

# Microgrid Research & Development Topics



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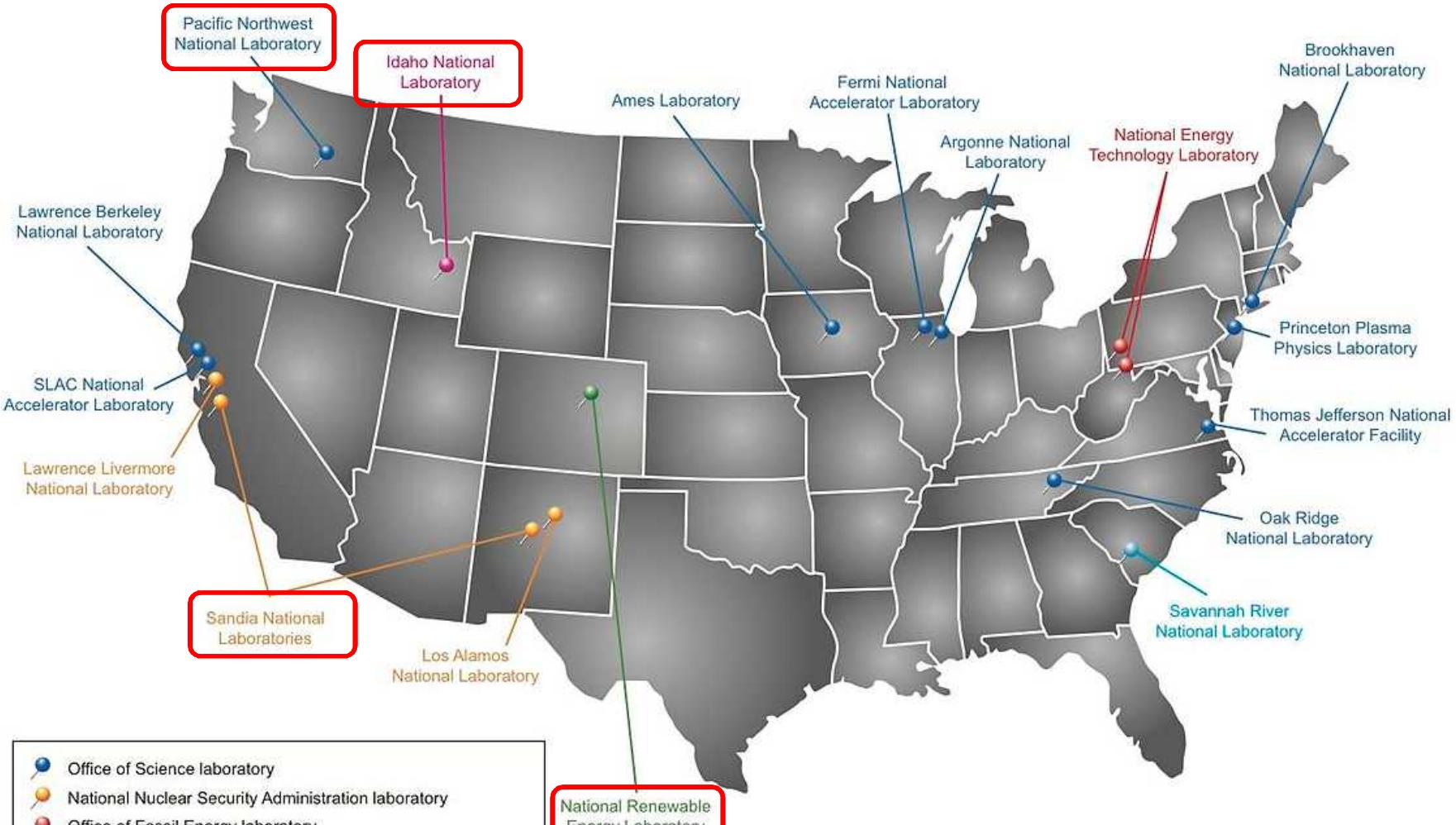
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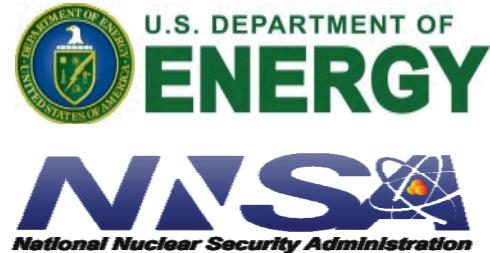
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# DOE National Labs and Microgrid R&D



