

# Microgrid as a Foundation for DERMS

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A Modern Grid Control Solutions Company

Located in San Diego, CA

Backed by Sempra Energy and Mitsui





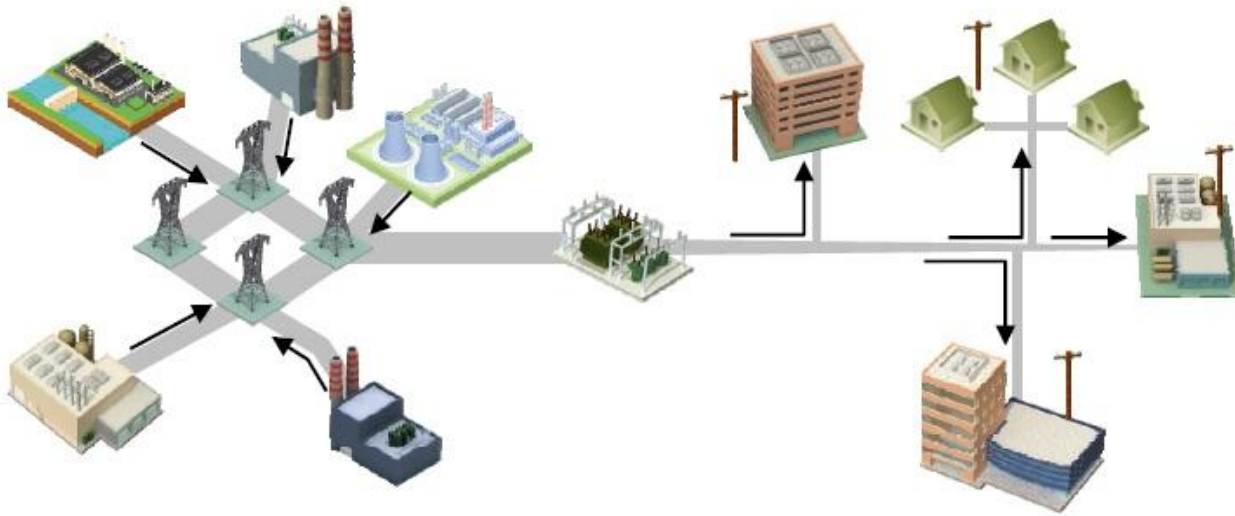
## Utility industry is transforming

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Introducing PXiSE Advanced Control Technology (ACT) to address these challenges?

Advanced DERMS + MGC

# TODAY'S POWER SYSTEM HAS EVOLVED



# The common themes we continue to hear in the electric industry today

Transition from fossil to clean fuels

- Solar PV
- Wind
- Bio-fuel
- Energy storage

Shift from central to distributed resources

- Rooftop solar
- Fuel cell
- Micro-turbines
- Combined heat and power

# You also hear news about the challenges in operating an electric grid in transition



Forecasting and  
Flow Control Problems  
**Slow Down DER Integration**



Variability and  
Intermittencies Problems  
**Limit Renewables adoption**

Centralized

CONTROL

Transmission Level

AGC

Automatic Generation  
Control

- Dispatch system for centralized generation assets.



Centralized  
Generation

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EMS

## Energy Management System

- Tools used by operators of electric utility grids to monitor, control, and optimize the performance of the generation and/or transmission system.

