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Educate decisionmakers about the need for new, improved, and additional transmission;

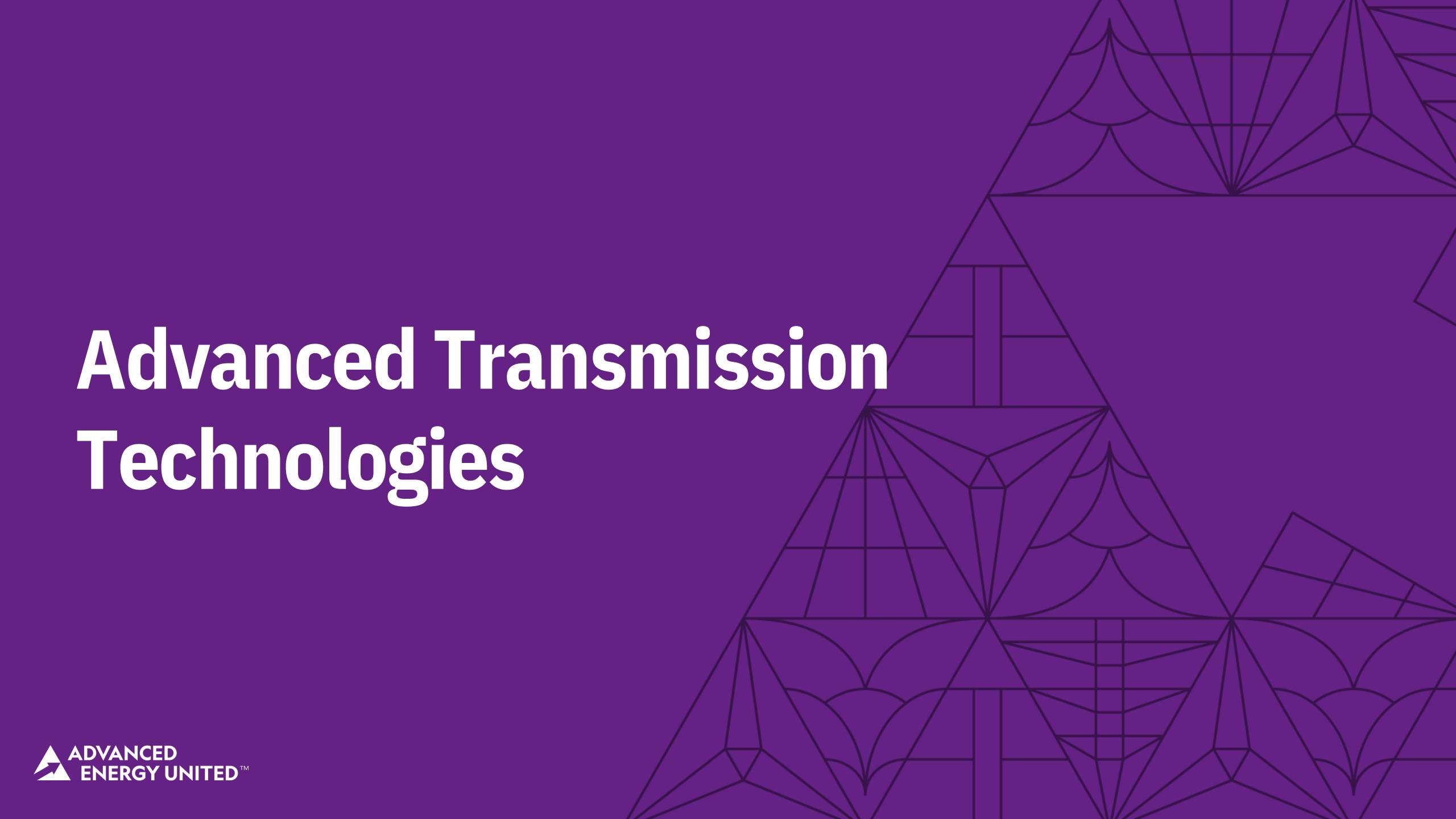
Build momentum and support across the United States for transmission policies, including Grid-Enhancing Technologies, storage as transmission, and advanced conductors;

Accelerate the planning, siting, and permitting procedures for transmission projects and resolve procedural bottlenecks;

Upgrade the transmission grid swiftly so we bring more renewable resources online and sustain a clean energy economy.

Engage with local decisionmakers and stakeholders about the transmission needs within their state and region





What Are Advanced Transmission Technologies

Advanced Transmission Technologies (ATTs) are infrastructure, hardware, and software that cost-effectively increase the capacity and resilience of the transmission grid but are not yet default solutions considered by most U.S. transmission owners.

