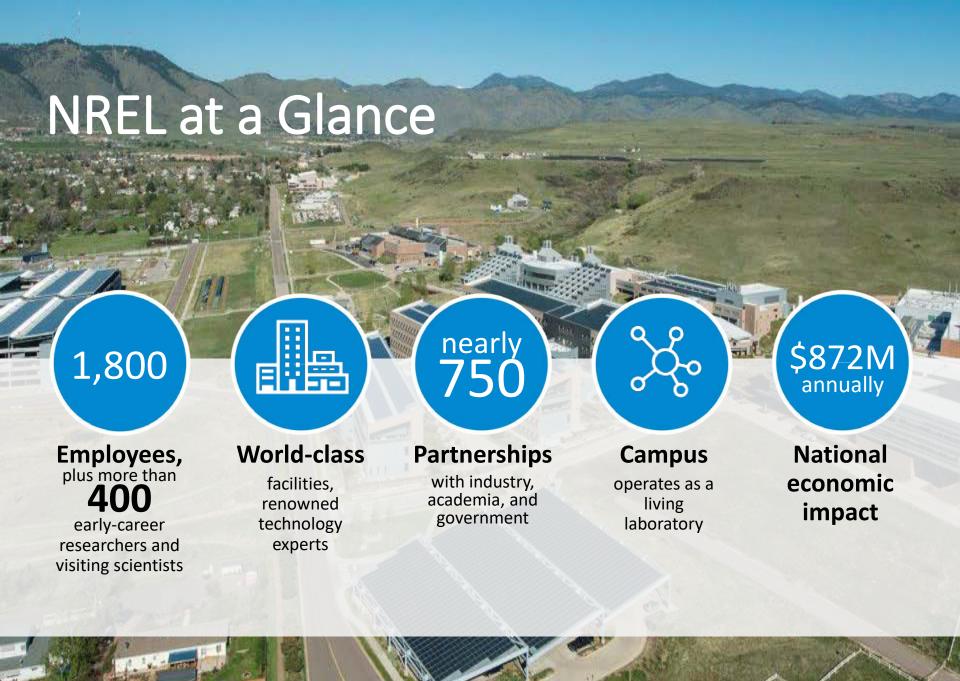


MODELING THE GRID INTEGRATION OF VARIABLE RENEWABLE ENERGY (VRE) RESOURCES

23 November 2018
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National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)

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OVERVIEW OF MODELING TOOLS, METHODS, AND DATASETS THAT WE TRADITIONALLY/CURRENTLY USE















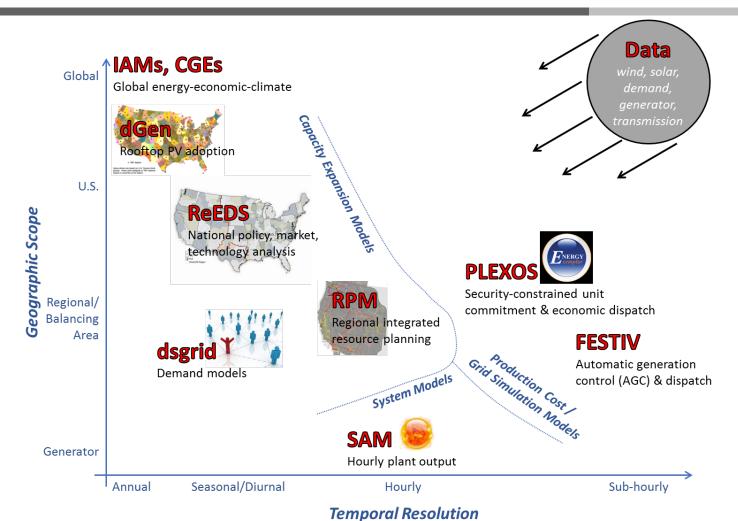






SOME NREL TOOLS





















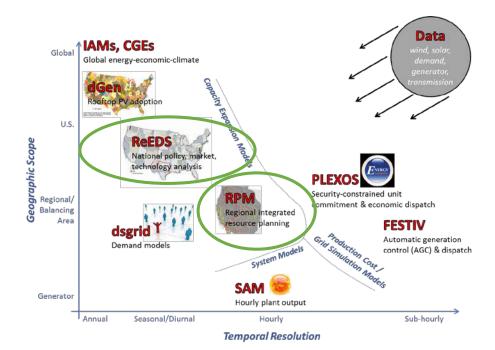




CAPACITY EXPANSION MODELS



- Regional Energy Deployment System (ReEDS)
- Resource Planning Model (RPM)

















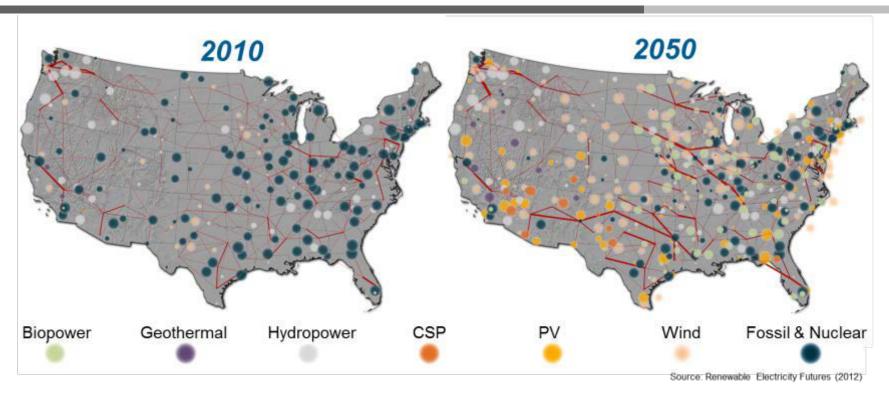






REGIONAL ENERGY DEPLOYMENT SYSTEM (REEDS)





Simulates the expansion and operation of the *North American* generation and transmission system given projections of load, fuel prices, technology costs and performance, and policies/regulations https://www.nrel.gov/analysis/reeds

















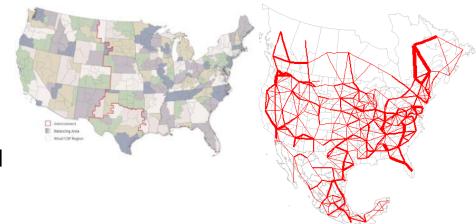


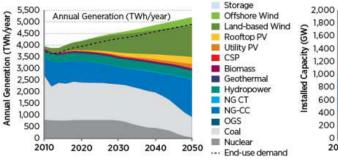


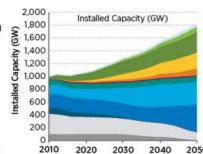
REEDS KEY ATTRIBUTES



- High spatial resolution to represent transmission, RE resources and load:
 - 134 Balancing Areas (BAs), 356 renewable resource regions
- High temporal resolution to represent seasonal and diurnal variations in load and resources:
 - 17 time-slices for each year
- Detailed representation of challenges associated with integration of variable resource renewables:
 - curtailment and capacity value
- Key outputs: annual generator and transmission capacity builds/retirements dispatch, emissions, fuel consumption, electricity prices





















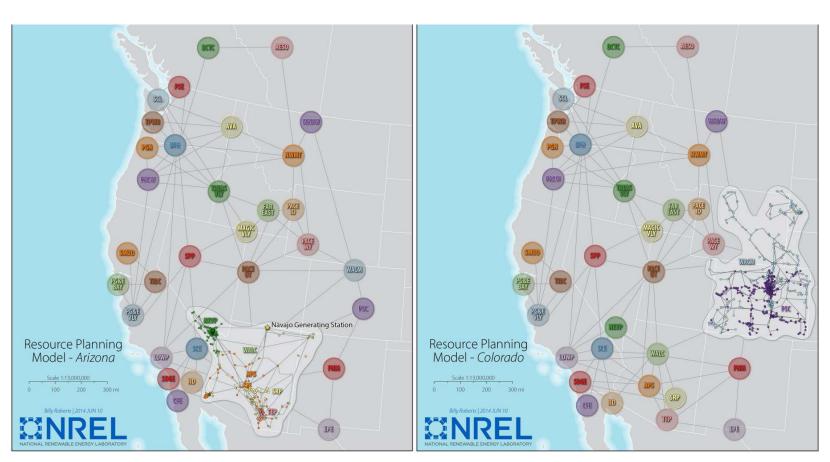






RESOURCE PLANNING MODEL (RPM): MIXED NODAL/ZONAL MODEL





http://www.nrel.gov/analysis/models_rpm.html

















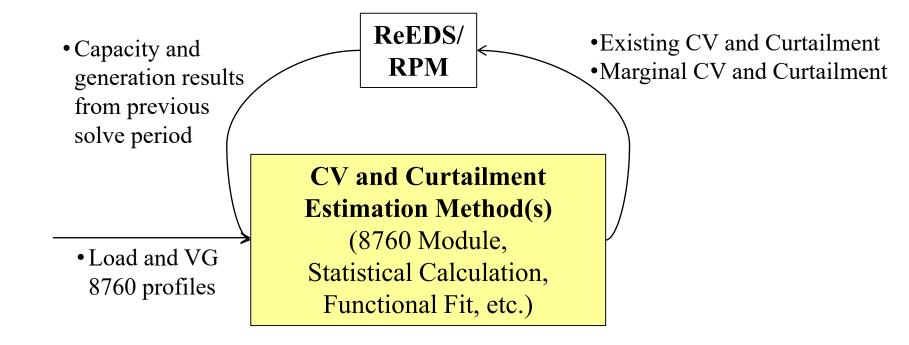




METRICS TO CAPTURE VARIABILITY AND UNCERTAINTY



Capacity value (CV) and Curtailment



















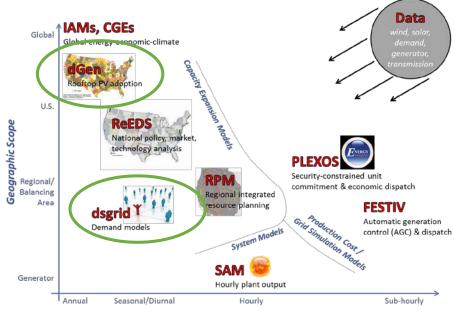




DISTRIBUTED RESOURCES AND DEMAND-SIDE TOOLS



- dGen
 - NREL Point of Contact (POC): Ben Sigrin
- Demand-side grid (dsgrid)
 - NREL POC: Elaine Hale























