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Critical Infrastructure Resilience: *Grid Reliability, Affordability and Data Centers*

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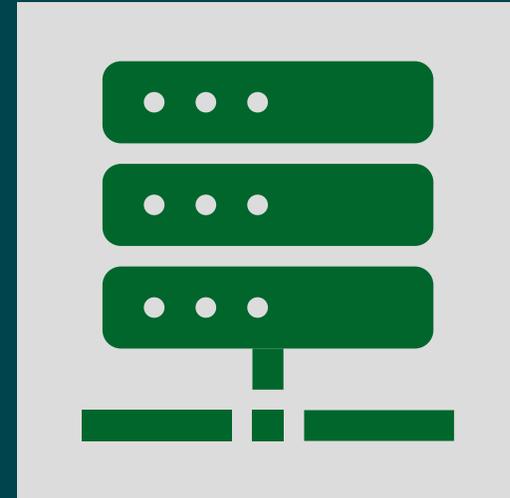
Agenda



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CIR Energy Projects



MEGA-DC

Critical Infrastructure Resilience at ORNL

Critical Infrastructure Resilience Group at Oak Ridge National Laboratory

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Human Dynamics Section

Critical Infrastructure Resilience Group (CIR)

CIR is an emerging research center at ORNL that will serve as the *premier hub for advanced, cross-cutting infrastructure resilience research, innovation, talent, & collaboration – providing decision support systems & ensuring affordable, secure, and resilient energy, communications, water & transportation.*

OUR MISSION

Supporting US Energy resilience & National Security goals.

Improving grid resilience, reliability, & energy affordability.

Empowering municipal, cooperative, & Tribal distribution utilities.

Preparing States for large load additions to the grid.

Leading the nation in security, governance, & management of critical infrastructure data across scales.

CIR Vision and Research Pillars

CIR Vision: To enable a *sustainable, safe, affordable and secure critical infrastructure* for all



Risk and Resilience Modeling and assessments

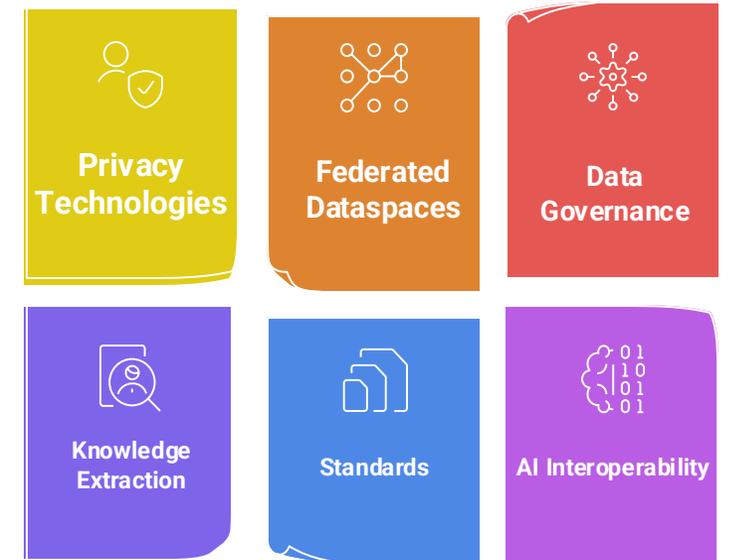
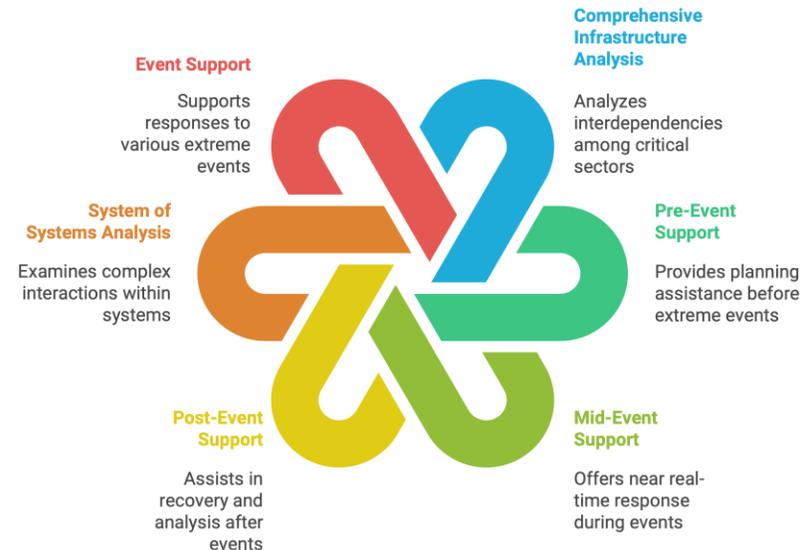
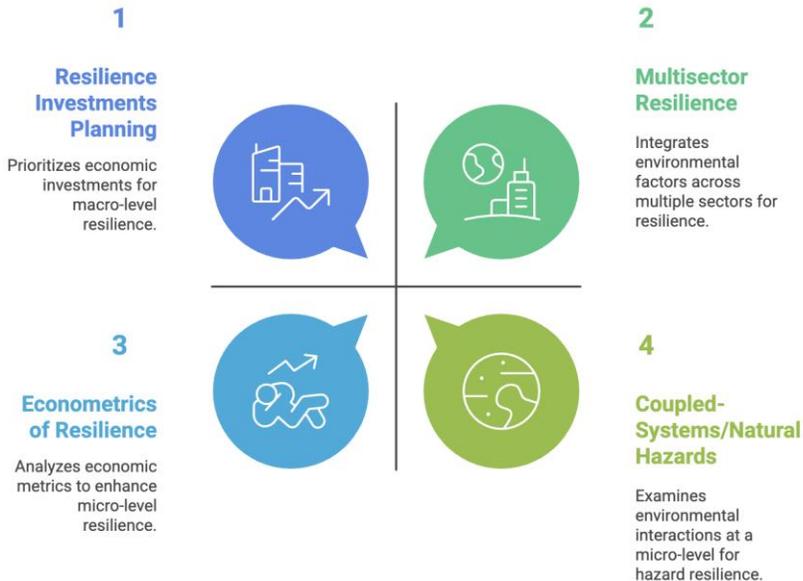
Infrastructure and Interdependency Modeling

Data Strategy and Interoperability Initiatives

- **Quantifies resilience** and risk through data-driven approaches at macro- and micro-level
- **Informs investment and policy decisions** to enhance community and multisector resilience.

- **Analyzes interdependencies** across critical sectors under normal and extreme events.
- **Supports planning, response, and recovery**

- **Enables secure, privacy-preserving, and federated data sharing** across sectors.
- **Advances standards, interoperability, and governance** for trustworthy and efficient knowledge exchange.



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Supporting US Energy Resilience & Security Goals

TASTI-GRID

Technical Assistance for States & Tribes Initiative:
Grid Resilience Investment Decision-making



10+ yrs of outage data for >90% of the US – 3,144 counties & 3,000 electric utilities.

Providing technical assistance to states via a nationwide, comprehensive situational awareness tool.



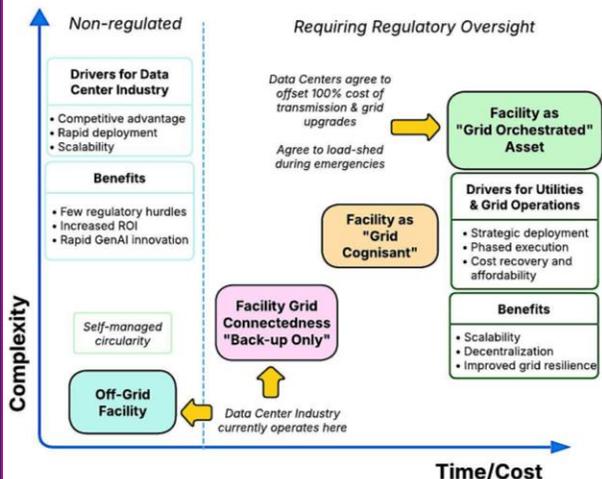
- Economic costs of power outages
- Weather analysis, wildfire & hazard risk
- Canopy & Invasive vegetation mgmt. schema
- Grid resilience recommendations

Preparing States for Large Load Additions & Energy Affordability

MEGA-DC

Modeling Energy Growth Associated With Data Centers

MEGA-DC: The Data Center as a Grid Asset



Empowering Electric Utilities & Transforming Industry Standards

EDGAR

Enhancing Distribution Grid Anticipatory Resilience



EDGAR's text notification engine will deliver advisories up to 48-72 hours before an outage event occurs.



GTMI

Grid Technology Modernization Index

Utility asset & management baselining for scalable grid resilience

GTMI incorporates attribute-based metrics, moving beyond theoretical concepts of utility resilience ratings, providing the foundational model for EDGAR's notification engine.

Weather Prediction & Distribution Network Models

Grid, Critical Infrastructure & DIN Layer Integration

Grid Event Signature Library & GenAI-Enhancements

Quarterly Resilience Reports & CoP

Municipal & Cooperative Utilities <50K customers

Proactive Asset & Vegetation Management

Hazard & Landscape Vulnerability Insights

Cost-Benefit Analyses of repair vs. replace

Setting the standards for critical infrastructure data

DATA STRATEGY

ORNL leads in energy data governance, management, curation, risk assessment & mitigation to protect controlled & private energy infrastructure information.

Validity

Repeatability

Data Governance

National Security

Critical Infrastructure Resilience Projects

Reliability & Resilience

- Reliability \neq Resilience

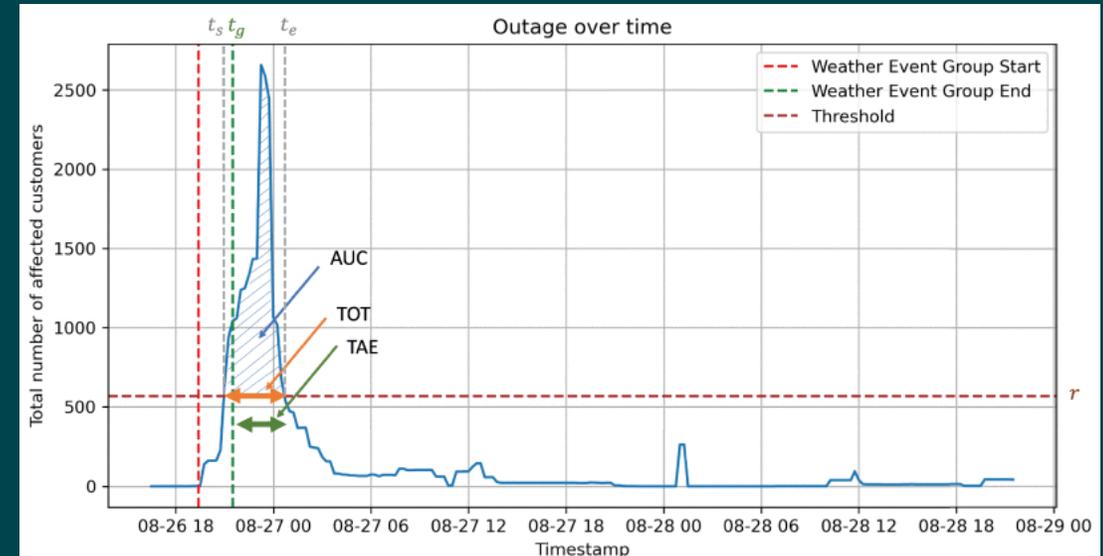
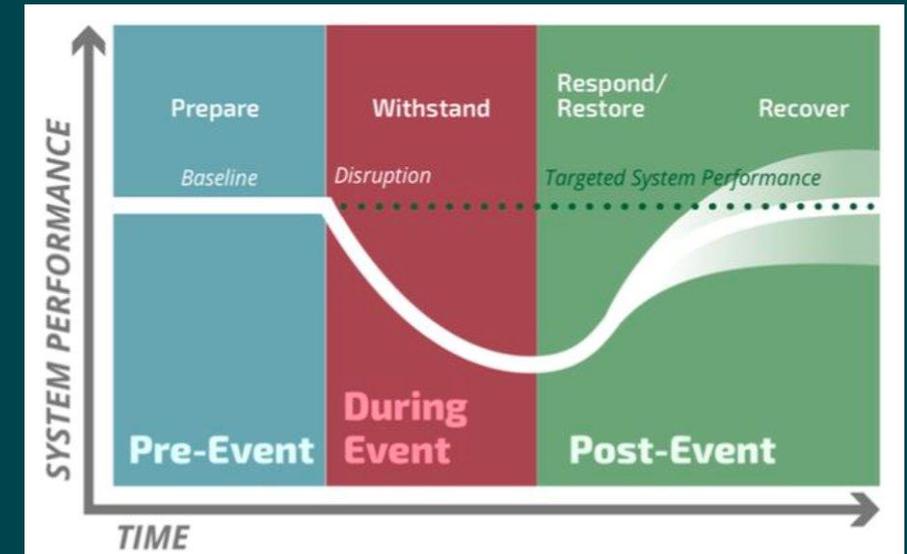
- Resilience is an *inherent, anticipatory* quality of systems
- Disruption (e.g., data centers?) vs. failure & maintenance
- **Robustness vs. adaptation & learning**
- **Modernization & intelligent systems**
- Grid Resilience vs. Territorial Resilience

