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NPCC 2022 Outreach Activity

Gerry Dunbar

Director Reliability Standards and
Criteria

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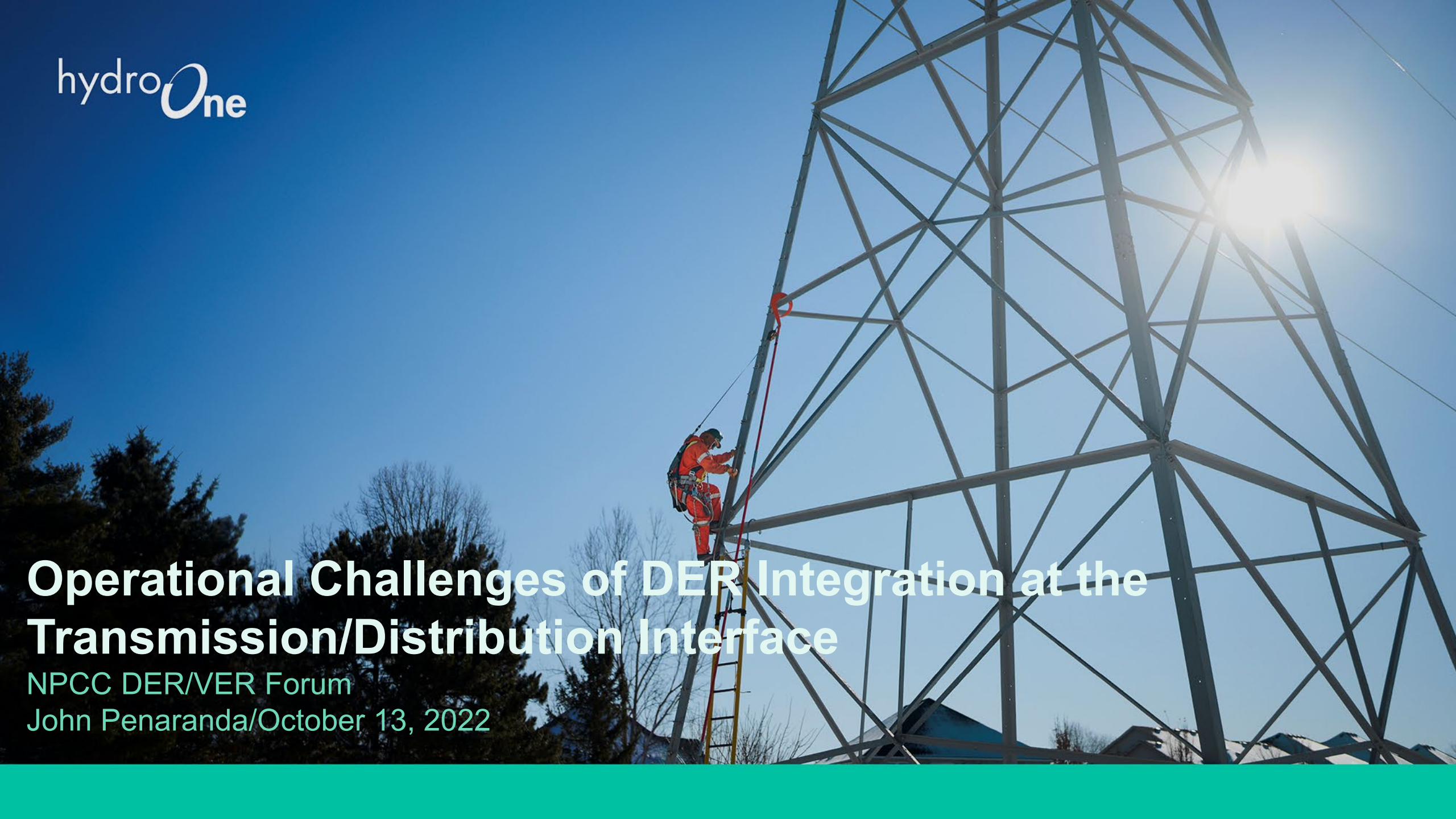


NPCC 2022 – 2025 Strategic Plan

Strategic Focus Area

Reliably Integrate Resources Brought Forward by Decarbonization Objectives

- DER/VER Forums
 - May 2022 --- Electric Vehicle Charging
 - August 2022 --- Building Electrification
 - October 13, 2022 --- Transmission Integration
- NPCC DER/VER Guidance Document
 - Revisions Posted for Comment

A low-angle photograph of a tall, lattice-structured metal power line tower against a clear blue sky. The sun is visible in the upper right, creating a bright glow. A worker in an orange safety suit is climbing a yellow ladder attached to the tower. The bottom of the image is partially obscured by a teal banner.

Operational Challenges of DER Integration at the Transmission/Distribution Interface

NPCC DER/VER Forum

John Penaranda/October 13, 2022

Operational Challenges of DER Integration at Tx/Dx Interface

- Ontario Drivers: Decarbonization, Electrification/Energy Transition
- About Hydro One
- Tx/Dx Interface: Sub-transmission
- DER Modelling and Forecasting R&D
- Alarm Management System
- DER Integration Challenges/Opportunities: Operating
- Q & A

Ontario Drivers

Decarbonization – Canada's gov. energy policy targets:

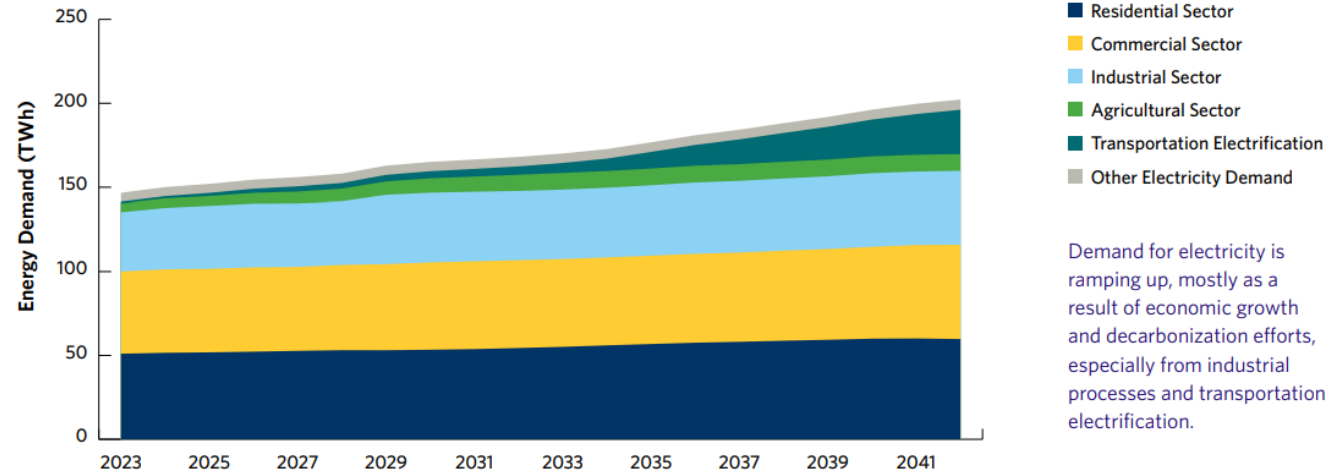
- By 2030, power indigenous remote & rural communities with clean reliable energy
- By 2035, produce ~100% of electricity from non-emitting sources and 100% of light-duty vehicles sales must be ZEVs (zero emission vehicles).
- By 2040, establish leading hydrogen & full cell technology cluster
- End goal, by 2050 achieve net zero emissions

Energy Transition/Electrification – IESO identified drivers:

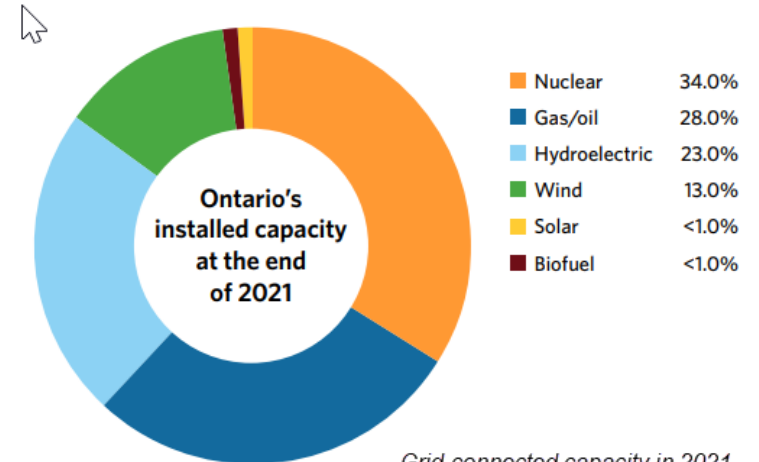
- EV (electric vehicles) becoming mobile energy storage units. EV grid infrastructure
- Electric Arc Furnaces (steel ind.) transitioning from blast fossil fuel furnaces to electric arc furnaces.
- Building Space and Water Heating (residential/commercial) shifting from natural gas to electric heating.
- Public Transportation systems (fleet - TTC, train - Metrolinx, ferry – OPG/MTO)

Ontario Outlook

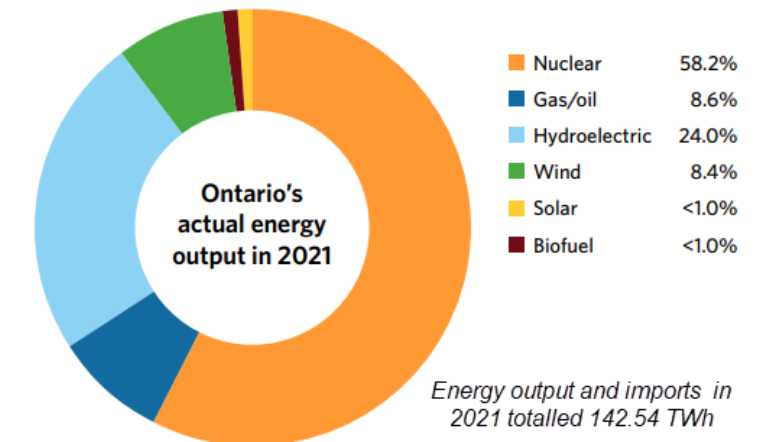
Long-term demand forecast (by sector)



Ontario Capacity and Energy Output in 2021

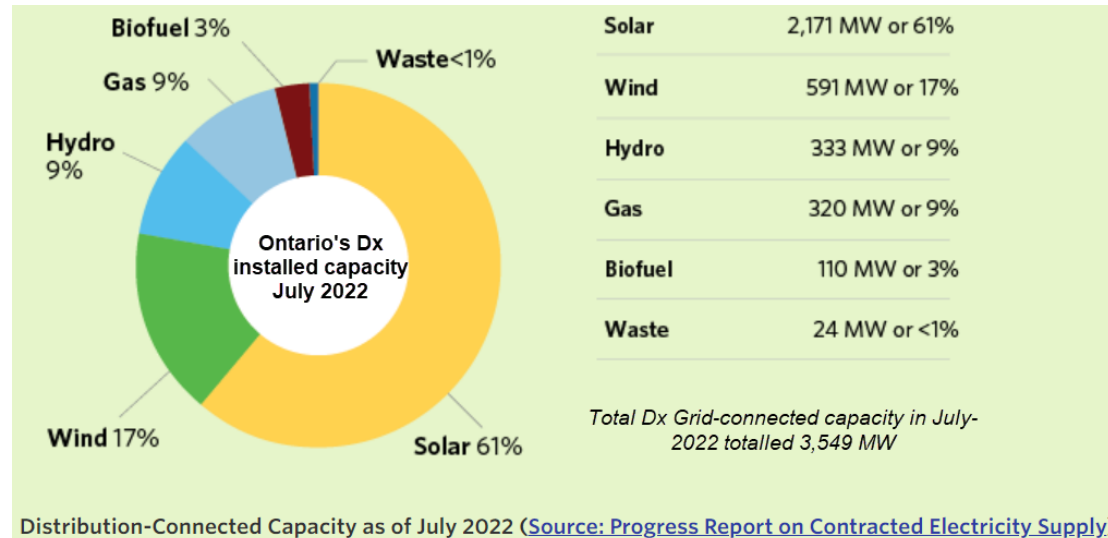


Grid-connected capacity in 2021 totalled 38,079 MW*



Energy output and imports in 2021 totalled 142.54 TWh

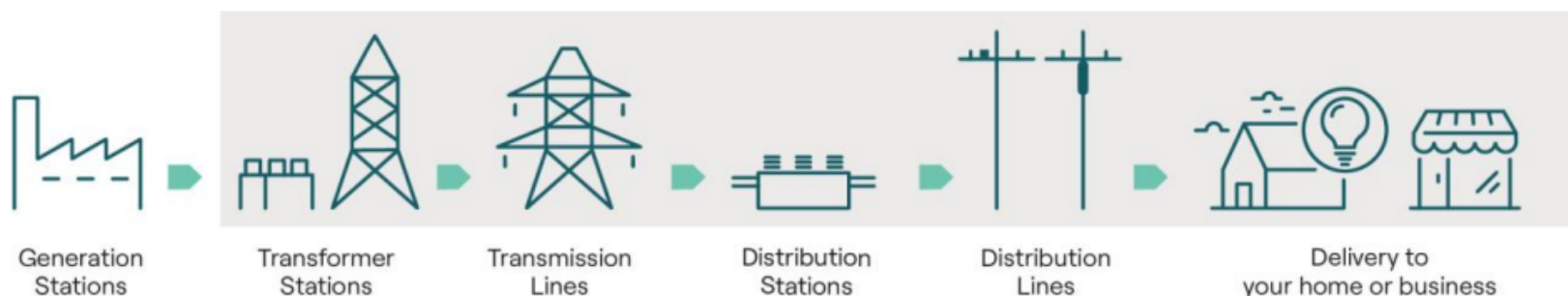
Source: IESO Corporate Strategy (2022–2027)



About Hydro One

	Transmission Segment	Distribution Segment
Customers	57 local distribution companies and 85 large industrial customers connected directly to the transmission network.	~1.5M residential and business customers located mostly in rural areas covering approximately 75% of the geographic area of the province.
Assets	306 transmission stations and approximately 30,000 circuit kilometres of high voltage lines.	~125,000 circuit kilometres of low-voltage distribution lines and approximately 1,000 distribution and regulating stations.
2022 Expected Rate Base¹	\$14.5 billion	\$9.2 billion
Allowed ROE (2022)	8.52%	9.00%
Annual Capital Program²	~\$1,170 - ~\$1,700 million ³	~\$670 - ~\$1,200 ³

Hydro One's Role in the Ontario Electric Power System



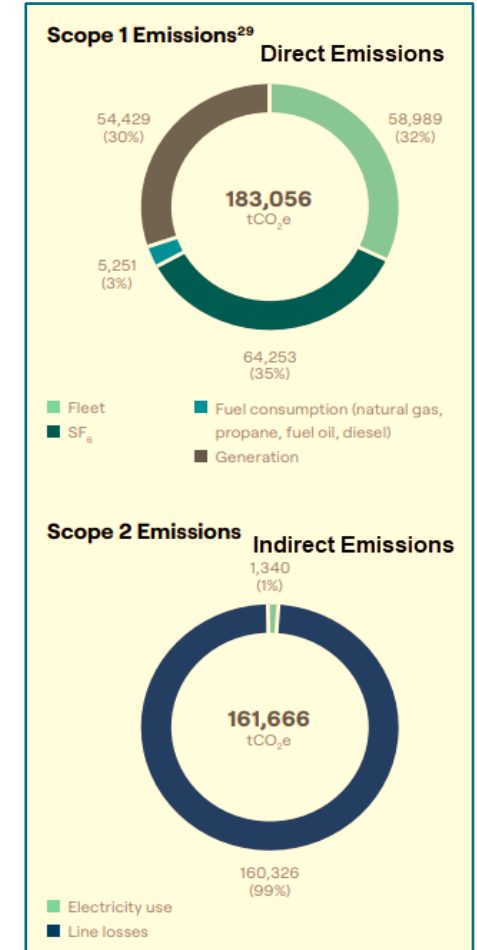
Hydro One Decarbonization Commitment

Hydro One Climate Change Mitigation Goals

- We plan to convert 50% of our fleet of sedans and SUVs to EVs or hybrids by 2025, and 100% by 2030.
- By 2030, we target an interim emissions reduction of 30%.
- By 2050, achieve net-zero GHG emissions.

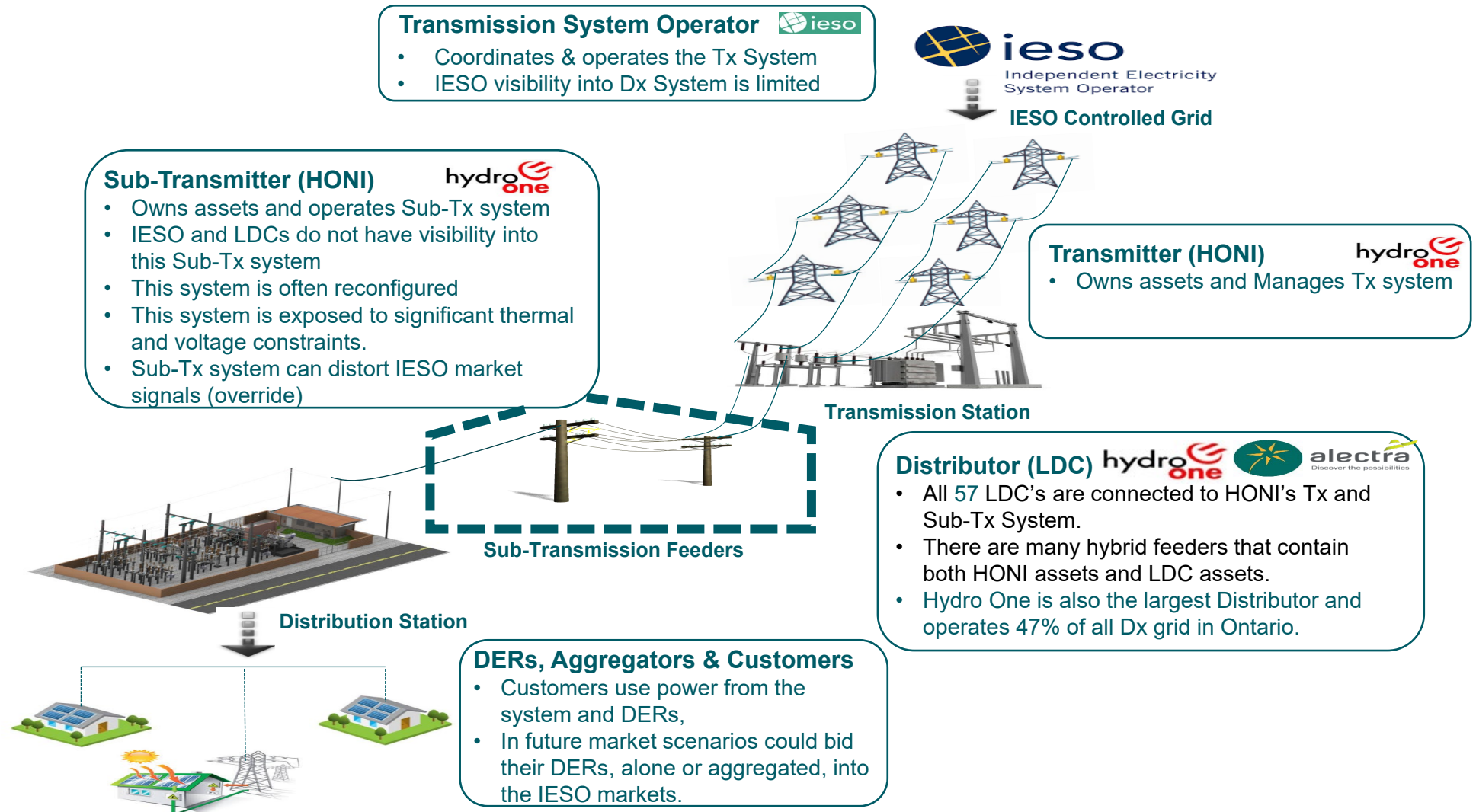
2021 Climate Change Mitigation Performance

