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Abstract:

To reduce CO_2 emissions in transport sector, it is a hopeful way to replace gasoline vehicles (GV) by electric vehicles (EV) and fuel cell vehicles (FCV). However, the reduction is largely affected by CO_2 emission intensity of power system and the way to make hydrogen. Authors simulate a power system in 2030 where a large amount of PV is implemented and 16% of PV generated energy must be curtailed. The annual cost is minimized by optimizing the hourly output of coal fired and LNGCC plants, when the 16% of passenger GV mileage is replaced by EV charged at midnight and/or daytime. In FCV case, the capacity of water electrolysis and hydrogen tank, and the hourly electrolysis output as well as thermal power output are optimized. Results show CO_2 emissions decrease particularly when EVs are charged at daytime using a part of surplus PV energy and the charging power is controlled to contribute frequency stability. The electrolysis demand decreases the PV energy curtailment but increases the CO_2 emission because of the lower energy converting efficiency and higher facility cost. Constraint conditions of the minimum ratio of non-synchronous generation and frequency control ability affect the results too.

Keywords:

CO2 emission, Economic evaluation, Electric vehicle, Fuel cell vehicle, Operation optimization.

1. Introduction

Out of Japan's total CO₂ emissions in FY2017, emissions from automobiles were 176 million tons, 15.4%. A Japan's government committee targets to achieve 80% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions per km of travel by 2050 (90% for passenger cars) by increasing the ratio of "electrified vehicles" including electric vehicles (EV), plug-in hybrid vehicles (PHV), hybrid vehicles (HV), and fuel cell vehicles (FCV), up to 100% of existing passenger cars. And a government's report on long-term plan for energy supply and demand assumes ratios of HV, EV+PHV, and FCV, to reach 29%, 16%, 1% of existing cars in 2030 respectively.

Reducing CO₂ emissions in power generation and in hydrogen production is as important as replacing conventional cars with EVs, PHVs, and FCVs. So, raising the ratio of non-fossil power sources and boosting CO₂-free hydrogen production must be promoted.

Currently, the capacity of photovoltaic power generation (PV) has been greatly increased particularly in Kyusyu area in Japan because of feed-in tariff (FIT). The PV output curtailment has been common in Kyusyu on days when the electric power demand is small and the weather is fine, in order to avoid excess power generation and shortage of frequency adjustment power. This curtailed PV and wind energy ratio will increase significantly in the future. The CO_2 emission and fuel consumption in thermal power can be reduced by using this surplus energy for EV/PHV charging and hydrogen production for FCV by water electrolysis. If the amount of power for charging and water electrolysis is controlled quickly so as to compensate for short-period fluctuations in PV and wind power, the operation of thermal power and pumped hydro for load frequency control (LFC) can be reduced, and costs and CO_2 emissions can be cut back further. This paper sets a situation where a large amount of PV is introduced to Kyushu in 2030, and 16% of PV generated energy must be curtailed. In such a situation, 16% of the annual mileage of passenger gasoline vehicles (GV) in Kyushu will be replaced by EVs and PHVs. In addition to charging at midnight, CO_2 reduction in the case of charging a commuter car at office or a non-commuter car at home in the daytime is quantitatively evaluated. In addition, in a scenario in which a certain number of FCVs is introduced, the total capacity and the operation pattern of water electrolysis to secure the required amount of hydrogen are optimized, and then the volume of CO_2 emission is evaluated. By fixing the amount of service, annual automobile mileage, and economically optimizing the "energy chain" from the service to the fuel (gasoline, coal and liquified natural gas (LNG)), the total CO_2 emissions from vehicles and power generation plants are evaluated.

