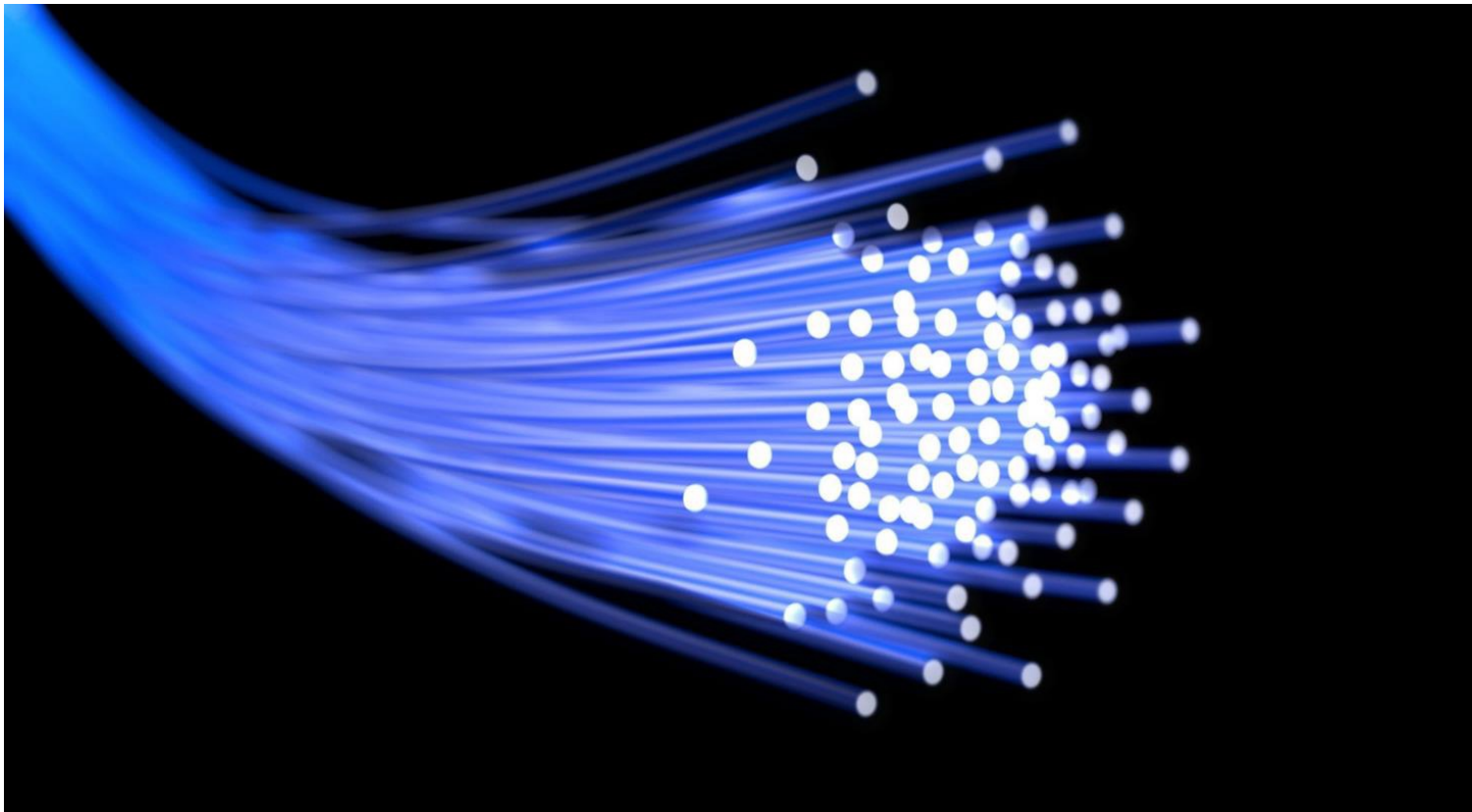
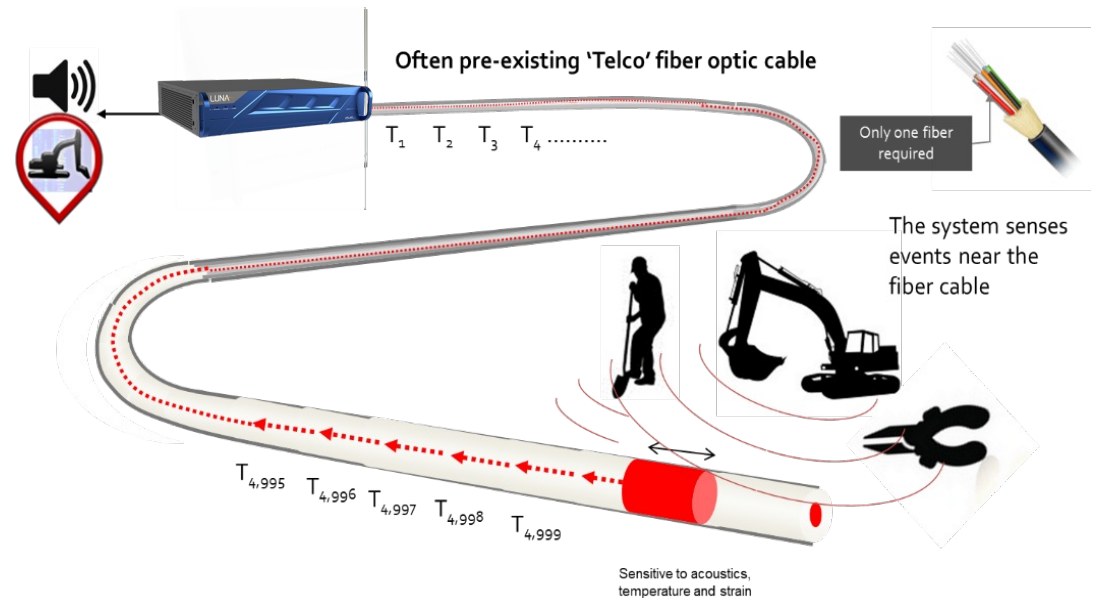


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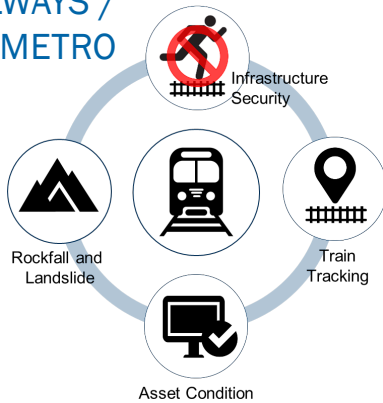
What is Distributed Fiber Optic Sensing Technology?

