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3<sup>RD</sup> WORKSHOP: FOUNDATION MODELS FOR THE ELECTRIC GRID

**RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS FROM ENERGY  
SYSTEMS AND INFRASTRUCTURE  
ANALYSIS (ESIA) DIVISION**

**MODERNIZE THE GRID: BOTH  
BIG AND SMALL... AND WE  
NEED AI!**



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# One Argonne Approach: We deliver impact across the continuum from discovery science to technology deployment

## PHYSICAL SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING

- Chemical sciences and engineering
- Materials science
- Nanoscience and technology
- Nuclear and particle physics

## COMPUTING, ENVIRONMENTAL AND LIFE SCIENCES

- Biological and environmental science
- Computational science
- Data science and learning
- Mathematics and computer science

**MCS**

## PHOTON SCIENCES

- Accelerator systems
- X-ray science

## ADVANCED ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES

- Applied materials
- Energy systems and infrastructure analysis
- Transportation and power systems

**ESIA**

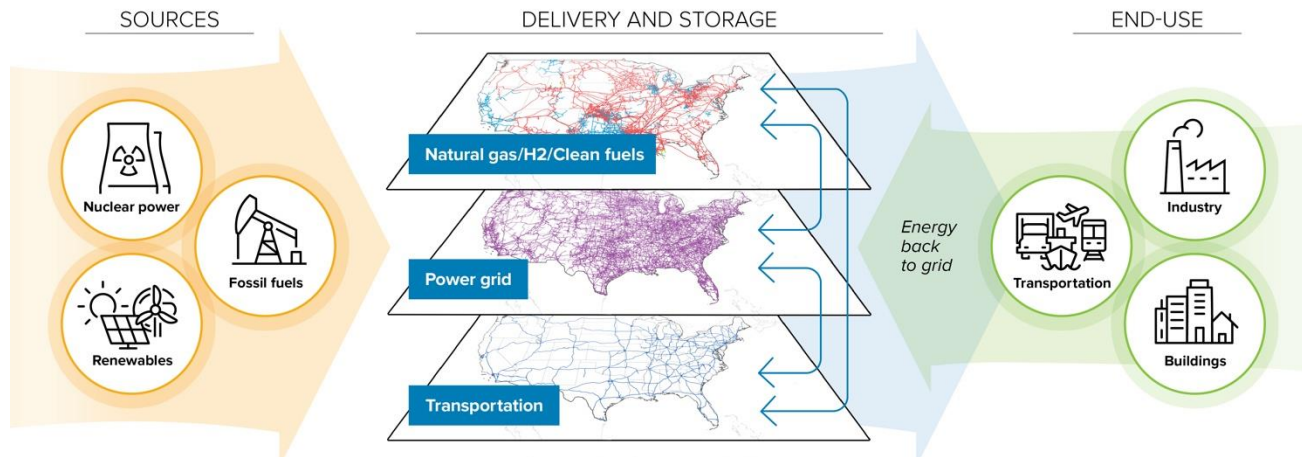
## NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGIES AND NATIONAL SECURITY

- Chemical and fuel cycle technologies
- Decision and infrastructure sciences
- Nuclear science and engineering
- Strategic security sciences

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PARTNERSHIPS AND OUTREACH

- Academic and industrial partnerships
- Community STEM engagement
- Entrepreneurship programs
- Technology commercialization

# ESIA: TOOLS AND ANALYSIS FOR MODERNIZING OUR GRID AND ENERGY SYSTEMS



Solar/wind resource forecasting and integration

Short- and long-term resource optimization

Thermal/hydro optimization

Energy storage

Stochastic short-term operations; long-term investment/expansion

Power market analysis; capacity expansion

Smart grid and microgrids

EV-grid interaction

Advanced Distribution Management/DERMs

Building efficiency and building/grid interaction

Grid resilience to external events

T&D co-simulation

Cyber security

Energy affordability metrics and analysis

# ESIA RESEARCH AREAS (I)



## LIFE CYCLE ANALYSIS/TECHNO-ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

Holistic and data-driven results to inform R&D decisions, policies, and economy-wide impact, including cost, energy, water consumption



## HYDROGEN TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT

Leading evaluation of economic and environmental performance of H<sub>2</sub> supply chains and H<sub>2</sub> delivery options



## TECHNOLOGY DEPLOYMENT AND ENERGY IMPACT

Guiding workforce development, supporting energy future, tracking outcomes, and informing policies



## TECHNOLOGY MARKETS AND IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Tracking the trends and assessing the impact of EV adoption, energy technologies, supply chains, and their connections with energy and economics

# ESIA RESEARCH AREAS (II)



## POWER SYSTEMS & ELECTRICITY MARKETS

Optimizing system operations and capacity expansion, analyzing markets, and investigating potential energy pathways



## ADVANCED ELECTRIC GRID MODELING

Empowering the sector with AI/ML optimization, control, simulation, cybersecurity, microgrids, asset health management



## GRID STORAGE INTEGRATION & VALUATION

Enabling energy storage for grid integration and an affordable, reliable, and resilient grid

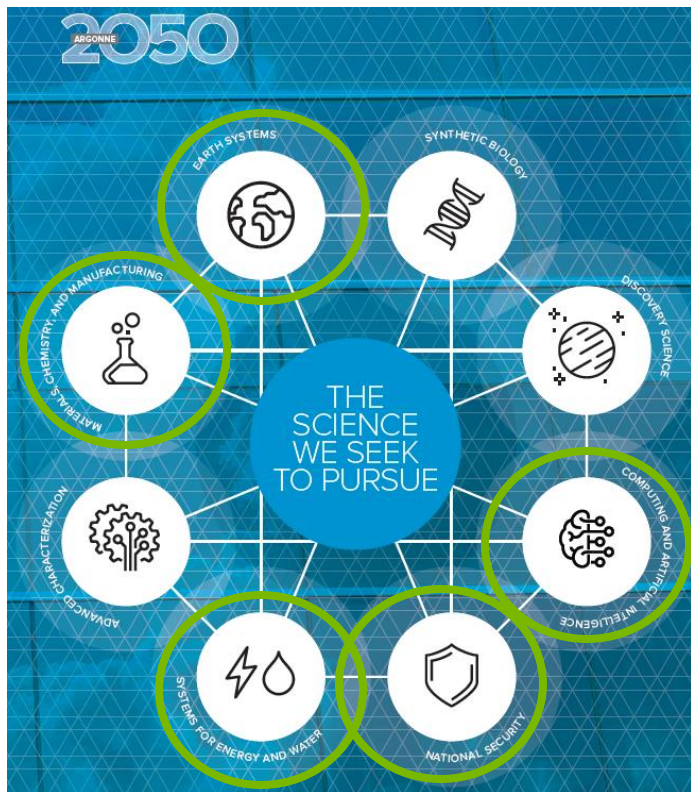


## BUILDING & INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES

Analyzing building technologies and industrial systems to reduce energy use and accelerate technology adoption

# THE GRID IS AN ARGONNE PRIORITY

The grid research directly supports five Argonne strategic objectives



## ANL Strengths for Grid Research

- Math/computing/AI/ML methods and solvers for grid optimization and dynamics
- Transportation modeling and EV charging management supporting the grid
- Energy storage technologies and evaluation for grid applications
- Critical infrastructure vulnerability analysis, security, and interdependencies
- Weather/climate modeling and impact analysis
- Life cycle analysis for energy systems
- Materials and manufacturing scale-up
- Urban science applied to energy and the grid

# STRATEGIC CONTEXT

## The electric grid is facing significant changes across many vectors

Generation sources are changing and becoming more decentralized

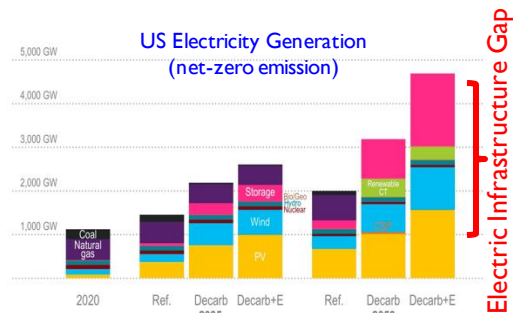
- **> 1000 GW** more renewables and **> 900 GW** energy storage, in the mix with nuclear, hydro, natural gas, etc.
- **> 5x** hydrogen and hydrogen-like fuels as an energy carrier
- **> 2x** grid to accommodate increasing demand and renewables

