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HOW INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS  
TECHNOLOGY (ICT) IS POISED TO TRANSFORM  
THE DELIVERY OF ENERGY SERVICES

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## **Introduction**

The goal of this workshop was to introduce new and innovative possibilities for the future grid to staff working in the energy sector within the IDB Group. Given recent developments in alternative energy sources and growth in the use of sensors, this workshop aimed to showcase the role which information and communication technology (ICT) could play in improving energy provision and services. The key themes presented in this workshop included the problems in developing grids, projections on how the grid will look in the future, and solutions to current problems to bring the grid into a favorable future.

The utility business was historically hardware driven, where utilities generated power and hoped it reached the customer. They meter the consumption at the home, and replace resources when failure is reported by the customer. Over the last decade a lot has changed, how measurements are made, what types of generation are widespread, and the price of monitoring equipment. Through digitization it is now possible to repair equipment before it breaks, utilize more renewable sources, and maintain large grid networks with fewer people.

## **Executive Summary**

### **A. Current Insights on the State of the Grid.**

1. *In many low and middle income settings the challenges of electricity provision are not technical alone, but also include ensuring reliable bottom up revenue flow from customers whose monthly payments are low.*
2. *Increasing electricity access for the last few percent of population can become rapidly more expensive. Such customers are amenable to “grid-like” mini-grid systems which in spite of their somewhat higher cost are able to provide reliable and robust 24-7 pay as you go service, that is both more affordable and permits seamless growth of consumption. Digitization is a natural starting point for such systems.*
3. *Growth of renewables has become an imperative both to meet INDC (Intended Nationally Determined Contribution) goals and increasingly for economic reasons. Renewables such as solar and wind are essentially upfront cost propositions and hence financing is critical. To de-risk financial flows, one needs to prove through data the electricity generation. Given the decentralized nature of such systems it becomes increasingly important that developers have the means to monitor generation, detect anomalies and use analytics to automate such functions.*
4. *Heating/cooling systems for thermal comfort become adopted with economic growth and can be directed to aid grid stabilization. While countries are at early stage of adoption it is important to ensure that their role in flexibility is tied to early programs that can ensure that these systems are compatible with common communication protocols.*

## **B. Projections for the Future of the Grid.**

1. *Increasingly, utilities should be able to benefit from management of demand response and grid-interactive services, carried out internally or through contractors and subsidiaries.* There are several critical aspects of utility operation that will be impacted by the new technologies: demand projection, network planning, network expansion, equipment upgrade, fault detection and response, meeting remote area or last-mile access and/or CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility), commercial side operations such as meter reading, billing, and collection. The future utility needs to prepare for cost-effective and efficient operation of all above functions.
2. *The electric grid will be an enabler for reducing emissions.* It is changing from being a “one-way” provider of electricity to one that is more transactional and accommodating of prosumers and other measures of flexibility. A more interconnected grid that encourages distributed local generation through renewables will thereby lower emissions.
3. *Digitization is leading to the democratization of the grid and its resources,* where private sector players can increasingly provide generation and other services beneficial to the grid and get paid for it. Thereby creating viable investment and/or business opportunities that can support both the grid and the customer.
4. *Digitization of the utility will benefit almost all aspects of utility operation:* meeting voluntary INDC (Intended Nationally Determined Contribution) targets of individual countries, e.g. renewable integration, efficiency, and energy access, as well as maintaining the financial health of the utility.
5. *Countries where infrastructure growth is still occurring can be key beneficiaries of standardized ID protocols.* They ensure that appliances can be tagged to customer meters, customer meters to distribution lines and transformers, transformers to feeders, feeders to substations (MV to LV), and sub-stations to transmission lines. Additional geo-tagging tools have reduced in cost dramatically as well. This alone can pay off in conjunction with transformer level metering and feeder lever metering in ensuring both customer level and meter reader level loss detection and accounting.
6. *Deeper integration of renewables will be enabled through ensuring flexibility in the grid.* Such measures will be derived through a combination of hardware and software: operational rules, interaction agents, demand response, load shifting, and peak reduction measures. Increasing flexibility will be an earlier win compared to deep deployment of battery storage.

## **C. Practical Solutions: Possible Ways Forward for the Grid.**

1. *Low-cost smart or prepaid metering can create a virtuous cycle of financial accountability,* allowing visibility into where the non-technical losses are and hence a means to stem

them. This can lead to improved financial health of the utility, a challenge in many low and middle income settings.

2. *To most efficiently modernize or expand utility operations, you must know the state of installed resources.* What is the current level of digitization in metering and what is the current level of variable renewables penetration. From these two factors you can determine what to prioritize first.
3. *Various enabling environments can support digitization of the traditional grid,* e.g. geospatial tools, legislature, software, data analysis platforms, cloud computing, cyber security, supercomputers, and a smarter world.
4. *Hydropower can be rethought as a grid resource to enable higher utilization of renewables, as the future primary energy supply might come from renewables.* This is especially important where hydropower is common in Central and South America. For example, adjustable speed turbines are more likely to adapt to rapid up/down ramping requirements.
5. *Developing appliance standards and standardization of protocols for interaction of the grid with appliances/aggregators will allow easier deployment.* Such deployment when carried out in conjunction with scheduling algorithms or demand response measures can expand flexibility beyond industrial and commercial customers to residential loads as well. Through development finance and other financing sources there is an opportunity for ensuring inter-operable systems and achieve cost reductions through scale.
6. *Electric vehicles offer particular opportunities in scheduled charging cycles that could ensure higher grid utilization without higher investment becoming a win-win for the consumer and the utility.* Latin American countries, perhaps led by Chile (with high Copper and Lithium reserves) can play an important role in becoming leaders in flexibility through electric vehicle charging.
7. *Scheduling pumping loads could be another low-cost source of flexibility.* In several middle-income countries irrigation pumps and other water infrastructure continue to be a significant portion of the load.
8. *In many low-income settings, the poor do not have credit history or any record of regular payments. Through ICT and communication one can ensure financial inclusion for the poorest.* Data from the field shows that the poor are actually creditworthy while frequently it is the service provider that is not. Hence data can enable financial inclusion for the poor as well as allow the utility to remove weak links in the accountability chain, thus proving its own credit.

## **Presenters' Take-Away Messages**

### ***Prerit Agarwal: Real-time Renewable Monitoring Infrastructure***

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- Real-time System Monitoring is valuable as it provides means to verify the value of one's investment in renewables, and provides confidence in its proper operations.
- Performance of solar panels should be evaluated by comparing the expected energy with generated energy. The expected energy, is obtained using sensors, pyranometer or reference solar cell, to estimate the amount of energy given the actual irradiation hitting the panel.

### ***Shazim Chapra: Small/Medium Scale Systems: Entrepreneur Perspective***

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- Monitoring allows for real picture of site without being at the site itself, thus providing a clear picture of what is happening.
- Centralized solar in Pakistan has not taken off because of infrastructure problems. If the grid is unstable then it is a huge knock on possible financial generation of the country.
- It is difficult for the consumer to tell what is a quality solar product. IADB could help countries develop standardizations to show quality devices.

### ***Ariel Nunez: Geospatial Data - Best Practices & Data Infrastructure***

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- Spatial data infrastructures or geospatial information must persist after a project is completed.
- Prioritize open source software and foster an ecosystem of local talent. Open by default, if you want to close access to something then a reason should be provided.

### ***Balki Iyer: Digitization of the Utility: Supporting Integrating Renewables into the Grid and Demand Side Management.***

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- The top priorities for the utility are electric vehicles, constant transmission, distribution efficiency, renewables, and storage. None of these strategies can be fully implemented without a digital framework.
- With depleting fossil resources and the expected increase of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> over the next 20 years (400-440 ppm) decarbonization is imperative.
- Utilities need to embrace the cloud. Their security for non-cloud storage is less than that currently implemented on cloud systems.
- Digitization is going to be economically beneficial. Companies which will succeed have already embraced digitization while those that do not embrace it now, will be penalized later. Ignore exponential trends at your own peril.

***Yashraj Khaitan: Metering, Billing & Commercial Systems of the Utility to Support Diagnostics, Audit & Revenue Collection.***

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- India's power sector loses 17 Billion USD on an annual basis. This is enough to provide power to Bangladesh for 5 years.
- Non-payment of bills causes a vicious cycle of bad debt and lack of trust in the utility. A very easy payment process is necessary to ensure good payment. There needs to be a timely way to generate the bill so customers get regular account status updates.
- Digitization and proper bill management can be very effective in increasing utility revenue and decreasing losses.

***Dr. Matthias Preindl: The Future of Electric Vehicles & the Grid***

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- In addition to decentralized energy generation gaining traction, the numbers of Electric Vehicles (EVs), are also growing. Predictions tend to be around 50-60% of market being electric in the next 10 years, higher if an investment in charging infrastructure is made. By 2030, 24% of the vehicle market will be EVs and 5% of global energy consumption will be from EVs.
- With all these new EVs there is a potential to provide energy back to the grid. They could serve as an additional distributed resource for the grid. EVs can be used as backup batteries to stabilize the grid. With home charging controllers, EVs can provide energy to the home when the prices are high and charge when the prices are low. This could benefit the consumer's wallet as well as the utilities' if both embrace the technology.

***Dr. Fred Jiang: The Future of Sensors & Communications***

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- Smaller granularity in sensor data increases the possibilities for analysis and data aggregation. If data is visualized it can help stem excess consumption.
- Mapping your energy footprint in real time can provide informative feedback that then impacts everyday interactions.

***Jack Bott & Jia Ji: Minigrid Experiences for Remote Regions - IoT without the Internet***

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- The last mile customer can be exponentially expensive to connect to the grid. For these customers grid-like power from off grid systems can be more appropriate.
- Share generation to get higher utilization and payback from initial expenditure. Lower maintenance on central generation as well. For properly managed systems, digital management and minimizing the human from the loop can make the system work.
- Systems need to be sustainable, train locals, continually generate revenue or your system will fail.

## Main Points

### I. Democratize the Grid

Distributed resources should be embraced not shunned. More and more private individuals are investing in renewables and electric home appliances; heat pumps, solar hot water heaters, electric cars, and backup batteries. Through digitization these resources can be a boon for the grid instead of a hindrance. No longer will the grid be exclusively a “one way” provider of electricity. A more modern grid is more transactional and accommodating of prosumers.

If the traditional grid ignores the trend towards decentralized resources then consumers will find other means to profit from them without the grid benefiting. Con Ed customers in Brooklyn got together when the utility did not want to pay a feed-in tariff for solar generation into the grid. They used blockchain technology to create a network of generation and usage among themselves.<sup>[1]</sup> These multiple generation points could then also provide stability, during natural disasters or otherwise, making it much more difficult for everyone to lose power at once.

Islands like American Samoa are an example of how renewables can be managed properly to provide nearly 100% of power demand.<sup>[2]</sup> Solar provides 99% of the consumed energy on American Samoa. Wind power on other islands amounts for 30-40% of generation. With more digitization and sensor deployment everywhere else could follow suit. Improvements in weather forecasting and the presence of a digital utility can also enable demand side management.

In addition to decentralized energy generation gaining traction, the numbers of Electric Vehicles (EVs), are also growing. Predictions tend to be around 50-60% of market being electric in next 10 years, higher if an investment in charging infrastructure is made. By 2030, 24% of the vehicle market will be EVs and 5% of global energy consumption will be from EVs. With all these new EVs there is a potential to provide energy back to the grid. They could serve as an additional distributed resource for the grid. EVs can be used as backup batteries to stabilize the grid. With home charging controllers, EVs can provide energy to the home when the prices are high and charge when the prices are low. This could benefit the consumer's wallet as well as the utilities' if both embrace the technology.

With all these new developments in technology, utilities are shifting roles from traditional energy providers to managers of microgrids. Digitization is leading to the democratization of the grid and its resources. Private sector players can provide generation and other services beneficial to the grid and get paid for it, creating viable business models that can support both the grid and its customers.

### II. Smart Metering

The utility business was historically hardware driven, where utilities generated power and hoped it reached the customer. In such traditional systems, inexpensive meters are used to measure the consumption at the home. However, many drawbacks are associated with these types of meters.

In the case of India, where the power sector loses \$17 billion in revenue annually, traditional metering only contributes to electricity loss and by convention revenue loss. The lack of consistent and usable data from the existing meters results in inefficiencies in bill collection, little to no maintenance, and poor procurement of electricity infrastructure.

India operates on an L1 procurement strategy where the lowest bid gets chosen. Ten to twenty percent of all its existing meters are purchased on a yearly basis and of these procurements only 25-30% are for new connections, most are to replace faulty meters. Faults on static meters which are the majority of those installed, are undetectable unless seen in person; if the customer complains or a technician is present at the site. In addition, these meters are not geo-tagged, thus upwards of 40% of the customers in some regions of India are “ghost consumers” or non-paying consumers. Due to poor organization, customers may not get a bill for 6 months and when they do it is too high for them to pay. This leads to default in payments and mistrust between the utility and consumers. As a result, power theft becomes prominent, as potential customers are not willing to pay the utility for services given the lack of reliability in the metering and bill generation process. The situation is made worse by voltage spikes and dips, from 60 VAC to 1000 VAC in places where it should be a constant 240 VAC. Consequently, customers are being asked to pay for power that burns their appliances. This creates a vicious cycle between customers and their utility. This story is not unique to India, in fact many utilities in developing countries face the similar challenges when it comes to metering and monitoring their network.

Low-cost smart or prepaid metering can increase financial accountability, allowing visibility into where the non-technical and technical losses occur and hence a means to stem them. This can lead to improved financial health of the utility, a challenge in many low and middle income settings. Connected smart meters and sensors can find the losses on the grid. It then becomes more of an issue to deal with the person stealing power rather than detecting theft.

One company benefiting from digitized resources is Greenewable Solar, partnered with Locus Energy. Their business model is to lease rooftop solar systems. Their digital monitoring allows them to remotely track production at the site. As an example, they have had many issues with cleanliness of solar panels, an issue for any solar operator. The Locus monitoring tools allow them to know when panels are dirty. They found one customer needs to clean their panels 3 times a week because of fumes coming from their building. Without monitoring enabled by smart metering, the panels would have been maintained with conventional wisdom and would not have produced as expected.

The goal of smart metering is to reduce operation and maintenance expenses, to analyze sites for outlier performance and to reduce response times by sending the right teams to fix issues when they occur. Even in developed nations there must be a larger push for collecting and utilizing smart metering data from the grid.

Today there are 50 billion IOT sensors in the world. They are getting cheaper and can be put on anything. The cloud storage market is expected to grow from \$18 billion to \$112 billion in less than 3 years. Utilities need to embrace such technologies to collect and store data. The most

progressive utilities use less than 10% of the data they collect. Utilities can't even tell customers if there is going to be an outage or that there is an outage, customers have to let the utility know. This needs to change as we move through the 21st century.

### **III. Challenges of Access & Reliability**

Universal electricity access is a mandate that all countries strive to achieve. Electricity access typically begins in urban centers - as the demand for such services are usually by wealthier high consuming customers, and then spreads to the more remote areas.

Electricity access in remote areas is a challenge because grid connection becomes more expensive as customers become more remote. With more access comes a divergence between the increasing cost of connecting new customers and the low consumption of newly added customers. The consumption of new customers no longer covers the cost of providing the service.

Knowing where the customers are, their possible consumption, and the cost to connect them is relevant when planning for access in remote areas; how much wire is necessary, do they currently have an alternative source of power, and do they have a revenue stream that would allow them to pay for electricity. Knowledge of where customers are located enables service providers to plan how best to connect them. The per customer cost of connection wires is minimal when the customer is less than 200 meters from the grid. Beyond this threshold the cost of connection increases with wire distance. Finally, understanding the demand (kW) and the consumption (kWh) will influence the choice of technology suitable for the customers. For low consuming customers, grid-like services from distributed generation sources (e.g. solar systems, minigrids) might be more suitable in matching their consumption needs at a lower cost.

Distributed generation sources such as solar home systems have gained traction in recent years due to new service models like Pay As You Go (PAYG). This model has shown more potential for systems which cost between \$300 - \$400. Anything lower, the transaction cost is too high. In poor remote regions, solar home systems can provide about 3 kWh/month. Typical grid systems in remote areas can provide 50 - 70 kWh/month, while the monthly consumption ranges from 15 - 30 kWh. The consumption is higher than what a solar home system can provide but too low for the grid to be properly utilized. Thus there are opportunities for distributed systems, with and without batteries, within this range which could provide grid-like services. The price reduction in battery cells makes it of more interest for grid or stationary based applications.

Distributed systems with grid-like services should be designed such that they can be upgradeable should the demand grow. Systems requiring low capital should be implemented in demand clusters where growth in consumption can occur. The system should be inclusive to allow users with different resources and levels of education to access the technology. Digitization of distributed systems for metering, bill generation, payment and monitoring can reduce operation costs and increase system transparency. Considerations for data collection and security should be put in place prior to deploying such systems.

In urban areas, grid infrastructure is primarily plagued by a lack of reliability, in the form of electricity theft, outages etc. A proposed solution to improving reliability might be to increase generation by adding power plants to meet the load. If the grid infrastructure is very poor, then improving the data streams along the electricity network can be more effective in reducing losses and thereby improving reliability. Good data collection on the electricity network allow operators to know and detect problems, thereby allowing the operators to fix the problems.

#### **IV. A More Effective Grid Plan | How to Digitize?**

Nearly all goals of the utility and individual countries (e.g. renewable integration, efficiency, energy access and financial health of the utility) would benefit from digitization. It allows the utility to incorporate lower cost systems, energy accounting, demand side management and renewables. Various advancements and enabling systems (e.g. geospatial tools, legislature, software, data analysis platforms, cloud computing, and cyber security) can support digitization of the traditional grid in a cost effective manner.

##### *Geospatial Tools*

Geospatial tools allow the utility to know how its assets are spatially distributed. This includes knowing locations of transformers, poles, lines and customers relative to generation plants. However, maintaining geospatial data tends to be more important than creating the data. When considering appropriate geospatial tools, open source software and data sharing should be prioritized. Involving local teams and government will support sustainable data collection and management. Finally, user communities should be encouraged to develop and maintain usable tools which meet the needs of diverse users.

##### *Software Platforms*

Utilities are used to procuring hardware; wire, poles, generation plants, but when adding software there are many new challenges. Software platforms should support multiple manufacturers and should expose the data including metadata to the necessary party. They should also allow infrastructure to be managed remotely from a central location especially in cases where it is hard to access electricity assets.

##### *Standards & Protocols*

As utilities develop a digital strategy, it is equally important to develop software protocols and equipment standards that will allow for a more cohesive grid. The goal of these protocols and standard should be to facilitate procurement of equipment and enable easy repairs of infrastructure. The standards can help minimize equipment turnover from year to year.

##### *New Business Models*

In India, utilities incur \$4-5 in transaction costs (software, administration etc.) to serve the consumer, after paying for power. Average revenue per user is \$22 and 70% of that goes to purchasing power. In well run utility, transaction costs for the utility should be no more than 10% of the revenue. To reduce its per customer transaction cost, utilities could outsource digitization and system management to a company through a meter, billing, and collection (MBC) business

model. This is similar to telecom companies who have employed long term technologies such as IBM/Ericsson. A meter, billing, and collection (MBC) Agency model can allow the utility to serve customers at \$1- \$2 per customer.

Business models which save costs, improve revenue collection efficiency, and decrease electricity losses should be adopted by the utility. The utility also benefits from having one service provider for all its digital needs where it can set clear performance metrics to ensure accountability. However, clear contract terms should be outlined for both the MBC Agency and the enrolled utility.

#### *Performance Metrics*

Relevant performance metrics are needed to ensure that the right digitization strategy is in place. In the case of monitoring outputs from renewables, comparing actual energy output to the expected or forecasted output, is one approach to ensuring that a solar system or project is performing as desired. Expected energy can be estimated from a reference cell given irradiation hitting the cell. Other metrics such as amount of loss reduced in the network or bill collection efficiency are more relevant when evaluating the value of deployed meters on the network. Proper determination of appropriate metrics should be done to ensure that the right digitization strategy is chosen and that its performance is sustained.

