Renewable energy and the smart grid

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Pleasure to be in Kyoto

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My main message

 Why future growth of renewable energy resources – broadly accepted as a major paradigm shift in the electricity sector – cannot be achieved without a more accommodating, more robust, and more capable grid

The term "smart grid" gets in the way

Proposed outline

- First: What paradigm shift?
- Second: What new demands on old grid?
- Third: What implementation challenges remain?

Smart Grid Nov 2011



First What paradigm change?

- 1. More reliable grid
- 2. Better balancing of supply & demand in real time
- 3. Integrating intermittent renewable energy
- 4. Accommodating distributed generation
- 5 Two-way conduit connecting loads to resources
- 6. Support "prices-to-devices" revolution

Aug 03 Northeast Blackout Need a more reliable grid



Better balancing of load/generation CA's summer peaks are aggravated by flat pricing



Source: David Hungerford, CEC

80% by 2050! German target post Fukushima



Distributed generation California Gov. envisions 12 GW of DG by 2025

Residential Retrofit



Commercial & Public



New Production Homes



Power Plants



Zero Net Energy

Grid as two-way conduit connecting loads to resources



Prices-to-devices

Delivering smart prices to smart devices



Source: A. Faruqui, Brattle Group, Aug 2010

664 TWh EE potential EPRI claims 14% energy <u>reduction</u> possible by 2030



Source: A. Faruqui, Brattle Group, Aug 2010

Demand Response

As much as 20% of US peak load may be managed by DR



Second New demands on old grid

- Existing grid not capable of handling new requirements
 - Reliability
 - Real-timer balancing
 - Renewable integration
 - Distributed generation
 - Connecting loads & resources as a "conduit"
 - Prices-to-devices

Balancing in real time Based on simulated CA data for 25 July 2012, MW



Source:

Wind not available when needed CA wind capacity during all-time summer peak load in 2006



Source:

Think of it as massive battery

Or DG on wheels



Third Implementation challenges remain

- Enormous up-front costs, elusive distant gains
 - How do we finance, how do we distribute pains/gains?
- Investment, regulatory & policy misalignments
 - Utilities, are by and large, heavily regulated & slow to act
- Technology a lot more is expected
 - Rapidly evolving on multiple fronts
- Integration
 - Getting various components to "synergize" is major challenge
- Implementation & execution
 - What is easy on paper is often difficult in practice
- Managing public expectations
 - Many more painful lessons to be learned along the way



Few take away points

- Current grid may <u>not</u> be smart but ain't dumb
 - Considered a significant "engineering achievement"
- Rapid progress on multiple fronts
 - Ample funding, R&D and entrepreneurial zest
- Expect more setbacks/surprises
 - Regulators reluctant to mandate dynamic pricing
 - Small but vocal opposition to smart meters, data privacy, etc
 - No panacea, but a critical step in right direction
 - Driven by desire for cleaner/greener/more efficient future



Most likely NOT used

RPS mandates in WECC



Source: Black & Veatch

US wind

US wind capacity, annual & cumulative, GW



Source: 2010 Wind Technologies Market Report, Ryan Wiser and Mark Bolinger, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, June 2011

Rising double digits

Wind generations as % of total electricity consumption



Source: 2010 Wind Technologies Market Report, Ryan Wiser and Mark Bolinger, LBL, June 2011

Smart Grid It is contagious



Source: Smart from the start, PwC, 2010

Renewables are for real SunPower claims it can install 1 MW per day



EV Penetration

Alternative projections of # EVs on PG&E system



EVs massive load on network A fast charging EV more than an entire house load

Customers will prefer a 240V charge to shorten recharge times PEV charging is a large load for PG&E customers, comparable to average peak summer load of a single home



Source: http://www.nissanusa.com/leaf-electric-car#/charging, August 14, 2009

Will EVs fry the grid?

EV charging must be strictly curtailed during peak periods





No more power plants? Texas ACEEE study, Mar 2007



California keeps it flat Per capita electricity consumption



Source: A. Faruqui, Brattle Group, Aug 2010

Costs and perhaps benefits? EPRI study Apr 2011

Summary of Estimated Cost and Benefits of the Smart Grid

	20-Year Total (\$billion)	
Net Investment Required	338 - 476	
Net Benefit	1,294 - 2,028	
Benefit-to-Cost Ratio	2.8 - 6.0	

Source: Estimating the Costs and Benefits of the Smart Grid, EPRI, April 2011

The costs

EPRI study Apr 2011

Total Smart Grid Costs

Costs to Enable a Fully Functioning Smart Grid (SM)				
	Low	High		
Transmission and substations	82,046	90,413		
Distribution	231,960	339,409		
Consumer	23,672	46,368		
Total	337,678	476,190		



Source: Estimating the Costs and Benefits of the Smart Grid, EPRI, April 2011

And the benefits

EPRI study Apr 2011

Estimated Benefits of the Smart Grid

Attribute	Net Present Worth (2010) \$B		
	Low	High	
Productivity	1	1	
Safety	13	13	
Environment	102	390	
Capacity	299	393	
Cost	330	475	
Quality	42	86	
Quality of Life	74	74	
Security	152	152	
Reliability	281	444	
Total	1294	2028	



Source: Estimating the Costs and Benefits of the Smart Grid, EPRI, April 2011

Exponential PV growth Customer installed PVs on PG&E system 1,400 MW by 2015

Cumulative Capacity of NEM (MW, CEC AC) Interconnected with PG&E Grid*



* Includes all NEM projects (PV, W, MT); excludes Non-Export projects

40% of US solar PV interconnections are in PG&E's service territory

5. The cheapest kWh is the one you don't use



* Includes current federal & state level incentives, natural gas price is assumed at \$4.50/MMBTU Source: US Renewable Energy Quarterly Report, ACORE, Oct 2010

More renewable generation

US non-hydro generation 1990-2035, in bkWh



non-hydropower renewable generation billion kilowatthours per year

Source: EIA's Annual Energy Outlook 2011, 16 Dec 2010

California going low-carbon Don't count on nuclear, CCS, cap-&-trade, or market signals



Source: Black & Veatch

Numbers talk

Annual and cumulative installed wind capacity, in MW

Annual Capacity (2010, MW)		Cumulative Capacity (end of 2010, MW)	
China	18,928	China	44,781
U.S.	5,113	U.S.	40,267
India	2,139	Germany	27,364
Germany	1,551	Spain	20,300
U.K.	1,522	India	12,966
Spain	1,516	France	5,961
France	1,186	U.K.	5,862
Italy	948	Italy	5,793
Canada	690	Canada	4,011
Sweden	604	Portugal	3,837
Rest of World	5,205	Rest of World	28,371
TOTAL	39,402	TOTAL	199,513

Source: 2010 Wind Technologies Market Report, Ryan Wiser and Mark Bolinger, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, June 2011

Renewable Growth

Reproduce graph fm BP, page 40, LEFT chart from source below http://www.bp.com/liveassets/bp_internet /globalbp/STAGING/global_assets/downl oads/O/2012_2030_energy_outlook_boo klet.pdf

Renewable portfolio standards

US states with mandatory targets



* Florida now has a 20% RPS by 2020 not reflected in the map. There may be other states as well that have adopted mandates since the map was published Source: Edison Electric Institute, 8 Apr 08

US wind contribution

Contribution of wind as % of new capacity additions, 2000-10



Source: 2010 Wind Technologies Market Report, Ryan Wiser and Mark Bolinger, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, June 2011