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Southern California Edison



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# Tech Track:

Conference and in Engineering

Power





# Agenda

BACKGROUND

TODAY

ROMEO POWER AT-A-GLANCE

WHAT I'VE LEARNED

INSIGHTS FROM EXPERIENCE

**ENGINEERING OPPORTUNITIES** 

Q&A







#### EDUCATION

- Bachelor's degree in Microbiology from the University of Illinois
- Moved to Texas to conduct research for MD Anderson Hospital and Chemical Research for Hoechst-Celanese
- Master's degree in Business
   Administration from the
   University of Nebraska at Omaha





## TRANSITION TO AUTOMOTIVE



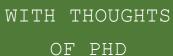




ACCEPTED JOB
WITH DOUGLAS
AND LOAMSON











COMPLETED MBA
AT UNIVERSITY
OF NEBRASKA













## FORD

Factory Manager in Wayne, MI - Moved several times within Ford

- Plant Manager
- Director of Manufacturing for multiple assembly plants
- Director of Global Manufacturing Strategy

## NISSAN

After years of restructuring, I moved to Tennessee

Vice President of
 Manufacturing for Nissan's
 Smyrna and Decherd
 Tennessee plants.







After 30 years in the auto and energy industries, restructuring, growing, launching, and bringing in new technology...

I am now in Los Angeles working for Romeo Power where I plan on applying my years of manufacturing experience while learning and leading an energy technology company







Romeo Power is on a mission to power the world's transition to electrification.

Romeo Power was founded in 2016 by a team of former Tesla and SpaceX engineers with a vision to create an electrified world where all have access to clean energy. Since then, we've laser-focused our collective engineering, entrepreneurial and networking skills to push high-density battery technology to its peak, to serve a market with a need for cleaner energy solutions now, and at scale: heavy-duty commercial vehicle fleets.

Together, we are Romeo Power. This is our bold vision to create an electrically powered world.

# ABOUT US









At Romeo Power, we're not just in the business of delivering electrification solutions for complex commercial vehicle applications. We want to change the way people live. We have a bold vision to create a world where energy poverty no longer exists.





2016

Romeo Power Founded 2017

Vernon
Manufacturing
Plant Opened

2019

Heritage
Environmental
Partnership
established

2020

Romeo Power Goes
Public Through
SPAC Merger

2021

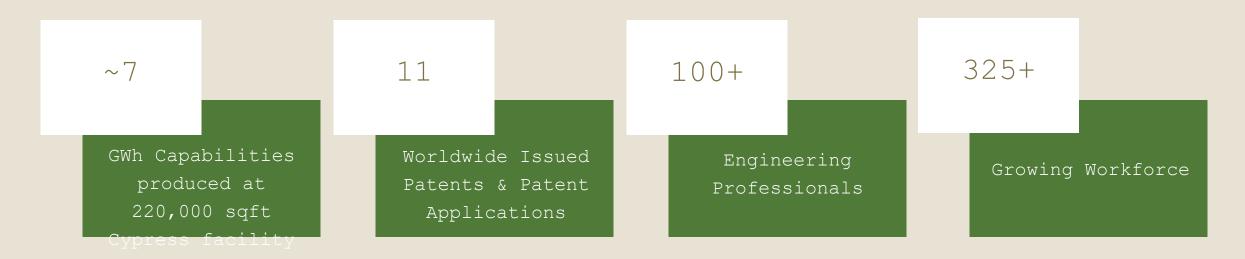
Susan joins Romeo as CEO 2022

New
Manufacturing
Facility opening
in Cypress, CA

# MILESTONES



# ROMEO POWER IN NUMBERS





## What Makes Our Product Different



Single Cell Fault

Through robust cell

validation and safety

testing, Romeo Power

selects optimal cells and

incorporates design

features to mitigate

thermal propagation.

