Identifying Infrastructure Dependencies and Interdependencies

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The Nation's Risk Managers

The National Protection and Programs Directorate (NPPD) is the pinnacle of national risk management for cyber and physical infrastructure



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Today's Risk Landscape

ACTS OF TERRORISM

CYBER ATTACKS

EXTREME WEATHER

PANDEMICS

ACCIDENTS

OR TECHNICAL

FAILURES

America remains at risk from a variety of threats:

16 Critical Infrastructure Sectors & Corresponding Sector-Specific Agencies



The Significance of Critical Infrastructure

Critical infrastructure refers to the assets, systems, and networks, whether physical or cyber, so vital to the Nation that their incapacitation or destruction would have a debilitating effect on national security, the economy, public health or safety, and our way of life.



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Many Stakeholders, Many Strengths

Comparative Advantage

- Engaging in collaborative process
- Applying individual expertise
- Bringing resources to bear
- Building the collective effort

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 Enhancing overall effectiveness



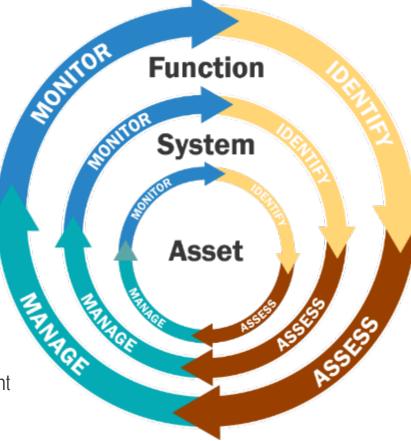
Functions and Risk Management

Monitor

- Track how operational conditions impact function
- Share information and indicators of emerging systemic risk conditions

Manage

- Develop collaborative strategies
- Coordinate risk management and monitoring plans



Identify

- Document national functions
- Convene stakeholder groups connected by functions
- Identify and validate scenarios of concern

Assess

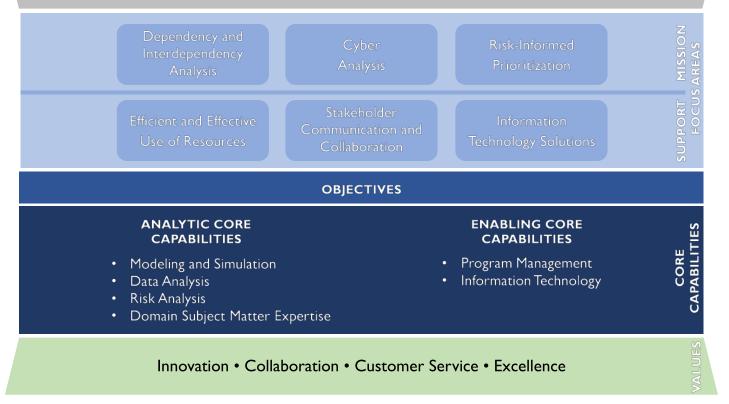
- Conduct cross-sector risk assessments
- Improve risk analysis with shared data



NISAC Strategic Framework

Provide homeland security decision makers with timely, relevant, high-quality analysis of cyber and physical risks to critical infrastructure across all sectors, during steady-state operations and crisis action.

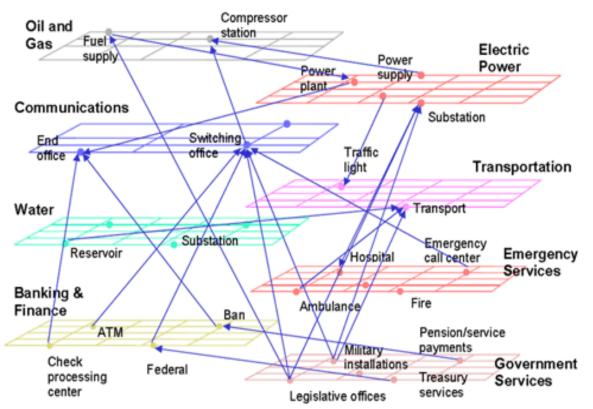
A premier source of expert, innovative analysis and modeling that informs the Nation's most significant cyber and physical infrastructure homeland security decisions.