## **Agenda: How ICT is Poised to Transform Delivery of Energy Services**

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### **Day 1**

8:45		Breakfast
<b>SESSION 1</b>		
9:15	IADB	Welcome
9:20	IADB	Introductions
9:30	Vijay Modi	Future of the Electric Utility: Digitization, Renewable Integration, Access & Last Mile
10:30		<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:00	Prerit Agarwal &	Real-time Renewable Monitoring Infrastructure
	Shazim Chapra	Small/Medium Scale Systems: Entrepreneur Perspective
12:15	Vijay Modi	Electricity Access & Choice of Technologies
13:00	Jack Bott & Jia Ji	Minigrid Field Experiences for Remote Regions - Internet of Things without the Internet
13:30		<b>Lunch</b>
<b>SESSION 2</b>		
14:30	Balki Iyer	Digitization of the Utility: Supporting Integrating Renewables into the Grid and Demand Side Management.
15:45		<b>Coffee Break</b>

16:15	Yashraj Khaitan	Metering, Billing & Commercial Systems of the Utility to Support Diagnostics, Audit & Revenue Collection.
17:30		Wrap-up

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## Day 2

### SESSION 3

8:45		Breakfast
9:15	Dr. Matthias Preindl	The Future of Electric Vehicles & the Grid
10:30		<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:00	Dr. Fred Jiang	The Future of Sensors & Communications
12:15	Ariel Nunes	Geospatial Data - Best Practices & Data Infrastructure
13:00	Vijay Modi	Wrap-up Discussions

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Vijay Modi is a Professor and past-Chair of Mechanical Engineering in the School of Engineering and Applied Science and a faculty member at the Earth Institute, Columbia University. Between October 2011 and 2012, he was a member of the U.N. Secretary General's high-level task force on "Sustainable Energy for All" and he currently leads the U.N. Sustainable Development Solutions Network working group on Energy Access for All. He received his Ph.D. from Cornell University in 1984 and worked as a post-doc at MIT from 1984 to 1986 before joining the faculty at Columbia University. Prof. Modi's areas of expertise are energy resources and energy conversion technologies. His laboratory, the Quadracci Sustainable Engineering Lab (QSEL), has been responsible for technologies such as "SharedSolar" and widely used tools such as "Network Planner" and a free open-source app called FormHub, used over a million times.

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## Real Time Monitoring of Renewable Resources

8-27-2017  
IADB ICT Workshop



### Agenda

- Small Systems - Residential Monitoring
- Mid Size Systems - C&I Monitoring
- Large Systems - Utility SCADA
- Real Time Monitoring Software
- Performance Analytics
- Forecasting & Behind the meter production
- About Locus

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#### Types of Solar Installations:

	Typical Size	Description
① Utility-scale	10+ MW	Large-scale plants that supply into the wholesale electric power markets
② Commercial	100 KW to 2 MW	Mid-sized installations that compete at the commercial price level
③ Residential	2-10 KW	Smaller-scale installations competing with retail power rates

Commercial and residential solar installations are typically considered to be "distributed solar" installations

The defining element is that there are a large number of smaller solar power plants

**Residential System**

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#### Residential System - Why monitor ?

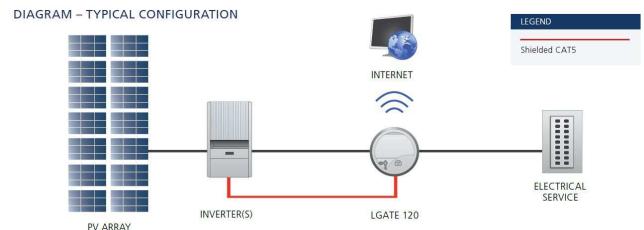
End-Users: Homeowners, Project Owners

Transparency – verify value for investment (and assist in recommendations to other potential customers)

Peace-of-mind/confidence that installer is supporting a complex/expensive system



#### Basic Configuration - Revenue Metering Meter - Logger - Internet



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## Sample view of Solar Software



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## Residential System



### • Installers

- Performance verification – how do you efficiently maintain an expensive asset that makes no noise and has no moving parts?
- Increased operational efficiency
  - Expanded geographical reach
  - Fewer truck rolls
- Compliance



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## What needs to be monitored for Performance?



### Solar Radiation - W/m<sup>2</sup>

This is done via Sensor - Reference Cell or Pyranometer



### Options in quantifying solar resource

- Thermopile on a horizontal surface providing horizontal irradiance
- Reference cell or thermopile on inclined surfaces: more closely correlate with system performance
- Transpose horizontal irradiance to POA irradiance: horizontal data are easier to document

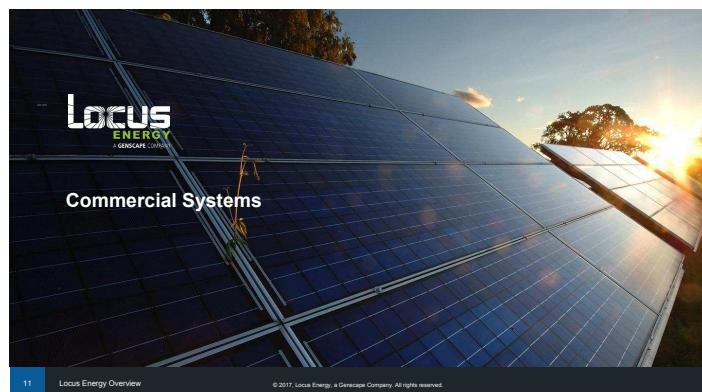


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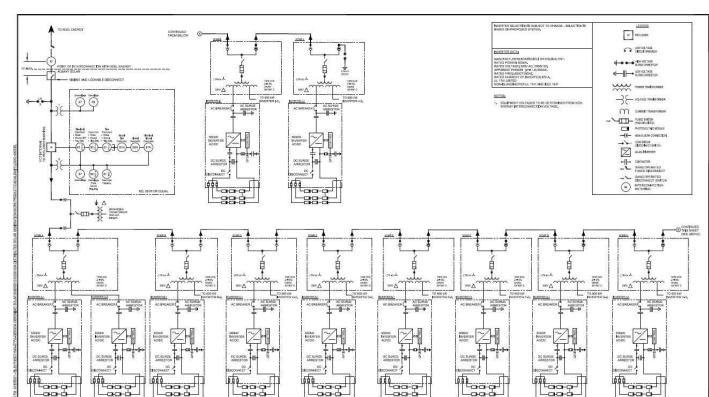
## Measured vs Modeled vs Expected



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## LGate 360

C&I DAS solution

- Veris E51C2 meter
  - ANSI C12.20 (0.2% Accuracy)
  - 120 – 480 VAC inputs
  - Polyphase
  - Solid-core and Split-core CT options
- Obvius datalogger
  - ARM9 embedded CPU
  - 5 minute logging interval
  - 2 months of on board storage
  - LCD display
- Configuration options
  - Broad inverter direct communications support
  - Multiple met stations options
  - Combiner/recombiner monitoring
  - SCADA options
  - Cellular modem
  - -20 to 70 C, 95% RH, non-condensing



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## MGM Case Study – ZeroBack Feed



**Owner:** NRG Renew

**Client:** MGM Mandalay Bay Resort

**Installer:** Sunora Energy

**Location:** Las Vegas, NV

**Size:** 6.4 MWdc, Rooftop

**Inverters:** 203 SMA string inverters

**Solution:**

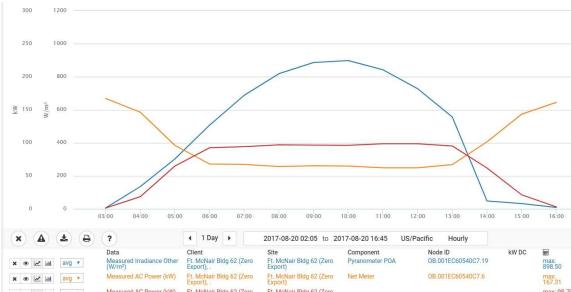
- Zero export curtailment control via SEL3505
- Controller dynamically manages real power of inverters, meter points provided by owner SEL734
- Design & project management services
- Onsite commissioning



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## Zero Export



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Utility Scale Solar Projects

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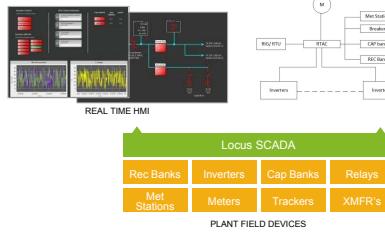
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## PV SCADA

- SCADA is built using industry-recognized hardware and plant control algorithms to manage the real and reactive output of the plant
- Provides the interface to the operators for continuous plant control

### Control capacities include:

- Active power management
  - Curtailment
  - Frequency control
  - Zero backfeed
- Reactive power management
  - Voltage control
  - Power factor control
  - Constant VAR support
- Tracker Control
- Real Time HMI



## SCADA Case Study: APS Redrock 40MW



**Owner:** Arizona Public Service

**Client:** McCarthy

**Location:** Eden, North Carolina

**Size:** 40.0 MWdc, Groundmount

**Inverters:** 20 PE-HEC-US 2MW

**Solution:**

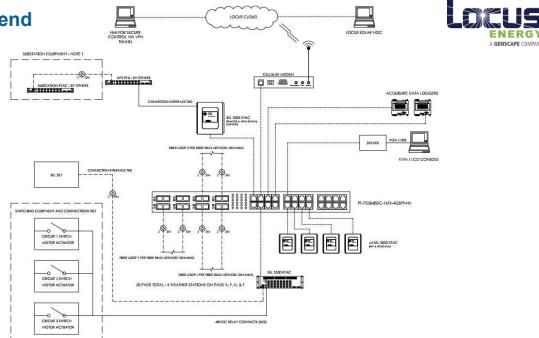
- Inverter Remote Control via HMI
- VAR/AVR/PF Control Modes
- Design & project management services
- Onsite commissioning



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## SCADA Headend



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## Site Layout

- Inverters – Twenty (20) Power Electronics FS2110CH (each with 10 inverter modules)
- Trackers – Forty (40) NexTracker NCU (each with ~60 SPC Trackers)
- Transformers – Twenty (20) CG Power Systems 2330 kVA
- Met stations – Four (4) Sets of 2 BOM, 2 CMP11, & 1 Lufti (UT-10 Tower TBD)



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## SCADA Rack

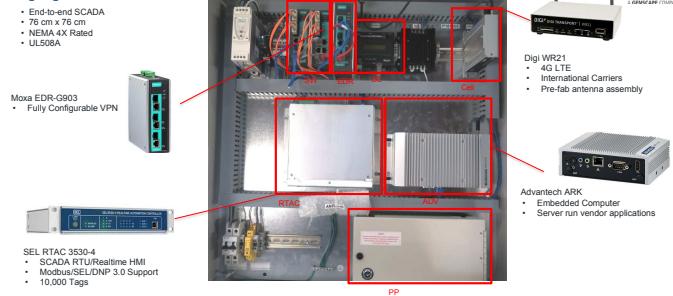
- Custom solution using standard components
- Building/Shelter Alarm Monitoring
- Local HMI Access



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## Equipment in SCADA Panel Highlights



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## SCADA InField (Connect)



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## LGate Connect Highlights

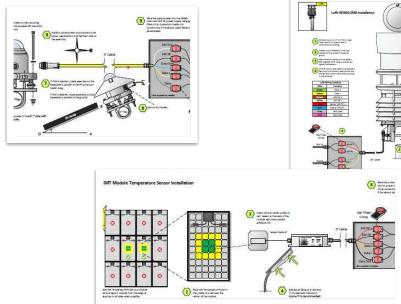


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## Met Station

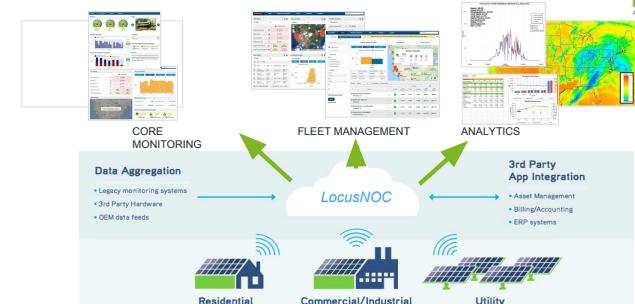


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## Software Overview



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## Fleet Management - SolarNOC



### Configurable Fleet Overview

- Advanced dashboard with configurable modules to help visualize KPIs
- Each user has a unique view based on responsibilities or territory



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### Targeted Alerting Interface

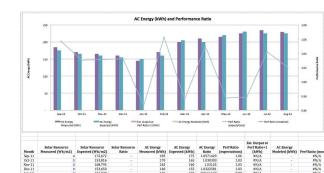
- Advanced alerting (e.g., alarm logic for any data parameter)
- Capture a broader range of events by group or system

## Fleet Management - SolarNOC



### Custom Reports

- Premium reports engine with flexible configuration options for project-specific data analysis



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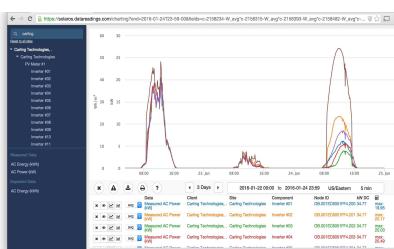
### Intelligent Search and Grouping

- New searching interface with geographic search, performance thresholds, and saveable groups
- User-definable group builder allows users to set relevant parameters on dynamic or static basis



## Data Visualization – Charting Tool

*Powerful Charting Tool for data visualization and analysis.*



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- Chart granular data for sites or devices.
- Visualize alerts
- Visualize performance
- Save charts
- Export data to a file
- Visualize and compare string data on a combiner box.

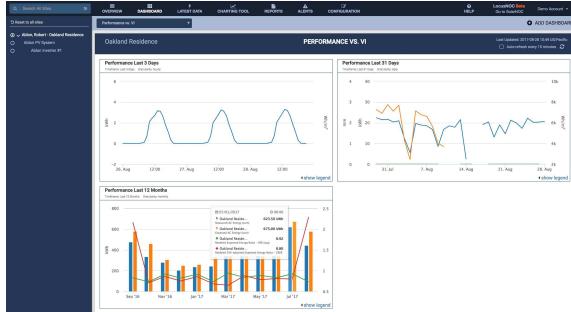
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																Last Updated 2017-05-10 10:00:00 UTC	Date Selected

Overview

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Dashboard

This table lists 10 open alerts for Oakland Residence, categorized by component: Device Fault (9 alerts) and Power (1 alert). The alerts are timestamped from August 2017 to May 2018.

Alert Type	Description	Timestamp
Device Fault	Device Fault - Input UV	2017-08-28 08:01 US/Pacific
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Device Fault	Device Fault - Input UV	2017-08-28 08:01 US/Pacific
Power	Power Out, Warning (4.2-240V)	2017-08-28 08:01 US/Pacific

Latest Data

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This table lists 15 device faults for Oakland Residence, all of which are currently open. The faults are categorized by component: Device Fault (14 alerts) and Power (1 alert).

Status	Type	Priority	Component	Opened	Closed
Open	Device Fault	Medium	Abler Inverter #1	2017-08-28 08:01 US/Pacific	
Closed	Device Fault	Medium	Abler Inverter #1	2017-08-28 08:01 US/Pacific	
Closed	Device Fault	Medium	Abler Inverter #1	2017-08-28 08:01 US/Pacific	
Closed	Device Fault	Medium	Abler Inverter #1	2017-08-28 08:01 US/Pacific	
Closed	Device Fault	Medium	Abler Inverter #1	2017-08-28 08:01 US/Pacific	
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Closed	Device Fault	Medium	Abler Inverter #1	2017-08-28 08:01 US/Pacific	
Closed	Device Fault	Medium	Abler Inverter #1	2017-08-28 08:01 US/Pacific	
Closed	Power	Medium	Power Out, Warning (4.2-240V)	2017-08-28 08:01 US/Pacific	

Alerts

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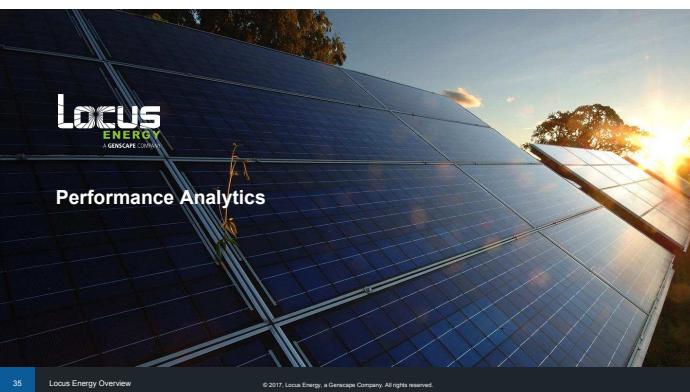
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This page shows basic information for Oakland Residence, including its location (37.85024, -122.33479, Los Angeles, CA, USA) and geolocation details. A note indicates that the location is set to the latitude and longitude fields and can be updated manually or by entering an address in the auto-completing Location field in the upper left.

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Configuration



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## Locus analytics help reduce O&M Cost



Swinerton O&M maintains +750 MW of Solar Assets with Locus Platform.

### O&M Expense

Reduced  
by 33 %

"We dispatch less and are more productive when we do. We save additional time and money by using analytics to help us determine the tech with the right level of experience to send out."

### Reporting Expense

Reduced  
by 40 %

"PVIQ provides us with a near limitless analytical ability, enabling our analytics team to quickly develop detailed custom reports on a wide range of operating factors."

### Production

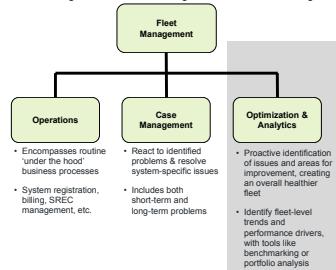
Increased  
by 2.5 %

"The savings created through the integration of SOLV™ with PVIQ allows Swinerton to offer reduced long-term rates for solar O&M to its customers."

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## Fleet optimization is a key part of an effective fleet management process

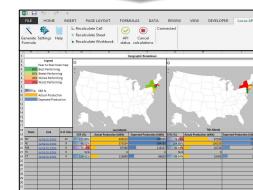
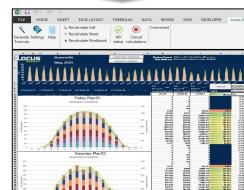
At Locus, we see the Fleet Management function as breaking down into three distinct categories:



## Excel Datalink Application

- Provides direct access to the Solar-OS database via MS Excel
- Available package of pre-built reports for detailed fleet and site analysis
- On-demand custom reports

Powered by Locus External APIs



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## ANALYZING SITES FOR Outlier PERFORMANCE REVIEW: EXCEL DATALINK & SITE REVIEW TOOL



The VI-Based Site Review Tool is an Excel Datalink-based tool designed to help you quickly identify site issues when reviewing the fleet. This is a general-purpose Excel tool, and you can customize it with your specific business needs if there are specific checks you would like to work with the review process.



The standard tool can quickly highlight a range of issues:

- Gradually accumulated performance issues
- Partial equipment failures (not fully down)
- Energy expectations not set properly
- Year-over-year performance changes
- Downtime or interval data gaps
- Shading
- ... and many others

## Underperforming site examples – Typical issues



① Communication issues (no data)

② Major downtime events or data gaps

③ Gradually accumulated performance issue

④ Partial equipment failures (not fully down)

⑤ Seasonal issue or incorrect expectations data

Issue types 3-5 may not be caught quickly without a periodic review of all under-performing sites

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## Over-performing site examples – Typical issue



① Conservative estimates



② Extremely low estimates



③ Seasonal estimate misses



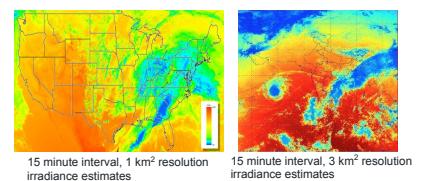
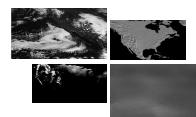
Some findings from monthly reviews of the over-performing sites might go back to the design team, rather than case management

## Virtual Irradiance\*



- Virtual Irradiance provides highly accurate, real-time solar resource estimates across geographical spread without having to deploy costly meteorological sensors
- Users leverage this data and the Locus analytics tools to gain valuable insight into the performance of their fleet of assets

NASA satellite imagery, NOAA weather and other data, INSAT 3D weather data



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## Virtual Irradiance\*

### Commercial-Grade Physical Sensor Accuracy

Monthly Error	=	Measurement error <sup>1</sup>	+	Soililing error	+	Downtime losses
5-15%+	=	~5%	+	0-10%+	+	0%+

5-15%+ monthly error, depending on intensity of sensor maintenance

### Virtual Irradiance Accuracy<sup>2</sup>

Monthly Error	=	Error at optimal sites	+	Higher error in snow or dense cloud cover
1-6%	=	~1%	+	0-5%

1-6% monthly error, depending on duration of snow cover or dense cloud cover

Median monthly error of 2.6%

Median annual error of 2.1%

Virtual Irradiance is comparable in quality to a commercial-grade physical sensor for monthly sunlight estimates. VI often out-performs a physical sensor in practice due to maintenance issues.

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1. Note that higher and thermopile pyranometers sensors can have lower measurement error of around 2% (<http://www.met.govt.nz/pdf/14082104.pdf>)

2. For a more complete discussion of Virtual Irradiance error please see the "Near Real-Time Satellite-Derived Irradiance Modeling" paper on our website at [http://locusenergy.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/ASES\\_VI.pdf](http://locusenergy.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/ASES_VI.pdf)



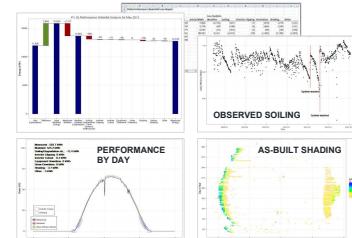
## Waterfall Report

### Supporting technology

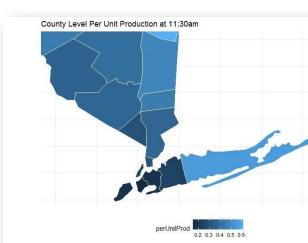
- ✓ Data acquisition
- ✓ Portfolio definition tools (site groupings)
- ✓ Full-coverage irradiance data
- ✓ Performance models
- ✓ Reverse-simulation data analysis engine

- Performance breakdown for site or portfolio into kWh lost to weather, soiling, shading, downtime, inverter clipping, etc.