Collecting

Optimize Asset  
Operations and  
ROI

Organizing

Displaying

ADMS

Analyzing

### Distribution Management System

- An utility IT system capable of collecting, organizing, displaying and analyzing real-time or near real-time electric distribution system information

## Distribution Grid Performance Optimization

# What are the priorities of the ADMS

- Is it to solve today's or tomorrow's problem?
- An effective ADMS platform “has to balance the constraints of the past, the needs of today, and the uncertain challenges of the future

# When you have seen one ADMS, you have seen one ADMS

- What works in one utility may not work in another?
- Why?
  - Priorities: Business over System
  - System design – distribution level
  - Land,
  - Demographic
  - Regulation
  - Different operational challenges

# Requirements to operate a modern grid

- Intelligence
  - Electric components and devices
  - Distributed energy resources
- Faster decision making
  - Control center
  - Automated controls
- Coordinated System controls
  - Directly controlled resources
  - Indirectly controlled resources (market-based - forecast, dispatch, monitor)
  - Unmanaged resources - Forecast
- Better customer engagement (both as a producer and consumer)

Forecast

Monitor

Coordinate



DERMS

Scheduled per  
Network Model

## Distributed Energy Resource Management System

- Software platform with the specific function to forecast, monitor, control and coordinate distributed energy resources (DER) on the distribution electric grid system consistent with the resource management and optimization performed by a network model system

# What's a DER?

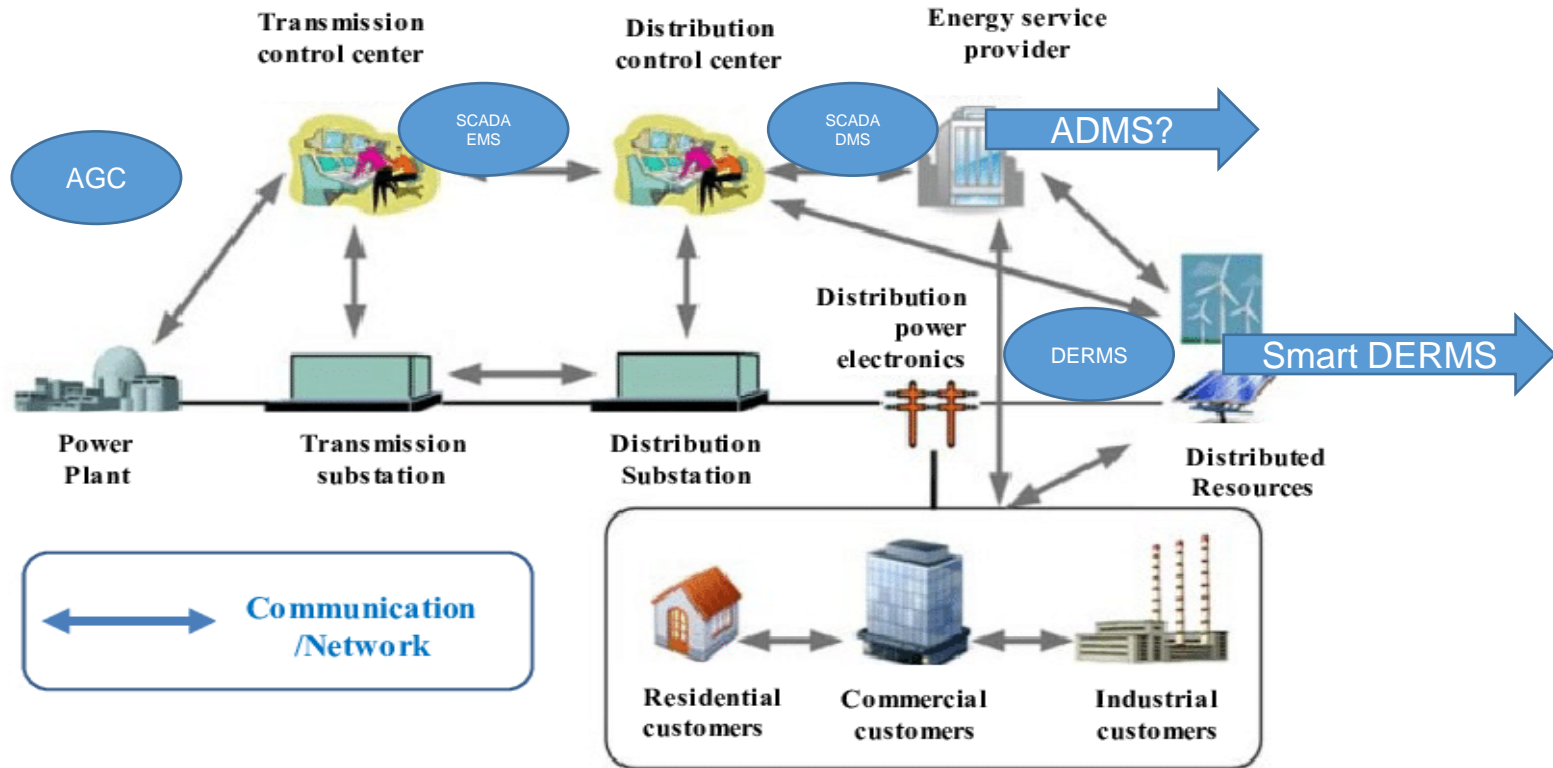
- DER covers large to small resources on both sides of the meters
  - Generators
  - CHP
  - Photovoltaic
  - Energy Storage
  - Fuel Cells

