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Challenges And Solutions For Interconnected Power Systems
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- Power sector transformation
- Grid integration assessment team
- Challenges to integration of variable renewable energy (VRE)
- Mitigation measures
- Case studies

Power sector transformation

Power sector planning and transformation

Planning scopes for techno-economic analysis

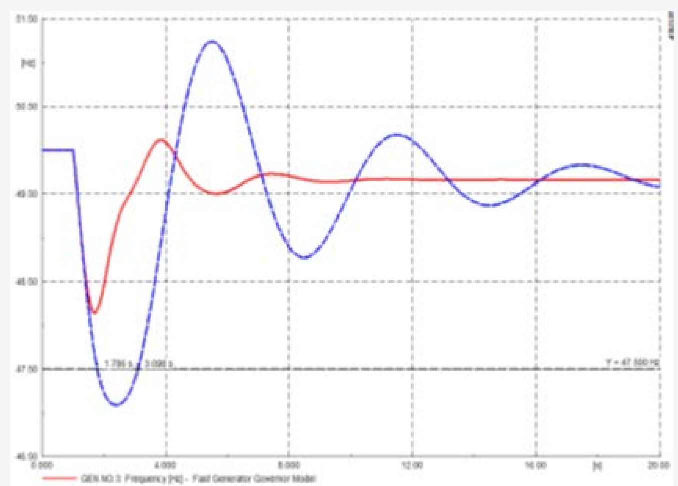
Generation expansion planning

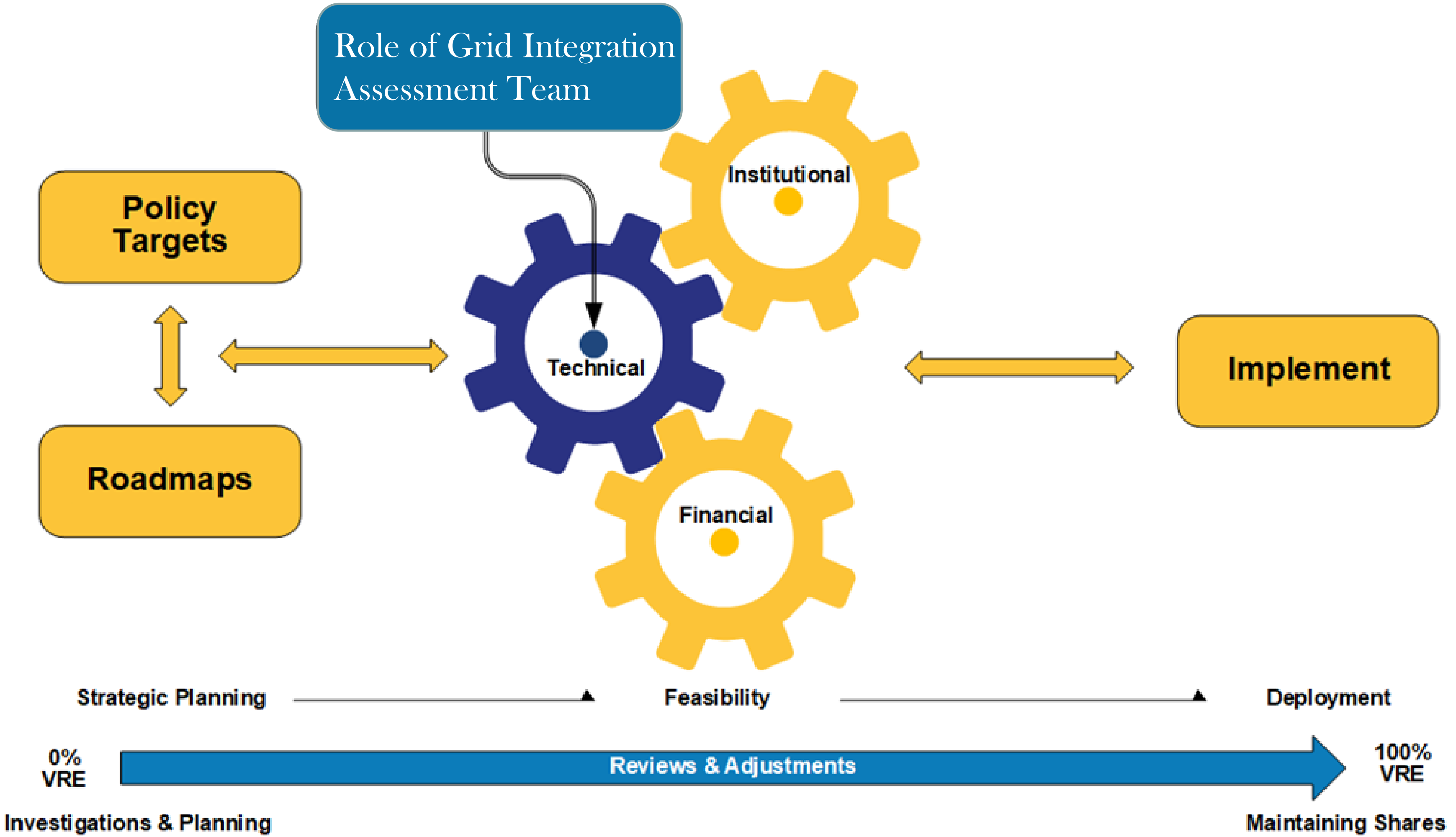
Geo-spatial planning

Dispatch simulation

Technical network studies

- TSO
- Regulator
- Project developer





Based on : IRENA 2018(unpublished)- "Transforming small-island power systems- Technical planning studies for the integration of variable renewables"

