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Natural Gas Power-Plants for Electric System Reliability and Resiliency**

December 2, 2020



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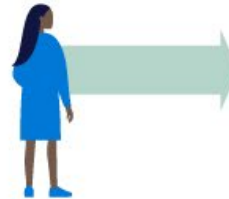
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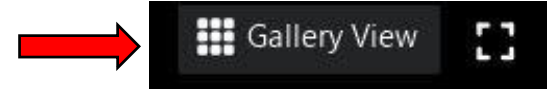


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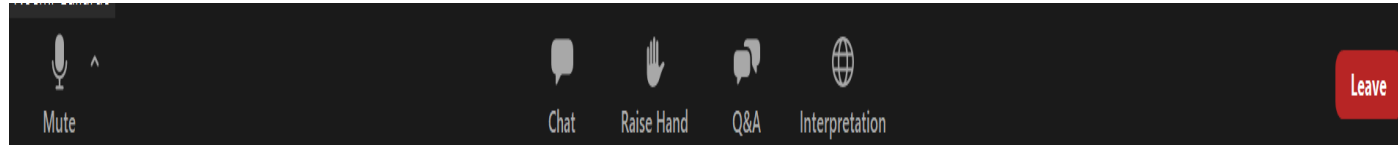


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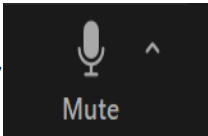
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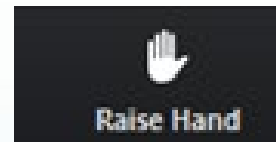
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Today's Agenda

Morning Session

- Opening Remarks
- Workshop Overview
- Staff Presentation of Possible Technology Upgrades
- Panel 1: Incremental Technology Improvements and Benefits
- Panel 2: Opportunities, Challenges and Process Modifications
- Public Comments

Afternoon Session

- Panel 3: Discussion of Finance and Governance Opportunities
- Public Comments
- Closing Remarks



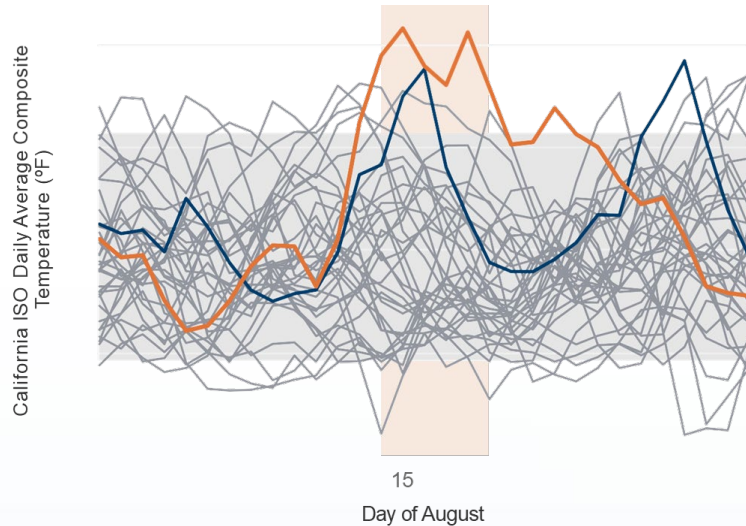
2020 Extreme Heat Events

- California and the Western U.S. experienced unprecedented heat storms in both August and September
- Multiple active wildfires raged across California and the Western U.S.
- Energy demand exceeded supply AND planning targets
- Heat and wildfires significantly impacted energy generation and transmission
- High temperatures and dispatch stressed multiple sub-systems of natural gas power plants
 - ✓ Resulted in power loss in combustion turbines, steam tube leaks, condenser pump failures
 - ✓ Plant were derated due to inlet air and cooling system stresses

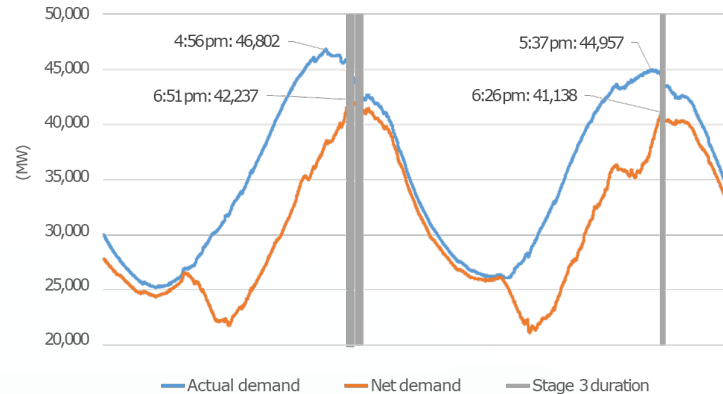


Preliminary Root Cause Analysis (PRCA)

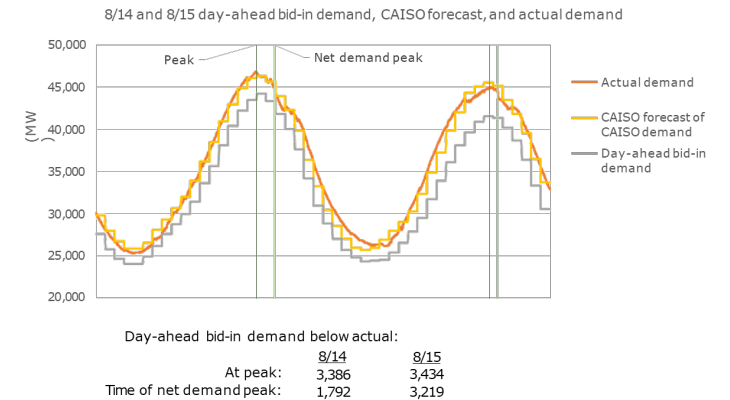
<http://www.caiso.com/Documents/Preliminary-Root-Cause-Analysis-Rotating-Outages-August-2020.pdf>



- Unprecedented extreme heat storm



- Deficiency and Planning



- Day-ahead Market challenges



PRCA – Recommendations

- Recommendations
 - ✓ Examine emergency procurement
 - ✓ Perform state-wide resource assessments
 - ✓ Improve communications protocols
 - ✓ Enhance market practices



Today's Workshop

- The existing natural gas fleet can help meet near-term system reliability and resiliency as we move towards SB100 goals
- Plant improvements implemented by the summer of 2021 and beyond can help mitigate future stresses on California's electric system like those caused by extreme heat events in 2020.
- Near-term physical improvements can increase plant output, efficiency, turndown, and flexibility – all of which can provide insurance against extreme weather, fire, or climate-related events and help smooth the transition to SB100 goals.



Kenneth Salyphone

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Natural Gas Fleet Resiliency Workshop

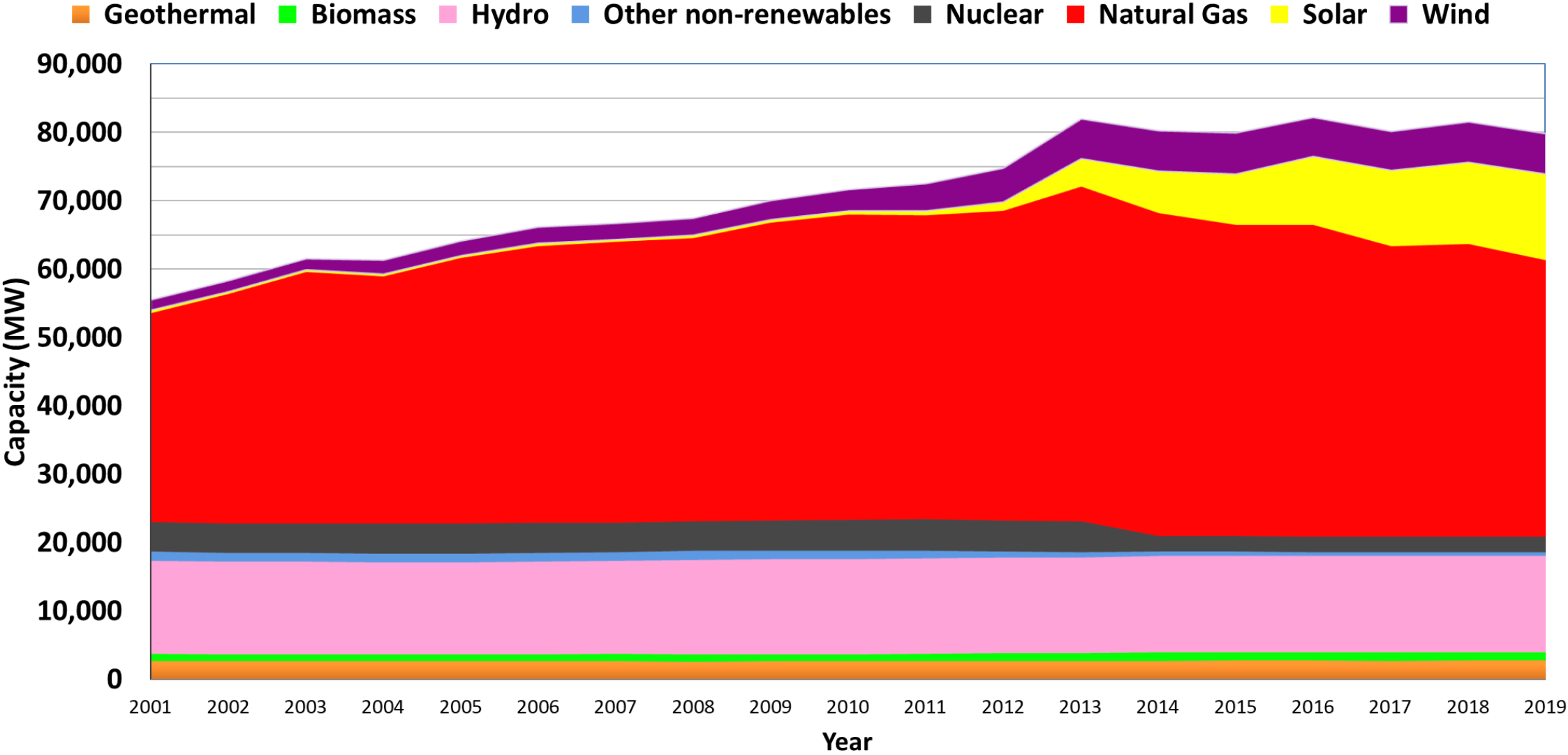
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Historical Trend of In-State Generation (MW)

