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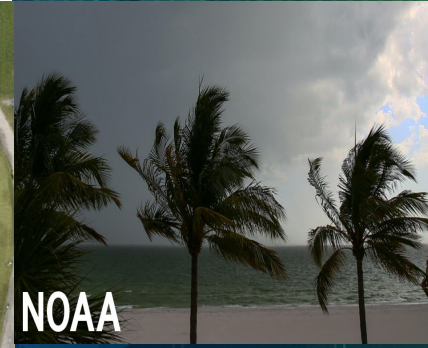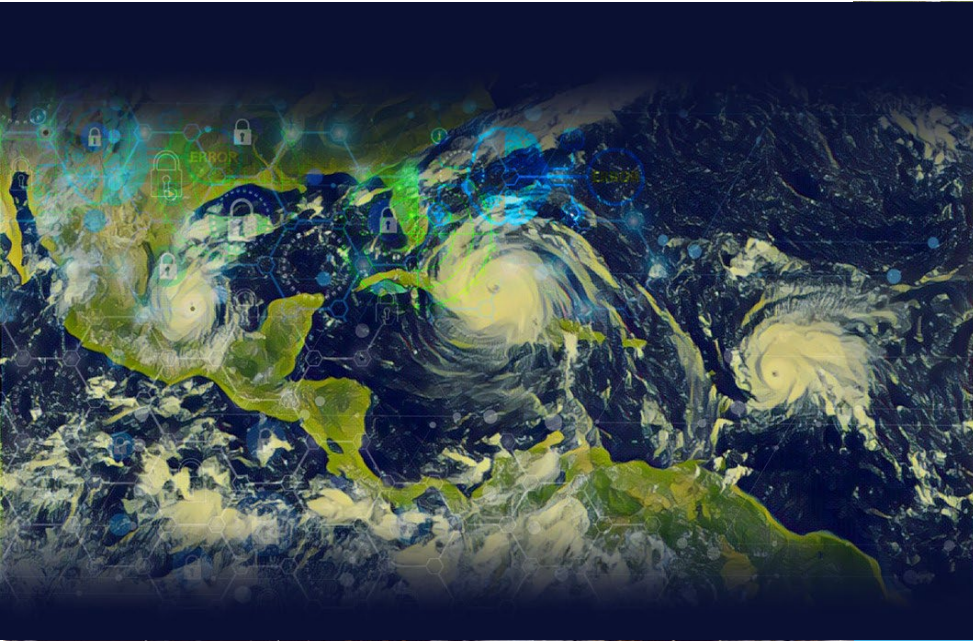
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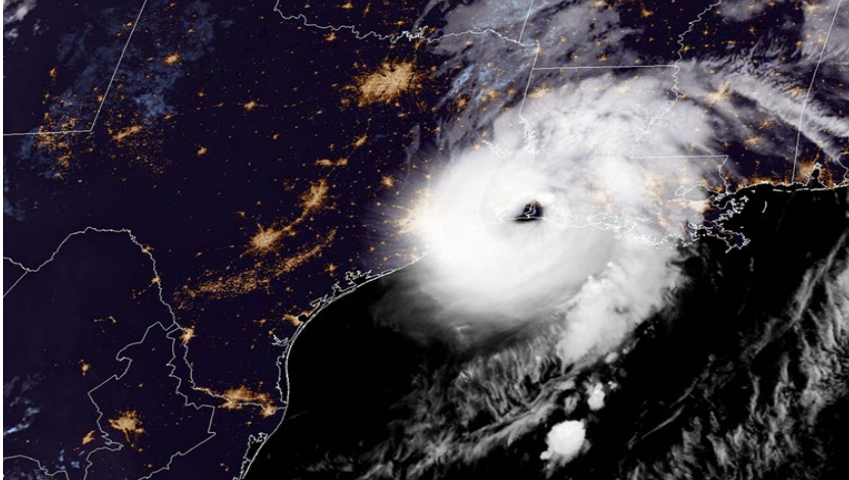
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INL is uniquely capable of addressing challenges to the nation's energy and security future

INL Values

Excellence, Inclusivity, Integrity, Ownership, Teamwork, and Safety

INL Vision

INL will change the world's energy future and secure our critical infrastructure.

