

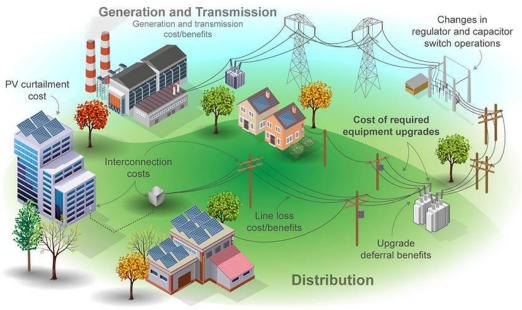
"Realistic but not Real": Comprehensive electrical distribution datasets of the future

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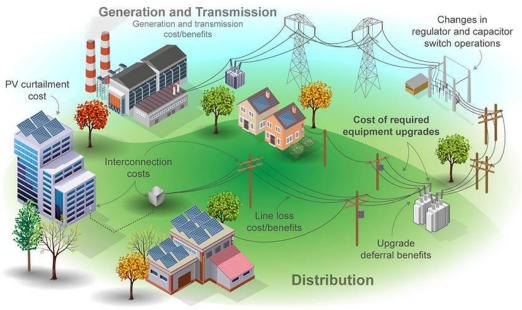
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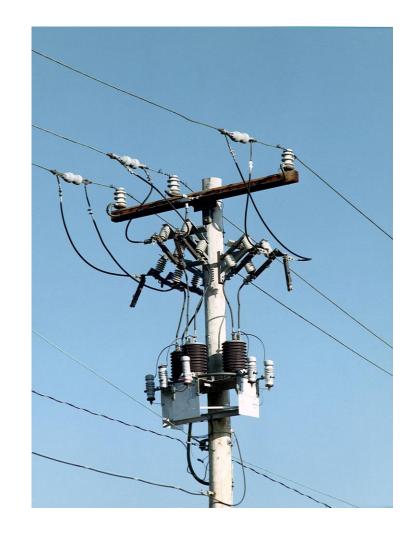
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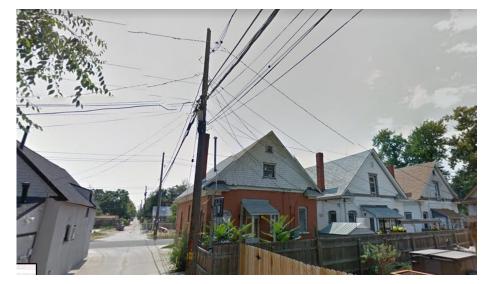


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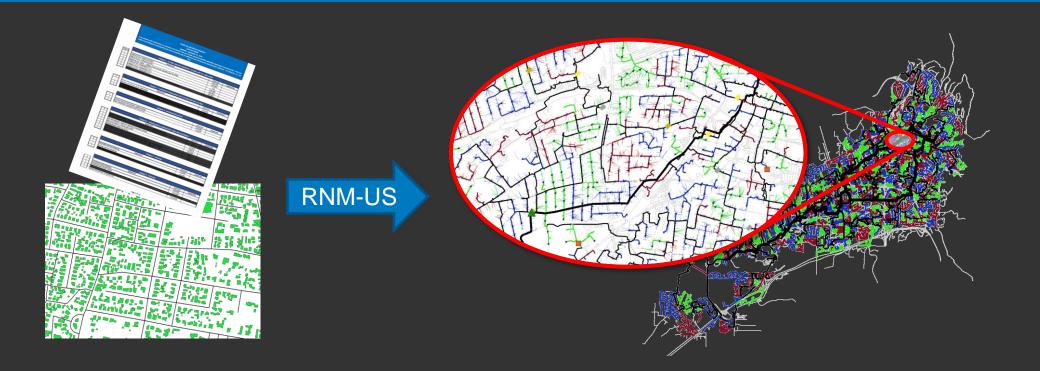
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The Problem

- Distribution data is hard to obtain from utilities
- It can be incomplete
- Timeseries data is often not recorded
- Comparisons of utility studies are difficult
- Single feeder test systems lack the complexity and scale of utility-sized networks

The Smart-DS Solution:



Build large-scale, high-quality, open-source, "Realistic but not real" synthetic distribution* test systems from building/street map data and realistic equipment & design practices.

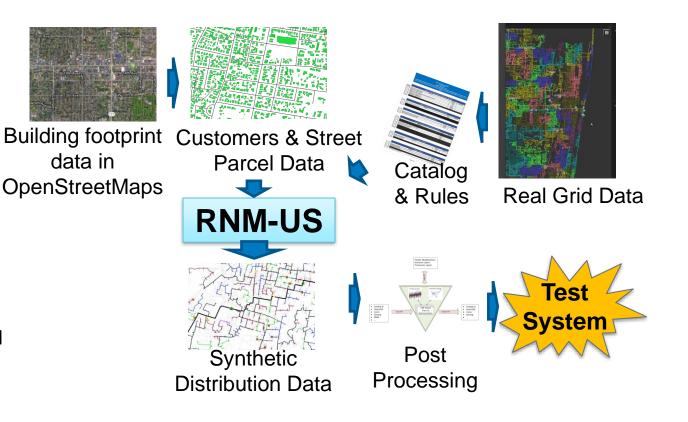
*Note: Other GRID DATA Projects are building open transmission data

SMART-DS: Comprehensive, Large Scale Realistic Distribution Systems

"Realistic but not real" full-scale, high-quality synthetic distribution system dataset(s) for testing advanced grid algorithms and technology analysis

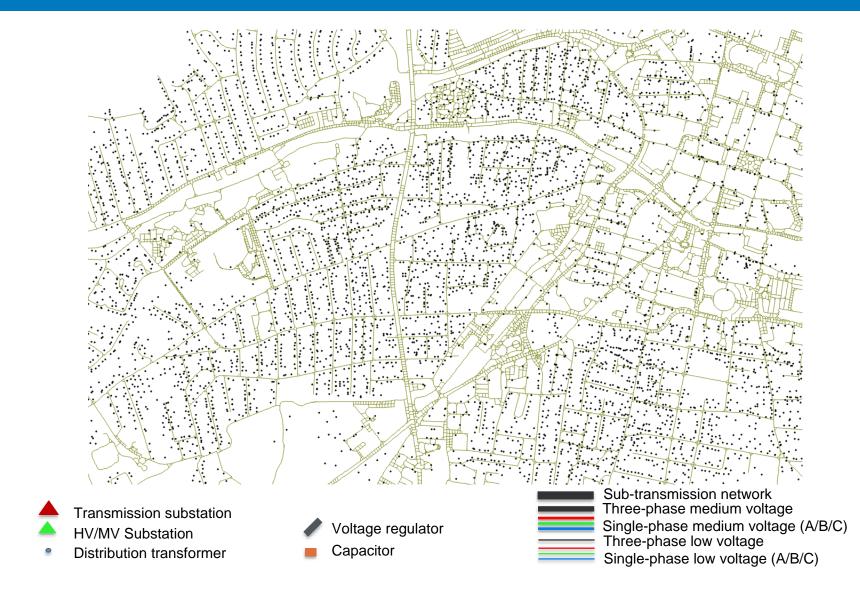
Containing:

- Substation internals
- Sub-transmission connecting substations
- Multiple feeders from substation with open switches between feeders.
- Secondaries
- Diversity in rural, urban configurations, voltage classes and delta vs/ wye configurations
- Multiple load customer types
- Fuses, Reclosers, Switches
- Regulators and Capacitors
- 100+ substations,
 500+ feeders, 1M+ customers
- Timeseries Load and Solar data
- Data in multiple formats (currently OpenDSS, CYME and Geojson)
- Feeder Metadata (including size, average land value, customer classes)
- Summary metrics of each feeder
- Selection of different locations for DERs, Electric Vehicles, faults etc.

