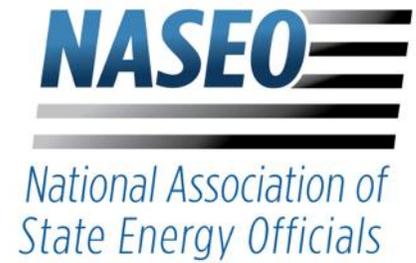




# Enhancing Microgrid Deployment Across the States

## A NARUC-NASEO Roundtable



February 12 – 13, 2020

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## Agenda (Day 2)



- 8:30 – 9:00 Welcome, Check-In, and Presentation from DOE OE
- 9:00 – 11:15 Federal Tools and Resources Presentations from Sandia, NREL, EPA, and LBNL
  - 9:00 – 9:30 Will McNamara, Sandia National Labs
  - 9:30 – 10:00 Dan Olis, National Renewable Energy Lab
  - 10:15 – 10:45 Neeharika Naik-Dhungel, Michelle Madeley, Abby Hall, EPA
  - 10:45 – 11:15 Nicholas DeForest, Lawrence Berkeley National Lab
- 11:15 – 11:30 Wrap-Up, Takeaways, Conclude



# Urban Resilience Planning Process

Sandia National  
Laboratories



**NASEO**  
National Association of  
State Energy Officials



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# Background

- To address the economic valuation of resilience-focused grid investments, the US Department of Energy (US DOE) funded a team of researchers from Sandia National Laboratories (Sandia) and Los Alamos National Laboratory (Los Alamos) to develop and apply an approach for identifying and prioritizing grid investments targeted at improving community resilience.
- This project, funded through US DOE's Grid Modernization Laboratory Consortium (GMLC), is the first of its kind to collaboratively address grid investments aimed at minimizing extreme consequences to the community.



# Background

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- Guiding questions that the framework and accompanying modeling tool seek to address and model for specific communities:
- What are the characteristics of extreme events that would result in worst consequence to the community? How is that consequence measured?
- In the case of these events, how does the grid perform? What other infrastructure services will be impacted due to loss of power? What is the consequence of these service outages?
- What grid modernization options will minimize this consequence, thereby best improving community resilience? How would these options be designed to work within the current grid?
- What are the scale and cost of grid improvements needed to improve community resilience? How would resilience metrics be best defined and utilized for future community planning and adaptation to future resilience challenges and needs?

# + Overview of Framework

- This framework relies on estimating the performance of systems of interest during extreme events and translating this performance into **METRICS OF CONSEQUENCE** that are most useful to stakeholders' existing planning paradigms.
- The approach supports the analysis of consequence for community resilience metrics and/or the evaluation of resilience-enhancing solutions.

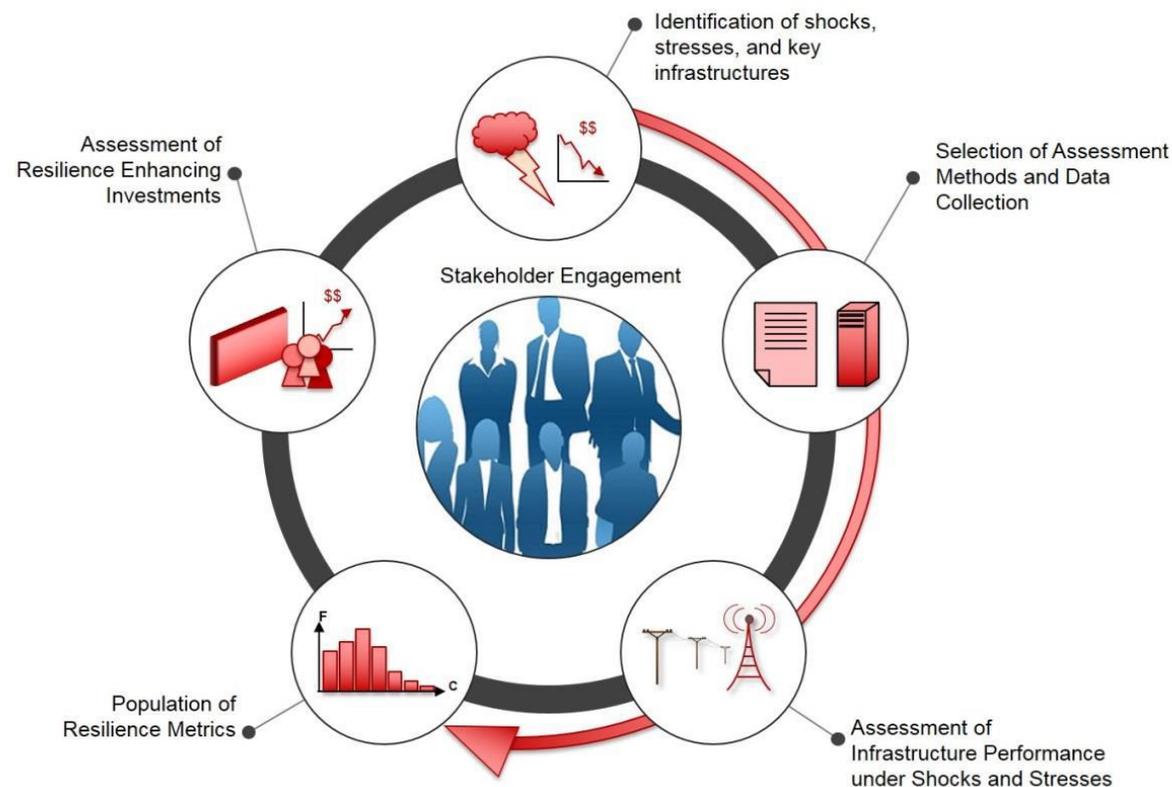
# + Overview of Framework

- There are two primary classifications of **METRICS OF CONSEQUENCE** that are included in the modeling:

<b>Community Measures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Number of People without Necessary Services</li><li>• Live at Risk</li><li>• Net Population Change</li></ul>
<b>Economic Measures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gross Municipal Product Loss</li><li>• Change in Capital Wealth</li><li>• Business Interruption Costs</li></ul>

# + Five Stages of the Urban Resilience Planning Process

- The **FIVE STAGES** of the urban resilience planning process are outlined in the following chart.
- The process begins at the top of the diagram and continues in a clockwise fashion iteratively until sufficient resilience-enhancing investment suggestions have been provided.





# Five Stages of the Urban Resilience Planning Process

- #1—IDENTIFICATION OF THREATS and infrastructures of concern
  - Hurricanes
  - Tornadoes
  - Earthquakes
  - Anything that will result in extended power outages

# + Five Stages of the Urban Resilience Planning Process

- **#2—IDENTIFICATION OF DATA AND TOOLS** already in use for infrastructure resilience planning
- Tools and data are augmented with tools and data developed at Sandia and Los Alamos with support from the US DOE and US Department of Homeland Security.

# + Five Stages of the Urban Resilience Planning Process

- **#3—ASSESSING THE PERFORMANCE OF INSTRASTRUCTURES** of concern subject to the threats of concern. Performance can be described by:
  - Outage frequency
  - Number of customers impacted
  - Outage duration
  - Or a combination of these, such as customers impacted multiplied by duration

# + Five Stages of the Urban Resilience Planning Process

- **#4—MAPPING GRID RESILIENCE TO INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES**, including identification of those infrastructure services that have low baseline resilience are those with no backup power. Infrastructure services include:
  - 911 system
  - Emergency services (police, fire)
  - Shelters (city-assisted, hotels)
  - Medical services (hospitals, air ambulance)
  - Provisions (pharmacies, gas stations, groceries, banks)
  - Water and Wastewater (water purification, sewage treatment)

# + Five Stages of the Urban Resilience Planning Process

- **#5—SPECIFYING INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS** that improve the community resilience metric.
- Improvements are grid modernization technologies that take into account both the infrastructure services needed (at a granular, zonal level) and the cost of added resilience.
- At the end of this process, stakeholders gain measurable resilience metrics useful in their existing planning processes and an analysis of how potential resilience-enhancing solutions will improve these metrics.



# Practical Use Cases

- To apply this resilience framework to communities, Sandia has worked with cities to propose measurement units for resilience metrics that work within current planning paradigms and adequately convey the goals and benefits of resilience-enhancing investments.
- City of Norfolk, VA
- Puerto Rico
- City of New Orleans, LA

# + Practical Use Cases: New Orleans

## ■ STEP #1 (IDENTIFICATION OF THREATS)

- Hurricanes and severe storms accompanied by large rainfall totals are the threat of highest concern.
- A reasonable worst consequence storm is a Category 2 or low Category 3 hurricane in which the city does not issue a mandatory evacuation, and the storm stalls over New Orleans, dropping 20 to 25 inches of rain over a period of 24 hours.
- In this case, the New Orleans partners indicated that many people would be displaced and in need of infrastructure services. This represents the “design basis threat” for selection of potential grid resilience improvements.

## ■ STEP #2 (TOOLS AND DATA)

- Sandia augmented the tools and data that the City of New Orleans had in place with tools and data from Sandia, Los Alamos and DOE

# + Practical Use Cases: New Orleans

- **STEP #3 (ASSESSING PERFORMANCE OF INFRASTRUCTURES)** involved analysis of three factors:
  - Wind and inundation impacts of the design basis threat
  - Power system performance subject to the design basis threat
  - Infrastructure services subject to the design basis threat and the power system performance
    - Analysis showed that infrastructures served by overhead distribution lines in vegetated areas were at highest risk of extended outage due to extreme storms, followed by infrastructures served by overhead lines and less vegetation, areas with underground service and high potential for flooding.
- **STEP #4: (MAPPING GRID RESILIENCE TO INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES)**
  - The resilience metric chosen for this study—the percentage of infrastructures with sufficient backup power—focuses on lifeline infrastructure services and the ability to support critical needs of the community.



# Practical Use Cases: New Orleans

## ■ **Step #5 (SPECIFYING INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS)**

- **Advanced Microgrids:** Advanced microgrids utilize automated controls to tie together a collection of facilities within a relatively small geographical area using one or more points of common coupling (PCCs) to the utility. These PCCs are switching devices that can automatically segregate the microgrid from the distribution system in an outage situation.
- **Distribution System Flexibility and Automation:** Grid modernization options, such as automated reclosers and automated fault location, isolation, and system recovery (FLISR) software, can provide the grid operator with much faster control over distribution switching and reconfiguration, thereby greatly decreasing outage durations especially for smaller disruptions.
- **Localized Backup Generation:** Building-tied backup generators are the most common method of supplying power to a facility to enable operation of critical functions during utility outages.



# Practical Use Cases: New Orleans

- In the near-term, prioritization of resilience nodes will be accomplished via further research and demonstration by the Department of Energy's Grid Modernization Laboratory Consortium with New Orleans partners.
- In the long-term, populating the community-focused resilience metric suggested for New Orleans requires overcoming significant science and technology gaps (e.g., projection of future threats, projection of future population needs).
- This summary represents the Phase 1 work done for the City of New Orleans. There has also been a Phase 2 that was completed in early 2019 that developed more detailed designs and co-optimized microgrid designs to balance the value for blue sky (value during normal days) and black sky (value during disruptions or outages).



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# **NARUC-NASEO**

## **Microgrid State Working Group Roundtable**

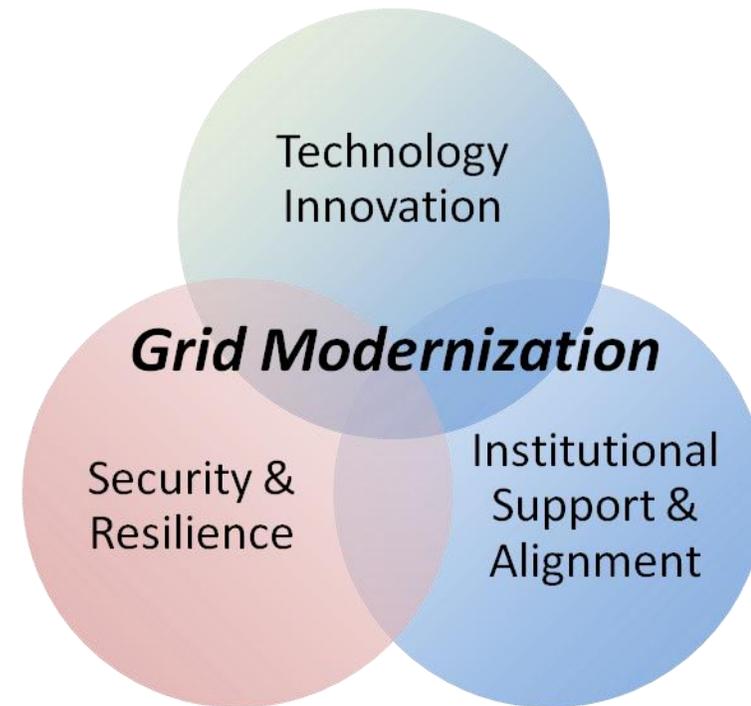
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DOE – Office of Electricity

# DOE Microgrid R&D Program

- A program within the DOE Office of Electricity (OE) Advanced Grid Research department
- R&D on microgrids to:
  - Enhance the resilience of the Nation's critical infrastructure,
  - Contribute to grid reliability, restoration and recovery, and
  - Improve the efficiency and flexibility of the electric sector
- Support of OE's thrust in electric grid modernization and resiliency in the energy infrastructure



# Program Development and Application Space

## TYPES OF MICROGRIDS

- ✓ Remote/island
- ✓ Grid-Connected: Singular and multiple networked
- ✓ AC, DC, hybrid
- ✓ Scale: kW to 10s of MW

## MARKET SEGMENTS & OWNERSHIP

- ✓ Defense and civilian critical infrastructure
- ✓ Industrial, commercial, community, feeder
- ✓ Customer and utility owned

# Partnership in Development and Deployment of Microgrid Technologies and Systems

## National Labs

- Foundational R&D
- Models, tools, and integrated toolsets for planning/design and operations/control

