

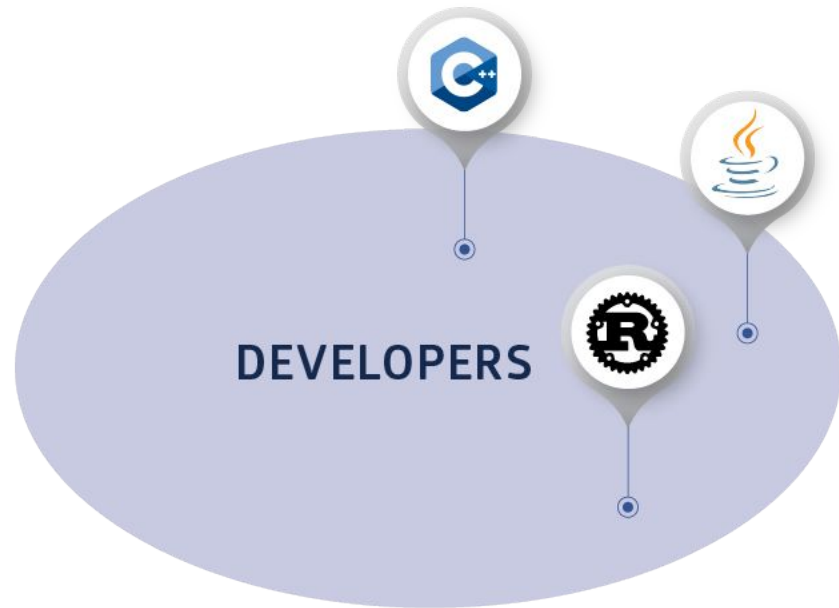
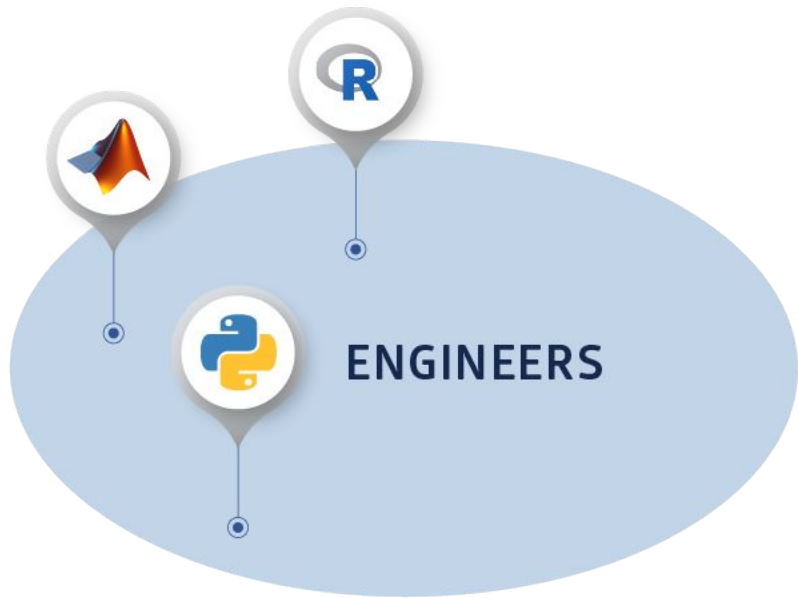
Satellite Power Analysis