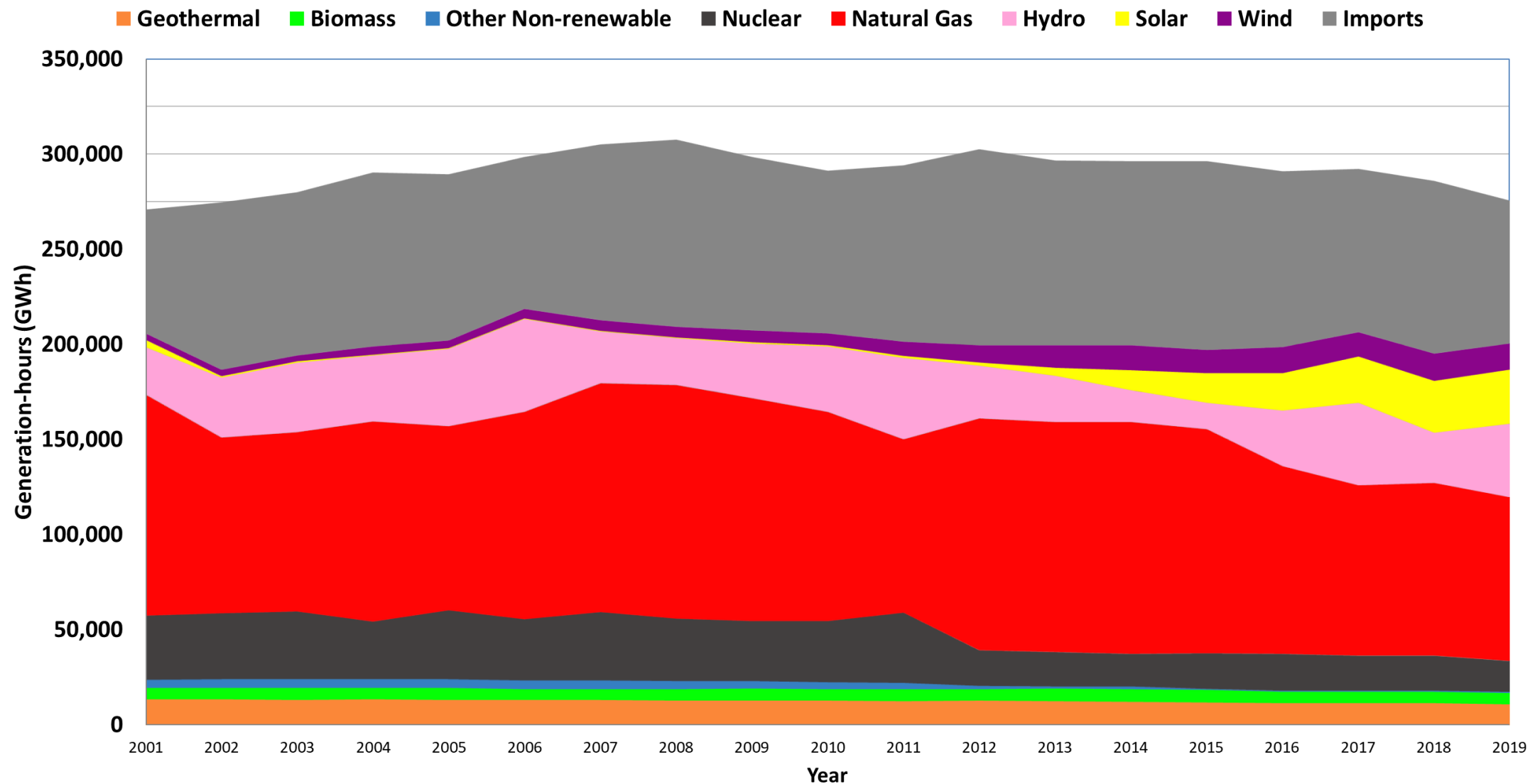
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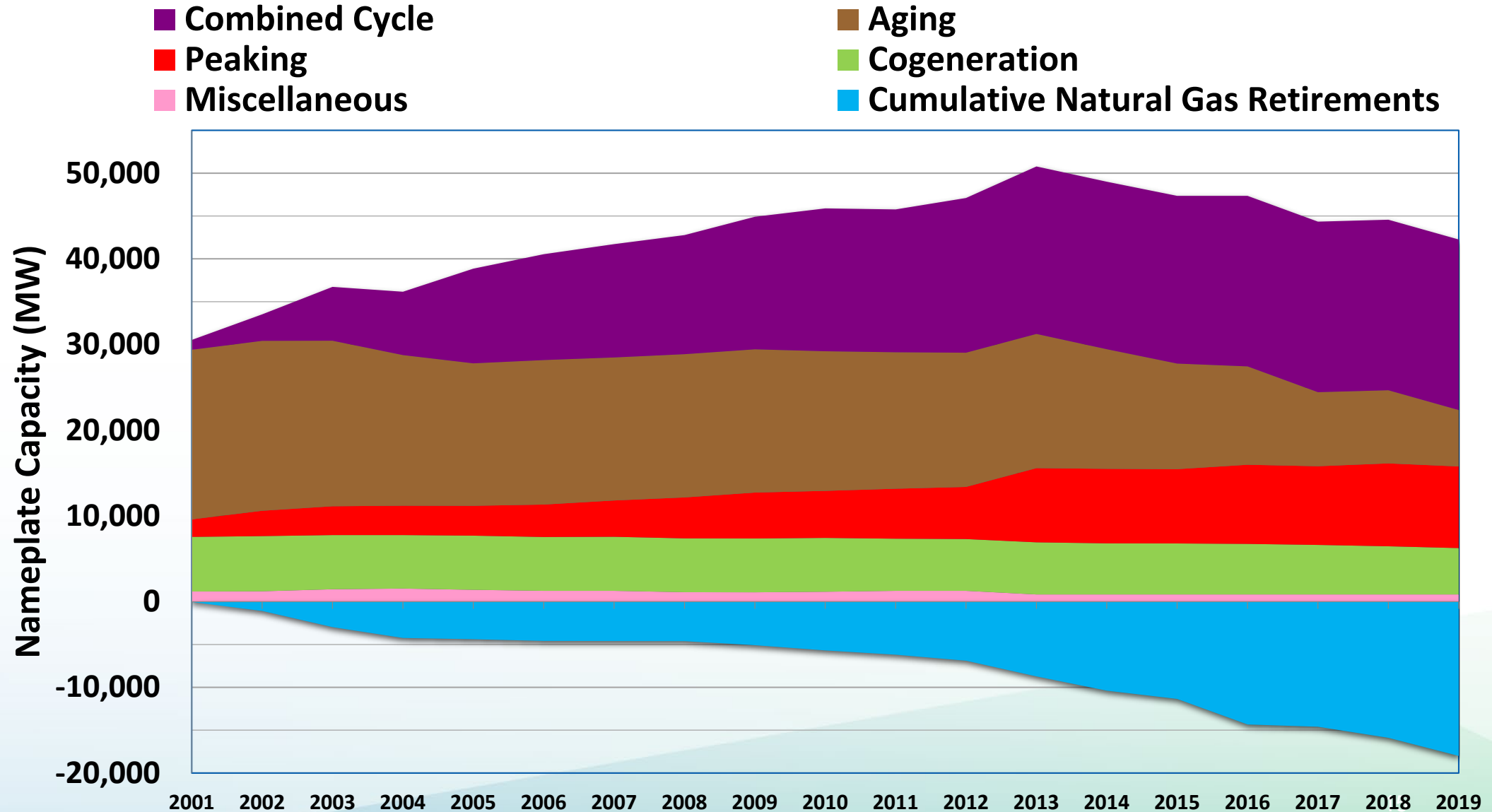
Historical Trend of In-State Generation (GWh)

Source: Quarterly Fuels and Energy Reporting Regulations





In-State Natural Gas Capacity





2020 Extreme Heat Events

- Due to the record-breaking heat storms this year
 - ✓ Peak demand stressed multiple sub-systems of natural gas powerplants
 - ✓ Smoke from wildfires decreased solar output
 - ✓ Wind generation impacted
- Energy generation fell short of demand
- Load shedding prevented rolling blackouts in September



Summer 2021 and Beyond

- Natural gas is currently integral to California's generation capacity
- Natural gas powerplants are highly dispatchable
- Potential incremental improvements can be made to the existing natural gas fleet in the following areas:
 - ✓ Flexibility (Start-times/Ramp up/Turndown)
 - ✓ Efficiency
 - ✓ Increase peak capacity



NG Fleet Improvements by Technology

- Combined cycle and simple cycle gas turbines
 - ✓ Advanced Gas Path (AGP)
 - ✓ Inlet air cooling (evaporative/refrigeration)
 - ✓ Other cooling system improvements
- Cogeneration plants
 - ✓ Not considered here for improvements: dependent on the thermal hosts, not as dispatchable



Improvement Opportunities – AGP

- Advanced Gas Path
 - ✓ Replacing mechanical components within the turbine (blades, buckets, nozzles, shrouds)
 - ✓ Advancements in metallurgy have allowed upgraded components to withstand higher pressure and temperature
 - ✓ Improves output, efficiency, and operational flexibility (i.e., ramp up, and turndown)



Improvement Opportunities – Inlet Air Cooling

- Cooling the air before entering the gas turbine to increase air density.
- Evaporative Coolers
 - ✓ Relatively inexpensive
 - ✓ Low parasitic load
 - ✓ Consume water
- Mechanical Chillers
 - ✓ Improve energy efficiency and power output
 - ✓ Add to parasitic load
 - ✓ Some refrigerants are hazardous



Improvement Opportunities – Other Cooling Systems

- ACC/Cooling Tower on Combined Cycle
 - ✓ Pre-cooling inlet air to air cooled condensers
 - ✓ Improve cooling tower performance and efficiency
- Simple Cycle Heat Rejection
 - ✓ Spray intercooling
 - ✓ Improve turbine performance and efficiency



Other Improvement Opportunities

- Onsite Battery Storage
 - ✓ Acts as spinning reserve
 - ✓ Serves station loads during peak demand
- Software Upgrades
 - ✓ To operate above design or warranty limits to meet short term peak demand



Panel 1

Incremental Technology Improvements and Benefits

- Peter Blaes and Joshua Minnix, General Electric
- Mike Salvatore, Siemens
- Alex Morris, California Energy Storage Alliance
- Matt Garner, Roseville Electric
- Ross Gould, Sacramento Municipal Utility District
- Frank Messineo, Burbank Power & Water
- Matthew Zents, Southern California Edison



Peter Blaes & Joshua Minnix

General Electric

GE Heavy Duty (HD) Gas Turbine Fleet

Providing California with over 10GW of Power

GE California HD Fleet

F Class



40+ Units
10+ CC GWs

E Class



28 Units
2-3 GWs

B Class



50+ Units
1.5-2 GWs



GE Gas Power offers advanced technology enhancements to provide highly efficient, flexible, and responsive power.

Improving Existing Gas Turbine Capabilities for system reliability and resiliency

Solutions for increased Output and Operating Range

1. Output Solutions... ranging from 1% - 13%+ MW increase

Hardware Upgrades

Peak Fire Controls/Tuning Enhancements

2. Turndown or Minimum Emissions Compliance Enhancements

Combustor Upgrades (DLN)

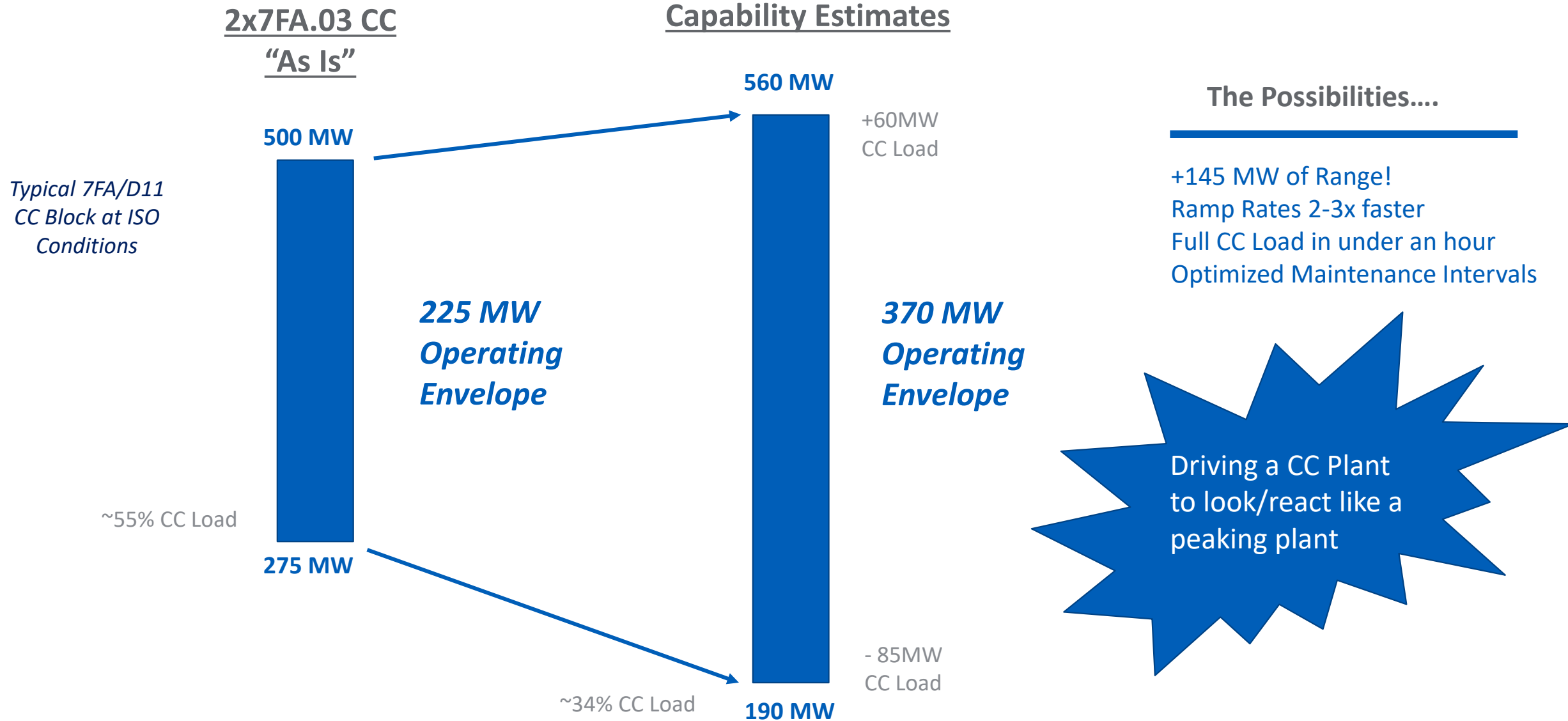
Piping System Enhancements

Controls/Tuning Enhancements

3. Flexibility Enhancements

Faster Starts, Faster Ramp rates, Fuel Flexibility

7F Example... Opening up the operating envelope



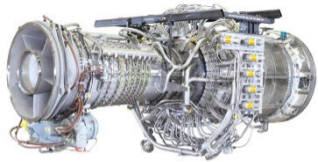
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GE Aeroderivative Gas Turbine Fleet

Providing California with over 9GW of Power

GE California Aeroderivative Fleet

GE LM2500



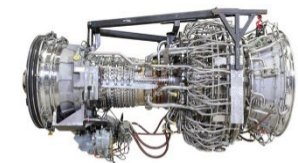
36 Units
~900 MWs

GE LM6000



95 Units
~4.5 GWs

GE LMS100



33 Units
~3.3 GWs



GE Aeroderivative Gas Turbines leverage advanced aviation technology to provide highly efficient, flexible, on-demand power.

