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# Intrusion Detection & Response for Distributed Energy Resources & Building Automation Systems

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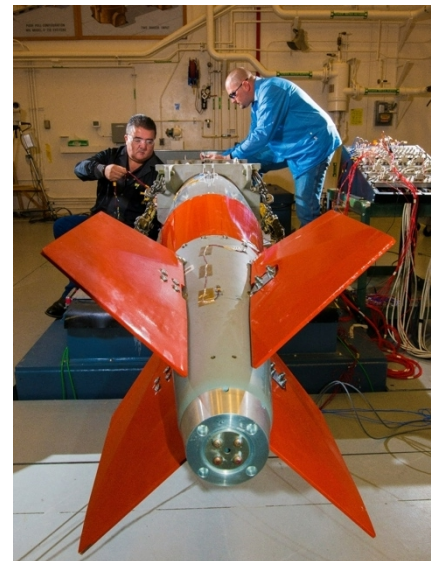
RENEWABLE, DISTRIBUTED SYSTEMS INTEGRATION

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# AGENDA

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- **Sandia National Laboratories**
- **My Background**
- **Electric Grid**
- **Distributed Energy Resources (DER)**
  - *Integration & Control*
  - *Cybersecurity*
- **Building Automation Systems**
  - *Automation & Control*
  - *Intrusion Detection & Response*
  - *Automation Interactions with the Grid*





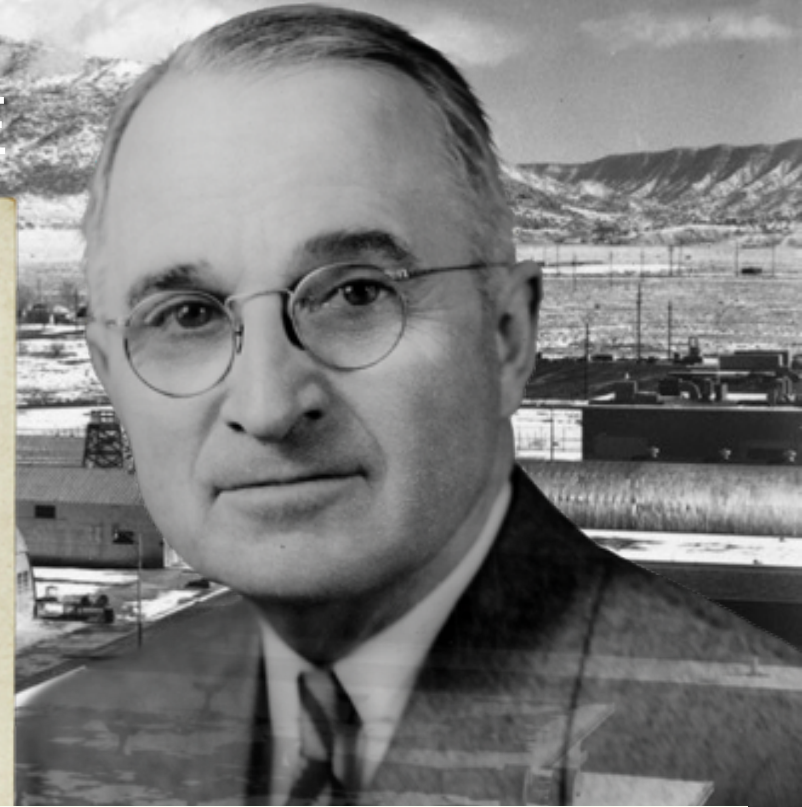
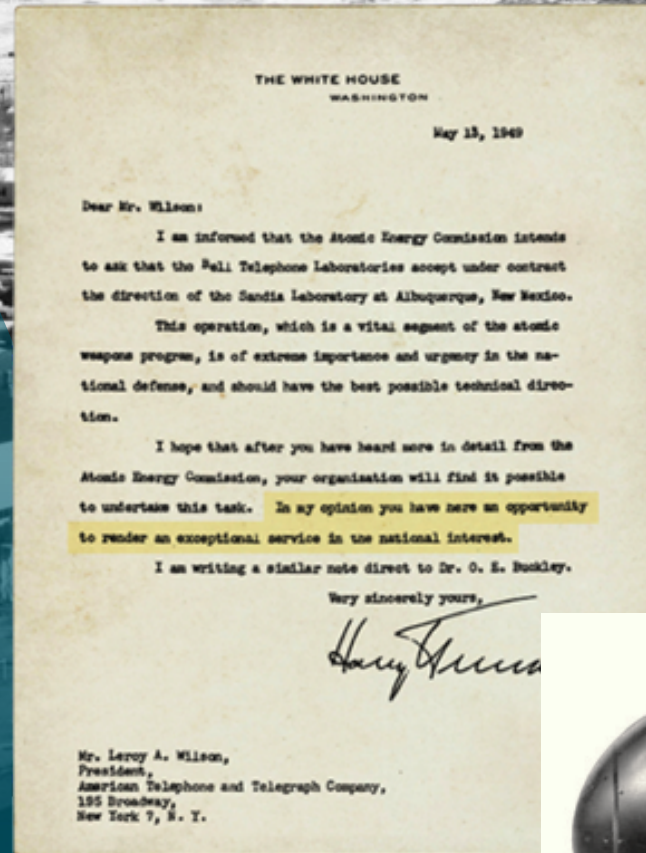
Sandia National Laboratories



