

# GRID MODELING OF LONG-DURATION ENERGY STORAGE FOR DEEP DECARBONIZATION

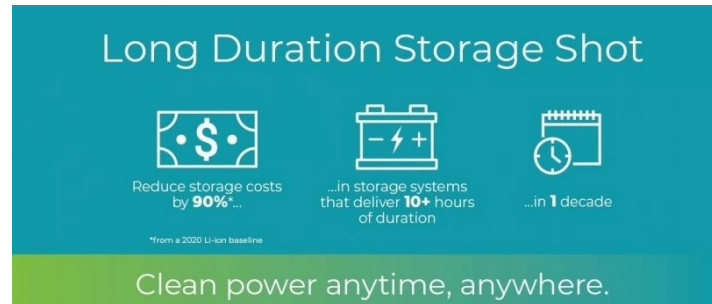


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# A POWER SYSTEM IN TRANSITION

- Ambitious decarbonization goals in the United States and globally
- Rapid increase in variable renewable energy (wind and solar)
- Increasing interest in energy storage to enable more renewable energy on the grid
- Extensive research on improving energy storage technologies
  - Research goals focus on technology cost



# RESOURCES IN ZERO-CARBON ELECTRICITY SYSTEMS

	Zero Fuel Cost	Non-Zero Fuel Cost
Non-Zero Marginal Cost	<u>(Opportunity Cost)</u> Reservoir hydro Pumped storage hydro Batteries Other Storage Demand Response	<u>(Variable Fuel Cost)</u> Bioenergy Hydrogen Gas w/CCS Coal w/CCS
Zero Marginal Cost	<u>(No Opportunity Cost)</u> Wind Solar Run-of-river Hydro Geothermal	<u>(Fixed Fuel Cost)</u> Nuclear

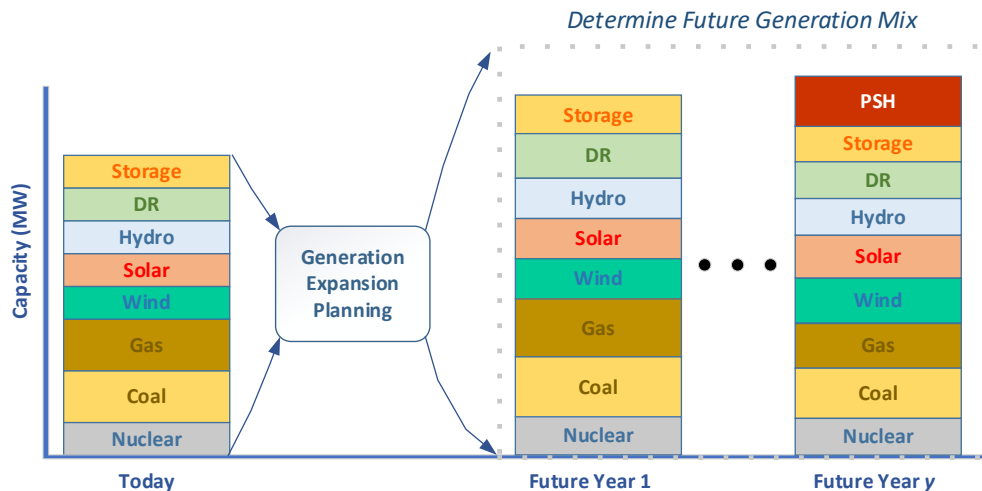
*Zhou, Botterud, Levin, ANL-22/31.*

- What will planning, operations and market prices look like in a zero-carbon system?
- How will energy storage be operated? What is the role of long-duration energy storage?

# CAPACITY EXPANSION MODELING FOR ENERGY STORAGE AND DECARBONIZATION ANALYSIS


# CAPACITY EXPANSION PLANNING

- For conducting long-term system studies
  - Generation capacity investments and retirements
  - The role of transmission and energy storage
  - Future load patterns
- Minimize total expected supply cost
  - Determine the time, location, and size of new assets
  - Generation, transmission, storage, demand response
- Subject to
  - System reliability constraints
  - Technology constraints
  - Financial constraints
  - Environmental constraints



# MODELING TOOLS USED IN THE RECENT DECARBONIZATION STUDIES

- Classification of generation expansion planning (GEP) models

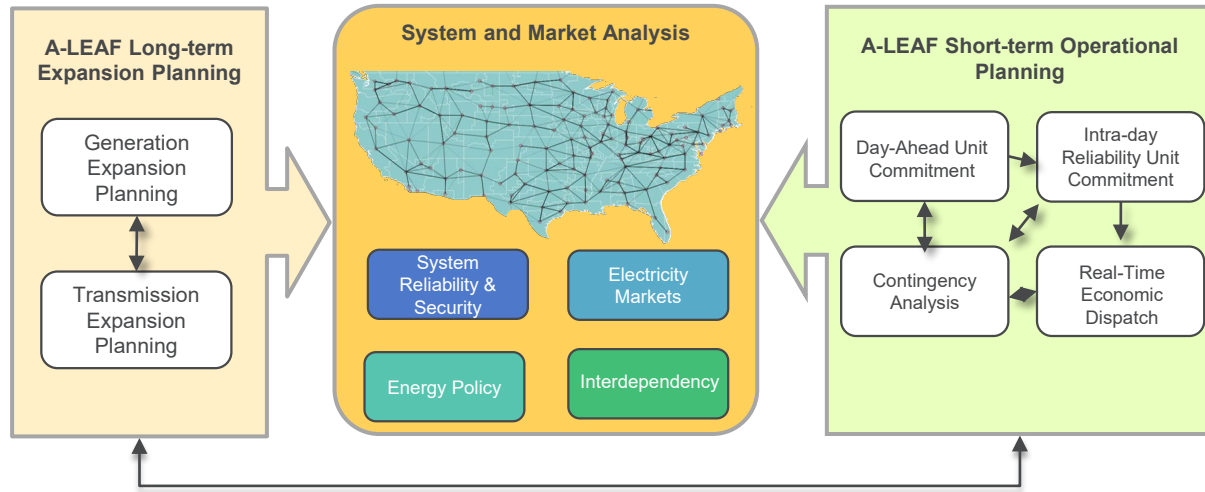
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	Transmission constraints	none	inter-zonal	+selected intra-zonal	full
	Power flow model	none	transport	DC	AC

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## ■ Comparison of modeling tools