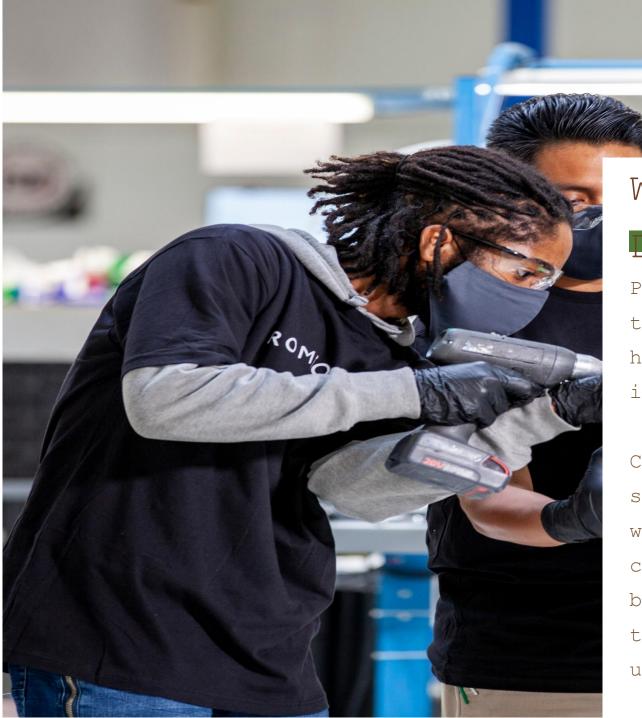


Algorithms detect faults to
maintain safe operating
conditions for the battery
system. Combined hardware
and software methods
provide necessary controls
for safe and long-term
performance.



#### Sensing

Accurate monitoring devices at all levels (cell, module, pack and system) constantly measure voltage, current and key temperature locations for reporting to the battery management system.



#### What Makes Romeo

#### Different

Powered by Nature - For far too long, we've taken from nature without replenishing. Now, here we are. We see and feel the effects and it's time for real change.

Curiosity is key to achieving our goal. It spurs innovation. It empowers us to find new ways to approach seemingly unyielding challenges. We embrace the tough questions because they're necessary to drive transformation. We have an opportunity to make universal energy a thing of the future.





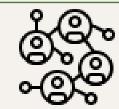
Make career changes when the decision is "Low on Risk and High on Reward"



The possibilities are endless so don't close the door on anything



Take care of yourself



Build and maintain networks



Be a Lifetime Learner



# IS THIS REALITY?





# Insight from Experience



#### Nourish Your

DoNetworkse

connections with the people who have supported your journey along the way. Be agnostic to industry or role, you never know when a



#### Build a

Use soc**Brand**edia to have a brand and point of view and own it. Don't rely on your company's social media brand - make what they offer your own.



#### Give

Mentor, Backak, role

model - the
generation behind us
can lose ground in
the workplace if they
don't understand many
things that they
enjoy today are hard



#### Don't Stay

Life istuck short.

Don't stay stuck

somewhere - either

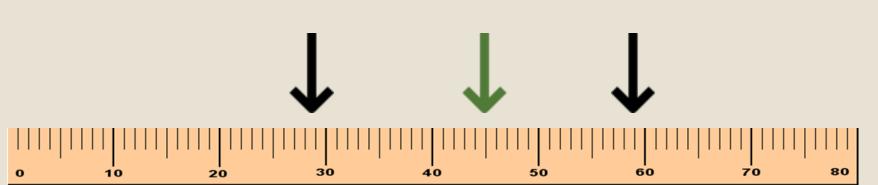
in a job or

mentally.

# Insight from Experience



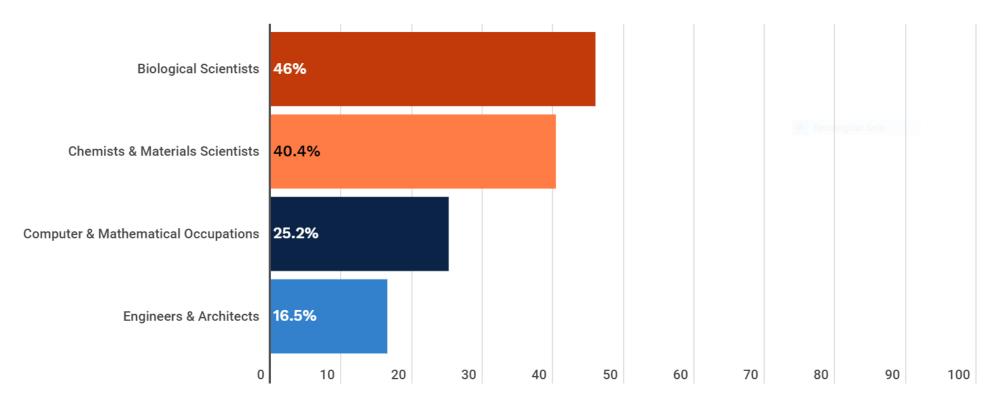
- Other people are very good at spending your time
- Make sure you are focused on your goals and that they are clear to you
- Know your worth and make sure those around you do, too
- Re-clarify your goals annually and then act







