

# Harmony in a world of disruption

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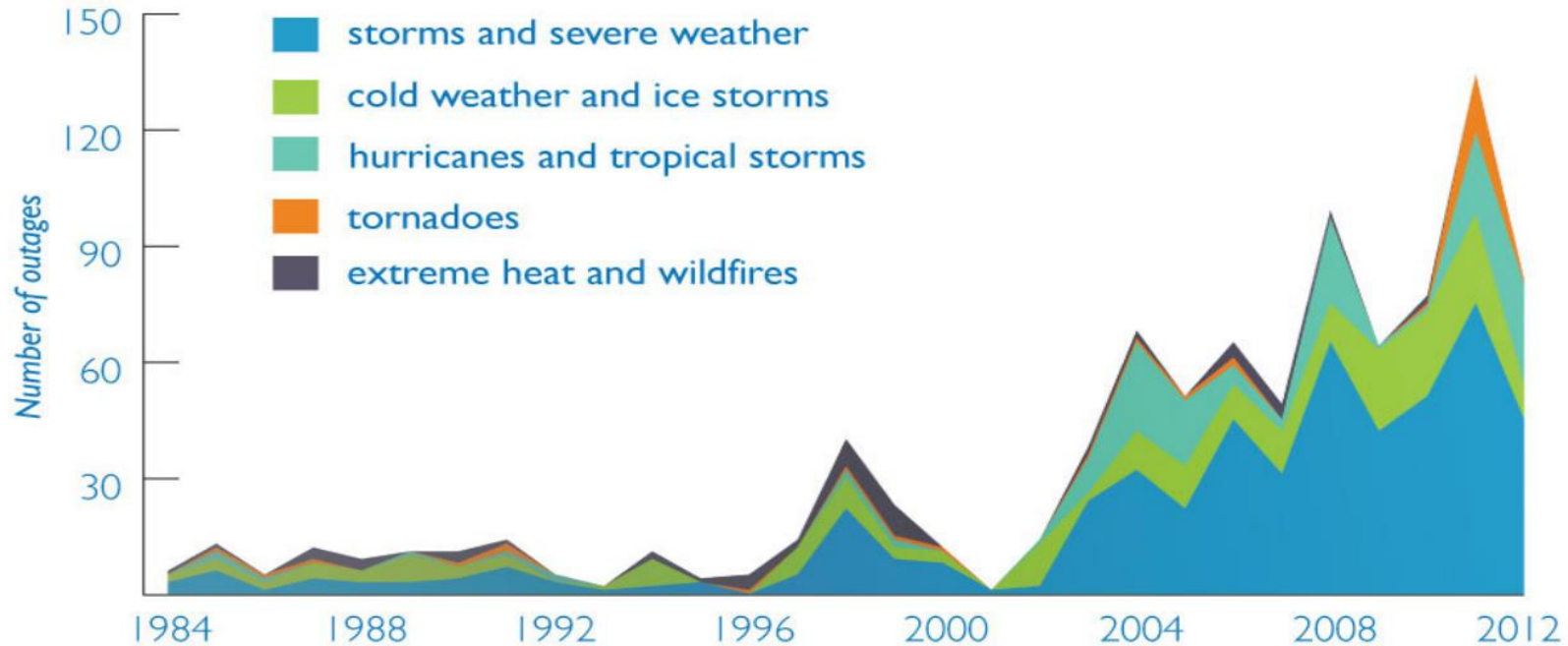






## Extreme Weather Is Causing More Major Power Outages

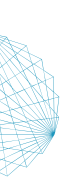
(major = at least 50,000 customers affected)



Source: "Blackout: Extreme Weather, Climate Change and Power Outages" (Climate Central)

