

# Advancements and Challenges in Smart Grid and Microgrid Technologies

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**Abstract:** *The growing demand for electricity, coupled with climate change concerns, has driven the development of smart grid and microgrid technologies. These innovations enhance energy efficiency, reliability, and sustainability by integrating advanced metering, automation, and renewable energy sources. This review explores recent advancements in smart grids and microgrids, highlighting their role in decentralized energy management and the challenges hindering widespread adoption. Key issues include economic feasibility, regulatory frameworks, cybersecurity, and the intermittent nature of renewable energy. By synthesizing current research, this paper provides a comprehensive analysis of technological progress and future directions for achieving a more resilient and sustainable energy infrastructure.*

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