

fmdtools

Intro to resilience modelling, simulation, and visualization in Python with fmdtools.

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Overview

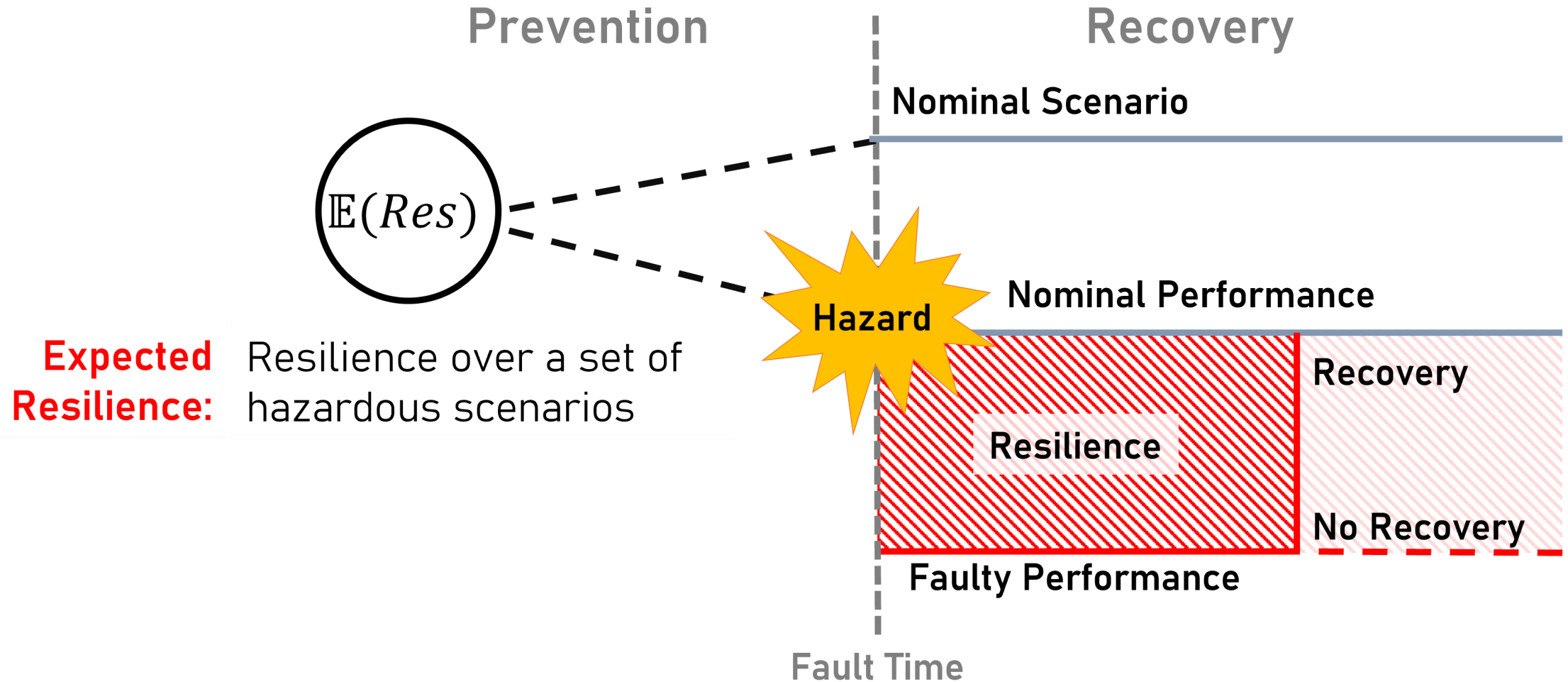
- **Overview of fmdtools**
 - Purpose
 - Project Structure
 - Common Classes/Functions
 - Basic Syntax
- **Coding Activity**
 - Example model: `examples/pump/ex_pump.py`
 - Workbook: `examples/pump/Tutorial_unfilled.ipynb`
 - Model Instantiation
 - Simulation
 - Visualization/Analysis

