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PHD STUDENT PROJECT

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Project details

Supervisory Team:

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Subject Group: Cyber Security and System Engineering

Research Areas: Energy Technologies, Electrical Engineering, Electronic Engineering

Project Title: Developing a coordinated control for hybrid ac/dc microgrids with renewable sources-battery storage under dynamic generation and load conditions

Project description:

Due to the ongoing high penetration of renewable energy sources into the grid, the energy landscape is going through a major transformation. Since many small-scale renewable energy sources are built near the load points, the requirement of decentralized microgrid control is inevitable. To facilitate that several studies are reported in the literature in recent years. In [1], a wind/hydrogen/supercapacitor hybrid power system was proposed to coordinate different sources to make the power injected into the grid controllable. However, the dynamic load changes were not considered. In several works, [2-4] hybrid ac/dc microgrid that can operate in grid-tied or islanded modes were proposed. Although the presented control mechanisms are efficient, fluctuating natures of renewable sources were ignored for the simplicity of the designed algorithm. Recently, some research efforts have been made to develop more advanced energy management strategies. For example, energy management and control systems are developed for AC/DC

hybrid microgrids [5-6]. Despite their effectiveness, more optimized control mechanisms can be developed using metaheuristic algorithms. Designing coordinated controls for the microgrid is still an open problem due to numerous operating variables are being involved. Thus, there are many opportunities to do innovative research and develop control mechanisms depending on different scenarios and operating conditions.

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Candidate characteristics

Education:

A second class honour degree or equivalent qualification in Electrical and Electronic Engineering

Subject knowledge:

- Control Engineering;
- Renewable Energy

Essential attributes:

- Modelling in Simulink;
- Matlab Coding;
- Control System Design

Desirable attributes:

- Prior experience in PV system Design; Grid-connected energy storage System design