



# Three versions of interdependence

*The ITRC's national infrastructure  
system-of-systems modelling capability*

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# Motivation

*“The stakes are high. Failure to develop and implement a vision for our infrastructure will mean the UK falls behind its competitors, loses out both economically and socially, and could miss its carbon reduction targets”*

*“Britain will not be able to compete in the modern world unless we improve our infrastructure.”*

*“The government recognises that meeting the UK’s infrastructure ambitions requires a long-term sustainable plan, which means taking a cross-cutting and strategic approach”*

## A National Infrastructure for the 21st Century



HM TREASURY



Infrastructure UK

## National Infrastructure Plan 2011



HM Treasury

## National Infrastructure Plan 2013



# The UK Infrastructure Transitions Research Consortium (ITRC)

**Aim:** To develop and demonstrate a new generation of simulation models and tools to inform the analysis, planning and design of national infrastructure

**Ambition:** Enabling a revolution in the strategic analysis of NI provision in the UK... whilst at the same time becoming an international landmark programme recognised for novelty, research excellence and impact.





# The consortium



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# Research questions



1. How can infrastructure capacity and demand be balanced in an uncertain future?



2. What are the risks of infrastructure failure and how can we adapt National Infrastructure to make it more resilient?



3. How do infrastructure systems evolve and interact with society and the economy?



4. What should the UK's strategy be for integrated provision of NI in the long term?

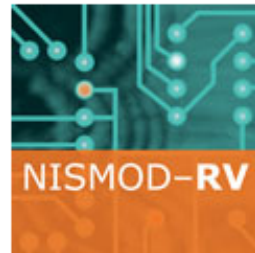


# Analysing the solutions: The National Infrastructure Systems Model family



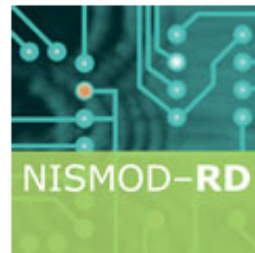
## **NISMOD-LP**

A national model of the long term performance of interdependent infrastructure systems



## **NISMOD-RV**

A national model of risks and vulnerability in national infrastructure systems



## **NISMOD-RD**

A model of regional development and how it adapts to infrastructure provision



## **NISMOD-DB**

A national database of infrastructure networks, demand and performance



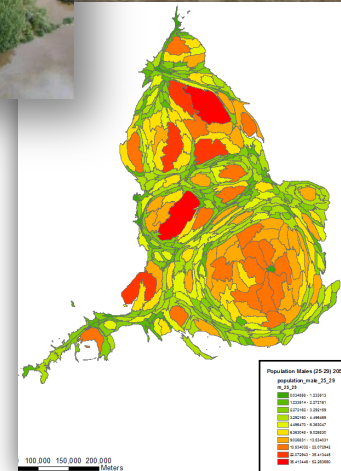
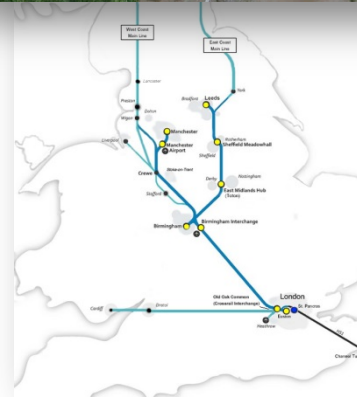
# Three versions of interdependence

Interdependence in:

