

# DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

## WILLIAM MAXWELL REED SEMINAR SERIES

### “Advanced Battery Management: Marching Toward a Promised Land”

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**Abstract:** Lithium-ion battery energy storage is rising as the backbone of various industrial and civilian systems, playing a key role in moving the world into the clean energy era with ever-increasing application in the sectors of electrified transportation, renewable energy and smart grid. Their performance, safety and life critically depends on optimal management. High-performing battery management requires a profound integration of dynamic modeling, control, estimation and optimization. This talk will discuss our recent journey in this emerging field. First, we will discuss the development of battery models with low complexity but high predictive accuracy, along with data-based parameter identification that extracts the models from data on demand. Second, we will present optimal charging control that addresses competing objectives while offering high computational efficiency. Finally, we will consider large-scale battery systems and show the promise of distributed control for overcoming the complexity in managing them. The discussion will further shed light on potential opportunities and challenges that may shape the future landscape of this field.

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Attendance open to all interested persons