# **Electricity and Communication Resilience**

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# **Power System (Electricity) Resilience-Definition/Concept**

Reduction

Readiness

Response

Recovery



Reliability	Resilience		
Based on High probability, low impact events	Based on low Probability, high impact events		
Static nature of event	Event is adaptive, ongoing, short and long-term.		
Evaluation is based on power system states	Evaluation is based on power system states and transition times between states.		
Issue of concern is customer interruption time	Issue of concern is customer interruption time and the infrastructure recovery time.		
Based on the specific network	Considers interdependent network		



## 4 R's according to CDEM:

- Identification and mitigation of asset ٠ vulnerabilities to disasters
- Assessment of adaptive capacity and specific contingency planning
- Immediate loss of quality of service-immediate actions and stakeholder
- Long term restoration of service levels ٠

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## **Electricity Distribution Resilience Framework through West Coast Alpine Fault Scenario**

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Nov 2017 to May 2018



Seismic Hazard mapping to Infrastructure Impact

Apr 2018 to Mar 2019



Communication Infrastructure Provisions

Jun 2017 to June 2019



Simulation, Design and Testing for Micro-grid operation of West Coast

May 2018 to July 2020



## **Allied Work:**

2010-2011 Canterbury Earthquake Sequence Impact on 11KV Underground Cables Scenario: Ebad Rehman (PhD), Peter Elliot (Orion), Nirmal Nair (UoA), Liam Wotherspoon (UoA)

Distribution system seismic resilience characterization toolbox: Yang Liu (Post-doc), Nirmal Nair (UoA), Liam Wotherspoon (UoA)







# RNC Phase 1: Power System Group at

# University of Auckland







# **Milestone 2- Communication Infrastructure Provisions**



Broadband and Voice Network (Courtesy of Chorus)

## **NZ** Communication Infrastructure and Services







## Approach and Method for Seismic Risk Quantification



PGA

		Power outage for few	
ds1	moderate	hours or days	
		Few electronic boards are	
		dislodged and need	
ds2	extensive	replacement	
ds3	Complete	Complete Blackout	

# **Milestone 2 – Communication Infrastructure**









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AF8 Northern WC Risk Analysis





AF8 Central WC Risk Analysis

Chorus Central Offices





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## **Key Recommendations**

- Proper modelling of the different network components
- Possible switching sequences to be determined depending on the location of the blackstart generators
- Need to investigate different island detection techniques dependent on the specific network topology.
- Need to assess communication infrastructure and mutual dependency activities.

NZ Electricity Distribution Network Resilience Assessment and Restoration Models following Major Natural Disturbance

#### DOCUMENTATION SUMMARY

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#### Network Component Modelling for Blackstart Planned Islanding

#### NETWORK COMPONENT MODELLING FOR BLACKSTART PLANNED ISLANDING.

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#### HOW DO YOU ASSESS AND QUANTIFY RESILIENCE FOR DISTRIBUTION NETWORKS?

Resilience Analysis of Distribution Networks

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#### EFFICIENT DISTRIBUTION NETWORK RECOVERY FOLLOW DISASTERS: NEW ZEALAND CASE STUDIES

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#### Fault Detection in Transmission Lines - A Novel Voltage-Based Scheme for Differential Protection

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Abstract—Current-based protection schemes such as distance, overcurrent, and differential relays are usually used to protect transmission lines (TL) in power systems where the high scheme depends on measuring the impedance of the protected TL to identify the faulted zone. However, [2] recognized that distance relays have some obstacles regarding the phase shift fault current plays a key role in detecting faults. The continuou between voltage and current, fault resistance and third zone development in the power network and emerging new maloperation [3]. The CT saturation effect appears prominently in the transmission network using distance technologies have made the power grid more complicated and soon will start to affect the reliability of the existing protection schemes. Issues like current transformer saturation, the effect protection schemes; hence it results in excessive tripping Jelay time [4-6]. The high fault current in some case of the mutual coupling impedance of the TL and emerging new power electronic based technologies have become major challenges in power systems from a protection perspective. To prevents CTs from sending the actual current value to the relay, and the relay will receive only a relatively low current at the secondary side during severe faults. However, distance avoid all the current-based problems this paper proposes a new voltage-based relay principle for TL protection to indicate fault ction is recommended for distribution networks due to it having a directional element that increases its ability to dea occurrences in transmission networks. The proposed scheme is with meshed networks. The high cost of this scheme might be securitences in transmission networks. The proposed science is tested under all fault events to show that it is highly accurate when it comes to rapid trip activation during any of the tested an obstacle since it requires both voltage and current transformers. However, it is only suitable for a small range of considerations and the correct settings may be more difficult to determine compared to the OCR 111. Keywords: Differential relay, menative sequence voltage, relay

