



Article Economic/Environmental Optimal Power Flow Using a Multiobjective Convex Formulation

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Abstract: This paper addresses the problem of economic/environmental optimal power flow with a multiobjective formulation using a second-order conic programming (SOCP) optimization model. This problem formulation considers renewable energy sources (RES), fossil-fuel-based power generation units, and voltage control. The proposed SOCP model is a stochastic scenario-based approach to deal with RES and load behavior uncertainties. An ε -constrained algorithm is used to handle the following three objective functions: (1) the costs of power generation, (2) active power losses in the branches, and (3) the emission of pollutant gases produced by fossil-fuel-based power generation units. For comparative purposes, the SOCP model is also presented using a linearized formulation, and numerical results are presented using a 118-bus system. The results confirm that changing the energy matrices directly affects the cost of objective functions. Additionally, using a linearized SOCP model significantly reduces reactive power violation in the generation units when compared to the nonlinearized SOCP model, but also increases the computational time consumed.

Keywords: *ε*-constrained algorithm; emission pollutant gasses; multiobjective optimization; optimal power flow; renewable energy sources; second-order conic programming

1. Introduction

The optimal power flow (OPF) is a classical nonlinear (NL) optimization problem that aims to determine the operational point for a given electric power system (EPS) that would minimize objective function (OF), meet the electric demand of the system, and satisfy a set of physical and operating constraints. For this problem, the most common OF is to minimize the fuel cost of electric power generation; however, many alternative objectives can be studied to optimize the EPS operation, including, for example, modern electricity markets and renewable energy resources (RES) integration. In this regard, OPF tools must be adapted to solve more complex applications [1–6].

The EPS generation framework is undergoing continual development, with the intention to substitute conventional fossil-fuel-dependent generation facilities with sustainable and eco-friendly RES. However, the high RES penetration in the power system raises the complexity of the problem, due to the presence of uncertainties in the parameters that define the functioning of diverse types of RES [7]. Thus, solving the economic/environmental OPF (EEOPF) problem is still a timely topic in power systems research, and one that could guide us toward environmental preservation by decreasing the emission of those greenhouse gases (GHG) which result from producing electric power with fossil fuels [8–10]. In this study, probabilistic and stochastic approaches have been frequently used to include uncertainties in the EEOPF formulation, and thus obtain a more realistic (if complex) model [11–13].



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Copyright: © 2023 by the authors. Licensee MDPI, Basel, Switzerland. This article is an open access article distributed under the terms and conditions of the Creative Commons Attribution (CC BY) license (https:// creativecommons.org/licenses/by/ 4.0/). Multiobjective approaches are being developed to solve the EEOPF problem by minimizing both the generation costs and the GHG emissions produced in energy power generation [14–18]. For example, in [14], a multiobjective evolutionary algorithm was applied to a deterministic economic and environmental dispatch (EED) problem, minimizing not only the cost of generation, but also the number of active power losses of the system, in addition to the emission of pollutants from fossil-fuel-based thermoelectric generations (TG).

Metaheuristic algorithms are an alternative approach to providing solutions to the OPF problem when classical approaches are not able to deal with the complexity of the model. However, the quality of their solutions cannot be considered the optimal global solutions to the problem. On the other hand, the OPF problem can be expressed using a well-defined mathematical formulation and solved using classical optimization techniques. Moreover, various convexification techniques have been developed to determine the optimal global solution and constraints [1,19]. Among them, the second-order conic programming (SOCP) models are widely used, striking a balance between computational effort and the precision of the solutions [20–22]. In addition, a convex formulation of the OPF problem enables it to be adaptable to the evolving challenges of modern EPS planning/operation [19,23,24].

Decentralized approaches are also an alternative, suited to addressing large and complex problems in power systems [25]. For example, a decentralized model can be used to solve the OPF problem by considering electricity market environments, as is presented in [26–28], due to the improvement of security and privacy of each area of the EPS; this concept can also be extended to distribution systems [29].

1.1. Related Literature

The multiobjective probabilistic EEOPF model, outlined in [15], aimed to minimize the pairs of OFs: power generation costs vs. GHG emissions, power generation costs vs. active power losses in the transmission lines, and GHG emissions vs. active power losses in the transmission resulting from high RES penetration. The Nondominated Sorting Genetic Algorithm II (NSGA-II) was used to deal with the nonlinearities of the problem. The incorporation of uncertainties related to both electrical demands and RES was facilitated through a fast and effective point–estimate probabilistic approach. The operational status of the system was ascertained utilizing the conventional Newton AC power flow technique. A similar probabilistic multiobjective EEOPF problem has been formulated in [16], with the objective of minimizing the cost of generation and GHG emissions. Their version of the problem incorporates TG and wind generator (WG) resources, while also accounting for uncertainties by employing random variables to represent variations in electrical and environmental behaviors. A biogeography-based optimization algorithm was utilized to solve the problem, and the point estimate method was employed to analyze the uncertainty parameters. In [30], by contrast, the authors formulated an active and reactive EED, adopting a dynamic wind-thermal generation scheduling approach to minimize the generation costs and pollutant emissions in the EPS. The probability density functions of WGs were estimated based on the gaussian mixture model. A population -heuristic technique was proposed to solve the EED problem and improve accuracy during the optimization. In [11], a hybrid algorithm (composted using phasor particle swarm optimization and a gravitational search algorithm) was applied to solve the EEOPF problem, with particular consideration given to WG and photovoltaic (PV) generation in the system. National Renewable Energy Laboratory data were used to estimate the output of WG and PV, while Monte Carlo simulation was used to evaluate the statistical features of the EEOPF problem. In [12], a stochastic OPF-based active-reactive power dispatch problem was proposed, with consideration to the renewable generators. The problem was solved through an efficient differential evolution algorithm (DE) that aimed to minimize the generation costs of all units installed in the EPS. In [13], a modified quantum-behavior lightning search algorithm was applied to solve the EED problem of minimizing the emission cost of a given power

system with TG, small hydroelectric generation (HG), and WG generations. A particle swarm optimization algorithm with an artificial neural network was used to capture the probability factor of wind speed. The proposed approach was applied in a small system (six-bus). In [26], the authors presented an iterative algorithm for the decentralized DC single-objective OPF problem, under various contingencies. Reference [28] proposed an MINLP formulation of the decentralized AC single-objective OPF problem, with consideration to prohibited operational zones within the generation units. Both [26,28] dismissed the presence of RES, minimizing just the power generation costs, and consumed more computational time than the centralized approach presented in the literature.