## Private Sector

- Commercial adoption
- Industry advisory
- Demonstration and implementation

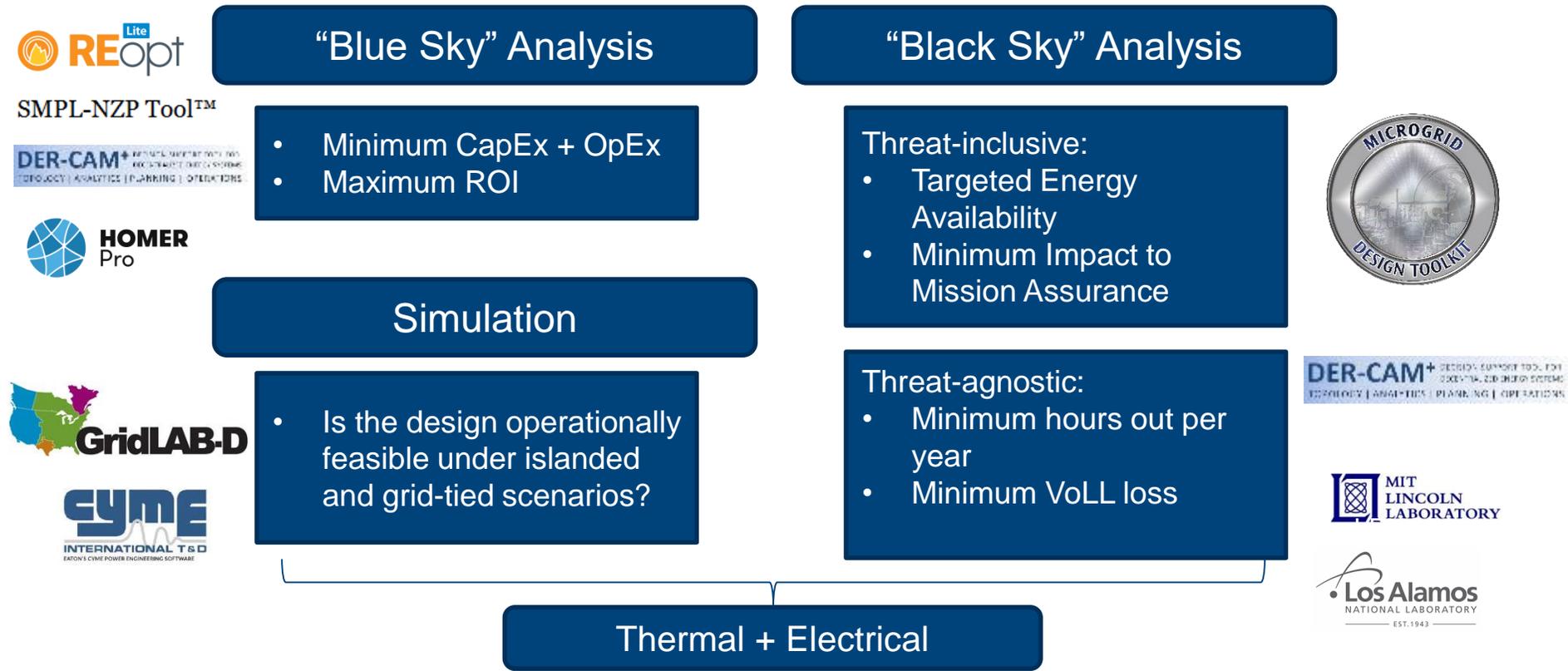
## States

- Technical assistance in technology deployment and adoption
- NARUC-NASEO Microgrid State Working Group

# Program Partnership Activities with States

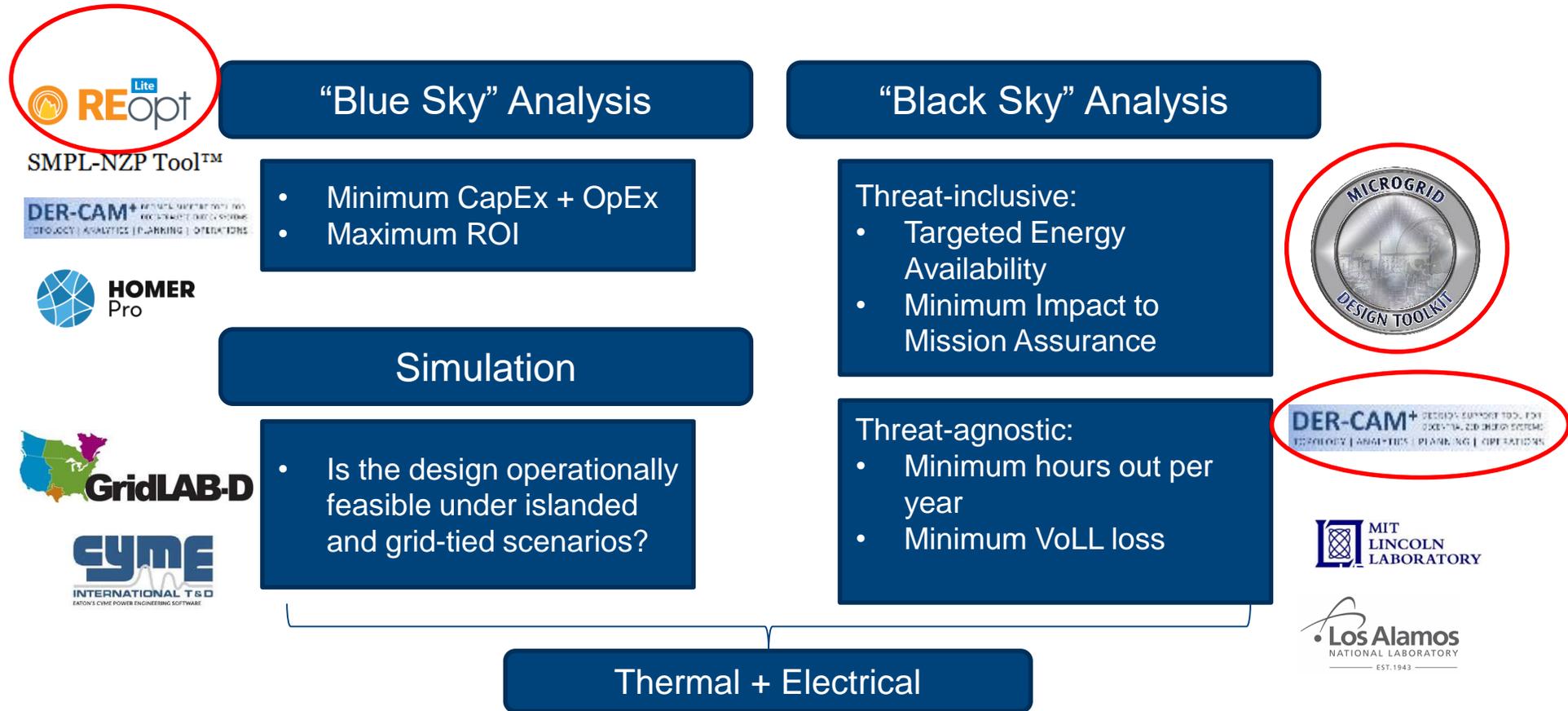
- Technical Assistance in Technology Deployment
  - Adoption, and training in use, of microgrid technologies, tools, and methods
  - Energy master planning to include microgrids + resiliency
  - Microgrid studies for technical and economic feasibility
- Independent Technical resources
  - Input to microgrid grant solicitations
  - Review of microgrid proposals
  - Assessment of microgrid projects
- Joint Solicitations and Awards
  - Co-funding of projects that meet mutual interest
- Any other collaborative opportunities proposed by States to accelerate broad deployment of microgrids

# Suite of Tools Applicable for Energy Master Planning and Microgrid Feasibility Analysis



No single tool truly co-optimizes the microgrid design for **resilience + efficiency + sustainability** AND ensures the design is physically feasible/realistic

# Three Exemplar Tools To be Presented



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# Broad Partnerships



# Questions?



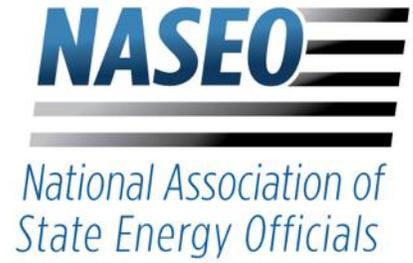
# Introductions

- Your name, title, and organization





# Federal Tools and Resources for State Microgrid Deployment



## Sandia National Laboratory

# + Short Break





# Assessing Customer Distributed Energy Systems using NREL's REopt Lite Tool

Dan Olis, Senior Engineer, National Renewable Energy Laboratory  
NARUC-NASEO Microgrid Roundtable

February 13, 2020

# NREL at a Glance

2,050

**Employees,**  
plus more than

**400**

early-career researchers  
and visiting scientists



**World-class**  
facilities, renowned  
technology experts

nearly  
**820**

**Partnerships**  
with industry,  
academia, and  
government



**Campus**  
operates as a  
living laboratory

# Will DER Work for Your Site?



**Solar &  
Wind  
Resource**



**Technology  
Costs &  
Incentives**



**Space  
Available**



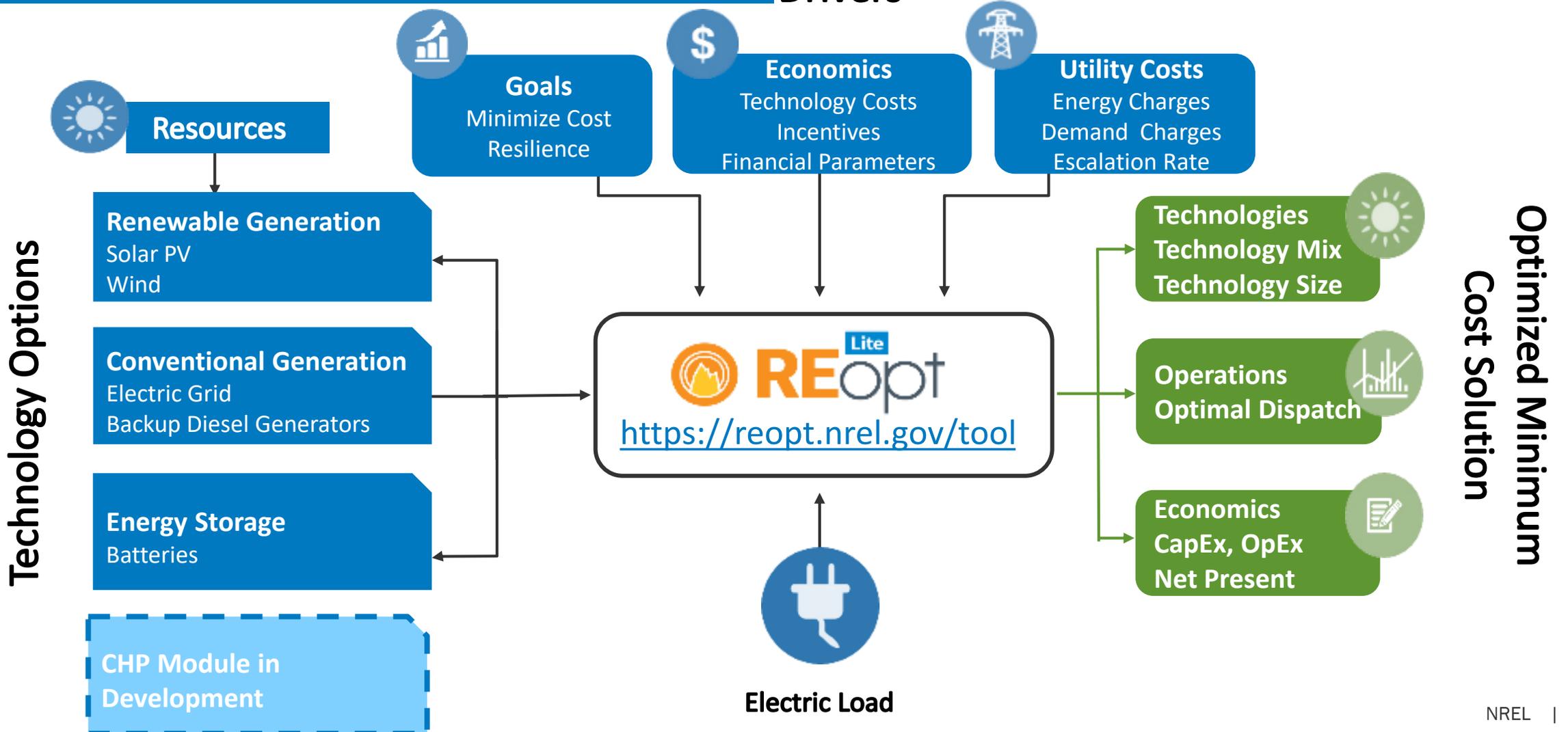
**Utility Cost &  
Consumption**



**Financial  
Parameters**

# REopt Lite: Free Web Tool to Optimize Economic & Resilience Benefits of DERs

## Drivers



# Who's Using REopt Lite?



## Researchers

How will RE deployment change in the future?



## Developers

Where are the best market opportunities?



## Home and Building Owners

What technologies are best for my site?



## Utilities

What value do these systems provide?



## Government

What policies might support DER deployment?

# REopt Lite Web Tool

- **REopt Lite** is a web tool that offers a no-cost subset of NREL's more comprehensive REopt model
- **Financial mode** optimizes PV, wind, and battery system sizes and battery dispatch strategy to minimize life cycle cost of energy
- **Resilience mode** optimizes PV, wind, and battery systems, along with back-up generators, to sustain critical load during grid outages and to minimize life cycle cost of energy
- To access REopt Lite: <https://reopt.nrel.gov/tool>

## Step 1: Choose Your Focus

Do you want to optimize for financial savings or energy resilience?

\$ Financial

🛡️ Resilience



## Step 2: Enter Your Data

Enter information about your site and adjust the default values as needed to see your results.

**Site and Utility** (required) ⊖

\* Required field

\* Site location 🔗  🔗 Use sample site

\* Electricity rate 🔗

Custom electricity rate 🔗

Net metering system size limit (kW) 🔗

Enter 0 if net metering is not available

Wholesale rate (\$/kWh) 🔗

**Load Profile** (required) ⊕

\$ Financial ⊕

## Step 3: Select Your Technologies

Which technologies do you wish to evaluate?

