

Grid Operations and Planning Challenges with Decarbonized Future

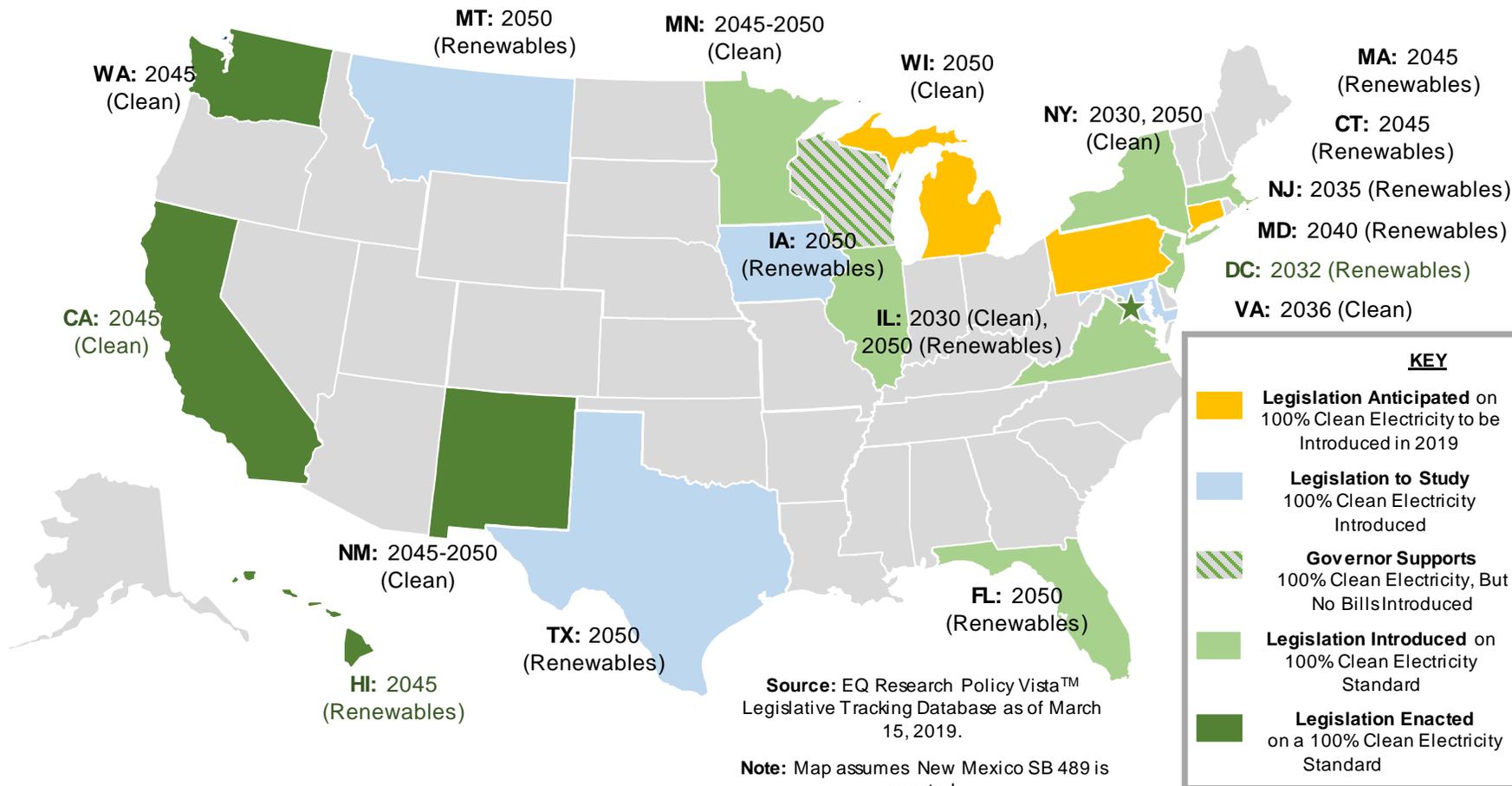
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100% Clean or Renewable Energy Targets

Anticipated, Proposed or Enacted 100% Standards and Studies



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Source: EQ Research Policy Vista™ Legislative Tracking Database as of March 15, 2019.

