Interval Reliability Evaluation of a Hybrid Energy Generation System With Energy Storage

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To deal with the uncertainties of wind power and load residing in the power supply reliability model, an interval reliability evaluation method is proposed by combining the wind power generation and energy storage system (ESS). Firstly, the interval power supply reliability evaluation model, which belongs to an interval mixed integer program (IMIP), is established based on the interval variables. Secondly, the IMIP model is transformed into the deterministic optimization model under two extreme circumstances by utilizing the possibility degree theory of interval numbers. The maximum power supply probability, considering the wind power interval to meet the load demand interval, is sought by optimizing outputs of the ESS and generators, i.e., the upper boundary of the load shedding is the smallest. Finally, the states of wind turbines and generators are generated based on sequential Monte Carlo simulation, and the reliability of the hybrid energy generation system is evaluated by calculating the loss of load expectation, expected energy not supplied, and maximum power supply probability, which provides a basis for establishing interval optimal allocation model of energy storage. IEEE RTS-24 test system is utilized to verify the performance of the proposed method, and the model is solved by the CPLEX 12.7 solver. The simulation results demonstrate the effectiveness and applicability of the proposed method.

Keywords: hybrid energy system, interval optimization, reliability evaluation, energy storage system, sequential Monte Carlo simulation

INTRODUCTION

With the increasing penetration rate of wind power generations, the power supply reliability is affected by wind farms connected to the grid. Meanwhile, reliability evaluation is also affected by load uncertainties (Kumar et al., 2020). As an important resource to deal with the wind and load uncertainties, the energy storage system (ESS) shows good performance in handling the randomness and volatility. Therefore, the reliability evaluation of a hybrid energy generation system should consider the calming effect of the ESS and uncertainties of wind power and load. The process of reliability evaluation in this article includes uncertainty modeling and reliability analysis considering ESS.

Commonly used methods for modeling uncertainties of wind power and load can be divided into probability density method and time series method. By introducing the equivalent capacity ratio, the probability density function describing the expected value of wind
power output and the wind speed can be obtained by normal distribution (Xie and Billinton, 2011). Wind speed can also be expressed in time series, and it can be obtained by the Autoregressive–Moving Average (ARMA) method (Billinton and Wangdee, 2007). The wind power output time series can be obtained by the Copula function (Li et al., 2013). A hierarchical coordinated control strategy is developed to suppress fluctuations caused by the uncertainties of wind and solar outputs based on the model predictive control (MPC) framework (Zhang et al., 2021). A droop-based hierarchical wind farm optimal voltage control scheme based on MPC and the alternating direction method is proposed to reduce the voltage deviation (Huang et al., 2021). Taking into account the randomness of wind speed, a power supply reliability evaluation model based on sequential Monte Carlo simulation (SMCS) can be established (Wu and Ding, 2004). Considering the uncertainties of wind power and load, a reliability evaluation method of the power distribution network combining the probability distribution of distributed generation and load power is proposed (Wang et al., 2015). In the above method, the time series in the probability density function model is not considered and cannot effectively simulate the actual operation state of the system. Therefore, the time series model can have a better effect in SMCS.

At present, there are a lot of researches on the reliability evaluation considering ESS and wind power. The expected energy not supplied (EENS) and loss of load probability are utilized as reliability evaluation indices to investigate the influence of the rated capacity and rated power of the energy storage device on the power system (Kumar et al., 2020). In terms of the solution method, a reliability model based on the operating characteristics of the ESS and failure shutdown is proposed, and the SMCS is used to give a specific evaluation process (Parvini et al., 2018); the analytical method and Monte Carlo method are utilized at the same time for analysis (Bhuiyan and Yazdani, 2010), and the reliability evaluation method of wind power and ESS considering the failure of the generators is proposed. In order to coordinate the ESS, wind power generation, and power grid, an optimal operation strategy based on model prediction is proposed (Xu and Singh, 2012). The SMCS method considers the time series of the simulation and has applicability in the issue of reliability evaluation. Accordingly, the following work is discussed in this article.

In the following context, the hybrid energy generation system model considering ESS is presented in the Hybrid Energy Generation System Model Considering Energy Storage System section, followed by the interval reliability evaluation model in the Reliability Optimization Model of Power Supply Based on Interval Variables section, and according to the possibility degree theory of interval numbers, the interval mixed integer program (IMIP) model is transformed into the deterministic model in the Solution of the Power Supply Reliability Evaluation Model section. The simulation results of the proposed method are presented in the Simulation Results section. Conclusions and contributions of this article are given in the Conclusion section.

