### **Distributed Energy**



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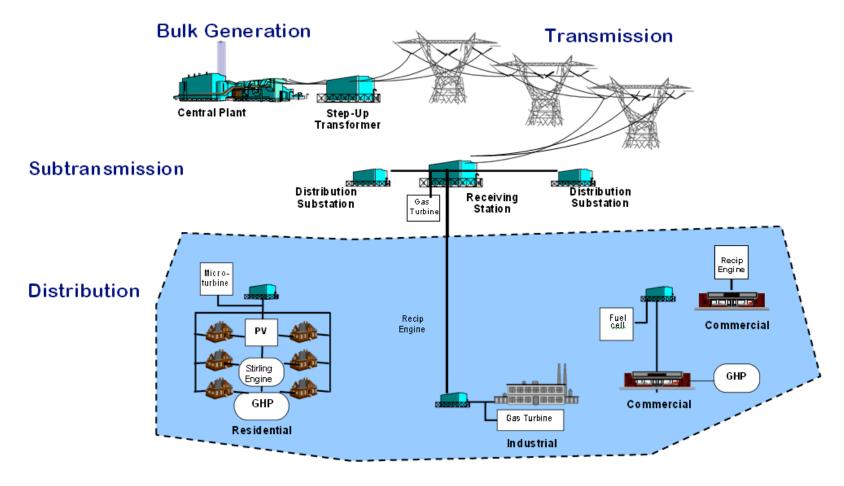
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## What is Distributed Energy?



Distributed energy is power generated (and often heat captured) at the point of use.



## **Distributed Energy Includes:**

Electric Generation Equipment

- Reciprocating Engines
- Turbines / Microturbines
- Fuel Cells
- Renewable Resources
- Heat Recovery Systems
  - Hot Water
  - Steam
  - Exhaust Gases
- Thermally Activated Technologies
  - Absorption Chillers
  - Desiccant Dehumidification
  - Thermal Storage



### **Advanced Prime Mover Status:**

### Efficiency and durability have been improved, but

### Applications and regulators "raise the bar"

- CARB2007 emissions not achieved
  - but is only a point in time
- Storable fuels for disaster mitigation and remote sites
- Renewable fuels to capitalize on "free" fuel
- Improving electrical efficiency















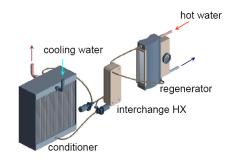
### **Thermal Technology Status**

## Long used for industrial applications and district heating

### New era for compact, effective thermal devices

- Design for integration rather than <u>adapt</u> for integration
- Higher electrical efficiency means less waste heat, at lower temperature
- Widening application space: residential to industrial





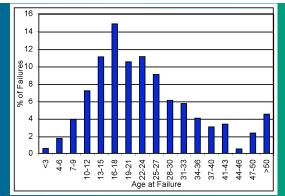




## **Energy Reliability and the State of the Electric Grid:** Aging Infrastructure & Congestion Impact Reliability

## Aging <u>Infrastructure</u>

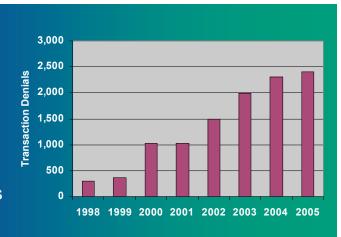
- Century old technology
- National Security issues
- \$330B industry
- Estimated \$100B to modernize



	Voltage Range (kV)	Power Range (MVA)	Number	Avg. Age
Large	115-765	100-1,200	5,000	40+
Medium	65-345	10-100	110,000	35+
Small	35-245	1-10	65,000	25+

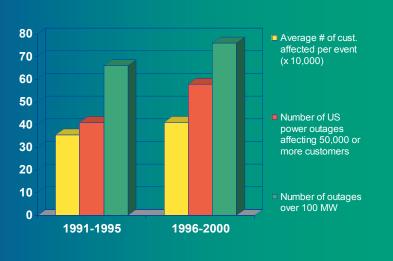
## Increasing Congestion

- More expensive generators used
- Market transactions increasing



#### Reliability

- Customer outages significant
- Outages Average
   100 220 min/ yr
- Impact as high as 40% of annual revenues





