

Advanced Power System Analysis

Lecture 13

Power System Security

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Lecture learning outcomes:

At the end of this lecture, you will be able to:

- i. Understand power system security analysis
- ii. Identify the factors that affects power system security
- iii. Knows the importance of contingency analysis in power security
- iv. Understand the two common types of linear sensitivity analysis

Outlines

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1. Introduction

- Power system security is the capacity of a power system to function consistently in the face of emergencies and disruptions [1].
- It entails ensuring that frequency and voltage remain within preset ranges despite unforeseen circumstances like as changes in demand or equipment malfunctions.
- A safe power system is designed to withstand one plausible situation.
- Despite their similarities, the objectives of power system security and stability are distinct [2].
- The main focus of security is on the system's overall resilience to disturbances and reliable power delivery.

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- **While stability is a specific** aspect of the system's response to changes, security is essentially a more generic phrase that incorporates stability as a critical component. .
- **Power System Security is very important in Modern Grid for[3]:**
- Assures Reliable Power Supply
- Prevents service disruptions, blackouts, and blackouts
- Protects against physical and cyber-threats(in modern grid)
- Enhances the use of Renewable Energy integration

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- Specially, renewable energy like wind and solar PV are variable, systems must be safe and flexible while connecting to the grid.
- Prevents economic losses
- Industries might lose millions of dollars every hour due to power outages , which needs security analysis
- Facilitates smart grid functions for system automation
- Automation requires secure communication and control to maintain grid stability in emergency situations
- Security helps in effectively managing errors, disruptions, and changes in load
- The comparison of modern secure grid and traditional is presented in Fig.1

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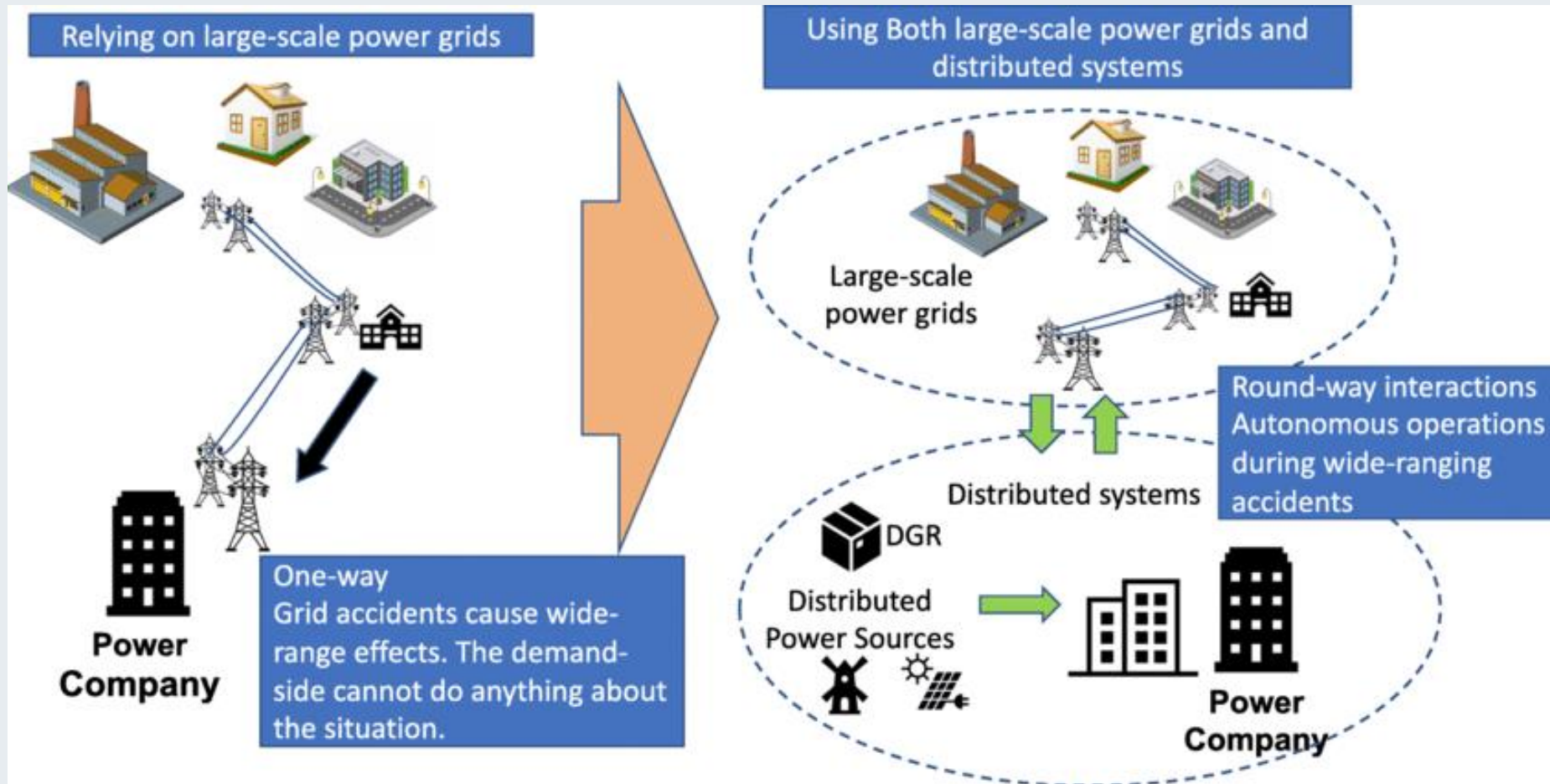


