



Florida Public Service Commission Emerging Technologies to Meet Accelerated Demand Growth

10 Year Site Plan Workshop

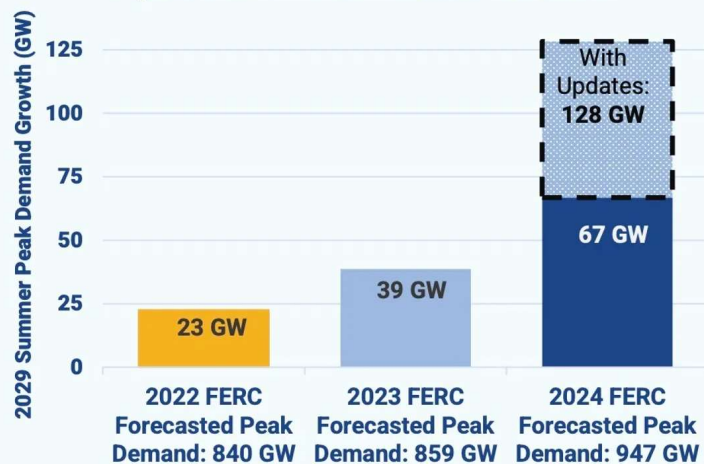
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U.S. Grid Growth Continues to JUMP

...and it's still climbing

The BIG (Demand) Picture

5-year Nationwide Growth Forecast

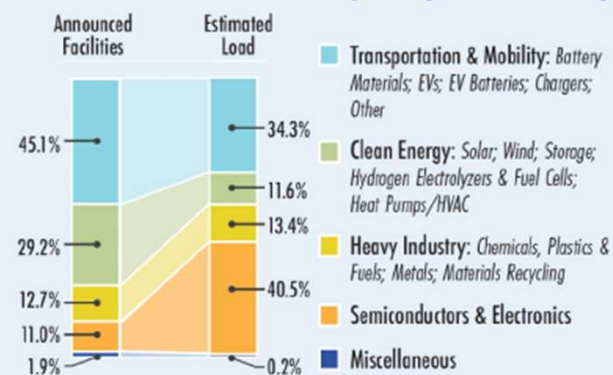


Source: [Canary Media](#)

Industrial:

From Jan 2021 – May 2024, **534** new or expanded manufacturing facilities accelerating from COVID, CHIPS and IRA legislation.

Reindustrialization by Major Industry¹



Electrification:

In 2024 - EV sales increased **15%**; electric heat pump sales surpassed gas furnace sales **32%**³



Computation:

Data center load could rise from **4.4%** of U.S. electricity demand to **12%** by 2028.²

