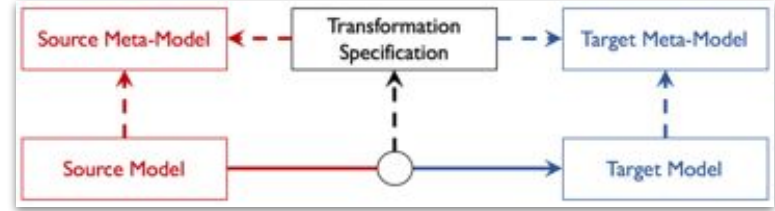




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# Model Transformation for Smart Grid Applications

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# Motivation

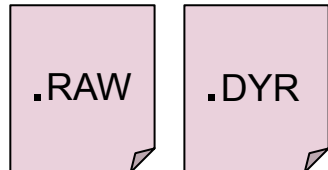
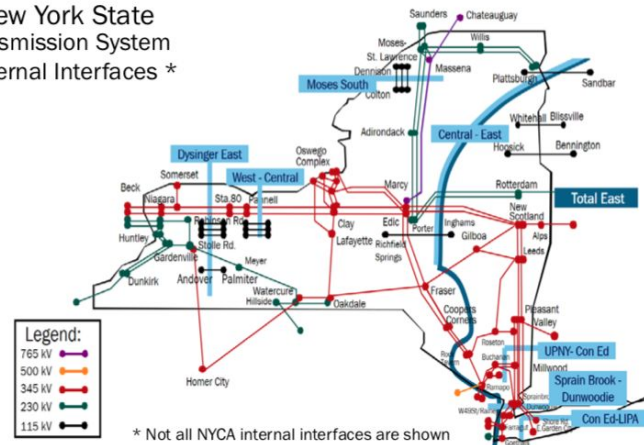
## Future Energy Scenario

- Addition of large number of renewable energy sources in the grid
- New modeling and simulation capabilities and tools will be required
  - Clean technologies can be properly studied and models can be easily shared

## Today's Scenario

- Lock-in: Few specific and proprietary software tools bound models to single tool.
- Lack of interoperability: Files retain parameter details but no information on equations
- Duplication and Inconsistency: Many different models are created to represent the same system, difficult to obtain the same results.

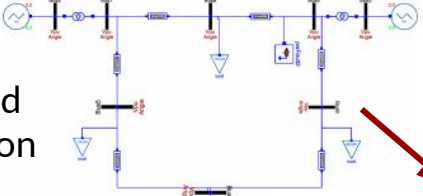
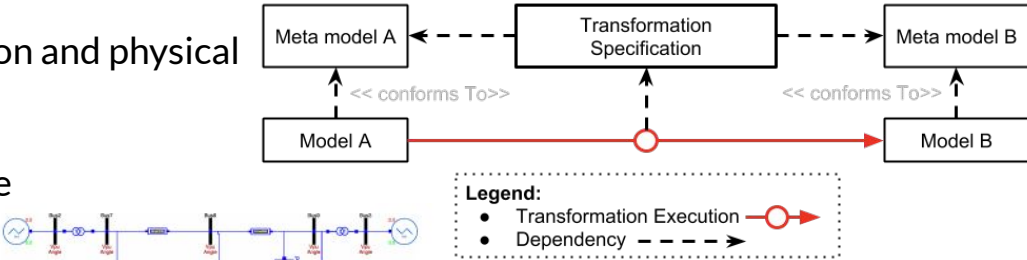
New York State Transmission System Internal Interfaces \*



# Background

## Model Transformation Tools

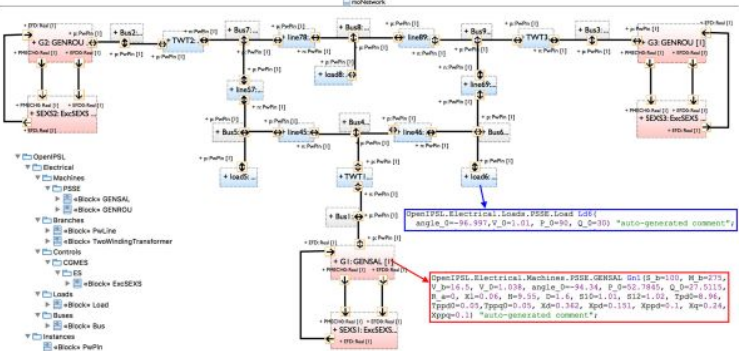
- Interpreter capable of transforming information and physical behavior of simulation models
- Computer program that:
  - Takes a model as input, also called source
  - Produces a model as output, or target
- Benefits of automatic translation:
  - No disparate number of models is needed
  - Automatic transformation avoids common implementation errors



SysML Representation and Modelica Model from M2M Transformation with CIM tools

## Previous Works with Translation Tools

- Cim2Mod: Model-to-Model Transformation with CIM-compliant tool using Apache Jena and JABX solution for one-to-one translation
- CIM-verter: C++ template based approach for translating CIM models into Modelica



# Proposed Solution and Presentation Scope

## Our Solution: Open Source and Open Standards-based Interoperable Models

- Model Transformation Tool
  - Using PSSE and CIM as source models
  - Outputs Modelica (OpenIPSL) as target models
- Why Modelica?
  - We need model description to facilitate interoperability:
    - Strict mathematical representation: DAEs
  - Open access standard for object-oriented equation based modeling (language spec implemented by multiple tools).
- OpenIPSL Library:
  - Modelica-based power system dynamic models
  - In development for several years.
- FMI Standard Compliant: Supported by +100 tools
  - Models can be exported into many other different tools as FMUs

## Scope

- *PSSE to Modelica*: template-based approach written in Python
- *CIM to Modelica*: XSLT-based approach for transforming XML files into Modelica



OpenIPSL



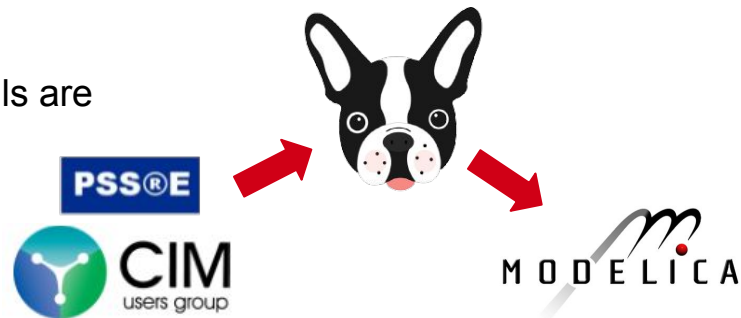
# Implementation in Modelica and Model Verification

## Main Challenges

- For a translation to work, it is necessary to be sure that models are consistent between tools
  - Mapping needs to be precise
  - Models need to be
    - Implemented in Modelica
    - Automatically tested
    - Verified against PSSE
  - Testing routine should be automatic:
    - Continuous Integration Framework

## Overcoming Barriers

- Basic components (Machines, Exciters ...) are tested under different conditions in tiny models assembled using Modelica and OpenIPSL
- Regression testing to be implemented
- Continuous integration for library consistency



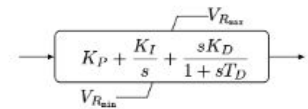
**OpenIPSL is the means to represent PSSE and CIM models in Modelica**



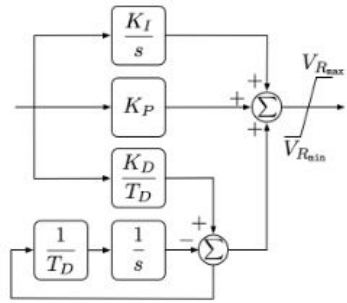
**OpenIPSL must have the component being mapped and its behavior must be consistent with source**

# Implementation of Building Blocks

- Even simple blocks such as a limited output PID can have different implementations
  - When **only** block diagrams are used, the model can be ambiguous
  - Additional information is not always available or transparent
  - Different implementations can lead to different results

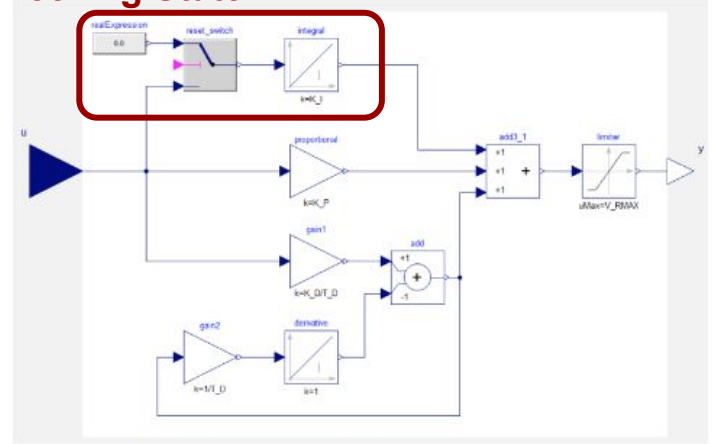


(a) Block diagram presenting an implementation for a limited output PID.

