

# Electric Sector Resilience in the Face of Threats

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# Electrification is a critical element of sustainability







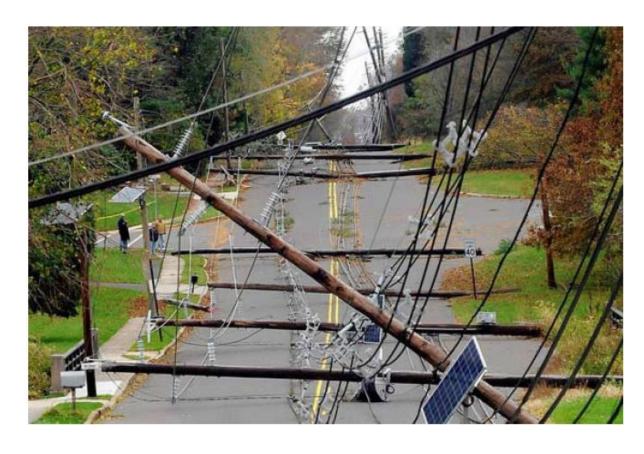








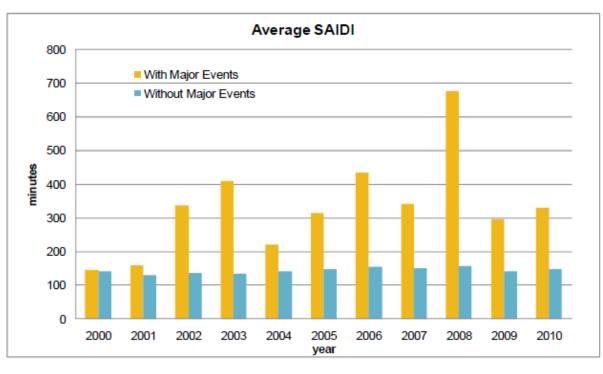
# But what about the risks of outages?





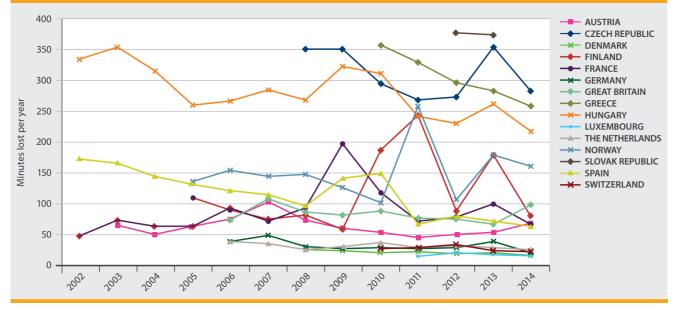
# We have built a reliable system

#### **United States**



#### Europe







# Resilience not the same as Reliability



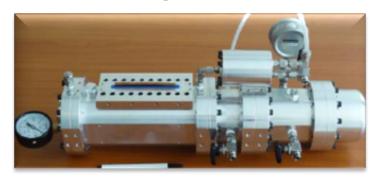
Weather Events

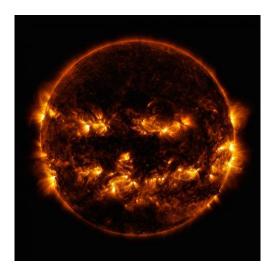


**Equipment and Protection System Failures** 



**Electro-Magnetic Pulse** 





**Solar Storms** 

# **Storms - Just this year**

#### Hurricane Harvey Strikes a Powerful Blow to Texas, and Lingers



Irma causes one of the largest natural disaster power outages in

U.S. history



People fear the long term damage to the already bruised economy as they are hit by the worst storm in 80 years





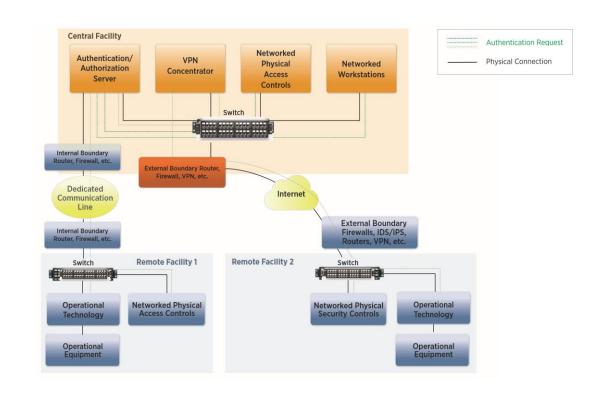
# **Cyber Security**



# Cyber firms warn of malware that could cause power outages

# Security concerns rising for Internet of Things devices

Call it the Attack Vector of Things



# **Physical Security**

### Assault on California Power Station Raises Alarm on Potential for Terrorism

April Sniper Attack Knocked Out Substation, Raises Concern for Country's Power Grid