Figure 1. Traditional vs modern Smart Grid.

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- Figure 2. shows why cyber threats are affecting modern power network

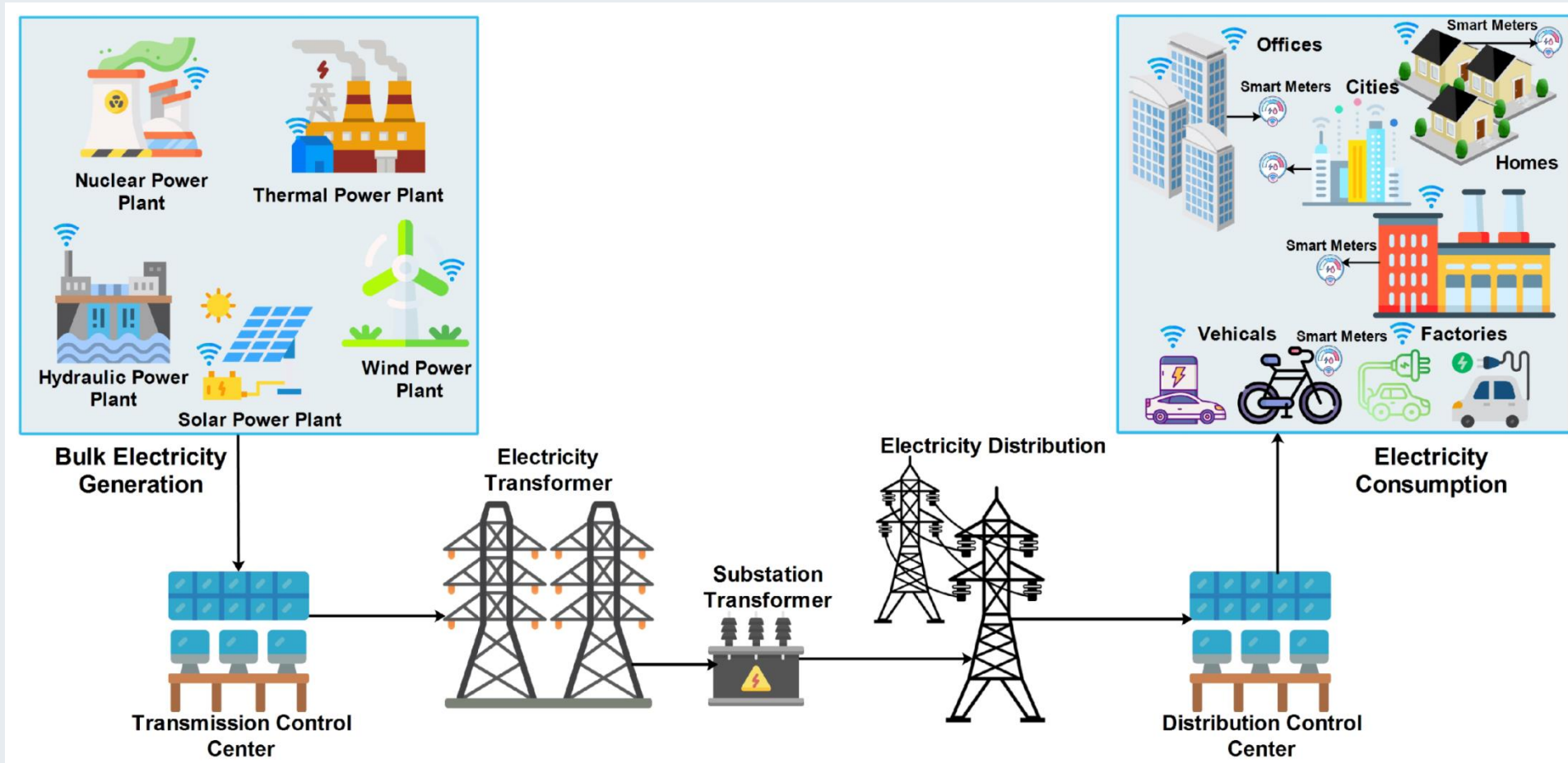


Figure 2. Modern Smart Grid cyber security treats .

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- Figure 3 shows the security related problems data

