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Systems Engineering Library (se-lib) Goals

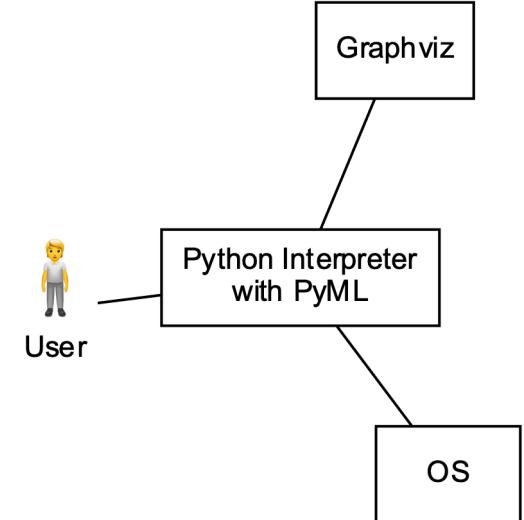
- Lower access barrier to system modeling with open-source tool environment
 - Harness power of extensive Python scientific computing and utility libraries (bootstrap don't reinvent)
- Provide integrated capabilities for systems modeling, analysis, documentation and code generation
 - SysML, other SE model types and analysis methods
- Be digital engineering compliant with single source of truth across model set
- Compatibility of everything on desktop OS's and in cloud



General Usage Features

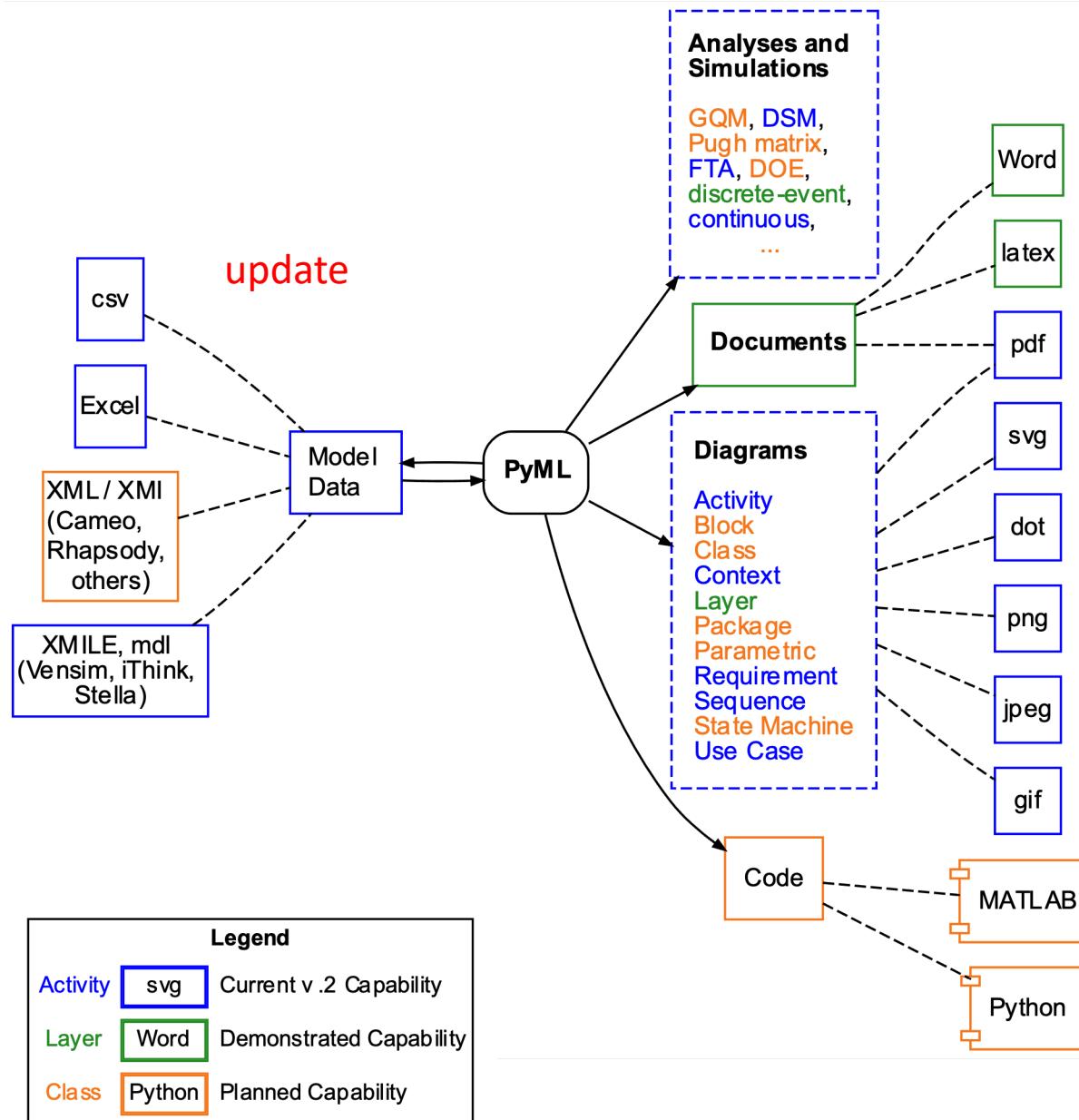
- Use Python for modeling to intersperse model data, system analysis and documentation
- Model data can be inline code, read from or to external files
- Round-trip engineering to support rapid *iterative* development
 - Change a model element and all others affected are automatically updated to maintain consistency across model set
 - Automatic document re-generation with all changes
- Inherent configuration management automation
 - All artifacts for a project can be developed and controlled with standard version control system such as GitHub for small to large teams.
 - All models, diagrams, and simulations are specified in text files supporting standard tools for version differencing and reconciliation.

```
update  
import pyml  
  
# system model  
system_name = "Python Interpreter with PyML"  
external_actors = ["User", "OS", "Graphviz"]  
  
# create context diagram  
pyml.context_diagram(system_name, external_actors)
```





