

# The Hydro-Québec Smart Grid

*Integrated innovation program for smart grid development at Hydro-Québec*

**Real-time system management**

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# Power Grid Issues and Challenges

- 1. Climate conditions: Public appeals for reduced consumption:** 800 MW on January 15, 2004, 600 MW on January 16, 2009 and 300 MW on January 24, 2011
- 2. Demand growth, slow but steady:** 0.6%/year in energy and 0.9%/year in capacity (2009–2017 Strategic Plan)
- 3. Increase in net exports:** from 15.2 TWh in 2008 to 24.9 TWh in 2013 (63%) and from 32% to 38% of net income
- 4. System growth half as rapid as growth in peak demand** (3.5% vs 7.8% from 2002 to 2010)
- 5. Significant and constant losses** since 2005: 8.4% in 2001 (gov't order on heritage pool) versus 7.5% in 2009, including 5.4% transmission losses

# **Moving towards a smarter grid: A necessity, not a choice**

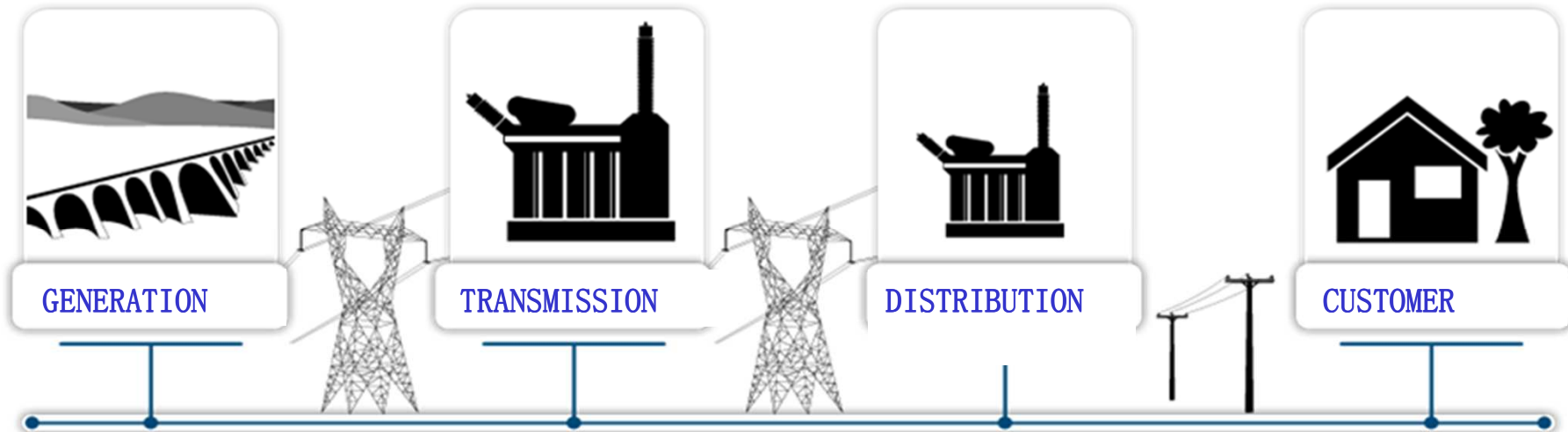
- Increase grid reliability and availability
- Improve energy efficiency of facilities
- Increase capacity to integrate new sources of renewable energy and distributed generation
- Optimize investments (financial and other) in long-term operability, maintenance and security of supply
- Provide customers with the means to optimize consumption and reduce electricity bills, while meeting their electric transportation needs in a flexible manner

# A Company-Wide Project

an integrated vision  
an **adaptive** grid managed **in real time**

- Vision and innovation strategy defined with the business divisions
- Project portfolio developed and validated by the divisions and grouped under an integrated innovation program
- Coordinating committee for program implementation and follow-up

