



Natural Resources  
Canada

Ressources naturelles  
Canada

# Microgrid in Canada 2017

*Alexandre Prieur, Smart Grid Project Leader*  
*International Symposium on Microgrid*  
*Newcastle, November 2017*

**CanmetENERGY**

*Leadership in ecoInnovation*



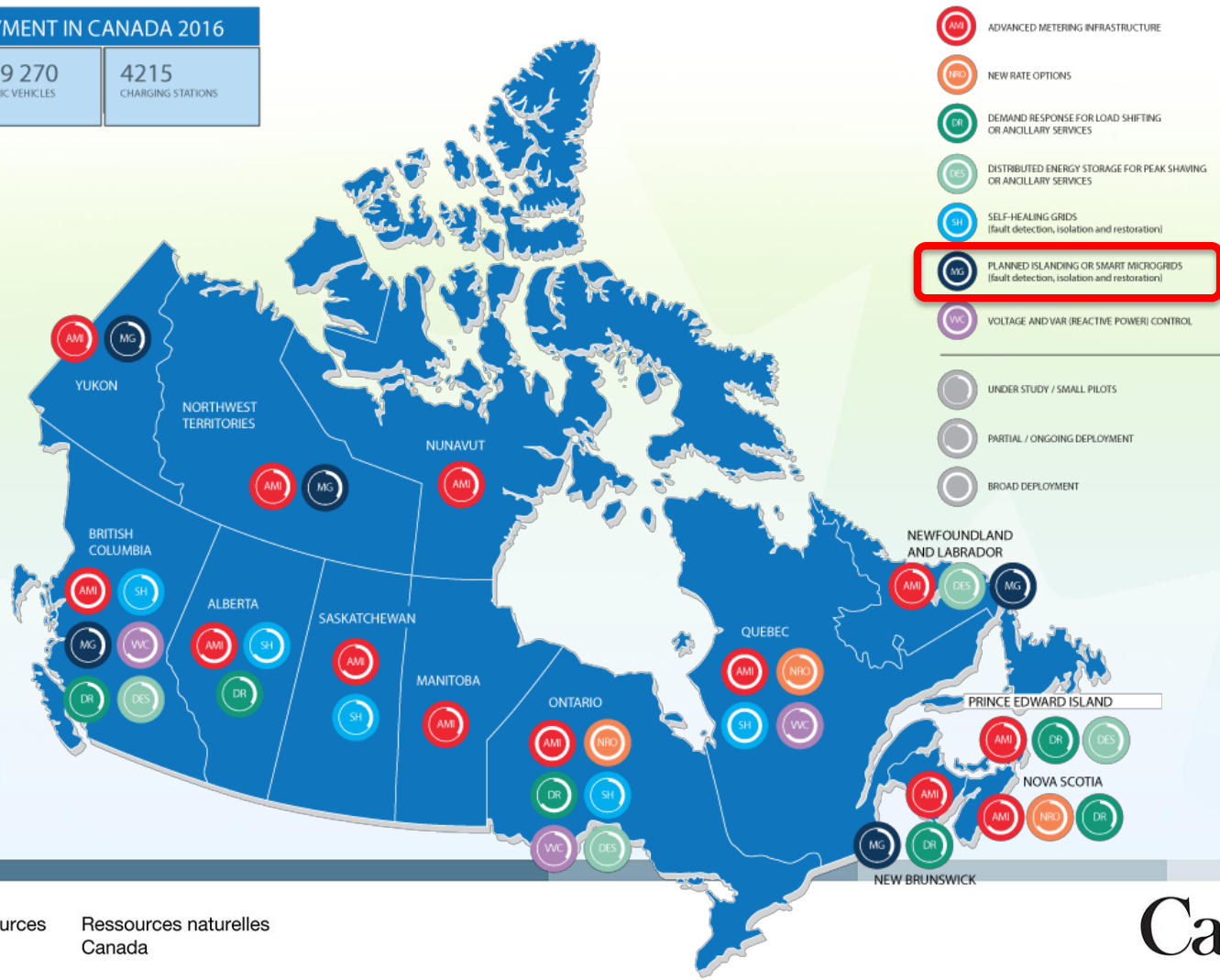
Canada

# SMART GRID DEPLOYMENT IN CANADA 2016

79%  
OF METERS ARE  
SMART METERS

> 29 270  
ELECTRIC VEHICLES

4215  
CHARGING STATIONS



Natural Resources  
Canada

Ressources naturelles  
Canada

Canada

# PUBLICLY FUNDED SMART GRID DEMONSTRATIONS AND PILOTS IN CANADA

**\$694M**

TOTAL PROJECT VALUE

**102**

PROJECTS

**54**

COMPANIES

**15**

UTILITIES

**2**

INSTITUTIONS

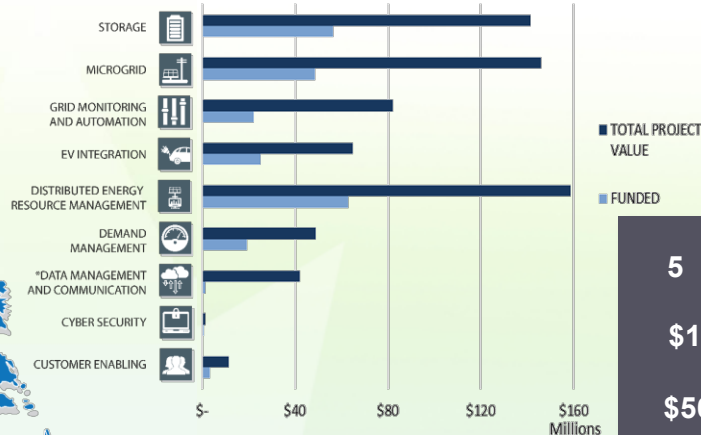
**1**

FIRST NATIONS

**\$240M**

PUBLICLY INVESTED

## SMART GRID PROJECT VALUE BY TECHNOLOGY AREA 2003-2017



**5** New **microgrid** demo projects since 2015

**\$17 M** Invested since 2015, representing

**\$56 M** In project value

**19** New projects announced in the last 2 years, with more currently in contract negotiations

**\$32 M** Invested in the last 2 years, representing

**\$99 M** In project value



© Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada, as represented by the Minister of Natural Resources, 2017



Natural Resources  
Canada

Ressources naturelles  
Canada

Canada

# Mission Innovation Challenges - Microgrid

Innovation Challenges are global calls to action aimed at accelerating research, development, and demonstration (RD&D) in technology areas where MI members believe increased international attention would make a significant impact in our shared fight against climate change. *The Innovation Challenges cover the entire spectrum of RD&D; from early stage research needs assessments to technology demonstration projects.*

1. **Smart Grid Innovation Challenge** - to enable future grids that are powered by affordable, reliable, decentralised for everyone renewable electricity systems.
2. **Off-Grid Access to electricity Innovation Challenge** - to develop systems that enable off-grid households and communities to access affordable and reliable renewable electricity.
3. **Carbon Capture Innovation Challenge** - to enable near-zero CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from power plants and carbon intensive industries.
4. **Sustainable Biofuels Innovation Challenge** - to develop ways to produce, at scale, widely affordable, advanced biofuels for transportation and industrial applications.
5. **Converting Sunlight Innovation Challenge** - to discover affordable ways to convert sunlight into storable solar fuels.
6. **Clean Energy Materials Innovation Challenge** - to accelerate the exploration, discovery, and use of new high-performance, low-cost clean energy materials.
7. **Affordable Heating and Cooling of Buildings Innovation Challenge** - to make low-carbon heating and cooling affordable.



