

## Battery Characterisation and Management - the key to Smart Grids and the Integration of Electric Vehicles

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## Overview of the project



We look at the system from the battery perspective upward





### **Project Aims**

1) Determining the anticipated patterns of battery cycling associated with driving and V2G operation for specified grid support functions.

2) Investigating the impact of the anticipated V2G operation on battery cell, module and pack cycle life, failures and thermal behaviour. More accurate determination of battery SoC and state of health (SoH).

3) Investigating the communication and control temporal and physical information requirements from the battery management system (BMS) to the grid control system and vice versa.

4) Demonstrating V2G operation within distinct UK and Chinese environments.



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### Driving statistics from the UK Time of Use (TUS) survey data









### Validation of MCMC model – EV state





### Southampton Implementation of optimization target using Dynamic Optimal Power Flow



Figure 2: Single phase distribution network layout

- Matpower: static optimal power flow
- Optimization: dynamic optimal power flow

# Case study — RTP signal and parameter setting



Figure 3: The UK day-ahead electricity price and associated national demand curve

Variable	Value
Battery consumption rate due to driving	6.192kW
Batery degradation cost (C)	0.028£/kWh
	3kW
	-3kW
	0.9
	0.93
	20%
	50%
	[-0.06, +0.10] p.u.





EV uncontrolled charging cost:

£17.64, a 68% increase on smart G2V and V2G; a 62% increase of the pure smart G2V



# Case study —aggregated EV load and Southampton domestic base load



Figure 7: Aggregated load

- Network constraint satisfied
- 100% local EV penetration, low system EV penetration

## CEPRI-Nanjing work: Frequency regulation with large scale EVs

Static characteristic frequency model of EV controller



#### Frequency regulation with large scale EVs – case study





The change of frequency with the load decreasing

- EVs participate in frequency regulation can effectively reduce the system frequency deviation, reduce the adjustment time and improve the power quality.
- Compared with the participation in primary and secondary frequency regulation, system with EVs only in primary frequency regulation can recover the frequency faster. However, the overshoot of frequency deviation increased.

#### Frequency regulation with large scale EVs – case study



Output of controllers with participation in primary FR

## Main window

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# Simulation results (For load levelling strategy)



The total peak electricity demand in the system is decreased by 3% in 'With V2G' scenario in comparison to the 'Without EV' scenario.

In addition to shaving the peak of the demand, the applied control strategy has been able to fill the valley of the demand curve with electric vehicle loads in both 'With V2G' and 'Without V2G' scenarios.

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### Simulation results Southampton For the scenario with solar farms and car parks with optimisation



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# **1.2 Pulse Discharging of LIB**







1470E Potentiostat/ Galvanostat

### .7 1470-1455 Solartron test platform with Booster of 20A



## **1.2 Pulse Discharging of LIB**



Fig. Pulse Discharging for Li-Ion Battery





### 2.5 Identification Results When Trest=600s





Table 4. Identification results for LIB after discharging

Parameter	$R_{0}\left( \Omega\right)$	$R_{1}\left( \Omega ight)$	C <sub>1</sub> (F)	$R_{2}\left( \Omega\right)$	C <sub>2</sub> (F)
Discharge	0.0158	0.0057	7045	0.0038	97881
Charge	0.0160	0.0054	7345	0.0037	98753

### 3.3 Test Results for 15Ah LIB: (2)





Fig. Impedance spectra under different SoCs. (a) Complete spectra from 0.01~10KHz; (b) The enlarged spectra in box.

### **3.4 Fractional Impedance Spectra Diagnosis: (4) f1 & f2 & ft Analysis** Southampton



Figure. Characteristic frequencies for commercial LIB under SoCs from 5% to 95%.



### **Battery Thermal Modelling**

Electro-chemistry model

Chemical reactions in the cell

Thermal model

Convective and conductive heat transfer in the cell

### Capacity fade model

 Solid Electrolyte Interface (SEI) layer growth during charging

### Variable porosity model

 The porosity change is directly linked to partial molar concentration

### Pseudo Two Dimensional (P2D) Model

- Positive and negative electrodes consist of porous spherical particles and electrolyte.
- Solve solid phase equation at each node in positive and negative electrode giving 2D spacial dependency. i.e. Cs = f (x; r; t), Cs,e represents the surface concentration of each spherical particle.