Szinaia et al. [1] show "smart" PHV charging lowered grid costs and renewable energy curtailment relative to unmanaged charging. Nishimura et al. [2] calculate CO_2 emissions for each introduction scenario of passenger EVs in Japan by 2050. On the other hand, many papers [3-5] evaluate hydrogen costs produced via electrolysis using surplus renewable energy, particularly wind power and/or off-peak power. Dohi et al. [6] evaluate the conditions under which the co-firing of LNG and hydrogen, produced by the surplus renewable energy, is practical. Those conditions are the strict CO_2 emission upper limit, the cost reduction of hydrogen production/storage system, and a large amount of renewable energy curtailment. It is fairly difficult to realize an economical hydrogen system, because energy is lost at each stage of production, transportation, storage and utilization.

Authors evaluate the economics and environmental performance of the case where PV and storage battery are installed at customer side [7], and show that the self-consumption rates of PV generated energy increase and most of curtailment can be prevented, so that the CO₂ emission can be reduced. However, it is also found that by levelling the load, the capacity factor of coal-fired generation units with lower fuel unit cost is increased, and the capacity factor of the LNG combined cycle (LNGCC) units is reduced, thereby offsetting a part of the CO₂ reduction. In addition, we evaluate the effect of introducing a CO₂ reduction surcharge that is paid in proportion to CO₂ emissions instead of a FIT surcharge in proportion to the used amount of grid power energy [8]. As a result, when battery energy storage systems are used together with a CO₂ reduction surcharge of about 10,000 yen/ton-CO₂ or more, that is almost equivalent to the FIT surcharge (3 yen/kWh now), a significant amount of CO₂ can be reduced, because the variable cost with this surcharge of LNGCC is lower than that of coal-fired generation and storage battery can raise the utilization rate of surplus renewable energy.

In this paper, instead of stationary storage batteries, EVs consume surplus PV generated power. But the EVs must be parked at places where they can be charged when the surplus may occur. Therefore, in addition to the case of midnight charging at home, we also evaluate the case where a half of the charging is demanded at workplaces or homes in the daytime. For daytime charging, LFC operation case that compensates for short-period fluctuations in renewable energy output is also studied.

We evaluate the case of using surplus renewable energy also for hydrogen production fueling FCVs. As CO₂-free hydrogen, there is a method of importing hydrogen produced by coal and CO₂ capture and storage overseas, and a method of producing it by water electrolysis with domestic renewable power generation output. The former requires the construction of large-scale infrastructure, and the cost and specifications are not clear. So only the latter, domestic production by electrolysis, is considered this time. When the water electrolysis system uses only the surplus electric energy of PV and wind power, the low capacity factor becomes a problem. Therefore, we assume that hydrogen is produced at the fueling stations using the grid electric energy as a practical way. Then, the economical surplus renewable energy is expected to be used preferentially because calculated hourly electric energy costs are used for optimizing the hydrogen production schedule.

The setting on the power system side is based on one of the power generation mix that can be assumed in Kyushu area. Power generation outputs of coal-fired generation and LNGCC are optimized by linear programming every hour for one year, and changes in CO₂ emissions are analyzed. In spite of the simplified method, the starting cost, partial load efficiency, frequency adjustment ability in thermal power and pumped hydro power units, and PV and wind power output curtailment, etc. are also considered.

The purpose of this paper is to quantify the CO_2 reduction effect considering stable and economical power system operation when a certain amount of EV or FCV is introduced to the area with large PV generated energy surplus. The feature is that changes in gasoline, coal, and LNG consumption are analyzed, taking into account the hourly renewable energy curtailment and the optimized power generation configuration for a year.

2. Simulation method and condition setting

2.1. Objective function and power system setting

The objective function *OBJ* (yen/year) Eq. (1), the sum of annual cost equivalent to the facility cost of thermal power and water electrolysis system and fuel cost in Kyushu area, is minimized. The fixed costs of EV/FCV, charging equipment, and hydrogen fuelling stations other than water electrolysis system and hydrogen tanks, as well as the cost of power supply equipment other than thermal power, are not included in the objective function.

