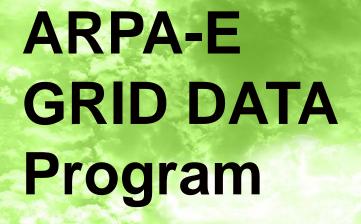


Topics

- 1. ARPA-E GRID DATA Program
- 2. The BetterGrids Repository
- 3. The Support Community for the Repository





Challenges

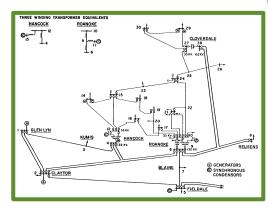
- Increasing wind and solar generation
- Decentralization of generation
- Aging infrastructure
- Cybersecurity threats
- Severe weather events
- Need new algorithms for better Visibility,
 Control and Optimization
- Need good public datasets to test the new algorithms and compare algorithms

Challenges with Real Datasets

- Realistic, large-scale datasets are very valuable but difficult to prepare and use.
 - Every team must negotiate unique data agreement.
 - Base cases from ISO/utilities usually do not converge (substantial cleaning always required).
- Data typically cannot be published in detail in any form.
 - Very difficult to independently verify/replicate results.
 - Results may reflect quality of data more than quality of algorithms.
- ISOs/utilities have limited bandwidth to devote to R&D.
 - Very few teams can put together credible project plans up front.
 - High barrier to entry for those not already in power systems field.

Existing Public Datasets

- There are too few of them
- They are too small
- They are incomplete
- They are too easy
- They are a not representative of real systems



GRID DATA Program

Generating Realistic Information for the Development of Distribution And Transmission Algorithms

Duration	2016-2018
Projects	7
Investment	\$11M

Goals

Development of large-scale, realistic, validated, and openaccess electric power system network models with the detail required for successful development and testing of new power system optimization and control algorithms.

Project Categories

- Transmission, Distribution, and Hybrid Power System Models & Scenarios
- II. Power System Model Repositories

Dataset Creation Pathways

Real Data

- Start with real data, then anonymize, perturb topologies and change sensitive infrastructure asset data as necessary.
- Risks:
 - Requires extremely close collaboration with ISOs such that infrastructure is not reconstructable and can be publically released.
 - Datasets may no longer well represent real data.
 - Real data is often messy, incomplete.

Synthetic Data

- Generate via expert input, geographic/road data and data mining.
- Generate new random graph methods for transmission networks.
- Devise statistical metrics (moments of capacity distributions, degree distributions of networks); validate against real data.
- Risks:
 - Validation metrics may be incomplete or misleading. (Leading to lack of realism.)



