



Lifescape Analytics

Data Analytics Pipeline

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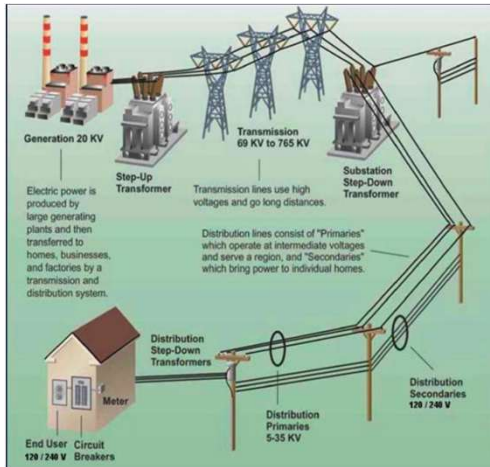
2025



Overview

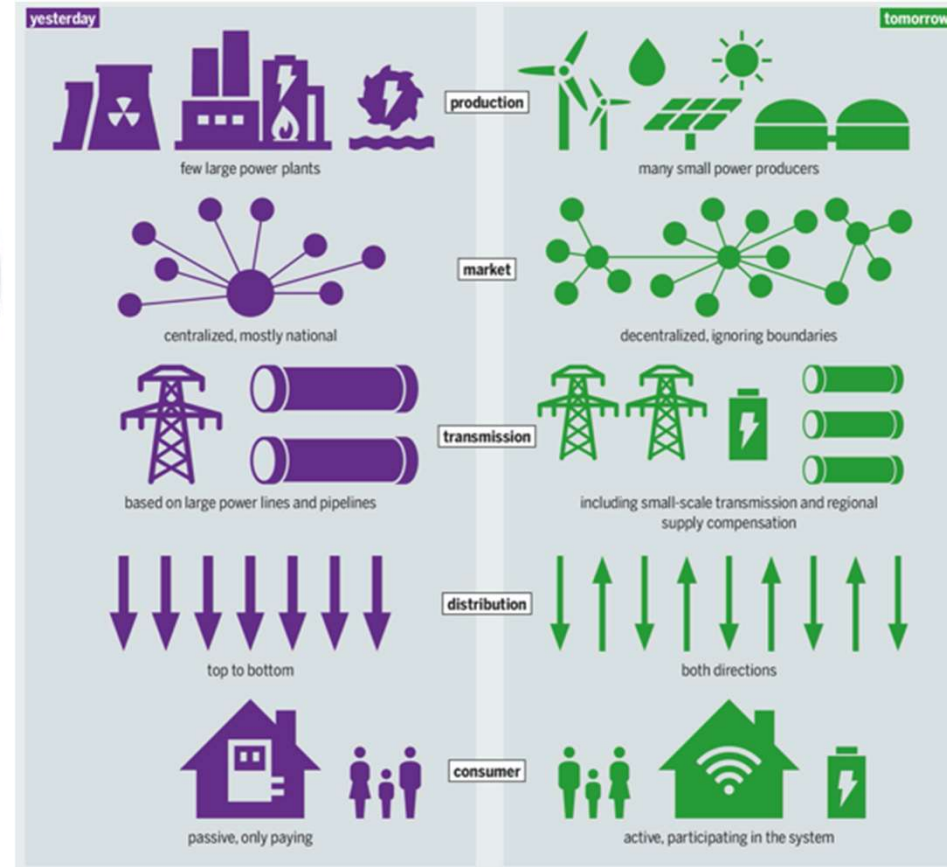
- Drivers
- Vision
- Sensors
- Pipeline
- Resources
- Key Takeaways

Drivers



Who is the consumer...

Generation?
Transmission?
Distribution?
Consumer?