# An Integrated Vision: From Generation to Consumption

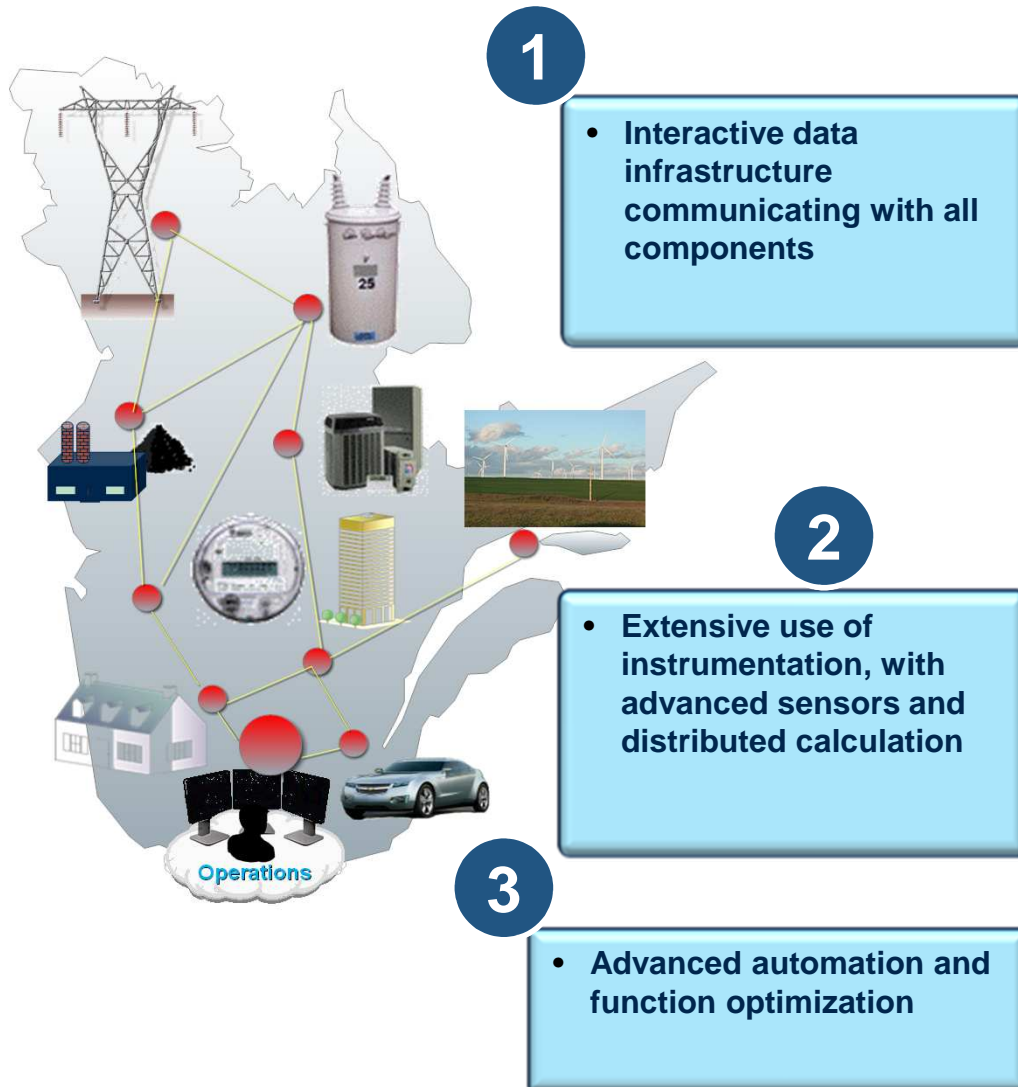


- **Generation optimization.** Objective: Balance generation and load at least cost

- Develop a highly automated grid capable of executing complex functions through **real-time** collection and processing of data on generation, demand and system state, thus facilitating integration of intermittent and renewable distributed energy resources, outage prevention, etc.