Infrastructure Dependencies

- Impacts to one infrastructure asset can cascade to other assets and systems
- Dependencies among infrastructure systems are complex
- Publicly-available data is sparse
- System owners and operators are reluctant to share detailed asset-level data





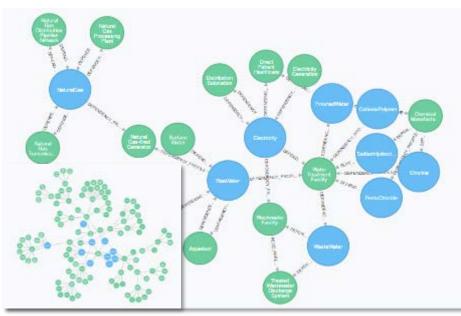
Example: Phillips 66 Bayway



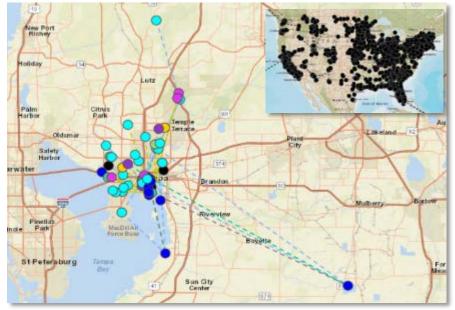


AHA Dependency Framework

- Developed by Idaho National Laboratory
- Creates a knowledge framework that learns from data and expert knowledge
- Integrates structured and unstructured datasets
- Provides both geospatial and graph visualization capability due to problem space complexity
- Enables functions-based consequence analysis useful for continuity of operations



Dependency Model



Geographic Visualization



AHA Enables Risk Decisions

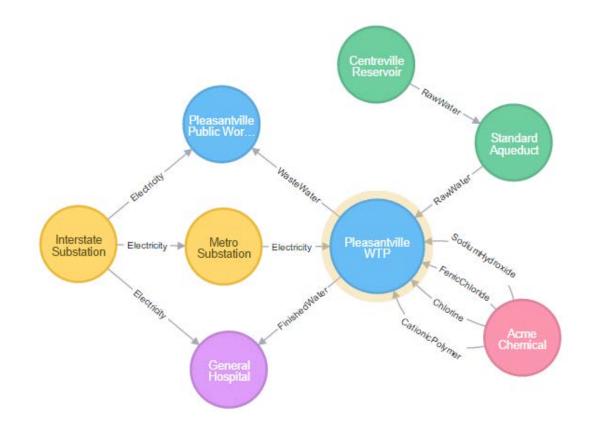
- Actionable information Getting the best available information to the right person at the right time, and in a form they can efficiently use
 - Helps proactively answer the "What if", for when an infrastructure fails
 - Provides scale-independent functional dependency modeling
 - Includes knowledge management & knowledge transfer
 - Can become useful for decision support





