

From Buildings to Cities: Research and Development of Modelica-based Technique for Real-world Applications

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Conventional Building Modeling and Simulation









Physical Equipment

Physical Models

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Numerical Algorithms













int iErr;

// Declare local variable holding

vector vY; vector vWT;	<pre>// Input vector // Input vector</pre>
// There are 10	rows of data in

11 nPts = 10;

// There are 3 independent variab nTdx = 3;

Code

Results

System Model

Equation-Based Modeling Language

Can you write a C code to solve these equations in 1 minutes?

$$(1+0.5\sin(y))\frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{dy}{dt} = a\sin(t)$$
$$x - y = e^{-0.9x}\cos(y)$$

You can do it using equation-based modeling language in 1 minute:

```
model DAEexample
Real x(start = 0.9,fixed=true);
Real y(fixed=false);
parameter Real a=2;
equation
(1 + 0.5*sin(y))*der(x) + der(y) = a*sin(time);
x-y = exp(-0.9*x)*cos(y);
end DAEexample;
```

Equation-Based Building Modeling and Simulation



Modelica Buildings Library



http://simulationresearch.lbl.gov/modelica

Wetter, Zuo, Nouidui, Pang, 2014, Journal of Building Performance Simulation; Zuo, Wetter, Tian, Li, et al, 2015, Journal of Building Performance Simulation;

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Optimal Control for Chilled Water Plants

In FY 2012, Department of Defense spent **\$3.8 billion** to power, heat and cool buildings (DoD 2013).

DoD ESTCP Project: Optimization operation efficiency: Integrating energy information systems (EIS) and model-based diagnostics

Period: 2012-2016

Project Team:

- Lawrence Berkeley National Lab
- University of Miami
- IBM

Project Site:

- Washington Navy Yard
- US Naval Academy



Studied Chiller Plant



Huang, Zuo, Sohn 2016, Applied Energy Huang, Zuo, Sohn 2017, Building and Environment

$$\begin{split} \min\left(OB\big|_{t_{0}}^{t_{0}+\Delta t}\right) &= \min\left(\int_{t_{0}}^{t_{0}+\Delta t} f_{1}\big(\overrightarrow{OP}(t_{0}),\overrightarrow{IP}(t),\overrightarrow{S}(t_{0})\big)\right) \text{ for } t \in [t_{0},t_{0}+\Delta t) ,\\ subject to & \overrightarrow{OP}(t_{0}) \in OP_{valid} \\ f_{2}\big(\overrightarrow{OP}(t_{0}),\overrightarrow{IP}(t),\overrightarrow{S}(t_{0})\big) &= 0 \\ f_{3}\big(\overrightarrow{OP}(t_{0}),\overrightarrow{IP}(t),\overrightarrow{S}(t_{0})\big) &\leq 0 \end{split}$$
$$\begin{aligned} OB\big|_{t_{0}}^{t_{0}+\Delta t} &= E_{ch}\big|_{t_{0}}^{t_{0}+\Delta t} + E_{tw}\big|_{t_{0}}^{t_{0}+\Delta t} ,\\ \overrightarrow{OP}(t_{0}) &= \{T_{cw,set}(t_{0})\}, \\ \overrightarrow{IP}(t) &= \{\dot{Q}^{P}(t), T_{wb}^{P}(t)\}, \\ OP_{valid} &= \{T_{cw,set}\big|T_{cw,set,L} \leq T_{cw,set} \leq T_{cw,set,H}\}, \end{aligned}$$

 $T_{cw,set}$: condenser water return temp set point Q(t): cooling energy demand

Work Flow of Model Predictive Control for Chillers



Simulation Model: System Level



Simulation Model: Chiller Subsystem



Simulation Model: Chiller Subsystem



Simulation Model: Supervisory Control



State Machine

Modelica Model

Energy Saving Potential

Optimization Methods	Energy Saving w. Faulty Tower	Energy Saving w. Normal Tower	Computing Hours
Hourly Exhaustive Search	1.76%	10.04%	33.7
Hourly GPS	1.74%	10.02%	23.8
Daily GPS	1.14%	9.49%	1.2
Energy Saving	64-99 MWh	483-511 MWh	
Cost Saving	\$8,320-\$12,870	\$62,790-\$66,430	

GPS: Hooke Jeeves Generic Pattern Search

Huang and Zuo, 2014, ASHRAE/IBPSA-USA Conference; Huang, Zuo and Sohn, 2015, Building Simulation Conference; Huang, Zuo and Sohn, 2016, Journal of Applied Energy

