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### Energy Management System for the future Distributed Grid

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# **The Traditional Grid**

- + The traditional power system control system -- Energy Management System (EMS)
  - Generation, transmission and distribution
  - Load dispatching, Balance of System and fault location
  - Focus on reliability of supply and more recently, Quality of Supply (QoS)
  - System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI)
  - System Average Interruption Frequency Index (SAIFI)



# **CURRENT LIMITATIONS AND RISKS**

For national grid to achieve network stability or balance of systems, these are the few strategies

#### **Utility Side Strategies**

- 1. Match load increase with increase in generation
- 2. Load Shedding at the substation level due to supply loss
- 3. Increase spinning reserve or standby capacity
- 4. More recently, large energy storage systems

#### Load Side Strategies

- 1. Demand Management for customer voluntary turning off load (Interruptible load scheme) started in 2006 but limited to industrial customers
- 2. End home users participation of interruptible loads (IL)

#### **Risks and Challenges**

- 1. Growth of renewables and impacts to the grid. -> NEGATIVE DEMAND !!
- 2. Increased customer expectations

### THE FUTURE GRID – FROM A SINGAPORE UTILITY'S VIEW

- Government action on climate change is pushing growth of renewables and energy optimization to reduce carbon footprint.
- Solar leasing contracts are expanding exponentially. E.g SolarNova 1-7.. Target to install at HDB and govt estates amounting to around 3000 MW peak
- Cost of renewables are dropping and with government incentives (building grants) and penalties (EUI\* and Carbon Tax) are driving huge investments into distributed generation.
- Impact to the grid could be negative as our peak usage is around 6,600 MW with installed capacity of 13,000 MW and with no requirements on the Quality of Supply (QoS)



Applicable to building emitting >25,000 tons of carbon (> SGD\$2,000,000 tax annually by 2030)

\*EUI – Energy Utilization Index – Total energy consumers/Total Area of buildings

# WHAT IS A MICRO-GRID ?

- + The grid connects homes, businesses and other buildings to central power sources
- + A micro-grid generally operates while connected to the grid, but importantly, it can break off and operate on its own using local energy generation in times of crisis like storms or power outages, or for other reasons.
- + Large buildings and clusters of buildings are now becoming micro-grids where they generate power (1-3 MW) with energy/thermal storage and can interrupt their loads.



### THE FUTURE DISTRIBUTED GRID

- The future distributed grid will have many micro-grids (home level to building level)
- These micro-grids can support the growth of renewables reliably with energy storage and manage their demand/usage as they adopt local optimization, while reducing impacts to the grid

#### Sustainable microgrids are the future of clean energy

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# THE NEW EMS

- The Energy Management System (EMS) must evolve to cater to these interconnected micro-grids to ensure that the system overall reliability and priorities
- Micro-grids are expected to "share the responsibility" in ensuring a high quality of supply (QoS) to their users and reduce disturbances (reliability indices) to the main grid.
- + With that, the new EMS must support the following tasks
  - Task 1 Direct management of Micro-grid
  - Task 2 Measure and enforce the reliability index for micro-grid to allow inter-connection
  - Task 3 Supports Demand Management via User participations (Interruptible Loads)
  - Task 4 Supports smart homes to perform Appliance level demand management

#### THE NEW EMS SYSTEM PROCESS FLOW



# **TASK 1 – MANAGING THE MICRO-GRID**

- + Developing the micro-grid control strategy to ensure
  - Stability
  - Reducing the use of diesel and imports from the grid



Our typical model micro-grid

#### **COMPONENT MODELING**





# **TASK 2 - RELIABILITY INDEX**

- To develop the overall reliability, index we need to consider each + components operational considerations
- Compute based on the number and duration of each interruptions per + year

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#### **Diesel Indices**

 $DGTR = \frac{No. of times DGs turned "on"}{DGTR}$ *Total operation hours* 

 $\frac{DGs \ turned \ "on" \ hours, D_{dg, ijm}^{on}}{Number \ of \ times \ DGs \ turned \ "on"}$ DGTR = -

#### **PV and Battery** Indices

No. of times,  $t_{rgs}^{on}$  $RGSR = \frac{1}{Total operation hours}$ 

$$RGSH = \frac{\sum \left( D_{ba,ijn}^{on}(t) + D_{pv,ijo}^{on}(t) \right)}{No \ of \ times \ DGS, t_{rgs}^{on}}$$

#### Load Indices

$$LPSH = \frac{Load \ demand \ satisfied \ hours}{Total \ operation \ hours}, \forall P_{dem,i,j}(t) = P_{sup}(t)$$

$$NCI = \frac{NCI_{ini} + 1}{Total \ operation \ hours} \qquad \text{Number of consumers} \\ CIH = NCI \ \sum_{i=1}^{N_{of}} \sum_{j=1}^{N_{ogb}} \sum_{k=1}^{L_i} (\Delta T_{off}, _{ijk}) \qquad \text{Consumer interrupted} \\ QoS = 1 - \frac{\text{Total number of interruption x Duration}}{\text{Total operation hours}} \\ SAIFI = 1 - \frac{\text{Total number of consumer interruptions}}{\text{Total number if consumer serves}} \\ SAIDI = \frac{Customer \ interruption \ durations}{\text{Total number of consumer served}}$$

