

High Performance Agent-based Simulation (HiPAS) GridLAB-D

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Project goals and objectives

The Problem

- GridLAB-D vital in power system simulation
- Renewables, storage, demand response
- DOE version limitations hamper usability

Target Audience

- Utility planners
- Engineering consultants and researchers
- Hardware and software vendors
- Energy/climate regulators & policy-makers

Product Delivery

- Commercial partner for long-term support

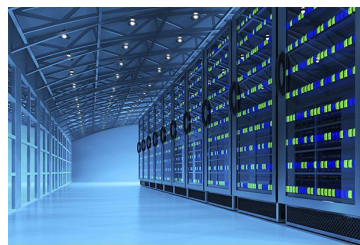
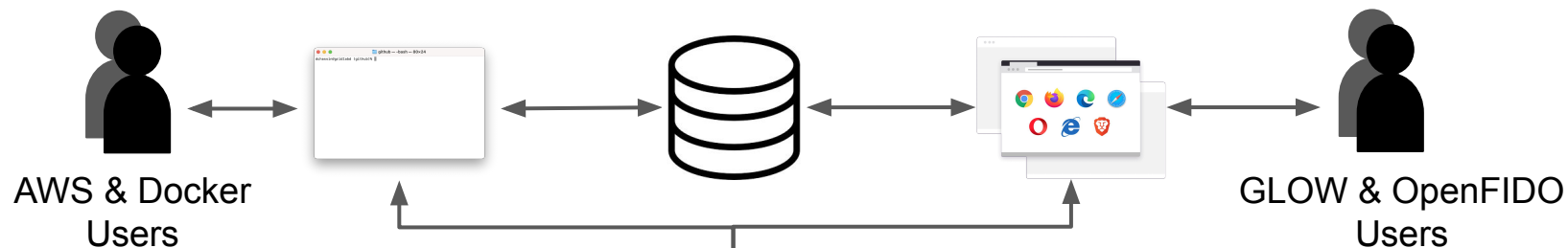
Goals

- More widely usable/functional version
- Broad set of performance enhancements
- Foundation for long term support

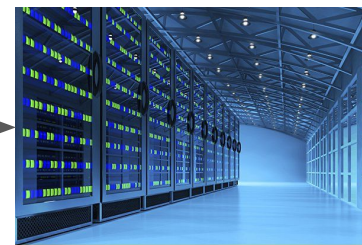
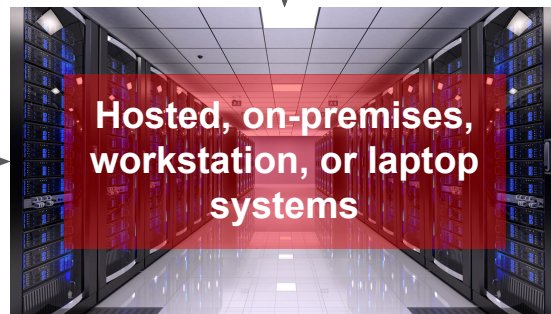
Objectives

- Identify and address key use-cases
- Evaluate performance improvements
- Open-source delivery and support
- Collaborations with CEC/DOE projects
 - OpenFIDO (CEC-17-047)
 - Hitachi GLOW (CEC-17-043)
 - GRIP (DOE GMLC climate resilience)

HiPAS GridLAB-D System Architecture



Public Data
Sources (URL)



HiPAS Libraries
(GitHub)



HiPAS GridLAB-D



HiPAS Resources

HiPAS Technical Approach: System Components

HiPAS Resources on GitHub

GridLAB-D: enhanced version of GridLAB-D

Templates: standard analysis methods

Weather: historical, current, and forecast data

Libraries: standard object data

Models: standard models for validation

Benchmarks: performance benchmark models

Examples: sample models used in tutorials

- All application resources are open source

GridLAB-D Components

Converters: automatic input/output converters

Geodata: GIS data handling

Python: Python code integration

Subcommands: embedded analysis resources

Tools: general purpose utility tools

- All public component code is open source
- Supports integration of private components

HiPAS Technical Delivery Approach: CI/CD















Continuous Integration

- Deliver apps from multiple developers/teams
- Introduces automation in development stages
- Solution to problem of integrating new code

Continuous Delivery

- Implements a pipeline of delivery/update tasks
- HiPAS uses GitHub "DevOps" methods



Repository	Status
GridLAB-D	 master   develop 
Templates	 master   develop 
Weather	 validate 
Library	 validate 
Models	 validate 
Benchmarks	Manual test (see README.md)
Examples	Manual test (see README.md)

Example CI/CD status report from HiPAS GridLAB-D on GitHub shows development and deployment status.

Updates on major project tasks

Task 2 - Requirements Analysis (Done)

- HiPAS GridLAB-D Release Requirements Presentation (Done)

Task 2.1 - Use Case Requirements (Done)

Task 2.2 - Performance Baseline (Done)

Task 2.3 - Software Upgrade Design (Done)

Task 2.4 - Performance Specifications (Done)

Task 2.5 - Testing Plan (Done)

Task 2.6 - Software Design (Done)

Task 3 - Software Implementation (Done)

- Release Candidate 1 (Done)
- Software Design Implementation CPR (Done)
- Software Implementation Presentation (Done)

Task 3.1 - Multi-threading Iterators (Done)

Task 3.2 - Job Control (Done)

Task 3.3 - Multi-threaded Solvers (Done)

Task 3.4 - Stochastic Properties (Done)

Task 3.5 - Fast Data Access (Done)

[Task 3.6 - Fast Powerflow Solver \(In progress\)](#)

Task 3.7 - Online Documentation (Done)

Task 3.8 - Candidate Release 1 (Done)