# Sandia National Laboratories

- Large, multi-program research & engineering laboratory,
- Primary mission: nuclear weapons and national security
- Extensive capabilities in energy, including microgrids



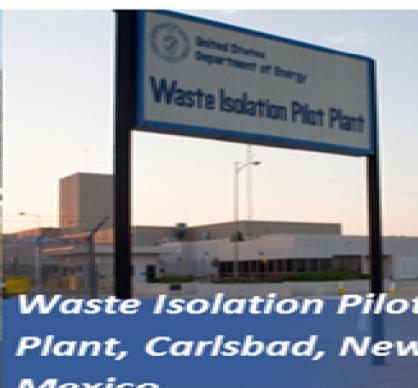
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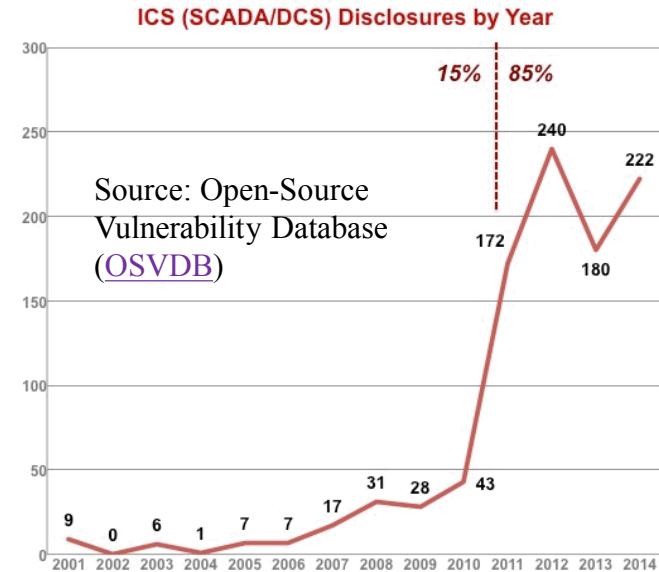
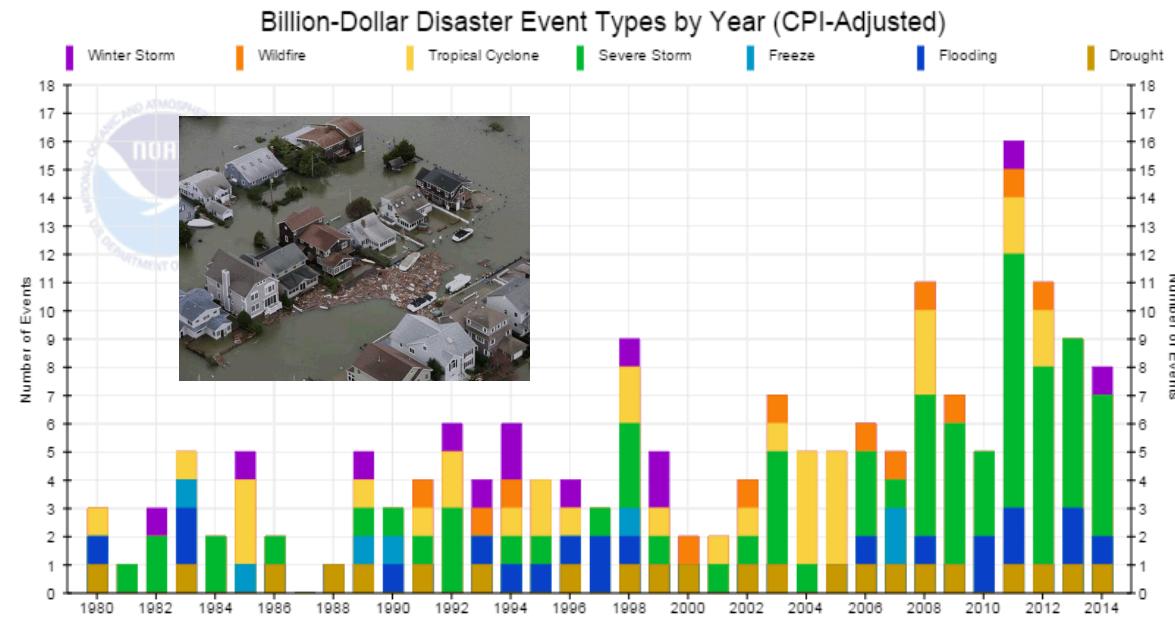