What we do

Technical assistance for grid assessment studies

- Based on the system specifications and priorities of each country
- Modelling of the existing system and any proposed growth in system in an Industry friendly power system software
- Assess by means of technical studies
  - ✓ how much VRE can be included- without major investment-hosting capacity
  - ✓ feasibility and impact of increasing the penetration of RE in the system
  - ✓ the optimum level of integration of RE and the measure required to achieve them.
- Give recommendations to mitigate technical challenges that are evident from the study
- Capacity building

What we require

- Accurate and sufficient information regarding the system
- Cooperation and engagement from stakeholders

Projects Completed

- Antigua and Barbuda
- Cook Islands-Aitutaki
- Palau
- Samoa
- Vanuatu
- Fiji

In progress

- Dominican Republic
- Mozambique

Challenges To VRE Integration in Interconnected Power Systems.

Key links between variable renewable energy and power system properties.

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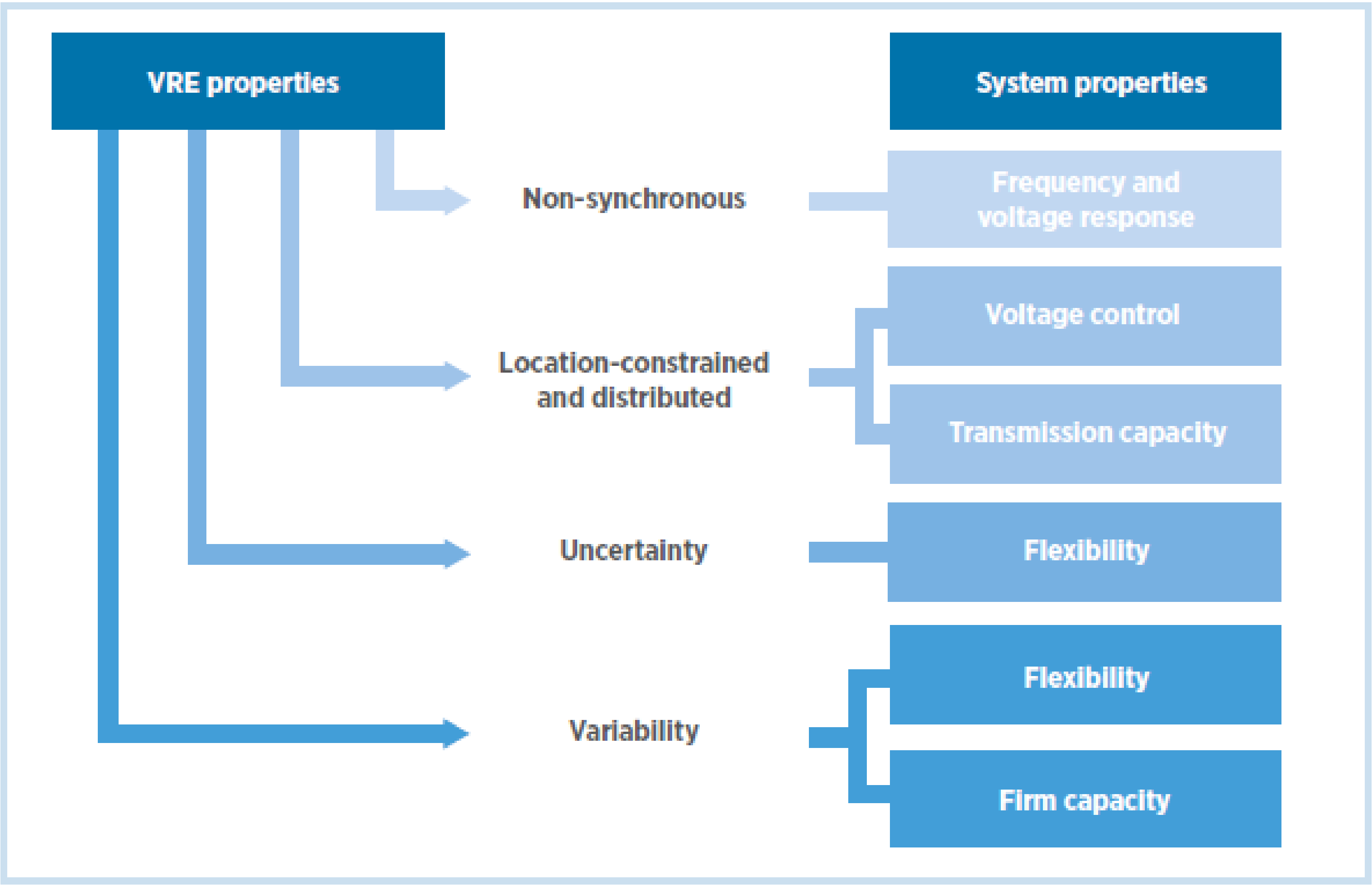
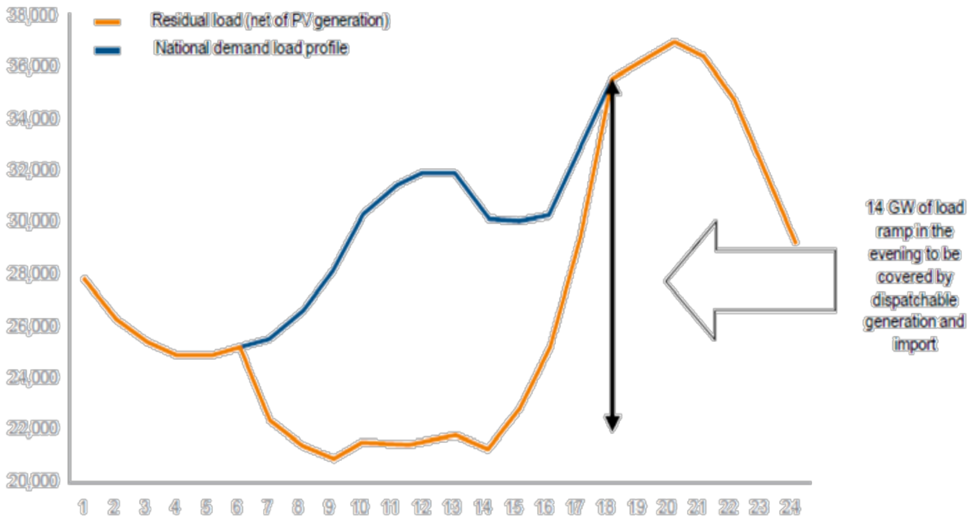
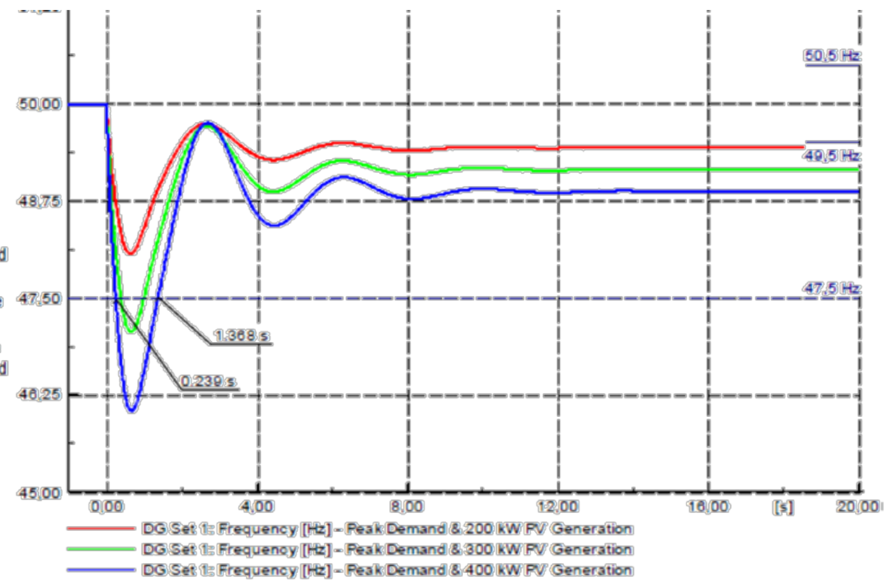


