### controller\_usage\_demonstration

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This Jupyter Notebook demonstrates how to enable the GridBallast controller for a load (a water heater or a zip load) in GridLAB-D by feeding the simulator a stored grid frequency time series contained in an external file.

To run this notebook, please make sure you are in a UNIX based environment and have all the necessary python packages installed (plotly, matplotlib, numpy, pandas).

```
In [48]: !ls
```

```
controller_usage_demonstration.ipynb smSingle_base.glm
                                     smSingle_lenient_freq.glm
correct_path.sh
                                     smSingle_strict_freq.glm
fan1.csv
fan2_base.csv
                                     smSingle_strict_freq_jitter300.glm
fan2_lenient_freq.csv
                                     smSingle_strict_freq_jitter60.glm
fan2_strict_freq.csv
                                     smSingle_strict_freq_jitter600.glm
fan2_strict_freq_jitter300.csv
                                     wh1_base.csv
fan2_strict_freq_jitter60.csv
                                     wh1_lenient_freq.csv
fan2_strict_freq_jitter600.csv
                                     wh1_strict_freq.csv
frequency.PLAYER
                                     wh1_strict_freq_jitter300.csv
hot_water_demand.glm
                                     wh1_strict_freq_jitter60.csv
local_gd
                                     wh1_strict_freq_jitter600.csv
smSingle.glm
```

The gridlab-d binary file is stored within **local\_gd** directory along with libraries. We need to re-configure the path for GridLAB-D such that the binary can locate the path of the library. If you are using macOS, please make sure you have installed the GNU version of sed, e.g.,

```
brew install gnu-sed
```

Or you can run ./correct\_path.sh script to correct the path.

```
In [50]: !local_gd/bin/gridlabd --version
```

The above listed **local\_gd/bin/gridlabd** is the binary version of the gridlab-d software with controlling functionality. In addition to that, we have **.glm** files and generated **.csv** files. We also have a **frequency.PLAYER** containing the 1-second resolution frequency information.

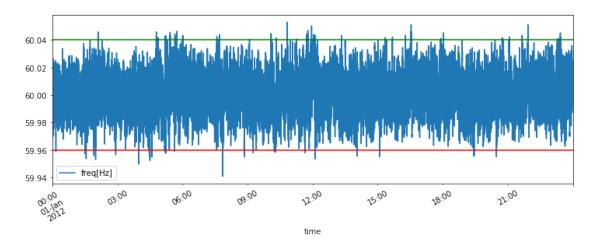
The version of the gridlab-d binary file and the content of the frequency.PLAYER can be seen below.

If the version of the gridlab-d does not work, we can disable the comments below and run the command to compile the source and install the gridlab-d to the machine.

```
In [51]: # %%bash
         # cd ~
         # git clone -b feature/730 https://github.com/jingkungao/gridlab-d.git
         # cd gridlab-d
         # cd third_party
         # chmod +x install_xercesc
         # . install_xercesc
         # tar -xvf cppunit-1.12.0.tar.qz
         # cd cppunit-1.12.0
         # ./configure LDFLAGS="-ldl"
         # make
         # sudo make install
         # cd ../..
         # autoreconf -isf
         # ./configure
         # make
         # sudo make install
In [52]: !head -5 frequency.PLAYER
2012-01-01 00:00:00 EST,59.9769
2012-01-01 00:00:01 EST,59.9763
2012-01-01 00:00:02 EST,59.9715
2012-01-01 00:00:03 EST,59.9714
2012-01-01 00:00:04 EST,59.972
```

We can further plot the frequency data to get a better sense of it.

Out[54]: <matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x10bf59860>



Next, we will run **local\_gd/bin/gridlabd** on different **.glm** files and plot the outputs showing the difference with and without controllers.

We start with running **smSingle\_base.glm**, which is almost same as the original **smSingle.glm** provided by NRECA to us with the main difference being that we changed the simulation clock and added a recoreder for waterheater1 at the end.

#### 1 Base case

We begin with the same circuit provided by NRECA (smSingle.glm), and modify it slightly as follows:

- We change the simulation time to match the time of **frequency.PLAYER** and add a recorder to record the waterheater measurements and the ZIP load measurements (in this case, a fan). Note that we record data for waterheater1 as an example but it could be used for any waterheater.
- We also set the timestep to 1 second instead of 60 seconds.
- For a more realistic water draw schedule, we include a **hot\_water\_demand.glm** which exhibits typical the weekday and weekend water demand usage patterns.