# SANDIA'S HISTORY IS TRACED TO THE MANHATTAN PROJECT

*...In my opinion you have here an opportunity to render an exceptional service in the national interest.*

- July 1945  
Los Alamos creates Z Division
- Nonnuclear component engineering
- November 1, 1949  
Sandia Laboratory established
- AT&T: 1949–1993
- Martin Marietta: 1993–1995
- Lockheed Martin: 1995–2017
- Honeywell: 2017–present





# SANDIA HAS FACILITIES ACROSS THE NATION

## Activity locations

- Kauai, Hawaii
- Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, Carlsbad, New Mexico
- Pantex Plant, Amarillo, Texas
- Tonopah, Nevada

## Main sites

- Albuquerque, New Mexico
- Livermore, California





# SANDIA ADDRESSES NATIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES

1950s

NUCLEAR  
WEAPONS  
ENGINEERING  
AND TESTING



Arms race

1960s

NW  
STOCKPILE  
DIVERSITY AND  
BUILD-UP



Cuban missile  
crisis & Vietnam  
War

1970s

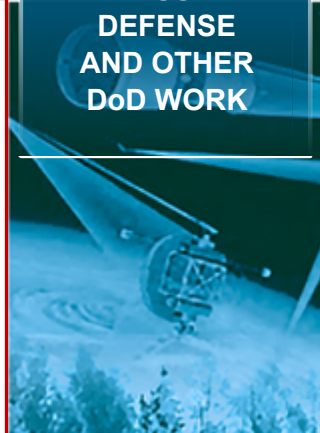
NW + ENERGY:  
MULTIPROGRAM  
LABORATORY



Energy crisis

1980s

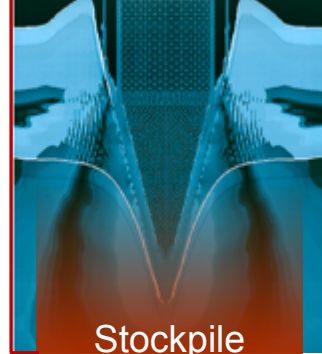
DOE  
MULTIPROGRAM  
+ MISSILE  
DEFENSE  
AND OTHER  
DoD WORK



End of  
Cold War

1990s

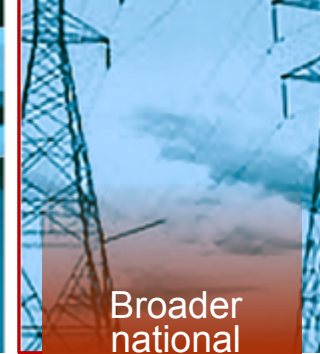
DOE  
MULTIPROGRAM  
+ DoD,  
ECONOMIC  
COMPETITIVENESS



Stockpile  
stewardship

2000s

EXPANDED  
NATIONAL  
SECURITY ROLE  
POST 9/11



Broader  
national  
security

2010s

MULTIMISSION  
LAB: LEPs  
CYBER, BIO,  
SPACE,  
TERRORISM



Evolving  
national  
security  
challenges



# SANDIA HAS FIVE MAJOR PROGRAM PORTFOLIOS







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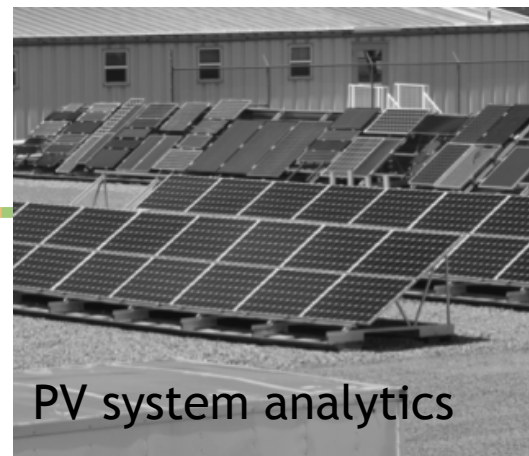
## C. Birk Jones

### Education:

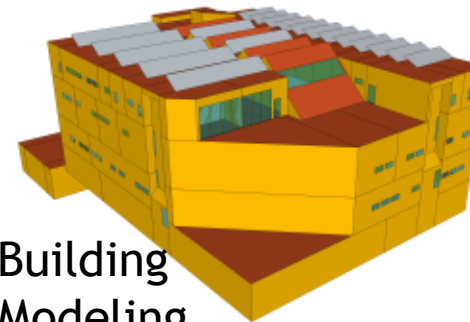
- B.S. Civil and Environmental Engineering  
University of California at Davis, Davis, CA, 2004
- M.S. Construction Engineering  
University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, 2009
- Ph.D. Mechanical Engineering  
University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, 2015

### Work Experience:

- Civil & Environmental Engineer
- Structural Engineer & Construction Engineer
- Mechanical Engineer
- Senior Member of Technical Staff at Sandia
  - *Photovoltaic Reliability*
  - *Grid Integration*
  - *Cybersecurity*