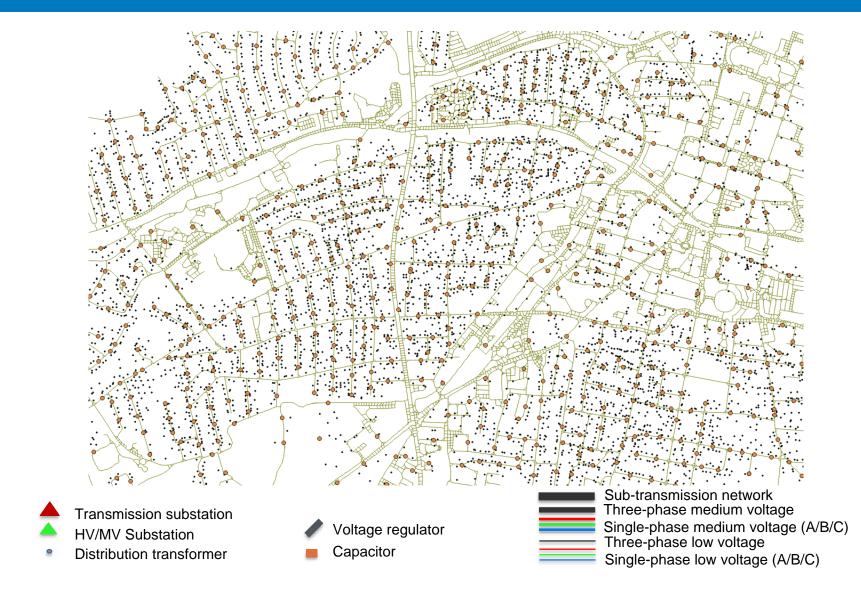


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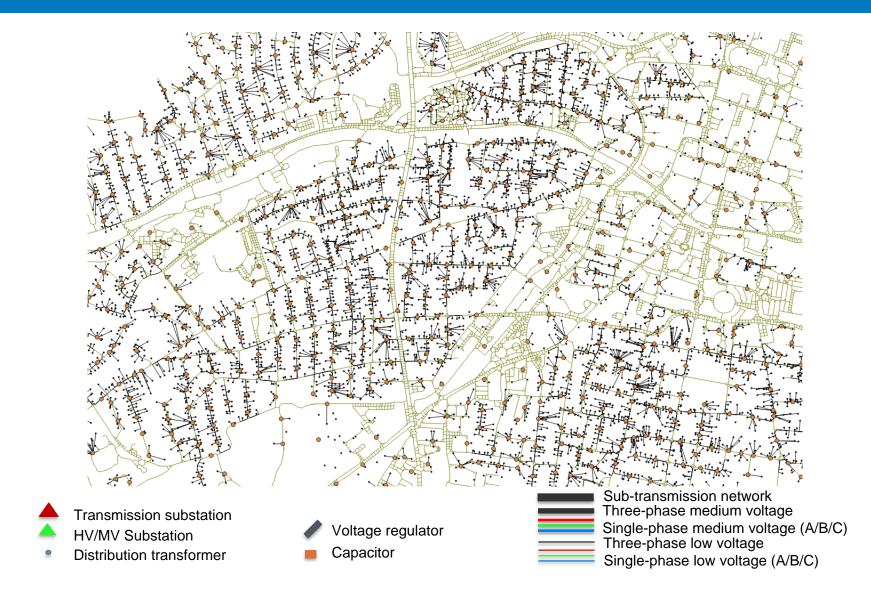
Input data: Consumers & street map



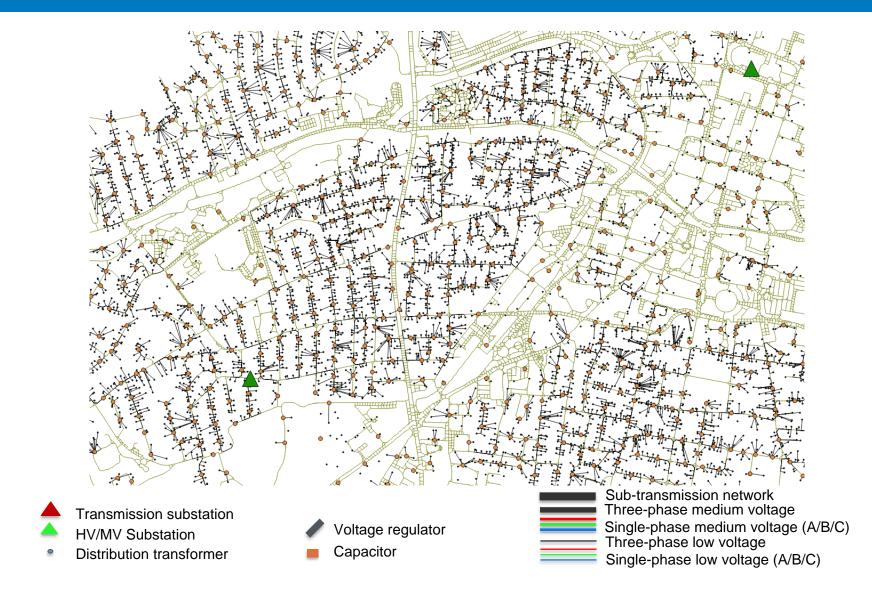
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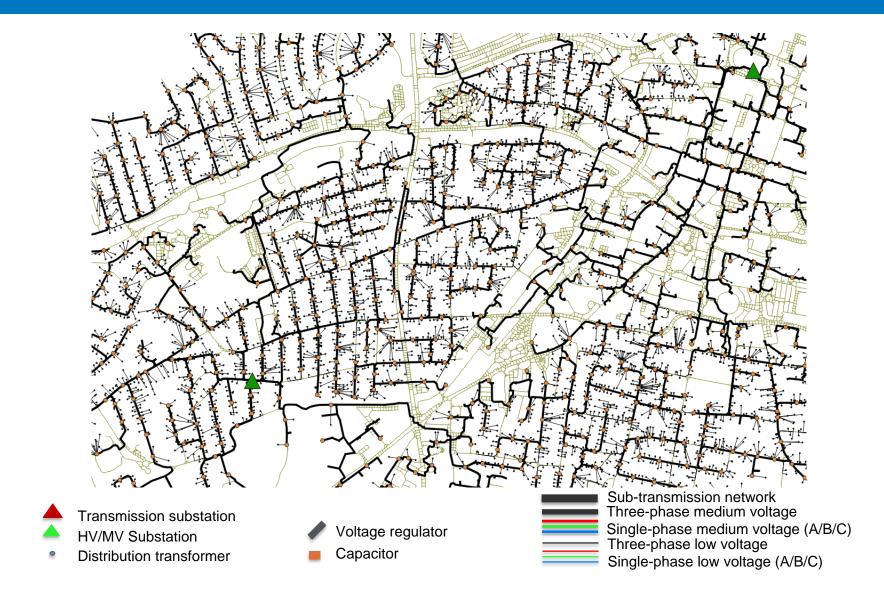
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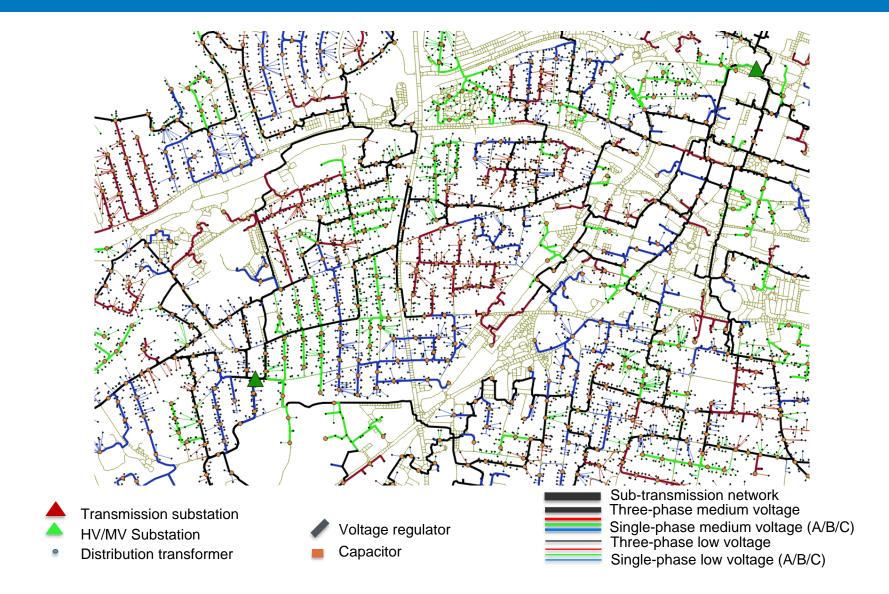
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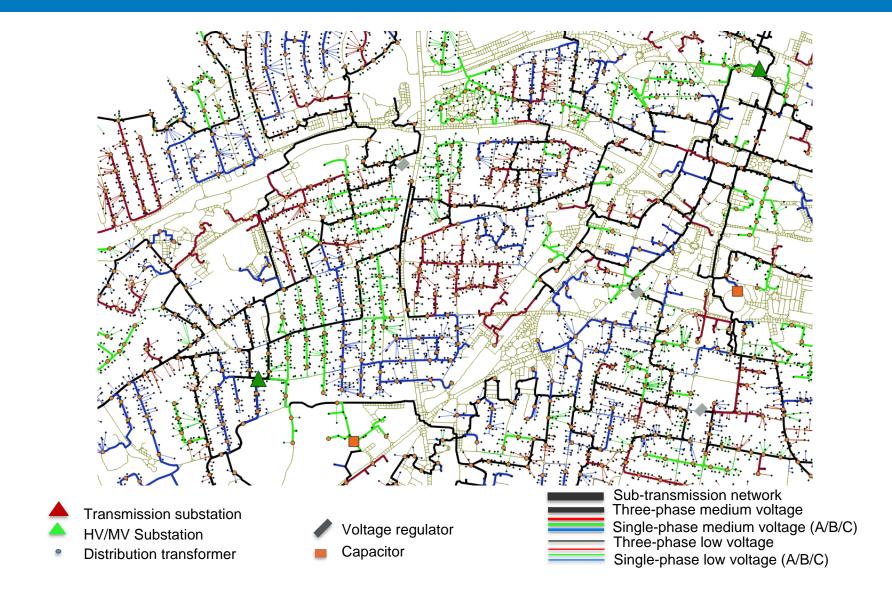
Medium Voltage Topology



