

DOE SETO Cybersecurity Portfolio

Cybersecurity for DERs Workshop

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- ❖ **DOE EERE offices are playing a major role in power system cybersecurity** – with more growth expected
- ❖ **Vehicle Technologies Office** is investigating electric vehicle extreme fast charging cybersecurity
- ❖ **Building Technologies Office** looking at building energy management systems and demand response cybersecurity
- ❖ **Solar Energy Technologies Office** has:
 - Funded a roadmap for solar cybersecurity
 - Advised the utility industry about the risks of DER cybersecurity
 - Supported the develop of the DER cyber security working group
 - Investigated in a range for R&D activities covering DER network protection, detection, and response
- ❖ **Other EERE offices** also entering this space
 - Coordinated effort across EERE is underway for defining the role in cybersecurity
 - Will integrate within larger government efforts with DHS, NIST, DOD, DOE CESER, etc.

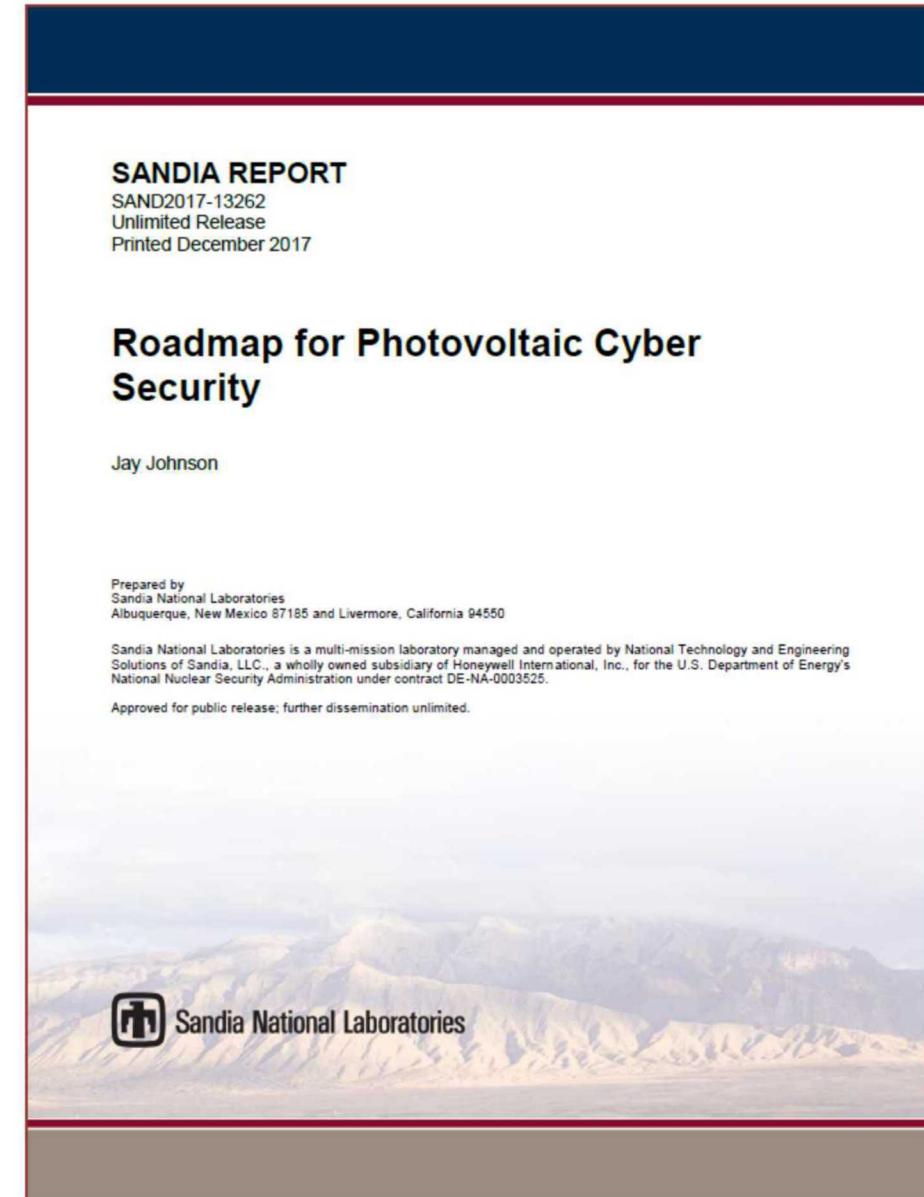
Roadmap for PV Cyber Security

❖ Roadmap

- Outlines **5-year strategy** for DOE, industry, and standards development organizations in areas of Identify/Protect, Detect, and Respond/Recover
- Focused on PV, but highly **extensible to other DER**
- Closely aligned with 2011 “Roadmap to Achieve Energy Delivery Systems Cybersecurity”
- Explores existing research by DOE, other agencies, and industry