Below we illustrate some of those changes made to the glm file:

```
In [55]: # from 2012-01-01 to 2012-01-02
         !head -9 smSingle_base.glm
clock {
        timezone PST+8PDT;
        starttime '2012-01-01 00:00:00';
        stoptime '2012-01-02 00:00:00';
};
#include "hot_water_demand.glm";
#set minimum_timestep=1;
In [56]: # record data for waterheater1 and fan2(zipload) at 1s resolution
         !tail -14 smSingle_base.glm
object recorder {
        interval 1;
        property base_power;
        file fan2_base.csv;
        parent fan2;
};
object recorder {
        interval 1;
        property measured_frequency,temperature,actual_load,is_waterheater_on,water_demand;
                // current_tank_status, waterheater_model, heatgain, power_state;
        file wh1_base.csv;
        parent waterheater1;
};
   We are now ready to run a simulation with the base case (no control).
In [57]: # run the gridlabd.bin to start the simulation
         !local_gd/bin/gridlabd smSingle_base.glm
WARNING [INIT]: waterheater::init(): height and diameter were not specified, defaulting to 3.
```

## Core profiler results

Total objects	35 objects
Parallelism	1 thread
Total time	20.0 seconds
Core time	2.4 seconds (12.1%)
Compiler	1.1 seconds (5.7%)
Instances	0.0 seconds (0.0%)
Random variables	0.0 seconds (0.0%)
Schedules	0.0 seconds (0.0%)
Loadshapes	0.0 seconds (0.2%)
Enduses	0.0 seconds (0.1%)
Transforms	0.2 seconds (0.8%)
Model time	17.6 seconds/thread (87.9%)
Simulation time	1 days
Simulation speed	42 object.hours/second
Passes completed	86401 passes
Time steps completed	86401 timesteps
Convergence efficiency	1.00 passes/timestep
Read lock contention	0.0%
Write lock contention	0.0%
Average timestep	1 seconds/timestep
Simulation rate	4320 x realtime

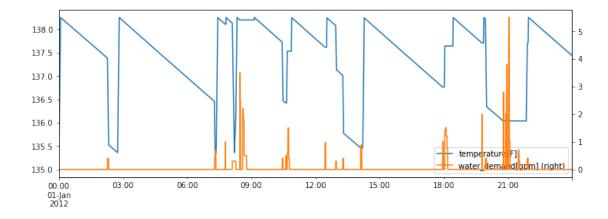
# Model profiler results

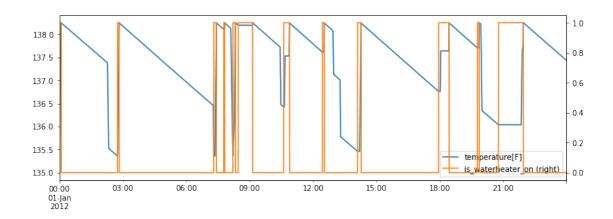
Class	Time (s)	Time (%)	msec/obj
node	10.731	61.0%	5365.5
recorder	1.149	6.5%	383.0
triplex_meter	1.008	5.7%	336.0
house	0.882	5.0%	441.0
ZIPload	0.833	4.7%	104.1
waterheater	0.697	4.0%	348.5
transformer	0.665	3.8%	332.5
triplex_line	0.584	3.3%	292.0
regulator	0.401	2.3%	401.0
triplex_node	0.341	1.9%	341.0
auction	0.185	1.1%	185.0
climate	0.103	0.6%	103.0
===========	=======	=======	=======
Total	17.579	100.0%	502.3

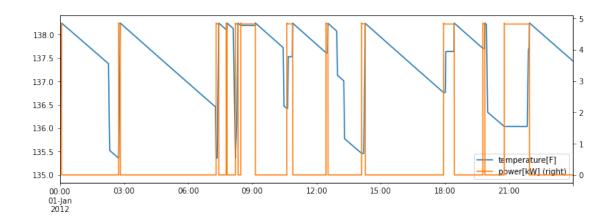
WARNING [2012-01-02 00:00:00 PST] : last warning message was repeated 1 times

Now, we plot the generated waterheater data stored in **wh1\_base.csv** and **fan2\_base.csv** from the simulation.