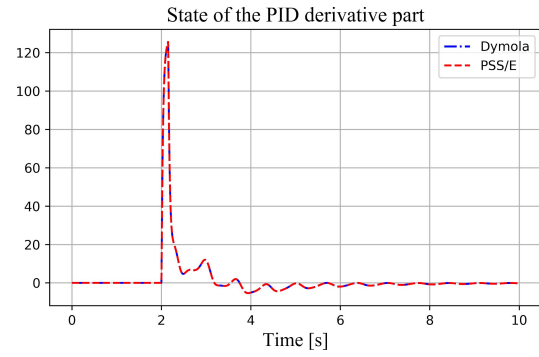
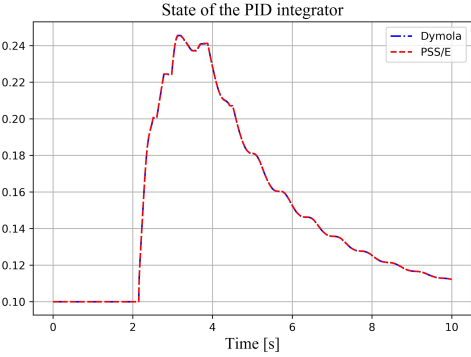


(b) Block diagram presenting an alternative and detailed implementation for the same limited output PID.

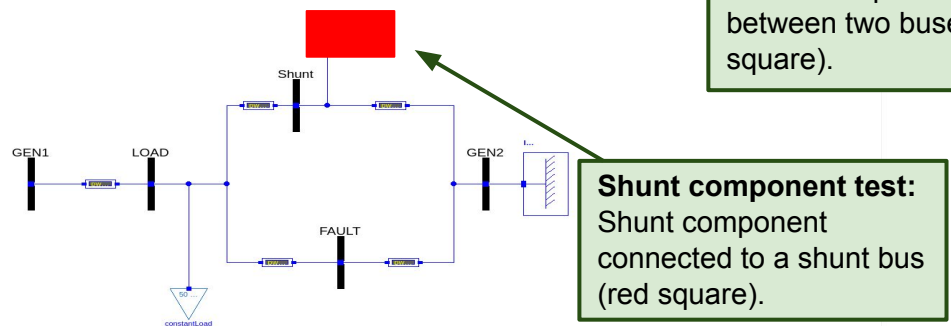
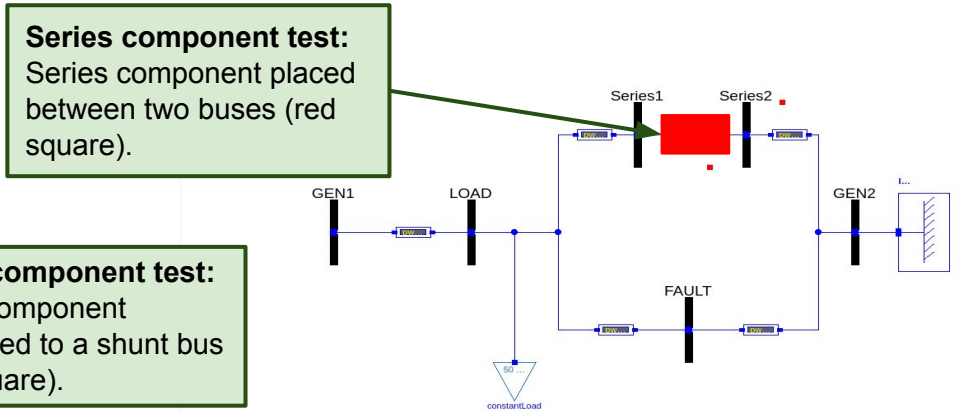
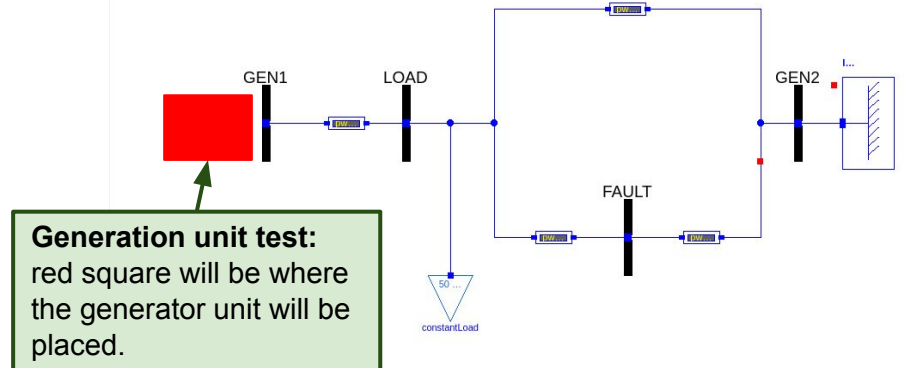
## Freezing State



(c) Modelica implementation of the limited output PID block.



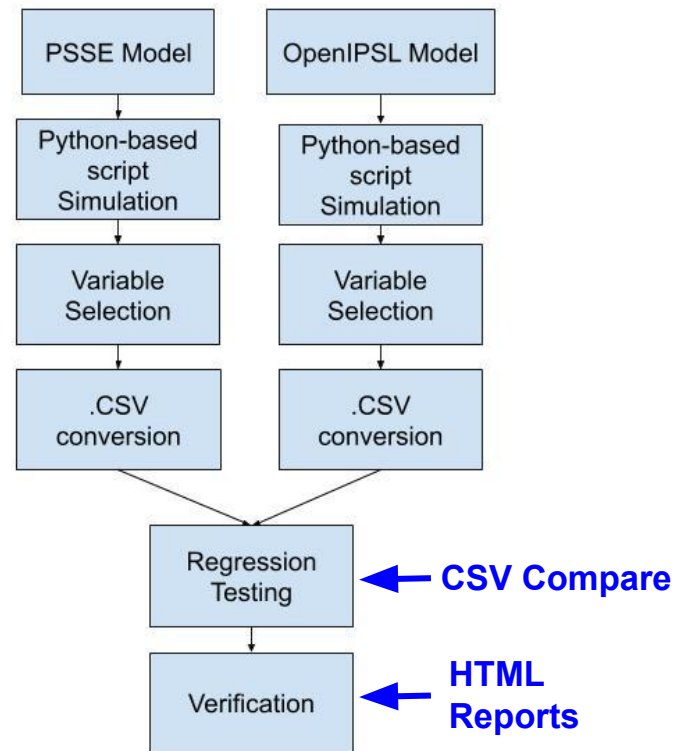
- A set of different small-scale systems was created for the testing and verification of basic components
  - Machines, Exciters, Stabilizers, Turbine Governors, etc.
  - Three different types of systems
  - Three different tests can be performed:
    - Fault (F)
    - Load Variation (LV)
    - Step in Reference value (SR)





