

An aerial photograph of an offshore wind farm. Three white wind turbines with yellow bases are visible in the foreground, set against a vast blue ocean. In the background, a small island with buildings and greenery is visible under a clear blue sky.

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Every electric grid has 3 requirements ...



Stable

Keep the circuit safe

voltage and frequency requirements



Reliable

Keep the lights on

enough buffer room for uncertainties



Economic

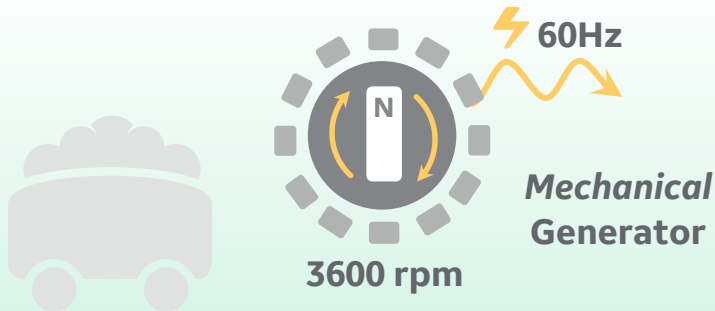
Suppliers and consumers happy

rational investments, reasonable costs

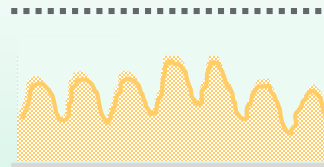


Today's grid favors **synchronous machines**

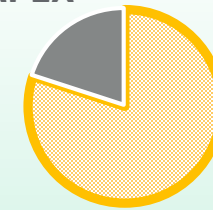
NEW RENEWABLE TECHNOLOGIES NEED NEW RULES



Constant max power



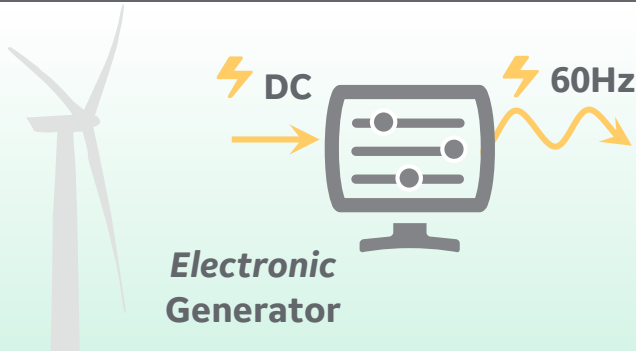
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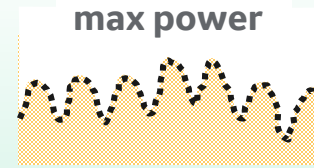
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Costs vary
W/fuel

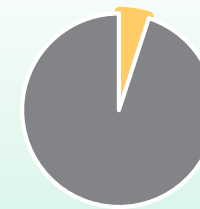
SYNCHRONOUS MACHINES



*Variable and uncertain
max power*



OPEX



CAPEX
Costs fixed
W/free fuel

POWER ELECTRONIC MACHINES

Stable

Mechanical-based circuits disrupted
by electronic equipment

Reliable

Load is usually variable and
uncertain, generation isn't

Economic

Fuel-centric energy markets
disrupted by free-fuel techs



GE Energy Consulting has been solving tough renewables problems >15 years

SIMULATION + INVENTION TO DIAGNOSE & REMOVE OBSTACLES

Stably connect large renewable plants



Colorado GE's 1st >100MW wind
Invented wind voltage controls
Invented wind inertia & frequency regulation
China grid code dev't
California 1st blackstart battery
Australia fast frequency response
Texas >2GW/yr transient studies

