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EE 303 Energy Systems and Power Electronics

Energy Overview

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Energy Related Statistics

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Generation

Transmission

Subtransmission

Distribution



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Electricity Generation by Fuel – 1990-2040

Thousands of terawatt hours



Image Source: www.exxonmobil.com

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Electricity Demand by Fuel and By Sector – 2000-2040



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Electricity Use by Region



Image Source: www.exxonmobil.com

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CO₂Emission Plateau Energy-Related CO₂ Emissions by Region Billion Tonnes



Image Source: www.exxonmobil.com

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Earth Average Temperature Increase – 2011-2099

Three Scenarios:



Image Source: www.epa.gov

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Renewable Energies – Wind and Solar

EU Installed Power Per Year in MW and RES Share (%)



Image Source: www.ewea.org

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Renewable Energies – Wind and Solar







Fixed Voltage at Fixed Frequency

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Renewable Energies – Wind and Solar



Fixed Voltage at Fixed Frequency

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Wind Turbine



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Here is a quick quiz on several energy-related issues:

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Main components of Power system



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Categorization of transmission lines



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Power plants: Nuclear, Hydro and Thermal





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Main components of Power System



Transmission line tower.

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Insulators



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Distribution line tower



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Bundled Conductor



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Bundled Conductor with four sub-conductors



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Power System Basics

Notation: Power

- Power: Instantaneous consumption of energy
- Power Units
 - Watts = voltage x current for dc (W)
 - kW 1 x 103 Watt
 - $MW 1 \ x \ 106 \ Watt$
 - GW 1 x 109 Watt
- Installed U.S. generation capacity is about 1,100 GW (about 3.5 kW per person)

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Notation - Energy

- Energy: Integration of power over time; energy is what people really want from a power system
- Energy Units

Joule = 1 Watt-second (J) kWh = kilowatt hour (3.6 x 106 J) 1 Watt-hour = 3.4121 BTU

• U.S. annual electric energy consumption is about 4,000 billion kWh (about 13,000 kWh per person, which means on average we each use 1.5 kW of power continuously)

Electric Power System

Usually Divided into:

- Generation: Source of power, ideally with a specified voltage and frequency.
- **Transmission:** Transmits power; ideally as a perfect conductor.
- Loads: Consumes power; ideally with a constant resistive value.



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Electric Power System

Complications:

- No ideal voltage sources exist,
- Loads are seldom constant,
- Transmission system has resistance, inductance, capacitance and flow limitations,
- Simple system has no redundancy so power system will not work if any component fails.

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US Electric Power Generation



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Energy Flow

1 QUAD = 10₁₅ BTU



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Electric Power Generation



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Electric Power Transmission



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Electric Power Distribution







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Goals of Power System Operation

- Supply load (users) with electricity at:
 - \checkmark Specified voltage (120 ac volts common for residential),
 - ✓ Specified frequency,
 - \checkmark With minimum cost (usually).

Major Impediments

• Load is constantly changing.



- Power system is subject to disturbances, such as lightning strikes.
- Engineering tradeoffs between reliability and cost.

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Brief History of Electric Power

- Early 1880's –Edison introduced Pearl Street dc system in Manhattan supplying 59 customers
- 1884 Sprague produces practical dc motor
- 1885 –Invention of transformer
- Mid 1880's Westinghouse/Tesla introduce rival ac system
- Late 1880's Tesla invents ac induction motor
- 1893 –First 3 phase transmission line operating at 2.3 kV
- 1896 –ac lines deliver electricity from hydro generation at Niagara Falls to Buffalo, 20 miles away
- Early 1900's –Private utilities supply all customers in area (city); recognized as a natural monopoly; states step in to begin regulation.

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Contd...

- By 1920's –Large interstate holding companies control most electricity systems.
- 1935 –Congress passes Public Utility Holding Company Act (PUHCA) to establish national regulation, breaking up large interstate utilities
- 1935/6 Rural Electrification Act brought electricity to rural areas
- 1930's –Electric utilities established as vertical monopolies

1930's: Vertical Monopolies

- Within a particular geographic market, the electric utility had an exclusive franchise.
- In return for this exclusive franchise, the utility had the obligation to serve all existing and future customers at rates determined jointly by utility and regulators.
- It was a "cost plus" business.



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Contd, 1930's: Vertical Monopolies...

- Within its service territory each utility is the only game in town.
- Neighboring utilities functioned more as colleagues than competitors.
- Utilities gradually interconnected their systems so by 1970 transmission lines crisscrossed North America, with voltages up to 765 kV.
- Economies of scale keep resulting in decreasing rates, so everyone was happy.

Contd, History – 1970's...

- 1970's brought inflation, increased fossil-fuel prices, calls for conservation and growing environmental concerns.
- Increasing rates replaced decreasing ones.
- As a result, U.S. Congress passed Public Utilities Regulator Policies Act (PURPA) in 1978, which mandated utilities must purchase power from independent generators located in their service territory.
- PURPA introduced some competition.

Contd, History – 1990's...

- Major opening of industry to competition occurred as a result of Federal Power Act of 1992
- This act mandated that utilities provide "nondiscriminatory" access to the high voltage transmission
- Goal was to set up true competition in generation markets
- Result over the last few years has been dramatic restructuring of electric utility industry

Utility Restructuring

- Driven by significant regional variations in electric rates.
- Goal of competition is to reduce rates through the introduction of competition.
- Eventual goal is to allow consumers to choose their electricity supplier.

State Variation in Electric Rates



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Industry Forces Today



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Thank You!

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