

Reliability Metrics and Reliability Value-Based Planning

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- ▶ Reliability Metrics
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- ▶ Reliability vs. Resilience
- ▶ Reliability Value-Based Planning
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- ▶ Considerations for Reliability Planning Emerging from Recent LBNL Research
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Electricity reliability is measured by the annual average amount of time and frequency that the lights are out

System Average Interruption Duration Index

$$\text{SAIDI} = \frac{\text{total duration of sustained customer interruptions } (\geq 5\text{min each})}{\text{number of customers served}}$$

Customer Average Interruption Duration Index

$$\text{CAIDI} = \frac{\text{SAIDI}}{\text{SAIFI}}$$

System Average Interruption Frequency Index

$$\text{SAIFI} = \frac{\text{frequency of sustained customer interruptions } (\geq 5\text{min each})}{\text{number of customers served}}$$

Momentary Average Interruption Frequency Index

$$\text{MAIFI} = \frac{\text{frequency of momentary customer interruptions } (< 5\text{min each})}{\text{number of customers served}}$$

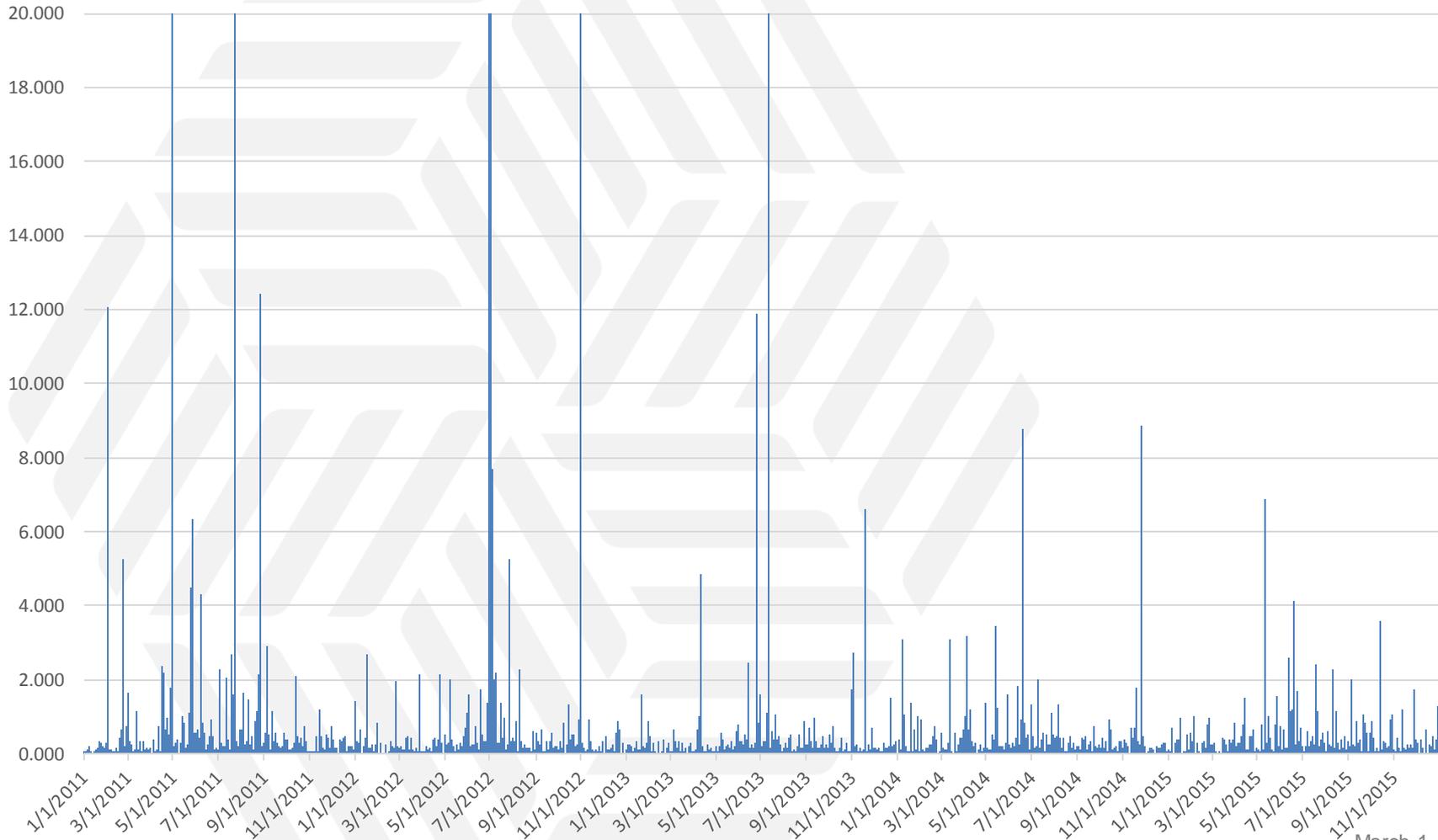
Information Reported to EIA for 2015

IEEE Standard 1366	Investor Owned	Cooperative	Municipal
Number of utilities reporting	137	296	117
% of U.S. sales by type of utility	51%	47%	43%
SAIDI with Major Events	237	302	115
SAIDI without Major Events	136	159	50
SAIFI with Major Events	1.4	2.8	0.9
SAIFI without Major Events	1.2	2.1	0.7