# Regression Testing

- Manual verification of models is tiresome and can be subjective
  - How close the two curves should be so they are considered to be capturing the same behavior?
- Automatic procedures is needed for consistency:
  - Base results from PSSE are generated from Python scripts and saved into CSV
    - For each basic component
    - For each disturbance scenario
  - Results from OpenIPSL are obtained automatically via Python script and converted into CSV
  - CSV Compare tool is used
    - 1% Tolerance Tube



# CSV Compare Report Example (1/2)

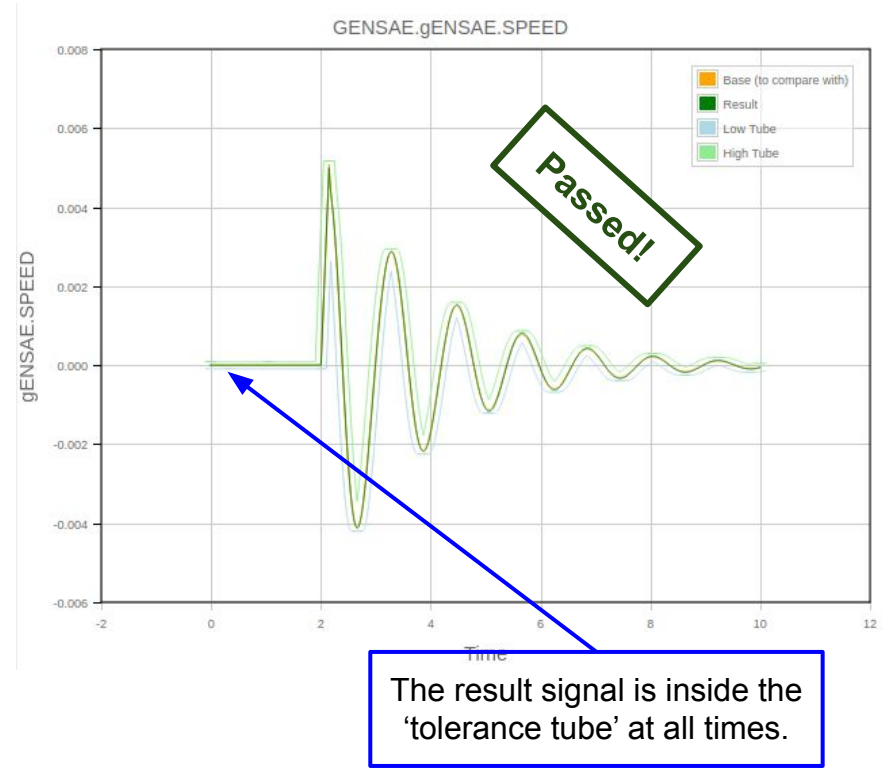
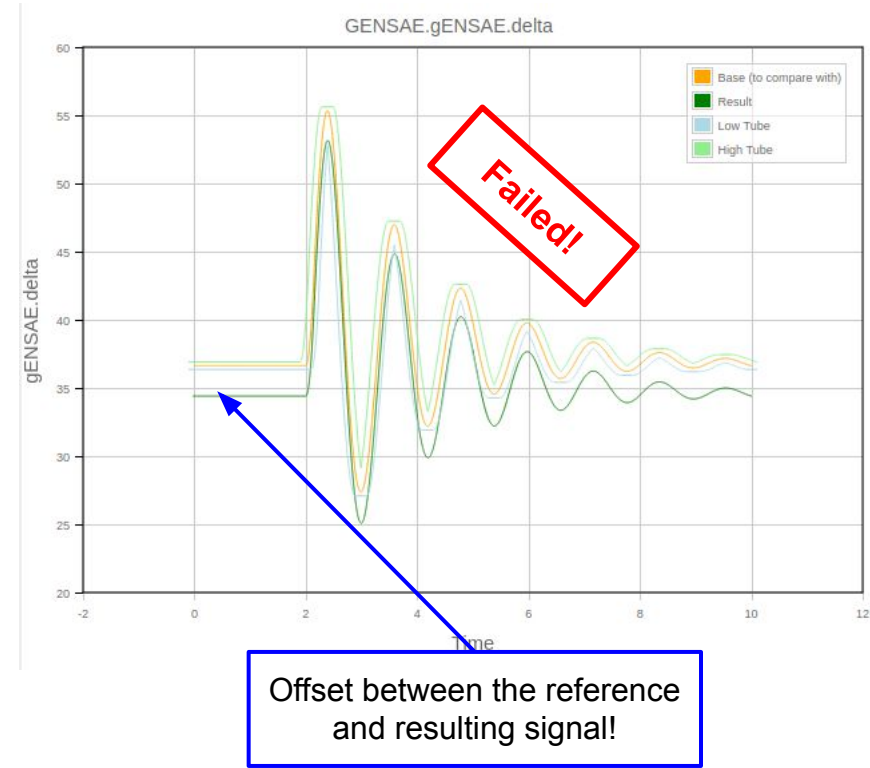
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SUCCEEDED	<a href="#">GENROU.csv</a>
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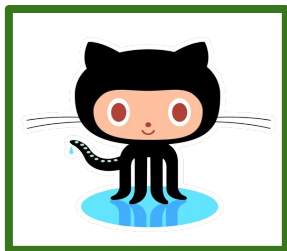
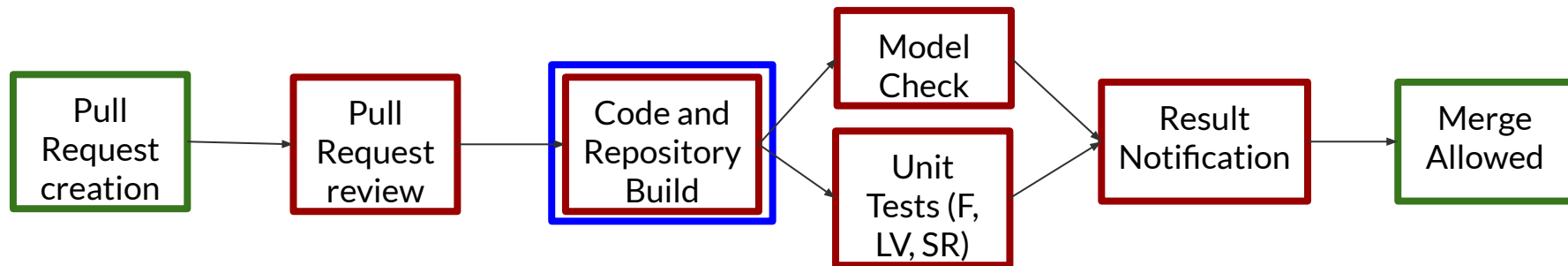
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# CSV Compare Report Example (2/2)

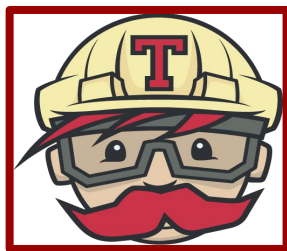


# Continuous Integration

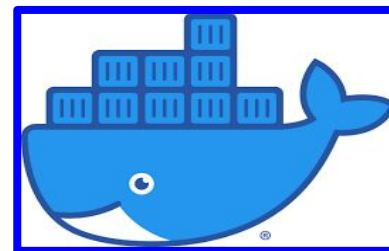
- OpenIPSL models are stored on a Github repository:
  - Need for an automatized procedure for code checking and model behavior verification
    - Continuous Integration - Software Engineering Solution



GitHub: repository where the code is located. Version control solution.



Travis CI: application to trigger and automate functions for the CI



Docker: container for our testing machine. Solution to the "it works on my machine" issue.

## Main Idea

- Assess the notable features that explain why Modelica was chosen as target model in this project:
  - Object-oriented equation-based
    - Ideal for complete model description rather than just parameter tables
  - Use different Modelica-compliant tools:
    - Dymola, OMEdit, SystemModeler, Impact
  - Compliant with Functional Mock-up Interface standard
    - Models can be exported to different tools!



