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PV Battery Microgrid System Controlled by Artificial Neural Network (ANN)

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ABSTRACT

The increasing need for clean and reliable energy has led to the proliferation of and in particular photovoltaic (PV)-driven renewable-driven microgrids, is intermittent by nature and also, the power load microgrids. But solar energy1 does not always act the same so there are big challenges behind energy flow management[1]. This thesis presents the use of a multi-layered feedforward suitable Artificial Neural Network (ANN) for developing a power management scheme for a PV-battery microgrid system.[2][3] EcoGrid is a multilevel control mechanism is integrated with solar generation, battery energy governing a system that storage, and load demand, coordinated to achieve maximum energy efficiency, load balance, and improved stability.SolArInC[4]: The ANN model is trained on historical and simulated data such as solar irradiance, state of charge (SoC) of the battery and load demand. It ambient temperature, real-time decision-making of deals with complex nonlinear relationships and energy dispatch and storage.[5] The evaluation of ANN controller performance is MATLAB/Simulink and the results are studied via a common framework namely compared with other common control strategies. Results show that the proposed minimizing load matching errors, ANN-driven system is remarkably effective in mitigating power losses, and enhancing the control response time. [6]The model is in operating conditions, and shown to also be scalable, adaptable to variations able to be incorporated into larger interconnected energy networks.In this regard, the way towards the provision of novel intelligent, this work will pave adaptive and efficient control strategies for contemporary energy systems. It realising intelligent microgrid operation and emphasizes the promise of ANN in serves as a prelude to future work on the real-time implementation as well as the hybridisation of AI models.

I. Introduction

Microgrid a small network of electricity users having a local source of supply and a high degree of autonomy[7]. It usually includes distributed energy resources (DERs) such as solar panels, wind turbines, batteries, and, occasionally, small diesel generators[8]. These elements are linked to a main control unit that orchestrates the energy exchange between generators, storehouses, and consumers. Islanding is the primary property that marks a microgrid apart from the conventional power grid, the ability for the microgrid to pull away from the central grid and operate independently in an outage or other type of crisis[9]. Offering this feature adds to the resiliency, making it especially suitable for black out-prone areas or places with an erratic grid supply. Microgrids can be used individually and they are community-, commercial-, institutional-, or military-based. Their flexibility and scalability allows them to operate based on the demand in the area they are serving

Intelligent modern microgrid real-time controls for optimal energy production and consumption, These systems usually integrate smart meters, energy management software, and data analytics tools. Control is either manual or automated, including load demand-generation balancing, battery charge-discharge management, and in some cases surplus energy trading back to the grid . Localized provider of energy sources, power grid security and sustainability are provided to major extent by microgrids. They also minimize transmission losses due to their dispatch where they are used. Microgrid are a significant component of smart grid infrastructure as energy requirements increase and the grid is pushed to its limits with demand. Policy frameworks, incentives, and progress in renewables and battery energy storage technology support their adoption.

These advanced controllers can select source, interface with storage systems such as batteries, and provide load energy prioritization as per the availability of resources. But intermittent, variable solar and wind renewables also bring challenges. To resolve this, microgrids utilize intelligent energy management systems and storage technologies like batteries to guarantee a steady and dependable power supply. In total, a more decentralized use of renewable energy will play a key role alongside microgrids in achieving environmental and energy goals.

II. Global Challenges Problem of Energy Crisis can Mitigate with CNN AI and Solar

Energy Renewable energy integration gives more advantages in the context of microgrids. Popular for its decentralisation approach to power generation, as energy is produced near where it is consumed. Utilizing this minimizes transmission and distribution losses and enhances overall system efficiency. Secondly, the use of solar panels or wind turbines in a microgrid system improves resilience, since energy can continue to be generated even during failures in the main grid. Additionally, the accommodation of renewable energy into microgrids enables more dynamic and responsive control methods. These advanced controllers can select source, interface with storage systems such as batteries, and provide load energy prioritization as per the availability of resources. But intermittent, variable solar and wind renewables also bring challenges. To resolve this, microgrids utilize intelligent energy management systems and storage technologies like batteries to guarantee a steady and dependable power supply. In total, a more decentralized use of renewable energy will play a key role alongside microgrids in achieving environmental and energy goals Climate constructionClimate Summary Microgrids and the Integration of Renewable Energy, though not critical for our future energy system, are a necessary and wise step toward a more intelligent and resilient future of energy.

