

ICT as Enabler of Smart Infrastructures

Alberto Leon-Garcia
University of Toronto

IEEE Local Computer Networks Conference
October 21, 2009

Agenda

- ICT Trends and Connected Environments
 - Why Smart Infrastructures Now?
 - Smart Infrastructure Opportunities and Research Challenges
 - Conclusions

What is PISA?

- *Pervasive Infrastructure Services and Applications*
- A proposed Canada Network of Centres of Excellence

Information and Communications Technology Drives Major Socio-Economic Change



Multi-decade digital
transition to
Intelligent Network
1980 \$300/line



Signaling Network:
Enhanced Services
E2E Digital:
DSL & SONET;



Moore's Law and Economies of Scale Drive Technology Commoditization

PISA

- Commoditization of PCs
- Commoditization of Software
 - Standards-based web browsers
 - Open source Linux (Apache server)
- Commoditization of Bandwidth
 - Broadband Access from Telcos & Cablecos
 - Ethernet in datacentres
- *New Computing Models*
 - *Google, Amazon*
 - *Virtualization and X-as-a-Service*
 - *Skype, BitTorrent*

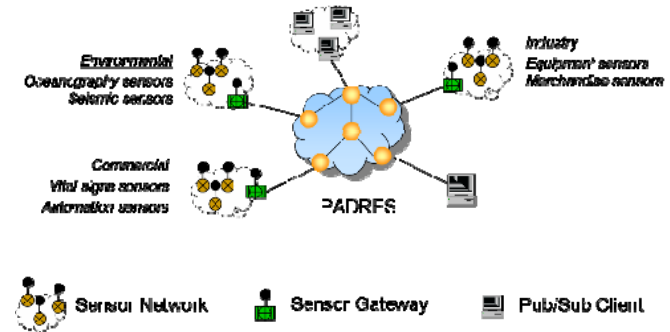
Cloud Computing Benefits & Challenges

PISA

- Pay-as-you-go utility computing
- No upfront cost, granular billing
- Resource management offloaded to provider
- Large-scale statistical multiplexing of computing demand
- Dynamic movement of virtual machines
- 5-7x reduction in cost
- Availability, performance, bandwidth bottlenecks, security
- Scalability, energy proportionality
- Fast growth in volume of carbon emissions

More Change on the Way: Connected Environments

PISA



Pervasive ICTs poised to fill new environments

Smart Infrastructures

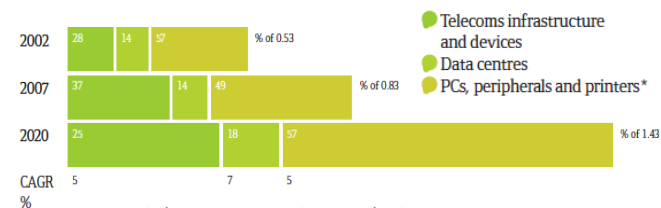
PISA

- Pervasive infrastructure & cloud computing provide the monitoring and control that enable smart infrastructures
 - Smart Power Grids
 - Green Computing
 - Networked Vehicles
 - Communications and Collaboration

Agenda

- Pervasive Infrastructure and Connected Environments
- Why Smart Infrastructures Now?
- Smart Infrastructure Opportunities and Research Challenges
- Conclusions

Why Smart Infrastructures Now? ICT Global Footprint



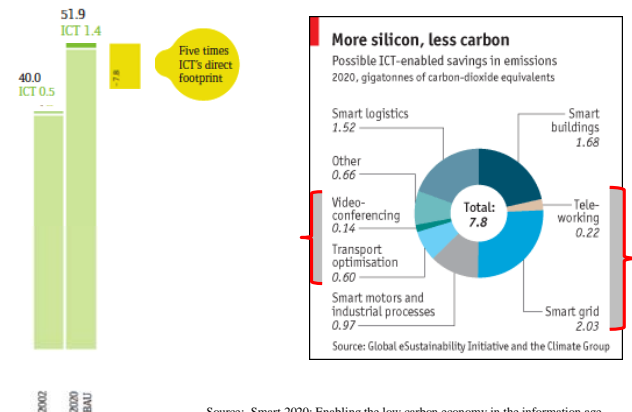
- Green cloud computing
- Green microgrid computing
- Green networking

Source: Smart 2020: Enabling the low carbon economy in the information age

Why Smart Infrastructures Now?

