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Simulator Design based on Variable Graph for Complex Physical Systems



Motivations

Code Reusability

- When two models have something in common, how can we reuse the code developed for one model for the other?
- What does *having something in common* mean for two models?

Model Complexity

- Model complexity **will always grow**.
- It happens when we
 - **couple** models
 - add/replace new physical process in a given model.

Motivations

Rapid Prototyping

- We target a **couple of weeks** to setup a model
- includes:
 - parameter input
 - control
 - calibration tool

Model Exploration

- What are the **physical variables** that your model knows about?
- How they **relate** with each other?

Interactive Use

- We provide tools for the developer
- The tools **have to be interactive** to help **during** the implementation.

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Example

- We have the following chemical systems



- The equations are

$$\frac{dc_e}{dt} = R \quad \frac{dc_s}{dt} = -R$$

with

$$R = j(c_e, c_s) \sinh(\eta)$$

$$\eta = \phi_e - \phi_s - \text{OCP}(c_e, T)$$

The named variables are

c_e : Li concentration in electrolyte

c_s : Li concentration in electrode

R : reaction rate

j : exchange current density

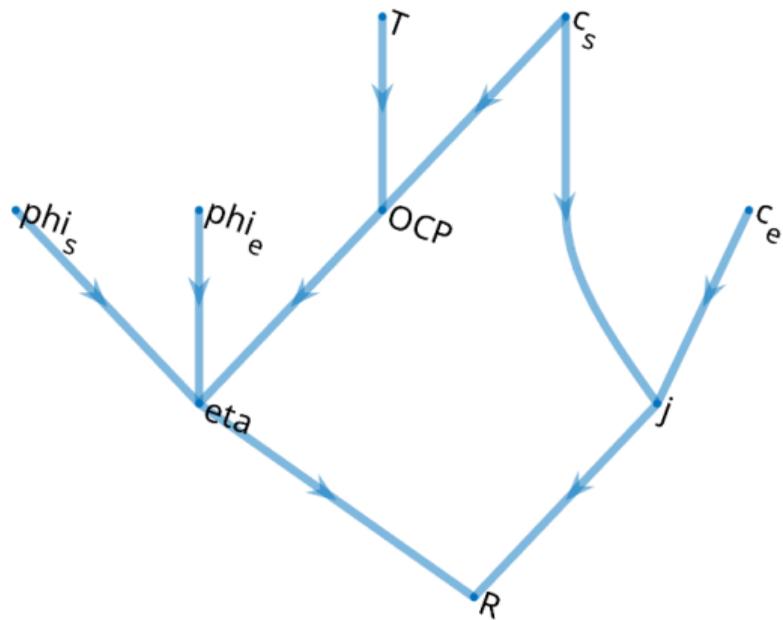
ϕ_e : Electric potential in electrolyte

ϕ_s : Electric potential in electrode

η : overpotential

OCP : open circuit potential

Example



(Only the dependency of the reaction term R)

Variable graph (VG)

A model development approach based on variable graph enables to

BREAK THE COMPLEXITY

by using a **two-step** approach

First Step

Design Variable Graph

Second Step

Implement Declared
Functions

Implementation Requirement

To get a **reusable** code, we need to be able to do the following operations

Import A Model

Import a VG and use the functions that are defined.

Add/Remove Variables to a Model

Add/Remove nodes to the VG keeping all the rest.

Add/Change Functional Dependencies

Add/Change directed edges to VG, keeping all the rest

FULL GRAPH EDITING CAPABILITIES - AT EVERY LEVEL

Later, we will go through an example where we see these requirements are met by our implementation