**HYBRID ENERGY GENERATION SYSTEM MODEL CONSIDERING ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM**

The hybrid energy generation system model constructed in this article is shown in Figure 1. The transmission lines are assumed to be reliable; therefore, the safe and reliable operation of the system depends on whether all the power supplies can meet the load demand.

**Conventional Generator Model**

The conventional generator is a repairable component and has two main states: normal and outage. The two-state Markov model describes the state transfer between normal and outage of a repairable component by utilizing the failure rate $\lambda$ and repair rate $\mu$. ($\lambda$ is the probability that the generator transfers from the normal state to outage state, and $\mu$ is the probability that the generator transfers from the outage state to normal state.) $\lambda$ and $\mu$ are expressed as follows:

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{MTTF}$$

$$\mu = \frac{1}{MTTR}$$

where, $MTTF$ is the mean time to failure and $MTTR$ is the mean time to repair. Supposing that $MTTF$ and $MTTR$ obey the exponential distribution, the duration of each state can be expressed as follows (Salgado Duarte et al., 2020):

$$T_N = -\frac{1}{\lambda} \ln R_1 = -MTTF \times \ln R_1$$

$$T_O = -\frac{1}{\mu} \ln R_2 = -MTTR \times \ln R_2$$

**FIGURE 1** | Hybrid energy generation system model considering ESS.
where, $T_N$ and $T_O$ represent the duration of the normal state and outage state, respectively; $R_1$ and $R_2$ are random numbers that obey the uniform distribution in [0,1].

**Wind Turbine Model**

Based on the principle of aerodynamics, the output power of a wind turbine can be described as (Salgado Duarte et al., 2020):

$$P_t = \begin{cases} 0, & (V_t \leq V_{ci}) \cup (V_t \leq V_{co}) \\ (A + BV_t + CV_t^2)P_r, & V_{ci} \leq V_t \leq V_r \\ V_r \leq V_t \leq V_{co} \end{cases}$$

(5)

where, $P_t$ represents the output power of a wind turbine at time $t$, and $P_r$ represents the rated power; $V_t$ is the wind speed at time $t$, and the ARMA model is used to predict the wind speed at time $t$ by historical data (Ghofrani et al., 2014). $V_{ci}$, $V_r$, and $V_{co}$ represent cut-in wind speed, rated wind speed, and cut-out wind speed, respectively. $A$, $B$, and $C$ are parameters of the output power characteristic curve, which can be calculated by

$$A = \frac{1}{(V_{ci} - V_{co})^2} \left[ V_{ci}(V_{ci} + V_{co}) - 4(V_{ci} \cdot V_{co}) \left[ \frac{V_{ci} + V_{co}}{2V_r} \right]^3 \right]$$

$$B = \frac{1}{(V_{ci} - V_{co})^2} \left[ 4(V_{ci} + V_r) \left[ \frac{V_{ci} + V_r}{2V_r} \right]^3 - 3V_{ci} + V_r \right]$$

$$C = \frac{1}{(V_{ci} - V_{co})^2} \left[ 2 - 4 \left[ \frac{V_{ci} + V_r}{2V_r} \right]^3 \right]$$

(6)

There are three states in the wind turbine operation including normal, outage, and derating. Due to the short duration of the derating state, this article only considers the state transfer between the normal and outage to further simplify the model (Ying et al., 2019).

Similarly, the wind turbine state and the output power can be obtained by Eq 1, 4, and Eq. 5, 6, respectively. Then, the output power of the entire wind farm can be calculated by the sum of all wind turbine outputs as follows:

$$P_{Wi} = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{wind}} a_i \cdot P_r, \quad a_i \in (0, 1)$$

(7)

where, $P_{Wi}$ represents the output power of the wind farm, and $N_{wind}$ represents the total number of wind turbines. $a_i$ represents state flag corresponding to the $i^{th}$ wind turbine; $a_i = 1$ indicates the normal state and $a_i = 0$ indicates the outage state.

**Energy Storage System Model and Operation Strategy**

ESS has the bidirectional working characteristic. Therefore, ESS is regarded as a specific load or power supply, and $P_{ess}$ is utilized to represent the power of ESS. When evaluating the reliability of the power system, the operation strategy should be considered to reasonably coordinate the outputs of wind turbines and conventional generators. The optimal operation strategy is to consume the wind power first, then arrange for each conventional generator to provide power. If the above outputs cannot meet the load demand, the ESS that plays the role of reserve capacity will bear the remaining load demand. If there is still a shortage in load demand, load shedding is adopted to ensure the stability of the power system.