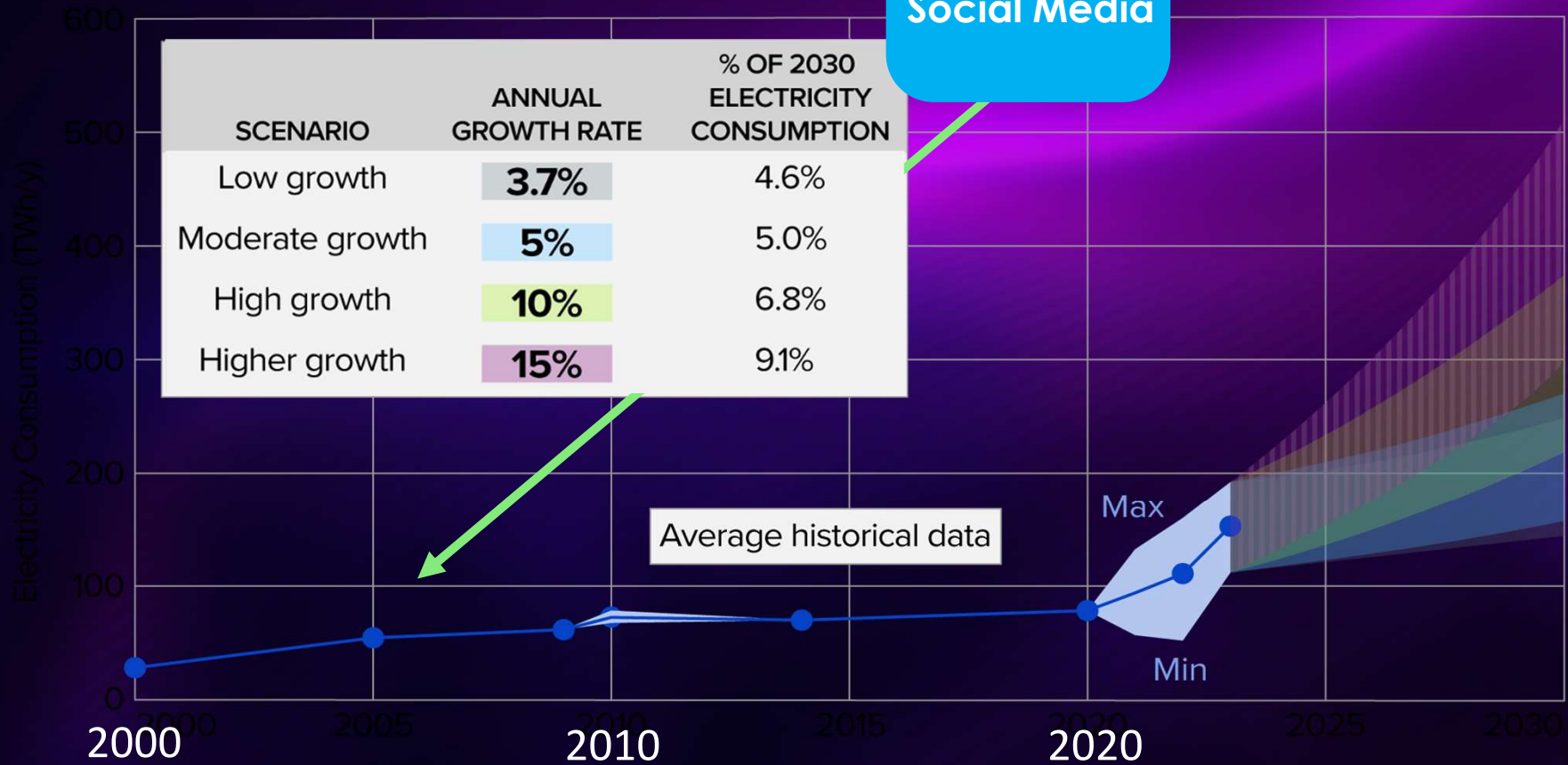


Sources: 1. [EPRI](#), 2. [Berkeley Lab](#), 3. [IEA](#)

