

**Ontario Centers of Excellence  
Distributed Energy Storage  
Challenges & Opportunities  
Toronto, Ontario Canada**

# **Ontario Utilities Essential to DES Adoption**

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# About Hydro One

## Transmission

### Ontario Coverage – 97%

52 Large Utilities

113 Large Direct Customers

26 USA/Canada Interconnections

### Assets (500/230/115 KV)

Overhead - 28,600 ckt-km ;

Underground cables - 272 ckt-km

Stations - 275

## Peak Demand – 25,000 MW

## Distribution

### Ontario Coverage - 75%

40 Small (embedded) Utilities

### Assets (44/ 27.6/ 13.8/ 8/ 4 kv)

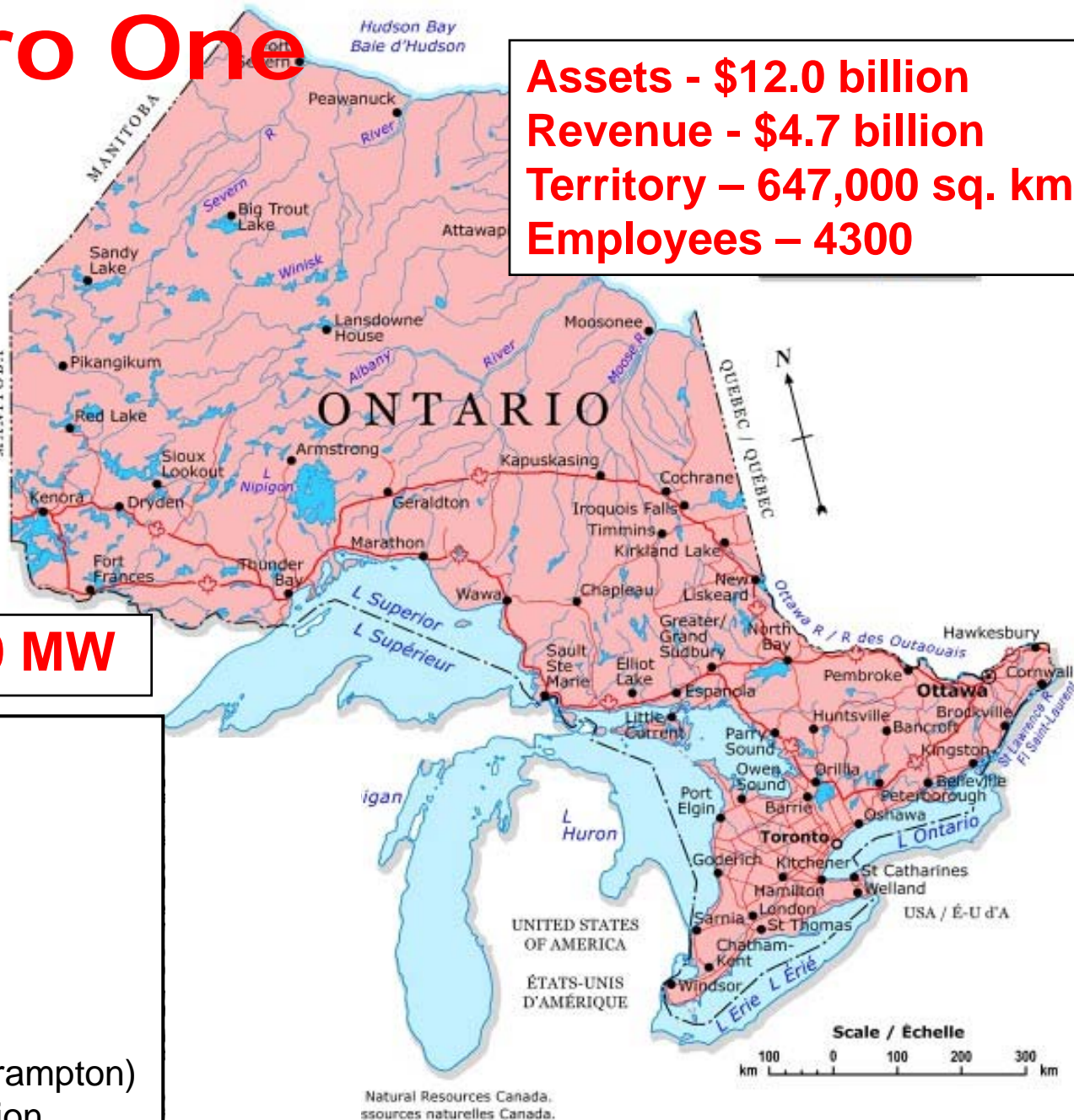
Overhead - 123,000 ckt-km

MV Stations: 1035;

LV Transformers – 520,000

Urban load customers – 280,000 (Brampton)

