

Technical Advisory Council (TAC) Meeting

29 October 2024



Meeting information

- Meeting to begin at 4:00 pm Central European Time
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Agenda

All Times in Central European Time Zone

- 4:00 pm - 4:10 pm - Opening and General Updates
 - TAC member updates and project review date reminders
 - General updates
 - Project Security Focus updates
 - TAC Evolution Plan Update
- 4:10 pm - 4:30 pm - GridFM Presentation
- 4:30 pm - 4:50 pm - AI SIG Annual Review
- 4:50 pm - 5:10 pm - Archimate SIG Review
- 5:10 pm - 5:25 pm - Marketing/PR/Events updates
- 5:25 pm - 5:30 pm - Closing and Next Meeting



Opening and General Updates

4:00 pm - 4:10 pm



TAC Voting Members

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Strategy
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LF Energy Projects



SIG - Digital Substations (3)



SIG - EV Charging (2)



SIG - Grid Operations (8)



SIG - Grid Simulation and Modeling (8)



SIG - Data Standards and Tooling (6)



LF Energy Hosted Project Leads

Project	Project Lead(s)
Arras	David Chassin
Battery Data Alliance	Gabe Hege, AMPLabs
CitrineOS	Thana Paris, S44
CoMPAS	Pascal Wilbrink Alliander & Sander Jansen, Alliander (TAC Representative)
covXtreme	Sachin Bhakar, Shell
Dynawo	Marco Chiaramello, Benoît Jeanson, RTE
EVerest	Marco Möller, PIONIX
FledgePOWER	Romain Lebrun-Thaumont, RTE
FlexMeasures	Nicolas Höning, Seita Energy Flexibility B.V.
Grid Capacity Map	Harald Klomp, Vattenfall
GRIP	Alyona Teybar, MASc

Project	Project Lead(s)
GXF	Maarten Mulder, Alliander
Hyphae	Arila Barnes
InterConnect SIF	Milenko Tasic, VizLore Labs
NODE Collective	DeAndrea Salvador
OneNet Framework	
OpenDSM	Travis Sikes, Recurve
OpenFIDO	David Chassin, SLAC
OpenGEH	Nicolas Bernhardi, Energet
OpenLEADR	Hugo van de Pol, Arila Barnes
OpenSTEF	Frank Kreuwel, Alliander
OpenSynth	Gus Chadney, Centre for Net Zero

Project & Working Group Leads

Project	Project Lead(s)
OperatorFabric	Frederic DIDIER, RTE
Power Grid Model	Tony Xiang, Alliander
PowSyBI	Anne Tilloy, RTE
Real Time Data Ingestion Platform (RTDIP)	Bryce Bartmann, Shell
SC Decarbonisation Hub	Sachin Bhakar, Pedram Muurlink
SEAPATH	Éloi Bail, Savoir-faire Linux
Shapeshifter	Robben Riksen, Alliander
SOGNO	Antonello Monti, RWTH Aachen University (TAC Representative) & Fito Galeano, RWTH Aachen University

SIG / Working Group	Work Group Lead(s)
AI SIG	Alexandre Pariost, The Linux Foundation
Archimate SIG	Jonas van den Bogaard, Alliander
ORES (Open Renewable Energy Systems)	Chris Xie, Futurewei

New Project Review Cycle

Grid Operations SIG - Mtgs every other month, 3rd Wednesday				
Project	Current Level	Initially Accepted	Last Review Date	Next Review Date
FlexMeasures	Incubation	2022-01-05	2023-11-28	2024-11-20
RTDIP	Sandbox	2024-06-04	2024-01-30	2025-01-15
SOGNO	Early Adoption	2021-03-11	2024-04-23	2025-03-19
Shapeshifter	Incubation	2021-10-04	2024-05-14	2025-05-21
FledgePower	Incubation	2021-02-16	2024-06-04	2025-05-21
OperatorFabric	Early Adoption	2019-04-30	2024-07-16	2025-07-16
OpenLEADR	Incubation	2021-08-03	2021-11-23	2025-09-17
GXF	Early Adoption	2020-02-04	2024-09-18	2025-09-17

EV Charging SIG - Monthly, 4th Wednesday				
Project	Current Level	Initially Accepted	Last Review Date	Next Review Date
CitrineOS	Sandbox	2023-11-28		2024-11-27
EVerest	Early Adoption	2021-10-12	2024-01-09	2025-01-22

Digital Substations - Monthly, 2nd Tuesday				
Project	Current Level	Initially Accepted	Last Review Date	Next Review Date
Seapath	Early Adoption	2020-10-06	2023-12-19	2024-12-10
FledgePOWER	Incubation	2021-02-11	2024-06-04	2025-05-13
CoMPAS	Incubation	2020-05-05	2024-06-25	2025-06-10

New Project Review Cycle

Grid Simulation and Modeling - Mtgs every other month, 1st Wednesday				
Project	Current Level	Initially Accepted	Last Review Date	Next Review Date
PowSyBl	Early Adoption	2019-04-30	2023-11-28	2024-12-04
OpenSTEF	Incubation	2021-09-21	2023-11-07	2025-02-05
Power Grid Model	Sandbox	2023-02-07	2024-02-20	2025-02-05
covXtreme	Sandbox	2023-12-19		2025-04-02
Dynawo	Sandbox	2022-12-06	2024-01-30	2025-06-04
Arras	Sandbox	2022-07-12	2024-07-16	2025-09-03
Grid Capacity Map	Incubation	2021-04-27	2023-10-17	TBD
GRIP	Sandbox	2023-09-26		TBD

Data Standards and Tooling - Mtgs every other month, 2nd Thurs.				
Project	Current Level	Initially Accepted	Last Review Date	Next Review Date
OpenDSM	Incubation	2019-06-04	2024-09-17	2024-11-14
TROLIE	Working Group			2024-11-14
OpenSynth	Sandbox	2024-01-09		2025-01-09
Battery Data Alliance	Incubation	2023-09-05	2024-08-27	2025-07-10
SC Decarbonization Hub	Sandbox	2024-08-27		2025-09-11
CDSC	Working Group			TBD
Super Advanced Meter	Working Group			TBD

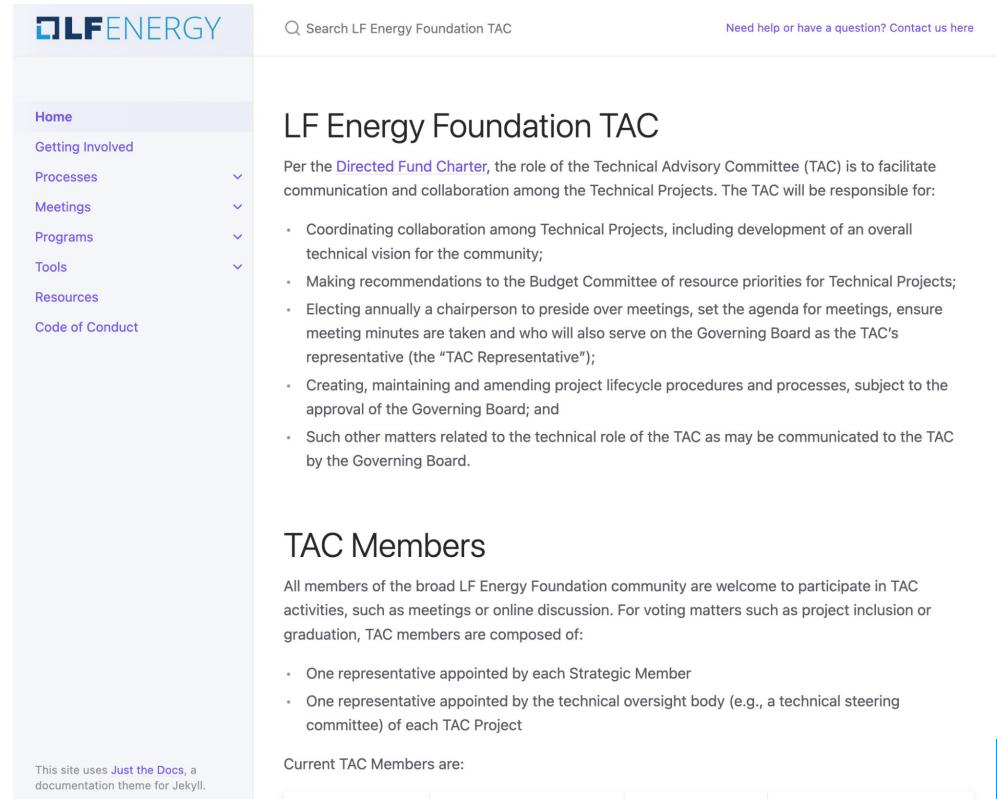
Projects in LF Onboarding

- [GridFM](#) - presenting today
- [GridCal](#) - working on rename and relicensing
- [python Emission Localization and Quantification \(pyELQ\)](#)



New TAC Website

- We have finished the migration to tac.lfenergy.org 
- Any changes can be made via PR at <https://github.com/lf-energy/tac/>
- Previous wiki pages will have links to redirect to the new pages.
- Questions/feedback - let us know!