- We reduced our GHG emissions by 9% compared to our 2018 baseline.
- We converted approximately 14% of our fleet of sedans and SUVs to EVs or hybrid, (slower pace due to ongoing supply chain disruptions, global shortage of vehicle computer chips)



Low-Carbon Energy Mix Ontario's electricity sources are largely carbon-free – Hydro One transmits and distributes electricity ~ 96% carbon emission-free and our GHG emissions are ~ 0.2% of Ontario's total GHG emissions

Hydro One Sub-Transmission



Hydro One Sub-Transmission

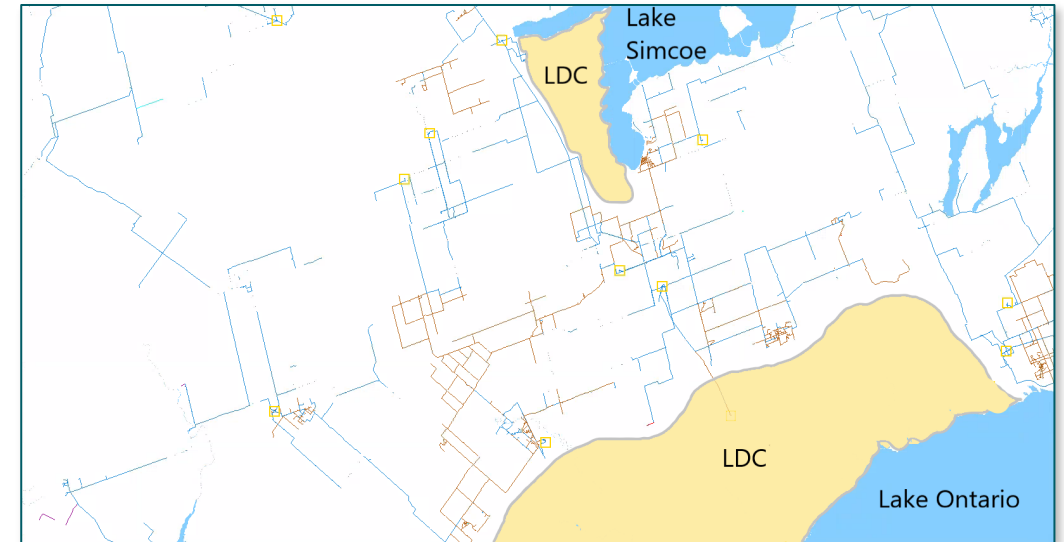
- Ontario's Dx system is **unique** compared to most other provinces or states.
- Hydro One leverages a 'Sub-Tx' system to convey high voltage power across large geographic regions far from Tx stations to LDCs and large customers.
- The Sub-Tx system is impacted by changes in demand and/or power injection from DERs, directly connected customers and the Tx system.

Properties of the Sub-Tx system

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|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| ❖ 3 or 4 Wire Systems | ❖ LDC Substations | ❖ <10MW DER's |
| ❖ 1-30MVA Customers | ❖ Up to 75km of Line | ❖ Voltage constraints |
| ❖ Thermal Constraints | ❖ Reconfigurable | ❖ Distribution Automation |

Relevance of the Sub-Tx system

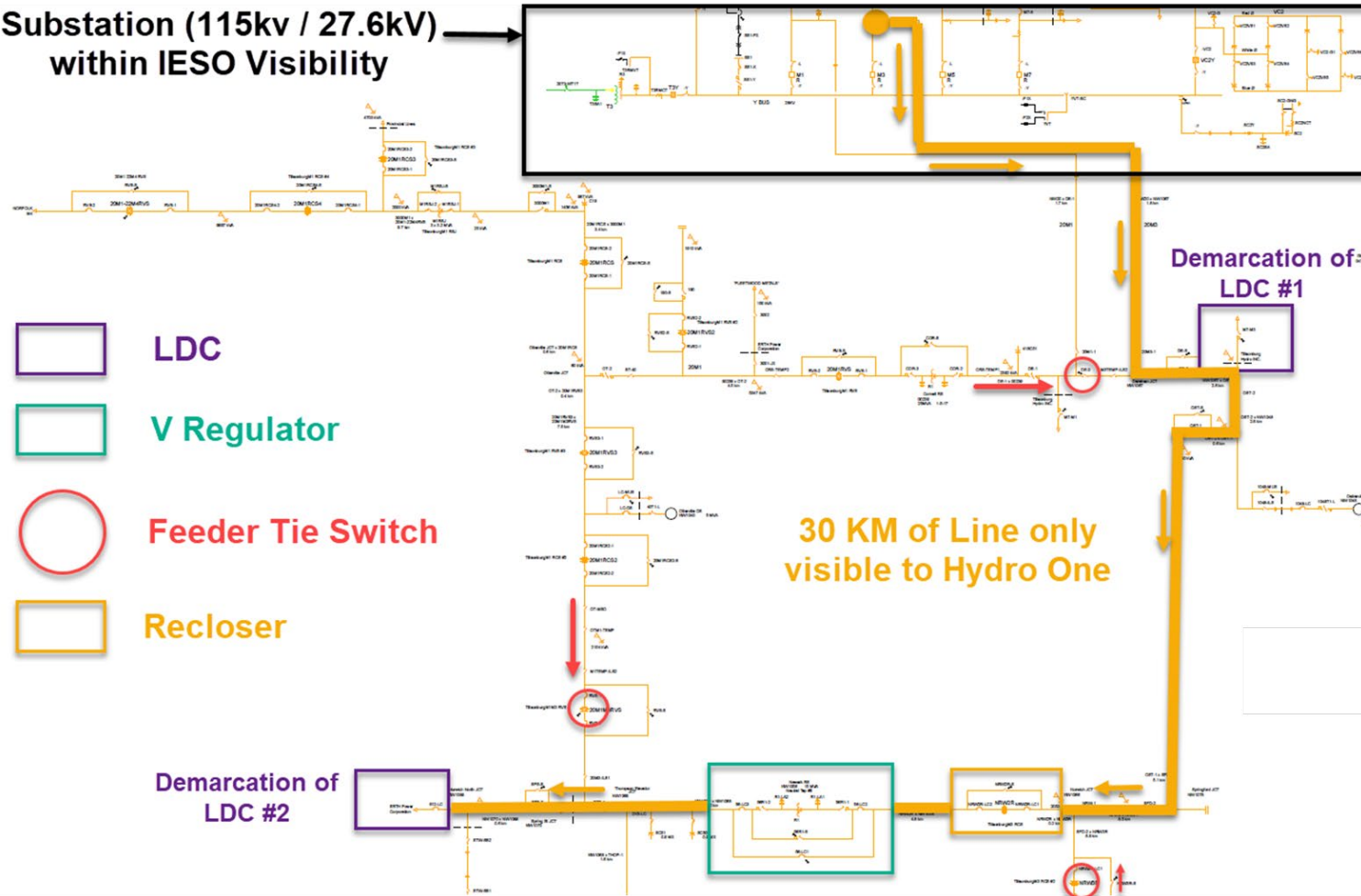
- The Sub-Tx is not static, it is often reconfigured due to maintenance
- Both the LDC's and IESO are unaware of these reconfigurations.
- Sudden changes in the Sub-Tx system (e.g. feeder reconfiguration) can determine new operating conditions impacting pre-dispatch, other connected customers, DERs, sub-Tx assets and distorting market signals (override)



GTA map showing Sub-Tx feeders (blue and orange lines)

Hydro One Sub-Transmission

Substation (115kv / 27.6kv)
within IESO Visibility



6.2 Switching

The Customer must comply with **The Code** when performing switching operations which impact load transfers or parallels.

6.3 Outage Planning

OGCC Operating Planning shall be notified of all transfers involving customer load and/or generation supplied from Hydro One owned stations to ensure that the transfer won't have adverse effects on the distribution system.

Feeder with Hydro One Customers

- **Load and/or Generation Transfers:** OGCC Operating Planning is accountable for assessing transfers on distribution feeders that have embedded generation and/or load customers connected to them.

Feeder without Hydro One Customers

- **Load Transfers:** If the customer's load is being transferred to an alternate customer supply feeder (i.e. back to back), the customer is accountable for the assessment of the transfer, and the customer shall formally advise the OGCC Operating Planning regarding acceptance of the transfer.
- **Generation Transfers:** If embedded generation is connected to a customer's section of feeder or to a feeder shared with Hydro One, the customer shall be accountable assessing the generation transfer and shall formally advise the OGCC Operating Planning regarding acceptance of the transfer.

Example of Normal Operations Section in Tx Connection Agreement

Hydro One System Operations Vision



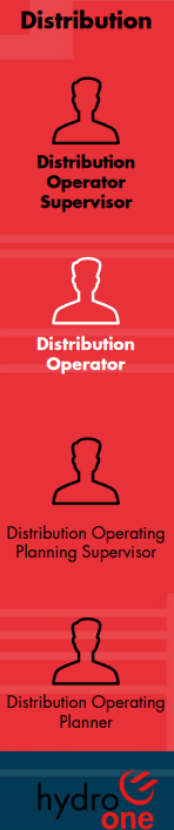
DISTRIBUTION OPERATOR

DMS DUTIES



DMS Operations

- Smart Switches (self-healing configurations)
- Remote Load Break Switches (RLBS)
- Reclosers
 - Vipers
 - M-Class and F-Class
- Feeder transfer studies
 - Sectionalizing
- Temporary relay settings
- Distance to faults
- Controlling Authority
 - HVDSs and LVDSs
 - Automated
 - Not Automated
 - F-Class devices outside of TSs
- Work Protection
 - Mainly self-administered from Dx Lines
- Operating/Monitoring/Responding to and studying the impact of Distributed Energy Resources (DERs)



Alarm Management System - EPRI

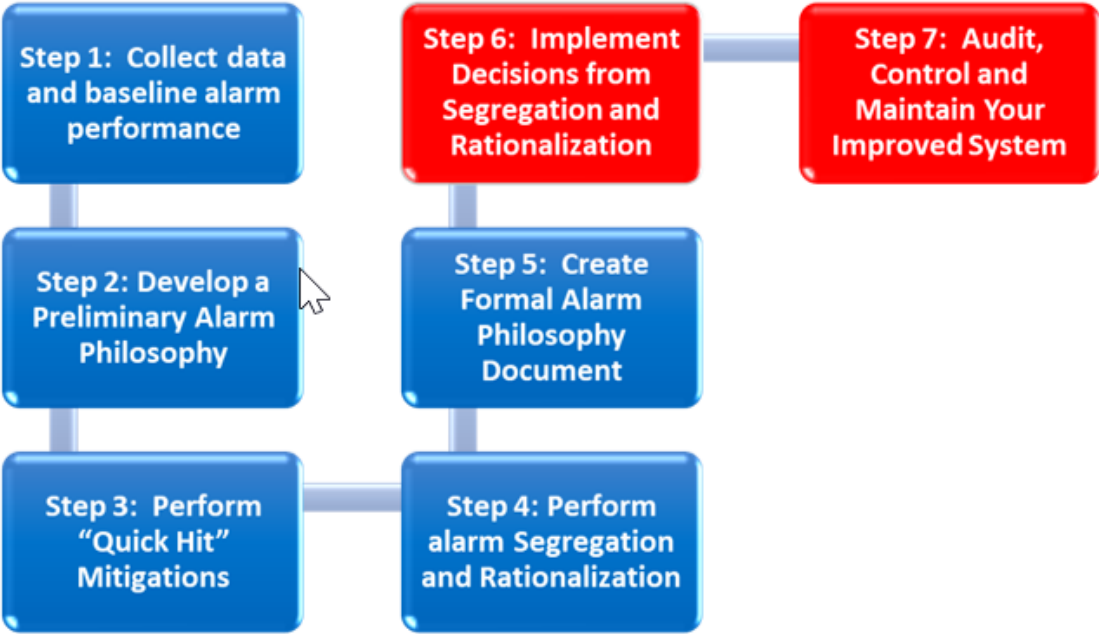
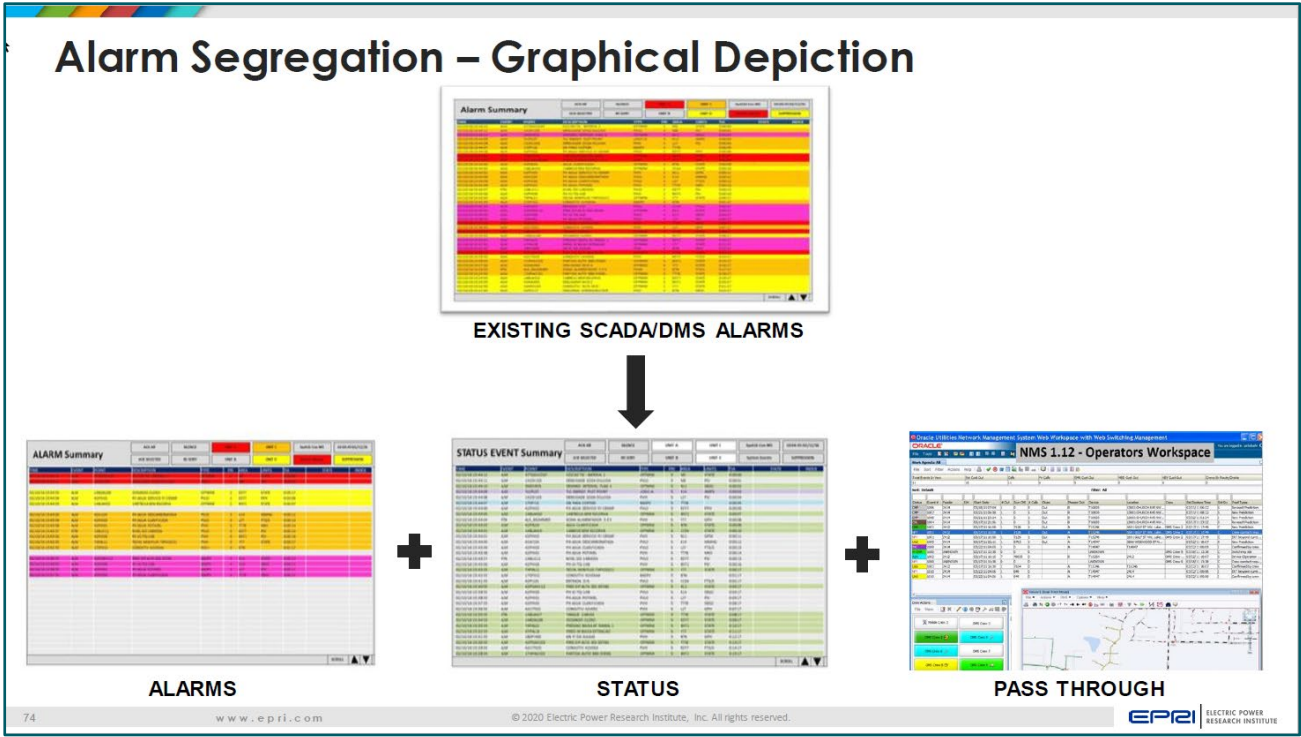


Figure 1 - Alarm Management Process Flow Chart



Alarm Management System - EPRI

DMS Bad Actors

8/4 4:00-9:00PM



Load break device: Disconnect Trouble/Loss of AC

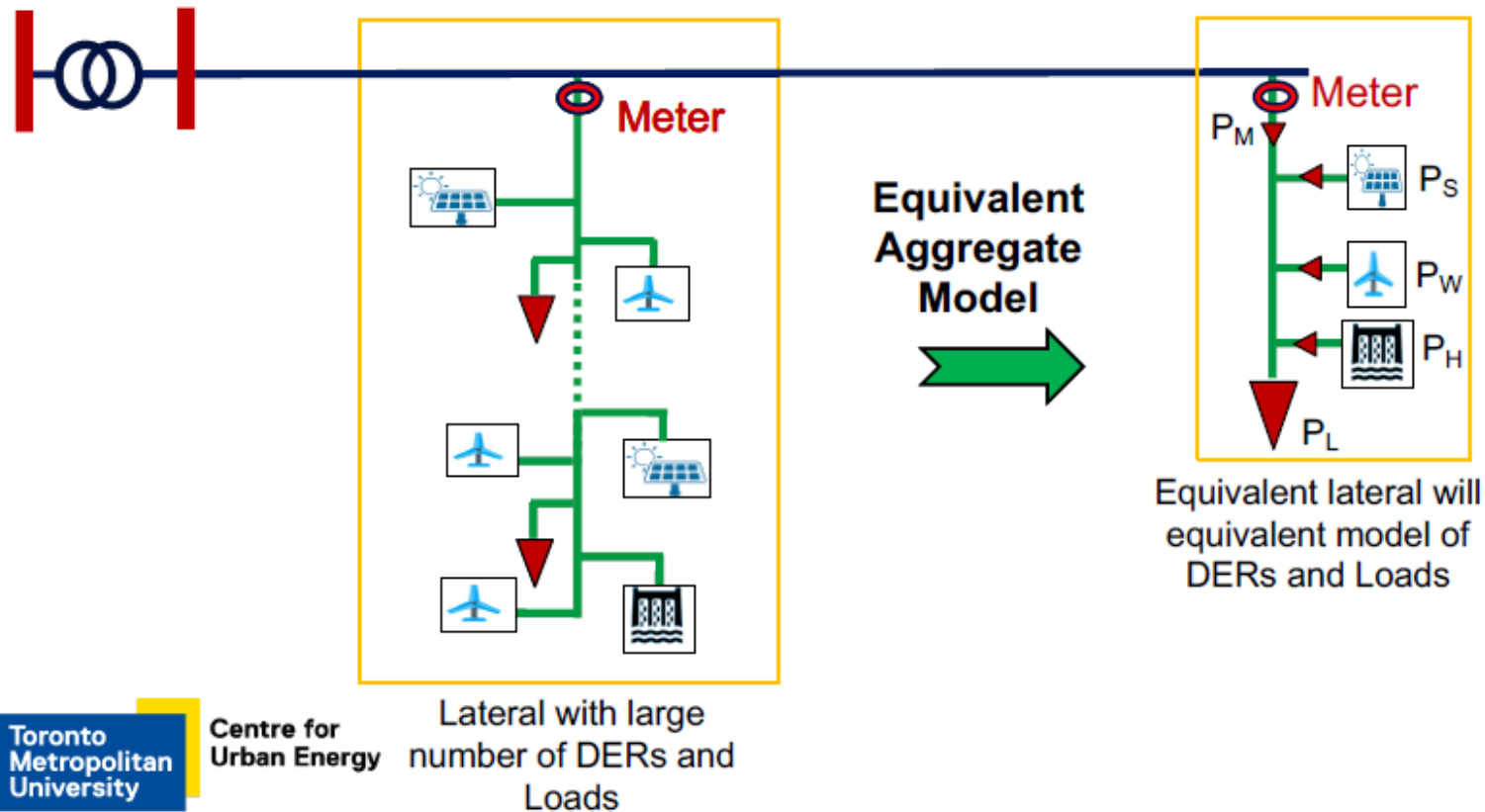
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⚡ **Distribution Control Center Alarm Management Philosophy Guide: Hydro One DMS**

