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## Native American Heritage Observance Event

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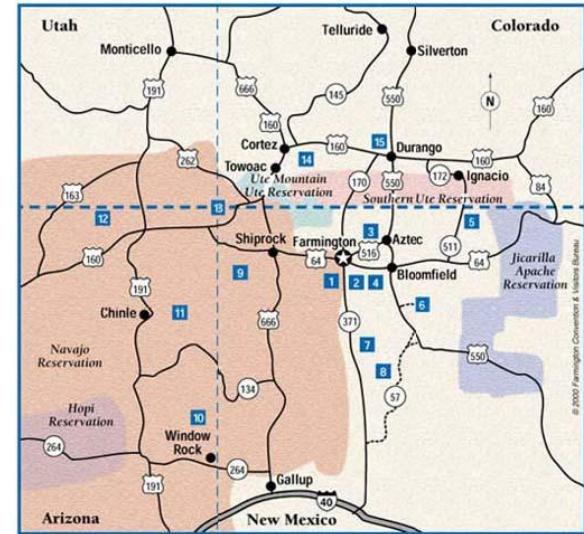
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# Personal Background

- Grew up on the Diné reservation in Shiprock, NM



My grandmother,  
Yili Bah Atcitty



Rug made by my mother,  
Betty Mae Atcitty



# Personal Background Cont.

- Raised in a ~ 500-square-foot substandard house
- Family income ~ \$5k/yr
- Mother sold rugs to help support the family



# Educational & Professional Background

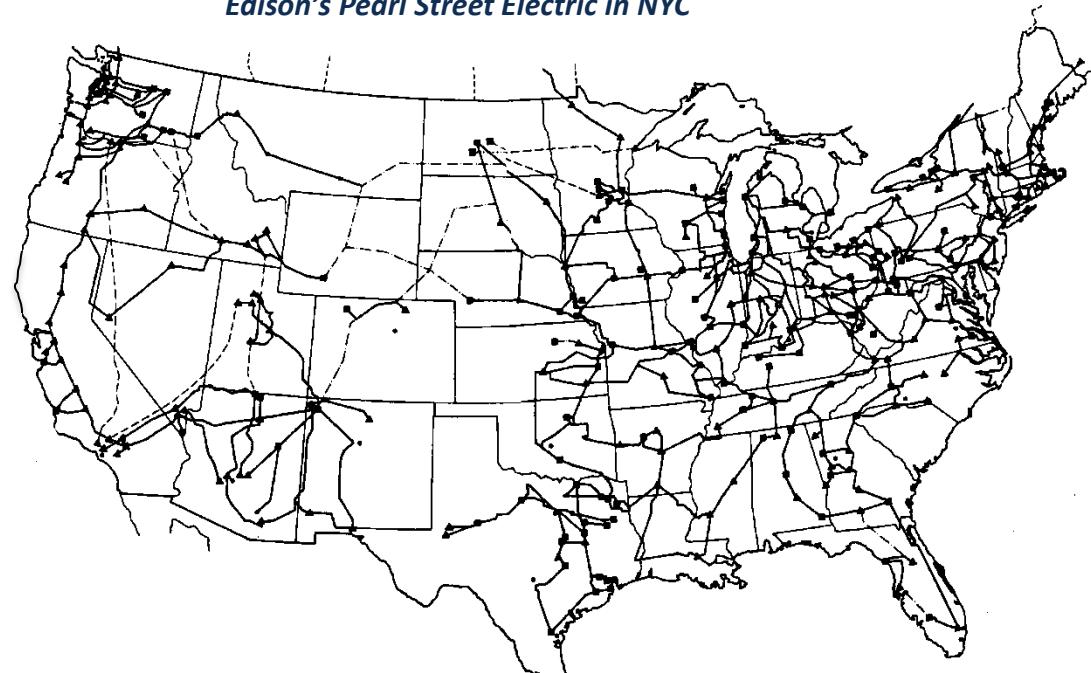


- Shiprock High School
- *San Juan College (AS General Science)*
- New Mexico State University (BS & MS EE)
- Virginia Tech University (Ph.D. EE)
- Worked at Sandia for over 17 years
  - Power engineering and power electronics for weapon and energy systems
  - Three patents, one pending
  - Four R&D 100 Awards
  - Over 40 technical publications
  - Weapon Internship Program Graduate 2002
  - AISES Technical Excellence Award 2007
  - Sandia's Up-and-Coming Innovator Award for Center 6100

