

# The Slow Pace of Fast Change Imagining the Futures of Energy Systems

- Garry Golden





# RegulatorDisruptorPublic UtilityVendorFuturist



# **Foresight 101: Four Futures Thinking**





# **Being Able to Describe Our Four Futures**



ContinuedDisciplinedTransformedDeclineGrowthConstrainedCollapse





	()	7		
		<b>(0</b> )	8	-00
8		<u></u>	<u>a</u>	<b>%</b> (
2			Ø	

Surfacing Uncertainties Imagining Transitions

Next Steps End



# Foresight Helps Us Anticipate & Lead Change





# **10 Years: Uncertainties in Fuel Dynamics**

Figure MT-46. U.S. dry natural gas production by source in the Reference case, 1990–2040

trillion cubic feet



EIA\_AEO 2016

eia

# 10 Years: Uncertainties in Policy (2020 – 2030)







**Annual U.S. Solar Installations** 



**10 Years: Uncertainties in Players, Partners & Business Models** 

# TESLE amazon Alphabet

**Oil Giant Shell Wants to Sell You Electricity** 

Big Oil pivots to electricity, Total leads the way

Microsoft Is Getting Hungry for Fuel Cells

By **Anna Hirtenstein** October 31, 2017, 1:00 AM EDT Amazon and Google Are Plotting to Power Your Home

Amazon acquires right to buy stake in fuel cell maker Plug Power

### Amazon Invests \$700M in Rivian Electric Trucks, SUVs | ENS

Amazon wants to help make it easier to lower your power bill



**10 Years: Uncertainties in Technology Deployment (2020 – 2030)** Coal comeback? Cleaner Natgas?

Transforming Generation Asset Utilization & Longevity?



# 10 Years: Uncertainties of Radical Ideas (2020 – 2030)



# Public Utilities as Thought Leaders: Starting conversations on themes we do not yet understand





# **Imagining the Futures of Energy Systems**





Data-Driven Innovations Spectrum of 'Electric' Vehicles

(Not so) Radical Scenario: Grid + Grid Convergence



# Hype vs Hope: Data Driven Innovations



È

 $\overline{\bigcirc}$ 

ß

17

<u>د</u>

£@}

-`@́



#### Gartner Hype Cycle for Emerging Technologies, 2017



Plateau will be reached in 5 to 10 years

*<i>iii itransition* 

Comscore: U.S. smart speaker penetration reached 20% of households with WiFi. A 50% increase over the previous quarter, representing 18.7 million homes. (Q2, 2018)

# Preparing a People Strategy for this Data-Driven Future





# **Imagining the Futures of Energy Systems**





Data-Driven Innovations Spectrum of 'Electric' Vehicles

(Not so) Radical Scenario: Grid + Grid Convergence



Figure 2. Projected PEV share of total light-duty vehicle sales



Projected US and global PEV market share through 2040

# The IEA's Reference Technology Scenario (RTS), projecting 56 million electric cars in circulation by 2030, reflects projections that respond to policies on energy efficiency, energy diversification, air quality, and de-carbonization that have been announced or are under consideration. The IEA's 2DS scenario, projecting 160 million EVs in circulation by 2030, occurs in a context consistent with a 50% probability to limit the expected global average temperature increase to 2°C. We estimated annual sales required to meet IEA's EV stock projections for 2030 and then calculated the EV share of sales as a percent of total light-duty vehicle sales projected by Bloomberg New Energy Finance for 2030.

Source: Deloitte analysis.

#### ACONNECTIONS SUMMIT

**Forecast** 

**Uncertainties** 

# 'Electrification' Race is a Marathon not a Sprint



Thinking Beyond Passenger Vehicles:

Rail Marine Trucking Aviation/UAVs

Autonomous Last Mile / Micro Transit Robotics



# 'Electrification' Debate: BEVs, FCEVs or Both



More than three-quarters of executives (78% Global; 82% China; 85% U.S.) say fuel-cell electric mobility will be the real break-through for electric mobility.

... Elon Says Game-Over Batteries Won! KPMG

... but Industry (and China) betting on integration & fuel-based EVs

# **BEVs 'Have Won' vs Limitations of All Electric Pathway**

Battery pack = 400 miles Daily Need = 40 miles







Fleet Uptime & Recharging for Urban Markets

#### 'Duck Curve' to 'Dragon Curve'



Full Costs of Grid Management

# **Total Grid Management Costs 'Duck Curve' to 'Dragon Curve'**

Figure 2: The duck curve shows steep ramping needs and overgeneration risk



**'Duck Curve'** 

# **'Dragon Curve'**



24

# Planning for BEVs Fleet / Workplace Charging Networks Business Models + Rate Design Policies for Controlled Charging

□ Incentive Models





Source: Alternative Fuels Data Center, US Department of Energy, January 2019

# The Case for Fuel Cell + Battery Integration

- Long-term Cost Curve (kW)
   Battery \$80-100 kW (at volume)
   Fuel Cells \$20-30 kW (at volume)
- Total Cost of Ownership plus
   Total Cost of System Management
- Lower Infrastructure Costs at Scale (Julich Study, 2017)
- Market Incentives for Existing Incumbents



# **Caveat: We Could See Global (China) Push for Fuel-based EVs**

POWERTRAIN APPLICATION MAP – MEETING CUSTOMER NEEDS No Single Silver Bullet Exists



