

Microgrid Detailed Design Case Study

What can we learn from grid-connected microgrids case studies?

One of the biggest lessons learned from conducting grid-connected microgrids case studies was the process of transitioning research tools to case study can be inefficient and prone to error, especially by modelers not trained in the intricacies of co-optimization and microgrid design.

What are the objectives of a microgrid?

Microgrids, such as the one in this case study (C1), need a clear objective, the definition of market participants, and the form of energy traded defined. Microgrids can pursue several, often conflicting objectives, such as the increase of the security of energy supply or the integration of local renewable generation into the energy supply system.

What are the research prospects for a microgrid?

Finally, future research prospects in long-term low-cost energy storage, power/energy balancing, and stability control, are emphasized. 1. Introduction A microgrid is a power grid that gathers distributed renewable energy sources and promotes local consumption of renewable energies .

What is a microgrid use case?

In this project, two microgrid use cases were explored. The first - intended for utilization by the city's emergency management office - provided resilient and low-cost energy to a large emergency shelter, a grocery store, bank, pharmacy, and maintenance facility for machines which repair dikes and levees throughout New Orleans.

What are the value propositions of microgrid business models?

Analysis of the case studies shows that microgrid business models are still diverse and offer numerous value propositions to hosts. California projects report value propositions of renewable energy integration, resiliency, bill and demand charge savings, and a reduction in carbon footprint.

What technical challenges did the microgrids project face?

Similar technical challenges were explored by the European Union MICROGRIDS project such as energy management, safe islanding and re-connection practices, protection equipment, control strategies under islanded and connected scenarios, and communications protocols .

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