The screenshot shows the LF Energy Foundation TAC website. At the top right is a search bar with placeholder text "Search LF Energy Foundation TAC" and a link "Need help or have a question? Contact us here". The main content area has a title "LF Energy Foundation TAC" and a paragraph about the TAC's role. Below this is a bulleted list of responsibilities. To the left is a sidebar with a logo and a navigation menu with dropdown arrows: Home, Getting Involved, Processes, Meetings, Programs, Tools, Resources, and Code of Conduct. At the bottom of the sidebar is a note: "This site uses Just the Docs, a documentation theme for Jekyll." The footer contains the text "Current TAC Members are:" followed by a list of names.

LF Energy Foundation TAC

Per the [Directed Fund Charter](#), the role of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is to facilitate communication and collaboration among the Technical Projects. The TAC will be responsible for:

- Coordinating collaboration among Technical Projects, including development of an overall technical vision for the community;
- Making recommendations to the Budget Committee of resource priorities for Technical Projects;
- Electing annually a chairperson to preside over meetings, set the agenda for meetings, ensure meeting minutes are taken and who will also serve on the Governing Board as the TAC's representative (the "TAC Representative");
- Creating, maintaining and amending project lifecycle procedures and processes, subject to the approval of the Governing Board; and
- Such other matters related to the technical role of the TAC as may be communicated to the TAC by the Governing Board.

TAC Members

All members of the broad LF Energy Foundation community are welcome to participate in TAC activities, such as meetings or online discussion. For voting matters such as project inclusion or graduation, TAC members are composed of:

- One representative appointed by each Strategic Member
- One representative appointed by the technical oversight body (e.g., a technical steering committee) of each TAC Project

Current TAC Members are:

SIG Governance additions

Please review <https://github.com/lf-energy/tac/pull/278> that adds in the changes to the SIG Governance as discussed in the last TAC meeting.

- Common SIG Goals
- Annual Reviews
- Representative/voting model



GridFM Presentation

4:10 pm - 4:30 pm





GridFM: enable the emergence of foundation models for power grids

PRESENTED BY:

FRANÇOIS MIRALLÈS RESEARCHER

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Founding members



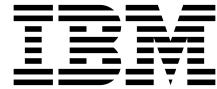
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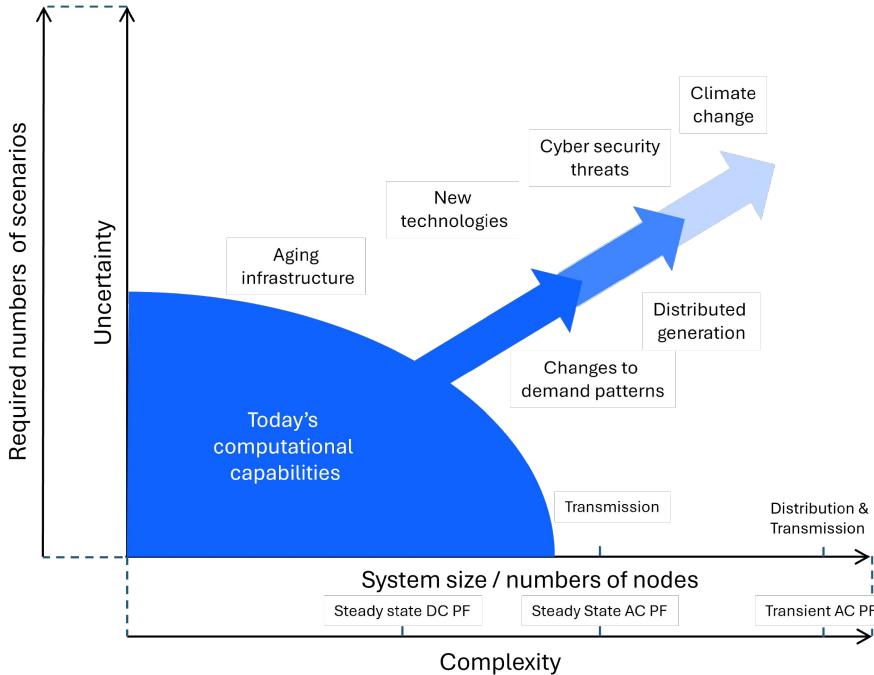


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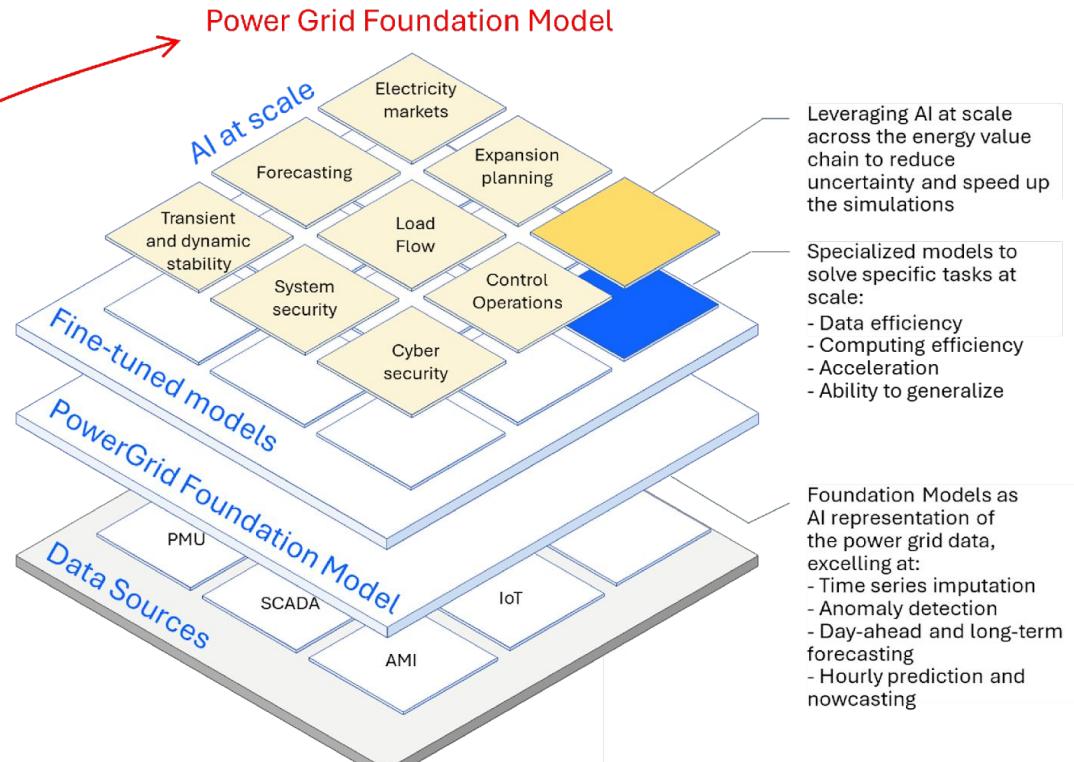
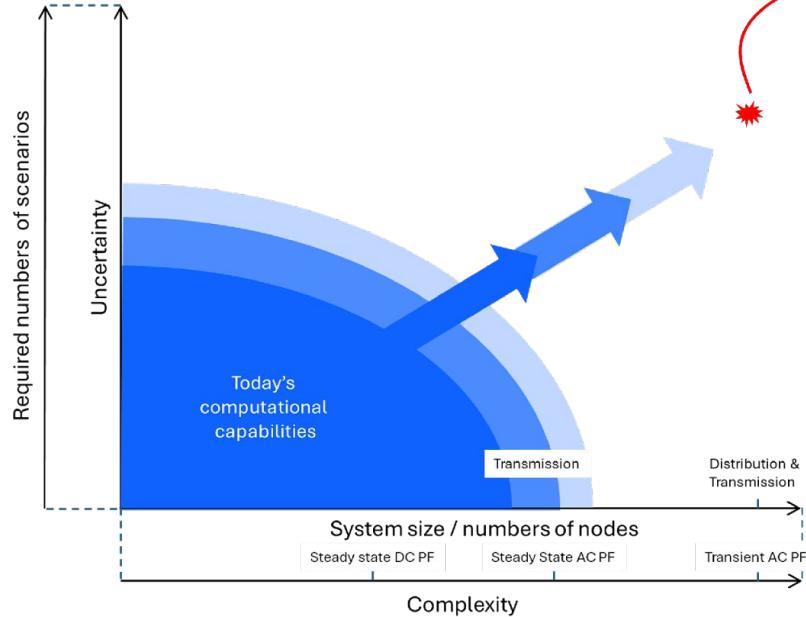
Challenges of future power grids