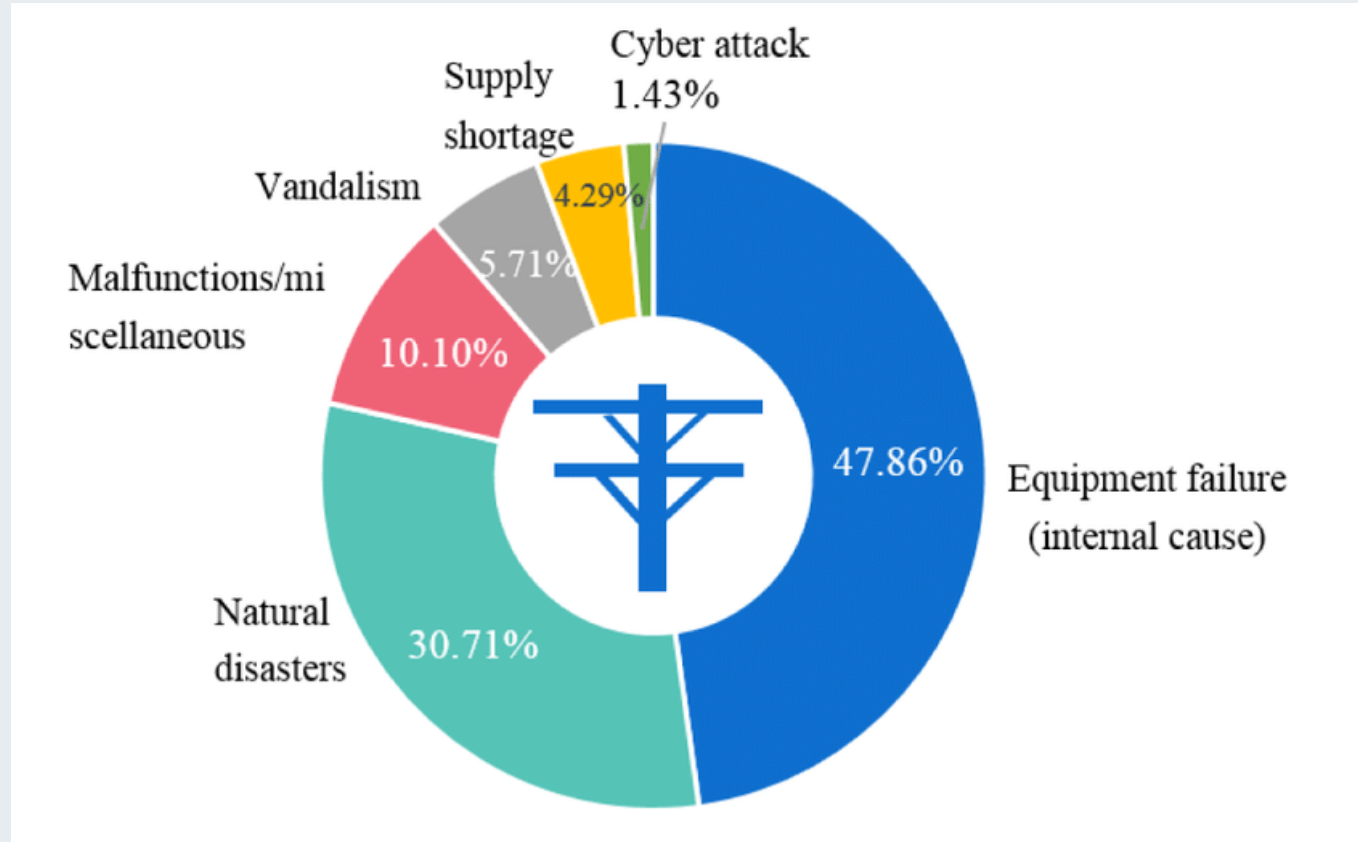


Figure 3. The power outage causes 140 worldwide data.

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- Therefore, procedures intended to maintain system functionality in the event of component failure are part of power system security.
- **For example, in order** to maintain the auxiliary equipment failure, the generating unit may be turned off.
- The **other units on** the system may therefore handle the loss without experiencing excessive frequency decrease or having to shed load, as long as the appropriate amount of spinning reserve is maintained.
- Automatic relaying may remove a transmission line that has been damaged.
- **A cascading failure** occurs when one system failure triggers another, ultimately leading to a system blackout, which need security analysis.

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- The **three main functions** of system security are performed in an operation control center are:
 - a. Monitoring of the system (SCADA, state estimation).
 - b. Contingencies analysis
 - c. Security constraint Optimal power flow (SCOPF).
- The most crucial of the **three is system monitoring**, which provides operators with pertinent, current information on the state of the electrical system.
- Contingency analysis, which enables systems to be operated defensively, is the **second** key security function..

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- The **third** security function is security-constrained optimum power flow, which combines an optimal power flow with a contingency analysis.
- This aims to **alter the generation's optimal dispatch along with other modifications** so that no unplanned events lead to a security analysis violation.
- To **understand the above functions**, divide the operating states of the power system into four as:
 - i. Optimal dispatch
 - ii. Post-contingency
 - iii. Secure dispatch
 - iv. Secure post-contingency