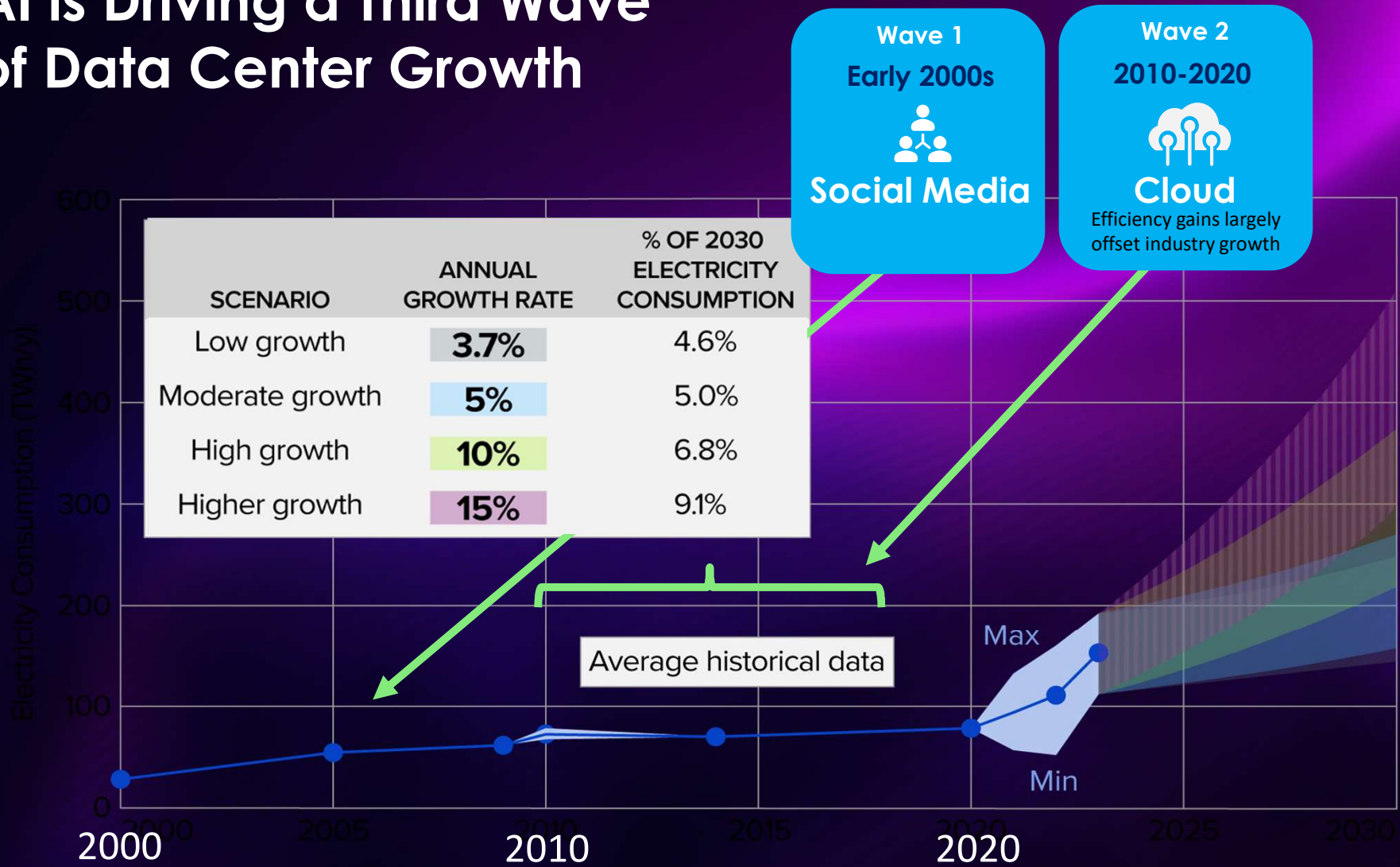
AI is Driving a Third Wave of Data Center Growth

