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Scalable Microgrids that Efficiently Utilize Renewable Energy Resources

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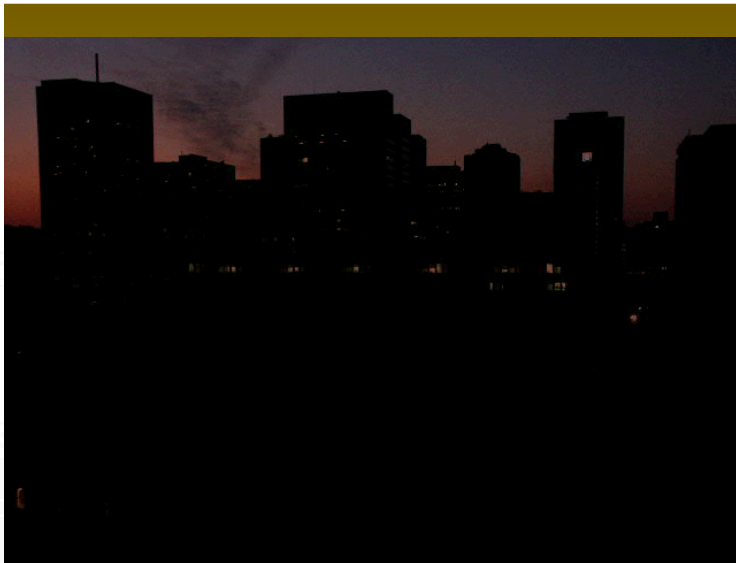


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Key Technical Challenge: Provide Energy When the Grid is Down

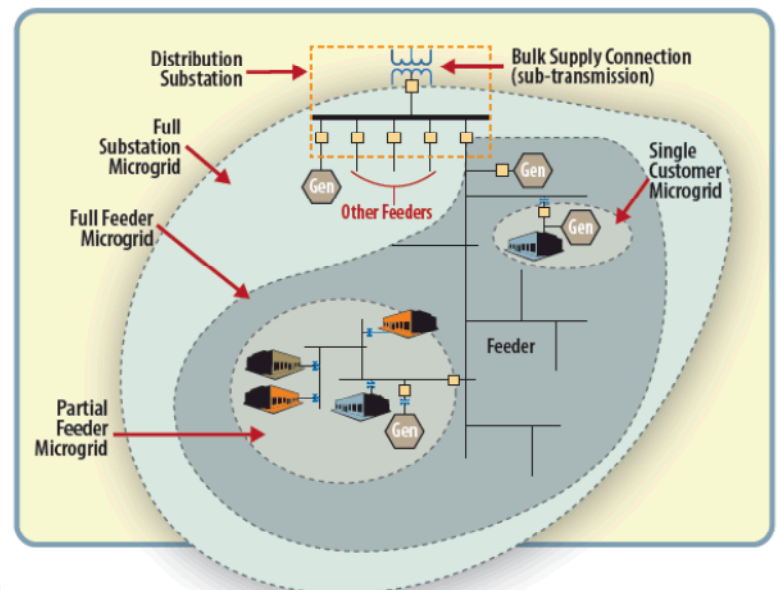
- The U.S. electrical grid is increasingly vulnerable to outages
- Energy reliability and vulnerability issues can and do lead to the loss of:
 - mission capability
 - an estimated \$49 billion per year in the U.S.
- Optimizing renewables is increasingly important



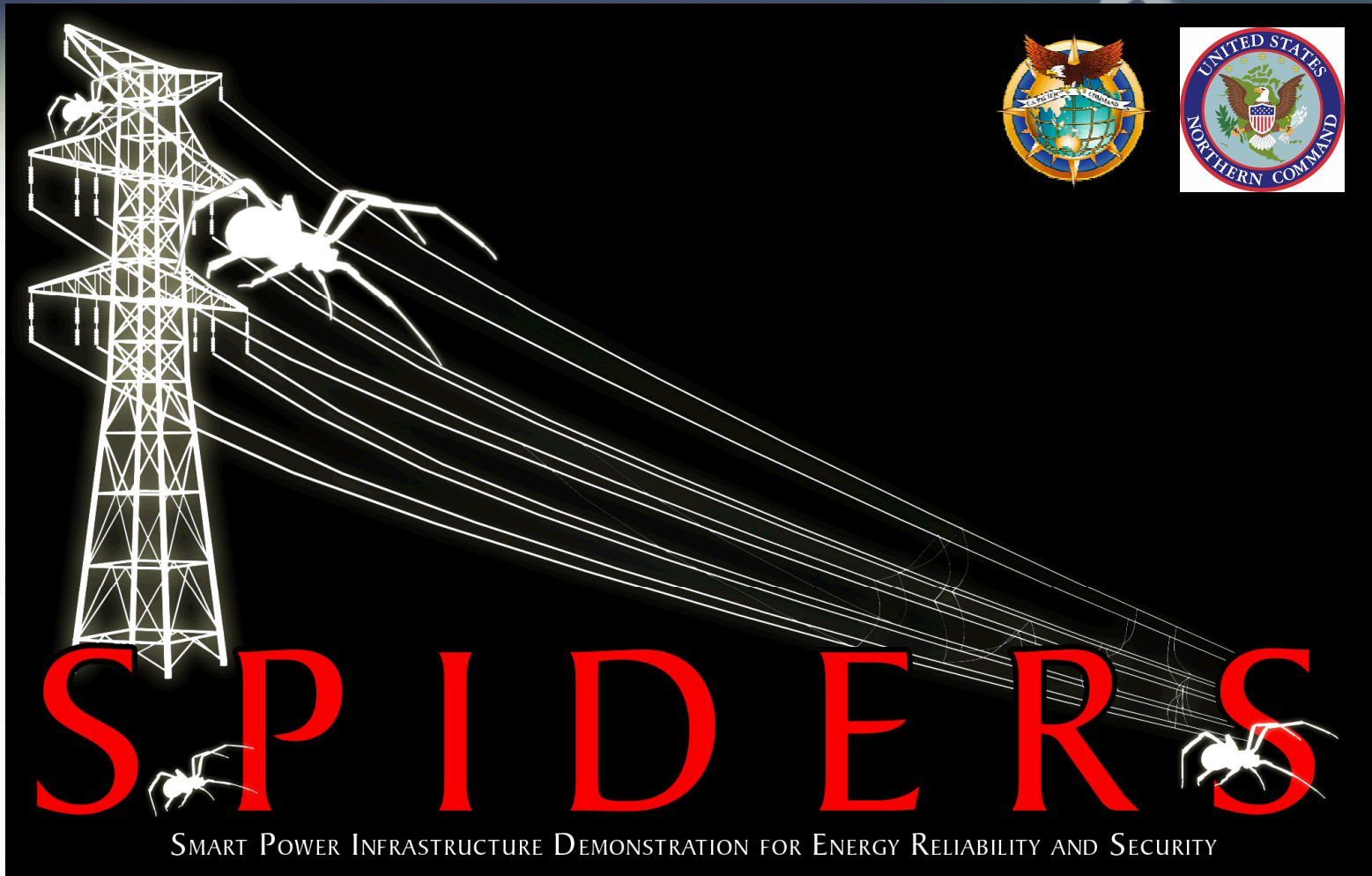
Current Research to Address This Challenge

