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Overview of Infrastructure Science and Analysis for Homeland Security

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LANL Infrastructure— Who Are We?

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- DHS and other Federal sponsors come to LANL to solve and/or provide insight into “complex, interdisciplinary, multi-physics problems”
- LANL’s goals
 - Provide third-party, independent, science-based input into complex problems of national concern
 - Use scientific analysis to “turn down the noise” around complex problems
- Interdisciplinary team with expertise in: physics, statistical physics, applied math, statistics, optimization, computer science, geospatial analysis, software development, and cloud computing
- Extensive reach back to other science-based capabilities
 - Weapons physics/weapons effects
 - Space science/Space weather
 - Chem/Bio
 - Geoscience
 - Fluid mechanics
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LANL Infrastructure Team— Integrated at the Program Level

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Russell Bent (A Division)

Operations Research,
Discrete and Continuous
Optimization, Heuristics
Design, Stochastic/Robust
Network Design,
Infrastructure Expansion,
Resilient Design



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Design

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Statistical Physics, Applied
Probability, Machine Learning,
Graphical Models, Network
Design, Stochastic Networks
and Dynamics, Optimization

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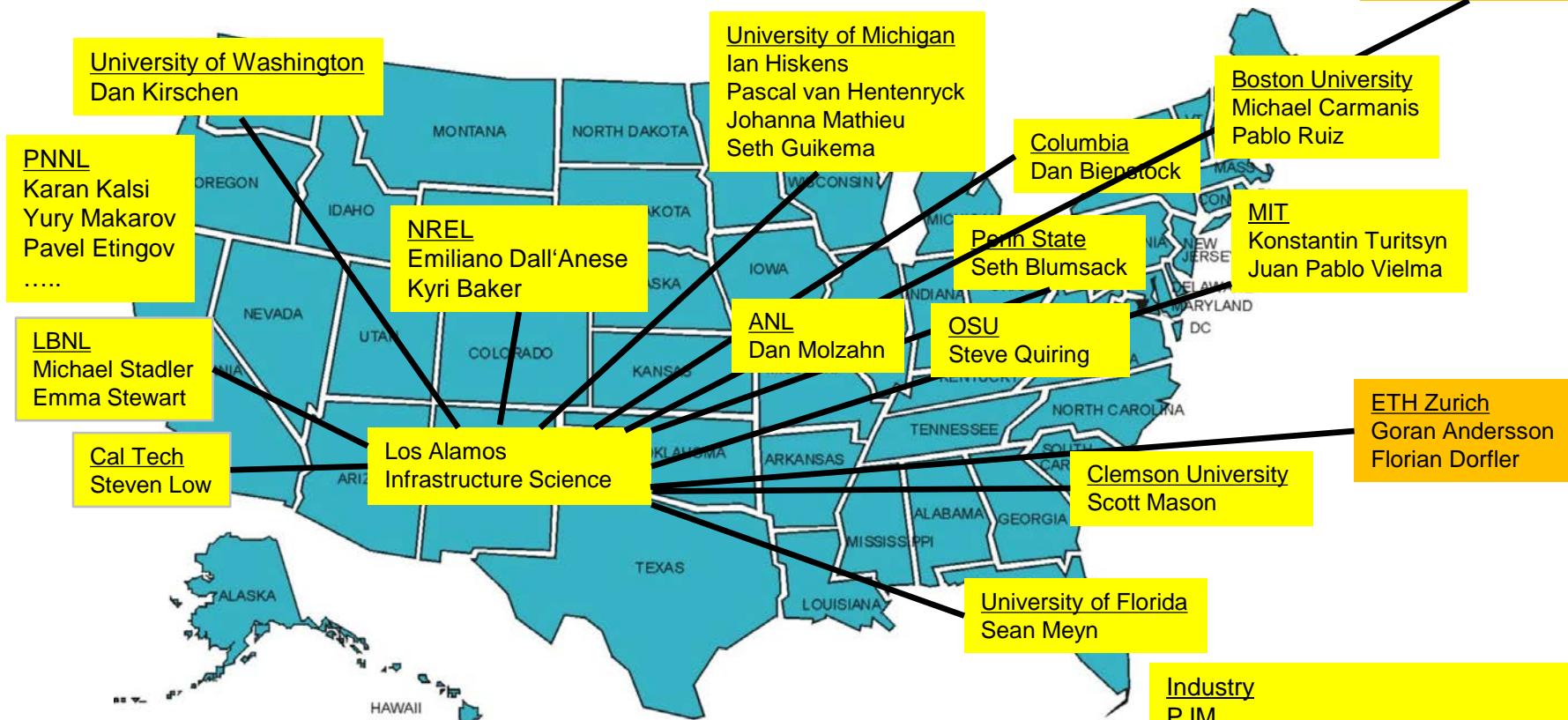
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National and International Collaborations/Connections