Demand profile is changing and forecasted to grow

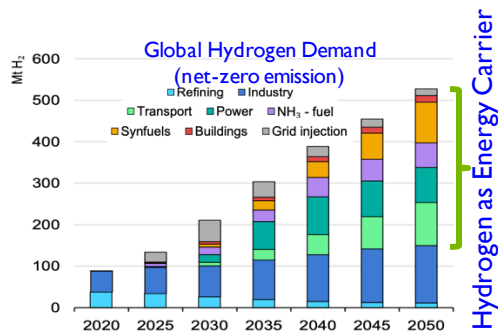
- **> 2x** demand growth due to electrification (electric vehicles, buildings, industrial) and data centers
- Millions of grid edge players

Resilience and adaptation needs are increasing

- Increasing natural and manmade threats, including weather-related uncertainties and extreme events.
- Long lead time in supply chains



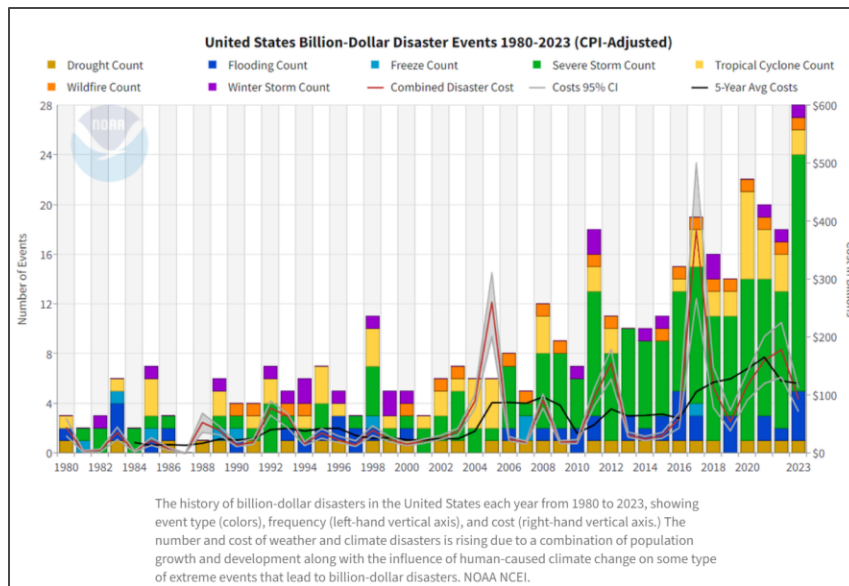
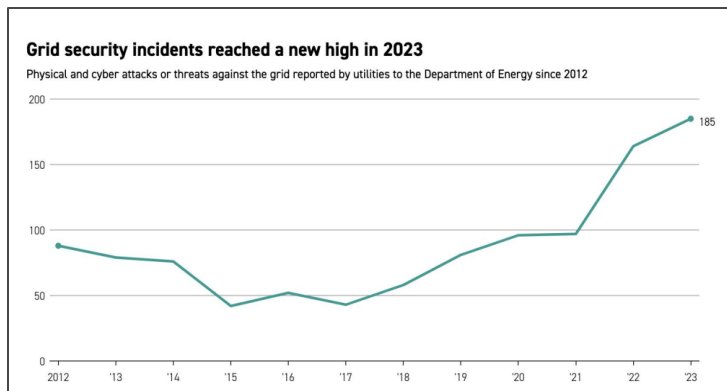
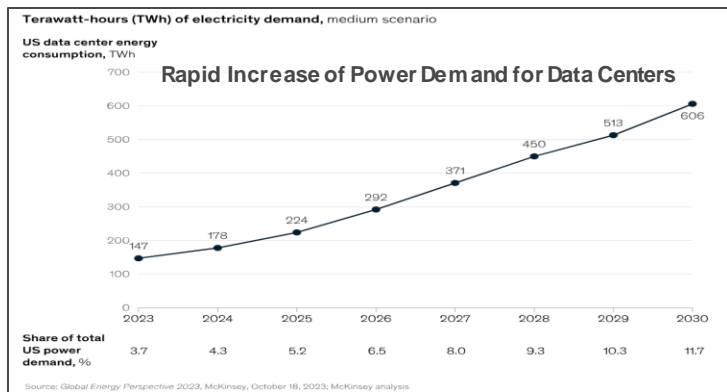
Credit: DOE EERE SETO Solar Futures Study 2021.



Credit: IEA Global Hydrogen Review 2021.

# STRATEGIC CONTEXT

## Disruptive trends continue to emerge that are difficult to forecast



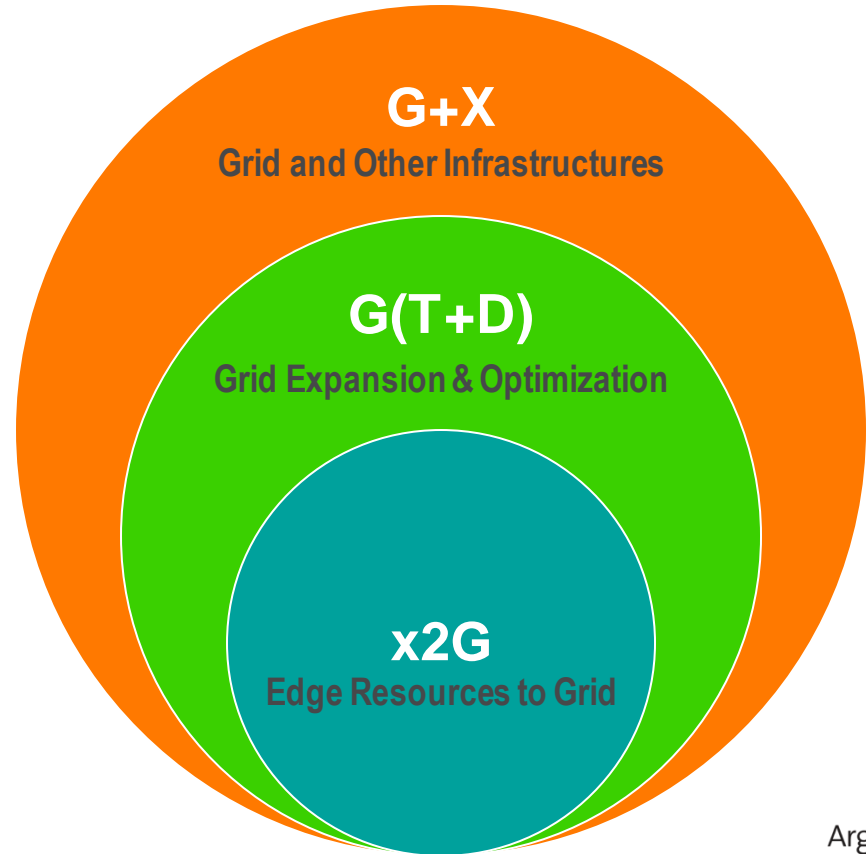
Sources: McKinsey, Global Energy Perspective 2023 | DOE | NOAA



# CHALLENGES AND RESEARCH NEEDS FOR A CLEAN AND SECURE ENERGY FUTURE

## Challenges:

- Understand and manage increasing **interdependency** of energy systems – power systems, natural gas/hydrogen systems, communications, transportation systems, weather/climate, ...
- Enable unprecedented **grid expansion, control, and optimization** for both transmission and distribution.
- Integrate and incentivize millions of **diverse grid edge assets** with mixed ownership.





