



# Electric Sector Data Discussion

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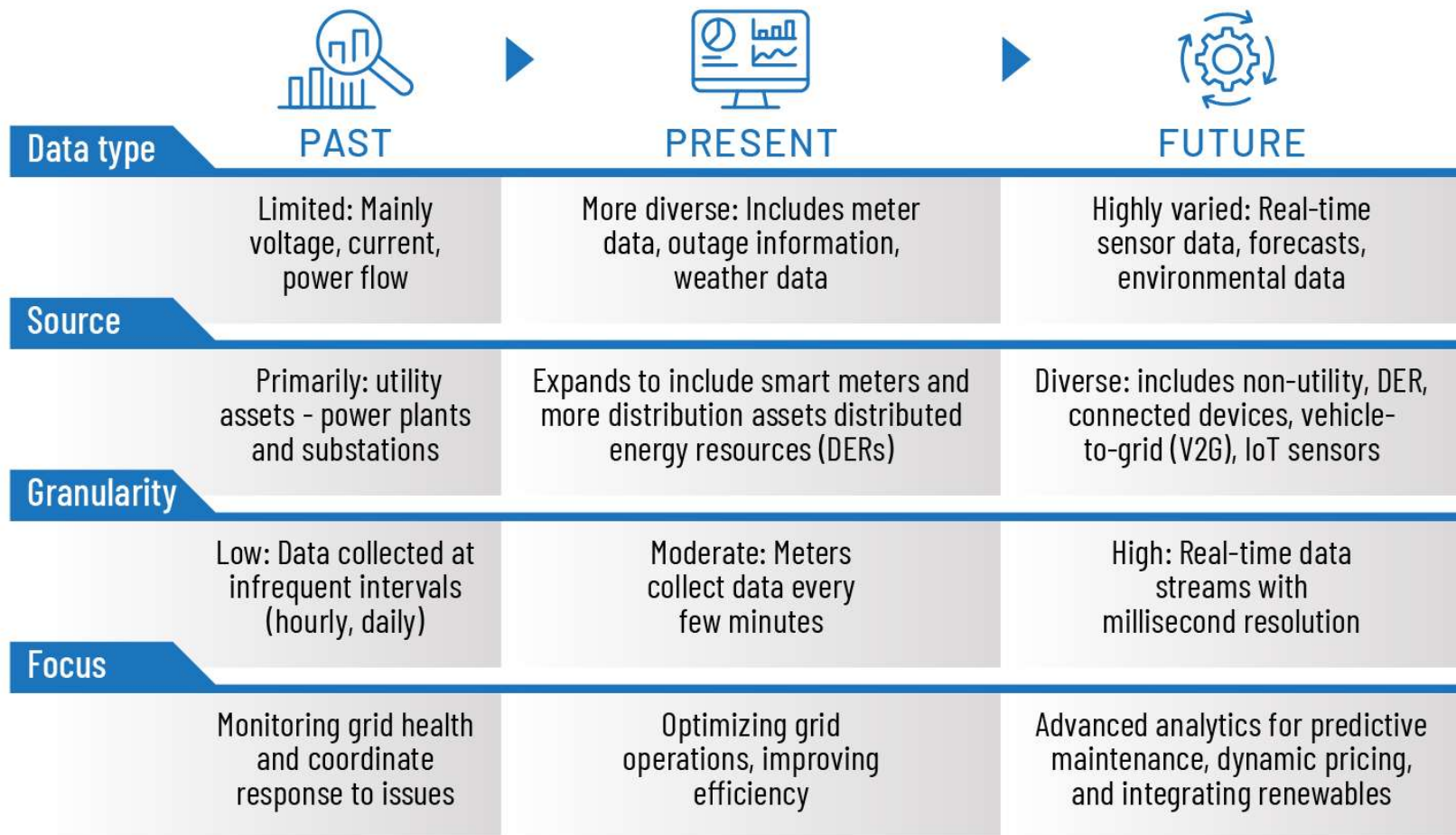
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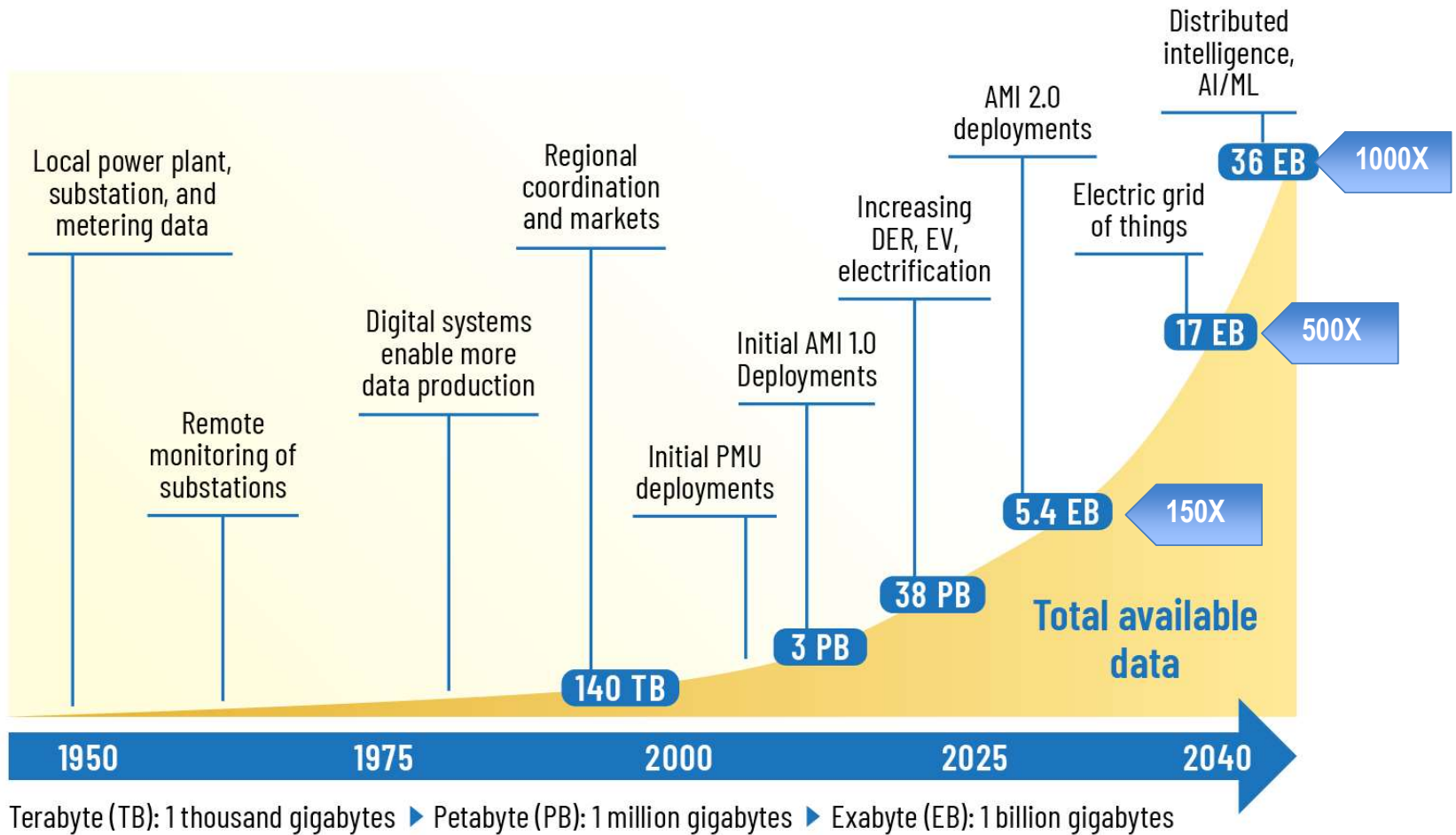
- **Electric Sector Data Context**
  - 12 min Presentation, 20 min Discussion
- **Sector Strategy & Secure Data Portal**
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- **Data Use & Protection**
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- **Conclusion & Discussion**
  - 4 min Presentation, 20 min Discussion

