

Special Issue

Recent Advances in Smart Grids for a Sustainable Energy System

Message from the Guest Editors

The innovation and utilization of sustainable energy is considered to be the solution to the energy crisis. However, the use of sustainable energy still faces challenges, such as the cost of technology, control and consumption of energy, energy storage, and the construction of energy infrastructure. Against this background, virtual power plants are a new type of power plant that can realize the effective management of sustainable energy and demand-side response resources connected to the grid, and it is an effective way to achieve the sustainable development of power systems. This Special Issue focuses on contributions addressing the challenges in optimization and operation control for sustainable virtual power plants with renewable energy. Topics for the Special Issue include, but are not limited to:

- Emerging technology of sustainable energy generation technology;
- Emerging technology of future smart grids;
- Emerging technology of sustainable energy systems;
- Optimal planning and operation methods for virtual power plants;
- New power generation control technology of grid-forming converters.

We look forward to receiving your contributions.

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