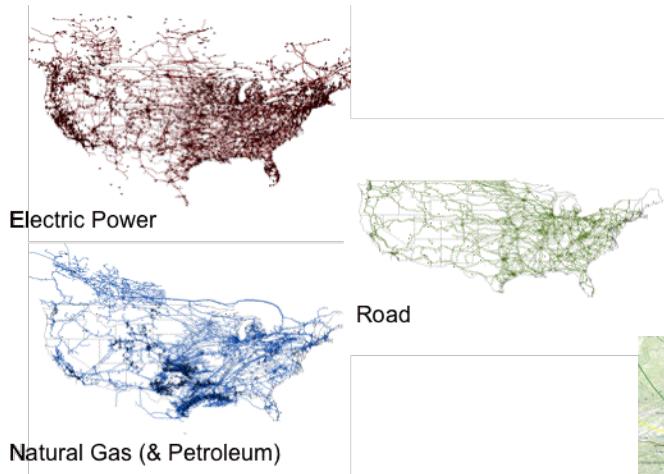
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NISAC Team—Domains of Expertise

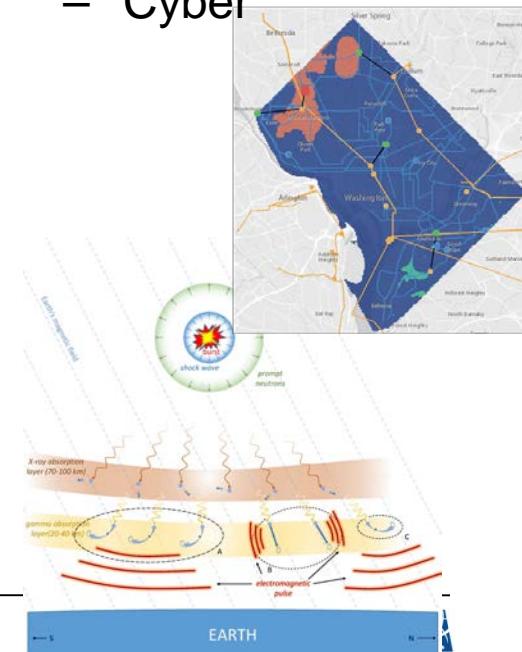
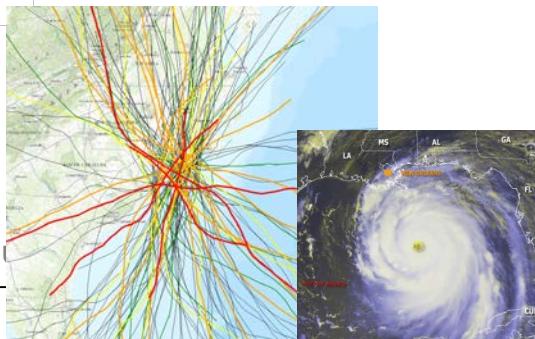
Infrastructure Systems

- Roads
- Water and wastewater
- Healthcare/public health
- Energy (electric power, gas)
- Population
- Economics



Complex Threat Scenarios

- Hurricane
- Drought
- Earthquake
- Flood
- Heat Wave
- Ice Storm
- Landslide
- Pandemic
- Tsunami
- Volcano
- Wildfire
- Biological
- Chemical
- Explosive
- Radiological
- Nuclear
- Physical Assault
- Insider
- Cyber



