

# A SUNNY RESILIENT ENERGY FUTURE



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"Early morning shot of Hurricane #Joaquin from @space\_station before reaching #Bahamas. Hope all is safe. #YearInSpace" Scott Kelly, 10/2/2015.







PV deployment has come a long way...

...but none of these systems work during a grid outage!



#### RELIABILITY



What would it cost add another "9" of reliability?





## <u>Reliability</u> focuses on average system performance, skips large-scale events, and does not consider consequences...



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#### 11 Large-scale events becoming more frequent...



#### <sup>12</sup> Large-scale events becoming more frequent...



"You don't really know better until you do better."

Existing grid planning framework does not effectively deal with high-consequence events, even if those that are likely!



#### 14 Resilience can be considered an extension of Reliability...

Resilience

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Includes Reliability concepts, but also *low probability, high consequence* events.

Not widely adopted for grid infrastructure investment. Need new *methods, metrics and tools* 



Focuses on system performance with respect to **commonly expected events** (component failure, etc.)

Widely adopted for infrastructure investment decision-making.



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**Defining Resilience** 

Ability to Prepare for, Withstand
and Recover from disruptions
caused by major Accidents,
Attacks, or Natural Disasters.

# What problem are we trying to solve?



Improve resilience of the whole grid

Improve resilience of infrastructure that supports critical services at selected locations Pop Quiz



#### 17 A consequence-based view of Resilience

Measure	Examples of Resilience Metrics
Economics	Gross Municipal Product / Net Economic Losses
	Change in Capital Wealth
	Business Interruption Costs
People and Community	Number of People Without Basic Services
	Lives at Risk
	Societal Burden to Acquire Services



#### 18 A Resilience Planning Framework



#### Resilience Analysis using Economic and Community Metrics

#### Norfolk, VA



	100yr+0ft	100yr+1.5ft	100yr+3.0ft
Annual Direct Losses	\$135 M	\$182 M	\$231 M
Annual Indirect Losses	\$219 M	\$296 M	\$375 M
Total	\$354 M	\$478 M	\$606 M

#### San Juan, PR

Total burden to acquire food for a random 34-microgrid portfolio



#### Resilience Planning Process in Action – San Juan, PR



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Energy Resilience – A Case for PV \*

Rugged, dependable

- Modular, scalable, portable
- □ Fuel avaialble onsite,everywhere
- **And** generates value all the time!

\* As part of a grid-tied microgrid with storage and/or other fuel, depending on the application.



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Large hybrid microgrid supporting rail and ferry transportation in Newark, NJ (under development)







PV + Storage Microgrid supporting community resilience in Rutland, VT



PV + Storage Microgrid for a water treatment facility in Cardwell,NJ

#### Necessary Institutional and Technical Considerations





Advanced power electronics: Grid-tied grid-forming inverters



# New regulatory & business models



Advanced grid architectures: Dynamic, Networked microgrids



Proactive codes and standards



Resilience by Design: Built-in Physical and Cyber Security What problem will we solve with a large fleet of PVbased resilient microgrids?

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Bonus: access to a vastly larger market for solar!



### **Closing Argument**

Planning for resilience is an imperative
 Need practical methods, models, tools
 Solar can and must play a key role
 Time to think really big:
 Solar can indeed enable a sunny and resilient energy future!