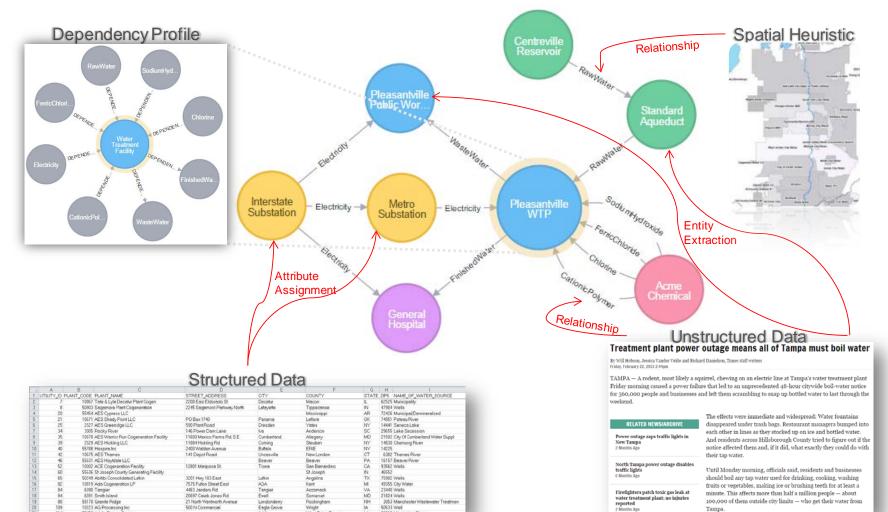


AHA Technical Approach





AHA Technical Approach (contd)



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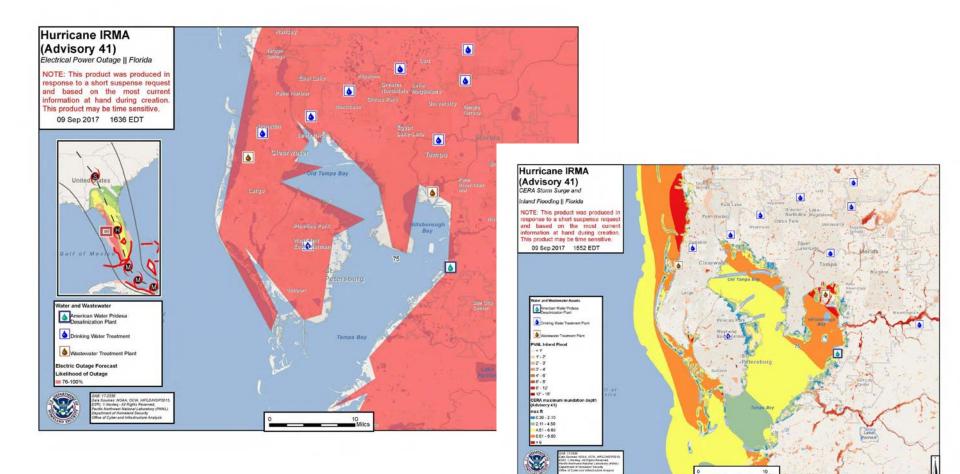


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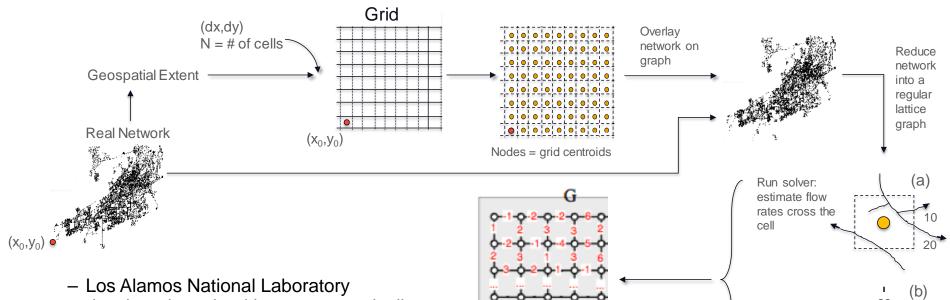


Example: Irma Tampa Impacts



Homeland Security **Source**: OCIA Hurricane Irma: Infrastructure Impact Assessment: Water and Wastewater Systems, 09092017, 1800 EDT Assessments based on data from National Hurricane Center Hurricane Irma Advisory 33A, 09072017, 0800 EDT

Coarse-Grained System Modeling



Training Data

- Los Alamos National Laboratory developed an algorithm to automatically estimate training data starting from a real network
- Customized the algorithm for potable water systems: EPANET input files
- Developed a code to visualize an approximated graph of the training data



