



Scalable Microgrids that Efficiently Utilize Renewable Energy Resources

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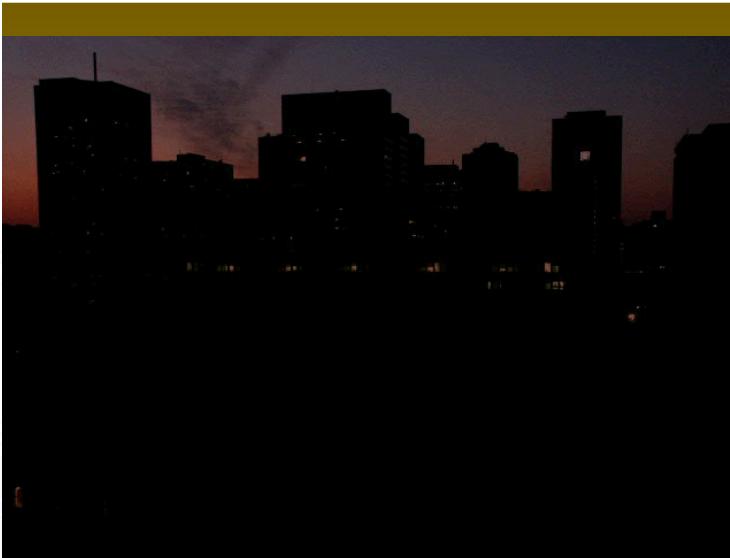
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Key Technical Challenge: Provide Energy When the Grid is Down

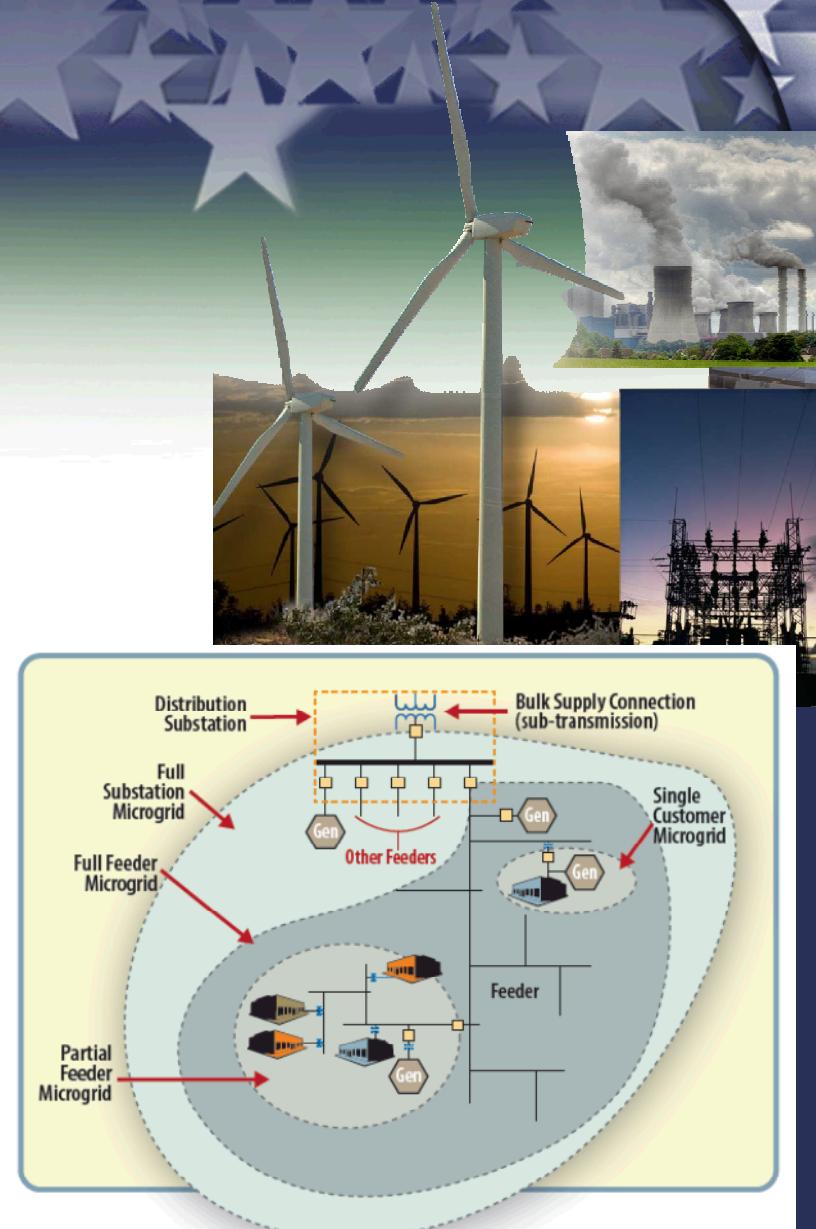
- The U.S. electrical grid is increasingly vulnerable to outages
- Energy reliability and vulnerability issues can and do lead to the loss of:
 - mission capability
 - an estimated \$49 billion per year in the U.S.
- Optimizing renewables is increasingly important



