# **Power Through:** A Climate Resilient Future

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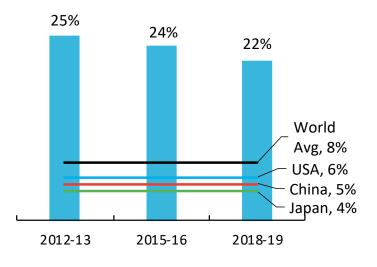


### **Indian Power Sector at a Glance**

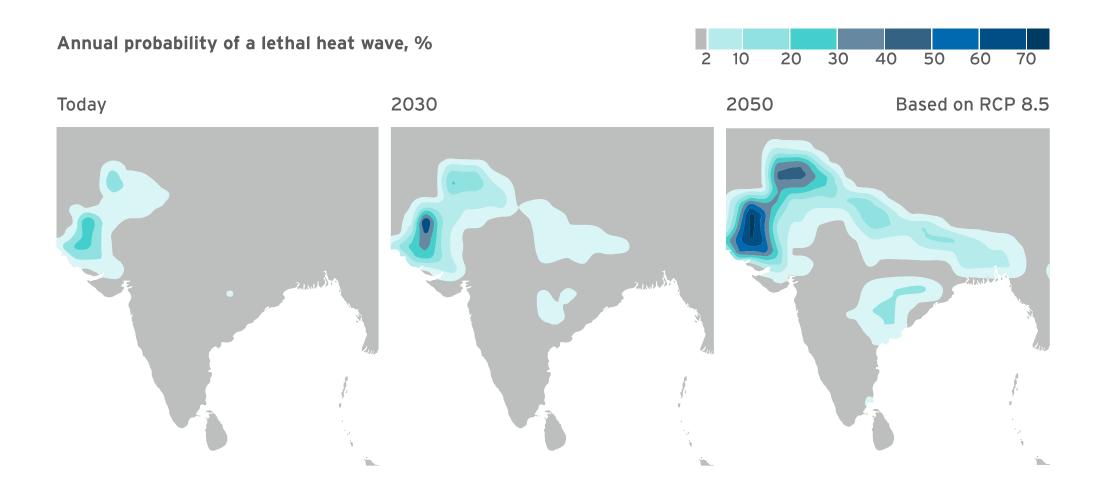
**Electricity Capacity Fuel Mix** 900 Waste 0.1 **Biomass** 10.0 800 Solar Wind 700 Oil 280.2 Gas 600 Nuclear Hydro Coal 500 •••• Peak Demand 140.0 400 0.1 25.1 9.9 19.0 34.6 .70.1 37.7 300 25.0 ..... 6.8 -..... 50.4 200 0.4 .... 1.6 266.9 4.6 17.1 37.2 100 205.1 84.2 0 2009-10 2019-20 2029-30 (Outlook)

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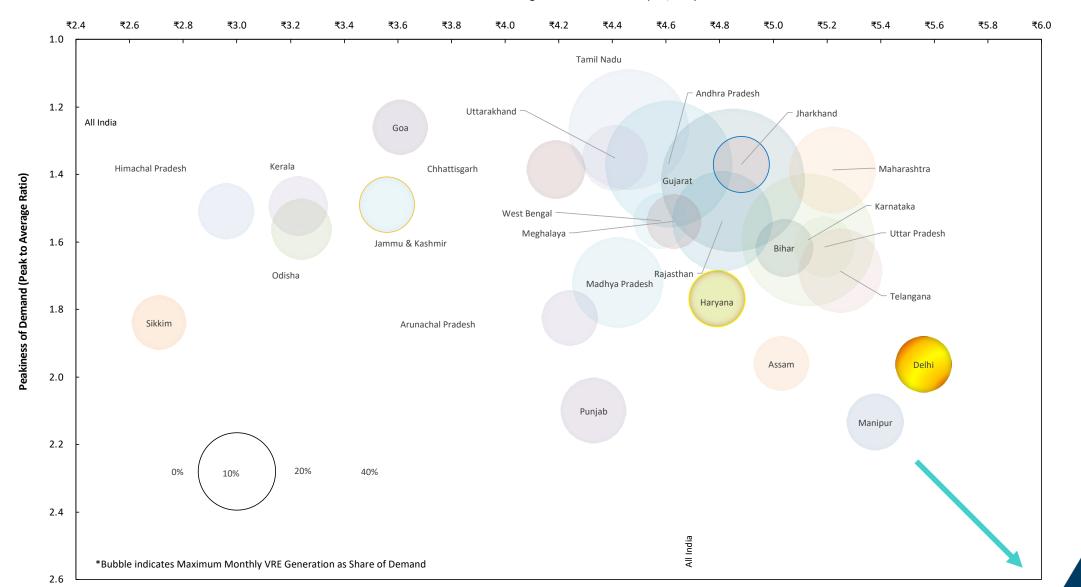




