

# Role of Al in Energy Analytics for accelerating clean energy adoption

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### Energy-as-a-Service in Microgrids

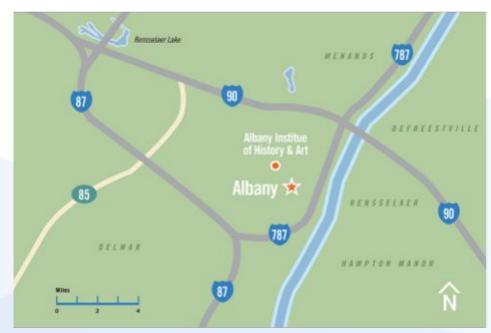
- > What will be the best options for a EaaS company to take up Microgrid Project?
  - best financial returns
  - ease of deployment
- > How can we increase the value provided to the energy customer?
- > How can we keep up with shifting customer priorities and goals ESG or Climate Change, for example.



#### **Understanding Shifting Energy Demands**

Illustration: Imagine we are building a microgrid for a community here

- EV Adoption trends, Heat Pump Adoption
- Future Solar/Storage development potential in a given region
- Local Policies and clean energy goals



A mix of structured and unstructured data, reliable and unreliable data, continuous and static data

Smart Meter Billing Data 1. Employment rates Local Econometric 2. Household income **Factors** levels 1. Type of fleet Avg distance traveled? 2. household data Local ad-spend, social media analysis

#### Behind-the-Meter complexity

Microgrid operators (including those providing EaaS) will have limited visibility into the BTM system operation (i.e. they only see the difference between customer demand and storage operation) → This will hinder their ability to improve their services.

Better interconnection telemetry

DISADVANTAGE: Added cost and complexity.



Al algorithms for Energy Use Detection

DISADVANTAGE: Creating modules will be no easy task

We believe a hybrid approach is the future.

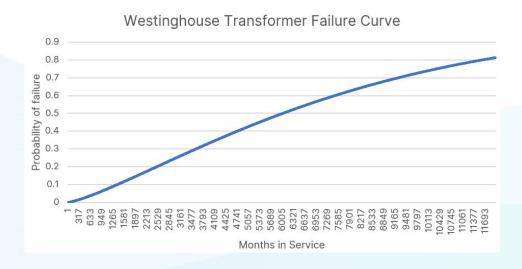


## Predictive Asset Health Management

A.I. for Predictive Maintenance will help EaaS companies tailor maintenance routines to each piece of equipment's needs, rather than having them conform to a set schedule.

#### Market Gaps:

- 1. How to find pre-trained models for a wide-variety of grid assets?
- 2. How to factor this in to pricing decisions?





#### Siting and interconnection challenges

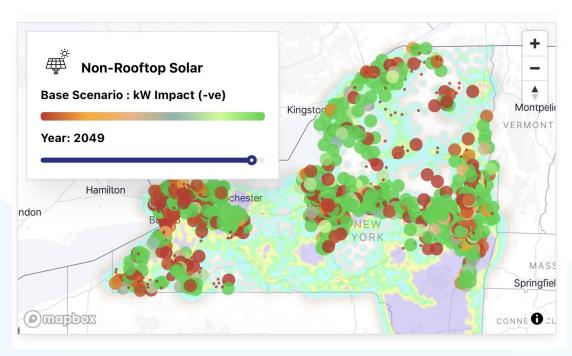
Finding sites based on ease of interconnection

[i.e availability on feeder line and/or substation/ new substations being built].

Developers want to be able to select location based on future value of energy/ future development on that feeder line which would erode energy value.

Piggy back off-of other projects as much as possible to keep costs low.





# How to deal the dynamic shifts in the energy landscape?

Sandbox-as-a-Service \*\* (Plexflo is a pioneer in this technology with 3 patents)

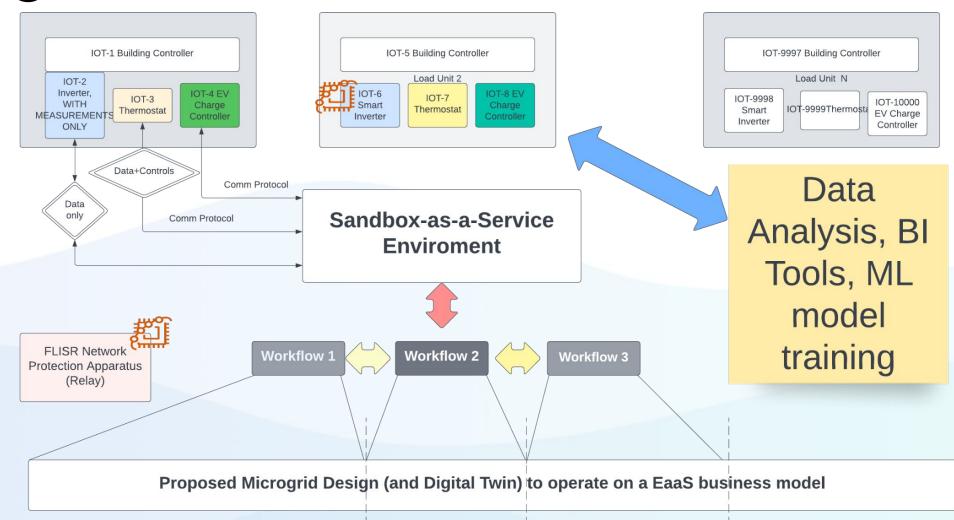
Simplicity - less dependence on IT/tech talent.

Build your new Al tools in less time. Buy less tools.

Iterate faster.



# Enabling faster iterations and A/B testing across customer needs





# **Customized ChatGPT for Power Grid Analytics:**

- Quickly create simulation models using natural language
- Query data like you are asking a co-worker
- Understand regulations better. Let Al unwrap the complexity.

#### **Demo Video**

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