The Pursuit for a Generalized Simulation Framework for Power System Transients and Stability

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Transmission Grid as a Critical Infrastructure

- Electric power grids are part of the critical infrastructure for energy delivery
- Requires instantaneous balancing of power across a synchronized network to maintain secure operation
- There is always a need to understand grid stability and security





A Long History of Power System Simulation





1948

Machine Computation of Power Network Performance

> L. A. DUNSTAN ASSOCIATE AIEE

1957



Harry M. Markowitz SPARSE MATRIX TECHNIQUES

Markowitz and collaborators developed sparse matrix methods while studying portfolio selection theory from 1952 to 1957.

He won the Nobel Prize in Economics in 1990

TRANSIENT NETWORK ANALYZER (TAN)

Made of RLC circuits, scaled down generators and motors

Popular from 1929 to the late 1960s

ENIAC UNVEILED AT UPENN

The widely recognized first programmable, electric, general-purpose computer was completed at UPenn.

1945

POWER FLOW FORMULATION

Power flow formulation was formalized

Late 1940s

A Long History of Power System Simulation

1963

Techniques for Exploiting the Sparsity of the Network Admittance Matrix

MEMBER IEEE

W. F. TINNEY MEMBER IEEE

SPARSE MATRIX APPLIED TO POWER FLOW

Sato and Tinney employed sparse matrix methods to solve power flow.

Pivoting techniques developed by Tinney for power applications are widely used today. 1960s – 1980s



SOFTWARE AND GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACES

Many tools have been developed, such as BPA and EMTP. Some of them have a graphical user interface for usability 1990s – Today



SOFTWARE AND METHODS CONTINUE TO EVOLVE

New computer hardware necessitates new algorithms and tools.

This evolution is coupled with the rapid integration of renewable energy

Grid Security Planning of Today: Modeling and Simulation

System security is subject to disturbances. What-if...

• Line trip? Generator outage? Wind gust? Solar eclipse?

Answers obtained by computer simulation of grid models



Meaningful results depend on:

- Model accuracy
- Simulation timeliness

Grid Security Planning of Today: Modeling and Simulation Models characterize dynamic system behaviors using mathematical

equations



Challenge 1/2: Complexity in Modeling Renewables

Grid security is predictable... until recently

<u>Renewables</u> greatly contribute to sustainability, but

- Significantly more **complex**
- Non-conventional logic

Challenges in correctness and accuracy due to **complexity**



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Renewable energy control model. (Credit: Powerworld)

Challenge 2/2: Simulation of Renewable-Dominated Systems

Computational challenges due to renewables

- Internal model complexity -> more computational burden per device
- High uncertainty necessitates more scenarios to cover low-probability events
 Computational complexity necessitates high-performance methods for renewable-dominated grids



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Research Interest and Core Expertise

Research Interest: Empowering **sustainability transition** by **computational and emerging technologies** for secure, renewable-friendly, and efficient power grids.

		Open-Source ANDES Simulator [Core of a dynamic digital twin]		
Present Challenges	My Solutions	Power Grid Models		
Complexity in Modeling	A new paradigm for modeling and simulation	Computation Methods		
Computation speed challenge	Reformulate power problems for parallelization	Computing Devices		
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- 2. An element-wise approach for power flow calculation alternative to admittance matrix
- **3. Ongoing studies** to unifying modeling and accelerating computation

Current State of Grid Dynamics Modeling: Complexity

Need to formulate and **implement device models** before simulation

Ad hoc Implementation

- Steady learning curve
- Error-prone; difficult to scale to large systems

Commercial Tools

- Large model libraries; good computation speed
- Black box; difficult to customize

Open-Source Tools

- Models and algorithms can be readily modified for research
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Current State of Modeling: Interoperability and Performance

The issue with model "implementation"

- One implementation works only in one framework, lacking interoperability
- Without reimplementation, legacy frameworks can hardly leverage new computing capabilities



Call for a **paradigm shift** in modeling to leverage new capabilities

Computer-Assisted Symbolic Approach to Grid Modeling

Guiding Principle:

- Describe models just for once and reuse them in different ways
- How? By leveraging existing scientific computing infrastructure.