Structural changes to power grids brought by the energy transition lead to a higher uncertainty and complexity as well as variable grid inertia.

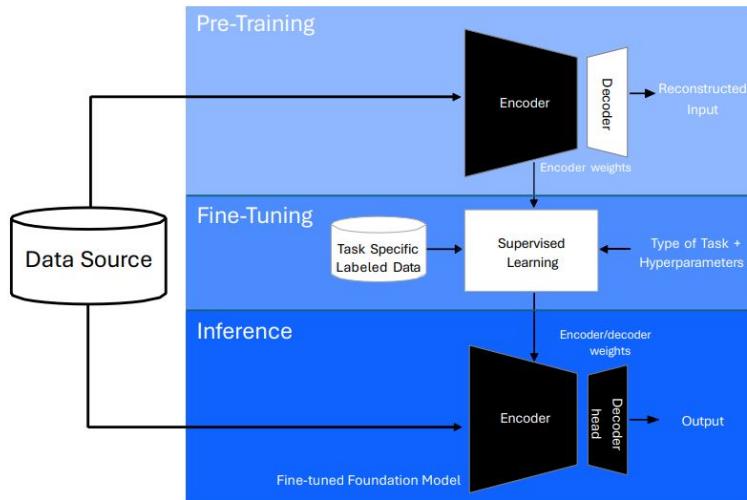
Higher computational capabilities are needed to cope with these structural changes.

GridFM: power grid foundation model

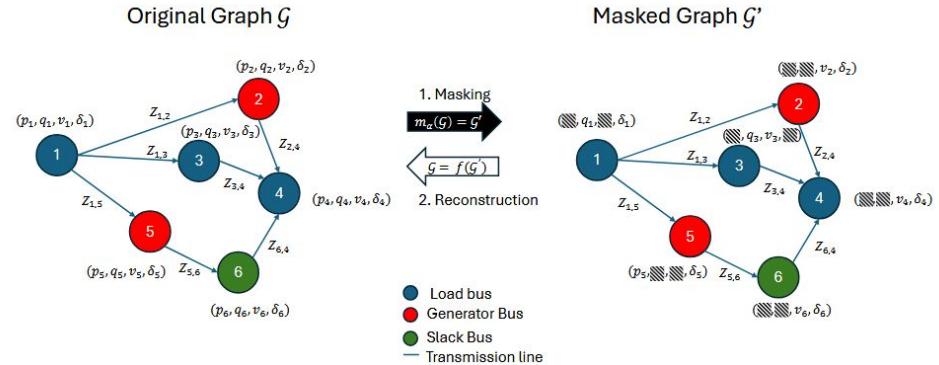


Anatomy of the GridFM

The three FM life-cycle phases



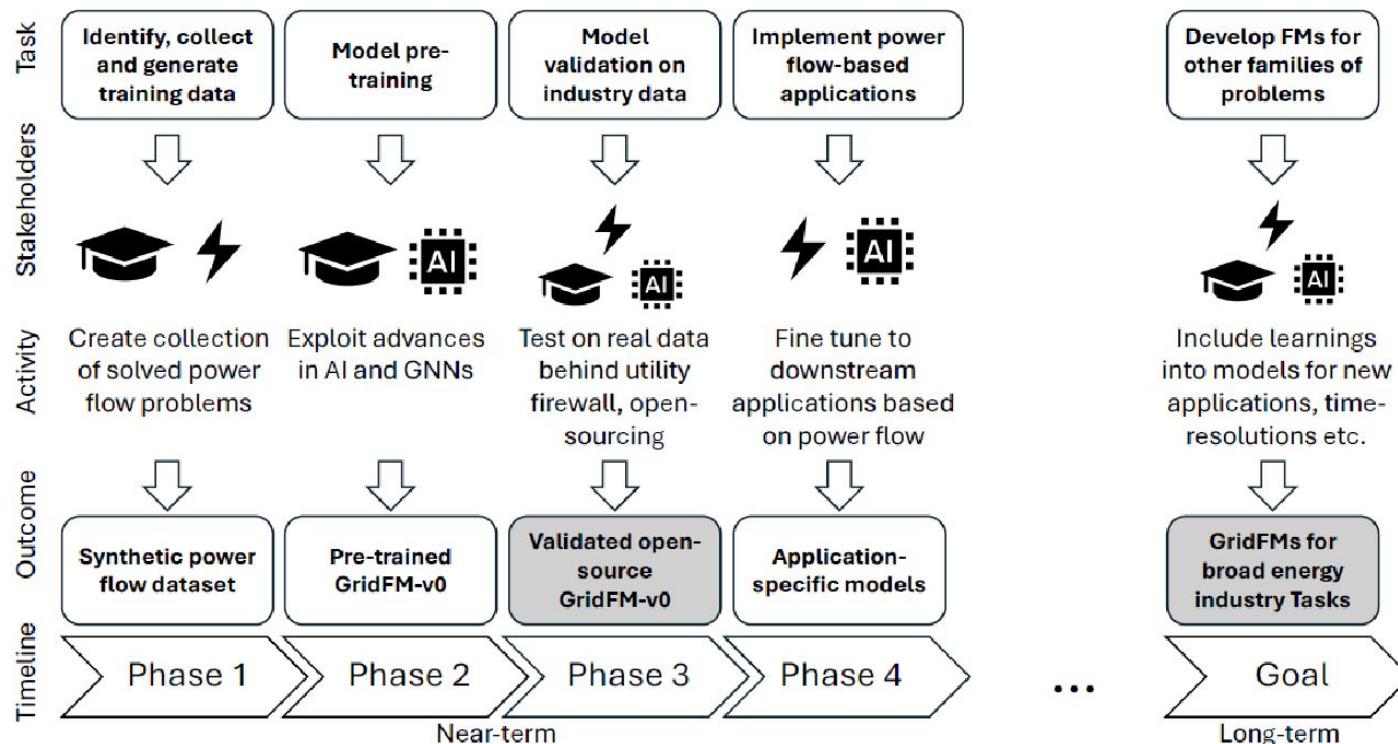
GridFM self-supervised pretraining



From H. Hamann et al. A Perspective on Foundation Models for the Electric Power Grid
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2407.09434>

From A. Puech, et al. *Optimal Power Grid Operations with Foundation Models*, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2409.02148>

GridFM development roadmap



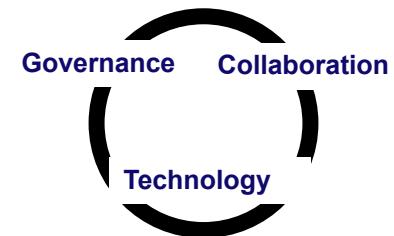
GridFM community

Goal:

Bring together stakeholders from industry and academia to study and evaluate the potential and impact of FMs for the electrical energy industry by:

- Collaborating through technological exchanges :
 - **Monthly meetings**
 - **Workshops**:
 - Feb. 12th 2024: IBM Research, Yorktown Heights, USA
 - June 15th 2024: Imperial College London, UK
 - *Upcoming*: Feb 13th 2025: Argonne National Lab, USA
- Investigating technical feasibility of GridFM.
- Increasing the stakeholder circle.
- Reaching out to governments and regulators to further enable GridFM.

