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# **acnsim Documentation**

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ACN-Data is a publicly accessible dataset for EV charging research.

## 1.1 Data Client

**class** `acnportal.acndata.DataClient` (*api\_token*, *url*='https://ev.caltech.edu/api/v1/')  
API client for acndata.

### Parameters

- **api\_token** (*str*) – API token needed to access the acndata API.
- **url** (*str*) – Base url for all API calls. Defaults to the standard acndata API url.

### token

See *api\_token* in Args.

**Type** `str`

### url

See *url* in Args.

**Type** `str`

**count\_sessions** (*site*, *cond*=None)

Return the number of sessions which match the given query

### Parameters

- **site** (*str*) – ACN ID from which data should be gathered.
- **cond** (*str*) – String of conditions. See API reference for the where parameter.

**Returns** Number of sessions which match the query.

**Return type** `int`

**Raises** `ValueError` – Raised if the site name is not valid.

**get\_sessions** (*site*, *cond=None*, *project=None*, *sort=None*, *timeseries=False*)

Generator to return sessions from the acndata dataset one at a time.

**Parameters**

- **site** (*str*) – ACN ID from which data should be gathered.
- **cond** (*str*) – String of conditions. See API reference for the where parameter.

**Yields** *Dict* – Session as a dictionary.

**Raises** *ValueError* – Raised if the site name is not valid.

**get\_sessions\_by\_time** (*site*, *start: Optional[datetime.datetime] = None*, *end: Optional[datetime.datetime] = None*, *min\_energy=None*, *timeseries=False*, *count=False*)

Wrapper for get\_sessions with condition based on start and end times and a minimum energy delivered.

**Parameters**

- **site** (*str*) – Site where data should be gathered.
- **start** (*datetime*) – Only return sessions which began after start.
- **end** (*datetime*) – Only return session which began before end.
- **min\_energy** (*float*) – Only return sessions where the kWhDelivered is greater than or equal to min\_energy.
- **timeseries** (*bool*) – If True return the time-series of charging rates and pilot signals. Default False.
- **count** (*bool*) – If True return the number of sessions which would be returned by the function. Default False.

**Yields** If count is False see get\_sessions else see count\_sessions.

**Raises** See get\_sessions/count\_sessions.

ACN-Sim is a simulation environment for large-scale EV charging research.

## 2.1 Simulator

```
class acnportal.acnsim.simulator.Simulator (network, scheduler, events, start, period=1,  
                                           signals=None, store_schedule_history=False,  
                                           verbose=True)
```

Central class of the acnsim package.

The Simulator class is the central place where everything about a particular simulation is stored including the network, scheduling algorithm, and events. It is also where timekeeping is done and orchestrates calling the scheduling algorithm, sending pilots to the network, and updating the energy delivered to each EV.

### Parameters

- **network** (*ChargingNetwork*) – The charging network which the simulation will use.
- **scheduler** (*BaseAlgorithm*) – The scheduling algorithm used in the simulation.
- **events** (*EventQueue*) – Queue of events which will occur in the simulation.
- **start** (*datetime*) – Date and time of the first period of the simulation.
- **period** (*int*) – Length of each time interval in the simulation in minutes. Default: 1
- **signals** (*Dict[str, ...]*) –
- **store\_schedule\_history** (*bool*) – If True, store the scheduler output each time it is run. Note this can use lots of memory for long simulations.

**charging\_rates\_as\_df()**

Return the charging rates as a pandas DataFrame, with EVSE id as columns and iteration as index.

### Returns

A **DataFrame containing the charging rates** of the simulation. Columns are EVSE id, and the index is the iteration.

**Return type** pandas.DataFrame

**get\_active\_evs** ()

Return all EVs which are plugged in and not fully charged at the current time.

Wrapper for self.network.active\_evs. See its documentation for more details.

**Returns** List of all EVs which are plugged in but not fully charged at the current time.

**Return type** List[EV]

**index\_of\_evse** (station\_id)

Return the numerical index of the EVSE given by station\_id in the (ordered) dictionary of EVSEs.

**pilot\_signals\_as\_df** ()

Return the pilot signals as a pandas DataFrame

**Returns**

**A DataFrame containing the pilot signals** of the simulation. Columns are EVSE id, and the index is the iteration.

**Return type** pandas.DataFrame

**run** ()

Run the simulation until the event queue is empty.

The run function is the heart of the simulator. It triggers all actions and keeps the simulator moving forward. Its actions are (in order):

1. Get current events from the event queue and execute them.
2. If necessary run the scheduling algorithm.
3. Send pilot signals to the network.
4. Receive back actual charging rates from the network and store the results.

**Returns** None

**update\_scheduler** (new\_scheduler)

Updates a Simulator's schedule.

**exception** acnportal.acnsim.simulator.InvalidScheduleError

Raised when the schedule passed to the simulator is invalid.

## 2.2 Interface

This module contains methods for directly interacting with the \_simulator.

**class** acnportal.acnsim.interface.Interface (simulator)

Interface between algorithms and the ACN Simulation Environment.

**active\_evs**

Returns a list of active EVs for use by the algorithm.

**Returns** List of EVs currently plugged in and not finished charging

**Return type** List[EV]

**allowable\_pilot\_signals** (station\_id)

Returns the allowable pilot signal levels for the specified EVSE. One may assume an EVSE pilot signal of 0 is allowed regardless of this function's return values.



**Parameters** `station_id` (*str*) – The ID of the station for which the allowable rates should be returned.

**Returns**

If the range is continuous or not list[float]: The sorted set of acceptable pilot signals. If continuous this range will have 2 values

the min and the max acceptable values. [A]

**Return type** bool

**current\_time**

Get the current time (the current `_iteration`) of the simulator.

**Returns** The current `_iteration` of the simulator.

**Return type** int

**evse\_phase** (*station\_id*)

Returns the phase angle of the EVSE.

**Parameters** `station_id` (*str*) – The ID of the station for which the allowable rates should be returned.

**Returns** phase angle of the EVSE. [degrees]

**Return type** float

**evse\_voltage** (*station\_id*)

Returns the voltage of the EVSE.

**Parameters** `station_id` (*str*) – The ID of the station for which the allowable rates should be returned.

**Returns** voltage of the EVSE. [V]

**Return type** float

**get\_constraints** ()

Get the constraint matrix and corresponding EVSE ids for the network.