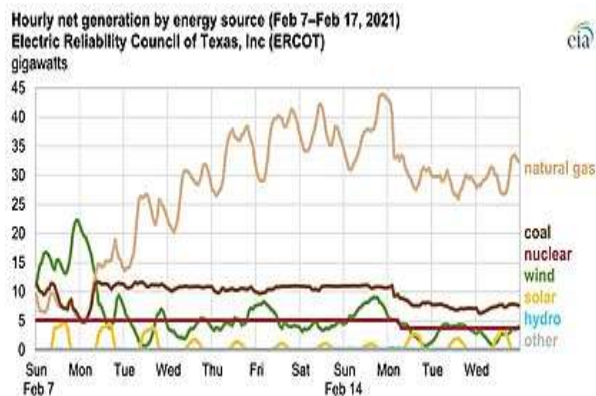


Operating the Old System In New Ways

Unintended
Consequences

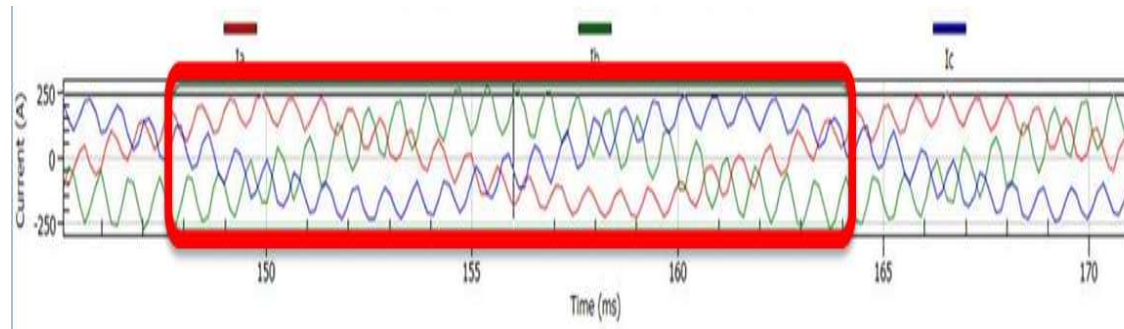
More
Measurement

Regulation or
Standards



Resignations of key officials
in ERCOT.
Bankruptcy of several
retailers.

Increasing Complexity Results In Unforeseen Circumstances



Challenge

Prevent catastrophic failure of assets and unplanned interruptions to customers.

A Part of The Solution – Better Data Management

Data management is the **development** and **execution** of **architectures, policies, practices** and **procedures** in order to manage the information lifecycle needs of an enterprise in an effective manner.

*Source: <http://searchdatamanagement.techtarget.com/definition/data-management>

Policy

A *policy* is a statement of intent, and is implemented as a procedure or protocol.

Examples – laws, regulations

Procedure

What you are supposed to do.

Example

“Make a cake that says Best Wishes Suzanne,
Underneat that We will miss you”

Practice

What you
actually do!




This seems like
a lot of rigor!

Is this really necessary?



Without due consideration of these, it is
unlikely that you will get what you intended or
desired.



Considerations –

Volume, Velocity, Veracity, Variety

An Internet Minute...

2017 This Is What Happens In An Internet Minute



2018 This Is What Happens In An Internet Minute



2019



An Internet Minute...

happens In An
Minute

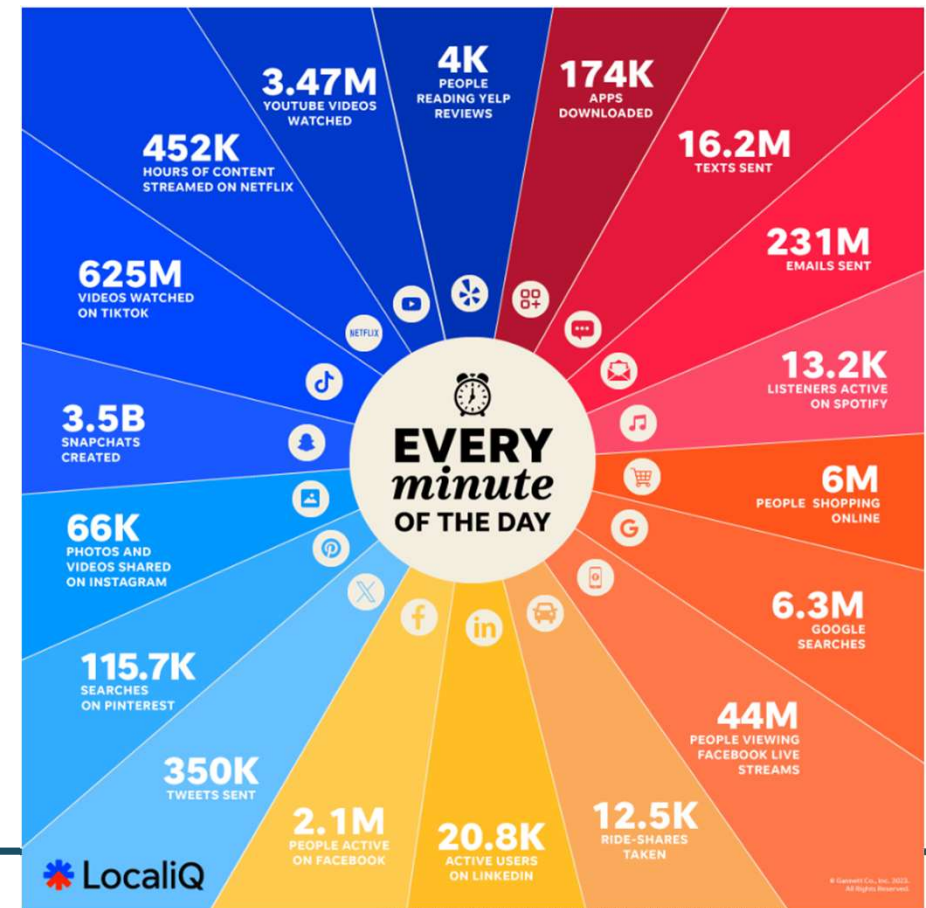


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THE INTERNET IN **2023** EVERY MINUTE

