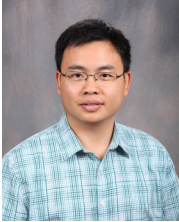


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An Open-access Cross-domain Approach to Analyzing the Impact of Extreme Events on the Electricity Sector: What We Learned from COVID-19 and 2021 Texas Winter Outage



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LECTURE ABSTRACT

Extreme events such as COVID-19 and the 2021 Texas power outage are placing increasing amount of operational challenges to the resiliency of the electricity sector. We illustrate an open-access and cross-domain approach to analyzing the short-run impact and corrective measures of these extreme events on the electricity sector. We release a first-of-its-kind cross-domain open-access data hub, integrating data from across all existing U.S. wholesale electricity markets with COVID-19 case, weather, mobile device location, and satellite imaging data. Leveraging cross-domain insights from public health and mobility data, we rigorously uncover a significant reduction in electricity consumption that is strongly correlated with the number of COVID-19 cases, degree of social distancing, and level of commercial activity. For the 2021 Texas power outage, we collaboratively release an open-source extendable model that is synthetic but nevertheless provides a realistic representation of the actual energy grid, accompanied by open-source cross-domain data sets. This simplified synthetic model is calibrated to the best of our knowledge based on published data resources. Building upon this open-source synthetic grid model, researchers could quantitatively assess the impact of various policies on mitigating the impact of such extreme events. This approach and methodology are generalizable for other regions experiencing significant energy portfolio transitions.

SPEAKER BIOSKETCH

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