

Is microgrid a smart grid?

Elements that used in microgrid, control of generation, forecasting techniques, data transmission and monitoring techniques are reviewed as smart grid functions. It is possible to implement microgrid with the usage of these functions, but these still cannot solve all issues.

What are the challenges to connecting microgrid system to distribution grid?

Despite many advantages of microgrids, there are major challenges to connecting microgrid system to distribution grid. These challenges can be classified as technical challenges associated with control and protection system, regulation challenges and customer participation challenges.

What are smart grid technologies?

Smart grid technologies can include large amount of different DERs such as solar, wind or fuel cells that are connected to grid either directly or by power electronic interface. The voltage source inverter (VSI) is connected to grid as interface to contribute to proper adjustment of the grid voltage and frequency .

Are energy storage devices a key component of microgrids?

Energy storage devices are essential component of microgrids, which effectively balance power between renewable energy resources and loads. Specific charge/discharge control strategies are needed to achieve this objective. In the literature, different control strategies are available.

What technologies can be used in a microgrid system?

Two types of generation technologies can be implemented into microgrid systems: renewable resources such as solar photovoltaics (PV), wind, small hydro power, ocean, etc.; non-renewable resources such as reciprocating engines, gas turbines, modern Combined Heat and Power (CHP) units etc. ,.

What are the key features of smart grids?

Communication technologies are key feature of smart grids to implement in real world. Communication technologies to be chosen have to be cost efficient, and should provide good transmittable range, better security features, bandwidth, power quality and with least possible number of repetitions .

The microgrid architecture is categorized into three categories based on future smart grid vision, i.e., AC, DC, and hybrid microgrids. Elements that used in microgrid, control of generation, forecasting techniques, data transmission and monitoring techniques are reviewed as smart grid functions.

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RES: 1MW off-grid solar energy system across three main atolls of Tokelau. The project includes : 4032 solar modules, 196 string inverters, 112 DC charge controllers, 84 battery inverters and 1344 batteries in 48V banks.

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The Tokelau Renewable Energy Project, launched in 2010 and due to be completed in 2013, has seen the construction of a PV/diesel hybrid system on each atoll in the Pacific island nation of Tokelau. Previously, the atolls used diesel generator sets to provide electricity on a centralized distribution network.

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The South Pacific nation of Tokelau became the first country in the world to have all of its electricity needs met by solar power. Designed by Powersmart Solar in partnership with ITP Renewables, construction of the combined 1 MW of stand-alone PV spread across the three atolls was completed in October 2012.

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