1. Demand

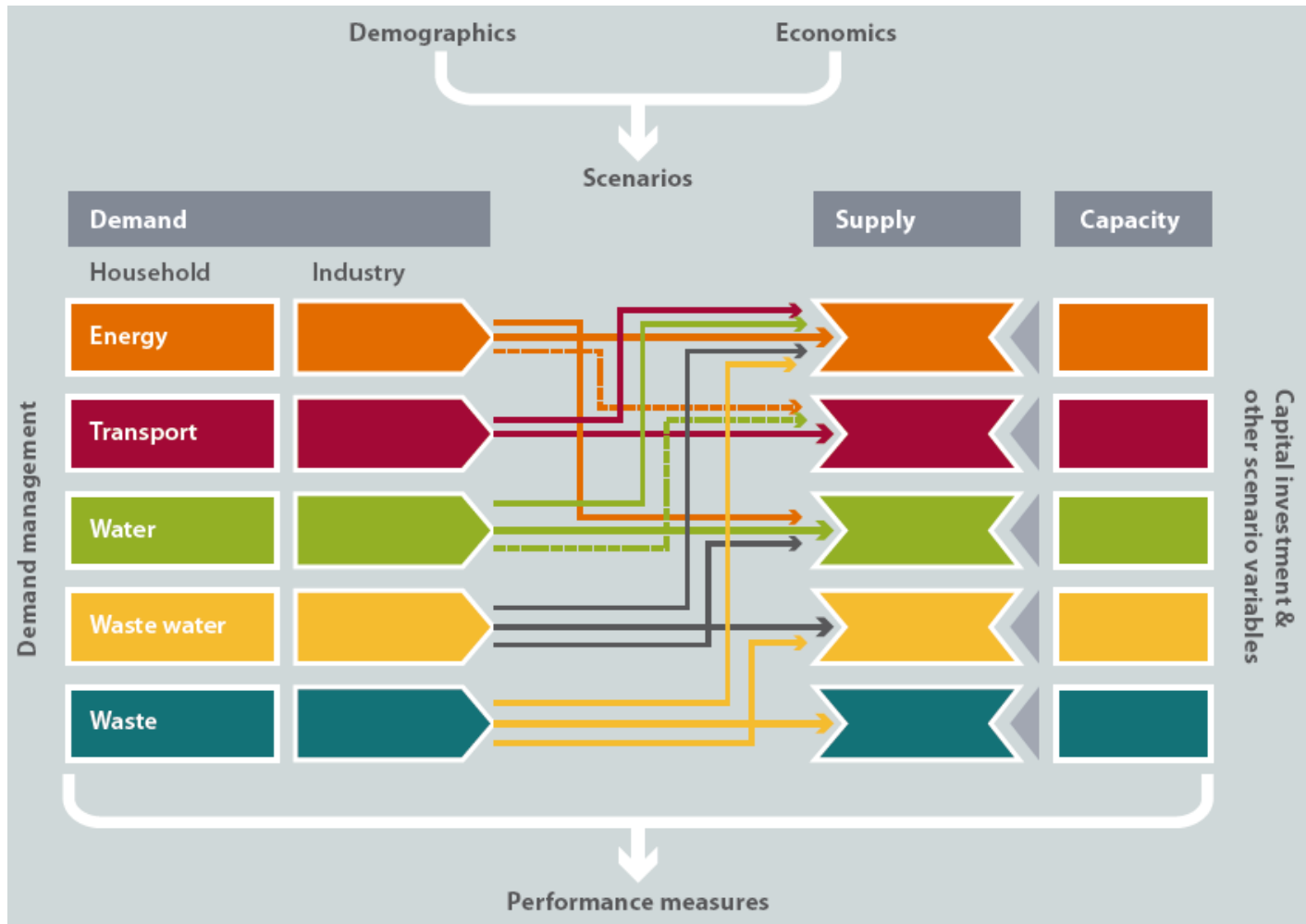
2. Failure

3. Economic growth,  
population and land  
use change



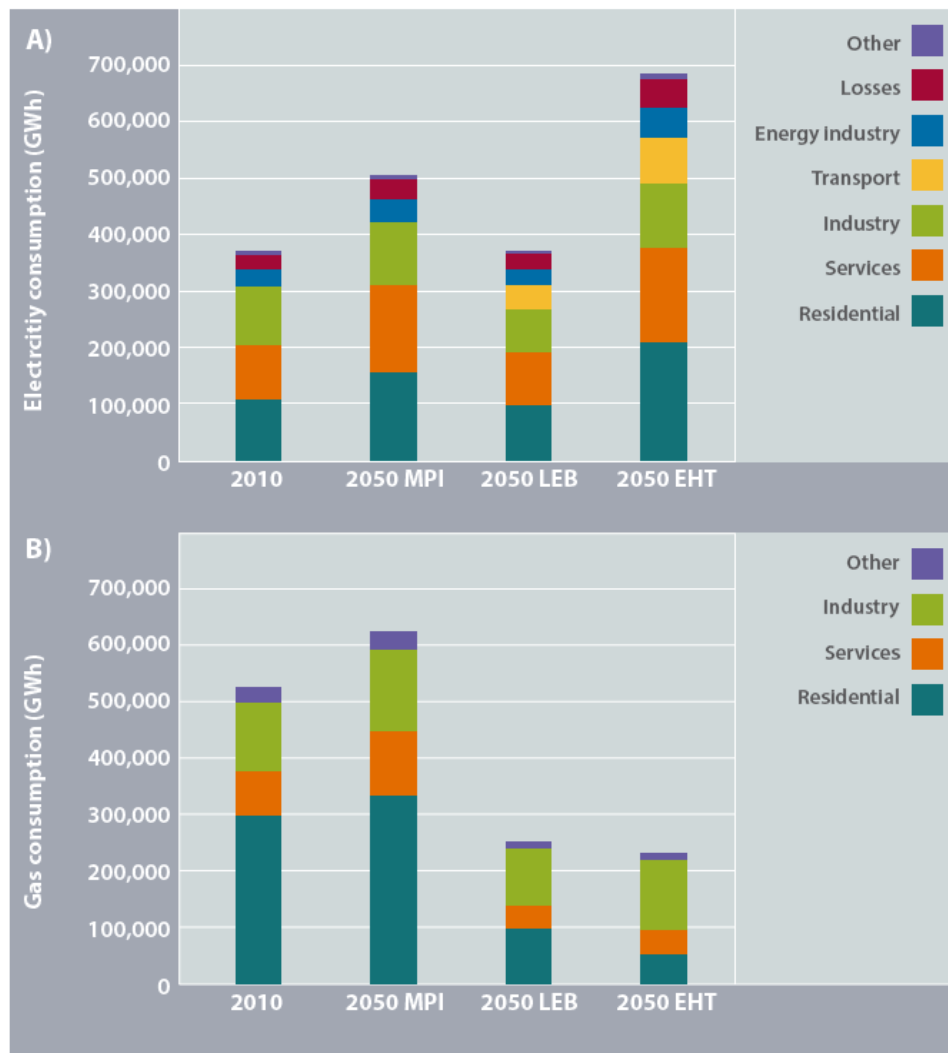


# Analysing long term performance of NI



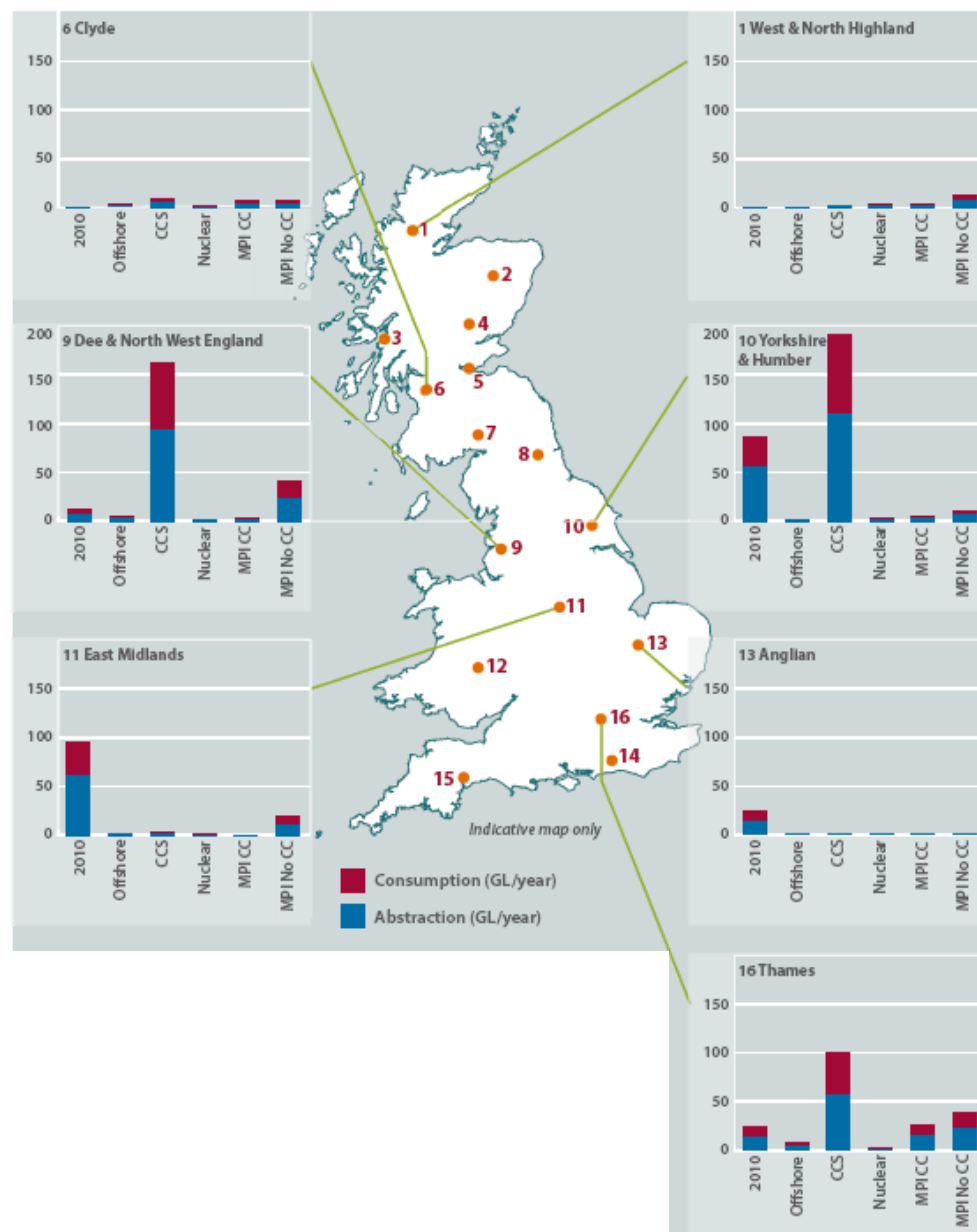
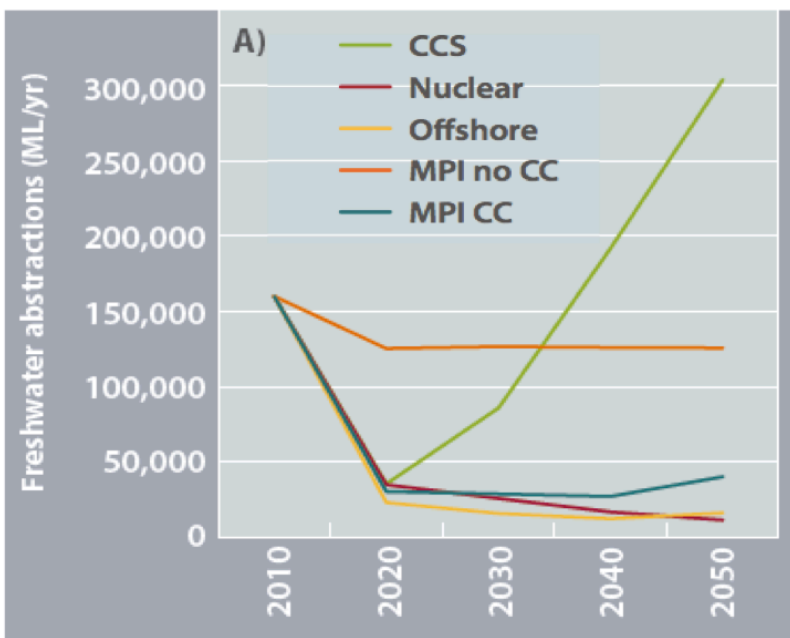