Stability upgrades -> 100%
 60Hz + voltage formation

New Mexico
 Wind + HVDC

Ireland GE's 1st offshore

>30 GE inventions

Brazil '09-'11
 auctions

Vietnam
 grid codes

Power electronic controls stabilize grid

100%



Reliably + economically plan renewables

California 15%
 Ontario 30%
 Minnesota 30%
 Texas 20%
 New York 5%
 Colorado Springs 33%
 Qinhai, China 35%
 PJM 30%
 Canada 30%
 Grand Bahama 30%
 Barbados 30%
 Saskatchewan 33%
 West US 30%
 Nova Scotia 40%
 Hawaii 40%
 New England 30%
 Papua New Guinea 70%

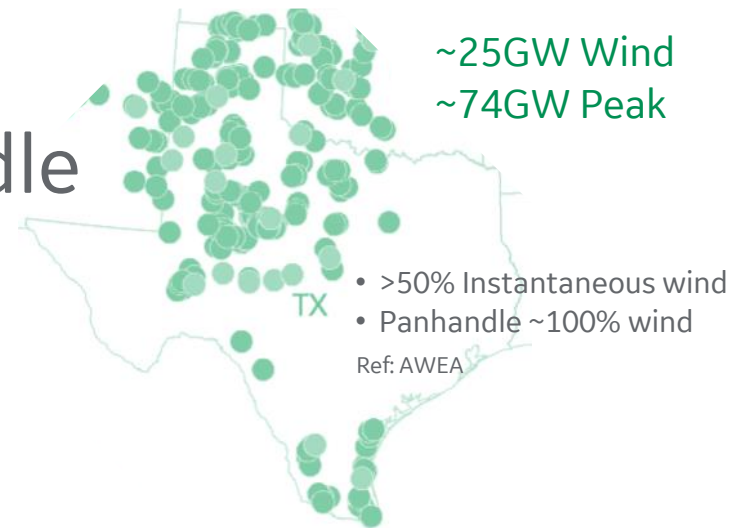
Tune synchronous machine settings ↑ flexibility

Operational upgrades -> 30%
 forecasting + faster mkt



GE partners w/ERCOT ... enabling 100% in TX Panhandle

IMPLEMENTING INTEGRATED APPROACH TO
RELIABILITY, STABILITY AND ECONOMICS



GE study '08 + ERCOT update '13
-> new market requirements

RELIABILITY + ECONOMICS

↑ **weather variability** ->
↑ flexibility requirements

How to minimize costs ...

1. **Integrate wind forecasts** into operations ...
↓ ancillary requirements
2. **New ~4 hr. - ahead commitment** ... ↓ error
3. **New 15 min. non-spin service** ... ↓ spin requirements



STABILITY

↑ **power elect** ->
weak grid + control interactions

How to enable stability ...

1. **Voltage:** new + retro synchronous condensers
2. **Frequency:** Wind governor + inertia
3. **Transient models required:** resonances ->
controls interactions -> tripping ... converter +
controls tuning

GE + ERCOT transient studies:
>2GW/yr.



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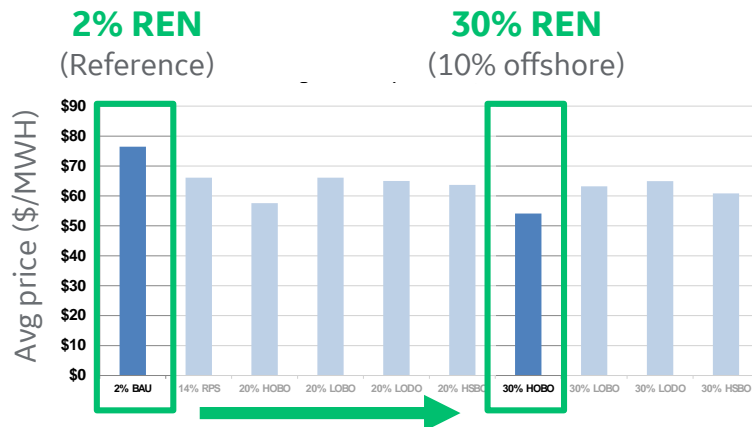
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GE partners w/PJM to plan for 30% renewable