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## Global Risks Report

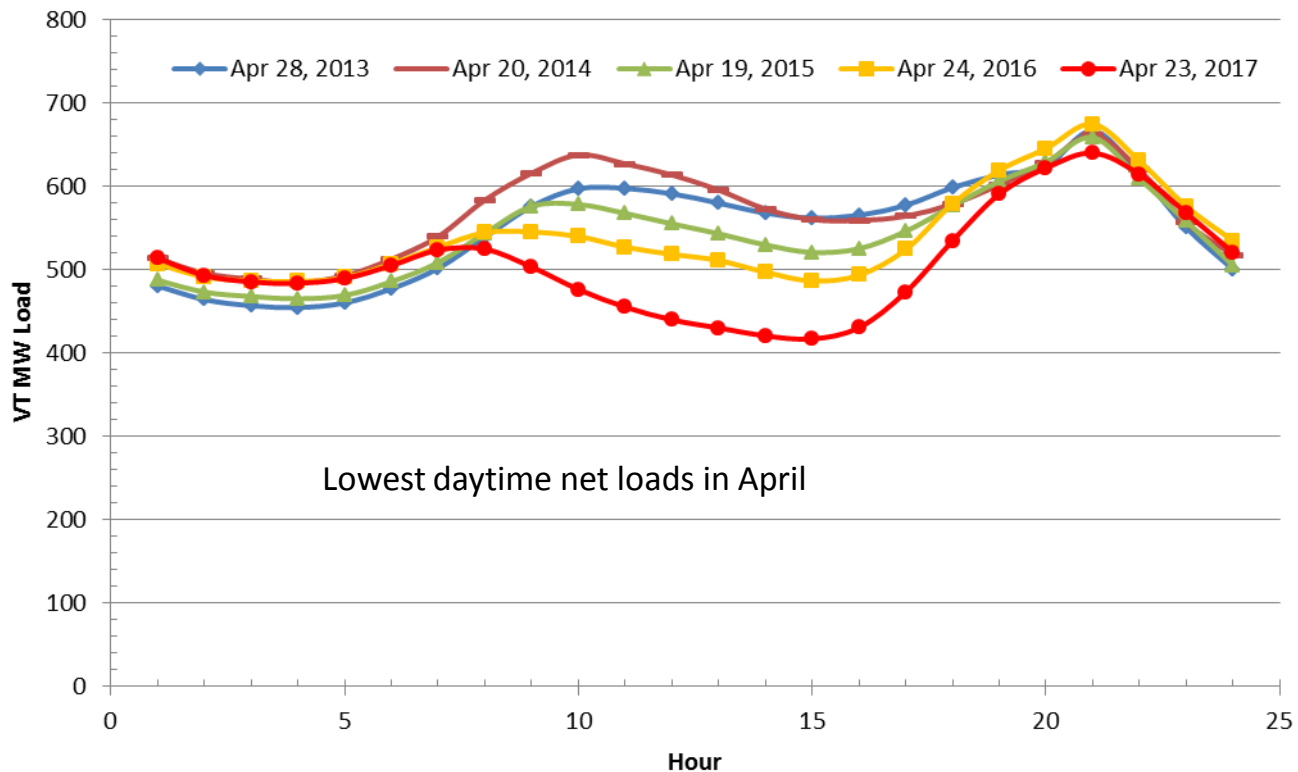
# The 5 risks that will have the biggest impact in the next 10 years

	rank
Weapons of mass destruction	1
Extreme weather events	2
Natural disasters	3
Failure of climate change mitigation & adaptation	4
Water crises	5

Source: Global Risks Perception Survey 2017-2018, World Economic Forum



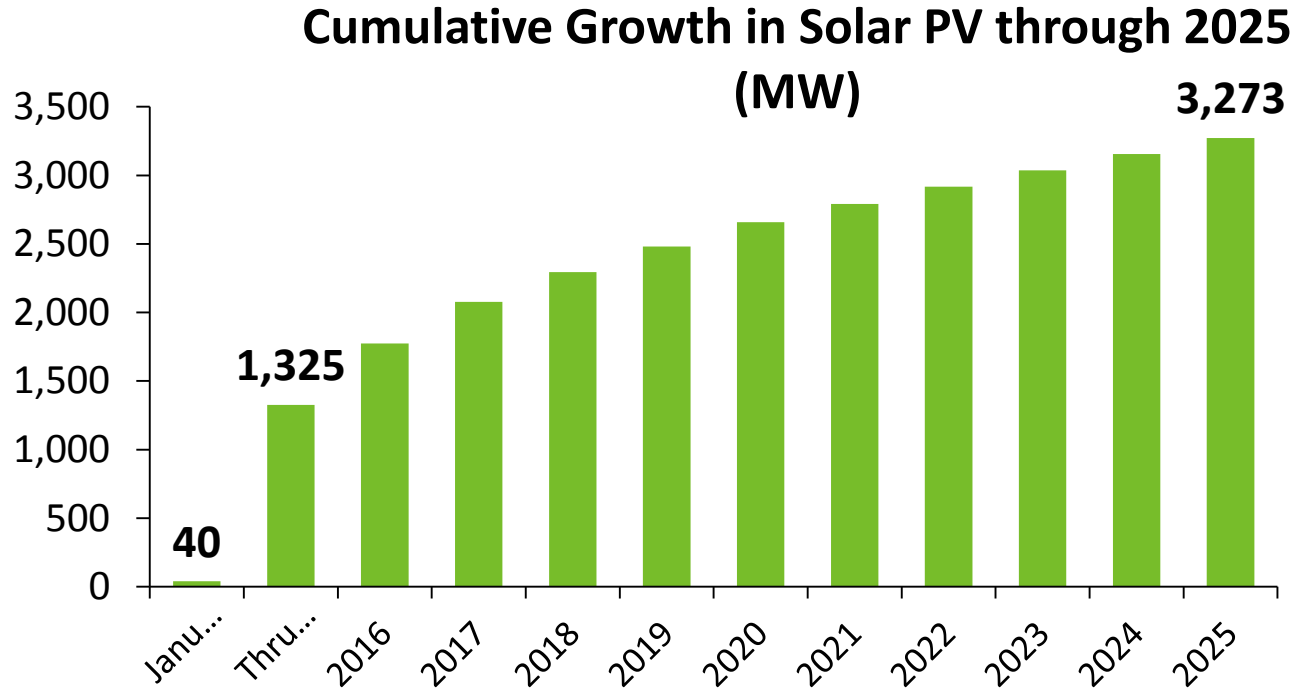
## Solar PV impacts in April Vermont Net Loads