### The grid faces additional challenges

### **2006**

1% renewable 20% nuclear 30% natural gas 49% coal

1,000 gigawatts Hybrids, No PHEVs Electrically-sensitive equipment (8 hrs/yr)

140 control areas
Energy Mgt Systems (<1%)
180,000 miles wires
~10 million DG units

Blackouts Aging Infrastructure Vulnerability of assets

### **Changing Supply Mix**

Requires increased margins Requires additional transmission Requires control/communications

### **Demand Transformation**

Expanding Digital Economy Power quality needs Demand growth

### **Complexity of Grid**

Expanding footprint, overlay of markets, "closer to the edge"

## Vulnerability of Energy Infrastructure

Interdependencies of electric and energy systems

2035

20% renewable 40% nuclear 10-20% natural gas 20-30% clean coal

**50%Demand growth** 

Load curves – increased peaking
Plug-in hybrids (could increase demand 25%)
More electrically sensitive equipment (2.5x)
Power loss of 32 sec/yr

Nodes within control area increase 5-10x Energy Mgt Systems (70%) Additional 30,000 miles needed ~ 22 million DG units (2.5x increase)

Infrastructure protection
Increased globalization
Materials and resource limitations
All-hazard risks will continue to increase

## Local Voltage Control Can Be Supplied by Distributed Energy to Improve:

- Power quality by correcting unbalance and harmonics.
- Load efficiency by controlling voltage to the optimum level for efficiency
- Distribution efficiency by reducing losses.
- Reliability by increasing the margin to voltage collapse.
- Transfer capability, decrease congestion, and lower prices.



### **Distributed Generation is Already in Place**

 Distributed Power Units in Lower Manhattan, September 2001

Grid Support

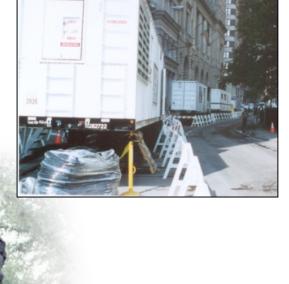
Reduced Operating Costs at Ft. Bragg

5 MW turbine integrated with 1,000
 Refrigeration Ton waste-heat chiller and HRSG

Supervisory control system developed to optimize cost using time of day pricing

Provision of reliable power to base









Energy Reliability

Energy Security

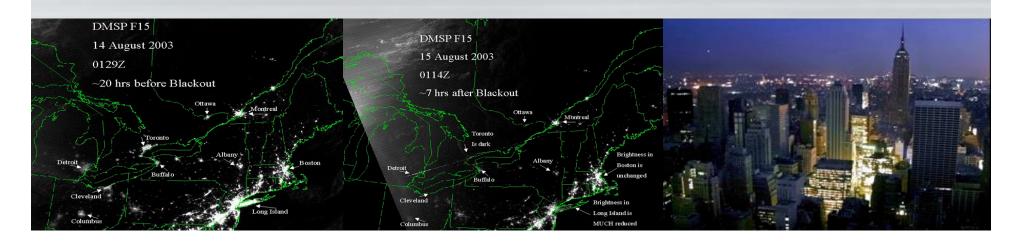
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**Economic Development** 

Environmental Stewardship



### **Distributed Energy Benefits**



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## **Energy Reliability**

- Reliability problems come from the grid itself.
- Distributed energy does not require the grid.
- Distributed energy can, however, support the grid.

8/13/03

8/14/03





OAK RIDGE National Laboratory

### **Lessons Learned from August 2003 Blackout**

- Grid and population are vulnerable to large-scale disruption
  - 50 million North Americans affected
  - Cell phones inoperable
- Cost as much as \$6 billion NYC, NYSERDA and DOE post-blackout reviews:
  - Many emergency backup generators failed (e.g. for hospitals and communications)
  - CHP systems performed as designed

Initial Report

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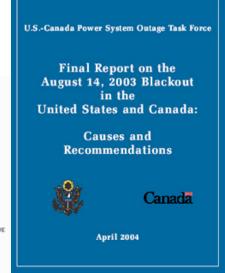
New York State