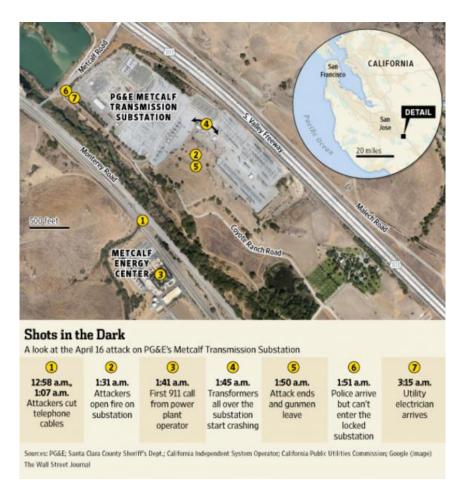
#### **SECURITY**

#### Substation attack is new evidence of grid vulnerability

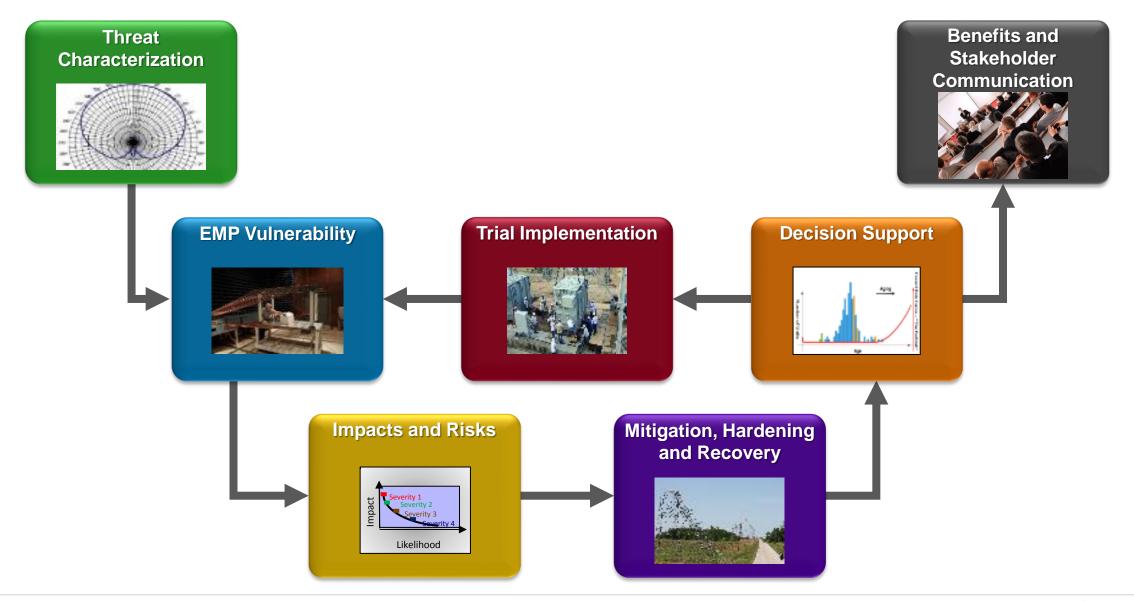
Peter Behr, E&E News reporter

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With just a few shots from a high-powered rifle, an unknown gunman knocked out an electric power substation in rural south-central Utah last month, cutting off electricity to 13,000 customers for a day and forcing the utility to wait at least six months until the station's disabled transformer is repaired or replaced.