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- **Optimal Dispatch:** Pre-contingency state focused on economic efficiency, but may lack security.
- **Post-Contingency:** State after a contingency occurs, possibly violating security limits like line overloads, voltage issues, frequency problem etc.
- **Secure Dispatch:** Pre-contingency state with adjustments made to ensure system security.
- **Secure Post-Contingency:** System state after contingency analysis and corrective actions have been applied to maintain security

2. Factors Affecting Power System Security

- Several factors can affect the security of a power system. These can be broadly categorized into technical, operational, environmental, and economic factors[4]. Key **factors are:**
- **System Loading Conditions:** Overloading increases the risk of voltage issues, overheating, and instability
- **Network Topology:** Weak or poorly connected networks reduce flexibility and increase the chance of cascading failures.
- **Generation Mix and Availability:** A diverse and reliable generation mix enhances security, while generator outages pose stability risks..

- **Contingency Planning and Analysis:** Preparing for "N-1" or "N-2" events ensures system reliability; poor planning increases outage risks.
- **Reactive Power Management:** Sufficient reactive power is vital for voltage stability;
 - its shortages can lead to voltage collapse.
- **Protection System Performance:** Well-coordinated protection systems limit fault impact; failures can escalate disturbances.

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- **System Monitoring and Control:** Real-time tools like SCADA and PMUs enhance awareness; poor data quality delays responses.
- **Communication Systems:** Reliable communication ensures effective control and protection; failures disrupt timely actions.
- **Weather and Environmental Conditions:** Severe weather and natural disasters can damage infrastructure and cause widespread outages.

