# CSMART: Driving Innovation through Collaboration and Data Integration

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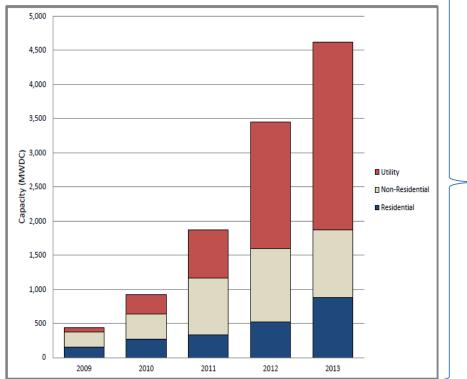
- Transformation is happening across the industry impacting ALL participants
- Smart Grid and Distributed Generation will change the way that consumers use and purchase their energy
- Smart Grid and DG are having significant impacts on the distribution utilities to manage power stability and the flow of data to customers and other eco-system partners.
- CSMART will test new technologies and their economics in an open way





# Over the past decade, the #1 driver of US DG Growth has been solar PV installed capacity...

DG Growth and Solar PV Systems



# 12 GW of solar PV installed in US (end of 2013)

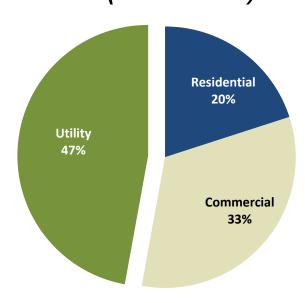


Figure 2: Annual Installed U.S. Grid-Connected PV Capacity by Sector (2009-2013)

53% of US solar PV capacity (or about 6 GW) is feeding into distribution grid systems



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# ... and volume of Interconnection and Net Metering applications.

- Over 150,000 unique solar PV installations occurred in 2013 (compared to ~500 centralized installations greater than 1 megawatt capacity).
- At the end of 2013, 471,000 PV installations were connected to the U.S. grid, including 420,000 residential installations.
- NOTE: The vast majority of solar is being installed in only a handful of states

#### DG Growth and Solar PV Systems

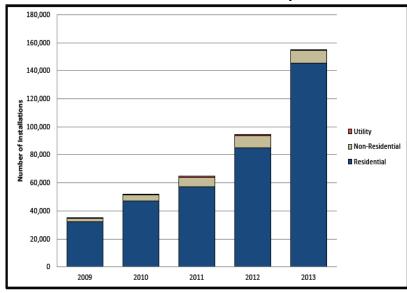


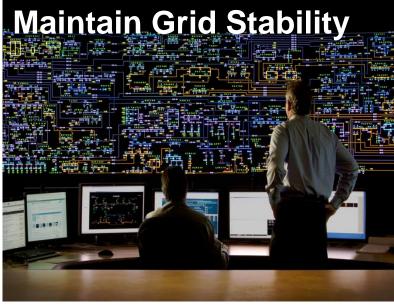
Figure 4: Number of Annual U.S. Grid-Connected PV Installations (2009-2013)

Translation: Every MW of solar PV capacity translates to 300 – 500 utility applications.



#### **Distribution Utility Goals**







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Automate the Interconnection Process

