Smart Wind for the Smart Grid

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GE's Installed Wind Fleet

USA (12,081 units/18,124 MW) Canada (936 units/1,411 MW)

Europe +Turkey -

16 Countries (3,055 units/5,094 MW)



China (747 units/1,121 MW) Japan (290 units/478 MW)



17,000+ WTGs, 27GW+ installed ... 22

countries

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GE global research footprint 5 global research centers





Niskayuna, New York Mui

Munich, Germany



Shanghai, China



Bangalore, India

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



Highlights

- 2,600 research employees (nearly 1,000 PhDs)
- 27,000 GE technologists worldwide
- \$5.7B technology spend
- 700+ renewable energy patents filed since 2002

Global research driving advanced technology solutions



Component Test Lab – Greenville,





- Test equipment utilizes real wind turbine field data
- Validates robust design
- Expertise from Thermal heritage

Gold standard lab test facility





Basic Physics of Wind Resource

Power = f (Air density * Velocity ^ 3 * Radius^2)

Advanced Loads Control (ALC)

ALC is a load mitigation strategy

 Optimizes turbine performance and energy capture by pitching each blade individually Measures and calculates the effects of the wind throughout the blade rotation.



Where Used

- 2.75-100 & 103 1.6-82.5
- 2.5-100 & 103 1.5-77



Customer Benefit

- Increases energy capture to provide more revenue generation.
 - Higher capacity factor and AEP
 - Optimizes land utilization for turbine siting
 - Increases performance envelope by extending cutout speed from 20m/s to 25 m/s

How it works

- Sensors enable improved machine control.
- Sensors allow the control system to adjust generator torque and speed more accurately for fatigue reduction.
- ALC allows individual blade pitching by sensing main shaft deflection



Wind Farm Basic Layout

- Wind turbine generators
- Pad mounted transformers
- Power cables, control circuits, protection, and SCADA
- Substation transformer
- Point of interconnection



"Grid Friendly" wind power plant

Address reliability concerns

Industry leading ride-through technology WindRIDE-THRU[™] since 2005

Improve grid operability & security

200+ WindCONTROL[™] installs, 8,500 turbines

Voltage and Megawatt control

Enable high levels of wind penetration

WindINERTIA[™] – new grid feature by GE



Simulated System Response Following a Trip of a Large Generator



Controls technology driving grid

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Benefits of GE grid integration technology

- Enabling wind farms to behave like conventional power plants
- GE Energy Consulting ... recognized leader in grid integration studies and solutions
- Building on power electronics and controls technology utilized across thermal, nuclear, steam, IGCC, aero-derivatives, and renewable energy
- Integrated into turbine design and operation...not "bolt on" to meet grid requirements
- Continued investment to solve grid needs ... at turbine, at plant, across windplants

Building on a 100+ year history of power plant integration

