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Special Session on  
Resilient, Sustainable, and Secure Inverter Intensive Power Grids  
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There are tremendous research efforts and industry practices for promoting technological innovations towards power grid modernization with increasing penetration of inverter-based resources. It is noteworthy that the challenges and R&D advances lie in multiple sections throughout the entire power systems, ranging from grid-edge customers and substations to large-scale distribution systems and upstream transmission networks. Cutting-edge technologies of modern power systems with coupled cyber and physical dynamics, such as networked microgrids, reconfigurable distribution systems with grid-forming inverters, cyber-secure and solid-state power substations, among others, are being developed and field-validated towards resilient, sustainable, and secure power grids with intensive power electronic inverters.

Topics of interest of the proposed special session include, but are not limited to:  
- Cyber-physical interactions in inverter dominated power systems  
- Grid-forming and grid-following inverter control in modern power grids  
- Active stabilization of inverter-based power systems  
- Grid integration of energy storage  
- Ad-hoc and self-healing individual and networked microgrids for grid resiliency enhancement  
- Hybrid AC and DC microgrids  
- Cyber- and physical-security assessment and enhancement of grid infrastructures  
- Cyber- and physical-secure solid-state power substations  
- Transportation electrification and its grid interactions  
- Grid codes and standards for grid integration of increasing penetration of inverter-based resources
Background and Short Bio of the Organizers

Dr. Xiaonan Lu received his B.E. and Ph.D. degrees in electrical engineering from Tsinghua University, Beijing, China, in 2008 and 2013, respectively. From September 2010 to August 2011, he was a guest Ph.D. student at the Department of Energy Technology, Aalborg University, Denmark. From October 2013 to December 2014, he was a Postdoc Research Associate at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. From January 2015 to July 2018, he was with Argonne National Laboratory, first as a Postdoc Appointee and then as an Energy Systems Scientist. In July 2018, he joined the College of Engineering at Temple University. Dr. Lu's research interests include grid-interactive power electronic inverters, network interconnected hybrid AC and DC microgrids, real-time hardware-in-the-loop testing, among others. He serves as the Principal Investigators (PIs) and co-PIs of multiple projects funded by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Naval Research (ONR) in the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD), Pennsylvania Manufacturing Program, and leading industry (e.g., Siemens Corporate Technology). Dr. Lu is the Associate Editor of IEEE Transactions on Industrial Electronics, the Editor of IEEE Transactions on Smart Grid, the Associate Editor of IEEE Transactions on Industry Applications, and IEEE Power Engineering Letters. Dr. Lu received the Outstanding Postdoc Performance Award from Argonne National Laboratory in 2016. He is also the recipient of the 2020 IEEE Philadelphia Section Young Electrical Engineer of the Year Award.

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