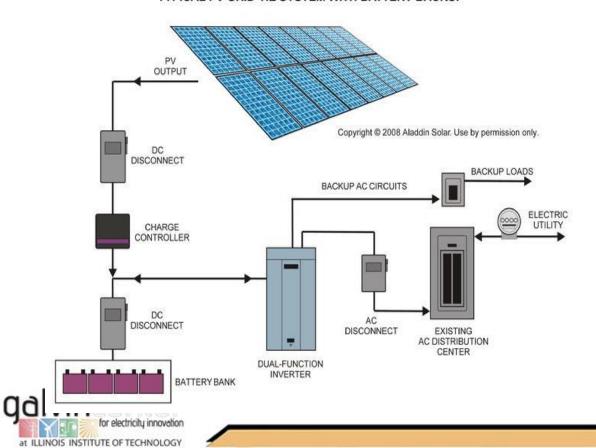


## Getting to More Solar Capacity

Challenge: Maintaining Grid Resiliency

Result: Conservative Technical Screening Rules

TYPICAL PV GRID-TIE SYSTEM WITH BATTERY BACKUP



Actual Output Varies Based on Many Factors



## Comparing the Feeder DG Safety Envelope to Existing DG Output

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ConnectTheGrid by :: westmonroe **Enrollment Operations** DG Analysis  $\Box$ Illinois Institute of Technology > IIT Feeder Loop 1 > Technical Review Max Aggregate Theoretical DC Output in kWh 400 kWh Max Aggregate Estimated AC Output in kWh (via NREL) 375 kWh Max Aggregate Actual AC Output in kWh (via OSI PI) 350 kWh 325 kWh Actual Load Threshold in kWh (via OSI PI) 300 kWh Start Date 08/08/2014 275 kWh 250 kWh **End Date** 09/22/2014 225 kWh Livened Level Approved Proposed 200 kWh 175 kWh Compute 150 kWh 125 kWh Feeder DG 1 Proposed system totalling 500 kW 100 kWh 1 Approved system totalling 173.5 kW Safety Envelope 6 Livened systems totalling 39.96 kW 75 kWh 50 kWh 25 kWh 12AM 1AM 2AM 3AM 4AM 5AM 6AM 7AM 8AM 9AM 10AM 11AM 12PM 1PM 2PM 3PM 4PM

# Comparing the Feeder DG Safety Envelope to Proposed DG Output

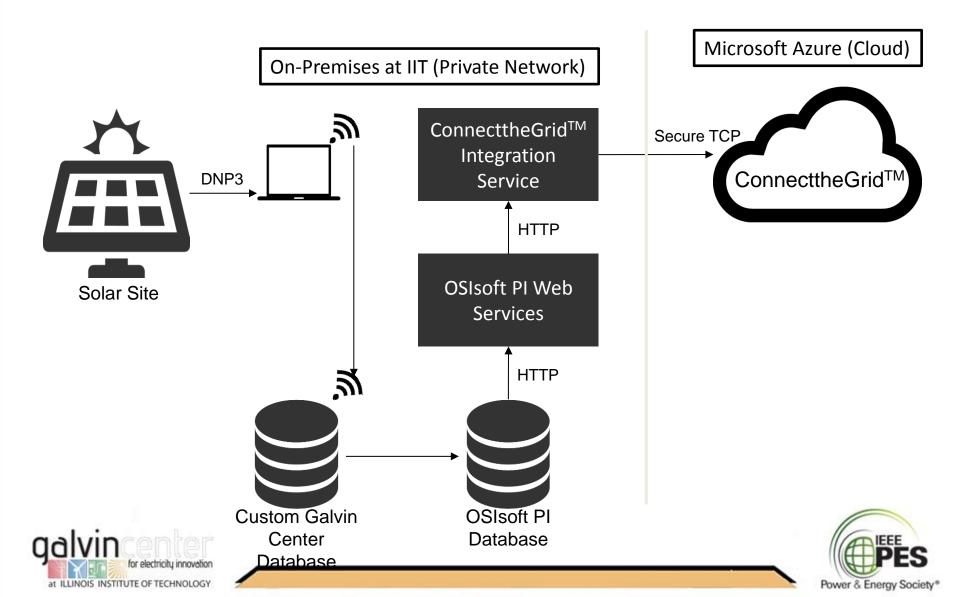








### CTG IIT Integration: Architecture Diagram



# ConnecttheGrid<sup>TM</sup>: Enrolment to Forecasting

**Enrollment** 

**Customer Distributed Generation Analysis** 

**Real-Time Forecasting** 

Process Automation Visibility and Operations

**Better Resolution** 





# Thank You!



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