# Battery Storage Policy: Considerations for System Operation and Regulation



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# Agenda

Conventional synchronous generators as energy storage Systems Traditional power system operation and control Impact of low rotational inertia on power system operation Implications for power system operation and control BESS Virtual Synchronous generators for increased system stability





#### **Conventional synchronous generators as energy storage Systems**



# Conventional synchronous generators as ESS

- Key Energy Storage Characteristics:
  - Rotational inertia (storage of kinetic energy)
  - Thermal inertial (storage of thermal energy)
  - Operating philosophies (usage of fuel storage to support grid stability)





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#### Traditional power system operation and control



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- Traditionally, power system operation is based on the assumption that electricity generation is fully dispatchable
- Via their stored kinetic energy SGs add rotational inertia, an important property of frequency dynamics and stability.
- The contribution of inertia is an inherent and crucial feature of rotating synchronous generators.
- Rotational inertia minimizes frequency deviations This renders frequency dynamics more benign, and thus increases the available response time to react to fault events such as line losses, power plant outages or large-scale set-point changes of either generation or load units.



















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Operating Reserve
Operating Reserve can be activated in 10 minutes and consists of Supply Side (Spinning and non-Spinning) and Demand Side resources Operating Reserve is the sum of Regulation, Instantaneous and Ten-minute Reserves
Regulation Reserve
Start response in 10 seconds and 10 minute full activation – sustained for 1 hour Must be on "AGC"
Contracted on Energy Bid Price cheapest first
Instantaneous Reserve
<ul> <li>10 second full activation - sustained for 10 minutes</li> <li>Direct control according to the frequency</li> </ul>
Contracted on Energy Bid Price after Regulation
Ten-minute Reserve
Frequently used more than once a week, 10 minute activation – sustained for 2hr
Hourly contract based on bid price for capacity, dispatched on energy price
Emergency Reserve
Infrequently used Reserve
Can be dispatched via telephone or Direct Control Annual Contract and can be used for other emergencies, Dispatched on energy cos
Supplemental reserve
Reserve can be dispatched in 1-6 hours
Must be available to be dispatched for at least two hours







$$---- H=6 \text{ s}, T^1=30 \text{ s} ---- H=3 \text{ s}, T^1=30 \text{ s} ---- H=3 \text{ s}, T^1=5 \text{ s}$$





- Mitigation options for low rotational inertia and faster frequency dynamics are faster primary frequency control and the provision of synthetic rotational inertia, also known as inertia mimicking
- BESS units are, due to their very fast response behavior, especially well-suited for providing either fast frequency (and voltage) control reserves or synthetic rotational inertia for power system operation.







#### **BESS Virtual Synchronous generators for increased system stability**



# BESS Virtual SGs for increased system stability

- A solution towards stability improvement is to provide virtual inertia by virtual synchronous generators (VSGs)
- First term (P<sub>0</sub>) denotes the primary power that should be transferred to the inverter. Second term indicates that power will be generated or absorbed by the VSG according to the positive or the negative initial rate of frequency change
- K<sub>I</sub> is the inertia emulating characteristic and can be represented by where, P<sub>g0</sub> is the nominal apparent power of the generator and H shows amount of inertia

$$P_{\rm VSG} = P_0 + K_I \frac{d\Delta\omega}{dt} + K_P \Delta\omega$$

 $K_I = \frac{2HP_{g0}}{\omega_0}$ 



# Conclusion

- The reason that conventional dispatchable generation works is because they are Power generating units that inherently contain energy storage
- Renewable energy is the future, and necessary for the sustainable power generation. Effective application of energy storage, as virtual synchronous generations, will provide the virtual inertia and storage required to make renewable energy at ever increasing penetration levels possible





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