- Visualizations of overall loss buckets, soiling trends, as-built shading observations, and performance by day



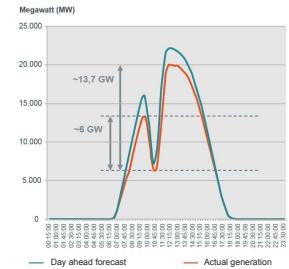
## Short-Term Regional Variability From Weather Movements Can Have A Significant Impact On Solar Production



## Crystal ball gazing – Forecasting the Renewable Future

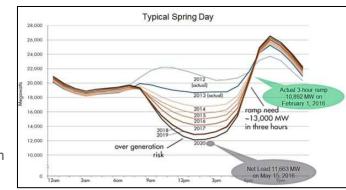


- Share of RE in power-mix increasing
- Unlike conventional fossil fuel power, which can be generated as per load with greater predictability, RE production largely depends on the weather conditions.



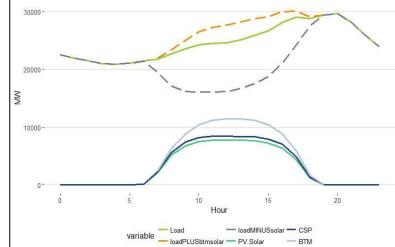
## Behind-the-Meter Solar Production Is Affecting Forecast Error, And Estimation Methods Are Insufficient

1. Solar installations are rapidly increasing
2. The impact on net system load and power prices/congestion is increasing (example: duck curve)
3. Limited visibility into the production from behind-the-meter solar generation, and its subsequent impact on net system demand
4. Current methods of estimating production from distributed solar generation fail to incorporate many factors that may impact performance such as soiling, snow cover, shading and system degradation
5. Current ISO and utility demand forecasting methodologies don't independently model behind-the-meter solar generation, leading to higher error (MAPEs) during "solar hours"



## The Impact of BTM Solar on Load Is Becoming Very Significant In Some Areas

California Load on September day in 2016



- Behind-the-Meter solar production drives down mid-day demand
- The magnitude of behind-the-meter solar is similar to that of utility scale solar in California

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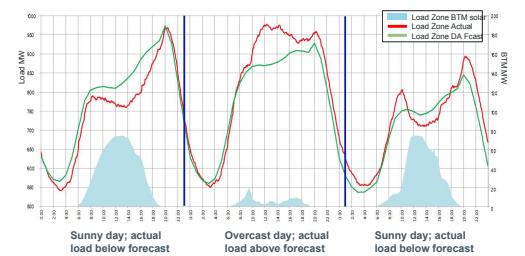
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## Without Solar Data, Forecasts Tend To Underestimate Load On Cloudy Days, And Overestimate On Sunny Days



Actual & Forecast Load With Behind-The-Meter Solar Over 3 Consecutive Days



Most deviation between forecast and actual can be explained by solar.

This case example with real data shows how without solar data, a forecast will likely split the difference between sunny and overcast days

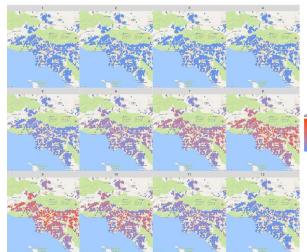
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## Measured Solar Production Is Significantly More Accurate Than Modeled Data



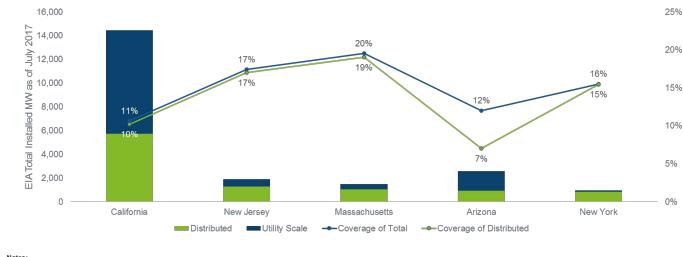
- Modeled Solar Production will always have errors!
- Some of the challenges include:
  - Shading
  - Soiling
  - Dust/smog
  - Localised snowfall
  - Intermittent cloud cover
- The chart to the right, for example, shows the heavy impact of soiling in Southern California
- Actual production data will capture all of these effects



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## Coverage of Solar PV Capacity in Key Solar States



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## Behind-The-Meter API Provides Measured Solar Production Data In Near Real Time



- Behind-the-Meter Production API aggregates and compiles near-real time distributed solar production data
- We can offer frequencies of monthly down to 15 minute intervals
- Data is available at zip code, county, load zone, and the state level



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## Product Sample: Data Is Provided Via A RESTful API



ZIP Code	Time Stamp	PerUnitProd	currVI
10312	6/24/2016 18:15	0.33	450
10312	6/24/2016 18:00	0.4	480
10312	6/24/2016 17:45	0.28	490
10312	6/24/2016 17:30	0.32	490
10312	6/24/2016 17:15	0.29	530
10312	6/24/2016 17:00	0.35	550
10312	6/24/2016 16:45	0.39	620
10312	6/24/2016 16:30	0.51	740

Querying a specific state would return all zip codes in that state; enables customers to aggregate to any larger geographic region (e.g. load zone)

= (solar kW output / kW capacity) for Locus monitored sites in the zip code and may be used as a performance factor for all sites in a given zip code

Optional: Satellite derived irradiance measurement to determine how much solar resource (i.e. sunlight) was measured during a given interval

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## Potential Behind-The-Meter Solar Data Use Cases by Customer Type



### Balancing Authority

- Gain visibility into behind-the-meter solar production based on measured actuals
- Create more accurate day ahead and real time load forecasts to enable more efficient generation dispatch
- Understand the impact of distributed solar generation on system operations and stability

### Energy Trader

- Associate variances between load forecasts and actual load that can be attributed to distributed solar generation
- Identify upside/downside risks to demand forecasts based on solar production and subsequently identify trading opportunities (e.g. DART spreads)
- More accurately forecast demand and power prices (esp. for quantitative traders)

### System Integrator

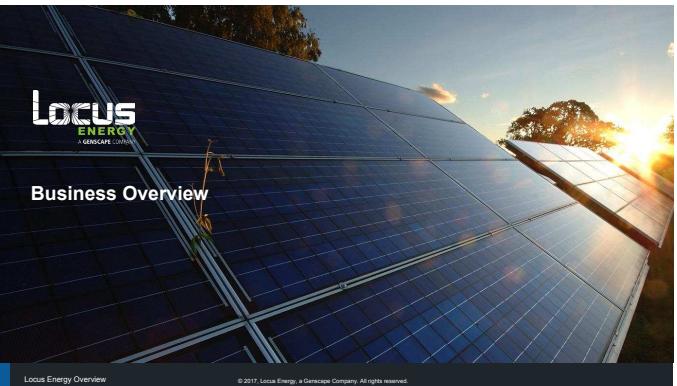
- Develop more accurate load forecasting models and situational awareness
- Develop more accurate solar forecasting models by training models with actuals

### Solar Asset Manager

- Gain early insight into SREC production by modelling total regional solar production
- Benchmark fleet performance against regional averages

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## About Locus Energy

**Company:** Founded in 2007; operating in utility, commercial, industrial & residential PV markets.

Acquired by Genscape in 2015.

### Capabilities:

- PV monitoring & Analytics
- Engineering & Development
- Managed services.

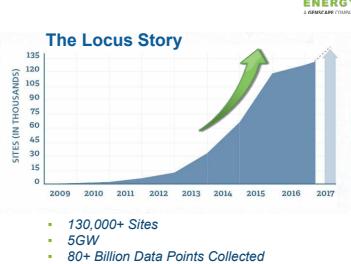
### Presence:

- USA | APAC | Middle East

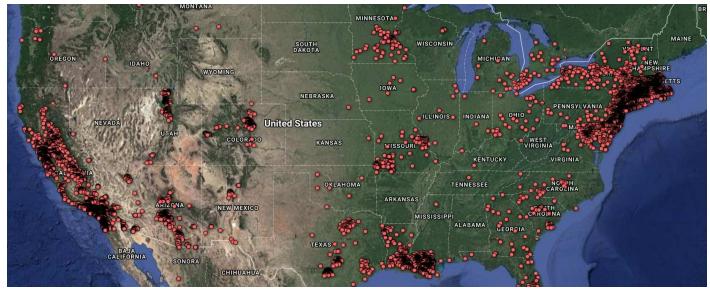
**Offices:** Hoboken, NJ | San Francisco, CA | Louisville, KY | Delhi, India

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## Locus Monitors A Broad Base Of Over 130,000 Sites That Send Solar Production Data Around The Clock



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## Business Overview



### State of the art

Core monitoring and Asset Management platform

Cloud based, open architecture and highly scalable application

Strong intellectual property portfolio – 7 patents granted, 14 in process.

### Driven by Client Success

Key focus on Data Analytics & Intelligence

Full stack software & hardware solutions - Metering & Control

Customizable as per user requirement

### Global footprint

Four offices – Hoboken, San Francisco, Louisville, Gurgaon

24 hour service support

>5GW, >1,30,000 sites monitored

greentechsolar:

"Number 1 independent monitoring provider for the U.S. PV market" (by site count)

## Ownership Structure : From a line of Energy & Information Experts



DMGT

dmg::information

GENSCAPE™

Locus ENERGY

A \$2.6 bn (FY16) publicly traded media conglomerate in UK

An information and intelligence powerhouse

A global, diversified portfolio of commodity and energy intelligence companies in Power, Oil, Natural Gas, Petrochemical, Agriculture, Biofuels, and Maritime Freight markets

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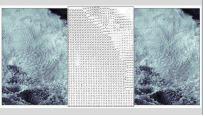
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## Locus Business Model

1. Core Monitoring	2. Enterprise Data Services	3. Performance Analytics
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Single-phase (residential)</li> <li>3-phase (commercial)</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Role-based views in SolarNOC</li> <li>Data aggregation</li> <li>Fleet view diagnostics</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integrated performance modeling</li> <li>Satellite irradiance</li> <li>Prescriptive analysis on production impacts</li> </ul> 

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## Select Locus Clients by Channel

### Leasing Companies



### EPC / Developers: 300+ Clients



### OEMs, Enterprise & Agencies



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## IADB ICT Workshop

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### Distributed Solar - Entrepreneur Perspective

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### Solar Analytics Impact

#### Business

- Solar PV EPC business is fast becoming commoditized: a race to the bottom
- A robust solar PV analytics platform enables:
  - Project Developers / EPCs to differentiate themselves in the marketplace
  - A reduction in O&M costs by helping maintain and manage DERs especially rural installations
  - Accurate location specific data that allows companies to create opportunities by offering new business models i.e. "Infrastructure as a Service" (Yield Co)

#### Operations

- Solar analytics allows businesses to be full-stack (fully integrated) solutions providers by:
  - Having accurate snapshots in real-time of individual and aggregate site performance
  - Eliminating / Reducing false positives
  - Saving time during on-site fault finding

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### EXECUTIVE TEAM

#### MUSHTAQ CHHAPRA, CHAIRMAN

Mr. Chhapra is an industrialist with diversified business interests in Pakistan and South Africa. He is recognized internationally for his philanthropic work as Founder and Chairman of The Citizen's Foundation and also runs The Patient Aid Foundation, a private-public partnership at Jinnah Hospital. In addition, he is a recipient of the Sitara-e-Imtiaz, Pakistan's highest civilian honor.

#### SHAZIM CHHAPRA, CEO, DIRECTOR

Shazim is a business professional with over 15 years of experience running his family industrial holdings in Pakistan and South Africa. He is credited in turning around two of the businesses. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Columbia University and an MBA from NYU's Stern School of Business.

#### AAMER ABDULLAH, DIRECTOR

Aamer is a business professional with over 20 years experience of financial markets. He currently is a partner at MI Ventures, a New York based early stage fund that makes investments in seed stage technology companies. Previously, he was a Managing Director & Portfolio Manager at a hedge fund and prior to that held senior roles at Deutsche Bank and Credit Suisse in New York City. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering and Economics from Yale University and an MBA from Columbia University's Graduate School of Business.

#### ZAIN ABDULLAH, DIRECTOR

Zain is a seasoned finance executive with over 25 years of experience. Till most recently, he was the Senior Executive Officer of National Bank of Abu Dhabi Investment Management. Prior to NBAD he was Managing Director at the global investment bank Calyon in New York. He spent the earlier part of his career at Credit Suisse and JP Morgan. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an MBA from Columbia University's Graduate Business School.

TEAM

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### Greenewable Solar (GS) - Overview

- Pakistan with a population of over 200 million is one of the world's fastest growing economies. Unfortunately, a crippling power deficit despite the government's best efforts to solve it, has held back the country's true economic potential. Solar is fast becoming a vital part of the energy mix.
- GS was established in the summer of 2015 as a solar EPC to capitalize on this opportunity. Since then we have successfully managed to leverage the deep relationships of our principals to win a diverse book of "blue chip corporate" clients. Our initial targets were urban commercial and industrial clients but since we have expanded into agrarian and rural economic sectors.
- Additionally, we are in project development phase for a 50MW Solar Utility plant.
- Our business model is predicated on collaboration with key strategic partners who can help accelerate our growth. Our services include:
  - Design / Engineering
  - Robust Distribution Network for Rural Electrification
  - Power Purchase Agreements to Corporates ("Yield Co") funded by Local Banks
  - Solar Analytics powered by Locus Energy
  - Solar batteries manufactured locally by Atlas Batteries

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### On the Horizon

#### AI / Machine Learning

- Vast quantity of data requires predictive algorithms to aid in analysis, troubleshooting and preventative maintenance
- Be able to predict future component failure with a high degree of precision
- Reduce inventory overheads
- Further reduce O&M and Support costs

#### Storage

- As batteries continue to proliferate and address the intermittency of Solar, analytics platforms have to be able to monitor and analyze this resource as well

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## SPATIAL DATA INFRASTRUCTURES

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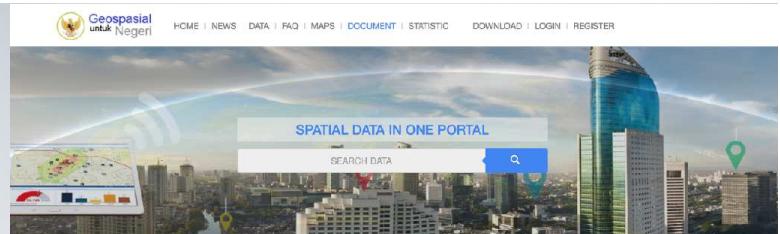
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- Spatial data repository
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- GIS Software

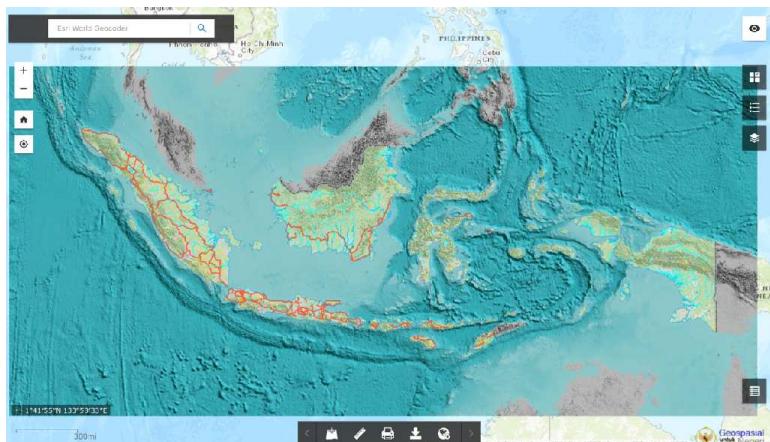
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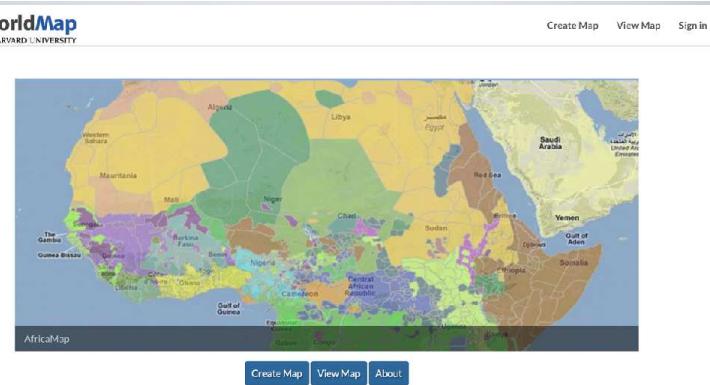


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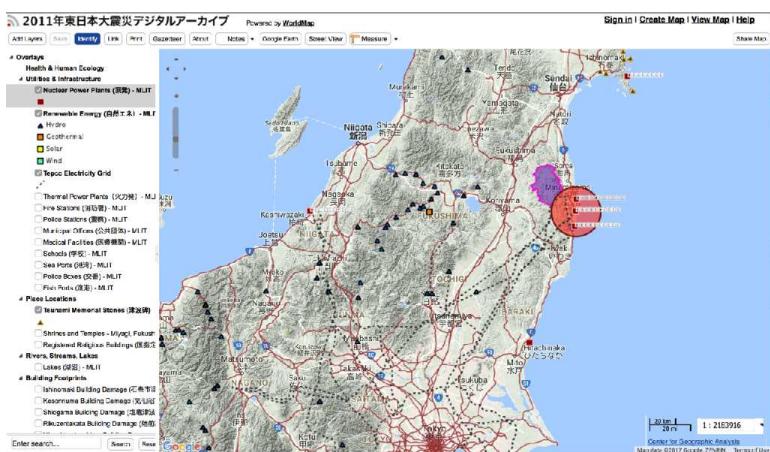
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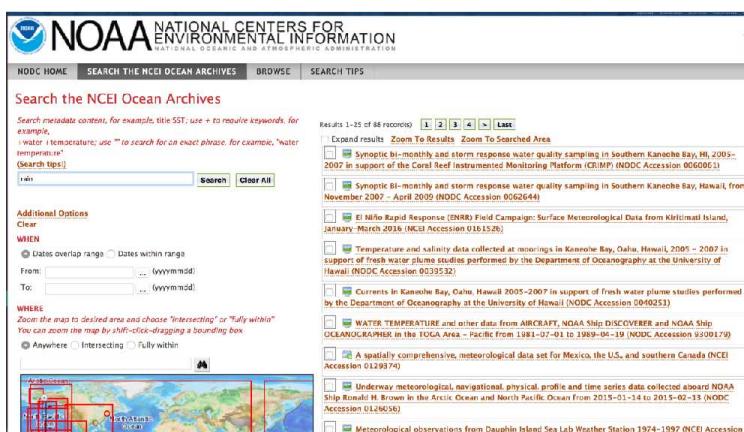
## HARVARD WORLDMAP



Built with GeoNode, an open source tool

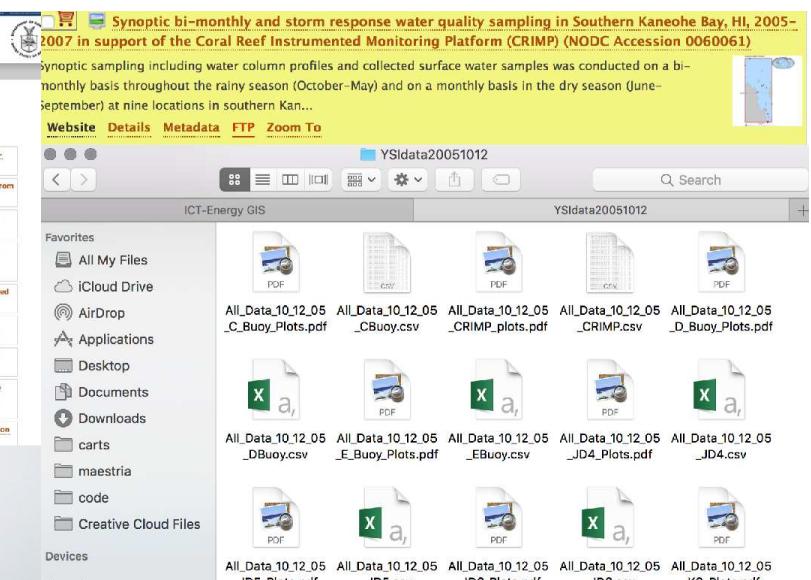
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## NOAA DATA PORTAL

Built with ESRI Geoportal



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ENERGY – DATA CATALOG / Datasets Organizations ?

