

## Smart Grid Overview

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# Topics

- **The "Case for Action"**
- **What is the Smart Grid?**
- **The Systems View**
- **Performance Modes**
- **Principal Characteristics**
- **Key Technology Areas**
- **Metrics**



# Case for Action

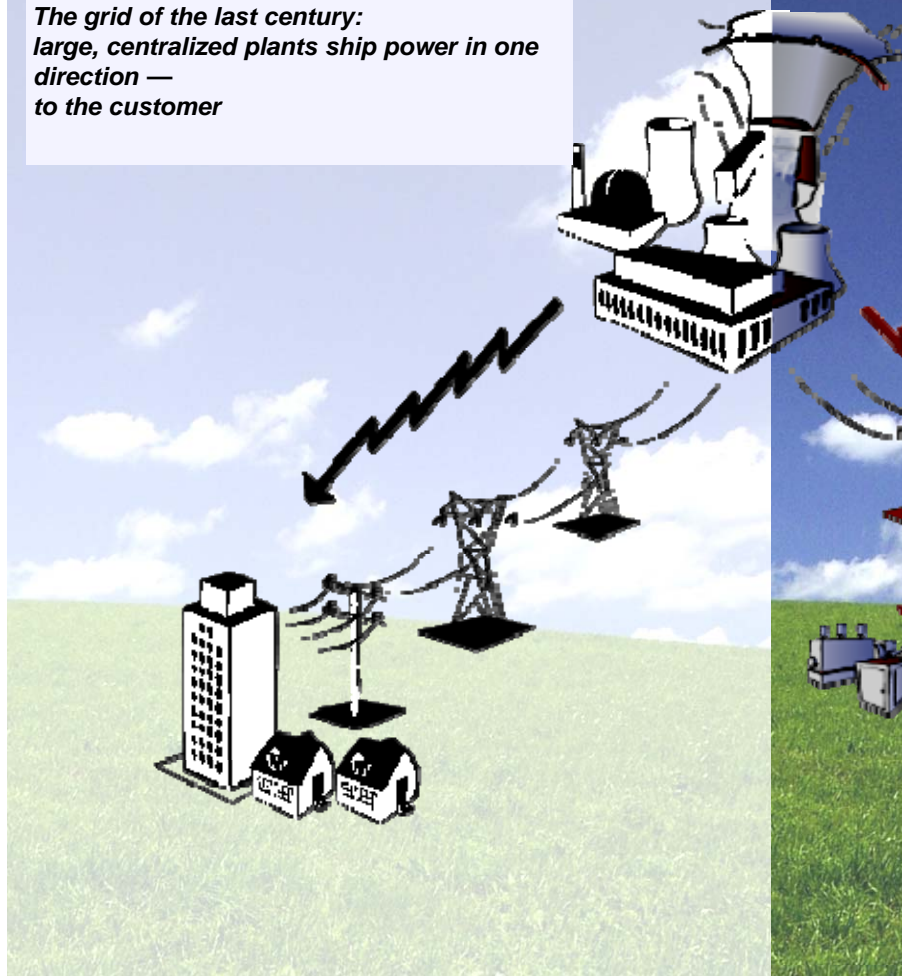
- Today's grid is aging and outmoded
- Unreliability is costing consumers billions of dollars
- Today's grid is vulnerable to attack and natural disaster
- An extended loss of today's grid could be catastrophic to our security, economy and quality of life
- Today's grid does not address the 21<sup>st</sup> century power supply challenges
- Missed opportunity to enjoy the benefits of a Smart Grid
- Disturbing trends in prices, reliability, peak loads, transmission congestion, & asset utilization

