

1. Overview of Pyomo



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Pyomo Overview

Idea: a Pythonic framework for formulating optimization models

- Provide a natural syntax to describe mathematical models
- Formulate large models with a concise syntax
- Separate modeling and data declarations
- Enable data import and export in commonly used formats

Highlights:

- Python provides a clean, intuitive syntax
- Python scripts provide a flexible context for exploring the structure of Pyomo models

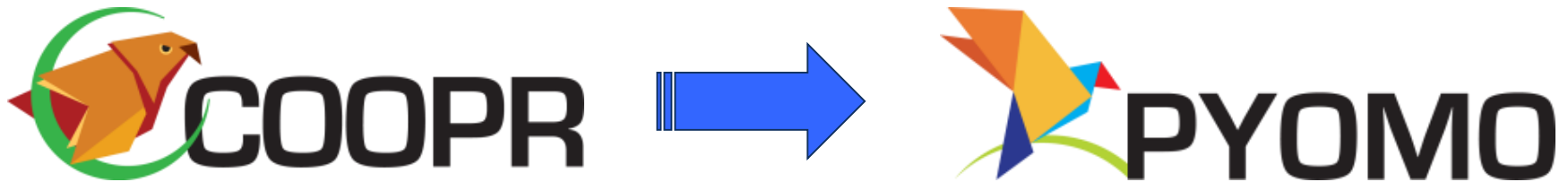
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# simple.py
from pyomo.environ import *

M = ConcreteModel()
M.x1 = Var()
M.x2 = Var(bounds=(-1,1))
M.x3 = Var(bounds=(1,2))
M.o = Objective(
    expr=M.x1**2 + (M.x2*M.x3)**4 + \
        M.x1*M.x3 + \
        M.x2*sin(M.x1+M.x3) + M.x2)

