

Databases and Modeling

2020 Internship Showcase

John Farrell

Wake Forest

internships@rti.org





Relational Databases and Economic Modeling Projects

- UpdateTracker
 - This is a front-end Web application with a back-end relational database to manage data records and dynamic visualization.
- U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) and Annual Energy Outlook (AEO)
 - Models that want to use EIA and AEO data to compare model output use the online Application Programming Interface (API). No publicly available databases exist.

Relational Database Benefits— A Powerful Infrastructure



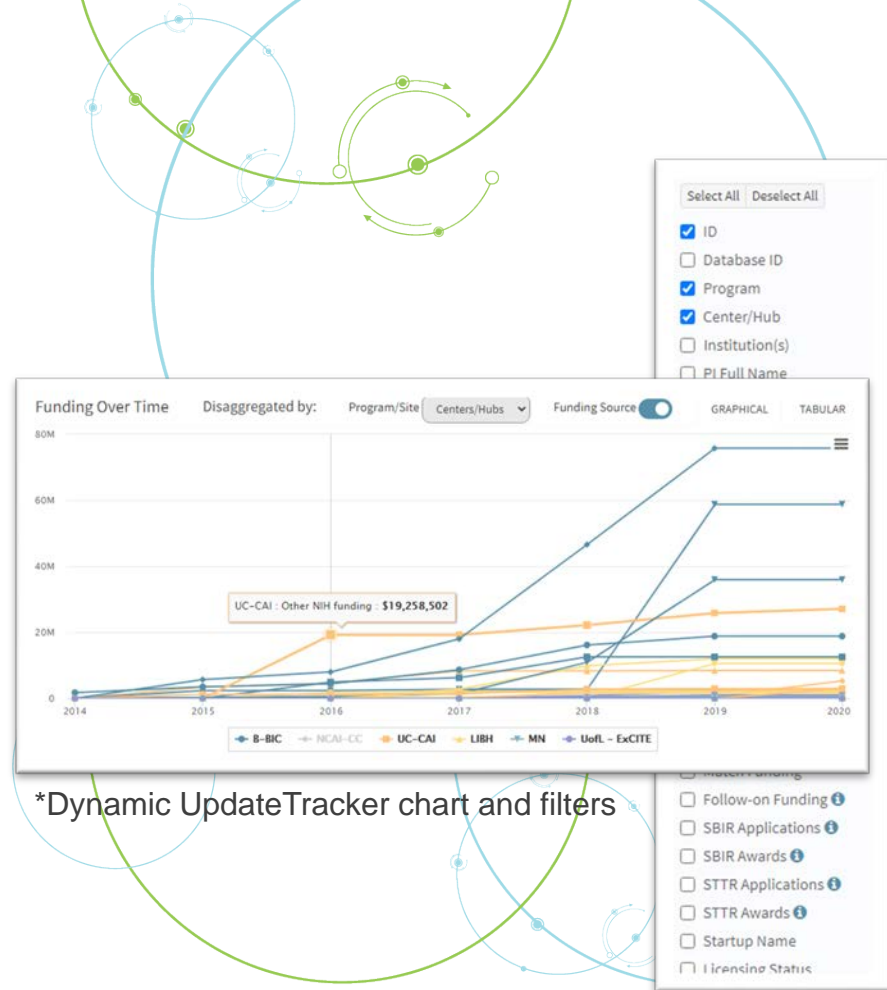
Increased data portability



Dynamic data access



Additional benefits



*Dynamic UpdateTracker chart and filters

Economic Modeling Needs



Input data



Model results



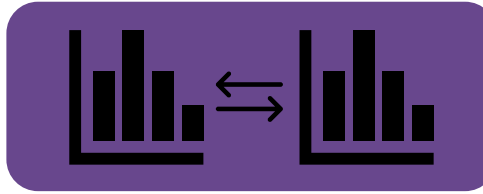
Dynamic visualization

Emissions | CO₂ | Fossil Fuels | Electricity | Other

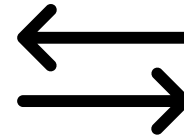


Carbon Dioxide : Electric Power : Other, United States, Reference, AEO2020

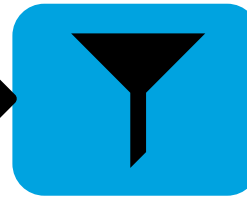
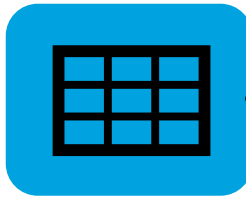
Inconsistent intermodel variables



Intramodel comparison



Intermodel comparison



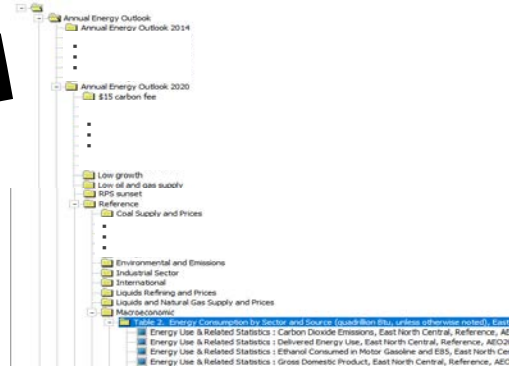


The Database Solution

- Organize data into relational structure.

