

# StorageVET® in Action

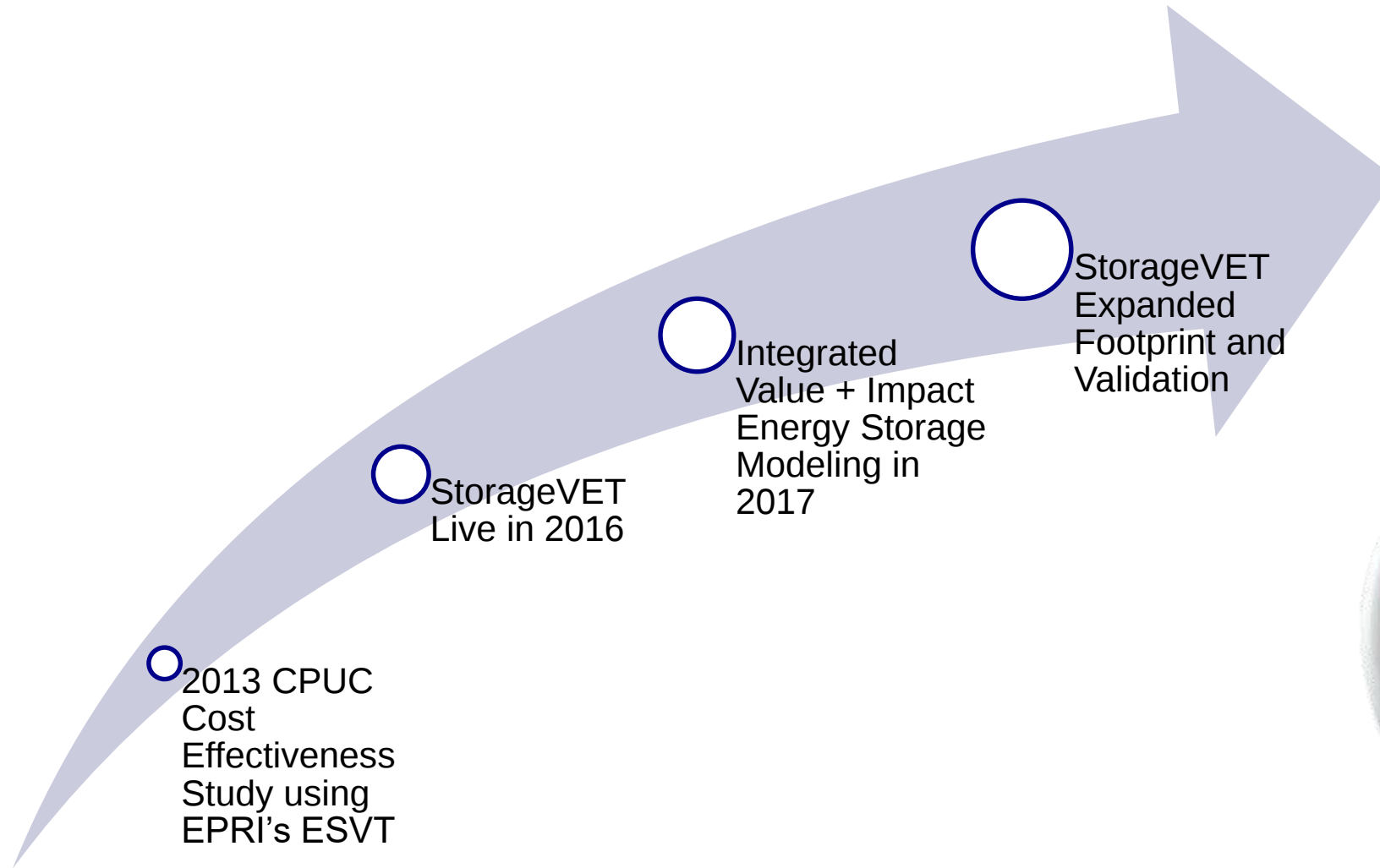
Storage Value Estimation Tool

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# Storage Made Easy: StorageVET® Paving the Way

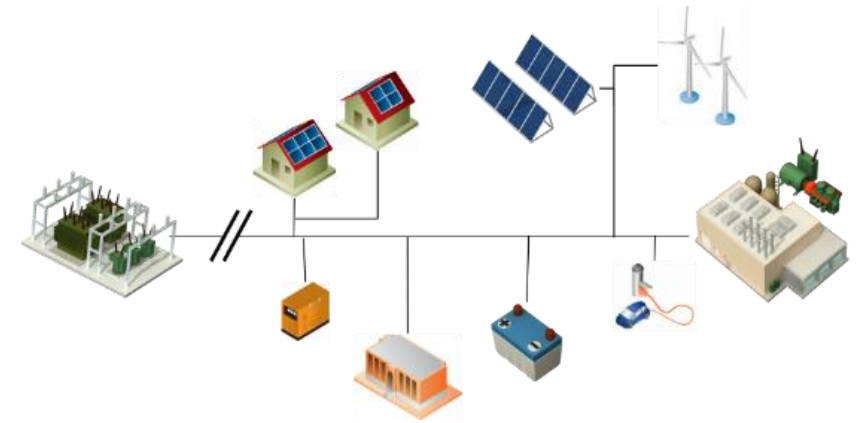
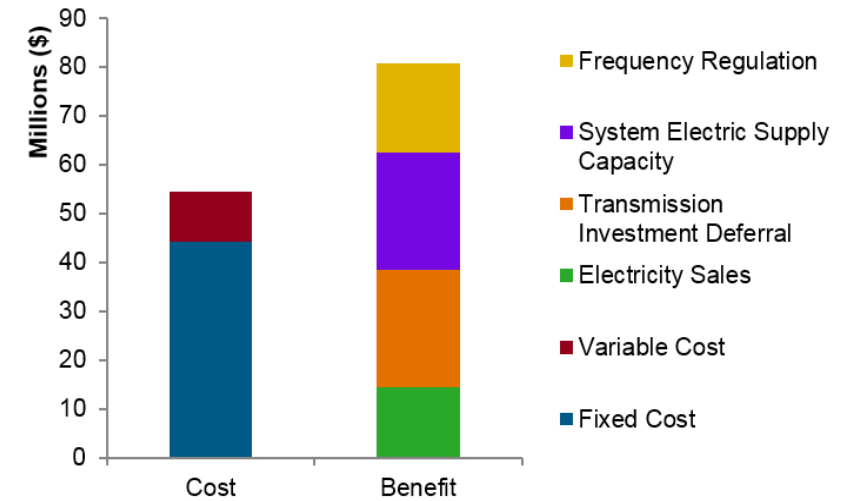


**2020 Goal:  
Make  
Storage...**



# Challenges to Modeling Storage

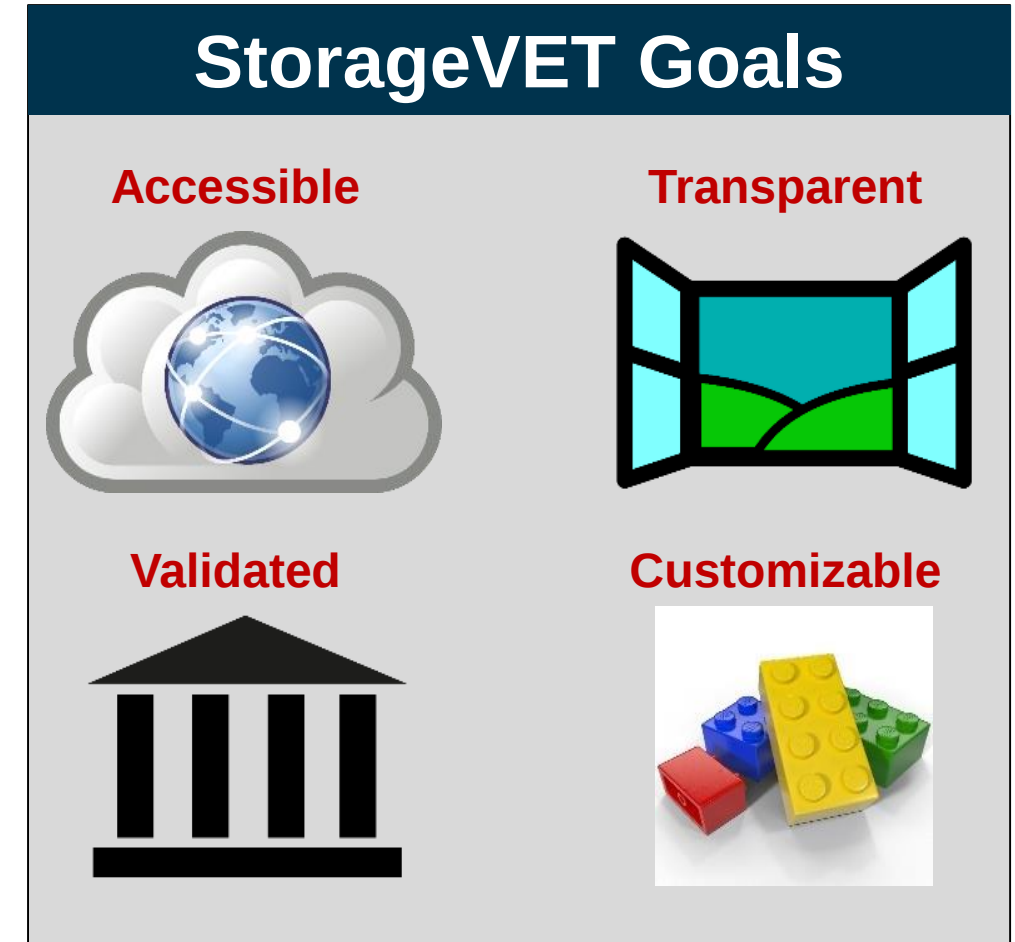
- Storage and limited energy resources are still not common
- Rules and regulations still are evolving
- Benefit stacking is appealing, but will it be possible
  - More services = more value
  - More services = more requirements → Can they be satisfied?
- Locational value of storage requires site-specific analysis
- Complex optimization between storage degradation and service participation scheduling



