CUTTING-EDGE WORKSHOP

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 though 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

- 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

- 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

- 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.

- 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 CO₂ 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.

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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. 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. 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.

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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 loses 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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13:00  Vijay Modi  Wrap-up Discussions
### Speaker list

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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

Residential System

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

Types of Solar Installations:

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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

Basic Configuration - Revenue Metering

Meter - Logger - Internet

DIAGRAM - TYPICAL CONFIGURATION

- Internet
- Electrical
- PV, Array
- Inverter
- LGate 120

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What needs to be monitored for Performance?

Solar Radiation - W/m²

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 P.D.A. irradiance: horizontal data are easier to document

Measured vs Modeled vs Expected

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

Commercial Systems
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

Zero Export

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 backfired
- Reactive power management
- Voltage control
- Power factor control
- Constant VAR support
- Tracker Control
- Real Time HMI

Utility Scale Solar Projects

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
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 CMP, & 1 Lufft (UT-10 Tower TBD)

SCADA Headend

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

Equipment in SCADA Panel Highlights
- SEL RTAC 3530-4
  - SCADA RTU/Realtime HMI
  - Modbus/SEL/DNP 3.0 Support
  - 10,000 Tags
- Advantech ARK
  - Embedded Computer
  - Server run vendor applications

SCADA InField (Connect)

LGate Connect
- RTAC 3505
  - Stackable Automated Controller
  - Full Serial, TCP and IO Options
  - 5,000 Tags
- AcquiSuite A8810
  - 80 Modbus Clients (TCP/RTU)
  - Local Display
  - HTTP/HTTPS Upload
  - Expandable Memory
- Moxa EDS-4XX-T
  - Wide Temp Range
  - Managed Switch
  - SM/MM Support
  - Configurable Infield Comms
  - 61 cm x 61 cm
  - NEMA 4X Rated
  - UL508A

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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

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

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

**Intelligent Search and Grouping**
- New searching interface with geographic search, performance thresholds, fund relationships, and savable groups
- User-definable group builder allows users to set relevant parameters on dynamic or static basis

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**Data Visualization – Charting Tool**