Update on major project tasks (continued)

Task 4 - Performance Analysis

- Release Candidate 2 (Pending)
- Performance Evaluation Presentation (Done)
- Performance Analysis CPR Report (Pending)

Task 4.1 - Performance Evaluation 1 (Done)

Task 4.2 - Issues Tracking and Resolution (Pending)

Task 4.3 - Analysis (Pending)

Task 4.4 - Performance Evaluation 2 (Pending)

Task 4.5 - Release Candidate 2 (Pending)

Task 5 - Integrated Production Release

- Final Production Release Presentation (Pending)

Task 5.1 - Support Release Production (Pending)

Task 5.2 - Final Product Documentation (Pending)

Task 5.3 - Final Release Product (Pending)

Task 6 - Evaluation of Project Benefits

Task 7 - Technology Transfer

HiPAS Use-Cases

Use-Cases Identified by TAC

1. Hosting Capacity (ICA)
2. Tariff Design
3. Electrification
4. Resilience (GRIP)

Notes: these are delivered using templates

Other Use-cases

1. CYME Converters (Version 5, 8, 9)
2. NERC Load Composition Analysis
3. Weather history, typical, current, forecast
4. Geographic datasets
 - a. Vegetation
 - b. Census regions & address resolution
 - c. Distance calculations
 - d. Fire hazards
 - e. Powerline sag, clearance, and contact
 - f. Utility/service providers
 - g. Weather (local, regional)

Key Findings

Requirements

Open Source Software

- Users want open-source software
- Utilities wary of open-source support

Deployment Flexibility

- Utility migration to cloud is going slowly
- On-premise servers still preferred
- Local workstation/laptop still desired

Result Reproducibility

- Must retrieve/reproduce old results

Implementation

Deployment Platform

- Cloud and docker use extensively

CI/CD Modernization

- Older CI/CD tools unstable/dropped
- GitHub is preferred

Commercializability

- Limited open-source licenses (no GPL)
- LF Energy application approved

Results from testing and validation: Approach

Methodology

- CI/CD-based testing/validation (GitHub)
 - Test and validate all repositories
- GridLAB-D validation
 - Check GLM syntax
 - Check module classes and objects
 - Check results of solvers
 - Check results of analyses
- Component validation
 - Converters
 - Geographic information system (GIS)
 - Python interface
 - Subcommands
 - Tools

Implementation

- Support repository validation
 - Templates
 - Weather data
 - Libraries
 - Models
 - Benchmarks (manual)
 - Examples (manual)
- Validation by external tools
 - CEC/OpenFIDO
 - CEC/GLOW
 - DOE/GRIP
 - DOE/TESS
 - DOE/ALM

HiPAS Use-Case: Cyme Model Conversion

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PIPELINES
USERS
SETTINGS

PIPELINE RUNS: CYME TO GRIDLAB-D CONVERTER

All Runs: + Start a run

Run #7
Started At: 4/14/22
Duration: a few seconds
Succeeded

Run #6
Started At: 4/14/22
Duration: a few seconds
Succeeded

Run #4
Started At: 4/14/22
Duration: a few seconds
Succeeded

Run #3
Started At: 4/13/22
Duration: a few seconds
Succeeded

Run #2
Started At: 4/12/22
Duration: a minute
Succeeded

Run #1
Started At: 4/12/22
Duration: a minute
Failed

Overview Data Visualization Console Output

Run #7
Started At: 4/14/22 12:45:55pm
Completed At: 4/14/22 12:46:12pm
Duration: a few seconds

Input Files	Size	Artifacts	Size
config.csv		modify.csv	
settings.csv		index.csv	
modify.csv		IEEE123.zip	
config.glm		settings.csv	
IEEE123.mdb		IEEE123.png	
		IEEE123.json	
		network_graph.png	

Help
Display a menu

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PIPELINE RUNS: CYME TO GRIDLAB-D CONVERTER

Run #7
Overview Data Visualization Console Output

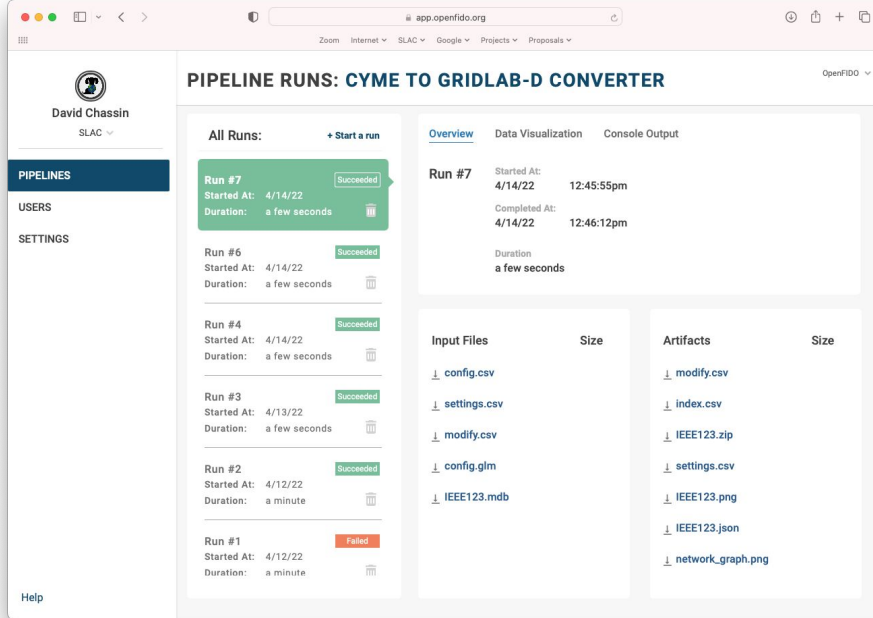
+ Add A Chart

Network graph

Network graph visualization showing a complex network structure with nodes and edges, representing the converted Cyme model.