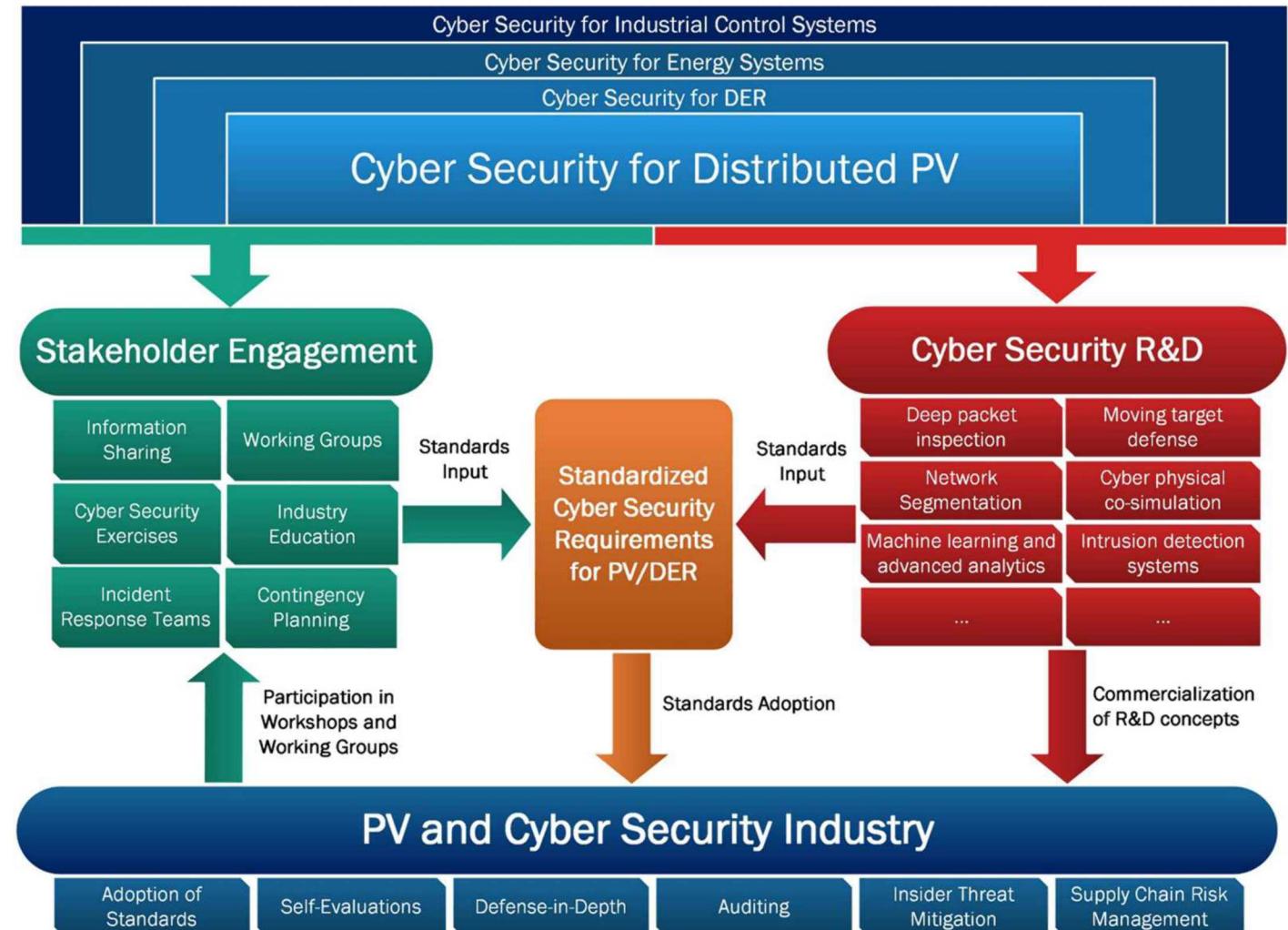
❖ Major recommendations

- Engage in cross-industry communication and collaborations (e.g., information sharing programs)
- Develop standards, guidelines, and best practices (leveraging existing work)
- Foster R&D programs to develop solutions for protecting infrastructure, detecting threats, and recovering from attacks
- Work to harden infrastructure, conduct self-evaluations, and practice good cyber hygiene to stay ahead of adversaries



