# Smart Grid In India

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# Smart Grid – Areas of Interest

### New Technologies

#### Generation

Solar, Wind, Fuel-Cells etc.
 Distributed Generation

#### Storage

Outility Scale StorageO Distributed Storage

#### **Customer Participation**

- Smart-Meters / Smart-Appliances
- Residential Solar
- Electric Vehicles (PHEVs, BEVs)

### Market Dynamics

#### Wholesale Markets

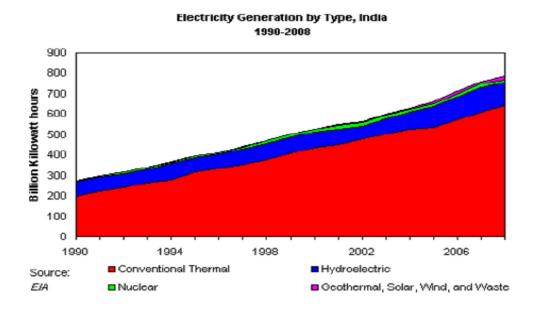
Day-ahead and hour-ahead markets
 IPPs and LSEs

#### **Retail Markets**

Demand Response
 New Rate Structures

 TOU, RTP, CPP, CPP-R...
 Retail Competition

# Generation in India – Strong Growth in Generation Capacity, Strong Emphasis on Renewable Sources



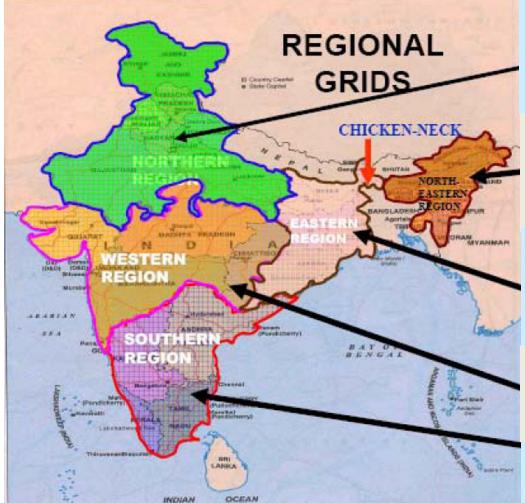
#### **Capacity:**

- Approx. 150 GW now (US: ~1000GW)
- >100% growth/decade until 2030
  - 950 GW by 2030

#### **Generation Mix:**

- Thermal 64%
- Hydro 22%
- Renewable (mainly wind) ~10%
- Nuclear 3%
- Ministry of Renewable Energy; National Action Plan on Climate
- 18 states have Renewable Portfolio Standards; 9 states have feed-in tarrifs
- Wind India has the world's 3<sup>rd</sup> largest wind provider; largest in Asia (Suzlon)
- Solar 20 GW by 2020; National Solar Mission
- Nuclear 30 GW of nuclear by 2020; Collaboration with France, Russia, US
- Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu pushing forward with renewables

### Transmission Infrastructure In India



#### Northern Grid –

- Run-of-the-river hydro (snow fed)
- Highly weather sensitive load
- Net Deficit region

#### North-Eastern Grid –

- High hydro potential micro Hydro
- Very low loads
- Electricity evacuation is a problem

#### Eastern Grid -

- High coal reserves base load plants
- Low loads
- Net excess capacity

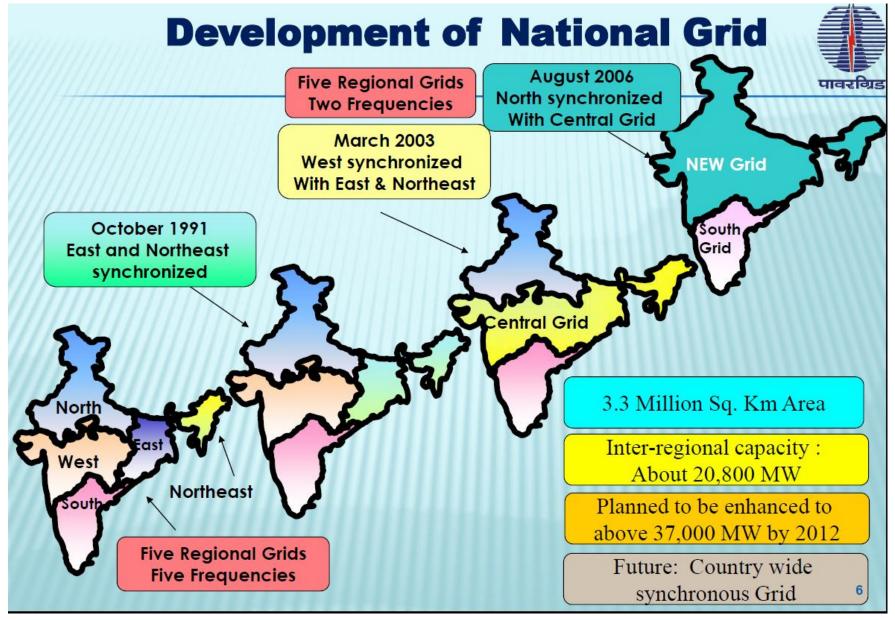
#### Western Grid -

- High load industrial + agriculture
- High interest in solar / wind

#### Southern Grid –

- Hydro (rain dependent)
- High load (40% agriculture)

