

# **Electrification and Energy Systems Network**

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## NSW Decarbonisation Innovation Hub







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#### **NSW Government – OCSE**

NSW Department of Primary Industry

University of Newcastle University of New South Wales University of Technology Sydney University of Wollongong A complementary set of skills, experiences, and stakeholder networks in critical sectors of decarbonisation technologies: from research through to deployment and impact.

### Vision

NSW is an international leader in decarbonized energy system deployment and the associated research, development and manufacture of electrifying technologies

### Mission

To translate energy systems research into clear business opportunities for SMEs, new start-ups and established industry players.







# **Opportunities created by electrification**



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1. Initial Network development operations and activity

- 2. Focus Area: Energy in Rural and Agricultural Centres:
  - Case study 1: Overcoming electricity supply constraints with regional renewable energy supply solutions
  - Case study 2: Digital Twins for Technical and Economic De-Risking
  - Case study 3: Beyond Off-road Fossil Diesel Project (cross-Network activity with Power Fuels including Hydrogen )
- 3. Community Engagement and Engagement Science





- Supporting SMEs developing Electrification technology: Coachair, Hysata, Jetwave,
- Developing short courses and network proposals for battery safety – a growing challenge
- 3. Seed funding grants focus on projects that cross applications or geographical locations or networks
- 4. Galvanise local teams of experts across the range of technical and non-technical subjects





- Support Hysata to model their electrolyzer technology and power supply. This work translated into a \$300k industry project with Hysata as part of the ARC IESS Hub.
- Supported CoachAir in debugging issues with their bus air-conditioning motor controllers.
- Secured a donation from the Stanley Black & Decker (SBD) Makers Grant in collaboration with TAFE NSW to create a short course called 'Risk Assessing High Energy Lithium-Ion Battery Systems.' This course will educate over 100 tradespeople to safely handle lithium-ion batteries by September this year.











### Power conversion is critical to the electricity grid

#### **Grid planning & operations**

- Stability, reliability, improved dispatchability
- Control hardware to keep the grid stable in a low- or noinertia grid
- Ultra-fast control algorithms to improve switching speeds and frequencies of next gen power converters, guaranteed reaction times.
- Advanced relay and protection schemes for bi-directional energy flows and massive power converter-integrated energy resources

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Realtime digital twins

#### Generation

 Integrating high penetration variable renewables and energy storage into the grid

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 Improving dispatchability

**Advanced power** conversion is becoming critically important to planning and operating electricity assets

#### **Energy use**

- Energy efficiency & productivity (homes, industry)
- DER standards & grid integration, VPPs
- Efficient, smaller, lighter, cheaper inverters
- Advanced controls and energy management systems, autonomous switches & devices
- Coping with a fleet of EVs and other electrified machines

### **Microgrids**

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- Stable operations without traditional system strength, incorporation of different generation and load shapes
  - Control without fast, or any, telecoms systems

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Storage

flexible inertial response, microgrid stability,

power factor compensation, active filtering, ...

Improved battery functions: power quality,

• Hydrogen and synthetic fuel manufacture

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#### **Transmission systems**

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- Renewable energy integration and improved dispatchability
- Renewable Energy Zone planning & operations
- Meshed multi-terminal HVDC systems
- Utility-scale inverters with improved synthetic inertia

#### **Distribution systems**

- · Managing low inertia
- Millions of inverter connected nodes that can react in microseconds
  - Non-linear control
  - DER operations for grid support
  - DER standards
  - Solid state transformers

#### **Renewable energy export**

- Renewable energy to hydrogen, synthetic fuels
- Meshed multi-terminal HVDC systems



- Create an ecosystem for an industry in Electrification Technologies – testing and verification infrastructure
- Foster an innovation culture in our higher education sector so that more useful impacts result from the research in our laboratories
- Provide rapid technical support for SME's a roadside assistance service for technical bottlenecks
- Develop education and training solutions that can quickly deliver the scale of workforce essential to deliver rapid change

We are here to help you succeed in YOUR ambitions to decarbonise.

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