

AI & IOT for Sustainability

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Vasudha Cluster Outline & Partnerships:



Why Decision Making is Complex?

Introduction of Renewable Energy Resources





Variable Renewable Resource Generators



- Availability is uncertain
- Dependent on nature

Electricity Market Participation:



- Different gate closure timings
- Different mechanisms and properties.

Market Participation :

Sequential Commitments leading up to the time of actual participation



Market Bidding Windows:



Subject to penalties because of deviation from the committed schedules

Problem Formulation: SSE Airtricity

Reduce CO₂eq footprint with batteries

Renewable Energy provider in Ireland has deployed Lithium-ion Batteries to its consumers. It is required to operate these batteries in such a manner that it would help **reduce carbon footprint**.



fn(sources available + demand contracts)

Battery Characteristics: Capacity, Efficiency, Degradation, Charging/discharging

Problem Formulation: Ayana

Profit Maximization for multi-source producer by market and contract participation



Day-ahead market

Take actions to maximize profit: Accurate profile orchestration of contract and market

What is DSM?

It's Deviation Settlement Mechanism, which is issued by electricity regulatory transmission commissions, where producers are penalized:

3->12:30 am forecasts, for 2 am: 7->1:30 am forecasts, for 3 am: ~ 3370 AL 13, 0.30 PEL UNIT TOT THE SHOLLIGH OF EACESS

"The schedule by RE generators or lead generator or principal generator may be revised by giving advance notice to the concerned RLDC. Such revisions shall be effective from 4th time block (i.e., after 45mins), the first being the time-block in which notice was given. There may be one revision for each time slot of one and half hours starting from 00:00 hours of a particular day subject to maximum of 16 revisions during the day." -CERC

Approaches used to tackle the problem:

Optimization Problem:

- Rule-Based Heuristics / Greedy
- Mixed-Integer Programming
- Reinforcement Learning

Actions to be taken for optimization:

- SSE: Build up accurate charging and discharging schedules
- Ayana: Build up Accurate profile orchestration of contract and market



Rule-Based Heuristics





Mixed-Integer Programming

$$\min \sum_{t=1}^{T} [(x_t C_t - y_t D_t) \cdot \Delta t \cdot Em_t + \lambda \cdot BCost \cdot C_t \cdot \Delta_t]$$

 $s.t. \ 0 \le x_t \le 1 \forall t$

% charging state

 $0 \le y_t \le 1 \forall t$

% discharging state

 $0 \leq x_t + y_t \leq 1$

% battery can be either charging or discharging

$$Soc_t = SoC_{init} + \sum_{k=1}^{t-1} (\rho x_t C_t - y_t D_t) \cdot \Delta t / Nom$$

% state of charge in the battery at any given time slot

 $DoD \leq Soc_t \leq 1$

%state of charge in the battery should be within it's depth of discharge and 1

$$Soc_{t-1} \cdot Nom + \rho x_t C_t \cdot \Delta t \le Nom$$

$$Soc_{t-1} \cdot Nom - y_t D_t \cdot \Delta t \ge DoD \cdot Nom$$

 $Soc_{min} \leq Soc_T \leq 1$

% at the end of the day, minimum SoC need to maintained

- x_t Charging state of the battery in t (1 = charging)
- y_t Discharging state of the battery in t (1 = discharging)
- + t each time step in the planning horizon
- T- total time steps in planning horizon
- $\Delta t = 24/T$ time step in hours
- • Nom - Nominal or maximum caacity of the battery in KWh
- *DoD* Depth of Discharge (DOD) (%) The percentage of battery capacity that has been discharged expressed as a percentage of maximum capacity.
- Soc State of Charge (SOC)(%) An expression of the present battery capacity as a percentage of maximum capacity.
- $\mathit{Soc}_{\mathit{init}}$ Initial state of the charge at the time of start of planning horizon
- Soc_{min} Minimum state of the charge that need to be maintained at the end of planning horizon
- ρ Charging efficiency of the battery
- Em_t forecast carbon emissions at time step t
- + λ weighting factor between carbon emissions and battery degradation costs
- BCost Amortized battery degradation cost per KWh of charging cycle

• C_t - Charging power (KW) from battery storage system in time step *t*. This would be derived from battery charge rate (at present, can be assumed constant). Battery storage system can be charged and discharged with limited current charge mode under constant power, constant load or constant current. This formulation assumes constant power charge/ discharge.

