

Modelling and simulation infrastructure for smart energy and renewable technologies integration in urban districts

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Urbanizations consume about **75** % of the **global primary energy** supply and are responsible for about **50-60** % of the world's **total greenhouse gases**.







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«The **reduction** of **CO2** emissions **depends** on about **70%** of a combination of **energy efficiency** and **renewable**» (International Energy Agency)







Source: Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 2kt Century (REN2)



Source: Company data, FERC, EPRI, Brattle Group, IEA, Morgan Stanley Research. E - Morgan Stanley Research estimates

CAGR+ Compounded Annual Growth Rate

Transition from a **centralized** to a **distributed** system with increase of **RES** and **Smart energy policies**.



This transition needs to be planed with specific tools able to:

- 1. estimate **RES** production in **time**,
- 2. effects of **Smart energy policies**
- 3. to assess the capabilities and requirements of distribution networks.

Challenges

- 1. Multi-Layer-System: Smart urban districts are complex systems that can be represented with a Physical layer, a Cyber layer, a Social layer and an Environment layer.
- 2. Simulation of Renewable Energy Production: The energy production of RES has to be simulated with a fine grained spatio-temporal resolution.
- **3. Simulation of buildings dynamics**: Features for analysing both thermal and electrical dynamics in buildings.
- 4. Simulation of novel energy management policies: Novel control policies needs to be evaluated in a realistic environment before being applied in a real-world context.
- **5. Simulation of distribution networks**: to analyse the effects of energy management policies.



Challenges

- **6. Simulations with different spatio-temporal resolutions**: Simulate energy phenomena with different time and space resolutions.
- 7. (Near-) real-time integration of real-world information: Heterogeneous Internet connected devices are needed to develop more accurate event-based models for analysing the operational status of the grid.
- 8. Modularity and extendibility in integrating data, models and simulators: Able to integrate in a plug-and-play fashion heterogeneous data-sources, models and simulators.
- **9. Scalability of the infrastructure**: Horizontal and vertical scalability of the infrastructure is another key requirement.



Motivation

This solution is intended to satisfy the needs of different end users such as:

- i) Single citizen;
- ii) Energy aggregators and Energy Communities;
- iii) Distribution system operators;
- iv) Energy and City planners;
- v) RES engineers.

SMIRSE Positing in MES State of the Art

Solutions	Integrated layers	Co-Simulation	RTS	Use-case Scenario	HIL/SIL	SIL IOT Solutions laye		Integrated layers	Co-Simulation	RTS	Use-case Scenario	HIL/SIL	Io1
DER.CAM [32]	Physical	Up to 5 minute resolution	x	Multiple	x	x	HUES [42]	Repository	Repository of simulation models.	X	Multiple	х	24
HOMER [33]	Physical	of physical energy-systems. Hourly simulation of micro grid energy-systems.	x	Multiple	x	x	INSPIRE [43]	Physical Cyber	Real-time co-simulation of Cyber-physical energy-systems.	x	Multiple	x	
EnergyPLAN [34]	Physical	Hourly simulation of MES energy-systems.	x	Multiple	x	x	Yang et al. [45]	Physical Cyber	Real-time co-simulation between two simulation environments (MATLAB	x	Single	HIL SIL	2
GRIDspice [74]	Physical Cyber	Co-simulation of power- and communication-flows in smart-grids.	x	Multiple	SIL	x	Manbachi et al. [46]	Physical	and Function Block). Real-time co-simulation of grid status and	~	Single	HIL	0
SGsim [36]	Physical Cyber	Co-simulation of power- and communication-flows for smart-grids application such as CVR.	x	Multiple	SIL.	x	Bottaccioli et al. [47, 48]	Physical Cyber Environmental	volt variation controllers. Real-time co-simulation of PV energy production and grid status.	v	Single	HIL SIL	1
DIMOSIM [37]	Physical	Co-simulation of MES no electrical power flows,	x	Multiple	x	x	Hahn et al. (49)	dun et al. [49] Physical	Real-time co-simulation of power- and communication-flows	v	Multiple	HIL	s
MOSAIK [38-40]	Physical Cyber	Co-simulation of power flow and load generation.	x	Multiple	SIL	x	nami et al. [47]	Cyber	to test control algorithms in micro-grids.			SIL	10
IDEAS [41]	Physical	Co-simulation of demand side management with thermal simualtion of buildings.	x	Single	x	x	ENEL [50]	Physical Cyber	Real-time simulation of protection and automation strategies.	V	Multiple	HIL SIL	8
MESCOS [15]	Physical	Co-simulation of demand side management with thermal simualtion of buildings.	x	Single	x	x	SMIRSE solution	Physical Cyber Environmental	Real-time co-simulation of smart grid control algorithms and building thermal loads.	v	Multiple	HIL SIL	

