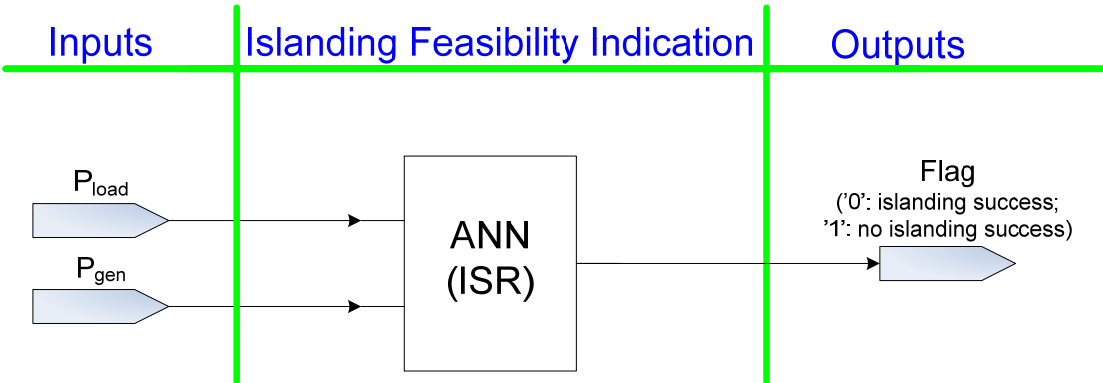
In this case, the network inputs were:

- The power of generators  $P_{gen}$ ;
- The load consumption  $P_{load}$ .

The network output was:

- The discrete binary flag for islanding ('0' for successful islanding and '1' for unsuccessful islanding).

Thus, the structure of this neural network could be designed, as shown in **Figure 7-55**.



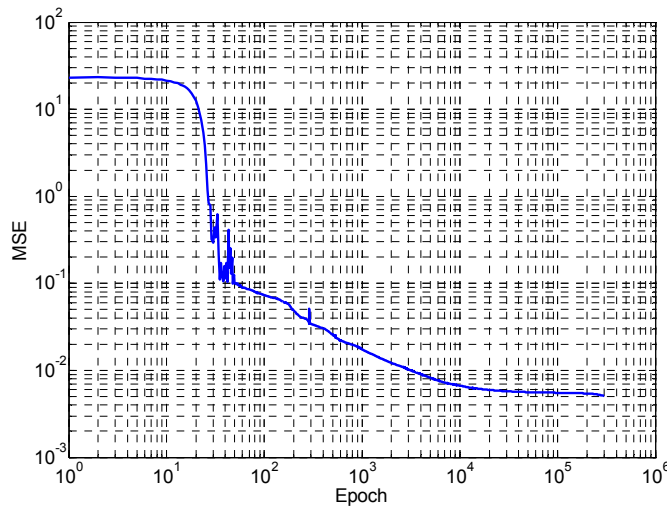
**Figure 7-55:** ANN structure for Islanding feasibility indication, based on ISR.

The network was designed in accordance with the six steps in **Table 7-17**. **Table 7-18** details the specific steps. With the test data, the MSE was small enough to validate that the ANN designed was acceptable. Its whole training process was recorded and is shown in **Figure 7-56**.

**Table D-1** in Appendix D lists the example of the test data and its results. The first column lists the target value, while the second column includes the results calculated by the designed ANN. The third column indicates the error in between.

**Table 7-18:** Network design for ISR with synchronous generators

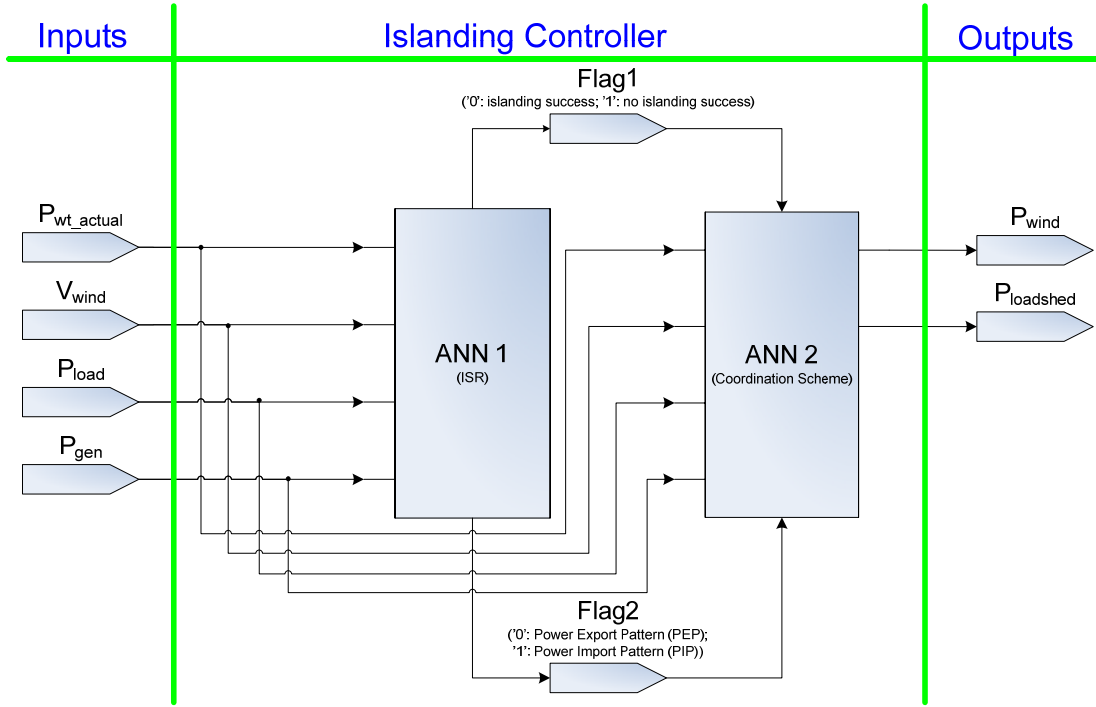
Step No.	Step Function
1	Load ISR data with synchronous generators in the study system in Chapter 4;
2	Divide the data into training set (3/5), and test set (2/5);
3	Create a network, including the design of: Number of perceptrons/neurons per layer: [45 50 1]; Number of layers: 3; Nonlinear transfer function per layer: 'tansig' 'tansig' 'tansig'; Back propagation algorithm: Resilient Backpropagation (trainrp).
4	Train the network: <pre>net.performFcn = 'msereg'; net.performParam.ratio = 0.5; net.trainParam.show = 5; net.trainParam.epochs = 300000; net.trainParam.goal = 2e-3; [net,tr]=train(net,ptr,ttr);</pre>
5	Evaluate the network (Optionally test network on more data); Not applied.
6	Use 'sim' to put the network to use on new inputs: Mean Squared Error for the test data: MSE=0.015 (see Table D-1)


**Figure 7-56:** Training process for the ANN of the ISR with the synchronous generators in test system (MSE: Mean Squared Error; Epoch: Number of iterations for training).

### 7.3 Application for Islanding Control Architecture

This study case is intended to apply the ANN to ICA for the Canadian rural feeder benchmark, as introduced in Chapter 6. In ICA, there are two steps needed for the ANN

design. First of all, one neural network for the 3-Dimension ISR with WT should be designed. This network is similar to the one in 7.2, which functions as an islanding feasibility indicator and tells whether or not the system could be islanded successfully at a specific moment. Afterwards, another neural network for possible coordination scheme should be studied. By combining these two ANNs together, a possible 2-ANN structure for ICA could be designed, as shown in **Figure 7-57**. Thus, the ICA can be integrated into the online dynamic security assessment and the SCADA/EMS for a better system monitoring and control.



**Figure 7-57:** ANN structure for Islanding Control Architecture (Flag1 for the discrete binary flag for islanding; Flag2 for The discrete binary flag for system power exchange with external grid).

For the design of ANN for 3D ISR with WT, the inputs and outputs of the network should be defined as follows:

The network inputs were:

- The power of WT  $P_{wt}$ ;
- The wind speed  $V_{wind}$ ;
- The load consumption  $P_{load}$ ;
- The power of hydro  $P_{gen}$ .

The network outputs were:

- The discrete binary flag for islanding ('0' for successful islanding and '1' for unsuccessful islanding);
- The flag for system power exchange with external grid ('0' for Power Export Pattern (PEP) and '1' for system Power Import Pattern (PIP)).

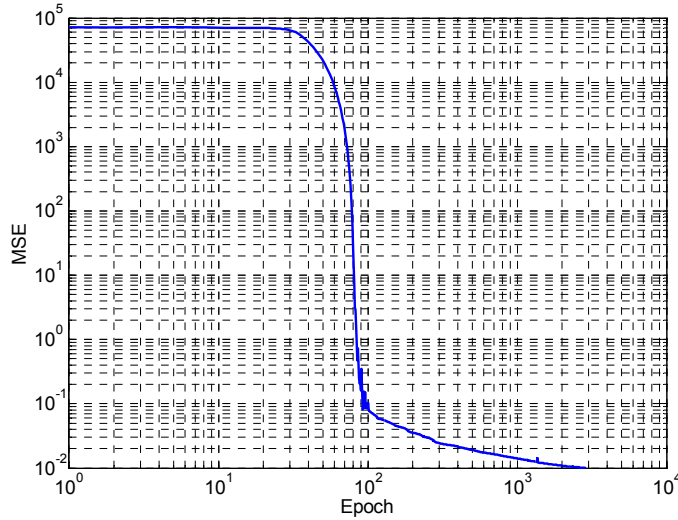


The network was designed in accordance with the six steps in **Table 7-17**. **Table 7-19** details the specific steps. With the test data, the MSEs for both results were small enough to validate that the ANN designed was acceptable. Its whole training process was recorded and is shown in **Figure 7-58**.

**Table D-2** and **Table D-3** in Appendix D list the example of the test data and its results for both two flags, respectively. The first column lists the target value, while the second column includes the results calculated by the designed ANN. The third column indicates the error in between.

**Table 7-19:** Network design for ISR with WT

Step No.	Step Function
1	Load the ISR data with WT in the Canadian rural feeder benchmark;
2	Divide the data into training set (3/5), and test set (2/5);
3	Create a network, including the design of: Number of perceptrons/neurons per layer: [50 50 2]; Number of layers: 3; Nonlinear transfer function per layer: 'tansig' 'tansig' 'tansig'; Back propagation algorithm: Resilient Backpropagation (trainrp).
4	Train the network: <pre>net1.performFcn = 'msereg'; net1.performParam.ratio = 0.5; net1.trainParam.show = 5; net1.trainParam.epochs = 300000; net1.trainParam.goal = 1e-2; [net1,tr]=train(net1,ptr,ttr);</pre>
5	Evaluate the network (Optionally test network on more data) ; Not applied.
6	Use 'sim' to put the network to use on new inputs: Mean Squared Error for the test data: Output 1 (flag_system): MSE=0.011 (see <b>Table D-2</b> ) Output 2 (flag_PEP/PIP): MSE= 0.0048 (see <b>Table D-3</b> )



**Figure 7-58:** Training process for ISR with WT in the Canadian rural feeder benchmark (MSE: Mean Squared Error; Epoch: Number of iterations for training).

Based on the ISR with WT, preventive control actions from the coordination scheme may be needed to ensure a successful islanding transition. This is realized by the second ANN in **Figure 7-57**.

First of all, the inputs and outputs of this network should be defined.

In this case, the network inputs were:

- The power of WT  $P_{wt}$ ;
- The wind speed  $V_{wind}$ ;
- The load consumption  $P_{load}$ ;
- The power of hydro  $P_{gen}$ ;
- The discrete binary flag for islanding ('0' for successful islanding and '1' for unsuccessful islanding);
- The discrete binary flag for system power exchange with external grid ('0' for PEP and '1' for PIP).

The network outputs were:

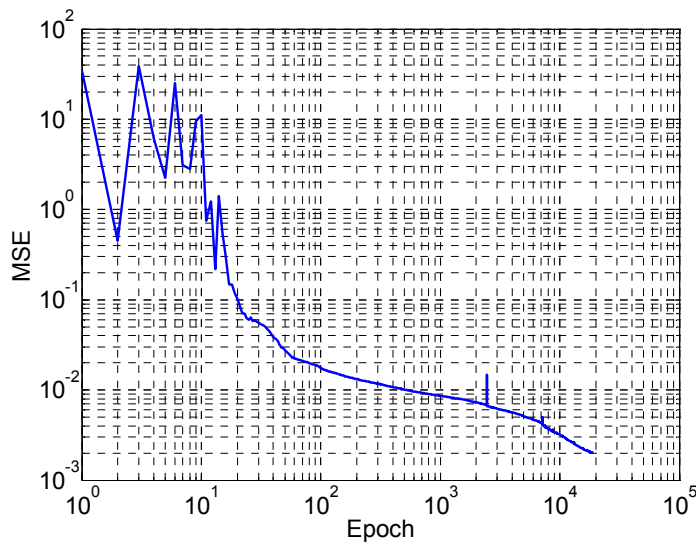
- The power setting for WT power output;
- The amount for load shedding.

The network was designed in accordance with the six steps in **Table 7-17**. **Table 7-20** details the specific steps. With the test data, the MSE was small enough to validate that the ANN designed was acceptable. Its whole training process was recorded and is shown in **Figure 7-59**.

**Table D-4** and **Table D-5** in Appendix D list the example of the test data and its results for both network outputs: power setting for WT and the load shedding amount. The first column lists the target value, while the second column includes the results calculated by the designed ANN. The third column indicates the error in between.

**Table 7-20:** Network design for coordination scheme

Step No.	Step Function
1	Load the coordination scheme data;
2	Divide the data into training set (3/5), and test set (2/5);
3	Create a network, including the design of: Number of perceptrons/neurons per layer: [ 50 50 2]; Number of layers: 3; Linear and nonlinear transfer function per layer: 'purelin' 'tansig' 'purelin'; Back propagation algorithm: Resilient Backpropagation (trainrp).
4	Train the network: <pre>net2.performFcn = 'msereg'; net2.performParam.ratio = 0.5; net2.trainParam.show = 5; net2.trainParam.epochs = 300000; net2.trainParam.goal = 2e-3; [net2,tr]=train(net2,ptr,ttr);</pre>
5	Evaluate the network (Optionally test network on more data); Not applied.
6	Use 'sim' to put the network to use on new inputs: Mean Squared Error for the test data: Output 1 ( $P_{wind}$ Pwind set value): MSE= 2.5385e-005 (see <b>Table D-4</b> ) Output 2 (amount for load shedding): MSE= 2.4826e-004 (see <b>Table D-5</b> )


**Figure 7-59:** Training process for coordination scheme (MSE: Mean Squared Error; Epoch: Number of iterations for training).

Based on the preliminary study above, it is feasible to apply the ANN to the designed ICA in order to realize the reduction of computation burden and an online application. If more accurate results from ANN are required, there are several options that could be of use:

- Reset the initial network weights and biases to new values with ‘init’ and train again;
- Select the optimal number for hidden layers;
- Increase the number of training vectors;
- Increase the number of inputs;
- Design and implement an online adaptive neural network for ICA (data for training and test can be regularly updated as the system evolves);
- Try a different training algorithm.

It is worth pointing out that for ANN application in this case, it is of great importance to generate reliable training data, which is related to the system network. The effect of the designed ICA depends on how those data can be improved and updated online in accordance with the change of system topology.

In this chapter, the feasibility for ANN application to ICA has been proved. With ANN application, the computation efficiency in terms of the ISR calculation could be effectively improved, without the expense of precision. This advantage presents its potential to be applied for online islanding security assessment.

# 8

## IMPLEMENTATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARCHITECTURE

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### **8.1 *Architecture implementation***

#### **8.1.1 Integration into Dynamic Security Assessment**

The Islanding Security Region (ISR) based islanding architecture and its associated co-ordination scheme (ICA) can be integrated into the online Dynamic Security Assessment (DSA), which is intended to predict the system security issue in terms of different selected severe disturbances/contingencies.

In fact, island operation can be considered as a disturbance to the islanded distribution system. It is related to the electromechanical transient stability or dynamic problem study. The degree of its severity depends on both the amount of power through the interconnection and how strong the system itself is. Thus, this study focuses on only one disturbance (namely, islanding) from all those disturbances that should be studied by DSA. This is because intentional island operation may become a useful measure to tackle the cascading issue, and consequently, to save the system from the blackout once the upstream grid is heavily stressed. However, it is still unknown how to utilize those Distributed Generations (DGs) occurring in the distribution system and what control architecture is needed. This has been stimulating utility's attention recently, due to the high penetration of DGs in the distribution system [8-1].

