OpenModelica for Power Systems at TU Delft

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About me

• 2014 - BTech (EEE) from Delhi Technological University, India
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Overview

• IEPG push for open source tools, Modelica and Python.
• OpenModelica for dynamic electric power systems simulations.
• Python (PyPSA, pandapower) for steady state power systems.
• Multi-energy systems.
OpenModelica for power systems @ TUD

- Course on Intelligent Electrical Power Grids
  - Modeling and simulation of power systems.
  - Intelligent controls: local and central.
  - Cyber attacks on power systems.

- Developed a library: DelMod
  - Heavily based on OpenIPSL library.
  - Attacks library, Load models, Sensors etc.

- Python based tool for auto-initialisation of OpenIPSL models
Takeaways

+ Generally positive.
+ Students appreciate availability of high quality open-source tools.
+ IEPG group push for more open source involvement.
+ Contributions made to OpenIPSL library.
- Many libraries don’t (extensively) support OpenModelica.
- Electrical domain library components still not mature.
Example: OpenIPSL PMU
Multi-Energy Systems

- Analysing energy flexibility in industrial parks using multi-energy systems.
- Modeling components and networks:
  - Boilers
  - CHPs
  - Heat Pumps, heat networks
  - Electric distribution grid, loads, controls
- Libraries such as AixLib, Buildings, OpenIPSL, IPBSA, etc..
- FMU based co-simulation approach
Takeaways

+ Mature open-source libraries and examples to get started.
+ Great documentation and GitHub support.
+ Easy export of FMUs.
- Libraries such as Buildings can take lot of time to load.
- Model compatibility is not 100% with OpenModelica.
IEPG Tools

- To encourage FMU based (co-)simulation:
  - fmuAdapter
    - init(), step(), set_input(), get_output().
  - FMUWorld
    - Simple co-simulation.
    - World(), add_fmu(), add_connections(), simulate().
    - sensitivity analysis and parameter optimizations.
# import World object from FMUWorld
from FMUWorld import World

# create an instance of World as my_world
my_world = World(start_time = 0.0,
stop_time = 100.0,
logging = True,
exchange = 1)

# add FMU to my_world
my_world.add_fmu(fmu_name = 'fmu1',
  fmu_loc = fmuLoc2,
  step_size = 1e-3,
  inputs = ['input_connector'],
  outputs = ['component.variable'])

# constant signal of value x1
my_world.add_signal('signal1': [x1])

# step input. if time > t1 value = x2 else x1
my_world.add_signal('signal2': [x1, t1, x2])

# pulse input. if t1 < time < t2 value = x2 else x1
my_world.add_signal('signal3': [x1, t1, t2, x2])

# define connections
connections = [('fmu1.output': 'fmu2.input',
  'signal1': 'fmu3.input',
  ('fmu2.output', 'fmu3.output'): 'fmu4.input')]

# add connections to the world
my_world.add_connections(connections)

# simulate my_world
results = my_world.simulate()
Results

Sensitivity analysis for energy flexibility

Multi-Energy Co-simulation
Future Plans

- Creating MOOC on EdX for IEPG using OpenModelica (4TU).
- Incorporating OpenModelica in courses and MSc thesis.
- Contributing models developed to OpenIPSL library.
- Multi-energy systems co-simulation.
- GUI for FMUWorld.
Thank you!

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