**RELIABILITY OPTIMIZATION MODEL OF POWER SUPPLY BASED ON INTERVAL VARIABLES**

According to the generator models introduced above, we take the optimal load shedding interval as the objective function to
establish the reliability optimization model of power supply based on interval variables. The objective function is defined as:

$$\min \tilde{L}_{sh,t}$$ \hfill (8)

where, $\tilde{L}_{sh,t}$ represents the load shedding interval at time $t$.

The constraints in this case are given by:

$$\sum_{i \in N_G} P_{Gi,t} + \sum_{j \in N_W} \tilde{P}_{Wj,t} - P_{ch,t} + P_{dis,t} + \tilde{L}_{sh,t} = \tilde{P}_{lt}$$ \hfill (9)

$$\tilde{L}_{sh,t} \leq \tilde{P}_{lt}$$ \hfill (10)

$$\tilde{P}_{Wj,t} = [P_{Wj,t}, \bar{P}_{Wj,t}]$$ \hfill (11)

$$P_{Gmin} \leq P_{Gi,t} \leq P_{Gmax}$$ \hfill (12)
Equation (9) is the constraint of power balance, where \( N_G \) and \( N_W \) are the number of conventional generators and wind turbines, respectively, in the power system; \( P_{Gi,t} \) is the output power of the \( i \)th generator at time \( t \), and \( P_{Wj,t} \) is the output power interval of the \( j \)th wind turbine. \( P_{ch,t} \) and \( P_{dis,t} \) are the charging power and discharging power of ESS, respectively, and \( \Delta t \) is the step length of system operation in simulation, and \( E_N \) is the rated capacity. In addition, in order to ensure the sustainable operation of the equipment, the SOC of ESS should be consistent at the beginning and end of the scheduling period. The scheduling period is set to 1 day here, i.e.,

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SOC_1 = SOC_{24}.
\]  

### SOLUTION OF THE POWER SUPPLY RELIABILITY EVALUATION MODEL

To solve the IMIP model, the possibility degree theory of interval numbers is used. The interval number can be described as

\[
\tilde{x} = [\underline{x}, \overline{x}] = \{x \in R | \underline{x} \leq x \leq \overline{x}\}.
\]  

If \( x = \tilde{x} \), the closed interval is reduced to a point, which is called a point interval. The interval number can also be defined by the midpoint \( X^r \) and radius \( X^w \) of the interval, which can be described as:

\[
X^r = \frac{\underline{x} + \overline{x}}{2} \quad \text{(18)}
\]

\[
X^w = \frac{\overline{x} - \underline{x}}{2} \quad \text{(19)}
\]

The interval number is a closed set composed of ordered real number pairs, the comparison of two interval numbers cannot take a single value according to the method of real numbers. Two comparison methods of interval numbers are applied: one is using the partial order relation of interval numbers, which can be used to qualitatively judge the priority
of two intervals, and the other is utilizing the possibility degree of interval numbers (Kundu, 1997; Zhang et al., 1999), which can quantitatively analyze the specific degree of priority of one interval to another. Considering the accuracy of the analysis, the latter method is used in this article.

| Charge of ESS (MWh) | Discharge of ESS (MWh) | Generators (MWh) | Wind power (MWh) | Load shedding (MWh) |
|---------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 418.221             | 357.579                | 44,386.343       | 3912.989         | 117.399            |

| Scenario    | Charge of ESS (MWh) | Discharge of ESS (MWh) | Generators (MWh) | Wind power (MWh) | Load shedding (MWh) |
|-------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Lower       | 421.729             | 361.321                | 38,331.555       | 4200.825         | 26.695             |
| Upper       | 433.116             | 370.315                | 50,372.940       | 3625.153         | 214.848            |
According to all possible relationships between $\tilde{X}$ and $\tilde{Y}$, six types of location situations are given in Figure 2. Then, the possibility degree of the interval number can be described as (Kundu, 1997):

