

# Smart microgrids need to be equipped with transformers

Why do we need a smart grid and a microgrid?

The competitive landscape among energy providers and distributors has empowered consumers to not only save money on their energy bills but also incorporate sustainable energy sources into the grid. To efficiently manage electricity distribution, deregulated power systems must include a smart grid and microgrid (MG).

Can solid-state transformers be used in smart grid applications?

Studies show that the various characteristics of solid-state transformers have led to much consideration as potential transformers in smart grid applications, the integration of distributed generation sources, modern traction systems, and so on.

Are microgrids the future of power supply?

The development of microgrids (MGs) and smart grids, as creative alternatives to the traditional power grid structure, has prepared the way for the development of the future of power supply. RE is required because of its multiple benefits, including being an inexhaustible supply of free energy with no emissions.

What is a smart grid?

Smart grid is a relatively new approach to the future of the power system that pursues several goals such as distributed operation and control, stability increase, increasing sustainability and reliability, improving power quality, expanding effective and active loads, and so on.

What is a SST based microgrid?

Hence, SSTs were introduced as an alternative to traditional passive transformers in microgrids. Figure 7 shows the architecture of a SST-based microgrid, in which the SST provides three interfaces to the system (primary, secondary, and DC side). Roughly, the SST acts as a three-port power router.

What are the applications of SST in the future smart grid?

Moreover, another application of SST in the future smart grid is its use as a tool for measuring high current and voltage, such as current transformers (CT) and potential transformers (PT), and can lead to more accurate and real-time measurements, and on the other hand, can lead to the integration of equipment in the form of SST structure.

**DESCRIPTION** The notion of a "smart grid" results from the pressing need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and replace the conventional power system with cutting-edge ICT infrastructures.

A smart transformer (ST) is a power-electronics-based transformer, adopting advanced control and communication technologies aiming not only to adapt the voltage level from MV to LV grids, but also to provide ...

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A hybrid transformer is a combination of a conventional transformer and power electronics, which can be used to help alleviate power quality issues in distribution networks at ...

microgrid should be equipped with a voltage-based droop control strategy which reacts on the voltage change, making the Smart Transformer an element that controls power exchange without

The voltage based control of a Smart Transformer allows the control of active power flow between a utility grid and a microgrid at the point of common coupling (PCC). This ...

A smart transformer enables to control the power exchange between a microgrid and the utility network by controlling the voltage at the microgrid side within certain limits.

main power grid, microgrids equipped with solid-state transformers can provide localized power supply during grid outages[21]. Challenges in Implementing Microgrids in Solid State Transformers While microgrids with solid-state transformers offer numerous benefits, there are several challenges to consider in their implementation.

sustainability Article A Multi-Market-Driven Approach to Energy Scheduling of Smart Microgrids in Distribution Networks Jingpeng Yue 1,\*, Zhijian Hu 1,\*, Amjad Anvari-Moghaddam 2 and Josep M. Guerrero 2 1 School of Electrical Engineering and Automation, Wuhan University, Wuhan 430047, China 2 Department of Energy Technology, Aalborg University, 9220 Aalborg, ...

As said before, the solid-state transformer (SST) is offered as a tool to meet the requirements of the smart grid. Solid-state transformers are comprised of three primary parts: converter to produce high-frequency AC ...

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1) Grid: the main power grid that the MG can connect to or disconnect from. 2) Distribution lines: these lines connect the grid to various buses in the MG system. 3) ...

A decentralized optimal power flow model, considering the multiport coordinated control strategy of PET, for running autonomous AC/DC hybrid microgrids, and the simulation results verify the correctness and effectiveness of the proposed model. In the AC/DC hybrid microgrids equipped with power electronic transformer (PET), different AC grids and DC ...

This paper addresses the islanding operation under the multi-microgrid framework, considering that the smart transformer with a three-stage configuration (AC/DCDC/DC-DC/AC) is replacing the traditional low-frequency transformer in some secondary substations. The control strategies are described for coordinating the ST inverters with the ...

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IMPACT OF SOLID -STATE TRANSFORMERS IN SMART GRIDS AND MICROGRIDS Sergio Coelho 1\*, Jose Cunha 1, ... As discussed in the previous section, the clustering of strategic consumers into microgrids is primarily driven by the need to reconcile periods of high demand and production (Rangarajan et al., 2023) . Ideally, each Solar PV Power Generic

A smart transformer (ST) based meshed hybrid distribution network is realized by extending ST low voltage dc (LVDC) link to form a LVDC line which connects dc buses of existing distributed ...

This paper reviews the most relevant works to establish a baseline for advancing and developing smart transformer-based meshed hybrid microgrids and energy management systems. First, ...

The distributed generation units in the microgrid should be equipped with a voltage-based droop control strategy which reacts on the voltage change, making the Smart Transformer an element that ...

According to the findings and conclusions, it is considered that smart transformers-based meshed hybrid microgrids operated by an optimal energy management system under uncertainty are a ...

The rest of the paper is organized as follows: Section 2 begins with detailed specification of microgrid, based on owner ship and its essentials. Section 3 specifies the architectural model of future smart grid. Section 4 presents an overview of function of smart grid components including interface components, control of generation units, control of storage ...

The thyristor based Smart Transformer at the PCC enables faster switching and minimizes the arcing problems

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of a normal on-load tap changing transformer. The distributed generation ...

Furthermore, the power flow controllers which have been used in state of the art literature to control the power flow in different network levels and various system configurations are the back to back converter, the static synchronous series compensator (SSSC), the distributed static synchronous series compensator (DSSSC), the smart transformer, the unified ...

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