

Eigen-Computation in Modern Power Transmission Grids

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Context:

Power systems are large-scale (usually around 40000 state variables) multi-physics systems. We are interested in oscillatory modes which correspond to some specific phenomena which have particular signatures (in eigenvectors, for example). Algorithms which exploit these signatures should be developed.

Research subjects:

As these oscillations depend on several parameters of the system (load level, topology, ...), the computation should be enriched at, at least, two levels:

- Parametrization in order to cover a large set of situations
- Quantification of the uncertainty connected to the location of the production, the intermittence of the energy, the mathematical aggregation of the dynamic model

Competences needed:

The candidate should have experience in numerical computation and/or in statistics. He/she should be able to implement the new algorithms in professional languages (like, e.g., C++) in order to integrate them in industrial numerical platforms.

Knowledge on power systems would be a plus but it is not mandatory. The candidate should only be motivated to discover this field with the help of experts from the recipient team.

Framework:

This work is proposed in a general framework of collaboration with RTE – the French Transmission System Operator – and ENTSO-E and it is thus connected to real needs of the interconnected power systems. Realistic tests and validations of the theoretic developments mentioned above should be done on (large-scale) grid models and scenarios provided by RTE and ENTSO-E. The Control of Power Grids chair (<http://chairerte.ec-nantes.fr/>) which exists between Ecole Centrale Nantes and RTE R&D guarantees the direction and the financial founding of this work. The work will be carried out in Nantes-France.

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