Improving Existing Gas Turbine Capabilities for System Reliability and Resiliency

Solutions for Summer of 2021

Maximize Technology Performance Entitlement

LM6000 Summer Peak Output Upgrade: +232MWs

Estimated potential for mature fleet

Restores degraded performance for critical summer energy production

Highest impact for peaking assets with greater than a decade of operation

LMS100 PA+ Modernization Upgrade: +43MWs

Estimated potential fleet output

Reinforce Availability through Aeroderivative Asset Exchanges

GE Spare engine & lease engine program: +187MWs

Availability adjusted fleet output

GE Aeroderivative fleet has a ~98% Availability

Programs to backstop outages available

48-hour outage to exchange engines and resume operation possible

Enable renewable-integrating Gas Turbine Operational Flexibility

LM6000 Fast Start – +376MWhs

Modify from 10-minute to 5-minute startup time

Solutions for Summer of 2022

Implement Incremental Technology Upgrades

LM6000PC Upgraded Turbine Replacement: +760MWs

Estimated potential fleet output

Up to 8% higher output

LM6000PAU Obsolescence Upgrade: +20MWs

Estimated potential fleet output

Large Peaker Summer Performance Solution – +>200 MWs

Under Development

Hybridization of Aeroderivative Assets

GE LM6000 Hybrid EGT™ : +50MWs of Spinning Reserve

10MW/4MWh Battery Energy Storage System + hybrid controls system

Minimum load of 0 MWs, 25MW of regulation



Mike Salvatore Siemens

Operating Gas Plant - Flexibility Services

To remain competitive, the current energy market requires new operating profiles with increased flexibility. Siemens Energy is leveraging its OEM expertise and decades of O&M experience to provide innovations for the energy of tomorrow.



Power on Demand



Reduced Emissions



Expanded Operating
Range

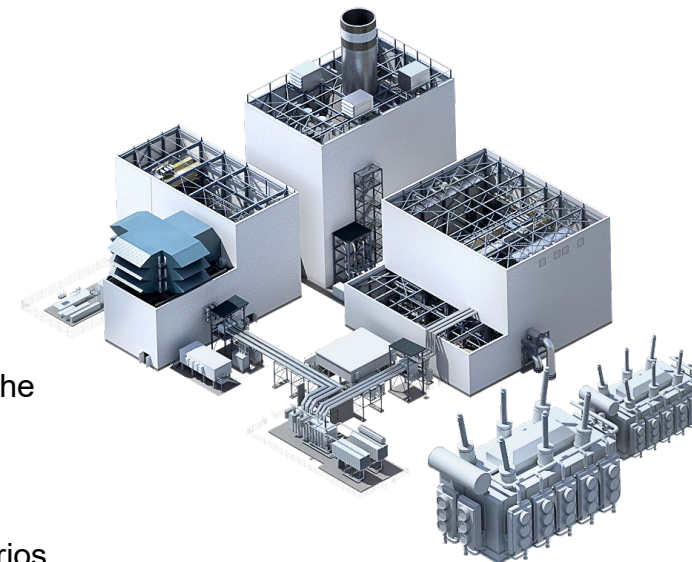


Faster Ramp Rates

Solutions

Tailored solutions through the evaluation of:

- Requirements and tasks
- Operational limitations
- Future operational scenarios
- Historic operation regimes



Benefits

- Increased dispatch
- Improved profitability
- Enhanced grid stability
- Extended service intervals
- Improved renewable integration

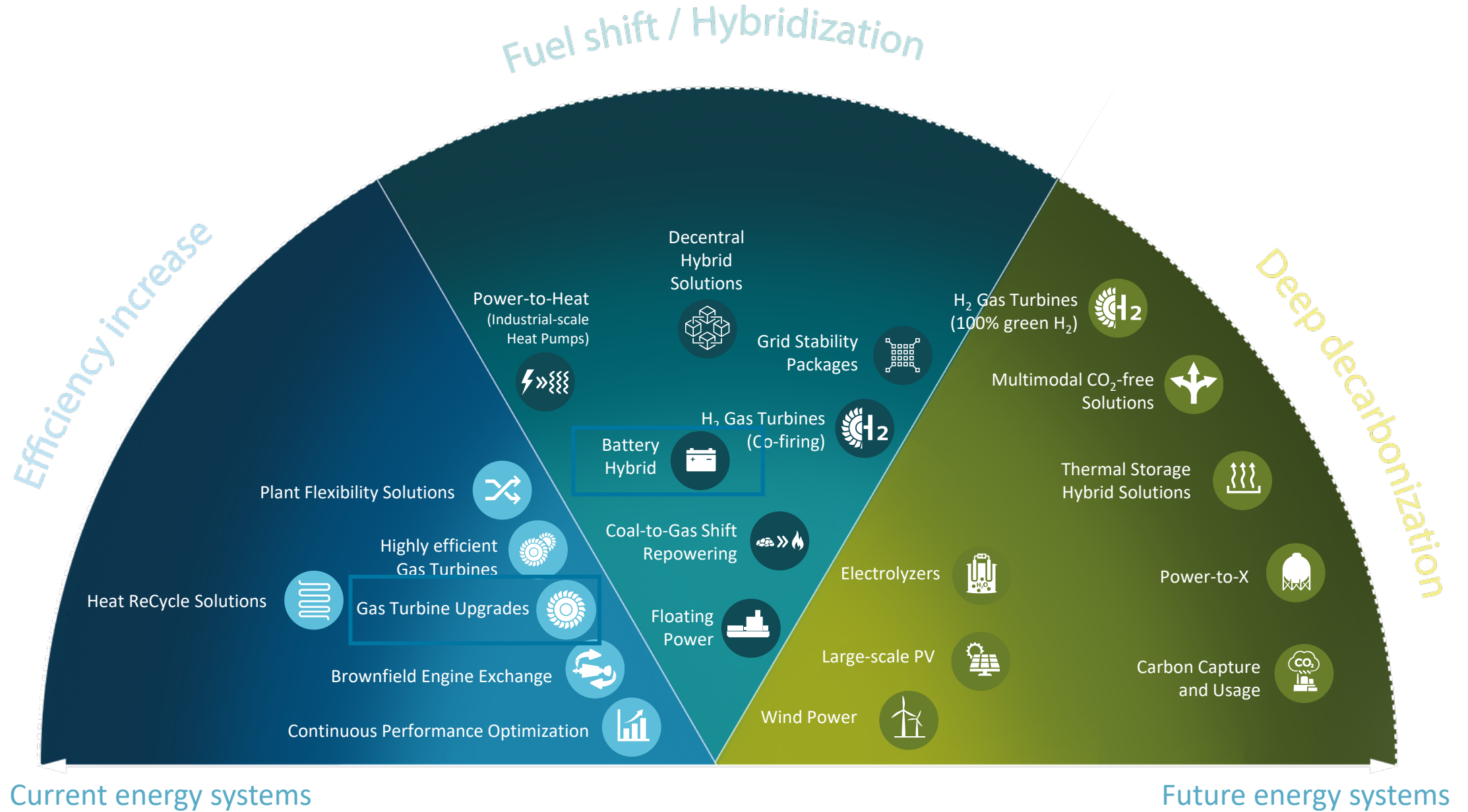
Scope

A comprehensive portfolio of products for increasing:

- Operational flexibility
- Thermal performance
- Availability and reliability
- Capability of plant upgrades



Making Energy Greener

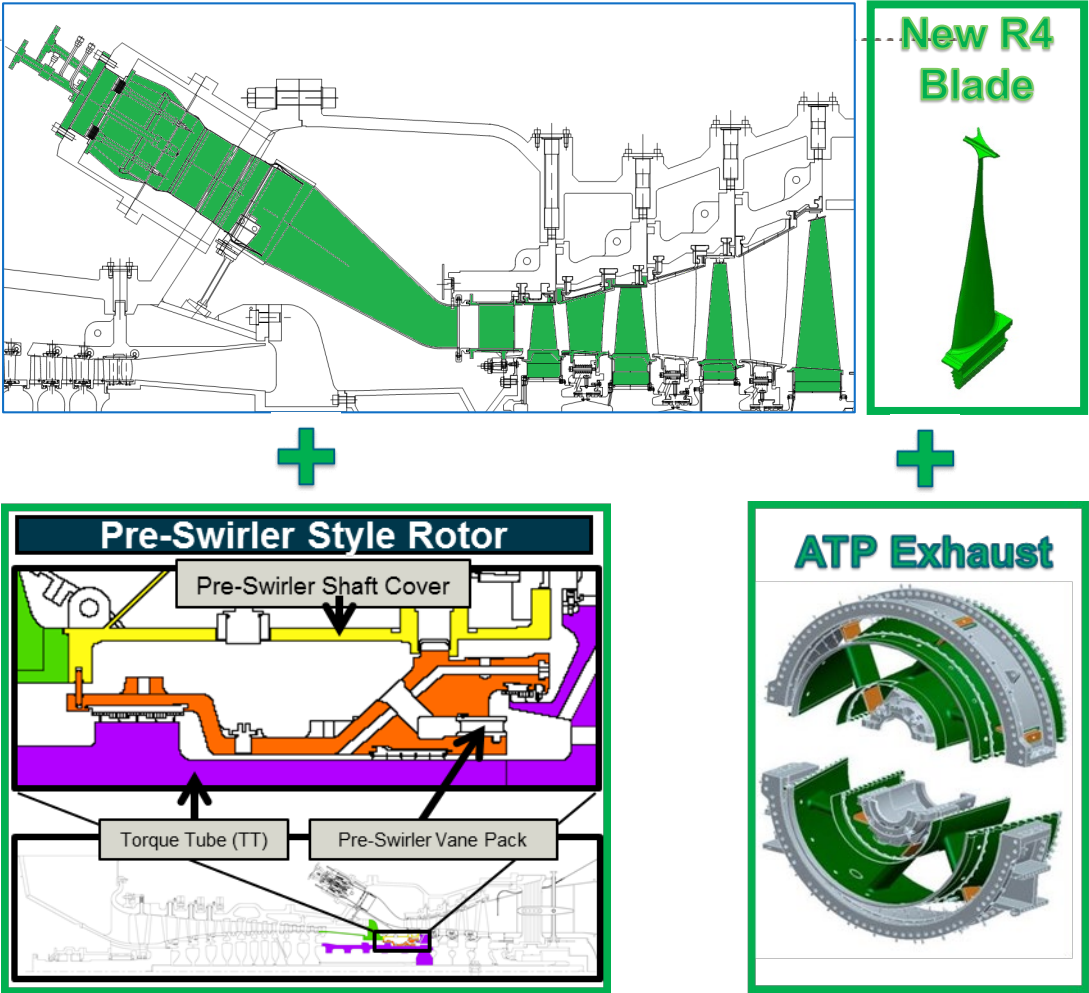


FD2 → FD2(6) – 3X1 CC Plant in Eastern U.S.

