

Big Data Uses in Smart Grids: Challenges and Opportunities

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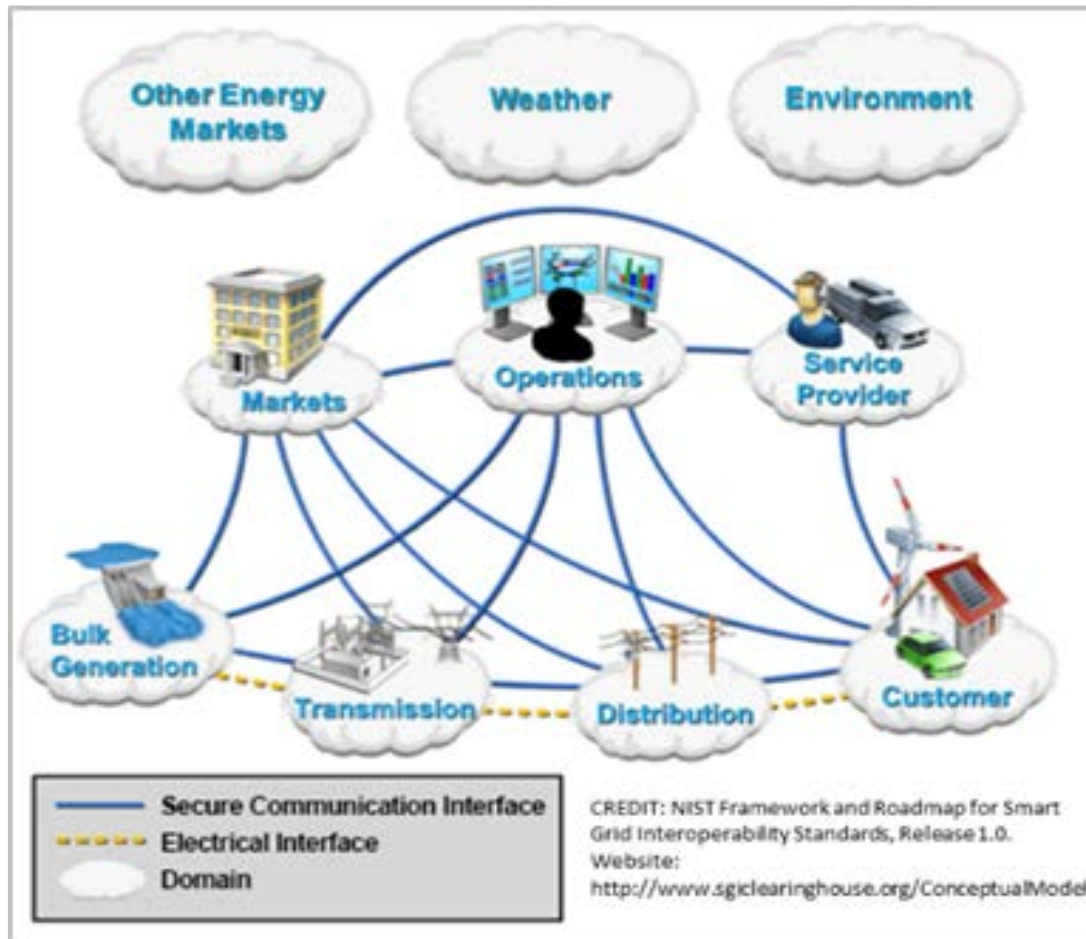


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Smart Grid Domains



Domain evolution

- Original NIST domains, 2009
- Addition of other domains

Integrated Ecosystem



Data Connectivity

The Internet of Things

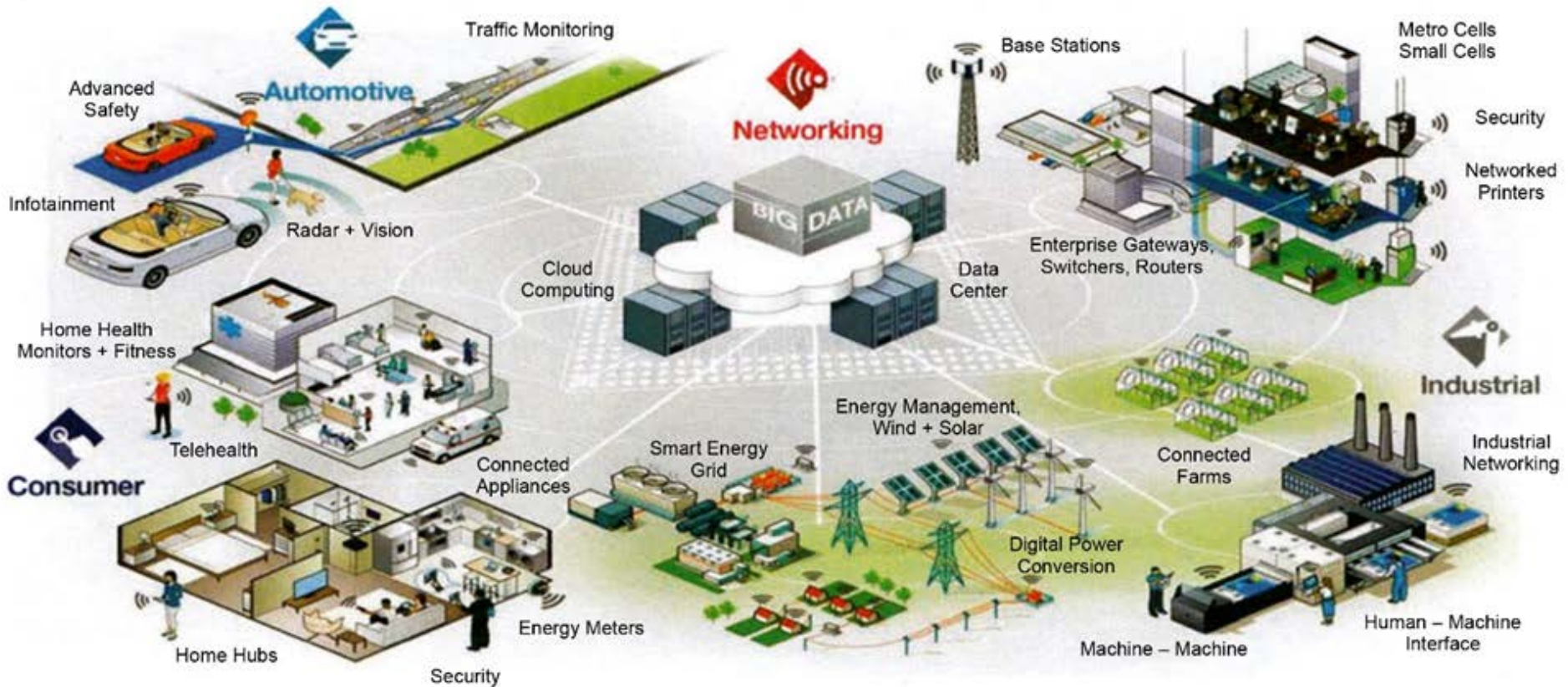


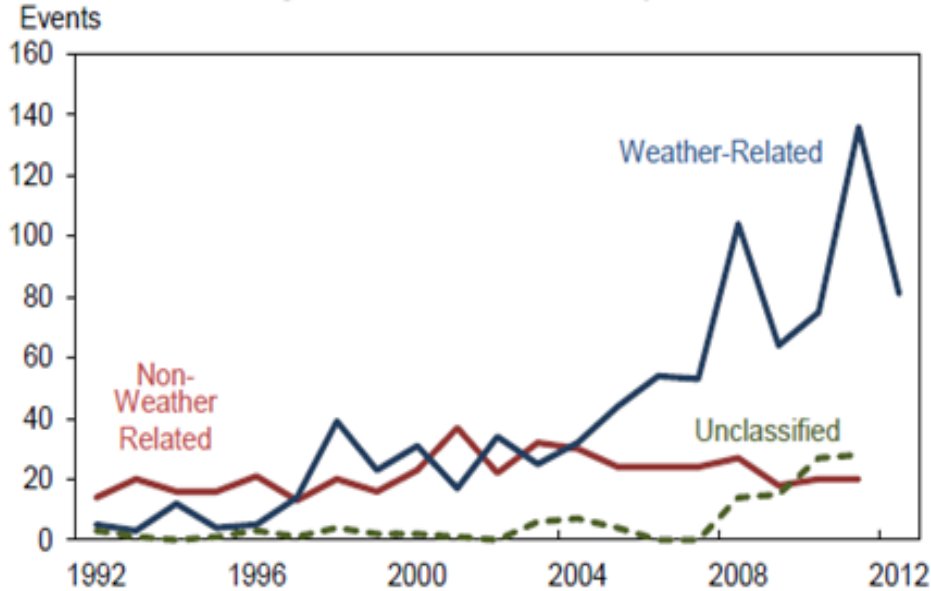
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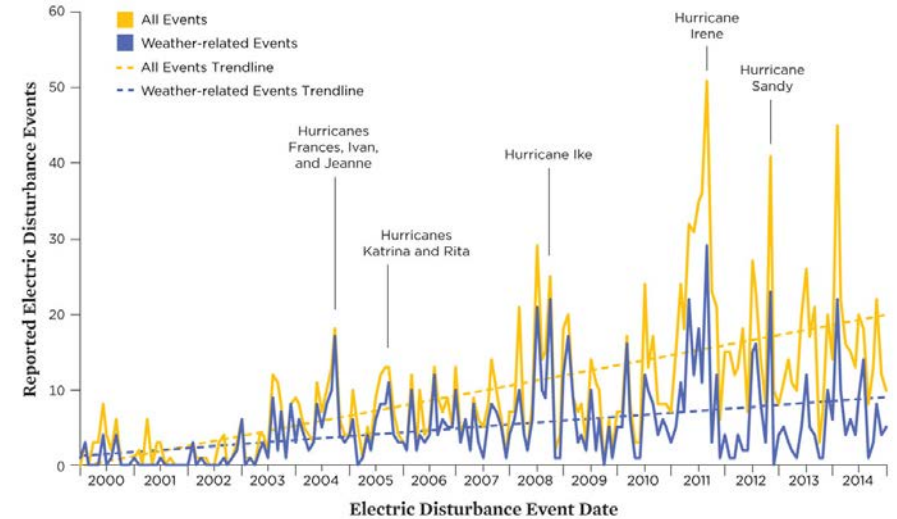
Problem to solve: Outages

Observed Outages to the Bulk Electric System, 1992-2012



Source: Energy Information Administration

FIGURE 1. U.S. Electric Grid Disruptions

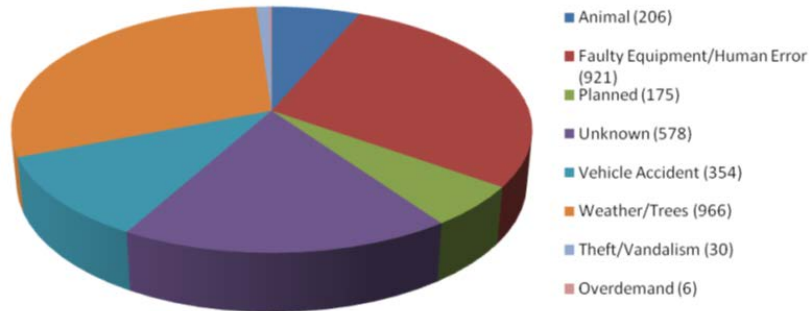


The Department of Energy tracks major electric disturbance events through Form OE-417. Utilities submit information about qualifying incidents, including when they occurred, where they occurred, what triggered them, and how many customers were affected. Notably, while the reported number of non-weather-related events is high, the vast majority of incidents resulting in customer outages occur because of weather.

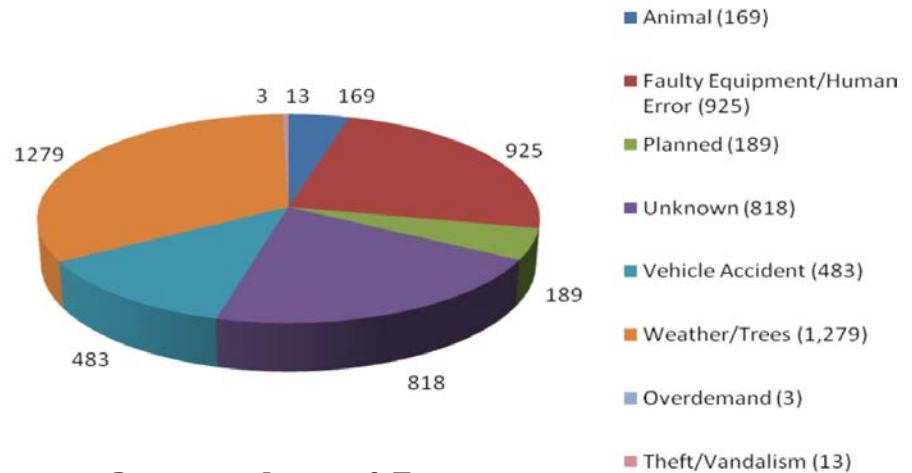
SOURCE: UCS ANALYSIS, BASED ON OE N.D.

