

# The Evolution of Data Analytics at Oncor

*Adding the “Smart” to the Smart Grid*

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WE DELIVER.



# Oncor - By the Numbers

- **Transmission and Distribution services only (no commodity exposure)**
- **Open energy delivery platform as market enabler**
- **Enabling competitive retail, generation, and in-home services**
- **Agnostic to generation technologies or locations**
- **Focus on grid reliability and information services**
- **In 2019 ERCOT enabled 31 GW of competitive renewable generation**

**3.6M**

AMS Meters

**137k**

Circuit Line Miles

**500k**

Switch Points

**250K**

SCADA Points

**50M**

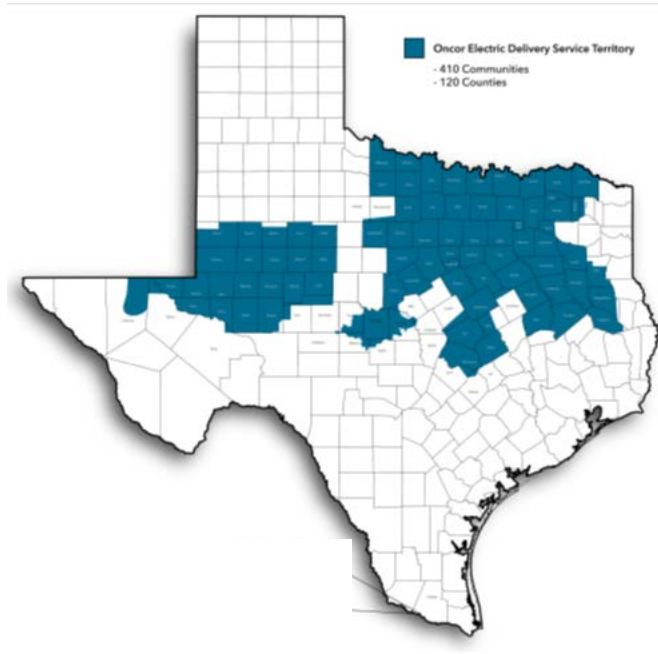
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**300M**