1.2. Research Gap and Novel Contributions

Based on the literature review presented below, it can be concluded that metaheuristic algorithms are frequently used to tackle the EEOPF problem. Nevertheless, the conventional approach needs to be further investigated and developed to adequately handle the intricate challenges associated with the problem, including nonconvexity, nonlinearity, and other related issues. Table 1 summarizes the main works from literature related to the EEOPF problem which consider an EPS approach (centralized/decentralized), operational uncertainty, voltage control, fossil-fuel-based generation, RES, OFs of costs of power generation, active power losses, and GHG emissions in the power system.

Operation Voltage OF Generations Uncertainty Control Approach Model EPS Ref. Demand Weather Transf. Shunt TG HG WG PV \$_{pg} Ploss E_{GHG} ΕA EED [14] Centr. deterministic MINLP [26] OPF Decentr. deterministic MINLP [28] OPF Decentr. deterministic NSGA-II [15] EEOPF Centr. probabilistic BBO [16] EEOPF Centr. probabilistic Pop.–Heur. [30] EED Centr. probabilistic PPSO + GSA [11] EEOPF Centr. stochastic DE [12] EEOPF Centr. stochastic MQLSA + PSO-EED [13] Centr. ANN stochastic SOCF EEOPF Proposed Centr. stochastic

Table 1. Brief comparative analysis of the some works from literature.

✓ *-OFs are analyzed in pairs separately; Pop.-Heur: Populational-Heuristic; PPSO + GSA: Combination of Phasor Particle Swarm Optimization and a Gravitational Search Algorithm; Centr/Decentr: Centralized/Decentralized model.

This paper provides a multiobjective stochastic SOCP optimization model for the EEOPF problem, giving consideration to voltage control, the presence of fuel-based generation units, and RES. The voltage control was considered by optimally adjusting capacitor banks and transformer taps. This study analyzed three distinct OFs: (1) power generation costs, (2) active power losses, and (3) GHG emissions. The ε -constraint method was employed to deal with these objectives and present a representative subset of the Pareto set. Historical data of uncertain variables were used to generate a set of representative operational scenarios for RES and load behavior. Finally, a linearized version of the proposed SOCP model was used to validate the robustness of the proposed approach to solve the EEOPF multiobjective problem. The main contributions of this paper are presented as follows:

- 1. Proposing a stochastic-scenario-based SOCP model to solve the EEOPF problem, including RES, fossil-fuel-based generation units, and voltage control. Moreover, this paper also presents a linearized version of the SOCP model for the problem.
- 2. Developing a multiobjective method for the EEOPF problem, considering three objective functions. This approach used the ε -constraint method to obtain Pareto optimal solutions.
- 3. Analyzing and comparing the SOCP models (traditional and linearized) results to verify their efficacy. The results highlighted that the linearized SOCP model can significantly improve the precision of the reactive power subproblem, in regard to the traditional SOCP model. The reactive power dispatches were verified using the Newton–Raphson method of MATPOWER.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows: Section 2 presents the modeling of the uncertainties and the linear and SOCP models for the EEOPF problem. Then, in Section 3, the results and discussion are presented. Finally, relevant conclusions are drawn in Section 4.

2. Mathematical Models

This section first describes the scenario generation strategy to define both RES and load behavior over a given planning horizon. Then, the RES power generation models were presented for use in PV-based and wind-generation units. Finally, the SOCP and linearized models used to solve the EEOPF multiobjective problem are defined.

2.1. Modeling Uncertainty

In power systems operations, the level of electrical demand and climatic conditions are among the main factors that contribute to the introduction of uncertainties in the OPF problem [1,2,31]. The uncertain behaviors of electrical demand, wind speed, and solar irradiation are considered through historical measurements, and reduced into a treatable set of representative scenarios, labelled Ω [31]. This methodology has been described in the following steps:

- 1. Historical data of electrical demand (*D*), wind speed (*W*), and solar irradiation (*I*) were divided by their peak values, respectively, to obtain the normalized data.
- 2. The data were sorted into descending order, according to the electric demand data, so as to trace curve *D*, maintaining the hourly correlation with *W* and *I*.
- 3. Electric demand levels have a significant impact on the system's operation; in this regard, planning horizons were divided into time blocks, $(t \in \Omega_t)$ according to curve D. Then, the information of W and I in each time block was sorted in descending order, as presented in Figure 1. Note that this strategy loses the chronology of the data; however, this was not a significant issue for medium-term operation planning.
- 4. Using the information of *D*, *W*, and *I*, normalized, in each time block, it was then possible to determine the cumulative distribution functions (CDFs) of each variable according to their respective time blocks.
- 5. We then divided the CDFs into segments. The mean value of the information in each segment was used to determine the value of the scenario (π). Therefore, the probability of the scenario (ρ) was determined according to the size of the segments. For illustrative purposes, Figure 2 illustrates this process for the CDF curve of *W* at t_3 , where horizontal and vertical dotted lines represent the $\rho_{t_3}^W$ and $\pi_{t_3}^W$, respectively. In this case, we used three segments of 30%, 70%, and 100% for light, nominal, and heavy levels, respectively. The probabilities of the scenarios were 30%, 40%, and 30% for light, nominal, and heavy levels, respectively.
- 6. The subsets of stochastic scenarios (*ss*) in each time block were obtained according to $\Omega_t^{ss} = (\pi_t^{ss}, \rho_t^{ss})$, where $ss \in (D, W, I), \forall (t \in \Omega_b)$. Then, a one-by-one combination of scenarios contained in the same time block was carried out as follows: $\Omega_t^{ss} = (\Omega_t^D, \Omega_t^W, \Omega_t^I) \forall (ss, t \in \Omega_t^{ss})$. Figure 3 shows the Ω_t^{ss} combination considering three different levels to D_tW , and I_t respectively.



Figure 1. Electric demand (blue), wind speed (green), and solar irradiation (red) curves.



Figure 2. CDF curve for the third *t* of wind speed factor.



Figure 3. Stochastic scenarios combination.