Based on : IRENA 2017

Dealing with variability, uncertainty and stability



Italian demand and VRES effect
Source: TERNA



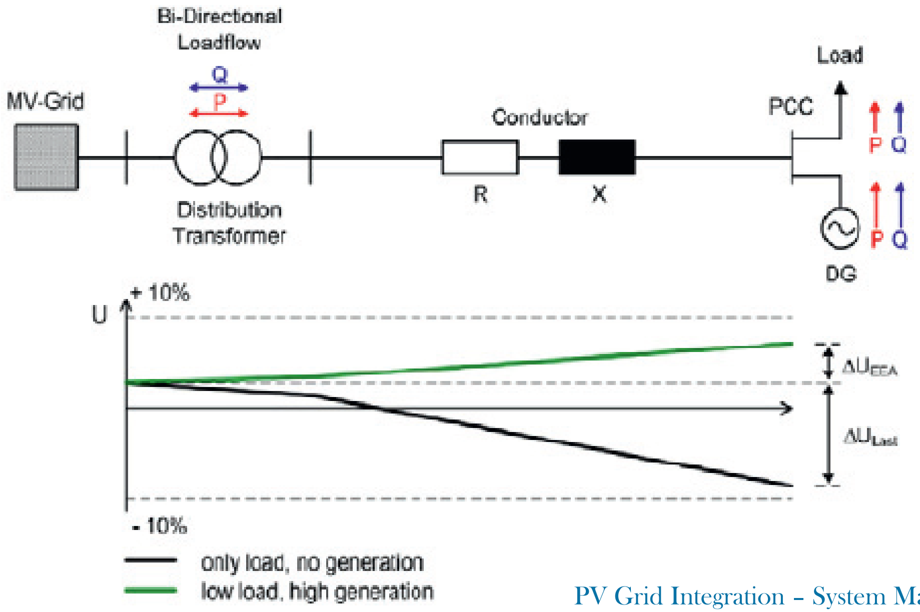
Source: IRENA 2016 Unpublished

Utility scale generation-TSO's

- Impact to conventional Generation
- Ensuring firm capacity/Reserves
- No correlation with load
- Location and modularity
  - Away from load centers