PV ⚙️

Battery 🔋

Wind 🌬️

⚙️ PV ⊕

🔋 Battery ⊕

🌬️ Wind (Beta Version) ⊕

# REopt Lite Key Outputs

## Results for Your Site

New Evaluation

These results from REopt Lite summarize the economic viability of PV, wind, and battery storage at your site. You can edit your inputs to see how changes to your energy strategies affect the results.

Back



Your recommended solar installation size

3,885 kW  
PV size

Measured in kilowatts (kW) of direct current, this recommended size minimizes the life cycle cost of energy at your site.



Your recommended battery power and capacity

276 kW battery power  
598 kWh battery capacity

This system size minimizes the life cycle cost of energy at your site. The battery power and capacity are optimized for economic performance.

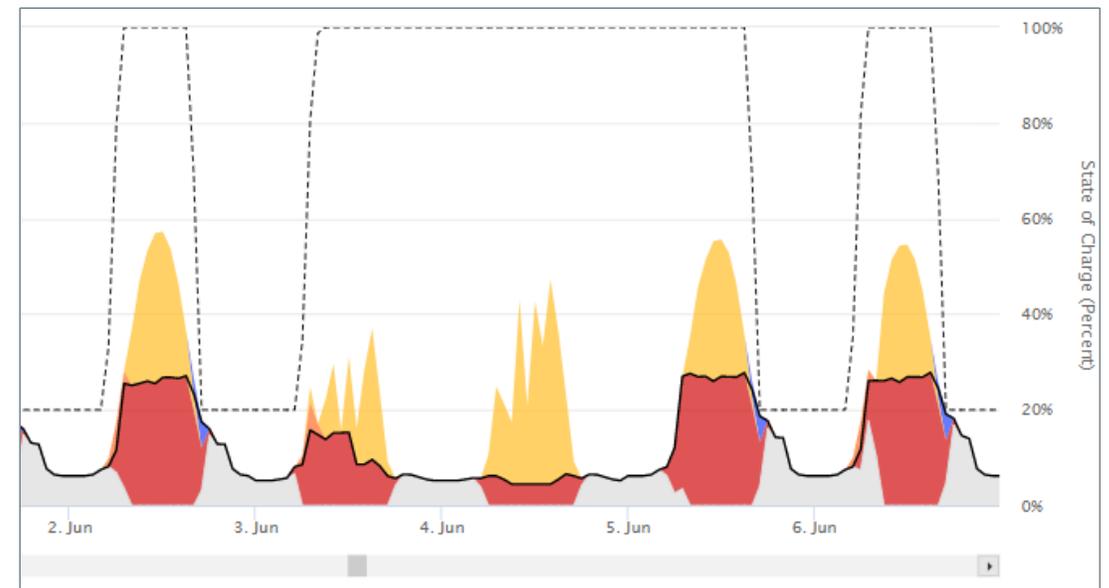


Your potential life cycle savings (20 years)

This is the net present value of the savings (or costs if negative) realized by the project based on the difference between the total life cycle costs of doing business as usual compared to the optimal case.

\$1,972,493

## System Size and Net Present Value

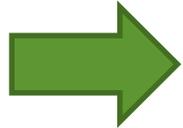


## Hourly Dispatch

	Business As Usual	Financial	Difference
System Size, Energy Production, and System Cost			
PV Size	0 kW	113 kW	113 kW
Annualized PV Energy Production	0 kWh	132,000 kWh	132,000 kWh
Battery Power	0 kW	0 kW	0 kW
Battery Capacity	0 kWh	0 kWh	0 kWh
Net CAPEX + Replacement + O&M	\$0	\$133,318	\$133,318
Energy Supplied From Grid in Year 1	132,000 kWh	65,384 kWh	66,616 kWh
Year 1 Utility Cost – Before Tax			
Utility Energy Cost	\$18,112	-\$404	\$18,515
Utility Demand Cost	\$0	\$0	\$0
Utility Fixed Cost	\$0	\$0	\$0
Utility Minimum Cost Adder	\$0	\$0	\$0

## Detailed Financial Outputs

# Recent Resilience Update

- 
- **October 2019:** Resilience Modeling, Diesel Generator Sizing, Load Profile Dashboard, Utility Rate Help, International Guidelines, and Updated Cost Assumptions
  - **February 2020:** Release of Open Source version of REopt Lite
  - **April 2019:** PVWatts and Solar Resource Data Set Upgrade
  - **March 2019:** Custom Hourly Rate Tariffs and Integrated Critical Load Builder
  - **November 2018:** Wind Module, Custom Monthly Rate Tariffs, Critical Load Builder, and User Dashboard
  - **June 2018:** Enhanced Resilience Features
  - **March 2018:** Application Programming Interface
  - **September 2017:** REopt Lite's Initial Release

# Resilience in REopt

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\$ Financial

🛡️ Resilience

## Step 2: Enter Your Site Data

Enter information about your site and adjust the default values as needed to see your results.

📍 Site and Utility (required) ⊖

\* Site location ?  \* Required field

Use sample site

\* Electricity rate ?

Rate Details

Use custom electricity rate ?

Net metering system size limit (kW) ?

Wholesale rate (\$/kWh) ?

Site name ?

Advanced inputs ⊕

📊 Load Profile (required) ⊕

🛡️ Resilience (required) ⊕

\$ Financial ⊕

Resilience analysis uses the same general formulation as ‘Financial’ analysis but includes periods of grid outages

# Resilience Inputs

**Resilience** (required) ⊖

**\* Critical load** ?

How would you like to enter the critical energy load profile?

Percent  Upload  Build

**Critical load factor (%)** ?

[Download critical load profile](#) [Chart critical load data](#)

**\* Outage information**

**\* Outage duration (hours)** ?

**\* Outage start date** ?  📅 [Autoselect using critical load profile](#) ?

**\* Outage start time** ?

**Type of outage event** ?

What load needs to be met during the outage?

Outage scenario to model

# Tech Modeling

- User selects technologies of interest
- Heavily populated with defaults
- Expandable menus to allow user adjustments of defaults
- Backup generator option for resilience evaluation

## Step 3: Select Your Technologies

Which technologies do you wish to evaluate?

PV   Battery   Wind   Generator 

**PV**

System capital cost (\$/kW)

Existing PV system?

Capital Cost or System Size Based Incentives [Database of state incentives for renewables](#)

	Incentive based on percentage of cost (%) <a href="#">?</a>	Maximum dollar amount for incentive based on percentage of cost (\$) <a href="#">?</a>	Rebate based on system size (\$/kW) <a href="#">?</a>	Maximum dollar amount for rebate based on system size (\$) <a href="#">?</a>
<b>Federal</b>	<input type="text" value="26%"/>	<input type="text" value="Unlimited"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	<input type="text" value="Unlimited"/>
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Production Based Incentives [?](#)

	Production incentive (\$/kWh) <a href="#">?</a>	Incentive duration (yrs) <a href="#">?</a>	Maximum incentive (\$) <a href="#">?</a>	System size limit (kW) <a href="#">?</a>
<b>Total</b>	<input type="text" value="\$0"/>	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="Unlimited"/>	<input type="text" value="Unlimited"/>

PV Incentives and Tax Treatment

Tax Treatment

MACRS schedule [?](#)

MACRS bonus depreciation [?](#)

[+ Advanced inputs](#) [Reset to default values](#)

# Backup Generator Modeling

**Generator**

Install cost (\$/kW) [?](#)

Diesel cost (\$/gal) [?](#)

Fuel availability (gallons) [?](#)

Existing diesel generator?

[Show fewer inputs](#)

**Generator Costs**

Fixed O&M cost (\$/kW per year) [?](#)

Variable O&M cost (\$/kWh) [?](#)

**Generator Characteristics**

Minimum new generator size (kW) [?](#)

Maximum new generator size (kW) [?](#)

Fuel burn rate (gallons/kWh) [?](#)

Fuel consumption curve y-intercept (gallons/hour) [?](#)

Specify existing generator, and/or let REopt Lite size it

Defaults are for diesel generator but can be modified

# Resilience Outputs

 Your recommended solar installation size

**389 kW**  
PV size

Measured in kilowatts (kW) of direct current (DC), this recommended size minimizes the life cycle cost of energy at your site.

This optimized size may not be commercially available. The user is responsible for finding a commercial product that is closest in size to this optimized size.

 Your recommended battery power and capacity

**96 kW** battery power  
**412 kWh** battery capacity

This system size minimizes the life cycle cost of energy at your site. The battery power (kW-AC) and capacity (kWh) are optimized for economic performance.

This optimized size may not be commercially available. The user is responsible for finding a commercial product that is closest in size to this optimized size.

 Your recommended generator size

**18 kW**  
generator size

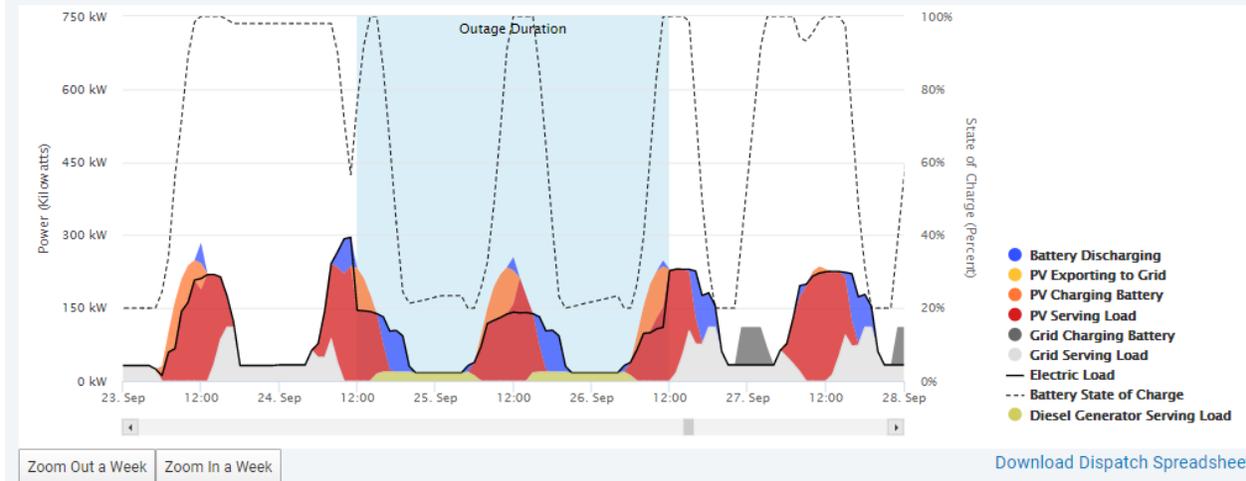
Measured in kilowatts (kW) of alternating current (AC), this recommended generator size minimizes the life cycle cost of energy at your site during a grid outage.

This optimized size may not be commercially available. The user is responsible for finding a commercial product that is closest in size to this optimized size.

	Business As Usual ?	Resilience ?
<b>System ?</b>	None	18 kW Diesel 389 kW PV 96 kW Battery 412 kWh Battery
<b>NPV ?</b>	\$0	\$191,019
<b>Survives Specified Outage ?</b>	No	Yes
<b>Average ?</b>	0 hrs	531 hrs
<b>Minimum ?</b>	0 hrs	0 hrs
<b>Maximum ?</b>	0 hrs	1,885 hrs
<b>Diesel Generator Fuel Used ?</b>	0 gal	44 gal

## System Performance Year One ?

This interactive graph shows the dispatch strategy optimized by REopt Lite for the specified outage period as well as the rest of the year. To zoom in on a date range, click and drag right in the chart area or use the "Zoom In a Week" button. To zoom out, click and drag left or use the "Zoom Out a Week" button.



[Download Dispatch Spreadsheet](#)

# Resilience Outputs

A non-outage / 'Financial' scenario is run at the same time to allow the user to compare the differences between Resilient and Financial scenarios

## Results Comparison

These results show how doing business as usual compares to the optimal case.

	Business As Usual ⓘ	Resilience ⓘ	Financial ⓘ
System Size, Energy Production, and System Cost			
PV Size ⓘ	0 kW	389 kW	361 kW
Annualized PV Energy Production ⓘ	0 kWh	620,696 kWh	577,409 kWh
Battery Power ⓘ	0 kW	96 kW	78 kW
Battery Capacity ⓘ	0 kWh	412 kWh	253 kWh
Generator Size ⓘ	0 kW	18 kW	0 kW
Net CAPEX + Replacement + O&M ⓘ	\$0	\$649,198	\$532,744
Energy Supplied From Grid in Year 1 ⓘ	992,952 kWh	403,791 kWh	448,266 kWh
Year 1 Utility Cost – Before Tax			
Utility Energy Cost ⓘ	\$74,050	\$27,637	\$31,430
Utility Demand Cost ⓘ	\$79,758	\$38,484	\$45,853
Utility Fixed Cost ⓘ	\$5,551	\$5,551	\$5,551
Utility Minimum Cost Adder ⓘ	\$0	\$0	\$0
Life Cycle Utility Cost – After Tax			
Utility Energy Cost ⓘ	\$709,556	\$264,826	\$301,166
Utility Demand Cost ⓘ	\$764,250	\$368,763	\$439,375
Utility Fixed Cost ⓘ	\$53,191	\$53,191	\$53,191
Utility Minimum Cost Adder ⓘ	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total System and Life Cycle Utility Cost – After Tax			
Total Life Cycle Costs ⓘ	\$1,526,998	\$1,335,979	\$1,326,476
Net Present Value ⓘ	\$0	\$191,019	\$209,418

# Resilience Outputs



## Your Potential Resilience

This system sustains the 50% critical load during the specified outage period, from September 24 at 12 pm to September 26 at 12 pm.



[System survives specified 48-hour outage](#)

This system sustains the critical load for 83% of all potential 48 hour outages throughout the year.

