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# **RESEARCH POSITIONS**

- Assistant Professor School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Oklahoma State University
- Research Assistant Professor Research Associate University of Tennessee, Knoxville Chief Technologist of the CURENT Large-Scale Testbed (LTB) project

July 2021 - Present Stillwater, OK

April 2019 - July 2021 January 2017- April 2019 Knoxville, TN

# **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

- Open-source computing software, power system dynamics and high-performance computing.
- Cyber-physical power grid and communication co-simulation, and hardware-in-the-loop control.
- Deep learning methods and applications in nonlinear dynamic system operation and control.
- Microgrid and smart distribution system control with distributed energy resources.
- Operation and optimization for electricity markets and smart grid under uncertainty.

## **EDUCATION**

- The University of Tennessee, Knoxville PhD, Department of Engineering and Computer Science, GPA 3.9/4.0 Dissertation: Large-Scale Simulations of Modern Electric Power Systems
- Southeast University M.S. in Electrical Engineering, School of Electrical Engineering, GPA 3.7/4.0 B.S. in Electrical Engineering, Chien-Shiung Wu Honor College, GPA 3.7/4.0

Knoxville, TN, USA August 2013 - December 2018 Advisor: Dr. Fangxing Li

Nanjing, Jiangsu, China September 2011 - June 2013 September 2007 - June 2011

#### **Funded Projects**

- **Co-PI**, "Model Free Adaptive Control (MFAC) for Autonomous and Resilient Operation of Military Microgrids", *Department of Defense*, 05/2020-01/2023.
- **Co-PI**, "Rapidly Attainable Increases in Transmission Capacity Using Power-Electronics", *Department of Energy*, 09/2020-08/2021.
- Co-PI, "Intelligent Control of Refrigerating Load for Peak Reduction", *State of Tennessee Appropriations*, 09/2020-08/2021.

# **RESEARCH PROJECTS**

- Chief Technologist of Large-Scale Testbed (LTB) 08/2014 07/2021, UT Knoxville Design and implement an integrated cyber-physical hardware-in-the-loop testing platform for large-scale power systems with energy management, communication emulation, control, and visualization [J3, J4, P1]. CURENT LTB won the 2020 R&D 100 Awards in the category of Software and Services.
  - Develop North American test systems models with high renewable generation.
  - Develop VSC-based multi-terminal HVDC for power flow and transient stability studies.
  - Emulate North American communication networks considering topology, delay and bandwidth.
  - Develop IEEE C37-118.2011 PMU Simulator; implement measurement-based controls in PDCs.
  - Integrate heterogeneous cyber-physical research modules using data streaming with OPAL-RT hardware.
  - Developed CPS simulation tools: ANDES; OpalAPIControl; DiME; LTBNet; LTBVis

• Author of ANDES, Python Software for Symbolic Power System Modeling and Numerical Analysis

A unique hybrid symbolic-numeric framework for that enables descriptive DAE modeling and automatic numerical code generation for simulation [J2].

- Features high-performance computing, rapid model prototyping, data streaming, strict verification with commercial simulation tools, and integration with various solvers [J1]
- a rich library of transfer functions and discontinuous components (including limiters, deadbands, and saturation) available for prototyping models, which can be effortlessly instantiated as multiple devices for system analysis
- the only open-source tool with the industry-grade full dynamic models for solar PV, wind, and energy storage: REGC\_A, REEC\_A, REEC\_C, REPC\_A, WTGT\_A, WTPT\_A, WTAR\_A, WTTQ\_A, and distributed PV model PVD1
- The distributed PV and storage models are being used by an NREL project to study the use of distributed PV for automatic generation control (AGC).
- Open-source and available on GitHub: https://www.github.com/cuihantao/andes (80 Stars, 40 Forks)

# • Lead Developer of OpalApiControl, APIs for OPAL-RT RT-LAB Real-Time Simulation

- OpalApiControl provides convenient APIs for RT-LAB-based real-time simulation and data streaming.
- An inter-operable simulation tool with ANDES in the LTB environment.
- Originated from the work with a *summer research undergraduate student*.
- Open-source and available on GitHub: https://www.github.com/curent/opalapicontrol