Roadmap Work Flow

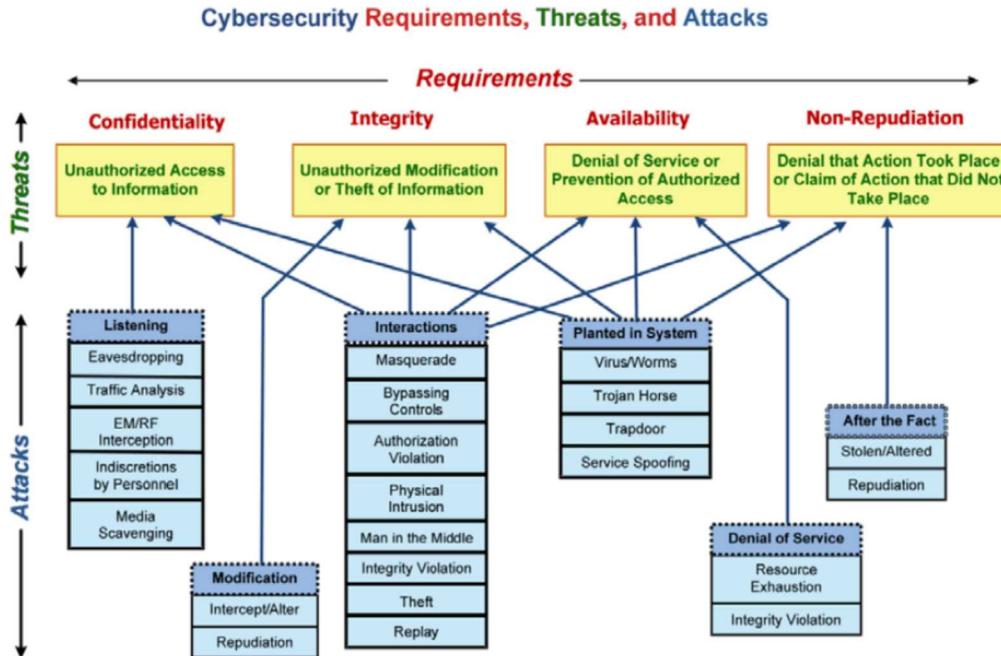
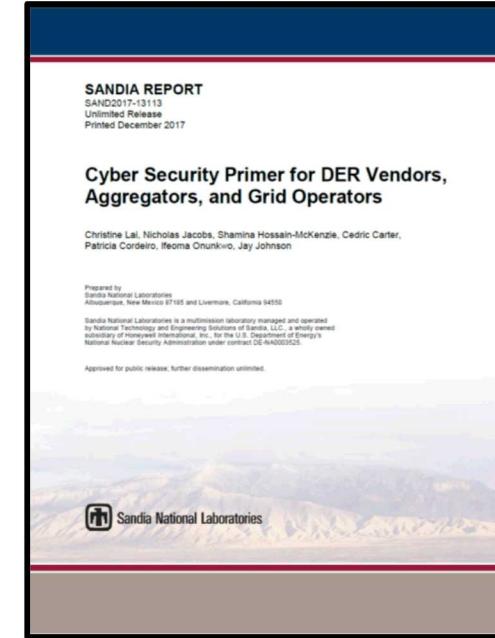
- ❖ Vision: By 2023, grid operators, system owners, and aggregators communicate with interoperable photovoltaic systems using safe, secure, resilient networks with high availability, data integrity, and confidentiality.
- ❖ **Focused on four areas”**
 - Stakeholder Engagement
 - Research and Development
 - Industry (grid operators, aggregators, and PV vendors)
 - Standards and Guidelines
- ❖ **Major goals (covered on next slides):**
 - Inform solar industry of DER cybersecurity concepts
 - Form industry working groups
 - Create cyber security standards
 - Commercialize security R&D



Inform Industry: DER Cyber Security Primer

❖ Primer covers:

- Cyber security principles
 - Confidentiality, integrity, availability, etc.
- Types of cyber attacks and threats
- DER communication protocols
- Cyber security guidelines, standards, and best practices
- Cyber recommendations for the DER community



DER Protocol	Protocol: IEC 61850	Protocol: IEEE 2030.5	Protocol: IEEE 1815	Protocol: Modbus
Cyber Security Features	Information Model: IEC 61850-90-7	Information Model: CSIP	Information Model: DNP3 Application Note	Information Model: SunSpec or MESA Models
Devices Support	DER, Power Systems Devices	DER, Smart Grid devices	Utility, Grid Devices	Utility, Grid, ICS devices
Encryption Capability	Non-Native	Yes	BITW	BITW
Encryption Required	No	Yes	No	No
Supported Transport Protocols	N/A	TCP or UDP	Serial or TCP	Serial or TCP
Supported Networks	N/A	IPv4, IPv6	IPv4	IPv4, IPv6
Authentication Support	Non-Native	Yes	Optional	Non-Native
Type of Communication Protocol	IEC 61850-90-7 contains functions for power converter-based DER systems	Communication protocol for device integration with the Smart Grid	Communication protocol for real-time monitoring and control	Communication protocol for real-time monitoring and control
Type of Information Model	IEC 61850-90-7	CSIP	DNP3 Application Note	SunSpec and MESA are information models for Modbus
Type of Security Requirements	IEC 62351 Series	IEEE 2030.5 + CSIP	IEEE 1815	There are no security requirements for Modbus communications
Type of Data Transmitted	DER settings, control modes, and measurements	DER measurement and control data	Data objects with defined attributes and priority levels	DER measurement and control data
Aggregation Support	Utility or aggregators can collect data	Yes	Yes	Yes