**Models in OpenIPSL  
must work with  
maximum number of  
Modelica - compliant  
tools for interoperability**



**OpenIPSL models that  
are exported with FMUs  
must work in different  
simulation tools**

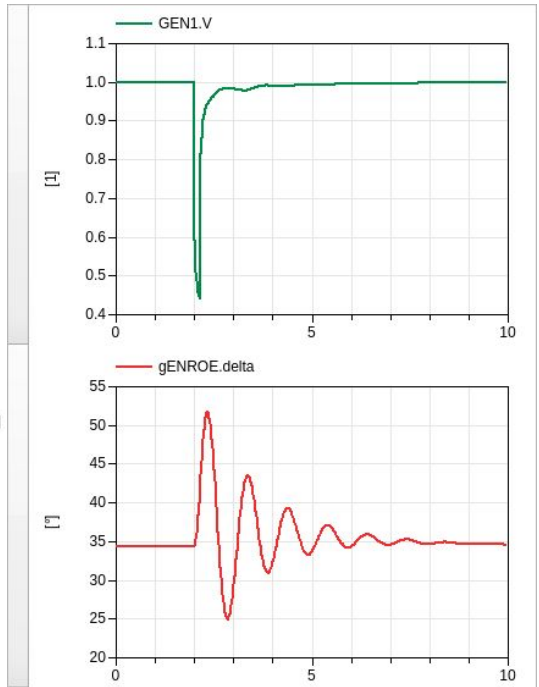
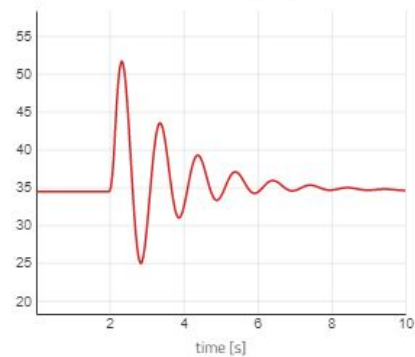
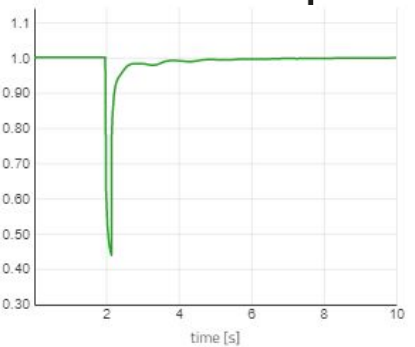
## Methods

- Assess OpenIPSL in different modelica compliant tools
- Assess the simulation of Modelica models exported as FMUs in different tools

# Interoperability Between Modelica Tools (1/2)

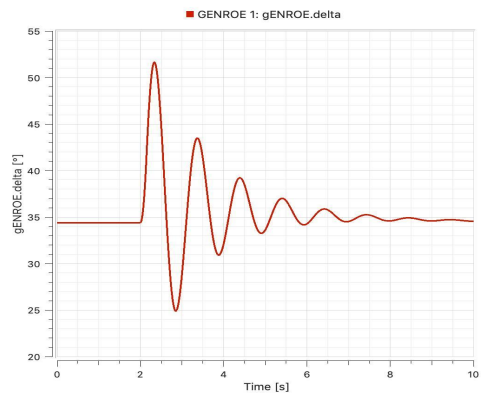
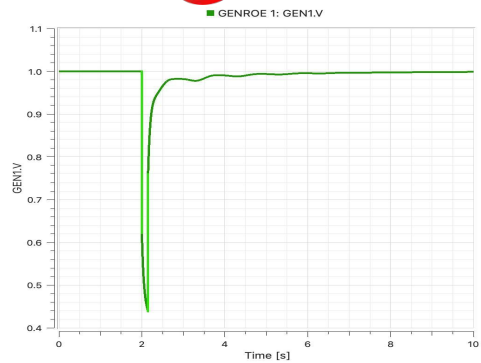
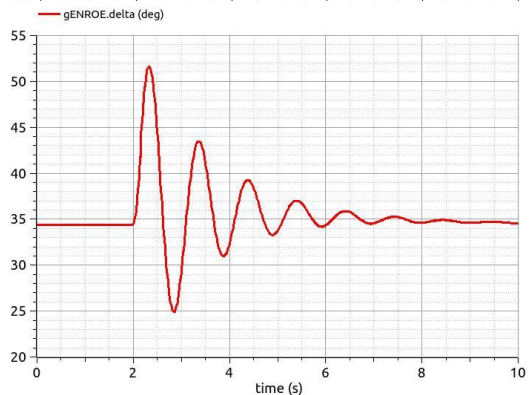


Modelon Impact



- OpenIPSL Library must maximize its compatibility with different Modelica-compliant software tools
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# Interoperability Between Modelica Tools (2/2)

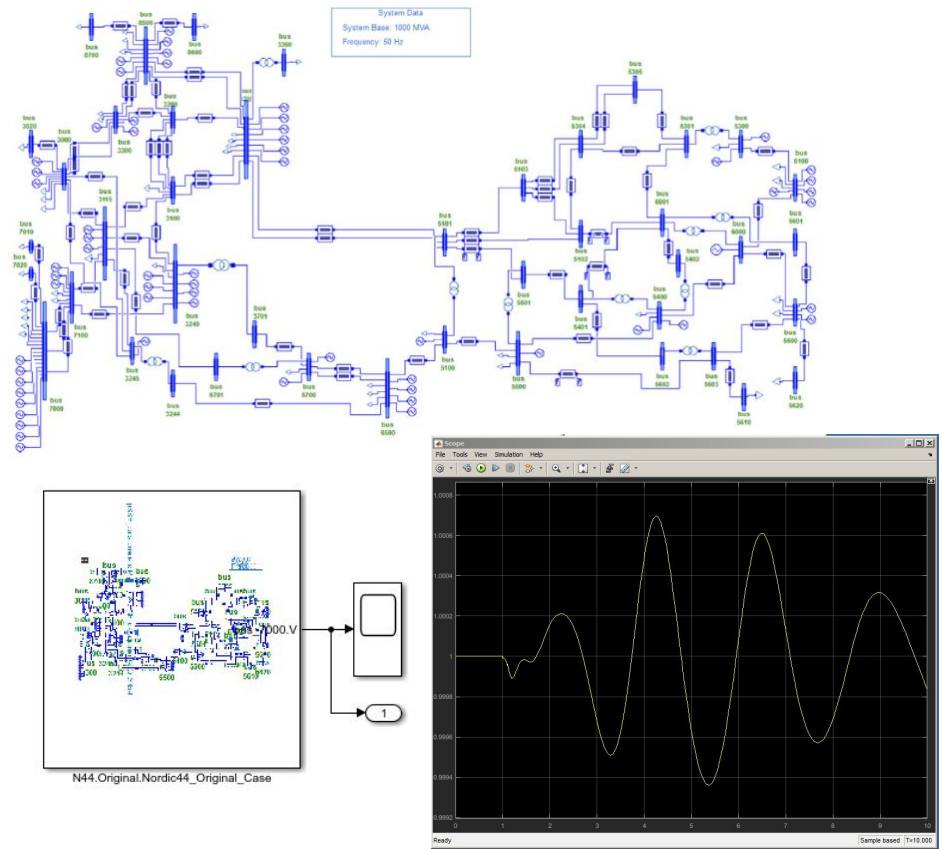


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# OpenIPSL and FMUs for Portability

## Recomposing models for FMI-Export

- FMI export for different software tools:
  - Simulink
  - Python Libraries (FMPy, PyFMU)
- FMUs for entire system:
  - Size is challenge