# Smart DERMS

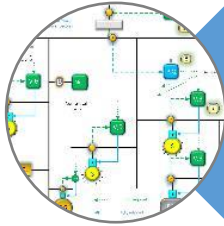
- Smart DERMS is a comprehensive system that address all resources in the distribution system while maintaining system reliability and integrity
  - Has all the capabilities of the traditional DERMS
  - Has ability to mitigate energy imbalance and disturbances in real-time and under dynamic conditions
  - Has integrated both the system level controls and local level controls (e.g. microgrid)
  - Can optimize in real-time and operate autonomously
  - Can integrate with transmission system for active grid control (control a federation of substations just like DER)



# POWER SYSTEM OPERATIONS TODAY



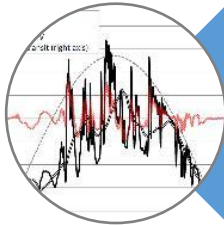
# Unfortunately the existing grid control solutions cannot address renewable and DER integration effectively



Largely slow, centralized, transmission level existing control solutions cannot cope with many randomly integrated DERs on the distribution system

EMS

AGC



Current power dispatching tools are too slow to respond to sudden changes of renewables and dynamic changes in a grid

DMS

ADMS



Aggregation of right DERs for planning and forecasting drastically differs than real-time operational needs

