Resilient and self-healing power distribution networks



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Next generation power distribution networks





Ad hoc Micro-grids for emerging regions

- Zero Energy Buildings: More electric aircrafts: Singapore BCA US Air Force initiative
- Proliferation of power electronics based energy processing
- AC/DC Hybrid networks interfacing various voltage domains
- Local and distributed energy generation and storage systems
- New types of load dynamics and challenging mission profiles
- Easily expandable and flexible network circuits
- Multi-tier controllability and re-configurability
- Multi-tier advanced diagnostics and prognostics

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Multi-tier advanced diagnostics and prognostics enable

- Self-healing and fault tolerance at each tier
- Easy and intelligent maintenance
- Increased power networks availability and safety
- In-depth observability
- Peace of mind

Approaches for fault diagnostics and prognostics range from analytical models to artificial intelligence and statistics.

Tool box for quantitative model-based fault diagnosis include:

- State estimators: open-loop and closed loop
 - Adaptive and diagnostic observers
 - Parameter estimators

Rendezvous of multi-tier diagnostics, prognostics and control system for Resiliency and Self-healing



Emerging power distribution networks consist of power electronics-enabled-multiple energy subsystems

- Fault diagnostics, prognostics and remediation at each energy subsystem tier through local sensing, computing and actuation capabilities of power electronics
- Locally processed data collection at central cloud through communication capabilities of power electronics for system-tier fault management System-tier reconfigurable control policy, subsystem-tier hardware and analytical redundancy for resiliency and self-healing



Challenges and opportunities

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- Full optimized digital implementation of the model-based algorithms on fast digital platforms, such as, SoCs and FPGAs
- Performance-based analysis of diagnostics and prognostics algorithms
- Fault remediation through reconfigurable control policy
- Integration of optimized hardware redundancy
- Quantitative measure of system dependability with and without model based multi-tier advanced diagnostics and prognostics

Opportunities

- Very high level of dependability in power distribution networks
- Active fault management at multiple tier.
- Smart operation and maintenance
- Fault-tolerant design

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