Model Object

`classdef:`

Model
Physical System

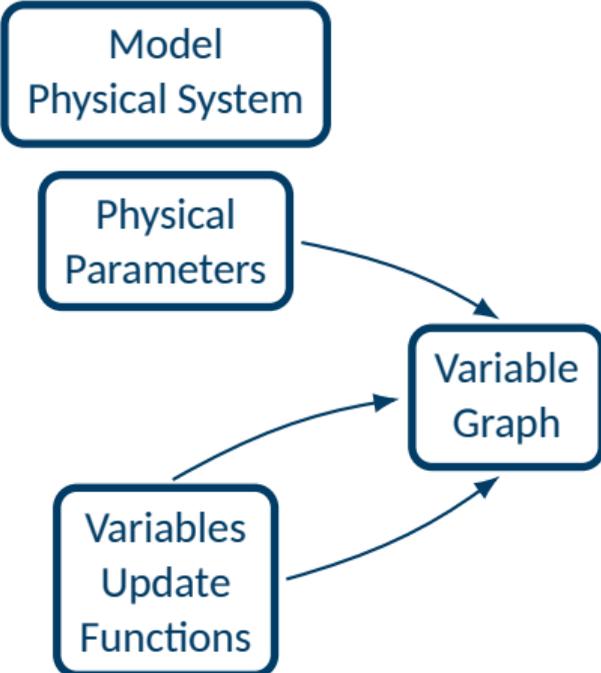
`properties:`

Physical
Parameters

`methods:`

Variables
Update
Functions

Variable
Graph



```
graph TD; A[Physical Parameters] --> C[Variable Graph]; B[Variables Update Functions] --> C;
```

Model Hierarchy

Model A

nodes: $\{\text{var}_1, \dots, \text{var}_{n_A}\}$

Model B

nodes: $\{\text{var}_1, \dots, \text{var}_{n_B}\}$

Graphs are imported as subgraphs at model initialization

Submodel names are used as prefix

Namespace mechanism

Model

modelA

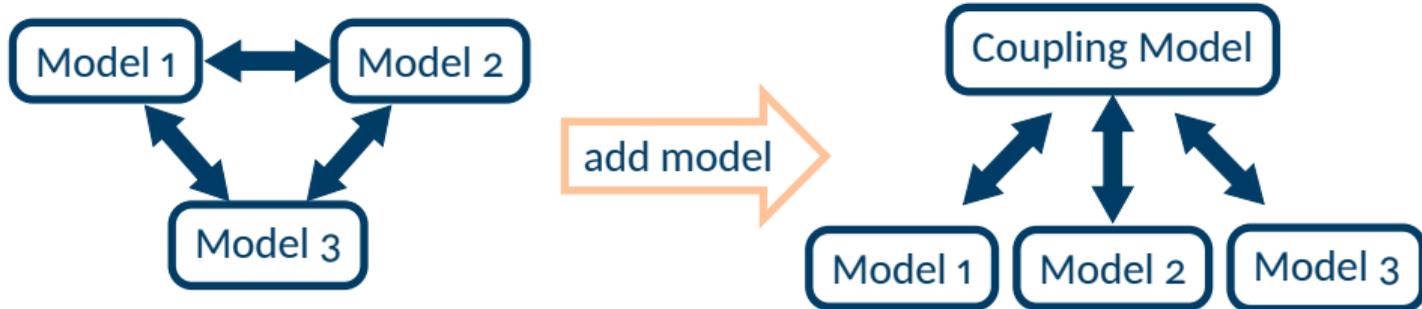
modelB

nodes: $\{\text{modelA.var}_1, \dots, \text{modelA.var}_{n_A}$
 $\text{modelB.var}_1, \dots, \text{modelB.var}_{n_B}$
 $\text{var}_1, \dots, \text{var}_n\}$

additional edges (always if coupling !)

Model Couplings

- We include **model names**
model name = namespace for the model variables
- Hierarchical approach : We couple models by adding a coupling model.



VG for Automatic Assembly

automatic assembly setup

roots of the graph



primary variables

leaves of the graph



equations

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Graph Setup

Declarative Graph Setup

We do not have to figure out the layout of the graph beforehand.

We use a **declarative** approach : We register the nodes (variables) and the edges (functional dependencies). They can be registered in a **arbitrary order**.