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- **Human and Operator Actions:** Skilled operator response is vital; errors or delays can worsen disturbances.
- **Cyber security Threats:** Digital systems are vulnerable to cyber attacks, which can disrupt monitoring and protection.
- **Demand Variability and Forecasting Errors:** Sudden load changes or inaccurate forecasts can cause imbalances, especially with renewable integration
- **Reserve Margin and Spinning Reserves:** Sufficient reserves ensure backup during generator failures; low reserves limit system recovery during disturbances

3. Contingency Analysis

- Let's assume that there are 'n' power system components.
- If one of these component like, a generator or a transmission system line fails or goes out , single failure , this is known as N-1 contingency analysis.
- On the other hand, an event is referred to as N-2 contingency analysis if two components, such as two lines in a transmission system or a generator and a transmission line in the system, fail (outage of two failures).
- Based on the contingency analysis, you can observe the steady operation of power system as presented in Fig. 4[5].
- A flow chart for the contingency analysis process is provided in Fig.5

Contingency Analysis

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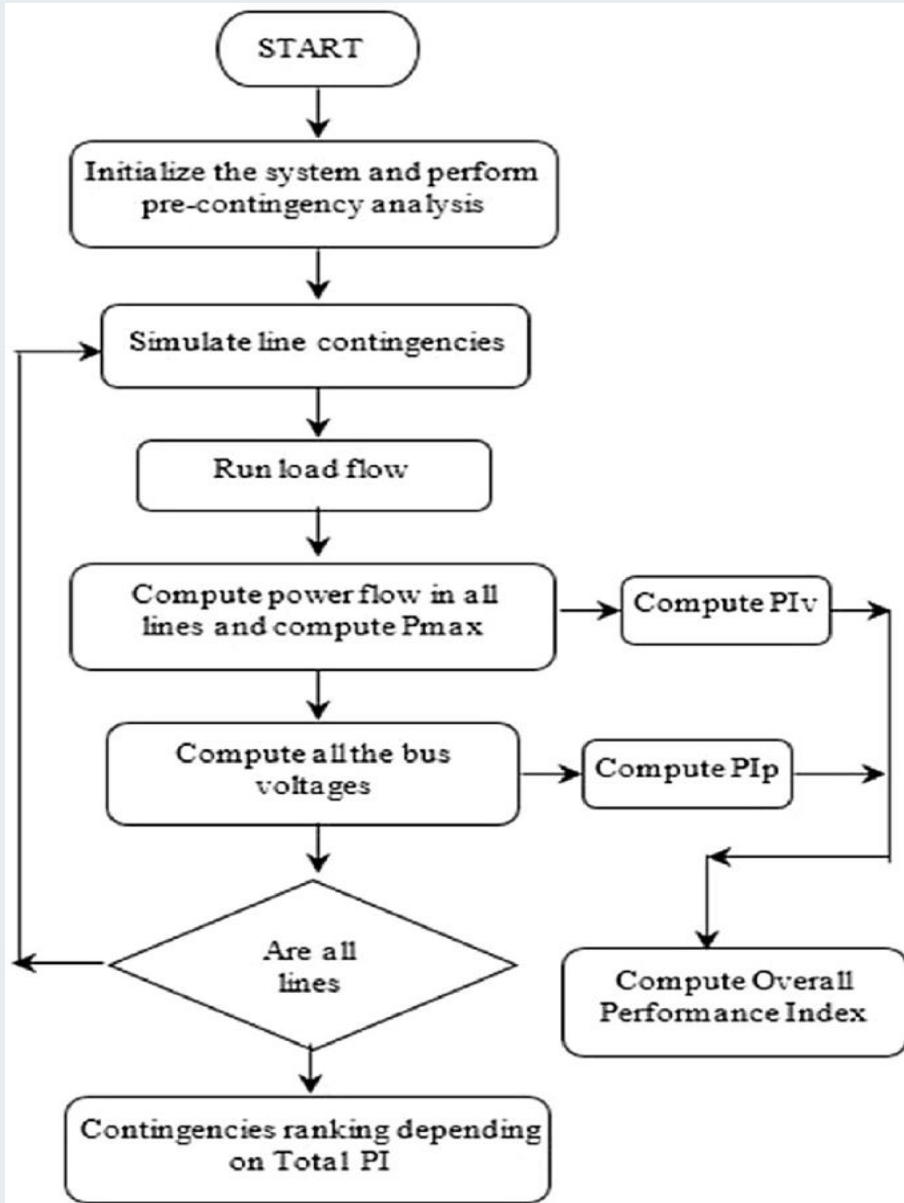


Figure 5. Contingency analysis flowchart.

