

# OpenDSS

## Interfaces and applications

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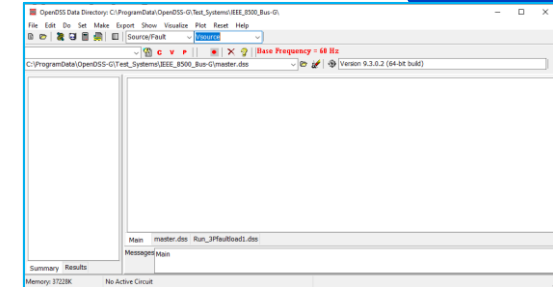
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# OpenDSS flavors

# User Interfaces

- A **stand-alone executable** program that provides a text-based interface (multiple windows)
- An **in-process COM server** (for Windows) that supports driving the simulator from user-written programs.
- A **direct DLL** interface that mimics the COM interface
  - For non-Windows platforms, such as HPCs
  - For programming languages that do not support COM or are not efficient at supporting COM



# User Interfaces



OpenDSS-G

*Electrical equipment described using frontal panels to emulate the console of the equipment on the terrain to mimic the real device*

*Graphical aids for situation awareness to describe the system functional status intuitively*

*Descriptive curves that can be easily linked to devices using graphical aids*

*Electrical behavior and features of the electrical equipment described and linked to models using graphical aids*

*Control algorithms described by using intuitive shapes for configuring advanced control routines*

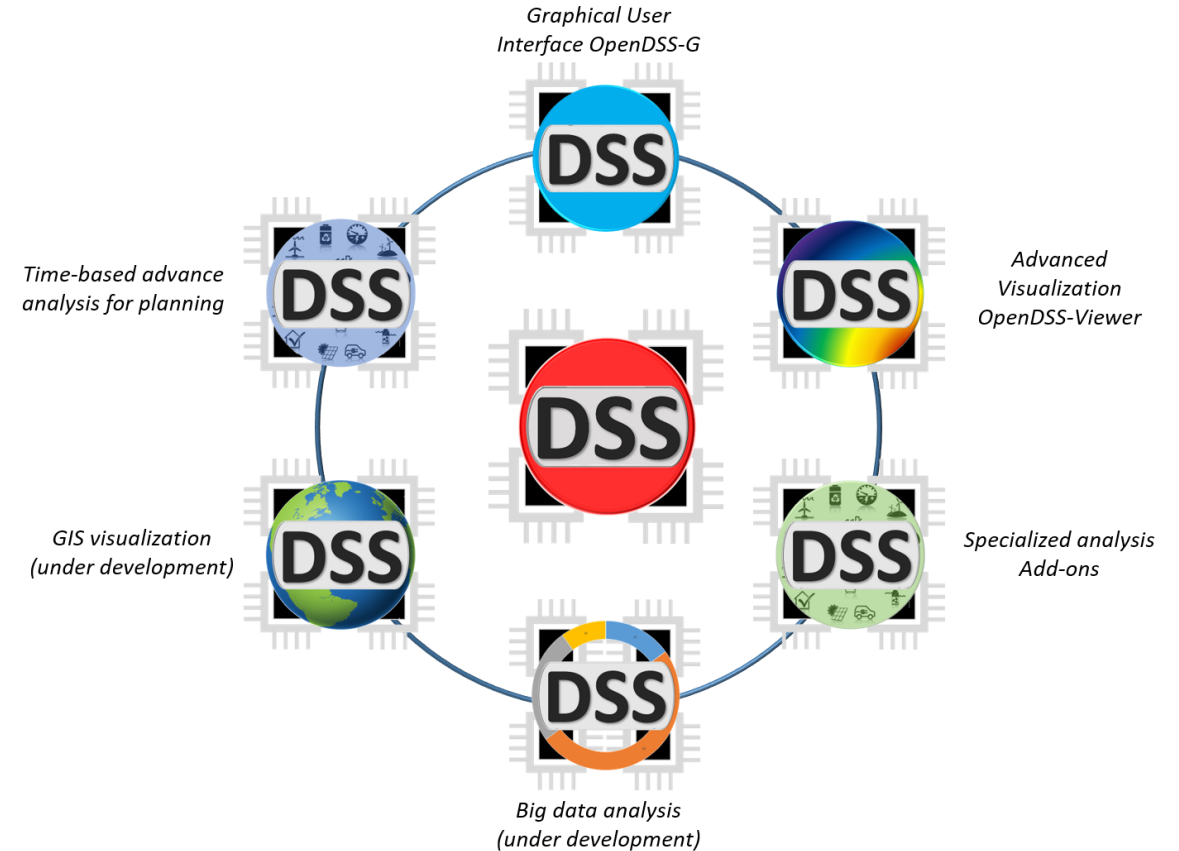
*Advanced metering representation for showing the simulated power system status and situation*

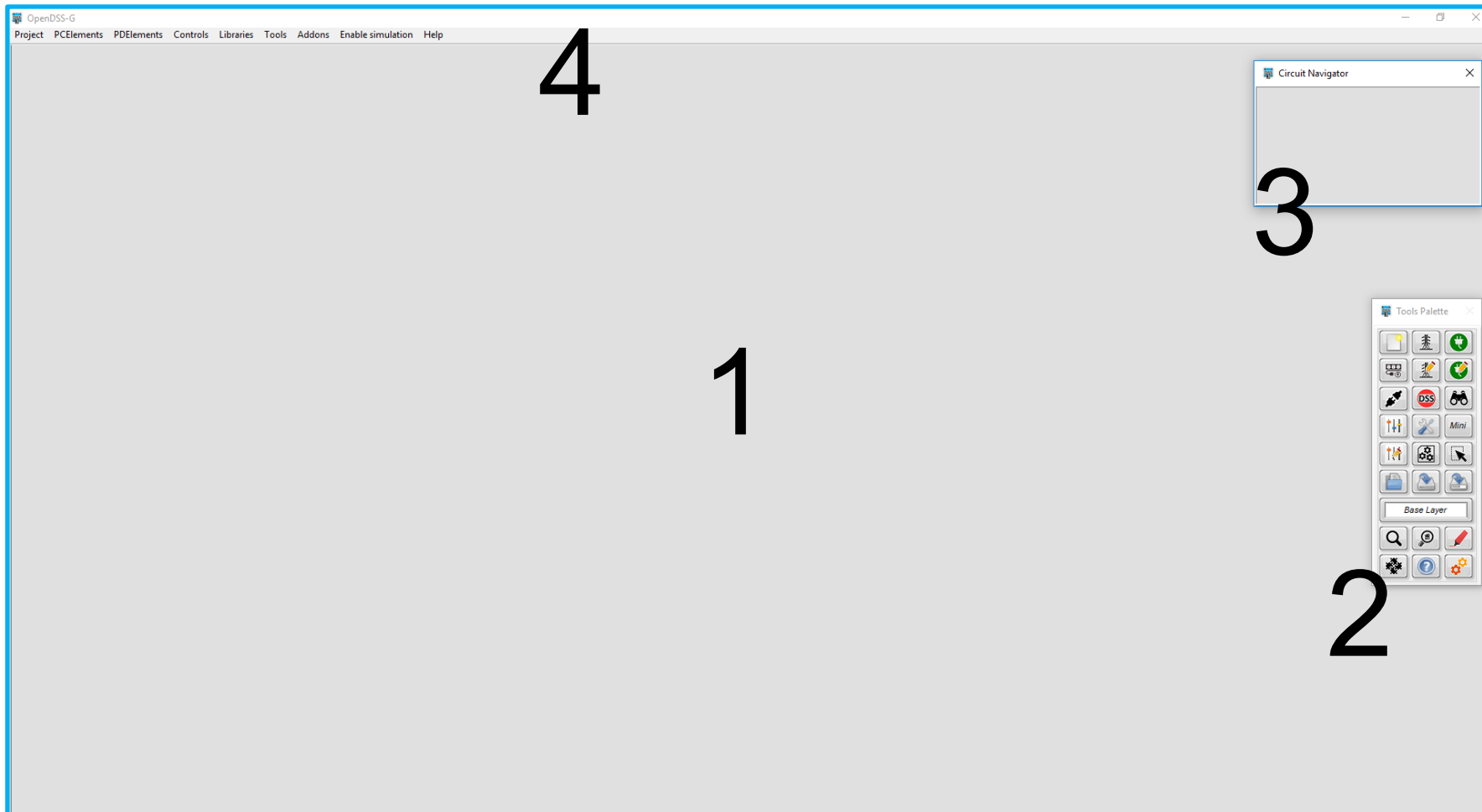
*Detailed description of electrical components supported with live 3D representations as feedback for the planner*