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# Energy Infrastructure Resilience

- Energy infrastructure facing more frequent and significant natural and human (cyber and physical) threats
- Energy infrastructure resilience is a major focus area
  - Lower the effects of system disruptions
  - Accelerate recovery efforts



# Key Microgrid R&D Challenges

## Methods, Metrics & Tools

- Decision support for planning & operations
- Inter-dependencies
- LP-HC events



## Lab and Field Demonstrations

- Technology Validation and refinement
- Industry Adoption



## Enabling Technologies

- Control and Protection
  - Power Electronics
  - Cybersecurity
  - Energy Storage

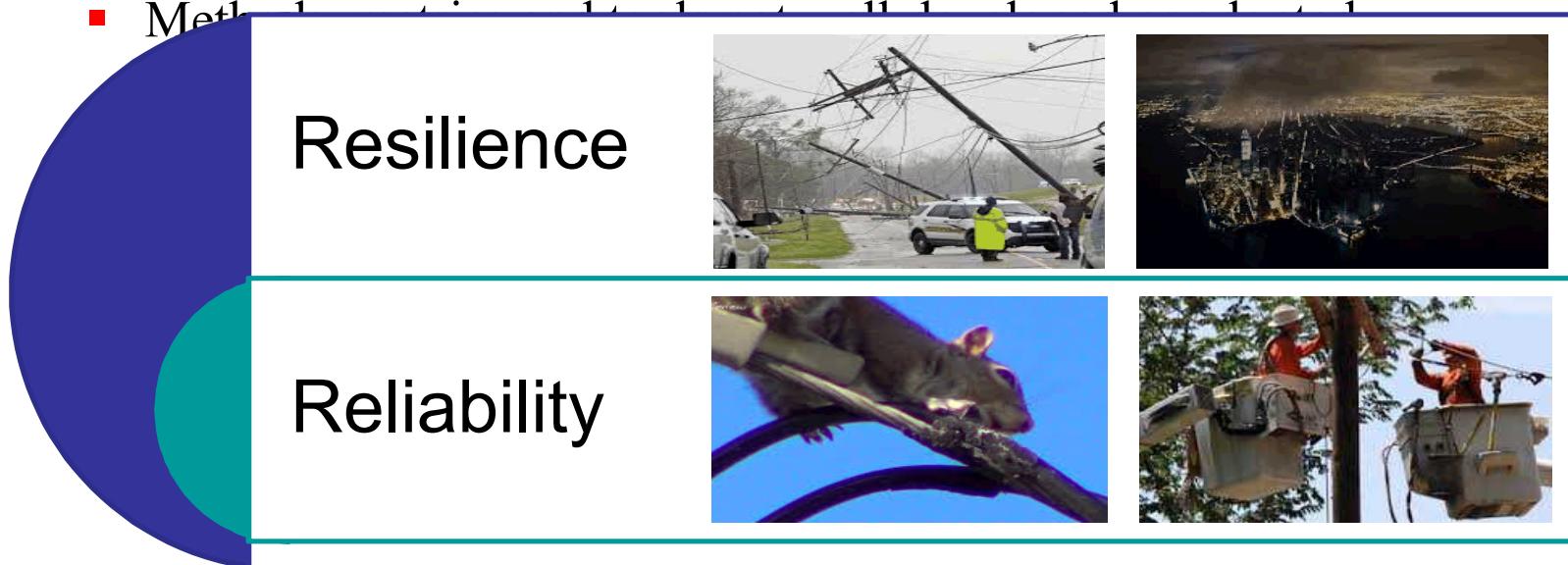


## Standards and Regulation

- Interoperability
- Grid interconnection
- Safety and security

# Methods and Tools: Reliability Vs. Resilience

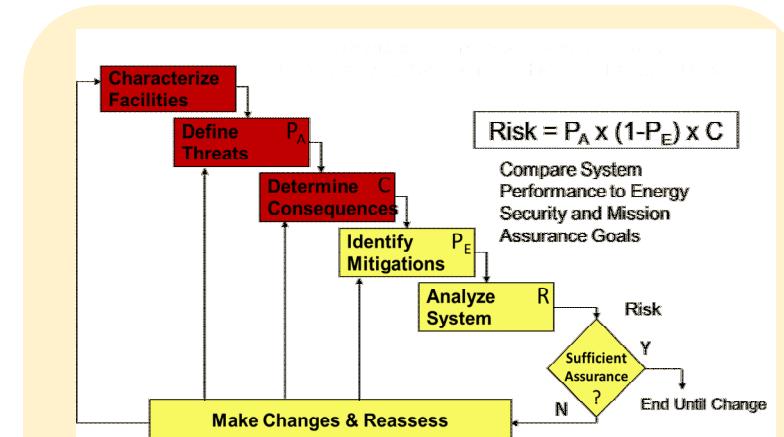
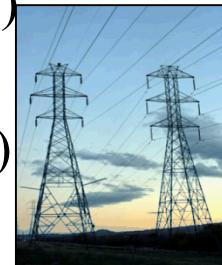
