

# The Power of Networks in an Age of Gas

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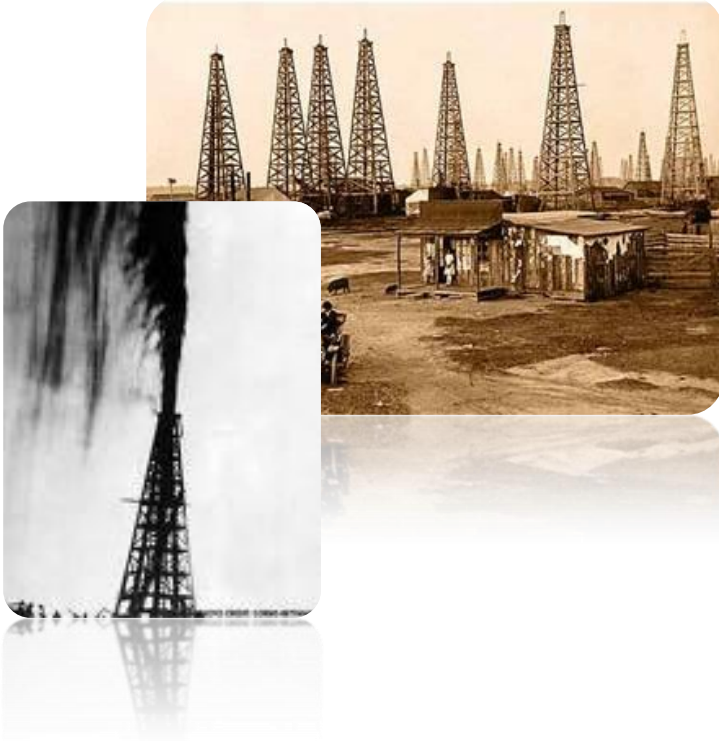
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# Sources of competitive advantage

## Natural endowments



## Creative endowments



Thomas Edison  
- GE Founder

The U.S. is rich in both

# Advantage of networks

## Physical and digital infrastructure

### Power grid network

- More than 200,000 miles of high-voltage transmission lines (230 Kilovolts and greater)
- More than 3,700 TWh of power transmitted

### U.S. natural gas pipeline network

- Over 306,000 miles of transmission pipelines
- More than 69 Billion Cubic feet per day transmitted (~25 Tcf per year)

