System Operability Framework 2016

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System Operability Framework 2016

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Generators and interconnectors will need to operate more flexibly, complimented by the growth of balancing tools and technologies such as energy storage and flexible demand.

A holistic approach which harnesses capabilities across energy and network resources is required to address the shortage of dynamic capabilities provided by synchronous generators.

Small generators need to deliver the system support capabilities provided by the larger generators that they displace, though are not presently asked or rewarded for the same performance.
We asked you
SOF 2016 structure

- Frequency Management
  - System inertia
  - Fast active power injection
  - Rate of change of frequency
  - Frequency containment
- Voltage Management
- Whole System Coordination
SOF 2016 structure

- Frequency Management
  - System strength
- Voltage Management
  - Voltage regulation
  - Voltage dips and protection
- Whole System Coordination
  - Voltage containment and recovery
SOF 2016 structure

- Frequency Management
  - Visibility and coordination
  - Active network management

- Voltage Management
  - Voltage control from distributed energy resources

- Whole System Coordination
  - Low frequency demand disconnection
  - Black start
Balancing and Flexibility is a new area which addresses within day balancing over the next 10 years.

- It matches generation and demand within day to a half-hour resolution to provide a credible view of unit dispatch.

- A number of different flexibility sensitivities have been explored.

- It enables us to answer three questions across our core operability topics:
  - What is the requirement?
  - How often it is required?
  - How does it change over time?
Year-round assessments

Transmission system demand (2016/17)

- Summer minimum
- Winter peak

17,520 half hour periods a year
10 years of study
4 Future Energy Scenarios
3 flexibility cases
636 transmission connected generators

= 1,337,126,400 data points!
Year-round assessments

SOF 2016 summer minimum versus outturn (8th August)

Transmission demand (GW)

00:00  04:00  08:00  12:00  16:00  20:00  00:00

SOF 2016 projection (range of all scenarios)  Outturn
Frequency management example

The area under the curve shows the distribution of system inertia in 2016/17.

The most common value is 220GVA.s

The minimum and maximum values are 100GVA.s and 350GVA.s.
Voltage management example

The minimum and maximum values are 0.8kA and 17kA.

The value is below 12kA for 52% of the year.
Balancing and Flexibility

William Ramsay – Power Systems Engineer
Balancing

Gate closure
Generators and suppliers submit their final notifications one hour before each settlement period starts.

Energy market activity

- Investigate the evolution of daily profiles of demand
- Balance generation and demand by settlement period
- Flexibility and operability requirements between and within settlement periods
Balancing

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Daily transmission demand profile: Winter

- Demand reduces at morning minimum and evening peak
- Increasing demand suppression in middle of day
- Rate of morning pick-up increases from 60MW/minute to between 80 and 100MW/minute
- Size of evening pick-up increases
Daily transmission demand profile: Spring

- First Monday of April in each year
- Demand profile is more volatile as capacities of distributed weather-sensitive generation increase
Daily transmission demand profile: Summer

- Demand suppression from distributed solar PV grows
- Time of demand minimum flips from morning to afternoon
- Size and rate of evening pick-up grows
The growth in distributed generation and interconnection has an increasing impact on the operation of the transmission system.
Annual distribution of demand variation

- Mean variation between settlement periods of GB demand
- Excludes interconnector export and storage import
- Reduction in time with only small changes in demand
Annual distribution of demand

- General reduction in transmission demand
- Minimum demands become more extreme, driven growth in distributed generation
- Greater range between minimum and maximum demand
- More time spent at levels of low demand
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Winter peak

Consumer Power

Gone Green

Slow Progression

No Progression

- Nuclear
- Gas
- Storage
- Interconnector
- Coal
- Other balancing
- Wind
- Other

Transmission demand

Transmission flexibility
Summer minimum

- Consumer Power
- Gone Green
- Slow Progression
- No Progression

Legend:
- Nuclear
- Gas
- Storage
- Interconnector
- Coal
- Other balancing
- Wind
- Solar
- Other

Transmission demand
Transmission flexibility

Years:
- 2016
- 2020
- 2025

Graphs showing energy generation and demand trends for different scenarios.
Flexibility cases

Summer minimum 2020/21

- Consumer Power
- Gone Green
- Slow Progression
- No Progression

Flexibility from conventional generators

100%

50%

0%
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Users of the power system must be more flexible in terms of synchronising, desynchronising and daily load profile following.
Operability: Ramp rates