- **Reliability** focuses on minimizing the probability of disruptions
  - Focused on likely events (e.g., N-1 conditions)
  - Concepts are well established and widely adopted by industry
- **Resilience** focuses on minimizing consequences of disruptions
  - Considers ability to prepare, withstand, respond & recover from major disruptions
  - Methods include: 1. Identify potential risks and vulnerabilities 2. Develop and test recovery plans 3. Implement resilience measures 4. Monitor and evaluate performance 5. Continuously improve and update plans



# SNL Infrastructure Security Risk Assessment Methodologies (RAMs) –

## Ca. 2000's

- RAM-D (Dams)
- RAM-T (Transmission Systems)
- RAM-W (Municipal Water Systems)
- RAM-C (Communities)
- RAM-CF (Chemical Facilities)
- RAM-E (Energy Systems)
- RAM-FAA (Airspace facilities)
- BioRAM (bio hazards)
- RAM-CI prototype (all sectors)
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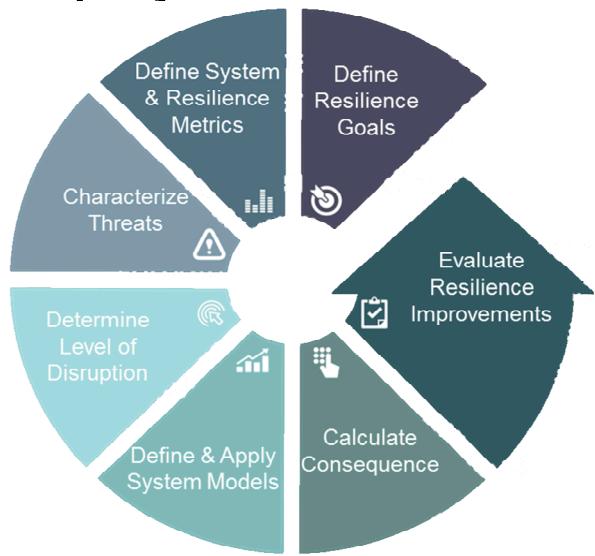