Lowest daytime net loads in April

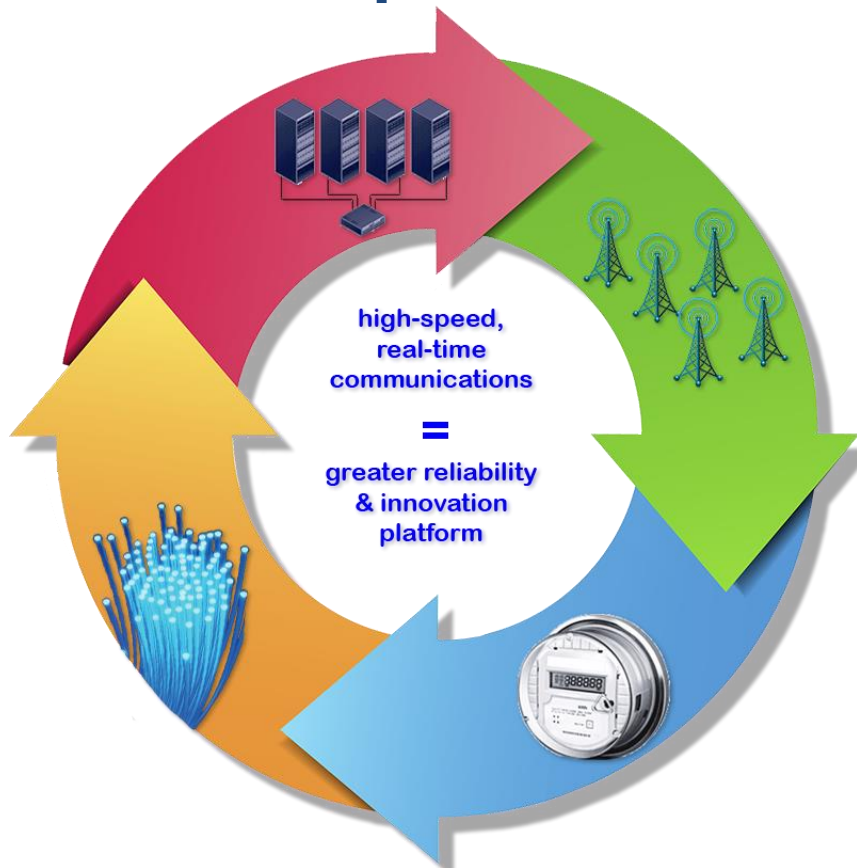


# ISO New England Forecasts Strong Growth in Solar PV



Note: This chart reflects the ISO's projections for nameplate capacity from PV resources participating in the region's wholesale electricity markets, as well as those connected "behind the meter." Source: [Final 2016 ISO-NE PV Forecast](#) (April 2016); MW values are AC nameplate.

# Innovation requires communication



## Statewide infrastructure

- Smart meters
- Fiber optic network
- Radio system
- High-performance computing cluster—HPCC



# Vermont Weather Analytics Center

A powerful weather, *energy data and analytics platform built that utilizes four coupled models and leading-edge analytics to deliver the most precise and accurate wind and solar generation forecasts in the world.* VWAC enables us to:



Increase grid reliability, community resiliency



Lower weather event-related operational costs



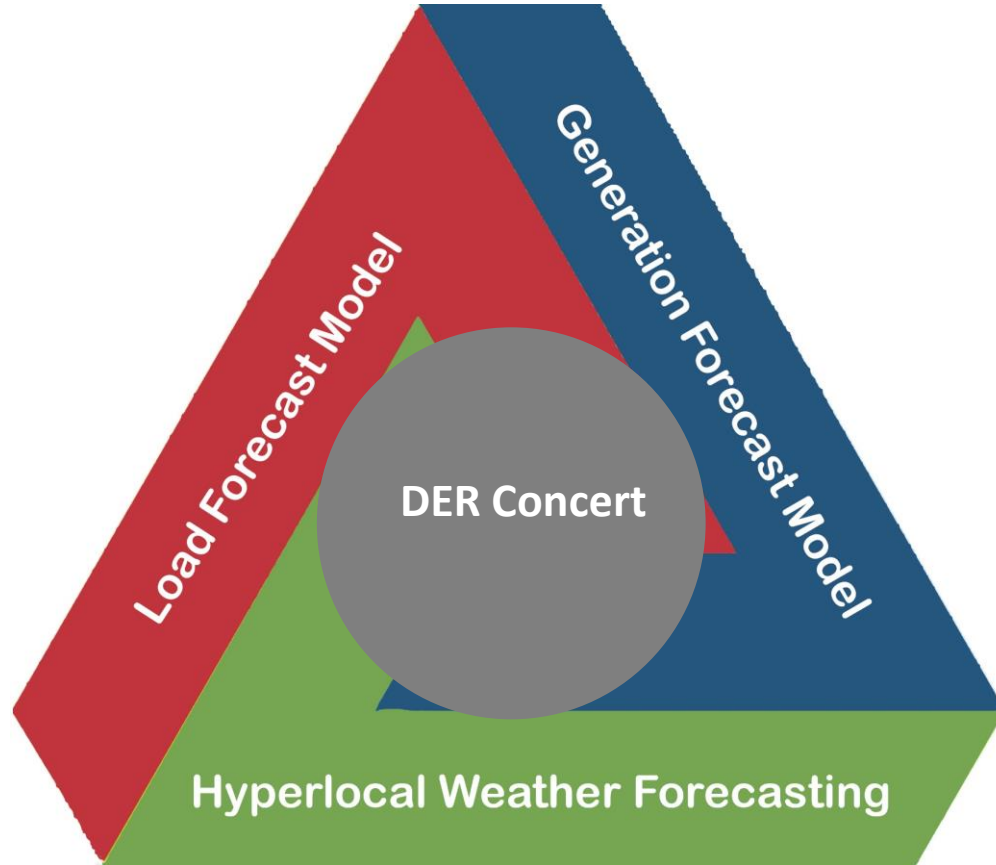
Garner full value from renewable generation