- Possible to use pre-existing communications fiber
- DFOS sends pulses of light down a fiber many times per second
- Both long distances and short distances monitored at high spatial resolution in real time
- Each small zone can behave as a thermocouple, strain gauge or accelerometer
- Monitors the return signal for vibrations, strain, and temperature around the fiber
- Uses signal processing to automatically detect threats, major developments in last decade including Machine Learning & Artificial Intelligence
- Reports to operators immediately with Geographic Information System (GIS)
- Actionable intelligence for response

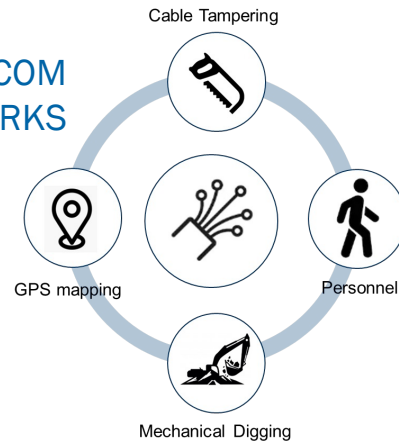


Wide suite of Proven Applications

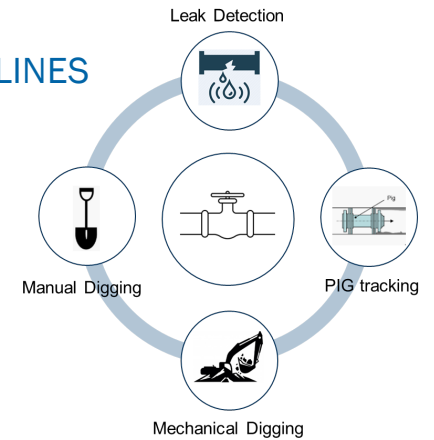
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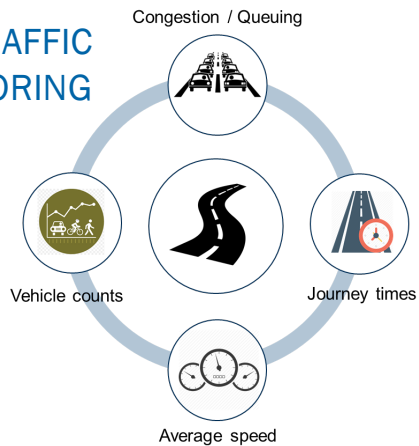
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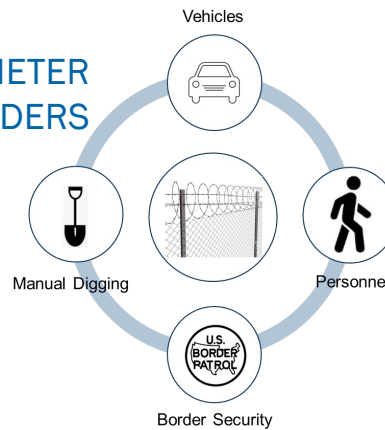
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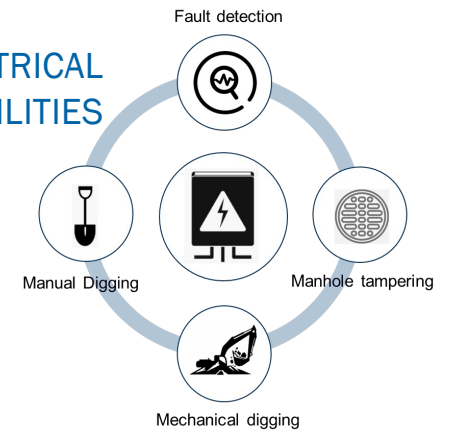
TRAFFIC MONITORING



PERIMETER SECURITY/BORDERS



ELECTRICAL UTILITIES





Types of Distributed Fiber Optic Sensing

- **Distributed Temperature Sensing (DTS)**
 - Raman back scatter signal
 - Fibers should be strain free as in Loose Tube cables
 - Temperature monitoring of pipelines, power lines, etc
- **Distributed Acoustic Sensing (DAS)**
 - Rayleigh back scatter (OTDR)
 - Fibers should experience strain as in tight buffered cables
 - Acoustic wave monitoring of external events
 - Ideal for secure perimeters, traffic monitoring, etc.
- **Distributed Strain Sensing (DSS/DTS)**
 - Brillouin back scatter
 - Structural health monitoring
 - Ground movement
 - Fibers should experience strain as in tight buffered cables.
- **Most DFOS systems incorporate multiple capabilities**
 - Reduces false positives