The probability of each scenario was determined using the product of the individual probabilities of each variable presented in the same time block, such as $\rho_t^{ss} = \rho_t^D \rho_t^W \rho_t^I, \forall (ss, t \in \Omega_t^{ss}).$

2.2. RES Power Output

The active power injected by the PV and WG units was calculated according to (1) and (2).

$$p^{i}\left(\lambda^{i}\right) = \begin{cases} P^{I}_{RI} \frac{\lambda^{i}}{\lambda^{I}_{R}}, & 0 \leq \lambda^{i} \leq \lambda^{I}_{R} \\ P^{I}_{RI}, & \lambda^{i} \geq \lambda^{I}_{R} \end{cases}$$
(1)

$$p^{W}(\lambda^{w}) = \begin{cases} 0, & \lambda^{w} < \underline{\lambda}^{W} \\ \frac{P_{RW}^{W}}{\lambda_{R}^{W} - \lambda_{I}^{W}} \lambda^{w} + P_{RW}^{W} \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{\lambda_{R}^{W}}{\lambda_{R}^{W} - \lambda_{I}^{W}} \end{pmatrix}, & \underline{\lambda}_{R}^{W} \leq \lambda^{w} < \underline{\lambda}_{R}^{W} \\ P_{RW}^{W}, & \lambda_{R}^{W} \leq \lambda^{w} < \overline{\lambda}_{R}^{W} \\ 0, & \lambda^{w} \geq \overline{\lambda}^{W} \end{cases}$$
(2)

Constraints (1) and (2) are linear models of the power output of PV and WG units, respectively. For each stochastic scenario, the power output of each renewable unit depends on its available primary energy font λ^i and λ^w .

It is worth mentioning that modern EPS systems can include energy storage devices to mitigate the effects of RES' uncertainties in the EPS operation [32,33]. However, this study focuses on verifying the efficiency/performance of the SOCP model to solve the OPF problem in EPS that have high levels of RES penetration. Due to this, energy storage devices were not considered in the problem formulation.

2.3. Multiobjective EEOPF Problem: SOCP Formulation

The EEOPF problem was formulated through a multiobjective stochastic scenariobased SOCP formulation (7)–(25). The *OF* Ψ , as presented in (3), considered the following three objectives: the energy generation cost ($\$_{pg}$) of all generation technologies available in the system (Γ_G), presented in (4); the creation of an Equation (5) to determine the active power losses cost (*ploss*) in the EPS. Finally, the equation outlined in (6), to determine the *GHG* cost (*GHGC*) in nature, calculated in TGs units [14].

$$min: \Psi = \sum_{(t,ss)\in\Omega_t^{ss}} \left[\left(OF_{\$_{pg}} + OF_{ploss} + OF_{GHGC} \right) hr_t \rho_t^{ss} \right]$$
(3)

$$OF_{\$_{pg}} = \sum_{g \in \Gamma_G} \left(\left(p_{t,ss}^g \right)^2 c_2^g + p_{t,ss}^g c_1^g + c_0^g \right) \qquad \forall t \in \Omega_t; \forall ss \in \Omega_t^{ss}; \quad (4)$$

$$OF_{ploss} = \sum_{km \in \Gamma_B} \left(r_{km} i_{km,t,ss}^{SQ} \right) c^{ploss} \qquad \forall t \in \Omega_t; \forall ss \in \Omega_t^{ss};$$
(5)

$$OF_{GHGC} = \sum_{g \in \Gamma_{nR}} \left[\left(10^{-2} \left(\left(p_{t,ss}^g \right)^2 \gamma^g + p_{t,ss}^g \beta^g + \alpha^g \right) \right) c^{GHGC} \right] \quad \forall t \in \Omega_t; \forall ss \in \Omega_t^{ss}$$
(6)

In each t and stochastic scenario ss, the physical and operational constraints of the EEOPF problem were modeled. Equations (7) and (8) are the active/reactive power balances, respectively.

$$\sum_{\substack{(t,ss)\in\Omega_t^{ss}\\g=k}} \left(\sum_{\substack{g\in\Gamma_G\\g=k}} \left(p_{t,ss}^g \right) - \pi_t^D P_{k,t,ss}^D - \sum_{km\in\Gamma_B} \left(p_{km,t,ss} + r_{km} i_{km,t,ss}^{SQ} \right) + \sum_{mk\in\Gamma_B} \left(p_{mk,t,ss} \right) - v_{k,t,ss}^{SQ} g_{km}^{sh} \right) = 0 \quad (7)$$

$$\sum_{(t,ss)\in\Omega_t^{ss}} \left(\sum_{\substack{g\in\Gamma_G\\g=k}} \left(q_{t,ss}^g \right) - \pi_t^D Q_{k,t,ss}^D - \sum_{km\in\Gamma_B} \left(q_{km,t,ss} + x_{km} i_{km,t,ss}^{SQ} - b_{km}^{sh} v_{k,t,ss}^{SQ} \right) + \sum_{mk\in\Gamma_B} \left(q_{mk,t,ss} + b_{km}^{sh} v_{k,t,ss}^{SQ} \right) + q_{k,t,ss}^{sh} \right) = 0 \quad (8)$$

$\forall k \in \Gamma_N; \forall t \in \Omega_t; \forall ss \in \Omega_t^{ss}$

In this formulation, the square of the voltage and current magnitudes are represented with the variables $v_k^{SQ} = v_k^2$ and $i_{km}^{SQ} = i_{km}^2$, respectively. Constraints (9) and (10) determined the reactive power injected by shunt compensators through a disjunctive formulation. Thus, if the binary variable $\sigma_k^{sh} = 0$, then $q_k^{sh} = 0$, otherwise $q_k^{sh} = v_k^{SQ} b_k^{sh}$. Constraints (11) and (12) were the magnitude and angular voltage limits in the bus.

$$-\left(1-\sigma_{k,t,ss}^{sh}\right)\overline{V_k^2}b_k^{sh} \le q_{k,t,ss}^{sh} - v_{k,t,ss}^{SQ}b_k^{sh} \le -\left(1-\sigma_{k,t,ss}^{sh}\right)\underline{V_k^2}b_k^{sh}$$
(9)

$$\sigma_{k,t,ss}^{sh} \underline{V_k^2} b_k^{sh} \le q_{k,t,ss}^{sh} \le \sigma_{k,t,ss}^{sh} \overline{V_k^2} b_k^{sh}$$
(10)

$$\underline{V_k^2} \le v_{k,t,ss}^{SQ} \le \overline{V_k^2} \tag{11}$$

$$-\pi \Big/_{2} \le \theta_{k,t,s} \le \pi \Big/_{2} \tag{12}$$

$$\forall k \in \Gamma_N; \forall t \in \Omega_t; \forall ss \in \Omega_t^{ss}$$

Constraints (13)–(15) described Kirchhoff's voltage law, considering transformers with on-load tap changers (OLTC). Equation (14) served as an approximation for the voltage angle difference, where $\theta_{km} = (\theta_k - \theta_m)$ and \check{v}_k was the estimated voltage magnitude at the bus *k*. Conic constraint (15) defined the voltage drop calculation through use of the active/reactive power flow and the square variables of both voltage and current in the bus. Constraint (16) defined the voltage angular opening limits in the branch.