# Electric Utility Background

<i>Common AC voltages</i>	
<b>Transmission</b>	{
• 765kV	
• 500kV	
• 345kV	
• 230kV	
<b>Sub-Transmission</b>	{
• 69kV	
• 30kV	
• 15kV	
<b>Distribution</b>	{
• 4kV	
• 2kV	
• 600V	
• 480V	
• 240V	
• 120V	

*First modern electric system developed in 1882 by Thomas Edison's Pearl Street Electric in NYC*



- Made up of:
- Over 150 thousand miles of transmission lines (AC & DC)
- 10s of thousands of Generating Units totaling ~1000GW of total capacity
- Millions of transformers, relays, and controls
- 100s of Billions of dollars in total investments in transmission and distribution

# Electric Utility Major Blackouts

- San Diego/Arizona/Baja Blackout September 2011
  - 5M affected, HV transmission line failure from AZ to CA
- Northeast Power Blackout August 14, 2003



Source: [http://www.globalsecurity.org/eye/blackout\\_2003.htm](http://www.globalsecurity.org/eye/blackout_2003.htm)

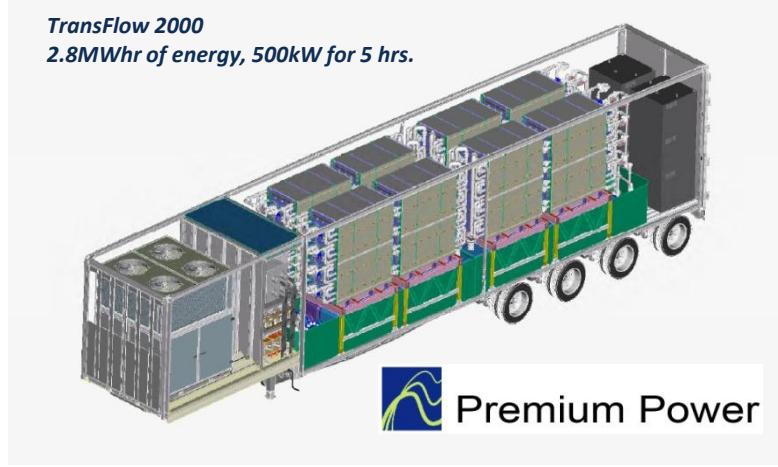
*~ 45M people affected US, 10M Ontario Canada*

*~ 6B in financial losses*

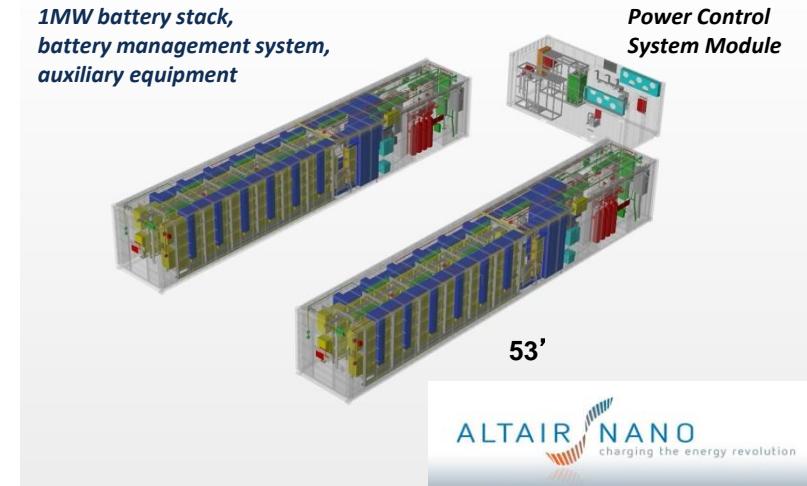
- Western US Blackout August 1996
  - High demand, heat wave, and sagging power lines
- New York City Blackout July 1977
- Northeast Blackout November 1965