(Endogenous variables are shown as upper-case, and exogenous variables lower-case.)

$$OBJ = \sum_{f} \{ fixc(f) \cdot CAP(f) + p(f) \sum_{t=1}^{8760} F(f,t) \} + fixc(e) \cdot CAP(e) + fixc(t) \cdot CAP(t)$$
(1)

where F(f, t) fuel consumption (kWh) of fuel f between time t-1 to t:

$F(f,t) = \sum_{mode}$	$\frac{X(mode,f,t)}{\eta_{mode,f}} + \sum_{smode} u_{smode,f} \cdot X(smode,f,t)$	(2)
f	Fuel type; Coal, LNG	
fixc(f)	Annual fixed unit cost for thermal power, yen/MW	
fixc(e)	Annual fixed unit cost for electrolysis system, yen/MW	
fixc(t)	Annual fixed unit cost for hydrogen tank, yen/kg-H ₂	
CAP(f), CAP(f), CAP(f), CAP(f))	AP(e) Capacity of thermal power and electrolysis system, MW	
CAP(t)	Capacity of hydrogen tank, kg-H ₂	
p(f)	Unit price of fuel <i>f</i> , yen/MWh	
mode	Operation modes (load levels to rated power) of thermal power; 100%, 75%, 60%, 50% (LNGCC only), 45% (Coal only), 30% (Coal only)	90%,
smode	Start modes; cold-start, warm-start (LNGCC only), banking (LNGCC on	ly)
X(mode, f)	, t) Sending point generation output for each mode between time $t-1$ to t , N	4Wh
$\eta_{mode,f}$	Partial load efficiency for each operation mode	
$u_{smode,f}$	Fuel consumption for each start mode, MWh/MW	
X(smode, j	f, t) Capacity of each start mode between time $t-1$ to t , MW	

Total capacity of LNGCC and that of water electrolysis system is optimized, and the installed capacity of other power sources is fixed as shown in Table 1. Assuming that coal-fired generation units will not be replaced and LNG-fired generation units without gas turbines can be replaced by LNGCC up to the optimum capacity, the lower limit of LNGCC capacity is decided by the capacity whose operation years are 40 years or less. Nuclear power is assumed to be abolished 40 years after the start of operation, and under the same conditions, the capacity of oil-fired generation units will

almost disappear in 2030 is set to zero. Transmission lines connecting other areas and Kyusyu area are not considered in order to keep secure power system operation. (There is only one route tie-line and too much power flow through this tie-line has a risk of frequency instability.)

Type	Nuclear	Coal	LNGCC	PV	Wind	Hydro	By-product gas
MW	2,360	4,349	2,825 or more	13,220	1,800	2,030	716
Type	e Biomass		Fixed speed pumpe	ed hydro	Var	iable speed	pumped hydro
MW	1,060		1,100			1,2	200

Table 1. Total capacity setting of each generation type, MW.

The capacity of renewable energy is set considering the capacity of already connected and applied or approved capacity to connect to the Kyusyu power grid, and set as total capacity in Japan matches to the target in FY2030. The hourly demand is based on the actual data in Kyushu area in FY2016, which is assumed to remain unchanged in FY2030. The hourly renewable power output pattern is set by proportional enlargement of actual output in FY2016 considering the difference between capacity in Table 1 and actual capacity in 2016.

There are many constraints including the matching of power demand and supply at every hour, operating reserve of 3% of the demand, hourly mode change pattern of thermal generation considering the output change speed (60%/hour to the rated power for coal-fired) and the minimum continuous stop hours (4 hours for LNGCC, 8 hours for coal-fired), monthly upper limit of hourly operating rate (thermal power: average 85% and 75 to 95% for each month, pumped hydro: one unit unavailable) considering periodic inspections and unplanned outages. As for the supply ability for operating reserve, the following are counted, the capacity of thermal power during operation, available capacity of pumped hydro, 30% of PV output, 0% of wind power, and output from other power sources then. Another constraint is to secure LFC supply ability at every hour indicated in Eq. (3).

$$LFCSUPPLY \ge \sqrt{(\Delta PV)^2 + (\Delta Wind)^2 + (\Delta Load)^2 - (\Delta Allowance)^2}$$
(3)

We assume the "short-period fluctuation" (ΔPV , $\Delta Wind$, and $\Delta Load$) whose frequency elements include several minutes to 20 minutes, is set to 10% of the hourly output of PV, 10% of the rated output of wind power, and 1.5% of load respectively. ΔPV and $\Delta Wind$ are decreased proportional to the curtailment rate. And $\Delta Allowance$ is set to 2.4% of the load. As for supply side, "*LFCSUPPLY*" is the sum of LFC ability of thermal and pumped hydro power units. The ability is decided by the operating capacity multiplied by the adjustment range shown at Table 2.