$$v_{k,t,ss}^{SQ} - v_{m,t,ss}^{SQ} + \delta_{km,t,ss} = 2(r_{km}p_{km,t,ss} + x_{km}q_{km,t,ss}) + i_{km}^{SQ}z_{km}^2$$
(13)

$$\check{v}_k\check{v}_m(\theta_{km,t,ss}) = x_{km}p_{km,t,ss} - r_{km}q_{km,t,ss}$$
(14)

$$v_{m,t,ss}^{SQ} i_{km,t,ss}^{SQ} \ge p_{km,t,ss}^2 + q_{km,t,ss}^2$$
(15)

$$-\pi/4 \le \theta_{km,t,s} \le \pi/4 \tag{16}$$

$$\forall km \in \Gamma_B; \forall t \in \Omega_t; \forall ss \in \Omega_t^{ss}$$

This study gave particular consideration to a continuous formulation of the OLTC tap, wherein an ideal transformer's tap ratio (τ) and impedance were adopted in the modeling. A fictitious node was adopted between the ideal transformer and the transformer's impedance. Equation (17) describes the square voltage magnitude in the fictitious node (*fn*), while Equation (18) determines the voltage magnitude drop at buses *k* and *m*.

$$v_{fn}^2 = \tau_{km}^2 v_k^2 \tag{17}$$

$$\delta_{km} = v_{fn}^2 - v_k^2 = v_k^2 \left(\tau_{km}^2 - 1\right)$$
(18)

$$\forall km \in \Gamma_7$$

The transformer tap ratio was defined based on the regulation percentage of the OLTC (Δ_{km}) installed in the branch $\tau_{km} = \Delta_{km} + 1$, and could rewrite (18), as shown in (19). Equation (20) defined τ_{km} in function of δ_{km} and v_k . Constraint (21) represents the operational limits of δ_{km} , adopting the relaxing of (18) and the maximum regulation percentage in OLTCs.

$$\delta_{km} = \Delta_{km} (\Delta_{km} + 2) v_k^2 \tag{19}$$

$$\tau_{km} = \left(\sqrt{v_k^2 + \delta_{km}}\right) / v_k \tag{20}$$

$$|\delta_{km}| \le \overline{\Delta}_{km} (\overline{\Delta}_{km} + 2) v_k^{SQ} \tag{21}$$

 $\forall km \in \Gamma_T$

Constraints (22)–(25) present the active, reactive, and apparent power injection limits of TG, HG, WG, and PV generations, respectively. The set of generation buses was divided into two subsets ($\Gamma_G = \Gamma_{nR} \cup \Gamma_R$), where: (i) Γ_{nR} was the nonRES generations (TG); and (ii) Γ_R were the RES generations (HG, WG and PV).

$$\underline{P^{th}} \le p_{t,ss}^{th} \le \overline{P^{th}} \quad \underline{Q^{th}} \le q_{t,ss}^{th} \le \overline{Q^{th}} \quad \left(p_{t,ss}^{th}\right)^2 + \left(q_{t,ss}^{th}\right)^2 \le \left(S^{th}\right)^2 \tag{22}$$

$$\underline{P^{h}} \leq p_{t,ss}^{h} \leq \overline{P^{h}} \quad \underline{Q^{h}} \leq q_{t,ss}^{h} \leq \overline{Q^{h}} \quad \left(p_{t,ss}^{h}\right)^{2} + \left(q_{t,ss}^{h}\right)^{2} \leq \left(S^{h}\right)^{2}$$
(23)

$$0 \le p_{t,ss}^{w} \le \overline{P^{w}} - p_{t,ss}^{w} tg(\theta^{w_{CAP}}) \le q_{t,ss}^{w} \le p_{t,ss}^{w} tg(\theta^{w_{IND}}) \qquad (p_{t,ss}^{w})^{2} + (q_{t,ss}^{w})^{2} \le (S^{w})^{2}$$
(24)

$$0 \le p_{t,ss}^{i} \le \overline{P^{i}} - p_{t,ss}^{i} tg\left(\theta^{i_{CAP}}\right) \le q_{t,ss}^{i} \le p_{t,ss}^{i} tg\left(\theta^{i_{IND}}\right)$$
(25)

$$\forall t \in \Omega_t; \ \forall ss \in \Omega_t^{ss}; \ \forall th \in \Gamma_{nR}; \ \forall \{h, w, i\} \in \Gamma_R;$$

2.4. Multiobjective EEOPF Problem: SOCP Linearized Formulation

For comparative purposes, a linearized version of the EEOPF problem (7)–(25) was obtained by linearizing the conic constraint (15) through a piecewise linear approximation, as has been presented in (26)–(33) [34], where $\Delta \overline{S}_{km} = S_{km}/L$ and $m_{km,l,t,ss}^S = (2l-1)/\Delta \overline{S}_{km,t,ss}$.