# Electric Sector Data Context

# The Evolving Role of Grid Data (Operational Perspective)

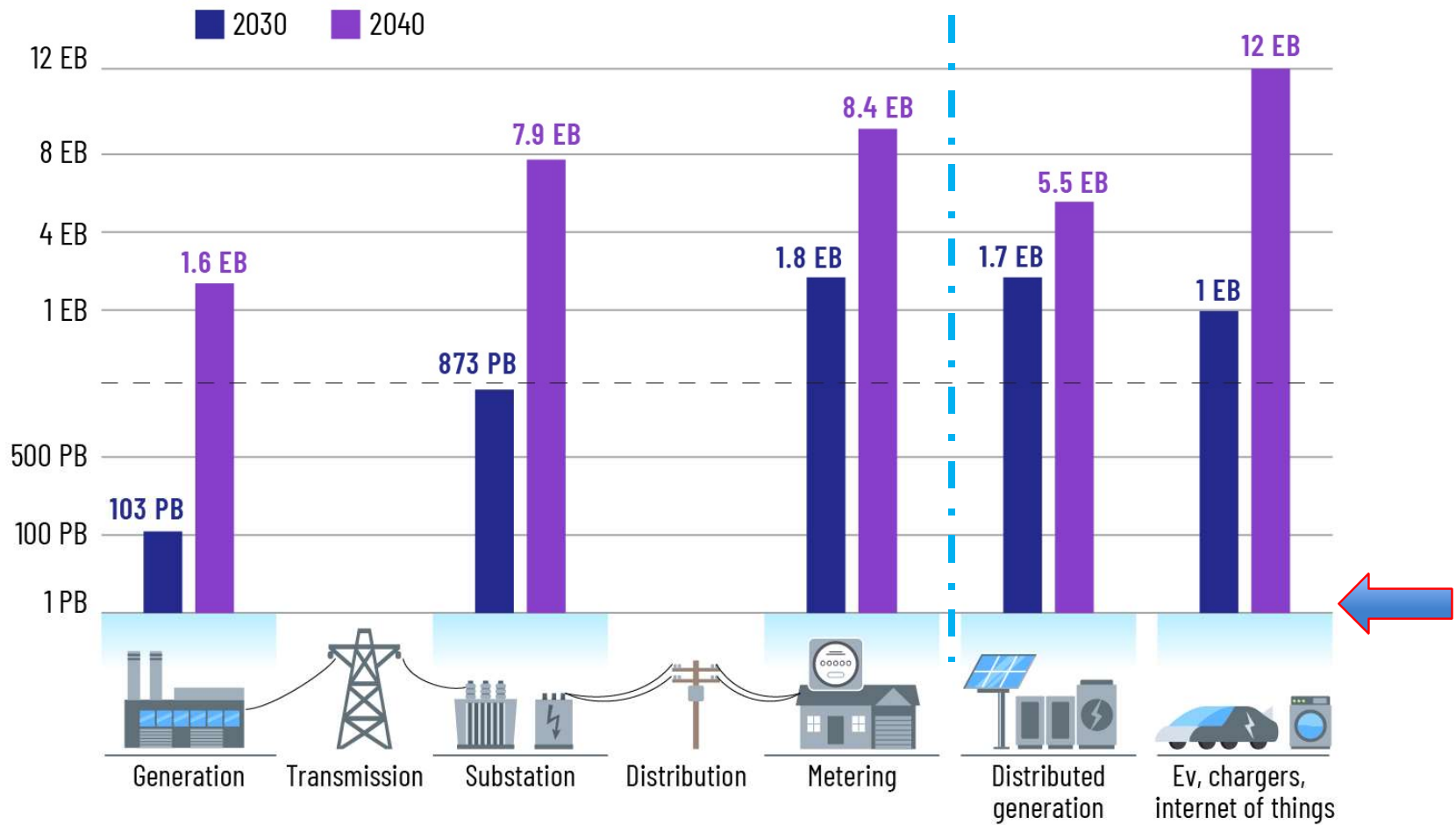


# Annual Grid Data Production Through The Years



# Grid Data by Location

Terabyte (TB): 1 thousand gigabytes ▶ Petabyte (PB): 1 million gigabytes ▶ Exabyte (EB): 1 billion gigabytes