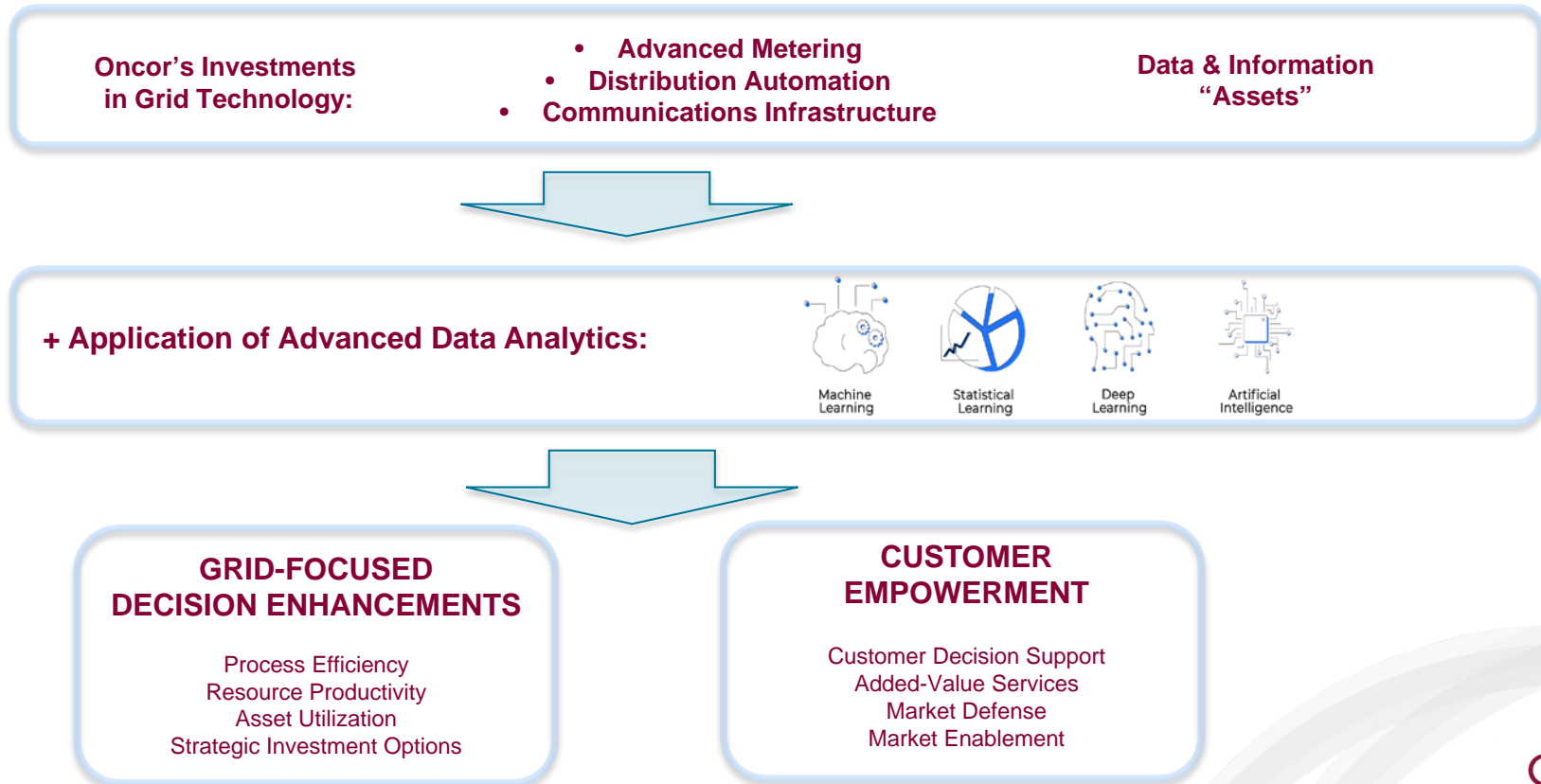
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**4 PByte**

Analytics Data Store



# How ONCOR Puts the “Smart” into the “Smart”Grid



# Enhanced Operational Decisions to Improve Reliability

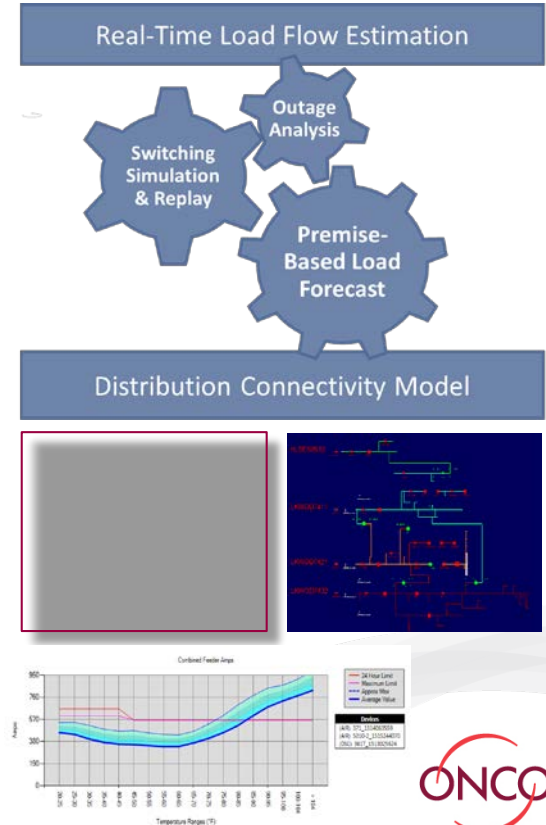
## Distribution State Estimator / Load Forecast

Neural-network based Distribution real-time and predictive **load flow simulation and fault location estimates** are critical for switching decision during service restoration and for the avoidance of critical over load conditions.

**Reliability Improvement:** 3 – 5 minutes

Distribution “**connectivity errors**” compromise operational decision quality and cause “mis-routed” customer notifications.