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4. Security Analysis Using Linear Sensitivity

- Investigating numerous potential outages is time-consuming, but linear sensitivity factors offer a fast and simple way to estimate possible overloads.
- Derived from DC load flow, they show how small changes in generation or system parameters affect line flows, voltages, and angles.
- Linear sensitivity analysis involves **calculating how small changes in system parameters** (e.g., generation, load, network topology) affect system variables such as power flows, bus voltages, and angles.

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- Common sensitivity factors are:
 - a. Power Transfer Distribution Factor (PTDF)
 - b. Line Outage Distribution Factor (LODF)
 - c. Generation Shift Factor (GSF)
- Power Transfer Distribution Factor (PTDF): PTDFs quantify how much power flow on a transmission line changes due to a unit power transaction between two buses.
- PTDFs are derived from the DC power flow model and are used for transfer analysis.

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- Sensitivity analysis helps identify the most critical contingencies affecting system performance, aiding in prioritization and reliability improvement.
- The linear sensitivity method, based on DC load flow, effectively estimates line flow changes due to generation shifts.
- However, it only calculates active power flows (MW) and does not provide bus voltages or reactive power (MVAR) data.
- Which is its drawback / limitation

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- There, are two linear sensitivity factors :
- 1. **Generation shift factors** – change in line flow (Δf_l) due to generation outage (ΔP_i)
- Generation Shift Factors (GSFs) quantify how a change in power output from a generator affects power flow on a specific transmission line as given by:

$$a_{l,i} = \frac{\Delta f_l}{\Delta P_i} \quad \text{eqn.(1)}$$

- 2. **Line outage distribution factors** - change in line flow (Δf_l) due to line outage (f_k)

$$d_{l,k} = \frac{\Delta f_l}{f_k^o} \quad \text{eqn.(2)}$$

- Accordingly, the loading of line is checked for the generation and line outage cases through sensitivity analysis

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- The flow on line 'l' under the assumption that all the generators in the interconnection participate in making up the loss, use eqn.3

$$f_l' = f_l^0 + a_{li}\Delta P_i - \sum_{j \neq i} [a_{lj}\gamma_{ji}\Delta P_j] \quad \text{eqn.(3)}$$

- Where, γ_{ji} is proportionality factor for pick-up on generating unit 'j' when unit 'i' fails
- The power flow on line 'l' with line k out can be determined using the 'd' factors

$$f_l' = f_l^0 + d_{l,k} f_k^0 \quad \text{eqn.(4)}$$

- Where, f^0 is the pre-outage flow on each line;
- Accordingly, the severity of outage can be ranked on the descending order,.

5. AC Power Flow Security Analysis

- AC Power Flow Security Analysis studies the power system's behavior considering both active (MW) and reactive (MVAR) power flows, voltage magnitudes, and angles.
- It provides a detailed and accurate assessment of system security by checking voltage limits, thermal limits, and stability under normal and contingency conditions, helping ensure reliable and secure operation.
- It also gives the response to different stability problems
- Consider the compensators design and their operation

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- Contingency Ranking Through Performance indices(PI) :
- Based on PI, the contingencies are ranked in rough order of severity employing contingency selection algorithms to shorten the list.
- The performance indices shows, which line is overloaded or not.
- Thus, the overload performance of N interconnected line outage one by one is carried out using eqn.5

$$PI = \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{P_{flow,i(durin\ goperation)}}{P_{i(under\ normal)}} \right)^{2n} \quad \text{eqn.(5)}$$

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- The line results in higher **PI valued ranked** at the top definition for the overload performance index (PI) is as follows:
- The selection steps, then involves a matter of developing the PI table from the largest to least values .
- Another way, to perform an outage case selection is called 1P1Q method, which is used to perform the ranking considering both real and reactive power effect on the network stability.
- It is considered as a decoupled power flow, which is used to determine power flow through the lines and the voltage limit violation at each node. Thus, a different PI can be rewritten as:

$$PI = \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{P_{flow,i(during\ operation)}}{P_{i(under\ normal)}} \right)^{2n} + \sum_{\substack{\text{all branches} \\ i}} \left(\frac{|V_i| P_{flowl}}{|V_i|^{\max}} \right)^{2m} \quad \text{eqn.(6)}$$

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Contingency evaluation:

- Contingency evaluation is typically done by analyzing individual cases in order of severity, focusing primarily on voltage magnitude as the key factor.
- Detailed AC power flow analysis checks for network overloads and voltage limit violations.
- Since many cases need studying, the solution speed is also crucial.
- A flow chart , Fig 6 illustrates this AC power flow contingency checking process.