# NAERM: NATURAL GAS DISRUPTION RELIABILITY IMPACTS

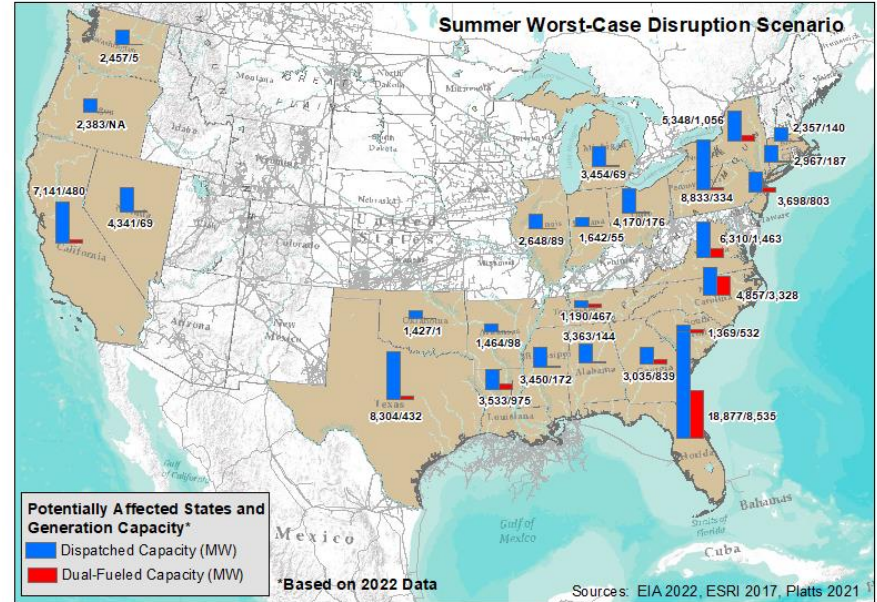
## Reliability Need

Assess bulk electric reliability impacts for all interstate natural gas pipeline contingencies so that NERC can readily calculate the risk to summer reserve margins.

## Results

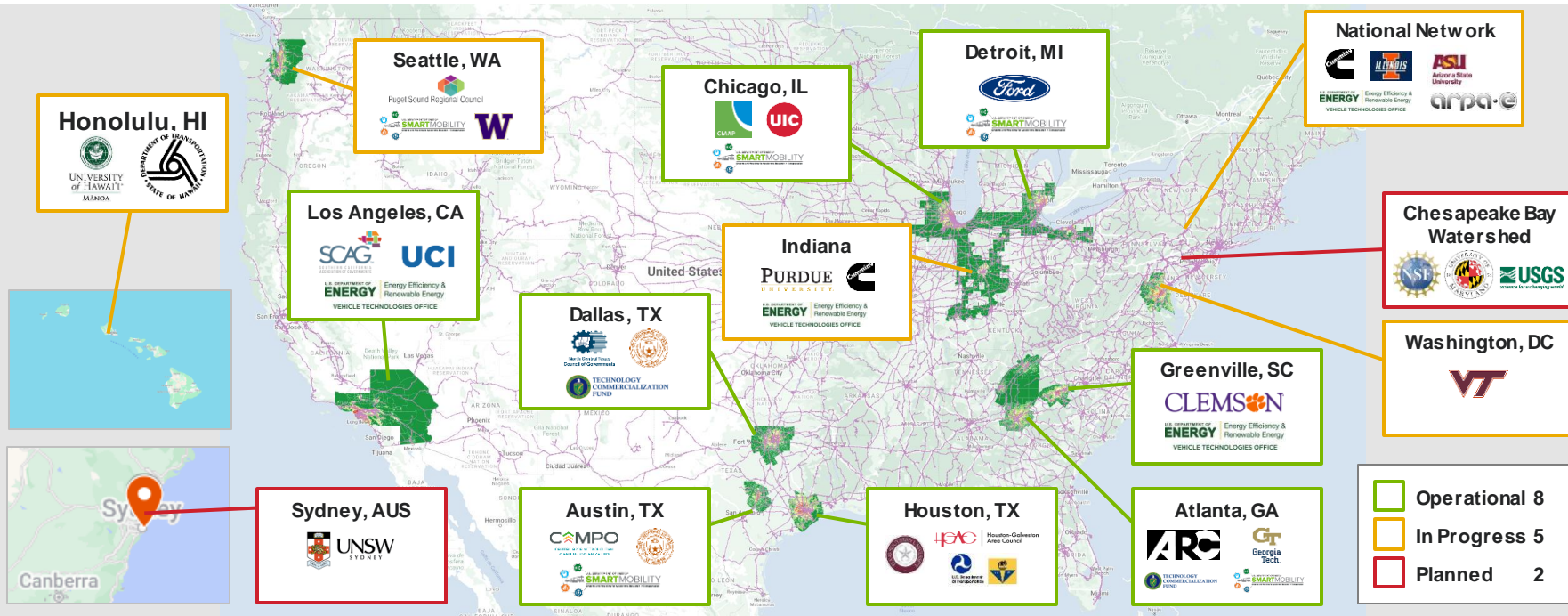
Estimated natural gas power plant capacity impacts under worst case scenario (i.e., no mitigation) and with compensation through underground storage, LNG, pipeline interconnects, and LDC contracts.

**NGFast:** a simulation model for rapid impact assessment of natural gas pipeline breaks and flow reductions



# POLARIS: EXTENSIVE, NATIONWIDE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM MODEL

Fourteen operational and planned models connected by national networks



# EXTREME WEATHER EVENT ANALYSIS THROUGH HYPER-LOCAL MODELING

Weather-related threats can be assessed by **historical** events or **future** projections using Argonne's Advanced Climate Model (**ClimRR**, <https://climrr.anl.gov/>)

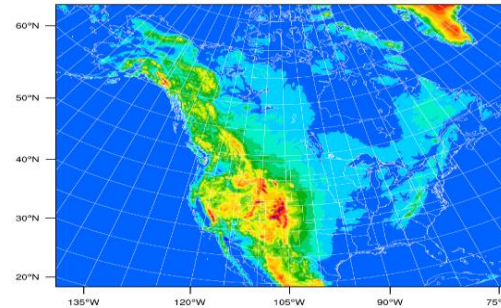
HIGHEST RESOLUTION climate model over all North America

Spatial resolution: **12 km** (soon 4km)

Temporal resolution: 3 hours

Amount of data: **330+ years** of model simulation output

Data size: 8.8 GB/day; **700+ TB**



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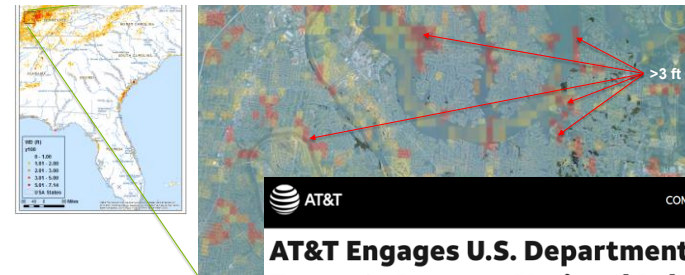
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Climate Change Impacts at Department of Defense Installations