The code **builds the graph** for us and provides **interactive tools** for exploration and visualization.

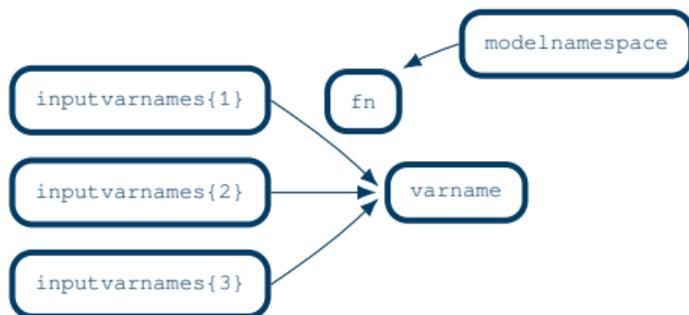
Graphs can be complicated objects...

Simple structures for the architecture implementation

In BaseModel, we have the methods

- registerVarNames to add variable names
- registerPropFunction to add functions

with some **syntactic sugar**



The nodes (variable names)

```

classdef VarName
    properties
        namespace % list of model names
        name      % name of the variable
        index     % if array variables
        dim       % if array variables
    end
end
  
```

The edges (functional relationships)

```

classdef PropFunction
    properties
        varname      % target variable
        inputvarnames % list of input variables
        modelnamespace % model name space
                    % for the parameters
        fn % function handler to update target
    end
end
  
```

Example

We register the variables

```
classdef ReactionModel < BaseModel
    methods
        function model = registerVarAndPropfuncNames(model)

            model = registerVarAndPropfuncNames@BaseModel(model);

            varnames = {};
            varnames{end + 1} = 'phi_s';
            varnames{end + 1} = 'c_s';
            varnames{end + 1} = 'phi_e';
            varnames{end + 1} = 'c_e';
            varnames{end + 1} = 'eta';
            varnames{end + 1} = 'R';
            varnames{end + 1} = 'OCP';
            varnames{end + 1} = 'j';

            model = model.registerVarNames(varnames);
        end
    end
end
```

We register the functions

```
        fn = @ReactionModel.updateReactionRateCoefficient;
        inputnames = {'c_e', 'c_s'};
        model = model.registerPropFunction({'j', fn, inputnames});

        fn = @ReactionModel.updateOCP;
        inputnames = {'c_s'};
        model = model.registerPropFunction({'OCP', fn, inputnames});

        fn = @ReactionModel.updateEta;
        inputnames = {'phi_e', 'phi_s', 'OCP'};
        model = model.registerPropFunction({'eta', fn, inputnames});

        fn = @ReactionModel.updateReactionRate;
        inputnames = {'eta', 'j'};
        model = model.registerPropFunction({'R', fn, inputnames});

    end
end
end
```

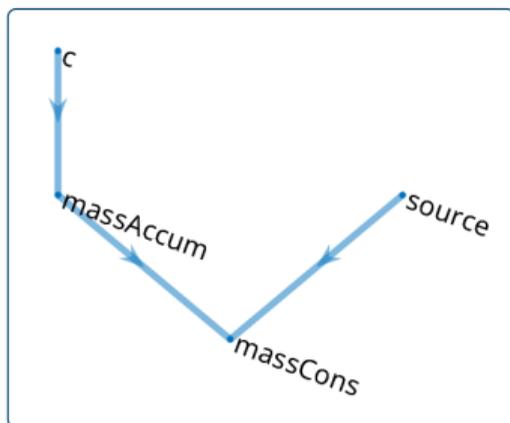
Coupling model - Example

Example from [tutorial](#). We build-up from bottom to top

- `ConcentrationModel`
- `ReactionModel`
- `ThermalModel`
- `ConcentrationReactionModel`
couples `ConcentrationModel` and `ReactionModel`.
- `ConcentrationReactionThermalModel`
couples `ConcentrationReactionModel` and `ThermalModel`.

