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Smart Energy Grids: Integrating Advanced Technologies into Core Electrical Systems

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Abstract

For the growth of smart energy grids, it is now necessary to include cutting edge technologies in basic electricity systems. The goal of this paradigm change is to make power networks more reliable, efficient, and long-lasting. To make the switch to smart energy grids, many different types of technology must be combined, like Internet of Things (IoT) devices, sensors, and communication networks. These parts make real-time tracking and data collection easier, so grid workers can quickly make decisions based on accurate information. Smart meters allow for two-way contact between users and the grid, which creates an energy environment that is flexible and adaptable. Algorithms for machine learning are very important for figuring out how to best use energy, predicting problems, and keeping the grid stable. These programs help make forecast maintenance plans by looking at very large datasets. This cuts down on downtime and the overall cost of maintenance. In addition, smart grids make it easy to add green energy sources like solar and wind, which makes the energy mix more viable. In this trip of change, cybersecurity is the most important thing to think about, and strong steps have been taken to protect the stability of the grid against possible dangers. In the general, the economic effects are also talked about, with a focus on how smart grids can save money, make better use of resources, and help the economy as a whole. This paper talks about the many benefits of adding new technologies to basic electrical systems. It also welcomes a new era of smart energy grids that are strong, long-lasting, and able to adapt to the changing needs of a modern society.

I. INTRODUCTION

A Smart Energy Grid is an updated electricity grid that uses many new technologies. The grid is fully connected to the Internet of Things (IoT) through sensors, communication networks, and devices. This [1] creates a complex environment that can be monitored and analyzed in real time. This combination gives grid workers a level of information about the state and performance of the whole energy network that has never been seen before. This lets them make quick, well-informed decisions. Putting in smart meters is one of the most important parts of smart energy grids. These gadgets make it possible for customers and the grid to talk to each other back and forth. This is the start of an era of interactive energy management. People can see how much energy they are using right now, make smart choices about how to use it most efficiently, and even send extra energy from green sources back to the grid [2]. This two-way contact not only gives customers more power, but it also makes the energy transfer system more quick and flexible. Another important part of Smart Energy Grids is that they use machine learning

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techniques. These programs look at huge amounts of data to guess how people will use electricity, find possible problems, and improve the grid's general performance. Machine learning-based predictive maintenance techniques help grid workers deal with problems before they happen, which [3], [4] cuts down on downtime and maintenance costs. Also, as green energy sources like solar and wind become more important, machine learning methods are very important for making the best use of the fact that these sources aren't always available. There are clear benefits to Smart Energy Grids in terms of being more efficient and environmentally friendly. However, the use of modern technologies also creates problems, especially when it comes to security. Now that more grid devices are connected to each other, strong cybersecurity measures are needed to protect against possible risks and keep the whole system safe. Putting new technologies into basic electricity systems is a turning point in the history of power distribution networks [4]. At the heart of this merging is a concerted attempt to change standard electricity systems into ones that can change and learn on their own.