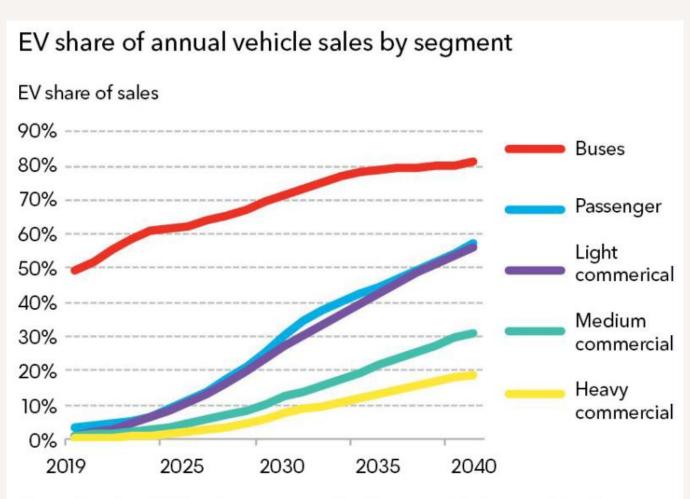
#### **Women in STEM Occupations**



SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Employed persons by detailed occupation, sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity," Labor Force Statistics from the Current Population Survey, Table 11, 2020.



# ELECTRIFICATION IS THE FUTURE



Source: BloombergNEF. Note: Passenger car and bus figures are global. Commercial vehicle segment adoption figures in both charts cover the main markets of China, Europe and the U.S.

# Opportunities for Engineers at Romeo Power

Our end-to-end engineering capabilities include cell science, mechanical, thermal, electrical, firmware systems and stress.

#### Battery Safety

Develop the new core technology of Romeo Power, make design improvements to all battery programs, and push our technology further for the next generation vehicles.

Battery Systems Applications

Engineer to create the technical interpretation of the princer bridge between the customers, external stakeholders and internal engineering teams to develop Electric/Hybrid Vehicle Battery Systems.

Mechanical Engineering -

Ownership of component and/or system Pack's delivery from conception, design, manufacturing readiness, assembly and production launch through the EVT, DVT and PVT design and validation loops.

Electronic Design Engineer

Design and develop digital and analog electronics for the next generation battery management system of Romeo Power.



Thank you

Q&A



# Clean Power Panel — Transition to a Clean Power Grid

Women in Engineering Conference April 9, 2022

Dana Cabbell, P.E.

Director, Integrated System Strategy
Southern California Edison



# Dana Cabbell, P.E. Director, Southern California Edison



#### Education

- ❖ BSEE, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
- \* Registered Professional Engineer, Electrical



#### Career Path

#### Southern California Edison

- ❖ Summer Intern 3 summers
- ❖ Full-time upon Graduation -- Power System Planning Engineer to Director



#### **Current Responsibility**

#### Integrated System Planning:

- Designs executable system strategies that transform the electric system to proactively achieve SCE's strategic objectives
- Anticipate system needs through comprehensive power system planning and analysis and drive innovative activities informed by the analyses

SCE's Transmission System is Part of the Western Interconnection and Operated by the California Independent System Operator (CAISO)

One of three Investor Owned Utilities (IOUs) operated by the CAISO

#### **CAISO at a Glance**

50,300 MW peak demand Over 30 million customers

CAISO oversees the operation of the bulk electric power system by managing the flow of electricity across transmission lines, serving 80 percent of California and a small part of Nevada (VEA)

