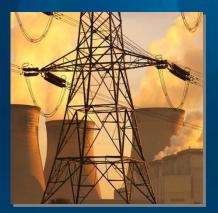
Web Hosted Solutions Using ModelCenter as a Service

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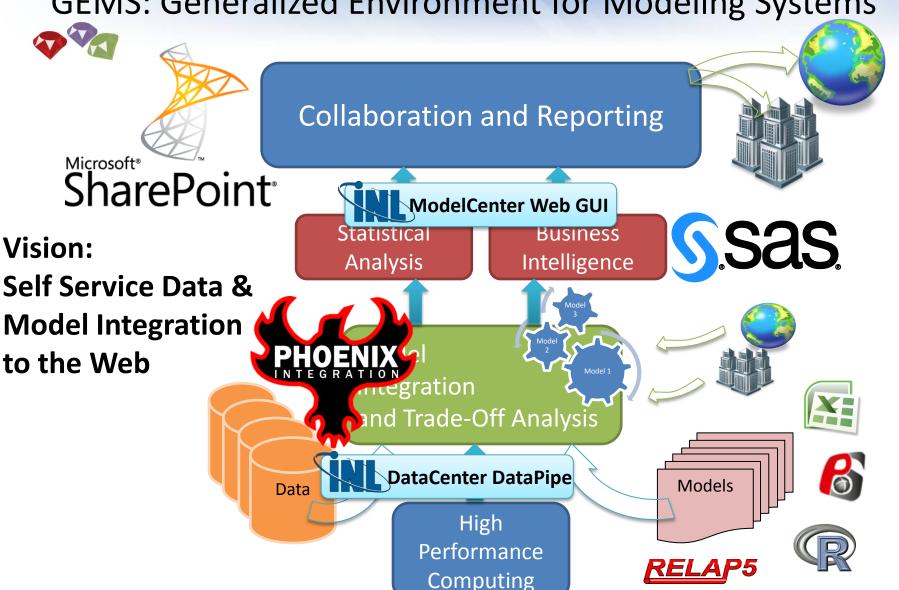
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GEMS: Generalized Environment for Modeling Systems

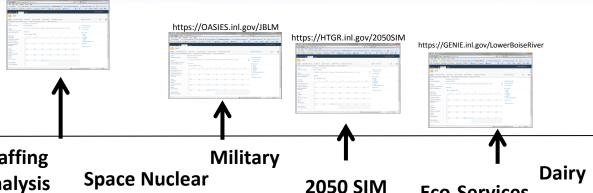




Emerging GEMS Portfolio

Customer Portal:

Results, Executable Models, Data Access, Collaboration



Projects:

Specific Customer Oriented Tools, Analysis, Decision Aids **Staffing**

Analysis

VHTR

Eco-Services

Int. Program

Management A

NE-KAMS

RELAP Cloud Feedstock

Spent Fuel

Domain:

Energy Data, Energy Models, Preferred Modeling Tools, Decision Aids, Results, Financial Analysis, **Laboratory Performance**



Business Intelligence

LAB MNGT.



Nuclear

NOMAD



Energy

OASIES

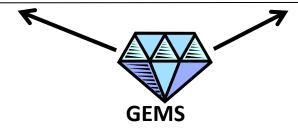


Environment **GENIE**

Infrastructure:

Servers, Licenses, Wrappers, Data Management, Optimizers, Visualization License/Infrastructure sharing with IM

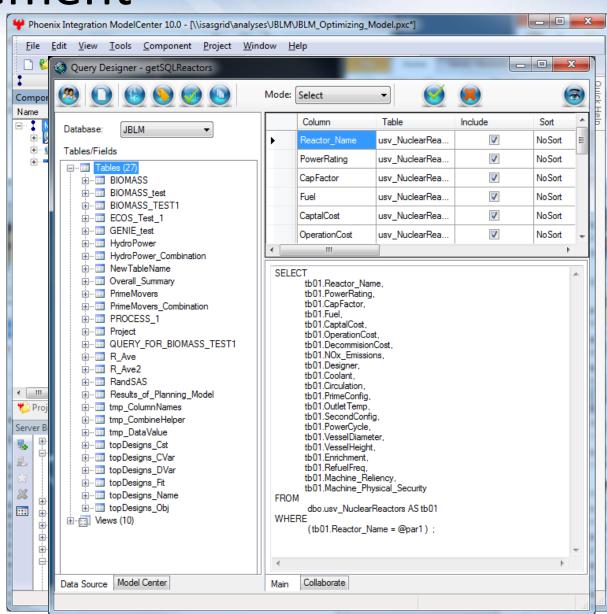
OASIES - Optimized Analysis for Strategic Integrated Energy Systems GENIE – General Environmental Integration Environment **NOMAD - Nuclear Operation Modeling Analysis & Design**