## Validation study1 : 1C charging & discharging



- Runs are taken with i<sub>os</sub> = 0 (i.e. no capacity fading effect) for a 6Ah battery <sup>1</sup> at 1C (6A) constant current charging and discharging.
- Sign convention: Positive current discharges the battery.
- The result shows an excellent agreement with Smith & Wang (2006) <sup>1</sup> for charge-discharge characteristics.

<sup>1</sup>Smith & Wang, Power and thermal characterisation of Li-ion battery pack for hybrid electric vehicles, JPS, 2006.

### Southampton Capacity fade cyclic charging & discharging



- The model was set to run under normal cycling conditions with constant current charging & discharging between 4.0V and 3.3V.
- The voltage proles are distorted after few cycles of battery operation due to build up of internal resistance.

## Challenges of multi-cell modelling

- Dynamic load imbalances due to the resistance of cell interconnectors for parallel strips in large battery packs.
- Inhomogeneous heat generation within a battery pack.
- Acceleration of capacity and power fade of the hotter cells.
- Due to the temperature dependency of the side reactions for the SEI layer growth (Ramadass et al., 2004).
- Schematic of a 3P1S battery pack configuration (Wu et al., 2013)





LIB thermal simulation process diagram

### 2.LIB thermal simulation



### LIB thermal parameters measurements

### LIB real-time calorific value







• THT ARC-----Specific heat measurement





• Hot Disk TPS-500S---- Thermal conductivity measurement

### 2.LIB thermal simulation





LIB group flow field and temperature field



LIB simulation temperature



During 0.5C charge/discharge, the battery pack's maximum temperature was 23.9 °C with a field temperature difference of 0.8 °C ~ 1.5 °C. Next step is to make prototype and do verification test.



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### II. Research focus: Frequency support from PEVs

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#### Background

- a. Intermittent RESs introduce power imbalance;
- b. The ESSs with big capacity require huge cost;
- c. Many controllable loads, including EVs, are included.

How controllable loads (PEVs) contribute to power balance



Issue 1	Issue 2
How to model PEVs for frequency control: Charge/discharge power = F(frequency deviation)	How to design LFC scheme for systems with PEVs: Control loop characteristic + performance-
	based design condition + gains tuning algorithm

### **1. Frequency regulation of isolated grid** with RES, ESS, PEVs



#### **Problem and objective**

For an isolated grid with RES, ESS, PEVs, design a PID-based LFC scheme with robustness against to communication delays, load changes, intermittent wind/PV power inputs etc.





## 2. Robust LFC design for multi-area power systems with PEVs





1. Hua Fan, Lin Jiang, Chuan-Ke Zhang, Chengxiong Mao. Frequency regulation of multi-area power systems with plug-in electric vehicles considering communication delays. *IET GTD*, provisionally accept



## University Update - Sheffield Southampton

•Work is still ongoing on the testing of cells for the BMS, cells are on test at various temperatures on Maccor cell test facilities and temperature controlled environments.

•BMS development is underway for the BMS system which is to be incorporated into the bi-directional converter interface, looks likely to be incorporated into the FPGA controller for the V2G interface.

•Construction of hardware for a Si / SiC based V2G converter has been completed, and comparisons between technologies are underway. Minor design changes will then be carried out as required based on the outcomes of tests.

•Identification of a number of Li based possibilities for the V2G project is continuing, SoC and SoH modelling has begun, together with testing of the battery on typical current cycles, and possible dynamic charge acceptance (DCA) testing for regenerative braking as seen in the vehicle.

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### Task 2:

• Bi-directional DC-DC converter for battery interface coupled to 5level converter for mains interface



• Comparisons of Si and SiC devices in a 5-level interface for loss comparisons.

• Characterisation of battery chemistries for SoH / SoC modelling for BMS system

Name	MOSFET	Manufacturer	VDS	Ids (A)	RDS(on)
			(V)		(mΩ)
Si N95	Si	ST	950	10	680
Si FDP	Si	Fairchild	100	164	4.5
SiC 040	SiC	CREE	1200	60	40
SiC 280	SiC	CREE	1200	10	280

Table 2: Switching devices for performance evaluation in5-level single phase converter

5-level converter hardware for comparison of switching device technologies





# 4) Demonstrating V2G operation within distinct UK and Chinese environments.

### This activity is still under consideration



### Conclusions

- Successful UK/China collaboration
- Addressing critical impact on the battery of V2G operation
- Studying grid support issues offered by V2G
- Considering how to demonstrate these!



### Thank you for your attention

### Any questions?