Prerequisites

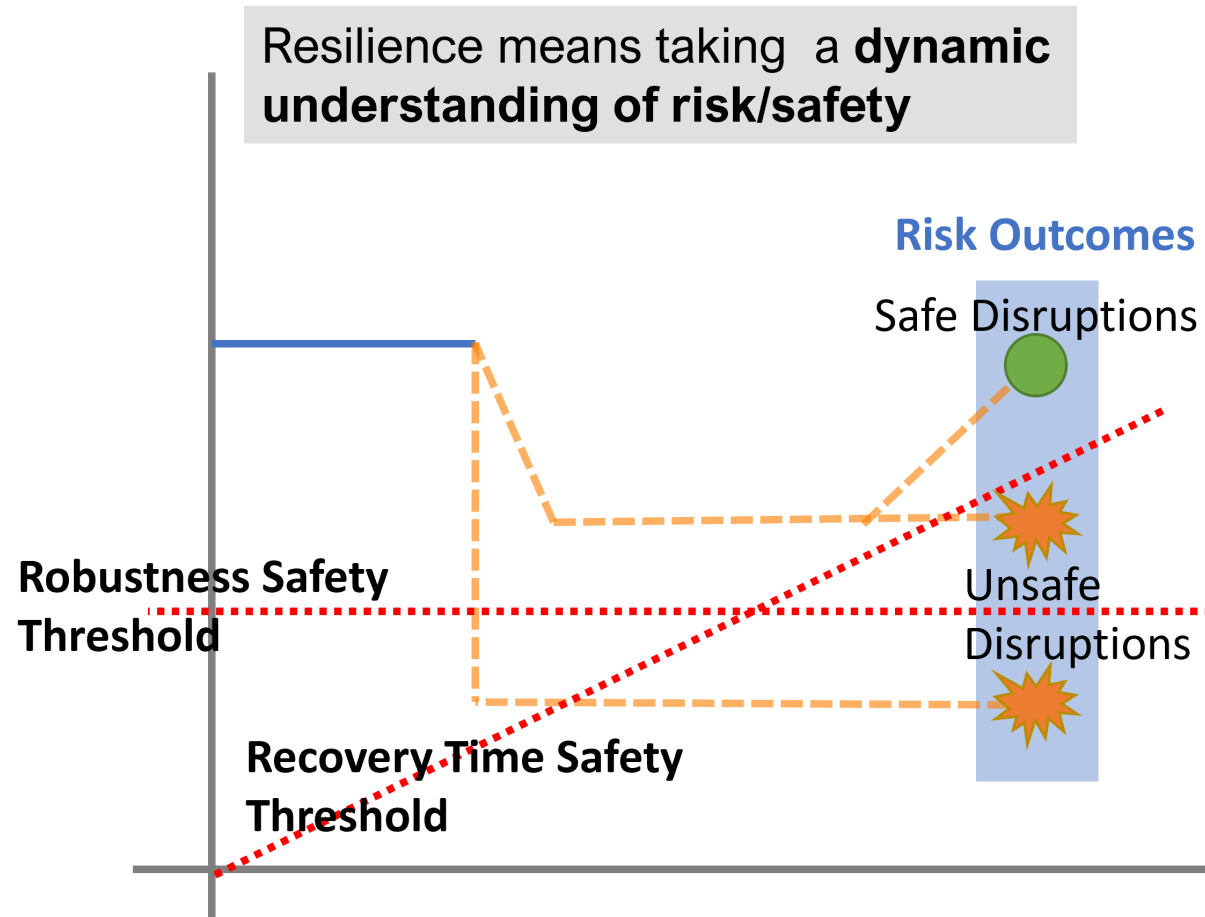
- Ideally, some pre-existing Python and Git knowledge
- Anaconda distribution
 - Ideally this is already set up!
 - Download/install from: <https://www.anaconda.com/products/individual>
- A git interface
 - [Github Desktop](#) (graphical git environment)
 - [git-scm](#) (stand-alone CLI)

Motivation: Modelling System Resilience

Resilience means taking a dynamic understanding of risk and safety



Why is Resilience Important?



Considering resilience is important when our system has dynamic attributes, e.g.:

- **The system state changes over time**
 - (e.g., position, velocity, etc)
- **We can control this state**
 - (e.g., operators, autopilot)

Because we can use it to determine **how to control the system to a safe outcome** in unsafe circumstances and what **design/operational features** we need to enable this control

