

# DER Deployment: Technology Trends, Tools and REV

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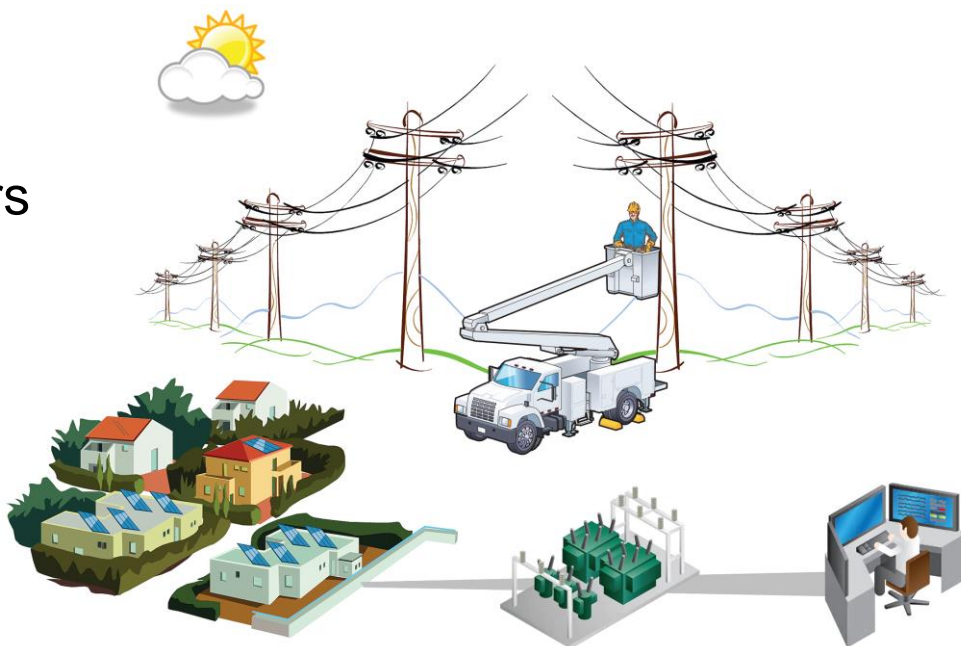
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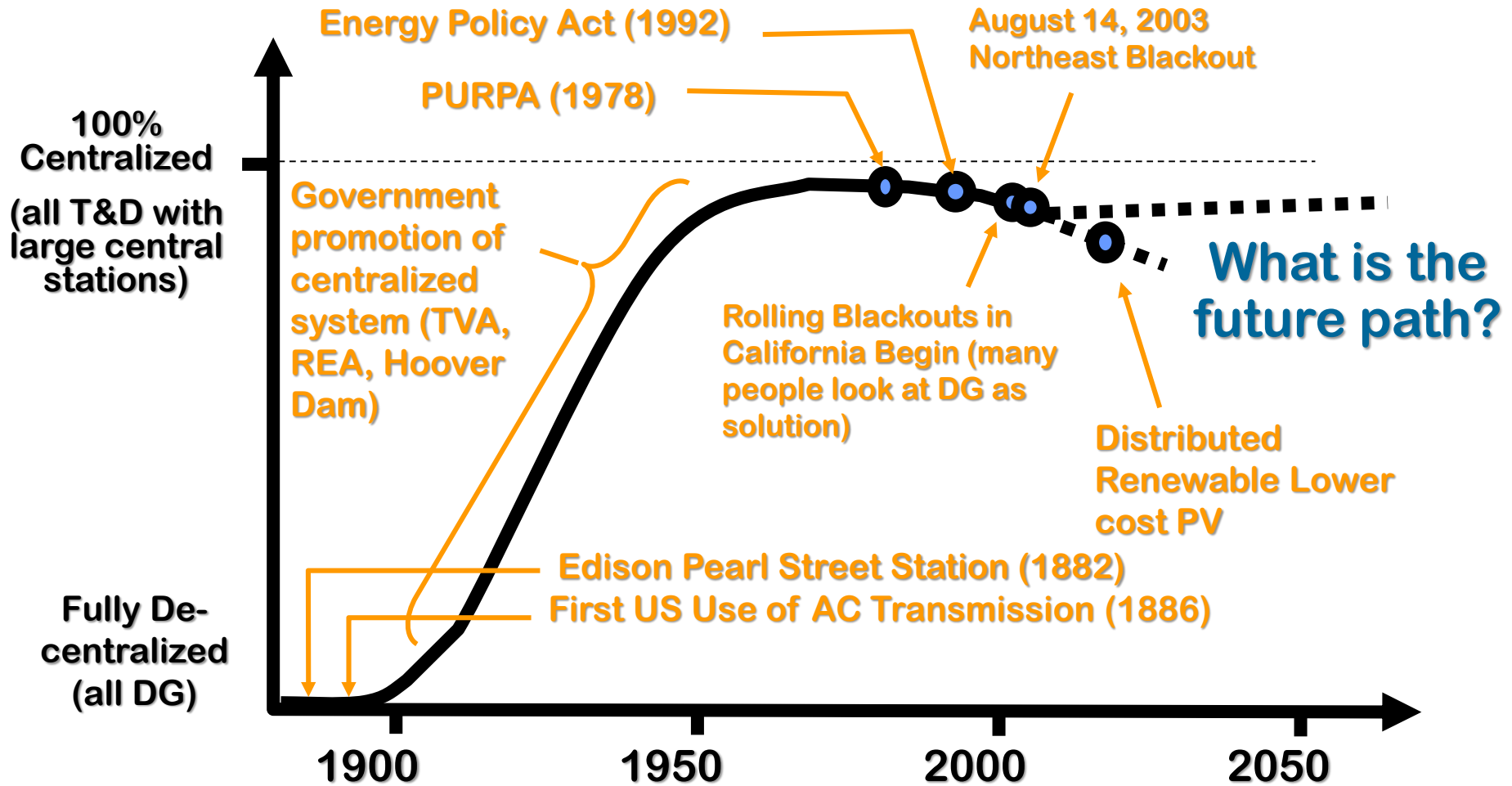


# DER Topics (*with some History*)

- US Generation and DER
- PV Trends and Grid Integration
  - Evolving standards, inverters and assessment tools
- Grid Storage Update, Valuing Tool
- Grid Modernization and Integrated Energy Network