EPRI Dx Alarm Management Philosophy

DER Forecasting and Modelling – TMU

Approach – High resolution short-term DER forecast



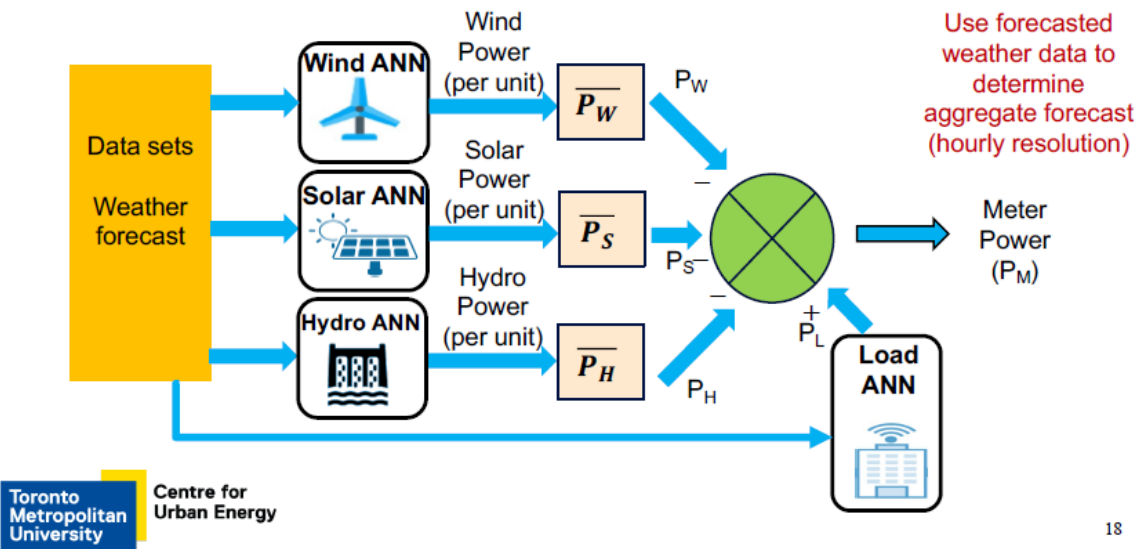
Project Overview

4 Research Activities

1. DER Forecasting
2. DER Modeling – Steady State Domain
3. DER Modeling – Transient and Dynamic Domain
4. Distribution System Operator (DSO) Models

DER Forecasting and Modelling – TMU

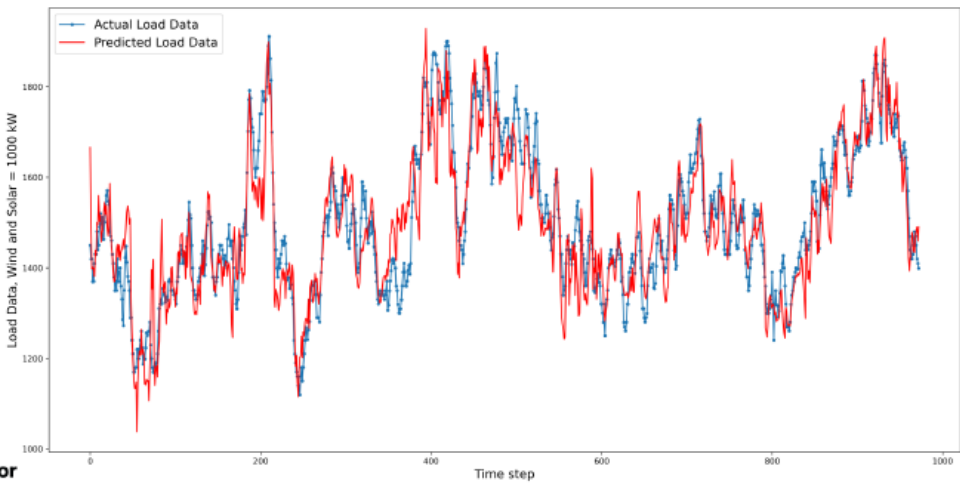
Architecture – High resolution short-term DER forecast Step #4 – Operational Software (Trained ANNs)



Architecture Step 3: Aggregate Load ANN Model #2 Forecasted Load power data

Considering all the input features, 50 Epochs
The predicted Load data is based on the predicted combination (the red one in the Error tables)

Sample of the predicted power meter versus the actual power meter data is shown in this Figure for the case of 100% penetration of DERs.



DER Forecasting Results for 100% DER penetration - error RMSE = 3.78096%

DER Integration Challenges/Opportunities

- Adoption of evolving Dx Modernization technologies: CFCI, FLISR, smart recloser, adaptive protection settings, DERMS
- Co-existence with old legacy DER that are part of the Dx grid, but might not follow IEEE-1547
- Changes in the HONI Technical Interconnection Requirements (TIR) v. 2013 [in collaboration with EPRI]
- Operational criteria for managing microgrids and sustained “islanding” operation
- Assess Interaction with other Tx/Dx system protection such as UFLS, rotational load shedding, voltage reduction at Tx stations (incl. Load Rejection from RAS)
- Timely DER Integration training and development of Operating staff (including training the trainers)
- Acknowledge Dx operator expertise role to manage storms, or large system events
- Identification of the new roles/competences of the Control Room Dx Operators & Supervisors.
- Pencil out Dx Market regulatory framework and performance. New market participants: DSO, DER aggregators
- Knowledge transfer out from of DER pilot projects or sandboxes into effective Dx system solutions
- Common knowledge platforms between North American utilities, R&D, and the industry to share DER integration “lessons learned”.

Thank you!

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ISO New England's Planning Initiatives to Support the Transmission Grid in 2040 and 2050

Dan Schwarting, P.E.

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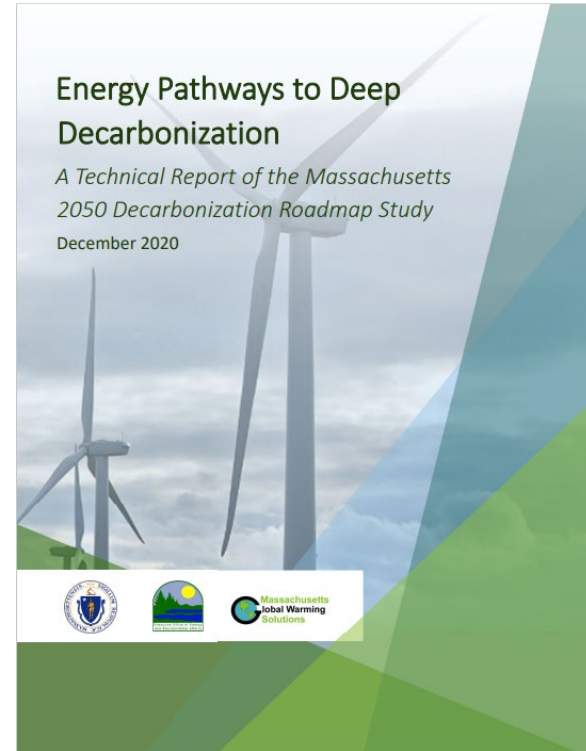
New England's Long-Term Outlook on the Energy Transition

- Many of New England's states have ambitious goals for clean energy and emissions reductions
- **How will New England's electric transmission grid contribute to meeting these goals?**
- ISO New England's typical transmission plans look 10 years into the future – **how will the system evolve over 20-30 years?**

≥80% by 2050	Economy-wide greenhouse gas reductions: MA, CT, ME, RI, and VT (mostly below 1990 levels)
Net-Zero by 2050 80% by 2050	MA emissions req't MA clean energy standard
90% by 2050	VT renewable energy req't
100% by 2050 Carbon-Neutral by 2045	ME renewable energy goal ME emissions req't
100% by 2040	CT zero-carbon electricity req't
100% by 2030	RI renewable energy req't

Source of Study Input Assumptions

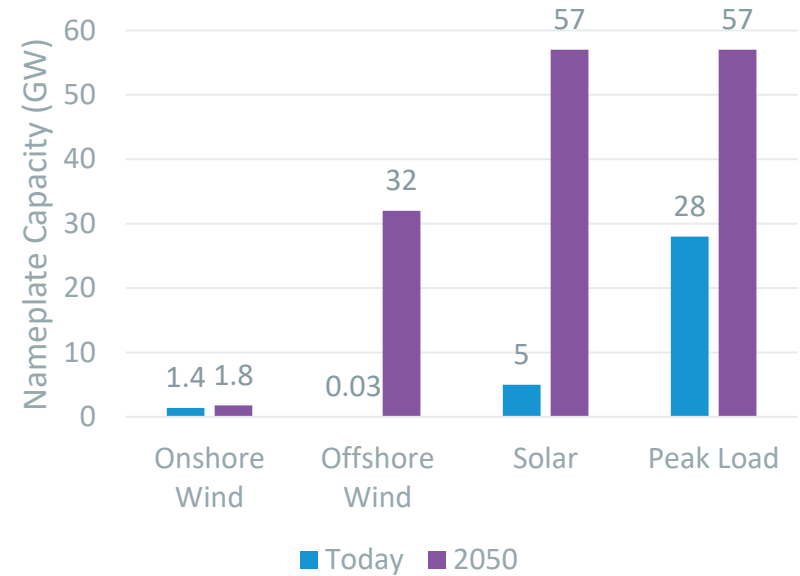
- “[Energy Pathways to Deep Decarbonization](#)” study identified a number of pathways to a zero-carbon-emission economy
 - Study commissioned by Massachusetts in 2019-2020
- The “All Options” pathway was chosen by the New England States Committee on Electricity (NESCOE) as a basis for further study work by ISO-NE



Details of the “All Options” Pathway

- Development of significant new renewable generation capacity
- Retirement of all existing coal and oil generation
 - Some natural gas units retained, with decreased capacity factor
- Transportation and heating electrification
- New transmission to Quebec and New York

Generation Capacity and Load –
2022 vs. 2050



Source: [Energy Pathways to Deep Decarbonization](#); load recast to a 2019 weather year as described in a [June 2021 Planning Advisory Committee presentation](#)



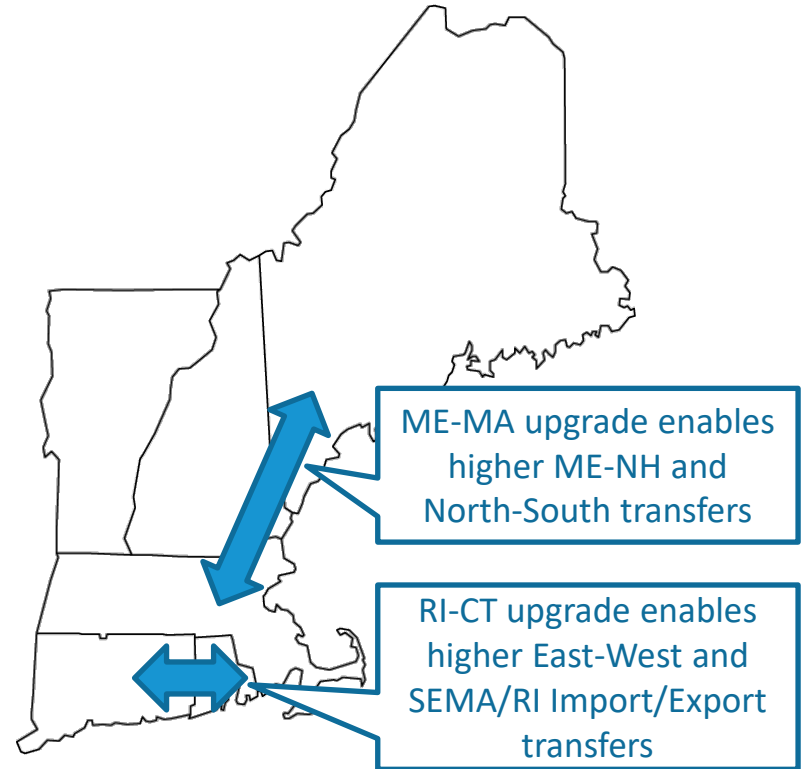
Future Grid Reliability Study Phase I

- The [Future Grid Reliability Study \(FGRS\) Phase I](#) was performed in 2021-2022 as the ISO-NE 2021 Economic Study
- 8760-hour-per-year analysis of various scenarios in 2040
- Examined production cost, emissions, ancillary services, and high-level transmission system constraints
 - Transmission system modeled with a pipe-and-bubble approach, with key interface constraints within and outside of New England modeled
- FGRS Scenario 3 was based on the “All Options” pathway



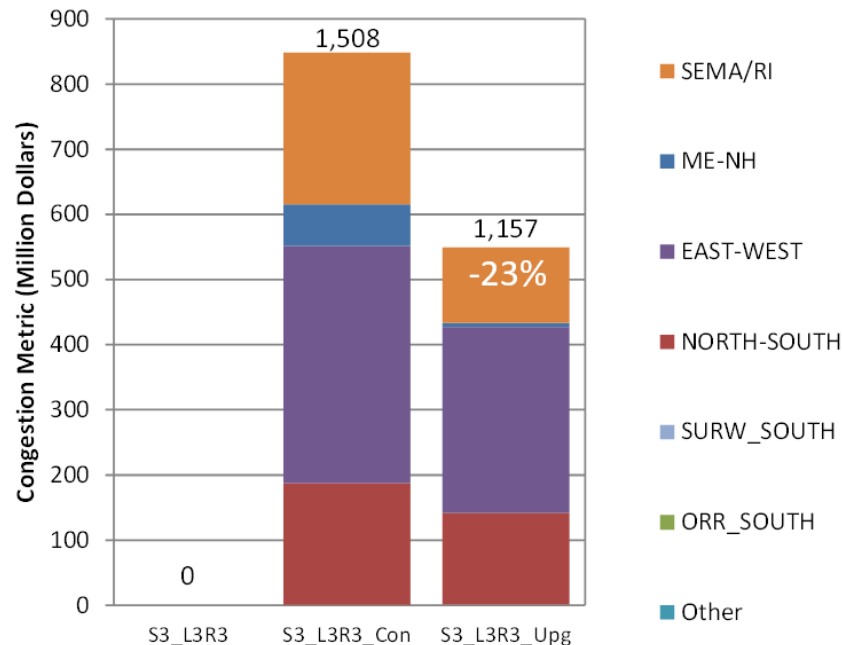
FGRS: High-Level Transmission Analysis

- Unconstrained simulation showed flow above transfer limits on some interfaces for 30-40% of the hours in 2040 in FGRS Scenario 3
- Two high-level transmission upgrades added to the model
 - 500 MW increase from Maine to Central/Northeast Massachusetts
 - 500 MW increase from Rhode Island to Connecticut



FGRS: Key Transmission Findings

- 500 MW upgrades ($\leq 25\%$ of interface capacity) led to substantial reduction in congestion
 - 25% reduction in congested hours on North-South
 - 35% reduction in congested hours on SEMA/RI Export
- Production cost analysis showed a 23% reduction in congestion costs



2050 Transmission Study: Background

- At the request of the New England states, ISO-NE also began the [2050 Transmission Study](#) in late 2021 to analyze the transmission system in more detail
- Input assumptions based on the “All Options” Pathway
- Key questions to be answered include:
 - Where will the transmission system be deficient in serving load in 2035, 2040, and 2050?
 - What conceptual transmission upgrades could resolve these deficiencies?
 - Approximately how much will these upgrades cost?



2050 Transmission Study: Snapshots Examined

- The 2050 study examines 12 specific snapshots in time
- Focus is on load-serving capability during peak hours, rather than year-round renewable deliverability
- “DC power flow” analysis only: no consideration of voltage or transient stability performance

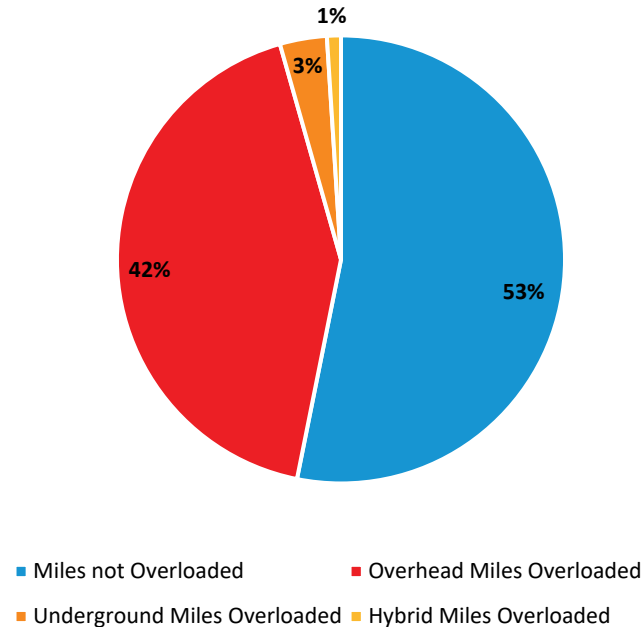
Power Consumption* by Snapshot (MW)				
Year	Summer Daytime	Summer Evening A (Overall)	Summer Evening B (Northern NE)	Winter Evening
2035	29,375	26,749	25,741	35,116
2040	32,447	32,968	31,968	43,046
2050	40,004	38,601	38,492	56,997

New England is summer-peaking today, but **winter-peaking by 2035** in the “All Options” Pathway.

* Includes distribution losses and reductions due to energy efficiency. Does not include transmission losses or reductions due to distributed solar installations.