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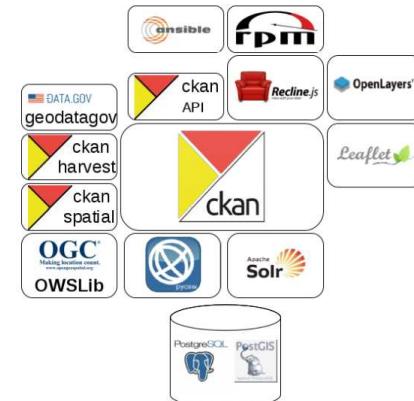
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# DATA.GOV

United States Open Data Portal



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Uses pycsw, an open source software tool

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## GEO SERVER

World Food Programme

ArcGIS World Bank Projects

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Details Add Basemaps Save Share Print Measure Bookmarks Find address or place

Legend

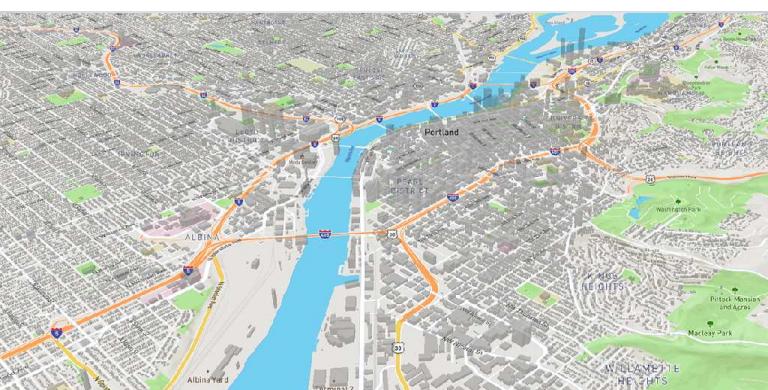
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Individual Sectors Regional Scale Agriculture, fishing and forestry Health and other social services Water, sanitation and flood protection

World Bank Country Boundaries

Unique World Bank Projects by Country: Nigeria There are 40 unique World Bank projects in Nigeria operating in approximately 767 locations.



## MAPBOX VECTOR TILES

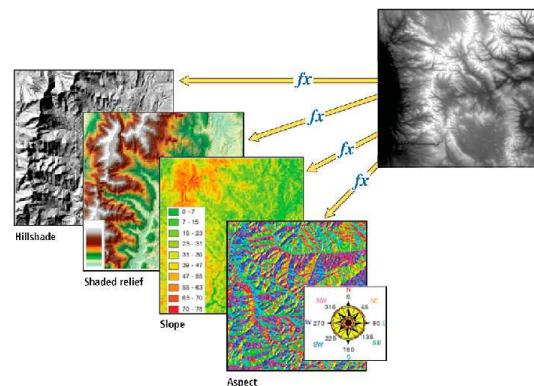
Similar to Apple Maps and Google Vector Maps

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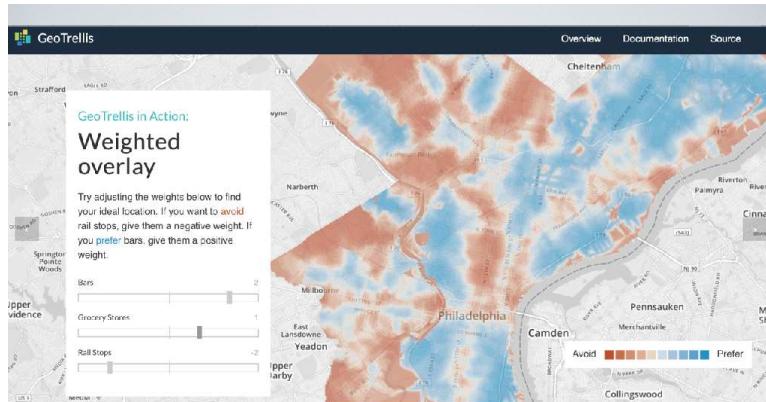
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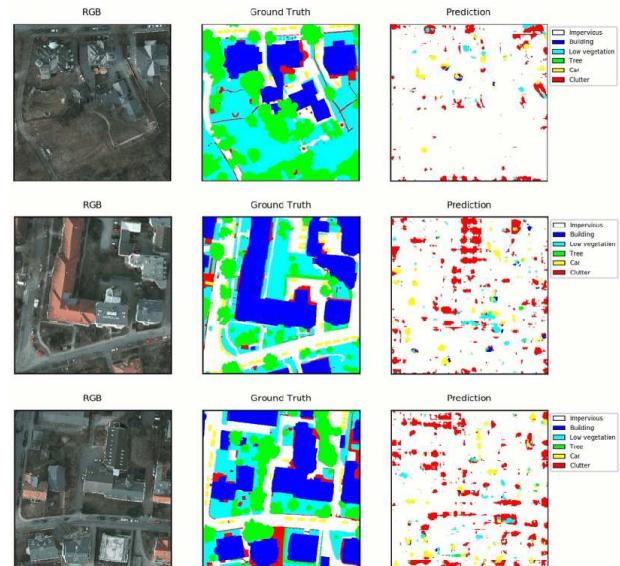
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## • Spatial data repository

# PostGIS

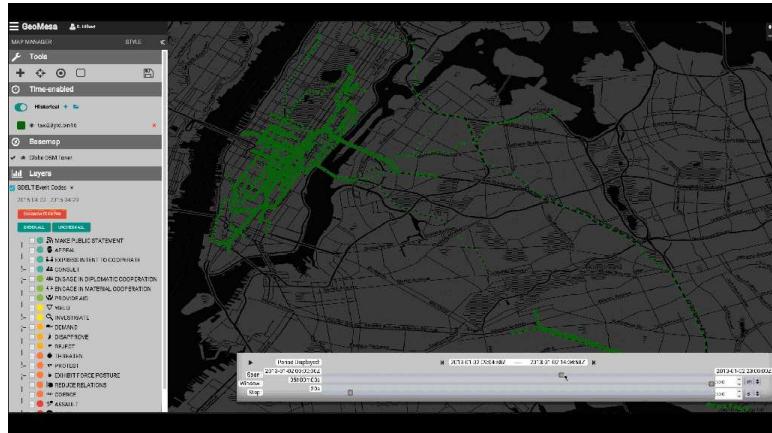


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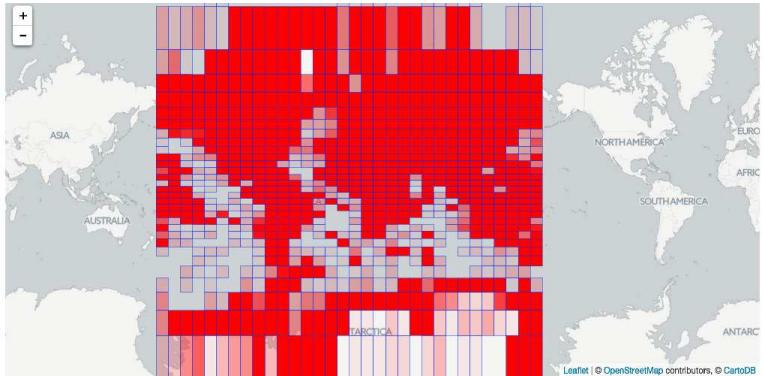
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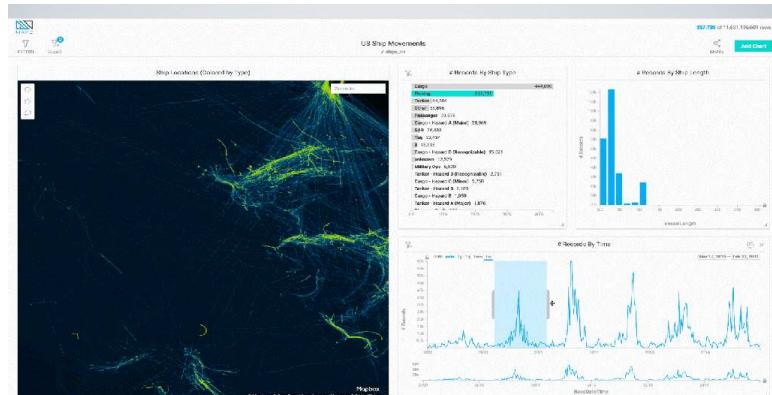
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BigTable style spatio temporal database



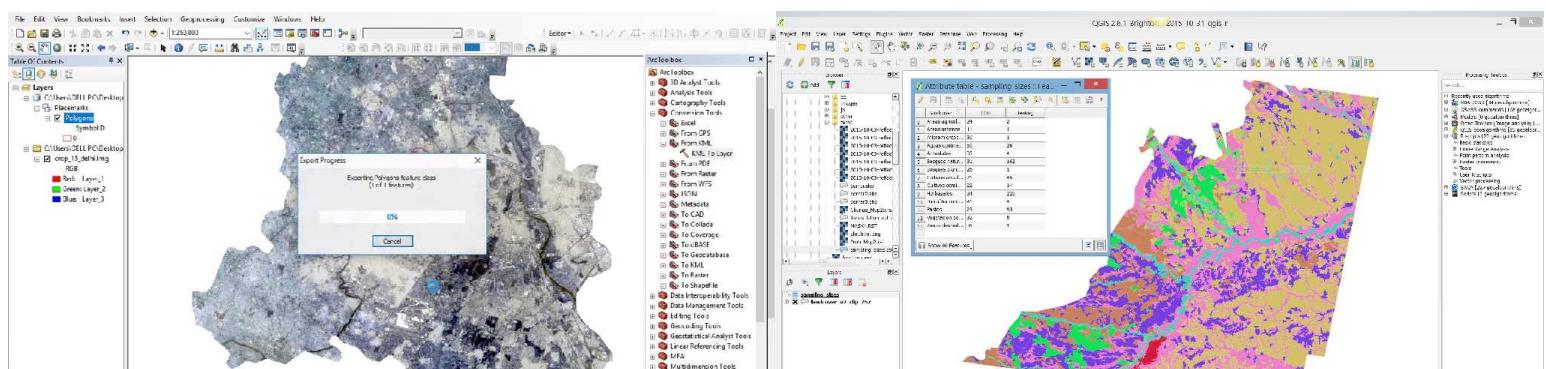
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Solr / ElasticSearch



**MAPD**  
GPU powered analytics - Example with US ship movements

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**ESRI ARCGIS**

**QGIS**  
Free and Open Source GIS solution

## POLICIES

### SPATIAL DATA INFRASTRUCTURE

technology, **policies**, standards, human resources, and related activities necessary to acquire, process, distribute, use, maintain, and preserve spatial data

ACCESSIBLE,  
LICENSED AND  
DOCUMENTED



## POLICIES

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PRIORITIZE  
OPEN  
SOURCE



OPEN BY  
DEFAULT



SET CLEAR  
LONG TERM  
GOALS



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## STANDARDS

The Open Geospatial Consortium defines the standards for interoperability

## STANDARDS DATA TRANSPORT

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- WCS
- WFS
- TMS
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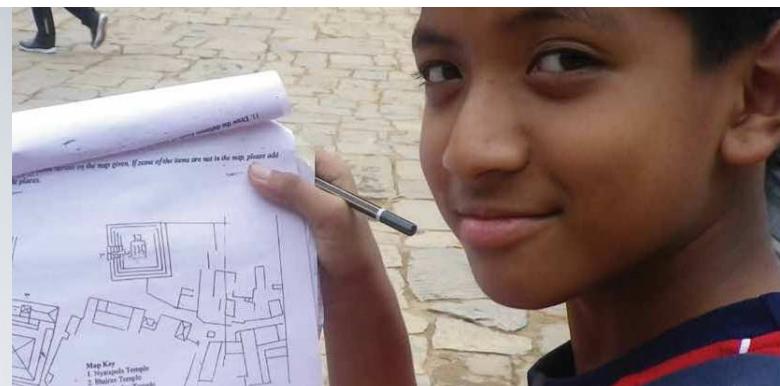
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- CSV
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- GeoJSON
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- MbTiles
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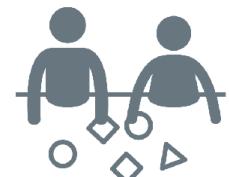
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## HUMAN RESOURCES OR: HOW DO I KEEP IT UPDATED?



## CO-CREATED DATA



DATA OWNED BY  
LOCAL AGENCIES  
OR WORKING  
GROUPS



DEVELOP  
STRONG  
INSTITUTIONAL  
PARTNERS



ENGAGE  
USER  
COMMUNITIES



USABLE  
TOOLS

Data should be  
communicated in ways that  
meet the needs of diverse  
users



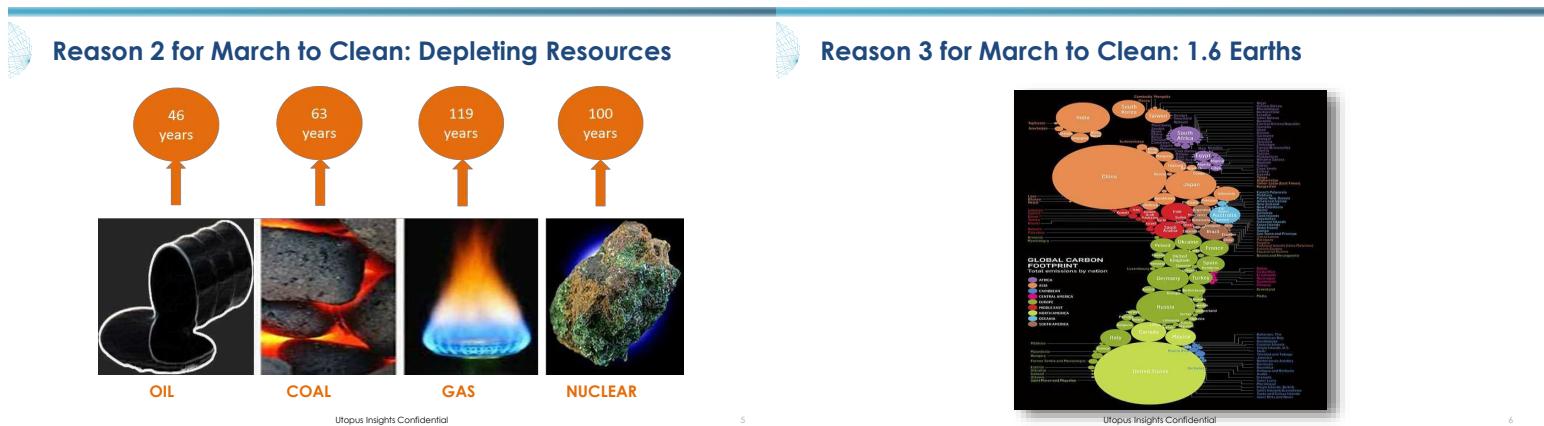
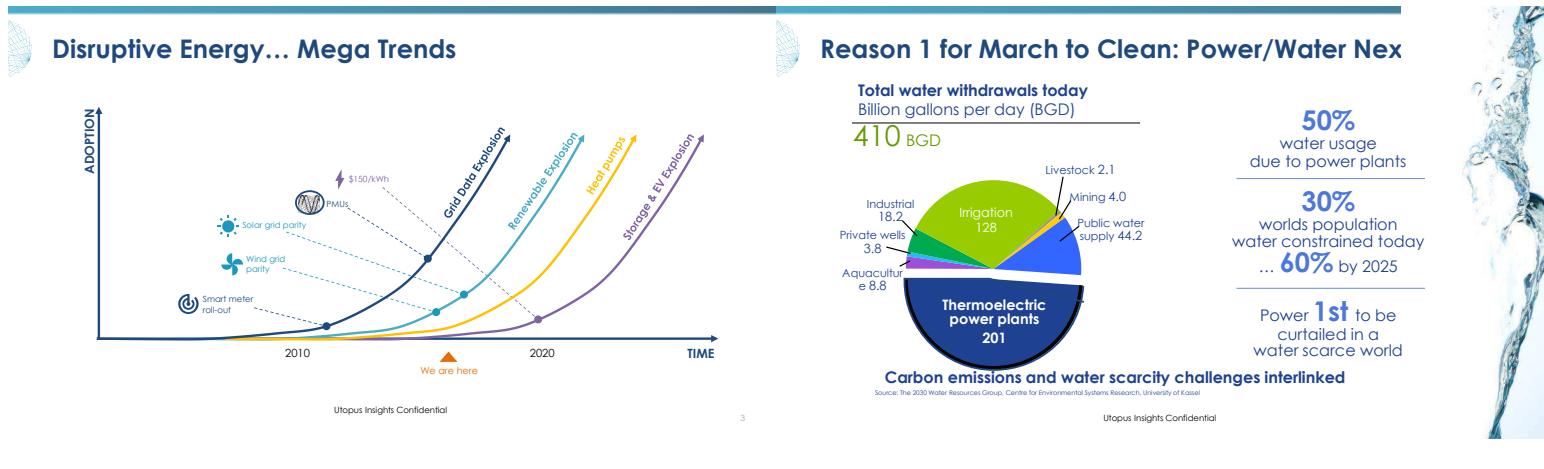
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## The World of Energy is Disrupting

**Digitizing the Green Grid Revolution !**

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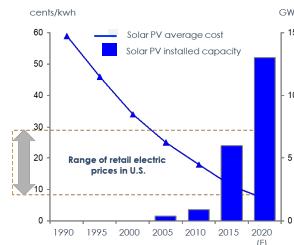


## Grid Getting Greener

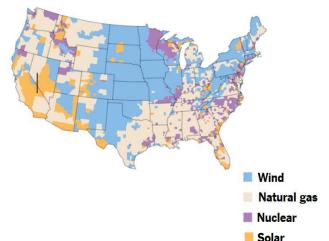
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### Renewable on the Grid – Parity NOW!

Solar PV costs on pace to reach "grid parity" for most consumers

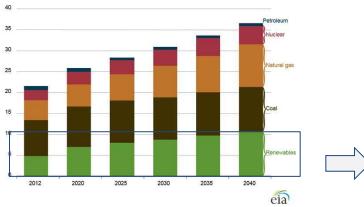


Majority of new U.S. capacity expected to be renewables

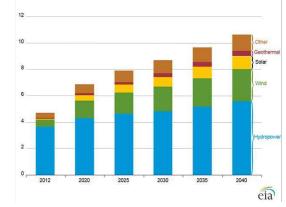


### However it's a mix...and complex

World net electricity generation by fuel



World net electricity generation from renewable power

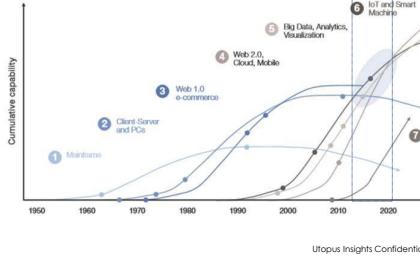


- Revolutionary transition towards more renewable energy and diversified supplies
- Distributed generation growing at a fast pace worldwide and its installed capacity expected to more than double in the next decade

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### Digitization Making Strides Elsewhere

### The Digital Revolution



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### Digital Trends

- Cloud Adoption... SaaS to PaaS to IAAS (Insights as a Service)
- So Lo Mo.. On the go
- Partnership Collaboration ecosystem
- Big Data & Real-time Analytics... Volume, Velocity, Variety



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## Green Grid meets Digital !

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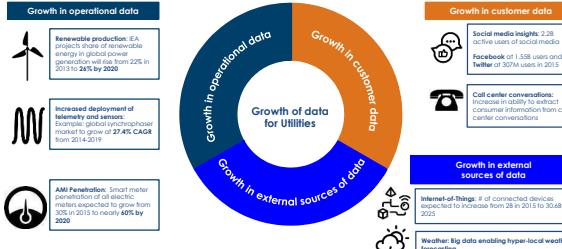
### Paradigm Shift.. Addressed by Digital Transformation

Status Quo	Today's Paradigm Shift	Challenges	Need for analytics
 Conventional energy sources (e.g. coal, gas); predictable, reliable	 Renewable energy sources (wind, solar); variable, dependent on weather	Distributed generation fleet, usually in remote locations Uncertainty in renewable generation making demand-supply balance challenging	Centralized visibility and analysis of asset performance Forecast wind/solar generation to mitigate uncertainty
 Centralized energy resources: large plants far from customers	 Distributed resources: solar panels, batteries, demand response, IoT	Complexity of designing and operating a distributed grid	Plan and orchestrate distributed and centralized energy systems
 Limited focus on efficiency: demand growth and lenient regulation drive healthy returns	 Efficiency and reliability are critical as demand plateaus and regulators require lower costs and high reliability	Difficulty of reducing cost while improving reliability	Optimize capital and maintenance plans to maximize reliability
 Limited data available on the asset and customer	 Data explosion due to implementation of IoT, sensors, SCADA, AML, smart meters, etc.	Heterogeneity and quality of data coming from multiple siloed systems	Integrate, curate and refine data to create insights
 Customer is a ratepayer and cannot choose its supplier	 Customers can choose their own electricity provider, and also generate their own power	Risk of retaining and targeting attractive customers	Identify, manage and retain most attractive customers

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## Data, data everywhere and every kind...

Growth of data is a structural trend for utilities to capture new operational and customer insights



WW smart meter data generated estimated to grow from 115 Pb in 2015 to 160 Pb in 2020 thus driving the value of advanced analytics

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## What do these changes mean for the grid?