Help
Display a menu

HiPAS Use-Case: Cyme Model Conversion



The screenshot shows the OpenFIDO web interface for the "PIPELINE RUNS: CYME TO GRIDLAB-D CONVERTER". The interface includes a sidebar with the user "David Chassin" and "SLAC" information, and a main content area with tabs for "Overview", "Data Visualization", and "Console Output".

All Runs: + Start a run

- Run #7** (Succeeded)
Started At: 4/14/22
Duration: a few seconds
- Run #6** (Succeeded)
Started At: 4/14/22
Duration: a few seconds
- Run #4** (Succeeded)
Started At: 4/14/22
Duration: a few seconds
- Run #3** (Succeeded)
Started At: 4/13/22
Duration: a few seconds
- Run #2** (Succeeded)
Started At: 4/12/22
Duration: a minute
- Run #1** (Failed)
Started At: 4/12/22
Duration: a minute

Run #7 Details:

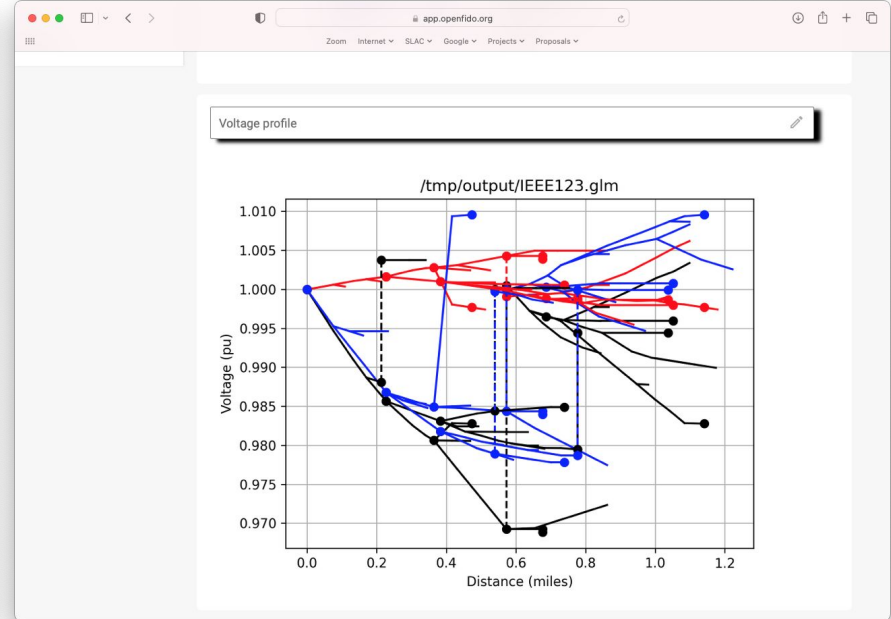
- Started At: 4/14/22 12:45:55pm
- Completed At: 4/14/22 12:46:12pm
- Duration: a few seconds

Input Files:

- config.csv
- settings.csv
- modify.csv
- config.glm
- IEEE123.mdb

Artifacts:

- modify.csv
- index.csv
- IEEE123.zip
- settings.csv
- IEEE123.png
- IEEE123.json
- network_graph.png



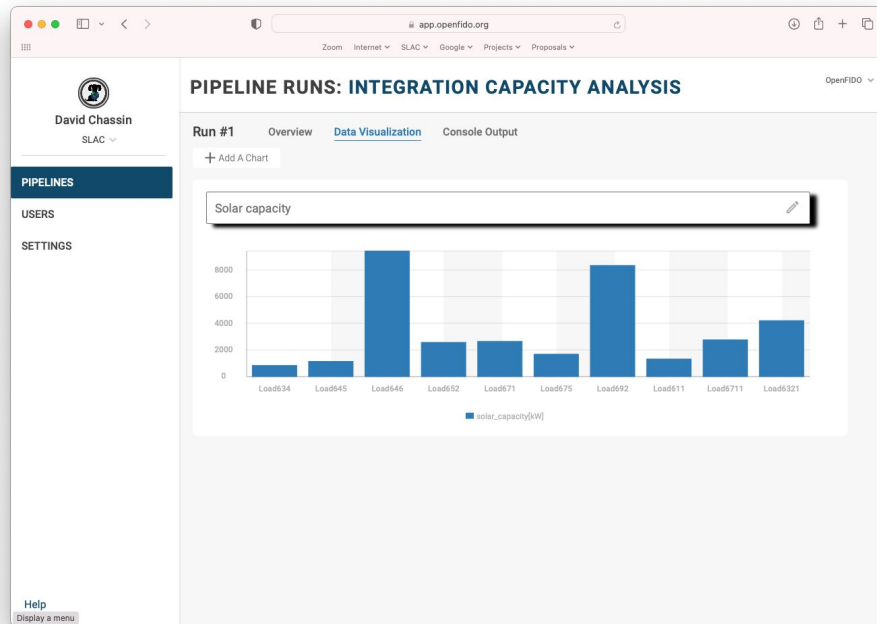
HiPAS Use-Case: Integration Capacity Analysis

The screenshot shows the 'PIPELINE RUNS: INTEGRATION CAPACITY ANALYSIS' dashboard. The left sidebar contains a user profile for David Chassin (SLAC) and navigation links for PIPELINES, USERS, and SETTINGS. The main content area is divided into three sections: 'All Runs' with a '+ Start a run' button, 'Overview' (selected), 'Data Visualization', and 'Console Output'. Under 'All Runs', two runs are listed: Run #2 (Started At: 4/1/21, Duration: a minute, Succeeded) and Run #1 (Started At: 1/27/21, Duration: a minute, Succeeded). The 'Overview' section for Run #1 shows 'Started At: 1/27/21 1:36:41pm' and 'Completed At: 1/27/21 1:37:54pm'. Below this, there are two columns: 'Input Files' and 'Artifacts', each with a 'Size' column. The 'Input Files' list includes IEEE-13.glm, config.csv, ica_analysis.py, config.glm, and ica_analysis.glm. The 'Artifacts' list includes solar_capacity.csv.