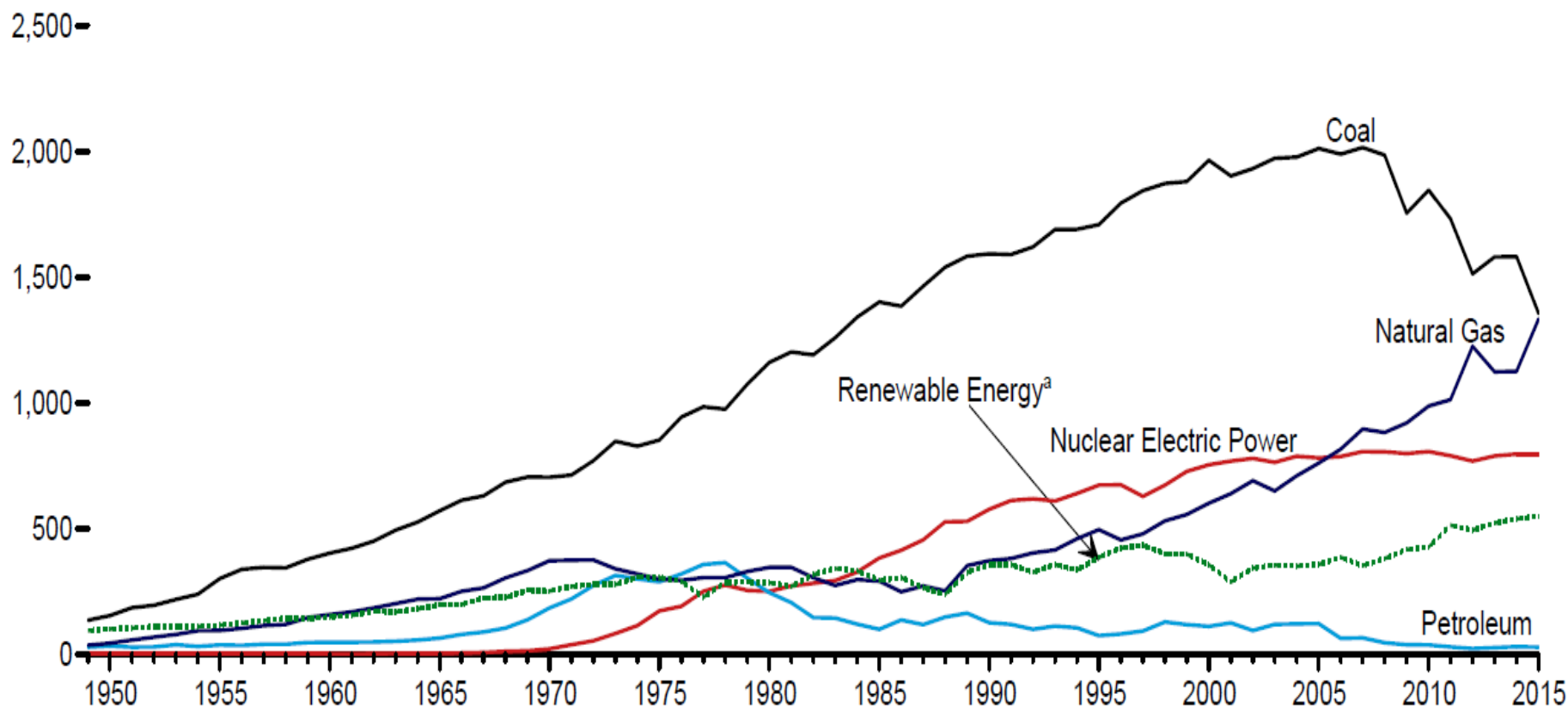


# The electric system started with distributed energy in the US. Are we heading back to Microgrids?



# USDOE EIA, Trends in Central Generation (billion kWh) March 2016 Electricity Report

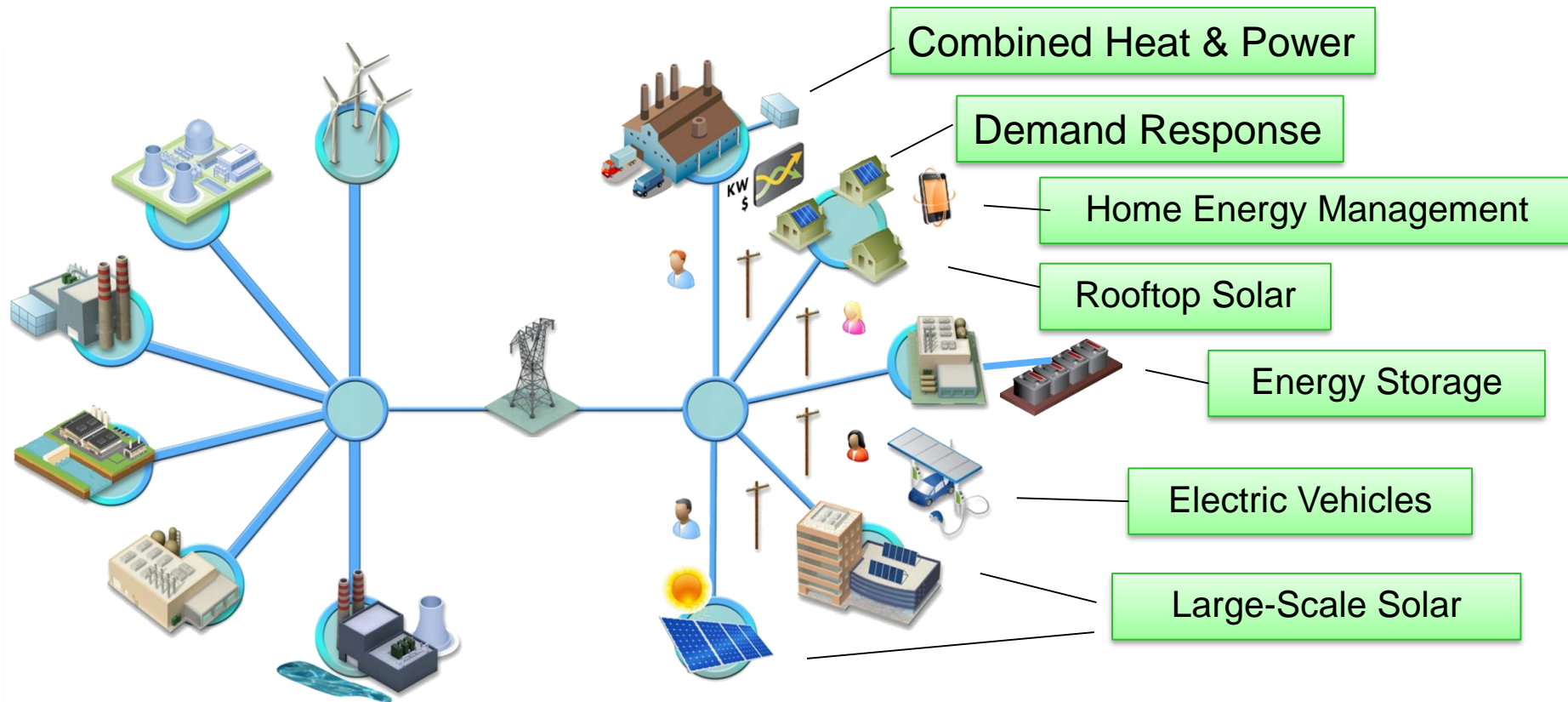
Total (All Sectors), Major Sources, 1949–2015



From EIA Database



# Changing Landscape with Distributed Energy Resources (DER)



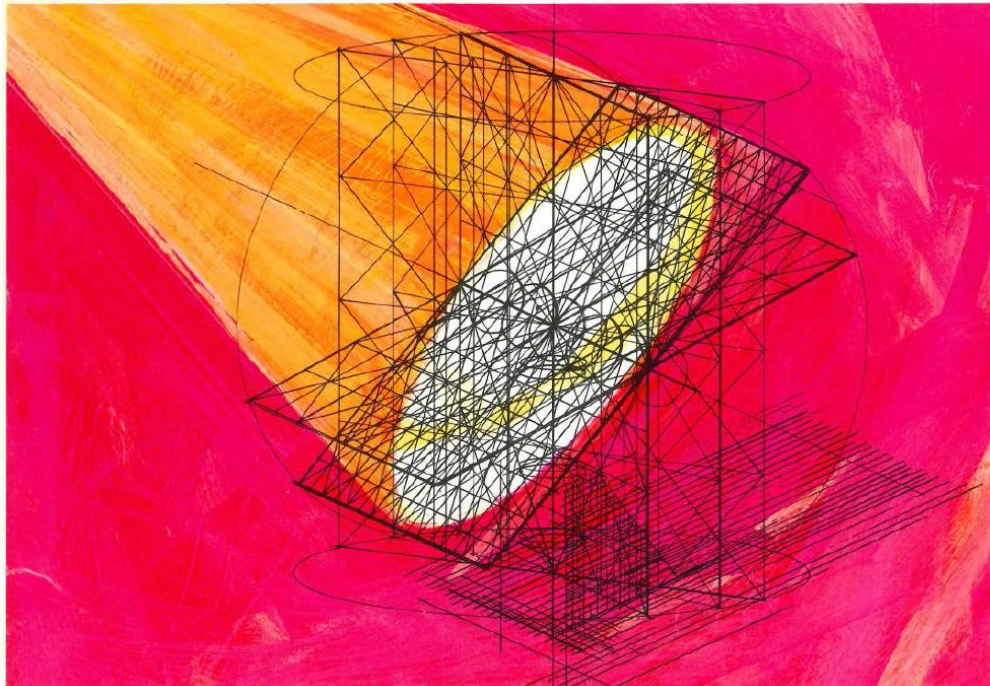
For more information on-line at: **EPRI, The Integrated Grid**



## Solar Realities

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**EPRI JOURNAL**

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ONE  
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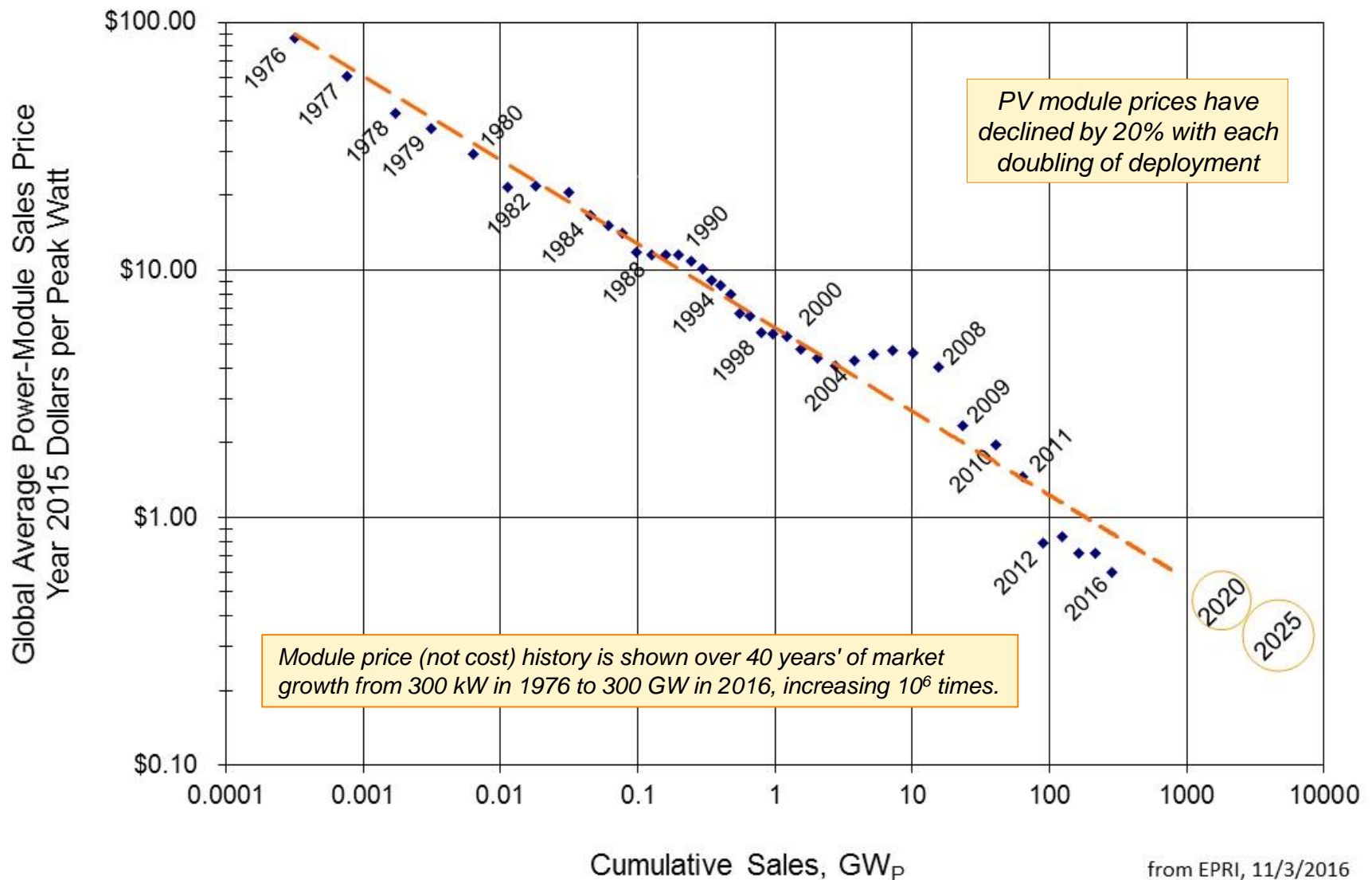