# StorageVET®

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

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



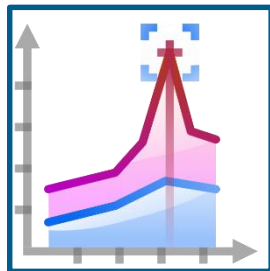
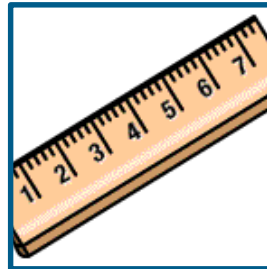
# Users of StorageVET® Today

## Key Use Cases



Locating & Screening

Sizing/Designing  
(stacked services)



Operational Strategies  
(Customer and Grid)

## Common Communication Platform

- Common Benchmarking Tool

Regulators

- Screening, Design, Procurement, & Operations

Utilities

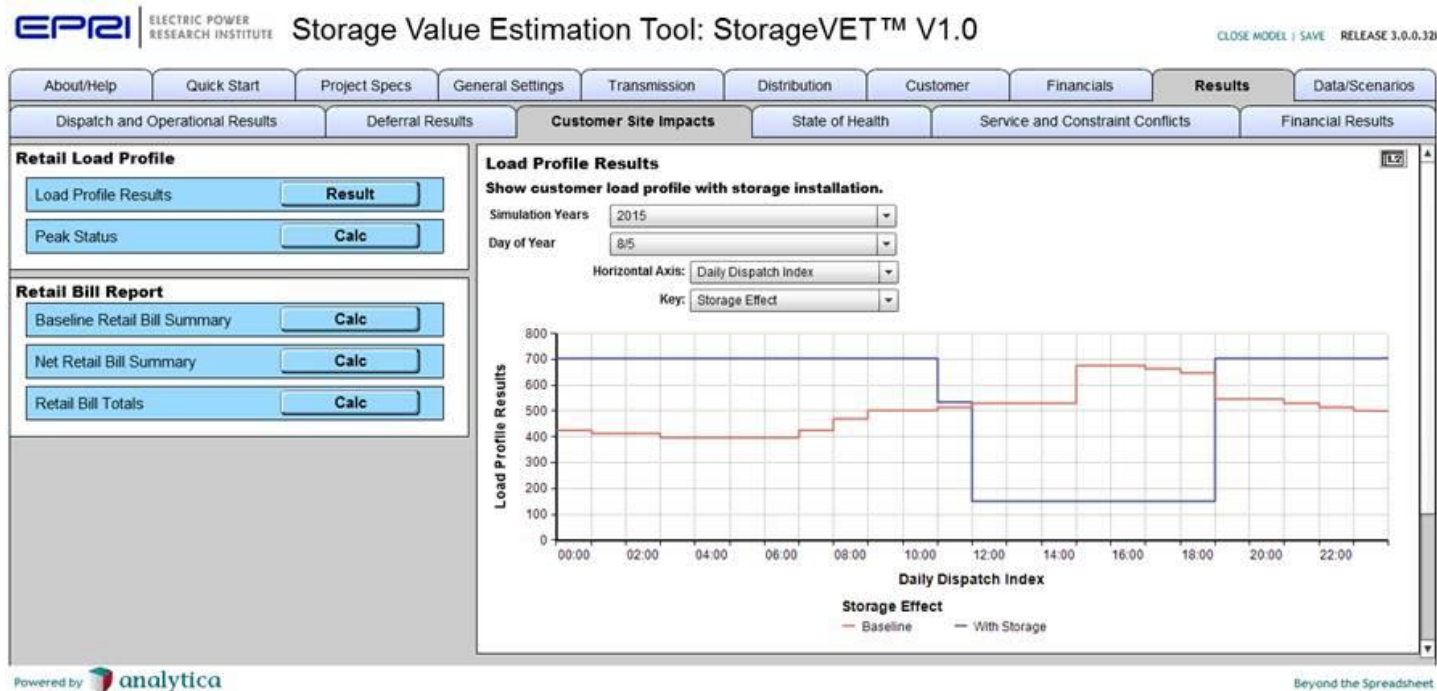
