

CEC Advanced Simulation Program

Technical Advisory Committee

September 11, 2020





GRIDWORKS

Convene, educate, and empower stakeholders working to decarbonize electricity grids.

CEC Advanced Simulation Program TAC Meeting #5

Today's Objectives:

- Present project development updates
- Demonstrate new user interface
- Request TAC feedback on next steps
- Secure TAC participants in upcoming Testing Group

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EPC 17-043

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OpenFIDO

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Agenda for Today

- 09:05 Introduction**
- 09:15 OpenFIDO Update**
- 09:25 HiPAS Update**
- 09:45 Discussion & Feedback**
- 10:10 Break**
- 10:20 GLOW Presentation**
- 10:40 GLOW Demonstration**
- 11:30 Discussion & Feedback**
- 11:45 Closing remarks**

Three project discussed today

1. OpenFIDO (CEC EPC-17-047)

A tool to support data exchange between tools in the program and tools used by California utilities

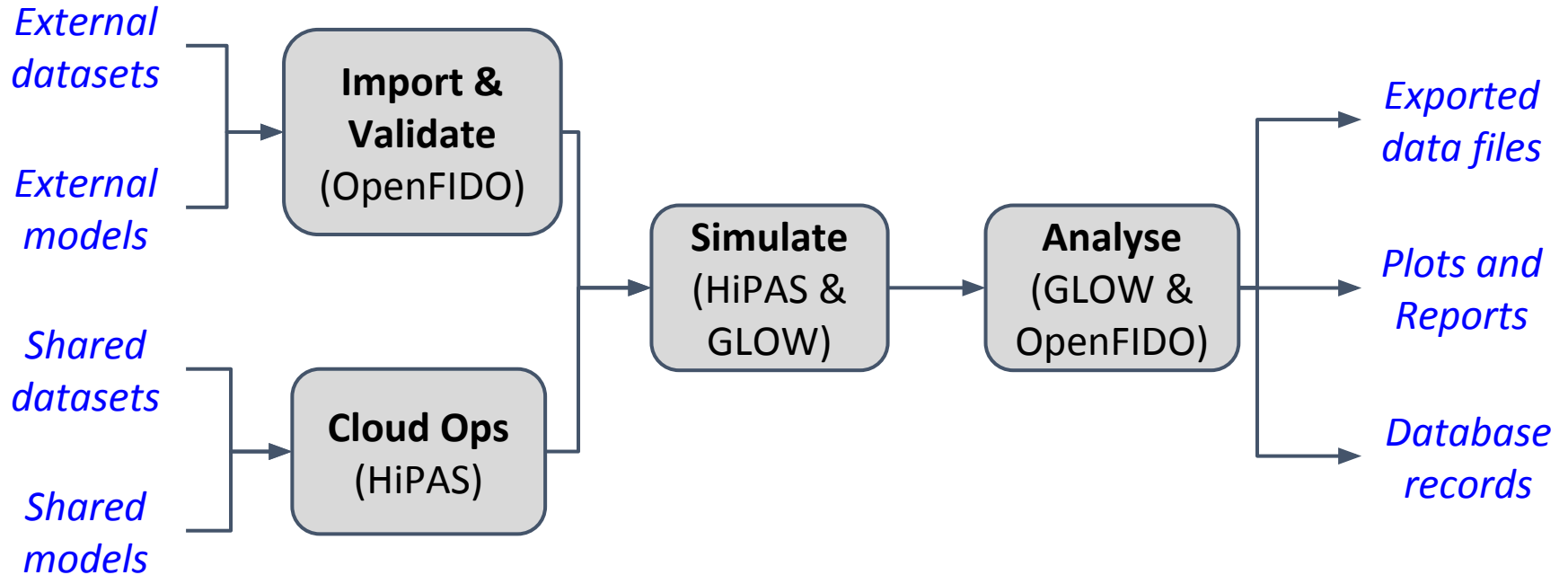
2. HiPAS (CEC EPC-17-046)

A project to enhance GridLAB-D for major grid simulation use-cases identified by this committee

3. GLOW (CEC EPC-17-043)

A user interface for GridLAB-D focusing on a key distribution system analysis use-case in California

Program Overview



Project Team Roles and Responsibility

Activity	Design	Development	Validation	Commercialization
SLAC/Stanford	HiPAS	HiPAS	HiPAS	HiPAS
Hitachi	GLOW	GLOW	GLOW	GLOW
Gridworks	HiPAS			
National Grid			HiPAS	
PNNL		OpenFIDO		
Presence	OpenFIDO	OpenFIDO	OpenFIDO	OpenFIDO

Project timelines and status

	2018		2019				2020					2021				2022			
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
OpenFIDO		Analysis																	
			Implementation								Production								
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HiPAS		Analysis																	
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											Performance evaluation								
															Integrated release				
GLOW	Specs																		
		Development																	
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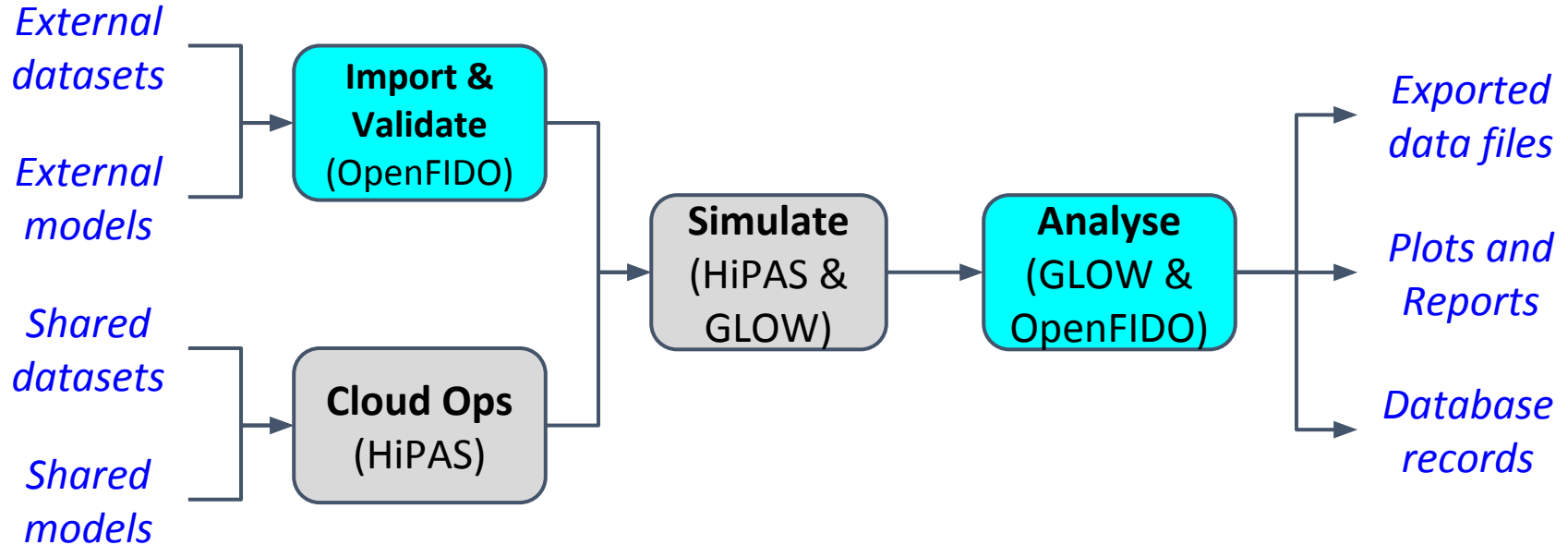
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Project Focus Area



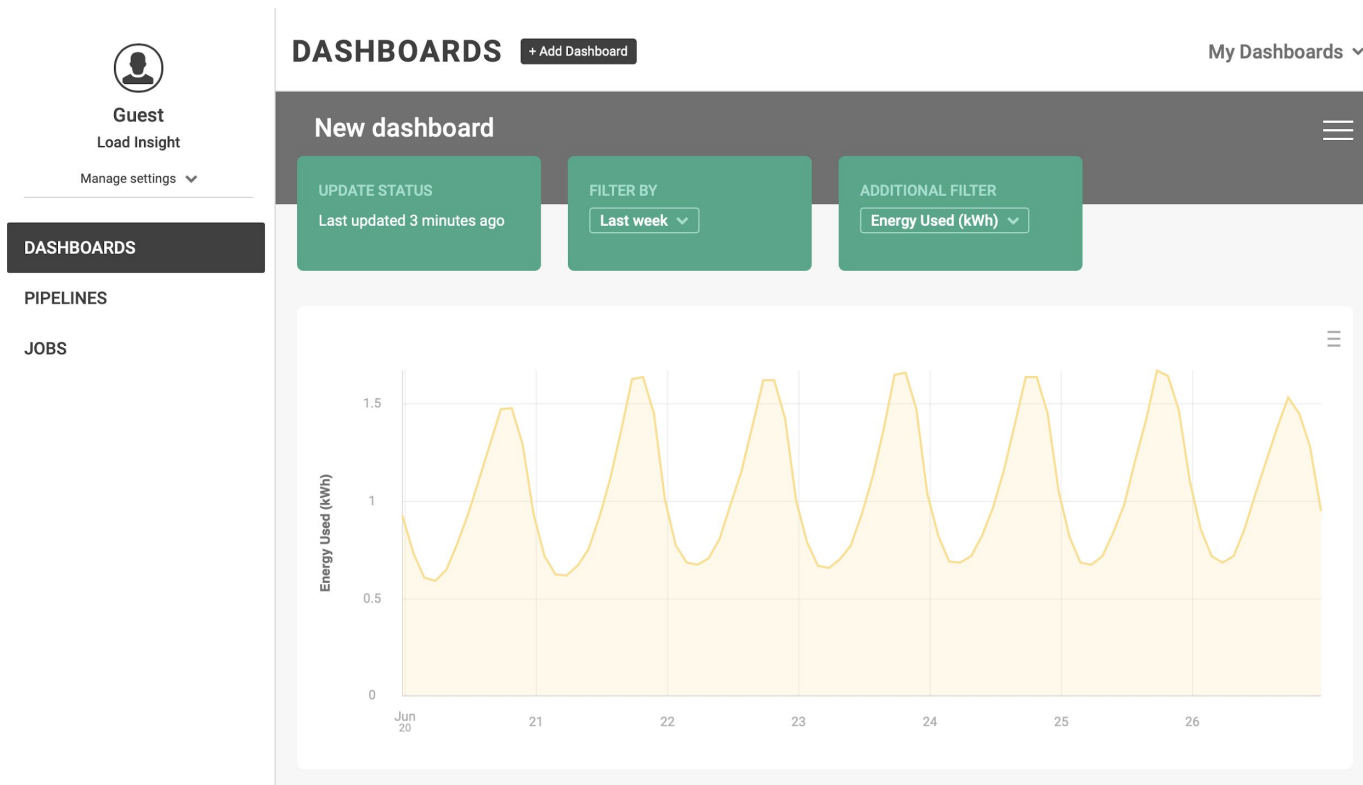
Provide framework for three utility data/model management use-cases

