EC417 -- Electric Energy, Adapting to Renewable Resources
Fall 2023

Topics:

- Brief History of Power Systems (the great AC-DC battle)
- AC circuit analysis
- Analysis methods for 3-phase systems
- Basic Components of Power Systems (generation, transmission, distribution -- electric motors and other loads)
- Power Plants with emphasis on renewables (solar, wind, fuel cells, biomass)
- Real and Reactive Power and Power Factor calculations
- Transformers
- Introduction to Power Electronics and AC/DC and DC/AC converters with application to high voltage circuits
- The Power Grid and the topology of Power systems
- Power system simulation methodologies (POWER WORLD)
- Methods for monitoring, control, and optimization of Power Systems including issues related to stability and "blackouts" (especially those related to the introduction of renewables (Photovoltaics, wind, etc.)
- Development of the "Smart Grid"
- Electric Vehicles
- A whole new set of problems with the future introduction of PHEVs (Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicles) and EVs along with issues related to their "charging stations”).
- Future directions and the resulting impact on the current electric utility industry which will be greatly impacted by new developments in storage technology, HVDC, electric transportation, etc.

Text:

Grading Policy:

- Midterm: 30%
- Final: 45%
- Homework / Short Papers: 20%
- Attendance: 5%

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