- Scale & Interdependence

- Generation, transmission, distribution...
- NG, supply chain, water & transportation...

- Measurement

- **Performance-based**
- **Structural**



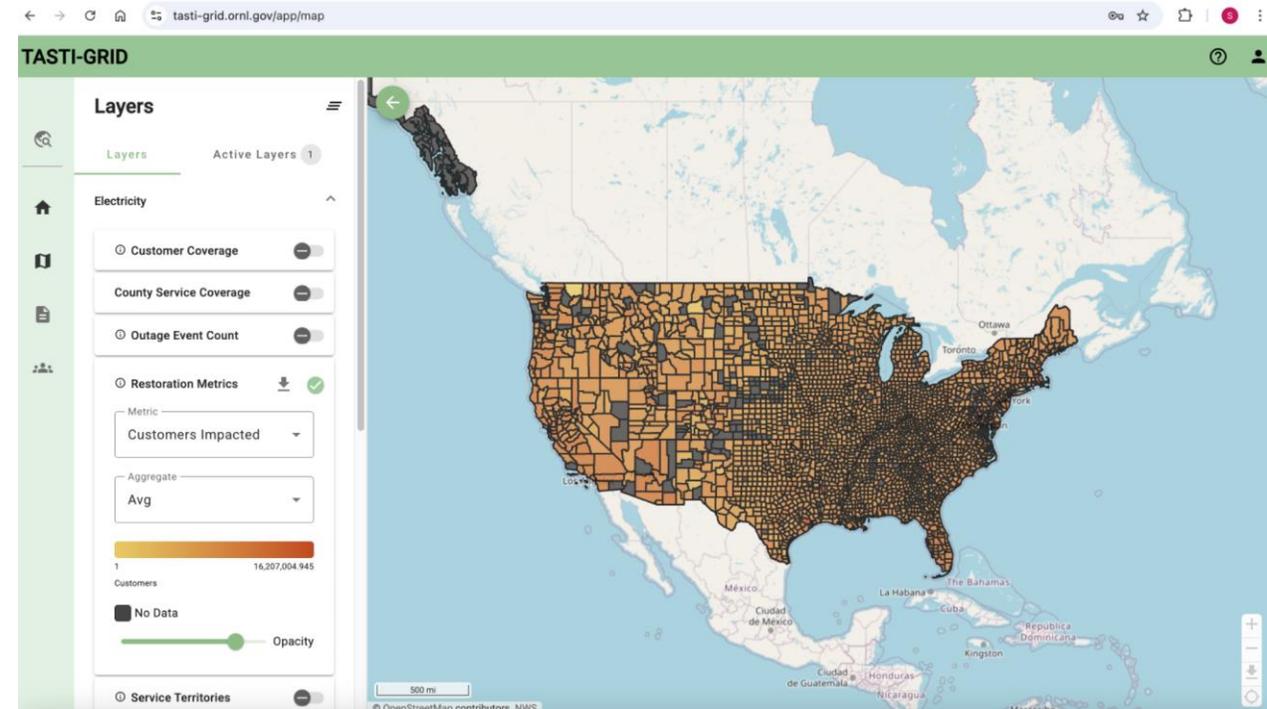
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Technical Assistance for States & Tribes Initiative – Grid Resilience Investment Decision making (TASTI-GRID)

Objective: Where is our grid most vulnerable, and how can we invest most effectively to strengthen it?

ORNL's TASTI-GRID is an interactive grid resilience modeling and decision support *platform & program*

- Helps state, county, and utility industry officials better understand the reliability and resilience of US distribution grid, guiding local resilience investment decisions.
- Represents a shift from a reactive to **proactive approach to grid resilience**.



tasti-grid.ornl.gov

True power of TASTI-GRID: Immense data behind the scenes

3,000

**Electrical utilities
represented**

3,144

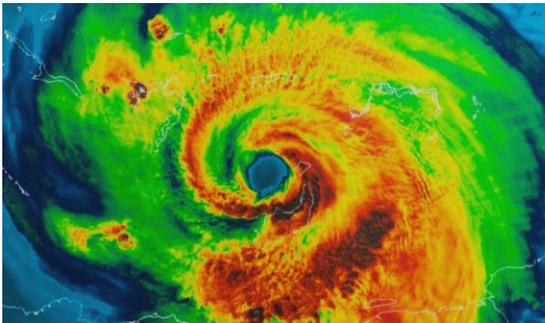
**Counties represented
across all 50 states**

>90%

**US counties' outage
data for 10+ years**

340M

Population covered



**Weather analytics from
last 5 years integrated**



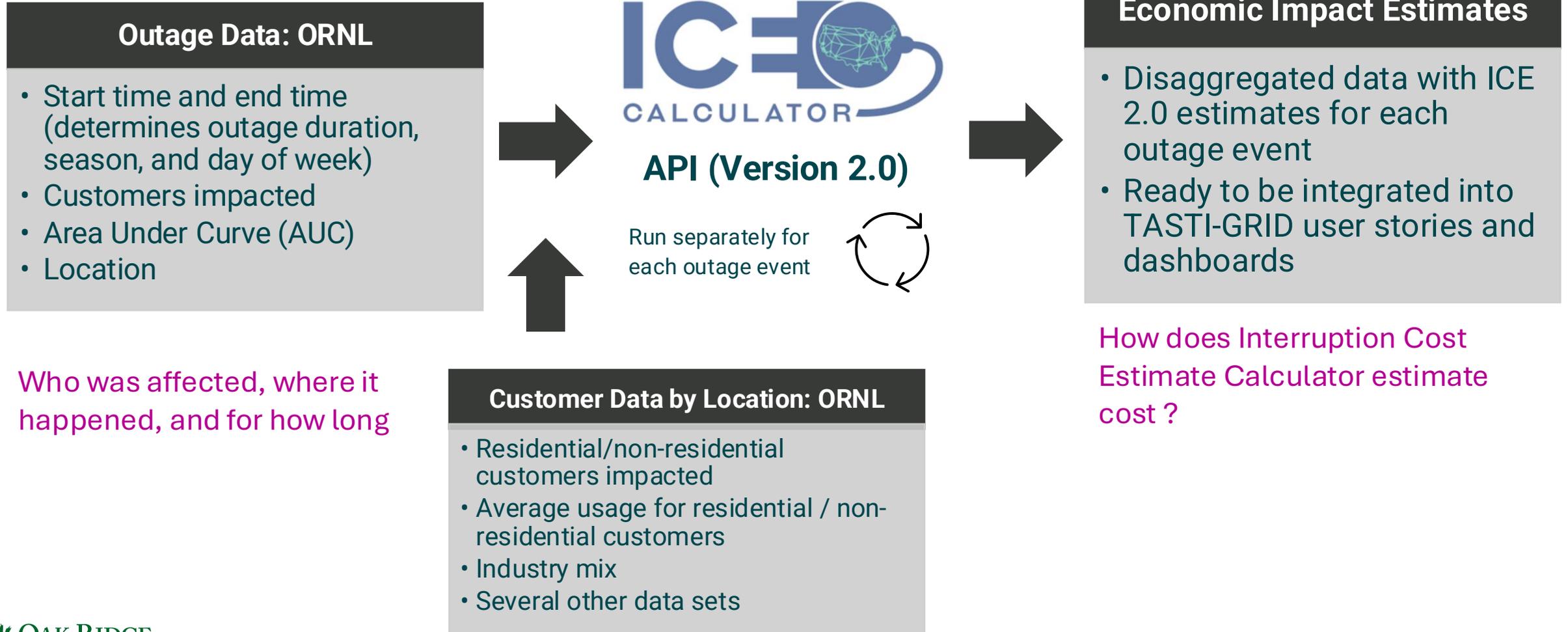
**Economic modeling for
cost of power outages**

What is the real cost for each customer type?

*By linking detailed outage data with the **Interruption Cost Estimate Calculator**, we can finally translate power outages into real dollars and cents for customers- residential, non-residential*

TASTI-GRID Integration of Interruption Cost Estimate Calculator 2.0

Bridge between data and ICE calculator.

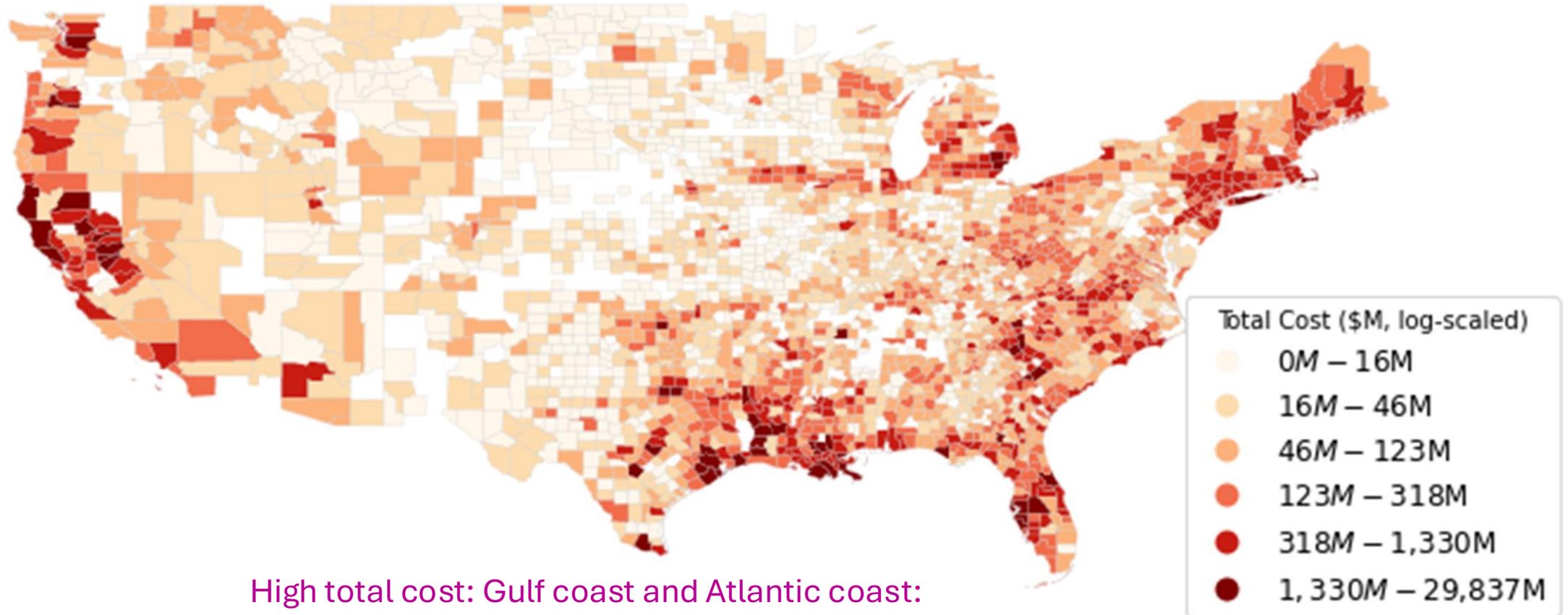


Who was affected, where it happened, and for how long

How does Interruption Cost Estimate Calculator estimate cost ?