Concentration and reaction model

$$\frac{dc}{dt} = S$$

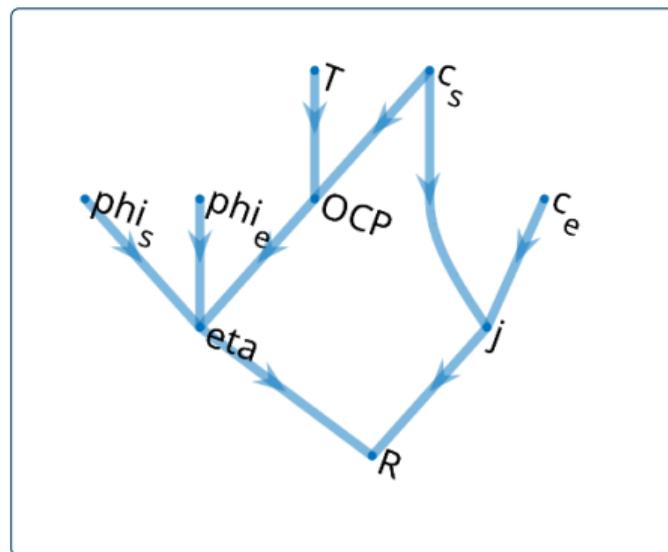


ConcentrationModel

$$R = j(c_e, c_s) \sinh(\eta)$$

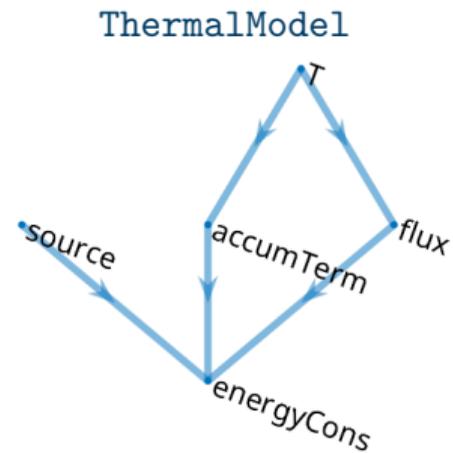
$$\eta = \phi_e - \phi_s - \text{OCP}(c_e, T)$$

