## Germany's Energiewende – Current and imminent challenges for the Transmission System Operator in Germany

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# Far-reaching changes due to the goals of the EU and the German Federal Government

#### EU

- Completion of the European internal electricity market
- Integration of renewable energy sources (RES)
- "EU 20-20-20":

-20% energy consumption; -20% greenhouse gas emission; +20% energy efficiency

- European Legislation Network Codes to guarantee system security and establish harmonized market rules
- Federal Government Germany
  - Nuclear phase-out till 2022
  - 35% power generation from RES till 2020 (80% till 2050)
  - 40% reduction of greenhouse gases till 2020 (80% till 2050)
  - 20% reduction of primary energy consumption till 2020 (80% till 2050)







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#### From power plant to households



#### 380-kV / 220-kV:

- large-scale PPs
- transits

#### 110-kV:

- Industry PPs
- Industry
- RES Infeed

## Distribution level:

- cutomers
- distributed PPs



extra high voltage network 380 kV /220 kV high voltage network 110 kV medium voltage network 20 kV low voltage network 0,4 kV



Substation



Transformer station



### The Transmission Grid (380/220kV-Grid)

#### The electrical System "Transmission Grid"

- Physical Unit (Lines, Transformer, Substation, Power Plant, Consumer Installation, etc.)
- International meshed system

#### Sensitive "real time" - System

- Electrical Energy is not directly storable
- Production and Consumption have to be balanced at any time
- The Electrical System is operated in Real time (24h/365d)
- EU Legislation and National laws (EnWG/EEG) define the Market Rules and the legal framework
- The Transmission System Operator (TSO) is in charge of security of supply (§ 13 EnWG)



#### Structure of the German electrical power supply





## Security of Supply: **Backbone of Electricity Supply**

- Largest transmission system in Germany with a circuit length of approx. 12,000 km at the 380/220 kV level and 165 substations
- Connects the generation units of the lignite-fired power plants on the lower Rhine with the hydroelectric stations in the Alps: installed capacity of power plants approx. 40 GW
- Through its central position in Europe, Amprion's transmission system is an important hub for electricity trading between north and south as well as east and west: approx. 4,000 schedule nominations per day
- Interconnectors to eight foreign transmission system operators in five countries (NL, L, F, CH, A) enables Amprion to meet the specific transmission requirements of European power traders at an utmost level of transmission reliability
- Amprion's electricity network is part of the European interconnected ENTSO-E system

#### Lower Saxony

380/220 kV Network of Amprion



## Operational Areas of German Transmission System Operators

50Hertz Transmission Amprion TenneT		Amprion	TenneT	50Hertz	Transnet BW
	Network length [km] (380 kV)	5.300	5.800	6.870	1.970
	Network length [km] (220 kV)	6.100	5.300	2.870	1.721
	Served area [km²]*	73.100	140.000	109.000	34.600
	Annual transmission [TWh]	27	20	18	11
Transnet BW	Share load [%]**	35	32	19	14
				Source : Am	prion GmbH

\* in Germany

\*\* Renewable Energy Act load compensation 2005



#### Transmission System Operation Amprion (I)

The main control room: system control and system management

- Tasks for Amprion (TSO Responsibility)
- Tasks for the German TSOs (National Responsibility)
- Coordination Center ENTSO-E RG CE North (International Responsibility)



#### Transmission System Operation Amprion (II)

#### **TSO Responsibility**

- system control and system management of the transmission grid 380/220 kV
- disturbance management
- congestion management (preventive und curative)
- planning and acquisition of ancillary services
- Load-Frequency-Control and managing controlling power range of the Amprion control zone
- management of Wind and PV and prediction of system load
- system balancing
- process technology and –data management



#### Transmission System Operation Amprion (III)

#### **Nationale Responsibilities**

- coordination of the power exchange programs between the German TSOs and with foreign TSOs
- pluralistic Load-Frequency-Control of the German control block
- national quantity balancing of the German control block