Data Management

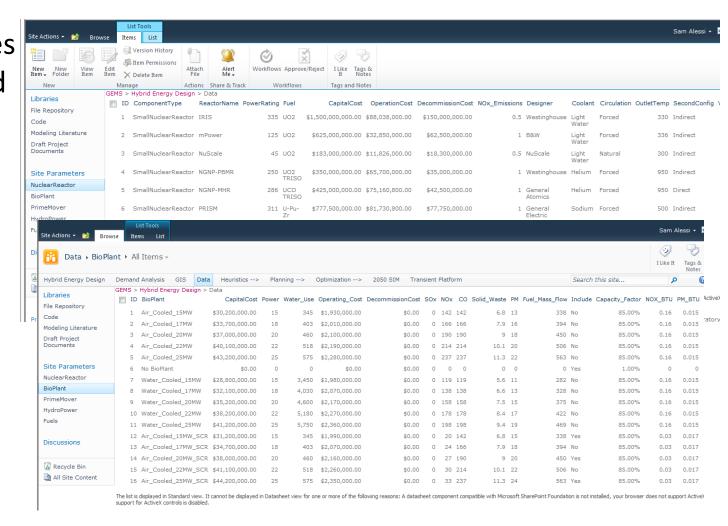
- Original goal was "Data Provenance"
- Holding model parameters in a database would have numerous benefits:
 - Reuse of data
 - Reduced hand manipulation
 - Enterprise data management
 - Allow customer's to select and modify model inputs
 - Allow customer's to statistically analyze model results





Web Data Access

Database values can be exposed to the web site for user selection prior to a ModelCenter run.



ModelCenter SharePoint Webpart

- Ex: SharePoint customer interface
- SAS provided means to run data centric statistical models
- ModelCenter supports legacy codes and code integration
- Both systems are usable by non programmers



Scenario Input

Summary Assumption Report Costs

Power

Fuel Output Emissions Output Resilience Output

Power Generation Type	Life Cycle Costs (\$M)
Total_Life_Cycle	\$295.86 M
Total_O&M	\$97.24 M
O&M_PctOf_LCC	32.9%



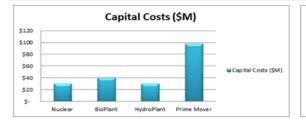


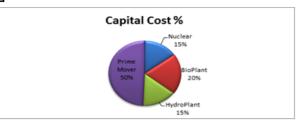
Description	Costs per kW (\$/kW)	
\$/kW Per Capital Costs	\$3,099.933	
\$/kw Per Operation Cost not Including Fuel	\$0.010	





Power Generation Type	Capital Costs (\$M)	Capital Cost %
Nuclear	\$30.00 M	15.1%
BioPlant	\$40.32 M	20.3%
HydroPlant	\$30.38 M	15.3%
Prime Mover	\$97.92 M	49.3%
Total Capital Cost	\$198.62 M	100.0%







ModelCenter-based Web GUI

Choose a model to calculate

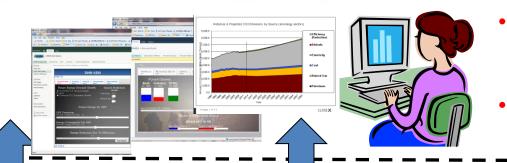
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Web GUI Layer

Database Integration Layer

Model **Integration Layer** (Model Center)

> Component **Modeling Layer**

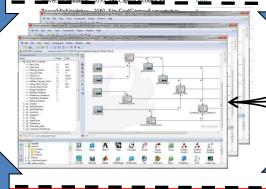


Layers are loosely coupled

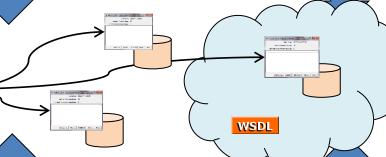
Multi-user

Configured as a multi-user environment

Model Inputs and Outputs are exposed, editable, and executable from the web



JMP











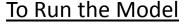




ModelCenter Controler (GUI)

