

Coordinated GT&D Planning and Investment Prioritization - An Introduction to our Industry Needs

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- Evaluation Approach: G,T,D impact and level of maturity

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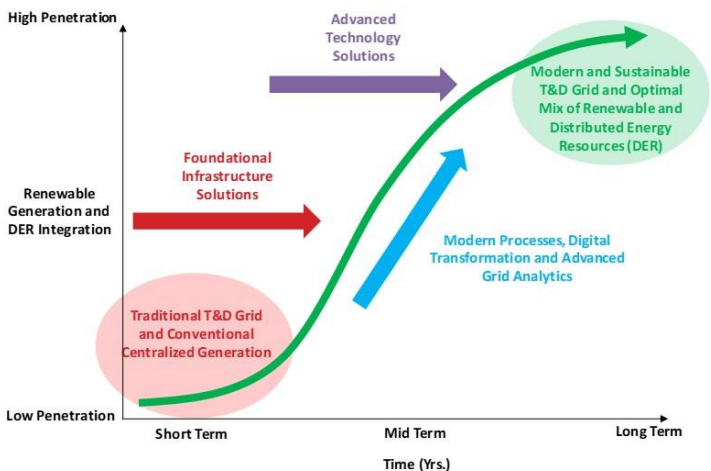
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INTRODUCTION TO GENERATION, TRANSMISSION, AND DISTRIBUTION (GT&D) PLANNING

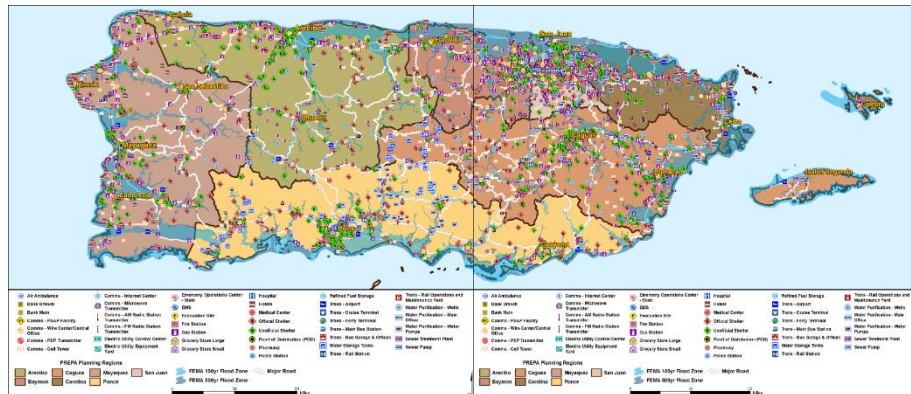
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Sample Case Study: Puerto Rico

- Hurricane Maria devastated the island creating a need for significant infrastructure investment
- Policy objectives to shift to more renewable generation and distributed energy resources to support renewable portfolio standards (RPS) and improve grid resilience
- New planning paradigm is required to achieve improved reliability and safety, increased resilience, reduced prices, and lowered carbon emissions