Wave 1
Early 2000s

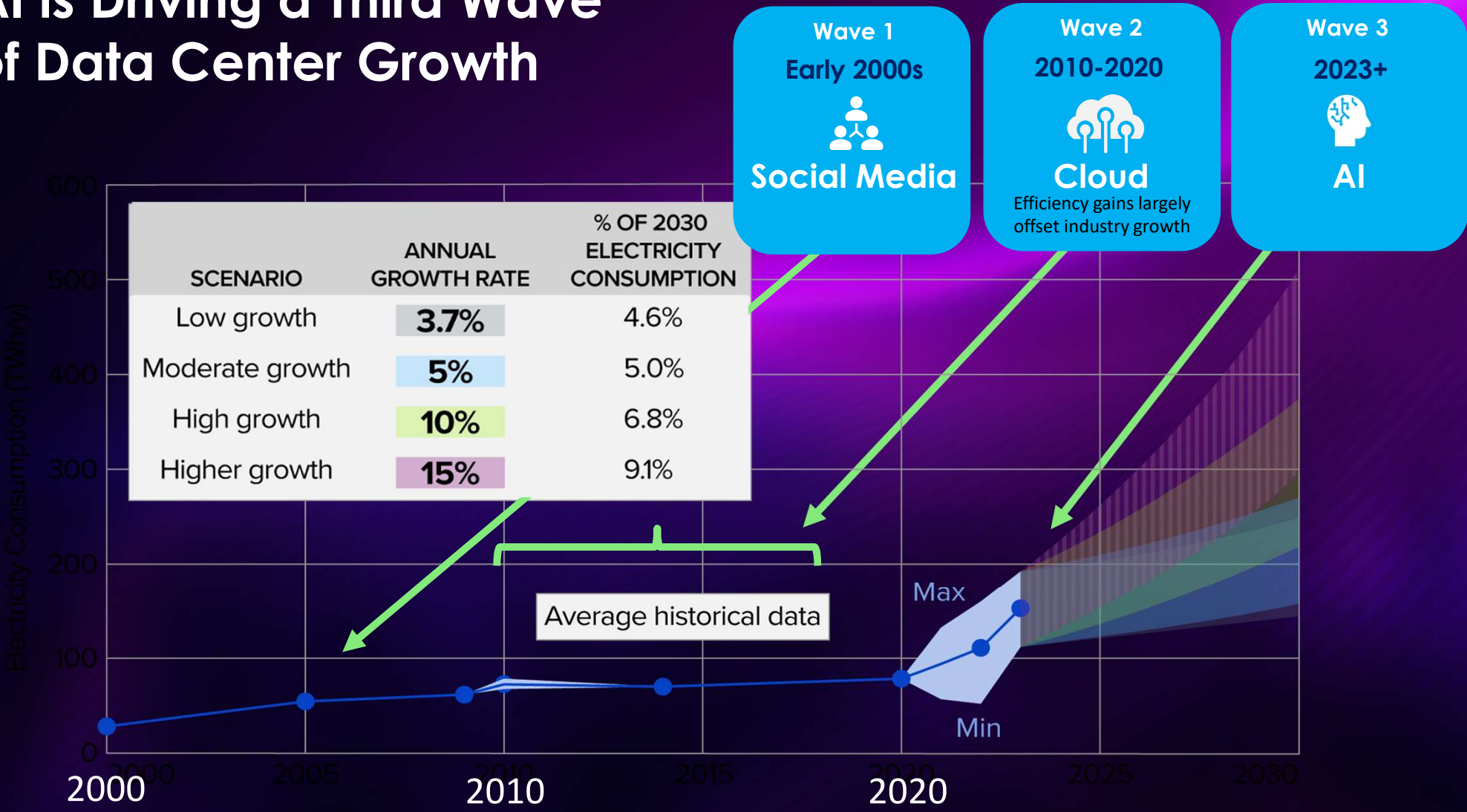
Social Media



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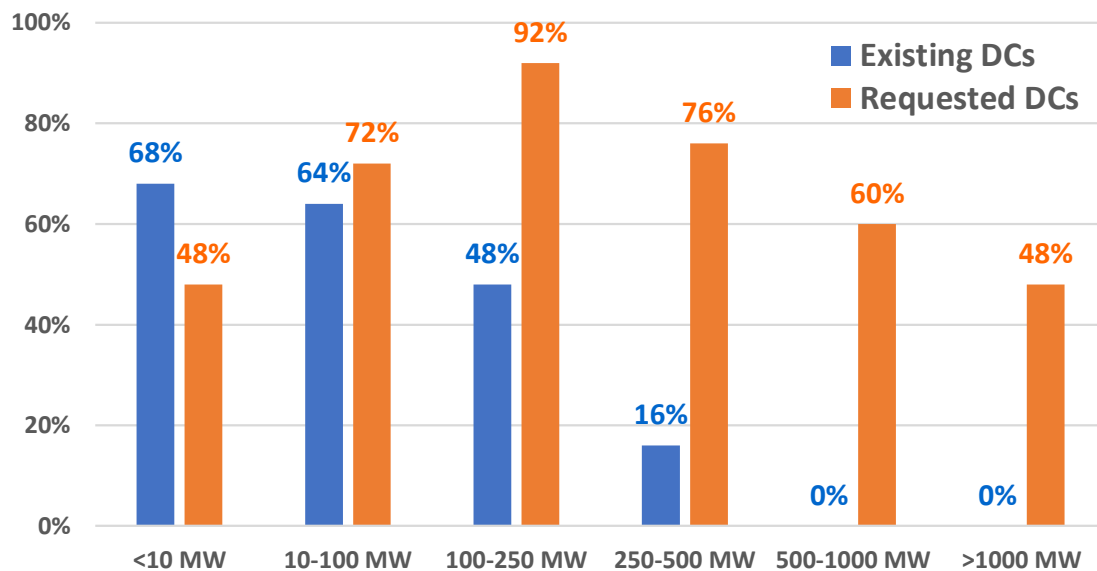


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New Data Center Demands Growing

Size of Data Centers Served and New Service Requests
(% of 25 Utilities Surveyed)