# Electric Sector Data Strategy Goals

## Address Interoperability challenges

Data standardization

Enable Data standardization and interoperability solutions/platforms

## Develop functional Data ecosystems with flywheel effects – Data Spaces/Open Data Portals/Platform

🔍 Data discovery

👥 Collaboration

🔗 Data lineage

📖 Glossary

⚙️ Data governance

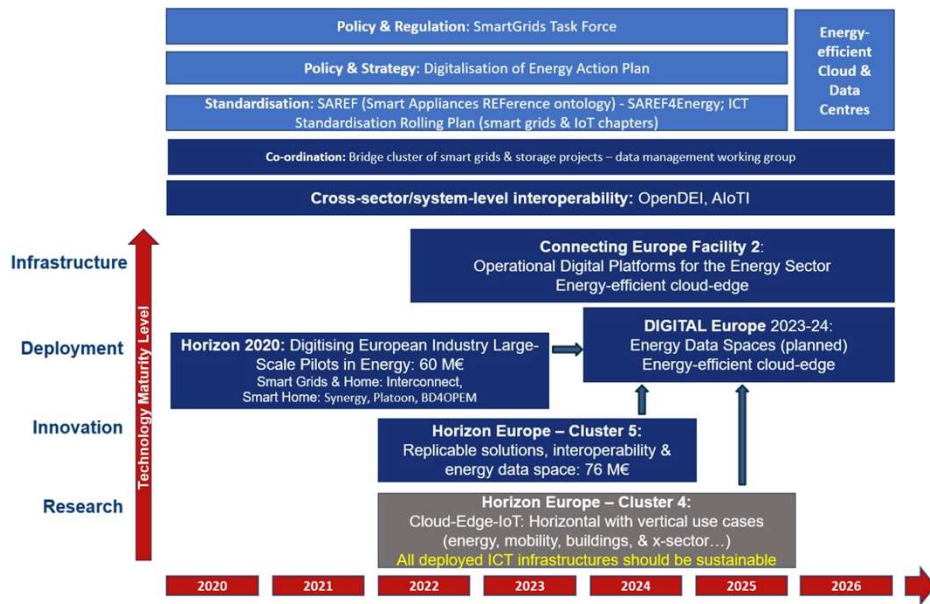
🔌 Open APIs

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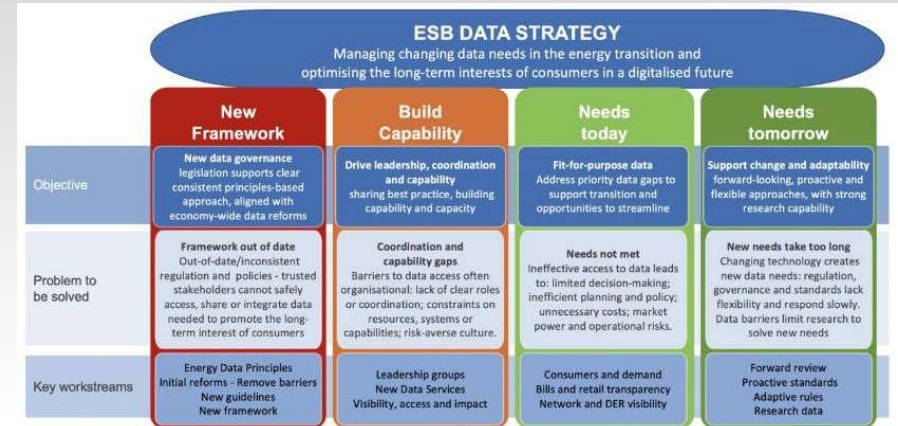
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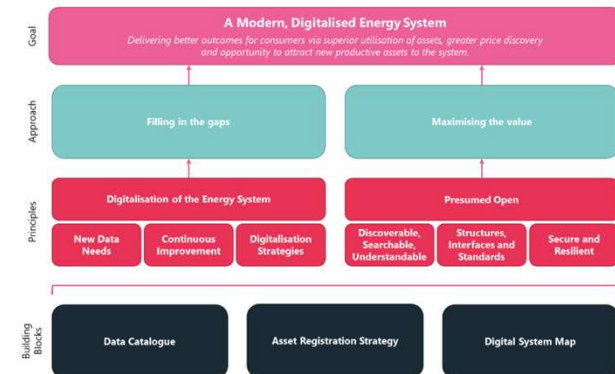
## EU Energy Data Strategy