undeling, symmetrical components, transmission line protection, undeling. Differential relays have also gained a wide recognition because it is a protection scheme rated as highly sensitive, selective, fast and insensitive to the bi-directional flow of current when compared to the distance and overcurrent schemes [1]. [7]. The differential relay operational concept is ransmission lines are subject to many events that might cause small or bulk damage to them and to the other parts based on calculating currents from the connected CTs across the protected section according to Kirchhoff's law. of the system. Events which might affect TL include current transformer (CT) saturation issue, zero current mutual Differential relays face some issues due to the fault location discrimination besides the effect of CT saturation and CT coupling, fault current limitations of power electronic based devices (PED), and grid code obligations. As a result, a mismatch on the relay operation [8]. Communication failures because of limited bandwidth channels over long distances sensitive, reliable and fast protection scheme is required to reduce expected damage. Many protection strategies have also play a major role in reducing the effectiveness of thi been suggested for TL in high, medium and low voltage parts scheme. However, compared to distance relays it can be

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Abstract-This paper presents a review of the negative sequence-based protection relays development and their applications on electrical power networks and discusses the related challenges. Recent power system requires selective,

especially line-line faults which are considered common events in power systems, in addition to advantages will be reviewed later in this paper.

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II. NEGATIVE SEQUENCE PROTECTION OVERV

Negative sequence Protection (NSP) is a pro scheme used to protect the power system element by of negative sequence component. It was first introdu

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### Power system resilience through microgrids: A comprehensive review

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Abstract-This paper reviews the role of microgrids in power system resilience improvement. Different definitions of system resilience that are addressed in different works are analyzed and summarized. Framework and metrics in power system resilience improvement and assessment are discussed and reviewed. Finally different microgrid based solutions for system resilience improvements are categorized and discussed.

Keywords-microgrid, power system resilience, reconfiguration, operation, control, protection, hybrid microgrids

### Recovery Plan for Electric Distribution Networks under Major Impacts

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Abstract-Power distribution system recovery after typical Outage management and network failures which hardly result in long lasting outages is a common task if the blackout is associated w practice. However, network recovery after a major impact such This situation which is mainly ca as extreme weather or other natural hazards can be much more results in an extended outage. A stati complicated and time-consuming. Such events can easily cause costumers to experience an extended nower output which is [2] shows an increase in the numbe Blackstart of DFIG-based Windfarm

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I INTRODUCTION Many countries are gearing up towards 100% renewables by 2030. The generation portfolio is foreseen to be majorly composed of hydro, wind and solar. Whilst this is ongoing, there has been an increase in power blackouts, either due to natural

section V disasters, increased erid interconnectivity or the changing trend in upply and demand that is leading to increased strain on the ilready ageing network. Restoration with high penetration of nonhydro renewables is thus an important aspect to be considered

when preparing policies with regards to integration of renewable There are three stages of restoration: unit blackstart, network re-energization and load restoration. Conventionally, considerin re-respectively and row restoration. Convenience, considering only renewable energy sources, large hydro power plants, due to their blackstart capability, have been used to re-energize the network [1]. In a 100% renewable generation portfolio, it is necessary to review and explore the restoration function of non-hydro renewable generation. This study will focus on windfirms as their penetration is higher, and in large scale, as compared to the other non-hydro renewable generation. Their usage during restoration has been restricted to the third stage of restoration (load restoration) after the core grid is stable. This is due to

#### VOLTAGE AND FREOUENCY RESPONSE OF SMALL HYDRO POWER PLANT IN GRID CONNECTED AND ISLANDED MODE

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Abstract- Hydro-based power is gaining more interests as the operation is reviewed in [6]. General distributed generation penetration level of small-scale hydro power plants are being islanding techniques are first discussed after which a review of