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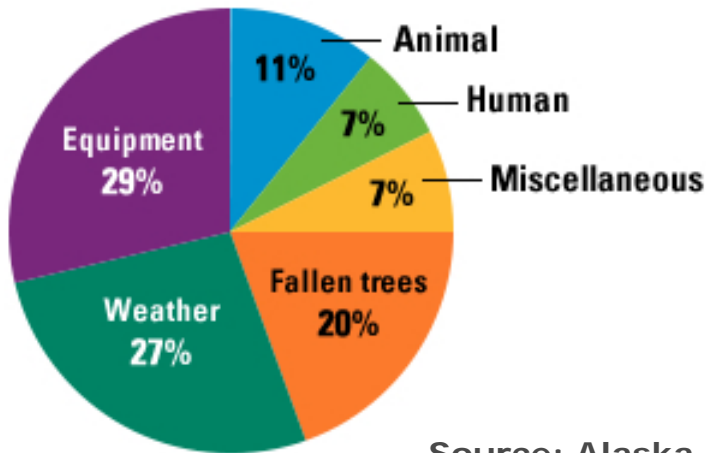
Major Outage Causes



Source: Annual Eaton Investigation 2013

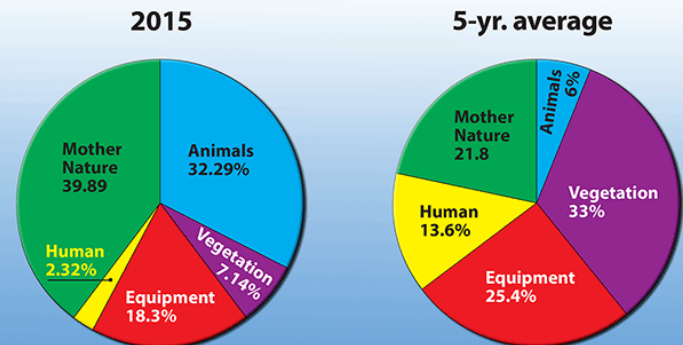


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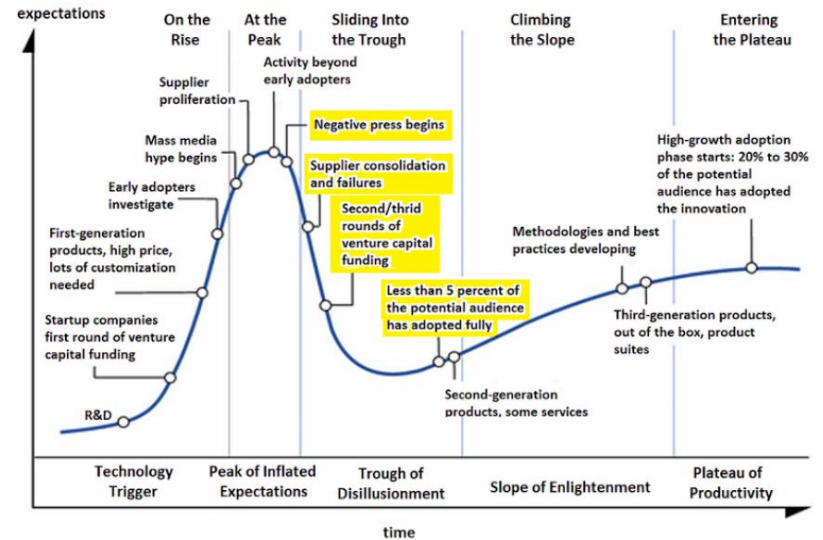
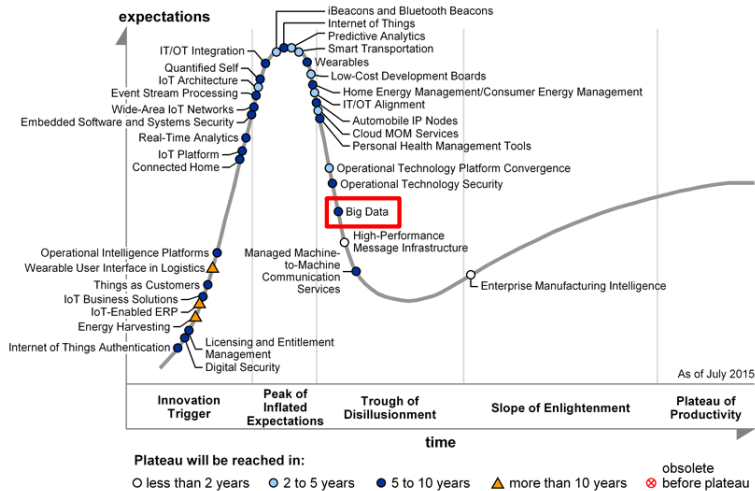
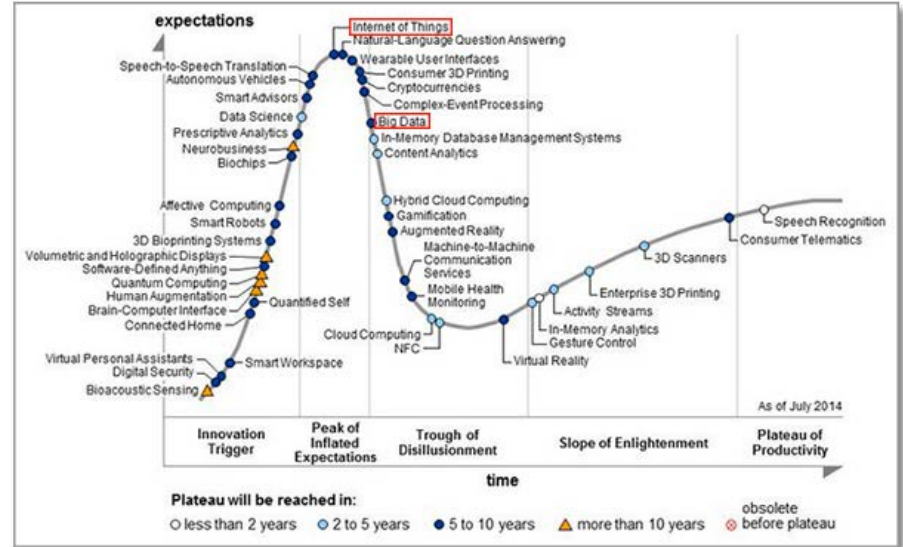
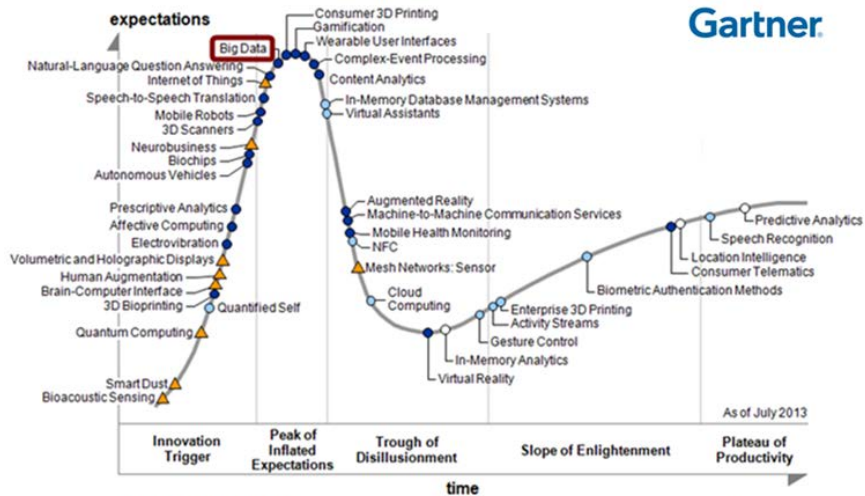
Source: Alaska Electric light and Power Company

What causes our power outages?



Source: We Energies

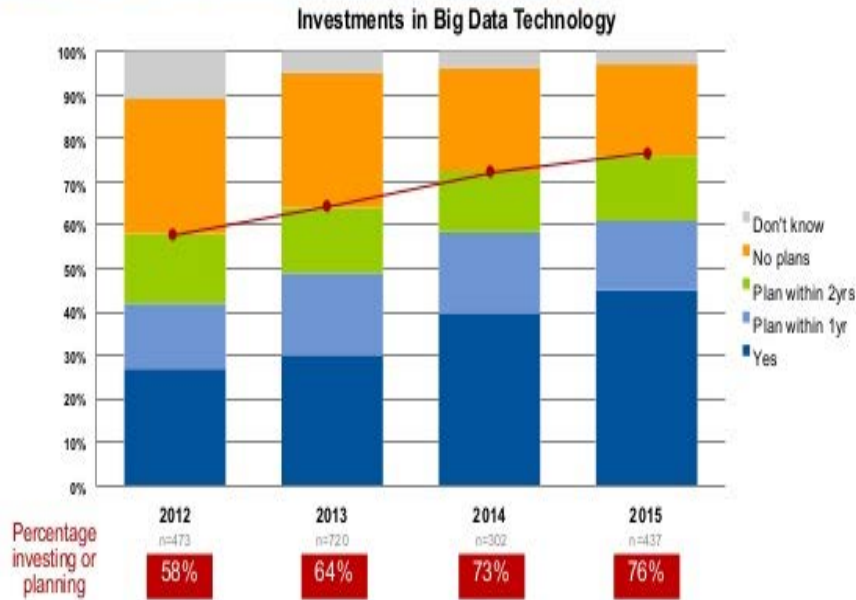
Expectations



Investments

Big Data Investments Continue to Rise but Slowing Down

Has your organization already invested in technology specifically designed to address the big data challenge?

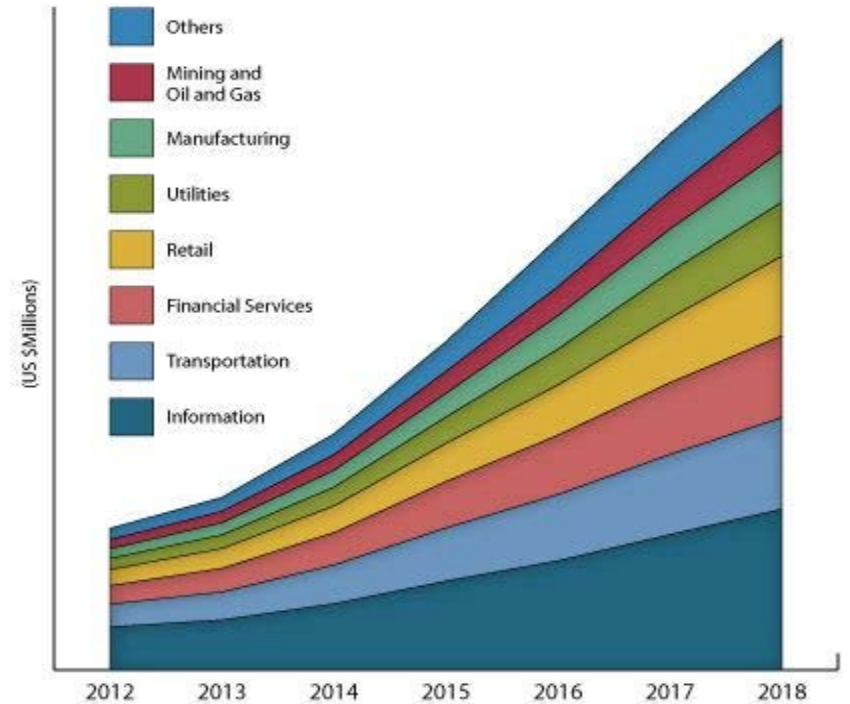


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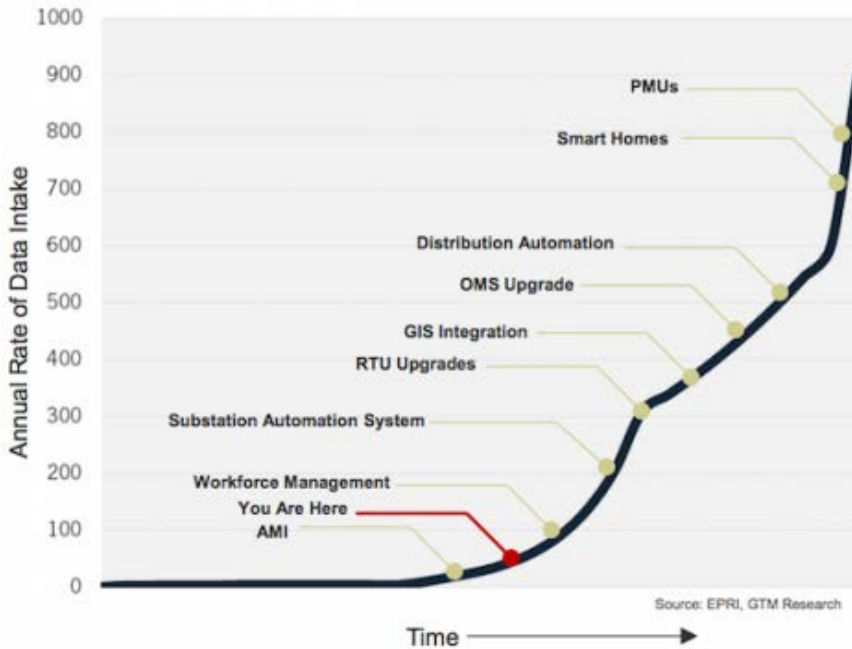
Big Data Spending by Industry Vertical

