Smart Grid Testbed Vision for Electric Grid Simulation and Visualization

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Overview

- Our modern society depends on reliable electric grid
- Blackouts are costly, with some estimates of costs above \$100 billion/year in the US.
 - Growing risk of catastrophic, long-term blackouts
 - Blackouts cannot be completely eliminated, but improved sensing and data analytics can substantially reduce their number and/or mitigate their impact
- Risk can be mitigated through the establishment of the Smart Grid Center (SGC) Electric Grid Testbed



Blackout misery

50 million affected in Northeast and beyond as power grid fails Transportation Many wait Scenes Moms in labor, cars Impact Offices close, ATMs it out, by air and land 4A stuck in car washes 5A idle, cellphones jam 1B



Three Recent IEEE and US National Academies Reports on the Grid

- IEEE Power and Energy Society (PES) Quadrennial Energy Review, 2014
- Analytic Research Foundations for the Next-Generation Electric Grid, 2016
- Enhancing the Resilience of the Nation's Electricity System, 2017
- A key recommendation was the creation of an National Electric Power Systems Research Center
 - Testbeds could play a key role in this



Nation's Electricity System



Working to Reduce the Potential for Long-Term, High Impact Blackouts

 There is also growing awareness of a class of events that the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) calls Reliability a severe event, defined as Level Return to Normal Severe Reliability Event "an emergency situation Adequate so catastrophic that complete restoration of New Norma electric service is not Prepare | Mitiaate Restore possible."

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Weeks Months Years

• The economic impact of such events would be extremely high!

Image Source: Severe Impact Resilience: Considerations and Recommendations, NERC 2012



Time

Large-Scale Testbed Simulations

- The grid is indispensable, yet also rapidly changing with the future uncertain.
- We also lack an in-depth understanding with the modeling of severe grid events, such as cyber or physical attacks, geomagnetic disturbances, EMPs and pandemics



 SGC provides location to show case state-of-art techniques and provide testing on future scenarios
Allowing for more rapid adoption



Image: Analytic Research Foundations for the Next-Generation Electric Grid, National Academies Press, 201

Example: Interactive Severe Disturbance Scenario Using a Synthetic Grid

• This 2000 bus fictional Texas grid is now used for undergraduate and graduate education and research





Access to Large-Scale Electric Grids



Development of New Techniques: Location of Source of Oscillations





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Thank You! Questions?