Structured in working groups:



Initiator:



Industry:



Academia:



Government:



GridFM community and OSS framework

GridFM will greatly benefit from open collaboration



Utilities have data and operational experience.



IT companies have scalable compute power and AI expertise.



Academia and National Labs have a deep knowledge of electrical systems features and industrial use cases.

A call for collaboration:

“One foundation for all and all data for one”

Treat the encoder as a common good, as well as the infrastructure to use it (input/output/inference) and train it as part of a federated learning process.

The encoder can be implemented / trained for specific / internal needs but CANNOT be released / embedded outside the project and its license. This means adaptations to the encoder for specific uses must be contributed back unless it is a purely internal use.

Decoder applications can be open or proprietary. When proprietary, decoder side use cases enable business sustainability.

Why GridFM as a LFE project?

Licensing flexibility to maintain a good equilibrium between openness, scalability and business sustainability.

Alignment with LFE mission statement:



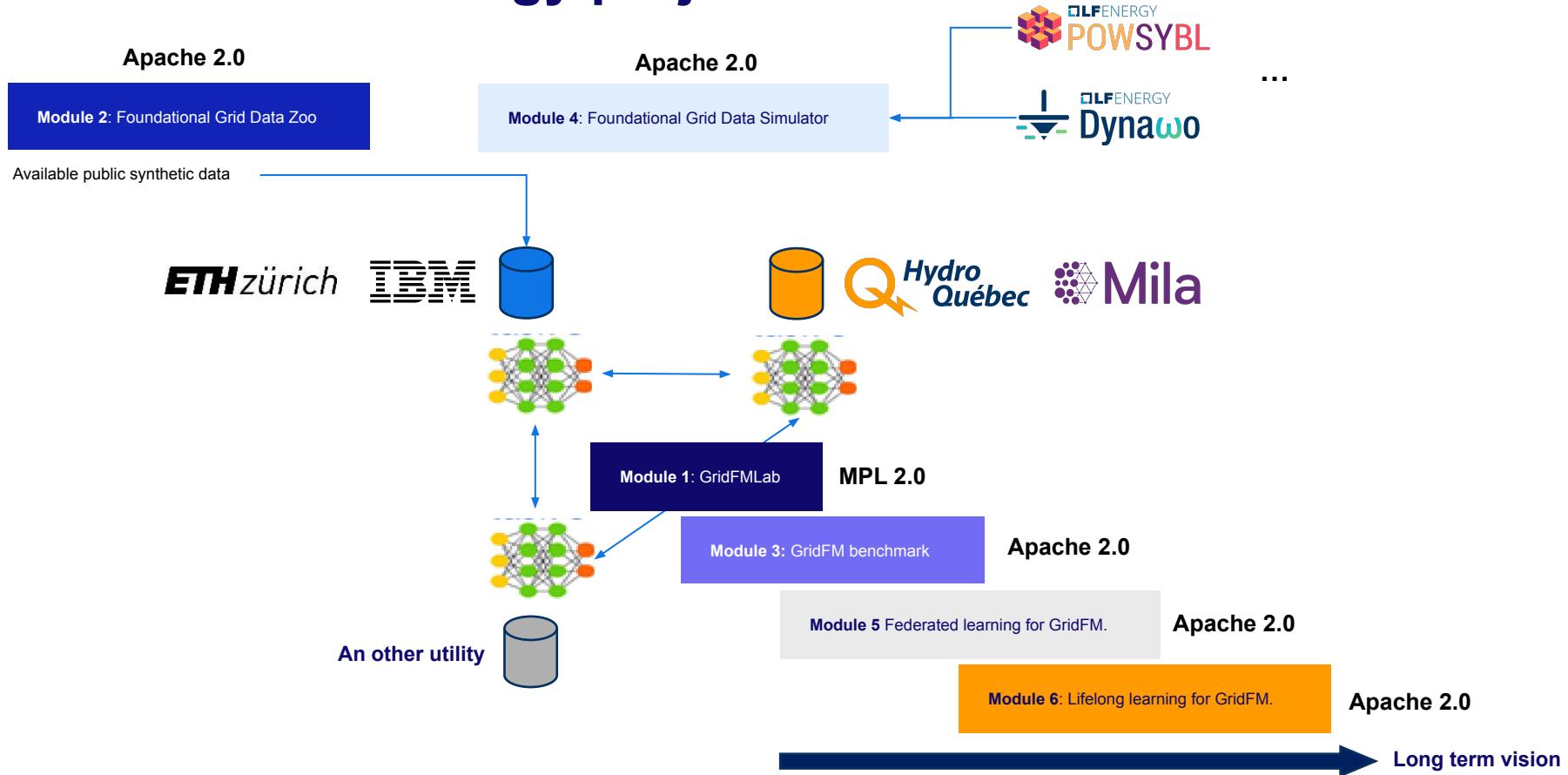
Leverage LF energy's expertise creating and growing open-source communities

... "creating a technology ecosystem to support rapid decarbonization that benefits the environment, enables economic prosperity, and leads to social well-being for future generations..."

From <https://lfenergy.org/about/why-lf-energy/>

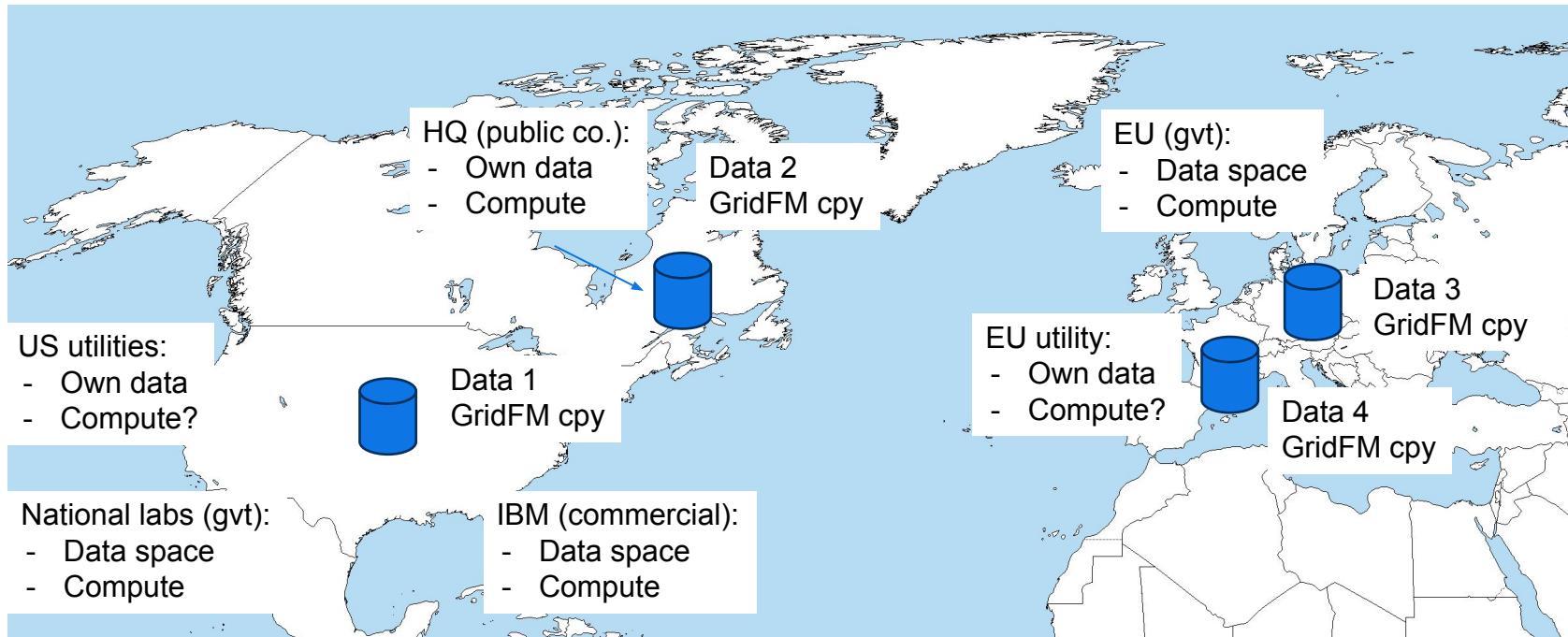
Scaling thanks to a neutral ground for frictionless collaboration