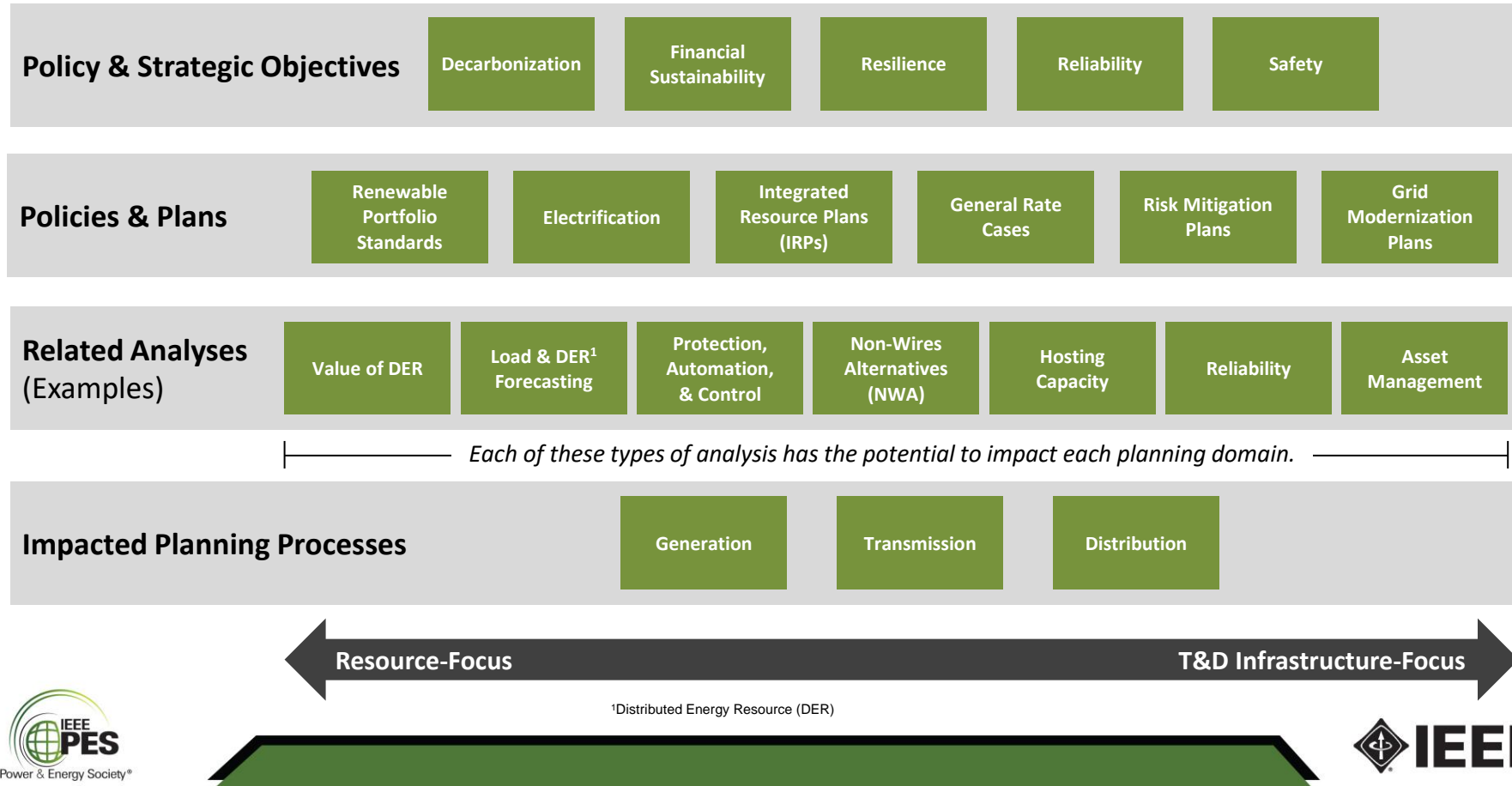
Microgrid Locations Benefitting Community Resilience



Source: Sandia National Labs

Coordination across GT&D planning and operations to guide investment prioritization is necessary to meet policy objectives and customer needs

Policy and Strategic Objectives are Driving Planning Convergence



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Technology, Climate, and Business Transformation:

T	• Mechanical	→	Digital
	• Large Centralized	→	Distributed
	• Uni-Directional	→	Bi-Directional
	• Dispatchable	→	Intermittent
	• High Cap Factor	→	Low Cap Factor
C	• Predictable	→	Uncertain
	• 1 in 100-year Events	→	Every year Events
B	• IT Secure	→	Cyber Intrusion
	• Franchise Model	→	Merchant Model

2

Create Planning and Operational Challenges:

- Need to interconnect large amounts of MWs
- D hosting capacity and T deliverability
- IBR interconnection limits and standards
- Flexibility to counter increased uncertainty
- NWA planning criteria, tools, and expertise
- DER visibility and controllability
- Aging infrastructure
- Resilience goals
- Utility investment incentives