FTA May 2019 - Thermal Performance Upgrade w/New High Performance Row 4 Blades, Hybrid Rotor with Advanced DLN Combustor

	Pre-Upgrade	Post Upgrade
Combustor	Standard DLN	Advanced DLN 2.3
Turbine	FD2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TPU + FD(6) stages 1 & 2 Coated R3TB High performance R4TB DAIS
Rotor	FD2	Hybrid rotor (material upgrade + pre-swirler)
Exhaust	Standard TPEX	Advanced TPEX (ATP)
GT Power	-	+ 24 MW / GT*
GT Heat Rate	-	- 577 BTU / GT*

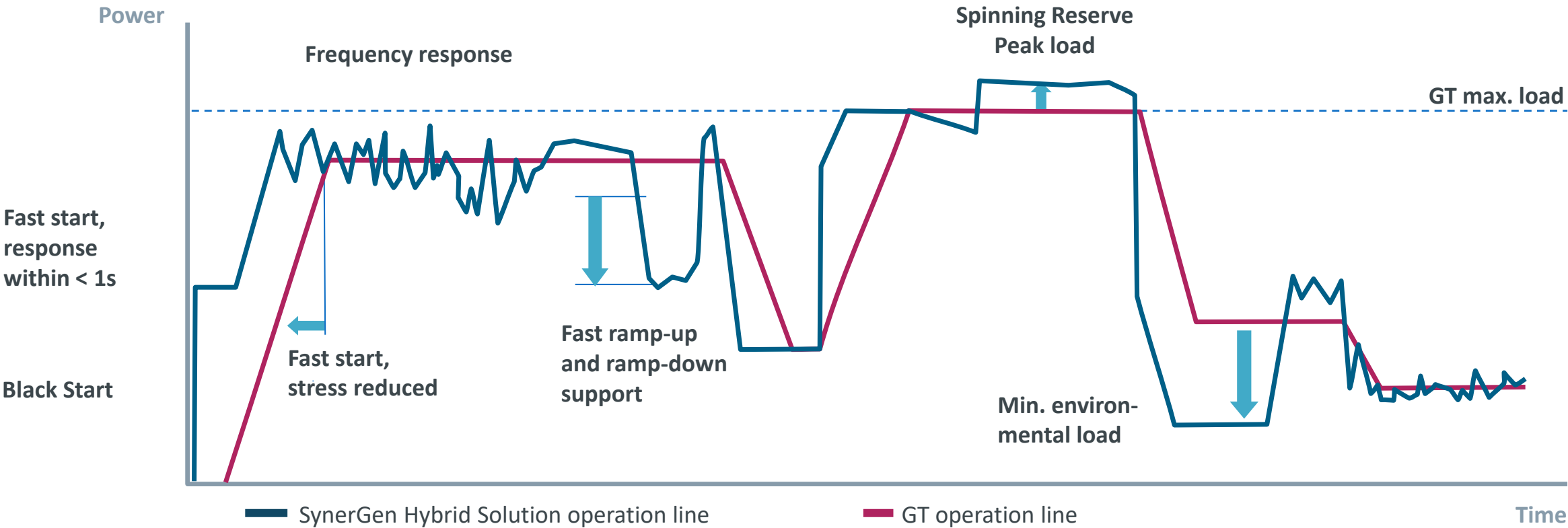
* Performance numbers @ ISO conditions; based upon models and including outage degradation recovery



Significant improvement in efficiency, capacity, flexibility and reliability - 2/3 installations completed

SynerGen – Integrated Battery Energy Storage Systems

Market participation through grid support and ancillary services



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| Black start and support of grid restorage | Fast start-up | Primary frequency response | Secondary frequency response | Acceleration & stabilization of load ramps | Operating reserve for peak power | Minimum load |
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Alex Morris

CA Energy Storage Alliance

Energy Storage additions to gas units: clever, affordable, beneficial, immediate

California Energy Storage Alliance

Alex Morris, Executive Director

December 2, 2020



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Diverse Energy Storage Technologies

CESA advocates for **all types** of storage technologies.

COMPRESSED AIR

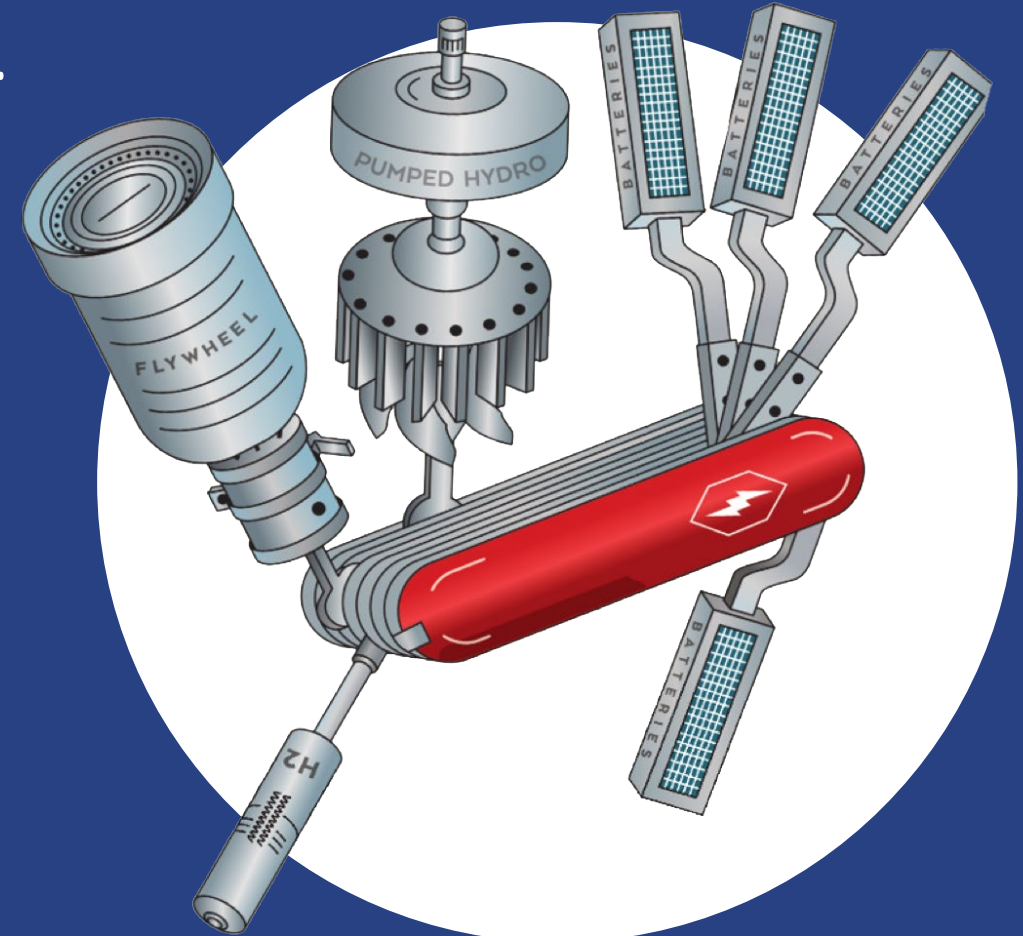
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HYDROGEN

ELECTRO-CHEMICAL
BATTERY

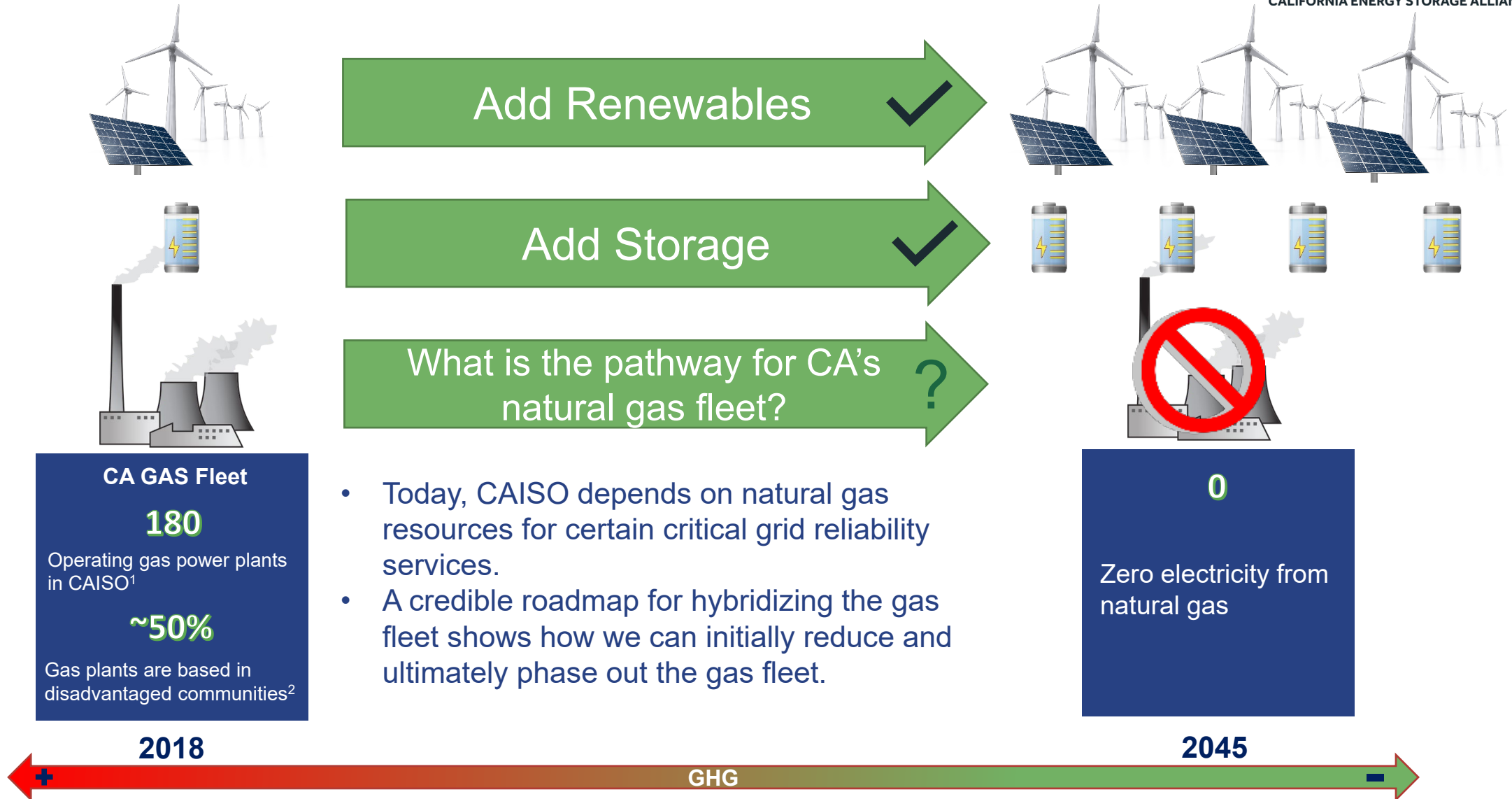
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Hybridization – a key component for SB 100 Achievement



[1]: Based on plants included in the CAISO NQC List as of August 2018.

[2]: Approximate based on count of plants located in areas with a CalEnviroScreen within the top 30th percentile.

Transitioning the Existing Gas Fleet: A Simple Analogy

CURRENT



Internal
Combustion Engine



(e.g. Volkswagen Jetta)
Gasoline or diesel
engine

NEAR-TERM



Plug-in Hybrid
Electric



(e.g. Chevy Volt)
Electric motor with an
integrated fuel engine

FUTURE



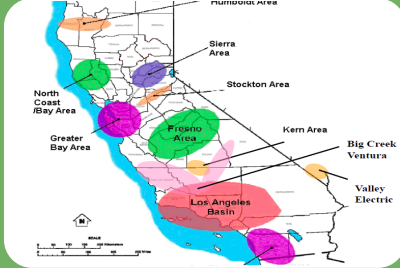
Fully Electric



(e.g. Tesla Model 3)
Electric motor with
batteries charged by zero
emissions resources



Benefits of Hybridizing Gas Units



1. A Cost-Effective RA Solution



2. A Cleaner Option for Local Communities



3. Near-term and Long-term GHG Benefits

Pio Pico Energy Center

The Pio Pico peaking power plant is a prime candidate for hybridization given its dispatch profile, its fast start GE LMS100 technology, and its long-term tolling PPA with SDG&E

The Plant

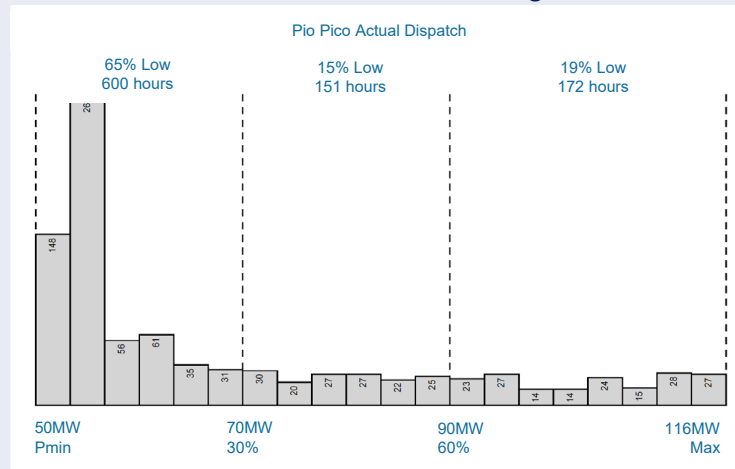
336MW gas fired peaking under Toll with SDG&E through 2042, COD 2017, south of San Diego



Three GE LMS100 turbines
9050 full load heat rate
10min start time to full load

Dispatch in 2017/18

Over a year Pio Pico was dispatched at Pmin for >50% of the time Pio Pico runs. Indicates that Pio Pico is likely used for reserves and load following.



~400 hours at Pmin
~250 Pmin starts
250,000 MMBtu of fuel
13,000 metric tons of CO₂



>\$1million per
year per turbine
avoidable costs

All three turbines run in this manner.

Dispatch in 2030

California's reserve requirements are only expected to increase over time. By 2030, Pio Pico is forecasted to run 3x-4x more than it ran in 2018⁽¹⁾.