Enabling proactive design process

Idea: the system should be **resilient-by-design**

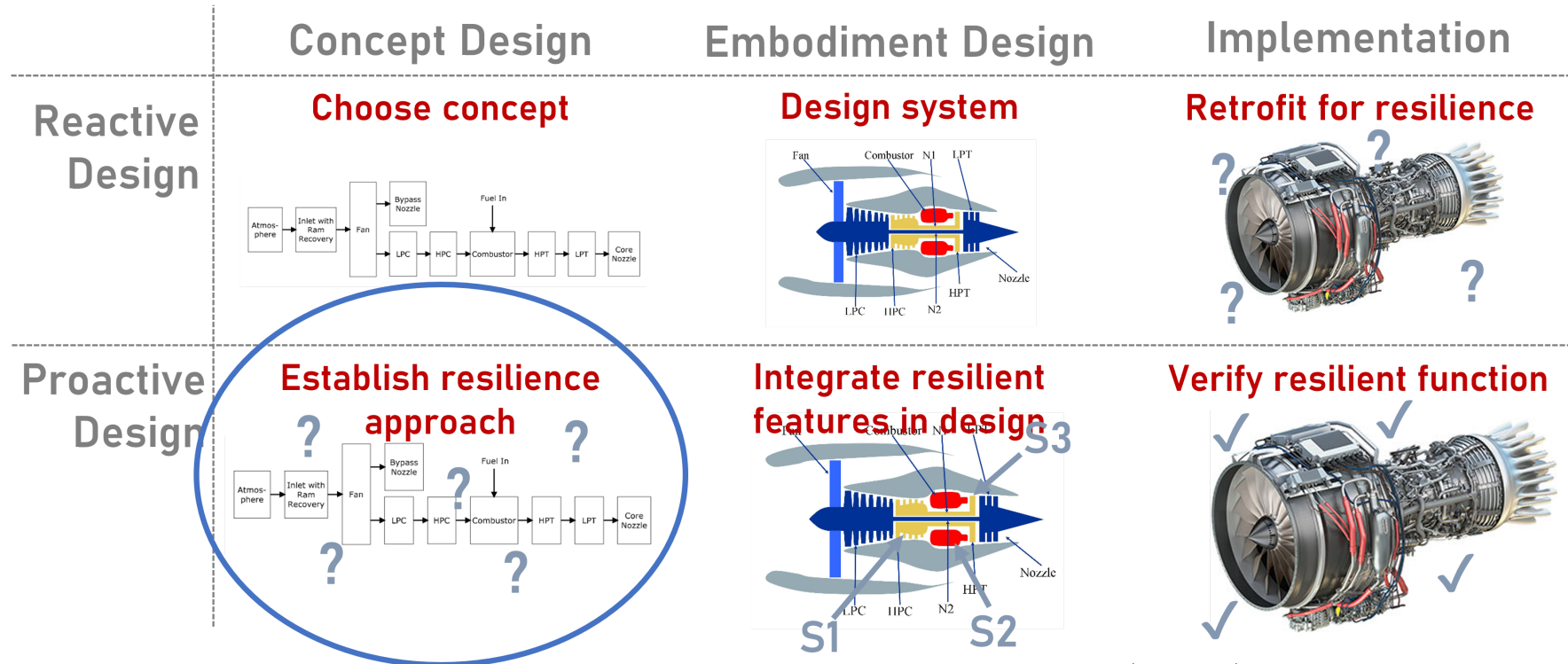


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User's Guide for the Commercial Modular Aero-Propulsion System Simulation (C-MAPSS)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:General_Electric_Passport.jpg

- Especially relevant to new systems when we don't have data

Why fmdtools? Possible Competitors:

- Uncertainty Quantification tools: (e.g. OpenCossan)
 - Doesn't incorporate fault modelling/propagation/visualization aspects
- MATLAB/modelica/etc. Fault Simulation tools
 - Rely on pre-existing model/software stack--Useful, but often difficult to hack/extend (**not open-source**)
- Safety Assessment tools: (e.g. Alyrica, Hip-Hops)
 - Focused on quantifying safety, not necessarily resilience
 - As a result, use **different model formalisms!**

Why fmdtools? Pros:

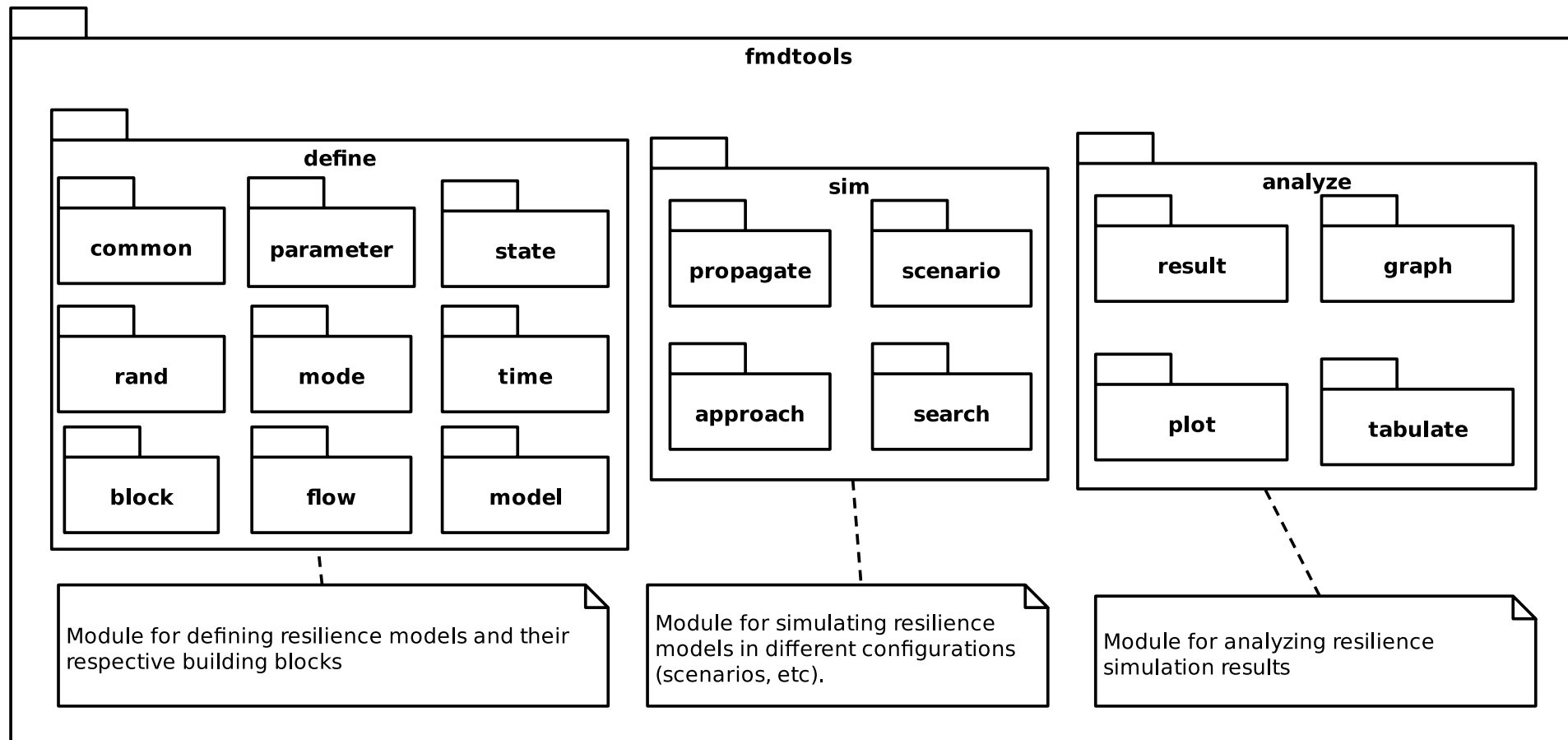
- Highly Expressive, modular model representation.
 - faults from any component can propagate to any other connected component via **undirected propagation**
 - highly-extensible code-based behavior representation
 - class structure enables **complex models** representing human behavior and systems of systems
- Research-oriented:
 - Written in/relies on the Python stack
 - Open source/free software
- Enables design:
 - Models can be parameterized and optimized!
 - Plug-and-play analyses and visualizations