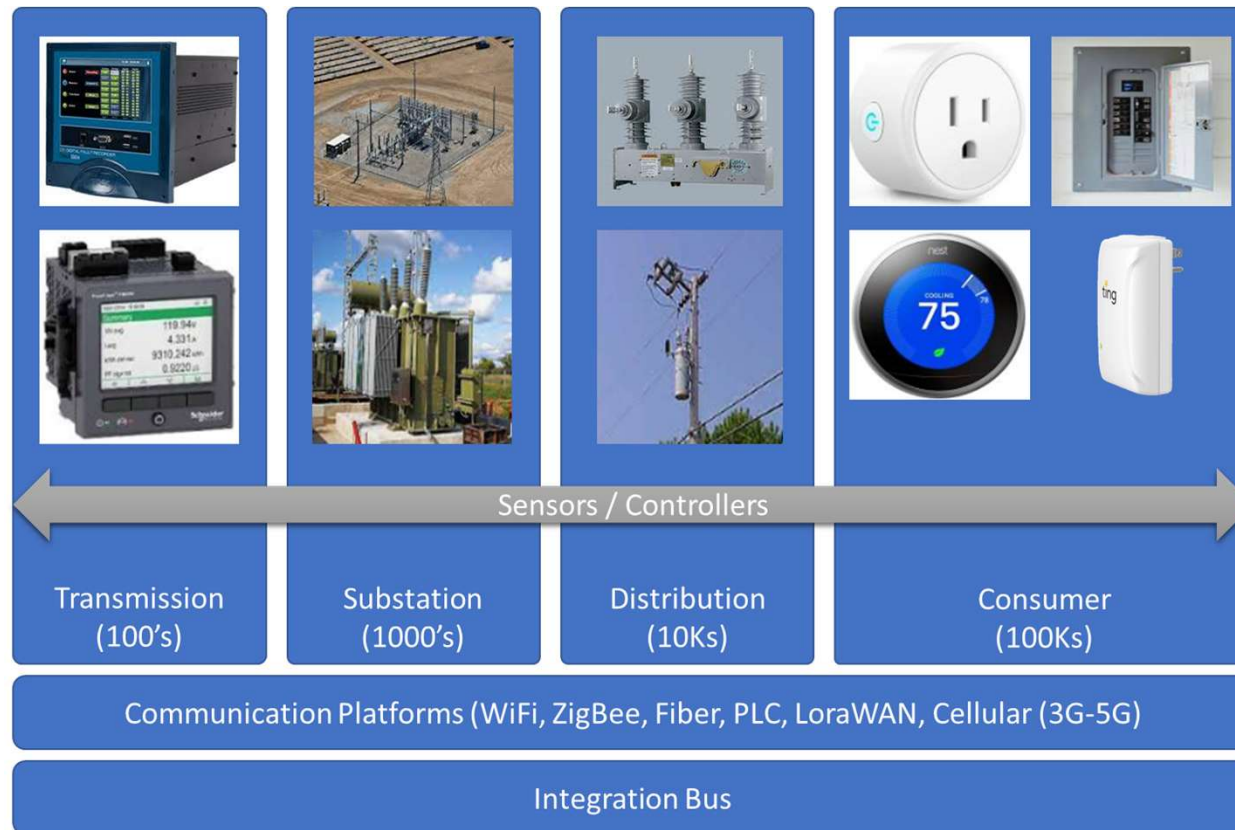


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Sensors



Digital Twin

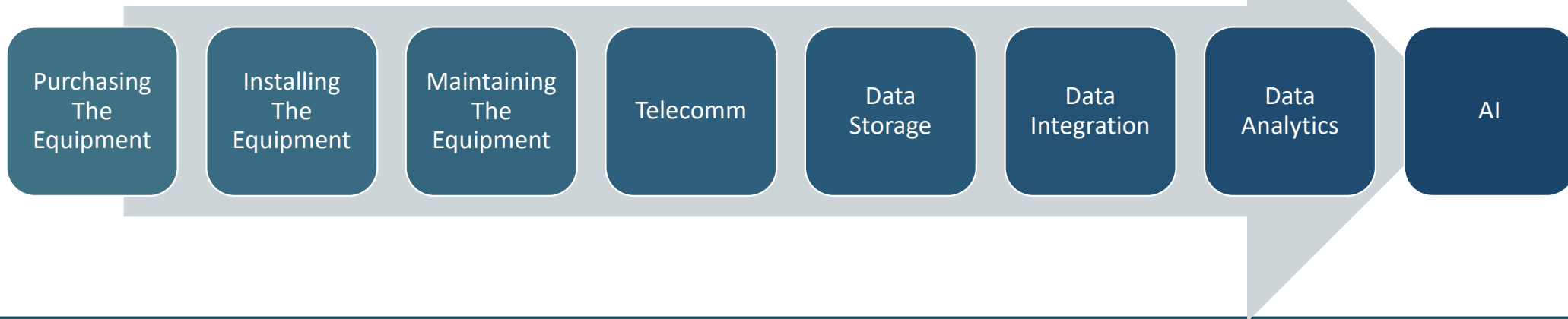