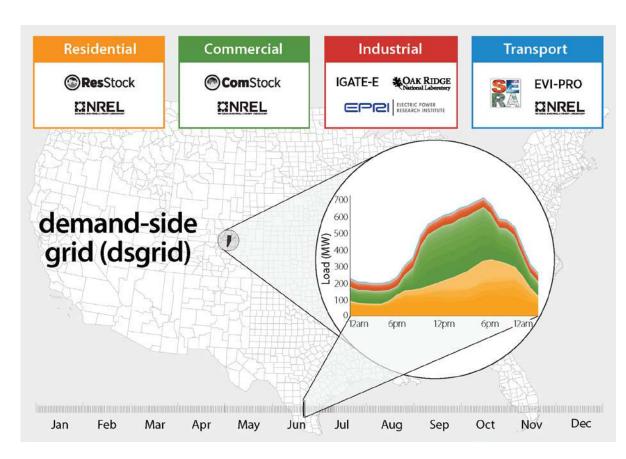


THE DEMAND-SIDE GRID (DSGRID) MODEL CREATES HIGHLY RESOLVED TIME-SYNCHRONOUS LOAD DATA BY LEVERAGING SECTOR-SPECIFIC MODELING EXPERTISE



Bottom-up modeling of buildings, industry, and electric vehicles to enable:

- Future projections and whatif scenarios for load shape in addition to magnitude
- Realistic estimates of potential load flexibility (i.e., demand response)
- Understand interactions
 between energy efficiency
 and demand response
 potential (also renewables
 and DERs)



https://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy18osti/71492.pdf





















DISTRIBUTED TECHNOLOGY DIFFUSION (DGEN)

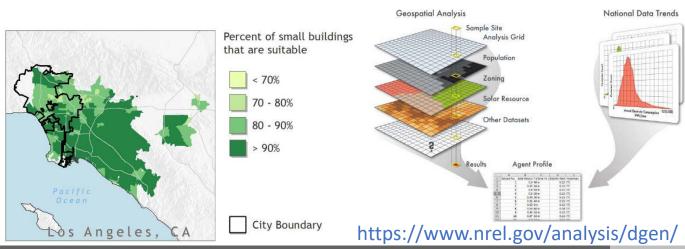


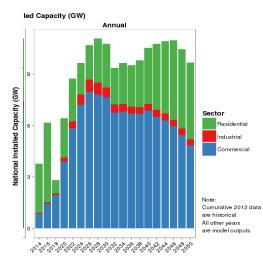
ReEDS and RPM do not estimate DG adoption. A separate model (dGen) is used.

Forecasts customer adoption of distributed generation technologies (solar, storage, wind, geothermal) for residential, commercial, and industrial entities, given assumptions about future electricity costs, technology cost and performance, policy and regulation, and customer behavior

High geographic resolution enables state, utility, or city-specific analysis with

overlay of multiple spatial layers





















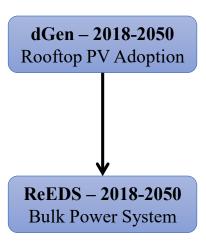




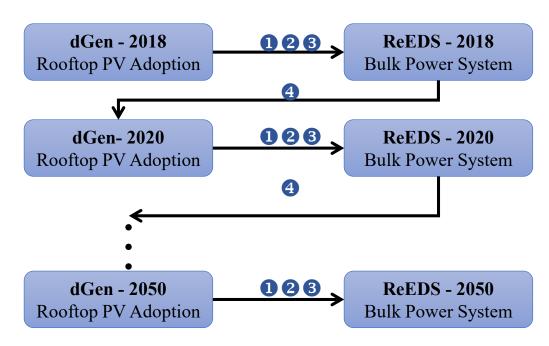
REEDS (OR RPM)-DGEN LINKAGES



Single Pass



Iterative



- Rooftop PV capacity by region
- 2 Capacity factor by time slice
- 3 Retail electricity prices of adopters
- 4 Rooftop PV marginal curtailment rate

https://doi.org/10.1016/j.apenergy.2016.02.004















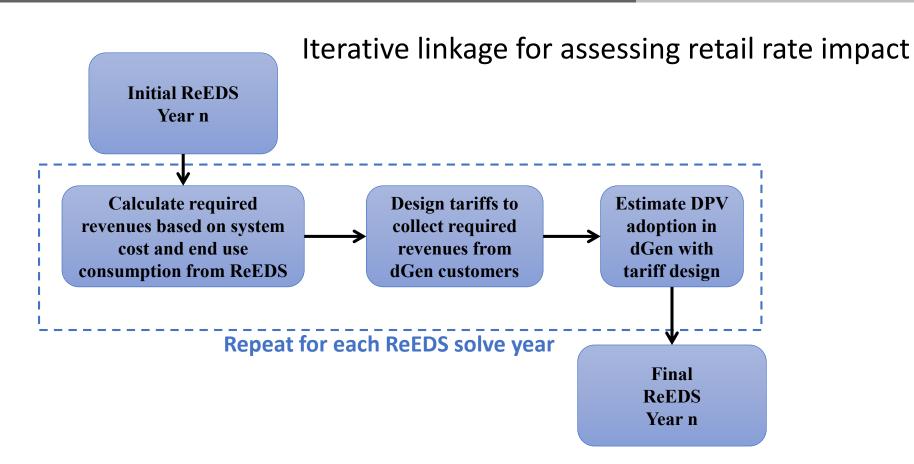






REEDS (OR RPM)-DGEN LINKAGES





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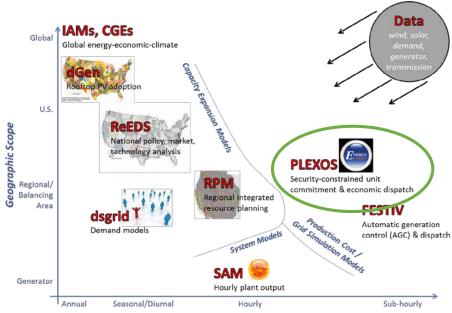


PRODUCTION COST MODELS (PCMs)



PLEXOS

NREL POC: Greg Brinkman

























PLEXOS PRODUCTION COST MODEL



Hourly or subhourly chronological

Commits and dispatches generating units based on:

- Electricity demand
- Operating parameters of generators
- Transmission grid parameters

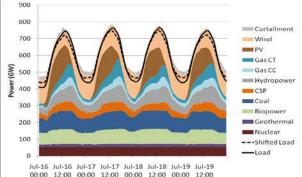
Used for system generation and transmission planning

 Increasingly used for realtime operation



Locational prices, production cost

Dispatch information, curtailment, fuel usage





Transmission congestion

















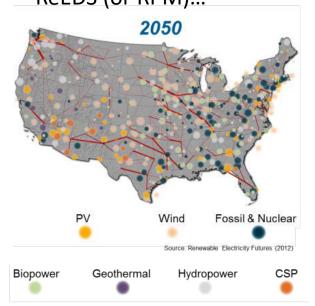




MODEL LINKAGES: REEDS-TO-PLEXOS

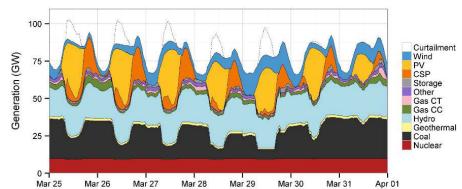


Take buildout from ReEDS (or RPM)...