83%

[System survives 83% of 48-hour outages](#)

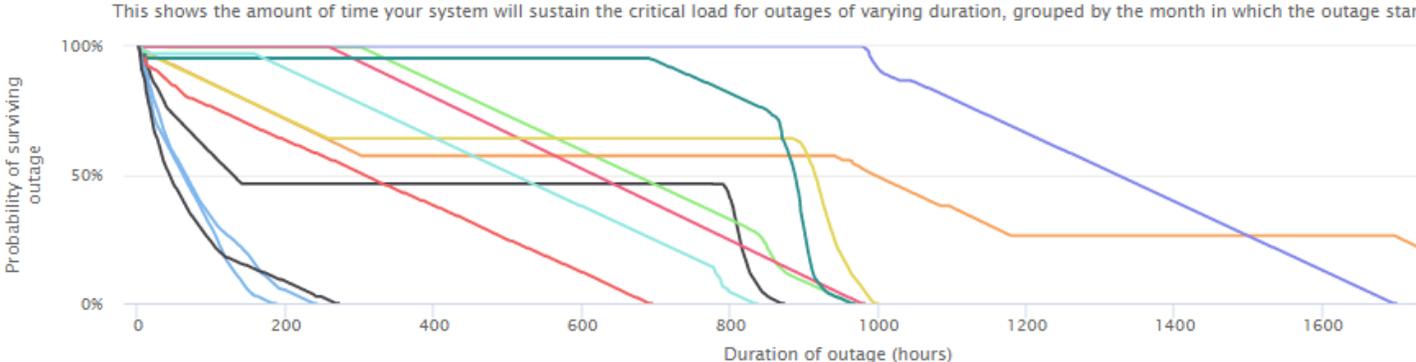
REopt Lite optimizes system size and dispatch to survive specified outage

## Outage Simulation

Evaluate the amount of time that your system can survive grid outages.

- Yearly
- Monthly
- Hourly

- Optimal resilience – January
- Optimal resilience – February
- Optimal resilience – March
- Optimal resilience – April
- Optimal resilience – May
- Optimal resilience – June
- Optimal resilience – July
- Optimal resilience – August
- Optimal resilience – September
- Optimal resilience – October
- Optimal resilience – November
- Optimal resilience – December



REopt Lite simulates outages of varying length throughout the year

# Resilience Outputs



- The site owner's cost of the outage is not considered in the optimization
- Additional costs for developing a microgrid are not included in the default costs
- Sliders allow the impact of both of these on a potential project's NPV to be explored

# Making Use of Results

- Optimization formulation is powerful
- Limitations:
  - Lots of default assumptions that a beginner may not adjust
  - Model has perfect knowledge
- Usefulness of results:
  - Develop an understanding of the impact of RE resources, economic drivers, potential technology mix and how they interact/complement/compete with each other
  - For non-experts, results useful to inform discussions with system integrators and expert consultants

# FY20 Development Plans

- **Third-party financing:** Develop a financial model for third-party ownership of photovoltaic, wind, or battery systems
- **Federal scenarios:** Create analysis assumptions and results for federal users
- **Run comparison:** Compare results from different REopt Lite scenarios
- **Utility rates:** Add features such as ratchets and peak load contribution
- **Constraints:** Add ability to constrain solution based on budget, emissions, and renewable energy goals
- **Combined heat and power:** Integrate a combined heat and power technology option
- **Online user forum:** Allow users to ask and respond to questions, share insights, and successes
- **Electric vehicles:** Add option to include electric vehicle loads in optimizations
- **Open source:** Release REopt Lite open source software
- **Additional resources:** Add new REopt Lite case studies and tutorials

# Resources

- REopt Lite Web Tool:
  - Web tool: <https://reopt.nrel.gov/tool>
  - Help manual: <https://reopt.nrel.gov/user-guides.html>
- REopt Lite Tutorials on the NREL YouTube Learning Channel:  
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLmIn8Hncs7bF4UNN7hGlhZ0Uohbl4-c4b>
- REopt Lite API: <https://developer.nrel.gov/docs/energy-optimization/reopt-v1/>
  - Information to access API
  - User guide
- REopt Website: <https://reopt.nrel.gov/>
  - Case studies
  - Analysis services

Thank You

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- REopt Lite (tool and help manual): <https://reopt.nrel.gov/tool>
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# + Break

- Resume at 10:15





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# **CHP Integration with Renewables in Microgrids**

Neeharika Naik-Dhungel, EPA CHP Partnership  
NARUC-NASEO Microgrid State Working Group  
Roundtable, February 2020.

# EPA Combined Heat and Power Partnership

*Origins and Focus* Launched in 2001. Goal to reduce the environmental impact of energy generation by promoting higher efficiencies. The Partnership is technology, fuel and vendor neutral.

*Audience* EPA CHP Partners: Industrial, commercial, institutional energy users, Project developers, Equipment manufacturers, Gas and electric utilities, State, city, and local agencies, NGOs and industry associations

*Resources, Outreach and Engagement* Unbiased resources of CHP technologies, project development, policy portal, and emissions and energy savings estimator tool. Increasing focus on the role of CHP in microgrids, resiliency and grid integration as it plays a role in the energy trilemma.

# CHP Energy and Emissions Calculator

## Microgrid Case Study Considered

- City of Milford, CT– under development (will integrate PV + CHP)

## Energy and Emissions Estimator Tool

- The CHP Emissions Calculator calculates the difference between the anticipated CO<sub>2</sub>, methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O), SO<sub>2</sub>, and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions from a CHP system to those of a separate heat and power system.
- The Calculator uses fuel specific CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions factors from the EPA's GHG Reporting Program, region specific Transmission & Distribution (T&D) loss values, and data from eGRID 2012.

# Overview of Emissions Estimation Methodology

- Type of inputs required –
  - CHP or solar electric capacity (kW)
  - Annual hours of operation
  - CHP fuel type
  - CHP thermal energy use: heating, cooling or both
  - Whether there is emissions control equipment (+ NO<sub>x</sub> emissions rate if there are controls)
- CHP/RE integration component details –
  - Conducted individual runs of the Emissions Calculator for each technology type (e.g., 1 run for the CHP system, 1 run for the PV systems)
  - Added the emissions calculator results from the individual technology runs for each microgrid project together.
    - For the CHP system took the overall emissions results from the Calculator
    - For the PV systems only counted the displaced electricity production results (did not include the CHP system or the displaced thermal production results)

# Case Study – City of Milford, CT

## Proposal an outcome of CT DEEP Round 2 Microgrid Program (October 2014)

- 5 facilities will have the ability to operate independently of the UI grid
  - Parsons Center
  - Milford Senior Center
  - Harborside Middle School
  - City Hall
  - River Park Senior Apartments

### Microgrid components

- Two 146 kW natural gas-fired reciprocating engine CHP systems will replace the existing outdated boilers in the Parsons Center.
- A photovoltaic array accompanied by battery energy storage will help offset the daytime electric load.
- The PV system will be located in a parking lot adjacent to the Parsons Center and will provide supplemental power during the daylight periods.
- The necessary electrical and controls infrastructure will tie these buildings together as a microgrid that will operate in parallel with the utility grid.

# Case Study 2 – City of Milford

## Inputs

<b>CHP System 1</b>	
<b>Type of CHP System</b>	<b>NG-Fired Reciprocating Engine</b>
CHP Electric Capacity (kW)	292 kW
Annual Hours of Operation	8,322 (95% availability)
CHP Fuel Type	Natural Gas
Thermal Energy: Heating, Cooling, or Both?	Heating
Hours in Cooling Mode?	NA
Emissions Control Equipment? (yes/no)	Yes
If Yes, what is NOx emission rate? (ppm, or lb/MWh)	0.15 lb/MWh
What type of thermal system was displaced?	Existing boilers
Fuel Type of Displaced Thermal System	Natural Gas

<b>Solar PV Array</b>	
Electric Capacity (kW)	120 kW
Annual Hours of Operation, or Capacity Factor	1,555

# Case Study 2 – City of Milford Results

## CHP System Results Annual Emissions Analysis

	CHP System	Displaced Electricity Production	Displaced Thermal Production	Emissions/Fuel Reduction	Percent Reduction
NO <sub>x</sub> (tons/year)	0.18	1.08	1.01	1.90	91%
SO <sub>2</sub> (tons/year)	0.01	1.92	0.01	1.92	100%
CO <sub>2</sub> (tons/year)	1,728	1,796	1,181	1,249	42%
CH <sub>4</sub> (tons/year)	0.03	0.057	0.02	0.047	59%
N <sub>2</sub> O (tons/year)	0.00	0.021	0.00	0.020	86%
Total GHGs (CO <sub>2</sub> e tons/year)	1,730	1,804	1,182	1,256	42%
Fuel Consumption (MMBtu/year)	29,568	23,296	20,204	13,932	32%
Equal to the annual GHG emissions from this many passenger vehicles:				238	
Equal to the annual GHG emissions from the generation of electricity for this many homes:				156	

## PV Results Annual Emissions Analysis

	CHP System	Displaced Electricity Production	Displaced Thermal Production	Emissions/Fuel Reduction	Percent Reduction
NO <sub>x</sub> (tons/year)	-	0.08	-	0.08	100%
SO <sub>2</sub> (tons/year)	-	0.15	-	0.15	100%
CO <sub>2</sub> (tons/year)	-	136	-	136	100%
CH <sub>4</sub> (tons/year)	-	0.004	-	0.004	100%
N <sub>2</sub> O (tons/year)	-	0.002	-	0.002	100%
Total GHGs (CO <sub>2</sub> e tons/year)	-	137	-	137	100%
Fuel Consumption (MMBtu/year)	-	-	-	1,765	100%
Equal to the annual GHG emissions from this many passenger vehicles:				26	
Equal to the annual GHG emissions from the generation of electricity for this many homes:				17	

# Case Study 2 – City of Milford Combined Results (CHP + PV)

## CHP + PV Results Annual Emissions Analysis

	CHP System (CHP only)	Displaced Electricity Production (CHP + PV combined)	Displaced Thermal Production (CHP only)	Emissions/Fuel Reduction (CHP + PV combined)	Percent Reduction (CHP + PV combined)
NO <sub>x</sub> (tons/year)	0.18	1.16	1.01	1.98	91%
SO <sub>2</sub> (tons/year)	0.01	2.07	0.01	2.07	100%
CO <sub>2</sub> (tons/year)	1,728	1,932	1,181	1,385	44%
CH <sub>4</sub> (tons/year)	0.03	0.061	0.02	0.051	61%
N <sub>2</sub> O (tons/year)	0.00	0.023	0.00	0.022	87%
Total GHGs (CO <sub>2</sub> e tons/year)	1,730	1,941	1,182	1,393	45%
Fuel Consumption (MMBtu/year)	29,568	23,296.36	20,204	15,697	32%
Equal to the annual GHG emissions from this many passenger vehicles:				264	
Equal to the annual GHG emissions from the generation of electricity for this many homes:				173	

# Summary

- Current tool is a simple educational tool. Provides an overview while DOE models provide depth.
- Current tool to be updated to include key renewables for which CHP is a grid-balancing, dispatch-flexibility resource.

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# REGIONAL RESILIENCE TOOLKIT

5 STEPS TO BUILD  
LARGE SCALE  
RESILIENCE TO  
NATURAL DISASTERS



Association of  
Bay Area Governments

# Partnership between EPA & FEMA



**FEMA**

- Sets up **coordination** of activities between EPA's community technical assistance programs and FEMA's disaster recovery planning and hazard mitigation programs.
- Seeks to provide lessons learned for EPA, FEMA, and other federal agencies that can be used to **build a stronger federal framework** for mitigation planning as well as post-disaster recovery planning and operations.
- Seeks to provide a collaborative framework for **policy work** related to both hazard mitigation planning and climate change adaptation **to create more resilient communities**.

<https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/smart-growth-strategies-disaster-resilience-and-recovery>

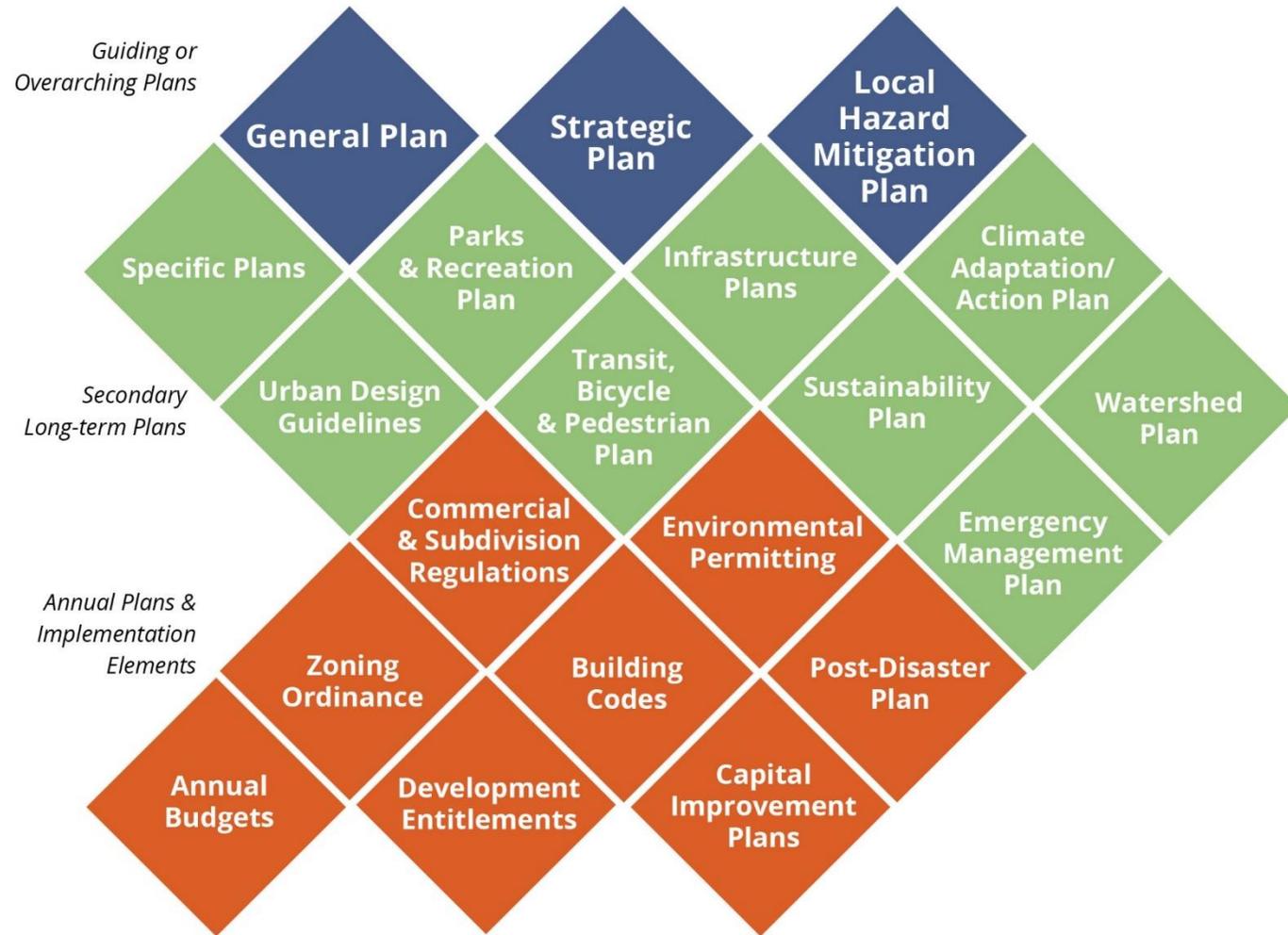
Resilience is about building  
the capacity of the community  
to prepare for, withstand, recover, and maintain  
its identity  
in the face of current or future hazards.