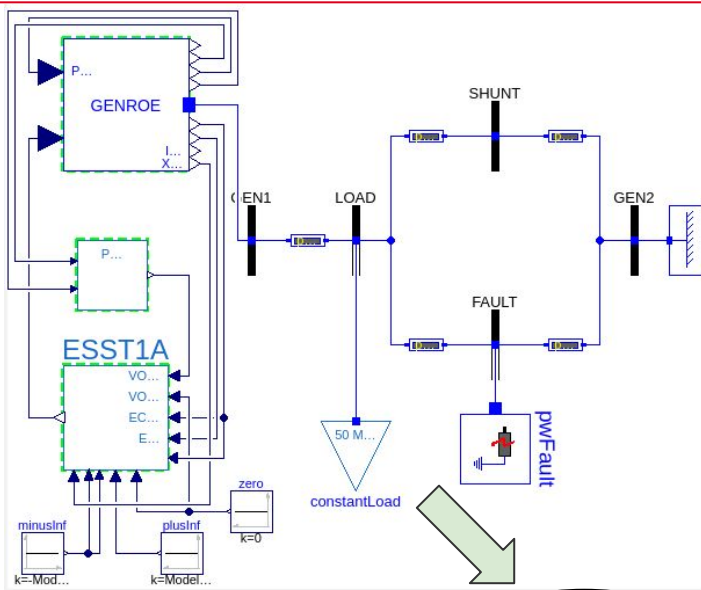




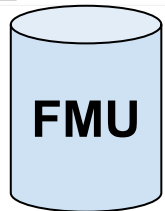
# OpenIPSL and FMUs for Real Time Simulation

## FMI-Export for Real Time Simulation

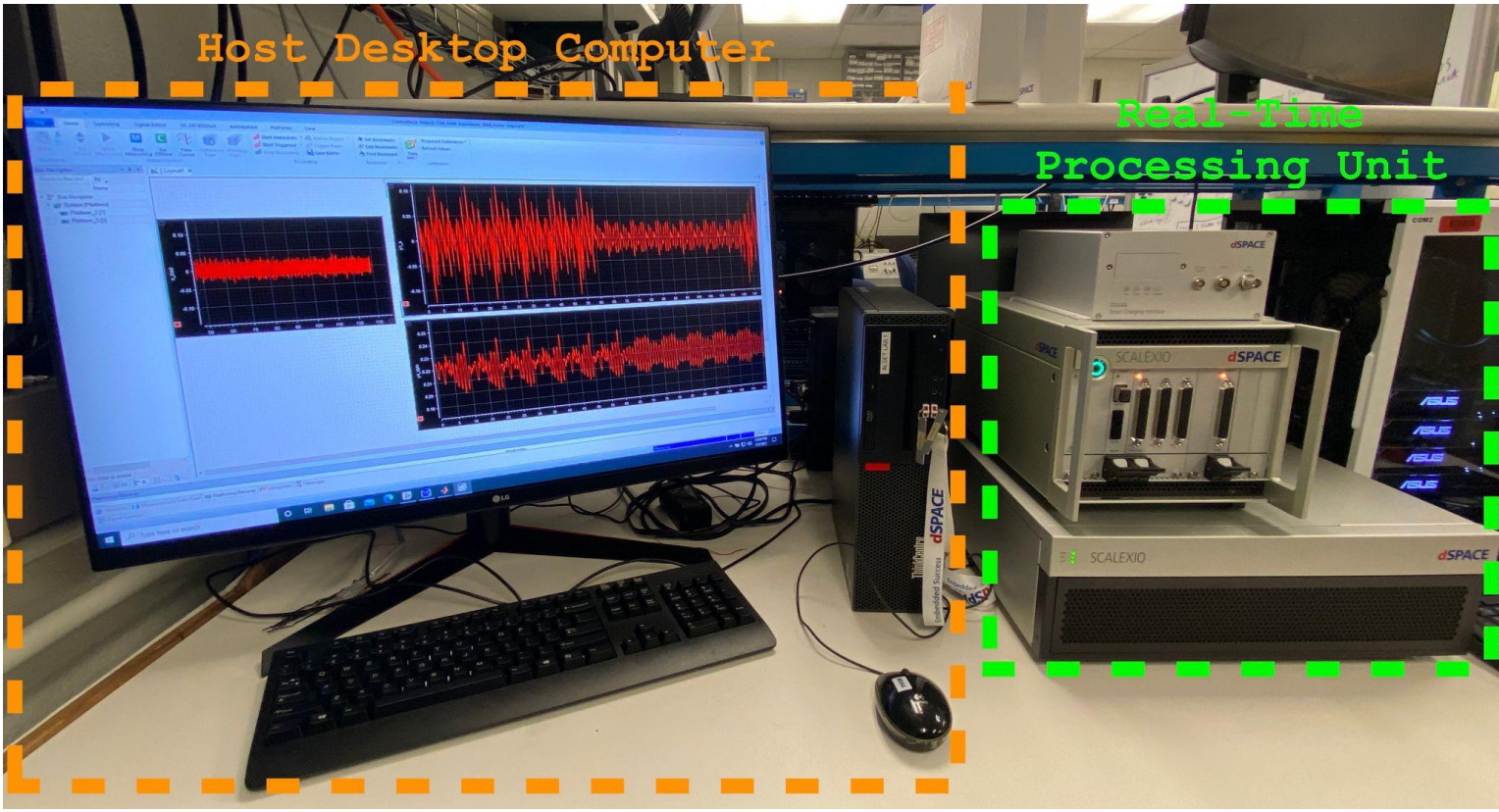
- Entire systems were used rather than different FMUs for each basic component
- Co-simulation FMU, with solver tolerance and simulation time already pre-defined
- Exported with source code via Dymola
- Loaded into dSPACE SCALEXIO:
  - Natively loads FMUs
  - No extra step is required



Real Time Simulator



# Real Time Simulation Setup



Host Desktop Computer

Real-Time Processing Unit



Periodic Task 1/Overrun Count

13

Periodic Task 1/Task Call Counter

30013

Periodic Task 1/Task Turnaround Time

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## Main Idea

- Survey and analyze existing tools.
  - Existing Tools: Ditto, BIM2Modelica, CIM2Modelica
- Create the appropriate mappings from
  - PSSE to Modelica
  - CIM to Modelica
- Build Model Translation Tools
- Test and debug the tool with different systems
  - Single Machine Infinite Bus Systems
  - Components can be tested almost individually
    - Machines
    - Exciters
    - Governors
    - Stabilizers
    - Wind Machines
    - Compensators

**OpenIPSL models can  
be exported and used in  
many tools**



**OpenIPSL models are  
shown to be consistent  
with PSSE**

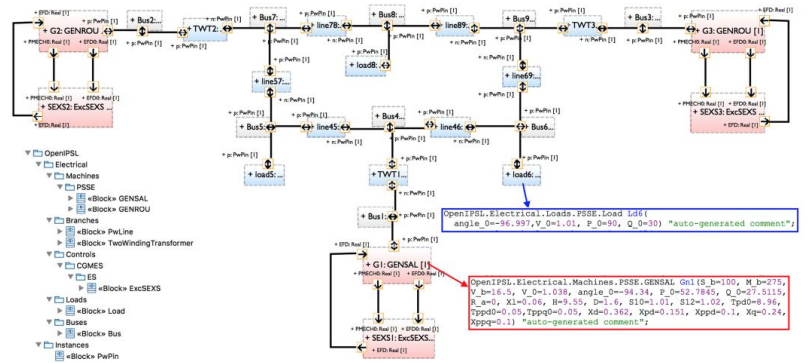


**Need to design the  
basics of the translation  
tool with Modelica  
models as targets**

# Existing Tools - What's out there?

## DiTTo (NREL)

- General idea: *many-to-one-to-many parser framework*.
  - Readers (inputs) and writers (outputs)
- Made for translating distribution systems and models from one data format to another.