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Requiring New Skills, Tools, and Techniques:

- Granular time-series analysis
- Granular spatiotemporal forecasting (load and DER)
- Asset condition assessments
- Risk analysis
- Probabilistic planning
- Participatory and transparent planning process
- Financial analysis
- Utility incentives and rate-making
- DERMS¹ / ADMS² / AMI³ / Volt-VAR / DA⁴ infrastructure
- Scalable communication
- Protection system for grids with high IBR penetration
- Vulnerability analysis

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To Achieve Goals:

- Safety
- Reliability
- Affordability
- Capacity
- Sustainability
- Resilience
- Security
- Customer Engagement

Key Premise

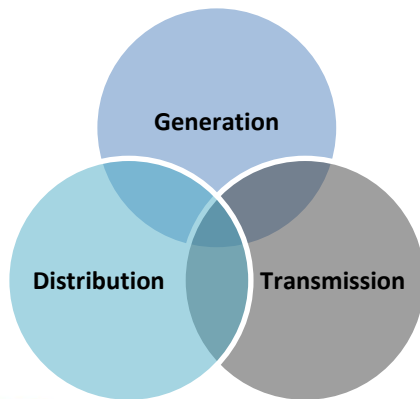
There are no siloed investments; investments inherently touch each planning domain (as well as operations)

- **Direct Impact:** e.g., distribution line reconductor increases hosting capacity, which supports RPS and potential transmission NWA's
- **Indirect Impact:** e.g., increase in distribution line reconductors with insulated conductor to reduce wildfire exposure, reduce budgets for 4 to 12 kV conversions which limits hosting capacity

Planning Implications

- Investments should be valued similarly across each planning domain
- Investments are increasingly interchangeable across each planning domain
- Operational short-term forecasting requirements are converging with long-term planning requirements

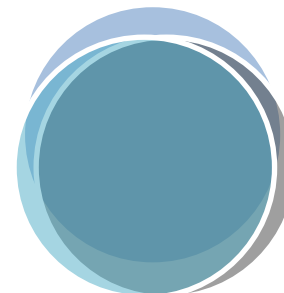
Legacy Perspective



Current State

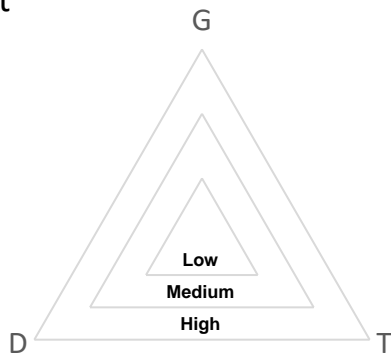


Future Trend

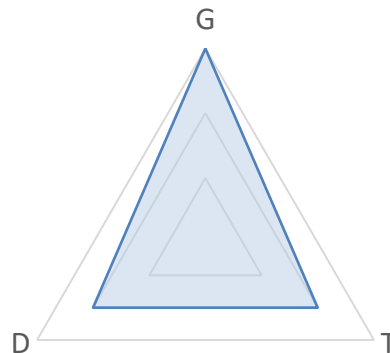


Each topic is scored on the following scale to identify the extent to which each planning domain is impacted:

1. Low Impact
2. Medium Impact
3. High Impact



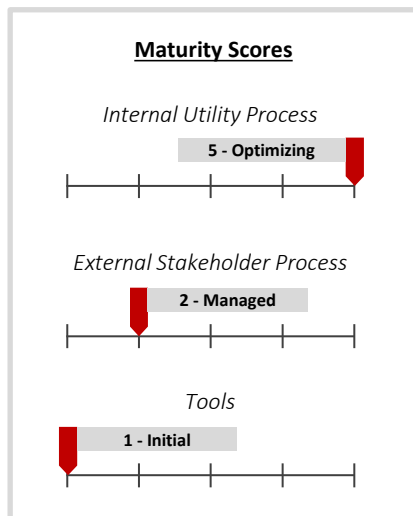
The IRP example below shows a primary impact to Generation Planning and secondary impacts to Transmission and Distribution Planning.