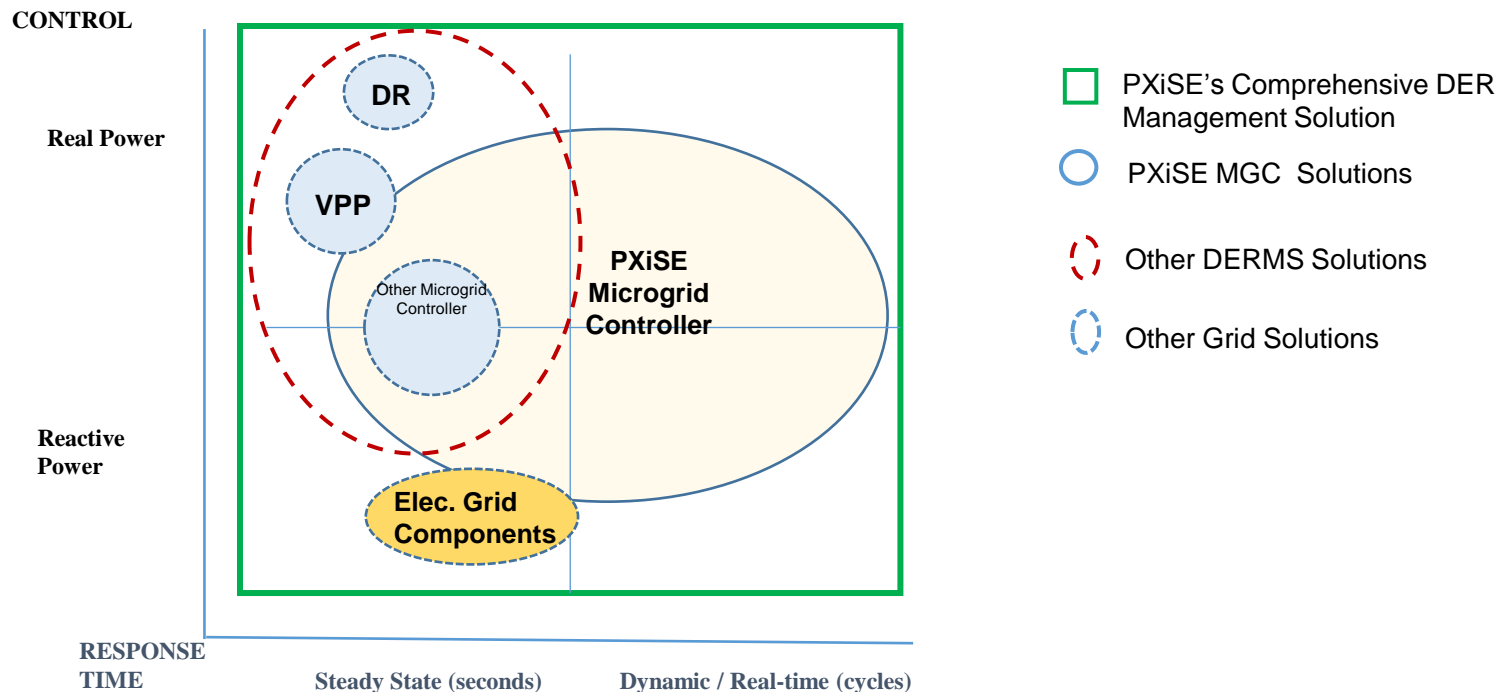
DERMS



There aren't any tools available to control the grid, especially at the distribution level!

# PXiSE Has the Most Comprehensive DER Management Solution

## Distribution Management Solutions in the Market





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**Operational challenges requiring new solutions**

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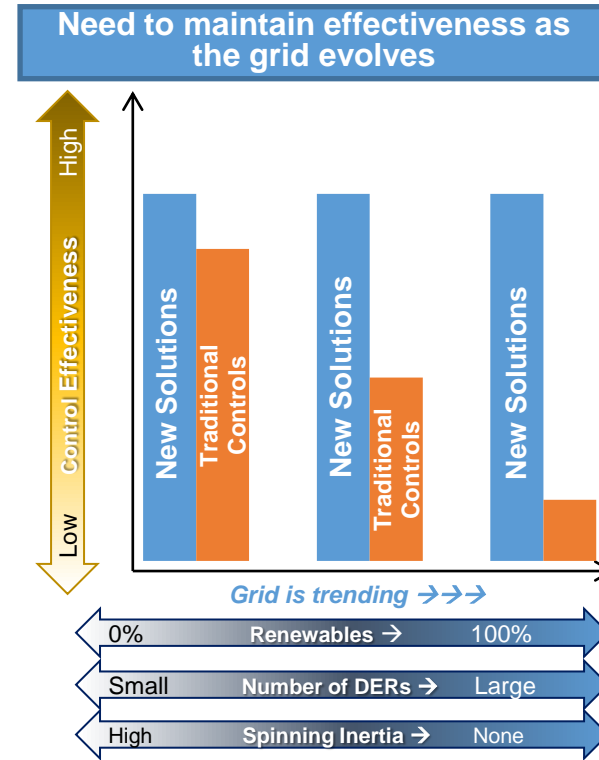
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Demonstrated benefits for a wide range of applications in an electric grid