Why not fmdtools? Cons:

- You already have a pre-existing system model
 - fmdtools models are built in fmdtools
 - if you have a simulink/modelica model, you may just want to use built-in tools
- You want to use this in production
 - fmdtools is Class E Software and thus mainly suitable for research (or, at least, we don't guarantee it)
 - Somewhat dynamic development history

What is fmdtools? A Python package for design, simulation, and analysis of resilience.

pkg module organization



What is fmdtools? Repo Structure

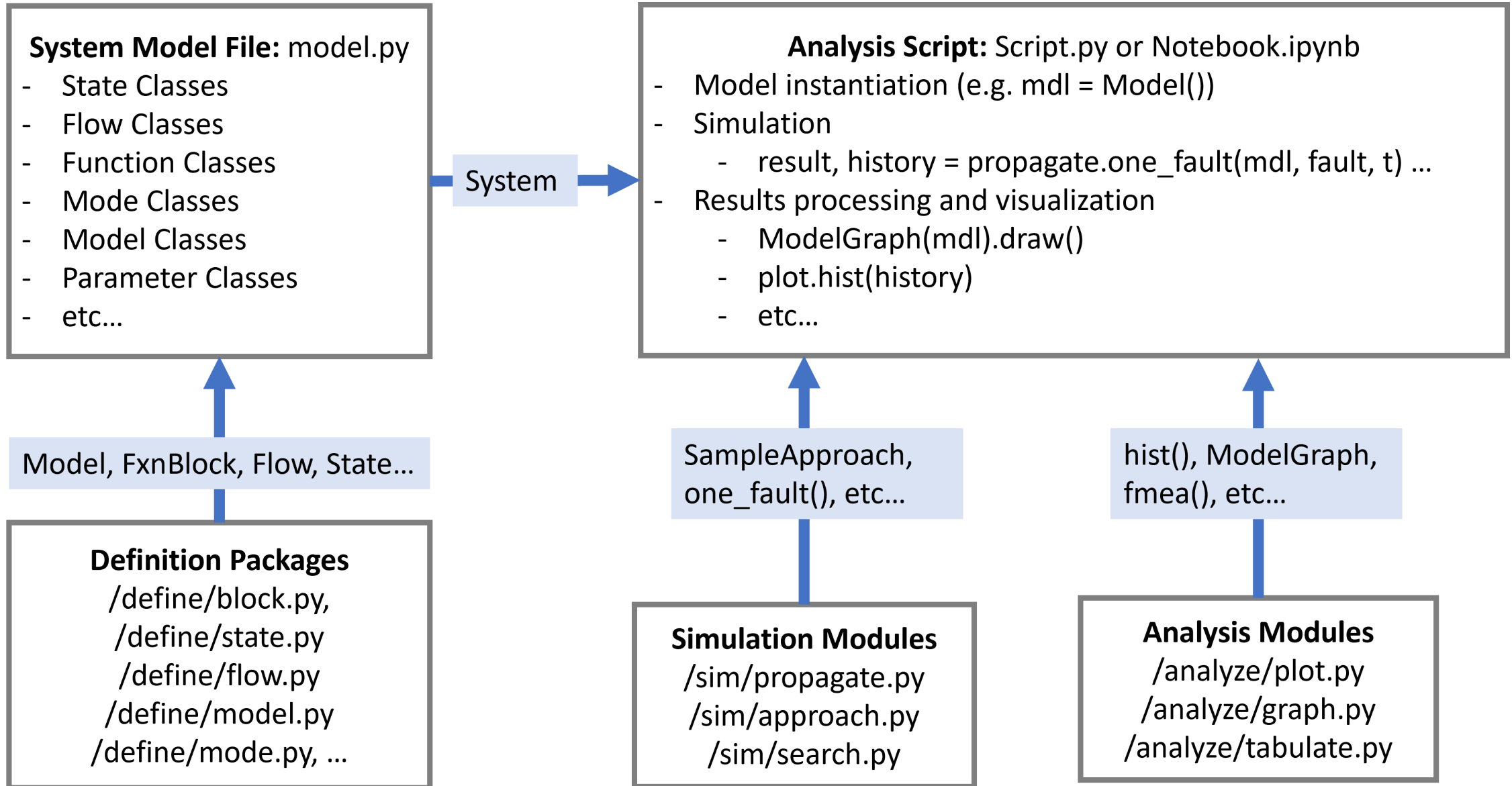
Repository (<https://github.com/nasa/fmdtools/>)