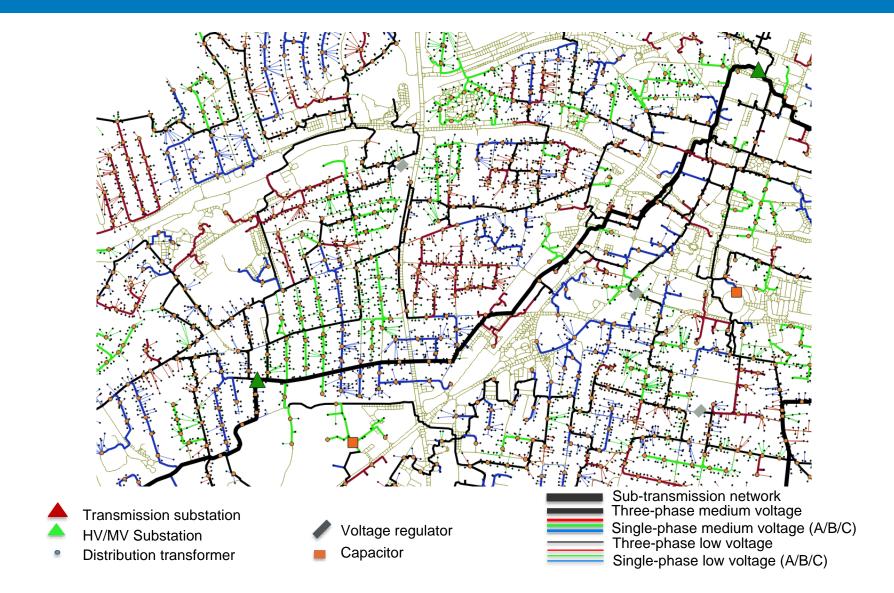
Phasing (Single Phase laterals & LV)



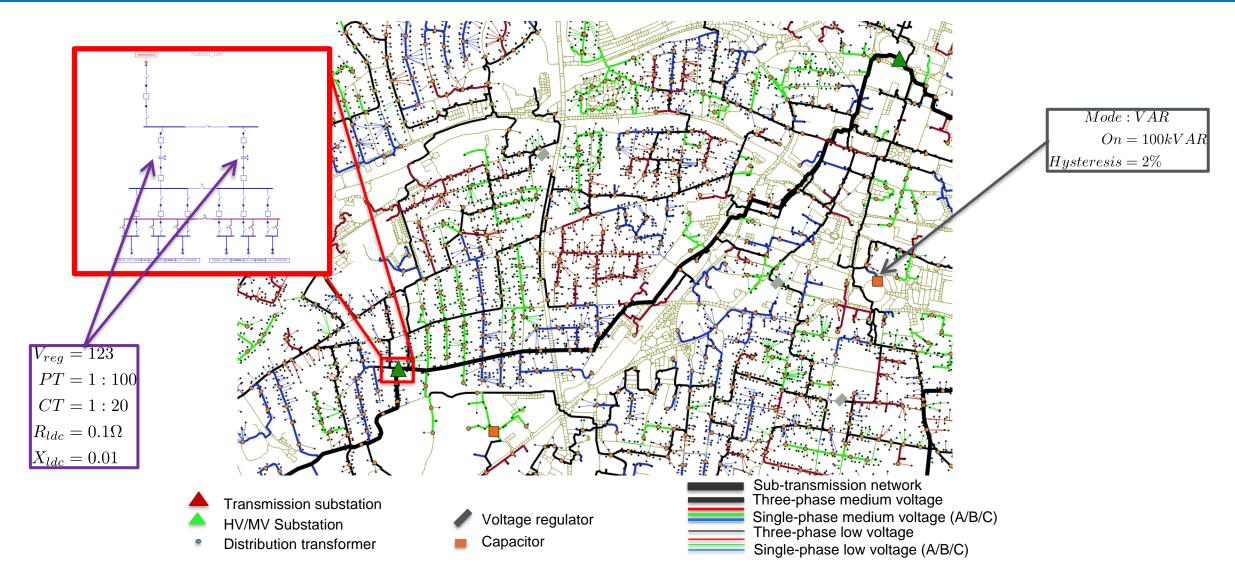
Capacitors, Voltage Regulators, Switches, etc.