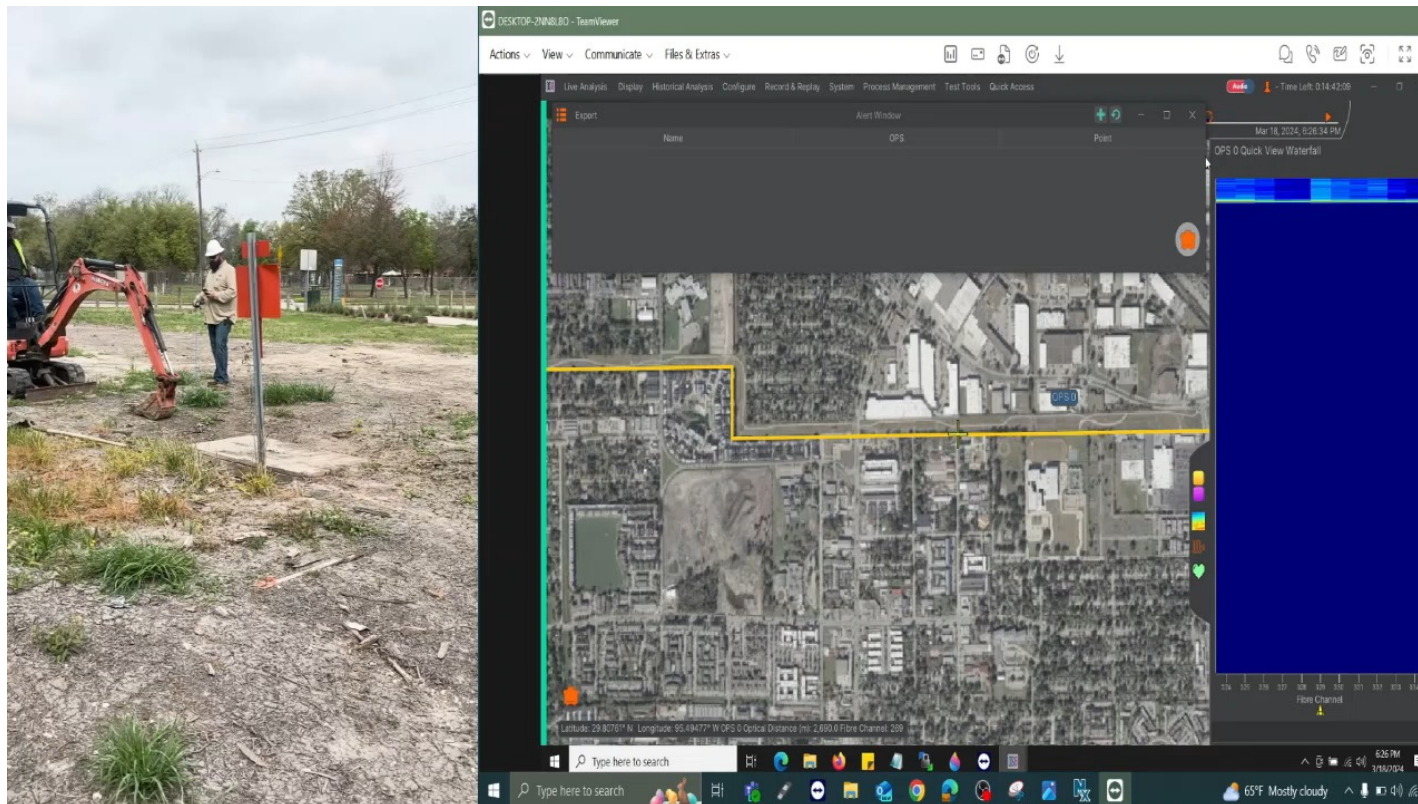
- **Distributed Acoustic Sensing (DAS)**
 - Rayleigh backscatter (OTDR)
 - Fibers should experience strain as in tight buffered cables
 - Acoustic wave monitoring of external events
 - This is a real-time, **EVENT BASED DETECTION** – ideal where response can be immediate
 - Ideal for secure perimeters, traffic and rail monitoring, etc.
 - DAS has been utilized for intrusion detection and security applications

Common Utility Problems – Communications, Gas, Water & Electric

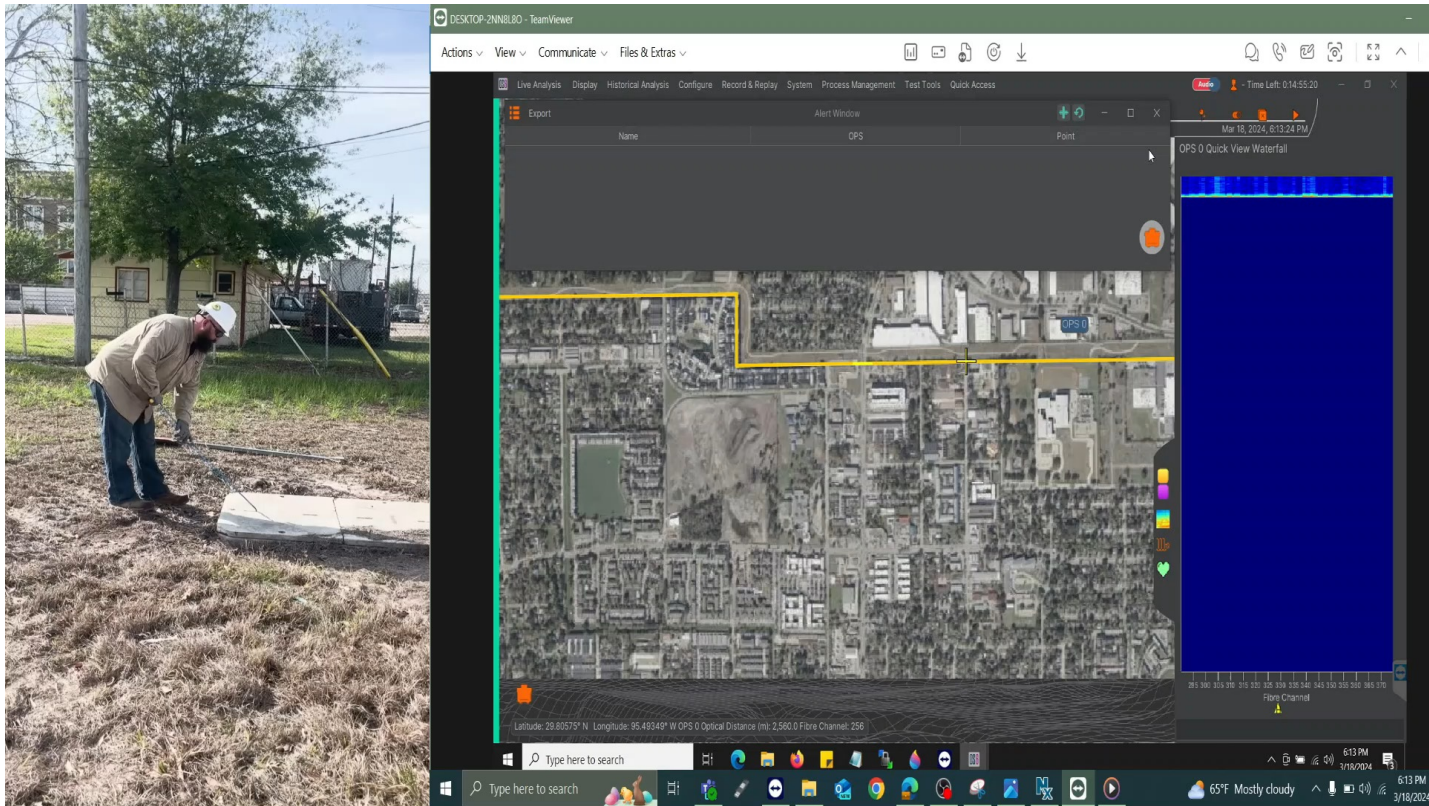
- **External Sources of Damage**
 - Digging
 - Vandalism/Theft/Terrorism
 - Weather events
 - Seismic events
- **Internal Sources of Failure**
 - Pipe failure / leaks
 - Cable over heating
 - Environmental degradation (aging)
- **Other challenges**
 - Inefficient utilization