Out[58]: <matplotlib.axes.\_subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x11ed26748>

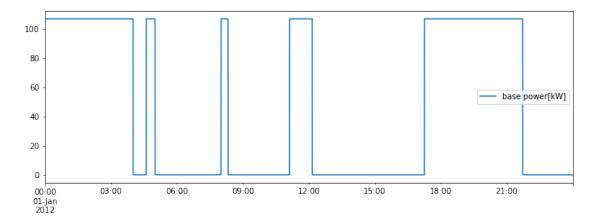






```
In [59]: # We can also plot the interactive version of the plot
         # during certain period
         def plotly_plotdf(df,title='Interactive plot of column variables'):
             if len(df)>20000:
                 print('Too many points, please reduce number of points!')
                 return
             data = []
             for i in df.columns:
                 trace = go.Scatter(
                     name = i,
                     x = df.index,
                     y = df[i]
                 data.append(trace)
             fig = go.Figure(
                 data = data,
                 layout = go.Layout(showlegend=True,
                                   title=title)
             iplot(fig)
In [60]: # we can toggle the variable to visualize each of them
         # uncomment when you are running IPython notebook
         # plotly_plotdf(df_base.resample('1min').mean())
In [61]: df_base_fan = pd.read_csv('fan2_base.csv',sep=',',header=8,
                          index_col=0,parse_dates=True,
                          infer_datetime_format=True,
                          names=['base power[kW]'])
         df_base_fan = df_base_fan*1000
         df_base_fan.plot(figsize=(12,4))
```





### 2 Lenient Frequency Control

To configure the GridBallast controller, we set specific properties of the waterheater object in the glm file. The properties corresponding to the controller include:

- enable\_freq\_control [boolean]
- freq\_lowlimit [float]
- freq\_uplimit [float]
- enable\_jitter [boolean]
- average\_delay\_time [integer]

For this test we modify waterheater 1 and fan 2 to enable the frequency control and set a wide frequency dead-band (59.9Hz - 60.1Hz). We expect the GridBallast controller to be rarely triggered.

```
In [62]: !head -611 smSingle_lenient_freq.glm|tail -21
object waterheater {
    schedule_skew -810;
    water_demand weekday_hotwater*1;
    name waterheater1;
    parent house1;
    heating_element_capacity 4.8 kW;
    thermostat_deadband 2.9;
    location INSIDE;
    tank_volume 50;
    tank_setpoint 136.8;
    tank_UA 2.4;
    temperature 135;
    object player {
```

```
file frequency.PLAYER;
                property measured_frequency;
    };
        enable_freq_control true;
        freq_lowlimit 59.9;
        freq_uplimit 60.1;
        heat_mode ELECTRIC;
};
In [63]: !head -756 smSingle_lenient_freq.glm|tail -19
object ZIPload {
        name fan2;
        parent house2;
        power_fraction 0.013500;
        current_fraction 0.253400;
        base_power fan1*0.106899;
        impedance_pf 0.970000;
        current_pf 0.950000;
        power_pf -1.000000;
        impedance_fraction 0.733200;
        object player {
                file frequency.PLAYER;
                property measured_frequency;
        };
        enable_freq_control true;
        freq_lowlimit 59.9;
        freq_uplimit 60.1;
        groupid fan;
};
In [64]: # run the gridlabd.bin to start the simulation
         !local_gd/bin/gridlabd smSingle_lenient_freq.glm
WARNING [INIT]: waterheater::init(): height and diameter were not specified, defaulting to 3.
Core profiler results
_____
Total objects
                              37 objects
                               1 thread
Parallelism
Total time
                            20.0 seconds
  Core time
                            2.5 seconds (12.4%)
    Compiler
                            1.0 seconds (5.2%)
    Instances
                             0.0 \text{ seconds } (0.0\%)
    Random variables
                             0.0 \text{ seconds } (0.0\%)
```

0.0 seconds (0.0%)