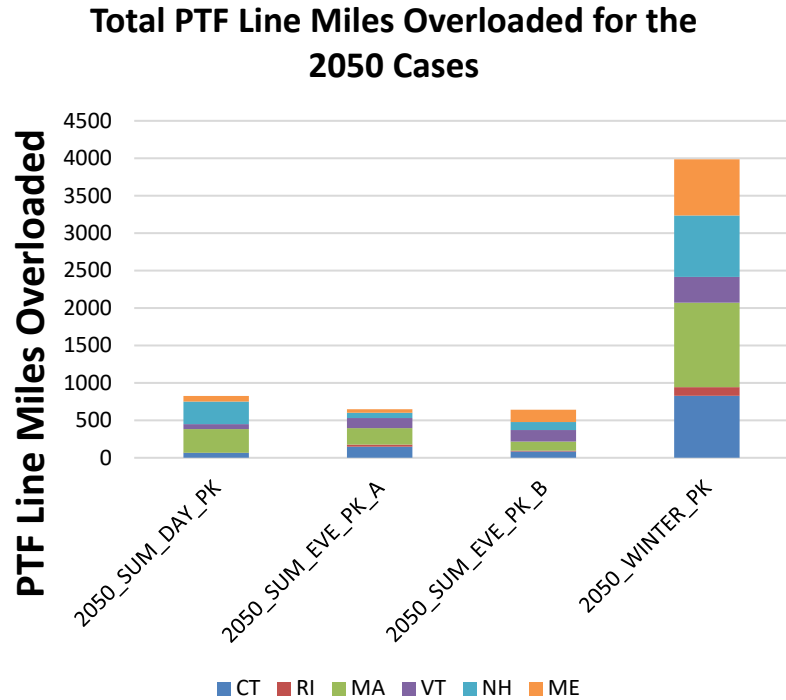
Percentage of Line Mileage Overloaded in 2050

Total PTF Line Mileage Overloaded in 2050



- Approximately half of the total Pool Transmission Facility (PTF) line miles in New England (~4,200 miles out of ~9,000 miles) are overloaded in 2050
- Approximately 90 PTF transformers (of about 150 total) are also overloaded in 2050

2050 Results by Snapshot

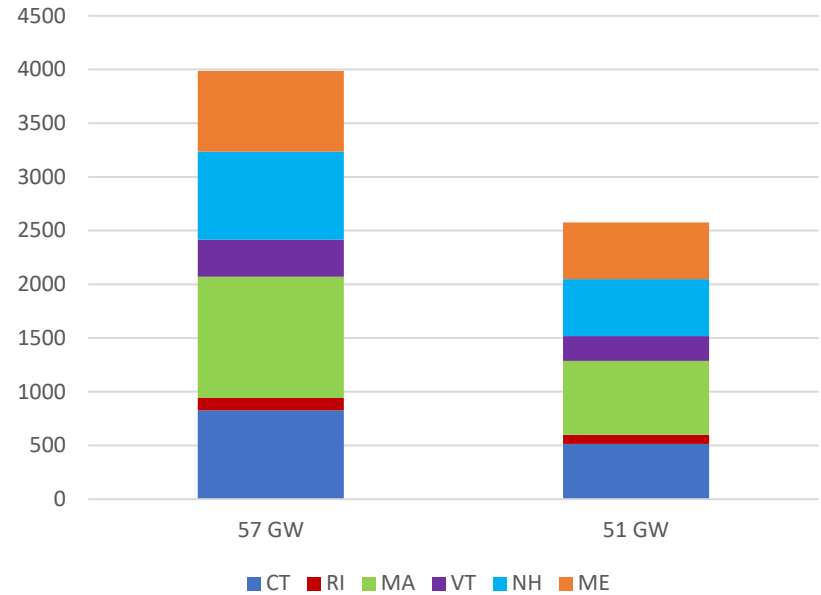


- In 2050, the vast majority of overloads occur in the Winter Evening Peak due to electrified heating
- Overloads spread throughout all six New England states
 - New Hampshire and Maine have relatively high amounts due to high North-South transfers driven by new resource assumptions

Sensitivity Analyses

- Sensitivity analysis was performed to determine relationship between peak load and overloaded mileage
- Reducing winter peak loads significantly reduces transmission concerns
 - A ~10% reduction in load causes roughly a 35% reduction in overloaded transmission miles
 - Assumes that decreased load is offset by decreased northern New England generation

Total PTF Line Mileage Overloaded for 2050 Winter Peak Snapshots



2050 Transmission Study: Key Takeaways So Far

- Under the conditions studied:
 - Winter peak is a major driver of transmission concerns in the long term
 - Generator interconnection locations are critical
 - Interconnecting in southern New England rather than northern New England tends to reduce transmission needs
 - Additional 345/115 kV transformer capacity is required
 - Serving peak load from remote renewable resources requires long-distance transmission at high voltage, and then transformation to reach local substations
 - Generator interconnections directly to the 115 kV network may help, but often require upgrades on the 115 kV system instead
 - Outside of dense urban areas, many concerns can be resolved through incremental upgrades (rebuilding/reconductoring existing lines)



2050 Transmission Study: Ongoing Analysis

- Solution development is expected to continue throughout late 2022 and early 2023
 - Begin with “primary solution set,” and then address intermediate years and the original 57 GW winter peak
 - Includes development of order-of-magnitude cost estimates for solution components
- Final 2050 Transmission Study report expected in 2023

Primary Set

- Solutions to address 2050 reduced Winter Peak (51 GW) and Summer Peak snapshots

2035 & 2040

- Subsets of primary solution set to fully address needs in 2035 and 2040

57 GW Winter

- Additional solutions to fully address original 2050 Winter Peak (57 GW load)

Supporting the Transmission Grid for 2040 and 2050

- Transmission upgrades can reduce renewable curtailment and congestion
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- Reducing winter peak loads significantly reduces transmission concerns
- Generator interconnection locations are critical

Questions?





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Leveraging Existing Planning Processes to Prepare for the Energy Transition

Megan Lund, Manager – Transmission Planning, Southwest & East

About the IESO



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Support innovation and emerging technologies



Oversee the electricity market, driving competition to maintain affordability



Work closely with communities to explore sustainable options



Plan for Ontario's future energy needs

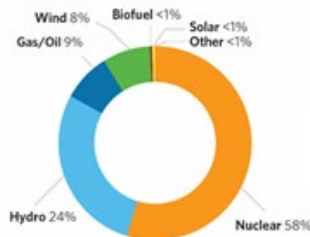


Enable province-wide energy conservation

Key Electricity Trends in Ontario

- Demand for electricity is on the rise
- Existing and new resources will be required to maintain reliability
- Technological evolution is leading to more decentralized grid
- Interest in decarbonization continues to grow
- Nuclear refurbishments and retirements are contributing to new supply needs

2021 ENERGY OUTPUT BY FUEL TYPE



FUTURE

Exploring pathways to **decarbonization**

Expanded opportunities for **energy storage**

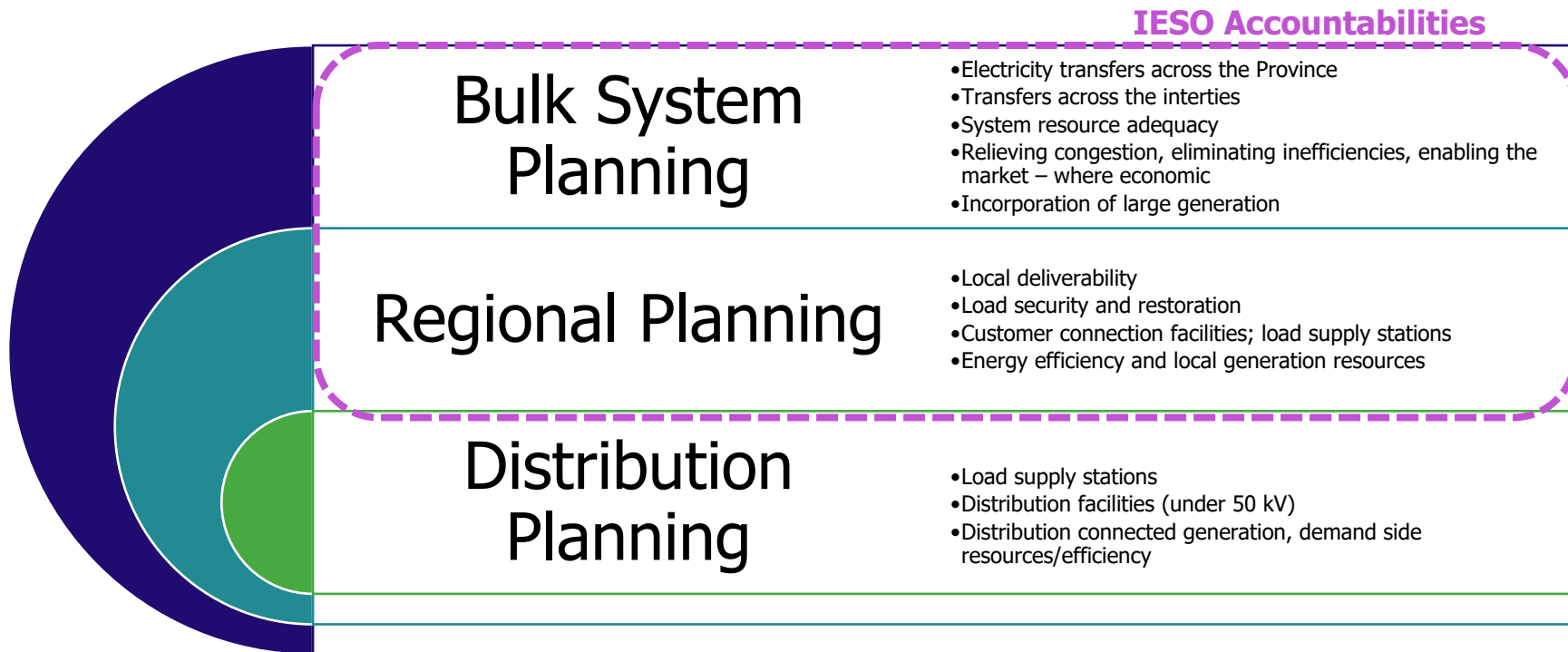
Local energy projects that contribute to the provincial grid

Potential for increased **energy efficiency**

Exploring Pathways to Decarbonization

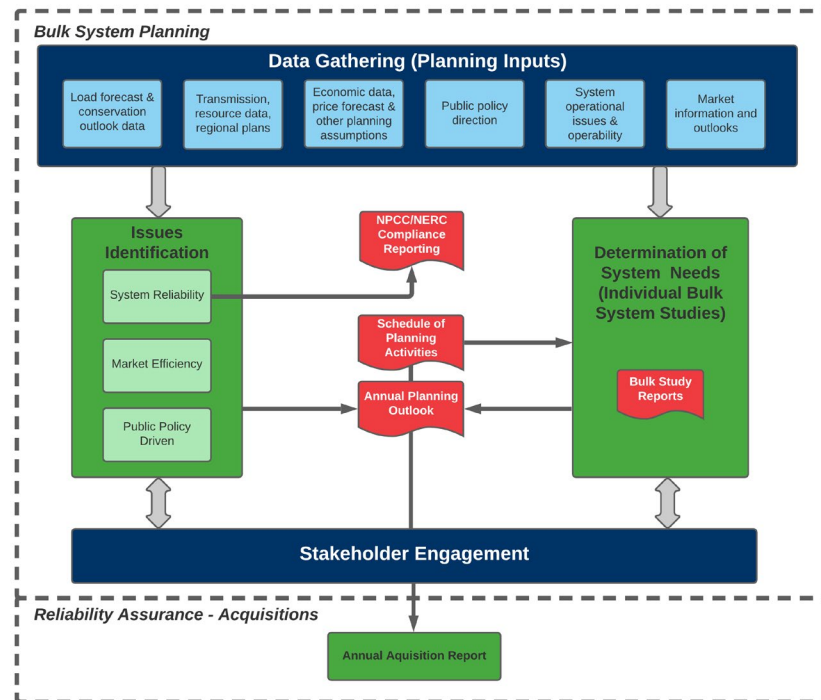
- The IESO is developing achievable pathways to decarbonizing our sector, considering factors such as system reliability, cost and timelines.
- Study will consider a potential increase in resources like energy storage, imports and energy efficiency.
- Potential electrification forecasts showing demand could double or triple.
- Continue to work with provincial and federal governments to ensure our focus aligns with environmental policy objectives.

Levels of Electricity Planning



Overview of the Bulk System Planning Process

- Data gathering happens continuously to maintain the inputs for doing planning studies
- Issues Identification comprises the annual assessments to identify potential resource adequacy and bulk transmission system issues
- A Schedule of Planning Activities is a roadmap of anticipated Bulk System Studies
- Bulk System Studies are focused, solutions-oriented studies done per the Schedule of Planning Activities
- The APO summarizes the system needs identified via Issues Identification and Bulk System Studies



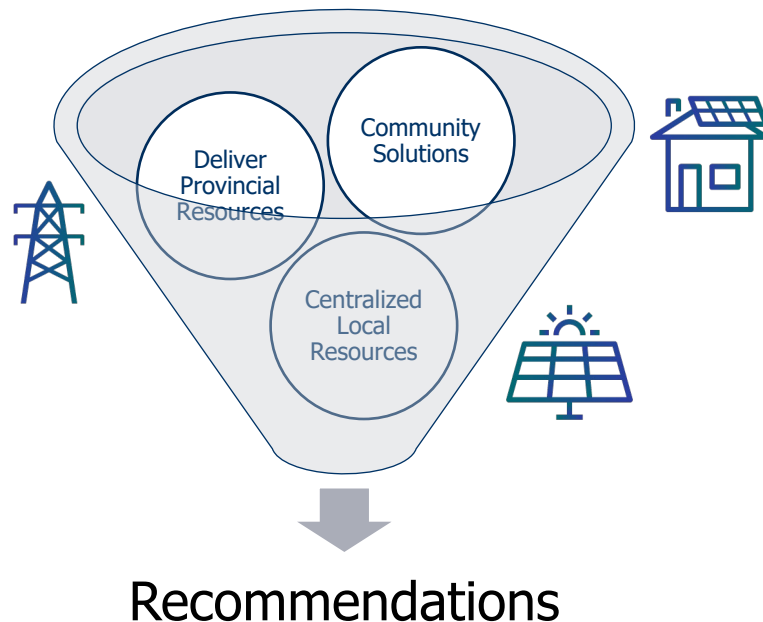
Overview of Regional Planning

- 21 electricity planning regions
- Based on electricity infrastructure boundaries
- Planning based on each region's unique needs and characteristics
- Each region goes through a formal planning process at least once every 5 years
- Undertaken by a technical working group which includes the IESO, transmitter(s) and distributor(s)



Integrated Regional Resource Plans

- Following a high level need screen, if comprehensive planning is required an IESO led Integrated Regional Resource Plan is launched
- The plan studies electricity demand over a 20 year outlook and assesses the current electricity supply infrastructure to ensure it will be sufficient to meet needs
- Both “wires” and resource options are evaluated to meet the needs
- Recommendations are made to initiate any infrastructure needed in the near- to medium-term, depending on lead time



Increasing Uncertainty in Key Planning Inputs



Load Forecast



Local Generation



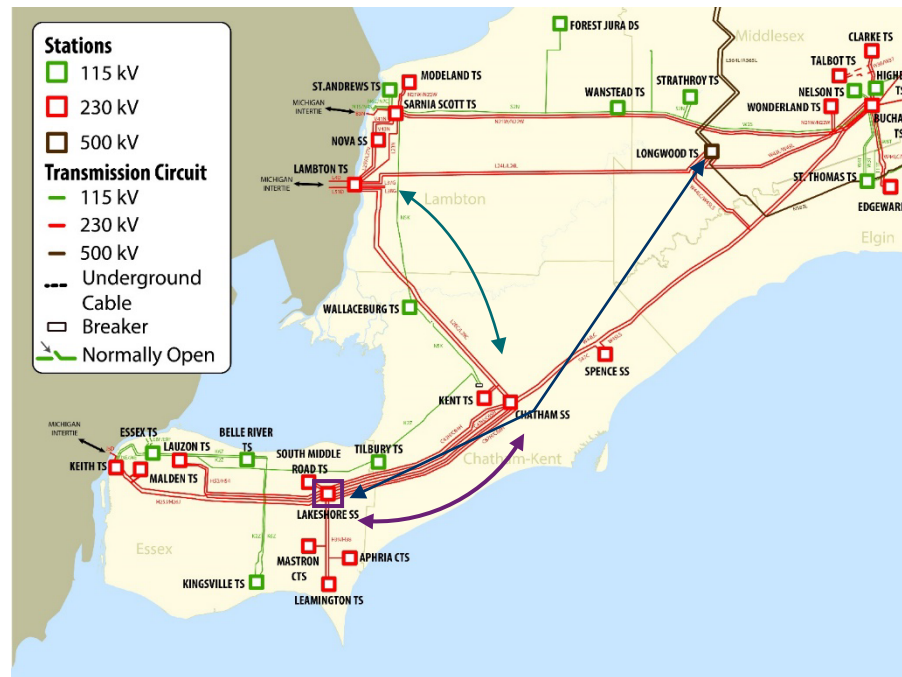
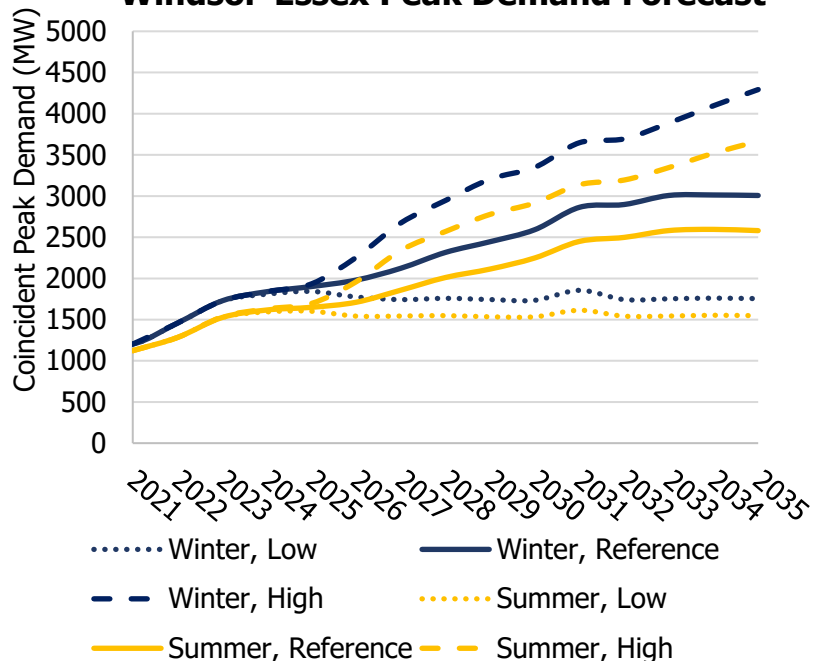
Option Costs & Lead Time



Bulk Planning Case Study: West of London/Windsor-Essex (Southwestern Ontario)

West of London & Windsor Essex Bulk System Plans

Windsor-Essex Peak Demand Forecast



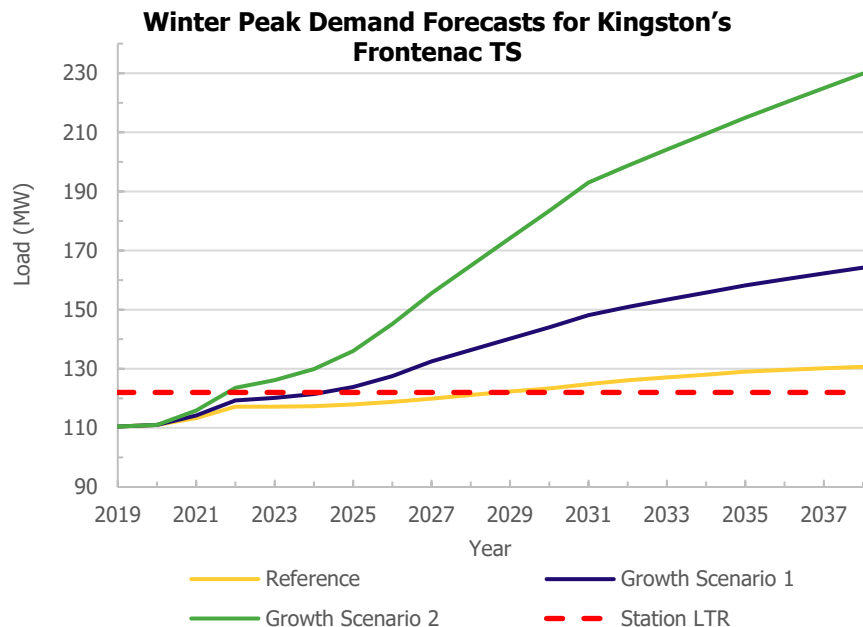
Factors Considered for Long-term Recommendation

	Enhanced with 230 kV	Enhanced with 500 kV	Neutral
Cost	x		
Ability to meet future demand		x	
Land use – transmission corridor	x		
Land use – stations		x	
Resiliency		x	
Deliverability of existing resources			x
Reliability during outages	x		
Operational flexibility		x	
Interchange with Michigan			x
Transmission losses		x	
Community preferences	?	?	?
Other factors?	?	?	?