Mechanical Digging Classification



Vault Intrusion



Telecoms and Power Utility Case Study

Rapid detection and location of cut at manhole



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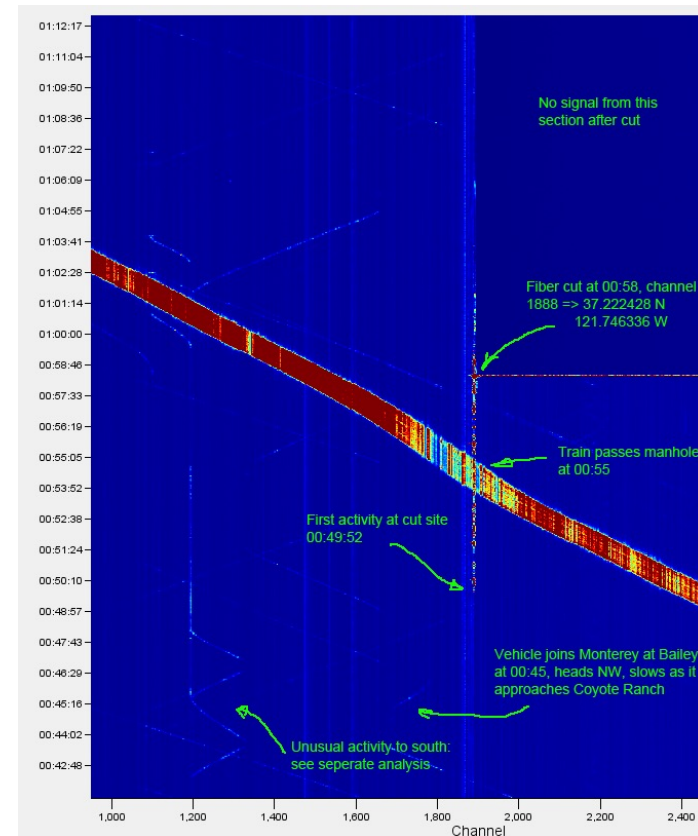
About 10,000 gallons of oil leaked Tuesday morning from a transformer at a San Jose PG&E substation, which authorities said was vandalized, most likely damaged by gunfire. At about the same time, and not too far away, Gilroy and Morgan Hill police departments reported that 911 calls from land lines were not working early Tuesday morning because of cut lines. Arturo Santiago reports on how the two were connected. (Published Tuesday, April 16, 2013)

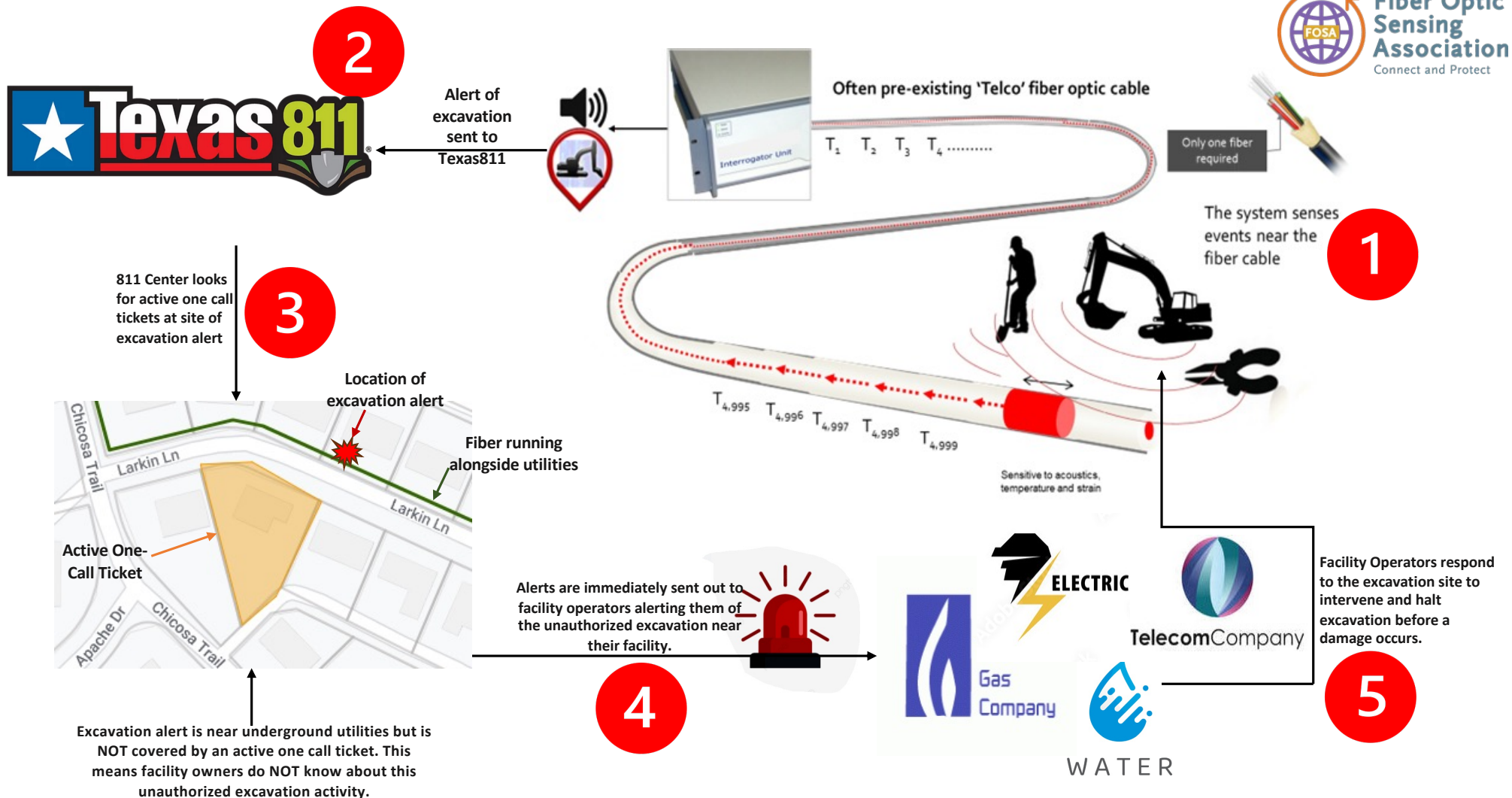
Updated at 7:01 AM PDT on Thursday, Apr 18, 2013