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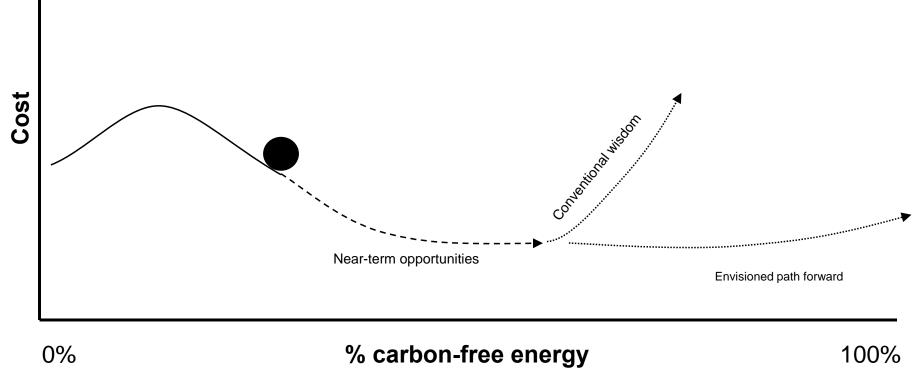
### Heat, peak power and cost of power procurement



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Average Power Purchase Cost (INR/kWh)

# Not accounting for climate risks can impose unforeseen financial burden on the pursuit of clean energy transition



Source: RMI

Resilience is the ability to plan for, adapt to, learn and recover from adverse events over time

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# What does climate risk look like for the power sector?

- Uncertain and evolving nature of long-term climate risks
- Changing and unpredictable nature of supply and demand
- Centralization of risk on the power grid
- Cascading impact on external sectors

Climate/Extreme weather risk*	-\. Generation	Transmission and Distribution	End use/
Rising temperature/ water scarcity	Loss of efficiency in thermal, solar, hydro generation	Reduced grid efficiency, high transmission losses	Potential power outage even as demand for cooling rises
Rising sea level/storm surges	Inundation of coastal generation and grid infrastructure	Inundation or disruption of lines	Coastal communities, mini and microgrids impacted
Extreme storms/high wind speeds	Port and road closure, efficiency of wind and solar energy impacted	Aboveground systems at risk of disruption	Power outage may impact critical services such as healthcare
Operations	Existing operational guidelines, codes, equipment standards, personnel trainings may fall short of addressing climate risks		

# Examples of extreme weather impact on power sector in India



### **Rising intensity of floods**



#### Variable wind speed



#### **Cyclones**



#### Weather related demand fluctuation



# Weather related unpredictability of RE generation

# What encapsulates power sector resilience?

#### **Before the Fact**

- Awareness
- Plan & invest for resilience
- Improve demand-side applications
- Upgrade equipment standards
- Improve communication standards
- Access to infrastructure/resilience insurance

#### After the Fact

- Disaster response
- Access to finance
- Framework for quick restoration & recovery