TASTI-GRID research innovations provide cost of outage information for residential and non-residential customers at the US county level

All Customers: Total Cost by County (Log Scaled)



High total cost: Gulf coast and Atlantic coast:
pathways of hurricane.

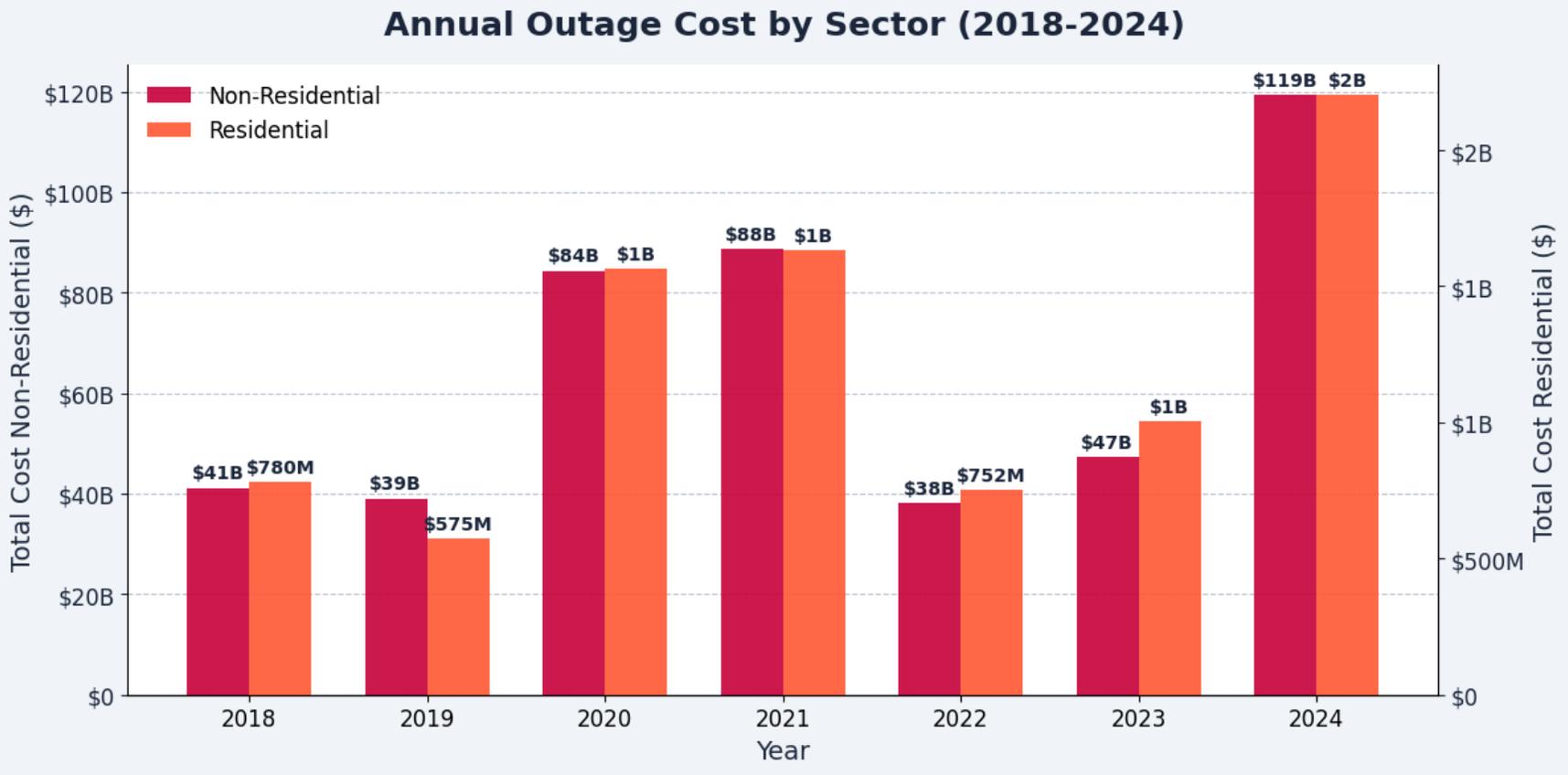
Science-informed resilience investment is the best solution for the rising cost of power outages

\$67B

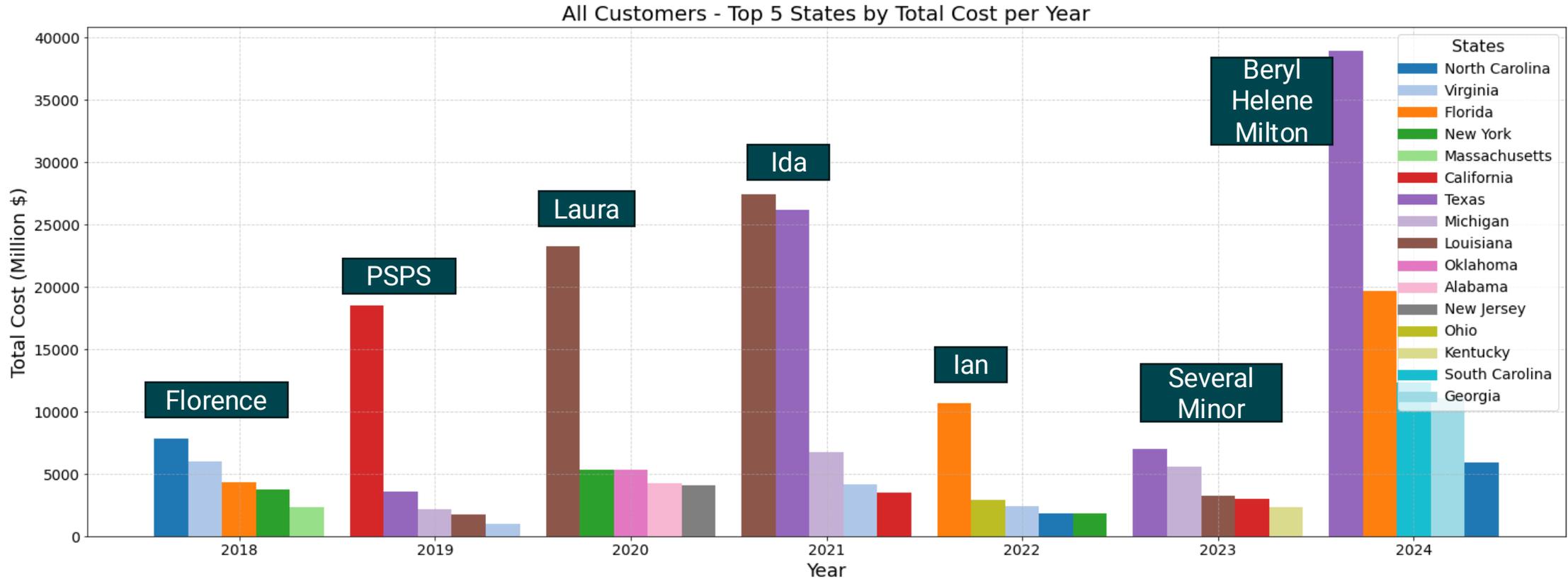
Real loss for businesses and real expenses for households.

\$121B

Economic Impact in 2024



Economic Costs of Natural Hazards



EDGAR

Enhancing Distribution Grid Anticipatory Resilience

Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) is providing “Resilience as a Service” through EDGAR, a 3-year project. EDGAR will enable leaps towards greater critical infrastructure system robustness and adaptability.



EDGAR’s text notification engine will deliver advisories up to **48-72 hours before** an outage occurs. With practical, real-world insights, ORNL is empowering utilities to anticipate, mitigate, and prevent major outage events in their service area.

EDGAR is powered by ORNL’s interdisciplinary team, with expertise in critical infrastructure resilience, national security, computer science, human system dynamics, and data engineering.



All shared data and resulting outputs will conform to the project’s data management plan, the Department of Energy’s Policy for Digital Research Management, and the policies of the project’s sponsoring office. Storage, outputs, and artifacts are officially reviewed to identify, protect, and handle potentially sensitive personal or identifiable information.

EDGAR is offered free of charge, and participating utilities will receive specific actionable insights aimed at:

- Reducing unplanned outages by 20-40%.
- Creating yearly cost savings of up to \$250,000 (average <50K meters)
- Empowering decision-making resilience reviews and annual reporting

EDGAR will integrate utility-provided data to benchmark service territories via a **5-stage Grid Technology Modernization Index**, leveraging ORNL capabilities like:

- Weather Prediction Models
- Distribution Network Models
- Grid Infrastructure Layers
- Critical Infrastructure Overlays
- ODIN Layer Integration
- Grid Event Signature Library
- GenAI-based Contextual Enhancement

At each stage of resilience and data-sharing, additional predictive features and insights will be enabled, such as notification engine integration, zip-code level resilience, and increased automation – empowering 24/7 year-round utility response.



TO PARTICIPATE

To establish baseline measurements for EDGAR’s utility-specific insights & notification engine, we invite you to respond to a short survey using the QR code (left).