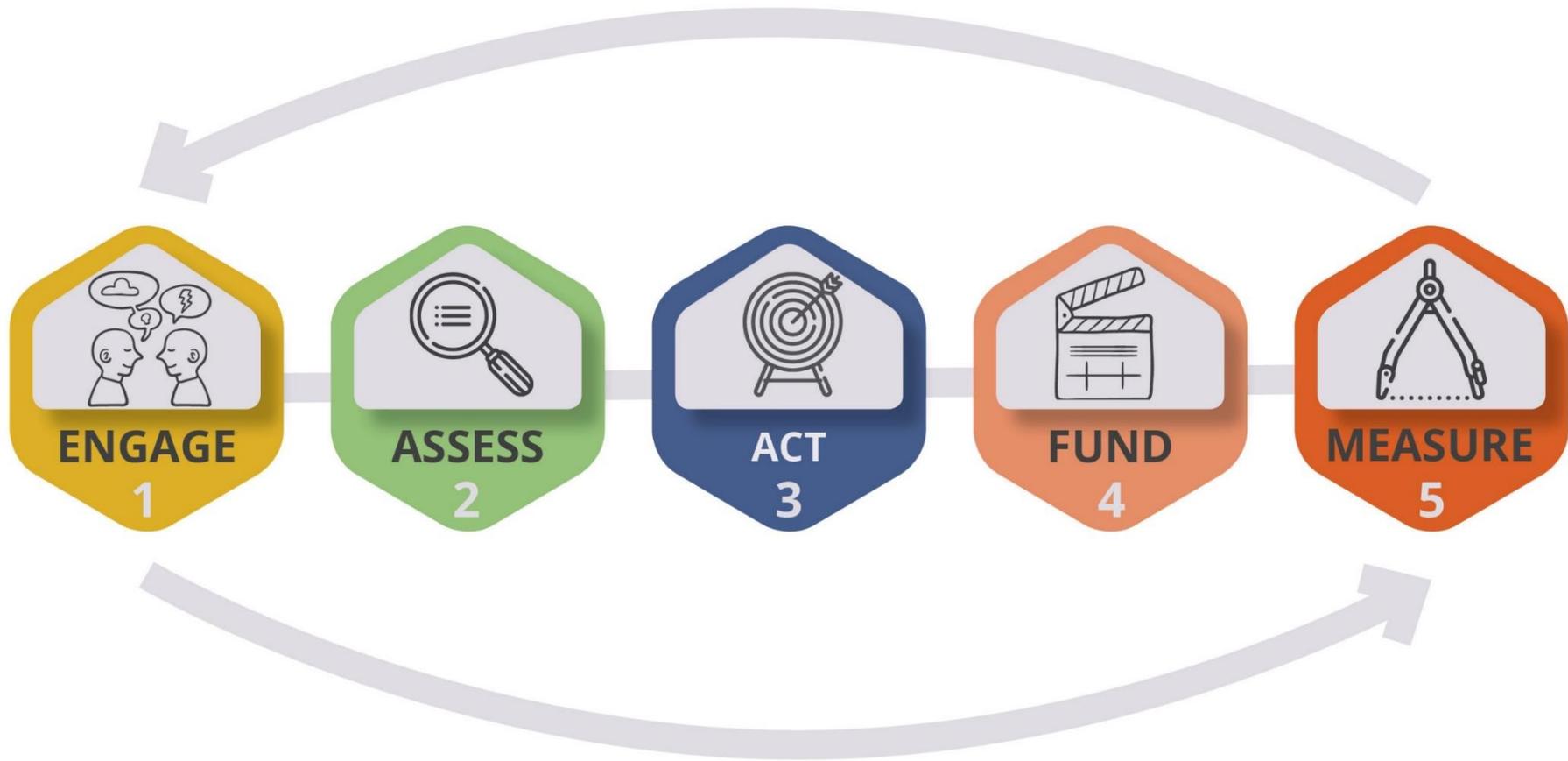
# Quick Overview of the Toolkit

- Regional scale is key. Works across multiple communities over a [large geographic region](#)
- Recognizes [local authority](#) for implementing plans and spending funds
- Addresses [different hazards](#)
- Applies to [different assets](#)
- Aligns with different [plan requirements](#)
  - FEMA Local Hazard Mitigation Plan requirements

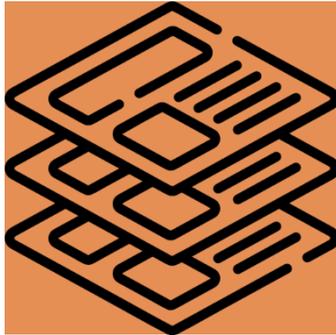
Toolkit is online at

[www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/regional-resilience-toolkit](http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/regional-resilience-toolkit)

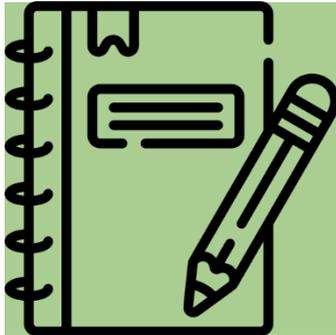




## Two Appendices



- Appendix A has [resources](#) for each step.



- Appendix B has [worksheets](#) for each of the five steps.



## STEP 1: ENGAGE

- Build Trust
- Importance of Equity
- Common Terms
- Mapping Partners
- Meeting Roadmap





## STEP 2: ASSESS

- What's Your "Trigger"?
- Set Resilience Goals
- Describe Hazards
- Develop Hazard Impact Statements
- Prioritize Hazards
- Select Assets
- Summarize the asset and vulnerabilities





## STEP 3: ACT

- Develop and prioritize strategies (plans, regs, projects, education, policy, etc.)
- Pick strategies you can pull off!
- Write Implementation Plans
  - Short term actions
  - Long term strategies

### 3.3 Evaluation Criteria

Criteria	Strategy 1	Strategy 2	Strategy 3	Strategy 4	Strategy 5
<b>FEASIBILITY</b>					
Funding: With existing or expected funding sources					
Political support*: Likelihood of political support					
Local champion*: Supported by a strong advocate or local champion					
Administrative*: With existing operations or procedures					
Technical*: With existing technology or know how					
Legal*: With existing authorities or policies					
<b>SOCIAL BENEFITS</b>					
Access: Protects access to jobs or services					
Life safety: Protects residents lives and prevents injuries					
Awareness: Increases public awareness					
Vulnerable residents: Protects especially vulnerable community members					
Recreation: Maintains recreational or educational opportunities					
<b>ECONOMIC BENEFITS</b>					
Jobs: Promotes/retains jobs					
Commuter movement: Maintains commuter movement					
Reduces disruption: Reduces service or network disruptions					
Reduces damages*: Reduces asset damage, e.g. to structures, infrastructure					
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT*</b>					



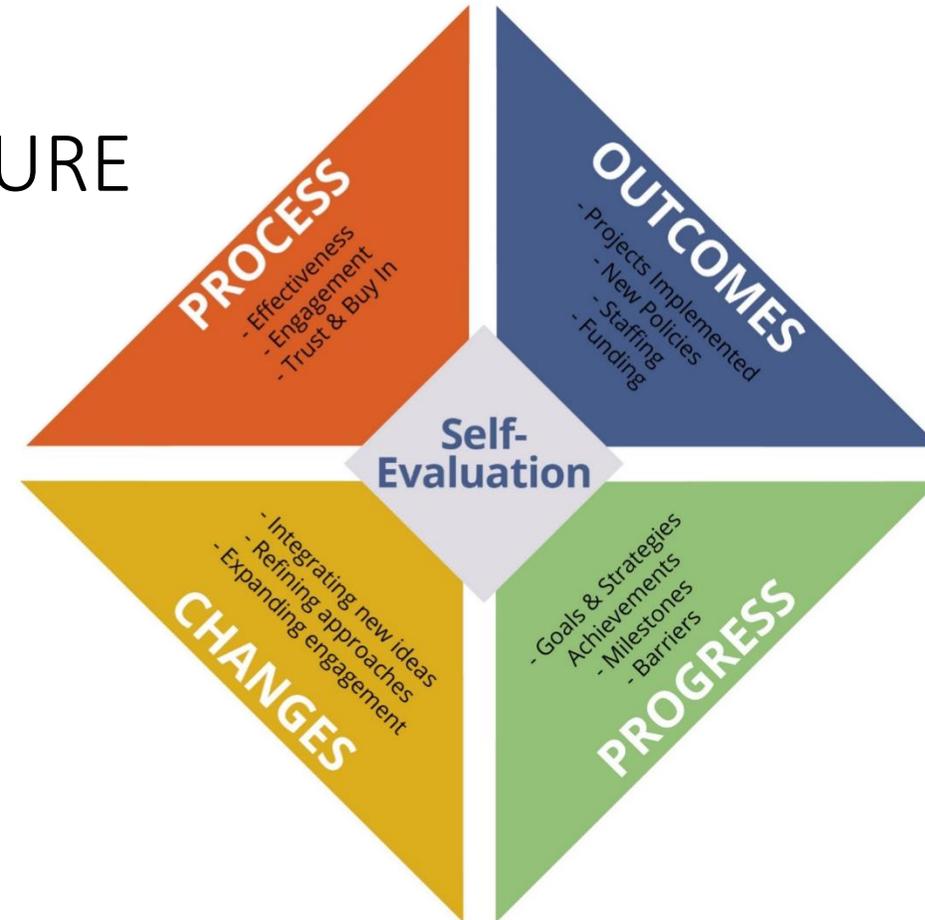
## STEP 4: FUND

- Learn how to “sell” your projects
- Build your network of funders
- Look at local budgets, bonds, and taxes
- Look at a range of funding sources
  - Public-private financing
  - Philanthropic and corporate grants
  - Regional funding programs
  - Federal and state grants



## STEP 5: MEASURE

- What to Measure and Why
- Outputs vs. Outcomes
- Self-Evaluation
- Measure and Refine



# Energy Resilience

- Mt. Shasta, CA pilot talked about the vulnerability of the electric grid to winter storms and fires, and an interest in setting up a microgrid around the community center.
- Community energy districts support community resilience by offering multiple benefits:
  - Energy independence from the grid during power outages;
  - Independent energy and water conservation and storage;
  - Cooling/warming centers for extreme heat and winter storms;
  - Reliability of critical services, evacuation centers, communication centers.
- Can come through pre-disaster planning or as part of recovery and rebuilding.