#### DFIG-based Windfarm Starting Connected to a Weak Power Grid

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Abstract - Starting and energization of windfarms has always been done under strong grid conditions. With the increase in blackouts and desire to run parts of the system in island mode, it is necessary to examine the starting of windfarms under different system conditions. This work provides an analysis into the starting of DFIG based windfarms under weak grid conditions including using a diesel gen-set and a hydropower plant. The starting procedure of the DFIG based wind turbine has been explored afterwhich multiple wind turbines have been started simultaneously. It is assumed that the windfarm substation will have a dump load to absorb excess power produced by

synchronization has been proposed and discussed in [11, 12]. [13] proposes the use of pre-charging resistors and separate rectifier circuit in charging the dc link capacitor. All of the above analysis into DFIG starting and energisation has only been provided under normal grid conditions. Limited work so far has provided analysis on DFIG windfarm starting under different system conditions, other than the normal grid condition. This analysis is important especially in understanding the restoration function of DFIG windfarms after a wide scale blackout.

The proposed work through analysis of individual

## applied at different stages to ensure smooth starting process under variable wind conditions. Results are discussed in section IV while the conclusion and future works is briefly provided in II. TEST SYSTEM MODEL DESCRIPTION The system under study is shown in Fig. 1.

0 Figure 1. Test

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ensure the correct rotor speed during the starting process. The

remainder of this paper is organized as follows. Section II defines the models used in the study. Section III describes the step by step process of DFIG starting with different pitch control modes being

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# RNC Phase 2: Power System Group at University of Auckland



## Horizontal Infrastructure

- Models for infrastructure component performance across a range of natural hazards.
- Expanded geographic coverage and capabilities of infrastructure network models.
- High resolution regional and urban interdependency models.
- Decision making and rating tools for infrastructure.

Assessment of Electricity System Impacts and Management Strategies Pre- and Post- HIW Events: Northland-Auckland-Waikato Weather Scenario









# Objectives To Enhance the Resilience of Power System



# Outputs so far

1. Optimal Scheduling for Distributed Energy Resources (DER) Factoring power outage uncertainties caused by high wind gust.

2. Contingency analysis for Auckland network due to High Impact Low Probability Weatherization

3. Power System Location-based Resilience Assessment for Waikato region

4. Peer-to-Peer Energy Transaction Model during High-Impact Low Probability Weather Events: Electricity Market Model

# 4. Peer to Peer(P2P) Energy Trading Models during HILP

Energy transaction model among DERs during the time of network contingency caused by high wind gust. The idea is to prevent the system from introducing the scarcity pricing during an outage caused by extreme weather events.



solarZero shares revenue from trading in the market with its community members through a monthly eco-bonus credit. Every member can expect to be credited \$18,000 across the next 20 years by lending their battery and roof to take part in solarZero's virtual power station (VPP), which reduces their power bills. On an annual basis the solarZero community currently saves more than \$2.3m on their energy costs.

Over the past year teams from NZX, Transpower, Panasonic and Auckland University have collaborated to develop the software, validate the capability of the VPP to participate in the market, and to integrate the solarZero platform.



Impact of High Wind Gust: Damaging power lines

If leading to an outage



## SolarZero Enables World-first Trade In NZ Electricity Reserves Market

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# **Peer-Reviewed Publications**

- 'Enabling Trusted Peer-to-Peer Microgrid Energy Transactions during High-Impact Low Probability Weather Events', ISGT Asia, Singapore, Nov 2022
- 'Peer-to-Peer Consumer Energy Transaction Support Models during High-Impact Low Probability Weather Events', EEA New Zealand, Hamilton, Sept 2022 (Best Paper Award)
- 'Extreme Weather Risk Framework for Power System Location-Based Resilience Assessment', IEEE POWERCON, Malaysia, Sept 2022 (Best Paper Award)
- 'High Impact Low Probability Weatherization Impact Analysis for Electricity Infrastructure', IEEE TENCON, Dec 2021
- 'Resilience Framework and Optimal Scheduling for DERs Factoring Uncertainties', IEEE ISGT Asia, Dec 2021
- 'Energy-Communication Infrastructure Resilience through the Lens of Seismicity', EEA New Zealand, Aug 2021





# Insights from the Gorkha-Nepal Earthquake and its aftershock sequence (2015)







Earthquakes from April 25th to June 7th 2015 (Adhikari et al., 2015)

Telecom for Earthquake monitoring

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## Consequences of the Earthquake

#### - Effects on seismic network capability



#### - International relief

- Increase in demand / congestion of telecom networks

- Timeline



- Telecommunications and natural disasters since 2019
  - Fixed network
  - Mobile communications

- Satellite