#### Transmission System Operation Amprion (IV)

#### **Internationale Responsibilities**

- international coordination of the power exchange programs RG CE North / South with Swissgrid
- international quantity balancing of ENTSO-E RG CE North
- congestion forecast (DACF)
- Data management and clearance for the ENTSO-E ITC Process
- Hosting and server operation of process technology for CWE Market Coupling
- Hosting and server operation of process technology for international security analysis within TSC Security initiative (11 TSOs)
- Hosting of the Security Service Center (Germany / The Netherlands)



#### Load Frequency Control and Power Balance





### Security of Supply: the "(n-1) - Criterion"

#### "N-1" CRITERION:

Any probable single event leading to a **loss of Power System elements** (generating set, transmission line, transformer, etc.) should **not** endanger the **security of interconnected operation**:

- Loss of Consumption
- Interconnected System Stability
- Violation of limit values (Current, Voltage, Frequency Deviation)
- Cascade of Tripping





### "N-1" Security Criterion: Regional Approach Observability area of Amprion





# The European Interconnected System ENTSO-E

- Founded 19 December 2008 and fully operational since 1 July 2009
  Represents 42 TSOs from 34
  - 525 million citizens served
  - 828 GW generation
  - 305,000 km of transitio managed by the TSOs
  - 3,400 TWh/year deman
  - 400 TWh/year exchange
  - 5 synchronous areas

 Replaces former TSO organisations: ATSOI, BALTSO, ETSO, NORDEL, UCTE, UKTSOA



Source: ENTSO-E



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## Nuclear phase out in Germany, March 2011



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Directly Effected power plants

Total	8 281 MW
Krümmel	1345 MW
Brunsbüttel	771 MW
Biblis B	1240 MW
Isar 1	878 MW
Unterweser	1345 MW
Philippsburg 1	890 MW
Neckarwestheim	645 MW
Biblis A	1167 MW



## Nuclear phase out in Germany till 2022



#### 2015:

Grafenrheinfeld	1275 MW
2017:	
Gundremmingen B	1284 MW
2019:	
Philippsburg 2	1402 MW
2021:	
Brokdorf	1410 MW
Grohnde	1360 MW
Gundremmingen C	1288 MW
2022:	
Emsland	1329 MW
Isar 2	1410 MW
Neckarwestheim	1310 MW

**Total** 

12.068 MW



## Generation mix in Germany 2013 Share of renewable energy 23%





#### **Development of Generation Capacity in Germany**

since 2010 (share of primary energy)





#### Impacts of Renewable Generation on

## Grid Security (1)

Renewable Generation leads to an inharmonic and unusual power flow in the Grid:

- In Germany <u>Wind</u> generation is installed in the northern and eastern part of the country
- High Wind power leads to bulk energy flows from North to South because most industry is concentrated in southern part of Germany





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#### Impacts of Renewable Generation on

#### Grid Security (2)

Renewable Generation leads to an inharmonic and unusual power flow in the Grid:

- In Germany <u>PV</u> generation is installed in the southern part of the country
- High PV power leads to bulk energy flow in DSO grid and from DSO to TSO





### **Top 10 Countries by Total Wind Capacity [MW]** 2012 to 2014 (first half)





## Wind Power Development in Germany



#### Monthly Production of Wind Energy in Germany 2006 to 2014 (1<sup>st</sup> half)



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## **Top 10 Countries by Total PV Capacity [MW]** 2011 to 2013





## **PV Development in Germany**



## Monthly Production of PV Energy in Germany

#### 2010 to 2014 (1st half)



### Wind / PV – installed capacity in Amprion grid



#### Wind Energy: Installed Capacity and Production (2013)



#### PV Energy: Installed Capacity and Production (2013)





h-Values for 2013

#### **RES Energy: Installed Capacity and Production (2013)**



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#### **RES Energy: Installed Capacity and Production (since 2011)**

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#### Wind Power Forecast Optimization (1/2)

Example: 25.05.14 forecast of 26.05.14 - total German wind

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#### Wind Power Forecast Optimization (2/2)