- Smart infrastructures need to be deployed sooner to deal with climate change
- From 2002 to 2020, ICT carbon emissions will nearly triple
- Application of ICT in other sectors can lead to 15% reduction in global emissions in 2020

Why Smart Infrastructures Now? Application of ICT



What is the Opportunity for Communications?

- Vodafone and Accenture detailed follow up study to Smart 2020 report
- Focus on 13 opportunities for wireless communications
 - Dematerialization
 - Smart Grid
 - Smart Logistics
 - Smart Cities
 - Smart Manufacturing
- Can save 2.4% of (20%) expected reduction in EU emissions
- €43 billion in energy cost reductions
- 1 billion mobile connections required
- 87% machine-to-machine connections

Agenda

- Pervasive Infrastructure and Connected Environments
- Why Smart Infrastructures Now?
- • Smart Infrastructure Opportunities and Research Challenges
 - Green Computing
 - Smart Power Grids
 - Networked Vehicles
 - Communications and Collaboration
- Conclusions

Research Challenges

1. How to enable trustworthy applications in connected environments building on innovations in sensor and wireless networks, and service-oriented applications design;
2. How to develop large-scale management systems that enable smart infrastructure;
3. How to apply the findings in connected environments and smart infrastructures to provide socioeconomic solutions in:
 - a. Cloud computing and datacentres
 - b. Smart power grids
 - c. Intelligent transportation and networked vehicles.
 - d. Next-generation human communications and collaboration.

Research Challenges in Smart Infrastructures

Smart Infrastructure Challenge

- Mediating supply and demand of critical resources
- Estimate supply/demand from a network of sensors
- Demand driven by aggregate behaviour of community of users
- Performance and reliability requirements and impacts
- Environmental impacts, especially carbon emissions

Research Challenge

- Wireless sensor networks in new environments
- Data gathering/filtering/mining, event handling
- Social incentives and pricing strategies to influence consumption behaviour
- SLA and policy-driven scalable control and management systems
- Security and reliability

PISA approach exploits synergies across application areas, common ICT standards and methodologies, facilitating interoperability and promoting economies of scale.

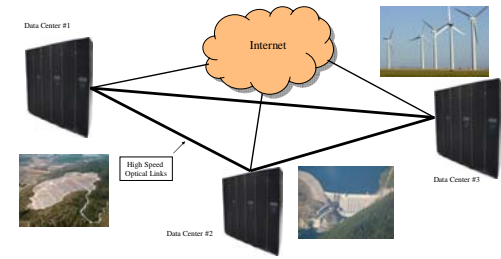
Multidisciplinary & Multisector Teams

		Areas of Socio-Economic Impact			
		Cloud Computing & Datacenters	Smart Power Grids	Intelligent Transportation & Networked Vehicles	Next-Gen Communications & Collaboration
Areas of Research Challenges	Application Themes				
	Next Generation Wireless Systems & Devices		✓	✓	
	Wireless Heterogeneous Sensor Networks				
	Data Management, Event Handling, Threat Mgmt.				
	Social & Economic Issues	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Large-Scale Management Systems				
PISA Design Lab					

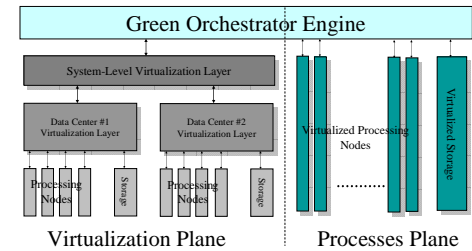
Agenda

- Pervasive Infrastructure and Connected Environments
- Why Smart Infrastructures Now?
- Smart Infrastructure Opportunities and Research Challenges
- • Green Computing
- Smart Power Grids
- Intelligent Transportation & Networked Vehicles
- Communications and Collaboration
- Conclusions

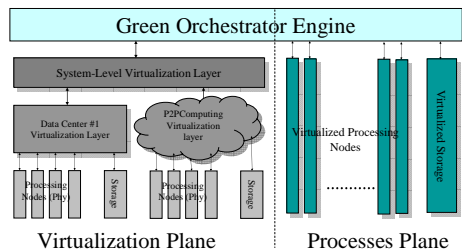
Green Data Centers



GCC Management System



Hybrid GCC and P2P Management System



- Complements Green P2P micro grid initiatives

Definition of Smart Grid

- Smart Grid integrates conventional and leading-edge:
 - power system apparatus,
 - power electronic switches and converters,
 - sensing and monitoring technologies,
 - information technologies and communications,
- through the leading-edge control and protection strategies to:
 - improve power grid performance,
 - minimize environmental adverse effects,
 - enable (real-time) interactions among customers, operators, power producers, service providers and market.

