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Synopsis

Worldwide electrical grids are expecting to become flexible in the next future. In this sense, there is an increasing interest in microgrids able to operate in island or connected to the grid. A microgrid can be defined as a part of the grid with elements of prime energy movers, power electronics converters, distributed energy storage systems and local loads, that can operate autonomously but also interacting with main grid. The functionalities expected for these small grids are: black start operation, frequency and voltage stability, active and reactive power flow. In this presentation, a review of the droop control method and beyond applied to flexible microgrids will be introduced. Examples of real microgrids in the world will be presented and analyzed. Finally, the hierarchical control and the energy management of flexible microgrids will be discussed.

About the Speaker

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