## • Lead Developer of LTBNet, A Process-Based Network Emulation for PMU-Based Streaming and Control

- LTBNet is a tool for emulating arbitrary network topology for PMU data streaming.
- Provides interfaces to *Mininet* and *OpenFlow* controllers for cybersecurity studies.
- Interfaces to PMU and PDC simulators with ANDES and OpalApiControl.
- Open-source and available on GitHub: https://www.github.com/curent/ltbnet

# **SELECT PUBLICATIONS** [Citations: 1135, *h*-index: 17, *i*<sub>10</sub>-index: 19]. Google Scholar Link.

#### • Journal Publications

- [J1] **Hantao Cui**, Fangxing Li, and Xin Fang. Effective parallelism for equation and jacobian evaluation in power flow calculation. *Submitted to the IEEE PES Letter*.
- [J2] Hantao Cui, Fangxing Li, and Kevin Tomsovic. Hybrid symbolic-numeric framework for power system modeling and analysis. *IEEE Transactions on Power Systems*, in press, 2020.
- [J3] Hantao Cui, Fangxing Li, and Kevin Tomsovic. Cyber-physical system testbed for power system monitoring and wide-area control verification. *IET Energy Systems Integration*, 2(1):32–39, 2019.
- [J4] Fangxing Li, Kevin Tomsovic, and **Hantao Cui**. A large-scale testbed as a virtual power grid: For closed-loop controls in research and testing. *IEEE Power and Energy Magazine*, 18(2):60–68, 2020.
- [J5] **Hantao Cui**, Fangxing Li, Xin Fang, Hao Chen, and Honggang Wang. Bilevel arbitrage potential evaluation for grid-scale energy storage considering wind power and LMP smoothing effect. *IEEE Transactions on Sustainable Energy*, 9(2):707–718, 2018.
- [J6] Hantao Cui, Fangxing Li, Qinran Hu, Linquan Bai, and Xin Fang. Day-ahead coordinated operation of utility-scale electricity and natural gas networks considering demand response based virtual power plants. *Applied Energy*, 176(15):183–195, 2016.
- [J7] Qiwei Zhang, Fangxing Li, **Hantao Cui**, and et. al. Market-level defense against fdia and a new Impdisguising attack strategy in real-time market operations. *IEEE Transactions on Power Systems*, in press, 2020.
- [J8] Linquan Bai, Fangxing Li, **Hantao Cui**, and et. al. Interval optimization based operating strategy for gaselectricity integrated energy systems considering demand response and wind uncertainty. *Applied energy*, 167:270–279, 2016.
- [J9] Qingxin Shi, Fangxing Li, and **Hantao Cui**. Analytical method to aggregate multi-machine sfr model with applications in power system dynamic studies. *IEEE Transactions on Power Systems*, 33(6):6355–6367, 2018.

- [J10] Xue Li, **Hantao Cui**, Tao Jiang, and et. al. Multichannel continuous wavelet transform approach to estimate electromechanical oscillation modes, mode shapes and coherent groups from synchrophasors in bulk power grids. *International Journal of Electrical Power & Energy Systems*, 96:222–237, 2018.
- [J11] Haiteng Han, **Hantao Cui**, Shan Gao, and et. al. A remedial strategic scheduling model for load serving entities considering the interaction between grid-level energy storage and virtual power plants. *Energies*, 11(9):2420, 2018.
- [J12] Xue Li, Fangxing Li, Haoyu Yuan, **Hantao Cui**, and Qinran Hu. Gpu-based fast decoupled power flow with preconditioned iterative solver and inexact newton method. *IEEE Transactions on Power Systems*, 32(4):2695–2703, 2017.
- [J13] Qingxin Shi, Hantao Cui, Fangxing Li, and et. al. A hybrid dynamic demand control strategy for power system frequency regulation. *CSEE Journal of Power and Energy Systems*, 3(2):176–185, 2017.