Advanced Anticipatory Resilience Analysis

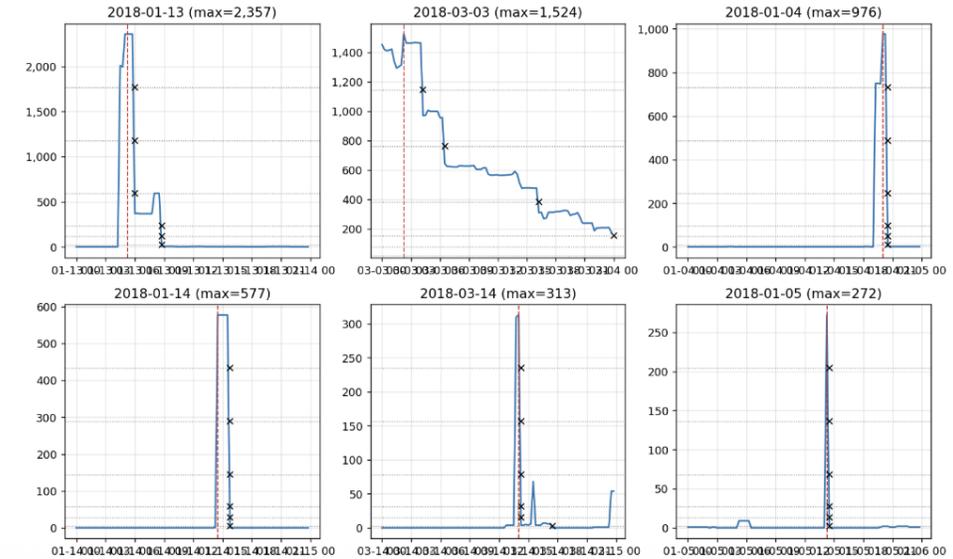
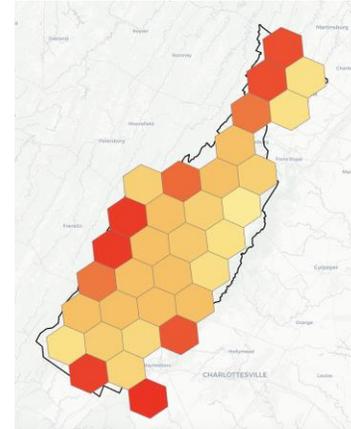
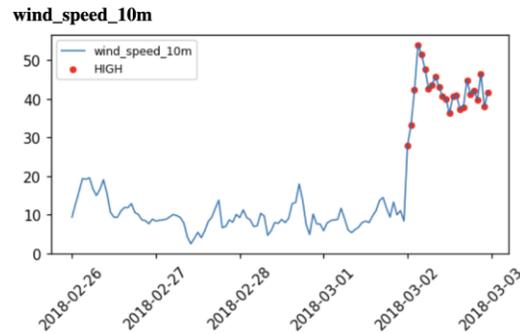
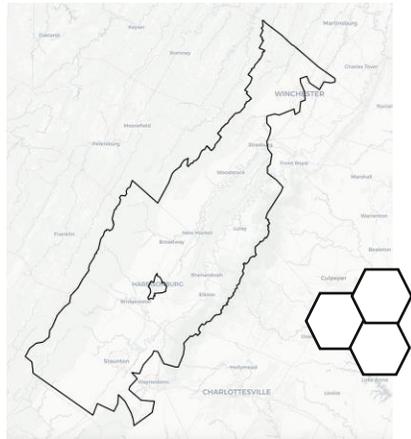
Index Utility Service Territory with H3

Retrieve Weather Forecast (next k days) and detect risk signals

Weather Risk Index Calculated (Per Day, Per Weather)

Find Days with Similar Weather Risk Index

Generate Power Outage Statistics from those Analogs



Generate Notifications from Statistics and Weather Risk Index

County Notifications (Level)

- ⚠️ Daily risk on 11-11-2018 is High.
- ⚠️ Daily risk on 11-15-2018 is Very High.
- ⚠️ A Snowfall HIGH event is expected from 2018-11-15 07:00 to 2018-11-15 17:00 lasting 10.0 hours - longer than typical events (extended duration)
- ⚠️ A Temperature 2m LOW event is expected from 2018-11-11 00:00 to 2018-11-11 21:00 lasting 21.0 hours - longer than typical events (extended duration)

⚡ Outage analog estimation (by daily county risk)

⚡ Analog outage risk — FIPS 51171

Date: **2018-11-15** · Risk grade: **Very High** · Analogs: **30** · Season window: **±30d**

Expected outage severity

- Mean peak concurrent customers out: **234**
- Mean AUC: **838** (customer-hours)
- Mean outage duration: **6.21 h**

GTMI

Grid Technology Modernization Index

utility asset and management baselining for scalable grid resilience across the nation.

GTMI will enable site-specific actionable insights to improve electric utility resilience, because no two service areas are the same.

accelerating resilience as a service



Scalable Solutions for Grid Technologies

Based on variations across utilities related to:

- Metering infrastructure and automation.
- System monitoring.
- Outage management & load stability.
- Modernization practices.



Innovative Management Practices

Implementing dynamic approaches to:

- Asset inventory management and proactive maintenance.
- Risk assessment and mitigation.
- Vegetation identification and management applications.



Strategic Development

- Short-and-long-range planning across sectors.
- Strategic partnerships and collaboration.
- Outreach and engagement.
- Service area improvements.

ORNL is developing a comprehensive **Grid Technology Modernization Index (GTMI)** as part of the EDGAR (Enhancing Distribution Grid Anticipatory Resiliences) project.

Distinguishable from the existing indices, our comprehensive baseline incorporates specific technologies and expanded resilience practices to tackle pressing challenges in outage response and grid reliability.

GTMI incorporates attribute-based metrics, moving beyond theoretical concepts to deliver practical, real-world insights – enabling utilities to anticipate, mitigate, and prevent major outage events in their service area.

Informed by today's resilience efforts across investor-owned, municipal, and cooperative utilities, as well as public utility districts, **GTMI** provides the foundational model for EDGAR's notification engine.

The EDGAR project's participants will be the first in the nation to receive resilience recommendations tailored to their service area's **GTMI** range and utility capacity.

Grid Technology Modernization Indices - Baseline Survey for Utilities



Join the effort towards nation-wide reliability and outage prevention.

US Energy Dataspace

Key Visions:

- Data Federation
- Privacy-Preservation
- Data Sovereignty
- Interoperability

- Federated data-sharing platform & ecosystem for utilities, researchers, and government partners
- Enables secure and privacy-preserving collaboration without centralized data pooling
- Data remain under the ownership and control of original providers
- Shared interoperability layer supports discovery, querying, and analytics across distributed sources

Privacy Enhancing Technology Hub for Data Space

ORNL Privacy Enhancing Technology Hub for Data Space

All operations run locally in your browser. No data is sent to any server.

Privacy Risk Scanner
Automatically scan your dataset to detect potential privacy risks and receive guided recommendations.

Open

Drop Columns
Remove selected columns from a CSV file locally in your browser.

Open

Rare Value Suppression
Detect and suppress rare values by count or proportion to reduce re-identification risk.

Open

Generalize / Mask
Generalize timestamps and locations (lat/lon/ZIP) or lightly mask values to reduce identifiability.

Open

k-Anonymity
Apply k-anonymity with optional l-diversity and t-closeness checks.

Open

Encrypt / Decrypt
Hybrid RSA-OAEP + AES-GCM local encryption and decryption.

Open

US Energy Data Space Portal

DATA/PACC

Welcome to **U.S. Energy Dataspace**

1000 Datasets | 27 Utilities | 15 Groups

- Secure Sharing**: Facilitation of data sharing across national laboratory participants.
- Data Analysis**: Advanced data analysis to support grid resilience evaluations and assessments.
- Actionable Reports and Decisions**: Generate actionable reports and make policy and investment decisions.

Federated Login & Attribute-Based Access Control (ABAC)

Request Attribute

Request forwarded to A_Server

Attribute Name
A_Server:Collaborator

Submit

If you request X_Server:Role - We check X_Server live. - If it's running, we send your request to that server's admin. - If it's down, we tell you immediately (we do NOT queue dead-server requests).

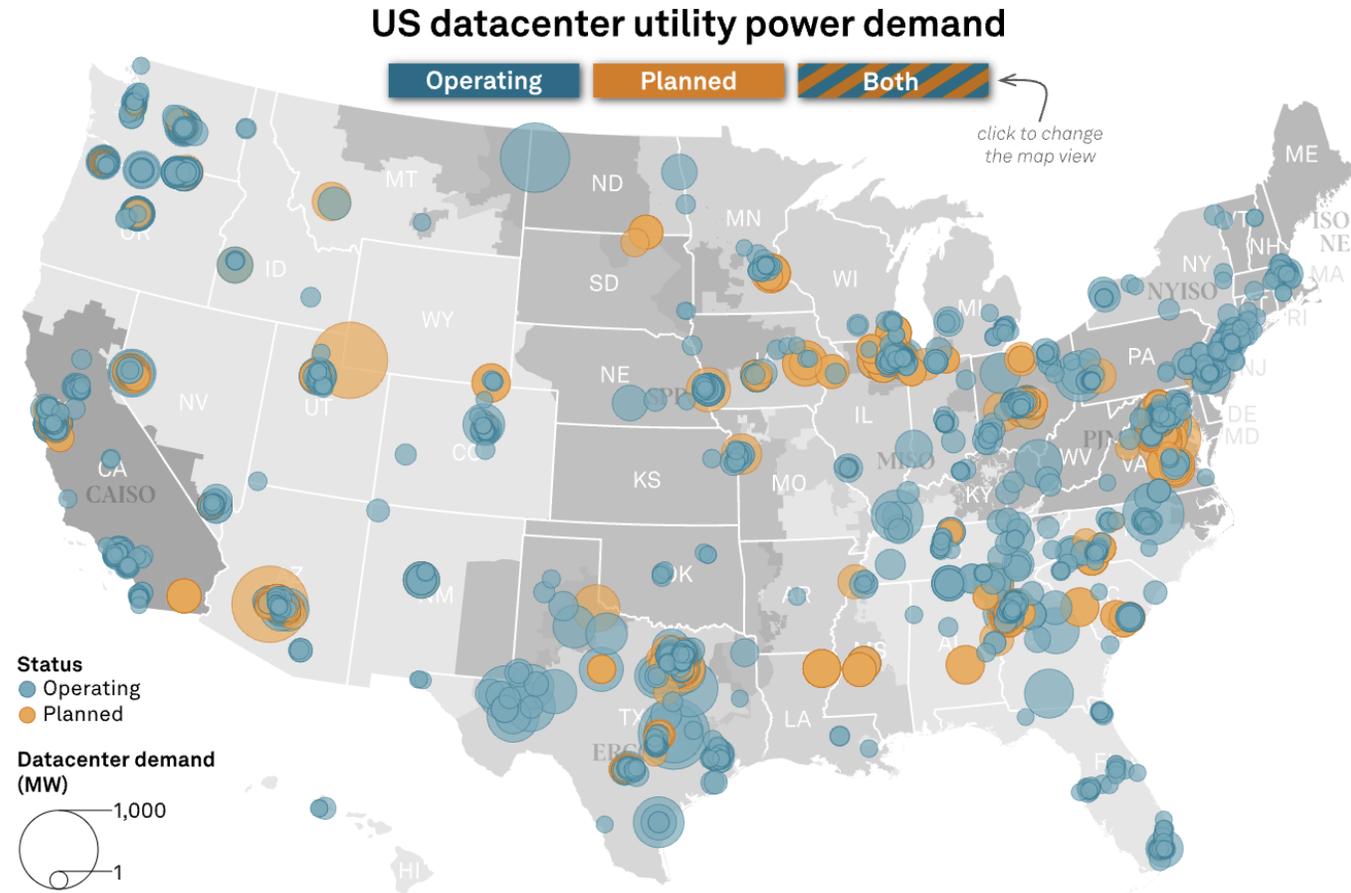
Pending Requests for A_Server

ID	User	Attribute	Status	Action
3	main_admin	A_Server:Post_Doc	pending	Approve Reject
2	main_admin	A_Server:Scientist	approved	
1	A_Server_admin	A_Server:Collaborator	approved	

Only accounts with A_Server:Admin (or local bootstrap admin flag) can approve A_Server* attributes.

Data Center Policy and Market Environment

DC Developers moving to Secondary & Tertiary Markets



Data compiled June 23, 2025.

Includes operating and estimated datacenter campus demand with at least 1 MW of utility power demand; excludes datacenters with no available utility power demand figures. Includes city-centric geographic locations.

Excludes enterprise-owned datacenters with the exception of Meta, Google, Microsoft, Amazon and Apple.

Source: S&P Global Market Intelligence 451 Research; Q1 2025 Datacenter Knowledge Base.