PV system analytics



Building Modeling



Control Upgrades



Building HVAC Controls

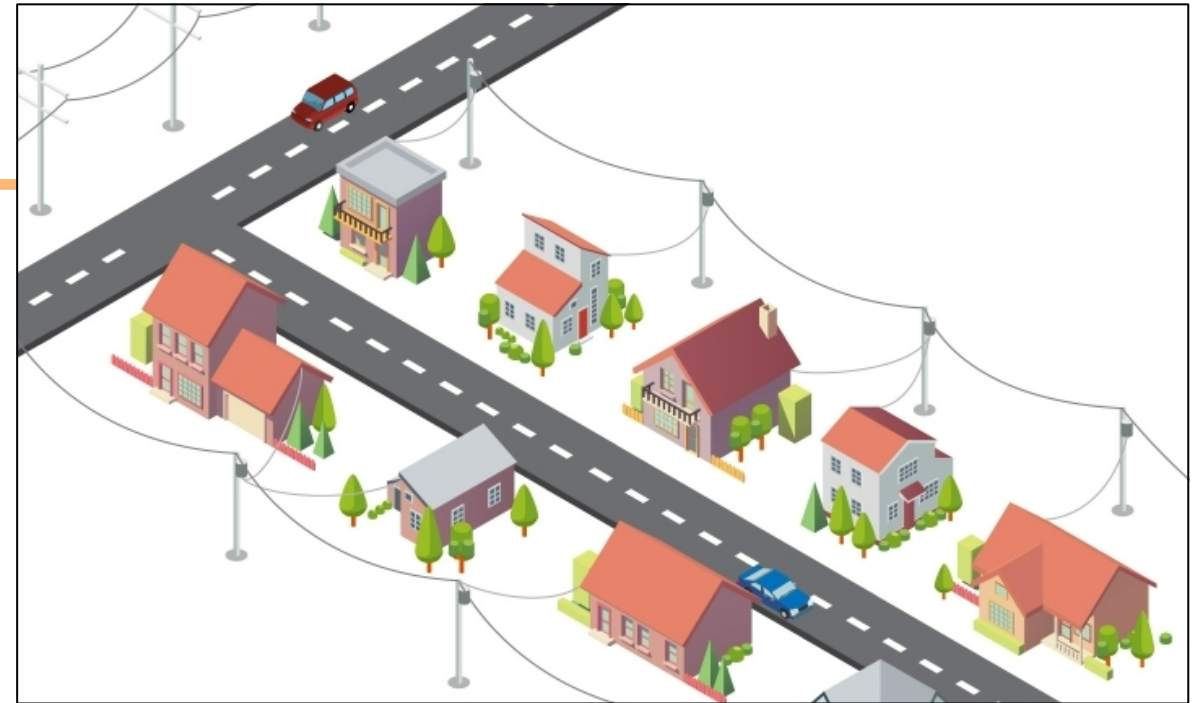


# The Electric Grid

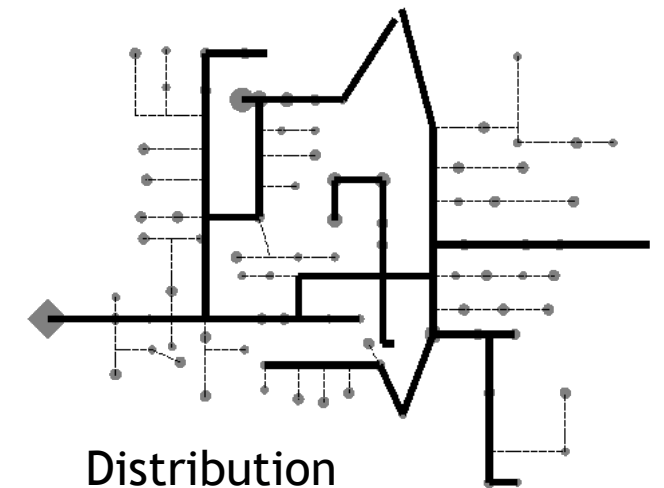


# Electric Networks

- Power generation, delivery, and consumption at residential, commercial, industrial, and mixed use loads
- Transmission
  - Long distance and high voltage
  - Network of generators and loads
- Distribution
  - Short distance and low low voltage
  - Network of loads (and now generators)