Objectives:

- Accuracy in modeling and simulation
- Computational efficiency
- Productivity and interoperability

Significance: automatically harvest new capabilities from computing domain.



Perspective of software-hardware stack for power system computing

ANDES Simulator for Descriptive Modeling: Architecture



Descriptive Modeling using Equations



Descriptive Modeling using Blocks

A low-pass filter (lag)



 $T\dot{y}_{LG} = Ku - y_{LG}$

control blocks:

- Lag, LeadLag, Washout, Gain, Integrator with respective anti-windup variants
- PID controllers with various anti-windup limiters

Block-based modeling (</

discontinuities:

- HardLimiter, Antiwindup, SortedLimiter
- Deadbands
- RateLimiter,
- AntiwindupRate
- Delay, Average, Derivative, Sampling

services (helpers):

- ConstService, VarService, RandomService
- VarHold, EventFlag
- FlagCondition
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- Can construct ~1,000 models
- Complexity scale to # of blocks

Symbolics-Numeric Modeling Framework: An Example



The CURENT ANDES Simulator: A Full-Fledged Package



Matching results with TSAT using IEEE 14-bus and NPCC 140 systems



- Provides ~100 models
- Power flow methods
- Transient stability & small-signal stability analysis
- Interoperates with MATPOWER and pandapower for optimal power flow
- Used for control, data analytics and machine learning

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Quality documentation enables collaborations:

- Binghamton, Mines, UPC in Spain
- Researchers who develop open-source tools

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Fine-Grained Parallelization for Accelerated Computation

Motivation: Accelerate the simulation of large-scale systems

Power system **simulation** = **solving** large-scale differential algebraic equations

Two inherently serial steps:

- 1. Calculate residuals and Jacobians
- 2. Solve linear eqns. (efficient libraries)

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1 1.828 1.828 pflow.py:155(nr_solve)
9 0.852 0.095 linsolvers/suitesparse.py:93(solve)
9 0.820 0.091 system.py:1072(j_update)
Jacobian calculate is a major computation effort
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 $\boldsymbol{F}(\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{y},\boldsymbol{u},\boldsymbol{t})=0$

Calculate Residuals and Jacobians

$$res = F(x, y, u, t) \Big|_{x, y, u}$$
$$J = dF(x, y, u, t) / d(x, y)$$

Solve linear equations in iterations

$$\Delta \mathbf{x} = -\mathbf{J} \setminus \mathbf{F}$$

Aim:

Existing Approach: Bus Admittance Matrix

 $\sum P_{line}$ Can we calculate it by bus? P_{bus} Admittance matrix method—textbook method Single-port network N-port network [model reduction] calculate $\sum P_{line}$ for each bus **Computational Challenges:** Complex power injections: Four power equations per line $\boldsymbol{S} = \boldsymbol{P} + j\boldsymbol{Q} = \boldsymbol{V}\boldsymbol{I}^* = \boldsymbol{V}([\boldsymbol{Y}_{bus}] \boldsymbol{V})^*$ efficient on *modern* many lines (>150,000) Jacobian matrix: **Opportunity**: $\boldsymbol{J} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{J}_{11} & \boldsymbol{J}_{12} \\ \boldsymbol{J}_{21} & \boldsymbol{J}_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \operatorname{Re}(\partial \boldsymbol{S} / \partial \boldsymbol{\theta}) & \operatorname{Re}(\partial \boldsymbol{S} / \partial \boldsymbol{V}) \\ \operatorname{Im}(\partial \boldsymbol{S} / \partial \boldsymbol{\theta}) & \operatorname{Im}(\partial \boldsymbol{S} / \partial \boldsymbol{V}) \end{bmatrix}$ - fewer buses (<80,000)

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i = y v

 $I = [Y_{bus}]V$

Are these

computation

CPUs?