*But is it worth it?*

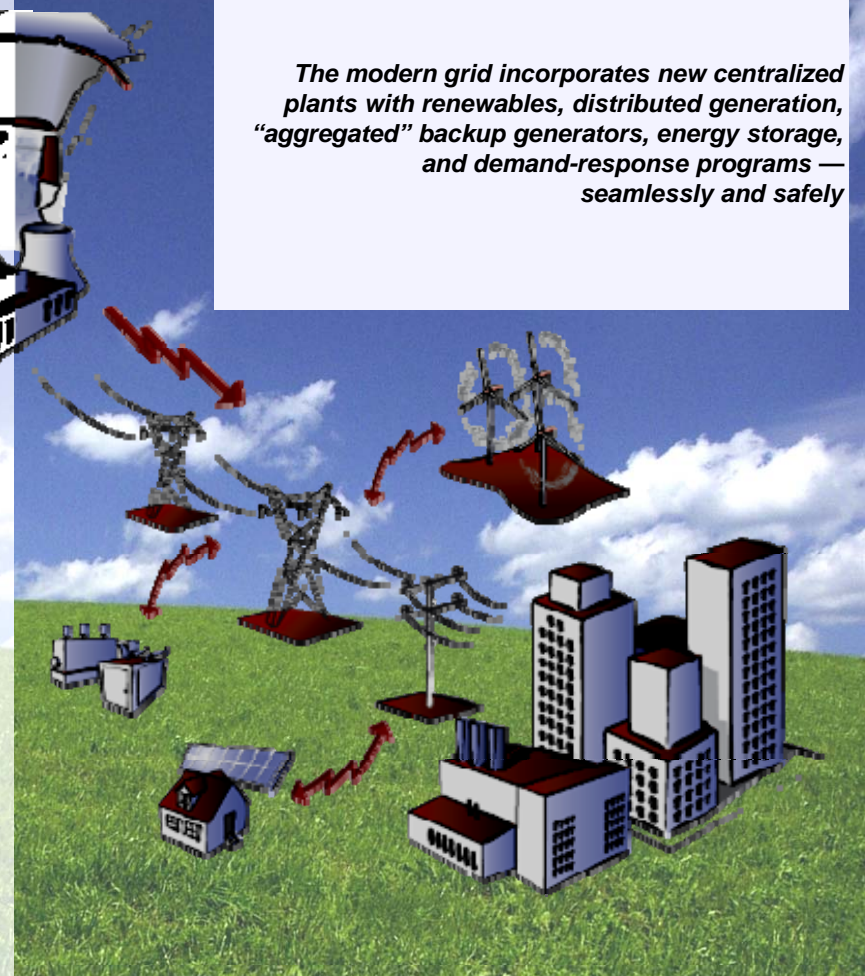


# Smart Grid Supports 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Demand

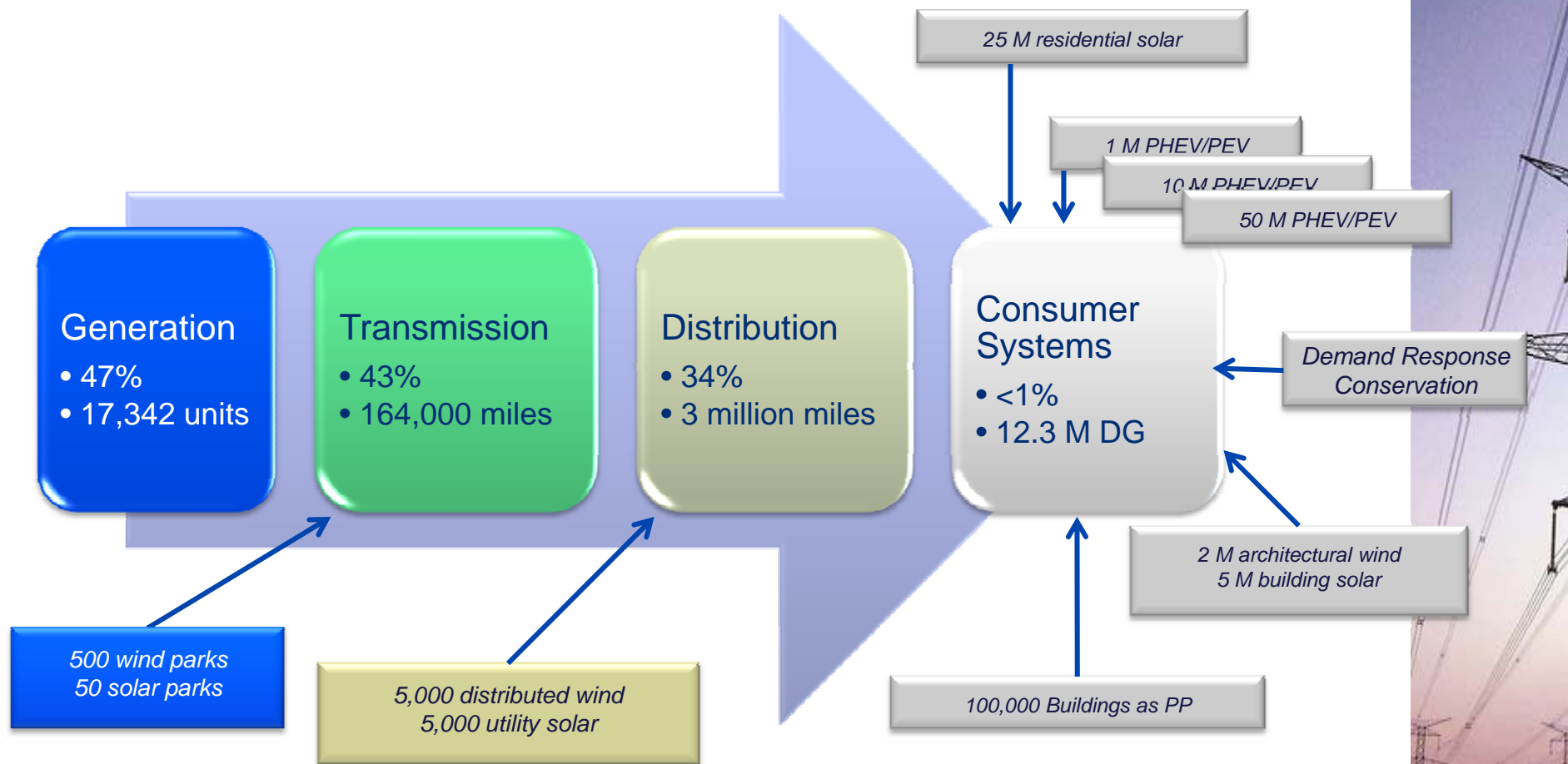
*The grid of the last century:  
large, centralized plants ship power in one  
direction —  
to the customer*