IEEE Standard 1366

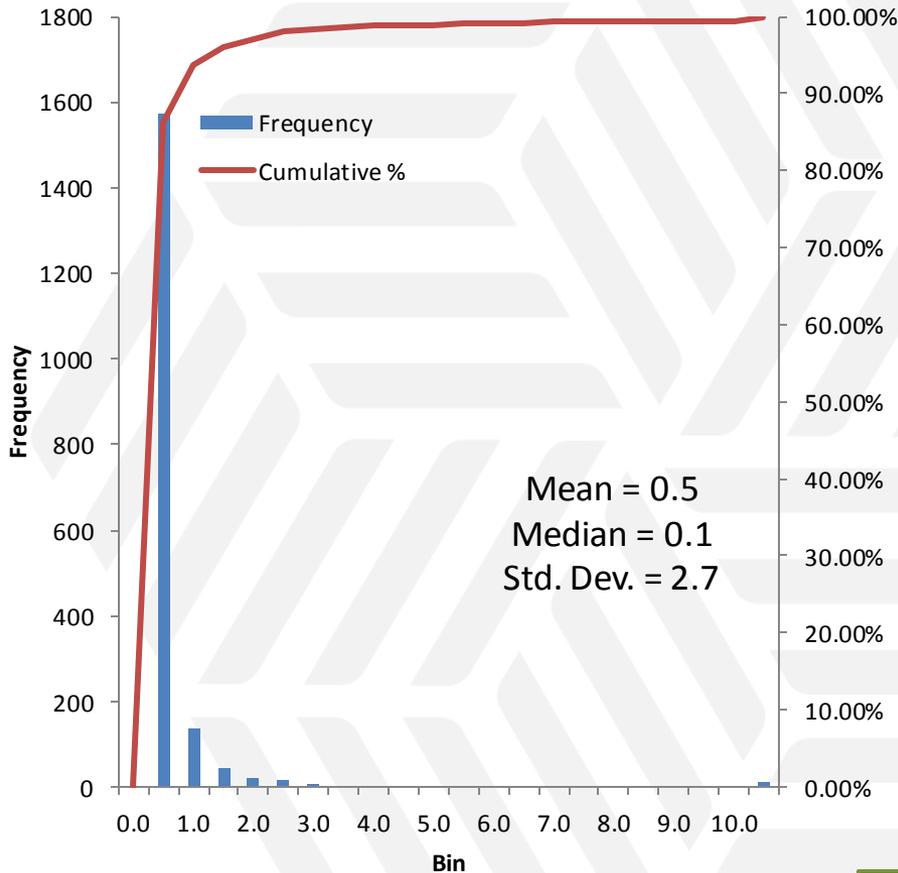
- ▶ First developed in 1998 to define reliability indices; amended in 2003 to add a consistent approach for segmenting Major Event Days (amended again in 2012; MED definition unchanged)
- ▶ Uses $2.5 \cdot \beta$ to estimate a threshold daily SAIDI, T_{med} , above which a Major Event Day is identified
 - $T_{med} = \exp(\alpha + 2.5\beta)$
 - β = log-normal standard deviation
 - α = log-normal statistical mean
- ▶ For a **normal** distribution:
 - Multiplying β (the standard deviation) by 2.5 covers 99.379% of the expected observations (assuming a one-sided confidence interval)
 - For a year of daily observations, this translates to an expectation of 2.3 Major Event Days per year
- ▶ *But, utility daily SAIDI data are not “perfectly” normally distributed*

Daily SAIDI for 5 years (2011-2015)