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Computing the Jacobian Matrix using Admittance Matrix

Modern CPU features Algorithm 1 Two-pass method for Jacobian using CSC 1: INPUT: Y_p , Y_i , Y_v , dS_{θ} , dS_V , I_{bus} , V, U2: INITIALIZE: Multiple levels of cache $I_{bus} = 0, dS_{\theta}$.nzval .= Y_v, dS_V .nzval .= Y_v 3: 4: PASS 1: for $j = 1 : n_b$ (j is column index) for $k = Y_{p}[j] : (Y_{p}[j+1]-1)$ (k is j's index range) Dynamic Main $I_{bus}[Y_i[k]] += Y_v[k] * V[j]$ L1 L2CPU indexing dS_{θ} .nzval[k] ×= V[i]7: Memory $d\mathbf{S}_V$.nzval[k] $\times = \mathbf{U}[j]$ 8: end for k9: More cache Fastest Faster Fast Slow 10: end for j11: PASS 2: for $j = 1 : n_b$ misses! for $k = Y_p[j] : (Y_p[j+1] - 1)$ 12: $i = \mathbf{Y}_i[k]$ (*i* is element k's row number) 13: Write. Fetch Decode Exec. Mem. $d\mathbf{S}_V$.nzval $[k] = \mathbf{V}[i] \times (d\mathbf{S}_V[K])^*$ Stages Jump^{15:} if i == i#1 begins T1 F1 dS_{θ} .nzval $[k] = I_{\text{bus}}[j]$ $dS_V.nzval[k] += (I_{bus}[j])^* \times U[j]$ #2 begins T2 F2 D1 17: Stalls 18: end if #3 begins T3 F3 D2 E1 $d\mathbf{S}_{\theta}$.nzval $[k] = (1im) \times (d\mathbf{S}_{\theta}$.nzval $[k])^* \times \mathbf{V}[i]$ 19: pipelines! end for k20: #4 begins T4 D3 E2 M1 F4 21: end for jF5 E3 W1 #1 finished #5 begins T5 M2 D4 22: RETURN: dS_{θ} , dS_V #6 begins T6 F6 D5 E4 M3 W2 #2 finished 23 Time

Proposed Approach: Line Element-wise Calculation

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end

Line Element-wise Calculation for Data Parallelism

Julia code generated by ANDES

```
(aturbo for m in eachindex(u))
151
              _gy1[m] = -u[m] * itapv1v2[m] * (bhkcosine[m] + ghksine[m])
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              _gy2[m] = -u[m] * itapv1v2[m] * (-bhkcosine[m] - ghksine[m])
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              _gy3[m] =
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                  u[m] *
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                  (-itapv2[m] * (-bhksine[m] + ghkcosine[m]) + 2 * v1[m] * itap2_yhyhkconj.re[m])
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              _gy4[m] = -u[m] * itapv1[m] * (-bhksine[m] + ghkcosine[m])
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              _gy5[m] = -u[m] * itapv1v2[m] * (-bhkcosine[m] + ghksine[m])
158
              _gy6[m] = -u[m] * itapv1v2[m] * (bhkcosine[m] - ghksine[m])
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              _gy7[m] = -u[m] * itapv2[m] * (bhksine[m] + ghkcosine[m])
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              _gy8[m] =
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                  u[m] * (-itapv1[m] * (bhksine[m] + ghkcosine[m]) + 2 * v2[m] * yhyhkconj.re[m])
162
              _gy9[m] = -u[m] * itapv1v2[m] * (-bhksine[m] + ghkcosine[m])
163
              _gy10[m] = -u[m] * itapv1v2[m] * (bhksine[m] - ghkcosine[m])
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              _{gy11[m]} =
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                  u[m] \star
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                  (-itapv2[m] * (-bhkcosine[m] - ghksine[m]) + 2 * v1[m] * itap2_yhyhkconj.im[m])
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              _gy12[m] = -u[m] * itapv1[m] * (-bhkcosine[m] - ghksine[m])
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              _gy13[m] = u[m] * itapv1v2[m] * (bhksine[m] + ghkcosine[m])
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              _gy14[m] = u[m] * itapv1v2[m] * (-bhksine[m] - ghkcosine[m])
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              _gy15[m] = u[m] * itapv2[m] * (bhkcosine[m] - ghksine[m])
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              _{gy16[m]} =
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                  u[m] * (itapv1[m] * (bhkcosine[m] - ghksine[m]) + 2 * v2[m] * vhyhkconj.im[m])
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          end
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          nothing
```

Single-instruction multiple data (SIMD)



Performance Comparison on x86 with AVX2



time is 30% with proposed method

Performance Data from perf



- Proposed element-wise method has computational advantage over Y_{bus} method
- Perspectives: Model reduction versus Map + Reduce
- Cultivating multidisciplinary research in power and computing

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Code Generation for Compiled Languages?