Energy Policy Model

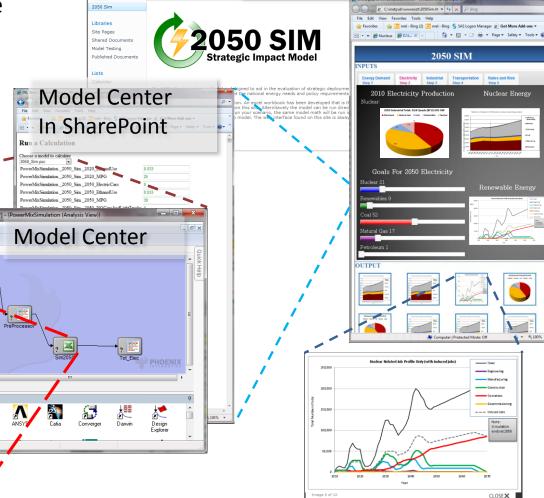
- Allows users to set an energy mix (% Nuclear, % Coal, etc.)
- Model determines outcomes to the year 2050



1. Go to SharePoint Site

2050 SIM Excel Model

- 2. Adjust inputs
- 3. Click Run
- 4. View Results



User Web Site



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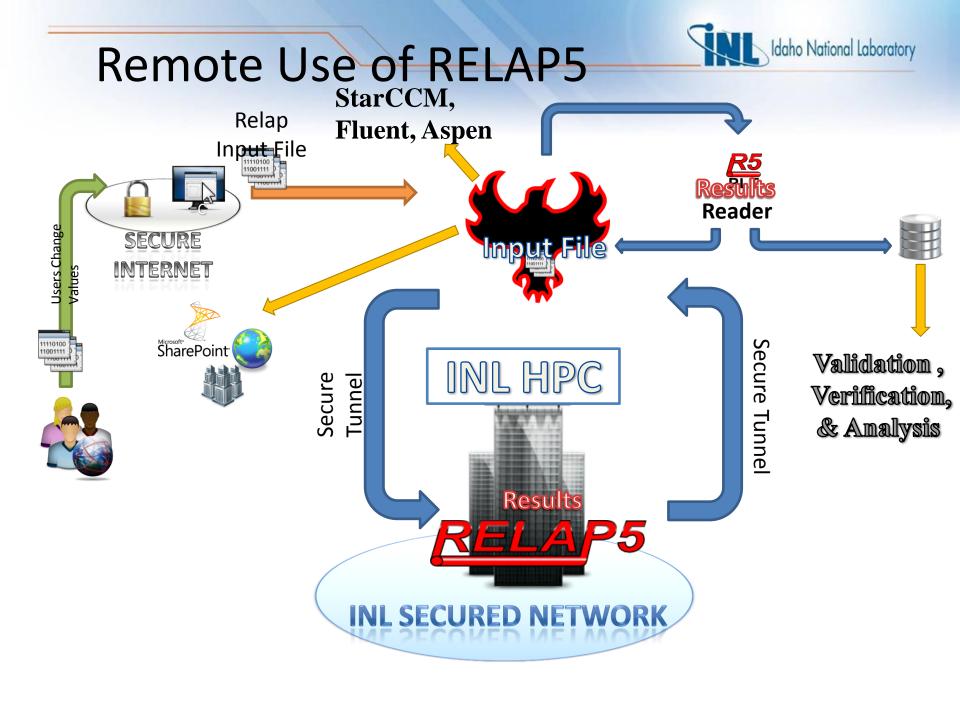
Web Interfaces for Old Code

- Legacy applications need web interfaces too
 - Usually costly
 - Usually time consuming
 - Usually wrong (HARD to get 100%)
- Avoid rewriting algorithms
 - Original developer still owns maintenance
 - Updates are as easy as copying new release to server