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	GEP Model	RIO	RPM	GENESYS-MOD	ZEPHYR
Planning	Planning Horizon	Milestone-years (2020-2050, every 5y)	Milestone-years (2020-2045, every 5y)	Milestone-years (2015-2050, every 5y)	Milestone year (2040)
	Type of decisions	Inv. + Ret. + <b>Trans.</b>	Inv. + <b>Trans.</b>	Inv. + Ret.	Inv. + <b>Trans.</b>
Short-term System Operations	Temporal time resolution	Hourly, 24hr per day	Hourly, 24hr per day	Hourly, time slices	Hourly
	Representative days	<b>41 days</b>	5 days	4 days	<b>Full</b>
	Modeling detail	ED	ED	ED	ED
Network	Geographical Scope	National (US)	WECC	EU	National (US)
	Spatial Resolution	Multi-zone (16 U.S. regions)	Hybrid (36 balancing areas, focus area)	Multi-zone (30 EU regions)	Multi-zone (11 planning areas)
	Transmission constraints	Inter-regional	Inter-regional	Inter-regional	Inter- & <b>Intra</b> -regional
	Power flow model		transport model	transport model	transport model

# ARGONNE LOW-CARBON ELECTRICITY ANALYSIS FRAMEWORK (A-LEAF)



- Integrated ***national-scale*** power system simulation framework developed at ANL that has been applied to analyze different issues related to power system evolution.
- Suite of least-cost generation & transmission expansion, unit commitment, and economic dispatch models
- Determine system optimal generation portfolio and hourly or sub-hourly unit dispatch under a range of user-defined input assumptions for technology characteristics and system/market requirements



# A-LEAF: KEY MODELING FEATURES

## Policy / Market Design

- Carbon pricing
- Clean energy standards
- Production/investment tax credits
- Short-term markets for energy and ancillary services
- Capacity markets/payments, clean energy markets

## Temporal Resolution

- Hourly or 5-minute dispatch
- Representative day groups
  - Using a backward scenario reduction algorithm
  - Multi-day optimization
  - Enforce inter-temporal constraints within day groups



## Spatial Resolution

- National-scale geographical scope
  - National dataset
  - Network data: NREL's ReEDS, EIA
  - Timeseries data: NREL's Cambium
- Configurable network representation
- Power flow / transmission expansion
  - Inter-tie lines
  - Transportation model with losses (0.01% per mile)

## Storage Representation

### Endogenous Investment Decisions

- Location, capacity, duration
- Separate power and energy costs

### Grid Services

- Energy
- Reserves
- Capacity

### Tracking of SOC

- Hourly
- Multiple consecutive days

### Energy Throughput Constraint

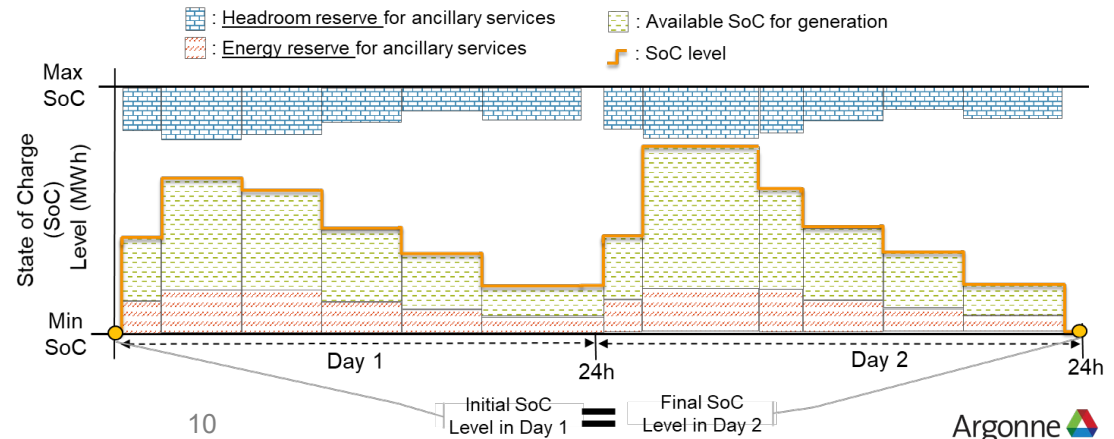
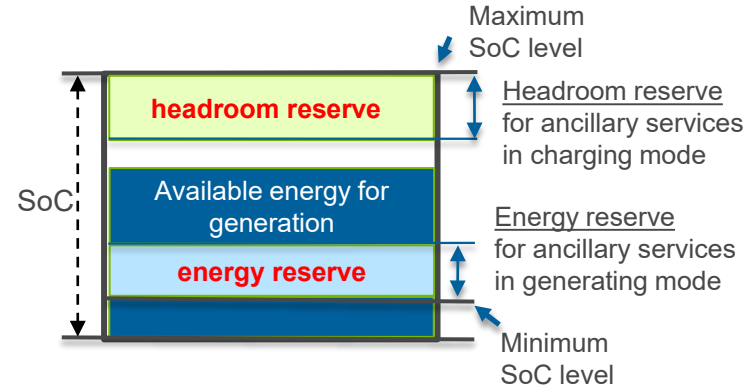
- Limits annual use of storage
- Charging, discharging, regulation deployment

## Material

- Raw material consumption from assets in the power grid
- Ongoing collaboration with the GCMaT (Global critical materials agent-based model) team at ANL