Non-urban load customers - 1.2 million



**Assets - \$12.0 billion**  
**Revenue - \$4.7 billion**  
**Territory – 647,000 sq. km**  
**Employees – 4300**

# Potential Values of DES

- **Real-time Control**
  - MW/MVAR, Volt-VAR
  - Load – Generation Balance
- **Defer T&D Capital**
  - Stations, Feeders, Community
  - Higher Asset Utilization
- **Integrate Renewables**
  - Smoothing, Absorb “Spills”, Time Shifting
  - Firming – R.E. Unit commitment
- **Energy Arbitrage**
  - Ancillary Services
  - Congestion Relief

# Storage Technologies

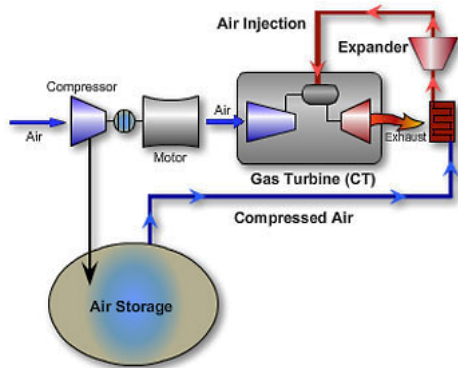
## Liquid Air

10MW / 100MWh



## Flywheel

5MW / 500KWh



## Thermal

Ice; Water; Geo;  
Absorption  
Chiller

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300KW/1.1 MWh ; 1MW/2MWh  
25KW / 100KWh