#### **SCE** at a Glance

23,800 MW peak demand

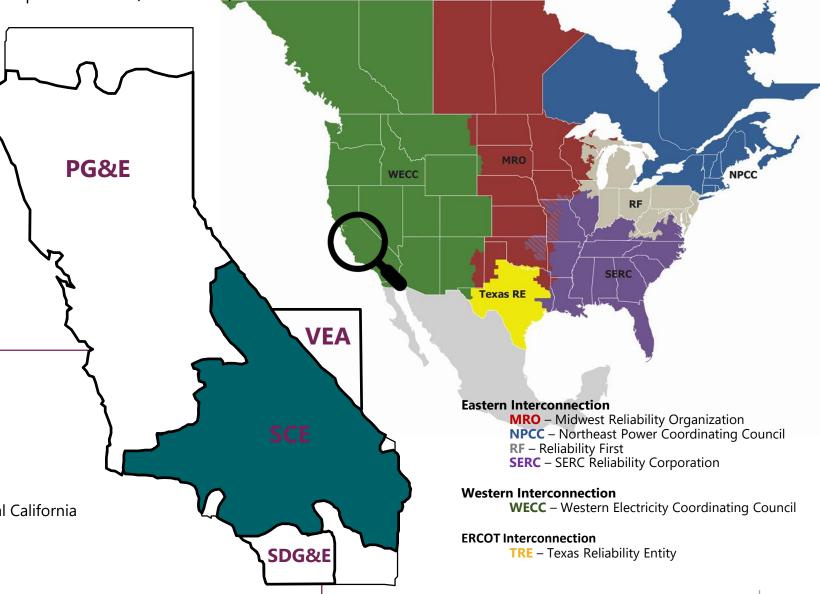
5 million customer accounts (serving 15 million residents)

50,000+ square miles service area across southern, central and coastal California

118,000 miles of SCE distribution and transmission lines

43% carbon-free power in 2020

SCE's estimated delivered power mix from owned gen and third-party power procurements

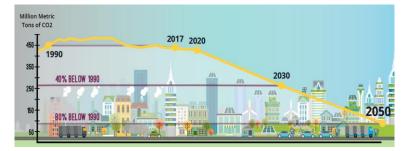


Energy for What's Ahead<sup>™</sup>

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# SCE's Perspectives to Achieve CA State Policy & Decarbonization Goals

California's climate-change goals include a 40% reduction in absolute greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from 1990 levels by 2030, and 80% by 2050, as well as net-zero GHG emissions economy-wide by 2045



SCE is required by law to meet the following retail sales requirements for the power it delivers to customers:

- ✓ By 2020 33% of power from Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS)-eligible resources (requirement met)
- By 2030 **60%** of power from RPS-eligible resources
- By 2045 **100%** carbon-free power

Weblinks are provided below as a pre-read to the course, which outline SCE's perspectives to transform the industry towards a clean energy future and achieve decarbonization goals:

#### **2020 Sustainability Report**

#### **Clean Power and Electrification Pathway**

An integrated blueprint for California to reduce GHG emissions and air pollutants by 2030.

#### Pathway 2045

A data-driven analysis of the steps that California must take to meet 2045 goals, which identified 5 key actions for affordably achieving carbon neutrality.

#### **Reimagining the Grid**

An assessment of the grid changes needed to support GHG reduction goals, while adapting to evolving customer and climate-change driven needs.

#### **Mind the Gap**

An assessment of policy changes and additions needed to ensure California meets its GHG emissions reductions targets by 2030 in anticipation of its goal to decarbonize by 2045.

# SCE'S PATHWAY 2045 OUTLINES FIVE ACTIONS CALIFORNIA CAN TAKE TO AFFORDABLY ACHIEVE ECONOMYWIDE CARBON NEUTRALITY



#### **Decarbonize Electricity**

100% of retail sales powered with carbon-free electricity



#### **Electrify Transportation**

Including three-quarters of light-duty vehicles, two-thirds of medium-duty vehicles and one-third of heavy-duty vehicles