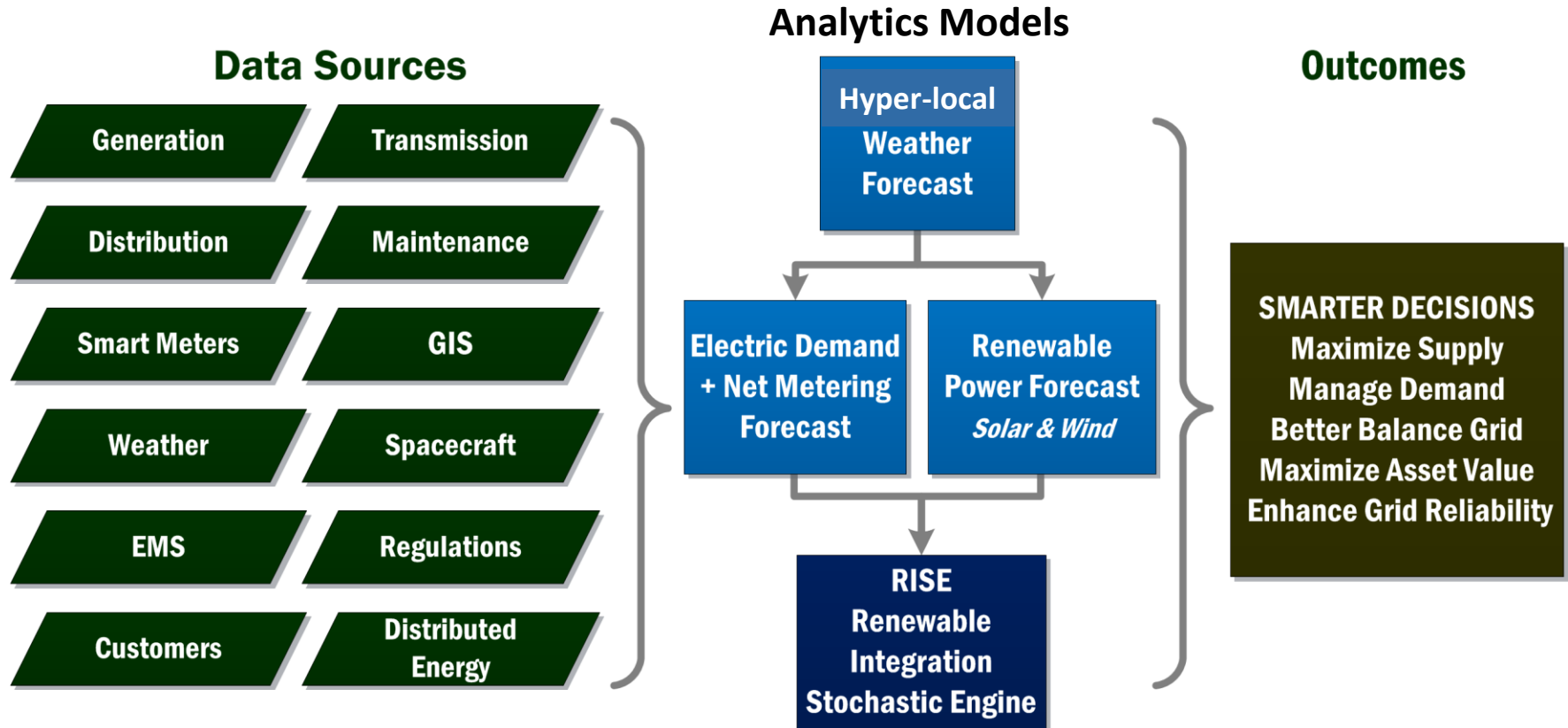


# DER Concert: Vermont's integrated grid





# Need of the day: “a new intelligence”



## ***Demonstrated Benefits***



### **Safety & Reliability**

More informed emergency response

Road condition updates

Geographically targeted customer updates

### **Operations**

Improved outage scheduling

Ability to determine grid capacity for additional solar on the transmission system down to substation level