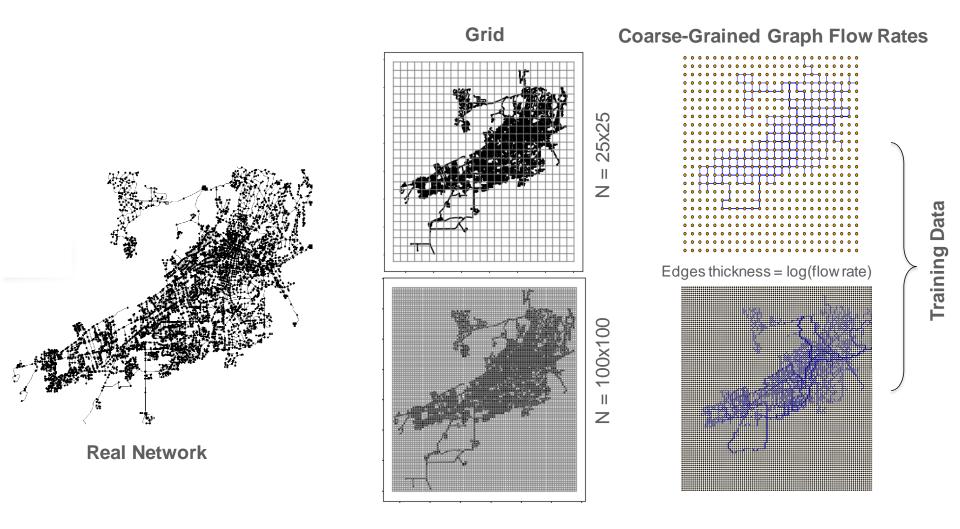
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Aggregate rate:

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Santa Fe Water System Example





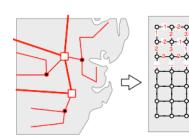
Water System Training Data

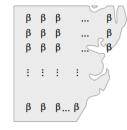
- Two types of training data
- Infrastructure-related training data
 - Obtained from real networks
 - Used only to train the model
 - Correspond to an aggregation of flows of service (water, electricity)
- Not infrastructure-related training data
 - Proxy variables

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- Publicly available
- Used also as inputs to generate the coarse-grained model
- Relevant data varies depending on the infrastructure





Infrastructure related training data

Not infrastructure related training data

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Proxy Variables	Data source
Population density	CENSUS
Business type density*water factors	LANL database estimated from US Bureau of Economic Analysis/USGS
Elevation	Digital Elevation Models (DEM), USGS
Road	OpenStreetMap



Draft NISAC Research Interests

Dependency and Interdependency Analysis

Objective 1.1: Capability to identify or assign dependency relationships for lifeline sectors and assets within regionally significant industrial clusters, across all U.S. regions.

Objective 1.2: Improve DHS's ability to provide accurate and timely analysis of the impacts of disruptions to the lifeline critical infrastructure systems.

Objective 1.3: Improve data, information, and heuristics related to infrastructure dependencies.

Objective 1.4: Provide DHS analysts and field personnel with analytic tools to understand infrastructure dependencies.

Cyber Analysis

Objective 2.1: Strengthen DHS' ability to assess the impact of cyber attacks and cyber disruptions on critical infrastructure operations.

Objective 2.2: Develop methodologies to characterize the criticality of Federal networks and better estimate the consequences of their disruption.

Objective 2.3: Improve DHS's ability to anticipate emerging cyber risk by using innovative and advanced techniques to analyze evolving cyber threats, vulnerabilities, and trends.

Risk-Informed Prioritization

Objective 3.1: Implement an approach to use National Critical Functions to understand dependencies and the effects of infrastructure disruptions on these functions.

Objective 3.2: Improve DHS' capacity to identify and communicate areas of greatest strategic infrastructure risk.

Objective 3.3: Capability to analyze and communicate nationally, regionally, and functionally significant systemic risks—including cyber risks—across and within infrastructure sectors.

Objective 3.4: Improve homeland security decision makers understanding of how to apply risk-informed priorities.







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