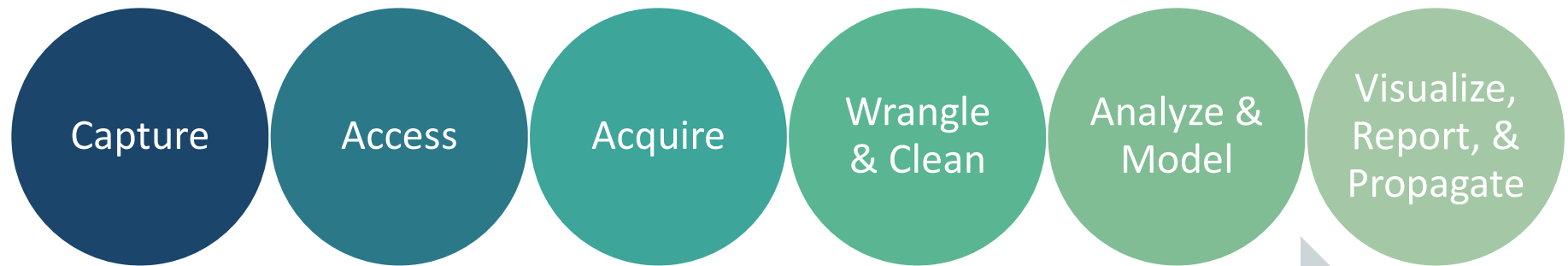
Made Possible By:

- Ubiquitous Telecommunications

Challenged By:

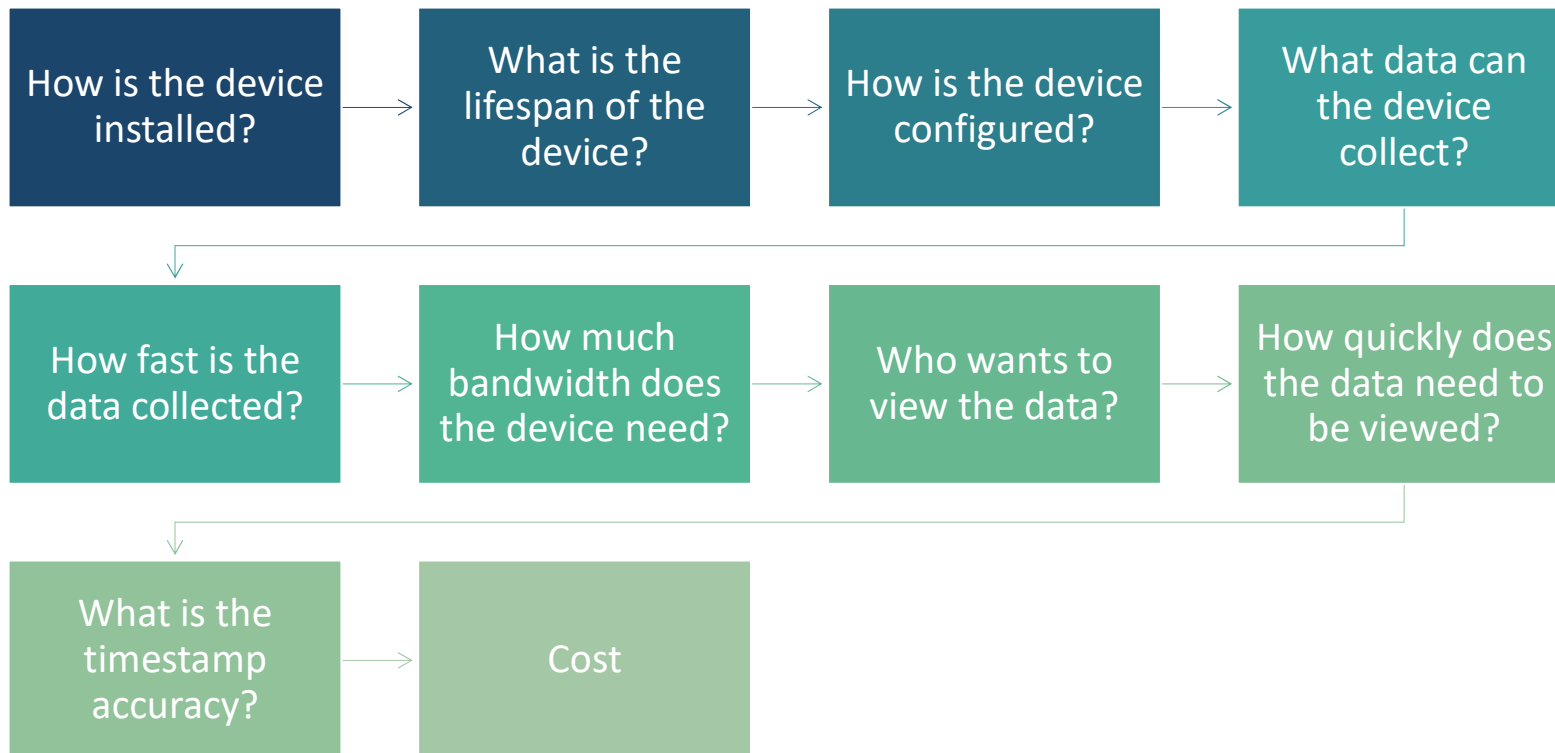
- Variety of Sensors / IOT
- Cybersecurity

