

FREQUENCY RESPONSE APPLICATION BRIEF



Ultracapacitor energy storage addresses low inertia grids in the renewable energy transition

Grid response within the first few seconds of a frequency event determines whether a loss

of service will occur. Sudden imbalances between generation and load in transmission, distribution, and isolated grids can cause frequency variations that risk stable delivery of electricity within electrical utility systems. As additional non-synchronous renewable generating resources such as solar and wind are added to grids, the system has reduced capability to provide inertia to support grid frequency.



Maxwell's Grid Energy Storage System provides grid inertia by stabilizing frequency drops in milliseconds

- · High power density in compact footprint
- · 3 to 5x smaller than battery solution
- · Up to 1 million cycles, 15 year lifetime*
- · Low maintenance
- Scalable 10's to over 100MW
- More than 8 million Maxwell cells field deployed in grids





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Maxwell ultracapacitor systems and fast responding inverters stabilize frequency excursions by rapidly injecting or absorbing power within a few milliseconds, with continuous power delivery scalable to traditional primary response time durations. This provides immediate response to the power imbalance before slower assets can react.

Ultracapacitors Support System Lifetime, Project Payback

When batteries are deployed for this application, system lifetime degradation rates may be higher than anticipated due to high C-rate charge and discharge cycles. Depending on local requirements for provision of frequency regulation, ultracapacitors, when used in conjunction with batteries, act as a battery buffer minimizing these lifetime degrading changes to maximize system performance reliability.

Maxwell Grid Energy Storage Solutions

Scalable from kW to MW, Maxwell grid energy storage is rackable and stackable, with advanced diagnostic and communications enabling reliable performance and support of high power, fast response applications. Our grid solutions team provides storage sizing, system architecture, and modeling to derive highest value project solutions.







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