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EXAMPLES

Computing and Communicating Risk

High-resolution Probabilistic Risk Analysis



Previous methods

- Low spatial resolution
- Single “worst case” analysis

Typical outcome

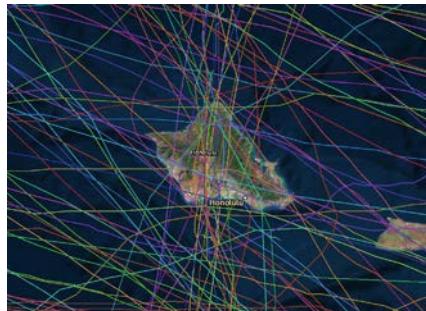
- “Worst Case” → Stakeholder inaction
- Mitigation too costly

Innovation

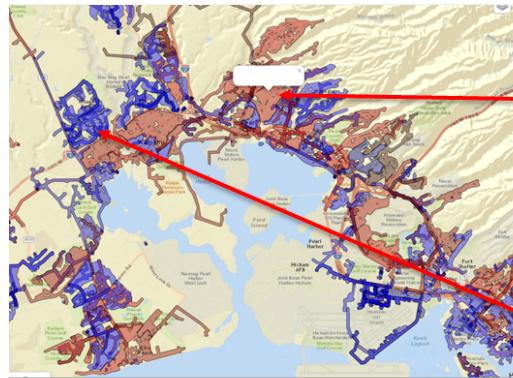
- Integrated simulation
- Cloud computing
- Statistical threat modeling
- Probabilistic risk analysis

New methods

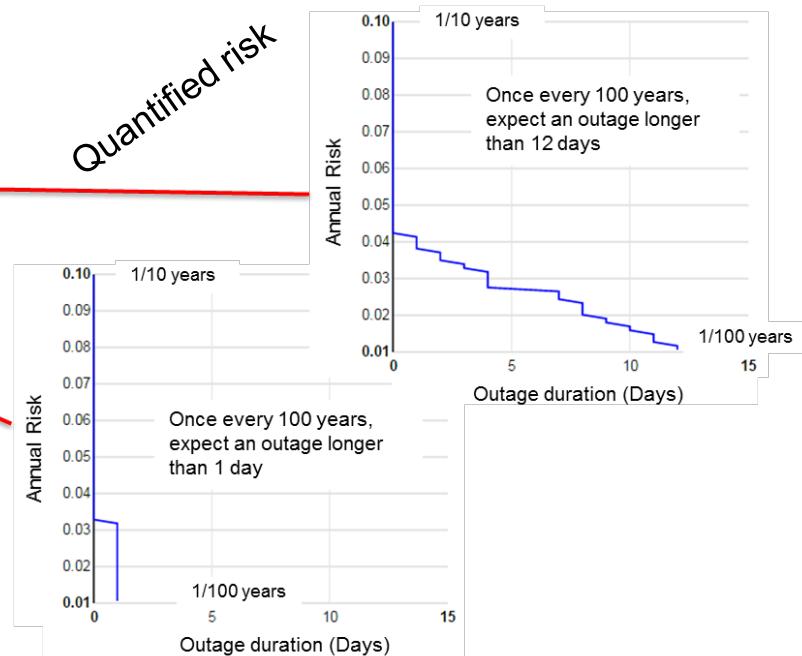
Historically consistent threat



High spatial resolution



Quantified risk



GeoMagnetic Disturbance

Science-Based Threat Analysis

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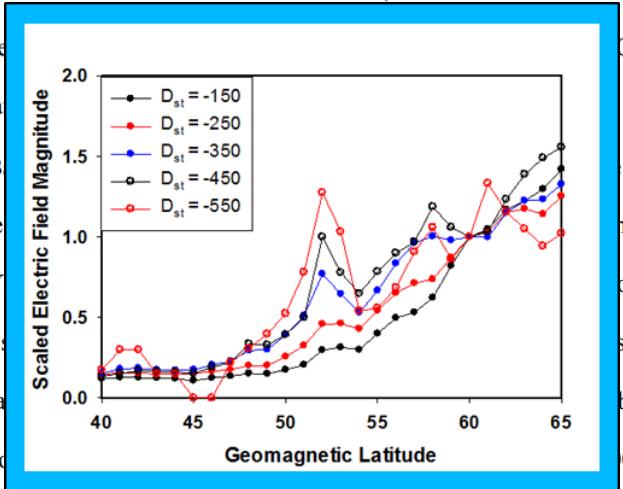
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Reliability Standard for Transmission System Planned Performance for
Geomagnetic Disturbance Events

