

Special Issue

Symmetry with Power Systems: Control and Optimization

Message from the Guest Editors

With the rapid integration of flexible resources—such as distributed solar photovoltaics and electric vehicle charging stations—into distribution power grids, conventional centralized control architectures are increasingly challenged by issues including high communication and computational demands, limited flexibility, and constrained scalability. Given the spatiotemporal asymmetry in the deployment of distributed flexible resources within the grid, decentralized and distributed control strategies are gaining attention due to their advantages in edge computing, plug-and-play operation, and seamless expandability. In such frameworks, resources with strong similarities are managed by dedicated aggregators or agents equipped with tailored bargaining strategies and information. To enable coordination among multiple aggregators, both symmetric and asymmetric game-theoretic approaches have been widely employed. This Special Issue invites original research papers and review articles focusing on control and optimization techniques for flexible resources in modern distribution grids, especially those addressing theoretical or practical aspects of symmetry.

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