8,000 to 20,000 cumulative hours
run at Pmin
5 to 12 million MMBtu of fuel
300,000 to 600,000 MT of CO₂



\$20 to \$50 million of avoidable costs
per turbine ⁽²⁾

Hybridizing Pio Pico could save SDG&E ratepayers \$60-150 M by 2030 and reduce plant CO₂ emissions by 1-2 million MT. Reduced unit starts and fuel burn would also benefit the local community by reducing criteria pollution.⁽³⁾

1. Forecasts created by Wellhead using RESOLVE model with CPUC's integrated resource planning (IRP) inputs; Gridwell Consulting, Hybrid Storage Technology, https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/fe68bf_ff74a8c24c6d4907b8bea661be9f99df.pdf
2. Gas & CO₂ price forecasts provided by PA Consulting Q1 2019
3. A hybrid plant operated by SCE demonstrated a 78% reduction in particulate matter emissions after hybrid technology was installed

Key Takeaways

- Hybridization of existing gas resources provides GHG reduction benefits without significantly increasing system costs (will reduce costs in some cases)
- As renewables increase, hybridization can help manage challenges related to increased unit starts and criteria pollutants. Immediate relief also provided to disadvantaged communities (DACs)
- Hybrid resources are relatively cost-effective for providing essential reliability services, including operating reserves (spin, freq. response), as well as local RA, with minimal emissions
- Early hybridization enables reliable grid operations even with significant gas retirements
- Hybridization should play an important role in transitioning gas fleet towards SB 100 goals



Matt Garner

Roseville Electric



Ross Gould Sacramento Municipal Utility District

Cosumnes Power Plant Advance Gas Path Upgrades

Powering forward. Together.



The June 2017 heat wave changed SMUD's Load Serving Capacity (LSC) assumptions:

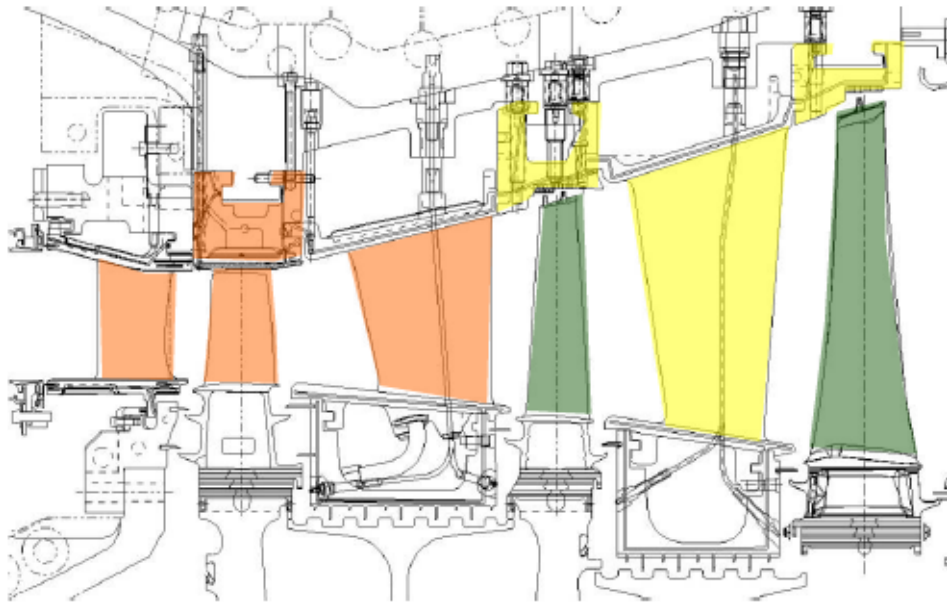
- Going into that summer, calculated LSC was 3,350MW
 - Previous all-time high load was 3,299MW, recorded in 2006
 - 1 in 10 forecasts were at or below 3,000MW
- Several Outages combined to reduce the LSC by 250MW
 - SMUD hydro facility off line due to mechanical issues
 - Non-SMUD thermal facility on Northeast edge derated due to mechanical issues
 - California-Oregon Intertie (COI) Transmission line derated due to maintenance work
- On June 19, 2017, SMUD system peak load reached 3,149MW
 - First of four consecutive days at or above 3,100MW
 - Required use of mitigation tools
- Examination of assumptions/recalculation of LSC requirements
 - Increased LSC requirement by 120MW
 - Kicked off several immediate projects to increase

Cosumnes Power Plant

- 500MW Combined Cycle Gas Turbine facility
 - 2 GE 7FA (7241) gas turbines
 - 1 Mitsubishi Steam Turbine
- Commercial Operation Date 2006
 - Both gas turbines due for major overhaul in 2018/2019
 - Staff was already studying modification and upgrades
- Advanced Gas Path Upgrade Opportunity
 - Increased combined cycle output of 56MW
 - Improved heat rate by 2%
 - Incremental cost was attractive
 - Calculated Return on Investment (ROI) was less than 2 years

AGP 'performance' hardware

- Improved TBC, improved cooling and sealing
- Improved sealing technology
- Upgraded material for higher creep strength

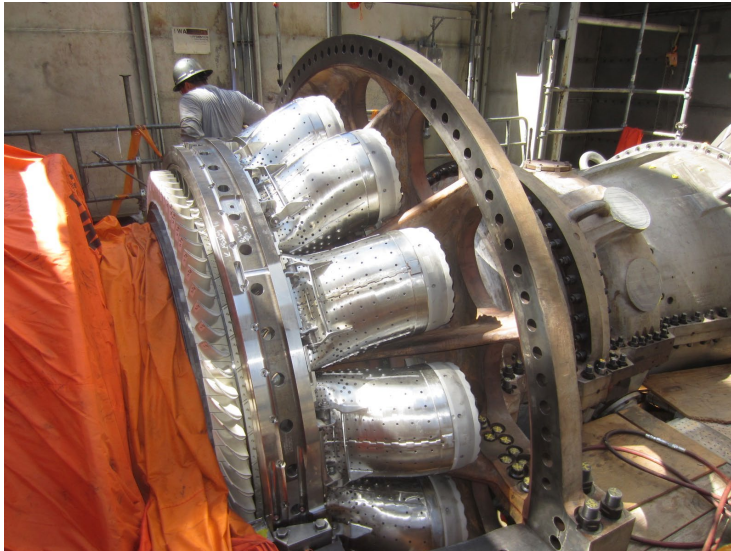


- ✓ Next evolution of AGP constructs
- ✓ Unlocks full load capability of

DLN 2.6+ combustor

- Increased output
- Improved efficiency

AGP installation and results



GT3-Serial Number: 298335, Tested in Combined Cycle on Natural Gas Fuel
Test Conducted On: 18-Dec-2018

The post AGP official test was conducted after 4580.7 hours accumulated since the end of AGP outage.

Parameter	Units	Pre	Post	Change	Target Delta	Tolerance	Achieve?
Generator Net Output	kW	173,875	196,772	13.17%	12.8%	±0.31%	Yes
Generator Net Heat Rate (LHV)	BTU/kWh	9,200.0	8,998.1	-2.2%	-2.7%	±0.65%	Yes

Issues/Lessons learned

- Permitting issues
 - Title V
 - Increases in Potential to Emit
 - BACT review
 - CEC Commission Decision
- Balance of Plant Impacts
 - Increased water usage
 - HRSG Pressure Limits
 - Steam Turbine flow restrictions
 - NERC/WECC Compliance



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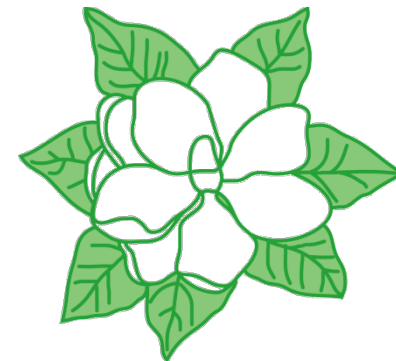
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ENHANCEMENTS

Presented by Frank Messineo, Power Production Manager



Background

- Southern California Public Power Authority project
- Six participant cities - Anaheim, Burbank, Cerritos, Colton, Glendale, Pasadena
- Combined cycle plant
 - ✓ GE Frame 7 combustion turbine (CT)
 - ✓ GE A14 steam turbine
- Commissioned in 2005 – baseload plant

Challenge

- Increase of renewables
 - ✓ Decreased need for baseload
 - ✓ Increased need for flexibility
- Operating range - 165 MW to 300 MW
- Ramp rate - 5 MW/min. up, 2.5 MW/min. down
- 5 starts per month

Solution

- GE CT Enhancements –
 - ✓ Overboard Bleed, March 2020
 - ✓ Axial Fuel Staging, 2021
 - New product
- Expected operating range - 91 MW to 300 MW, 74 MW of additional turndown
- Ramp rate – at least double
- Align with major maintenance to make enhancements cost effective



Matthew Zents

Southern California Edison

Southern California Edison's Hybrid Enhanced Gas Turbine Projects at Center Peaker and Grapeland Peaker

LOCATIONS



Grapeland Peaker Plant,
Rancho Cucamonga, CA



Center Peaker Plant, Norwalk, CA

In Service Date:

- Energy storage systems:
December 30, 2016
- Control systems and
upgrades: March 30, 2017

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Objectives and Results

Objective	Met / Not Met
Increased Market Services	Met
Increased Asset Utilization	Met
Increased Fuel Savings	Met
Decreased Maintenance	Not Met
Decreased Emissions	Met
Decreased Water Consumption	Met

Broader array of market services

Conventional peaker plants only provide energy dispatch and non-spin (NS) ancillary services in addition to serving resource adequacy needs for load serving entities. NS service can be provided by an offline resource for a capacity amount that it is fully deployable within 10 minutes. Because conventional peakers take less than 10 minutes to start up and reach full load, they are able to provide NS reserves throughout the year. However, there is a large fleet of resources which can provide such NS reserves, hence the value of NS services is very low in most independent system operator markets.

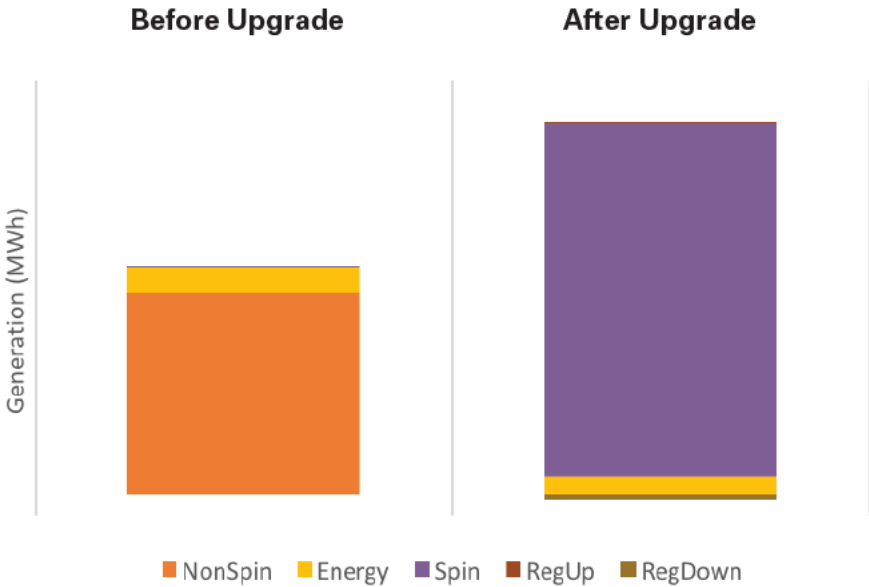
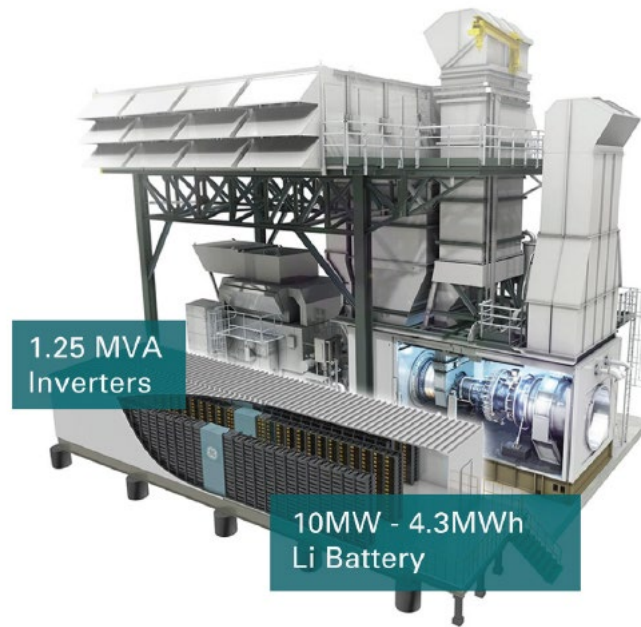