Pipeline



Pipeline

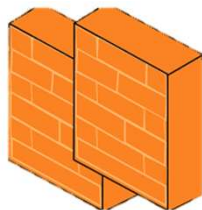
Capture



- Data is not always captured.
- Large numbers of devices are being deployed.
- Deactivated sensors.

Pipeline

Access



- Limited to few people.
- Limited bandwidth.
- Security.

Pipeline

Acquire

Who will collect the data?

What tools will be needed to collect the data?

What protocols?

What file formats / databases?

How long will it be kept?

Where will the data be stored?

What are the security constraints?

Pipeline

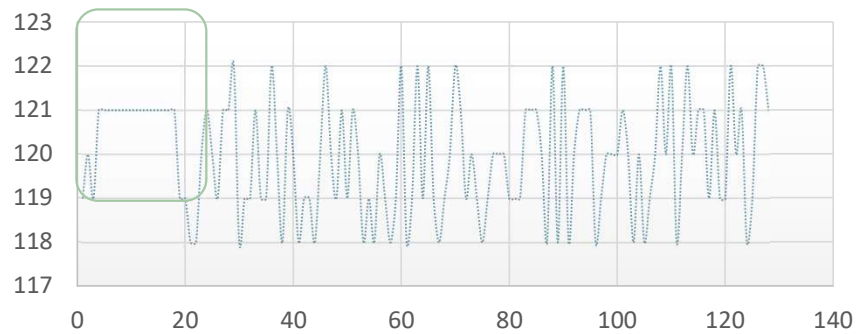
Acquire

Read Speed (data points per sec)	Time to Read 1.89 Trillion Data Points	Channels (Samples/Cycle @ 166 Samples/Cycle)
10,000	6 years	1 (Voltage, Current, etc)
100,000	7.3 months	10 (1 Bus)
1,000,000	3.125 weeks	100 (1 Substation)
10,000,000	2.1875 days	1,000 (10 Substations)
100,000,000	5.25 hours	10,000 (100 Substations)
1,000,000,000	31.5 minutes	100,000 (1000 Substations)