Data on long-term climate risks



Finance and insurance instruments

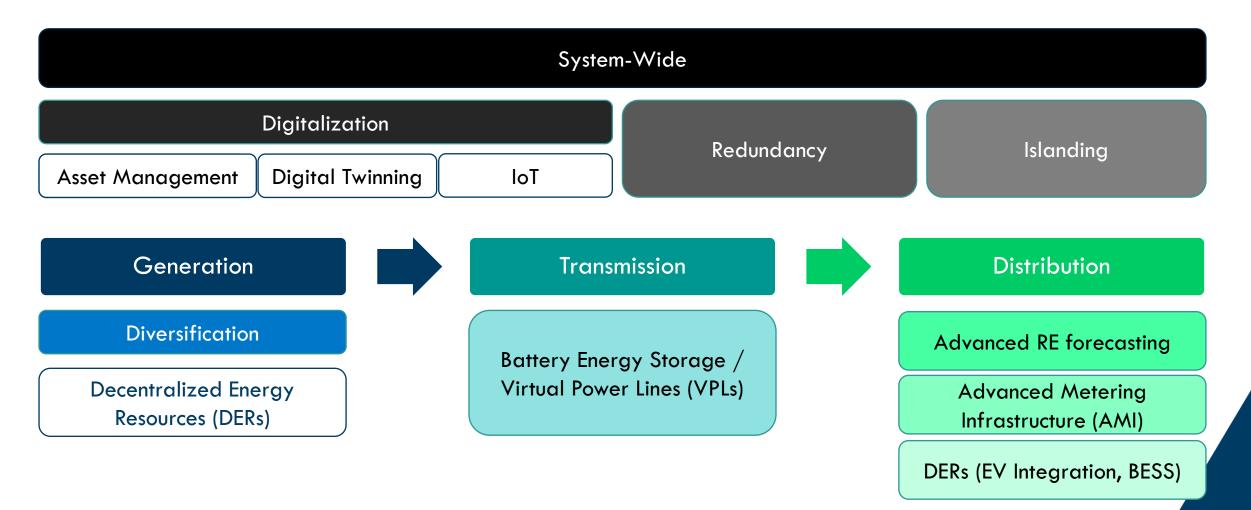


Adopting technological interventions

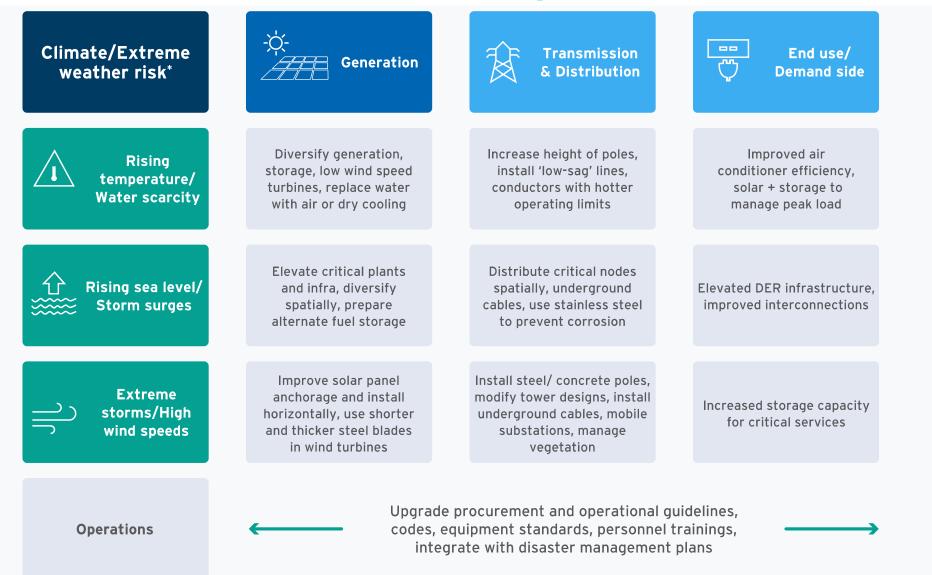


Policy, governance and regulatory measures

# **Adopting Technology Interventions**



# Snapshot of mitigation options for power sector infrastructure in the face of extreme weather impact



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### **Financing Power Sector Resilience**

Identify value of co-benefits and avoided routine costs

Leverage international and domestic finance for building climate resilience

Adopt climate resilience as a screening criterion and promote transparency in exposure to climate risk

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**Benefit from low-hanging fruit** 

# Key Takeaways

- Mainstream resilience thinking into planning, governance, regulations, and operations frameworks in the sector
- No one-size-fits-all solution
- The right data and technology are crucial for preparing and responding to both near-term and long-term climate risks
- Explore different routes to attracting finance and investments for power sector resilience
- Power sector resilience is intrinsic to India's energy transition in ensuring that power infrastructure investments are effective, in enabling a nimble and flexible electricity system, in safeguarding development goals and supporting critical services before, during, and after a disruption