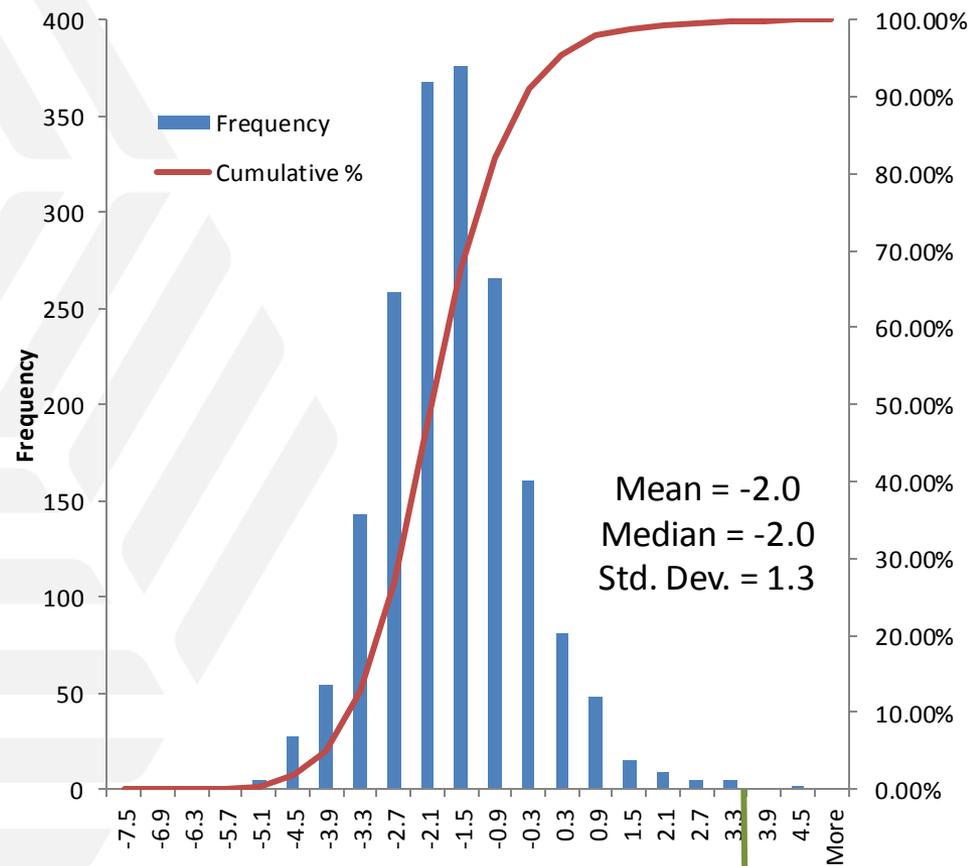


Daily SAIDI Re-Ordered from Lowest to Highest

Histogram of 2011-2015 Daily SAIDI



Histogram of 2011-2015 Daily Ln SAIDI

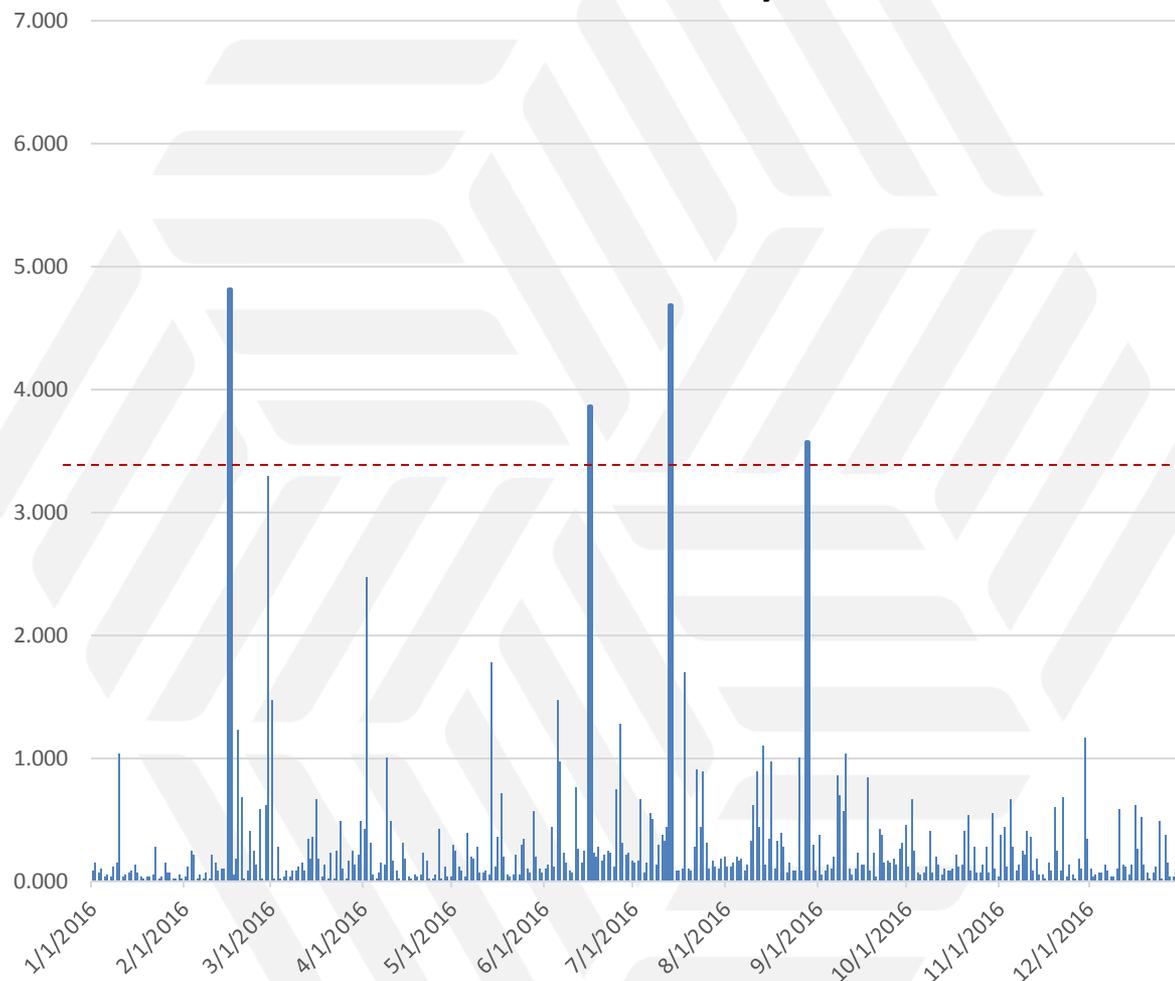


$$T_{med} = e^{(\text{mean} + (2.5 * \text{std. dev.}))}$$

$$T_{med} = 3.4$$

Daily SAIDI for 2016 → 4 MEDs

U1 Year 2016 Daily SAIDI



4 MEDs in year 2016:

1. Feb 16
2. Jun 16
3. Jul 13
4. Aug 28

TMED = 3.4

Reliability vs. Resilience – features, metrics, actions

	Reliability	Resilience
Common features/ characteristics	<p>Routine, expected, normally localized, shorter duration interruptions of electric service</p> <p>Larger events will make it into the local headlines</p>	<p>Infrequent, unexpected, widespread/long duration power interruptions, often with significant corollary impacts</p> <p>Always national headline worthy</p>
Metrics	<p>Well-established, annualized (SAIDI, SAIFI, MAIFI), with provisions for “major events”</p> <p>Rarely include non-electricity impacts</p>	<p>Non-standardized, event-based (number of customers affected; hours without electric service)</p> <p>Routinely include non-electricity impacts (e.g., costs to firms; health and safety impacts)</p>
Actions to improve	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plan and prepare; 2. Manage and endure event(s); 3. Recover and restore; and 4. Assess, learn, and update plan. 	<p>No qualitative difference</p> <p>But generally larger in scope/cost (see below)</p>