$$p(\tilde{X} \leq \tilde{Y}) = \begin{cases} 0, & \tilde{x} \geq \tilde{y} \quad (a), \\ 0.5 \cdot \frac{\tilde{x} - \tilde{y} - \tilde{x}}{\tilde{x} - \tilde{y}} & \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{y} < \tilde{x} \quad (b), \\ \frac{\tilde{x} - \frac{\tilde{x} + \tilde{y}}{2} + 0.5 \cdot \frac{\tilde{x} - \tilde{y}}{2}}{\tilde{x} - \frac{\tilde{x} + \tilde{y}}{2}} & \frac{\tilde{x} - \frac{\tilde{x} + \tilde{y}}{2}}{\tilde{x} - \frac{\tilde{x} + \tilde{y}}{2}} < \tilde{y} \leq \tilde{x} \quad (c), \\ \frac{\tilde{x} - \frac{\tilde{x} + \tilde{y}}{2} + 0.5 \cdot \frac{\tilde{x} - \tilde{y}}{2}}{\tilde{x} - \frac{\tilde{x} + \tilde{y}}{2}} & \frac{\tilde{x} - \frac{\tilde{x} + \tilde{y}}{2}}{\tilde{x} - \frac{\tilde{x} + \tilde{y}}{2}} \leq \tilde{y} < \tilde{x} \quad (d), \\ \frac{\tilde{x} - \frac{\tilde{x} + \tilde{y}}{2} + 0.5 \cdot \frac{\tilde{x} - \tilde{y}}{2}}{\tilde{x} - \frac{\tilde{x} + \tilde{y}}{2}} & \frac{\tilde{x} - \frac{\tilde{x} + \tilde{y}}{2}}{\tilde{x} - \frac{\tilde{x} + \tilde{y}}{2}} \leq \tilde{y} \leq \tilde{x} \quad (e), \\ 1, & \tilde{x} < \tilde{y} \quad (f). \end{cases}$$

When using interval numbers to describe the uncertainty problem, the general form of the interval number optimization model can be expressed as:

$$\min \tilde{f}(x, U) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \tilde{g}_i(x, U) \leq b_i, i = 1, 2, \cdots, n \quad (22)$$

where, $x$ is an $n$-dimensional optimized vector; $\tilde{f}$ and $\tilde{g}_i$, respectively, represent the objective function and constraints; $b_i$ represents the constant interval of the constraints; and $U$ is the interval vector.

When using the interval theory to solve optimization problems, the uncertain mathematical model is usually converted into a deterministic model. For the minimum problem of interval optimization in Eq. (22), the possibility degree of interval numbers can be used to transform the model into a deterministic model:

$$\max P(\tilde{f} \leq \tilde{V}) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad P(M_i \leq N_i) \leq \lambda_i \quad (23)$$

where, $\tilde{V}$ represents the performance interval of the optimization model, which can be a real number. Therefore, model (23) is transformed into a deterministic probability optimization model, and its objective function is switched to maximize the possibility level under a certain performance interval.

Similarly, we transform the aforementioned interval reliability model into a deterministic probabilistic optimization model. The $P_{t,i}$, which is the total output power interval on the power supply side in the system, can be described as:

$$P_{t,i} = \sum_{j \in N_i} P_{G_{ij}} + \sum_{j \in N_i} P_{W_{ij}} - P_{ch,i} + P_{dist}. \quad (24)$$

Taking the performance interval $\tilde{V}$ as 0 (i.e., the expected load shedding is 0), the objective function (8) can be transformed into:

$$\max P(\tilde{P}_{t,i} \leq \tilde{P}_{t,i})$$

The maximum power supply probability $P_{msup}$ is used to express the physical meaning of Eq. (25) to facilitate the description.

The detailed process of the reliability evaluation, considering the wind farm and ESS based on interval variables, is given in Figure 3.

**SIMULATION RESULTS**

To verify the reliability evaluation method, the modified IEEE RTS-24 system is tested and analyzed. This system (3405 MW) contains 32 conventional generators and 37 transmission lines. Two 150 MW wind farms are added to this system, and the capacity of a wind turbine is 1.5 MW. The forced outage rate is set as $P_f = 0.05$, and the wind turbine parameters are set as $V_{ci} = 3 m/s$, $V_r = 12 m/s$, and $V_{co} = 15 m/s$. The rated capacity of the ESS is 200 MWh, whose maximum charging and discharging power is 40 MW, and the charging and discharging efficiency are set as 0.95. The number of maximum simulation years is 100. The loss of load expectation (LOLE), EENS, and $P_{msup}$ are taken into consideration to evaluate the reliability of the system.