### Freight rail network

- Consists of over 140,000 miles of tracks
- 28,000 locomotives

### Long haul trucking network

- National Highway System (NHS) 200,000 miles
- About 11 million trucks

### Digital network

- Millions of miles of fiber optic cable
- 76% wireless broadband penetration



### Benefits

- ✓ National competitiveness
- ✓ Environmental sustainability
- ✓ Resilience

Sources: EEI, DOT, EIA

**The U.S. is also rich in mature networks**



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# Gas network technology

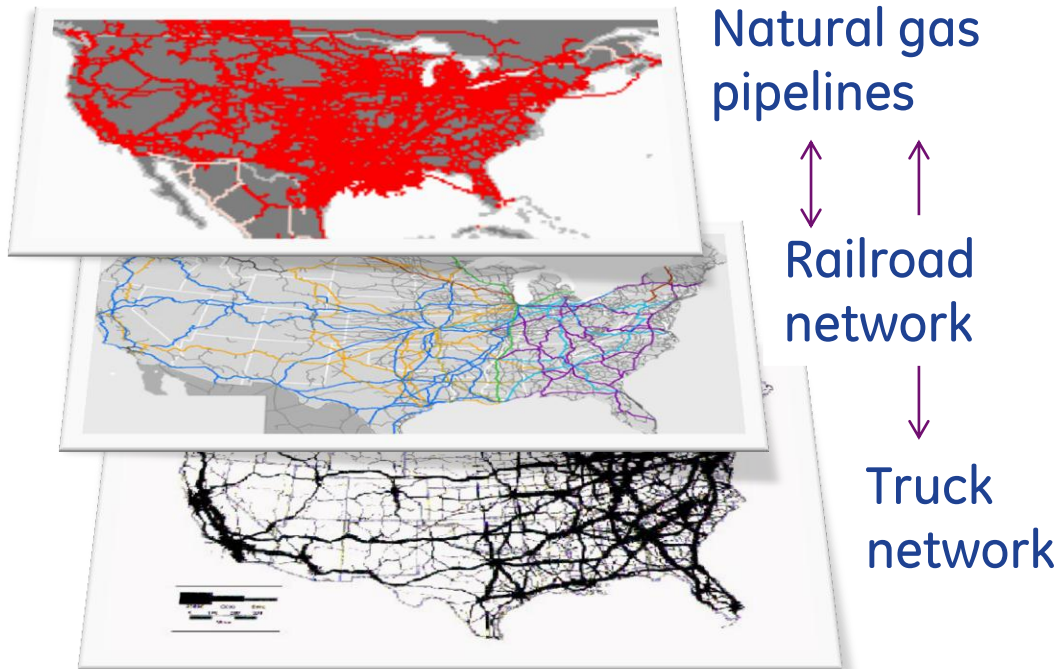




# Linking across networks in new ways

## Natural gas + transportation networks

### New network connections emerging



~6% of US energy is consumed in diesel transport

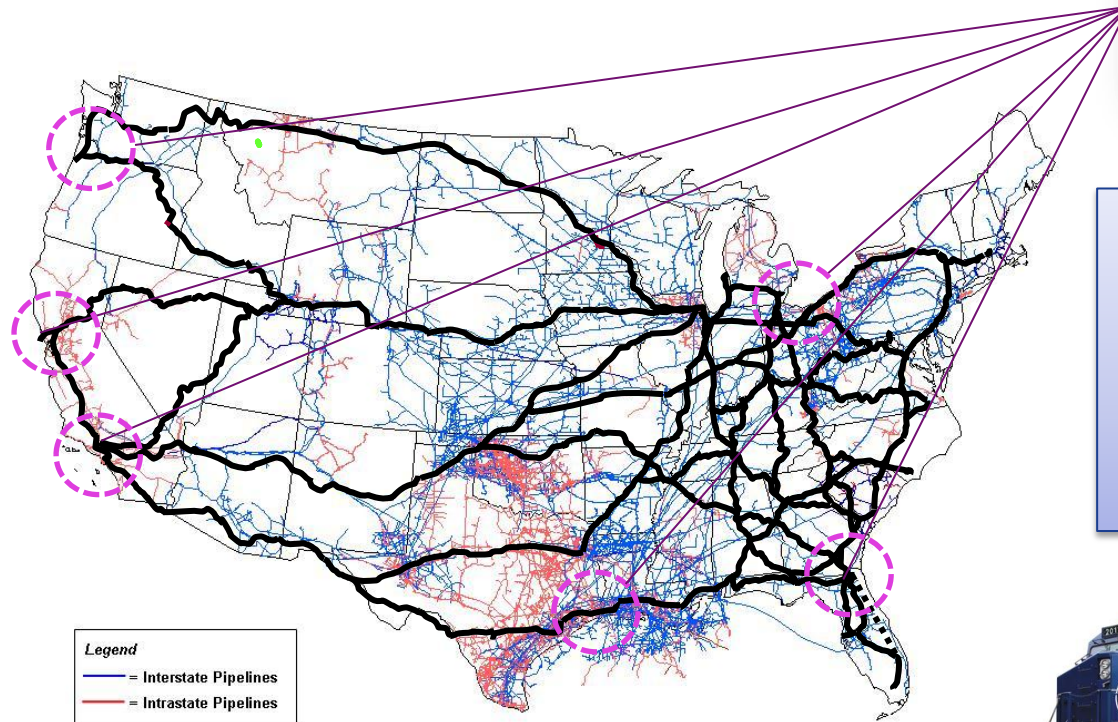
Strategic capital investments are required for transportation companies to capture the fuel price spread between natural gas and diesel

Rail and truck operators are evaluating the economics and will test technologies as they become available