Note: Map assumes New Mexico SB 489 is enacted.

As of May 2019





100% 2045

DTE Energy



80% 2040



100% 2030

Emissions

Neutrality

Utilities commit to 100% carbon free or renewable energy standards



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON

An EDISON INTERNATIONAL Company

80% 2030



An IDACORP Company

100% 2045



Obsessively. Relentlessly. At Your Service.

100% 2050



100% 2035



100% 2050



90% 2045



100% 2050



Estes Park • Fort Collins • Longmont • Loveland

100% 2030



100% 2040



80% 2050



100% 2050

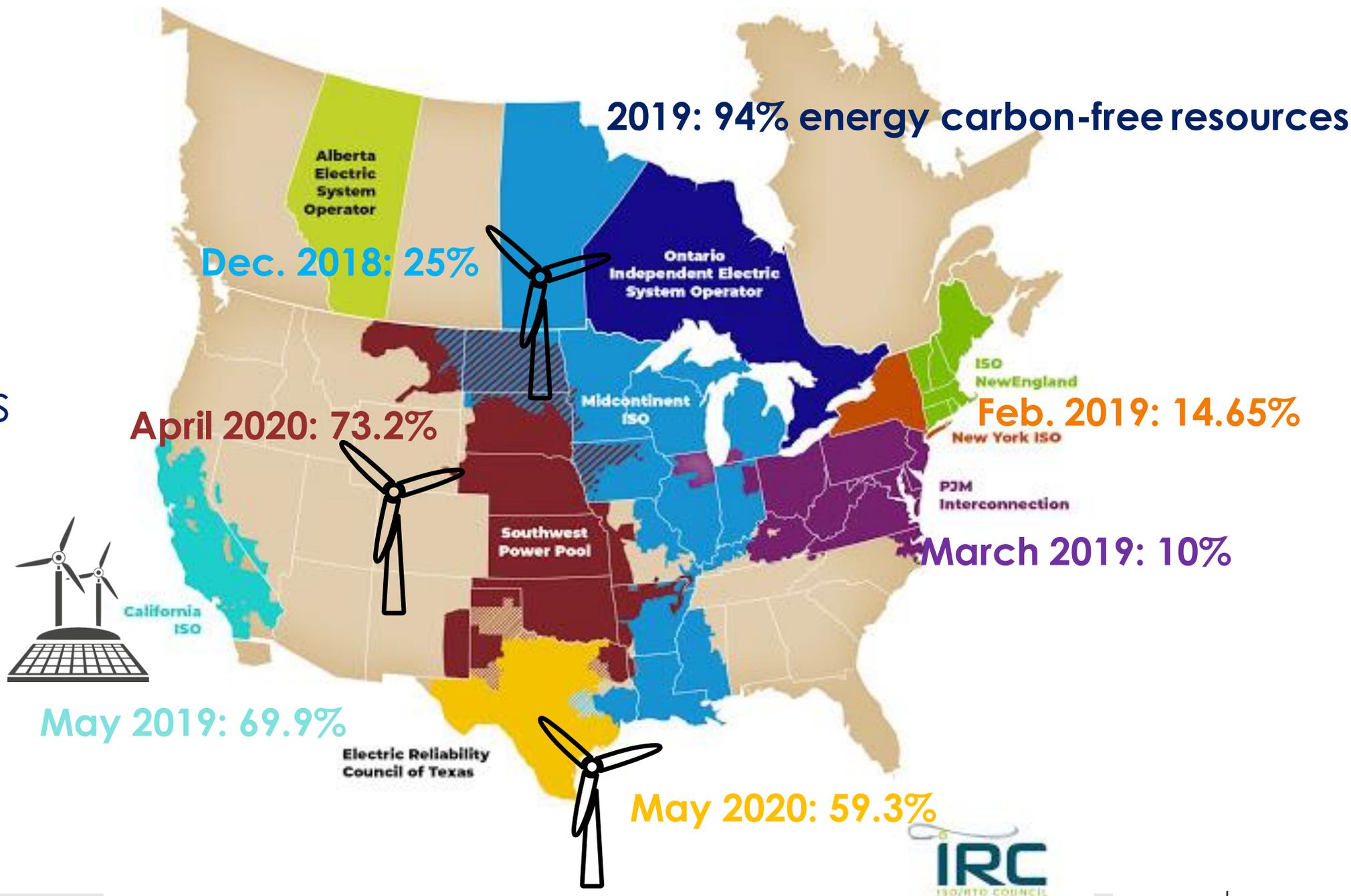


Southern Company

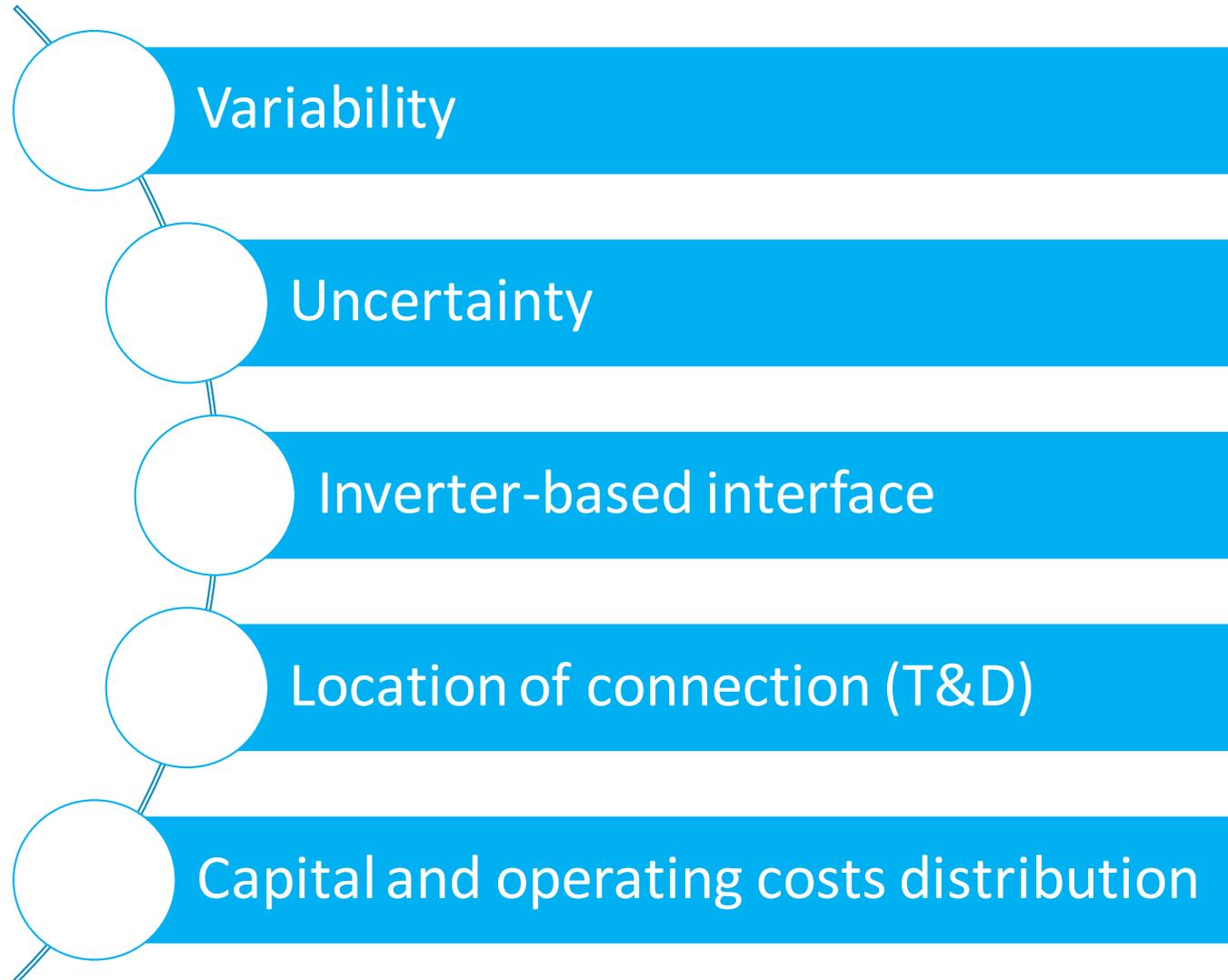
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Variable Renewable instantaneous penetration records