SMIRSE Positing in PV State of the Art

	Simulation Step		tion	Sub-hourly Clear-sky	Sub-hourly Real-sky	Rooftop and/or	Weather Station data	Distributed and modular	REST
	Y	M	н	simulation	simulation	ROI details	integration	architecture	API
SMIRSE	1	1	~	1	~	1	4	1	1
PVWatts [65]	1	1	\checkmark	(100		12.2	202
PVGIS [64]	1	1		1					
i-GUESS [67]	1								
Mapdwell [66]	1					1			
I-SCOPE [68]	1	1				1			
Brumen [69]	1	1				1			



Contribution



Enabling Technologies







MICRO-SERVICES ARCHITECTURAL STYLE IOT COMMUNICATION PROTOCOLS OPEN GEOSPATIAL CONSORTIUM WEB SERVICES



Monolithic Tightly Coupled



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Microservice Highly Decoupled



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Heterogeneity in system technology



Microservice Highly Decoupled



Monolithic Tightly Coupled

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Microservice Highly Decoupled



Heterogeneity in system technology





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Composability



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Stateless







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Layered System

Uniform Interface









Open Geospatial Consortium Standards



• Web Processing Service (WPS): With this standard any geospatial process can be "wrapped" with a standard interface and integrated into existing workflows. WPS supports short and fast computational tasks and long and time consuming process exploiting asynchronous processing.

• Web Feature Service (WFS): specifies a standard for services that provides access and operations to GIS features abstracting from the underlying data store.

• Web mapping Service (WMS): standardizes a simple HTTP interface for retrieving GIS maps from one or more distributed geospatial

The SMIRSE Infrastructure



Enviromental Layer



- **Geographical Information Systems** (GIS) integrate georeferenced information about the different entities (e.g. devices, buildings and pipelines) in cities. It also includes cartographies cadastral maps and Digital Elevation Models.
- **Building Information Models** (BIM) are parametric 3-Dimensional models, where each model describes a building, both structurally and semantically.
- **System Information Models** (SIM) describe size and structure of energy distribution networks. SIM is built by exploiting parametric and topological data.
- Weather Data are retrieved by third party services, such as (Weather Underground, 2017). This information is georeferenced and collected by personal weather stations deployed in cities.
Physical Layer

Physic	ai Layer
	IoT Devices
	Indoor Ambient
Distributed	Sensors
Generation	Smart Meters
Grid Status	Actuators

- Distributed Generation energy production measurements
- Status of Distribution Grid that are needed to simulate energy flows and evaluate the integration of RES. Thus, information sampled by devices monitoring the energy distribution network.
- **IoT devices**, such as **Ambient sensors**, multi-vector **Smart Meters** (i.e. electricity, gas, heating and water) and **Actuators**.

Cyber Layer

Cyber Layer Communication Adapter

Data Integration platform

Smart Metering Infrastructure

- The **Communication Adapter** enables the interoperability across the heterogeneous devices in the **Physical Layer** and among the **Simulation and Modelling modules**.
- The **Data Integration Platform** integrates third party data source and platforms in the **Environmental Layer**.
- SMIRSE provides features to integrate also third party Smart Metering Infrastructure that makes available historical data collected from real distribution networks and postprocessed information output of its services.





Example of a Communication Adapter



Example of a Communication Adapter









Rooftop Solar Radiation module simulates incident solar radiation on rooftops with a resolution of 15 minutes.



Photovoltaic Energy module exploits both Rooftop Solar Radiation and Weather Data modules to estimate PV system production.



Real Time Grid Simulator module integrates a Real-Time Simulators to simulates power distribution networks with different time resolutions ranging from microseconds to hours.



Power Prediction and thermal building characterization provides tools to analyze and predict the power demand of thermal systems in buildings connected to HDN. Provides KPIs for thermal characterization of the buildings



Indoor Temperature Simulator provides tools to simulate and analyse the thermal behaviour of buildings. By combining BIM, GIS, real Weather data with environmental information coming from IoT Devices.

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Photovoltaic Energy Simulation







Digital Surface Model(DSM), which is a raster image that represents terrain elevation in 2.5D considering the presence of manufactures.



Linke Turbidity coefficients express the attenuation of solar radiation related to air pollution.



Cadastral maps are 2-D vector images that represent the plants of buildings with buildings information (number of floors, ...)



Third party Wheatear data In particular solar radiation and ambient temperature



Solar radiation decomposition service is in charge of proving direct and diffuse solar radiation components to the Real-sky service if third party weather services provide only Global horizontal radiation.



Map Data Store service is in charge of storing produced (Clear sky maps and Suitable surface)



Clear-sky condition service is in charge of producing clear-sky maps using as inputs the DSM and Linke turbidity coefficients.



Real-sky condition service is in charge of producing real-sky maps using as inputs solar radiation data provided by third party services.



Suitable area service identifies suitable surface for PV modules on rooftops, by analysing aspect and slope maps of the study area.



PV Power estimation service provides NOCT models for evaluating the power production considering temperature effects.



Floor-Planning service provides a greedy algorithm for PV module placement with the objective of maximizing power production.



I-V Modelling service provides simulation of tension and current simulation of a PV system by considering a hardware model of the module.