INL Mission

Discover, demonstrate and secure innovative nuclear energy solutions, clean energy options and critical infrastructure.

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National and Homeland Security Focus Areas

Storm-DEPART

Infrastructure Resilience

Strengthening infrastructure resilience through dependency analysis, risk assessments, and visualization tools

National Defense

Advancing defense community solutions through materials science, armor development, explosives and radiological materials analysis

Industrial Cybersecurity

Improving infrastructure security through cyber threat analysis, vulnerability assessments, and engineer expertise

Nuclear Security

Preventing the illicit use of nuclear or radiological materials through detection, forensics, security, and safeguards
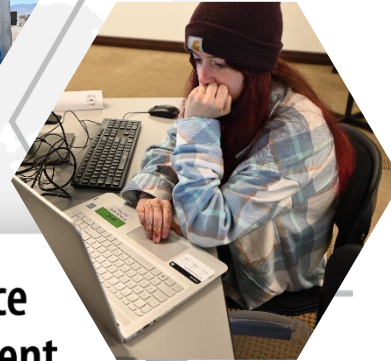
Workforce Development

Accelerating the talent pipeline through collaborative research programs and new education models

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Natural Disaster Response and Recovery (cont.)

- Between 1980-2021, tropical cyclones were responsible for the most deaths (6,697) and caused the most damage (over $1.1 trillion total)

- Hurricane Laura (Category 4) made landfall in southwestern Louisiana (August 2020); most expensive weather event of the year ($19 billion)

- Hurricane Delta (Category 2), made landfall six weeks after Hurricane Laura in nearly same location ($2.9 billion)

- Hurricane Ida (Category 4) made landfall in southeastern Louisiana (August 2021) as the most expensive weather event of the year ($75 billion)

Since 1842

Source: NOAA

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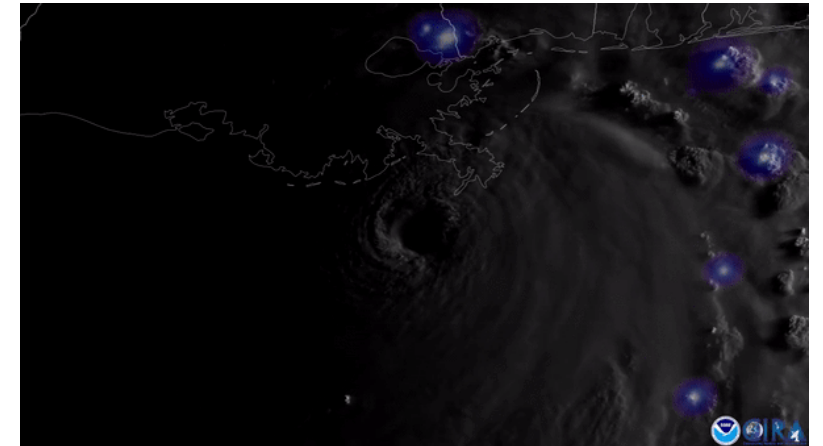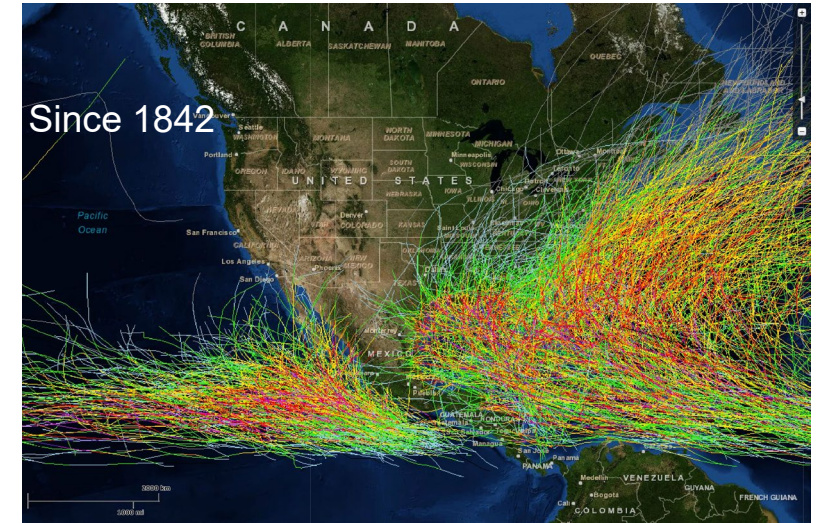
Natural Disaster Response and Recovery (cont.)

