Power Electronics, Smart Grid, Grid Modernization and Beyond

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 - * Transportation electrification/smart infrastructure
 - Energy-based active control
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 - Data analytics for renewable forecasting
 - * Smart meter analytics and flexible demand response
 - * Machine learning for MW power design
 - * Big data for asset management and prediction of equipment failure
 - * AI for grid-scale resiliency and fault recovery



SusTech Smart Grid and Grid Modernization

The Smart Grid and Grid Modernization

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Smart Grid Functions

Defined under EISA 2007 to have the abilities to:

- Develop, store, send and receive digital information concerning electricity use, costs, prices, time of use, nature of use, storage, or other information relevant to device, grid, or utility operations
- Measure or monitor electricity use as a function of time of day and power quality characteristics; store, synthesize or report that information by digital means
- Sense and localize disruptions or changes in power flows for enabling automatic protective responses to sustain reliability and security of grid operations
- Detect, prevent, communicate, respond to, or recover from system security threats (cyber-security threats and terrorism), using digital information, media, and devices
- Respond by any appliance or machine to such signals, measurements, or communications automatically or in a manner programmed by its owner or operator without independent human intervention
- Use digital information to operate functionalities on the electric utility grid that were previously electro-mechanical or manual
- Use digital controls to manage and modify electricity demand, enable congestion management, assist in voltage control, provide operating reserves, and provide frequency regulation

If you would summarize all seven abilities, it is one word: digitization

But the grid is aging ...

The Smart Grid and Grid Modernization

* Jan, 2015, UC Riverside talk → Grid modernization by D. Tan
* March, 2015 → DoE grid modernization initiative (GMI)



D. Tan, "Electronictization – A Foundation for Grid Modernization," Chinese Journal of Electrical Engineering, Vol. 1, No.1, March, 2016 , pp. 1 - 8 (Invited)

Grid Modernization: From EE to EEE



Figure 4-20. Tap chang

Electronic Active Dynamic

Dynamic as a system of

Power Electronics & Systems (PE&S), as a system of technologies, brings a suite of technologies to help transform the grid from passive, electric, and electro-mechanical to active, electronic, electric, and electro-mechanical



Electric and Electromechanical



Electronic, Electric and Electromechanical

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Evolution towards a Modern Electronic Grid



D. Tan, "Towards a (more) electronic power transmission and distribution (eT&D)," CSEE Power Electronics & HVDC Conference, Dec., 2016 (Invited Keynote)

Power Electronics: Laying the Foundation



D. Tan, "Electronictization – A Foundation for Grid Modernization," Chinese Journal of Electrical Engineering, Vol. 1, No.1, March, 2016 , pp. 1 - 8 (Invited)

Battery Cost Going Down Exponentially



ICCT Working Report, "Electrical vehicles: Literature review of technology cost and carbon emission," ICCT Working Report, 2016-14, July, 2017

Battery cost continues to fall

* Li-ion battery cost continues to drop



Batteries: Grid-Scale Deployment

electrek



Battery: "The last missing piece (asset) of the puzzle" for grid modernization

D. Tan, "Batteries: the ultimate inertia for renewable integration," IEEE T&D Show, April, 2018 (Invited Super Session Panelist)

Batteries: "Rapid, accurate, and valuable"



Battery: "The super inertia" for fast and accurate responses

"Initial operation of the Hornsdale power reserve battery energy storage system," Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO), April 5, 2018

Solar/Battery: Displacing Gas Peaker Plants

8minutenergy: 'We can do solar peaker plants at half the cost of gas'

"However, to fill that evening peak, we need storage. You start looking at the economics and power prices in that evening peak can be very high, just because these peakers, typically gas peakers, are now pushed into a shorter period to recover their fixed costs. So pricing levels can be well over US\$100 per MWh and we can build a solar plant with a four hour battery to service that peak < we can build that somewhere in the US\$50 to US\$60 per MWh range."

Peaker plants are only fired up for perhaps less than 20% of their operating lifetime, but they are at their most polluting in the period during which they ramp up, spewing pollutants and greenhouse gases (GHGs) into the air. Solar-plus-storage is now starting to fill that niche. Image: wiki Jim Henderson

Utilities are investing in big batteries

Utilities are starting to invest in big batteries instead of building new power plants

Jeremiah Johnson and Joseph F. DeCarolis Thursday, February 28, 2019 - 1:00am





from 2017 indicates. Source: U.S. Energy Inforr Battery Storage Market Trends, 2018.

