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What is a multi-microgrid distribution system?
A typical topology of the multi-microgrids distribution system is shown in Fig. 1. The microgrid organically combines the photovoltaic (PV), wind turbine (WT), and energy storage system (ESS) to meet the local load demand. When the MMG generation is excessive or insufficient, the MMG will exchange power flow with ADN.

Why are microgrids important?
Microgrids (MGs),with their flexible and efficient integration capabilities,have aroused great attention as an effective way to utilize distributed energy resources as well as become an important part of the active distribution network (ADN) ,.

How can a multi-microgrids distribution system be fully decentralized?
Namely, there is no information exchange among MGs. Only tie-line information is shared between ADN and MMG to ensure consistency in operation. Therefore, the coordinated operation problem of a multi-microgrids distribution system can be solved in a fully decentralized way, preserving the independent decision of each subsystem operator. 3.

Can decentralized energy management be used in multi-microgrids?
In recent years, research on decentralized or distributed energy management for active distribution systems with multi-microgrids has been carried out.

What is the dynamic economic dispatch model for multi-energy microgrids?
In , a two-stage collaborative operation model for an MMG is constructed, and the interactive energy dispatching model between the distribution network and MMG is addressed in . The dynamic economic dispatch model for the grid-connected and islanded multi-energy microgrids is proposed in to increase the system operating efficiency.

What is a fully decentralized coordinated operation framework for a multi-microgrid distribution system?
1. A fully decentralized coordinated operation framework for the active distribution system with multi-microgrids is proposed, achieving the synergistic yet independent operation of multiple entities.

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By sharing and aggregating key financial data across multiple active microgrid projects, appropriate subsidy levels can be quantified and a case made to the relevant authorities outlining the requirements for sustainable microgird services in rural customers.

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Our approach assumes that the distribution network operates as an integrated system during normal conditions

but can quickly be isolated from the main network and form medium voltage independent microgrids using breakers after a blackout to prioritize the supply of critical local loads.

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