- Hurricanes damage electricity infrastructure throughout wide swaths of the U.S. leaving electric utilities with a massive amount of restoration work

- Each new weather event increases the need for rapid and accurate prediction and recovery estimations for critical infrastructure

- Utilities must mobilize restoration crews from other regions at considerable expense

STORM-RESTORATION PROCESS

Restoration of electrical service to customers proceeds in this order:

① After the storm, Entergy **ASSESSES DAMAGE** to electric equipment to determine corrective actions.

② **POWER PLANTS**, the primary source of power production, are **RESTORED.**

③ **TRANSMISSION LINES ARE REPAIRED,** delivering power to cities, towns and major industrial facilities.

④ **POWER IS RESTORED TO EMERGENCY SERVICES,** life-support facilities, police and communications networks.

⑤ Power is restored to areas with the largest number of **HOMES AND BUSINESSES.**

⑥ **INDIVIDUAL SERVICES,** often the most time-consuming repairs, are restored last.

We power life.

Source: Entergy

Storm-DEPART
## (Damage Estimate Prediction and Recovery Tool)

Storm-DEPART combines critical infrastructure inventory data with weather forecasts to predict weather-related damages to a critical utility service provider's assets

Source: Entergy

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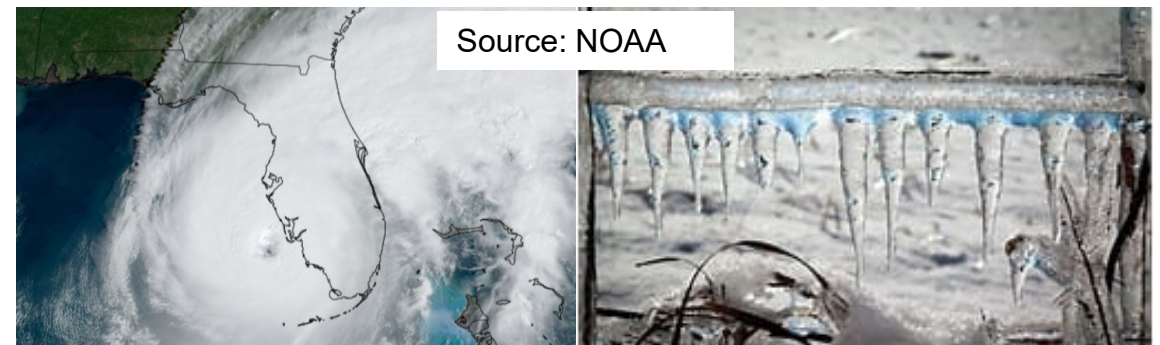
Storm-DEPART Development and Deployment

- **January 2022:** Entergy requested partnership to solve modeling damage estimate prediction challenge

- **February 2022:** Initial prototype predicts power generation, transmission, and distribution damage

- **May 2022:** Tool used to predict hurricane impact during Entergy's Restoration Strategy Group Storm Exercise

- **August 2022 – April 2023:** INL and Entergy Strategic Partnership Project (SPP) Version-2 agreement
  - Material, logistics and resource modifications
  - Integration of actual distribution damages
  - Development of ice event damage prediction

- **May-June 2023:** Modifying agreement to enhance Version-2 to include refined customer outage predictions