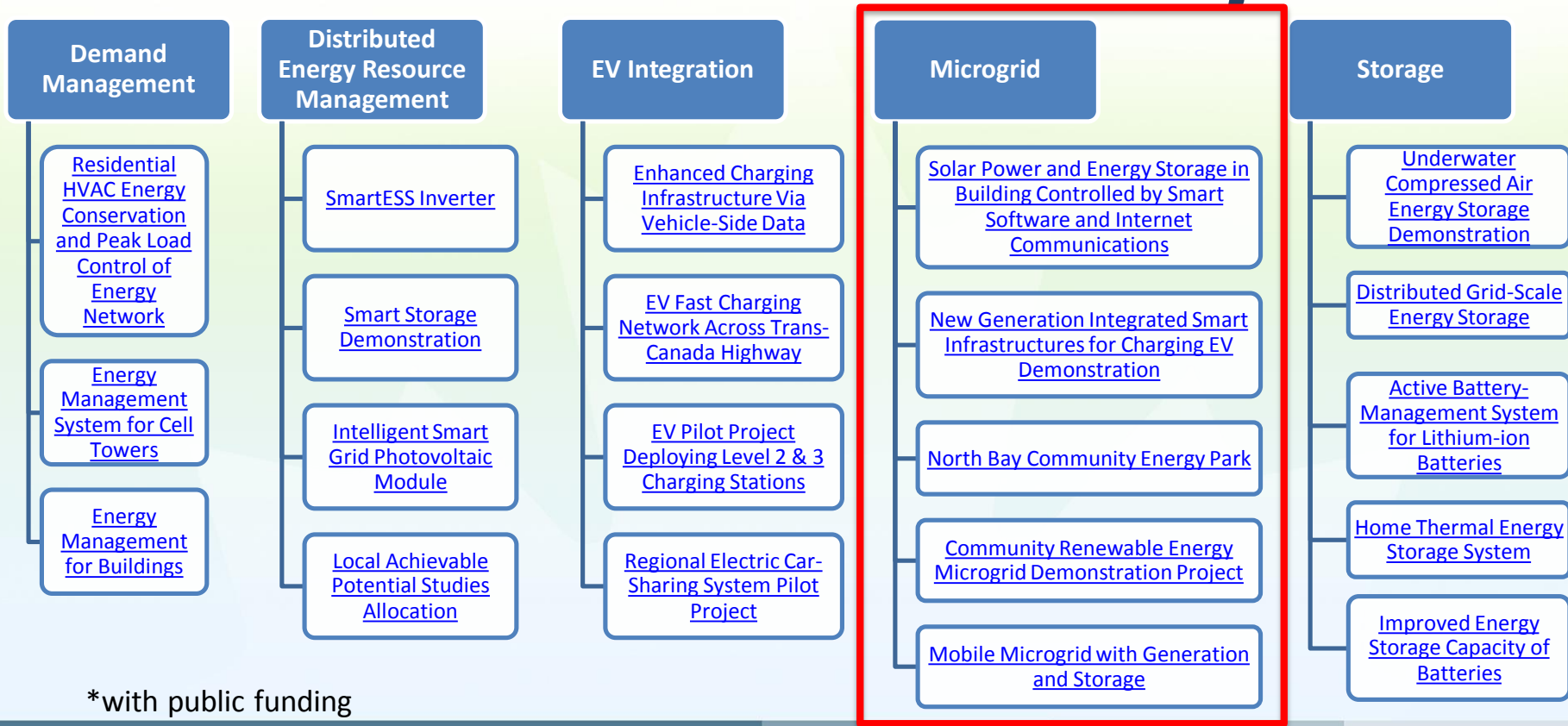
# Green Infrastructure Phase II

- Promoting Clean Energy for Remote Communities
  - Innovative demonstrations to reduce diesel use in off-grid, remote and Northern communities;
  - Deployment of renewable energy technologies to reduce reliance on diesel in off-grid, remote and Northern communities; and
  - Bioheating program to reduce fossil fuel use to reduce reliance on fossil fuels in rural and remote communities.
- Smart Grid Demonstrations and Deployment
  - Supporting demonstrations and deployments of smart grid integrated systems to enable emission reductions.
  - Up to \$100M will be invested over four years from April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2022

**Call for project concept done  
Request for proposal (RFP) to  
come**



# Recent Canadian Smart Grid Projects\*





# CANADIAN RENEWABLE ENERGY LABORATORY – MICROGRIDS



## System Software Simulation Services

## System Hardware Simulation Services

## System Analysis and Design Services

### Energy Planning

- ♦ Economic Consideration
- ♦ Real/historical Load data
- ♦ Load modeling
- ♦ Renewable energy penetration feasibility