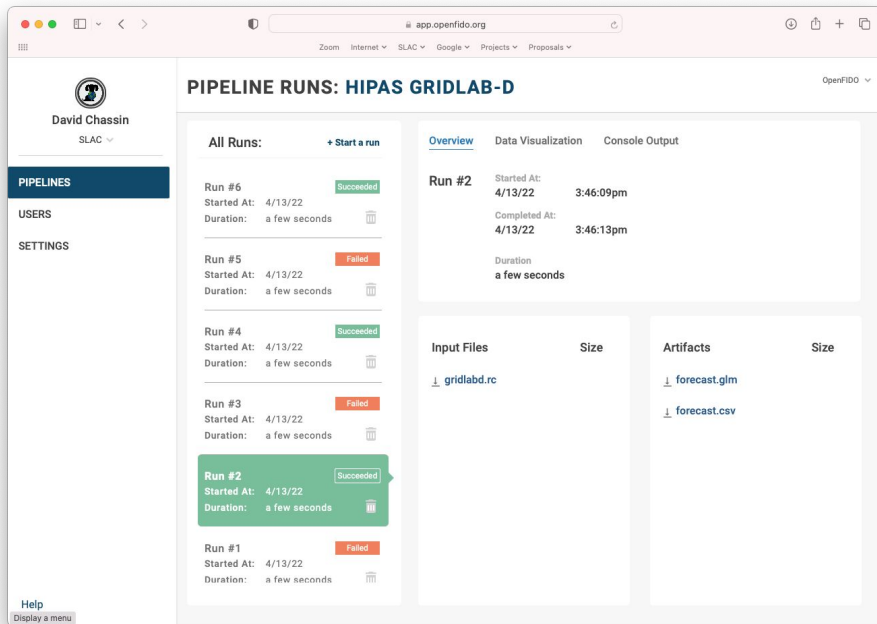
Run	Started At	Duration	Status
Run #2	4/1/21	a minute	Succeeded
Run #1	1/27/21	a minute	Succeeded

Input Files	Size
IEEE-13.glm	
config.csv	
ica_analysis.py	
config.glm	
ica_analysis.glm	

Artifacts	Size
solar_capacity.csv	



HiPAS Use-Case: Weather forecasting



The screenshot shows the OpenFIDO web interface for a user named David Chassin. The main heading is "PIPELINE RUNS: HIPAS GRIDLAB-D". On the left, there is a sidebar with "PIPELINES", "USERS", and "SETTINGS". The main content area is divided into three sections: "All Runs:", "Overview", and "Data Visualization". The "All Runs:" section lists six runs, with Run #2 highlighted as "Succeeded". The "Overview" section shows details for Run #2, including start and completion times. The "Data Visualization" section shows input files and artifacts.

PIPELINE RUNS: HIPAS GRIDLAB-D

All Runs: + Start a run

- Run #6: Started At: 4/13/22, Duration: a few seconds, Succeeded
- Run #5: Started At: 4/13/22, Duration: a few seconds, Failed
- Run #4: Started At: 4/13/22, Duration: a few seconds, Succeeded
- Run #3: Started At: 4/13/22, Duration: a few seconds, Failed
- Run #2: Started At: 4/13/22, Duration: a few seconds, Succeeded**
- Run #1: Started At: 4/13/22, Duration: a few seconds, Failed

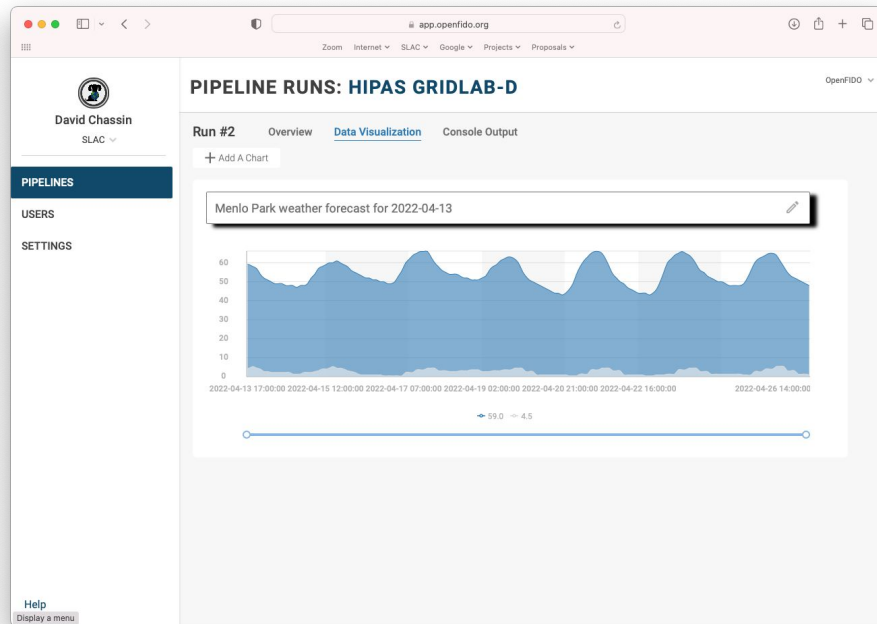
Overview | Data Visualization | Console Output