**Returns** Matrix representing the constraints of the network. Each row is a constraint and each

**Return type** np.ndarray

**get\_demand\_charge** (*start=None*)

Get the demand charge for the given period. (\$/kW)

**Parameters** `start` (*int*) – Time step of the simulation where price vector should begin. If None, uses the current timestep of the simulation. Default None.

**Returns** Demand charge for the given period. (\$/kW)

**Return type** float

**get\_prev\_peak** ()

Get the highest aggregate peak demand so far in the simulation.

**Returns** Peak demand so far in the simulation. (A)

**Return type** float

**get\_prices** (*length*, *start=None*)

Get a vector of prices beginning at time `start` and continuing for `length` periods. (\$/kWh)

**Parameters**

- **length** (*int*) – Number of elements in the prices vector. One entry per period.
- **start** (*int*) – Time step of the simulation where price vector should begin. If None, uses the current timestep of the simulation. Default None.

**Returns** Array of floats where each entry is the price for the corresponding period. (\$/kWh)

**Return type** np.ndarray[float]

**is\_feasible** (*load\_currents*, *linear=False*, *violation\_tolerance=None*, *relative\_tolerance=None*)

Return if a set of current magnitudes for each load are feasible.

Wraps Network's is\_feasible method.

For a given constraint, the larger of the violation\_tolerance and relative\_tolerance is used to evaluate feasibility.

#### Parameters

- **load\_currents** (*Dict[str, List[number]]*) – Dictionary mapping load\_ids to schedules of charging rates.
- **linear** (*bool*) – If True, linearize all constraints to a more conservative but easier to compute constraint by ignoring the phase angle and taking the absolute value of all load coefficients. Default False.
- **violation\_tolerance** (*float*) – Absolute amount by which schedule may violate network constraints. Default None, in which case the network's violation\_tolerance attribute is used.
- **relative\_tolerance** (*float*) – Relative amount by which schedule may violate network constraints. Default None, in which case the network's relative\_tolerance attribute is used.

**Returns** If load\_currents is feasible at time t according to this set of constraints.

**Return type** bool

**last\_actual\_charging\_rate**

Return the actual charging rates in the last period for all active EVs.

**Returns** A dictionary with the session ID as key and actual charging rate as value.

**Return type** Dict[str, number]

**last\_applied\_pilot\_signals**

Return the pilot signals that were applied in the last \_iteration of the simulation for all active EVs.

Does not include EVs that arrived in the current \_iteration.

**Returns** A dictionary with the session ID as key and the pilot signal as value.

**Return type** Dict[str, number]

**max\_pilot\_signal** (*station\_id*)

Returns the maximum allowable pilot signal level for the specified EVSE.

**Parameters** **station\_id** (*str*) – The ID of the station for which the allowable rates should be returned.

**Returns** the maximum pilot signal supported by this EVSE. [A]

**Return type** float

**max\_recompute\_time**

Return the maximum recompute time of the simulator.

**Returns** Maximum recompute time of the simulator in number of periods. [periods]

**Return type** int

**min\_pilot\_signal** (*station\_id*)

Returns the minimum allowable pilot signal level for the specified EVSE.

**Parameters** **station\_id** (*str*) – The ID of the station for which the allowable rates should be returned.

**Returns** the minimum pilot signal supported by this EVSE. [A]

**Return type** float

**period**

Return the length of each timestep in the simulation.

**Returns** Length of each time interval in the simulation. [minutes]

**Return type** int

**remaining\_amp\_periods** (*ev*)

Return the EV's remaining demand in A\*periods.

**Returns** the EV's remaining demand in A\*periods.

**Return type** float

**exception** `acnportal.acnsim.interface.InvalidScheduleError`

Raised when the schedule passed to the simulator is invalid.

## 2.3 Charging Network

**class** `acnportal.acnsim.network.ChargingNetwork` (*violation\_tolerance=1e-05*,  
*relative\_tolerance=1e-07*)

The ChargingNetwork class describes the infrastructure of the charging network with information about the types of the charging station\_schedule.

**Parameters**

- **violation\_tolerance** (*float*) – Absolute amount by which an input charging schedule may violate network constraints (A).
- **relative\_tolerance** (*float*) – Relative amount by which an input charging schedule may violate network constraints (A).

**active\_evs**

Return all EVs which are connected to an EVSE and which are not already fully charged.

**Returns** List of EVs which can currently be charged.

**Return type** List[EV]

**active\_station\_ids**

Return IDs for all stations which have an active EV attached.

**Returns** List of the station\_id of all stations which have an active EV attached.

**Return type** List[str]

**add\_constraint** (*current:* `acnportal.acnsim.network.current.Current`, *limit:* *float*, *name:* *Optional[str] = None*) → None

Add an additional constraint to the constraint DataFrame.

**Parameters**

- **current** (*Current*) – Aggregate current which is constrained. See *Current* for more info.
- **limit** (*float*) – Upper limit on the aggregate current.
- **name** (*str*) – Name of this constraint.

**Returns** None**constraint\_current** (*input\_schedule, constraints=None, time\_indices=None, linear=False*)

Return the aggregate currents subject to the given constraints. If *constraints=None*, return all aggregate currents.

**Parameters**

- **input\_schedule** (*np.Array*) – 2-D matrix with each row corresponding to an EVSE and each column corresponding to a time index in the schedule.
- **constraints** (*List[str]*) – List of constraint id's for which to calculate aggregate current. If *None*, calculates aggregate currents for all constraints.
- **time\_indices** (*List[int]*) – List of time indices for which to calculate aggregate current. If *None*, calculates aggregate currents for all timesteps.
- **linear** (*bool*) – If *True*, linearize all constraints to a more conservative but easier to compute constraint by ignoring the phase angle and taking the absolute value of all load coefficients. Default *False*.

**Returns** Aggregate currents subject to the given constraints.**Return type** *np.Array***current\_charging\_rates**

Return the current actual charging rate of all EVSEs in the network. If no EV is attached to a given EVSE, that EVSE's charging rate is 0. In the returned array, the charging rates are given in the same order as the list of EVSEs given by *station\_ids*

**Returns** numpy ndarray of actual charging rates of all EVSEs in the network.**Return type** *np.Array***get\_ev** (*station\_id*)

Return the EV attached to the specified EVSE.

**Parameters** **station\_id** (*str*) – ID of the EVSE.**Returns** The EV attached to the specified station.**Return type** *EV***is\_feasible** (*schedule\_matrix, linear=False, violation\_tolerance=None, relative\_tolerance=None*)

Return if a set of current magnitudes for each load are feasible.