2GW ramp over two interconnectors at 100 MW/minute each = 200MW/minute for 10 minutes

- 2GW is one-third of interconnector capacity to mainland Europe in 2016/17
- Part-loaded generators are instructed to ramp-up output to meet the increasing demand
- Interconnector ramp is greater than the generators’ capability
- Storage is able to fill the gap
Operability: Ramp rates

4.9GW ramp over six interconnectors at 100 MW/minute each = 600MW/minute for 8 minutes

- 4.9GW is one-third of interconnector capacity to mainland Europe in 2020/21 in Consumer Power
- Ramp rate is greater than the capability of generators and storage
- This applies to any energy resources with the capability to change output rapidly, due to
  - Technology type
  - Grouped behaviours
Flexibility at low demand

- 2 standard units (SEL = 55%)
- 3 standard units (SEL = 55%)
- 4 standard units (SEL = 55%)
- 4 more flexible units (SEL = 45%)
- 3 more flexible units (SEL = 45%)
- 4 more flexible units (SEL = 35%)

- Headroom shortfall
- Headroom
- Footroom
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- Output required now
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Balancing and Operability: Case Study

Mike Ryan – Trading, Structuring and Optimisation Manager
Trading Team
Low demand/High wind
Operational requirements
Actions
Summary
Trading Team

- Trading, contract enactment, operability
- Intraday to week ahead
- Conventional, non-synchronous, distributed, demand
- Energy and System
Low demand/High wind

Demand: Sunday 07 August, 04:30 16.1GW – 17.1GW

Forecast Wind:
Saturday 06 August 12:00 1GW
Sunday 07 August 00:00 7GW
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Operational requirements

Downward regulation:
- Desynchronise units
- Increase demand

Voltage:
- Synchronise units
- Switch out circuits

RoCoF:
- Synchronise units
- Reduce largest loss
Operational requirements

Power flow constraints:
• Scottish border flow

High frequency response:
• Limit largest demand loss
Actions

Downward regulation, RoCoF, High frequency:

- IFA Sell 1800MW
- BritNed Sell 1500MW
Actions

Voltage:
• 8 additional units synchronised
• 9 additional circuits switched out

Downward Regulation:
• Demand Turn Up 80MW
• SEL Reduction 200MW

Power flow constraints:
• 2GW Wind bids
High wind, low demand means low synchronous generation

Solutions to one may exacerbate another

Use of all tools available to the System Operator

Interactive Voltage, Downward Regulation, High Frequency Response and RoCoF requirements alongside ‘normal’ operational challenges

RoCoF trigger level reached 678MW

At the time, the largest single generation risk was 635 MW

Not just a minimum problem

Lowest RoCoF trigger level reached Saturday 06 August, 14:30
Frequency Management
William Ramsay – Power Systems Engineer
Frequency management

**Regulation**
Continuous balancing of supply and demand

**Containment**
Response to an unplanned disconnection of generation or demand

**Recovery**
Restoration of frequency to 50Hz
What is system inertia?

Synchronous machines rotate at the same speed as, or a factor of, system frequency.

Spinning masses of turbines, generators and motors contribute to system inertia.
What is system inertia?

- System inertia counteracts changes in frequency, reducing the speed of frequency movements.
- This occurs in steady-state as well as during a disturbance.
- The rate of change of frequency (RoCoF) is inversely proportional to system inertia.

\[
\text{RoCoF [Hz/s]} = \frac{50}{2} \times \frac{\text{Imbalance [GW]}}{\text{Inertia [GVA.s]}}
\]
What is system inertia?

- Synchronous motors and generators are coupled to the power system.
- Changes in the speed or frequency of the power system are transferred to the generator or motor.
- Power system disturbances will be inherently counteracted.
What is system inertia?