## Notions about *Solar Power Plants* in February 1976

- **Solar-thermal generating stations most promising**
- **Photovoltaic conversion is attractive but further away**
- **A part-time operation with full time customers needing 24/7 availability**
- **Capacity displacement is a concern**
- **Storage the key**

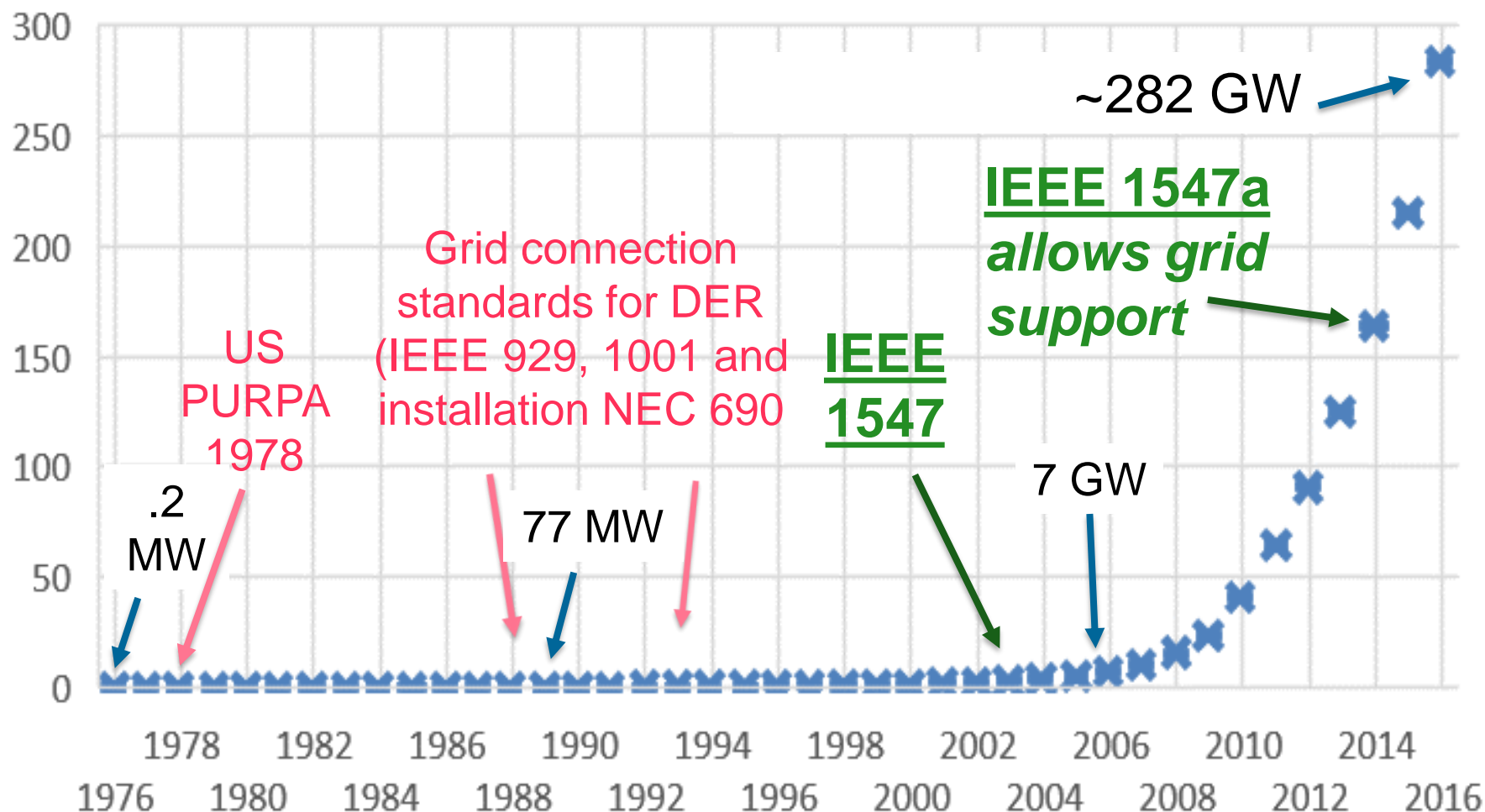
**Outlook:** 1-2% of the nation's electric power capacity by the year 2000

# Noting History... PV Module Price Trajectory



Average sales price and shipments data source: P. Mints, SPV Market Research, [www.spvmarketresearch.com](http://www.spvmarketresearch.com)

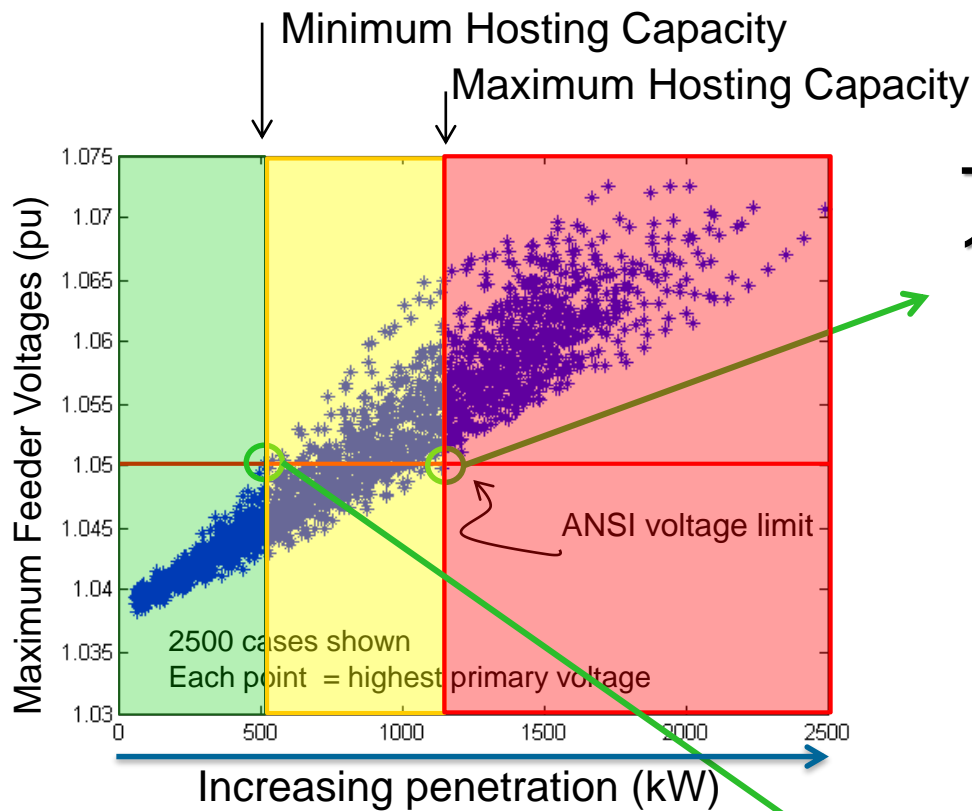
# World-wide cumulative PV shipped GWp up to 2016



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# PV Hosting Capacity Explained (NY Solar Summit 2005)

