Smart Grid State Indicator The future to save on electricity bills and improve energy efficiency Jinjin Lu, Dr. Judith Cardell



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I. Do you care...?

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- Electricity price changes every five minutes
- There is a smart way for you to budget your electricity consumption and to save energy!

V. Signal Response Modeling

Predicted responsive load by applying Q-learning algorithm (Artificial Intelligence)

Pass in the latest five minute signal index and zonal load

Initialize load agent for learning and define learning policy

Set possible actions and reward given different signal index levels

Choose best/random action and move to new state

Calculate Q-value and update Q matrix

Compare new Q-value with the old

Q-value (diff=new-old) diff:≠0

diff=0

Find responsive load = real load

+adopted action in learning cycle

Figure 3. Q-learning Flow Chart

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II. Where to start?

The smart grid technology will enable the electricity users to make grid-friendly decisions based on grid states (120Volt & 60Hz). To manage electronic devices response, consumers will need the information on electricity prices and power system conditions, received from grid indicators.



Figure 1. Potential prototype of grid indicator

IV. Creating Electricity Price Signals

- Downloaded real-time market price LMP, ancillary service price, and load from New York Independent System Operator website¹.
- Created a Matlab program to convert the composite price to signal index

Table 1. Signal Index value

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Meaning	Signal Index	Lower Limit	Upper Limit
Use More	0		-30
	1	-30	30
	2	30	off peak avg
Use Freely	3	off peak avg	on peak avg
	4	on peak avg	1.1*on peak avg
	5	1.1*on peak avg	1.33*on peak avg
Use Cautiously	6	1.33*on peak avg	1.67*on peak avg
	7	1.67*on peak avg	2*on peak avg
	8	2*on peak avg	3*on peak avg
Use Sparingly	9	3*on peak avg	8*on peak avg
	10	8*on peak avg	

III. First Glimpse...

Goal: Create an electricity signal consistent with grid states in New York State, and to assess the electricity demand response associated with the signal by adopting Q-learning algorithm (AI). Signal components: LMP(locational marginal price), location, reliability index, and advisory indicator. Signal representation: CMP(composite market price) driven by wind power.

New York State has 11 zonal areas as listed in Figure 2, and each area will need its own CMP.



VI. What can be achieved?

- Load response expectation
- Signal index 0-2: increase load by 20%
- Signal index 3-5: increase load by 10%
- Signal index 6-8: decrease load by 10%
- Signal index 9-10: decrease load by 20%
 Predicted load after learning cycle
- Load response in the same direction as expected
- The amount would be less than expected