(Issued September 22, 2016)

Commission Determination

55. The Commission approves the geomagnetic latitude scaling factor in the
benchmark GMD event definition. In addition, the Commission directs NERC to conduct
further research to conclude that the effects of GMD



GMD research

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57. The geomagnetic latitude scaling factor in Reliability Standard TPL-007-1 is
supported by some of the available research.⁸⁰ In addition, with the exception of the
Los Alamos Paper, commenters did not provide new information on the proposed scaling
factor nor did commenters suggest alternative scaling factors. However, the Commission
finds that there are enough questions regarding the effects of GMDs at lower
geomagnetic latitudes to warrant directing NERC to study this issue further as part of the
GMD research work plan. The Los Alamos Paper and the sources cited in the NOPR are
suggestive that a 1-in-100 year GMD event could have a greater impact on lower
geomagnetic latitudes than NERC's proposed scaling factor assumes. But, as the
Los Alamos Paper recognizes, the current absence of historical data on large GMD events
precludes a definitive conclusion based on an empirical analysis of historical
observations. Moreover, in prepared comments for the March 1, 2016 Technical
Conference, Dr. Backhaus, one of the authors of the Los Alamos Paper, recommended
that "the current NERC analysis should be adopted and further analysis performed with
additional observational data and severe disturbance modeling efforts with the intent of
refining the geomagnetic latitude scaling law in future revisions."⁸¹ The Commission
directs NERC to reexamine the geomagnetic latitude scaling factors in Reliability
Standard TPL-007-1 as part of the GMD research work plan, including using existing
models and developing new models to extrapolate from historical data on small to
moderate GMD events the impacts of a large, 1-in-100 year GMD event on lower
geomagnetic latitudes.