(Sub) Transmission

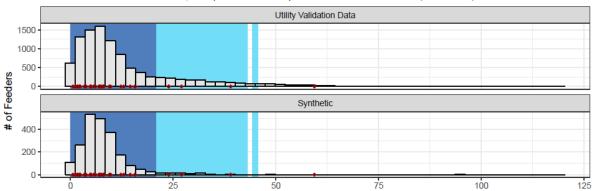


Post-processing: Substation Internals & Control Settings



Distribution Validation: SFO Synthetic vs Utility Data

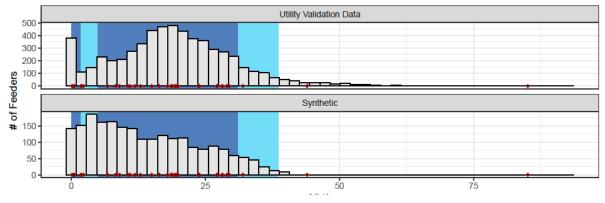
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of validation feeders = 10149 ; Red points indicate open source feeder locations (if available)

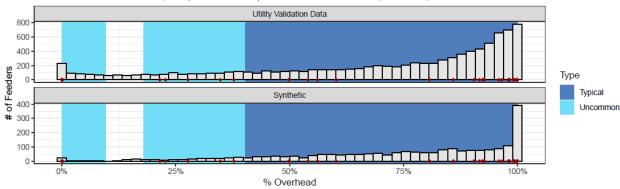
Distribution Transformer Total Capacity

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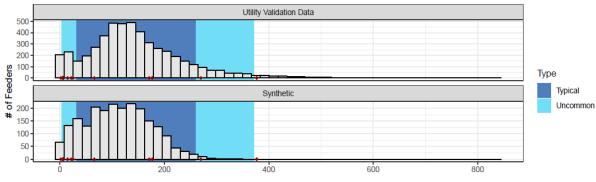
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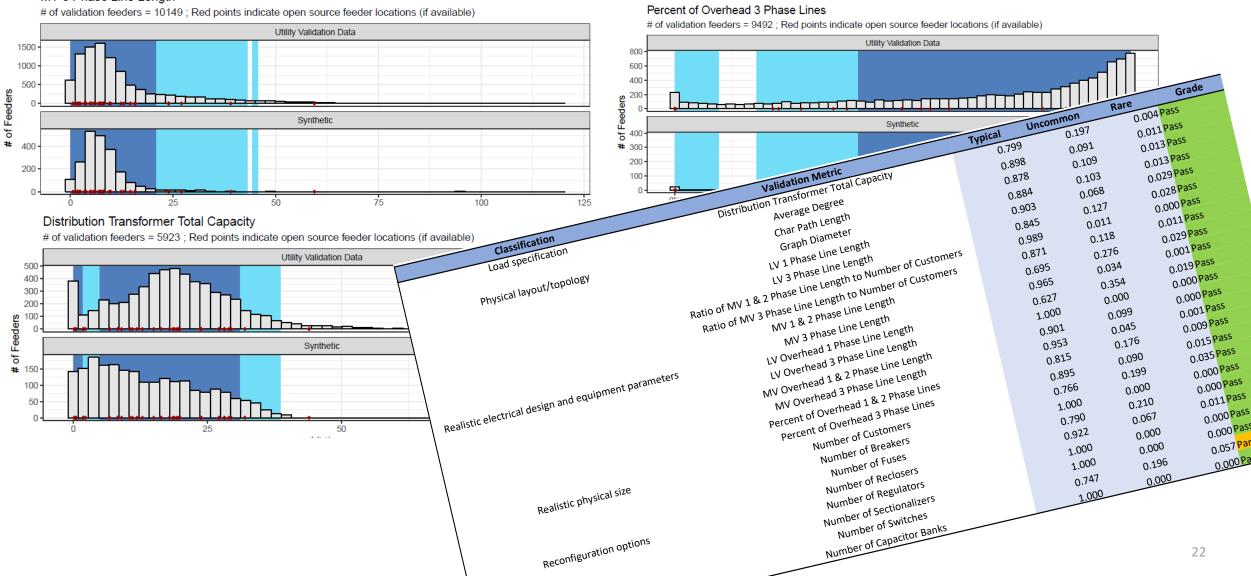
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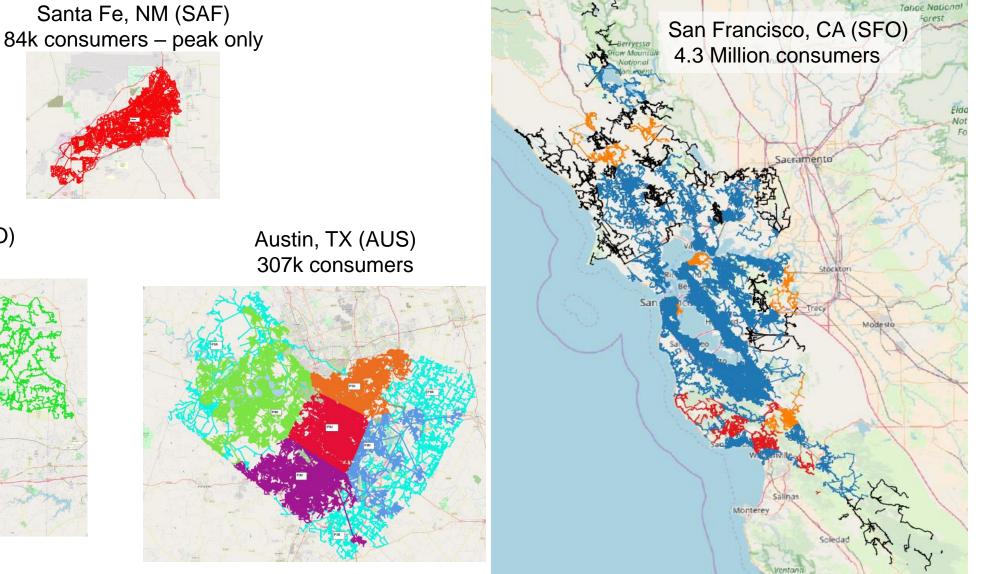
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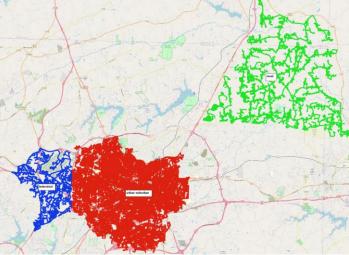


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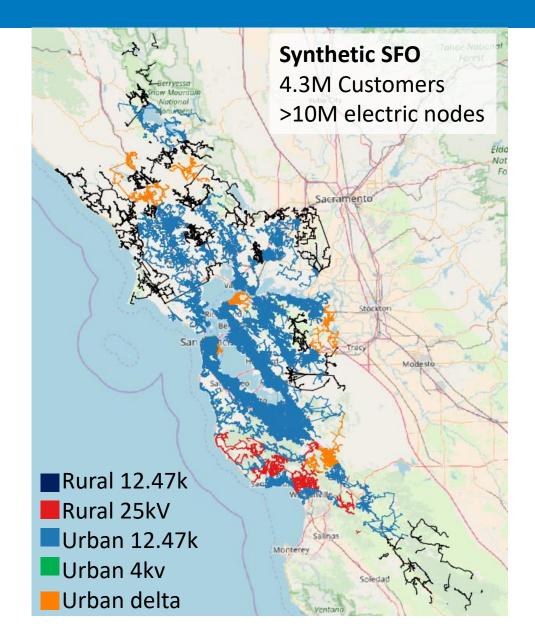
Four Datasets: San Francisco, Austin, Greensboro, Santa Fe (Not to Scale)



Greensboro, NC (GSO) 134k consumers



Large test system: Bay Area, CA (SFO, v1.0)



Additional Diversity:

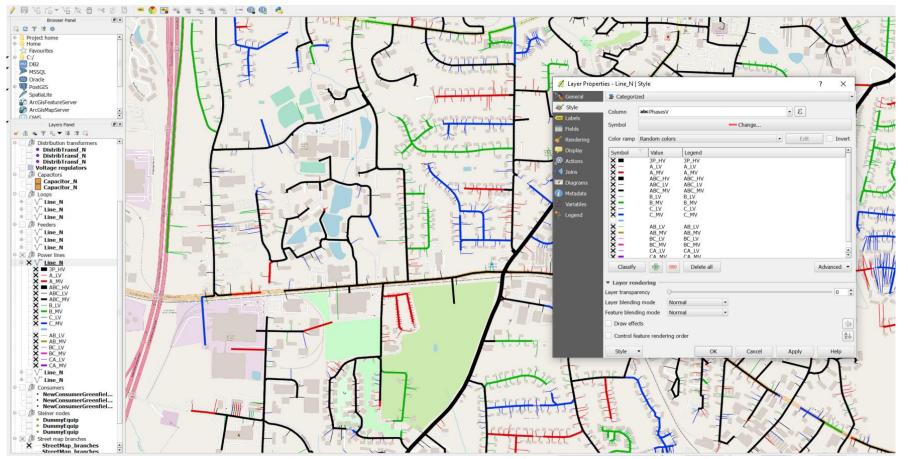
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- Voltage Management: Regulator, Capacitors
- Arrangement: Wye, Delta
- Area type: Urban-suburban, rural
- Networked secondary

Rich Scenarios:

- 1yr x 15min ZIP loads for all customers
- Defined DER adoption
 - Low, Med, High PV, etc.

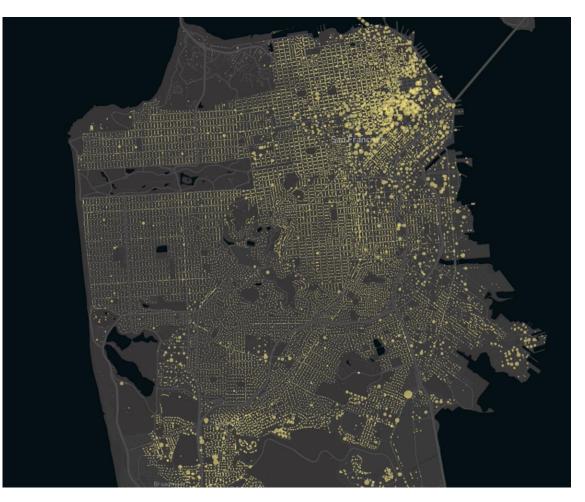
GIS Data: Shapefiles

- Shapefiles provided of network data
- Created before post-processing
- No equipment parameters
- Useful for visualization

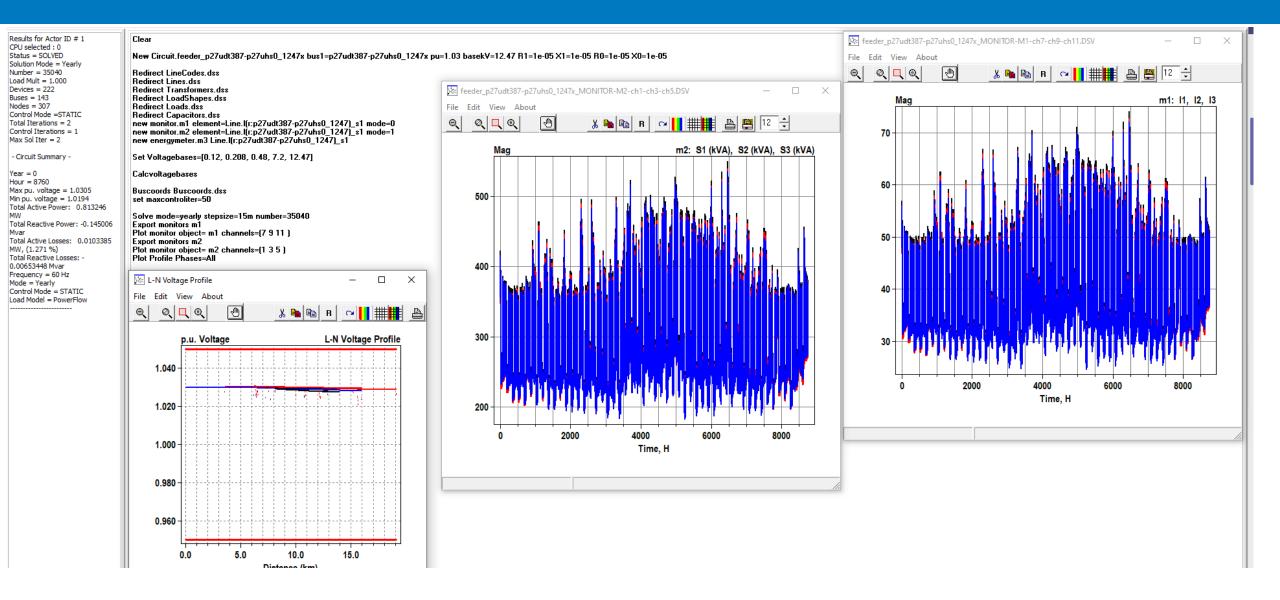


GIS Data: Geojson

- Geojson files provided for each feeder
- Key network and power system information included as properties
- Useful for data extraction and visualization

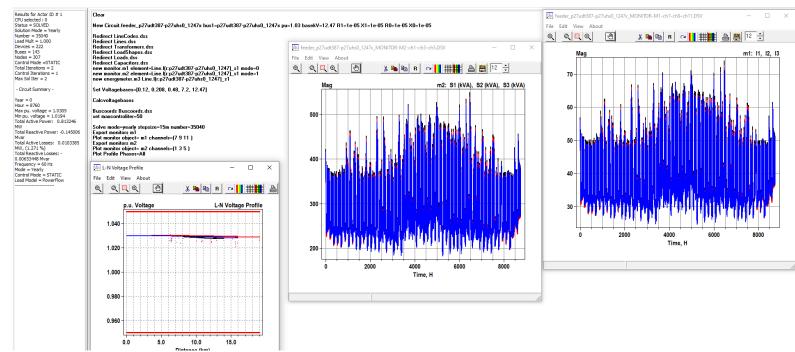


OpenDSS



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Models Provided in OpenDSS format OpenDSS files organized by region, substation and feeder Timeseries profiles provided and linked by Loadshapes Can be run with OpenDSSDirect using python or julia



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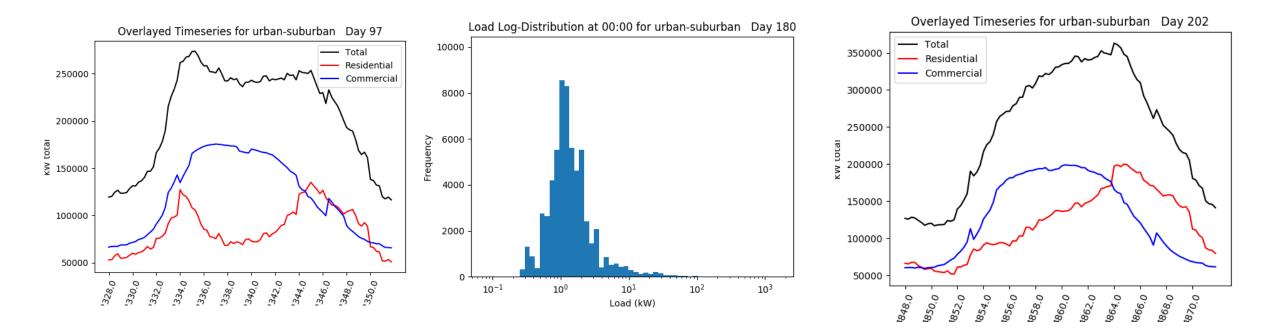
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Timeseries Load Profiles

- Profiles added with latest Restock and Comstock data at 15 minute resolution
- Profiles connected for each customer contain real and reactive power based on end-use power factors.
- Weather dependent loads which vary throughout the year
- Data provided for 2016, 2017 and 2018
- A "peak planning" scenario with a single timepoint also provided



