

Energy Storage Grid Scale Testing

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Grid Scale Energy Storage Testing



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- Washington clean energy funds and US DOE-OE sponsored ESS integration with grid at 3 utilities
- Li-ion Systems 1 to 5 MWh; 2 to 4 MW
- Flow Battery Systems 1 to 2 MW, 4 to 8 MWh
- Used US DOE-OE Performance Protocol (Sandia-PNNL led) for Reference Performance Tests
- Developed duty cycles for various use cases
 - Energy shifting
 - Grid Flexibility
 - Outage Mitigation
 - Microgrid
 - Conservation Voltage Reduction

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Performance Metrics



- Round Trip Efficiency
 - With Auxiliary consumption
 - Without Auxiliary consumption
- Response Time
 - Communication lag
 - Hardware lag
 - Time to target power
- Ramp Rate from time to rated power
- Internal Resistance as f(SOC)
 - Go under the hood delta V/delta I (delta SOC < 0.1%)
 - does ramp rate depend on this parameter?
- Signal Tracking
 - Tracking at grid level different from tracking at inverter level
 - Need to ensure ESS tracks command signal at grid level

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Lessons learned



- No one size fits all
- Different energy to power ratio of BESS applicable for different use cases
- RTE important for arbitrage
 - Depends on power as percent of rated power
 - Auxiliary consumption
 - Inverter efficiency at various power levels
 - For some applications, RTE may be 0
 - Read the report!
- Signal tracking important for volatile applications
- Performance model to predict performance
 - Being modified to predict degradation

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Main Takeaways



- US DOE-OE sponsored Performance Protocol is the industry standard
 - EPRI ESIC has liberally used this and tweaked it for industry use
 - PNNL has performed 5 projects using this Protocol
- Additional metrics developed as part of these projects
- Duty cycles for various use cases developed
- Economic analysis done to identify technologies and energy/power ratios optimum for various use cases
- Protocol for Reference Performance Tests has been converted to IEC TC120 standard
- US and Japan will co-lead effort to develop standard for use cases
 - Again using the US DOE-OE Performance Protocol
- ANSI is also converting the Protocol into a standard
- ► IEEE PES ESSB is starting a working group on Flow Battery Standards development

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