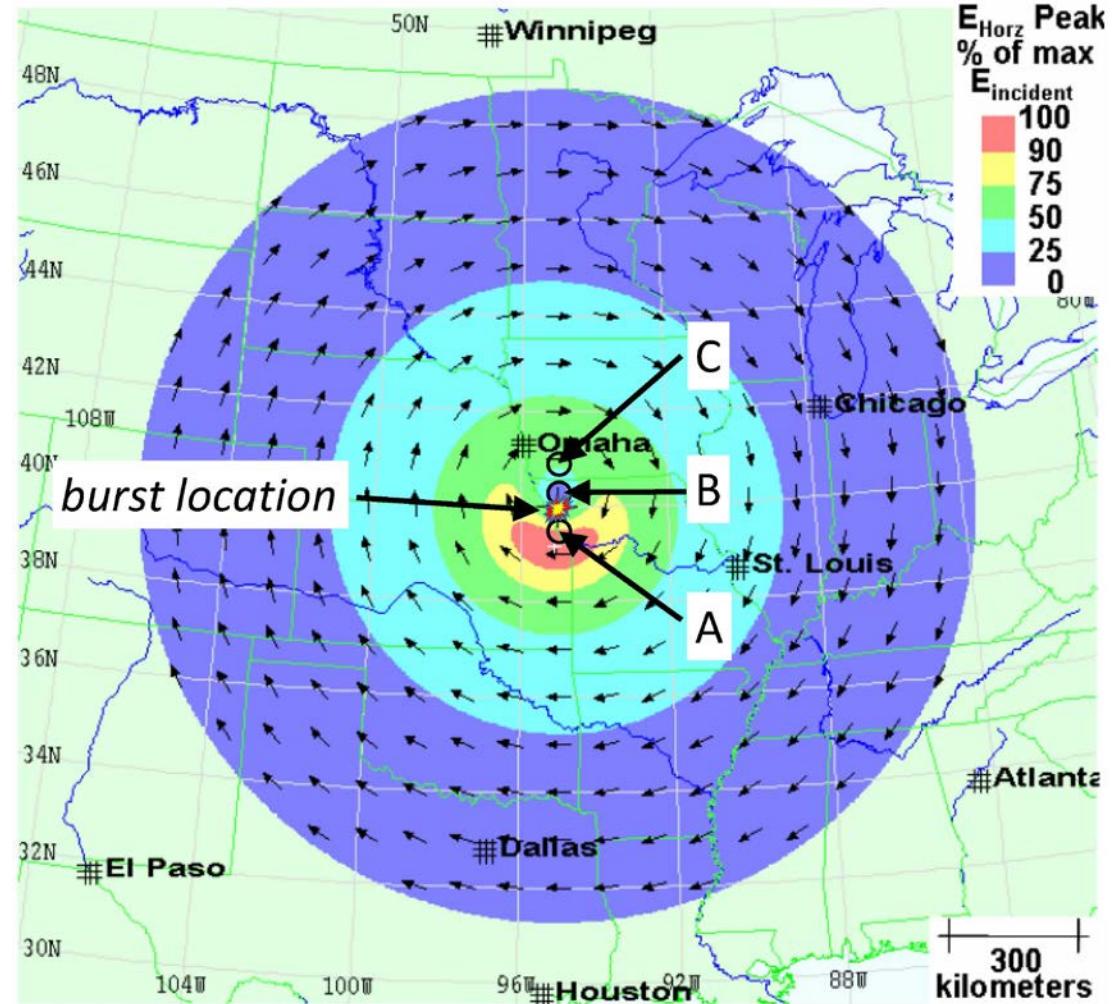
Nuclear ElectroMagnetic Pulse

Science-Based Analysis—Determining Threat Basis Events



Without science-based context, the threat of nuclear EMP looks devastating, but:

1. How do we understand the threat space
 1. Country by country?
 2. Location based?
 3. Weapon based?
2. What are the real events of concern?
3. How do we use science to determine threat basis events for infrastructure planners?

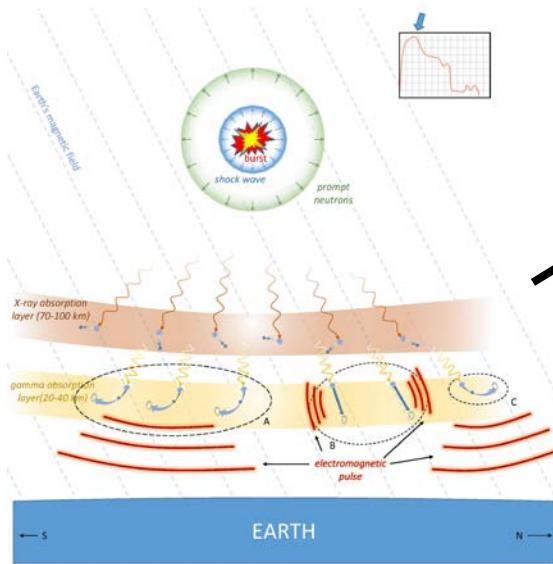


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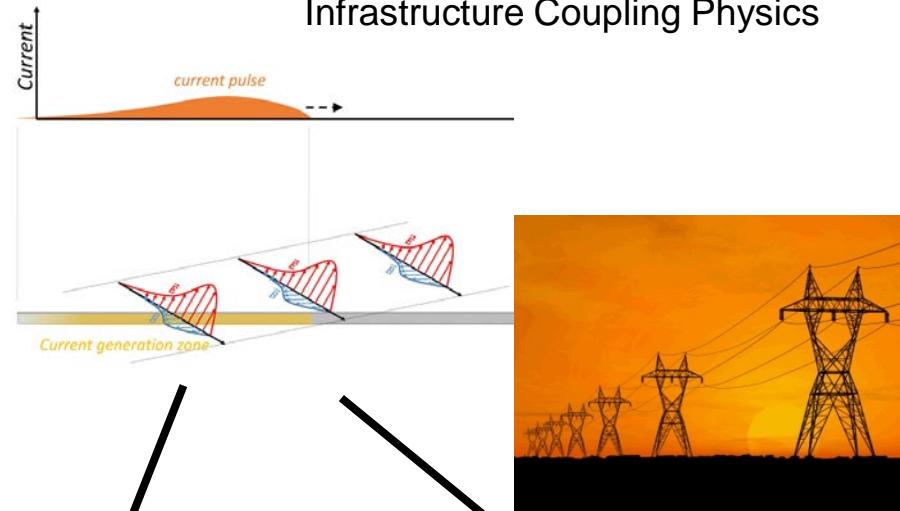
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Weapons Effects Physics