Phone service was restored in the South Bay Wednesday after being disrupted Tuesday when vandals cut underground fiber optic cables south of San Jose.

TRENDING STORIES

- Minor Collision Between Wing Tips of Two Airplanes
- Suspicious Fire Cancels Class, Damages Sheriff Substation
- Watch Today in the Bay
- Highway 101 Reopens After Power Lines Fell







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Free Space Optics Use Cases

November 2025

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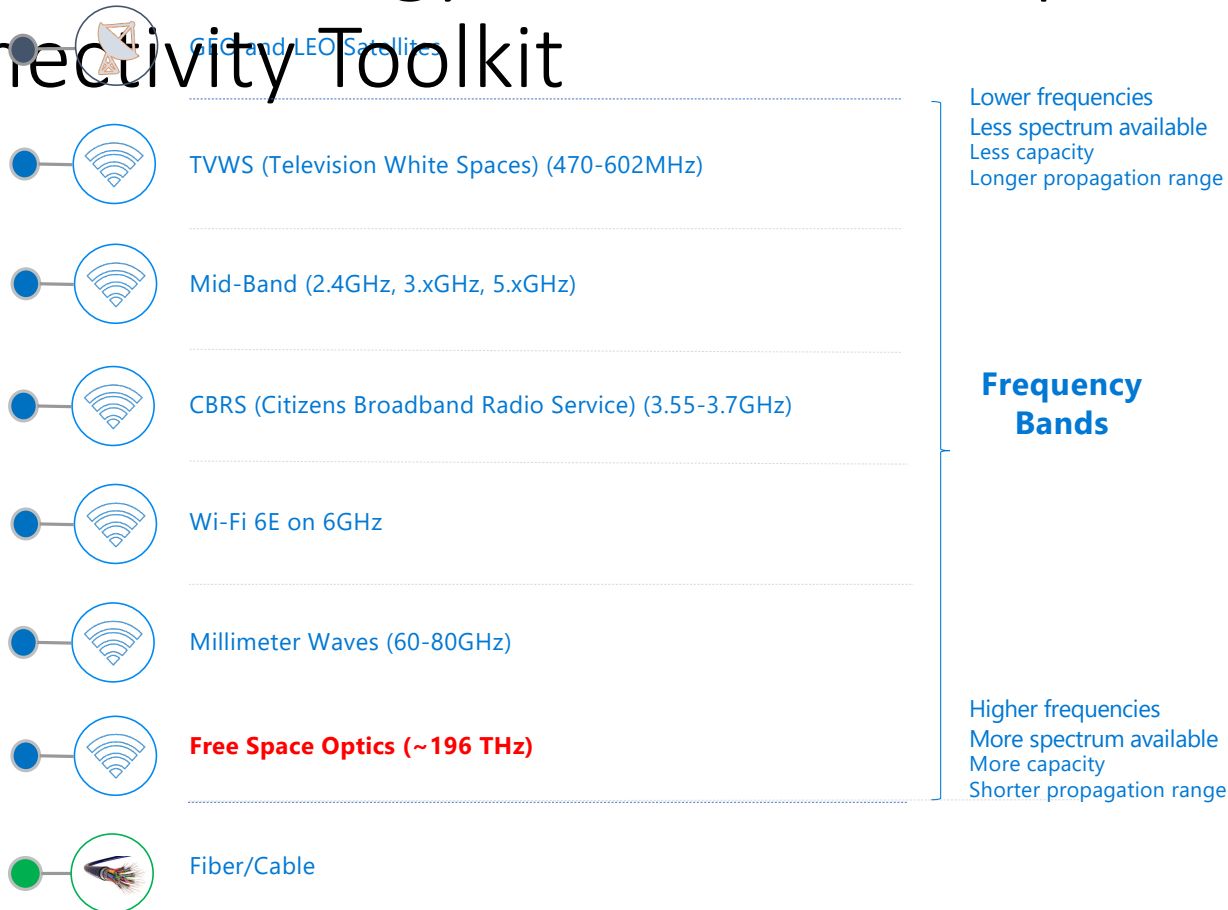
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Use cases

- "Last Mile" and "Middle Mile" connectivity
- Fiber back up
- RF link back up
- Tower backhaul
- Rural network extension
- Military applications
- Satellite communications
- Temporary installations
- Rapid installations
- Disaster recovery
- Healthcare applications

