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# Report-out Presentation

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# Framing of the Topic- DC Power

- **What is covered**
  - **DC busses for loads**
  - **AC-DC circuits**
  - **Converter circuits**
  - **Superimposed AC/DC**
- **What is not covered**
  - standards
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# Current Technology Status- DC Power

- **State of the Practice (best COTS / approach)**
  - Dedicated AC microgrids (Japan, Military, IIT. Etc)
  - Part AC, Part DC microgrids (Japan)
  - LV DC lighting (EMERGE Alliance)
  - Analytics to determine if needs require AC or DC grid
- **State of the Art (Best R&D???)**
  - Buildings,
  - US Navy Ships (under development), ABB has a DC ship
  - data center (2MW Zurich)
- **Current R&D activities (examples of either of above)**
  - ESRDC Electric Ships, ENIAC EU program, LBNL DC systems in build
- DC Forward Operating Bases (under development)

# Needs and Challenges- DC Systems

- **What is needed and why**

- DC interface on consumer loads- higher efficiency

- DC wall plugs needed- allows higher efficiency

- Throwing away AC-DC power supplies creates e-waste

- DC charging for EVs without conversion- higher efficiency

- Energy Storage/PV without conversion – higher efficiency

- DC GFCI,etc- safety

- Voltage regulation / upfc fault detection for dc systems- caps don't work and increased reliability

- Multiple PE devices versus few PE device- reduces losses

- DC controls and Comm QOS- results in power quality problems

- **What are challenges**

- cost effective solutions

- Code violations/ codes missing, educating inspectors, contractors, regulators, etc

- Achieving critical mass for high market penetrations (e.g dell and DC server farms)

- PE based/low loss DC UPFCs, Voltage regulation, system protection, etc

- Simplify retrofit applications

# R&D Scope- DC Systems

- **Description of the R&D scope responding to the challenges and needs**
  - To lower cost, we need to develop standard design methods, training, codes and standards.
  - We need to develop simulation and design tools and control methodologies
  - Work on dc system control algorithms
  - We need codes and standards
  - Push and pull strategy for DC microgrids (push to hostpitals etc, pull from Dell computers etc)
  - Advanced power electronics, need lower cost, higher function, higher reliability

# R&D Metrics- DC systems

- **Milestones**  
(Bulleted descriptions with timeline)
- **Outcome**
  - Established codes and standards for DC apps in residential, commercial, industrial (by joining industry efforts already underway)
  - Software to enable operation and design of dc microgrids
  - Establish standard design methodologies and software tools
  - Need advanced power electronics and controls
  - Need PCC to big grid to dc microrid
  - Need utility scale DC meters

# Current Technology Status- MG Integration

## 1. State of the Practice (best COTS / approach)

energy storage systems and PE devices by S&C, Schneider, ABB, GE, Siemens, and many smaller ones.

- Non renewable gens and associated switchgear that allows MG operation. (low tech MG)
- Fuel cells
- Direct load control for demand response, balancing, reliability
- Service to itself (e.g. peak shaving)
- **State of the Art (Best R&D???)**
  - Distributed control, area control, exogenous control
  - Use of smart meters
  - Services to the main grid as a market participant (MG?)
  - controls
- **Current R&D activities**
- Advanced controls- multi objective, adaptive, etc
- High renewables penetration at a low cost

# Needs and Challenges- MG Integration

- **What is needed and why**

information on what has been done, what are the current building blocks and how can I use them for my project?

- Standard method for Analysis of storage siting , sizing and use in the system. Using main grid resources versus installing utility level storage (if feasible for MG operation)
- Universal PE devices needed that can be a “lego brick” PE device to fit multiple resources
- Code change requirements (IEEE 1541/ UL 1741) to enable grid services and islanding
- Control and Comm interface from MG to outside the MG (e.g. utility or big grid)
- Modeling needs... to benchmark performance, support design, sizing and siting, deal with stochastics, EVs

- **What are challenges**

Obtaining relevant data in order to develop the models and analysis methods.

- Shrinking DOE R&D budget in this area
- Predicting utility market and regulatory conditions to justify the investment in developing a MG- how do we better develop and quantify the value proposition
- MODELS
- Cyber and physical security needs to be better specified- especially under open protocols and architectures



# R&D Scope-MG Integration

- Handbook development- a resource guide to available products, costs, installation methods, valuation methods...
- Need Standard and Observable models to be used in modeling and analysis (AKA Open Architecture Standards)
- Standard Analysis methods and software models to be developed
- Surety Design methods and metrics- reliability, security
- Advanced power electronics and advanced controls

# R&D Metrics

- **Milestones**

(Bulleted descriptions with timeline)

- **Outcome**

-Base template(s) for a microgrid design

- MW size, geog size, CHP, reliability, configurability, exogenous connection, control objectives, system cost, operating cost, reliability definitions and partitions,
- Further smart grid goals of, increasing renewables, increased efficiency, increased integration of storage, increased cyber security, lower emissions.
- Models created that can be used to benchmark performance, support design, sizing and siting, deal with stochastics, EVs
- Decrease cost for given performance metrics