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Stochastic economic sizing and OPEN placement of renewable integrated energy system with combined hydrogen and power technology in the active distribution network

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The current study concentrates on the planning (sitting and sizing) of a renewable integrated energy system that incorporates power-to-hydrogen (P2H) and hydrogen-to-power (H2P) technologies within an active distribution network. This is expressed in the form of an optimization model, in which the objective function is to reduce the annual costs of construction and maintenance of integrated energy systems. The model takes into account the planning and operation model of wind, solar, and bio-waste resources, as well as hydrogen storage (a combination of P2H, H2P, and hydrogen tank), and the optimal power flow constraints of the distribution network. Electrical and hydrogen energy are administered in an integrated energy system. The modeling of the uncertainties regarding the quantity of load and renewable resources is achieved through stochastic optimization using the Unscented Transformation method. The novelties of the scheme include the sizing and placement of a combined hydrogen and power-based renewable integrated energy system, the consideration of the impacts of bio-waste units, P2H, and H2P systems on the planning of the integrated energy system and the operation of the active distribution network, and the modeling of uncertainties using the Unscented Transformation method to reduce the calculation time. The study's results demonstrate the scheme's ability to improve the technical conditions of the distribution network by considering the optimal planning of integrated energy systems. In comparison to the network power flow, the operation status of the network has been improved by approximately 23-45% through the optimal siting, sizing, and energy management of hydrogen storage equipment, as well as renewable resources in the form of integrated energy systems. In other words, optimal energy management and planning of the integrated energy systems in the distribution network has been able to reduce energy losses and voltage drop by 44.5% and 42.4% compared to the load flow studies. In this situation, peak load carrying capability has increased by about 23.7%. In addition, compared to the case of the network with renewable resources, the overvoltage has decreased by about 43.5%. Also, Unscented Transformation method has a lower calculation time than scenario-based stochastic optimization.

Keywords Active distribution network, Combined hydrogen and power system, P2H and H2P technologies, Placement and sizing, Renewable integrated energy system, Unscented transformation method

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Motivation

Integrated energy systems (IESs) are a method of aggregating and coordinating energy consumption management programs, storage, and resources¹. Renewable energy sources, which are environmentally favorable, are typically implemented in an IES to mitigate emissions. These resources are available in a variety of forms, including tidal units (TU), photovoltaic (PV), wind systems (WS), and bio-waste systems $(BS)^2$. Their generation capacity is unpredictable and fluctuates². Consequently, the utilization of storage devices in IES is regarded as a sustainable energy source³. Storage devices can be implemented to optimize energy management in IES, in addition to compensating for the power fluctuations of renewable sources. Various varieties of storage devices exist. One such variety is hydrogen storage, which is equipped with hydrogen-to-power (H2P) and power-to-hydrogen (P2H) technologies. In addition to its capacity to store electrical energy, this storage system can also be utilized to supply the hydrogen burden⁴. Therefore, it is anticipated that this storage device will be of substantial utility in the IES. A role in energy transfer and storage can be played by IES with optimal operation⁵. Therefore, the economic and technical objectives of the distribution system operator (DSO) are improved by their presence in the power system⁵. These conditions are contingent upon the optimal energy management of IESs and their optimal planning (sitting and sizing) within the distribution system. Consequently, the technical conditions of the network can be improved by optimizing the planning and operation of renewable IESs in the distribution network using P2H and H2P technologies. This depends on the extraction of an acceptable optimization model.

Literature review

The topic of IESs in the distribution system has been the subject of numerous publications and studies, with a particular emphasis on operation and planning. A two-stage optimization method for a coupled capacity planning and operation problem, which is embedded within the economical operation of the regional IES, is presented in⁶. The first optimization stage of the proposed model is a regional IES planner that aims to reduce the energy and environmental costs of the system. The second stage is an operation problem that is primarily responsible for achieving the optimal operation scheme of the system. By co-optimizing the capacity configuration and power output of individual energy supply modules, the regional IES planner optimizes the installed capacity of renewable energy sources and reduces environmental costs, thereby pursuing the best interests of the region. To reduce the costs of IES operation and facilitate flexible and robust uncertainty planning, the hybrid robustinterval optimization framework was proposed in⁷. In order to account for the uncertainties associated with

renewable energy generation output and demand response, the framework incorporated robust optimization and interval analysis. A constrained multi-objective transition algorithm was devised to solve the problem of modeling IES planning as a deterministic bi-objective optimization problem with investment operation cost and robustness as the optimization objectives. The industrial park-IES with hydrogen energy industry chain is proposed in⁸. Hydrogen production, transportation, and storage technologies are implemented in this system. Initially, a novel long-term hydrogen storage model that takes into account various time stages is introduced. Subsequently, hydrogen compressor models that account for various pressure ratios are implemented. A new strategy for reducing reliability costs is proposed in⁹in order to attain the lowest total cost. In this context, the vehicle-to-grid instrument is employed to decrease the overall system cost. The energy management model for the micro-grid in the grid-connected mode that has been presented accounts for the fluctuations in the output power of the wind turbine and photovoltaic systems, as well as the charging and discharging of plug-in electric vehicles. The modified fluid search optimization algorithm is used in this study to optimize the microgrid operation problem. This algorithm is both innovative and effective. A grid-connected IES is proposed in¹⁰, which considers the complementarity of geothermal energy and solar energy and incorporates heat storage. A study is conducted on the multi-objective optimization problem of IES for the coupling mode of electric energy, heat energy, and cold energy. A multi-objective optimization model was developed with the objective of integrating the cost of operation, the cost of exergic efficacy, and the cost of pollution gas emission penalty by utilizing a multi-functional park as the research object.