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGe58SDH3lq-EGvnxEOuWaQ>

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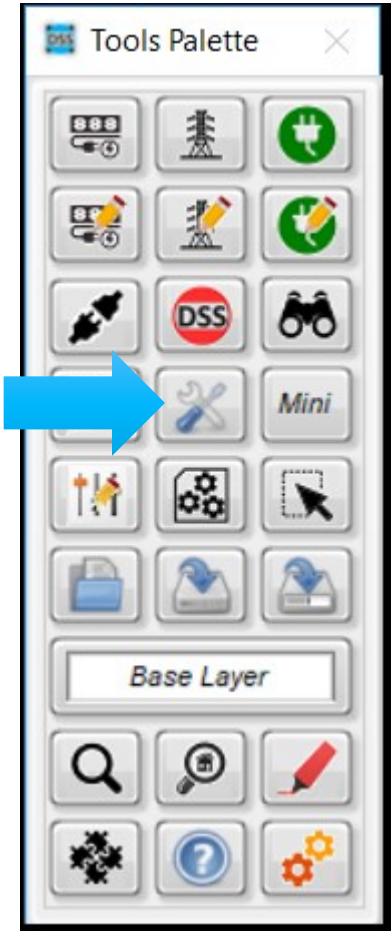
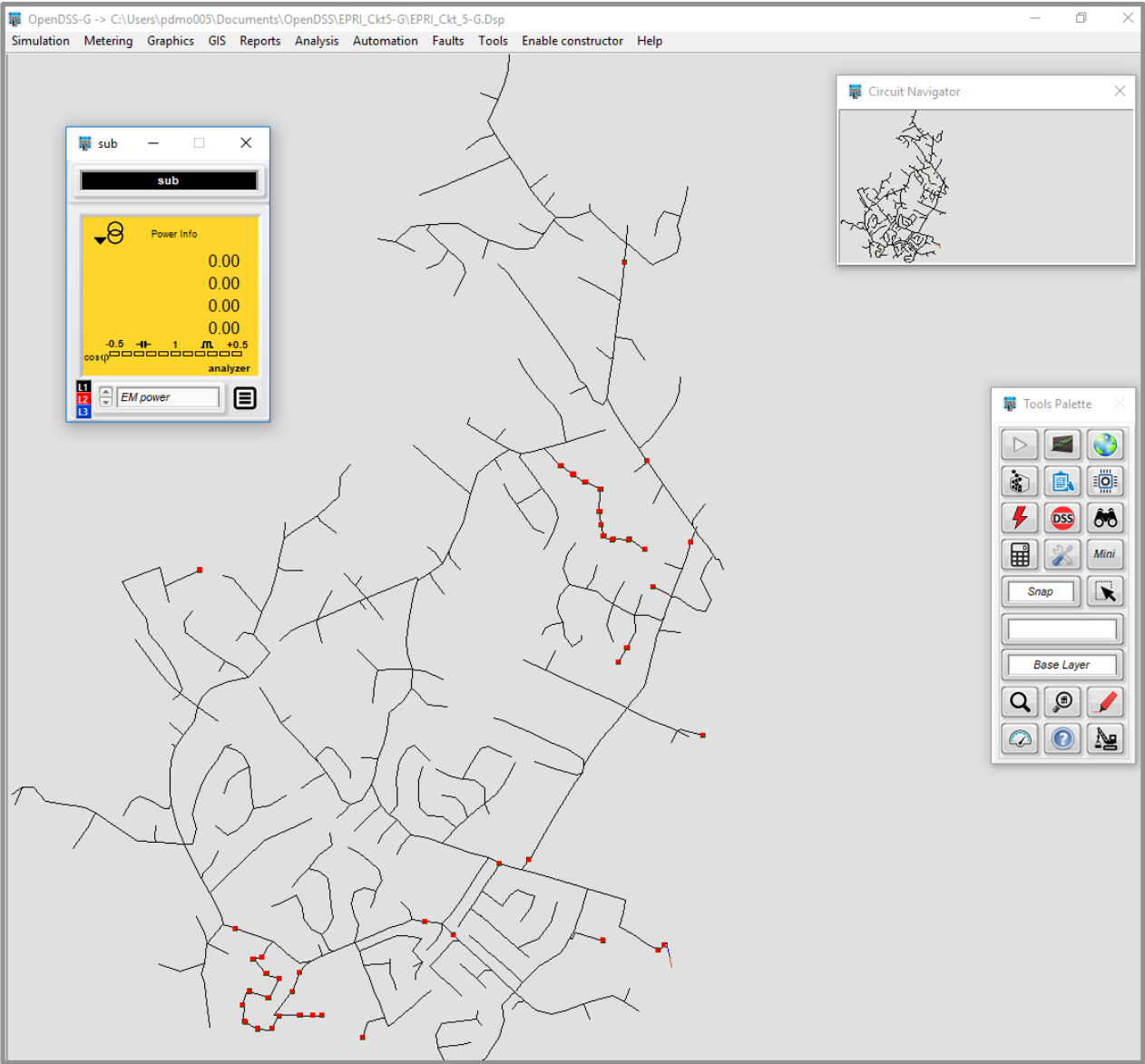
- It is a graphical interface for OpenDSS
- Provides the same functionalities using graphical objects
- Provides additional functionalities using the integrated TCP server
- Cooperates with other applications within the OpenDSS tool suite
- Integrates automation objects and routines to ramp up the OpenDSS learning curve