## BIM2Modelica

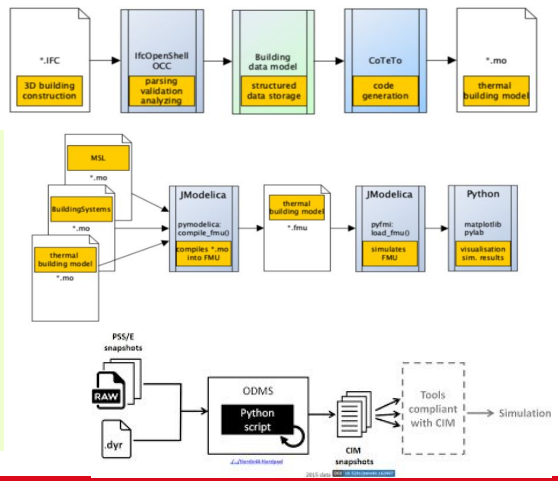
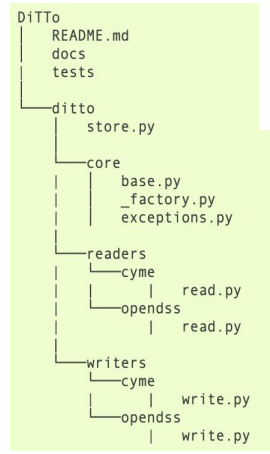
- Open source framework for generating and simulating thermal models by using data from BIM models.

## CIM2Modelica

- Model-to-model transformation tool made for power systems
- XML schemas are used together with model-driven engineering concepts and paradigms

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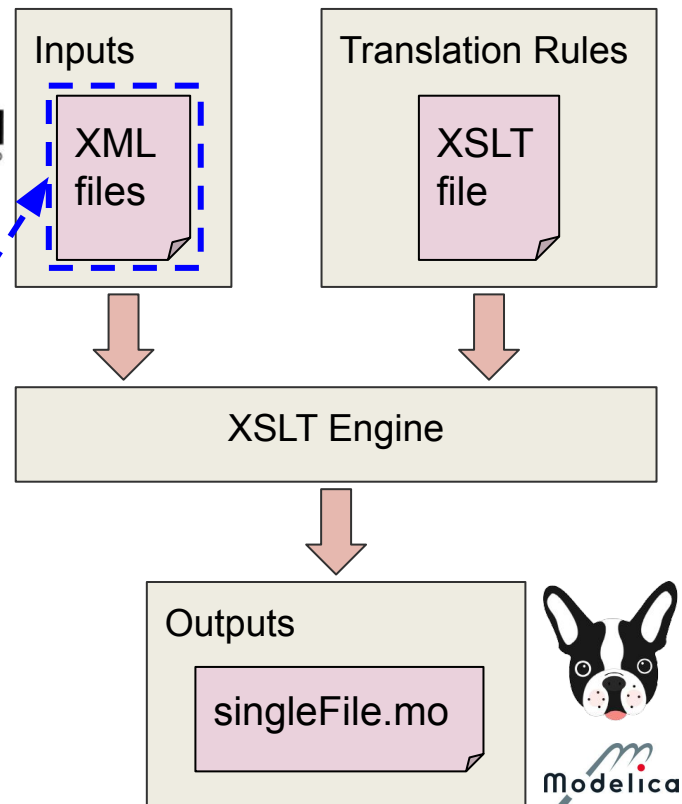
- Proprietary tool with PSSE to CIM translation



# CIM to Modelica

## Overview

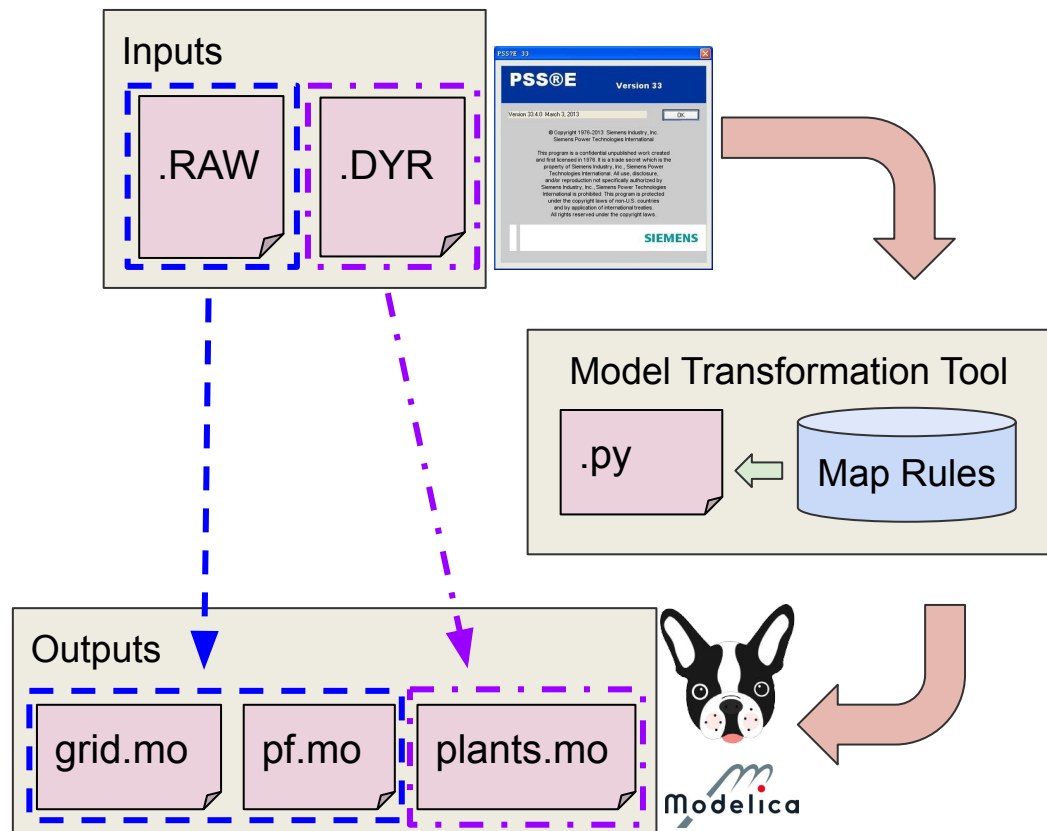
- Uses XSLT to translate CIM to Modelica
  - Proprietary tool - Windows Engine
- Common Information Model:
  - Readable (eXtensible Markup Language - XML).
  - Normalized - common data used in multiple types, linked using keys
  - Multiple CIM files including:
    - State Variables (SV)
    - Dynamic (DY)
    - Equipment (EQ)
    - Topology (TP)
    - Steady-state Hypothesis (SSH)



# PSSE to Modelica

## Overview

- Tool's general structure
  - Parsers, Readers and Writers
  - Based on templates
  - Written in Python
  - PSSE to Modelica
    - Raw files are translated into modelica network:
      - Lines, buses, shunts, loads
    - Dyr files are translated into dynamic models:
      - Machines, exciters, turbine-governors



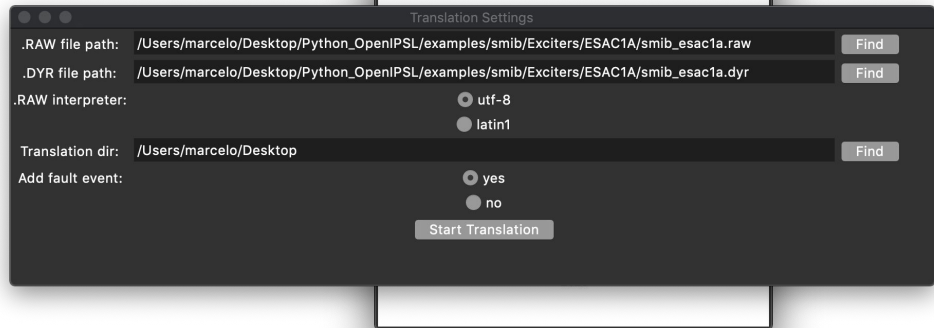
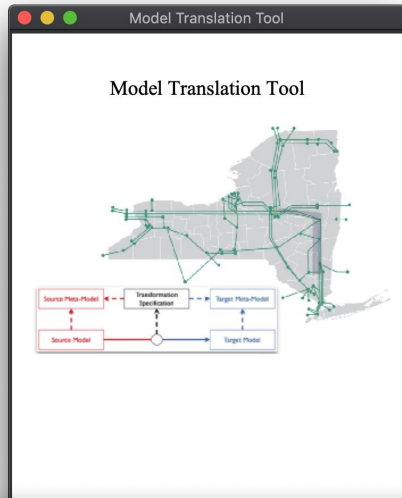
# Assessment of Tool's Performance