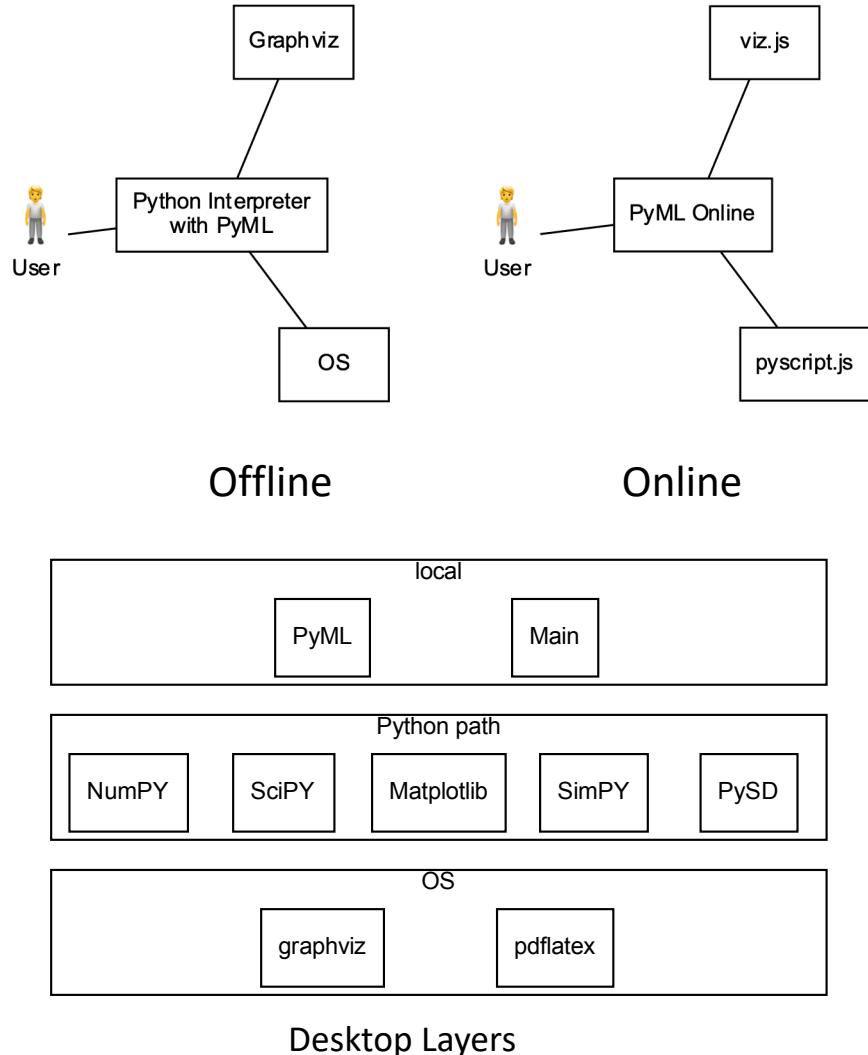
Inputs and Outputs





se-lib Context and Architecture

- Desktop usage requires Python version 3.8 or higher.
- Built on top of open-source:
 - *Graphviz* is required to generate diagrams.
 - The *Matplotlib* package is required for graphical plots.
 - *NumPy* numerical computing package is used for model analysis and some plotting features.
 - *SciPy* is a scientific computing library
 - *SimPy* is a discrete event simulation framework
 - *PySD* with *Pandas* for the system dynamics simulation engine
 - *pdflatex* optionally required to compile latex files and generate pdfs





Feature Plans

- V 1.0 release plan is to cover all SysML

Feature	v. .2 Current	v. 1.0 Planned	v. 1.0+ Planned
<u>SysML</u>			✓
Activity diagram	✓ (partial)	✓	✓ simulatable
Package diagram		✓	✓
Use case diagram	✓	✓	✓
Requirements diagram	✓ (via Tree)	✓	✓
Sequence diagram	✓	✓	✓ simulatable
Block diagram		✓	✓
State machine diagram		✓	✓ simulatable
Parametric diagram		✓	✓
<u>Other</u>			
Context diagram	✓	✓	✓
Qualitative fault tree diagram	✓	✓	✓
Quantitative fault tree diagram	✓	✓	✓ simulatable
Fault tree cutsets	✓	✓	✓
Class diagram			✓
Layer diagram			✓
Orthogonal Variability Model (OVM) diagram			✓
Critical path analysis and diagram	✓	✓	✓
Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) diagram	✓	✓	✓
Design Structure Matrix (DSM) diagram	✓	✓	✓
N2 diagram			✓
System dynamics modeling and simulation	✓	✓	✓ diagrams
TBD		✓	✓



Introductory Python Syntax

Characters Description and Examples

'' '''''

Character strings are surrounded by single, double or triple quotes.
Any could be used, though a string containing a quote character
must be delimited by another quote type.

"Hello Engineers" 'battery' "Ohm's Law"

Triple quotes are sequences of three single quotes or three double
quotes, and can be used for multiline strings with line endings.

```
html_code = """
<py-repl auto-generate="true">
print("Hello engineers around the world!")
</py-repl>
"""
```

[]

Lists are sequences of items separated by commas surrounded
by square brackets. Lists may contain numbers, strings,
mixed data types, other lists, and other entire data structures.

['transmitter', 'battery', 'antennae'] [2, 4, 5]

[[62, 64, 61], [60, 61, 59], [61, 60, 64]]

Add tuples



Importing se-lib

- The keyword `import` imports a module into the current namespace and makes available its contained functions and classes:

```
import selib
selib.use_case_diagram(system_name, actors, use_cases, interactions, use_case_relationships)
```

- Recommended convention is to rename selib to “se” namespace as typically done with popular Python packages:

```
import selib as se
import numpy as np

se.add_source('incoming targets',
              entity_name="target",
              num_entities = 10,
              connections={'shooter': 1},
              interarrival_time='np.random.exponential(3)')
```

- Similarly, `from` imports a specific module or object from a module
- For conciseness and simplicity, this tutorial also shows functions calls with no selib prefix when importing all functions this way:

```
from selib import *
context_diagram(system, external_actors)
```



Function Call Options

- Function call prefix options depend on import usage.
- Can provide function inputs with or without argument keywords.
 - Must be in correct order with no keywords

```
context_diagram(system_name, actors)
```

- When using keywords the order doesn't matter

```
context_diagram(system = system_name, external_systems = actors)  
context_diagram(external_systems = actors, system = system_name)
```

- Many functions have optional arguments.

Fix api inconsistency

API

```
print(context_diagram.__doc__)
```

Returns a context diagram.

Parameters

system_name : string

The name of the system to label the diagram
external_systems : list of strings

Names of the external systems that interact
filename : string, optional

A filename for the output not including a file
format : string, optional

The file format of the graphic output. Note

Returns

g : graph object view

Save the graph source code to file, and open



Function Call Syntax

- Lists vs. Tuples in se-lib function calls
 - Lists are used for generalized data structures of variable length.
E.g., indeterminate number of unordered use cases:

```
use_cases = ['Post Discussion', 'Take Quiz', 'Create Quiz']
```
 - Tuples used for inputs with fixed number of elements where the order matters.
E.g., (actor, use case) for each use case interaction:

```
interactions = [('Student', 'Post Discussion'), ('Instructor', 'Post Discussion'),
```

(element name, icon) for each actor:

```
external_actors = ("Detection System", " "), ("Target", " ")
```

- Can avoid above considerations by modifying provided examples.