*Powerful Charting Tool for data visualization and analysis.*

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

**Locus analytics help reduce O&M Cost**

```
O&M Expense
Reduced by 33 %
```

```
Reporting Expense
Reduced by 40 %
```

```
Production
Increased by 2.5 %
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“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.”

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

“The savings created through the integration of SOLV™ with PVIQ allows Swinerton to offer reduced long-term rates for solar O&M to our customers.”
Fleet optimization is a key part of an effective fleet management process. At Locus, we see the Fleet Management function breaking down into three distinct categories:

- **Operations**: Encompasses routine ‘under the hood’ business processes such as system registration, billing, SREC management, etc.
- **React to identified problems & resolve system-specific issues**: Includes both short-term and long-term problems.
- **Proactive identification of issues and areas for improvement, creating an overall healthier fleet**: Identifies fleet-level trends and performance drivers, with tools like benchmarking or portfolio analysis.

Locus Energy’s tools can help support key optimization processes:

- **A fleet outlier performance review process**

**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

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

The Excel Datalink Application provides direct access to the Solar-OS database via MS Excel, available with a package of pre-built reports for detailed fleet and site analysis. On-demand custom reports can also be created.

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**Virtual Irradiance**

- Virtual Irradiance provides highly accurate, real-time solar resource estimates across geographical spread without the need for deploying costly meteorological sensors. Users can 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 data**, and **other data**, **INSAT 3D weather data**
  - **15 minute interval, 1 km² resolution irradiance estimates**
  - **15 minute interval, 3 km² resolution irradiance estimates**

*Product currently offered in US, Indian subcontinent and parts of Asia only.*
Virtual Irradiance*

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.

1. Note that higher-end thermopile pyrheliometer sensors can have lower measurement error of around 3% (http://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy11osti/52194.pdf)

Commercial-Grade Physical Sensor Accuracy

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<th>Measurement Error</th>
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<th>Snow Cover Error</th>
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Virtual Irradiance Accuracy

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<th>Monthly Error</th>
<th>Error at optimal sites</th>
<th>Higher error in snow or dense cloud cover</th>
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Median monthly error of 2.6%
Median annual error of 2.1%

Supporting technology

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

Waterfall Report

- 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

Forecasting

- 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.

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

- Solar installations are rapidly increasing
- The impact on net system load and power prices/congestion is increasing (example: duck curve)
- Limited visibility into the production from behind-the-meter solar generation, and its subsequent impact on net system demand
- 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
- 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

• 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

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

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

Coverage of Solar PV Capacity in Key Solar States

Notes:
1. Solar PV Installed Capacity based on estimates from the EIA Electric Power Monthly. Given the fast-moving and distributed nature of PV solar, there is a wide range in estimates on total installed solar capacity by state
2. The majority of sites (by count) that Locus monitors are considered distributed; however, Locus does monitor some sites that are considered utility scale. Locus Coverage of Total = Total Locus / Total State. Locus Coverage of Distributed = Total Locus / State Distributed.
3. These numbers do not include Genscape monitored solar installations.

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

- **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**

- **Balancing Authority**
  - 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. DA/RT spreads)
  - More accurately forecast demand and price (esp. for quantitative traders)

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

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

- **Solar Asset Manager**
  - Gain early insights 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
  - 130,000+ Sites
  - 5GW
  - 80+ Billion Data Points Collected

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

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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 solutions & hardware
  - Customizable to per user requirement
  - 24 hour service support
  - >5GW >130,000 sites monitored

- **Global footprint**
  - Four office – Hoboken, San Francisco, Louisville, Gurgaon

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

- A $2.6bn (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

- Locus Energy was acquired by Genscape in September 2015 for expertise in the Solar monitoring and analytics market
Locus Business Model

1. Core Monitoring
   - Single-phase (residential)
   - 3-phase (commercial)

2. Enterprise Data Services
   - Role-based views in SolarNOC
   - Data aggregation
   - Fleet view diagnostics

3. Performance Analytics
   - Integrated performance modeling
   - Satellite irradiance
   - Prescriptive analysis on production impacts

Select Locus Clients by Channel

Leasing Companies
- Suneel Energy
- SunEdison
- Standard Solar
- Delta

EPC / Developers: 300+ Clients
- ABB
- Sharp
- Inger
- E.ON

OEMs, Enterprise & Agencies
- Powerhouse Solar
- Clean Power
- Finance
- NRG

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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

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

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

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 All 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 from Columbia University and an MBA from NYU’s Stern 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 JPMorgan. He holds a Bachelor’s degree in Electrical Engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an MBA from Columbia University’s Graduate Business School.
SPATIAL DATA INFRASTRUCTURES

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

TECHNOLOGY

- Software Client
- Catalogue Service
- Spatial Data Service
- Processing Services
- Spatial data repository
- GIS Software
United States Open Data Portal

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**GEOSERVER**

World Food Programme

**MAPBOX VECTOR TILES**

Similar to Apple Maps and Google Vector Maps
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ESRI ARCGIS

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About PostGIS

PostGIS is a spatial database extender for PostgreSQL object-relational database. It adds support for geographic objects allowing location queries to be run in SQL.