An optimal scheduling model is proposed in¹¹that encompasses the demand response of cooling, heating, and electricity consumption, as well as a ladder-type carbon trading mechanism. This model is based on Combined Cooling, Heat and Power system and a carbon capture device. Initially, a multi-energy and multi-type demand response model is developed, which is founded on the time-of-use electricity price and incentive mechanism. User satisfaction is employed to assess the model. Next, a carbon trading model for the integrated energy system is developed by taking into account the system's actual carbon emissions and the ladder-type carbon trading mechanism. Ultimately, an optimal scheduling model that takes into account both low-carbon and economy is constructed by combining the operation constraints of multi-energy flow of integrated energy system with the objective function of the minimum sum of energy purchase cost, maintenance cost, carbon emission cost, and compensation cost. This transforms the problem into a mixed integer linear problem. Ref¹². innovatively suggests an integrated energy system operation method that effectively reduces total operating costs and carbon emissions by enabling electric and heating loads to collaborate in demand response. Initially, the synergistic mechanism of electric and heating loads is examined, and a demand response strategy for electric and heating loads is suggested. Secondly, the electric load and thermal load demand response models are constructed based on the sensitivity of the electric load to the same electricity price and the flexibility of the thermal load, respectively. In¹³, a Stackelberg game theory-based operation strategy for a community IES is proposed, which considers the characteristics of supply and demand. The energy management of a smart distribution network, which includes an integrated energy system of hydrogen storage and renewable sources, is detailed in Ref¹⁴.. The objective is to evaluate the distribution system operator's economic, operational, flexibility, and reliability objectives. The objective function is designed to reduce the costs of operation, reliability, energy losses, and network flexibility. The alternating current (AC) optimal power flow equations, network reliability limitations, and integrated energy system model all constrain the scheme. A cooperative operation method for multi-IESs is proposed in¹⁵to address the challenges encountered by an IES during independent operation, such as high operating costs and significant uncertainties in electricity prices and source-load. This method is based on a threelevel Nash three-stage robust optimization. The rural comprehensive energy park distribution robust scheduling model for water-containing product breeding conservatories is proposed in¹⁶. Initially, a greenhouse model for aquaculture is developed using the principle of thermal diffusion. Subsequently, a rural integrated energy system model is developed by taking into account energy production, consumption, and storage. Reference¹⁷builds the flexible regulation models of thermal and electrical loads and introduces them to the structure expansion planning of IES. A two-stage stochastic probability optimization method integrating the uncertain operation of introducing flexible loads is then proposed to balance the additional costs of device integration and the benefits of performance promotion. Ref18. presents the unavailable operating region problem of the traditional IES and its flexibility improvement mechanism of integrating with the gas boiler, electric boiler, power-to-gas, electrical energy storage and thermal energy storage. Table 1 contains a summary of the pertinent research.

Research gaps

The following is a summary of the study openings in the field of IESs operation and planning in the power system, as indicated in Table 1:

- The optimal operation of IESs in the distribution system is the sole factor considered in the majority of studies, such as⁹⁻¹⁶¹⁸. Nevertheless, the optimal placement and sizing of IESs can have a positive effect on the power system in addition to the operation of IESs, in order to enhance the economic and technical indices. However, the planning of IESs has been examined in conjunction with their operation in a limited number of references, including $6-817$. However, these works only examine the sizing model and do not take into account the placement model of IES.
- Electrical energy management in IES has been the sole focus of the majority of research. However, at consumption locations, a variety of energies, including electricity, heat, and gas, are consumed. For instance, it is anticipated that a substantial number of electric vehicles powered by fuel cells will be implemented in the future in order to mitigate environmental concerns and advance technologies. Hydrogen is required for these vehicles. Consequently, it is anticipated that hydrogen consumption at consumption points will require

Table 1. Taxonomy of recent works.

management in addition to electric energy management. However, there is a dearth of research in the field of IESs, as evidenced by⁹.

- The majority of research in the field of operation and planning of IESs has not taken into account the presence of P2H and H2P technologies. P2H is employed to generate hydrogen through the utilization of renewable energy sources. In other terms, P2H can be used as an electrolyzer (EL) to convert renewable electrical energy into hydrogen on the way to a renewable source. Hydrogen is utilized to generate electrical energy, which is denoted as H2P. It is analogous to a fuel cell (FC) that receives electrical energy and generates electrical energy at its output. Hydrogen storage is the term used to describe the combination of a hydrogen tank (HT) and P2H and H2P. This storage device operates at an acceptable level of efficacy. It can be constructed in large capacities and has a lengthy useful life. However, it is important to acknowledge that the battery is utilized as a storage device in the majority of the studies. The battery's access to big capacities is difficult and expensive, and its construction is costly, despite its high power density and efficiency. Nevertheless, hydrogen storage can be implemented to mitigate these constraints. Furthermore, hydrogen charges may be supplied by the hydrogen storage. Previous investigations have seldom addressed this matter.
- Renewable resources have been considered in order to achieve favorable environmental conditions and reduce operational costs in the power system. Nevertheless, wind and solar renewable sources have been implemented in the majority of studies, including6–13,15–18. Additionally, the bio-waste system (BS) is a renewable energy source that converts environmental refuse into electrical energy at its output. Nevertheless, the positive impact of BS operation on a variety of technical, economic, and environmental indicators has been assessed in a limited number of references, including¹⁴ which pertain to the IES operation.
- The planning and operation of the IES are subject to a variety of uncertainties, including the load, renewable resources, and distribution network. Most research has employed scenario-based stochastic optimization (SBSO) to address the aforementioned uncertainties. In order to achieve a dependable solution, this approach necessitates a substantial number of scenarios. This problem results in a decrease in computation time due to the increased volume of the problem. However, minimal computing time is of particular significance in the context of power system operation issues. Some works, such as $7,15,15-18$, employed robust optimization to model uncertainties in order to address this issue. However, the worst-case scenarios of uncertainty parameters are the only scenario considered in this optimization. Although this issue is effective in reducing computing time, the worst-case scenario results in a high planning cost for IES. Despite the possibility that the worst-case scenario may occur with a poor degree of certainty. Thus, stochastic optimization techniques that employ the lowest scenario are required to account for these instances. The discipline of IES optimization has given less consideration to this issue.