**Customer satisfaction** for Oncor Alert users is 97%, the highest of any type of transaction for Oncor.



# Better Investment Decision to Avoid Outages

## Equipment Failure Prediction:

- Using meter data, in 2019, almost 2,000 power quality issues were detected before causing an outage. This avoided over 1,500 unplanned truck rolls per year.
- Using advanced regression algorithms and machine learning supported failure models, in 2019 the maintenance strategy team proactively identified 250 overloaded transformers and 349 transformers that had damaged coils (5,000 avoided outages).
- Using advanced statistical regression modeling, the maintenance strategy team has been able to accurately predict the failure probability of specific underground cable segments. This resulted in a 40% cable-related SAIDI improvement at unchanged CapEx funding levels.




## Key Benefits:

- Safety
- Avoided customer outages (SAIDI)
- Increased capital efficiency

# Targeted Vegetation Management at Scale

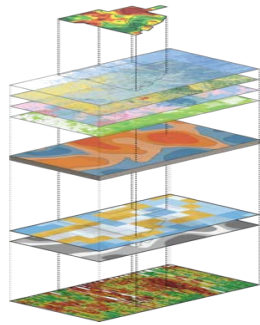

**Massive Geospatial Data**

- Satellite, and aerial imagery
- Weather
- Soil moisture
- Foliage



**Combined with Oncor Data**

- Asset inventory
- Condition and location
- Historical outage data



- Depict current state of vegetation across all of Oncor's territory (137k miles) including tree heights and growth
- Identify critical priority zones due to proximity of vegetation to equipment
- Assess, prioritize, sort and filter by asset class, districts equipment types etc

IBM Maximo APM for Energy and Utilities - Vegetation Management

Project0830 - Dashboard Map List

**Filter**

Corridor filter  
SUBSTATION\_COMPLEX  
1 Corridors selected  
Setup Reset

**Scoring filter**

Vegetation score  
A B C D

**Vegetation type**

Hazard tree  
 Vegetation area

**Action type**

Site inspection  
 Trimming  
 Pruning  
 Red flag inspection

**Workorder type**

**Asset classes**

**Map type**

Street map Satellite

**Layer**

Show action layer  
Show asset layer  
Show score layer  
Show corridor segment layer  
Show vegetation layer

**Tree crown height**

0ft-5ft  
5ft-10ft  
10ft-15ft  
Over 15ft

**CORRIDOR\_SEG\_OHC\_88011**

Vegetation score Priority score  
D P4

**Recommended actions**

Trimming 3 Site inspection 1

**Attributes** KPIs

Attributes	KPIs
Description	CORRIDOR_SEG_OHC_88011

View work history  
View reactive work request

# How Does Oncor Build its Capacity to Be “SMART”

- ... but by investing in capabilities that promote synergies, compounding effects and strategic options
- ... focus on data management and self-service data availability at scale
- ... develop motivated grass-roots analytics communities

## KEY ANALYTICS CAPABILITIES

### PEOPLE

Cross-functional expertise is critical

Functional Ownership/Alignment

Data Science Training

### SYSTEMS

Invest in central data management capabilities  
(Standardize data models)

Self-Service Analytics Platform

Focus on Open Source Technology & Synergies to Production Systems

### PROCESS

Broad adoption of Agile and Design Thinking Methodologies

Expand data governance and data quality capabilities

Move from one-off use cases to standardized process approach

# Challenges, Obstacles & Research Opportunities

- Assessment of common AI algorithms and models for suitable application in the utility sector
- Remote-sensing data analytics and cross-technology tool sets (i.e. images, LIDAR, Infrared, SAR)
- Remote sensing data delivery process and “speed to action/decision”
- Data harmonization across various equipment types and vendors (i.e. time synchronization, scan rates, event responses)
- End-to-end data quality management (i.e. chattering RTUs, failed replication/transformation processes...)
- Library of failure mode signatures (i.e. connectivity errors, faults, equipment failures)
- Data ingestion approaches and utilization of GPUs (large scale data processing)
- Resource prioritization and sharing (within and across utilities)
- Lack of utility-specific, open-source code sharing communities and education



# QUESTIONS?