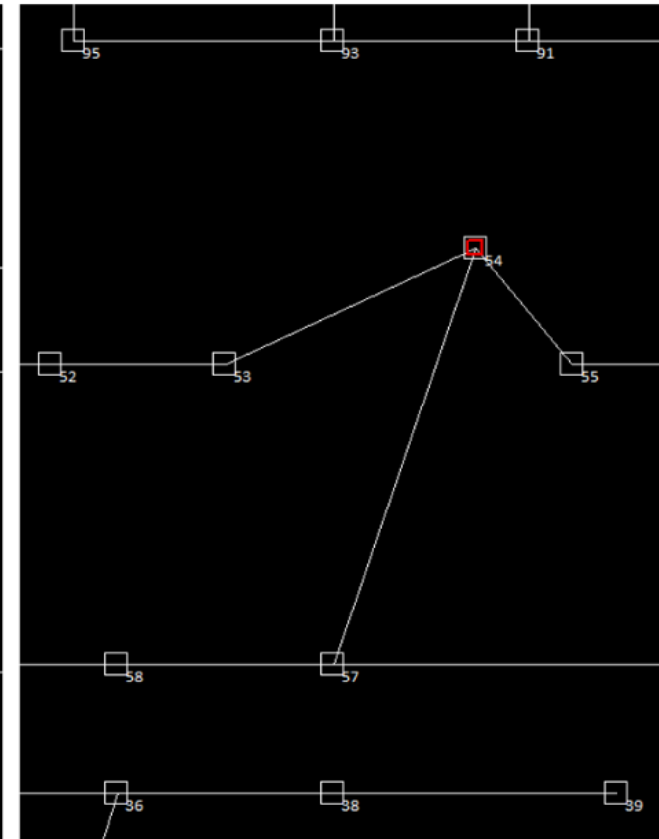
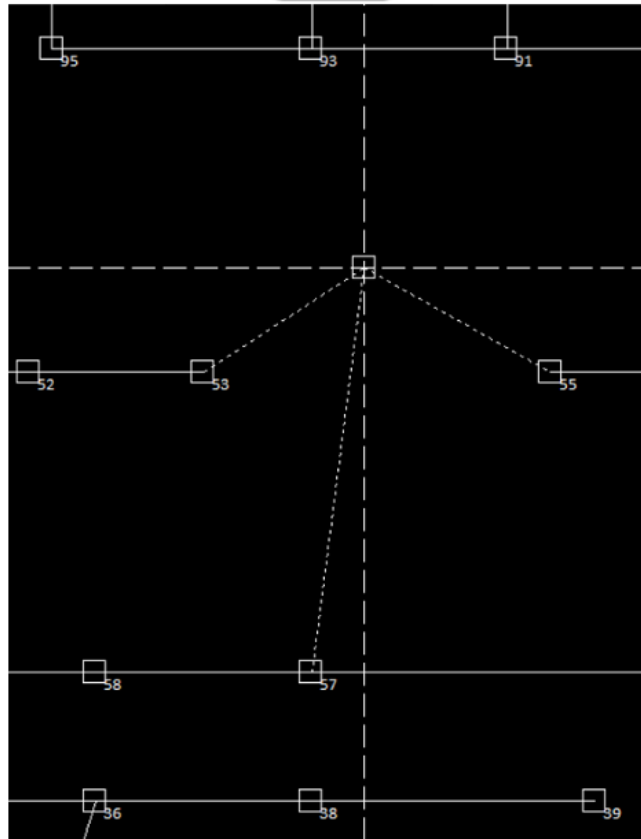
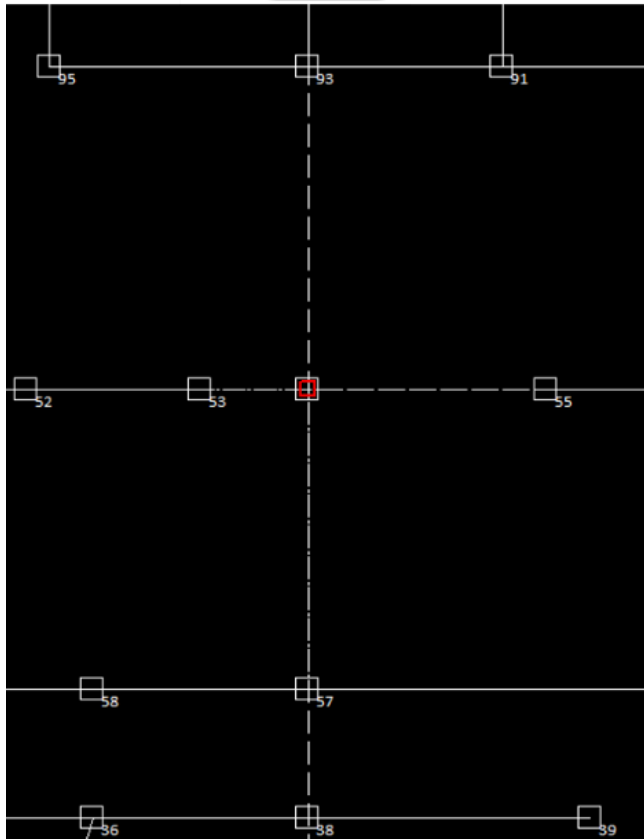
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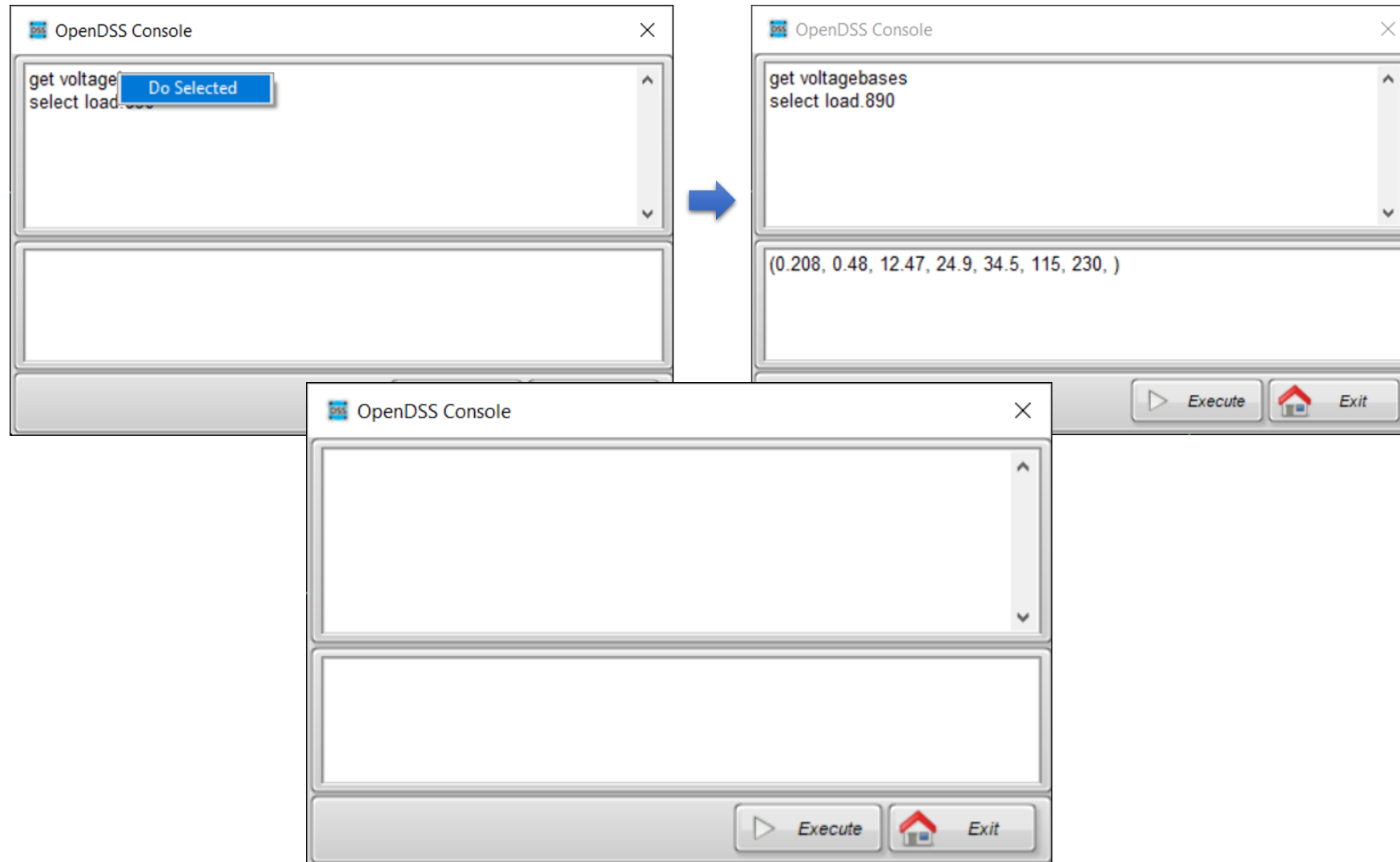