Transmission



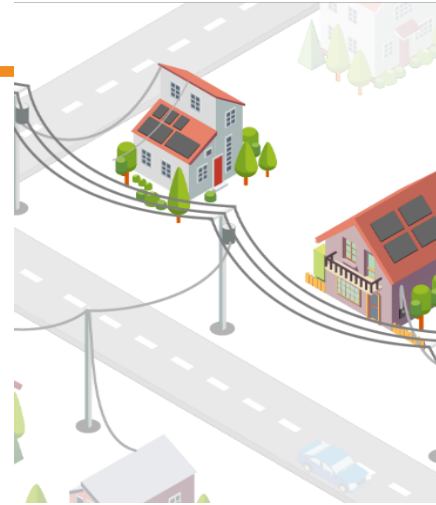
Distribution



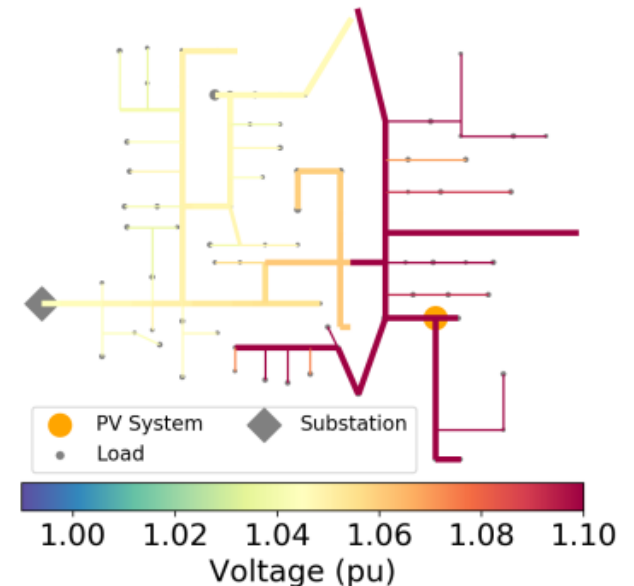
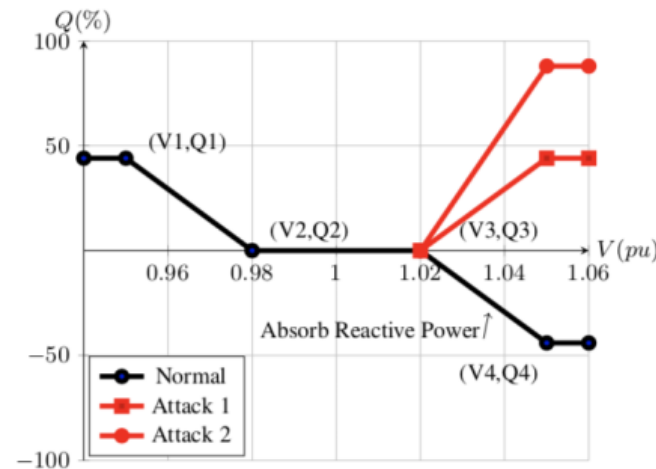
# Distributed Energy Resources

# Integration & Control of Photovoltaic Systems

- High penetrations of PV systems require controls to mitigate grid disturbances
- PV inverters are capable of providing reactive power support
- Manipulation of the inverters may result in grid issues – including voltage violations