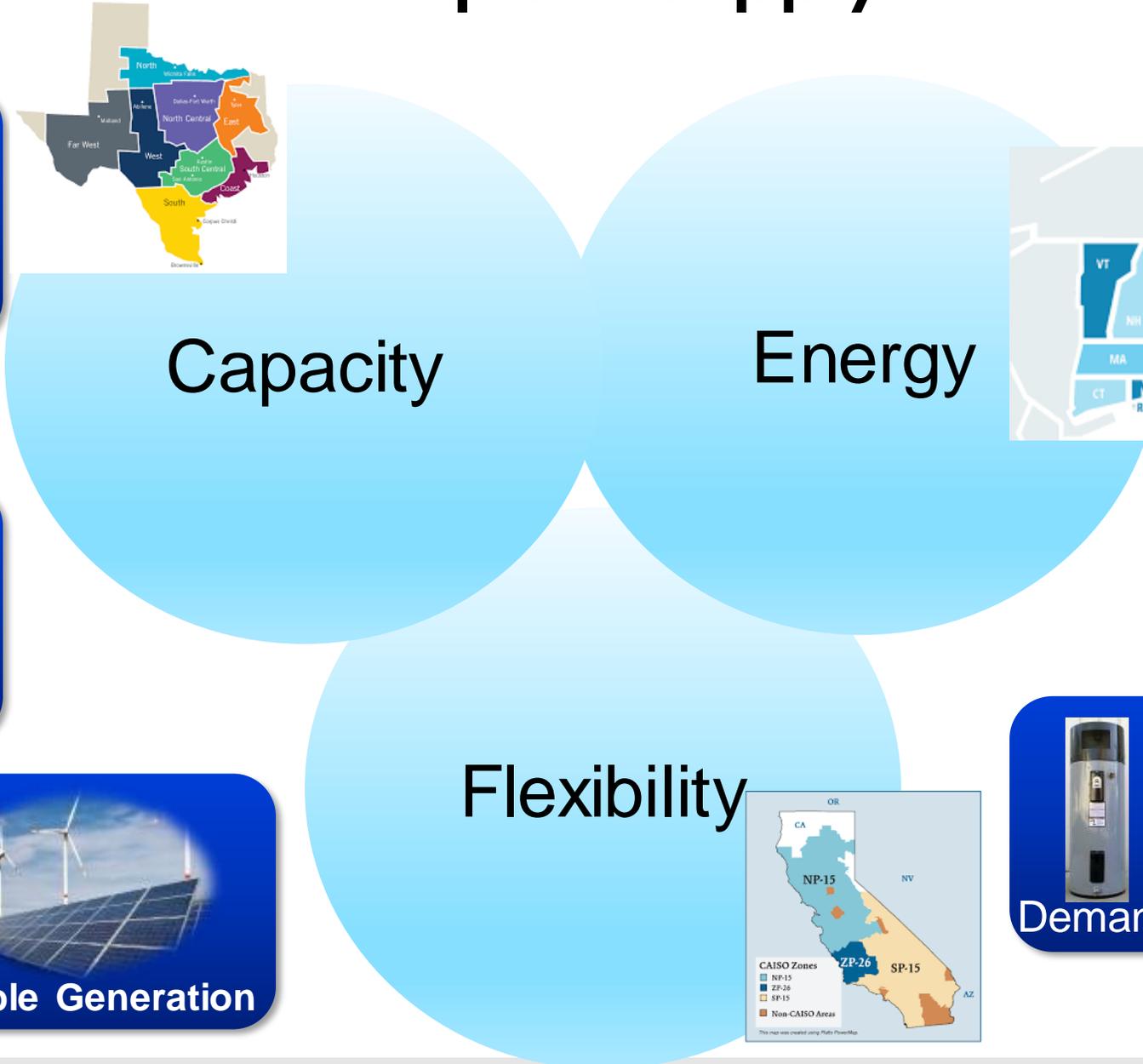


Variable Energy Resources – Key Characteristics



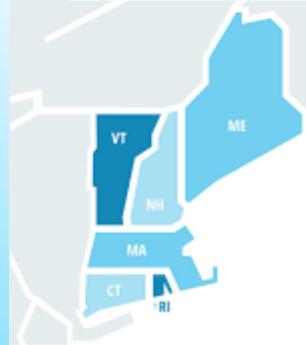
How do we plan for and operate a power system with nearly all energy supplied by variable renewable generation?