## Energy Surety Framework

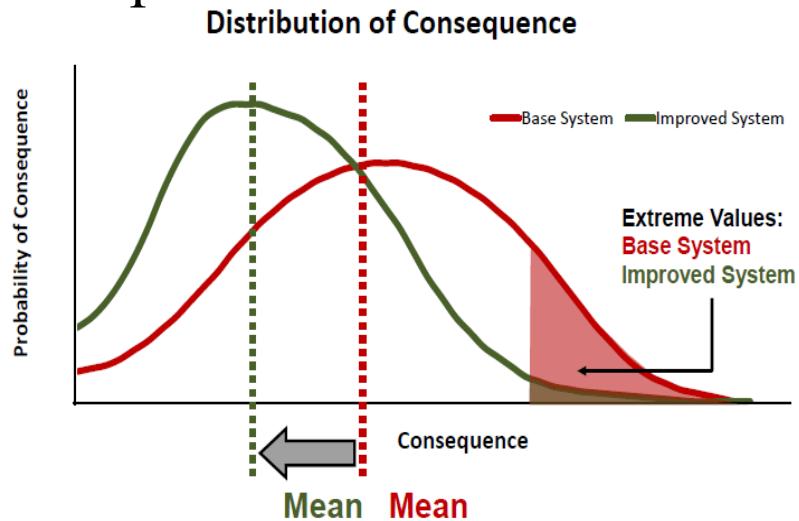
Performance Characteristic	Definition
Safety	Safe supplies of energy to end user
Security	Protection of energy supply infrastructure
Reliability	Can provide energy when and where needed
Sustainability	Can be maintained for long durations with minimal impact on resources
Cost Effective	Provided at affordable cost
Resiliency	Ability to prepare for and adapt to changing conditions and withstand and recover rapidly from disruptions

# Resilience Methods and Metrics

- Methodology to define process steps and analyses



- Metrics to quantify performance and compare options



- Writing the resilience textbook, but much more work remains
  - Validate methods and tools, adapt to a variety of scenarios
  - Transition to industry, as well as policy and regulatory entities

# Design, Planning and Operations Tools

- DOE/OE Resilient Distribution Systems R&D program is developing decision support tools that transition to industry over time



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## GridLAB-D



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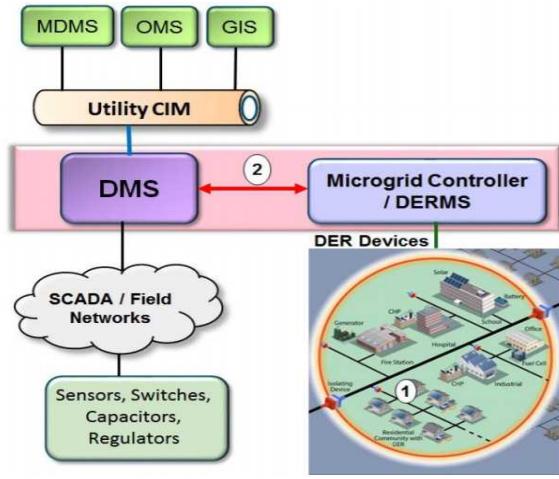
One example: DOE → Industry