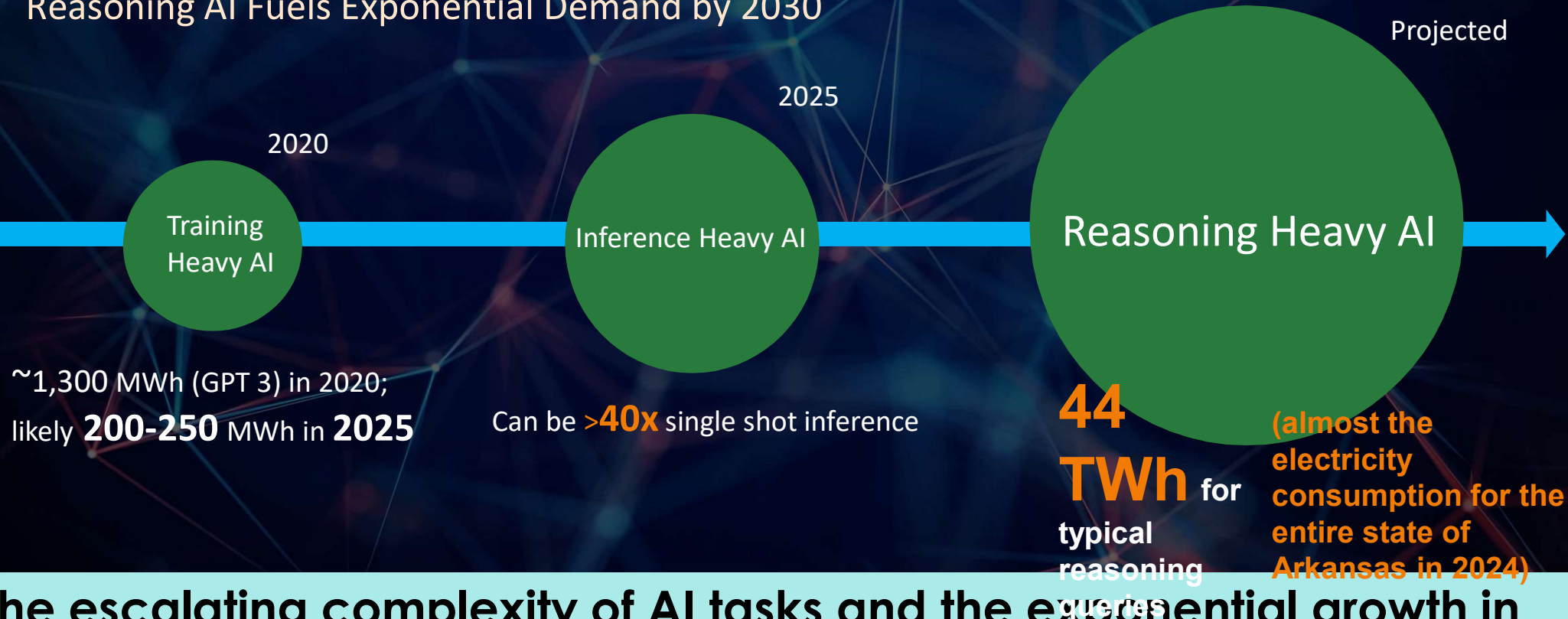
Key Points From Respondents

- All operating data centers today are less than 500 MW
 - Most < 100 MW
- 60% of respondents have requests for more than 500 MW
- 48% have single requests for more than 1000 MW

Faster than supply and delivery buildout

Let's Be Real: Demand Growth Despite Efficiency Gains

Reasoning AI Fuels Exponential Demand by 2030



The escalating complexity of AI tasks and the exponential growth in usage drive a surge in overall computational demand and electricity consumption, despite efficiency gains.

Evolving a Complex Power System

The Power is in the Density



- AI Hardware Lifecycles are shrinking dramatically.
- Racks that are packaging these new chips are also getting more power dense within this life cycle.
- What was historically 10–15 years, is now just 3–6 years. Notably, GPU utilization rates are so high (60–70%) that these chips often become obsolete in 1-3 years.

Flexible ramp rates, rate structures, and scalable T&D infrastructure are critical to accommodate future growth.

What Can We Do to Meet This Demand Growth?