- `/fmdtools` : installable package
- `/examples` : example models with demonstrative notebooks and tests
- `/docs` : resources for [documentation](#)
- `/tests` : stand-alone tests (and testing rigs)
- `README.md` : Basic package description
- `CONTRIBUTORS.md` : Credit for contributions
- `requirements.txt` : List of requirements
- ... and other configuration files

Activity: Download and Install fmdtools

- repo link: <https://github.com/nasa/fmdtools/>
- set up repo:
 - create `path/to/fmdtools` folder for repo
 - (usually in `/documents/GitHub`)
 - clone git into folder:
 - `git clone https://github.com/nasa/fmdtools.git`
 - can also use webpage
- package installation:
 - Open Python from anaconda (e.g., open Spyder)
 - Install with `pip install -e /path/to/fmdtools`

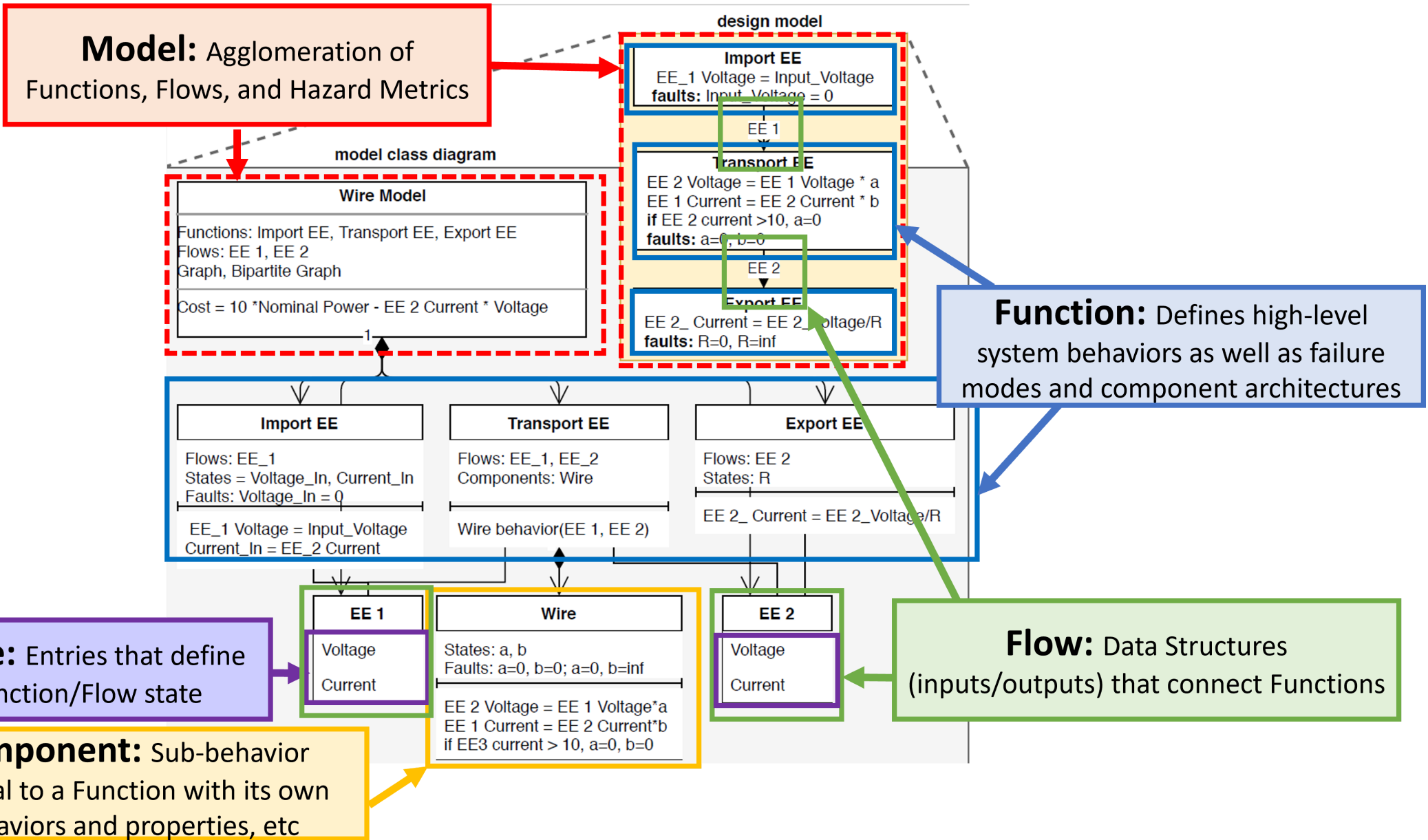
Analysis Workflow/Structure



Defining a Model

- What do we want out of a model?
 - What behaviors and how much fidelity do we need?
 - What functions/components and interactions make up the system?
 - Single function or multiple functions?
 - Is it controlled? Are there multiple agents?
- What type of simulation do we want to run?
 - Single-timestep vs multi-timestep vs network