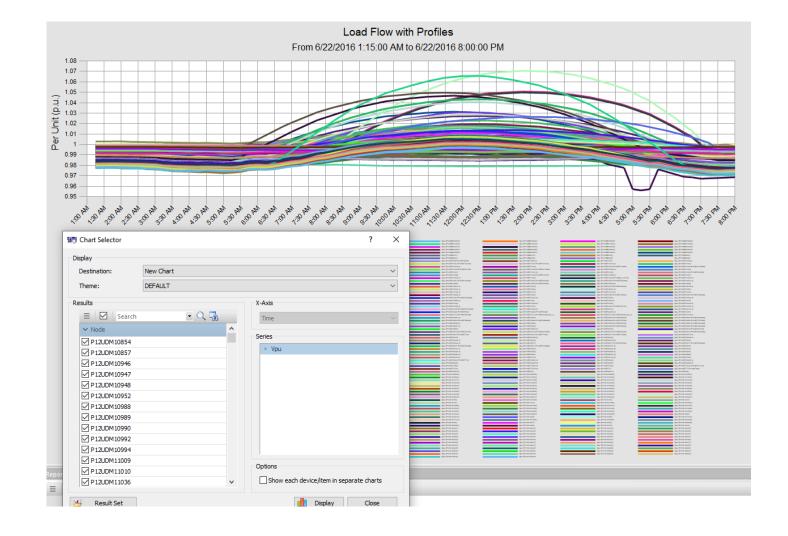
End-Use Details

- Time series load provided in parquet files
- Same profile often assigned to multiple buildings based on peak planning load
- Load is broken down into real and reactive end-uses:
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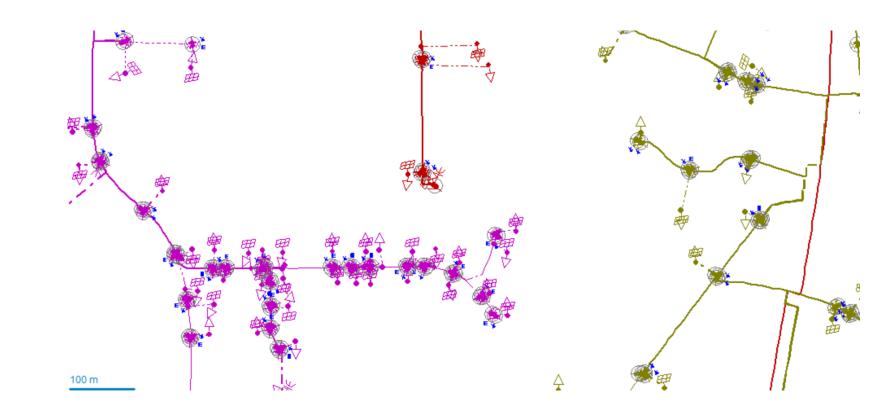
Timeseries Solar Profiles

- Solar irradiance data is provided at 4x4 km grid square resolution using data from NSRDB (National Solar Radiation Database)
- Plane of array irradiance with combinations of:
 - panel tilt
 - Azimuth
- GHI, DNI and DHI, wind speed, temperature and power output are provided
- Standardized panel power output computed
- Volt-Var and Volt-Watt curves used for some deployments using IEEE1547



Standardized Scenarios for DER, etc.

- Integrated into CYME/OpenDSS/Geojson:
 - Low/medium/high/extreme PV penetration for distributed and utility solar
 - Low/high battery penetration for distributed and utility batteries
- Additionally extra static placements provided in json files:
 - Fault locations
 - EV uptake
 - Demand response
 - AMI
 - Upgrade locations
 - Controllable switches



Dataset Metrics

How to choose which feeders to do studies on? The following metrics are provided for each feeder:

- Feeder Name
- Feeder Head Node
- Substation Name
- Medium Voltage Length (miles)
- Three Phase Medium Voltage Length (miles)
- Three Phase Overhead Medium Voltage Length (miles)
- Two Phase Medium Voltage Length (miles)
- Two Phase Overhead Medium Voltage Length (miles)
- Single Phase Medium Voltage Length (miles)
- Single Phase Overhead Medium Voltage Length (miles)
- Overhead Percentage of Medium Voltage Line Miles
- Ratio of Medium Voltage Lines to Number of Customers
- Maximum Node Distance From Substation (miles)
- Nominal Voltage of Source (kV)
- Low Voltage Length (miles)
- Three Phase Low Voltage Length (miles)
- Three Phase Overhead Low Voltage Length (miles)
- Two Phase Low Voltage Length (miles)
- Two Phase Overhead Low Voltage Length (miles)
- Single Phase Low Voltage Length (miles)
- Single Phase Overhead Low Voltage Length (miles)
- Maximum Line Length From Transformer to Load (miles)

- Overhead Percentage of Low Voltage Line Miles
- Ratio of Low Voltage Lines to Number of Customers
- Number of Voltage Regulators
- Number of Capacitors
- Average Regulator Distance From Substation (miles)
- Average Capacitor Distance From Substation (miles)
- Number of Fuses

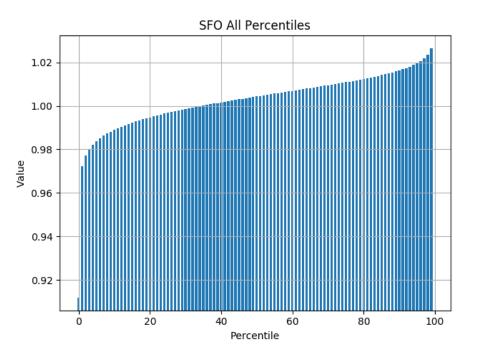
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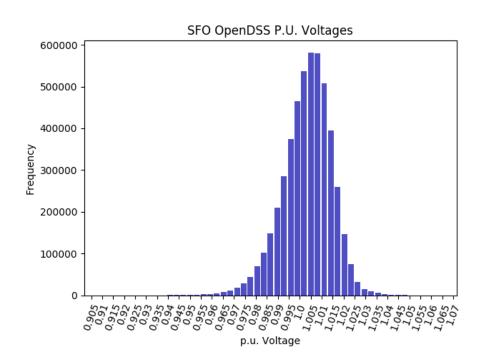
- Number of Reclosers
- Average Recloser Distance From Substation (miles)
- Number of Breakers
- Number of Switches
- Number of Lines Connected to Adjacent Feeder
- Number of Closed Loops
- Number of Transformers
- Total Transformer Capacity (MVA)
- Number of Single Phase Transformers
- Number of Three Phase Transformers
- Ratio of Single Phase Transformers to Three Phase Transformers
- Total Planning Load (MW)
- Total Phase A Planning Load (MW)
- Total Phase B Planning Load (MW)
- Total Phase C Planning Load (MW)
- Total Reactive Planning Load (MVar)
- Percentage of Low Voltage Planning Load on Phase A
- Percentage of Low Voltage Planning Load on Phase B
- Percentage of Low Voltage Planning Load on Phase C
- Number of Single Phase Low Voltage Loads
- Number of Three Phase Low Voltage Loads
- Number of Medium Voltage Loads

- Total Medium Voltage Planning Load (MW)
- Average Number of Loads per Transformer
- Average Planning Load Power Factor
- Average Planning Load Imbalance by Phase
- Total Number of Customers
- Number of Customers per Square Mile of Feeder Convex Hull
- Total Planning Load (MW) per Square Mile of Feeder Convex Hull
- Total Reactive Planning Load (MVar) per Square Mile of Feeder Convex Hull
- Total Transformer Capacity (MVA) per Square Mile of Feeder Convex Hull
- Average Node Degree
- Average Shortest Path Length
- Diameter (Maximum Eccentricity)
- Number of PVs
- Total PV Capacity (MW)
- Number of PVs with Volt- Var Control
- Total Capacity of PVs with Volt- Var Control (MW)
- Number of PVs with Volt- Watt and Volt- Var Control
- Total Capacity of PVs with Volt- Watt Volt- Var Control (MW)
- Number of Batteries
- Total Capacity of Batteries (MW)
- Average Year of Building Construction
- Average Land Value (USD per Square Foot)
- Percentage of Rural Customers
- Percentage of Urban Customers
- Percentage of Residential Customers
- Percentage of Commercial Customers
- Percentage of Industrial Customers
- County
- Line Configuration

Powerflow Results

- OpenDSS simulations run for the peak loading time of each year for each feeder, substation and region of each scenario.
- Voltages, line overloads, transformer loads and other simulation data provided
- For peak loading time of 2016 base scenario in SFO region:
 - Voltage Ranges between 0.9117 and 1.0616 p.u.
 - 99.9939% of nodes below 1.05 p.u.
 - 99.923% of nodes above 0.95 p.u.