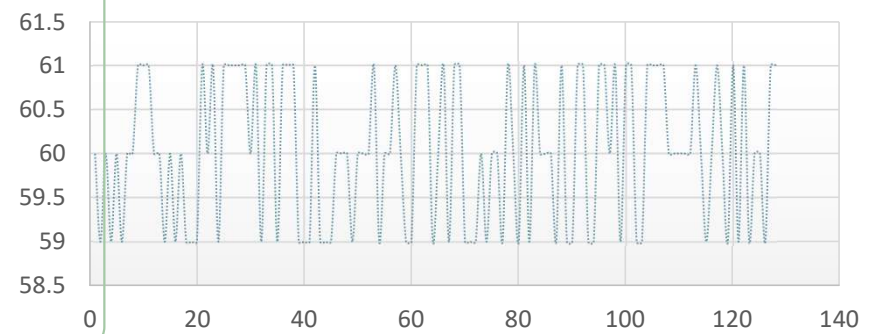
Pipeline

Wrangle
& Clean

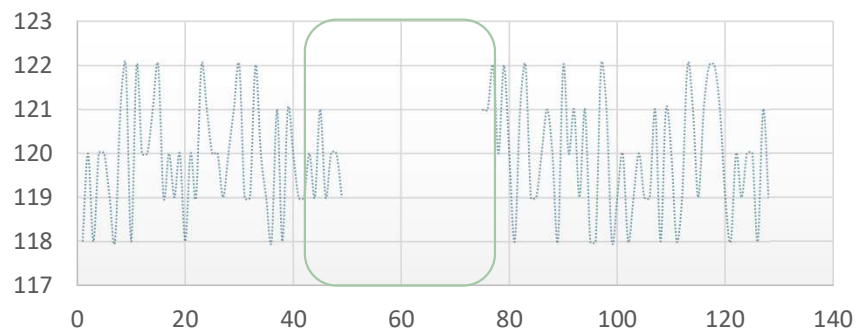
Duplicate Data



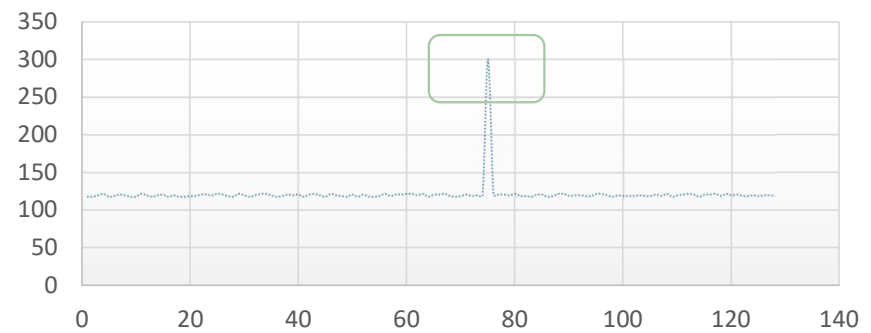
Inaccurate Data



Missing Data



Incorrect Data



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Wrangle
& Clean

A threshold is misconfigured results in a device triggering all the time or not triggering when it should.

As power system configuration changes, devices need to be mapped to current system conditions.

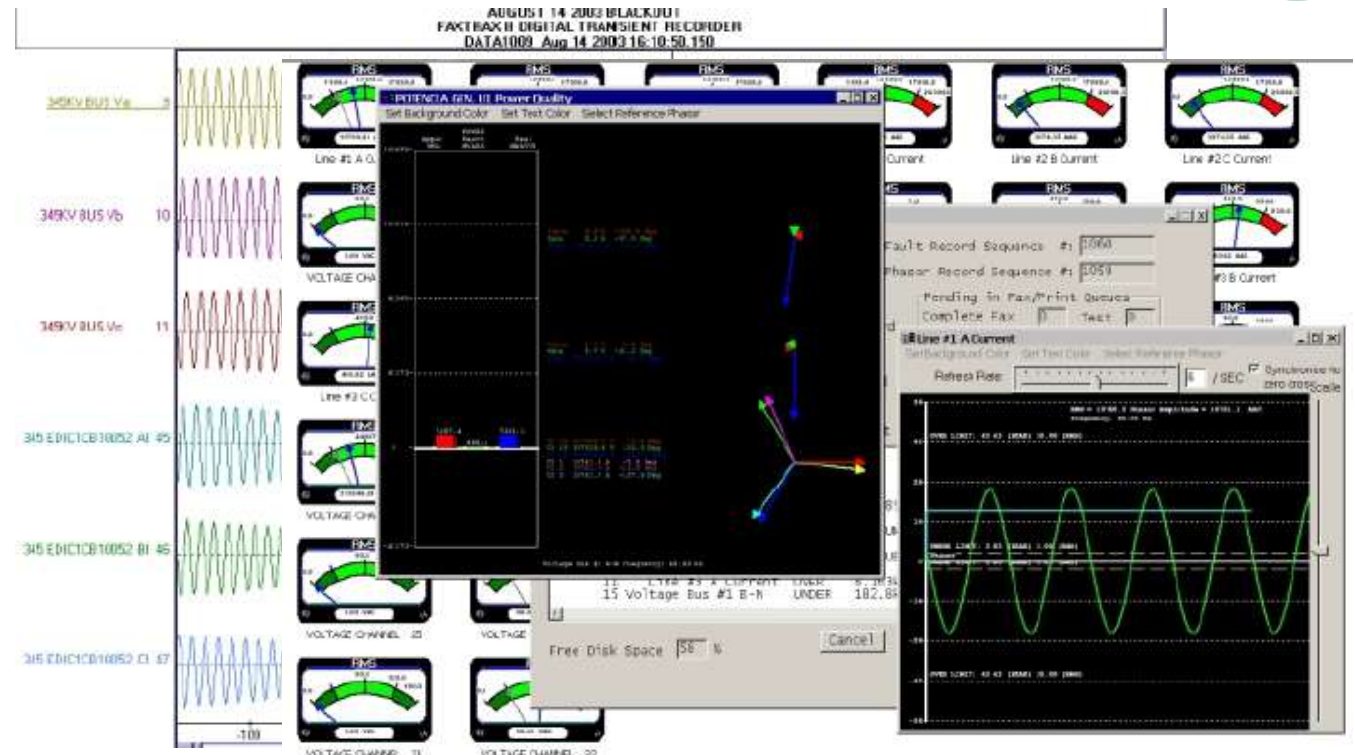
How easy is it to configure the device?
(Proprietary or Standard Based)