Environmental Science Division

## Risk Projections at Neighborhood Scale

Predicted inland 100-year water depth



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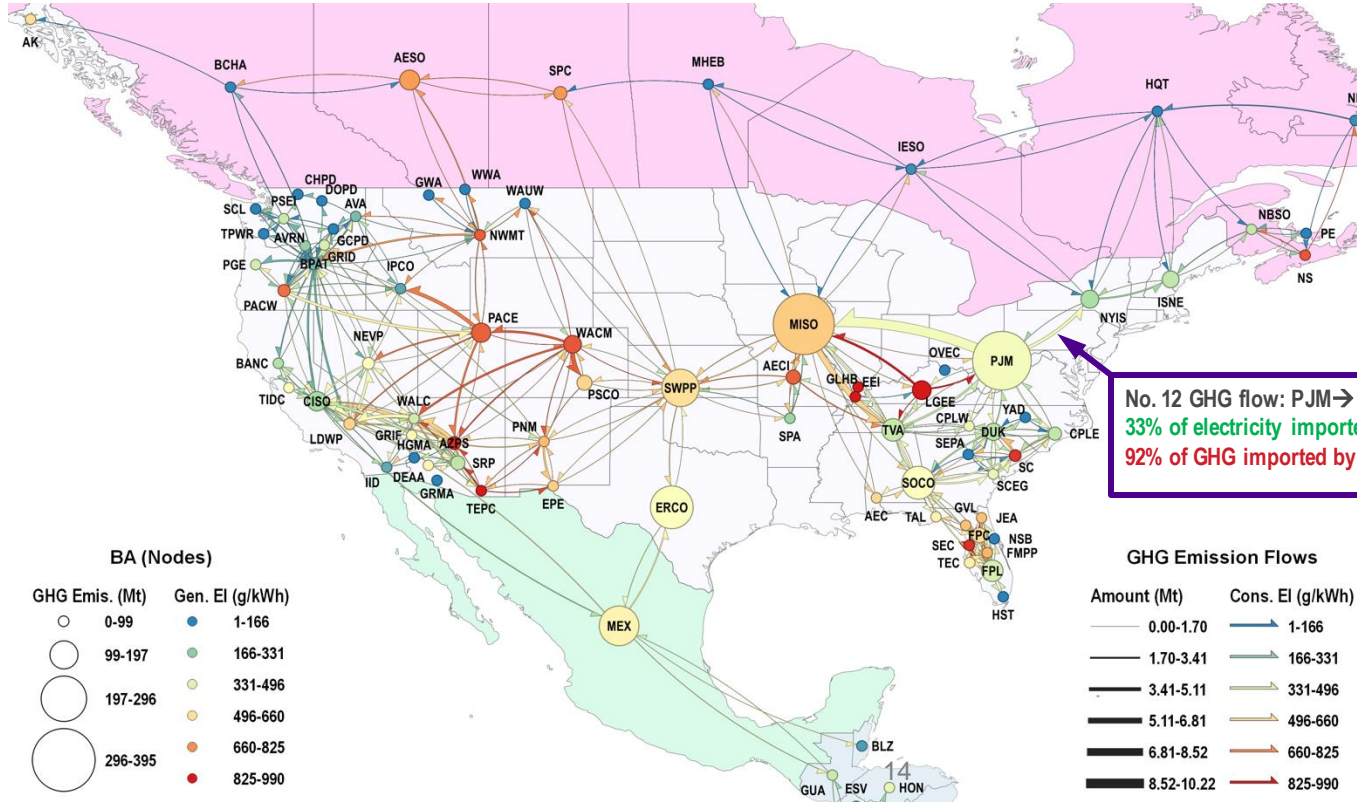
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INVESTORS

**AT&T Engages U.S. Department of Energy's Argonne National Laboratory on Industry-leading Climate Resiliency Project**

# GREET: LIFE CYCLE ANALYSIS OF ENERGY CONSUMPTION, WATER USAGE, AND POLLUTION

<https://www.energy.gov/eere/greet>



No. 12 GHG flow: PJM → NYIS, 3.0 Mt  
 33% of electricity imported by NYIS  
 92% of GHG imported by NYIS

## 2020 Example

Total emissions

1671.6 Mt

Total transfer

165.8 Mt (9.9%)

Top emitters

MISO, PJM, ERCO

Top exporters

PJM, BPAT, AZPS

Top importers

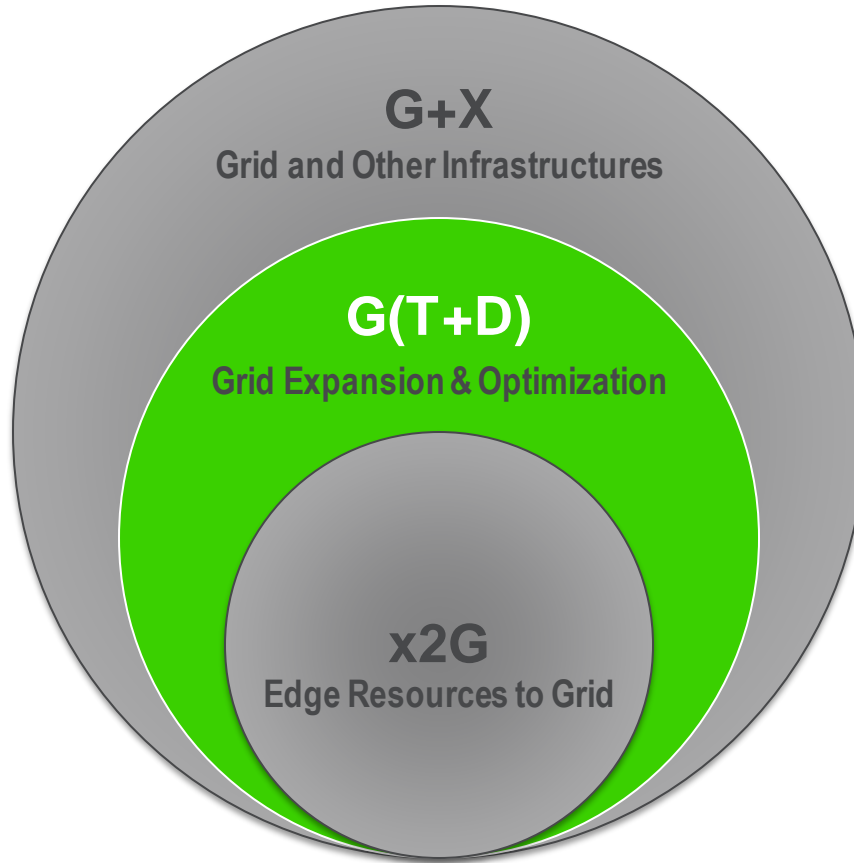
MISO, CISO, AZPS

Top emission flows

PJM to MISO

LDWP to CISO

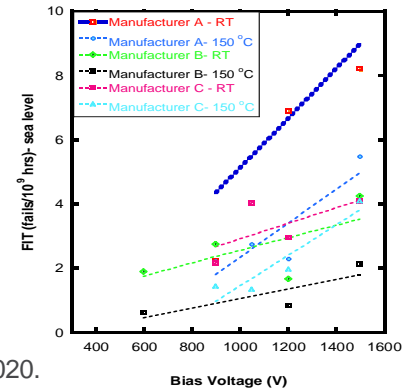
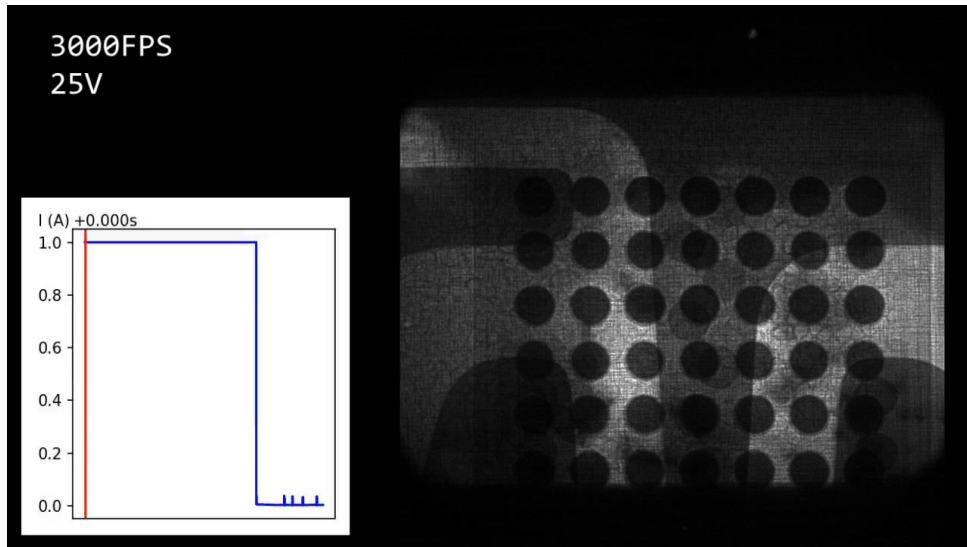
SRP to AZPS