Reliability vs. Resilience – decision-making

	Reliability	Resilience
Entities involved in decision making	Electric utility and its regulator/oversight board, primarily	Electric utility and regulator But also and routinely in conjunction with parties that have responsibilities for other critical infrastructures, including local/regional/state/federal agencies/authorities, and communities/elected officials
Factors affecting decision making	Actuarial records on frequency of exposure – widely understood risks: insurable Well-understood/tested practices/approaches Understood to be an expected cost of doing business	No actuarial basis to establish likelihood of occurrence – widely varying perceptions of risk/exposure: un-insurable Limited opportunities to “test” strategies Large dollar amounts/extraordinary expenditures may require special approval/vote Political judgements essential

Introducing Reliability Value-Based Planning

- ▶ The pace of electricity grid modernization efforts will be determined by decisions made by electric utilities, their customers, and local communities/states to adopt new technologies and practices
- ▶ An important motivation for these actions will be maintaining or improving the reliability and resiliency of electric service
- ▶ From an economic perspective, the justification for these actions will therefore, depend, at least in part, on:
 - The cost of the actions under consideration;
 - The impact they are expected to have on reliability or resilience; and
 - The value these impacts have to the utility, its customers, and the community/state
- ▶ Better information will enable, but does not guarantee, better decisions
and remember... we will never have perfect information

Value-Based Reliability Planning is a means for taking the cost of interruptions borne by customers into utility planning decisions

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The Economics of Power System Reliability and Planning

Theory and Case Study

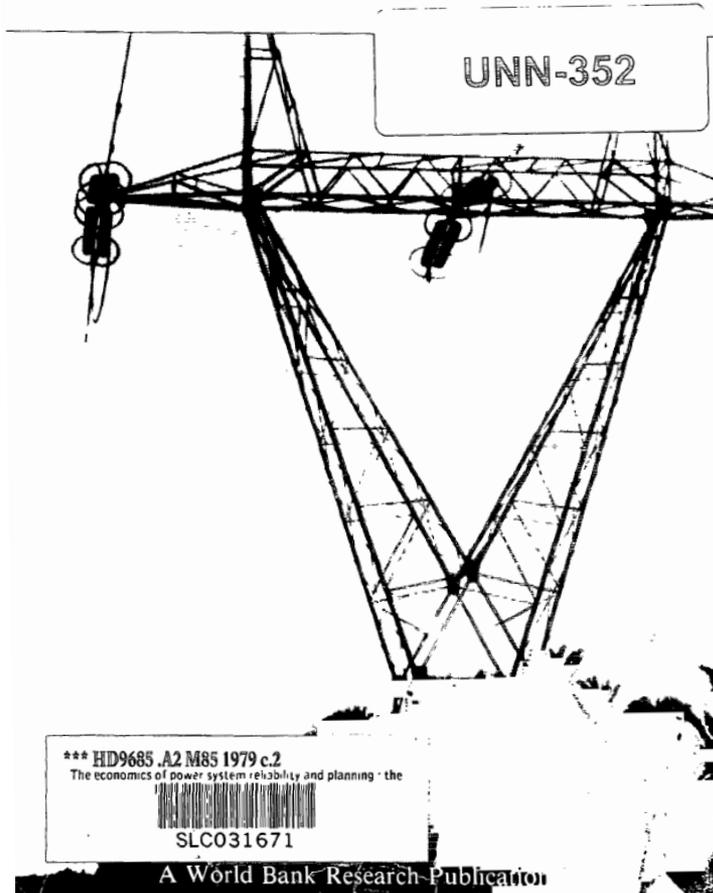
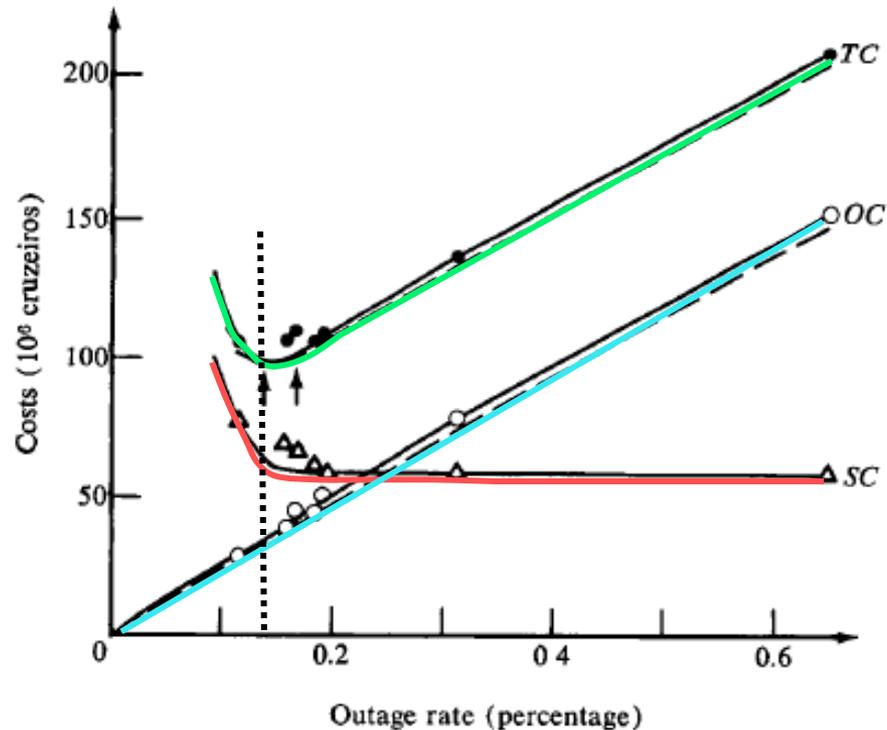


