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Distributed Artificial Intelligence in Smart Grids

by

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Synopsis:

The modern electric power and energy system, referred to as the 'smart grid' is complex and one that is expected to be conscious, intelligent, distributed, and flexible. Such an electric power system architecture can facilitate secure and distributed flow of power from renewable energy sources including solar and wind. Furthermore, it can handle flexible loads and energy storage including electric vehicles. This talk will address the potentials and promises of distributed intelligence including Artificial Intelligence (AI) for smart grid operations and control. AI has evolved over the last 40+ years to transform operations and control of complex systems. A smart grid with variable power and energy sources, bidirectional power flows, and uncertainty in forecasting and real-time availability of generation, loads, energy storage and other operational resources requires distributed intelligence and computational technologies

for its operation and control. Examples of such technologies including AI for stable, secure, reliable, and efficient operations and control of smart grid will be presented.



About the Speaker



G. Kumar Venayagamoorthy is the Duke Energy Distinguished Professor of Power Engineering and Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Clemson University since January 2012. Prior to that, he was a Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the Missouri University of Science and Technology (Missouri S&T), Rolla, USA where he was from 2002 to 2011. Dr. Venayagamoorthy was a Senior Lecturer in Department of Electronic Engineering, Durban University of Technology, Durban, South Africa, where he was from 1996 to 2002. He was the BTech and MTech program coordinator for the Electronic Engineering Dept. and the Chair of Faculty of Engineering Research Committee.

Dr. Venayagamoorthy is the Founder and Director of the Real-Time Power and Intelligent Systems Laboratory at Missouri S&T and Clemson University. Dr. Venayagamoorthy received his PhD and MScEng degrees in Electrical Engineering from the University of Natal, Durban, South Africa, in April 2002 and April 1999, respectively. He received his BEng degree with a First-Class Honors in Electrical and Electronics Engineering from Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi, Nigeria in March 1994. He holds an MBA degree in Entrepreneurship and Innovation from Clemson University, SC (August 2016).

Dr. Venayagamoorthy's interests are in research, development and innovation of smart grid and artificial intelligence technologies. He is a 2004 US NSF CAREER Awardee, a 2007 US Office of the Naval Research (ONR) Young Investigator Program (YIP) Awardee, and a 2008 NSF Emerging Frontiers in Research and Innovation (EFRI) Awardee. He led the brain2grid project funded by US National Science Foundation (NSF). Dr. Venayagamoorthy is an inventor of technologies for scalable computational intelligence for complex systems and dynamic stochastic optimal power flow. He has published over 550 refereed technical articles which are cited > 21,000 times with a h-index of 70 and i10-index of > 290. Dr. Venayagamoorthy has given over 500 invited technical presentations including keynotes and plenaries in over 40 countries to date.

Dr. Venayagamoorthy is involved in the leadership and organization of conferences including the Clemson University Power System Conference and Pioneer and Chair/co-Chair of the IEEE Symposium of Computational Intelligence Applications in Smart Grid (CIASG) since 2011. He is currently the Chair of the IEEE PES Working Group on Intelligent Control Systems, and the Founder and Chair of IEEE Computational Intelligence Society (CIS) Task Force on Smart Grid. He has served/serves as Editor/Associate Editor/Guest Editor of several IEEE Transactions and Elsevier Journals. He is the Editor for the IEEE Press Series on Power and Energy Systems.

Dr. Venayagamoorthy has received several awards for faculty, research and teaching excellence from universities, professional societies, and organizations. Dr. Venayagamoorthy is a Fellow of the IEEE, IET (UK), the South African Institute of Electrical Engineers (SAIEE) and Asia-Pacific Artificial Intelligence Association (AAIA), and a Senior Member of the International Neural Network Society. According to Elsevier BV, Dr. Venayagamoorthy has been ranked in 2019, 2020 and 2021 among the Top 25,000 scientists worldwide across all fields and in the top 0.1% worldwide in the fields of energy and AI.