# Industry needs an advanced control technology to mitigate the major challenges facing the today's electric system

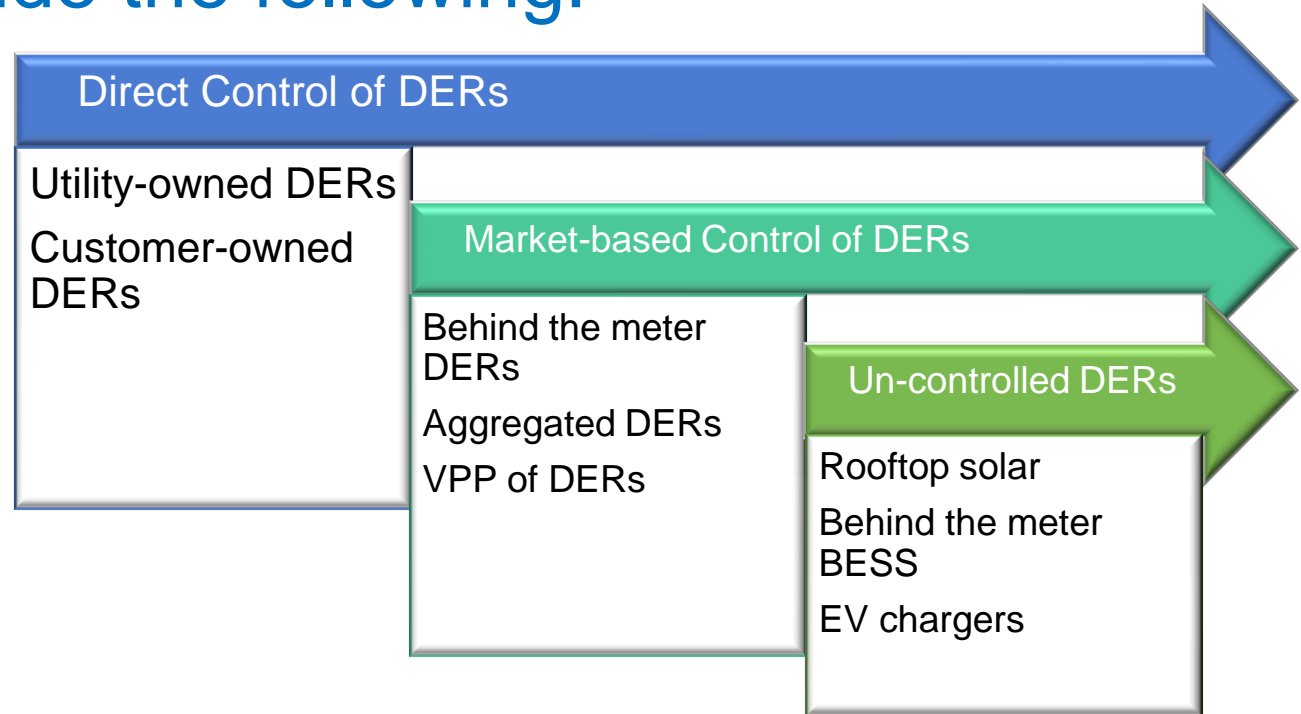
## New Solutions needs to effectively:

1. Manage fast changes in demand, e.g. EV
2. Address intermittency issues from renewables
3. Actively and precisely control bi-direction energy flow
4. Optimize the utilization of a diverse mix of resources to meet operational objectives
5. Minimize infrastructure capital and O&M costs in the transition



# A complete solution for modern grid control should include the following:

A comprehensive solution to manage and control all DERs logically organized as **microgrids**, **VPPs**, and **aggregated resources**