Figure 13.1. *Optimization of the Outage System: Costs Versus Outage Rate*

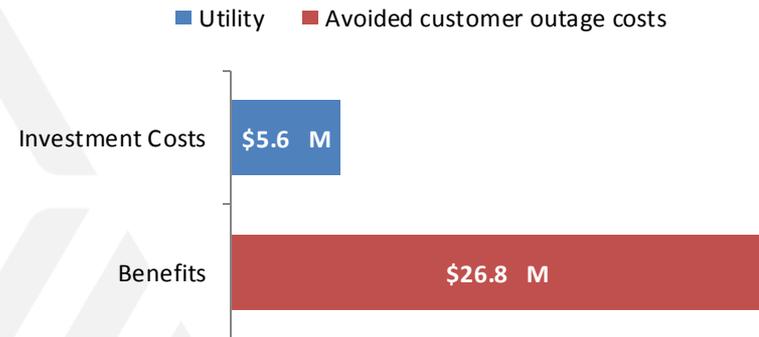


Note: *SC* = distribution system supply costs; *OC* = global outage costs; and *TC* = total costs. The plotted data points and solid lines refer to efficiency priced costs; the broken lines indicate the costs in terms of social prices.

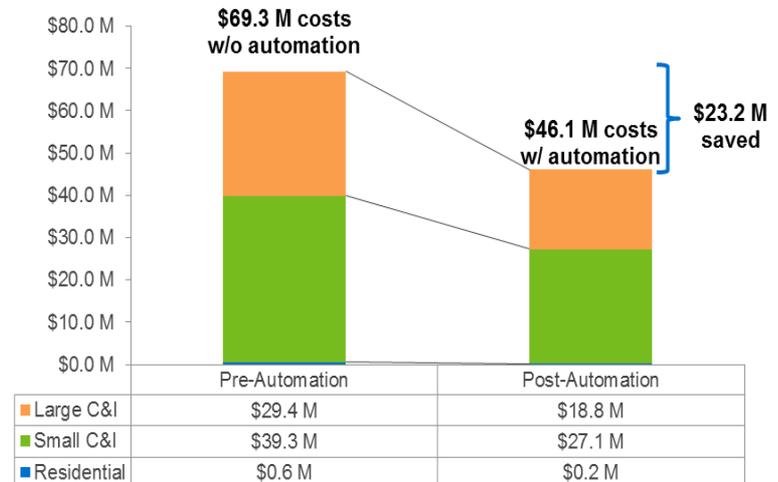
Value-Based Reliability Planning example: Distribution Automation

- ▶ **Utility:** EPB of Chattanooga
- ▶ **Customers Impacted:** 174,000 customers (entire territory)
- ▶ **Investment:** 1,200 automated circuit switches and sensors on 171 circuits
- ▶ **Reliability Improvement:**
 - SAIDI ↓45% (from 112 to 61.8 minutes/year)
 - SAIFI ↓51% (from 1.42 to 0.69 interruptions/year) (between 2010 and 2015)

Annual Costs and Benefits



Avoided Cost of Severe Storm



ICE Calculator: <http://icecalculator.com>



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Interruption Cost Estimate Calculator



The Interruption Cost Estimate (ICE) Calculator is a tool designed for electric reliability planners at utilities, government organizations or other entities that are interested in estimating interruption costs and/or the benefits associated with reliability improvements.

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Use the ICE Calculator to:

- [Estimate Interruption Costs](#)
Estimate the cost per interruption event, per average kW, per unserved kWh and the total cost of sustained electric power interruptions.
- [Estimate Value of Reliability Improvement in a Static Environment](#)
Estimate the value associated with a given reliability improvement. The environment is "static" because the expected reliability with and without the improvement does not change over time.
- [Estimate Value of Reliability Improvement in a Dynamic Environment](#)
Estimate the value associated with a given reliability improvement. The environment is "dynamic" because the expected reliability with and without the improvement changes over time based on forecasts of SAIFI, SAIDI and CAIDI.