- Incorporate new information and communication technologies (advanced metering infrastructure, networked meters, remote-controlled equipment, etc.) to facilitate **real-time** system and demand-side management

# Characteristics and Advantages



## Advantages

- High penetration of new and emerging energies
- EV intelligent charging
- Consumers have more control over their electricity bill and participate actively in optimizing power grid economics
- Efficient grid management and reduced losses
- Fewer and shorter power failures
- Improved reliability and security of integrated grid



# A 20-year Vision: The Hydro-Québec Grid in 2030

An **adaptive**, highly automated grid,  
actively managed **in real time** through  
continuous monitoring of system state



# An Integrated Innovation Program with Four Objectives

- **Improve transfer capacity while meeting reliability criteria**  
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- *Wide-area control*

- *Optimization of system limits based on near-real-time data*

- **Improve end-to-end grid efficiency and availability**  
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- *Technologies for optimizing thermal capacity of lines and equipment*

- *Reduced losses, proactive maintenance*

- **Implement smart grid architecture**  
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- *For a smart grid, System of Systems architecture sustainable to 2030*

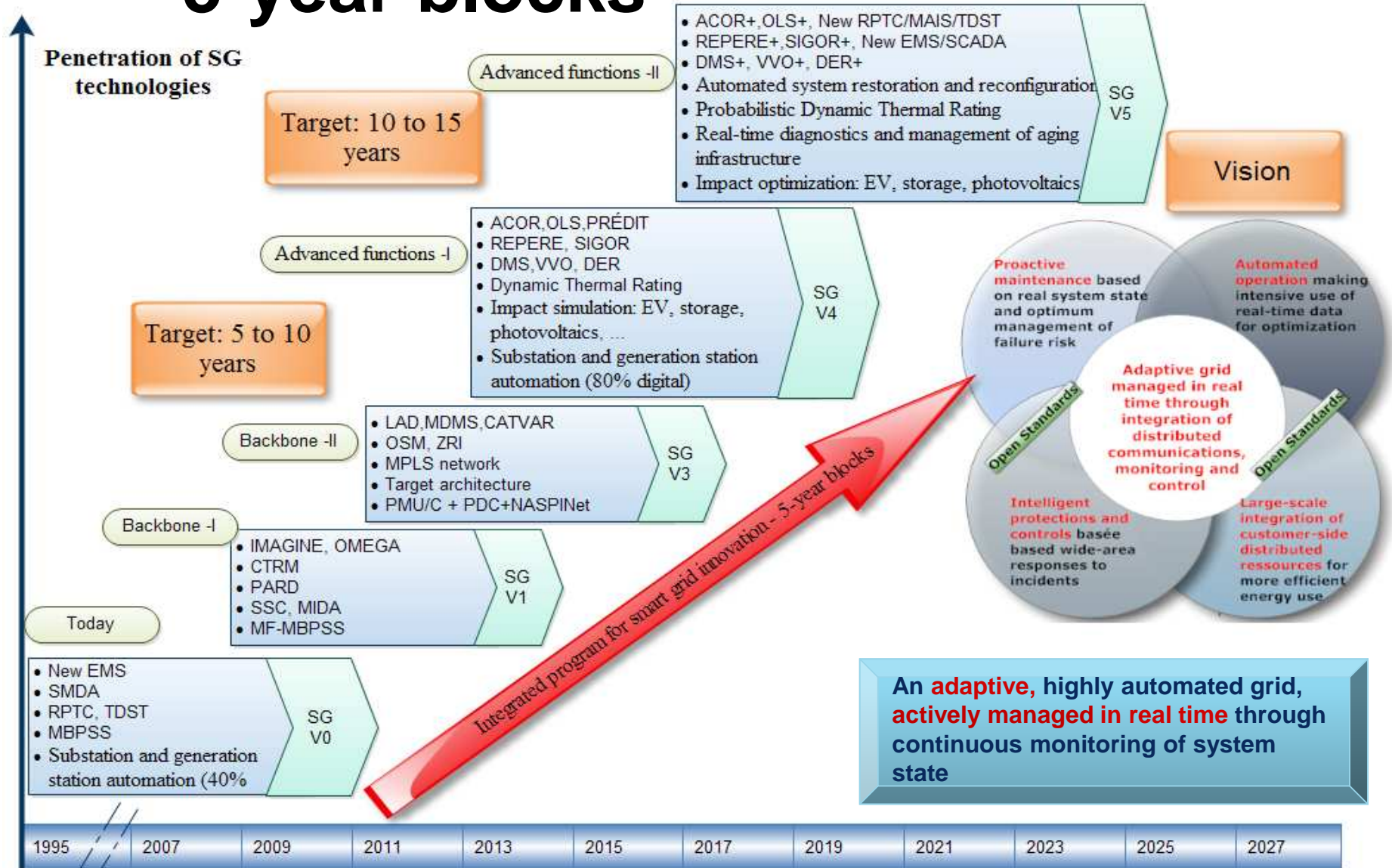
- **Have simulation tools and an R&D infrastructure to support optimum integration and use of renewables (wind) and new flexible resources**  
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- *Resulting from active customer participation*