## Australia and UK Energy Data Strategy



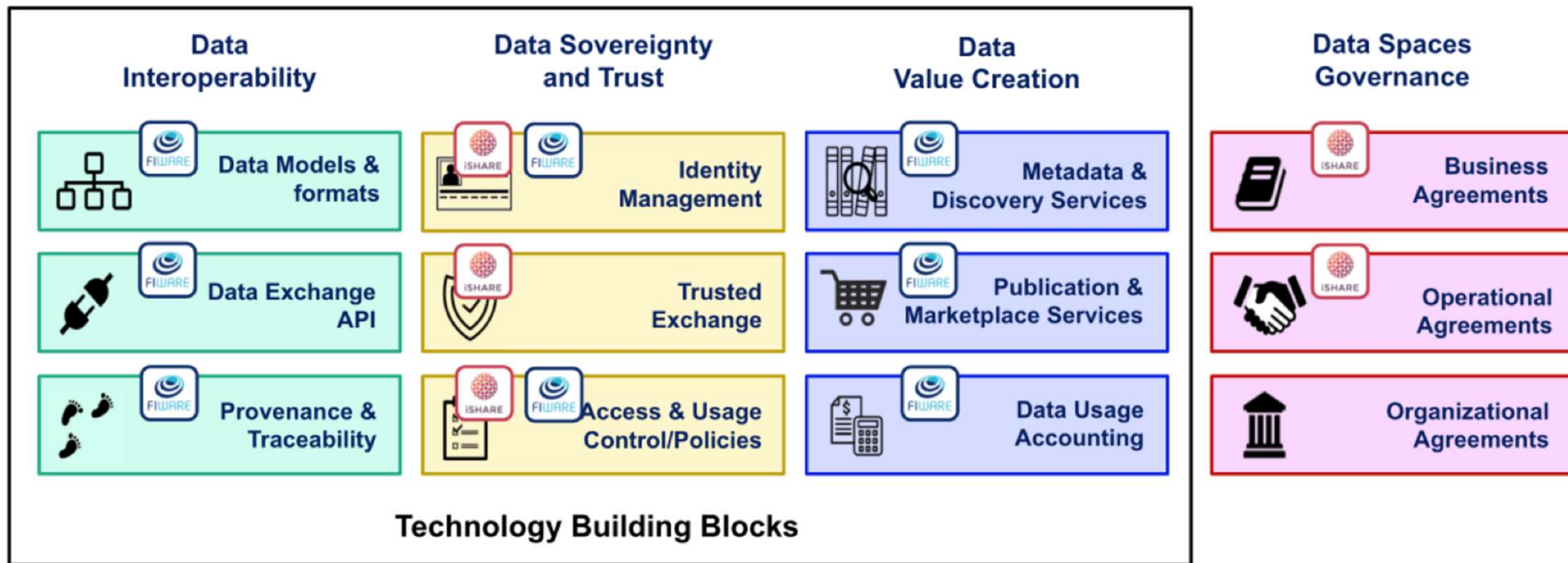
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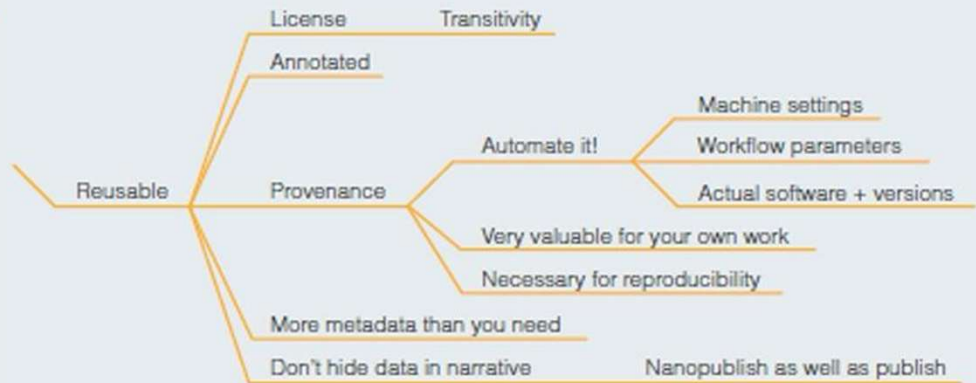
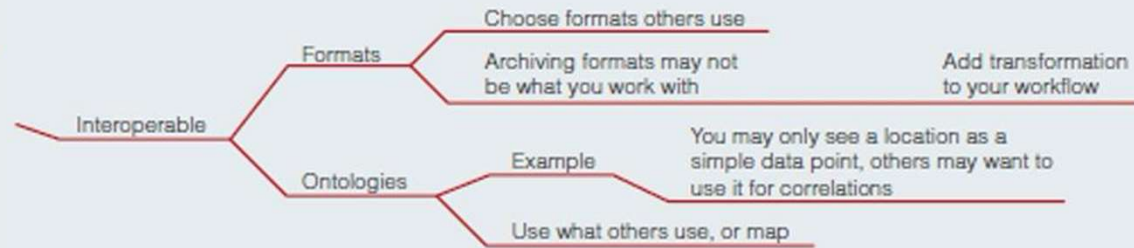
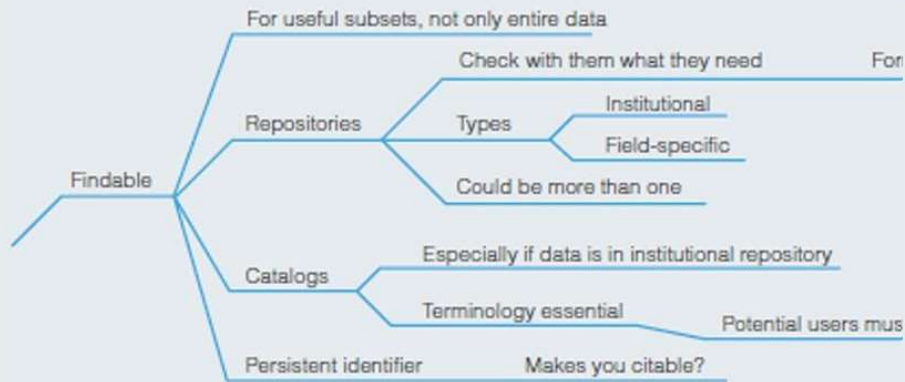