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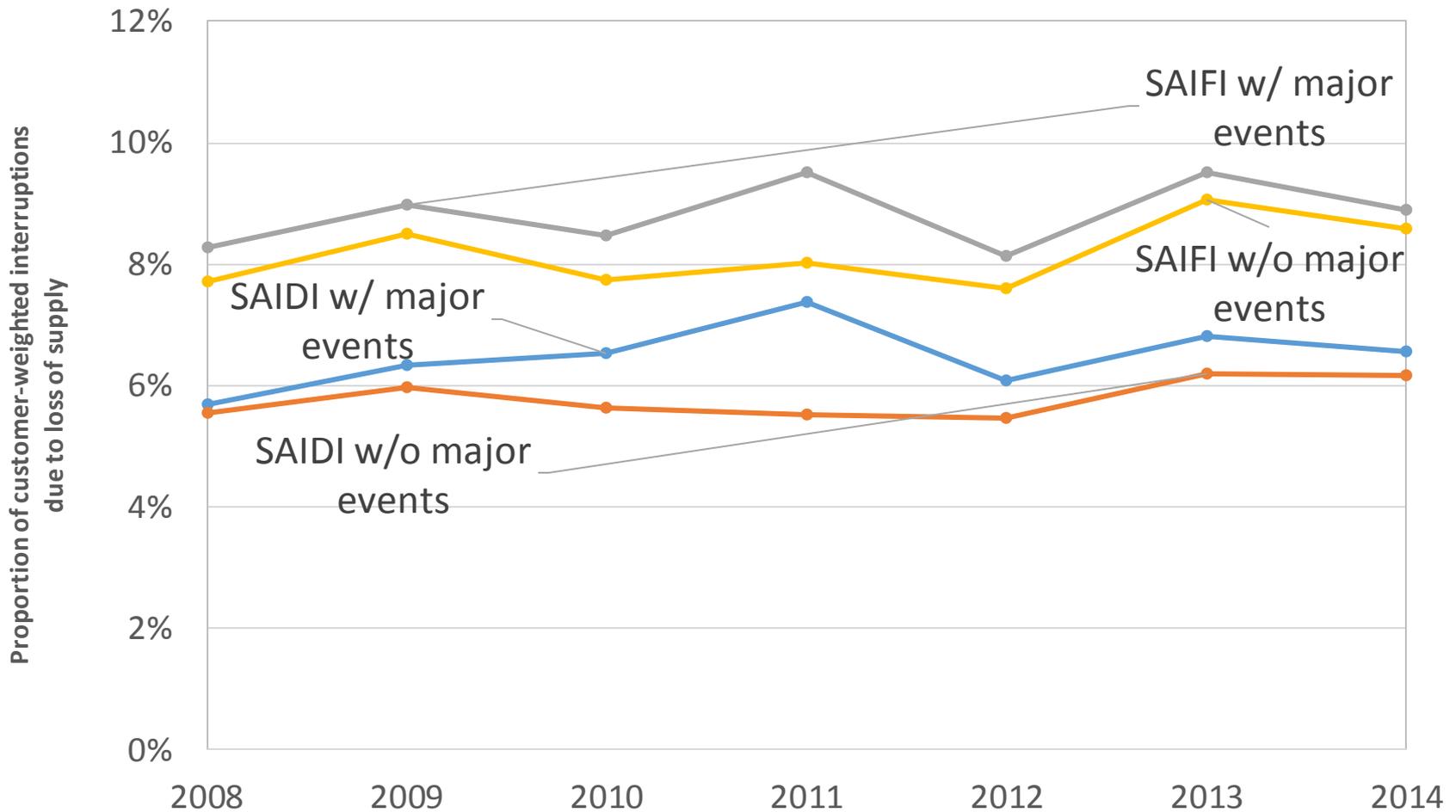
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The Costs of Power Interruptions

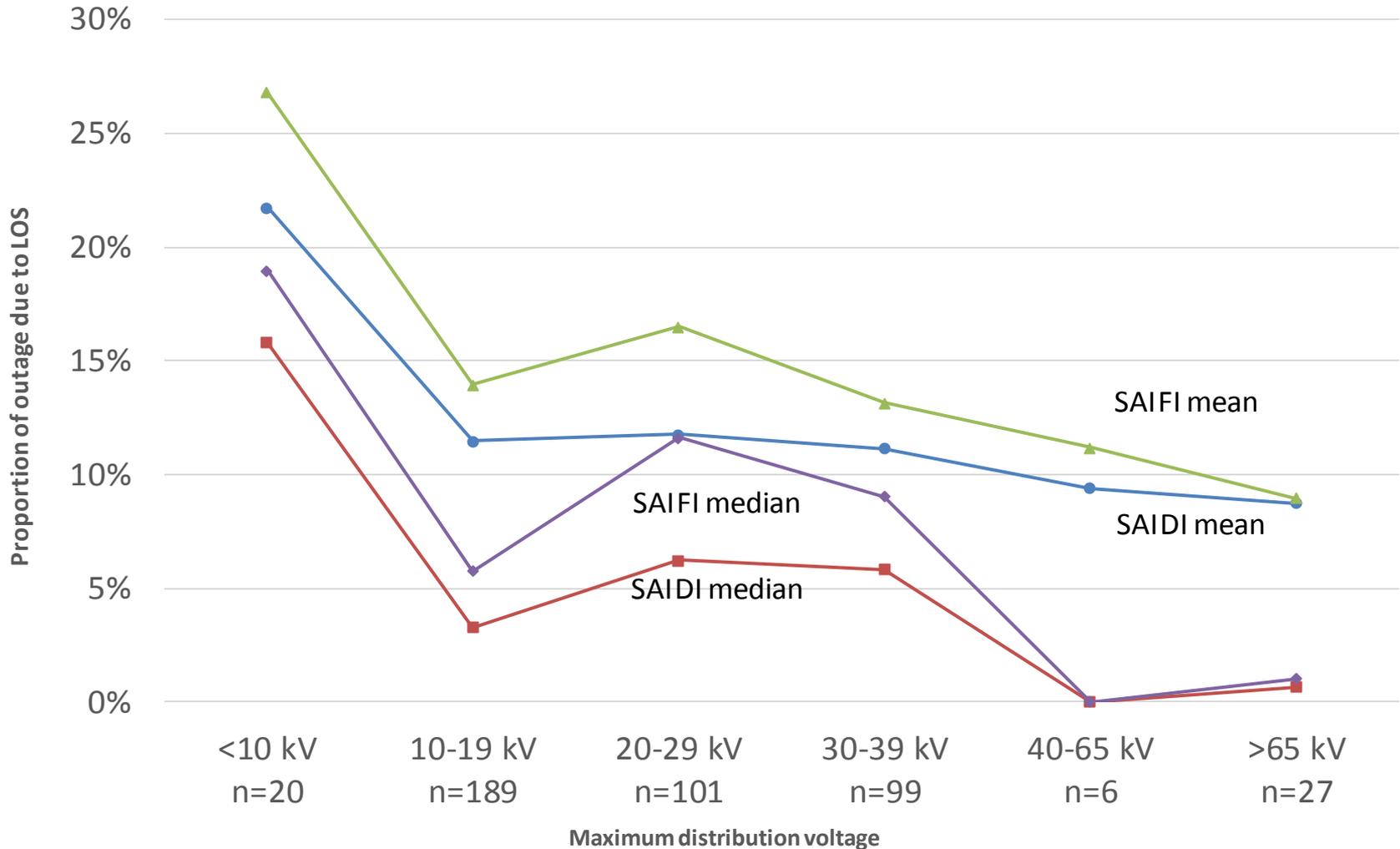
Varies by type of customer and depends on when and for how long their lights are out