Туре	Coal-fired			ype Coal-fired				LNGCC	
Operation mode	100% load 90, 75, 60,		30%	100%	90, 75, 60%	50%			
Control range	$\pm 0\%$	$\pm 5\%$	$\pm 0\%$	$\pm 0\%$	$\pm 5\%$	$\pm 0\%$			
	Fixed speed pumped hydro								
Туре	Fixed s	peed pumped hyd	dro	Variable	e speed pumped	hydro			
Type Operation mode		peed pumped hyderation	dro Pump		e speed pumped peration and Pur	5			
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 Table 2. Adjustment range for frequency control at each operation mode.

The constraint Eq. (3) is not linear, but we adopt a linear approximation using 8 planes to apply linear programming. The sum of each operation mode is equal to the total capacity of each generation type. And mode shifts are limited such as a banking mode of LNGCC can shift only to warm-start mode or stop mode at next hour, and 30% load mode of coal-fired cannot shift to 100% load mode at next hour because of output change speed limit. In these manners, we avoid the mixed integer

programming to solve the large unit commitment problem, and adopt linear programming using optimization tools, GAMS and CPLEX as a solver, to calculate it within a few minutes to one hour.

In addition, another constraint is set so that the ratio of the inverter power supply to the total power output (SNSP: System Non-Synchronous Penetration) must be 50% or less. This adopts the same condition introduced in Ireland to avoid the large and quick frequency drop due to lack of inertia force after a severe accident.

2.2. Setting of vehicles

Vehicle	Fuel efficiency		Annual m	ileage, billio	n km
type	2016 actual	2030 estimate	Case 1	Case 2	Case 3
DE	4.55km/ℓ	(13.4% up) 5.15km/l	14.3	14.3	14.3
GV	11.8 km/l	(30% up) 15.5 km/l	89.5	77.6	77.6
EV	-	4.97km/kWh	0	11.9	0
FCV	-	93.9km/kg-H ₂	0	0	11.9

Table 3. Fuel efficiency and annual mileage settings.

Table 3 shows the settings of fuel efficiency and total annual mileage in Kyusyu area. The annual mileage in FY2030 is assumed to be the same as in FY2016 shown at statistical report by the Government. The average fuel efficiency improvement rate is set according to the target made by the Government committees. In Japan, because diesel engine vehicles (DE) are mainly used as trucks, the fuel efficiency of DE is low. The electric mileage is set to 0.8 times the WLTC mode value from the catalogue value of the "Nissan Leaf e+" considering air conditioner usage and the future technical improvement. The fuel efficiency of FCV is similarly set from the data of "Toyota MIRAI".

Table 4 shows simulation cases.

Table 4.Simulation cases

Case	Conditions	
Case1	GV and DE only, no EV, no FCV,	
Case2M	IMidnight charge 100%(13.3% of GV mileage is rep.)	laced by EVs)
Case2D	Midnight 50%, daytime charge 50% (13.3% mileage	e by EVs)
Case2L	Midnight 50%, daytime charge 50% with LFC operation (13.3% mileage	e by EVs)
Case3	Optimized H ₂ production schedule with LFC operation (13.3% mileag	e by FCVs)

Only GV and DE are used in Case 1, which is the case where electrified vehicles without HVs are not introduced. According to the Government target, the penetration rate of EV and PHV is set to 16% of existing passenger cars in 2030. The electric mileage of the PHV varies greatly depending on the driving pattern, but in consideration of the maximum electric driving range, 68.2 km for the recent Prius PHV, which is sufficient for the average daily mileage, PHV is not distinguished from EV in this paper. In Case 2, 11.9 billion km equivalent to 16% of the annual total mileage of private passenger GVs in Kyusyu (13.3% of GVs including freight and commercial use) is replaced by EVs. EVs are often recharged using timers during midnight at homes where time-of-use electric rate system

is applied. Case 2M is a case where the electric energy required for daily driving is charged at flat level of power from 23 to 7 o'clock. The actual amount of charge for each vehicle varies widely, but the total amount is assumed to be the same every day.