#### **Electrify Buildings**

70% of space and water heating electrified in the built environment



#### **Low-Carbon Fuels**

Applications that are not viable for electrification to use low-carbon fuels



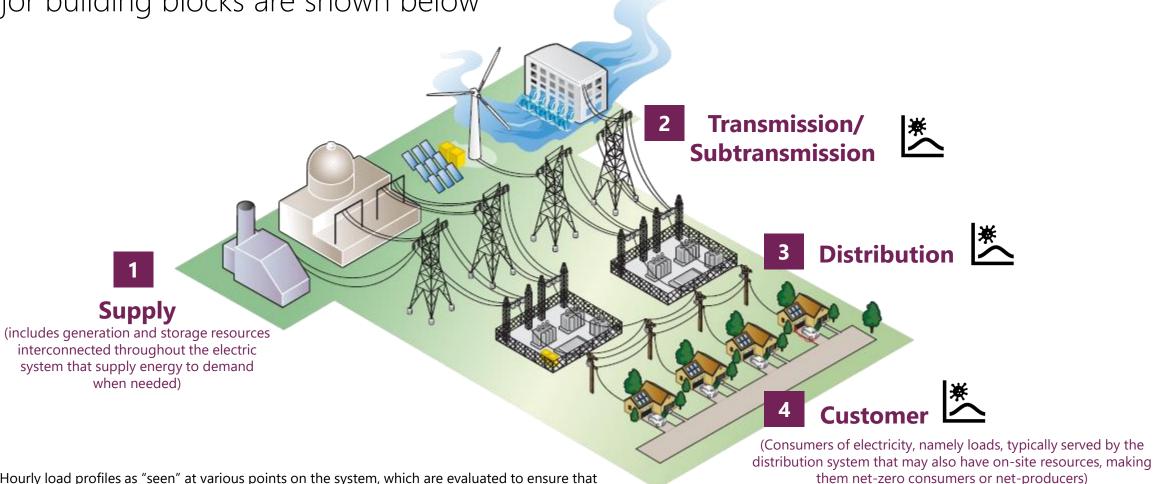
#### **Carbon Sinks**

Remaining carbon to be sequestered to reach carbon neutrality



The electric system is an interconnected network for supplying and delivering electricity from energy resources to consumers.

Its major building blocks are shown below





Hourly load profiles as "seen" at various points on the system, which are evaluated to ensure that grid infrastructure can always support the net effects of loads and generation both upstream and downstream. Profiles may be at the individual equipment level (i.e. circuit or transformer) or an aggregation of multiple facilities (i.e. a transmission corridor).

# The future grid is becoming more complex with challenges that are changing the way we plan and operate the system

CUSTOMER



- Supporting large adoption of DERs<sup>1</sup> on distribution systems
- Higher usage and load density largely due to electrification
- More end-uses that are sensitive to power quality (e.g., power electronics)
- Overall, increased reliance on electricity



- **Integrating very high levels of renewables** (intermittent and far from load centers)
- Ensuring Resource Adequacy with an evolving mix of resources
- Maintaining grid stability and resilience under lower levels of inertia with conventional generation retirements



- Direct impacts to **performance of grid assets** from climate risks such as extreme temperatures, wildfires, and floods
- Climate-driven changes in customer needs and electric service continuity

# Enabling **customer** programs & adoption of Distributed Energy Resources



# What are Distributed Energy Resources (DER)?



#### Distributed Generation (Renewable)



#### Energy Demand Efficiency Response

Plug-in Electric Vehicles













On-premise generation resources such as diesel generators, fuel cells, combined heat & power, microturbines Distributed
generation
from
renewable
sources—
photovoltaic
solar (PV),
wind,
geothermal,
biomass

Devices that
store
electrical
energy locally
for use
during peak
periods or as
backup

Any service or device that allows for reduced energy use while providing the same service

Technology
that enables
utility or thirdparty to
control energy
usage during
peak demand
and high
pricing periods

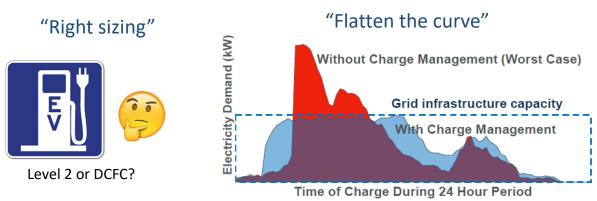
Vehicles that can plug in and store energy in their battery

# Transportation Electrification (TE)

Electric vehicle (EV) adoption is increasing in multiple sectors and there are load and grid infrastructure impacts with supporting from pilot to scale, especially Medium and Heavy-Duty (MD/HD) fleets. Grid planning activities include:

#### **Customer Engagement and Education**

Minimizing grid impact through customer engagement



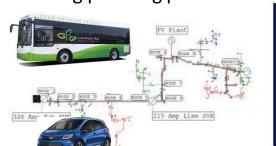
Partnering with customers/regulators on optimal location siting