Three Pillars of an Adequate Supply Fleet



Efficient Markets

A map of the United States divided into various power markets, including CAISO, WAPA, NP15, ZP26, SP15, and others.



Energy Storage

Images showing a large-scale energy storage facility and a battery storage unit.

Central Station

Image of a large industrial power plant with smokestacks.

Delivery Infrastructure

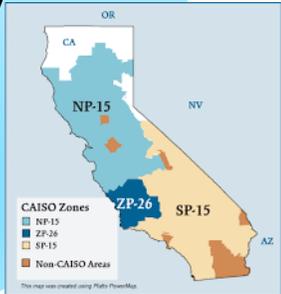
Images showing high-voltage power lines and a close-up of power cables.

Variable Generation

Image showing wind turbines and solar panels.

Demand Response

Images showing a smart thermostat and a smartphone displaying a home energy management app.



Key Areas of Focus for High Renewable Assessment

Planning

- What resources are still needed to fill in the gaps when wind is not blowing and it is dark?
- If majority of demand is responsive to price, how do we set a planning target?
- Are we sure we are building the right types of resources?
- What infrastructure (T/D, pipeline, transport) will be required for energy systems integration?

Operations

- How much and what type of essential reliability services are needed?
- Will we be able to maintain reliability without synchronous machines?
- How do we dispatch resources that do not have operating costs or require start-up directions?
- How much coordination between T & D operators will be necessary?

Electricity Markets

- Will resources that continue to supply energy have sufficient revenue to remain in service?
- Will resources providing reliability services with lower energy sales have incentives to do so?
- What other market designs may need evaluation?

If all zero variable cost resources have the same variable cost, what else do we desire?

- ↓capital costs including O&M costs
- Location – ability to deliver, ↓T&D losses
- Location – ↓need for additional infrastructure
- Provide the most energy (↑capacity factor)
- Provide the energy as anticipated (↓forecast error)
- Provide energy at times when needed
 - ↑aggregate capacity value, ↑Geographic diversity,)
- Provide quality reliability services when needed
- Provide energy during extreme conditions when needed