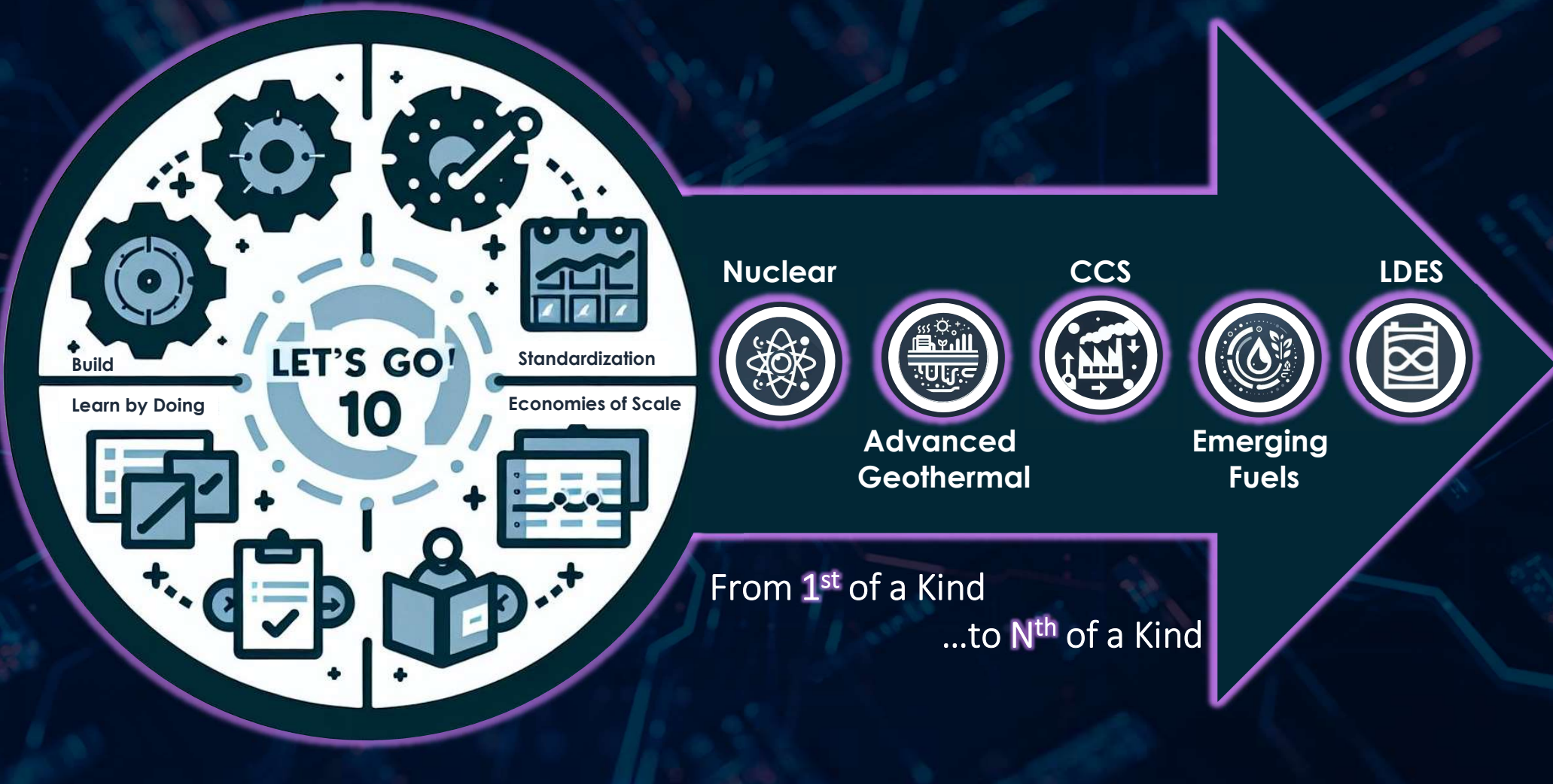
EXTEND THE LIFE OF TODAY'S ASSETS.

INCREASE THE UTILIZATION OF TODAY'S ASSETS.



MAKE ROOM TO BUILD NEW ASSETS.

Urgent Need to Accelerate Emerging Dispatchable Technologies



EPRI Supported Testing of Hydrogen for Power Generation

Hydrogen Testing Objectives

- Operate unit without major modifications
- Measure impacts on CO₂, NO_x, CO, and unit performance
- Develop best practices for hydrogen blending
- Provide input on priorities for R&D needs



44%v | GE LM6000
(45 MWe - Aeroderivative)

[Executive Summary report](#)



20.9%v | Mitsubishi 501G
(265 MWe – Heavy Frame)

[White Paper report](#)



25%v | Wärtsilä RICE
(18 MWe – RICE)

[Executive Summary report](#)



38%v | Siemens **SGT6-6000G**
(246 MWe – Heavy Frame)

[Press Release](#)

Hydrogen Blending Demonstration Synopsis: EPRI-Affiliated Testing Summary ([Report](#))