# Transportable Systems

## Peak Shaving, Demand Response, T&D Deferral, etc.



## Grid Stabilization/Renewable Integration



## Wind farm dynamic VAR compensation

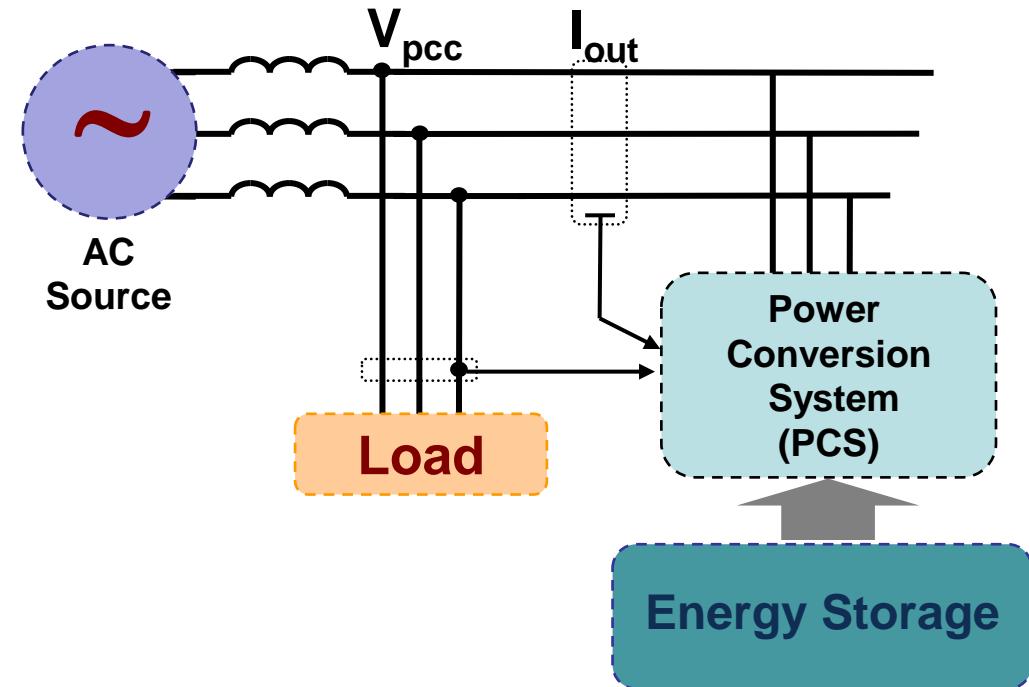


## Benefits

- Lower Installation Cost
- Less Time from Installation to Operation
- Use at Multiple Sites Optimizes Overall System Use

# Why is DOE/Sandia interested in power electronics?

- PCS can be 20-40% of overall energy storage system cost.
- Need for significantly reduced installed cost/kVA and footprint, improved control capability and increased reliability