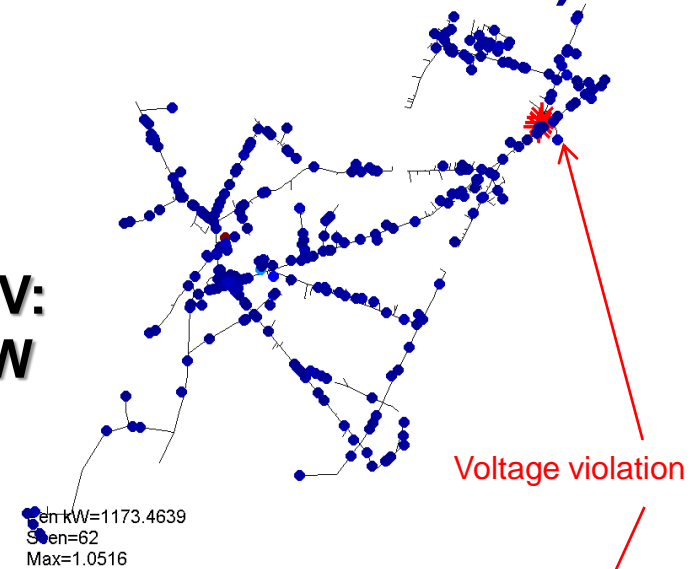


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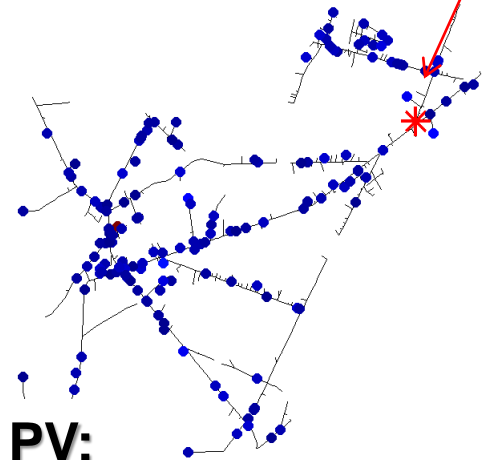
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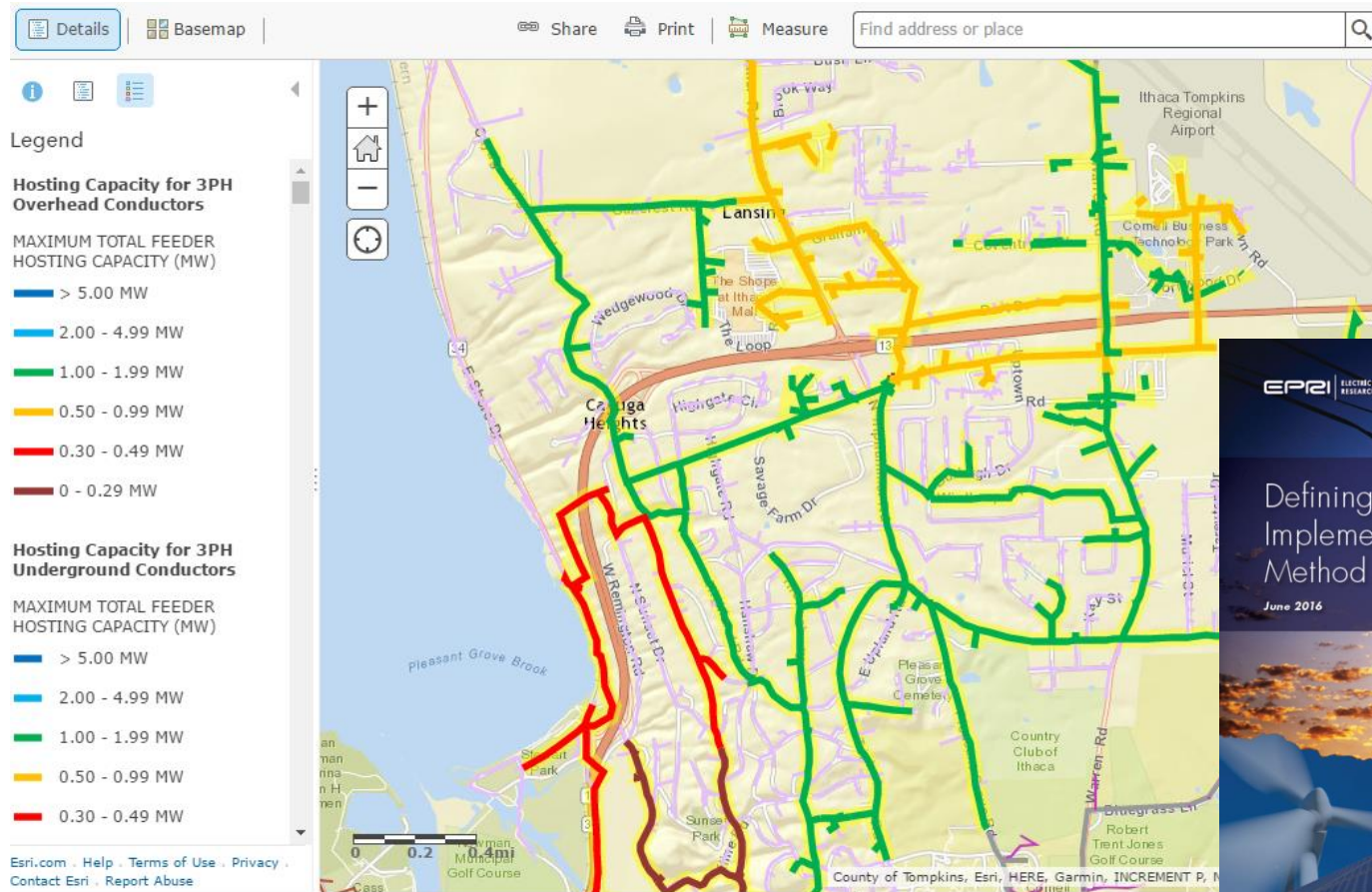
**Total PV:  
1173 kW**



**Total PV:  
540 kW**



# Hosting Capacity Maps Inform DER Developers




Hosting Capacity Maps courtesy of NYSEG/RGE



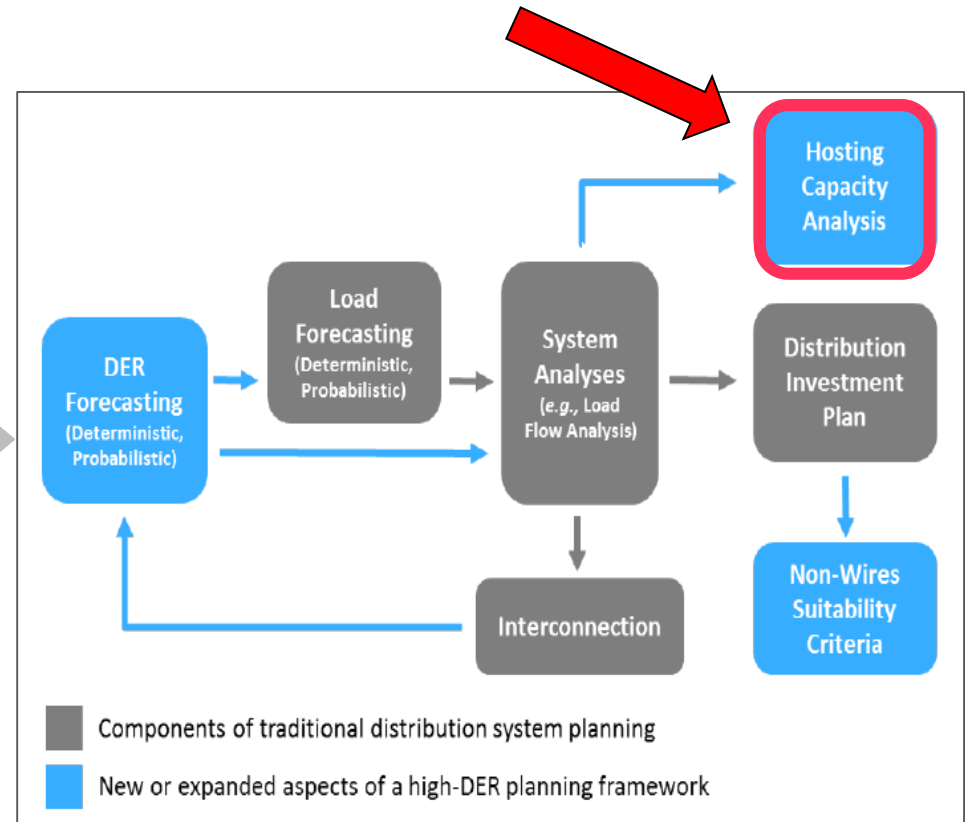

# DER being considered in NY utility distribution planning

*New technologies will likely increase hosting capacity estimates*



**Supplemental  
Distributed System  
Implementation Plan**

Case 16-M-0411  
*In the Matter of Distributed System Implementation Plans*  
November 1, 2016



# Distributed Energy Resource Integration, Valuation, and Estimation Tool (DRIVE)

## Input

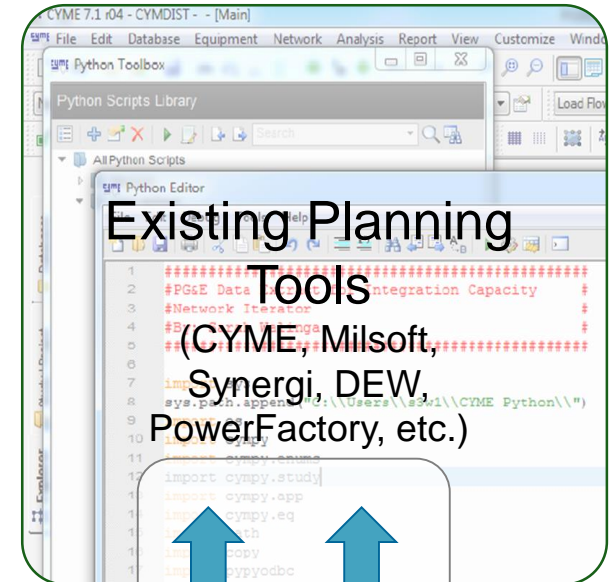
- Load flow data
- Short-circuit impedance data
- Existing DER data