Create Industry Working Groups/Create Cybersecurity Standards



SunSpec/Sandia DER Cybersecurity Workgroup

bringing together DER interoperability and cyber security experts to discuss security for DER devices, gateways, and other networking equipment that are owned or operated by end users, aggregators, utilities, or grid operators.



DER Devices & Servers

- Define standardized procedure for DER and server vulnerability assessments.
- Leads: Cedric Carter (Sandia) and Danish Saleem (NREL)
- Known equipment vulnerabilities
- Establish certification and auditing procedures
- Maintaining compliance, requirements for patching
- In process of transferring this to UL STP (likely to become a UL 2900-2-4 standard)

Secure Network Architecture

- Create DER control network topology requirements and interface rules.
- Lead: Candace Suh-Lee (EPRI)
- Perimeter controls
- Segmentation
- Physical security

Access Controls

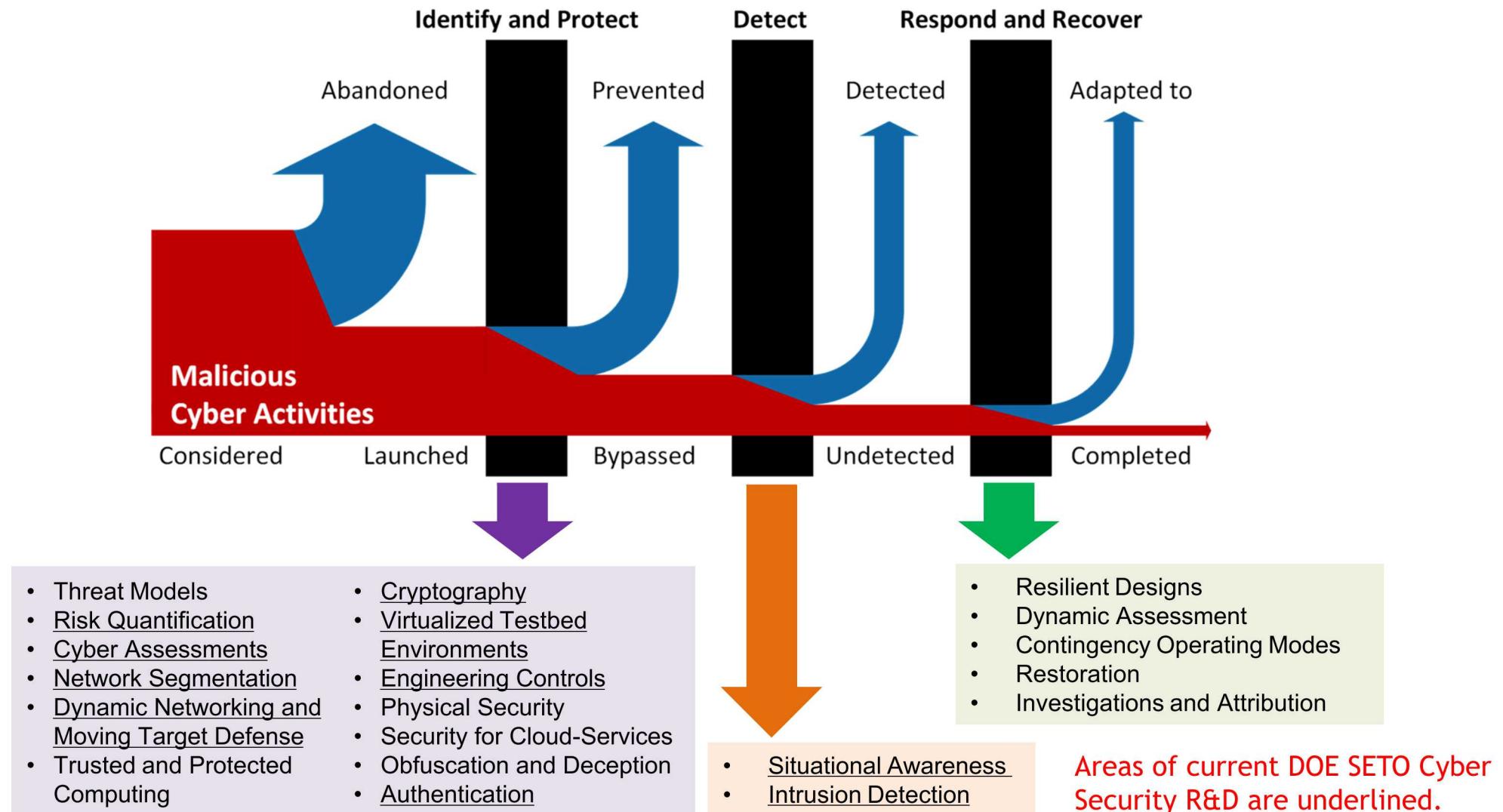
- Classify data types, associated ownership, and permissions. Define set of protection mechanisms.
- Not Started
- Access control lists
- Password control
- Data privacy