Help

- See the [API Function Reference](#) for full documentation on the se-lib function calls.
- Can also use the Python `__doc__` method to get documentation for any function:

```
1 print(context_diagram.__doc__)

    Returns a context diagram.

    Parameters
    -----
    system_name : string
        The name of the system to label the diagram.
    external_systems : list of strings
        Names of the external systems that interact with the system in a list.
    filename : string, optional
        A filename for the output not including a filename extension. The extens
    format : string, optional
        The file format of the graphic output. Note that bitmap formats (png, bm

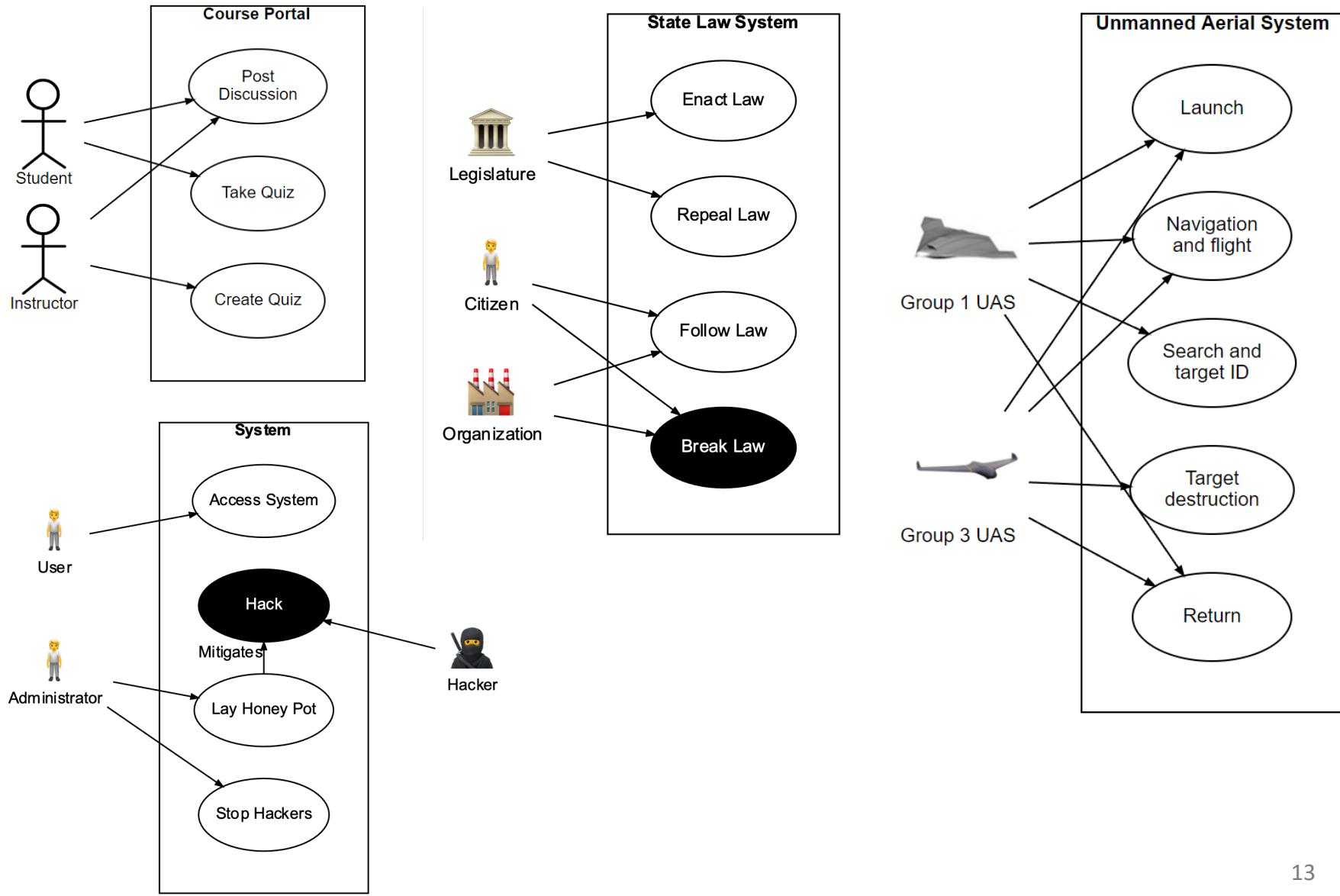
    Returns
    -----
    g : graph object view
        Save the graph source code to file, and open the rendered result in its
```

- Online playground pages contain help:
http://se-lib.org/online/discrete_event_modeling_demo.html