Integrated Resource Planning

Capability Maturity Model

- Standard model used to assess governmental contractors' abilities to implement software projects



Level 1: Initial / Chaotic

- Processes are typically undocumented or ad hoc
- Confidence level of results is often unknown

Level 2: Managed / Repeatable

- Some aspects of the process, including results, might be repeatable
- Minimal documentation

Level 3: Defined / Developmental

- The process is a standard business process with some documentation
- The process can be validated for some scenarios

Level 4: Quantitatively Managed / Capable

- Achievement of objectives is verifiable through quantitative metrics
- Process is adaptable to new projects and scenarios

Level 5: Optimizing / Efficient

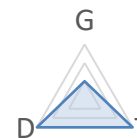
- Focus on continuous process improvement using metrics and statistics

SAMPLE AREAS OF COORDINATION AND CONVERGENCE

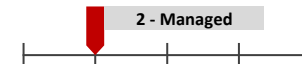
- Integrated T&D Planning
- Integrated T&D Operations

Integrated T&D planning is necessary to account for the impacts of high-penetration DERs on the transmission system and to ensure that the grid has proper capacity to implement IRPs.

	Current State	Gaps
Processes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Composite load modeling for transmission analysis • Snapshot analysis (few operating points) • Non-wire efficacy analysis not standardized • System-wide reliability standard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T transients or contingencies not modeled in D analysis • D reconfiguration and load transfers not modeled in T studies • Time-series analysis of all operating modes stemming from alignment of load and renewable profiles • Analysis of value of DER in D grids • Analysis based on localized reliability needs
Tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separate T&D models • Separate T&D tools (e.g., CYME, PSSE) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NWA solution siting, sizing, and economics • Integrated analysis of T&D grids • Value of DER analysis • Probabilistic analysis tool to assess risk of delivery interruptions • T hosting capacity for inverter-based resources