The Scattergood power plant in Los Angeles is one of three natural gas power plants slated to shut down by 2029. AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez

SusTech Technology Focus Areas

Technology Focus Areas (TFAs)

- 1. Microgrids: Ultimate utility assets
- 2. Substation: Focal point for renewable integration, grid performance enhancement, and self diagnostics with grid impedance measurement
- 3. Flexible electronic large power transformers (FeLPT): on-line sensors and IoT-enabled command & communication
- Smart infrastructure: Transportation electrification interface such as ultra-fast charging stations, etc.
- 5. Energy-based active control



TFA 1: Structured Microgrids (SµGs)

*Definition can be readily extended for multi-port cases

DoE Update: The microgrid may be defined as the resources – generation, storage, and loads, - within a boundary that are managed by a controller.	DoE: A group of interconnected loads and distributed energy resources (DERs) with clearly defined electrical boundaries that acts as a single controllable entity with respect to the grid (and can) connect and disconnect from the grid to enable it to operate in both grid-connected or island mode.
Extension of the DoE Definition* Integrated with loads, energy sources, storage devices, sensors, and data bus, a structured microgrid is an autonomous subsystem that features 1. Balanced energy over the intended operation/capacity 2. Reconfigurable for stand alone or grid connected 3. Resilient with fault tolerance/fault isolation	
4. Bidirectional power flow	

5. Modular/scalable

SµGs : Local and Global Benefits

Emerging System Applications and Technological Trends in Power Electronics

Power electronics is increasingly cutting across traditional boundaries

by Don Tan

his article summarizes six emerging system applications, which include green energy system integrations; microgrids; all things grid connected; transportation electrification; smart homes, smart buildings, and smart cities; and energy harvesting. The four major technology trends playing a crucial role in driving the emerging system applications include adiabatic power conversion, monolithic power conversion, multilevel power converters, and wide-bandgap devices.

Evolution of Power Electronics

Power electronics (PE) is going through an exciting time, with increasingly widespread applications. I experienced this firsthand when I was the president of the IEEE Power

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Electronics Society (PELS) in 2013 and 2014. As I traveled from the United States to Asia, Europe, and the Pacific Islands, celebrating the 25th anniversary of PELS, one of the recurring themes was that people were asking what the future is for PE and what the emerging technical fields are going to be in the next five to ten years. To answer those questions, I presented a keynote speech at the plenary of the IEEE Applied Power Electronics Conference and Exposition

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power switching function effectively and efficiently.

Today. PE has outgrown its classic definition. It has evolved to include just about all aspects of electrical and electronic engineering as shown in Fig. ure 1(b). It includes analog and digital circuits, converter circuits, magnetic and electric machines, linear and nonlinear control, energy generation and storage, system engineering and integration, radio-frequency (RF) circuits. antennas, ICs and monolithic passives, and power semiconductors and ICs. Today, PE encompasses the typical coursework of any electrical and computer engineering program.

Green Energy System Integration

One of the most significant system applications of PE is the integration of green energy systems. Figure 2 illustrates the concept of green energy system integration. Solar and wind energy systems are maturing fast to penetrate deeply into the energy market to provide electricity for average consumers. The technologies for individual systems are mature, and recent trends are toward the integration of solar farms with wind farms, particularly with offshore wind farms. To transmit the power from offshore to onshore, new high-voltage dc (HVDC) transmission technology has been developed and deployed around the world. The new technology leverages the recent progress in PE, such as HV IGBTs and multilevel voltagesource converter (VSC) circuit topology. (More details on multilevel power are given in the "High Power Goes Multilevel" section.)

Relative to wind and solar energy systems, wave and tidal energy systems are less mature. Except for a few cases of deployments for tidal barrages, they are still in the demonstration and testing stage. The idea is to leverage wave and tidal energies to supplement the intermittency of wind and solar energies. The challenges are in the initial cost, transmission to shore, and environmental footprint. PE can help with underwater power converters and subsea cable for power control and distribution. A more recent trend in system integration is the de-

velopment and deployment of energy-storage devices and resources to enhance system performance, hardware reliability, and power availability. There are many forms of energy storage being used, such as batteries, pumped hydro, compressed air, flywheels, hydrogen, fuel cells, and thermal energy. Once all these technologies are successfully developed, deployed, and integrated, we will have truly sustainable energy systems for years to come. PE engineers will be the best system integration engineers since intimate knowledge about the system hardware is essential for the successful integration of any system.