# Examples of Enabling Technologies

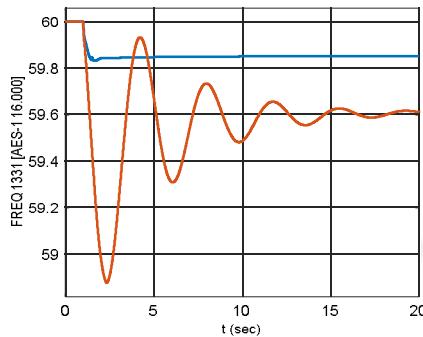
## Gaps

- Microgrid Controllers

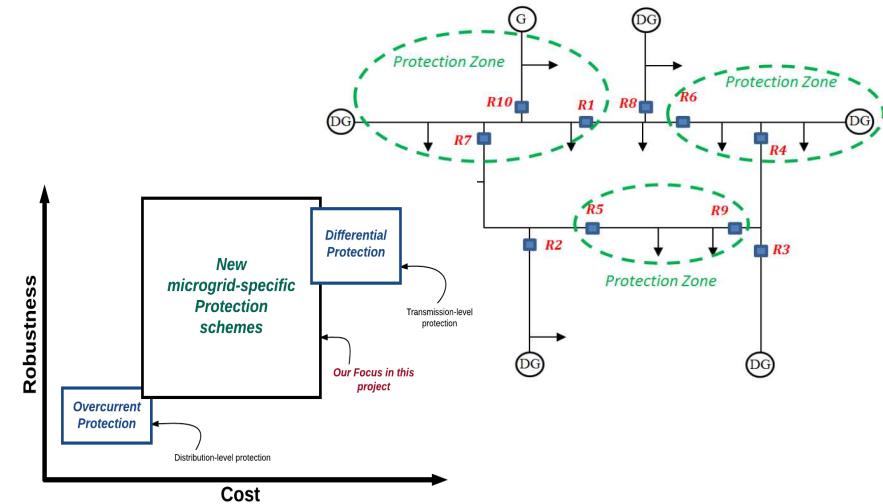


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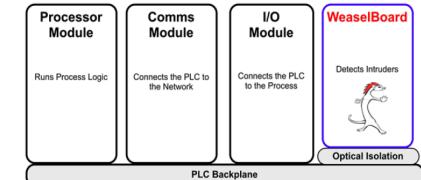
- Low Inertia Systems and Grid-Forming Inverters



- Microgrid Protection



- ICS Cybersecurity

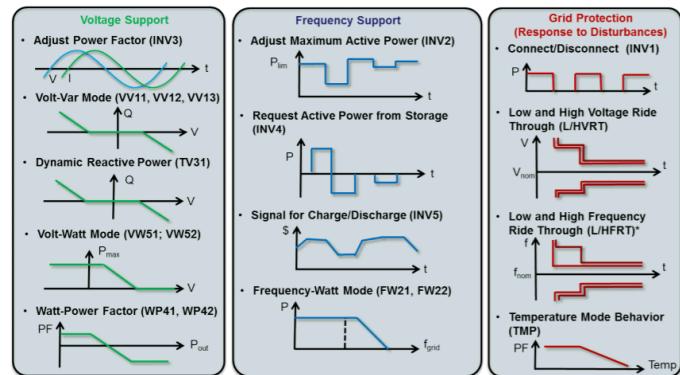
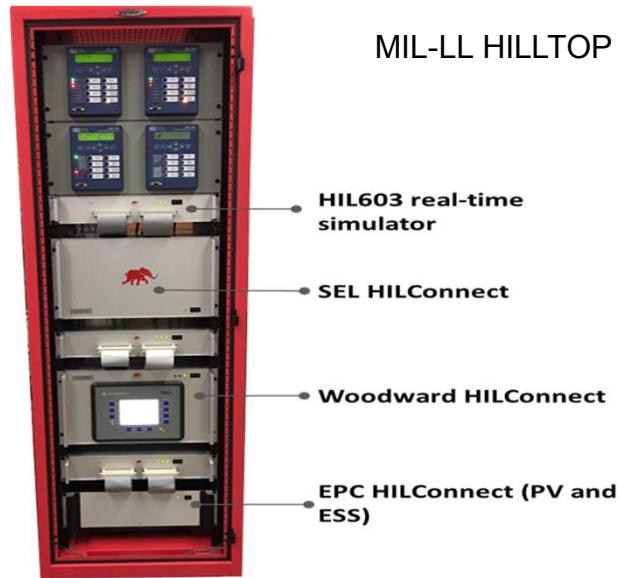


