# **About Kevala**

The Kevala platform combines time-series, geospatial, and relational datasets to deliver **actionable intelligence** by leveraging **proprietary analytics** and **exclusive datasets** from energy markets, the built environment, and the IOT.



Transportation Electrification Charging

# Commercial/Workplace





- ➢ T&D Grid Planning
- Hosting Capacity and Non-Wires
  Alternatives
- Rate Design
- Load and DER Forecasting
- Solar, storage and EVSE sitting
- Carbon accounting

### **Root Problem: Inequitable Resilience & Energy Justice**

### Inequities in **resilience** to weather events:

Texas Winter 2021 Storm:
 disproportionate impact to low-income,
 black and latinx communities



#### Inequities in **energy burden**:

Source: American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE) https://www.aceee.org/energy-burden

- Low-income households pay 7.2% of household income on utilities more than 3 x the amount that higher income households pay (2.3%)
- On average, African-American and white households paid similar utility bills, but African-American households experienced a median energy burden 43 % greater
- Latino households paid lower utility bills, on average, than African-American and white households did, yet they experienced a median energy burden 20% greater
- *Renters* also experienced higher energy burdens and pay almost 20% more per square foot than homeowners, indicating that they live in less efficient homes

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# **Key Obstacle**

*"Once you see it, you can't unsee it"* 

Locating, measuring and quantifying inequalities in resiliency response and energy justice:

- Location matters
- Quantitative metrics
- Lack of data to support and visualize root problem
- Education in energy justice and resiliency

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# **Risks of Inaction**

### ➤ Human lives

- Local leaders are pointing out bad insulation, leaking roofs and older pipes that make the most vulnerable less likely to withstand extreme weather
- No access to back-up generators, hotels, etc.

	PEOPLE WITHOUT Power	DEATHS <sup>*</sup>	TEMP.
2003 NE Blackout	50 Million	100	90°F (32°C)
2021 TEXAS Coldwave	5 Million	700	Near O°F (-17°C)
2021 NW Heatwave	300,000	600	116°F (47°C)

\* DEATHS = more deaths due to blackout - PBS: Could The Next Blackout Be More Deadly Than Katrina? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sh1GkbZKxo0&t=12s

- > Families are forced to choose between **electricity** and other **basic necessities** 
  - A 2015 Residential Energy Consumption Survey showed that of the 25 M households that reported forgoing food and medicine to pay energy bills, 7 M faced that decision every month

## **Benefits**

> **Transparent** costs and benefits of policies and accountability to **track progress** 

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Regarding Critical Infrastructure, Equity and Resilience, to achieve Greater Boston's Carbon & Equity goals, a critical obstacle to overcome in 12 months is **transparent and granular metrics and maps** for resiliency and energy justice in grid planning, rates and decarbonization programs, and infrastructure build-out.