# Strategy for Deployment in Stages

## 5-year blocks



# Technology Deliverables Over the Next 5 Years

1



- **Prototypes and grid response testing of advanced command and control functions**
  - Grid response testing of command and control systems for shunts and generating units
  - Delivery of a prototype system for situational awareness and vulnerability identification

2



- **Prototypes and grid response testing of closed-loop voltage control and reactive power management systems**
  - Transmission and Generation: Delivery of a prototype integrated reactive power management system
  - Distribution: Grid response testing of an optimized volt/var controller

# Technology Deliverables Over the Next 5 Years (cont.)

3A

System and  
facility transfer  
capacity  
optimization TCO

- **Prototypes and grid response testing of smart monitoring systems**
  - Delivery of a prototype integrated transformer monitoring and dynamic thermal rating system
  - Delivery of a prototype system for near-real-time optimization of operating limits and interchanges (OLS)
  - Demonstration of a smart fault location system (MILE)

3B

System and  
facility transfer  
capacity  
optimization  
TCO

- **Prototypes of proactive automated maintenance systems**
  - Delivery of a prototype decision support system for online transformer diagnostic testing
  - Delivery of a prototype integrated system for managing the condition of distribution assets

# Technology Deliverables Over the Next 5 Years (cont.)

4

Distributed/  
customer  
resource  
participation  
PRD/C

- **Prototypes and grid response testing of systems and technologies for integration of new energy sources and flexible resources**
  - Testing of technologies for direct control of domestic load (demand-side management)
  - Delivery of a prototype system for aggregation and optimum integration of customer-side distributed resources
  - Improved load forecasts with non-dispatchable resources
  - Assessment of the impact of electric vehicles, photovoltaic solar and MV storage on the grid

5

Smart grid  
simulation tools  
OSG-RI

- **Smart grid simulation tools**
  - Delivery of system simulators incorporating new forms of generation and consumption
  - Delivery of a prototype simulator faster than real time and including virtual generating stations

# Technology Deliverables Over the Next 5 Years (cont.)

6



- Demonstration of a target smart grid architecture that is scalable and takes into account the priorities in terms of corporate projects and technological innovation projects