Microgrids A microgrid is an autonomous electric nower subsystem. It can be do ac or a hybrid of dc and ac. A structured microgrid is integrated with loads, quintessential example energy sources, storage devices, senof the ever-diversifying sors, and data buses, and is an autonomous subsystem that includes the foltechnical landscape of lowing features balance of energy over the intended operation and capacity

reconfigurability for stand-alone or grid-connected operation resiliency with fault tolerance and fault isolation bidirectional power flow

 modularity and scalability. There are many benefits that a microgrid can bring to a user locally. The local benefits of microgrids are as follows:

 enhanced energy efficiency reduced electricity cost

- improved power quality greater availability of power (particularly when grid tied)
- enhanced energy independence
- combined utility generation (gas, heat, water, and communication)
- environmental conservation using renewables locally creation of a natural platform for local generation and
- integration resiliency with redundancy and recovery
- building structure for the next higher-level grid(s). Microgrids are beneficial to grid operators globally. Mi-
- crogrids bring benefits globally to the grid by enhancing distributed generation with a high percentage
 - of renewables enhancing distributed storage
- accommodating new demand from electric vehicles
- allowing smart metering to do transactive (dynamic) pricing
- enabling local energy management without burdening the grid bandwidth for communication
- preprocessing data locally to reduce the required grid capacity providing predictive local control to enhance grid stability
- using bidirectional flow to enhance energy availability to grid
- providing a balance between the distribution grid and microgride
- using their ability to island.

DC microgrids are particularly advantageous for practice due to their many benefits, which include higher efficiency, more robust system operation, no impedance matching issues, no synchronization, simple waveforms, and a large body of knowledge in PE and systems being directly leveraged. Figure 3 shows an example of a resilient dc microgrid for mission-critical space applications [2].

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Renewable integration

- Structured microgrids
- All things grid connected
- Transportation electrification
- Smart homes, buildings and cities
- Power conversion goes adiabatic
- Low power goes monolithic
- High power goes multilevel
- WBG devices going main stream

D. Tan, "Emerging system applications and technological trends in power electronics," IEEE Power Electronics Magazine, June, 2015, pp.38-47

PE as a technology that crosscuts many fields of electrical engineering.

Wireless energy

harvesting is a

SµGs: CHP – An Early Adaptor

- Combined Heat and Power (CHP) generation provides
 - * Reliable baseload power
 - * Gas line weather proof
 - Heat captured for hot water, chilled water and steam product (heating)
- With CHP powers the baseload, renewables can be integrated
 - Solar, wind, and storage
 - Demand response
 - EV ultrafast charging
- * SµGs
 - Industry, campus, district, and many others



UCSD campus µG reduced the electricity cost by \$80 m per year

D. Tan, "Structure microgrids: Invaluable assets for grid modernization," IET APSCOM, Nov, 2018 (Invited Opening Keynote) A. Hampton, "Combined heat and power: the ideal anchor for microgrids," IDEA Campus Conference, Feb., 2016

SµGs: Resiliency

* Frequent extreme weather events, Hurricane Harvey?!



D. Tan, "Structure microgrids: Invaluable assets for grid modernization," IET APSCOM, Nov, 2018 (Invited Opening Keynote) J. M. Carroll, "Maximizing microgrids: the top issues facing the ideal microgrids," IDEA Conference, 2016

SµGs: Utility Emergency Systems



Data Centers

Airport/Traffic Contro U.S. Energy Information Administration, Clean Edge, Caterpillar.

Microgrids can turn mostly-idle back-up generation assets into cash generators

D. Tan, "Structure microgrids: Invaluable assets for utilities," 2nd IEEE PELS/PES eT&D Workshop, Nov., 2017 (Invited Keynote)

SµGs: Remote Energy Access

 Electricity means modernization and prosperity – SµGs are perfect vehicles for remote energy access



Lingshed is about 225 kilometers from Leh, population 31,000, the largest city in Ladakh.

D. Tan, "Structure microgrids: Invaluable assets for grid modernization," IET APSCOM, Nov, 2018 (Invited Opening Keynote)

TFA 2: Flexible Substations



D. Tan, "Batteries: the ultimate inertia for renewable integration," *IEEE T&D Show*, 2018 (Invited Super Session Panelist) Southern California Edison, "Grid modernization: Distribution system concept of operations," Version 1.0, January 2016

Flexible Hybrid Transformer Concept

* Hybrid transformer





Figure 7 Conceptual illustration of the proposed flexible hybrid transformer with renewables system (HT-R)

D. Tan, "Flexible hybrid transformers with renewable energy integration," E2 Systems White Paper, Nov., 2017

A Solar Power Example

* Modular scalable back-to-back converters for grid control, interconnect, and fault isolation



FIG 13 A typical dc bus, three-phase, isolated CHB grid-connected PV inverter.