Fix api inconsistency

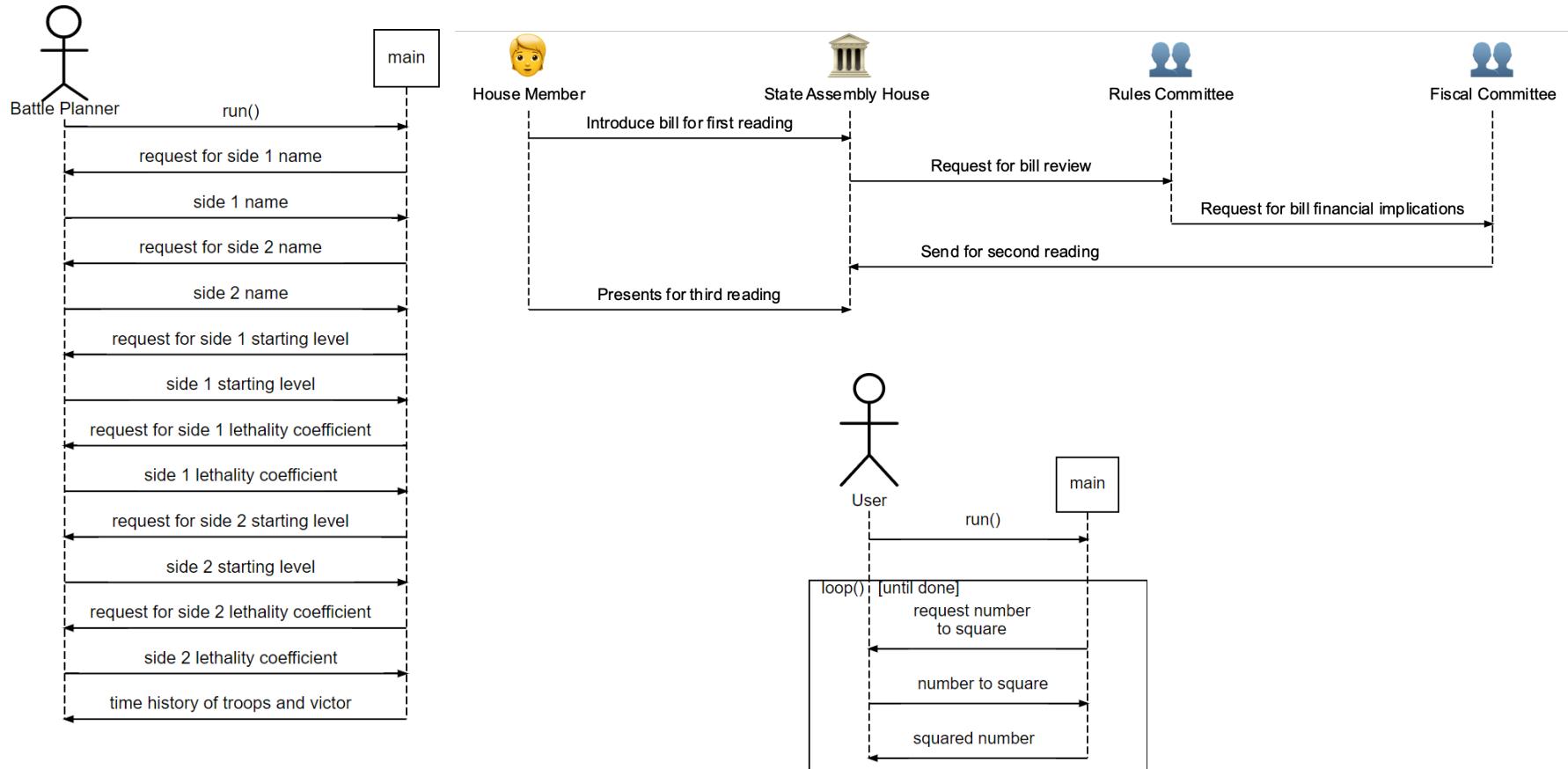


Use Case Diagram Examples





Sequence Modeling Examples





Battle Simulator Inline Model Example

Input

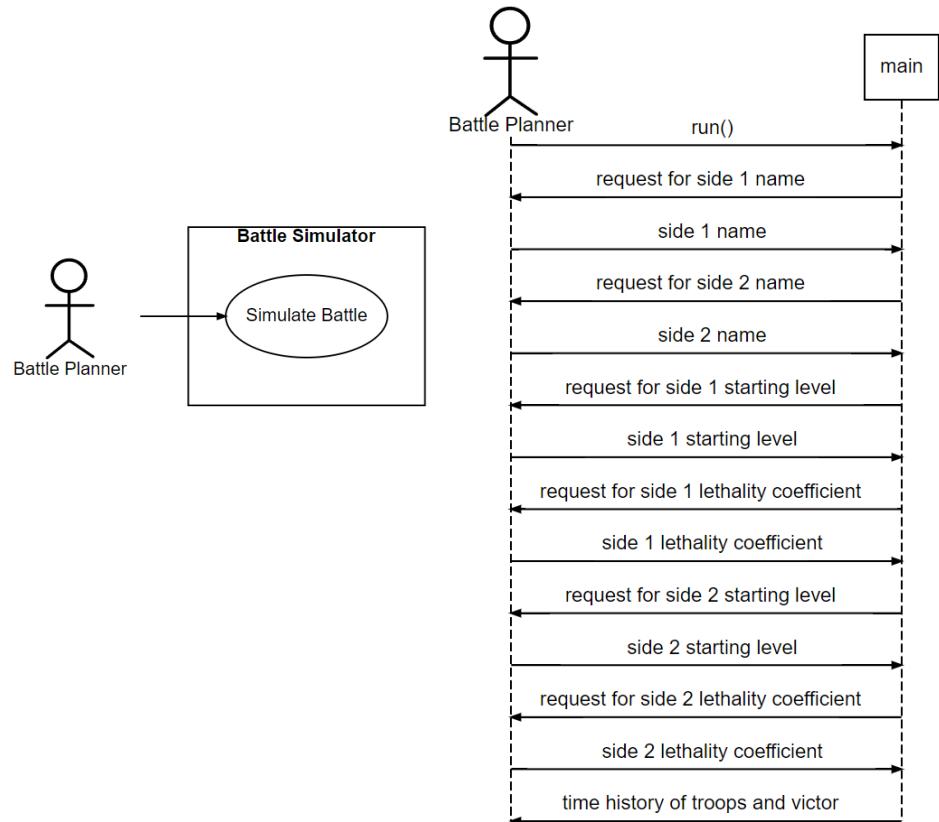
```
import pyml

# system model
system_name = "Battle Simulator"
actors = ['Battle Planner']
use_cases = ['Simulate Battle']
interactions = [('Battle Planner', 'Simulate Battle')]
use_case_relationships = []

actions = [
('Battle Planner', 'main', 'run()'),
('main', 'Battle Planner', 'request for side 1 name'),
('Battle Planner', 'main', 'side 1 name'),
('main', 'Battle Planner', 'request for side 2 name'),
('Battle Planner', 'main', 'side 2 name'),
('main', 'Battle Planner', 'request for side 1 starting level'),
('main', 'main', 'side 1 starting level'),
('main', 'Battle Planner', 'request for side 1 lethality coefficient'),
('Battle Planner', 'main', 'side 1 lethality coefficient'),
('main', 'Battle Planner', 'request for side 2 starting level'),
('main', 'main', 'side 2 starting level'),
('main', 'Battle Planner', 'request for side 2 lethality coefficient'),
('Battle Planner', 'main', 'side 2 lethality coefficient'),
('main', 'Battle Planner', 'time history of troops and victor'),
]

# create diagrams
pyml.use_case_diagram(system_name, actors, use_cases, interactions,
use_case_relationships, filename=system_name+'use_case_diagram.pdf')
pyml.sequence_diagram(system_name, actions, filename=system_name
+'sequence_diagram.pdf')
```

Output

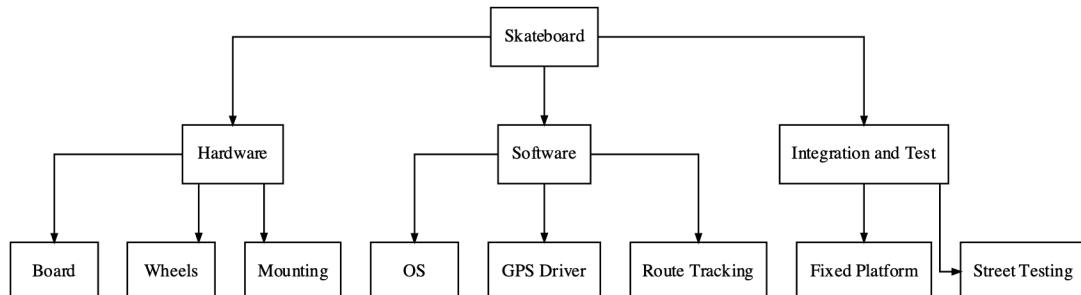




Project Management Modeling (1/2)

```
# project work breakdown structure
wbs_decompositions = [('Skateboard', 'Hardware'), ('Skateboard', 'Software'), ('Skateboard', 'Integration and Test'), ('Hardware', 'Board'), ('Hardware', 'Wheels'), ('Hardware', 'Mounting'), ('Software', 'OS'), ('Software', 'GPS Driver'), ('Software', 'Route Tracking'), ('Integration and Test', 'Fixed Platform'), ('Integration and Test', 'Street Testing')]

# create diagram
pyml.wbs_diagram(wbs_decompositions)
```

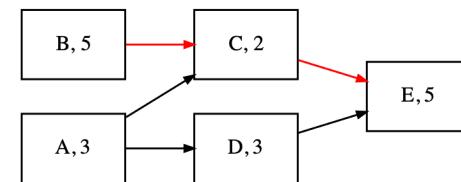


```
# project tasks
tasks = [(['A', {'Duration': 3}),
          ('B', {'Duration': 5}),
          ('C', {'Duration': 2}),
          ('D', {'Duration': 3}),
          ('E', {'Duration': 5})]

task_dependencies = [(('A', 'C'),
                      ('B', 'C'),
                      ('A', 'D'),
                      ('C', 'E'),
                      ('D', 'E'))]

# create diagram
pyml.critical_path_diagram(tasks, task_dependencies)
```

The critical path is: ['B', 'C', 'E'] for a project duration of 12 days.