Communication and Protocol Security

- Define requirements and draft language for data-in-transit security rules.
- Not Started
- Authentication
- Encryption requirements
- Acceptable transport protocols

Primary Goal: generate a collection of best practices that act as basis for (or input to) national or international DER cyber security standards. Sign up at <http://sunspec.org/sunspec-cybersecurity-workgroup/>

Commercialize DER Cybersecurity R&D

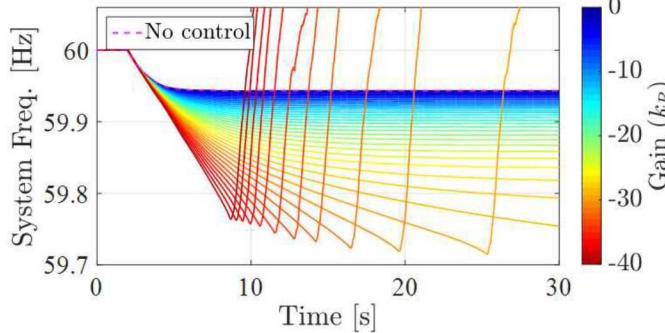


R&D Activities: Risk Quantification

❖ Frequency Droop

$$\Delta P_j = \frac{f_{ref} - f_{eq}}{R} = k_R(f_{ref} - f_{eq})$$

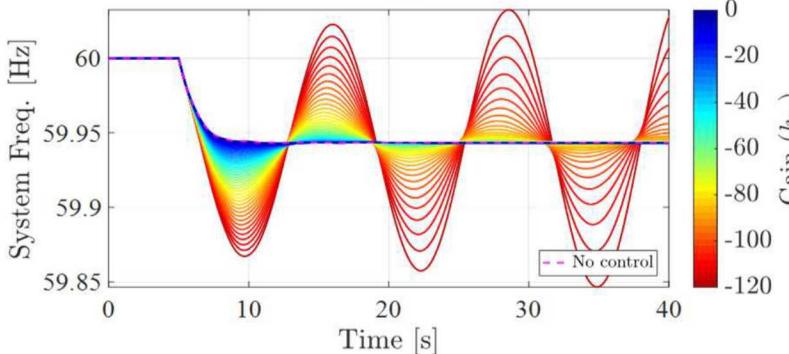
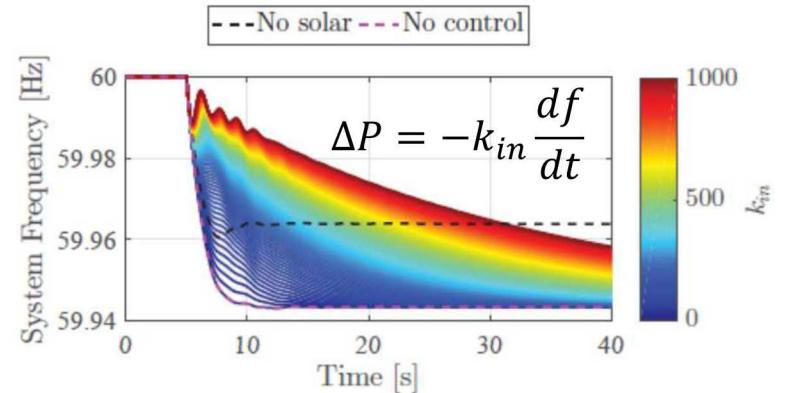
$$\Delta P_j^{attack} = -\frac{f_{ref} - f_{eq}}{R} = -k_R(f_{ref} - f_{eq})$$



Attack: frequency-watt function is inverted to inject power at high frequency and absorb power at low frequency.

