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Deep dive on future grid Smart grid technologies



Properties of renewable generation Fundamentally new challenges for power systems



Variable and uncertain generation

Maximum output varies depending on wind and sunlight No perfect forecast for wind and sunlight available



Inertial response capability

Non-synchronous generation technologies connect to grid via power electronics and have little or no inertial response capability



Location constrained

Areas with the best resources are often situated in remote locations. Tapping into these resources will require efficient ways to transport a large amount of power over long distances



Modularity

Renewable power generation can be found as residential or commercial size. Increasing levels of distribution level generation will require new approaches to regulate and manage this energy



Renewable integration Technological building blocks

Driver		Conv. generation	Transmission	Distribution	System operation	Application
Locational constraints			 FACTS¹ Long dist. transm. Overlay grid/ HVDC 		 Stabilization with FACTS¹ 	
Modularity, distributed- ness				 Automation Voltage regulation (grid) Voltage support (gen.) 	 Communi- cation Control VPPs² 	
Variability and uncertainty		 High efficiency all over output range Flexibility 	 Trans-regional leveling Overlay grid/ HVDC Bulk storage 	 Distributed storage 	 Demand response VPPs² PMU/WAMS³ 	 Storage (in applications) Demand response
Lack of inertial response capability	-	 Faster activation of FCR⁴ 	 Fast storage 	FlywheelsFast storage	 Faster response of FCR⁴ 	 Demand response (frequency response)

¹ FACTS: Flexible AC Transmission Systems ² VPP: Virtual Power Plant ⁴ FCR: Frequency Containment Reserve

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³ PMU/WAMS: Phasor measurement units/wide area monitoring systems



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