

Distributed Generation: Operation and Control Problems – Asian and Australian Experience

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INTRODUCTION

At present, distributed generation is gaining progressive acceptance virtually in all countries of the world. The key advantages of distributed generation are believed to be reduction of CO₂ emissions, enhancement of efficiency and rational energy use, diversification of energy resources, improvement of power supply reliability for consumers, and others. At the same time many types of distributed generation, in particular those of renewable energy sources, are very expensive so far. The operation of distributed generators jointly with electric power systems can cause some engineering problems; the issues of dispatching and control of distributed generation have been studied insufficiently as yet, etc.

Many countries have already accumulated wealth of experience in using distributed generation. The main economic and legislative problems are successfully solved in terms of the national specific features. However, many technical characteristic properties of integrating distributed generation into electric power systems, control of distributed generators in normal and fault conditions remain topical. These problems are as follows:

- Communications and control infrastructure for distributed power grid control,
- Demand side management and customer choice in distributed power grids,
- Information technologies for distribution generation automation,
- Internet tools for improved controls and operation of distributed power systems,

- Protection algorithms for islanding and security.

The task of the Panel Session is to discuss the experience of Asian countries and Australia in solving the mentioned problems of using distributed generation.

The Panelists and Titles of their Presentations are:

1. *Nikolai I. Voropai, Dmitry N. Efimov D.N. (Energy Systems Institute, Irkutsk, Russia). Operation and Control Problems of Power Systems with Distributed Generation (Invited Panel Presentation Summary 09GM1097).*
2. *Minnan Wang and Jin Zhong (The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China). Development of Distributed Generation in China (Invited Panel Presentation Summary 09GM0698).*
3. *Michael Negnevitsky (School of Engineering, University of Tasmania, Tasmania, Australia). Distributed Generation: Australian Experience (Invited Panel Discussion).*
4. *Takao Shinji (Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd., Kanagawa-ken, Japan), Akihiko Yokoyama (Graduate School of Frontier Sciences, The University of Tokyo, Chiba, Japan), and Yasuhiro Hayashi (Graduate School of Electrical and Electronics Engineering University of Fukui, Fukui-shi, Japan), Distributed Generation in Japan (Invited Panel Presentation Summary 09GM1404).*
5. *Xuehao Hu (China Electric Power Research Institute (CEPRI), Beijing, China). Current Status, main Barriers and Future Prospect of Distributed Generation in China (Invited Panel Discussion).*
6. *Chengshan Wang, Li Guo, Shouxiang Wang (School of Electrical Engineering and Automation, Tianjin*

- University, Tianjin, China), Bing Wang, Xiaochen Wu and Yufeng Hu (China Southern Power Grid, Technology and Research Center, Guangzhou, China). The Design Experience of a CCHP Microgrid in China (Invited Panel Presentation Summary 09GM0660).
7. Ming Ding (School of Electric Engineering and Automation, Hefei University of Technology, Hefei, China) and Yusheng Xue (Nanjing Automation Research Institute, Nanjing, China). The Researches and Developments of Distributed Generation in China (Invited Panel Presentation Summary 09GM1014).
 8. Junichi Arai, Shuichiro Yamazaki, and Motohisa Ishikawa (Department of Electrical Engineering, Kogakuin University, Tokyo, Japan), and Toshiyuki Ito (Solution Technology Department, Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd., Tokyo, Japan). Study on a New Power Control of Distributed Generation in an Isolated Microgrid (Invited Panel Presentation Summary 09GM0560).
 9. Hiromu Kobayashi and Ikuo Kurihara (Central Research Institute of Electric Power Industry, Tokyo, Japan). Research and Development of Grid Integration of Distributed Generation in Japan (Invited Panel Presentation Summary 09GM1321).
 10. Seung-Ill Moon (School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea). Experience and Prospect of Wind Power Generation in Korea: Jeju Island Case (Invited Panel Presentation Summary 09GM1288).
 11. Subrata Mukhopadhyay (IEEE PES GovBrd Member) and Bhim Singh (Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, India). Distributed Generation - Basic Policy, Perspective Planning, and Achievement so far in India (Invited Panel Presentation Summary 09GM0661).

Each Panelist will speak for approximately 20 minutes. Each presentation will be discussed immediately following the respective presentation. There will be a further opportunity for discussion of the presentations following the final presentation.

The Panel Session has been organized by Nikolai Voropai (Director, Energy Systems Institute, Irkutsk, Russia) and Tom Hammons (Chair of International Practices for Energy Development and Power Generation IEEE, University of Glasgow, UK).

Tom Hammons and Nikolai Voropai will moderate the Panel Session.

INVITED PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Michael Negnevitsky (School of Engineering, University of Tasmania, Tasmania, Australia). Distributed Generation: Optimal Placement and Protection Issues.

Abstract—This panel discussion discusses issues associated with distributed generation (DG) such as optimal placement and protection. It also presents results of a study based on the Tasmanian distribution system conducted by the University of Tasmania, Queensland University of Technology and Aurora Energy, Australia. Sizing and placement of the DG are optimized for improving voltage support in distribution networks. The presentation also discusses some practical considerations limiting the wide spread DG introduction. It identifies problems faced by existing protection systems. These include coordination issues associated with the protection operation due to a fault on adjacent circuit (the reversed power flow of the DG may cause protection of a non-faulted feeder to trip before the faulted feeder is isolated), coordination issues associated with the reduction of fault sensitivity (the DG installation reduces fault current contributed by the major source, and thus results in the reduction of fault current seen by upstream protective devices), etc.

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Xuehao Hu (China Electric Power Research Institute, Beijing 100192, China). Current Status, Main Barriers and Future Prospect of Distributed Generation in China.

Abstract: Recently, decentralized generation as Distributed Generation (DG) or Distributed Energy Resources (DER), usually adopting Combined Cooling, Heat and Power (CCHP) mode, is growing fast in some countries in the world, especially in the United States, Japan and some European countries. DG (or DER) has aroused more and more concern in China. In this presentation, the current status of DG development in China is introduced, focusing on the CCHP projects with gas turbine, internal combustion engine and micro-turbine using natural gas, biomass energy generation

using marsh gas (or methane) and solar energy photovoltaic generation. Then, the main barriers in the application of DG are described, including economic and high efficient utilization of energy resources, fuel supply, energy policy, grid integration, environment protection issues, power market and technical supporting tools. Finally, the future development prospect of DG in China is analyzed.

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