*The modern grid incorporates new centralized  
plants with renewables, distributed generation,  
“aggregated” backup generators, energy storage,  
and demand-response programs —  
seamlessly and safely*



# The “Market” will create new stresses





# Electric Power System

*Markets, System Operators and Communications*

*Generation and Storage*



*Transmission*



*Substations*



*Distribution & DER*



*Consumers & DER*



# The Systems View



# Smart Grid Key Success Factors

*The Smart Grid is MORE:*

- Reliable
- Secure
- Economic
- Efficient
- Environmentally friendly
- Safe





# Smart Grid Performance Modes

*Some of the performance modes include:*

- Emergency Response
- Restoration
- Routine Operations
- Optimization
- System Planning



# Smart Grid Characteristics

## ***Principal Characteristics of a Modern Grid:***

- *Enable* active participation by consumers
- *Accommodate* all generation and storage options
- *Enable* new products, services, and markets
- *Provide* power quality for the digital economy
- *Optimize* asset utilization and operate efficiently
- *Anticipate & respond* to system disturbances (self-heal)
- *Operate* resiliently against attack and natural disaster

***...the enabler***



## *It will “Enable active participation by consumers”*

- **Consumers have access to new information, control and options to engage in electricity markets**
  - Reduce consumption and energy bill
  - Enable new technologies (PHEV, HAN, EMS, smart appliances, etc.)
  - Sell resources for revenue or environmental stewardship
  - Incentives to participate (i.e. smart rates)
- **Grid operators have new resource options**
  - Reduce peak load and prices through demand response
  - Improve grid reliability
  - Ancillary services

### *Today*

Little or no info, limited use of smart pricing, few choices

### *Tomorrow*

Full price info, choose from many plans, prices and options, buy and sell, “E-Bay”



## *It will “Accommodate all generation and storage options”*

- **Seamlessly integrates all types and sizes of electrical generation and storage systems**
- **“Plug-and-play” convenience**
  - Simplified interconnection processes
  - Universal interoperability standards
- **“Moves the needle”– shifts to a more decentralized model**
- **Large central power plants will continue to play a major role.**

### *Today*

**Dominated by central generation. Little DG, DR, storage, or renewables**

### *Tomorrow*

**Many “plug and play” distributed energy resources complement central generation**



*It will “Enable new products, services and markets”*

- **Links buyers and sellers – consumer to RTO**
- **Supports the creation of new electricity markets**
  - Demand Response
  - Energy, Capacity, Ancillary Services
  - Brokers, integrators, aggregators, etc.
  - In-home devices and applications
- **Provides for consistent market operation across regions**

*Today*

Near-zero market interaction at distribution level

*Tomorrow*

Distribution assets and consumers act as resources for transmission, growth of new secondary markets