```sql
SELECT superhero.name
FROM city, superhero
WHERE ST_Contains(city.geom, superhero.geom)
AND city.name = 'Gotham';
```
GEOMESA
BigTable style spatio temporal database

LUCENE
Solr / ElasticSearch

MAPD
GPU powered analytics - Example with US ship movements

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QGIS
Free and Open Source GIS solution
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ACCESSIBLE, LICENSED AND DOCUMENTED

POLICIES

PRIORITIZE OPEN SOURCE

OPEN BY DEFAULT

POLICIES

SET CLEAR LONG TERM GOALS

SPATIAL DATA INFRASTRUCTURE

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STANDARDS

The Open Geospatial Consortium defines the standards for interoperability

DATA TRANSPORT

- WMS
- WCS
- WFS
- TMS
- Vector Tiles

DATA FORMATS

- CSV
- GML
- ESRI Shapefile
- GeoJSON
- Protobuff
- MbTiles
- Geopackage
- Geotiff

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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.
Digitizing the Green Grid Revolution!

The World of Energy is Disrupting

Disruptive Energy... Mega Trends

Reason 1 for March to Clean: Power/Water Nexus

Reason 2 for March to Clean: Depleting Resources

Reason 3 for March to Clean: 1.6 Earths
Grid Getting Greener

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

- 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

Digitization Making Strides Elsewhere

- 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

The Digital Revolution

- 50 Billion IoT Sensors by 2020
- 200 Billion Things on Internet by 2020
- 36% of all data will be stored in cloud
- 68 Pb Data Volume

Digital Trends
Green Grid meets Digital!

Data, data everywhere and every kind...

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

Growth in operational data:
- AMI Penetration from 2014-2019 market to grow at 27.4% CAGR:
  - Smart meter
  - AMI
  - IoT

Growth in external sources of data:
- Renewable production 2013 to 2020: increase in renewable energy in global power generation will rise from 22% in 2014 to nearly 26% by 2020.

Renewable production growth is driven by cost reduction and consumer demand for renewable energy.

Status Quo Today's Paradigm Shift Challenges Need for analytics

Centralized energy resources: large plants far from customers
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- Complexity of designing and operating a distributed grid

Renewable energy sources: wind, solar: variable, dependent on weather
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- Uncertainty in renewable generation: making demand-supply balance challenging

Distributed generation fleet, usually in remote locations
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- Difficulty of reducing cost while improving reliability

Distributed resources: solar panels, batteries, demand response, IoT
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- Heterogeneity and quality of data coming from multiple isolated systems

Customers can choose their own electricity provider, and also generate their own power
- Customers can choose their own electricity provider, and also generate their own power
- Risk of retaining and targeting effective customers

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
- Centralized visibility
- Conventional energy sources: predictable, independent of weather
- Conventional energy resources: coal, gas: predictable, reliable
- Limited focus on efficiency: demand growth and less stringent regulation drive healthy returns
- Limited data available on the asset and customer
- Customers can choose their own electricity provider, and also generate their own power

TOMORROW'S GRID
- Distributed, bidirectional
- Large-scale uncertainty
- Engaged "prosumers"
- New business models
- Load follows generation
- Digitization with predictive real-time optimization
- Distributed, bidirectional energy resources: solar panels, batteries, demand response, IoT
- Distributed, bidirectional renewable energy sources: wind, solar
- Efficiency and reliability: the critical drivers of demand and regulation require lower costs and high reliability
- Data explosion due to implementation of IoT, sensors, SCADA, AMI, smart meters, etc.
- Customers can choose their own electricity provider, and also generate their own power

An advantaged start-up… spun out of IBM!

About Utopus Insights

World Class Team
- Hands-on experience in NY offices in BLR
- Team with deep expertise in renewable energy
- Deep analytics, data science, energy experience, digital transformation in EU space
- 15 years of research with leading utilities & renewable generation
- 26 patents, numerous more pending: patient applications
- Analytics platform, asset analytics, OERI

Validated IP & Products
- DHAC founding member
- Core CM group membership
- Vermont REV award
- EEI Finalist 2016

Active Clients
- Leading utilities & renewable generation
- Commercial contracts
- Joint Development Agreements/SDR to develop cutting-edge tools
- Global Pioneers with promising results in SE Asia

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

From Reactive to..... Proactive... ...to Predictive

- Manual/adhoc reporting
- Unplanned/adhoc maintenance
- No database or data foundry
- Transparent reporting, portfolio wide, role based
- Real time alert notifications