Customers

- Bill Savings Assessment
- Product Selection

Developers

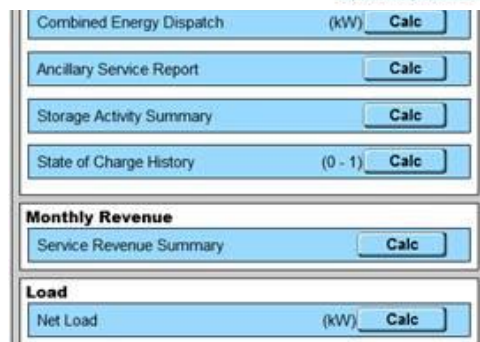
- Sales, Marketing, RFP Response

# StorageVET® Live: [www.storagevet.com](http://www.storagevet.com)



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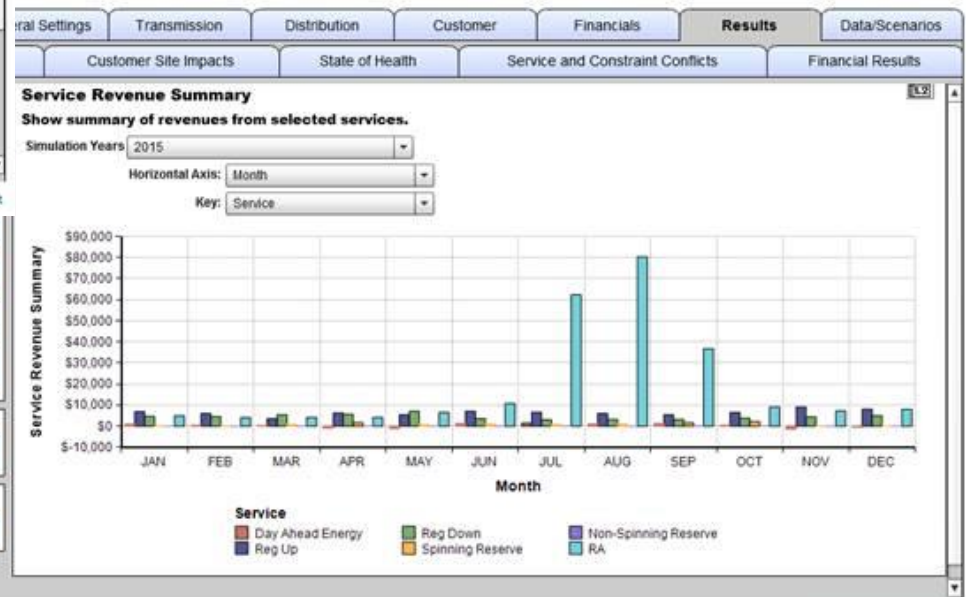
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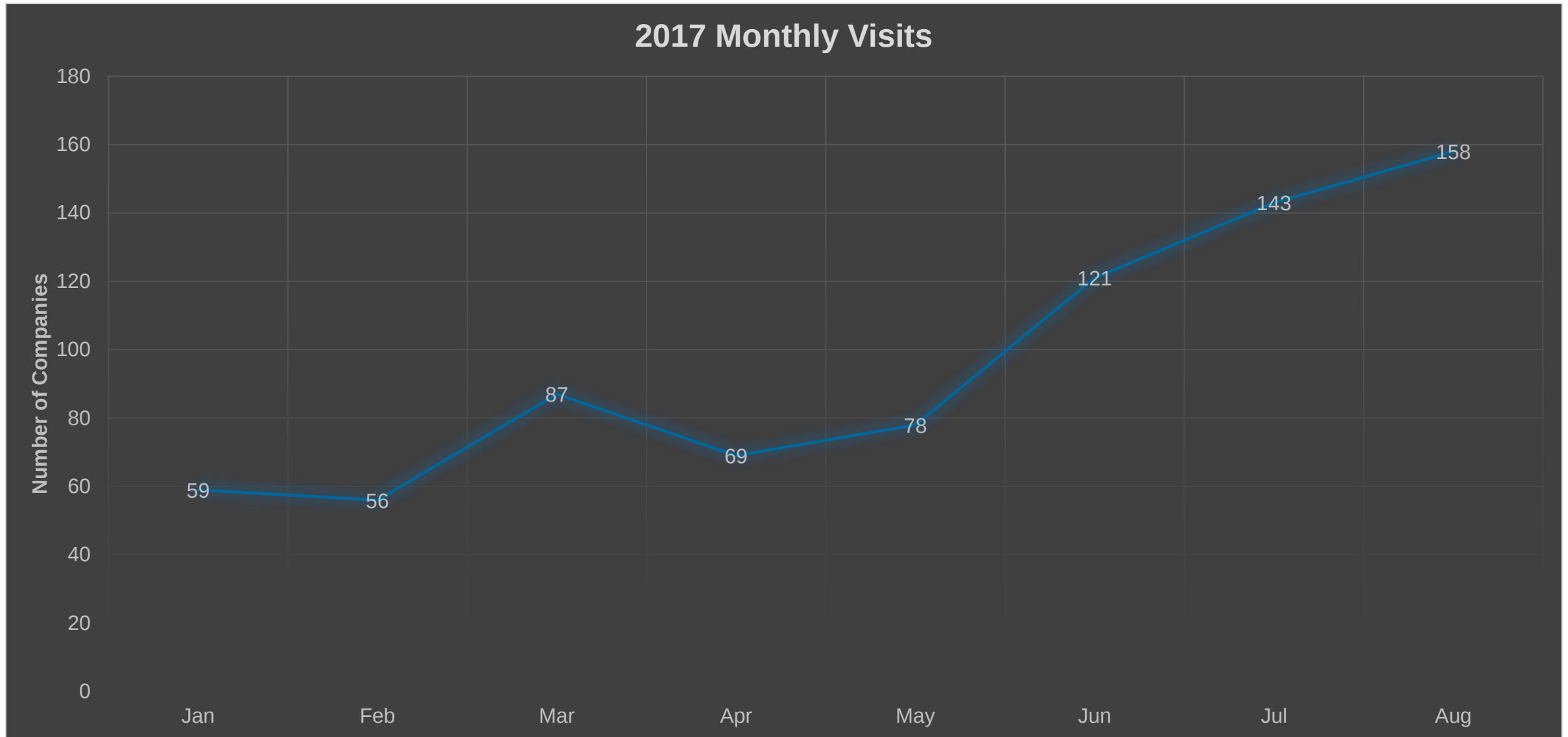
## Estimation Tool: StorageVET™ V1.0

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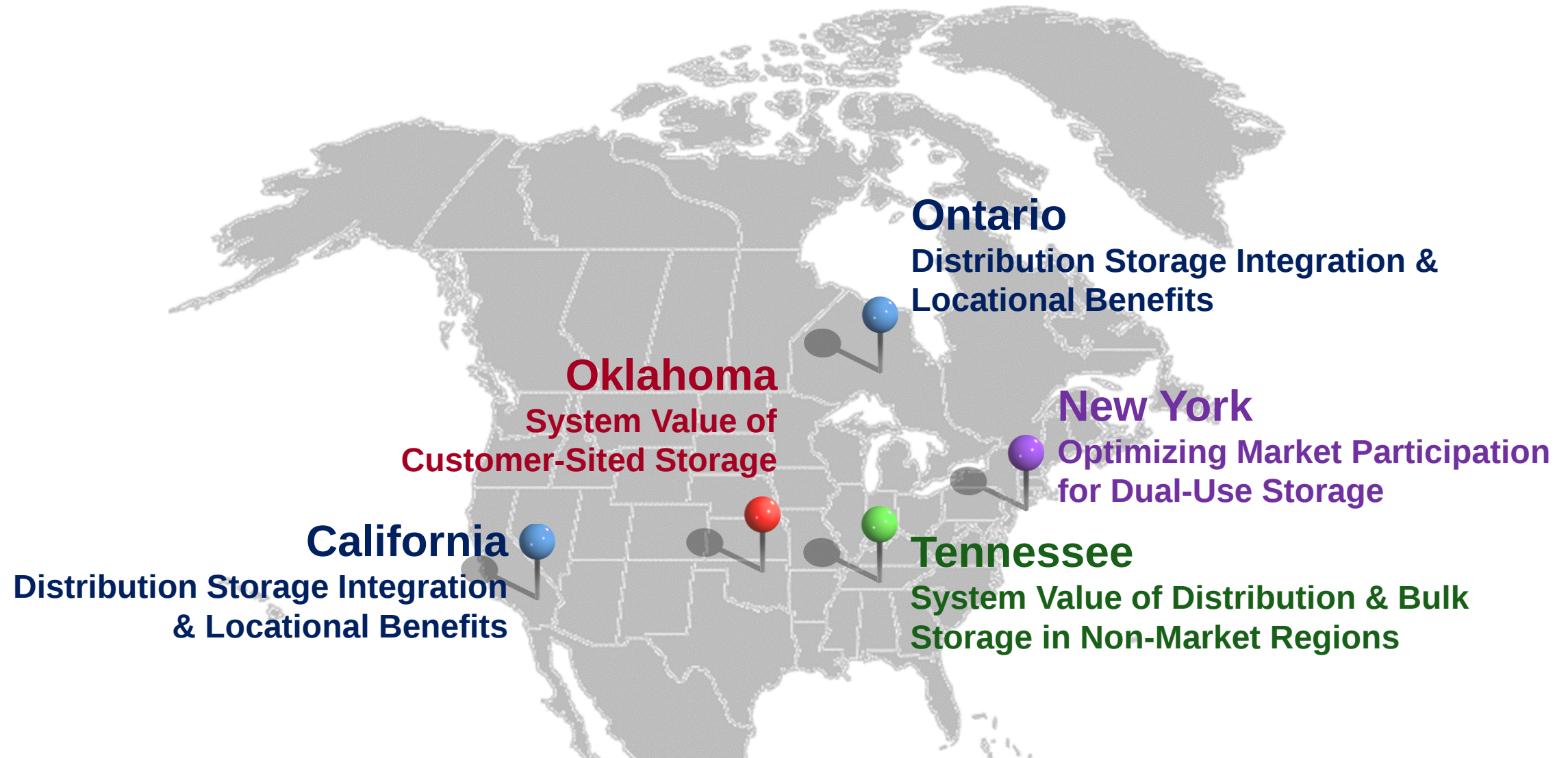


