

Beyond Grid Forming Agile Grid Forming for AI Loads

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Company Overview



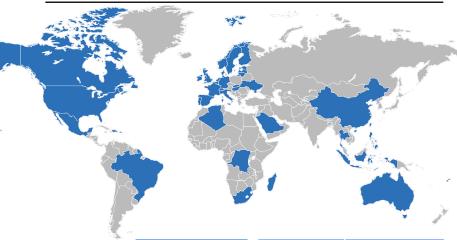
Company Description

- EPC Power Corp. designs, engineers and produces inverters suitable for use in Storage and Data Center applications
- EPC Power has sold more than 7 GW of inverters to date and is installed in 62 countries
- EPC Power's primary North American office is in San Diego County, California with a European office in Helsinki, Finland to support global demand and a R&D office in Raleigh, North Carolina
- Opened second manufacturing location in Greenville, SC to support production volume and product line expansion
- All of EPC Power's products are 100% designed, engineered, and manufactured in USA

Revolutionary Inverter Technology

- ✓ Full grid-forming
- Advanced grid-following features
- ✓ Seamless transition between operation modes
- ✓ Blackstart
- ✓ Advanced P/Q (Power / Current Control)
- ✓ Advanced Voltage (Voltage Control)

Current Geographic Footprint



62Countries with EPC Inverter Installations

>7 GW Inverters Sold to Date 100%

Products Developed In-House

Main Facilities	Main Purpose
Poway, CA	Headquarters; R&D Manufacturing
Greenville, SC	Manufacturing
Raleigh, NC	R&D
Helsinki, Finland	R&D European sales; European service



Product Overview



Modular Technology

- Modular blocks to scale from 3MW to 6MW
- Compact footprint and increased power-density

Simple O&M

- Modular design with low component count
- Predictive analytics to minimize unplanned downtime
- Remote trouble-shooting and diagnostics

M System



High Reliability and Uptime

- >99.5% availability
- Built-in redundancy N+1, N+3, etc.
- Zero voltage ride-through during utility outages

High Efficiency and Performance

- >99% peak efficiency
- SiC technology
- Full rating at all power factors

Seamless System Integration

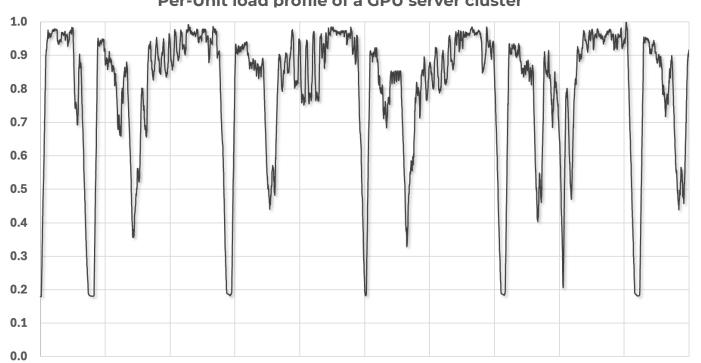
- Grid forming and AI load smoothing applications
- Grid-connected and in parallel with onsite generation or islanded with generation



Extreme Load Variability at Unprecedented Scale



Per-Unit load profile of a GPU server cluster



- Power quality issues
- Torsional interaction with synchronous generators – vibration of shaft
- Accelerated failure of onsite and/or nearby generation resources