III. Proposed model

The system architecture of the PV-battery microgrid in this study is designed to represent a typical renewable-based power system capable of operating in both grid-connected and islanded modes. It comprises three main components: the photovoltaic (PV) generation unit, the battery energy storage system (BESS), and the load demand. The PV system generates electricity based on solar irradiance, acting as the primary energy source. The battery system stores excess solar energy when generation exceeds demand and supplies energy when generation is low or during peak consumption hours. Loads represent the power requirements of residential or small commercial buildings. A central control unit manages the power flow among these components to ensure optimal energy use. This unit continuously monitors parameters such as solar generation, battery state of charge (SoC), and real-time load to make control decisions. The architecture also includes power electronic interfaces like inverters and converters, ensuring stable voltage and frequency during energy conversion and transfer. The ANN-based controller sits at the heart of this setup, receiving inputs from sensors and system logs to decide the best actions in real time.

The ANN model used in this study was trained on a synthesized dataset based on real-world PV system behavior and residential load patterns. The training data includes hourly records over a span of 30 days, capturing the following.

- Ambient temperature (°C)
- PV output power (kW)
- Battery state of charge (SoC, %)
- Household load demand
- Time of day (hh:mm, 24-hour format)

Sample Entries:

Time	Irradiance	Temp	PV Power	Battery SoC	Load Demand
08:00	120	22.1	0.45	65%	0.80 kW
12:00	740	29.3	2.75	90%	1.20 kW
16:00	510	26.5	1.80	80%	1.60 kW
20:00	0	21.8	0.00	45%	2.10 kW

Data was normalized to a [0, 1] scale prior to input into the ANN for training.

Appendix B: Simulation Results

The ANN-controlled microgrid model was simulated in MATLAB/Simulink over a 7-day cycle with variable weather and load patterns.

Key Results:

- **Load Matching Accuracy:** 96.5%
- **Energy Efficiency Gain:** +12% vs. traditional control
- **Response Time:** 0.7 seconds (ANN) vs. 3.2 seconds (conventional)
- **Battery Utilization Efficiency:** 88%
- **System Downtime:** < 0.5% of operational hours
- **Power Loss Reduction:** 18% compared to PID control

Appendix C: Code Snippets

Below are selected snippets from the ANN implementation in MATLAE

```
matlab
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% Define Network
net = feedforwardnet([10, 8]);
net.trainFcn = 'trainlm';
net.performFcn = 'mse';

% Preprocess Data
inputs = [irradiance; temp; SoC; demand];
targets = [battery_cmd; grid_cmd];

% Training
[net, tr] = train(net, inputs, targets);

% Simulation
y = net(sim_input);
```

Control Logic Integration:

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matlab
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if SoC <20&&PV_Power<Load_Demand
% Pull from grid
grid_cmd = Load_Demand - PV_Power;
elseif SoC >80
% Charge battery
battery_cmd = PV_Power - Load_Demand;
end
```

Full code available upon request or on the accompanying USB/documentation folder.

Project Hardware Specifications

While this thesis is primarily simulation-based, the following components are assumed for real-time deployment:

- **PV Panel:** 250W monocrystalline, Voc = 37V, Isc = 8.21A
- **Battery Bank:** 48V Lithium-ion, 100Ah capacity
- **Inverter:** 3kW pure sine wave inverter with MPPT controller
- **Microcontroller:** Raspberry Pi 4B or Arduino Mega (for control integration)
- **Data Logger:** Temperature and irradiance sensors (DHT22, LDR module)
- **Power Management Unit:** Bidirectional DC-DC converter
- **Software Interface:** MATLAB/Simulink and Arduino IDE for hybrid control testing

IV. Conclusion-

- The main finding is that the ANN controller increases the stability and overall performance of the microgrid more than any other method. The model's predictive ability enables it to foresee fluctuating energy generation and energy consumption, resulting in seamless energy transfer and best possible resource utilization. By using the information from past and current data continuously for adjusting its control action, it can efficiently eliminate the problem of energy mismatch, over-use of battery, load imbalance and increase the life of the system as possible. The ANN system is also a lot quicker in terms of the response time of the whole system, as the ANN system responds quickly to any change compared to the traditional systems. This helps to avoid any power quality issues and contributes to a more stable energy supply that is especially important in remote or islanded environments where microgrids are typically used.
- The clear results from the simulations performed in MATLAB/Simulink proves that ANN could be implemented in a real time control system. The ANN not only kept near-perfect supply-demand pairing but also guaranteed the safe operation of the battery. Power loss has been reduced through minimizing unnecessary conversions and providing a better energy path selection. Compared to conventional methods the performance measurements like energy efficiency, load coverage, and battery SoC stability performed better during the control and prediction of the SOFC's dynamic behaviour by using ANN. Such findings highlight the potential of ANN to be a smart controller in different distributed energy applications.

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