X. Zhang, T. Zhao, W. Mao, D. Tan and L. Chang, "Multilevel Inverters for Grid-Connected Photovoltaic Applications: Examining Emerging Trends," IEEE Power Electronics Magazine, vol. 5, no. 4, Dec. 2018, pp. 32-41

Substation Automation and Modernization



* Feeder/Substation µGs voltage profile



$\Delta Vnew << \Delta Vold \rightarrow$ Week grid will be a thing in the past

D. Tan, "Structure microgrids: Invaluable assets for utilities," 2nd IEEE PELS/PES eT&D Workshop, Nov., 2017 (Invited Keynote) C. Schweagerl, "Technical, economic and environmental benefits of microgrids operation," Siemens, Jan., 2010

TFA 3: Flexible electronic LPT (FeLPT)

- Modular scalable back-to-back (BtB) converters for grid control, interconnect, and fault isolation
- * Flexible Transformer
 - * 3M Converter (3MC): Modular, Multi-level, and Multi-timescale



A Simple BtB Illustration



FETS – Flexible Electronic (AC/DC) Transmission System

D. Tan, "A modular, scalable back-to-back power converter (MS BtB PC) for grid control, interconnect, and fault-isolation," E2 System White Paper, Nov., 2017

D. Tan, "Towards a (more) electronic power transmission and distribution (eT&D)," CSEE Power Electronics & HVDC Conference, Dec., 2016 (Invited Keynote)

TFA 4: Electrification and Smart Infrastructure

* Powering smart manufacturing



Figure 2-1. Concept of the Smart Manufacturing Enterprise



Middlebrook Flying Capacitor Converter

D. Tan, "Switched-Capacitor Circuits: Coming of Age," IEEE PELS LAC Relaunch Meeting, April, 2019 (Invited)



R. D. Middlebrook, "Transformerless DC-to-DC converters with large conversion ratios," in IEEE Transactions on Power Electronics, vol. 3, no. 4, Oct. 1988, pp. 484-488

FeLPT: Built for eT&D



(Wholesale)

Generation

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• Energy arbitrage • Ancillary services

- Frequency regulation
- Spinning reserve
- Supplemental
- reserves
- Ramping (new)
- Capacity
- Peak energy
- Flexibility (new)
- Reliability
 - Volt/Var support
 - Black start
 - Frequency response





 Upgrade deferral • Reduce circuit and

- Resiliency
- Outage mitigation
- Back-up power
- Power Quality
- Fault ride-through
- Ancillary services

 - Spinning reserve
- Supplemental reserves
- Demand response
- Black start



- Demand (End Users) response rates
- Edge Grid

TPES

- Optimize retail
- Power guality
- Critical load
- Renewables on site
- Peak shaving
- Energy shifting
- Resiliency
- Islanding
- Reactive power

TFA 4: Electrification and Smart Infrastructure

* Data/Telecom Centers: Modular and Scalable



D. Tan, "Structure microgrids: Invaluable assets for grid modernization," IET APSCOM, Nov, 2018 (Invited Opening Keynote) "DC Microgrids: advanced distribution platforms for flexibility, Savings, and Sustainability in buildings," Emerge Alliance Visions, 2011

Ultra-Fast Charging: Efficient Architecture



SµGs integrate renewables for ultra-fast charging and grid support

D. Tan, "Challenges in ultra-fast charging stations," IEEE ITEC Asia-Pacific, Aug., 2017 (Invited Keynote)

On-Line Grid Voltage and Current Sensors



D. Tan, "Towards a (more) electronic power transmission and distribution (eT&D)," CSEE Power Electronics & HVDC Conference, Dec., 2016 (Invited Keynote)

TFA 5: Active Control and Transactive Energy

* Scalable 5-level of controls



D. Tan, "Structure microgrids: Invaluable assets for grid modernization," IET APSCOM, Nov, 2018 (Invited Opening Keynote)

M. Clout, "DER optimization, dispatch, tertiary control/monitoring strategies," Siemens, 2016

"NREL Integrate," Siemens-OMNETRIC Group Industry Day Workshop, March 2017

First Resilient, Islanded, Remote Microgrid

Flight-proven technology



A resilient microgrid proven in deployment, saving national assets in US\$B's

D. Tan, et al, "A first resilient DC-dominated microgrid for mission-critical space applications," IEEE JESTPE, Dec., 2016, pp. 1147-1157 (Invited)

Fuse Clearing and Dead Bus Recovery

* Fuse Clearing



The bus holds its minimum voltage with a hard short

* Dead Bus Recovery



Recovery is an orderly transition w/ a current-limited source

D. Tan, et al, "A first resilient DC-dominated microgrid for mission-critical space applications," IEEE JESTPE, Dec., 2016, pp. 1147-1157 (Invited)



