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INGRESS: Integration of Green Renewable Energy Sources Securely with the Buildings and Electric Power United Technologies Research Center (UTRC)

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# **Summary: INGRESS**

#### **Objective**

- Develop a non-intrusive bump-in-the-wire (BITW) technology to:
  - Detect synthetically valid but malicious control commands to controller (e.g., set temperatures, pressure, or change status of DERs)
  - Detect "DER under attack" using new sensor modalities
  - Achieve interoperability between DERs, building management systems and utilities
- Demonstrate the technology in a system of system (SoS) environment

#### **Schedule**

Project Timeline: Oct. 2016 – Sept. 2019

#### Key deliverables:

- Report on threat and attack classification for various behindthe-meter energy systems (Dec. 16);
- Report on implementation for model-based-validation subsystem (Sept. 18);
- Report on sensor instrumentation and integration, architecture and design of anomaly detection subsystem (Jun. 18);
- Developer and User Guide for INGRESS implementation (Mar. 19);
- Phase I Final Report on Research and Development (Mar. 19)
- Phase II Final Report on Demonstration (Sept. 19)



Funds Expended to Date:	70% (Phase 1)
Performer:	UTRC
Partners:	PNNL, UIUC

INGRESS will provide an inline advanced attack detection and resiliency-enabling cybersecurity platform for behind-themeter DERs that automatically detects malicious control commands and prevents problematic DER operations in real-time.

# Advancing the State of the Art (SOA)

#### State-of-the-Art:







**Distributed Generation** 

Smart flexible loads

- Network connected distributed generation, automated controls and flexible loads (Distributed Energy Resources) create new pathways for attacks
- Lack of control, visibility into the operation at the edge and insufficient security makes adversaries life easier
- Connection with the grid can be exploited to cause grid instabilities and potentially blackouts
- Several attacks already demonstrated on smart edge systems (e.g., Smart meter energy theft attacks, HVAC on-off attack with the potential to disrupt grid operations etc)
- Lack of advanced and sophisticated cyber security techniques to detect sophisticated and highly targeted attacks

#### **Gaps in existing solutions**

- $\circ~$  Encryption is not a panacea especially difficulties in upgrading legacy systems
- $\circ~$  Lack of efforts to validate malicious but synthetically valid control commands to edge systems
- $\circ~$  Lack of solutions to detect and react to cyber/physical attacks on the edge devices
  - o e.g., Stuxnet attack compromising the controllers
- Lack of interoperability with existing systems (how to communicate the detection events appropriately to 3rd party modules)

#### - Focus: large scale coordinated attacks, where adversary control a major segment of DER network/loads



# Advancing the State of the Art (SOA)

The heart of INGRESS lies on the development of conceptual models of the controlled grid-edge devices in an automated and non-intrusive manner by harnessing machine learning and other dynamic adaptive techniques on the newly derived data streams (power quality sensors, control system operations)



#### Features

- An advanced attack detection and resiliency-enabling cybersecurity platform for behind-the-meter DERs
- Secure and interoperable communication with management systems and other INGRESS units
- Technology applicable to securing commercial buildings, residential units, plug-in electric vehicles, and smart inverters for solar integration.

#### Benefits

- Bump in the wire, transparently augments security into non-secure legacy and emerging systems
- Advanced cyber and physical attack detection and resiliency capability
- Interfacing with VOLTRON enables interoperability with a variety of different vendor network, hardware and software



# **Challenges to Success**

Challenge 1 : Developing attack scenarios and deriving data set for model development

- Leveraged prior red teaming experiences, NESCOR electric sector failure scenarios
- Dataset generation using simulation models (GridLAB-D, MATLAB) and realistic data from (solar farm dataset from BNL, UTRC buildings test bed with EV)

Challenge 2 : Continuous use and update of models in noisy and adversarial environments

- Transfer learning
- Incremental learning

Challenge 3 : Performing technology validation involving actual physical devices connected to the HIL platform and utility partnership

- UTRC test bed, comprising of ~40,000 sq.ft buildings, office and lab, and EV network
- Phase II will connect to UIUC EV network and software based grid models
- Utility partner not yet identified and suggestions are welcomed

Challenge 4 : Determine the right set of DERs to develop models that can be applied to a broader group with minimal modifications

• Solar (NSERC and simulation), EV, and Buildings (office and lab)



### **Progress to Date**

#### **Major Accomplishments**

- Published results in leading conferences and journal (6 papers related to solar, buildings and EV)
- IP on "Systems and methods to detect anomalous building devices in building ", Patent no. 102153US01, 2018, filed on August 2018 by UTC CCS
- Demonstrated technology to DoD (NSA), ALC WebCTRL, NORESCO
- Outreach via invited talks (e.g., Kavli symposium by NYC, NREL, NSA)
- Developed packet validator, command validator and anomaly detector models for various classes of devices, using real/simulated data from sensors and CS
- INGRESS final system modules (PNNL packet validator, UIUC command validator and UTRC anomaly detector and visualization platform) are integrated with the sensors and deployed on UTRC campus
  - Real time communication of scores between INGRESS components and displayed using INGRESS visualization platform
  - Multiple validation using real time attacks on CS
  - Optimized software architecture for reduced communication and computation latency

# **Collaboration/Technology Transfer**

- Most of the research results are published as journal or conference papers for knowledge transfer to the academia and the general public
- The targeted end user for the technology are the Asset Owner of the DERs, Vendor of DER or DER control system and possibly utilities
- Plans to gain industry acceptance
  - The INGRESS platform is tested on UTRC building automation system and will be transferred to UTC CCS (Climate Controls and Security), including Carrier and Automated Logic Control (ALC), for commercialization
    - IP filed via CCS, related to anomalous building operation detection using INGRESS
    - Team demonstrated potential of INGRESS platform to detect not only anomalous but also faulty building operations (e.g., unintentional flaw on control logic detected on Jan 2018)
  - The INGRESS platform will also be tested under different operation and attack scenarios of the Power Grid Simulation Platform to show impact on the energy sector so as to attract potential utility users
  - Open source INGRESS components via GitHub

### **Next Steps for this Project**

- Testing and validation of INGRESS modules, using normal and attack data
  - Metrics include false positives, missed detection, and comm./detection latency
- Integration of INGRESS and HIL components with the power grid simulation platform
- Development of attack scenarios under different operation conditions to demonstrate the attack impact and benefits of INGRESS platform
- Demonstrate the technology to DOE and potential customers (CCS, utilities)





#### **INGRESS D3A: System architecture and deployment**



(Visualization & Alerting)



#### **INGRESS D3A algorithms based on PMU**



#### **INGRESS Packet Validator and Command Validator - EV**





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#### **INGRESS D3A – UTRC Deployment and Validation**

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#### **INGRESS D3A for PV (residential and solar farm)**

- GridLab-D based Feeder model, with 6K houses and 25% -75% solar penetration
- Realistic home and solar datasets from UMass Trace Repository
- Four classes of attacks implemented and tested and solar features seemed to most powerful

Attack	All Combined	Disconnect	Reverse Power flow	Power Curtailment	VAR
Best Score F1	76.2%	85.5%	76.0%	70.7%	98.8%

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- Real-world 3 area solar farm dataset
- 5 attacks are designed and 5 ML algorithms are tested
- Two-layer anomaly detection framework intra and inter
- The two-layer structure is able to capture the spatial correlations in inter solar farms

Attack	Replay	Correlated	Random	Delay	Scaling
	Attack	Attack	Attack	Attack	Attack
Best Score F1	35.7%	23.8%	87.0%	89.5%	90.7%

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# Thank you!

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