Dynamic Security Assessment (DSA) has been studied in many papers. As one fold of Security Assessment (SA), it corresponds to the investigation of disturbances which may lead to transient instabilities, while Static Security Assessment, as another fold, corresponds to those situations where the transients following the disturbance have died out, but the limit violations in the new steady-state operating point could not be tolerated for long [8-2].

As [8-3] points out, DSA is a general term which assesses rotor angle stability (transient stability and small signal stability), voltage stability, and frequency stability. It is a complex problem, as well as a challenge to provide comprehensive analysis with the required accuracy, speed and robustness. Nevertheless, there has been a higher requirement for a more rigorous online security assessment, caused by in particular the deregulated electricity market. Both [8-4] and [8-5] lists the highlighted factors leading to the great need for an online DSA.

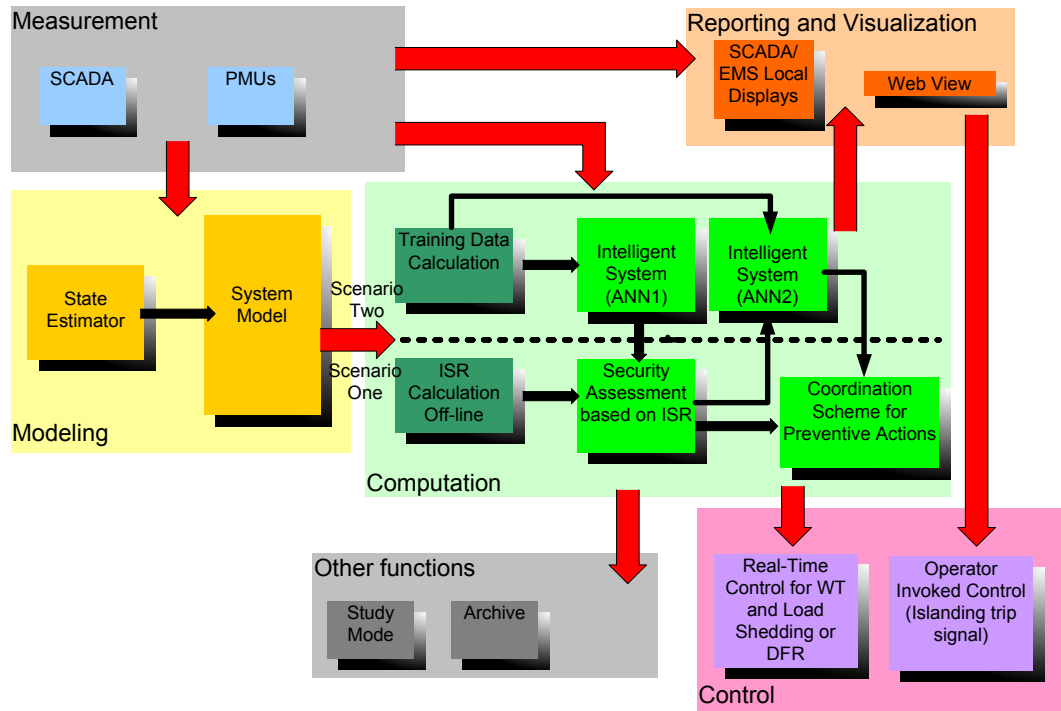
### 8.1.2 Components description

In [8-4], the components of an online DSA system are described. For the ICA designed in this PhD study, its main components for future online application can be described in a similar way.

In **Figure 8-60**, there are six function components: Measurement, Modeling, Computation, Reporting and Visualization, Control and Other functions.

- The Measurement component monitors and measures the main system data by either Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition system (SCADA)/Energy Management System (EMS) or Phasor Measurement Units (PMUs). Those data is sent to Modeling component, Computation component and Reporting and Visualization component;
- The Modeling component estimates the system states with the measured real-time system data to improve the system model;
- In Computation component, there are two scenarios, the one is without intelligent system, and the other is with intelligent system. (To tackle the heavy computation burden issue, machine learning techniques or intelligent systems are under study for DSA [8-6] [8-7]; Artificial Neural Network (ANN) is one of them, as Chapte 7 investigated.) For the scenario without intelligent system, noted as ‘Scenario One’ below the dashed line in **Figure 8-60**, the Computation component first calculates and plots the ISR offline, based on the improved system model, then SA and the corresponding coordination scheme would be processed for preventive actions, with the measured system data from Measurement component; for the scenario with intelligent system, noted as ‘Scenario Two’ above the dashed line, two sets of training data for the intelligent systems, ANN1 and ANN2, should be obtained, by conducting time domain simulation; ANN1 and ANN2 have been designed in Chpater 7; then SA and the corresponding coordination scheme would be processed. The benefit of ANN is the fast computation and their self-learning capability. At this stage, the results would be sent to Reporting and Visualization component, Control component and Other functions component;
- The Reporting and Visualization component can enable the system operator to understand and monitor the whole system with an overview picture in real time. Thus, system operator can control the system correctly, precisely and quickly with sufficient confidence; the results can be displayed both locally and on internet;
- In the Control component, once there is an islanding signal with adequate lead time for intentional island operation, the preventive actions suggested in Computation component would initiate the corresponding performances, such as the Wind Turbine (WT) power downward adjustment, load shedding, etc. Once preparation has been done, the trip signal would be sent and islanding is triggered;

- In Other functions component, those real time results data is archived for offline study purpose.

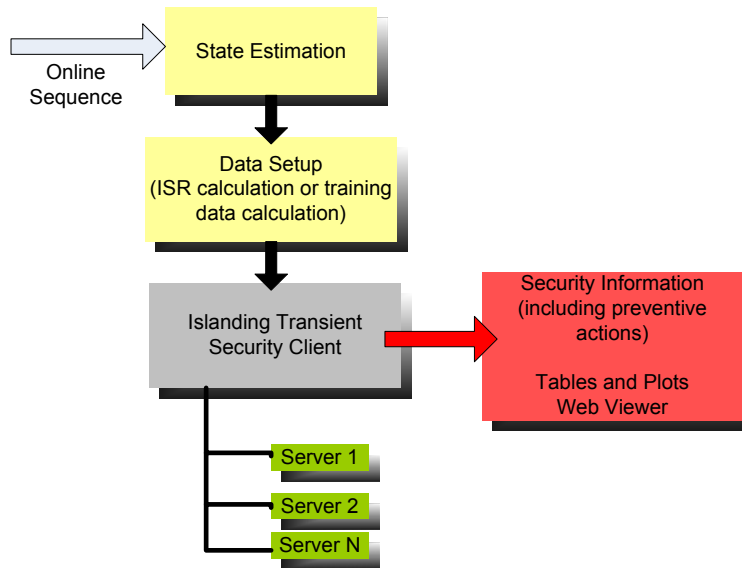


**Figure 8-60:** Components for online application of ISR based architecture and its coordination scheme.

### 8.1.3 Structure for integration

In [8-4], the basic structure of an online DSA system integrated into the SCADA/EMS is described. Similarly, a specific structure for the ICA integrated into the SCADA/EMS can be created (see **Figure 8-61**). The similar structure could smoothly integrate the ICA into DSA, and finally makes it beneficial to system operator.

First of all, those monitored and measured online system data is sent to state estimator, which improves the system model. Following that, the ISR can be calculated. If intelligent system is applied, the training data should be obtained instead. The islanding transient security assessment runs on a client machine with a number of servers to distribute the computation task, if heavy computation is expected. Afterwards, the results including the preventive actions are passed to the web server for observation purpose through SCADA/EMS.



**Figure 8-61:** Structure for ICA integrated into SCADA/EMS.

#### 8.1.4 Implementation description

With the clear picture about the main components and the structure for ICA integration into SCADA/EMS, this subchapter is intended to conceptually explore the implementation of this architecture in distribution system, as an add-on to SCADA/EMS.

In the beginning, ISR of one distribution system should be calculated. This requires a reliable system model/benchmark. Since ISR is formed by recording every domain simulation result for islanding, heavy computation burden is foreseeable. Therefore, ISR can only be obtained offline (It is worth noticing that the ISR should be updated as long as the system package, including system topology, generator parameters, and security criteria, is changed; this indicates that the ISR is coupled with system model and security criteria. The key is to update the ISR offline. However, it is difficult to update ISR in time, once the system structure is changed.). For 2 or 3 dimensions, visual ISR can be uploaded to SCADA/EMS and displayed in graphical format on a monitor in the control centre, while for higher dimensions, a lookup table subsuming the ISR information should be uploaded for system state comparison in tabular format.

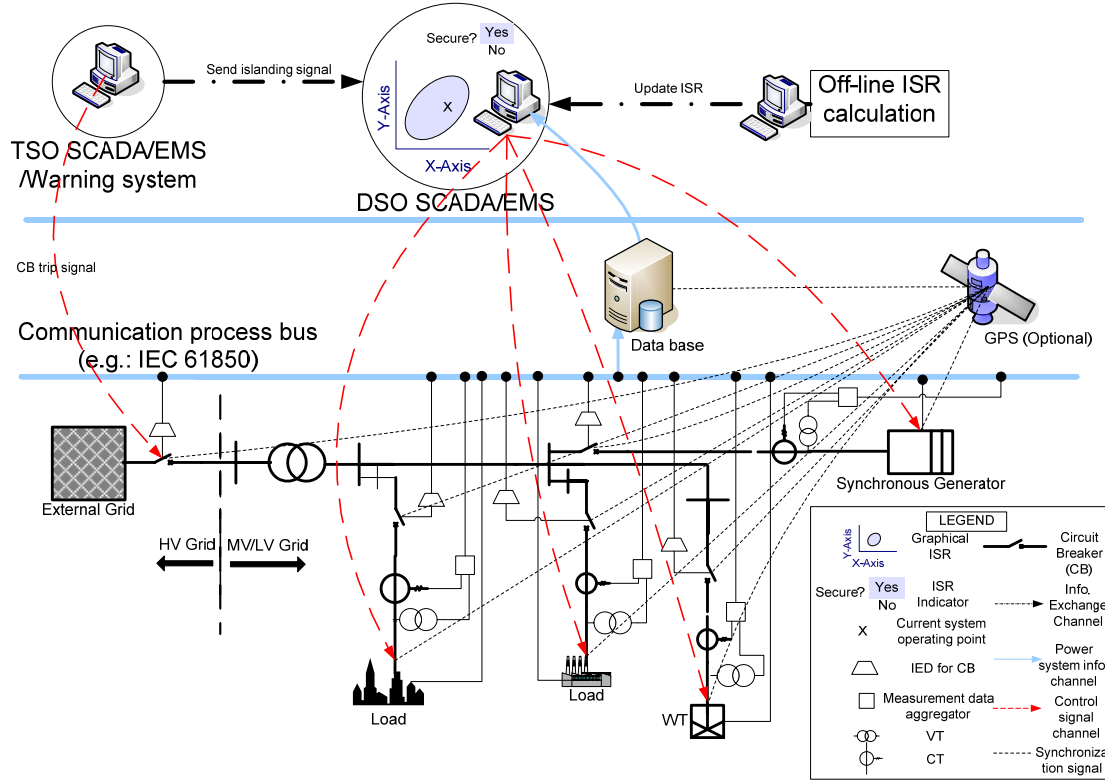
Once ISR is available, the real-time system operating state, collected by measurement system, can be localized on ISR (or compared with ISR lookup table), indicating whether or not this system could survive potential islanding at that particular moment. This will also assure the system operator that the system is fully under control (within ISR) or assist to pull system back into ISR, before the island operation.

In the latter instance, the coordination scheme would be initiated by an islanding signal, which is a warning for islanding from Transmission System Operator (TSO). This signal can be sent manually by TSO or automatically by the early warning system. With that, a certain amount of lead time for the trip of Circuit Breaker (CB) in terms of islanding is expected. Thus, the preventive actions, suggested by the scheme, have ade-



quate time to be implemented. Following that, the system operating state is back into the ISR and a successful islanding transition is ensured.

The diagram for architecture implementation is shown in **Figure 8-62**.



**Figure 8-62:** Diagram for architecture implementation.

### 8.1.5 Monitoring, Information exchange and Control

Notice that a reliable Monitoring, Information exchange and Control (MIC) communication system is indispensable for a successful ICA, because the information, including both measurement data and control signal, needs transported. Reference [8-8] provides a guideline for MIC application for Distributed Resources' interconnection with electric power system.

In particular for islanding architecture, this MIC system should be capable of the following functions:

- Measure and monitor the main system and component parameters; if synchronized information is needed, Wide Area Monitoring System (WAMS) should be applied through PMUs; in this study, those parameters are: system frequency, Rate Of Change Of Frequency (ROCOF), selected bus voltages, which are used to verify whether or not the ISR matches the reality; active and reactive power of generators, WTs (or other DGs) and loads, which are needed to localize the system operating state and verify if generation and load operate correspondingly; status of CBs of interconnection, which is to monitor the trip; wind speed, which is used for WT maximum power calculation; status of loads and information of DFR function, which are for load management; power control mode for syn-

chronous generators, which is to ensure dispatch mode is shifted to droop control mode;

- Send the measured and monitored information to system operator/SCADA/EMS and receive the islanding signal (note it is a warning signal, not a trip signal) from TSO/early warning system;
- Send the control signal created by coordination scheme and from system operator/SCADA/EMS to corresponding objects, for example, WT or loads.

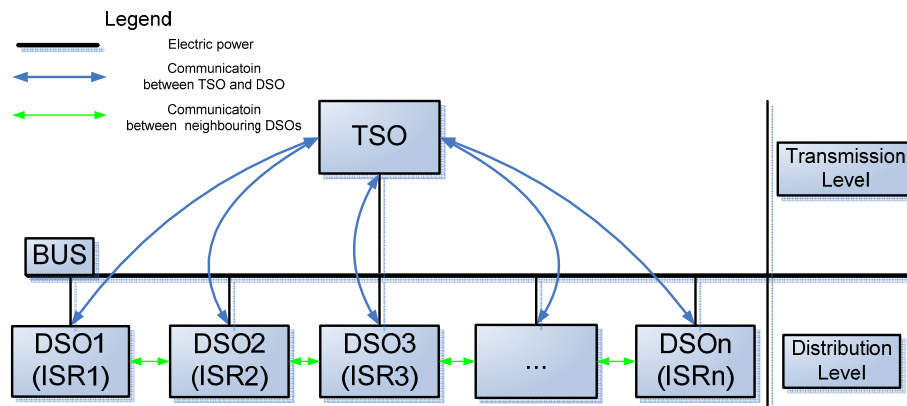
In [8-8], several main requirements for MIC communication system have been summarized. Among other things, interoperability is crucial, and it is true as well for the islanding architecture, since it may be applied to other systems with different DG technologies. Thus, a standardized communication system is required. In this regard, IEC 61850 [8-9] could be a promising candidate for the communication of the islanding architecture, if it could fulfill those functional requirements mentioned above.

## 8.2 Architecture development

### 8.2.1 Architecture extension

With the availability of ISR for every distribution system, it is forward looking to develop this ISR based architecture on the transmission level through coordination between TSO and Distribution System Operators (DSOs).

This executive vision is graphically shown in **Figure 8-63**.



**Figure 8-63:** Vision of potential development of ISR based architecture.

Every distribution system operator named as  $DSO_n$ , where  $n=0, 1, 2, \dots$ , is responsible for the calculation of its  $ISR_n$ , the calculation and the implementation of preventive actions from the coordination scheme, if required. At the same time, all  $n$  ISRs and the preventive actions are sent to TSO by DSOs. Then, TSO can make an optimal decision about which distribution systems should be islanded, after assessing comprehensive information in terms of intentional islanding, including the information from DSOs and itself, as listed below. Meanwhile, DSOs (mainly neighbouring DSOs) can also optionally communicate each other for coordination.

*Information from DSOs:*

- Power Import Pattern (PIP)/Power Export Pattern (PEP) for every distribution system;
- Which distribution system is stable (namely, within ISR), which is not;
- How fast the coordination scheme can be fully implemented (regarding the response of both generation and load);
- The degree of difficulty of implementation of coordination scheme;
- The degree of difficulty for reconnection after being islanded;
- Penetration of WTs;
- Load characteristics and the DFR or load shedding possibility;
- Number of synchronous generators (including back-up generators) and their droop control ability;
- ...