For a given constraint, the larger of the *violation\_tolerance* and *relative\_tolerance* is used to evaluate feasibility.

**Parameters**

- **schedule\_matrix** (*np.Array*) – 2-D matrix with each row corresponding to an EVSE and each column corresponding to a time index in the schedule.
- **linear** (*bool*) – If *True*, linearize all constraints to a more conservative but easier to compute constraint by ignoring the phase angle and taking the absolute value of all load coefficients. Default *False*.

- **violation\_tolerance** (*float*) – Absolute amount by which `schedule_matrix` may violate network constraints. Default `None`, in which case the network's `violation_tolerance` attribute is used.
- **relative\_tolerance** (*float*) – Relative amount by which `schedule_matrix` may violate network constraints. Default `None`, in which case the network's `relative_tolerance` attribute is used.

**Returns** If `load_currents` is feasible at time `t` according to this set of constraints.

**Return type** `bool`

### **phase\_angles**

Return dictionary of phase angles for all EVSEs in the network.

**Returns** Dictionary mapping EVSE ids their input phase angle. [degrees]

**Return type** `Dict[str, float]`

### **plugin** (*ev*, *station\_id*)

Attach EV to a specific EVSE.

#### **Parameters**

- **ev** ([EV](#)) – EV object which will be attached to the EVSE.
- **station\_id** (*str*) – ID of the EVSE.

**Returns** `None`

**Raises** `KeyError` – Raised when the station id has not yet been registered.

### **register\_evse** (*evse*, *voltage*, *phase\_angle*)

Register an EVSE with the network so it will be accessible to the rest of the simulation.

#### **Parameters**

- **evse** ([EVSE](#)) – An EVSE object.
- **voltage** (*float*) – Voltage feeding the EVSE (V).
- **phase\_angle** (*float*) – Phase angle of the voltage/current feeding the EVSE (degrees).

**Returns** `None`

### **remove\_constraint** (*name*)

Remove a network constraint.

**Parameters** **name** (*str*) – Name of constraint to remove.

**Returns** `None`

### **station\_ids**

Return the IDs of all registered EVSEs.

**Returns** List of all registered EVSE IDs.

**Return type** `List[str]`

### **unplug** (*station\_id*)

Detach EV from a specific EVSE.

**Parameters** **station\_id** (*str*) – ID of the EVSE.

**Returns** `None`

**Raises** `KeyError` – Raised when the station id has not yet been registered.

**update\_constraint** (*name*, *current*: *acnportal.acnsim.network.current.Current*, *limit*,  
*new\_name=None*)

Update a network constraint with a new aggregate current, limit, and name.

**Parameters**

- **name** (*str*) – Name of constraint to update.
- **current** (*Current*) – New current to update constraint with
- **limit** (*float*) – New upper limit to update constraint with
- **new\_name** (*str*) – New name to give constraint

**Returns** None

**update\_pilots** (*pilots*, *i*, *period*)

Update the pilot signal sent to each EV. Also triggers the EVs to charge at the specified rate.

Note that if a pilot is not sent to an EVSE the associated EV WILL NOT charge during that period. If *station\_id* is *pilots* or a list does not include the current time index, a 0 pilot signal is passed to the EVSE. Station IDs not registered in the network are silently ignored.

**Parameters**

- **pilots** (*np.Array*) – numpy array with a row for each *station\_id* and a column for each time. Each entry in the Array corresponds to a charging rate (in A) at the station given by the row at a time given by the column.
- **i** (*int*) – Current time index of the simulation.
- **period** (*float*) – Length of the charging period. [minutes]

**Returns** None

**voltages**

Return dictionary of voltages for all EVSEs in the network.

**Returns** Dictionary mapping EVSE ids their input voltage. [V]

**Return type** Dict[str, float]

**exception** *acnportal.acnsim.network.StationOccupiedError*

Exception which is raised when trying to add an EV to an EVSE which is already occupied.

## 2.4 Current

**class** *acnportal.acnsim.network.Current* (*loads*: *Union[Dict[str, SupportsFloat], str, List[str], pandas.core.series.Series, None]* = *None*)

A simple representation of currents as an extension of pandas Series. Includes addition, subtraction, and multiplication (by scalar) operators.

**loads**

Dictionary which maps a *load\_id* to its coefficient in

**Type** Dict[str, number]

**the aggregate current.**

**Parameters** **loads** (*Dict[str, number]*, *str*, or *List[str]*, *pd.Series*) – If dict, a dictionary mapping *load\_ids* to coefficients. If *str* a *load\_id*. If list, a list of *load\_ids*. Default None. If None, loads will begin as an empty dict.

## 2.5 Sites

**class** `acnportal.acnsim.network.sites.CaltechACN`

Wrapper around `caltech_acn` for backward compatibility. Will be removed in future release.

## 2.6 Events

**class** `acnportal.acnsim.events.Event` (*timestamp*)

Base class for all events.

**Parameters** `timestamp` (*int*) – Timestamp when an event occurs (periods)

**timestamp**

See args.

**Type** `int`

**event\_type**

Name of the event type.

**Type** `str`

**precedence**

Used to order occurrence for events that happen in the same timestep. Higher precedence events occur before lower precedence events.

**Type** `float`

**type**

Legacy accessor for `event_type`. This will be removed in a future release.

**class** `acnportal.acnsim.events.PluginEvent` (*timestamp, ev*)

Subclass of `Event` for EV plugins.

**Parameters**

- **timestamp** (*int*) – See `Event`.
- **ev** (`EV`) – The EV which will be plugged in.

**class** `acnportal.acnsim.events.UnplugEvent` (*timestamp, station\_id, session\_id*)

Subclass of `Event` for EV unplugs.

**Parameters**

- **timestamp** (*int*) – See `Event`.
- **station\_id** (*str*) – ID of the EVSE where the EV is to be unplugged.
- **session\_id** (*str*) – ID of the session which should be ended.

**class** `acnportal.acnsim.events.RecomputeEvent` (*timestamp*)

Subclass of `Event` for when the algorithm should be recomputed.

## 2.7 Event Queue

**class** `acnportal.acnsim.events.EventQueue` (*events=None*)

Queue which stores simulation events.

**Parameters** **events** (*List [Event]*) – A list of Event-like objects.

**add\_event** (*event*)

Add an event to the queue.