# IN-SITU TESTING OF NEXT-GENERATION WIDE BANDGAP GaN POWER ELECTRONICS

Material testing using Argonne's  
Advanced Photon Source

5KV platform for harsh environment test



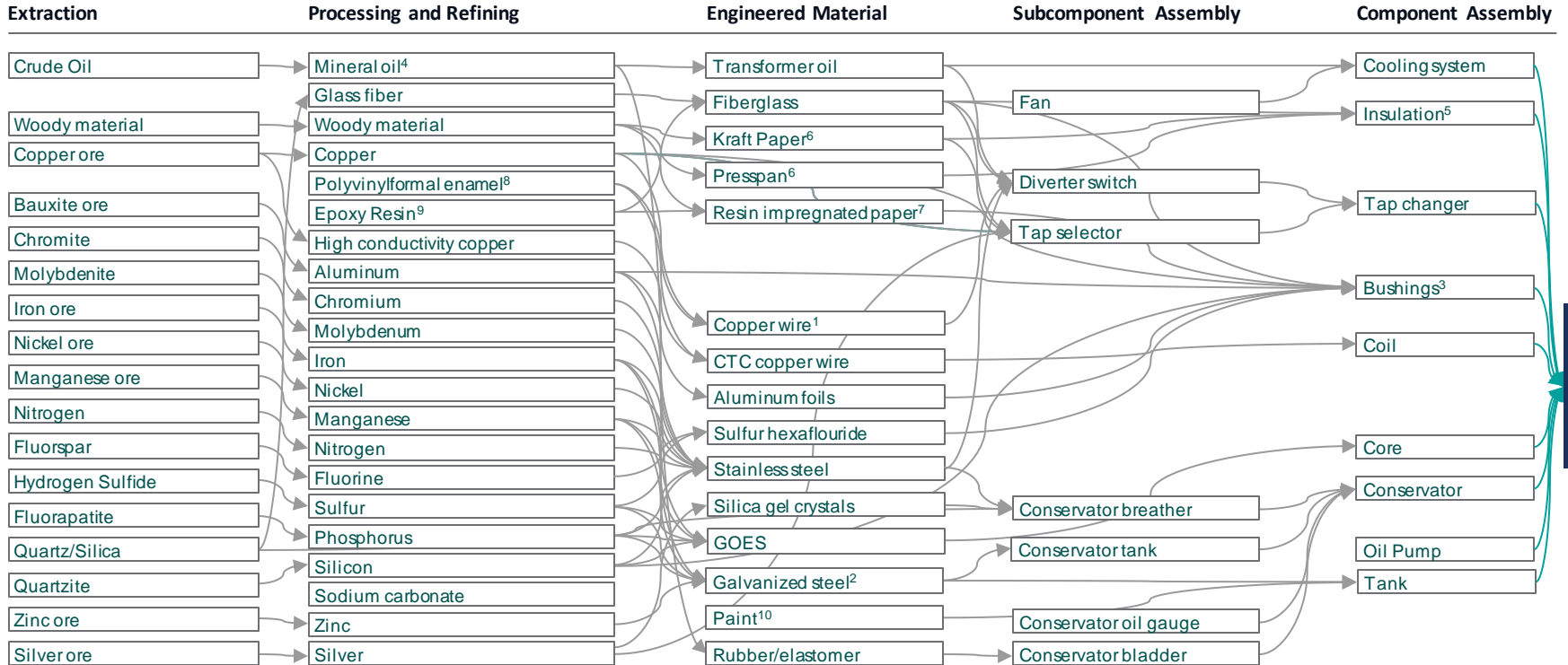
M. Ahmed *et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 11493548

M. Ahmed *et al.*, Proc. 2020 NSREC Data Workshop, paper no. 187, 2020.



# SUPPLY CHAIN MAPPING

## EXAMPLE: CONVERTER TRANSFORMER (250 MVA)



Notes: 1. Alternatives: Aluminum wire 2. Alternative: Aluminum 3. Alternatives: Bushings can also be filled with dry insulation materials (e.g., polyurethane elastomer) 4. Alternatives: Natural ester, silicone oil, synthetic ester, mixed insulating oil (e.g., soybean oil with mineral oil) 5. Alternatives: Core insulation can also be gas 6. Alternatives: Nomex, Denison, corrugated papers 7. Bushings can also be insulated by oil impregnated paper 8. Alternatives: Polyester, polyimide, PAI, polyesterimide enamels 9. Epoxy Resin can be made of Epichlorohydrin (ECH), Bisphenol-A (BPA), Aliphatic glycols, Phenol, o-Cresol novolacs, Caustic soda (20-40% solution), Methylisobutylketone (MIBK) 10. Liquid paint compound example: n-Butyl Acetate, Methyl n-Amyl Ketone, Aspartic Ester, 2-Ethyl-1,3-hexanediol, 2-methoxy-1-methylethyl acetate, UV Light Absorber, Benzotriazole Hydroxyphenyl Polymer, Bis(pentamethyl-4-piperidyl)sebacate, Butyl Methacrylate, 2-Hydroxyethyl Methacrylate, Methyl Methacrylate, Methyl pentamethylpiperidyl sebacate, Medium Aliphatic Hydrocarbon Solvent, Xylene (mixed isomers)

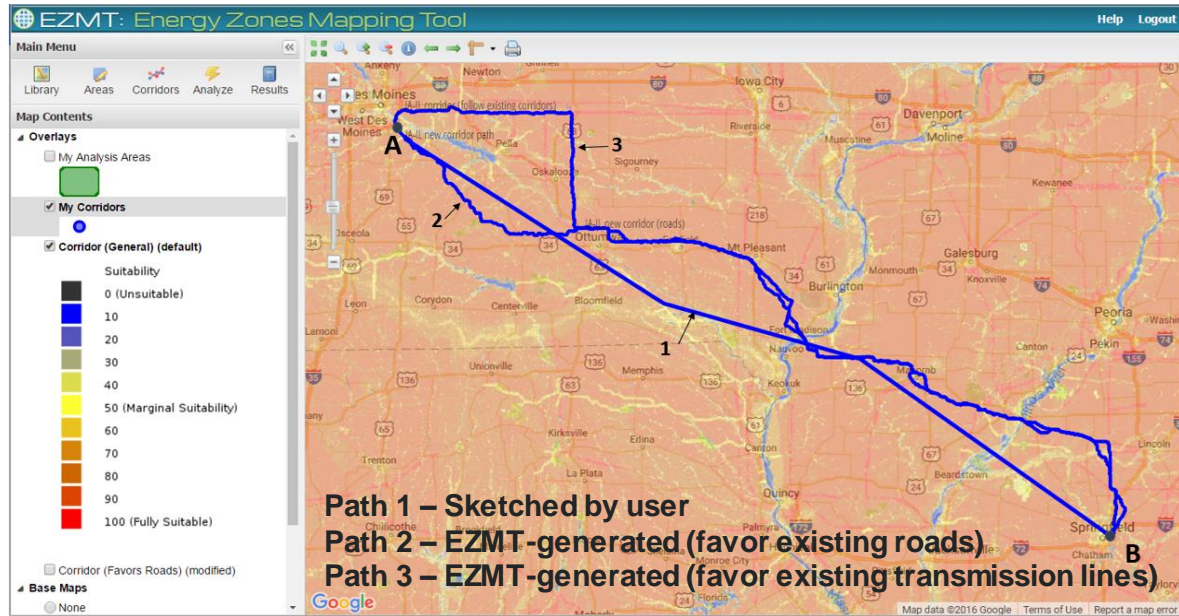
Source: BCG SWITCH-gt modeling and analysis

# GEM: FOR CORRIDOR AND RESOURCE SITING/ROUTING

- >240 layers of environmental, geological, and societal information.
- DOE Grid Deployment Office using GEM for siting NIETCs
  - CITAP version of GEM is publicly available at: <https://gem.anl.gov/tool/citap>