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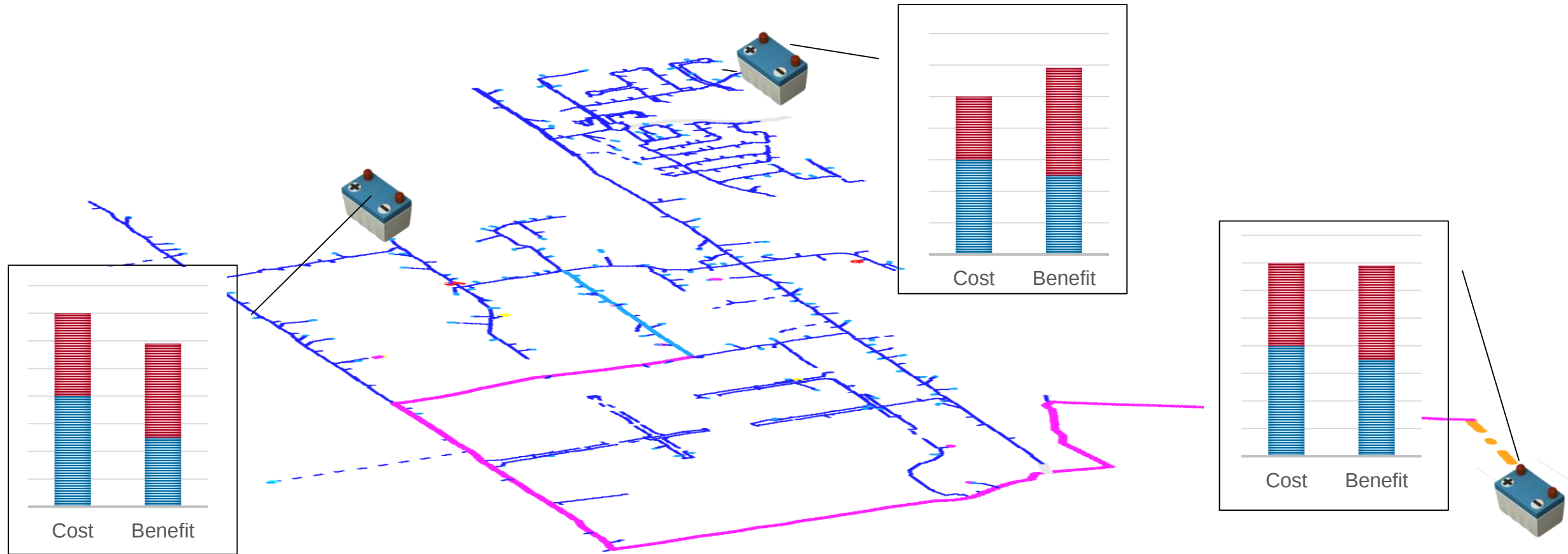
# 485 StorageVET® Users Across 170 Organizations



# Current Storage VET Validation and Research

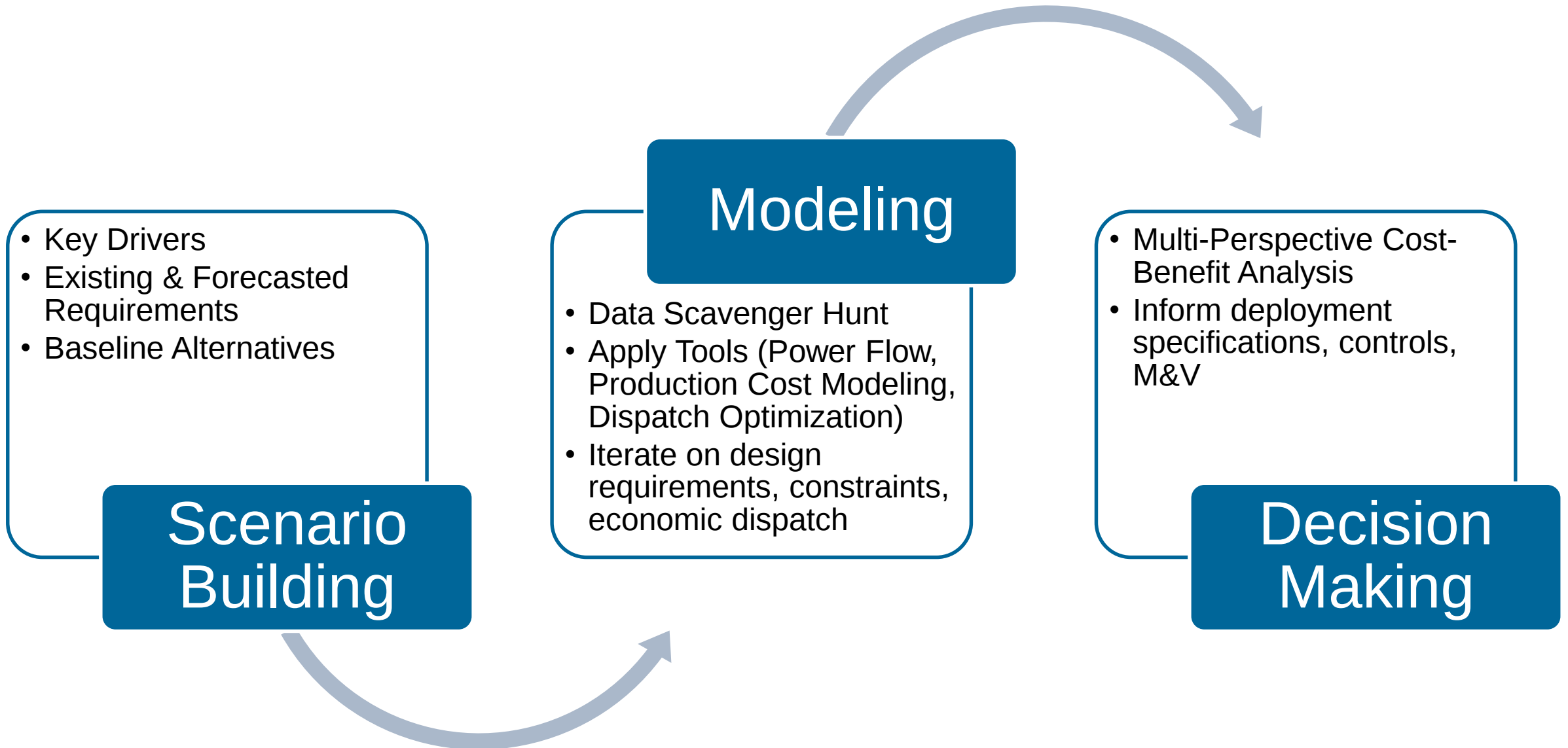


# Integrated Energy Storage Modeling Vision



Streamlined and informed decision making...  
...just as easy to model storage for deployment as a familiar transformer upgrade

# The Framework



# What's Next?

- Progress towards a cohesive valuation research portfolio to make storage...
- StorageVET validation and integration:
  - Model Validation Effort Through ESIC
  - Expand Regional Footprint
  - Integrated Energy Storage Modeling Supplemental
    - Impact + Value
    - Host + Participant Collaborative Multi-Year Project
  - StorageVET User Group





# Together...Shaping the Future of Electricity

# Additional Material

[www.storagevet.com](http://www.storagevet.com)

# StorageVET Access

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# Access to StorageVET

- Model is publicly available, but requires registration and log-in (process takes a few days)
- Interested users should first enroll
- Follow instructions at [www.storagevet.com](http://www.storagevet.com)
- Join ESIC StorageVET Subgroup (bi-weekly) to engage in stakeholder collaboration to test and improve the tool

# Energy Commission Smart Inverter Projects

## EPIC Fall Symposium

Angie Gould



## Overview

- Projects' Description
- Projects' Status
- Projects' Benefits
- Lessons Learned

## Projects' Description

- Five projects testing, verifying, and demonstrating smart inverter autonomous (SIWG Phase I) and communications (SIWG Phase II) functions
- All five projects are from the 2012-2014 EPIC Investment Plan
- \$6,395,533 in EPIC funds across the five projects
- \$3,587,839 in total match funding

## Projects' Status

- Three projects started mid-2015; two started mid-2016. All scheduled to complete March 2019
- Projects primarily performing laboratory testing and updating protocols and testing procedures to meet updated IEEE 1547 and Rule 21 updates. Field testing will follow
- Recipients are participating in meetings of the Smart Inverter Working Group and DNP3 User Group, as well as in the development of Rule 21, IEEE 1547, and IEEE 2030.5

## Projects' Status, continued

- When projects are complete, will have:
  - Open source software clients for both DNP3 and IEEE 2030.5 communications standards
  - Standardized communications across inverter manufacturers
  - Optimized grid support from inverters, DERs, and consumer devices working together

## Projects' Benefits

- Improved power quality and reliability, increased renewable penetration
- Reduced interconnection time and costs for PV and storage
- Optimized coordination of smart inverters with customer-side devices (e.g., smart thermostats), EV charging, and storage to enable high penetration PV
- Freely available software to test for compliance with communications standards