# RELIABILITY INDICES PROBLEM FORMULATION



**Reliability Index** 

$$\begin{array}{c} Solve\\ \left(\partial, U_{f}, P_{in, ijk}^{mg}\right) R_{in} = \left(1 - \sum_{i=1}^{N_{sf}} \sum_{j=1}^{N_{ogb}} \frac{P_{dem, ij}(t) - P_{\sup, ij}(t)}{P_{dem, ij}(t)}\right), R_{in}^{lw} \leq R_{in} \leq R_{in}^{up} \end{array}$$

$$\partial = f\left(k_{dg,ijm}, t_{dg,ijm}^{on}, C_{ba,ijn}^{r}(t), D_{ba,ijn}^{r}(t)\right)$$

 $U_f = DGUF + RGSUF, \forall 0 \le U_f \le 1$ 

battery charge/discharge rate control,

DGs and RGS utilization factor

Cost of un-served power is not the same as the main grid

#### TASK 3 – DEMAND MANAGEMENT FOR END USER LOADS

- + An EMS that consider an energy framework to
  - Achieve Demand Response Management (DRM) with min number of users using a power limit index and an inconvenience limit
  - A Power limit reduce their non-essentials load in response to a utility trigger power limit signal
  - An inconvenience limit reduce more load than what their non-essential loads can offer and creates an inconvenience
  - A dynamic mechanism to identify the level of inconvenience for each types of loads to manage users
  - Loads with "inconvenience levels" from HVAC, water heater (WH), dryer, optional lighting loads (OLL) and so on. In essence, a priority list.
    - Essential loads (non- trippable loads)
    - Flexible loads
      - Shiftable loads (SL) clothes dryer (CD)
      - Breakable loads (BL)



$$BL = \{HVAC, WH, OLL\}, \quad SL = \{CD\}$$

#### AVOID LOAD SHEDDING

### **DRM METHODOLOGIES**

+ **Power limit method –** power reduction allocation problem among N participating users

$$D_{l}(t) = \frac{\widehat{D}(t)}{N}$$

 Inconvenience limit method – User set inconvenience limit and preferences for each load. E.g

$$U^{n}(t) = \sum_{i} \Omega_{i} U^{n}_{i}(t)$$
$$U^{n}_{i}(t) = \left(\frac{T^{n}_{i}(t) - \hat{T}^{n}_{i}}{\tilde{T}(t) - \hat{T}^{n}_{i}}\right) W^{n}_{i}(t)(1 - C^{n}_{i}(t));$$

The net inconvenience severity

- T(t) Outside temperatures
- $\widetilde{W_i^n}$  denote the demand status duration of flexible load i of user n in time slot t i.e.,
- $T^{n}_{AC}(t) \in unif(64^{\circ}F, 67^{\circ}F), \forall n$  $T^{n}_{WH}(t) \in unif(110^{\circ}F, 120^{\circ}F), \forall n$

Aircon and water heater thermostat set points of users

Power rating and usage patterns of flexible.

Flexible load	Power rating (kW)	Operation duration (h)	Usage pattern
AC	3	4	Consecutive operation
WH	2.5	3-6	Two or three separate
			instances of 1-2 h
CD	3.1	2	Consecutive operation
OLL	0.5	3-6	Two or three separate
			instances of 1-3 h

### **SAMPLE RESULTS FOR TASK 3**



From this table we can see that for 5% peak load reduction and 10% inconvenience threshold, the power limit method requires 54 users while the inconvenience limit method requires 158 users.

### Task 4- Appliance Level Demand Management

- + Demand management in the form of IL, allows user participation to balance the grid to avoid load shedding, which is highly disruptive to quality of life to end consumers.
- + To achieve the Demand Response Management (DRM), the research focused on developing a new infrastructure and approach with supporting applications
  - Developing a smart Distribution Box (Smart DB)
  - Implementing a Non-Intrusive Load Monitoring (NILM) system
  - Developing a smart socket (wall in socket) with built in breakers
  - Providing usage profile based on individual appliance usage to suggest and encourage a higher level of user participation for interruptible load, while taking into their preferences





# **NON-INTRUSIVE LOAD MONITORING**

Watts

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- To develop a library of load signatures by capturing 1 sec of high speed profile (6 kHz) of kW, Kvar, V, I and pf
- + Translate them into Markov models



POC – 1200 Homes at HDB PUNGGOL NEW TOWN



### OVERALL CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE WORK

- + The provides a foundation for a faster implementation of the micro-grids and their integration to the main grids,
- + The control schemes provided will allow different types of micro-grids to join the main grid, allowing the formation of a larger EMS system
- + The development of the reliability indexes provides a way to qualify the performances of a micro-grid, providing a reasonable benchmark for inter-connections
- + We create a shared responsibility in an evolved grid that will allow growth of renewables, while ensuring a sustainable national grid that provide a high quality of supply
- + By deploying a framework for user to participate for IL, we have an innovative way to balance the grid, taking considerations for user preferences, minimizing their inconvenience while balancing the grid