## Analysis

- Directly calculates DER impact
- Considers many DER scenarios

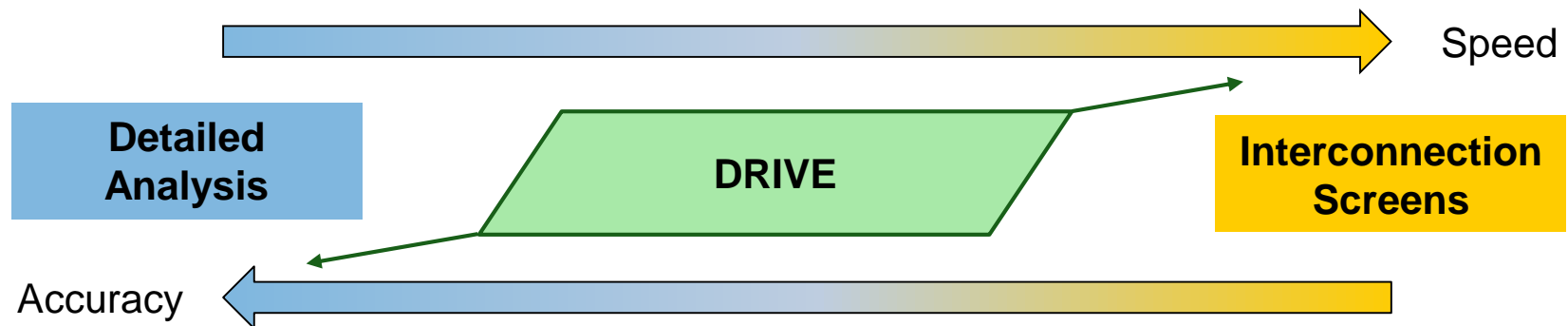
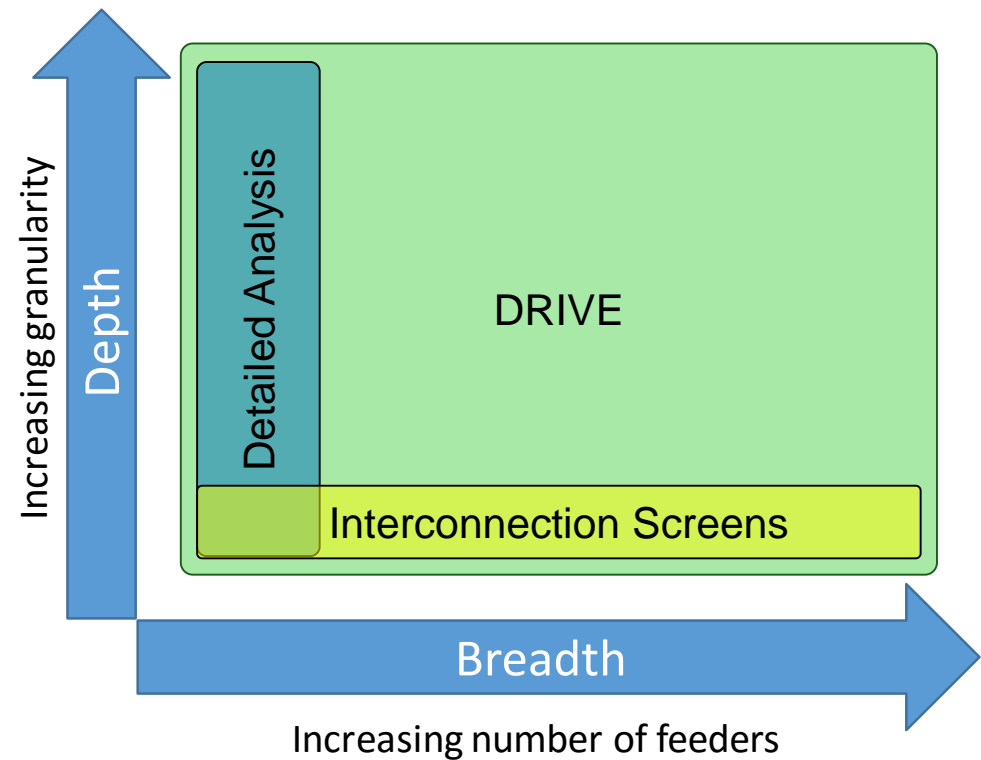
## Output

- Node by node DER impact
- System-wide results
- Fraction of the time for analysis



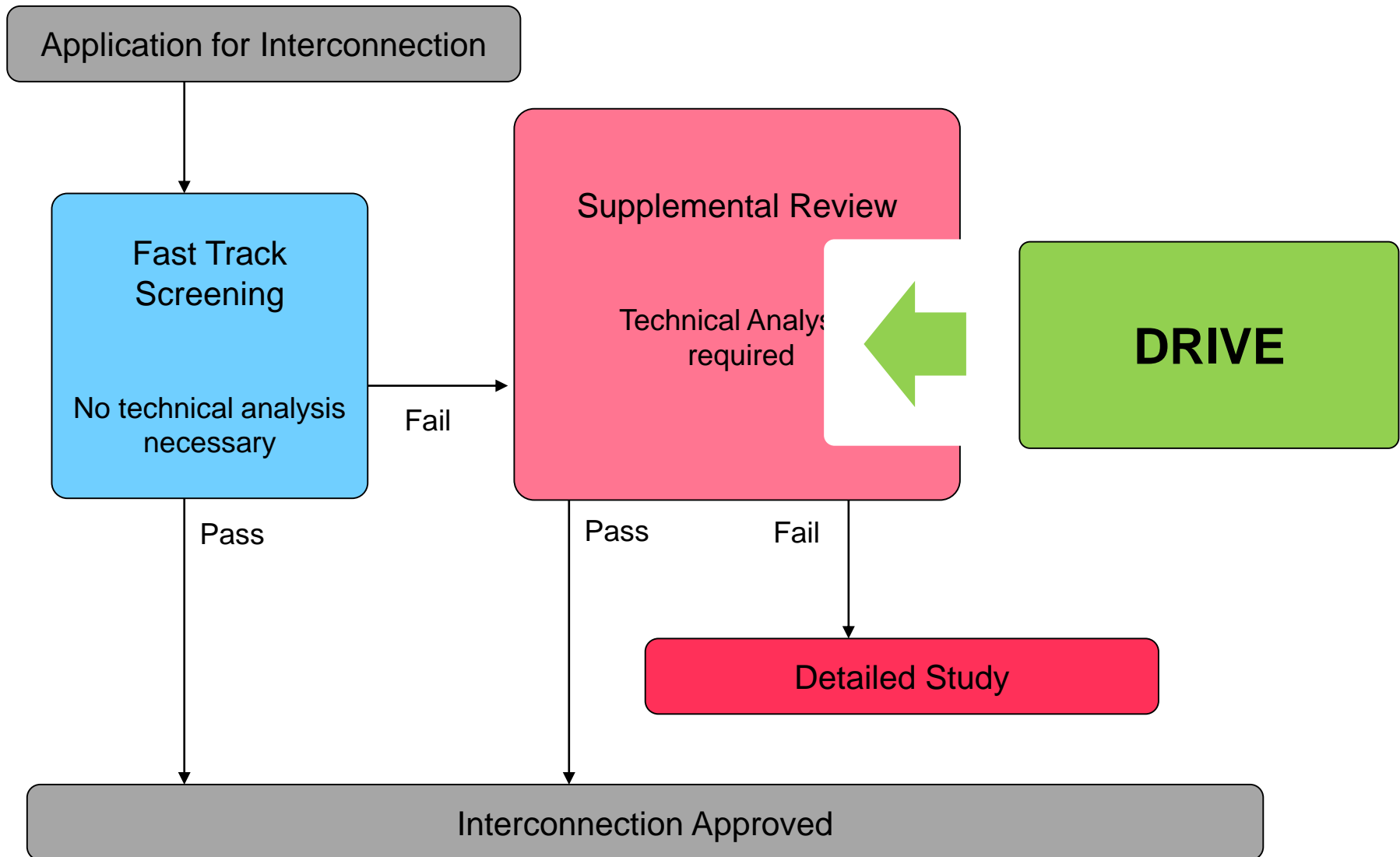
# Bridging the Gap in Distribution Planning Between:

- **Detailed Analysis** – use of power system analysis software to understand DG and solar impacts based on stochastic analysis
- **Interconnection Screens** – such as NY SIR, FERC SGIP fast-track screening or in CA rule 21 screening procedures