GridFM as a LFEnergy project



The long term vision

Data streams from different utilities update a GridFM in a distributed way, by jurisdiction:



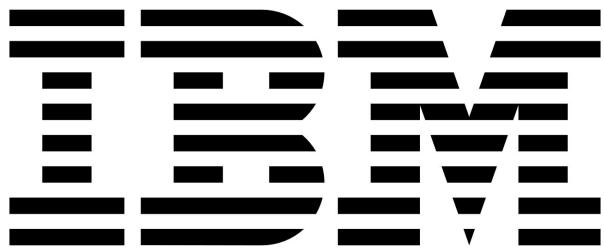
Next practical steps

- **Structure GridFM project in OSS framework**
- **Ramp up the activities of the technology working group:**
 - Data
 - Model Development
 - Cybersecurity and privacy
 - Model governance and trust
- **Strategy to grow a community**



Thanks for your consideration!

GridFM: enable the emergence of foundation models for power grids.



AI SIG Review

4:30 pm - 4:50 pm

QLF ENERGY

AI Special Interest Group scope and priorities

- **Objectives :**
 1. Share information & pool resources on making high quality dataset available for AI energy use cases
 2. Share work/issues of common interests on AI and look for joint project opportunities
 3. Share best practices on AI governance & ethics
 4. Together with MAC, identify / organize events on AI and energy systems
 - **Meetings every 1-2 months**
 - **Leverage other initiatives like EPRI.AI, CCAI, NSF AI institutes, IEEE WG/TFs, etc...**
- ⇒ **Main goal is to align on initiatives / projects to launch**

AI priorities from board Sept 2023



Top 3 priorities
High priority

★ AI assistants

Grid
Interactive
Smart
Communities
★

Demand
scheduling
and flexibility
★

Intelligent
power plant
operations

★ Asset
management
and reliability

Environmental
impacts and
resiliency

Long term
planning
★

Optimized
designs



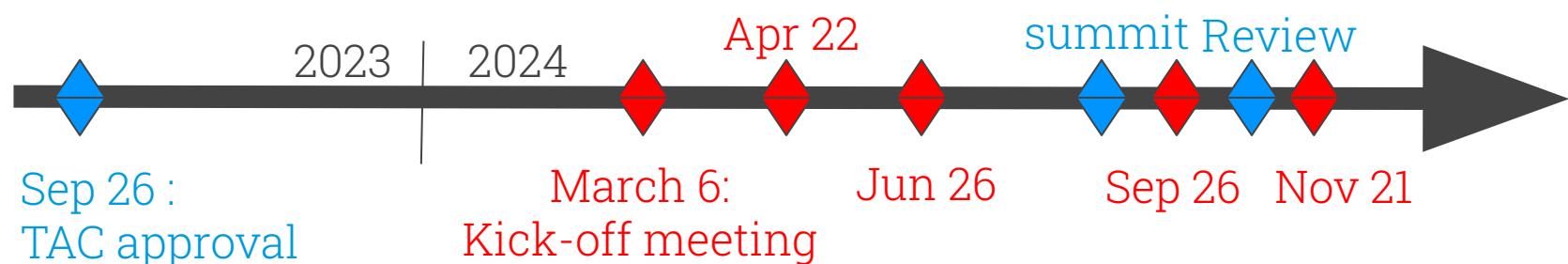
Forecasting supply and demand



Accelerated optimization and simulation

Data access, digital twins and realistic open benchmarks for AI innovation

AI SIG timeline



SIG participants



Projects / initiatives (1/2)

Forecasting



- + [Short term load forecasting tools/library by HydroQuebec](#)
(Presented at LF Energy Summit 2024)

Smart meter data



- + Deployment in other regions ?

Accelerated optimization

- + Open benchmark for topology optimization studies based on real topology data from RTE
- + Leverage other initiatives around OPF research

Foundational models

- + GridFM = presented today

Digital twins (for AI)

- + Possible Digital Twin project under discussion

Projects / initiatives (2/2)

LF Energy white paper on AI

Open is the key to AI in Energy Systems

Introduction

What is LF Energy?

Open is critical to AI adoption in the Energy Industry

Open collaboration and innovation enables speed and scale

Open source fosters transparency and trust for AI applications

Open source strengthens privacy, cybersecurity and ethical safeguards

Open frameworks help comply with AI regulations (ex. EU AI act)

Open source helps attract, develop and focus talent

AI readiness for energy stakeholders

From data access and governance to digital twins

AI innovation in energy requires open realistic datasets

Open commons and foundational models

AI literacy and governance

Priority use cases for open source AI projects in energy

Forecasting

Accelerated simulation and optimization

Asset management

Long term planning

Initiatives to accelerate AI adoption in the energy sector

Open datasets, synthetic data and open benchmarks

Foundational models for power systems

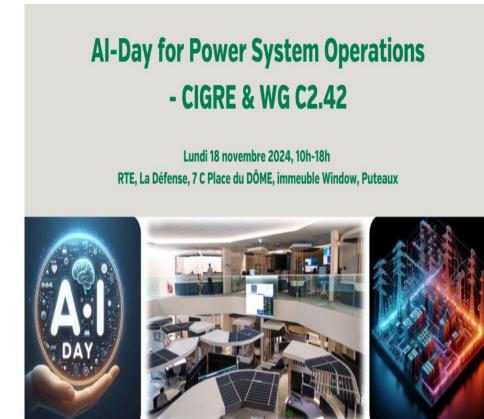
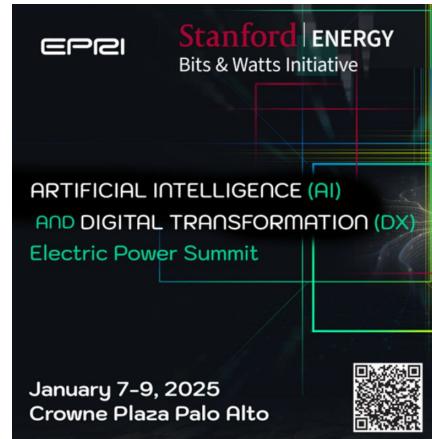
Digital twin platforms

Conclusion

v1 to be released in Q4



Industry events on AI and energy



Priorities for the AI SIG

- ❑ Keep working on AI related open source projects based on interest and contributions from members
 - ⇒ Join the AI SIG or reach out to discuss ideas/priorities
- ❑ Access to energy data is a top priority to drive AI forward, and open tools and open benchmarks can help with confidential or sensitive data
 - ⇒ LF Energy is the best environment to drive this forward
- ❑ Promote open source to accelerate AI readiness and AI adoption, through publications and industry events
 - ⇒ Alignment on the white paper will be a key milestone

ArchiMate SIG Review

4:50 pm - 5:10 pm



ArchiMate SIG Annual Review

Value thorough collaboration
29th October 2024

LF Energy ArchiMate Special Interest Group (SIG)



Our Goals:

- Create synergy between projects
- Create standard modeling practices
- For faster and cost-effective applications; reusing what exists and sharing efforts.
- Improved modularity, interoperability, evolution of projects and initiative.
- Technological and business model innovation.
- Access, through collaboration, to wider and more diverse skills and to a diversity of viewpoints,

Context

Energy transition is radically changing how we *generate, transmit, distribute and consume* energy.

