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The development trend of microgrid in the United States



Overview

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The development of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Microgrid Program Strategy started around December 2020. The purpose was to define strategic research and development (R&D) areas for the DOE Office of Electricity (OE) Microgrids R&D (MGRD) Program to support its vision and accomplish its goals. The overarching vision for the Strategy and .

A microgrid, regarded as one of the cornerstones of the future smart grid, uses distributed generations and information technology to create a widely distributed automated energy delivery network. This paper presents a review of the microgrid concept, classification and control strategies.

This paper reviews major federal, state, and utility-level policies driving microgrid development in the United States. Representative U.S. demonstration projects are selected and their technical characteristics and non-technical features are introduced. The paper discusses trends in the technology development of microgrid systems as well as .

Conduct comprehensive literature review of U.S. microgrid development in the recent decade. • Discuss U.S. progress on microgrid policies, demonstration projects, control methods, and software tools. • Summarize key successful experience of U.S. microgrid development. Does the US have a role in developing remote microgrids?

The United States Agency for International Development has also taken advantage of DOE-developed expertise in their remote microgrid work in Africa¹, Haiti², and other rural and remote communities, which has provided valuable insight on technical, regulatory, and procedural rollout of microgrids in the United States.

Why are microgrids becoming more popular in the United States?

Microgrids have become increasingly popular in the United States. About 34% of the world's microgrid projects are located in the United States and North America area – drivers for this fast growth could include the country's aging electricity megagrid and end-use customers' increasing desire for greater security and reliability .

How does government support microgrids?

Support for microgrids comes from research and development (R&D) programs at federal and state levels, software and tools, grants and funding support to incentivize demonstration projects, and tax and financial incentives for the installation of distributed energy , , , .

Where does microgrid development take place?

While the federal programs described above were the main engine of early U.S. microgrid research and development, there has always been significant activity at the state and local levels—often arising from self-generation projects, typically at large commercial, campus, medical, or industrial sites.

What are the trends in microgrid software development?

Microgrid software comparison. In general, U.S. microgrid tools development has demonstrated some trends. First, microgrid simulation has evolved from traditional power system-based simulation and optimization to comprehensive power and thermal energy integration modeling.

What drives microgrid development?

The driving forces in microgrid development at the state and local levels include renewable energy requirements as reflected in renewable portfolio standards (RPS) in 29 states and Washington, DC; renewable portfolio goals in eight states; and increasing concerns regarding power system resilience due to growing extreme climate events [38, 39, 40].

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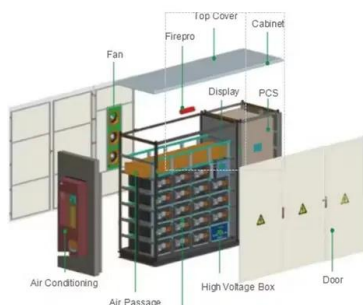
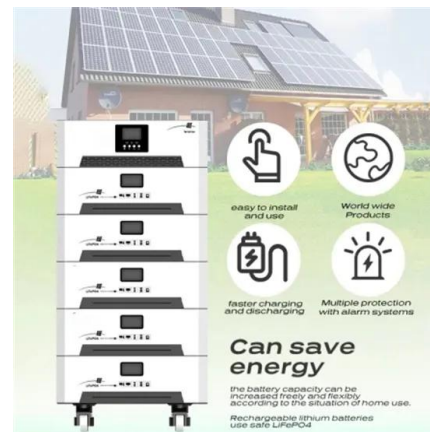


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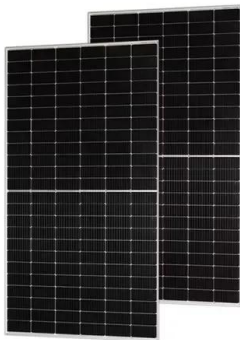


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