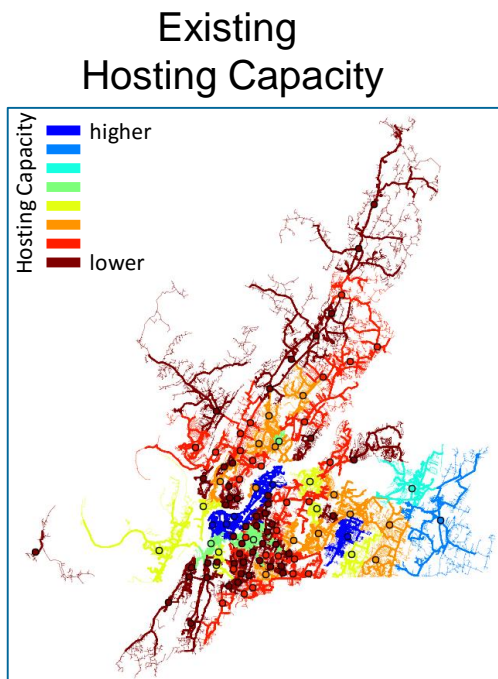




# Future application is Automated Interconnection Screening

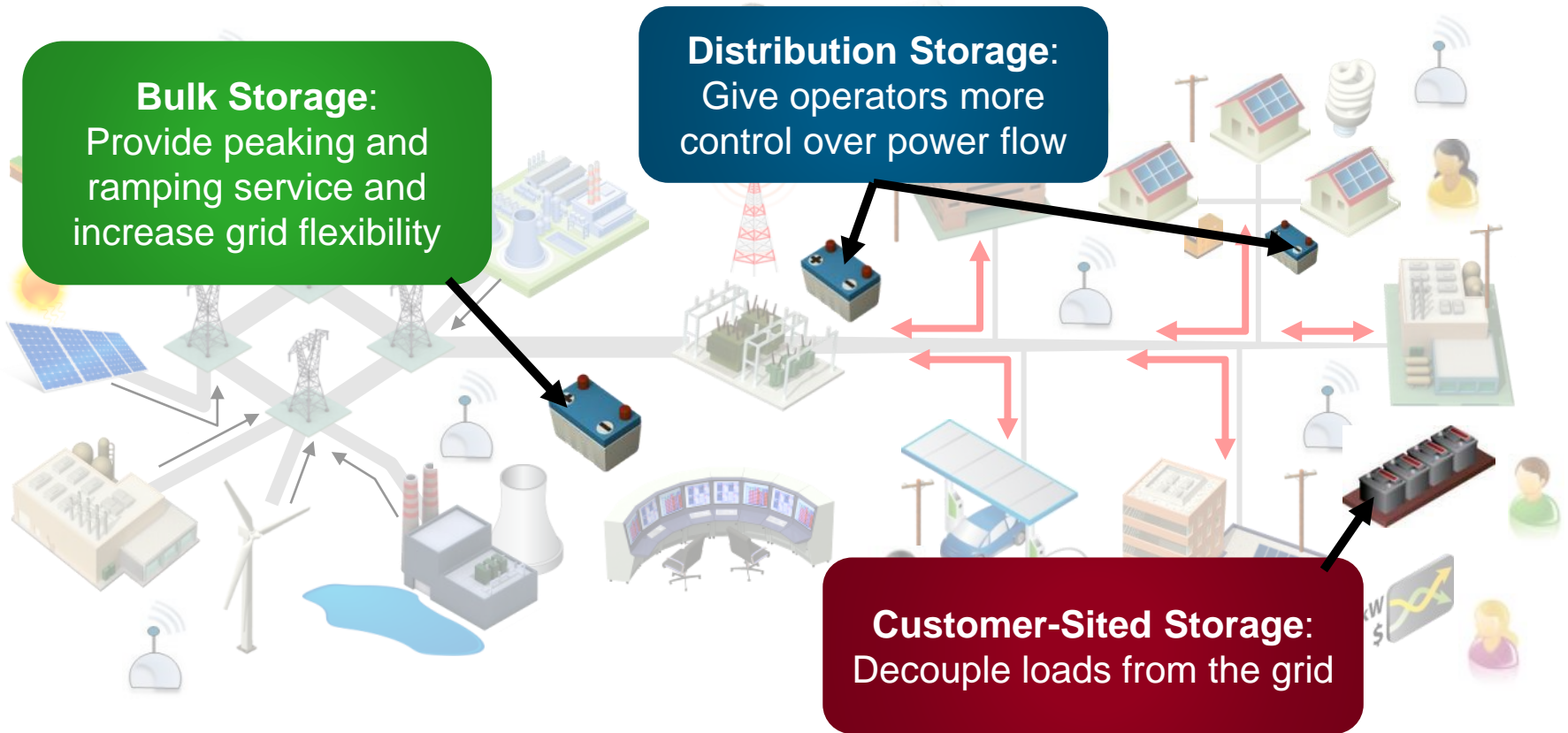


# Tools like DRIVE can point to the best mitigation choice for a particular application (wires or non-wires or operational)



|                        | Mitigation Solution                               | Hosting Capacity Violation |         |            |
|------------------------|---|----------------------------|---------|------------|
|                        |   | Voltage                    | Thermal | Protection |
| Grid-Side Enhancements | Reconductoring                                    | Yes                        | Yes     | No         |
|                        | Voltage uprating                                  | Yes                        | Yes     | Yes        |
|                        | Transformer replacement                           | Yes                        | Yes     | Maybe      |
|                        | Additional voltage regulator                      | Yes                        | No      | No         |
|                        | Comm/control (curtailment)                        | Yes                        | Yes     | Maybe      |
|                        | Additional relaying                               | No                         | No      | Yes        |
| Operational Changes    | Voltage regulation changes (LTC adjustment, etc.) | Yes                        | No      | No         |
|                        | Relay setting modification                        | No                         | No      | Yes        |
|                        |   |                            |         |            |
| Technology Solutions   | Smart Inverter (var control)                      | Yes                        | No      | No         |
|                        | Smart Inverter (watt control)                     | Yes                        | Yes     | Maybe      |
|                        | Distributed var control                           | Yes                        | No      | No         |
|                        | Energy storage                                    | Yes                        | Yes     | Maybe      |
|                        | PV panel orientation                              | Yes                        | No      | No         |
|                        | Demand response                                   | Maybe                      | Maybe   | Maybe      |
|                        |   | Yes                        | No      | Maybe      |

# Transformation of the Power System



**Energy storage can play key roles across the grid**

# *Batteries and the Grid: The Front Runners 1981*

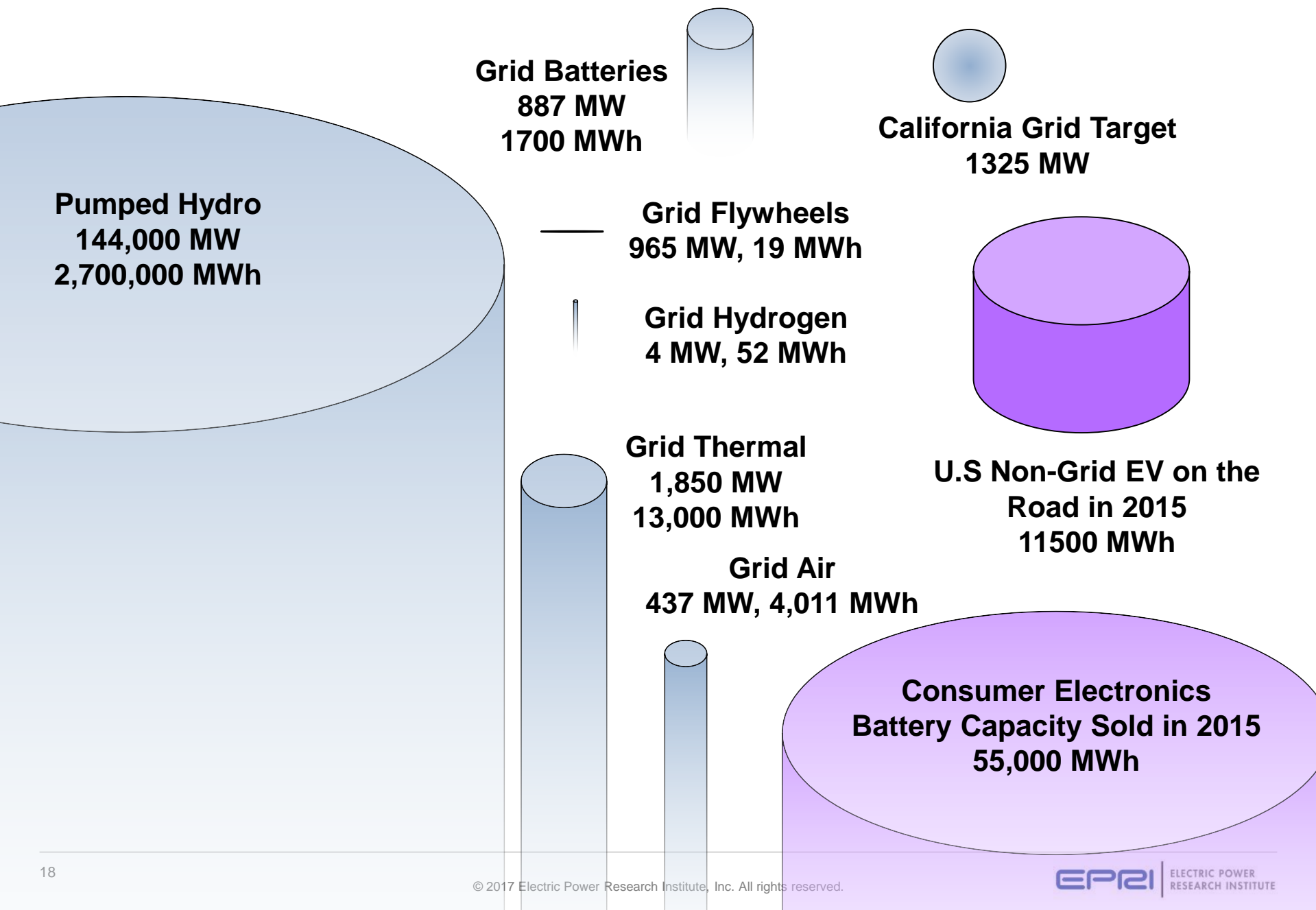
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# EPRI JOURNAL

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# Batteries and Grid Storage (worldwide as of 2015)