Coordinated Interagency Transmission Authorizations and Permits Program

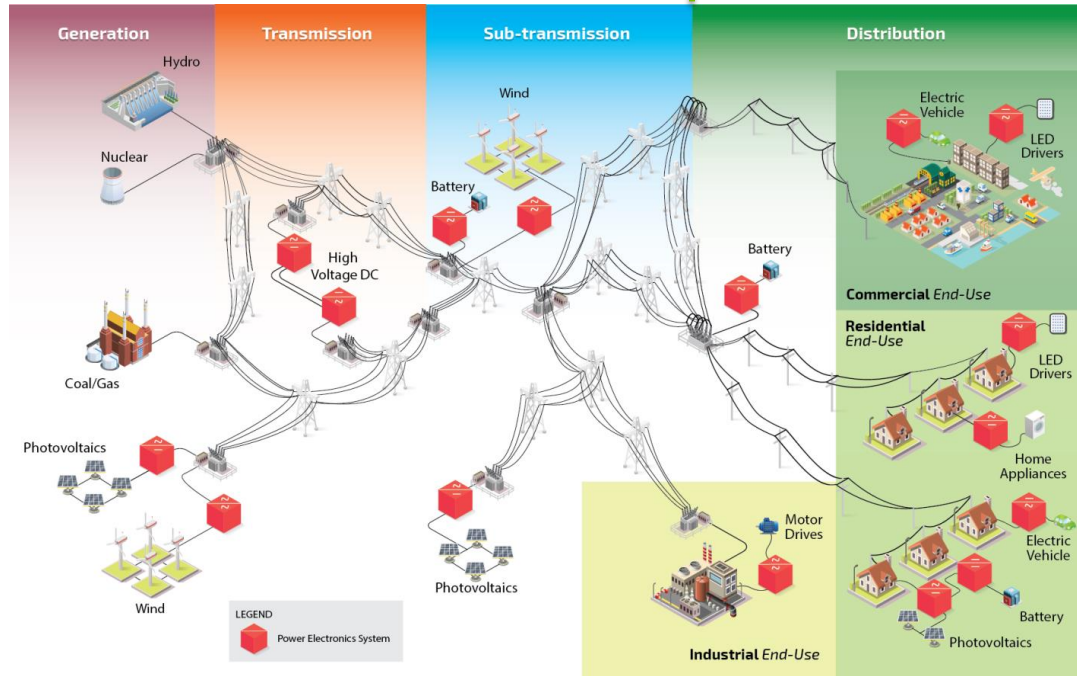
Grid Deployment Office



Geospatial Energy Mapper (GEM)

# TDcoSIM: TIGHTLY COUPLED TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION CO-SIMULATION

Transmission ← | → Distribution



- Support static and dynamic simulation
- Built-in data visualization and data analytics tools
- Capable of simulating large interconnections (Over 250,000 T&D nodes)
- **Software Implementation**
  - Python based interfaces for T&D and D&DER
  - Python-based Dynamic DER model
  - OpenDSS for Distribution
  - PSS®E for Transmission (Siemens)

# MIPLEARN: AI-ENHANCED MIXED-INTEGER OPTIMIZATION

## Motivation:

- Grid optimization have become increasingly complex and hard to solve. Classical approaches provide only incremental improvements; AI-based efforts discard important feasibility and optimality guarantees.

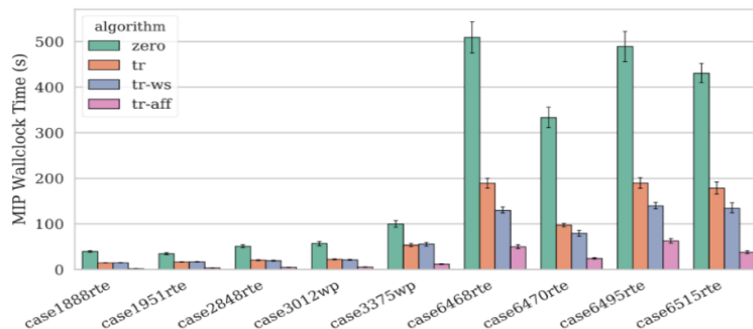
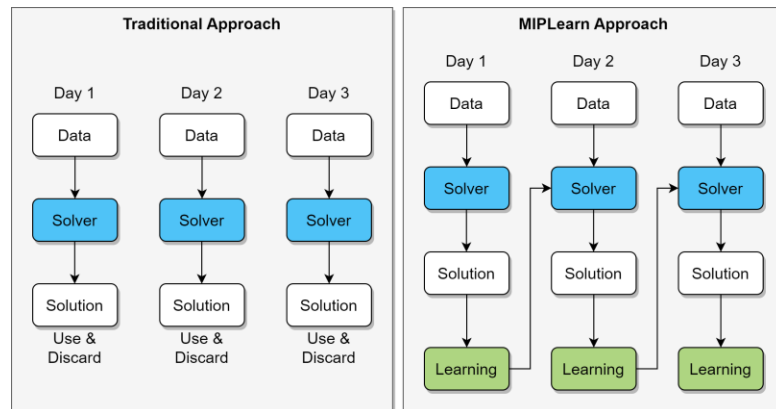
## Technical Approach:

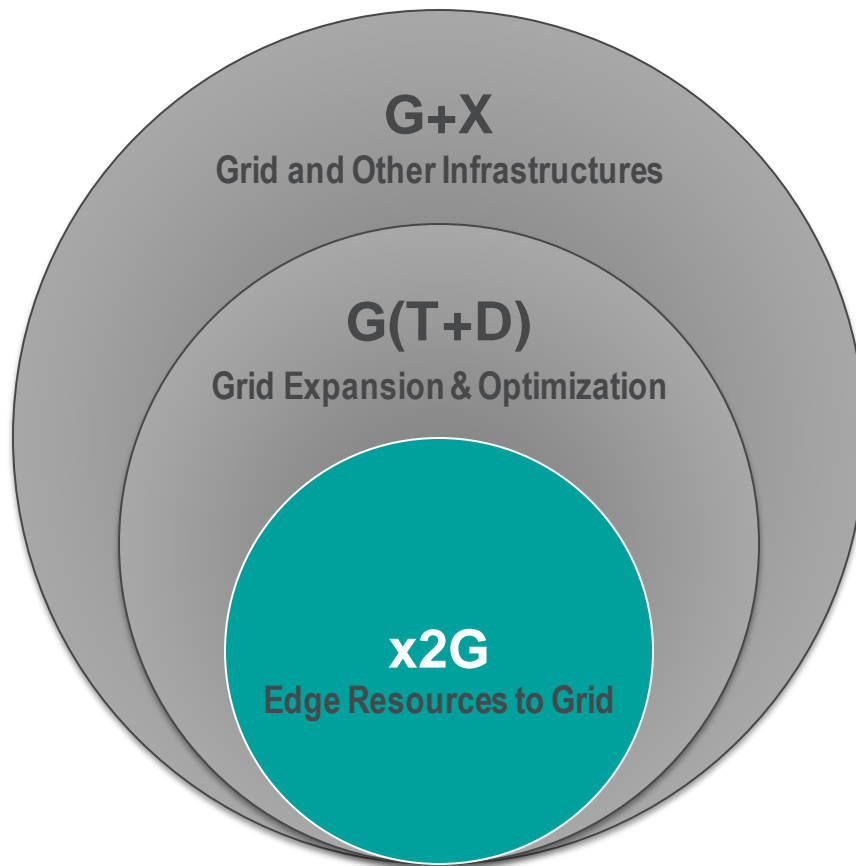
- Use AI to *accelerate* (instead of *replace*) existing state-of-the-art mathematical solvers, which are already trusted by the industry.
- AI guides solver towards the solution faster using data-driven adaptive search strategies while maintaining guarantees.

