

Hydrogen Systems for PERformance-based Value stacking

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Project Goal and Impact

Developing a co-optimal design and control approach to allow hydrogen systems to reliably participate in electricity and hydrogen markets

- Develop control and planning modules for HYPER-V with uncertainty considerations for reliable operation
- Explore use-cases for electricity dependent, hydrogen-dependent business models
- Explore the techno-economic feasibility of the proposed design/planning using HYPER-V

Commercial site with electrical and hydrogen demands co-optimized using HYPER-V

Impact:

- One-of-its-kind platform that allows feasibility analysis of the business with considerations for value-stacked revenue streams
- Provide a sustainable path towards building clean energy infrastructure
- Provide pathways to private sector uptake.

Overview

Timeline and Budget Barriers

For Competitively Selected Projects awarded through FOAs and fully funded at project start:

- Project Start Date: 12/1/2021
- Project End Date: 6/15/2023
- Total Project Budget: \$500,000
	- Total DOE Share: \$250,000
	- Total Cost Share: \$250,000
	- Total DOE Funds Spent*: \$239,000
	- Total Cost Share Funds Spent*: \$250,000
		- * As of 04/14/2023

This is the first AMR presentation for this project

- Barriers and Targets
	- Lack of consideration for the unique electrical characteristics of the hydrogen system assets
	- Limited insight into developing turn-key solutions that allows revenue from multiple service streams
	- Bringing planning and operational design on a single platform that explores the mutual impact of decisions

Partners

- Rishabh Jain (PI), NREL
- Partner: Eaton

Approach

Accomplishments and Progress

HYPER-V Design, Use-case Outcomes

HYPER-V Integrated System Planning Model

• The planning model considers the different hydrogen systems and grid assets that are integrated to observe the impact on electricity and hydrogen^[1] markets.

[1]. X. Zhao, Y. Yao, W. Liu, R. Jain, and C. Zhao, "A Hydrogen Load Modeling Method for Integrated Hydrogen Energy System Planning," 2023 IEEE Power & Energy Society Innovative Smart Grid Technologies Conference (ISGT), 2023, pp. 1-5

Overview: HYPER-V Design

Numerical Tests: Cost Parameters

Key Parameters for Integrated System Planning

- Case 1: Current-value planning without considering any grid service
- Case 2: Current-value planning considering demand response and regulation services
- Case 3: Future-value planning considering demand response and regulation services.
- Case 4: Current-value planning considering more aggressive demand response and regulation services

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Typical Dispatch Day – Optimized by HYPER-V

DISPATCH PROFILES (TYPICAL DAY)

Numerical Tests: Planning Results

Accomplishments and Progress

Operation Feasibility Validation using High-fidelity power system models

Evaluation Test Bed

Scalable Fuel-cell Module Design

- Grid-connected MW-scale FC system modeled in a RTDS simulator to emulate interaction of inverter interfaced FC when connected to the utility grid
- PEMFC Stack, DC-DC converter and DC-AC inverter modeled in RSCAD
- PEMFC stack models electrochemical as well as terminal electrical response [1]
- For converters and inverters, average models are used given applications of interest span over several minutes/hours
- Fuel Cell model Validation performed using various steady-state and dynamic tests
- FC inverter controller set to operate in gridfollowing mode – tracking P and Q setpoints
- Optimal dispatch setpoints from the planning tool results are sent to FC inverter controller for emulating a 24-hours

scenario *[1] Modeling and Control of Fuel Cells: Distributed Generation Applications, M. Hashem Nehrir and Caisheng Wang*

Results/Validation/Discussion – Case 1

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- RTDS Validation plots are used to compare signals measured in the simulation vs setpoints dispatched by the planning tool (for 24 hours -5 seconds in simulation = 15 minutes in the planning tool)
- For all dynamic components (PV, electrolyzer, local load and FC), the trend in measured signals show the dynamics associated with the EMT simulation
- The dynamics are governed by the underlying physical characteristics of the components, or the PI controllers used for reference tracking (Planning tool references)
- Simulation results for all 4 cases showed a stable

Results for other cases in backup slides

NREL | 17 **Comparison: FC Power Injection (in MW) over 24 hour period – RSCAD Simulation Results**

Accomplishments and Progress

Techno-economic Feasibility

Cost-benefit Analysis – Considering a 60-40 split (60% loan, 40% capital)

Investment Analysis: With less rewarding Grid service market

- We used H2FAST for the investment analysis
- Hydrogen is assumed to become more affordable (declining selling price) over the next 2 decades.
- Investment and Operating costs are considered to be same for baseline comparison
- Growth in demand is not modeled for this analysis
- Service

Real levelized cost breakdown of hydrogen (2023\$/kg)

revenue \blacksquare Financing cash inflow

Investment Analysis: With less rewarding Grid service market

Total revenue (\$/year), (Millions)

Cumulative investor cash flow, (Millions)