- Controlled Asset management
- Analytics for predictive maintenance
- Operational forecasting for planned maintenance
- Complete Regulatory compliance

Creating a world class digital platform for proactive asset management

Our Roadmap: leading the industry to tomorrow’s grid

What is DER?

Distributed Generation

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

What is DER?

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 present the next grid failure?
GridPulse: innovative and intuitive user experience

- Precise, holistic visualization of assets and connectivity
- Understand network impact from a single asset, feeder, substation and system
- User driven configuration of scenarios and visualization

Nostradamus: Weather analytics center of competency for Energy applications

- Deep weather expertise
- Weather-energy nexus
- Intuitive weather and grid insights

HYPERCAST

- Specialized hyper-local weather forecasting combined with proprietary deep machine-learning

Conclusions

- Energy at the intersection of multiple disruptive trends: solar, wind, heat pumps, EVs, storage, instrumentation, digitalization
- It needs a new “operating system” to plan and orchestrate the grid
- Massive need for:
  - A new energy analytics platform
  - A suite of energy applications
- Need for a new approach
  - Hybrid solution:
    - Deep predictive and prescriptive analytics
    - Hyper-local weather
    - Common data model
  - Open AI
- 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!

Thank you!
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

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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: Why a 100% error margin

URM: Well we have 40% ‘Ghost Consumers’

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
- 30.5% claimed that they have problems in paying their bills – distance or incorrect bills
- 27% of consumers had concerns about the bills they received

It would be surprising if bills were being paid in the above scenario
**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

Voltage levels as low as 50VAC
Height of man = Height of wire
Electricity poles are part of the consumer’s home!
Extremely low power factors
Frequent break downs
leading to low availability

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**Solution to all this**
lays in digitizing Utilities

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

Projects for a total of **14,00,000 smart meters have been announced** over the past 5 years
Only **~10,000 meters have been supplied**
An estimated only **15,000~18,000 meters are functioning**

**HUNG/DELAYED**

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**EXTENDED**

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**CANCELLED**

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

- **Expensive**
  The capital 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
Comparison of this approach with existing approaches of DISCOM

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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

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<td>Replacement &amp; Meter Addition costs %/y</td>
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<td>15% new meter procurement each year based on DISCOM data in India</td>
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<td>Digital Meter Reading</td>
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<td>12% interest for capex with 5 year term</td>
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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 NPA 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

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.

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.

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.

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, billing generation, distribution, and payment collection
3. 24x7 customer care center – all customer complaints EXCEPT No Current Complaints
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\text{target}) = Max(\text{AT&C}_{\text{current year}} \times \text{AT&C}_{\text{target}})\text{AT&C}_{\text{current year}}\text{AT&C}_{\text{achieved at the end of the year}}
   Incentive = (\text{AT&C}_{\text{target}} - \text{AT&C}_{\text{achieved}}) \times \text{Annual MBC Revenue}
4. Penalty
   Applicable when AT&C_{\text{target}} > AT&C_{\text{achieved}}
   Penalty = (\text{AT&C}_{\text{target}} - \text{AT&C}_{\text{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
   - Past demonstrated experience of any of the following:
     - 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
   - Financial Eligibility Criteria
     - MADA for 3 years + 3 months of collection revenue from MBC area
     - No negative cash flows in past 3 years
   - 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
   - Performance Guarantee
     - One month of cash revenue collection from MBC service area
Guarantees needed from DISCOMs
To ensure that the investment is secure

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

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**Tender Awarding**

Awardee = L1 of monthly service charge for MBC

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**Guarantees needed from DISCOMs**