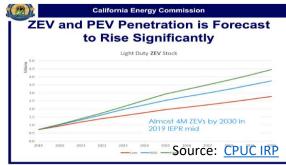


#### Forecasting and Grid Infrastructure Planning

Improving locational TE forecasting accuracy and incorporating

into existing planning processes



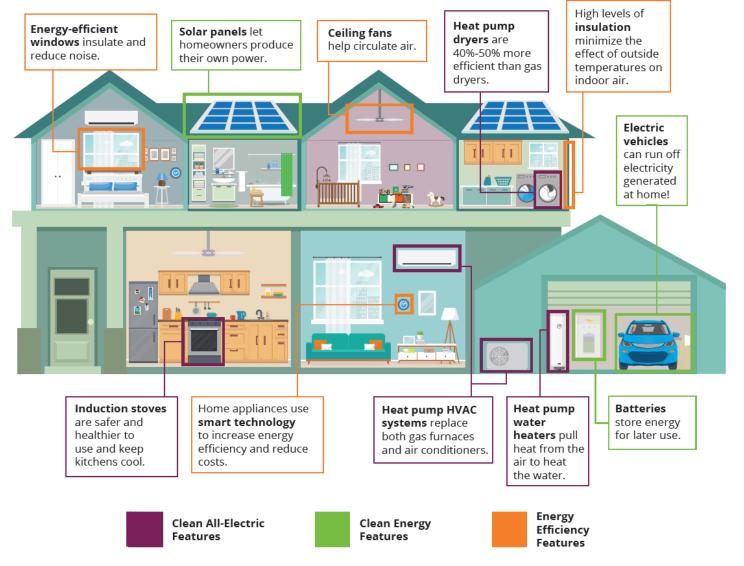


Develop TE policy/customer data process to improve both system-level and circuit-level TE forecast

- Refining our understanding of grid infrastructure needs to inform regulatory policy
- Streamlining licensing and environmental review process for new grid infrastructure required to support (i.e. substations)

Building Electrification (BE) is common across decarbonization strategies and will result in greater electrical demands

BE involves substituting gas end-uses at the end of their useful life with high efficiency electric end-uses, such as heat pump technologies, as well as in newly constructed buildings