### System Sizing

- ♦ Renewables sizing
- ♦ Energy storage sizing
- ♦ Energy analysis
- ♦ Cost analysis

### Dynamic Modeling

- ♦ Equipment modeling
- ♦ System validation
- ♦ Power sizing

### Analysis

- ♦ Energy analysis
- ♦ Static analysis
- ♦ Dynamic analysis
- ♦ Cost analysis

## Can-REL TECHNOLOGY

Canadian Solar has designed Can-REL to accommodate the most common and complex microgrid designs. The following technologies are part of our design:

- ♦ Capacitor bank (30kVAR)
- ♦ Diesel generator (100kVA)
- ♦ Empty test bays
- ♦ EV charging station (2 X Level 2)
- ♦ Li-ion battery energy storage (200kW/200kWh)
- ♦ Physical PV array (10kW)
- ♦ Physical wind turbine (3kW)
- ♦ Programmable grid simulator (270kVA)
- ♦ Programmable load banks (2 X 100kVA)
- ♦ PV simulator (90kW)
- ♦ Remotely accessible
- ♦ Wind simulator (100kW)

[www.canadiansolar.com](http://www.canadiansolar.com) | October 2017 | All rights reserved



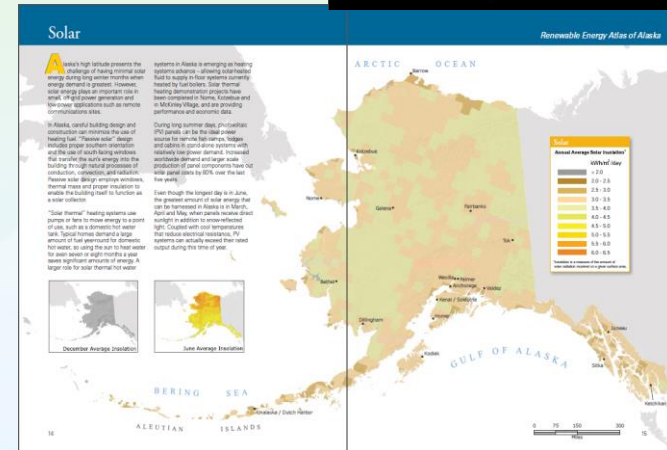
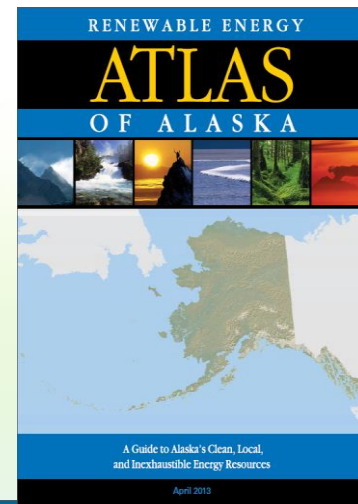
Natural Resources  
Canada

Ressources naturelles  
Canada



# Renewable Energy Atlas & Microgrid Field Testing in the Arctic (REMFTA)

- The Arctic Renewable Energy Atlas (AREA) is a comprehensive online tool which will include maps of renewable energy resources and case studies of renewable energy projects in the Arctic (similar to the Alaska Atlas above).
- CanmetENERGY is collaborating with **NREL** within the **Arctic Council Sustainable Development Working Group** to develop AREA
- Microgrid Field Test in the arctic (Cambridge Bay, Nunavut)





## ***For More Information***

***Alexandre Prieur, P. Eng., M.A.Sc.***

Smart Grid Project Leader, Integration of Renewable  
& Distributed Energy Resources

CanmetENERGY Varennes, Innovation and Energy  
Technology Sector

Natural Resources Canada  
[alexandre.prieur@canada.ca](mailto:alexandre.prieur@canada.ca)

### **Canada Microgrid Publications 2017**

- **Peer Review Journal Papers (73)**
- **Conference Publications (22)**
- **Magazine Articles (2)**
- **Book Contributions (3)**



Natural Resources  
Canada

Ressources naturelles  
Canada

**Canada** 