In this linearization approach, the voltage magnitude was adopted as a parameter (\check{v}) to overcome the nonlinear behavior presented in (26). Equations (27) and (28) defined the positive slack variables used to calculate the power flows in each l^{th} block. Equations (29) and (30) described the active/reactive power flow in each l^{th} block, whereas (32) and (33) defined the active/reactive power flow limits in each l^{th} block.

$$\check{\sigma}_{m,t,ss}^{2}i_{km,t,ss}^{SQ} = \sum_{l=1}^{L} \left(m_{km,t,ss}^{S} \Delta p_{km,l,t,ss} \right)^{2} + \sum_{l=1}^{L} \left(m_{km,t,ss}^{S} \Delta q_{km,l,t,ss} \right)^{2}$$
(26)

$$p_{km,t,ss}^{+} - p_{km,t,ss}^{-} = p_{km,t,ss}$$
(27)

$$q_{km,t,ss}^{+} - q_{km,t,ss}^{-} = q_{km,t,ss}$$
(28)

$$p_{km,t,ss}^{+} + p_{km,t,ss}^{-} = \sum_{l=1}^{L} \Delta p_{km,l,t,ss}$$
(29)

$$q_{km,t,ss}^{+} + q_{km,t,ss}^{-} = \sum_{l=1}^{L} \Delta q_{km,l,t,ss}$$
(30)

$$p_{km,t,ss}^+, p_{km,t,ss}^-, q_{km,t,ss}^+, q_{km,t,ss}^- \ge 0$$
 (31)

$$\forall km \in \Gamma_B; \forall t \in \Omega_t; \forall ss \in \Omega_t^{ss};$$

$$0 \le \Delta p_{km,l,t,ss} \le \Delta \overline{S}_{km} \tag{32}$$

$$0 \le \Delta q_{km,l,t,ss} \le \Delta \overline{S}_{km} \tag{33}$$

$$\forall km \in \Gamma_B; \forall l \in \{1, \ldots, L\}, \forall t \in \Omega_t; \forall ss \in \Omega_t^{ss};$$

2.5. Solution Technique: ε-Constraint Method

This study used the ε -constraint method to determine a Pareto set for the proposed multiobjective EEOPF model [35,36]. The ε -constraint method aims to optimize one *OF*, while the others become constraints of the optimization model, as shown in (34). Where *n* is the quantity of *OFs* analyzed, $\overline{\varepsilon}_j$ is the upper bounds for $j^{th} \varepsilon$ -constraint, and *X* is the feasible region of decision variables, *x*.

min $OF_i(x)$;	$i \in \{1, 2, \ldots, n\};$	
s.t EEOPF constraints		(34)
$ OF_j(x) \leq \overline{\varepsilon}_j; \\ x \in X $	$\forall j \in \{1, 2, \ldots, n\}, j \neq i;$	

Determining appropriate upper bounds for the ε -constraint formulation was a crucial task to avoid this approach missing a potentially viable solution close to the feasible region's boundary [36]. The proposed approach determined some values for $\overline{\epsilon}_j$ through the difference between the upper and lower bounds in each ε -constraint, as shown in (35). The lower bound of the $j^{th} \varepsilon$ -constraint (OF_j) was defined by solving the EEOPF problem

with consideration given only to the OF_j . On the other hand, the upper bound $(\overline{OF_j})$ was estimated as being the highest value of the OF_j after solving the EEOPF problem with consideration given to the other OF_s , individually. The optimization model (35) was solved by adopting several values of the continuous parameter ε_j and restricted among zero and one ($0 \le \varepsilon_j \le 1$). Figure 4 describes the proposed methodology, where *n* is the number of objective functions to be analyzed.

$$OF_{j}(x) \leq \overline{OF_{j}} - \varepsilon_{j} \left(\overline{OF_{j}} - OF_{j} \right) \qquad \forall j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}, \ j \neq i; \ 0 \leq \varepsilon_{j} \leq 1$$
(35)

The EEOPF problem which considered the ε -constraint method and both SOCP models is presented in (36).

$$min: \Psi_{i} = \sum_{\substack{(t,ss) \in \Omega_{t}^{ss} \\ or \\ (7)-(14), (16)-(33) \\ (35) \\ \end{array}} (OF_{i})hr_{t}\rho_{t}^{ss} \qquad \forall i \in \{\$_{pg}, ploss, GHGC\}$$

$$(36)$$

$$\forall i \in \{\$_{pg}, ploss, GHGC\}$$

$$(37)$$

Table 2 shows a brief comparison between the number of variables and constraints present in the SOCP models proposed in this work, where |.| is the cardinality of the set.

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		SOCP	I	inearized
Variables	Continuous Binary	$\frac{3 \Gamma_N +6 \Gamma_B +2 \Gamma_G }{ \Gamma_N }$	Continuous Binary	$\frac{3 \Gamma_N + (6+2L) \Gamma_B + 2\Gamma_G}{ \Gamma_N }$
Constraints	Linear equality Linear inequality Quadratic Conic	$\begin{array}{c} 2 \Gamma_N +2 \Gamma_B \\ 4 \Gamma_N +4 \Gamma_B +2\Gamma_G \\ \left \Gamma_G^{TG}\right +\left \Gamma_G^{HG}\right +\left \Gamma_G^{WG}\right \\ \Gamma_B \end{array}$	Linear equality Linear inequality Quadratic	$\begin{array}{c} 2 \Gamma_N + (2+5L) \Gamma_B \\ 4 \Gamma_N + (4+3L) \Gamma_B + 2\Gamma_G \\ \left \Gamma_G^{TG}\right + \left \Gamma_G^{HG}\right + \left \Gamma_G^{WG}\right \end{array}$

The first SOCP model presented three continuous (v_k^{SQ} , θ_k , and q_k^{sh}) and one binary (σ^{sh}) variables per bus, six variables (i_{km}^{SQ} , p_{km} , q_{km} , p_{mk} , q_{mk} , and δ_{km}) per branch, and two variables (p^g , q^g) per generation unit. In addition, the SOCP model must respect six constraints (7)–(12) per bus (two equality and four inequality); six constraints (13)–(16) and (21) per branch (two equality, one quadratic, and two inequality); three constraints (22)–(24) for TG, HG, and WG (two inequality and one quadratic); and two constraints (25) per PV unit (two inequality). On the other hand, the SOCP linearized model presented two more variables (Δp_{km} and Δq_{km}) per bus, and eight constraints (26)–(33) (five equality and three inequality) per branch, in addition to *L* blocks of piecewise linearization adopted in the modeling. However, when the stochastic approach was applied to the EEEOPF problem, each scenario analyzed in the model represented a single problem; the number of variables/constraints were then multiplied by all scenarios adopted.



Figure 4. An ε-constrained strategy for multiobjective models applied to the EEOPF problem.

3. Tests and Results

The proposed models were implemented in AMPL [37] and solved using the commercial optimization solver CPLEX 20.1 with default settings. A 118-bus system from PGLib–OPF v19.05 [38] was used to validate the proposed models and the ε -constraint method. Numerical experiments were carried out on a computer with an Intel i7 processor of 3.2 GHz and 16 GB of RAM.