- Future power system simulation
 - Transient stability simulation + electromagnetic transient simulation
- Use ANDES as a modeling tool to generate optimized code
- Performance is the key
- The Julia case
 - Single Instruction Multiple Data (SIMD) vectorization on CPUs and GPUs
 - Multi-threading on CPUs
- Needs parallel-friendly data structure and computation workflow

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Ongoing Work 1: Transient Stability Simulation in the Julia Scientific Computing Ecosystems (1)

Motivation:

- Julia has the state-of-the-art DAE solvers
- Variable step based on error estimation; high-order & stiff-aware solvers
- To fully leverage hardware capabilities and sophisticated solvers and for large-scale stability simulation

State of the art:

- PowerSimulationDynamics.jl package (NREL)
- Current injection model, partitioned solution of DE and AE (may interfere with error estimation)
- Data structure does not support data parallelism



Ongoing Work 1: Transient Stability Simulation in the Julia Scientific **Computing Ecosystems (2)**

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end

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nothing

eld_rhs[i] = -XaqI1q[i]

Research Question:

- Prevalent methods are fixed-step & low-order ۲
- Is it more accurate and efficient to use high-order ۲ methods with variable step, error estimation, and compute interpolation?
- (Large test systems + complex methods) ٠

A Systemic Approach:

- Generate parallel model implementations ulletin Julia
- Write a framework to assemble models • and interface with the solver

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Ongoing Work 1: Transient Stability Simulation in the Julia Scientific Computing Ecosystems: Current Progress

- Developed a *transpiler* to convert all model equations
- Develop mechanisms to support automatic differentiation for all models
- Programmed the "gluing" framework
- Leverages ANDES for data input and steady-state initialization



Results verified with ANDES using Single-Machine, Infinite-Bus system



Ongoing Work 2: Multi-Timescale Simulation using Dynamic Phasor (1)

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Background:

- Converter integration necessitates electromagnetic transient (EMT) simulation
- North American Electric Reliability Council issues new guidelines on EMT modeling

Objective:

Electromechanical and electromagnetic transients in one framework

Approach:

- Same solver infrastructure: variable-step + error control
- Dynamic phasor (DP) modeling shift frequency to enable large step sizes

Mathematical Foundation

- For signal $x(t) = \tilde{x}(t)e^{j\omega t}$, $\tilde{x}(t)$ is known as dynamic phasor
- Derivative property: $\dot{x}(t) = \tilde{\dot{x}}(t)e^{j\omega t} +$ • $j\omega \tilde{x}(t)e^{j\omega t}$
- $\tilde{\dot{x}}(t) = \dot{x}(t)e^{-j\omega t} j\omega \tilde{x}(t)$ -- there exists a • canonical way to transform diff. eqn.



Ongoing Work 2: Multi-Timescale Simulation using Dynamic Phasor (2)







Generator speed comparison; both DP and PSCAD models capture the initial dip due to electromagnetic transients Comparison of simulation step sizes in *sec*; DP step sizes are in the same order of magnitude as traditional phasor; PSCAD uses 500 μs fixed. There is a catch! DP models are more oscillatory when system is *marginally stable* due to eigenvalue shifts along the Y axis. Still under investigation.

Summary

- ANDES introduces a **hybrid framework** that combines symbolic and numeric methods, enabling flexible, descriptive modeling for efficient power grid simulations.
- We discussed a **fine-grained parallelization** to accelerate computation of large-scale systems through optimized data handling and element-wise calculations.
- Leveraging Julia's scientific computing ecosystem, ongoing work focuses on high-order, variable-step methods for multi-timescale simulations.

Thank you!

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