Infrastructure Coupling Physics



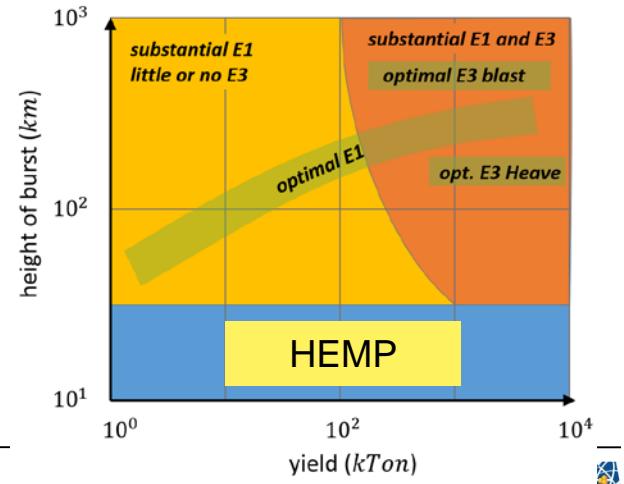
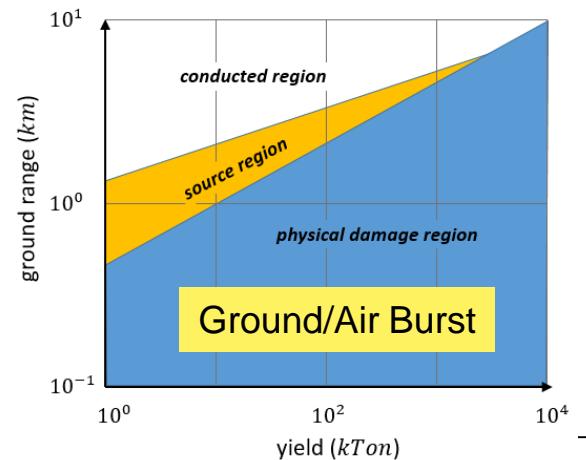
Parameterized Events and Hazards

LDRD DR Investments

Developing a better fundamental understanding of space weather and HEMP and impact on infrastructure networks