*Information from TSO:*

- How much the lead time is;
- What the disturbance/contingency is;
- Degree of dependency on every distribution system;
- ...

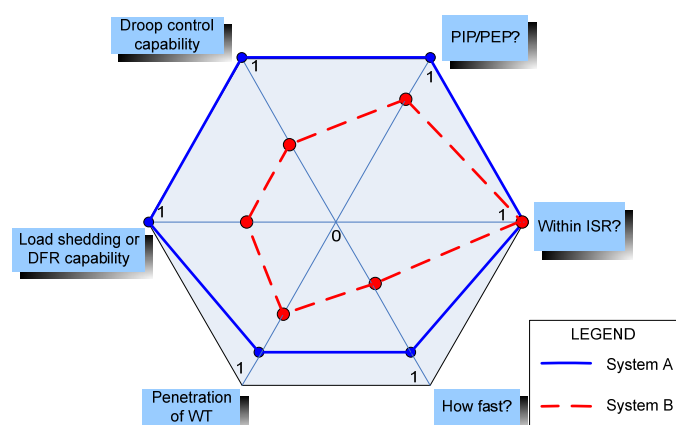
Those information, both discrete binary (e.g.: PIP or PEP) and continuous (e.g.: penetration of WTs), can be further weighted differently as security indexes, according to different situation.

For example, if the transmission system is overloaded by the trip of one line of a double circuit transmission corridor, TSO needs island one of its two distribution systems. These two systems have different conditions, listed in **Table 8-21**, which are weighted differently (note the criteria for security index are randomly chosen for illustration only. How to calculate security index in practice should be studied.).

Thus, a security index graph (see **Figure 8-64**) can be plotted and compared for system A and B. Obviously, System A should be islanded, as an optimal choice.

**Table 8-21:** System conditions

Assesment item	Sysem A	System B	Security Index (System A V.S. System B)
PIP/PEP	PIP with 10 MW difference	PIP with 8 MW difference	1.0 V.S. 0.8
Within ISR?	Yes	Yes	1.0 V.S. 1.0
How fast the coordination scheme can be fully implemented?	1 min	2 min	0.8 V.S. 0.4
Penetration of WTs	20%	30%	0.8 V.S. 0.6
DFR or load shedding possibility	High	Medium	1.0 V.S. 0.5
Number of synchronous generators and their droop control ability	3 Gen., all with Droop control	2 Gen., only one with droop control	1.0V.S. 0.5

**Figure 8-64:** Security index comparison.

### 8.2.2 Extra consideration for coordination scheme design

In Chapter 6, a specific coordination scheme has been designed for a Canadian rural feeder benchmark. For the case when load is required to be shed, the amount for load shedding is equal to the power imbalance.

To be more precise, the distance between the operating point and the ISR boundary could be used for the amount of load shedding and generation adjustment. But special consideration for the response speed of generator should be taken for islanding transition. Besides, if another factor: the least influence on load, is considered, following the

shortest distance is usually not the optimal choice for either generation adjustment or load shedding. This is demonstrated in **Figure 8-65**, with the following assumptions:

- 2-Dimension case is considered, with lumped generation and lumped load;
- System is operated within normal available range:

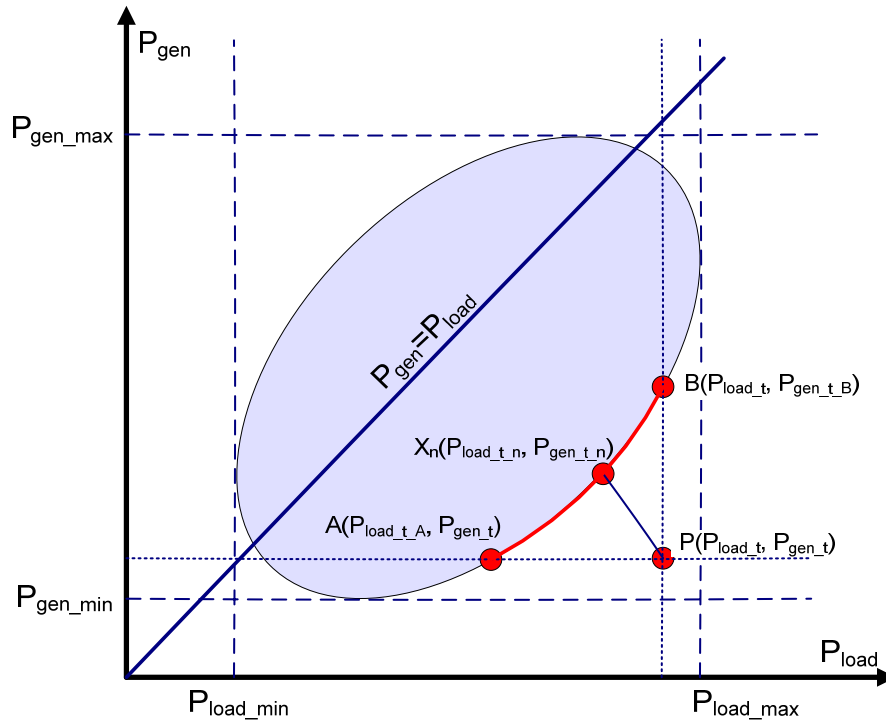
$$P_{gen\_t} \in [P_{gen\_min}, P_{gen\_max}] \text{ for generation, and}$$

$$P_{load\_t} \in [P_{load\_min}, P_{load\_max}] \text{ for load;}$$

At one moment  $t$ , system operating point  $P$  is outside its ISR, but still within the normal available range:  $P(P_{load\_t}, P_{gen\_t})$ , where

$$P_{gen\_t} \in [P_{gen\_min}, P_{gen\_max}] \quad (8.23)$$

$$P_{load\_t} \in [P_{load\_min}, P_{load\_max}] \quad (8.24)$$



**Figure 8-65:** Calculation of shortest distance from security boundary.

According to the response speed of generator, two scenarios can be studied: fast response speed for generation (scenario 1) and slow response speed for generation (scenario 2).

Assume the ISR function is  $f_{ISR}$ , and there are three points in **Figure 8-65**:

point  $A(P_{load\_t\_A}, P_{gen\_t})$ ,

point  $B(P_{load\_t}, P_{gen\_t\_B})$ ,

point  $X_n(P_{load\_t\_n}, P_{gen\_t\_n})$

( $X_n$  is the point between A and B on the ISR boundary.)

and

$$P_{load\_t\_n} \in [P_{load\_t\_A}, P_{load\_t}] \quad (8.25)$$

$$P_{gen\_t\_n} \in [P_{gen\_t}, P_{gen\_t\_B}] \quad (8.26)$$

$$P_{gen\_t} = f_{ISR}(P_{load\_t\_A}) \quad (8.27)$$

$$P_{gen\_t\_B} = f_{ISR}(P_{load\_t}) \quad (8.28)$$

$$P_{gen\_t\_n} = f_{ISR}(P_{load\_t\_n}) \quad (8.29)$$

Thus,

$$\overline{PX_n} = \sqrt{(P_{load\_t} - P_{load\_t\_n})^2 + (P_{gen\_t\_n} - P_{gen\_t})^2} \quad (8.30)$$

$$\overline{PA} = P_{load\_t} - P_{load\_t\_A} \quad (8.31)$$

$$\overline{PB} = P_{gen\_t\_B} - P_{gen\_t} \quad (8.32)$$

In **Figure 8-65**, the shortest distance  $D_{shortest}$  is:

$$D_{shortest} = \min(\overline{PX_n}, n = 1, 2, \dots) \quad (8.33)$$

For scenario 1,  $\overline{PB}$  would be the amount for generation adjustment, considering the least influence on load; while for scenario 2,  $\overline{PA}$  would be the amount for load shedding, since generation responses too slowly to adjust before the islanding trip. This highlights the importance of information of distribution system, mentioned in 8.2.1.

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## CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

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### 9.1 Conclusion

The main outcome of this PhD study is ISR based ICA. The ISR concept, proposed, designed, and applied in this study, has exposed its capability to quantify and visualize the degree of security for island operation. Besides, its associated coordination scheme could perform a proactive diagnosis and correspondingly initiate preventive actions to pull the system back into ISR.

Regarding its concept design, application, improvement, and implementation, a number of conclusions are worth being highlighted as follows.

#### 9.1.1 Concept design and application

With the ISR, the system operator can be well informed whether or not a specific distribution system, at any instant, can successfully handle a possible islanding transition, due to either maintenance or a disturbance from the upstream grid.

There are several factors that would affect the ISR. Five main factors are different criteria for islanding assessment, the droop of governor, the load characteristics, the gain of voltage regulator, and different power dispatches among generators.

In addition, the following factors may also affect ISR:

- Availability/variation range of generators and loads;
- Voltage/frequency dependence of loads; (in this study, loads were modeled with constant power: the most pessimistic situation.)
- Resolution of every step for both generation and load increase (the amount by which generators and loads are created every time), and it is related to the denseness of the ISR as subchapter 4.3.1 described; the smaller the step (more continuous), the better; but more computation time is required;
- Control schemes that are applied:
  - whether or not load management is applied: load shedding, DFR, etc.;
  - whether or not Wind Turbines are controlled.

Based on the previous study, both frequency and voltage criteria may affect the ISR. However, the assessment criteria can be reduced to frequency, if the study of the load characteristics proves that frequency and voltage can be decoupled.

ISR is less sensitive to the gain of voltage regulator, compared to other factors.

Appropriate power dispatches among generators should be well planned to ensure a good load sharing performance during the island operation.

DFR can effectively enlarge the ISR, and eventually increase the probability for successful system island operation.

ISR based coordination scheme can support island operation, by activating preventive remedial actions (such as WT power adjustment and load shedding in this study), in a self-adapting style, as long as an islanding warning signal is sent with considerable lead time and corresponding system components can respond fast.

For the coordination scheme design, the response speed of different system components needs taken into account.

### **9.1.2 Application of Artificial Neural Network**

It is feasible to apply ANN to the designed ICA in order to improve computation efficiency for future online application.

If more accurate results from ANN are required, there are several options that could be of use:

- Reset the initial network weights and biases to new values with ‘init’ and train again;
- Select the optimal number of hidden layers;
- Increase the number of training vectors;
- Increase the number of inputs;
- Design and implement an online adaptive neural network for ICA (data for training and test can be regularly updated as the system evolves);
- Try a different training algorithm.

It is worth pointing out that for ANN application in this case, it is of great importance to generate reliable training data, which is related to the system network. The effect of the designed ICA depends on how those data can be improved and updated online in accordance with the change of system topology.

### **9.1.3 Architecture implementation**

ICA has great potential to be integrated into DSA.

A warning signal with considerable lead time for islanding is required if coordination scheme is expected to perform effectively.

A reliable MIC communication system is indispensable for a successful ICA, because the information, including both measurement data and control signal, needs transported.

## **9.2 Future work**

The future work can be divided into three aspects: the concept development part, the modeling and simulation part, and the test part.



### **9.2.1 Concept development**

The ICA designed in this study focuses on the islanding transition period. In the future, ICA should also cover islanding mode and the transition from islanding mode to grid connection mode. In case of blackout, black start strategy should be included in ICA as well.

Criteria for island operation are critical, and they need further investigated, based on utility experience or recommendation and practical considerations (e.g.: effects on equipments/customers/power quality); they could be the range for the variation of stationary/temporary frequency, transient frequency gradient, the time for stationary frequency assessment, and the same for voltage, also the ratio of voltage to frequency.

If voltage issue in system is of great concern, the ICA should consider the voltage control scheme.

In Chapter 8, the structure for ICA extension to transmission level was designed. With this structure, the demonstration work with more than one distribution systems in simulation tool could be performed in the future.

How to define the algorithm for different security indexes, mentioned in Chapter 8, is another interesting work. This can assist the system operator to optimize the selection of distribution system candidates for island operation.

### **9.2.2 Modeling and simulation**

In this study, the loads were modeled as constant power loads. In order to be more realistic, the diversity of load models, such as constant impedance load, constant current load, load with voltage/freq. dependence, should be presented, based on the study on the system loads in reality.

It is valuable to apply the ICA to different network scenarios with different structures, generation mix, and load mix. ICA for DGs or loads with power electronics interface can be investigated. Storage devices, such as battery and flywheels can be included to strengthen the system ability for island operation.

### **9.2.3 Test**

With the implementation structure introduced in Chapter 8, it would be beneficial to realize the application of ICA in the lab for test. If the feedback is promising, the on-site test could be the next step.



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# A

## PAPER FOR BORNHOLM ISLAND OPERATION

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## I. INTRODUCTION

As shown in Fig. 1, Bornholm is a Danish island in the Baltic Sea, which is situated in the east of Denmark, the south of Sweden and the north of Poland. According to [1], the electric power system in Bornholm is a distribution network consisting of three voltage levels: 60 kV, 10 kV and 0.4 kV. At 60 kV level, the network has 18 nodes, 23 60/10 kV transformers with On-Load Tap Changer (OLTC), 22 cables and overhead lines. Besides, there is one 60 kV sea cable with 60 MW capacity [2], connecting the Bornholm system to the Swedish system. This cable makes Bornholm a part of the Nordic power system that covers Sweden, Finland, Norway and Eastern Denmark. The Bornholm system is normally inter-connected with the Nordic system.

The peak load in Bornholm is 63 MW while the minimum load is 13 MW in 2007. The generators include 14 Diesel (Oil) units with a total capacity of 35 MW, 1 steam plant

(BLOK 5) with 25 MW capacity, 1 Combined Heat and Power plant (CHP) (BLOK 6) with 37 MW capacity, 35 Wind Turbines (WTs) with a total capacity of 30 MW and one 2 MW Biogas plant (BLOK 7) [1], [3]. Given so many wind turbines in Bornholm, the maximum penetration level of wind power with respect to minimum load can reach 231% in 2007, and 32.4% of electricity supply was already from wind energy, compared to 19.7% for the whole Denmark [4]. This percentage will be even higher, in that “A Visionary Danish Energy Policy 2025”, published by the Danish government on 19<sup>th</sup>, January 2007, has highlighted that at least 30% of total energy consumption in Denmark should be supplied by renewable resources [5]. To fulfill this goal, the new policy expects that 50% of total electricity demand should be supplied by wind power by 2025. Since Bornholm already has a high share of electricity supplied by renewable energy, particularly wind power, its system can be a representative of future systems, so as the challenges that have appeared in system operation and control.

From time to time, the sea cable to Sweden was disrupted by the anchor of ships that passed around the island, which forced Bornholm system to run into islanding mode in periods of several weeks. During those periods, frequency control of the system became fairly difficult and the Distribution System Operator (DSO) Østkraft had to shut down most WTs. The experiences of those islanding operations in practice reveal that the existing technology failed to operate such system with high penetration of WTs. In order to achieve clear understanding of the challenge, the system performance during islanding operation periods should be analyzed carefully, which is the main focus of this paper. Such analysis will provide useful insights into the nature of the problem and then facilitate the research and development of new technologies in need.

In this paper, the system performance analysis is based on the data from a planned islanding operation in Bornholm, since it has not been possible to collect all needed data during previous islanding accidents. Those system data, including frequency, voltage, current, power, phase angle, etc., were collected by three measurement systems: the SCADA system for monitoring and operation [6], SonWin system for business transactions [7] and two Phasor Measurement Units (PMUs) [8]. In addition, there is a measurement system for six Vestas WTs [9]. Details of these systems are presented in Table I.



Fig. 1. Location of Bornholm

TABLE I  
MEASUREMENT SYSTEMS IN BORNHOLM

System	Supplier	Time resolution	Data items
Settlement system-SONWIN	SONLINC	15 minutes	Average Active Power (MW) and Reactive Power (Mvar)
SCADA system - Network Manager for 60 kV and 10 kV network	ABB	10 seconds 1 minute 1 hour	Current (A), Voltage (kV), Power Factor (Cos phi), Tap Position, Frequency (Hz, only in HASLE station), Active Power (MW) and Reactive Power (Mvar) in sea cable (only in HASLE station)
PMU system	CET, DTU	20 ms	UTC, Voltage (kV), Current (A), Phase Angles (degree) of Voltage and Current, Frequency (Hz), Change rate of Frequency (df/dt)
VestasOnline® Business SCADA system for 6 wind turbines	VESTAS	instant	Status, Power, Wind Speed, Voltage, Current, Temperatures and Alarms
		10-minute average	Mean Values, Standard Deviations, Minimum and Maximum Values

Since frequency control is the challenge in focus and the PMUs have high accuracy and fine time resolution (20ms) [10], we mainly analyzed the PMU frequency data. The measurement of PMUs is synchronous to Universal Time Coordinated system or UTC. (UTC is 2 hours later than Central European Summer Time, or CEST.) The data therefore can accurately reflect the system status at exactly the same moment. Section III explains the PMU frequency data in detail after Section II, which describes the planned islanding operation. In Section VI, relevant analysis results are presented. Finally, Section V draws several conclusions.