Accessing the Data

OEDI User Interface

- Open Energy Data Initiative (OEDI) Provides a resource for accessing very large datasets
- Hosted on AWS
- S3 buckets can be accessed through a web user interface:

https://data.openei.org/s3_viewer?bucket=oedi-data-lake&prefix=SMART-DS%2Fv1.0%2F

• Users can view the data and download specific files

AWS S3 Explorer for the Open Energy Data Initiative oedi-data-lake / SMART-DS / v1.0			
Show 50 v entries			
Object	Timestamp	Size	
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2018/			
GIS/			
User_Guide/			
peak/			
placements/			
run_opendss_analysis.py	2021-07-10 15:36:02	33.9 kB	
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OEDI – AWS

Navigating the UI can be difficult for large data grabs

The AWS command-line interface can be used to navigate the dataset:

\$ aws s3 ls "s3://oedi-data	-lake/SMART-DS/v1.0/2016/SFO/P1U/scenarios/base_timeseries/opendss/"no-sign-request
PRE analysi	is/
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PRE p1uhs1	1_1247/
PRE p1uhs2	2_1247/
PRE p1uhs3	3_1247/
PRE subtrar	nsmission/
2021-07-07 09:32:33 92	6794 Buscoords.dss
2021-07-07 09:32:33 32	5659 LoadShapes.dss
2021-07-07 09:32:33 40	057 Master.dss
2021-07-07 09:32:33	4 SMART-DS_version.txt

The following command recursively downloads all files from the opendss folder of the base_timeseries scenario of P1U in SFO for 2016:

\$ aws s3 cp "s3://oedi-data-lake/SMART-DS/v1.0/2016/SFO/P1U/scenarios/base_timeseries/opendss/" opendss -recursive --no-sign-request

OEDI – User Guide

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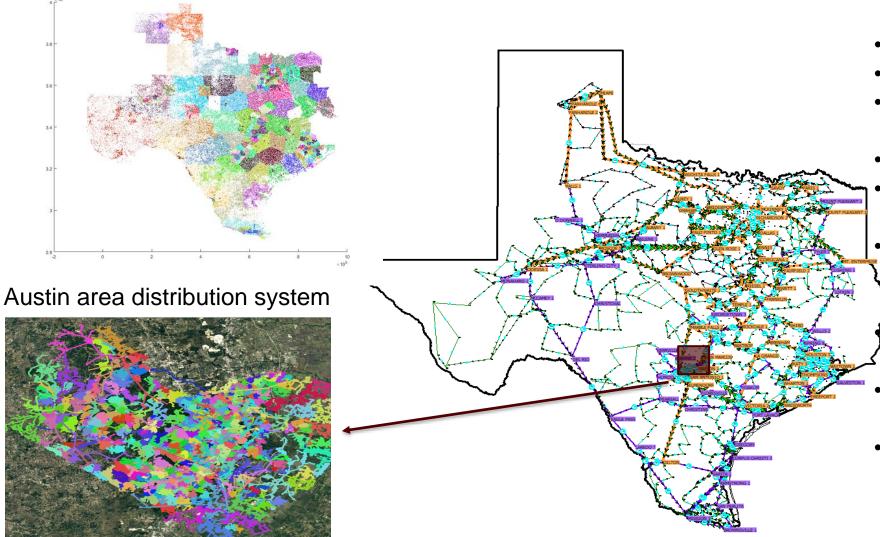
Detailed user guide of dataset available on Github:

https://github.com/openEDI/documentation/tree/main/SMART-DS

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	User Guide for SMART-DS Synthetic Electrical Network Data		
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	 User Guide for SMART-DS Synthetic Electrical Network Data SMART-DS Dataset Features Network Electrical Components Design Loads SMART-DS Scenarios Integrated Scenarios Placement Scenarios Dataset Structure GIS Placements Years Datasets 		
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Expanded Datasets

Combined Transmission-Distribution System: Texas

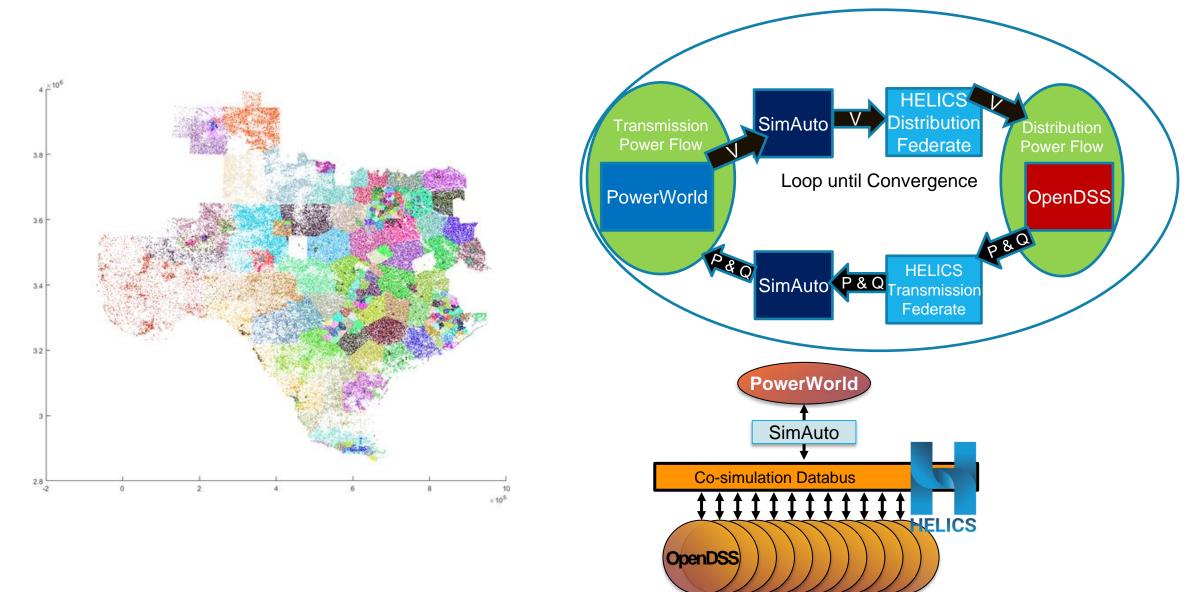


- Transmission -> PowerWorld
- Distribution -> Opendss
- Substation interface between
 Transmission and Distribution
- Load at 15 minute resolution
- Load aggregated to
 Transmission
- Co-ordination of Transmission
 and Distribution managed by
 HELICS

Pass information on loads up from distribution

- Pass substation voltage down from transmission
- Capture cascading behavior between timesteps

Co-simulation for Synthetic Texas Grid

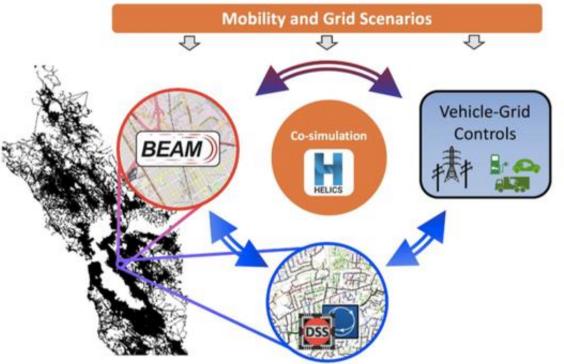


SMART-DS + EV Modelling

GEMINI-XFC will use first-of-a-kind integrated high-fidelity grid and transport modeling to identify effective pathways for widespread electrification, design and evaluate integrated vehicle-grid control schemes, and optimize electric vehicle integration at a full regional scale with individual customer resolution.