Interruption Cost	Interruption Duration				
	Momentary	30 minutes	1 hour	4 hours	8 hours
Medium and Large C&I					
Morning	\$8,133	\$11,035	\$14,488	\$43,954	\$70,190
Afternoon	\$11,756	\$15,709	\$20,360	\$59,188	\$93,890
Evening	\$9,276	\$12,844	\$17,162	\$55,278	\$89,145
Small C&I					
Morning	\$346	\$492	\$673	\$2,389	\$4,348
Afternoon	\$439	\$610	\$818	\$2,696	\$4,768
Evening	\$199	\$299	\$431	\$1,881	\$3,734
Residential					
Morning	\$3.7	\$4.4	\$5.2	\$9.9	\$13.6
Afternoon	\$2.7	\$3.3	\$3.9	\$7.8	\$10.7
Evening	\$2.4	\$3.0	\$3.7	\$8.4	\$11.9

Customer-weighted proportion of SAIDI and SAIFI due to loss of supply (2008-2014, n = 73)



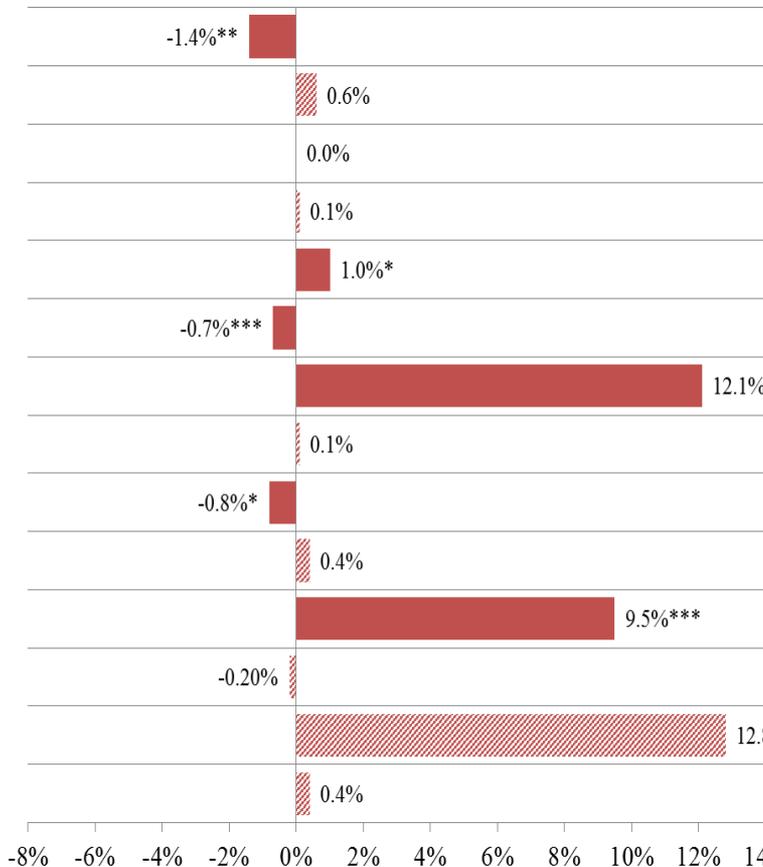
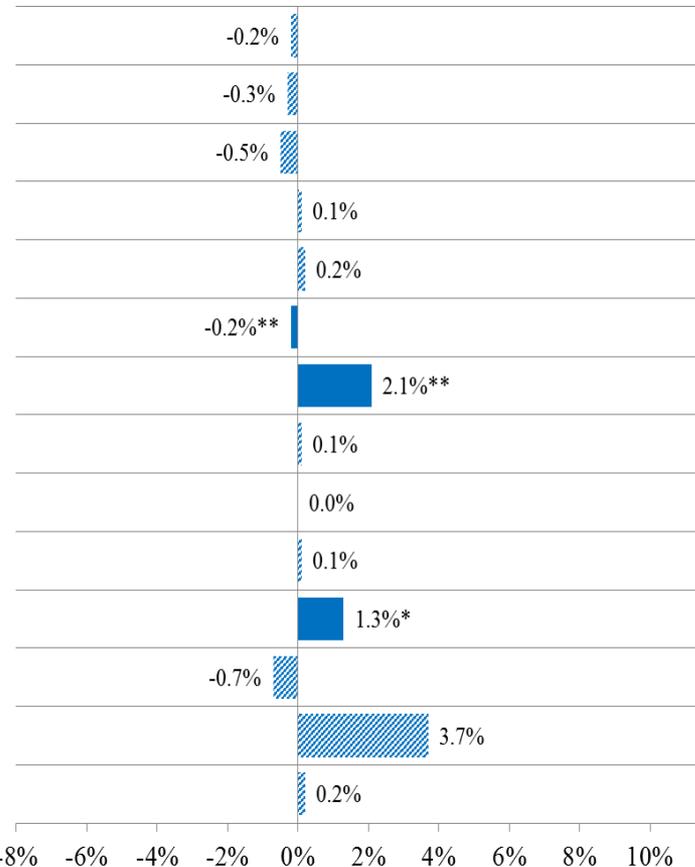
SAIDI and SAIFI due to loss of supply vs. maximum reported distribution voltage