# Demand interdependence: transport and energy





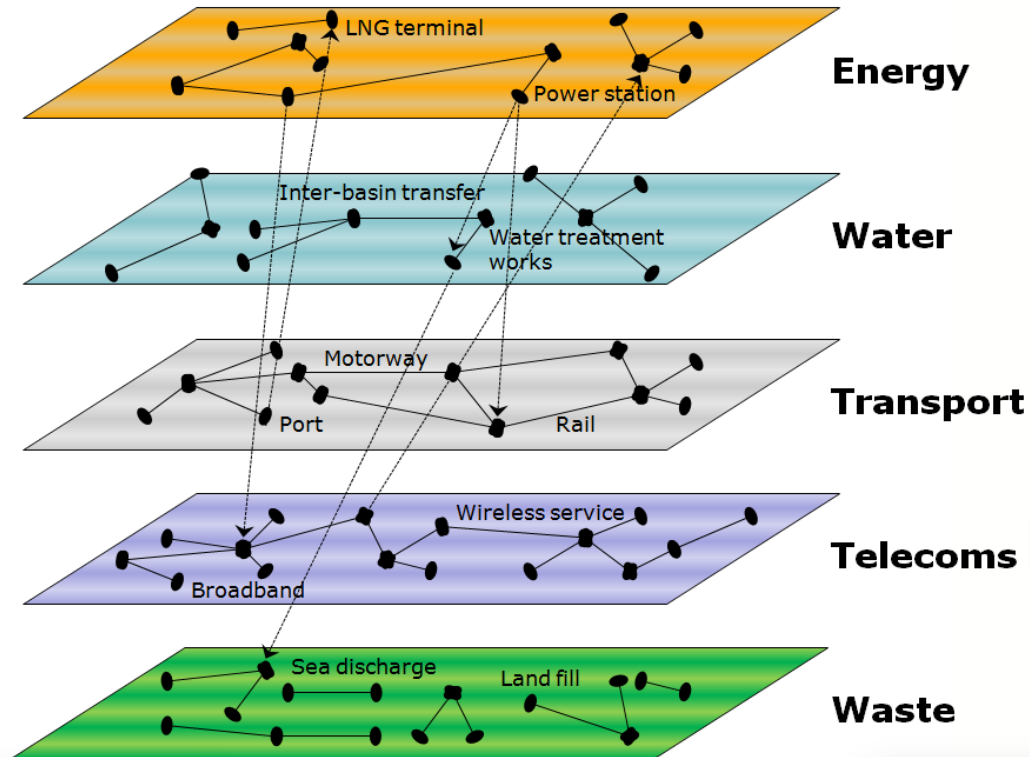
# Demand interdependence: energy and water





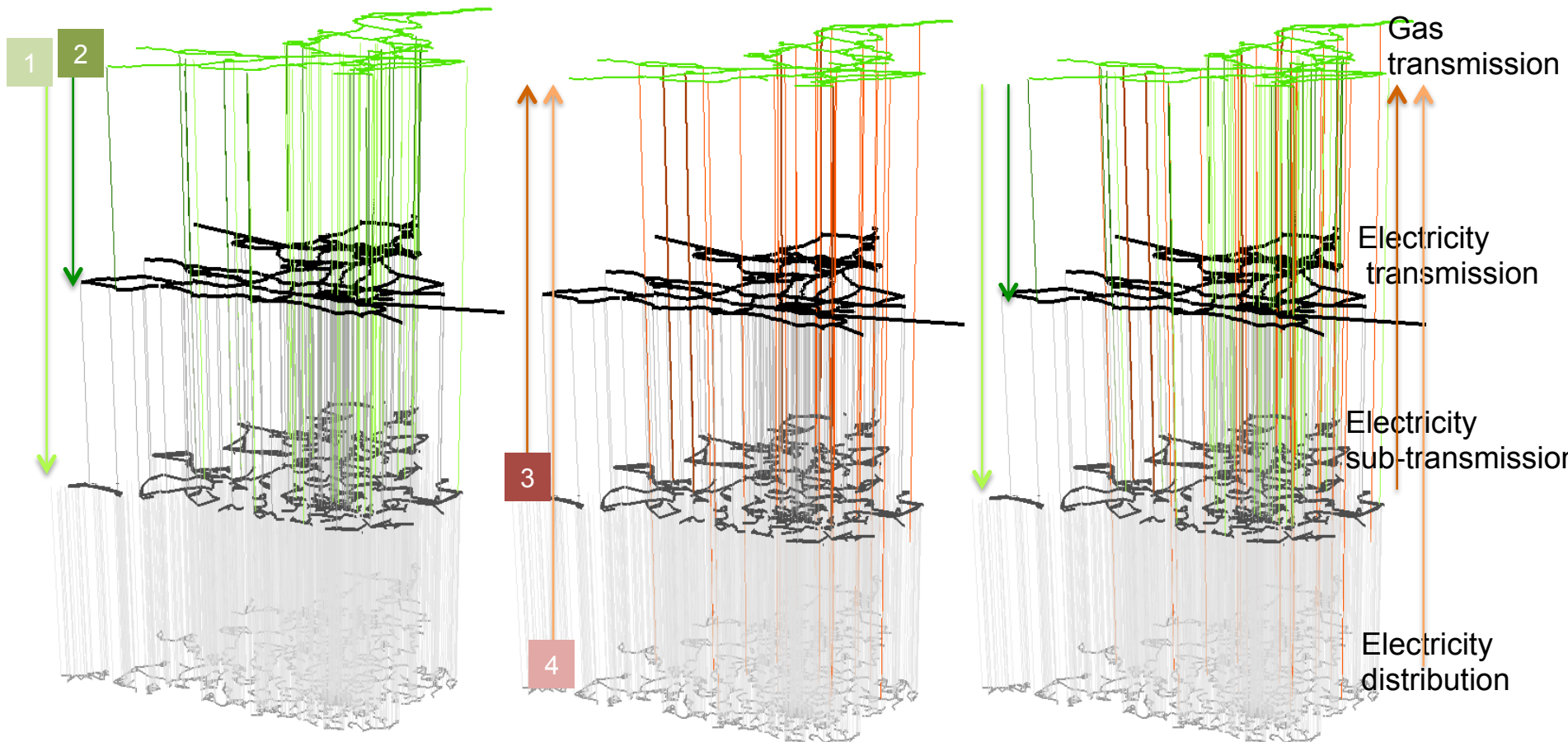
# Understanding the future risks of infrastructure failure

NISMOD-RV





# Mapping network interdependencies



## Electricity dependency on Gas

- 1) Large power stations @ transmission level
- 2) Medium power stations @ 132kV level