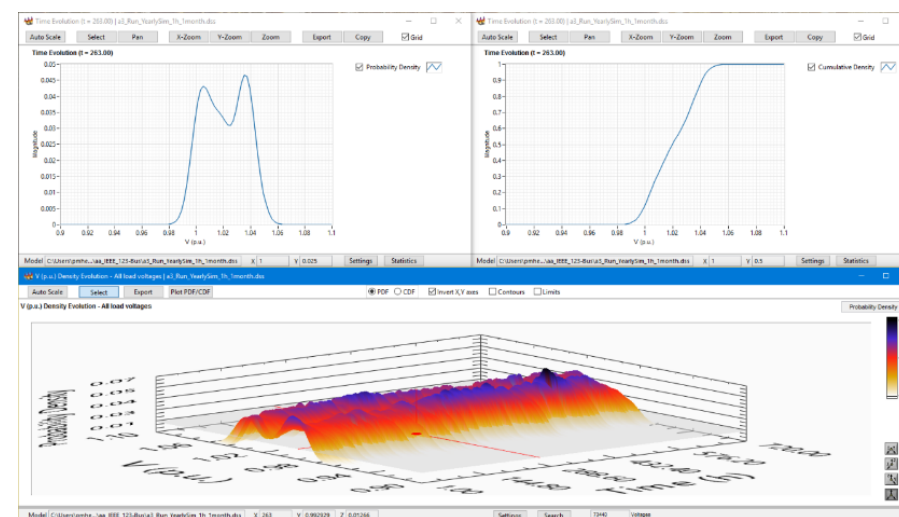
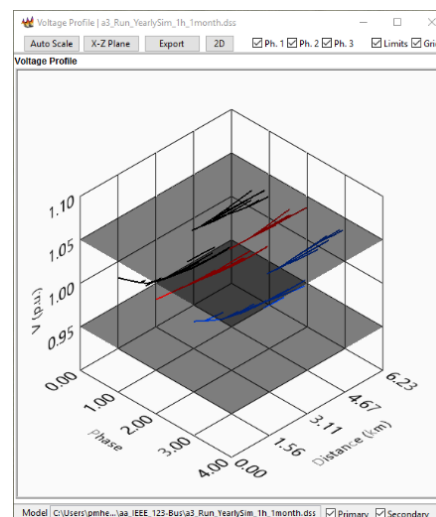
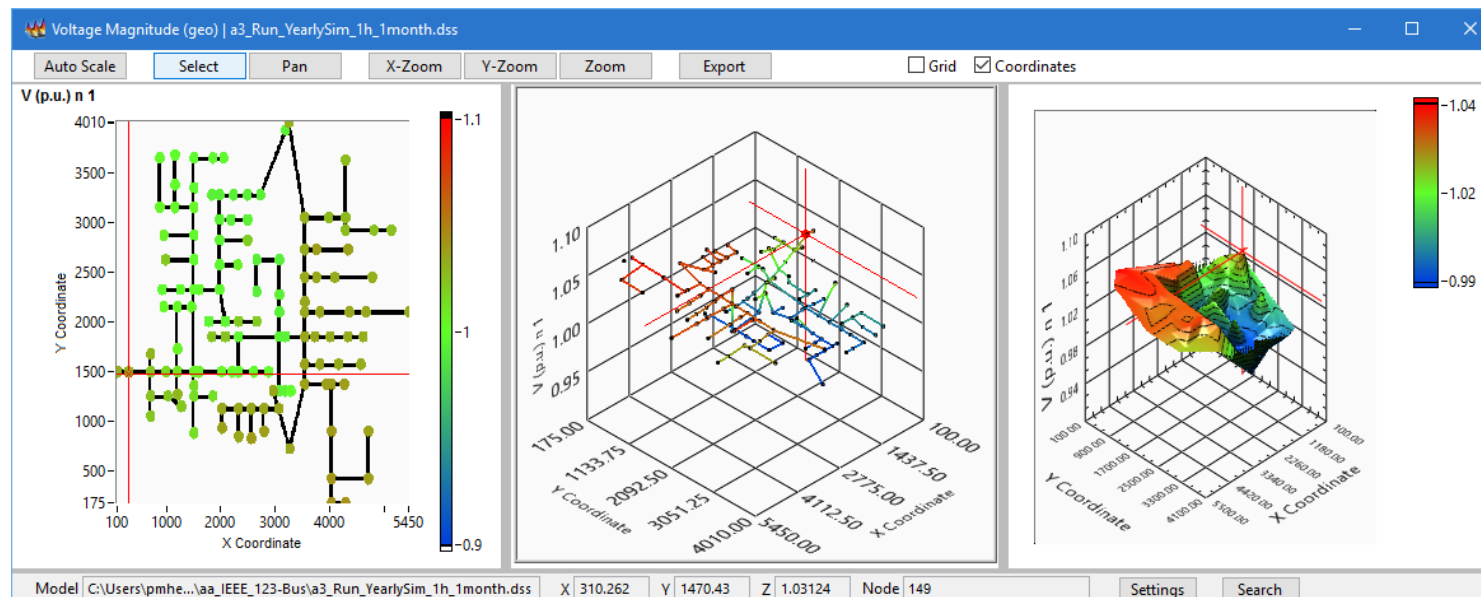
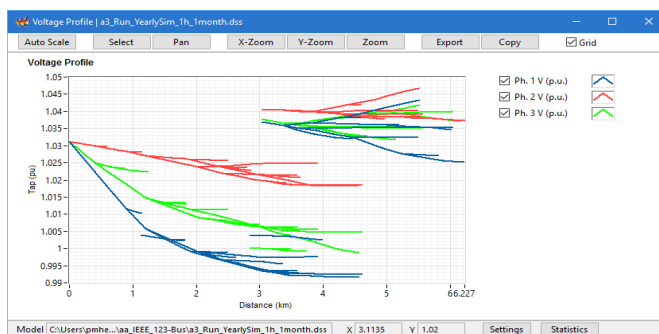
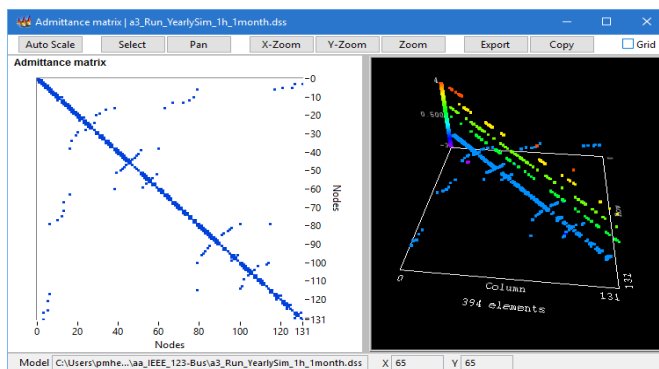
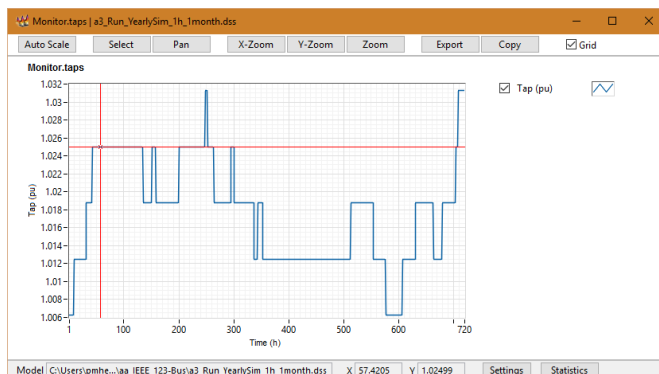
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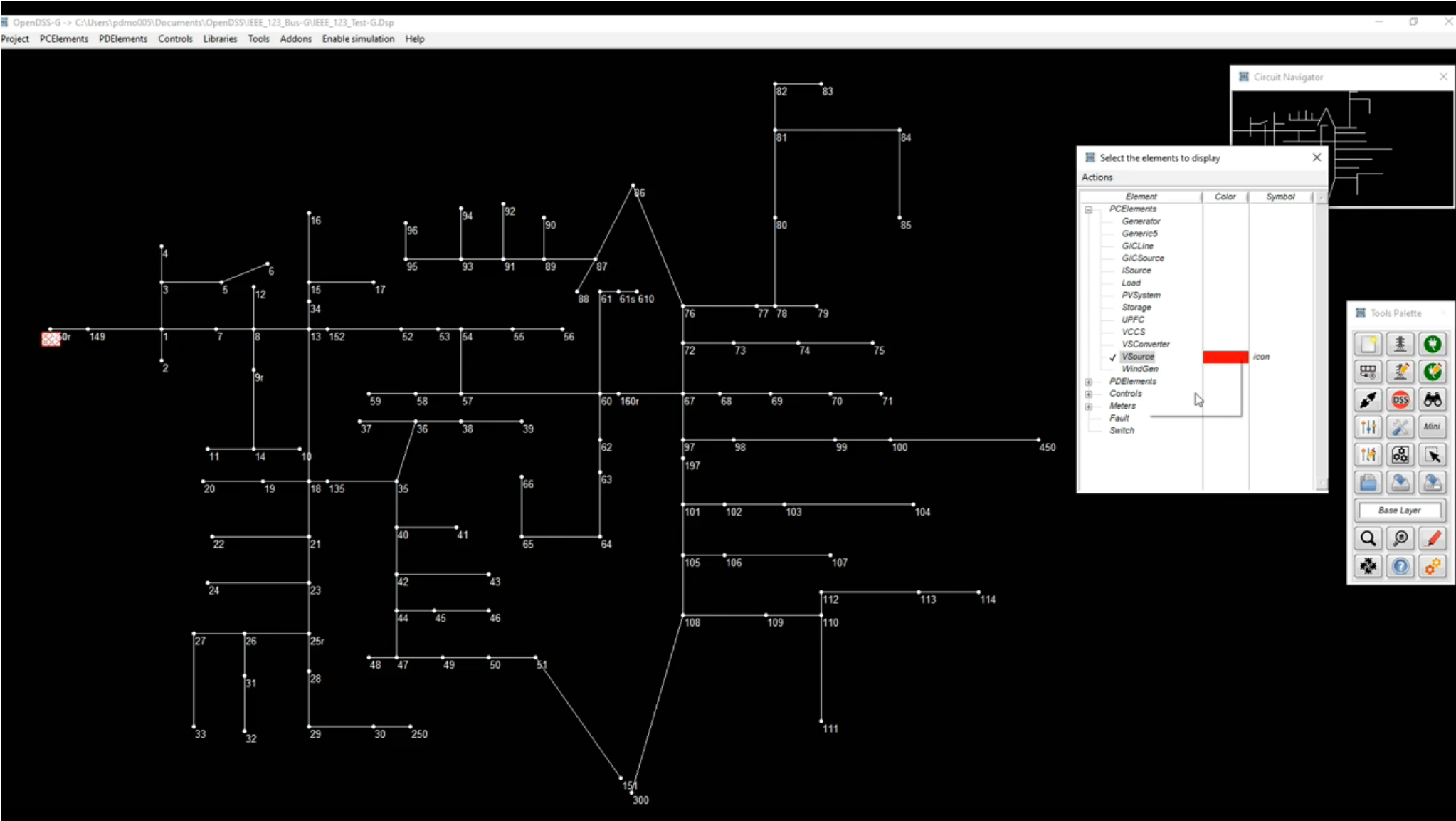