PV Integration

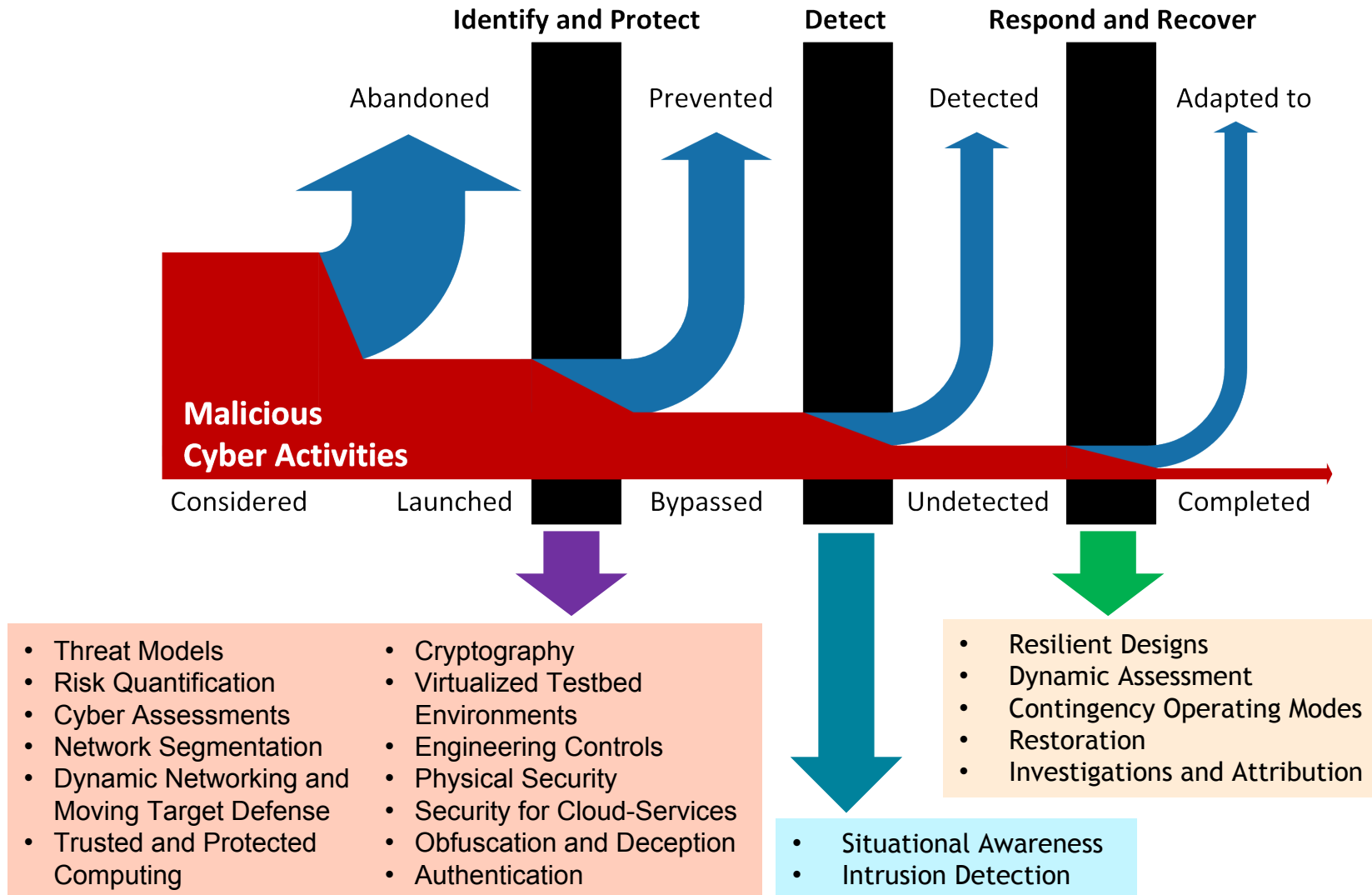


Manipulation causes unnecessarily high voltages





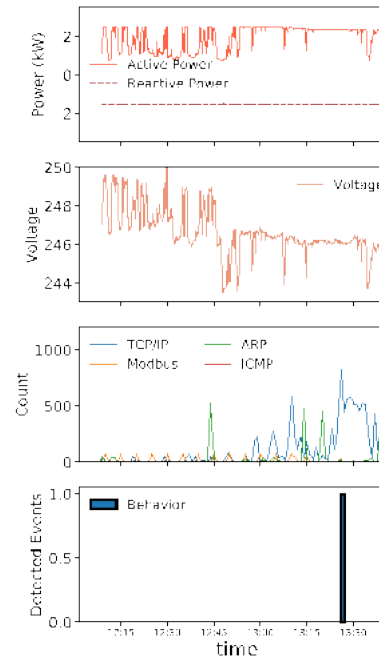
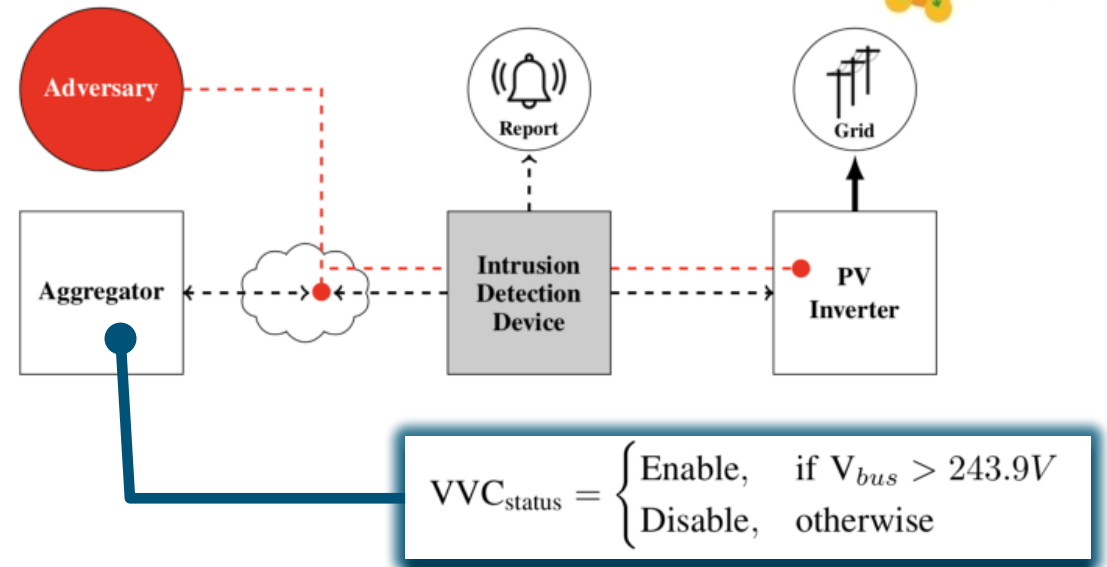
# Cybersecurity Concerns and Mitigation Measures



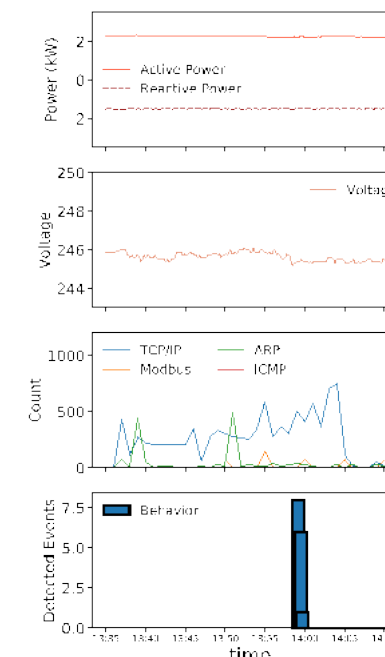
# Research Example: PV Inverter Intrusion Detection