• D_t - Discharging power (KW) from battery storage system in time step t. This would be derived from battery discharge rate (at present, can be assumed constant)

• Soc_t -State of charge (%) at time t



Rule-Based Heuristics



There is no requirement of having decisions to be made based on the prices and penalty minimization. By this technique we are taking a safer approach to incur less 24/7contract penalty.



Mixed-Integer Programming

Level 0: Day Ahead Commitment

- Objective Partition generation between RTC and DAM
- Decision variables:
 - DAM Bid Volume + DAM Bid price
 - RTC Volume
- Decision Time: 2pm (Day T-1)

Level 1: Intraday Revisions

- Objective Reduce DSM Penalty
- **Decision variables:** RTC Volume, DAM Volume
- **Decision Time:** Every 1.5 hours (>45 mins before commitment)

Primary Objective = Profit Maximization for the day: 24/7 Revenue + DAM Revenue - "Penalties"





Observation and Results

- SSE Airtricity (Carbon footprint reduction with Battery Storage)
- Ayana RE (Active Market and Contract Participation for renewable monetization)

Link to the Results: Vasudha

Solcast Data:

Location: [14.2862348, 77.3987393] Pavagada, Karnataka, India

Data Time Period: 1st Jan 2020 - 25th Dec 2021 Sample Time : 15mins

Columns to be used:

- Period end[UTC],
- ghi estimated actual[W/m^2],
- ghi fcst +1h[W/m^2],
- ghi fcst dayahead[W/m^2],
- wind speed 10m[m/s],

Information to Gather:

- Solar Generation
- Wind Generation

IEX Market Data:

Location: S1 area considered which includes the following states: South Region |Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Pondicherry (Yanam), South Goa

Data used: Day Ahead market (DAM) prices

Data Time Period: 1st Jan 2016 – 30th Nov 2021 (For current use: 1st Jan 2020 – 31st Dec 2020 taken to be synchronous with solcast data)

Sample Time: 15mins

Columns to be used:

- Datetime index
- S1

Information to Gather:

• Day Ahead Market Price

Data used: 1st Jan'20 to 31st Dec'20, 15mins sampled

Solar Generation Data:

Variation of Solar power across the year, shown over a day 50 Solar Generation (in MW) 00 05 05 05 05 0 0 1 1011121314151617181920212223 Timestamp Approx Solar Capacity: 50 MW

Wind Generation Data:





Note: Slide 4 and Slide 5 shows how we arrived at these values for solar and wind from the solcast data

Setting the RTC constants for the formulation:



Showing Hourly promised capacity :



Max Total Energy (Solar+Wind) generated in a day ~ 2500 MWh

Hence Volume Constants,

- Promised supply over a day = 2500/3.5 ~ 720 MWh
- Hourly promised capacity = 720 MWh /24 = 30 MW



DSM Penalty price = Rs 0.5/kWh

Results for a Day: Level - 0 (Day ahead optimization)



Demand Response and Surplus Management

Level - 0 (Day ahead optimization) :



Expected Income for the next day using MILP:

Method Comparisons:



| Optimization Method | 24/7contract Revenue (in Rs) | DAM Revenue (in Rs) | Peak 24/7contract Penalty (in Rs) | Off-Peak 24/7contract Penalty (in Rs) | Income (in Rs) | Income (in Rs/MW installed capacity |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|----------------|--|
| Heuristics 1 | 1302505.62 | 1245831.1 | 0 | 108997.75 | 2439338.97 | 16262.26 |
| Heuristics 2 | 1603670.62 | 867904.62 | 0 | 23574.25 | 2448001 | 16320.01 |
| MILP | 1496795.62 | 1063827.63 | 0 | 57324.25 | 2503299 | 16688.66 |

Level - 1 (Revised Intraday optimization) :