...and translate into operational database for PLEXOS



















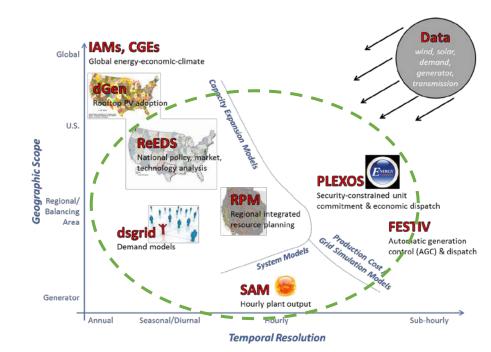




RESOURCE ADEQUACY ASSESSMENT TOOL



- Probabilistic Resource Adequacy Suite (PRAS)
 - Recently extended to include transmission network outages
 - Currently developing capability to capture energy-limited resources, such as storage and responsive demand
 - NREL POC: Gord Stephen

















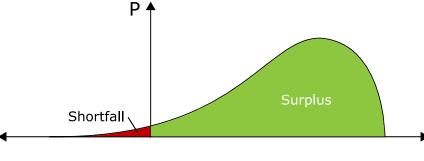








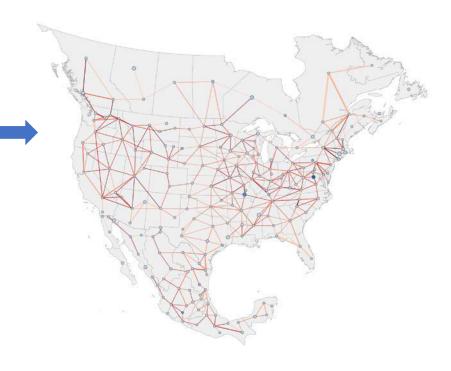
Simple single-region, single-period analysis



Supply - Demand (MW)

Shortfall probability = LOLP
Probability-weighted average shortfall magnitude = EUE

Large-scale, multi-region analysis



















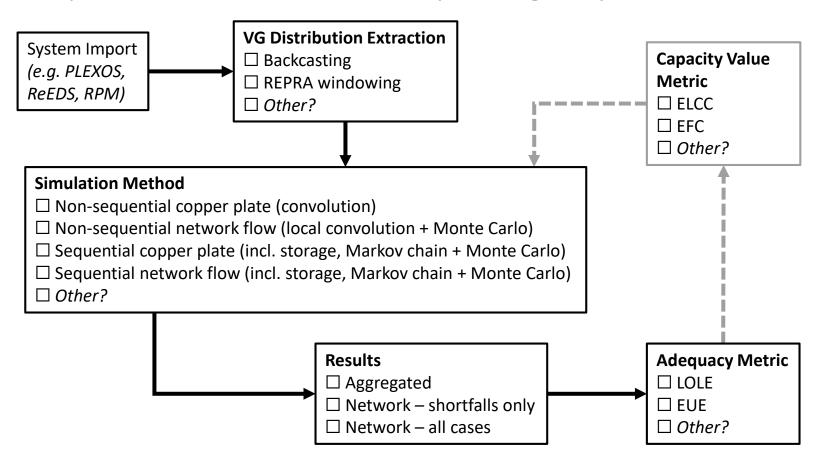




PRAS – CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE



PRAS provides a modular collection of data processing and system simulation tools



















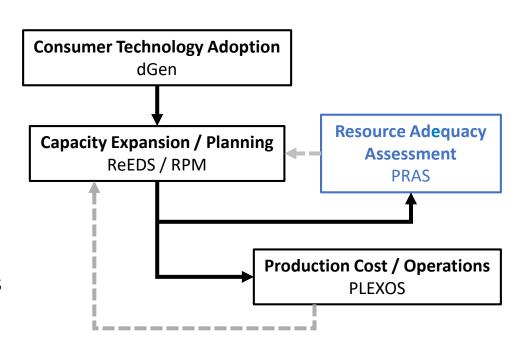




PRAS IN NREL GRID INTEGRATION STUDIES



- Evaluates / validates resource adequacy of grid buildout scenarios from capacity expansion models
- Informs adjustments to internal resource adequacy heuristics in those models
- Calculates capacity value (e.g. EFC, ELCC) of individual resources (e.g. wind, solar, transmission) under different scenarios





















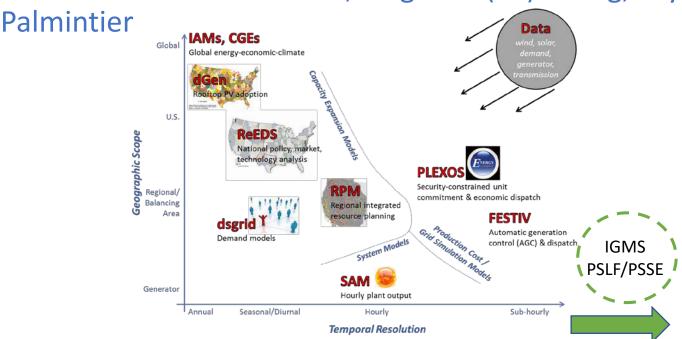


SHORTER TIMESCALE TOOLS



Transmission and stability analysis; Transmission +
 Distribution → other parts of NREL

NREL POCs: Himanshu Jain, Yingchen (YC) Zhang, Bryan

















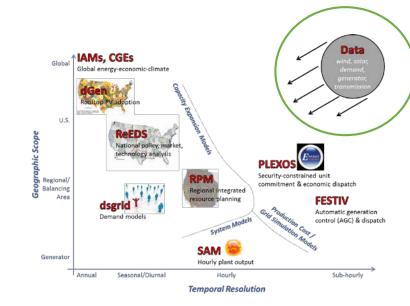








- VRE profiles
 - NSRDB (National Solar Radiation Database)
 - Wind Toolkit
 - reV for enhanced user interface/data coordination
 - SAM
- Load profiles
- Generator properties
 - heat rate curves, emissions, costs, ramping, etc.
 - Network connection/mapping
 - Outages and repair times
- Hydropower data

















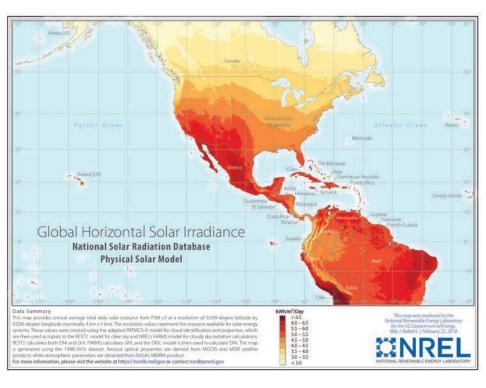


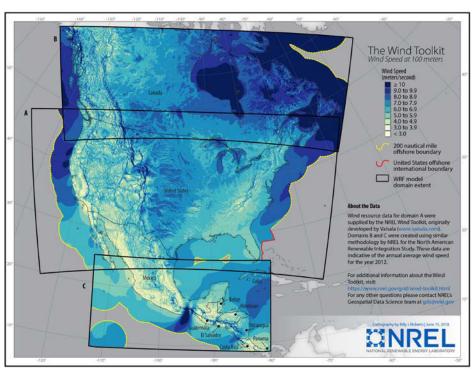




NREL RESOURCE DATA: THE AMERICAS







National Solar Radiation Database (NSRDB)

Temporal Range: 1998-2016 **Temporal Interval: 30-minute** Spatial Resolution: nominal 4 km

Spatial Extent: Most of Western Hemisphere

WIND Toolkit

Temporal Range: 2007-2013 **Temporal Interval: 5-minute** Spatial Resolution: nominal 2 km **Spatial Extent: North America**









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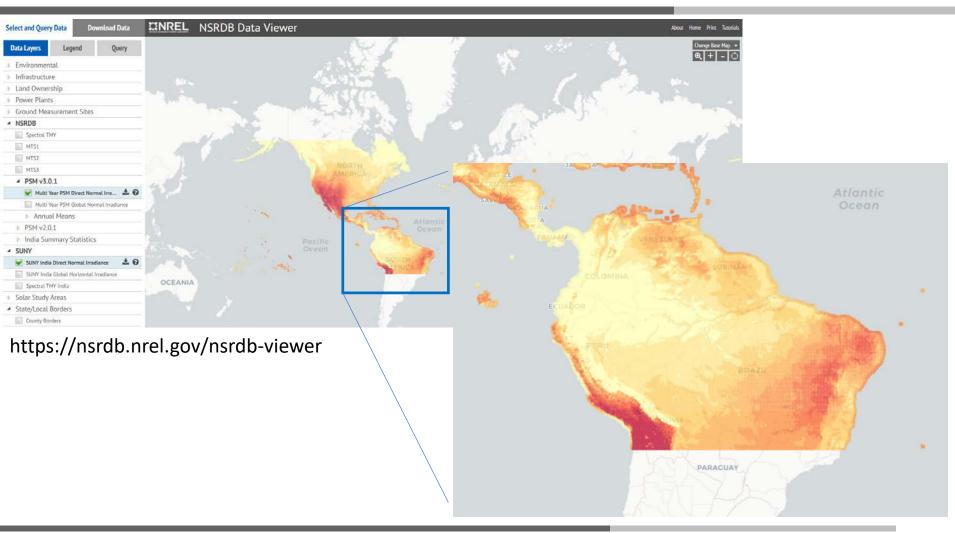
China