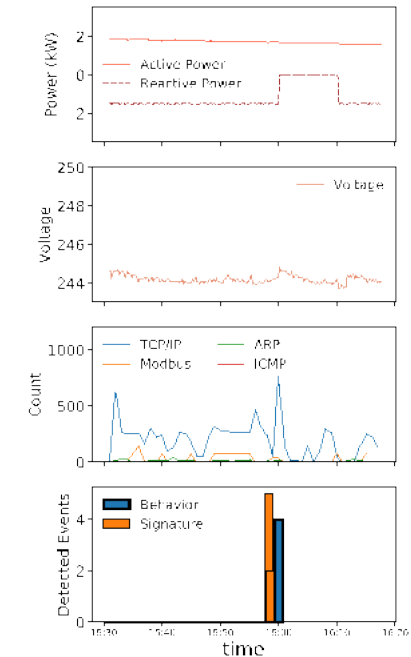
- **Intent:** Compare signature vs behavior based detection methods
- **Hypothesis:** Behavior-based approaches will detect a larger number of attack types
- **Method:**
  - Actual communications with a grid-tied inverter.
  - Intrusion detection on a Raspberry Pi
  - Adversary attempted to manipulate PV inverter operations



TCP Handshake Spoof



MitM Denial of Service



MitM Data Spoof

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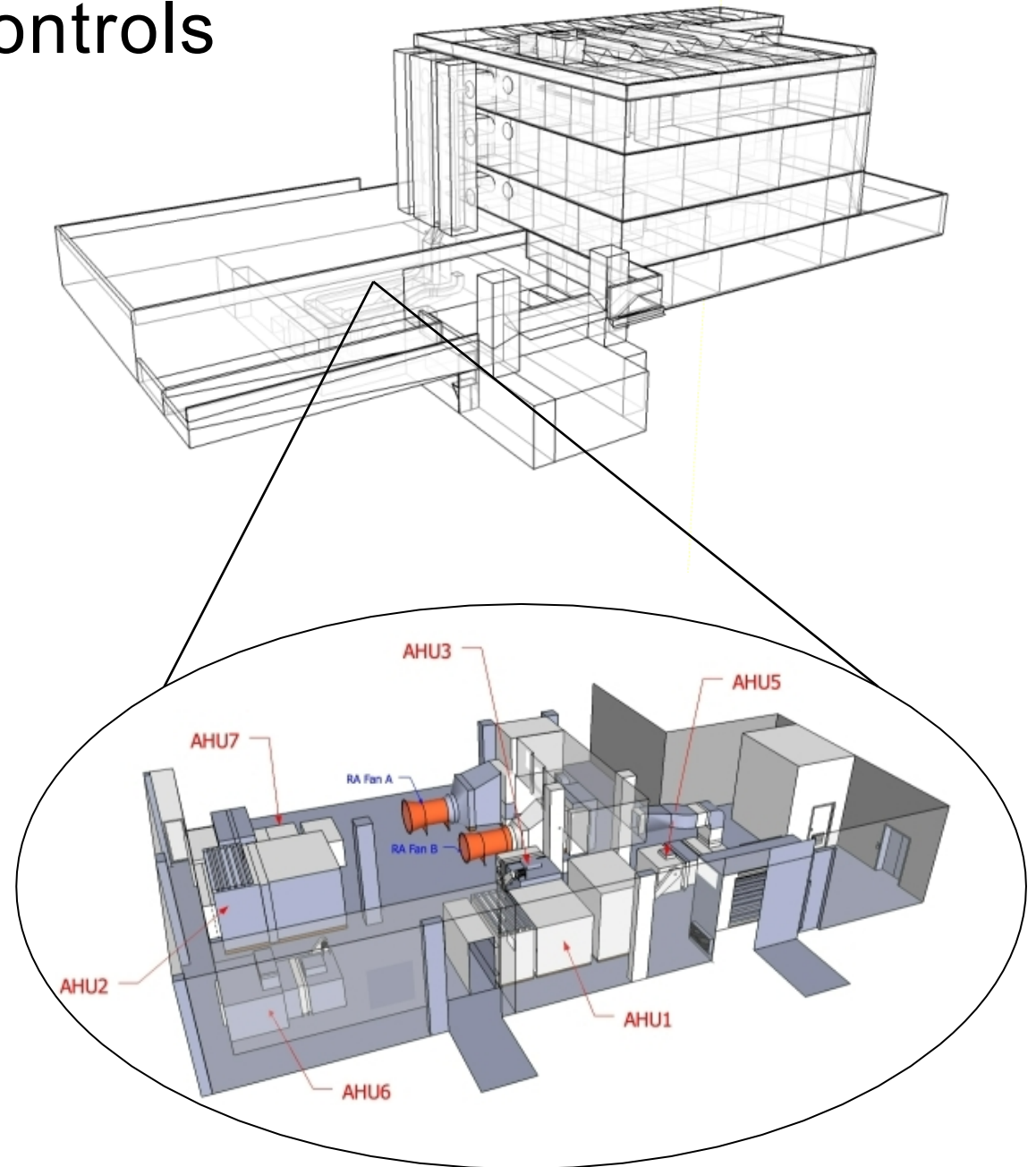