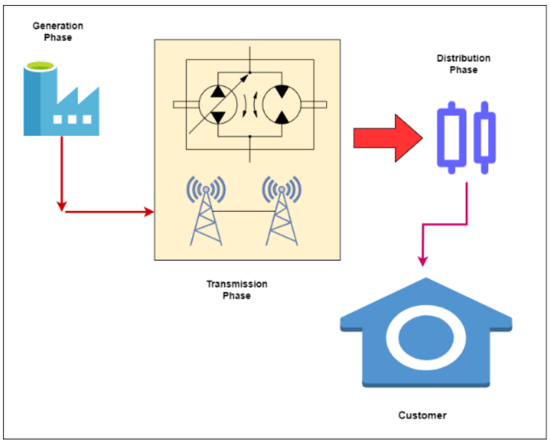

Figure 1: Convention power transmission to conventional grid

Electrical grids are made up of Internet of Things (IoT) devices, sensors, and complex communication networks that work together to make the system work. This creates a dynamic environment that lets people watch and analyze data in real time. This huge change makes it possible to see and [5] control things in ways that were not possible before. It gives grid workers useful information about how the system is working and what problems might happen. The addition of smart meters is also a very important part of connecting customers to the grid. These gadgets allow two-way contact, which lets customers take an active role in managing energy. Smart meters give people real-time information about how much energy they are using. This [6] lets them make smart choices about how to use energy more efficiently and help the grid work better. Consumers and the electricity system can talk to each other, which encourages a mindset of saving energy and being sensitive, which helps the energy environment as a whole stay healthy.

Machine learning algorithms [8] become an important part of this mix of technologies because they provide predictive analytics that make the grid more reliable and efficient. These programs look at very large datasets to predict trends of usage, find possible problems, and improve the general performance of the system. Machine learning-based predictive maintenance strategies keep downtime to a minimum, lower maintenance costs, and make sure that important electricity equipment lasts for a long time. These advanced technologies also make it easy to add green energy sources. This [7] is because they can handle the fact that some sources, like solar and wind, aren't always available, making the switch to a more sustainable energy mix easier. However, as we move deeper into this age of greater connectedness, hacking becomes the most important issue. To keep the whole grid safe and sound, it is important to keep these highly advanced electricity systems safe from online dangers. Basically, adding new technologies to basic electricity systems not only makes them more reliable and efficient, but it also creates a future energy system that is more connected, safe, and long-lasting.

II. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Adding new technologies to basic power systems, especially for creating smart grids, has been the subject of a lot of study and development. Both academics and professionals in the field have been heavily involved in shaping the progress of this game-changing area. There [9] has been a lot of work done in this area, including uses for the Internet of Things (IoT), smart meters, machine learning techniques, and using green energy sources. In the field of IoT uses, researchers have been focusing on putting in place communication and sensor networks to make smart grids better at tracking and controlling themselves in real time. IoT devices make it easy for different parts of the grid to share info with each other, making the system flexible and linked. Researchers have looked into how to make communication methods work better so that data can be sent quickly. This is done to make sure that grid workers can handle and use the huge amount of data that IoT devices produce effectively [10],[11].

Smart meters [12] are an important part of adding new technologies to power systems because they connect

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customers to the main power grid. Researchers in this field have looked into how to build and set up smart meters, with a focus on making them able to communicate both ways. These studies look at how smart meters give people real-time information about how much energy they use, so they can make smart choices about how to use energy more efficiently and take part in demand response programs. Researchers [13] have also looked into the problems that come up with data privacy, security, and making standard methods for flawless interaction. Machine learning techniques are very important for making smart grids work better. A lot of research has been done on how machine learning methods can be used for prediction analytics, finding faults, and predicting energy use. Researchers have looked into making strong programs that can handle big datasets in order to predict and stop possible grid failures. Machine learning models are also used for predictive maintenance strategies. These help grid workers find and fix problems before they happen, which cuts down on downtime and maintenance costs.

Adding green energy [14] sources to smart grids has been a key part of meeting the growing demand for long-term energy options. Researchers have looked into the problems that come up when green energy sources like sun and wind don't work all the time. To successfully handle the changing nature of these sources, advanced technologies have been created, such as energy predicting models and real-time tracking systems. Studies [15] have looked into how to use energy storage solutions and grid management methods to make sure that adding green energy to the current power grid works smoothly and reliably. Studies on the economic and social effects of adding new technologies to basic electricity systems are also part of the linked work. Researchers have looked into how cost-effective it is to use smart grid technologies, looking at things like how much energy they save, how well they work, and how they affect the economy as a whole. Researchers [16] have also looked into policy frameworks and governing processes that could encourage the use of new technologies and make the switch to smarter, more environmentally friendly electricity systems go more smoothly. A lot of progress has been made by researchers in understanding and using these technologies, such as IoT apps, smart meters, machine learning techniques, and integrating green energy. A lot of work has gone into making this collection possible. Smart grids will continue to improve and grow, leading to a more efficient, reliable, and long-lasting energy future.