- Non synchronous nature-Inverter based generation -Inertia
- Frequency
- Voltage
- Rotor angle stability-Dynamic and Static security

Dealing with point of interconnection



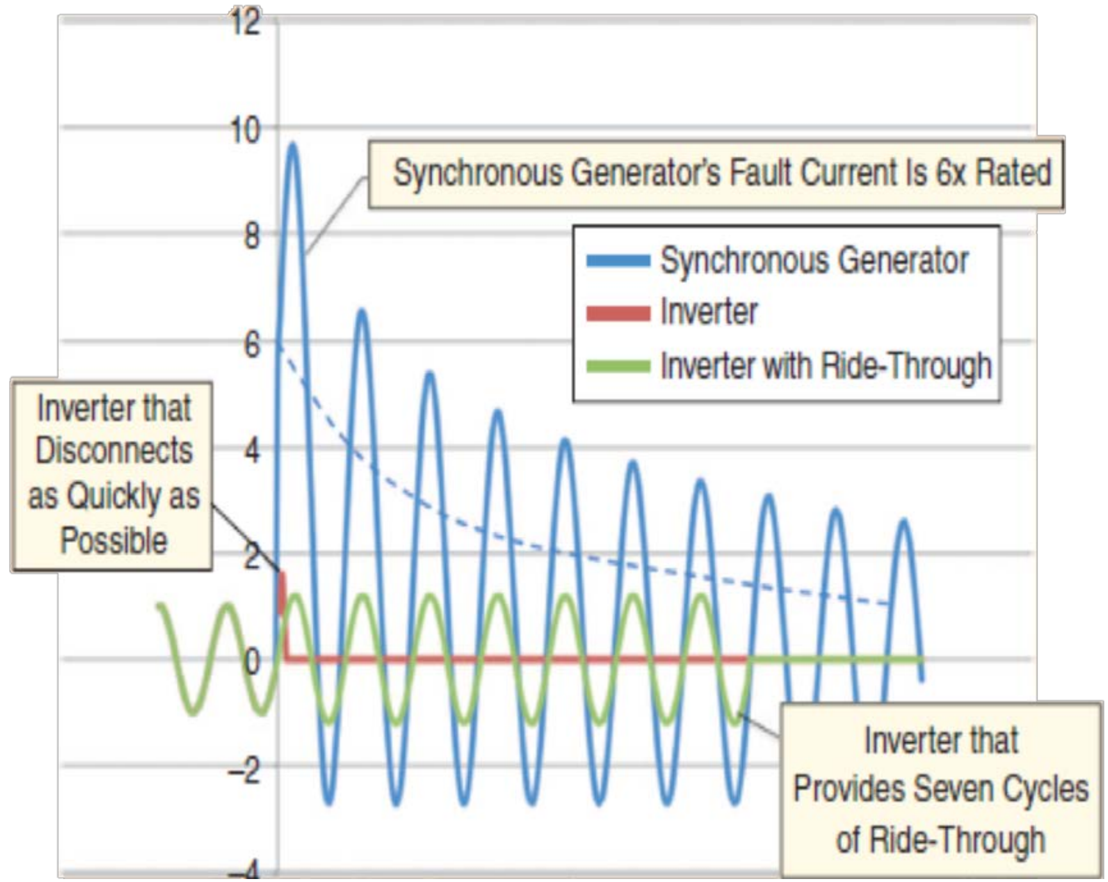
PV Grid Integration – System Management Issues and Utility Concerns-Article *in* Energy Procedia · December 2012

Problems faced at DSO level

- Feeder impacts-Leads to increasing power-flows in primary and secondary substation
- PV as distributed generation at LV/MV level
- Challenge to control from national dispatch center
- Increasing pressure on measurement and protection systems
- Impact of fault may be spread wider causing power quality to suffer
- Reduced rotating machines so inability to withstand unplanned events

Power system protection and power quality

- Ensure effective functioning of protection systems
- Maintaining the voltage and frequency
- Harmonics
- Control and communication between VRE and control centers

