Reliability Assessment of Power Distribution Networks

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Electric power distribution is the final stage in the delivery of electric power; about 80% of power interruptions result from power distribution system failure. Therefore, assessing the reliability of power distribution networks is of great interest. The twenty-first century power system is witnessing major transformation. Higher penetration of renewable resources, along with integration of electrical vehicles and smart appliances, requires the grid to be smarter to meet the demand with higher efficiency and reliability. Dr. Heidari will present his continuing research on planning of reliable power distribution networks. This presentation will introduce the potential benefits of automation and electrical vehicles on the reliability of power systems.

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