# **Caveat: We Could See Global (China) Push for Fuel-based EVs**





NIKOLA/ONE<sup>®</sup> Trucking

POWERCELL	
BOSCH	



Maritime



**Hydrail** 





Ultra Electronics USSI



#### **Aviation / UAVs**



# BEV Infrastructure – 2020 – 2030 *Necessary and Not Sufficient* Preparing for Bifurcated 'Electric' Vehicle Market



BEVs 18.7 million (2030) 9.6 million charge ports



# **Imagining the Futures of Energy Systems**





Spectrum of 'Electric' Vehicles (Not so) Radical Scenario: Grid + Grid Convergence



# Should we be talking about Grid + Grid Coupling?





# **Two Scenarios: Electrification vs Decarbonization**

# 'Electrification' Pathway



# **Molecules-led Pathway**





# **Renewables**

Battery Storage & V2G Integration

# Decarbonization

Scale & Versatility

# Incumbents PtG Pathway for Oil & Gas

# Electrification: Battery Storage, Capacity Markets & 'Virtual Power Plant'

# First US wind-solar-storage site unveiled

14 February 2019 by David Weston

US developer NextEra and utility Portland General Electric will build a 380MW wind-solar-storage hybrid project in eastern Oregon, north-west US.

#### Sunrun Wins Big in New England Capacity Auction With Home Solar and Batteries

The 20-megawatt contract is small by power plant standards, but marks a crucial proof point for the theory that clean, decentralized energy devices can deliver reliable power to the grid.

# NV energy plan to add 100 MW storage, 1 GW renewables gets PUC approval

# Why HECO Drew Such Low Solar-Plus-Storage Prices

📩 January 14, 2019 By Peter Maloney 🛛 🛔

# **Electrification: Testing Viability of Vehicle to Grid (V2G)**



![](_page_32_Picture_2.jpeg)

# V2G Vision = EVs as Dispatchable Energy

Austin Sustainable and Holistic Integration of Energy Storage and Solar Photovoltaics (SHINES)

![](_page_33_Picture_0.jpeg)

# Limitations of 'Electrification' Policies

![](_page_33_Figure_2.jpeg)

# **Molecules-led Pathway**

# 2020 - 2030

# Rethinking Role of Molecules: Distributed Energy Resources

# Distributed & Direct Use of Natural Gas, Propane and Biogas MicroCHP Fuel Cells

![](_page_35_Picture_1.jpeg)

![](_page_35_Picture_2.jpeg)

![](_page_35_Picture_3.jpeg)

![](_page_35_Picture_4.jpeg)

100-home pilot program

# Bluegen

EU Passes 1,000 Installs; US Dealerships Factory Investments (20K/yr) Sunfire THE POWER PLANT FOR YOUR HOME

# **Customers Discover Fuel Cells in RVs & Construction Sites**

![](_page_36_Picture_1.jpeg)

![](_page_36_Picture_2.jpeg)

### Propane-fed RV & #Vanlife Generators

![](_page_36_Picture_4.jpeg)

![](_page_36_Picture_5.jpeg)

# **Construction Site Diesel Generator Alternatives**

# **Utilities Sector Debates: Gas vs Power? Gas + Power?**

2020 - 2040 How might we navigate a DER Scenario that integrates public power + gas solutions for an era of energy appliances (MicroCHP) and utility-scale alternatives?

![](_page_37_Picture_2.jpeg)

#### **Power Parks** 63 MW Beacon Falls

![](_page_37_Picture_4.jpeg)

![](_page_37_Picture_5.jpeg)

# Energy Storage – Beyond Batteries & Pumped Hydro The Case for PtG: Hydrogen and 'Renewable Gas'

![](_page_38_Figure_1.jpeg)

CONNECTIONS SUMMIT

# Power to Gas (PtG) Value Creation via Scale & Versatility

![](_page_39_Figure_1.jpeg)

A Sempra Energy utility The National Fuel Cell Research Center's Research and Development on "Power-to-Gas"

#### 41

# Current State Power to Gas Plans

![](_page_40_Picture_2.jpeg)

![](_page_40_Picture_3.jpeg)

# **Public Power Explores Integration Upside of PtG**

Scenario: Public Power + Public Gas
Grid Management + Balancing
Scaling Renewables (Duck Curves; Seasonal Storage; Curtailment)
Storage (Volume/Duration)
Decarbonize Heat, Broad Transportation & Industries
Regional Renewable/Bio Gas

![](_page_41_Picture_2.jpeg)

![](_page_42_Picture_0.jpeg)

# **Step # 1: Create a Sense of Urgency to Unlearn Old Ways**

On the Plateau 'Managing the Decline'

Incumbent mindset

Incremental
 Improvement

•<u>F</u>ear, <u>U</u>ncertainty, <u>D</u>oubt & <u>D</u>enial Big Bets, Small Steps

Entrepreneurial mindset

• Prototyping Transformative Change

• Failing Forward

# Step # 2: Pulse Check on Emerging Trends vs Organization Readiness

![](_page_44_Figure_1.jpeg)

# Step # 3: Create a Culture of T-Shaped Individuals & Teams

### Broad set of Skill Sets & Mindsets

![](_page_45_Figure_2.jpeg)

# Step # 3: Create a Culture of T-Shaped Individuals & Teams

#### Broad set of Skill Sets & Mindsets

What are T-Shaped Skill sets & mindsets do we need..?

- Service/Experience Design
- Data Science
- Design Thinking
- Visual Communication
- Ethnography
- Artificial Intelligence
- IoT / Blockchain

- n Leadership
  - Values / Ethics
  - Storytelling
  - Entrepreneurship
  - Behavioral Economics
  - Sociology / Demographics
  - Foresight

Depth of Subject Expertise

![](_page_47_Picture_0.jpeg)

The energy behind public power

Thank You!! Garry Golden (Two Rs) garrygolden@gmail.com

PDF & Resources: garrygolden.com/Feb22