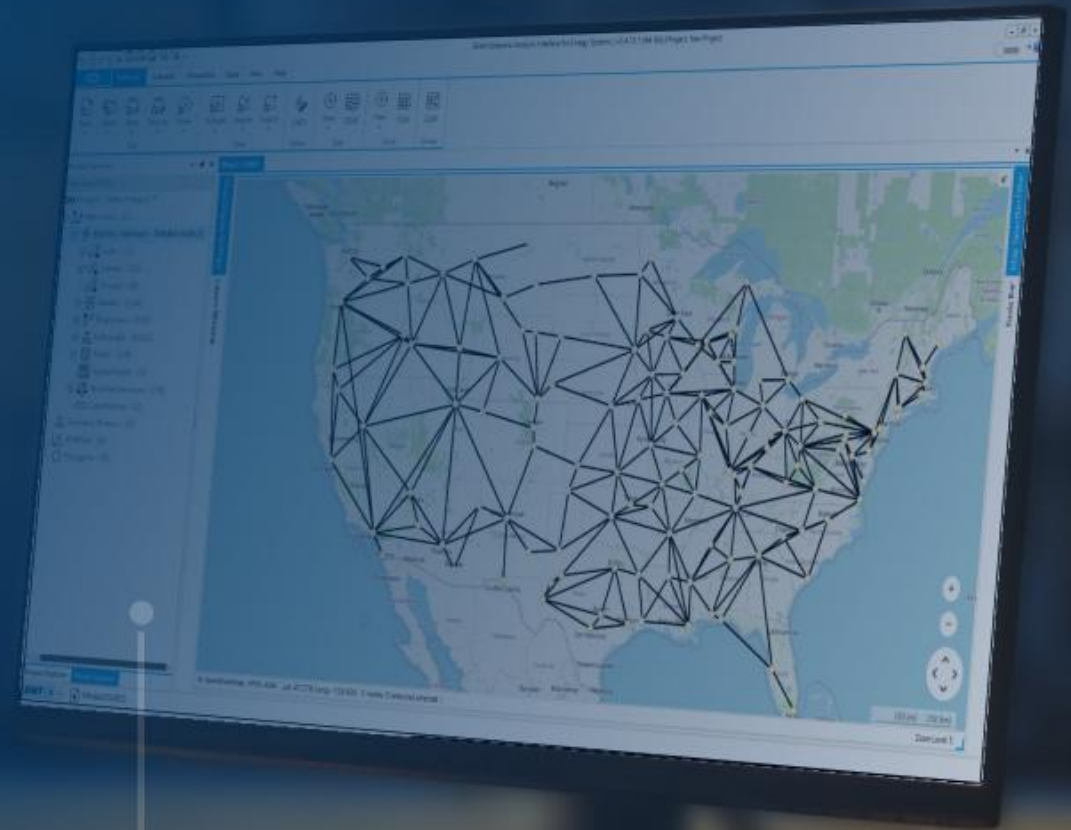




# Integrated Planning Guidebook

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What does it mean to *do* integrated planning, in practice?

# Introducing: Integrated Planning Guidebook



- Practical entry point for any planner, in any planning area, at any stage of integration.
- Single reference for integration.
- Industry-wide task force of planning experts from utilities, system operators, national labs, software vendors, and consulting shops.

# Overview of Power System Planning: Dimensions



**Scope**

Objectives/boundaries



**Scale**

Detail



**Horizon**

Duration



**Action**

Decisions

# Applying Dimensions to Planning Areas



**Scope**



**Scale**



**Horizon**



**Action**

|  <b>GENERATION</b> |  <b>TRANSMISSION</b> |  <b>DISTRIBUTION</b> |  <b>CUSTOMER</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Supply                                                                                              | Reliability of high voltage system                                                                      | Reliability of low voltage system                                                                       | Behavior of end user                                                                                |
| Local-National                                                                                      | Trend from larger to smaller scales →                                                                   |                                                                                                         |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                                     | Regional-interconnection                                                                                | Local                                                                                                   | Residential-commercial                                                                              |
| 10-30 years                                                                                         | Trend from longer to shorter horizons →                                                                 |                                                                                                         |                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                                     | 5-15 years                                                                                              | 3-10 years                                                                                              | 2-5 years                                                                                           |
| Generation Investment                                                                               | New lines and substation upgrades                                                                       | Substation and service device upgrades                                                                  | Program development                                                                                 |