1. Data/model acquisition - collect from various tools and databases
Include support for GridLAB-D, CYME, OMF, OpenDSS
1. Data/model curation - clean and collate, plot and report
Include plot-viewer and HiPAS-developed post-processing tools
1. Data/model delivery - send back to various tools and databases
All GridLAB-D export converters from HiPAS and NRECA are included

Overall Status

1. Data/model acquisition
 - a. Existing tools are being transferred from GridLAB-D to OpenFIDO
 - b. New tools are being developed by HiPAS team for active use-cases
2. Data/model curation
 - a. Workflow manager prototype done, production version in progress
 - b. Plot viewer prototype done, production version coming soon
3. Data/model delivery
 - a. Tools transfer from HiPAS to OpenFIDO pending

OpenFIDO: Platform for LoadInsight-like tools



LoadInsight: focus on load data in utility analytics

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Load Insight

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GRIP - Anticipation

GRIP - Absorption

PG&E Load Profile Pipeline

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ADD PIPELINES

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Database



Preset Pipelines



Import Custom Pipeline



GridLabD

GridLAB-D

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Potential use-cases:

1. Engineering analysis
2. Load clustering
3. Load disaggregation
4. DER optimization
5. Consumer behavior
6. Peak load analysis
7. Rate structure optimization
8. Billing accuracy
9. Line loss identification

Addressing the data for validation problem

Coordination with DOE projects

- Enabled by GRIP deployment/validation activities (SCE and NRECA)
- Based on LoadInsight product (courtesy PresencePG)
- Second round of TCF funding for LoadInsight will be proposed Sep 2020

Access to full-scale utility data

- Joint SCE cloud deployment of HiPAS and OpenFIDO
- Access to SCE data within SCE cloud environment
- Formal validation scheduled to begin Oct 2020 and continue through 2021

Next Phase Deliverables

1. Data Pipeline Platform

Completed production version of data pipeline platform and workflow management tools

2. Data Visualization Tooling

Completed production version of plot viewer prototype and suite of visualization tools

3. Extensibility Framework

Document plugin and extensibility endpoints enabling development of third party plugins and the creation of new analysis and visualization tools

Next Phase Deliverables

4. Customer Technical Environment Support

Completed development of containerized architecture supporting Cloud and On-Premise deployment scenarios targeting customer technical environments.

Question for the TAC

1. **What 3 target use-cases should we focus on for March 2021?**
2. **Who would like to participate in OpenFIDO validation efforts next year?**

Thank You

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HiPAS GridLAB-D

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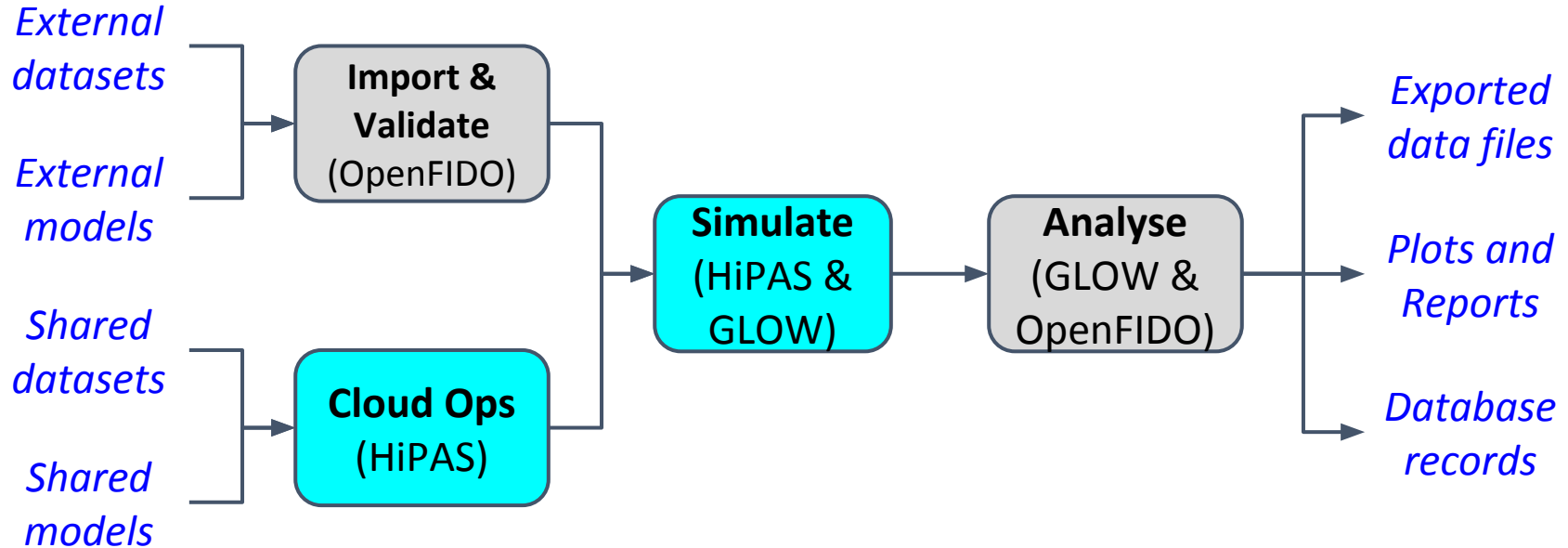
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Enhance GridLAB-D to support leading California use-cases

1. Integration Capacity Analysis - Support GLOW (in progress)
2. Resilience - GRIP analytics (substantially complete)
3. Tariff design - Powernet With Markets and revenue analysis (in progress)
4. Electrification - Enable decarbonization simulations (done)

HiPAS Enhancements Completed

High-performance simulation

- Powerflow solver link with Python (links to external solvers)
- Parallel initialization, AWS operations, Python API/Library

Improved data processing tools

- Basic file input/output (“any data, any format, anywhere”)
- New database module (e.g., InfluxDB, Amazon RDS)

New simulation modules/classes

- Industrial loads (NERC-supported NAICS facilities)
- Residential loads (RBSA)
- Commercial loads (CEUS)
- Revenue module (existing PG&E tariffs and billing classes)

High-performance simulation

- Machine learning powerflow solvers using LR, NN, and SVR

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- Advanced file input/output (“any model, anytime, anywhere”)
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New simulation modules/classes

- Residential loads (physics-based multi-family residences)
- Commercial loads (physics-based commercial buildings)
- Revenue module (existing SCE and SDG&E tariffs, tariff analysis)

HiPAS Enhancements Coming Next Year

High-performance simulation

- Granular parallelization for all events (including python events)
- Integrated ML powerflow solver
- Remote job control, GCP/Azure operations

Improved data processing tools

- Completed OpenFIDO integration (data and models)

New simulation modules/classes

- Industrial loads (non-NERC NAICS facilities)
- Residential and commercial loads (census-based/AMI-fit models)
- Tariff design and electrification use-cases

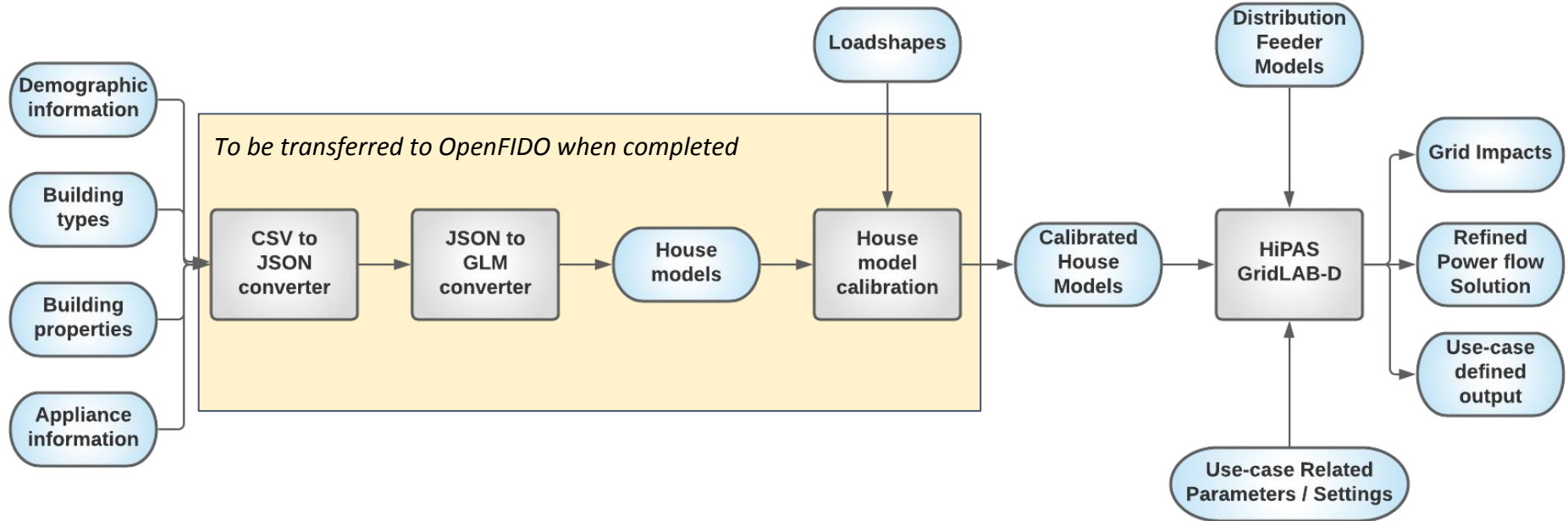
Census data contains descriptive properties of houses:

- Types of housing, e.g., multi-unit, stand-alone, etc.
- Floor area, construction vintage, construction quality
- Appliances and fuel type (i.e., gas, electric)

Generate building models in distribution system

- Next step: calibrate buildings to energy and loadshape

Data-driven physics-based building models



Highlights: Cloud deployment

GitHub deployment

- Source code: <http://source.gridlabd.us/>
- Integrated online documentation at <http://docs.gridlabd.us/>

Docker containers maintained/updated automatically

- Docker hub repository located at <http://docker.gridlabd.us/>

CircleCI free tier operations

- Any github project can run HiPAS GridLAB-D on CircleCI for free
 - Latest master release: *slacgismo/gridlabd:latest*
 - Release candidate: *slacgismo/gridlabd:develop*

Machine Learning Powerflow In Depth

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Machine Learning-Based Power Flow Estimation

Power Flow simulation in GridLAB-D

- 3-phase, unbalanced, quasi-steady power flow
- Map power injections to voltages via inverse power flow mapping

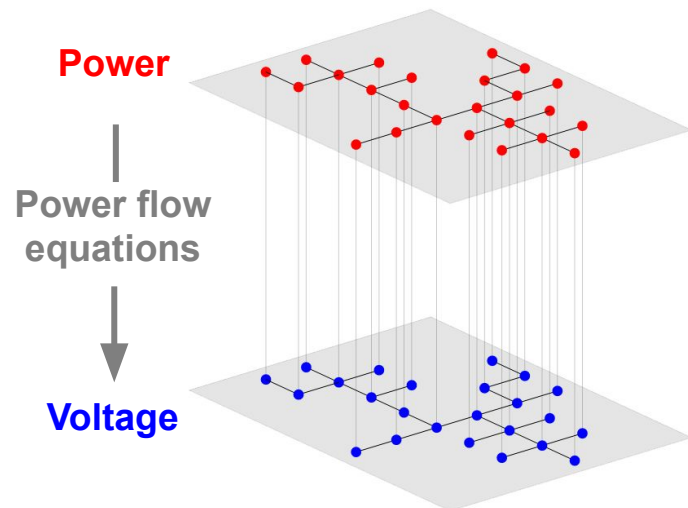
Standard approach

- Newton Raphson (NR) with the current injection method
- Computationally expensive for large networks

Data-driven approach

- Build machine learning-based mapping using previous NR solutions
- Adaptively select when to utilize machine learning vs. Newton Raphson solver
- Update data-driven model online with new measurements

Inverse power flow mapping



Model Types:

- *Regression-based models*
 - Regularized linear regression
 - Quadratic regression
 - Piecewise linear regression
 - Recursive least squares filter
- *Deep learning-based models*
 - Fully-connected neural network
 - Input-convex neural network
- *Support vector regression*

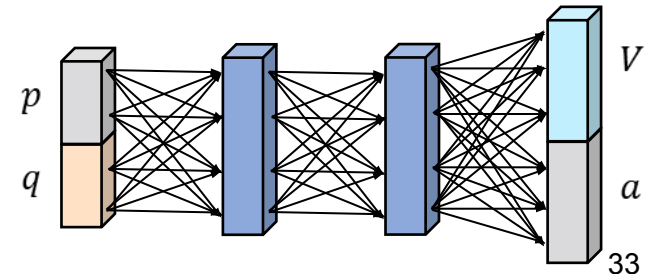
Network scenarios and model tuning:

- Network loading level
- Network size
- Model hyperparameters
- Amount of training data

Power system test cases

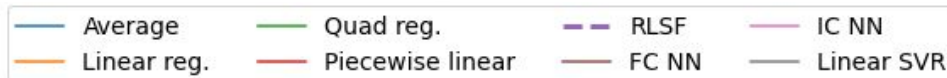
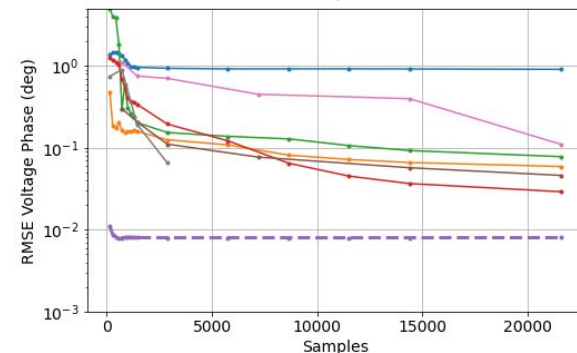
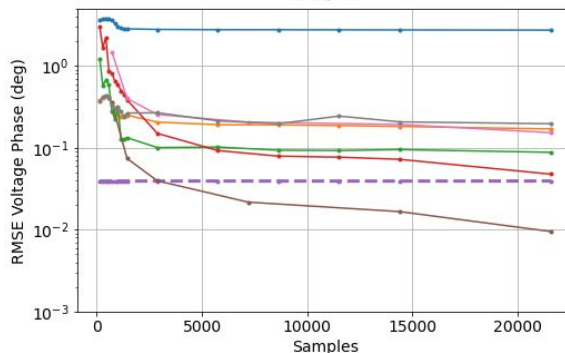
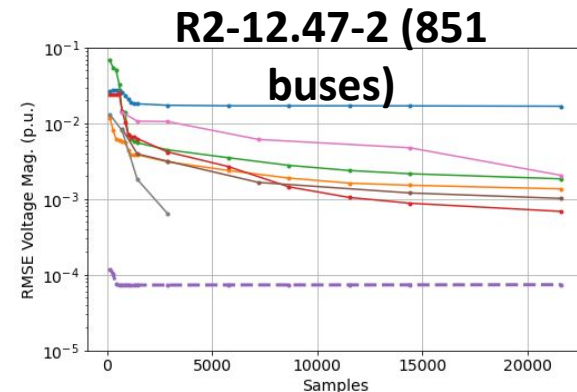
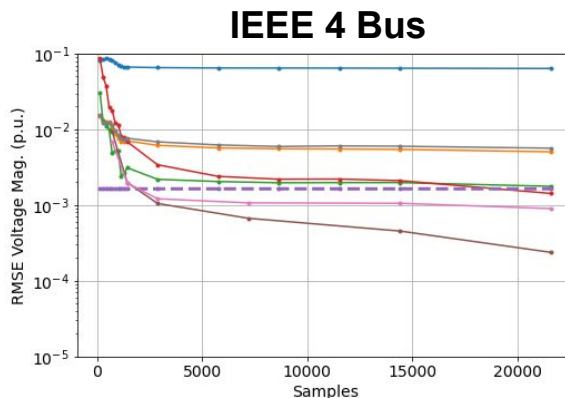
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IEEE 13	4.16	48	20
IEEE 123	4.16	402	95
PNNL GC-12.47-1	12.47	108	9
PNNL R1-12.47-3	12.47	297	20
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Fully-connected neural network



Benchmarking Model Performance - Accuracy

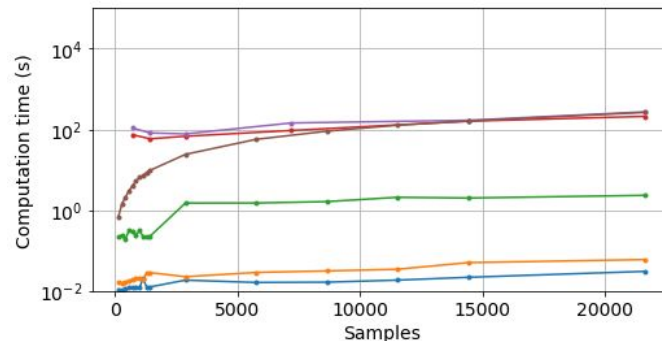
- **Recursive least squares filter**
 - Computationally and memory efficient and adapts well to changing grid conditions
- **Deep learning approaches**
 - Good performance for small networks but has high data requirements and less scalable
- **Linear regression**
 - Performance is good for low loading, degrades for high loading



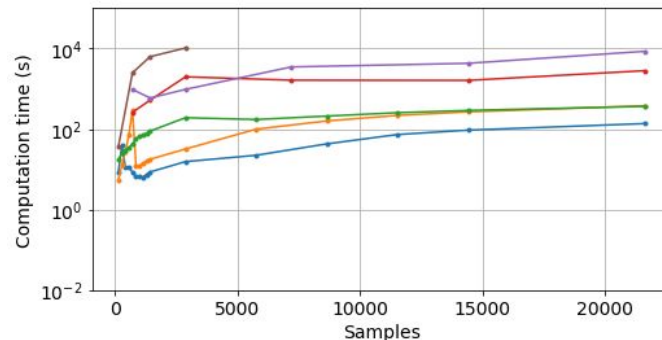
Benchmarking Model Performance – Computational Cost