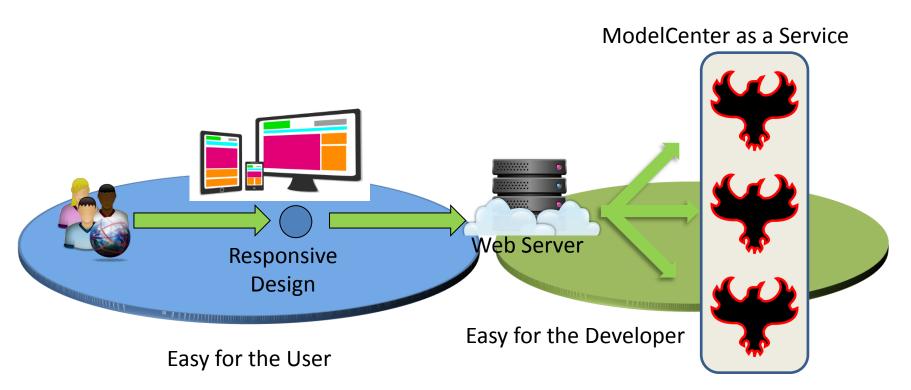
ModelCenter As A Service to the Rescue

- No need to rewrite or translate code
- Wrapped code IS the original code
- Trade studies can be conducted
- Model chaining
- ModelCenter used as a backend service only





Web User Interaction with ModelCenter



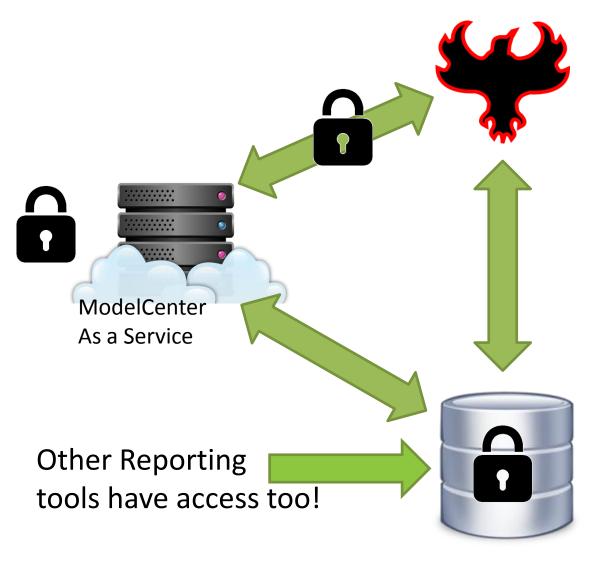


Advantages

- Interface completely decoupled from the Model
- Model is now scalable (like the internet)
- Distributed computing
- Load Balanced
- Easy for the User
- Easy to distribute use of the model
- Easy to maintain



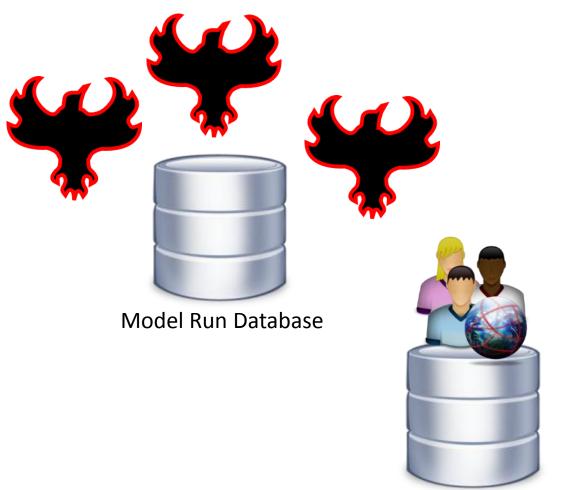
Database Driven Models

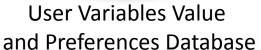


- User Specific Data
- Model Specific Data
- Cached Runs
- Automated Cache Generation
- FAST RESULTS
- Audit Trail
- Trend Tracking



Common Systems Can Play Together







Variable Definition Database



Data Playground

- Multiple models have access to the same data
- Model run order doesn't matter
- Very Turbo Tax like
- User can get reports at will
- User uses a web interface (familiar)
- More models can be added at will (easy growth)



ModelCenter as a Service

- ModelCenter used as a backend service
- Runs on C#
 - Windows
 - Mono Project
 - Soon to be released cross platform .NET 5
- Uses runner licenses
- Uses a common variables database
 - Multi model preferences and unit conversion

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ModelCente as a Service

- Uses JSON messaging (ODATA)
- Can be talked to by
 - Web pages
 - Custom Phone Apps
 - Tablets
 - System to System
 - Anything web enabled
- Models executed by non-technical end users



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