

Complex Event Processing for Intelligent Energy Management in Microgrids

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Introduction

Campus Microgrids

Evolution

- Evolving infrastructure
- Changing consumer profiles and preferences

Diversity

- Large Volume and fine-grained data
- Varied information sources
- Multi-disciplinary participants

Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC)



Smart Meters

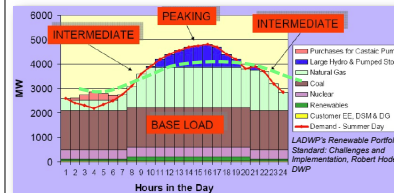


Fan Coil Unit (FCU)



Target Application

Demand Response Optimization (DR)



Traditional DR

- Schedule based
- Incentive based

Dynamic DR (D²R)

- Adaptable
- Opportunistic curtailment
- Low latency

Energy Management Challenges

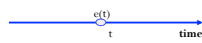


- Extensible application modeling
- Heterogeneous information correlation
- Real-time data processing
- Diverse and evolving client

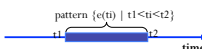
Solution Approach

Technology – Complex Event Processing (CEP)

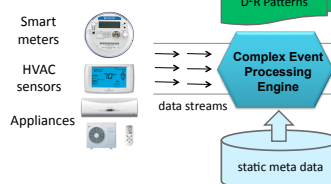
- Primitive event – information at a point of time, e.g., meter and sensor readings, class schedules



- Complex event – patterns of primitive events in a time window, e.g., sequence of meter readings



- Complex event pattern detection



System Overview

- Complex event processing engine – correlate both static and dynamic information
- Static meta data – domain knowledge such as sensor locations, room types and so on
- Data streams – real-time data from meters, HVAC units and appliances on campus
- D²R Patterns – CEP queries categorized as monitoring, prediction, and curtailment patterns

D²R Semantic Complex Events (Event Patterns)

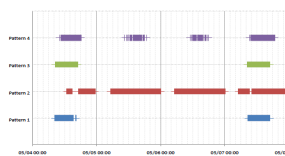
- Pattern 1: The 5-minutes average consumption of MHP exceeds its pre-peak demand 27KW.
- Pattern 2: A Meeting Room's temperature is above 73 degree when it is not occupied.
- Pattern 3: More than 6 Fan Coils in MHP operate at the same time.
- Pattern 4: EE Department's power consumption exceeds its pre-peak demand 600KW.

Past & Present Experiments

Past

- Model meaningful dynamic DR situations using complex event queries
- Validate real-time DR pattern detections

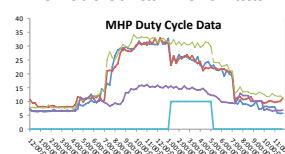
Pattern Detection Results



Present

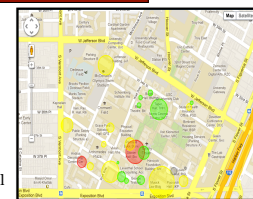
- Classroom Scheduling vs. Building Energy Load
- Load Curtailment Potential for Buildings with many Air Handling Units (AHU)

Previous Curtailment Data



Discussion & Future Work

- CEP can account for inconsistencies in some of our prediction models
- We will be exploring different CEP taxonomies to assist in dynamic DR optimization in microgrids.
- Coupled with DR, CEP could allow for Automated Demand Response, lessening the responsibility of system operators
- We plan to look into using CEP to send real time notifications to energy managers as well as use the smartgrid.usc.edu portal to display complex events in real-time



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