ReactionModel

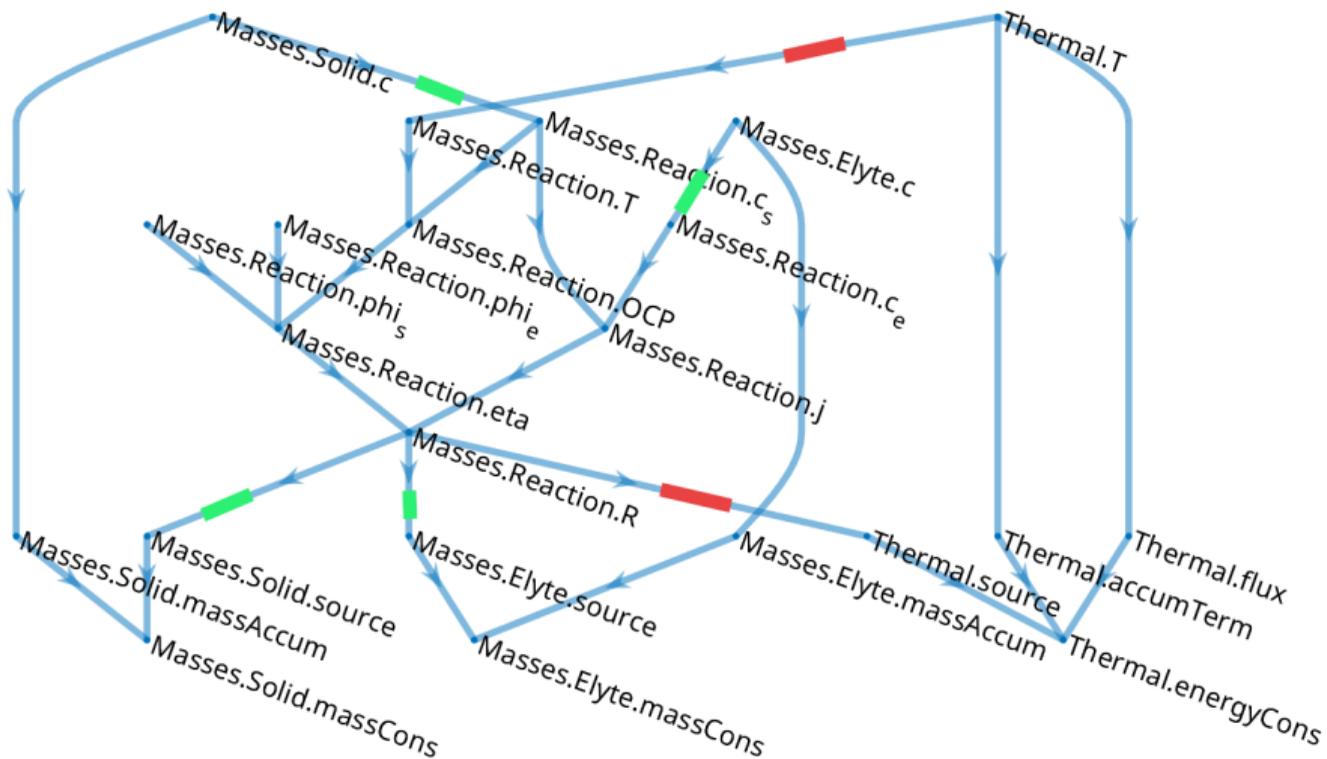


Thermal model

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(cT) + \nabla \cdot (-\kappa \nabla T) = S$$



Couplings in Thermal Reaction model



Example

Primary Variables

```
>> cgit.printRootVariables

3 Root Variables:
-----
Masses.Solid.c
Masses.Elyte.c
Thermal.T

2 Static Variables:
-----
Masses.Reaction.phi_s
Masses.Reaction.phi_e
```

Equations

```
>> cgit.printTailVariables

3 Tail Variables:
-----
Masses.Solid.massCons
Masses.Elyte.massCons
Thermal.energyCons
```

Ordered function call list

```
>> cgit.printOrderedFunctionCallList

state.Masses = model.Masses.updateReactionConcentrationS(state.Masses);
state.Masses = model.Masses.updateReactionConcentrationE(state.Masses);
state = model.updateTemperature(state);
state.Masses.Solid = model.Masses.Solid.updateMassAccum(state.Masses.Solid);
state.Masses.Elyte = model.Masses.Elyte.updateMassAccum(state.Masses.Elyte);
state.Thermal = model.Thermal.updateAccumTerm(state.Thermal);
state.Thermal = model.Thermal.updateFlux(state.Thermal);
state.Masses.Reaction = model.Masses.Reaction.updateOCP(state.Masses.Reaction);
state.Masses.Reaction = ...
    model.Masses.Reaction.updateReactionRateCoefficient(state.Masses.Reaction);
state.Masses.Reaction = model.Masses.Reaction.updateEta(state.Masses.Reaction);
state.Masses.Reaction = ...
    model.Masses.Reaction.updateReactionRate(state.Masses.Reaction);
state.Masses = model.Masses.updateConcentrationSource(state.Masses);
state = model.updateThermalSource(state);
state.Masses.Solid = model.Masses.Solid.updateMassCons(state.Masses.Solid);
state.Masses.Elyte = model.Masses.Elyte.updateMassCons(state.Masses.Elyte);
state.Thermal = model.Thermal.updateEnergyCons(state.Thermal);
```

This functions are evaluated **as such** using `eval` in MATLAB, see [here](#).

macro mechanism

(Code that generates code)

Conclusion

Variable Graph based Simulator design enables us to

- Break the complexity
- Build a hierarchy of interacting physical simulation models
- Reuse update-functions which are preferably implemented at lowest scope
- Automate the assembly