Adopting system engineering methodology to Virtual Power System design flow

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#### Outline

Structure of modern power systems -**SmartGrids Distributed Energy Resources** Virtual Power System (VPS) **Commercial and Technical VPS** UML/SysML as system engineering Modeling methodology for VPS – from user requirements to functional ones Case study – Advanced Metering Infrastructure **Conclusions and future work** 

# Structure of modern power systems

#### Power system are experiencing an evolution



## Smart grid challenges

Increased stability and reliability of supply Better support for new market and business models as well as for DSM Modular and scalable approach in system design Facilitated maintenance End-to-end interoperability i.e. selfdescribing/self-identifying devices - Plug-and-play installation

Massive insertion of non-controllable generators

#### **Distributed Energy Resources**

Heterogeneous renewable resources
Global push for further development
Technical issues
Commercial issues
Massive insertion on distribution level



#### Virtual Power System

GRFFMBF

DER problem – efficient integration Smart grid problem – computational and communicational overhead

A concept defined by AlpEnergy project An autonomous entity in commercial and technical terms Promising solution for filling the gap – Virtual Power System



#### Virtual Power Plant - structure

Commercial Virtual Power Plants – CVPP Technical Virtual Power Plants – TVPP

(according to Fenix project)



### CVPP vs. TVVP

- Optimization and scheduling of production based on predicted needs of consumers
  Maintenance and submission of DERs' characteristics and costs (portfolio)
  Building DER bids and submitting them to the market
- Selling energy provider by DERs to the Market
  TVVP optimizes technical operation of VPP
  according to production requests from CVPP



### UML/SysML for system engineering

UML and it's extension SysML are widely accepted standard for specification, modeling and analysis A mean to tackle complexity of modern systems – used in system engineering Common understanding platform From user requirements through system ones to functional requirements of concrete embedded systems

## Modeling methodology

VPS is multidisciplinary requiring holistic approach
Request for unified specification and modeling
Unified Modeling Language (UML)

#### *Our goals*

 Developing a mutual communication and understanding platform (relating – energy exchange stock, utilities, authorities, technology providers ...)

- Efficient gathering of user requirements and their translation into system and functional ones

- It starts with ideas and goals definition and context description
  - Context diagram (general abstract model) -> basic stakeholders determination -> user requirements -> system requirements (services) -> functional requirements -> component description





## User requirements collection – in text mode using some natural language

«Requirement» Optimal_Energy_trading	«Requirement» Optimal_VPS_operation	«Requirement» VPS integration with SmartGrid
< <functionalrequirement>&gt; id="REQ14" text="The VPS system must provide optimal energy trading based on current prices on the market, capacities and</functionalrequirement>	< <functionalrequirement>&gt; id="REQ1" text="The VPS system must operate optimaly with respect to given constrains providing highest benefit for the owner"</functionalrequirement>	< <functionalrequirement>&gt; id="REQ12" text="The VPS must effeciently integrate into SmartGrid"</functionalrequirement>
«Requirement»	«Requirement» Optimal_enviromental	«Requirement» Optimal_commercial
Optimal_resources		



#### VPS – system requirements definition



Relating user requirements with services to satisfy them – system behavior



#### Relating services (use cases) and actors



Realization of services (use cases) through activities (use cases flow) – when



System structure – static (structural) – component diagram





#### Case study – Advanced Metering Infrastructure

Defining the structure
of the system –
dynamic (behavioral)
– sequence diagram
Getting functional
requirement for the
concrete component
(i.e. device)



### Case study – Advanced Metering Infrastructure

## Internal block diagram of a concrete component (AMI)



#### Conclusions and future works

- VPS a concept to aggregate DER
- VPS as a technical and trading module inside Smart grid

#### Modeling methodology

- As mutual communication platform
- Requirements collecting instrument
- Transition of user requirements into system and functional ones
  - Demonstrate using AMI as a case study

Fine grain representation of all VPS elements



## Thank you

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