

# Can renewable energy sources support future active distribution networks?

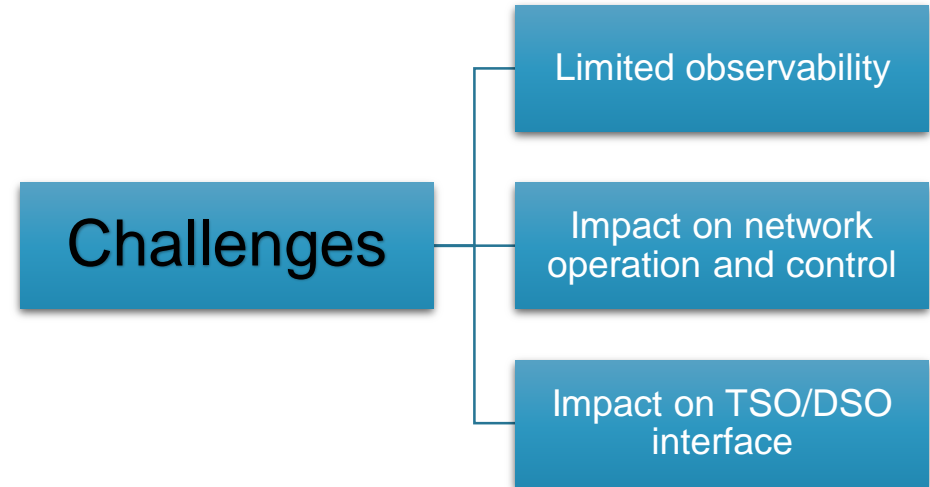
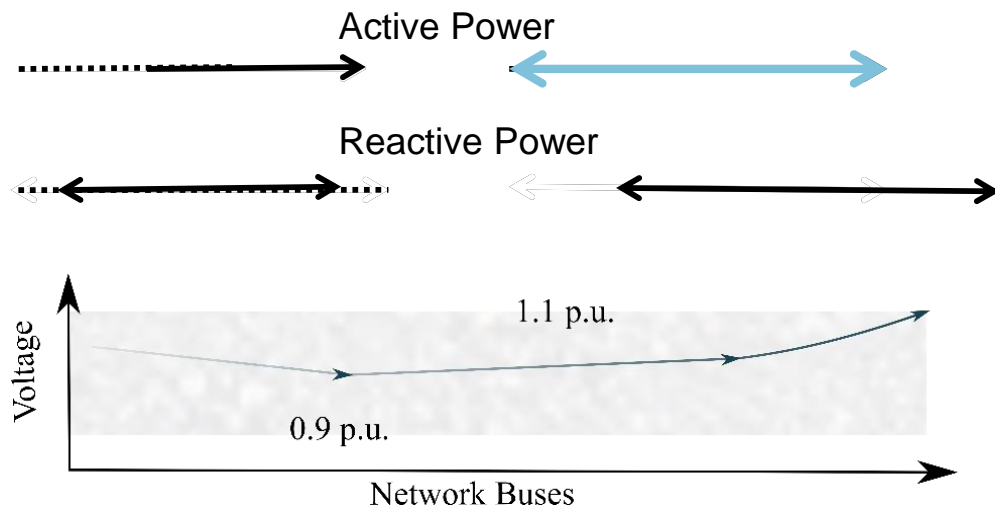
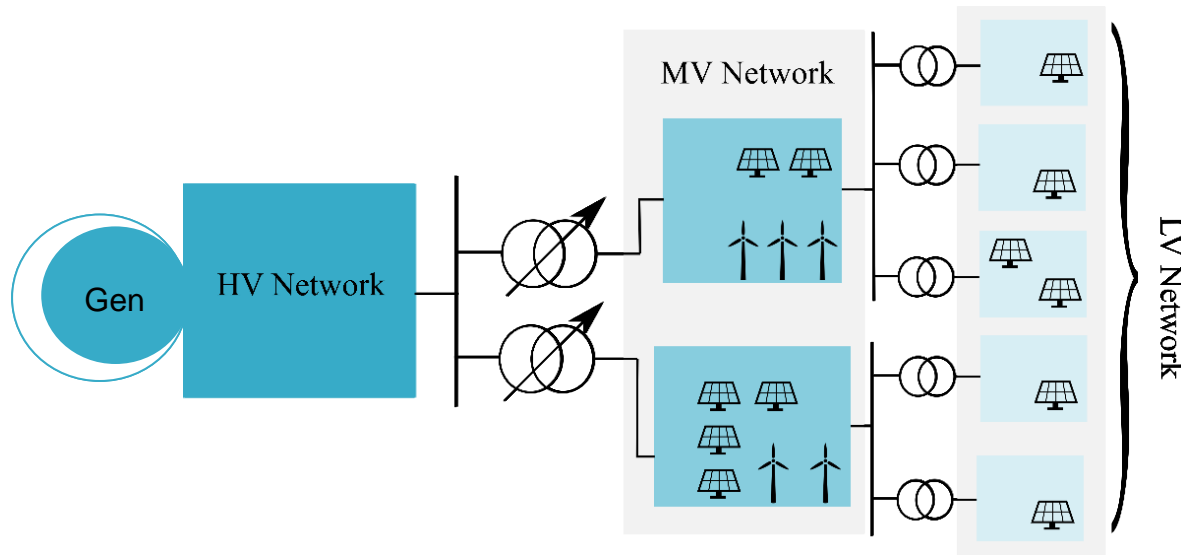
Challenges and opportunities