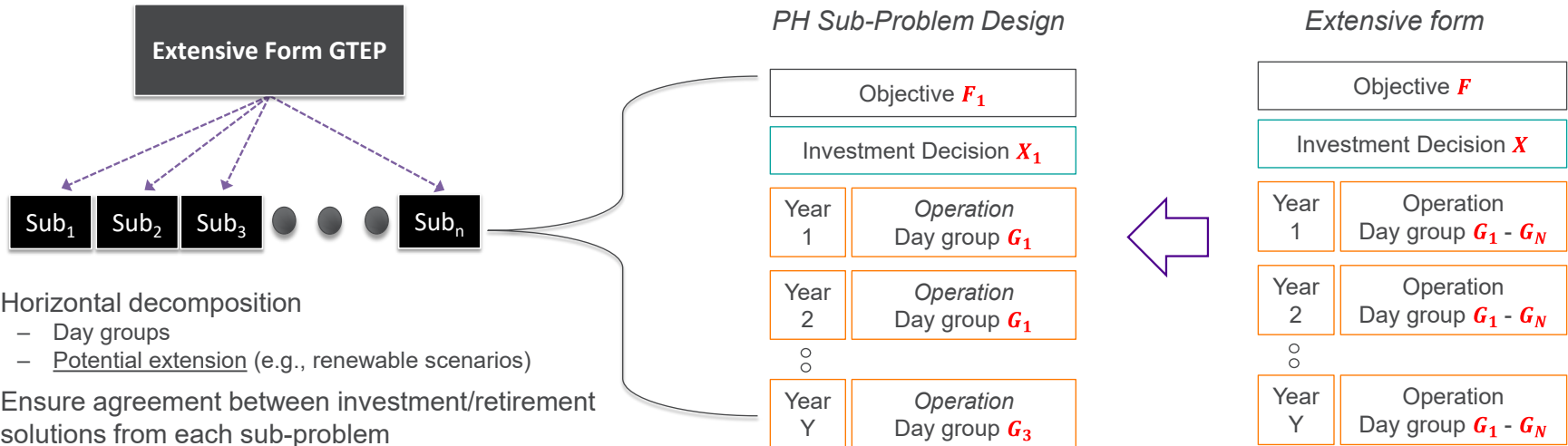
# A-LEAF: ENERGY STORAGE REPRESENTATION

- Multiple energy storage technologies
  - Batteries, CAES, PSH
- Endogenous investment decisions
  - Location, capacity, duration
  - Separate power and energy costs
- Grid services
  - Energy, reserves, capacity
- Tracking of SOC level
  - Hourly
  - Multiple consecutive days
- Degradation
  - Energy throughput constraint
  - Limits annual use of storage (charging, discharging, reserve deployment)



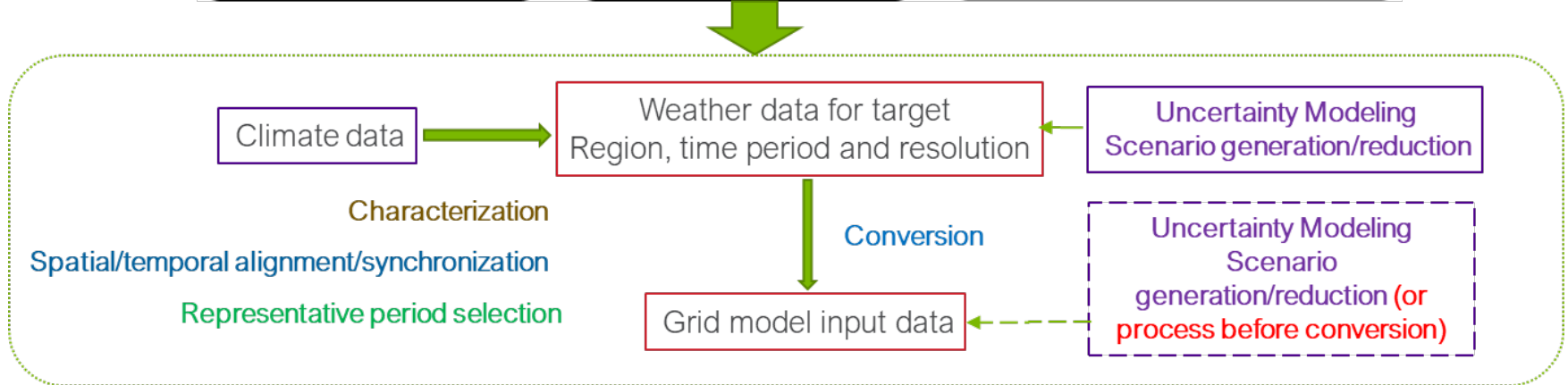
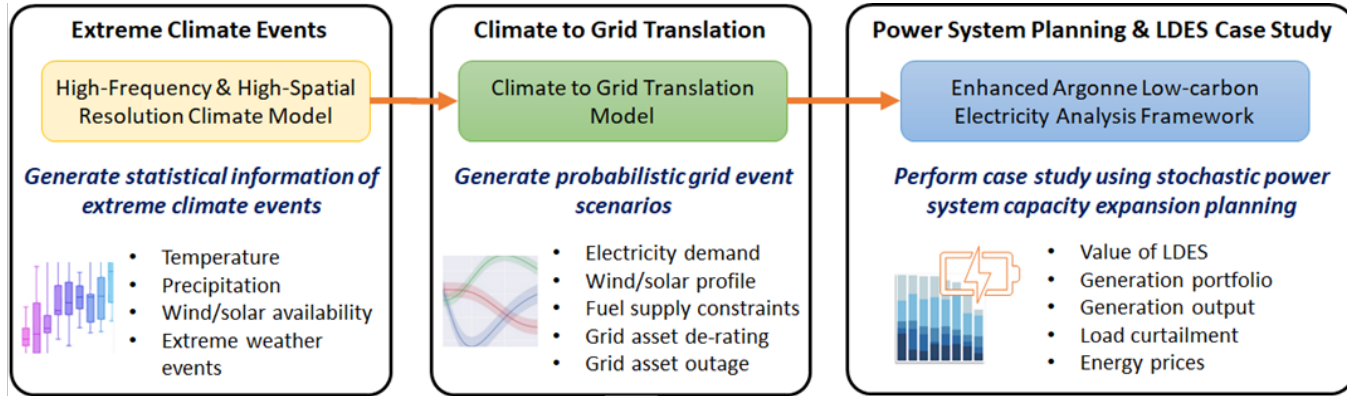
# A-LEAF: COMPUTATIONAL EFFICIENCY

- Decomposition using Progressive Hedging (PH)



