

A Complete Guide to PowerModels.jl: From First Run to Advanced Research<sup>1</sup>. The

PowerModels.jl Philosophy: A Decoupled ApproachWhat is PowerModels.jl?

PowerModels.jl is an open-source package for the Julia programming language, built on top of the JuMP optimization modeling layer. It is specifically designed to handle Steady-State Power Network Optimization problems. Its primary purpose extends beyond simply solving known problems. It is architected as a common platform for the computational evaluation of new and emerging power network formulations and algorithms.<sup>1</sup> It is, by design, a tool for both power systems analysis and cutting-edge research.

The Core Design Principle: Decoupling

The single most important concept for understanding PowerModels.jl is its fundamental design philosophy: the decoupling of Problem Specifications from Formulation Details.<sup>1</sup>

Problem Specification (The "What"): This defines what problem is being solved. It is an abstract, formulation-agnostic definition of a task. Examples include: Power Flow (PF) Optimal Power Flow (OPF) Transmission Network Expansion Planning (TNEP) <sup>1</sup>Optimal Transmission Switching (OTS) <sup>1</sup>

Formulation Detail (The "How"):

This defines the mathematical model used to represent the physics and solve the problem.