A Fast, Composable, Open-Source Approach

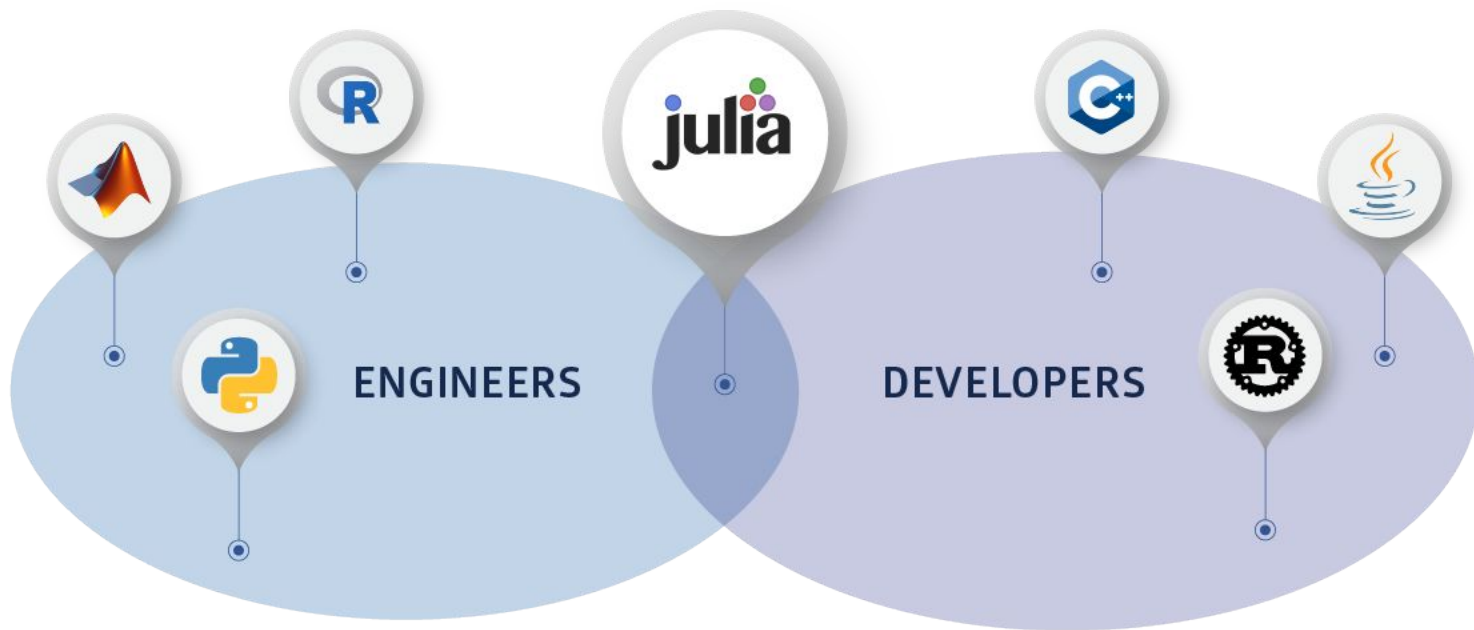


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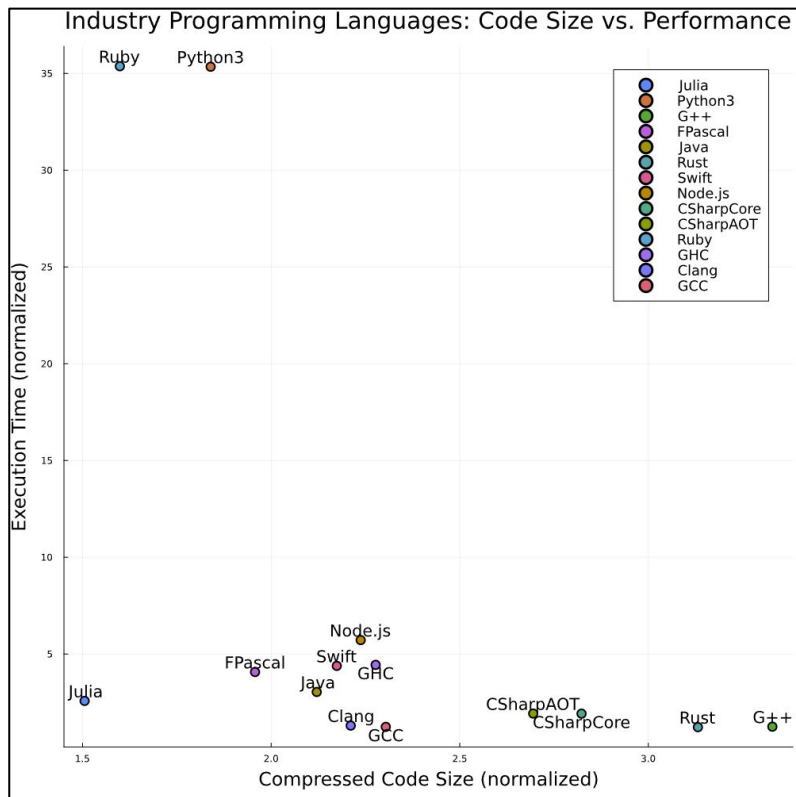
The two-culture problem creates divides