Result: Lower frequency nadirs, possibly leading to load shedding. $k_R < -25$ causes loss of synchronism

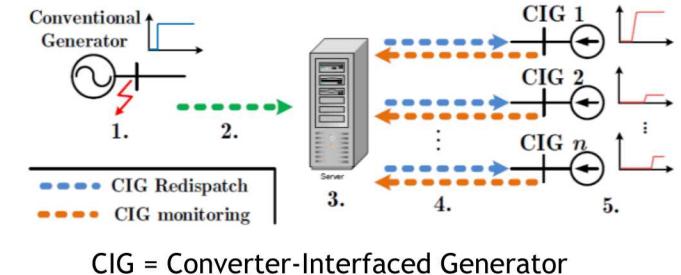
❖ Synthetic Inertia



Attack: reverse sign on inertial gain to create positive feedback.

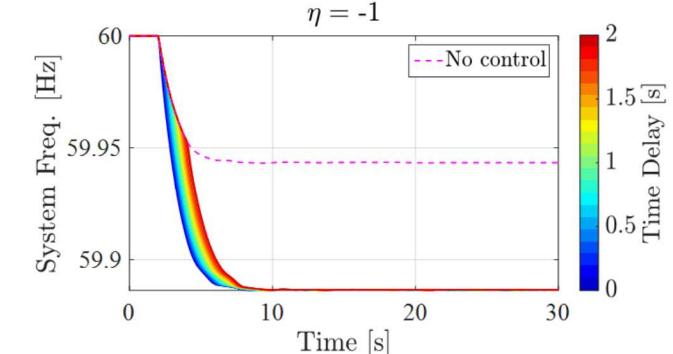
Result: Nadir is reduced and oscillatory behavior in the power system is created, leading to instability and possible blackouts.

❖ Fast Acting Imbalance Reserve



CIG = Converter-Interfaced Generator

$$\Delta P_i = K_{FF}^i P_{imbal} \quad K_{FF}^i = \eta \frac{P_i}{P_{avail}}$$

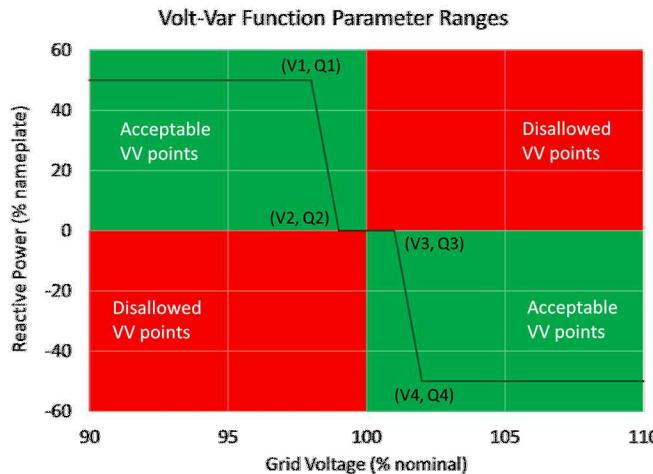


Attack: imbalance power compensation level, η , is set to reduce the power by the magnitude of the imbalance $\eta = -1$. Result: Imbalance is worsened, possibly leading to a blackout.

9 R&D Activities

❖ Engineering Controls

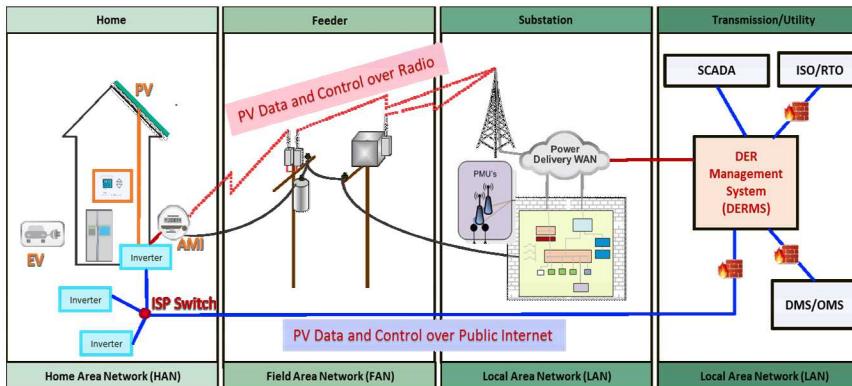
Concept: Create rules for information models/communication protocols or DER to reject grid-support parameters that are known to cause system instability or other grid problems.



On-going work: Sandia is investigating updating pysunspec (Python driver for SunSpec Modbus) to add specific rules to filter out malicious or erroneous commands that could negatively impact the power system.