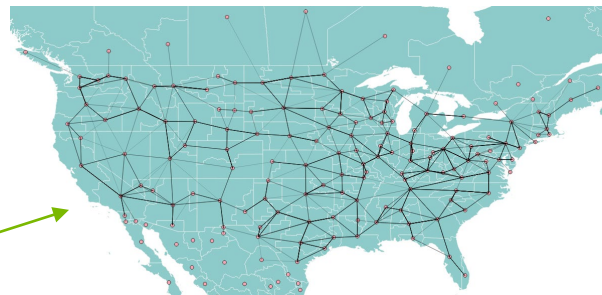
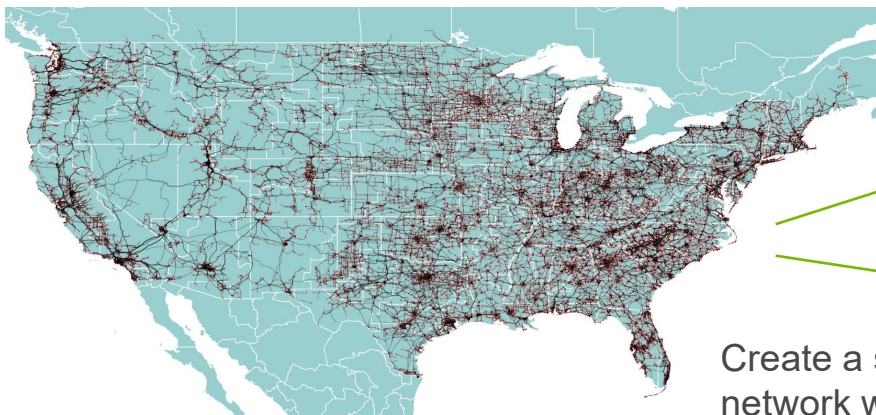
- Horizontal decomposition
  - Day groups
  - Potential extension (e.g., renewable scenarios)
- Ensure agreement between investment/retirement solutions from each sub-problem
  - Non-anticipativity constraint (i.e.,  $X_1 = X_2 = \dots = X_N$ ) is introduced and then relaxed
- Parallel computing

# FROM CLIMATE SCIENCE TO CAPACITY EXPANSION

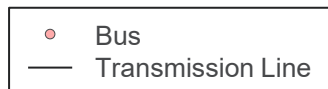
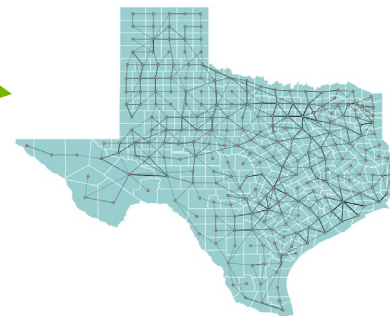


# FLEXIBLE TRANSMISSION NETWORK REPRESENTATION

~90,000 US Transmission Lines  
in HIFLD Data



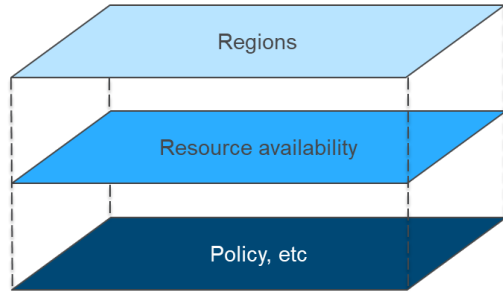
Create a simplified synthetic  
network with tunable level of  
detail



# ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES

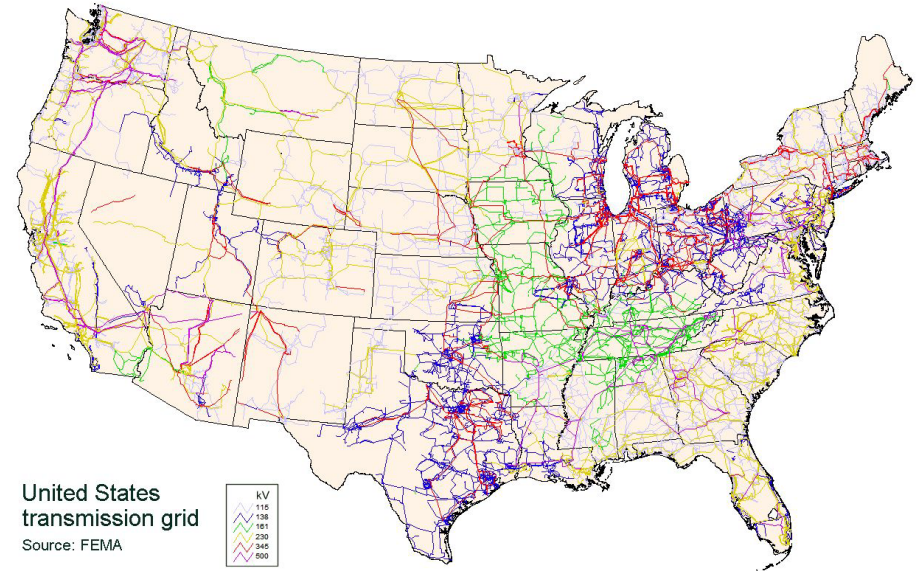
# NATIONAL DATASET

- US electric system representation
  - Multiple layers



- Spatial resolution options (*configurable*)
  - 134 balancing authorities
  - **48 states**
  - 18 regional system operators
  - 3 interconnections

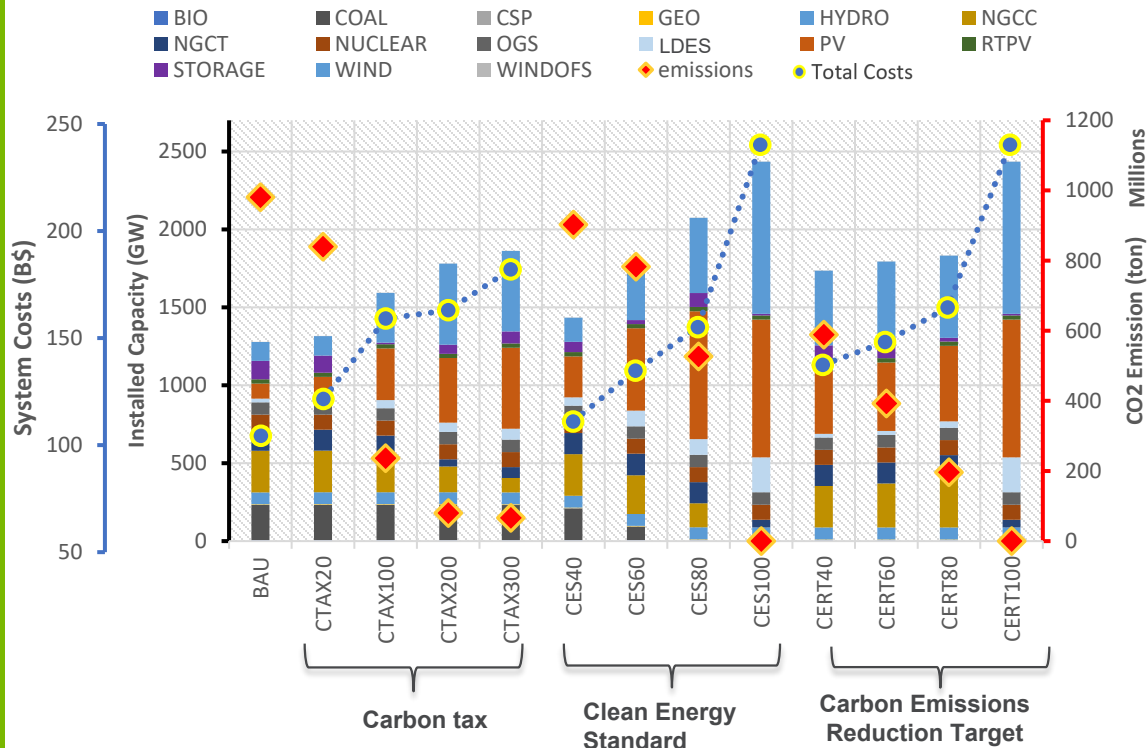
US electric system



[http://www.geni.org/globalenergy/library/national\\_energy\\_grid/united-states-of-america/index.shtml](http://www.geni.org/globalenergy/library/national_energy_grid/united-states-of-america/index.shtml)