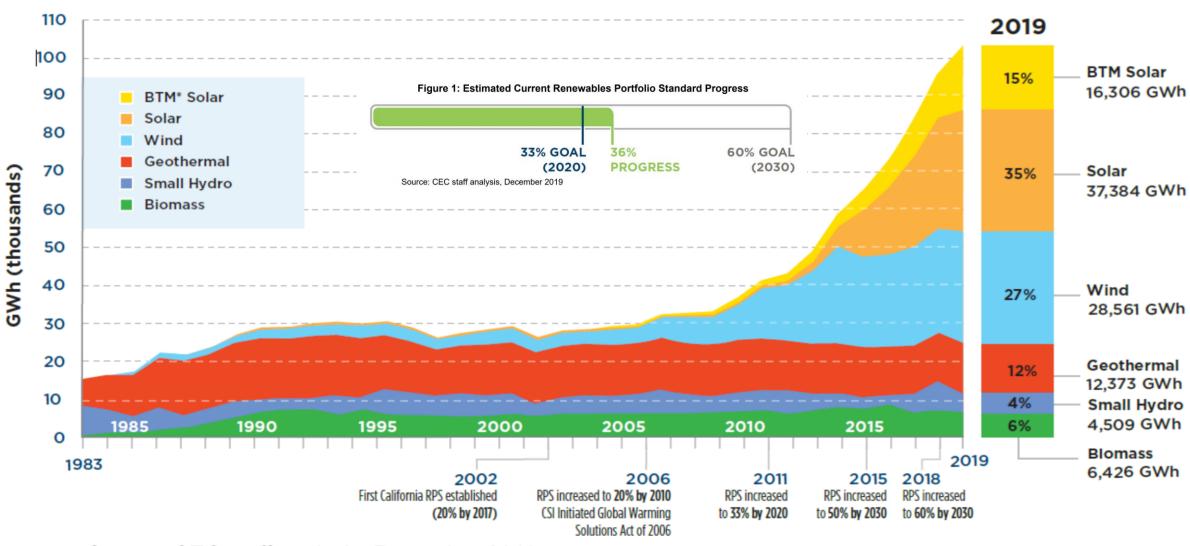


Source: Edison.com

# Transitioning **Supply** and integrating renewables



Figure 6: Total Renewable Generation Serving California Load by Resource Type



Source: CEC staff analysis, December 2019

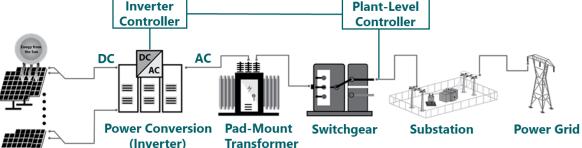
## Integrating Inverter-Based Resources (IBR)





#### **Operating Challenges**

Short circuit duty and contribution	Erroneous frequency tripping	Momentary cessation
Plant controller ramp rate interactions	Phase lock loop synchronization issues	DC reverse current tripping
Instantaneous voltage tripping	Low short- circuit strength networks	System inertia
Inverter	Plant-Level	



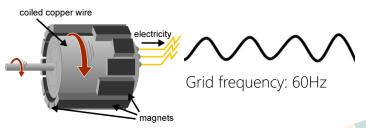
#### **Ongoing Efforts to Address**

- Development of standards and performance requirements (differentiation between distribution and BPS-interconnection operational needs
  - IEEE 1547 for DERs
  - IEEE P2800 for bulk-power interconnections
- NERC Modeling, Verification, and Assessment of BPS grid disturbances involving solar PV reduction
- Reliability Guidelines
  - BPS-Connected IBR Performance: to guide inverter manufacturers and Generator Owners
  - Improvements to Interconnection Requirements for BPS-Connected IBRs: to guide utilities
- Fast Frequency Response Concepts and BPS Reliability Needs

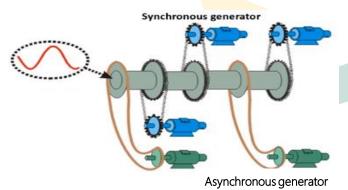
In today's grid, synchronous generators' inertia acts as a shock absorber to

changes in frequency o

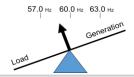
Synchronous generators have a rotating mass that spins at a frequency proportional to the AC electrical power being generated for the grid, 60Hz



Asynchronous generators such as inverterbased resources lack rotating parts. They connect to the grid either completely or partially through a power electronic converter interface. Software installed in the power conversion system governs inverter behavior



Following a grid disruption (e.g., line trip, generator drops offline), grid frequency drops since demand > supply



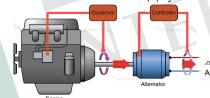


Primarily asynchronous generation

**FUTURE GRID SUPPLY** 

HISTORICAL GRID SUPPLY

- Because of their rotational inertia, 1 synchronous generators (SG) continue spinning and generating energy for ~3-5 seconds after the disruption, and this "stored energy" temporarily makes up for the under-supply
- This action slows down the generators but **provides** time for the governor in the SG to detect the imbalance and respond by speeding up the generator to balance supply / demand



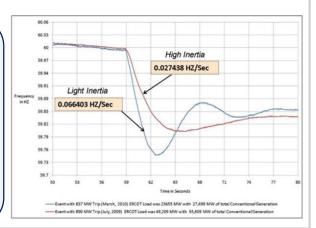
- A central control system (AGC) run by the grid operator then takes over to assure recovery
- Normal grid frequency restored

If the frequency falls below a specific level, portion of customer load is shed to balance remaining load and protect grid equipment

Large-scale generators slow down beyond operating threshold and trip offline, DERs also trip offline known as under-frequency tripping.