Poor configuration management leads to bad/misleading data.

Pipeline

Analyze
& Model

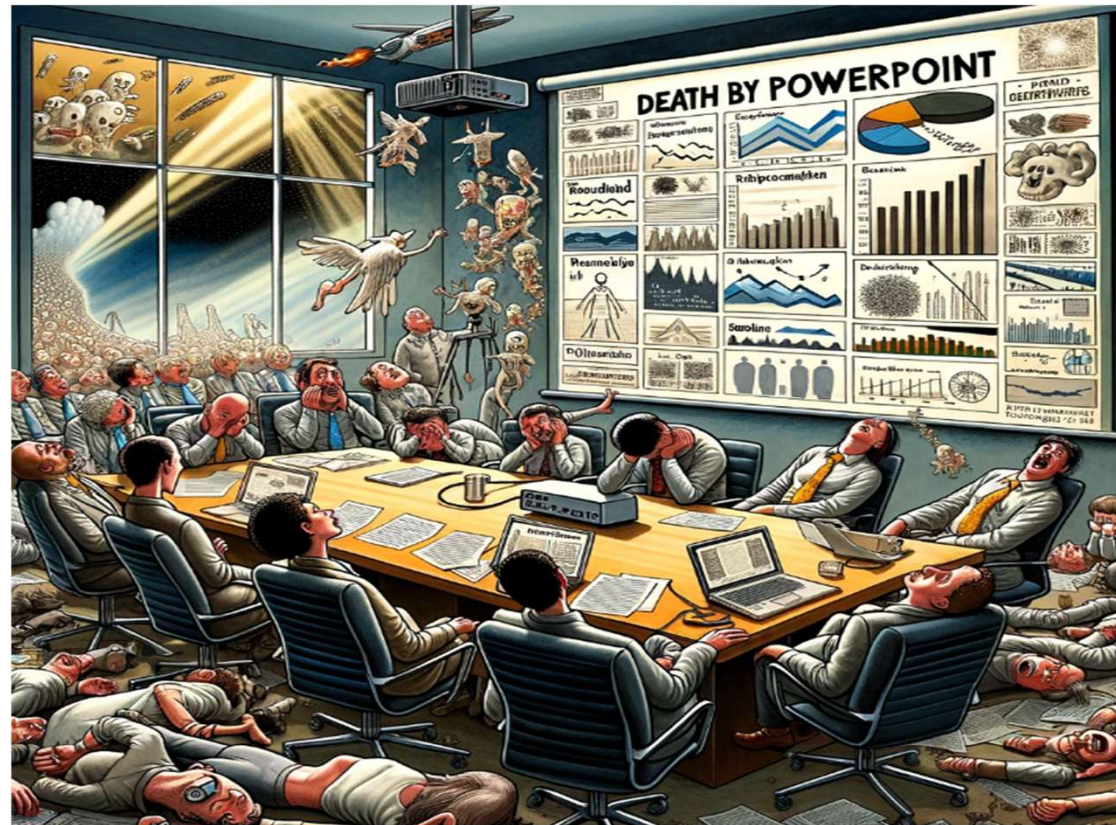
- Excel
- MATLAB
- Too much data to review manually!
- **Reminder 1 PMU Channel – 60GB of data per year.**