To ensure that the investment is secure

**Depreciated Value Calculation**
- The total lifetime revenue/consumer (A) = MBC Service Charge/month × 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% × (A_{appreciated}) - B

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**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.

2. **Smart Metering**
   The lowest cost, most advanced and most integrated smart metering platform

   **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.

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

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 - Billing - Complaints - New connection - Connection alteration - Demand response

All MBC operational activities are managed on our online portal

3. THEFT AND FAULT DETECTION
4. COMMAND EXECUTION
5. BILLING & DISTRIBUTION
6. COMPLAINT MANAGEMENT
7. PAYMENT COLLECTION
8. ANALYTICS

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

Yashraj Fatnani
Founder, Chairman, CEO
S.B. in Electrical Engineering & Computer Science at UC Berkeley

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Columbia University in the City of New York
Ivy League Research University
Main Campus located in Manhattan, Morningside Heights

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

MP Lab
Motor Drives and Power Electronics Laboratory (MP Lab)
• 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

MP Lab Research
Research
• Advanced control
• Optimal control
• Nonlinear control
• Observers

• Power electronics
• Wide-bandgap
• High-frequency (MHz)

Applications
• Electric Vehicle Drivetrains
• Traction drive systems
• Energy storage systems
• Power converters

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
**Acceleration**

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

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

**Limited editions, price > $800k**

**Acceleration**

Only 2 cars accelerate faster - ever

*“Slower” cars (still < 3s)*

Porsche 918: Plug-in Hybrid

Ferrari LaFerrari: KERS

Limited editions, price > $800k

**Range**

Current vehicles

- Premium vehicles (>200 miles)
- City/commuter vehicles (~80-100 miles)

**Driver expectations**

- "Sound barrier" ~ 200 miles
- "Range anxiety anxiety"

**Range**

Commute

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

*On a typical day, how many miles one-way do you travel from home to work?*

Occasional travel

- Longer ranges beneficial
- (Fast) charging infrastructure

*Average Commute to Work,” US Department of Transportation, 2003*

**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

**Electric Vehicles**

**Environmental Impacts**

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**Tank-to-wheel evaluation**
- Efficiency of the vehicle
- Limitation: electricity is not a primary energy source

**Well-to-wheel evaluation**
- Efficiency of the transportation system
- Considers generation and distrib. losses
- Results depends on energy mix

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**Fuel consumption (l_gas_eq/100km)**

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**Emissions (g_CO2_eq/km)**

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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)

**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

**Predictions of Different Sources (including Big Oil)**

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

**OPEC**

- OPEC’s forecast grew by 500%
- 12% market share by 2040
- EV could cut 8 million barrels (25% of current OPEC output)

**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

**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
Power System
Upcoming Policies

Global Warming

CO2 Level (ppm)

Potential effects: wild fire; drought; extreme tropical storms

Yosemite National Park’s Lyell Glacier

Graphic: nationalgeographic.com; NASA Earth Observatory

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”.

Climate Projections


Paris Agreement

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

- US announced withdrawal but remains a member until at least Nov 4, 2020

US Emissions

Source: epa.gov (2014 data)

Greenhouse gas emissions

CO2 emissions

CO2 emissions
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

Demand: California Example

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

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

Vehicle - Grid Interface

Charging Standards

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

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 63A (3.7-43.5 kW)
Future: ~100kW

DC Charging

CHAdeMO
- Up to 62.5 kW of direct current (500 Vdc, 125 A)
- Nissan, Mitsubishi, Toyota

Combined Charging System (CCS): AC+DC
- 200–450 Vdc, 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
**Wireless Charging – Inductive Charging**

**Magne Charge**
- Used by GM EV1 and some other models

**Recent**
- AUDI Wireless Charging (AWC) 3.6kW charger (2016)
- Bombardier-Transportation PRIMEV 3.6kW charger (2015)

**Systems**
- Several cities (London, Turin) test inductive charging for buses

**Smart Interoperation**
Vehicle to X (V2x)

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**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