Expected Income:



| Optimization Method | 24/7contract Revenue (in Rs) | DAM Revenue (in Rs) | Peak 24/7contract Penalty (in Rs) | Off-Peak 24/7contract Penalty (in Rs) | DSM Penalty (in Rs) | Income (in Rs) | Income (in Rs/MW installed capacity |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|---|---|------------------------|----------------|---|
| Heuristics 1 | 1305449.38 | 1235392.47 | 0 | 107820.25 | 4306 | 2426182.8 | 16174.55 |
| Heuristics 2 | 1601261.88 | 854740.52 | 0 | 25495.25 | 4306 | 2426201.15 | 16174.67 |
| MILP | 1500011.88 | 1043936.09 | 0 | 59245.25 | 5431 | 2479271.72 | 16528.48 |



Yearly Income:

Cumulative addition of profits over the days for the year:



Daily profits over the days for the year:



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|------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|---|---|------------------------|----------------|---|
| Heuristics 1 | 396284770 | 241177795.18 | 7471072.75 | 65576126.5 | 1989100.62 | 560869577.72 | 3739130.52 |
| Heuristics 2 | 473664426.25 | 167856310.39 | 4239948 | 55248392.25 | 2148483.38 | 579883913.01 | 3865892.75 |
| MILP | 469624260 | 174376855.09 | 4410113.5 | 56152094.5 | 2169191.75 | 581269715.34 | 3875131.44 |
| UB MILP | 468122302.5 | 178633952.58 | 4464221 | 56447152 | 2136129.12 | 583708752.95 | 3891391.69 |

DQN agent used.



States: $s_t = (c_t, ..., c_{t+(H-1)}, c_{t+H}, SoC_t)$

 c_t - Forecasted carbon intensity values for horizon H SoC_t – State of Charge at time t

Actions: $A_t = (-P_e^{max}, 0, P'_e^{max})$

Charge/discharge completely, Charge/discharge at 50% rate, Do nothing

- P'_{e}^{max} is the max rate of discharging power (in kW) = P * η_{dis}
- P_e^{max} is the max rate of charging power (in kW) = P / η_{ch} η_{dis} discharging efficiency and η_{ch} charging efficiency

Reward:
$$Rt = (ct * \frac{P_{et}}{P_e^{max}} - \alpha_d * \frac{|P_{et}|}{P_e^{max}}) * Ts$$

Incorporates both carbon savings from arbitrage and battery degradation cost



Degradation:

SSE Airtricity

Degradation model provides amortized cost and carbon

footprint impact of the battery for every charge/discharge cycle over its lifetime

 $Q_t := Q_{t-1} * \lambda$ where λ is the reduction factor, here 0.998.

Degradation coefficient =

$$\alpha_{d,j} = \frac{Q_{s,i} - Qc_{j}}{\sum_{i=1}^{T} |Pe'_{i}|} * C_{B}$$

Reinforcement Learning

Level - 0 (Day ahead optimization)

States: $s_t = \{\widehat{\hat{S}}_t, D_{rtc,t}, I_{p,t}, I_{op,t}, \widehat{PD}_{dam,t}, Drtc_{lp,t}, Drtc_{lop,t}\}$ Actions: $a_t = \{BV_{dam,t}, BP_{dam,t}, V_{rtc,t}, V_{excess,t}\}$

Actions: $a_t = \{BV_{dam.t}, BP_{dam.t}, V_{rtc.t}, V_{excess.t}\}$ Next state s_{t+1} :

$$\begin{split} \widehat{\widehat{\mathcal{S}}}_{t+1} &\sim \widehat{\widehat{Gs}}_{t+1}, \widehat{\widehat{Gw}}_{t+1} \\ D_{rtc,t+1} &\sim \text{ Demand RTC at t+1} \\ I_{p,t+1} &\sim \text{ Indicator for peak periods} \\ I_{op,t+1} &\sim \text{ Indicator for offpeak periods} \\ \widehat{PD}_{dam,t+1} &\sim PD_{dam} \text{forecast for hour t+1} \\ Drtc_{lp,t+1} &= Drtc_{lp,t} - (V_{rtc,t} + V_{excess,t}) * I_{p,t} \quad \text{for peak periods} \\ Drtc_{lop,t+1} &= Drtc_{lop,t} - (V_{rtc,t} + V_{excess,t}) * I_{op,t} \quad \text{for offpeak periods} \end{split}$$