They Include:

- Grid Enhancing Technologies (GETs)
- High Performance Conductors (also known as Advanced Conductors)
- Other ATTs



Benefits of Advanced Transmission Technologies

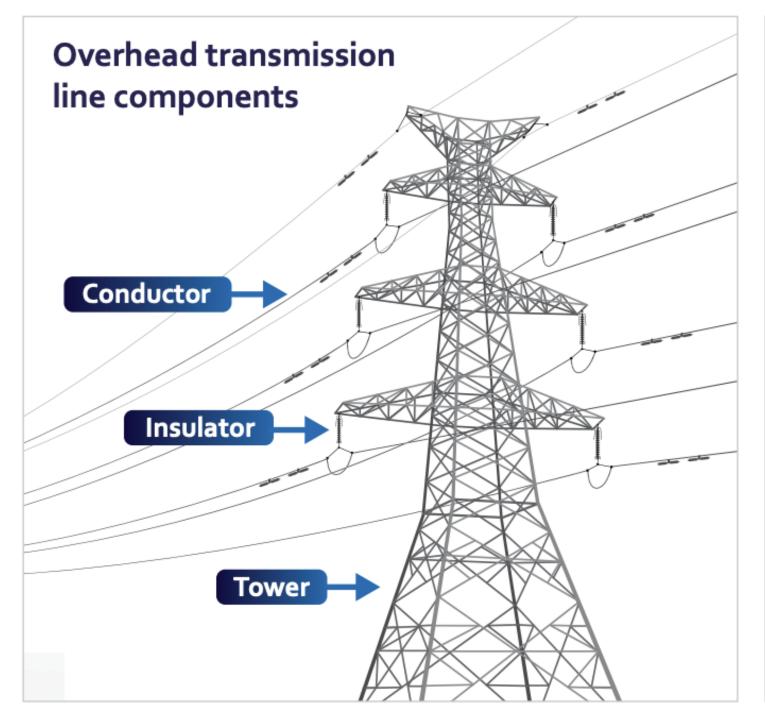
These solutions can help quickly respond to accelerating grid pressures

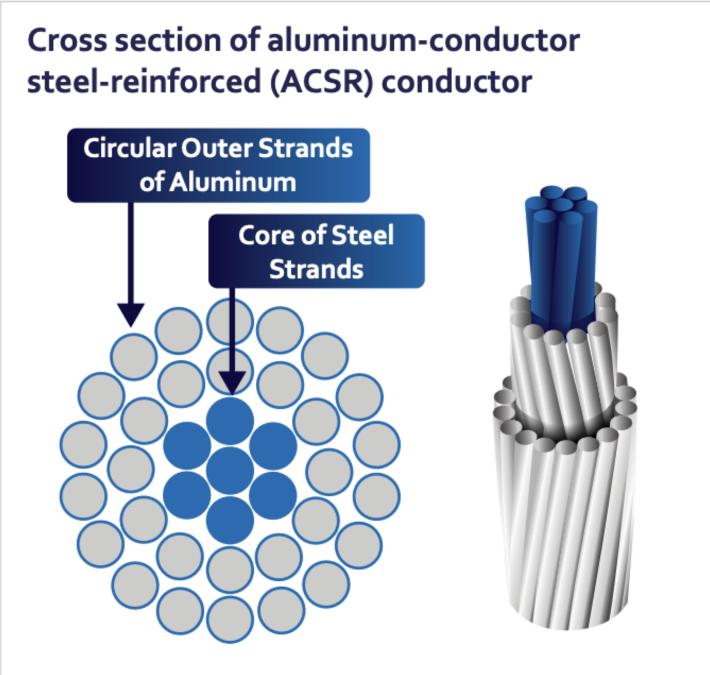
- Cost effectively expand transmission system and distribution system capacity
- Enhance system reliability and resilience
- Support integration of utility-scale and distributed clean energy resources
- Most solutions could be deployed on the existing grid in under 3-5 years and at lower cost and greater value than conventional approaches
- Barrier: Deployment is underway, but adoption at scale and associated industry know how is lagging largely due to a lack of industry incentives, prioritization, and unfamiliarity of these technologies.



High Performance Conductors/Advanced Conductors

Power lines are the physical wires that deliver electricity from generators to customers. They are typically composed of two parts, a core, which provides the strength for the line to hang between transmission towers, and the electrical wire, which carries the electricity.