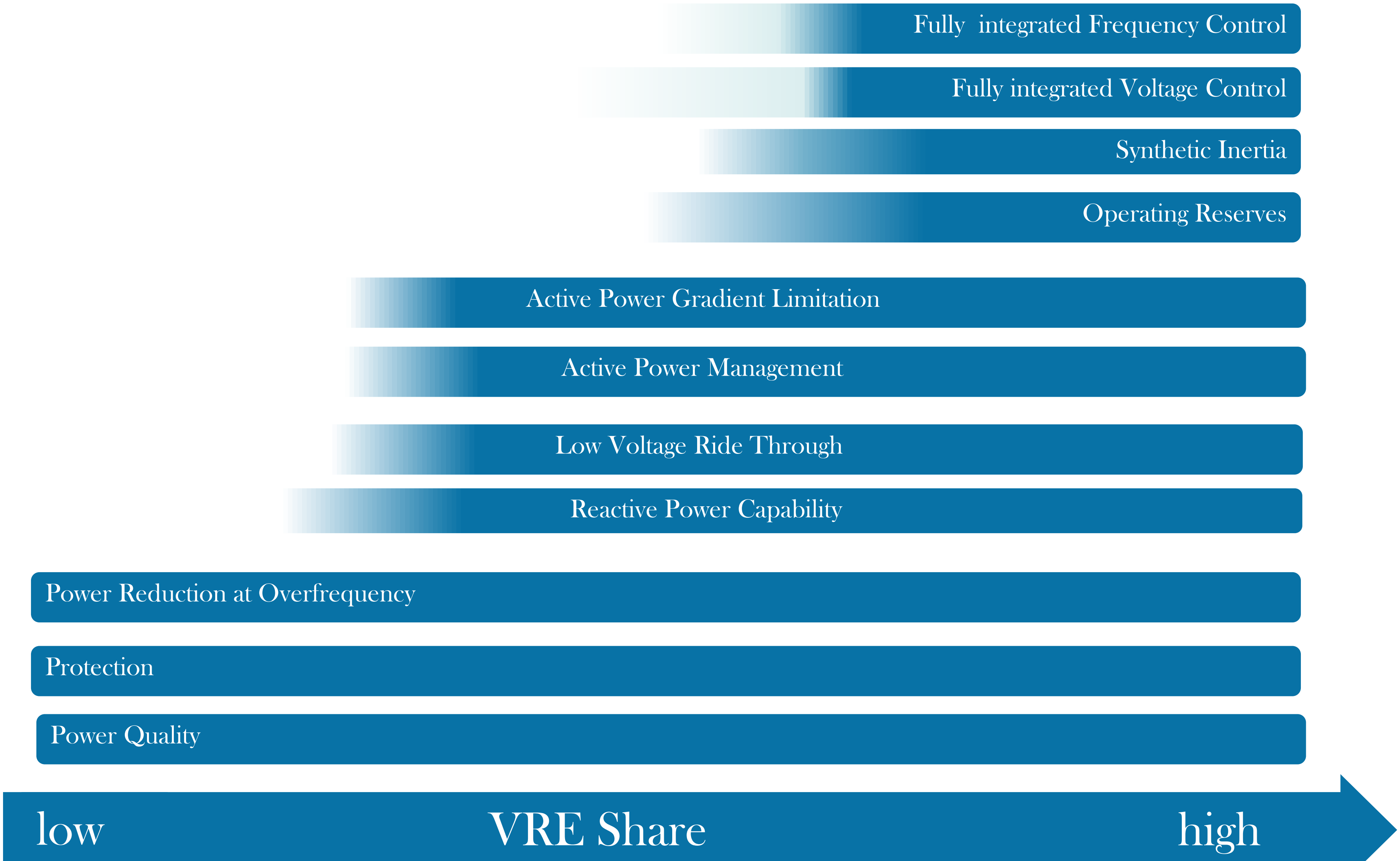


Source: "Achieving a 100% Renewable Grid"-IEEE Power and Energy magazine 2017

Issues in SEE:

- Grid connection issues
- Ability of grid to integrate large renewable energy projects
- Technical inability to allow RE expansion
- Restrictions on amount of VRE
- Lack of technical capacity