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IEEE 4 Bus

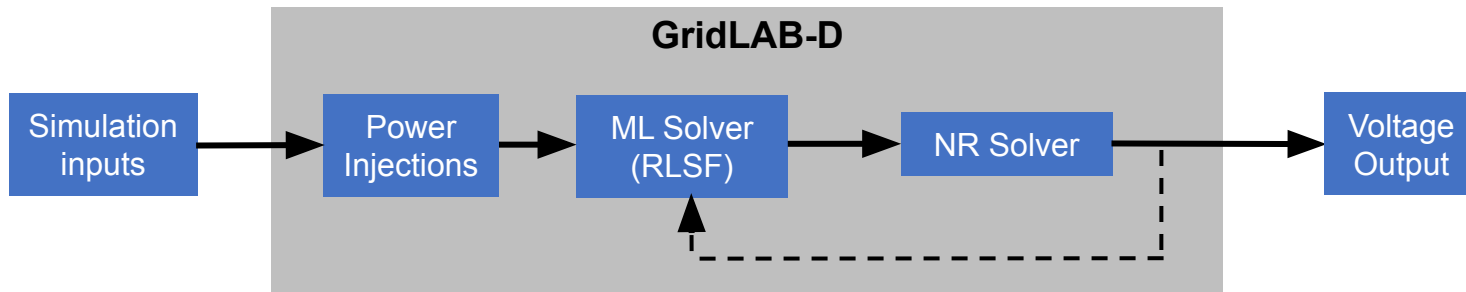


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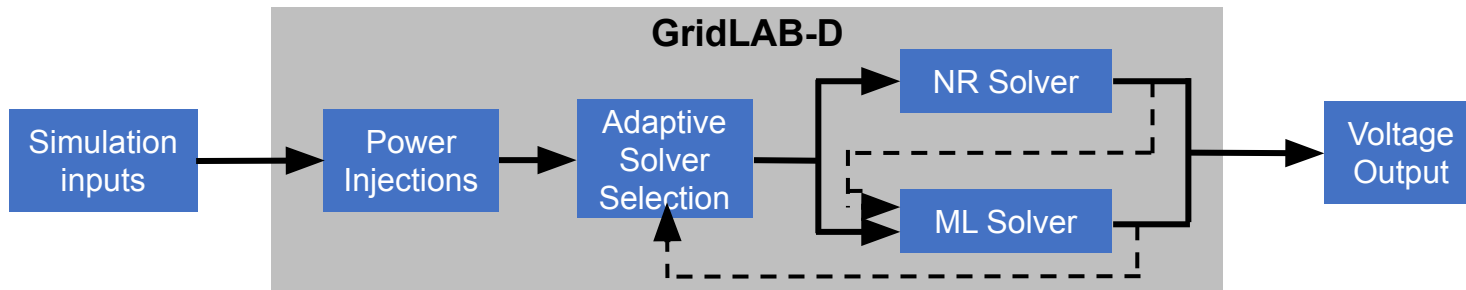


Algorithms for Online Solver Implementation

Newton Raphson solver seeding with ML model



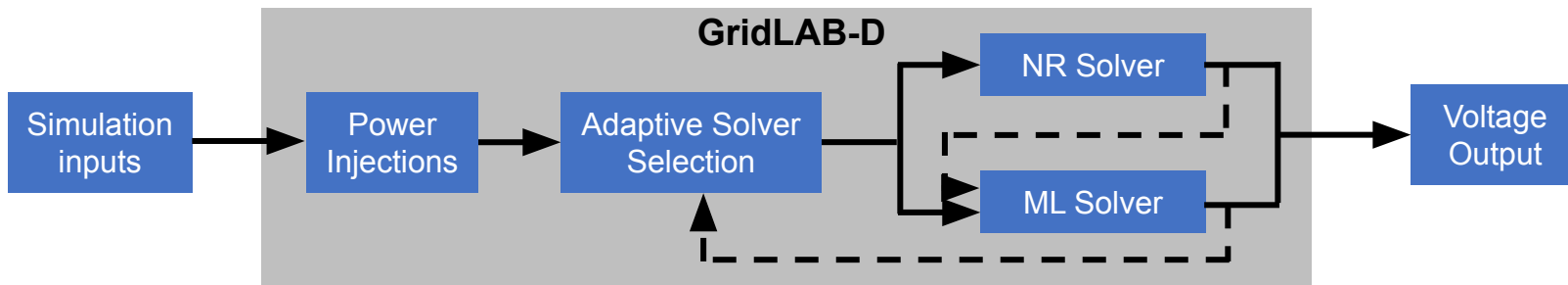
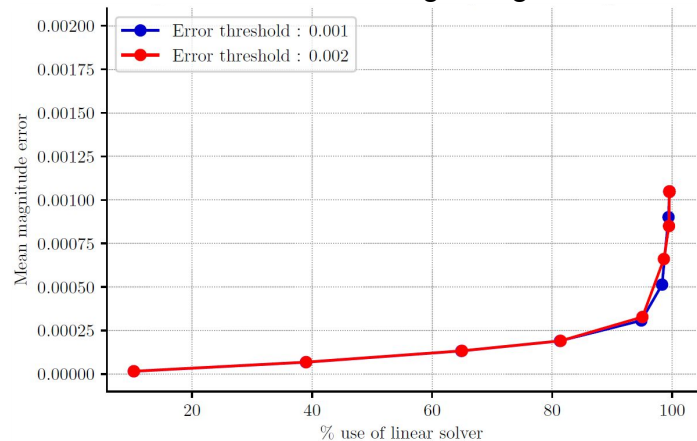
Adaptive NR/ML Solver



Preliminary Results on Solver Deployment

- Train ML model online during simulation using input/output of NR solver
- Adaptively select between using standard NR solver and ML solver based on inputs and previous errors
- There is a tradeoff between the amount of ML solver use and total error rate

ML solver use vs. voltage magnitude error



Additional ML model validation

- Benchmark model performance on additional networks and loading scenarios
- Investigate additional physics-inspired architectures
- Learn control actions of capacitor banks and voltage regulators

Online GridLAB-D ML solver implementation

- Implement recursive least squares filter for Newton Raphson seeding
- Select model framework for adaptive ML/NR solver and implement

Online algorithm performance evaluation

- Test recursive model updating to adapt to load and topology changes
- Document overall computational speedup

Do you see any new use cases emerging that we should know about?

- We may not be able to support new use-cases soon
- But we'd like to consider what's coming

What is your view on cloud operations?

- We support most host/enterprise/cloud ops model
- Now is a good time to make last-minute adjustments

Thank You

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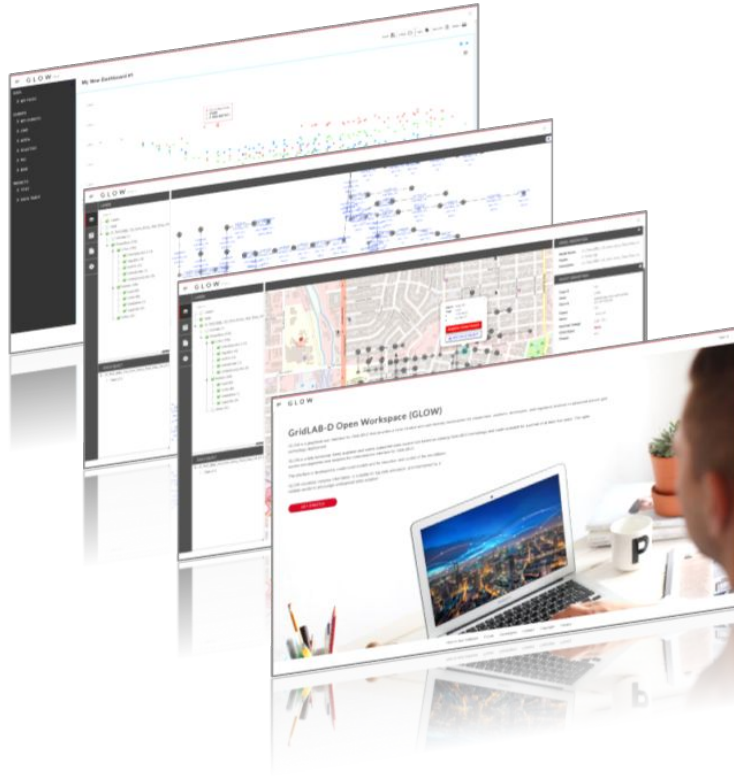


GridLAB-D Open Workspace (GLOW) Project Update

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GridLAB-D Open Workspace (GLOW) is a project to deliver a web-based graphical user interface for GridLAB-D. The open-source user interface aims to augment GridLAB-D in a more intuitive, user friendly manner, contributing to wider use of the simulation technology.

Hitachi aims to achieve the intuitiveness of the tool by employing human-centered design approach. The process includes defining requirements for the interface through researching the potential users, and designing the interfaces according to the discovered requirements.