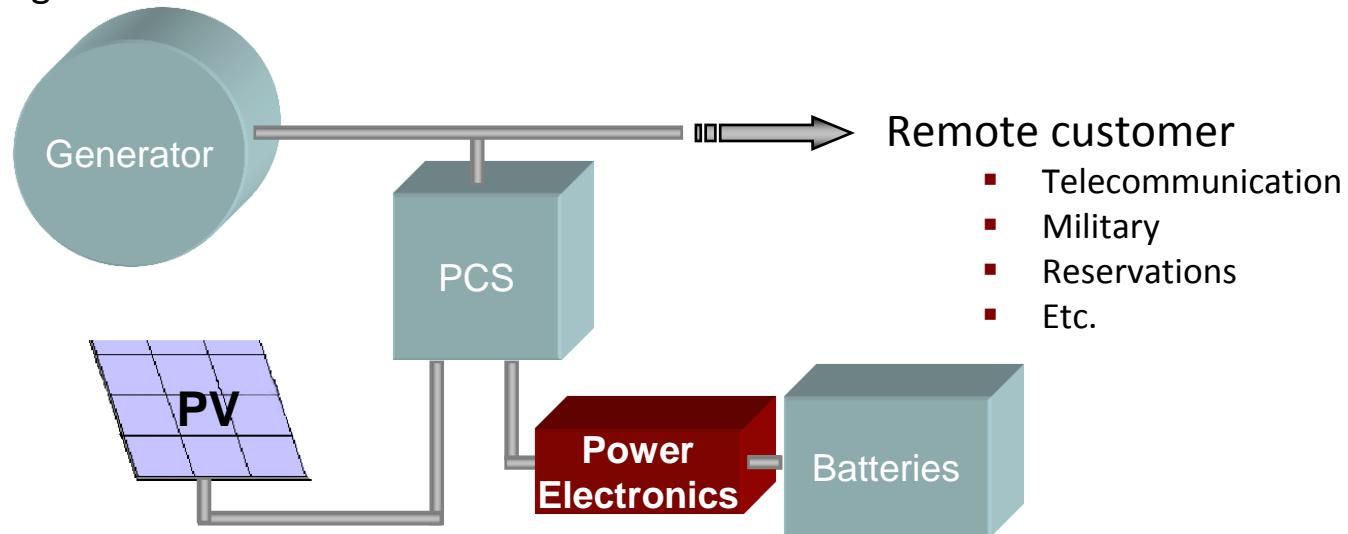


*The PCS is a key component of the energy storage system—it can represent 20-60% of the total system cost.*

# Optimal Management of Batteries in Electric Systems

## Problem:

- Generator provides battery management
- High fuel usage, emission, increase maintenance
- PV spillage



## Solution:

- With additional electronics battery provides its own management
- US Patent (6,353,304) 3/5/02
- US Patent (7,567,060) 6/3/07