**Parameters** **event** (*Event like*) – An Event-like object.

**Returns** None

**add\_events** (*events*)

Add multiple events at a time to the queue.

**Parameters** **events** (*List [Event like]*) – A list of Event-like objects.

**Returns** None

**empty** ()

Return if the queue is empty.

**Returns** True if the queue is empty.

**Return type** bool

**get\_current\_events** (*timestep*)

Return all events occurring before or during timestep.

**Parameters** **timestep** (*int*) – Time index in periods.

**Returns** List of all events occurring before or during timestep.

**Return type** List[*Event*]

**get\_event** ()

Return the next event in the queue.

**Returns** The next event in the queue.

**Return type** Event like

**get\_last\_timestamp** ()

Return the timestamp of the last event (chronologically) in the event queue

**Returns**

Last timestamp in the event queue, or None if the event queue is empty.

**Return type** int

**queue**

Return the queue of events

## 2.8 Analysis

`acnportal.acnsim.analysis.aggregate_current` (*sim*)

Calculate the time series of aggregate current of all EVSEs within a simulation.

**Parameters** **sim** (*Simulator*) – A Simulator object which has been run.

**Returns** A numpy ndarray of the aggregate current at each time. [A]

**Return type** np.Array

`acnportal.acnsim.analysis.aggregate_power` (*sim*)

Calculate the time series of aggregate power of all EVSEs within a simulation.

**Parameters** **sim** (*Simulator*) – A Simulator object which has been run.



**Returns** A numpy ndarray of the aggregate power at each time. [kW]

**Return type** np.Array

`acnportal.acnsim.analysis.constraint_currents(sim, return_magnitudes=False, constraint_ids=None)`

Calculate the time series of current for each constraint in the ChargingNetwork for a simulation.

**Parameters**

- **sim** (`Simulator`) – A Simulator object which has been run.
- **return\_magnitudes** (`bool`) – If true, return constraint currents as real magnitudes instead of complex numbers.
- **constraint\_ids** (`List[str]`) – List of constraint names for which the current should be returned. If None, return all constraint currents.

**Returns**

A dictionary mapping the name of a constraint to a numpy array of the current subject to that constraint at each time.

**Return type** Dict (str, np.Array)

`acnportal.acnsim.analysis.current_unbalance(sim, phase_ids, unbalance_type='NEMA', type=None)`

Calculate the current unbalance for each time in simulation.

Supports two definitions of unbalance. 1) The NEMA definition defined as the ratio of the maximum deviation of an RMS current from the average RMS current

**over the average RMS current.**  $(\max(|I_{a}|, |I_{b}|, |I_{c}|) - 1/3 (|I_{a}| + |I_{b}| + |I_{c}|)) / (1/3 (|I_{a}| + |I_{b}| + |I_{c}|))$

See <https://www.powerstandards.com/Download/Brief%20Discussion%20of%20Unbalance%20Definitions.pdf> for more info.

**Parameters**

- **sim** (`Simulator`) – A Simulator object which has been run.
- **phase\_ids** (`List[str]`) – List of length 3 where each element is the identifier of phase A, B, and C respectively.
- **unbalance\_type** (`str`) – Method to use for calculating phase unbalance. Acceptable values are 'NEMA'.

**Returns** Time series of current unbalance as a list with one value per timestep.

**Return type** List[float]

`acnportal.acnsim.analysis.datetimes_array(sim)`

Return a numpy array of datetimes over which the simulation was run.

The resolution of the datetimes list is equal to the period of the simulation, and the number of datetimes in the returned list is equal to the number of iterations of the simulation.

**Parameters** **sim** (`Simulator`) – A Simulator object which has been run.

**Returns**

List of datetimes over which the simulation was run.

**Return type** np.ndarray[np.datetime64]

**Warns** **UserWarning** – If this is called before sim is complete.

`acnportal.acnsim.analysis.demand_charge(sim, tariff=None)`

Calculate the total demand charge of the simulation.

Note this is only an accurate depiction of true demand charge if the simulation is exactly one billing period long.

**Parameters**

- **sim** (`Simulator`) – A Simulator object which has been run.
- **tariff** (`TimeOfUseTariff`) – Tariff structure to use when calculating energy costs.

**Returns** Total demand charge incurred by the simulation (\$)

**Return type** float

`acnportal.acnsim.analysis.energy_cost(sim, tariff=None)`

Calculate the total energy cost of the simulation.

**Parameters**

- **sim** (`Simulator`) – A Simulator object which has been run.
- **tariff** (`TimeOfUseTariff`) – Tariff structure to use when calculating energy costs.

**Returns** Total energy cost of the simulation (\$)

**Return type** float

`acnportal.acnsim.analysis.proportion_of_demands_met(sim, threshold=0.1)`

Calculate the percentage of charging sessions where the energy request was met.

**Parameters**

- **sim** (`Simulator`) – A Simulator object which has been run.
- **threshold** (`float`) – Close to finished a session should be to be considered finished.  
Default: 0.1. [kW]

**Returns** Proportion of sessions where the energy demand was fully met.

**Return type** float

`acnportal.acnsim.analysis.proportion_of_energy_delivered(sim)`

Calculate the percentage of total energy delivered over total energy requested.

**Parameters** **sim** (`Simulator`) – A Simulator object which has been run.

**Returns** Proportion of total energy requested which was delivered during the simulation.

**Return type** float

## 2.9 Models

### 2.9.1 Battery

**class** `acnportal.acnsim.models.battery.Battery(capacity, init_charge, max_power)`

This class models the behavior of a battery and battery management system (BMS).

**Parameters**

- **capacity** (`float`) – Capacity of the battery [kWh]
- **init\_charge** (`float`) – Initial charge of the battery [kWh]
- **max\_power** (`float`) – Maximum charging rate of the battery [kW]

**charge** (*pilot, voltage, period*)  
Method to “charge” the battery

**Parameters**

- **pilot** (*float*) – Pilot signal passed to the battery. [A]
- **voltage** (*float*) – AC voltage provided to the battery charger. [V]
- **period** (*float*) – Length of the charging period. [minutes]

**Returns** actual charging rate of the battery. [A]

**Return type** float

**Raises** `ValueError` – if voltage or period are  $\leq 0$ .

**current\_charging\_power**  
Returns the current draw of the battery on the AC side.

**max\_charging\_power**  
Returns the maximum charging power of the Battery.

**reset** (*init\_charge=None*)  
Reset battery to initial state. If *init\_charge* is not given (is `None`), the battery is reset to its initial charge on initialization.