## Gas dependency on electricity (selected)

- 3) LNG @ 132kV level
- 4) Compressors at 33kV level

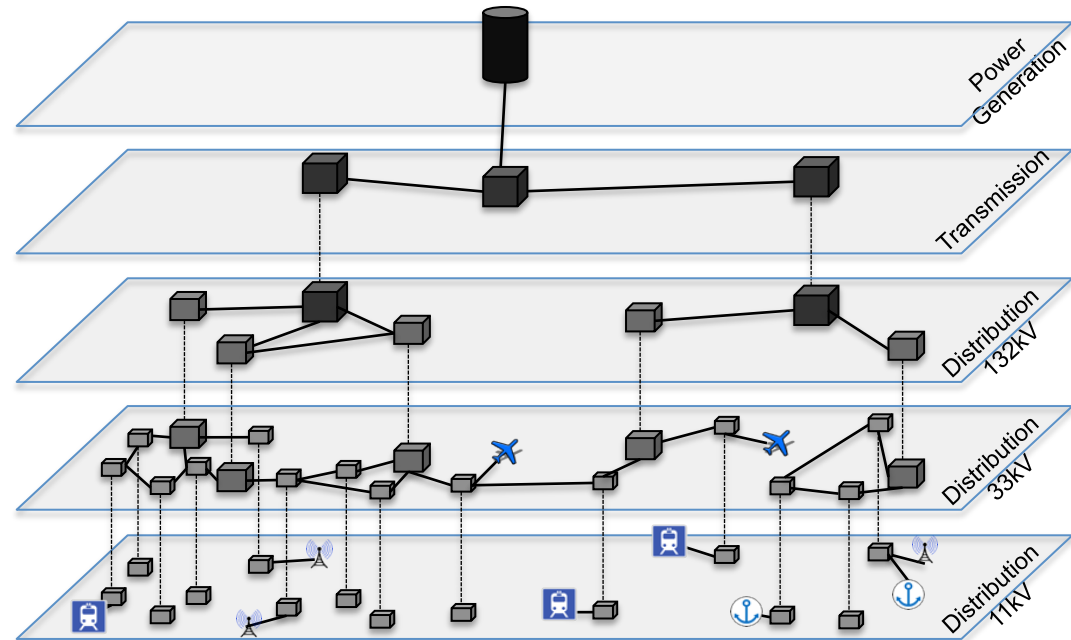
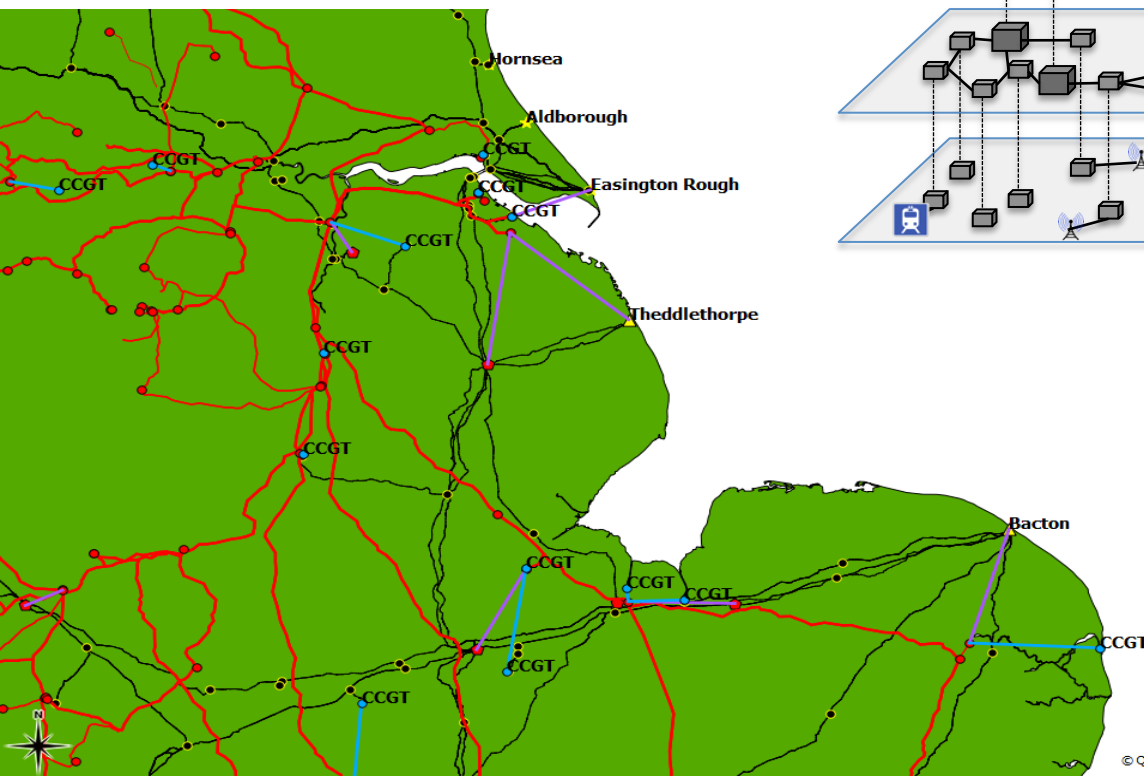
## Interdependency representation

- 2 way flows highlighted..



# Mapping network interdependencies

## Interdependent networks



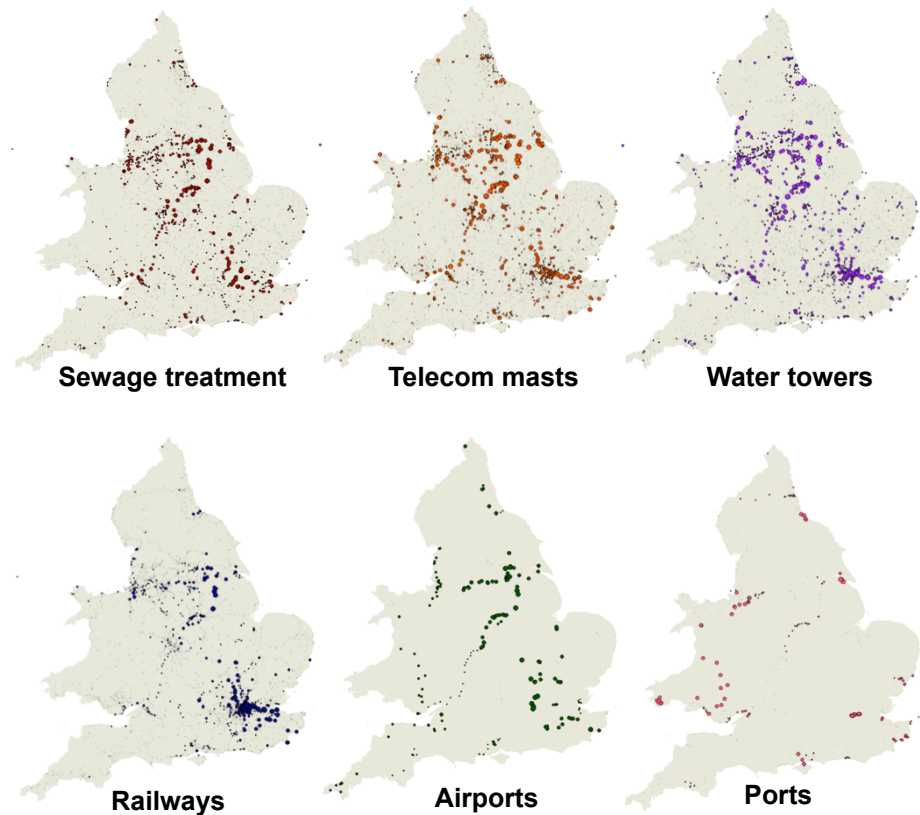


# Mapping customer demands

## Direct customer demands



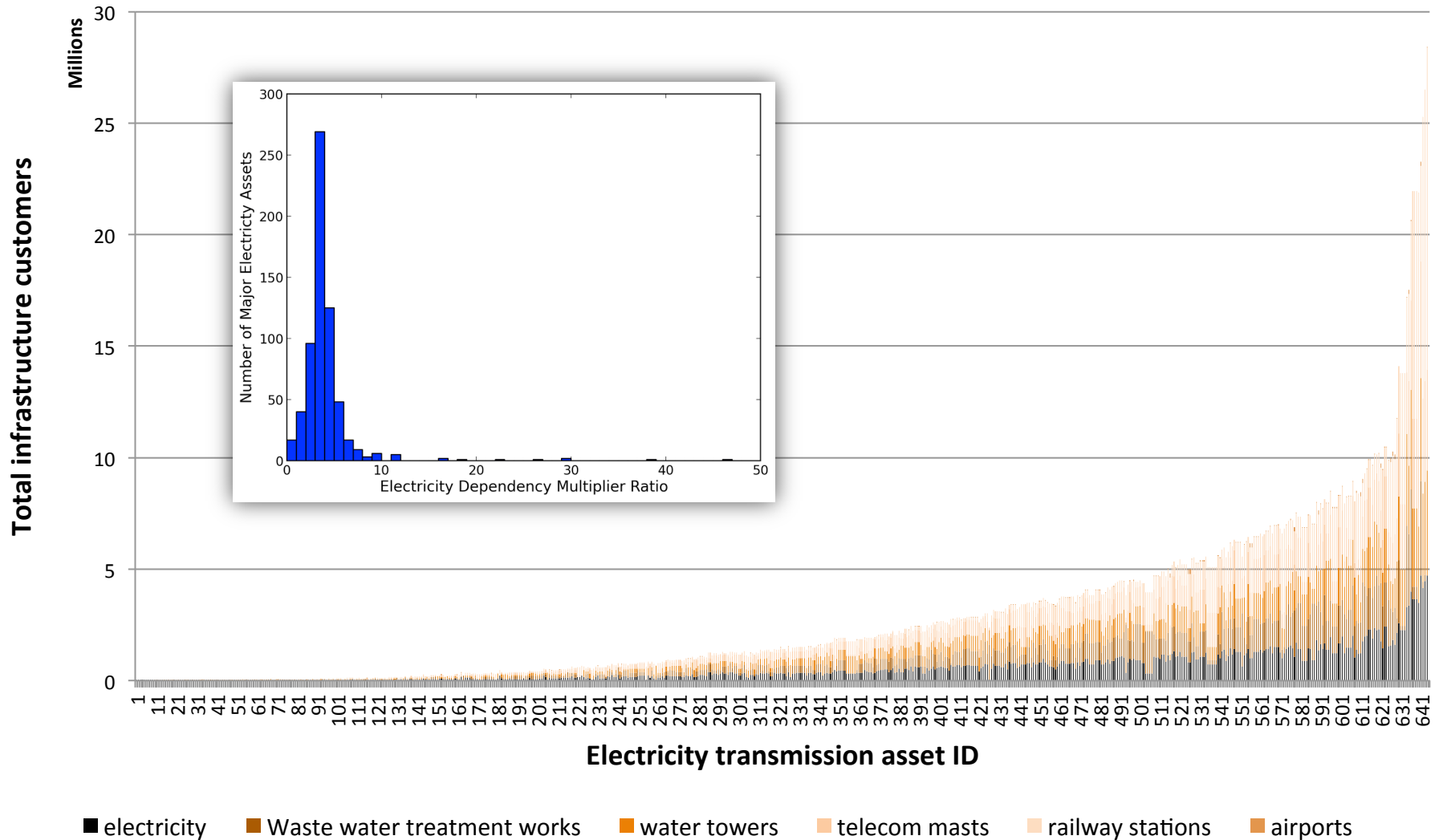
## Indirect customer demands on Great Britain's electricity network