## Above Gr. CAES

10MW / 40MWh

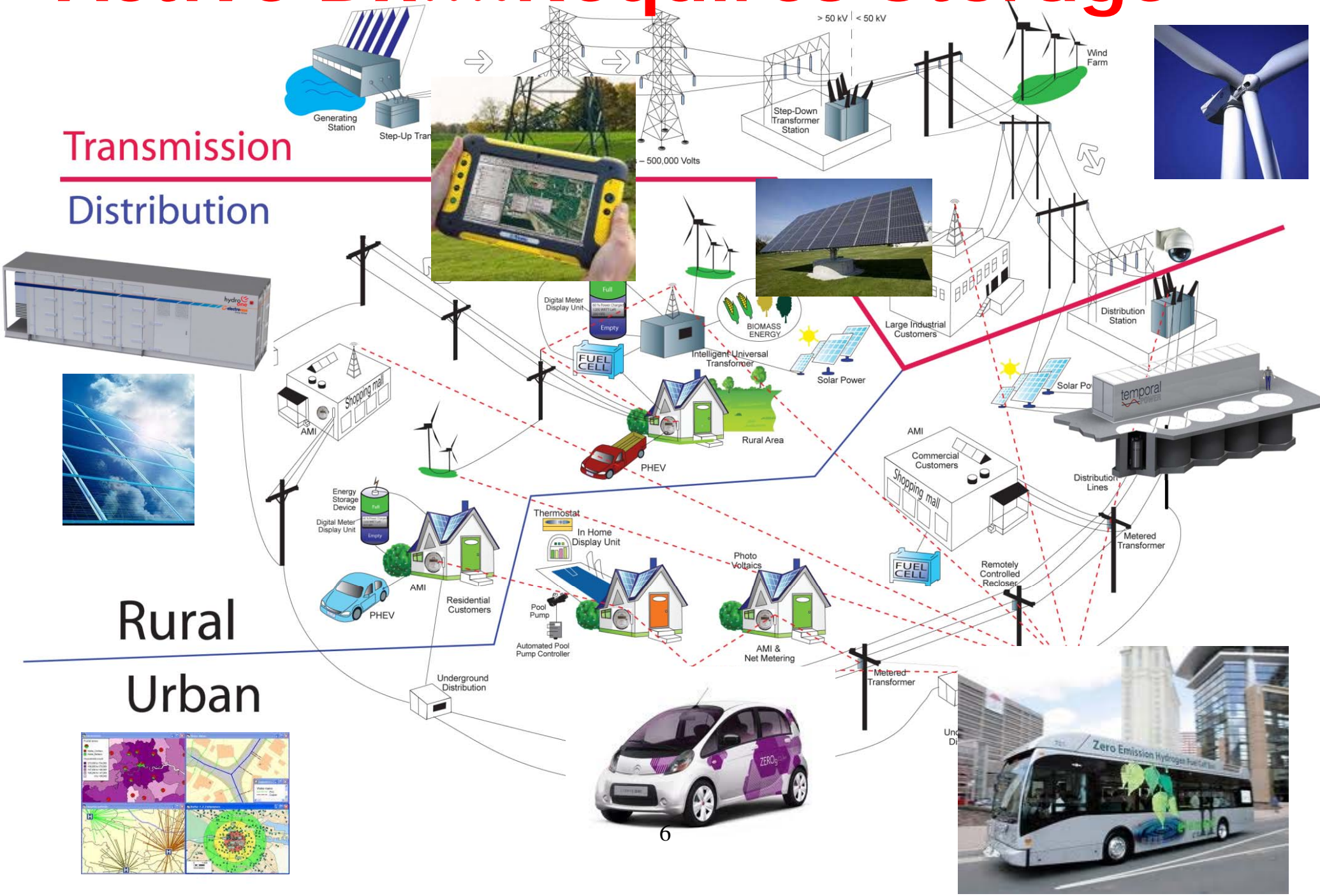
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# Active Dx....Requires Storage