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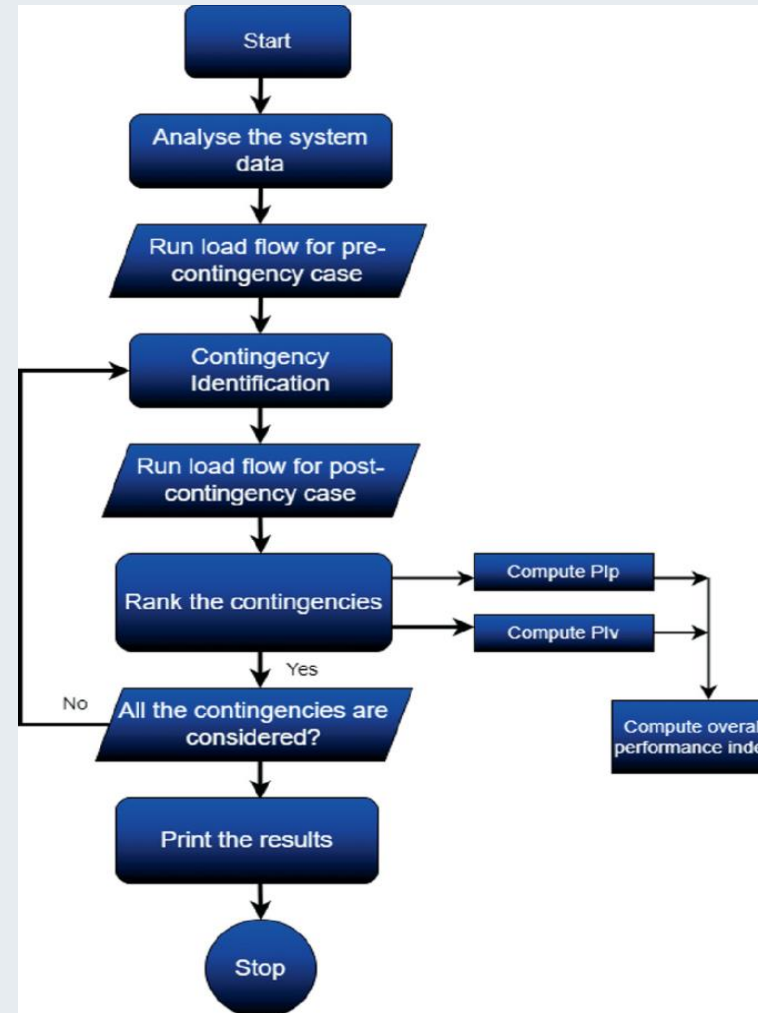


Figure 6. Security based contingency evaluation .

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operating state:

- Power system security is classified into four states for better operational understanding:
- Normal State: No overloads, all variables within limits; system can securely handle contingencies.
- Alert State: All constraints met, but system is vulnerable and close to possible equipment overload if conditions worsen.
- Emergency state : system still intact
- Extremis state : refers to a severe emergency condition when disruption is critical, though the full description wasn't provided.

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- Emergency State: Occurs after a severe disruption from the alert state; many buses may have low voltages or overloads beyond short-term limits. The system remains operational and can return to alert state via emergency controls.
- Extremis State: Involves cascading outages or major system shutdowns if controls fail. Actions like load shedding and system separation aim to prevent widespread blackouts.
- Restorative State: Focuses on reconnecting facilities and gradually restoring system load through control measures to recover from disruptions
- The four states is presented in Fig.7