Figure 7: Historical Peaker Usage and Usage Forecast of Hybrid EGT (Annual Average)

Some Things We Didn't Expect

- Frequency response to system disturbances draining the batteries
- Unusual dispatches
- Mismatch between SCE data and CAISO data resulting in Spin award "claw-back"





Panel 2

Opportunities, Challenges, and Process Modifications

- Barbara McBride, Calpine Corporation
- Jan Smutny-Jones, Independent Energy Producers Association
- Dennis Jang, Bay Area Air Quality Management District
- John Annicchiarico San Diego Air Pollution Control District
- Tom Jordan, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
- Amir Dejbakhsh, South Coast Air Quality Management District
- Eric Knight, California Energy Commission
- Dawn Weisz, Marin Clean Energy
- Deb Le Vine, California Independent System Operator



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Efficiency Improvements to the Natural Gas Fleet for Electric System Reliability and Resiliency

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Calpine at a Glance

National generation portfolio of approximately 26,000 MW with diverse, complementary services platform

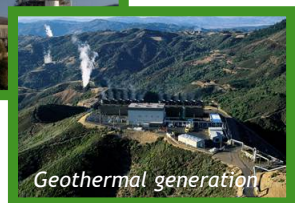


POWER GENERATION

Natural gas, geothermal & alternative technologies; best-in-class maintenance program



Natural gas generation

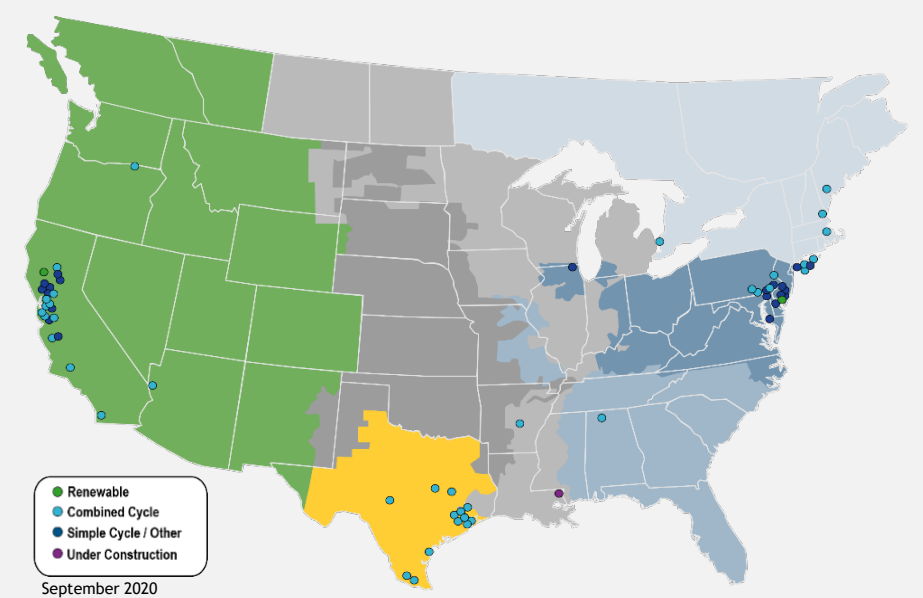


Geothermal generation



INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Energy storage pipeline; since 2000, constructed more MW in CA than any other entity



Serve customers in **24 states**, Canada and Mexico

Largest **geothermal** power producer in the world

More than **2,300** employees



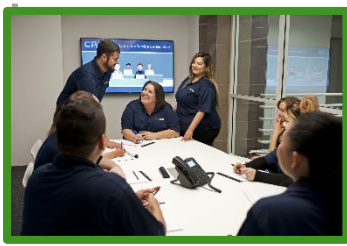
RISK MANAGEMENT & ENERGY SERVICES

24 hour trade desk and expertise in load management



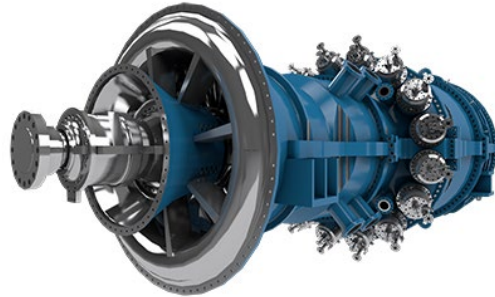
CCA DATA MANAGEMENT & CUSTOMER SERVICE

Data management and call center services



Potential Summer 2021 Incremental Capacity Evaluated

Combustion Turbine Upgrades 10-15 MW per Frame Turbine

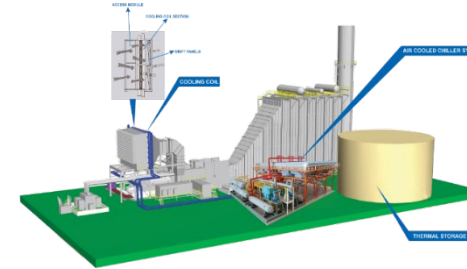


- Requires turbine parts retrofit to improve operations at increased temperatures and improve efficiency
- Requires Air District Authority to Construct
- Parts Procurement by December 2020 to meet Summer 2021 operation

Peak Firing 2 -5 MW per Turbine

- Requires software upgrade
- Increase firing temperature on Frame and Aero-derivative turbines
- Intermittent peaking capacity for grid reliability
- Dramatically Increases maintenance costs

Chillers 10 - 15 MW per Frame Turbine at high temps



- Mechanical Turbine inlet air cooling
- Increased Parasitic load
- Additional water required
- Engineering/procurement at minimum 18 months
- Not very cost effective as most facilities already have fogging

Air Cooled Condenser Spray 2 -2.5 MW per Steam Turbine

- Only applicable to 2 ACC Units in California
- Requires additional treated water use

Incremental summer capacity of ~95 MW by June 2021 at existing facilities



Delta

- 880 MW, 3 x 1 configuration
- Combustion Turbine Upgrades and
- Peak firing upgrades
- Incremental Capacity 40.5MW



Pastoria

- 750 MW, 3 x 2 configuration
- Peak firing upgrades
- Incremental Capacity 10.5MW



Metcalf

- 600 MW, 2 x 1 configuration
- Combustion Turbine Upgrades or
- Peak firing upgrades
- Incremental Capacity up to 30MW



Peakers

- 487 MW, LM6000 Peakers
- Throttle Push upgrades
- Incremental Capacity 13.6MW

Where are we for Summer 2021 upgrades?

- ✓ Identify opportunities to upgrade existing facilities for an additional ~95 MW
- ✓ Approval for upgrades under existing licenses from CEC
- ✓ No interconnection or transmission upgrades needed at identified sites
- ✓ Confirmed vendor and equipment availability to execute upgrades in Spring 2021
- Submitted permit applications to Air Districts
- Coordination and approval from CAISO to schedule and extend planned outages
- *Contract to support upgrade capital investment*

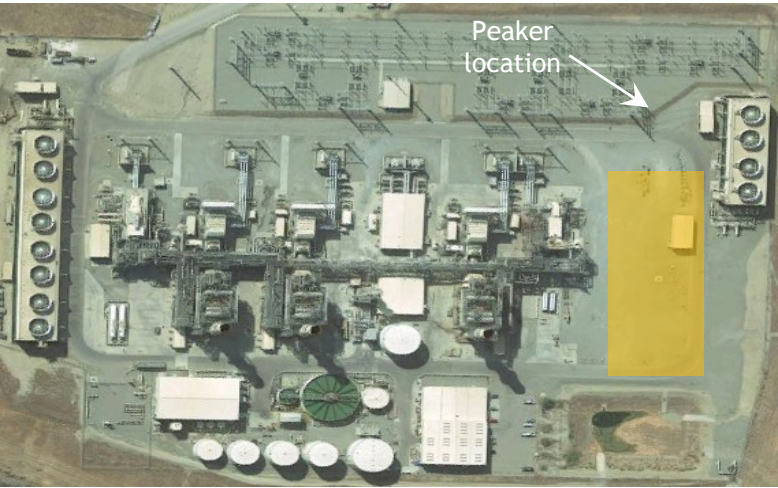


Note: Upgrades work is subject to labor availability due to COVID labor constraints, and CAISO allowance for outages.

Pastoria Energy Facility: New Unit ~200 MW Additional Capacity by Summer 2024 - *Subject to Procurement*

Facility Overview

- SP15 Local Resource
- Previously entitled (docket #: 05-AFC-01); Expired 2011 so new application required
- NOT a disadvantaged community under SB535 in Cal Enviroscreen 3.0
- Additional Emission Reduction Credits not required
- Land available within existing footprint of Pastoria facility
- Existing switchyard capacity
- Adequate gas supply established (provided by either Kern or SoCal Gas)
- Need term contract to construct facility



Permitting

- Full Application required for CEC review
- NSR Permit required with SJVUAPCD
- Permit fees:\$550,000

Activity	2020	2021				2022				2023	
	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
1 CEC +Air Permit											
2 Interconnection											
3 Final (Non-Appealable) PPA											
4 Engineering & Design											
5 Construction											

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Air Pollution Control District



Incremental Efficiency Improvement Permitting

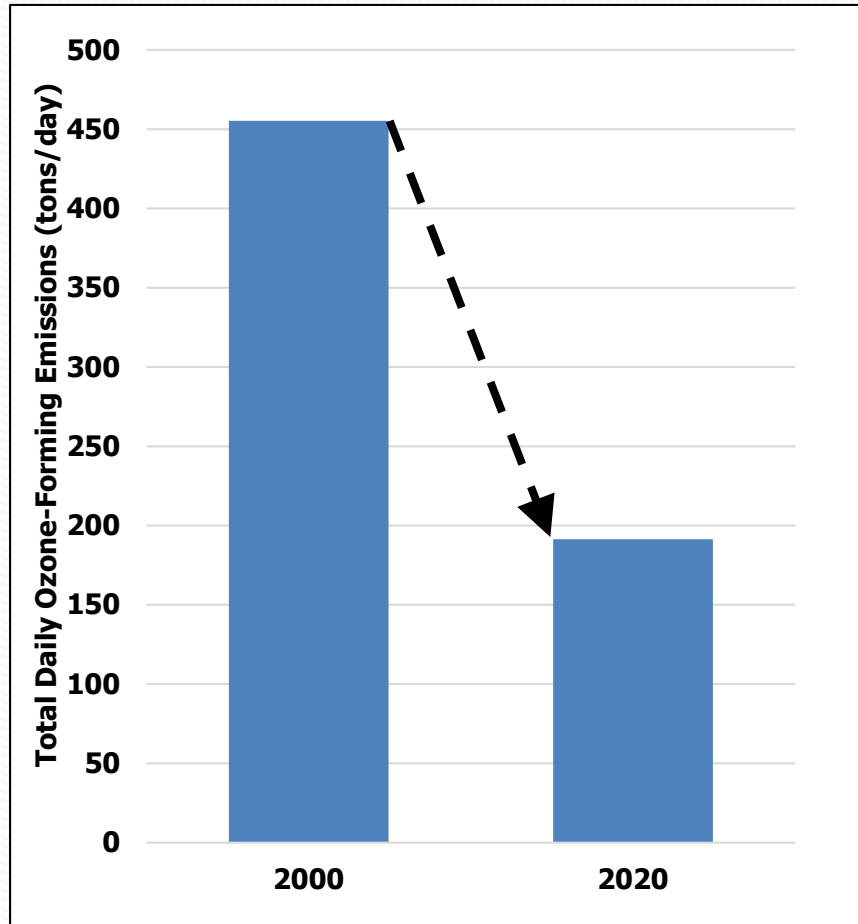
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What We Do