# Thank you!

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# DER-CAM

DECISION SUPPORT TOOL FOR  
DECENTRALIZED ENERGY SYSTEMS

ANALYTICS | PLANNING | OPERATIONS

## Introduction to DER-CAM

Nicholas DeForest  
Grid Integration Group, Berkeley Lab



# Why DER & Microgrids?



**Reduce Total  
Energy Costs**

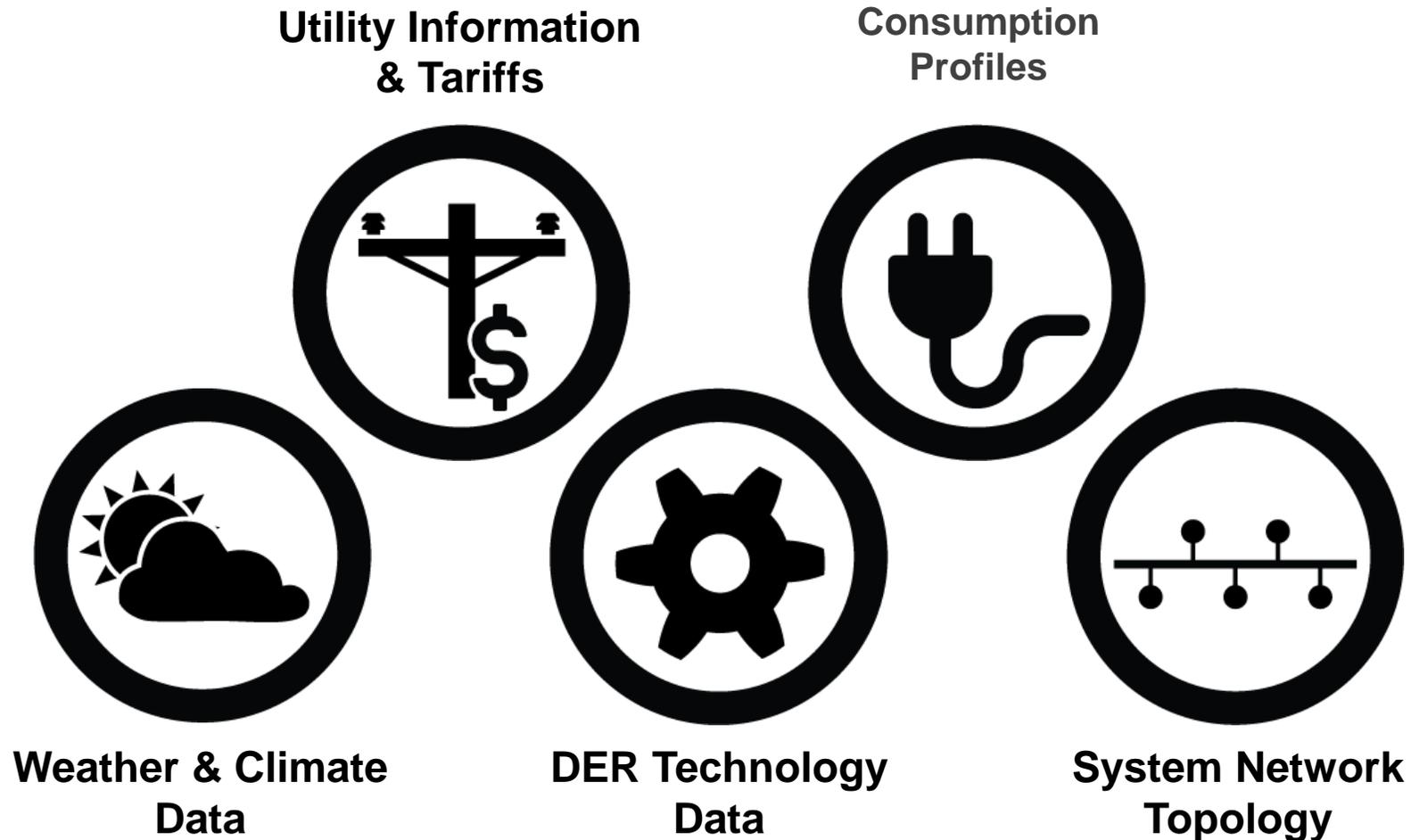


**Reduce Total  
CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions**



**Reduce Outages &  
Ensure Energy  
Security**

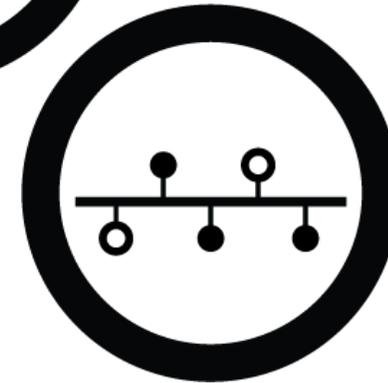
# What Impacts a System's Potential?



# What Guidance is Needed?

**Cost & Performance Metrics**

**New Technology Investments**



**New Technology Capacity Sizing**

**Operational Schedules**

**Placement Within Network**





Objectives



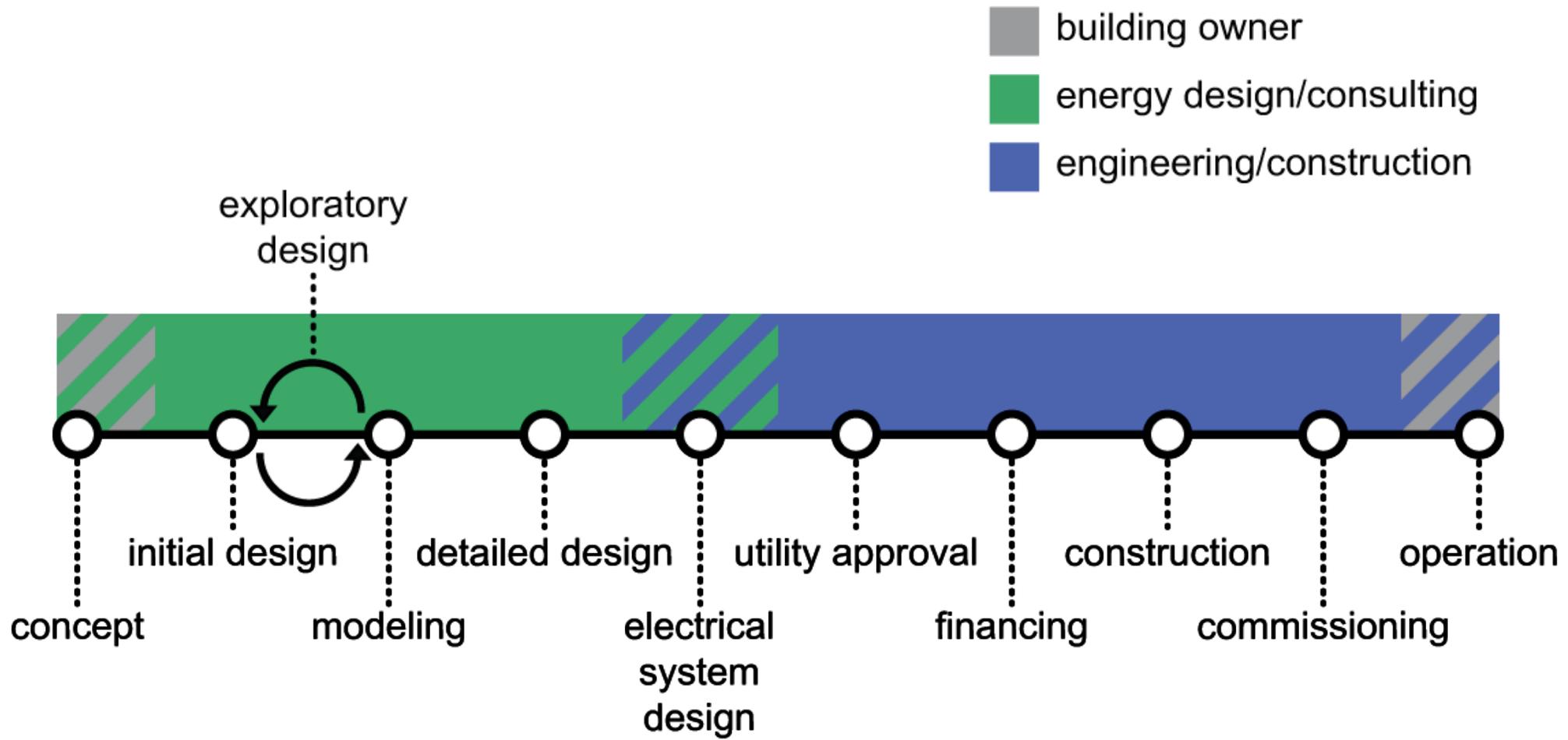
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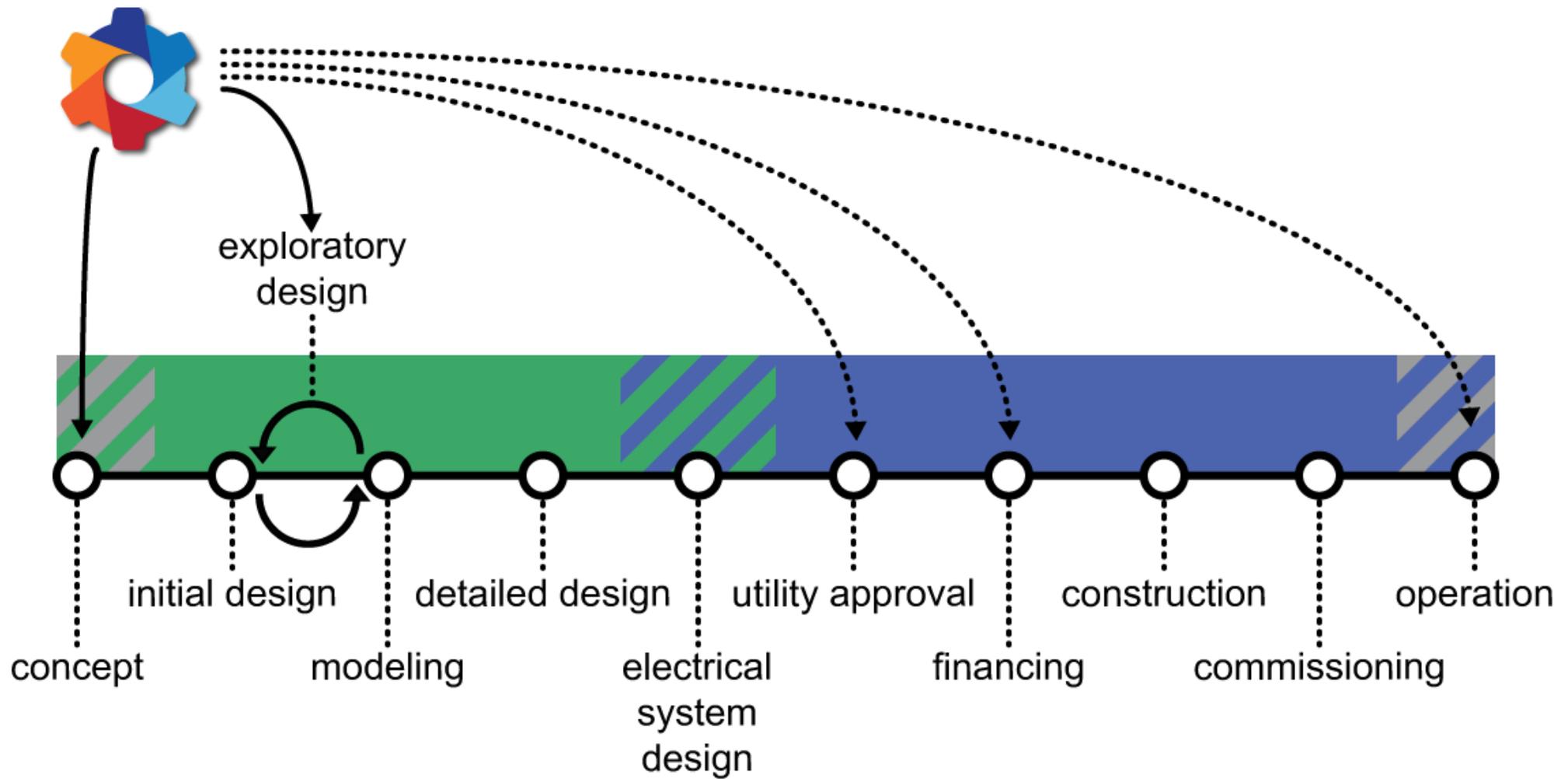


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Outputs









## DER Technologies & Investments

### Generation

- Solar PV
- Combined Heat & Power
  - Combustion Engines
  - Fuel Cells
  - Micro-turbines,
- Solar Thermal Panels
- Wind And Hydro Power

### Energy Storage

- Battery Storage
- Heat Storage
- Chilled Water And Ice Storage
- Electric Vehicles

### Load Management

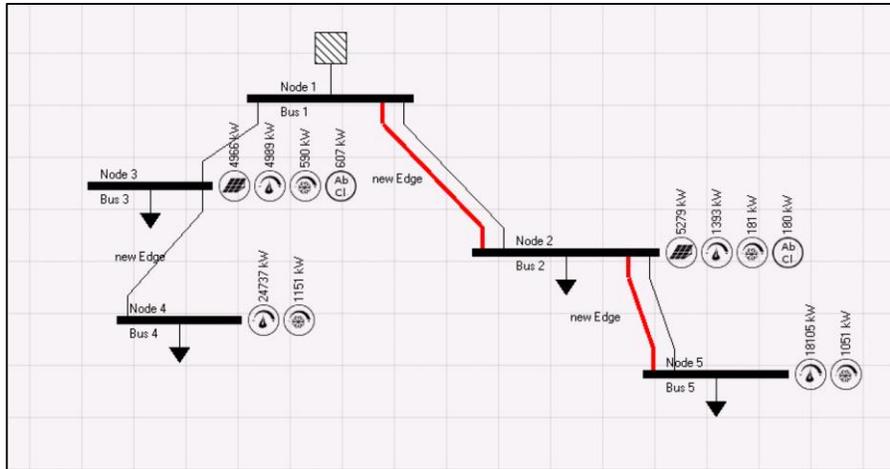
- Demand Response
- Load Shifting
- Load Curtailment

### Energy Efficiency Measures



## DER Value Streams

- Volumetric electricity purchases
- Monthly demand charges
- Electricity exports
- Demand response
- Ancillary services
- Reduced energy consumption
- Improved service efficiencies

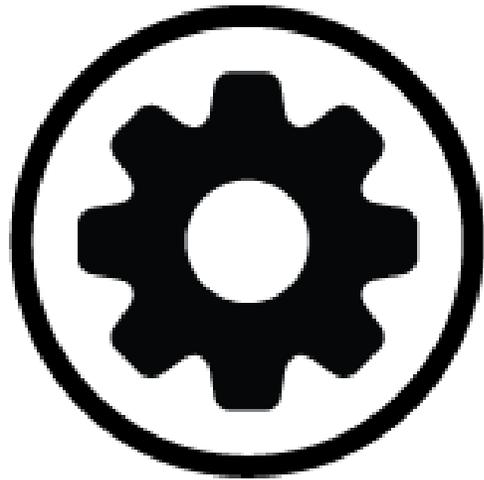


- Multi-building networked microgrids
- Heat and power flow modeling
- Multi-energy microgrids
- AC & DC microgrids
- N-1 security constrained designs

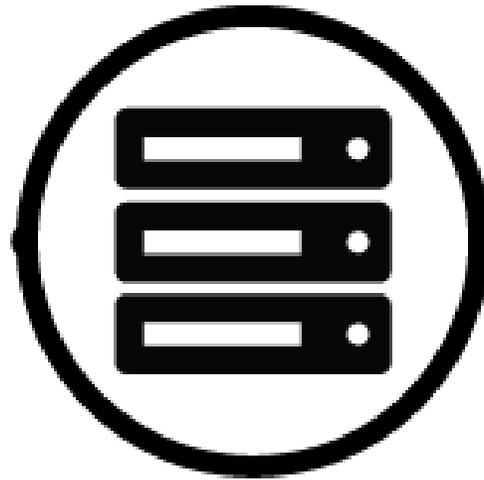
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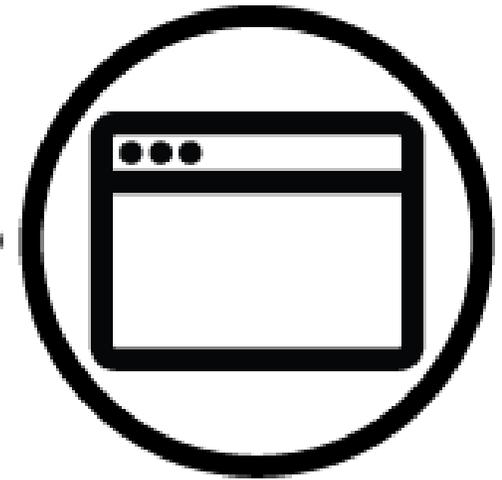
optimization engine



server



user interface



# DER-CAM Desktop UI

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**Solar Radiation - Help**

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1 January	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0407	0.2931	0.4336	0.5875	0.6559	0.6423	0.6237
2 February	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0896	0.2938	0.4643	0.5129	0.599	0.5812	0.5945
3 March	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0012	0.2018	0.4227	0.6011	0.7108	0.8197	0.8177	0.7625

The solar radiation is given as average fraction of maximum solar insolation.