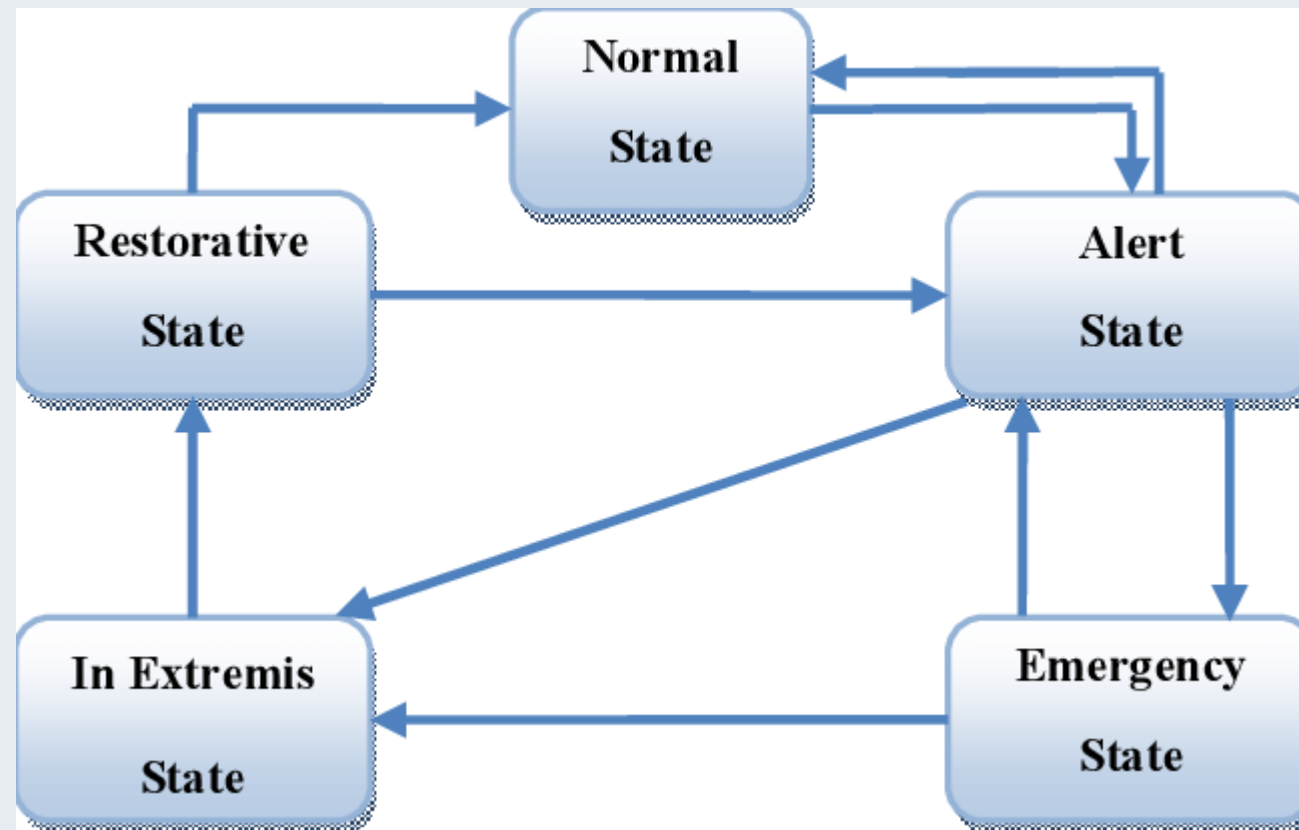


Figure. 7 Power network Operating states.

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- Finally, the mitigation or corrective action is recommended based on the above state for better contingency evaluations
- Accordingly, when a contingency causes instability or overloads, corrective actions are needed.
- These include upgrading infrastructure, adding generation or flexible loads, deploying advanced control schemes
- Like dynamic line ratings, voltage regulation, and adopting new operational procedures to improve grid resilience..

Summary

- In this lecture, the importance of security analysis in power system network is presented.
- Power security analysis is the capacity of a power system to function consistently in the face of emergencies and disruptions
- Then, the crucial aspect of security analysis in terms of power economics, renewable energy integration, capacity expansion and overall system reliability is also briefly discussed.
- In line with this, factors that affect system security like contingency prediction, system monitoring, circuit protective devices, cyber security and others are discussed
- Finally, two sensitivity analysis(generator shift and line shift sensitivity factors) while monitoring the credible contingency effect on entire network security are discussed.

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