*It will "Provide power quality for the digital economy"*

- **Monitors, diagnoses and responds to PQ issues**
- **Supplies various grades of power quality at different pricing levels**
- **Greatly reduces consumer losses due to PQ (~\$25B/year)**
- **Quality Control for the grid**

*Today*

Focus on outages not power quality

*Tomorrow*

PQ a priority with variety of price/quality options based on needs



*It will “Optimize asset utilization and operate efficiently”*

- **Operational improvements**
  - Improved load factors and lower system losses
  - Integrated outage management
  - Risk assessment
- **Asset Management improvements**
  - The knowledge to build only what we need
  - Improved maintenance processes
  - Improved resource management processes
  - More power through existing assets
- **Reduction in utility costs (O&M and Capital)**

*Today*

Limited grid information & minimal integration with asset management

*Tomorrow*

Deep integration of grid intelligence enabling reduction in O&M and CapEx



## *It will “Anticipate & respond to system disturbances”*

- **Performs continuous self-assessments**
- **Detects, analyzes, responds to, and restores grid components or network sections**
- **Handles problems too large or too fast-moving for human intervention**
- **Self heals - acts as the grid’s “immune system”**
- **Supports grid reliability, security, and power quality**

### *Today*

**Protects assets following disruption  
(e.g., trip relay)**

### *Tomorrow*

**Prevents disruptions, minimizes  
impact, restores rapidly**



*It will “Operate resiliently against attack and natural disaster”*

- **System-wide solution to physical and cyber security**
- **Reduces threat, vulnerability, consequences**
- **Deters, detects, mitigates, responds, and restores**
- **“Fort Knox” image**
- **Decentralization and self-healing enabled**

*Today*

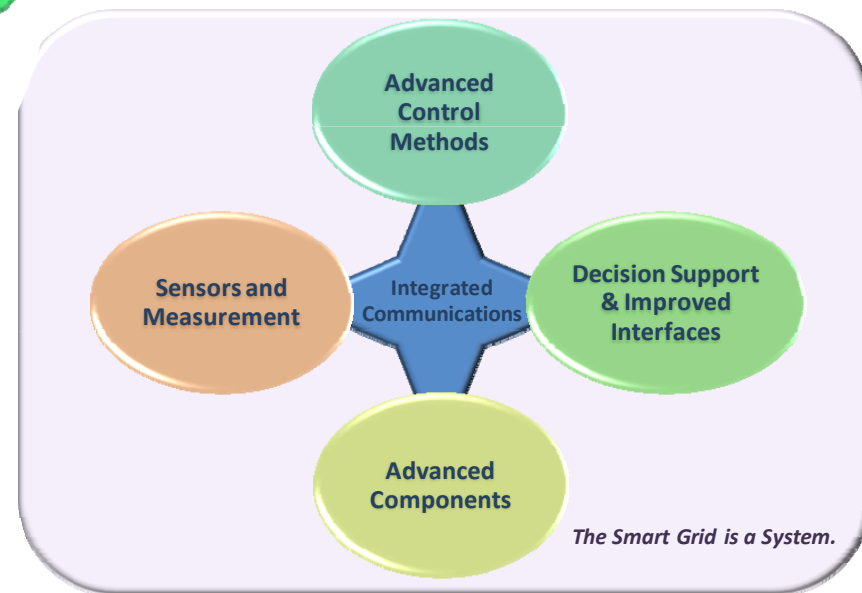
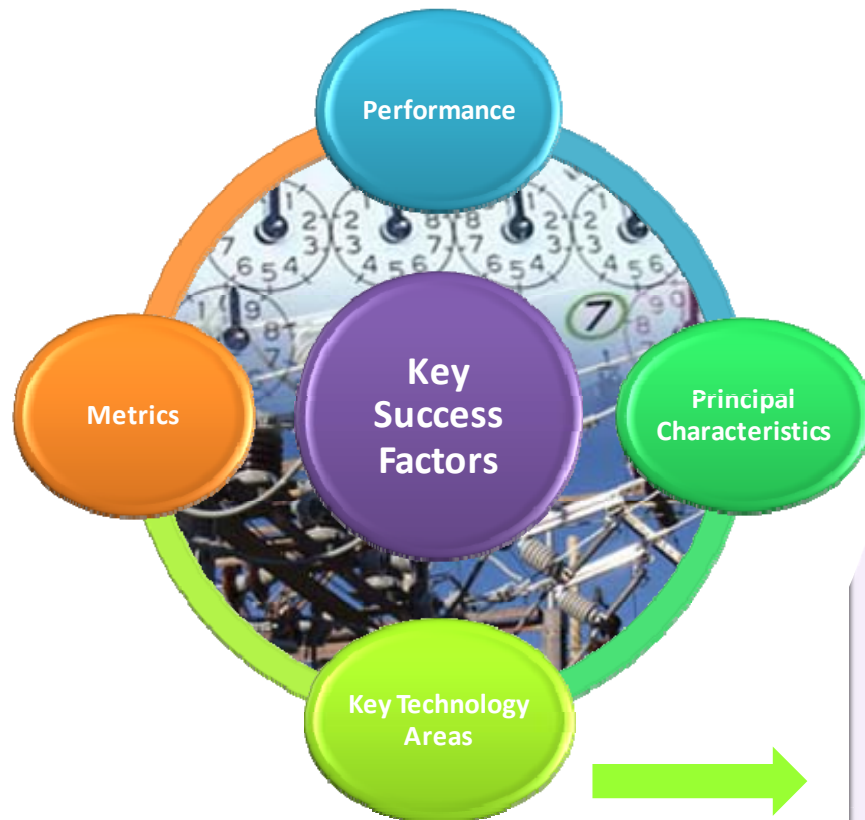
Vulnerable to terrorists and natural disasters