# Calculating potential customer disruptions: electricity

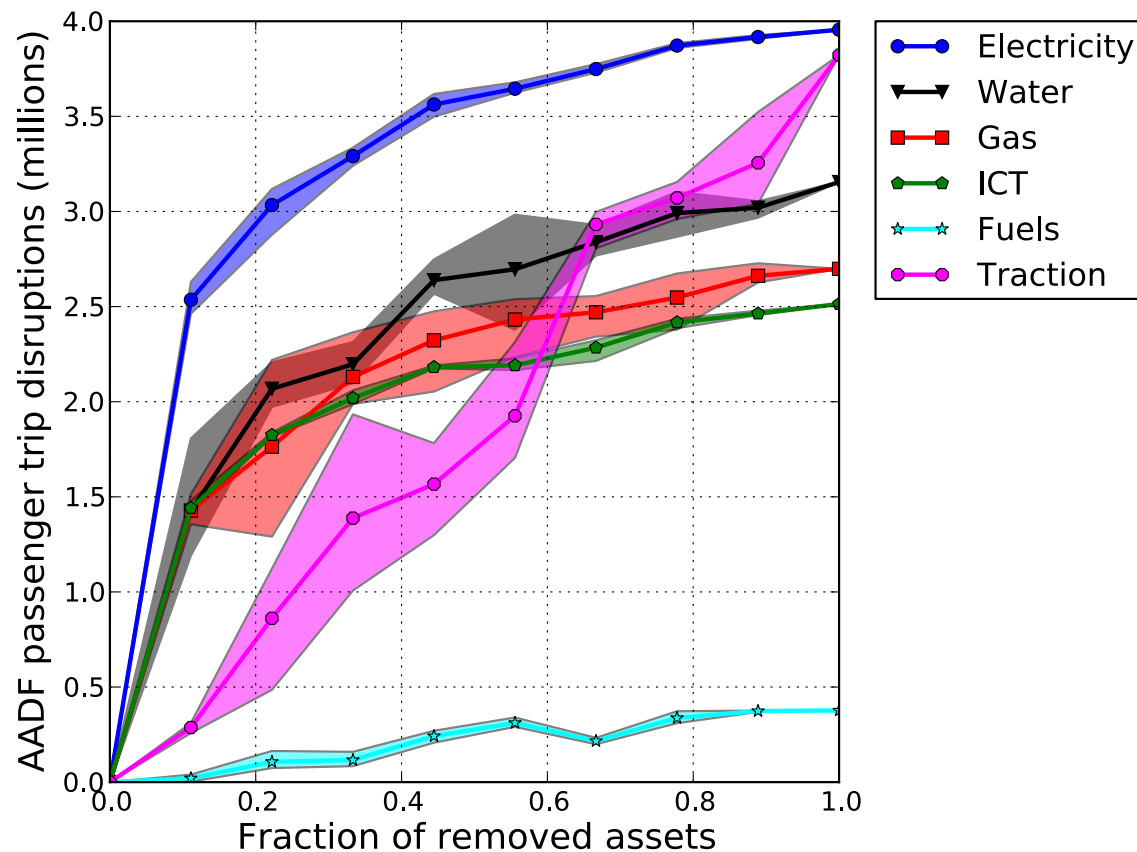
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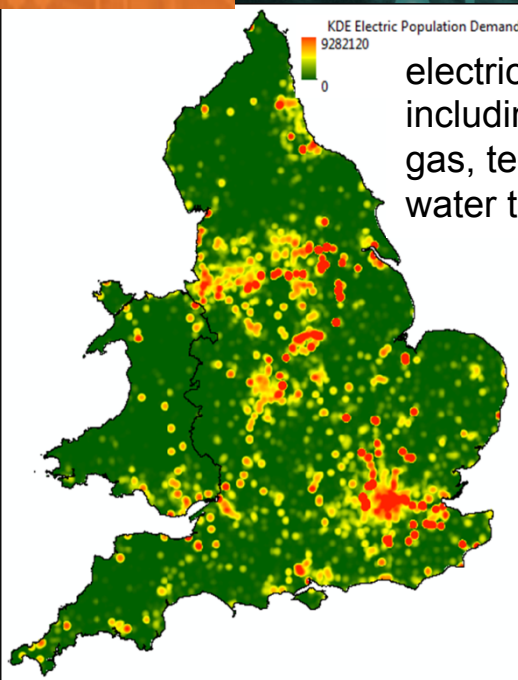
# Calculating potential customer disruptions: rail

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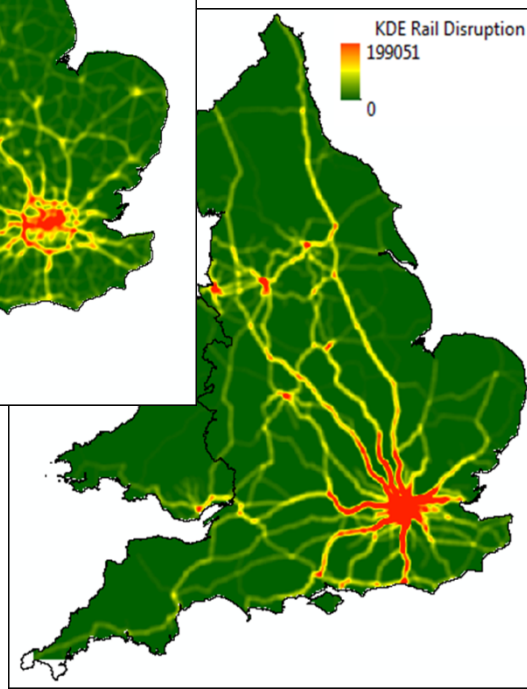
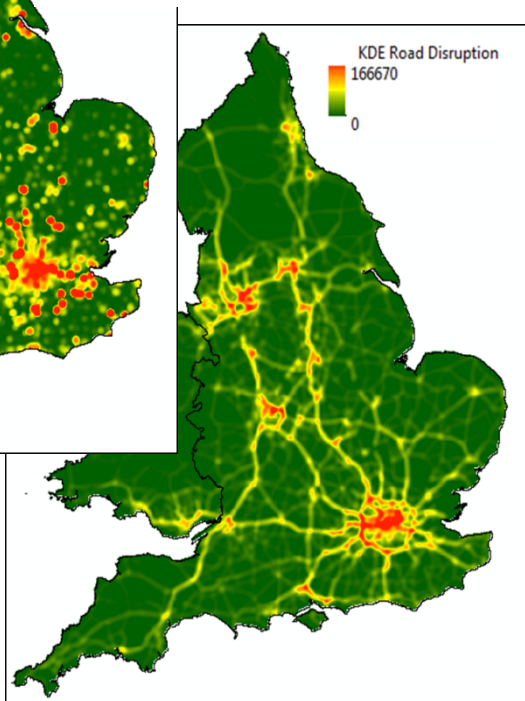