Contributions

The proposed research gaps are addressed and resolved by the sitting and sizing of renewable IESs in the active distribution network (ADN) using P2H and H2P technologies, as illustrated in Fig. 1. The aforementioned IES takes into account the presence of BSs and manages electric and hydrogen energy. The optimization form is used to convey the proposed design. The total annual cost of construction and maintenance of renewable resources, P2H, H2P, and HT is minimized at the objective function. The operation and planning model of

renewable resources, including wind farms (WF), photovoltaic farms (PVF), and bio-waste unit farms (BUF), as well as the operation and planning limitations of P2H, H2P, and HT, active power balance in IES, and AC optimal power flow model of ADN, are all constraints. The electrolyzer/fuel cell is included in the P2H/H2P in this article. Hydrogen is produced by the electrolyzer through the conversion of electrical energy. A portion of the hydrogen generated is utilized to fuel the hydrogen load, while the remaining portion is stored in HT. Additionally, hydrogen is supplied by HT to the fuel cell, which generates electricity at its output. The function of hydrogen storage (HS) is, of course, equivalent to the combination of H2P, P2H, and HT functions in this article. Renewable resources and the quantity of demand are uncertain in the proposed design. The final research gap is addressed by employing the stochastic optimization-based Unscented Transformation (UT) method to characterize this uncertainty and achieve a safe optimal solution. Lastly, the objectives and innovations of the present investigation are as follows:

- The installation, sizing, and control of renewable IESs that are equipped with P2H and H2P technologies in the ADN.
- Concurrent optimization of energy usage for both electricity and hydrogen customers in renewable IESs that are equipped with hydrogen storage.
- Assessing the influence of the optimal performance of BSs, P2Hs, and H2Ps in IES on the technical condition of the distribution system.
- Employing the UT approach to model uncertainty in load and renewable sources, aiming to provide a dependable solution within a short computation time.

Finally, the general contribution of this scheme is "*Economic placement*, *sizing and energy management of renewable IES with hydrogen storage in the active distribution network according to the improvement of the operation goals of the distribution system operator based on UT approach-based stochastic optimization*".

In Sect. 2, we will discuss the planning and operation of IESs in ADN. Section 3 provides a description of the uncertainty modeling using the UT approach. Section 4 presents the quantitative results obtained from the analysis of specific instances. Ultimately, Sect. 5 concludes the paper.

Sitting and sizing of networked HS-based renewable IESs

In this article, it is assumed that the distribution network has an intelligent platform. Therefore, the term of the active distribution network was used in this article. In this network, it is expected that there is two-way coordination between the IES operator and the DSO based on Fig. 1. The IES operator is aware of the state or technical limitations of the network, therefore it determines the optimal location for itself in the network and then obtains the optimal size for resources and storage devices according to the network limitations. In the discussion of IES energy management, the IES operator is in bidirectional coordination with the renewable sources and hydrogen storage according to Fig. 1. It receives the data of these elements, and according to the network constraints announced to it by the DSO, it obtains the optimal power scheduling of the resources and storage devices and informs them. In other words, in order to implement the proposed plan on the distribution network in the real environment, it is necessary to have an intelligent platform in the network and IES.

This section presents the planning of IES, which involves the incorporation of P2H and H2P technologies in ADN. It reduces the cost of planning for IESs by considering the constraints of resources, storage devices, and the AC optimum power flow of ADN. Below is the mathematical statement of the problem:

$$
\min \quad AMC = \sum_{n} \begin{pmatrix} N_n^{WS}IC^{WS} + N_n^{PV}IC^{PV} + N_n^{BS}IC^{BS} + N_n^{P2H}IC^{P2H} + N_n^{H2P}IC^{H2P} + N_n^{HT}IC^{HT} + N_n^{W2}NC^{WS} + N_n^{W2}MC^{PV} + N_n^{BS}MC^{BS} + N_n^{P2H}MC^{P2H} + N_n^{H2P}MC^{H2P} + N_n^{HT}MC^{HT} \end{pmatrix} \tag{1}
$$

Subject to:

$$
P_{n,h,s}^{WF} = N_n^{WS} \bar{P}_n^{WS} \phi_{n,h,s}^{WS} \qquad \forall n,h,s
$$
\n
$$
(2)
$$

$$
P_{n,h,s}^{PVF} = N_n^{PV} \bar{P}_n^{PV} \phi_{n,h,s}^{PV} \qquad \forall n,h,s
$$
\n
$$
(3)
$$

$$
P_{n,h,s}^{BUF} = N_n^{BS} \bar{P}_n^{BS} \phi_{n,h,s}^{BS} \qquad \forall n, h, s \tag{4}
$$

$$
\phi_{n,h,s}^{WS} = \begin{cases}\n0 & v_n^{C-IN} \geq v_{n,h,s}^{WS} \geq v_n^{C-OUT} \\
\frac{v_{n,h,s}^{WS} - v_n^{C-IN}}{v_n^R - v_n^{C-IN}} & v_n^{C-IN} \leq v_{n,h,s}^{WS} \leq v_n^R \\
1 & v_n^R \leq v_{n,h,s}^{WS} \leq v_n^{C-OUT}\n\end{cases}
$$
\n(5)