## Lessons Learned

- Standards have been updated more slowly than anticipated, delaying some aspects of the projects
- Other areas, like controllable loads, have developed more quickly than anticipated, allowing projects to procure equipment at lower than expected costs

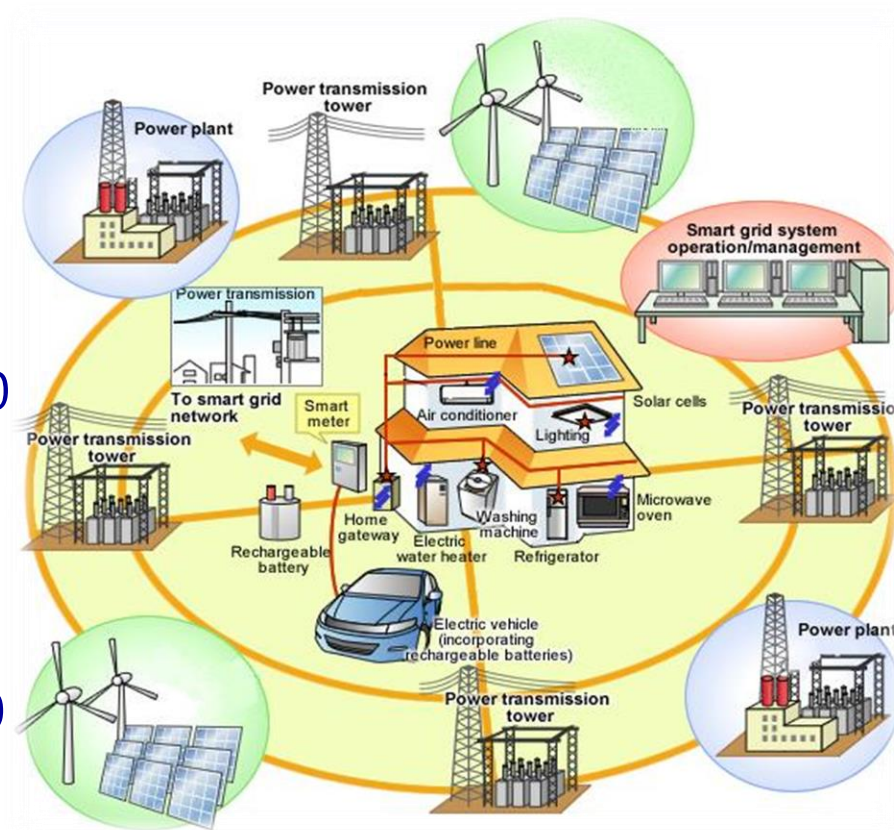
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# Policy Drives Innovation

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# ***South Coast Air Quality Management District Advanced Smart Inverter Project***

EPIC Fall Symposium

October 18, 2017



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Advanced Microgrid Solutions

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# EPIC Triennial Investment Plan

**Solicitation:** Solar +: Taking the Next Steps to Enable Solar as a Distribution Asset

**Project:** South Coast Air Quality Management District Advanced Smart Inverter Project

- **Program Area:** Applied Research and Development
  - **Funding Initiative S3.2:** Develop Integrated and Hybrid Photovoltaic Technologies and Strategies to Reduce Costs and Advance Zero-Net Energy Buildings
  - **Funding Initiative S4.2:** Develop Innovative Tools and Strategies to Increase Predictability and Reliability of Wind and Solar Generation
  - **Funding Initiative S6.1:** Develop Smart Inverter Capabilities to Improve Grid Operations
- **Program Area:** Technology Demonstration and Deployment
- **Funding Initiative S15.1:** Demonstrate Advanced Energy Storage Interconnection Technologies and Systems in Transmission, Distribution, and

## Project Description and Goals

- **Project:** Solar + Storage + Smart Inverter + Warm Bridge at South Coast AQMD
- **Goals:** Advance the deployment and grid integration of distributed solar resources through decreased cost; increased circuit hosting capacity; and enhanced value.
- Advance the capabilities of smart solar inverters to manage SIWG Phase III functions and high penetrations of PV
- Demonstrate and measure system performance
  - Scenario A - solar power only
  - Scenario B - solar + storage.



## Procurement Summary

EPIC Funding - \$2,729,943

Match Funding - \$2,173,382

Total Project - \$4,903,325

Total Solicitation Funding - \$22,768,717

- Prime is Certified CA Small Business - Advanced Microgrid Solutions (AMS)

## System Specs

- 500kW high efficiency solar
- 750 kW/1500 kWh energy s
- Uninterruptable power supp



Advanced Microgrid Solutions



## Project Objectives

- Demonstrate the value of a technology-agnostic aggregated DER implementation (solar and storage) with SIWG Phase III solar inverter to:
  - Improve power quality (reduced voltage swings)
  - Provide additional SIWG Phase III functionality
  - Increase hosting capacity by 25%
  - Increase solar while dramatically reducing curtailment
  - Measure and validate data to determine fair levels of compensation for solar curtailment to support grid functionality
  - Provide recommendations for cybersecurity

## Project Status

| Milestone                                     | Date     | Status   |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Start Date                                    | 9/29/17  | Complete |
| South Coast AQMD Board Approval               | 10/10/17 | Complete |
| Develop Detailed Project Plan                 | 12/8/17  |          |
| Solar Design, Engineering, and Installation   | 8/17/18  |          |
| Storage Design, Engineering, and Installation | 8/31/18  |          |
| Communications Enablement and Bench Testing   | 7/27/18  |          |
| Field Demonstration                           | 7/19/19  |          |
| Data Analysis and Recommendations             | 10/19/19 |          |
| Evaluation of Project Benefits                | 2/24/20  |          |
| Technology/Knowledge Transfer Activities      | 1/17/20  |          |
| End Date                                      | 3/20/20  |          |

## Project Benefits

- Demonstrate a system that provides powerful, flexible distribution-level grid support
  - Can be replicated on any circuit
  - Compatible with a wide range of DERs
    - New and existing solar, fuel cells, wind, building management systems, and others
    - Accelerate the deployment of renewables and achieve the state's energy goals, including AB 32, SB 32, SB 350, AB 1637, AB 2868, and CPUC proceedings

### Renewables integration services:

- Renewables intermittency firming
  - Flex ramping
  - Absorbing reverse power flows
  - Renewables capacity increase
- Contribute to identified areas of EPIC Triennial Plan

## Project Benefits Continued

### Safety

- Decrease the likelihood of blackouts and brownouts
- Absorb dangerous reverse power flows caused by high solar penetration

### Reliability

- Provide a more flexible, rapid response to SIWG Phase III functions
- Increase the pool of resources capable of providing grid support
  - Reduce peak energy demand at the host site by 16%
  - Reduce total energy usage by > 10%
  - Increase solar PV DER capacity on the Boothill feeder by 1.25 MW

### Cost

- Reduce demand charges at the host site by 28% and overall electric bill by  ELECTRIC POWER RESEARCH INSTITUTE

## Lessons Learned

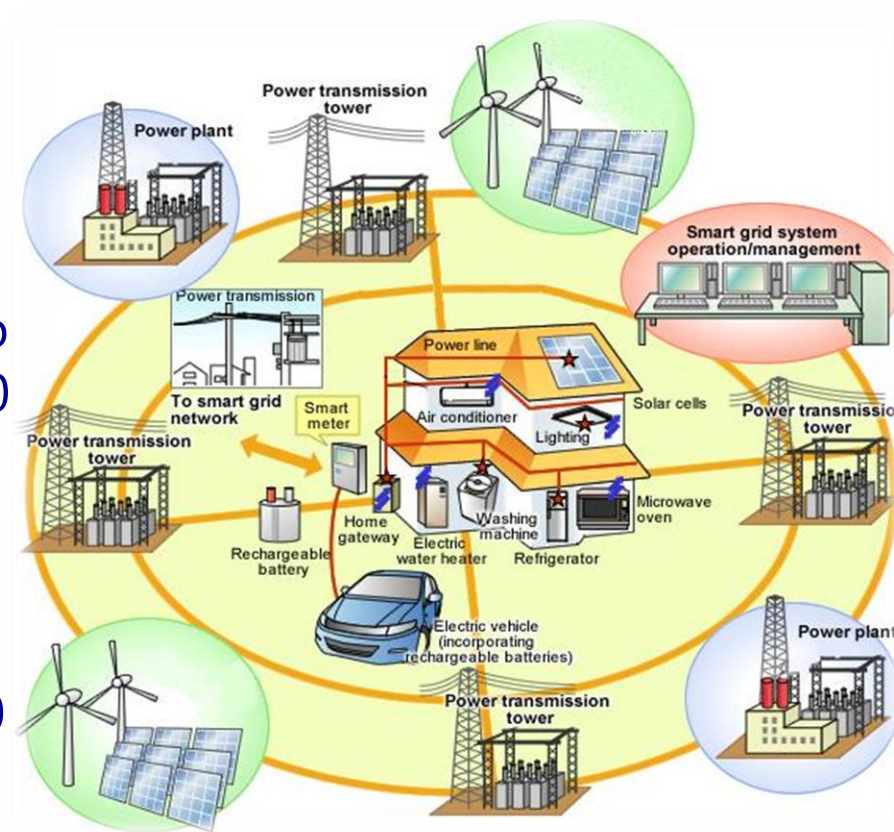
- Useful to have a backup vendor
- CEC has been a critical SME and implementation partner
  - CEC alerted us that the PI for the M&V vendor had left and suggested alternatives
  - Helped to file the CEQA