**Parameters** **init\_charge** (*float*) – charge battery should be reset to. [acnsim units]

**Returns** `None`

**class** `acnportal.acnsim.models.battery.Linear2StageBattery` (*capacity, init\_charge, max\_power, noise\_level=0, transition\_soc=0.8, charge\_calculation='continuous'*)

Extends Battery with a simple piecewise linear model of battery dynamics based on SoC.

Battery model based on a piecewise linear approximation of battery behavior. The battery will charge at the minimum of *max\_rate* and the pilot until it reaches *\_transition\_soc*. After this, the maximum charging rate of the battery will decrease linearly to 0 at 100% state of charge.

For more info on model: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0378775316317396>

All public attributes are the same as Battery.

**Parameters**

- **noise\_level** (*float*) – Standard deviation of the noise to add to the charging process. (kW)
- **transition\_soc** (*float*) – State of charging when transitioning from constant current to constraint voltage.
- **charge\_calculation** (*str*) – If ‘stepwise’, use the charging method from a previous version of `acnportal`, which assumes a constant maximal charging rate for the entire timestep during which the pilot signal is input. This charging method is less accurate than the *\_charge* method, and should only be used for reproducing results from older versions of `acnportal`.  
If ‘continuous’ or not provided, use the *\_charge* method, which assumes a continuously varying maximal charging rate.

**charge** (*pilot, voltage, period*)  
Method to “charge” the battery based on a two-stage linear battery model.

Uses one of `{_charge, _charge_stepwise}` to charge the battery depending on the value of the `charge_calculation` attribute of this object.

`acnportal.acnsim.models.battery.batt_cap_fn(requested_energy, stay_dur, voltage, period)`

This function takes as input a requested energy, stay duration, and measurement parameters (voltage & period) and calculates the minimum capacity linear 2 stage battery such that it is feasible to deliver `requested_energy` in `stay_dur` periods.

The function returns this minimum total capacity along with an initial capacity, which is the maximum initial capacity the battery with given total capacity may have such that it is feasible (after charging at max rate) to deliver `requested_energy` in `stay_dur` periods. Thus, the returned total and initial capacities maximize the amount of time the battery behaves non-ideally during charging.

#### Parameters

- **requested\_energy** (*float*) – Energy requested by this EV. If this fit uses data from ACN-Data, this `requested_energy` is the amount of energy actually delivered in real life.
- **stay\_dur** (*float*) – Number of periods the EV stayed.
- **voltage** (*float*) – Voltage at which the battery is charged (V).
- **period** (*float*) – Number of minutes in a period (minutes).

## 2.9.2 EV

**class** `acnportal.acnsim.models.ev.EV(arrival, departure, requested_energy, station_id, session_id, battery, estimated_departure=None)`

Class to model the behavior of an Electrical Vehicle (ev).

#### Parameters

- **arrival** (*int*) – Arrival time of the ev. [periods]
- **departure** (*int*) – Departure time of the ev. [periods]
- **requested\_energy** (*float*) – Energy requested by the ev on arrival. [kWh]
- **station\_id** (*str*) – Identifier of the station used by this ev.
- **session\_id** (*str*) – Identifier of the session belonging to this ev.
- **battery** (*Battery-like*) – Battery object to be used by the EV.

#### **arrival**

Return the arrival time of the EV.

#### **charge** (*pilot, voltage, period*)

Method to “charge” the ev.

#### Parameters

- **pilot** (*float*) – Pilot signal passed to the battery. [A]
- **voltage** (*float*) – AC voltage provided to the battery charger. [V]
- **period** (*float*) – Length of the charging period. [minutes]

**Returns** Actual charging rate of the ev. [A]

**Return type** float

#### **current\_charging\_rate**

Return the current charging rate of the EV. (float)

**departure**

Return the departure time of the EV. (int)

**energy\_delivered**

Return the total energy delivered so far in this charging session. (float)

**estimated\_departure**

Return the estimated departure time of the EV.

**fully\_charged**

Return True if the EV's demand has been fully met. (bool)

**maximum\_charging\_power**

Return the maximum charging power of the battery.

**percent\_remaining**

Return the percent of demand which still needs to be fulfilled. (float)

Defined as the ratio of remaining demand and requested energy.

**remaining\_demand**

Return the remaining energy demand of this session. (float)

Defined as the difference between the requested energy of the session and the energy delivered so far.

**requested\_energy**

Return the energy request of the EV for this session. (float) [acnsim units].

**reset ()**

Reset battery back to its initialization. Also reset energy delivered.

**Returns** None.

**session\_id**

Return the unique session identifier for this charging session. (str)

**station\_id**

Return the unique identifier for the EVSE used for this charging session.

## 2.9.3 EVSE

**class** `acnportal.acnsim.models.evse.BaseEVSE` (*station\_id*)

Abstract base class to model Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (charging station). This class is meant to be inherited from to implement new EVSEs.

Subclasses must implement the `max_rate`, `allowable_pilot_signals`, and `_valid_rate` methods.

**`_station_id`**

Unique identifier of the EVSE.

**Type** str

**`_ev`**

EV currently connected the the EVSE.

**Type** *EV*

**`_current_pilot`**

Pilot signal for the current time step. [acnsim units]

**Type** float

**is\_continuous**

If True, this EVSE accepts a continuous range of pilot signals. If False, this EVSE accepts only a discrete set of pilot signals.

**Type** bool

**allowable\_pilot\_signals**

Returns the allowable pilot signal levels for this EVSE.

NOT IMPLEMENTED IN BaseEVSE. This method MUST be implemented in all subclasses.

**Returns**

**List of acceptable pilot signal values or an** interval of acceptable pilot signal values.

**Return type** List[float]

**current\_pilot**

Return pilot signal for the current time step. (float)

**ev**

Return EV currently connected the the EVSE. (EV)

**max\_rate**

Return maximum charging current allowed by the EVSE. (float)

**min\_rate**

Return minimum charging current allowed by the EVSE. (float)

**plugin** (*ev*)

Method to attach an EV to the EVSE.

**Parameters** **ev** (EV) – EV which should be attached to the EVSE.

**Returns** None.

**Raises** *StationOccupiedError* – Exception raised when plugin is called by an EV is already attached to the EVSE.

**set\_pilot** (*pilot, voltage, period*)

Apply a new pilot signal to the EVSE.