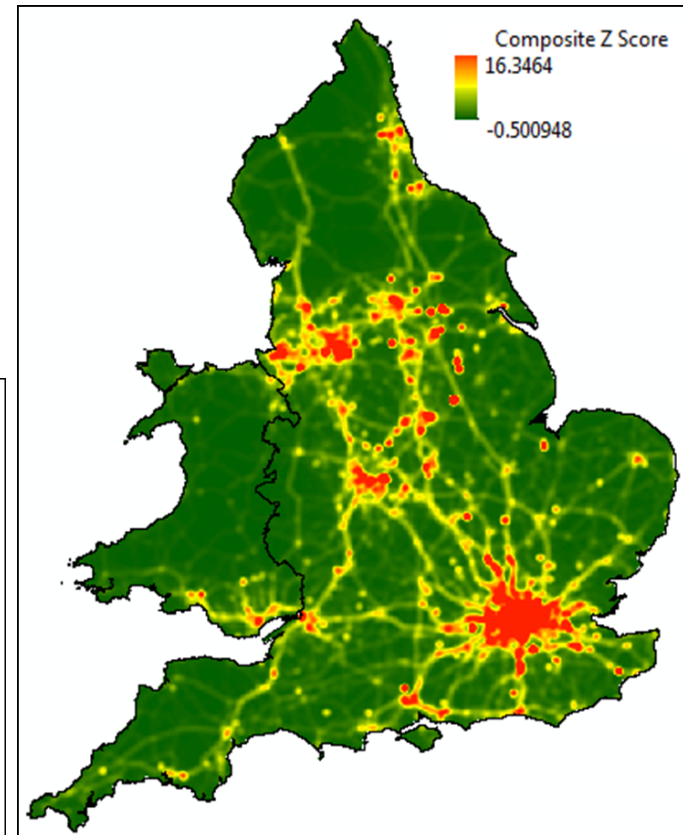
# Identifying criticality hotspots



electricity customer demand  
including dependency on GSP,  
gas, telecoms, water and  
water treatment assets