100% Renewable Integration Workshop

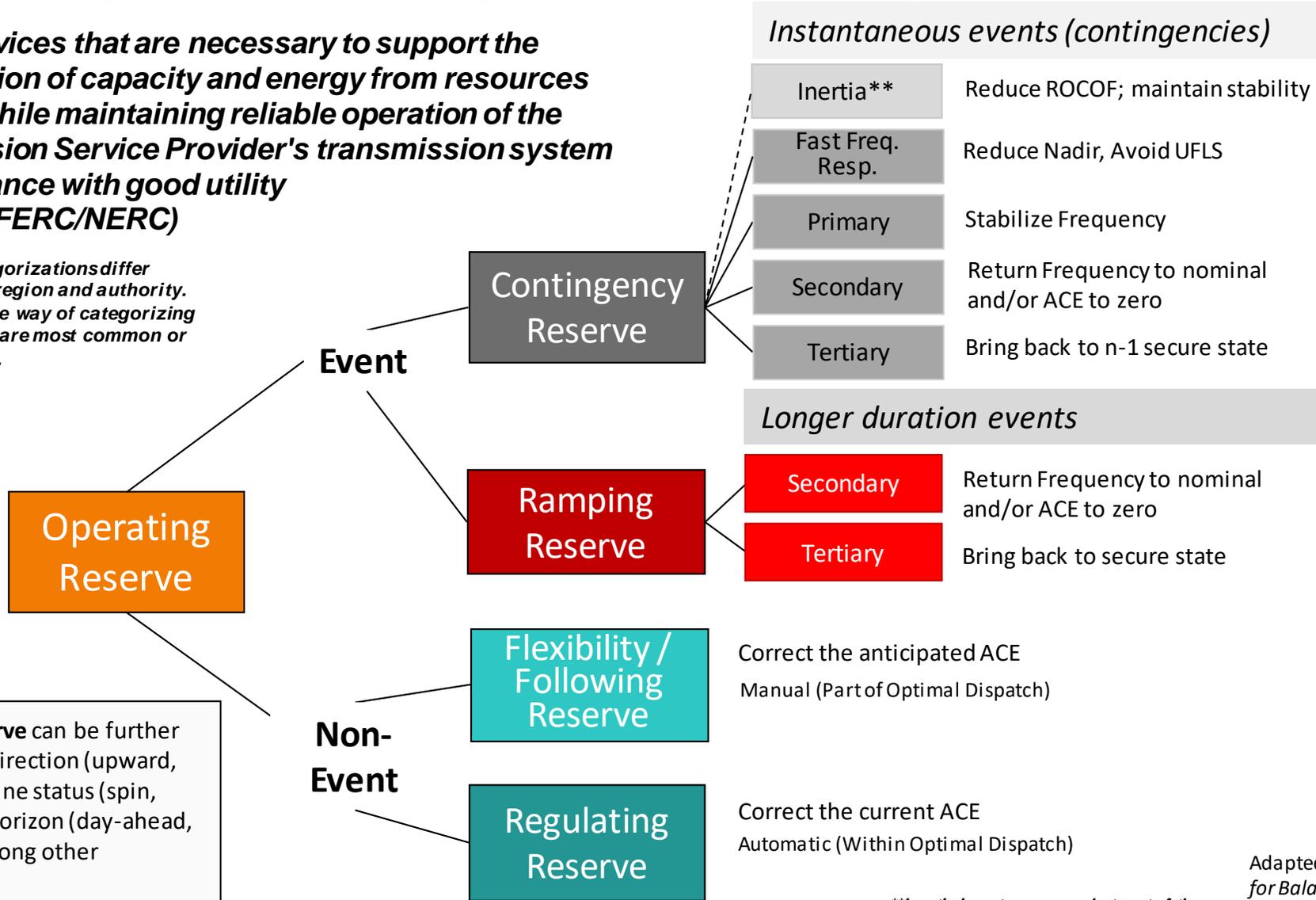
Key Findings

- ESIG released a summary report on the workshop
 - <https://www.esig.energy/esig-releases-toward-100-renewable-energy-pathways-key-research-needs-report/>
- Grid forming inverter technology exists, but needs further evaluation
- Level of demand-side participation may require significant changes
 - Digitization and automation key
- Innovative technologies that are becoming cost-effective to provide flexibility and store energy across different time frames
 - Ex: Short-duration storage combined with long-duration (e.g., days to seasons)
- Changes to operations and market structures still unclear
 - How will a more decentralized paradigm impact operations and planning?

Ancillary Services* (Bulk Power System)

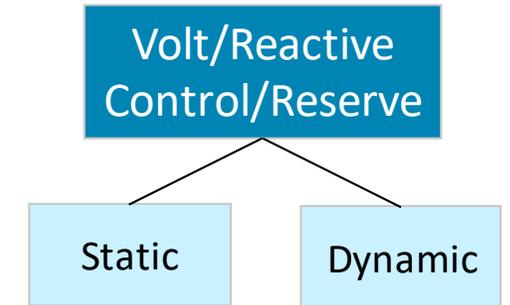
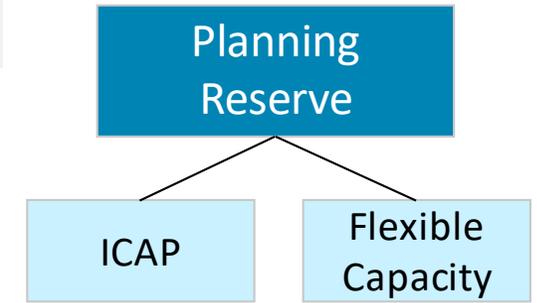
Those services that are necessary to support the transmission of capacity and energy from resources to loads while maintaining reliable operation of the Transmission Service Provider's transmission system in accordance with good utility practice. (FERC/NERC)

*Terms and categorizations differ substantially by region and authority. This is simply one way of categorizing using terms that are most common or most descriptive.



Operating Reserve can be further categorized by direction (upward, downward), online status (spin, non-spin), and horizon (day-ahead, hour-ahead) among other characteristics.