**Wind Power Potential - Help**

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1 January	28.9261	25.4619	23.5633	26.9506	27.5886	25.425	29.6506	32.2706	27.6983	25.1842	19.4589	19.075	22.1842	22.1842

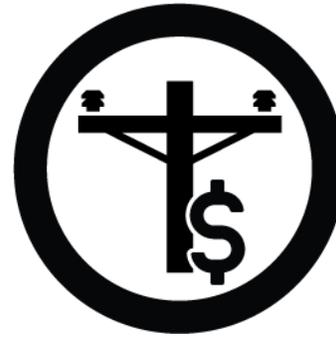
**Ambient Hourly Temperature - Help**

The ambient hourly temperature data must be inserted in degrees Celsius. This information is relevant to estimate changes in internal load inside the building when passive retrofit options are considered (such as improved windows), and it is also used to estimate the efficiency of panels.

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2 February	9.70	9.50	9.30	9.10	8.80	8.60	8.20	9.50	10.70	12.00	13.20	14.40	15.50	15.60	15.50
3 March	11.10	10.60	10.10	9.60	9.30	9.00	8.70	9.90	11.10	12.30	13.40	14.50	15.60	15.90	16.00
4 April	10.30	9.80	9.40	9.00	9.40	9.70	10.10	11.50	13.00	14.50	15.60	16.80	18.00	18.10	18.00
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7 July	13.40	13.30	13.10	13.00	13.40	13.70	14.10	15.50	16.90	18.30	19.80	21.30	22.80	22.40	22.20
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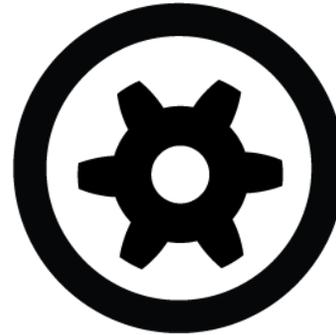
# DER-CAM Data Resources

Reference building  
load profiles



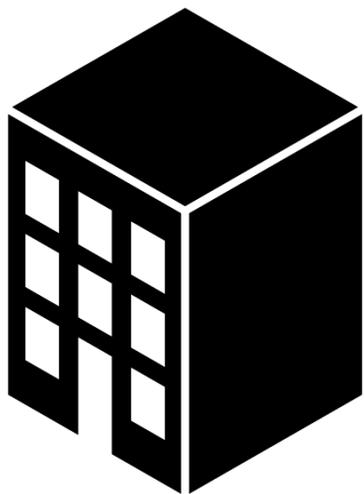
Electricity tariff  
database

Typical insolation  
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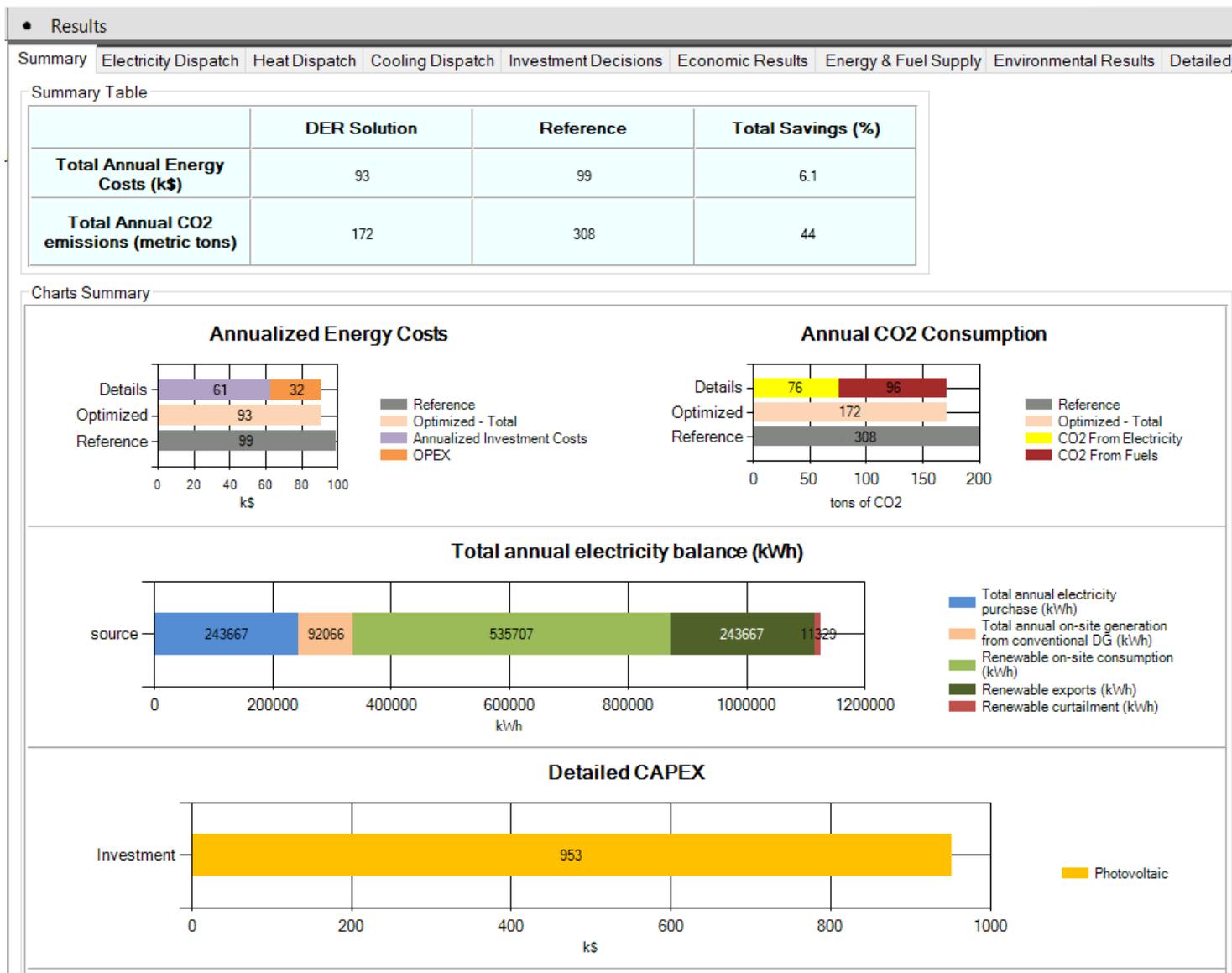


DER technology  
libraries





# Quick Feasibility Studies



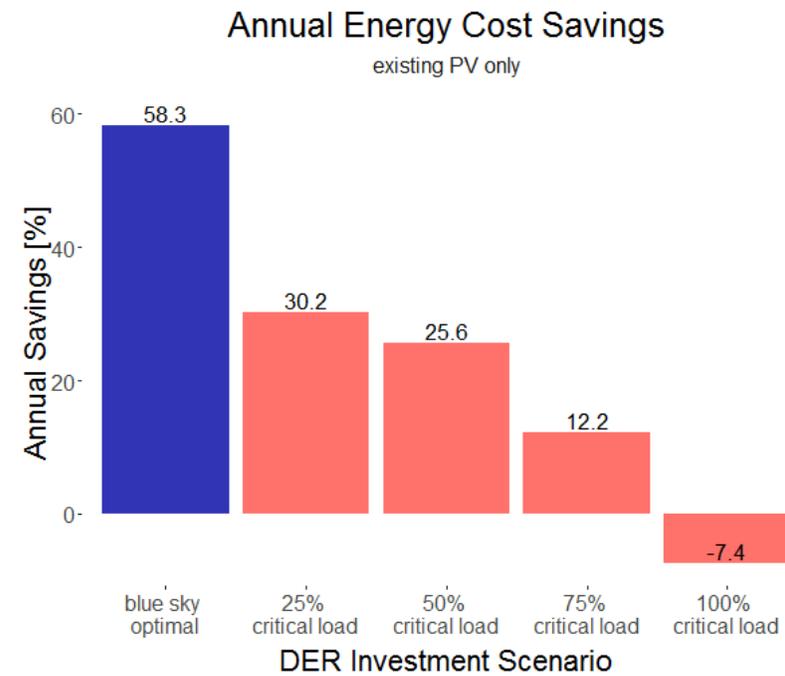
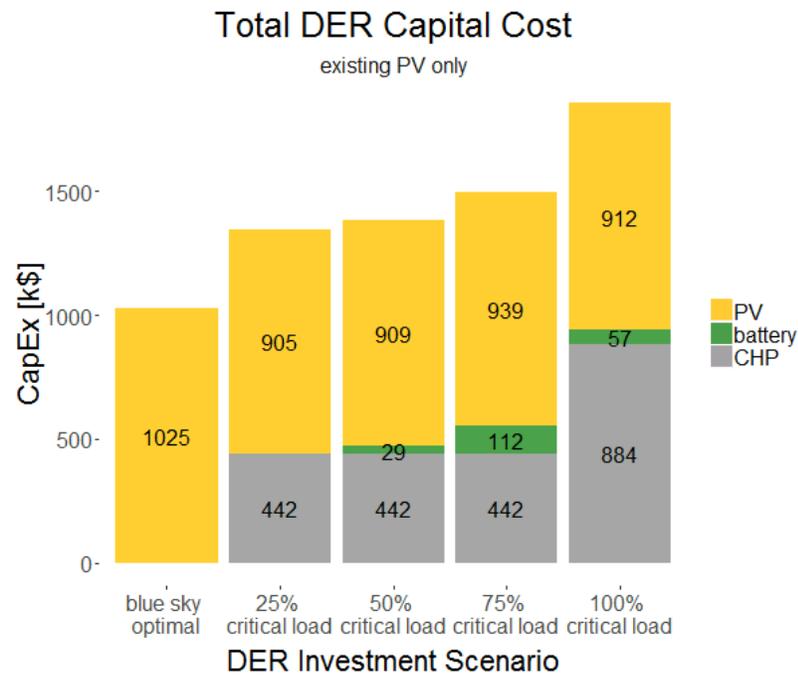


## Scenario & Parametric Analysis

- DER Technologies & Costs
- Tariffs & Energy Rates
- Load Profiles
- Etc.



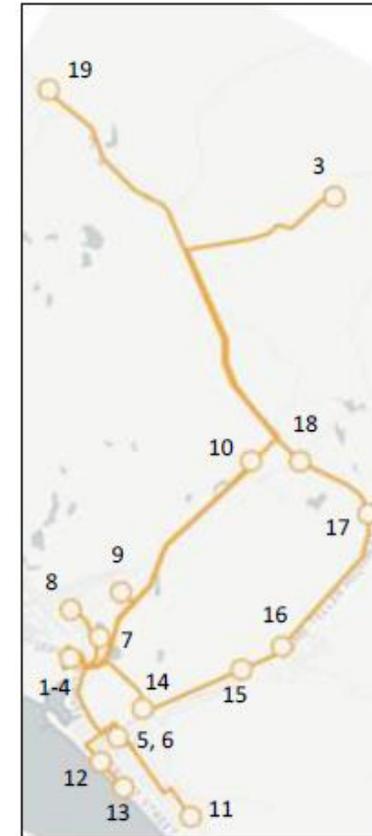
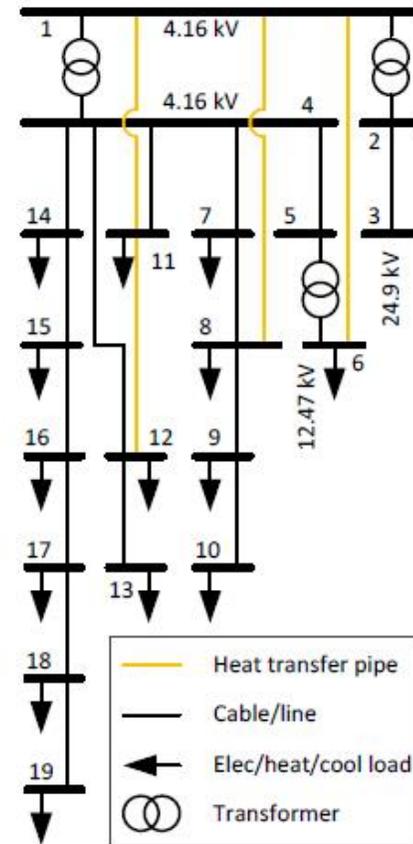
# Resilience Modeling Scenario Analysis