FOCUS ON RELIABILITY + ECONOMICS

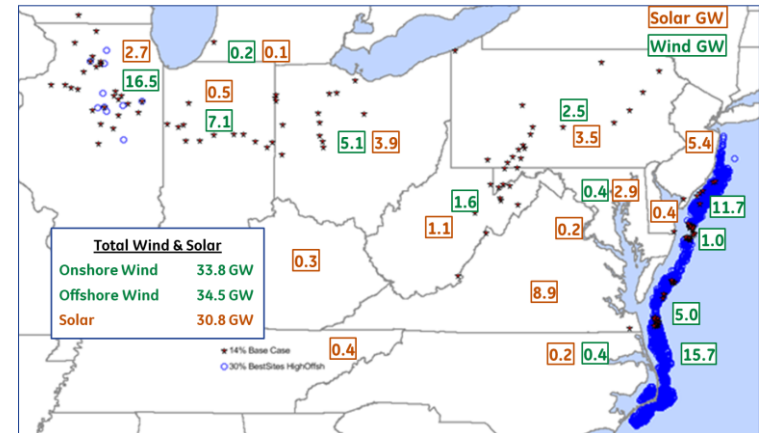
Problem: What are the challenges integrating **30% renewables** into the world's largest energy market?

Simulated future system ... identify renewables value + challenges



Average energy price ~\$20/MWh lower

Range of scenarios include 35GW **offshore wind**



Key findings:

- New high voltage **transmission** required
- Minimal renewables **curtailment**
- Lower average energy **prices**
- **Capacity credit:** offshore (27%) vs. onshore (17%)