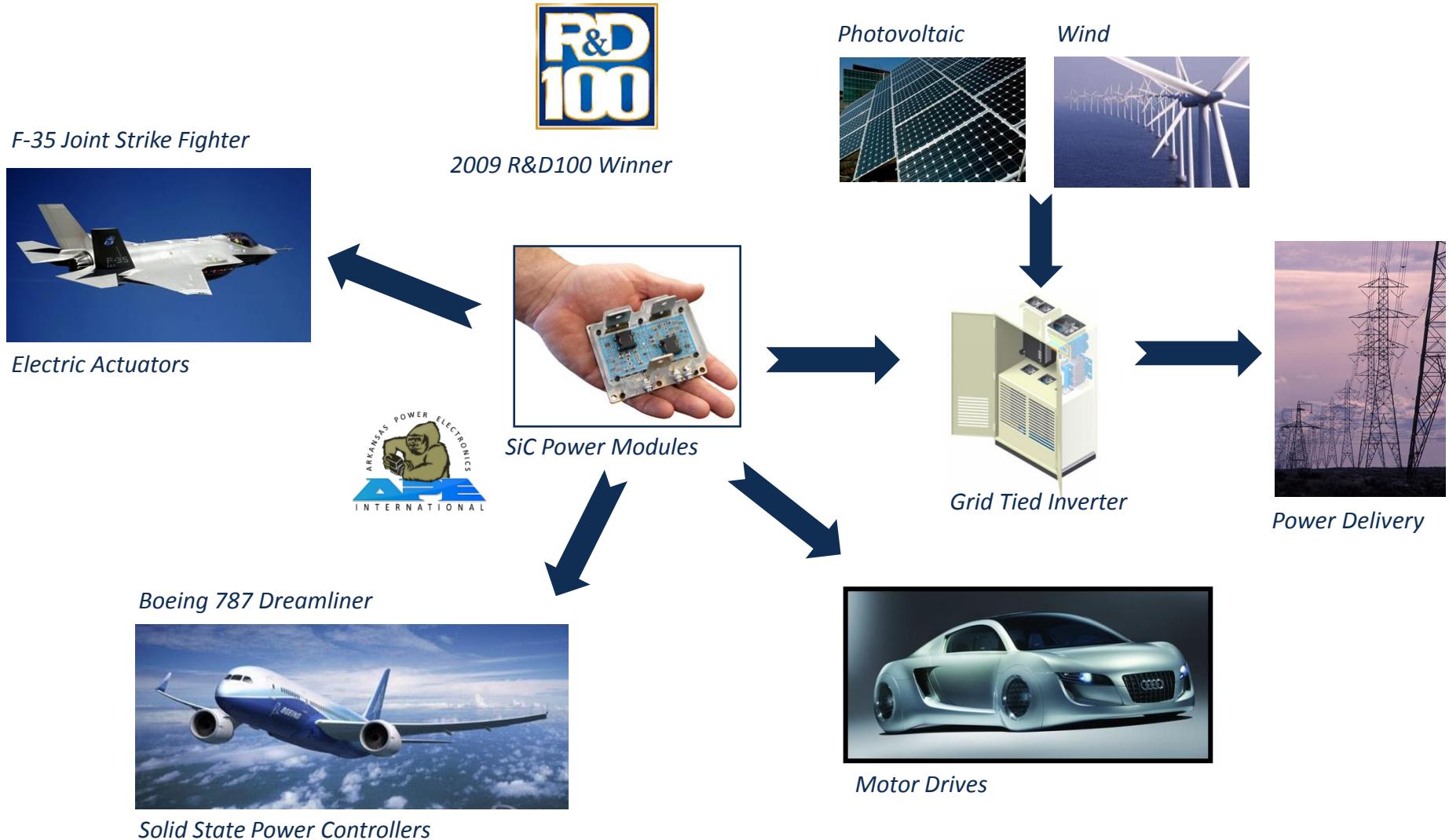
# Coast Guard National Distress System



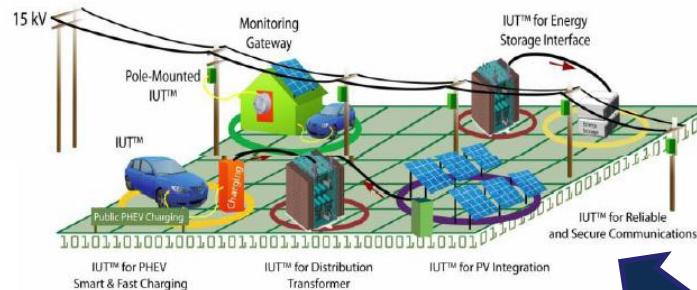
*Duke Island Installation*



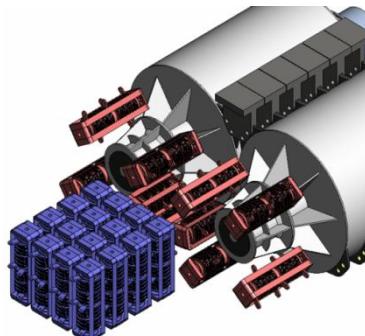
# High-temperature Silicon Carbide (SiC) Power Module



# Ultra-high-voltage Silicon-Carbide (SiC) Thyristor



## Smart Grid



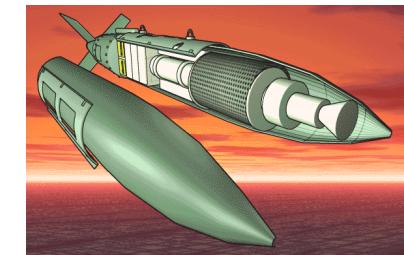
## *Rail Gun*



## GeneSiC Semiconductor SiC Thyristors

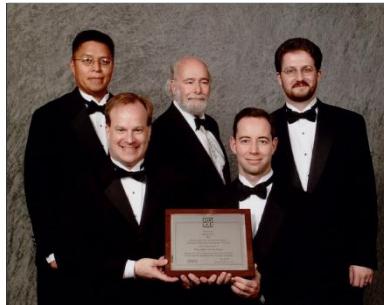
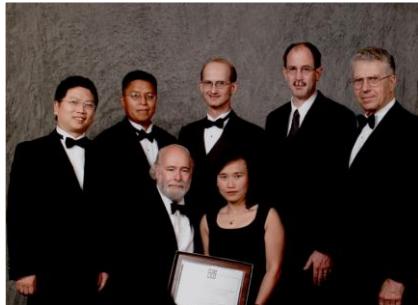


2011 R&D100 Winner



## *Pulse forming network*

# DOE Power Electronics Program R&D 100 Awards



"The Oscars of Invention"- *The Chicago Tribune*

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- Established by the editors of R&D Magazine



# American Indian Science & Engineering Society

## Technical Excellence Award 2007



- Technical Excellence
  - The nominee must have made a significant contribution to science, engineering, or technology by having designed, developed, managed, or assisted in the development of a product, service, system, or intellectual property.



# Conclusion



*Courtesy NTUA*

- In general, American Indians are drawn to nature
- Nature has helped our people with food, shelter and natural medicine which continues to this day
- Engineers and scientists have figured out ways to harness the solar light to produce heat or electricity by way of solar concentrators and photovoltaic systems
- Natural fit for American Indians interested in science and engineering

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