- Project Plan Overview
- California ICA Implementation
- GLOW Alpha Release and Live Demo
- Next Step – Alpha Test



Project Plan Overview

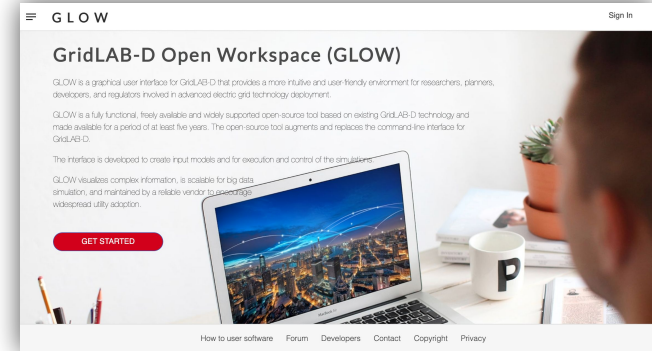
Task 3: Implementation

April, 2020 – September, 2020

- GLOW architecture design
- UI blueprint design
- UI prototype implementation
- Backend implementation
- Unit test on IEEE feeders
- GridLAB-D integration (HiPAS NOT included)
- ☐ Unit test on industry feeders (not fully tested on PG&E taxonomy feeders)
- ☐ OpenFido integration

Task 4 : Production Test

Sep 2020 – Sep 2021, Alpha test (usability with designed features) : Last open call for major feature proposals
Sep 2021 – Sep 2022, Beta test (performance for society users) : Scalability and robustness enhancement

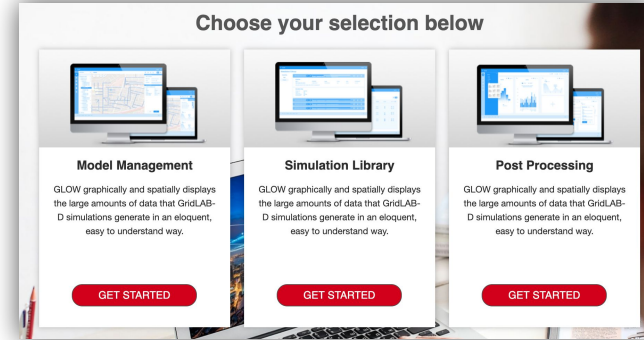


GLOW Alpha release

Objective: robust framework with basic functionalities and acceptable computational performance

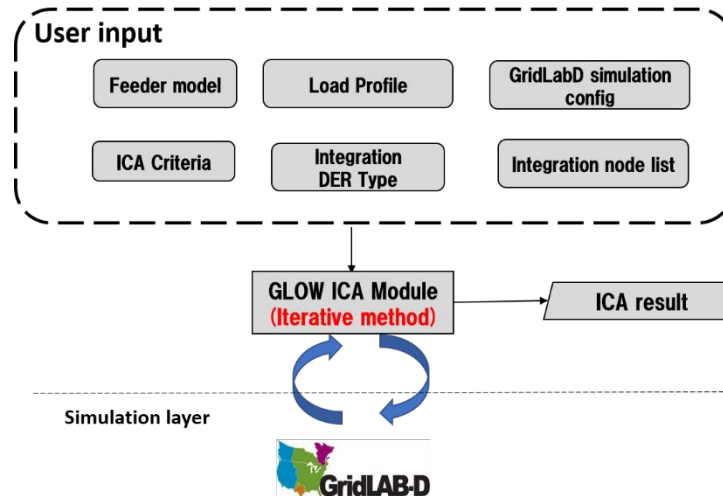
Available Features:

- ✓ Load GridLAB-D dataset for power flow simulation
- ✓ Graphic view of models
- ✓ Edit, add or delete feeder components
 - Load simulation results to create charts and report pages – Based on predefined chart template
 - CA ICA analysis, tested on IEEE 123 – Benchmarking with SCE results
- ✓ Basic user access control and workspace management
- ✓ Unit test for GLOW components
- ✓ GLOW.Alpha release on AWS
- Ongoing deeper efforts than project required
- ✓ Completed minimal viable features

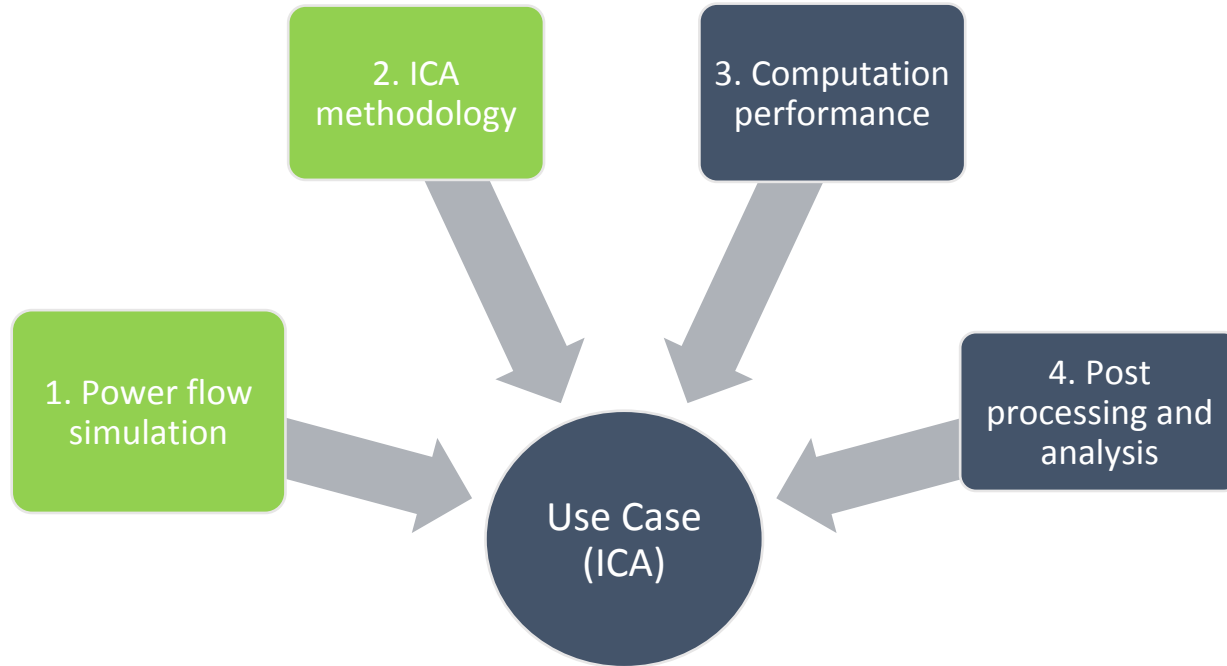


California ICA Implementation

- Objective:
 - Identify the maximum DER capacity that can be integrated onto distribution system down to the line section or node level without compromising its reliability and power quality.
- GLOW ICA implementation
 - Iterative method – defined in CPUC report
 - Binary search – Hitachi methods to speed up the simulation
 - Graphical user-friendly simulation set-up wizard



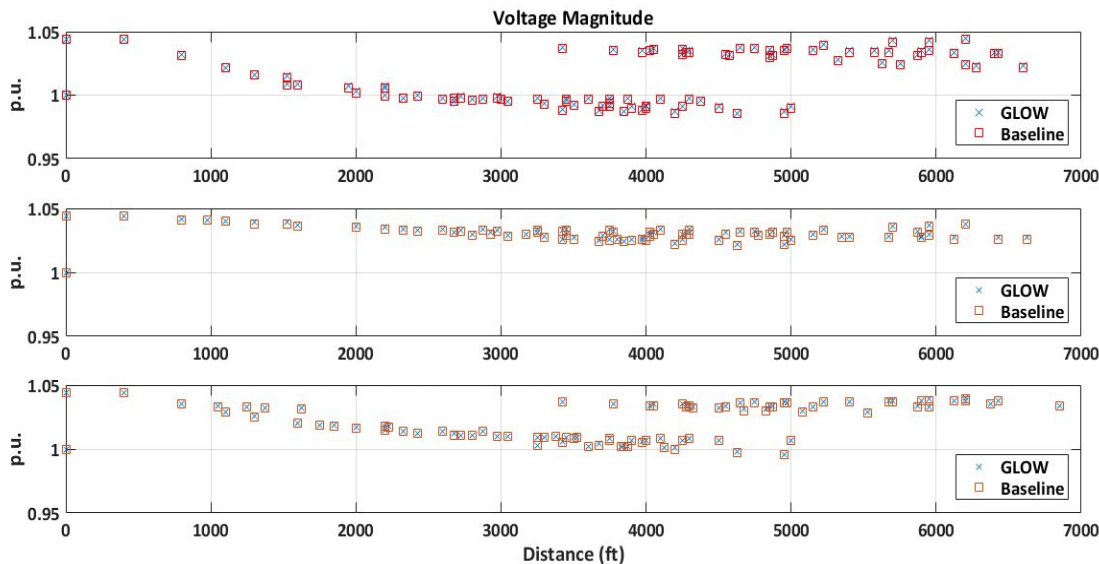
- Tabular report detailing maximum hosting capacity at each node for each individual constraints
- Color-coded one-line diagram



Does GLOW power flow meet industry standards?