LBNL finds that reliability is getting worse due to increased severity/frequency of major events

Model F (base)

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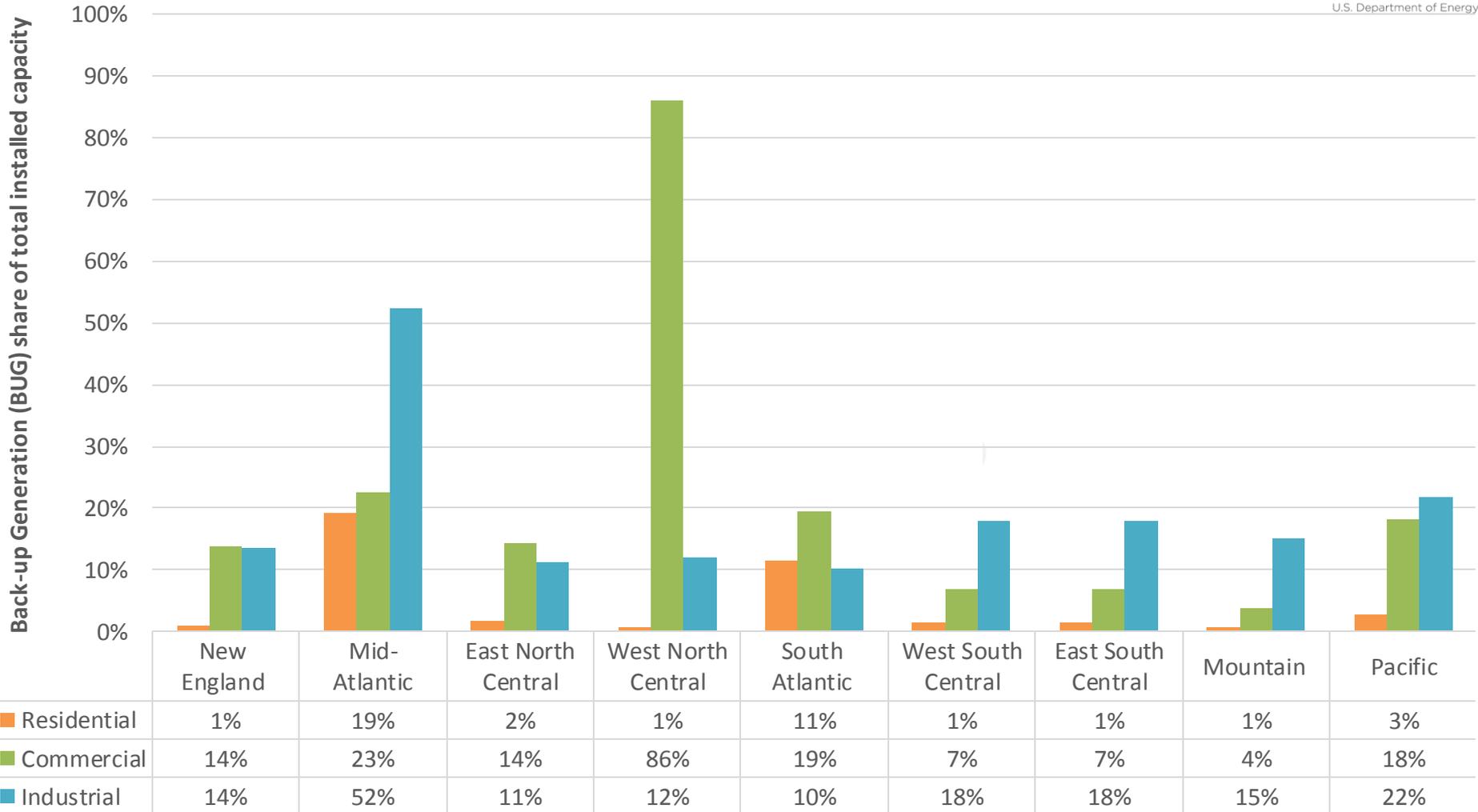


% change in SAIDI (without major events)

% change in SAIDI (with major events)

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Installed Capacity of Back-up Generation



Some themes to keep in mind

“What's measured improves”

— [Peter F. Drucker](#)

“Delegating your accountabilities is abdication”

— [Michael E. Gerber](#)

“Not everything that can be counted counts,
and not everything that counts can be counted”

— [Albert Einstein](#)

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