model = M
```

- What happened to Coopr?
- Three really good questions:
 - Why another Algebraic Modeling Language (AML)?
 - Why Python?
 - Why open-source?
- Pyomo: Software library infrastructure
- Pyomo: Team overview and collaborators / users
- Where to find more information...

What Happened to Coopr?



- Users were installing Coopr but using Pyomo
 - Pyomo modeling extensions were not distinct enough
 - Researchers cited “Coopr/Pyomo”
- Users/Developers were confused by the `coopr` and `pyomo` commands
- Developers were coding in Coopr but talking about Pyomo

We needed to provide clear branding this project!

Goal:

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Impact:

- Robustly model large constraint matrices (e.g. for MILPs)
- Integrated support of automatic differentiation for complex nonlinear models

Examples:

- AMPL, GAMS, AIMMS, ...
- OptimJ, FlopCPP, PuLP, JuMP, ...

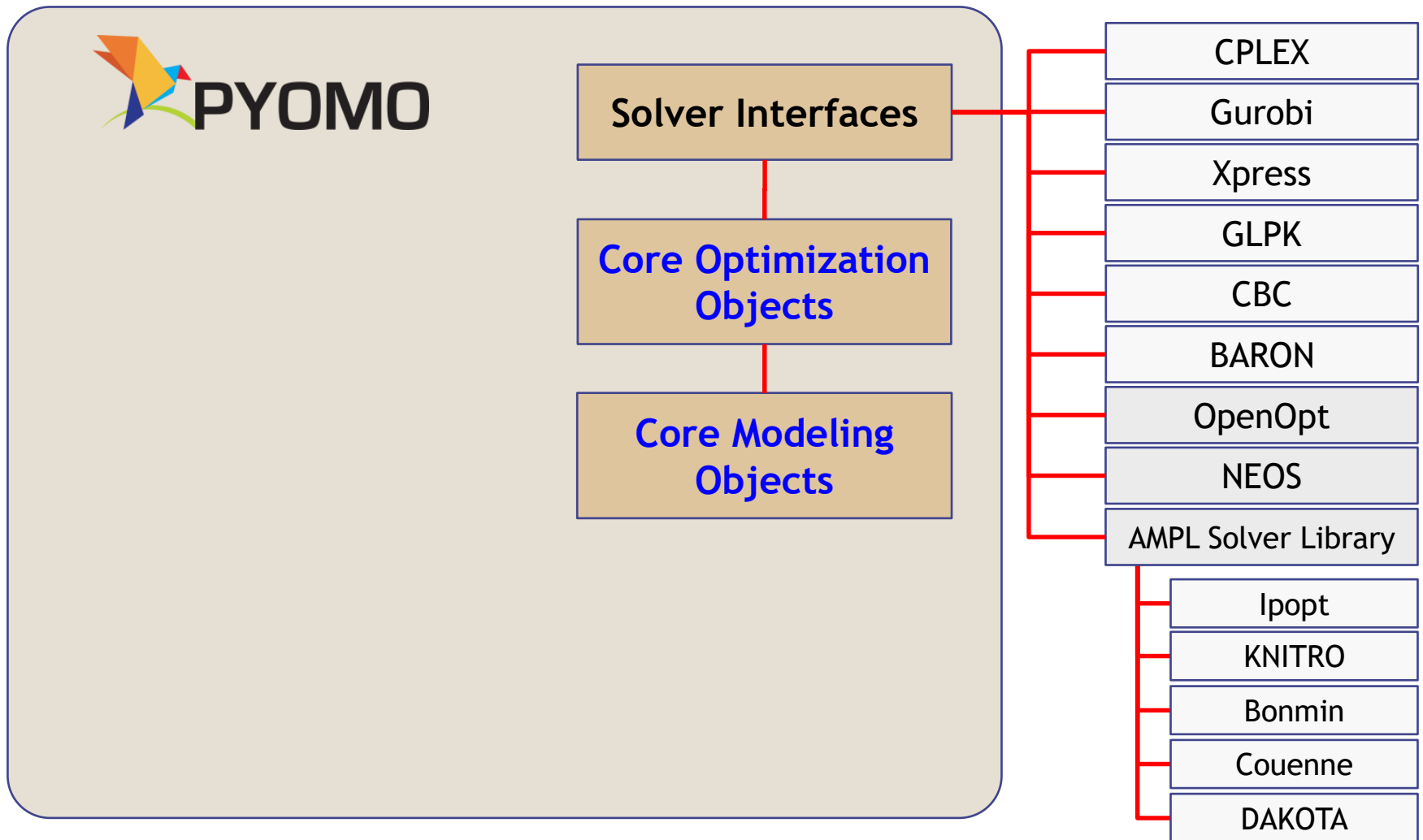
Why Model in Python?

- **Full-Featured Library**
 - Language features includes functions, classes, looping, namespaces, etc
 - Introspection facilitates the development of generic algorithms
 - Python's clean syntax facilitates rapid prototyping
- **Open Source License**
 - No licensing issues w.r.t. the language itself
- **Extensibility and Robustness**
 - Highly stable and well-supported
- **Support and Documentation**
 - Extensive online documentation and several excellent books
 - Long-term support for the language is not a factor
- **Standard Library**
 - Includes a large number of useful modules
- **Portability**
 - Widely available on many platforms

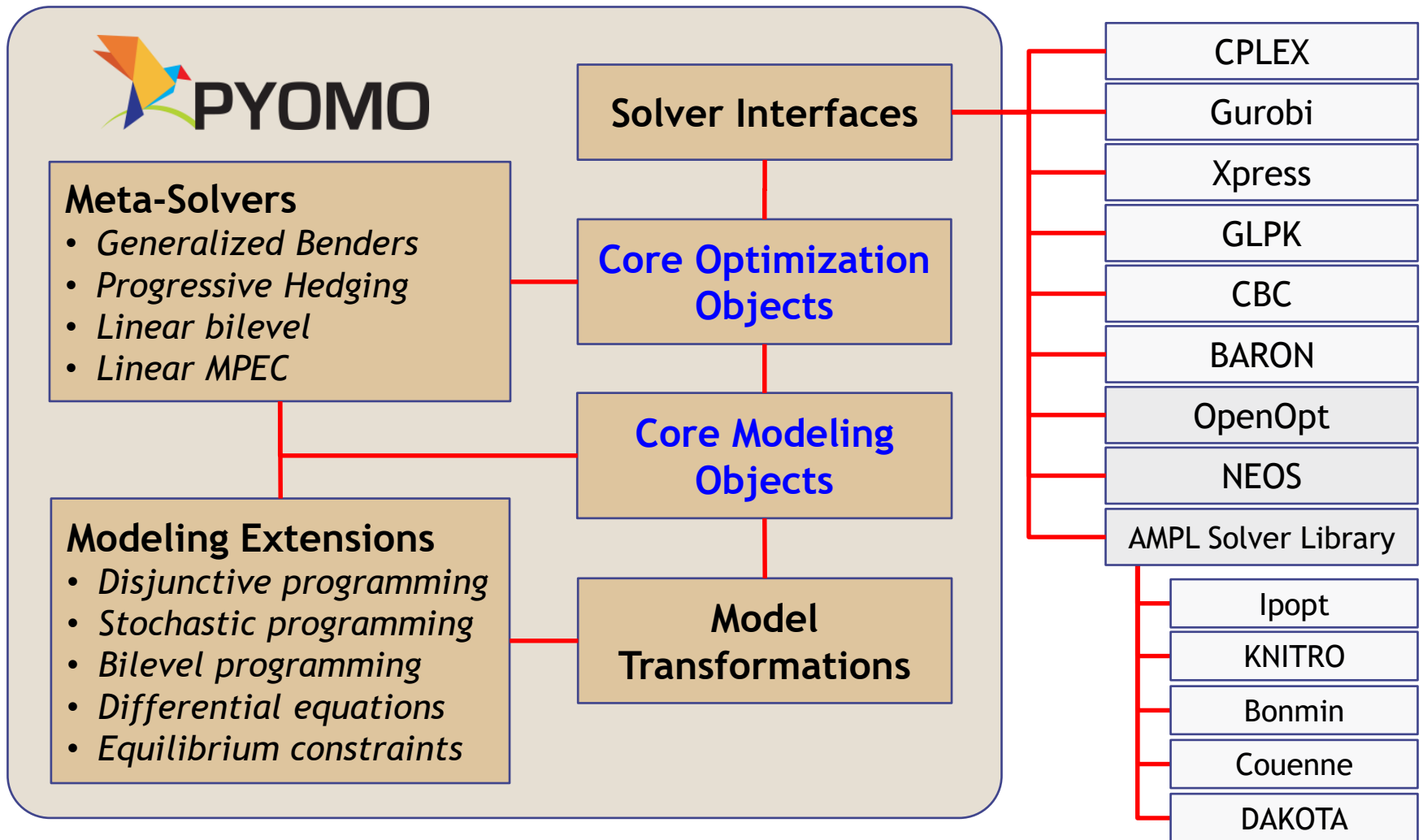
Why Open Source?

- Transparency and reliability
- Foster community involvement
 - Extend the modeling language
