

# Maven Power Outage Challenge

## Objective:

For the **Maven Power Outage Challenge**, you'll be playing the role of a Senior Analytics Consultant hired by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). Here's your project brief:

Electricity outages are a growing concern as we enter an age of unprecedented energy demand and climate disasters.


We have event-level power outage data going back to 2002, but have struggled to make sense of it due to severe issues with the data quality and integrity.

This is where you come in.

We need you to **consolidate and clean up the raw data**, and **create a dashboard or report** to help us understand patterns and trends around outages, quantify their impact on our communities, and identify possible weak points in the grid.

## Data:

Information on electric disturbance events is collected using Form DOE-417 and published online in an annual summary. The dataset contains 4 files for download: An Excel spreadsheet containing the annual summaries, and 3 PDF documents for reference (the survey form, instructions, and documentation for online form submissions).



### US Electric Grid Outages

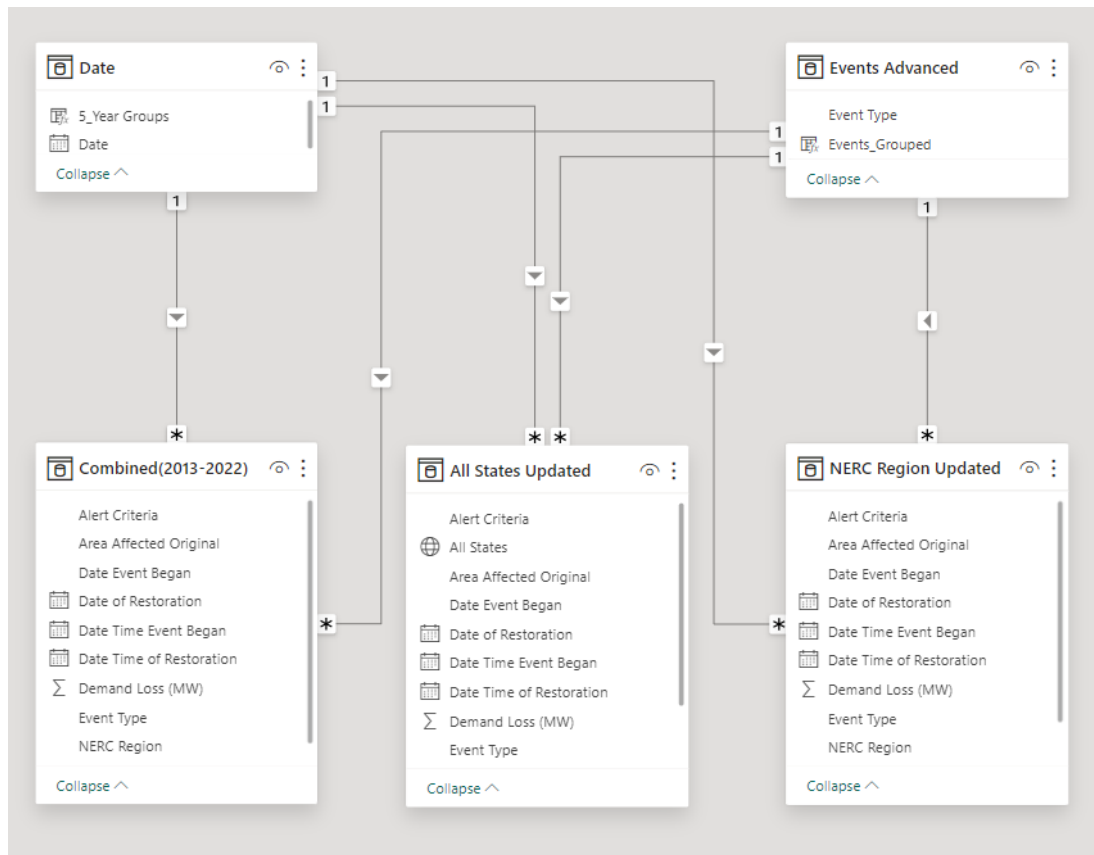
Electric outages reported to the US Department of Energy from 2002-2023

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<b>Excel</b>	<b>Single table</b>	<b>3974</b>	<b>8</b>
File type	Data structure	# of records	# of fields

## Data Modeling:

There was only one CSV file, but it requires column normalizations and enhancements to align with the overall table format, consistent with the main fact table.



