Industry Host: EPRI

Title: Propose your own problem

Challenge:
Solve a problem not already outlined in one of the other available problem statements.

Background:
The Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) works with clients in a variety of different sectors – from water to electricity generation and transmission to transportation and more. If you have an idea for a startup that you think solves a cleantech problem, we want to hear about it. If you select this problem statement in your application, you will need to define what problem you are solving and explain why it is important. Make sure you clearly outline who the important stakeholders and customers are so that EPRI can adequately assess if they are able to provide enough connections and domain expertise to be your problem sponsor.

Boundaries and Considerations:

1) While EPRI's interests are broad, they are not limitless. It is possible that your application will be rejected because EPRI does not have sufficient expertise in the area. If you feel your problem idea is on the edges of what would be eligible, please contact the Hacking for Energy teaching team and describe what your idea is for clarification.
2) If it turns out that the solution you are working on does not solve the problem proposed, we will ask you to find a different solution rather to solve that problem even if you came into the class wanting to commercialize a particular idea. This class is about solving problems, not finding problems for your solution to solve.