Schedules

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Loadshapes
                             0.0 \text{ seconds } (0.2\%)
    Enduses
                             0.0 seconds (0.1%)
                             0.1 seconds (0.7%)
    Transforms
 Model time
                            17.5 seconds/thread (87.6%)
Simulation time
                                1 days
Simulation speed
                               44 object.hours/second
Passes completed
                            86401 passes
Time steps completed
                            86401 timesteps
Convergence efficiency
                             1.00 passes/timestep
Read lock contention
                             0.0%
Write lock contention
                            0.0%
Average timestep
                               1 seconds/timestep
                           4320 x realtime
Simulation rate
```

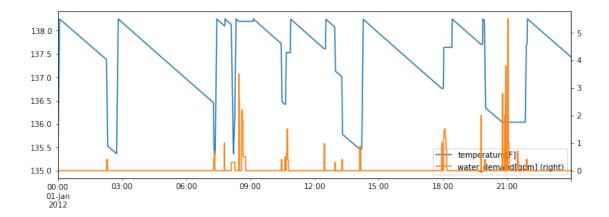
## Model profiler results

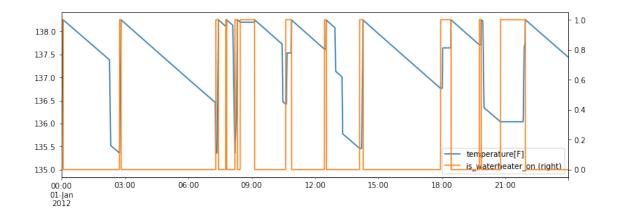
Class	Time (s)	Time (%)	msec/obj
node	10.066	57.5%	5033.0
triplex_meter	1.061	6.1%	353.7
recorder	1.045	6.0%	348.3
ZIPload	0.818	4.7%	102.2
house	0.813	4.6%	406.5
player	0.780	4.5%	390.0
waterheater	0.722	4.1%	361.0
triplex_line	0.631	3.6%	315.5
transformer	0.575	3.3%	287.5
regulator	0.379	2.2%	379.0
triplex_node	0.301	1.7%	301.0
auction	0.202	1.2%	202.0
climate	0.118	0.7%	118.0
	======		======
Total	17.511	100.0%	473.3

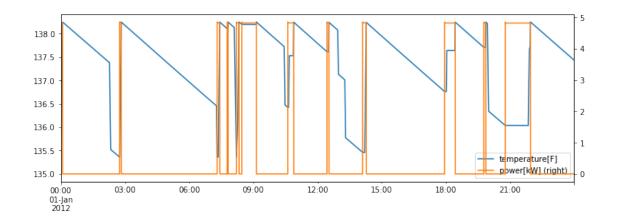
WARNING [2012-01-02 00:00:00 EST] : last warning message was repeated 1 times

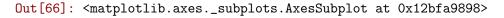
Now, we plot the generated waterheater data stored in **wh1\_lenient\_freq.csv** and **fan2\_lenient\_freq.csv** from the simulation.

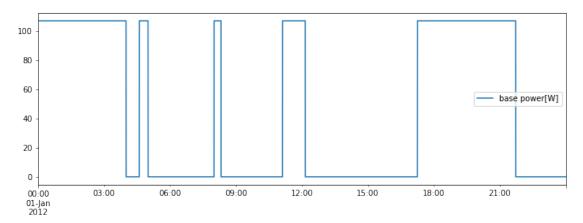
Out[65]: <matplotlib.axes.\_subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x129295b38>











#### 3 Strict Frequency Control

We modify waterheater 1 and fan 2 to enable the frequency control, but we impose a tighter frequency deadband (59.97Hz - 60.03Hz). In other words, the gridballast controller should be triggered very often.