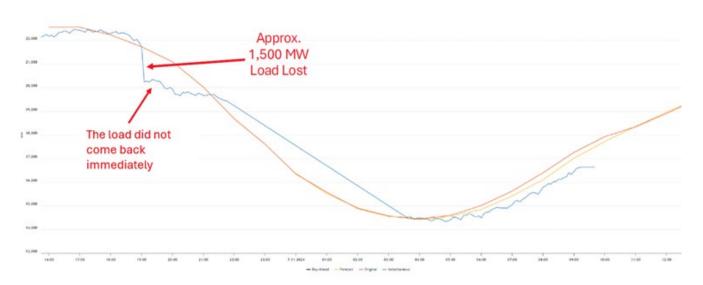


Al Datacenters – Operational Challenges

Riding-Through Grid Contingencies

Loss of Large Load





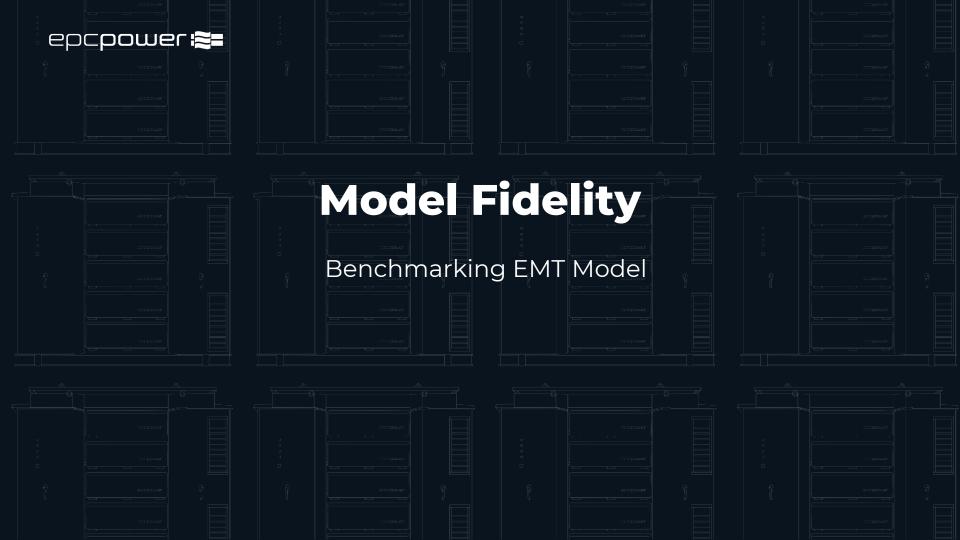
Source: "Considering Simultaneous Voltage-Sensitive Load Reductions," North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) Report, January 2025.

- Requires high reliability / availability
 - e.g. "Five-Nines"
- Low-voltage (LV) UPS takes load off-grid during undervoltage events
- Loss of "large-load" potential for cascading failure

Key Questions

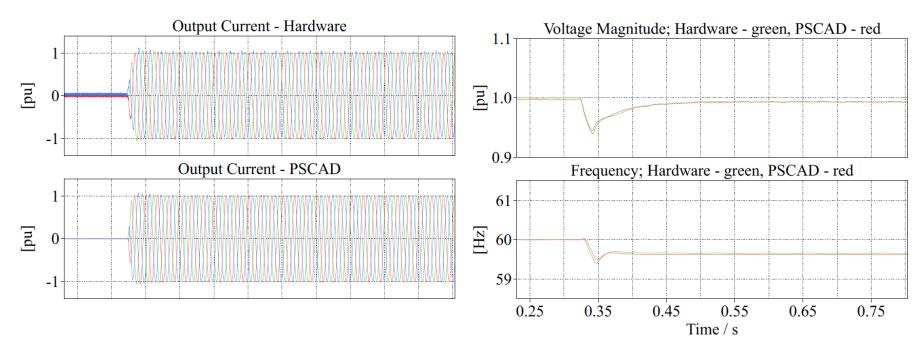


- Solution must provide both "Load-Smoothing" and "Ride-Through"
- Can a potential solution guarantee that load never goes off-grid?
- If load goes off-grid and transfers to onsite generation, how long to reconnect to grid –
 seconds / minutes / hours?
- Can & how can a potential solution **support the grid until transfer** from onsite generation to grid?