Growing potential for gas/ heavy transport network synergies

# Linking physical networks

## Rail + natural gas + trucking



Sources: EIA, Office of Oil & Gas and CSX, 2013



**Micro-LNG plant**  
Natural gas liquefaction  
plant producing up to  
250,000 gallons per day

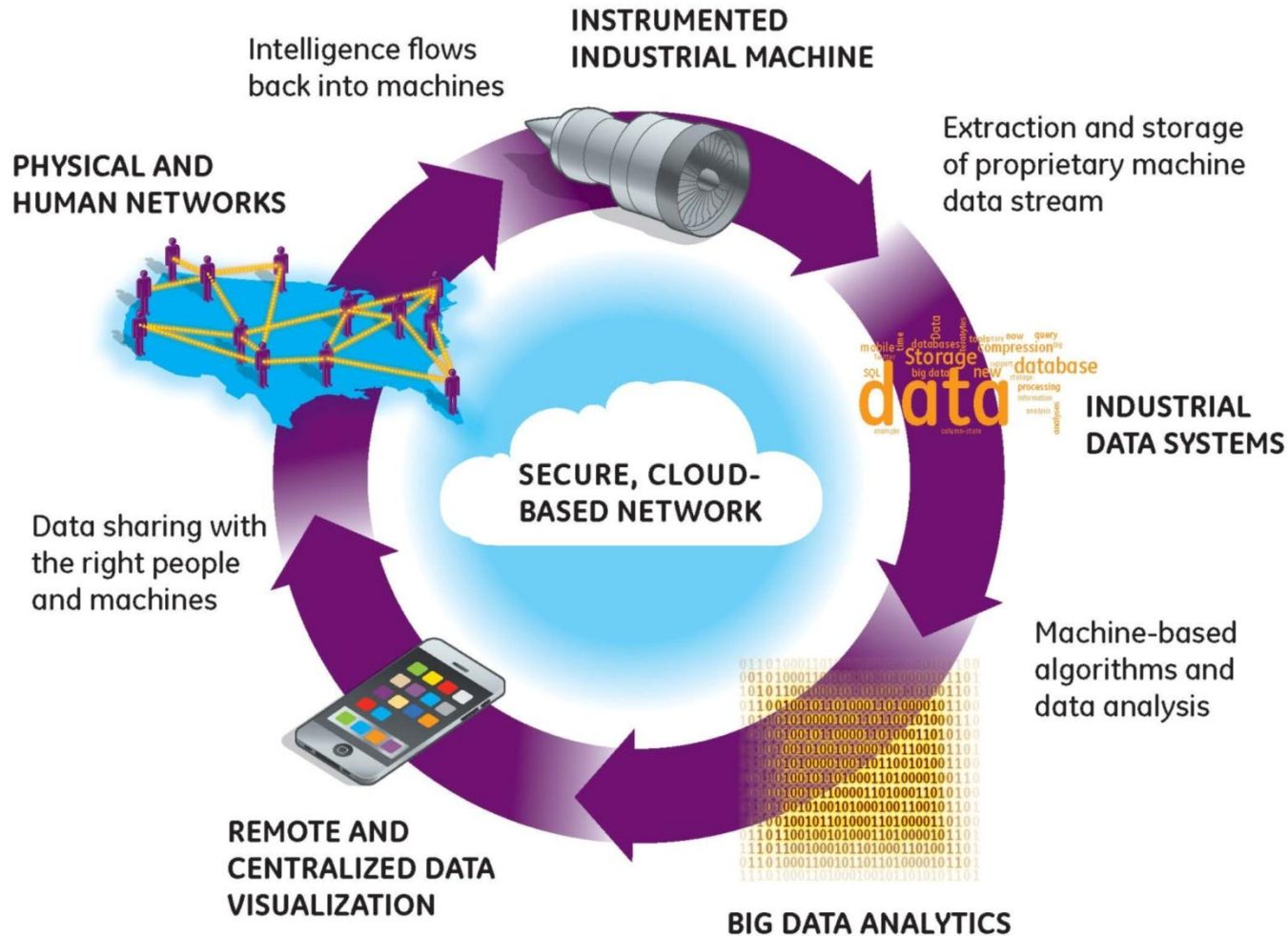
Strategically located  
liquefaction plant  
investment of \$15 to \$20  
billion could displace up  
to 30% of transport diesel