$$
\phi_{n,h,s}^{PV} = \frac{I_{n,h,s}^{PV}}{\bar{I}_n^{PV}} \qquad \forall n, h, s \tag{6}
$$

$$
\phi_{n,h,s}^{BS} = \frac{G_{n,h,s}^{BS}}{\bar{G}_n^{BS}} \qquad \forall n, h, s \tag{7}
$$

$$
0 \leqslant P_{n,h,s}^{P2H} \leqslant N_n^{P2H} \bar{P}_n^{P2H} \quad \forall n,h,s
$$
\n
$$
(8)
$$

$$
0 \leqslant P_{n,h,s}^{H2P} \leqslant N_n^{H2P} \bar{P}_n^{H2P} \quad \forall n, h, s \tag{9}
$$

$$
P_{n,h,s}^{P2H}P_{n,h,s}^{H2P} = 0 \quad \forall n,h,s
$$
\n(10)

$$
E_{n,h,s}^{HT} = (1 - z_h) E_{n,h,s}^{HT} + z_h N_n^{HT} \hat{E}_n^{HT} + \eta_n^{P2H} P_{n,h,s}^{P2H} - \frac{1}{\eta_n^{H2P}} P_{n,h,s}^{H2P} - H_{n,h,s}^D \quad \forall n, h, s, z_{h=1} = 1 \& z_{h \neq 1} = 0 \tag{11}
$$

$$
N_n^{HT} \underline{E}_n^{HT} \leq E_{n,h,s}^{HT} \leq N_n^{HT} \overline{E}_n^{HT} \quad \forall n, h, s
$$
\n(12)

$$
P_{n,h,s}^V = P_{n,h,s}^{WF} + P_{n,h,s}^{PVF} + P_{n,h,s}^{BUF} + (P_{n,h,s}^{H2P} - P_{n,h,s}^{P2H}) - P_{n,h,s}^D \quad \forall n,h,s
$$
\n(13)

$$
N^{e} \in \{1, 2, \dots, \bar{N}^{e}\} \quad \forall e \triangleq WS, PV, BS, P2H, H2P, HT \tag{14}
$$

$$
P_{n,h,s}^{DS} + P_{n,h,s}^V - P_{n,h,s}^D = \sum_j C_{n,j}^{DL} P_{n,j,h,s}^{DL} \qquad \forall n, h, s
$$
\n(15)

$$
Q_{n,h,s}^{DS} - Q_{n,h,s}^D = \sum_j C_{n,j}^{DL} Q_{n,j,h,s}^{DL} \qquad \forall n, h, s
$$
\n(16)

$$
P_{n,j,h,s}^{DL} = G_{n,j}^{DL} (V_{n,h,s})^2 - V_{n,h,s} V_{j,h,s} (G_{n,j}^{DL} \cos (\alpha_{n,h,s} - \alpha_{j,h,s}) + B_{n,j}^{DL} \sin (\alpha_{n,h,s} - \alpha_{j,h,s})) \quad \forall n,j,h,s \quad (17)
$$

$$
Q_{n,j,h,s}^{DL} = -B_{n,j}^{DL} (V_{n,h,s})^2 + V_{n,h,s} V_{j,h,s} \left(B_{n,j}^{DL} \cos \left(\alpha_{n,h,s} - \alpha_{j,h,s} \right) - G_{n,j}^{DL} \sin \left(\alpha_{n,h,s} - \alpha_{j,h,s} \right) \right) \quad \forall n,j,h,s \quad (18)
$$

$$
\alpha_{n,h,s} = 0 \qquad \forall n = 1, h, s \tag{19}
$$

$$
V_{n,h,s} = 1 \qquad \forall n = 1, h, s \tag{20}
$$

$$
V \le V_{n,h,s} \le V \qquad \forall n,h,s \tag{21}
$$

$$
\sqrt{\left(P_{n,h,s}^{DS}\right)^2 + \left(Q_{n,h,s}^{DS}\right)^2} \leqslant \bar{S}_n^S \qquad \forall n, h, s \tag{22}
$$

$$
\sqrt{\left(P_{n,j,h,s}^{DL}\right)^2 + \left(Q_{n,j,h,s}^{DL}\right)^2} \leqslant \bar{S}_{n,j}^{DL} \qquad \forall n,j,h,s
$$
\n(23)

- a. (A) *Objective function*: The provided equation (Eq. 1) demonstrates the minimizing of the total annual cost associated with the building and maintenance of renewable resources²and hydrogen storage¹⁹. The storage contains various components, including an EL, an HT, and a fuel cell (H2P). The cost of building and maintenance for hydrogen storage components is accounted for in Eq. (1). The cost of constructing or maintaining each element is determined by multiplying the number of elements in IES by the cost of constructing or maintaining that specific piece.
- b. (B) *Planning-operation model of IES*: The constraints of the IES planning-operation model are defined by Eqs. (2)-(14). Constraints (2)-(7) pertain to the renewable resource planning model. The active power generation received from a WF may be calculated using Eq. $(2)^{20-22}$, which involves multiplying the number of WS, the size of each wind turbine, and the production power rate of the WF². According to Eq. $(3)^{23-25}$, the active power of PVF is calculated by multiplying the number, capacity, and power generation rate of PVs²⁶. The active power generation of BUF is determined in Eq. (4) by multiplying the number, capacity, and power generation rate of the Bus². The power rate of WF is determined by utilizing Eq. (5), which is dependent on the wind speed². There are four operational domains for a WS. In the first region, the velocity of the wind is below the threshold speed required for energy generation, rendering the wind turbine unable to produce power. In the fourth region, the velocity of the wind exceeds the threshold speed. In order to save the mechanical components of the WS from harm, a brake mode is implemented which halts power generation. Thus, the output power of WF in the first and fourth zones is 0^2 . In the second region, the velocity of the wind exceeds the cut-in speed but remains below the nominal speed. The power output in this region varies linearly from 0 to 1 as the wind speed increases. Within the third region, the velocity of the wind falls within the range of the designated speed and the maximum allowable speed. To avoid causing harm to the WS, the production power rate in this region is maintained at a constant value of $1²$. The PV power generation rate at any given point of operation, as determined by Eq. (6), is equal to the ratio of the quantity of irradiance to the amount of peak irradiance²⁶. The power generation rate of BU per hour, as determined by Eq. (7), is equal to the ratio of BU gas to its peak value². The operational framework of the HS, taking into account the hydrogen loads, is outlined in restrictions (8)-(12).