## II. THE PLANNED ISLANDING OPERATION

From 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> September 2007, DSO Østkraft conducted a planned islanding operation. The purposes are to test the system's capability to go into islanding operation mode and to accumulate operation experience. Centre for Electric Technology (CET) at Technical University of Denmark (DTU) was invited to participate and the task was to collect all measurement data and perform analysis subsequently.

The whole operation was conducted in three major stages. At the first stage, Bornholm system was operated under the grid-connection mode, where it was synchronized to the Nordic system and participated in Nord Pool, i.e., the Nordic electricity market. The demand was supplied mainly by the sea cable, WTs and BLOK6. Before disconnection, several planned operations have been conducted in sequence. First, most WTs were shut down. This is because in previous islanding operations, BLOCK 6 was unable to follow up with

the fluctuations of wind power if too much was integrated. Second, in order to replace the power supplied by the sea cable, the normally out-of-service BLOK5 was gradually started to produce power. This, together with other generators, limited the power flow in the cable to the least level, preparing for a smooth transition later on.

The second stage includes the disconnection operation and the following islanding operation mode. Once the sea cable was disconnected, Bornholm system was asynchronous to Nordic system and became a separated 60 kV Medium Voltage Microgrid [11]. It did not participate in Nord Pool any more; instead, the electricity was traded in a regulated way at a fixed or contracted price. After around one day, three large WTs with 6 MW capacity in total were started and continued produce power afterwards. At this stage, BLOK5 and BLOK6 supplied the most demand while the three WTs only supplied less than 4% of the total demand, which was much lower than the level under grid-connection mode.

Bornholm system was synchronized and returned to grid-connection mode by reconnecting the sea cable. Subsequently, the power from BLOK5 was gradually decreased to zero, and the power through the sea cable was increased to the normal level within around one hour after reconnection. Meanwhile, all WTs were in service and Bornholm system can participate in Nord Pool again. This is the last stage.

Those three stages have been summarized in Table II.

## III. FREQUENCY DATA

### A. Extracting Data from PMUs

The frequency in Bornholm was measured by the PMU - BORNH1, which is installed on the low voltage side of the machine transformer of BLOK5. The frequency data from PMU - HVE400, which is installed on the 400 kV high voltage side of a substation in Zealand (within Eastern Denmark), are used for comparison purpose, since they are the frequency of the Nordic system.

Due to a calibration problem of BORNH1, the frequency data are not complete for the whole islanding period, except phase angle data. Nevertheless, the missing frequency data  $f$  can be calculated from the phase angle difference  $\Delta\theta$  using

$$f = 50 \cdot \frac{2\pi - \Delta\theta}{2\pi} \quad (1)$$

TABLE II  
STAGES OF THE ISLANDING OPERATION IN SEPTEMBER, 2007

Stage	Operation	Time (CEST)
Stage One	Nordic Grid-connection	Before 07:25, 11-09
Stage Two	Disconnection	At 07:25, 11-09
	Islanding operation	From 07:25, 11-09 to 13:00, 14-09
Stage Three	Reconnection	At 13:00, 14-09
	Nordic Grid-connection	After 13:00, 14-09



with acceptable approximation. Thus, the frequency data in Bornholm for analysis consist of two parts: one includes the frequency calculated from phase angle; the other is directly from BORNH1. Their availability within the islanding operation period is shown in Fig. 2.

Equation (1) approximates the frequency based on phase angle. To validate such approximation, we compared the calculated frequency data with PMU frequency data in the part with both angle and frequency data. The results showed that approximation by (1) would introduce additional noise into the resultant frequency data. Such noise, due to the difference between interpolation to frequency and interpolation to phase angle, has been analyzed. To smooth out the noise, one 4-sample moving average filter was applied to the data. The selected filtering algorithm can provide satisfactory performance. This will not be analyzed in detail herein, since it is not the focus of this paper. The filter used can be expressed as:

$$y(n) = \frac{1}{4}x(n) + \frac{1}{4}x(n-1) + \frac{1}{4}x(n-2) + \frac{1}{4}x(n-3) \quad (2)$$

where  $x$  represents the data before being filtered and  $y$  is the resultant data.

### B. Time Plots of the Frequency Data

The frequencies in Nordic system and Bornholm during the islanding operation period are shown together in Fig. 3, which corresponds to Fig. 2. Bornholm was disconnected from Sweden at 05:25, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> and reconnected back at 11:00, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007 UTC.

Compared with the Nordic system, the Bornholm frequency fluctuated much more and several severe high/low frequency spikes were observed. To attain clear pictures of the critical transition process, the 20 min time plots of frequency around both disconnection and reconnection moments have been

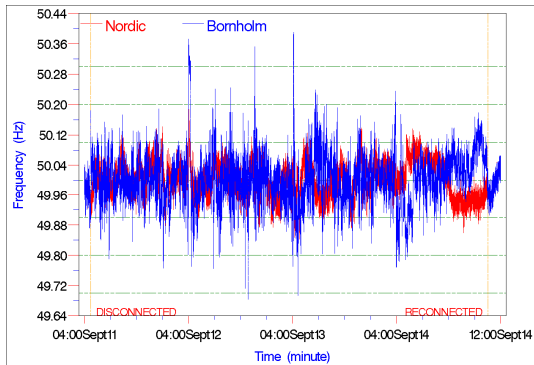
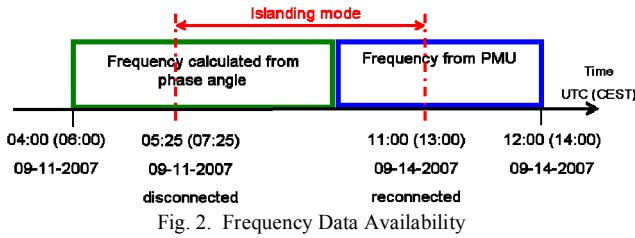


Fig. 3. Plot of Available Frequency Data

presented in Fig. 4 and 5, respectively. At the moment of disconnection, there was some power exported to Nordic system since Bornholm frequency jumped from 49.90 Hz to around 50.18 Hz. Before the reconnection moment in Fig. 5, the power production in Bornholm was adjusted gradually to make the frequency as close to the Nordic system frequency as possible. Once reconnected, the Bornholm system was fully synchronous to the Nordic system, as shown in Fig. 6. However, due to the inrush current at the reconnection moment, the bus voltages in the relatively weak Bornholm system experienced fluctuations, resulting in less than 2s fluctuation of Bornholm frequency measured by BORNH1.

As summarized in Table III, 3 complete days' frequency data have been abstracted from the islanding period for comparison studies in section VI.

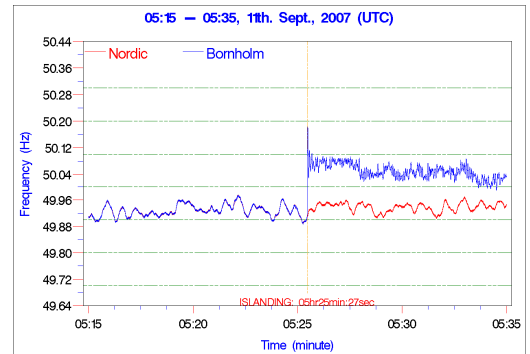


Fig. 4. Disconnection Moment

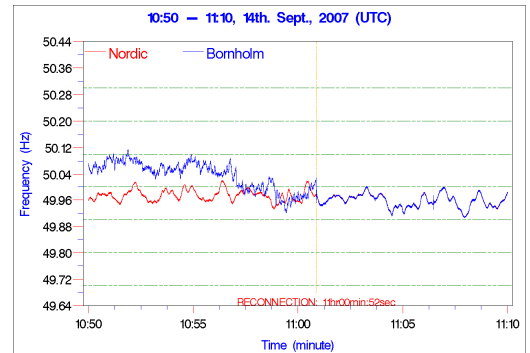


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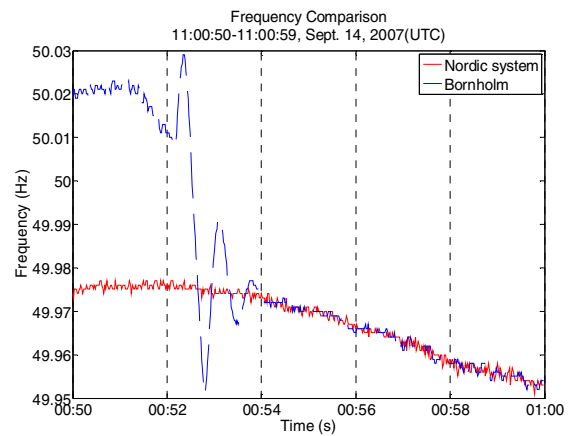


Fig. 6. Zoomed in Reconnection Moment

TABLE III  
DEFINITION OF 3 DAYS

	FROM (UTC)	TO (UTC)
Day 1	10:00 11-09-2007	10:00 12-09-2007
Day 2	10:00 12-09-2007	10:00 13-09-2007
Day 3	10:00 13-09-2007	10:00 14-09-2007

#### IV. STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

The analysis has been performed using Statistical Analysis System or SAS software [12]. Maximal, minimal and mean frequency have been calculated and shown in Fig. 7 for each day, based on 4,320,000 data points per day. Besides, the histograms for both Nordic and Bornholm system during 3 days are compared in Fig. 8.

From Fig. 7 and 8, it is obvious that Bornholm had larger maximal and smaller minimal frequency for each day and the frequency deviated much more than its counterpart in Nordic system. This is understandable since the islanded Bornholm system had less inertia and less reserve for frequency control, resulting in higher vulnerability to small disturbances. According to Nordic Grid code 2007 [13], the normal frequency range should be within 49.90-50.10 Hz. During the 3-day's period, the frequency probability within that range in Bornholm is 91.29%, which is lower than 98.77% in the Nordic system. In addition, the goal for the duration of system operation outside  $50 \pm 0.1$  Hz in the Nordic system is suggested to be less than 1200min/year, or correspondingly

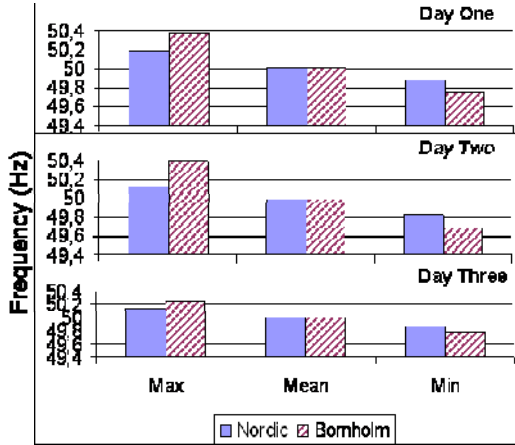


Fig. 7. Max/Min Value for Three Days

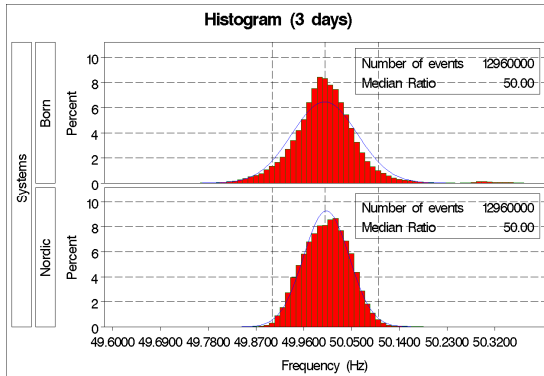


Fig. 8. Frequency Histograms of 3 Days

less than 0.228% in a one year period [14]. It is clear that the frequency quality in Bornholm was considerably decreased in Fig. 9, indicating that the Nordic Grid code can not be well fulfilled.

To further probe the feature of low/high frequency ( $f < 49.90$  Hz /  $f > 50.10$  Hz) events, we have plotted the durations of such events versus their counts in Fig. 10 and 11. As observed in both figures, Bornholm has more short and long events of both low and high frequency. This reconfirms the findings in previous figures that the frequency control under the islanding mode becomes more challenging due to insufficient inertia and reserve.

In addition, the probabilities of low frequency ( $f < 49.90$  Hz) have been plotted versus the minute of the hour in Fig. 12 and 13 for Bornholm and Nordic system, respectively. In the authors' previous work [15], strong correlation between time and low frequency probability has been proved due to the hourly market operation, based on a large amount of frequency data. However, the similar pattern could not be observed in Fig. 12 and 13. This is mainly due to insufficient data amounts for Nordic system.

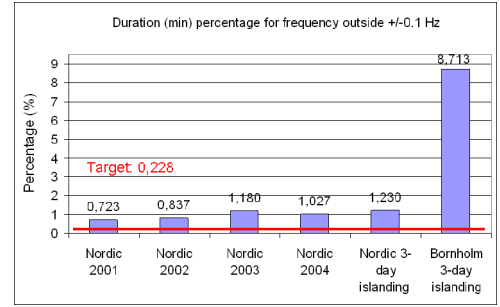


Fig. 9. Duration Percentage Comparison

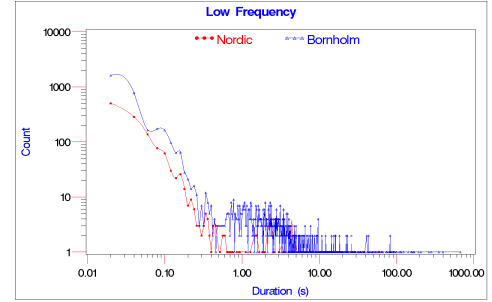


Fig. 10. Low Frequency Duration Analysis

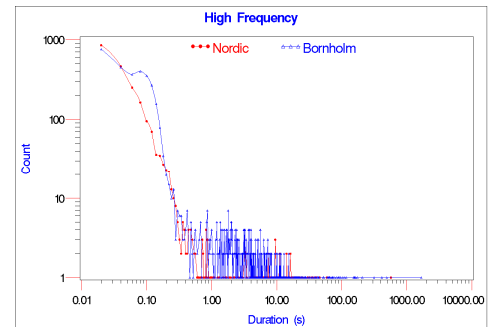


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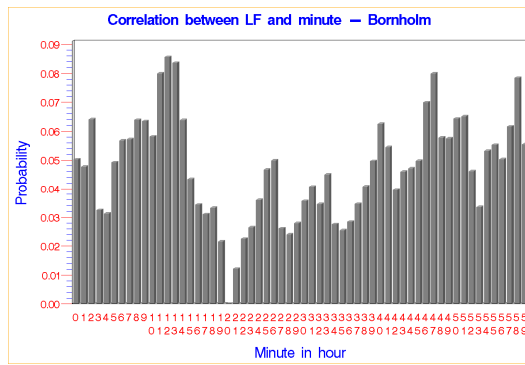


Fig. 12. Correlation for Low Frequency in Bornholm

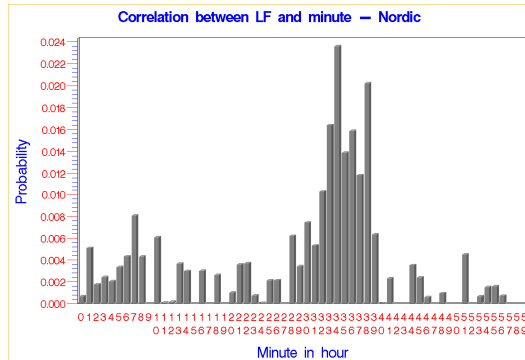


Fig. 13. Correlation for Low Frequency in Nordic System

For Bornholm, this is because it was no longer in the Nord Pool hour-by-hour market after being islanded. However, Fig. 12 and 13 demonstrate again that the Bornholm frequency deviated from the nominal 50 Hz more than that in the Nordic system.

## V. CONCLUSION

With the planned islanding operation and the frequency analysis, some conclusions can be drawn:

First, the planned islanding operation in Bornholm is feasible, although well planned preparations are required beforehand, such as the adjustment of power through the sea cable, most WTs should be shut down and BLOK5 needs started. Those experience obtained can be beneficial to future similar operations.