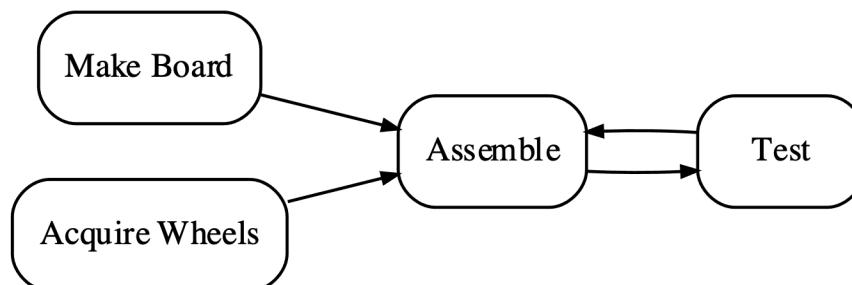


Project Management Modeling (2/2)

```
tasks = ['Make Board', 'Acquire Wheels', 'Assemble', 'Test']
task_dependencies = [('Make Board', 'Assemble'), ('Acquire Wheels',
'Assemble'), ('Assemble', 'Test'), ('Test', 'Assemble')]
pyml.design_structure_matrix(tasks, task_dependencies)
```

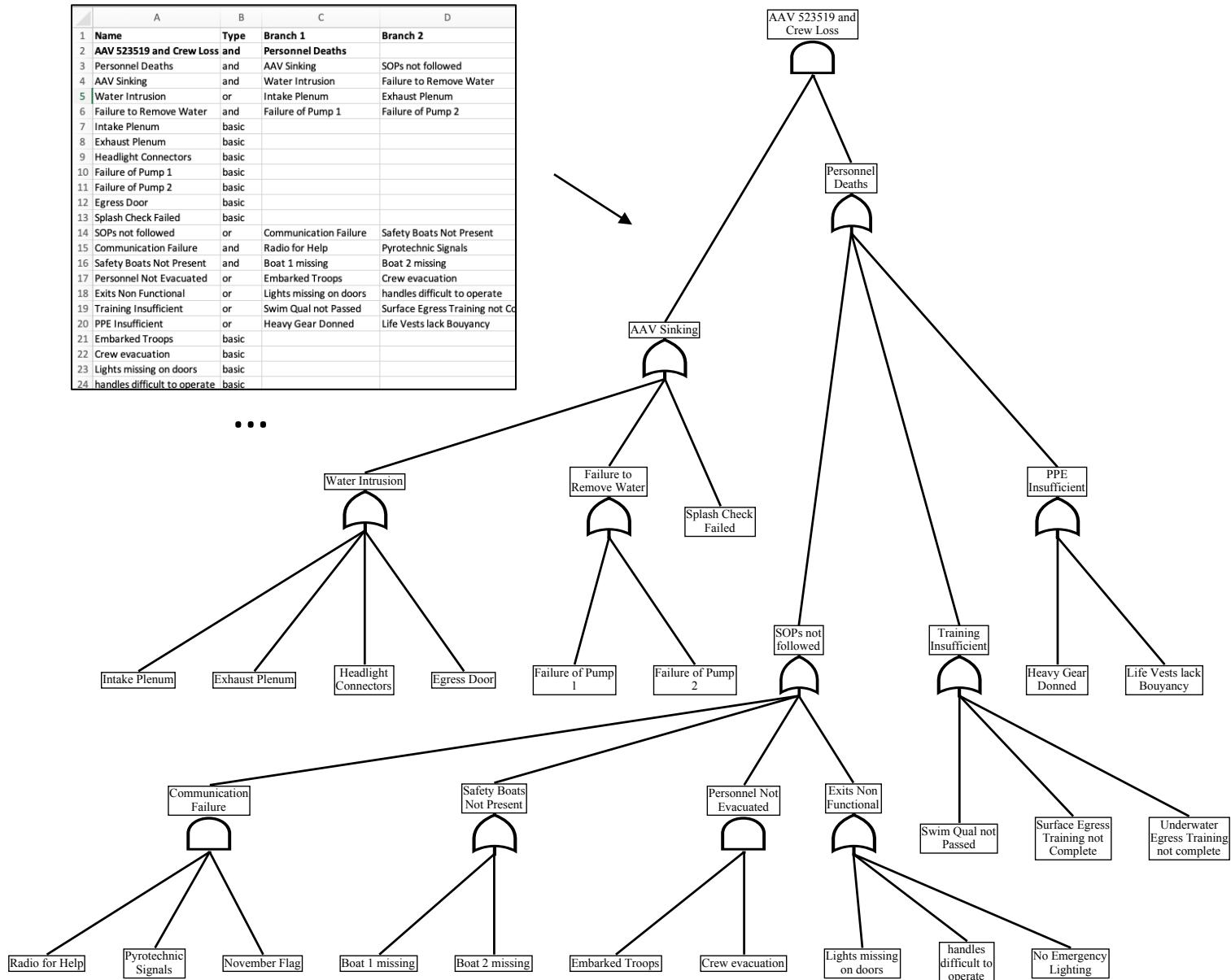
	Make Board	Acquire Wheels	Assemble	Test
Make Board				
Acquire Wheels				
Assemble	X	X		X
Test			X	

```
pyml.activity_diagram(task_dependencies)
```