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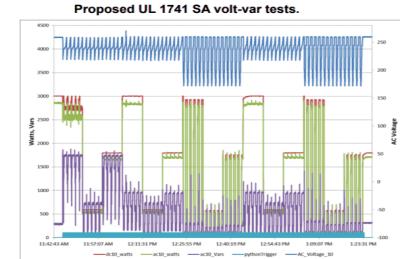
# Standardization

MIL-LL HILLTOP

- Proto-testing procedures & tools.  
Some examples among others:
  - MIT-LL Hardware-in-the-Loop Laboratory Testbed and Open Platforms (HILLTOP)
  - Sandia Advanced Inverter Testing Protocols / SunSpec System Validation Platform (SVP)
- Microgrid controller standards
  - IEEE P2030.7 Standard for the Specification of Microgrid Controllers
  - IEEE P2030.8 Standard for the Testing of Microgrid Controllers
  - NIST/SGIP PAP-24 Microgrid Operational Interfaces



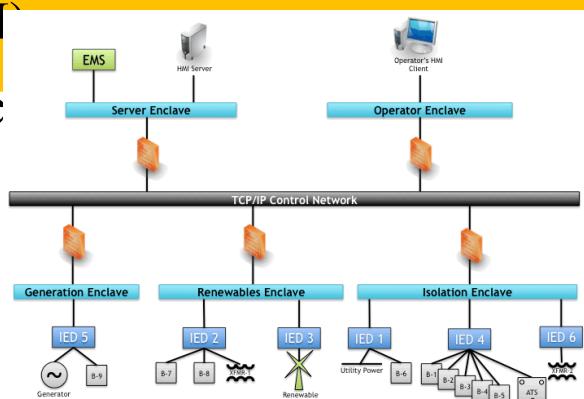
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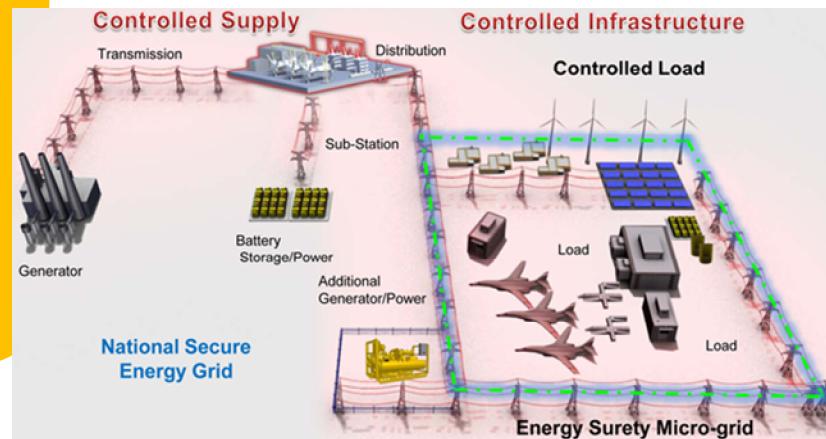
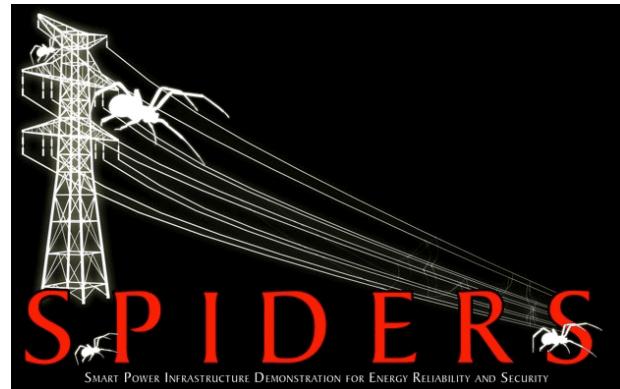
# Full-scale Demonstrations – Military