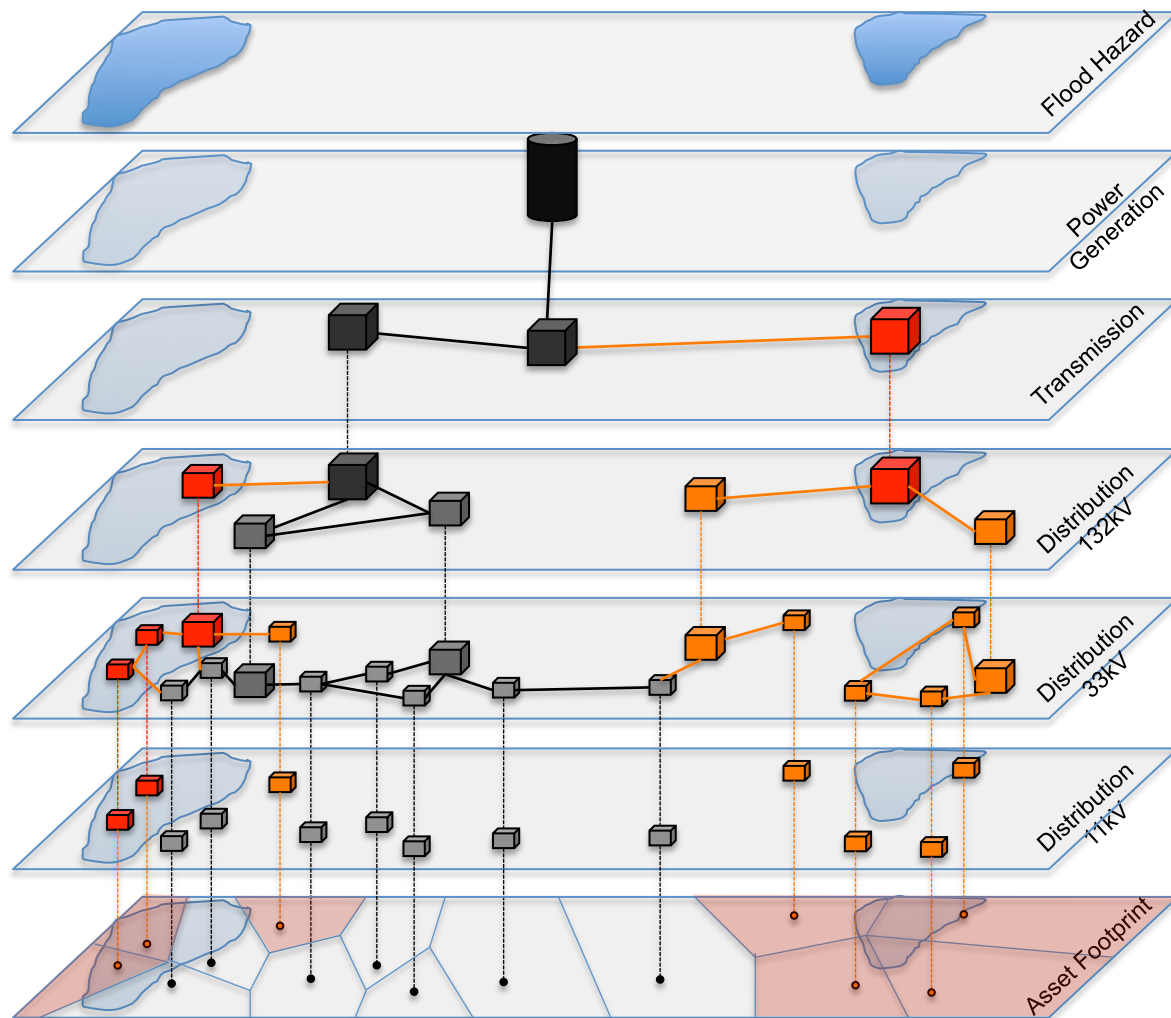


## Composite criticality map





# Superimposing hazard maps

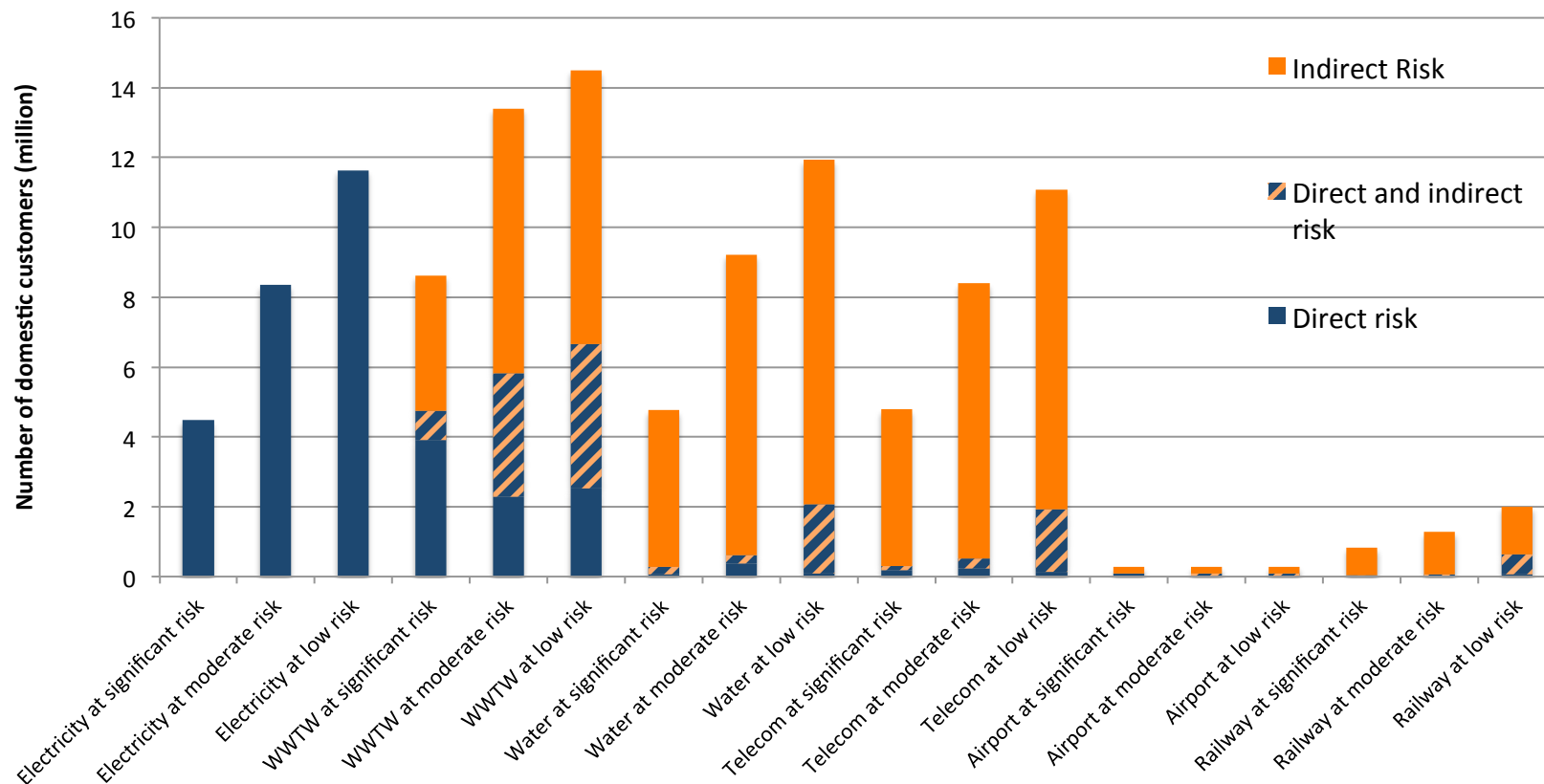


- Asset – Direct failure
- Asset – Indirect (network) failure



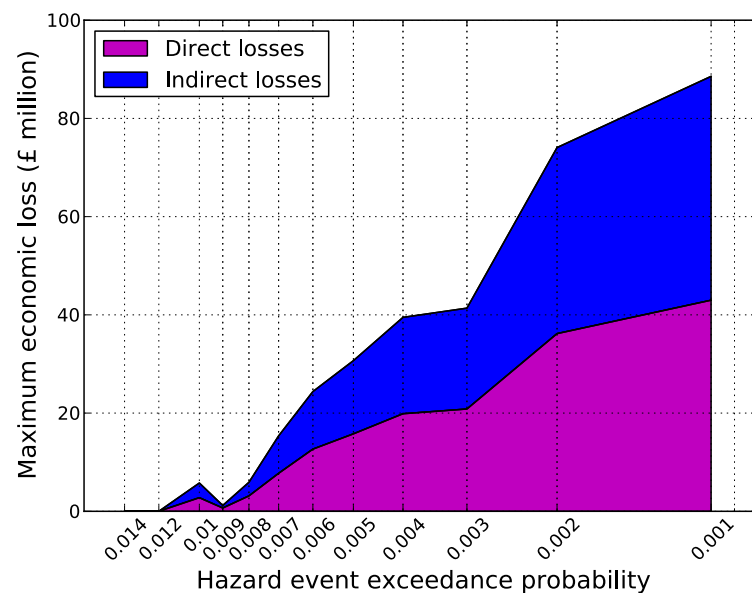
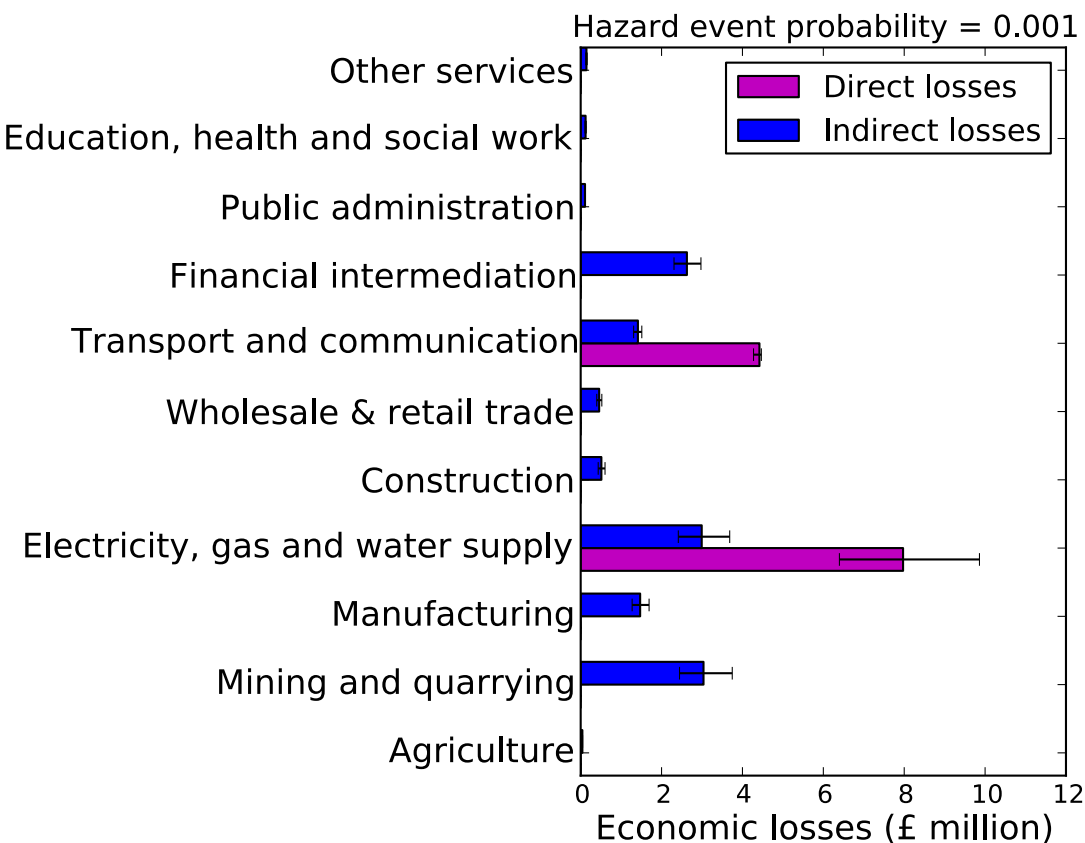
# Thames flood risk analysis

Infrastructure Customers at Risk of Disruption due to Flooding of the Thames Catchment