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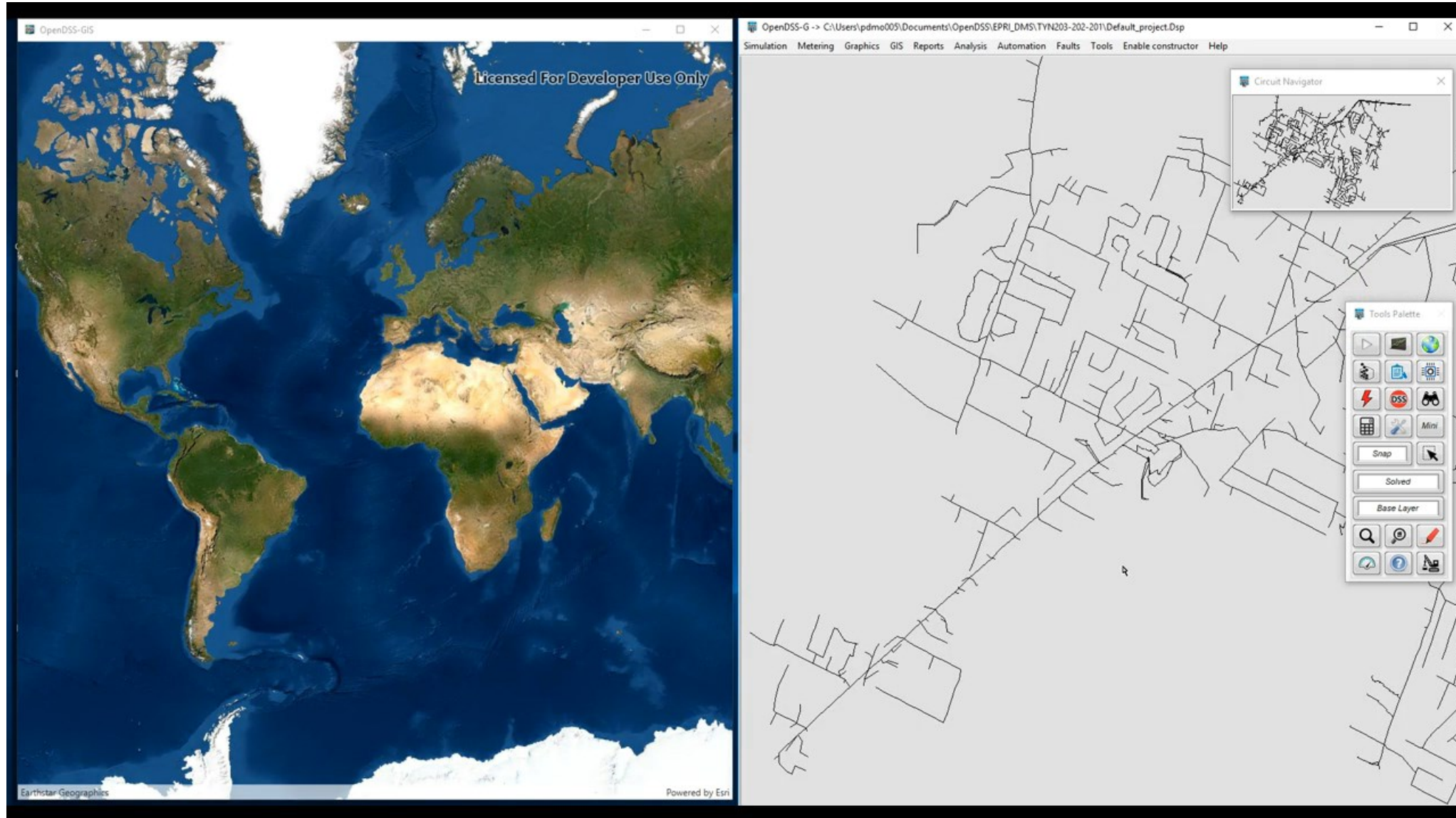