❖ Cryptography: Data-in-flight Security

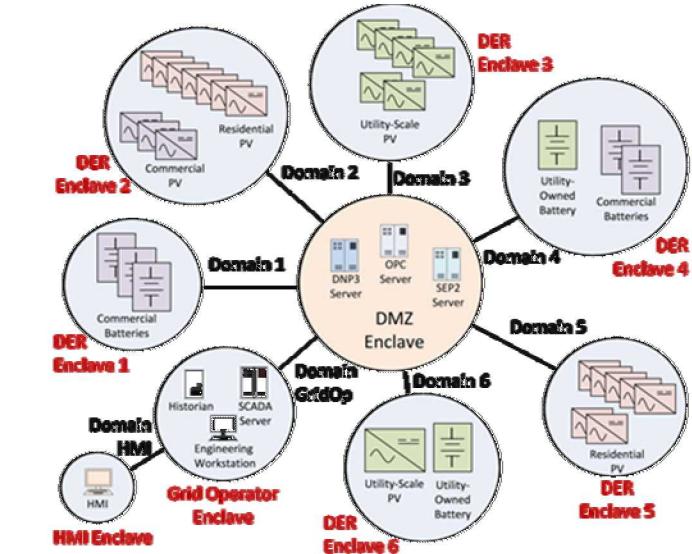
Concept: For DER traffic transmitted on the public internet, overlay TLS security on top of SunSpec Modbus or create a RESTful web services option for IEEE 1547, CA Rule 21, and other information model requirements.



On-going work: Sandia, EPRI and SunSpec are building communication stacks and investigating security features in IEEE 2030.5, IEEE 1815, SunSpec Modbus + TLS, and SunSpec-Compliant Web Services with TLS.

❖ Network Segmentation

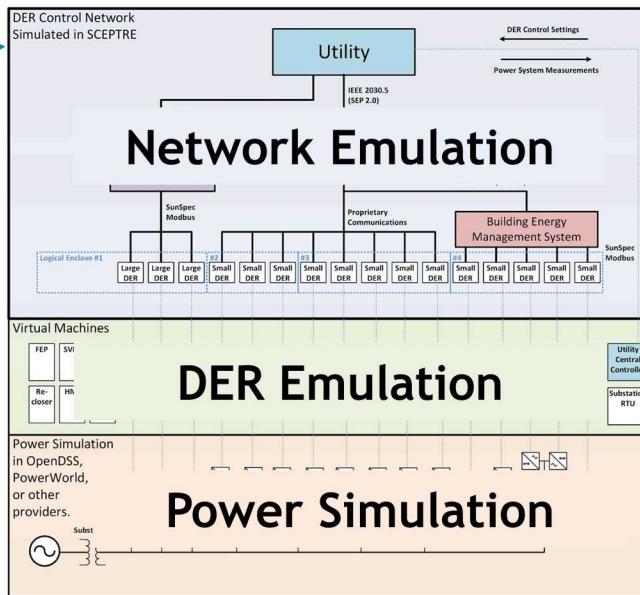
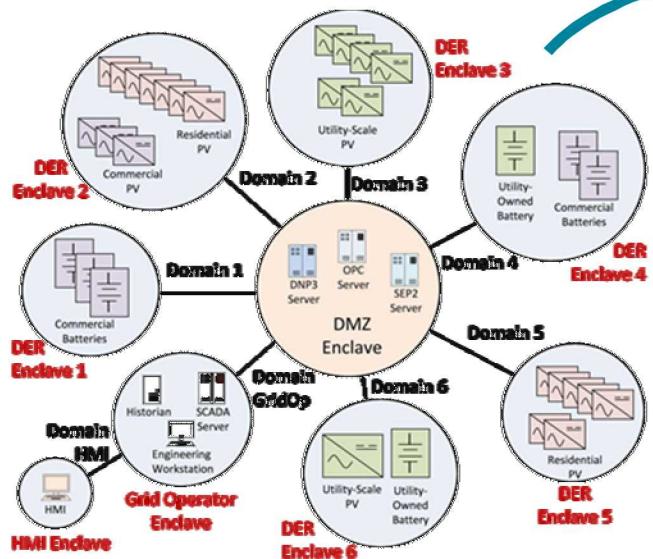
Concept: Create DER enclaves with firewall rules, VPNs, or proxies so an advisory cannot control all DER devices if an enclave is compromised.



On-going work: DER Cyber Security Working group is creating recommended data architectures for utilities and DER aggregators. Also, Sandia measuring cyber metrics of different topologies with red teaming activities.

R&D Activities: Virtualized Testbed Environments

DER control network architectures are emulated in the SCEPTRE environment.



