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Second-Life EV Batteries for Renewable and Smart Grid Storage Applications

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Tutorial Objectives:

The objective of this tutorial is to holistically look at the issues and solutions related to using second-life EV batteries in renewable energy and smart grid application.

Target Audience:

Graduate students; Post-doctoral fellows and researchers; professors ; practicing engineers

Tutorial Abstract:

The number of electric vehicles (EVs) on roads is growing rapidly. EV batteries today, almost exclusively lithium-ion based, can last about 10 years before they can no longer provide the required performance such as power and range. They cost heavily in both production and recycling. So economically dealing with retired EV batteries is an important topic. It is estimated that the first huge wave of EV battery retirement will hit in 2025, and more retired batteries will be available each year thereafter.

On the other hand, renewable energy, such as solar photovoltaic (PV) and wind, also enjoy a high rate of penetration. To buffer the volatile nature of the energy output of renewable energy systems, battery energy storage systems (BESSs) are frequently incorporated to balance out the variability in power generation, efficiently manage the dynamics of demand and supply, mitigate the potential failure of the grid due to over generation, provide power during a power outage, and enable cost savings by shifting the peak use and reduce demand charge. However, the high cost of new batteries in renewable and grid storage systems is a major concern for potential home and business owners.

Batteries in EVs degrade gradually over the lifetime of the vehicle and will reach the point that it is no longer able to provide the required performance, such as range and acceleration. Second-life EV batteries include not only the batteries that are discarded from EVs due to degraded conditions; but also in-warranty replacements; road accidents; test vehicle batteries; and unsold batteries. Second-life EV batteries, though no longer roadworthy in the vehicle, still have considerable capacity for renewable energy and smart grid applications where the requirement for energy and power density is not as stringent in vehicles. The use of second-life EV batteries in grid BESS extends the life cycle of batteries after their first life in EVs, improves the environment, reduces EV ownership cost by selling them for second-life use, and reduces the cost of BESS in renewable energy systems.

However, there are a number of barriers to overcome in the deployment of second-life EV batteries, including how to properly remove them from vehicles, transport, store, test, and select second-life batteries for storage applications; how to quickly, and accurately identify the battery health conditions of every cell before and after deployment in grid storage; how to dynamically manage them so as to minimize degradation and optimize usage; and how to meet various standards related to fire hazardous mitigation/prevention, certification, permit, and safety.

This tutorial will holistically look at these issues and address how second-life EV batteries can be used in renewable energy and smart grid applications. The tutorial will include storage system design, battery management, battery balancing, size optimization, and system control and optimization for demand charge management and peak shaving. It will also look at the various testing requirements for identifying the conditions of used EV batteries. The aging mechanism of second-life EV batteries will be presented. Various topologies for storage applications, as well as safety and permit-related issues, will also be discussed.

Topical Outline:

The tutorial will include:

1. **Energy Storage Options and Second-Life EV Batteries Basics** **(15 min)**
   - Battery parameters – capacity, SOC, discharge rate, internal impedance
   - Battery characteristics
   - Lithium-ion batteries
   - EV battery systems
   - Logistics of second-life EV batteries

2. **Battery Management Systems in EVs and energy storage systems** **(30 min)**
   - Current monitoring
   - Voltage monitoring
   - Temperature monitoring and cooling system control
   - SOC calculation
   - SOH - concepts, method, measurements
   - Cell balancing
3. **Energy Storage System Design** **(45 min)**

- Energy storage system paired with s solar PV system
- Major components of the system
- Optimization of control to reduce demand charge and shift usage to super-off-peak
- Storage system sizing optimizations
- Economics of the second-life battery storage system
- Container design
- Thermal and cooling system design

4. **Battery Aging Test, Aging Mechanism, Safety (45min)**
   - Cell, module, and pack testing
   - Battery aging mechanism
   - Battery hazards, sources, facts, and risks
   - Causes of battery hazards and prevention of battery hazards
5. **Role of Power Electronics in Second-life EV Battery applications (30 min)**
   - Bidirectional DC-DC converter
   - Bidirectional DC-AC inverters
   - Grid isolation
   - Topologies that are applicable to second-life EV battery energy storage systems
     a. Disassembled battery cells and modules
     b. Series-connected packs for high voltage applications
     c. Parallel-connected packs for residential and low power systems
     d. Multi-level converter for improved cost, reconfigurability, and energy efficiency
6. **Codes, Regulations, and Standards in deploying second-life EV Batteries (15 min)**
   - NFPA 1, Fire Code (Also applicable: California Fire Code 2019)
   - NFPA 855 – Installation of Stationary Energy Storage Systems
   - NFPA 70 – National Electric Code (NEC)
   - UL 9540 – Energy Storage Systems and Equipment
   - UL 9540A – Standard for Test Method for Evaluating Thermal Runaway Fire Propagation in Battery Energy Storage Systems
   - UL 1974 - Creating a Safe Second Life for Electric Vehicle Batteries

- **Summary, wrap up, and discussion (15 min)**

Lecture Style and Requirements:

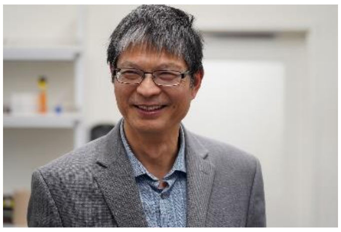
This will be a PowerPoint based lecture.

Provisional Schedule of the Tutorial:

Schedule:

09:00 - 09:15 : Introduction, energy storage options, second-life EV batteries
09:15 - 09:45 : Battery management for EV and storage applications
09:45 - 10:30 : Energy storage system design
10:30 - 10:45 : Coffee break / Lunch Break
10:45 - 11:30 : Second-life EV battery aging testing, SOH identification and safety
11:30 - 12:00 : Role of power electronics
12:00 - 12:15 : Codes and standards
12:15 - 12:30 : Conclusions and discussions

About the Lecturer:



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Dr. Mi has won numerous awards, including the "Distinguished Teaching Award" and "Distinguished Research Award" from the University of Michigan-Dearborn, IEEE Region 4 "Outstanding Engineer Award," IEEE Southeastern Michigan Section "Outstanding Professional Award," and SAE "Environmental Excellence in Transportation (E2T) Award." He is the recipient of three Best Paper Awards from IEEE Transactions on Power Electronics. In 2019, he received the Inaugural IEEE Power Electronics Emerging Technology Award. Mi is the 2022 recipient of the Albert W. Johnson Research Lectureship and distinguished professor, SDSU's highest research honor.

Dr. Mi has published five books, 350 papers, and 25 issued and pending patents. He served as Editor-in-Chief, Area Editor, Guest Editor, and Associate Editor of multiple IEEE Transactions and served as the General Chair of over ten IEEE international conferences.