GLOW (GridLAB-D) v.s. IEEE 123 Bus datasheet (published by IEEE PES)

- Three-phase node voltages match well



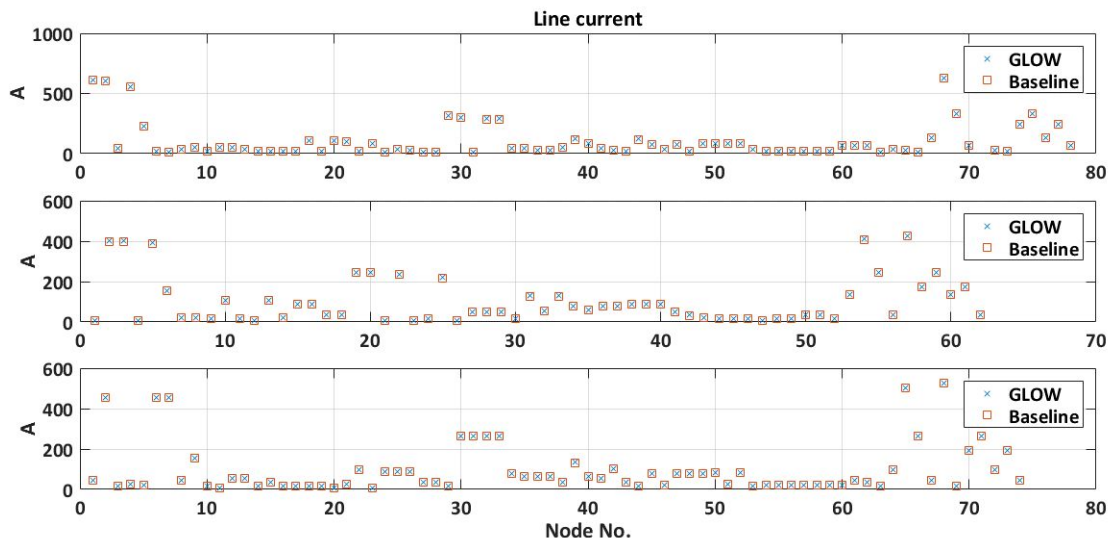
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Avg absolute difference (%)	0.088	0.087	0.069	0.079

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- Three-phase line current matches well
- Total feeder power matches well

✓ GLOW power flow comparable to industry standards



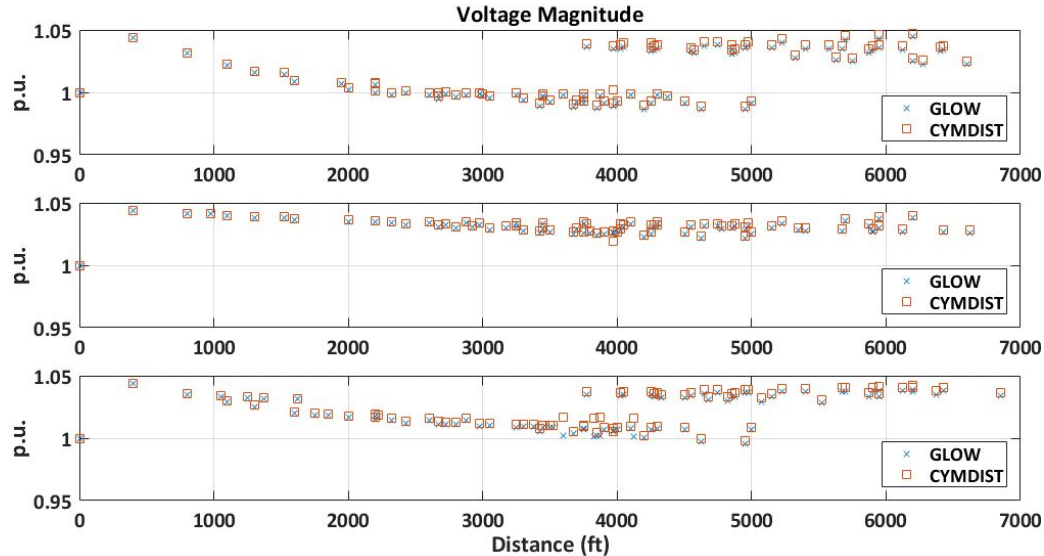
	Phase-A	Phase B	Phase C	Total
Average abs difference (%)	0.95	0.84	0.25	0.68

Total feeder-in power difference (%) :
0.55%

Does GLOW power flow comparable to other tools?

GLOW(GridLAB-D) v.s. CYME model (SCE IEEE 123 bus network)

- Three-phase node voltages match well



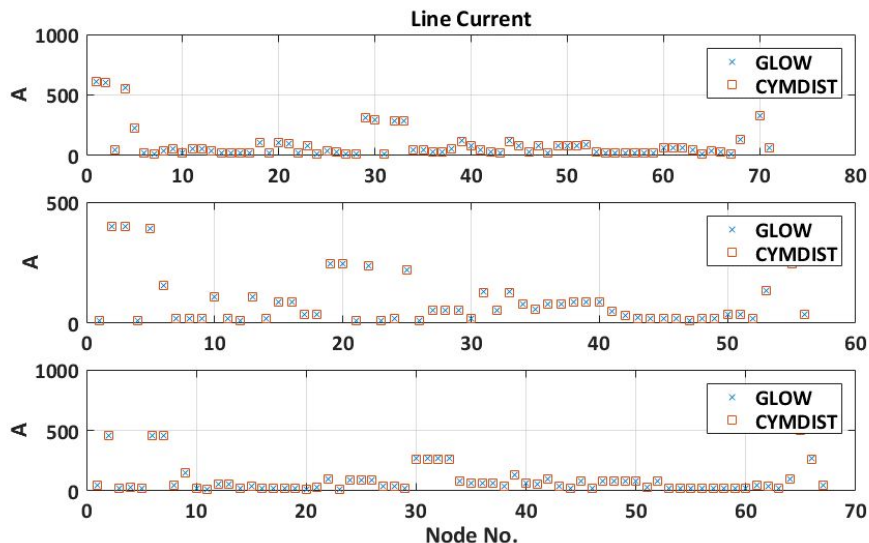
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Avg absolute difference (%)	0.23	0.14	0.27	0.22

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- Three-phase line current matches well
- Total feeder power matches well

✓ GLOW power flow comparable to industry tool (CYMDIST)

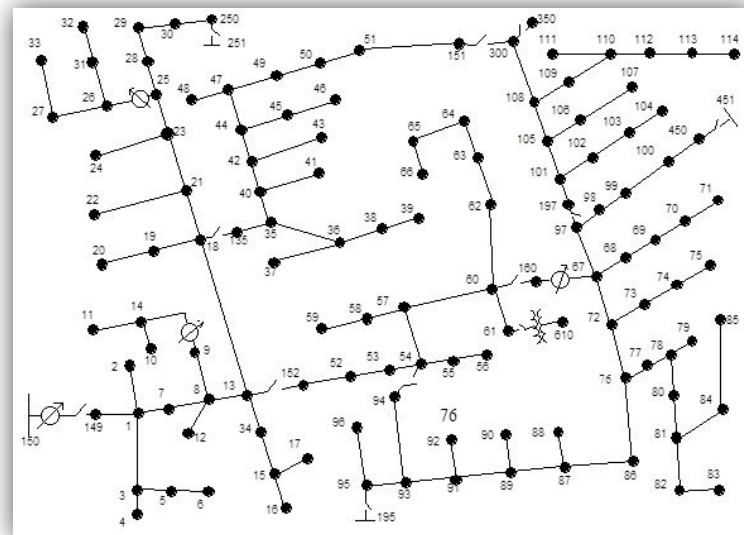


	Phase A	Phase B	Phase C	Total
Avg absolute diff (%)	0.98	0.88	0.40	0.75

Total feeder-in power difference (%) :
0.32%

Does GLOW ICA match other tools?

- **Model:** IEEE 123 node system
- **Tools:** GLOW vs. CYMDIST
- **Methodologies:**
 - GLOW ICA Module
 - CYMDIST ICA Module
- **ICA Settings**
 - DER Type: Generation
 - Three-phase nodes
 - Maximum integration capacity: 50,000 kW
 - Tolerance: 1kW
 - ICA criteria
 - Voltage limit: 95%-105%
 - Voltage fluctuation: <3%



IEEE 123 node feeder model

Does GLOW ICA match other tools?

- GLOW and CYMDIST ICA results are well aligned
- IC value differences may be caused by different ways of system modelling, load flow calculation, and so on in these two tools.

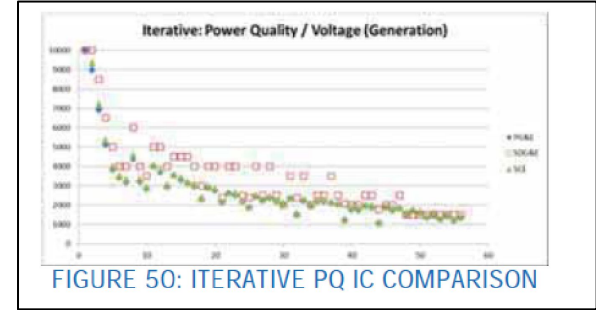
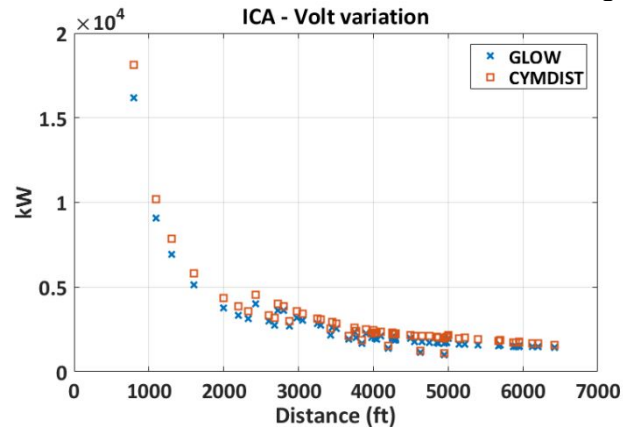
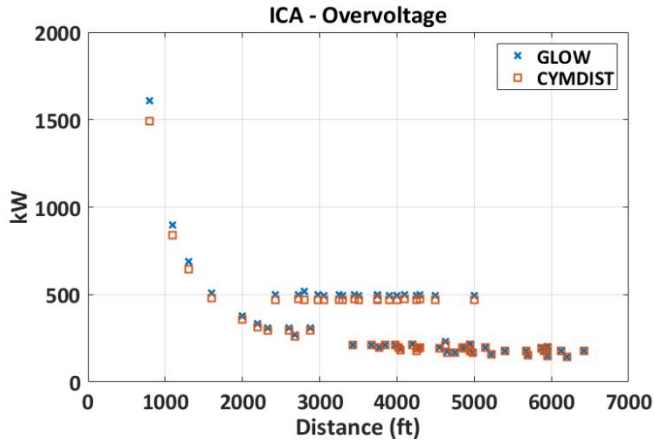