World Markets, Forecast: 2012 - 2018



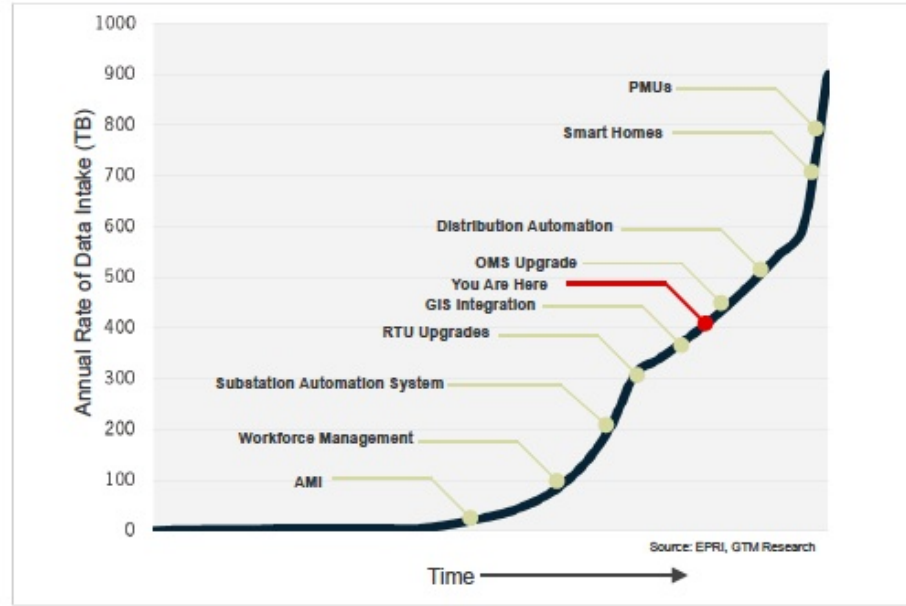
Source: ABI Research

Smart Grid Data Growth



Source: EPRI, GMT Research 2013

FIGURE I-9: DATA GENERATION AND UTILIZATION



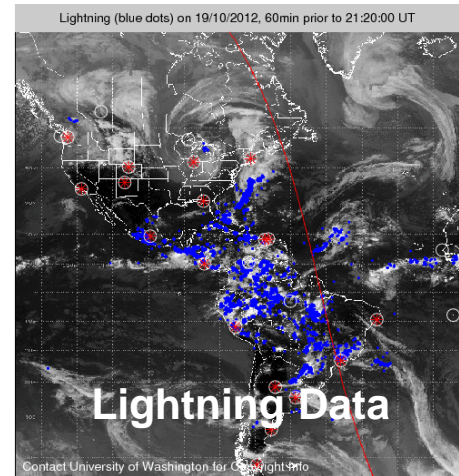
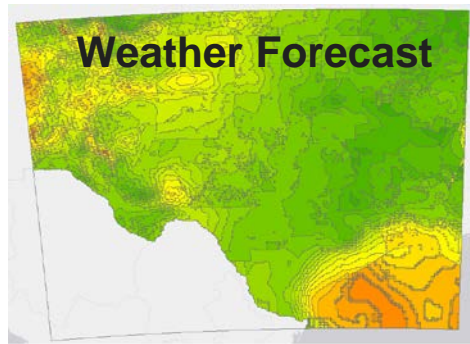
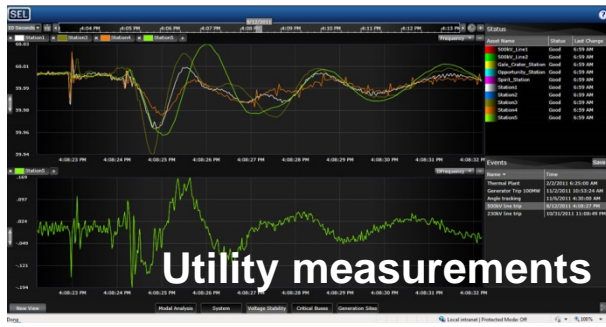
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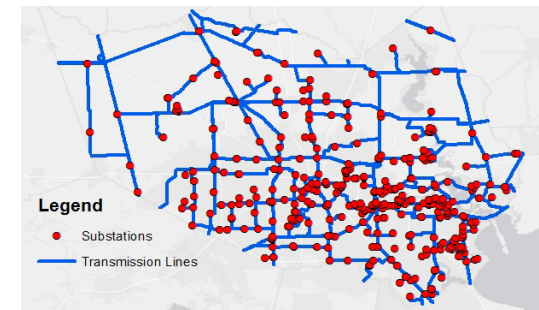
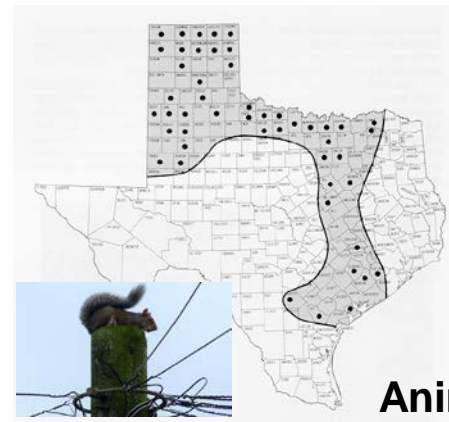
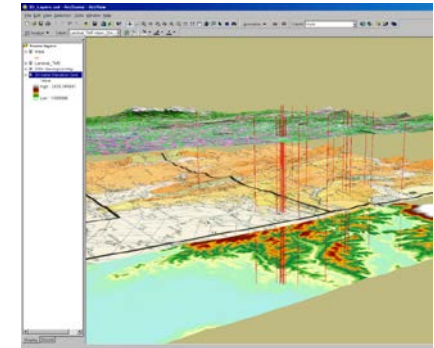
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Sources of Big Data



GIS



Network Assets Data

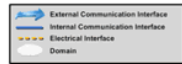


Animals Data



Utility measurements

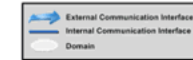
Markets



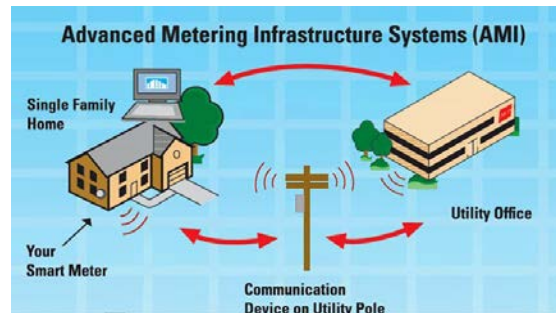
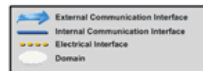
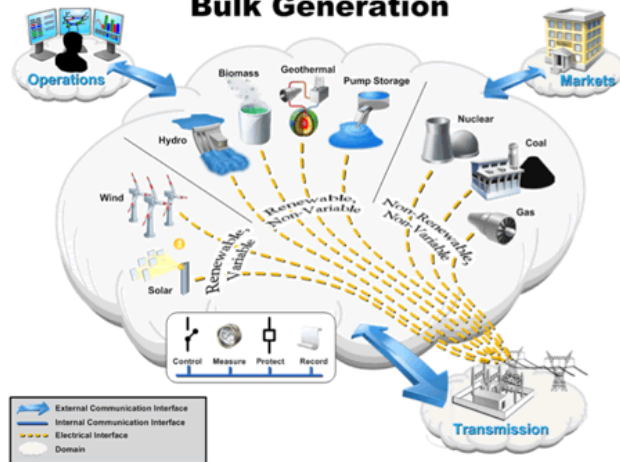
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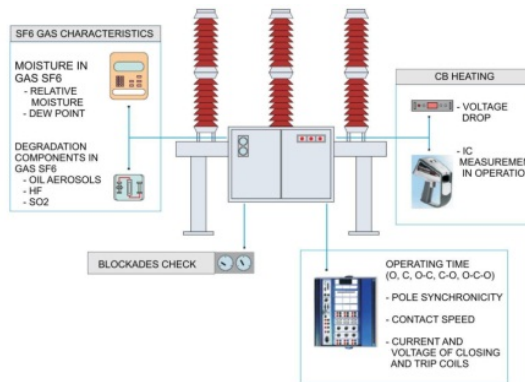
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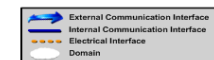
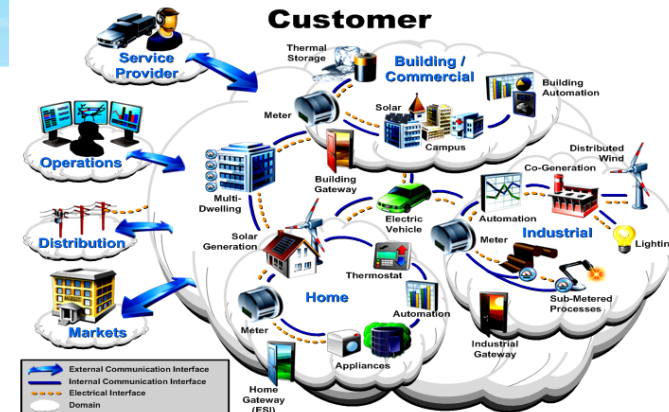
Bulk Generation