Before applying the new pilot, this method first checks if the pilot is allowed. If it is not, an *InvalidRateError* is raised. If the rate is valid, it is forwarded on to the attached EV if one is present. This method is also where EV charging is triggered. Thus it must be called in every time time period where the attached EV should receive charge.

**Parameters**

- **pilot** (*float*) – New pilot (control signal) to be sent to the attached EV. [A]
- **voltage** (*float*) – AC voltage provided to the battery charger. [V]
- **period** (*float*) – Length of the charging period. [minutes]

**Returns** None.

**Raises** *InvalidRateError* – Exception raised when pilot is not allowed by the EVSE.

**station\_id**

Return unique identifier of the EVSE. (str)

**unplug** ()

Method to remove an EV currently attached to the EVSE.

Sets ev to None and current\_pilot to 0.

**Returns** None

```
class acnportal.acnsim.models.evse.DeadbandEVSE (station_id, deadband_end=6,  

max_rate=inf, min_rate=None)
```

Subclass of BaseEVSE which enforces the J1772 deadband between 0 - 6 A.

**See BaseEVSE attributes.**

**\_max\_rate**

Maximum charging current allowed by the EVSE.

**Type** float

**\_deadband\_end**

Upper end of the deadband. Pilot signals between 0 and this number are not allowed for this EVSE.

**Type** float

**allowable\_pilot\_signals**

Returns the allowable pilot signal levels for this EVSE.

It is implied that a 0 A signal is allowed.

Implements abstract method allowable\_pilot\_signals from BaseEVSE.

**Returns**

**List of 2 values: the min and max** acceptable values.

**Return type** list[float]

**deadband\_end**

Return deadband end of the EVSE. (float)

**max\_rate**

Return maximum charging current allowed by the EVSE. (float)

```
class acnportal.acnsim.models.evse.EVSE (station_id, max_rate=inf, min_rate=0)
```

This class of EVSE allows for charging in a continuous range from min\_rate to max\_rate.

**See BaseEVSE attributes.**

**\_max\_rate**

Maximum charging current allowed by the EVSE.

**Type** float

**\_min\_rate**

Minimum charging current allowed by the EVSE.

**Type** float

**allowable\_pilot\_signals**

Returns the allowable pilot signal levels for this EVSE.

Implements abstract method allowable\_pilot\_signals from BaseEVSE.

**Returns**

**List of 2 values: the min and max** acceptable values.

**Return type** list[float]

**max\_rate**

Return maximum charging current allowed by the EVSE. (float)

**min\_rate**

Return minimum charging current allowed by the EVSE. (float)

**class** `acnportal.acnsim.models.evse.FiniteRatesEVSE` (*station\_id*, *allowable\_rates*)

Subclass of EVSE which allows for finite allowed rate sets.

Most functionality remains the same except those differences noted below.

**See BaseEVSE attributes.**

**allowable\_rates**

Iterable of rates which are allowed by the EVSE. On initialization, `allowable_rates` is converted into a list of rates in increasing order that includes 0 and contains no duplicate values.

**Type** iterable

**allowable\_pilot\_signals**

Returns the allowable pilot signal levels for this EVSE.

Implements abstract method `allowable_pilot_signals` from `BaseEVSE`.

**Returns** List of allowable pilot signals.

**Return type** list[float]

**max\_rate**

Return maximum charging current allowed by the EVSE. (float)

**min\_rate**

Return minimum charging current allowed by the EVSE. (float)

**exception** `acnportal.acnsim.models.evse.InvalidRateError`

Raised when an invalid pilot signal is passed to an EVSE.

**exception** `acnportal.acnsim.models.evse.StationOccupiedError`

Raised when a plugin event is called for an EVSE that already has an EV attached.

`acnportal.acnsim.models.evse.get_evse_by_type` (*station\_id*, *evse\_type*)

Factory to produce EVSEs of a given type.

**Parameters**

- **station\_id** (*str*) – Unique identifier of the EVSE.
- **evse\_type** (*str*) – Type of the EVSE. Currently supports ‘BASIC’, ‘AeroVironment’, and ‘ClipperCreek’.

**Returns** an EVSE of the specified type and with the specified id.

**Return type** *EVSE*



ACN-Sim is a simulation environment for large-scale EV charging research.

If running in a new enviroment, such as Google Colab, run this first.

```
[1]: # !git clone https://github.com/zach401/acnportal.git
     # !pip install acnportal/.
```

## 3.1 ACN-Sim Tutorial: Lesson 1

### 3.1.1 Running an Experiment

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In this first lesson we will learn how to setup and run a simulation using a built-in scheduling algorithm. After running the simulation we will learn how to use the analysis subpackage to analyze the results of the simulation.

```
[2]: import pytz
     from datetime import datetime

     import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

     from acnportal import acnsim
     from acnportal import algorithms
```

### Experiment Parameters

Next we need to define some parameters of the experiment. We define these at the begining of the file so they can be used consistently when setting up the simulation.

```
[3]: # Timezone of the ACN we are using.
      timezone = pytz.timezone('America/Los_Angeles')

      # Start and End times are used when collecting data.
      start = timezone.localize(datetime(2018, 9, 5))
      end = timezone.localize(datetime(2018, 9, 6))

      # How long each time discrete time interval in the simulation should be.
      period = 5 # minutes

      # Voltage of the network.
      voltage = 220 # volts

      # Default maximum charging rate for each EV battery.
      default_battery_power = 32 * voltage / 1000 # kW

      # Identifier of the site where data will be gathered.
      site = 'caltech'
```

## Network

An important part of any simulation is the ChargingNetwork on which it runs. The ChargingNetwork is a description of the physical system and contains both the set of EVSEs which make up the network as well as a constraint\_matrix which represents the electrical infrastructure of the network. You can manually configure this network using the register\_evse() and add\_constraint() methods in ChargingNetwork or you can use a predefined network available in the sites module. In this case we use the predefined CaltechACN network.

```
[4]: # For this experiment we use the predefined CaltechACN network.
      cn = acnsim.sites.caltech_acn(basic_evse=True, voltage=voltage)
```

## Events

Events are what drive action in the simulator. Events are stored in an EventQueue. This queue can be built manually by creating an Event object and using the add\_event() or add\_events() methods, or can be generated automatically.