## Impact:

- 5-10x speedups in *large-scale power systems* applications;
- Open-source framework compatible with multiple solvers (Gurobi, CPLEX, XPRESS) and modeling languages (Gurobipy, Pyomo, JuMP)

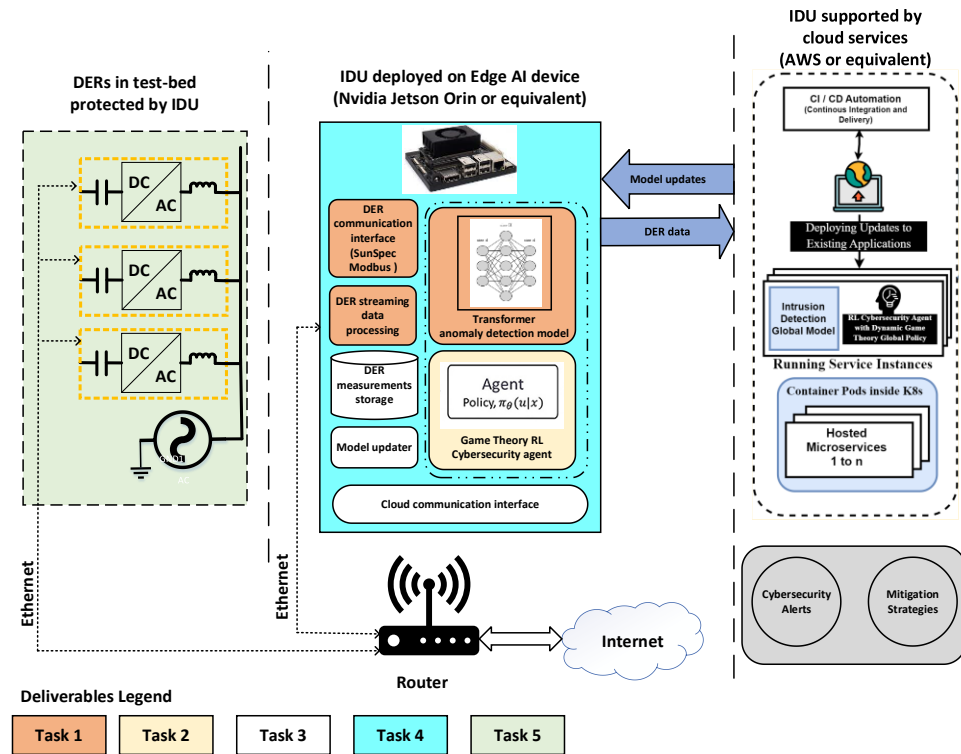
Repository: [github.com/ANL-CEEESA/MIPLearn](https://github.com/ANL-CEEESA/MIPLearn)





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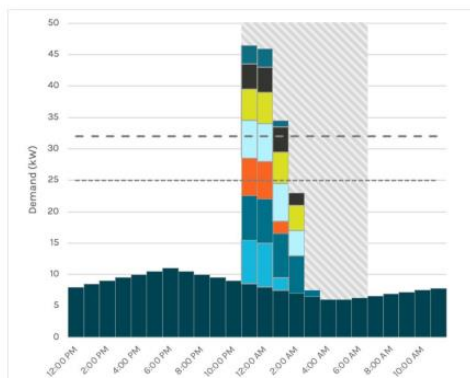
- **New Approach:** A Game-Theoretic and Machine Learning Approach for Real-Time Threat Detection and Mitigation
- **Low cost implementation:** Intrusion diagnostic unit (IDU) deployed on an edge computing device (“plug-and-play”) for real-time monitoring, detection, and mitigation of cybersecurity threats
  - Incorporating dynamic game theory, RL, and transformer architecture to develop passive and adaptive defense mechanisms.
  - Updating detection models using federated learning.



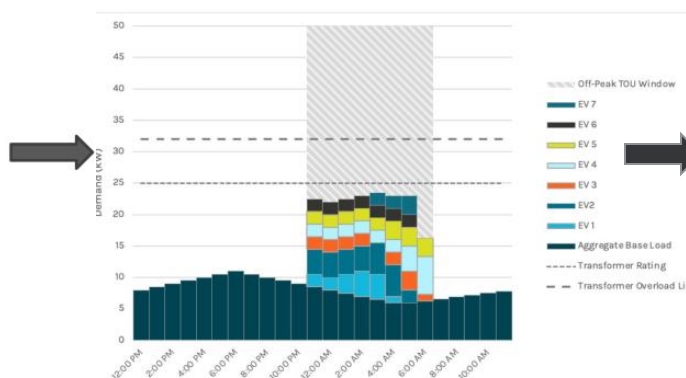
# IMPACT OF LARGE-SCALE UTILITY-MANAGED SMART CHARGING

- **ATEAM** (Agent-based Transportation Energy Assessment Model): Integrated simulation platform to evaluate the impact to the grid and consumers

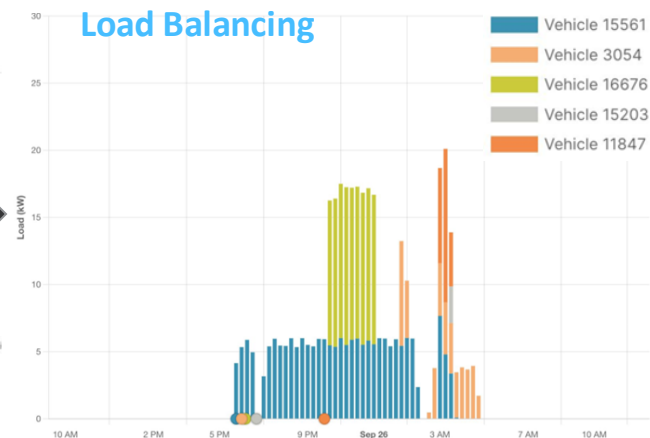
## TOU-OPTIMIZED CHARGING



## DISTRIBUTION-OPTIMIZED CHARGING



## Load Balancing

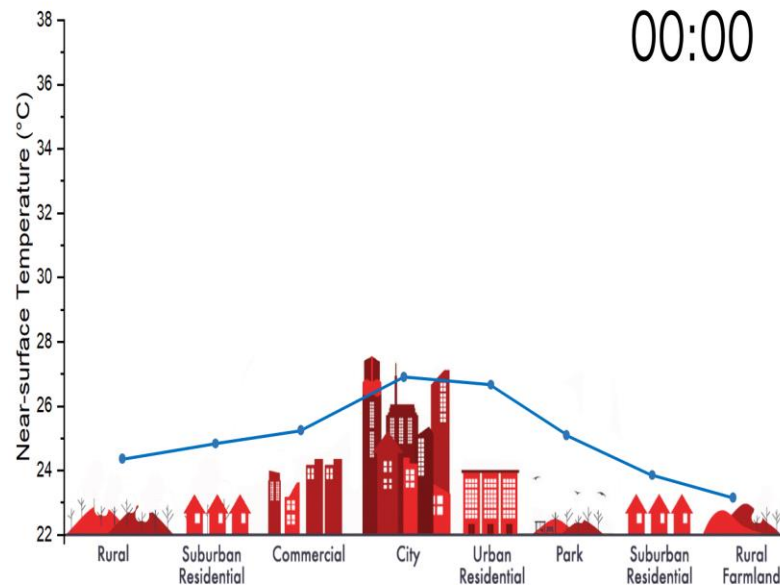
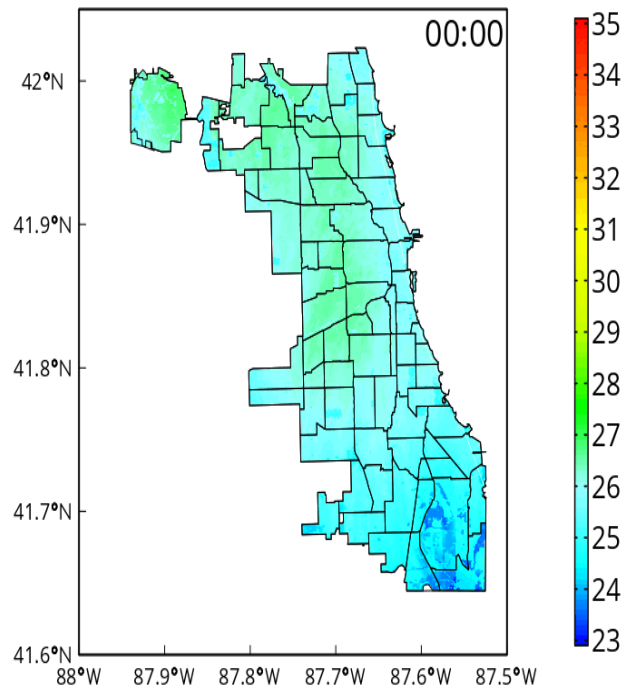


- Charging starts when TOU starts, resulting in stress on distribution infrastructure

- Charging starts when plugged in but with an adjusted charging speed

- Manage charging start time and balance the load to reduce peak demand and stress on distribution infrastructure.