# HOW DO POLICIES IMPACT FUTURE SYSTEM RESOURCE PORTFOLIOS AND EMISSION LEVELS?

## Generation Portfolio / System Cost/ Emissions



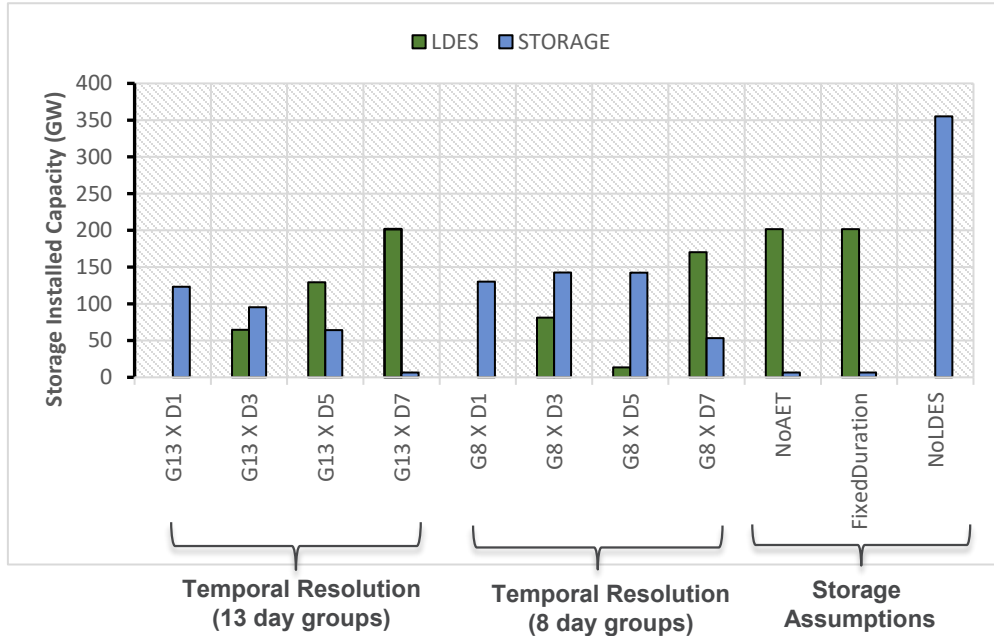
Policy Cases	Description
CTAX 20–300	Carbon Tax (\$20-\$300/ton)
CES 40–100	Clean energy standard (40-100%)
CERT 40–100	Carbon emissions reduction target (40-100%)

- Future **low-carbon** grid can be achieved through different policies and mechanisms
- Achieving a **zero-carbon** grid requires high investments in Wind, PV, and Storage at significant system costs
  - Higher capital costs, lower generation cost
- More investments in **Storage** (Li-ion battery parameters) and **LDES** (PSH parameters) with more Wind and PV resources



# HOW DO MODELING ASSUMPTIONS IMPACT ENERGY STORAGE INVESTMENTS?

Energy Storage Investment (under CES 100%)



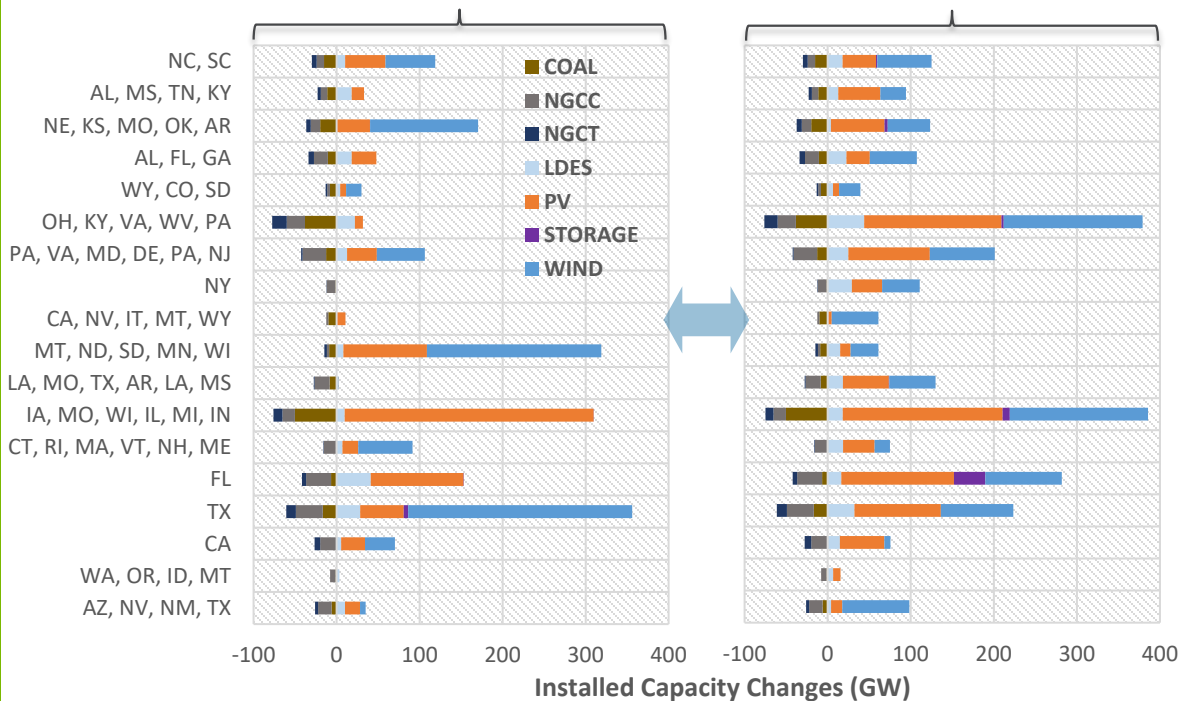
Cases	Description
<b>Temporal Resolution</b>	Varying the number of day groups and the number of days in each group
<b>NoAET</b>	Does not enforce the annual energy throughput cap
<b>FixedDuration</b>	Does not optimize storage duration
<b>NoLDES</b>	Does not allow new investments of LDES (i.e., PSH)