**Inertia is not a reserve but part of the



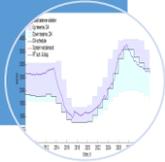
Adapted from Ela et al., *An Enhanced Dynamic Reserve Method for Balancing Areas*, EPRI, Palo Alto, CA: 2017. 3002010941.

The needs, types, and providers of grid services may all be evolving on future systems!

Mechanisms to Ensure Flexibility Provided Reliably and Cost-Effectively

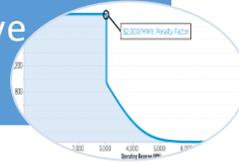
Address uncertainty and ramp with commitment and dispatch

Uncertainty and ramp reserve product



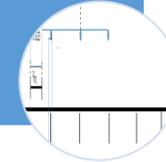
Value reserve above minimum requirements

Operating Reserve Demand Curve



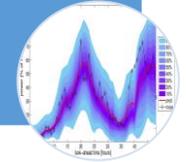
Price opportunity costs of ramp

Multi-interval settlement



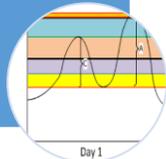
Represent uncertainty explicitly

Stochastic multi-scenario market scheduling



Make sure flexibility is built

Forward Flexible Capacity Attribute Procurement



Let demand provide flexibility inherently

Real-time demand pricing



Flatten the curve with correct incentives

Energy Storage



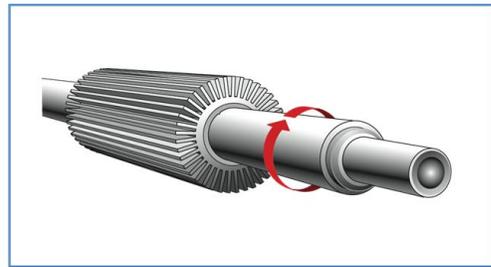
Reduce uncertainty directly

Enhanced Forecasting

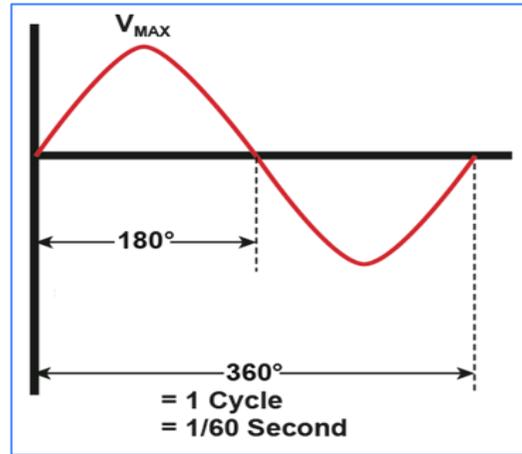


Conventional System Frequency vs. All-Inverter System Frequency

Conventional System



Mechanical
Frequency

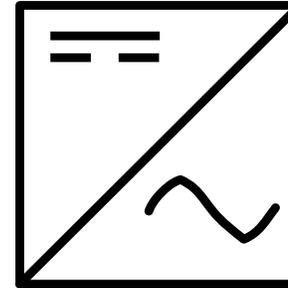


Electrical Frequency

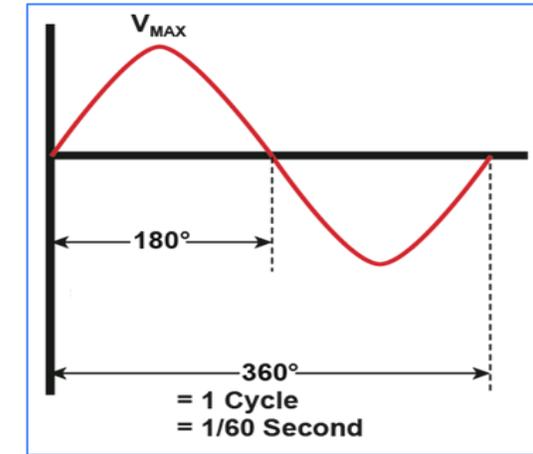
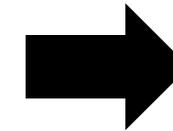
- Frequency deviation: inertia and supply/demand balance
- Stability: rotor angle

VS

100% IBR System



System
Impedance



Electrical Frequency

- Frequency deviation: rate of change of system angles
- Stability: inverter controls

100% IBR System Is Fundamentally Different System

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