Assets

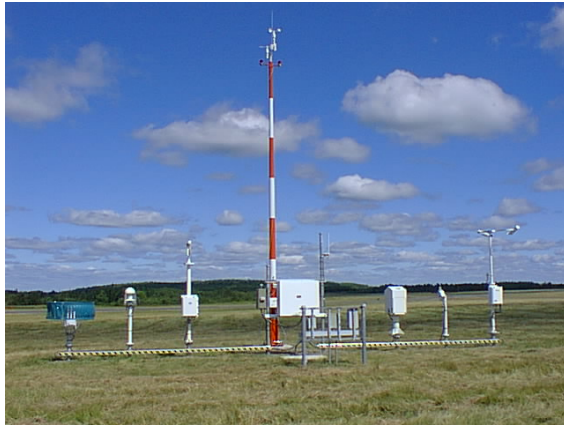


Customer

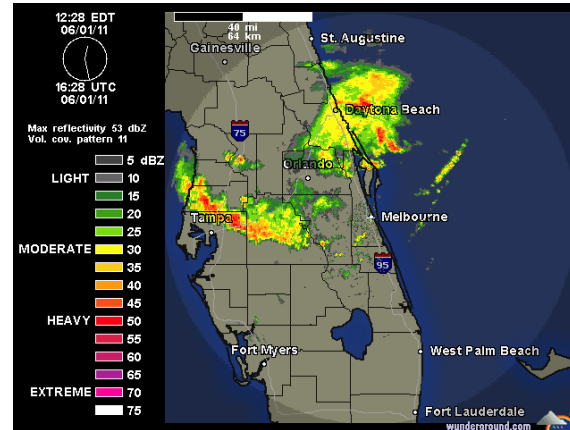


Weather Data

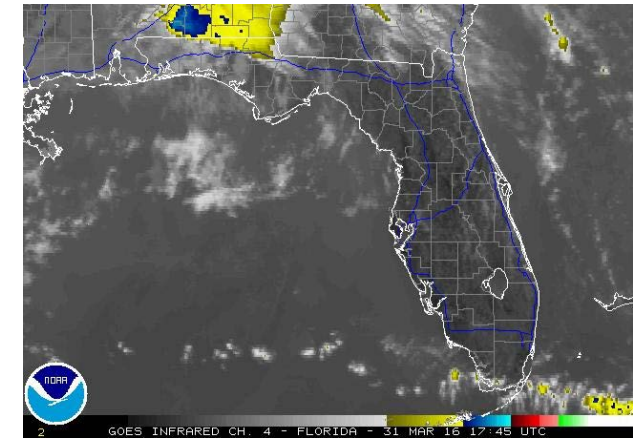
Weather Station



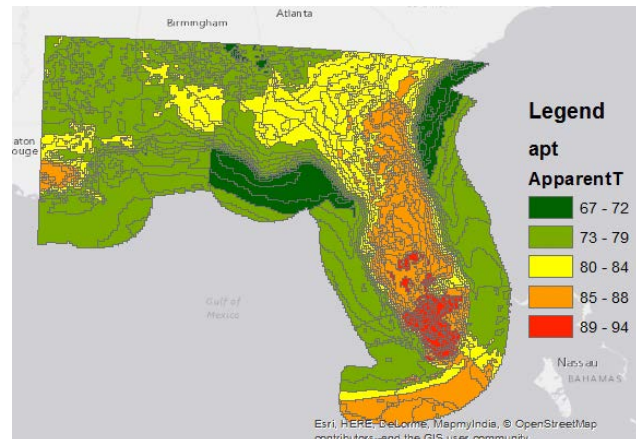
Radar



Satellite

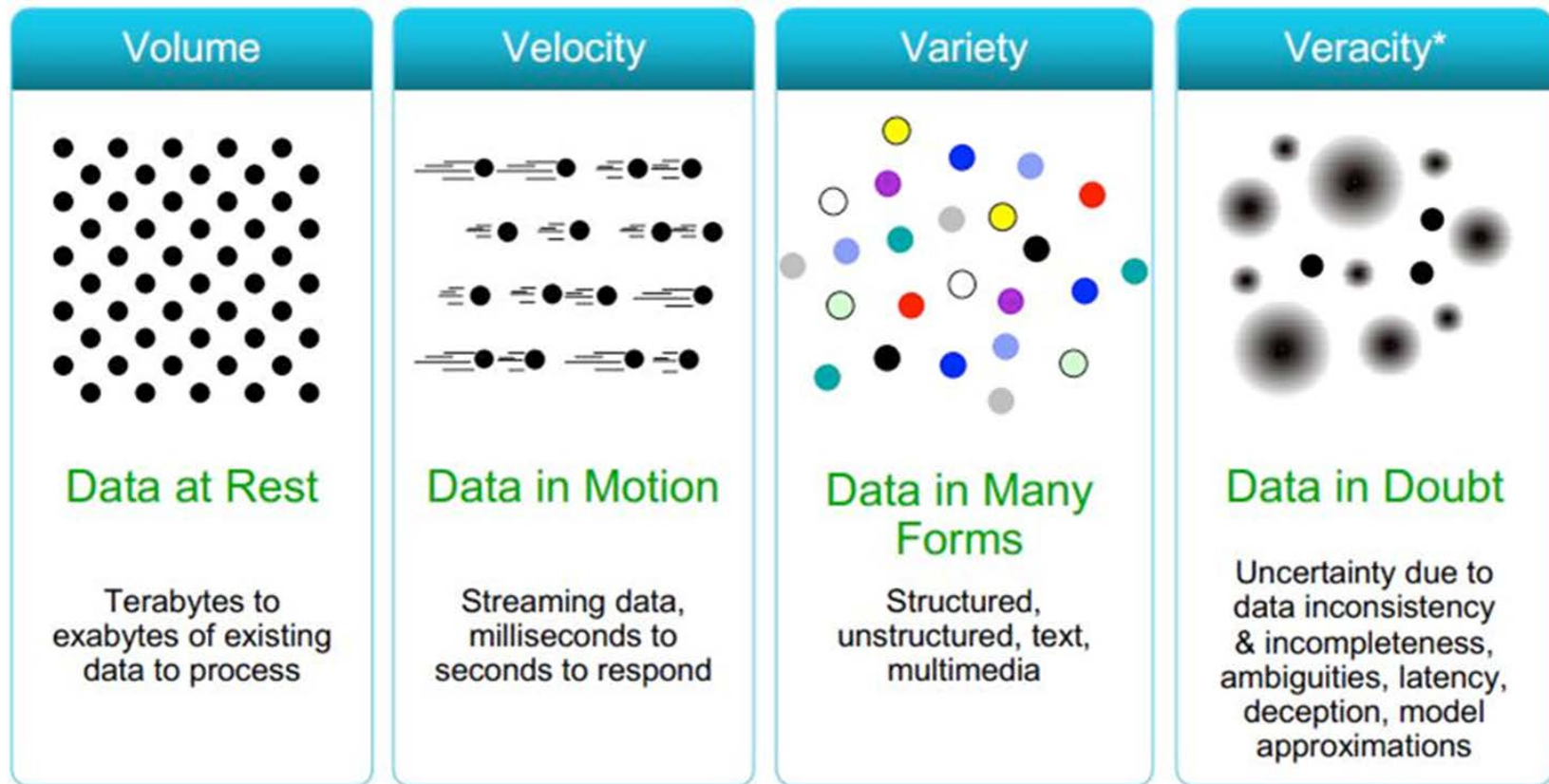


National Digital
Forecast Database
(NDFD)



Example: Apparent Temperature
Data download: every 3 hours
Forecast for next 3 days
Data resolution: 3 hours

Big Data Properties: 4 Vs

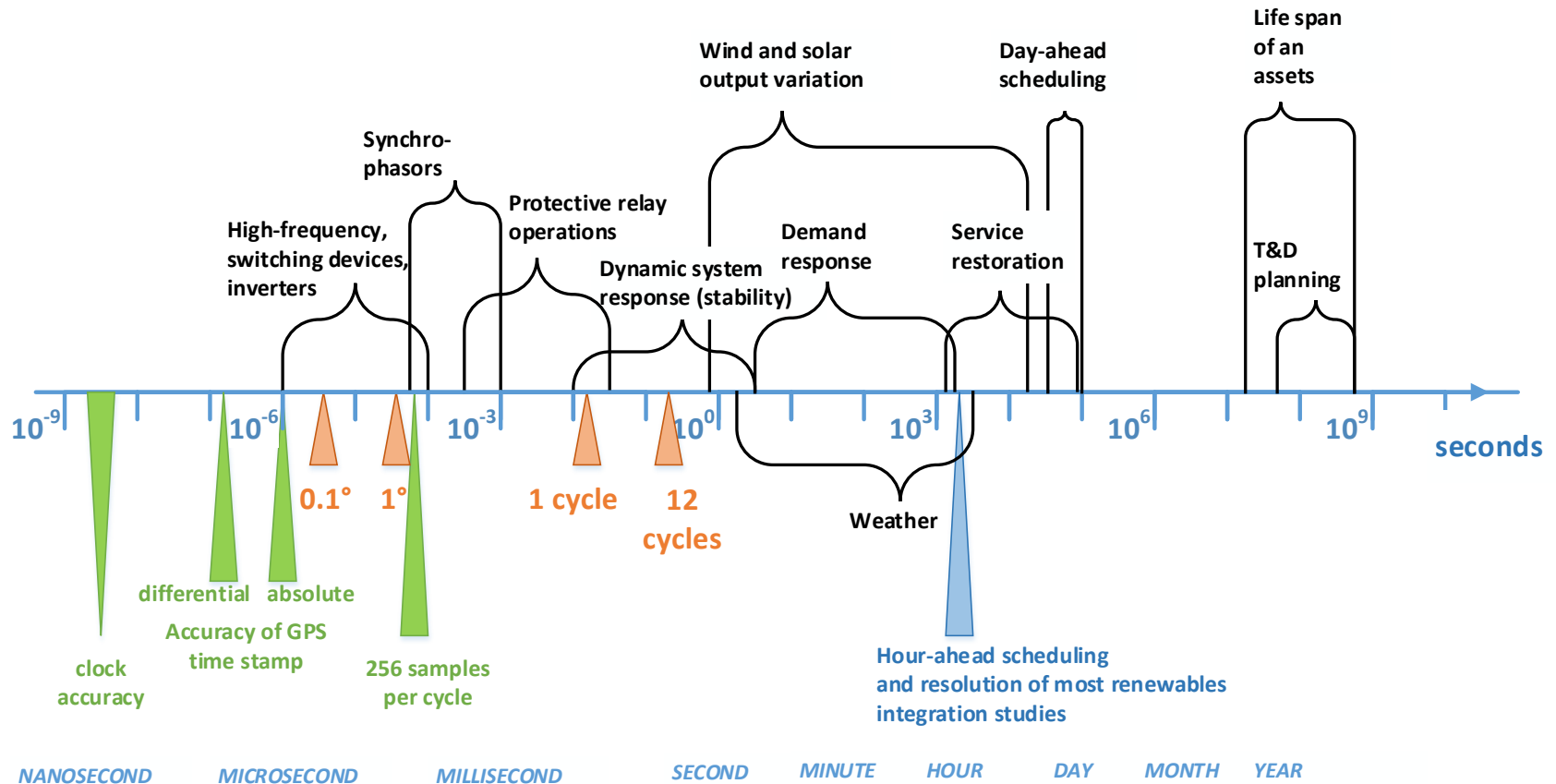


Big Data Properties: Examples

| | Data Class | Data Source (Measurements) | VOLUME (Data file size) | VELOCITY (Rate of use) | VERACITY (Accuracy) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---|
| V A R I E T Y | Utility measurements | SM | 120GB per day | Every 5-15 min | error <2.5% |
| | | PMU | 30GB per day | 240 samples/sec | error <1% |
| | | ICM | 5GB per day | 250 samples/sec | error <1% |
| | | DFR | 10MB per fault | 1600 samples/sec | error <0.2% |
| | Weather data | Radar | 612 MB/day per radar scan | Every 4-10 min | 1-2 dB; m s ⁻¹ |
| | | Satellite | At least 10 GB per day | Every 1-15 min | VIS<2%; IR<1-2K |
| | | ASOS | 10 MB/day per station | Every 1 min | T-1.8°F, P<1%, Wind speed - 5%, RR - 4% |
| | | NLDN | 40 MB/day | During lightning | SE < 200m, PCE <15% |
| | | WFM | 5-10 GB/day per model | 15min - 12 hours | Varies by parameter |
| | Vegetation and Topography | TPWD EMST | 2.7 GB for Texas | static | SE < 10 m |
| | | TNRIS | 300 GB for Texas | static | SE < 1 m |
| | | LIDAR | 7 GB for Harris Co. | static | HE < 1m, VE < 150 cm |

SM – Smart Meter; PMU – Phasor Measurement Unit; ICM – Intelligent Condition Monitor (includes Intelligent Transformer Monitor – ITM, Circuit Breaker Condition Monitor – BCM, etc.); DFR – Digital Fault Recorder; Radar - Radio Detection and Ranging; Satellite - Geostationary and Polar-Orbiting Meteorological Spacecraft; ASOS - Automated Surface Observing System; NLDN – National Lightning Detection Network; WFM – Weather Forecast Model; TPWD EMST - Texas Parks & Wildlife Department - Ecological Mapping Systems of Texas; TNRIS - Texas Natural Resources Information System; LIDAR - Light Detection and Ranging.