# Complementary Tools

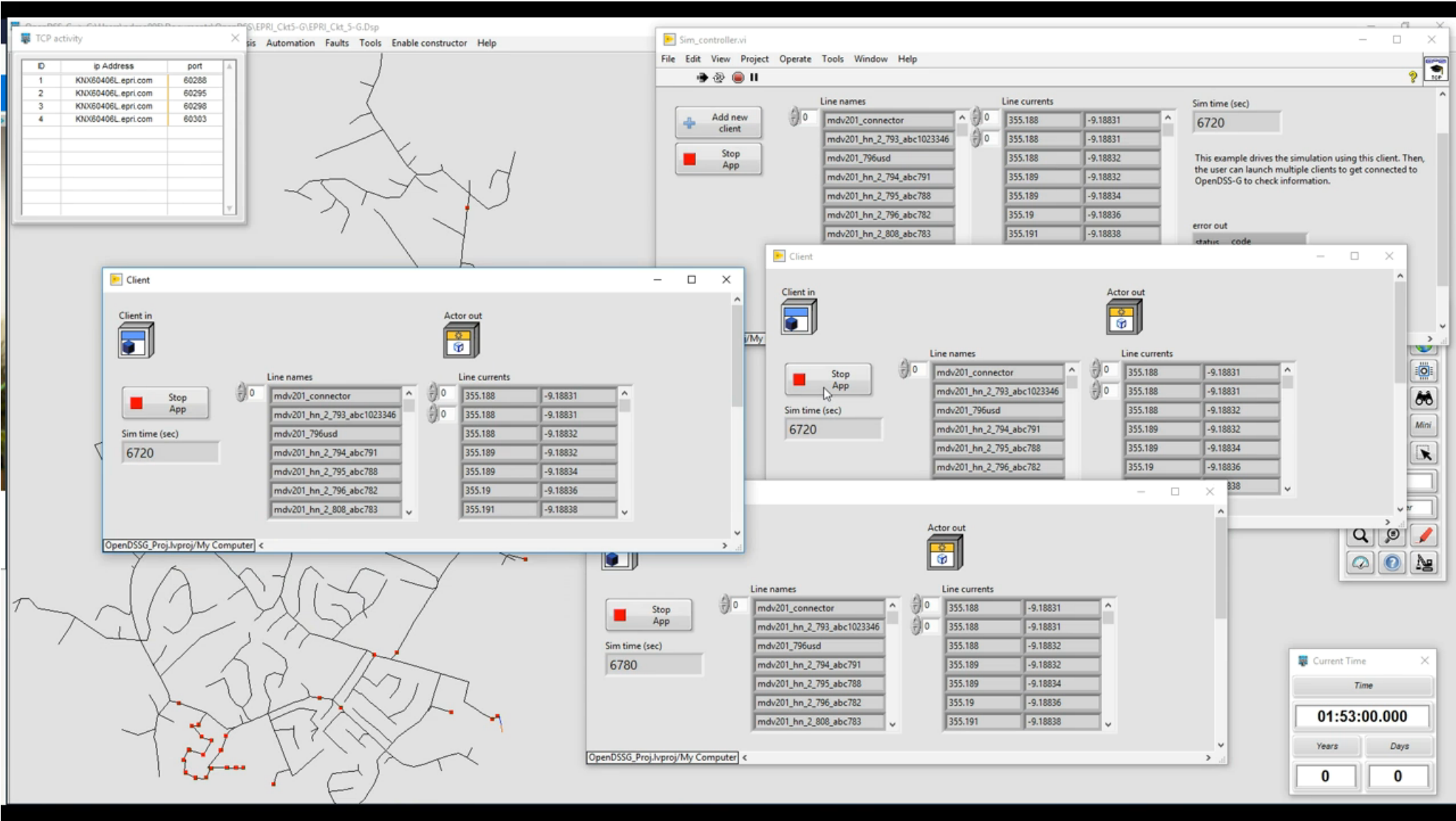




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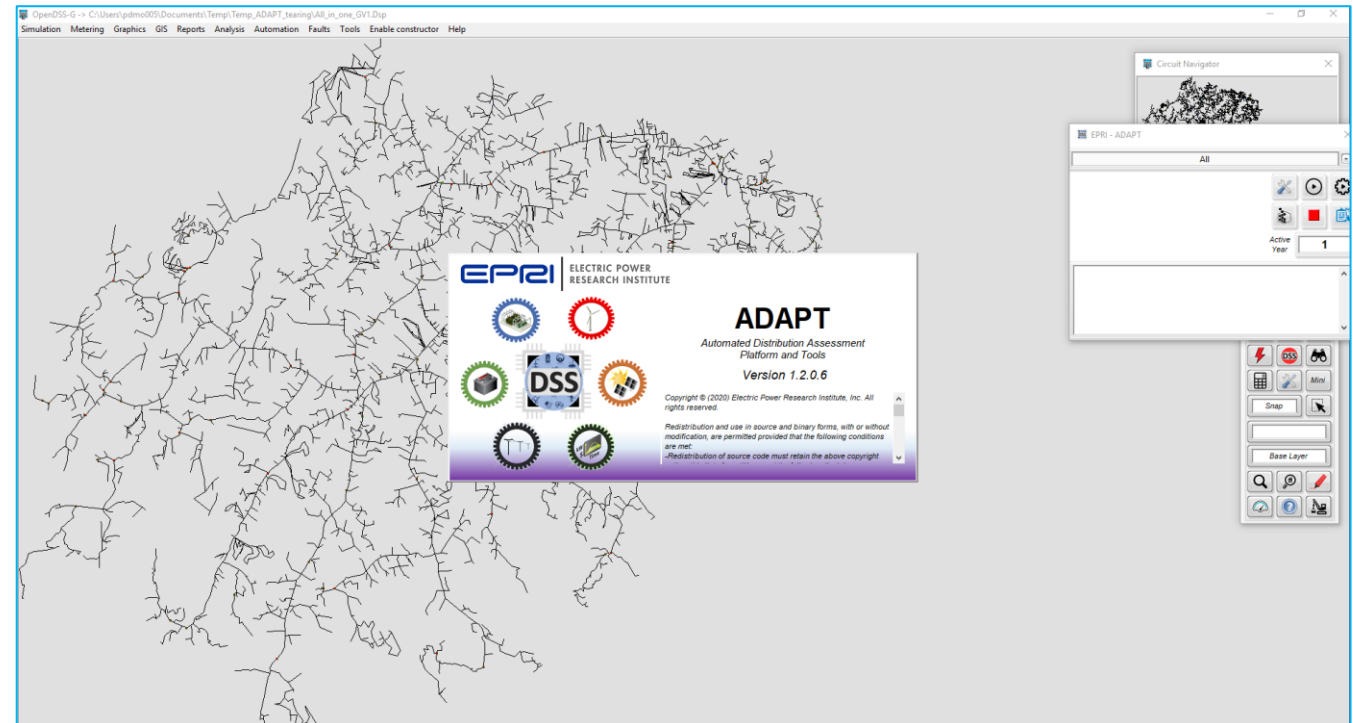
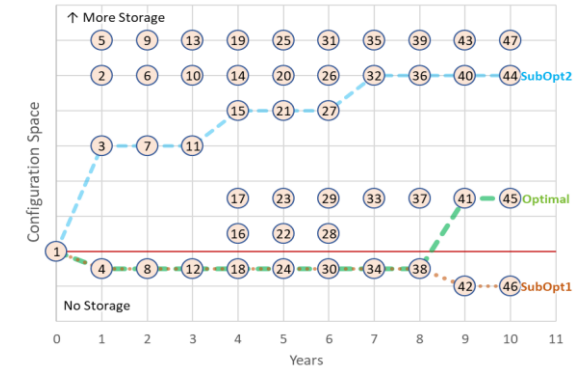
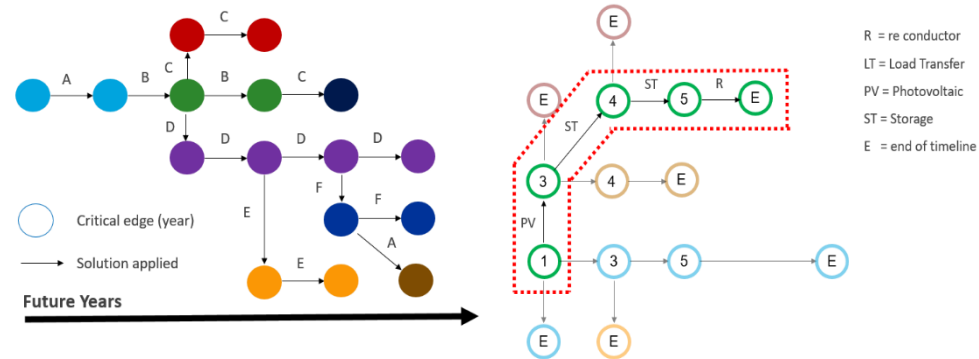