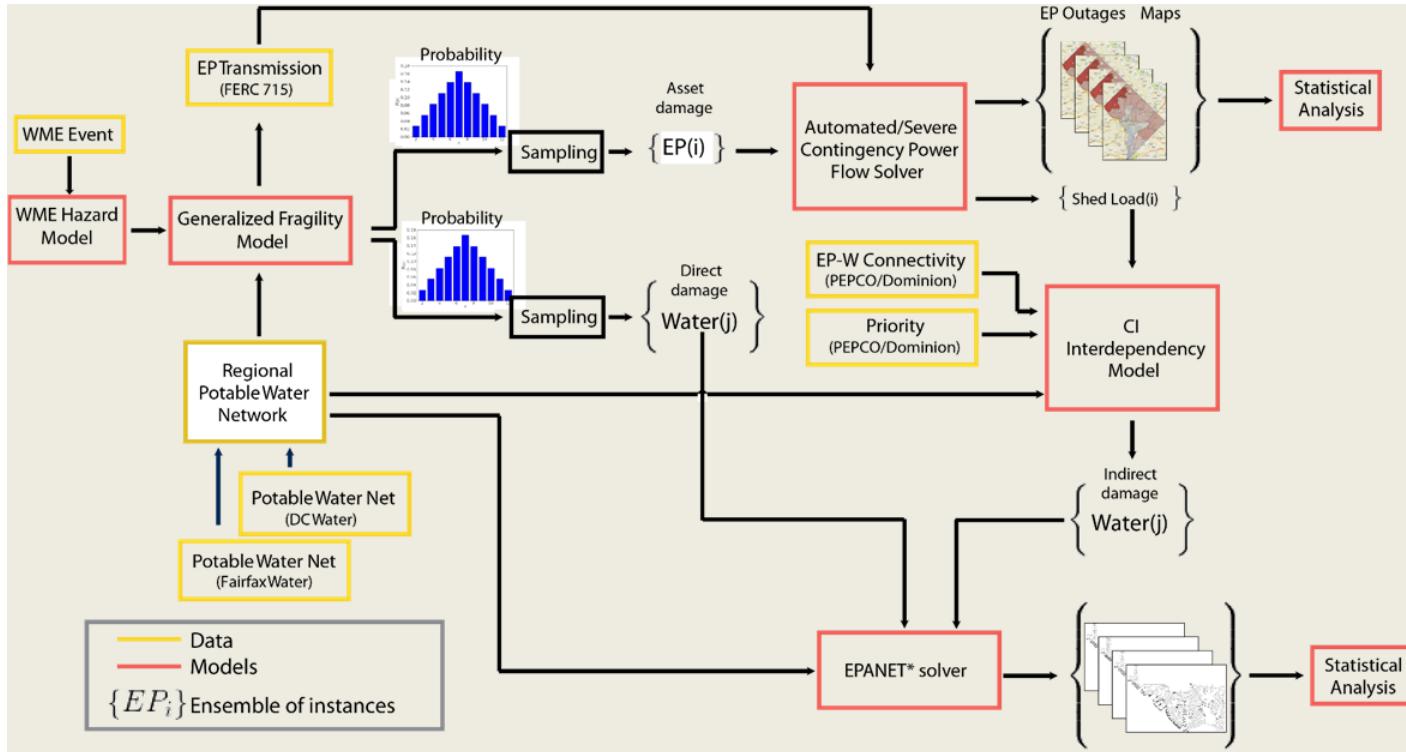


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Cascading Impacts in Dependent Infrastructure

Science-Based Analysis



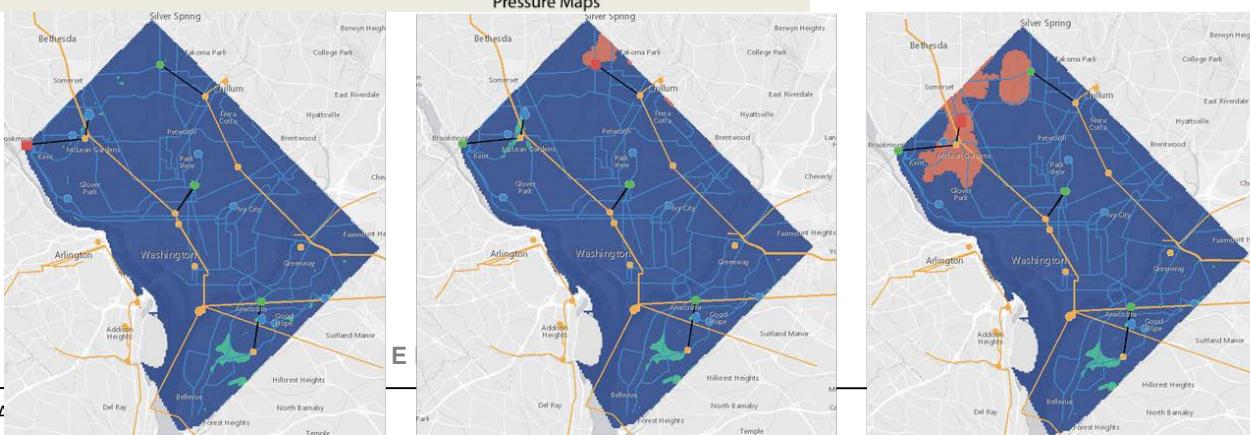
Infrastructure interdependence may lead to complex cascading effects.