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NSRDB IN SOUTH AMERICA



















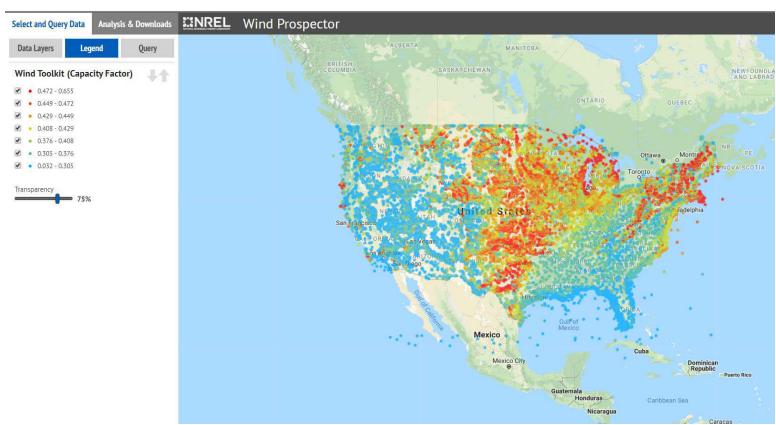






WIND TOOLKIT





https://maps.nrel.gov/wind-prospector/

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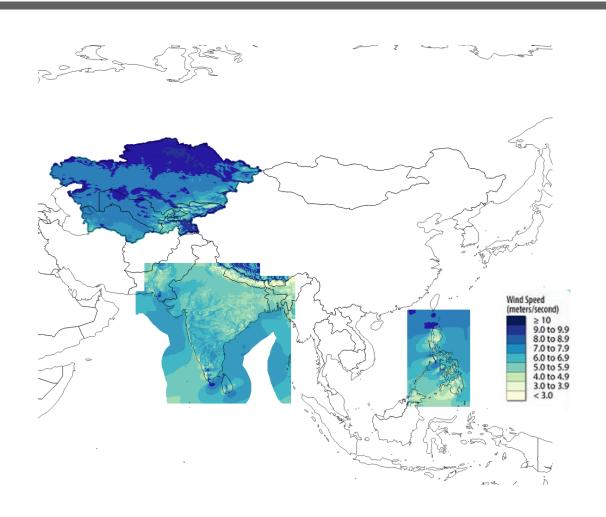






NREL'S EXPANDING PORTFOLIO OF INTERNATIONAL WIND RESOURCE DATA





India:

- 2014
- 5 min, 3 km resolution

Kazakhstan:

- 2015
- 15 min, 3 km resolution

Greater Kazakhstan Area:

- 2015
- 15 min, 9 km resolution

Bangladesh:

- 2014-06 to 2017-12
- 1 hr, 3 km resolution

Philippines:

- TMY

















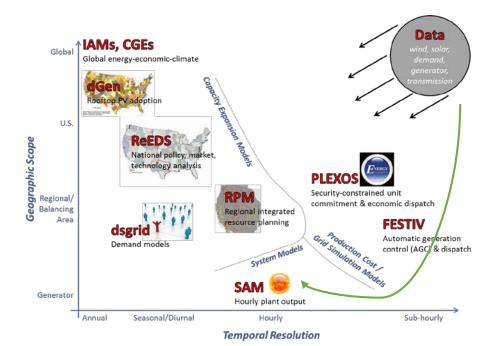




SYSTEM ADVISOR MODEL (SAM)



NREL POC: Janine Freeman

















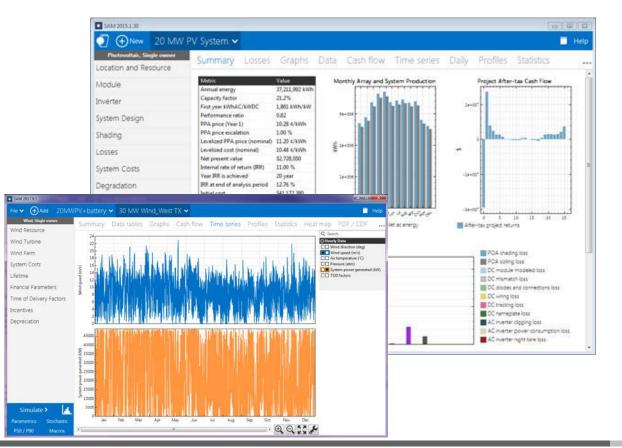








SAM is **free** software for modeling the performance and economics of renewable energy projects.



Technologies

Photovoltaics
Wind
Concentrating solar power
Geothermal
Biomass

Financial Models

Solar water heating

Behind-the-meter
residential
commercial
third-party ownership
Power purchase agreements
single owner
equity flips
sale-leaseback
Simple LCOE calculator















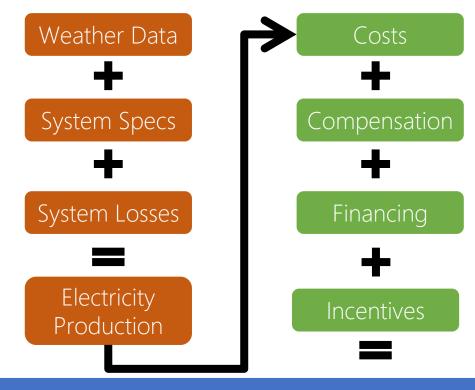






Steps to Modeling Renewable Energy in SAM





Results

Annual, Monthly, and Hourly Output, Capacity Factor, LCOE, NPV, Payback, Revenue















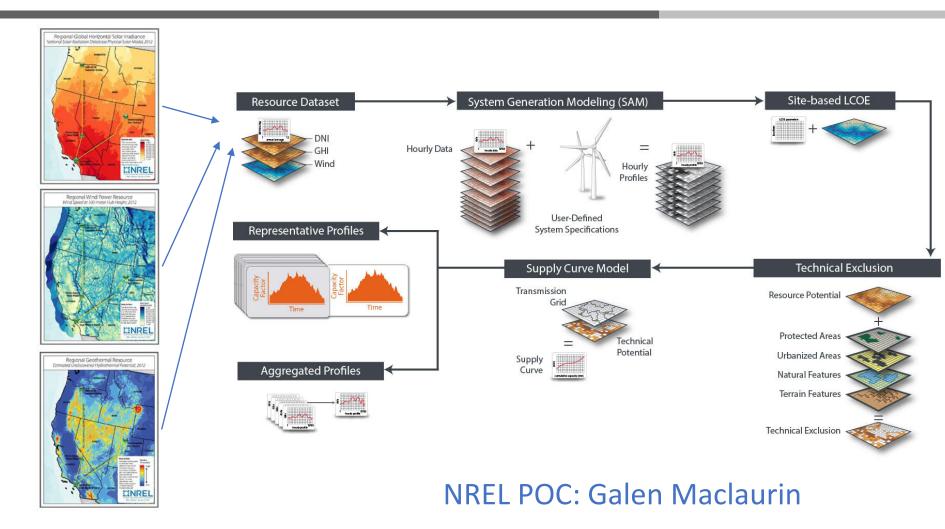






ENHANCED COORDINATION OF DATA USING RENEWABLE ENERGY POTENTIAL MODEL (REV)

























ENERGY-WATER NEXUS: HYDROPOWER DATA FOR OUR MODELS



- Characterize hydropower resources
 - Existing dams, expand/upgrade existing resources, power non-powered dams, and new stream reaches
 - Separate into dispatchable and non-dispatchable
 - Pumped storage hydropower
- Seasonal water availability as a long-term average, no interannual variability
 - Seasonal capacity variations are represented for the existing fleet
 - Implemented in ReEDS at time-slice level
- PLEXOS does monthly energy limits and hourly/sub-hourly UC and dispatch (RT dispatch is typically fixed from DA)

NREL POCs: Stuart Cohen and Jordan Macknick

Hydropower modeling: https://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy17osti/68231.pdf
https://www.energy.gov/eere/water/articles/hydropower-vision-new-chapter-america-s-1st-renewable-electricity-source

















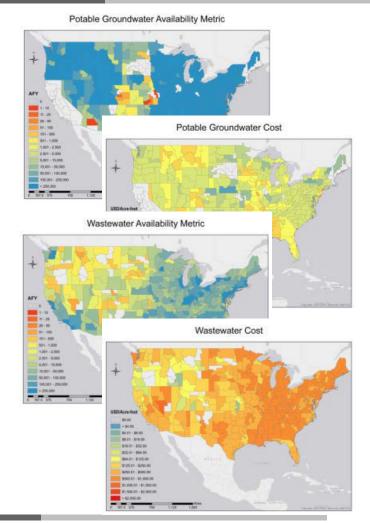




ENERGY-WATER NEXUS: THERMAL COOLING IN REEDS



- Characterize thermal cooling water supply and demand
- Water access supply curves, including regional availability and cost of multiple water classes
- Thermal generators have cooling technology mapping, each of which is characterized by seasonal water withdrawal and consumption rates (constrained by balancing area) and various operational constraints/costs



