- Temporal resolution and storage assumptions have substantial impacts on storage investment results
  - Optimizing across multiple consecutive days results in more LDES investments
- Substantial value of LDES
  - System needs higher Battery Storage investments to meet the clean energy target without LDES
- Relatively low impact of “NoAET” and “FixedDuration” cases due to the dominant LDES investments

# HOW DOES TRANSMISSION EXPANSION IMPACT REGIONAL GENERATION PORTFOLIOS AND COSTS?

New Investment and Retirement  
with Transmission Expansion  
(Total Cost: 240 B\$)

New Investment and Retirement  
without Transmission Expansion  
(Total Cost: 314 B\$)



- Common policy: CES 100%
- Transmission expansion assumptions
  - 765 kV, 1666 \$/MW-mile
- Higher Wind, PV, and Storage investments to meet the clean energy target without transmission expansion:
  - Wind: + 262 GW
  - PV: + 281 GW
  - **Storage: + 49 GW**
  - **LDES: + 105 GW**
- Coordinated transmission planning reduces cost of zero-carbon grid
  - **31% higher cost** without transmission expansion

# CONCLUSIONS AND NEXT STEPS

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- Importance of electricity planning models to guide policy decisions, electricity market design, and technology development
  - Policy decisions have substantial impacts on zero-carbon technology pathways
  - Value of individual technologies depend on system portfolio
- Modeling details may have substantial impacts on expansion results
  - Temporal resolution of particular importance for energy storage
  - Trade-off between modeling detail and computational effort
  - Efforts on improved capacity expansion modeling with energy storage
- Next steps
  - Complete current scenario-based decarbonization analysis
  - Combine with related efforts on climate and extreme weather effects, materials/manufacturing challenges, battery degradation and lifetime effects
  - Conduct more detailed study on the value of LDES under future climate scenarios (regional or national level)



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# BACKUP SLIDES

# KEY QUESTIONS

- What is the **role of long-duration energy storage (LDES)** in decarbonizing the electric power system (e.g. through integrating VRE)?
- How do **climate change and changing weather patterns** affect the value proposition for LDES?
- How can LDES address the challenge of maintaining cost efficiency and reliability with **more frequent extreme weather events**?

## Commentary

Extreme weather and electricity markets:  
Key lessons from the February 2021 Texas crisis

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# DECARBONIZATION AND ENERGY STORAGE ANALYSIS

## Power System Planning and Operation Tools

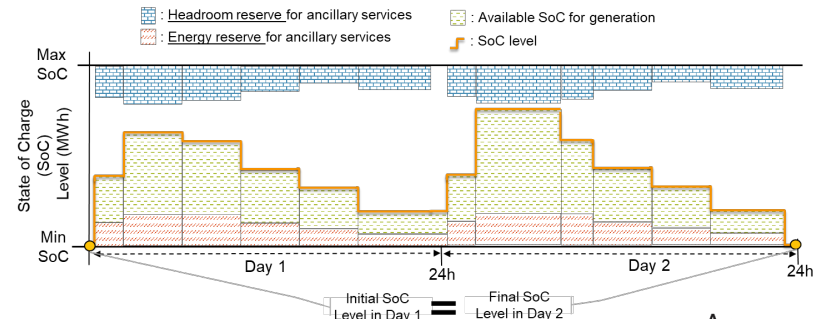
- **Multi-scale electric power systems modeling**
  - Argonne Low-Carbon Electricity Analysis Framework (A-LEAF)
  - National, regional, and local electric power markets
  - Long-term generation and transmission planning
  - Short-term unit commitment and economic dispatch
- **Suitable for large-scale energy storage analyses**
  - System level optimization model with chronological dispatch (energy storage is a price maker)
  - Multi-day optimization steps (day groups)
  - *Custom, flexible model formulations* including least-cost and game-theoretic objectives

## Energy Storage Modeling

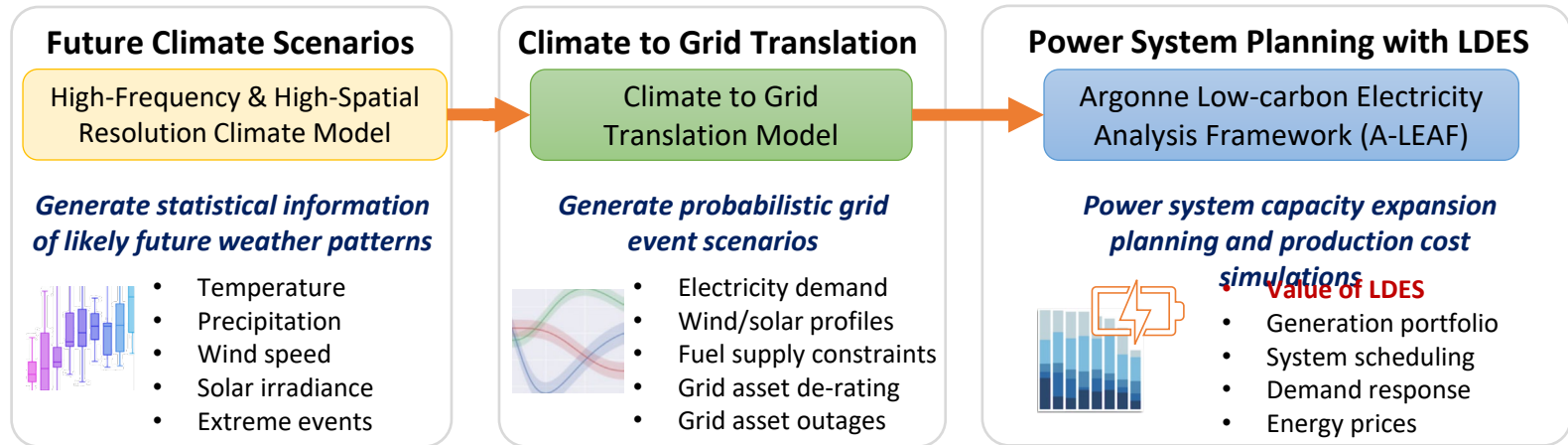
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- **Lifetime and capacity degradation**
  - Calendar and cycle degradation
  - Limits on annual use of storage
- **Manufacturing and materials constraints**



