

Microgrid Controllers Standards for Specifications and Testing

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IEEE P2030.7: Standard for the Specification of Microgrid Controllers

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Scope: A key element of microgrid operation is the Microgrid Energy Management System (MEMS). It includes the control functions that define the microgrid as system that can manage itself, and operate autonomously or grid connected, and seamlessly connect to and disconnect from the main distribution grid for the exchange of power and the supply of ancillary services. The scope of this standard is to address the technical issues and challenges associated with the proper operation of the MEMS that are common to all microgrids, regardless of topology, configuration or jurisdiction, and to present the control approaches required from the distribution system operator and the microgrid operator. Testing procedures are addressed.

Hierarchical Levels of Control

Hierarchical levels of control for microgrids may be categorized as primary, secondary, and tertiary.

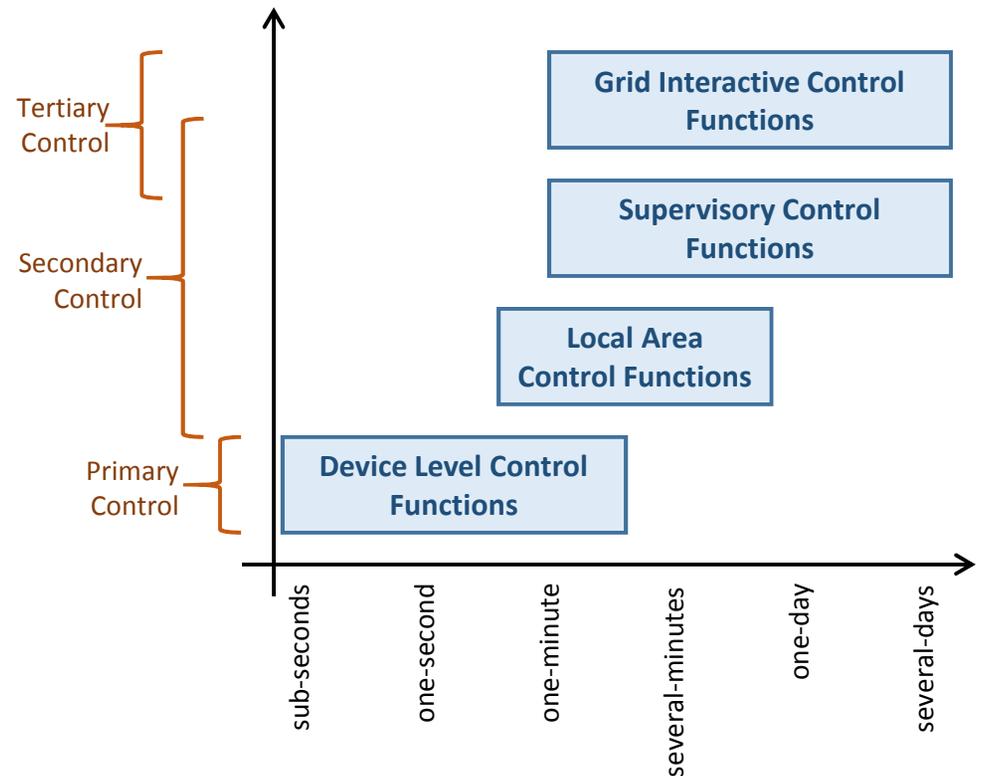
- *Primary control* is the level in the control hierarchy that is based exclusively on local measurements, which includes islanding detection, output control, and power sharing (and balance control).
- *Secondary control*, the μ EMS, is responsible for microgrid operation in either the grid-connected or islanded mode.
- *Tertiary control* is the highest level of control and sets long-term and “optimal” set points depending on the host grid’s requirements.

Microgrid Control System Standardization

Function Assignments to Blocks

Block 4	Grid Interactive Control Functions Area EPS Control, Spot Market, DMS, Transmission SCADA, Connection to Adjacent Microgrid
Block 3	Supervisory Control Functions Forecasting, Data management and Visualization, Optimization (e.g. Volt/VAR, Economic dispatch), Dispatch, State Estimation, Emergency Handling, Generation Smoothing, Spinning Reserve, Topology Change Management, Black Start, Protection Coordination
Block 2	Local Area Control Functions Sequence Logic/Status control, Load Management, Building Energy Management, Plant Controller, AGC, Fast Load Shedding, Resynchronization, Disturbance Recording
Block 1	Device Level Control Functions Voltage/Frequency Control, Reactive power Control, Electric Vehicle Control, Energy Storage Control, Load Control, Generation Control, Islanding Detection, Fault Protection

Block Action Timescale



IEEE P2030.8: Standard for the Testing of Microgrid Controllers

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Scope: A key element of microgrid operation is the microgrid controller and more specifically the energy management system. It includes the control functions that define the microgrid as a system that can manage itself, and operate autonomously or grid connected, and seamlessly connect to and disconnect from the main distribution grid for the exchange of power and the supply of ancillary services, including the distribution system to which it is connected. It is recognized that microgrid components and operational solutions exist in different configurations with different implementations. The scope of this standard is to develop a set of testing procedures allowing the verification, the quantification of the performance and a comparison of the performance with expected minimum requirements of the different functions of the microgrid controller that are common to the control of all microgrids, regardless of topology, configuration or jurisdiction. It aims to present metrics for a comparison of the control functions required from both the microgrid operator and the distribution system operator. A set of testing and performance metrics will be developed.