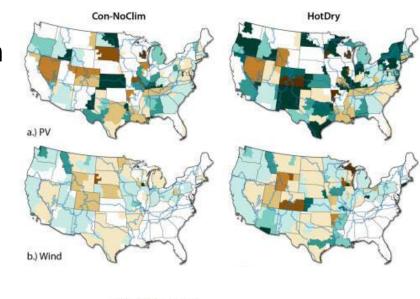




ENERGY-WATER NEXUS: LINK REEDS WITH CLIMATE MODELS



- Assess impact of climate change on electricity system
 - Load changes by season and region
 - Thermal power plant performance changes due to air temperatureefficiency relationships
 - Transmission line capacity is reduced at high temperatures
 - Surface water availability/temperature for thermal cooling/hydropower changes with precipitation-runoff trends



https://www.globalchange.gov/content/nca4-planning















Percent Change (BA)







CENTRAL DATA SET: ANNUAL TECHNOLOGY BASELINE



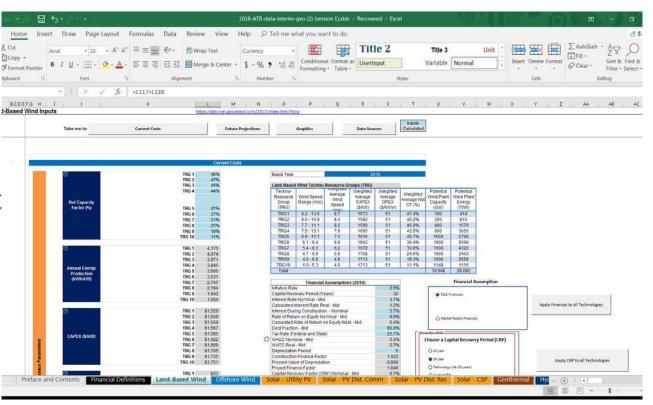
Updated each year and released with suite of "Standard Scenarios"

https://www.nrel.gov/analysis/data-tech-baseline.html

https://atb.nrel.gov/

NREL POCs:

Laura Vimmerstedt and Wesley Cole



















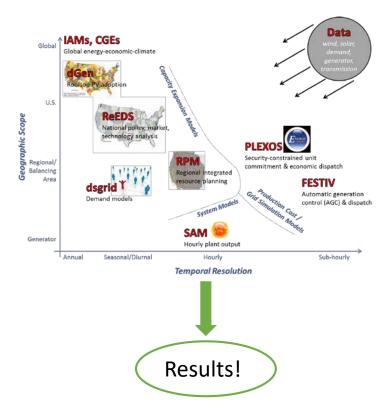




MODEL OUTPUTS



 Standard output reports to visualize results and diagnose problems



















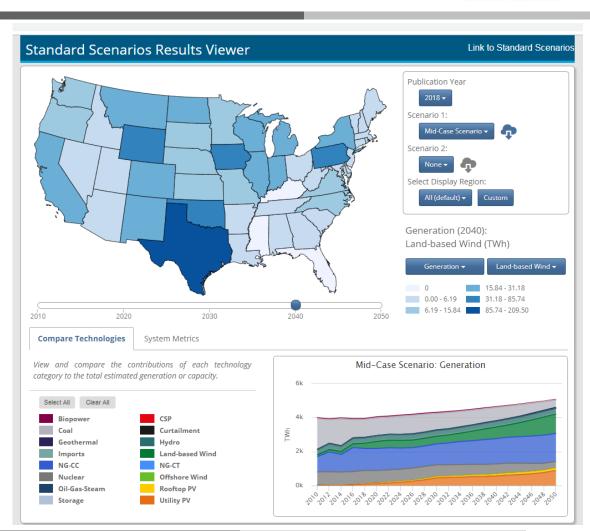




REEDS OUTPUTS



Standard html reports plus interactive data viewer (example here for Standard Scenarios):



https://openei.org/apps/reeds/#











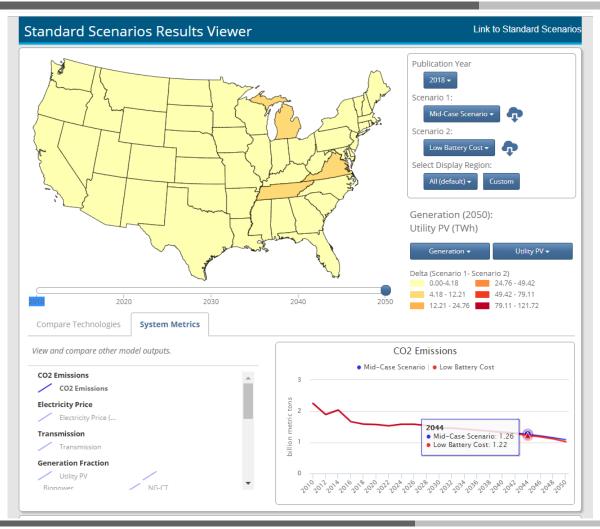
































PLEXOS OUTPUTS: "MAGMA"



https://github.com/NREL/MAGMA

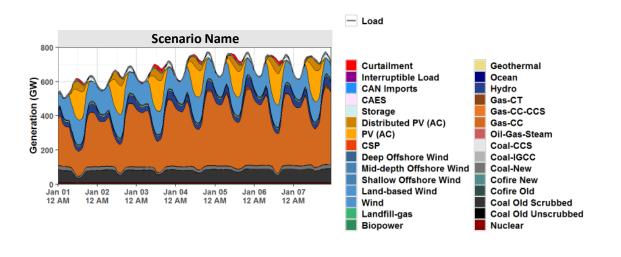
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- · 4. Individual Regions
- . 5-7. Specified Period Dispatch Stacks
 - o 5. Total
 - o January
 - o 6. Zones
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 - o January: BPA
 - o January: CAISO
 - January : ERCOT
 - o January: FRCC
 - January : ISO-NE
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 - o January: MISO-S
 - o January: MISO-W
 - o January: NWPP
 - o January: NYISO

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5-7. Specified Period Dispatch Stacks

5. Total

January



















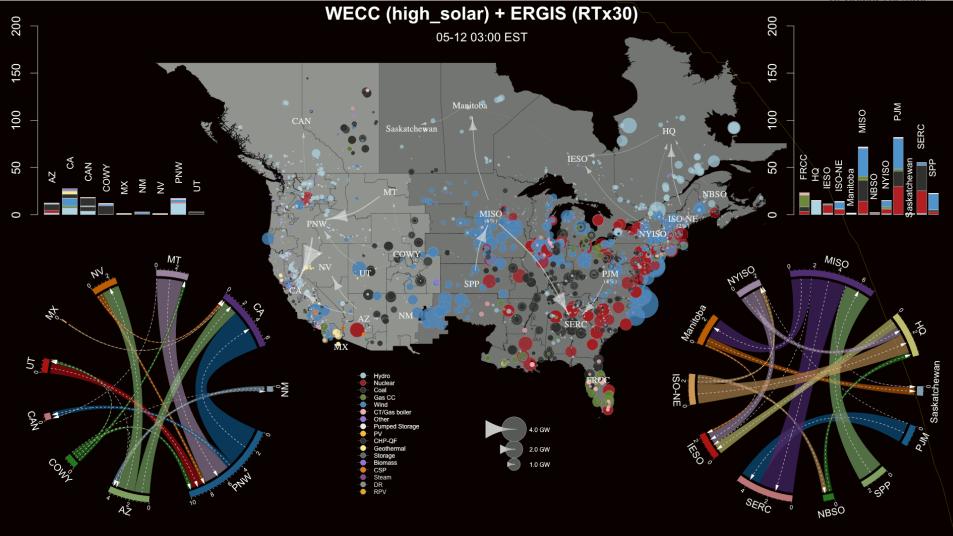




ENHANCED VISUALIZATIONS: KALEIDOSCOPE

(HTTPS://GITHUB.COM/NREL/KALEIDOSCOPE)



























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GREATER INTEROPERABILITY BETWEEN MODELING TOOLS AND DATA SETS



- Energy systems integration
 - Developing capabilities to model differing loads, electrification, integration of various energy systems
 - Greater emphasis on cross-sector, multi-timescale tools (and analysis)
 - Better understanding of system interactions
- Ultra-high VRE penetration studies
- Continental grid integration studies
- Advanced solving techniques utilizing HPC (high performance computing) facility
- Greater focus on flexibility
 - Flexibility Inventory tool

















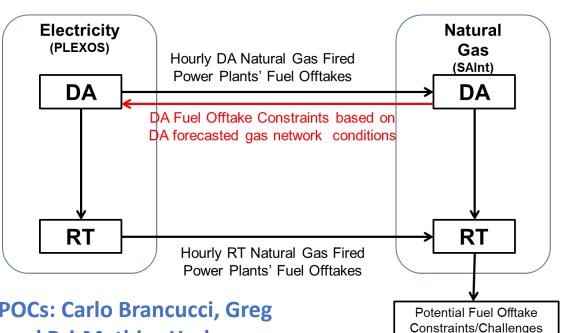




POWER SYSTEM - NATURAL GAS MODELING



- Natural gas-fired generation is increasing, and increases in VRE penetration levels impact how gas fired power plants interact with the **power** system, as well as how they interact with the **gas network**
- Objective: co-simulate power and natural gas network operations