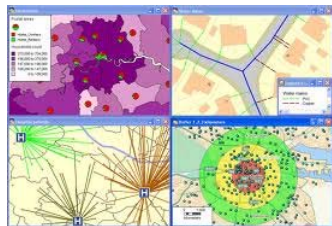
Transmission

Distribution



Rural

Urban

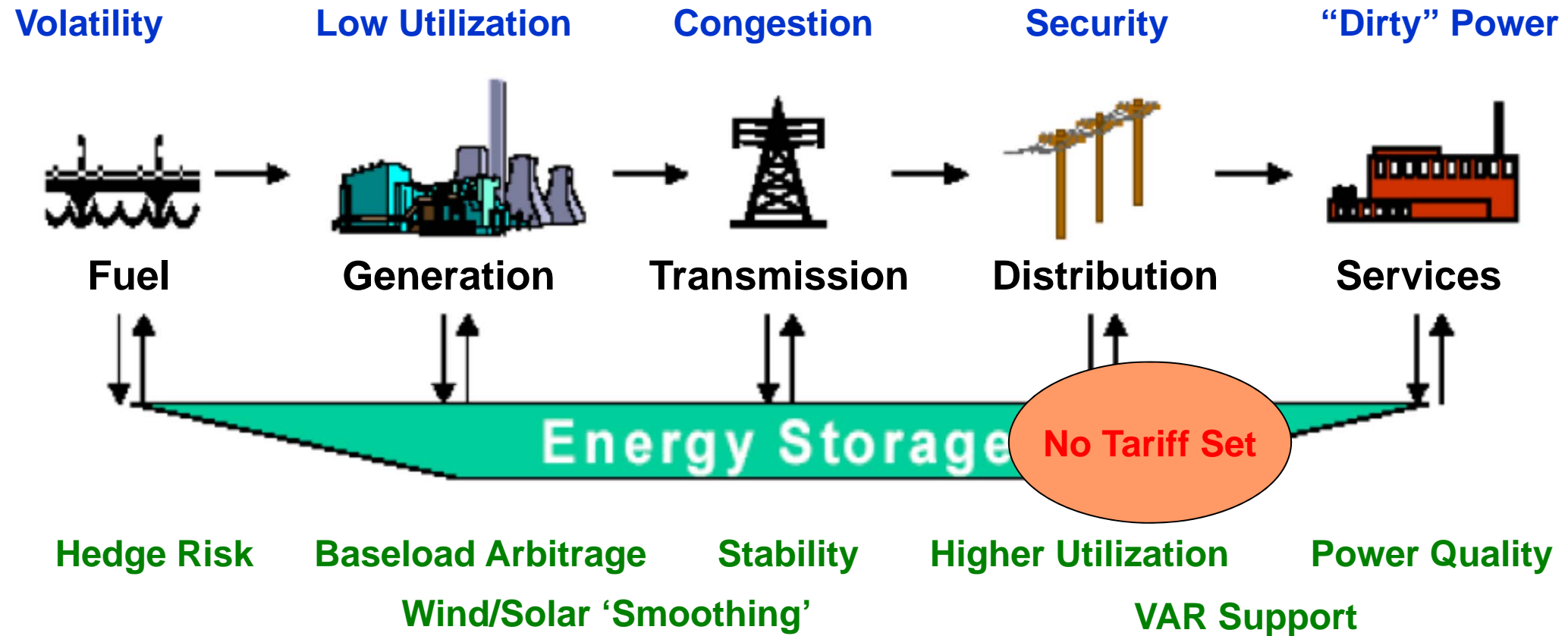


# Value Attributes

Single Asset: Multiple Values/Functions – Across Verticals

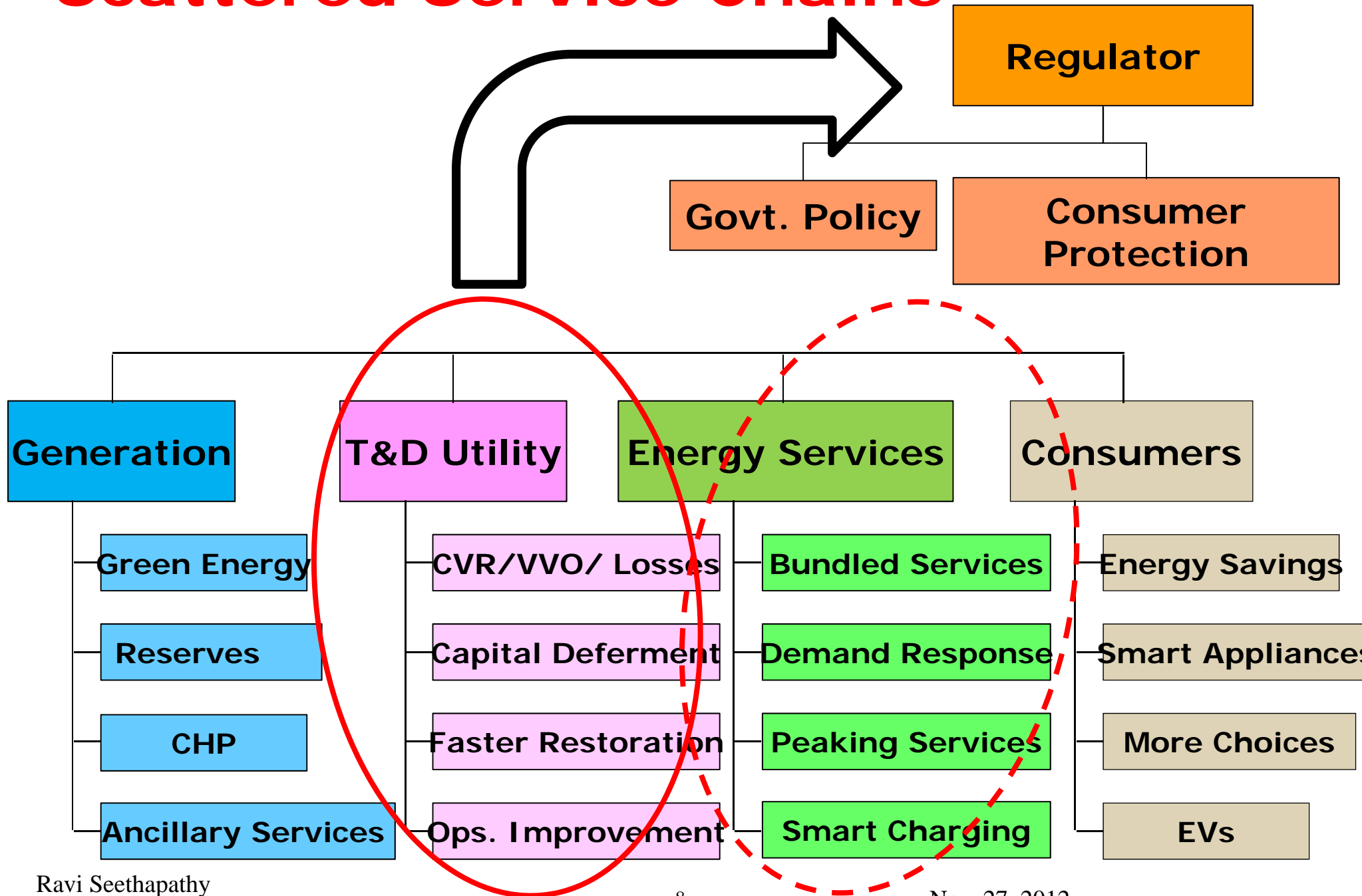
## Electricity System Challenges

Ontario LDCs  
can own  
up to 10 MW



## Energy Storage Value Offerings

# Scattered Service Chains

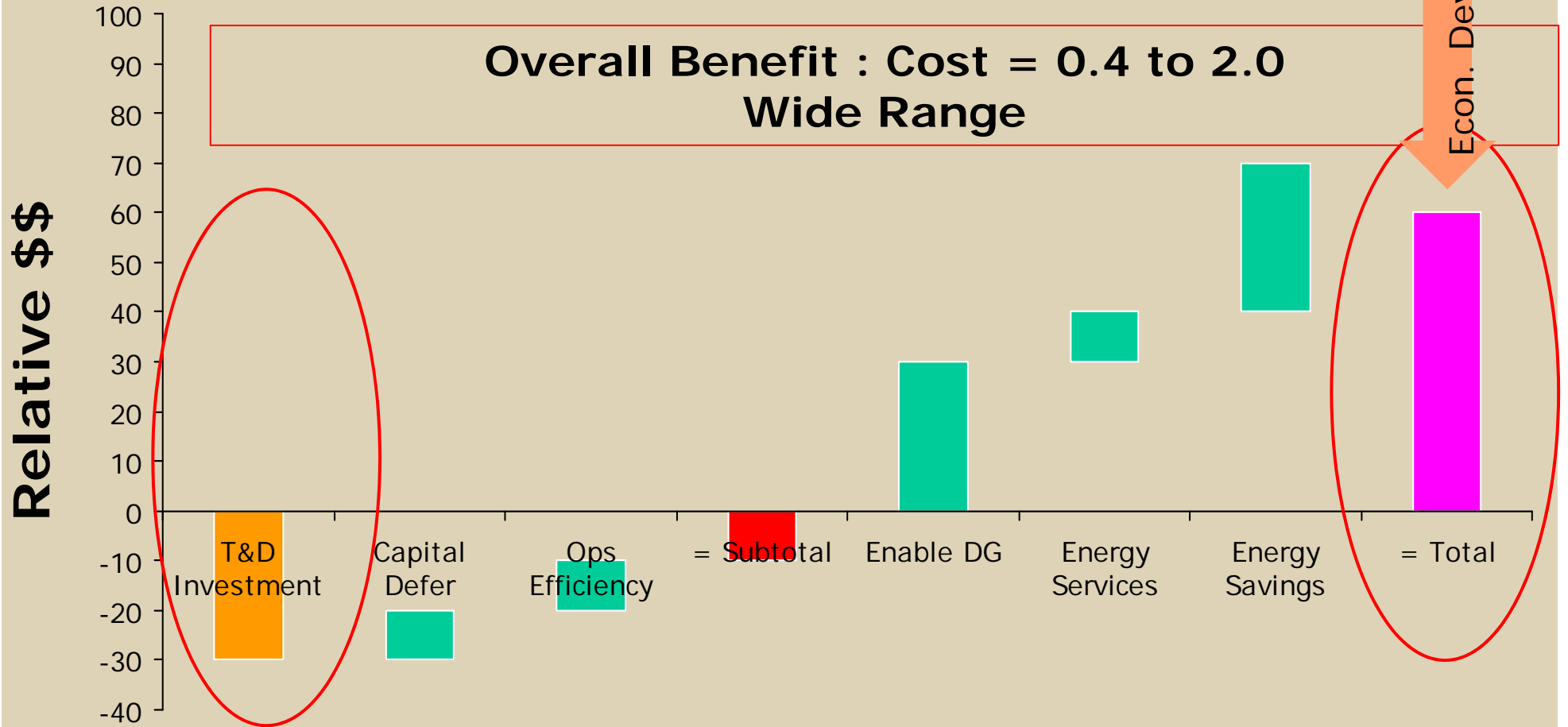




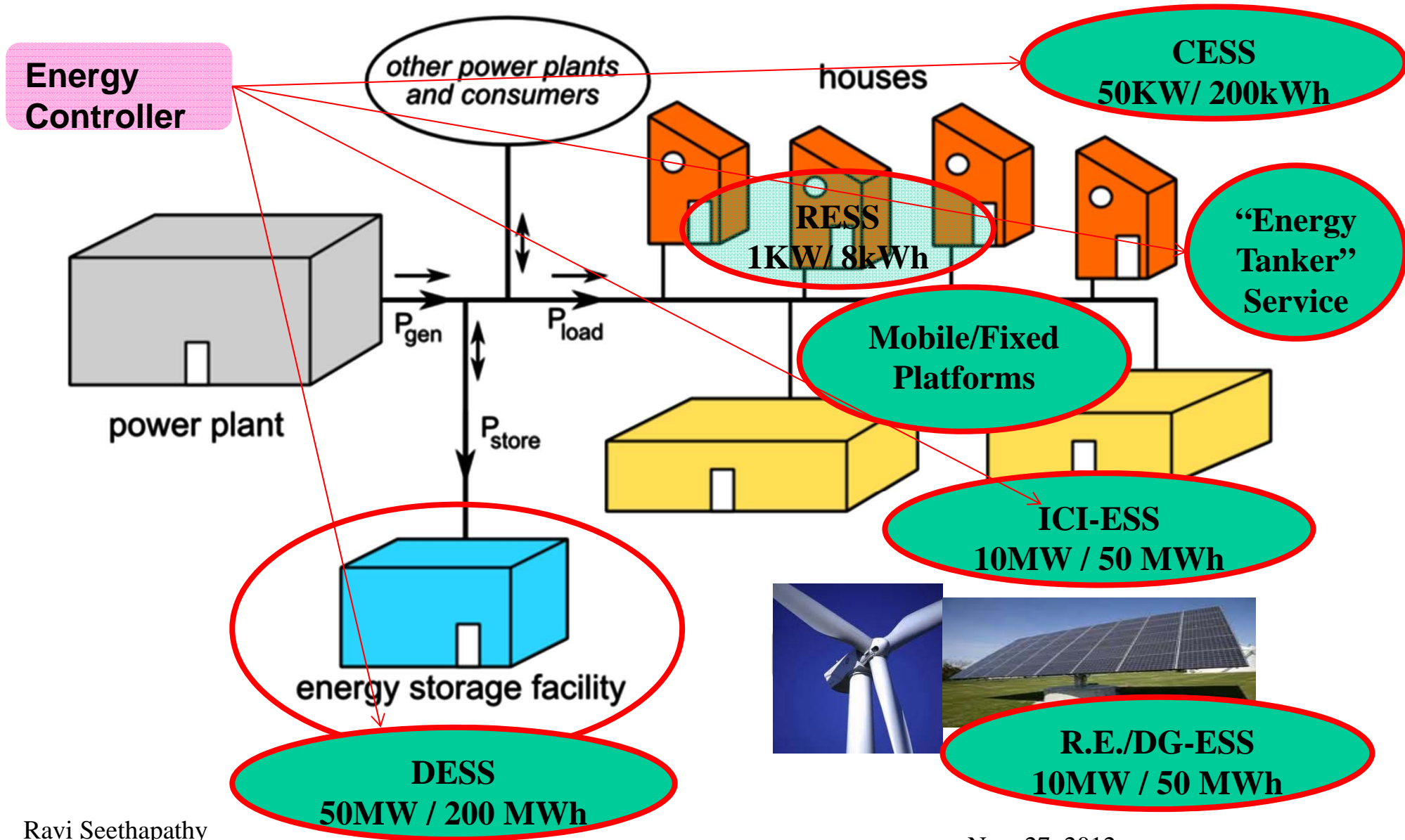
# Scattered Benefits

## Distribution of Benefits

Overall Benefit : Cost = 0.4 to 2.0  