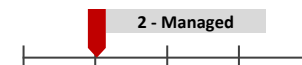
Internal Utility Process Maturity

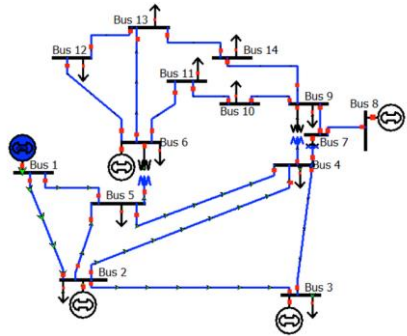


External Stakeholder Process Maturity

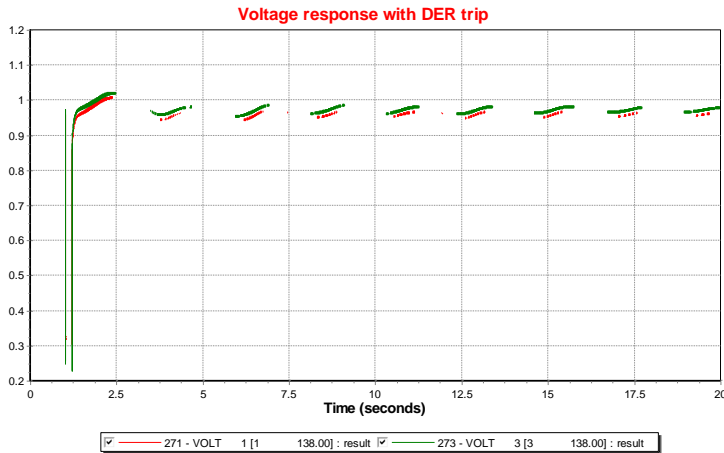
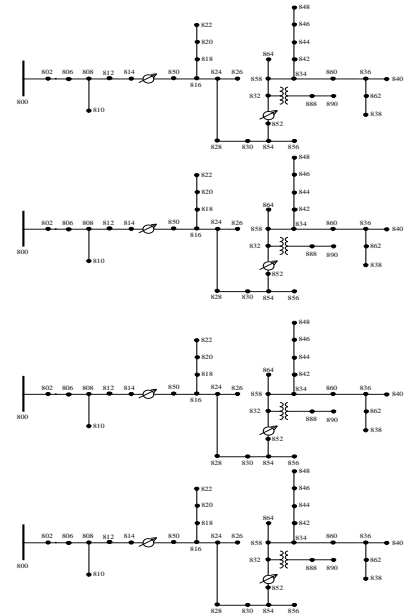
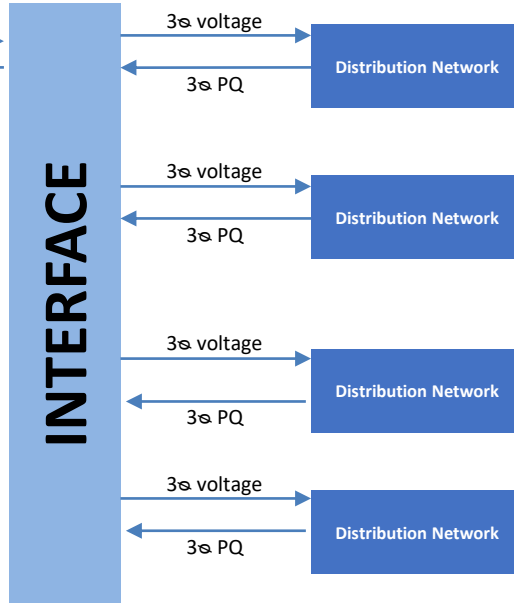


Tools





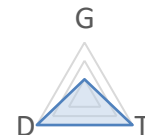
Interface:
Boundary of Convergence
(coupling point)



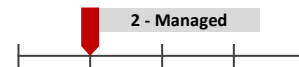
The computational requirements of the dynamic co-simulation of T&D systems are challenging and require research and optimization to become practical.

As T&D operations become more interdependent with high levels of DERs, the industry needs to develop a long-term roadmap for the T-D interface.

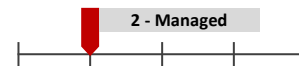
	Current State	Gaps
Processes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No clear direction among the stakeholders on how to evolve T-D interface Coordination framework is being discussed among ISO, utility (DO¹), and DER providers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus on “technology solutions” to address immediate concerns (but not long-term objectives) DO is not in the loop on DER wholesale market transactions Multi-use DERs may receive conflicting dispatches/signals from DO and ISO
Tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vendors are focusing on offerings in distribution systems Vendors respond to near-term client needs rather than a long-term solution that involves integrated T&D operations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Longer-term arrangements should be automated to deal with high levels of DER Distribution grid real-time visibility Real-time forecasting of DER impact at each T-D substation Coordination procedures between ISO, DO, and DER regarding wholesale DER schedules and dispatches Dispatch priority related multiple usages of DER



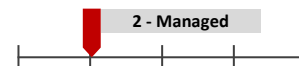
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External Stakeholder Process Maturity



Tools



¹ Distribution Owner (DO)

COORDINATED GT&D PLANNING AND INVESTMENT PRIORITIZATION

Policy & Strategic Objectives

Decarbonization

Financial
Sustainability

Resilience

Reliability

Safety

Policies & Plans

Renewable
Portfolio
StandardsIntegrated
Resource
PlansGeneral Rate
CasesRisk
Mitigation
PlansGrid
Modernization
Plans

Related Analyses (Examples)

Value of DER

Load & DER
ForecastingProtection,
Automation,
& ControlNon-Wires
AlternativesHosting
Capacity

Reliability

Asset
Management

Utility Investment Planning

Proposed investments need to be valued across all planning domains equally to support optimal portfolio development.