Compare Business as Usual versus DA Coordination

Assess economic and reliability impacts

NREL POCs: Carlo Brancucci, Greg Stark, and Bri-Mathias Hodge















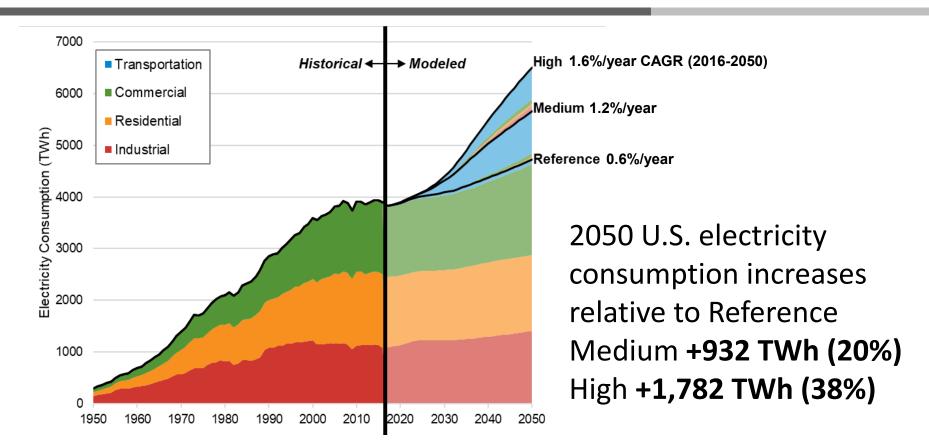






ELECTRIFICATION FUTURES STUDY (EFS): HOW DO CHANGES TO ANNUAL ELECTRICITY DEMAND IMPACT CAPACITY EXPANSION RESULTS?





NREL POCs: Trieu Mai and Caitlin Murphy https://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy18osti/71500.pdf

www.nrel.gov/efs















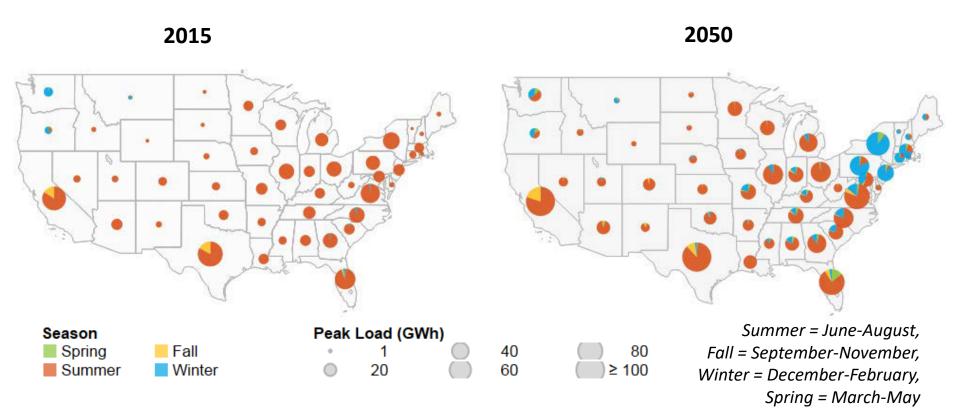






EFS: How do changes to the timing and magnitude of peak demand impact capacity expansion results?





- EFS added a winter peaking timeslice to capture interactions during this key period
- Demand side flexibility is modeled endogenously

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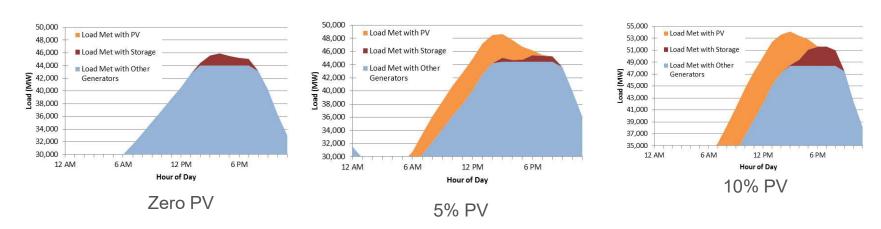




BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF INCREASINGLY COMPLEX SYSTEM INTERACTIONS



Synergistic relationship between VRE deployment and storage as a peaking resource



With increased PV penetration, the capacity credit of PV decreases while the capacity credit of storage (generally...) increases

Source: Denholm 2018: https://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy18osti/70905.pdf
See application in ReEDS: https://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy18osti/70905.pdf





















LA 100% RENEWABLE ENERGY STUDY



Use a suite of *coordinated* modeling and simulation tools to determine what investments could be made to achieve a *reliable* 100% renewable energy portfolio

Key considerations:

- Load (including flexible portions), resource, and network data at adequate spatial and temporal resolution to characterize system → projected to future and capturing price responsiveness of flexible loads and DR
- Distribution system hosting capacity and update costs

NREL POC: Paul Denholm





















THE NORTH AMERICAN

RENEWABLE INTEGRATION STUDY (NARIS)



State-of-the-art analysis of the U.S., Canada, and Mexico power systems, from planning through operations



WHAT WE'RE STUDYING

- Long-term pathways to a modern power system in North America
- Operational feasibility of very high-penetration scenarios
- Weather variability and uncertainty
- Value of enabling technologies: flexible hydropower, thermal generation, demand response, storage, transmission
- Value of operating practices: interchange, enhanced scheduling, local generation, reserve provisions









Preliminary Findings, Not for Quotation or Distribution





















NARIS Modeling Flow



SCENARIO CREATION MODELS DETAILED SCENARIO ANALYSIS TOOLS DATA CAPACITY **OPERATIONAL EXPANSION** (PRODUCTION) wind MODEL: MODEL: **SCENARIOS** NREL ReEDS **Energy Exemplar PLEXOS** water What gets built Transmission and generation buildout and where? Operational analysis: Unit commitment and dispatch 4 at 5-minute resolution solar DISTRIBUTED How does it **GENERATION** compare to other scenarios? MODEL: **DEEPER ANALYSIS:** thermal NREL dGen Power flow Reliability / resource adequacy Electrification (hourly profiles) Behind-the-meter power Generation siting system buildout

Preliminary Findings, Not for Quotation or Distribution





















HPC AND ADVANCED SOLVING TECHNIQUES





Decomposition techniques with parallel computing

Some NREL POCs: Devon Sigler, Josh Novacheck, Clayton Barrows

















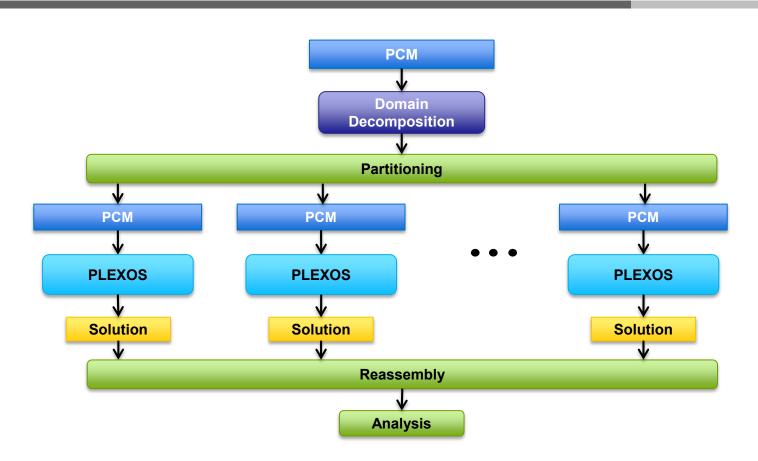






EXAMPLE: DOMAIN DECOMPOSITION





















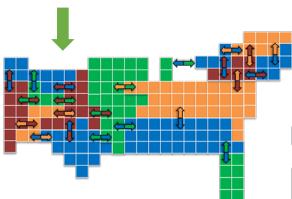




EXAMPLE: GEOGRAPHIC DECOMPOSITION

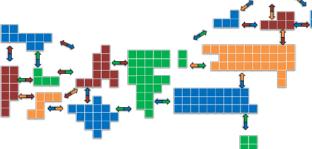


New approach uses decomposition to reduce solve time

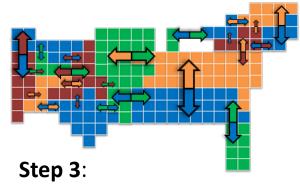


Step 1: Interchange Forecast (run DA as LP)

Traditionally, one optimization for the entire system



Step 2: Geographically Decompose UC (solve each "focus region" with outputs from #1 in rest-of-system)



Power Flow Reconciliation (full system using each region from Step 2)

















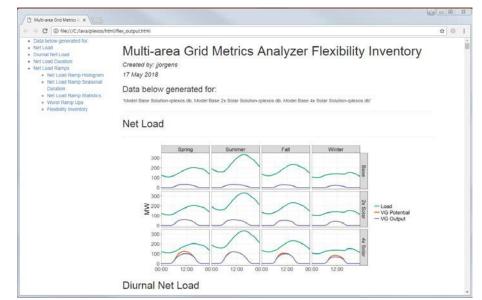




FLEXIBILITY INVENTORY: QUANTIFICATION OF FLEXIBILITY



- Logistics: Current flexibility inventory can process the results of PLEXOS runs
- Requires both input and output
- Takes additional inputs, such as:
 - Flexibility inventory timeframes
 - Information about reserves
- Flexibility inventory results are produced as an html file, and plots in png format
- Publicly available in the "flexibilityinventory" branch of the MAGMA repository: https://github.com/NREL/MAGMA
- Report coming soon: Jorgenson, J. et al, "Power System Flexibility Requirement and Supply in High Solar PV Scenarios in the Western U.S." NREL/TP-6A20-72471



