# Maintaining Reliability and Resilience in a Decarbonizing System

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Who We Are

## Why Must Grid Operations and Planning Evolve?



### Changing Generation Mix

### Active Distribution Systems

### **Consumer Control and Electrification**



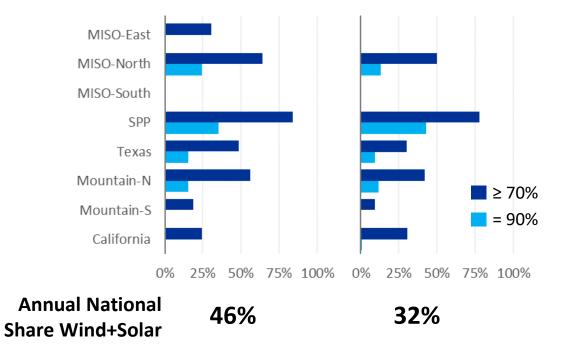






## Increasing Reliability & Resiliency Through the Transition

#### Percentage of Annual Hours that Solar+Wind Supply >= 70% of Generation



RESOURCE	DELIVERY	
ADEQUACY	ADEQUACY	
Additional resources to	Regional T&D capacity to	
meet energy needs for	integrate renewables and	
resiliency to extreme	DER and serve increased	
future scenarios	electrification demand	
BALANCING	GRID	
AND FLEXIBILITY	STABILITY	
Flexibility resources and operating reserves to manage variability and	Resources and controls to maintain frequency and voltage for much	

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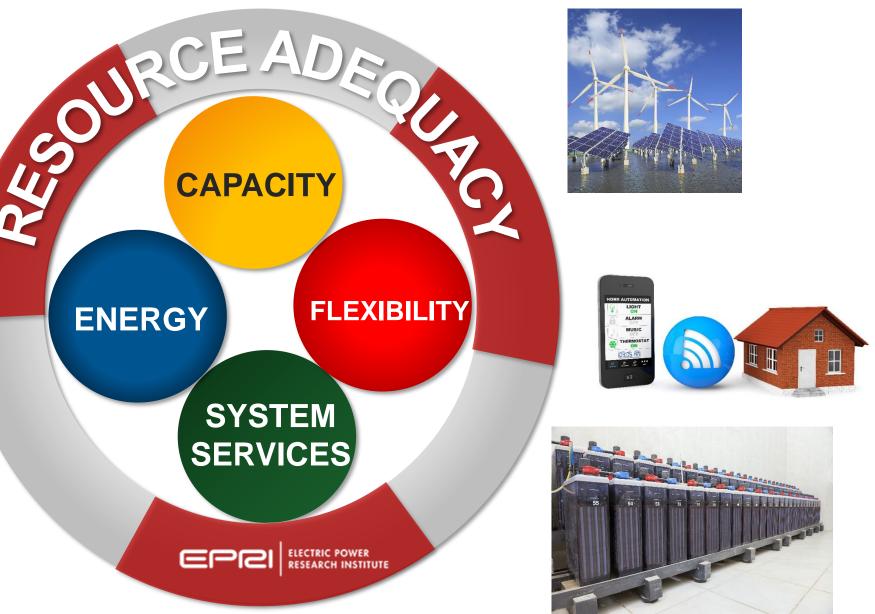
A Decarbonized Grid must be more reliable and resilient as the grid becomes more dynamic, decentralized, and inverter-based in the context of changing climate and other hazards.

## What does it mean to have adequate resources?



An adequate supply fleet is not just the installed MW in the ground. The capacity must have energy to sustain during critical time periods, flexibility to accommodate condition changes, and sufficient reliability services to provide when necessary

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### **Metrics and Criteria**

### Different metrics expose different levels of risk

LOLE is a frequency metric and typically evaluated on average

Metrics that include magnitude and duration expose additional risk

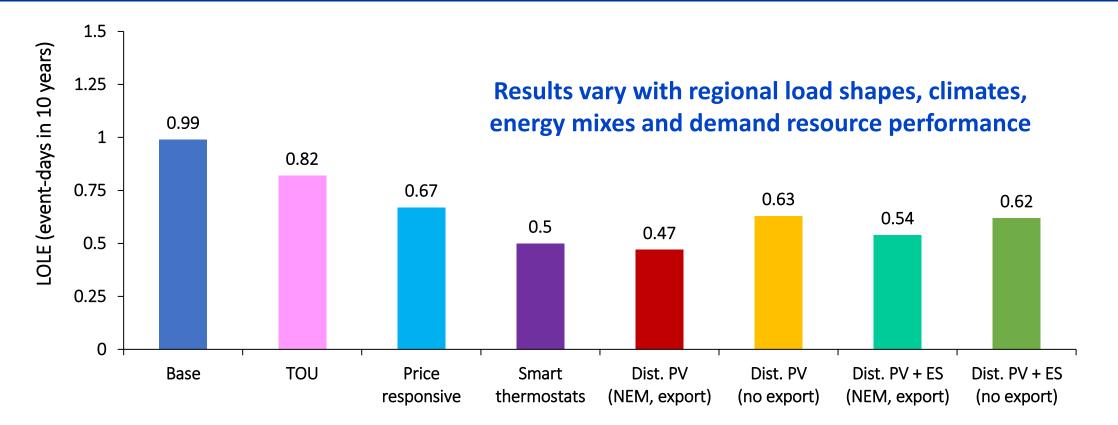
Potential for very different customer impacts for same LOLE level