D. Tan and Damir Novosel, "Six basic characteristics of modern power grid," Southern Power System Technology, Vol. 11, No. 10, Oct., 2017, pp. (Invited)

A Fractal Mesh Distribution with SµGs



D. Tan and Damir Novosel, "Six basic characteristics of modern power grid," Southern Power System Technology, Vol. 11, No. 10, Oct., 2017, pp. (Invited)

Transactive Energy Enabled by SµGs



bilateral P2P contract network and substitutability

D. Tan and Damir Novosel, "Six basic characteristics of modern power grid," Southern Power System Technology, Vol. 11, No. 10, Oct., 2017, pp. 1-8 (Invited)

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Technology Advancement and Beyond

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* Data analytics by Deep Learning for renewable forecasting



D. Tan, "Powering smart factories," CATS Panel on Smart Manufacturing, May, 2018 (Invited Keynote) "IBM announces cloud-based enterprise-wide analytics for energy companies," Winder Power Engineering & Development, Feb., 2015

AI Enables Smarter Grid & Asset Cost Deferral

* Big data for asset management and prediction of equipment failure by Deep Learning (99% rate was reported)



Sensors and machine learning allow for by-the-minute adjustments to maximize generation efficiency by adjusting to changes in wind conditions, for example

enabled forecasting anticipates supply and demand peaks, and maximizes the use of intermittent renewable power



Machine learning-

asset portfolios

Smart wires combine with machine learning to enable real-time power dispatching, and optimize it to current grid load and to buildings'



Drones and

insect-size robots

predict failures, and

without interrupting

identify defects.

inspect assets

production





D. Tan, "Powering smart factories," CATS Panel on Smart Manufacturing, May, 2018 (Invited Keynote) "Artificial intelligence: the next digital frontier," Discussion Paper, McKinsey Global Institute, McKinsey & Company,2017

Technology Advancement and Beyond

- Smart meter analytics and flexible demand response: Descriptive, predictive and prescriptive (3P's)
- Load analysis, load forecasting, load management, privacy and cyber security with Deep Learning and Reinforcement Learning



D. Tan, "Structure microgrids: Invaluable assets for grid modernization," IET APSCOM, Nov, 2018 (Invited Opening Keynote)

"How demand response can benefit from the growth in microgrids," OpenADR Alliance Webinar, June 2015

Machine Learning for MW Power Design

* Machine learning for MW power design

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TPES



(a) Overall waveforms. (b) Zoomed-in waveforms.

(b) Turn-off voltage across one IGCT measured at different t Fig. 7. Comparison of the turn-off voltage by experiments and simulations Fig. 21. Two kinds of bus-bar structures in electric traction converter. (a) Conductor-connected bus-bar structure. (b) Laminated bus-bar structure.

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SµGs with Machine Learning for Energy Balance

* AI for grid-scale resiliency, fault management and recovery



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- Energy monitoring
- Fixed rules for energy balancing

- Big data for flexibility and robustness to maximize economic returns
- Machine learning for community demands

SµGs plus AI will enable breakthroughs in grid impedance online self-determination, using a combination of traditional model-based methods with new data-driven analytics

D. Tan, "Powering smart factories," CATS Panel on Smart Manufacturing, May, 2018 (Invited Keynote) B. Cornelusse, "Optimization and machine learning for smart microgrids, "Liege University, Sep., 2017

Work Force Development

Advanced Analytics Throughout the Enterprise: Personas



Citizen Data Scientists / Line of Business / Domain Expert

Business users who have little to no knowledge of analytics but understand the value of data. They need more than Excel and traditional BI tools but are challenged by data prep and visualization.



Line of Business Specialists, Consumer of Data Science

They use analytics for quality control, process monitoring and optimization. They generally have an scientific or engineering background but are not programmers.



Data Scientists / Statisticians

If they are under 30 they call themselves data scientists. Over 30, they call themselves statisticians. Deep understanding of mathematics and statistics. May or may not be programmers.



Experts, Managers, and Executives

These individuals span the spectrum and industries but are generally in charge of applying analytics to run their businesses and make strategic decisions.

Industry 4.0, 5G, and ABC \rightarrow eGrid \rightarrow Large demand on new workforces

D. Tan, "Powering smart factories," CATS Panel on Smart Manufacturing, May, 2018 (Invited Keynote) T. Hill, "Machine learning techniques in manufacturing: applications and caveats," Dell, 2017



TPE:

Technical Performance Excellence