NREL POC: Jennie Jorgenson















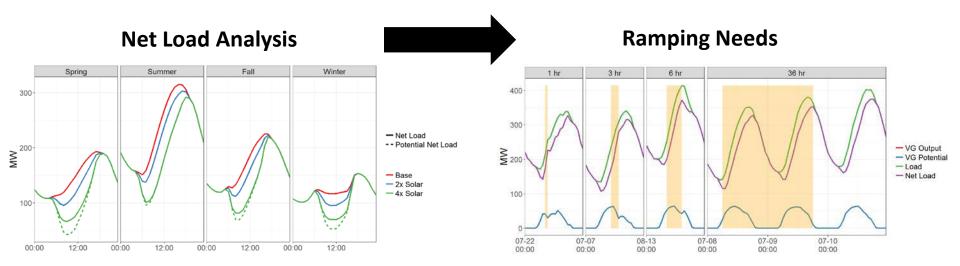






STEP 1: QUANTIFY FLEXIBILITY NEEDS

























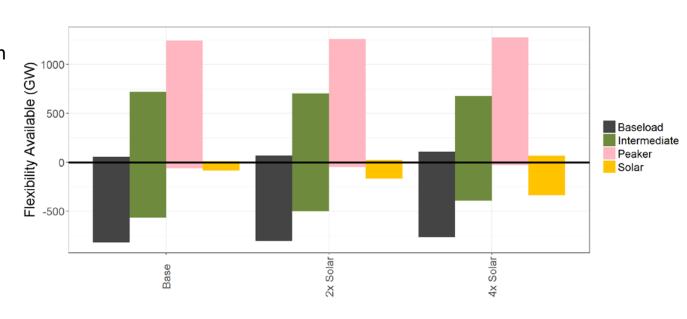


STEP 2: QUANTIFY FLEXIBILITY SUPPLY



Analyze commitment and dispatch of the generator fleet, and determine upward and downward flexibility, incorporating:

- Ramp rate
- Max Capacity
- Min Gen level
- Min up time
- Min down time
- Reserve provision

















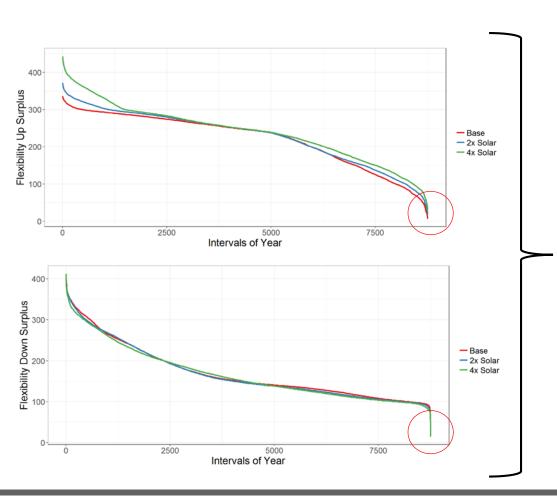






STEP 3: IDENTIFY POTENTIAL SHORTAGES





- Determine inventory at "low" levels
- Determine date and time
- Look for systematic reoccurrences of low inventory levels (i.e., time of day, season)
- Identify available resources during these periods























WHERE ARE WE HEADING?





















A VISION FOR NEXT-GENERATION OF MODELING TOOLS



- Improved versions of ReEDS
- Greater emphasis on reliability and resiliency
- Open source!
 - PRAS
 - ReEDS 2.0
 - ReEDS India → flexible "abstractions" enable adaptation to other countries/systems
- Enhanced visualizations
- Flexible framework for coordinated suite of modeling tools
 - Integrated, flexible framework with consistent structure and database across multiple timescales





















IMPROVED REEDS: "REEDS 2.0"



- Demand-side module: developed a representation of consumer decision-making around energy service consumption, device adoption, and electricity consumption
- Dynamic foresight and solve-year flexibility: developed the capability to solve using one of three different types of foresight into future years: sequential (myopic), intertemporal (perfect foresight), and sliding-window (perfect foresight over a user specified interval)
- Modular structure and iteration: to address non-linearities introduced by the demand-side module and intertemporal optimization capability, ReEDS 2.0 was restructured to consist of three stand-alone modules (supply, demand, & VRR); solutions are obtained through an iterative process

NREL POC: Daniel Steinberg















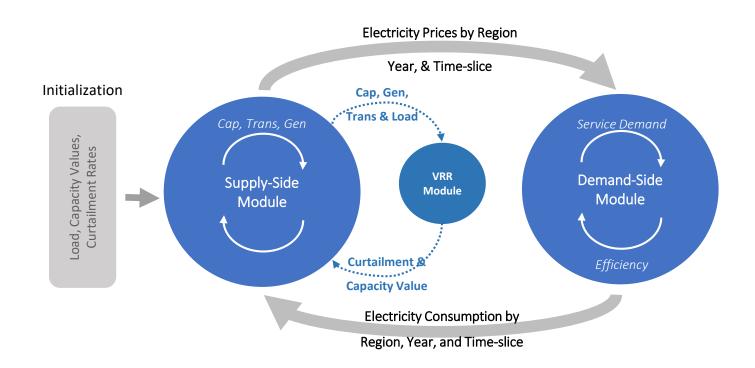






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Converges on Electricity Consumption















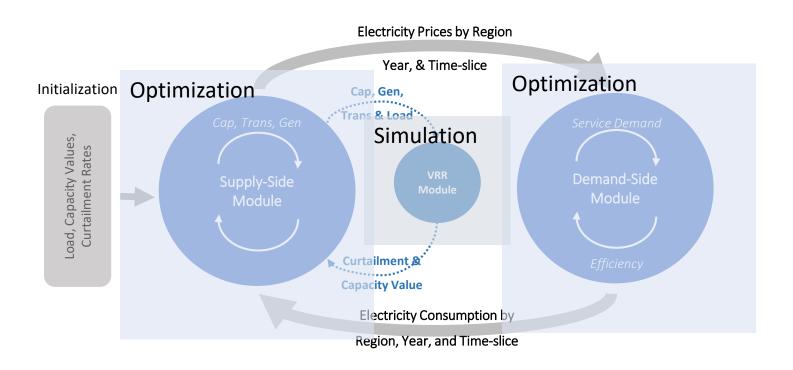






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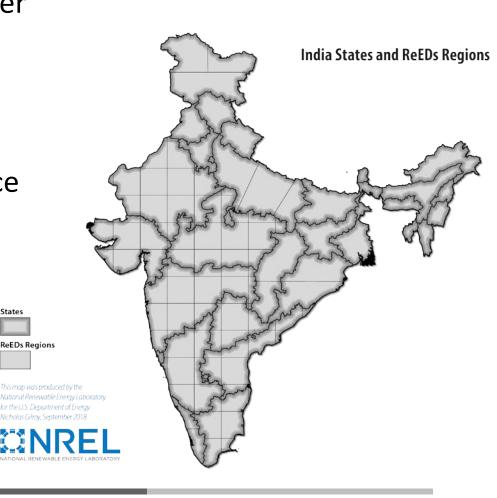




IMPROVED REEDS: "REEDS-INDIA"



- Adapt ReEDS to the Indian power system
 - First application of ReEDS outside of North America
 - Target audience is Central Electricity Authority (CEA)
- 34 balancing areas, 146 resource regions, 35 time slices
- **Emphasis on making model** structure generic/adaptable to any country or region
- Will be open sourced, including user-friendly interactive results viewer
- NREL POC: Amy Rose













States











KEY CONSIDERATIONS FOR ADAPTING A CAPACITY EXPANSION MODEL TO A DIFFERENT SYSTEM



- 1. What type of data are available?
- 2. Do the current capabilities capture all the relevant features of the power system?
 - May require different structures for certain parameters based on available data
 - Also could require modified or additional constraints

These two considerations make adapting a model for any new power system a challenge















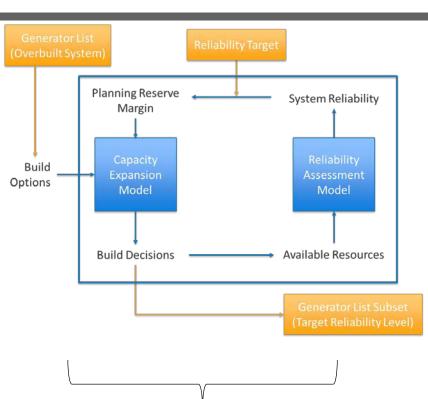






RESOURCE ADEQUACY-AWARE CAPACITY EXPANSION MODEL





Period 1 Scenario 2 Scenario 1 Scenario M Distributed **Planning** across HPC Scenario 2 Scenario M **Decisions** cluster Scenario 2 Scenario M Planning + **Operations Costs** Least-Expected-Cost **Planning Decisions**

Iterative linking of resource adequacy assessment with capacity expansion model

Directly embed resource adequacy assessment scenarios into capacity expansion model; eliminate use of PRM and CV

















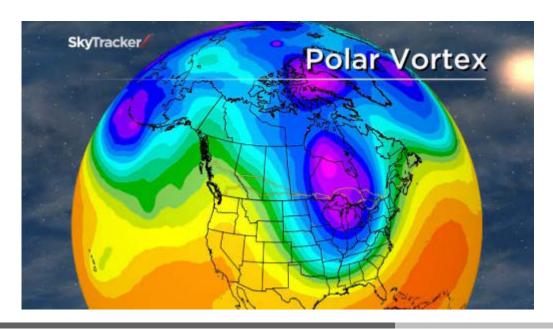




Modeling Resiliency



- Joint probabilities for common-mode outages
- Capture corelated, extreme events
- New metrics?





