NPCC Case Study: Risk conveyed by metrics			
Region	Daily LOLE	Hourly LOLE	EUE-norm.
А	0.10	0.15	0.37
В	0.10	0.34	0.99
С	0.10	0.39	3.37
D	0.10	0.25	1.00
E	0.10	0.48	2.54
F	0.10	0.28	0.34
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Metric Scope	Frequency	+ Duration	+ Magnitude
Relative Risk	Same	3X	10X

EPRI Initiative provides Metric Viewer tool and guidance to select metrics that expose true risk

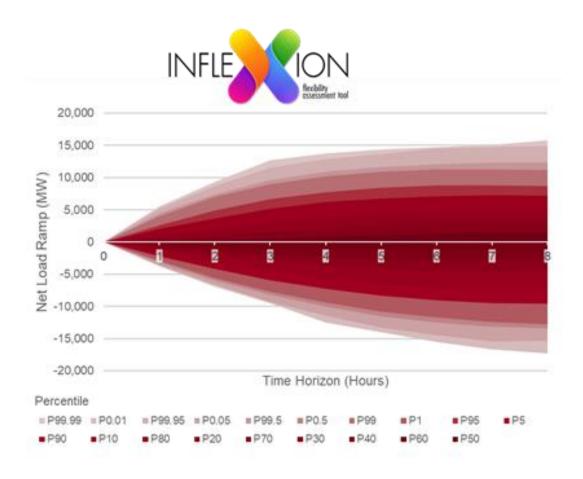
# Demand Side Resources Can Support Adequacy

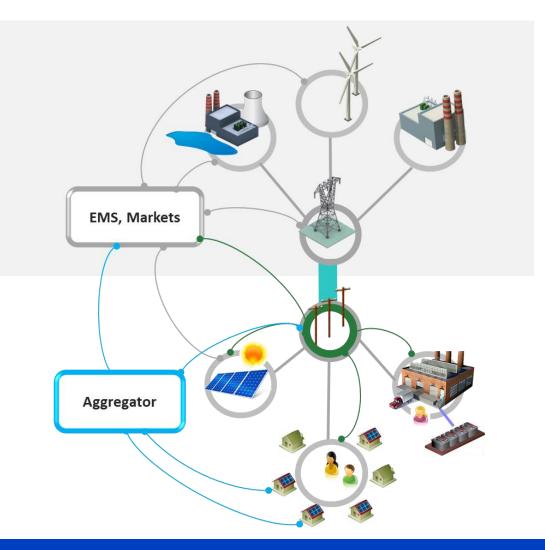
Potential reduction in LOLE from 900 MW (3% peak demand) of various distributed resource types (technology and tariff) for specific utility system



EPRI RAI provides methodology for modeling flexible demand contributions to RA

# Flexibility – measuring needs and obtaining services

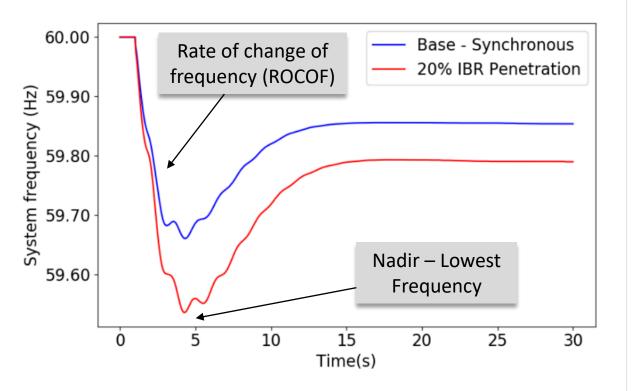




### Need to be able to assess what is needed, and then get it from emerging resources

# Grid Stability with Higher Renewables and Less Inertia

Inertia of a synchronous AC system opposes frequency changes after sudden generation loss



#### **New Operating Practices/Capabilities**

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**Online Inertia Monitoring** and Inertia Floors

**Redispatch to Reduce** Largest Contingency

#### **New Frequency Support Resources/Services**



"Synthetic Inertia" from **Inverter-Based Resources** 



**Synchronous Condensers** 



## **Relative Reliability Contributions for Various Resources**

- Must ensure reliability when considering new resource mix
- Not all resources are equal in "Reliability Capability"
- Synchronous resources broader & deeper ability to support reliability
- Reliability is not only consideration: Sustainability, Diversity, Economics, Emissions, among others
- Likely needs updating (2015)

EPRI whitepaper (2015): Contributions of Supply & Demand Resources to Required System Reliability Services (3002006400) WARNING: Relative rankings in table based on specific assumptions and disclaimers documented in white paper—do not use in isolation. Relative scores are based on "typical" capabilities of resources presently being installed.



#### Relative score for currently installed technologies:



# Pre-Requisites for a Reliable, Resilient Decarbonized Grid

#### New Grid Operation Capabilities

New protection, control, and other technologies to reliably and resiliently operate the grid



#### **Revised Market Designs**

Markets must incent investment and properly compensate resources for grid services provided



#### Grid Investment and Development

Adequate investment, supply chain, and workforce to develop extensive new supply, demand, and T&D resources

# Efficient Regulation and Collaboration



Faster timelines for siting, permitting, and building new infrastructure and developing and deploying new technology



#### Integrated Planning for Reliability and Resiliency

Tools and processes for regional investment plans across electric and other energy systems in context of changing climate and other hazards



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