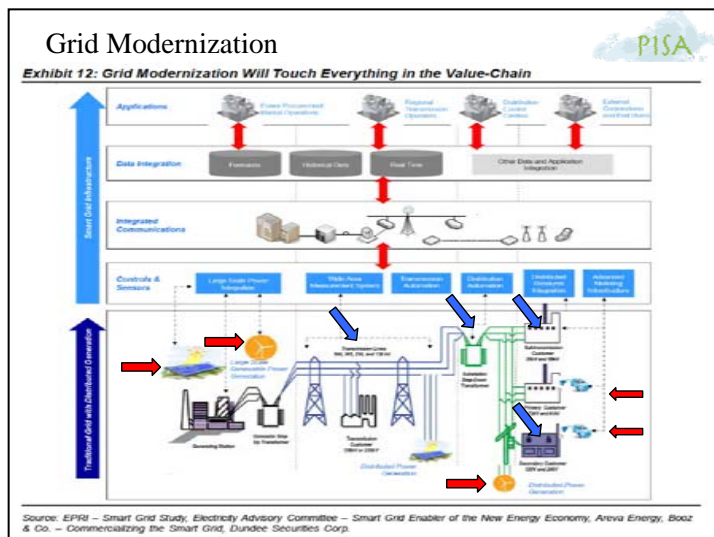
Agenda

- Pervasive Infrastructure and Connected Environments
- Why Smart Infrastructures Now?
- Smart Infrastructure Opportunities and Research Challenges
 - Green Computing
- • Smart Power Grids
 - Intelligent Transportation & Networked Vehicles
 - Communications and Collaboration
- Conclusions

Comparison of Telecom & Power Grid

Communications	None or one-way, not real-time	Two-way, real-time
Customer Interaction	Limited	Interactive
Metering	Electromechanical	Electronic, interactive
Operations & Maintenance	Manual equipment check, time-based maintenance	Automated, real-time
Generation	Centralized	Distributed
Power Flow Control	Limited	Dynamic, real-time
Reliability	Reactive; Prone to failures & cascading outages	Proactive; Resilient architecture
Restoration following Disturbance	Manual	Automated
System Topology	Radial, one-way	Mesh, two-way

Source: ABB White Paper & Dundee Securities Report



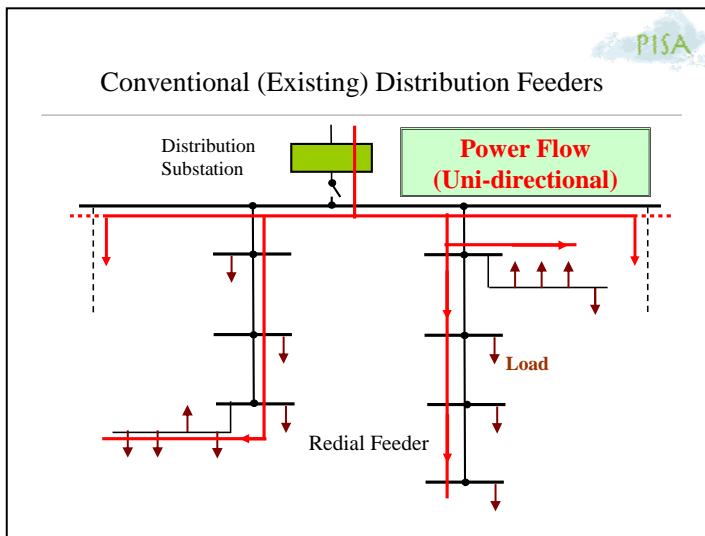
Microgrids (Prof. Reza Iravani)