Furthermore, the frequency analysis demonstrates that frequency deteriorated under islanding mode, even though wind power production only accounted for a small share of total electricity supply and the frequency control became difficult due to insufficient inertia and reserve.

Thirdly, the analysis makes it clear that new technologies need to be developed in order to secure the power supply of future systems with high penetration of intermittent Distributed Generations, like Bornholm. The new solutions should enable systems to perform flexible islanding operation during emergency, maintenance or even under the condition of poor power quality. This requires active utilization of all available resources including the electricity demand. As an

effective attempt, the Demands as Frequency controlled Reserve (DFR) technology has been investigated with promising results achieved [16]. It has been found that many end-user demands, like refrigerators, freezers and electric heating, can be interrupted for short durations with little effects to customers. Therefore, the DFR is able to support frequency control under various conditions, including the islanding operation. Other technologies that can facilitate flexible islanding operations should also be investigated, including frequency control of WTs, storage devices, etc.

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## **PAPER FOR ISLANDING DATA ANALYSIS**

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## I. INTRODUCTION

### A. Wind power and Islanding Operation in Bornholm

In Denmark, most electric distribution systems have a high penetration of distributed Wind Turbines (WTs) or/and Combined Heat and Power (CHP) plants. This penetration level will become even higher in the future. Among other things, the power system in a Danish island – Bornholm is characterized as a system with plenty of wind power and is considered as a representative to the future distribution system: on the one hand, it had 30 MW WTs in 2007, which accounts for almost half of the maximum load in Bornholm; on the other hand, its 32.4% electricity were supplied by wind power during the same year, compared to 19.7% for the whole Denmark [1].

However, this system was not originally designed to absorb so many Distributed Generations (DGs), which may result in negative impacts on the security of power supply. In order to maintain the security of power supply during emergency situations, islanding operation has stimulated recent research interests. This will require the DGs to continue produce electricity and assist to maintain the power balance, if the distribution system has to be islanded, either due to a

disturbance or fault in the upstream system, or due to a system maintenance.

Because of the complexity of the high penetration of WTs and CHPs, we need to investigate new control architecture for the islanding operation, especially for the transition moment, from grid-connection mode to islanding mode, by coordinating WTs, CHPs and other distributed resources efficiently and effectively, in order to ensure the system stability. The foundation of such investigation should be based on both the experience and the knowledge that could be obtained from the analysis of a practical islanding operation for such a system. From September 11<sup>th</sup>. 2007 to September 14<sup>th</sup>. 2007, the Centre for Electric Technology (CET) at Technical University of Denmark (DTU) was involved in a one week long planned islanding operation, conducted by the Distribution System Operator (DSO) Østkraft in the Danish island – Bornholm. However, during this operation, all WTs were shut down at the transition moment and only three WTs were reconnected later after the islanding was performed to prevent the potential instability problem, caused by the fluctuation of wind power.

Normally, the Bornholm power system is part of the interconnected Nordic system, with a 60 kV sea cable connecting to the south Sweden, as shown in Fig. 1.

It can form an isolated power system and enter the islanding operation mode, by disconnecting the sea cable. One paper [2] by the authors explains the details about the procedures of this planned islanding operation. During the islanding period, different system data were collected by four measurement systems as listed in Table I. It is of great importance to analyze those data in order to understand the operation before we design an effective and efficient control architecture.

### B. Phasor Measurement Units

Among those four measurement systems, we mainly analyze the data from Phasor Measurement Units (PMU), which are designed and produced by CET at DTU. PMUs are mainly applied to the Wide-Area Monitoring System (WAMS) [3], by which the system operators can hold a comprehensive overview about the system status in real-time, given that the PMUs can provide measurements such as synchronized voltage/current phasors, frequency and other information at different locations. The PMU measurements are synchronized through the Global Position System (GPS)



[4], which means the data collected by PMUs installed in different parts of the grid are comparable on the same absolute time basis. Besides, they also have high time resolution - 20 ms [5], which can provide detailed measurement data on a specific event, for example, a contingency with high or low frequency event.

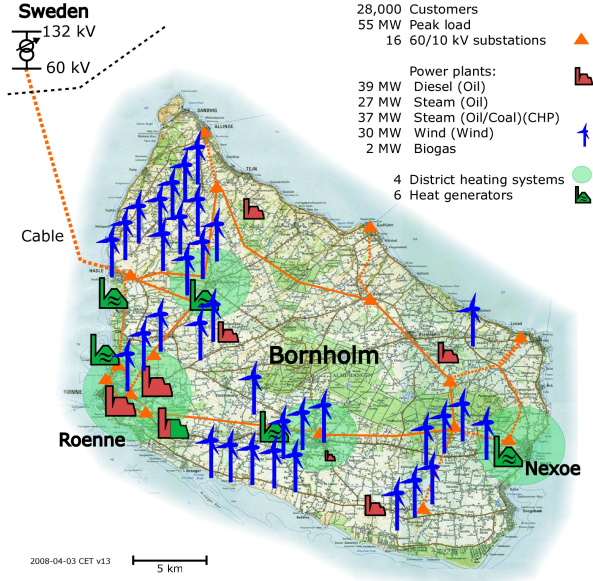


Fig.1 Bornholm power system

TABLE I  
MEASUREMENT SYSTEMS IN BORNHOLM

System	Supplier	Time resolution	Data items
Settlement system-SONWIN	SONLINC	15 minutes	Average Active Power (MW) and Reactive Power (Mvar)
SCADA system - Network Manager for 60 kV and 10 kV network	ABB	10 seconds 1 minute 1 hour	Current (A), Voltage (kV), Power Factor (Cos phi), Tap Position, Frequency (Hz, only in HASLE station), Active Power (MW) and Reactive Power (Mvar) in sea cable (only in HASLE station)
Phasor Measurement Units (PMU) system	CET, DTU	20 ms	UTC, Voltage (kV), Current (A), Phase Angles (degree) of Voltage and Current, Frequency (Hz), Change rate of Frequency (df/dt)
VestasOnline® Business SCADA system for 6 wind turbines	VESTAS	instant	Status, Power, Wind Speed, Voltage, Current, Temperatures and Alarms
		10-minute average	Mean Values, Standard Deviations, Minimum and Maximum Values

### C. Problems during the data processing

This paper focuses on the analysis of the frequency data from the PMUs since the system frequency reflects the system-wide panorama of the power balance, which is the major concern during an islanding operation.

Due to a program loading problem of the PMU measurement system, the data collected by one of those two PMUs, which were installed in Bornholm during the islanding period, were not as complete as we expected, and part of the frequency data were unfortunately missing, but all the phase angle data were recorded. This PMU was installed at the low voltage terminal of a steam power plant - Blok5. While the data from the other PMU, installed at the low voltage side of a CHP plant - Blok6, were too fragmentary to be analyzed due to its over-heated ambient environment during the islanding period.

In order to improve the data, this paper intends to describe the methods that the authors applied to calculate those missing frequency data from the PMU phase angle. Then, the authors explain why there were noises introduced into the calculated frequency data, and analyze the filtering system for mitigating the noises, in order to make the data acceptable for the statistics analysis.

Individually, section II introduces the installed PMUs, followed by section III, which describes the PMU original data, the problems during the acquisition processing and the solution to calculating missing frequency from phase angle. In section IV, the authors explain how the data can be improved by a moving average filter, and then the final frequencies from both Nordic system and Bornholm system during the islanding operation are analyzed. In the end, section V draws several conclusions related to data acquisition in power system.

## II. PMU MEASUREMENT SYSTEM

At present, there are several commercial PMUs available from different manufacturers in the market. Although they are manufactured according to the IEEE C37.118 synchrophasors standard, there are still some technical aspects which have not been regulated. Therefore, different manufacturers can have their own designs [6], [7]. It is adequate for customers to purchase them for application purpose, while it is difficult to look into their design details for research purpose, due to the intellectual property rights issues. Besides, most commercial PMUs are rather expensive. Thus, CET at DTU has ever since 2000 designed, produced and deployed its own PMUs for the Danish power system, based on the IEEE standard.

Until July 2009, CET at DTU has 10 PMUs installed in the whole Danish power system, as listed in Table II. Two PMUs, installed in the high voltage grid (400 kV), are located in Western Denmark, which is part of the Central European system. There are another two PMUs: PMU-Bornholm (blok5) and PMU-Bornholm (blok6), both of which are installed on the low voltage (10 kV) side of the two generators, blok5 and blok6, respectively, in the Bornholm



island. The rest are installed in the Eastern Denmark, which belongs to the Nordic system.

In spite of CET PMUs, Energinet.dk, which is the Danish electricity and gas transmission system operator, has also PMUs installed and operated in Denmark, as shown in Table II as well. Given all these PMUs, the Danish power system can be monitored in real-time and the system phasor data can be collected.

TABLE II  
OVERVIEW OF CET & ENERGINET.DK PMUS UNTIL JULY 2009

	PMU	Voltage	Status	Area	Owner
1	Vester Hassing	400 kV	In operation	Central Europe	CET, DTU
2	Tjele	400 kV	In operation	Central Europe	CET, DTU
3	Bornholm (blok5)	10 kV	In operation	Nordic	CET, DTU
4	Bornholm (blok6)	10 kV	Installed	Nordic	CET, DTU
5	Asnæs	400 kV	In operation	Nordic	CET, DTU
6	DTU1, Kgs. Lyngby	0.4 kV	In operation	Nordic	CET, DTU
7	Radsted	132 kV	In operation	Nordic	CET, DTU
8	Hovegård	132 kV	In operation	Nordic	CET, DTU
9	Hovegård	400 kV	In operation	Nordic	CET, DTU
10	165 MW Offshore Wind Farm, Nysted	132 kV	In operation	Nordic	CET, DTU
11	Vester Hassing	400 kV	In operation	Central Europe	Energinet.dk
12	Tjele	400 kV	In operation	Central Europe	Energinet.dk
13	Kassø	400 kV	In operation	Central Europe	Energinet.dk
14	Audorf (Transpower's grid, Germany)	400 kV	In operation	Central Europe	Energinet.dk
15	Hovegård	400 kV	In operation	Nordic	Energinet.dk
16	Borup (×2)	132 kV	Installed	Nordic	Energinet.dk
17	Stasevang (×2)	132 kV	Installed	Nordic	Energinet.dk
18	Kamstrup (×2)	132 kV	Installed	Nordic	Energinet.dk

In general, there are two systems in one CET PMU: a measuring system - DOS System and a storing system - Windows System, as Fig. 3 shows. The DOS System takes care of the system voltage/current signal sampling, phasor measurement and calculation, signal filtering, data interpolation and transfer. All these processes are synchronized with the GPS. Afterwards, those data are

transferred to and stored in the Windows System for later analysis. Since the data extraction and analysis is our purpose, the measurement system and the storing system is not further discussed in this paper.

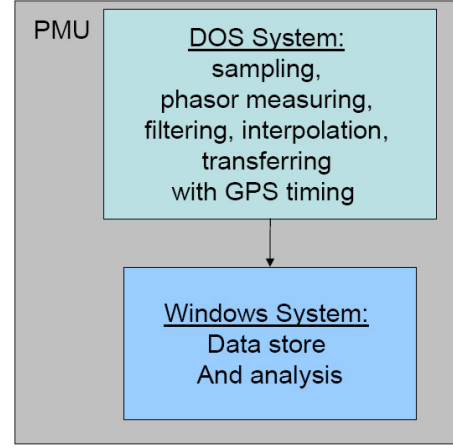


Fig. 3 PMU system at CET, DTU

### III. ACQUISITION OF PMU DATA DURING THE ISLANDING OPERATION

The planned islanding operation was conducted from September 11<sup>th</sup> to September 14<sup>th</sup> 2007, and we mainly analyzed the frequency data from two PMUs to assess the system wide power balance during the period. One was PMU-Hove 400 kV, considered as a reference for frequency, the other was PMU-Bornholm (Blok6). The data collected by PMU-Bornholm (Blok6) were too fragmentary, because the PMU was placed so close to the generator Blok6 that it was affected a lot by the overheating environment that led to unstable operation. In principle, this unexpected technical imperfection should not affect our analysis, as long as the data from blok5 can be obtained.

However, we need to ensure that the data from PMU-Bornholm (Blok5) covered the time before, during and after the islanding operation. Because the generator Blok5 was considered as a back-up generator and remained out of service under the grid connection mode, it was gradually started, just before the islanding moment and continued running after the reconnection of the cable. Thus, the PMU-Bornholm (Blok5) should have monitored the whole operation and collected all the data.

The total data processing procedure is described by the flow chart in Fig. 4.

First of all, we combined the hourly-packaged measurement data transferred and stored by both PMUs in Matlab with necessary calibration, due to the different data format used for storing purpose. There are totally 14,400,000 data for each PMU, for the studied islanding period of three days and eight hours, with 20 ms time resolution.

When a large amount of data from e.g. PMU is processed, time aggregation is needed to reduce the amount of data to be

processed. Time aggregation is the process by which characteristics obtained over a certain period of time are replaced by one representative characteristic, such as averaging several measurements to use it as the single measurement over the full period [8]. By doing so detailed time domain information, e.g. high/low frequency events, will however be lost, which would lead to inaccuracy of relevant statistical analysis. Therefore, we applied Statistical Analysis System (SAS) software to perform analysis on the frequency data without time aggregation, thanks to its capability of processing a great number of data.

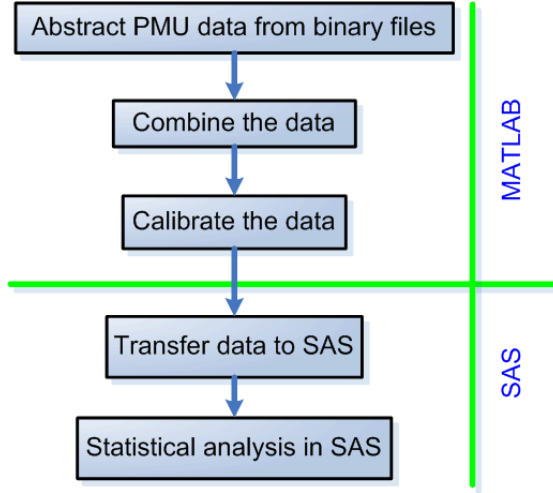


Fig. 4 Flow chart for data processing

Unfortunately, the frequency data collected by PMU-Bornholm (Blok5) were not complete, and Fig. 5 displays its availability (more than the studied period: three days and eight hours). From clock 03:06, 09-11-2007 Universal Time Coordinated (UTC) to clock 09:31, 09-12-2007 UTC, the PMU only collected the phase angle data. Then CET updated the program in time and it took 2 min to reload it, which can explain why we missed 2min phasor data. Afterwards, PMU functioned normally and collected all the phasor data as we expected from clock 09:33, 09-12-2007 UTC to clock 12:07, 09-14-2007 UTC.

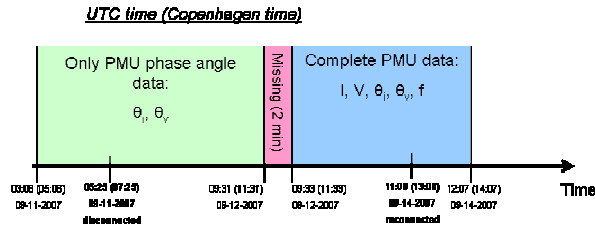


Fig. 5 Whole data availability of PMU-Bornholm (Block 5)

For those 2 min data, we assumed 50 Hz for the whole period, since 2 min did not account too much, compared with the studied period.

For the period with only phase angle, we applied the following equation to calculate the system frequency  $f$ :

$$f = 50 \cdot \frac{2\pi - \Delta\theta}{2\pi} \quad (1)$$

where  $\Delta\theta$  represents the phase angle difference between two sampling time instants in radian.

In order to verify the quality of the calculated frequency, we checked a 20-second period with complete data, from 14:00:00 to 14:00:20, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005 from the PMU-Hove (132 kV). Fig. 6 plots and compares the PMU frequency (<Freq>) with the frequency calculated from the PMU phase angle (<Phase2Freq>).