Constraint (8) formulates the restriction on the capacity of $P2Hs^{14}$. As stated in constraint (8), the total active power consumption of P2Hs can be calculated by multiplying the number of P2Hs by the capacity of each individual P2H. Constraint (9) specifies the maximum amount of active power that H2Ps can generate¹⁴. According to constraint (9), the maximum active power generated by H2Ps is equal to the product of the number of H2Ps and the capacity of one $H2P^{27-29}$. It is not advisable to have both the P2H and H2P systems operating simultaneously in high school. The problem is represented by constraint $(10)^3$. Therefore, when P2Hs use active power, H2Ps are inactive and do not produce power. The converse is also accurate. The energy stored in the HT is determined using Eq. $(11)^{14}$. According to this relationship³⁰, the amount of energy stored in HT is equal to the total amount of energy stored in the previous hour, minus the energy retrieved from P2H, and minus the total amount of energy released by H2P and the hydrogen load. At hour 1:00, the amount of energy conserved from the previous hour is equal to the initial energy of HT. Thus, the parameter z is equal to one only at 1:00 h, and at all other hours it is zero. This section assumes that a portion of the hydrogen generated by P2Hs is stored in HT, while another portion is utilized to supply hydrogen loads. Thus, in Eq. (11), the inclusion of the hydrogen load will be taken into account while calculating the stored energy of HT. As stated in constraint (11), the total initial energy in HTs can be calculated by multiplying the number of HTs by the starting energy of one HT. The maximum amount of stored energy in a HT system is directly proportional to the constraint (12). As stated in constraint (12), the minimum (maximum) energy of HTs is equal to the product of the number of HTs and the minimum (maximum) energy of one HT. Ultimately, the active power equilibrium in IES aligns with constraint (13). The active power of IES is determined by the combined active power generated by renewable resources and H2Ps, subtracting the total active power consumed by P2Hs and the passive electrical load. Constraint (14) accounts for the maximum number of elements that can be inserted in IES.

c. *ADN operation model*: The operational model of the ADN with IESs is described in constraints (15)-(23). Constraints (15)-(20) correspond to the formulation of AC power flow as described in $14,31$. Within these limitations, the equilibrium between the active and reactive power in the buses can be described by constraints (15) and (16) correspondingly^{32,34}. The calculation of the active and reactive power flowing via the distribution lines is determined using constraints (17) and $(18)^{14}$. The voltage amplitude and angle values in the slack bus match to constraints (19) and (20), respectively^{35–37}. The constraints of ADN operation are specified in constraints $(21)-(23)^{19}$. Constraint (21) shows the maximum amplitude of the bus voltage limit. Constraints (22) and (23) represent the maximum apparent power that the substation and distribution line can handle, respectively³¹. In this section, the ADN is connected to the upstream network through the distribution substation, which is located at the slack bus (Bus 1). For Bus 1, the values of *PDS* and *QDS* are non-zero, but for other buses, they are zero.

Uncertainties model

In the proposed approach, the uncertainty parameters include wind speed (v^{WS}) , irradiance on the PV surface (I^{PV}) , generated gas by the BS (G^{BS}), active load (P^C), reactive load (Q^C), and hydrogen load (H^C), which are represented by numbers 1 to 23. The problem at hand is a model that combines planning and operations. The power system operation involves a brief execution step, which necessitates simplifying the problem and reducing the computational burden³⁸. In order to accomplish this objective, it is necessary to reduce the magnitude of the problem. In order to accurately represent uncertainties, the stochastic optimization method based on UT³⁸ has been utilized in this study. The approach that has the fewest number of situations is capable of deriving a reliable and optimal solution. For each uncertainty parameter b , a total of $2b + 1$ scenarios are required. In the proposed method, the value of *b* is set to 6, resulting in a total of 13 scenarios.

The problem is represented by the equation $y = f(x)$. Here, *y* belongs to the set of real numbers raised to the power of *r*, and it represents an output vector with *r* elements. On the other hand, *x* belongs to the set of real numbers raised to the power of *n*, and it represents a vector of uncertain inputs. Furthermore, μ_x and σ_x represent the average and variability of *x*, respectively. The variance and covariance of uncertain quantities are calculated using both symmetric and asymmetric elements of σ_x . In addition, the UT technique is utilized to calculate the average (mean) and variability (covariance) of the outputs, denoted as μ_y and σ_y respectively³⁸. Here is a concise summary of the problem formulation process:

• *Step 1*: Take $2b+1$ samples (x_s) from the input data:

$$
x_0 = \mu_x \tag{24}
$$

$$
x_s = \mu_x + \sqrt{\frac{b}{1 - W^0}} \sigma_x \quad \forall s = 1, 2, ..., b
$$
 (25)

$$
x_s = \mu_x - \sqrt{\frac{b}{1 - W^0}} \sigma_x \quad \forall s = 1, 2, ..., b
$$
 (26)

here, W^0 shows the weight of μ_x (mean).