 - Develop new solvers / algorithms
 - Interface with additional external utilities
 - “Stone Soup” model
- Flexible licensing
 - Pyomo released under 3-clause BSD license
 - No restrictions on deployment or commercial use

Pyomo at a Glance



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Survey of Python Modeling Tools

- **Pyomo**
 - Supports concrete/abstract modeling for LP/MILP/NLP models
 - Modeling extensions for stochastic programming, bilevel, MPEC, etc
 - Separate model objects
- **PuLP**
 - Supports concrete modeling for LP/MILP models
 - Separate model objects
 - Simple object model
- **APLEpy**
 - Supports concrete modeling for LP/MILP models
 - Single global model object
- **PyMathProg, pyglpk, cplex, gurobi**
 - Python interfaces for specific solver tools

Scripting

- Construct models using native Python data
- Iterative analysis of models leveraging Python functionality
- Data analysis and visualization of optimization results

Model transformations (a.k.a. reformulations)

- Automate generation of one model from another
- Leverage Pyomo's object model to apply transformations sequentially
- E.g.: relax integrality, GDP -> Big M

Meta-solvers

- Integrate scripting and/or transformations into optimization solver
- Leverage Python's introspective nature to build "generic" capabilities
- E.g.: progressive hedging, SP extensive form -> MIP

Who Uses Pyomo?

- Students
 - Rose-Hulman, UC Davis, U Texas, Iowa State, NPS
- Researchers
 - Government laboratories
 - Sandia National Labs, Lawrence Livermore National Lab, Los Alamos National Lab, National Energy Technology Lab, Federal Energy Regulation Commission
 - Universities
 - UC Davis, TAMU, Rose-Hulman, UT, USC, GMU, Iowa State, NCSU, U Washington, NPS, U de Santiago de Chile, U Pisa, ...