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# Challenges in a future active distribution grid !!



[C1] Baviskar A, Hansen AD, Das K, Koivisto M. [Challenges of Future Distribution Systems with a Large Share of Variable Renewable Energy Sources – Review](#). In Proceedings of the 19th Wind Integration Workshop. Energynautics GmbH. 2020

# Line losses and power fluctuations

- Line losses are proportional to the current squared through the line → line losses increase with reverse power flow.
- At a certain penetration level, the losses can reduce significantly. But will increase as the amount of distributed generation increases in the MV/LV network.
- Due to weather-dependent nature of VREs, higher variance in the expected distribution network losses is expected.

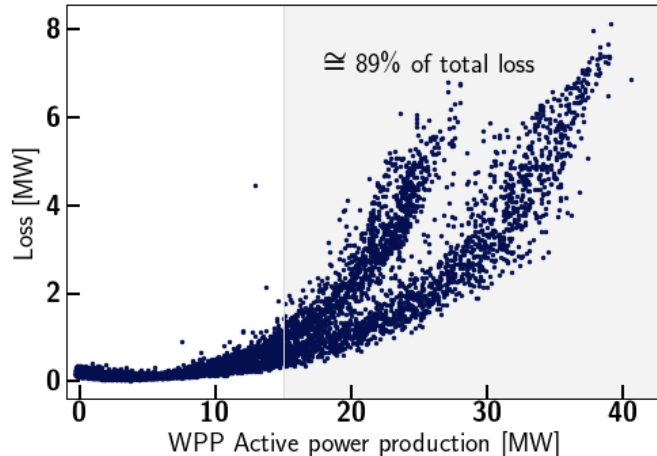


Fig. Wind power plant active power production Vs. Losses in the network

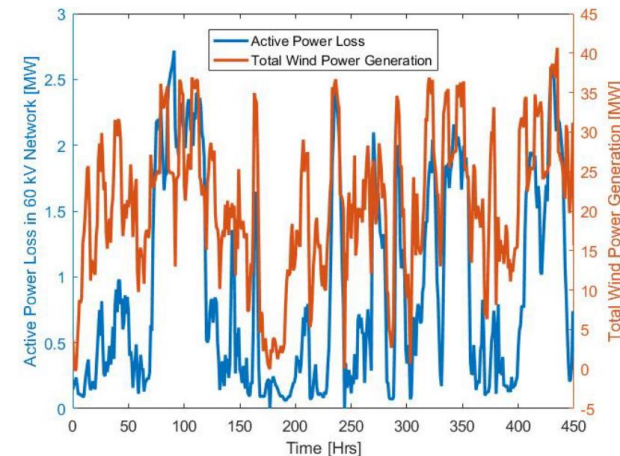
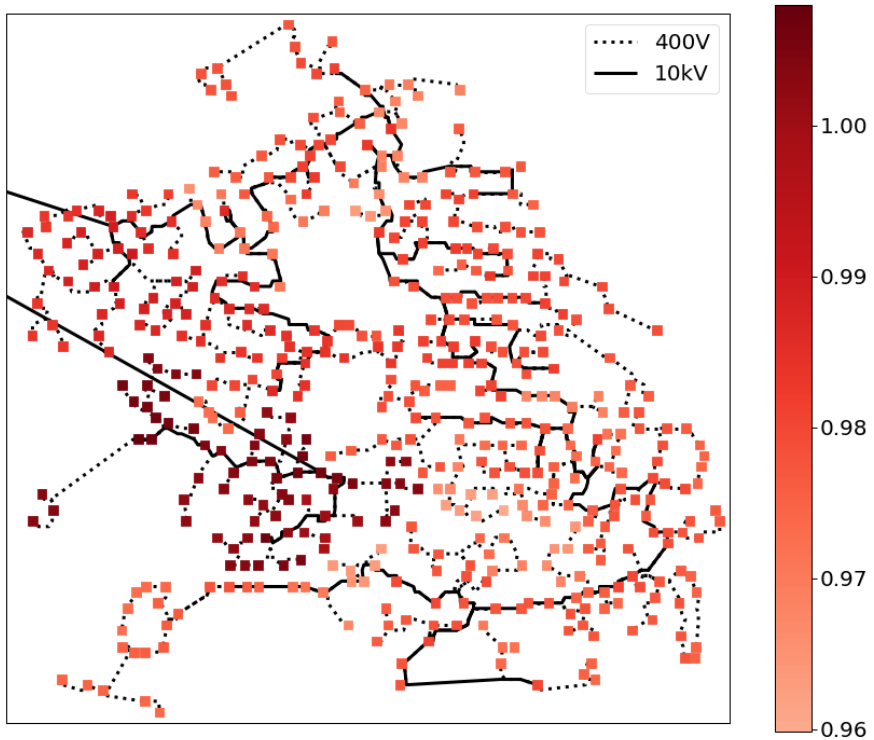


Fig. Time series of active power loss and total wind power generation with 1 hour resolution [6]

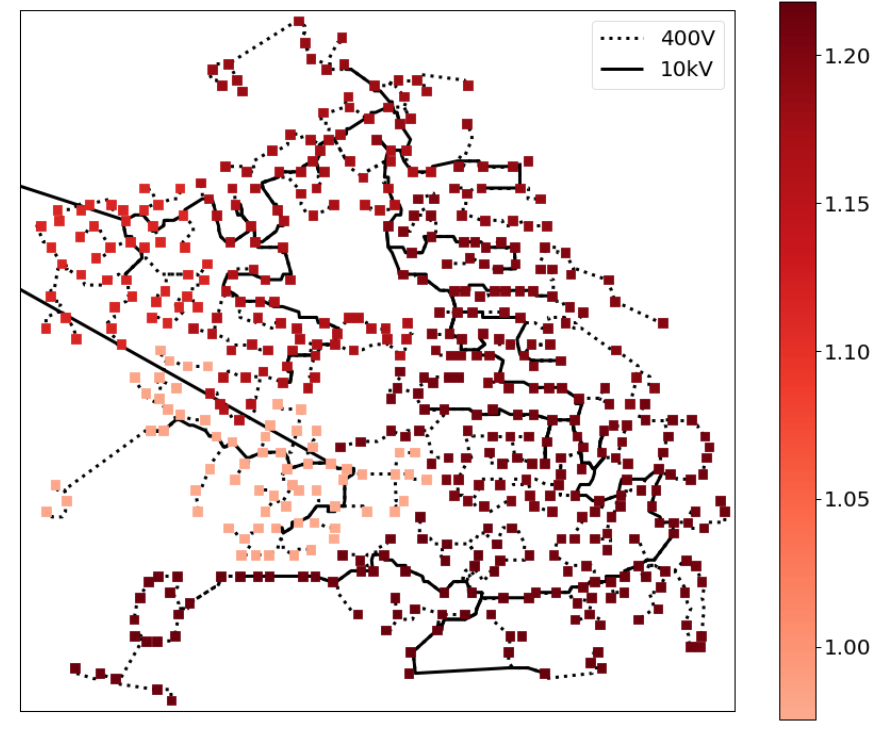
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# Load flow result: Voltage profile in the network



1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2015 02:00

- Line Losses: 0.26 MW
- Demand at 60kV/10kV substation: 1.84 MW
- Generation: 0.042