### Analysis:

This dashboard was built for Maven's Power Outage Challenge. Its primary purpose was to analyze the past 20 years of data and transform it into a clear and insightful report. This report will help diagnose and understand the causes of power outages.

Being an emerging data analytics explorer, I found the variety of table formats across the 20-year data set quite challenging to clean, python helped though. However, I gained valuable insights into modeling thanks to the winning dashboard, especially for handling the "states" column. Now, let's dive into the insights I uncovered using DAX and exploring key performance indicators (KPIs). Due to time constraints, I focused on the last 10 years for trend analysis and recent developments. At the top, I highlighted the main KPIs, including the top event causes by date hierarchy and average customers affected.

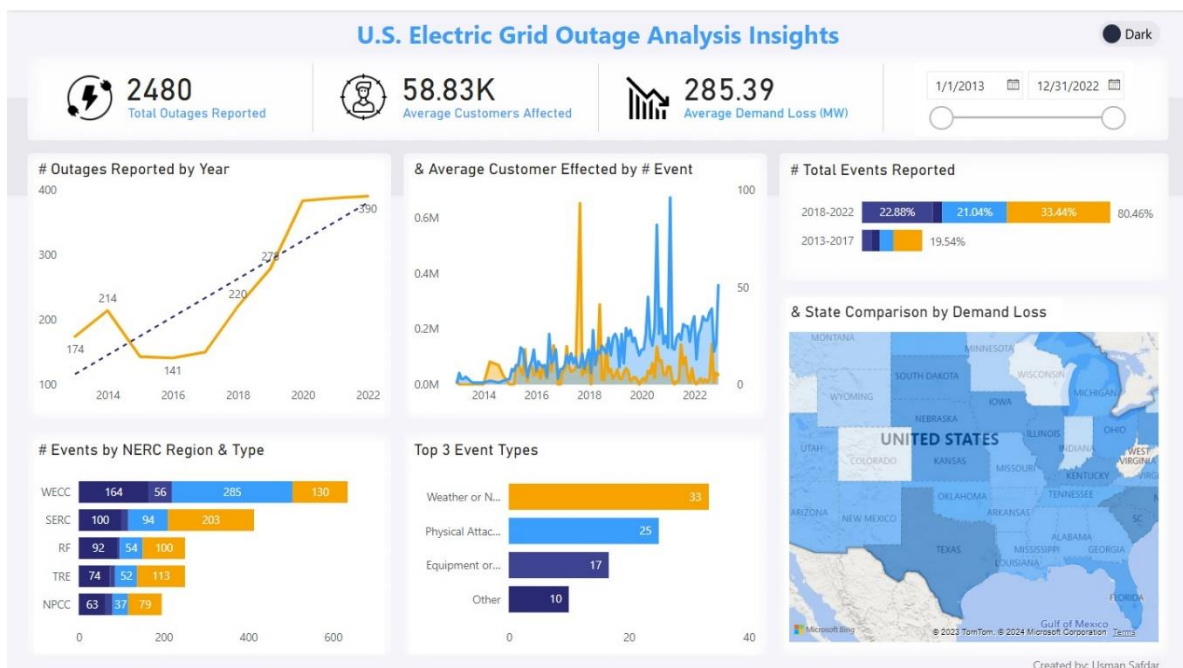
### Key Insights:

Some of the key findings from the analysis include:

- Over the last decade, a total of 2,480 events were reported.

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- On average, each event impacted approximately 58,830 customers.
- The analysis revealed an average power loss of 283.39 MW observed in the last decade.
- Weather or Natural Disasters accounted for 33.44% of the events, making it the leading cause, followed by Operation Malfunction/Failure.
- The top five states with the highest MW loss per state are California, Nevada, Texas, South Carolina, and North Carolina.
- The WECC NERC region experienced the highest number of events.



### Design/Theme:

I've crafted a personalized background with both white and black theme versions using Figma, selecting colors from colors.io. The chosen color palette is consistently applied throughout the visualizations.