**Fueling infrastructure a key to linking networks**

# Digital networks

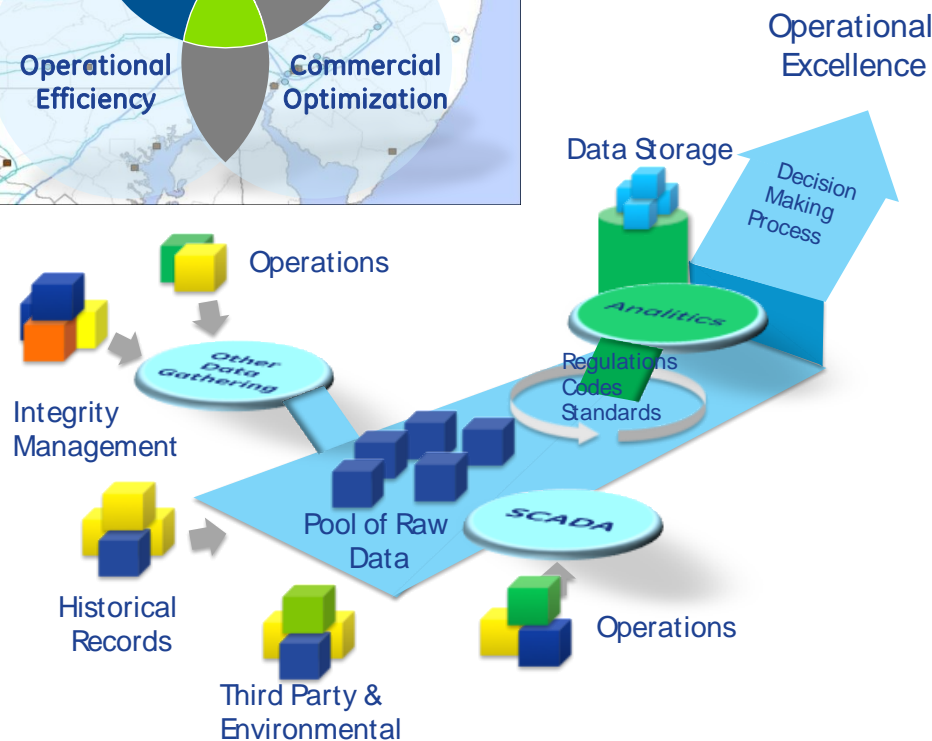
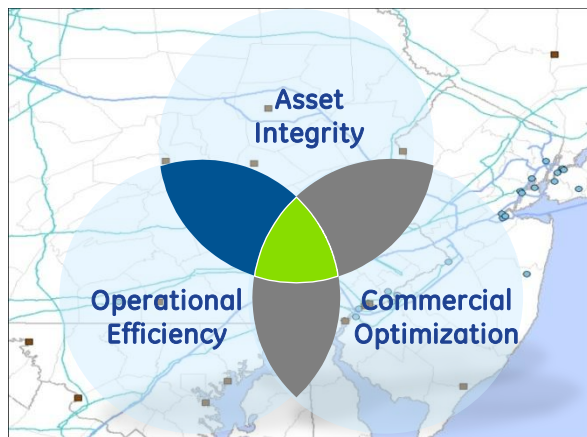
Expand and harness the Industrial Internet