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Market Context for Large Load Data centers

- Unprecedented large load interconnect from data centers
- Current reality for most data centers is they are likely to be **load-shed during peak load hours**
- Balancing authorities are exploring creating **incentive measures** that explore data center flexibility
- **DOE's ANOPR 403 released Oct 24th is a paradigm shift**
 - Clearly reaffirms FERC jurisdiction over interconnects of large loads to interstate transmission system and energy sales
 - Clearly affirms state jurisdiction over retail energy sales
 - >20MW transmission side connections including co-located generation assets with injection/withdrawal rights to be tested collectively
 - Invites accelerated interconnect timelines for data center operators/builders willing to be flexible (curtailable, shiftable and/or dispatchable)

MEGA-DC

Empowering decision-makers to anticipate and guide decision making through actionable insights.

PIN/SP-PRVCY

Executive Summary- MEGA-DC

Our team's core capabilities include:

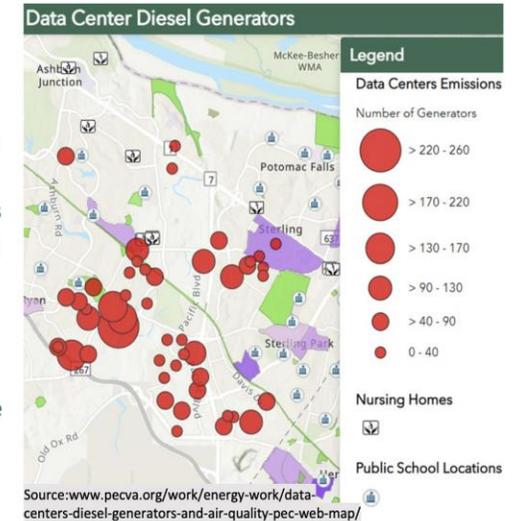
- Geospatial conflation & modeling
- Land-use policy, rural & tribal governance
- Urban planning
- Data Center feasibility and siting
- Energy affordability analysis & modeling
- Data Center Digital Twin- Grid cognizance and grid orchestration enablement of data centers
- Load forecasting for states- energy surplus/reserve modeling
- Transmission capacity modeling with large loads

Added benefit of extensive knowledge of state's policy landscape, and complex social, tech, environmental, economic, and political drivers of change.

This comprehensive insight will enhance our efforts in State and create meaningful collaboration.

What's the threat?

- 24% of Dominion Energy's electric sales
- delayed retirement of three coal facilities
- new gas facilities proposed by utilities and behind-the-meter at data center sites
- over 4,000 diesel generators permitted as backup power in northern Virginia
- Loudoun Water disclosed that potable water consumption by data centers has now surpassed reclaimed water usage
- Loudoun Water disclosed a 250% increase in potable water consumption from data centers in the last 4 years



REAL ESTATE

The Data-Center Boom Eats Up a Lot of Land. Atlanta Says It's Gone Too Far.

Artificial intelligence race fuels a rush for big computing facilities that provide plenty of power

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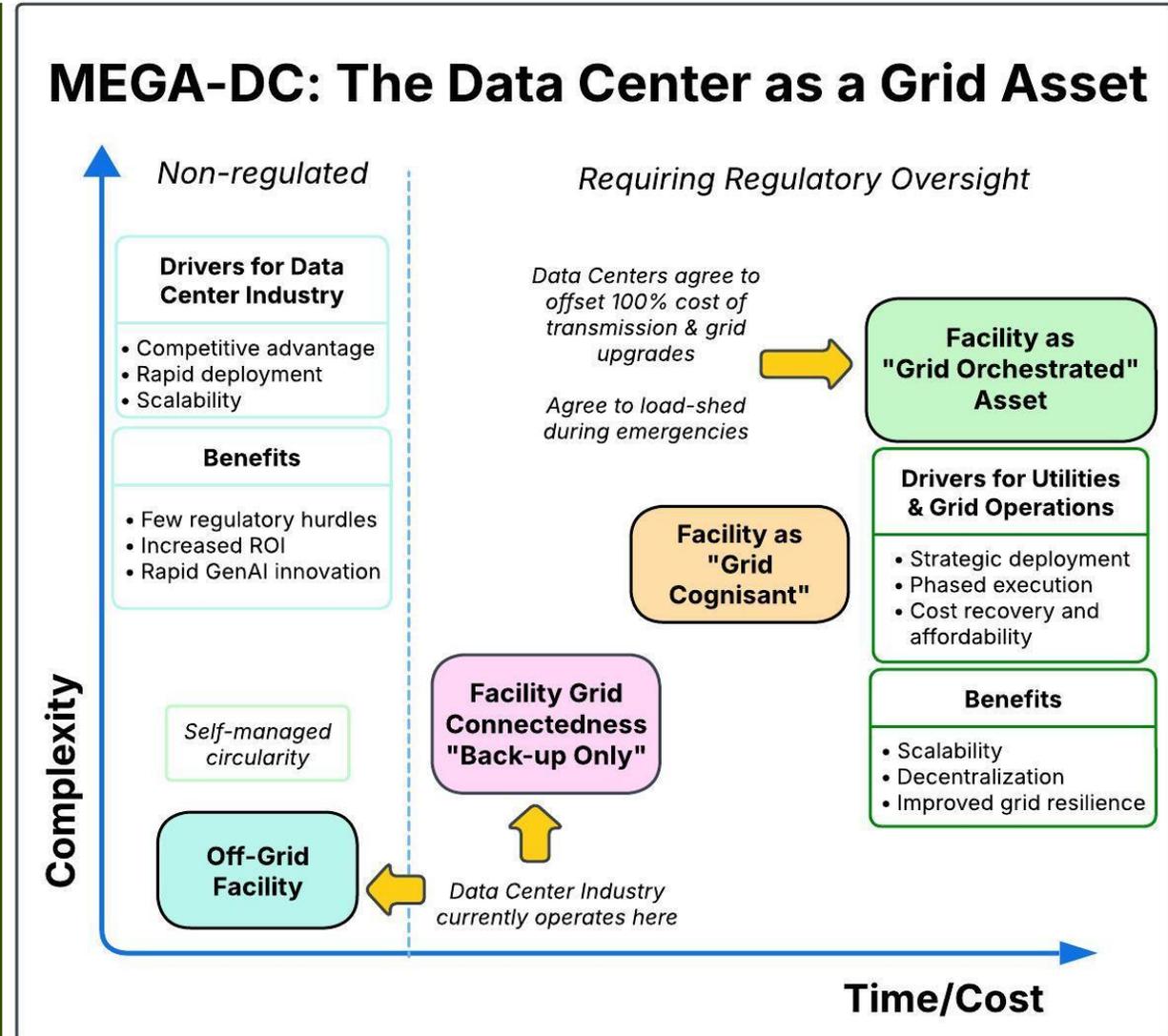
An aerial photograph showing the construction site of a DataBank data center in Atlanta. PHOTO: HYOSUB SHIN/THE ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION/ZUMA PRESS

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Are we ready for >1GW behind the meter commercial Data Centers?

Data Centers as a Grid-connected Asset

- **Most data centers today** operate as passive grid loads: MEGA-DC models the shift toward coordinated, grid-supportive infrastructure.
- **Backup-only and off-grid models** limit transparency and shift upgrade costs to ratepayers.
- **Grid-cognizant sites** coordinate with utilities but lack full flexibility or cost-sharing.
- **Grid-orchestrated data centers** support demand response, offset grid upgrade costs, and improve system resilience.
- **MEGA-DC helps states identify and prioritize sites** that move toward this high-value



Modeling the Energy Growth Associated with Data Centers (MEGA-DC)



Data Development & Core Capabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modeling attributes: electricity, gas, water, real estate, prices, data center existing site load and new site feasibility, grid reliability & resilience, etc. • Affordability modeling - state level analysis across the utilities, narrow to county level across all counties. Modeling an Affordability Index for new data center feasibility
Digital Twin & Platform Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual Data Center load intensity and aggregation • Aggregate Data Center(s) Feasibility study by state/county • Enable intelligent feasibility and siting decision based on affordability and other tradeoffs at a parcel level • Leveraging the AI task disaggregation work at ORNL to create grid cognizant and orchestrated data centers • Understand upstream generation/transmission cost impacts and need for new builds • Advise states on regulatory insights
Trans/Distro Energy Load Growth Modeling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution side load aggregation and hosted load capacities • Transmission side energy reserves modeling

Enable strategic tradeoff analysis between energy affordability and incentives that trigger proliferation of data centers

Data Development & Core Capabilities

Dimensions	Criteria
Land Availability & Workforce	Buildable Land
	Environmental Hazards
	Workforce & Labor-shed
Infrastructure Robustness	Power Availability, Resilience, & Reliability
	Connectivity & Network Infrastructure
	Fuel Supply for Back-up Generation
	Water Accessibility
	Gas interdependencies
Regulatory Burden	Regulatory Environment
	Affordability, Econometrics & Pricing

Affordability Model



Affordability is the **starting point** for a Model of Data Center Feasibility and Siting

Goal: Minimize cost impacts while Maximizing affordability and customer sentiment through targeted policy incentives

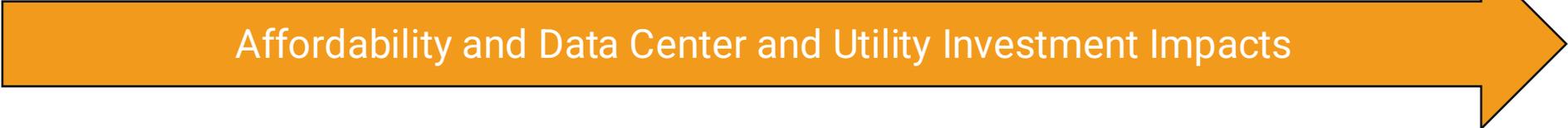
Evolving the Affordability Model for Trade Off Analysis



Affordability Snapshots Trending Over Time and into Future

Models: Nation-wide County-level Electricity Affordability; State Electricity, Gas, Water and Rent Models