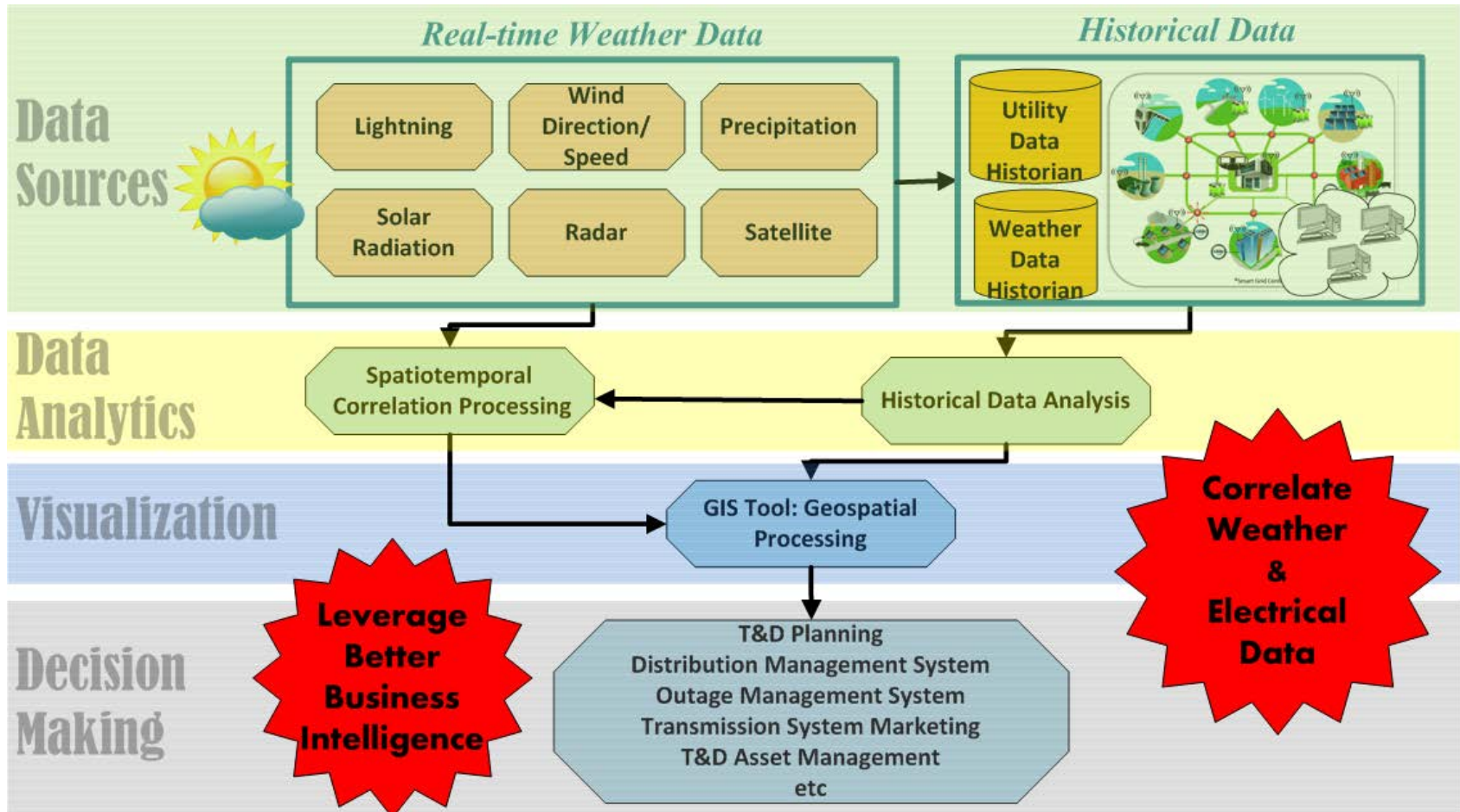
Big Data Properties: Temporal



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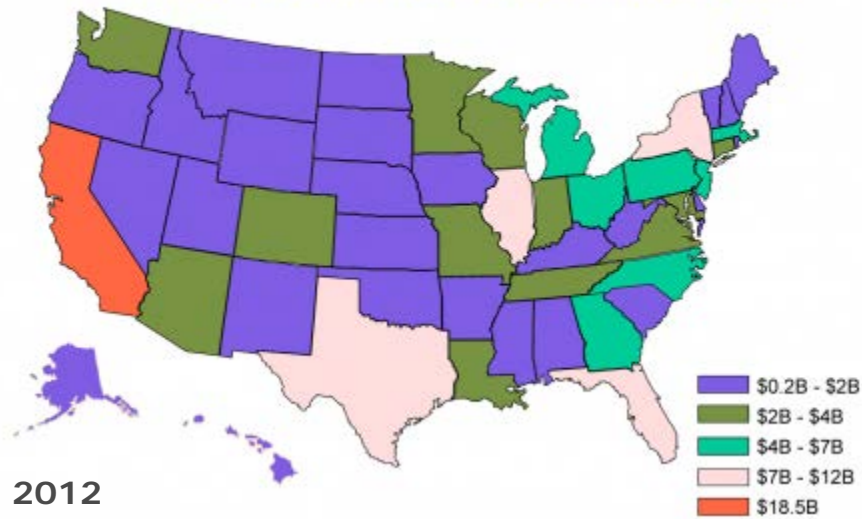
Challenges: Define Solutions



Challenges: Reduce Economic Loss

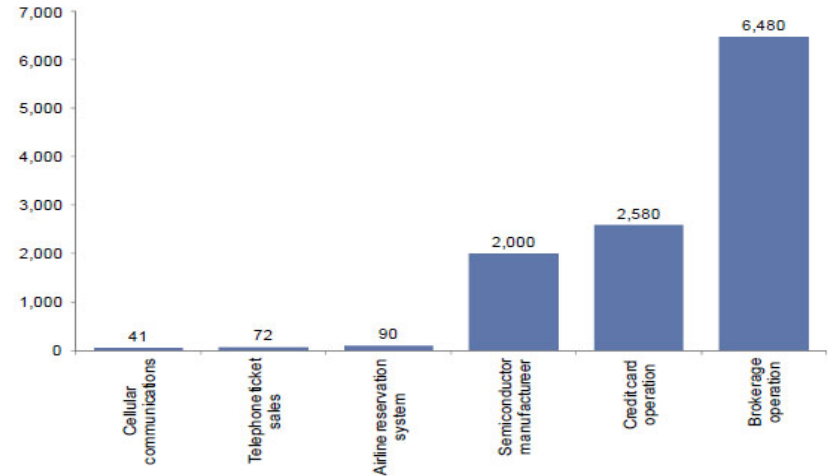
Annual Business Losses from Grid Problems

Primen Study: \$150B annually for power outages and quality issues



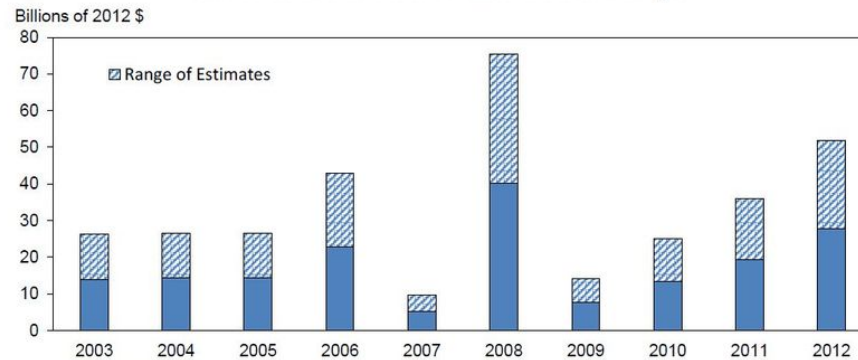
The real victim of power outages are businesses in general

US\$'000 (2010); average cost of one hour power interruption in the US per type of customer



Source: US Department of Energy.

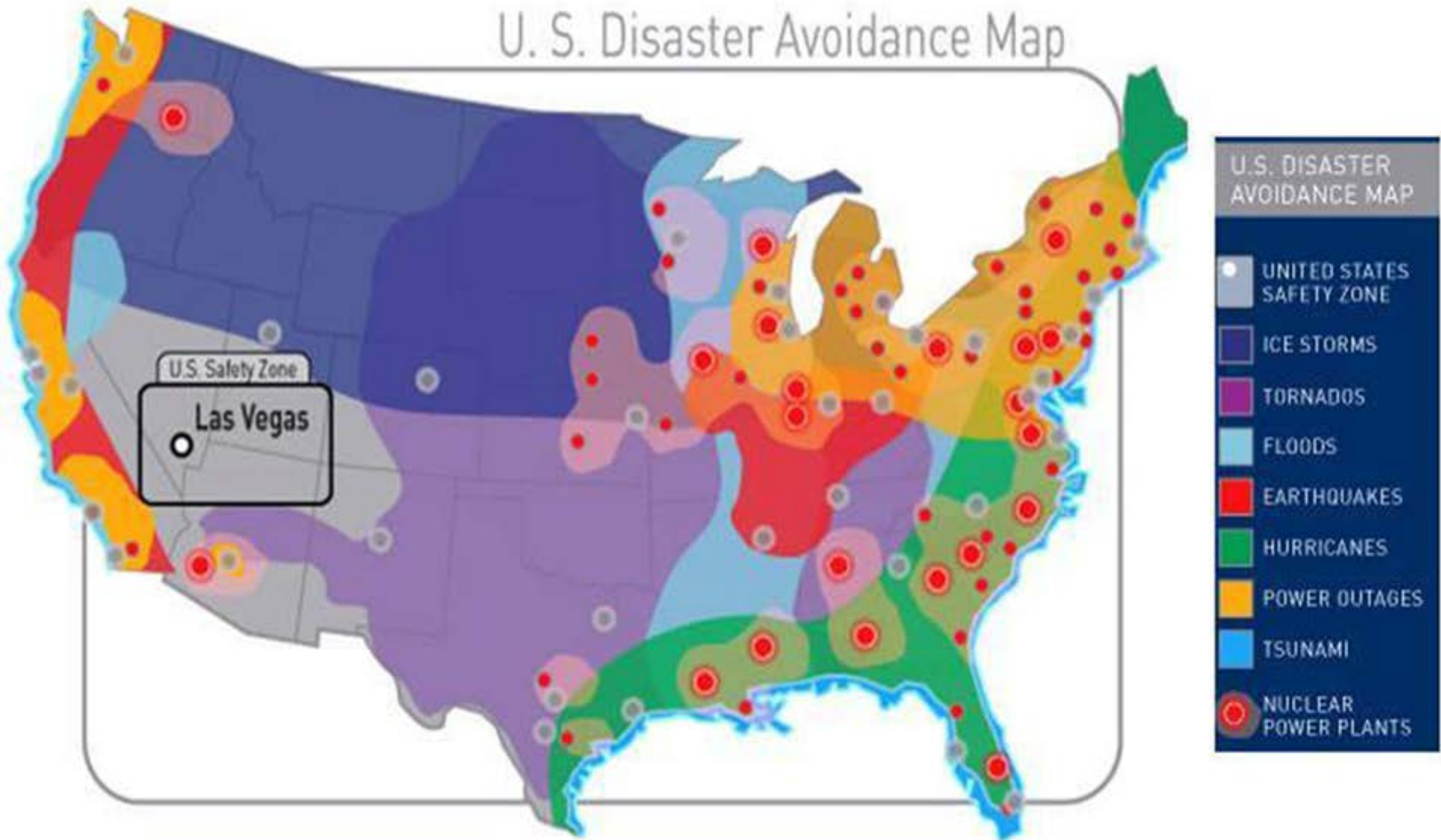
Estimated Costs of Weather-Related Power Outages



Source: CEA estimates using data from Census Bureau, Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration, Sullivan et al 2009.

Challenges: Predict Risk

U. S. Disaster Avoidance Map



Opportunities: Define Risk

Risk = Hazard x Vulnerability x Impacts

Intensity T – Threat Intensity

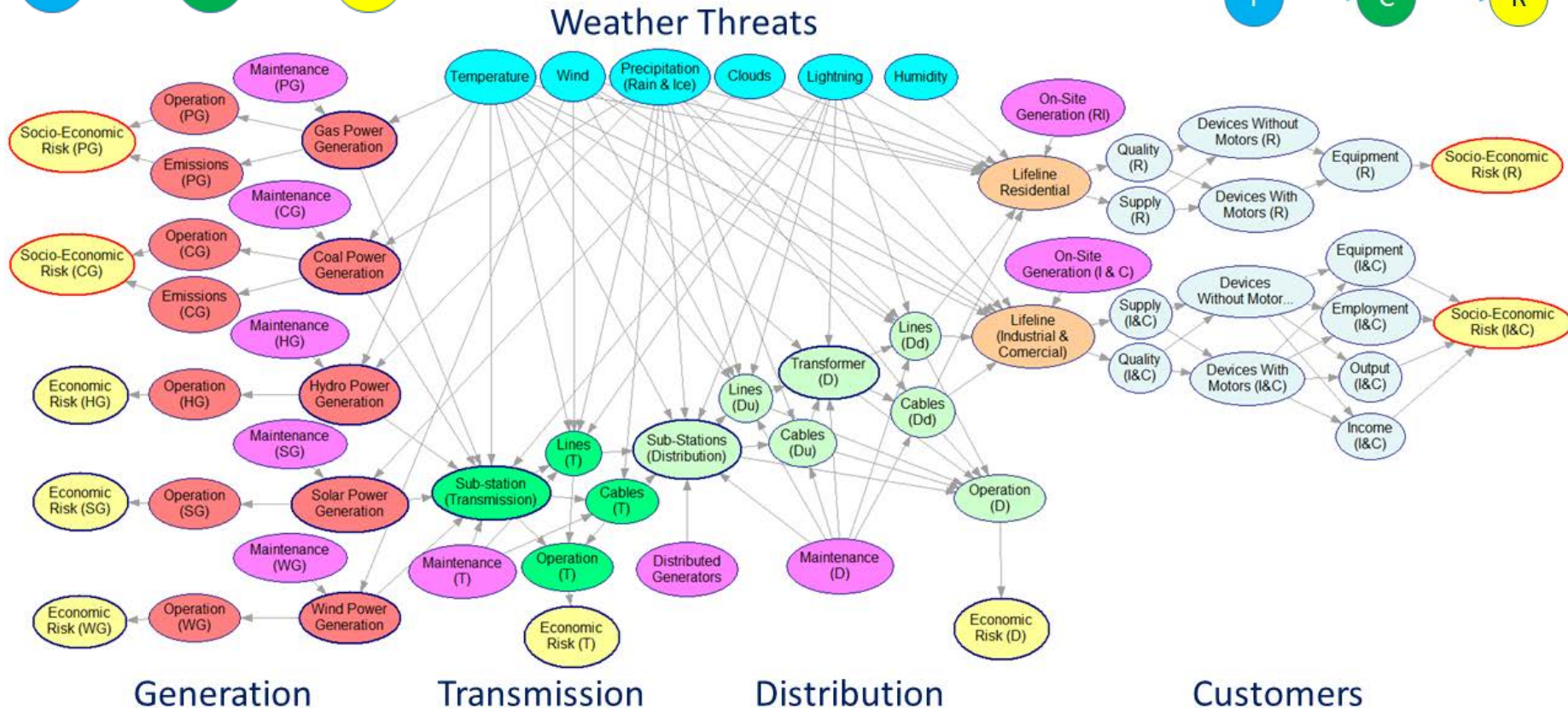
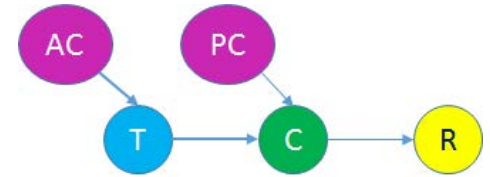
Hazard – Probability of a threat with intensity *T*

