

# Future City: Powering Our Future Educator Workshop

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## Powering Our Future

- Your Challenges
- Research Questions
- Today's Electrical Grids
  1. **USAGES**
    - ❖ Customers/Users: Industrial, Commercial, Residential types)
    - ❖ Usage patterns: day, month, season
    - ❖ Electrical safety,
    - ❖ Critical systems that rely on electricity
    - ❖ Electric grid blackouts, power outages and consequences
  2. **GENERATION**
  3. **TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION**
  4. **MONITORING**
  5. **STORAGE**

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- Today's Electrical Grids
  1. USAGES
  2. GENERATION
    - ❖ Bulk Generation (conventional): Hydroelectric generation, Fossil Fuel, Natural gas, Nuclear power
    - ❖ Power Plants Locations
    - ❖ Environmental Impacts
    - ❖ **Advances and Innovation on Non-Bulk Generation** (distributed energy resources): wind, solar, microgrids, electric or hybrid vehicles, geothermal, wasted heat, Energy storages
    - ❖ **Smart Grid Technologies:** Digital, Computer, Control and Information Technology; and Energy Management Systems
    - ❖ **Microgrids?** Advantages, Disadvantages
      - ❖ <https://smartgrid.ieee.org/resources/news/906-the-power-of-microgrids>

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YouTube Videos (Electric Power Generation, Transmission & Distribution)

\*\* Animation Videos from Tennessee Valley Authority: [How Hydroelectric Power works](#), [How a Pumped-Storage Plants Work](#),

\*\* [How a Coal Power Station Works](#), [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SeXG8K5\\_UvU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SeXG8K5_UvU)

\*\* I&M Power Company, <https://www.indianamichiganpower.com/info/educational/>

\*\* [Fundamentals of Electricity: I&M \(Generation, Delivery, Rates & Calculations, Basics, Safety, Circuit\)](#):

\*\* The Anatomy of an Electric System, 23 minute video, <https://www.indianamichiganpower.com/safety/HowElectricityWorks/Anatomy.aspx>

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- **Microgrid?** Advantages, Disadvantages
  - ❖ Utility and other Energy Company Business Case Issues Related to Microgrids and Distributed Generation (DG), Especially Rooftop Photovoltaics, [https://smartgrid.ieee.org/images/files/pdf/IEEE\\_QER\\_Microgrids\\_October\\_3\\_2014.pdf](https://smartgrid.ieee.org/images/files/pdf/IEEE_QER_Microgrids_October_3_2014.pdf)
  - ❖ Microgrid Definition:
    - ❖ “A Microgrid is a group of interconnected loads and distributed energy resources within clearly defined electrical boundaries that acts as a single controllable entity with respect the grid.”
    - ❖ “A microgrid can connect from the grid to enable it to operate in both grid-connected or island mode.”
  - ❖ The Power of Microgrids, 2016, Webinars, <https://smartgrid.ieee.org/resources/news/906-the-power-of-microgrids>

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1. USAGES
2. GENERATION
3. **TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION** (Delivery Infrastructure)
  - ❖ Transmission & Distribution Wire:
    - ❖ Placement options
    - ❖ System Protection
  - ❖ Geographic challenges to transmission & distribution
  - ❖ Transmission & Distribution systems' vulnerability: natural disasters
4. MONITORING
5. STORAGE

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1. USAGES
2. GENERATION
3. TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION (Delivery Infrastructure)
4. **MONITORING**
  - ❖ Smart Grid? How does it affect monitoring and electricity delivery?
  - ❖ Grid operators: how to make sure the grid operating properly?
  - ❖ How is the electricity supply controlled?
  - ❖ How are transmission and distribution controlled?
  - ❖ What aspects of an electric grid can't be controlled by technology
5. STORAGE

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1. USAGES
2. GENERATION
3. TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION
4. MONITORING
5. **STORAGE**
  - ❖ Why don't cities store electricity?
  - ❖ How can electricity be stored with existing technology?
  - ❖ What are cutting-edge idea in energy storage?

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### U.S. Smart Grid Development References

- **Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007,**  
<https://www.congress.gov/bill/110th-congress/house-bill/6>
  - “... Title XIII: .. to support the modernization of the Nation’s electricity system to maintain a reliable and secure infrastructure that can meet future load growth and achieve the characteristics of a smart-grid. ..”
  - Involved government agencies: Dept. of Energy (DOE), Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security, U.S. Environmental Protection Agencies (EPA), etc
- **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009,**  
<https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/house-bill/1/text>

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### U.S. Smart Grid Development References

- **Smart Grid System Report, U.S. Department of Energy, July 2009**
  - Smart Grid Definitions: “A Smart Grid uses digital technology to improve reliability, surety and efficiency of the electric system.”
  - Scope of Smart-Grid Concerns:
    - Transmission Automation
    - System Coordination Situation Assessment
    - Distribution Automation
    - System Operators
    - Renewable Integration
    - Energy Efficiency
    - Demand Participation Signals & Options
    - Distributed Generation & Storage
    - Smart Appliances PHEVs and Storage

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  - Smart Grid Definitions
  - Scope of Smart-Grid Concerns:
  - Modern Grid Initiative's characteristics
    - a) Self-Heals
    - b) Resist Attack
  - Smart Grid's Characteristics
    - 1) Enabling informed participation by customers
    - 2) Accommodating all generation and storage options
    - 3) Enabling new products, services, and markets
    - 4) Providing the power quality for the range of needs
    - 5) Optimizing asset utilization and operating efficiency
    - Operating resiliently: disturbances, attack, and natural disasters

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- Smart Grid System Report, U.S. Department of Energy, July 2009
  - Scope of Smart-Grid Concerns (page 2):



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  - Smart Grid Definitions
  - Scope of Smart-Grid Concerns:
  - Modern Grid Initiative's characteristics
  - Smart Grid's Characteristics
  - Stakeholder Landscape
    - Gen/Load Wholesalers
    - Wholesale Market Operators
    - Transmission Providers
    - Reliability Coordination
    - Reliability Coordinators
    - Distribution Providers
    - Energy Service Retailers
    - End Users: industrial, Commercial, Residential

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## A Natural Disaster that is Relevant

- What are the immediate and long-term effect of natural disasters?
- How can natural disasters affect a city's electrical grids?
- In what ways can an electric grid be protected against natural disasters?
- How can a city be prepared to repair its grid quickly after a natural disaster?
- What innovations for grids are being tested or implemented to improved resiliency?
- What role does **engineering and technology** play in making an electrical grid more resilient?

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Conclusion

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