Regional Planning Case Study: Peterborough to Kingston IRRP (City of Kingston, Ontario)

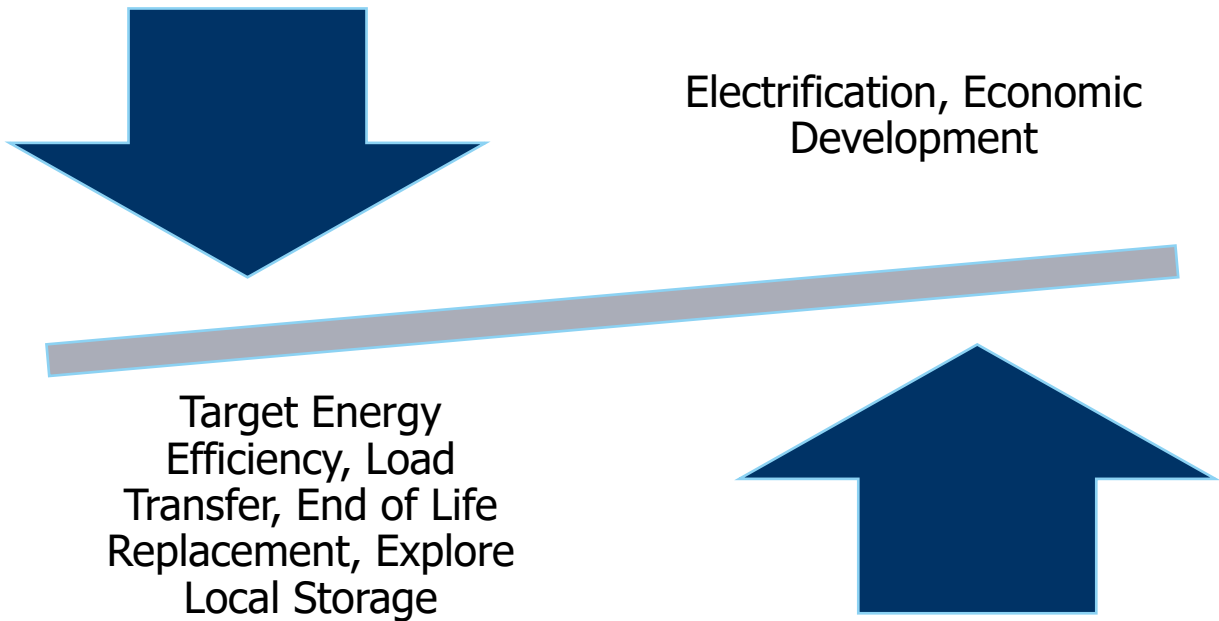
City of Kingston – Reflecting the Community's Needs



Success comes from working together

- ✓ Close collaboration between the distributor and the municipality
- ✓ Strong relationships between the distributor and their large customers, leveraged to understand their future plans to meet policy goals
- ✓ Active engagement from municipality and customers in both public webinars and targeted outreach throughout the regional planning process

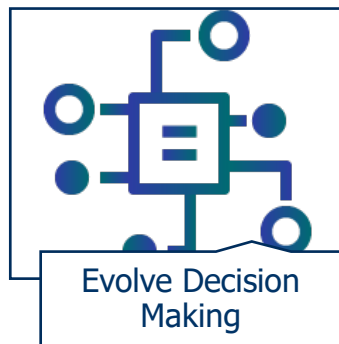
Integrated Solutions to Manage Mid-term Uncertainty



- ☐ Frequent monitoring
- ☐ Distributor and Transmitter to trigger station development work when needed

Takeaways on Opportunities to Progress in the Near-term with Existing Planning Processes

While a “process” can be viewed as constraining, there are opportunities to leverage our day-to-day planning activities by being open to change and thoughtful in our approaches



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Transmission - A Key Enabler

NPCC Workshop

October 13, 2022

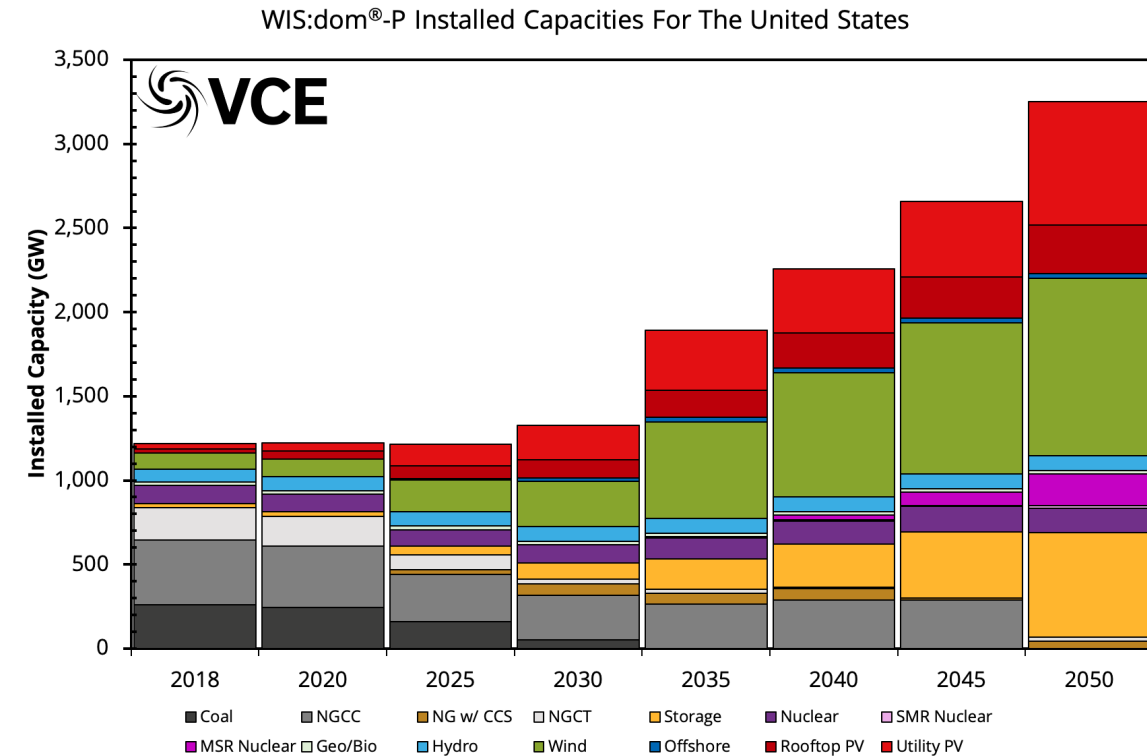
J. Charles Smith, Executive Director, ESIG



Wind and solar generation must grow exponentially

- We may need 1 TW or more of new wind and PV capacity to reach 100% clean electricity goals (that's 5x current wind/PV capacity)
- Decarbonizing the entire US energy economy may require twice that.

Source: MISO RIIA Study, Preliminary results from VCE's ZeroByFifty Study



MISO RIIA 100% buildout [MW]			
	DPV	UPV	wind
MISO	32,190	67,975	129,647
SPP	8,139	14,700	41,750
TVA	40,174	85,275	7,300
SERC	85,119	180,825	15,250
PJM	41,174	93,100	185,600
NYISO	8,483	19,675	31,600
Total	215,279	461,550	411,147

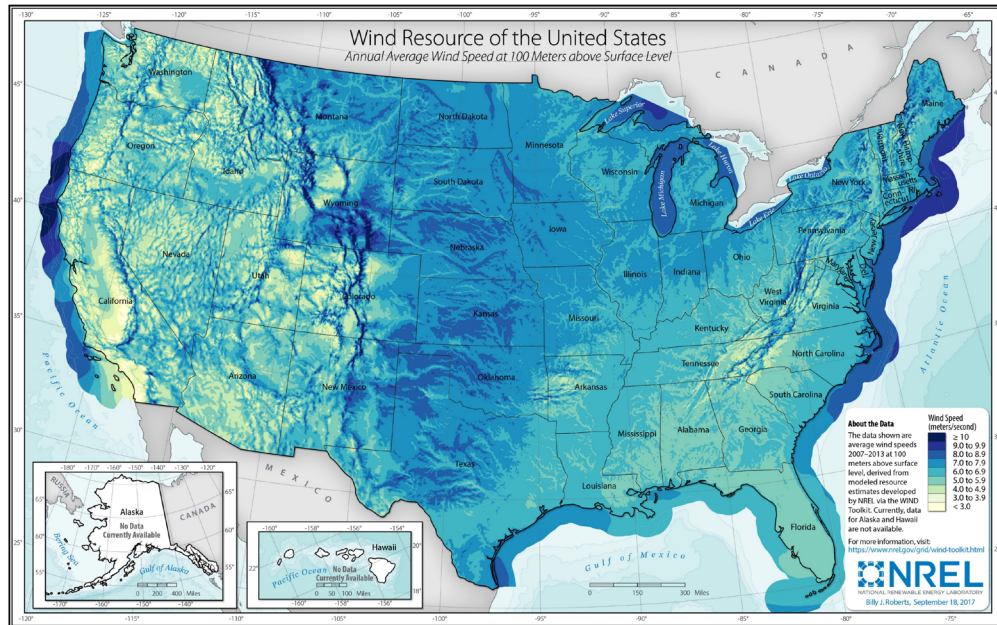
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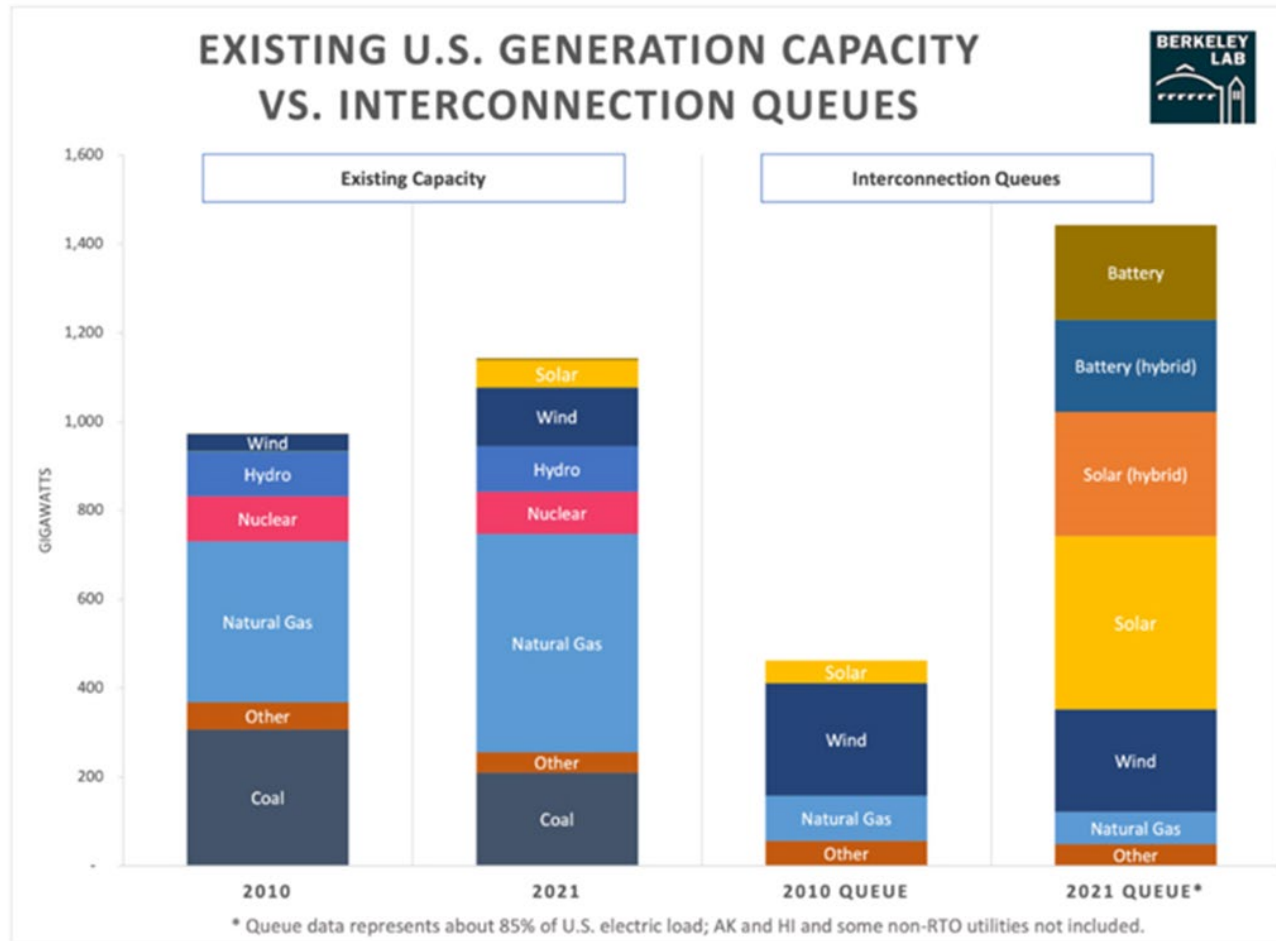
Transmission and Renewable Energy

Inescapable physical properties

1. Best wind and solar far from load. 88% in 15 central states.
2. Regional exchange allows system balancing with higher penetration
3. Transmission supports weak parts of grid as generators retire, system inertia declines



Generating Capacity and Queues – Then and Now



Source: Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

Figure 1: Existing U.S. capacity (2010 and 2021) compared to interconnection queue capacity (2010 and 2021).

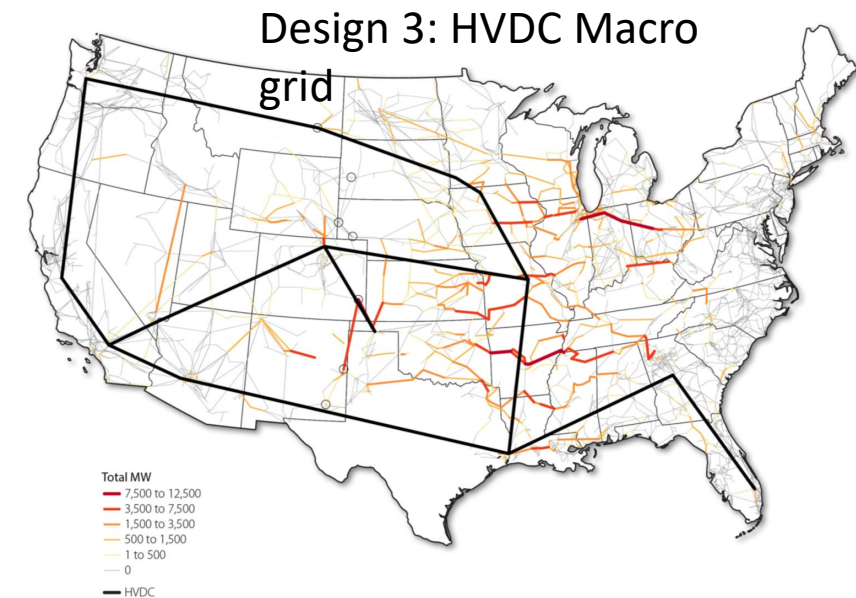
We evaluated a number of studies

Study	Region	Renewable Capacity	Clean Energy Level(s)	Annual Electricity Demand	Target Year
The 2035 Report	United States	1,100 GW (wind and solar)	90% clean electricity	4,500 TWh	2035
Electrification Futures Study	United States and Canada	600 GW (wind) 1,000 GW (solar)	23% to 75% renewable energy	7,000 TWh	2050
Interconnections Seam Study	United States (except Texas) and Canada	600-900 GW (wind and solar)	63% to 95% carbon free electricity	4,900 TWh	2038
MIT study	United States	1,200 GW (wind) 1,100 GW (solar)	100% clean electricity	5,000 TWh	2040
Renewable Integration Impact Assessment	United States - Eastern Interconnection	411 GW (wind) 677 GW (solar)	Up to 100% clean electricity for the eastern interconnection	2018 demand	N/A
ZeroByFifty	United States	1,100 GW (wind) 1,000 GW (solar)	100% clean energy	9,000 TWh	2050

A network of cross-country
transmission is critical to
minimizing cost

Interconnections Seam Study

- What's the value of interconnecting the east and west?
- Crossing the seam allows you to build the solar in the west and the wind in the east and share
- 50% renewables case: macro grid adds \$19B to transmission costs but saves \$48B (generation capacity, O&M and emissions), for a benefit/cost ratio of 2.5
- 85% renewables case (95% clean electricity): macro grid builds 40GW transfers across seam with a benefit/cost ratio of 2.9



50% Renewables case	BAU across seams	HVDC Macro grid	
Objective function	Design 1	Design 3	Delta
Line investment (B\$)	61.21	80.10	18.89
Generation investment (B\$)	704.03	700.51	-3.52
Operation and maintenance (B\$)	1336.36	1300.70	-35.66
Emission cost (B\$)	171.10	162.50	-8.60
35-yr B/C ratio	-	-	2.52

<https://www.nrel.gov/analysis/seams.html>

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MIT Study - Value of Transmission for Decarbonization

- What is the value of coordination within regions, between regions and nationally?
- Co-optimized capacity expansion and dispatch model with 7 years of hourly weather
- Least-cost plan results in nearly double today's transmission system (in MW-miles) with 40 GW transfers between east and west and 70 GW between ERCOT and east
- Finds that an “every state for itself” approach has a levelized capital and O&M cost of \$135/MWh and that this cost can be reduced by 46% (to \$73/MWh) with inter-regional coordination and transmission expansion