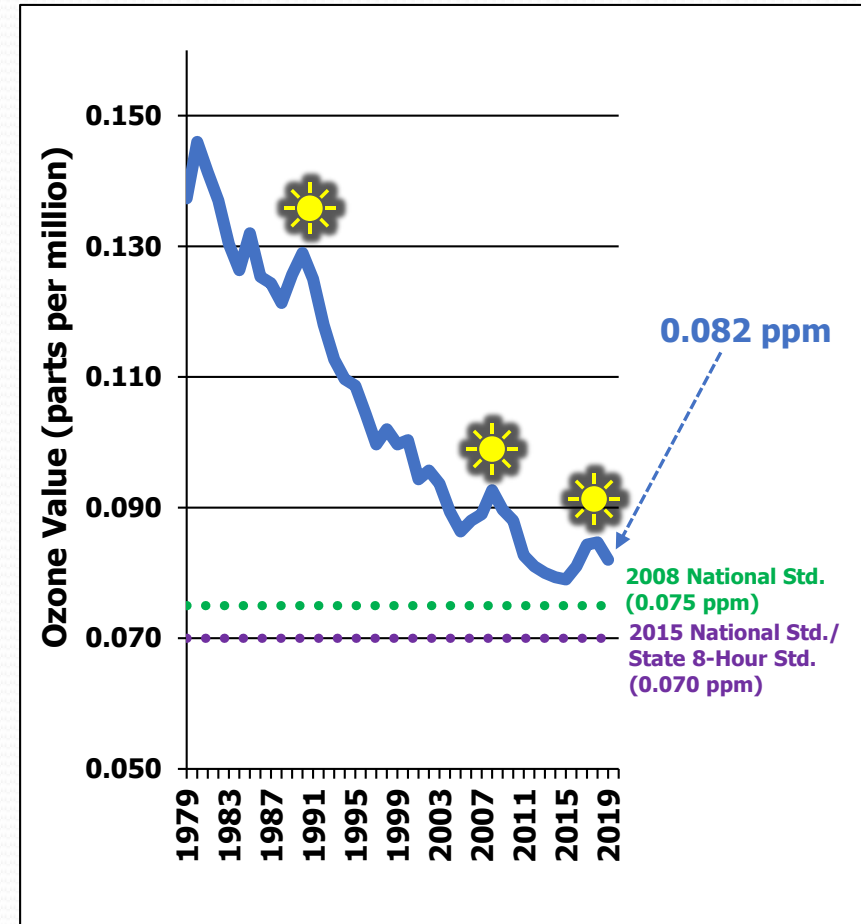
- Protect the public from harmful effects of air pollution
- Achieve & maintain air quality standards
- Foster community involvement
- Cost effective programs to meet air quality mandates



Ozone Forming Emissions Decreasing



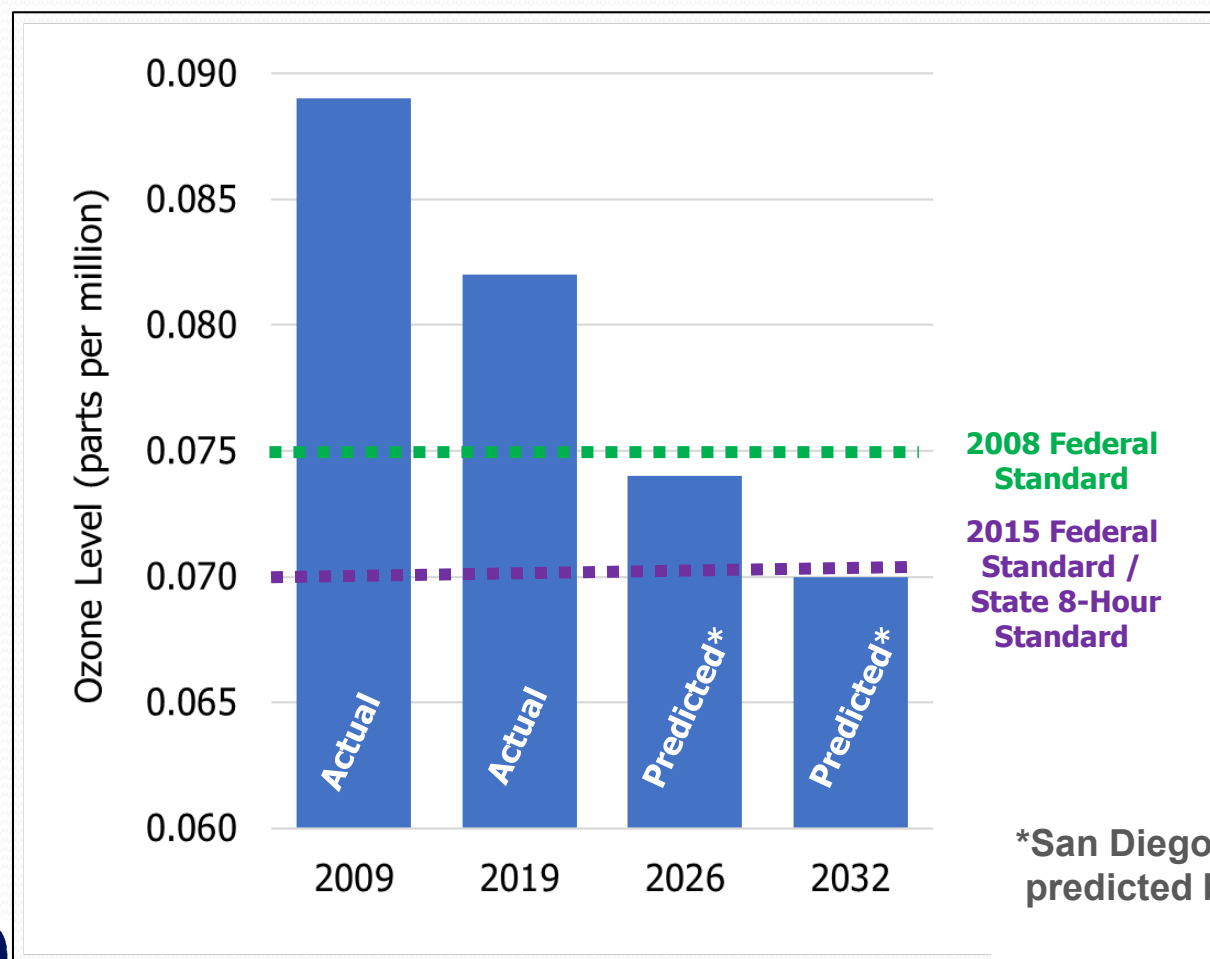
Ambient Ozone Levels Decreasing



Region's Attainment Status

Applicable Pollutant	Federal Designation	State Designation
Ozone (8-hour)	Non-Attainment	Non-Attainment
Carbon Monoxide	Attainment	Attainment
PM10	Unclassifiable *	Non-Attainment
PM2.5	Attainment	Non-Attainment
Nitrogen Dioxide	Attainment	Attainment
Sulfur Dioxide	Attainment	Attainment
Lead	Attainment	Attainment
Sulfites	No Standard	Attainment
Hydrogen Sulfide	No Standard	Unclassified
Visibility	No Standard	Unclassified

When Will the Region Attain Ozone Standards?



District Permitting

- Forty five (45) Permitted Turbine Plants
- Range from 1 to over 600 MW
- 2475 MW under Permits

Advanced Gas Path Permitting Examples

Example #1

- Increase Turbine Firing Temperature
- No Increase In Firing Rate
 - No Increase Above Permitted Energy Output
 - No Increase In Emissions
- Four Month Approval Process

Example #2

- Increase Firing Rate and Electrical Output
 - No Increase in NO_x, CO, VOC, Above Permitted Levels
 - Increase in SO_x
- Significant Modification to Title V Permit
 - Voluntary Limits to Avoid Permitting Thresholds
- 15 Month Approval Process



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Incremental Efficiency Improvements to the Natural Gas Power Plant Fleet for Electric System Reliability and Resiliency

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South Coast Air Quality Management District



What is South Coast AQMD?

- One of 35 Air Districts in California
- Jurisdiction: non-desert portion of Los Angeles, Riverside & San Bernardino Counties and all of Orange County
- Population of 16.4 million (about half of California State's population)
- Area of 10,743 mi²
- Regulate 27,000 facilities, including 360 Major Sources
- Worst air quality in the U.S. (Ozone & PM 2.5)
- Total Number of Power Plants: 33
- Total Power Plant Output Capacity: > than 12,000 MW



General Power Plant Permitting Process at South Coast AQMD

- Co-Air Permitting Authority with California Energy Commission (CEC) for Power Plants 50 MWs or larger
- Air Permitting Authority for all Power Plants within South Coast AQMD
 - Title V Permit Program - facilities that are Major Stationary Sources of Toxic and Criteria Pollutants and/or subject to Acid Rain, New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) or National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) regulations
 - REgional Clean Air Incentives Market (RECLAIM) Program - facilities with Oxides of Nitrogen (NOx) and Oxides of Sulfur (SOx) emissions greater than 4tons/year
 - Majority of Power Plants are subject to both Title V and RECLAIM program requirements

South Coast AQMD Determination of Compliance (DOC) & Permitting Process for Power Plants

In order for South Coast AQMD to propose a preliminary or final DOC or to grant a Permit (new construction or modification), project must meet specific requirements:

- CEQA Determination
- New Source Review for Criteria Emissions - BACT/LAER, Modeling, Emission Offsets
- New Source Review for Toxics - Cancer and Non-Cancer risk analysis
- Prevention of Significant Deterioration for Criteria Emissions
- Federal Regulations (NSPS/NESHAP)
- Public Notice / Public Comments / US EPA Review
- Other requirements (i.e., continuous monitoring, emission testing, record keeping and reporting)

Permitting Challenges

- Complexity of Regulations
- Review by Other Agencies
- Public Participation

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Title: Processing Efficiency Improvements to CEC Certified Natural Gas Power Plants

Presenter: Eric Knight, STEP Environmental Office Manager

Date: December 2, 2020



Change in Design, Operation, or Performance Requirements?

Yes. Submittal of post-certification petition required:

- Complete description of the change
- Environmental effects and any needed mitigation
- Compliance with laws, ordinances, regulations & standards (LORS)

No. Petition not required. Staff issues authorization letter:

- Limited to proposed scope of activities
- Conditions of certification must be followed
- Delegate Chief Building Official review may be required



Petition – Two Paths to Approval

Staff Approval

- No possibility the change will cause a significant environmental effect, or change is exempt from CEQA
- Project will continue to comply with applicable LORS
- Project change will not require changes to conditions of certification
 - ONE EXCEPTION: Staff can approve changes to air quality conditions of certification that DO NOT increase daily, quarterly, annual or other emission limits.

Commission Approval

- Criteria for staff approval not met:
 - Changes to conditions of certification required to ensure no significant environmental effects or LORS noncompliance
- Objection to staff's approval
 - Must be filed within 14 days and must be supported by facts



Timeframes

- “Non-petitions” – authorized within 1-2 weeks after receipt of questionnaire

- Petitions – 30 to 90 days
 - Staff Approved – 14-day public comment period
 - Commission Approved – 10-day to 30-day public notice
 - Scheduling factors (Business Meetings typically held only once per month; internal meeting deadlines)



Technical Assistance

CEC has expertise in environmental review/permitting, facility design and engineering, and land use/local government planning and coordination. CEC could assist local and state agencies with permitting of generation and transmission resources. This could include:

- Making environmental information available and providing technical assistance to local agencies.
- Helping local agencies perform complex environmental analysis and devise mitigation strategies in areas where they do not have expertise.
- Providing personnel to expedite CEQA analyses and complete required environmental documents.



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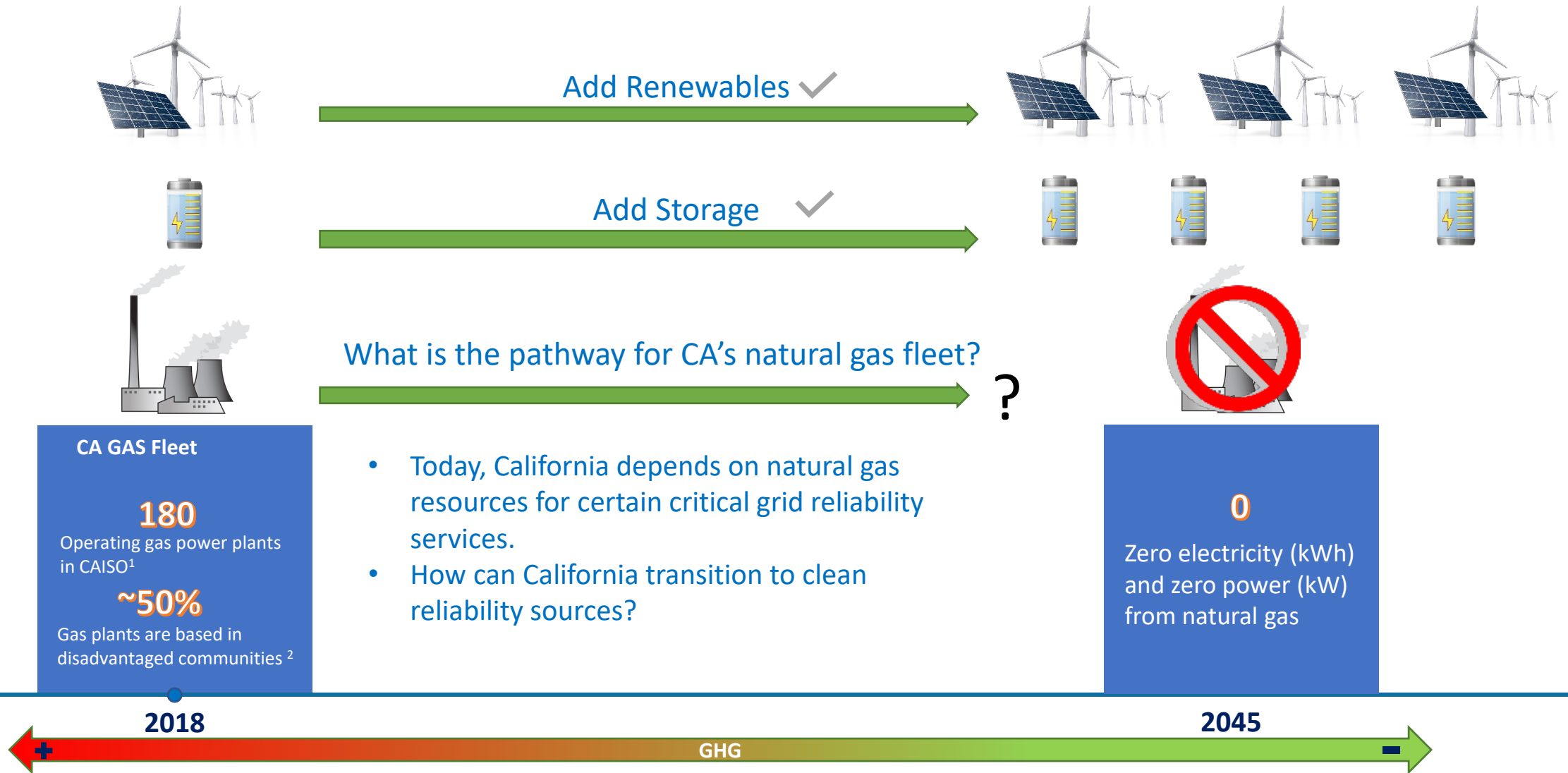


