

Can virtual power plants improve operational efficiency?

1. Introduction

Can virtual power plants integrate energy storage systems?

This study introduces a three-stage scheduling optimization model for Virtual Power Plants (VPPs) that integrates energy storage systems, effectively addressing challenges associated with the increasing integration of renewable energy sources such as wind and solar power.

Can renewables be used in reactive power optimization?

To fully tap the abilities of renewables in reactive power optimization, this paper develops a detailed model for the power regulation capabilities of wind turbines and photovoltaic units and studies their impact on the power system's operation. First, the power system model with renewables integration is established using AC power flow.

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Energy Informatics 8, Article number: 23 (2025) Cite this article This study presents a three-stage scheduling optimization model for Virtual Power Plants (VPPs) that integrates energy storage systems to enhance operational efficiency and economic viability.

How can energy storage systems improve the operation of a VPP?

The model considers the optimization effects of energy storage systems, demand response, and energy-saving projects on the operation of the VPP. Through simulation systems, the model is shown to significantly enhance the system's ability to accommodate VPPs and reduce generation costs.

What is a reactive power optimization model?

An improved DC power flow model is adopted to handle the non-linear characteristics of the power system. On this basis, a multi-objective reactive power optimization model is constructed to minimize the power generation cost, wind and solar power curtailment, and voltage offset.

Are virtual power plants a viable solution for decentralized energy systems?

The emergence of Virtual Power Plants (VPPs) in decentralized energy systems presents a promising solution to these challenges.

The increasing penetration of distributed renewable energy resources causes voltage fluctuations in distribution networks. The controllable active and reactive power resources such as ...

As high amounts of new energy and electric vehicle (EV) charging stations are connected to the distribution

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network, the voltage deviations are likely to occur, which will further ...

This paper investigates a multi-objective optimization strategy for a local energy community virtual power plant engaged in both energy and frequency regulation markets through ...

Utility-scale solar PV plants have a huge potential for participation in frequency and voltage regulation since they are linked to the grid through power electronic interfaces with flexible, ...

To address these challenges, the concept of aggregating distributed energy resources (DERs), battery energy storage system (BESS), electric vehicles (EVs), and controllable loads into a ...

Considering multiple scenarios of renewable energy generation power, a large-scale stochastic optimization model is developed for optimal scheduling of the virtual power plant.

However, most inverter control strategies focus on active power optimization and voltage-based reactive power response, without accounting for how variations in solar irradiance influence reactive ...

This paper uses an intelligent multi-objective strategy to design and optimize a generalized VPP model. Historical wind speed, solar radiation, and load profiles over a long period ...

Abstract - The complexity of voltage control and reactive power support has risen due to the increasing integration of renewable energy sources in Virtual Power Plants (VPPs). Therefore, effective ...

The integration of massive distributed energy resources (DERs) brings new challenges for the distribution networks (DNs) operation control. To control DERs effectively, virtual power plants ...

This work presents a scenario-based optimization approach to operating a multi-energy VPP under uncertainty. This enables optimized participation in multiple energy and ancillary service ...

In view of the disadvantages of imperialist competitive algorithm (ICA), such as premature convergence, limited search range, low accuracy, complex algorithm, and relatively closed ...

Transitioning to net-zero emission energy systems is currently on the agenda in various countries to tackle climate change, a global challenge that threatens the lives of future ...

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Constrained by low capacity and volatility, the rapid growth of distributed energy resources are obviously slowdown resulting in consumption difficulty and investment obstacle. As an ...

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To mitigate these issues, if properly placed, wind power plants (WPPs) can leverage the reactive power control of wind turbines equipped with voltage source converters (VSCs). This paper ...

Let's face it - if you're reading about energy storage and reactive power, you're probably either an engineer chasing grid stability, a renewable energy developer, or someone who ...

Due to the variability and randomness of RES generation, numerous challenges are posed to grid stability. This paper proposes a novel method utilizing an improved Multi-Verse ...

Abstract The integration of renewable energy into the power grid poses significant challenges for optimization and scheduling of the power system. In recent years, methods based on ...

poses challenges for reactive power optimization and control timeliness. The computational limitations of the traditional algorithms and the development of artificial intelligence (AI) based technologies have ...

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