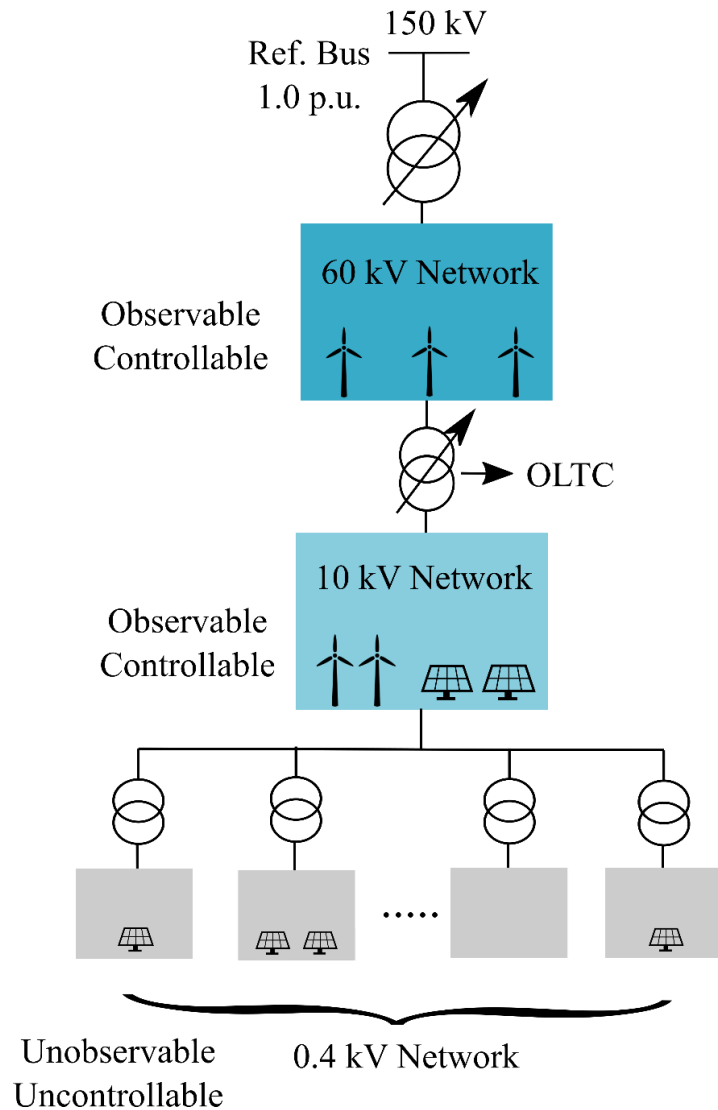


20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2014, 22:00

- Line Losses: 11.06 MW
- Demand at 60kV/10kV substation: -31 MW
- Generation: 32.62

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# Opportunities in distribution networks with large share of RES



1

Availability of large amount of data and detailed models (weather, technology, etc.)

2

Control of already available network assets together with RES to mitigate the adverse impact on network operation

3

Co-ordination between TSO/DSO for flexibility provision, optimal operation and grid support