Inter-state transmission

None

+ Existing regional

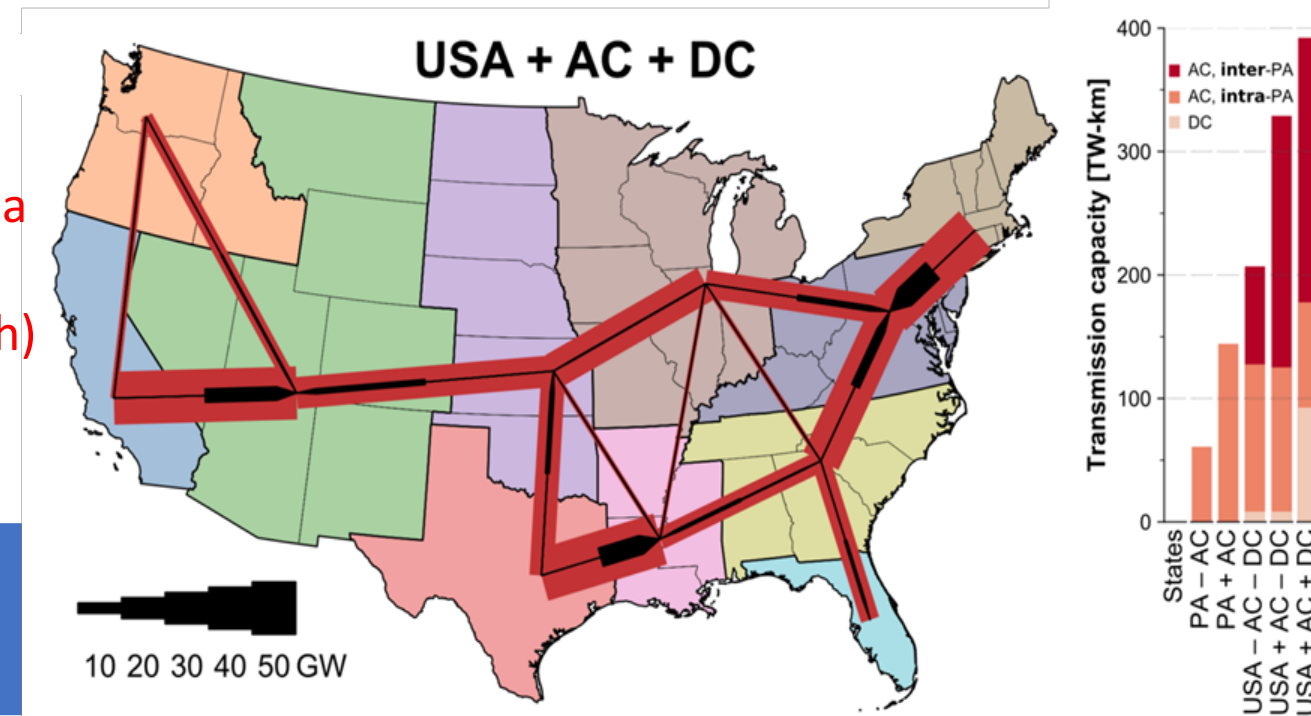
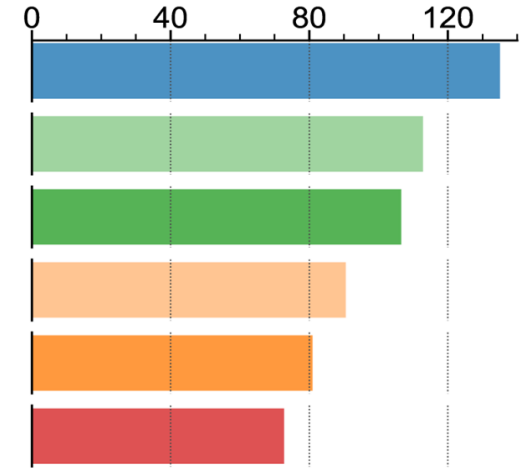
+ New regional

+ Existing inter-regional

+ New inter-regional within interconnects

+ New inter-regional across interconnects

Zero-carbon electricity cost [\$/MWh]



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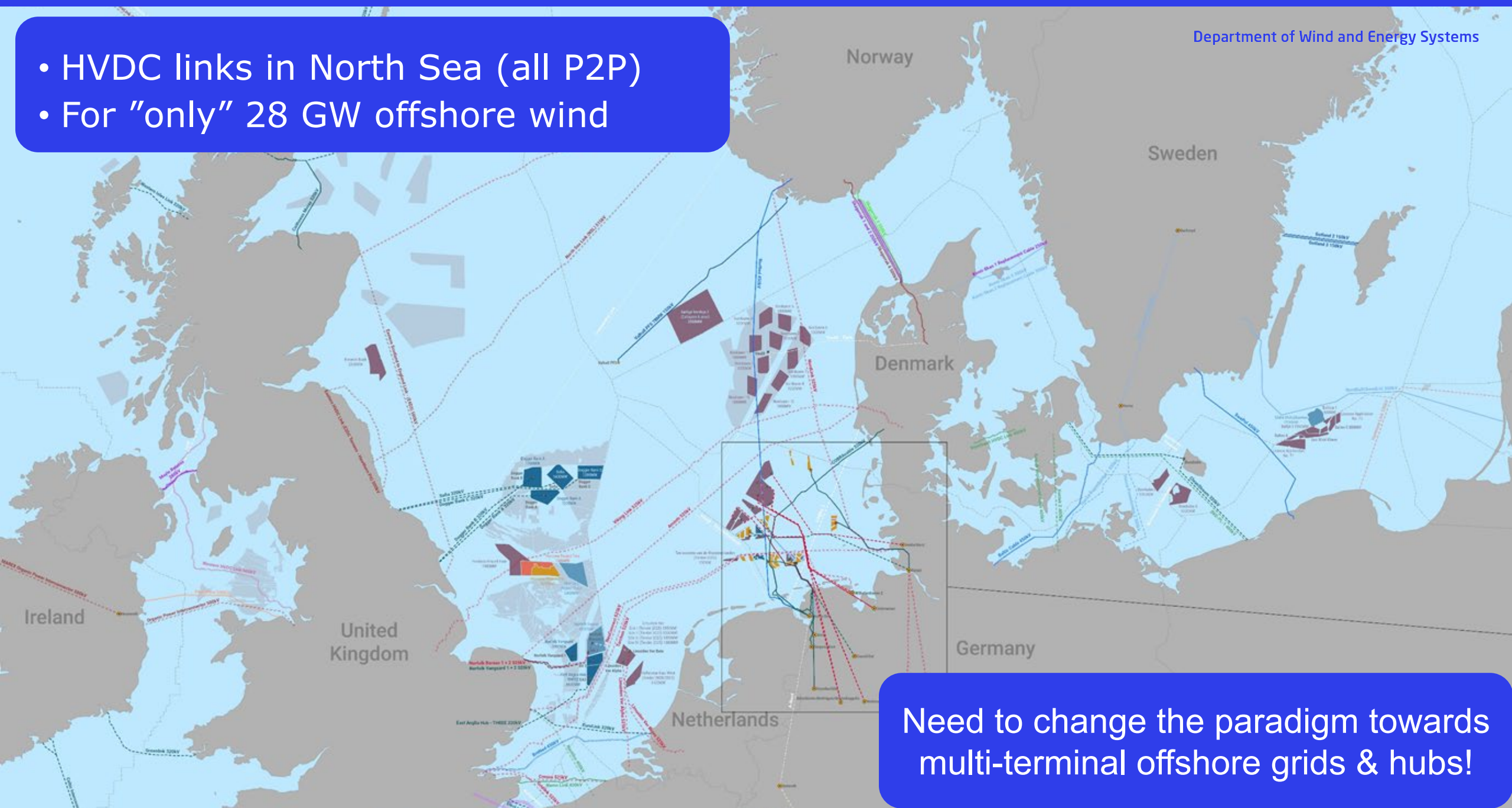
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Offshore too!

- 30 GW in state plans
- Over 100 GW if the Northeast states decarbonize
- Provides diversity along West Coast as well
- High capacity value
- Transmission needed to efficiently access



- HVDC links in North Sea (all P2P)
- For "only" 28 GW offshore wind

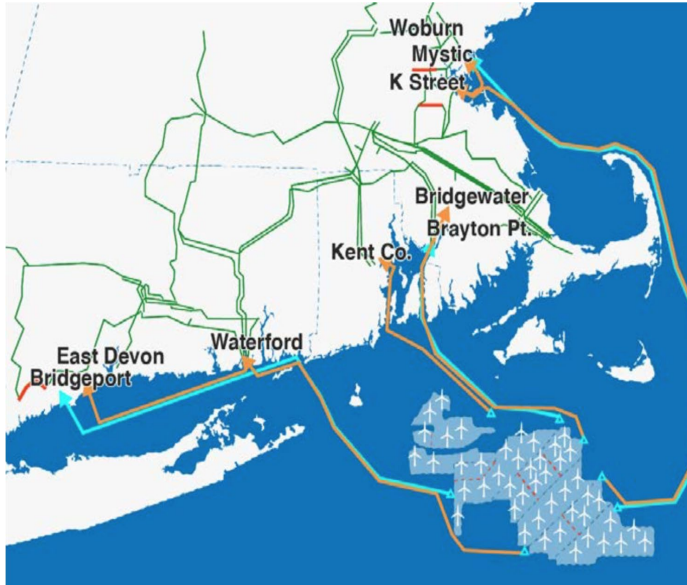


Need to change the paradigm towards multi-terminal offshore grids & hubs!

Anbaric/Brattle offshore wind studies

- **ISO-NE: Proactive, planned approach saves \$1B in onshore upgrades**
 - HVDC grid design to enable 8.6 GW of wind without requiring major onshore grid updates
- **In NYISO, it would save \$500M**
 - 9 GW of offshore wind

https://newengland.anbaric.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Brattle_Group_Offshore_Transmission_in_New-England_5.13.20-FULL-REPORT.pdf
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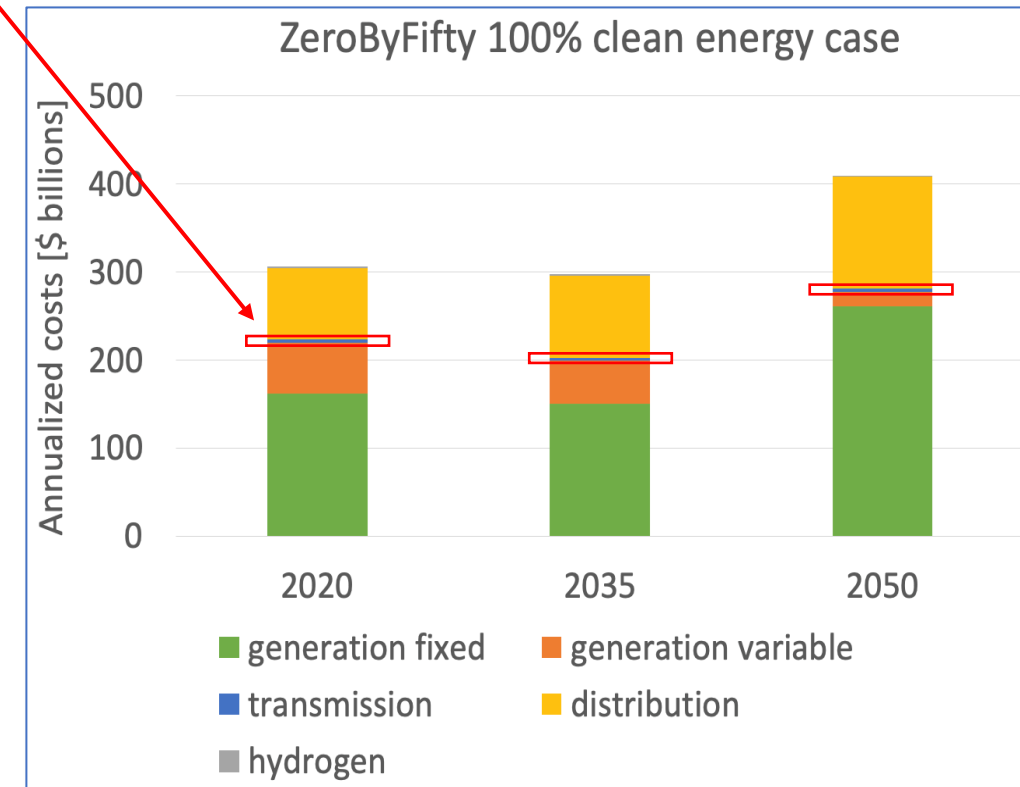
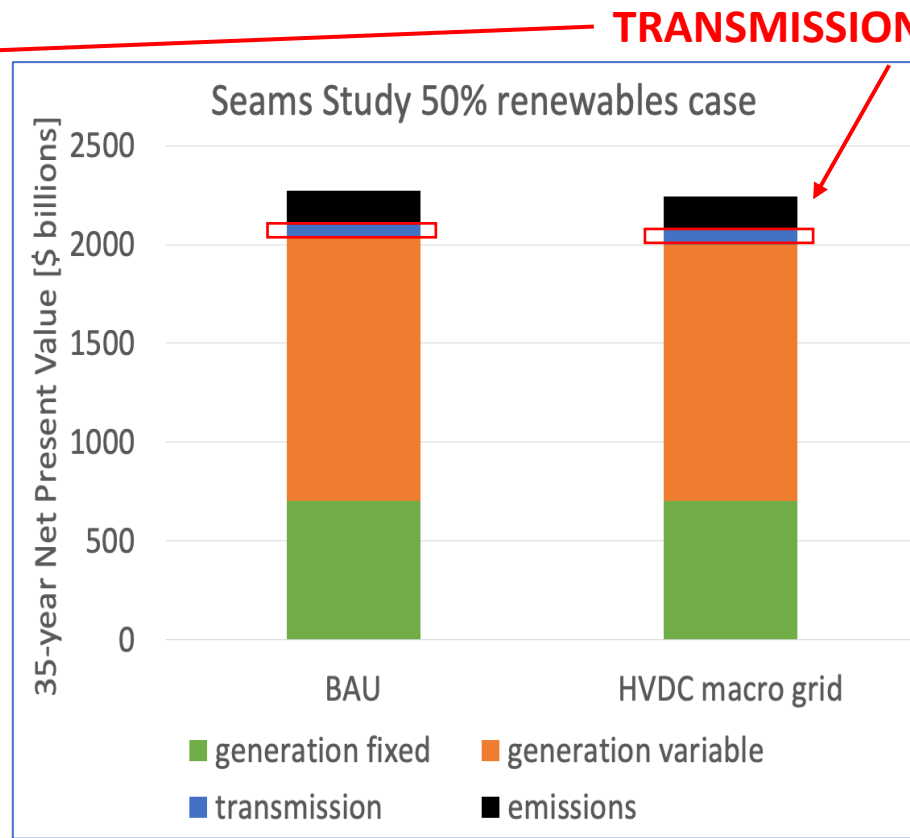
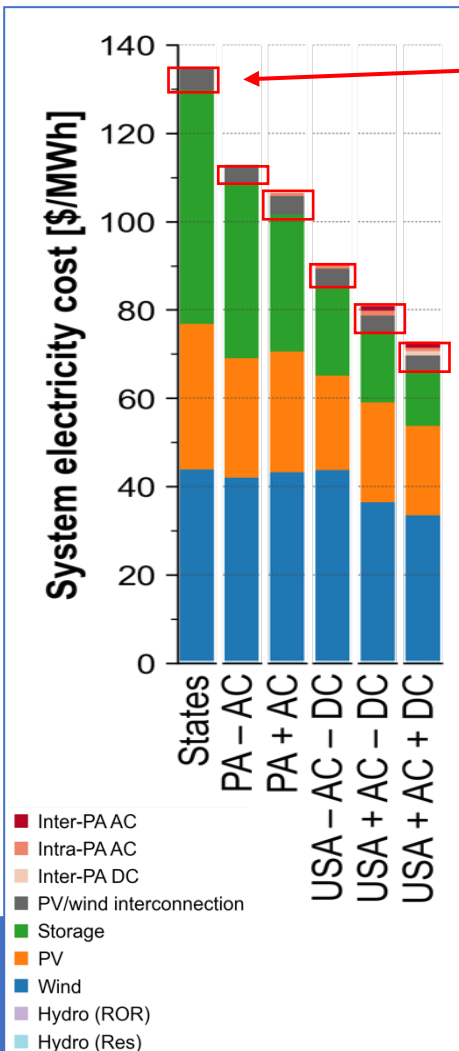
GLL Offshore Transmission Scenario



Planned Offshore Transmission Scenario



Transmission costs are **tiny** compared to other clean resources/infrastructure



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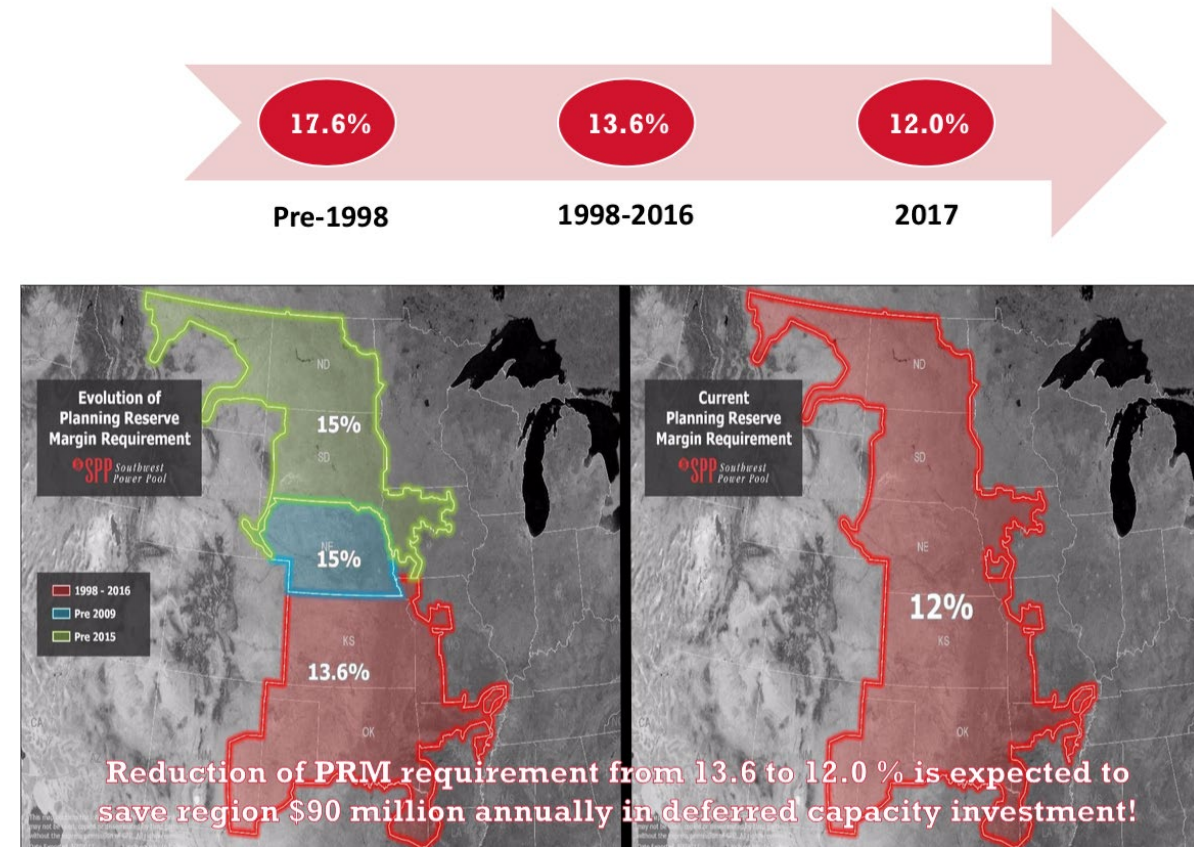
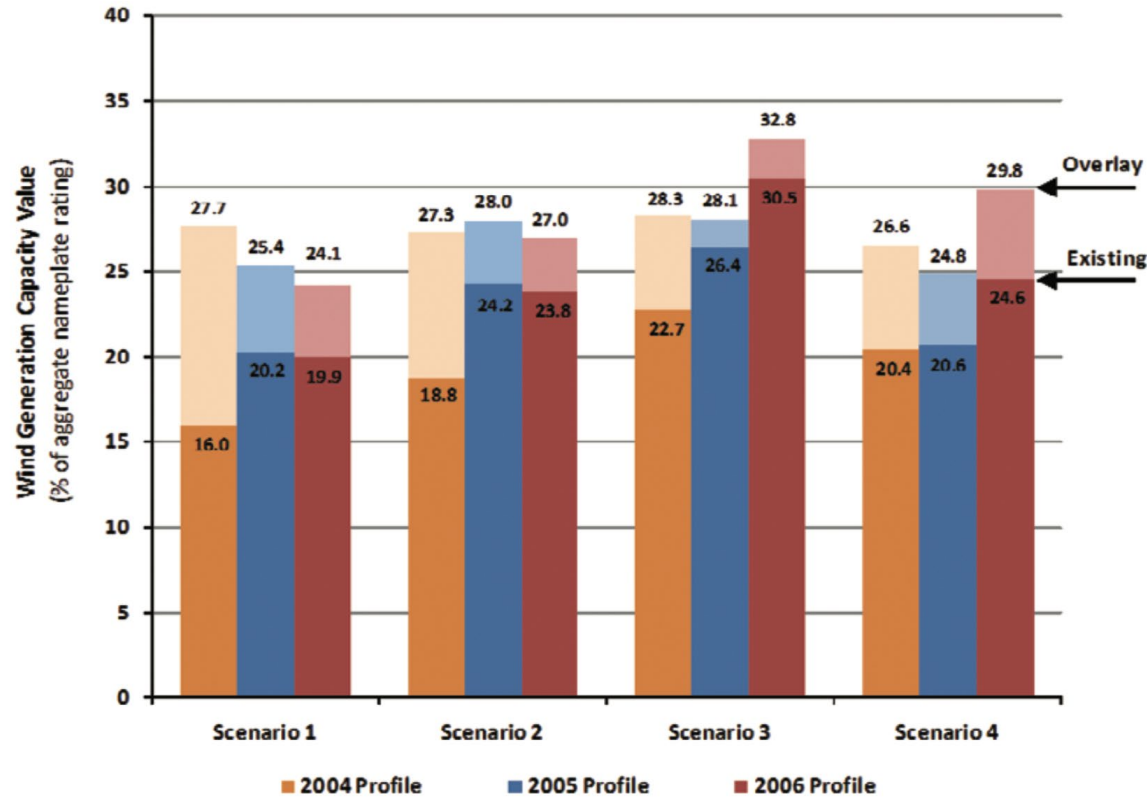
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Brown and Botterud, 2020: NREL Interconnection Seams study: Preliminary results from VCE's ZeroByFifty