Table 1: Related work summary in Smart Energy Grid

Method	Dataset Used	Finding	Limitation	Scope	Application Area
Machine Learning [17]	Smart Grid Operational Data	Improved Fault Detection and Predictive Maintenance	Limited historical data availability	Integration into large-scale grids	Grid Management, Fault Detection
IoT Sensor Networks [18]	Real-Time Grid Monitoring	Enhanced Real-Time Monitoring and Control	Scalability challenges for extensive sensor deployment	Deployment in urban and rural grid environments	Grid Monitoring, Control Systems
Demand Response Programs [19]	Consumer Energy Usage Data	Increased Energy Efficiency and Demand Response	Limited consumer participation	Expansion to diverse consumer segments	Consumer Energy Management, Load Balancing
Renewable Energy Models [20]	Solar and Wind Energy Data	Efficient Integration of Renewable Sources	Variability and intermittency of renewable sources	Optimization of renewable energy integration in the grid	Renewable Energy Integration, Grid Stability
Data Privacy Measures [21]	Smart Metering Data	Improved Consumer Privacy Measures	Complexity of implementing standardized protocols	Development of standardized protocols for data protection	Secure Smart Metering, Consumer Privacy
Grid Resilience Studies [22]	Historical Outage Data	Enhanced Grid Resilience in the Face of Disruptions	Limited historical outage data	Development of resilient grid architecture	Resilient Power Distribution, Disaster Recovery
Communication Protocols [23]	Grid Communication Networks	Optimized Communication for Seamless Data Exchange	Vulnerability to cyber threats	Development of robust cybersecurity measures for	Secure Grid Communication, Cybersecurity

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Energy Forecasting [2]	Historical Energy Consumption	Improved Accuracy in Energy Consumption Predictions	Sensitivity to sudden changes in consumption patterns	Integration of real-time data for dynamic forecasting	Energy Consumption Forecasting, Resource Planning
Cybersecurity Measures [24]	Grid Cybersecurity Protocols	Enhanced Protection Against Cyber Threats	Resource-intensive implementation	Continuous refinement of cybersecurity protocols	Secure Grid Infrastructure, Threat Mitigation
Smart Grid Standards [25]	Regulatory Frameworks	Standardization of Smart Grid Technologies	Resistance to adopt new standards by existing systems	Global adoption of standardized protocols and frameworks	Interoperability, Regulatory Compliance
Advanced Metering Infra. [26]	AMI Data	Efficient Data Management and Communication in Smart Metering	Initial infrastructure investment costs	Expansion of Advanced Metering Infrastructure deployment	Smart Metering, Data Management
Blockchain Integration [8]	Decentralized Ledger Technology	Improved Transparency and Security in Energy Transactions	Energy-intensive blockchain computations	Exploration of energy-efficient blockchain technologies	Secure Transactions, Peer-to-Peer Energy Trading
Microgrid Implementatio n [12]	Microgrid Operational Data	Increased Resilience and Localized Energy Production	Initial setup costs and limited scalability	Scaling microgrid solutions to cater to larger populations	Localized Energy Production, Resilient Power Supply

III. SMART ENERGY GRID

A. Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI)

The installation of Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) is a turning point in the history of energy grids. It turns regular power systems into smart, responding networks. Smart meters are at the center of this change. These are high-tech devices that not only measure how much energy is used but also collect important real-time data that helps utilities and customers better manage energy use and respond to changes in demand.

1. Smart meters and their role in real-time data collection

Smart meters are the most important part of AMI. They are different from standard analog meters because they can communicate digitally and in both directions. Unlike their predecessors, smart meters give [5] detailed information about how energy is used, providing real-time information that goes beyond the monthly numbers that standard meters collect. Energy companies can now receive data in real time, which changes everything. Smart meters make it possible to keep an eye on how much energy is being used at shorter times, usually every 15 minutes or less.