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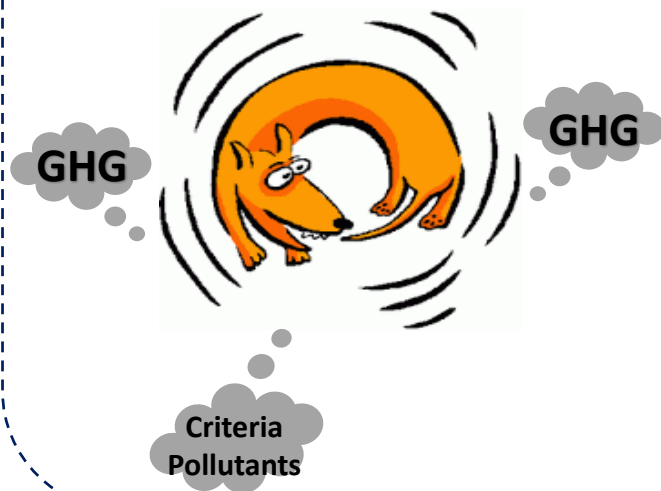


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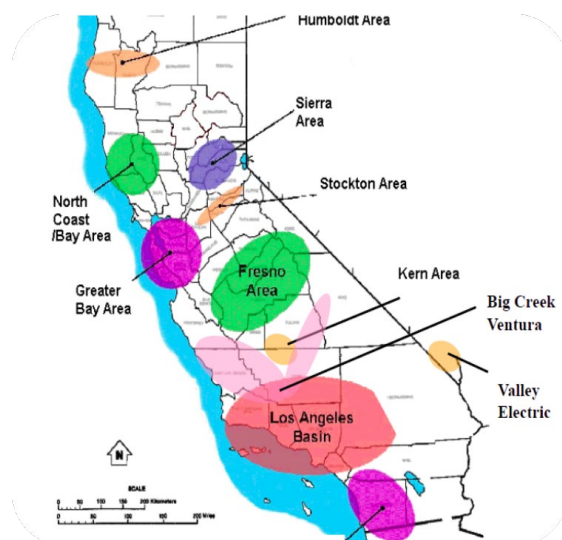
[2]: Approximate based on count of plants located in areas with a CalEnviroScreen within the top 30th percentile.

Opportunities and Challenges for the Gas Fleet

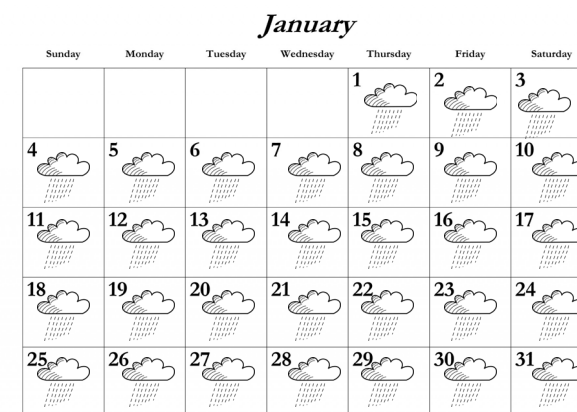
Adding renewables can require more reserves and ramping from existing gas plants, increasing local pollutants & causing diminishing returns on GHG reduction



Local grid constraints require large amounts of generation in urban areas where it's hard to site new resources



Extended cloudy, windless days can put reliability at risk at high renewable energy penetration levels



Process Improvement: Add storage to existing gas plants



1 Hybrid

10 MW/5 MWh battery
added to 50 MW existing
gas peaker



- Eliminates 15,000 - 30,000 tons GHG annually
- Allows more flexibility for renewables to generate reserves



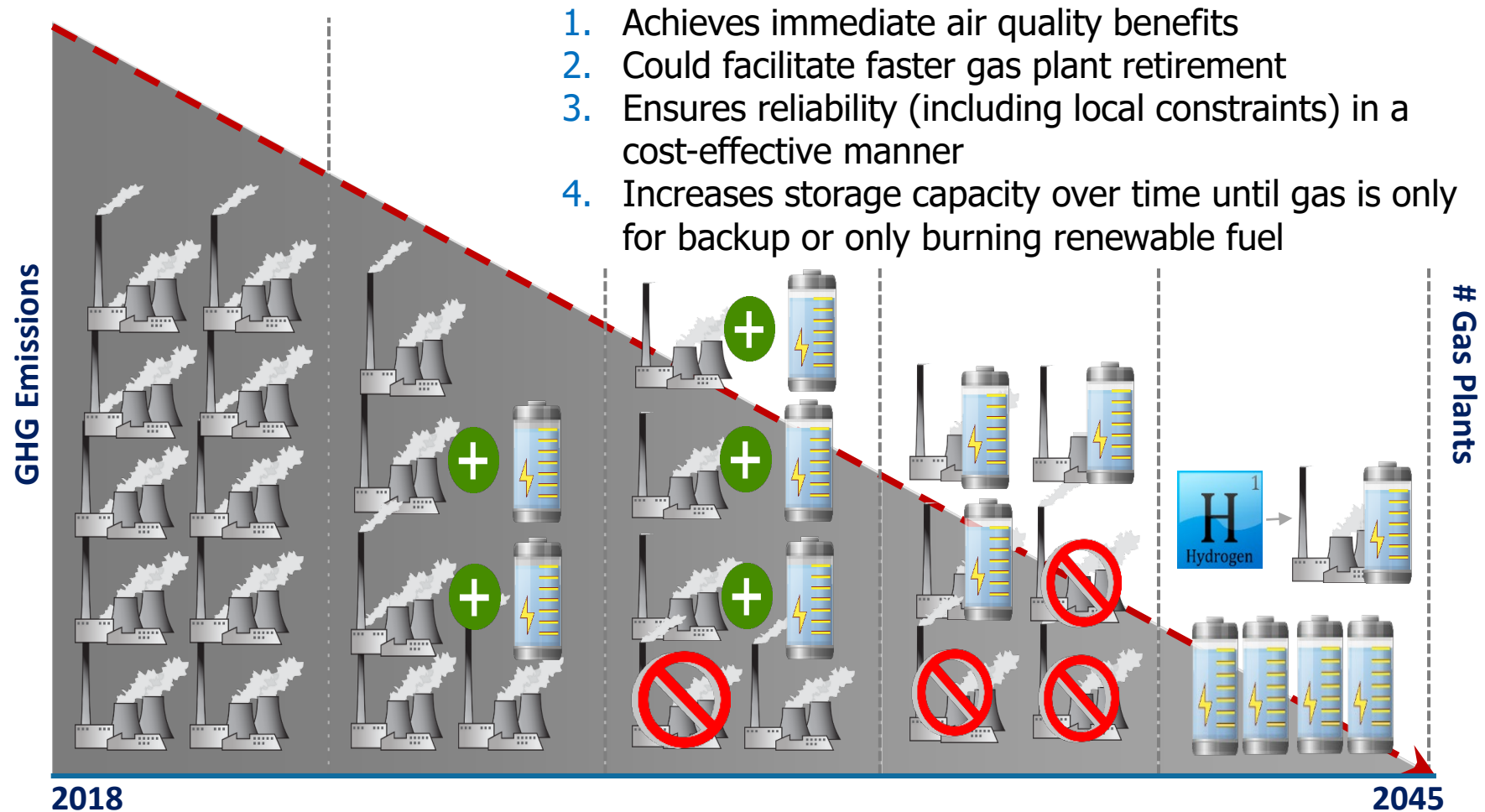
22 Hybrids

460 MW of batteries
installed on 4,500 MW
existing plants



- Eliminates 50% unit starts fleetwide
- Immediate air quality benefits
- Allows retirement of 5,500 MW gas plants (increased flexibility enables retirement)

A Potential Roadmap to Zero Carbon by 2045 ... While Ensuring Reliability





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CEC Workshop: Improvements to the Existing Natural Gas Fleet for Electric System Reliability and Resiliency

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Director, Infrastructure Contacts & Management

December 2, 2020

August 2020 Heat Storm

- August 14 and 15 power outages
- Temperatures 10 – 20 degrees above normal
 - 4 out of the 5 hottest August days since 1985
- Extreme heat impacts both demand and supply
 - Demand was high throughout the 24 hour period versus the general cooling at night
 - Thermal generation operates less efficiently
 - Imports decreased due to west-wide heat event
 - Numerous fires threatened loss of major transmission

Events of the Days

- August 14
 - 6:38 pm reserves fell below minimum 6% requirement
 - CAISO initiated rotating outages – 492,000 customers impacted for 15 – 150 minutes
 - 6:51 pm net demand peak
- August 15
 - 6:28 pm reserves fell below minimum 6% requirement
 - CAISO initiated rotating outages – 321,000 customers impacted for 8 – 90 minutes
 - 6:28 pm net demand peak

Opportunities to Assist in the Coming Summers

- CAISO emergency measures during heat storm to allow operation above PMax
 - Process
 - Challenges
 - Lessons learned
- Impact of proposed improvements
- Improve contingency planning with the CEC, CPUC and Governor's office
- Continue to pursue market enhancements and new resources to augment the loss of solar and wind at net peak demand



Public Comment Instructions

Rules

- 3 minutes per person
- 1 person per organization

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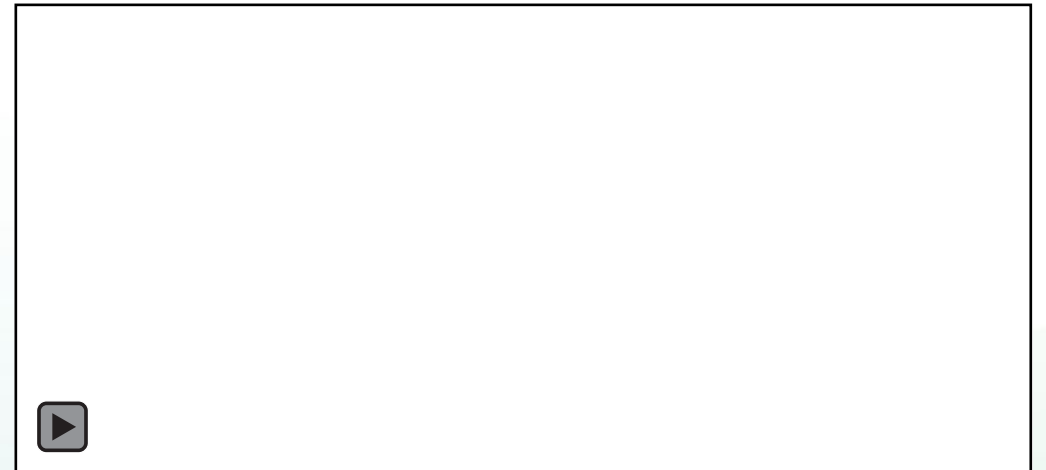
Written Comments:

Due December 16, 2020 by 5:00 pm (PST)

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3-MINUTE TIMER





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Lead Commissioner Workshop on Incremental Efficiency Improvements to The Natural Gas Powerplant Fleet for Electric System Reliability and Resiliency

Morning Session has ended

Afternoon Session begins at 1:30 pm (PST)

<https://energy.zoom.us/j/93781267870?pwd=Ykl1MFZ0TC9uanVaSUxsWm9rcFpvQT09>.

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