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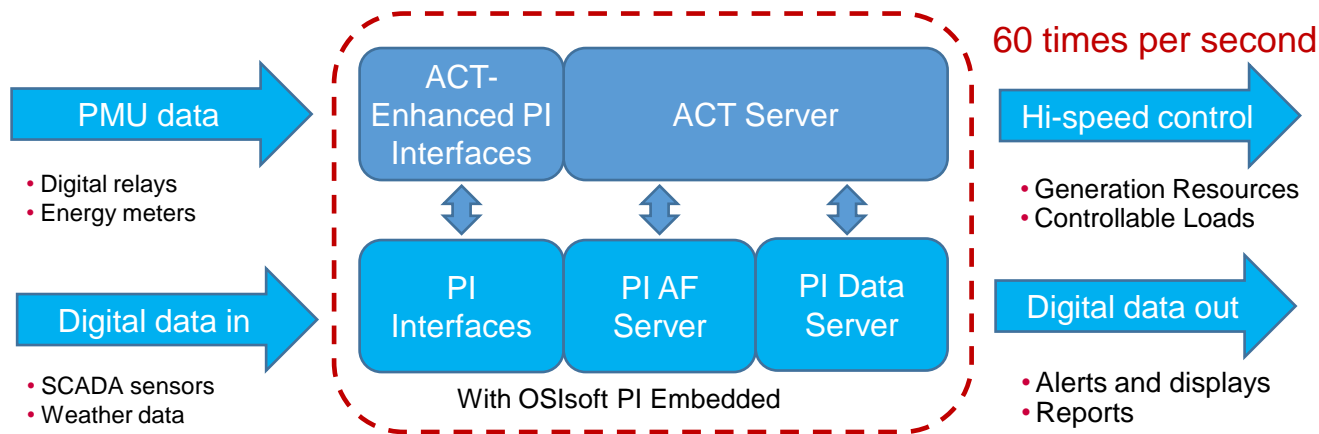
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# Ultimately: An integrated software solution functions like a fast and intelligent SCADA - “an auto-pilot grid controller”

## 1. Integrated on a Proven Data Platform with licensed and pending patents

 PXiSE ACT Solution



## 2. Implemented on Field Proven Hardware



## 3. Software Designed for Fast Field Implementation

PXiSE is an advanced control technology (ACT)  
- a simple concept with complex value propositions



**Higher resolution data allows for more effective and faster control of responsive resources to coordinate with slower resources**

