SEDOS: a sector-integrated, open source RES for Germany

Concepts for model and data structure

What SEDOS is about

The SEDOS project aims to improve sector integration in energy system models (ESMs). Thus, we develop a sector-integrated ESM for Germany by using the frameworks FINE, oemof and TIMES and apply it to analyze selected scenarios. We develop and implement a uniform reference model structure with clearly defined interfaces for the sectors electricity, heat, transport, industry and XX to significantly improve the robustness and quality of quantitative energy system analysis. The development of an open reference data set and its publication on the Open Energy Platform (OEP) are central components of the project. As we put a special focus on the utilization of input and result data, an effective data management is developed, which together with an expandable GUI plays a central role in the project. This publication highlights the current work status of the overall model structure of the reference energy system and the data management including data adapter and ontology approaches.

Reference Energy System (RES)

- The RES is meant to describe and visualize connections (input-output relations) of system components (energy carriers, processes & demands)
- The underlying reference data set includes all parameters of these components plus their ontological annotation
- The X2X sector is illustrated as module-interface emphasizing the high degree of linkage and interdependency between sectors within the RES
- Exogenous demands are defined as close to useful energy requirements as possible to enable more cross-sectoral & model-endogenous decisions

Data Adapters

The data adapters are intended to automate model-specific data pre/post-processing as far as possible. The data adapters are divided into four sub-packages:

- one general data adapter, that
  1. pulls data collection from Databus hosted
  2. checks correct ontological annotation
  3. partially maps data to modelled RES structure
  4. passes data as Pandas Dataframes

- three model-specific data adapters
  maps data to model-specific data format for FINE, oemof, TIMES

Data Management

The data management aims to comply with FAIR principles for scientific data management. We aim to establish a streamlined data management process with as much automation and transparency as practical (SEDOS docs).

- Metadata - OEO/Metadata v 1.5.1
  • realizes tabular data package specifications full licensing capabilities

Open License

- Data will be published under an open licence; e.g. CC0-1.0, PDDL-1.0, dl/de/zero-2.0, CC-BY-4.0

Datamodel – OEDatamodel parameter

- ready for exact annotation of tables, parameters and values
- bandwidths, versioning, documentation

Ontology Development and Annotation

- Formal collection of precisely defined concepts and their relations
- Main advantage: Annotation supports in understanding and reusing the data as well as in improving the comparability of the results
- The development of the OEO and an Open Annotation Tool is brought forward within the SEDOS project to be able to annotate different sectors

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