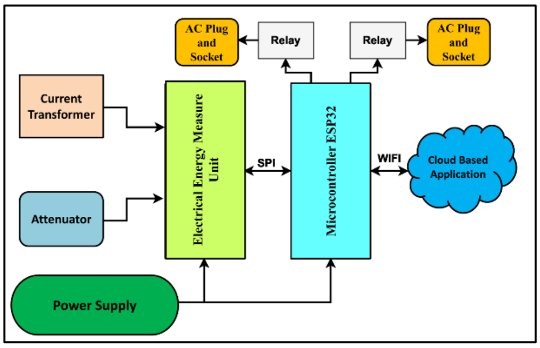

Figure 2: Systematic view of smart meter with load control

A lot of correct information about when and how energy is being used is given by this high-frequency data collection. This level of detail makes it easier to get a better picture of how energy is being used. This helps companies find times of high demand, changes in load, and places where energy could be saved. Aside from that, smart meters help find problems with tools or strange patterns of use quickly. By sending alerts in real time, they give companies the power to deal with problems before they happen, which saves energy and lowers the risk of system failure. This feature not only makes the grid more reliable, but it also makes the spread of energy more efficient overall.

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2. Benefits of AMI in improving energy efficiency and demand response

- Better energy efficiency: AMI is a key part of supporting energy efficiency because it gives customers and companies a level of awareness and control over energy use that has never been seen before. When customers have access to real-time data, they can make smart choices about when and how to use energy. This lets them change their habits to save money and protect the environment [11]. Smart meters give companies specific information that lets them make focused plans to save energy. Utilities can use tools like demand-side management, energy saving programs, and time-of-use prices to find places with high energy demand or poor ways of using energy. These actions help make the sharing of energy supplies more fair and effective.
- Making Demand Response Work Better: Demand response is an important part of modern grid management because it lets utilities balance supply and demand in real time. AMI makes demand response easier by giving smart devices in homes and companies the tools they need to talk to and be controlled. Utilities can send signs to smart meters during times of high demand or grid stress, telling them to talk to connected devices like smart thermostats, water heaters, or chargers for electric cars. By interacting in these ways, energy use can be briefly changed or moved, which helps the grid handle peak times better. This flexible reaction to changes in demand makes the grid more reliable and cuts down on the need for expensive infrastructure updates.

B: Sensors and Control Systems:

What has changed in the way electricity networks are watched, controlled, and improved is the move toward smart energy grids in power systems. The new ways that monitors and advanced control systems are being used are very important to this change. They are key to tracking, automating, and improving the grid in real time.

1. Integration of Sensors for Real-Time Monitoring

The installation of monitors in the grid system [20] is a major step forward in improving tracking in real time. Smart placement of these monitors across the grid gathers information on voltage, current, temperature, and the health of equipment, among other things. By constantly collecting and sending this data, sensors give operators a level of information about the grid's operation that has never been possible before. Real-time tracking, made possible by devices, makes it easy to spot problems and strange behavior right away. As an example, sudden load jumps or changes in voltage that aren't normal can be picked up right away, allowing quick action to stop failures that keep happening. Additionally, monitors help with predicted maintenance by keeping an eye on the health of grid components. This lets parts be replaced before they break down, which lowers the chance of unplanned power blackouts.

2. Control Systems for Grid Automation and Optimization

Along with sensors, control systems are like the brains of a smart energy grid. They plan automated reactions and make sure the grid works at its best. Sensors collect a lot of data in real time that these systems use to make smart choices and precisely control grid parts.

