





System Validation

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Outline

Validation Plan

- Generalities
- Analytical Models
- > High Level Simulator GridLAB-D
- Navy base Residences
- Component Validation
- Performance Tests Aggregation



Validation Plan – Modeling - Generalities

- Large Scale Projects requires 3 steps or main elements for modeling and validation.
 - Analytical or Reduced Model
 - Large Scale Simulation Tool
 - GridLAB-D + Labs GridLAB-D + Residence (San Diego site)
 - Real System (Grid)



Validation Plan – Modeling - Generalities

- The goal of the Validation Plan & Tests is twofold:
 - Reach agreement between the model dynamics and the real system
 - Based on system measurements.
 - Define a base line where results in simulations are directly deployed into the real system
 - Mainly define/test analytical models for the devices and extend to the high level simulator (GridLAB-D)
 - Define generic tests to verify the system stability and performance
 - Broad performance goals to be fulfilled by the system under different scenarios (12 scenarios)
 - High and moderate solar penetration (50% 15%)
 - Presence or absence of regulation signals
 - Normal, peak and outage conditions.



Validation Plan – Modeling - Analytical Model

- Define V-I-P-Q characteristics (e.g. ZIP model) of multiple individual devices in a home (Appliances, storage, generation, etc.)
 - Identify main dynamic model Define daily time of use for aggregation.
 - Study characteristics of loads under voltage variation (smart dimfuse operation)
- Validate appliances, storage, generation, etc. models in GridLAB-D.
 - Compare with real measurements of devices used in the project.
- Validate the measurement system and communication protocols used by the Home Hub Impacts of delay and set of variables measured.
 - Define model to be included in GridLAB-D
- Define analytical model at the house level Study and classify load variations and schedule.
 - Using 1) Simulation
 - 2) Simulation + HH + Labs
 - 3) Simulation + HH + Navy residences + Labs



Validation Plan – Modeling – High Level Simulation: GridLAB-D Architecture



- Developed at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL)
- Funded by the DOE/OE
- Open source platform since 2007

GridLAB-D Core functionality

Integrates multidisciplinary models Manages memory & CPUs Coordinates time across simulations Handles stochastic behavior Synchronizes updates Coordinates variable sharing Manages convergence Tracks numerical stability Measures system performance Debugs module behavior



Validation Plan – Modeling – High Level Simulation: GridLAB-D in PowerNet

• Hardware-in-the-loop

Supports integrated seconds-to-hours HIL simulations

- Feeder operations
- Retail tariffs
- Building thermal energy and appliances
- Distributed resources
- Demand response
- Scaling-up laboratory-scale experiments

Enables multi-scale modeling

- Bulk system response
- Area control and regulation
- Retail-wholesale market integration
- Distribution system operations



Modeling - High Level Simulation + Residences Election of Navy site

- Two options were picked by Lincoln Military Housing (LMH).
 - 1. Vista Ridge Housing
 - 2. Chesterton Housing
 - Single residence units, both equipped with PVs and A/C.
 - LMH prefers Vista Ridge Housing over Chesterton Housing because the last site is under renovation
 - Both homes are outside the fenced area within the San Diego community. Both are power metered by SDG&E





Residence Election at Navy site: Vista Ridge Housing



• 24 homes arranged in 13 units (2 single / 11 Duplex duplex side-byside, equipped with PVs and A/C and individual power metering



Validation Plan – Component Validation

- Smart Dim Fuse
 - Features: Switch ON/OFF, safety and power control
- Hardware in the Loop (HIL)
 - 10-20 houses including 100+ devices and appliances.
 - Cost minimization and regulation scenarios will be used to quantify resource size, availability, response, etc.
- Cloud Coordinator (CC)
 - Regulation Signal formulation validation
 - Validation of the integrated solvers in the cloud for ramping and regulation
- Market Design
 - Market models and payment mechanisms
- Test and validate the HIL and CC functionality and performance for cost, ramping and regulation

Validation Plan – System Validation - Aggregation

- All previous elements will be integrated and validated in GridLAB-D.
- Aggregation will be analyzed based on the ANALYTICAL MODELS and the HIGH LEVEL SIMULATION (GridLAB-D)
 - 100 10,000 residences will be model in GridLAB-D, based on validated models of Lab and Navy houses
 - GridLAB-D will include, smart dim-fuse, hardware in the loop, market models and cloud coordinator.
 - Studies will cover the 12 different scenarios to test performance
 - High and moderate solar penetration (50% 15%)
 - Presence or absence of regulation signals
 - Normal, peak and outage conditions.



Appendix 1: Validation Plan – Performance Metrics

- OPF cost minimization: total cost reduction > 10%
- For Ramping
 - Initial time response < 10 min
 - RMT > 10% RMVT < +/- 5%
 - Ramp Time <30 Min
 - Duration > 3 hrs
 - Availability > 95%
 - Recovery Time < 4hrs
- For Regulation
 - Initial time response < 5 sec
 - RMT > 5% of load RMVT < +/- 5%
 - Ramp Time < 5 Min
 - Duration > 30 min
 - Availability > 95%