### TODAY'S GRID

Centralized, 1-way

Small-scale uncertainty

Rate payers

Volumetric sales

Generation follows load

Static planning

### TOMORROW'S GRID

Distributed, bidirectional

Large-scale uncertainty

Engaged "prosumers"

New business models

Load follows generation

Digitization with predictive real-time optimization



## About Utopus Insights

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## An advantaged start-up... spun out of IBM !

 <b>World Class Team</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Headquartered in NY, offices in BLR</li> <li>Team with deep expertise in renewable energy</li> <li>Deep analytics, data science, energy experience , digital transformation in EU space</li> </ul>	 <b>Validated IP &amp; Products</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15 years of research with leading utilities &amp; renewable generators</li> <li>26 patents, numerous more pending patent applications</li> <li>Analytics platform, asset analytics, DER integration</li> </ul>	 <b>Active Clients</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commercial contracts</li> <li>Joint Development Agreements/SERI to develop cutting-edge tools</li> <li>Global Pilots with promising results(in US &amp; Asia)</li> </ul>
 <b>Strategic Partner</b>  <b>vermont electric power company</b> <b>VELCO</b>	 <b>Industry Credentials</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GWAC founding member</li> <li>Core CIM group membership</li> <li>EEI Finalist 2016</li> <li>Vermont REV award</li> </ul>	 <b>Investors</b> <b>IBM</b> <b>BCG</b> <b>vermont electric power company</b> <b>VELCO</b>

Best in Class team with deep digital transformation experience in E&U space globally

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## The Digital Revolution

From Reactive to....



- Manual/ adhoc reporting
- Unplanned / adhoc maintenance
- No database or data foundry

Proactive...



- Transparent reporting.. Portfolio wide, role based
- Real time alert notifications
- Centralized Asset management

...to Predictive



- Analytics for predictive maintenance
- Operational forecasting for planned maintenance
- Complete Regulatory compliance

Creating a world class digital platform for proactive asset management

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## In short... we need a grand orchestration

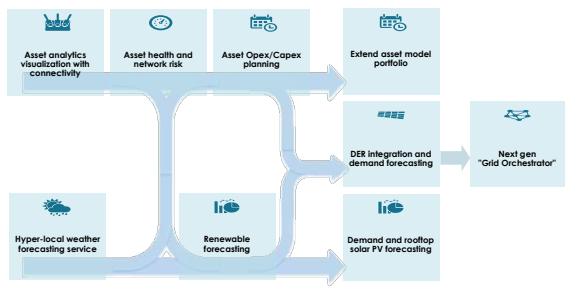
	Constrained/Scarce Energy	Abundant/Plentiful Energy
	"Later"	"Run the dishwasher"
	Discharge	Charge the battery
	Delay or vehicle-to-grid	Charge the EV
	Turn on expensive power	Curtail expensive power
	Post-heat, post-cool	Pre-heat, pre-cool

DER = "Distributed Energy Resources" or "Digital Energy Revolution?"

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## Our Roadmap: leading the industry to tomorrow's grid



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## What is DER?



The Digital Energy Revolution will help transform "fickle" to "reliable!"

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## MaestrOS Platform & Applications



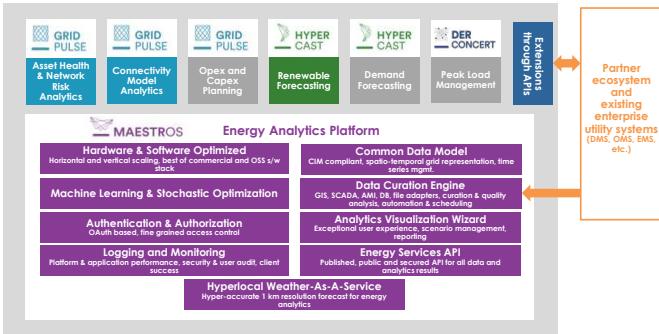
World class applications



Hybrid Platform Cloud/On-Prem/IoT



Core IP



Descriptive to Predictive to Prescriptive !

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## Optimized Risk Based Maintenance and Investment Planning for Assets

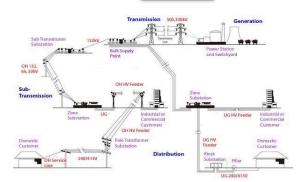
### Business Considerations:

- Deliver reliable transmission services at lowest cost
- Wide geographic distribution of assets
- Long life assets impacted by load and the environment
- Diverse and aging infrastructure
- Data quality gaps & multiple systems
- Limited resources



### Why an Analytics driven approach?

- Can true failure history and root cause be determined?
- What is the remaining service life of an asset?
- Can we assess system risk to account for connectivity?
- What is the optimal maintenance plan given the criticality and condition of an asset?
- What does an optimal investment plan look like?
- Can we prioritize across asset classes?
- Can we prevent the next grid failure?



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## GridPulse: innovative and intuitive user experience

Precise, holistic visualization of assets and connectivity



- Drill down through hierarchical layers of insights (system, substation, circuit, zones, assets)
- View asset / network risk and trace connectivity of all assets in one place
- Highlighted assets in need of immediate care (high failure risk / connectivity errors)
- Perform connectivity analysis to analyze impact

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Understand network impact from a single asset, feeder, substation and system



- View asset health and connectivity errors details at each layer (Substation, circuit, zone, assets)
- Detailed reports to help asset managers assess the condition of assets and errors in connectivity
- Identify hotspots in the circuits having high failure risk and / or connectivity errors

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User driven configuration of scenarios and visualization



- User level dashboard configuration for scenario selection, color range setting, metric selection
- Managing and configuring scenarios per user's business needs
- Sharing dashboard with other users to enable joint collaboration and problem resolution

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## Nostradamus: Weather analytics center of competency for Energy applications

Deep weather expertise



- Hyper-local weather forecasting with up to 1 sq.km spatial granularity
- \*16 day forecast with granularity of:
  - 10 min: from 0 – 3 days
  - 1 hr: from 3 days - 5 days
  - 3 hr: from 6 days - 10 days
  - 12 hr: from 11 days - 16 days
- Observation and radar weather service
- Vegetation Management

Weather-energy nexus



- Energy consumption / production forecast for:
  - Outage propensity and impact
  - Substations, Meters
  - PV
  - Wind Turbines
  - Solar Farms
- Hyper-local outage forecasts with details on:
  - Perception, Temperature, Wind Gust, Icing, soil temperature

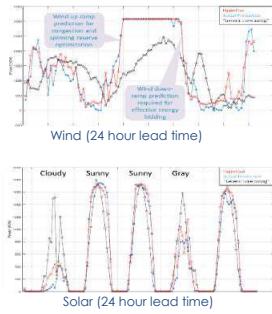
Intuitive weather and grid insights



- Operations dashboard for weather analysis
- Wind Gusts, temperature, precipitation forecasts
- Asset overlay and real time feeds for impact assessment
- Outage prediction, substation demand forecasting, peak load forecasting and management, reactive vs. active power forecasting

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## HYPERCST



Specialized hyper-local weather forecasting combined with proprietary deep machine-learning <sup>27</sup>

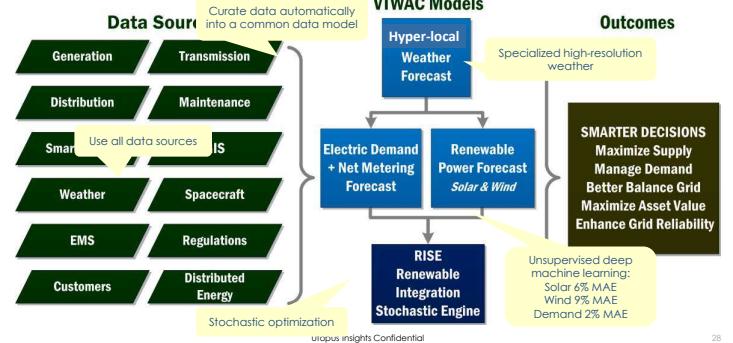
## Conclusions

- Energy is at the intersection of multiple disruptive trends... **solar, wind, heat pumps, EVs, storage, instrumentation, digitization!**
- This needs a new "**operating system**" to plan and orchestrate the grid
- Massive need for:
  - An **energy analytics platform**
  - A **suite of energy applications**
- Need for a new approach
  - Hybrid cloud/on-premises
  - Deep predictive and prescriptive analytics
  - Hyper-local weather
  - Common data model
  - Open API
- We must break down silos to **integrate disparate data sources**
- We must respectfully **curate data**
- **Machine learning and stochastic optimization** are key enabling technologies
- **Data intensive industry**...Be ready or be left behind!

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## Need of the day: "a new intelligence"



Thank you !

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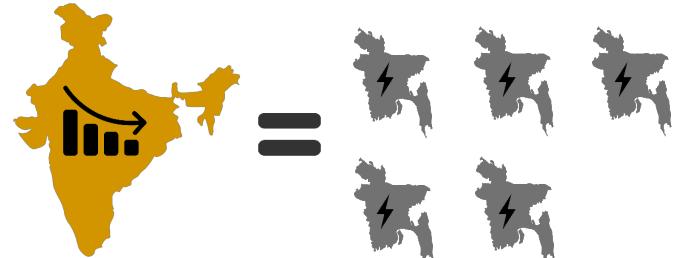
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Power sector in India **LOSES ~\$17B** in revenues per year  
enough to provide free power to Bangladesh for 5+ years!



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### Current state of affairs explains quite aptly why such losses exist

- 1 Faulty Meters
- 2 No Tagging
- 3 Table Billing
- 4 Non Payment of Bills
- 5 Dilapidated Infra
- 6 Manual MIS
- 7 Theft



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- Utility Revenue Manager (URM)  
Yashraj Khaitan (YK)
- YK: How many consumer's do you have in this Utility?
- URM: Anywhere between 150K – 300K
- YK: 😱
- URM: Why a 100% error margin
- URM: Well we have 40% 'Ghost Consumers'

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- We carried out a consumer survey in one of our Utility projects and got the following results:
- **1.66%** of the sample size believed that consumers should pay full price for power
- **75%** of the consumers didn't even know that they had a private distribution company distributing them power
- **43%** either never received a bill or got it at irregular billing cycles
- **90.5%** claimed that they have problems in paying their bills – distance or incorrect billing
- **37%** of consumers had concerns about the bills they received
- It would be surprising if bills were being paid in the above scenario**

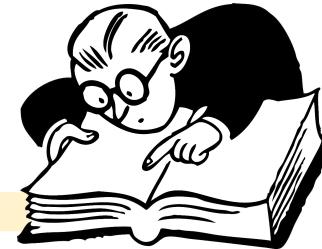
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Dashed boxes indicate types of issues:

- Delayed
- Limited
- Erroneous

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Solution to all this  
lays in digitizing Utilities

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SOLUTION →

DIGITIZATION  
OF UTILITIES

## All existing and new smart meter projects in India are hung strongly indicating a change of approach is needed

There are several challenges for mass adoption  
which are preventing the sector from taking off

1. **CESC, Mysore** – Poor implementation
2. **HPSEB** – Integration with DISCOM IT system a bottleneck
3. **APDCL** – Insufficient supply
4. **PSPL** – Meters still not approved
5. **WBSEBCL** – Stuck in type test and meter approval
6. **Tripura** – Insufficient meter supply
7. **TSSPDCL** – Meter test reports pending
8. **PED** – Testing/Certification of meters pending

HUNG/DELAYED

1. **UGVCL**
2. **APEPDCL** – 16444 confusion
3. **CED** – Inadequate technical specification
4. **MSEDCL** – Extremely ambitious technical requirements
5. **KESCO** – Unviable business model design

EXTENDED

1. **Jharkhand** – Poor technical specification and business model design
2. **BESCOM** – Low competition, DISCOM uncertain of long term performance

CANCELLED



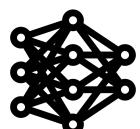
EXPENSIVE

The capex involved in smart metering is quite high, which financially strained DISCOMs can't afford



NOT PROVEN

Only small pilots have been executed till date, making it a tough choice for DISCOMs to invest large amounts



COMPLEX SYSTEM &  
INTEROPERABILITY

Communication technology today is not interoperable, and the necessary IT infrastructure or human resources don't exist with the DISCOM

- Projects for a total of **16,00,000 smart meters have been announced** over the past 5 years
- Only **30,000 meters have been supplied**
- An estimated only **15,000-18,000 meters are functioning**

## Comparison of this approach with existing approaches of the DISCOM

	Capex	Fixed Monthly Charge	Gram Power MBC Model
Low Financial Risk	x	✓	✓
High Accountability	x	✓	✓
Constant Technology Upgrade	x	x	✓
Technical SLA ↔ Commercial SLA	x	x	✓
Low Technology Risk	x	x	✓
Low Monopolization	x	x	✓
Interoperability	x	x	✓
Low dependency on DISCOM HR and IT	x	✓	✓

DISCOMs are in the business of buying and selling power  
just like telcos are concerned only with selling talktime



DISCOMs need a long term technology partner, instead of meter vendors



## Current costs incurred by DISCOM for metering, billing, collection and associated customer services

Item	Cost (INR/meter/month)	Note
Meter capex	15.9	Assuming 10 year lifetime
Replacement & Meter Addition costs YoY	23.8	15% new meter procurement each year based on DISCOM data in India
Digital Meter Reading	50.0	
Bill Generation & Distribution	6.0	
Payment Collection	5.0	Based on costs incurred by private Utilities
Software Licenses	35.0	Based on industry data
DISCOM Employee Costs	167.8	Based on several DISCOM's Annual Report Data
Interest Cost	10.5	12% interest for capex with 5 year term
Repairs & Maintenance	31.3	Based on several DISCOM's Annual Report Data
Admin & General Expenses	22.5	Based on several DISCOM's Annual Report Data
<b>Total</b>	<b>367.8 (USD 5.66)</b>	

## Meter-To-Cash Outsourcing

Smart meters can be provided in BOOT mode for less than current cost



0% CAPEX

100% capex in smart meters and complete infrastructure to provide metering, billing, collection (MBC) and customer service invested by private developer



LOW OPEX

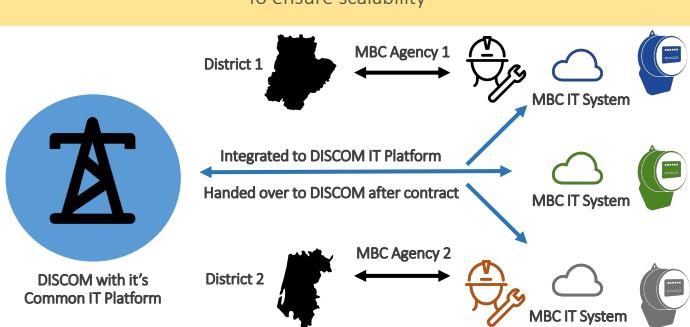
In this model, the recurring cost of smart meters can be **LESS THAN** the cost currently incurred by DISCOMs with regular meters



PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE

Since 100% capex and 10 year maintenance contract is with private developer, performance and constant technology upgrade are **GUARANTEED**

## Model architecture To ensure scalability



## How this model ensures scalability While ensuring competition and quality delivery

### 1 Common IT Platform

The DISCOM can mandate in tenders for all MBC providers to provide all the data and reports in a common format to their servers similar to how rural feeder monitoring is being implemented at a national scale

### 2 Interoperability

Interoperability now becomes the responsibility of the MBC Agency and integration with the DISCOM's common IT platform ensures that the DISCOM does not get affected. Moreover, meters are generally replaced once in 10 years, which will also be the duration for MBC contracts so there is no risk of DISCOM getting stuck with NPAs as the next MBC Agency will also change the meters

### 3 Competition

Different vendors can easily be chosen for different districts, thereby ensuring that there will be no monopolization of meters or communication technology or MBC Agencies

## How this model ensures scalability

While ensuring competition and quality delivery

### 4 Protection against price and technology fluctuation

*Under this model, the DISCOM is protected against price changes of the meter or obsolescence of the technology since technology selection and maintenance is done by the MBC Agency*

### 5 Performance guarantee

*Since the MBC Agency puts in 100% of the capex and is paid only upon performance and meeting the SLAs, there is complete performance guarantee ensured for the DISCOM*

### 6 Zero financial risk

*The DISCOM ends up improving operational efficiency, power quality, customer experience, and upgrading the infrastructure without any capex investment and technology risk, thereby making a strong value proposition for them*



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PROPOSED TENDERING STRUCTURE

## Scope of services – MBC Agency

- 1 Supply and installation of smart meters of appropriate technology, and doing constant upgrades wherever necessary during complete contract period
- 2 Monthly DIGITAL meter reading, bill generation, distribution, and payment collection
- 3 24x7 customer care center – all customer complains EXCEPT No Current Complains
- 4 Vigilance and analytics for loss reduction
- 5 Connection/Disconnection services
- 6 Recurring consumer indexing, addition of new customers, maintenance of LT network

## Scope of services – Utility

- 1 Maintenance of HT network
- 2 Investment in all hardware except metering – transformers, LT/AB cabling, fuses, switchgears, etc.
- 3 Issuing necessary orders for vigilance
- 4 Making timely payments to MBC Agency
- 5 Providing necessary support to MBC Agency for installation, and other activities
- 6 Monitor the activities and performance of MBC Agency

## Tendering structure

To ensure that the DISCOM gets performance

### 1 Revenue Structure

Monthly fixed charge with 5-7% annual increment to account for new consumers and inflation

### 2 Contract Period

10 years during which cost of meters for all new connections must be borne by MBC Agency itself in addition to cost for all contracted services

### 3 Incentive

AT&C target for new year ( $AT\&C_{target}$ ) =  $\text{Max} (AT\&C_{previous\ year}, AT\&C_{current\ year})$   
 $AT\&C_{achieved}$  = AT&C achieved at the end of the year  
Incentive =  $(AT\&C_{achieved}/ AT\&C_{target}) \times \text{Annual MBC Revenue}$

### 4 Penalty

Applicable when  $AT\&C_{target} > AT\&C_{achieved}$   
Penalty =  $(AT\&C_{target}/ AT\&C_{achieved}) \times \text{Annual MBC Revenue}$

## Suggested Qualifying Criteria

To ensure that the most equipped organizations do the job at the lowest cost

### 1 Technical Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a distribution licensee OR
- Must be a distribution franchisee serving a minimum 30% of MBC consumer base
- Must be an existing MBC service provider providing services to minimum 100% of the MBC consumer base

### 2 Financial Eligibility Criteria

- MAAT for 3 years = 3 months of collection revenue from MBC area
- No negative cash flows in past 3 years

### 3 Consortium

- Up to 3 member consortium since in such a contract you must have a finance partner, technology partner, and human resource partner
- The consortium together should be able to meet the technical and financial criteria

### 4 Performance Guarantee

- One month of cash revenue collection from MBC service area

## Guarantees needed from DISCOMs

To ensure that the investment is secure

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### 1 Guarantee of Timely Payments

Since these projects will largely be debt funded, it is important to ensure timely payments from DISCOMs. To do this, an **ESCROW** must be setup between DISCOM and MBC Agency. From the monthly collections, only an amount equivalent to monthly MBC service charges would enter the ESCROW and remaining revenue would directly go to the DISCOM. The ESCROW amount will then be given to the MBC Agency

### 2 Guarantee Against Termination

The MBC Agency's capex investment in the project must be secured from a premature termination of the contract. Even today, when DISCOMs purchase meters or any other equipment, only 10% of the contract value is kept as performance guarantee and 100% of the cost is released. Hence in the event of a premature termination, the DISCOM must at least ensure payment of the **depreciated value of the asset**, calculation for which is explained on the next page

## Depreciated Value Calculation

- The total lifetime revenue/consumer (A) = MBC Service Charge/month x 120 months
- It can be assumed that 70% of this cost will be towards capex
- Revenue disbursed (B) = Total revenue disbursed till termination
- Depreciation rate = 5%/year
- **Depreciated value at the time of termination =  $70\% \times (A_{\text{depreciated}} - B)$**

## Tender Awarding

Awardee = L1 of monthly service charge for MBC

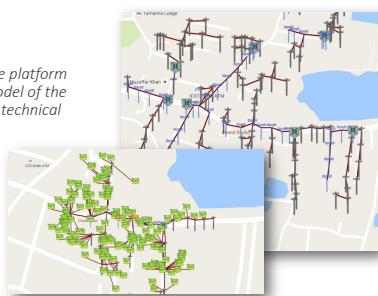


## Mapping the Grid Online

To digitize, we must first map

### 1 Asset Mapping and Consumer Indexing

Gram Power uses our proprietary mobile platform to create a digital and mathematical model of the grid with accurate GPS coordinates and technical details of 100% of DISCOM assets



## Smart Metering

The lowest cost, most advanced and most integrated smart metering platform

### 2 Smart Metering for reducing losses

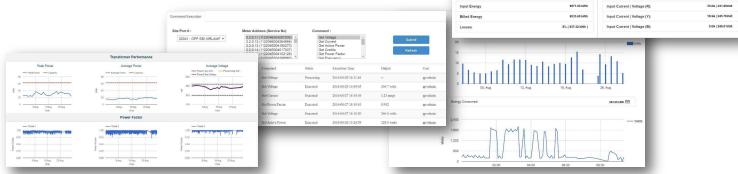
Internationally patented, lowest cost, lowest power and most advanced Smart Meter for single phase, three phase, distribution transformers and all other input and load points of the Utility. The meters are 100% configurable and upgradable, come with net-metering, prepaid and postpaid facility, thereby making the solution future proof



All MBC services controlled and managed online  
to bring in high levels of operational efficiency and radically reduce losses

#### All MBC operational activities are managed on our online portal

- 3 • THEFT AND FAULT DETECTION
- COMMAND EXECUTION
- BILLING & DISTRIBUTION
- COMPLAIN MANAGEMENT
- PAYMENT COLLECTION
- ANALYTICS
- ASSET MANAGEMENT
- CUSTOMER SERVICE
- NEW CONNECTION
- FIELD STAFF MANAGEMENT
- CONNECTION/DISCONNECTION
- VIGILANCE



We close the loop by connecting consumers and our field force through a mobile platform

- 1 Complete field force management on the phone
- 2 Digital and real time project management
- 3 Consumer app for
  - Payments
  - Budget monitoring
  - Billing
  - Complaints
  - New connection
  - Connection alteration
  - Demand response



#### Current Progress

We've come a long way in a short span of time

- Serving 4 Utilities | 3 Private Utilities and 1 State Utility | Working in Bihar, Andhra Pradesh
- ~10,000 meters supplied | 75,000 consumers mapped | 4 cities being digitized | 70,000 meters in pipeline
- Demonstrated loss reduction of greater than 94% for a Private Utility client
- Raised multiple rounds of equity capital from investors in US and Switzerland
- Technology patented internationally
- Recognized by all major national and international publications such as NY Times, Times of India, Economic Times, The Guardian, Times Now, NDTV, WWF, and many more...