### THANK YOU



# Approaches of Leveraging Demand Side Flexibility for Resilience through Communities in the US

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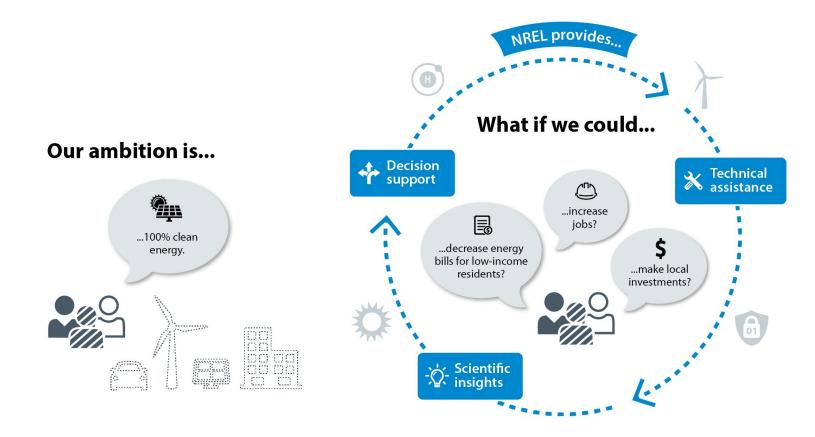
**Businesses and** communities are pursuing ambitious clean energy initiatives to mitigate environmental and economic risks and address system inequities.



To move from **ambitions to actions**, communities often need **in-depth energy-sector expertise and insight**.

As a U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) research lab, **NREL offers unbiased**, **best-in-class analysis and modeling capabilities** supported by **decades of scientific and applied research**, **expertise**, **and partnerships**.

# Illuminate pathways to clean, affordable, equitable, secure, and resilient energy systems



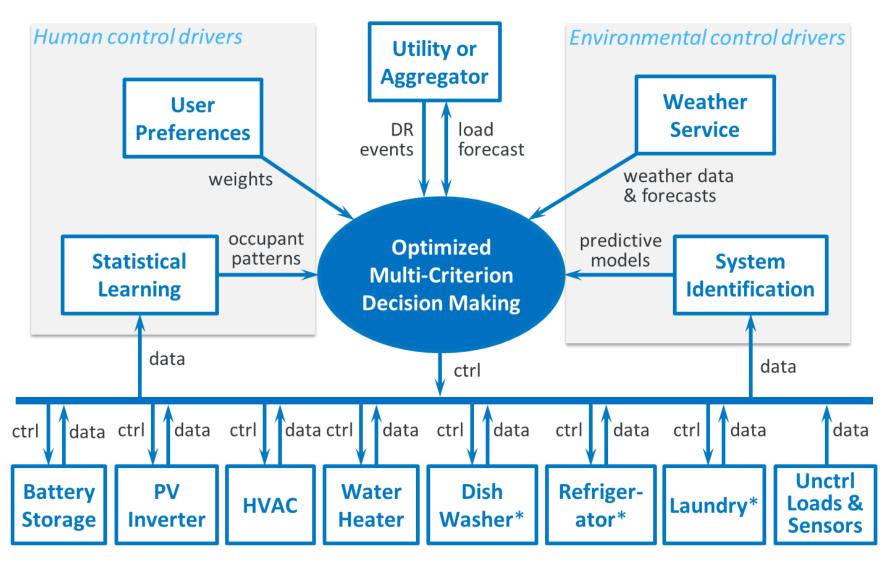
#### Now we can take action to...



**Opportunity to develop new foundational AI** approaches with innovative problem formulations that address needs of all communities for resilience and equity.