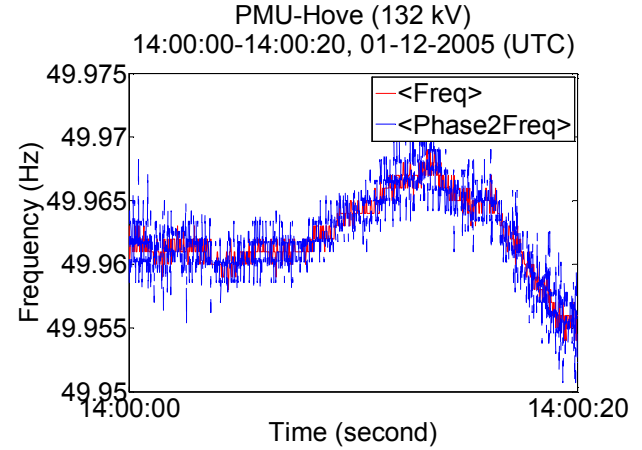


Fig. 6 PMU Frequency data comparison in time domain

According to Fig. 6, it is clear that the calculated frequency contains many noises with small magnitudes. However, it in general overlaps with the PMU frequency data, and their MEAN values and Standard Deviation values, listed in Table III, indicate that the difference between the two data series is pretty small.

TABLE III  
MEAN AND STANDARD DEVIATION VALUES

	MEAN Hz	Standard Deviation Hz
<Freq>	49.9623	0.003
<Phase2Freq>	49.9623	0.0034

Furthermore, we applied the Fast Fourier Transfer (FFT) analysis to the two data series, respectively. Fig. 7 plots the FFT results without the DC components, namely 50 Hz. They almost match each other in Fig. 7, but there are still some small differences, which have been plotted in Fig. 8. Fig. 8 demonstrates that there are certain differences during the high frequency band, although the amplitude is small. This requires a filter to eliminate the effects of these differences for the statistics analysis.

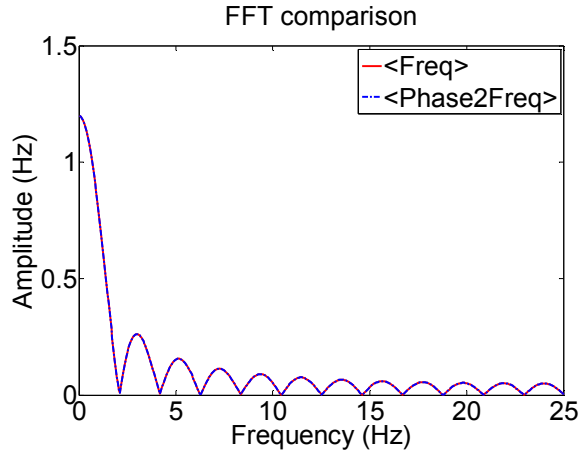


Fig. 7 Comparison of FFT results

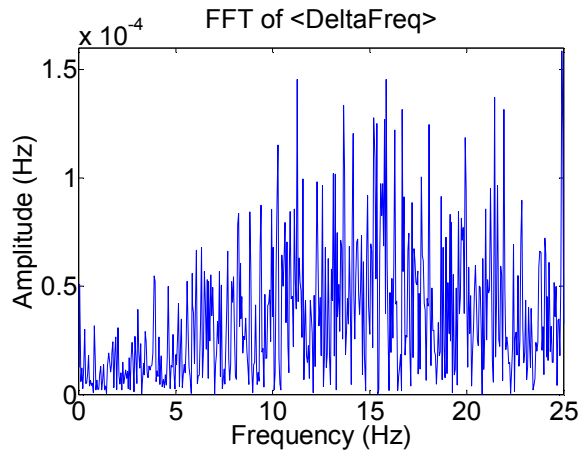


Fig. 8 Amplitude difference of FFT results

Analytically speaking, these noises originate from two sources. First, during the process in DOS System of a PMU, both the frequency and phase angle data were obtained by Goertzel algorithm [9] and then interpolated. This process would introduce different noises to both PMU frequency and phase angle data; Secondly, calculation in (1) introduces noises too, because the phase angle has a measuring error of  $\pm 0.01$  degree, according to [5]. In the end, the noises observed in Fig. 6 are the accumulation of two kinds of noises: one is from the calculation and interpolation in DOS system, the other is due to the calculation by (1), resulting in a higher noise level observed.

In order to reduce the noises, a moving average filter is introduced and described in section IV.

#### IV. PROCESSING OF ACQUIRED DATA

In order to analyze the statistics of frequency data, a filter should be applied to avoid the noises observed in Fig. 6. Thanks to its simplicity and efficiency in computation, the moving average filter was applied.

The moving average filter can be described by (2) as shown below.

$$\overline{x_j} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=j-n+1}^j x_i \quad (2)$$

where  $\overline{x_j}$  represents the average value of the summation of  $n$  samplings from  $x_i$  to  $x_j$ , and  $n, i, j$  are integers.

For illustration purpose, we applied only one second data, from 14:00:00 to 14:00:01, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005 (UTC), to compare the effect of the moving average filter, with  $n$  being 2, 3 and 4, respectively. We only considered the value of  $n$  less than 4 because the higher value of  $n$  would increase computational loads and introduce longer time delay initially, due to the first  $n-1$  data are unknown. To solve the problem, we assumed the values of the first  $n-1$  data were equal to the value of the  $n^{\text{th}}$  datum.

In Fig. 9, the original frequency, the calculated frequency, and the data filtered by 3 filters: Filter1 ( $n=2$ ), Filter2 ( $n=3$ ), and Filter3 ( $n=4$ ), are plotted, respectively. The calculated frequency can be improved by those three filters, and the case with Filter3 is the best according to Fig. 9.

Besides, based on these one second data, their MEAN and Standard Deviation values can be calculated, as listed in Table IV. The Standard Deviation for Filter3 case is only  $7.1550\text{e-}004$  Hz, which is closest to  $6.9397\text{e-}004$  Hz, the Standard Deviation of the original frequency data. This also indicates that Filter3 is the most optimal one.

Furthermore, we could quantitatively compare the effects of these three filters by calculating the percentage of the frequency differences, which are outside a predefined limitation band describing the acceptable frequency differences. The less the percentage is, the better the filtered frequency resemble the original frequency, which means the filter is better.

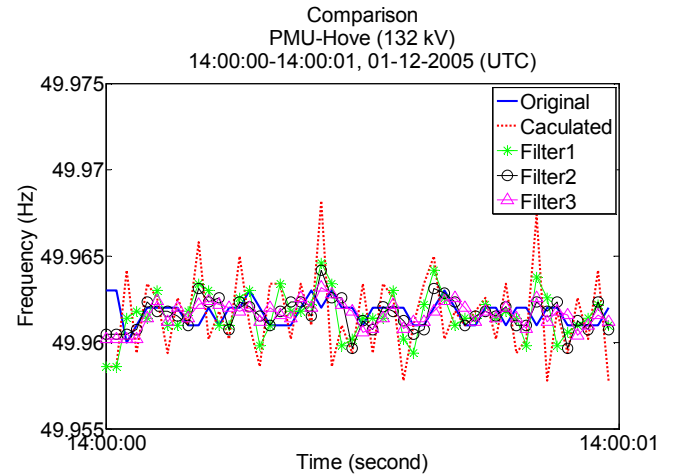


Fig. 9 Frequency data comparison

TABLE IV  
MEAN AND STANDARD DEVIATION VALUES

	MEAN Hz	Standard Deviation Hz
Original	49.9617	6.9397e-004
Calculated	49.9616	24.0000e-004
Filter1	49.9616	13.0000e-004
Filter2	49.9616	9.0605e-004
Filter3	49.9616	7.1550e-004

The authors first set a limitation band between  $2e-3$  Hz and  $-2e-3$  Hz, namely, the band between Limit1 and Limit2 as shown in Fig. 10, and then we calculated the percentages of the events which were still outside the band after being filtered by different filters for the one second data. The percentages calculated have been listed in Table V, which indicates that Filter3 is the best option, although there are still some mismatches between the original frequency data and the filtered data.

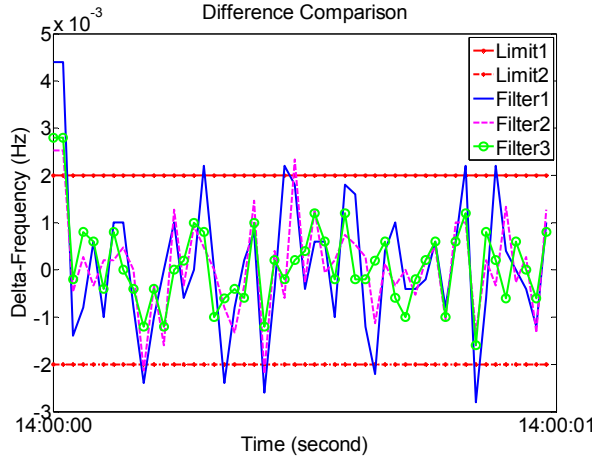


Fig. 10 Frequency difference comparison with filters

TABLE V  
PERCENTAGES OF EVENTS STILL OUTSIDE THE LIMITATION BAND

Filters	Events still outside the limitation band after being filtered (%)
Filter1	42.31
Filter2	19.23
Filter3	7.69

Afterwards, we applied the third filter to the 20s data, as shown in Fig. 6, and applied FFT to the filtered data. The FFT amplitude difference between the original frequency and the calculated frequency after the filtering were calculated. In Fig. 11, which compares the difference before the filtering, as plotted in Fig. 8, with the difference after the filtering, the high frequency noises were decreased considerably. Thus, this moving average filter was selected to filter the noises of those data within the studied period: three days and eight hours.

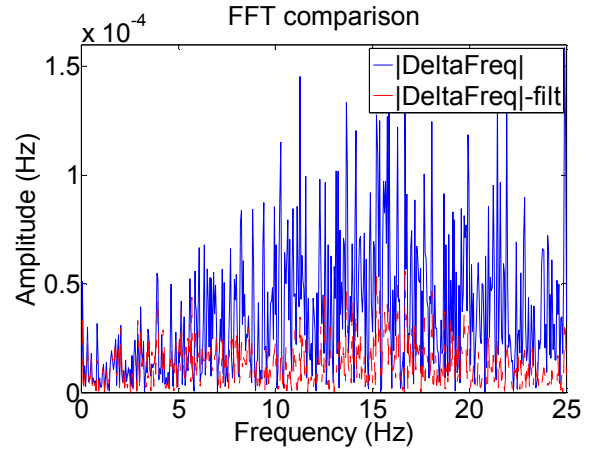


Fig. 11 FFT Amplitude difference comparison

After the filtering, there were two parts for the frequency data: the first part was calculated from phase angle, the second part was the PMU frequency, as shown in Fig. 12. Besides, the 2min missing data were assumed 50 Hz.

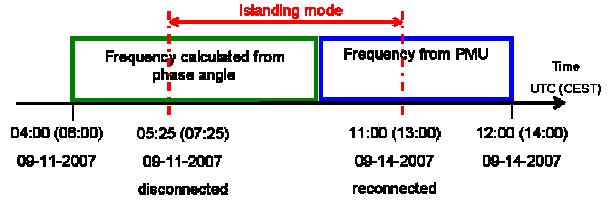


Fig. 12 Frequency availability after a moving average filter

Finally, we could obtain the corresponding frequency data for Bornholm during the planned islanding operation and plot them in Fig. 13, together with the frequency in the interconnected Nordic system, collected by PMU-Hove 400 kV. Apparently, the Bornholm frequency fluctuated more and it had several high/low frequency spikes under the islanding mode.

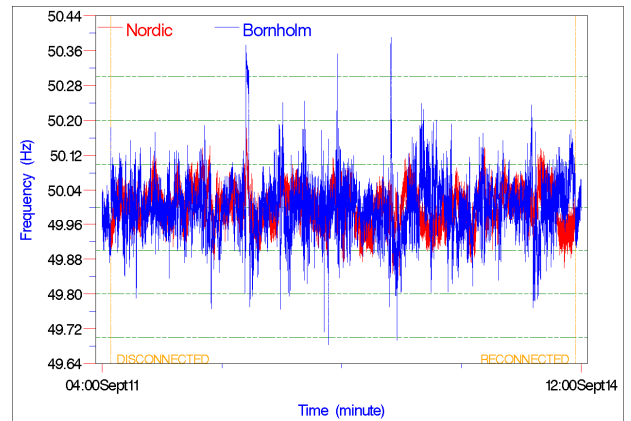


Fig. 13 Plot of availability of frequency data

## V. CONCLUSION

Based on the analysis described in this paper, several conclusions concerning the PMU data processing can be drawn.

The method to calculate the frequency from phase angle is valid, given the trivial difference in frequency and time domain analysis. This will serve as an important guideline for similar data processing in the future when only PMU phase angle PMU data exist. Thus, we can generally trace the trend of system frequency and analyze the general system power balance, since the calculated frequency still reflects the system's performance, even though there are noises introduced.

Furthermore, a moving average filter should be applied to smooth the frequency data that are calculated from the phase angle. However, whether it is acceptable or not, depends on which degree of accuracy is required. If a high precision is preferred, either a superior filter should be applied or the reliability of the PMU measurement system should be ensured.

Finally, in order to study the islanding operation with high penetration of wind power, it is worth learning the frequency variation during the islanding operation under the situation where there was no or little wind power. The overall understanding of it could benefit the study and analysis upon the islanding operation for the situation with a high penetration level of wind power.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

THE new Danish energy strategy, “A Visionary Danish Energy Policy 2025”, published on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2007, has an ambitious target to have the share of renewable energy increase to at least 30% of total national energy consumption by 2025 [1]. This indicates that an essential contribution: approximately 50% of the electricity demand in Denmark should be supplied by wind energy by 2025 [2], which would encourage more Wind Turbines (WTs) to be installed.

It is well understood that high penetration of wind and other renewable energy will give great challenges to many aspects of operation and control of future power systems. A real life example of this took place at the Danish distribution system on the Bornholm island, which is considered as a

representative of the future power system because of its already very high wind penetration. E.g. in 2007, the wind energy corresponds to 32.4% of its electricity demand, compared to 19.7% in the whole Denmark [3], [4]. On 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2005, Bornholm was electrically islanded and forced to stay under islanding mode for 51 days, due to the breakdown of its 60 kV interconnection sea cable to the Nordic transmission grid [5]. This accident caused by the ship anchor has endangered the security of power supply on the island, and most WTs had to be shut down during the islanding transition and the following islanded operation period, because the local power stations were unable to adjust production quickly enough to counterbalance the frequency fluctuations caused by WTs [6].

The Bornholm case can be typical for the future and highlight the insufficient frequency regulation capability of today's power system. To enhance the frequency control during islanding operation, both new and old technologies should be utilized. Presently, a promising demand side technology under investigation at the Centre for Electric Technology (CET) at Technical University of Denmark (DTU) is the Demand as Frequency controlled Reserve (DFR) [7], which can assist the frequency regulation, in order to allow for high penetration of wind power under islanding mode. Another relevant technology under development is the WT frequency control [8]. Other useful technologies include but are not limited to load shedding and primary control of synchronous generators. With these technologies, a new control scheme that can enhance frequency control should be developed in order to realize smooth and secure islanding transition, which is the focus of this paper. The new scheme should provide coordinated and coherent control using available resources from both generation and demand sides to ensure secure islanding operation [6].

The paper is organized as follows: Section II analyzes the frequency data acquired by Phasor Measurement Units (PMUs) [9], during a planned islanding period in Bornholm in September 2007, which reveals the difficulty of frequency regulation; Section III proposes a new control mechanism for intentional islanding operation, where the concept of the Islanding Security Region (ISR) is introduced in detail; Section IV presents a study case upon the application of ISR. Finally, Section V concludes the paper and provides the future scope.

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## II. BORNHOLM ISLANDING DATA ANALYSIS

During the period from 11<sup>th</sup>. to 14<sup>th</sup>. September 2007, the local Distribution System Operator (DSO) Østkraft conducted a planned islanding operation test at Bornholm. The purpose is to collect measurements from different data acquisition systems for the analysis afterwards and to obtain valuable operation experience for future emergency situations where Bornholm has to be islanded. CET has been in charge of data analysis and in our previous work [3], we mainly analyzed the frequency data. We will continue to analyze the voltage data for the islanding period in our future work.

Fig. 1 is the time plot of the PMU measured frequency data during the islanding period where blue and red lines are Bornholm and Nordic frequency respectively during the same period. It is observed in Fig. 1 that during the islanding the Bornholm system frequency fluctuated much more than the Nordic frequency, which has been confirmed by the statistical histograms in Fig. 2, with several high frequency and low frequency spikes.

