An Energy Internet Platform for Sensor-driven Transactive Energy Applications

Invited Talk

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What is the Energy Internet?

The Internet allows information to flow to anyone from anywhere.

The Energy Internet is a vast network that will allow efficient distribution of electricity to anyone and from anywhere.

EI will utilize smart sensors, ICT technologies and algorithms to facilitate power supply in real-time, enhance storage applications, and integrate renewable energy into the grid.
Energy Internet is an online marketplace that transacts in energy (One-to-One, One-to-Many and Many-to-One)

O-to-O: Between individual users for bilateral transactions
O-to-M: One electric utility sells to Many customers
M-to-O: Many customers sell to One electric utility

But in the Energy Internet:

All transactions must be done in real-time
All network constraints must be met
Vision of the Future Grid

Supply: Efficient, Reliable, Compatible and Resilient

Equipment: Versatile, Self-healing

Customer: Flexible, Intelligent, Interactive and Accountable

Electricity Transmission

Electricity Production and Storage

Energy flow

Data flow

Business flow

Adapted from: SGCC
Mapping the Energy Internet into the Future Grid

Source: SGCC
Energy Transaction in a Future Power System

Future power system integrated with modern information technology

Source: SGCC
Future Power System: Pathway to Energy Internet

New generation power system

- Extensive & interconnected
- Smart & interactive
- Secure & controllable
- Flexible & resilient
- Open & sharing

Source: SGCC
Functions of the Energy Internet
Key Technologies of the Energy Internet

1. Intelligent sensor and terminals
2. Communication network architecture
3. IoT platform
4. Information security

Holographic perception
Ubiquitous connectivity
Integrated innovation

Challenges
Comprehensive state perception

Efficient information transmission
Easy and flexible application

Source: SGCC

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The ICT Framework

Source: P. Siano
Field Implementation

Control Devices
- Load control switches
- Smart thermostats
- Other controls integrated into EMS/EIS

Monitoring Systems
- EMS Software
- Custom database
- Sensors & controls
- EIS Software
- Interval Meters
- Data Gateways

Communication Systems
- Land Line
- Radio
- Power Line
- Internet

Source: P. Siano
Basic Transactive Energy Process

'Sell'
I have 6 kWh to sell between 13:00-14:00 @ 3 tokens/kWh

'Buy'
I want to buy 5 kWh between 13:00-14:00 @ 4 tokens/kWh

'DSO'
The Reserve Price between 13:00-14:00 @ 8 tokens/kWh

'Buy'
I want to buy 5 kWh between 13:00-14:00 @ 4 tokens/kWh

'Send Bidding'
09Nov19-13:00
Sent @ 12:01

'Close Bidding'
09Nov19-13:00
Sent @ 12:59

Exchange of Excess PV Output
Small Scale Realization of EI

Source: www.bemcontrols.com
Focus: Top develop & pilot an Energy Internet platform that provides higher efficiency, cost reduction, and energy insights for both utilities and end-customers by leveraging

1) Existing IoT/smART devices in homes
2) Blockchain/distributed ledger/related technology to execute smart contracts and maintain records of all transactions

Source: www.bemcontrols.com
Roof-top Solar Photovoltaics
Participants

- Prosumers
- DSO
- DER Owners
- Building Owners

Resources: Community battery storage, Distribution-scale solar PV, Energy stored in EVs
Energy Transaction in a Microgrid

Prosumers

Homeowners

Consumers

DSO

Blockchain network

Microgrid

Blockchain network
Active controllers enable customers to adjust their energy consumption depending to price changes.

Transactive controllers represent the most promising evolution for energy users aiming at participating in Local Energy Markets since they allow both prosumers and active users to make bids considering the real time price of electrical energy and their own energy requirements.
Open source software platform: www.bemoss.org
WiseBldg is a commercial software platform, www.bemcontrols.com
Building Energy Management

These signals enter the house through a **Home Gateway**.

*Distributed Load Control with an Energy Management System (via Utility or Aggregators)*

Source: P. Siano
Energy Internet Value Proposition

- **WiseBldg**
  - Building Energy Management
  - Commercial Open Architecture Software Platform
  - Monitor and Control energy systems (HVAC, lighting, plug loads)
  - Extendible to solar PV systems in micro-grid environments.
  - Help buildings participate in Demand Response programs through OpenADR

- **WiseMrkt**
  - Local Energy Market
  - Immutable, secure record of P2P and Negawatt trading transactions
  - Proprietary bidding algorithms to maximize participants’ utility from trading
  - Automated transactions governed by smart contracts executed in near real-time (1 hour ahead)

- **WiseGrid**
  - Microgrid Energy Management
  - Monitor and Control energy resources in Microgrid (battery storage, PVs, other DERs)
  - Create programs and involve customers in the energy consumption, generation, and management process
  - Demand Response
  - Data analytics & energy insights applicable to local communities

**The Energy Internet**

Homeowners, utilities, microgrids and other distributed energy resource owners can:

- **Transact** on a trusted common platform
- **Fully integrate** building control into P2P and negawatt trading contexts
- **Harness the value of demand response initiatives** and microgrid-level PV production while maintaining comfort of individual buildings

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