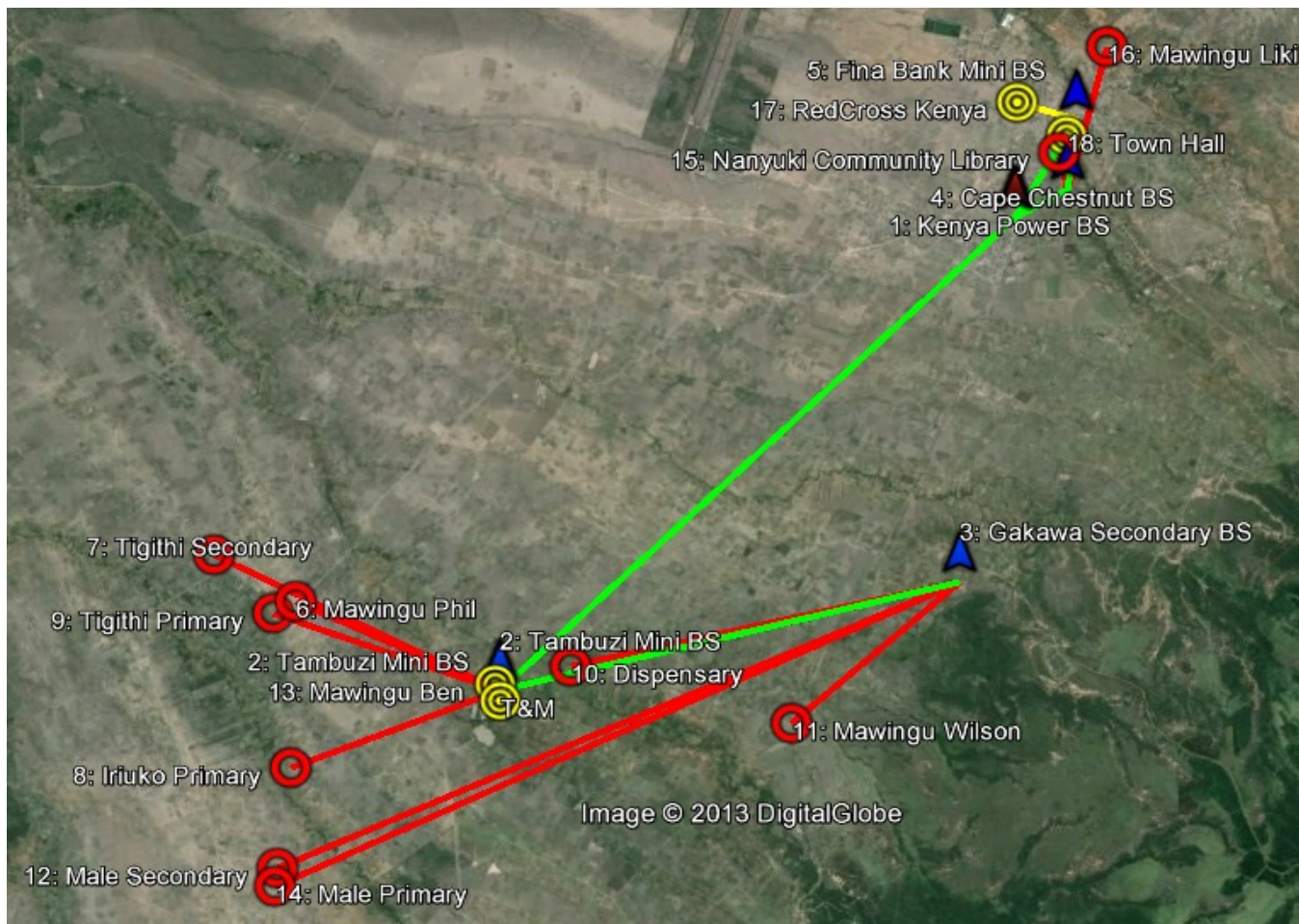


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Advantages

- Ease of deployment—both time and cost
- Operates on rooftops, towers or thru windows
- Can be used to power devices
- License-free long-range operation (in contrast with radio communication)
- High bit rates
- Low bit error rates (BER)
- Interference free
- Immunity to electromagnetic interference
- Full duplex operation
- Protocol transparency
- Increased security when working with narrow beam(s)
- Reduced size, weight, and power consumption compared to RF antennas
- Eye safe (meets ANSI Z136.1 standard)

Remote Market Backhaul Use Case





What is Data Centre colocation?

It is a Data Centre operator that builds out a Data Centre facility (leased or owned) and leases raised floor space "WHITESPACE", power and cooling to end users who install servers /hardware in a cabinet.



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Data Center Information, Local Market

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Data Centre Costs /Revenues



AI Optimized Data Centres





DATA CENTRE INFORMATION IN BC



- The local data centre industry supports multiple Billion Dollar technology-based industries in over 30+ data centres across BC today and growing with majority in the Vancouver area.
- Drivers for data centre adoption include costs and risks due to market trends including technology complexity, security, the Internet of Things (``IoT``), Big Data, AI, Data Privacy and Total Cost of Ownership.
- **Types of Data Centres**
 - Hyperscaler's (Cloud players – Google, Microsoft "Azure", Amazon "AWS")
 - Colocation sites and carrier hotels – 55 Hastings, Cologix, eStruxture, Equinix
 - AI Data Centres demanding more power in a smaller footprint – Average cabinet density is 75-150 kW

Data Centres in British Columbia

Operating

(selected examples)

Provider	Facility	City
eStruxture	VAN-3	Burnaby
Multiple operators (harbour hotel)	Harbour Centre /555 W. Hastings	Vancouver
Vancouver metro	–30 facilities	

- Roll-ups vary by methodology, count: B.C. has –30-35 operating data centres with Vancouver holding the majority.

Under development / announced

planned or announced

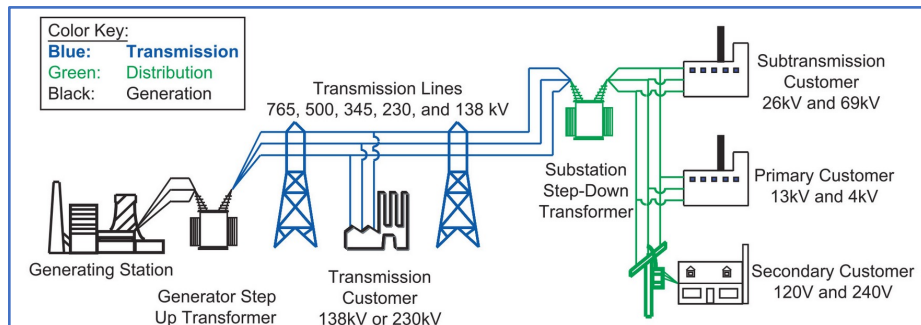
Sponsor	Project
Bell	six-site AI DC supercluster
	Kamloops & Merritt, B.C.
Townsite Planning Inc.	Nanaimo Data Centre (East Wellington Rd.) Nanaimo

- Planned or announced data centres; pc = prospective

DATA CENTRE SITE SELECTION?