Common examples include: Distributed renewable energy sources, Demand response products, Electric mobility, Third party smart services to the grid.

A new ecosystem of applications is growing to enable the above. In such an ecosystem, collaboration is *key* to enable value for all.

LF Architecture Group is at the forefront of this collaboration – making is *open and value-oriented*.



Application – Challenges



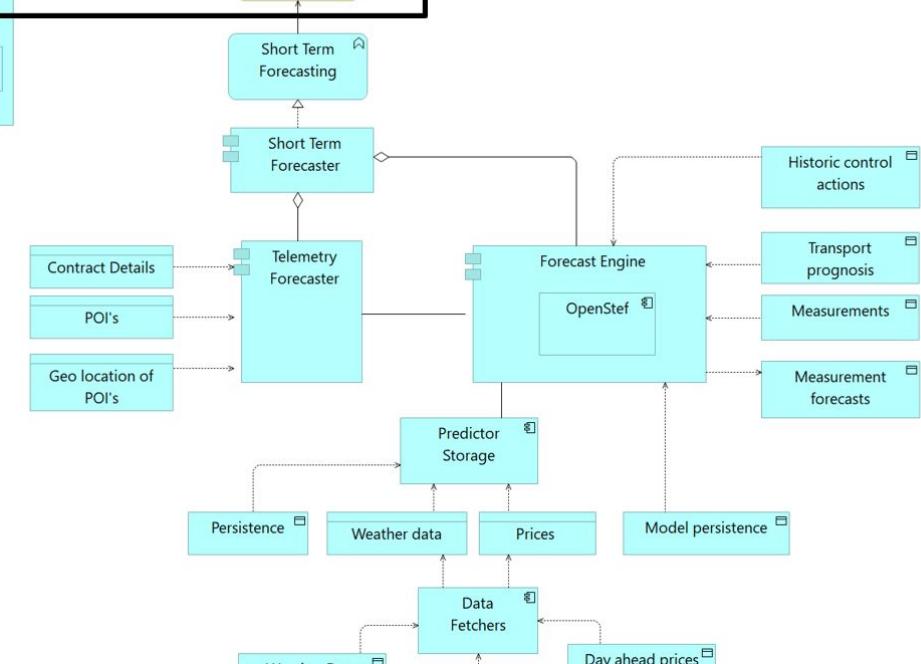
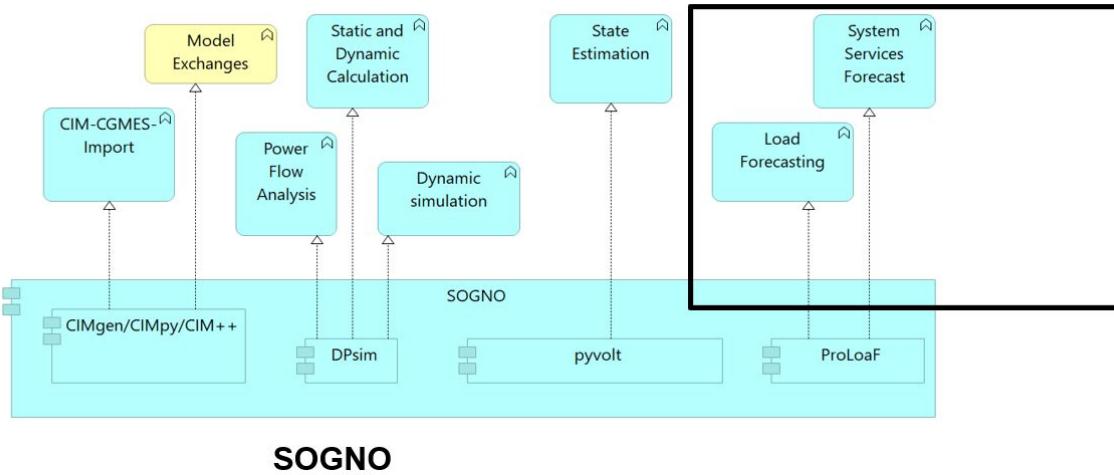
- Interoperability
- Modularity
- Upgradability
- Speed of innovation
- Cost-effectiveness
(customization & scalability)
- Speed of innovation

Enabling value-oriented collaboration through architecture

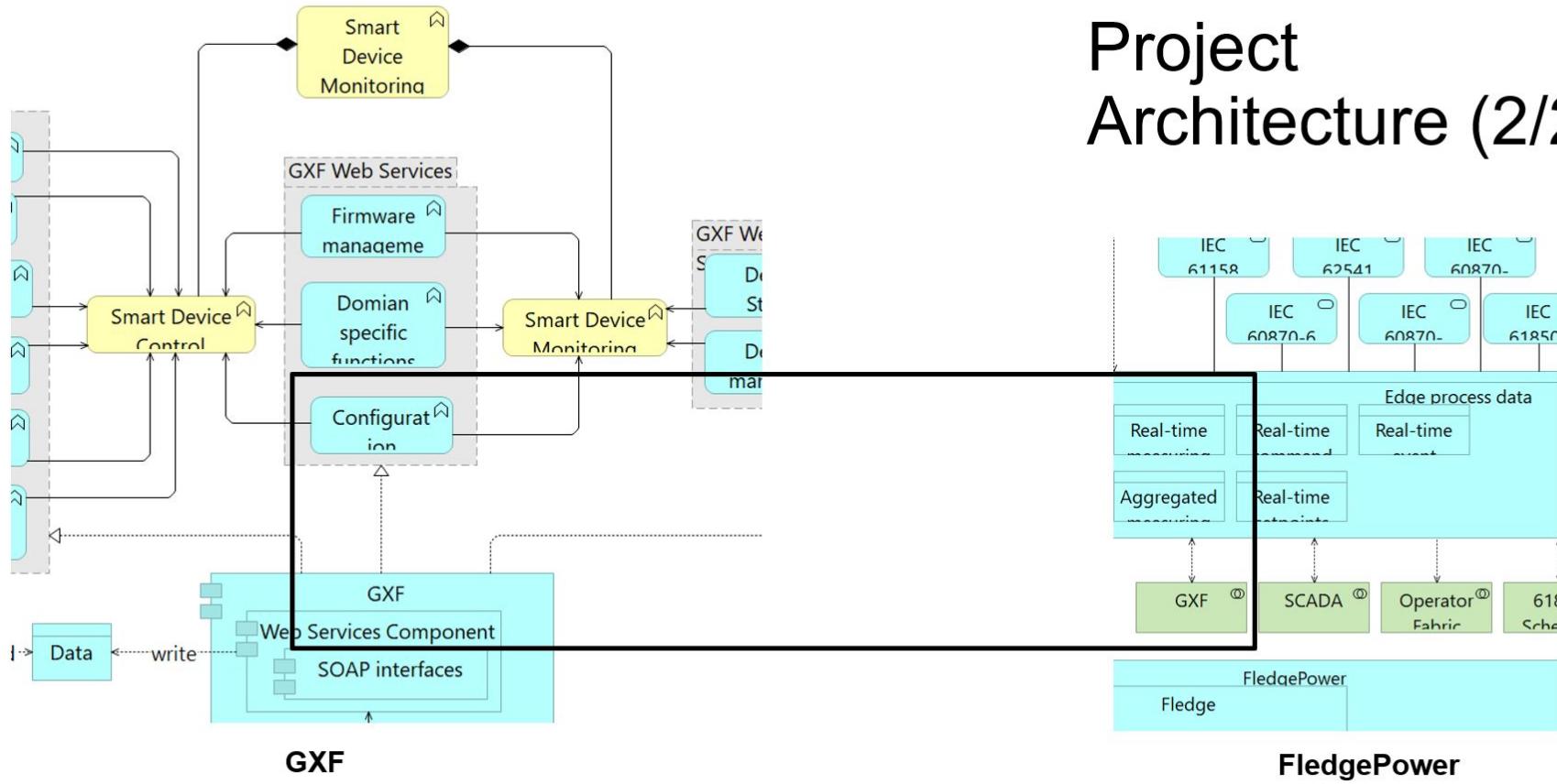
- The LF Energy Architecture Capability
- The architecture domains we focus on :
 - *Project Architectures*
 - *Meta-models & Reference Architectures*
 - *LF Energy (Business) Functional Architecture*
- The following slides explain on the role of architecture in driving collaboration