**Analysis of Energy Storage System on System Reliability**

In order to significantly and appreciably analyze the impact of the ESS on the power supply reliability, an evaluation indicator is defined as:

$$\tilde{C}_{love} = \frac{\tilde{E}_{wind} - \tilde{E}_{ess}}{\tilde{E}_{wind}} \quad (26)$$

where, $\tilde{C}_{love}$ is the contribution of ESS to the interval reliability index of power supply and $\tilde{E}_{wind} (\tilde{E}_{ess})$ is the power supply interval reliability index before (after) the grid is connected to the ESS.

Here, two cases are employed to analyze the ESS on power supply reliability. The tolerances are assumed to be $\pm$ 10% and $\pm$ 5% in the wind power and load demand, respectively.

Case 1: the ESS is not taken into consideration.
Case 2: the ESS (200 MWh) is connected to the system.

The effect of the ESS on the power supply reliability is listed in Table 1.

From Table 1, $\tilde{C}_{LOLE} = [0.1929, 1.3875]$a and $\tilde{C}_{EENS} = [0.1929, 1.3875]$ are obtained by referring to (26). In conclusion, the power supply reliability can be improved by connecting the ESS in the system with wind turbines.

In order to analyze the influence of the rated capacity of the ESS on the power supply reliability, the rated capacity of the ESS is set from 200 MWh to 450 MWh in steps of 50 MWh. Tolerances of $\pm$8% and $\pm$10% are, respectively, assumed in wind power and load demand. The results changing with the rated capacity of the ESS are listed in Table 2.

From Table 2, the upper and lower bounds of the LOLE and EENS gradually decrease, when the capacity of ESS connected to the system increases. As to the power supply side, the $P_{msup}$ is increased so that the probability of load shedding is decreased. Therefore, the improvement of power supply reliability is better...
when the rated capacity of the connected ESS is larger. In conclusion, the ESS could reduce the LOLE and EENS, so as to improve the power supply reliability in the power system with wind turbines.

Analysis of the Wind Power Uncertainty on System Reliability

In order to analyze the effect of the uncertainty of wind power on power supply reliability, two cases are tested:

Case 3: the uncertainty of wind power is ignored, and the outputs of wind turbines are forecast scenarios.

Case 4: considering the uncertainty of wind power, the change in output over time is listed in Table 3.

The rated capacity of the ESS in cases 3 and 4 are both 200 MWh, and a tolerance of 12% on the load demand is assumed in case 4. The power supply reliability indices considering the influence of the uncertainty of wind power are listed in Table 4.

To analyze the power supply reliability evaluation results, a typical day in summer is selected to simulate, and uncertainties of wind power output and load are considered. The fluctuation curves of load and wind power in the typical summer day are shown in Figure 4A.

The power of the ESS, generators, and load shedding under the scenario of a typical day are shown in Figure 4B. Here, a high-level fault occurred in the generators during this typical day. The output power in the prediction scenario is presented in Table 5.

The power of the ESS, the generators, and the load shedding in the typical day, considering the uncertainty of wind power and load, are shown in Figure 4C and Figure 4D. The results of scheduling optimization in the load demand limit scenario are listed in Table 6. It can be obtained $P_{\text{sup}} = 0.947$ by referring to (21).

Comparing Figure 4B, Figure 4C, and Figure 4D, it is observed that the output power is the least in the predicted scenario, followed by the lower and the upper limits scenario of the load demand. In the lower limit scenario, the output of the ESS is at a low operating level, and the load shedding is relatively small. However, in the upper limit scenario, in order to meet the load demand, the outputs of the ESS and the generators increase, and the generator operation level is the highest.

CONCLUSION

This article proposes a method for evaluating the reliability of a hybrid energy generation system considering the uncertainties of wind power and load. The states of conventional generators and wind turbines are obtained by using SMCS, and the ESS is considered to participate in the optimized operation of the system dispatching in the interval reliability evaluation. In order to find the maximum power supply probability, the possibility degree theory of interval numbers is adopted, and the IMIP model is transformed into a deterministic probability model under two extreme scenarios, then interval reliability indices are calculated. Moreover, the interval reliability contribution is utilized to express the influence degree of the access of the ESS on the interval reliability of the system. An IEEE RTS-24 test system is utilized to validate that the uncertainty of wind power effects on the power supply reliability, but the ESS improves the power supply reliability in the system. The simulation results verify the effectiveness and applicability of the proposed method.

DATA AVAILABILITY STATEMENT

Publicly available data sets were analyzed in this study. These data can be found here: https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/4113721.

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