Optimization Based on Physical Model



Optimization Based on Regression Model



Huang, Zuo, Sohn, 2015, Building Simulation Conference Huang, Zuo, Sohn, 2016, SimBuild Conference

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Energy and Water Efficient Hotel



Grand Beach Hotel, Surfside, Miami Beach, FL, USA 21

Convectional System

Heat Pump for Space Cooling and Heating



Domestic Hot Water System



Weather in Miami

Miami, US: ASHRAE Climate Zone 1A (Hot and Humid)







Cooling Demands vs Hot Water Demands



Typical Day of Hotel Guests



State 1: Large Demands for Heating and HW

Heat Pump for Space Heating

Heating for Domestic Hot Water



State 7: Demand Large for Cooling & Low for HW



Supervisory Control



Domestic Hot Water Sub-System Model



Preliminary Results: A Challenging Day



February 12th

7: Cooling Tower Only

- 6: Heat Recovery + Cooling Tower
- 5: Heat Recovery Only
- 4: None
- 3: Main Boiler
- 2: Main Boiler + Auxiliary Boiler
- 1: Main Boiler, Auxiliary Boiler Separately

Miranda et al, 2015, Modelica Conference

Beyond Energy: Water



Modeling of Combined Energy and Water System



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Smart and Sustainable Community Virtual Testbed



Enhanced Situational Awareness

"What if" Design evaluation



Smart Technologies



Economic & Cost

Real-time **Operation** management





Model Predictive Control

Fault Detection and Diagnosis

Historic Green Village, Anna Maria Island, Florida

The Historic Green Village is an existing Net Zero Energy Community.





Historic Green Village

Historic Green Village, Anna Maria Island, Florida

Energy subsystem

- □ Electric energy subsystem
- □ Water-source heat pump
- □ Solar thermal domestic hot water



System Modeling



System Modeling: Physical Model of Solar PV Subsystem



Preliminary Results: Prediction of PV Power Generation



Model	R-square
Physical	
ANN	

Coefficient of Determination

$$R^{2} = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i}^{pnum} (\dot{Q}_{p,i} - \dot{Q}_{m,i})}{\sum_{i}^{pnum} (\overline{\dot{Q}_{m}} - \dot{Q}_{m,i})}$$

where $\dot{Q}_{p,i}$ and $\dot{Q}_{m,i}$ are the *i*th predicted and measured cooling load, *pnum* is the prediction number, and $\overline{\dot{Q}_m}$ is the mean value of $\dot{Q}_{m,i}$.



Prediction by ANN model and real energy production of PVs in building Sears(D) from August 25, 2014 to August 31, 2014

Prediction by physical model and real energy production of PVs in building Sears(D) in winter and summer of 2014: (a) in February, (b) in August.

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Conclusion

- Our real-world projects have demonstrated the great potential of Modelica on controls optimization and complex system design.
- Combination of Modelica models with other tools can be a practical solution for real-world applications.

Future Research

 Extend the support of Modelica-based tools for convectional and advanced applications for buildings

- The Moonshot Research:
 - Smart, Sustainable, and Resilient Cities





Energy Efficient Data Center Cooling



Improving Data Center Energy Efficiency through End-to-End Cooling Modeling and Optimization (10/16-11/19), DOE, \$522K, collaborate with LBNL and Schneider Electric



Smart, Sustainable and Connected Community



BIGDATA: Collaborative Research: IA: Big Data Analytics for Optimized Planning of Smart, Sustainable, and Connected Communities (9/16-8/19), National Science Foundation, \$1.4M, collaborate with Virginia Tech.

A community powered by renewable energy, moved by automatic-driving electric vehicles, and connected with seamless wireless network.

Zero-Traffic for transportation network, Zero-Congestion for communication network, and Zero-Outage for energy network

Big data analytics using real-world data, e.g. **Building Performance Database** from LBNL

Virtual Testbed: Modelica Models Physical Testbed: Historic Green Village

Resilient Costal Cities

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CRISP Type 1: Collaborative Research: A Human-Centered Computational Framework for Urban and Community Design of Resilient Coastal Cities (01/17-12/18), National Science Foundation, \$500K, collaborate with Virginia Tech.





Computational framework for infrastructure network, social-economic characteristics, and urban design **based on Modelica and Functional Mockup Interface**

City of Miami Beach for case study

Smart City in Yucanta, Mexico

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The Internet of Living



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