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## GRIDSANDBOX: AUTOMATED WORKFLOW MANAGEMENT FOR END-TO-END GRID ANALYTICS

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### ABSTRACT

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The growing complexity of aging electric power infrastructure and the integration of intermittent distributed energy resources (DERs) pose a significant challenge to the system operation and control. New solutions (including architectural designs, control schemes, communications protocols etc.) are required for enhanced situational awareness and decision support with the increasing grid complexity. These solutions need to be validated for different possible scenarios before deploying in the field. End-to-end cyber-physical power system modeling and analytics allows for such evaluations and validations but require intensive investment in hardware, software, and labor. The goal of GridSandbox is to enable researchers with limited expertise on simulators and other software in related domains to explore, develop, and validate potential solutions with automated workflow management via a user-friendly web interface. This talk aims to introduce GridSandbox, transmission-distribution-cyber modeling, the web interface, and relevant use cases including synchrophasor data analytics and transactive energy systems.

### BIOS

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