Run #2

Started At: 4/13/22 3:46:09pm
Completed At: 4/13/22 3:46:13pm
Duration: a few seconds

Input Files | Size | **Artifacts** | Size

- gridlabd.rc
- forecast.glm
- forecast.csv



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PIPELINE RUNS: HIPAS GRIDLAB-D

Run #2 | Overview | Data Visualization | Console Output

+ Add A Chart

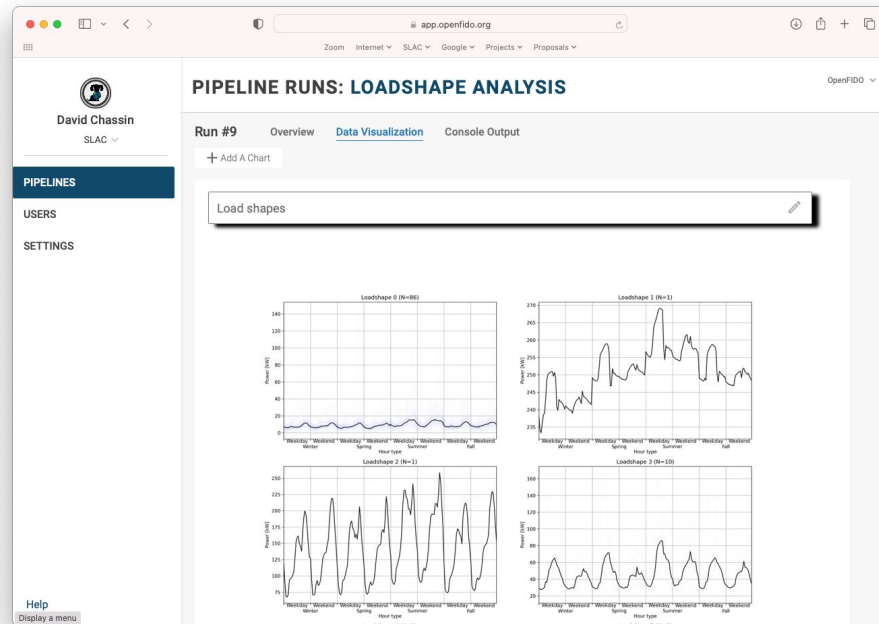
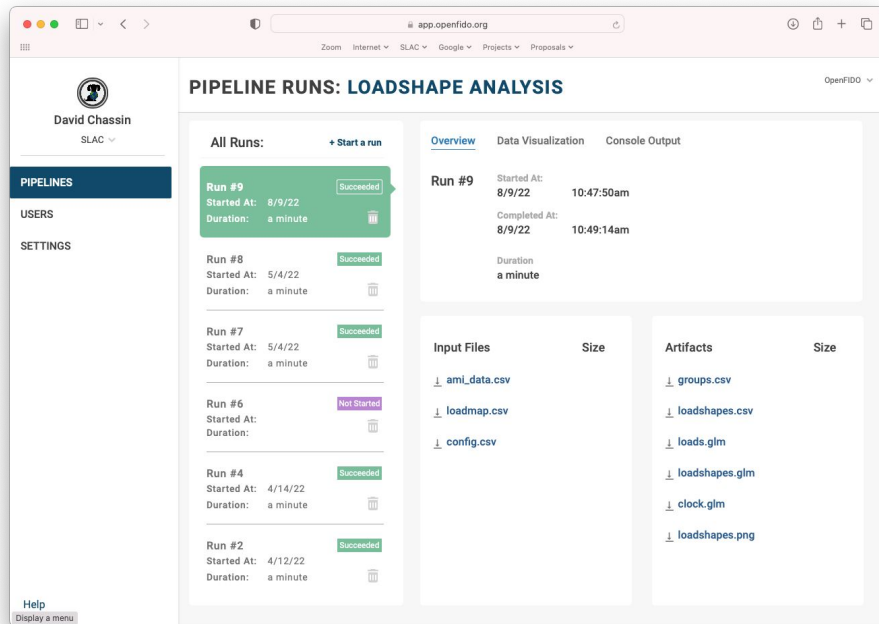
Menlo Park weather forecast for 2022-04-13

60
50
40
30
20
10
0

2022-04-13 17:00:00 2022-04-15 12:00:00 2022-04-17 07:00:00 2022-04-19 02:00:00 2022-04-20 21:00:00 2022-04-22 16:00:00 2022-04-26 14:00:00

99.0 4.5

HiPAS Use-Case: Loadshape Analysis



HiPAS Use-Case: Load Composition Analysis

The screenshot displays the 'PIPELINE RUNS: NERC LOAD COMPOSITION DATA' page. The left sidebar shows the user 'David Chassin' with a 'SLAC' dropdown, and navigation links for 'PIPELINES', 'USERS', and 'SETTINGS'. The main content area is divided into three sections: 'All Runs' with a list of recent runs, 'Overview' for the selected 'Run #34', and a table of 'Input Files' and 'Artifacts'.