# Benefits for Hydro-Québec (2016-2020)

<p><b>1. Greater system efficiency</b> -----</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Reduced transmission and distribution losses, as well as reduced consumption (energy efficiency)</i></li><li>• <i>Optimization of equipment rating(e.g. transformers)</i></li><li>• <i>Improved asset availability</i></li></ul>	<p><b>2. Greater transfer capacity</b> -----</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Increased transmission margins (control)</i></li><li>• <i>Reduction in captive power generation (optimization)</i></li><li>• <i>Reduction in capacity needs (postponement of system expansions)</i></li></ul>	<p><b>3. Greater reliability and security of supply</b> -----</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Improved fault and outage location</i></li><li>• <i>Automation of system restoration and reconfiguration</i></li><li>• <i>System stabilization under extreme contingencies</i></li><li>• <i>Ability to simulate the impacts of storage, electric vehicles, wind and solar generation etc. on the grid</i></li><li>• <i>Resource optimization (least-cost integration of new intermittent energy sources)</i></li></ul>	<p><b>4. Access to dedicated simulation tools for the smart grid</b> -----</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Hydro-Québec will have simulation tools to support smart grid R&amp;D as well as planning and operation, all in compliance with NERC reliability requirements</i></li></ul>
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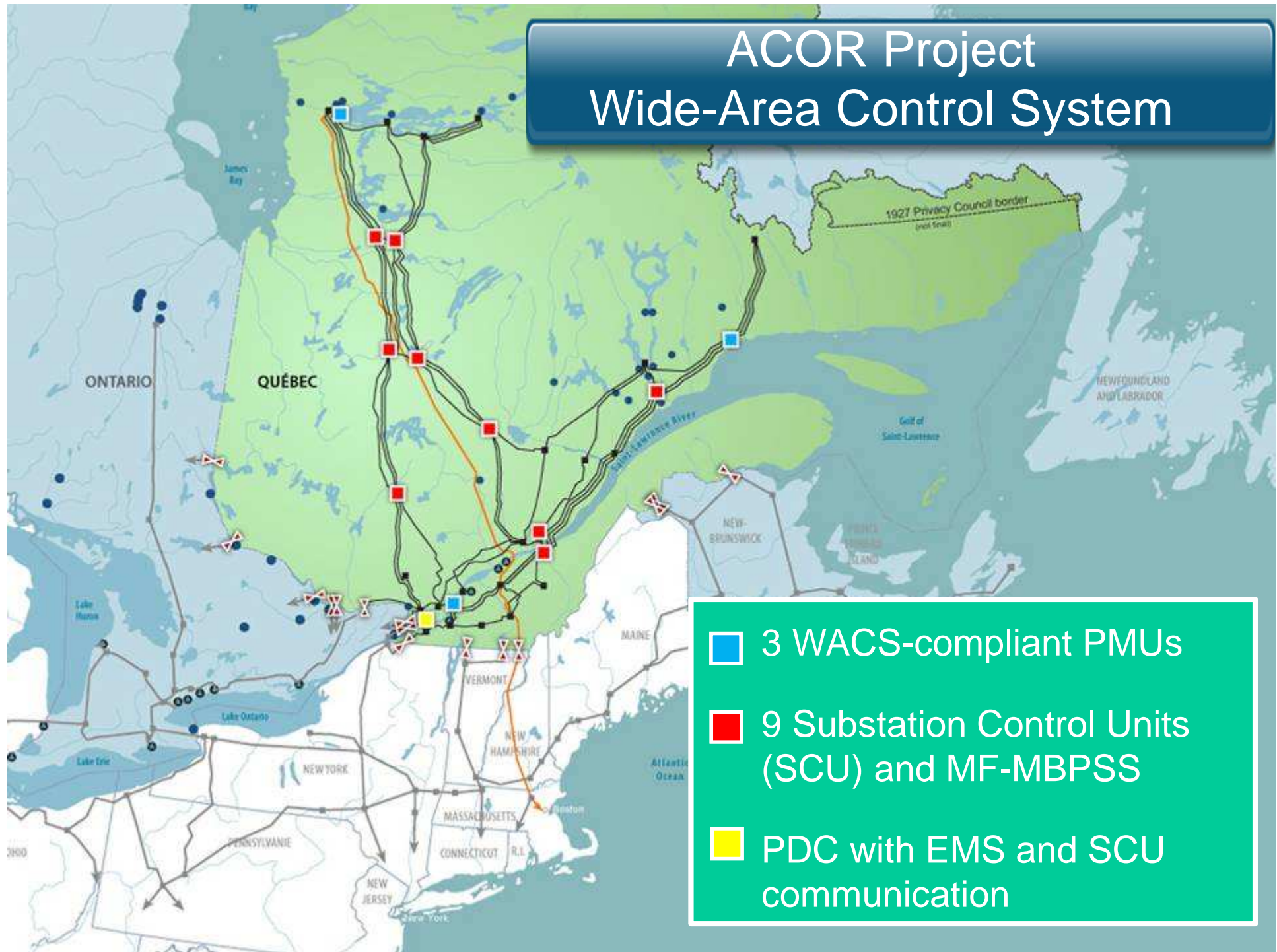
Sustainable target architecture that will transition the existing power system into a smart grid

