THE ART OF THE POSSIBLE: IRP

CONSIDERING STATE-WIDE AND REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES IN INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLANNING

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IRP'S HAVE BECOME MORE COMPLEX

- Modeling:
 - Integration of alternative resources
 - Strategic retirements/repower
 - Greater emphasis on intermittent resources
- Process: role of stakeholder



IRP (MODELING) IS THE "ART OF THE POSSIBLE"

- The size and scope of the tools have finite limits: memory and run-time
- The art
 - Incorporate the relevant aspects of the analysis
 - Have sufficient simulation detail to capture costs/benefits of decisions
 - Design a solid framework for studying future decisions and uncertainties
- Knowing:
 - What is contributing to time/size of the problem
 - What level of detail is required to perform the study
- Killers are number of constraints:
 - time intervals (years, hours/year),
 - number of resources
 - number of integer variables (unit commitment, ramp and build/retire)
 - heavily constrained system



POWER MODELS, MACHINES, METHODS HAVE EVOLVED

- Big memory, 64 bit processors, parallel processing
- Tools: MIP/LP, third party solvers
- One tool/one database/many applications



Example of 16 Core 64 GB Machine: Permits Evaluation of Larger Problems





TESTING THE ART OF THE POSSIBLE

- State-wide resource plan?
- Database
 - 18 k MW peak demand
 - 22 k MW (86 commitment and dispatchable resources)
 - 11 expansion technologies
 - 8 retirement options
- Example capability:
 - 20 years
 - Typical week per month
 - Integer optimize resource expansion
 - Full commitment and dispatch
 - Co-optimization
 - Energy
 - Ancillary Services
 - Capacity Expansion
 - Strategic Retirement





RESULTS

- Over 14 million constraints
- 16 hours to solve
- A higher level of operation detail
- Co-optimized energy, A/S, capacity



HOURLY RESOLUTION: DISPATCH TO ENERGY AND A/S





CHRONOLOGICAL UNIT COMMITMENT





RESOURCE EXPANSION/RETIREMENT





RECOMMENDATIONS

- DSM Integration:
 - "Supply-curves" for DSM
 - Linear constraint
- Chronological constraints
- LMP differentials from zonal price



REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE

- Reliability congestion (stability, transferability)
- Economics resource mix to minimize total system cost
- Resource adequacy LOLE, LOLP



STATE PERSPECTIVE

- Policy Issues:
 - Fuel,
 - Emissions,
 - Technology Mix,
 - Economy
- Economic opportunities?
- Consistency of assumptions
- Example Issues:
 - Intermittent resources
 - Regulation services



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