

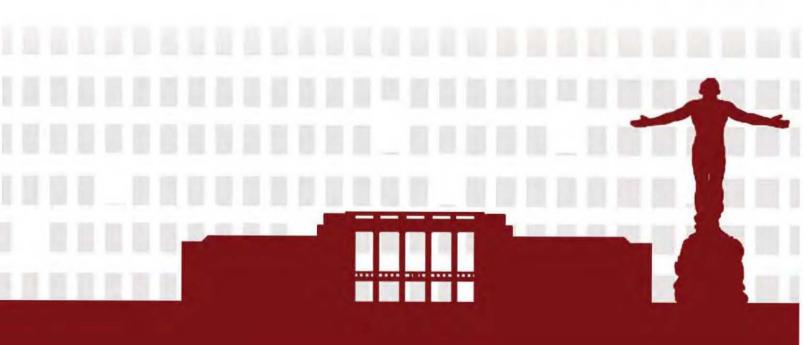


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## HIERARCHICAL MULTI-AGENT-BASED DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT WITH USER COMFORT AS A COMBINATION OF THERMAL AND OTHER SERVICES

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### ABSTRACT

With increasing load on the existing electric power system, demand-side management (DSM) has been implemented to help maintain system stability, among other objectives. Since DSM programs, implemented as-is, are bound to cause customer inconveniences and/or losses, research has been done to consider customer comfort when implementing DSM programs.

The typical approach uses a single "value" of comfort metric for all customers, and decision-making is centralized. This method has two main drawbacks. First, in practice no two people will have identical criteria regarding comfort levels. Second, centralized decision-making is impractical for a large system due to the data size/processing power required.

To alleviate these problems, a multi-agent-based system would be developed that features distributed decisionmaking, and integrates individual user comfort metrics as a set of service valuations. The agent-based system will be implemented in the C/C++ programming language on the Linux platform, and tested with data based on real-life consumption patterns. Figure 1 shows the proposed agent-based system for DSM.

Being an on-going work, the intention is to implement a DSM system, utilizing agent-based systems, that maximizes user comfort while minimizing the energy consumption of a facility. A facility may be a group of related commercial buildings, or a subdivision of residential households.

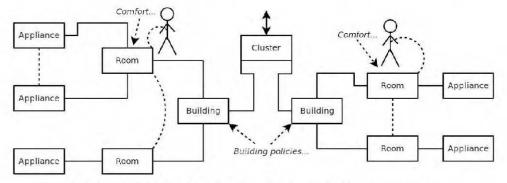


Figure 1. The agent-based system for demand-side management.

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