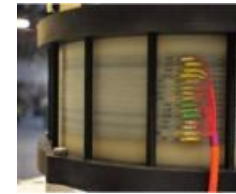




# Old challenges are beginning to go away

- Technical Challenges

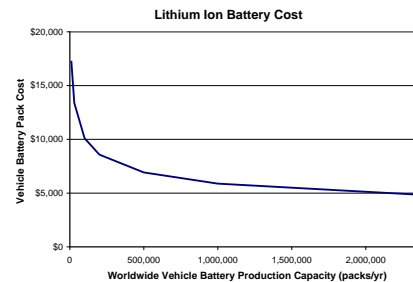
- Performance
- Efficiency
- Life



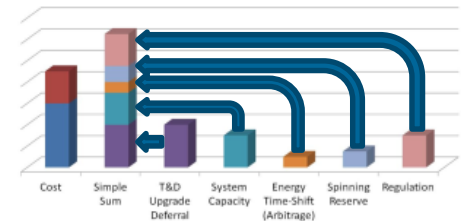
## Advanced Technologies

- Economic Challenges

- High Cost to Values
- Need to Small Value Streams



## New Business Models



## Lower costs

- Regulatory Challenges

- Lack of clear definition
- Framework designed for existing grid



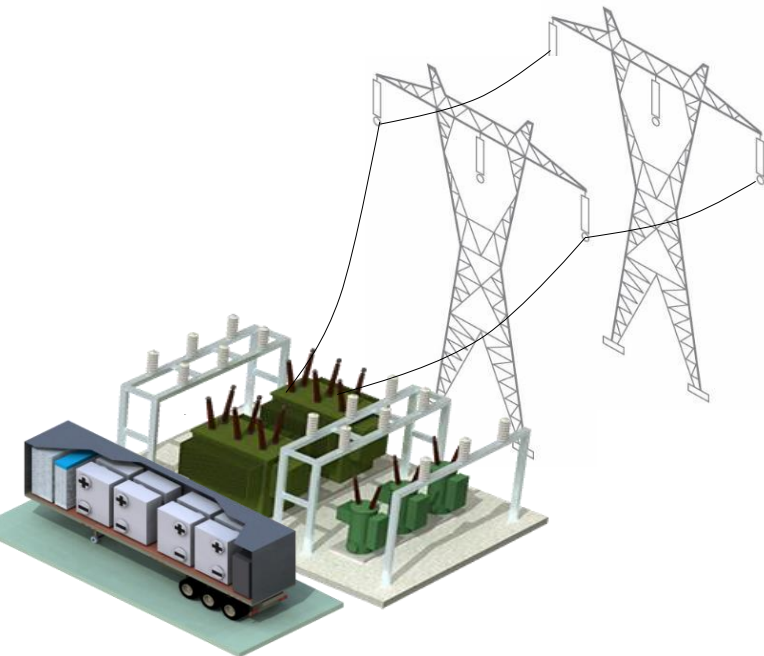
## Regulatory Rulings



## Policy Action

# Developing analysis tools

Progress by utilities and industry to develop standard analysis methodologies



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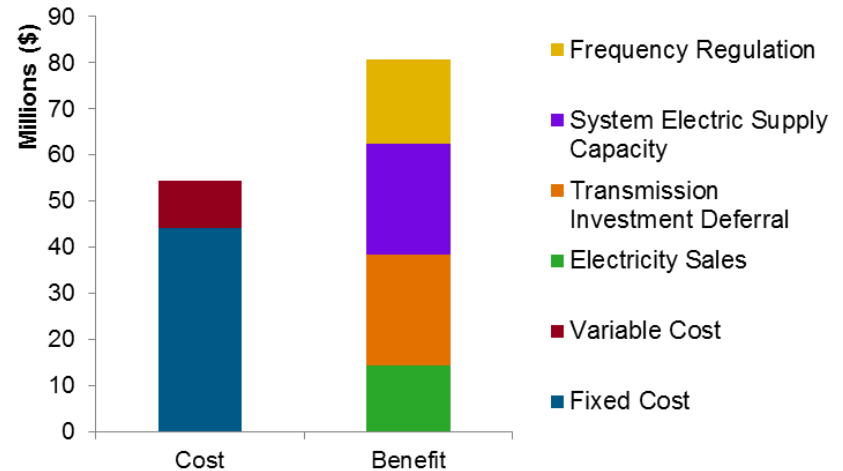


Diagram - Energy Storage Valuation Tool

Energy Storage Valuation Tool

**EPRI** | ELECTRIC POWER RESEARCH INSTITUTE **Energy Storage Valuation Tool 4.0**

**1. Select Storage Technology Performance and Costs**

Energy Storage System:  Discharge Dur... (Hours):  Define Custom System

System Capital Costs (\$):  Discharge Capacity (kW):

**2. Select Grid Services for Analysis**

**3. Select Energy Prices**

Energy Price Selection, Early Year:

Energy Price Selection, Late Year:

**4. Select Financial and Economic Assumptions**

Ownership Type:  Discount Rate:

**5. View Results**

NPV Cost vs. Benefit:  Daily Revenue (\$):

Annual Services Revenue (\$):  Daily Dispatch (kWh):

**Dispatch and Optimization Options**

Dispatch Type:

Enable Optimization:

**Spreadsheet Import and Export**

Case run status:

**Extras**

**Developed by**

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EPRI Energy Storage Valuation Tool (ESVT) 4.0

# StorageVET™

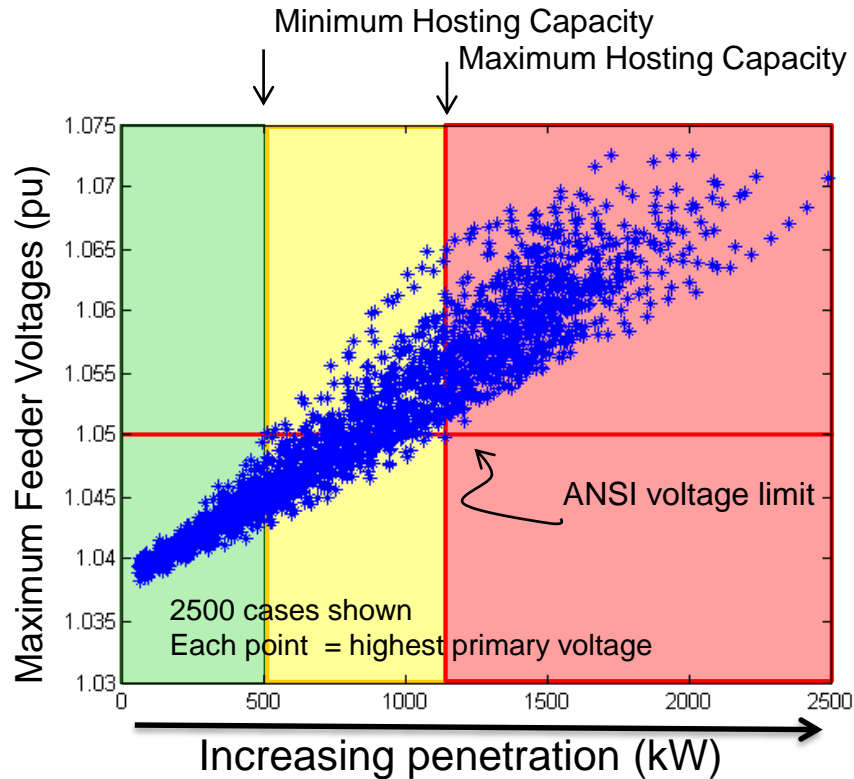
Storage Value Estimation Tool: [www.storagevet.com](http://www.storagevet.com)

- Web-hosted tool, free to the public
- Project cost-benefit analysis
- Time-series constraints and dispatch optimization simulation
- Multi-services optimization and stacked services
- Customizable for location, technology, sizing, use cases
- Made public through funding support from the California Energy Commission (CEC)

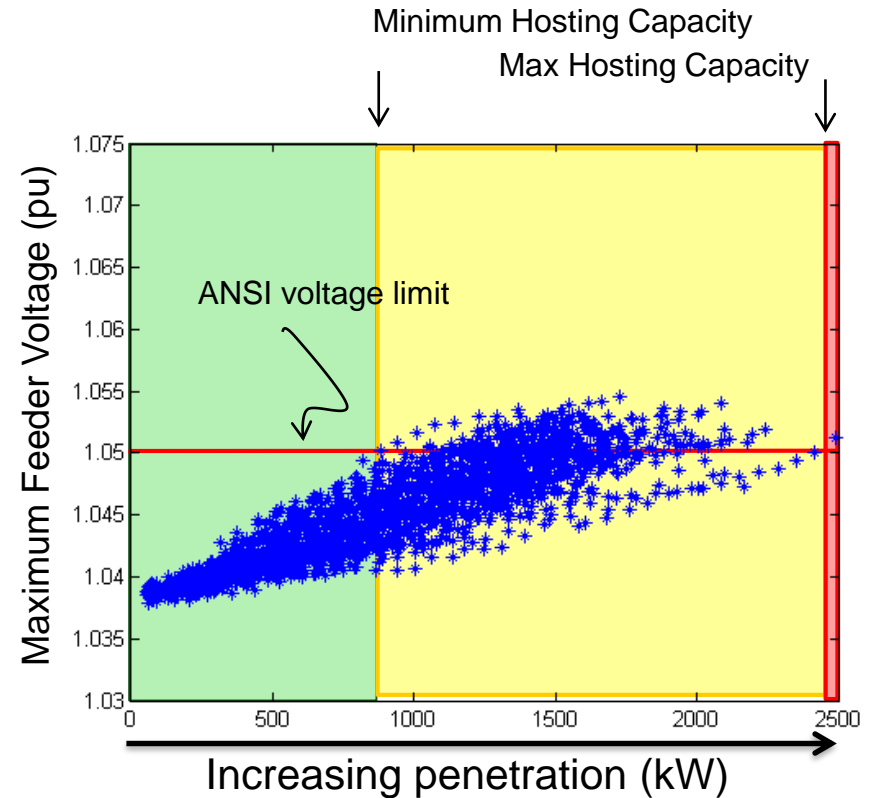


# Inverter grid support makes a big difference....reality is settings are critical

## PV at Unity Power Factor



## PV with Volt/var Control



No observable voltage violations regardless of PV size/location

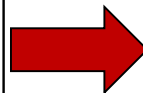
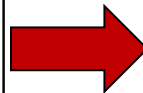
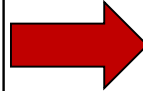
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# New IEEE 1547 changing expectations for DER