## Contracting

- Reclassified a subcontractor as a vendor
  - Reduced administrative burden for all involved, including the CEC
  - Enables more direct cost control and fiscal surety

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# Thank You and Q&A

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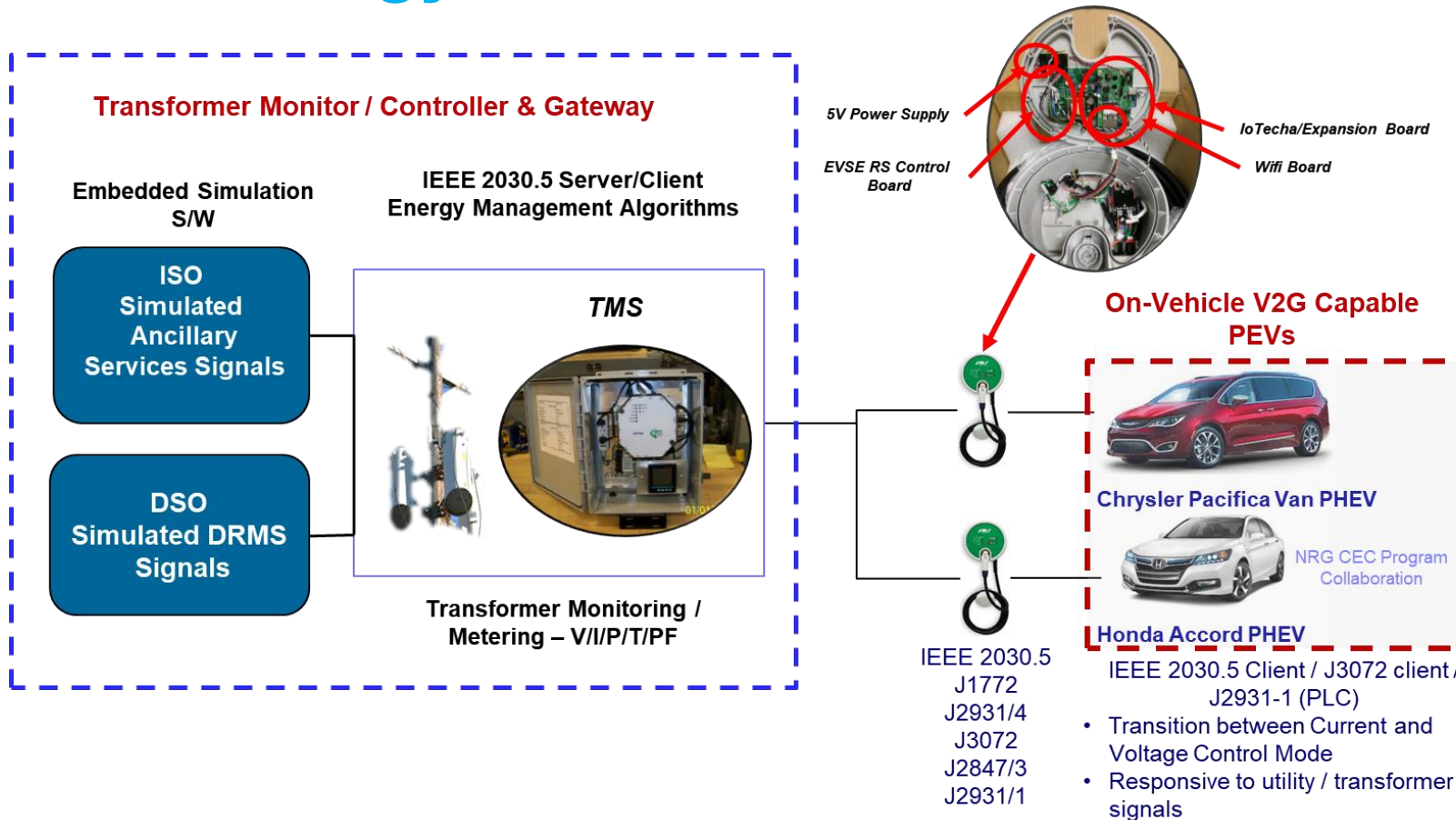
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## Project Description

- Transformer level V2G services management for residential or commercial scenarios
  - Transformer Management and Monitoring System as a DA edge of the grid node
  - Charge and discharge scheduling for fleet
  - DER integration
  - Mobility-prioritized implementation
  - ‘End to end’ cybersecurity
- Open standards (IEEE, SAE) based implementation
- Partners: Fiat Chrysler Group, Honda R&D America, Kitu Systems, AeroVironment
- EPIC Wave 1 based investment addressing S9.2
- Advances PEV adoption through enabling vehicle-to-grid services and reduction in GHG emissions

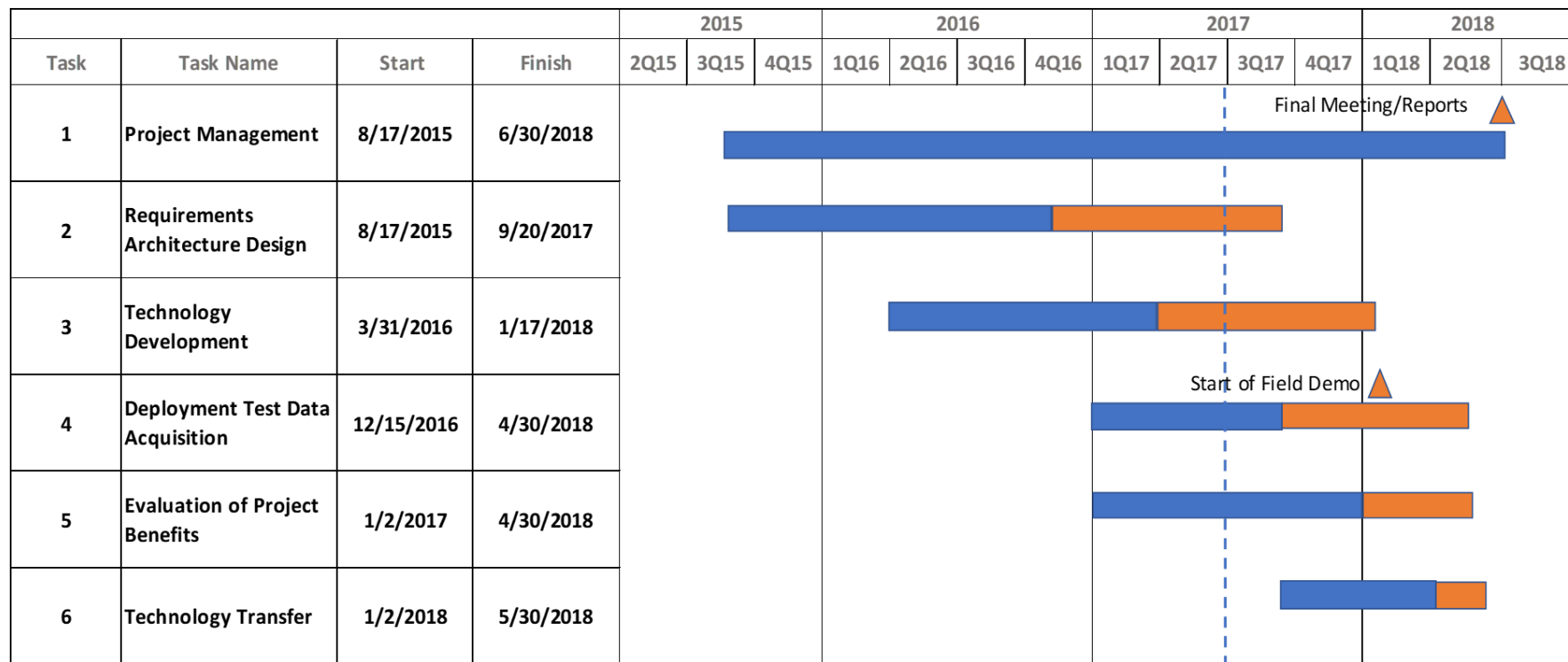
# Technology Architecture



## Project Goals

- Develop/demonstrate V2G capable PEVs and communication technologies and open standard interfaces
- Develop / demonstrate an end to end integrated system capable to offer distribution and ISO grid services
- Prove technical feasibility by testing the system under a variety of use cases
- Validate the cost/benefit for ratepayers and PEV owners
- Transfer technology to relevant stakeholders