Scalable, Secure Microgrids

- Will be self-sufficient and can “island” rapidly in the event of an outage
- Will be scalable for small, large, and regional scale energy infrastructure security and reliability applications
- Can provide a pathway for more effective use of high penetration renewable energy (up to 100%) through optimized storage and information flow
- Will incorporate advanced cyber security concepts



Microgrid Development is Underway for the Military



What Is SPIDERS?

Reduce the “unacceptably high risk”* of mission impact from an extended electric grid outage by developing the capability to maintain energy delivery for mission assurance

- **Demonstrate:**

- *Cyber-security of electric grid*
- *Smart Grid technologies & applications*
- *Secure microgrid generation & distribution*
- *Integration of distributed & intermittent renewable sources*
- *Demand-side management*
- *Redundant back-up power systems*

- **Results in:**

- Technically sound, commercially viable secure microgrid demonstration with mixed generation including renewables
- First complete DoD installation with a secure, smart microgrid capable of islanding
- Template for mission critical asset energy security for an entire installation and transition to commercial use

**From Defense Science Board Task Force on DoD Energy Security, Feb 2008*



SPIDERS Participants

- **USPACOM, USNORTHCOM
DOE, and DHS**
- **DOE - 5 Nat'l Labs**
- **DOEP&P Power Surety Task Force**
- **Military Services**
- **Naval Facilities Engineering Cmd**
- **Local Utility Companies**
- **States of Hawaii & Colorado**



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SPIDERS

Secure Microgrid Technologies

Microgrid (SNL)

- Advanced Metering Infrastructure
- Substation & Distribution Automation
- Two-Way Communications & Control
- Adaptive Relaying

Cyber Security (INL)

- Virtual Secure Enclave
- Live Action Network
- Secure Distributed Monitors
- Situational Awareness

Dynamic Control (SNL, ORNL)

- Load Control Systems
- Islanding Control System
- Energy Management System
- Seamless Grid Synchronization

Assistant Technical Manager and Engineering Lead (SNL)

Assistant Transition Manager (PNNL)

Demand Side Management (NREL, ORNL)

- Energy Efficiency Technologies
- Dynamic Voltage Regulators
- Smart Sockets
- Automated Load Shedding

Energy Secure Installation

Energy Storage (NREL)

- Vehicle-to-Grid
- Hydrogen
- Batteries

Renewable Integration (NREL)

- Photovoltaic
- Wind
- Fuel Cells
- Biofuel

Operational Test Agency (PNNL)

Sandia National Laboratories Energy Security Program

Energy Security Roles

\$250M DOE Energy Research Program

Support DoD on energy system, physical, and cyber security

System integrator for the DOE/NNSA



DoD Installation Security Projects

Energy Security Focus

Operational Energy Systems

- **Electric Power Assurance**
 - Microgrid, renewables, nuclear, storage, control systems, cyber
- **Transportation Energy Assurance**
 - Combustion research, renewable fuels

Climate Change Science

- Operational Impacts
- Assessments



Nuclear Design & Fuel Cycle



Distributed Energy Technology Laboratory



Combustion Research Facility



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Related R&D at Sandia

- **Solar Glitter** – glitter-sized photovoltaic cells
- **Sunshine-to-Petrol** – a process for the direct thermochemical conversion of CO_2 and H_2O to CO and H_2
- **Improved Rechargeable Batteries** – high capacity cathode materials capable of high energy densities, while offering significant safety and reliability advantages



Solar Glitter

