

#### Using a Battery Energy Storage System to Enhance Stability in an Islanded Microgrid

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## **Overall Project Overview**

- Validate the economic and system performance benefits of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) in the distribution system
- Premium Power Corporation (Prime Contractor) is developing large-capacity flow battery and inverter systems











# WPI Role

- Develop a modeling environment for distribution feeders including distributed generation and energy storage
- Develop Optimal Charge/Discharge Algorithms for use in the model
- Perform detailed investigation of economic benefits of:
  - Time shifting of energy purchases
  - Output leveling
  - Feeder upgrade deferral
  - Outage prevention





## **Power Flow Model Capabilities**

- Produces time profiles of output variables
- Performs electrical and economic calculations
- Implemented in MATLAB's Simulink
- Models real and reactive power, voltage, and voltage phase angle with substation as the reference
- Three phase, balanced/unbalanced
- Load and energy price profiles vs. time are inputs
- Series RL, symmetric geometry line model is used



### Application of the Modeling System

- Goal is to investigate BESS benefits
  - Energy arbitrage (buy low, sell high)
  - Voltage stabilization
  - Outage prevention
  - Peak shaving, load leveling
- Inputs to model
  - Distribution system design (substation transformer rating, wire gauge, geometry, load locations)
  - Time varying profile of each load (balanced/unbalanced, active/reactive)
  - Distributed generation location and output profile
  - BESS location, capacity, charge/disch rates, efficiency
- A BESS control algorithm is needed





### **Dynamic Programming Algorithm**



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### Renewable Energy Smoothing Example





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Multiple uses for a grid-located BESS may be required for economic viability

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## Microgrid Components

- Essential loads
- Controllable generation
  - Sized with a safety margin
  - Small amount of system inertia







### Stability





# Adding a BESS

 BESS Can be used as temporary load during transient events







### Stability with BESS



### **BESS Sizing**

$$BESS_{PC} = P_{ML} - (P_{MLPF}) * (1 - S)$$

	Description
BESS <sub>PC</sub>	Required BESS power capacity
P <sub>ML</sub>	Maximum pre-fault load
PMLPF	Maximum post-fault load
S	Safety margin

$$BESS_{EC} = \frac{BESS_{PC}t_d}{2} = \frac{BESS_{PC}^2}{2R_G}$$

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	Description
BESS <sub>EC</sub>	Required BESS energy capacity
t <sub>d</sub>	Time the BESS must act as a load
R <sub>G</sub>	Rate at which the generator changes power output





# Microgrid Configurations

 Adding tie schemes can reduce the amount of load shedding







### Conclusion

- BESS can be a useful addition to microgrids in order to improve stability
- The stability enhancement function may be combined with other BESS uses, improving economic viability