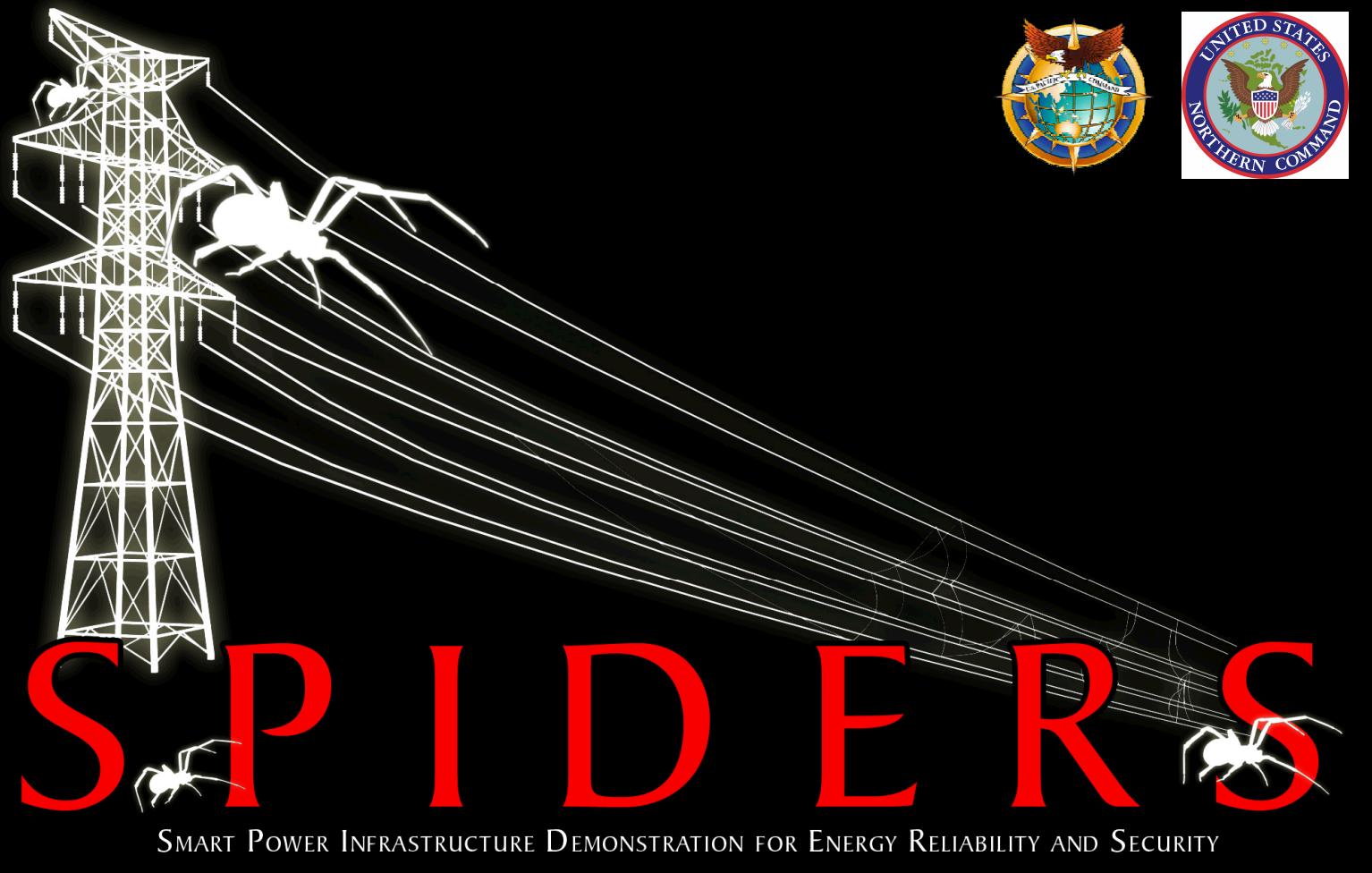
Current Research to Address This Challenge