## Main Idea

- Test translations performed by tool
- Test tool's scalability with different systems:
  - Brazilian 7-bus System, IEEE14, IEEE23, Nordic 44, Icelandic System, REN System, NYPA 500

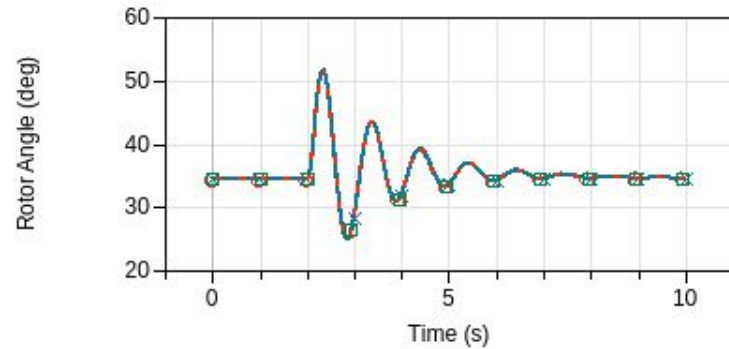
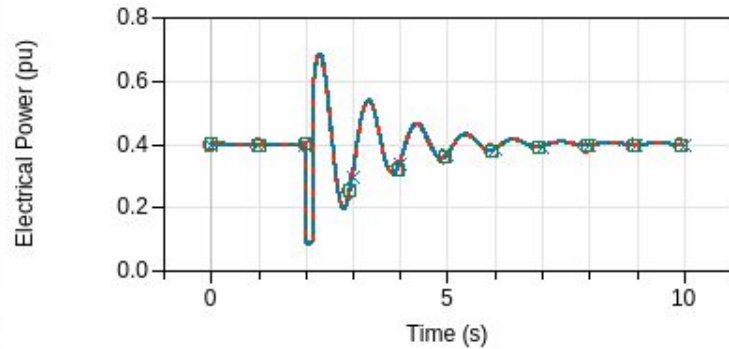
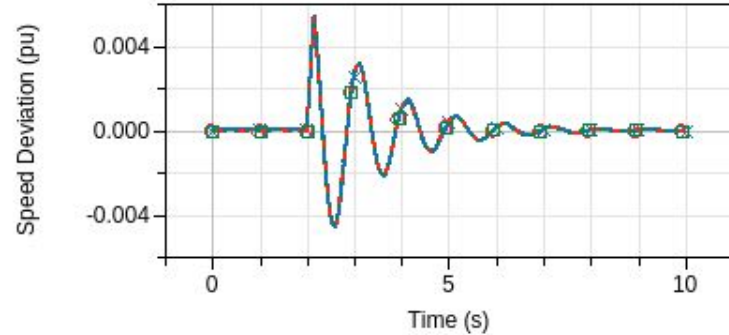
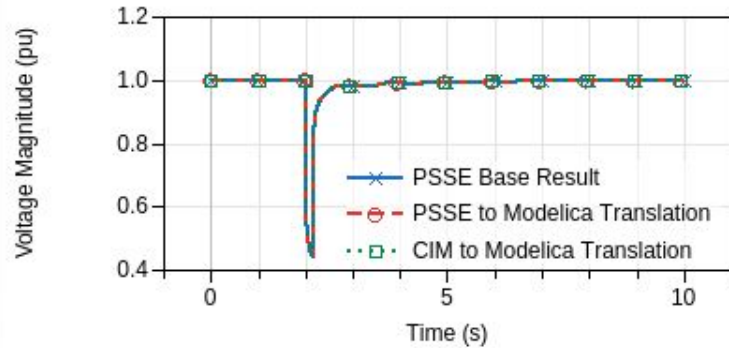
## Methods

- Test system for many different testing:
  - Assessing results
    - Check if translated systems simulate and if their results are the same of translated versions
  - Timing translation for metrics (PSSE to Modelica)
    - Test tool in different machines, translating different systems.





IEEE  
14-Bus



# PSSE to Modelica Performance Test: Settings

Tests with different machines:

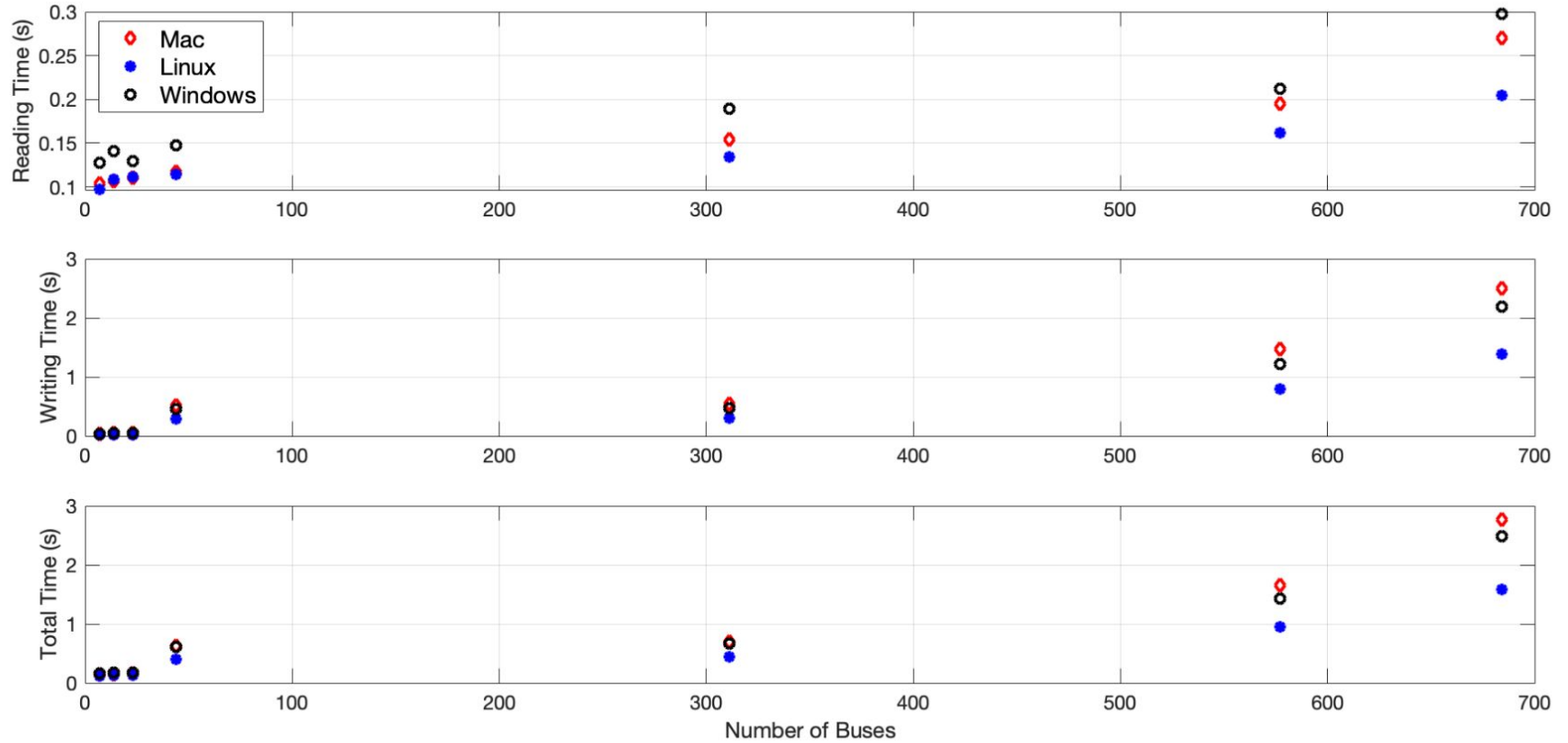
- **Goal is not to compare** the translation between different operating systems/machines
- **Goal is to assess tool's scalability** in different operating systems/machines