# Applications

# Automated distribution assessment & planning tools

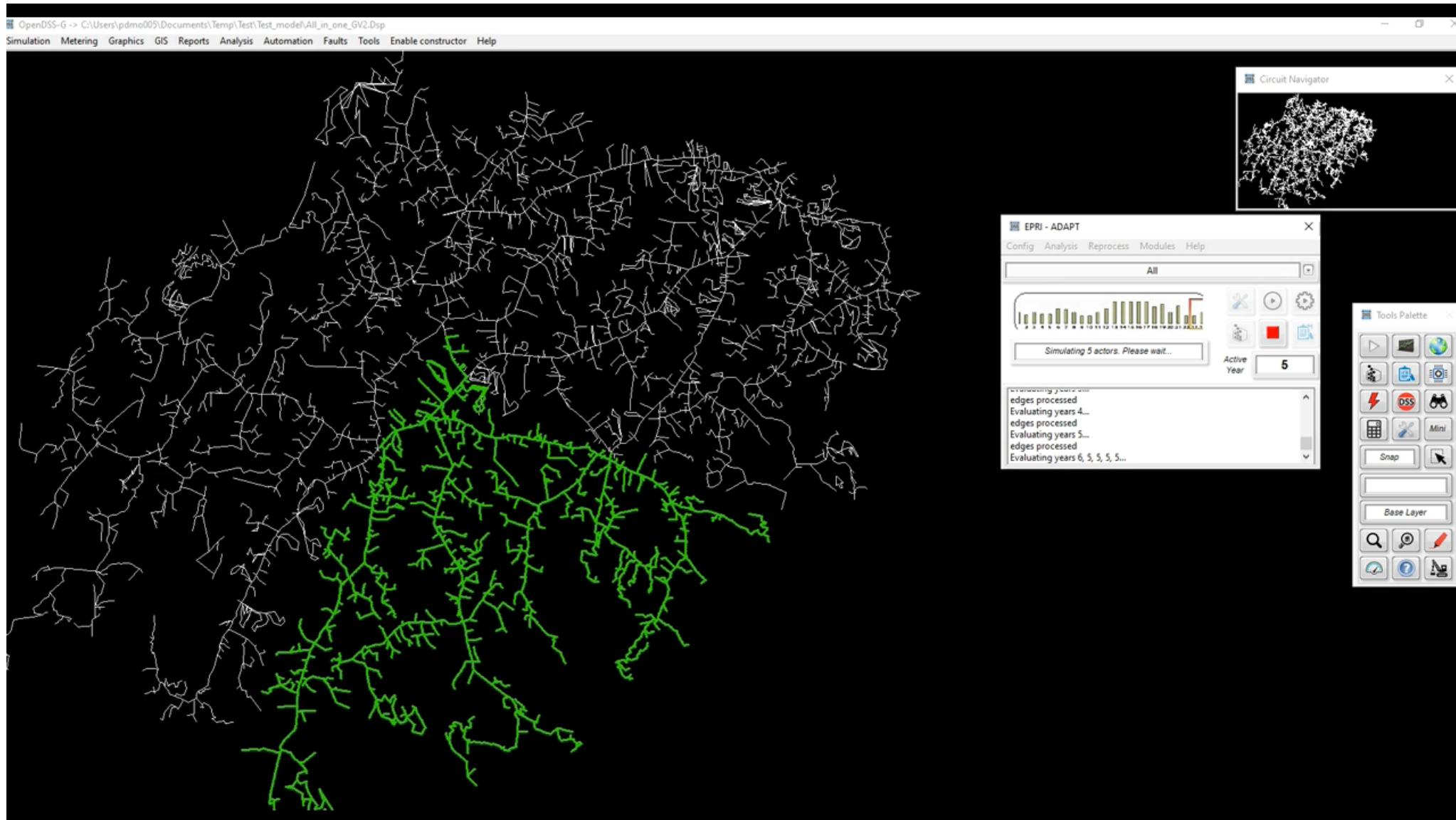


## ADAPT

Enable distribution planners to effectively account for the dynamics introduced by NWA, more effectively evaluate NWA versus traditional solutions, as well as identify optimal deployment strategies.