## IEEE 1547 – 2003

- DR **shall not** actively regulate the voltage at the PCC
- DR shall **cease** to energize if frequency >60.5Hz
- **Tighter** abnormal V/F trip limits and clearance times
- Communication capability required at **250kW**



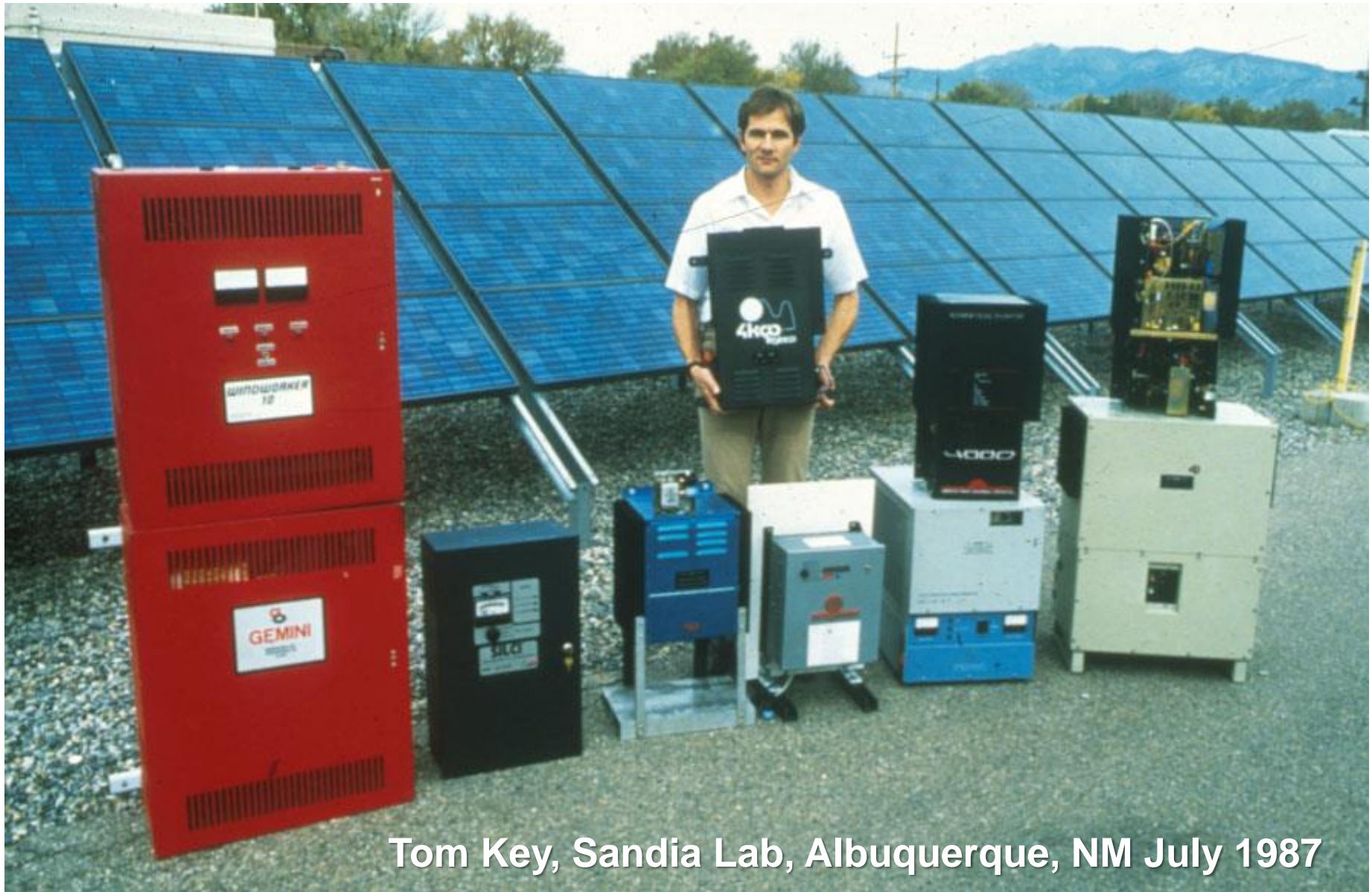
## Revised IEEE 1547 – 20xx

- DER **may** actively participate in and **must** have some headroom to regulate voltage by producing reactive power
- DER shall be permitted to provide **modulated power** output as a function of frequency.
- DER is **required to ride-thru** momentary voltage and frequency excursions and trip limits may be **widened under mutual agreement** with operators
- **All DER** must have communication capabilities.

**Moving from *Accommodating* to *Integrating* DER**

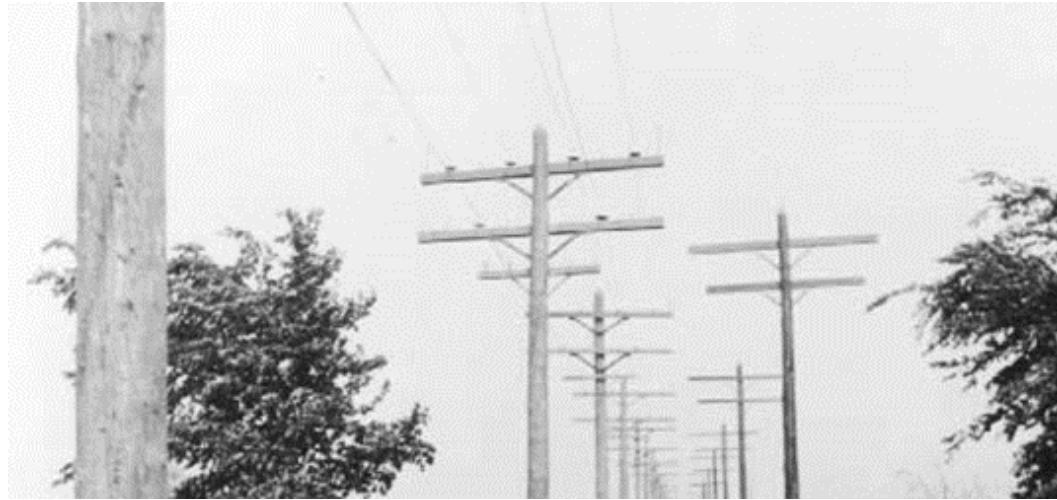
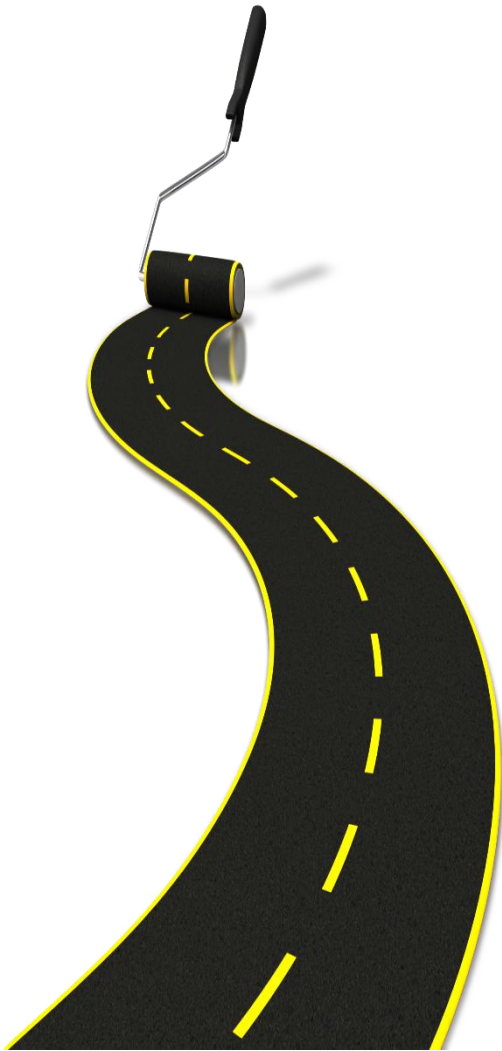


**Smart inverters now included in IEEE requirements have been around a while ....Key testing in Albuquerque, 1987**



**Tom Key, Sandia Lab, Albuquerque, NM July 1987**

# Grid Modernization Roadmap for NY in Progress



- **Who – NYSERDA, EPRI and stakeholders**
- **How – Look at current vs future states, Gap Analysis leading to state R&D plan**
- **What – Areas of focus are Planning, Operation and Support Systems**

# AGILE, an Energy Laboratory in NY: Advanced Grid Innovation Lab for Energy

- Collaboration: NYPA, NYSERDA, NYISO, NYS Utilities and EPRI, to include industry and academia in the future.
- Focus: next generation power system energy management, cyber security, protection, sensing, control, and power electronics.
- Objective: address common challenges facing NY's electric industry to implement REV and modernize grid.
- Research Ideas: So far coming from NYS Utilities and NYISO
- Next Step: going to NYPA Board of Trustees in July for funding approval



# NY REV concepts being complimented around the world:

*e.g. EPRI's Integrated Energy Network*



Available at: <http://ien.epri.com>



# Together...Shaping the Future of Electricity

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