- What scenarios do we want to study and how?
 - Failure modes and faulty behaviors
 - Disturbances and changes in parameters
 - What are the possible effects of hazards and how bad are they?
 - By what metrics?

Defining a Model



Demo Model Activity: `examples/pump/ex_pump.py`

Notice the definitions and structure:

- **States:** `WaterStates` , `EEStates` , `SignalStates`
- **Flows:** `Water` , `EE` , `Signal`
- **Functions:** `ImportEE` , `ImportWater` , `ExportWater` , `MoveWater` , `ImportSignal`
 - **Flows**
 - **Modes** (e.g., `ImportEEMode` , `ImportSigMode`)
 - Mode probability model
 - Actual modes in `faultparams` entry
 - others attributes, e.g., `Timer`
- **Model:** `Pump` connects functions, flows, and defines `end_classification`
- **Parameter:** `PumpParam` defines values we can change in the simulation

More Resources for Model Definition

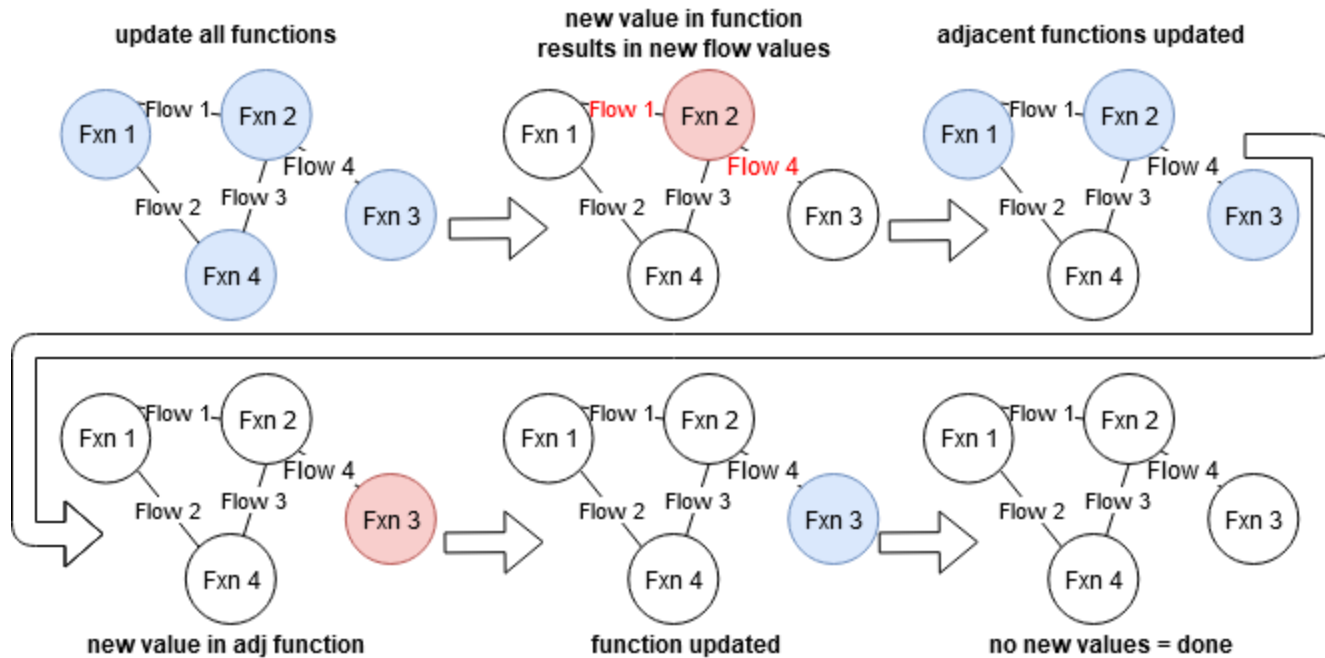
- Note the docs for model definition in <https://nasa.github.io/fmdtools/docs/fmdtools.define.html>
- Other examples also can be helpful: <https://nasa.github.io/fmdtools/docs/Examples.html>

Notebook Activity:

Open `/examples/pump/Tutorial_unfilled.ipynb` :