Case2D considers that some rate of EVs used for commuting are charged at workplaces in the daytime, and non-commuting EVs are charged at homes with roof-top PV systems in the daytime. Energy of daytime charge is set to a half of daily required energy, which is charged flat from 23 to 7 o'clock and from 9 to 15 o'clock.

Case2L performs LFC operation for the daytime charge of Case2D. At this time, the average charging power for one hour should be 50% or less of the rated value, and high-speed power control within 90% of the average power is possible according to the command value from the transmission and distribution company. The hourly charging power is optimized as total thermal power cost is minimized under the condition that charging for one day travel is performed.

2.3. Setting of hydrogen production

The introduction target for FCV is not so big number in 2030, that makes the effect difficult to see. In Case 3, for the purpose of comparing the impact of the EV and FCV introduction, EV is set to zero and FCV is set to replace 16% of the mileage of private passenger GVs. The annual hydrogen production is set to 127,000 tons/year, capable of driving 11.9 billion km.

Equipment	PEM electrolyser	O&M	Hydrogen tank
(Initial cost)	(65,000 yen/kW)		(70,000 yen/kg-H ₂)
Annual cost	7,620 yen/kW/year	1,311 yen/kW/year	150 yen/kWh/year

Table 5. Annual costs of hydrogen production system.

As the water electrolysis device, PEM type is adopted, whose output change speed is high, and suitable for LFC operation. Based on the target value for 2030, annual costs are calculated on conditions of discount rate 3% and lifetime 10 years and shown in Table 5.

The electric energy consumption is set as shown in Table 6, based on the data in a previous demonstration project in Japan. In this project as well as this paper, hydrogen is produced by electrolysis using grid power at FCV fuelling stations, compressed to 70MPa, and cooled to avoid dangerous overheating when it is fuelled to FCV. At fuelling stations, it is assumed that there is a demand for the same amount of hydrogen filling every day and hour from 8 to 20 o'clock, and that tanks have a stock of half a day's demand at least. At 0 am on the first and end day of a year, tanks have a stock of half day demand. The tank capacity is optimized subject to this constraint.

Table 6. Electric energy consumption for hydrogen production system. (kWh/kg/H₂)

Process	Electrolysis	Compression	Pre-cool	Total
Electric energy demand	50.4	3.12	1.02	54.54

3. Simulation results and discussion

3.1. CO₂ reduction by EV introduction

Fig.1 shows the amounts of CO₂ emission by fuel types for each case and the relative amounts of total emission when the Case1 is the base. In Case1 shown in Fig. 2, the curtailed rate of PV generated energy is 16.1% and that of wind power is 3.1%. In Case2, the emission from gasoline is reduced by 1.8 million tons, more than the increased emissions from coal and LNG which covers EV charging, so the total emission is reduced. In Case2D, the amount of PV and wind energy during the daytime charge seems to reduce the curtailment and CO₂ emission. However, the actual calculated curtailment rate shown in Fig.2 is nearly the same (about 10% reduction) as Case2M. It is because PV and wind power must be curtailed anyway in order to secure frequency adjustment power. In Case2L, by LFC operation during daytime charging, frequency adjustment power is secured, and the curtailment rate is about half that of Case1. As shown in Fig. 2, the emission from LNG is reduced, but the emission from coal is increased and partially offsets the total reduction of emissions.