PIPELINE RUNS: NERC LOAD COMPOSITION DATA

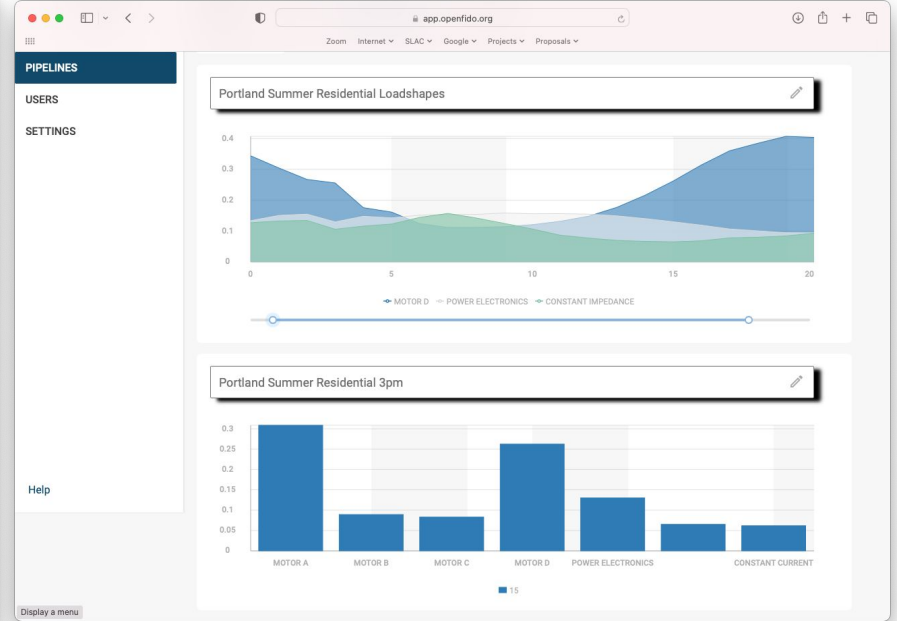
All Runs: + Start a run

- Run #34: Started At: 4/13/21, Duration: 6 minutes, Status: Succeeded
- Run #33: Started At: 4/13/21, Duration: 6 minutes, Status: Succeeded
- Run #32: Started At: 4/13/21, Duration: 6 minutes, Status: Failed
- Run #31: Started At: 4/12/21, Duration: 6 minutes, Status: Succeeded
- Run #30: Started At: 4/12/21, Duration: 6 minutes, Status: Succeeded
- Run #29: Started At: 4/12/21, Duration: 6 minutes, Status: Failed

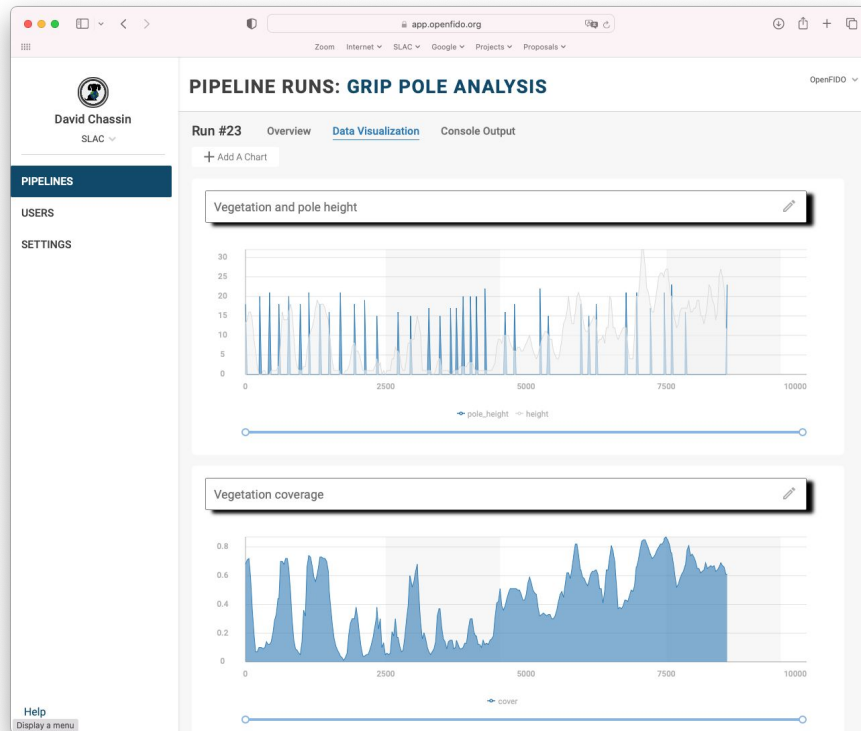
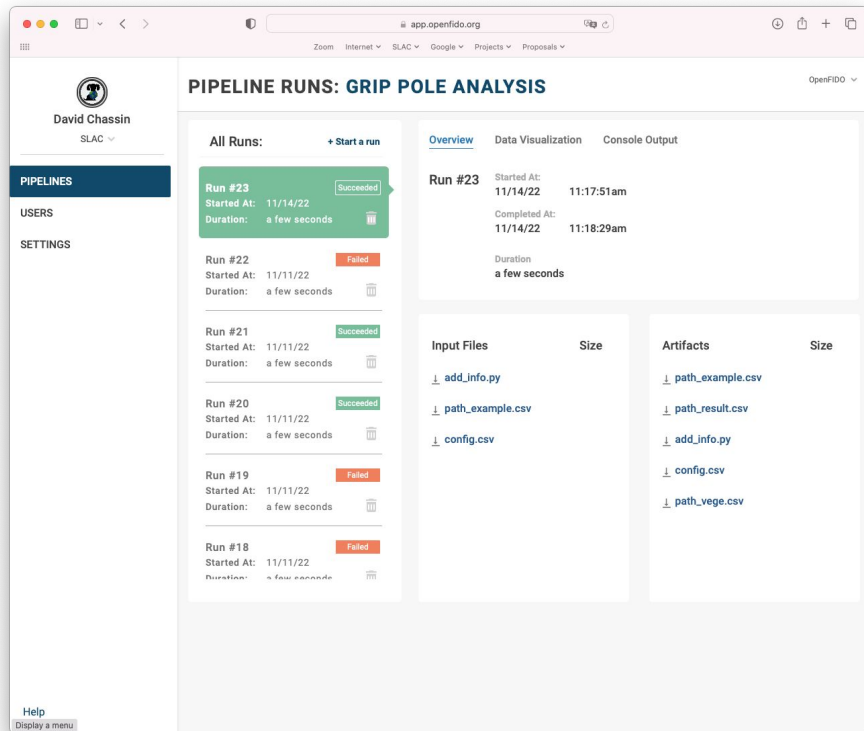
Run #34 Overview:

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- Completed At: 4/13/21 3:44:44pm
- Duration: 6 minutes

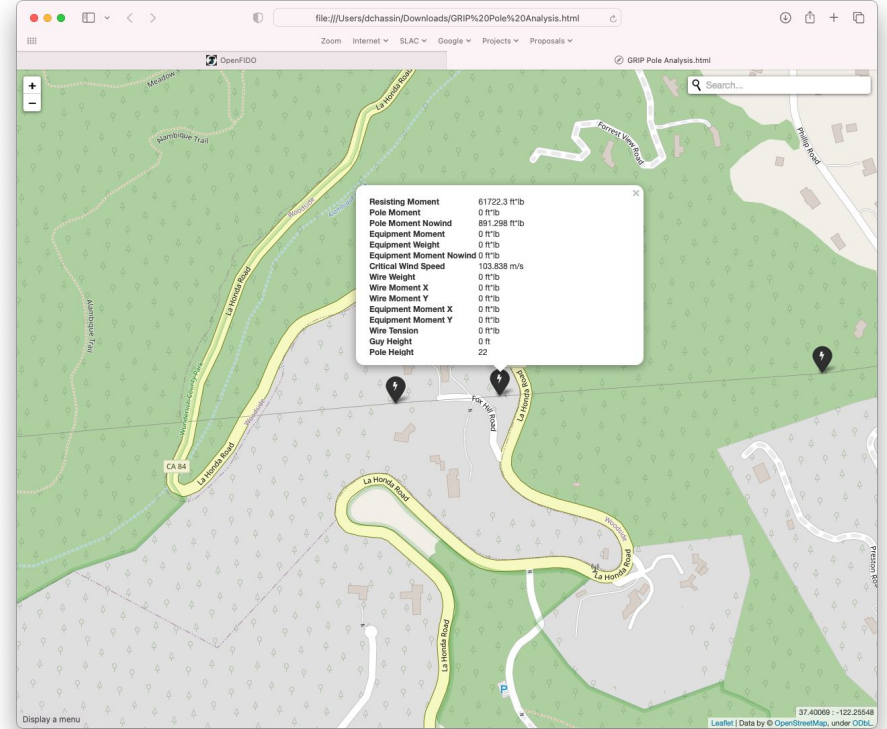
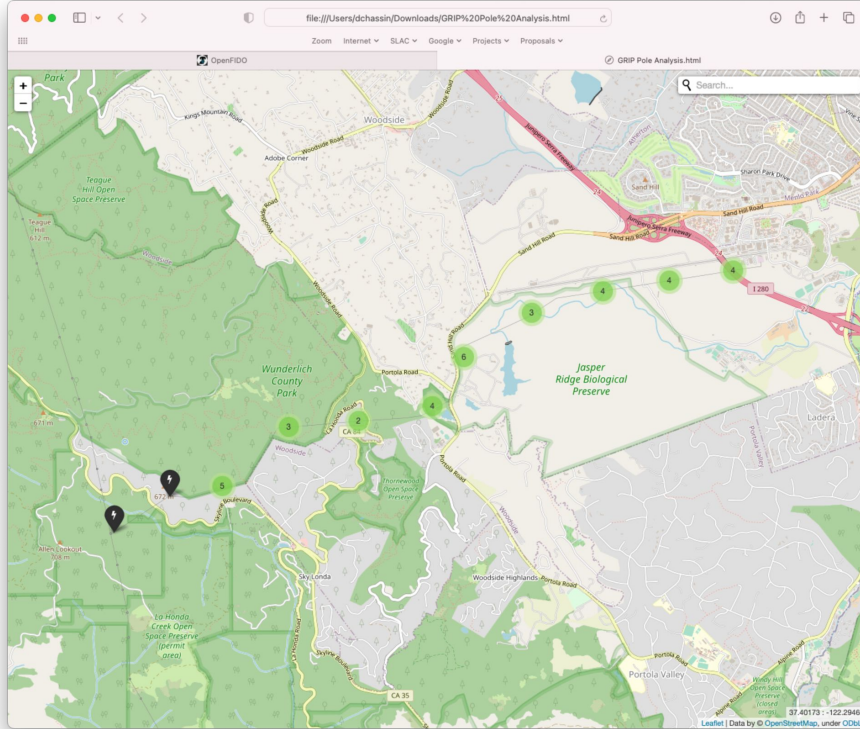
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HiPAS Use-Case: Pole Vulnerability Analysis