This can have a domino effect leading to system collapse

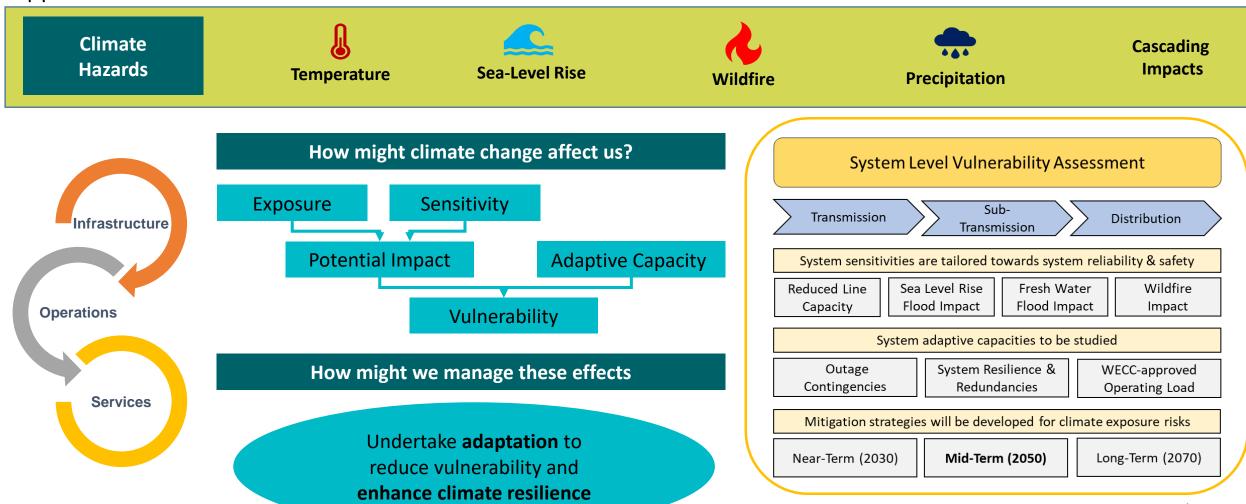
In Southwest 2011 blackout, when SCE disconnected from the SDG&E system, the resulting drop in frequency caused a blackout



Source: NERC. 1. In synchronous machines, there is a direct electromagnetic coupling between the machine and the power system enabling the machine to contribute to system inertia (measured in MW-sec) Energy for What's Ahead<sup>st</sup>

# Planning for Climate Change

Identify infrastructure, operations, & services with the greatest risk to climate hazards 10 to 50 years in the future with proposed mitigation options to solve identified risks, starting with a **vulnerability assessment** & prioritization approach



# List of Acronyms

Amps (current) Α AC **Alternating Current ADMS** Advanced Distribution Management System AGC Automatic Generation Control BE **Building Electrification Bulk Power System BPS BTM** Behind the Meter CA California California Independent System Operator **CAISO** California Energy Commission CEC CPUC California Public Utilities Commission DC Direct Current **DCFC** Direct Current Fast Charging DER **Distributed Energy Resources** Distributed Energy Resources Management System DERMS Distribution Investment Deferral Framework DIDF DR **Demand Response DSM Demand Side Management Energy Efficiency** EE ES **Energy Storage** ΕV Electric Vehicle FAN Field Area Network FERC Federal Energy Regulatory Commission GHG Greenhouse Gas GIP Generation Interconnection Process GW Gigawatt **GWh** Gigawatt-hour Heavy-Duty (vehicles) HD Hz Hertz **IBR** Inverter-Based Resources **Integration Capacity Analysis ICA** Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers IEEE **IEPR** Integrated Energy Policy Report IOU Investor-Owned Utility

IT/OT Information Technology/Operational Technology kV Kilovolt Loss of Load Expectation LOLE MD Medium-Duty (vehicles) Megawatt MW MWh Megawatt-hour NEM **Net Energy Metering NERC** North American Electric Reliability Corporation PEV Plug-in Electric Vehicles PG&E Pacific Gas and Electric Planning Reserve Margin PRM Per Unit pu PV Photovoltaic (solar) Resource Adequacy RA Re-MAT Renewable Market Adjusting Tariff RES-BCT Renewable Energy Self-Generation Bill Credit Transfer RPS Renewable Portfolio Standard SCADA Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition SCE Southern California Edison SDG&E San Diego Gas and Electric SG **Synchronous Generation** Single-Line-to-Ground (fault) SLG T&D Transmission and Distribution TE Transportation Electrification TOT Transmission Owner Tariff TOU Time of Use VAR **Volt-Ampere Reactive** Valley Electric Association VEA VNM Virtual Net Metering WAN Wide Area Network **WDAT** Wholesale Distribution Access Tariff WECC Western Electric Coordinating Council ZEV Zero Emission Vehicles

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