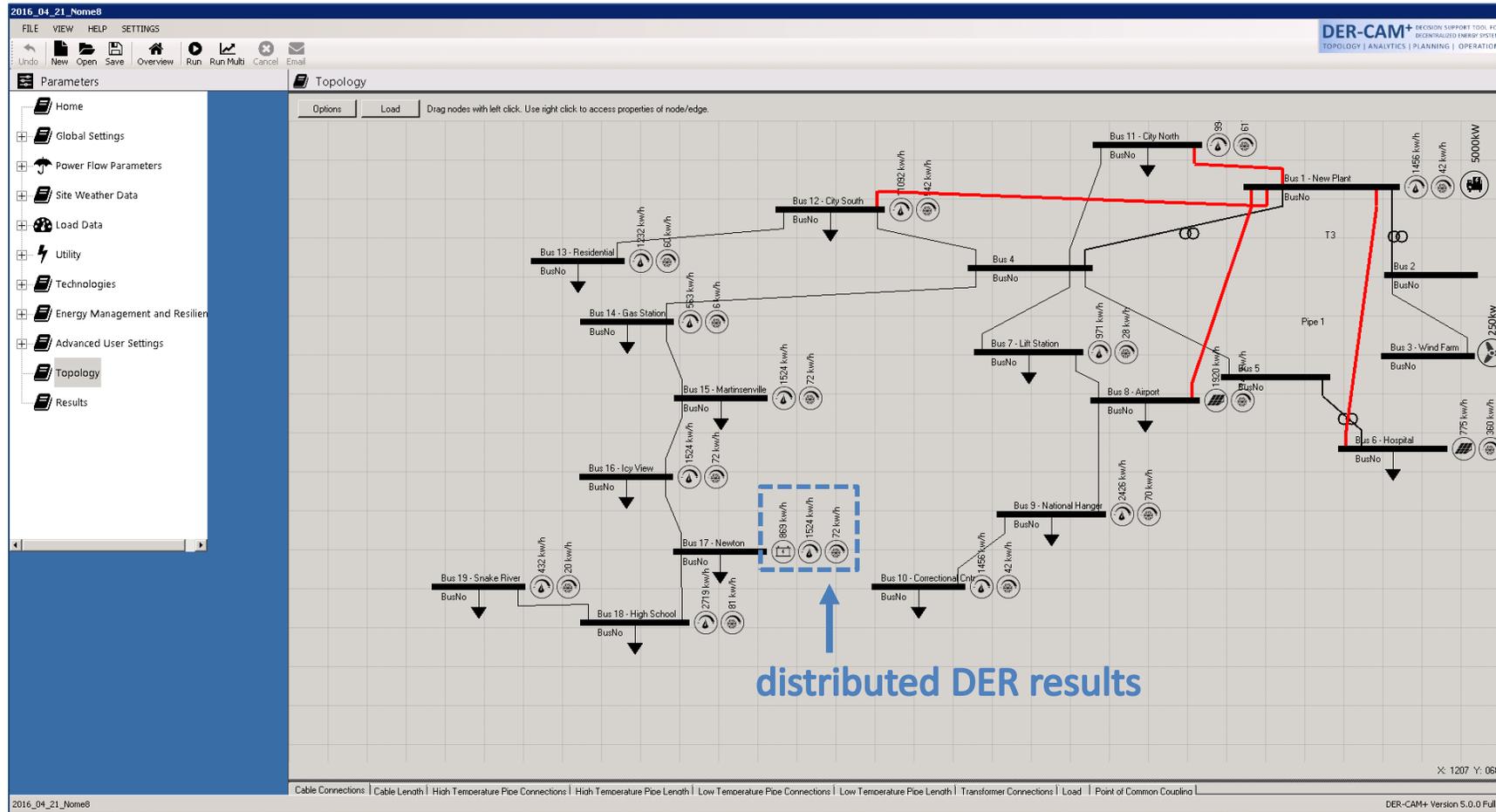
# Networked Microgrids & Remote Systems

## Case Study

- City of Nome in Alaska
- Isolated grid
- Radial 4.16 kV dist. network
- 19 nodes (in our model)



# Networked Microgrids & Remote Systems

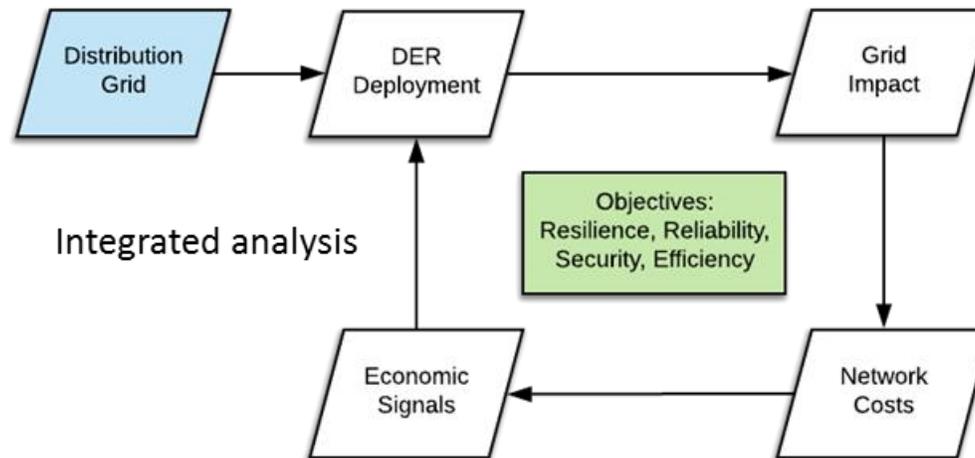


# Aggregated Modeling of Grid Impacts

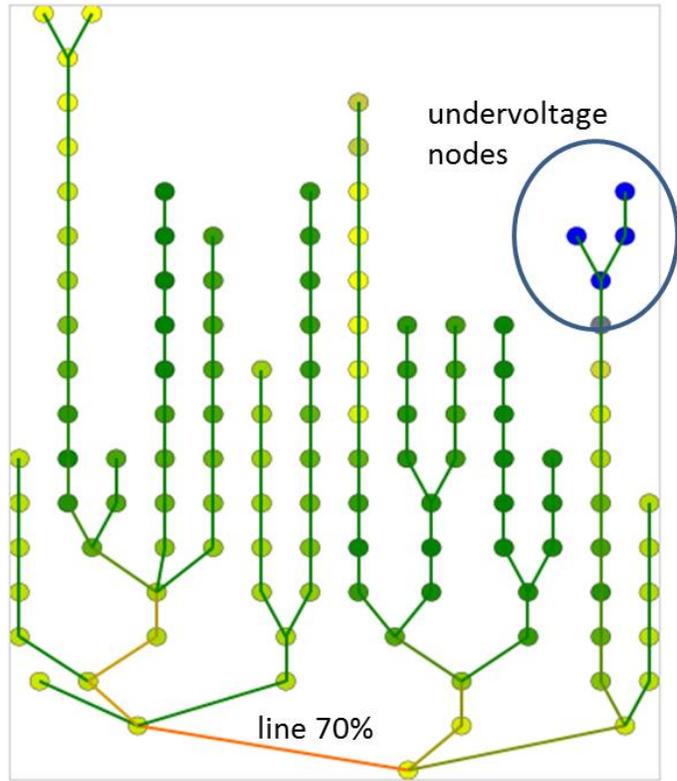
## Estimate DER grid impacts through Integrated Modeling Tool

Develop new modeling tool to enable:

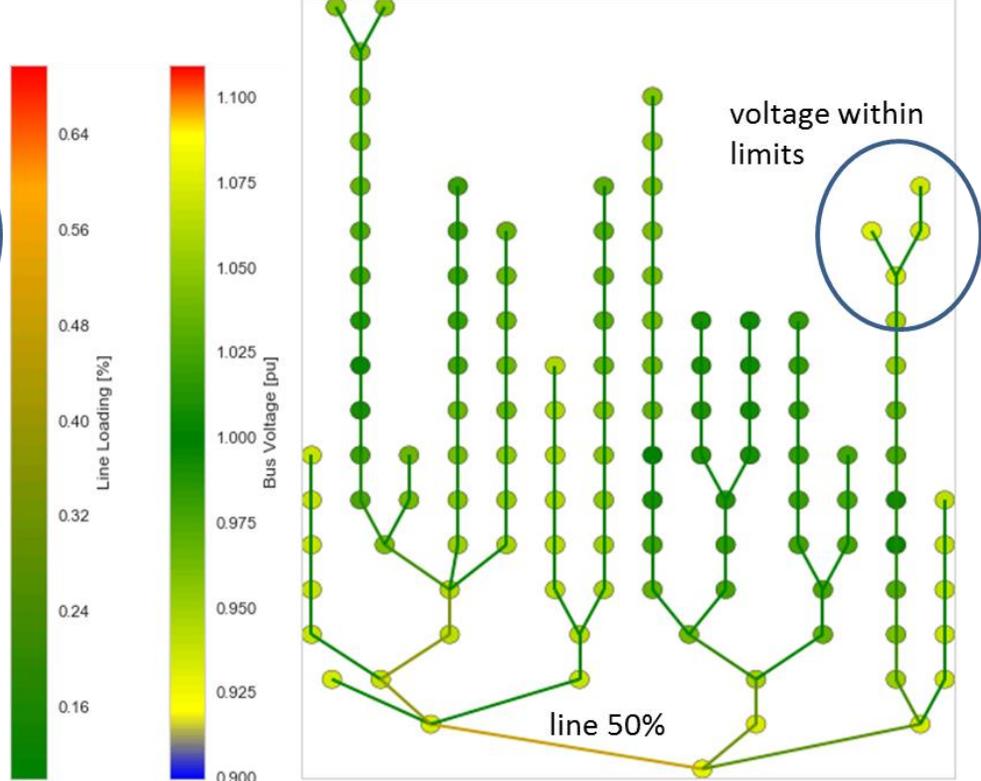
- Economic and technical assessment of behind-the-meter DER deployment
- Identifying ideal retail rate designs to enhance resilience, reliability, grid operation costs, power quality and security of supply through DER deployment
- Estimating favorable locations and hourly availability of DER assets to improve grid operations and promote DER participation in wholesale and reserve markets



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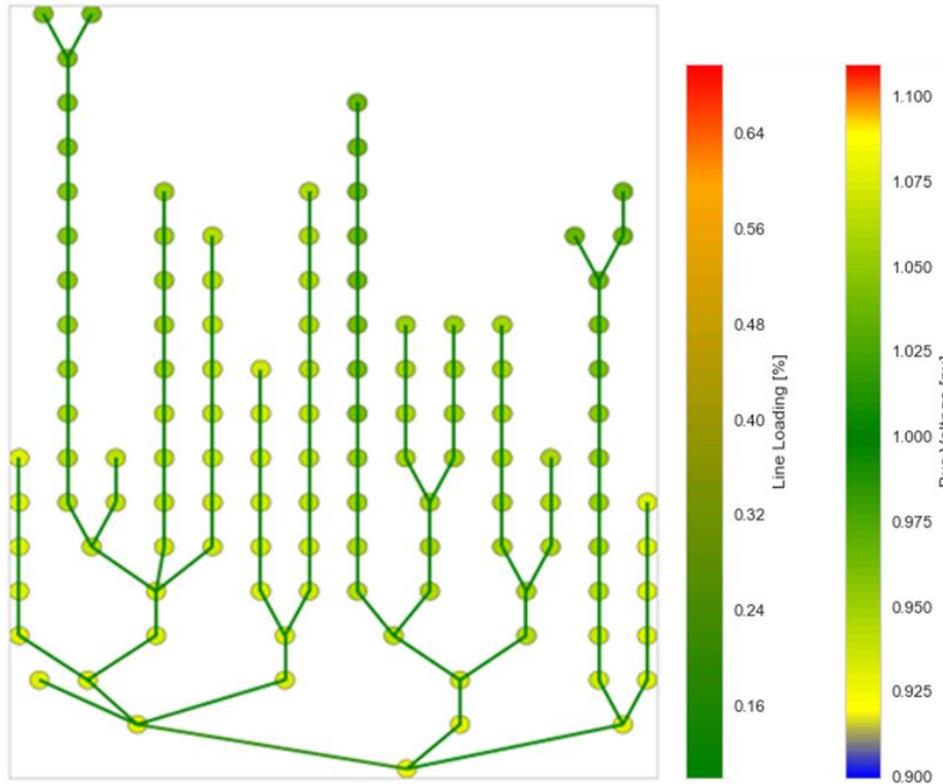
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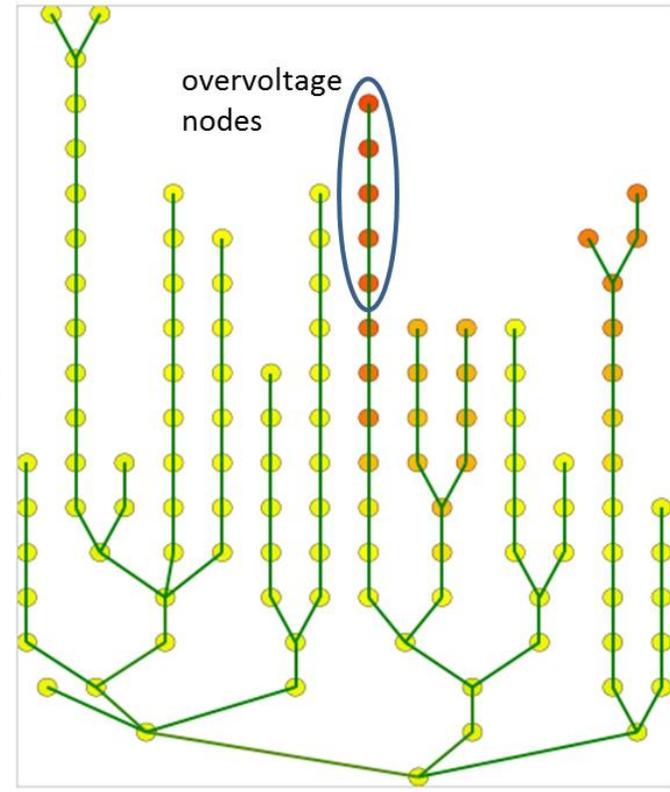
[July, peak, 5pm]

System-level visualization of grid impact on voltage levels, line loading

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### With DER investments



[May, weekend, 12pm]

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- Simple DER-CAM API
- Data support for Energy Efficiency
- Automate scenario-based resiliency analysis
- Expanded ancillary service options

## Planned Developments



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# + Wrap-up and Takeaways