Figure. ICA Comparison from three IOUs using CYMDIST and SynerGEE [1]



[1] SCE Demonstration Projects A and B Final report,
<https://drpwg.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/R1408013-SCE-Demo-Projects-A-B-Final-Reports.pdf>

Interesting observations : ICA results are sensitive to settings

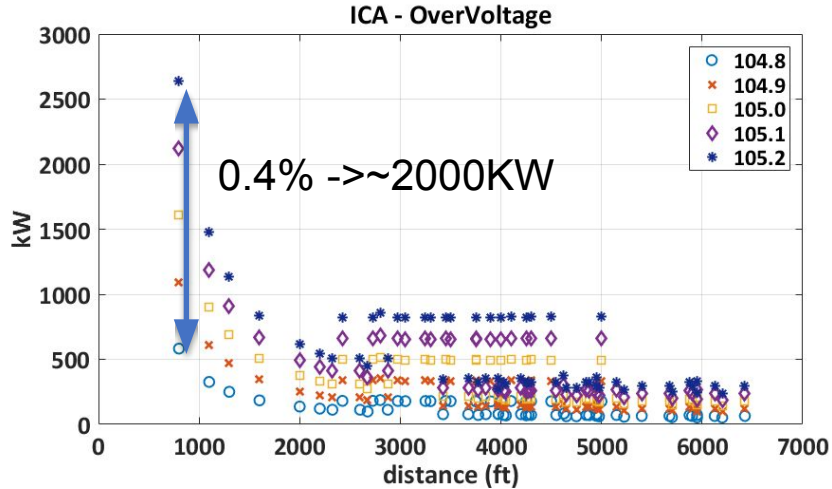


Figure. IC value (overvoltage) under different voltage limit - GLOW

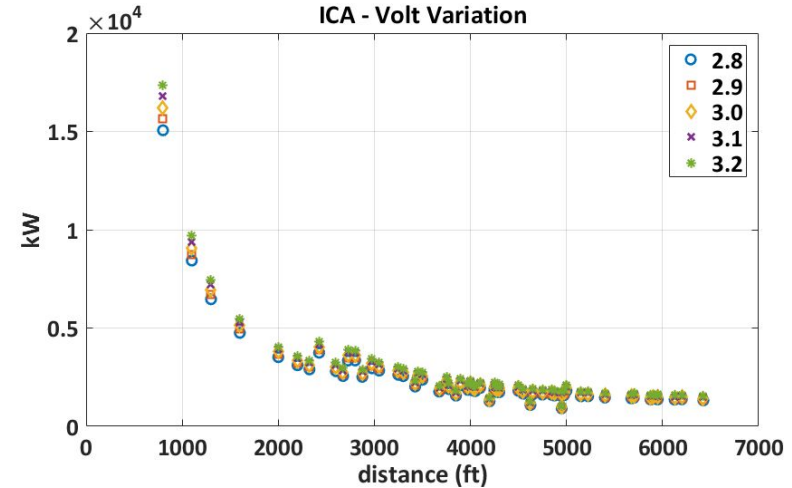


Figure. IC value (volt variation) under different volt variation limit - GLOW

- For over-voltage criteria, 0.1% threshold deviation from 105% will cause up to 30% integration capacity changes.
- For voltage fluctuation criteria, the integration capacity is less sensitive to threshold variation, 0.1% threshold variation from 3% causes -3% capacity changes.

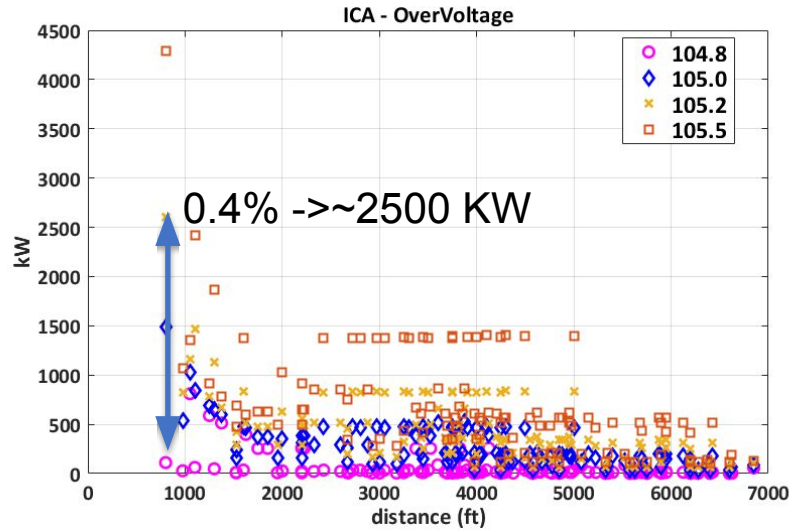


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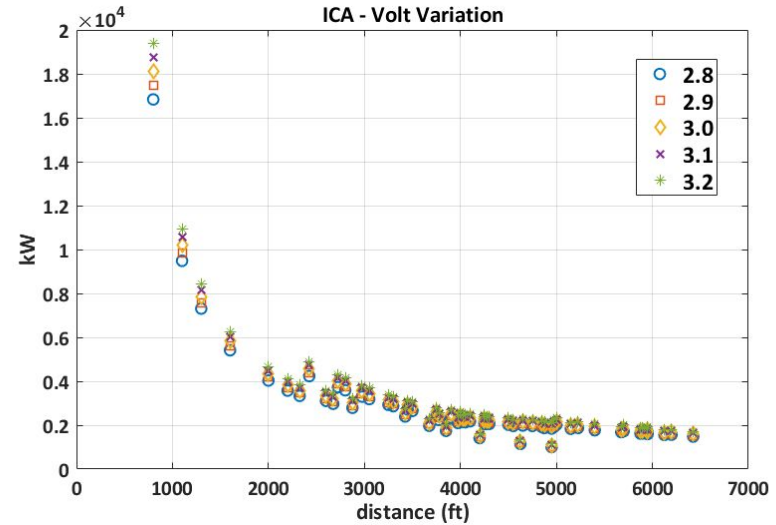


Figure. IC value (volt variation) under different volt variation limit - CYMDIST

- Similar sensitivity also observed in CYMDIST ICA simulation.

- GLOW (w. GridLAB-D) is a power flow analysis tool that can generate results comparable to industry standards
- GLOW ICA (California) implementation is aligned with CYMDIST ICA implementation and comparable to published results in CPUC demonstration project reports.
- Questions:
 - How sensitive are other ICA modeling tools and methods to variation in violation thresholds?
 - How has this sensitivity been managed?

- Testing and benchmarking more **utility feeder** models
- Improve GLOW ICA computational efficiency
- Dive deeper on sensitivity analysis
- Collaborate with academic teams (NREL, ASU, SLAC) on benchmarking various popular **hosting capacity methodologies**

GLOW Alpha Release and Demo

- Previous activities
- Information Architecture
- Live Demo
 - Landing page
 - User Management
 - Scenarios
 - Create a model based on a GridLAB-D without Coordinates
 - Visualize a model in a viewer
 - Create a model based on a GridLAB-D with Coordinates
 - Visualize a model in a viewer
 - Create and run power flow simulation
 - Create charts based on result from power flow

Human-centered
design approach.