# **Electro-Magnetic Pulse (EMP)**



# **Improving Grid Resilience – Multiple Approaches**

Prevention

Response

Customer Resilience



# **Investing in the Grid – Grid Hardening and Grid Modernization**

Insulated Conductors and Steel/Concrete Poles





Vegetation Management

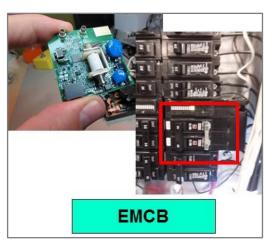


Undergrounding



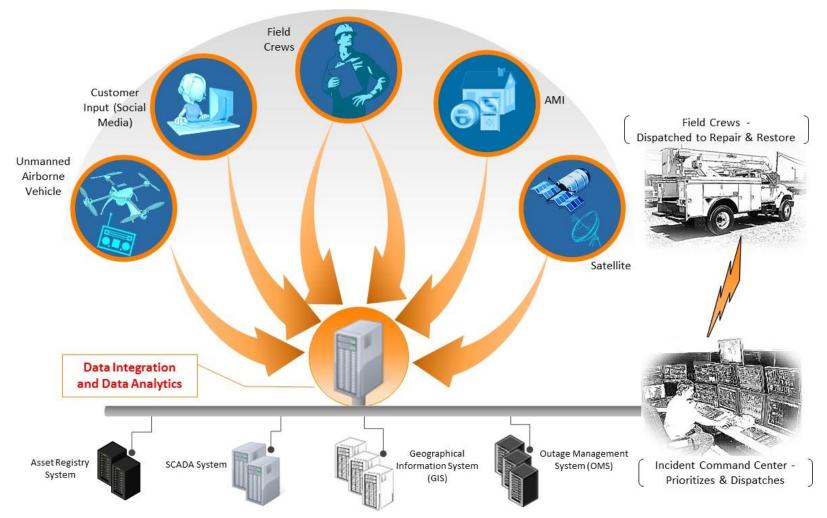
#### Sensors and Automation







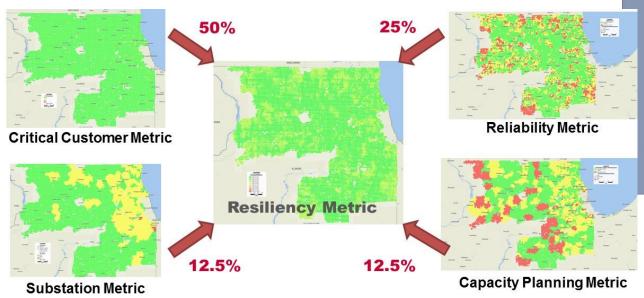
# Using technology to respond faster

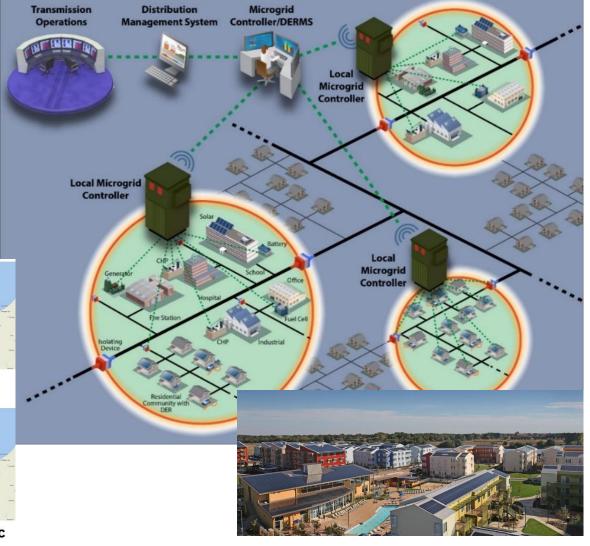




# New approach – advanced energy communities

Local energy systems can incorporate local storage, generation, and advanced energy management to optimize energy use while also providing local resilience.



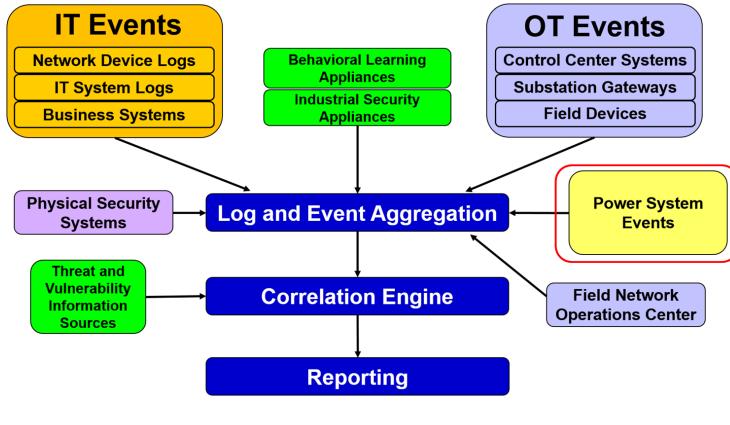


# Combining IT and OT – Integrated Threat Analysis Facility (ITAF)









# The Vision – An Integrated Grid



The Integrated Grid Enables Optimization of Local and Central Resources with Customer Needs





# Together...Shaping the Future of Electricity