The generation costs can be found in [14,15,24,38,39], and the linear coefficients of WG and PV units were selected through the energy auctions [40]. The minimum and maximum voltage limits were 0.95 and 1.05 p.u, respectively. The voltage regulation of all OLTCs of the system was $\overline{\Delta}_{km} = 10\%$.

Two different energy matrices case in the EPS were analyzed:

- (i) Case E1: only TG present.
- (ii) Case E2: TG, HG, WG, and PV present.

In this study, the WG VESTAS v80 2 MW and the PV panel GCL-P6/72 330 were used to provide a maximum power of 1 GW. The c^{ploss} and c^{GHG} were equal to 120.00 US\$/MWh [41] and 45.00 US\$/ton [42], respectively. The stochastic nature of the electrical demand was modeled on the weekly demand curve of the Midwestern region of the United States in

2021 [43]. It was assumed, for the sake of simplicity, that all load buses exhibit identical consumption patterns.

The historical data of wind speed and solar radiation during 2021 in Illinois (Midwestern United States) were obtained from [44], with a time resolution of 8760 h. RES data were divided into four blocks, while power demand, wind speed, and solar irradiation were divided into three load levels each (light, nominal, and heavy).

Table 3 displays the environmental conditions that were adopted in the simulations. In addition, uniform meteorological and seasonal conditions were adopted for locations with RES units; based on previous experiments, we concluded that this would demonstrate acceptable system behavior for one year. The ε -constraint method employs ε values ranging from 0 to 0.9 in increments of 0.1, to construct Pareto curves. Step 1.0 was dismissed in the ε -constraint method because it cannot find *OF* values lower than the minimal *OF*.

<i>t</i> [h]	Scenarios	π^W_t [m/s]	$ ho_t^W$	$\pi_t^I [extsf{W/m}^2]$	$ ho_t^I$	$T_{amb}[^{\circ}\mathbf{C}]$
	Heavy	5.34	0.30	243.61	0.30	4.70
1 [850]	Nominal	3.20	0.40	25.80	0.11	0.37
	Light	1.64	0.30	0.00	0.59	-4.34
	Heavy	5.63	0.30	564.14	0.30	25.95
2 [3000]	Nominal	3.19	0.40	93.35	0.24	15.46
	Light	1.47	0.30	0.00	0.46	-0.68
	Heavy	4.25	0.30	570.03	0.30	29.99
3 [4150]	Nominal	2.26	0.40	96.90	0.24	24.07
	Light	1.08	0.30	0.00	0.46	11.23
	Heavy	5.99	0.30	236.93	0.30	15.86
4 [760]	Nominal	3.22	0.40	15.32	0.12	8.52
	Light	1.48	0.30	0.00	0.58	0.07

Table 3. Illinois wind speed and solar irradiation levels.

In Case E2, HG units were located at buses 4, 24, 26, 31, 40, 42, and 69; WG units were located at buses 1, 15, 19, and 56; PV units were located at buses 73, 91, 99, and 107; and TG units were in the remaining buses.

Table 4 presents the average values and the probabilities of demand scenarios adopted. Complete results are available in [45].

	E com ordino		Time Blo	ocks t [h]	
	Scenarios	1 [850]	2 [3000]	3 [4150]	4 [760]
π^D_t	Heavy	1.17	1.02	0.88	0.70
	Nominal	1.09	0.96	0.82	0.67
	Light	1.06	0.92	0.75	0.60
$ ho_t^D$	Heavy	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30
	Nominal	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40
	Light	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30

Table 4. IEEE 118-bus: π and ρ demand levels.

3.1. Results: SOCP Model

Table 5 presents the bound values obtained using individual OF_j minimizations, which were then used in the ε -constraint method for the SOCP method. By analyzing the OFs bounds results, it is possible to verify that the RES introduction in the EPS reduced almost all bounds except in OF_{ploss} , which rose 12.00% in Case E1. This increase was because the installation of RES units in the EPS did not adopt an optimal allocation strategy.

	Upper Bound [US\$]			Lo	wer Bound [U	S\$]
Cases	$OF_{s_{pg}}$	O F _{ploss}	OF _{GHGC}	$OF_{\$_{pg}}$	O F _{ploss}	OF _{GHGC}
E1	$9.03 imes10^8$	$1.15 imes 10^8$	$3.56 imes10^{10}$	$7.36 imes 10^8$	7.75×10^7	$2.17 imes10^{10}$
E2	$8.50 imes 10^8$	$1.29 imes10^8$	$1.79 imes10^{10}$	$5.87 imes10^8$	$7.29 imes 10^7$	$7.87 imes10^9$

 Table 5. Bound values for the SOCP model.

Figures 5 and 6 show the Pareto curves obtained by optimizing the *OFs* for Cases E1 and E2, respectively.



Figure 5. Curves in SOCP model Case E1: (a) $OF_{\$_{pg}}$, (b) OF_{ploss} and (c) OF_{GHGC} .



Figure 6. Curves in SOCP model E2: (a) $OF_{\$_{pg}}$, (b) OF_{ploss} , and (c) OF_{GHGC} .

The horizontal axis represents the upper limits of each *OF* according to the values of ε . The solution of the SOCP model cannot determine a feasible solution for some values of ε , for *OF*_{ploss} (b) and *OF*_{GHGC}. This is expected, since the search space is affected by modifying the *OF*s boundaries, according to the ε -constraint method.

By analyzing the Pareto curves presented in Figure 5a for Case E1, it was possible to verify that ε_{ploss} - or ε_{GHGC} -constraints significantly impact $OF_{\$_{pg}}$ when $\varepsilon_{ploss} = 0.7$, increasing the $OF_{\$_{pg}}$ value more that 5.73%. By contrast, the value of $\varepsilon_{EGHG} = 0.7$ rose more than 4.50% of $OF_{\$_{pg}}$ value. The largest increase observed for the value of ε_{ploss} in $OF_{\$_{pg}}$ was 16.55%, while for ε_{EGHG} , it was 8.63%. The Pareto curves presented in Figure 5b highlighted that the ε_{GHGC} -constraint did

The Pareto curves presented in Figure 5b highlighted that the ε_{GHGC} -constraint did not modify the OF_{ploss} values, with the highest increase in values equal to 0.6%. The

 $\varepsilon_{p_{g}}$ -constraint increased in 5.06% the OF_{ploss} values when $\varepsilon_{pg} = 0.4$, and presented largest increase, equal to 24.57%.