# Appendix

## R&D Projects: 5-Year Target

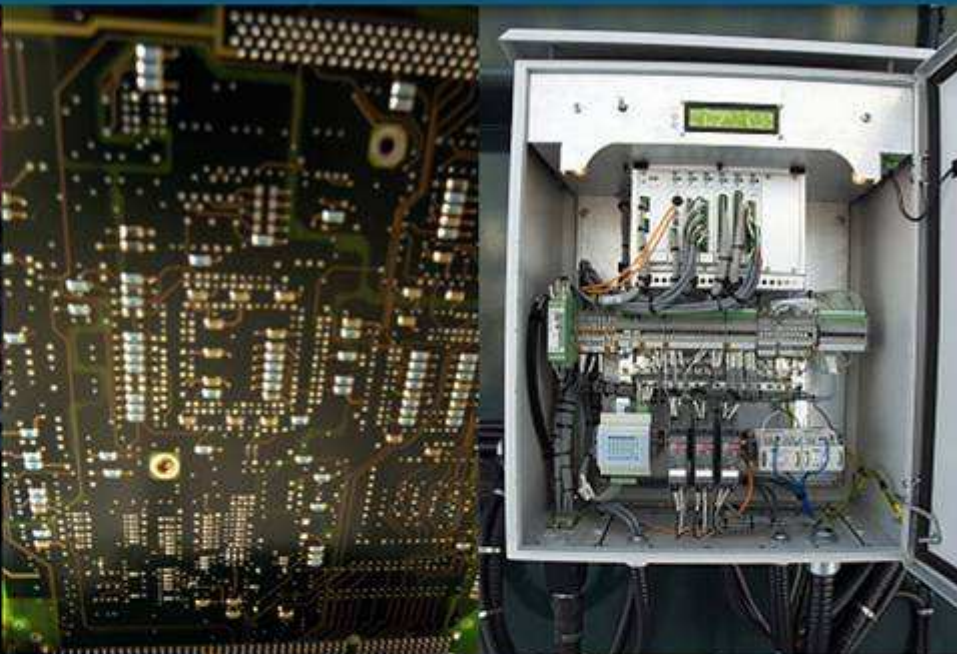
Some examples

# ACOR Project Wide-Area Control System



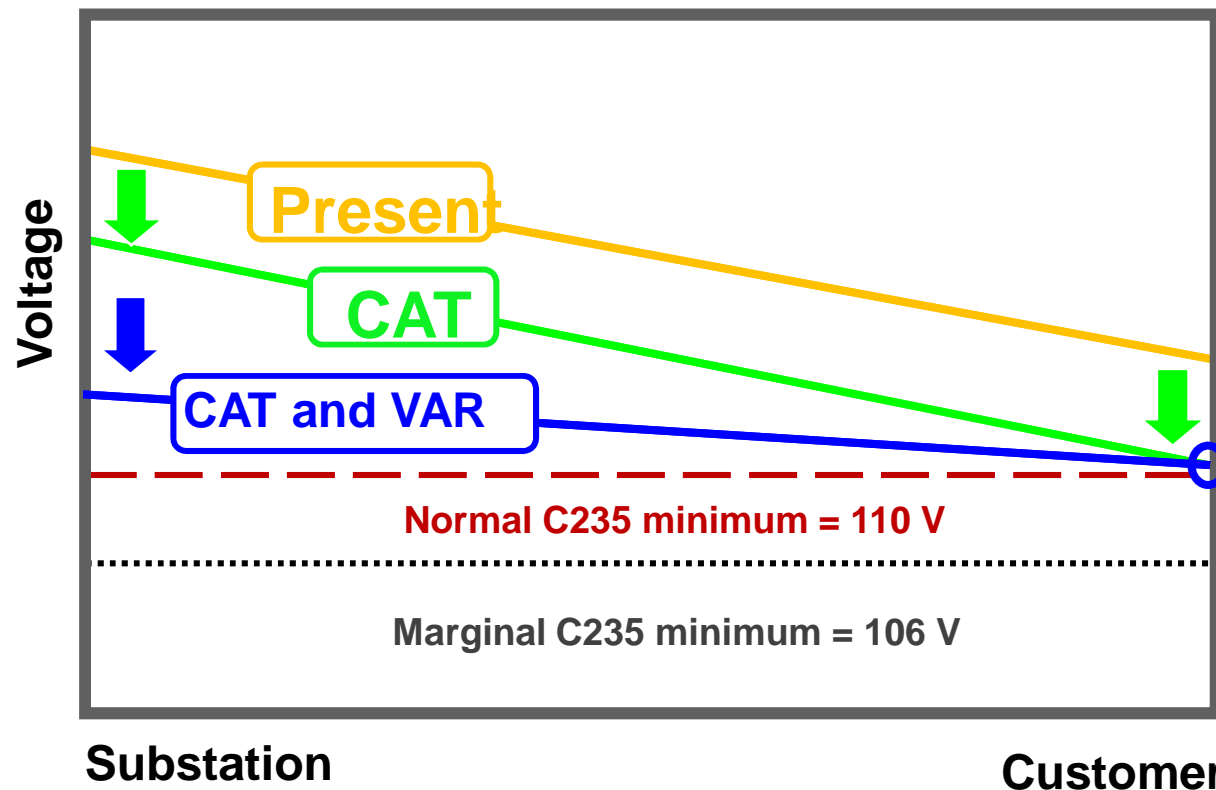