**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

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**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)

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**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

Prof. Fred Jiang
Co-Chair, Smart Cities Center
Data Science Institute and Electrical Engineering
Columbia University

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
ACme Wireless IPv6 Plug-load Monitor

**Version A vs Rev.B**

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<td>• Low CPU utilization</td>
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A tradeoff between fidelity and efficiency

Networking Architecture

ACme Node Level API

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<td><code>report(ip_addr, rate) -&gt; Null</code></td>
<td>Begin sending data</td>
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<td><code>switch(state) -&gt; Null</code></td>
<td>Control the SSR</td>
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- ASCI 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

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- 38 AC plug-load meters
- 6 light sensors
- 1 vibration sensor
Deployment

- 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

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

Functional Re-aggregation

Spatial Re-aggregation

Where to concentrate effort
And who to blame

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 to universities and companies around the world, including the U.S., Taiwan, China, Italy, and Singapore.

What actions can WE take to reduce?

In Homes
Real-time and personalized energy feedback in homes can lead to reduced energy consumption

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

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

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Live Energy Footprint

Energy Savings
Minigrid Field Experiences
IOT without the internet

Jack Bott and Ji Jia

Acacia Irrigation

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

Credit and Cash Flow Diagram:
- Operator
- Vendor
- User

Support System

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

Security

- Encrypted card transactions protected by central secure server (AES 256)
- Multiple checks on data accuracy: 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

- LCD Display
- NFC Reader/Writer
- Control Buttons
Shared Solar: Smart Meter

- 10 User Capacity
- 1 Watt Accuracy
- Ethernet Communication
- Latching Relay

Shared Solar: Operator

Local Trainings

Thank You

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- an interactive dialogue towards a knowledge platform

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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

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

DISTRIBUTION SECTOR IN MANY LOW AMD 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

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Source: Audited DISCOM Accounts - * DISCOM figures are projections based on provisional reporting by States
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

70% of emissions from buildings

HVAC: 43% of the energy footprint of a typical commercial office building
Heating: 11% Cooling: 12%
Fans/pumps: 20%
Domestic Hot Water: 1%
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**

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

- With 28% heat pumps, the new winter peak demand equals existing summer peak (11.5 GW)
- With 61% heat pumps, the new winter peak (17.2 GW) is 150% the existing summer peak

**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

**Systemwide Wind Capacity Factor vs. Total Installed Wind Capacity**

- NEW YORK STATE ONSHORE
- Fewer good sites

- 0% 10% 18% 31% (% energy from wind)
- Best
- Many options
- Transmission
- Flex baseload

**Cold Spells (non-stationary)**

**Cold Spells (stationary)**
What will scale in LICs first?

- 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

100m or 300 ft
Situation des Ménages

Rayon de 100m

Situation:
>20 ménages par 100 m²

GENERATION
PRIVATE
INVESTMENT

DISTRIBUTION
PUBLIC
FINANCED

IN. WIRE/APP
TARIFF
FINANCED

PV Micro-central

PV Micro-central combines clean energy, efficiency and smart allocation of resources to provide reliable and cost-effective energy services.

Any source
eg HYBRID
220V AC
UTILITY GRADE

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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 Ruhiria, Uganda

137% Average Annual Growth

Sys max cap reached

Average Overall Energy Usage Over a Day for 45 Lowest Usage Circuits

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Average Cost per Wh: $2.50/h pm

$9/h pm

POOR ARE CREDIT WORTHY
UTILITIES NOT ALWAYS

$2.50/h pm
Cost versus Reliability

Cost is USD/Wh versus LEOP of micro-grid with refrigerator load. The simulation uses the load profile from Senegal, Mbk. LEOPs range from 0.05 to 0.18. The cost for a reliability is the optimal combination of PV generation and battery energy which achieves that reliability. Thus, PV generation and battery storage capacity do not have a fixed ratio.

99.9% Reliability ← 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