Department of Public Service

on the

August 14, 2003 Blackout





February 2004





## With regularly used Distributed Generation, the lights and water stayed on...

Health
Care
Facilities

Montefiore Medical Center, Bronx, NY



Botsford Health System Kidney Center Livonia, MI **Public Services** 

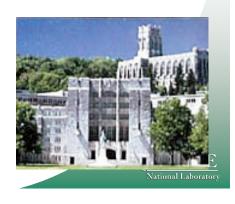


Britannia Water Treatment Plant Ottawa, Canada



Elderwood Healthcare -Oakwood Nursing Home Williamsville, NY

Federal Facility
WestPoint Military
Academy Residential
Officer Housing



## With Distributed Generation and Combined Heat and Power, manufacturing stayed on...

- Frito Lay Queens, NY
- Smoked Fish MFG, (Manhattan, NY) Saved > \$300K
- Maple Lodge Farms Canada
- Oak Tree Farm Dairy (Northport Shore, NY)
- Entenmann's Bakery (Bay Shore, NY)









### **Conclusion on Reliability:**

Distributed energy provides significantly greater reliability than central generation and T&D alone, and could prevent billions of dollars in outage losses every year.



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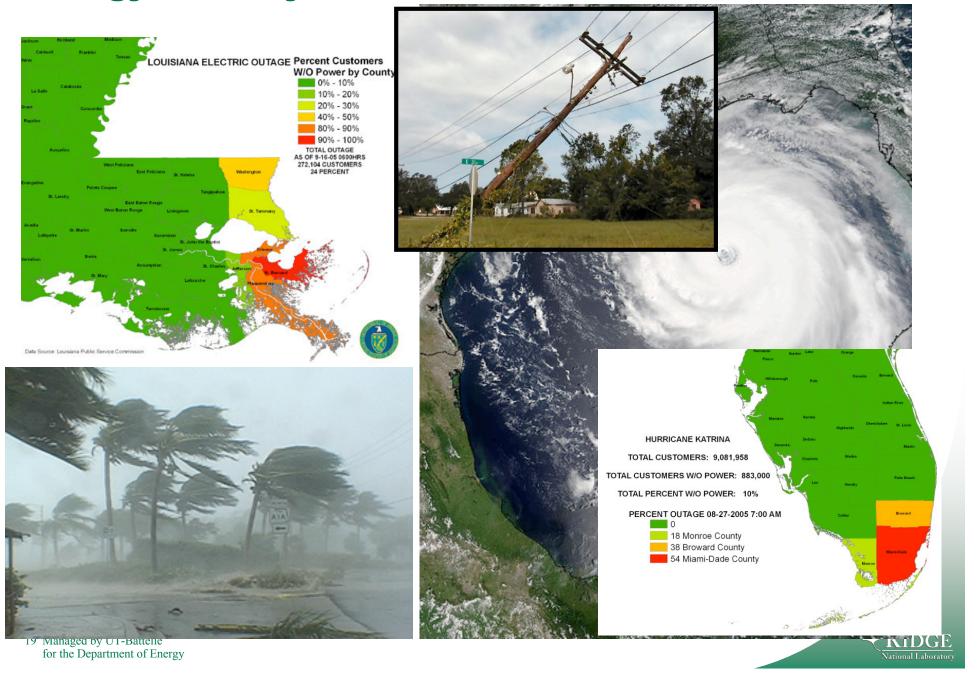
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### **Energy Security: What Did We Learn from Katrina?**



## Baptist Medical Center, Jackson, Mississippi

- 624 bed hospital, 3,000 employees
- 3.2 MW gas turbine CHP system installed 1994
- Steam regularly used for hot water, sterilization and absorption chillers



- Grid down for 52 hours starting August 29, 2005 due to Katrina
- Combined heat and power system ran islanded and provided power, hot water and air conditioning
- Baptist Medical Center remained nearly 100% operational; the only hospital in the area to do so

### **Conclusion on Security:**

Distributed energy can keep critical health and emergency services functioning, along with vital public and economic functions, during a natural disaster or terrorist attack.

(Caveat: fuel supplies required!)