Analysis requires integrated modeling and simulation

New models are needed to address interdependence for DHS/NISAC data inputs and analysis needs

Water + Electric Power

Communications + Controls integration to address cyber aspects



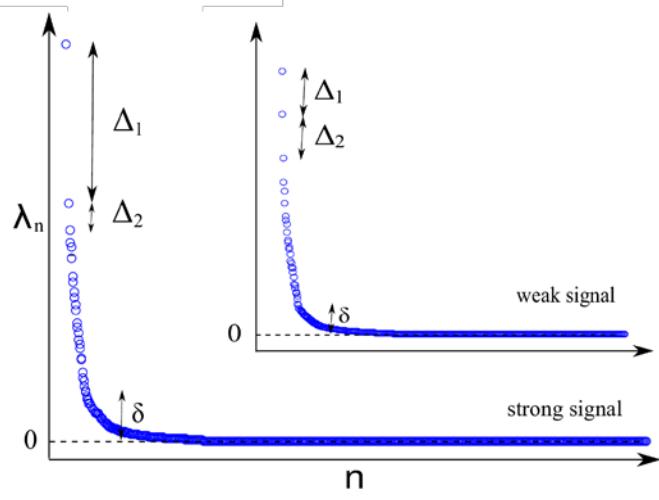
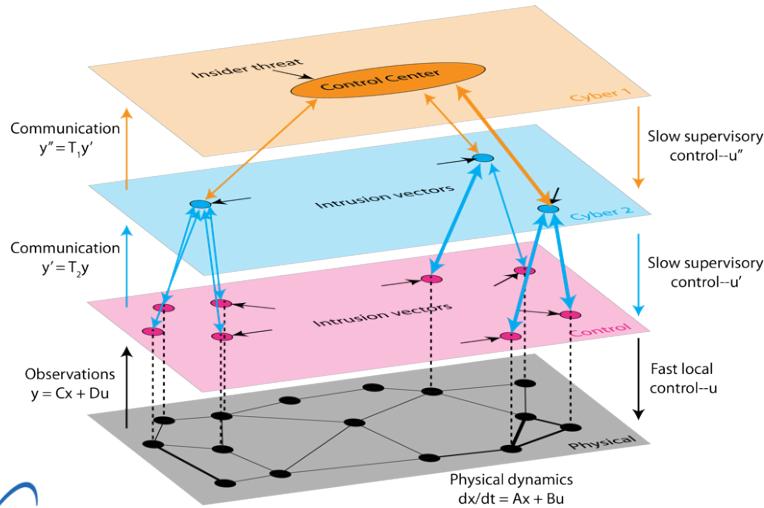
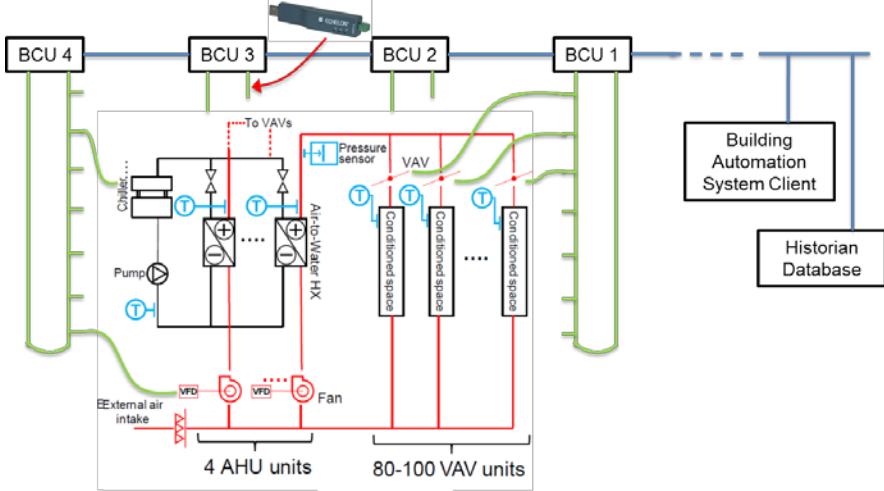
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Cyberphysical Security and Intrusion Detection

Science-Based Analysis—LDRD Investments



Using existing cyber and physical sensing to perform model-free cyberphysical instruction detection



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