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



SPIDERS

SMART POWER INFRASTRUCTURE DEMONSTRATION FOR ENERGY RELIABILITY AND SECURITY



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**

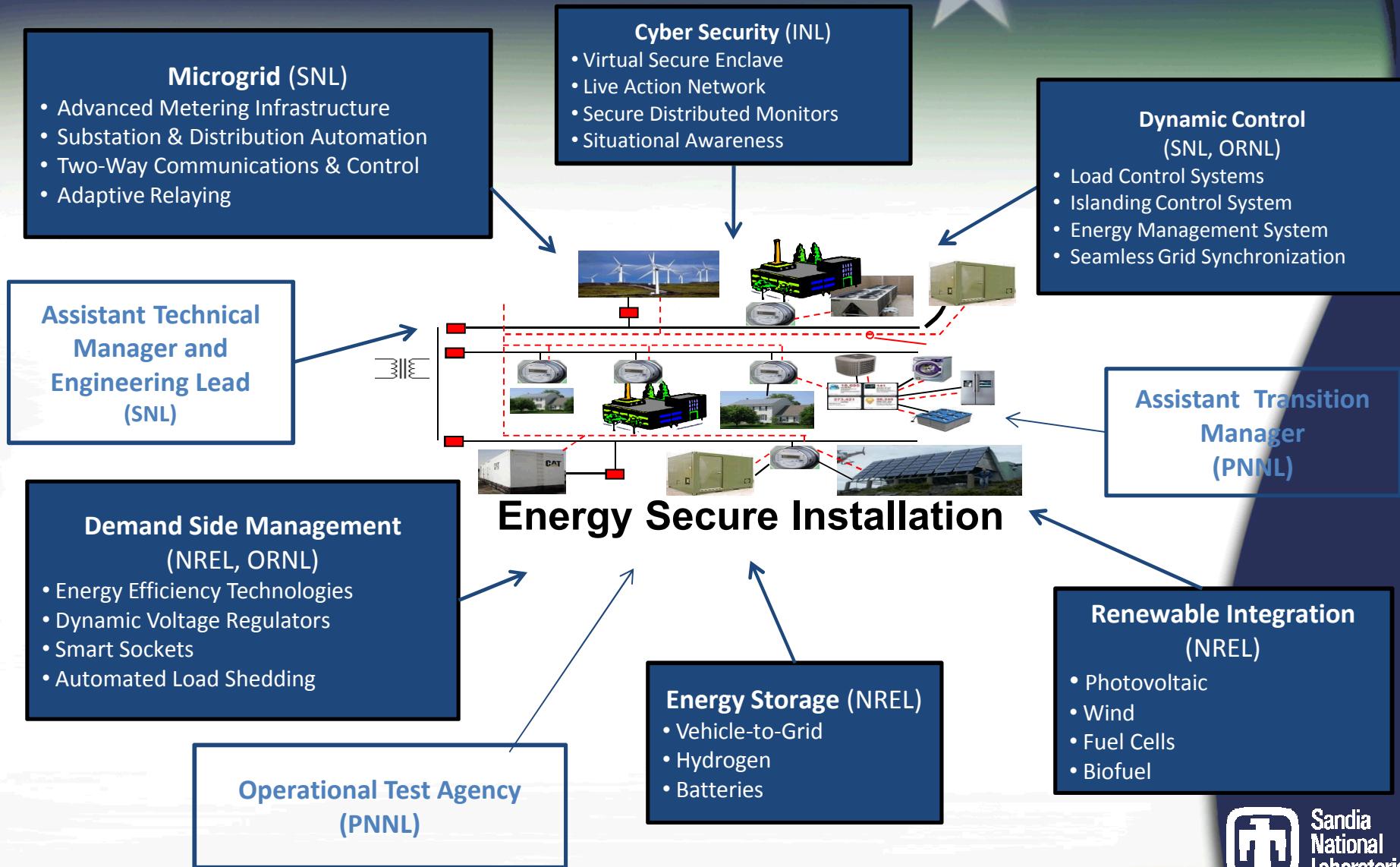


- **States of Hawaii & Colorado**



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Secure Microgrid Technologies



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



Sandia National Laboratories

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