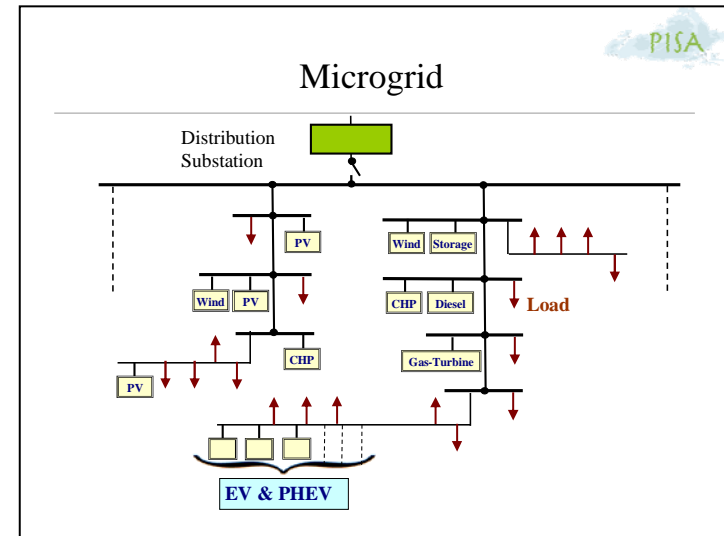
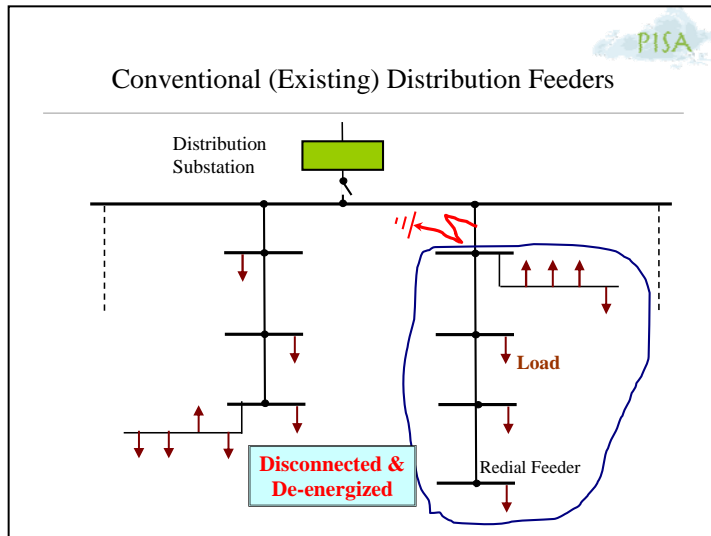
- Conventional distribution feeders
 - radial topology
 - one-way power flow
 - Disconnected & de-energized during faults
- Microgrid is a cluster of distributed generation and distributed storage units
 - serviced by a section of a distribution system and can operate:
 - in the grid-connected mode,
 - in the islanded (autonomous) mode,
 - during transition between the two.
- Intelligent Microgrid also:
 - Incorporates sensing and monitoring technologies and ICT
 - Enables bidirectional power flow with main grid
 - Basis for more resilient decentralized architecture

Smart Meters and Home Area Networks

- Enable users to adapt consumption to time-of-use pricing
- Reduces peak usage periods
- Could interact with smart appliances
- What degree of control can be given to utility?
- What social/pricing incentives are effective?
- What is impact of plugin hybrid electric vehicles?
- What role do PHEV's play in future infrastructure?