Case Study for PV simulation





Campus 🗕

	Campus	GalFer	Sommelier
Nominal Power [kW]	15.28	13.20	19.80
Module Power [W]	283	165	165
Number of PV modules	54	80	120
Module Efficiency [%]	20.2	13.1	13.1
Module Temp. Coef. [%/°C]	0.38	0.48	0.48
Slope [°]	26	35	20
Aspect [°] (South 270°)	23	240	240
Installation year	2008	2004	2004

Results for Real-sky irradiance simulation

Spatio-Temporal Simulation in Real-Sky condition



Results for Real-sky irradiance simulation



Results for Real-sky irradiance simulation





Results Campus PV Systems

Results Sommelier PV System




Comparison with PERSIL methodology



GalFer PV system

Results of I-V Modelling



 \mathbb{R}^2

0.906

0.870

0.386

WIA

0.975

0.970

0.880

LCE

0.751

0.700

0.183



Results of I-V Modelling





Results of Floor-planning







Results of Floor-planning







Results of Floor-planning



		S	uitab Area	Floor- Planning			
			eal-s ondit	ion	Power estimation		
Roof	WxL	N_g	N	Traditional MWh	Proposed MWh %		
Roof 1	287x51	9,416	16 32	3.430 6.729	4.094 +19.37 7.499 +11.44		
Roof 2	298x51	11,892	16 32	2.971 5.941	3.619 +21.85 7.404 +23.63		
Roof 3	298x52	11,672	16 32	2.957 5.746	3.642 +23.16 7.405 +28.86		



Renewable energy and Smart policies grid integration



Case study of Realtime Grid Cosimulation





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Photovoltaic Potential and Production



Potential PV power map

Photovoltaic Potential and Production



Potential PV power map



PV Energy Production map

Self-consumption and Self-sufficiency



Self-Consumption map

Self-consumption and Self-sufficiency





Self-Consumption map

Self-sufficiency map

MV/LV Transformers capacity













Distributed Battery Management



Power Prediction and building efficiency characterization



Details of Power Prediction and building efficiency characterization (PPBEC)





Case study



Turin District Heating:

300 Monitored Buildings



Case study



Status Identification and outlier algorithm (SOD)



Peak Power identification algorithm (PD)



Power Prediction algorithm

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Power Prediction algorithm defines a building model based on a **linear dependency** between **weather data** and **power level**. PP relies on the **assumption** that the **average power exchange** for a building heating system at a given time instant is **likely to be correlated** with the **surrounding weather conditions**.











Heating cycles	Building	Overall		First cycle		Second cycle		Third cycle	
	ID	MAPE	SMAPE	MAPE	SMAPE	MAPE	SMAPE	MAPE	SMAPE
	1	15.56	6.78	15.56	6.78		-	-	
	2	18.58	7.95	18.58	7.95				
Single	3	20.48	8.35	20.48	8.35		1		
	4	22.38	9.32	22.38	9.32	-	-	-	
	5	20.42	8.46	20.42	8.46		-		
Double	6	23.24	9.62	28.81	10.95	20.58	8.06		
	7	22.02	9.56	36.98	13.35	15.52	7.10		
Triple	8	23.11	9.72	35.35	13.90	17.38	7.67	18.33	7.63
	9	27.96	10.62	28.46	10.90	24.73	10.14	25.87	10.85
	10	33.75	11.64	39.70	14.40	38.44	14.49	26.53	10.21
	11	29.05	11.83	31.89	11.98	37.53	13.99	23.23	9.58
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Characterization of Building thermal efficiency



Indoor Temperature Simulation



Methodology for Indoor Temperature Simulation

Simplified **BIM models** are the starting point for our energy simulations. They include:

- accurate building envelope characterizations;
- facility management information (e.g. room type and occupants);
- materials nomenclature standards.

The **Energy Analysis Model** (EAM) consists of rooms and analytical surfaces generated from the BIM model.



Methodology for Indoor Temperature Simulation The EAM Simulation Engine evaluates energy performance of buildings


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ITERATIVES OPTIMIZATION PROCESS

Case Study

Primary school of 14,500 m² in two floors.

Heating system from 4:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.



16 **IoT devices** to collect air **temperature** and **relative humidity**:

- 15 indoor
- 1 outdoor



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Rooms	Indicator [%]	Real-weather Sim vs Measured	TMY Sim vs Measured
Room 1	MAD	8.02	16.82
	MBD	2.18	-16.64
	RMSD	9.78	19.01
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Conclusions

- SMIRSE is a **flexible** and **modular** distributed infrastructure
- SMIRSE integrates heterogeneous information, also sent in (near-) real-time.
- SMIRSE evaluates the impact of RES and Smart policies in cities and distribution networks.
- SMIRSE Photovoltaic modelling and simulation overcomes the limitations of SOA by providing real-sky simulations integrating weather stations.
- SMIRSE models and simulate thermal behaviour of buildings.

Thanks for your attention

Scalability Issue