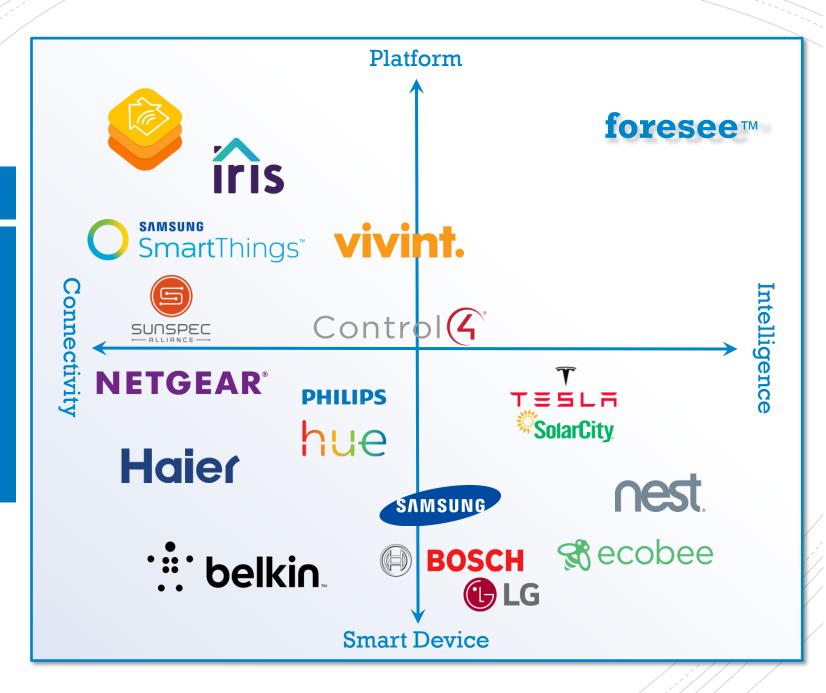
# **Control Architecture**

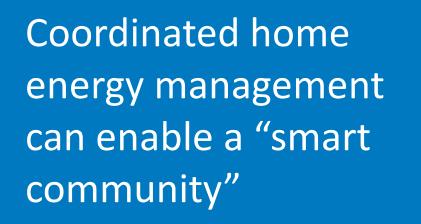


\*: Not included in the current project



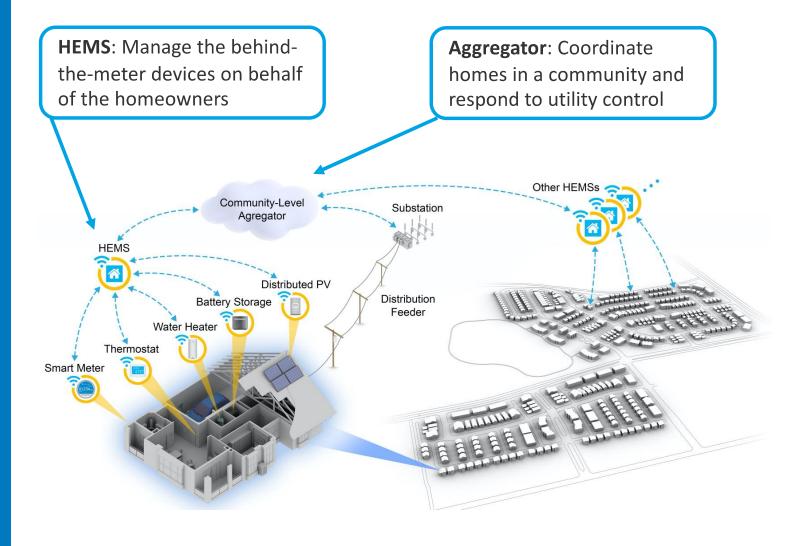
Landscape Home Energy Management Concierge





- Deploying home energy management system can help homeowners reduce energy use, save utility bills, and ensure thermal comfort
- Coordinated control of homes can help utilities improve demand flexibility, host more renewables on the grid, defer infrastructure upgrade, and improve grid reliability and resilience

### Home Energy Management System (HEMS) + Community Aggregator



# NREL's Smart Home Technologies to Help Habitat Homeowners at Basalt Vista – Better Comfort & Resilience, Lower Cost & Carbon

#### Al-Driven Smart Community Control for Accelerating PV Adoption & Enhancing Grid Resilience (funded by DOE)

- Goal: Develop and validate a community-scale solution to resolve crucial distribution grid issues from PV and increase load flexibility
- Advanced control technology coordinating the behind-themeter resources at the home- and community-levels.
- Provide a cost-effective and scalable solution to address distribution grid issues arising from high-penetration PV.

### Significance & Impact ("so what")

- Boost the benefits of affordable housing for local school district staff by enhancing comfort and resilience while reducing utility bills and carbon emissions
- Provide a scalable non-wire alternative to utilities to interconnect future net zero energy communities







https://connectedcommunities.lbl.gov/projects/ai-driven-smart-community-control-accelerating-pv-adoption-and-enhancing-grid-resilience

# Example: Supporting resilience in vulnerable communities



# Community priorities

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Remote, island, and islanded community energy and infrastructure challenges, values, and goals

#### Partnership approach

Deep energy-sector experience, expertise of the national labs + local, trusted stakeholder organizations

#### Energy assessment and planning

Provide resources and on-the-ground support

# Resilient energy systems

Knowledge sharing → lessons learned, use cases → identified responsive technology needs