Modeling Cascading Failure in Power Systems from a Network Perspective

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Abstract – Recent attempts in applying complex network analysis to the study of cascading failures have gained new insights into the effects of network structure on the extent and rapidity of failure events that occur in large-scale power systems. Results generated from such studies, though being able to shed some light on the effective assessment of the robustness of power systems, are not always consistent with historical data. Our recent efforts in incorporating physical power flow processes in the model of failure propagation and our latest findings using this new model have attracted much attention from the engineering community. The consistency with historical data verified the importance of incorporating physical processes in the model and the appropriate application of complex network concepts for the study of cascading failure in physical systems. This talk describes the recent progress in the study of cascading failures in physical systems.

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