

Designing the Energy Internet



Overview

We first depict the basic setting of the Energy Internet: What is the media to be exchanged and who are participants.

Key Takeaways

The Energy Internet is a distributed, intelligent energy network that integrates renewable resources, smart grids, and communication technologies to optimize energy flow, reliability, and sustainability.

Concept and Architecture

The Energy Internet (EI) is a dynamic, distributed network that combines traditional power systems with distributed energy resources (DERs) such as solar, wind, and energy storage systems, enabling prosumers to both consume and supply energy. It operates similarly to the Internet, where energy and information flow are coordinated through energy routers (ERs), analogous to data routers, to manage energy distribution efficiently. The architecture supports both AC and DC supply flexibility, IoT-enabled controllable loads, and real-time energy optimization, forming the foundation for smart cities and buildings.

Standardization and Protocols

A practicable design of the Energy Internet relies on standardization, where each participant is assigned a unique identifier, such as a MAC address, and energy exchanges are managed through Blocks of Energy Exchange (BEE). This approach allows decentralized energy management, reduces carbon emissions, promotes energy equity, and enables peer-to-peer energy trading without centralized intervention.

Distributed Energy Systems and Optimization

Distributed energy systems, including microgrids and energy hubs, are central to EI design. Their interactions can be modeled using game-theoretic approaches, which consider cooperative and non-cooperative scenarios to optimize cost, efficiency, and privacy. Fully cooperative systems (FCS) can reduce operational costs by up to 30%, while non-cooperative systems (NCS) achieve around 15% savings compared to traditional designs.

Early consideration of these interactions during the design phase is critical to avoid suboptimal performance. Safety, Reliability, and Cybersecurity Designing the Energy Internet requires embedding safety, reliability, and resilience into the system from the outset. This includes evaluating battery systems, ensuring circularity for sustainability, and addressing cyber risks and regional disparities.

Coordinated planning across utilities, technology developers, equipment manufacturers, and regulators is essential to maintain system integrity and compliance while supporting innovation.

Benefits and Challenges

The Energy Internet offers several benefits: Enhanced reliability and efficient utilization of energy resources Integration of renewable energy and reduction of carbon emissions Support for prosumer participation and energy democracy Scalability for smart cities and distributed networks Challenges include managing complex interactions, ensuring privacy and security, and aligning regulatory frameworks with rapidly evolving technologies.

Future Prospects

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I designs aim to achieve guaranteed reliability, security, and flexibility, enabling adaptive energy flows, real-time optimization, and seamless integration of emerging technologies. The combination of distributed optimization, standardized protocols, and robust safety frameworks will be key to realizing a fully operational Energy Internet.

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What is Energy Internet? Concepts, Technologies, and

Challenges and requirements for advancing the energy internet (EI) technologies; future researches can focus on addressing these challenges.

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