Example: 26.05.14 - total German wind

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Time: Thursday, 10 April 2014 (day with lowest share of renewable energy covering load)

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Time: Sunday, 11 May 2014 (day with highest share of renewable energy covering load)

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Time: Saturday, 12 April 2014 (day with lowest renewable infeed)

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Time: Monday, 14 April 2014 (day with highest renewable infeed)

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## Duration curve of load covering with Wind und PV in 2012

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# Duration curve of load covering with Wind und PV in 2013

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## Influence of Dispersed Generation on the TSO (Low infeed in **PV**)

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#### Influence of Dispersed Generation on the TSO (<u>High</u> infeed in **PV**)

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## PV-Generation ↔ Reverse Flow on Transformer 400/110 KV (measurement values Amprion)

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## Correlation Wind+PV Energy Production ↔ Control Program DE (h-values 2013)

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# Peak Load vs. Capacity of all German pump storage power plants

# Could pump storage power plants solve the problem?

Capacity of all German pump storage power plants

-oad in GW

Peak load:	85,4 GW
Pump storage capacity	y: 6,4 GW
Annual consumption:	536,8 TWh
Storage capacity:	0,037 TWh
Source: NEP 2013	

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## **RES-Infeed and impacts on thermal generation** (1/2)

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## **RES-Infeed and impacts on thermal generation** (2/2)

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#### Correlation Wind+PV Energy Production ↔ Day-ahead PX h-values since 2011

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#### Spot-Price Day Ahead vs. RES Generation since 2011

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#### RES push conventional power plants out of the market

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The shutdown of thermal generation capacity in the grid endanger system stability!

- Increasing share of renewables
  (Germany: approx. 37 GW PV and 35 GW Wind installed)
- conventional power plants become unviable because of low prices
- Steadily decreasing time of operation of conventional power plants
- just minor peak loads, thereby exposure of the profitability of energy storage

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## Cooperation of TSO and DSO: Cascade in Generation Dispatching of Renewables

In case of (n-1)- security violations in the EHV-grid due to high dispersed generation TSO and DSO collaborate to lower the infeed of renewable generation in DSOs grid. TSO initiates and DSOs operate these measures according following cascade:

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#### Challenges for DSOs

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- Prevent incorrect voltage augmentation caused by decentralized generation
- Coordination of a large amount of small generation utilities without an adequate communication network
- Handling reversed load flows

\*GL: Grid Level

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#### Responsibilities within the cascade

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#### \*SoS = Security of Supply

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What is now the influence of wind and pv generation and power trading on the grid ? **Huge Load Flows** 

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## What are the key elements of the German grid expansion?

- Connection of wind farms in the north to a powerful, regional east-west-grid
   → wind-busbar
- Integration of solar energy in the south by the use of regional grid reinforcement
  - $\rightarrow$  solar-busbar
- Connection of the buspars via HVDClines
- Depending on the existing situation north-, central- or south Germany can be supplied with power from renewable energy sources

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#### German Grid Development Plan (NEP)

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#### Optimizing of the existing corridors:

- AC- expansion: 2.800 km
- AC- reinforcement and additional lines: 1.300 km
- DC- lines: 300 km

# about 20 Billion € invest one time

Investments: approx. 20 billion €

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orf - Urberach (1x 2 GW

C-Neubau NEP 2013

#### Conclusion

#### The current Challenges for <u>Transmission System Operators</u> are:

- > Stimulation of the European Electricity Market Integration
- Integration of Renewable Energy Sources (Wind and Solar Power)
- > Changes in Generation Patterns (Shutdown of Nuclear PPs and Conventional PPs)
- Congestion Management and Management of Critical Grid Situations

#### The current and future Challenges for <u>Thermal Power Plants</u> are:

- > Permanently decreasing load utilization due to high priority infeed of RES
- Flexibility needs and growing load gradients
- Reliable and flexible thermal generation capacity is essential for security of supply and stability of the transmission grid

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The "Energiewende" consists of many components – To achieve this goal all parties need to work together

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## Thank you for your attention.