Transmission is not just about
delivering resources to load

Transmission contributes to resource adequacy



Transmission smooths all time scales of weather variability

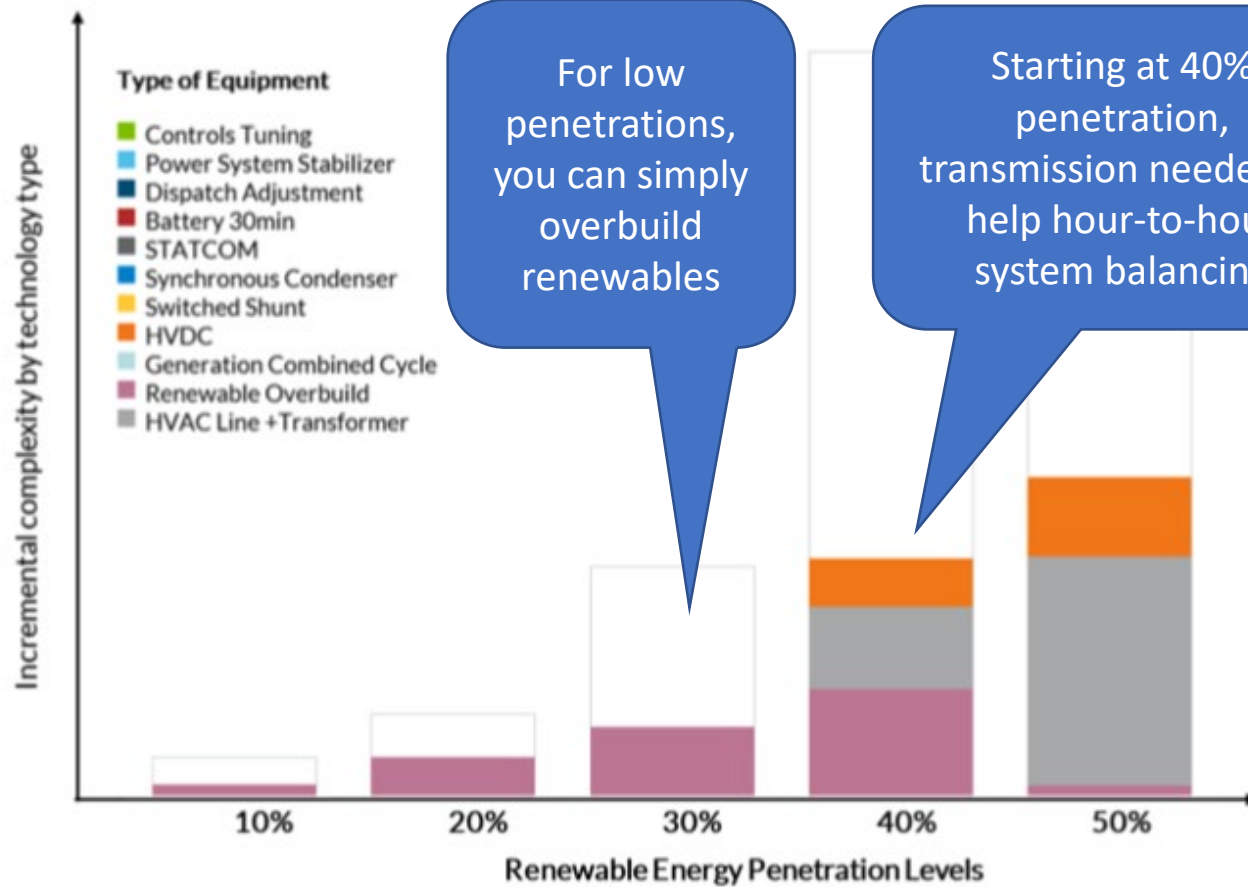
Source: Enernex, EWITS, NREL/SR-550-47078, 2010; L. Nickell, SPP, CREPC Spring meeting, 2017

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Transmission needed to help system balancing



Transmission needed to deliver ancillary services

Deliverability* of 30-min headroom for 40% renewable: a worst case



Transmission is critical to maximizing flexibility

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Transmission needed for steady-state reliability

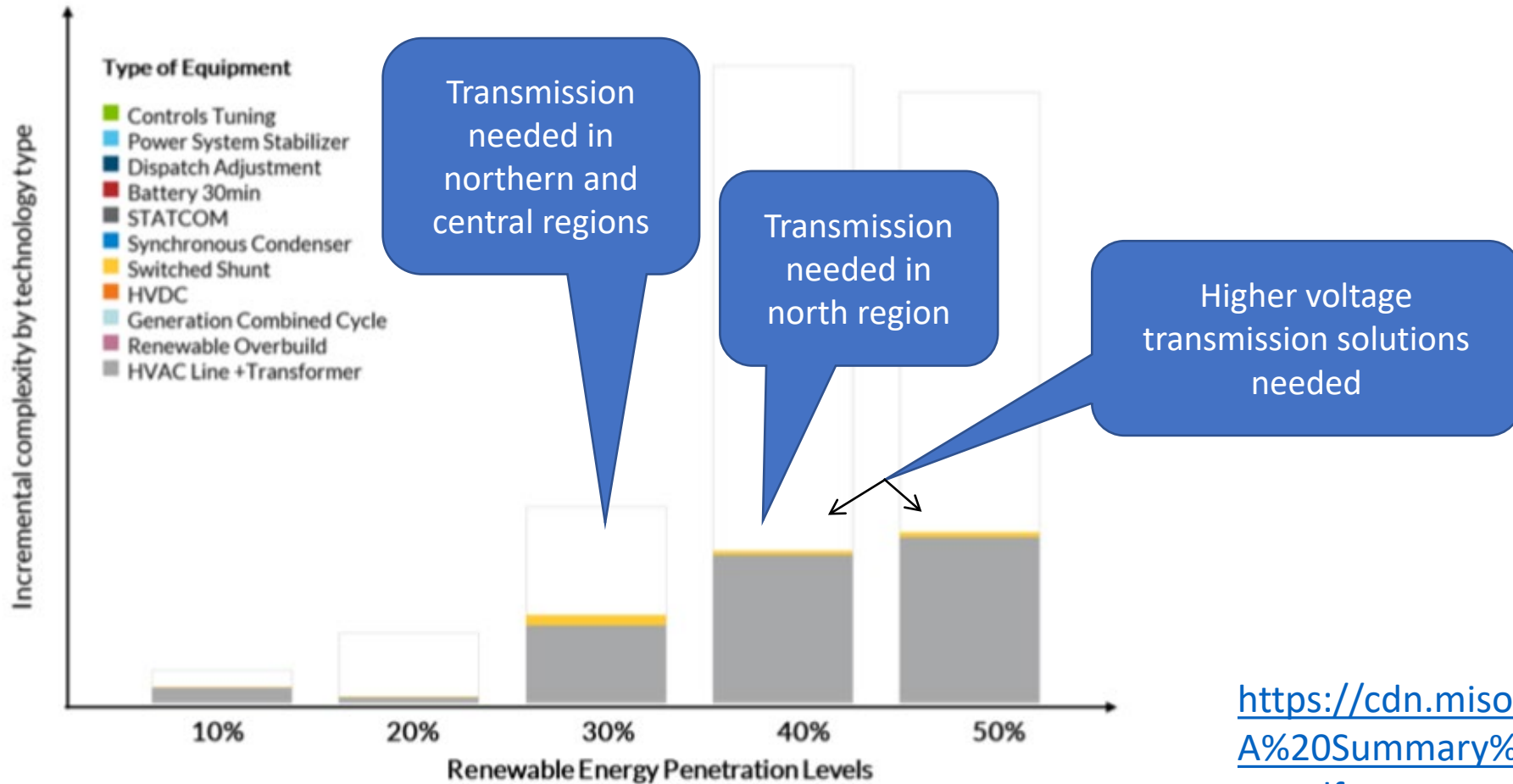
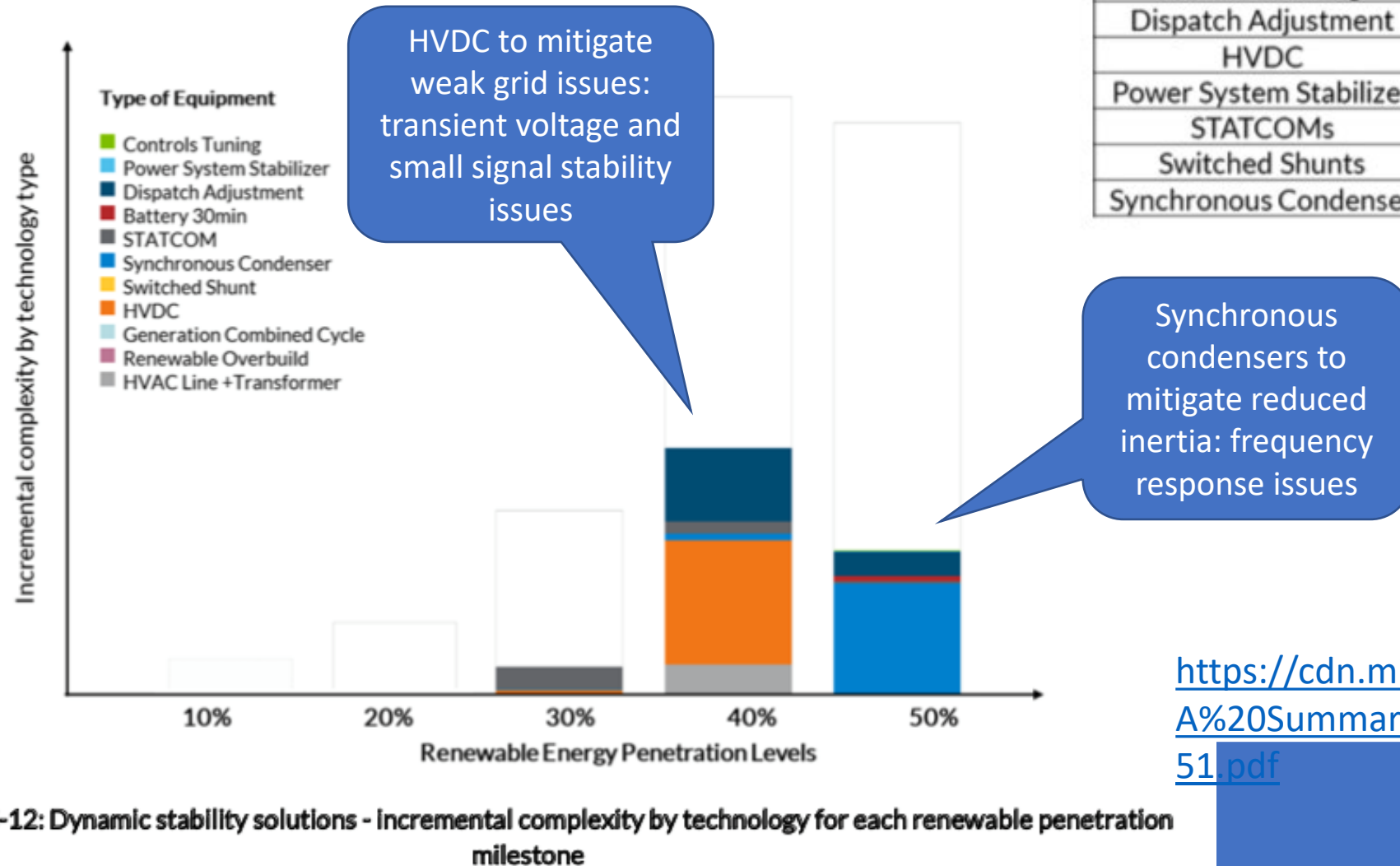


Figure UC-10: Steady state solutions - incremental complexity by technology for each renewable penetration milestone

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Transmission infrastructure needed for dynamic stability

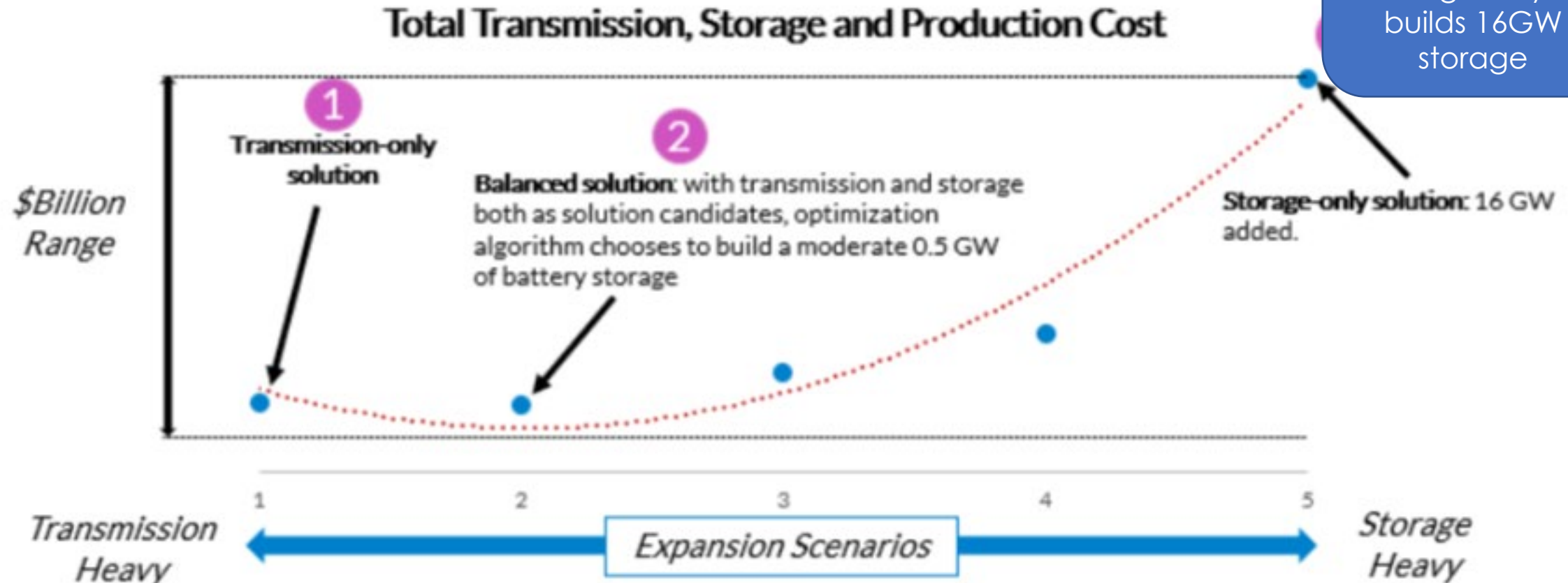


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Figure UC-12: Dynamic stability solutions - incremental complexity by technology for each renewable penetration milestone

Storage-only solutions can be more expensive and may not address all the issues



If you allow the model to optimize size of storage only, it builds 16GW storage

Note: Expansion simulation performed for 40% milestone with all 30% and prior transmission solutions included.