Vulnerability – Probability of a consequence *C* if threat with intensity *T* occurred

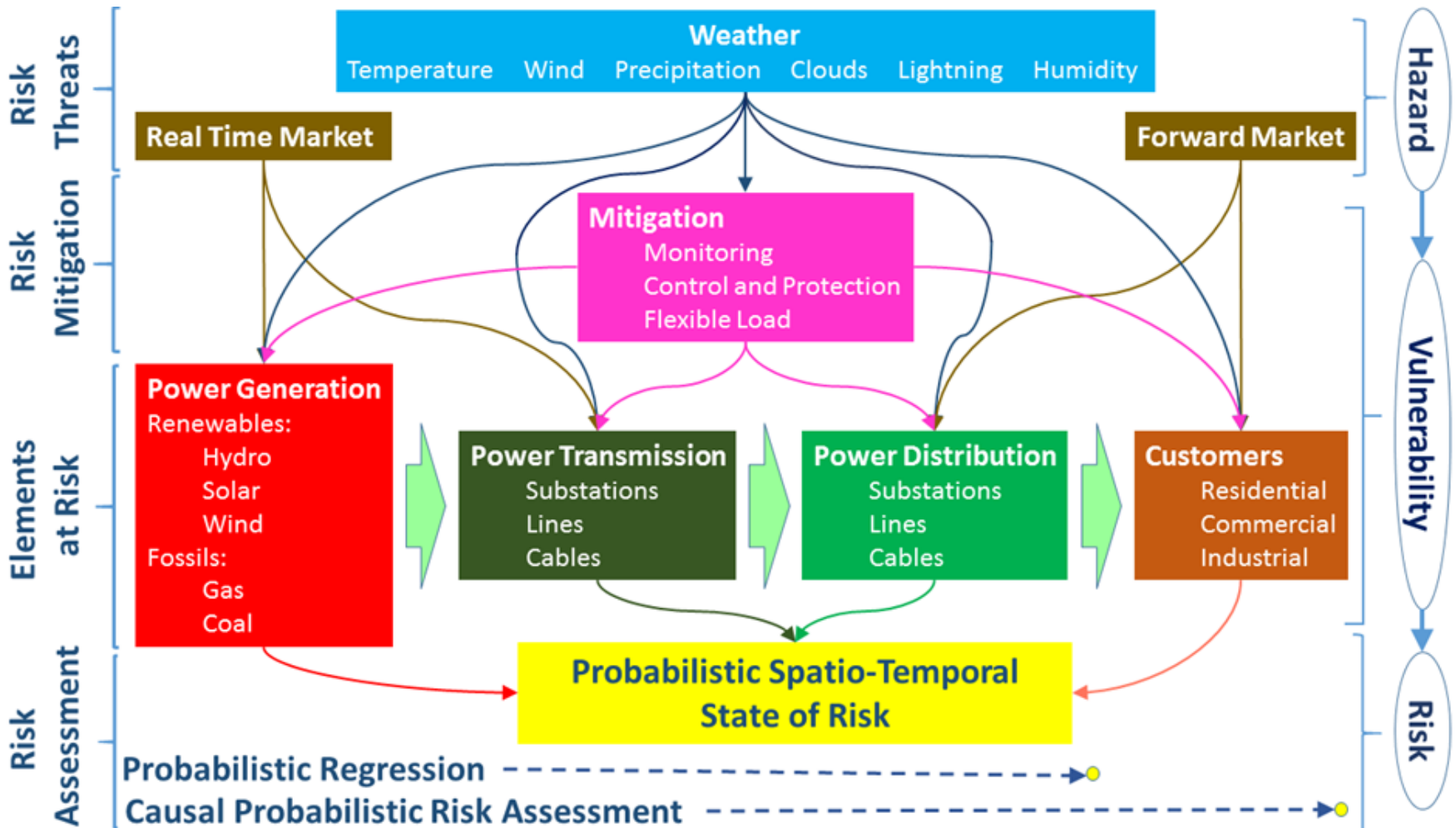
Impacts– Estimated economic and/or social impacts if consequence *C* has occurred

Opportunities: Weather Impact Risk

Hazard → Vulnerability → Risk



Opportunities: Risk Framework

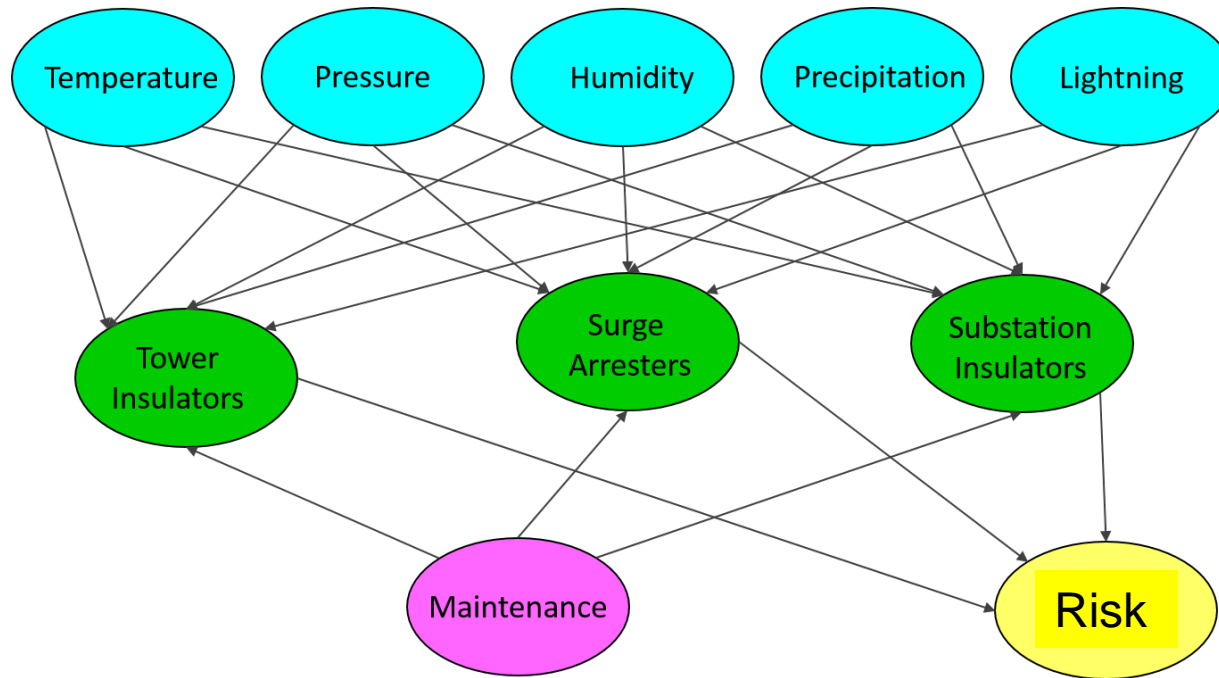
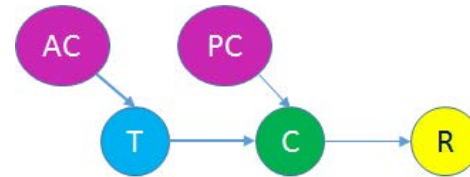


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Example 1: Insulator Risk Model

Hazard → Vulnerability → Risk



M. Kezunovic, T. Djokic, P-C. Chen, "[Big Data Uses for Risk Assessment in Predictive Outage and Asset Management](#)," CIGRE Symposium, Ireland, May, 2017

M. Kezunovic, T. Djokic, "[Predictive Asset Management Under Weather Impacts Using Big Data, Spatiotemporal Data Analytics and Risk Based Decision-Making](#)," IREP, Portugal, August 2017

New Data Analytics

Risk = Hazard x Vulnerability x Economic Impact

$$R = P[T] \cdot P[C|T] \cdot u(C)$$

Intensity T – Lightning peak current

Hazard – Probability of a lightning strike with intensity *T*

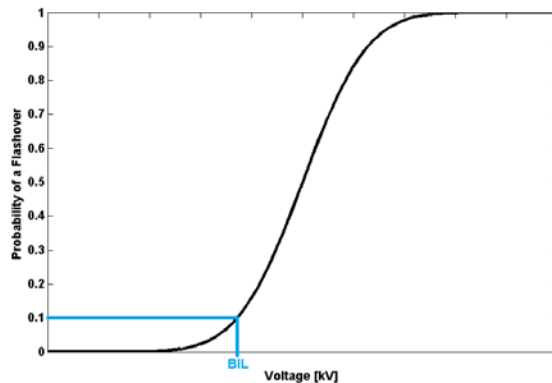
Vulnerability – Probability of a insulation breakdown for a given intensity of lightning strike

Economic Impact – Estimated losses in case of insulation breakdown (cost of maintenance and operation downtime)

BD use in Modeling the Insulator BIL

Conventional method

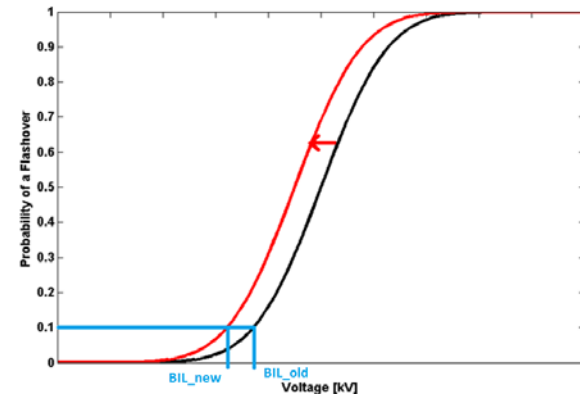
- BIL determined by insulator manufacturer.



- Insulator breakdown probability determined statistically.
- Economic impact not taken into account.

BD approach

- Manufacturers standard BIL used only as an initial value. Standard BIL changes during the insulator lifetime.



- Insulator breakdown probability determined based on spatio-temporally referenced historical data and real-time weather forecast using data mining.
- Risk model includes economic impact in case of insulator breakdown.