**Intention: Allow planners to understand other planning areas.**

# Applying Dimensions to Modeling Domains



## GENERATION

- Capacity Expansion Modeling
- Probabilistic Resource Adequacy Assessment
- Production Cost Modeling



## TRANSMISSION

- Balanced AC Power Flow Simulations
- Short-Circuit/Fault Modeling
- Phasor Domain Transient Simulations
- Electromagnetic Transient Simulations



## DISTRIBUTION

- Unbalanced AC Power Flow Simulations
- Short-Circuit/Fault Modeling



## CUSTOMER

- Load Forecasting Modeling
- Rate Design and Tariff Models
- Demand Response and Demand-Side Management Planning Models
- Cost-Effectiveness Tests
- Customer Behavior and Adoption Models

**Intention: Allow planners to understand the models run by other planners.**

# New Challenges with Current Processes



**GENERATION**



**TRANSMISSION**



**DISTRIBUTION**



**CUSTOMER**

**Rapidly Changing Policies**

**Managing IBRs and Grid Stability**

**Large/Uncertain Load Growth**

**Rapid Technological Improvement at Grid Edge**

**Complexity of Value Stacking**

**Infrastructure Resilience Under Uncertain Climate**

**Aging Infrastructure**

# Stages of Integration: Example Generation/Transmission

**Walk:** Communication and understanding

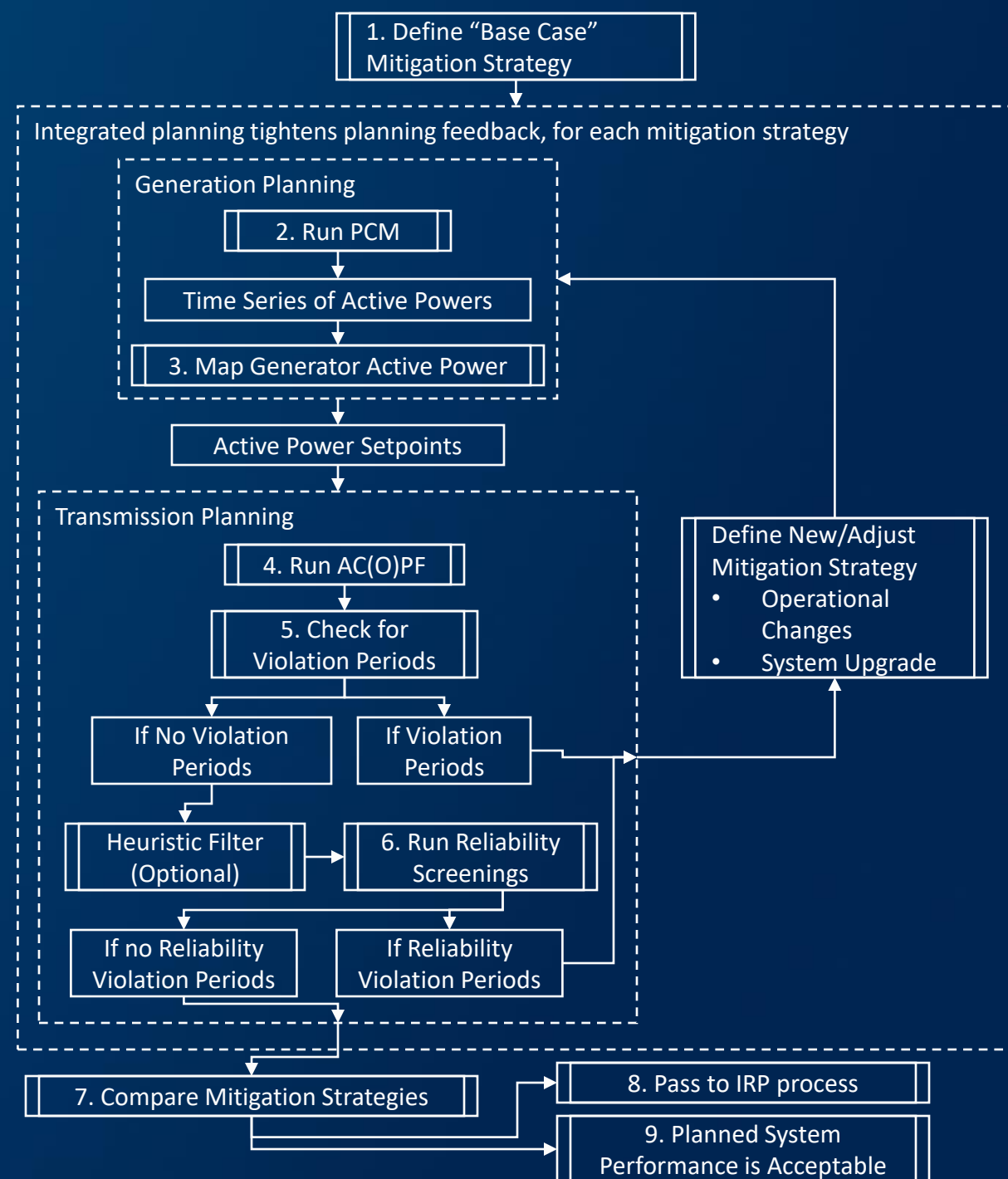
- What G needs to understand about T and vice versa
- Teams to discuss model abstractions, physical realities, etc.