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Project 1Executed
Project 2

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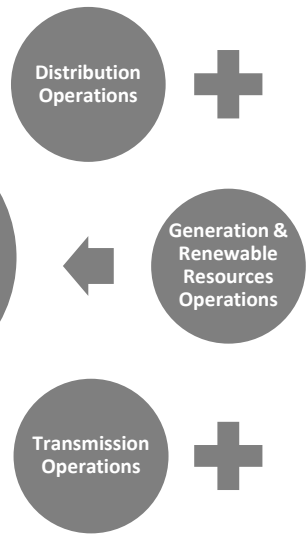
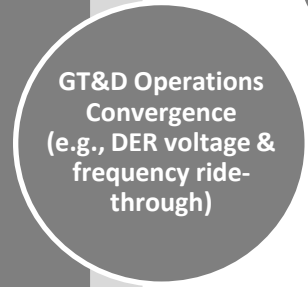
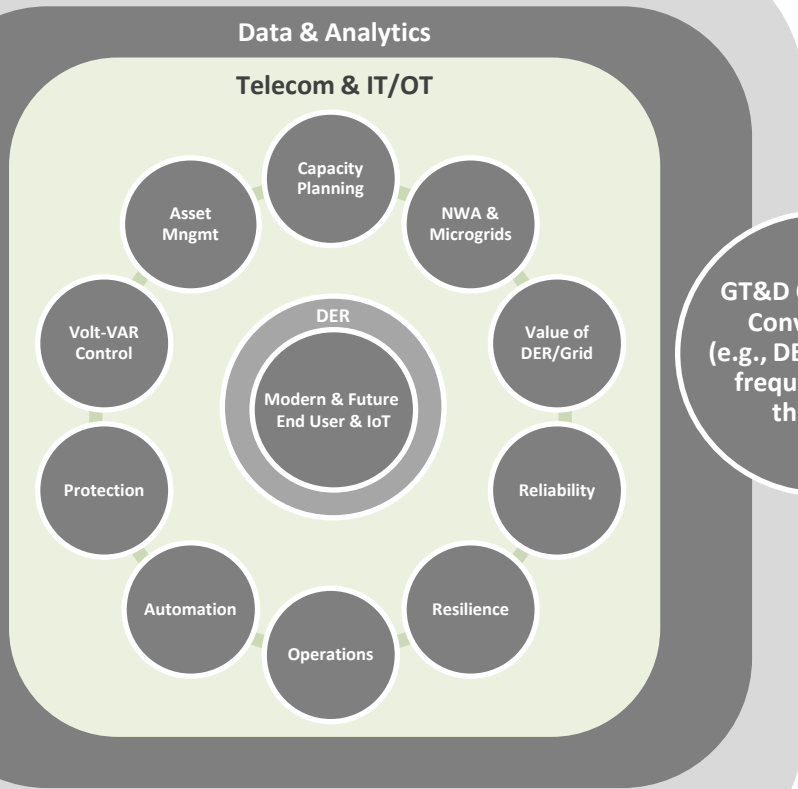
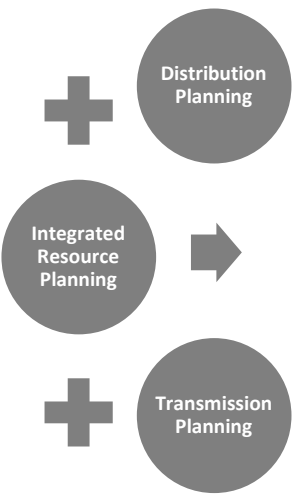
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Modern Planning Process: GT&D Planning, Operations, & Investment Convergence

High Granularity
Spatial/Temporal Modeling,
Simulation & Analysis

Models and Software Solutions

Result is Holistic
Investment Prioritization



Transition from analyses based on annual peak demand of key assets (e.g., substation transformers) to multi-hour demands of granular assets (e.g., service transformers)

QUESTIONS?