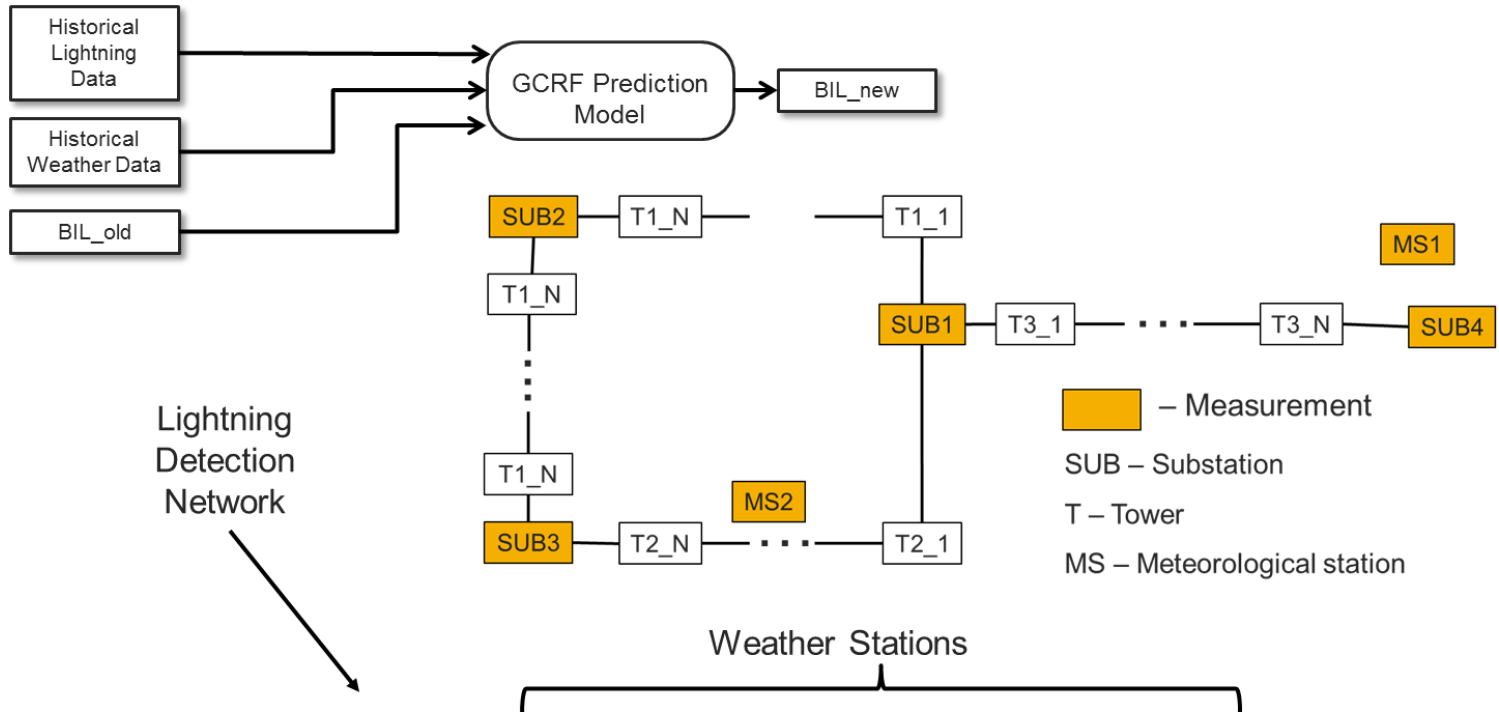
Data Integration

| TEMPORAL | | | SPATIAL | |
|--|---|--|--|---|
| Lightning Detection Network | Weather | Traveling Wave Fault Locators | Insulation Coordination Studies | Geography |
| Date and time of lightning strike | Temperature | Date and time when event was recorded | Surge impedances of towers | Location of substations |
| Location of a strike (latitude and longitude) | Atmospheric pressure | Distance to the fault from the line terminals | Surge impedances of ground wire | Geographical representation of the line |
| Peak current and lightning strike polarity | Relative humidity | Transient signals recorded at the line terminals | Footing resistance | Location of towers |
| Type of lightning strike (cloud to cloud or cloud to ground) | Precipitation | Historical Outage Data | Standard BIL | Location of surge arresters |
| | Lightning/Thunderstorm Probability (Forecast) | Insulator breakdown history | New BIL after accumulated lightning impact | Location of land-based weather stations |

Black – Used in conventional insulation coordination

Red – Additional data used in BD method

Prediction Model



Nodes: $X = (\text{Lightning Current, Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Pressure, BIL_old})$

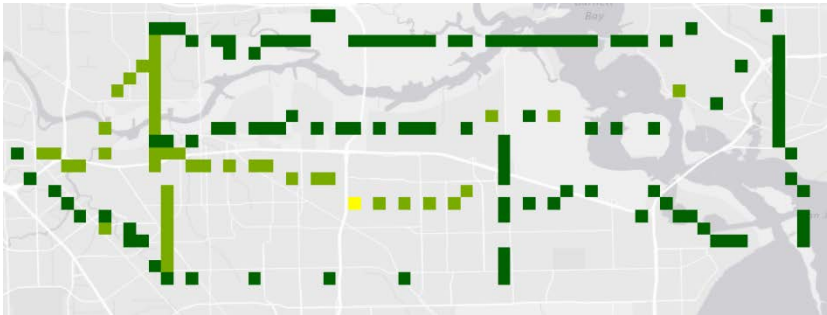
$Y = (\text{BIL_new})$

Branches: Network Impedance Matrix

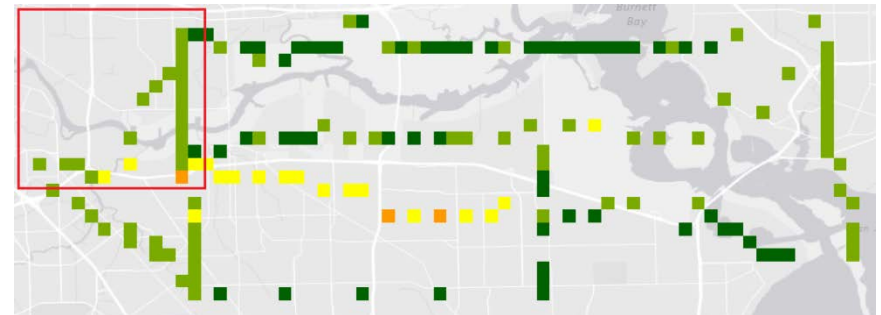
$$P(y|x) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp \left(- \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K \alpha_k (y_i - R_k(x))^2 - \sum_{i,j}^L \sum_{l=1}^L \beta_l e_{ij}^{(l)} S_{ij}^{(l)}(x) (y_i - y_j)^2 \right)$$

Result: Risk Map

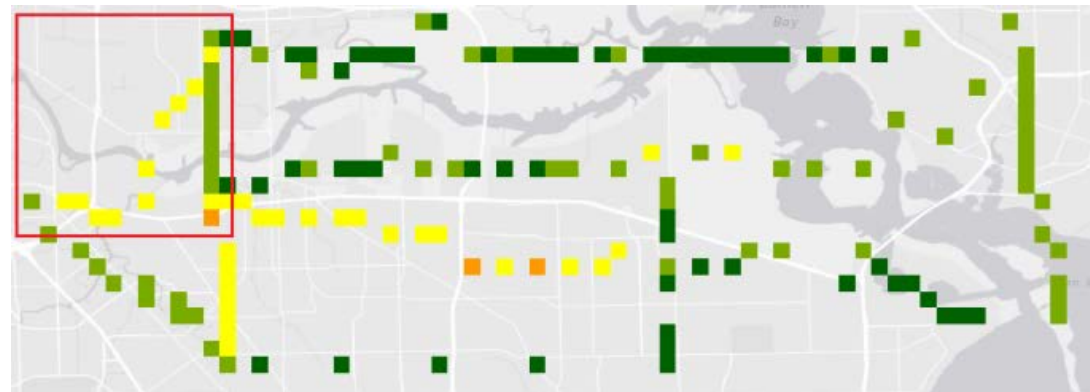
Risk on January 1st 2009



Risk on December 31st 2014



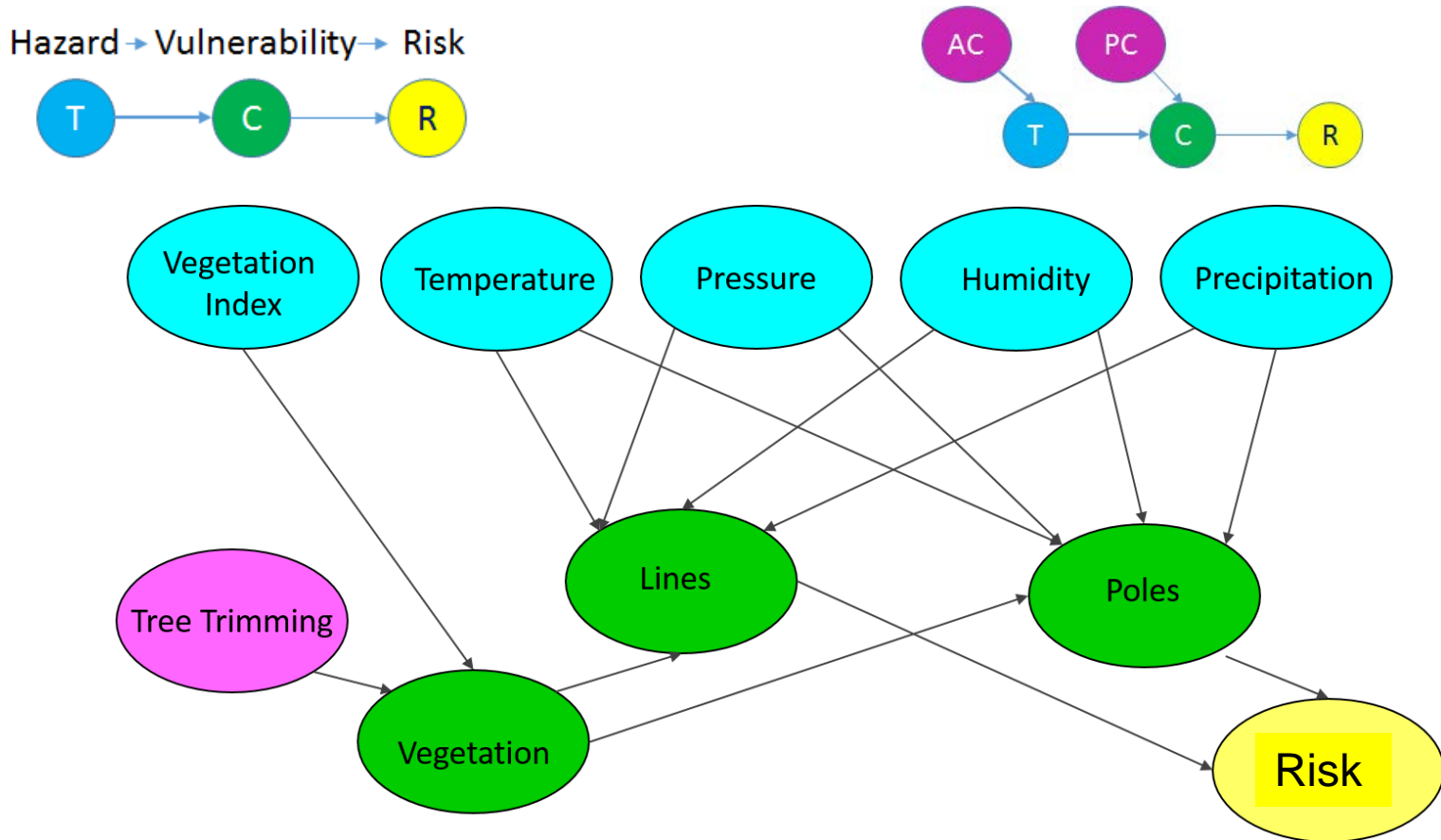
Risk on January 5th 2015 (Prediction)



RISK

- 0 - 20%
- 20 - 40%
- 40 - 60%
- 60 - 80%
- 80 - 100%

Example 2: Vegetation Risk Model



P. C. Chen and M. Kezunovic, "Fuzzy Logic Approach to Predictive Risk Analysis in Distribution Outage Management", *IEEE Transactions on Smart Grid*, vol. 7, no. 6, pp. 2827-2836, November 2016.

T. Dokic, P.-C. Chen, M. Kezunovic, "Risk Analysis for Assessment of Vegetation Impact on Outages in Electric Power Systems", CIGRE US National Committee 2016 Grid of the Future Symposium, Philadelphia, PA, October-November 2016.