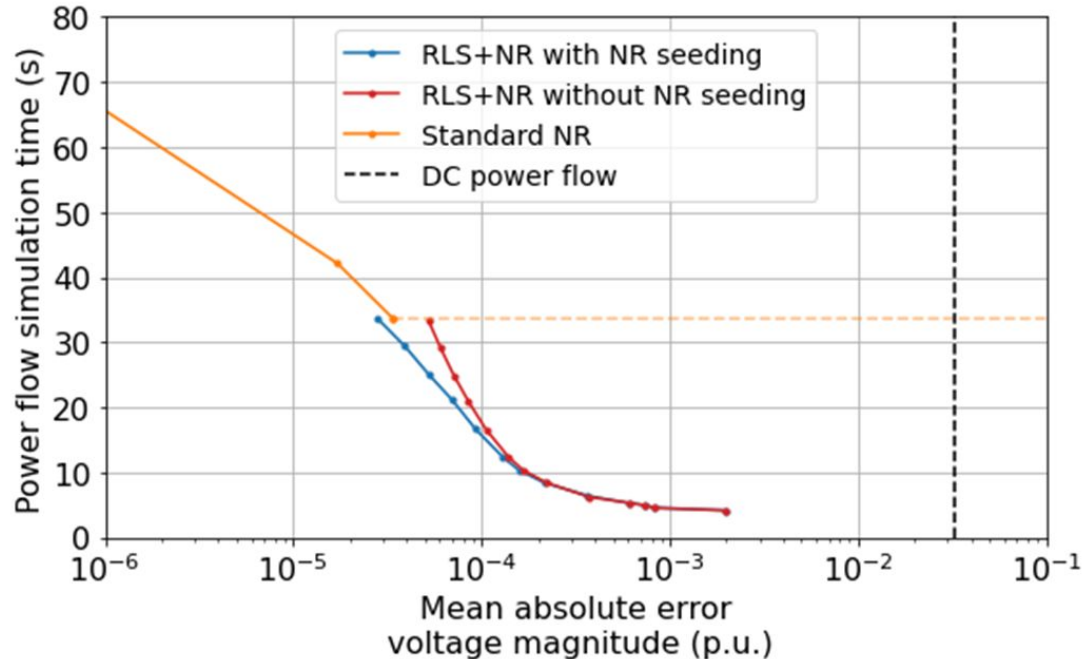
HiPAS Use-Case: Pole Vulnerability Analysis



Results of ML Powerflow Performance Evaluation

IEEE PES GM paper:

- Recursive least squares method
- ML powerflow partly coded in Python
- Validation still in progress
 - Topology changes
 - Capacitors controls
 - Regulators controls



Results of testing and validation: Cyme Converter

National Grid Load Forecast (LGF) Study

- 15 year load growth projection
- Analysis is updated annually
- 2021 LGF done w/DOE GridLAB-D
- 2022 LGF done w/HiPAS GridLAB-D
- Converted ~2000 Cyme feeders
- Used built-in Cyme converter
- Included weather and solar PV

Results of National Grid LGF Study

- Generated HiPAS GridLAB-D models
- 97.5% success unsupervised conversion
- 2.5% required manual intervention
 - Cyme network model errors
 - Cyme load model errors
 - Cyme-GridLAB model mismatches
- Validated based on energy consumption relative to 2021 within load growth

Result of testing and validation

Tariff Design

Solution speed

- 100 homes
- 1 year billing simulation at 1hr timestep
- 10 min (vs. 45 sec for non-billing run)

Accuracy

- 1 house
- 1 month billing simulation
- No measurable error

Electrification

Solution speed

- 90 homes
- 1 year billing simulation at 1hr timestep
- 10.3s

Accuracy

- 1 house
- 1 month electrification simulation
- N/A

Results of testing and validation: Resilience

Docker in-house testing

Pole Analysis Validation w/Spidacalc

- Single pole analysis 4.3 sec
- Five poles 7.4 sec

Southern California Edison

Evaluation currently underway

- Bulk pole analysis
- Pole analysis with network
- Vegetation contact w/incident training
- PSPS analysis pending

Upcoming evaluations

EPB (Chattanooga, Tennessee)

- Deploying GRIP on HiPAS (w/OpenFIDO)
- Pole analysis
- Vegetation contact
- Additional analytics for climate change resilience upon development.

Results from testing and validation: Lessons Learned

Requirements

- Use-cases evolve quickly
- Data for use-cases is hard to find
- Vendors can be uncooperative/resistant
- Need standard approach to validation
- Need legal framework for data sharing

Implementation

- Dependencies across tools is challenging
- Python changes/updates frequent issue
- Utilities need more rapid tool deployment
- Utilities need time to validate tools
- Utilities rather host code than share data
- Security compliance not part of CI/CD

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Developer and user training

Developer Documentation

- Online documentation browser (done)
- Contribution policy (done)
- Build system documentation (done)
- Validation system documentation (done)
- AWS deployment documentation (done)
- Docker deployment documentation (done)

Training Videos

- Developer training videos (8/12 done)
(<http://tutorials.gridlabd.us>)

Use-case Documentation

Templates

- Hosting capacity (done)
- Tariff design (done)
- Electrification (done)
- Resilience (done)

Subcommands and Tools

- Loadshape (done)
- Weather (done)
- OpenFIDO link (done)
- Census (done)
- Address (done)
- Cyme extract (done)

Benefits and Technology Transfer

Benefits Evaluation

- Joint reporting coming in December

Linux Foundation Energy

- Adopted HiPAS GridLAB-D July 2022
- Technical Steering Committee
 - TSC Members identified
- Meeting scheduled for Nov

Next steps

Task 4 - Performance Analysis

- Release Candidate 2 (Mar 2023)
- Performance Analysis CPR Report (Nov 2022)

Task 5 - Integrated Production Release

- Final Production Release Presentation (Mar 2023)

Task 5.1 - Support Release Production (Ongoing)

Task 5.2 - Final Product Documentation (Mar 2023)

Task 5.3 - Final Release Product (Mar 2023)

Task 6 - Evaluation of Project Benefits

Included in final report (Dec 2022)

Task 7 - Technology Transfer

- First TSC meeting planned for Nov 2022
 - Formal creation on NP/LLC
 - Product name
 - Roadmap and technical agenda/plan

Questions / Discussion

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