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CLOUD HOSTED COMPUTING FOR DEMANDING REAL-TIME APPLICATIONS

Dr. Birman’s group is working with a consortium of bulk electric power transmission operators for the Northeastern US on a cloud-based “smart grid” infrastructure. Their long goal is to use the cloud to host machine-learning and optimization technologies, but first one must consider how one can build a cloud-scale solution secure enough to support a nationally critical resource, strongly consistent, and seamlessly recoverable after disruption. Today, they have a platform running called GridCloud, and have just completed a DOE-funded effort to show that it could monitor the national bulk power grid.