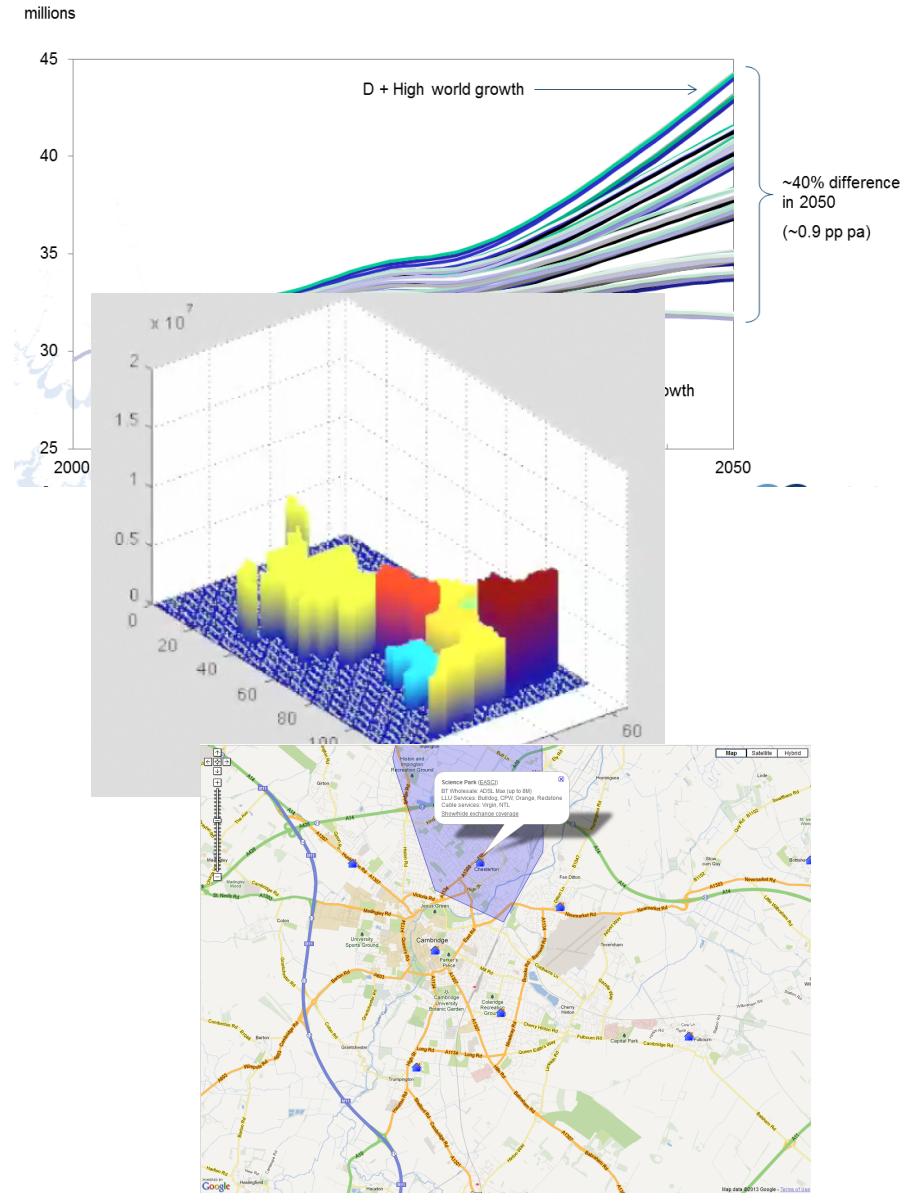
# Indirect impacts on the economy





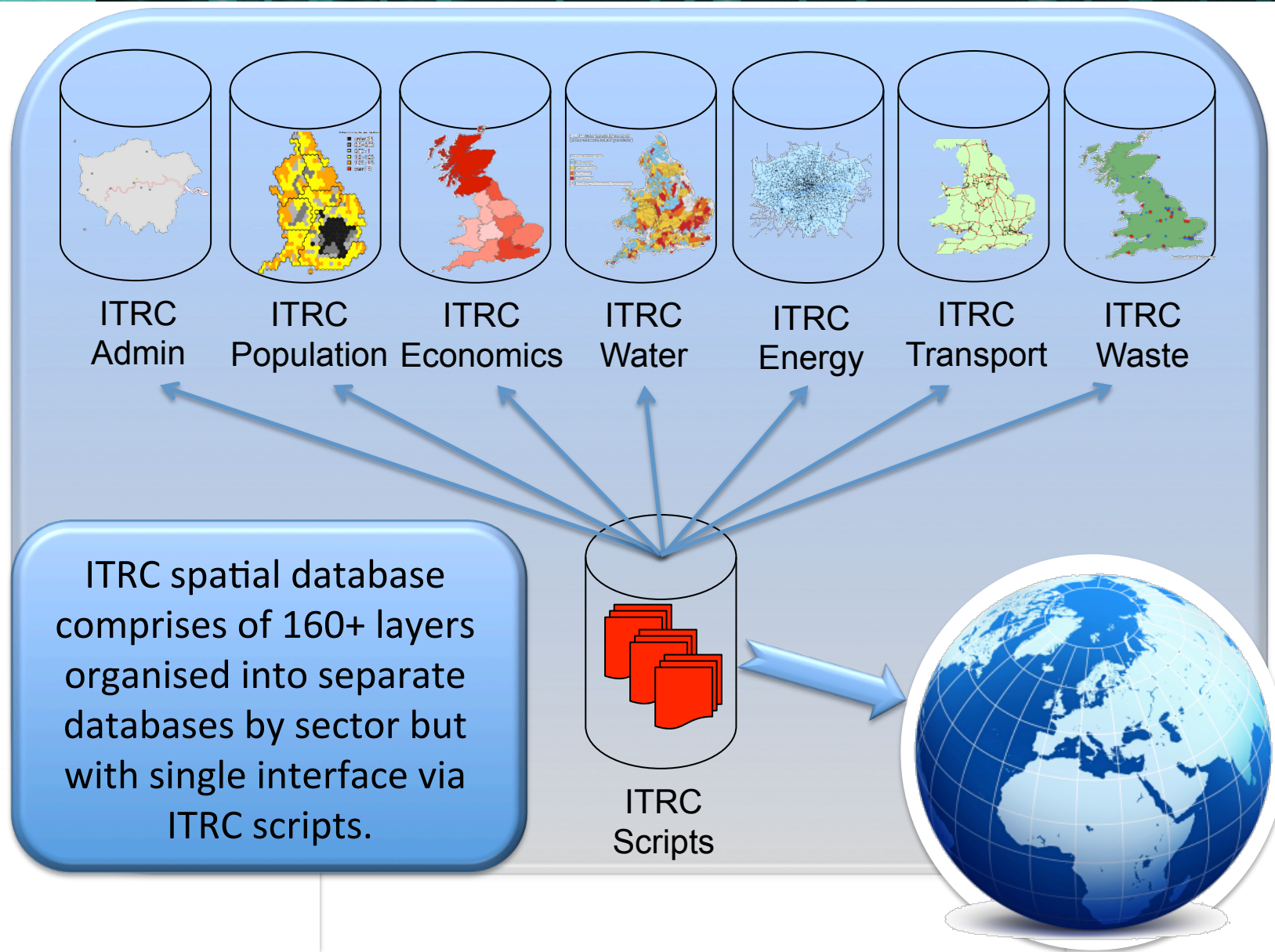
# Simulating the relationship between infrastructure, the economy and land use

- The role of infrastructure in the macro economy
- A multi-regional model of demography and growth
- Understanding the influence of infrastructure on business location decisions





# National Infrastructure Database





# Outcomes of our 'systems of systems' analysis and modelling

For the first time, globally, tools to analyse strategic pathways for national infrastructure provision that are:

- cross-sectoral
- long term
- national scale

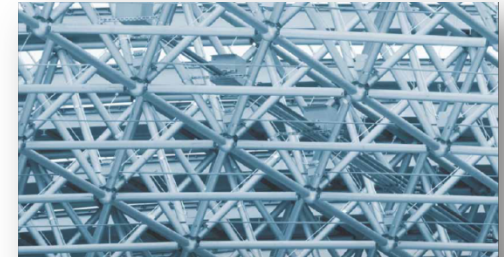
in order to provide evidence to:

- build long term visions for national infrastructure and plan how it can be delivered
- identify vulnerabilities and adapt to risks
- understand uncertainties and develop robust strategies



# Progress

- 2011 Fast Track Analysis of strategies for infrastructure provision in the UK
- 2012 Development of the NISMOD models and database
- 2013 Quantified assessment of the performance of national infrastructure strategies  
Programme mid-term review
- 2014 ITRC first National Infrastructure Assessment  
Integration of the NISMOD system
- 2015 NISMOD results and analysis tools available on-line



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Planning Infrastructure for the  
21st Century

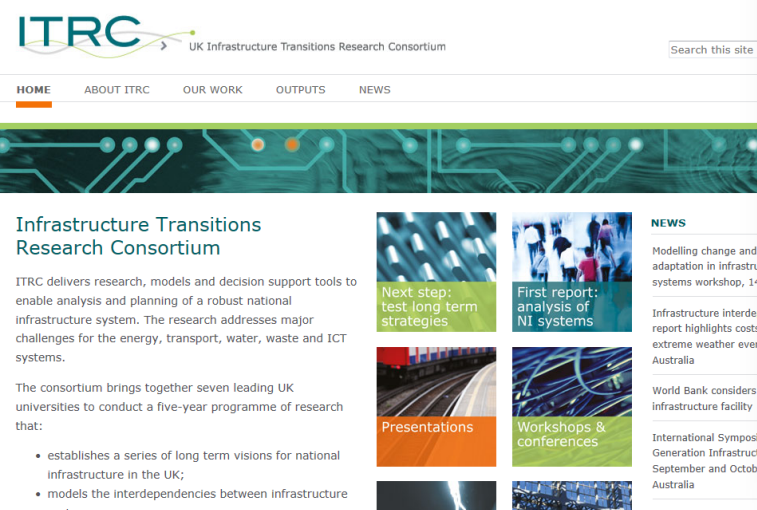
Systems of systems methodology for analysing  
society's lifelines in an uncertain future

CAMBRIDGE



# Stakeholder engagement, communications and impact

- International Expert Advisory Group
- Enthusiastic group of stakeholder partners
- Ongoing collaboration with Infrastructure UK and other government departments
- Stakeholder champion



[www.gov.uk/defra](http://www.gov.uk/defra)

## Climate resilient infrastructure: Preparing for a changing climate Progress update report

July 2013



## NewStatesman

Infrastructure research for a sustainable future: taking the long view







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