• *Step 2*: Evaluate the weighting factor of individual sample points:

$$
W^0 = W^0 \tag{27}
$$

$$
W_s = \frac{1 - W^0}{2b} \quad \forall s = 1, 2, ..., b
$$
 (28)

$$
W_{s+b} = \frac{1 - W^0}{2b} \quad \forall s+b = b+1, b+2, \dots, 2b \tag{29}
$$

$$
\sum_{s=1}^{b} W_s = 1
$$
\n(30)

• *Step 3*: Take 2*b*+1 samples from the nonlinear function to achieve output samples using Eq. (31).

$$
y_s = f(x_s) \tag{31}
$$

• *Step 4*: Evaluate σ_y and μ_y of the output variable θ .

$$
\mu_y = \sum_{s=1}^b W_s \theta_s \tag{32}
$$

$$
\sigma_y = \sum_{s=1}^{b} W_s (\theta_s - \mu_y) - (\theta_s - \mu_y)^T
$$
\n(33)

The proposed scheme is based on the mathematical model³⁹⁴⁰. This model contains an optimization formulation⁴¹⁻⁴⁴. Optimization model includes objective function⁴⁵⁴⁶. This function minimizes or maximizes the specific term^{47–49}. Optimization model includes the different constraints^{50–53}. Constraints are in equality and inequality form^{54–57}. To apply the optimization model on the distribution network, it is needed to smart devices^{58,59}. These devices are based on smart algorithms and Telecommunications equipment^{60–62}.

Numerical results and discussion

Case study

The method is implemented on the 69-bus ADN^{63} , as depicted in Fig. 2. The network has a base power of 1 MVA, and its base voltage is 12.66 kV. Bus 1 is designated as the slack bus, with a voltage amplitude of 1 per-unit (p.u.)

Hydrogen load with peak value of 300 kW

Fig. 2. IEEE 69-bus ADN⁶³ considering the location of hydrogen load.

Fig. 3. Expected daily curve of load factor^{14,75} and rate value of wind speed, PV irradiation, and BS gas^{2,26}.

Table 2. Data of renewable sources and hydrogen storage.

and a voltage angle of zero. The permissible range for the voltage amplitude is between 0.9 and 1.1 (p.u.) $64-68$. Reference⁶³ presents the specifications of distribution lines and substations, together with the peak load data of this network. The hourly load is calculated by multiplying the peak load by the load factor $69-75$. Figure 3^{14} displays the projected daily pattern of the load factor. It is anticipated that there are five buses that need to be supplied with hydrogen, and this supply should come from IESs. Figure 2 displays the precise location of the hydrogen load as well as its maximum load. The figure labeled as Fig. 375 displays the daily load factor curve for hydrogen load. Table 2 displays the specifications of renewable sources, P2H, H2P, and HT. Figure 3^{2,26} illustrates the anticipated daily patterns of wind speed, irradiance, and BU gas relative values. In Sect. 2, a comprehensive formulation for planning of the renewable IESs equipped with hydrogen storage was stated. This model has no restrictions for implementation in different regions.

Results

The proposed technique, outlined by the formulae (1)-(23), which corresponds to the UT method as discussed in Sect. 3, was implemented in a GAMS optimization software environment⁷⁶. The BONMIN solver⁷⁶was utilized to solve the problems in the specified program. The standard deviation of uncertainty parameters is $10\%^{77-82}$. It should be noted that the simulation was done in GAMS software. In this software, the formulation of Sect. 2 is written in the GAMS software environment. At first, in this software, the amount of parameters of the problem is determined. The parameters were introduced in the Nomenclature section and their amount is stated in Sect. 4.1. Then a solver (BONMIN) is selected to solve the problem in the mentioned software. Then the software provides the amount of variables in its output. The variables were introduced in the Nomenclature section.

(A) *Economic planning of renewable IESs based on P2H and H2P technologies*: Fig. 4 displays the optimal placement of renewable IESs with P2H and H2P technologies in the 69-bus distribution network. A maximum of eight IESs are constructed in the network described to create the most favorable conditions for achieving the operational objectives of DSO. Based on the information provided in Fig. 2, the majority of the IESs are located in the initial and intermediate buses of the feeder, while a small number of them are positioned in the buses at the termination of the feeder. The reason for this is that the distribution lines located at the start and midway of the feeder often possess a significant capacity. Consequently, it is possible to get a greater magnitude for IES. This has the potential to enhance the operational conditions of the network. The IESs positioned near the termination point of the feeder are utilized to enhance the operational conditions of the network, specifically the voltage profile. In addition, IESs are placed in the buses that carry hydrogen load, as shown in Fig. 4. This paper assumes that hydrogen loads are supplied by IESs. The appropriate size or number of renewable sources and hydrogen storage elements are presented in Table 3. Table 2 indicates that in the majority of chosen locations for IESs, the maximum number of WSs placed was five. This decision was made due to the fact that WSs have a cheaper installation cost compared to BSs and PV. Installing BSs is given secondary priority due to their cheaper installation cost compared to PV systems. However, in

Fig. 4. Optimal placement of IESs in the IEEE 69-bus AND.

Table 3. Optimal capacity of sources and storages in IESs.

locations where a significant amount of renewable resources is not needed, the installation priority is given to PV systems following WS. For instance, in IES3, four WSs are required. If a different WS or BS is used in this IES, network limitations will not be accurately estimated. Therefore, PVs are placed in this IES. Table 2 indicates that the capacity of a PV system is significantly lower compared to WS and BS. Furthermore, the IESs located at the terminus of the feeder have a limited number of renewable sources due to the low capacity of the distribution lines connected to these vehicles. Nevertheless, the IESs situated in the initial and intermediate sections of the feeder possess a greater abundance of renewable resources. The quantity of hydrogen storage units is governed by the scale of renewable sources and the volume of hydrogen demand. In IESs with a substantial amount of renewable resources but without a hydrogen load, there is a significant presence of P2H systems, H2P systems, and HT. In IESs that utilize hydrogen, the quantity of P2H units exceeds that of H2P units and HT units. Consequently, a large number of energy sources are required in these IESs to ensure that the environmental and operational objectives of the DSO are achieved.