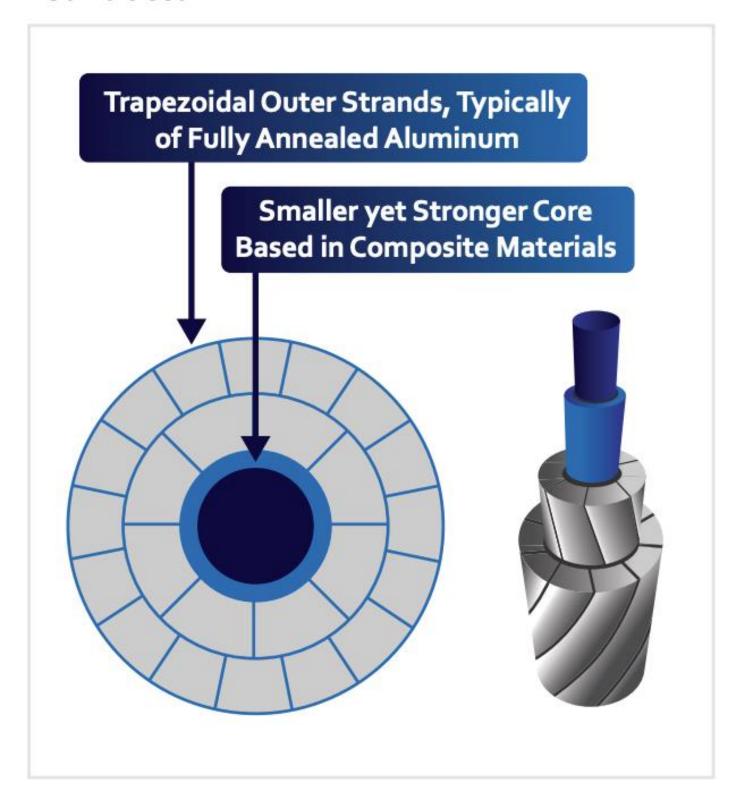


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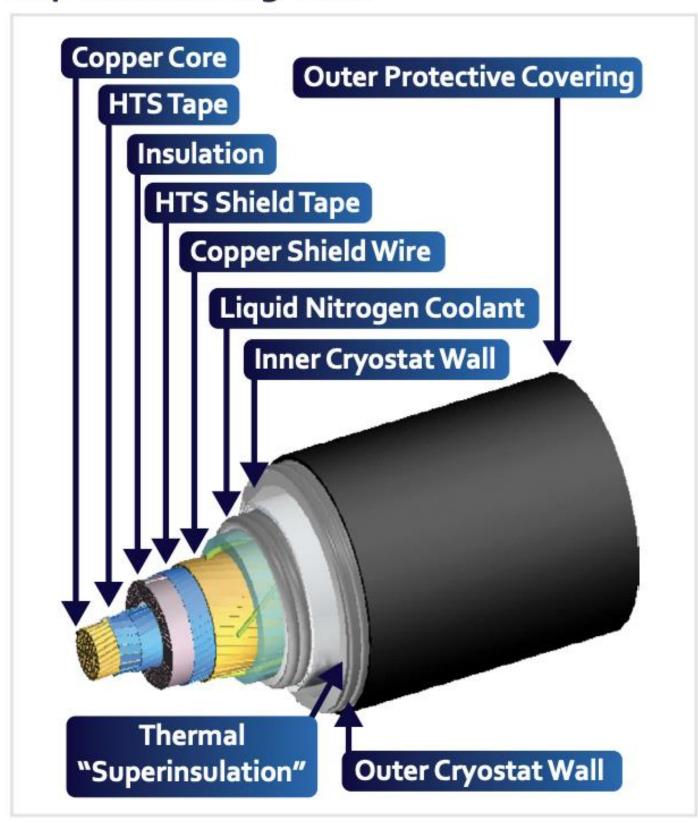


High Performance Conductors/Advanced Conductors

Cross section of Carbon/Composite Core Conductor



Superconducting Cable



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Reconductoring

- Transmission lines have limited life expectancy and need to be replaced over time due to changes or new needs of the line, including load growth.
- Reconductoring is the act of replacing an old conductor with a new one, often reusing the original tower and right-of-way.
- However, under the current status quo, many lines are reconductored with the same type of conductor previously used on the line, usually a conventional steel-core conductor.
- Advanced Reconductoring uses the same process described above, but instead of a "like-for-like" replacement, the existing transmission line's conductor is replaced with a HPC using the existing towers and right-of-way.



Reconductoring Benefits

- Reconductoring generally takes 1-3 years and can double the capacity of a transmission line at approximately half the cost of a new transmission line.
- Maximizing the use of HPCs in reconductoring can add ~4x the transmission capacity when compared to the current rate of new transmission development.
- <u>Connected West study</u> significant portion of new transmission capacity achievable with enhancements to existing infrastructure
- Though Advanced Transmission Technologies can ensure we get more out of the grid, we still need significant new transmission across the west and the country.



Thank you.



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