# STREET SCALE SIMULATION OF TEMPERATURES



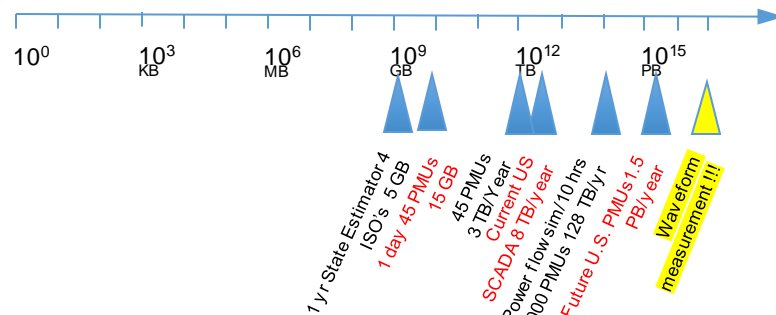
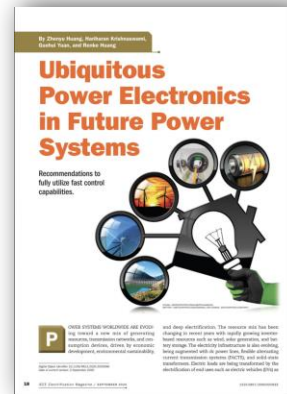
Source: Haochen Tan, Argonne National Laboratory



# WHERE IS AI IN THE GRID?

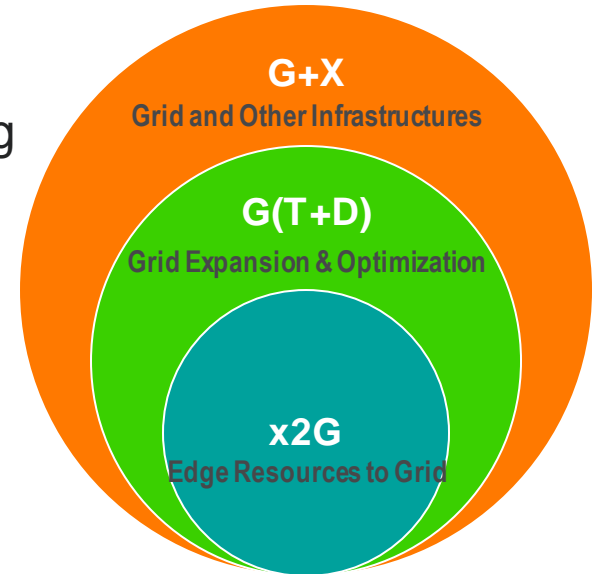
- AI for large-scale grid optimization
- AI for extreme weather modeling and impact on the grid
- AI for charging management in transportation electrification
- AI for prognostics-based health management of grid assets
- AI for load forecasting, esp. smart loads and net loads
- AI for renewable forecasting at all levels
- AI for cybersecurity detection and defense
- ...

## Grid data explosion!



# WHERE NEEDS MORE AI IN THE GRID?

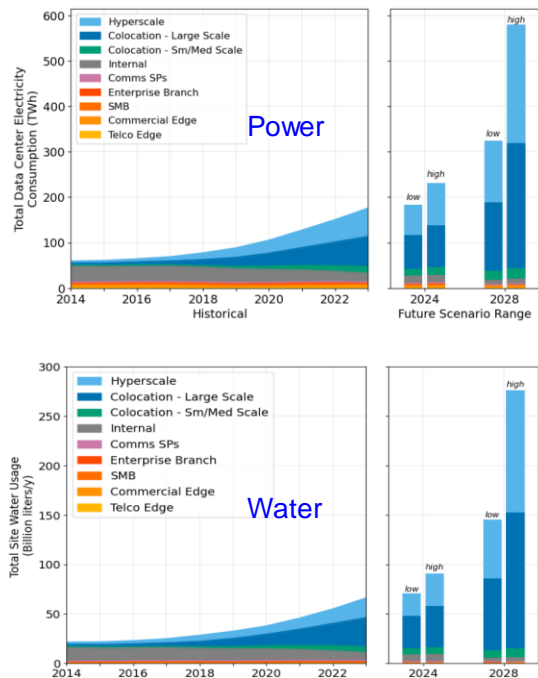
- Bring them all together → **GridFM!**
  - Multi-Sector Physics
  - Multi-Variate Modeling
  - Multi-Modal Data
- Example Use Case: Assessing impact of impending extreme events on the grid
  - Satellite weather images, weather forecasting with uncertainty intervals
  - Grid sensor data, grid models, grid structural data
  - GIS, topo maps
  - social media posts
- Another Example Use Case: Vegetation Management
  - ...



# THE OTHER STORY: AI NEEDS THE GRID AS MUCH AS THE GRID NEEDS AI

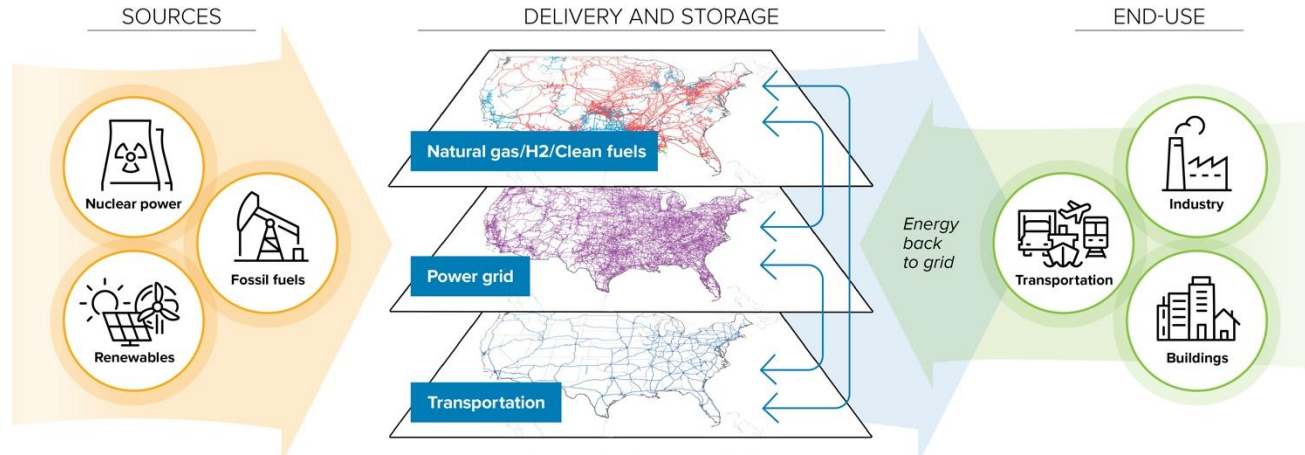
## ■ AI needs power!

- An “**AI+Power+Water**” nexus and a co-design opportunity!
  - Siting, permitting, grid reliability, water availability, contingency planning, economic and societal impact, ...
  - This can be another GridFM use case.



Source: LBNL. 2024

# TOGETHER WE CAN TACKLE THE FUNDAMENTAL ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURES AND SYSTEMS CHALLENGE!





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