AAV Disaster Fault Tree from Excel

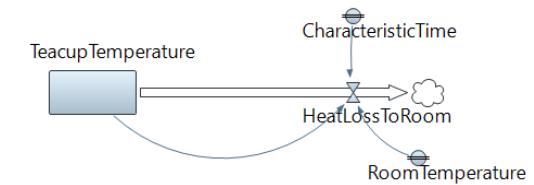
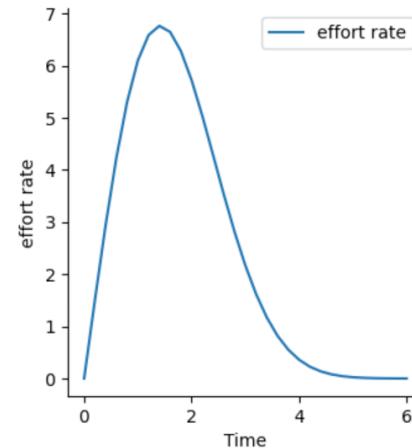
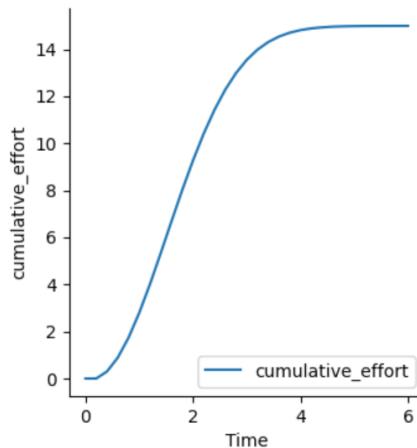




System Dynamics Modeling and Simulation

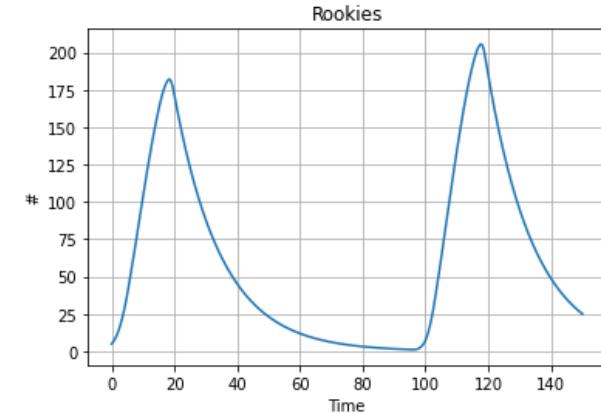
- Functions provide high level interface for model composition and execution with PySD model reader and simulation engine.
- Interoperable with Vensim, iThink/Stella and AnyLogic with xmile model format.

```
1 # Rayleigh curve staffing model
2
3 model_init(start=0, stop=6, dt=.2)
4
5 add_stock("cumulative_effort", 0, inflows=["effort rate"])
6 add_flow("effort rate", "learning_function * (estimated_total_effort - cumulative_effort)", 0)
7 add_auxiliary("learning_function", "manpower_buildup_parameter * time")
8 add_auxiliary("manpower_buildup_parameter", .5)
9 add_auxiliary("estimated_total_effort", 15)
10
11 model_run()
12 plot_output('cumulative_effort', 'effort rate')
```



```
model = read_xmiled('teacup.xmiled')
model_run()
```

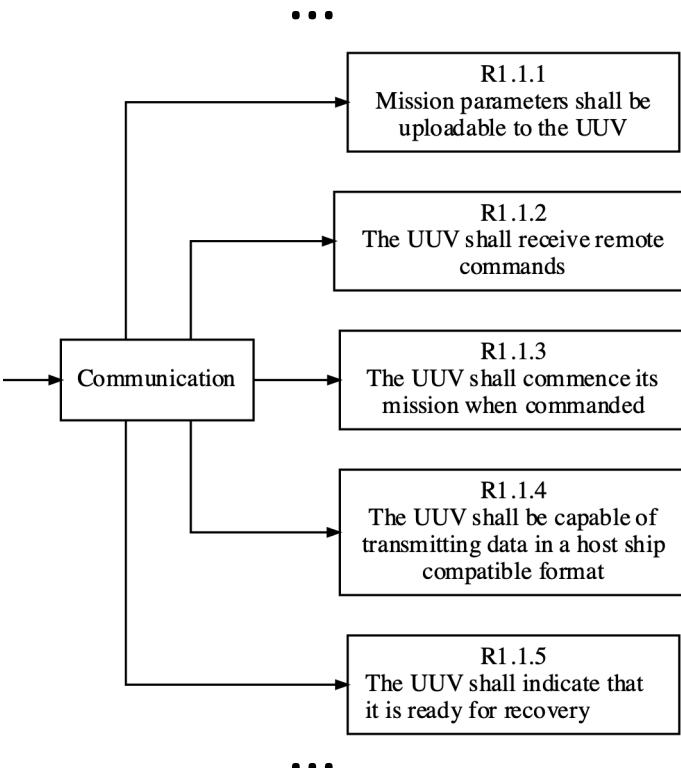
```
model = read_vensim('workforce.mdl')
model.run()
plot_output("Rookies")
```



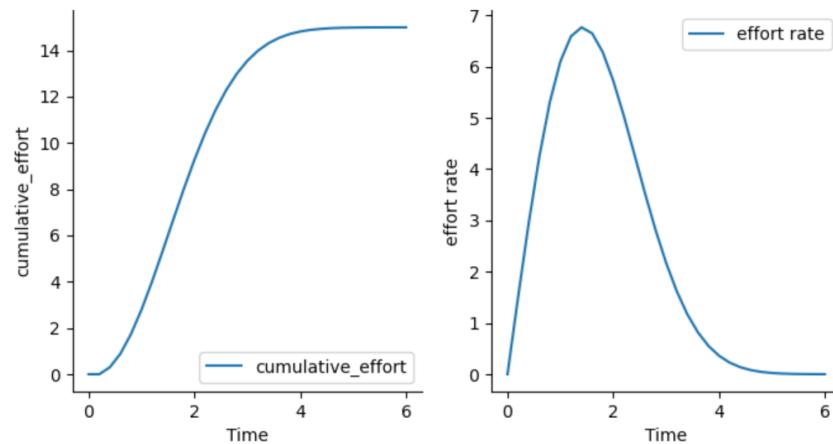


Integrated Requirements and Effort Models

```
requirements = [("ISR", "Communication"),
    ("Communication", "R1.1.1 Mission parameters shall
    ("Communication", "R1.1.2 The UUV shall receive rem
    ("Communication", "R1.1.3 The UUV shall commence it
    ("Communication", "R1.1.4 The UUV shall be capable
    ("Communication", "R1.1.5 The UUV shall indicate th
```



```
1 # effort model
2 def cosysmo(size, EAF=1):
3     return .254*EAF*size**1.06, 1.5*(.254*EAF*size**1.06)**.33
4
5 # effort estimate from requirements
6 requirements_count = len(requirements)
7 effort, schedule = cosysmo(requirements_count)
8
9 # Rayleigh curve staffing model
10
11 model_init(start=0, stop=6, dt=.2)
12
13 add_stock("cumulative_effort", 0, inflows=["effort rate"])
14 add_flow("effort rate", "learning_function * (estimated_total_effort - cumulative_effort)", "effort rate")
15 add_auxiliary("learning_function", "manpower_buildup_parameter * time")
16 add_auxiliary("manpower_buildup_parameter", .5)
17 add_auxiliary("estimated_total_effort", effort)
18
19 model_run()
20 plot_output('cumulative_effort', 'effort rate')
```