**Jog:** Aligning data inputs

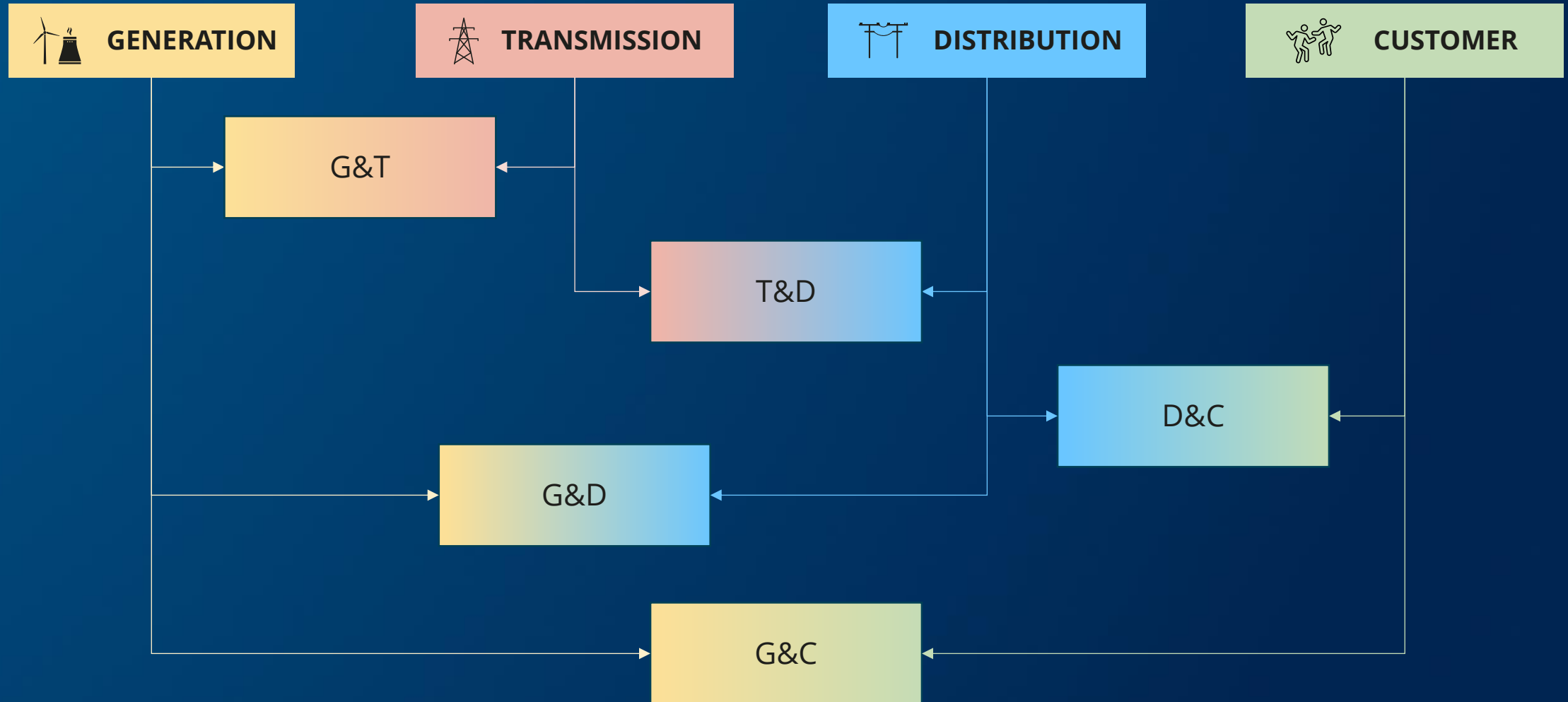
- Mapping G assets to T assets
- Time-series approach for transmission studies