# IMAGINE Project – Real-time Remote System Management



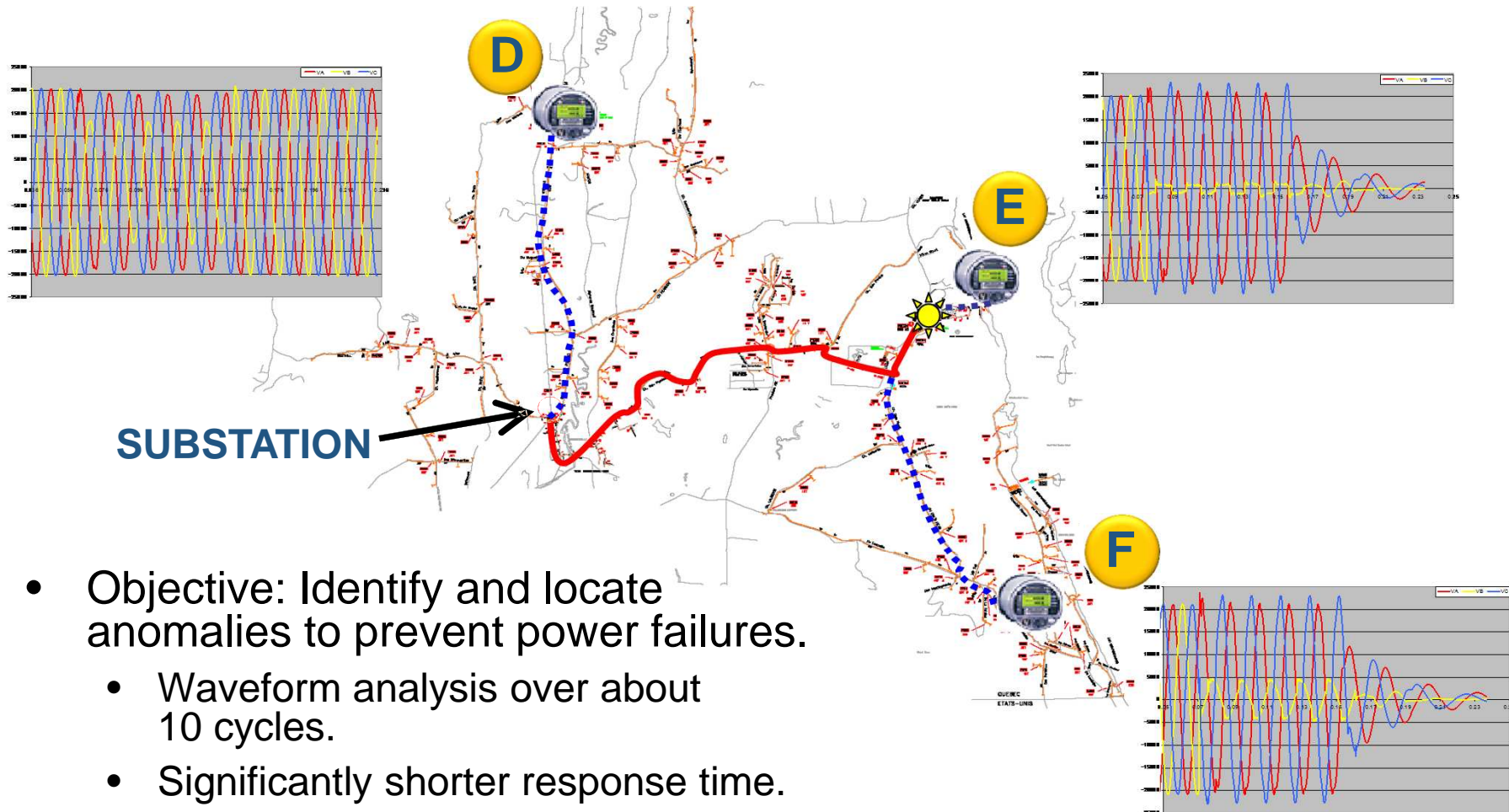
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# CATVAR Project – Volt and VAR Control