The Pareto curves shown in Figure 5c revealed that ε_{ploss} -constraint does have a significative impact on OF_{GHGC} values, where the largest increase obtained was 0.66%. On the other hand, the $\varepsilon_{\$_{pg}}$ -constraint increased the OF_{GHGC} values in 4.89% of cases when $\varepsilon_{\$_{pg}} = 0.5$, presenting the largest increase, equal to 35.64%.

The introduction of RES in the EPS (Case E2), shown in Figure 6a–c, highlighted that the *OFs* values were better distributed compared to curves presented in Figure 5. In addition, the RES generations reduced the fuel costs by 17.69%, 12.46%, and 18.54% in higher ε -constraint steps for minimizing the power generation costs, active power losses, and GHG emissions, respectively.

By analyzing the Pareto curves of Figure 6a, the $OF_{\$_{pg}}$ value increased in 5.25% of cases when $\varepsilon_{ploss} = 0.5$, with its largest increment equal to 26.11%. The $OF_{\$_{pg}}$ value presented a rise of 3.33% when ε_{GHGC} -constraint was equal to 0.7, whereas its maximum increment in $OF_{\$_{pg}}$ value was 7.92%. The Pareto curves presented in Figure 6b indicated that ε_{GHGC} -constraint rose in 4.57% the OF_{ploss} values wherein $\varepsilon_{GHGC} = 0.5$, with the highest increase in values equal to 23.96%. The $\varepsilon_{\$_{pg}}$ -constraint resulted in an increase in 7.13% of the OF_{ploss} values when $\varepsilon_{\$_{pg}} = 0.4$, whereas the largest increase was 40.86%. The Pareto curves shown in Figure 6c highlighted that the ε_{ploss} -constraint rose in 4.40% the OF_{GHGC} values when $\varepsilon_{ploss} = 0.5$, with the largest increase obtained as 52.08%. On the other hand, the $\varepsilon_{\$_{pg}}$ -constraint increase dthe OF_{GHGC} values in 4.65% when $\varepsilon_{\$_{pg}} = 0.7$, and presented their largest increase as being 33.79%.

Table 6 shows the modification in the *OF* values regarding the lower bound of each *OF* analyzed.

Cases ε-Constraint	c Constraint	$OF_{s_{pg}}$ Increment (ε Step)		OF_{ploss} Increment (ε Step)		OF_{GHGC} Increment (ε Step)	
	Significative	Largest	Significative	Largest	Significative	Largest	
	$\mathcal{E}_{\$_{pg}}$	_	_	5.73% (0.7)	16.55% (0.9)	4.50% (0.7)	8.63% (0.9)
E1	ε_{ploss}	5.06% (0.4)	24.57% (0.9)	_	_	Х	0.6% (0.9)
€ _{GHG}	€ _{GHGC}	4.89% (0.5)	35.64% (0.9)	Х	0.66% (0.9)	_	_
	$\varepsilon_{\$_{pg}}$	_	_	5.25% (0.5)	26.11% (0.9)	3.33% (0.7)	7.92% (0.9)
E2	ε_{ploss}	7.13% (0.4)	40.86% (0.9)	_	_	4.57% (0.5)	23.96% (0.9)
	€ _{GHGC}	4.65% (0.7)	33.79% (0.9)	4.40% (0.5)	52.08% (0.9)		_

Table 6. Summary of increments of SOCP results in relation to OF_I .

-: result did not present an increment because the *OF* analyzed was the same as the ε -constraint. X: the increment observed did not present a significative impact in the *OF* value.

The CPU times consumed by optimizing *OFs* (power generation costs, active power losses, and GHG emissions) were about 32, 16, and 27 s, respectively, for Case E1. On the other hand, the CPU times were less than 44, 17, and 35 s, for the same *OFs*, for Case E2.

3.2. Results: SOCP Linearized Model

The SOCP linearized model (7)–(14), (16)–(33) was solved using L = 10 blocks for piecewise linearization. The number of blocks was chosen through empirical means to achieve a favorable balance between the computational effort required and the quality of the solution obtained. The voltage magnitude estimated and the $\Delta \overline{S}_{km}$ used in the simulations were based on the operational points present in PGLib–OPF v19.05 [38].

Table 7 presents the boundary values used in the ε -constraint method for the SOCP linearized method. Similar to the SOCP model, the upper bound for \overline{OF}_{ploss} rose 10.46% when RES generations are factored into the EPS. The other bounds for *OFs* likewise reduced their values when the RES are allocated in the EPS.

Casas	Up	per Bound [U	[S \$]	Lo	wer Bound [U	S\$]
Cases	$OF_{\$_{pg}}$	OF_{ploss}	OF _{GHGC}	OF_{pg}	OF_{ploss}	OF _{GHGC}
E1	$9.05 imes10^8$	$1.24 imes 10^8$	$3.58 imes10^{10}$	$7.38 imes10^8$	$8.51 imes10^7$	$2.18 imes10^{10}$
E2	$8.50 imes10^8$	$1.37 imes 10^8$	$1.78 imes10^{10}$	$5.89 imes10^8$	$8.02 imes 10^7$	$8.25 imes 10^9$

Table 7. Bound values for the SOCP linearized model.

Figures 7 and 8 show the Pareto curves by optimizing the $OF_{\$_{pg}}$ (a), OF_{ploss} (b), and OF_{GHGC} (c). Horizontal lines represent the *OFs* values considering the ε -constraint method for both Cases.



Figure 7. Curves for the SOCP linearized model Case E1: (a) $OF_{\$_{pg}}$; (b) OF_{ploss} ; and (c) OF_{GHGC} .



Figure 8. Curves for the SOCP linearized model Case E2: (a) $OF_{\$_{pg}}$; (b) OF_{ploss} ; and (c) OF_{GHGC} .

The linearized model presented similar behaviors to those results obtained using the SOCP model by optimizing the $OF_{\$_{pg}}$ (a), OF_{ploss} (b), and OF_{GHGC} (c).

Similarly, this model could not determine a feasible solution for some ε values due to the reduction in the ε -constraints boundaries. The Pareto curves shown in Figures 7 and 8 were equivalent to those in Figures 5 and 6, respectively. The RES penetration reduced the TG costs by 17.72%, 12.59%, and 18.57% in the worst ε -constraint steps for the minimization of the $OF_{\$_{pg}}$, OF_{ploss} , and OF_{GHGC} , respectively.