# Intelligent pipelines

## Digital integration with gas networks



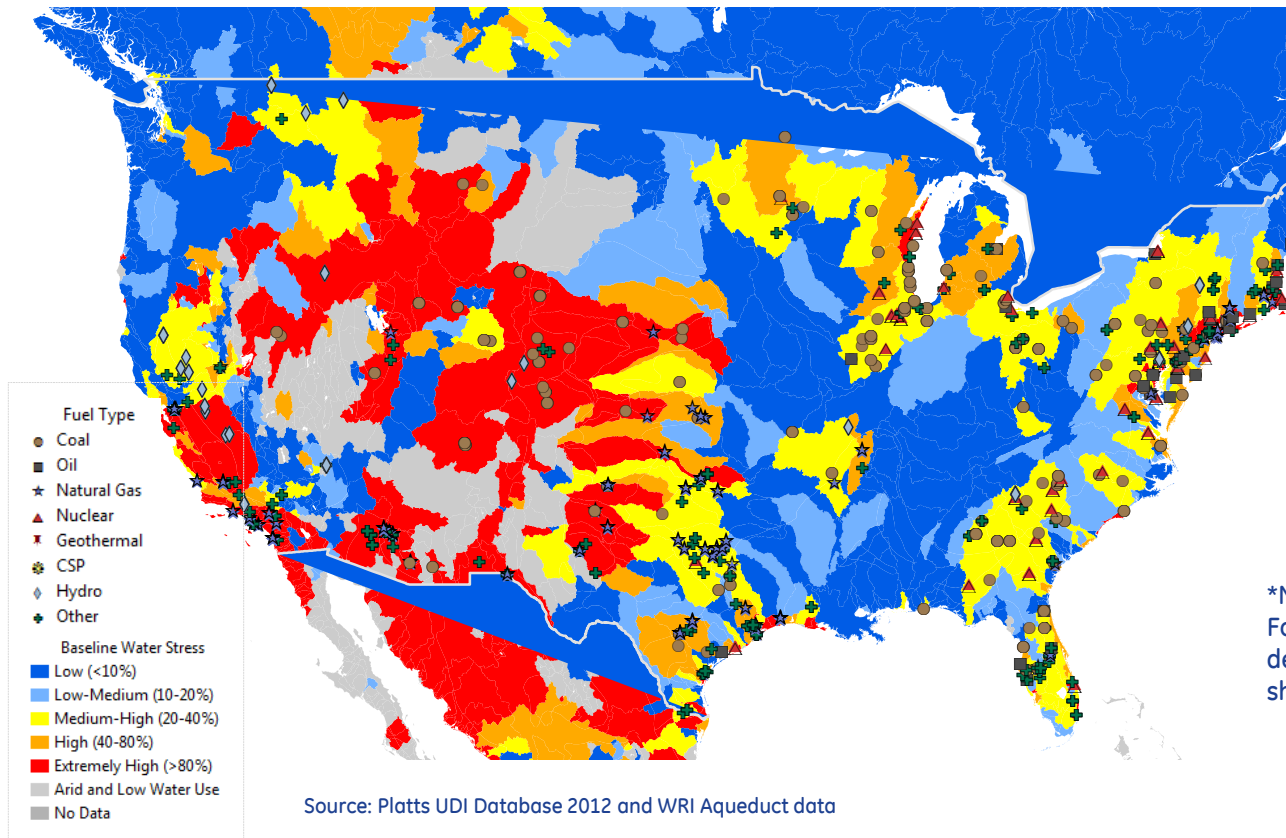
### Benefits

- ✓ Integration of operations, integrity, and commercial data streams
- ✓ Enhance opportunities for predictive maintenance
- ✓ Situational awareness and rapid response to incidents
- ✓ Monitoring, diagnostics and prognostics



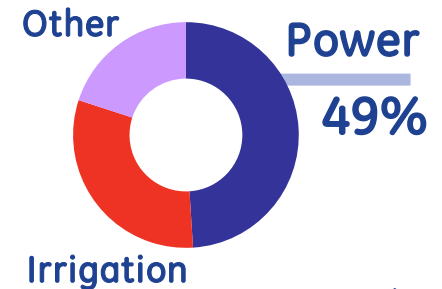
# Energy-water stress nexus

US water-dependent power generation units in regions of medium to extremely-high stress



US Water Withdraws

410 BGD



USGS, 2005 data

\*Notes: Includes thermal and hydro plants. For visualization purposes, plants with design capacity less than 100 MW are not shown.