# PXiSE ACT is a well-designed electric control system solution with “desirable characteristics”



# PXiSE's Advanced Control Solutions have “desirable performance capabilities”



**An efficient and reliable electric grid**

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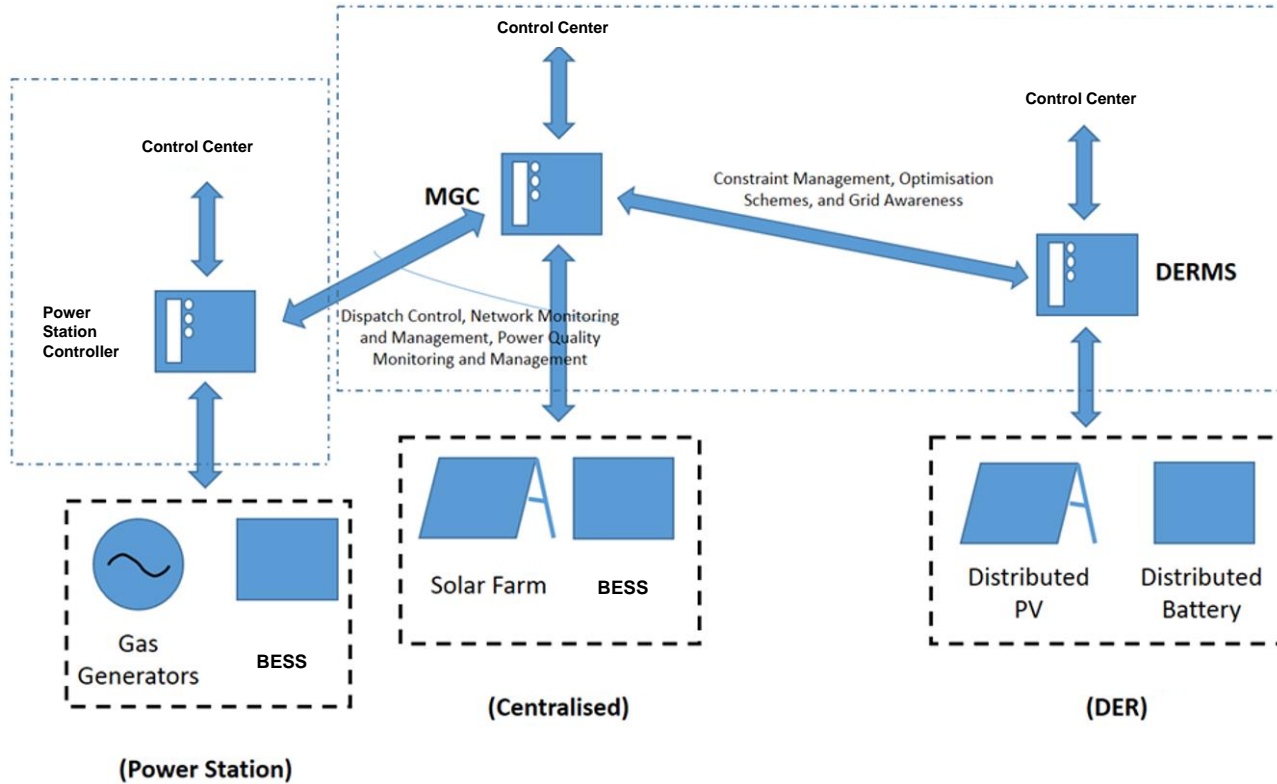
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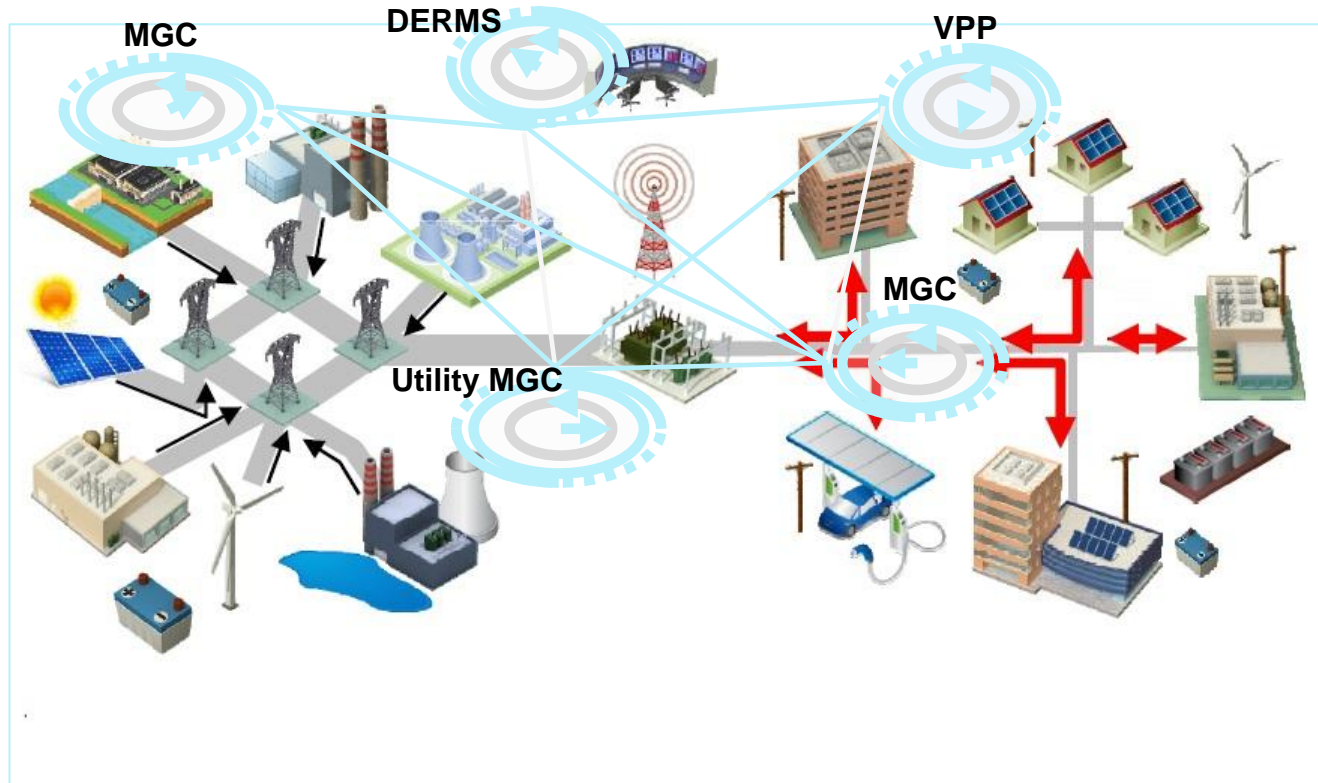


