

# Integrated Grid Planning: Observations from Around the Industry



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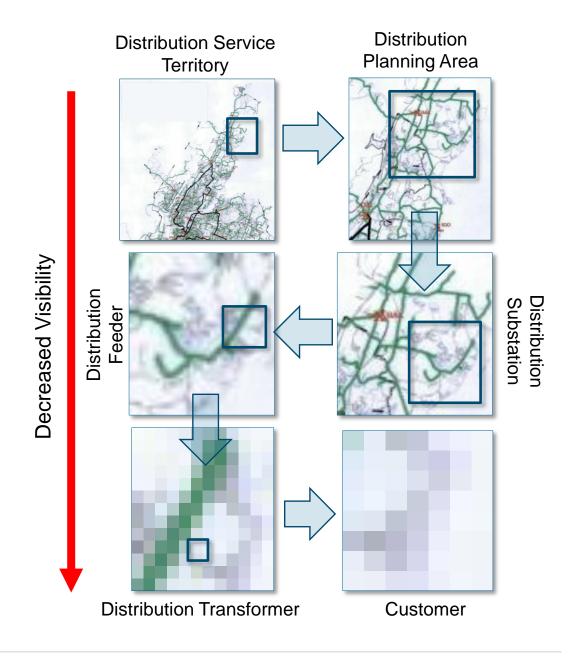
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### **Enabling IGP: Observed Industry Gaps**

Data/Models Processes/Tools Experience/field trials Engineering expertise/resources

### **Gap: Data and Models**

- Grid-edge is where utilities have the least amount of visibility
  - Planning models
  - Operational visibility
- Grid-edge models will need to improve
  - AMI can help but is only part of the answer
  - Requires diligent maintenance (like pulling weeds)
- Grid-edge solutions for true integration will require coordination all the way "up stream" (Bulk system) as well



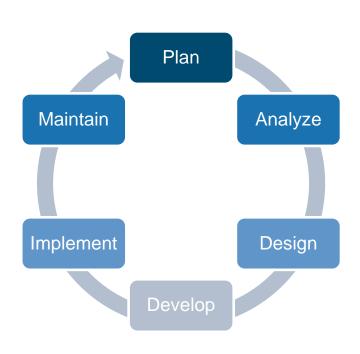


## Gap: Integrated Grid Operations and Planning Tools, Methods, and Processes

#### **Transmission Ops & Planning** Modeling Load/DER Risk-DER Control DSO/TSO & Sim. Forecasts Protection Interconne Based Center Interaction RT-Ops Methods & Models **Planning** ction **Distribution Ops & Planning**

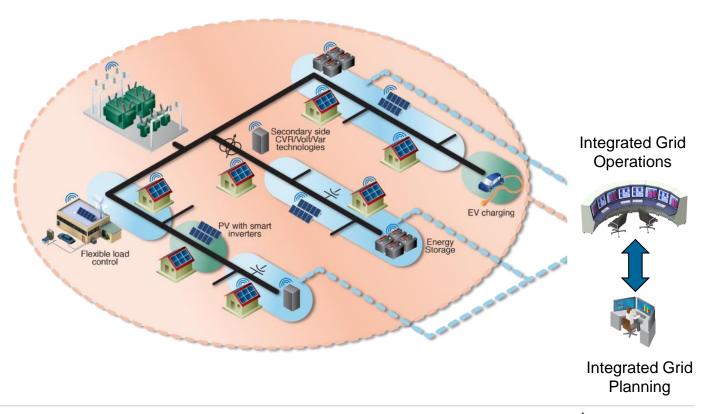
### **Gap: Broad Field Trial Experience**

Various field trials/demos currently underway



Lack of extensive field trial experience across entire development cycle

Lack of extensive experience "connecting the dots" – technology, processes, data, methods, tools, resources, etc.



### **Gap: Engineering Resources**

- Knowledge base is retiring
- New skillsets will be needed for
  - Planning engineers
  - Operational engineers
- A few new skillsets needed for distribution planning...
  - Software coding
  - Analysts
  - Power system modeling

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