~4,000 units are in areas of medium to extremely-high water stress

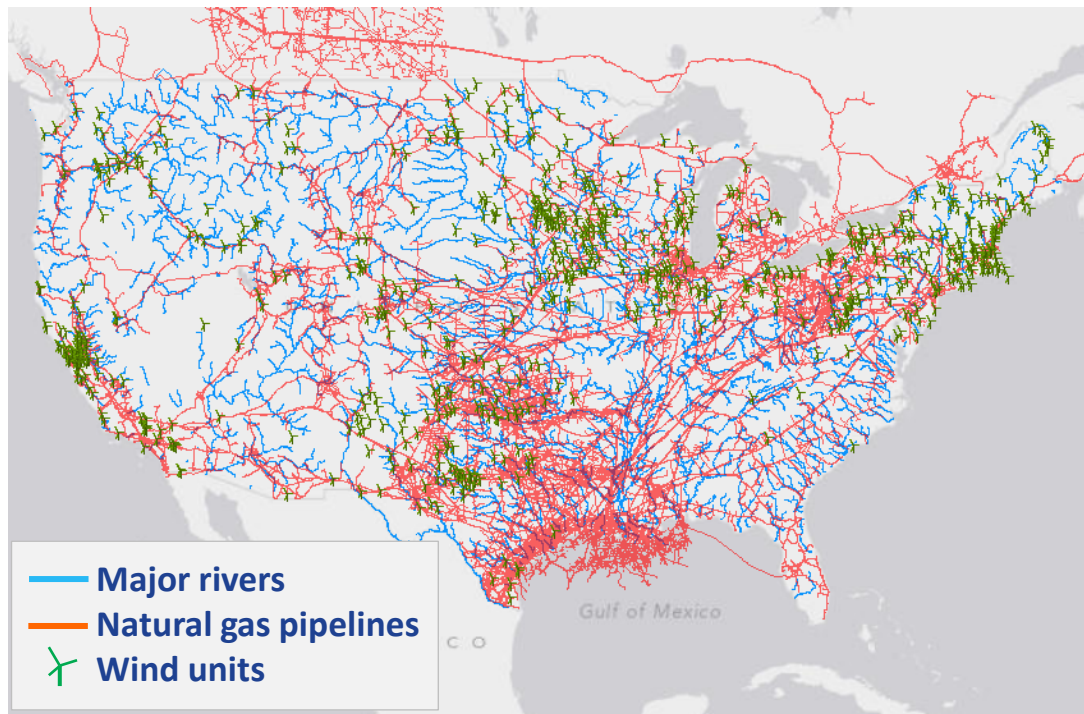


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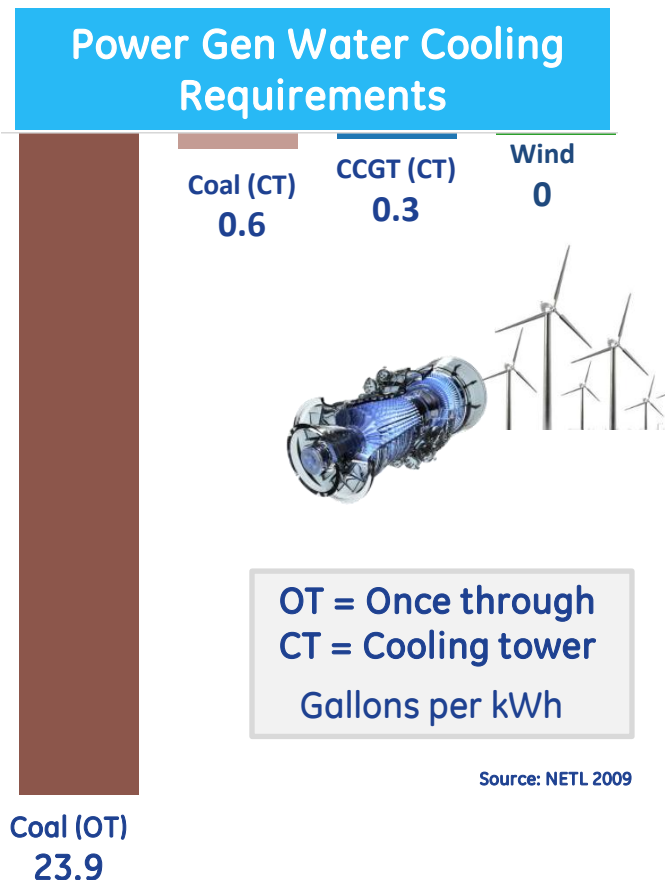
# Linking networks for sustainability