Project Architecture (1/2)

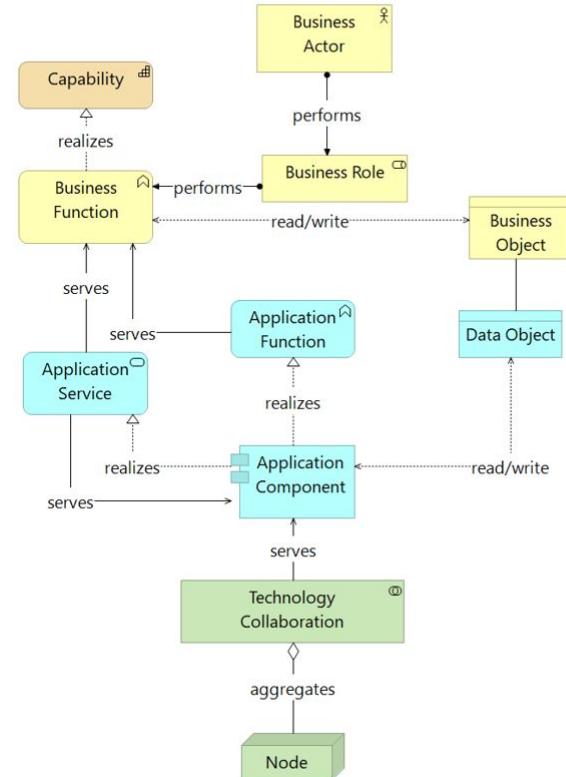


Project Architecture (2/2)



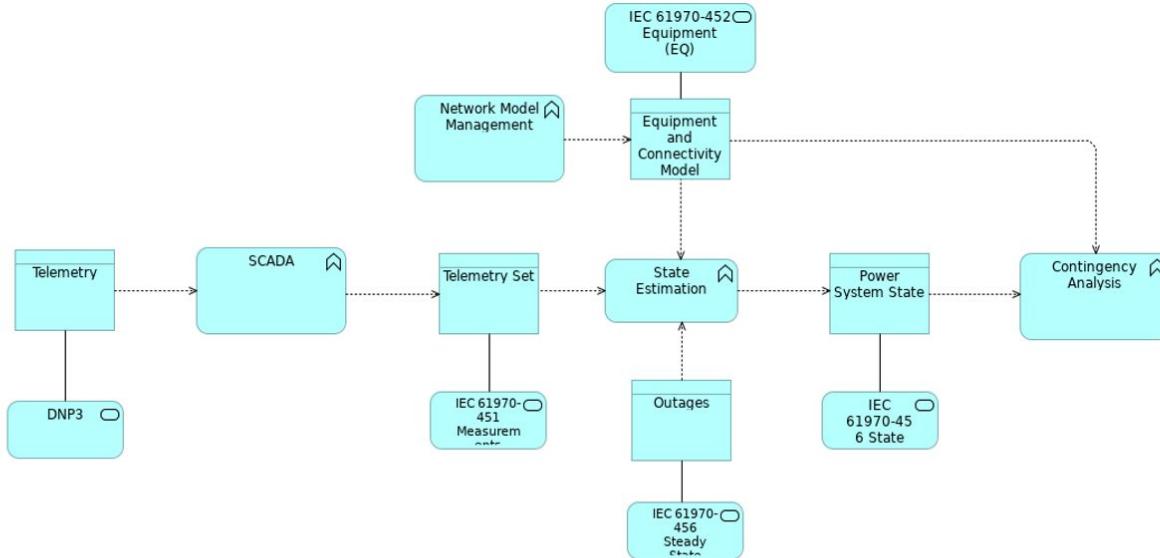
Meta-model for consistency

- Provides a common base line for project architectures
- Facilitates collaboration between projects
- Uses ArchiMate standards for greater reach
- Easy to apply for early-stage projects.

