

Towards net-zero emission and energy resilient communities: a multi-dimensional approach to energy master planning

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We are developing a computer tool which offers a multi-dimensional approach to the planning, design and assessment of resilient net-zero emission communities

We are spewing 152 million tons of manmade global warming pollution into the thin shell of our atmosphere every 24 hours — as if it were an open sewer.

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Canberra, Australia

January 5, 2020

Canberra set a new, all-time high temperature record of 44° C on January 4.

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Resilient net-zero emission communities are needed





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A multi-dimensional approach to energy master planning of net-zero emission communities is required, especially focusing on the energy resilience of community level energy systems

What is Energy Master Planning?



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Energy Master Planning



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What is a community level energy system?

Co-located buildings that own generation units and connected to energy networks

Mixed-use (both electrical and thermal energy)

Single owner/organisation for making decision and investments

A variety of technology options available

Examples are university campuses, school campuses, social housing clusters, group of office buildings, commercial centres, airport buildings, military camps, large hospitals, isolated communities in a remote area and more.

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Community level system and technologies



Methodology

Conceptual design stage

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Resilience is ability to prepare for, withstand, and recover from disruptions caused by major accidents, attacks, or natural disasters.

"Bounce-back-ability"



Resilience framework and metrics for energy master planning of communities



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Conceptual multi-phase energy resilience trapezoid



Case study description

The University of Melbourne new campus

Net zero emission by 2050

Sustainable and resilient design

Highest Green Star rating



Fishermans Bend, Melbourne, Australia

Stage 1 of the campus development

Total land area	~7 ha
Gross Floor area	54 987 m²
Peak electricity demand	956 kW
Peak cooling demand	1 327 kW
Peak heating demand	665 kW

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Alternatives	Electricity gen tech Cooling gen tech		Heating gen tech
Alt0	Grid	Heat pump	Boiler (gas)
Alt1	Wind turbine	Heat pump	Boiler (gas)
Alt2	PV	Heat pump	Solar thermal

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Preliminary resultsAlt2PVmulti-dimensional performance assessment of design alternatives



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Preliminary resultsAlt2PVMulti-dimensional performance assessment of design alternatives



Preliminary results MELBOURNE Multiple alternatives TOPSIS ranking and scores

Neutral





Alt6

Alt4

0.5

Alt1

0.6

0.7

0.8

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Alt8 Alt9

Design alternatives

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BAU	Grid	Heat pump	Boiler (gas)
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Alt2	PV	Heat pump	Solar thermal
Alt3	PV	Heat pump	Boiler (electric)
Alt4	Wind turbine	Heat pump	Boiler (electric)
Alt5	Wind turbine	Heat pump	Solar thermal
Alt6	Wind turbine	Heat pump	Boiler (electric)
Alt7	PV	Heat pump	Heat pump
Alt8	PV	Heat pump	Boiler (biomass)
Alt9	PV	Heat pump	Boiler (gas)



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Preliminary results Energy resilience evaluation

Alternatives	Electricity gen tech	Cooling gen tech	Heating gen tech
Alt7	PV	Heat pump	Heat pump





Concluding remarks and research implications

- The multi-dimensional approach to energy master planning can facilitate the transition to resilient netzero emission communities.
- Can be of benefit to various stakeholders such as utility providers, energy planners, researchers, facility managers, designers, investors and owners.
- Can provide a multi-dimensional evaluation of design alternatives in a timely manner and in the early stages of energy master planning process.
- Can help uncover investment opportunities and contribute towards more effective sustainable policies.
- Can help assess economic and technical implications of design options for the urban energy grids and wider community, especially in terms of evaluation of primary energy saving, CO₂ emission reduction, flexibility, energy demand management and decreased (power) system vulnerability.



Future work direction

- Developing the preliminary design stage modelling feature in the tool.
- Assessment of energy resilience with a higher resolution.
- Exploring the tool in global case studies.



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