Unlocking Extra Transmission Capacity

Advanced
Conductors

Dynamic Line
Ratings

Advanced
Power Flow
Controllers

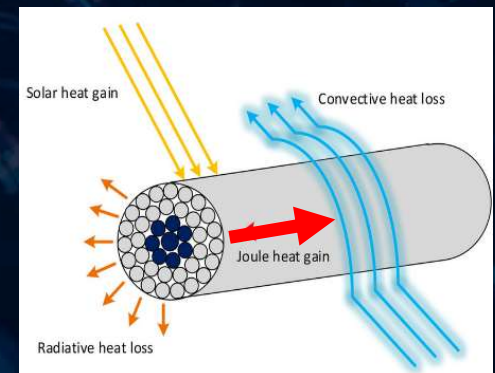
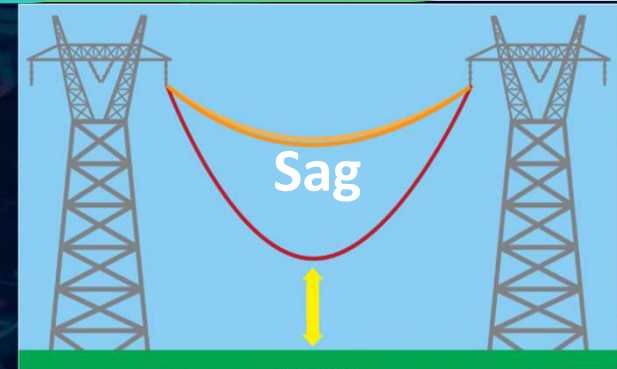
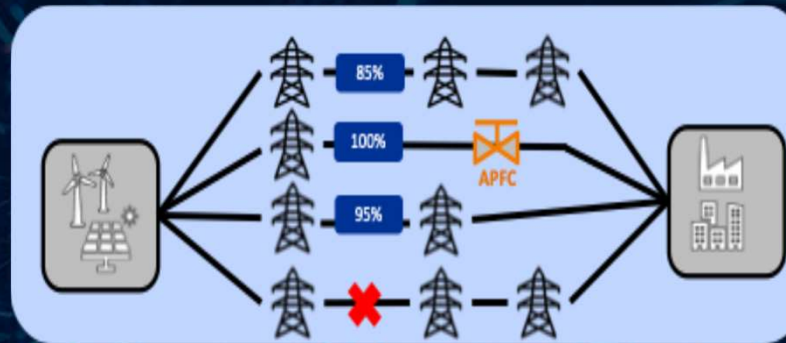
Planning

Operations

Higher Temperature
Operation

Lower Sag as Temperature
Increases

150 - 210°C



Lab Testing

Lenox
7 DLR
Technologies



Charlotte
8 Advanced
Conductors
Types

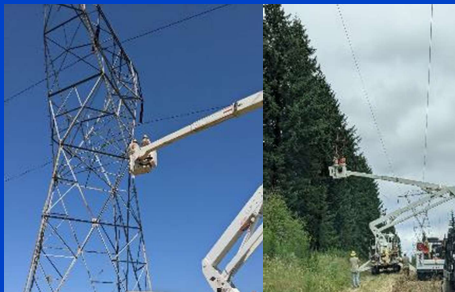


Lenox/
Charlotte
SmartValve

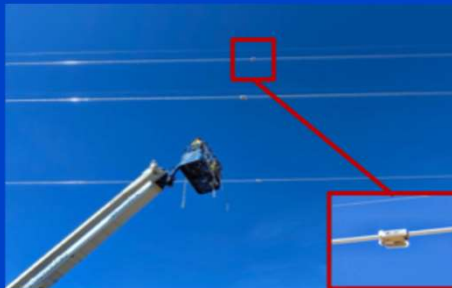


Monitored Pilots

29 Sites @
6 Utilities



2 Sites



1 Sites +
Interest
Group



Ops & Planning



Planning Framework

Inform compliance
with FERC O1920 &
O2023



Implementation and Operations Playbook

Practical guidelines for
operators & engineers
to implement and
operate GETS



Affinity Group

DOE
Technology Providers
Regulators
Etc.

Technical Basis/Guidance to Select, Specify, Install & Maintain

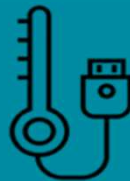
Where Does Flexibility Lie Within a Data Center?



Onsite Generation



Onsite Thermal Energy Storage



Backup Generation



Compute Workload



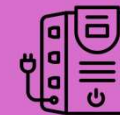
Onsite Battery Energy Storage



Cooling Systems



UPS Systems



DCFlex Participants

Developers



Hyperscale rs



IPPs



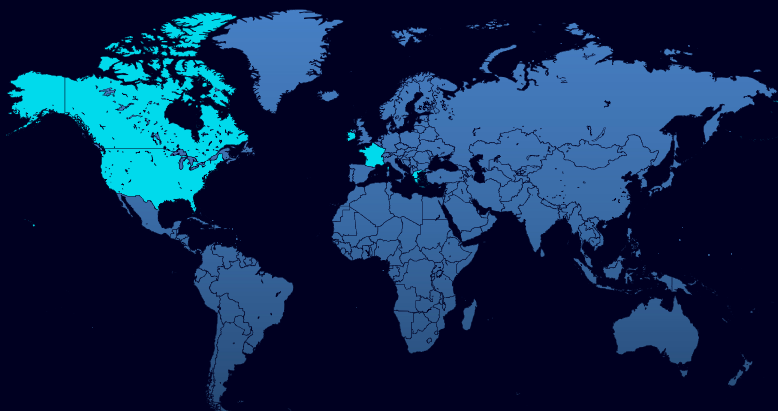
ISO/RTO



Other



Technology Providers



Utilities



Initial Demonstration Projects

Compute Flexibility, Grid Services

Arizona



Emerald AI, Arizona Public Svc.

