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Title: Recent experiences on the application of AI techniques to distribution systems

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Panels and speakers

Application of neural networks to determine the customer connectivity based on smart meters

Panelist: Adolfo Gastalver Rubio, Ingelectus

Abstract: Along with the massive installation of Smart Meters in the distribution grid, new applications, e.g. state estimation, have been developed in order to improve the operation of the electrical network. Such applications require a faithful knowledge of the network topology, specifically the feeder and phase where the customers are connected to. Classical solutions for this complex combinatorial problem usually fail in such mission. Fortunately, with the development of artificial intelligence techniques, such as machine learning through neural networks, this kind of problems can be solved much more efficiently. This works shows the results of applying, to different currently-operating distribution grids, artificial neural networks which discover the customer connectivity to the network using smart meter measurements.



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Ensemble Forecasting for Distributed Energy Integration

Abstract: Modern power systems, embedding ubiquitous distributed energy resources, such as electric vehicles and storage systems, increasingly need to resort to advanced forecasting techniques, from generation to demand. In this context, the accuracy of the results is generally proportional to the benefits for the involved utilities. This has led the stakeholders to test and compare different prediction techniques in order to identify the most accurate one. An alternative approach, consisting of an ensemble method which dynamically weights all algorithms over time, is presented and discussed. Tests with actual time series related to generation and demand have shown improvements in the mean and the standard deviation of the prediction errors.

Panelist: **Catalina Gómez-Quiles**, University of Seville



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Monitoring of MV/LV transformers by applying data analytics to electrical and thermal sensors information

Panelist: **Jacob Rodriguez Rivero**, Endesa

Abstract: The possibility of correlating information from electrical, image and other kind of sources, such as the dissolved gas concentrations in transformer oil, with several simultaneous measurements, could be useful to distinguish the root cause of failures. This is actually the main goal of the MONICA and PASTORA projects developed by Endesa-Enel and other international companies, which are aimed at accurately determining the actual situation of low and medium-voltage distribution grids in real-time, preventing and accelerating the solution of network failures.



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Detection of non-technical losses through machine learning techniques

Panelist: **Madalina Buzau**, University of Seville

Abstract: Non-technical electricity losses due to anomalies or frauds are accountable for important revenue losses in power utilities. Recent advances have been made in this area, fostered by the roll-out of smart meters. The objective of this work is to explore the capabilities of machine learning algorithms and smart meter data for non-technical losses detection in electricity utilities. The goal of these algorithms is to detect any type of non-technical losses, regardless of their source. This research was focused on two types of customers: industrial/large commercial (contracted power > 50 kW) and residential/small commercial (contracted power < 15 kW).



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