Source: Ashton, Smart Energy Networks





PISA

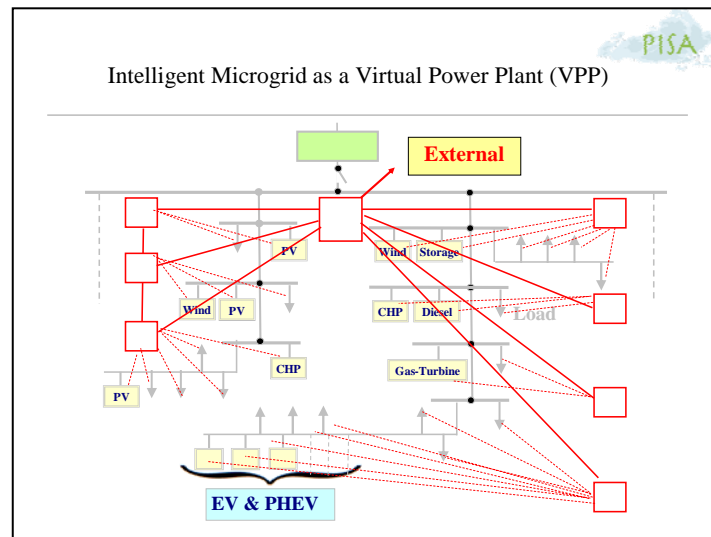
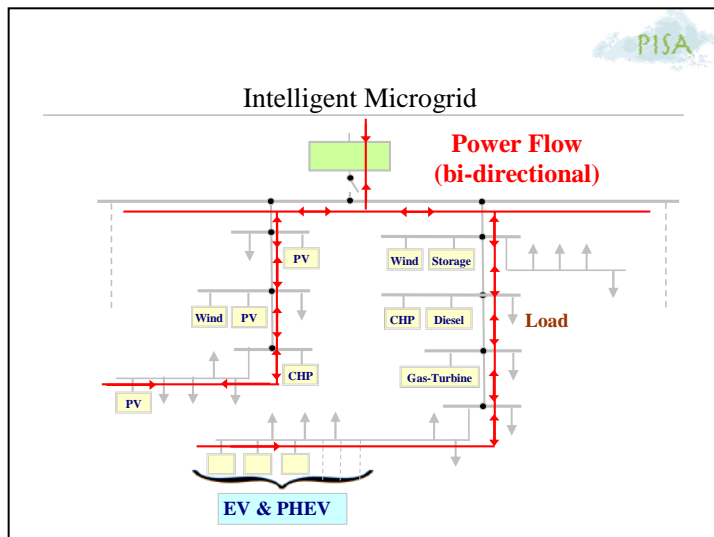
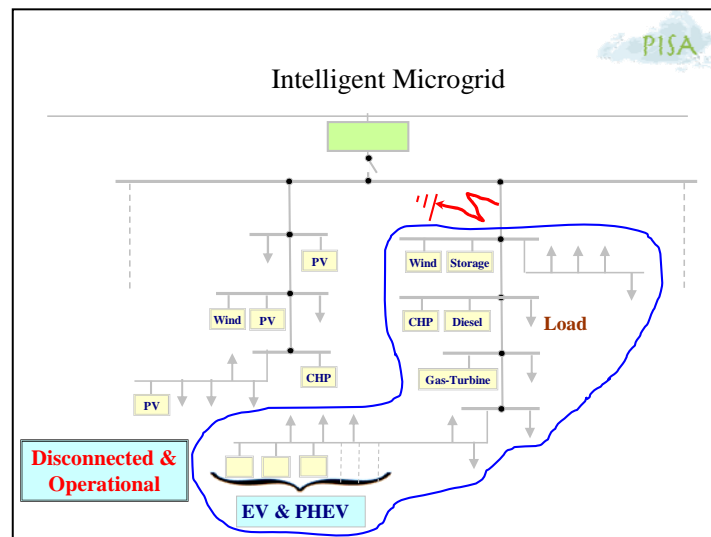
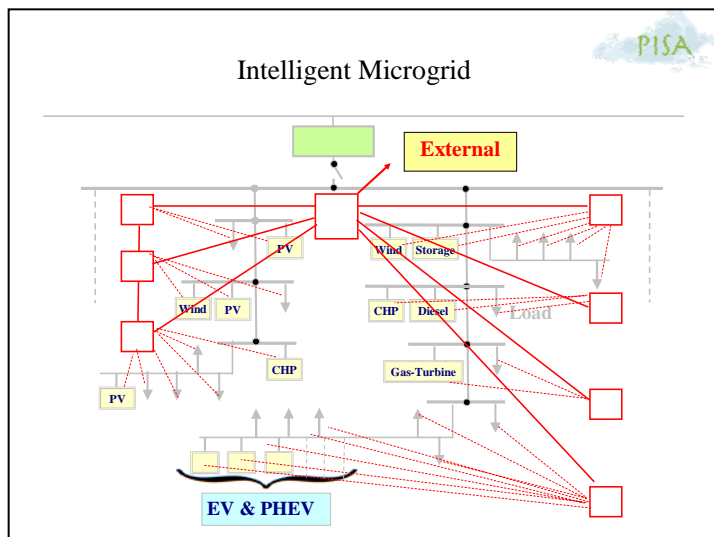
Microgrids (Prof. Reza Iravani)