Value stacking multiple services helps boost cash flow

HYPER-V is able to optimally size and provide operational estimates for investment analysis for potential investors

Investment Analysis: With More rewarding Grid service market

With a more rewarding participation in grid services, the \$/kg can be improved significantly

Real levelized cost breakdown of hydrogen (2023\$/kg)

 \Box Financing cash

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Opportunities offered by HYPER-V

- Cost reduction
	- Planning for better behind-the-meter load management
	- Investment in local generation
- Additional sources of revenue:
	- Optimize asset sizes for value stacked participation in multiple markets
- Optimal utilization
	- Time-ahead dispatch profiles to maximize the utilization factor
- Use-case development
	- Evaluate the impact of different drivers on investment/operational decisions

Key Conclusions

- Revenue is strongly co-related to the selling price of Hydrogen
- As H2 becomes more affordable, value stacking will help boost \$/kg generated from the investments
- Investments offer a modest 17-20% IRR in most scenarios
- HYPER-V has developed into a versatile tool that can be used for planning and dispatch of hydrogen system assets

Technology Transfer Activities: Software Records, Publications

Software Records:

- SWR-22-71: EMT model of Fuel cell with Power converters
- SWR-23-45: Hydrogen Systems for Performance-based Value stacking Planning (HYPER-VP)
- SWR-23-46: Hydrogen Systems for Performance-based Value stacking Dispatch (HYPER-VD)

Publications:

[1]. X. Zhao, Y. Yao, W. Liu , R. Jain, and C. Zhao, "A Hydrogen Load Modeling Method for Integrated Hydrogen Energy System Planning," *2023 IEEE Power & Energy Society Innovative Smart Grid Technologies Conference (ISGT)*, 2023, pp. 1-5

[2] J. R. Sawant, K. Nagasawa and R. Jain, "Fuel Cell Stack Model for Real-Time Simulation of Grid-Connected Applications," *2022 North American Power Symposium (NAPS), Salt Lake City, UT, USA*, 2022, pp. 1-6, doi: 10.1109/NAPS56150.2022.10012182.

[3] *Planned journal manuscript*: Opportunities with Value-stacked dispatch of Hydrogen systems for the evolving grid operations

Collaboration and Coordination

- Project Partner:
	- Eaton (Dr. Wenpeng Liu) Industry
	- Role: Market Evaluation, Validation of the system models, Use-case development, Feedback and Data driving the project outcomes
- Collaboration with Eaton:
	- Market valuation of the different hydrogen-based revenue streams
	- Developing the use-cases for hydrogen fueling station
	- Validation of the operational and financial feasibility outcomes

Future Industry/Research Engagement

- Eaton: Utilizing the project outcomes to help determine opportunities for turn-key solutions
- Data-center owners/operators: Utilizing the fuel-cell based backup generation as a value-stacked service for robust power during outages and load management
- Supporting other DOE projects:
	- Ongoing CRADA project on Grid-forming inverter design using fuel-cells
- Using project outcomes to engage DoD through ESTCP opportunities
- Outreach through NREL Tech-transfer office:

Proposed Future Work

- Integration with **real-time controls**
- **Integrating cash flow and life cycle analysis** into the optimization:
	- Challenge: integrate millions/billions of scenario into the constraints
	- Get direct and global optimal cost-benefit and cash flow analysis results, it may be attractive and straight-forward to industrial customers from financial background
- **Consideration of soft-costs** for system integration
	- Hardware costs are part of the net production costs. HYPER-V should evolve to integrate with and support complimentary efforts to optimize system designs for soft costs

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Planning as an Optimization: Variables and Objective

Variables:

- Decision: Invested Capacity of H2 Tank, Electrolyzer, Fuel Cell, PV, EV Charging, Controllable Load
- Ancillary: Dispatch of H2 Tank, Electrolyzer, Fuel Cell, PV, EV Charging, Controllable Load, Ramping, Demand Response

Objective:

- **Investment Costs**:
	- \triangleright all investment decisions are made at the beginning of planning period;
	- \triangleright the annuity of a one-time investment based on the planning year and the interest rate
- **Operating Costs:**
	- \triangleright includes the net energy procurement cost and the maintenance costs of the hydrogen energy system, PV, and EVs;
- **Revenue from Electricity/Hydrogen Market:**
	- \triangleright includes the revenue from electricity markets, and any compensation received to provide local services (i.e. EV and HV charging)
- **Penalty Costs:**
	- \triangleright includes any penalties/loss of income incurred by failing to provide any requested grid services

Planning as an Optimization: Constraints

Power Balance:

- ensures that the net power imported is equal to the power consumed
- captures the ramp up, ramp down, and demand response products $[2]$ $[3]$

Hydrogen Energy System:

- the hydrogen generated by the electrolyzer can be stored in the tank for later use, such as meeting the vehicle fueling and generating power in fuel cells.
- determines the power and fuel (hydrogen) availability, efficiency, and capacity for the hydrogen systems.