- Automation: Algorithms and logic built into control systems let automation happen by adapting to changing grid conditions without any help from a person. Automated processes can change the path of power lines if equipment breaks down or change voltage levels on the fly based on changes in demand. Automation not only speeds up responses, but it also cuts down on the need for human work, which makes the grid more reliable and efficient.
- Optimization: Grid optimization is a difficult task that includes matching supply and demand, reducing costs, and getting the most out of green energy sources. Control systems get the best results by using complex formulas that look at many things, like weather trends, customer demand profiles, and the amount of energy storage. These systems manage the grid in the most efficient way possible by changing things like grid layout and power distribution on the fly.

Adding Artificial Intelligence (AI) and machine learning to control systems also makes it possible for decisions to be made based on new information. Over time, these systems learn from past data. This makes it possible for grid performance to keep getting better and for problems to be predicted and dealt with before they get worse.

Table 2: Comparison of current power system and the smart energy grid

Aspect	Current Power System	Smart Energy Grid
1. Infrastructure	Traditional, centralized power plants and a one-	Decentralized with a mix of traditional and

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	way power flow.	renewable sources, bidirectional power flow, and advanced communication infrastructure.
2. Energy Sources	Primarily fossil fuels with limited renewable integration.	Diverse mix including renewables, energy storage, and distributed generation for sustainability.
3. Grid Operation	Reactive and manual grid management. Limited visibility into real-time data.	Proactive, automated, and data-driven grid management with real-time monitoring and control.
4. Reliability	Prone to outages, limited resilience, and slower recovery times.	Improved reliability through self-healing capabilities, redundancy, and quick response to disturbances.
5. Efficiency	Relatively lower efficiency due to limited demand response and grid optimization.	Higher efficiency with demand-response programs, energy storage, and optimized grid operations.
6. Communication	Limited communication between grid components.	Advanced communication infrastructure enabling real-time data exchange among devices for better coordination and control.

IV. GRID MANAGEMENT AND OPTIMIZATION

A. Real-time data analytics

1. Utilizing data for predictive maintenance and fault detection

Real-time data analytics are an important part of modern grid management. They have changed how utilities keep an eye on and fix their systems. Utilizing the power of data analytics, smart energy grids can now do predicted maintenance and improve flaw detection, bringing in a new era of proactive and effective grid management.

- Predictive Maintenance:

As a result of real-time data processing, utilities can switch from reactive to proactive repair strategies. By continuously gathering and studying data from different grid components, like transformers, circuit breakers, and sensors, computers can figure out when equipment might break down before it actually does. This method to preventive maintenance cuts down on downtime, lowers the cost of repairs, and makes the grid more reliable overall. Utilities can plan repair tasks based on how the equipment is actually working. This makes the best use of resources and increases the life of important infrastructure.

- Fault Detection and Response:

Data analytics are also very important for finding flaws in the grid and fixing them. Algorithms look at new data in real time to find strange or unusual patterns that could mean problems. When a fault is found, automated reactions can be set off to lessen its effects. For example, the damaged area can be cut off from the rest of the system or power lines can be redirected. This fast fault detection and response system helps make the grid more stable by making sure it recovers quickly from problems and limiting the number of times customers have to wait for service.

B. Demand response programs

Demand response programs are a key way to get a balance between supply and demand and make the best use of energy. Using real-time data analytics, utilities can set up demand response programs that change how people use energy in ways that are more efficient and environmentally friendly.

- Consumer Engagement:

Real-time data analytics let utilities get people involved in managing how much energy they use. Smart meters and other connected gadgets let people see how much energy they are using and how much it costs in real time. This openness gives customers the information they need to make smart choices, like switching their energy use to off-peak hours when prices are lower or taking part in demand response events that the utility sets up.