Relation between VRE share and technical issues



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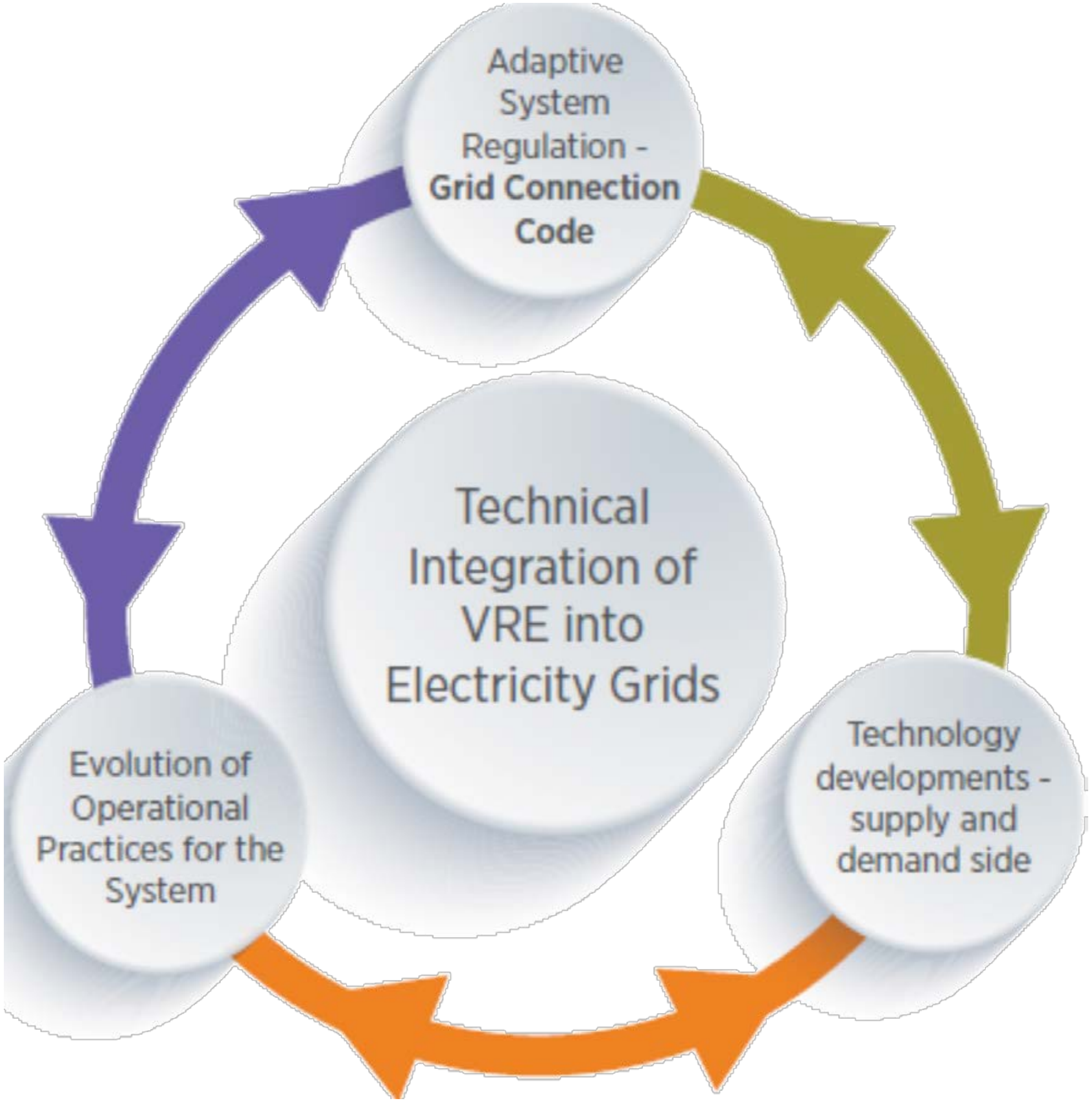
Mitigation measures



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Operational Measures : Stability obtained from studies

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Voltage stability

TSO level

Reactive power compensation equipment- network reinforcement

Develop grid code requirements for low voltage ride through (LVRT) and ensure compliance

DSO level

Review transformer's tap position and/or voltage set-points

Reinforcement of transformer capacities

Investment in cables

Corrective actions from the operator

Optimal usage of reactive power compensation devices

Adapting voltage set points

VRE curtailment

Generation redispatch

Upgrading to a higher voltage level, splitting/meshing the network, upgrade circuit breakers

- Communication
- Adjustable reactive power
- Constraining active power (active power management)
- LVRT including current contribution
- Stand-alone voltage control
- Full integration into general voltage control scheme

Frequency stability

- **TSO level**
- Increase frequency regulation from VRE sources
- Deployment of energy storage
- Generation redispatch and/or
- **DSO level**
- Improvement of under frequency load shedding (UFLS) settings.

- **TSO level**
- Active power management
- Active power gradient limitation
- Reduced output operation mode for reserve provision
- Synthetic inertia
- Full integration into general frequency control scheme
- **DSO level**
- Stand-alone frequency control