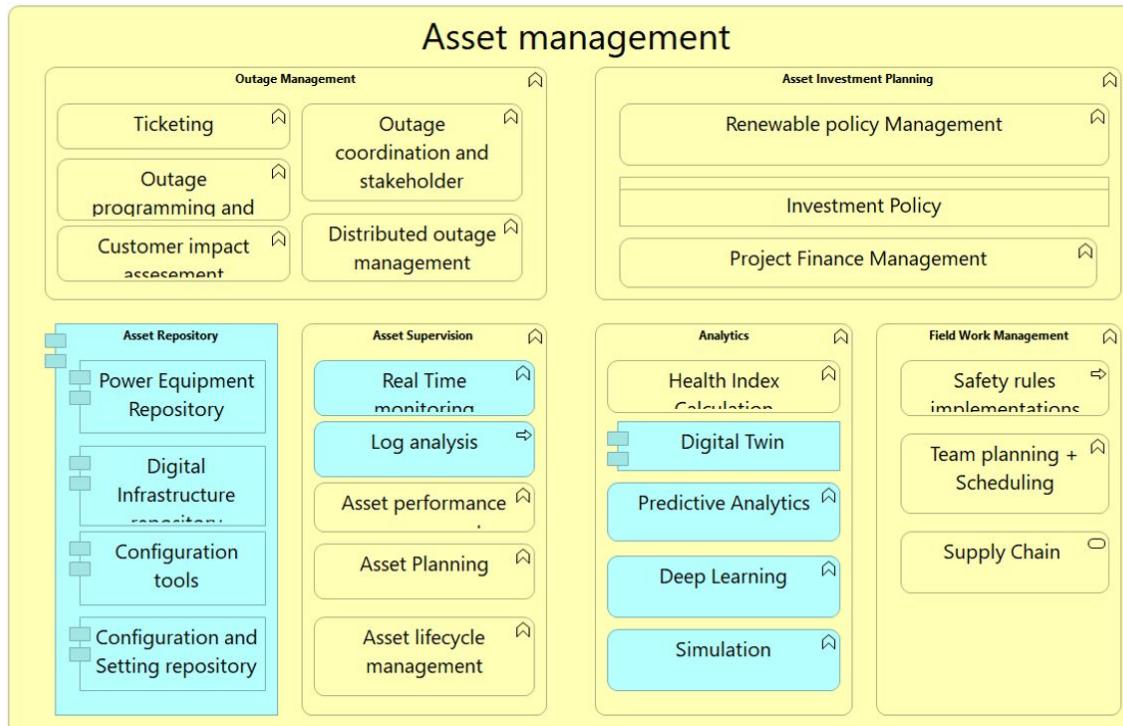


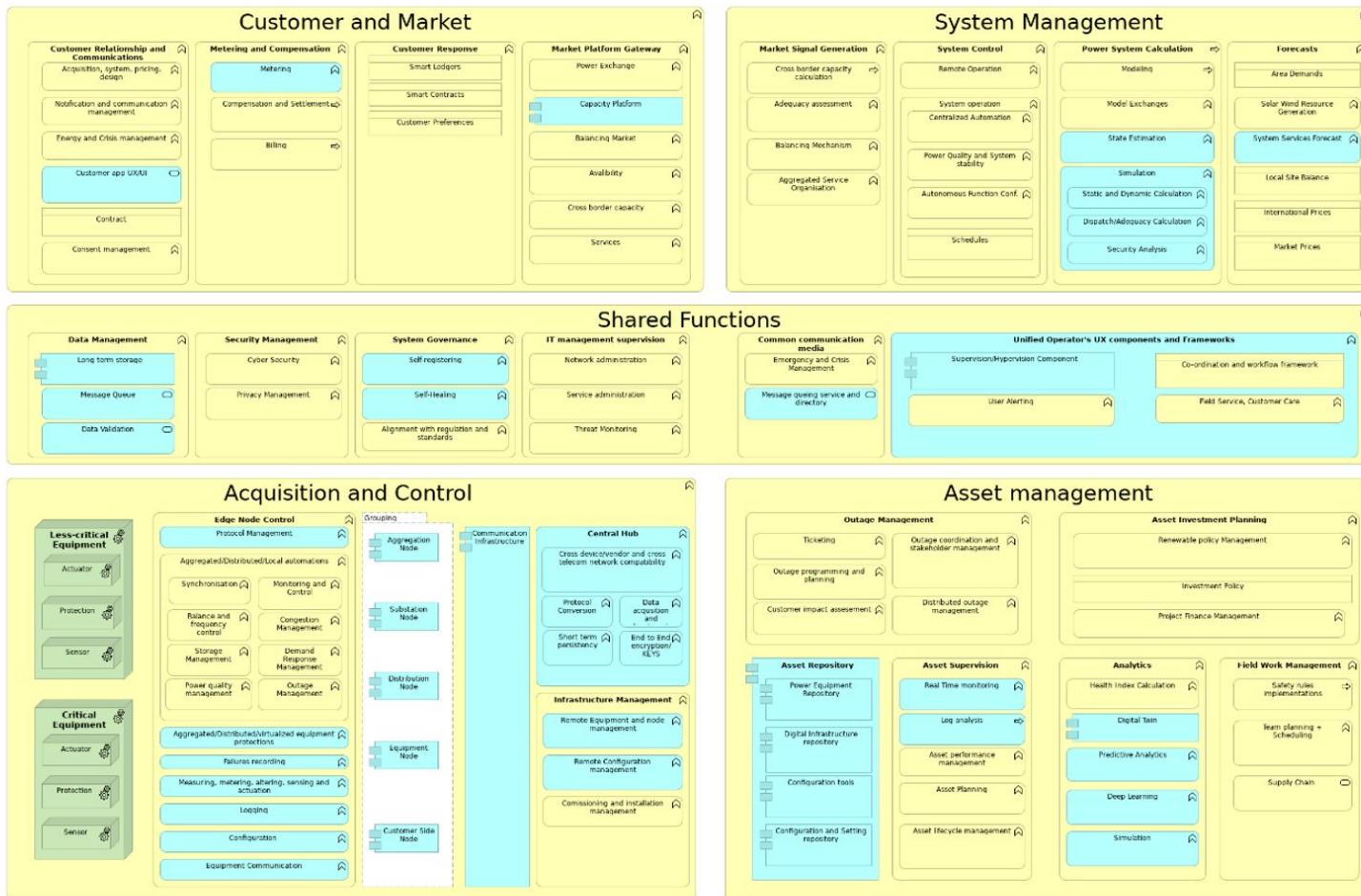
Reference Architecture

High level DFD w Data Exchange Standards (No Viewpoint) 



(Business) Functional Architecture





Application – Challenges



- Interoperability – *p.a.*
- Modularity – *m.m, p.a, r.f*
- Upgradability – *p.a.*
- Speed of innovation – *f.a, p.a.*
- Cost-effectiveness
(customization & scalability) –
r.f., f.a.
- Speed of innovation – *r.a.*

Our progress and plans

- New meta model – easier for a broader project set
 - Project phases – early adoption, incubation and sandbox
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- Nbility model \Leftrightarrow Project Architecture
 - Nbility model \Leftrightarrow Functional Architecture
 - Broader set of project architectures
 - Collaborative use cases



Project growth 2018 – 2024... and growing



Connect, create, contribute

- Find us at

<https://github.com/lfenergyarchitecturemodel>

- Bi-weekly sessions
 - Open discussion and collaborations
 - Guests invites
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Marketing/PR/Events Updates

5:10 pm - 5:25 pm



Marketing and PR Updates

- Webinars
 - [FlexMeasures developer training](#) scheduled for 31 October
 - [Grid Capacity Map webinar](#) scheduled for 14 November
 - [TROLIE webinar](#) scheduled for 20 November
 - GridChat (Arras) webinar likely to occur in January
- Content
 - [BalticRCC/PowSyBl case study](#) published
 - JEA/FledgePOWER case study in process
 - emsys/PowSyBl case study in process
- Media Relations
 - Looking to ramp up earned media coverage, particularly with energy/utility trade outlets; some of your orgs/projects will hear from Dan to request participation in contributed articles
- [Event tracker](#) - please review and add any additional opportunities
- Use this [form](#) to submit any comms/marketing support requests
- See [media coverage spreadsheet](#) or [website](#) for recent articles

Events

- 2025 events plan
 - LF Energy Summit 2025 (Europe) - Finalizing venue options and dates
 - [Sponsorship prospectus](#) now available
 - [2024 post event report](#) also available
 - Partnering with Charin on an EV charging event near Detroit at the American Center for Mobility - 15 May 2025
 - European OCA Plugfest - hosted by PIONIX in May, one day dedicated to open source EV charging conference
 - Data-focused event around SF Climate Week (19-27 April 2025) - specific date/location TBA
 - LF Energy Summit 2025 (North America) - to take place on Friday, 3 October, immediately following the CIGRE event in Montreal - finalizing venue details
- [Event tracker](#) - please review and add any additional opportunities



Upcoming Event CFPs

North America

- [ARPA-E Energy Innovation Summit](#) - March 17-19, 2025 - Washington, DC - Rolling submission deadline - email speakinginquiry@eventpowersupport.com to apply to speak
- [Energy Thought Summit](#) - May 19-22, 2025 - San Antonio, TX - Rolling submission deadline
- [IEEE PES General Meeting](#) - July 27-31, 2025 - Austin, TX - Submission deadline November 11
- [RE+](#) - September 8-11, 2025 - Las Vegas - Rolling Submission deadline
- [CIGRE](#) - Sept 29-Oct 2, 2025 - Montreal, Quebec - Submission deadline November 27
- [International Energy Program Evaluation Conference](#) - Oct 6-7, 2025 - Denver, CO - Submission deadline November 15

Europe

- [FOSS Backstage](#) - March 10-11, 2025 - Berlin - Submission deadline November 13
- [KubeCon Europe](#) - April 1-4, 2025 - London - Submission deadline November 24
- [The smarter E Europe \(EmPower\)](#) - May 7-9, 2025 - Munich, Germany - Submission deadline December 6
- [MOVE](#) - June 18-19, 2025 - London - Rolling submission deadline
- [PacWorld](#) - June 23-26, 2025 - Glasgow - Submission deadline December 15

Closing and Next Meeting

5:25 pm - 5:30 pm



Next TAC Meeting

The next meeting of the LF Energy TAC is scheduled for 20 November 2024 at 8:00 am US Pacific Time/11:00 am US Eastern Time/5:00 pm Central European Time. Agenda will include:

- General Updates
- Marketing/PR/Events update

To add agenda items, go to <https://github.com/lf-energy/tac/issues/new/choose>.

You can review the TAC Agenda at <https://github.com/orgs/lf-energy/projects/2/views/1>



APPENDIX

Marketing and PR Updates

Recent Media Coverage

- [TFIR - Hydro-Québec joins LF Energy](#)
- [TFIR - Code quality and security are crucial for open source projects | Nico Rikken, Alliander](#)
- [TFIR - Open source foundations to accelerate the energy transition | Alex Thornton – LF Energy](#)
- [TFIR - LF Energy's SEAPATH project aims to drive the next generation of energy management](#)
- [TFIR - What are the unique challenges in the energy sector?](#)
- [EnergyCentral - How French Transmission System Operator, RTE, Leverages Open Source to Build Next-Gen Substation Monitoring and Controls](#)
- [TFIR - LF Energy's role to accelerate decarbonization in the energy sector](#)
- [EC&M - Open-Source Platform EVERest to Advance Electric Vehicle Charging Interoperability](#)
- [Electronic Design - This Week in PowerBites: Open-Source EV Charging, Solid-State Circuit Protection](#)
- [TFIR - Open source drives technical transformation of vertical industries: Linux Foundation Report](#)
- [Solar Builder - Solving public EV charging issues with open-source software](#)
- [TFIR - LF Energy's role in global decarbonization and grid standardization](#)
- [Electronic Design - Open-Source EV Charging: Linux-Based Platform Simplifies Interoperability](#)
- [TFIR - United States is ready to tackle Climate Crisis with the help of Open Source | Boris Dolley](#)

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