Data: Utility Price, Rent, Median Household Income, and Rate Case Data



Affordability and Data Center and Utility Investment Impacts

Models: Local Economic Models, Income Groups

Data: Data Center, CapEx and OpEx Projects, and Broadband/Fiber Utility Data



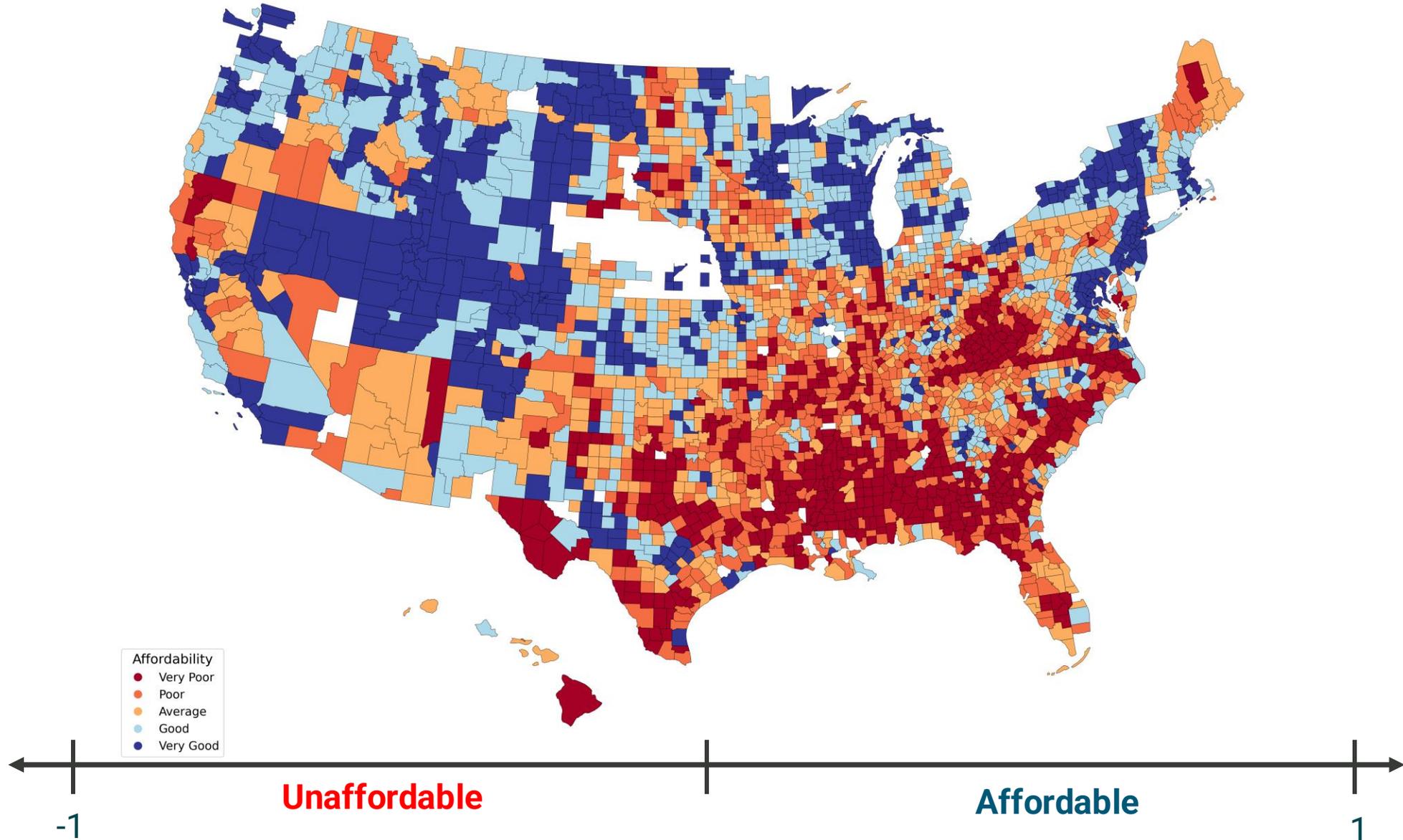
Affordability by Design

Models: Affordability and State Incentives

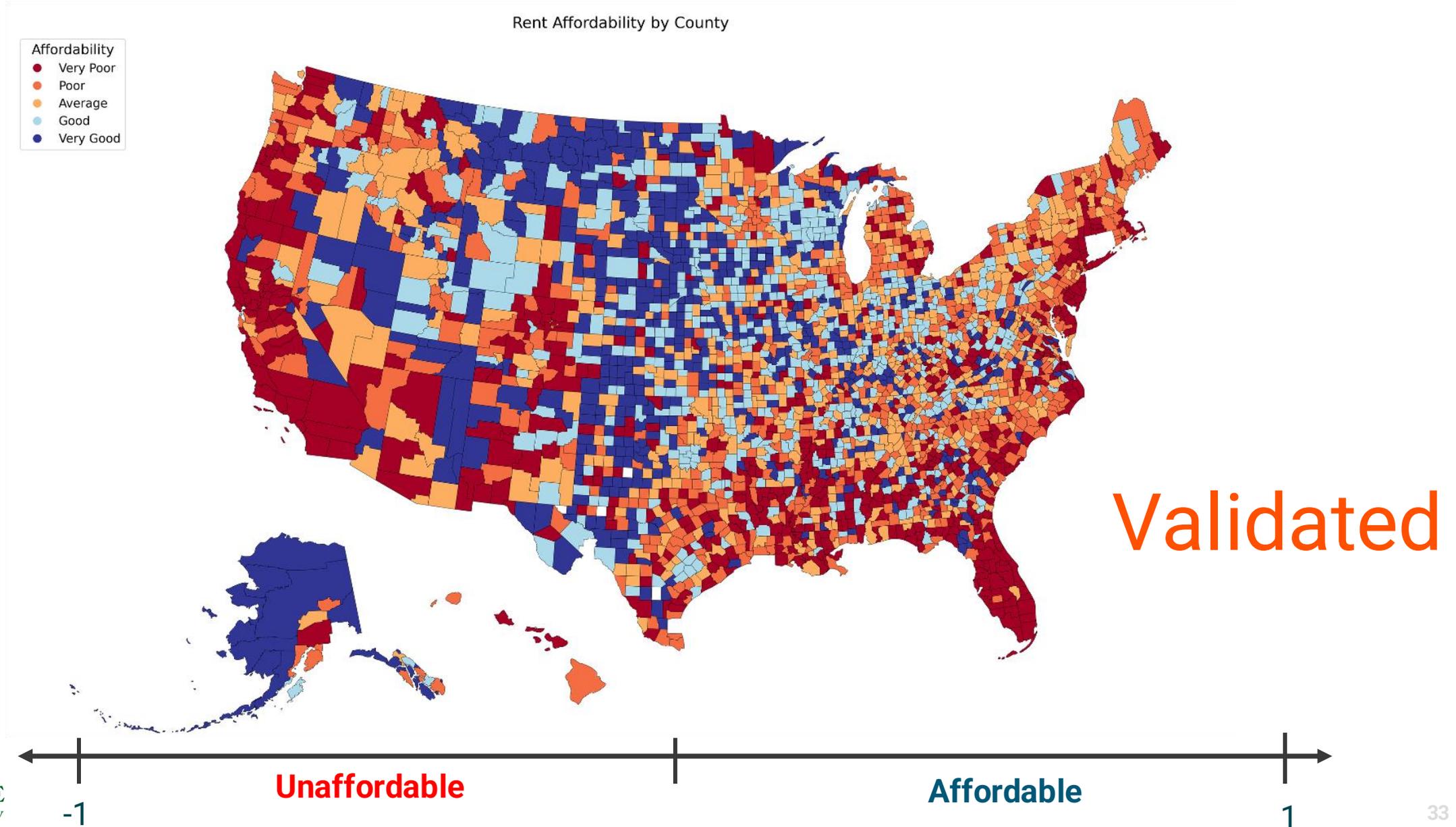
Data: Incentive Programs and Results

National County-Level Electricity Affordability 2023

electricity Affordability by County



National County-Level Rent Affordability 2023



Affordability Driven Data Center Feasibility Framework

Affordability Model

Economic Modeling

TASTI-Grid

Trans/Distro Energy Load Growth Modeling

Siting Model

Economic and Regulatory Burden

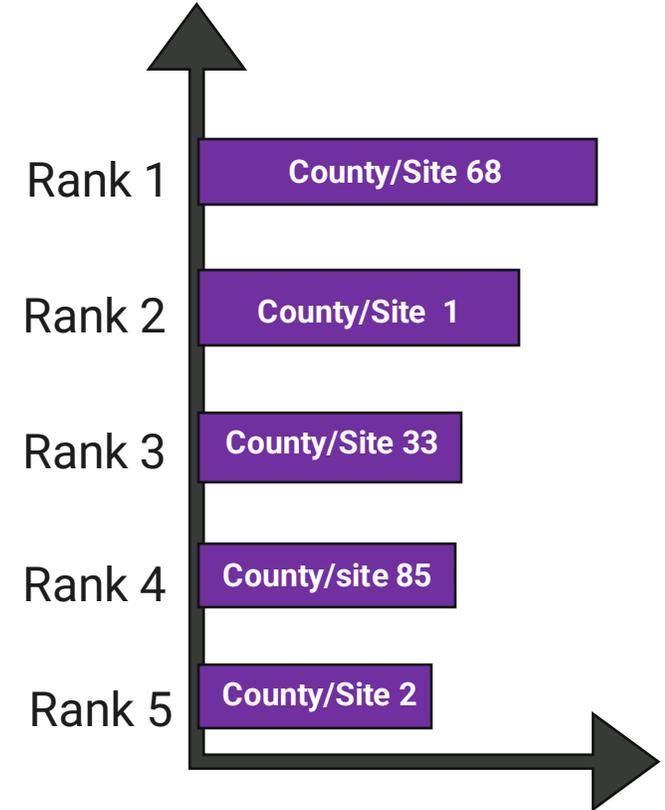
- Electricity Affordability
- Gas Affordability
- Water Affordability
- Broadband Affordability
- Rent Affordability
- Permitting Burden