# Project Status



- What happens when the project is complete
  - Project is addressing two key challenges: **Demonstrable Value and Clarification of Interconnection Requirements**
  - Technology has Potential for increased level of deployments
  - Adoption by customers – dependent on anticipated consumer value net of incentives

## Project Benefits

- Greater Reliability – Directly managing resources at the transformer level
- Lower costs – open standards, vehicle-integrated V2G and scalable implementation
- Increased safety – Interconnection capable with ‘Rule 21-equivalent’ functionality (IEEE2030.5 DER)
- Advances V2G services to accelerate PEV adoption
- Intelligently leverages PEV storage capabilities

## Procurement Summary

- EPIC Solicitation PON-14-310
  - \$6.7M grant solicitation
  - \$1.5M grant award for EPC-14-086
  - 1 of 5 awarded projects
  - No DVBE requirement for grants

# EPRI Transformer Management System: HW

## Transformer Power Measurement Unit

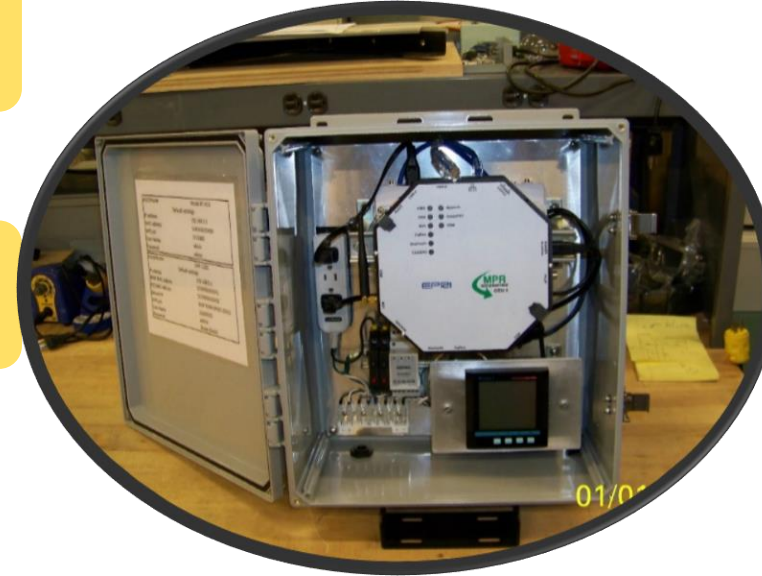
- Measures Voltage, Current and Phase
- RS485 Communications Interface to the TC

## Transformer Controller (TC)

- Linux based open Router Platform
- RS485 Communications Interface to the TPMU
- Communications to each EVSE(s) and PEV(s) via HomePlug AV Adaptor
- Performs Energy Management Algorithm

## HomePlug AV Ethernet Adaptor

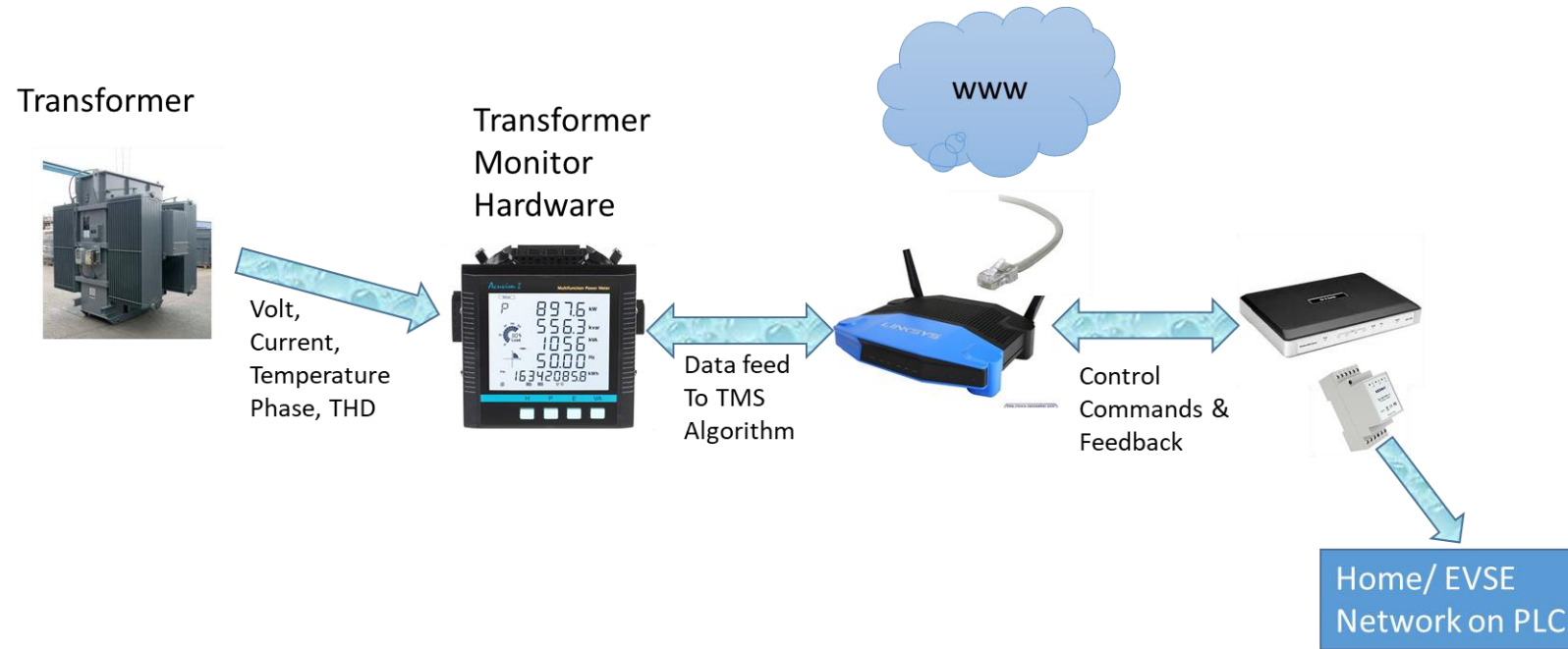
- Ethernet connected to the Transformer Controller
- Communicates to all connected Gateways via the premise drop