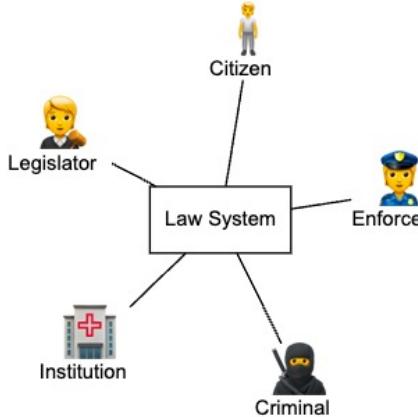




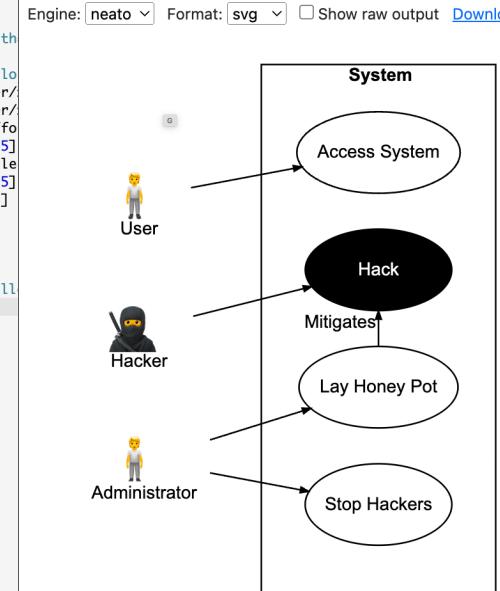
Customization and Shortcuts

- Styling
 - Custom icons with unicode
 - APIs support color options, formatting, word wrap size, and more.
- Shortcuts
 - Use tuples for node fan-in and fan-out connections to alleviate redundancy
 - *Graphviz online* tool enables customization of dot markup at http://pyml.fun/graphviz_online

```
system = 'Law System'
actors_and_external_systems = [('Institution', '🏥'), ('Criminal', '👤'),
('Citizen', '👤'), ('Enforcer', '👮'), ('Legislator', '👨‍⚖️')]
pyml.context_diagram(system, actors_and_external_systems)
```



```
1 # cyber security misuse case honey pot
2 digraph G {
3     node [color=black fontname=arial fontsize=11 width
4         edge [arrowsize=.5 fontname=arial fontsize=11]
5         "System" [label=<><b>System</b>> height=4.5 labello
6         "User" [label=<<font point-size="30">👤</font><br/>
7         Hacker [label=<<font point-size="30">👤</font><br/>
8         Administrator [label=<<font point-size="30">👤</font><br/>
9         "Access System" [height=.7 pos="0, 4!" width=1.25]
10        Hack [height=.7 pos="0, 3!" width=1.25 style=fille
11        "Lay Honey Pot" [height=.7 pos="0, 2!" width=1.25]
12        "Stop Hackers" [height=.7 pos="0, 1!" width=1.25]
13        "User" -> "Access System"
14        Administrator -> "Lay Honey Pot"
15        Administrator -> "Stop Hackers"
16        Hacker -> Hack
17        "Lay Honey Pot" -> Hack [label="Mitigates " labell
18    }
```





Example Document Generation Including Diagrams

Input

```
from pyml import *

# system model
system_name = "Battle Simulator"
actors = ['Battle Planner']
use_cases = ['Simulate Battle']
interactions = [('Battle Planner', 'Simulate Battle')]
use_case_relationships = []

actions = [
    ('Battle Planner', 'main', 'run()'),
    ('main', 'Battle Planner', 'request for side 1 name'),
    ('Battle Planner', 'main', 'side 1 name'),
    ('main', 'Battle Planner', 'request for side 2 name'),
    ('Battle Planner', 'main', 'side 2 name'),
    ('main', 'Battle Planner', 'request for x starting level'),
    ('Battle Planner', 'main', 'x starting level'),
    ('main', 'Battle Planner', 'request for x lethality coefficient'),
    ('Battle Planner', 'main', 'x lethality coefficient'),
    ('main', 'Battle Planner', 'request for y starting level'),
    ('Battle Planner', 'main', 'y starting level'),
    ('main', 'Battle Planner', 'request for y lethality coefficient'),
    ('Battle Planner', 'main', 'y lethality coefficient'),
    ('main', 'Battle Planner', 'time history of troops and victor'),]

# create diagrams
use_case_diagram(system_name, actors, use_cases, interactions,
use_case_relationships, filename=system_name+'_use_case_diagram.pdf')
sequence_diagram(system_name, actors, actions, filename=system_name
+'_sequence_diagram.pdf')

# generate document
latex_create(system_name + "Model Description")
section("Introduction")
latex_string(f"The {system_name} system is used by the {list_elements(actors)} actor. Its use case diagram is in Figure \\\ref{{Use Case Diagram}} and sequence diagram in Figure \\\ref{{Sequence Diagram}}.")
figure("Use Case Diagram", system_name+'_use_case_diagram.pdf')
figure("Sequence Diagram", system_name+'_sequence_diagram.pdf')
latex_write(system_name + "Model Description.pdf")
```

Output

Battle Simulator Model Description

1 Introduction

The Battle Simulator system is used by the Battle Planner actor. Its use case diagram is in Figure 1 and sequence diagram in Figure 2.

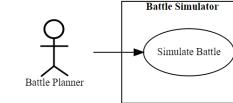


Figure 1: Use Case Diagram

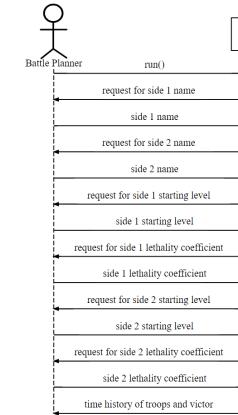


Figure 2: Sequence Diagram



Initial Online Capabilities

- Test online before downloading
- Use online as-is and manage model files locally

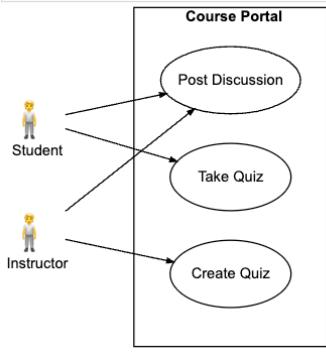
<http://pyml.fun/online/sysml.html>

SysML Diagram Scratchpad

Enter Python statements in code cells and click the green run button or hit shift-enter to create diagrams. Additional diagrams can be created in the blank code cells at the end that are automatically generated after runs.