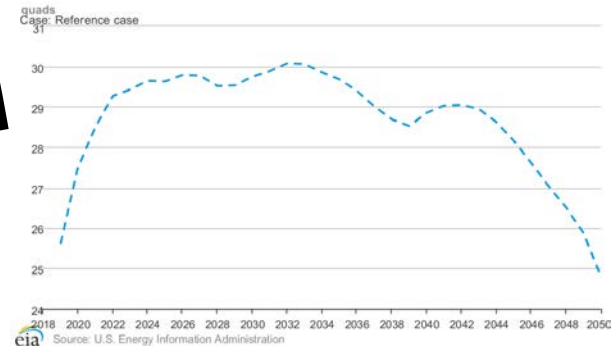
- Relational structure allows consistency and eases model comparisons.

- It also provides foundation for data analysis, visualization, and user interface.



*High-level relational structure from EIA AEO project

Total Energy: Production: Crude Oil and Lease Condensate



Source: 2019: U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA)



Acknowledgments

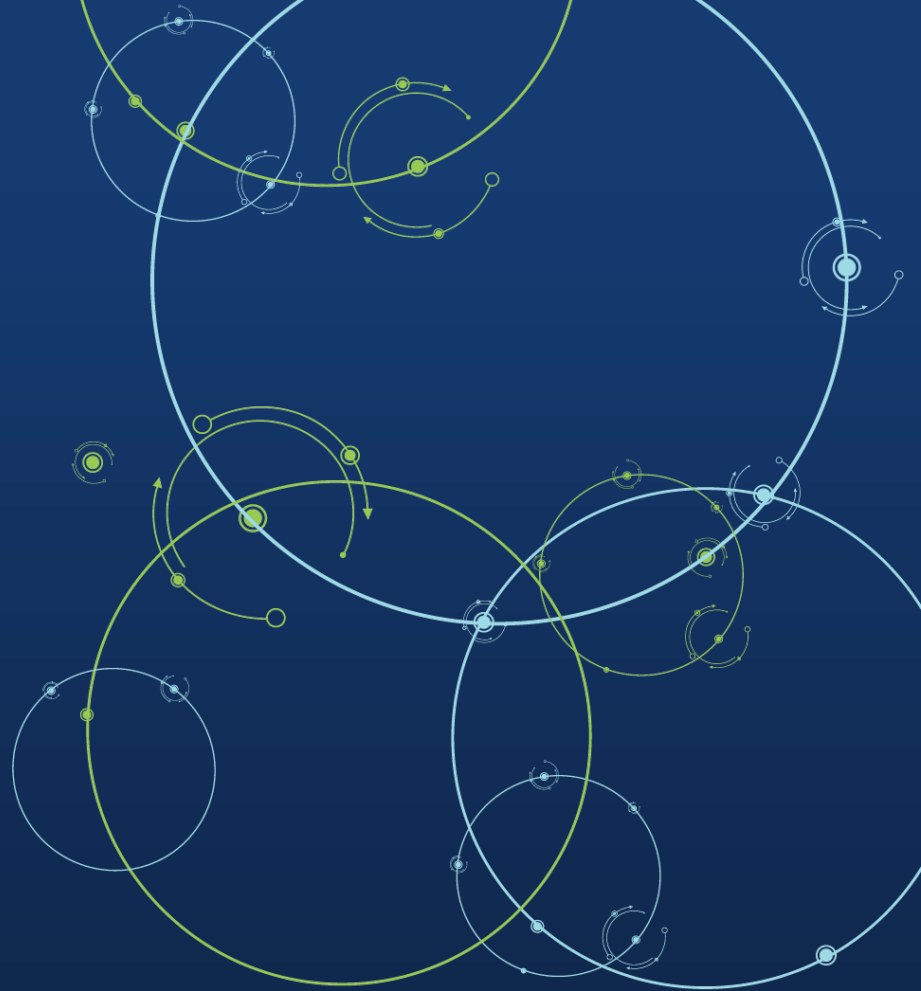
- Jared Woollacott, primary manager
- Joseph Johnson, UpdateTracker technical lead
- Environmental Protection Agency
- National Institutes of Health





Acknowledgments (continued)

- RTI International
 - University Collaboration Office
 - Multimedia Communication Services
 - Office of Intellectual Property





Thank you

Contact: John Farrell | email: internships@rti.org