Table 7 shows the relative annual costs to the cost in Case2M, which is the optimized value of objective function Eq. (1), and LNGCC capacity. In Case2D, the LNGCC capacity has increased in response to the charging load from 9 to 15 o'clock. In Case2L, the additional facility investment is avoided by optimizing the hourly amount of charge, and also the fuel cost is reduced by increasing



Fig. 1. CO₂ emissions by fuel types from vehicles *Fig. 2.* Curtailment rate of renewable energy. *and electric power demand.*

the use of surplus renewable energy. However, since the charging equipment cost is not included in Case2L, there is actually an increase in the cost for providing the LFC function. Case3 includes the cost of the water electrolysis system and hydrogen tank, but other costs, including labour costs and land costs for the hydrogen station, are likely to be more expensive than the charging equipment cost in Case2, so the cost of Case3 remains higher than Case2.

Table 7. Relative annual cost and LNGCC capacity (GW)

Case	Case2D	Case2M	Case2L	Case3		
Annual cost	(base) 100%	99.9%	94.8%	111.1%		
LNGCC capacity	4.966GW	5.536GW	4.966GW	4.966GW		

3.2 CO₂ reduction by FCV introduction

As shown in Fig. 1, in Case3, FCVs run the same distance as the EVs in Case 2, the CO_2 emission slightly increases compared to Case1. The fuel consumption of the FCV in Table 2 divided by the total electric energy used for the water electrolysis system in Table 4 is 1.72 kWh/km, which is about three times the energy consumption of EV. In Case3, although the PV curtailment rate (Fig. 2) is reduced more than Case2L, emissions (Fig. 1) from coal and LNG increase because of the increase of total electric energy.

The daily hydrogen demand is 347 tons, and the tank capacity is optimized to be 385 tons, about 1.1 times the daily demand. Though it is said that hydrogen is more suitable for long-term energy storage than storage batteries, results show that producing hydrogen every day by relatively small capacity system is more economical than increasing investment in hydrogen tanks and water electrolysis system to increase the use of surplus power.

The total curtailed PV energy is reduced to 1,029 MWh (3.8 PJ), which is smaller than the demand for water electrolysis of 7,219 MWh. (Both are values at sending end.) In Case3 as well as in Case2, restraints of LFC and SNSP play major role in the renewable energy curtailment, and for many hours in a year it is difficult to further reduce the curtailment. Therefore, the increased investment in hydrogen system to use surplus renewable energy is not economical.

4. Conclusions

When the power system is most economically operated when EVs or FCVs are penetrated in the area where 16% of the PV generated energy must be curtailed, the total CO_2 emission from automobiles and thermal power plants are quantitatively evaluated. Results show the following.

- The introduction of EVs and PHVs will reduce CO₂ emissions, but even if half of the charge is performed during the day, PV output must be curtailed to ensure frequency stability, and results are almost the same as midnight charge.
- By performing LFC operation to compensate the frequency fluctuation during daytime EV charging, PV output curtailment as well as CO₂ emissions are reduced. However, the curtailment is necessary to some extent for the stable power system operation, and increased thermal power output partially offsets the reduction of CO₂ emission.
- When FCVs using hydrogen by water electrolysis are introduced instead of EVs, CO₂ emission slightly increases compared to the case without FCVs. This is because energy conversion efficiency is low, and equipment costs of water electrolysis and hydrogen tanks are high, and then the utilization rate of surplus renewable energy does not increase so much.

To further decrease the CO_2 emission by introducing EVs, it is effective to increase the ratio of noncoal power generation by carbon pricing, etc. It is important not only to increase the amount of renewable energy and electric mileage, but also to take measures on the grid side, to secure the frequency stability.

Future tasks include the customer side economics, and evaluation at the national or global level. The introduction of large amounts of wind power may give a different evaluation from PV.

With this paper's setting, FCVs cannot be expected to reduce CO_2 , but considering the complete reduction of CO_2 emissions in 2050, hydrogen use will also be necessary. Future issues include the usage of FCVs as long-distance trucks and other vehicles that are not suitable for EVs.

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