Control variables will include:

- **Charging station design** and planning (where and what kind of charging stations);
- **EV route scheduling** considering grid "status";
- **Dispatch of behind-the-meter energy storage** and legacy voltage control actuators (on-load tap changes, voltage regulators, capacitors).

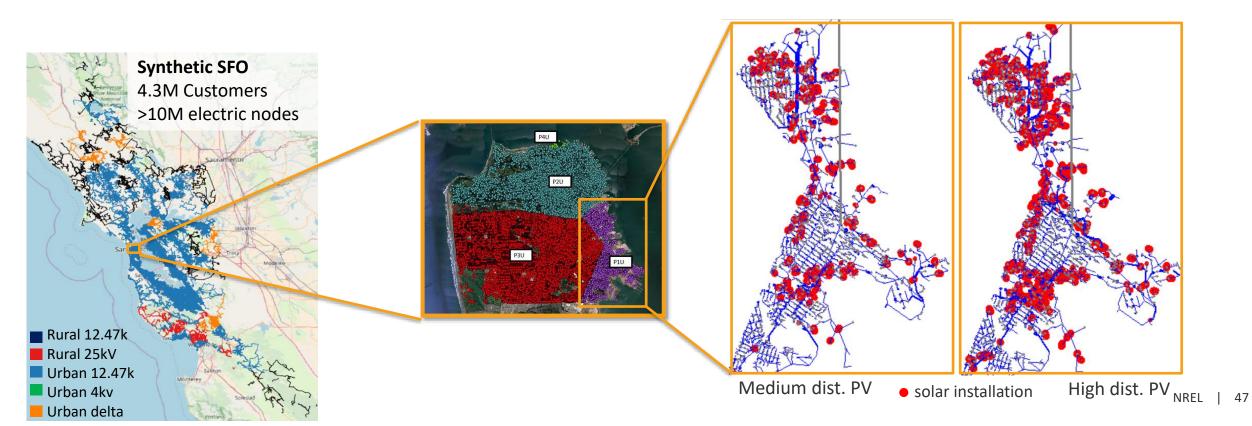


Focus on **extreme fast charging, XFC** (single plug at 250 kW or multiple plugs for a total of 1+MW)

> Slides from Nadia Panossian and Bryan Palmintier @NREL

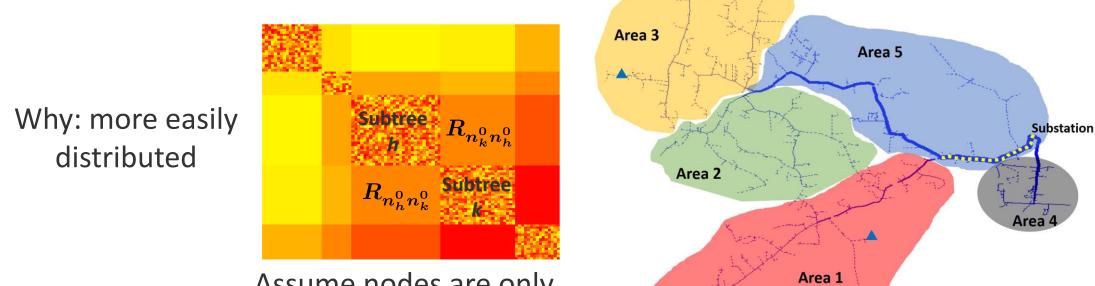
SMART-DS + EV Modelling: Solar Scenarios

- Can smart charging reduce line congestion and increase power quality (e.g. voltage drops from increased distributed charging)?
- Can smart charging reduce voltage and variability issues from high penetrations of distributed solar?
- Can distributed solar and storage reduce congestion and voltage drop challenges from EV fast charging?



Optimization and Controls advances

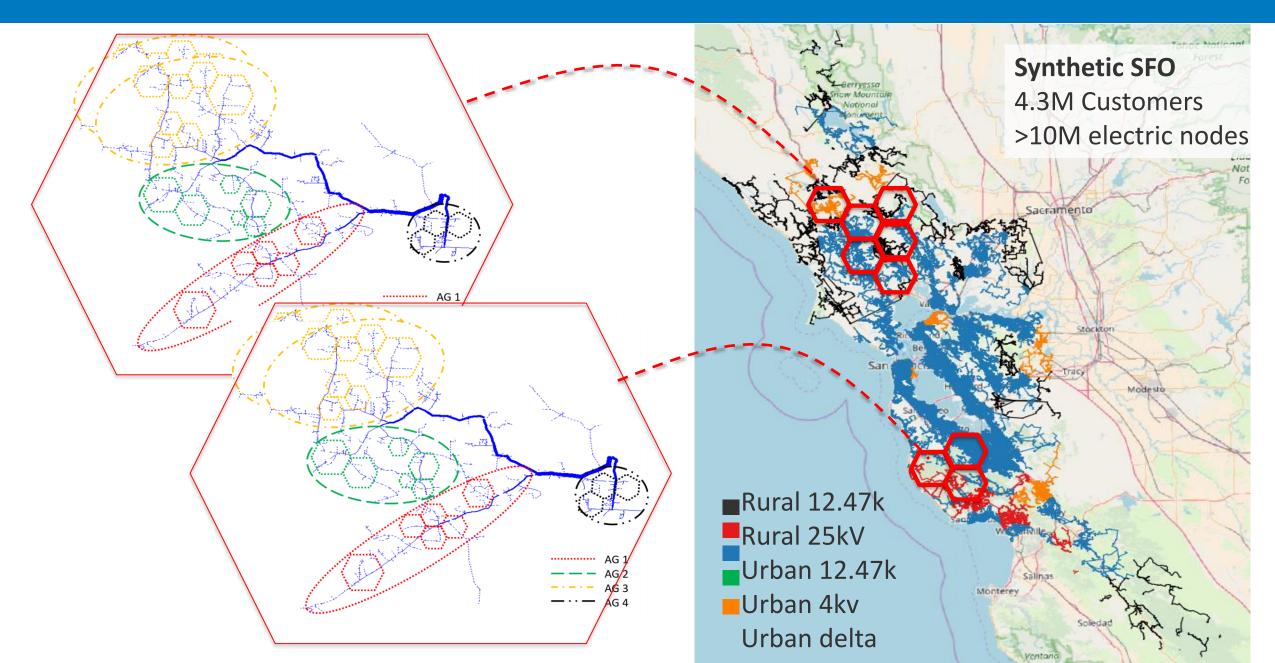
- Developed hierarchical controls/optimization strategies
- Separate into areas to improve computation time (approach real-time operation)



Assume nodes are only impacted by neighboring nodes

Slides from Ben Kroposki @NREL

Demonstrate Autonomous Energy Systems on Realistic Grids



Conclusions

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