

Highly Resilient and Utilized Energy Infrastructure

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The US Grid is Changing!





Arriving at a Cheap Power Super Highway?





DERs and Rise of the Grid's Edge

Benefits of DERs

DER Deployment Status



SIEMENS "The Utility View of Achieving Agility in the Distributed Energy Era Through a Holistic and Flexible Digitalization Approach", 2017



The Increasing Importance of Resiliency



Resiliency - System improvements that prevent or reduce the impact on reliability and ability of the system to recover quickly after adverse events

- Prevent and minimize damage
- Enable continued operation
- Rapidly return to normal

RESILIENCY IS MORE THAN RELIABILITY



"Economic Benefits of Increasing Electric Grid Resilience to Weather Outages", EOP 2013



Utilization of Grid Assets

Power Line Utilization = Maximum Demand / Rated Capacity

- 45%-55% due to contingency (NERC standards)
- Power losses increase with line utilization (4% vs. 20%)
- Transmission system is near peak loading for 40% of year
- Distribution system is near peak loading for 10% of year





Tight T&D Integration is Critical!

Plan T&D jointly

- Incorporate local resources into broader area planning & analysis
- Determine optimal location and sizing of grid assets
- Account for supply and demand flexibility

Operate T&D jointly

- Dispatch distributed generation in coordination with bulk generation
- Coordinate flexible loads & DERs with bulk generation & storage
- Mitigate the effects of extreme operating conditions



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Technology Gaps – Tools Missing

Simulation	 Develop multi-scale simulation tools accounting for increasing DER deployment and "edge" effects
Planning	Enable optimal, cost-effective grid asset additions and upgrades
Market Design	Conduct T&D market analysis and design
Operation	Balance the system over larger areas and across T&D



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