	Linux-based	Mac	Windows
Operating Software	Ubuntu 18.04.5 LTS	MacOS Mojave	Windows 10 20H2
Processor	i7 2.9 GHz x8	i7 2.8 GHz	AMD Ryzen 7 PRO 2700 3.20 GHz x8
Memory	16GB 1.6GHz DDR3	16GB 1.6GHz DDR3	64GB 1.6GHz DDR3

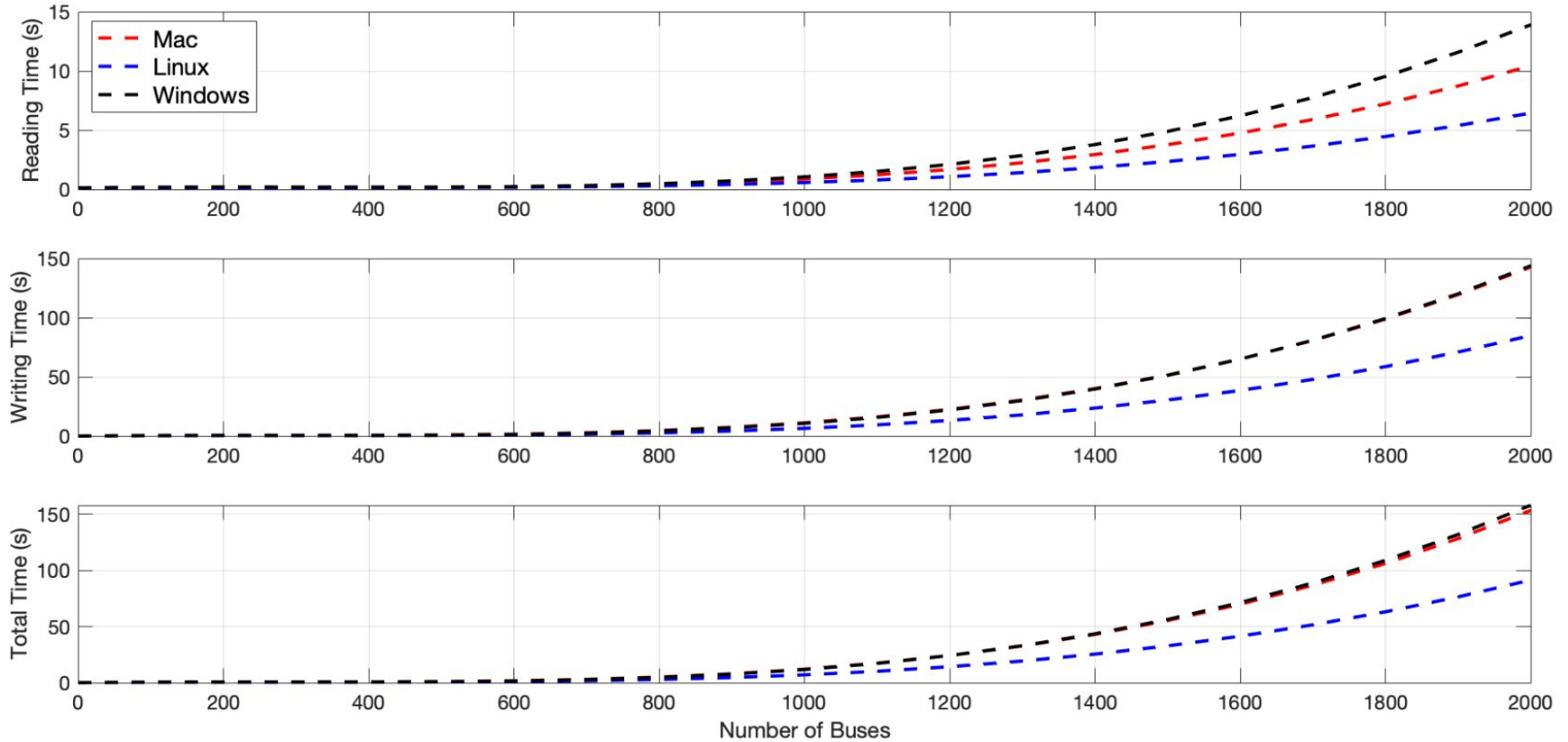
## Different test systems

	Number of Buses	Number of Machines	Total Number of DAE
<b>Brazilian 7-Bus</b>	7	5	1032
<b>IEEE 14</b>	14	5	1346
<b>IEEE 23</b>	23	6	1619
<b>Nordic 44</b>	44	80	15976
<b>Icelandic System</b>	311	61	20342
<b>REN System</b>	577	138	34878
<b>NY System</b>	684	234	63094

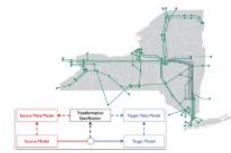
# PSSE to Modelica - Performance Results



# PSSE to Modelica - Performance Projection



## Model Transformation Tool - BabelGrid



Model Transformation for High Performing Grid Applications.

[View the Project on GitHub](#)  
marcelofcastro/Python\_OpenIPSL

This is the website for the 'Model Transformation for High Performing Smart Grid Applications' project. The project has been on going since Fall 2018. Joint project between New York Power Authority and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

### Project Overview

With the upcoming changes in the energy landscape of New York State, new modeling capabilities and simulation tools will be required in order for renewable and distributed energy technologies to be properly studied and incorporated into the electricity grid. In today's environment, grid modeling and operation in New York State are limited to few specific and proprietary software tools traditionally used for modeling and simulation over many decades. The ability of introducing new tools has been impractical, due to the way models have been developed and maintained. By using interoperable standards, and technologies, this project will create a new basis for developing and transforming grid models that could facilitate the utilization of multiple tools to advantage of the best features each tool has to offer in order to support the engineering and decision making process driven by the NYS Energy Plan and NY Reforming the Energy Vision (REV).

### Main Resources

In this website you can find the following:

Pages	Links
Overview	<a href="#">About the Project</a>
Model Validation	<a href="#">CSV Compare Results</a>
Tool Description	<a href="#">About the Tool</a>
Tool Guide	<a href="#">Using the Tool</a>
About us	<a href="#">Contact Info</a>

### Website:

[https://marcelofcastro.github.io/Python\\_OpenIPSL/index](https://marcelofcastro.github.io/Python_OpenIPSL/index)

- General information about the project is available there.

### Dymola Reports

General results for Dymola tests can be found in the table below.

Model Type	General Reports
1. Machines	(a) <a href="#">Fault Report</a> (b) <a href="#">Load Variation Report</a>
2. Exciters	(a) <a href="#">Fault Report</a> (b) <a href="#">Load Variation Report</a> (c) <a href="#">Reference Step Report</a>
3. Turbine Governors	(a) <a href="#">Fault Report</a> (b) <a href="#">Load Variation Report</a>
4. Power System Stabilizers	(a) <a href="#">Fault Report</a> (b) <a href="#">Load Variation Report</a>
5. Wind Machines	(a) <a href="#">Fault Report</a>

**All validation reports are available here**

- The presentation showed that:
  - A valid mapping between CIM/PSSE and Modelica is possible, allowing models from one tool (language) to be exported to another tool without loss of information and consistency of simulation results.
  - The library of Modelica models developed in this project is compatible with many different Modelica-compliant tools and models can be exported via FMI standard
    - Modelica model is a good target model (open access specification supported by multiple tools natively)
    - Target Model can be exported to various tools using FMI (+100!) for different applications
  - Both translation strategies are shown to be:
    - Effective
      - Results are consistent between translations and across different platforms
    - Scalable for larger models and more complex grids:
      - 2000 buses is expected to take a couple minutes
      - Room for improvement!

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