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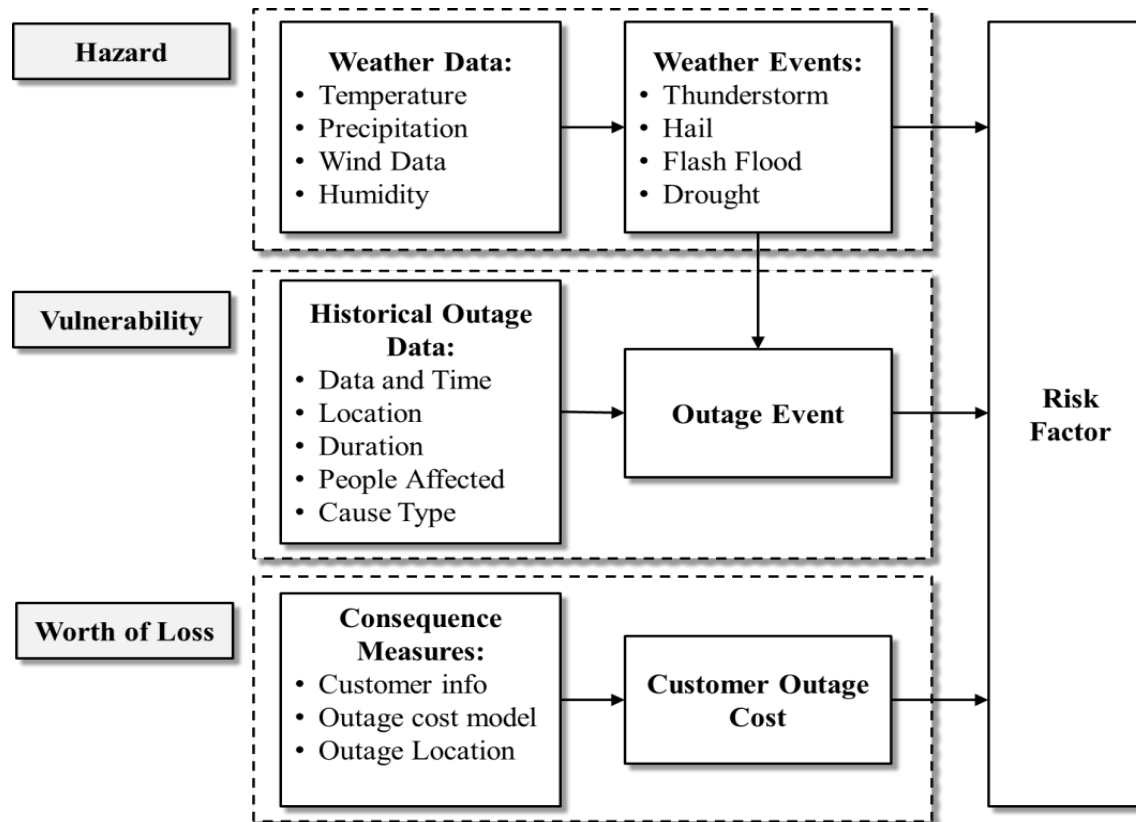
Intensity T – Wind Speed and Direction, Precipitation, Temperature

Hazard – Probability of a weather conditions with intensity *T*

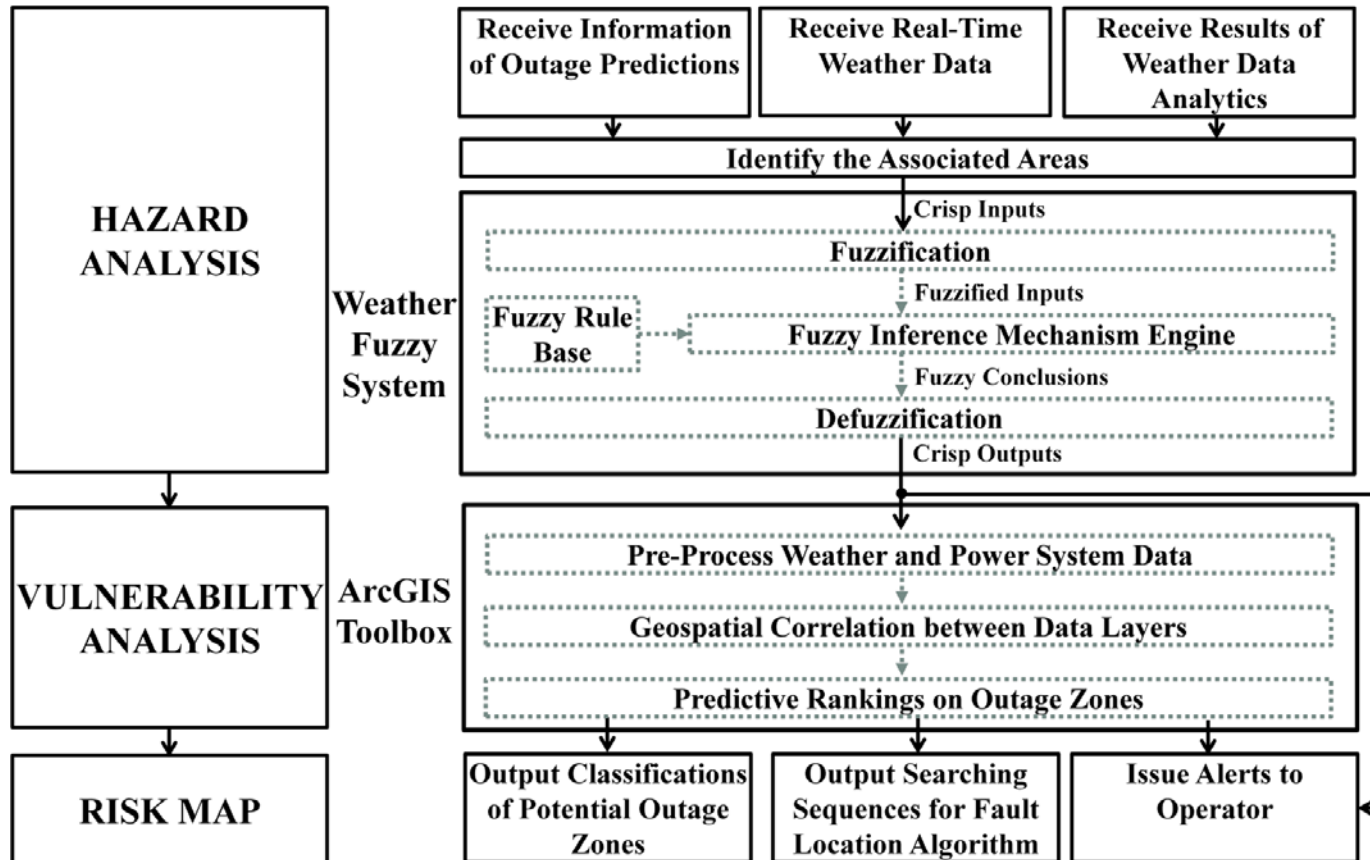
Vulnerability – Probability of a tree or a tree branch coming in contact with lines for a given weather hazard

Economic Impact – Estimated losses in case of an outage (cost of maintenance and operation downtime)

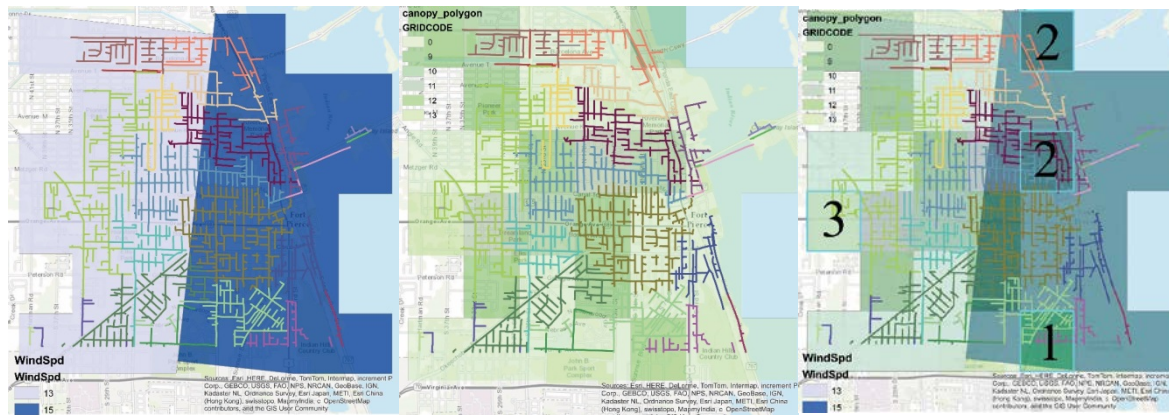
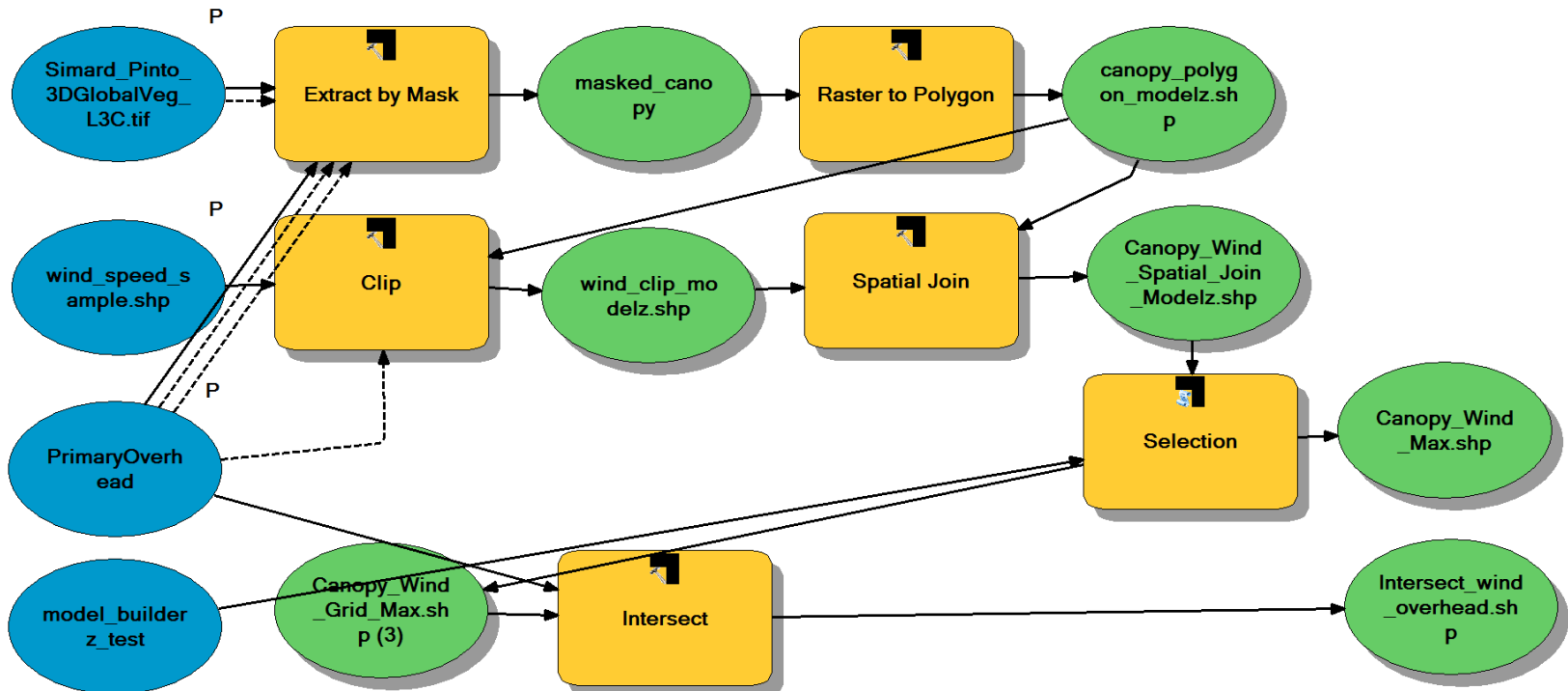
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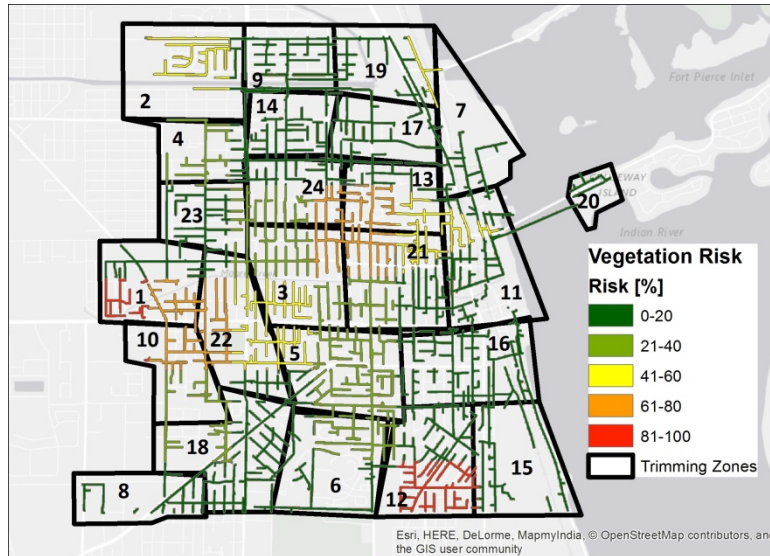
Data Integration



Spatial Correlation of Data



Result: Risk Maps



| ID | Zone Order for Tree Trimming Schedule | Average Risk Reduction [%] | Economic Impact Reduction |
|----|---|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | 12,1,21,22,13,24,2,3,10,19,11,5,6,18,4,23 | 32.18 | 0.39 |
| 2 | 12,1,13,24, 21,22,2,3,10,19,11,5,6,18,4,23 | 31.98 | 0.43 |
| 3 | 1,12,21,22,10,19,11,5,13,24,2,23,3,6,18,4 | 26.14 | 0.28 |
| 4 | 12,1,24,13, 2,3,10,21,11,5,6,18,4,22,19,23 | 23.84 | 0.25 |
| 5 | 1,12,21,22,24,13,3,10,2,19,6,4,11,5,23,18 | 20.89 | 0.26 |

Conclusions

- Big Data is abundant in smart grids
- It may be used to solve major problems
- More research on data analytics is required
- The solutions have to offer predictive capabilities associated with risks
- Managing assets and outages is a good candidate to gain from BD use
- Big Data created **big expectations**

QUESTIONS?

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