• Data Centre Overview

When selecting a Data Centre site, here are some key items developers and operators look for to ensure the site will work for their business case. Typically, sites are selected in different regions for data privacy reasons and to solve for various business drivers such as disaster recovery, attracting clients in that region, to be closer to end users for latency reasons.

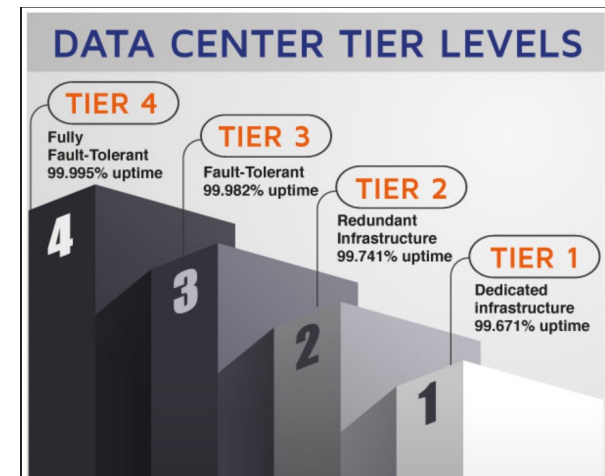


• Data Centre Checklist

- ✓ Abundant power for growth reasons (bottom-line they need to hit number for the business model to make sense)
- ✓ Power must be achievable within 2 years
- ✓ Cost of power
- ✓ Power reliability
- ✓ Colder climate lowers PUE
 - 10-20 megawatts is the new ask
 - 50-100 megawatts for AI & Cloud players
- ✓ Site risks – chemical plants, flight paths etc. no go!
- ✓ Connectivity from multiple carriers
- ✓ Light industrial zoning works for data centres
- ✓ Extra land for generators and mechanical plants to support the data centre

DATA CENTRE QUALIFICATIONS

- Typical Data Centre Certifications:
 - Tier 1, 2, 3 and 4 by the Uptime Institute and applies to both design and operations
 - Most operators are designing and building to Tier 3 standards ONLY!
 - LEED – Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design
- Tenants will typically certify operations to:
 - **SOC2 Type 2** (Physical infrastructure security audits)
 - PCI-DSS (Credit Card Security Audit, PCI Security Council)
- Data Centre Commissioning
 - Done by a third-party to certify data centre from end-to-end, to ensure design and installations quality is met to support a 100 % uptime





WHAT IS AI DATA CENTRE?



"AI isn't just changing what's inside the data centre — it's reinventing how we design, power, and cool them."

1. High-Density AI Racks

- 30–150 kW per rack to support GPU clusters
- Dense power distribution with redundant busways
- AI-optimized layouts for minimal latency

2. Advanced Cooling Technologies

- Direct-to-chip liquid cooling and immersion tanks
- Hybrid dry cooler + heat reuse systems
- Smart chillers using AI for thermal management

3. Intelligent Energy Management

- Dynamic load balancing for GPU-heavy workloads
- Integration with renewables and on-site microgrids
- Real-time PUE optimization using AI models

4. Modular & Scalable Construction

- Factory-built 2.5–5 MW prefabricated pods
- Tier III design, rapid deployment, flexible expansion
- Optimized for AI, HPC, and cloud environments

5. Network & Data Fabric Innovation

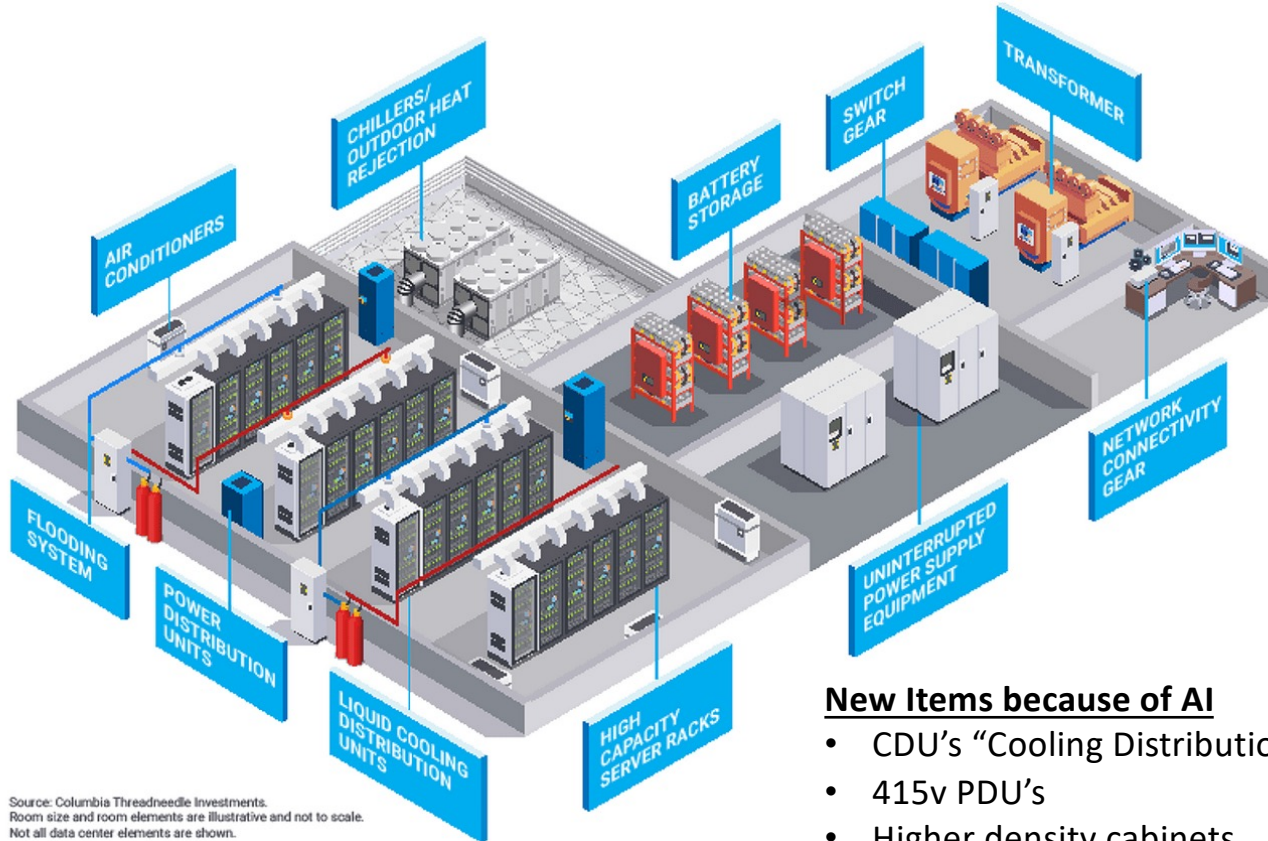
- 100-800 Gbps optical interconnects for GPU fabrics
- Edge AI nodes and low-latency mesh architecture
- SOC 2 Type 2 & PCI-compliant design