The CPU times consumed for the SOCP linearized model for $OF_{\$_{pg}}$, OF_{ploss} , and OF_{GHGC} were about 190, 78, and 144 s, respectively, for Case E1. On the other hand, for Case E2, the CPU times were about 207, 64, and 221 s, respectively. These CPU times are sensitive to the number of linearization blocks in the piecewise linearization. Note that each

block increased the number of constraints of the problem. As a result, fewer linearization blocks could compromise the quality of the solutions obtained.

The developed conic models showed practically identical results, but significantly differed in regard to computational times. Therefore, the feasibility of reactive powers from the generating units was investigated. The MATPOWER Software [46] was utilized to apply nodal voltage levels, active power from generating units, and control variable values, such as transformer taps and compensating shunts [24]. The results indicated that the SOCP linearized model significantly reduced the infeasibility of reactive power supply for cases E1 and E2 by 76.07% and 64.48%, respectively, compared to the SOCP model.

4. Conclusions

This work presented a multiobjective second-order conic programming (SOCP) model to resolve the economic/environmental optimal power flow (EEOPF) problem in the EPS. Both of the SOCP models we developed were capable of efficiently solving the stochastic EEOPF problem while considering the objectives of minimizing $OF_{\$pc}$, OF_{ploss} , and OF_{GHGC} , and could do so with satisfactory computational time. It should be noted that the SOCP model outperformed the SOCP linearized approach in all analyzed cases in terms of speed. Furthermore, the ε -constraint method efficiently determined Pareto fronts for each OF. Finally, for comparative purposes, a linearized model of constraint (15) was also proposed utilizing the reference, which used first-order Taylor expansion [20].

The results indicated that modifying a system's energy matrix by installing renewable energy sources (RES) reduced pollutant emissions and system generation costs. However, the values of active power losses in the network increased due to RES allocation issues and dependence on climatic conditions. This outcome was due to the lack of a prior study of the optimal allocation of RES in the system. Conducting a prior analysis to determine optimal RES allocation in the EPS would result in only a few instances of increased active power loss values. In addition, the results confirmed that conventional and linearized SOCP models can determine feasible Pareto sets of solutions for the EEOPF problem, whether or not they considered RES in the EPS with tight *OF* values, and they can do so with respect to all operational and control constraints. However, the linearized model presented higher computational times than the SOCP model due to the piecewise linearization. This drawback can be overcome by reducing the number of linearization blocks, but it will impact the accuracy and the computational time consumed by the computational implementation of the model.

The authors recommend that in future research, a decentralized modeling approach should be incorporated, and energy storage devices associated with RES should be considered to address the EEOPF problem.

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Nomenclature

The following symbols used in the indices, sets, parameters, and variables are used in this research:

Indices and sets:	
D,W,I	Index for demand, wind speed, and solar irradiation
g	Index for all generation units installed in the system
k	Index for buses
km	Index for branches
sh	Index for the shunt compensator
<i>SS</i>	Index for stochastic scenarios
t	Index for time blocks
Γ_B	Set of branches
Γ _G	Set of generation buses
5	Set of buses with fossil-fuel-based/RES generation
Γ_{nR}, Γ_R	units installed, respectively
Γ_N	Set of buses
Ω	Set of all stochastic scenarios
Parameters:	
b_{k}^{sh}, g_{k}^{sh}	Shunt susceptance/conductance in the bus $k \left[\Omega \right]$
b_{km}, g_{km}	Series susceptance/conductance in the branch $km [\Omega]$
b_{km}^{sh} , g_{km}^{sh}	Shunt susceptance/conductance in the branch $km \left[\Omega\right]$
KIII ^I ^O KIII	Quadratic/linear/constant cost coefficients of power
c_2, c_1, c_0	generation $[US\$/W^2, US\$/W, US\$]$
c ^{ploss} , c ^{GHGC}	Active power loss and greenhouse gas emission cost $[US\$/W, US\$/ton]$
h	Duration of each time block in hours $[h]$
L	Quantity of blocks of piecewise linearization
m_{kml}^{S}	Slope of linearization power flow in l^{th} block
$P^{D'', \prime} O^{D}$	Active/reactive power demand in the buses $[W, VAr]$
P,O	Lower active / reactive power injected limit $[W, VAr]$
$\overline{\overline{P}}, \overline{\overline{O}}$	Upper active/reactive power injected limit $[W, VAr]$
$P_{\rm PMI}^{W}, P_{\rm RI}^{I}$	Rated active power of the WG and PV [W]
$\frac{KW}{S_{km}}$	Upper apparent power flow limit in the branch [VA]
Sg	Apparent power limit of a generation unit [VA]
$tg(\theta^{CAP}),$	
$tg(\theta^{IND})$	Capacitive/Inductive reactive power injection factors
$V, \overline{V},$	Lower/Upper voltage magnitude limit $[V]$
\check{v}_k	Voltage magnitude estimated in the node k [V]
γ, β, α,	Emission coefficients for thermal power generation $[ton/W^2, ton/W, ton]$
ρ, π	Probability and average values of random variables
λ_R^I	Nominal solar irradiation level $[W/m^2]$
$\lambda W \overline{\lambda W} \lambda W$	Lower upper and nominal wind speed limits $[m/c]$
$\frac{\pi}{\Lambda}$, π , π_R	Regulation percentage of OLTC in the branch km
≤ Km	Encilon-constraint stop
Continuous Variables	Lipolofi constraint step
;SQ	Square of the current magnitude in the branch $km [A]$
l _{km}	Active (reactive newer injected by the generation technology
p_k^g, q_k^g	Active reactive power injected by the generation technology $a_{installed}$ in bus $k_{installed}$
n. n.	g instance in bus $\kappa [W, VA]$
Pkm, Ykm	Reactive power injection by the shunt componenter installed
q_k^{sh}	in bus k [VAr]
v_k, θ_k	Voltage magnitude and angle in the bus $k[V, rad]$
v ^{SQ}	Square of the voltage magnitude in the bus $k[V]$
δ_{km}^{κ}	Auxiliary variable for the OLTC model
Δp_{km1}	
Δq_{km1}	Value of active/reactive power flow in l^{tn} block $[W, VAr]$
Binaries Variables:	
σ^{sh}	Status of the shunt compensator
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