EMT (PSCAD SIL) Model vs Hardware

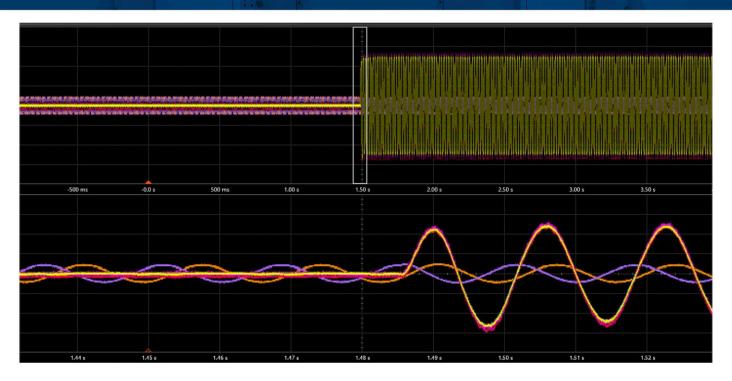




Model vs. Hardware step response of M inverter while grid-forming.

EPC M System (cont.)

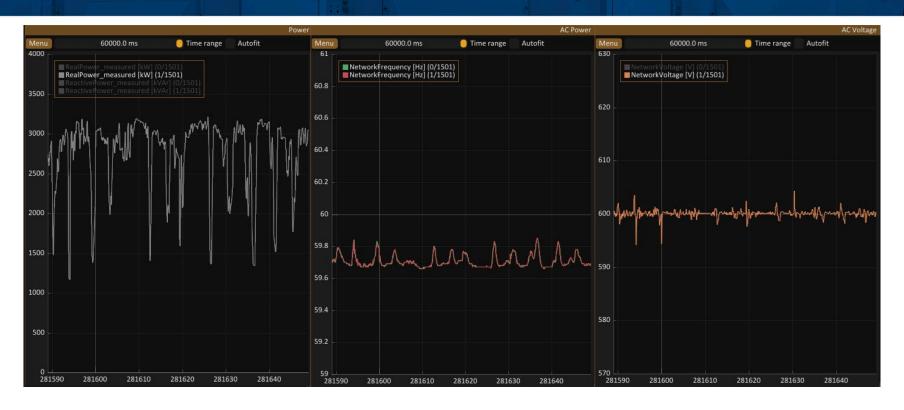




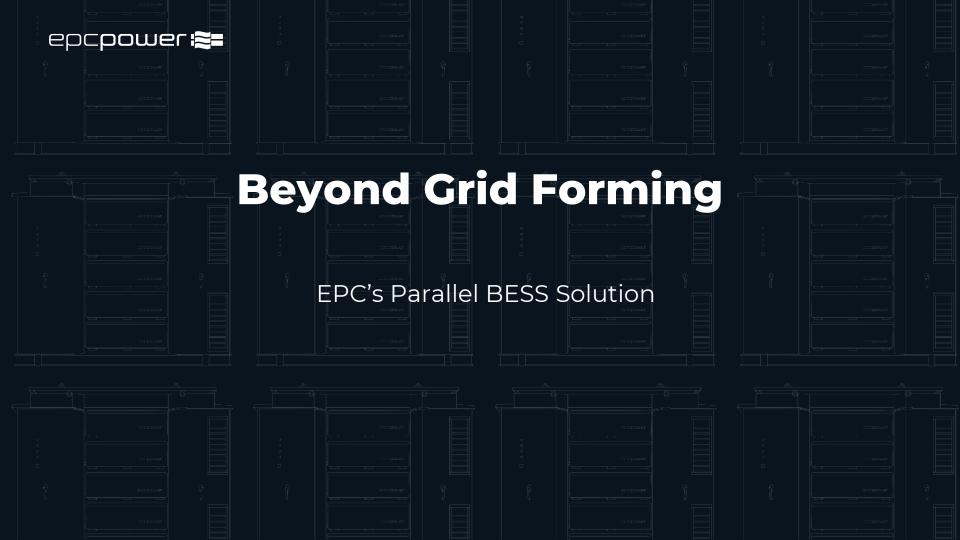
Instantaneous load pick-up/sharing by several parallel M inverters