<https://www.anl.gov/es/informing-storage-solutions-to-decarbonize-electricity>



# PROPOSED RESEARCH

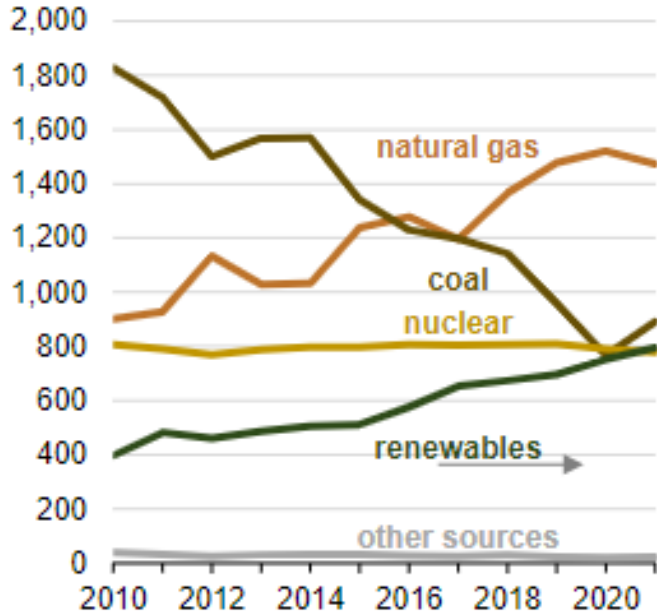


- **Study:** The value of LDES under future climate scenarios (national, regional, local)
- **Deliverables:** Enhanced model capabilities (future climate, degradation, LDES), comprehensive climate-LDES analysis for selected regions/locations, document results in report/journal paper
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# GROWTH IN RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY GENERATION

U.S. electric power sector electricity generation (2010–2021)

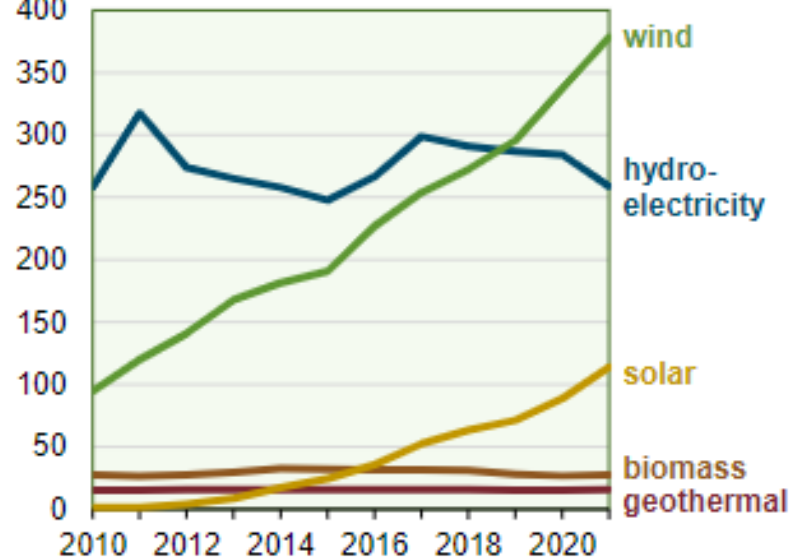
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Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, *Electric Power Monthly*



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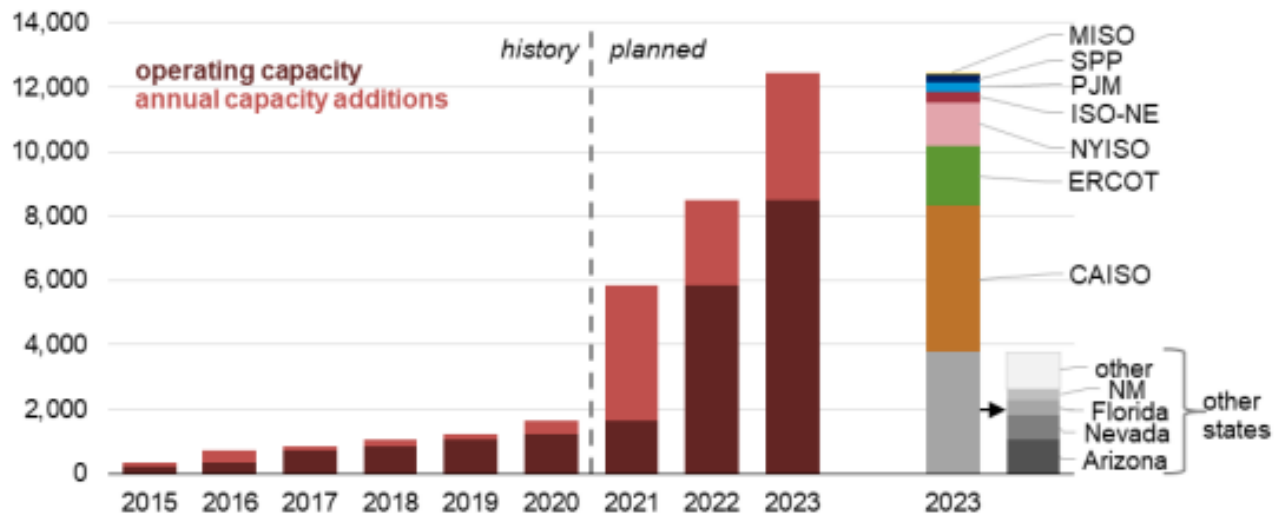