Demand analysis capability to substation level

### **Planning**

Increased reliability of planning assessments due to AMI data integration

Improved non-transmission alternative development

### **Demand Management**

Greater visibility to potential demand response events

Increased peak management capability

Efficiency measures validation



# Transformative collaboration



Vermont  
Distribution  
Utilities



Vermont  
College/  
University



The University of Vermont

Other  
Vermont  
Organizations



**VLITE**

*Building an energy secure Vermont*





# Stakeholder team



# The Energy Systems Lab “TESL@UVM/VELCO” Weather/Grid project

- Design, develop and test algorithms and tools that improve transmission system operations and planning
- Visualize grid reliability with 20,50,90% renewable energy
- Quasi steady-state time series (QSTS) power flow analysis, with integrated contingency analysis –
  - Look-ahead optimization and constraint mitigation given knowledge about future load, wind, and solar to describe how network reliability will evolve
  - Quantifying the uncertainty associated with wind/solar
  - Wind/solar production time series datasets for testing
- **Planning not operational tools**



The University of Vermont



# The Economist

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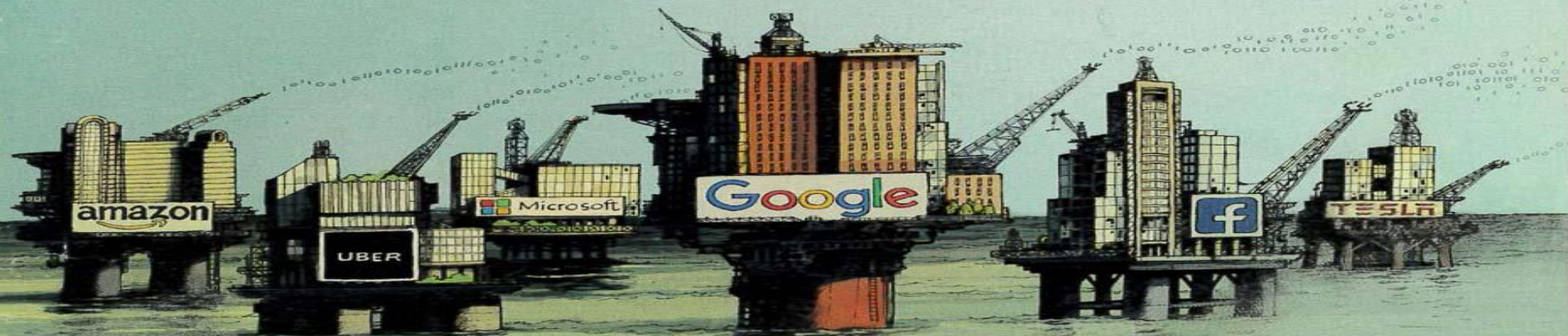
Crunch time in France