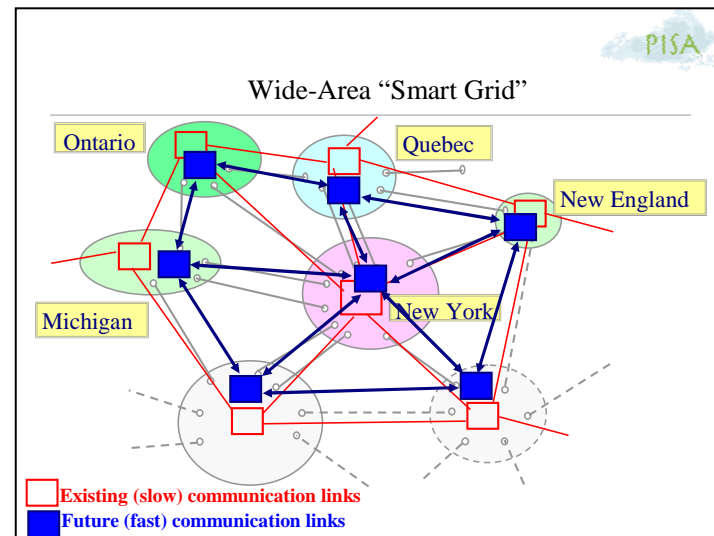
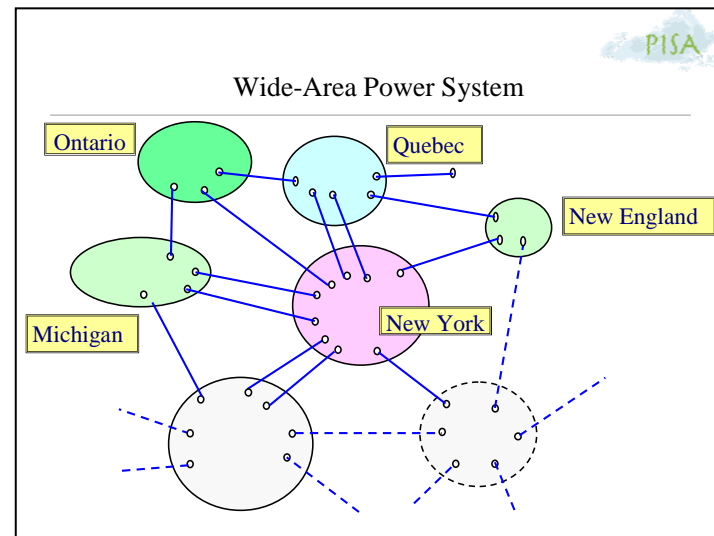
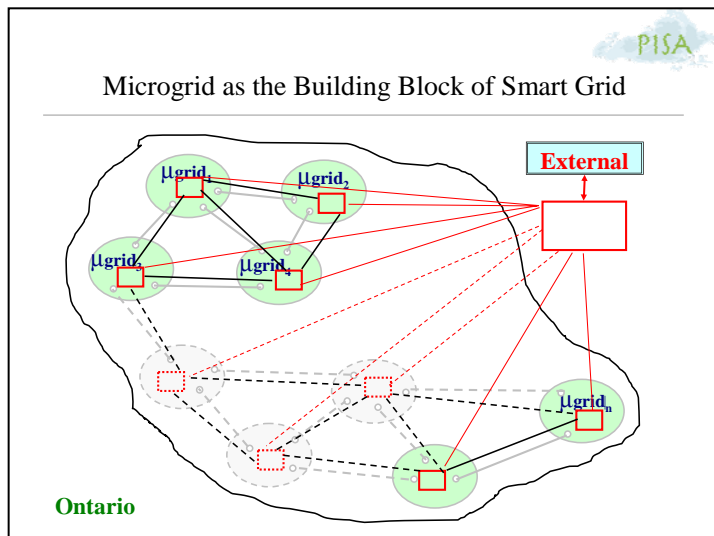
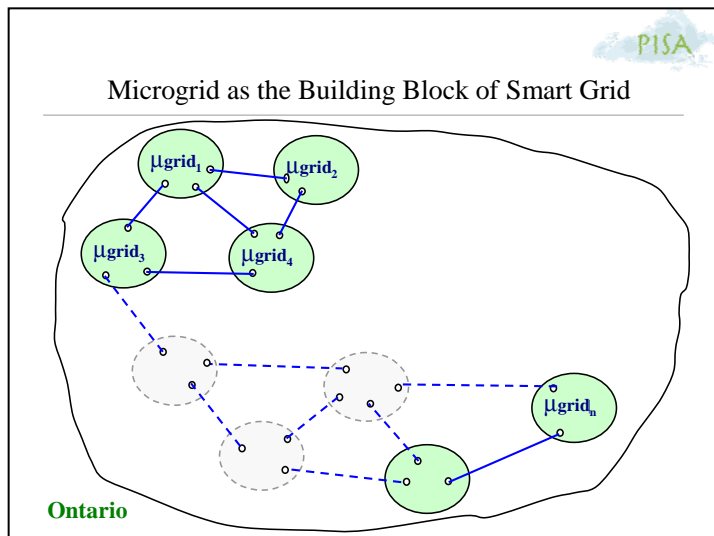
- Conventional distribution feeders
 - radial topology
 - one-way power flow
 - Disconnected & de-energized during faults
- Microgrid is a cluster of distributed generation and distributed storage units
 - serviced by a section of a distribution system and can operate:
 - in the grid-connected mode,
 - in the islanded (autonomous) mode,
 - during transition between the two.
- Intelligent Microgrid also:
 - Incorporates sensing and monitoring technologies and ICT
 - Enables bidirectional power flow with main grid
 - Basis for more resilient decentralized architecture