- Load Shifting:

Utilities can use load-shifting techniques if they have real-time info on how demand changes. During times of high demand, utilities can offer discounts to customers who cut back on their energy use or move it to off-peak times. This flexible approach to demand response helps to ease the load on the grid during times of high demand. This keeps the need for extra building

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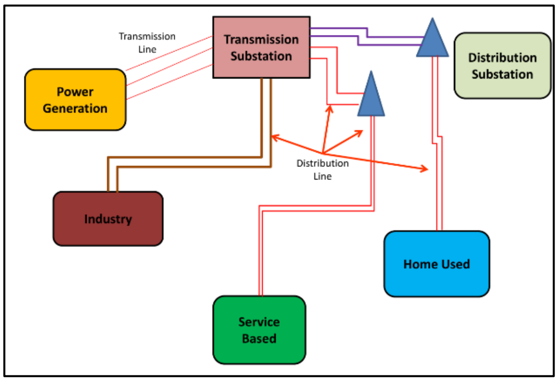

Figure 3: Overview of Technology combine smart grid

C. Grid Optimization Algorithms: Balance Between Supply and Demand

Grid planning is a difficult task that includes keeping supply and demand in balance while making the best use of natural resources. Real-time data analytics and powerful grid optimization tools give us the knowledge we need to find this careful balance.

Algorithm:

1. Objective Function:
   - Definition: The objective function f(x) quantifies the goal of the optimization.
   - Variables: Let x represent the decision variables.
   - f(x) = Minimize or Maximize (Objective expression involving cost, efficiency, or supply-demand balance).

2. Constraints:
   - Definition: Constraints ensure that the solution adheres to physical and operational limitations.

Examples: gi(x) ≤ 0 for various constraints i.

$$gi(x) \leq 0$$

3. Power Flow Equations:
   - Definition: Power flow equations model the physical laws governing electricity flow.
   - Variables: Let V represent the vector of node voltages, P the vector of power injections, Z the matrix of line impedances.

$$P = YV,$$

where Y is the admittance matrix, representing the relationship between power injections and node voltages.

4. Forecasting Models:
   - Definition: Forecasting models predict future conditions.
   - Variables: Let F represent forecasted variables.

$$F = Forecasting\ Model(Historical\ Data).$$

5. Decision Variables:
   - Definition: Decision variables are the variables determined by the optimization algorithm.
   - Examples: Let Pi represent power dispatch at node i, E_charge represent energy storage charging rate.
     $x = [P1, P2, \ldots, PN, E\_charge, \ldots]$.

6. Linear Programming or Nonlinear Optimization:
   - Definition: Linear Programming or Nonlinear Optimization techniques.
   - Linear Programming: Minimize or Maximize $f(x)\ subject\ to\ gi(x) \leq 0$.
   - Nonlinear Optimization: Minimize or $Maximize\ f(x)\ subject\ to\ gi(x) \leq 0\ and\ hj(x) = 0$ for different constraints i and j.

- **Dynamic Load Balancing:**

Grid management programs look at data on energy usage, production, and grid conditions all the time. These programs change how energy is distributed on the fly to make sure that supply meets demand while reducing transportation losses. Optimizing load balancing is one way for companies to make the grid more efficient overall, cutting down on wasted energy and making **the best use of resources.**

- **Integration of Renewables:**

As more green energy sources, like solar and wind, are used, the grid becomes less stable. Grid optimization programs take into account that green energy sources aren't always available and change how the grid works to account for this. This includes figuring out how renewable energy will be generated, planning energy storage systems, and controlling the grid in a way that adapts to changes in renewable output. This makes the energy system more stable and long-lasting, and it makes it easier for green energy sources to connect to the grid. After everything is said and done, using real-time data analytics, demand response programs, and grid optimization methods together is the best way to handle and improve smart energy systems. Using the power of data, utilities can keep up with repair needs, change how customers behave to save money, and keep supply and demand in balance all the time. This all-around method not only makes the grid more reliable and efficient, but it also helps make the energy environment more healthy and adaptable.