- Instantiate the model
 - `mdl = Pump()`
- Explore structure
 - Try different parameters!
 - Change things!
What does the model directory look like?
 - `dir(mdl)`

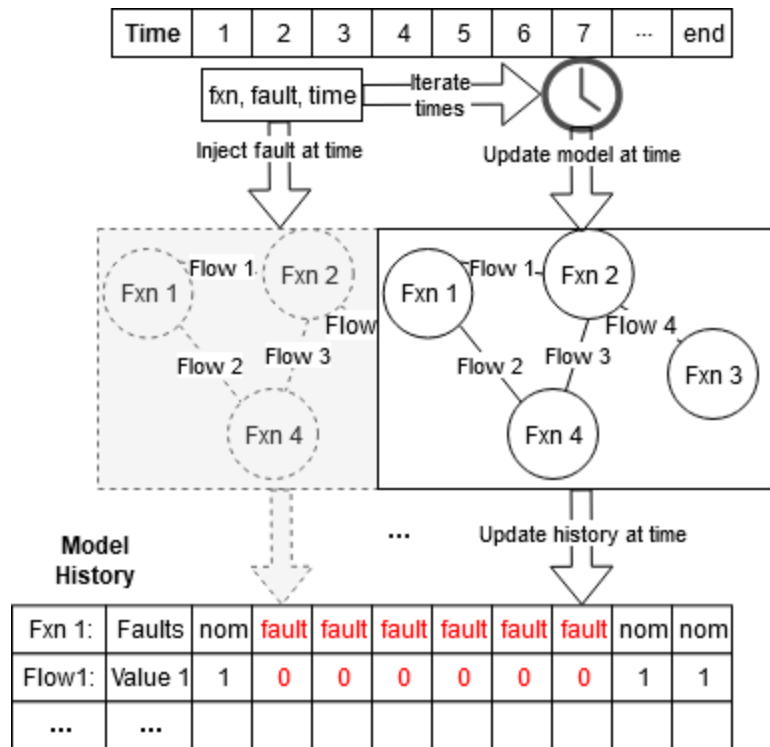
Simulation Concepts: Static/Undirected Propagation



In a single timestep:

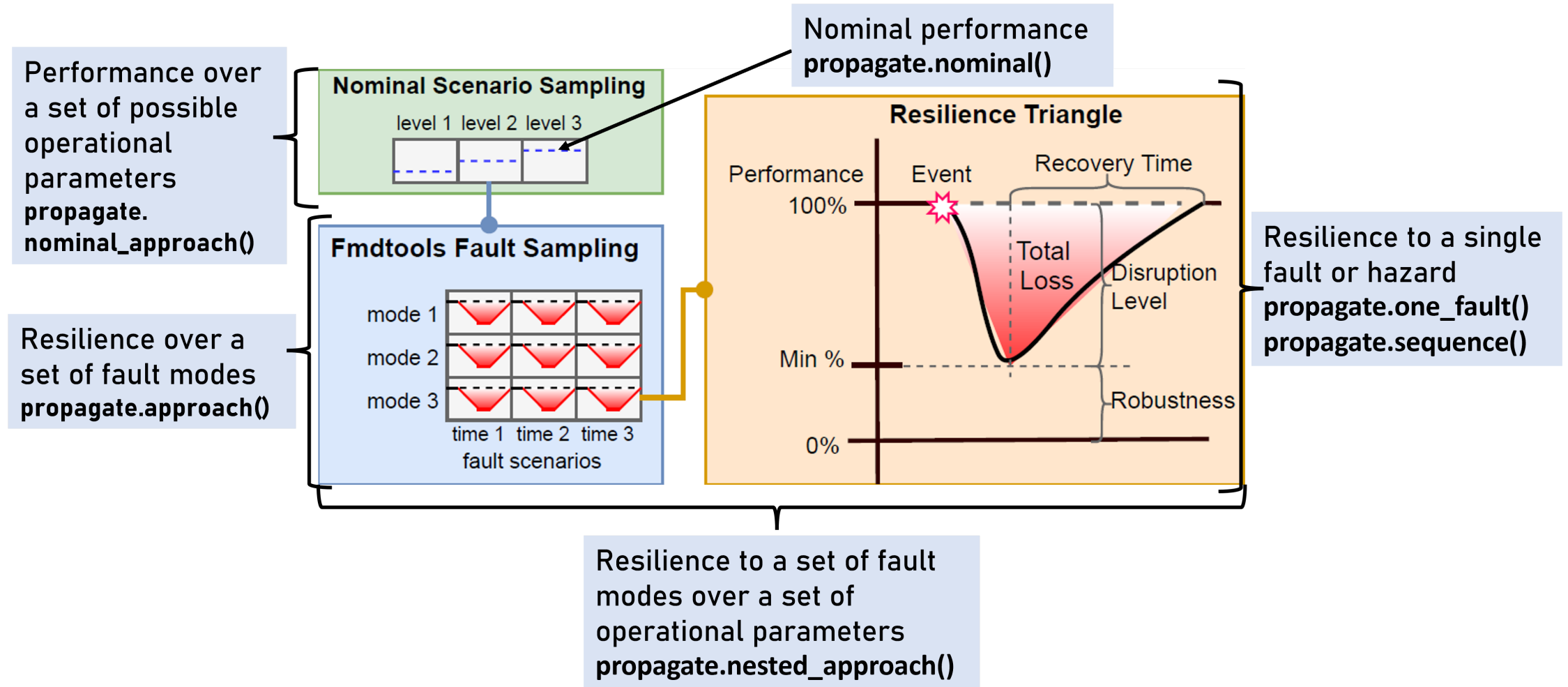
- Functions with `static_behavior()` methods simulate until behaviors converge (i.e., no new state values)
- Functions with `dynamic_behavior()` run once in defined order