August 2021

Source: NOAA

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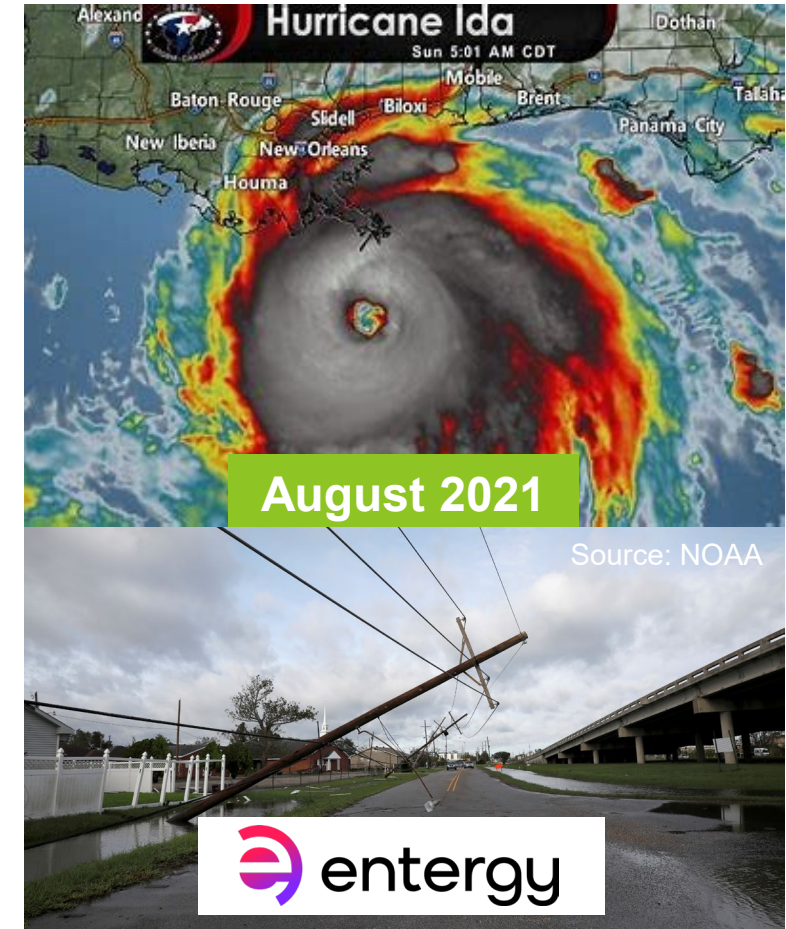
Storm-DEPART Development and Deployment (cont.)

- **Inputs**
  - Level of effort per asset task (pole replacement, xarm replacement, etc.)
  - Task-to-worker-to-oversight ratios
  - Damage assessment/scouting productivity
  - Arrival schedule logistic constraints
  - Distribution resource ramp up and ramp down schedule
  - Asset inventory for:
    - Distribution
    - Transmission
    - Power Generation

Source: Entergy

Source: NOAA

Weather Data (Tropical or Ice)

Storm-DEPART Development and Deployment (cont.)

- **Outputs**
  - Predicted damage
    - Distribution by company, region, and network
      - Includes bill of materials (BOM)
    - Transmission by company, grid, area, and line segment
    - Power Generation by plant and asset
  - Interactive calculator to adjust resource needs based on days to restoration and damages
  - Resource summary by network or area
 - Arrival schedule for potential lodging constraints

Weather and infrastructure data provides more accurate damage predictions, resource deployments and restoration estimates

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Storm-DEPART Development and Deployment (cont.)

- Supports pre-incident planning and preparation by predicting damage to power generation assets, transmission grids, and distribution networks

- Uses factors such as ice accumulation, wind speed, duration, and gust forecasts combined with available participants' infrastructure data like class, height, type, age, location, wind rating, etc., to report predicted damages

- Intended for use by electric utilities to optimize restoration by understanding the extent of potential damage, supply chain constraints, and the quantity of worker and oversight resources needed