V. RESILIENCE AND RELIABILITY

A. Self-Healing Capabilities:

Smart energy grids with self-healing powers are a game-changer when it comes to building a strong and

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reliable energy infrastructure. Modern technologies have made it possible for automatic problem identification and separation. This is a big change from traditional grid systems, and it has huge benefits for stability and managing outages.

a) Automatic Fault Detection:

One of the most important parts of being able to self-heal is being able to automatically find flaws in the grid. Many of the time, traditional power systems need to be inspected and fixed by hand, which can cause downtime and breakdowns that can spread to other systems. Smart energy grids, on the other hand, have advanced monitors and tracking tools that can quickly find problems in the system, like broken equipment, messed up lines, or changes in power. This real-time detection makes sure that possible threats are dealt with quickly, so they don't have a big effect on the grid's general performance.

b) Isolation of Faults:

Once a fault is found, the self-healing features allow the grid to automatically cut off the affected area. Automated switches, reclosers, and other smart devices are used in smart grid technologies to separate the broken section, effectively blocking any disruptions. By separating the problem, the other parts of the grid can keep working normally, which limits the size and length of downtime. This not only makes the grid more reliable generally, but it also cuts down on downtime for companies and customers.

B. Redundancy in Critical Infrastructure: Ensuring Reliable Power Supply in Case of Failures

A key part of grid resilience is the idea of redundancy in vital infrastructure. This makes sure that the system can handle breakdowns and interruptions that come up out of the blue. Having spare parts, paths, and resources is what redundancy means. They are carefully placed to make sure there is a stable power supply even when problems arise that were not expected.

a) Critical Components Redundancy:

Important Elements Important parts of a smart energy grid, like transformers, substations, and communication networks, are built with backups in mind. Strategically put backup or duplicate equipment makes it possible to make smooth changes in case a component fails. In the event that one part stops working, the system will instantly switch to the backup unit. This will keep the power flowing without any breaks.

b) Grid Pathways Redundancy:

Redundancy can also be used for the ways that energy moves. Power can be redirected if a line fails or is interrupted because there are many connecting paths. This grid's adaptability lets changes be made on the fly to keep the power supply steady and stable. The general robustness of the grid is improved by redundant routes that make it less vulnerable to single places of failure.

The self-healing features and redundant vital structures are added to smart energy systems to make them more resilient and reliable. Automatic fault detection and separation cut down on downtime by quickly fixing problems, and redundancy makes sure that the power supply is always on, even if something goes wrong. These features work together to make a grid that is not only technologically advanced but also able to handle problems and quickly recover from them. This makes the energy environment more reliable and efficient for both customers and businesses.

VI. CONCLUSION

Adding new technologies to basic power systems is a big step toward making smart energy sources more reliable, efficient, and long-lasting. Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI), which includes smart meters and real-time data processing, gives both utilities and customers new insights that have never been seen before. This encourages smart energy use and grid efficiency. Having better insight, along with grid optimization tools and predicted maintenance made possible by self-healing features, makes the energy environment more flexible and adaptable. Adding green energy sources without any problems speeds up the development of the smart energy grid even more. By using a variety of energy sources, such as solar, wind, and energy storage, these grids help the climate and reduce our reliance on fossil fuels. Using monitors and control systems allows for real-time tracking, automation, and optimization of the grid. This makes sure that resources are used efficiently and environmental damage is kept to a minimum. In the smart grid world, resilience and dependability are the most important things to think about. Self-healing features and redundant key structures protect the grid from problems, making sure there is a steady flow of electricity. Demand response programs also urge customers to help control load, which makes the grid more stable and balanced during times of high demand. With the development of smart energy grids, these technologies are coming together to create energy systems that are not only smart, but also flexible and able to change. Moving toward a better grid shows a dedication to dealing with current energy issues while

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promoting a long-lasting and eco-friendly way of making and distributing electricity. Smart energy grids are a big step forward in the way energy is used. They help create a future where technology and environment can live together in peace to meet the needs of a modern, linked world.

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