Table 4. AIMC of IESs.

Table 4 provides the specified annual installation and maintenance cost (AIMC) for IESs and their components. Based on the data presented in the table, IESs 1, 2, 4, and 5 have the highest AIMC. This is because these IESs have the highest number of resources, including P2Hs, H2Ps, and HTs, as indicated in Table 3. IESs 3 and 8 have the lowest AIMC. These IESs have a minimal number of sources and hydrogen storage due to their positioning in the buses at the end of the feeder, as indicated by Fig. 4. The final row of Table 4 provides the AIMC for various parts of all IESs. The biggest reported expenses are associated with BUFs and energy storage devices due to their substantial quantity, as seen in the final row of Table 3. Additionally, Table 2 reveals that these devices entail significant costs for both installation and maintenance. The stated cost for hydrogen storage include the expenses associated with P2Hs, H2Ps, and HTs. Due to its lower installed capacity compared to other elements, PVFs have the lowest AIMC. In order to install eight IESs that match the parameters specified in Table 3, a total planned cost of 1,462,950 M\$ per year is required.

- (B) *Investigating the performance of renewable IESs*: Fig. 5 illustrates the projected daily pattern of the active power of IESs and their components, using the ideal quantity specified in Table 3. By referring to Fig. 5a and comparing it with Fig. 3, we observe that the temporal changes in the production power of renewable resources align with the temporal fluctuations in the rate of natural processes. For instance, the daily power curve of wind farms closely resembles the curve of wind speed, differing only in numerical values. Table 3 indicates that a total of 37 WSs have been installed in all IESs. According to Table 2, the power capacity of each WS is around 50 kW. According to Fig. 5a, WFs have the capability to inject a maximum active power of around 1.85 MW into IESs. PVFs and BUFs provide a maximum active power injection of 0.65 MW and 1.1 MW, respectively, to all IESs. The graph in Fig. 5a illustrates the daily active power curve of P2Hs and H2Ps. Table 3 indicates that there are 19 HT installations with a capacity of 200 kWh in IESs. The minimum energy stored in them is equivalent to 20 kWh. Hence, HT systems have the capacity to obtain and store energy equivalent to 3420 kWh or 3.42 MWh from IESs. Based on Fig. 2, the maximum amount of hydrogen consumed is 750 kW. Hence, the quantity of hydrogen energy utilized by these loads, as indicated by the load factor curve in Fig. 3, is approximately 8.1 MWh. Hence, the output of P2Hs should generate a total energy of 11.52 MWh, which is the sum of 3.42 MWh and 8.1 MWh. Given that the efficiency of the system in Table 2 is 75%, they should expect to get around 15.36 MWh of energy from IESs. H2Ps can solely convert the stored energy in HTs into electrical energy for IESs. Based on the data in Table 2, the efficiency of H2Ps is 51%. Consequently, H2Ps generate 1.75 MWh (0.51×3.42) of electrical energy as their output. According to Fig. 5a, the active power level of P2Hs is significantly greater than that of H2Ps. This is also evident in Table 3. The installed capacity of P2H is significantly greater than H2P. P2Hs are operational during non-peak and mid-peak timeframes, specifically from 1:00 to 16:00. According to Fig. 5a, renewable sources generate a significant amount of power during the off-peak hours of 1:00–16:00. To prevent excessive voltage in the distribution network during these hours, P2H systems get electricity from renewable sources at this time. However, between the hours of 17:00 and 22:00, when network usage is at its highest, P2Hs are deactivated and H2Ps are utilized to supply active power to IESs or the distribution network. This helps to mitigate the significant voltage drop that occurs during peak hours. Figure 5b displays the daily active power curve of IESs. The power can be located in Eq. (13). According to Fig. 5b, the IESs generate electrical energy continuously. Their highest level of power generation is throughout the mid-load and peak hours, specifically from 8:00 to 22:00. According to Fig. 5a, renewable sources and H2Ps generate a substantial amount of active power during these specific hours.
- (C) *Evaluating the operation status of the ADN*: For the purpose of evaluating the proposed plan to improve the operational conditions of the distribution system, the following study components are taken into account:
	- Case I: Load flow analysis of the network.
	- Case II: Suggested design by taking only renewable sources model into account in IES.
	- Case III: Case II + HSs without hydrogen load.
	- Case IV: Case II $+$ HSs with hydrogen load.

Fig. 5. Expected daily active power curve of, (**a**) renewable sources, P2Hs, and H2Ps, (**b**) IESs.