## Benefits of gas and wind complementarity

### River networks/ Gas Pipelines / Wind



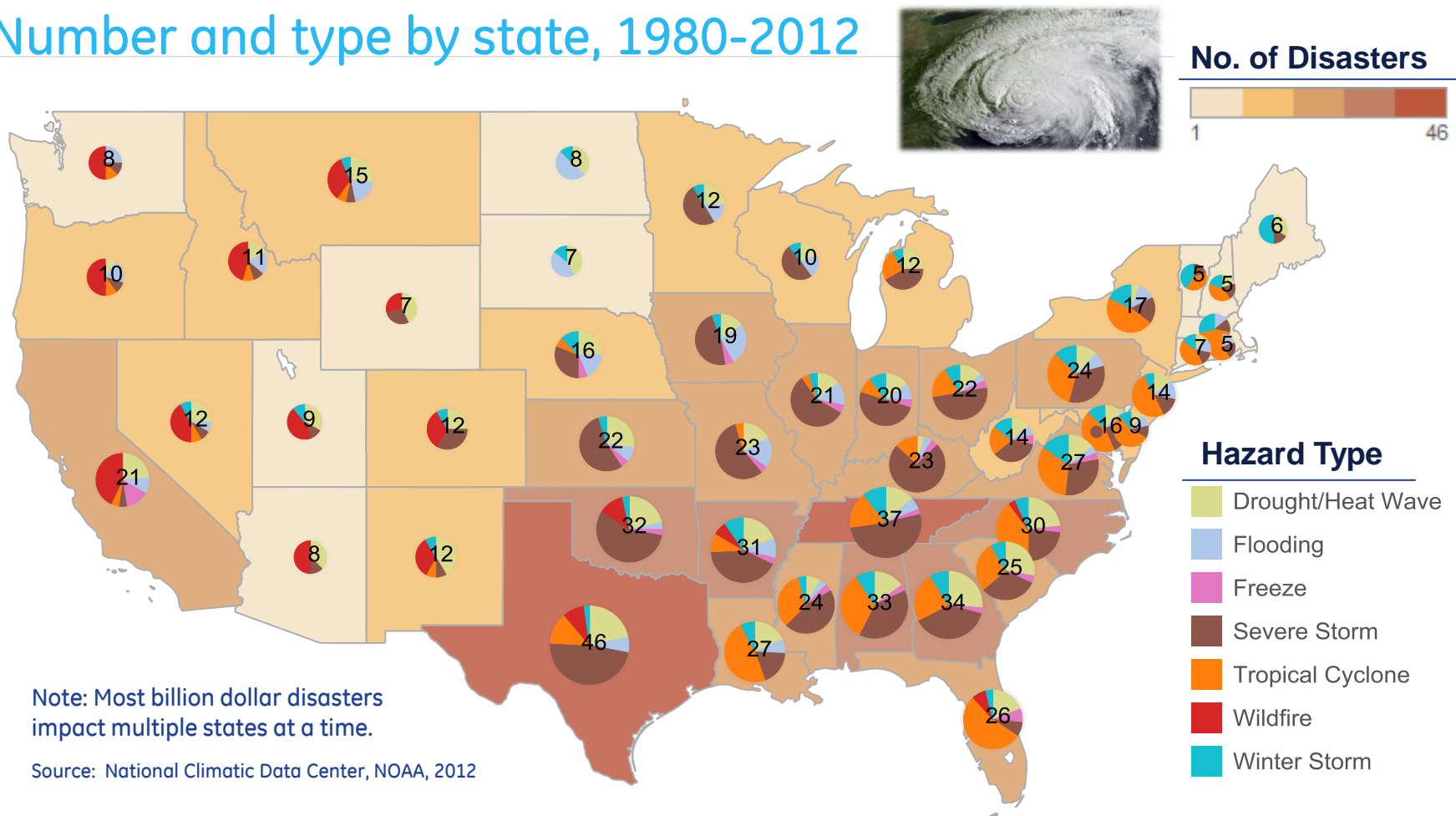
Source: USGS, IHS Midstream, Platts UDI 2012



Smart gas + wind network deployment can reduce stress

# US billion dollar weather disasters

Number and type by state, 1980-2012

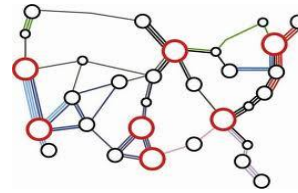


Total number = 144; total cost to US economy = \$1 trillion

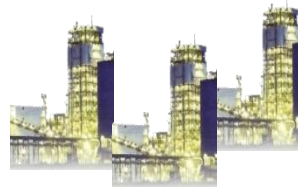
# Building energy system resilience

How to minimize disruption + quickly restore basic functions

- 1 Diversification
- 2 Intelligence
- 3 Couple / decouple
- 4 Pooling/ coordination
- 5 Redundancy



Networks



Fleets



Facilities



Machines



# Gas technology + gas network

Maintaining reliable operations at JFK airport;  
over 9 million passengers per year/ 31,000 flights

## Combined Heat and Power (CHP)

2 x GE LM 6000s

74 MW plant

7,000 tons water



- ✓ Environmental friendly gas turbine or gas engine technology during normal operations (70-80% efficient)
- ✓ Ability to decouple ("island") from the grid during disruptions and to continue providing heat & power

Resilient sustainable infrastructure

# Harnessing the power of networks

Natural resource endowments + network endowments



## National competitive advantage

- Policy should recognize that the US is rich in physical and digital networks
- The surge in gas production opens up new opportunities to further integrate networks to support new levels of national economic competitiveness

## Environmental sustainability

- Harnessing network synergies can lower environmental externalities
- In addition to reducing emissions, harnessing the complementary relationship between gas and wind can reduce energy-water stresses

## Resilience

- The cost and frequency of natural disasters are on the rise
- Investing technologies like CHP can advance regional and national resilience



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