Infrastructure Robustness and Resilience

- Reserve Capacity
- Grid Modernization
- Impact Duration
- Recovery Duration

Land Availability and Workforce

- Buildable Land
- Environmental Hazards
- Number IT Labor



Cutting Edge Modeling

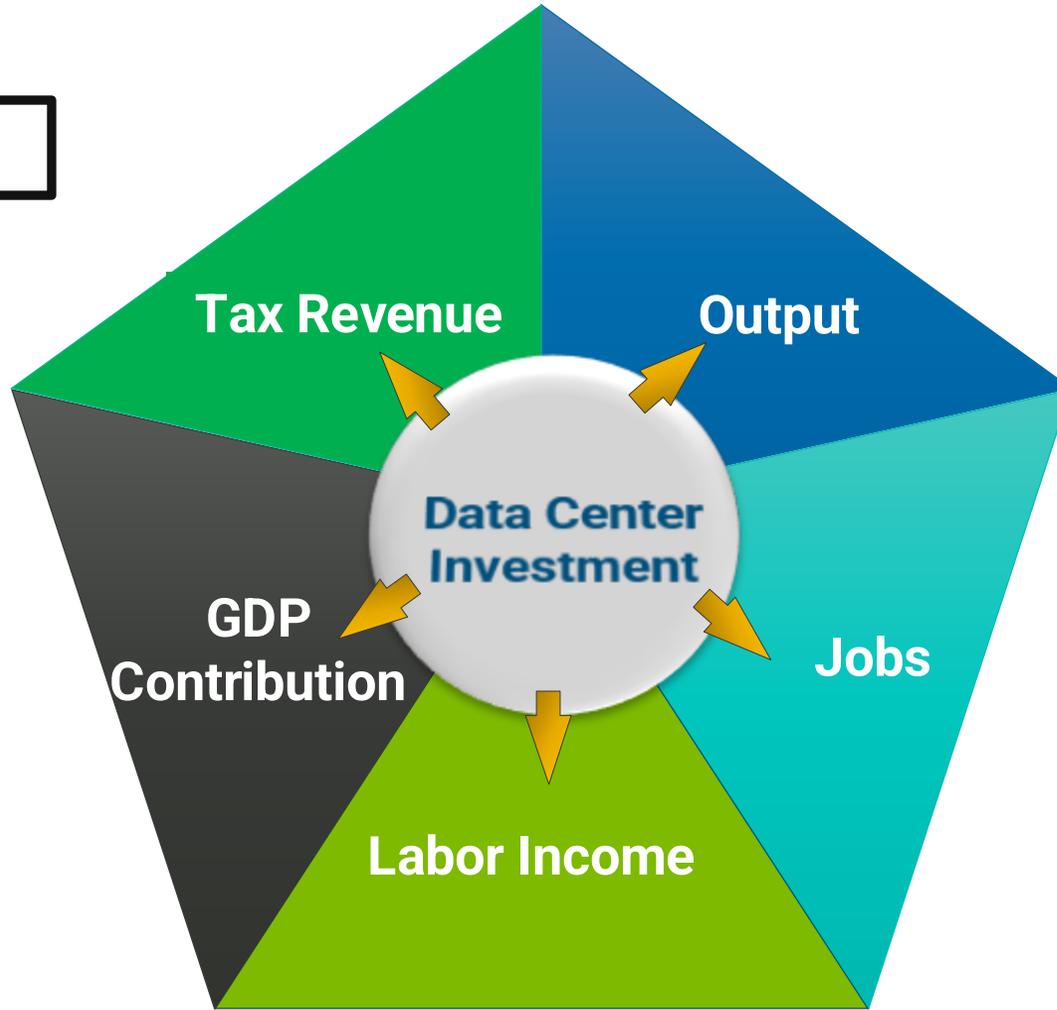
Key Criteria

Optimization and Binding Constraints

Economic Modeling

Preliminary Modeling of Data Center Investment Benefits

Input-Output Model



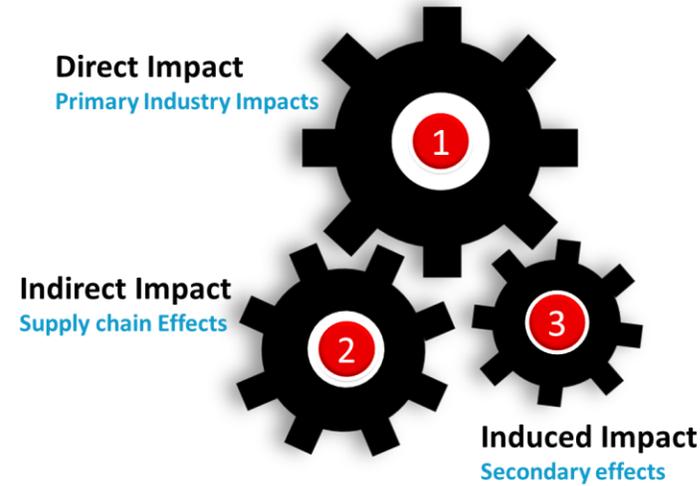
Captures flow of money and ripple effects in economic activity

Preliminary Modeling of Data Center Economic Impact Analysis

Quantitative Method

- **Input-Output Analysis (IO model)**
 - Output (\$)
 - Employment (Number of jobs, labor income (\$))
 - Tax revenue (\$)
- **Multipliers**

Core Components



Economic Impact Metrics



Evaluations:

- Comparing counties' economic outcomes
- Comparing level of investments
- Industry/sectors impacts

Metrics	Labor Income	Value Added	Output
Employee Compensation	→	→	→
Proprietor Income	→	→	→
Other Property Income		→	→
Taxes		→	→
Intermediate Inputs			→

Summary of Impacts- Result table template

Total number of full-time and part-time jobs supported.
 = Wage & Salary Employment + Proprietor Employment

Combined earnings of workers, including wages, salaries, and self-employment income.

Contribution to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) from all impact types.
 = Employee Compensation + Proprietor Income + Taxes on Production & Imports + Other Property Income

Impact	Employment	Labor Income	Value Added	Output
Direct				
Indirect				
Induced				

Total value of goods and services produced (i.e., economic activity).

Direct:
 Economic activity directly tied to the investment - such as construction or operation of the data center.

Indirect:
 Economic activity created through supply chains (e.g., vendors, contractors, equipment suppliers).

Induced:
 Economic activity driven by employee spending- such as housing, groceries, and local services.

Current Limitations of the Economic Impact Analysis

Sensitive to Inputs

Forced Linearity

**Static model and
no feedbacks**

**No resource
constraints**

**Limited temporal
effects**

**Not Vendor-
specific**

County Level Analyses/Benefits

Jefferson County \$1B



Overall Analysis 2025

Jefferson County

\$1,131

Output

3,123

Employment

\$233

Labor Income

\$366

Contribution to GDP

\$66

Tax Revenue

Summary

Economic activity in this segment of the analysis supports 3,123.285 jobs earning \$233,380,422 in Labor Income and creates a value of \$366,238,802. Economic activity in this segment of the analysis generates a combined tax revenue of \$65,629,669 at the federal, state, and county level. These figures are reported in 2025 dollar year. To adjust this, visit your preferences.

Economic Indicators by Impact

Effect Type	Employment (Number of Jobs)	Labor Income (\$M)	Value Added (\$M)	Output (\$M)	Tax Revenue (\$M)
1 - Direct	2,380	\$195	\$292	\$1,000	\$51
2 - Indirect	380	\$22	\$38	\$75	\$7
3 - Induced	363	\$17	\$36	\$56	\$8
Totals	3,123	\$233	\$366	\$1,131	\$66

Overall Tax Breakdown 2025

Jefferson County

\$444

Federal Tax Revenue

\$15

State Tax Revenue

\$3

County Tax Revenue

\$3

Sub County Special District
Tax Revenue

\$0.9

Sub County General Tax
Revenue

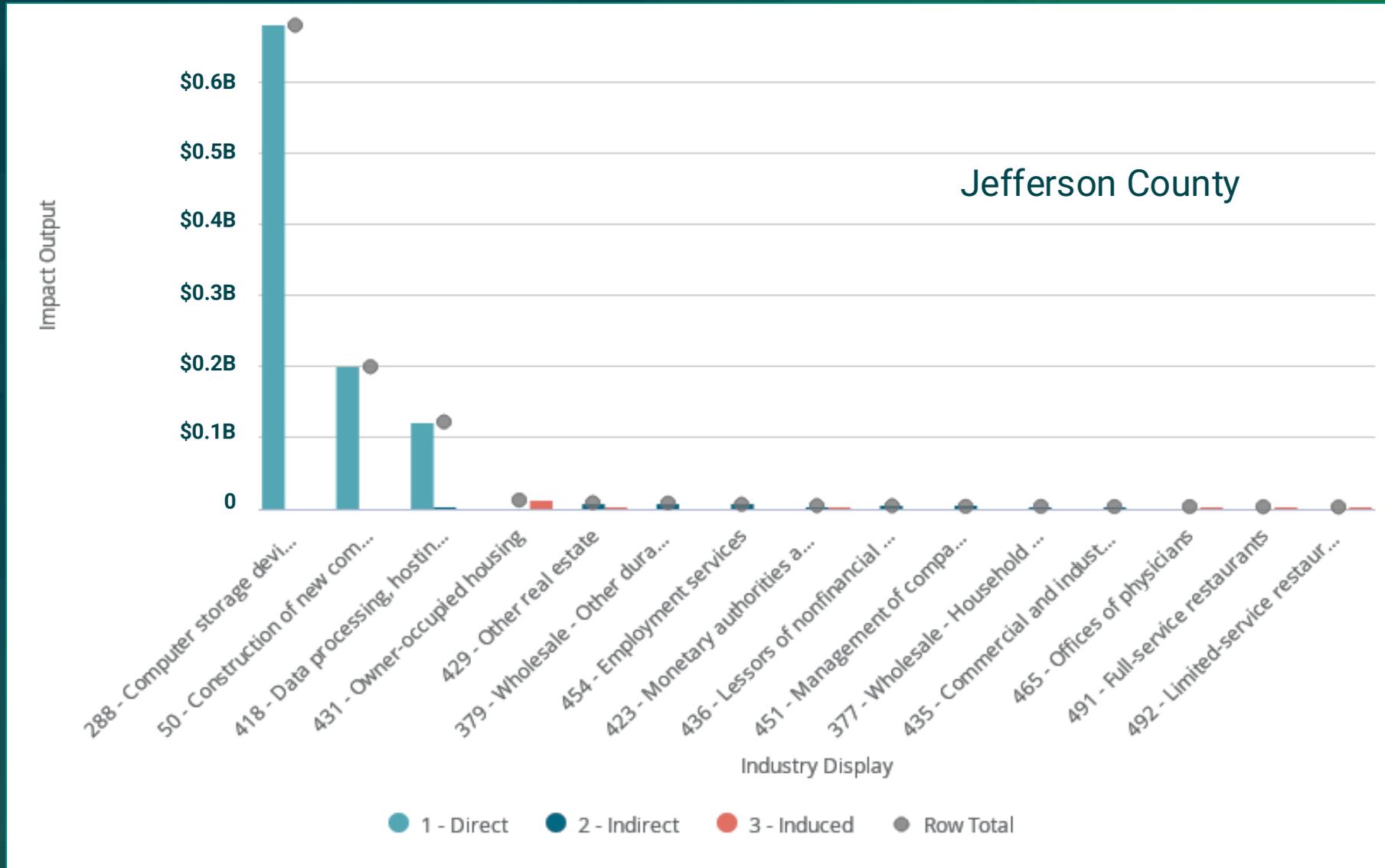
Summary

In total, impacts within this analysis support tax revenues of \$43,587,651 at the Federal level, \$15,156,375 at the State level, \$2,528,144 at the County level, \$3,430,467 at the Sub County Special District level and \$927,032 at the Sub County General level. These figures are reported in 2025 dollar year. To adjust this, visit your preferences.

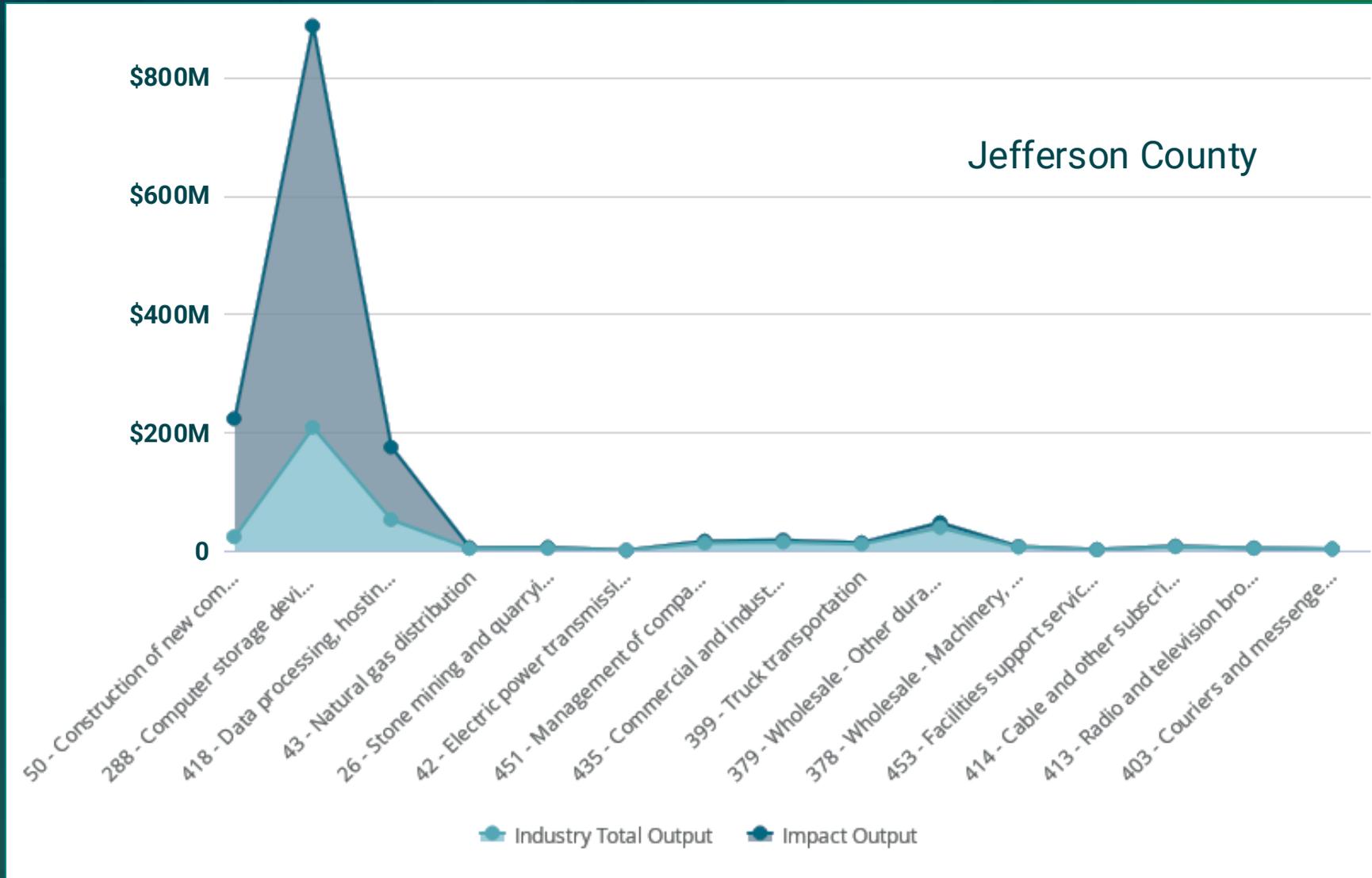
Tax Results

Effect Type	Sub County General	Sub County Special Districts	County	State	Federal	Total
1 - Direct	\$548,632	\$2,020,739	\$1,647,375	\$10,463,342	\$35,920,460	\$50,600,547
2 - Indirect	\$158,036	\$595,528	\$318,815	\$2,082,155	\$4,189,227	\$7,343,761
3 - Induced	\$220,364	\$814,199	\$561,954	\$2,610,878	\$3,477,965	\$7,685,361
Totals	\$927,032	\$3,430,467	\$2,528,144	\$15,156,375	\$43,587,651	\$65,629,669