 - Companies

Who Uses Pyomo?

- Software Projects
 - TEMOA – Energy economy optimization models
 - Minpower – Power systems toolkit
 - Water Security Toolkit – Planning/Response for water contamination
 - SolverStudio – Excel plugin for optimization modeling

For More Information

See the Pyomo homepage

- www.pyomo.org

The Pyomo homepage provides a portal for:

- Online documentation
- Installation instructions
- Help information
- Developer links

Coming soon:

- A gallery of simple examples



What is Pyomo?

Pyomo is a python-based, open-source optimization modeling language with a diverse set of optimization capabilities.
[Read More](#)

Installation

The easiest way to install Pyomo is to use pip. Pyomo also needs access to optimization solvers.
[Read more](#)

Latest: Pyomo 4.0

Docs

Documentation of core Pyomo modeling capabilities is available online.
[Read more](#)

Acknowledgments

The Pyomo project would not be where it is without the generous contributions of numerous people and organizations.
[Read More](#)

Getting Help

The Pyomo Forum is an online resource for users to ask questions and get help from other users.

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Pyomo is used by researchers to solve complex real-world applications.
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Community

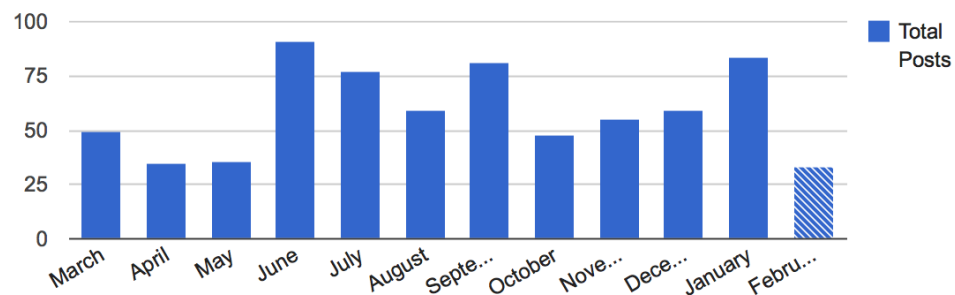
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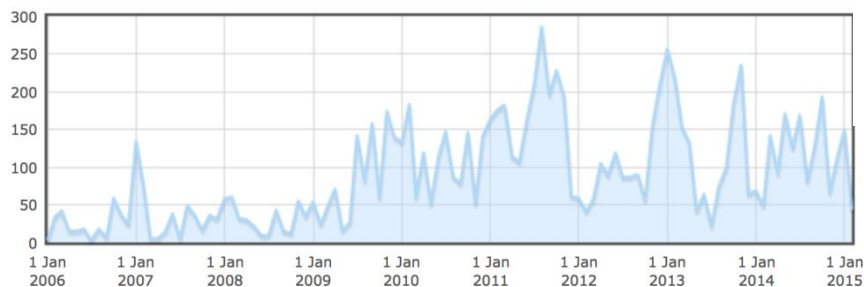
Development, Community Activity

- Pyomo Forum
 - Active discussion list

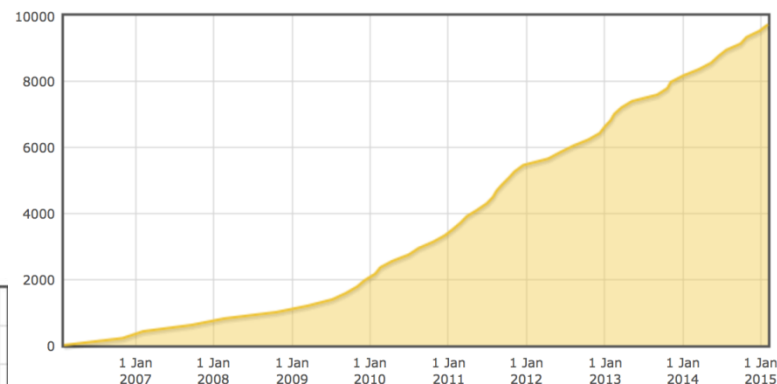


- Active developer community

Commits by month



Commits by time



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