*Tomorrow*

Deters, detects, mitigates, and restores rapidly and efficiently—“cyber proof”

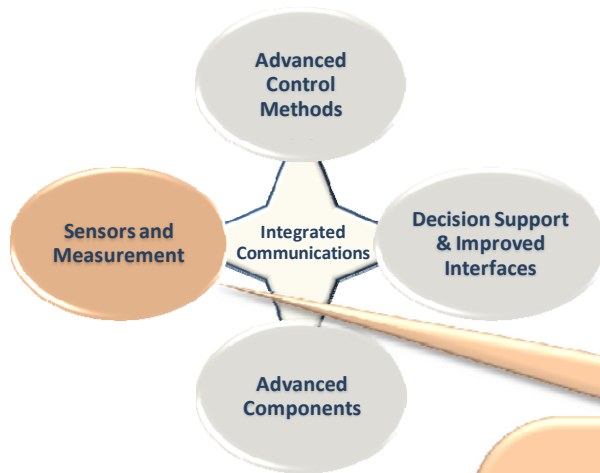


# Key Technology Areas





# Sensors and Measurement



*Smart meters*

*Smart sensors*

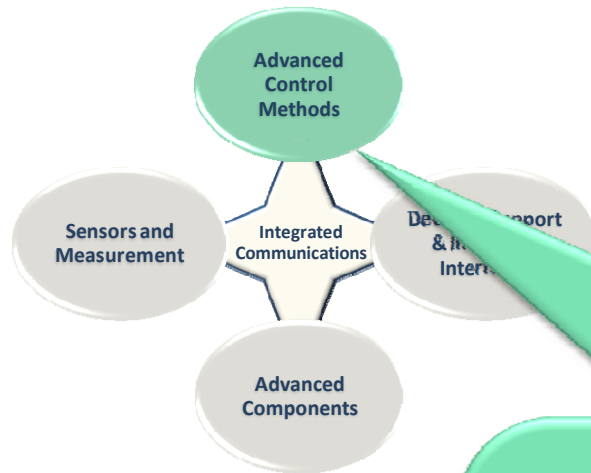
- *Operating parameters*
- *Asset Condition*

