

# USING ARGONNE’S WATER POWER MODELING TOOLS

*Enabling Decision-Making and Project Planning*



Argonne’s models are used in more than 40 countries

Argonne helps to:

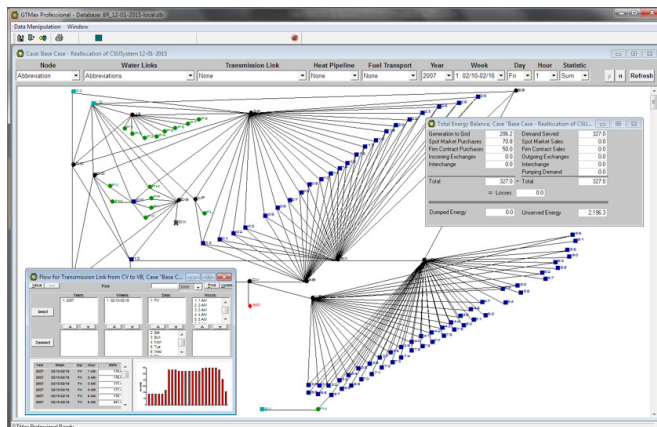
- Optimize the utilization and management of water and hydropower resources through modeling and simulation of complex water resource and hydropower operations.
- Transfer Argonne-developed models to users worldwide – GTMax, EMCAS, CHEERS models.

## GTMax GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION MAXIMIZATION

GTMax optimizes power system operations, power exchanges with other systems, and market transactions.

### How does GTMax help users?

- **GTMax** helps to maximize revenues by optimizing hydro and thermal generation, water flows, and reservoir management.
- **GTMax** simulates regional and national electricity systems, helping plant owners, utilities, and grid operators maximize the value of hydropower by optimizing plant operations and market transactions.
- **GTMax** simulates spot market transactions and quantifies operational costs.



GTMax — Generation and Transmission Maximization

## ARGONNE’S WATER POWER MODELING AND SIMULATION TOOLS PERFORM:

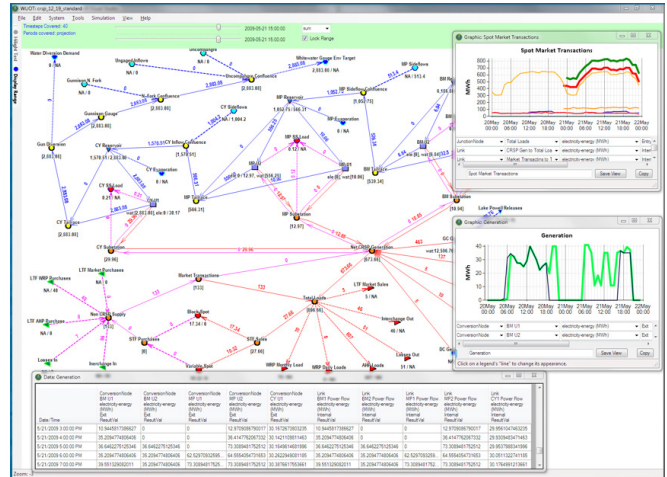
- Production cost modeling, optimization of power system operations, and investment decision-making.
- Optimization of hydropower plant and reservoir management.
- Integration of variable energy resources and storage.
- Electricity market, economic, and environmental analyses.

## CHEERS CONVENTIONAL HYDROELECTRIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE SYSTEMS

CHEERS has unique capabilities to simultaneously optimize water, power, and environmental functions.

### How does CHEERS help users?

- CHEERS helps operators manage water and power systems by producing day-ahead and real-time operation schedules.
- CHEERS produces schedules to guide **when, where, and how** to:
  - Release water from storage, serve customer loads and manage energy exchanges.
  - Produce/buy/sell energy and ancillary services.
- Typical CHEERS results include:
  - More efficient water use and cost-effective transactions.
  - Less generator ramping, and fewer unit starts and stops.



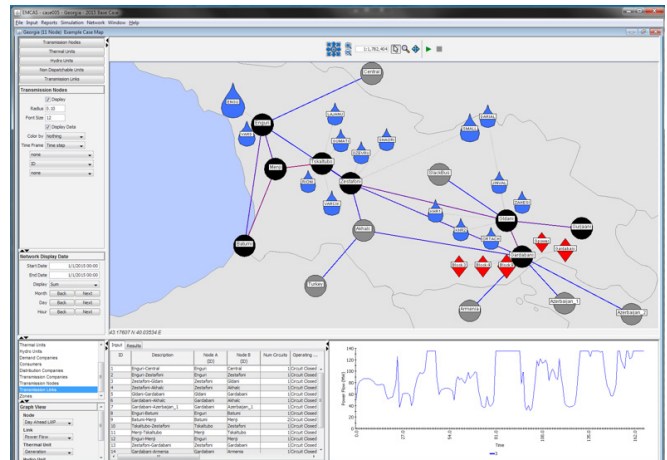
CHEERS — Conventional Hydroelectric and Environmental Resource Systems

## EMCAS ELECTRICITY MARKET COMPLEX ADAPTIVE SYSTEMS

EMCAS uses advanced agent-based simulations to analyze restructured power markets affecting pumped-storage and hydropower plant operations.

### How does EMCAS help users?

- EMCAS simulations use agent learning and adaptation based on performance and changing conditions.
- EMCAS evaluates market strategies, analyzes market participants with decentralized decision-making, and captures user-specified market rules affecting system behaviors.
- EMCAS simulations are used for:
  - Price forecasting, resources/asset evaluation, and portfolio analysis.
  - Power analysis, volatility/risk analysis, and market monitoring/design.



EMCAS — Electricity Market Complex Adaptive Systems

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