6. Sustainability & Circular Design

- Heat recovery for district systems
- Closed-loop water and refrigerant-free cooling
- Carbon-neutral energy sourcing



AI DATA CENTRE INFRASTRUCTURE



Source: Columbia Threadneedle Investments.
Room size and room elements are illustrative and not to scale.
Not all data center elements are shown.

New Items because of AI

- CDU's "Cooling Distribution Units"
- 415v PDU's
- Higher density cabinets
- Little to no Air being used to cool a Data Centre



Data Centre Build Costs Overview

- \$ 375 / SF – Budgeted for Building the Shell / Interior
 - Bricks and mortar
 - Heavy floor loading
 - Main power to the building (average costs is \$350k- \$500k per megawatt to secure power)
- \$12.5 Million per megawatt for Critical equipment
 - Generators, UPS, Cooling plant, Switchgear, power and cooling distribution (Tier III design N+1)
- Operating Costs (Facility Costs)
 - Estimated cost for a 50,000 SF Data centre estimated around \$2 Million for operational costs for operating a 5 megawatts (includes staff and preventative maintenance costs)

End Users / Operators Revenue Models

- Tier III offerings range from \$400 per kW per month (retail) all in monthly. 1 cabinet is usually 5-10 kW per cabinet = \$ 2,000 - \$4,000 per month. Wholesale is discounted by 40%.
- Tier III offerings range from \$200 per kW per month (wholesale) plus **power usage and PUE** monthly. Utility fee is average of .05-.08 cents per kWh.
- **Power Density**
 - ☐ Low 1-3 kW
 - ☐ Med 4-7 kW
 - ☐ High 8-15 kW
 - ☐ AI Density – 30-150 kW



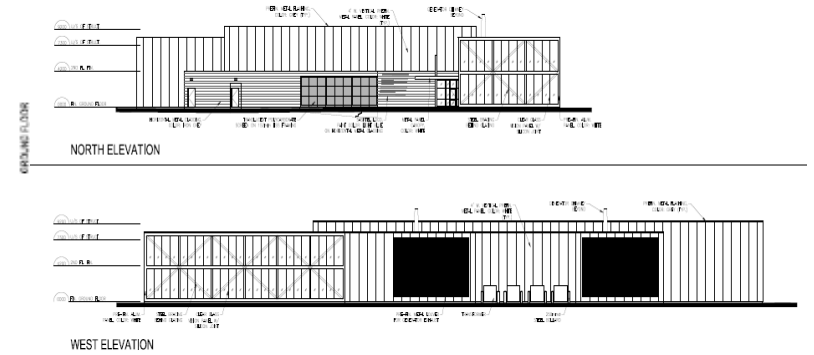
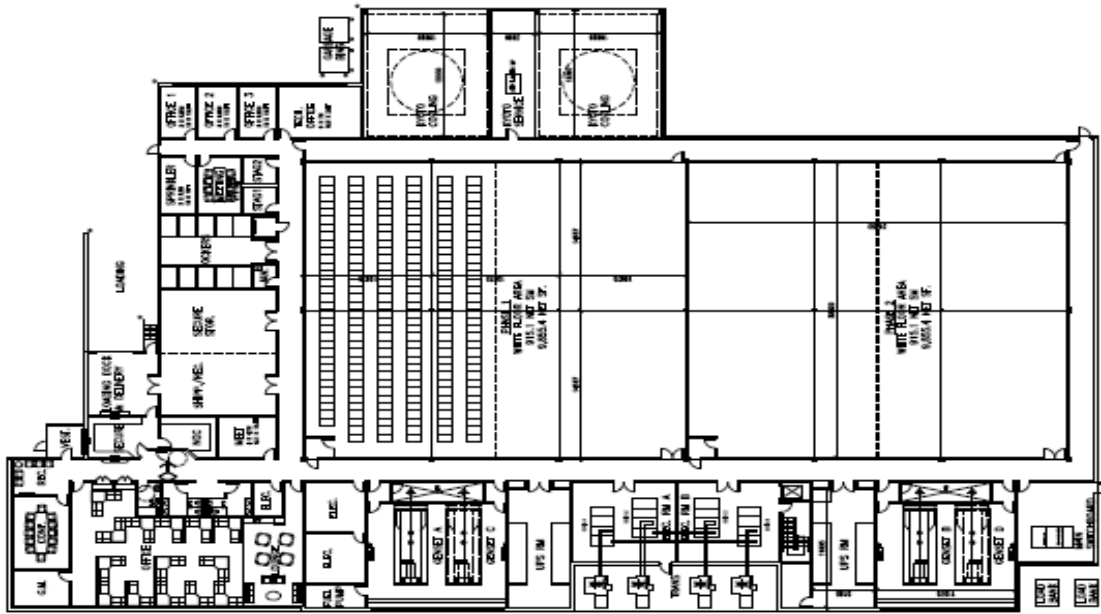
DATA CENTRE FLOOR DESIGN

Example Floor 3D Data Hall





EXAMPLE FLOOR PLAN





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