Conference Papers

- [C1] Hantao Cui and Fangxing Li. Andes: A python-based cyber-physical power system simulation tool. In 2018 North American Power Symposium (NAPS), pages 1–6. IEEE, 2018.
- [C2] Hantao Cui, Fangxing Li, and Haoyu Yuan. Control and limit enforcements for vsc multi-terminal hvdc in newton power flow. In *Power & Energy Society General Meeting*, 2017 IEEE, pages 1–5. IEEE, 2017.
- [C3] Hantao Cui, Fangxing Li, Xin Fang, and Runsha Long. Distribution network reconfiguration with aggregated electric vehicle charging strategy. In *Power & Energy Society General Meeting*, 2015 *IEEE*, pages 1–5. IEEE, 2015.
- [C4] Fangxing Li, Kevin Tomsovic, and **Hantao Cui**. An integrated testbed for power system monitoring, modeling, control and actuation. 2018.
- [C5] Alec Yen, Hantao Cui, and Kevin Tomsovic. Cxsparse-based differential algebraic equation framework for power system simulation. In 2018 North American Power Symposium (NAPS), pages 1–6. IEEE, 2018.

## • Patents

[P1] Fangxing Li, Hantao Cui, MohammadReza AhmadzadehRaji, Kevin Louis Tomsovic, Yilu Liu, and Jian Huang. Real-time simulator and controller of power system using distributed data streaming server, October 20 2020. US Patent. 10,809,753.

# **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

• Secretary, Computating and Analytics Subcommittee (CAMS), IEEE PES	01/2021 - Present
• Webmaster, Computating and Analytics Subcommittee (CAMS), IEEE PES	08/2018 - 12/2020
• Secretary, Ultra-Wide-Area HVDC Overlay Studies Task Force, IEEE PES	08/2018 - Present
Associate Editor, Journal of Modern Power Systems and Clean Energy (MPCE)	01/2019 - Present
• Reviewer, IEEE Trans. on Power Systems; IEEE Trans. on Smart Grid; and IEEE Trans. on Sust.	Energy

- Reviewer, Applied Energy
- Book Reviewer, Elsevier

# AWARDS AND HONORS

• Elevated to IEEE Senior Member	11/2020
R&D 100 Award of 2020 won by the CURENT Large-Scale Testbed	09/2020
Outstanding Reviewer for 2019 of IEEE Transactions on Power Systems	03/2020
Highly Cited Paper Award 2019 of Applied Energy	07/2019
Outstanding Graduate Research Assistant, EECS Gonzalez Family Awards Banquet	04/2018
• <b>Top Peer Reviewer</b> Award (1%) in Engineering on Publons.com	09/2018
Author of Essential Science Indicators (ESI) Highed Cited Papers	03/2018 and 07/2017
UT Knoxville Chancellor's Citation on Extraordinary Professional Promise	04/2017
Best Conference Paper, 2016 IEEE PES General Meeting	07/2016

# INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND SEMINARS

HVDC Overlays in Testbeds, Panel Session Presentation at 2019 PES GM, Atlanta	08/2019
Cyber-Physical Large-Scale Testbed, NIST Workshop on Smart Grid Testbeds and Collaborations	04/2019
LTB for Closed-Loop Cyber-Physical Simulation, FUTA-USAID Workshop, Nigeria	08/2018
• Transactions Paper Presentation at the 2017 IEEE PES General Meeting, Chicago	07/2017

# **TEACHING EXPERIENCES**

Instructor and Co-Instructor	Department of EECS, UTK
<ul> <li>Co-Instructor: ECE 421, Electric Energy Systems</li> <li>Instructor: ECE 496/691, Power and Energy Systems Seminar</li> </ul>	Fall 2019 Fall 2020, Spring and Fall 2019
Graduate Teaching Assistant	Department of of EECS, UT Knoxville
<ul> <li>ECE 453/599: Computer Networking</li> <li>ECE 622: Power System Economics</li> </ul>	Spring 2014 Fall 2013
MENTORING EXPERIENCES	
• Mentored a few junior Ph.D. students or junior visiting students	

• Mentored over 10 summer REU Students for CURENT since 2014.

# **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES**

Chair, Transactions Paper Forum on Microgrid, IEEE PES General Meeting	August 2019
Chair, Student Career Development Forum, Power Industry Division, ISA	June 2018
Mentor, CURENT REU programs	2014 - Present, Knoxville, TN
CURENT Education Outreach - engineering night	12/2016, Knoxville, TN
Staff Volunteer, Boy Scouts fall special event at Camp Pellissippi	10/2015, Andersonville, TN