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Introduction



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Hierarchy of Electric Power System HV Transmission to LV Distribution







Landscape of Players & Actors Deregulation Vs Re-regulation





Landscape of Players & Actors Focus on Network Operations

Transmission System Operator (TSO)

Distribution System Operators (DSO) ➤ What they do?

- ≻ How they do it?
- How they interact with others?

in both current and futuristic scenarios



Network Operation Nowadays



Network Operation Transmission & Distribution

- Transmission
 - Centralized approach (EMS)
 - Meshed topology for additional reliability
 - Objectives:
 - Security of supply: voltage, angle, frequency stabilities
 - Failures can lead to blackout

Distribution

- Centralized (DMS) & decentralized (Substation or further down the hierarchy) approaches
- Mostly radial topology for costs reduction
- Objectives:
 - Reliability (SAIDI, CALDI, etc.)
 - Power quality
- Failures lead to local outages











Frequency Reserves How TSOs keep real-time balance of supply & demand



Principle frequency deviation and subsequent activation of reserves

Source: entso-e Operation Handbook

entso-e: European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity (former UCTE)

Challenges from Renewables



Challenges from Wind Energy # 1 Unpredictability





Challenges from Wind Energy # 2 Intermittency Daily Normalized Wind Output 0.5



In the "business-as-usual" case wind production could become bigger than total demand => Zero or negative prices in some markets

- Very often producing during night time: low demand!!!



Challenges from Distributed Generation Change of Flow Pattern



In the "business-as-usual" case this would lead to higher losses and voltage excursion at specific locations of the network



Possible Remedies



Power Balancing using HVDC Grids Imbalance Netting



- Imbalances resulting from forecast errors can be exchanged between the different nodes with a MT-VSC-HVDC setup
- One possible scenario:
 - Actual wind output is higher than forecast => surplus
 - Other areas can have deficits at the same time
 - MT-HVDC can be used for realtime power balancing (see animation)
- System imbalances can be reduced:
 - Enhanced system security
 - Reduced use of other reserves
- Better benefits with higher number of nodes => HVDC Grid



Wind Integration using Energy Storage Capacity Firming



One possible application of energy storage for wind energy integration is to firm the daily output capacity of the wind facility. This is equivalent to maximizing its daily minimum power output. This can reduce intermittency of wind energy and render the wind farm more like a traditional dispatchable generation plant.

Firmed Capacity (kW)





DG Integration using Demand Response Load Shifting



- With industrial DSM (Demand Side Management) one can shift the peak load to low demand period(s) for "peak shaving" or to adjust the load curve to fit the output of DG
- This can be motivated either by financial or technical objectives
- In a regulated regime or vertically integrated environment the network operator will manage the demand response directly
- In a deregulated regime the industrial plant operator can participate into the markets either directly or through a demand response aggregator (see animation)



System Services Provision from MicroGrids Frequency Reserves



- MicroGrids can operate in islanded mode in case of faults in the main grid
- More often they are connected to the main grid
- Within the same MicroGrid controller one can implement the functionality to provide frequency reserves
- Distribution grids start to provide system services for the TSO

=> a natural tendency because of the increase of distributed generation

MicroGrid Controller (DNO)



Pilot Projects



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Example Pilot Projects – Distribution Networks Involving ABB Corporate Research



Transmission Networks EU Supergrid - Desertec



- A vision to help alleviate the world energy crisis
- Connect wind energy in the north and solar energy (CSP-Concentrated Solar Plant) in the south (MENA) for different load centers in central EU
- An "Electricity Highway" or "Supergrid" using a HVDC backbone is proposed

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