- Tool can model major weather events where storms have not been experienced recently, or at all, by allowing a utility service provider to apply a planning scenario and model expected damage
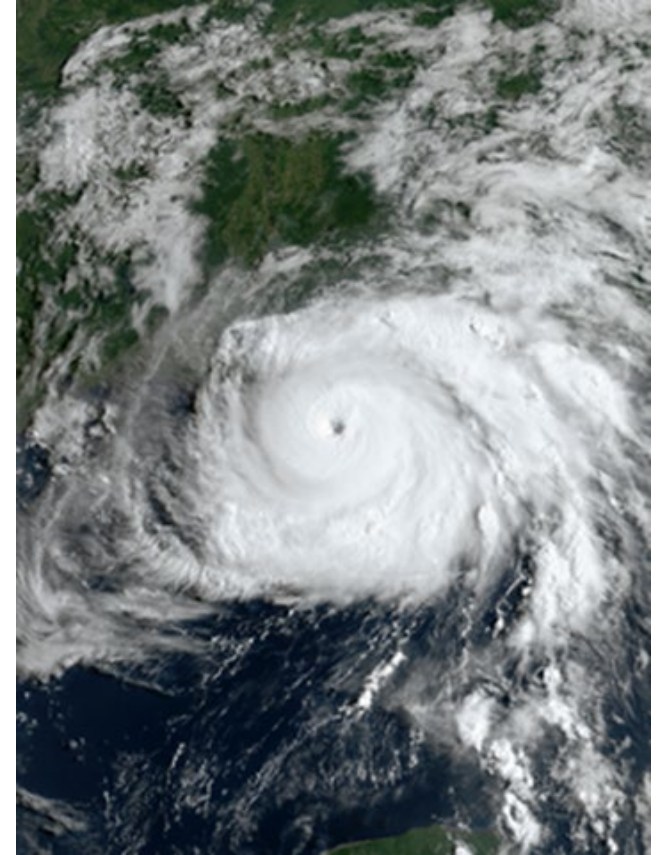
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Damage Estimate Prediction and Recovery Tool

Idaho National Laboratory (INL) and Entergy Corporation (Entergy) are partnering to develop a damage prediction, materials needed, and resource allocation modeling capability in order to support pre-incident planning and preparation. This project will be multi-phased with each building off lessons learned and identification of additional capabilities required. This product represents the initial operating capability (IOC).

Predicted Damage

Capabilities to predict damage to the distribution networks, transmission grids, communications assets, and power generation will be developed by applying wind, storm surge, and flooding forecasts to Entergy assets which will result in a report of predicted damages.

Projected Materials Needed

Based on predicted damages, a bill of materials (BOM) will be output. The extensiveness and level of detail for this BOM will depend on the replacement configuration specifications provided for each Entergy asset. The supply chain team will review this and report back with any limiting factors that need to be applied to the model. For example, if the BOM requires 500 widgets and there are only 300 available, this will need to be recorded and considered for the following step.

Estimated Resource Allocation

Based on the BOM and limiting factors, resource allocation needs will be generated. These are based on type of asset replacement, location (terrain) concerns, and materials available. Limiting factors can be introduced here in terms of available resources, minimum and maximum restoration times, and logistical constraints.

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Capability Impact

Capability for predicting critical infrastructure inventory post-incident damage and estimated recovery support

Evolves with increased data collection, real world post-incident validation and verification, and new techniques resulting from research and development

Provides immediate and comprehensive analysis of weather-related damage predictions and recovery support

Allows organizations to make informed decisions on resource allocation and logistics before major weather incidents hit

Enhances ability to better prepare for and respond to disruptive events, increasing the resilience of a utility service provider's infrastructure assets

Damage Prediction and Resource Deployment Optimization

Next Development Phase: June 2023 – May 2024

- Model Enhancement
  - Integrate flood and tidal surge predictions
  - Develop pre-incident customer outage prediction based on damages to the transmission, distribution, and feeder levels
- Model Connectivity
  - Connect Storm-DEPART and Dependency Wheel capability to support tropical and ice event infrastructure impact analysis.
- Data Refresh
  - Update data profile based on requirements gathering results, data sessions, and resiliency enhancements

Source: NOAA

Next Development Phase: June 2023 – May 2024 (cont.)

- Migration to Web-Based Application
  - Entergy hosted web-based application to include role-based access, customer outages predictions, historical data retention, and automatic feeds to other internal platforms

- Continuous Model Learning

  - Develop post-incident (tropical/ice) Storm-DEPART prediction accuracy analysis functionality to include customer outages breakdown

  - Conduct post-incident analysis of predicted versus actual damages for tropical and ice storm damages

Source: NOAA