Compute Flexibility

- Reducing load by up to 25%
- Matching utility program parameters
- Ramping capabilities
- Eliminating snap back potential

North Carolina



Google, Duke Energy

Compute Flexibility

- Reducing electric load up to 20%
- Testing signaling and response times/durations
- Addressing various communications protocols

France



Schneider Electric, RTE

Ancillary Services to the Grid

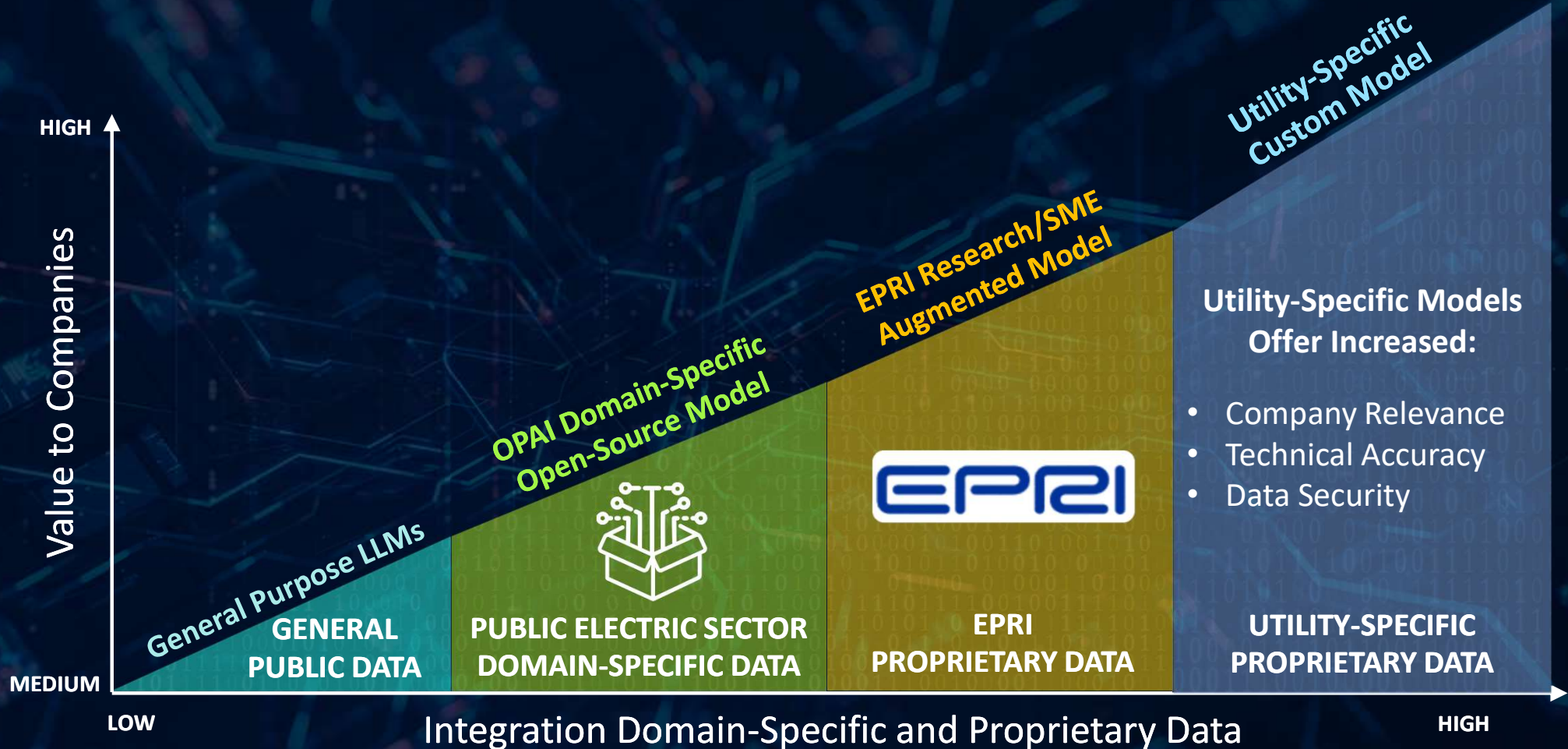
- Fast frequency response
- Ride through
- VAR support
- Under frequency load shedding



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