Ten years on: banking after the crisis

South Korea's unfinished revolution

Biology, but without the cells

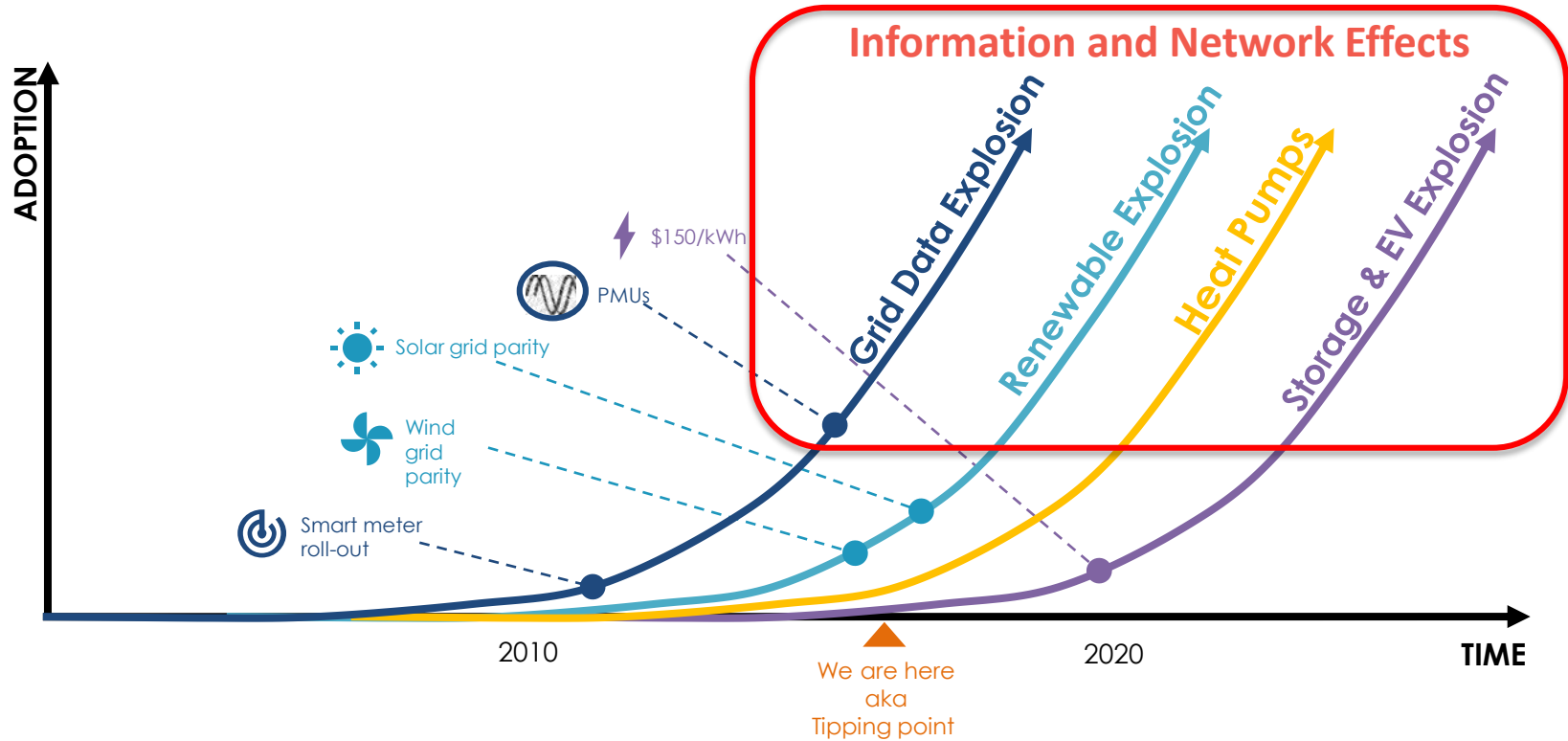
## The world's most valuable resource



Data and the new rules  
of competition

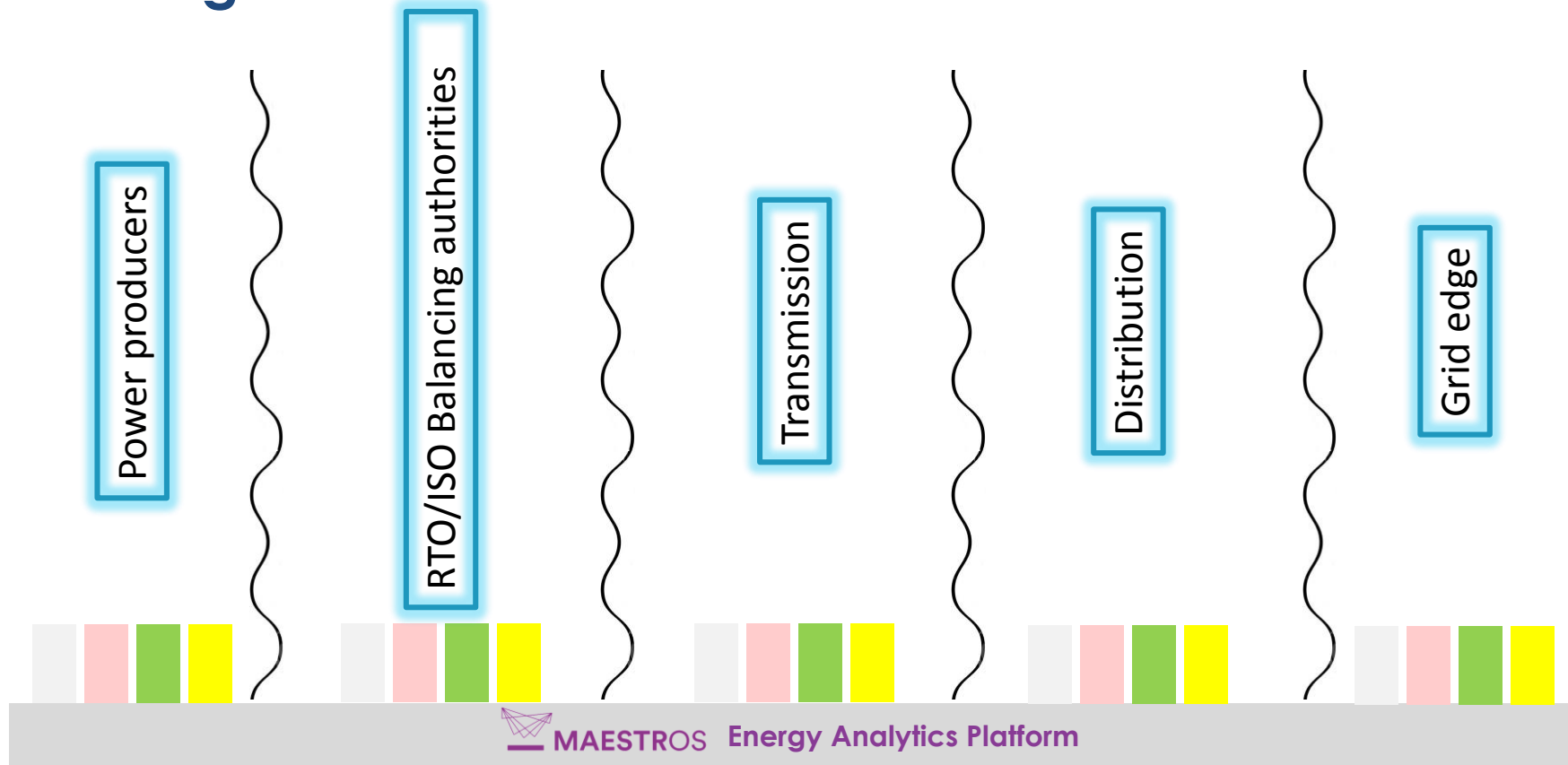


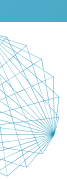
# Exponential and disruptive mega-trends










# Blurring of boundaries





# Grid harmony demands a new orchestration

	When Supply is Scarce or Constrained	When Supply is Abundant and Plentiful
	"Later"	"Run the dishwasher"
	Discharge	Charge the battery
	Delay or vehicle-to-grid	Charge the EV
	Turn on expensive power	Curtail expensive power
	Post-heat, post-cool	Pre-heat, pre-cool

**DER = "Distributed Energy Resources" or "Digital Energy Revolution"**



# Utopus Insights: Orchestrating the future of energy, today.



## World-Class Team

- Headquartered in NY, offices in India and Hungary
- Extensive expertise in power engineering and utilities
- Deep analytics, data science, digital transformation, IoT, meteorology



## Validated IP & Products

- 15 years of solution development with over 20 leading energy companies
- 30 issued, 60 pending patents
- Analytics platform, asset analytics, DER integration



## Active Clients

- Commercial contracts
- Joint Development Agreements to develop cutting-edge tools
- Global pilots with promising results



## Strategic Partner



## Industry Expertise

- Cumulative 500+ years in E&U Digitization and IoT, 75+ years of renewables domain expertise
- EEI 2016 finalist, DOE and PNW projects, GWAC founding member, Vermont REV award