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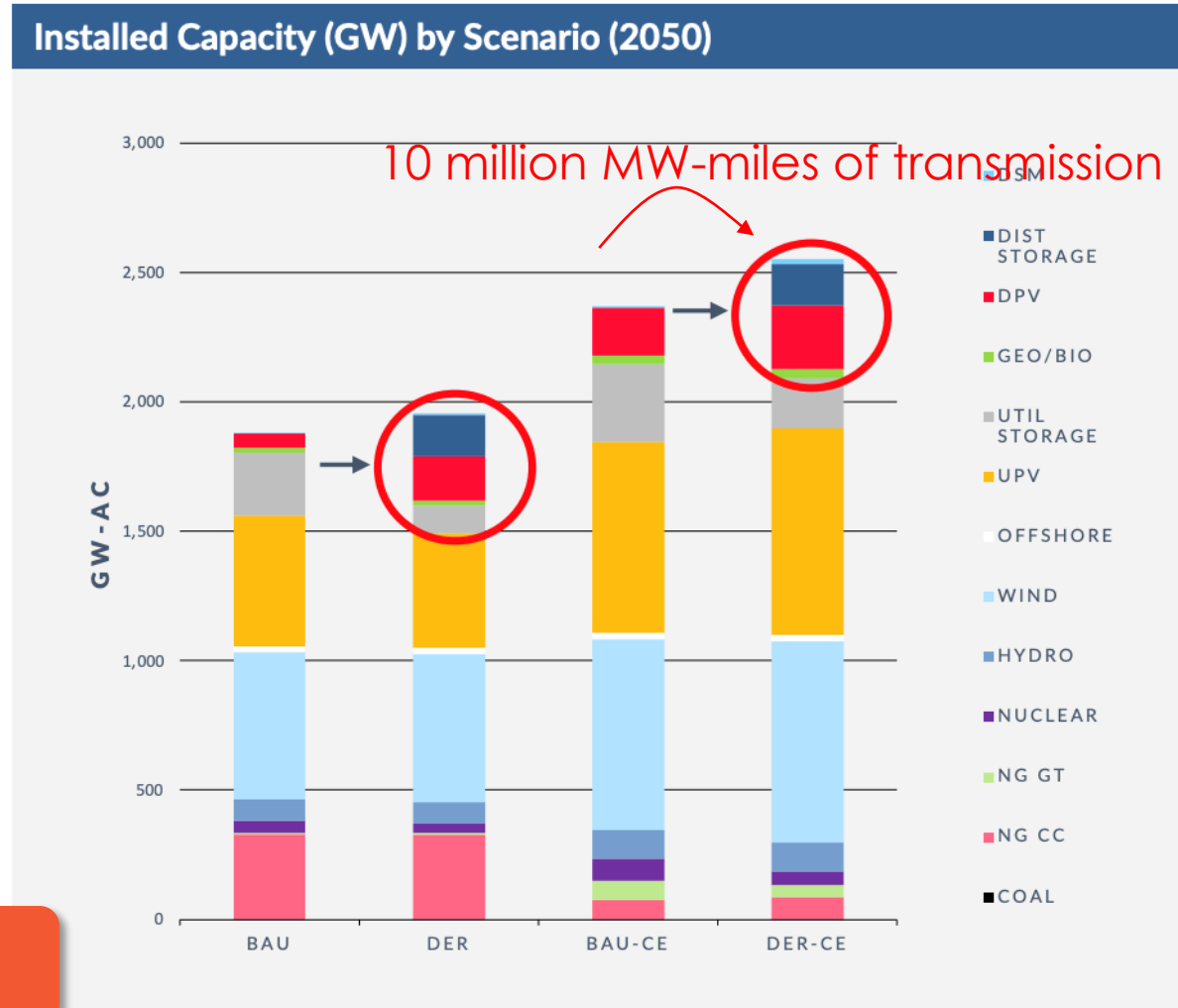


You may need transmission even with high levels of DERs

- Optimizing G, T&D saves money vs not including distribution in optimization
- Benefits are even bigger if you have clean energy goals - save \$473B by optimizing G, T&D
- Optimizing G, T&D builds more DERs and also builds more transmission

https://www.vibrantcleanenergy.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/WhyDERs_TR_Final.pdf

Managing distribution will be critical as we electrify



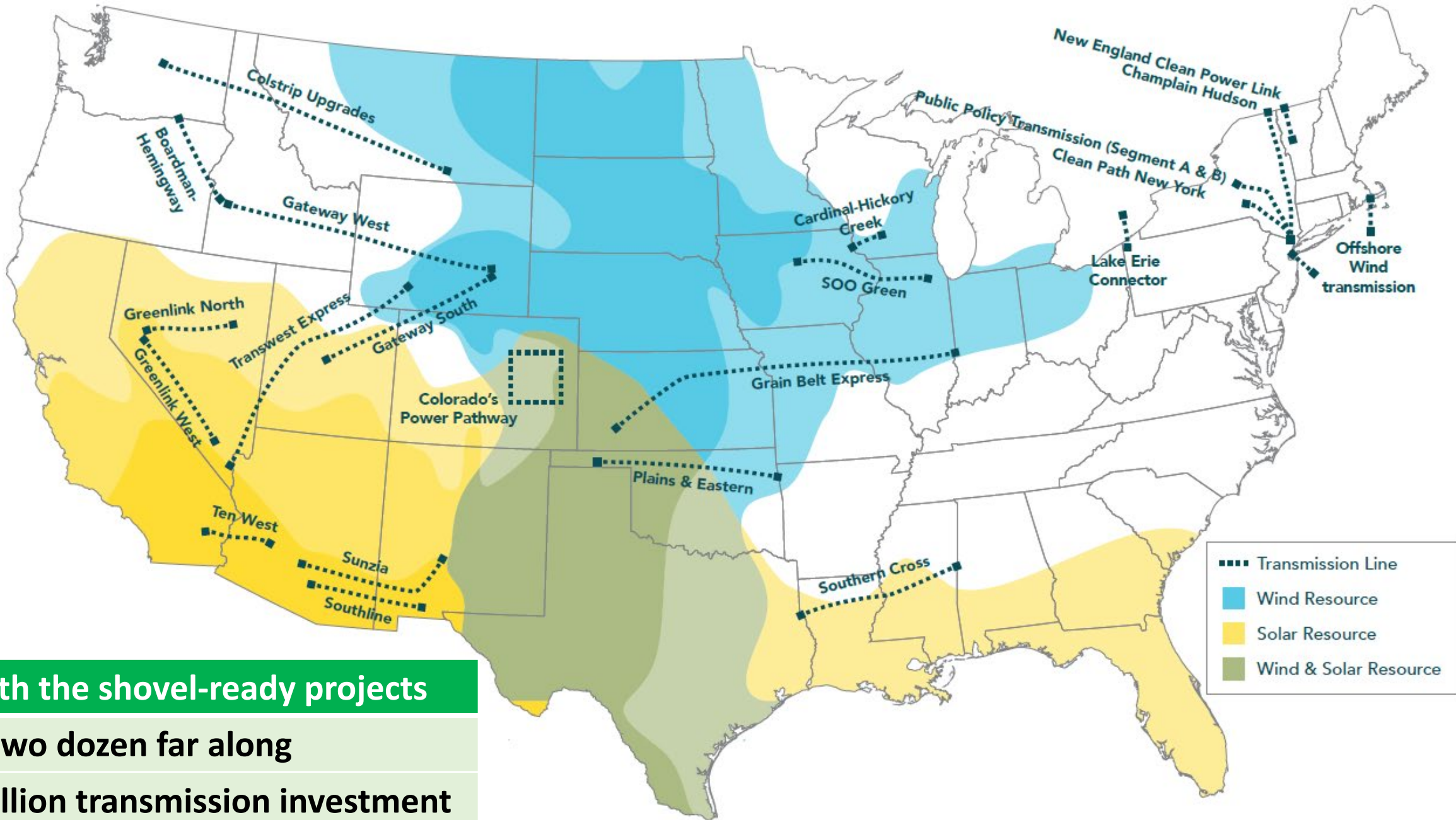
A National Approach to Transmission

If you want to go to the moon you need a space program.
If you want to decarbonize the economy you need a transmission plan.



National Planning Process

- Conduct regular, on-going planning activities
- Include comprehensive engineering and economic analysis
- Leverage national and regional capabilities
- Include regional planners, utilities, and governments
- Result in the construction of **multi-regional** transmission



Start with the shovel-ready projects

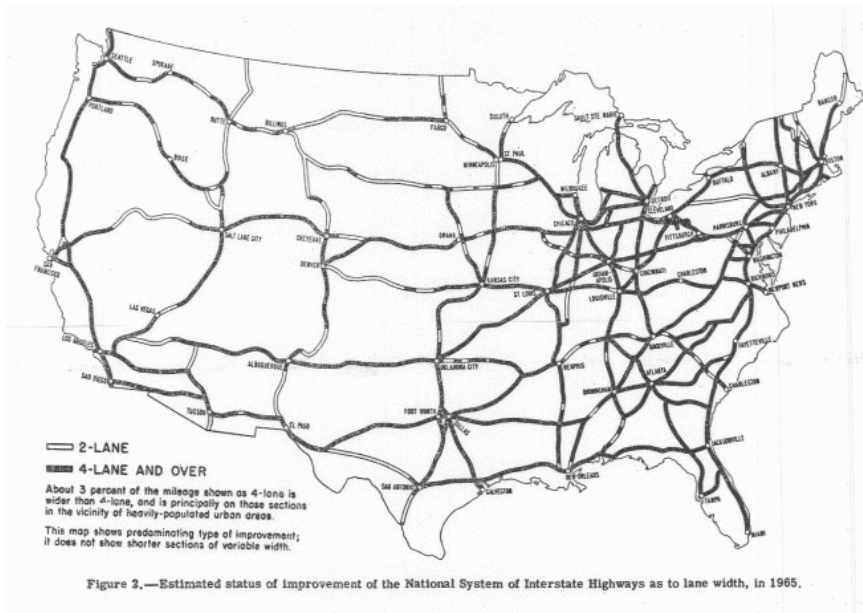
Nearly two dozen far along

\$33.3 billion transmission investment

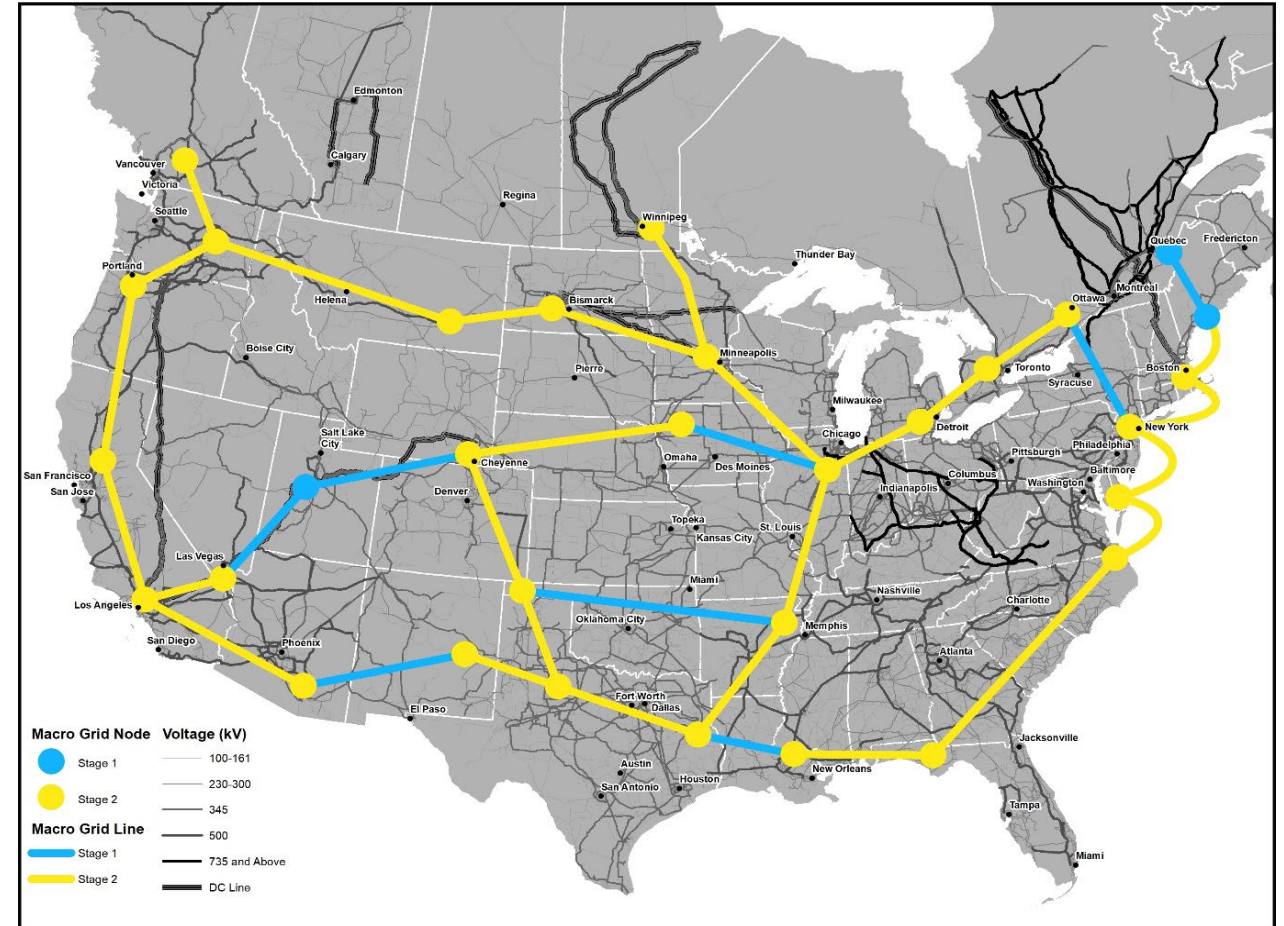
60,000 MW new renewable capacity

Design a national macro grid

Build in stages and start planning now



Original US Highway Map



<https://www.esig.energy/transmission-planning-for-100-clean-electricity/>

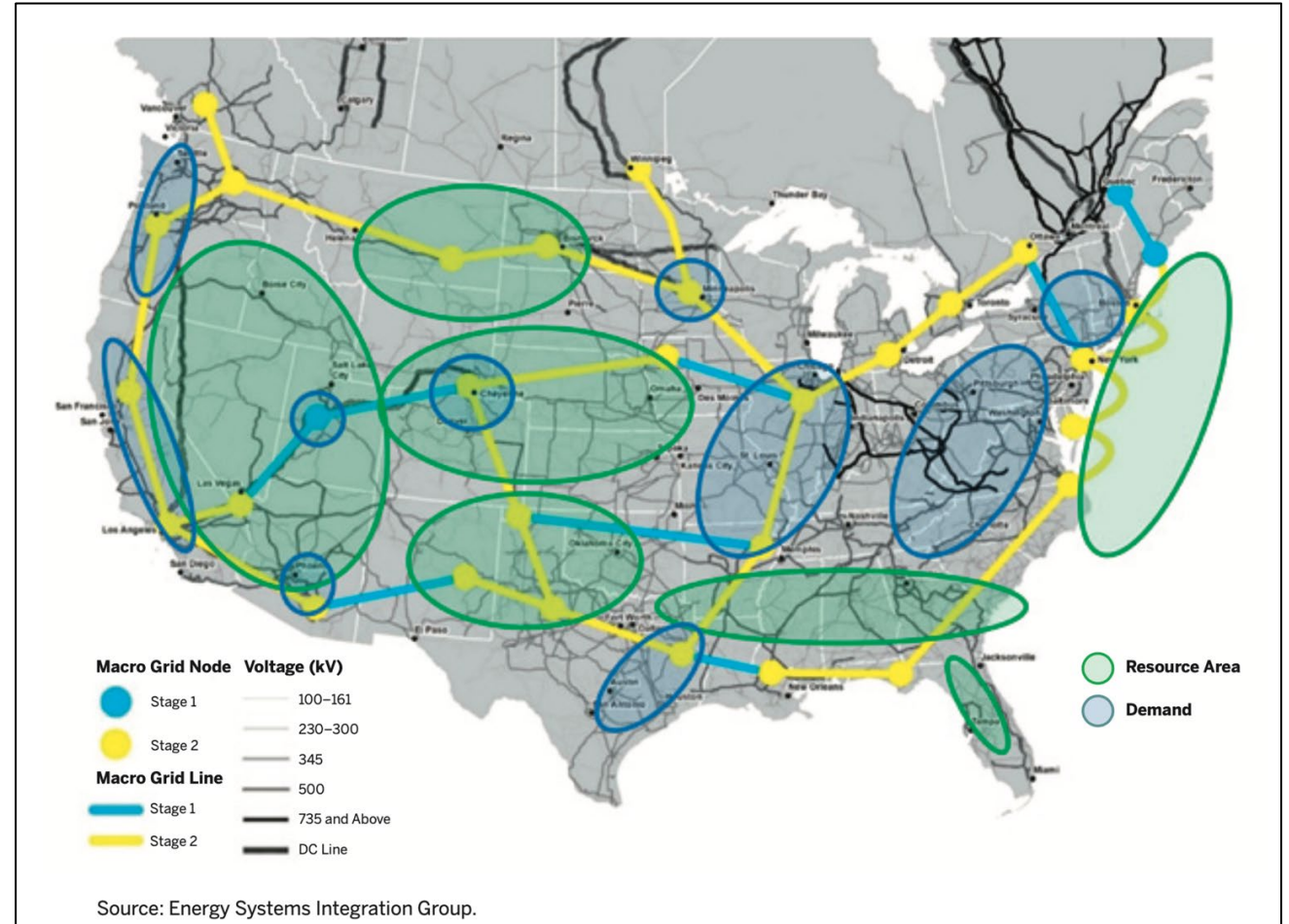
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Why Not Conventional Transmission Expansion?

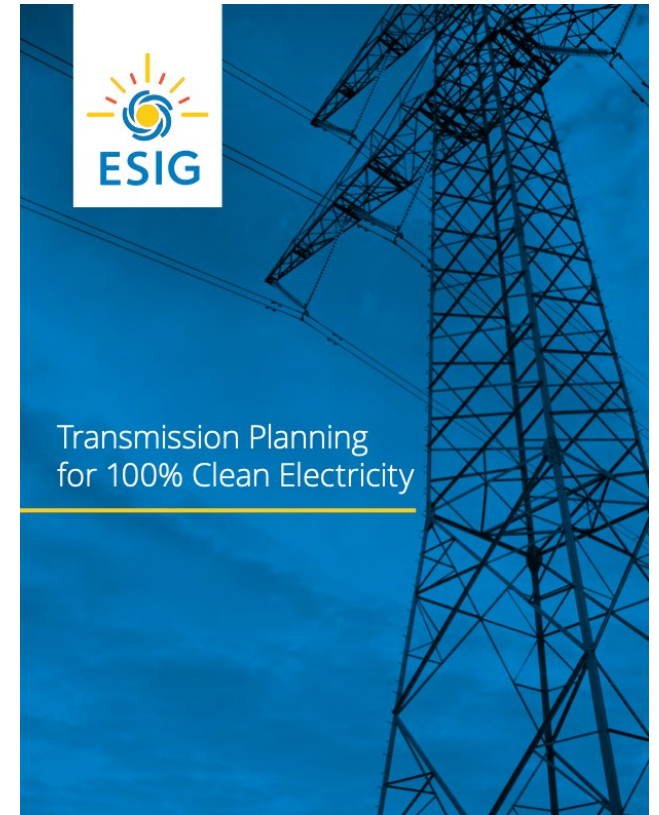
- Transmission fills three buckets of needs:
 - Connecting resource zones to loads to provide energy and ancillary services
 - Connecting diversity for resource adequacy and resilience benefits
 - Reliability for steady-state and dynamic stability
- A fundamental transformation of the grid for the fundamental transformation of the resource mix is needed.
 - Incrementalism likely won't achieve this.
 - Top-down 'optimizations' can show us the end game and improve bottom-up efforts.
 - Macrogrid design would be based on sound transmission planning principles but may require some new approaches.
 - HVDC allows for controllability to coordinate across regional system operators
 - VSC-HVDC supports stability with high levels of inverter-based resources
 - HVDC allows for long distances transfers at low cost with limited right-of-way



ESIG Recommendations

1. Create a national transmission planning authority that conducts ongoing national transmission planning
2. Identify renewable energy zones
3. Work collaboratively with the regional transmission planning processes

Get Started Now!



- Transmission Planning for 100% Clean Electricity <https://www.esig.energy/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Transmission-Planning-White-Paper.pdf>
- Multi-Value Transmission Planning for a Clean Energy Future <https://www.esig.energy/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/ESIG-Multi-Value-Transmission-Planning-report-2022a.pdf>
- Design Study Requirements for a US Macrogrid <https://www.esig.energy/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/ESIG-Design-Studies-for-US-Macrogrid-2022.pdf>
- Proactive Planning for Generator Interconnection – report to be published <https://www.esig.energy/event/webinar-proactive-planning-for-generator-interconnection-a-case-study-of-spp-and-miso/>



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Director Reliability Standards and
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October 13, 2022





NPCC 2022 – 2025 Strategic Plan

Strategic Focus Area

Reliably Integrate Resources Brought Forward by Decarbonization Objectives

- NPCC DER/VER Forums
 - 2023 Forums TBD
- NPCC DER/VER Guidance Document
 - Revisions Posted for Comment



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