Microgrid Controller Standards and Testing

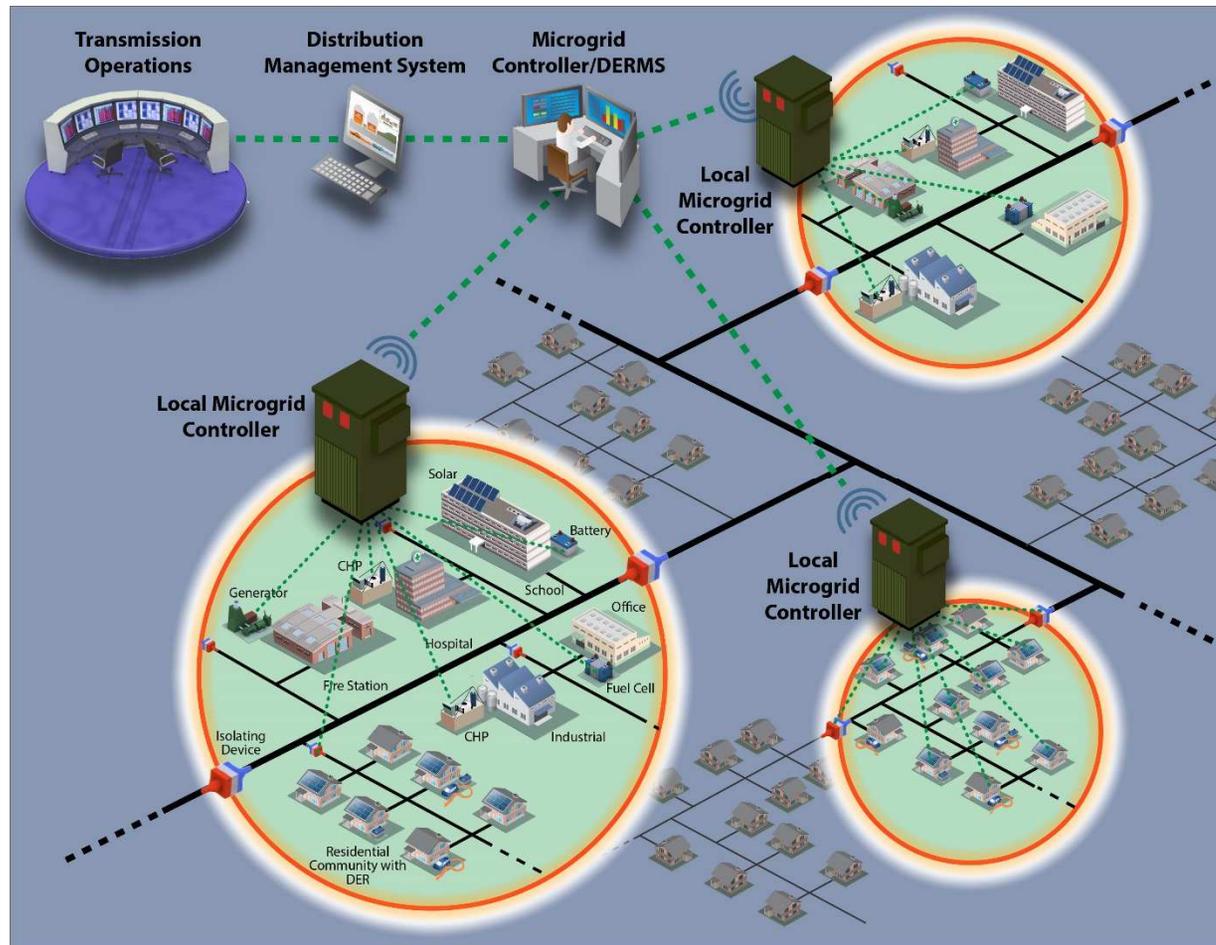
MICROGRID CONTROLLERS - TIMELINE

	June 2014	September 2014	June 2015	December 2015	March 2016	September 2016 *
NIST	PAP - 24 Microgrids	Technical Expert Reports	Interop Lab	Testing Protocols	Testing	Documentation
ORNL	CSEISMIC	Use Cases	HIL Testing RTDS	Testing Protocols	Testing	Documentation
MIT-LL	Concept Development	Reference Designs	HIL Testing Opal-RT	Testing Protocols	Testing	Documentation
DOE/OE	FOA Proposals	Contract Awards (TAG)	Controller Specifications	Testing Plans	Testing	Testing Complete
IEEE SA	Controller Std p2030.7	Controller Std WG	Testing Std p2030.8	Testing Std WG	WG Drafts	Standards Ballot ready

Note: IEEE P2030.7 Ballot ready draft due date, December 2016 (latest). FOA awards, 24 month period of performance ends September 2016.

Microgrids

Integrated Energy Management Systems



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