# Energy Data spaces

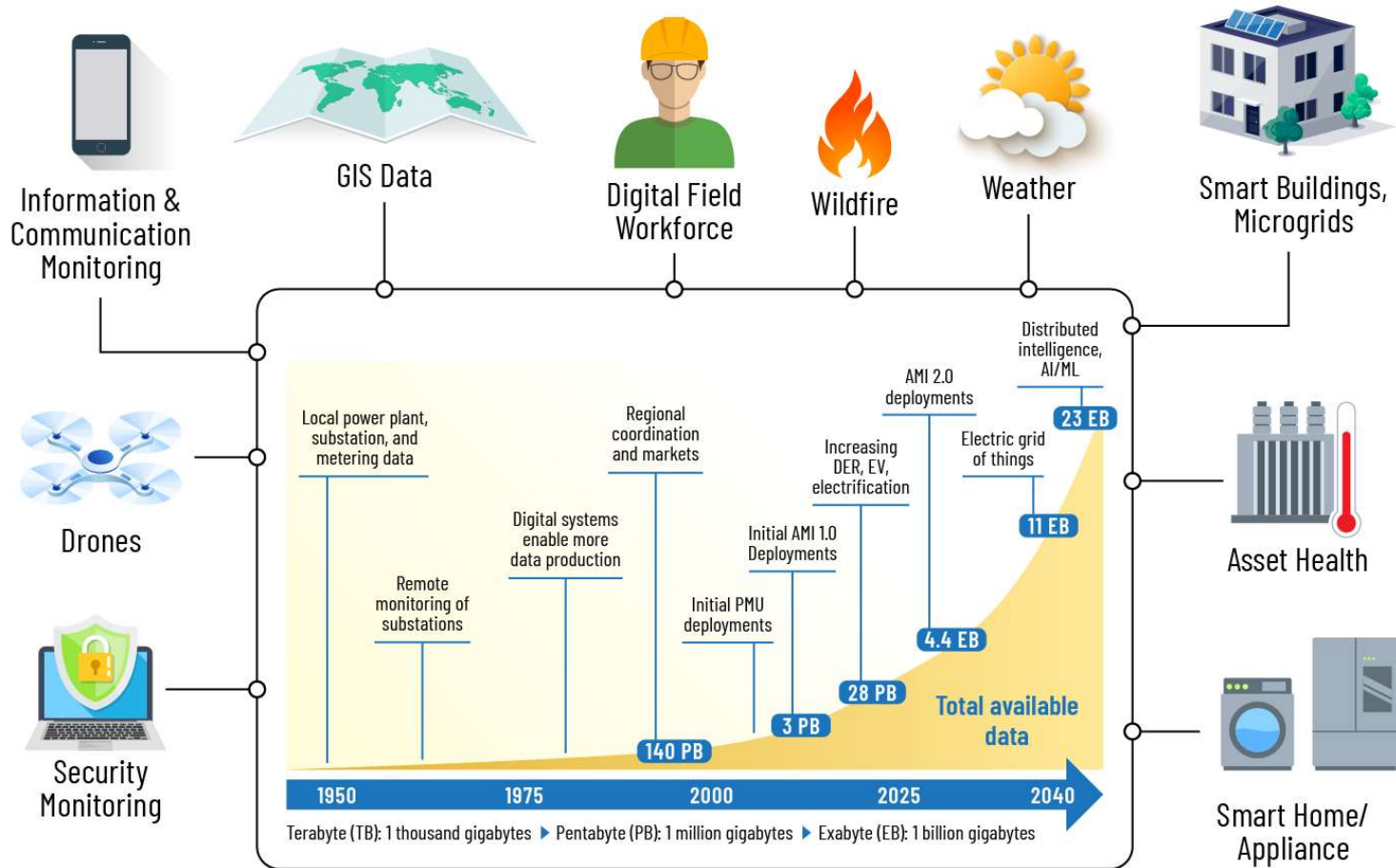
The Energy Data Space can enable the digitalization of the energy transition by providing an architecture to make data available to increase the efficiency in asset and system operation



<https://www.opendei.eu/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/OPEN-DEI-Energy-Data-Spaces-EHM-v1.07.pdf>



# Big Data? Surely you jest!



# Sector Strategy & Secure Data Portal

# Data Portals Today

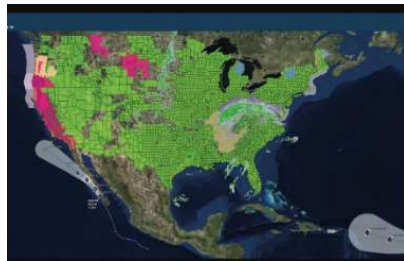
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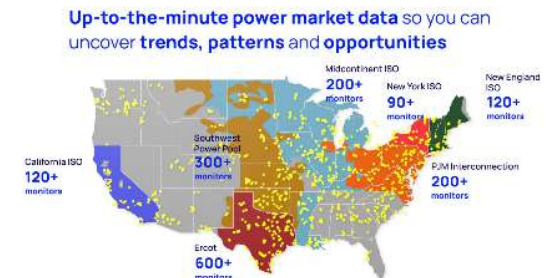
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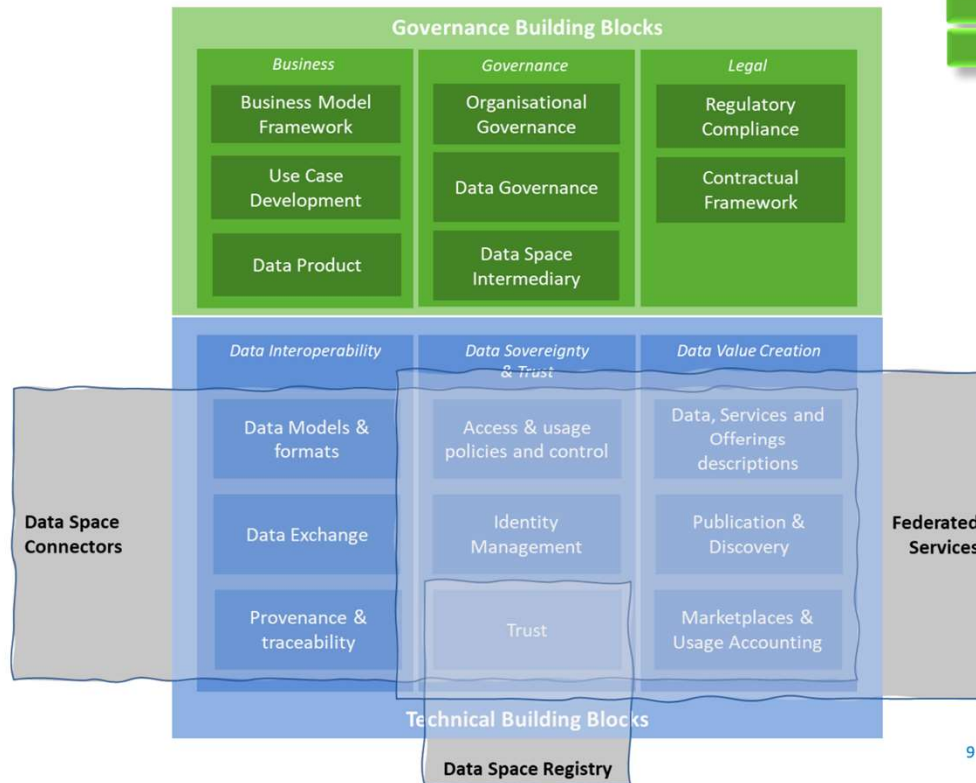
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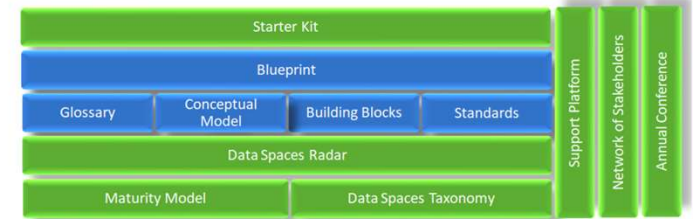
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# Building Blocks Taxonomy