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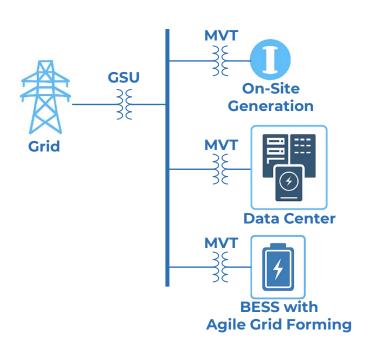


A grid forming M system supplying representative "extreme-variable" load



EPC's Parallel BESS Solution





EPC's Proprietary Technology

Agile Grid Forming Control – Fast response to variable loads

Strategy for Load Variability

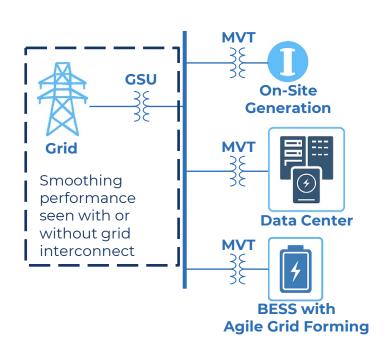
- Agile Grid Forming Control enables load pickup in ≈ms time-scale
- "Smooth loading" attainable at POI as seen by grid operator

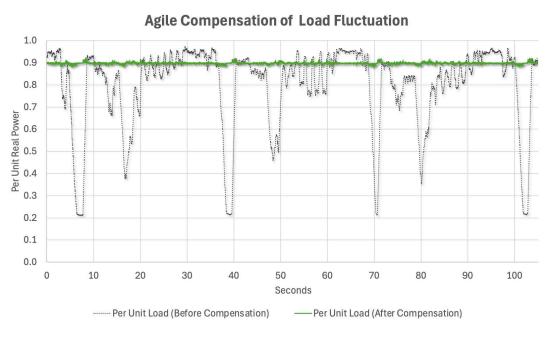
Strategy for Ride-Through

- Data center can operate as intended, i.e., taking load offline during grid disturbance
- Agile Grid Forming Control, with inherent ride-through capability, immediately returns to pre-fault load level at fault clearance

Load Smoothing





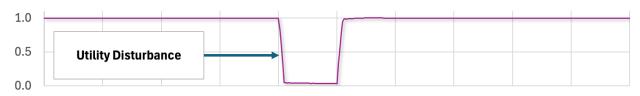


Not achievable by typical "grid-forming" BESS

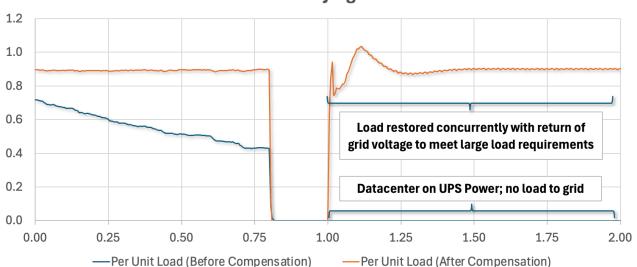
Ride-Through of Grid Contingency



Grid Voltage During Fault



Grid Load Preserved by Agile Post Grid Fault



Final Thoughts



Key Challenges for AI Datacenters

- Extreme load variability
- Critical load of unprecedented scale
- How to simultaneously guarantee **uninterrupted service** of datacenter load and **ride-through** of grid contingencies
- "Legacy" grid forming falls short

EPC Power Solution

- Ride-through and load smoothing can be achieved by EPC's proprietary Agile Grid Forming solution in parallel configuration
- Prevents detrimental impact on lifetime of on-site equipment
- Non-intrusive to existing datacenter architecture



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