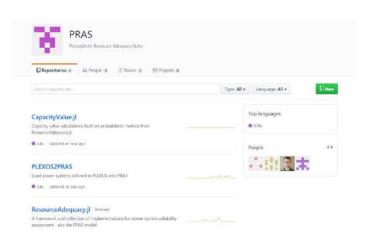


OPEN SOURCE!



- PRAS: <u>https://github.nrel.gov/PRAS</u>

 Coming in 2019 (hopefully)
- dGenComing in Sept 2020
- ReEDS 2.0
 Coming in late 2019
- ReEDS India
 Coming spring 2019
- and many more!





















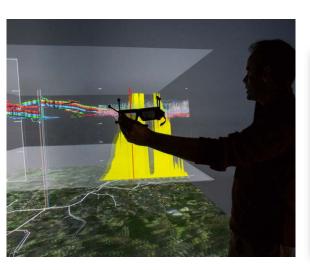


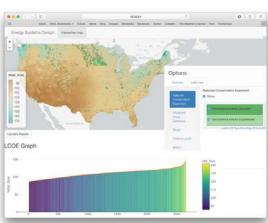
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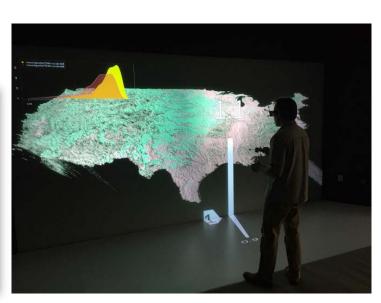


Aids in diagnostic, validation, and analysis efforts

- Kaleidoscope
- Various online data "viewers"
- 3D visualization room



























AN INTEGRATED MODELING VISION

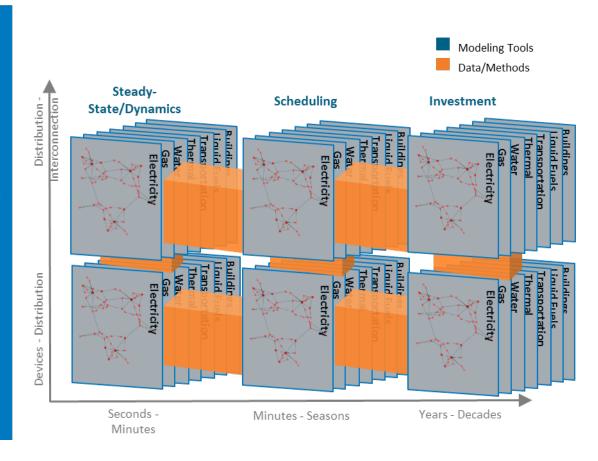


Objectives

Modularity and Accessibility – flexible and transparent problem creation that is easily extensible

Integration – coherency between models representing distinct phenomena

Scalability – address scales that matter through efficient problem simulation and parallelism



















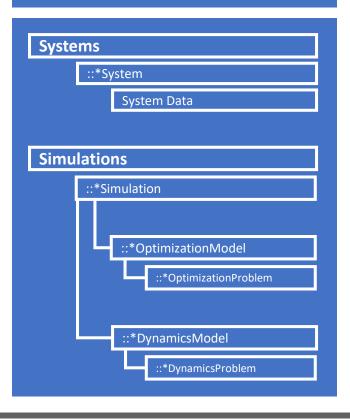




SCALABLE INTEGRATED INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (SIIP) TOOLKIT



SIIP Framework Anatomy



Data driven system simulations

- Simulations define a set of problems that can be solved using numerical techniques
- Problems are generated by expressing model formulations against system data

NREL POC: Clayton Barrows

* Infrastructure System: Power, Water, Gas, Buildings, Thermal, Transportation, Liquid Fuels





















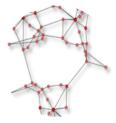
SIIP FRAMEWORK:

AN EXAMPLE FOR ELECTRICITY SYSTEMS



Modular, interoperable, modeling components that define infrastructure modeling problems informed by system data

SIIP::Power



PowerSystems.jl



PowerSimulations.jl

Rigorous data model that defines infrastructure systems

- · Collects information required for device level modeling
- Includes parsing capabilities
- Exploits Julia's parametric dispatch for efficient code development
- · Agnostic to simulations that will be performed

Mathematical formulations and simulation assemblies

- Support for optimization and dynamic simulation models
- Modular problem assembly to enable rapid development and extension
- Includes standard simulations (e.g. UC/ED)















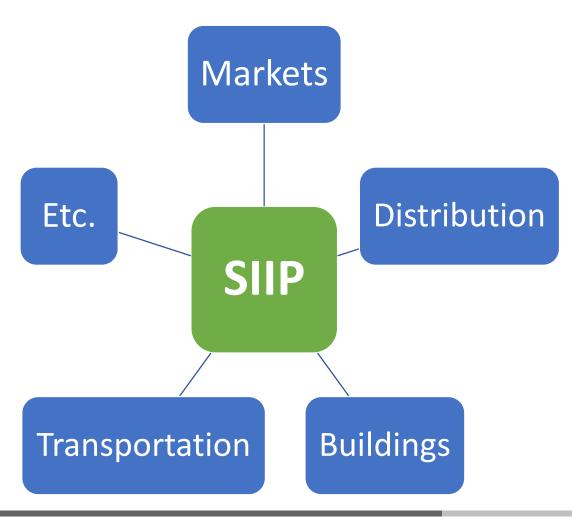






SIIP PROVIDES PLATFORM FOR ADDITIONAL CAPABILITIES

























MOVING TO JULIA: A NEW SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE





- Provides high-level language abstractions
- Makes efficient use of researcher time
- Access to low-level functionality
- Enables computational performance

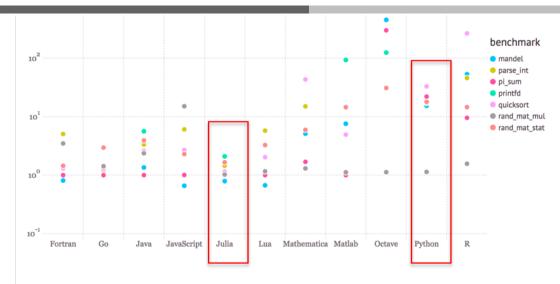


Figure: benchmark times relative to C (smaller is better, C performance = 1.0).

Instance	JuMP	Commercial		Open-source	
		AMPL	GAMS	Pyomo	YALMIP
clnlbeam-5	9	0	0	5	117
clnlbeam-50	11	2	3	43	>600
clnlbeam-500	28	21	34	424	>600
acpower-1	22	0	0	3	-
acpower-10	28	1	6	26	-
acpower-100	54	16	471	263	-
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Time (sec.) to generate each model and pass it to the solver, a comparison between JuMP and existing commercial and open-source modeling languages for derivative-based nonlinear optimization. Dash indicates not implemented.

http://www.optimization-online.org/DB HTML/2015/04/4891.htm

















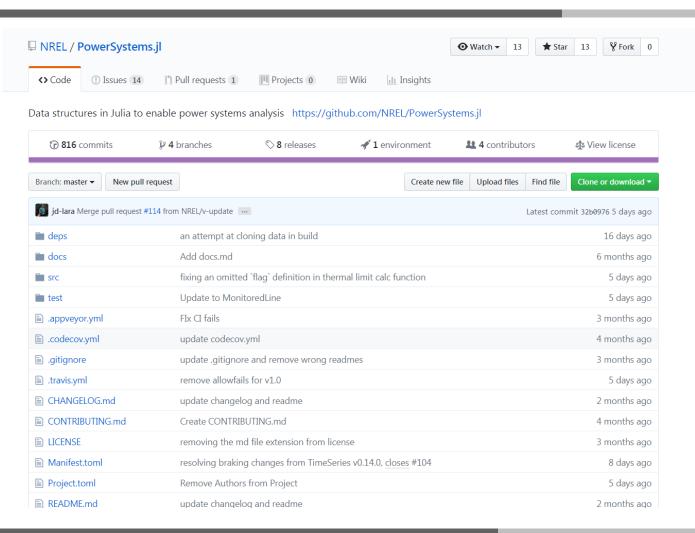




(co-lead, under review)

GITHUB POWERSYSTEMS.JL RECENTLY RELEASED

























THANK YOU!



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