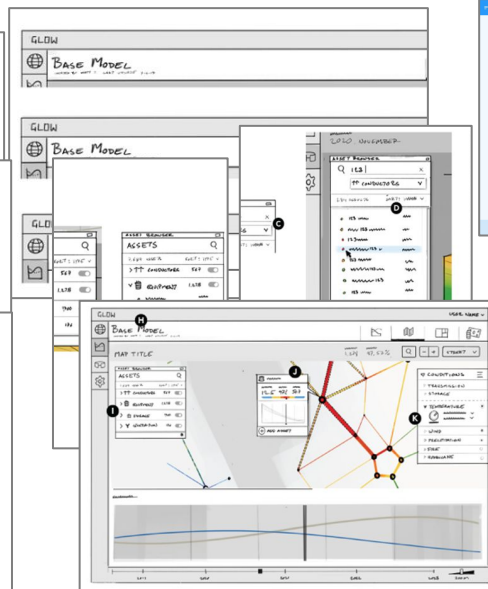


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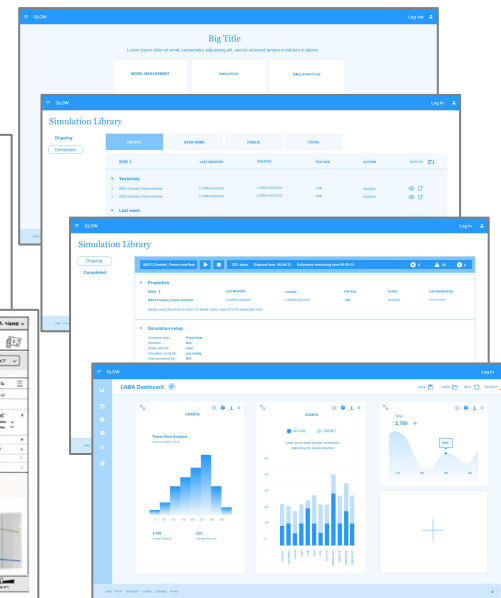
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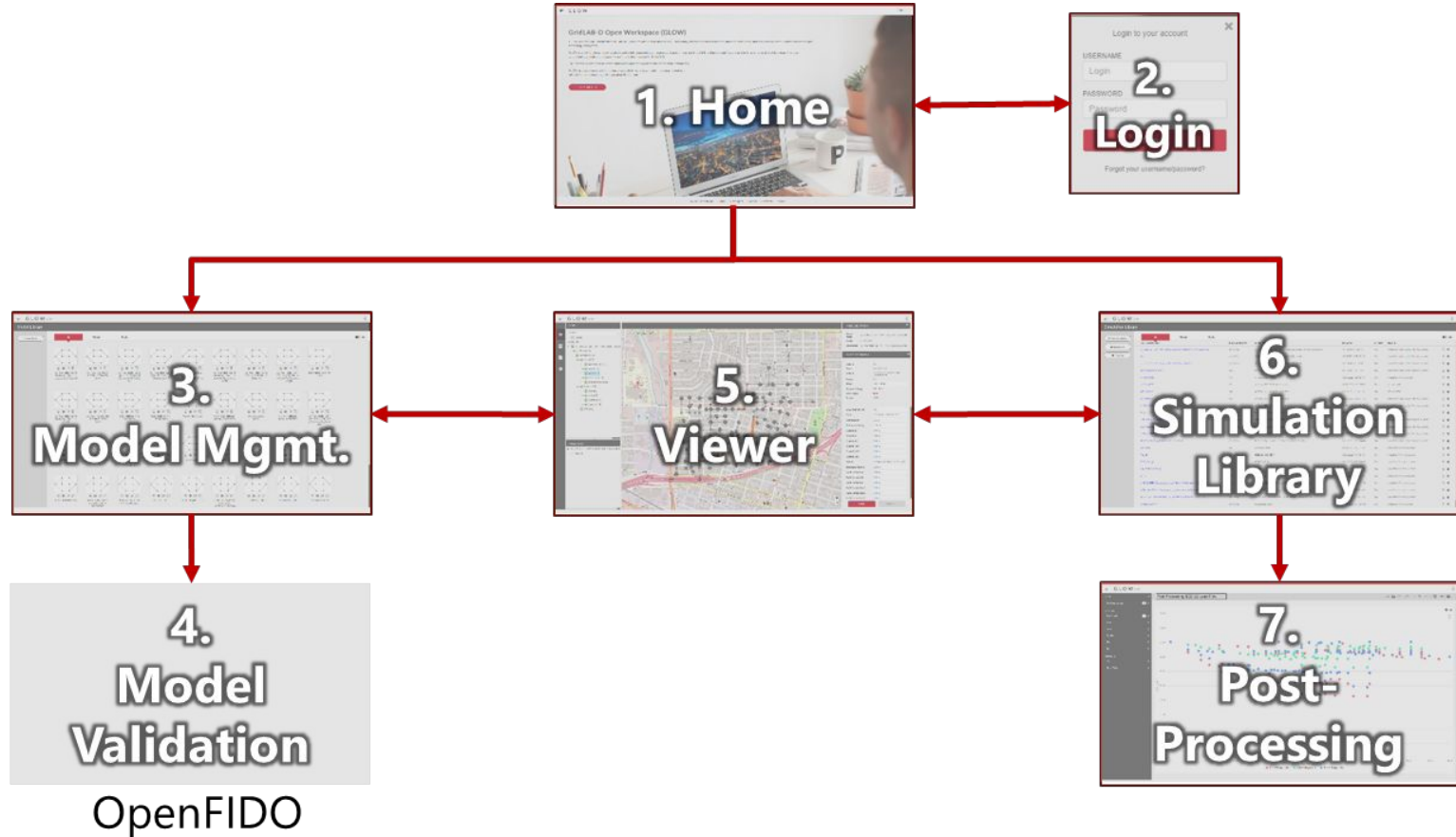
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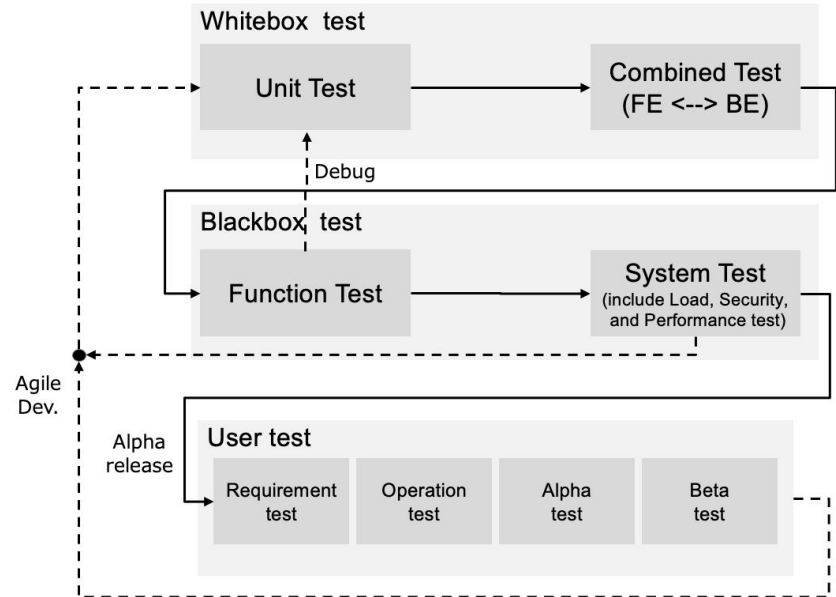


Next Step – Alpha Test

Alpha Test Objective

Sep 2020 – Aug 2021

- Validate GLOW alpha implementation
- Identify other must-have features (bounded by project schedule and resource)
- Benchmark computational performance (GLOW & HiPAS)
- Prepare industry equipment library (optional)



Alpha test is the last open call for major features proposals

Last Call for “Must-Have Features”

Sep 2020 – Aug 2021

- UI features, dashboard shortcuts that can reduce simulation efforts
- Use cases that are required by company besides ICA
- Performance KPIs, including data volume, system size, computational delays etc.



Benefits to test masters

Tailored implementation

- Dashboard design tailored to needs
- **Key use cases** prioritized in implementation
- Minimal integration barrier for future adoption
- Hands on training and user experiences
- In-depth understanding to GLOW design and implementation
- Participation in use case benchmark and publications

- Alpha Test will finalize dashboard and platform implementation.
- Great opportunity for TAC members to Tailor features/prioritize development.

Work plan:

- **Test Master team:** 5~6 planning or ICA engineers
- **Commitment:** 2 hours each month (1 hours self validation session, 1 hours online one-on-one session)
- **Tasks:**
 - Perform planning studies using example feeders and validate answers (IEEE and PG&E test feeders in GLM format)
 - Identify missing features and use cases, and rank for development priority
 - Define performance KPIs
 - General usability feedbacks
- **System requirements:** computer with internet connection, chrome browser

Asks to TAC

Propose **Test Masters** to represent your entity

Look for representative **industry feeder models** to test run and benchmark performance

GLOW development team plans to issue monthly software updates

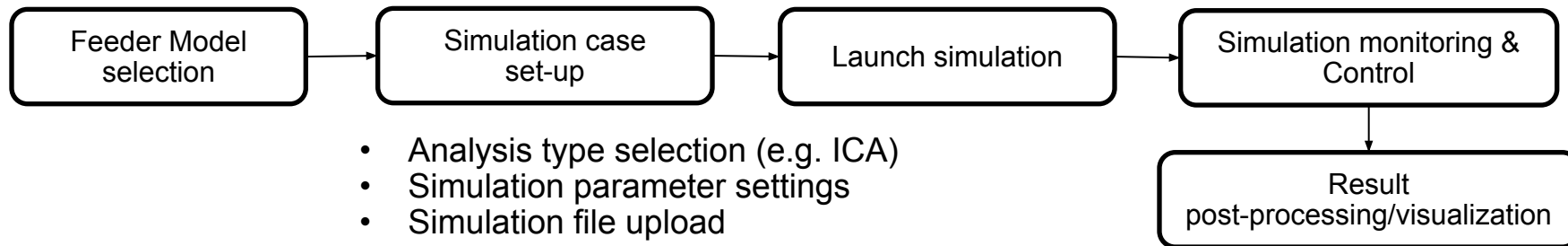


- California Energy Commission
- California Public Utility Commission
- South California Edison
- Pacific Gas & Electric
- Sunrun

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- User-friendly simulation set-up wizard

Pre-designed workflow template to select model, set-up ICA analysis, run analysis and export/analyze results.



The screenshot shows the 'Create New Simulation' wizard interface. It has four tabs: 'Step 1 Model', 'Step 2 Simulation' (active), 'Step 3 Review', and 'Step 4 Status'. Under 'Step 2 Simulation', there is a 'Simulation Type*' dropdown menu set to 'ICA'. Below this, there are expandable sections for 'Power Flow Settings' and 'ICA Settings'. The 'ICA Settings' section is expanded, showing 'ICA Type' set to 'Generation', and checkboxes for 'Thermal Loading' and 'Abnormal Voltages', both of which are currently unchecked. At the bottom right, there are three buttons: 'RESET', '← BACK', and 'NEXT →'.

Features

- A data platform designed for scalability and expandability
- Easy to integrate with 3rd party tools
- Suitable for streamlined study process
- Designed for cross-organizational collaborations

User interface

Model lib / Simulation lib / Viewer / Post-processing

API

Model Validation / Simulation Que Mgmt / Data Mgmt /
Analysis / Configuration / Access Control

Data Lake

Model / Raw data / Simulation Results / User Profile

Analytical Engines Interface

OpenFido / GridLAB-D / HiPAS / GLOW

External System Interface

Load CSV / Load Forecast / AMI / DMS

- **Presentation:** Conference panel presentation for 2020 DistribuTECH conference (*SLAC, Hitachi, Gridworks, NationalGrid*)
- Original fact sheets updating to reflect lesson learned (*Gridworks*)
- One short outreach paper under preparation (*Gridworks, Hitachi*)
- Brochure design for easy communication of GridLAB-D project impact (*Gridworks*)

Thank you!

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