## DSSC Delivery Plan



# Develop and Deploy a Data Catalog Solution for Data Discovery and Transparency with Data Governance

**Goal:** Implement a data catalog solution that provides capabilities like standardization and interoperability, while handling data privacy and confidentiality.

- **Current Status:**

- Data portal is available <https://openenergyhub.ornl.gov/login/>
  - Live for Beta testing on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
  - Added 50+ datasets (data and/or metadata)
  - Linking multiple ORNL project datasets from multiple sponsors

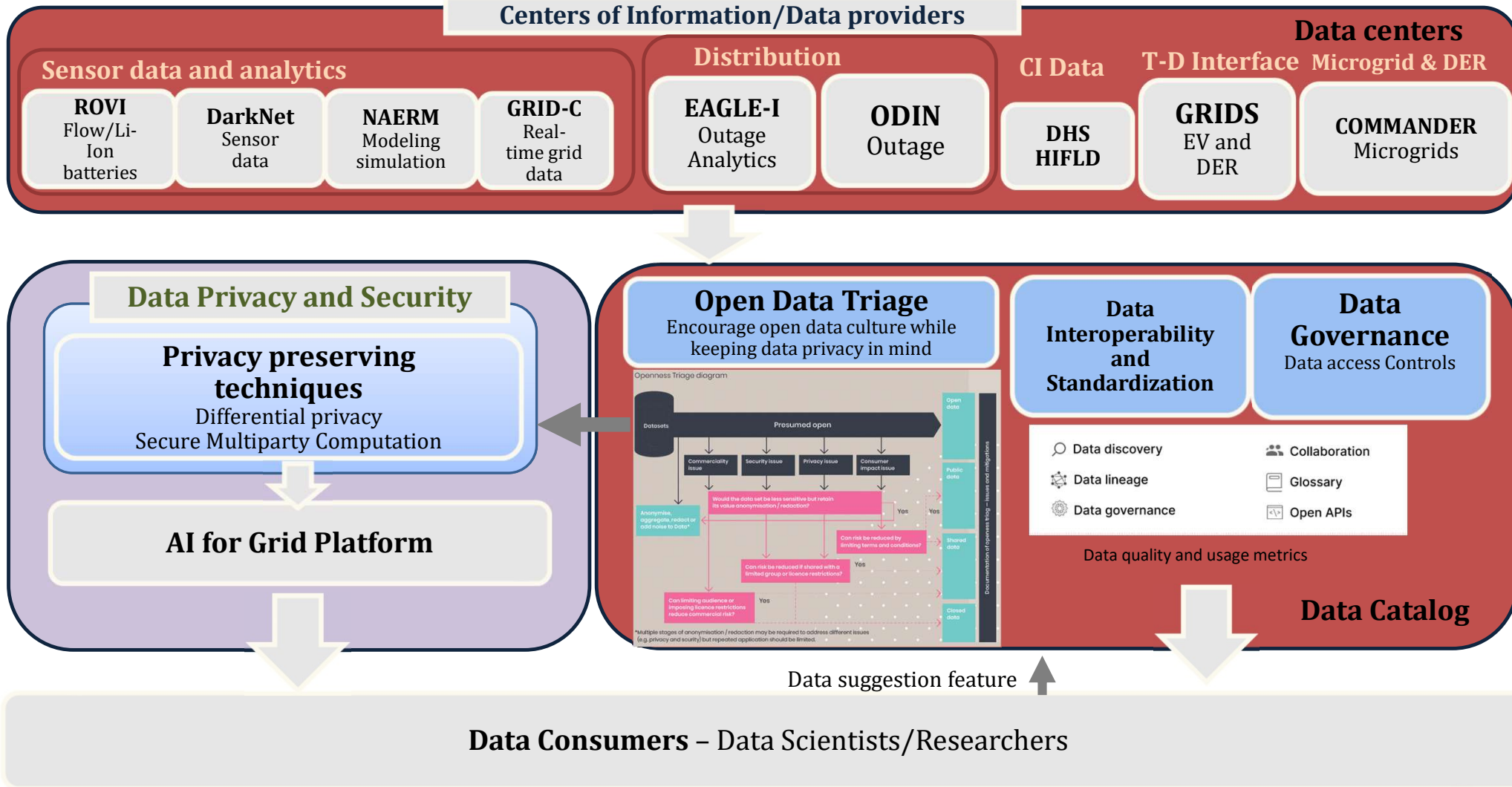
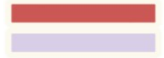