Simulation Concepts: Propagation over Time



- Model increments (simulated + history updated) over each time-step until a defined final time-step or specified indicator returns true.

Simulation Concepts: Types of Simulations



For more info, (syntax/arguments), see documentation for fmdtools.sim.propagate

Simulation Concepts: Sampling Approaches

These classes define **multi-run simulations** which can be used to quantify uncertain performance/resiliences:

- **SampleApproach**: Which faults to sample and when
 - Relies on **mode** information encoded in the model
 - Simulated using `propagate.approach()`
- **NominalApproach**: Nominal parameters or random seeds to sample
 - Can be simulated in `propagate.nominal_approach()`
 - Can be simulated in conjunction with faults using `propagate.nested_approach`

See docs for: `fmdtools.sim.approach`

Simulation Concepts: Things to Consider

Static/Dynamic propagation: How function states propagate to each other in a single time-step and multiple time-steps

- Undirected graph representation—states can effect all other connected states, and vice versa, in any order

Stochastic Propagation: Whether and how stochastic states are instantiated over time

- e.g. do we run with the “default” values of parameters, or do we sample from a random number generator?

Breadth of Scenarios: How hazards are represented as discrete scenarios to simulate

- What set of joint faults do we use? How many times are sampled?
- Operational scenarios and joint operational/fault scenarios

Activity: Simulate the Model

Run fault propagation methods:

- `propagate.nominal()`
- `propagate.one_fault()`
- `propagate.approach()`

What do the results look like? Explore data structures:

- `analyze.result.Result`
- `analyze.result.History`

Explore:

- What happens when you change `SampleApproach` parameters?
- What happens when you change `Model` parameters?
- How do these methods compare in terms of computational time?

Analysis Modules

plot.py

Behavioral/Statistical Plotting

- **hists():** Plots behavior of given states over time in a set of scenarios
- **metric_dist()/_from():** Histograms of modelled metrics
- **nominal_vals_1d/2d/3d():** Simulation metric(s) in terms of input parameters
- **nominal/nested_factor_comparison():** Comparison of simulation statistics over given factors



graph.py

Visualization of simulation results on the model graph

- **Graph:** Base class for graph display methods, with methods like
 - **draw():** Show graph at state
 - **draw_from():** shows graph states at a given time-step
- **ModelGraph, ASGGraph, etc:** Subclasses that create graph structures for specific fmdtools classes



tabulate.py

Display and export of simulation results as tables

- **fmea():** FMEA-like assessment with faults, probabilities, and costs.
- **metricovertime():** total metric, rate, and expected metrics of scenarios over time
- **nominal/nested_factor_comparison():** Table of simulation statistics over factors
- others...



result.py

Logging, processing, and save/load for simulation results

- **Result:** Class for storing results from a simulation specified in `desired_result` argument, e.g.:
 - `endclass` (from `find_classification`)
 - `graph` (graph view)
 - `model values` (user-defined)
- **History:** Class for storing simulation histories specified using `track` argument

See docs for: [fmdtools.analyze](#)

Analysis Activity

Visualize the results:

- Show model graph
- Show nominal performances
- Show performances in a nominal scenario
- Make a scenario-based fmea

Explore:

- How can you show only the parameters you want? Or change the formatting?
- What does the behavior under other faults look like?
- What other analyses can you perform with these results?

Conclusions/Summary

- **fmdtools** is an environment for designing resilient systems
 - `/define` enables model definition
 - `/sim` is used to define simulations
 - `/analyze` is used to analyze and visualize simulation results
- I hope you agree that it has some powerful features!
 - Modelling expressiveness and clarity
 - Types of simulations that can be run
 - Powerful but easy-to-leverage plug-and-play analyses

Further Reading/Links

- More advanced topics ([see examples](#)):
 - Search and optimization
 - Human/AI Modelling
 - Systems-of-Systems modeling
 - Modelling Stochastic Behavior
 - ... and more
- [Model Development Guide](#): Has best practices for developing models in a strategic way (especially helpful for complex models)
- Overview Paper:
 - [Hulse, D., Walsh, H., Dong, A., Hoyle, C., Tumer, I., Kulkarni, C., & Goebel, K. \(2021\). fmdtools: A fault propagation toolkit for resilience assessment in early design. International Journal of Prognostics and Health Management, 12\(3\).](#)