### Transmission Infrastructure In India



# Smart Grid for Transmission Network

- Power Grid Corp operation of the national grid
  - Growing at 40% CAGR;
- Aggressive deployment of Phasor Measurement Units (PMUs)
  - Northern already installed 4 PMUs, 20 more in progress
  - Western 25 PMUs
  - Eastern 70-80 PMUs
- Functioning wholesale electricity trading markets on commodity exchanges
  - Low volumes, ~5% of electricity traded on exchanges
- Lot of research activity related to PMUs in universities
  - Optimal placement of PMUs
  - Dynamic State Estimation
  - Control schemes, Software for data visualization, ...

### Distribution Infrastructure In India

- o 80% of villages are 'electrified', yet...
  - o 45% of the population doesn't have access to electricity
  - ~400 Million people without electricity (US population ~300 Million)
  - o For other 55%, power-cuts and rationing are a norm
- o Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) losses are very high
  - >30% on average, >50% in many states
  - High electricity 'theft'; poor policing / enforcement due to political reasons
- Subsidies to agricultural sector
  - Free or very low-cost power which is often un-metered;
  - o Hard to separate free power from 'theft'

## Distribution Infrastructure In India

- o ~60 Electricity Distribution companies in India
  - o Generally state-owned monopolies
  - Generally loss making entities (average loss 11% of sales / year mainly due to high AT&C losses and poor revenue collection)
- Reform of the distribution sector identified as a key need by the government
  - o APDRP, R-APDRP Reducing AT&C losses a key focus
  - o Open-Access for the distribution network to foster competition
  - o Laws against theft better enforcement, better communication
  - Privatization & Franchising of distribution network
  - o Demand Side Management especially in agricultural sector
  - o Rationalization of tariffs and removal of cross-subsidies

# High Penetration of Distributed Energy Resources

o Many customer segments taking things in their own hands -

- Industrial centers, Software Export Zones (SEZs) have their own captive generation
- Large residential complexes usually have near-100% power back-up through captive generation
- Small residential customers have a high penetration of distributed energy resources
  - o Diesel-generators
  - Battery-Inverter packs peak-load shifting and load management
- No active government policy to encourage distributed generation and storage (except renewable), yet a high-level of customer adoption
  - o Feed-in tariffs, micro-grid creation, tax-incentives...

### One Smart-Meter for Every House?

o Smart Metering coming to India -

- Driven by the need for reducing AT&C losses
- o Measurement the first step towards improvement
- o Some companies are already active Echelon, GE, Landy+Gyr

o Can we build & deploy a smart-meter for \$10-\$20?

- o US Typical smart-meter deployment cost is around \$200-\$250 / meter
  - o e.g. Baltimore installing 2 Million smart meters @ \$450 Million
  - o Bill-of-Material is \$50-100; rest is labor and back-office software
- We can build a laptop for \$10 (One Laptop Per Child program)!
  - o Custom SoC, open-source software, low-installation cost

### Water-Power Nexus in India





- High ground water usage for irrigation and household consumption
  - Significant energy consumption in pumping ground water
  - Poor power quality and unreliable power supply leads to inefficient use of of ground water & electricity
  - Subsidies to agricultural sector leads to poor / unreliable supply
- Opportunity to break the vicious cycle by -
  - Demand Side Management
  - Distributed Renewable Integration
  - Higher efficiency equipment

# On-going Smart Grid Activities in India -

- o APDRP, R-APDRP initiative for distribution reform (AT&C focus)
- o DRUM India Distribution Reform Upgrade, Management
  - o Four pilot sites (North Delhi, Bangalore, Gujarat, Maharashtra)
  - o Smart Grid Vision for India
- o Smart Grid Task Force Headed by Sam Pitroda
- BESCOM project Bangalore Integration of renewable and distributed energy resources into the grid
- o KEPCO project in Kerala India \$10 Billion initiative for Smart-Grid
- L&T and Telvent project Maharashtra Distribution Management System roll-out
- o Housing -
  - Rabirashmi Abasan Housing project Kolkata (2008). First instance of netmetering in India from roof-top Solar
  - SA Habitat and Valence Energy Hyderabad (2009). Distributed generation via roof-top solar for 40% in a micro-grid

# Conclusion

- o Lot of excitement around Smart Grid in India
- o Power Infrastructure recognized as a key bottleneck in India's growth
- Favorable government policies / investments
  - $\circ\,$  Rural electrification, renewable generation, distribution reforms
- Implementation requires education and marketing of benefits to consumers and implementers
  - o Strong leadership team coming together
- $_{\odot}$  Opportunity to customize US / western solutions for Indian conditions
  - Cost / feature trade-off;