#### Current Progress

Our roots were formed in rural India, which helped us build robust technology



- Executed \$1M project of USAID for solar powered rural microgrids and smart meters in India
- Selected by NASA among the top 10 Cleantech Technologies around the world
- 'Global Indian' honor awarded by Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- Installed 30 Smart Solar Microgrids in Rural Rajasthan with USAID and Ministry of Power

We're a strong team of 100+ people  
and are backed by visionary leaders from across the world



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### School of Engineering and Applied Science

- ~ 140 faculty members
- ~ 2,000 graduate students
- ~ 1,500 undergraduate students



### Department of Electrical Engineering

- 36 faculty members
- Only one working on power conversion

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- Founded 2016
- Located on Columbia main campus

#### People

- Laboratory members
  - 4 PhD, 1 MSc students
- Co-supervision
  - 3 PhD students
  - 1 post-doc, 1 research associate
- Project-based members



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- Advanced control
  - Optimal control
  - Nonlinear control
  - Observers
- Power electronics
  - Wide-bandgap
  - High-frequency (MHz)



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## Outline

- Electric Vehicles – Driver’s Perspective
- Electric Vehicles – Environmental Impacts
- Electric Vehicles – Market Projections
- Power System – Upcoming Policies
- Vehicle-Grid Interface – Charging Standards
- Smart Interoperation – Vehicle to X (V2x)

## Electric Vehicles Driver’s Perspective

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## Acceleration

Tesla Model S P100D "Ludicrous": fastest 0-60 mph production car



760hp induction machine, 100kWh battery, 0-60mph in <2.3s, price \$135k

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## Acceleration

Only 2 cars accelerate faster - ever



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## Range

### Current vehicles

Premium vehicles  
(>200 miles)



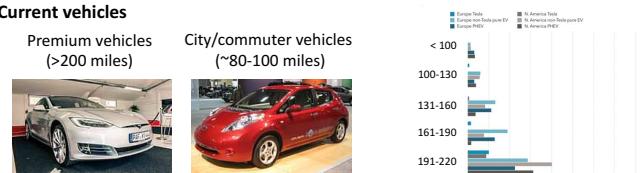
City/commuter vehicles  
(~80-100 miles)



### Driver expectations

- “Sound barrier” ~ 200 miles
- “Range anxiety anxiety”

Next Gen. EV Range Expectations (in miles)



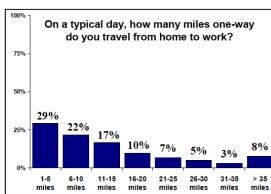
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## Range

### Commute

- US average: <15 miles
- European average even lower



### Occasional travel

- Longer ranges beneficial
- (Fast) charging infrastructure



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## EV Owners

### EV adoption

- Early adoption: “Trendy greens” and “TCO sensitives”
- Cost-competitiveness (TCO or purchase) is critical for large-scale adoption

### Fleets

- (Partial) adoption of EV makes often sense
- Particularly, if driving patterns are predictable and many miles per vehicle per year



Source: “EVolution – Electric Vehicles in Europe: Gearing up for a New Phase,” McKinsey and Company, 2017

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## Electric Vehicles Environmental Impacts

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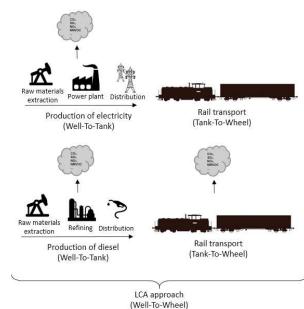
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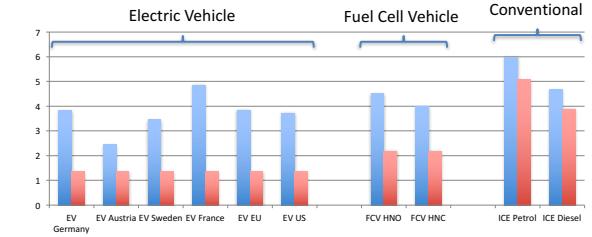


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### Fuel consumption (l\_gas\_eq/100km)



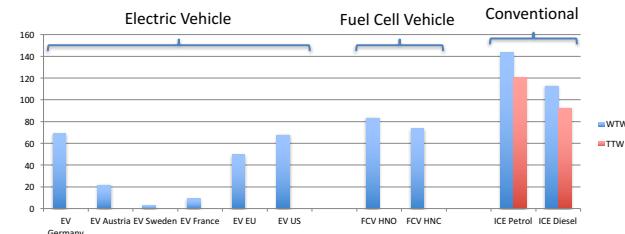
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## MPLab

### Emissions (g\_CO2\_eq/km)



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## Electric Vehicles Market Projections

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## Electric Vehicle Outlook

- Electric Vehicles gain significant market shares starting 2025-2030 when unsubsidized EV become price competitive
- May consume 5% of the global el. energy (2040): 1,800TWh from 6TWh (2016)

Figure 1: Annual global light duty vehicle sales

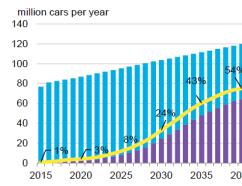
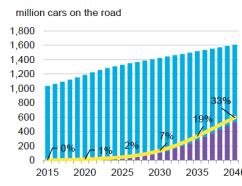


Figure 2: Global light duty vehicle fleet



Source: "Electric Vehicle Outlook 2017," Bloomberg New Energy Finance, 2017

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## Short and Long-term Outlook

- Short-term sales penetration is higher in Europe, U.S., and China
- PHEV play a role short term (until 2025)
- BEV are more attractive long term

Figure 5: Short-term EV sales penetration by country

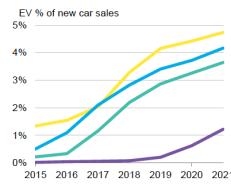
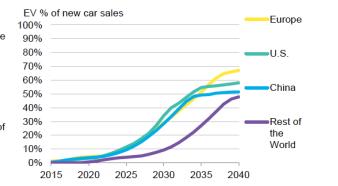


Figure 6: Long-term EV sales penetration by country



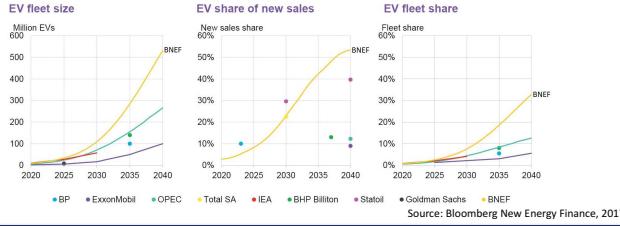
Source: Bloomberg New Energy Finance, 2017

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## Predictions of Different Sources (including Big Oil)

- Predictions vary by source
- IEA, Exxon Mobil, BP, and Statoil ASA roughly doubled predictions in 2017



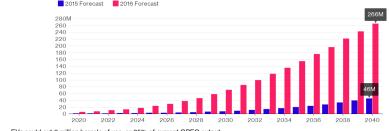
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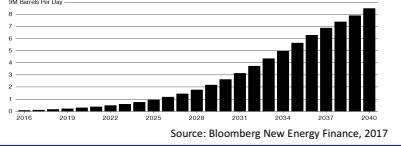
## OPEC

- OPEC's forecast grew by 500% 12% market share by 2040

OPEC's electric vehicle forecast grew by almost 500% last year



EVs could cut 8 million barrels of oil, or 25% of current OPEC output



Source: Bloomberg New Energy Finance, 2017

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## Battery Costs

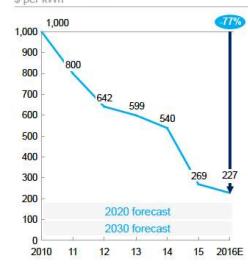
### Electric Vehicle Market Predictions

- Battery prices fall rapidly

### Claims

- Tesla (battery pack) \$190/kWh in 2017 <\$100/kWh in 2020
- GM (LG cells for Bolt) \$145/kWh in 2016
- Audi (e-tron quattro concept cells) 100 €/kWh in 2017

Average battery pack price \$ per kWh



Source: "EVolution – Electric Vehicles in Europe: Gearing up for a New Phase," McKinsey and Company, 2017

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## EV Drivetrains

### Overall

- Pure IEC plays minor role after ~2030
- Exact drivetrains remain uncertain

### Regulation Dependency

- Low emission scenario: BEV and FCEV
- High emission scenario: HEV keep playing a role

'Very strict regulation leads to a 10% Below -10°

'Cap of 10 g CO<sub>2</sub>/km in 2050

ICE (optimized)

BEV

FCEV

REEV

HEV

'Cap of 40 g CO<sub>2</sub>/km in 2050

ICE (optimized)

BEV

FCEV

REEV

HEV

Long-term HEV and REEV / BEV existence leads to a dual powertrain scenario

'Little change in regulation leads to a world of hybrids and BEVs

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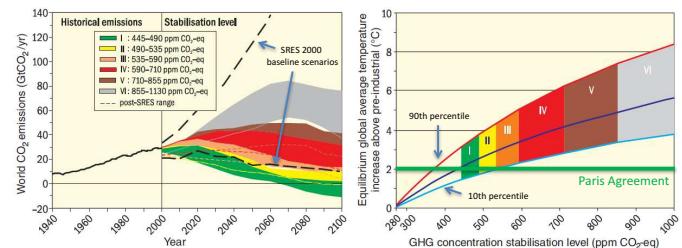
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## Power System Upcoming Policies

## Climate Projections



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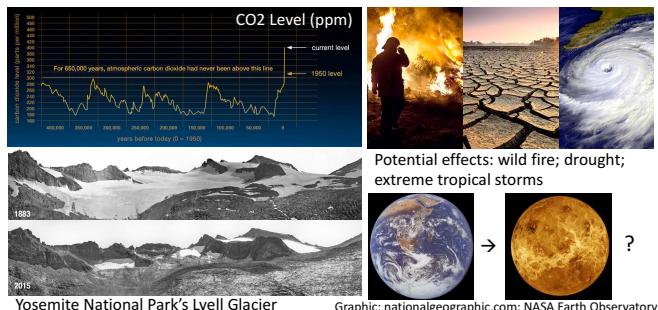
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## Global Warming

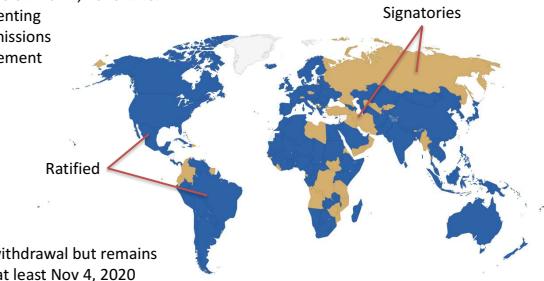


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## Paris Agreement

Entered into force on Nov 4, 2016 when  
55 States representing  
55% of global emissions  
ratified the agreement



Graphic: climateanalytics.org (2017)

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## Paris Agreement

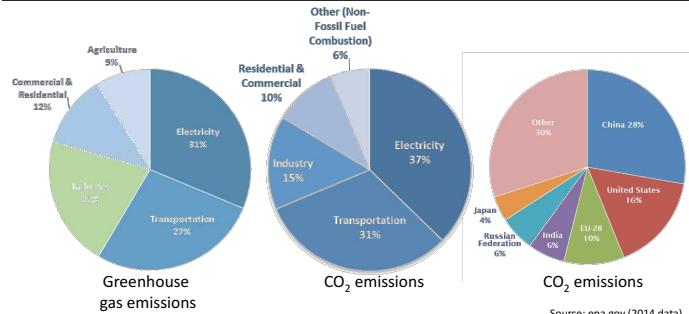
- Limit average global temperature <2 C above pre-industrial levels**  
pursue efforts to limit the temperature <1.5 C above pre-industrial levels
- Increasing the ability to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change and foster climate resilience and low greenhouse gas emissions development, in a manner that does not threaten food production.
- Making finance flows consistent with a pathway towards low greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient development.

Countries aim to reach "global peaking of greenhouse gas emissions as soon as possible".

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## US Emissions



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Source: epa.gov (2014 data)

## Energy Policies

### Emission-free Renewable Energy

- Hawaii State House Bill 623:  
100% renewables by 2045 (up from ~10%)
- California  
50% renewables by 2030 (up from ~27%)
- NY State Clean Energy Standard  
50% renewables by 2030 (up from ~24%)
- NY is replacing Indian Point Nuclear Power plant (2GW) with renewables by 2021



### Grid controllability

- NY will need for 4GW of multi-hour grid-level storage by 2030
- DER aggregation

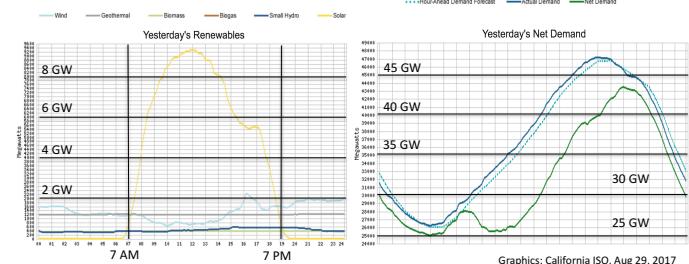
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## Demand: California Example

### Power mix: 29% Renewables (14% Solar, 8.7% Wind)



Graphics: California ISO, Aug 29, 2017

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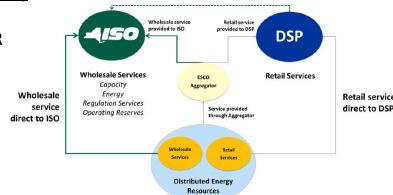
## Distributed Energy Resources (DER)

### Retail services

- Retail service provided to DSP, e.g. demand-response

### Wholesale services (upcoming in US)

- Provide any capacity, energy, and ancillary services, that DER are physically able to provide
- DER aggregation around a given transmission node
- Treated equivalently to "conventional" sources
- EV can be a powerful DER



Graphics: NY ISO

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## Vehicle - Grid Interface Charging Standards

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## AC Charging

### SAE J1772 (US): Type 1 (1φ or split phase)

- Level 1: 120V single-phase, 16A, 1.92kW
- Level 2: 208-240V split-phase, 12-80A, 2.5-19.5kW
- Level 3 (pending): 208-240 V, 11.6-96 kW
- Typical connector: "Yazaki" (1φ)  
120 V 12 A or 16 A to 240 V 32 A or 80 A



Graphics: wikipedia.org

### IEC 62196 (Europe): Type 2/3 (1φ 250V or 3φ 400V)

- Mode 1: max 16A, passive (no communication)
- Mode 2: max 32A, semi-active
- Typical connector: "Mennekes" (1φ/3φ)  
230V 16 A up to 400V 63 A (3.7-43.5 kW)

### Future:

~100kW

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## DC Charging

### CHAdeMO

- Up to 62.5 kW of direct current (500 V<sub>dc</sub>, 125 A)
- Nissan, Mitsubishi, Toyota

### Combined Charging System (CCS): AC+DC

- 200–450 V<sub>dc</sub> and up to 90 kW
- VW, GM, BMW, Daimler, Ford, FCA, Tesla, and Hyundai

### Tesla Supercharger

- Up to 120 kW

### Future:

~350kW, up to 1kV



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## Wireless Charging – Inductive Charging

### Magne Charge

- Used by GM EV1 and some other models



Graphics: wikipedia.org

### Recent

- AUDI Wireless Charging (AWC) 3.6kW charger (2016)
- Bombardier-Transportation PRIMOVE 3.6kW charger (2015)

### Systems

- Several cities (London, Turin) test inductive charging for busses

## Smart Interoperation

### Vehicle to X (V2x)

## EV and Grid

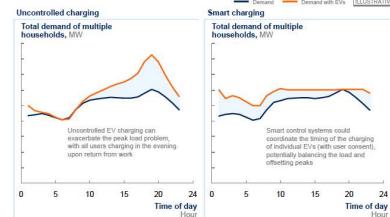
Large-scale EV adoption will deeply impact grid, e.g.

EVs charging upon return from work further increase afternoon peak

Grid readiness defines if EV are a managed problem or active solution.

### Load-shifting

- Shift EV charging to low demand periods, e.g. night



Source: "EVolution – Electric Vehicles in Europe: Gearing up for a New Phase," McKinsey and Company, 2017

## EV and Grid

### Vehicle to Grid (V2G)

- EV can (potentially) provide energy to grid
- EV can participate in wholesale market
- Particularly valuable services in presence of renewables
  - Real-time energy market
  - Ancillary (regulation) services

### Vehicle to Home (V2H)

- A fully charged EV can power a home for 1 to several days
- Arbitrage: provide energy to home when tariffs are high (evenings)
- Backup power

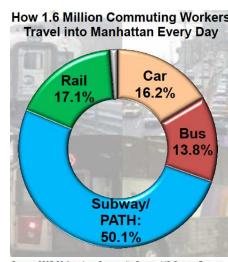
## New York Example

### Grid and Vehicle Charging Infrastructure

- Approx. 129,600 workers/day commute to Manhattan by car

### If half of them charge an electric vehicle at work

- 3.7kW Level 2 charging: +0.5GW (too slow)
- 10-20kW Level 2 charging: **+1.3GW to +2.6GW**
- 50kW Level 3 charging: **+6.5GW**
- Next gen. DC fast charging (350kW): +45.4GW
- +7.8GWh of batteries on the network (with 60kWh/car)



Source: 2005-09 American Community Survey, US Census Bureau

\*NOTE: Assumes that all Manhattan residents travel to jobs in Manhattan

## Summary

## Summary

- EV sales grow significantly after about 2020
- (Fast) charging infrastructure needed  
Competing DC standards
- EV can further strain or support the future grid  
with high penetration of renewables

## The End

**Thank you.**

## Smart and Energy-Efficient Buildings

A SENSING, COMMUNICATIONS, AND DATA ANALYTICS PERSPECTIVE

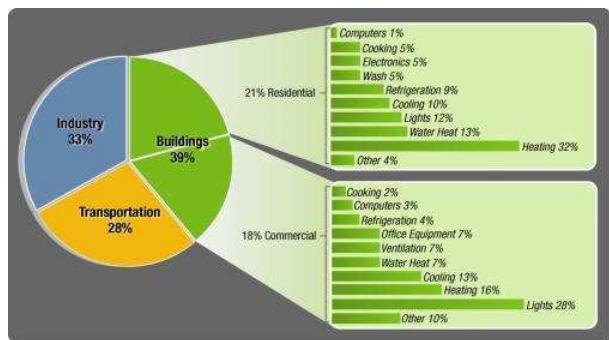
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## Commercial Buildings



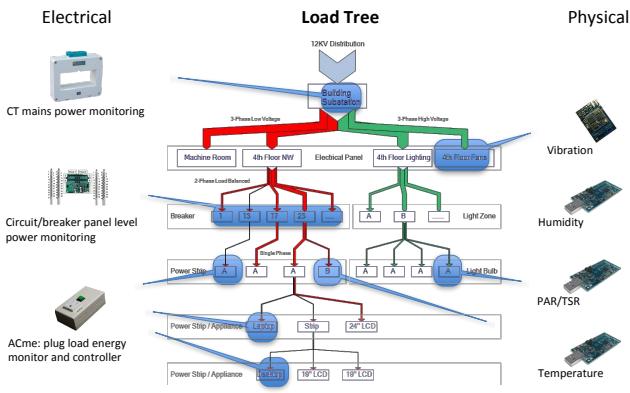
Source: The 2016 U.S. Energy Information Administration