Operational Measures: variability and uncertainty…

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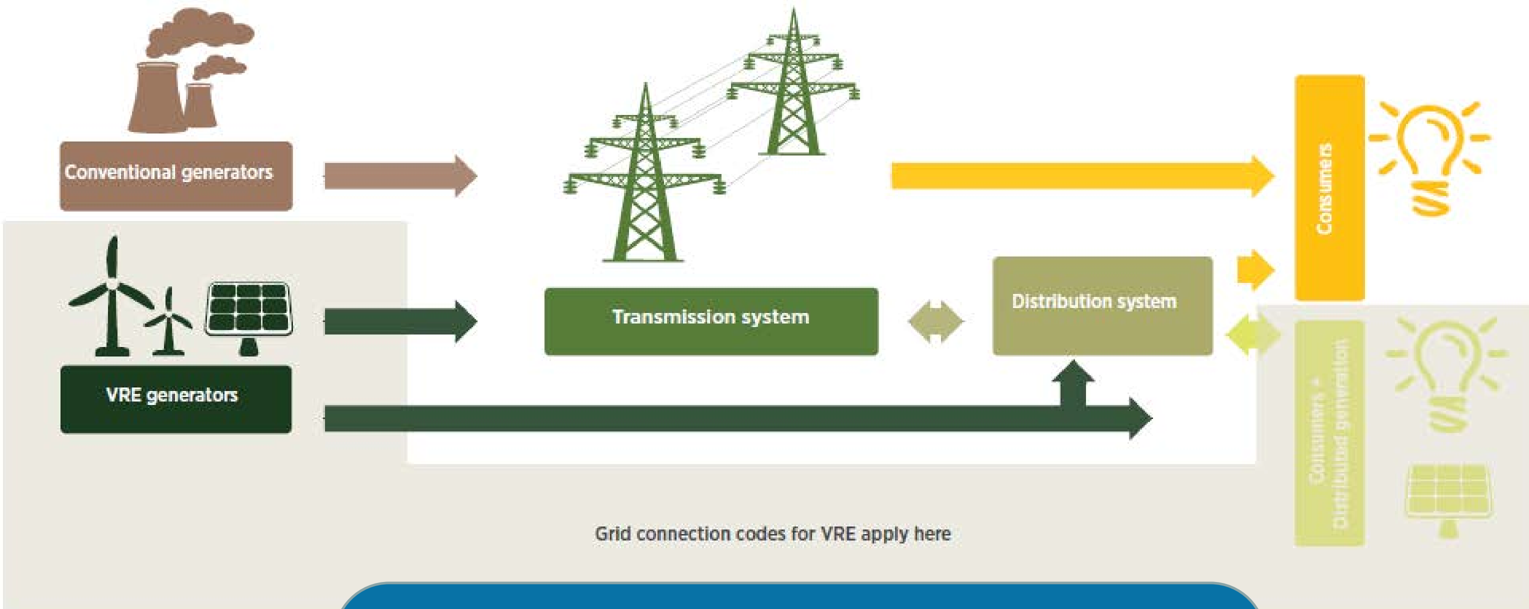
DSO level
- Demand response programs
- Enhanced protection plans

TSO level
- Generation adequacy
- Limited curtailment for extreme events

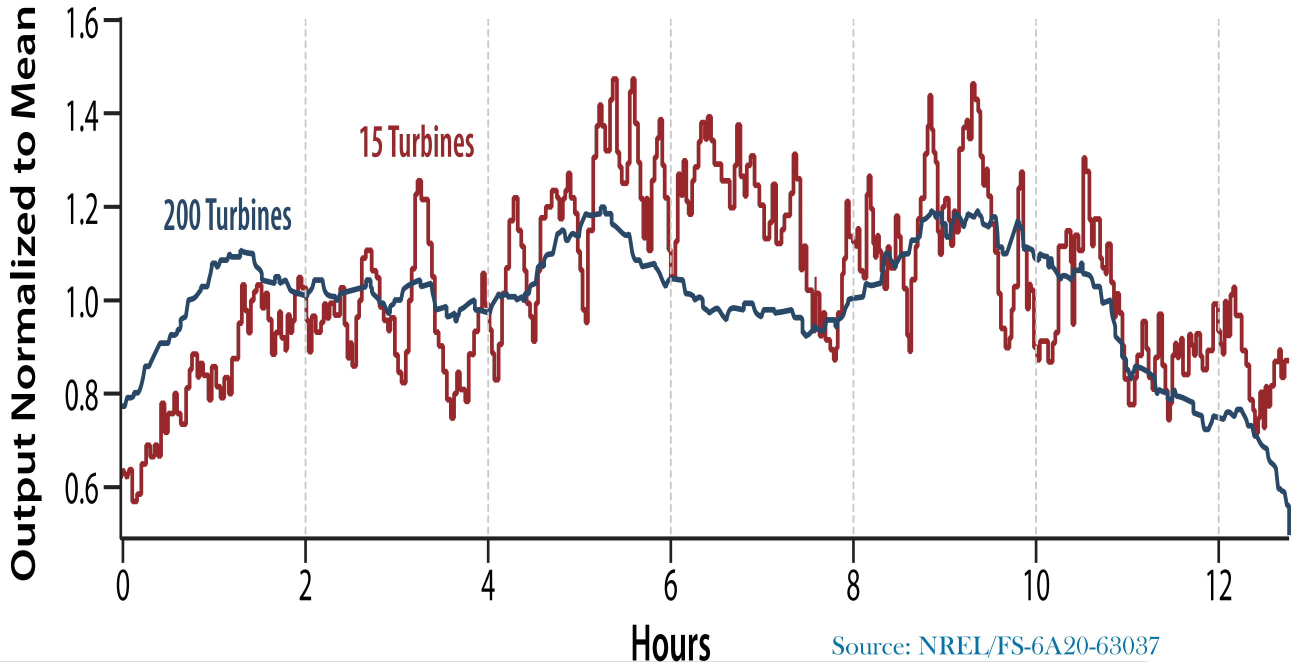


- Adapted generation dispatch and control
- Automatic power control and network monitoring- Automation and smart grid technologies

Source: IRENA 2016

Infrastructure investments: Location and modularity-Improve Grid Flexibility

- Energy storage systems
- Interconnection with neighboring systems
- Enlarging grid inter connections
- Conventional T and D grid reinforcements.
- Diversification
/ aggregation of VRE installations
- Improved forecasting
- Energy management systems