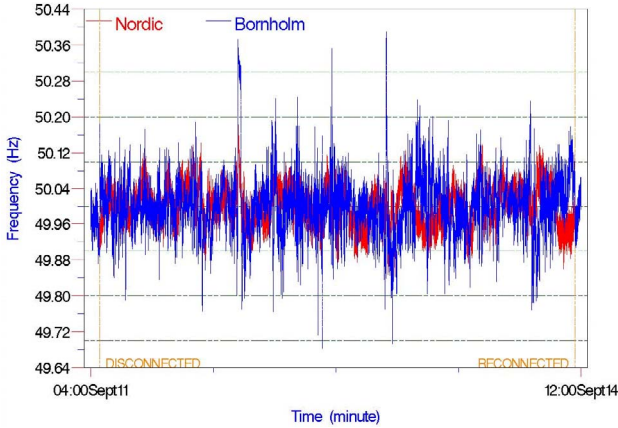


Fig. 1. Time plot of the frequency data during the islanding period

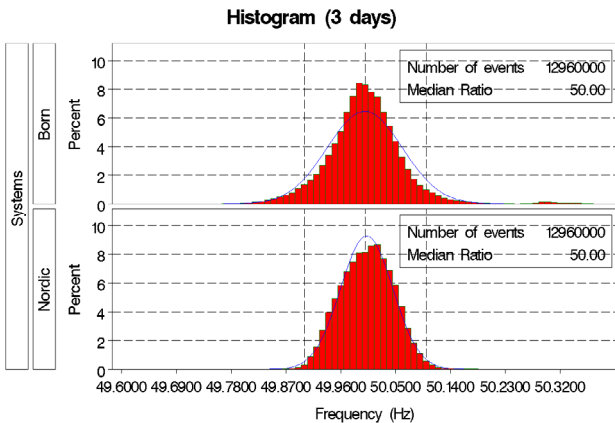


Fig. 2. Frequency histograms under islanding mode

During the transition from grid connection mode to islanding mode, the Bornholm frequency jumped from 49.90 Hz to around 50.18 Hz as shown in Fig. 3, even though the islanding operation was well planned beforehand.

During the planned islanding operation, a spare steam plant was initiated before the islanding moment. It gradually

increased the power production, in order to decrease the power import through the sea cable. Thus, system can alleviate from the sudden power unbalance pressure at the islanding instant.

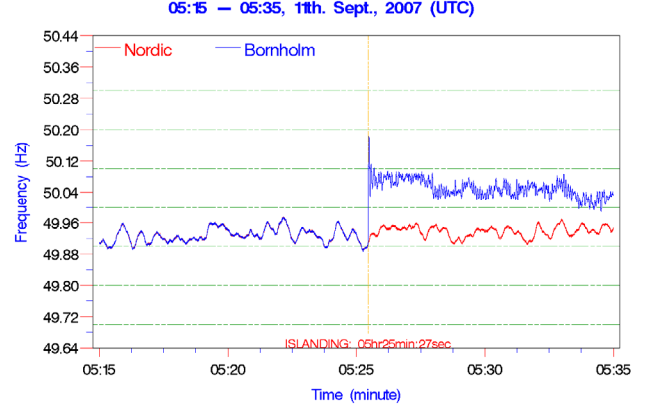


Fig. 3. Time plot of the frequency data during the grid disconnection moment

However, for an accidental islanding event in practice due to e.g. the emergent disturbance from the upstream grid or the breakdown of the interconnection cable, it is hardly possible to have adequate time to adjust the power flow of the cable to the minimum level, as it has been done during this planned islanding operation. Consequently, the chance of islanding induced system blackout can be higher due to e.g. the severe frequency swells or sags at the transition moment. In order to accurately evaluate the security of an islanding operation, particularly in relation to the frequency stability, we propose an ISR concept, based on which a control mechanism for intentional islanding transition is developed. With the ISR concept, the system operator is able to evaluate how far the system is close to the instability in terms of an islanding operation. Correspondingly, proper control and coordination schemes can be taken to best prepare for such operation in advance.

## III. CONTROL MECHANISM

### A. Control mechanism for islanding transition

As shown in Fig. 4, the proposed control mechanism is applicable for either planned islanding due to maintenance or accidental islanding due to disturbances. Although the control mechanism is developed mainly for islanding operation of a distribution network, it can also be used for system separation of a transmission network. Here we assume that the distribution system, which is going to be islanded, has been identified before islanding operation. It is however, out of the scope of this paper to analyze how to separate a large system into different distribution systems for islanding operation.

There are three stages within the control mechanism: the monitoring, supervision and ISR assessment stage, the control, coordination and ISR re-assessment stage, and the post-islanding transition stage. Under the grid connection mode, the real-time system state, mainly the loads and generations inside the distribution system, should be

monitored. This system state would then be projected into an already formulated ISR chart for assessment purpose. This ISR is defined as a reference ISR (Ref. ISR) without a control scheme. Meanwhile, the islanding signals or the switching-off signals for the interconnections between the distribution system and upstream grid, sent by the TSO, DSO or relays would be monitored as well. The whole system would either keep its previous state (if the state is within the Ref. ISR) or enter the alarm state (if the state is outside the Ref. ISR), where certain control techniques under grid connection mode can be activated, in order to maintain the system inside the Ref. ISR, if there are no islanding signals. Otherwise, those islanding signals would initiate a corresponding control and coordination scheme, depending on the location of the monitored system state in the Ref. ISR. If the state is inside the Ref. ISR, the distribution system would be stable during the transition and there can be no control or only a moderate control technique involved. If the system state is outside the Ref. ISR, a certain control and coordination scheme should be first searched and established. This is defined as the first stage.

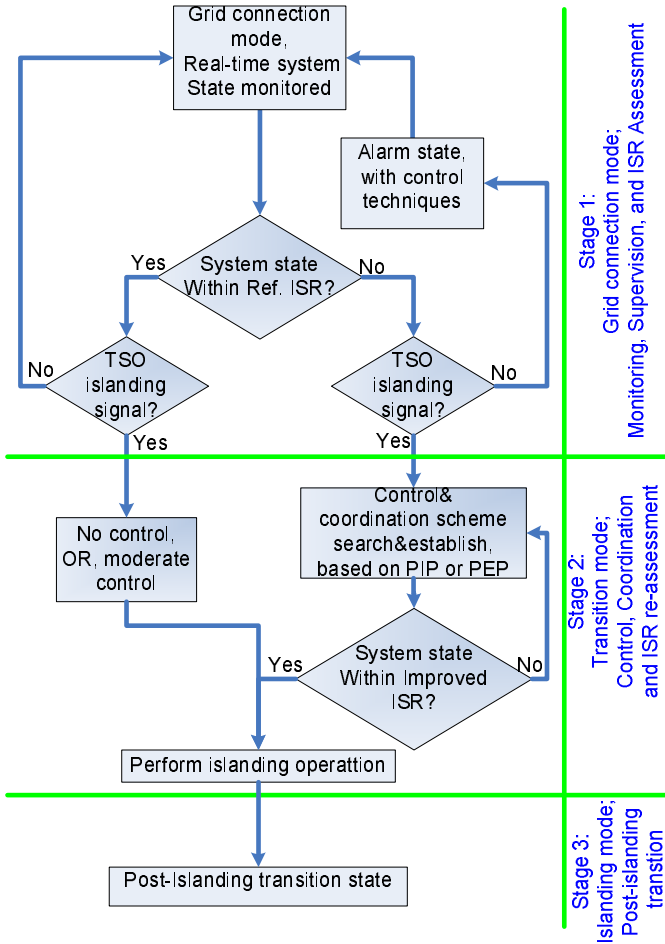


Fig. 4. Control Mechanism for Intentional Islanding Transition

At the second stage, we define two patterns for a control scheme: Power Import Pattern (PIP) and Power Export Pattern (PEP), and under every pattern, the system operator

should take different control techniques.

PIP means more loads and less power generation inside the distribution system. To ensure smooth transition, DSO should make coordination to either increase local generations including thermal plants and keep as much wind power as possible, or in the meanwhile, consider demand side techniques, such as load shedding and DFR. On the contrary, PEP means less loads and more generation. Under this situation, the WT frequency control can be implemented, in spite of either decreasing generations or increasing certain loads.

Afterwards, a new improved ISR with this established control scheme should be formulated for re-assessment purpose: is the monitored system state within the new improved ISR? If the system state is within it, islanding operation can be conducted. Otherwise, another control and coordination scheme should be searched and established and the ISR re-assessment repeated.

All in all, the focus of different control techniques is to maintain the power balance of the islanded system within an acceptable range for the transition moment. These control techniques, such as load shedding, droop control for synchronous generations, WT frequency control and DFR should be coordinated in an active and intelligent way. This coordination can be conducted by the application of advanced Information and Communication Technology (ICT), based on IEC 61850 standard communication protocols.

After the control and coordination scheme is implemented and islanding operation is conducted, the system enters the islanding mode, which is the third stage: post-islanding transition state. At this stage, the aim of any control scheme is to maintain and improve the isolated system stability under the islanding mode.

In order to realize the control mechanism, the ideal solution is that there is a central islanding controller inside a distribution system and some other individual controllers of generations and loads involved in the control scheme. The central islanding controller can first locate the system state in the Ref. ISR at the first stage. Besides, it should be able to communicate with the upstream grid. Then the central controller should be able to function as the stage 2 defines. If the system state is within the Ref. ISR and at the same time it receives islanding signals from the upstream grid, the central islanding controller performs the islanding operation by taking no control or a moderate control technique. If the system state is outside the Ref. ISR, the central controller is capable of automatically searching a suitable control scheme and smartly establishing it simultaneously. Then, it formulates a new improved ISR with this specific control scheme, and re-assesses whether or not the system state is within the improved ISR. If the state is within the improved ISR this time, the control and coordination scheme signals should be sent to individual controllers of generations and loads by ICT, and then the islanding operation should be conducted. After the implementation of the control scheme, the system enters the third stage, where the concern is about the control under

islanding mode. Otherwise, another control scheme should be searched and established, and the ISR re-assessment repeated. In a word, the proposed control mechanism includes two threads: the assessment of system state on the one hand (stage 1 and 2), and the coordination and control on the other hand (stage 2 and 3).

### B. Islanding Security Region

As we have already mentioned in part A, ISR is the key to the suggested control mechanism, all the following decisions about control schemes should be based on the ISR. This part would explain the ISR mechanism in detail.

Inside a Low Voltage (LV) or a Medium Voltage (MV) distribution system with the possibility to be islanded, many factors can influence the success of the operation. The most important ones are the generations and loads, which are focused herein. There can be different combinations of generations (synchronous generations, WT, etc.) and loads, if both are within their limits. For every combination, islanding operation can be either successful or unsuccessful, depending on the system operation requirements. In this paper, the generations are limited to the traditional generators which can be extended to other distributed ones in the future. The critical combinations of generations and loads are recorded and drawn on the Load-Generation chart. Those recorded combination points can form an ISR. This ISR defines a specific region which can distinguish whether or not the distribution system can meet the operation requirements after being separated from its upstream grid.

If there are no control scheme involved, such as adjustment of generations (decrease/increase of power output of power plants or WTs) and loads (over/under frequency load shedding, DFR), or coordination among generations and loads, the ISR is defined as a reference ISR (Ref. ISR), while it is named an improved ISR if a control scheme is implemented during the transition period.

In practice, DSO or the central islanding controller needs first draw an off-line Ref. ISR for every system/scenario, which has been formed beforehand, and this ISR should cover as many operation states as possible; then, the central islanding controller compares an on-line system state (monitored by PMUs, or other monitoring systems) with this ISR to identify it is inside or outside the ISR. Accordingly, this central controller then makes a decision about how to coordinate and control different elements for the system, if islanding operation is unavoidable at this moment, and formulate an improved ISR for re-assessment as described in part A.

Fig. 5 presents the flow chart for generating the ISR. There are two loops in the flow chart: the first loop or the outer loop for generation change, and the second loop or the inner loop for load change. The main conception is to keep generation fixed first, starting from the system minimum generation level  $P_{gen1}$ , and then increase the loads from the system minimum loads level  $P_{lod1}$  by a user-defined load increase scale  $y\%$ , which depends on how much the degree of accuracy

is required.

Inside the inner loop, there should be some system operation requirements implemented, which will assess whether the islanding operation is successful or not. Those requirements should depend on the system operator's objectives and different specific systems.

At the very beginning of the study, the authors only consider the frequency requirement, and the islanding operation is considered successful as long as the system frequency can return to the range of  $50 \pm 0.2\text{Hz}$  within 15 seconds, after the switching-off of the interconnections.

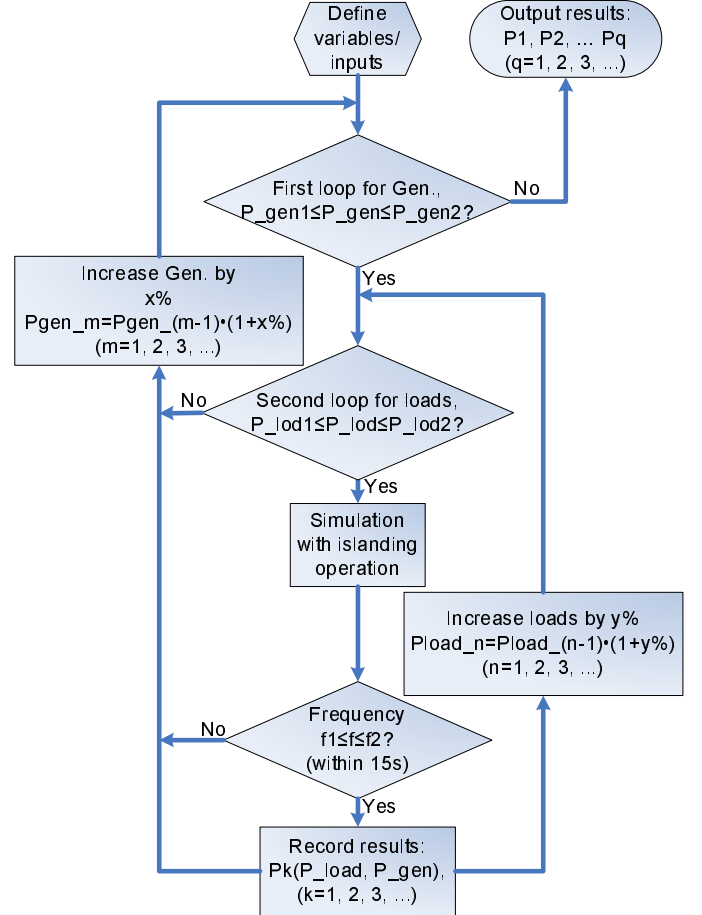


Fig. 5. Flow Chart for ISR

After the whole inner loop, the maximum loads level  $P_{lod2}$  has reached, and the generation should be increased by a defined generation increase scale  $x\%$ , similar to the load increase scale  $y\%$ . And then the second inner loop would repeat.

These two loops should be continuously run until the generation has reached its maximum level  $P_{gen2}$ . In the end, those stable operation points  $P_k$  with corresponding system generations and loads should be recorded, from which the points  $P_q$  with minimum and maximum loads for every generation level would be abstracted. In this way, the ISR can be drawn.



#### IV. CASE STUDY

For simplicity and demonstration purpose, the authors applied the ISR mechanism to a modified 9-bus system in DIgSILENT PowerFactory in the case study. Although the test system is not a distribution network, the application of the ISR islanding mechanism to such a system does not lose its generalities in the context of islanding operation control.

There are some necessary adjustments and assumptions taken in the modified 9-bus system:

1. Another ‘Bus 10’ was added (rated bus voltage: 230 kV);
2. Another line ‘Line 7’ between ‘Bus 4’ and ‘Bus 10’ was added;
3. ‘G1’ was substituted by ‘External Grid’, which was connected to slack bus ‘Bus 10’; this ‘External Grid’ represents the upstream grid;
4. Parameters of generations and loads were changed to their new values, as listed in Table I;
5. ‘G2’ and ‘G3’ were equipped with primary controller units and voltage controllers;
6. Loads were independent of frequency and voltage;
7. There were no WTs and DFR;
8. Lumped generations and loads were assumed.