Open-access, large, realistic, validated datasets



BetterGrids Repository

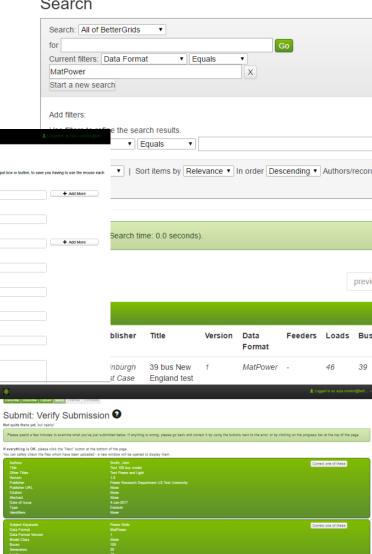


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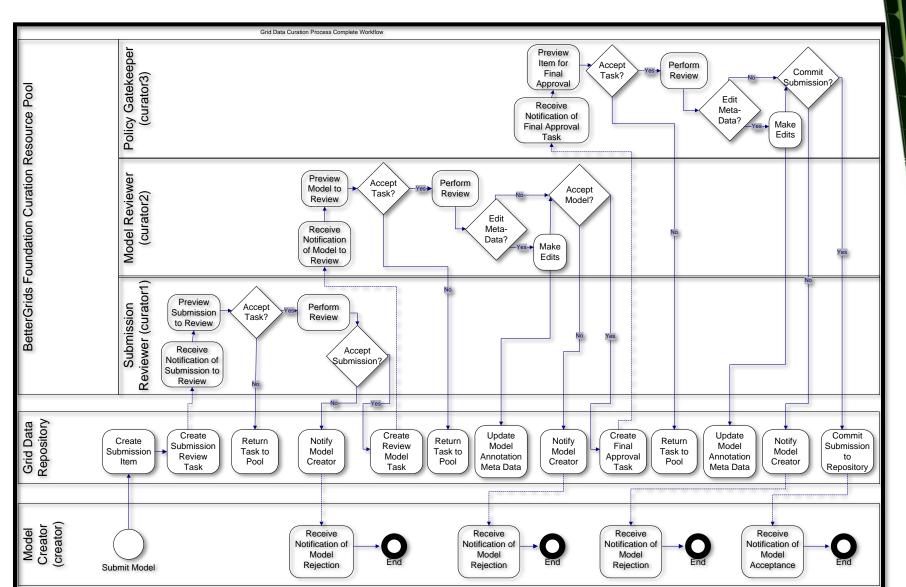
- A free library of public grid model data
- Supporting research in grid optimization and reliability
- Enabling grid researchers to collaborate and share data
- Supported by a community of volunteers led by GridBright
- Funded by the DOE ARPA-E GRID DATA Program

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Curation Process



The Support Community



BetterGrids Foundation, Inc.

Mission

Operate the GRID DATA Repository in a self-funding manner to support research and education in developing better solutions for grid optimization, control, resiliency, and integration of renewable and distributed resources.

Vision

Grid researchers have the essential test data they need to develop better grid solutions.

Strategy

- 1. Engaging a community of volunteers to operate the Repository and govern BetterGrids.
- 2. Creating value-added grid research solutions that are free to the research community and competitively priced for commercial uses.
- 3. Connecting grid research students with experienced entrepreneurs to improve Tech-to-Market success.
- 4. Organizing annual fundraising events.
- 5. Making grants to research students developing better grid solutions.

Grid Research Community

Grid Research

Students

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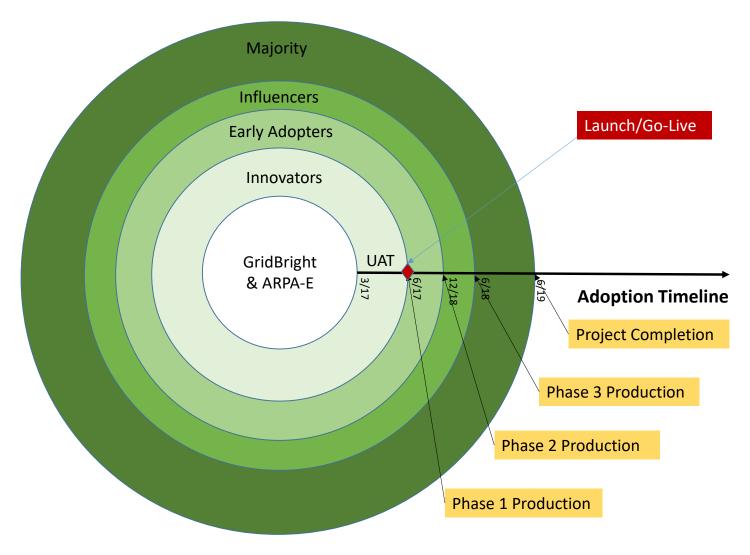








Go-Live and Adoption Timeline



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- Follow us on LinkedIn (BetterGrids)
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- Join our discussion group on LinkedIn (BetterGrids)
- Contact us at <u>info@BetterGrids.org</u> to volunteer
- Contribute data
- Propose value-added services
- Spread the word
- Make donations