Simulation of 1000MW generation loss

- Immediate active power response to oppose imbalance
- Synchronous demand reduces load
- The speed of frequency change is inversely proportional to system inertia
Impact of inertia on frequency response

Simulation of 600MW generation loss

- Reducing system inertia requires faster delivery of response
- To an extent, this can be managed by using greater quantities of response
- Ultimately faster services are required to achieve frequency containment with acceptable dynamic performance

Unacceptable dynamic performance*

*containment modelling breaks down after 8 seconds.
Annual distributions of system inertia

- **Flexibility case B**
  - Minimum system inertia decreases
  - Increasing proportion of time spent at low levels of inertia
  - These effects occur with growth of non-synchronous generation
Annual distributions of system inertia

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- These effects occur with growth of non-synchronous generation
- Flexibility requirement constrains on generators that provide contribute to system inertia
Frequency is more volatile when system inertia is low, which occurs more often.
What is system inertia?

- Variable speed motors and generators are decoupled from the power system.
- Changes in the speed or frequency of the power system are not transferred to the generator.
- Power system disturbances will not be inherently counteracted.
What is system inertia?

Simulation of 1000MW generation loss with 500MW fast active power injection.

Fast active power is delivered after a delay for measurement and control processing, until which point it is inactive.
Frequency is more volatile when system inertia is low, which occurs more often.

System inertia is distinct from the fast injection of active power after a measurement delay, often referred to as synthetic inertia.
RoCoF limit

• Over-sensitive RoCoF relays are used by over 6GW of distributed generation

• Relays could activate if RoCoF exceeds 0.125Hz/s

• Disconnecting such a large quantity of generation would risk system security

• Risks is managed by limiting the size of the largest single loss risk

Largest single loss risk limit 650MW

Rate of change of frequency (Hz/s) vs System inertia (GVA.s)

- Loss (MW): 400 600 800 1000 1200 1400 1600 1800

0.125Hz/s RoCoF limit
RoCoF limit

Largest 50 single loss risks at summer minimum in 2020/21

- There is a growth in the number and size of large single loss risks
- Greater intervention would be required to adjust interconnector flows
- After the interconnectors, the next units are mostly nuclear generators
- Flexibility from nuclear generators would be required to allow system inertia to reduce below 130GVA.s
- This is until the over-sensitive relays have been updated or replaced
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Minimum system inertia is constrained by nuclear generator flexibility and over-sensitive distributed generator protection.
- The market provides lower levels of system inertia that would allow smaller single loss risks sizes
Distributions of unconstrained largest loss

- The market provides lower levels of system inertia that would allow smaller single loss risks sizes.
- Greater levels of intervention from the system operator will be required to manage the RoCoF risk.
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When limited large synchronous generation is running, low system inertia will require greater intervention from the system operator.
Existing frequency response definitions
Development of Enhanced Frequency Response service

Initial response design: Fast response, short delivery

Final response design: Fast response, long delivery

Handover between services cannot be managed using existing systems and suite of services
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System inertia

2016/17
- 100 GVA.s Gone Green
- Minimum inertia limit 130 GVA.s
- 360 GVA.s No Progression

2020/21
- 90 GVA.s Consumer Power
- 130 GVA.s
- 300 GVA.s Gone Green

2025/26
- 70 GVA.s Slow Progression
- 130 GVA.s
- 290 GVA.s Gone Green

Flexibility case B
Voltage Management

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Voltage management

Voltage Regulation
Continuous reactive power, generation and absorption

Voltage dips and protection
Supporting voltage during fault and protection operation

Voltage containment and recovery
Immediate, dynamic and static reactive power generation and absorption
Voltage dips and protection

- Generators
- Consumer loads
- Cable circuits
- Lightly loaded overhead lines
- Capacitive compensators
- Heavily loaded overhead lines
- Inductive compensators
- Transformers
Voltage containment and recovery

- Generators
- Consumer loads
- Protection
- Voltage level: 400 kV
- Generators
- Inductive compensators
System strength

- System strength is very important to voltage management, just as system inertia is to frequency management. It indicates the system’s inherent robustness to voltage disturbances.

- System strength is typically measured by short circuit level (SCL).

- System strength can be represented by the size of the tank; a bigger tank is more robust to changes in depth.

- Synchronous generators are the currently the main providers of fault current and system strength.