SCEPTRE: a live, virtualized power system and control network co-simulation platform

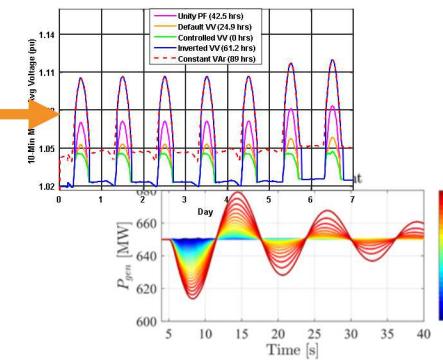
SCEPTRE outputs:

- Cybersecurity metrics
- Communication parameters
- Power system performance



Architecture	Access	Compliance	Confidentiality		Availability	Total
			High	Medium		
Enclaved	Flat	Insecure	0	0	8	8
	High	Hardened	9	0	14	23
	Medium	Insecure	9	0	14	23
	Low	Hardened	7	6	11	24
Maximally Possible Score →		11	16	14	41	

Power system studies



Multiple DER network architectures will be simulated to determine:

1. Cybersecurity resilience
2. Communication latency, dropout, and availability
3. Power system performance metrics (voltage, nadir, etc.)

R&D Activities: Intrusion Detection Systems

Research Question

Can a distributed monitoring system patrol a wide range of cyber attack vectors, detect various attack methods, predict adversary movements, and implement controls that mitigate damage to DER devices?

Create State-of-the-Art Simulation Platform

Combination of SCEPTRE, OPAL-RT power hardware-in-the-loop simulations, and EPRI Solar PV Simulator

Add 10,000 bus version of ePhasorSim

Create ePhasorSim distribution models

Enable communication drivers to support DNP3, Modbus, and etc.

Build Bump-In-The-Wire (BITW) Data Collection Sensor

Create multi-lingual code package to capture and collect network packets and PV data

Build lightweight and reliable data collection sensor with dropout rate < 0.5%

Development stages:

- Stage 1:
 - Enable Data Collection on Multiple Network Planes
- Stage 2:
 - Evaluate Data Capture Error
- Stage 3:
 - Evaluate Impact on Network
- Stage 4:
 - Evaluate Impact on Remote Control Signals

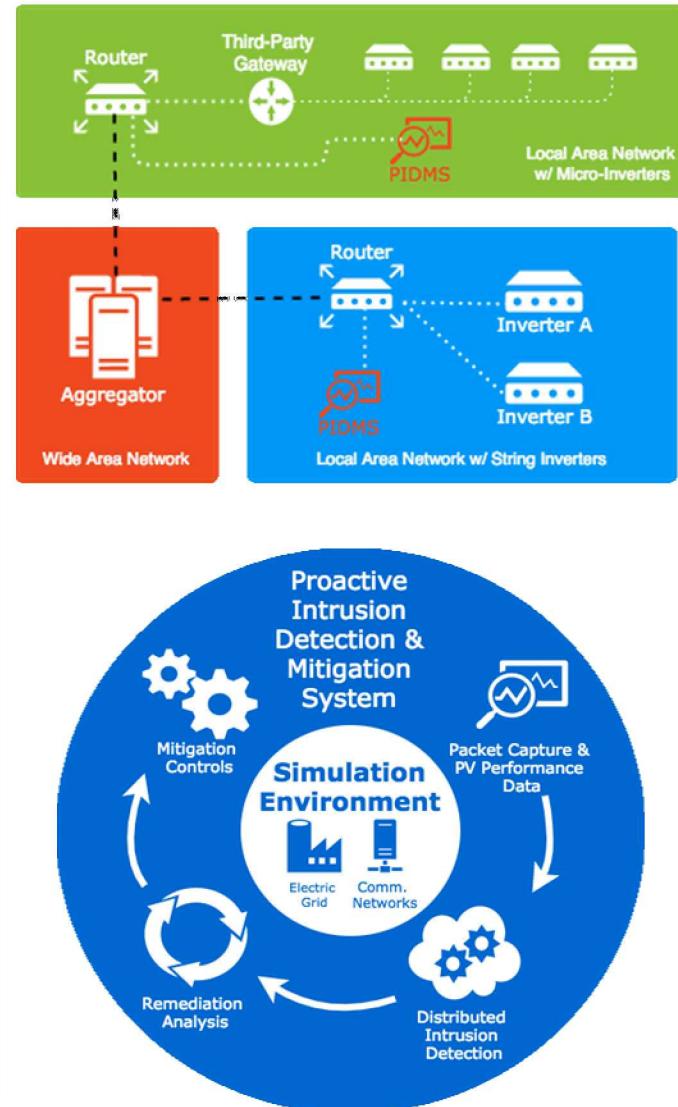
Develop Proactive Intrusion Detection and Mitigation System (PIDMS) Analysis and Control Methodology

Create flexible, distributed analytics that include:

- 1. Classification and prediction ML algorithms
- 2. Machine-to-machine comm. protocols
- 3. Onboard data storage
- 4. Read/write comm. with >3 inverter manufacturer devices
- 5. Runs data collection sensor

Evaluate methodology:

- Simulate various systems and attack scenarios
- Test various IDS classification methods



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