Reward: $r_t \in \mathcal{R}$ at time t has the following components,

 $revenue_{t} = V_{rtc,t} * price_{rtc} + V_{excess,t} * price_{excess} + V_{dam,t} * dam_{price}$ $penalty_{rtc,T}^{peak} = (V_{rtc,T} + V_{excess,T} - promised_{supply} * peak_{T}) * penalty_{peak}$ $penalty_{rtc,T}^{opeak} = (V_{rtc,T} + V_{excess,T} - promised_{supply} * of fpeak_{T}) * penalty_{offpeak}$ $r_{t} = \alpha_{1} * e^{revenue_{t}} + (-\alpha_{2} * e^{-penalty_{T}^{peak}} - \alpha_{3} * e^{-penalty_{T}^{opeak}})$ $penalty_{rtc}^{peak} = \sum_{t=0}^{23} (V_{excess,t} + V_{rtc,t} - 0.85 * Hrpromised_{supply} * I_{p,t}) * penalty_{peak}$ $penalty_{rtc}^{opeak} = \sum_{t=0}^{23} (V_{excess,t} + V_{rtc,t} - 0.85 * Hrpromised_{supply} * I_{op,t}) * penalty_{offpeak}$

true
$$reward_t = revenue_t - penalty_t$$



Level - 1 (Revised Intraday optimization) :

States:

Consider values uptil horizon for Source total and Cleared DAM Volume, also include "index of previous revision" and "noticed schedules and previously scheduled actions -> uptil the horizon"

Actions:

Consider values uptil horizon for Volume to RTC and Volume to Excess RTC, also include "revise/not". [a binary output]

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Reward:

DSM penalty_{rtc,t} = |SV_{rtc} - (V_{rtc,t} + V_{excess,t})| * I_{thr,t}^{rtc} * dsm_{penalty}
DSM penalty_{dam,t} = |SV_{dam,t} - V_{dam,t}| * I_{thr,t}^{dsm} * dsm_{penalty}
r_t = \alpha_1 * e^{revenue_t} + (-\alpha_3 * e^{DSM penalty_{dam,t}}) + (-\alpha_2 * e^{-penalty_{T}^{peak}} - \alpha_3 * e^{-penalty_{T}^{opeak}})
true \ reward_t = revenue_t - penalty_t
noticed schedules [1] / previous schedules [0]
np.round(action[-1])
Reward ([Penalty calculated from previous schedule] - [Penalty calculated from noticed schedule])
*A * alpha
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Addition: $A = a^2 + a - 1$ (a := np.round(action[-1])

Why different RL algos DQN -> TD3 ?



- In DQN, the state is given as input and we have 1 o/p neuron per action where the output Q value of the network says the value of being in that state taken the action.
- Valid for discrete space, difficult for continuous space, since then there will be infinite output nodes.

 $Q(\mathbf{s}_t, \mathbf{a}_t) \leftarrow Q(\mathbf{s}_t, \mathbf{a}_t) + \alpha[r_t + \gamma \max_{\mathbf{a} \in A} Q(\mathbf{s}_{t+1}, \mathbf{a}) - Q(\mathbf{s}_t, \mathbf{a}_t)]$



Deterministic policy gradient theorem: the true policy gradient is

$$\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \pi(\mathbf{s}_t, \mathbf{a}_t) = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{s}_t, \mathbf{a}_t \sim \pi_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(.)} [\nabla_a \hat{Q}_{\boldsymbol{\phi}}^{\pi_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}}(\mathbf{s}_t, \mathbf{a}_t) \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \pi(s|\boldsymbol{\theta})]$$

Limitations of DDPG:

Learned Q function dramatically overestimates Q values , which leads to policy breaking, exploits the errors in Q function.

Decisions in renewables monetization and orchestration



In Short...



Decision Management Abstractions





Thank You!