- System strength is a locational property of the network.
System strength

- Short circuit level shows a trend of national decrease and becomes more variable
- The proportion of the year at low strength becomes greater
- The changes manifest late in No Progression but quite quickly in Consumer Power
- The short circuit level could be further influenced by network maintenance outages
System strength will be lower and more variable when limited synchronous generation is running.
Voltage management regions

[Map showing regions of the United Kingdom with numbers and names such as North Scotland, South Scotland, North East England, East Midlands, East England, Greater London, South East England, South West England, South Wales and West Midlands, North West and West Midlands, North Wales.]
System strength – regional variation

Gone Green
Regional short circuit level

- The trend of decrease continues regionally
- The areas showing greatest decrease align to the areas where less synchronous generation is likely to be running in the future.
System strength – East Midlands

No Progression
Short circuit level in East Midlands

- System strength is closely related to availability of synchronous generation
- Some large plants are due to close
- Large synchronous plant may not be dispatched at low system demand
- Behaviour of large power plants affects the load duration curve
Insights

Regional system strength will be lower and more variable when limited synchronous generation is running.

The largest decreases occur in regions where large plant is due to close or where it is unlikely to run when transmission demand is low.
Protection

- Protection analysis is based on flexibility case B
- Overcurrent protection is the most vulnerable protection type
- Protection approaches or settings need to be reviewed as short circuit level decreases
Protection

No Progression
Short Circuit Level – South East England

- Commutation function and other control behaviours of non-synchronous sources can be impacted by low short circuit level
- Additional equivalent fast fault current could help the stability and function of current connections to our network
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Demand changes

Active Power
Daily Minimum Transmission System Demand

- Daily minimum active power demand has been falling, although peak demands show less change
- According to the Future Energy Scenarios, these trends are expected to continue over the next decade
- More time is spent at lower levels as the decade progresses
Demand changes

Reactive Power
Daily Minimum Transmission System Demand

- The system moves daily between a requirement for generation of reactive power to support peak demands to absorption over periods of lower demand.
- Periods where additional reactive absorption are required exceed those where reactive generation is required throughout each year.
- Reactive power absorption requirements frequently exceed the active power demand, which leads to high voltage.
Reactive power regulation
Voltage regulation requirement

- The total reactive power absorption required over the next 10 years will increase.
- The time at these levels increases throughout the decade when:
  - distribution of transmission connected generation changes
  - flows within distribution and transmission systems change
  - SCL is low
  - reactive power demand reduces
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Additional reactive power generation and absorption is required to manage wider and more volatile voltage profiles.
2016/17 - Summer Minimum Demand

Reactive power demand moves from reactive power absorption to reactive power generation throughout the day.

It broadly following the shape of the transmission system active power demand profile.

The largest change in reactive power occurs in the morning as active power demand picks up.
2024/25 - Summer Minimum Demand

The reactive power demand profile no longer follows the active demand profile throughout the day.

Early afternoon solar maximum leads to a rapid increase in reactive absorption support.

Largest change in reactive power occurs over a 2-hour period leading up to the solar maximum.
Dynamic reactive power requirement

**Consumer Power**

- **Voltage regulation**: Increased requirement for reactive power absorption
- **Voltage dips and protection**: Assess current protection approach as short circuit level declines
- **Voltage containment and recovery**: Increased requirement for dynamic reactive power support

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**Graph Details**

- **Steady state**, **Fast fault current injection**, **Immediate dynamic (by 80ms)**, **Fast dynamic (by 300ms)**, **Slow dynamic (by 500ms)**, **Static (by 30s)**

**Colors**
- 2016/17
- 2020/21
- 2025/26
Dynamic reactive power requirement

No Progression

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Visibility and coordination

Installed capacities of distributed and micro generation

- Distributed generation:
  - Gone Green
  - Slow Progression
  - No Progression
  - Consumer Power

- Micro generation:
  - Gone Green
  - Slow Progression
  - No Progression
  - Consumer Power
Visibility and coordination

Three 1 MW panel arrays = 3 MW

Converter rated at 3 MW

Power output

3 MW

Converter rating

Sunny day

Typical day

Time

Five 1 MW panel arrays = 5 MW

Converter rated at 3 MW

Power output

3 MW

Potential for energy storage

Converter rating

Potential to export stored energy

Sunny day

Typical day

Time
Visibility and coordination

Consumer Power
Generation Output Not Visible

Number of days per year

Generation output not visible (GW)

2016/17 2025/26
Visibility and coordination

**Slow Progression**
Generation Output Not Visible

![Chart showing the number of days per year for generation output not visible (GW) for 2016/17 and 2025/26.](chart.png)
Thresholds of visibility

Consumer Power
Existing thresholds of visibility

Proportion of total generation output not visible (%)

Consumer Power
1MW threshold of visibility

Proportion of total generation output not visible (%)

2016/17  2020/21  2025/26
An increasing amount of generation is not visible to the system operator, which increases uncertainty in balancing and operability.
Active network management

- Increasing penetration of distributed generation would trigger network reinforcement
- ANM helps to maximize network utilisation and facilitates distributed generation connection
- It controls the output of distributed generators according to the state of the network
Coordination of ANM

- Without coordination, ANM will increase uncertainty in requirements and affect the balancing actions of the transmission system operator.

