



# MECHANICAL & MATERIAL COLLOQUIUM

## Dynamic Data Driven Simulation Modeling for Resilient Microgrid Systems

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Energy security and resilience are critical to our daily activities, yet the current electricity systems are vulnerable and fragile against natural or human-made hazards and disasters as well as other abnormalities in the system. Motivated by these challenges, this project investigates a new dynamic data driven monitoring and control framework for smart energy systems with a focus on the critical infrastructures of microgrids and their connection to the main power grid as it is becoming more vital to realize economic security and reliability. However, real-time monitoring and inferencing in a large-scale system such as a power system under limited computational resources is very challenging due to the excessive number of parameters and massive data loads involved. New and effective methodologies that are capable of dealing with massive, highly complex, and rapid moving data are needed to make useful discoveries and achieve punctual control over these networks. Addressing this need, we focused our research efforts on data driven knowledge discovery by real-time inferencing. To this end, the essentials of the developed decision making framework include 1) new and advanced optimization models and algorithms for operation and control including a comprehensive optimization model and a decomposition algorithm for the operation of off-grid AC microgrids, 2) multi-scale adaptive simulation models, and 3) instrumentation methods for decision making in a smart grid network including a demand response model.

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