> Cost effective evolution to a Low Carbon Future: *Role and Value of Demand Side Response*

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## London UK Response to Climate Change Challenge

- -2020: 25% of all electricity demand to be met by renewable generation
  -2030+:
  - -Decarbonise electricity generation, while.....
  - -Electrifying (segments) of transport and heat sectors....

...in order to reduce CO2 emissions by 80% by 2050

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#### Imperial College Londor Low carbon system integration challenge: degradation in asset utilization



## **Balancing and Need for Flexibility**



leading to increased base-load & peak generation investment risks...

...while providing massive opportunities for demand side response, storage, flexible (distributed) generation

#### Imperial College London Understanding system integration challenge

#### UK Low Carbon Pathways:

- Pathway A (Renewables | High efficiency | High electrification)
- Pathway B (Nuclear | Low efficiency | High electrification)
- Pathway C (CCS | Medium efficiency | Low electrification)
- Pathway D (Core Markal)
- Objectives: Given that pathways balance energy production and consumption on annual basis, analyse the merits of, and the interaction between, alternative balancing technologies
  - Flexible generation, Interconnection, Storage, Demand side response

in minimizing the costs of integration, in short and long-term (real time balancing & infrastructure investment)

#### **Imperial College Uptake of Low Carbon Technologies and Distribution Network Investment**

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#### **Imperial College** London **Benefits of alternative balancing technologies**





-X-EMR -O-Pathway A -D-Pathway B -A-Pathway C ->-Pathway D

2040

2050

2030

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2020

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### Imperial College From the Grid to Consumers

#### Integrating distributed energy resources: From Consumers to the Grid



#### Where does the flexibility come from? Critical role of LCNF

# London Anything to worry about with demand response?



## Managing Response: you have to be smart!



Time (h) Aggregate Demand profile

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**Control scheme** 

#### Imperial College London Examples: Smart Charging and V2G reduce emissions



Amount of saved energy is greater than the energy consumed by EVs ~15% EV

# Imperial CollegeLondonDSR in commercial sector:opportunities to participate in the<br/>capacity mechanism may be significant





10.86

7.01

4 °C

## **Conflicts between national energy market and local network objectives**



Optimal EV response to electricity prices would increase peak demand and overload distribution networks

#### **Complexity of DSR and Storage:** Split benefits



#### Can the market facilitate this?

## **Developments in Market and Regulation**

## EMR & Capacity Mechanism

- Very significant international experience with DSR contributing to adequacy of supply (capacity)
- Excluding DSR from capacity mechanism may undermine its value and its future development

## Network design and regulation:

- Network problems solved by network solutions
- Growing experience with DSR through LCNF
- T & D Network Design Standards: updates (and fundamental reviews) are needed

## Closer integration of wholesale and retail markets: Impact on Consumers

- Smart metering rollout => Consumers, by making choices could finally drive development of electricity industry
  - Growing value of flexibility in future => energy bills of flexible consumers may be only 30% of these for inflexible consumers
  - Reliability / security differentiated pricing will be possible (relevance to capacity market?)
  - Growing experience with dynamic time-of-use tariffs
  - Will the market facilitate this choice? Fairness?

## London Integrating Wholesale and Retail markets



#### Linking all market participants through an integrated real time marketplace

#### Imperial College Observations Enabling DSR: Role of future Policy, Market, Regulation, Technology, Consumers.....

#### Innovation, Policy, Market design

- Understanding and developing DSR flexibility (LCNF experiences)
- Enable competition between DSR and asset based solutions (generation and networks) for the provision of adequacy and balancing services through appropriate market design (DSO)
- T and D network standards:
  - Recognition of DSR and storage in network planning

**Regulation:** 

- Incentivise application of flexible solutions against asset-based solutions
- Split Benefits and business model

Technology:

- Shift from centralised to distributed system management ICT
- Virtual Power Plant

Consumers:

Choice, reliability differentiated pricing....

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