PISA

Microgrids (Prof. Reza Iravani)

- Conventional distribution feeders
 - radial topology
 - one-way power flow
 - Disconnected & de-energized during faults
- Microgrid is a cluster of distributed generation and distributed storage units
 - serviced by a section of a distribution system and can operate:
 - in the grid-connected mode,
 - in the islanded (autonomous) mode,
 - during transition between the two.
- Intelligent Microgrid also:
 - Incorporates sensing and monitoring technologies and ICT
 - Enables bidirectional power flow with main grid
 - Basis for more resilient decentralized architecture





Agenda

- Pervasive Infrastructure and Connected Environments
- Why Smart Infrastructures Now?
- Smart Infrastructure Opportunities and Research Challenges
 - Green Computing
 - Smart Power Grids
- • Intelligent Transportation & Networked Vehicles
 - Communications and Collaboration
- Conclusions

More Change on the Way: Intelligent Transportation Systems and Networked Vehicles



Integrated Intelligent Road, Transit, Vehicle System

Intelligent Transportation Systems

- Manage the flow of people and goods in transportation networks
- Driven by data gathered from sensors and monitors deployed in road system
- Aggregates & displays data in network control centers and exerts controls (e.g. traffic signals) to reduce congestion & improve safety
- Provides access to transportation-related information

Future Intelligent Transportation Systems

- Improved road sensors and monitoring
- Improved communications systems
- Enhanced and intelligent infrastructure
- Networked vehicles
 - On-board processing, sensors, GPS
 - Vehicle-to-device
 - Vehicle-to-infrastructure
 - Vehicle-to-vehicle
- *New and Improved Applications*
 - Safety
 - Energy consumption and carbon emissions
 - Comfort

Future ITS Research Challenges

- *Integrated road and transit systems*
- *Realistic models for traffic, mobility, data usage, system interactions*
- **Wireless networking:**
 - Refined propagation models: vehicle-to-vehicle?
 - Interworking of heterogeneous wireless systems
- *Right mix of infrastructure & overlay networking*
- **Information systems and data processing:**
 - Data fusion, filtering; Efficient database design; Data mining
- **Fast and flexible creation of new applications and services**
- **Security, privacy and quality of service issues**
- **Need of experimental testbeds for real-world evaluations**
- *Business models and social and economic incentives*

Conclusions

- *Smart infrastructures offer a major opportunity to our industry*
- Smart infrastructures are essential to address energy consumption and carbon emission challenges
- Information and **Communications** Technologies will play a key role in enabling smart infrastructures
- New interdisciplinary collaborations required to address smart infrastructure research challenges

Agenda

- ICT Drives Socio-Economic Change
- Why Smart Infrastructures Now?
- Smart Infrastructure Research Challenges
 - Green Computing
 - Smart Power Grids
 - Networked Vehicles
 - Communications and Collaboration
- • Conclusions