**Ambitious U.S. decarbonization goals: Carbon-free electricity by 2035, net-zero economy by 2050**

# INCREASING INTEREST IN ENERGY STORAGE

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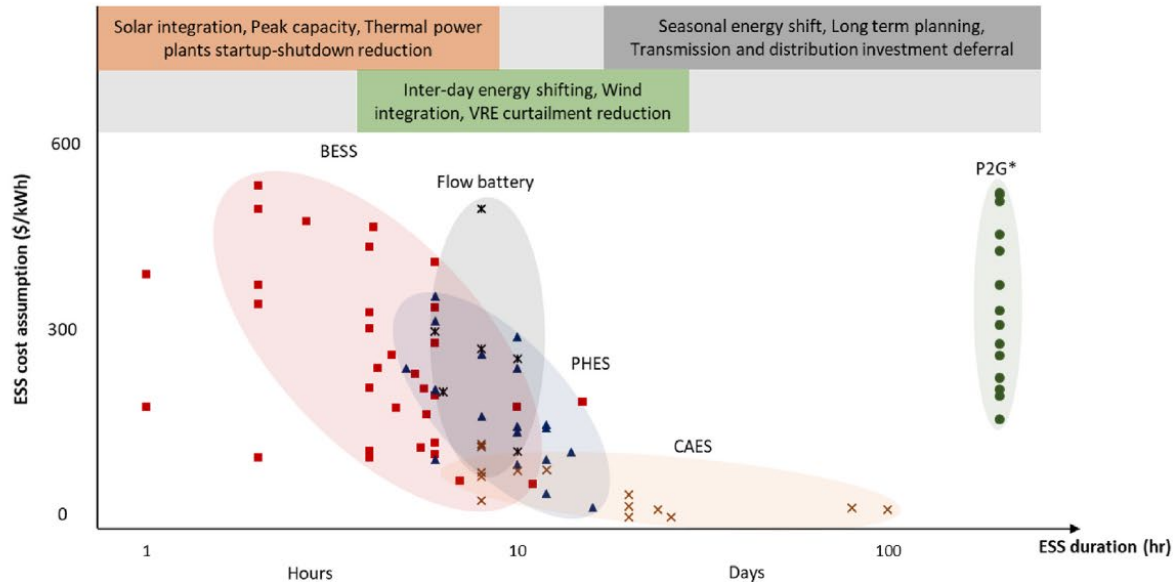
power capacity  
megawatts



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Dec 2020 Form EIA-860M, *Preliminary Monthly Electric Generator Inventory*


# ENERGY STORAGE TECHNOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS

Technology		Efficiency (%)	Storage duration (hour)	Lifetime (year)	Cost (\$)	References
Electrochemical	Conventional battery	70-90	1-15	5-15	500-650/kW 175-200/kWh	[71-74]
Mechanical	Flow battery	up to 85	4 and longer	15-20	700-2500/kWh	[44,75,76]
	PHES	70-75	5-20	30-50	600-2000/kW	[7,77]
	CAES	85	up to 100	30	1000-2000/kW	[74,78,79]
Chemical	P2G	50-70 (one-way)	Not applicable	20	900-2200/kW	[80-82]

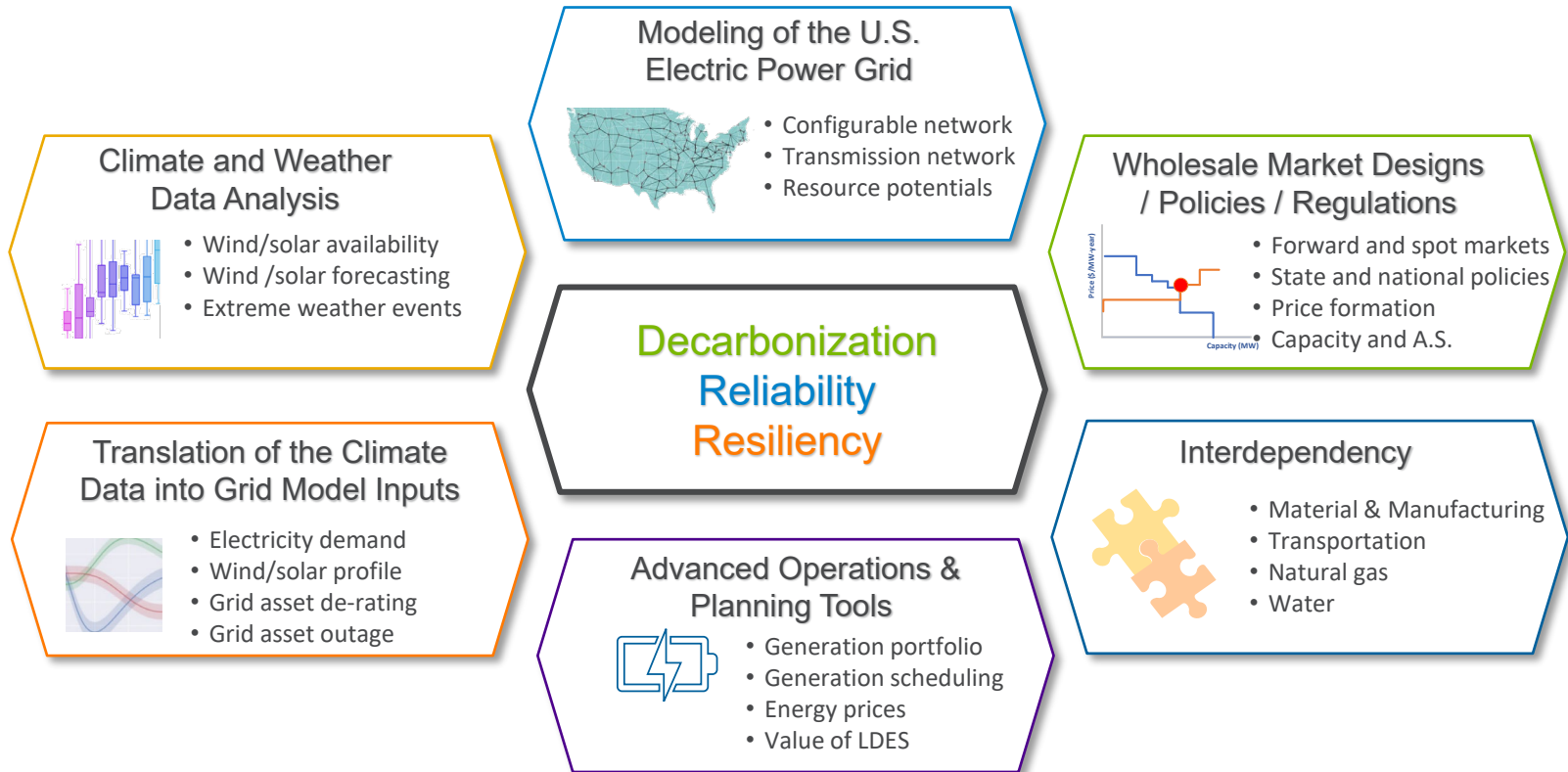


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# ONGOING A-LEAF ENHANCEMENTS TO STUDY THE FUTURE OF THE U.S. ELECTRICITY SYSTEM



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