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PXiSE Advanced Control Technology (ACT)

"Advanced Grid Control Success Story"

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PXiSE Advanced Control Technology (ACT): Joint technology development between Sempra Energy & OSIsoft





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A superior, innovative alternative to traditional power systems control

- The electric grid is transforming, thereby creating new and changing grid operation challenges which PXiSE ACT has been designed to solve
- PXiSE ACT, a high-speed and precision electric control solution, can stabilize the renewable-based grids, and improve efficiency of poorly coordinated energy resources, applicable from behind-the-meters, to utilities, and regional grids

PXiSE ACT is a software-based control solution, with 7 licensed and 4 pending patents, specifically designed to manage the increasingly variable, less predictable supply & demand dynamics of the modern & future electric grid

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Solving the electric grid challenges of the century

Mission

A solution is needed to offer the most advanced control for the modern power grid to improve operational efficiencies and enable additional intermittent generation resources to be added to the grid



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Traditional control technology is slow, coordinates resources poorly, and involves longer more complicated integration & maintenance

- Slow sampling rate
- Inadequate local "droop controls"
- Resources poorly coordinated
- Expensive proprietary hardware, complex and lengthy field integration & maintenance

Solutions

An advanced solution that uses readily available but underutilized high-speed phasor data and advanced control algorithms to effectively control energy resources

- Fast data from existing relays
- Adopted real-time advanced control technologies
- Built-in proven data platform
- Hardware agnostic, fast & simple integration & maintenance

Value Propositions

Such solution can offer tailored value proposition:

- Owner operator / utility / ISO addresses challenges stemming from renewables/DERs penetration
- Utility-scale renewables / large DERs – the above, plus competitive price point and fast field integration to accelerate project implementation
- Microgrids / end users coordinates many diverse resources to improve utilization and reliability

Existing island grid operation reached limits

Problem #1 (Sub-optimal Operating Efficiency of Energy Assets)

Problem #2 (Inability to integrate high % renewables and DERs)

Under-frequency load-shed events

Not able to achieve economic dispatch, and

frequent wind energy curtailment at night

Transition to higher % renewable stalled



Successful outcome and summarized results



Improved efficiency of generating resources and reliability of electric system

PMU-based control implemented quickly and cost effectively



Success factors in achieving objectives



Insights from the successful implementation



PXiSE offers new control capabilities not possible before



Advanced Frequency Control (real power)

Stabilizes frequency to integrate high % of renewableAllows better economic generators dispatch according to heat rate



Advanced Volt. / Var Control (reactive power)

- Addresses intermittencies from renewables
- Mitigates fast voltage excursions from grid disturbances



Frequency-based and State-based Control Options

Adapts to frequency-based control for grids with spinning generators
Can switch to state-based control in low or no inertia grids

What is PXiSE (a software-based solution)

An Innovative Alternative to Traditional Power Control

Unlock Efficiencies not Possible by Legacy Solutions

Enable Effective Integration of Very High % of Renewables in Modern Grids



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Why it is possible now?

Innovation in phasor measurement units (a.k.a., PMUs, synchrophasors) made available the un-tapped data.

2017 PXiSE Breakthrough use of PMU for control 2011 in all areas of the grid 1.110 standalone PMUs, with tens of thousands of built-in PMU in relays 2005 2nd Standard 2002 **IEEE C37.118 Electronic relays** with built-in PMU 1982 - 1992 functions SEL Standalone Phasor standardized Measurement Unit many relays with (PMU) in Time-synchronized. built-in PMU development high resolution data (60 samples per sec.) enabling precision control capability 1982 - Standalone PMU **Relays with built-in** Matured Very few used for transmission Technology PMU system coordination

The breakthrough in synchrophasor-based technology for real-time control provides complete vision and peak performance to electric grid assets

High-resolution and high-speed data enable the control necessary for the modern, renewable, and DER-based grids





PXiSE integrating multiple enabling technologies into a solution - created new control capabilities not possible before





What is PXiSE Advanced Control Technology (ACT)?



2. Implemented on Field Proven Hardware



Example hardware:

SEL 3355 (industrial computer)

3. Software Designed for Fast Field Implementation

Benefits of embedding a proven PI System data platform





PXiSE ACT has broad applications



ACT's software-based horizontal technology has applications across the full power grid and precisely automates and synchronizes the control of many energy assets

Fast 2-week implementation at Auwahi Wind Farm



Wind Farm Commissioned in 2012

- 24 MW Wind Turbines (3MW x 8)
- 11MW / 4.4 MWh Li-ion Battery Storage
- Existing SEL Relays with built-in PMUs
- Hardware added 2017: PXiSE Computer & I/O Controller

Control Capabilities

- Existing Controller (2012 Industrial PLC/Computer):
 - Ramp Control of Real Power Only
- PXiSE ACT (2017):
 - Ramp Control of Real and Reactive Power
 - Advanced Frequency and Volt./Var Control

PXiSE PMU-based high-speed feedback control at Auwahi Wind Farm with battery storage





High-speed precision real and reactive power control





Paradigm shift needed – let each type of resource contribute according to its natural advantages & characteristics



- Renewables produce power to the grid as available based on desirable mix
- 2. Use coordinated batteries as the primary tool to stabilize frequency (manage the dynamic changes from intermittency of renewables and variations in the grid as a single disturbance)
- 3. Enable large thermal generators to operate in a steady speed and dispatch in coordinated steps thus improving thermal efficiency (speed governor action avoided due to frequency changes addressed by ACT)

Demonstrated result: Operational value with ACT + battery



Value to an Asset Owners:

- 1. Reduce generator capital, O&M, and fuel costs
- 2. Enable further increase of renewable mix to lower energy cost

Business impacts: Utilization of electric grid energy assets can improve significantly with PXiSE ACT + battery



Fuel savings from heat rate improvements

Less renewable curtailment (less fuel use)

Maintenance savings from generators on standby

GHG benefits from fuel savings

Energy cost savings from additional renewables



Conclusion and implications



Successful implementation in an island demonstrated the benefit of an advanced PMU-based, high-speed, and precision control alternative to legacy controls



Such advanced control technology can improve efficiency and reliability of electric energy assets significantly



High % renewables integration can be achieved cost effectively and intermittencies can be addressed



PXiSE ACT enables new control capabilities with a huge potential to benefit large and small electric grids worldwide



PXiSE ACT has broad applications to ensure smooth, reliable, and cost-effective operations of energy assets in an modern grid





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