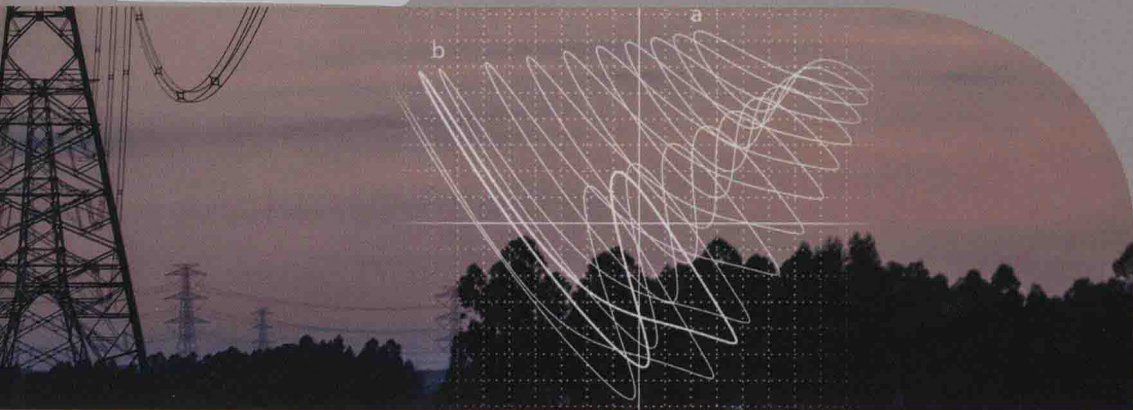




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Preface

Electric energy is a fundamental component of the productive processes of any economic sector. The mission of modern and future power systems is to supply electric energy satisfying conflicting requirements: reliability/security of supply, economy, and finally, environmental protection. With this regard, security, quality, and stability of the electric energy supply are key aspects to maintain the productivity of the industrial sector. On the one hand, the progressive increasing concern about climate change and the effects of energy production in greenhouse gas emissions has led to the wide integration of renewable energy sources with obvious advantages in the environmental behaviour of power systems. On the other hand, the integration of communication systems has led to the redefinition of standards and practices of transmission and distribution systems and to the new concept of “smart grid”. In this context, the integration of new technologies passes through the definition and validation of advanced techniques for the modelling, planning, monitoring, and control of power systems. These technical innovations point out the need either to reformulate some conventional modelling and control aspects with a modern perspective, or to address new aspects and phenomena related to issues that have not been considered in the past.

The aim of this book is to provide a collection of studies that, while focusing on specific topics, are able to capture the variety of new methodologies and technologies that are changing the way modern electric power systems are modelled, simulated and operated. The approach of the book mixes theoretical aspects with practical considerations, as well as benchmarks test systems and real-world applications. With this aim, the book is divided into three parts, namely modelling, control and stability analysis. Part I presents research works on power system modelling and includes applications of telegrapher equations, power flow analysis with inclusion of uncertainty, discrete Fourier transformation and stochastic differential equations. Part II focuses on power system operation and control and presents insights on optimal power flow, real-time control and state estimation techniques. In this part, special attention is devoted to distribution systems. Finally, Part III describes advances in the stability analysis of power systems and covers voltage stability, transient stability, time delays, and limit cycles.

The book provides a glance on the state-of-the-art of the research that has been carried out in the last decades by the authors of each chapter. The common background of lead authors is the unifying thread of the whole book. In particular, the lead authors of each chapter have obtained their degree in Electrical Engineering in Italy, which provides solid theoretical basis on modelling and stability analysis of non-linear

systems and, in most of the cases, have extended their knowledge and improved their skills with visiting periods in prestigious European and North American universities. These experiences have led to several fruitful international collaborations as well as career opportunities, as shown by the biographies included in the list of contributors. We believe that this unique cultural mix provides an added value to the book, which, as a whole, offers the reader an unconventional viewpoint on current research on electric power systems.

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