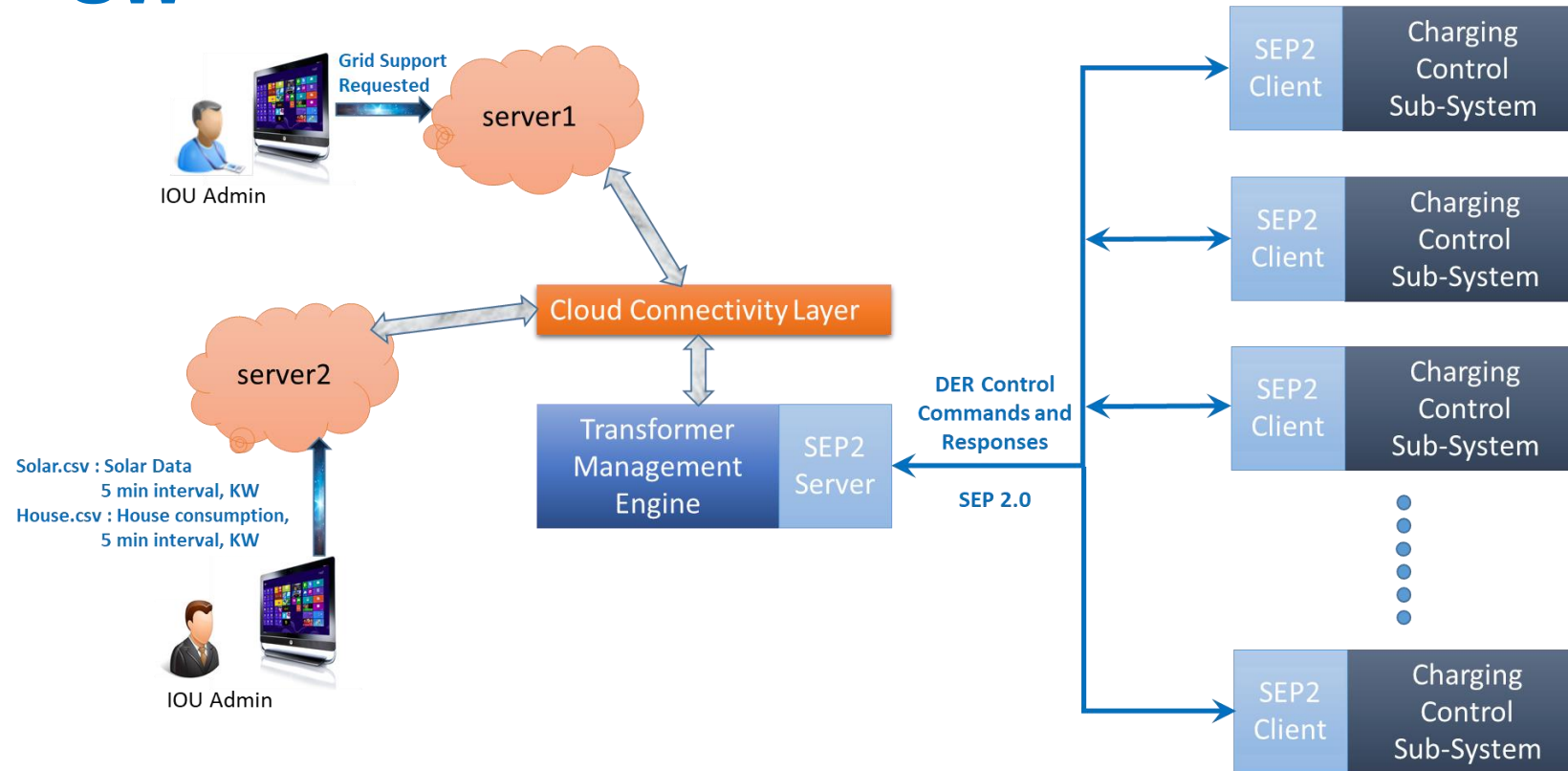
TMS Enclosure NEMA 3R

Outdoor Mounted to L2 Charging  
Island 30KVA Transformer

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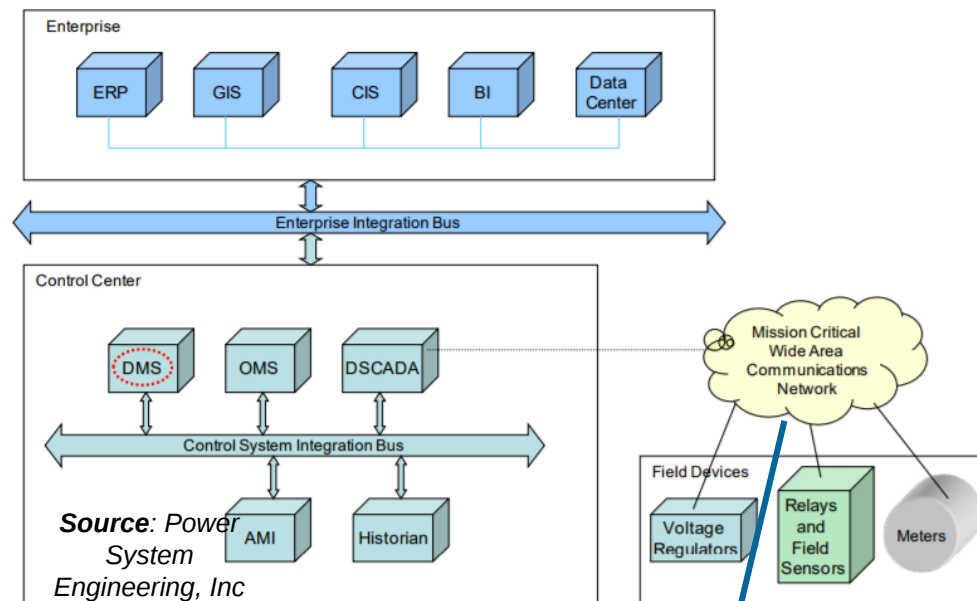


# EPRI Transformer Management System: SW



# Transformer Management System – as the Edge of the Grid Link to DA System

- Node in the Distribution System Automation by linking up with D-SCADA, DERMS and ADMS
- Streams critical distribution system endpoint data upstream to DERMS, ADMS and to T&D automation via D-SCADA,
- Applications:
  - Visualization,
  - Real-time hotspot identification etc.
- Disaggregation / control node for DMS /ADMS for DERs
  - EVs
  - PV
  - Storage
  - Demand Management including Demand Charges
- Responds in real time to localized distribution system conditions.



**UCSD 14-086 Project  
Site Equipped with  
EPRI TMS,  
interacting with PV,  
Storage and EVs**

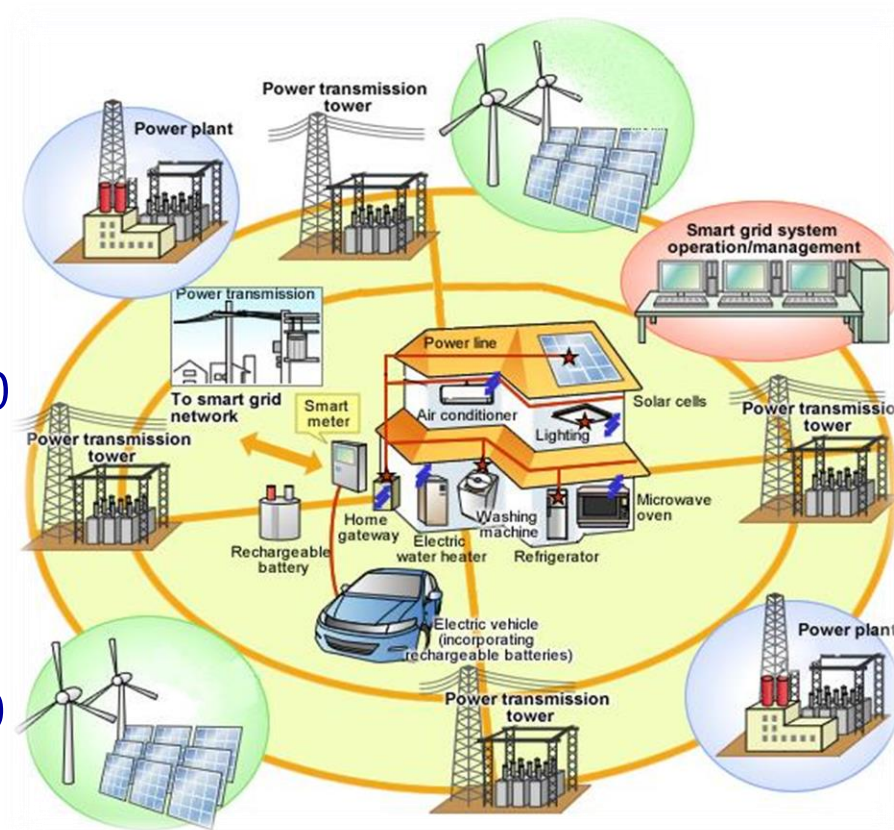
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## Lessons Learned

- Technology
  - On-vehicle: Grid-tied Bidirectional Power Converter / smart inverter – relatively modest risk (Gen 2)
  - On-EVSE: Much lower risk, UL-capable EVSE w/ J3072/IEEE2030.5 can be UL1741 compliant
- Maturity of marketplace
  - For V2G capable vehicles, selling them as ‘storage replacement’ would be possible – help maximize self-consumption either at home or workplace
  - No marketplace exists today because these have not been commercially introduced (except Nissan’s recent announcement)
  - Key barrier is demonstrated value
- New Capabilities / Opportunities: Transformer Management System

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