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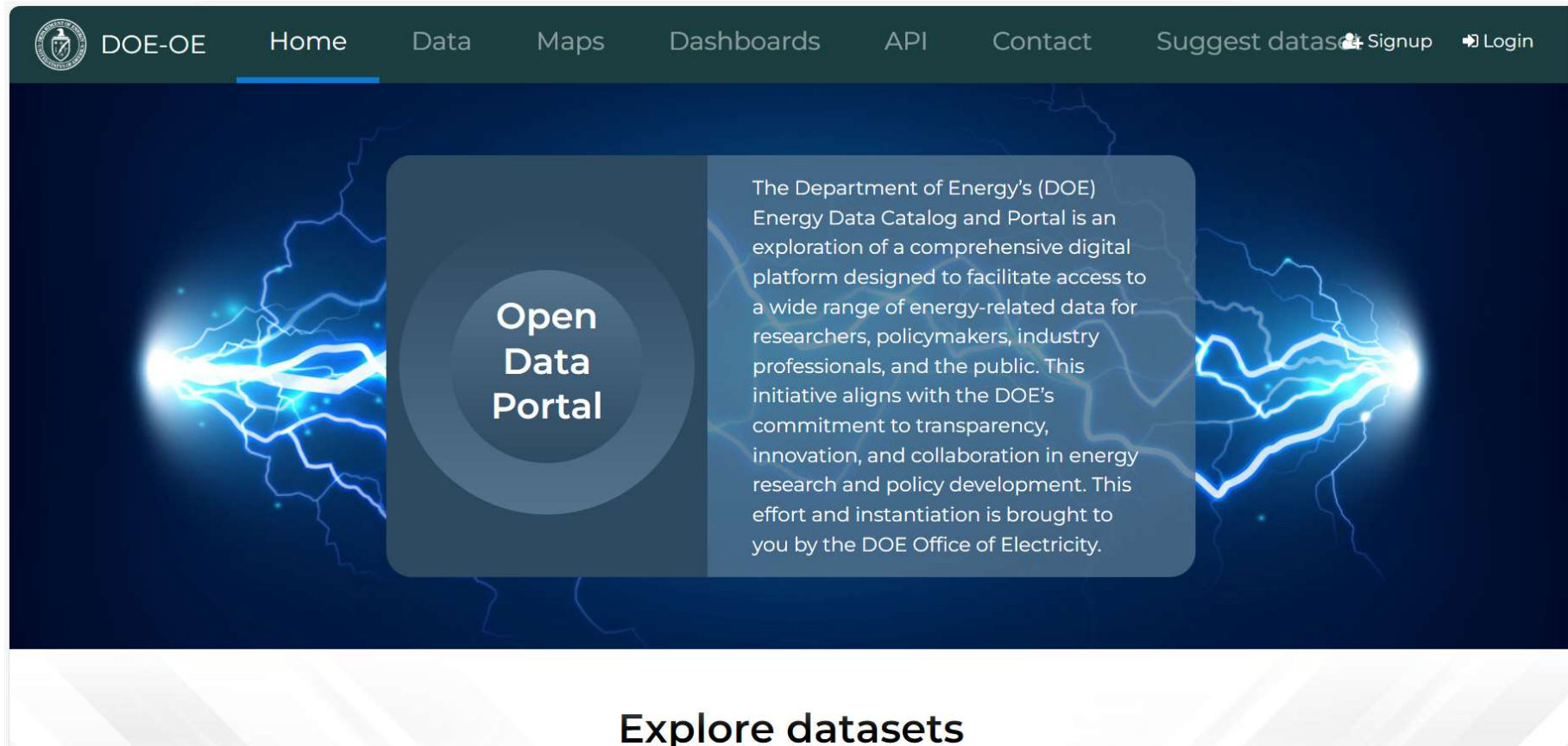
# High Level Data Framework for OE projects

Implemented  
In Progress





# US Electric Sector Data Strategy – Secure Data Portal Pilot



DOE-OE Home Data Maps Dashboards API Contact Suggest datasets Signup Login

**Open Data Portal**

The Department of Energy's (DOE) Energy Data Catalog and Portal is an exploration of a comprehensive digital platform designed to facilitate access to a wide range of energy-related data for researchers, policymakers, industry professionals, and the public. This initiative aligns with the DOE's commitment to transparency, innovation, and collaboration in energy research and policy development. This effort and instantiation is brought to you by the DOE Office of Electricity.

**Explore datasets**

# Metadata Matters!

## Metadata

- Commonly defined as “Data about Data.”
- NISO: **Structured** information that **describes, explains, locates**, or otherwise makes it easier to **retrieve, use, or manage** information
- Concerned primarily with **citation level (descriptive)** metadata and **rights level (administrative)** metadata as applied to the data portal cards

## Current status:

- Ofgem published its [decision on updates](#) to its Data Best Practices Guidance v1 on August, 7 2023. It sets a bar for data sharing in the wider energy sector and will almost certainly influence guidance in other regulated sectors.
- A particularly interesting update was the specification of **Dublin Core as the minimum metadata standard**, with a requirement for it to be implemented by August 6, 2024.

# Aligning with Standards and Taxonomies

**Notes:** Use either the [Infrastructure Data Taxonomy \(IDT\) Chapter 5, Energy](#); or the [IRENA Energy Taxonomy](#) when constructing subjects, paying particular attention to their respective implementation guidelines. For instance, per the IDT:

In describing a given infrastructure asset, the general convention *is to use the greatest level of detail possible*. If there is insufficient information to identify an asset at a greater level of detail, a less-detailed level may be used.

**Example:**

`dc:subject` Supercapacitors

`dc:subject` Transmission Line

Taxonomies allow for classification according to a pre-determined system, ensuring consistency and accuracy for information retrieval while aligning with industry best practices.

IDT Path	IDT Description	IDT ID	Cross-sector Reference	NAICS Code
5.1.2.3	<b>Direct Current (DC) Converter Station</b> Facilities that convert high voltage power between alternating current (AC) and direct current (DC) for improved efficiency in transmission.	190		221121
5.1.2.4	<b>Generation Dispatch and Transmission Control Center</b> Centers that control the dispatching of generators and the high voltage transmission system. Includes generation and transmission supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) systems. Includes independent system operator (ISO) facilities.	191		221121
5.1.3	<b>Electricity Distribution</b> Facilities used to transmit electricity to final consumers at lower voltages (usually <69 kV).	192		221122
5.1.3.1	<b>Distribution Line</b> Facilities that include lines, poles, transformers, and meters.	193		221122
5.1.3.2	<b>Distribution Substation</b> Connection points in the distribution system and from the distribution system to the transmission system. May include transformers, capacitors, and switchgear.	194		221122
5.1.3.3	<b>Distribution Control and Dispatch Center</b> Centers that control the lower voltage distribution system. Includes distribution supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) systems.	195		221122