## Smart Power Infrastructure Demonstration for Energy Reliability and Security (SPIDERS) JCTD project

- Deployed and demonstrated microgrids with increasingly capability at three locations: Pearl Harbor/Hickam AFB (HI), Ft Carson (CO), and Camp Smith (HI)

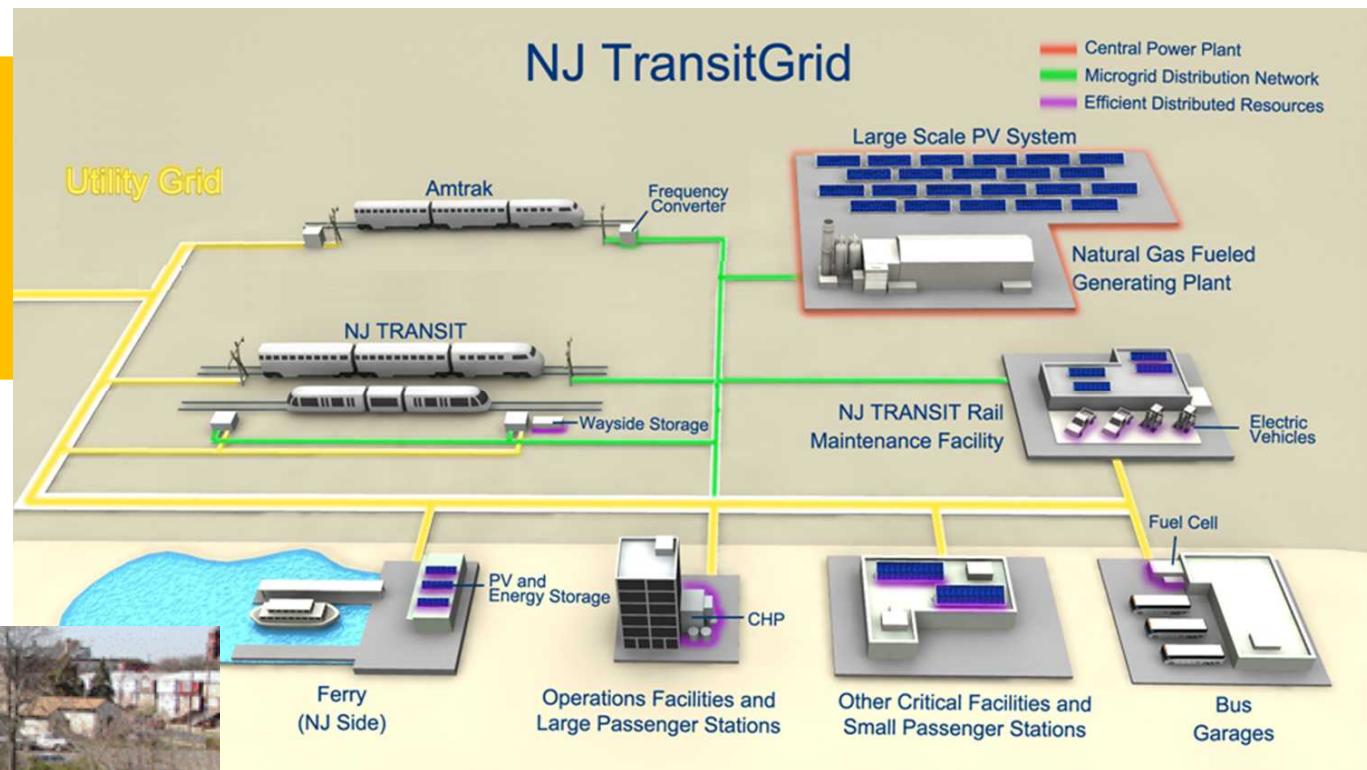


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# Full-scale Demonstrations – NJ TransitGrid

## NJ TransitGrid Transportation Microgrid



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