Pipeline

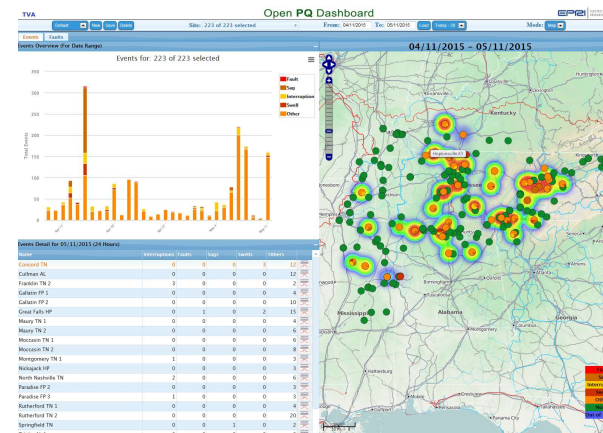
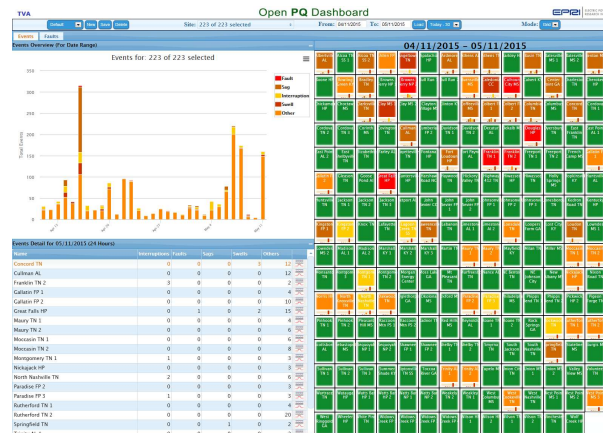
Visualize,
Report, &
Propagate

- Email
- Spreadsheets
- Powerpoint
- Journals
- Publications



Pipeline

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Find voltage sags over 3 months of data.

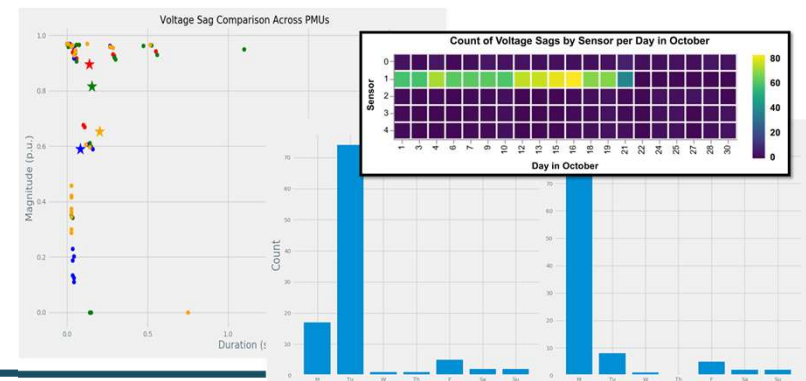
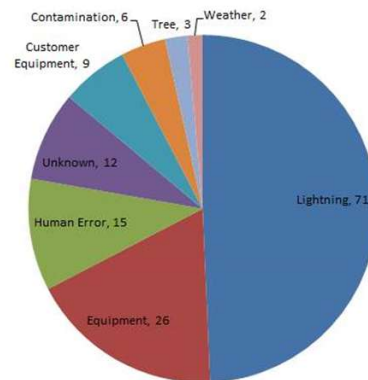
We look at voltage sags from November 19, 2016 to February 4, 2017.

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In [11]: # Choose the stream
# PMU 1 from sunshine dataset
stream = streams["35bdb8dc-bf18-4523-85ca-8ebe384bd9b5"];
# Get nominal voltage of stream
vnom = get_mean_value(stream);

# Start and end times of period to study
start = "2016-11-19T00:00:00.000Z"
end = "2017-02-04T00:00:00.000Z"

# Threshold below which data is considered a voltage sag
thresh = 0.99 * vnom;

# Find voltage sag data points
sags = find_vsags_dfs(stream, thresh, start=start, end=end);
# Get features of voltage sags
starts, durs, mags = sag_survey(sags, verbose=False);
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Resources for the Electric Power Industry



File Formats –

PQDIF
COMTRADE
PQds



Data –

EPRI Disturbance Library
ORNL Disturbance Library



Tools –

Predictive Grid / NI4AI – Open API
PQView – Commercial
OpenXDA – Open Source



Benchmarks/Outage Info –

DOE – Outage Data Initiative
Grid Metrics – Power Outages
Whisker Labs – CPQI

Key Takeaways

- The grid is increasing in complexity.
- We don't know what we don't know.
- Measure everything let algorithms sort it out.
- There are tools and techniques for managing data.
- The data pipeline should lead to actionable information.

Additional Resources

- <https://btrdb.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>
- <https://github.com/PingThingsIO/ni4ai-notebooks/>
- <https://blog.ni4ai.org/>
- <https://pingthings.io>
- <https://www.gridprotectionalliance.org>
- <https://www.python.org>
- <https://www.r-project.org>
- <https://gesl.ornl.gov/>
- <https://www.pqview.com/>
- <https://odin.ornl.gov/>
- <https://poweroutage.fyi/>
- <https://power-quality.tingfire.com>