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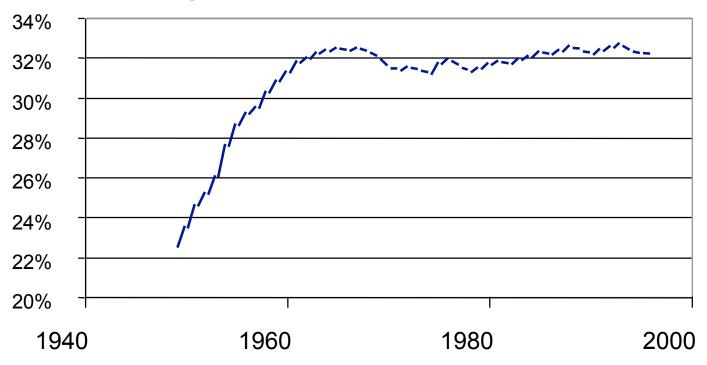
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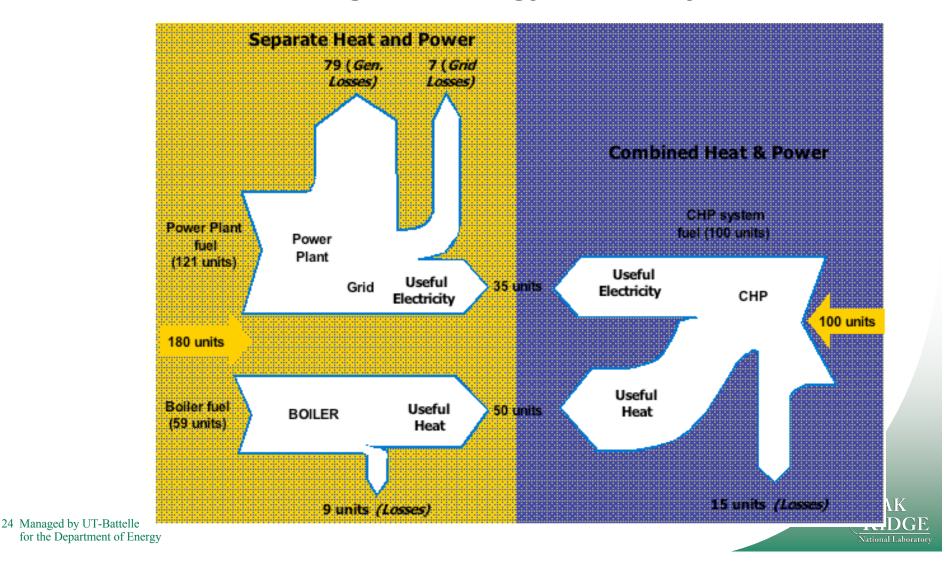


Fossil Electric Generation Efficiency (at plant, W/O T&D)



### **DE and Energy Efficiency**

## Distributed Energy as CHP more than doubles the electric grid's energy efficiency



### **Conclusion on Efficiency:**

Distributed energy can cut fuel consumption per unit of output to half or a third of conventional usage, especially natural gas supplies now in heavy demand.



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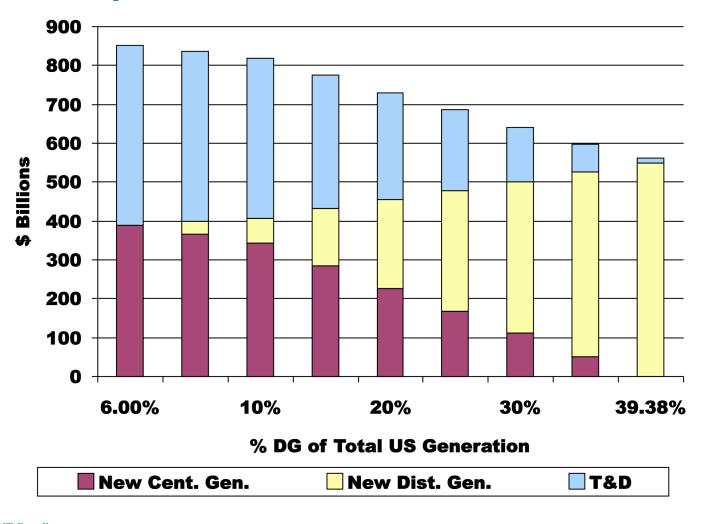
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### **Distributed Energy Costs Less**

## The cost of meeting the need for new power in the U.S. in 2020:





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### **Environmental Stewardship**

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- **Energy Efficiency Fuel Diversity Distributed Energy**
- Reduces greenhouse gases
- Reduces criteria pollutants
- Conserves fresh water
- Husbands fuel resources
- Ready for bio-fuels and bio-fuel creation processes
- Cuts land-use impacts and NIMBY problems





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