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# DERMS/MGC Design

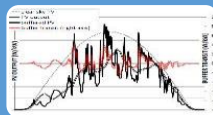
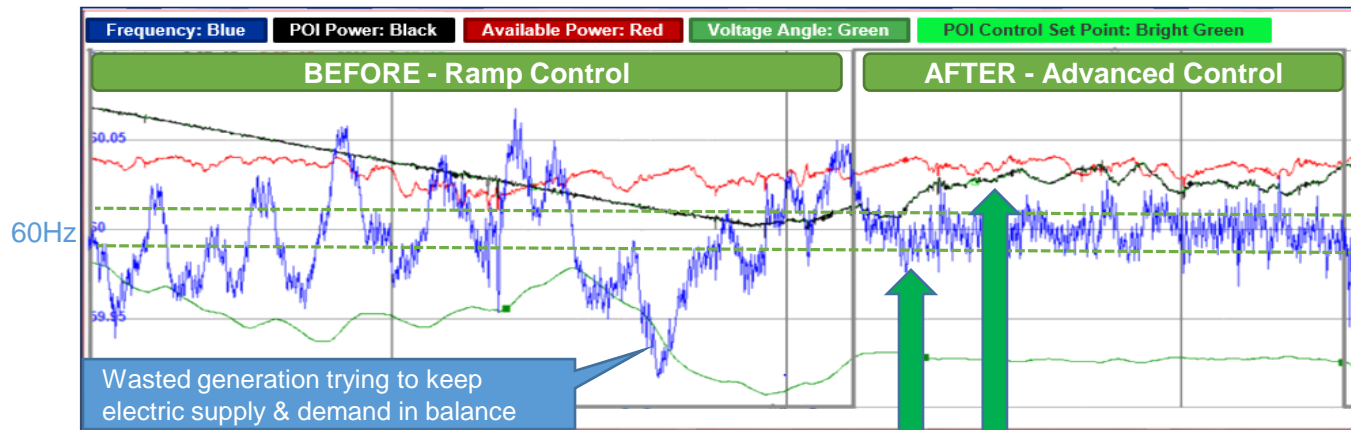


# Grid of the Future ( A System of Systems Applicable in T & D)





# Actual results validated significant value proposition of the ACT in isolated grid with large renewable penetration



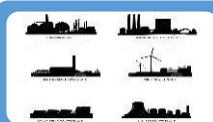
## Stabilized frequency of grid

- Addressed solar PV intermittency issues
- Support more renewables adoption
- Achieved high power quality



## Maximizes renewable energy delivery

- More energy delivered from wind turbines with more effective use of battery
- Less operational wind curtailments



## Improves thermal generator efficiency

- Less cycling of generators with stable frequency
- More operational flexibility of thermal generators with battery providing regulation service



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