TABLE I  
RATED POWER OF GENERATIONS AND LOADS

Synchronous Generations	Rated Power (MW)
G2	81.5
G3	42.5
Load	Rated Power (MW)
Load A	50
Load B	52
Load C	30

In the modified 9-bus system, shown in Fig. 6, a switching event was defined, which would switch off the added ‘Line 7’, in order to simulate the islanding action. After the islanding transition, there would be two isolated systems, one is the islanded system, including 8 buses, from ‘Bus 2’ to ‘Bus 9’, all generations and loads; the other includes two buses, ‘Bus 1’ and ‘Bus 10’, and an external grid, which represents the upstream grid.

Based on the explanation and flow chart in part B of section III, the Ref. ISR can be plotted, as shown in Fig. 7. The X-axis  $P_{lod}$  and Y-axis  $P_{gen}$  in the chart represent the percentage value of loads to total rated loads and the percentage value of generation to total rated generation in the islanded system, respectively, and three different security regions have been plotted, corresponding to different changeable ranges for both generations and loads, as listed in Table II. Those ranges normally have been already known for a specific distribution system.

As section III explained, the monitored system state would be compared to the Ref. ISR. If the state is inside the region, the islanded system can meet the pre-set requirement after

islanding transition, namely, the islanding transition is successful, and the monitored system state is considered stable. If the state is outside the ISR, it indicates that system can not meet the pre-set requirement after the islanding transition, and the state is considered unstable.

In Fig. 7, ‘ISR: Curve/3’ forms the largest region, which covers all possible stable system states, because the ISR still maintains unchanged, even though the change ranges of both generations and loads are increased. While the smaller region ‘ISR: Curve/2’ in the middle includes part of those stable states inside ‘ISR: Curve/3’, because the change ranges of both generations and loads have been shrunk, so does ‘ISR: Curve/1’, which has the smallest area.

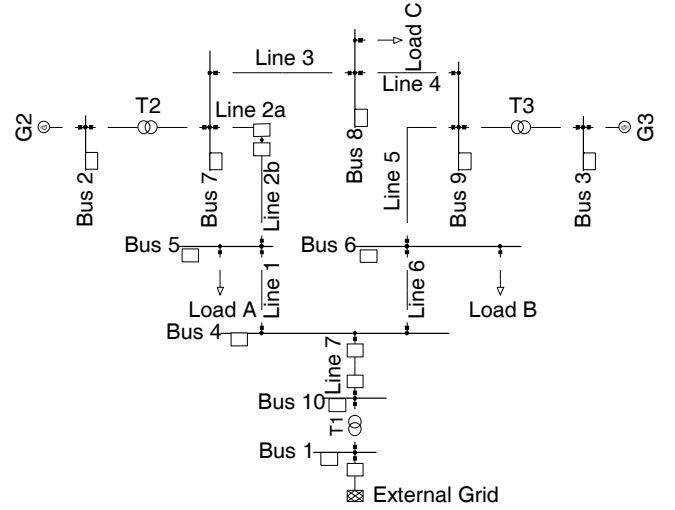


Fig. 6. 10-bus system

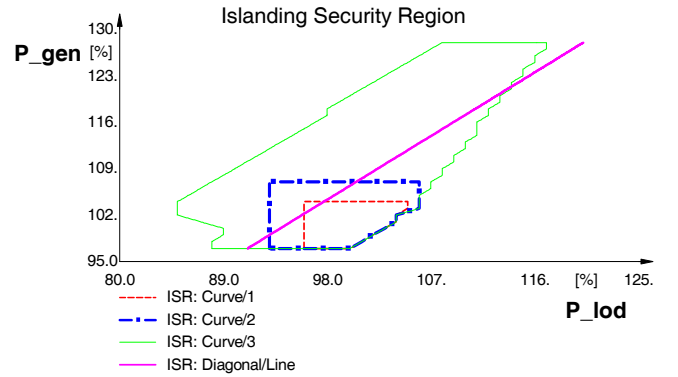


Fig. 7. Security Regions

TABLE II  
CHANGEABLE RANGES OF GENERATIONS AND LOADS

Region	$P_{gen}$	$P_{lod}$
ISR: Curve/1 (Red, dashed)	[97%, 105%]	[97%, 105%]
ISR: Curve/2 (Blue, phantom)	[97%, 108%]	[92%, 107%]
ISR: Curve/3 (Green, solid)	[97%, 129%]	[84%, 118%]

Despite those three ISRs, the ‘ISR: Diagonal/Line’ is another important element in Fig. 7. This line divides the ISR into two regions: the left-top region and the right-down

region. These two regions correspond to PEP and PIP, respectively, which would lead to different control and coordination scheme, as defined in section III.

## V. CONCLUSIONS

With the ISR based islanding control mechanism, the system operator can be well informed whether or not a specific distribution system, at any instant, can successfully handle a possible islanding transition, due to either maintenance or a disturbance from the upstream grid. Since wind distributed generations have different characteristics, it is necessary to differentiate them from the traditional generation technology in the islanding control. The ISR mechanism should be extended to include these considerations in the future.

The ISR concept can also provide the operator with a functional tool to effectively assess different control schemes to ensure successful islanding operation. The ultimate goal of the islanding mechanism is to utilize and coordinate those available resources from traditional and innovative techniques, such as load shedding, droop control among power plants, WT frequency control and DFR, in order to maintain real time balance of generation and demand inside the system during the short transition period. Further development of the islanding mechanism is underway to investigate the proper control scheme for coordinated control of different resources to ensure the success of an intentional islanding.

Furthermore, we mainly consider the application of the control mechanism to the frequency stability at present, however, there is a potential to investigate its application to the voltage stability as well, even though the voltage stability is considered fairly localized.

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# D

## DATA EXAMPLES FOR ARTIFICIAL NEURAL NETWORK

**Table D-1:** ANN data example for 7.2

Tar- get	Result	Error	Target	Result	Error	Target	Result	Error	Target	Result	Error
0	-0.003	0.0025	0	-0.003	0.003	0	-0.0064	0.0064	0	-0.002	0.0016
0	-0.25	0.2503	0	0.0252	-0.025	0	0.3167	-0.3167	1	0.7682	0.2318
1	0.957	0.043	0	0.0024	-0.002	1	0.9856	0.0144	0	0.0021	-0.0021
1	0.991	0.0087	0	0.0013	-0.001	1	0.9921	0.0079	0	0.0005	-0.0005
0	4E-04	-4E-04	0	-0.002	0.002	0	-0.0026	0.0026	0	-0.003	0.003
0	-0.012	0.0115	0	0.0051	-0.005	0	-0.2168	0.2168	0	0.039	-0.039
1	0.745	0.2546	1	0.9504	0.05	1	0.9629	0.0371	0	0.0021	-0.0021
1	0.989	0.0106	0	0.0016	-0.002	1	0.9915	0.0085	0	0.001	-0.001
1	0.992	0.0077	0	-4E-04	4E-04	0	0.0002	-0.0002	0	-0.002	0.0018
0	-0.004	0.0042	0	-0.002	0.002	0	-0.0093	0.0093	0	0.0072	-0.0072
0	-0.018	0.0182	1	0.1416	0.858	1	0.7857	0.2143	0	0.0019	-0.0019
1	0.982	0.0181	0	0.0016	-0.002	1	0.9898	0.0102	0	0.0012	-0.0012
1	0.992	0.008	0	0.0003	-3E-04	0	0.0021	-0.0021	0	-7E-04	0.0007
0	-0.001	0.0014	0	-0.003	0.003	0	-0.0042	0.0042	0	-0.002	0.0019
0	-0.029	0.0288	0	0.0281	-0.028	0	0.0126	-0.0126	1	0.1609	0.8391
1	0.936	0.0641	0	0.0014	-0.001	1	0.9834	0.0166	0	0.0012	-0.0012
1	0.991	0.0088	0	0.0006	-6E-04	1	0.9921	0.0079	0	0	0
0	9E-04	-9E-04	0	-0.002	0.002	0	-0.0015	0.0015	0	-0.003	0.0025
0	-0.005	0.0049	0	0.0025	-0.003	0	-0.0193	0.0193	0	0.0334	-0.0334
0	0.567	-0.567	0	0.0013	-0.001	1	0.9455	0.0545	0	0.0011	-0.0011
1	0.989	0.0114	0	0.0007	-7E-04	1	0.9914	0.0086	0	0.0003	-0.0003
0	0.002	-0.002	0	-7E-04	7E-04	0	0.0006	-0.0006	0	-0.002	0.0017
0	-0.003	0.003	0	-0.002	0.002	0	-0.0045	0.0045	0	0.0039	-0.0039
0	-0.081	0.0806	0	0.0011	-0.001	0	0.6173	-0.6173	0	0.0009	-0.0009
1	0.977	0.0226	0	0.0006	-6E-04	1	0.9891	0.0109	0	0.0003	-0.0003
0	0.003	-0.003	0	-3E-04	3E-04	0	0.002	-0.002	0	-0.001	0.001
0	-7E-04	0.0007	0	-0.002	0.002	0	-0.003	0.003	0	-0.002	0.002
0	-0.003	0.0029	0	0.0181	-0.018	0	-0.0527	0.0527	0	0.0007	-0.0007
1	0.893	0.1068	0	0.0004	-4E-04	1	0.9796	0.0204	0	0.0002	-0.0002
1	0.991	0.0091	0	-2E-04	2E-04	0	0.0027	-0.0027	0	-6E-04	0.0006
0	0.001	-0.001	0	-0.002	0.002	0	-0.0009	0.0009	0	-0.002	0.0024
0	-0.004	0.0038	0	0.0008	-8E-04	0	-0.0015	0.0015	0	0.0006	-0.0006
0	0.08	-0.08	0	0.0002	-2E-04	1	0.9097	0.0903	0	0	0

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1	0.987	0.0126	0	-3E-04	3E-04	0	0.003	-0.003	0	-5E-04	0.0005
0	0.002	-0.002	0	-0.001	0.001	0	0.0007	-0.0007	0	-0.002	0.0019
0	-0.002	0.0021	0	-0.002	0.002	0	-0.0036	0.0036	0	0.0018	-0.0018
0	0.005	-0.005	0	0	0	0	0.0886	-0.0886	0	-2E-04	0.0002
1	0.969	0.0309	0	-4E-04	4E-04	1	0.9881	0.0119	0	-6E-04	0.0006
0	0.002	-0.002	0	-0.001	0.001	0	0.0016	-0.0016	0	-0.002	0.0015
0	-4E-04	0.0004	0	-0.002	0.002	0	-0.0022	0.0022	0	-0.002	0.0021
0	-0.002	0.0024	0	-1E-04	1E-04	0	0.0095	-0.0095	0	-3E-04	0.0003
1	0.752	0.248	0	-6E-04	6E-04	1	0.9726	0.0274	0	-8E-04	0.0008
0	0.003	-0.003	0	-0.001	0.001	0	0.002	-0.002	0	-0.001	0.0013
0	8E-04	-8E-04	0	-0.002	0.002	0	-0.0006	0.0006	0	-0.003	0.0025



**Table D-2:** Example of test data and results for discrete binary flag for islanding in 7.3

Target	Result	Error	Target	Result	Error
1	0.9819	0.0181	1	0.9825	0.0175
1	0.9833	0.0167	1	0.9838	0.0162
1	0.9845	0.0155	1	0.985	0.015
1	0.9853	0.0147	1	0.9852	0.0148
1	0.9831	0.0169	1	0.9776	0.0224
1	0.9343	0.0657	1	0.7785	0.2215
0	0.1208	-0.1208	0	-0.0942	0.0942
0	0.182	-0.182	0	0.5479	-0.5479
1	0.8656	0.1344	1	0.9339	0.0661
1	0.9685	0.0315	1	0.9773	0.0227
1	0.9842	0.0158	1	0.9868	0.0132
1	0.988	0.012	1	0.9874	0.0126
1	0.9872	0.0128	1	0.9875	0.0125
1	0.9879	0.0121	1	0.9882	0.0118
1	0.9886	0.0114	1	0.9888	0.0112
1	0.9891	0.0109	1	0.9892	0.0108
1	0.9895	0.0105	1	0.9896	0.0104
1	0.9898	0.0102	1	0.9899	0.0101
1	0.99	0.01	1	0.9901	0.0099
1	0.9903	0.0097	1	0.9904	0.0096

**Table D-3:** Example of test data and results for discrete binary flag for system power exchange with external grid in 7.3

Target	Result	Error	Target	Result	Error
1	0.9802	0.0198	1	0.9798	0.0202
1	0.979	0.021	1	0.9783	0.0217
1	0.9769	0.0231	1	0.9755	0.0245
1	0.9726	0.0274	1	0.9696	0.0304
1	0.961	0.039	1	0.9481	0.0519
1	0.8852	0.1148	1	0.7445	0.2555
0	0.2947	-0.2947	0	0.0465	-0.0465
0	-0.0836	0.0836	0	-0.0741	0.0741
0	-0.0177	0.0177	0	0.0124	-0.0124
0	0.0314	-0.0314	0	0.0308	-0.0308
0	0.0171	-0.0171	0	0.004	-0.004
0	-0.0025	0.0025	0	0.0007	-0.0007
0	0.0019	-0.0019	0	0.0004	-0.0004
0	-0.0019	0.0019	0	-0.0032	0.0032
0	-0.0045	0.0045	0	-0.005	0.005
0	-0.0052	0.0052	0	-0.0051	0.0051
0	-0.0047	0.0047	0	-0.0042	0.0042
0	-0.0032	0.0032	0	-0.0025	0.0025
0	-0.0012	0.0012	0	-0.0003	0.0003
0	0.0012	-0.0012	0	0.0023	-0.0023

**Table D-4:** Example of the test data and results for the network output: the power setting for WT in 7.3

Target	Result	Error	Target	Result	Error
0	-0.0057	0.0057	0	-0.0034	0.0034
0	-0.0011	0.0011	0	-0.0002	0.0002
0	0.0004	-0.0004	0	0.0005	-0.0005
0	0.0007	-0.0007	0	0.001	-0.001
0	0.0021	-0.0021	0	0.0034	-0.0034
0	0.0063	-0.0063	0	0.0088	-0.0088
0	-0.0015	0.0015	0	0.0034	-0.0034
0	0.011	-0.011	0	0.0162	-0.0162
1.4742	1.4615	0.0127	1.4742	1.4636	0.0106
1.4742	1.4667	0.0075	1.4742	1.4689	0.0053
1.4742	1.4726	0.0016	1.4742	1.4753	-0.0011
1.4742	1.4766	-0.0024	1.4742	1.476	-0.0018
1.4742	1.4757	-0.0015	1.4742	1.476	-0.0018
1.4742	1.4765	-0.0023	1.4742	1.4768	-0.0026
1.4742	1.477	-0.0028	1.4742	1.477	-0.0028
1.4742	1.4769	-0.0027	1.4742	1.4767	-0.0025
1.4742	1.4763	-0.0021	1.4742	1.4759	-0.0017
1.4742	1.4753	-0.0011	1.4742	1.4748	-0.0006
1.4742	1.4739	0.0003	1.4742	1.4733	0.0009
1.4742	1.4723	0.0019	1.4742	1.4716	0.0026

**Table D-5:** Example of the test data and results for the network output: the amount for load shedding in 7.3

Target	Result	Error	Target	Result	Error
1.1891	1.1757	0.0134	1.1108	1.1067	0.0041
0.9942	0.9961	-0.0019	0.9169	0.9186	-0.0017
0.8017	0.7991	0.0026	0.7254	0.7188	0.0066
0.6117	0.6003	0.0114	0.5363	0.5241	0.0122
0.4239	0.4163	0.0076	0.3495	0.3497	-0.0003
0.2384	0.259	-0.0206	0.1648	0.2049	-0.0401
0	0.0302	-0.0302	0	0.003	-0.003
0	-0.0313	0.0313	0	-0.0504	0.0504
0	0.0269	-0.0269	0	0.0176	-0.0176
0	0.0061	-0.0061	0	-0.0004	0.0004
0	-0.0089	0.0089	0	-0.0125	0.0125
0	-0.012	0.012	0	-0.0126	0.0126
0	-0.0126	0.0126	0	-0.0126	0.0126
0	-0.0122	0.0122	0	-0.0116	0.0116
0	-0.0103	0.0103	0	-0.0092	0.0092
0	-0.0072	0.0072	0	-0.0058	0.0058
0	-0.0033	0.0033	0	-0.0016	0.0016
0	0.001	-0.001	0	0.0029	-0.0029
0	0.0058	-0.0058	0	0.0077	-0.0077
0	0.0107	-0.0107	0	0.0127	-0.0127



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