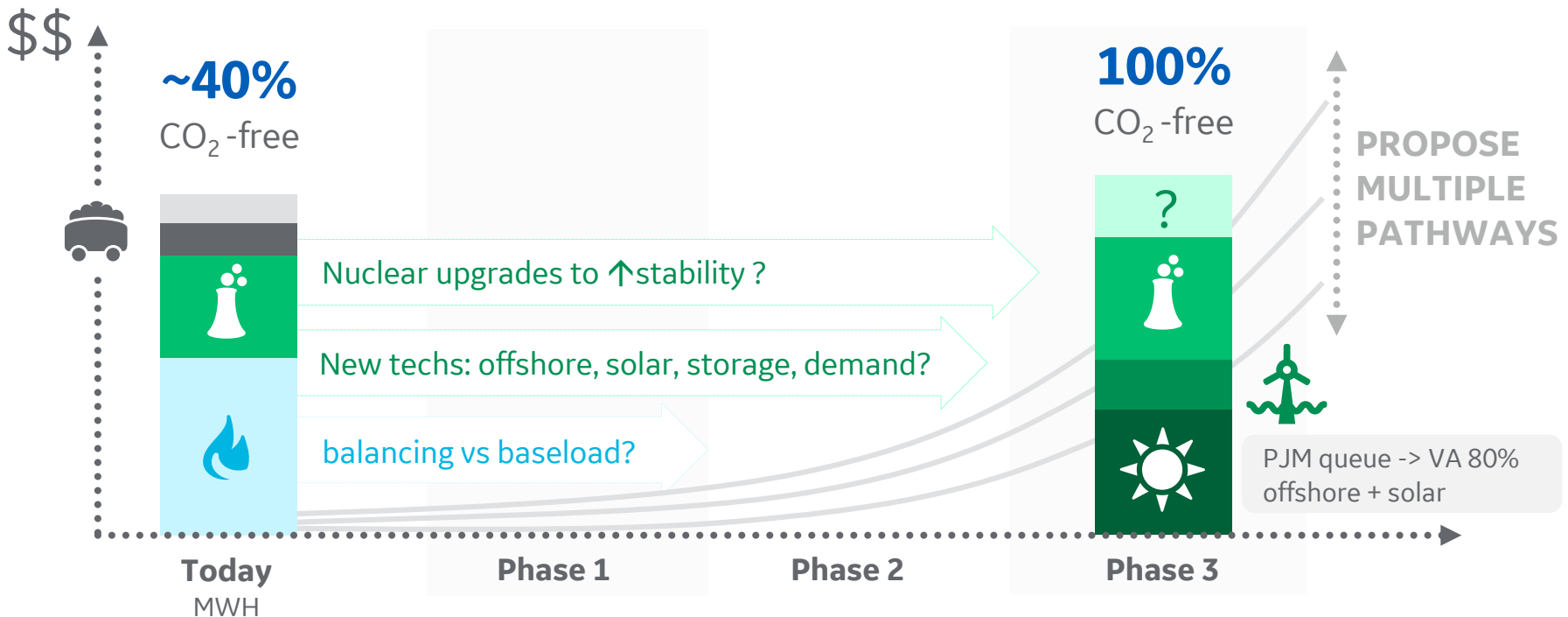


Possible path forward: Virginia partners with tech experts to shape 100% transition strategy

PROACTIVELY SHAPE POLICY ... CLEARLY OUTLINE COSTS AND TRADEOFFS

DEVELOP PHASES TOWARD 100% CO₂-FREE

- **Define scenarios** for an attainable VA CO₂-free mix
- **Identify enablers:** transmission, reliability, stability, market
- **Optimize:** economic + reliability ... how close to 100%?





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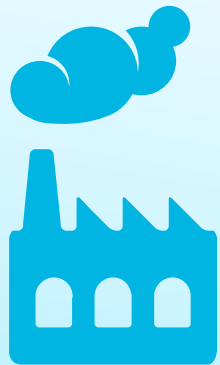
Energy industry advisors for >100 years

~130 grid experts
 9 countries
 >100 patents

GE's GRID EXPERTS ... OEM AGNOSTIC

GENERATION INTEGRATION

voltage & frequency performance



- Interconnection support
- Grid code testing and compliance
- Equipment tuning

GRID STRATEGY

complex plant interconnection



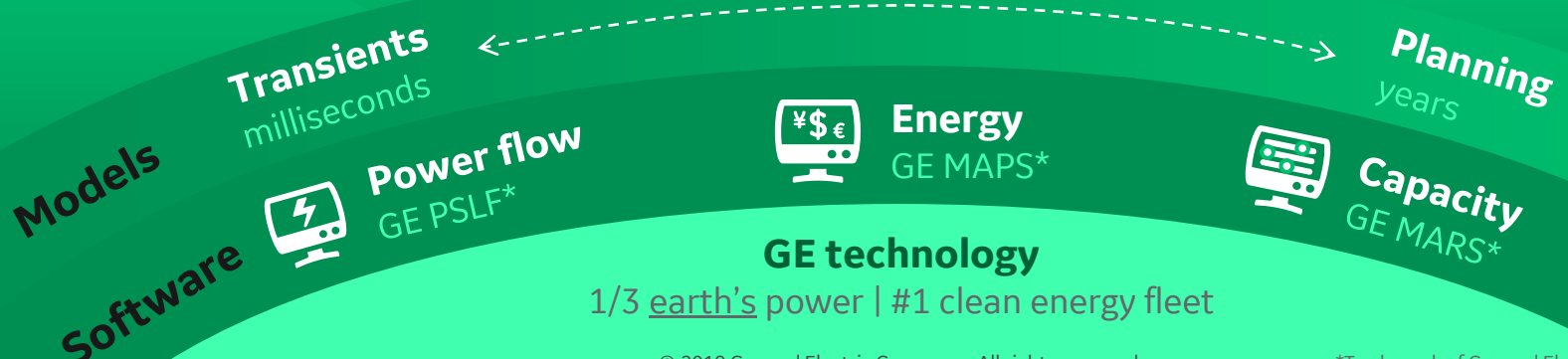
- Stability studies
- Network risk assessment
- Grid reinforcements

ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

grid value of technology



- Renewables planning and strategy
- Financial modeling and forecasting



GE technology

1/3 earth's power | #1 clean energy fleet

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