- Enhanced planning and operational coordination between DNOs and the transmission system operator are necessary for the future efficient development of ANM.
Development of ANM

- 2016/17
- 2020/21 Gone Green
- 2020/21 Consumer Power
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- 2020/21 No Progression

- Green: ANM not likely to be required
- Red: ANM likely to be required without network investment
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Transmission and Distribution Interface 2.0 (TDI 2.0)

Biljana Stojkovska – Project Lead
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Distributed energy resources have the potential to deliver enhanced transmission system voltage control with new control approaches.
Low Frequency Demand Disconnection

Summer minimum demand

Sunny day

Windy day

Demand Disconnected:
- 45% or less
- 45% – 50%
- 55% – 65%
- 65% – 70%
- 70% or more
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Growth in distributed generation could reduce the effectiveness of the emergency strategy of low frequency demand disconnection.
Black Start

Gone Green
Summer minimum 2020

Transmission
- Nuclear
- Interconnector
- Gas
- Coal
- Storage
- Other balancing

Distributed
- Wind
- Solar
- Other

Transmission demand
- Transmission flexibility
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There is an ongoing requirement to develop the black start strategy and consider alternative approaches to system restoration.
Progress and Next Steps

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Progress Since SOF 2015

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Enhanced Frequency Response

Dynamic frequency response  <1 sec frequency response

Tender Process
37 companies submitted
64 unique sites
1.2GW

Tender Acceptance
8 tenders
201MW storage assets
£66m over 4 years

Service Delivery
By early 2018

Coming up...

System Operability Framework 2016  30 Nov 16
Power Responsive Storage Working Group  5 Dec 16
Future service opportunities  Spring 17
Demand Turn Up

- Introduced for negative reserve from demand side providers
- 323 uses May-September 2016, totalling 10,800 MWh
- 4.3 hours average service delivery
- £61.41 average utilisation price
- Majority of instructions during overnight period
- Increase in usage from July as wind speeds increased
- Service shared with Western Power Distribution
- 2017 service under development
What Are We Doing in 2017?

Audrey Ramsay - Future Operability & Incentives Manager
Spring 2017 Publication

- Future and existing requirements
- Interaction between requirements
- Increased Transparency
- Industry engagement
- Road map to longer term goals
Why Are We Doing This?

- You have told us you need:
  - Easy access to pricing data and contractual terms and conditions to decide whether to pursue
  - Better website and consistency in data
  - More transparency in bilaterally contracted services - all prices should be made available for analysis
Summer 2017 Requirements

- RoCoF
  - Inertia provision
- Voltage
  - Increased options for footroom
  - Wind farms to provide MVARs during low wind
- Flexibility (low demand periods)
  - Visibility of Non BM generation
  - Increased options for footroom
  - Increased volume of demand turn up
  - Flexibility from nuclear plant
2017 and Beyond

Adam Sims – Ancillary Services Flexibility Expert
2017 and Beyond – Flexibility Programme

Investable Market for All

Existing Technology

New Technology

Big Players

Small Players

2016

Perception that market is focused on existing technologies

2021

An energy system that delivers value to the end consumer
Flexibility Programme

Yesterday vs Future System – increased interactions

- Key outcome: Contributes to the creation of markets which allow all participants to effectively purchase what they need at minimum cost and deliver social welfare equilibrium.

Four areas of delivery:

- Information Provision
- Shared services framework
- Simplify product
- Structural market change
Flexibility – Summary of Goals

- Greater clarity on the requirements of the system
- Lower barriers to entry for flexibility providers
- Unlocking value stacking between different market participants (e.g. SO/Supplier, SO/DNO)
- Wider range of flexibility suppliers and improved product landscape to provide better commercial signals
- Clear shared vision of the appropriate future market framework and clear road map to increased investor confidence
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