# Data Review and Release/Triage (Pilot)

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## Goals

- Align with Review and Release (ORNL/DOE) Processes
- Draw from the UK's Open Data Triage ( as has NARUC)
- Show the progress of data "openness" throughout the data lifecycle
- Closed and Restricted data sets are also allowable outcomes

## Working with Legal and Privacy Office to

- Develop appropriate disclaimers
- Develop sharing policy

## Current Excel based calculations (similar to UK)

## Planning to operationalize processes up to the DOE level

# Data Use & Protection

## Data Users and Uses Grow; Usability Lags

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- **Even within a utility, data is not easy to share and easy to use**
- **Operational coordination is increasingly multi-stakeholder**
- **Customer data access, sadly, remains a challenge**
- **Multiple third parties have legitimate grid data needs and data potentially to offer in return**
- **Interoperability remains a critical pursuit, in all futures**

## Data Utilization and Sharing is a Hot Topic

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- **OE's Outage Data Initiative Nationwide**
- **Model Data exchange at T-D and with the Public**
- **Grid Transparency (Hosting Capacity etc)**
- **NARUC Grid Data Sharing effort**
- **DOE's i2X – Interconnection Innovation Exchange**
- **DER Registries**

## Data Value Caveats

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- **Raw data isn't gold, it's ore**
- **Full fidelity data is hardly the sole source of value, but many claim they need it**
- **Valuable data is usually the result of data cleaning and data fusion, an underappreciated value creation process**
- **Very few parties require or deserve full-fidelity data**
  - Data Derivatives and Data Fusion products are an effective path to value
- **Beware the “Velvet Rope” solution**



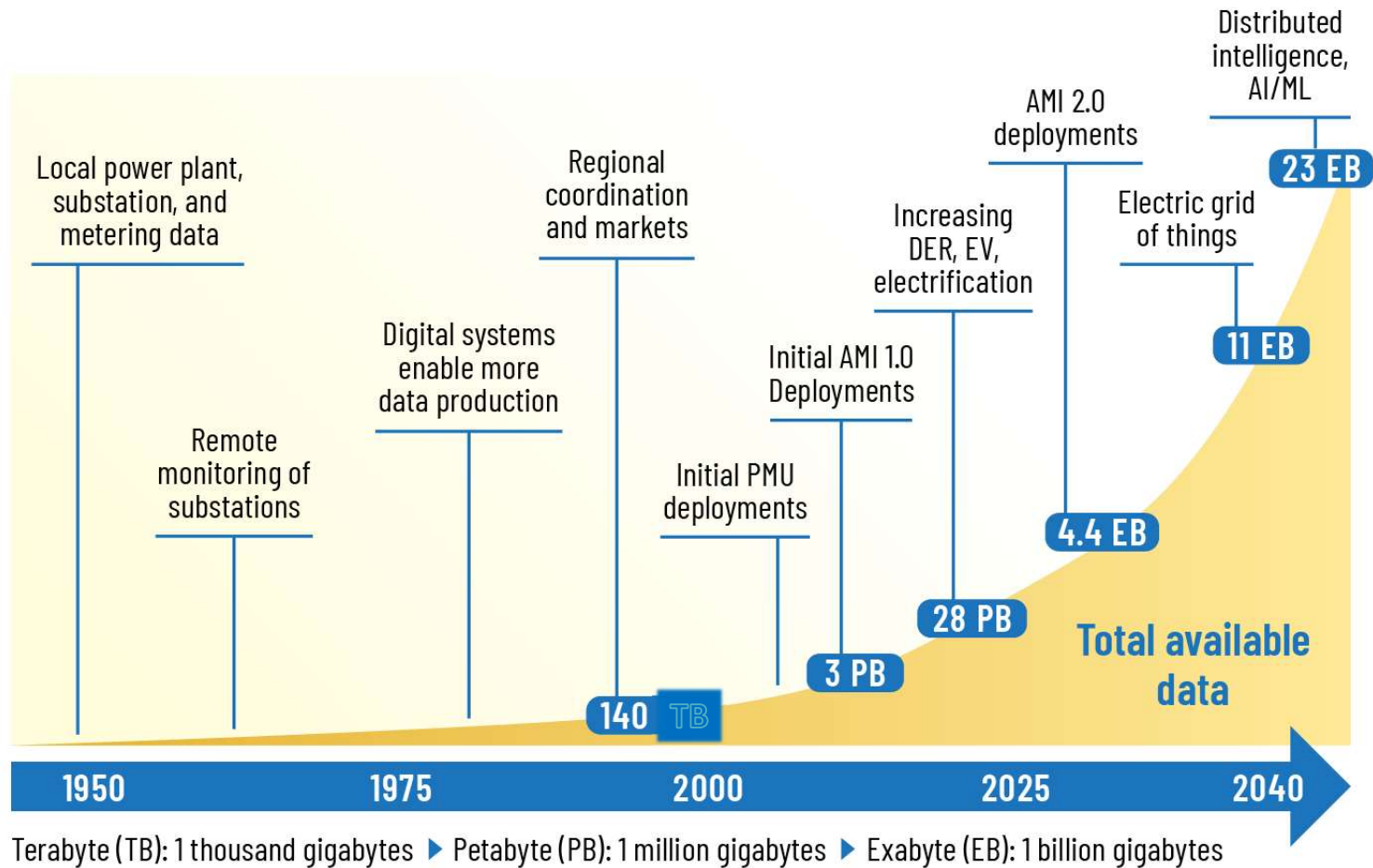
# PET's and Advanced Data Protection Methods Emerge

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- **Anonymization**
- **Differential Privacy**
- **Zero Knowledge Proofs**
- **Secure Multi Party Computation**
- **Trusted Execution Environments**
- **Homomorphic Encryption**
- **Federated Learning/Distributed Analytics**

# Conclusion & Discussion

# We can't afford to be tactical...



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## Take Aways

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- **Its not a “Data Tsunami”**
- **Who needs Observability, why, and do they need to create it or borrow it?**
- **Data could be viewed as a workforce**
- **Non-utility data will grow faster than utility data**