- Anticipated savings 2 TWh
- Development began in 2008
- Proof of concept achieved and design frozen
- Demonstrated at Pierre Boucher substation
- Approved by Régie de l'énergie in 2011

# MILE Project – Smart Meter based Fault Localization

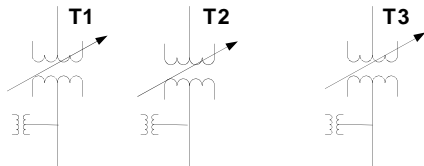


- Objective: Identify and locate anomalies to prevent power failures.
  - Waveform analysis over about 10 cycles.
  - Significantly shorter response time.
  - Type of fault determined by comparing with recorded patterns.

# Hydro-Québec Smart Zone Project

## Current

### Pierre-Boucher Substation



Volt-Var Control



EV and Intelligent Charging



Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) and Demand Response



Renewable Energy

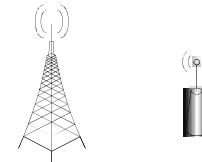


## Future development

Distribution Management System (DMS)



Monitoring, Data Exchange, And Telecom (WiMAX, telephone)

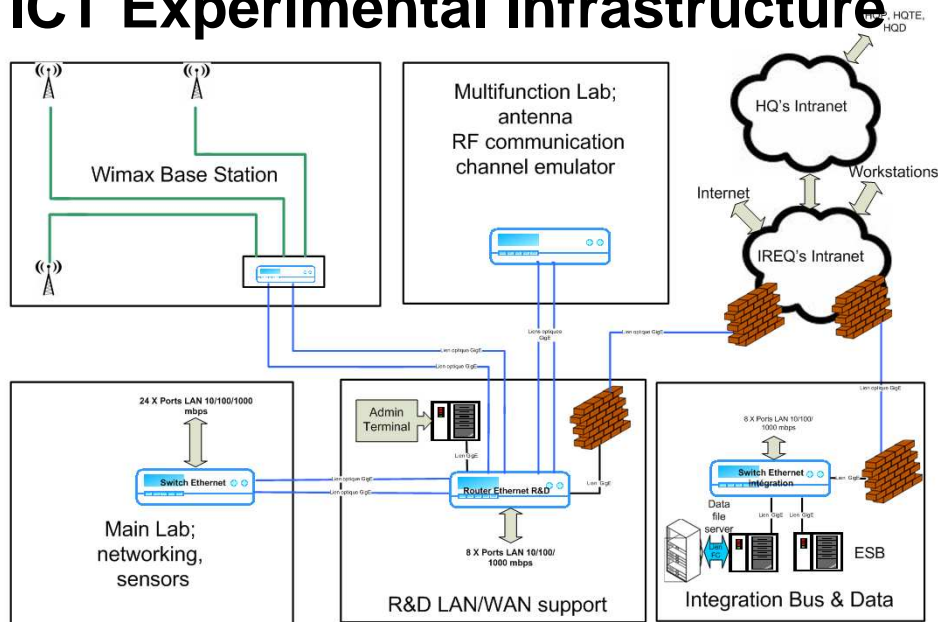


# Smart Grid R&D Facilities

## 25 kV Test Line



## ICT Experimental Infrastructure



## Hypersim Simulator

# Summary - A bridge to the future