In this case we will use acndata\_events.generate\_events() which is part of the events subpackage. acnevents provides utilities for generating events from the Caltech Charging Dataset. These events are based on real behavior of users charging actual EVs, so it is extremely valuable for running realistic simulations. In order to access the API we need a token. For now we can use the demo token, but it is highly recommended that you register for your own free token at [ev.caltech.edu](http://ev.caltech.edu).

```
[5]: API_KEY = 'DEMO_TOKEN'
      events = acnsim.acndata_events.generate_events(API_KEY, site, start, end, period,
      ↪voltage, default_battery_power)
```

## Scheduling Algorithm

The primary purpose of acnportal is to evaluate scheduling algorithms for large-scale EV charging. We will discuss how develop your own custom algorithm in Lesson 2, for now we will use one of the builtin scheduling algorithms, UncontrolledCharging.

```
[6]: sch = algorithms.UncontrolledCharging()
```

## Simulator

We next need to set up our simulation environment using the parts we have already defined. The Simulator constructor takes in a ChargingNetwork, Algorithm, and EventQueue. We also provide the start time of the simulation which all internal timestamps will be measured relative to. Finally we pass in the length of each period as well as a parameter called max\_recomp. max\_recomp controls how often the scheduling algorithm is called when no events occur. Here we have set max\_recomp to 1, meaning the scheduling algorithm will be called every time step. If we had set it to 5, up to 5 time steps could occur before the scheduling algorithm was called. Note that the scheduling algorithm is always called when an event occurs. In this case, UncontrolledCharging only provides one charging rate, so it must be used with a max\_recomp of 1.

```
[7]: sim = acnsim.Simulator(cn, sch, events, start, period=period, verbose=False)
```

To execute the simulation we simply call the run() function.

```
[8]: sim.run()

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## Analysis

Once the simulator has been run, we can analyze the results. For this purpose acnsim offers a package called analysis. One thing we may be interested in is the proportion of total users' energy demand that we were able to meet. To find this we can use the `proportion_of_energy_delivered()` method from the analysis subpackage. The only argument to this function is the Simulator object itself.

```
[9]: total_energy_prop = acnsim.proportion_of_energy_delivered(sim)
print('Proportion of requested energy delivered: {}'.format(total_energy_prop))

Proportion of requested energy delivered: 1.0
```

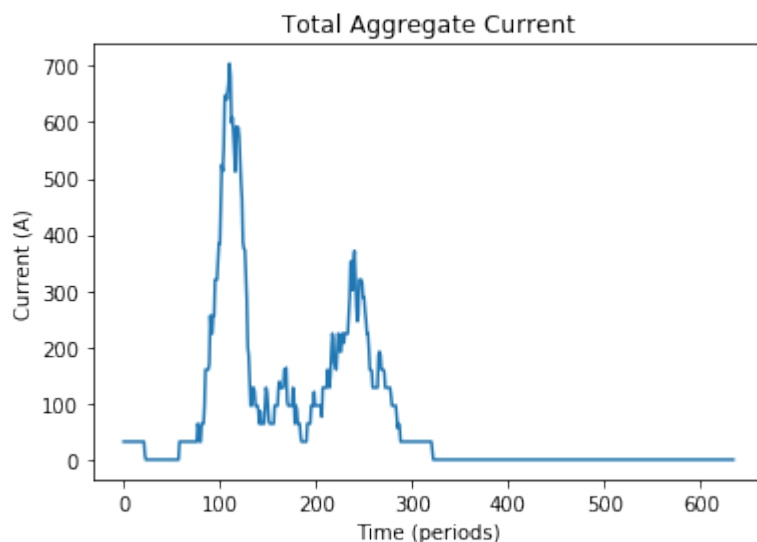
We may also be interested in the peak demand of the system as this determines our big the root transformers and cables in our system must be as well as the demand charge we may have to pay. The Simulator has a built in property which keeps track of this peak usage called `peak`.

```
[10]: print('Peak aggregate current: {} A'.format(sim.peak))

Peak aggregate current: 704.0 A
```

Finally, we can plot the output of our simulation. For now we will just plot total aggregate current draw:

```
[11]: # Plotting aggregate current
agg_current = acnsim.aggregate_current(sim)
plt.plot(agg_current)
plt.xlabel('Time (periods)')
plt.ylabel('Current (A)')
plt.title('Total Aggregate Current')
plt.show()
```



If running in a new environment, such as Google Colab, run this first.

```
[1]: # !git clone https://github.com/zach401/acnportal.git
# !pip install acnportal/.
```

## 3.2 ACN-Sim Tutorial: Lesson 2

### 3.2.1 Implementing a Custom Algorithm

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In this lesson we will learn how to develop a custom algorithm and run it using ACN-Sim. For this example we will be writing an Earliest Deadline First Algorithm. This algorithm is already available as part of the `SortingAlgorithm` in the `algorithms` package, so we will compare the results of our implementation with the included one.

#### 3.2.2 Custom Algorithm

All custom algorithms should inherit from the abstract class `BaseAlgorithm`. It is the responsibility of all derived classes to implement the `schedule` method. This method takes as an input a list of EVs which are currently connected to the system but have not yet finished charging. Its output is a dictionary which maps a `station_id` to a list of charging rates. Each charging rate is valid for one period measured relative to the current period.

For Example: `* schedule['abc'][0]` is the charging rate for station 'abc' during the current period `* schedule['abc'][1]` is the charging rate for the next period `*` and so on.

If an algorithm only produces charging rates for the current time period, the length of each list should be 1. If this is the case, make sure to also set the maximum resolve period to be 1 period so that the algorithm will be called each period. An alternative is to repeat the charging rate a number of times equal to the max recompute period.

As mentioned previously our new algorithm should inherit from `BaseAlgorithm` or a subclass of it.

We can override the `init()` method if we need to pass additional configuration information to the algorithm. In this case we pass in the `increment` which will be used when searching for a feasible rate.

We next need to override the `schedule()` method. The signature of this method should remain the same, as it is called internally in `Simulator`. If an algorithm needs additional parameters consider passing them through the constructor.

```
[2]: from acnportal.algorithms import BaseAlgorithm

class EarliestDeadlineFirstAlgo(BaseAlgorithm):
    """ Algorithm which assigns charging rates to each EV in order of departure time.

    Implements abstract class BaseAlgorithm.

    For this algorithm EVs will first be sorted by departure time. We will then
    ↪ allocate as much
    current as possible to each EV in order until the EV is finished charging or an
    ↪ infrastructure
    limit is met.