*Wide area monitoring systems (WAMS)*

*Dynamic rating of transmission lines*



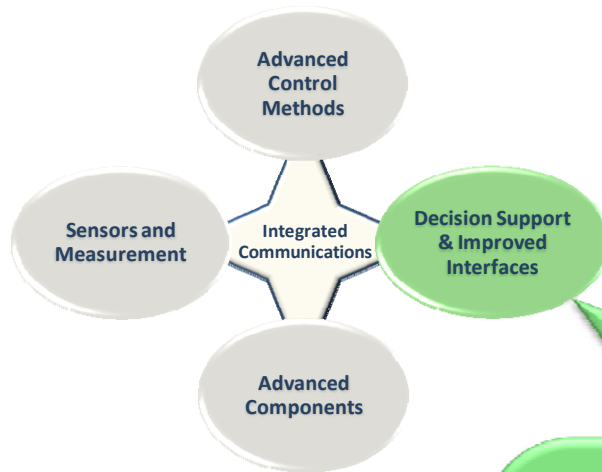
# Advanced Control Methods



## *Applications that:*

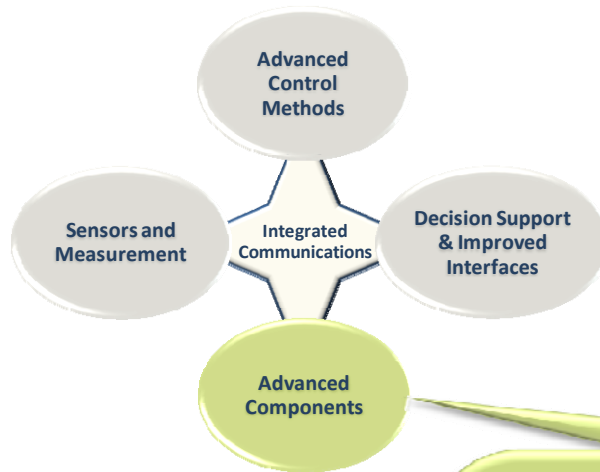
- *Monitor and collect data from sensors*
- *Analyze data to diagnose and provide solutions*
- *Real time and predictive*
- *Determine and take action autonomously or via operators*
- *Provide information and solutions to operators*
- *Integrate with enterprise-wide processes and technologies*

# Decision Support & Improved Interfaces



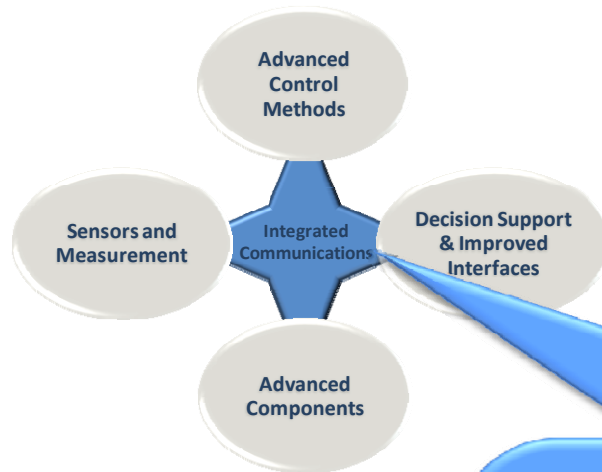
*Data reduction*  
*Data to information to action*  
*Visualization*  
*Speed of comprehension*  
*System operator training*

# Advanced Components



*Next generation FACTS/PQ devices*  
*Advanced distributed generation and energy storage*  
*PHEV - V2G mode*  
*Fault current limiters*  
*Superconducting transmission cable & rotating machines*  
*Micro-grids*  
*Advanced switches and conductors*

# Integrated Communications



*Consider all needs:*

- *Smart meters*
- *Smart sensors*
- *Demand Response*
- *DG dispatch*
- *Distribution automation*
- *Micro-grids*
- *Markets*
- *Work force management*
- *Mobile premises (PHEV's)*



# Smart Grid Metrics

- **Metrics are needed to measure progress in achieving the vision.**
  - Build metrics are leading indicators and measure progress in the implementation of the Smart Grid.
  - Impact metrics measure how the Smart Grid influences the Key Success Factors.

*If we do this right – we can all be winners*

- *Suppliers*
- *Consumers*
- *Society*



# Value Proposition

- Utilities (What's in it for my shareholders?)
  - Rate of return, outage restoration, billing, reduce T&D losses, optimize asset utilization, maintenance, planning and improved customer satisfaction
- Consumers (What's in it for me?)
  - More reliable service, reduce business loss, energy bill savings, transportation cost savings, options, sell resources into the market
- Society (What's in it for us?)
  - Rate Downward pressure on prices, improved reliability, grid robustness, new jobs and growth in GDP, revolutionize the transportation sector and reduce import of foreign oil.
- Overall benefit to cost ratio is 4:1 to 5:1



# For More Information

*For additional Information:*  
[www.netl.doe.gov/smartgrid](http://www.netl.doe.gov/smartgrid)

*Federal Smart Grid Website*  
[www.smartgrid.gov](http://www.smartgrid.gov)

*Smart Grid Information Clearinghouse*  
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