Figure 6 presents operational metrics for several scenarios, including annual energy loss, maximum voltage drop (MVD), maximum overvoltage (MOV), and peak load carrying capability (PLCC). PLCC refers to the ability of ADN to supply the maximum power demand using the daily coefficient curve, as shown in Fig. 3. The most unfavorable state of the indicated indices has been observed in instance I. Therefore, it exhibits the most significant energy losses and MVD. This case also examines the minimum PLCC. In IESs corresponding to case II, where only renewable resources are present, the energy loss and MVD are reduced by approximately 35% and 33.7% compared to case I. Additionally, PLCC exhibits an enhance-

Fig. 6. Value of ADN operation indices in the different cases, (**a**) Annual energy loss, (**b**) peak load carrying capability, (**c**) maximum voltage deviation.

ment of around 10.5% when compared to power flow analyses. The specified requirements are necessary in order to generate a magnitude of 0.023 p.u. in the ADN. In case III, the inclusion of hydrogen storage and renewable sources is taken into account in the IES. In case III, the operating indices, such as energy loss and MVD, are reduced by approximately 48.2% and 46.7%, respectively, compared to case I. The MOV is decreased by approximately 39.1% compared to case II, but the PLCC is increased by approximately 34.2% compared to case I. In the fourth case, the inclusion of a hydrogen load in the IES is considered. When compared to case III, this results in a higher amount of energy loss and MVD, and also causes a decrease in PLCC. Nevertheless, case IV has successfully decreased the energy loss and MVD by approximately 44.5%

Table 5. AIMC of IESs and calculation time of the proposed scheme based on the different solvers in the UT method and SBSO.

and 42.4% respectively compared to case I. PLCC has a 23.7% improvement compared to case I. In case IV, the magnitude of the MOV is decreased by 43.5% compared to case II.

(D) *The state of convergence of the suggested design*: Table 5presents the values of the objective function (AIMC) for various mathematical solvers, namely BONMIN, BARON, DICOPT, KNITRO, and OQNLP⁷⁶, in the uncertainty model using the UT method and scenario-based stochastic optimization (SBSO) 83 . The solvers listed have a toolbox in the GAMS program and are specifically designed to address mixed-integer nonlinear problems. Within the context of SBSO, the roulette wheel mechanism initially produces a large number of potential possibilities for the unclear parameters of the problem. The magnitude of each uncertainty in each scenario is determined based on its average value and standard deviation. Next, the normal probability function is employed to compute the probability of each uncertain parameter. The likelihood of each generated scenario is determined by multiplying the probabilities of the uncertainty. The Kantorovich technique chooses a predetermined quantity of created scenarios and applies them to the situation at hand. This approach chooses the scenarios with the shortest distance between them. Comprehensive information about SBSO can be found in reference 83 . Table 5 reveals that the BONMIN method possesses an objective function value of \$1,462,950, whilst the other algorithms have AIMC quantities exceeding \$1,465,000. Furthermore, the computational time required by BONMIN is 41.2 min, which surpasses the 58-minute mark for other solvers. Thus, BONMIN has successfully achieved the most optimal solution in the least amount of processing time when compared to other mathematical algorithms for the suggested design. Furthermore, in the case of a low scenario number in SBSO, there is a significant disparity between the AIMC result and the UT technique. However, the discrepancy in calculations between the numerous situations, exceeding 100 in number, is minimal. Put simply, the SBSO approach has achieved a dependable solution in a greater range of situations, but the UT method is capable of extracting a reliable solution with significantly fewer scenarios. As a result, UT has a significantly shorter computing time compared to SBSO.

Conclusion

This study presents the placement and sizing of a renewable IES that includes P2H and H2P technologies. The goal is to determine the ideal operating parameters for this system in the ADN. An integrated energy system is implemented to handle electrical and hydrogen energy. P2H and H2P, in conjunction with the HT, collectively constitute a hydrogen storage system. An optimization model was employed for the proposed scheme. The problem at hand involves the planning of integrated energy systems, with the goal of minimizing the total annual cost of constructing and maintaining resources and hydrogen storages. This is done by considering the limitations of the planning and operation model for these elements, as well as the AC optimal power flow model of the network. The UT approach was used to accurately describe uncertainty related to load and renewable phenomena. Based on the numerical results, it is common to install IES in the first and middle buses of the feeder. These interconnected systems can possess a substantial magnitude. Nevertheless, a limited quantity of these units is positioned at the conclusion of the feeder to optimize the operational condition of the system. The dimensions of the resources, P2Hs, H2Ps, and HTs in these units are small. Consequently, the integrated energy systems positioned at the end of the feeders have the lowest planning cost. The largest planning cost is attained in the integrated energy systems positioned at the beginning of the feeder and with hydrogen load. P2H exhibits significantly more capacity than H2P in terms of supplying the hydrogen need and storing the energy in the HT. By achieving maximum efficiency in resource use and hydrogen storage, integrated energy systems within the distribution network function as energy generators. Hence, the technique improves the operational conditions by 23-45% in comparison to power flow analysis. In other words, in this condition, energy loss and voltage drop have decreased by 44.5% and 42.4%, respectively, and peak load carrying capability has increased by 23.7%. Compared to the network with renewable resources, the integrated energy system equipped with hydrogen storage has been able to reduce overvoltage by about 43.5%. The BONMIN method discovered a more optimal solution for the proposed design with minimal computational time in comparison to alternative mathematical solvers. The UT approach, compared to SBSO, can efficiently produce a trustworthy solution with minimal computational time. Finally, the obtained numerical results show the advantages and innovations of this project as follows:

- Optimal placement and sizing of the renewable integrated energy system with P2H and H2P technologies in the active distribution network has been able to improve the status of operational indicators such as energy losses, voltage profile and peak load carrying capability compared to load flow studies.
- The energy management of the hydrogen storage in the renewable integrated energy system has been able to act as an energy storage, feed the hydrogen load, reduce the planning cost, and it has caused integrated energy system to appear as an energy producer.
- The presence of renewable resources such as wind, solar and bio-waste systems in the integrated energy system has been able to improve the state of network operation compared to load flow studies.
- The UT method has been able to provide a reliable optimal solution for the proposed design with a low number of scenarios, while SBSO has a reliable solution with a high number of scenarios. Therefore, the UT method has the lowest calculation time.

Data availability

All data generated or analyzed during this study are included in this published article, Sect. 4.1. Also, the datasets used and/or analyzed during the current study are available from the corresponding author upon reasonable request.

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