```
In [67]: !head -611 smSingle_strict_freq.glm|tail -21
```

```
object waterheater {
        schedule_skew -810;
        water_demand weekday_hotwater*1;
        name waterheater1;
        parent house1;
        heating_element_capacity 4.8 kW;
        thermostat_deadband 2.9;
        location INSIDE;
        tank_volume 50;
        tank_setpoint 136.8;
        tank_UA 2.4;
        temperature 135;
        object player {
                file frequency.PLAYER;
                property measured_frequency;
        };
        enable_freq_control true;
        freq_lowlimit 59.97;
        freq_uplimit 60.03;
        heat_mode ELECTRIC;
};
In [68]: !head -756 smSingle_strict_freq.glm|tail -19
object ZIPload {
        name fan2;
        parent house2;
        power_fraction 0.013500;
        current_fraction 0.253400;
        base_power fan1*0.106899;
        impedance_pf 0.970000;
        current_pf 0.950000;
        power_pf -1.000000;
        impedance_fraction 0.733200;
        object player {
                file frequency.PLAYER;
                property measured_frequency;
        };
        enable_freq_control true;
        freq_lowlimit 59.97;
        freq_uplimit 60.03;
        groupid fan;
};
In [69]: # run the gridlabd.bin to start the simulation
         !local_gd/bin/gridlabd smSingle_strict_freq.glm
```

 $\hbox{WARNING} \quad \hbox{[INIT]} \; : \; \hbox{waterheater::init()} \; : \; \hbox{height and diameter were not specified, defaulting to 3.}$ 

#### Core profiler results

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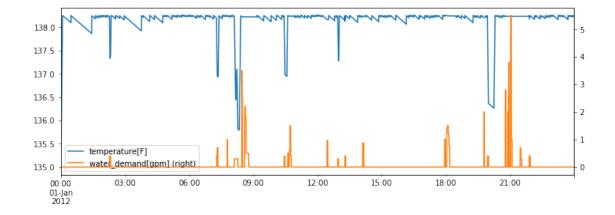
Total objects	37	objects	
Parallelism	1	thread	
Total time	23.0	seconds	
Core time	3.7	seconds (16.0%)	
Compiler	1.1	seconds (5.0%)	
Instances	0.0	seconds (0.0%)	
Random variables	0.0	seconds (0.0%)	
Schedules	0.0	seconds (0.0%)	
Loadshapes	0.0	seconds (0.1%)	
Enduses	0.0	seconds (0.2%)	
Transforms	0.2	seconds (1.0%)	
Model time	19.3	seconds/thread (84	1.0%)
Simulation time	1	days	
Simulation speed	39	object.hours/secon	ıd
Passes completed	86401	passes	
Time steps completed	86401	timesteps	
Convergence efficiency	1.00	passes/timestep	
Read lock contention	0.0%		
Write lock contention	0.0%		
Average timestep	1 s	seconds/timestep	
Simulation rate	3757 2	realtime	

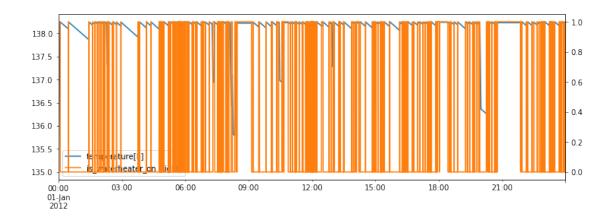
# Model profiler results

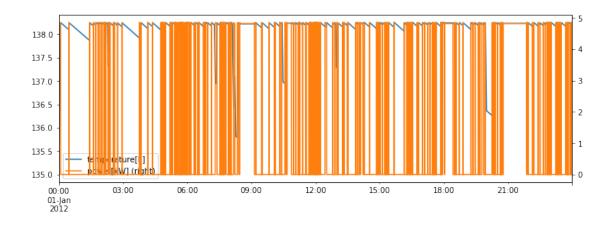
Class	Time (s)	Time (%)	msec/obj
node	11.418	59.1%	5709.0
triplex_meter	1.116	5.8%	372.0
recorder	1.069	5.5%	356.3
player	0.902	4.7%	451.0
ZIPload	0.867	4.5%	108.4
house	0.841	4.4%	420.5
waterheater	0.747	3.9%	373.5
transformer	0.675	3.5%	337.5
triplex_line	0.626	3.2%	313.0
regulator	0.414	2.1%	414.0
triplex_node	0.339	1.8%	339.0
auction	0.204	1.1%	204.0
climate	0.097	0.5%	97.0
=======================================	======	======	======
Total	19.315	100.0%	522.0

Now, we plot the generated waterheater data stored in **wh1\_strict\_freq.csv** and **fan2\_strict\_freq.csv** from the simulation.

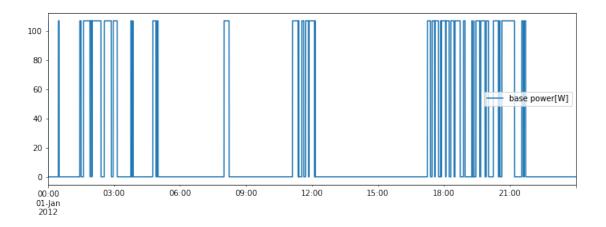
Out[70]: <matplotlib.axes.\_subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x121166b38>



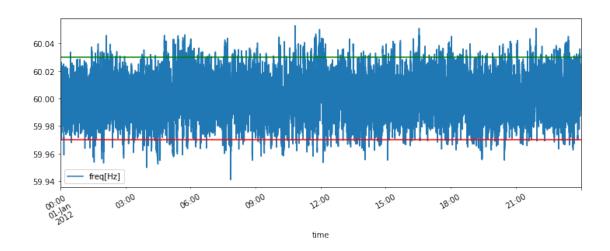




Out[71]: <matplotlib.axes.\_subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x12db6b828>



Out[72]: <matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x13054dd30>



### 4 Strict Frequency Control with Jitter (1 min)

We now modify the previous case (with a tight frequency deadband) and add a jitter to the response of the waterheater and fan, such that the start of GridBallast event will delay randomly

with an expected value of 60 seconds (1 min). Internally, the controller delay follows a uniform distribution over the interval [1,2\*average\_delay\_time].

We use 60 seconds to clearly illustrate the difference in the power consumption patterns of the water heater previously illustrated and this one with jitter control enabled. Needless to say, users can set these values differently depending on how many water heaters are connected to the network or other considerations.