Top 15 Industries Direct, Indirect, and Induced Output



Top 15 Industries Economic Output



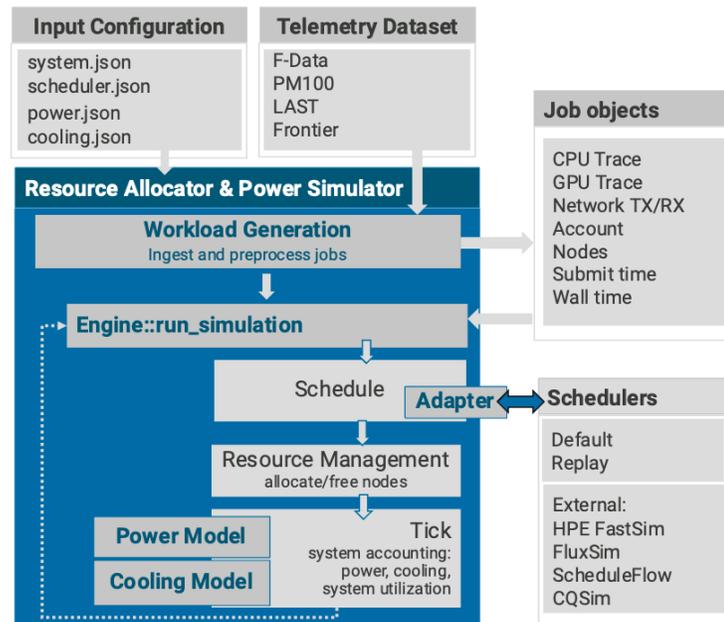
Resiliency – Transmission Model

We simulate loads through Data Center Model

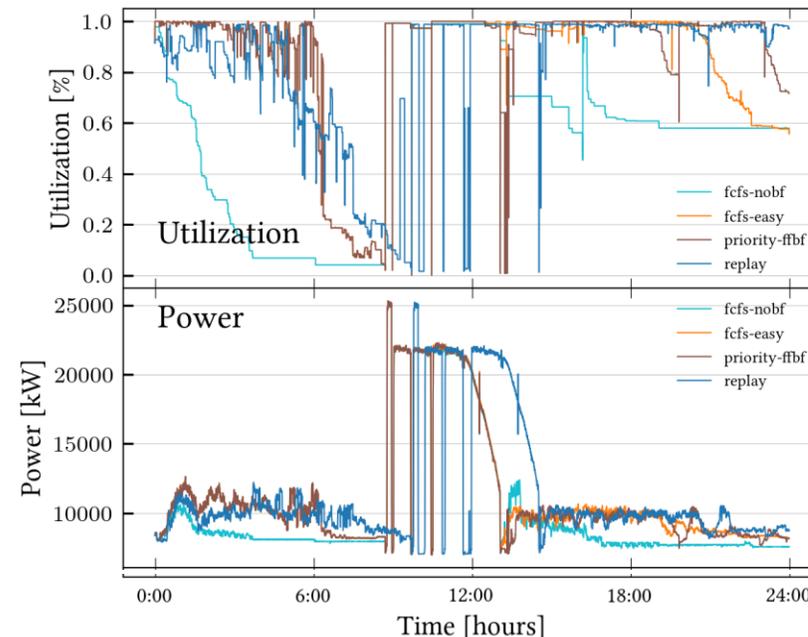
- Input: User-application characteristics executed on the computer system
- Output: total load at the meter
 - Additional simulation outputs :
MW load(time-series), Node utilization, PUE (ratio of total load to IT load, where 1.08 means overhead is ~8%), metrics of the cooling system, e.g. return cooling water temperature, conversion losses, among others.

Simulator Schematic

see: ExaDigiT project, <https://exadigit.github.io/>



Simulation of scheduling scenarios of Frontier for January 18, 2024 and the observed load.



The dark blue line indicates historic data, each other color indicates a simulated scenario with a different schedule for the same day. (Peak load at noon is a high intensity applications running on the complete system, e.g. a fluid dynamics simulation.)

Then we add a data center to PJM system for Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia, and do DCPF

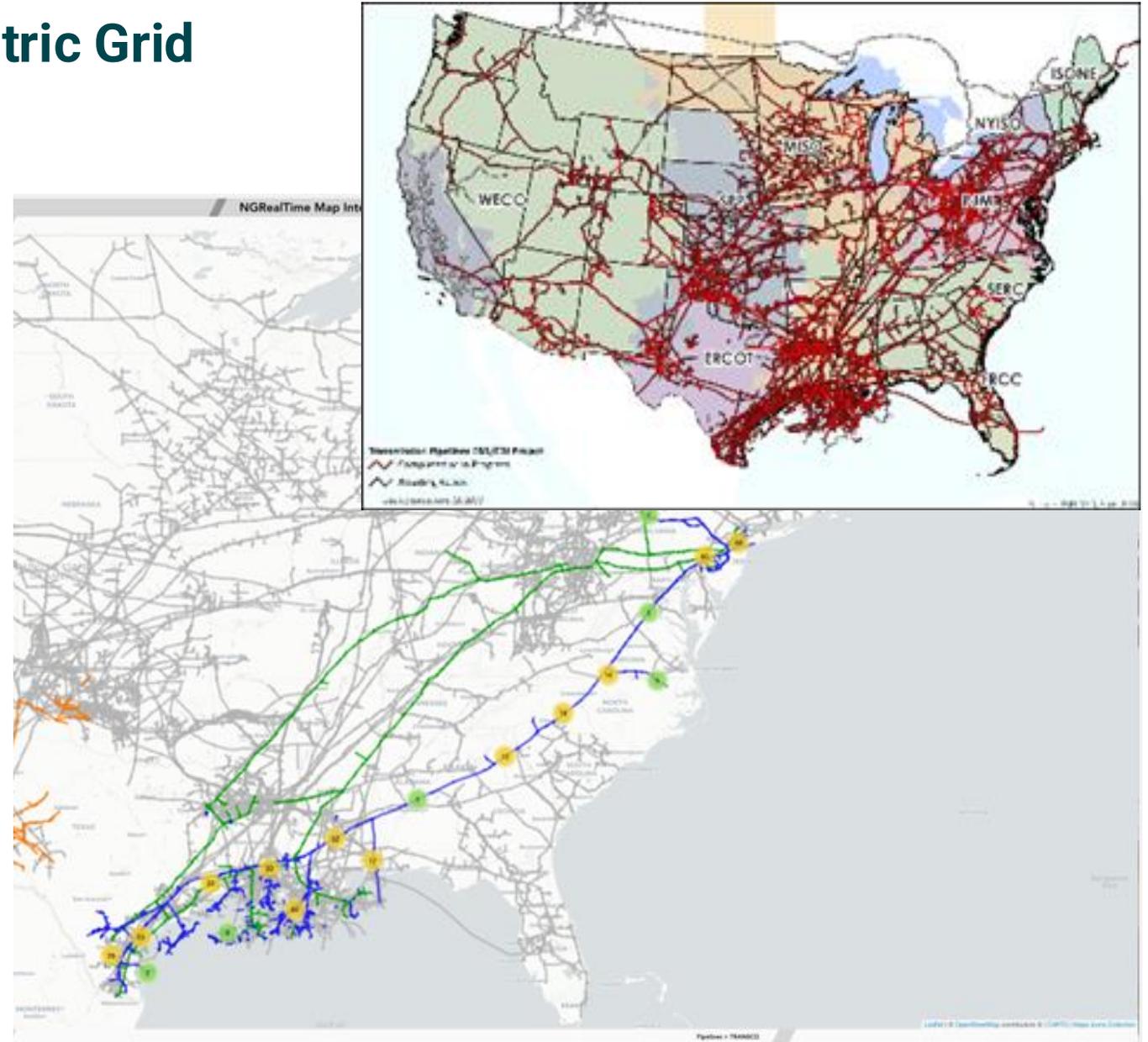


- DCPF is direct current power flow, commonly used for earlier stages of connection studies
- It ignores reactive power and relaxes some of the grid constraints, its findings are of approximate nature
- DCPF takes in scenarios based on transmission grid configuration, generation Pmax, and load MW
- It shows that in principle in most places there is enough MW capacity to serve new data centers, even large ones
- The next stage is ACPF, that includes both MW and MVar

Gas-Electric Interdependencies

Future Modeling: Natural Gas-Electric Grid Interdependencies

- Pipeline connections to gas-fired power plants
- Critical infrastructure assessment
 - Compressor stations
 - Metering
 - Interconnects
- Pipeline capacities
 - Pressure
 - Flow volumes
- What infrastructure components may need to be built or improved?



User Platform/Decision-Making Analytics

Customer Feedback on MEGA-DC

Our Customers

Virginia

Pennsylvania

West Virginia

Louisiana

North Carolina

Georgia

Tennessee

Oregon

More states pending

- Demonstrated that Data Centers have a positive effect on affordability in at least one case.
- Are all counties becoming affordable over time?
- Creates need for a national dialogue on what is affordability and affordability for whom.
- Beyond jobs, how strong are the indirect and induced effects on the local economy?
- Does affordability, resiliency, and availability driven feasibility modeling change the siting paradigm?

Data Center Decision-making Platform

OAK RIDGE National Laboratory MEGA-DC

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Data Center Affordability & Feasibility with MEGA-DC

Explore how we model the energy growth of data centers through a cutting-edge geospatial platform.

Get Started

Overview

Data centers have become critical infrastructure assets, but their rapid expansion and demand for power and cooling create challenges for utility and other energy supply. This research provides a tool to address these challenges and make decisions about data center siting, design, and construction. It also provides a tool to address the challenges of siting, design, and construction. It also provides a tool to address the challenges of siting, design, and construction.

Use Cases

Power the nation and get the most out of your data center. Use cases include: siting, design, and construction. It also provides a tool to address the challenges of siting, design, and construction.

Sign Up

Getting your data center up and running is a complex process. We can help you with the siting, design, and construction. It also provides a tool to address the challenges of siting, design, and construction.

FAQs

We'll address common questions about siting, design, and construction. It also provides a tool to address the challenges of siting, design, and construction.

Thank you!