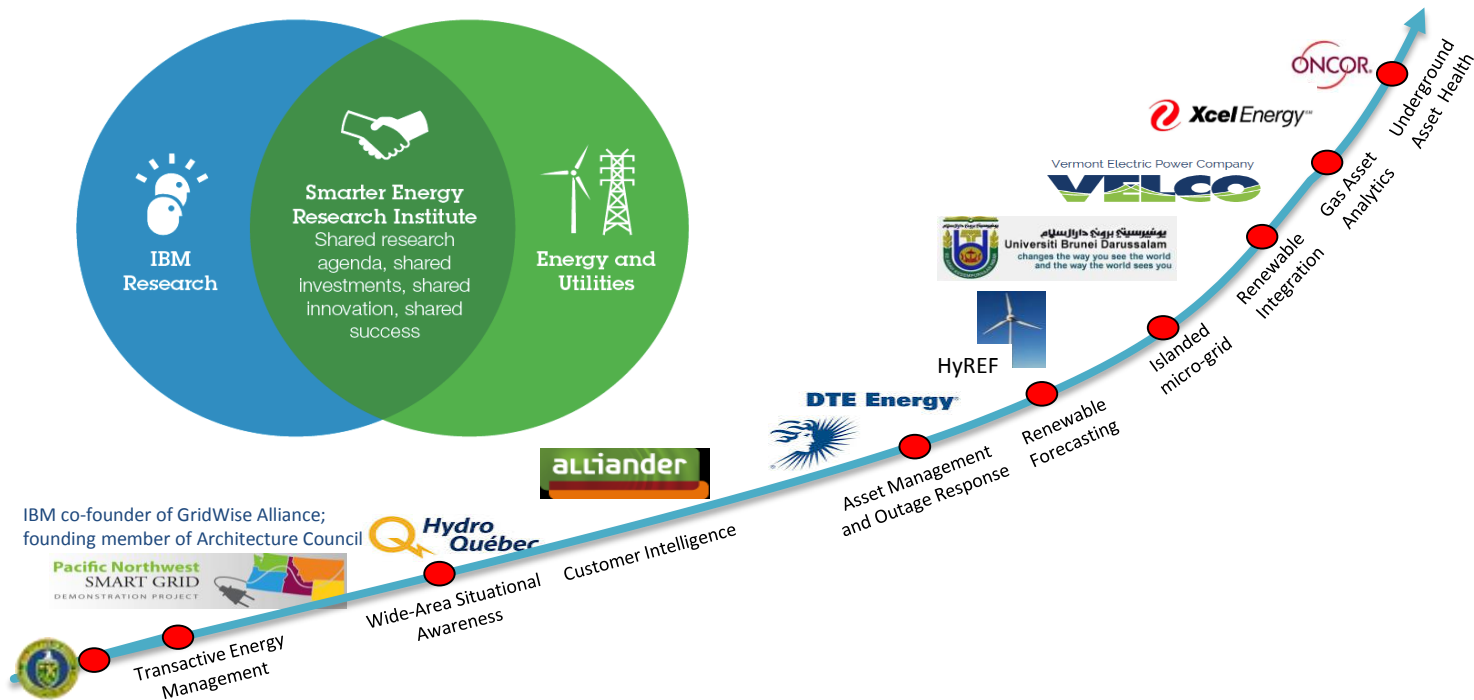


## Original Investors





# Our lineage



**Proven record of co-creating solutions to solve utility pain points**



# Vestas to **acquire** **Utopus Insights**

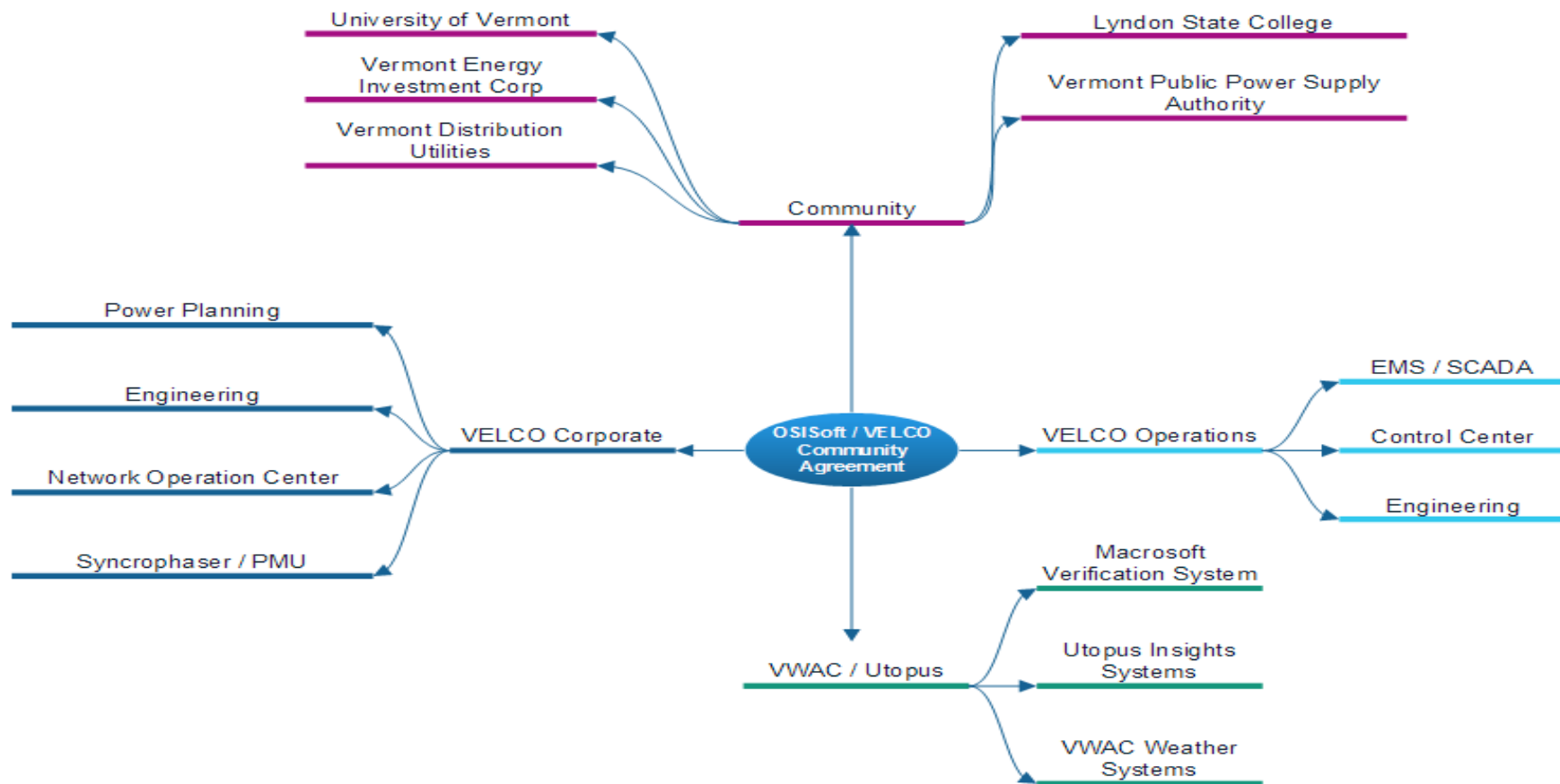
Vestas has entered into an agreement for the acquisition of Utopus Insights, Inc., a leading energy analytics and digital solutions company.

[Company Announcement](#) > [Learn more about Utopus Insights](#) >



# OSISoft Community Agreement

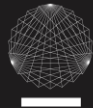
## Chart of Community Endpoints and Data Source / Destination Nodes





# Six-part harmony

- Problem – brings focus
- Assets – creates options
- Evangelist – bring the verve
- Outsider – different skills, different perspective
- B-state Vision – uniting the whole
- Results – Success secures engagement



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Thank you!

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