```
In [73]: !head -613 smSingle_strict_freq_jitter60.glm|tail -23
object waterheater {
        schedule_skew -810;
        water_demand weekday_hotwater*1;
        name waterheater1;
        parent house1;
        heating_element_capacity 4.8 kW;
        thermostat_deadband 2.9;
        location INSIDE;
        tank_volume 50;
        tank_setpoint 136.8;
        tank_UA 2.4;
        temperature 135;
        object player {
                file frequency.PLAYER;
                property measured_frequency;
        };
        enable_freq_control true;
        freq_lowlimit 59.97;
        freq_uplimit 60.03;
        heat_mode ELECTRIC;
        enable_jitter true;
        average_delay_time 60;
};
In [74]: !head -760 smSingle_strict_freq_jitter60.glm|tail -21
object ZIPload {
        name fan2;
        parent house2;
        power_fraction 0.013500;
        current_fraction 0.253400;
        base_power fan1*0.106899;
        impedance_pf 0.970000;
        current_pf 0.950000;
        power_pf -1.000000;
        impedance_fraction 0.733200;
        object player {
                file frequency.PLAYER;
                property measured_frequency;
```

```
};
       enable_freq_control true;
       freq_lowlimit 59.97;
       freq_uplimit 60.03;
       enable_jitter true;
       average_delay_time 60;
       groupid fan;
};
In [75]: # run the gridlabd.bin to start the simulation
        !local_gd/bin/gridlabd smSingle_strict_freq_jitter60.glm
WARNING [INIT]: waterheater::init(): height and diameter were not specified, defaulting to 3.
Core profiler results
_____
Total objects
                            37 objects
Parallelism
                            1 thread
Total time
                          22.0 seconds
 Core time
                         2.7 seconds (12.3%)
                         1.2 seconds (5.6%)
   Compiler
                         0.0 seconds (0.0%)
   Instances
   Random variables
                         0.0 seconds (0.0%)
   Schedules
                         0.0 \text{ seconds } (0.0\%)
   Loadshapes
                         0.0 seconds (0.1%)
   Enduses
                         0.0 seconds (0.1%)
   Transforms
                         0.2 seconds (0.8%)
 Model time
                         19.3 seconds/thread (87.7%)
Simulation time
                            1 days
Simulation speed
                            40 object.hours/second
Passes completed
                         86401 passes
Time steps completed
                         86401 timesteps
Convergence efficiency
                          1.00 passes/timestep
Read lock contention
                          0.0%
                          0.0%
Write lock contention
Average timestep
                            1 seconds/timestep
                         3927 x realtime
Simulation rate
Model profiler results
_____
              Time (s) Time (%) msec/obj
-----
                11.615
                           60.2%
                                  5807.5
```

triplex\_meter

372.0

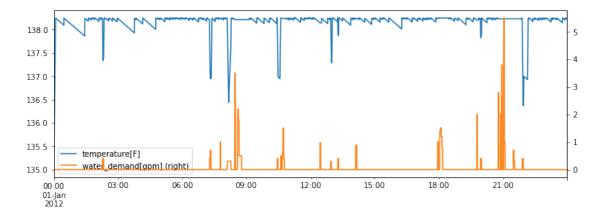
5.8%

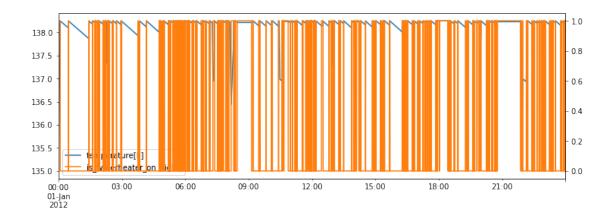