Wide Range



# Distributed Energy Storage: A Blueprint



# Hydro One's Efforts To date

- **Pilot Demonstrations/Partnerships**
  - Flywheel and Li-Ion Battery Demo (under build)
  - LAES and CAES technology assessment (under way)
  - LAES and CAES Demo (need more \$\$ partners)
- **Specifications and Testing Requirements**
  - Generic Li-ION Battery Specs. (EPRI)
  - FAT and Commissioning test protocols (EPRI)
- **Studies**
  - Ice-Bear (OPA, RU)
  - Energy Storage in Microgrids (BCIT, UWO)
  - Wind/Solar - Smoothing, Ramp Control, Predictions
  - Electric Mobility Mapping (Pollution Probe, RU)
  - Geothermal Mapping (TAF, RU)

# DES Adoption Challenges

- **Cost**
  - High Cost of DES
- **Technology**
  - Evolving
  - Not enough large scale pilots to gather experience
  - Need for standardized Specs/Requirements
- **Value for Integrating Renewables**
  - Smoothing, Absorb "Spills", Time Shifting
  - Firming – R.E. Unit commitment
- **Energy Services**
  - Congestion Relief
  - Peak Shaving
  - Emergency Backup



# Paths Forward for Ontario.....

- **Regulator and Utilities**

- How can innovation be effectively “regulated”
- Acceptable risk in R&D investments
- Foundational vs. Scaled investments
- Incentivize “pooling” of R&D capital?

- **Policy**

- Adopt Portfolio Standards
- Drive Standards
- Focused Fed./Prov. R&D

- **Industry**

- Reduce cost of technology
- Behind the Meter applications (solar, wind, load)
- Firming Renewables



**Ontario Utilities  
Will need to stay involved  
and  
Be a catalyst**

**THANK YOU**

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