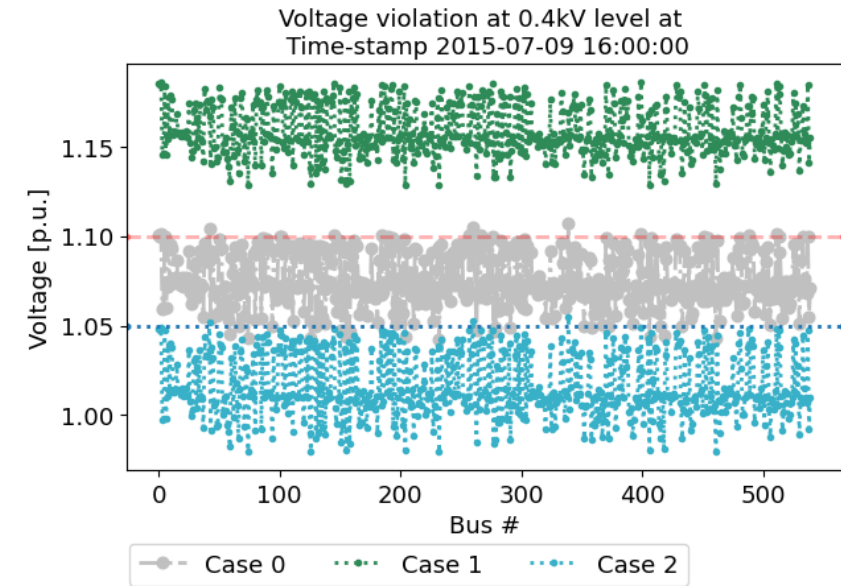
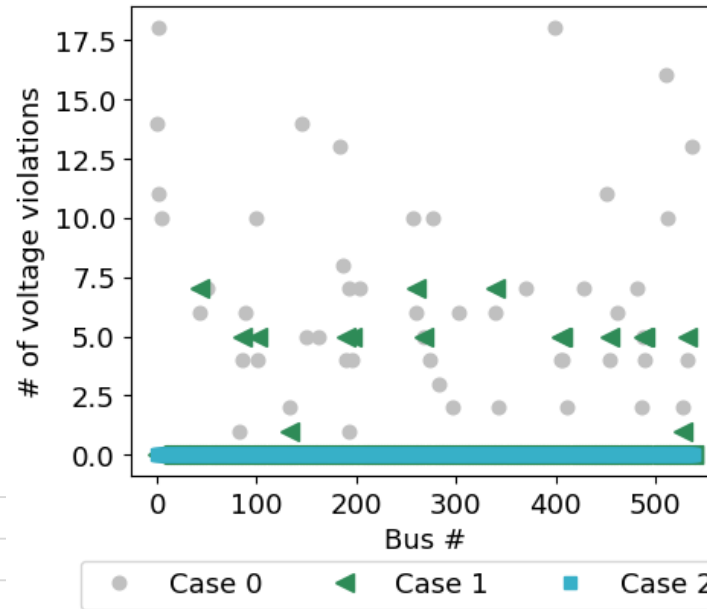
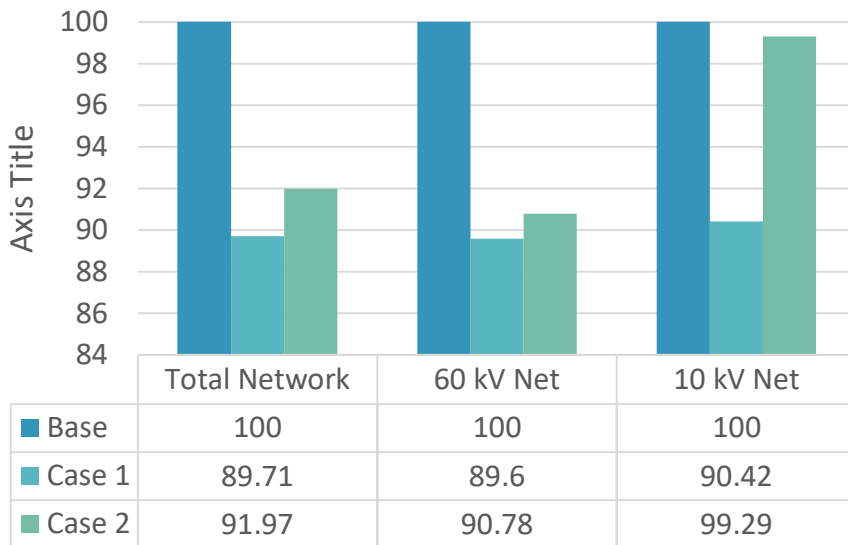
# Does it improve the distribution grid operating condition?

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## Wind power generates 140% of Denmark's electricity demand

Unusually high winds allowed Denmark to meet all of its electricity needs - with plenty to spare for Germany, Norway and Sweden too

Active Power Loss Reduction on a very windy day as [%] of base case



- Optimizing reactive power from WPPs and PVs in the distribution network has potential to decrease losses.
- Over-voltages are observed for the base case in the 10-0.4kV network
- The number of time-stamps with over-voltages decrease in Case 1, and are eliminated in Case 2

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# What did we learn?

- Optimizing reactive power from the distribution network has multiple benefits
  - Active power loss reduction
  - Voltage profile regulation
  - Reducing Q from the transmission network
  - Transformer load reduction

How does the stochastic and uncertain nature of weather dependent renewables affect the distribution grid?

# Journal Publications

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# Conference Publications

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[C3] Baviskar A, Das K, Hansen AD. MINIMIZE DISTRIBUTION NETWORK LOSSES USING WIND POWER. 2021. Paper presented at CIRED 2021 Conference, Virtual event.

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# Dataset

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# Thank you for your attention!

## Q&A?

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