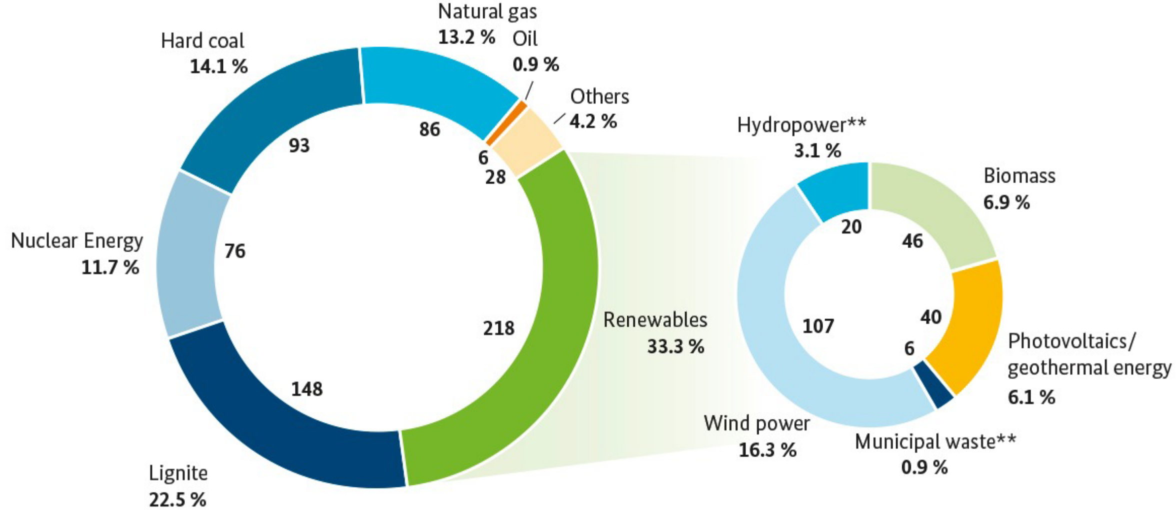


Source: NREL/FS-6A20-63037

- Smart protection systems
- Active anti-islanding techniques
- Adapting to instantaneous thermal rating of transmission lines
- Automation and smart grid technologies
- Smart centralized generation
- Using High Voltage DC cables and superconductors
- Off grid and grid connected micro and mini-grids.-Smart cities
- Smart Inverters and switches, capacitor banks
- Using Inter communication systems (ICT) systems, sensors- wide area measurements systems

The German/ European Experience

- Solar-1.6 million installations
- Wind power-5407MW offshore capacity
- Biomass- 24% of RE



Gross-electricity-generation-Germany 2017 in TWh
Source:https://www.bmwi.de

- The 50.2 and 49.5 Hz problem
- Reactive power-RE to deliver Q
- Incentives- decentralised battery storage support schemes
- Citizens drive for energy transition

IRENA Case studies

Antigua and Barbuda

Scenarios studied:

- Analysis without VRE and peak demand
- Analysis of maximum penetration of VRE with peak demand-voltage and loss of largest generator
- Analysis of maximum VRE with minimum demand-frequency stability due to large frequency deviations

Recommendations

- Automatic curtailment at times of low demand and high penetration of PV and wind
- ±0.95 power factor to be maintained by inverters
- Third diesel unit to cover low load and low PV for provision of reactive power.
- Distributed units with Fault Ride Through capability
- Implement AGC and automatic and centralised control system
- **9 MW of Solar-PV and 18 MW wind was feasible keeping the reliability of the system intact**

Samoa

2014

- 29.8 MW of diesel generation,
- 8.5 MW of hydropower,
- 2.85 MW of solar PV and
- 0.55 MW of wind power.
- Electricity demand -115 GWh

2017

95% of RE with major impact solutions such as

- reactive power compensation device,
- Battery Energy Storage Systems and
- Automatic generation control including hydro units,
- Adjustment of UFLS settings,
- FRT capability for new PV plants,
- Voltage control in all PV plants with ±0.95 power factor

Fiji

1.Objective: Identify the **PV hosting capacity** at distribution and system level in Viti Levu island of Fiji.

2. Methodology:

- Obtain high resolution solar data
- Identify the locations with highest solar resource capacity and accessibility to grid connection
- Modelling and Grid assessment of the distributed level (11kV) and system level (33 kV) with PV, including the frequency, voltage and transient stability studies.
- Identify thumb-rule for connection of PV in distribution level

3.Outcome: **25 MW at system level and 20 MW at distribution level without major investment**

Vanuatu

1. Objective: Assessment of **VRE integration** into LuganVille grid with possibility of grid extension in Port Olry
2. Methodology:

- Obtain high resolution solar data
- Identify locations with solar resource and connection to grid
- Conduct dynamic simulations and economic dispatch for 2018 and 2030 for 16 scenarios with maximum and minimum demand, considering system security and VRE enablers

3.Outcome: **Using BESS, diesel UPS and dynamic resistor 12 MW of PV can be incorporated in the system**

Key messages

- Low shares of VRE can be implemented without major investment and if system specific measures are adopted
- Very high shares of VRE integration is possible with greater grid flexibility
- Exploring interconnections with neighboring countries allows more VRE integration

Technical studies and subsequent recommendations will ease this process.

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Thank You

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