Use Case Diagram

```
1 # system model
2 system_name = "Course Portal"
3 actors = ['Student', 'Instructor']
4 use_cases = ['Post Discussion', 'Take Quiz', 'Create Quiz']
5 interactions = [('Student', 'Post Discussion'), ('Instructor', 'Post Discussion'), (
6 ('Instructor', 'Create Quiz'))
7 use_case_relationships = []
8
9 # create diagram
10 use_case_diagram(system_name, actors, use_cases, interactions, use_case_relationships)
```

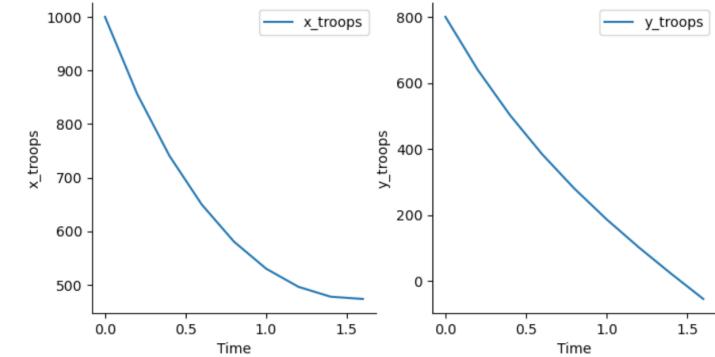


http://pyml.fun/online/system_dynamics.html

System Dynamics Demonstrations

These introductory models can be edited and run with the green play buttons. The PyML function names are tentative. See [GitHub](#) for the latest PyML library and future examples at [pyml.fun](#).

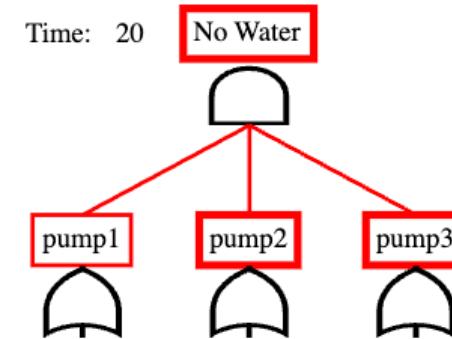
```
1 # Battle Simulator using Lanchester's Law for Aimed Fire
2
3 model_init(start=0, stop=1.5, dt=.2)
4
5 add_stock("x_troops", 1000, outflows=["x_attrition"])
6 add_flow("x_attrition", "y_troops*y_lethality")
7 add_auxiliary("x_lethality", .8)
8
9 add_stock("y_troops", 800, outflows=["y_attrition"])
10 add_flow("y_attrition", "x_troops*x_lethality")
11 add_auxiliary("y_lethality", .9)
12
13 model_run()
14 plot_output('x_troops', 'y_troops')
```





Prototyped Upcoming Features

- Activity model diagrams with more node types
- State model diagrams
- Orthogonal variability model diagrams
- Dynamic fault tree simulation





Future Work and Capabilities

- Additional object-oriented API
 - Foster reuse, adoption and increase sophistication
 - Can alleviate manual bookkeeping across models
- Graphical editor for diagrams in browser using open-source JavaScript
- Natural language extensions
 - E.g., write concise sentences for use case scenario and sequence model interactions using simple grammar rules and keywords
- Code generation from sequence and activity models
- See <http://pyml.fun> for more information.



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Backup



Available Functions

```
# Version 0.2 function calls

# SysML and related
context_diagram(system, external_systems, filename=None, format='svg', engine='neato')
activity_diagram(element_dependencies, filename=None, format='svg')
use_case_diagram(system_name, actors, use_cases, interactions, use_case_relationships,
filename=None, format='svg')
sequence_diagram(system_name, actors, objects, actions, filename=None, format='svg')

# project modeling
critical_path_diagram(tasks, task_dependencies, filename=None, format='svg')
design_structure_matrix(elements, element_dependencies, filename=None, format='svg')
wbs_diagram(decompositions, filename=None, format='svg', rankdir='TB')

# generic
tree(element_dependencies, filename=None, format='svg')

# fault trees
fault_tree_diagram(ft, filename=None, format='svg')
read_fault_tree_excel(filename)
draw_fault_tree_diagram_quantitative(ft, filename=None, format='svg'):
fault_tree_cutsets(fault_tree)

# system dynamics
model_init()
add_stock()
add_flow()
add_auxiliary()
model_run()
plot_output()
```



Example API Specifications

pyml.sequence_diagram

```
pyml.sequence_diagram(system_name, actors, objects, actions, filename=None, format='svg')
```

Draw a sequence diagram.

Parameters:: `system_name : string`

The name of the system to label the diagram.

`actors : list of strings`

Names of the outside actors that participate in the activity sequence in a list.

`objects : list of strings`

Names of the system objects that participate in the activity sequence in a list.

`actions : list of tuples`

A chronologically ordered list describing the sequence of actions to be drawn. Each action is a tuple containing the action source, target and action name (or data/control passed) in the form ("source", "target", "action name") indicating a labeled horizontal arrow drawn between them.

`filename : string, optional`

A filename for the output not including a filename extension. The extension will be specified by the format parameter.

`format : string, optional`

The file format of the graphic output. Note that bitmap formats (png, bmp, or jpeg) will not be as sharp as the default svg vector format and most particularly when magnified.

Returns:: `g : graph object view`

Save the graph source code to file, and open the rendered result in its default viewing application. PyML calls the [Graphviz API](#) for this.



Example Modeler Scenario for Roundtrip Digital Engineering

- Joe is developing a system architecture and wants to make changes for integrated models in one place with no extra manual steps to recompute analyses, regenerate all model artifacts for other stakeholders, and communicate important change impacts. PyML library functions are used in the modeling and documentation. All model data and analysis programs must be configuration controlled to adhere to a common baseline.
- The distributions of some system parameters need to be revised that will affect requirements, performance and cost models. Simulations assess the system availability and reliability, perform a hazard analysis, estimate cost, and the Measures of Effectiveness (MOEs) are aggregated in a weighted criteria matrix.
- He accesses the shared project repository on GitHub and updates the parameters in a main configuration file. He commits the changes back into GitHub.
- He wants the changes to trigger a common script that reconciles the models, recomputes all simulations with the updated parameter values, and produces an updated set of documents online for other stakeholders. All affected visualizations need to be regenerated and inserted into iterative project documents. The scripts need to call the requisite programs for analysis and documentation using the library functions with updated model data.
- Errors and warning notices are to be provided for any broken or inconsistent models. E.g., a performance or cost threshold is not being met, or a previously working simulation model fails to execute properly with the new parameter values.
- He wants the stakeholders who specified thresholds for affected MOEs to automatically get notice. He expects this will occur if the requirements data contains the source of each requirement.



DoD Business Case

- Anecdotal evidence indicates the Pareto Law holds for costly MBSE vendor tools: about 90% of users use only 10% of their features.
- Open source software is fully permissible and encouraged in the DoD
- DoD Open Source Software FAQ:
 - <https://dodcio.defense.gov/open-source-software-faq/>