1.116

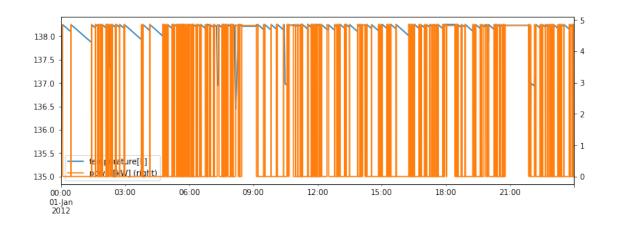
```
5.5%
recorder
                 1.066
                                   355.3
                 0.886
                            4.6%
                                   443.0
house
                            4.2%
                                   101.2
ZIPload
                 0.810
player
                 0.776
                            4.0%
                                   388.0
waterheater
                            3.8%
                                   365.0
                 0.730
transformer
                 0.660
                            3.4%
                                   330.0
triplex_line
                 0.619
                            3.2%
                                   309.5
                            2.0%
regulator
                 0.382
                                   382.0
triplex_node
                 0.323
                            1.7%
                                   323.0
                            1.0%
                                   197.0
auction
                 0.197
                            0.6%
                                   122.0
climate
                 0.122
Total
                 19.302
                          100.0%
                                   521.7
```

WARNING [2012-01-02 00:00:00 EST] : last warning message was repeated 1 times

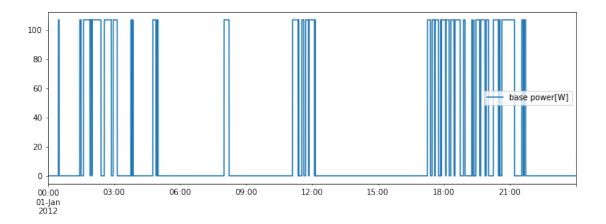
Out[76]: <matplotlib.axes.\_subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x131412b70>





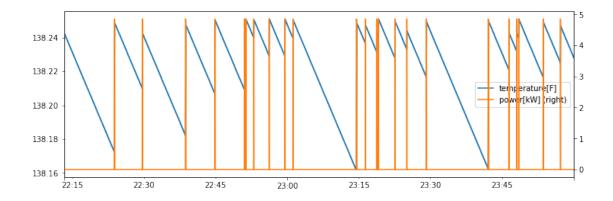


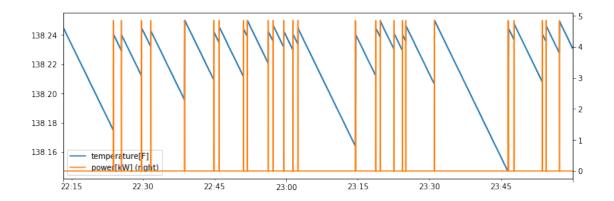
Out[77]: <matplotlib.axes.\_subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x132a72ba8>



As we can see, after applying the jitter, the water heater should be engaged less often. However, since the jitter time is too short, we can barely see the difference unless we zoom in. Let's try the jitter with longer duration.

Out[78]: <matplotlib.axes.\_subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x1342ce358>





#### **Strict Frequency Control with Jitter (10 mins)**

We now modify the jitter such that the start of GridBallast event will delay randomly with an expected value of 600 seconds (10 mins) so that we can clearly see the jitter effects.

```
In [79]: !head -613 smSingle_strict_freq_jitter600.glm|tail -23
object waterheater {
        schedule_skew -810;
        water_demand weekday_hotwater*1;
        name waterheater1;
        parent house1;
        heating_element_capacity 4.8 kW;
        thermostat_deadband 2.9;
        location INSIDE;
        tank_volume 50;
        tank_setpoint 136.8;
        tank_UA 2.4;
        temperature 135;
        object player {
                file frequency.PLAYER;
                property measured_frequency;
        };
        enable_freq_control true;
        freq_lowlimit 59.97;
        freq_uplimit 60.03;
        heat_mode ELECTRIC;
        enable_jitter true;
        average_delay_time 600;
};
In [80]: !head -760 smSingle_strict_freq_jitter600.glm|tail -21
```

