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# Operational experience and system modelling of Dual Chemistry Energy Storage Systems

Flexible Electricity Storage Solutions Dual Chemistry LiB/VRLA Systems

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## **Presentation Structure**

- 1. The need for Energy Storage & *Hybrid Energy Storage*
- 2. Lead acid and Li-ion ADEPT Hybrid System
- 3. Battery Modelling of Hybrid Energy Storage
- 4. Conclusions

## **Distributed Energy Storage**





# **Energy Storage Power Grid Services**

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#### Low carbon power systems require storage across wide time spectrum

Storage Service	<b>Operating Period</b>	Storing Period
Power quality improvement	msec - minutes	minutes – weeks
Frequency response services	msec - minutes	hours
LV power flow optimisation	seconds - hours	hours
Peak demand shaving	hours	hours - days
Constraints management	hours	hours - days
Asset reinforcement deferral	hours	hours - days
Arbitrage	hours - days	days - weeks

#### An ESS that can provide multiple services is more commercially attractive

### **Time Dependence of Battery Technologies**





# Time Response of Energy Storage Technologies (GSYUASA



### ESS Cost vs Discharge Time Constants





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# **Complementary Technologies**





#### Lithium ion strengths

- Cycle Life
- High Discharge Rate
- High Charge Rate
- Partial SOC operation
- High Efficiency
- High Energy Density



#### Lead acid strengths

- Economical
- Simple Control
- Abuse Tolerant
- Sustainable Materials
- Abundant Raw Materials
- Low Embodied Energy

# GS Yuasa Li-ion & VRLA Hybrid ESS

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ninte SLR LiB cabinets racks

ADEPT 500V Dual Chemistry Li-ion battery capacity: 75kWh VRLA capacity: 200kWh



GS Yuasa Portsmouth Port Battery System

# **ADEPT Micro-grid Schematic**

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Rassau Industrial Estate



Micro-grid Schematic

# **Cell Operating Voltage Comparison**

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Vop – SoC relationship in 48V system example

# **Dual Chemistry Cell Components**



#### **VRLA** construction

	SLR500/1000
Electrolyte	VRLA-AGM
management	
Electrode form	Flat Plate
Electrode alloy	Pb-Ca-Sn
Negative active material	Carbon Loaded
Positive active material	High Density
Container	PP (UL94-V2)
Module support	Steel Envelope



#### **LiB** Construction

	LIM50EL-12 modules
Electrolyte management	Organic carbonate-LiPF6
Electrode form	Spiral wound
Negative active material	Carbon
Positive active material	Manganese oxide spinel
Container	Stainless steel
Module support	Steel frame with monitoring system





## DC Power Sharing – ADEPT





#### ADEPT ESS Operation Dec 2018 - Oct 2021





## **ADEPT – Battery Capacity Evolution**

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### **GEMINI Dual Chemistry ESS**

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# Hybrid Battery Modelling





 $\begin{array}{l} R_{el} \text{ - active electrolyte resistance;} \\ R_{ct} \text{ - charge transfer resistance;} \\ C_{dl} \text{ - double layer capacitance;} \\ Z_{pmd} \text{ - constant phase elements;} \\ Z_{ed} \text{ - constant phase elements;} \\ R_{CC} \text{ - conduction element;} \\ R_{ac} \text{ - conduction element;} \end{array}$ 









# **Battery Modelling – Testing**



**Open circuit voltage (OCV)** tests to calculate:

- Coulombic Efficiency, Energy Efficiency
- Capacity (Ah), Energy Capacity (kWh)
- OCV as function of SOC

#### Pulse Discharge tests to calculate;

• Internal Resistance and RC time constants

#### Hybrid Charge / Discharge – Constant Current

Current & Power Distribution

#### Hybrid Charge / Discharge – Pulse Discharge

- Dynamic Current and Power Distribution
- Energy Transfer

SWR3300 Battery





LIM50 Battery Cell

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#### Experimental test Arrangement



## **Battery Modelling – Li-ion Parameters**

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### Battery Modelling – Lead-acid parameters

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## MATLAB / Simulink Model Interface

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Hybrid Battery Modelling



• Dynamic Current Sharing

## Modelling a Hybrid Battery System



#### Hybrid Battery System Example:

- Hybrid Battery Storage, 500V, two strings
- Lead-acid and li-ion (SWR3300 & LIM50)
- 240 no. of lead-acid cells (40 no. batteries)
- 140 no. of li-ion cells
- Maximum / Minimum Voltage 568 / 440 Volts
- Li-ion Cell Voltage Range 4.06 / 3.08 Volts
- Lead-acid Voltage Range 2.35 / 1.8 Volts



Modelled Battery Storage Schematic

## Hybrid Battery Modelling – String Currents

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- 50A Constant Current Discharge, 90%DOD;
- Li ion reaches around 70% DOD before lead acid starts to discharge;
- Energy / charge transfer at the end of discharge process;



45A Discharge, Constant Current (experimental data)

### Hybrid Battery Modelling – String Currents



- 50A Constant Current Discharge, lead-acid 90% to 0% DOD;
- Energy transfer due to circulation currents vary;



## Energy Transfer & Total Energy Discharged

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#### Hybrid Battery Modelling – String Currents

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# **Dual Chemistry Summary**



- Zero carbon economy targets are driving force for growing ESS business
- Electricity storage is now indispensable to allow further penetration of Intermittent renewables especially wind and solar
- Energy storage provides multiple benefits across a range of operating periods.
- Lithium ion and lead acid can work in a complementary way to provide economical and sustainable solutions for many services from the same system.
- The Gemini Dual Chemistry package combines the maximum storage function with minimum power and control overheads.
- The modular container designs provide a consistent set of solutions ranging from full lithium to full lead acid and all combinations between.
- Research by University of Southampton is leading to tools to identify optimal solutions for multiple service provision.