# Run Stage Example: Generation & Transmission

- Step 1: Define “Base Case” strategy
- At a high-level run stage means tighter traditional feedback loops
- Steps 2-3: Mapping PCM results to active power setpoints
- Steps 4-6: Checking for periods that violate physics, if these exist adjust mitigation strategies!
- Step 7: Compare strategies
- Step 8: If strategies require significant changes, may need to inform IRP process
- Step 9: Planned system performance is acceptable



# Walk/jog/run stages of integration applied to:



# The Value of Integrated Planning



**Lower costs**



**Increased system resilience**



**Streamlined processes**



**Data integrity**



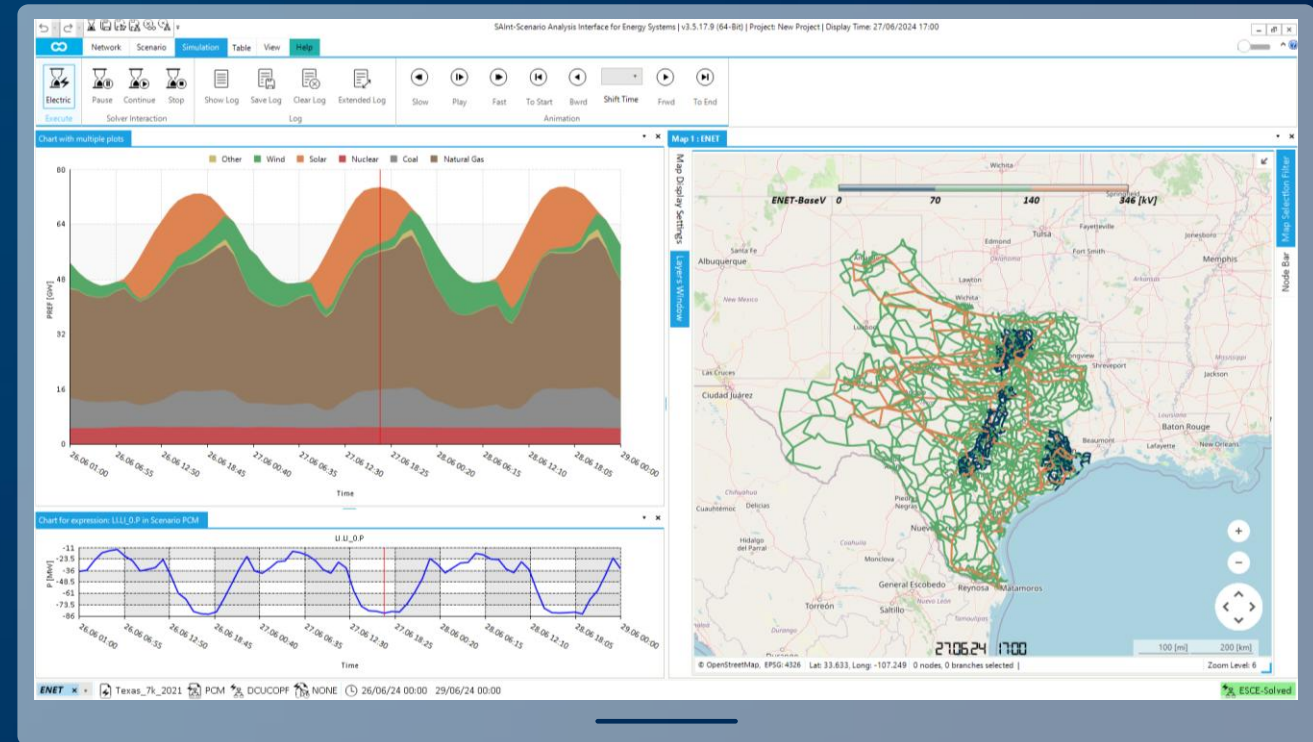
**Synergistic outcomes**



**Balancing competing objectives**

# Technologies to Facilitate Integrated Planning

- Spatially Referenced Data
- Interoperability Across Modeling Domains
- High Dimension Data Processing
- Computational Performance
- Single Point of Interaction User Experience



Example: **SAInt** – encoord's integrated planning solution

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