## Existing Solution Inadequate

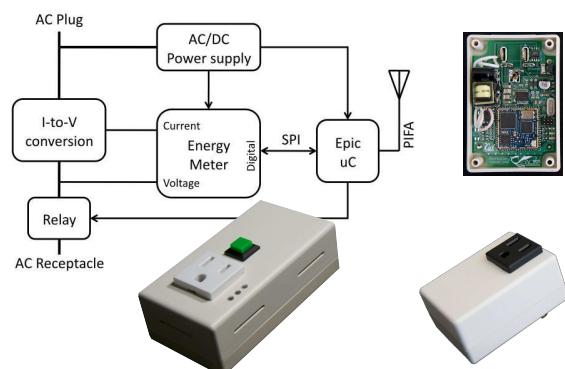
- Mega-watt light bulb
- Aggregate in time
  - Monthly, daily
  - 15 min in newer ones
- Aggregate in space
  - Whole building level
  - Circuit / breaker panel level
- Need detailed visibility



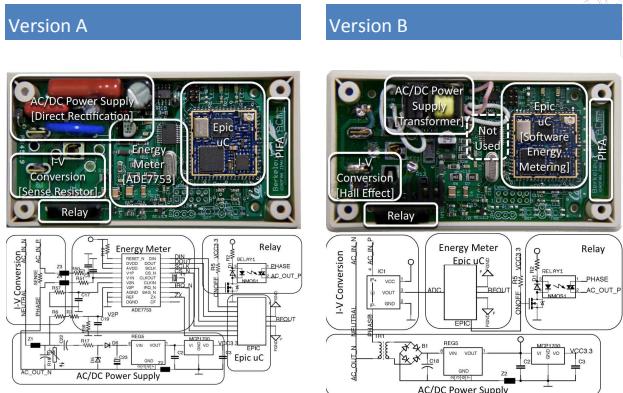
## Measuring and Sensing



## ACme Wireless IPv6 Plug-load Monitor



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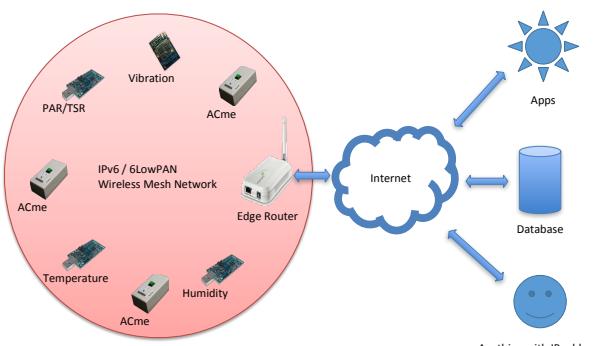
## ACme Rev.A vs Rev.B

Version A	Version B
• Resistor + direct rectification + energy metering chip	• Hall-Effect + step-down transformer + software
• Real, reactive, apparent power (power factor)	• Apparent power
• Idle power 1W	• Idle power 0.1W
• Low CPU utilization	• Medium CPU utilization

Version-C

A tradeoff between fidelity and efficiency

## Networking Architecture

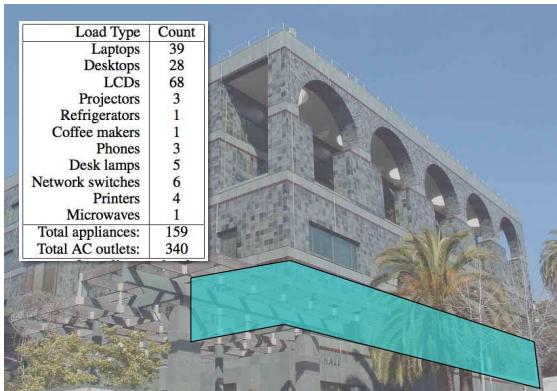


## ACme Node Level API

Node API function	Purpose
<code>read() -&gt; (energy, power)</code>	<i>Read current measurements</i>
<code>report(ip_addr, rate) -&gt; Null</code>	<i>Begin sending data</i>
<code>switch(state) -&gt; Null</code>	<i>Control the SSR</i>

- ASCII shell component running on UDP port provides direct access to individual ACme node:
- Adjust sampling parameter
- Debug network connection
- Over-the-air reprogramming
- Separate binary UDP port for data
- Periodic report to ip\_addr at frequency rate

## Deployment



## Deployment



- 38 AC plug-load meters



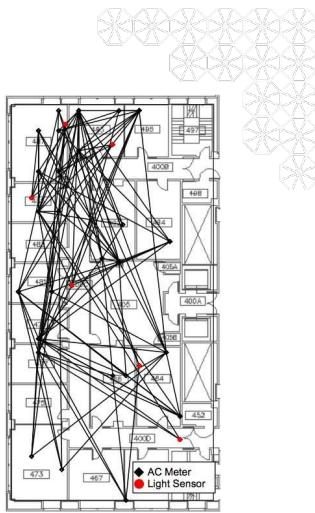
- 6 light sensors



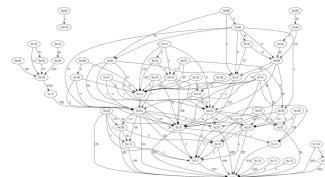
- 1 vibration sensor

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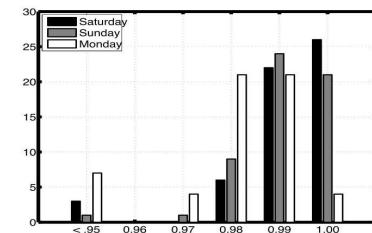
- Ad-hoc deployment
- Un-planned
- Online “registration” using ID and KEY
- Meta data collection
- Security
- Online for over a year
- 20 million rows



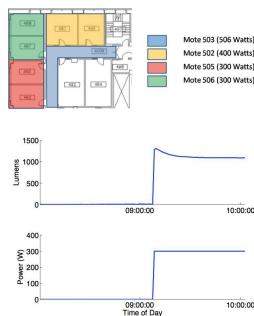
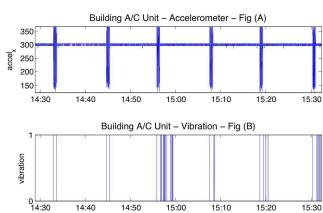
## Network Performance



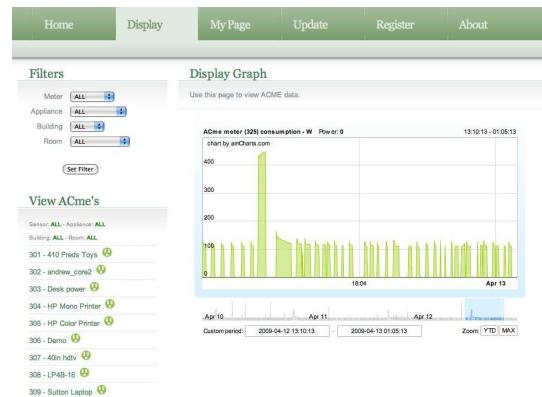
- 44 nodes
- Single edge router
- 802.11 interference (on channel 19)



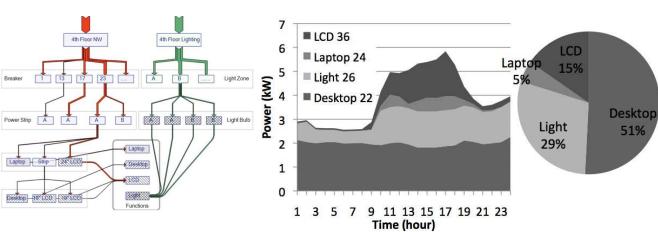
## Indirect Sensing



## Visualisation Portal

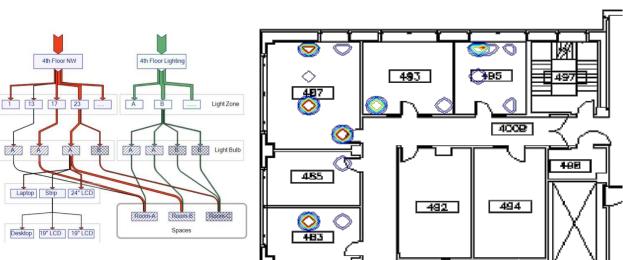


## Functional Re-aggregation



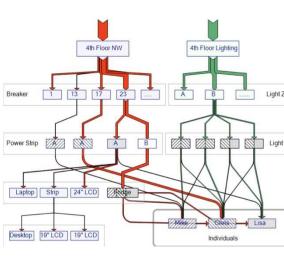
Re-aggregation helps reveal where energy is wasted so that we can act to reduce usage

## Spatial Re-aggregation

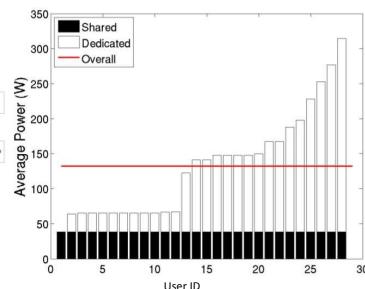


Where to concentrate effort

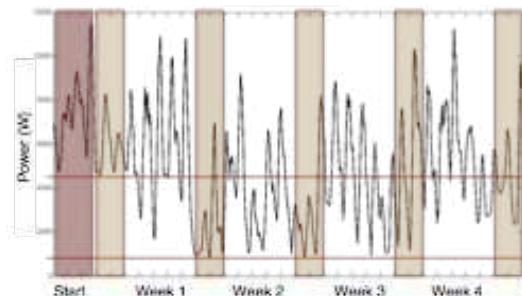
## Individual Re-aggregation



And who to blame



## Improvements in Energy Usage

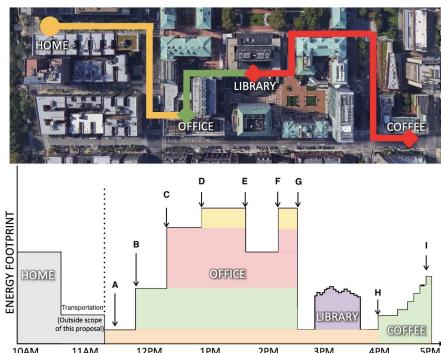


## High-Fidelity Wireless Building Energy Monitoring

- Identify where energy goes in a building
  - Understanding the load tree
  - Disaggregating energy consumption
  - Actionable for reduction
  - Re-aggregation
- 300 ACme's have been deployed at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL)
- Hundreds of ACme's have been sold through [moteware.com](http://moteware.com) to universities and companies around the world, including the U.S., Taiwan, China, Italy, and Singapore.

## Energy Footprinting

- Map out a person's **energy foot-print** in real-time
- Enable **accountability** of energy use in commercial buildings
- Provide **personal and real-time feedback** of energy impact of everyday interactions
- Creating **actionable feedback / suggestions**



## Challenges

- Apportionment Policy**  
Fair apportionment policy in complex, variable shared scenarios

- Scalability**  
Scalable with building area, energy updates, and location changes



In Commercial Buildings

Occupants in commercial buildings have little knowledge of the effects of their actions on their energy consumption.



- Real-timeliness**  
Real-time and low latency feedback



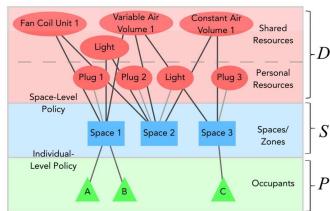
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Easy deployment across diverse types of buildings with disparate infrastructure

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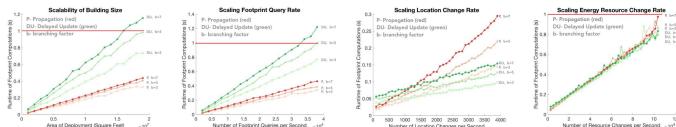
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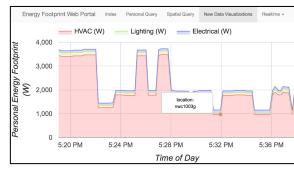
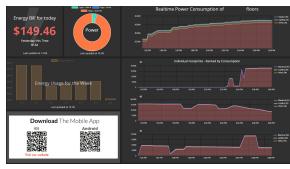
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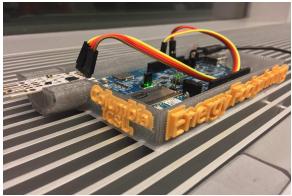


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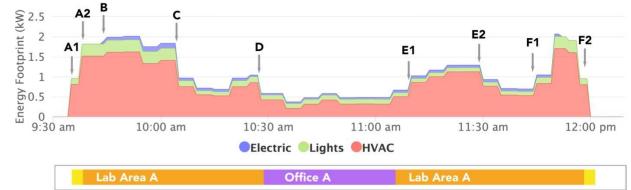
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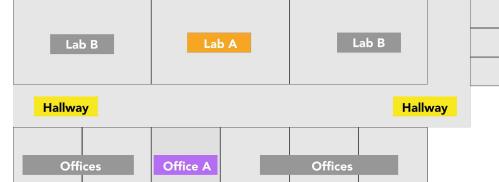


## Live Energy Footprint

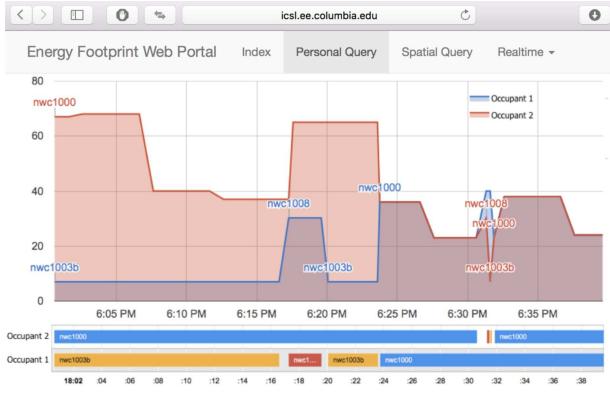


### Deployment

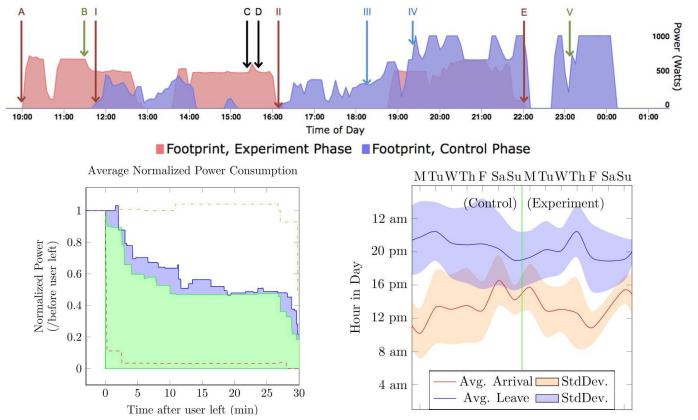
Easy **deployment** across diverse types of buildings with disparate infrastructure



## 2 Users Crossing Path



## Energy Savings



## Minigrid Field Experiences

IOT without the internet

Jack Bott and Ji Jia

### Acacia Irrigation



### Shared Solar



### Shared Solar : Station



### Why Shared Solar? i.e. Why Share Generation?

**Users** would prefer their own systems but it is more expensive, it is unlikely utilization will be 100% if reliability is high

**Operators** want the lowest possible maintenance and generation cost to increase revenue

## Build a Sustainable System

Continually generate revenue (Only a functioning system generates revenue)

At minimum set price per kWh to cover maintenance costs

## Highlighted Challenges

1. Collecting from customers
2. Communicating with customers
3. Monitoring power
4. System monitoring/communication w/No reliable online service.
5. Cash safety/secure transactions
6. Maintenance
7. Avoiding Power Theft

## LOW Cost

Cost efficiency on sales, collecting money, billing and management.

Low system power consumption.

## For locations with little to no network connection

Control must be self contained and simple enough to be performed locally

Systems must be robust enough to last where no maintenance or notification of failure is possible

Self maintaining



## Cash Safety/Secure System

Credit Safety

Transaction Safety

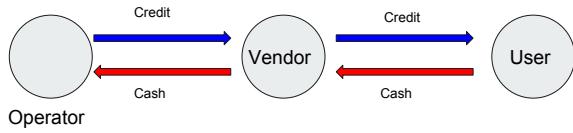
Prevent Theft

## Operating Model

Operator > Vendor > User



## Credit and Cash Flow

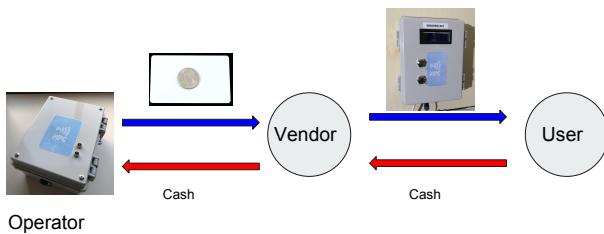


## Support System

Website & Operator Module  
Transfer credit and identification with NFC cards  
Offline payment system

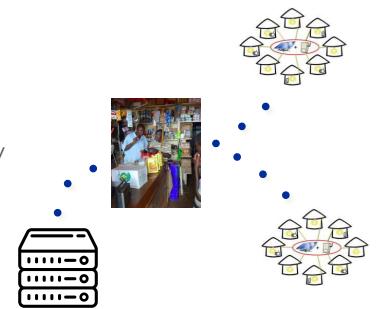


## System Flow Diagram



## Security

Encrypted card transactions protected by central secure server. (AES 256)  
Multiple checks on data accuracy ex: encryption, defined data format, checksums, private IDs, unique IDs  
Encrypted transactions from operator to customer.  
Vendor Card Security



## Units installed in Ruhiira, Uganda



## Shared Solar: Minigrid Controller



## Shared Solar: Smart Meter

10 User Capacity

1 Watt Accuracy

Ethernet Communication

Latching Relay



## Shared Solar : Operator



SharedSolar Minigrid Management Hi kekedou007@gmail.com Log Out

Minigrid Name: UG01 - Nyarushanje  
ID: 55386238-3936-3237-3262-426362663139  
Error code: {}  
Status: {}  
Payment system ID: a10f6ea3-9b7f-46d8-8fb8-1e1806123d5  
New payment system ID (note that this will change the encryption key):

Vendor list  Customer list  Maintenance card list  Write credit card

## Local Trainings



## Thank You



Jack Bott  
Mechatronics Engineer  
Quadracci Sustainable Engineering Lab (QSEL), Columbia University



Ji Jia  
Systems Engineer  
Quadracci Sustainable Engineering Lab (QSEL), Columbia University

# ICT and Electricity Services

- an interactive dialogue towards a knowledge platform

Vijay Modi  
Columbia University

## Outline

- Geospatial data: Assessment/Design/Management, Ariel
- Sensing, logic, control for Monitoring, Operation, Maintenance
- Digitizing the Utility
- Monitoring: Prerit Agrawal and Shazim Chapra
- Renewable Integration: Balki Iyer
- Commercial Operations: Yash Khaitan
- Electrification of Heating (vijay)
- Electric Vehicles: Matthias Preindl
- Sensing + Communications, wireless: Fred Jiang
- Unique ID, Bank accounts, cashless, Mobile money, payment systems:

## Electricity sector

Reliable Access + Efficiency + Renewable Integration:  
cost-effectively

Changes in sector: RE, DSM, prosumers  
Old problems meeting new

## DISTRIBUTION SECTOR IN MANY LOW AND MIDDLE INCOME COUNTRIES (NOT ALL)

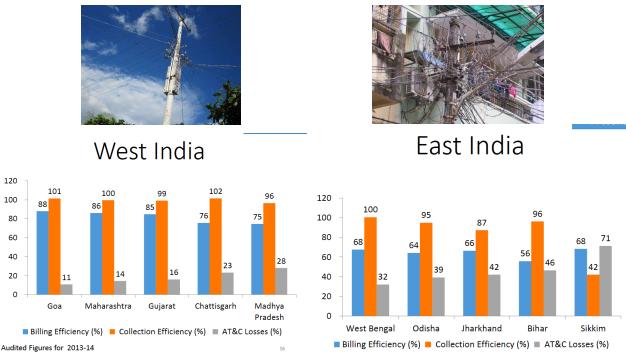
### What comes first?