# Building Automation Systems



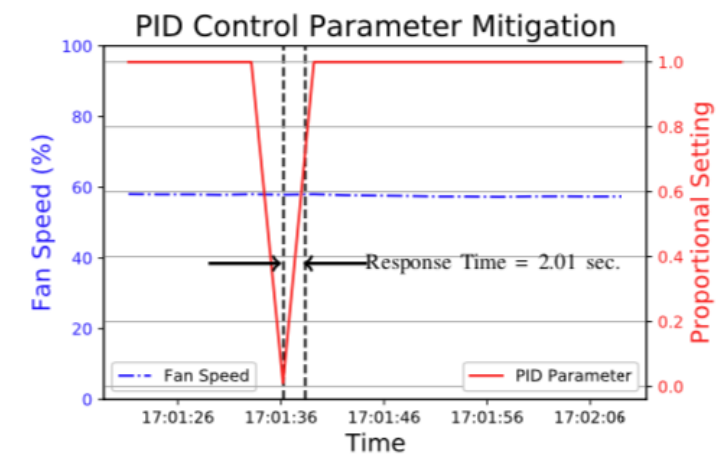
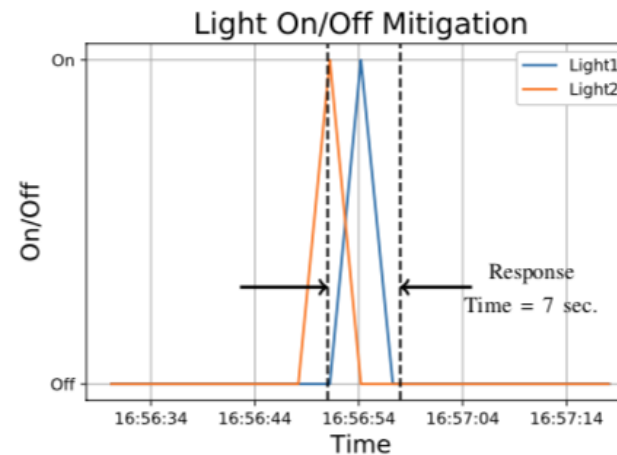
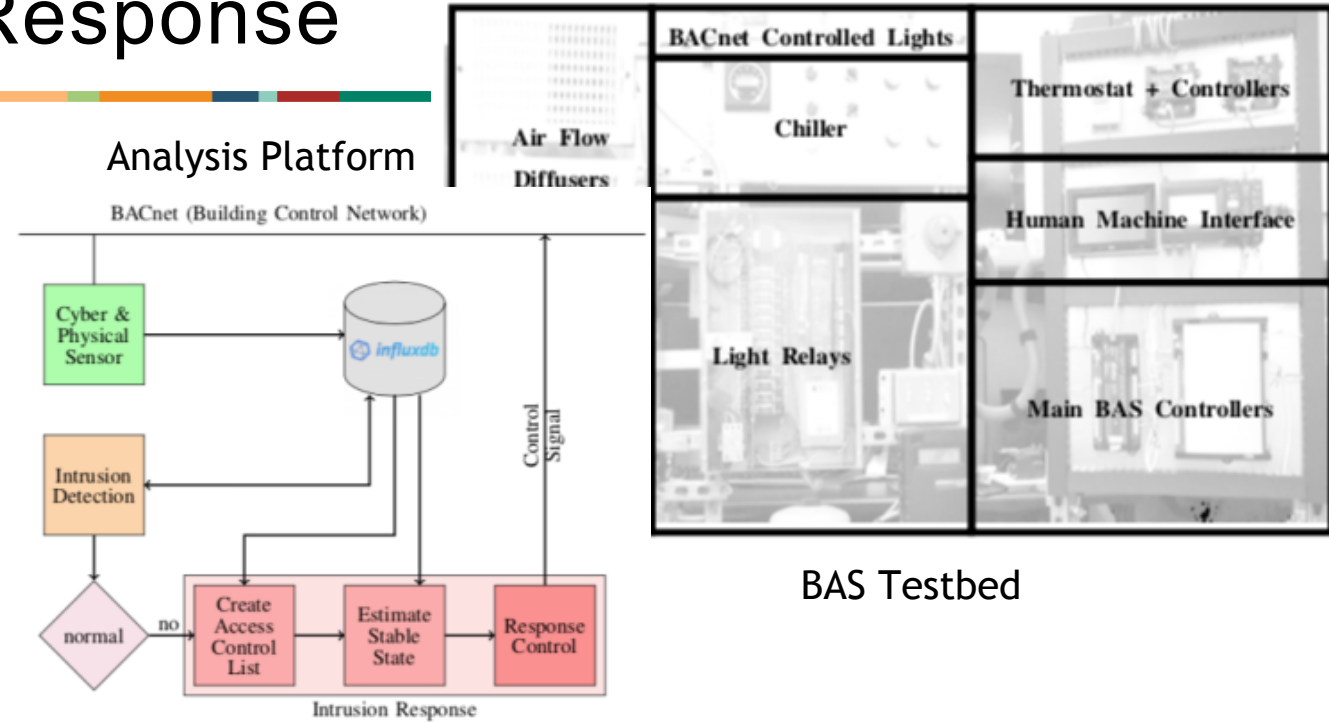
# Building Automation System Controls