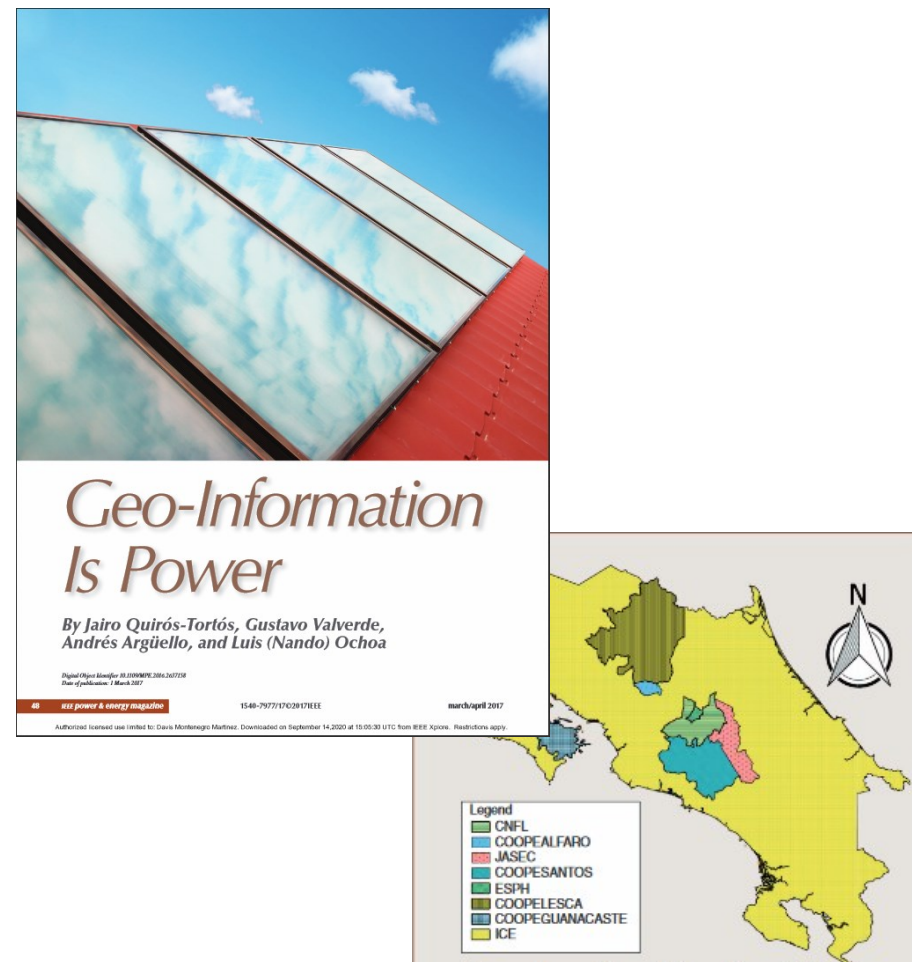






# Identifying Physical Threats to Power Systems Using GIS and Satellite Imagery

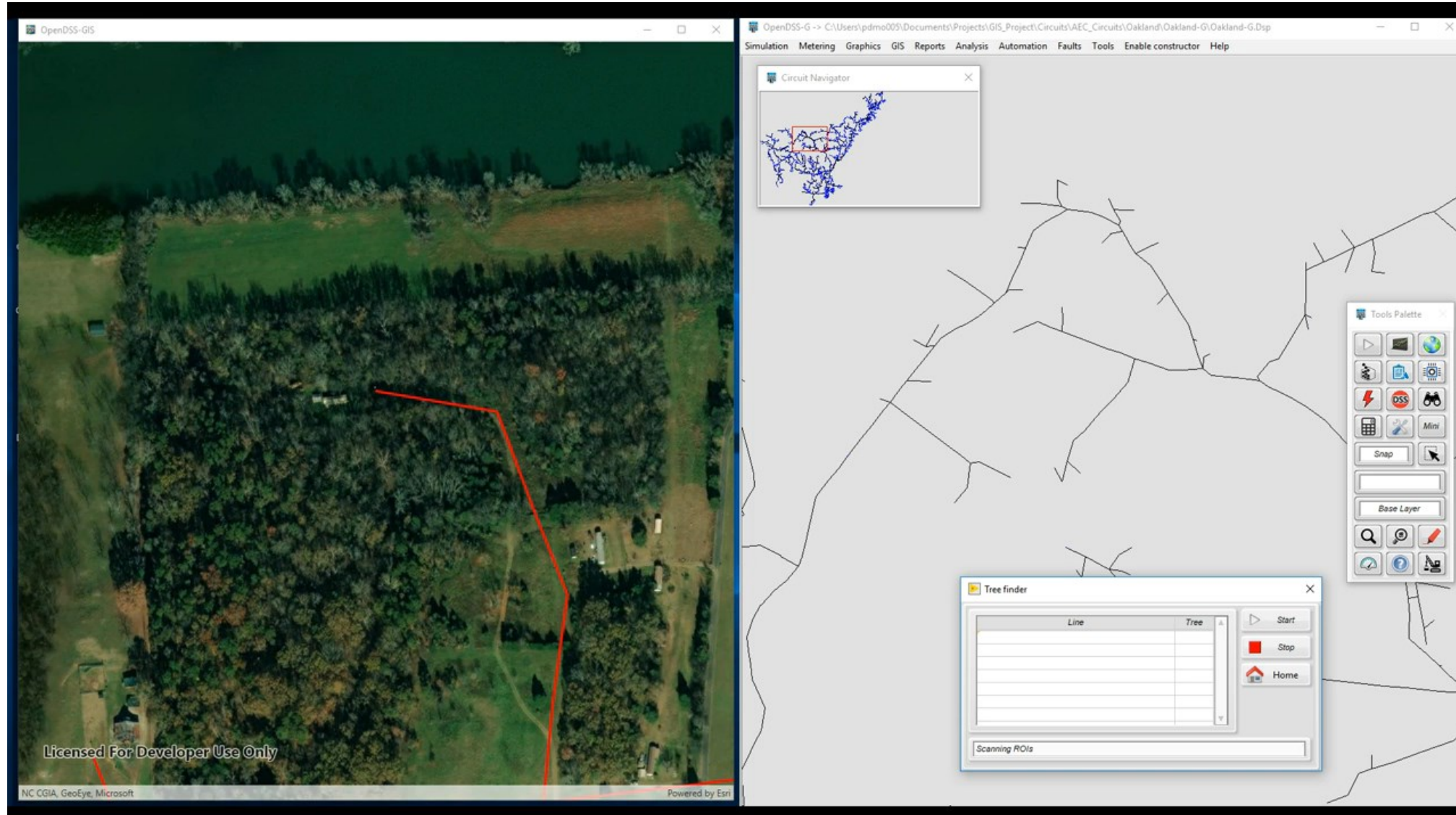
The electric utility industry is moving toward a competitive environment and having accurate information about system performance will facilitate that maintenance and grid modernization dollars are spent wisely and that customer expectations are met [1].



[1] [http://www.egr.unlv.edu/~eebag/Reliability\\_Indices\\_for\\_Uutilities.pdf](http://www.egr.unlv.edu/~eebag/Reliability_Indices_for_Uutilities.pdf)

Application of Image Processing Algorithms to Improve Predictive Reliability Assessments: Identifying physical threats using GIS and Satellite imagery. EPRI, Palo Alto, CA: 2020. 3002018884.

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