    Args:
        increment (number): Minimum increment of charging rate. Default: 1.
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```

"""
def __init__(self, increment=1):
    super().__init__()
    self._increment = increment
    self.max_recompute = 1

def schedule(self, active_evs):
    schedule = {ev.station_id: [0] for ev in active_evs}

    # Next, we sort the active_evs by their departure time.
    sorted_evs = sorted(active_evs, key=lambda x: x.departure)

    # We now iterate over the sorted list of EVs.
    for ev in sorted_evs:
        # First try to charge the EV at its maximum rate. Remember that each_
        ↪ schedule value
        # must be a list, even if it only has one element.
        schedule[ev.station_id] = [self.interface.max_pilot_signal(ev.station_id)]

        # If this is not feasible, we will reduce the rate.
        # interface.is_feasible() is one way to interact with the constraint set
        # of the network. We will explore another more direct method in lesson_
        ↪ 3.

        while not self.interface.is_feasible(schedule, 0):

            # Since the maximum rate was not feasible, we should try a lower rate.
            schedule[ev.station_id][0] -= self._increment

            # EVs should never charge below 0 (i.e. discharge) so we will clip_
            ↪ the value at 0.
            if schedule[ev.station_id][0] < 0:
                schedule[ev.station_id] = [0]
                break

    return schedule

```

Note the structure of the schedule dict which is returned should be something like:

```

{
    'CA-301': [32, 32, 32, 16, 16, ..., 8],
    'CA-302': [8, 13, 13, 15, 6, ..., 0],
    ...,
    'CA-408': [24, 24, 24, 24, 0, ..., 0]
}

```

For the special case when an algorithm only calculates a target rate for the next time interval instead of an entire schedule of rates, the structure should be:

```

{
    'CA-301': [32],
    'CA-302': [8],
    ...,
    'CA-408': [24]
}

```

Note that these are single element lists and NOT floats or integers.

### 3.2.3 Running the Algorithm

Now that we have implemented our algorithm, we can try it out using the same experiment setup as in lesson 1. The only difference will be which scheduling algorithm we use. For fun, lets compare our algorithm against to included implementation of the earliest deadline first algorithm.

```
[3]: from datetime import datetime
import pytz
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import matplotlib.dates as mdates
from copy import deepcopy

from acnportal import algorithms
from acnportal import acnsim

# -- Experiment Parameters -----
# -----
timezone = pytz.timezone('America/Los_Angeles')
start = timezone.localize(datetime(2018, 9, 5))
end = timezone.localize(datetime(2018, 9, 6))
period = 5 # minute
voltage = 220 # volts
default_battery_power = 32 * voltage / 1000 # kW
site = 'caltech'

# -- Network -----
# -----
cn = acnsim.sites.caltech_acn(basic_evse=True, voltage=voltage)

# -- Events -----
# -----
API_KEY = 'DEMO_TOKEN'
events = acnsim.acndata_events.generate_events(API_KEY, site, start, end, period,
# voltage, default_battery_power)

# -- Scheduling Algorithm -----
# -----
sch = EarliestDeadlineFirstAlgo(increment=1)
sch2 = algorithms.SortedSchedulingAlgo(algorithms.least_laxity_first)

[4]: # -- Simulator -----
# -----
sim = acnsim.Simulator(deepcopy(cn), sch, deepcopy(events), start, period=period,
# verbose=False)
sim.run()

[5]: # For comparison we will also run the builtin earliest deadline first algorithm
sim2 = acnsim.Simulator(deepcopy(cn), sch2, deepcopy(events), start, period=period,
# verbose=False)
sim2.run()
```

### 3.2.4 Results

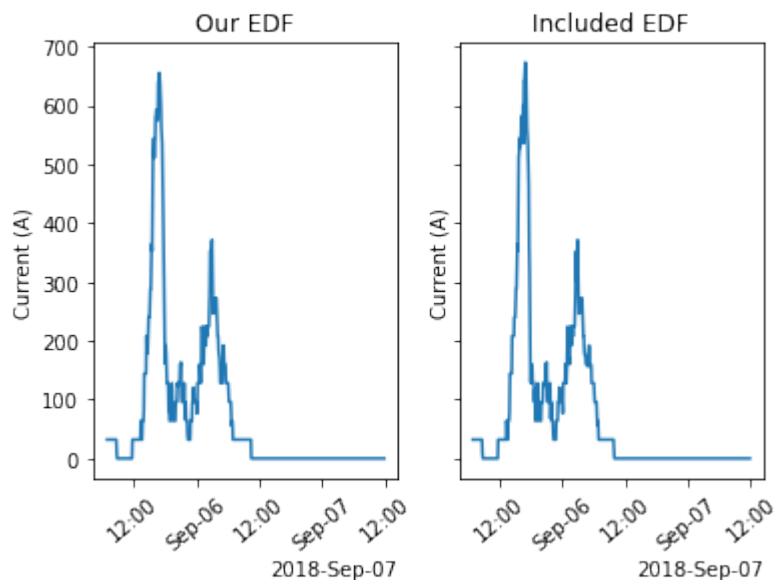
We can now compare the two algorithms side by side by looking at the plots of aggregated current. We see from these plots that our implementation matches the included one quite well. If we look closely however, we might see a small difference. This is because the included algorithm uses a more efficient bisection based method instead of our simpler linear search to find a feasible rate.

```
[6]: # Get list of datetimes over which the simulations were run.
sim_dates = mdates.date2num(acnsim.datetimes_array(sim))
sim2_dates = mdates.date2num(acnsim.datetimes_array(sim2))

# Set locator and formatter for datetimes on x-axis.
locator = mdates.AutoDateLocator(maxticks=6)
formatter = mdates.ConciseDateFormatter(locator)

fig, axs = plt.subplots(1, 2, sharey=True, sharex=True)
axs[0].plot(sim_dates, acnsim.aggregate_current(sim), label='Our EDF')
axs[1].plot(sim2_dates, acnsim.aggregate_current(sim2), label='Included EDF')
axs[0].set_title('Our EDF')
axs[1].set_title('Included EDF')
for ax in axs:
    ax.set_ylabel('Current (A)')
    for label in ax.get_xticklabels():
        label.set_rotation(40)
    ax.xaxis.set_major_locator(locator)
    ax.xaxis.set_major_formatter(formatter)

plt.show()
```





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