- Building Automation Systems (BAS) typically control the heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems
- Heating & Cooling systems are comprised of multiple sub-systems
  - Air handling units
  - Chilled & hot water
  - Terminal units
- Multiple cybersecurity concerns exist



# Research Example: BAS Intrusion Detection & Response

- **Intent:** Create and test a analytics platform that detects and corrects unwanted changes to the BAS.
- **Hypothesis:** An artificial neural network could detect and identify the data point being manipulated.
- **Method:**
  - BAS testbed
  - Created cyber & physical sensors
  - Used an Adaptive Resonance Theory neural network on a Raspberry Pi computer
  - Implemented two attacks on the lights and fan

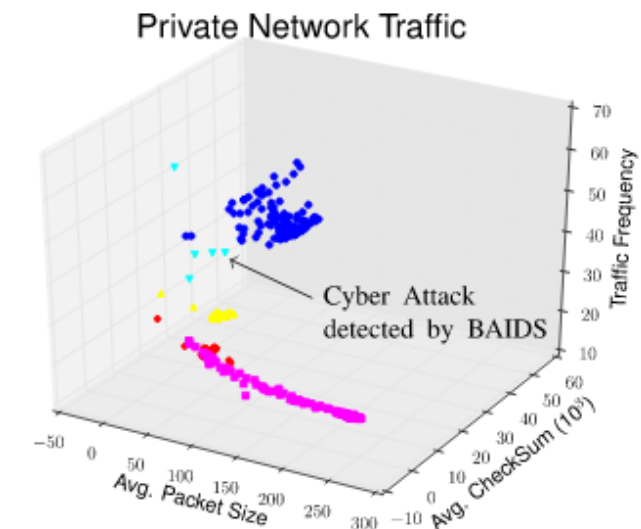
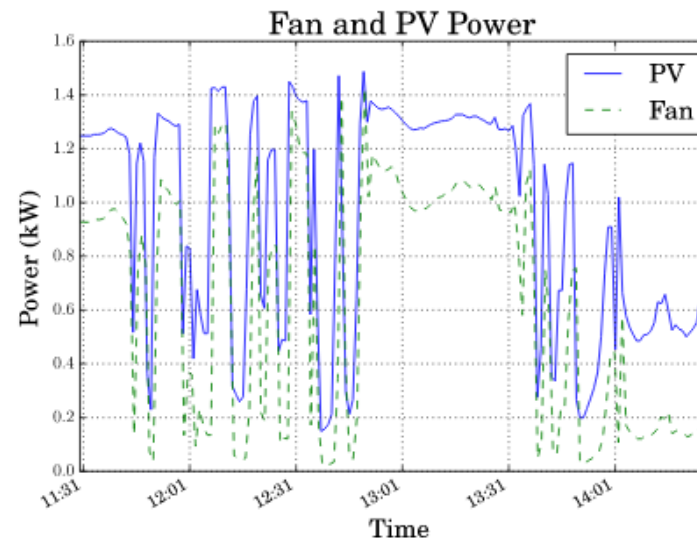
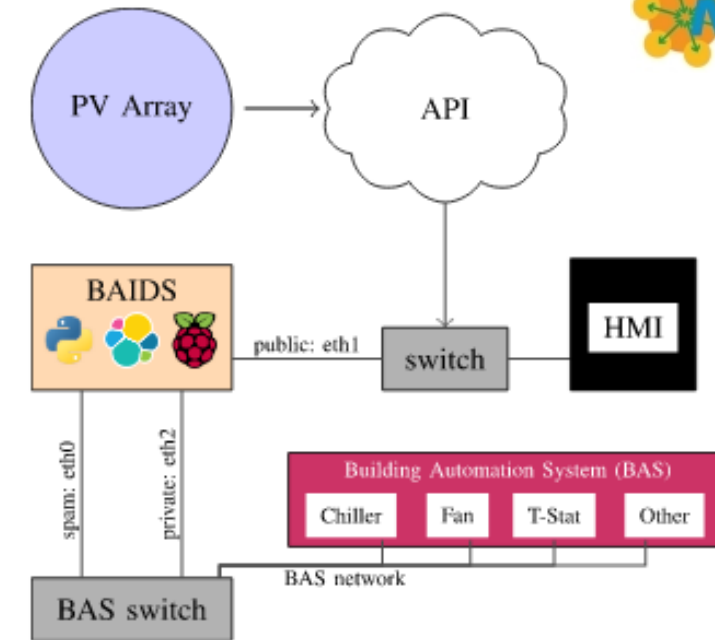


# Research Example: Building Automation Interactions w/ Grid

- **Intent:** Create and test an intrusion detection devices that monitors network traffic between a building and an outside source.
- **Hypothesis:** A bump-in-the-wire device can detect abnormal behavior.
- **Method:**
  - Connected PV array and Building Fan
  - Actual communications passed through Raspberry Pi before entering BAS network
  - Neural Network algorithm on Raspberry Pi analyzed traffic



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# Thank You Questions?

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