- Generation
  - Transmission
  - Distribution
  - Customer
- 
- Transaction costs, politics, unbundling..
  - Quality of supply, high losses same places
  - Vicious cycle

Example: INDIA, Average annual losses of the power sector: \$10 Billion, over about 150 million consumers



Grid: costs, losses, subsidies, tariffs, transparent transactions, payment sys



## Death Spiral due to poor financial accounting

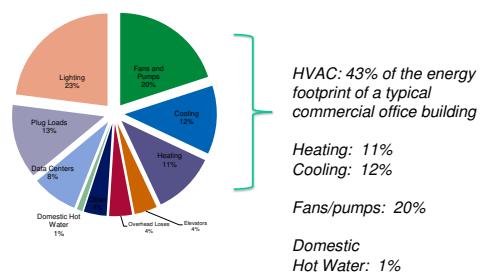
- Losses/debt not due to wonderful service
- Continued losses/decline
- Generation units rather accept lower PLF than supply
- So reliability could get worse
- Huge exposure to the banking sector
- Temptation to impose high tariffs
- Paying customers suffer, large consumers go captive

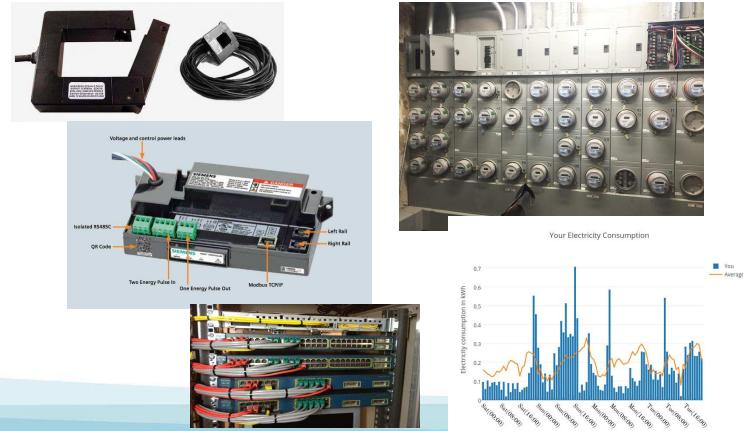
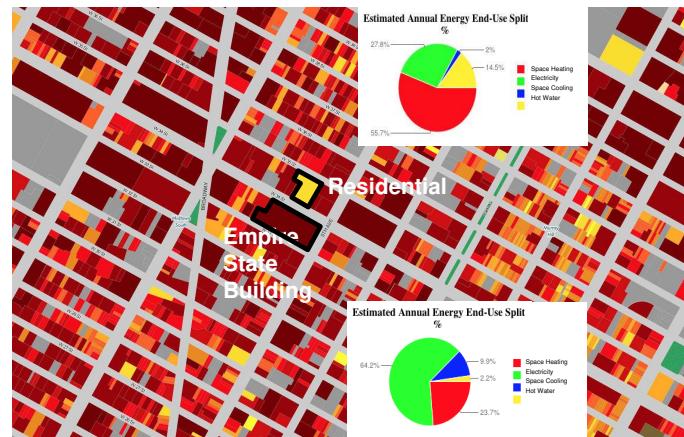
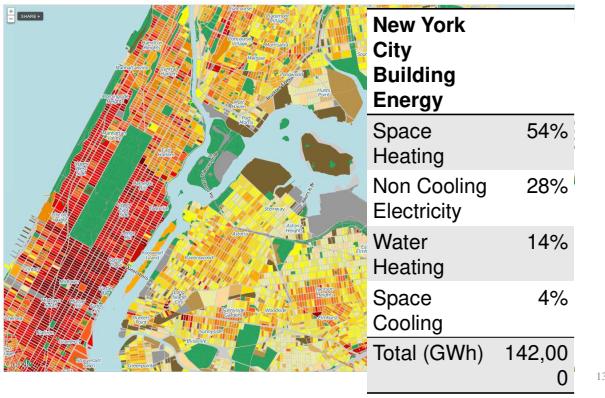
## Options: enabling ICT technologies

- Conventional Meter- but digital data, can be downloaded or picked up by truck roll
- Protocols for identifying which transformer and which customer
- Low-cost smart meter: digital data + latching relay + communications
- Prepaid or Pay-as-you-go
- Payment Systems



### ASHRAE Study for Typical Commercial Office Building



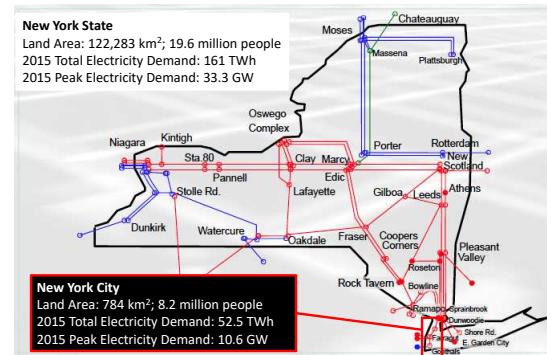


Example: WILL USE study of New York city and new york state

Deep Integration of Renewables

## Key observations

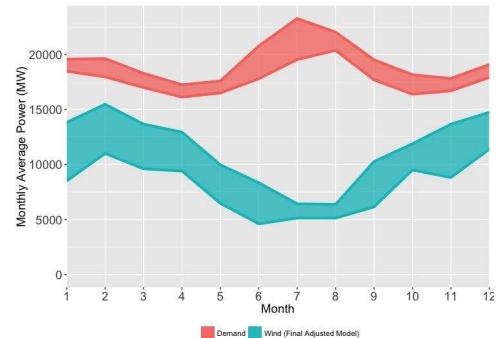
- State/City's 80 by 50 plan
- Efficiency, renewables, elec of heat/transport
- Deep integration of wind
- Changes to demand profile
- Existing infrastructure plays a key role
- IMP: Being COST-EFFECTIVE in your shift
- Low capacity factor techs



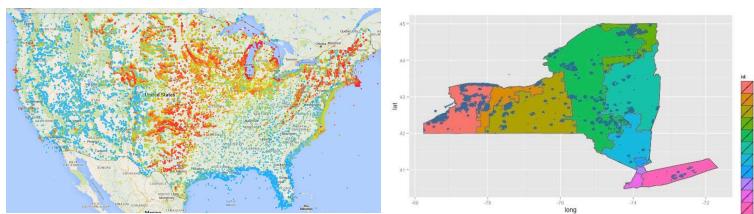
## Current New York State Generation Mix

Source	% of Total NYS Electricity Generation (2014)
Natural Gas	41%
Nuclear	31%
Hydro	18%
Coal	3%
Wind	3%
Fuel Oil	1.5%
Other	2%

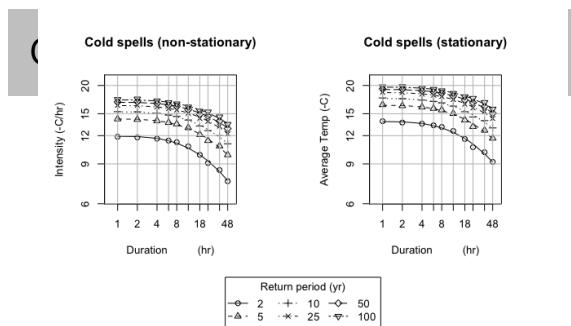
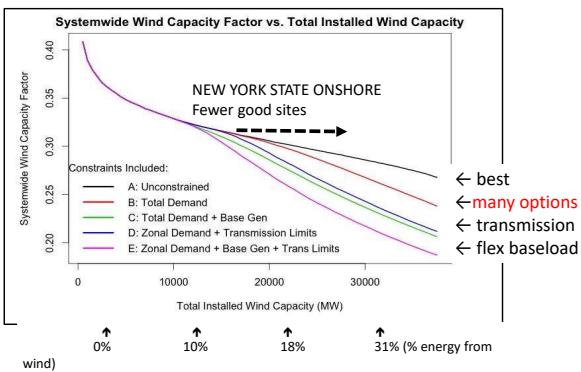
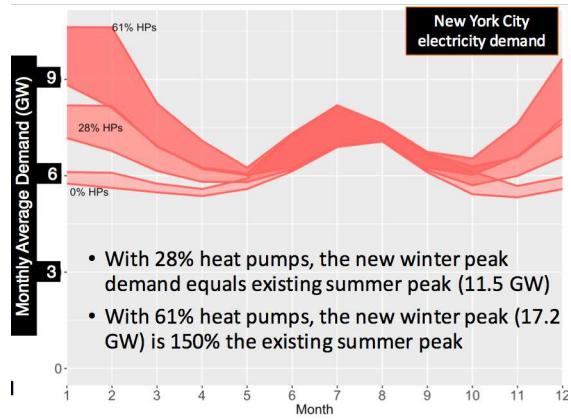
Ranges of Monthly Average New York State Demand and Wind Power Potential in 6-Year Period (2007-2012)



## Simulating Wind Power Expansion in New York



- 37.8 GW wind capacity identified in New York State
- Model data significantly overpredicts electricity generated  
=> Adjusted model data based on logit transform of predicted values



## What will scale in LICs first?

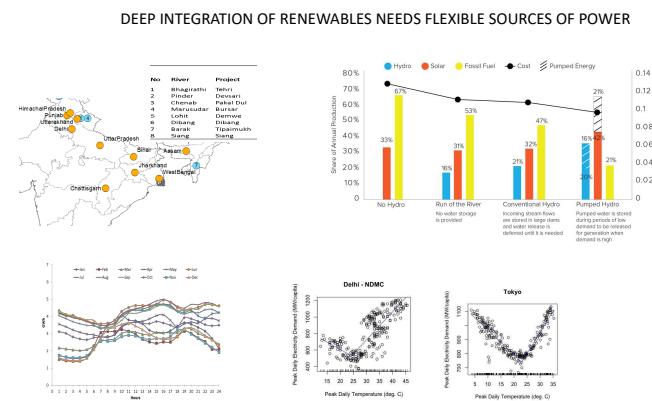
### Flexibility- examples, L-M ICs

- Hydro → adjustable speed, dispatch
- Irrigation (huge potential in India), pumps
- Appliances (operate over wider voltages)
- AMI/ low-cost meters, driver: non tech losses
- Distribution auto (new + low cost deploy)
- Existing grid: overlay and augment
- Renewables
- Thermal storage and New electric vehicles

Time to mature fully

- Expensive to retrofit, even deploy sensors
- Storage: PHS, Grid-scale battery, Electro-fuels
- Real-time market mechanisms, DSM
- Power Electronics, initially without comm..
- Dynamic Balancing, PMUs
- Volt-VAR control, Power Flow Control
- Appliance-level control, communications

### HOSTING CAPACITY- through data



## Hydropower: changing role operation than new build out

**Offgrid:** single home, only solar/wind, hard w/out storage

**Option 1:** 3 kWh/month & \$10 /month  
LED, phone, small fan/TV **small solar home system.**

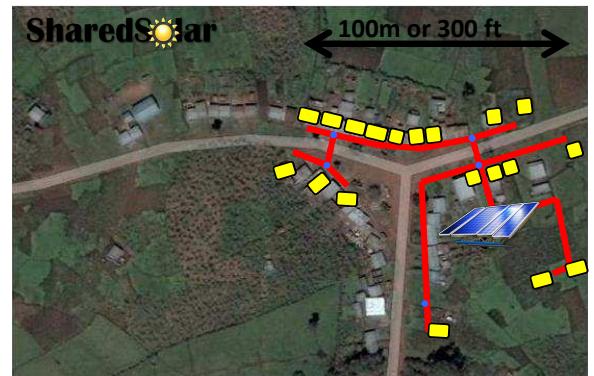
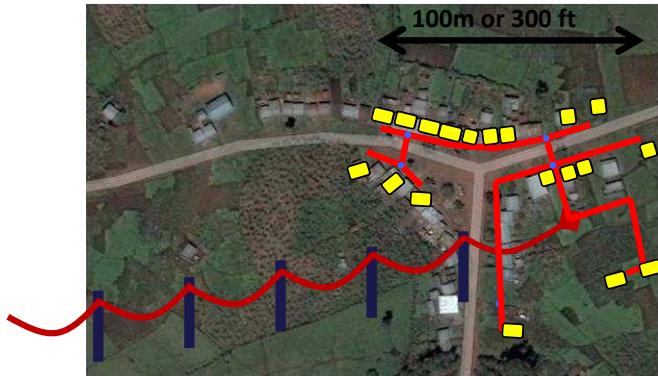
**Option 2:** 100 kWh/month & \$10 to \$15/month; lots of light/electronics + fridge + some cooking + AC + pump **GRID**

Challenge: Can we do 20 kWh at \$10/month? **YES**

Can 20 kWh do the work of 40?

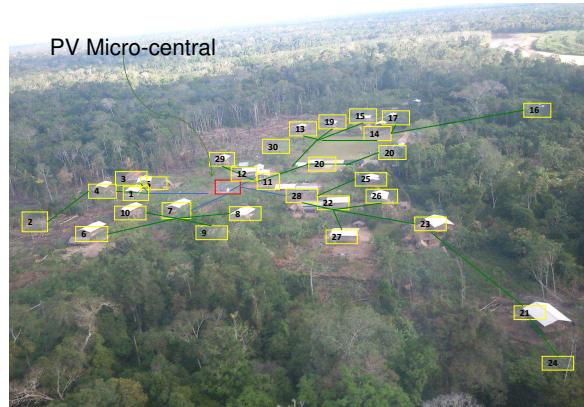
## Incremental Infrastructure

- Where demand more than just for small loads one could start local and where/when economic demand densities become high enough and cheaper sources available one can interconnect
- Keeps initial investments small and modular
- Allows demand grows and entrepreneurship to emerge organically





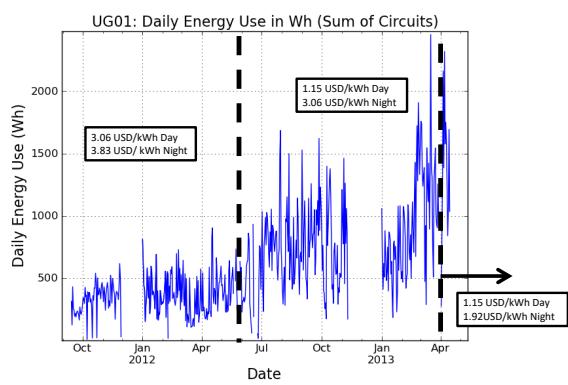
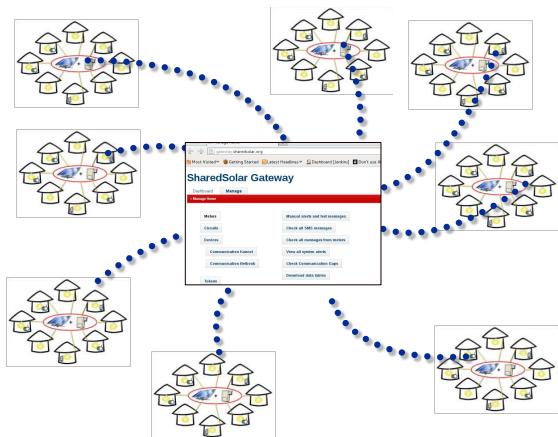
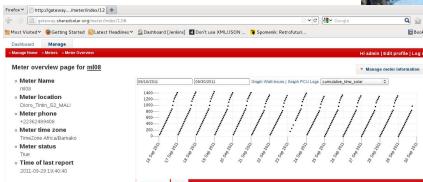
<b>GENERATION</b>	<b>DISTRIBUTION</b>	<b>IN. WIRE/APP</b>
<b>PRIVATE</b>	<b>PUBLIC</b>	<b>TARIFF</b>
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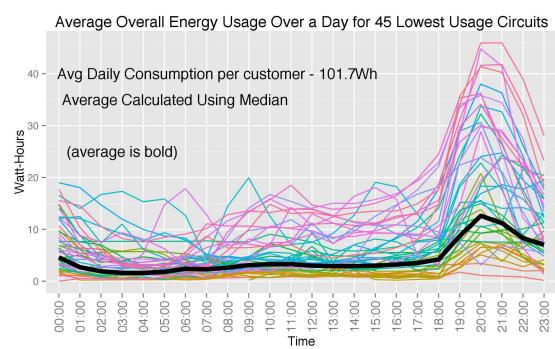
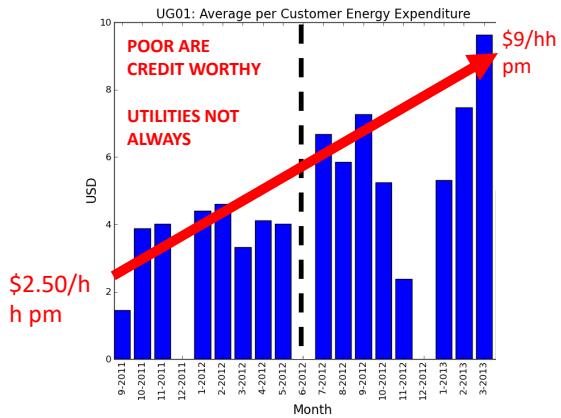
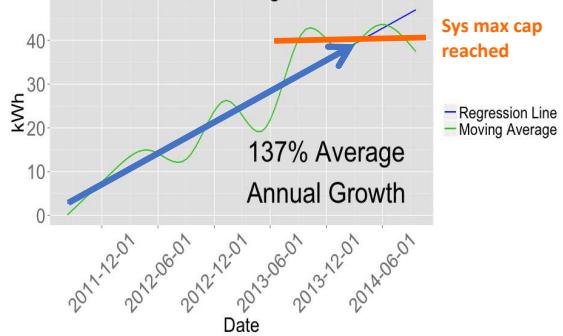
**PRE-PAID  
PAY-AS-YOU-GO**

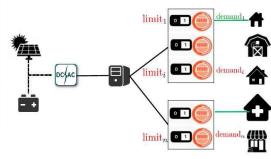
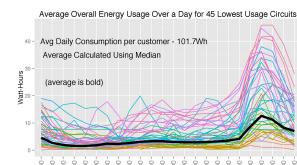
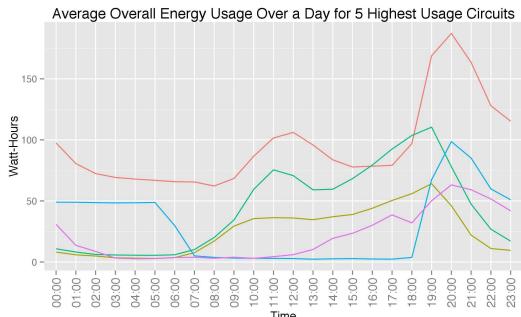
#### ENTERPRISE MGMT

+ PERFORMANCE  
VERIFICATION

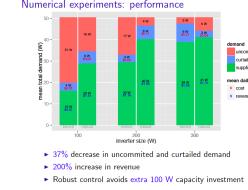


Moving Average with Regression line  
for Monthly Energy Usage for Systems  
in Ruhira, Uganda

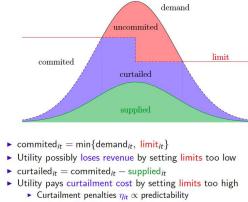




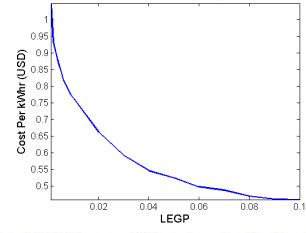
Numerical experiments: performance



Reliability: utility's commitment and curtailment



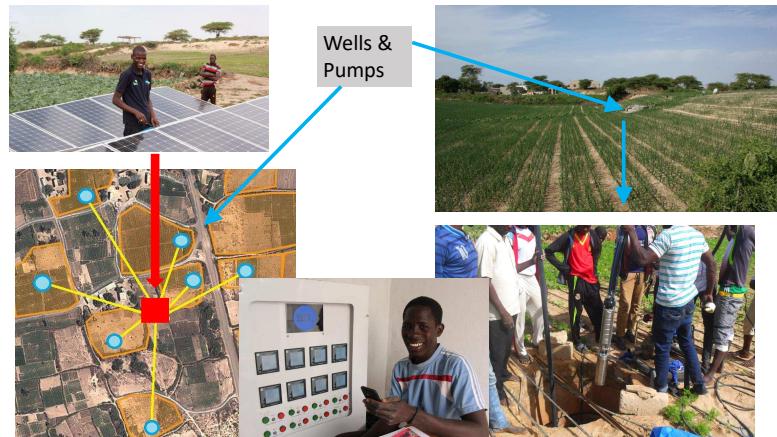
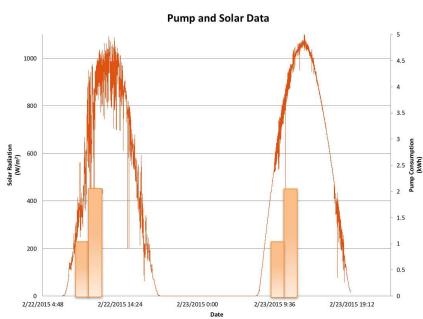
Cost versus Reliability



Cost in USD/kW-hr versus LEGP of micro-grid with refrigerator base load. The simulation uses the insolation profile from Segou, Mali. LEGPs range from 0.001 to 0.10. The cost for a reliability is the optimal combination of PV generation and battery storage which achieves that reliability. Thus, PV generation and battery storage capacity do not have a fixed ratio.

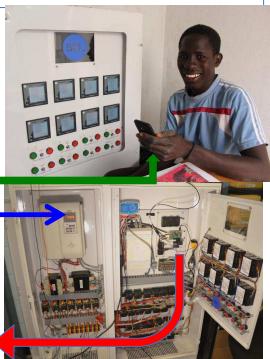
99.9% Reliability  $\leftarrow$  90.0% Reliability

Scheduling load: pump operates when sun shines: can reduce need for storage, lower price power



## VFD/Control/Payment

- No Batteries!
- Inverter/VFD
- 415V, 3ph, 50 Hz
- Microprocessor
- Payment app



Some examples  
Disruptive  
Exponential  
Test/Standard/Specify