PV Module:

- ensures that the PV investment and operation cost depend only on the invested capacity
- ensures that PV system can only generate power up to its rated capacity.

Electrical Vehicle:

- determines the EV investment and the operation costs based on its invested capacity.
- ensures EV load charging consumption w.r.t. rated capacity.

^{[3].} <https://www.sdge.com/businesses/savings-center/energy-management-programs/demand-response/capacity-bidding-program>

Planning as an Optimization: Scenarios

Hydrogen Load:

We propose the following assumptions to predict the daily hydrogen load profile:

- The fueling station works from 9 am to 6 pm daily
- The rate to refuel a hydrogen-fueled truck is constant
- The hydrogen fueling station can serve up to six trucks simultaneously
- Arriving trucks are served in a first-in, first-out order
- The interarrival times of trucks are independent and identically distributed (IID) random variables that are exponentially distributed with a mean of 5 min
- The fueling times of each truck are IID random variables that are normally distributed with a mean of 5.5 min and a standard deviation of 0.83 min

Basic Data of The Hydrogen Fueling Station

Planning as an Optimization: Scenarios

Electricity load:

- Feeder Green (Long Beach, CA)^[4], One year profile (2017), One-hour time resolution (8760 time steps)
- The largest three-phase commercial load from is picked: 1,366 kW (peak load),
- Installed PV capacity 250 kW, PV shape is also from gathered from field on feeder Green, Removed to let the Planning tool make decision
- CAISO MCP (SDG&E node) [5]; SDG&E TOU [6]; CAISO Flexible Ramping Product [2]; SDG&E DR-CBP [3]

Load/PV shape on May.21st, 2017 (spring peak)

- [4]. <https://www.nrel.gov/analysis/los-angeles-100-percent-renewable-study.html>
- [5]. <http://www.caiso.com/pricemap/Pages/default.aspx>
- [6]. <https://www.sdge.com/regulatory-filing/2227/time-use-tou>

Planning as an Optimization: Scenarios

EV load and charging cords:

• 6 EBus (school buses/coaches) 14 EVs (sedans/SUVs), charging profile on May.21st, 2017 (12 kW ebus charging, 6.25 kW EV charging, 0.5 \$/kWh $|^{[7]}$

Planning as an Optimization: Number of Scenarios to achieve the user-defined level of Confidence and Robustness

Stochastic Programming on Handling Uncertainties:

- represent the uncertainties by a number of representative scenarios (in this way, it is also known as "scenario approach")
- ε-guaranteed corollary to determine the number of representative scenarios [8]. E.g., At least 90% of uncertainty realizations can be defiantly handled with at least 80% confidence.
- Utilize the K-means clustering method to select 50 representative scenarios from scenario pool [9].

() **under different robust and confidence level**

[8] . Yao, "Security-constrained unit commitment with uncertainties," M.S. thesis, College of Electrical Engineering, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, May 2015

[9]. W. Liu, Y. Yao, R. Jain, *et al*., "Commercial building planning and retrofitting strategy for grid services," *IEEE/PES Transmission and Distribution Conference and Exposition (T&D)*, pp. 1–5, April. 2022

Cost-Benefit Analysis

- Net Present Value (NPV)
	- Used to determine whether an investment or project will be profitable through the end of its economic lifecycle
	- Zero is good news
	- Depends on rate of return
- Internal Rate of Return (IRR)
	- Rate of return that brings NPV to zero

NPV Calculation

- NPV of an investment is the sum of all future cash flows over the investment's lifetime, discounted to the present value
- First year of operation from optimization

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NPV = \frac{Cash Flow_1}{(1+r)^1} + \frac{Cash Flow_2}{(1+r)^2} + \frac{Cash Flow_n}{(1+r)^n} - Initial Investment
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Operating revenue

-Operating expenses

-Debt service

-Taxes

Annual cash flow

Modeling

- Financial parameters using generic values
	- 15-year MACRS
- 20-year analysis period
	- Different equipment lifetimes

Numerical Tests: Results Validation

HyperV developed an optimization tool to plan hybrid hydrogenelectricity charging station with multiple solutions, i.e., : Case 1

- **Case 2**
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- **Case 3**
- **Case 4**

Hyper-V has an optimal scheduling tool to carry

(unit kw/kg) in RTDS to carry-out feasibility analysis:

Simulate the dispatch of all devices

out time-series dispatch Take the planning solutions and its Take the planning solutions and its corresponding times-series dispatch (unit \$) to carry-out the cost-benefit analysis

Time (Seconds)

Case 2 – Old Cost – Grid Service – PV – No PV investment here

Case 2 – Old Cost – Grid Service - Electrolyzer

Case 2 – Old Cost – Grid Service - FC

Case 3 – New Cost – Grid Service - Load

Case 3 – New Cost– Grid Service – PV – No PV investment here

Case 3 – New Cost– Grid Service - Electrolyzer

Case 3 – New Cost– Grid Service - FC