```
object ZIPload {
        name fan2;
        parent house2;
        power_fraction 0.013500;
        current_fraction 0.253400;
        base_power fan1*0.106899;
        impedance_pf 0.970000;
        current_pf 0.950000;
        power_pf -1.000000;
        impedance_fraction 0.733200;
        object player {
                file frequency.PLAYER;
                property measured_frequency;
        };
        enable_freq_control true;
        freq_lowlimit 59.97;
        freq_uplimit 60.03;
        enable_jitter true;
        average_delay_time 600;
        groupid fan;
};
In [81]: # run the gridlabd.bin to start the simulation
         !local_gd/bin/gridlabd smSingle_strict_freq_jitter600.glm
WARNING [INIT]: waterheater::init(): height and diameter were not specified, defaulting to 3.
Core profiler results
================
Total objects
                               37 objects
Parallelism
                                 1 thread
Total time
                             20.0 seconds
 Core time
                             1.9 seconds (9.3%)
                              1.1 seconds (5.3%)
    Compiler
                              0.0 \text{ seconds } (0.0\%)
    Instances
    Random variables
                              0.0 \text{ seconds } (0.0\%)
                              0.0 \text{ seconds } (0.0\%)
    Schedules
                              0.0 \text{ seconds } (0.2\%)
    Loadshapes
    Enduses
                              0.0 \text{ seconds } (0.1\%)
    Transforms
                              0.2 seconds (0.8%)
 Model time
                             18.1 seconds/thread (90.7%)
Simulation time
                                 1 days
Simulation speed
                               44 object.hours/second
Passes completed
                            86401 passes
Time steps completed
                            86401 timesteps
```

1.00 passes/timestep

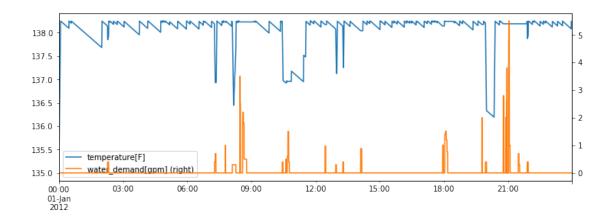
Convergence efficiency

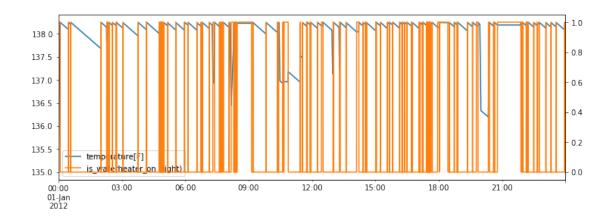
```
Read lock contention 0.0%
Write lock contention 0.0%
Average timestep 1 seconds/timestep
Simulation rate 4320 x realtime
```

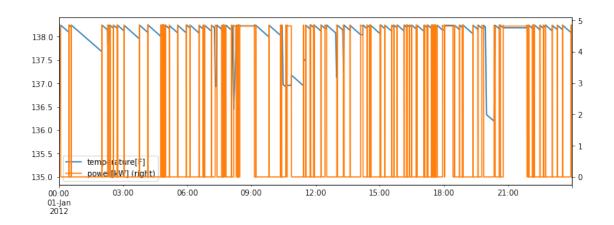
## Model profiler results

Class	Time	(s)	Time	(%)	msec/obj
node	10.525		58.0%		5262.5
recorder	1.100		6.1%		366.7
triplex_meter	1.0	1.035		5.7%	345.0
ZIPload	0.861		4.7%		107.6
house	0.831		4.6%		415.5
player	0.777		4.3%		388.5
waterheater	0.710		3.9%		355.0
transformer	0.673		3.7%		336.5
triplex_line	0.633		3.5%		316.5
regulator	0.4	105	05 2.2%		405.0
triplex_node	0.292		1	6%	292.0
auction	0.196		0.196 1.1		196.0
climate	0.097		0.5%		97.0
	=====	===	=====	===	======
Total	18.1	L35	100	0.0%	490.1

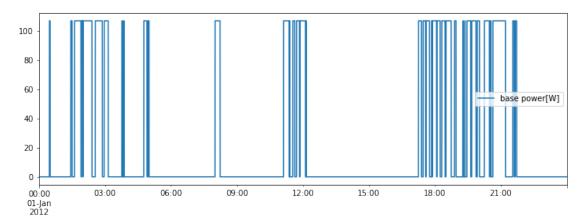
WARNING [2012-01-02 00:00:00 EST] : last warning message was repeated 1 times







Out[83]: <matplotlib.axes.\_subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x12cd965f8>



As we can see, after applying the 10 min jitter, now the water heater is engaged less often than in the previous experiment without jitter.

As we did in previous examples, we now look into a shorter duration to better understand the effect of the jitter.

Out[84]: <matplotlib.axes.\_subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x12d0ce048>