Julia solves the two-culture problem



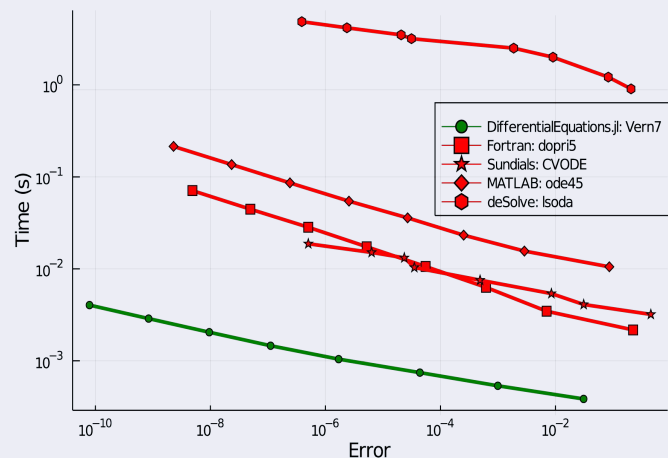
Performance Enables Higher Fidelity



Benchmarks

- 50x faster than SciPy
- 50x faster than MATLAB
- 100x faster than deSolve in R

Non-Stiff ODE: Rigid Body System

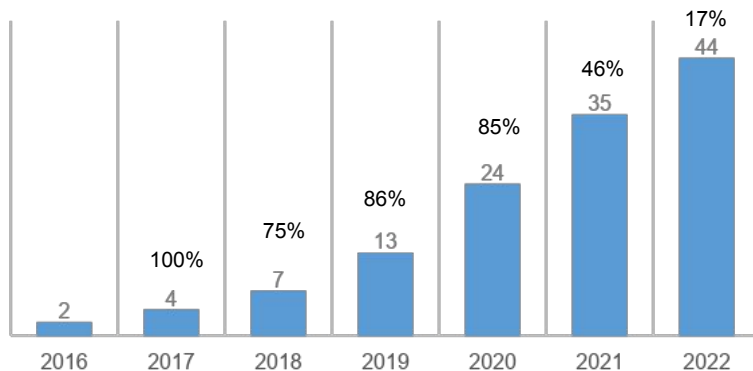


New Graduates Are Entering the Workforce with Julia Proficiency

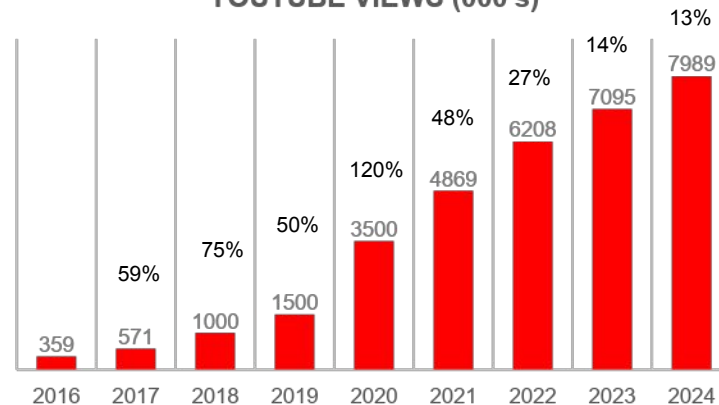


Estimated 1 Million Users of Julia, and growing!

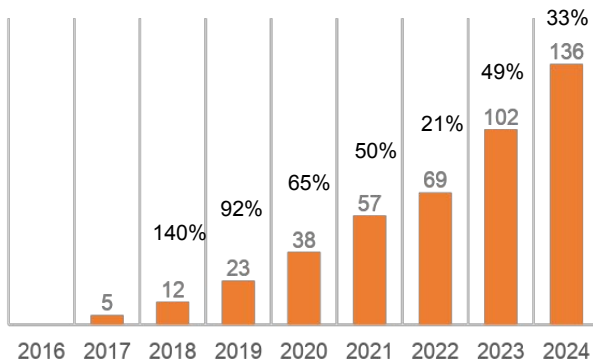
DOWNLOADS (Millions)



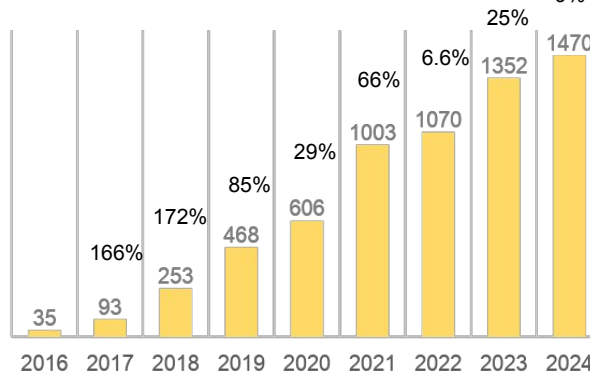
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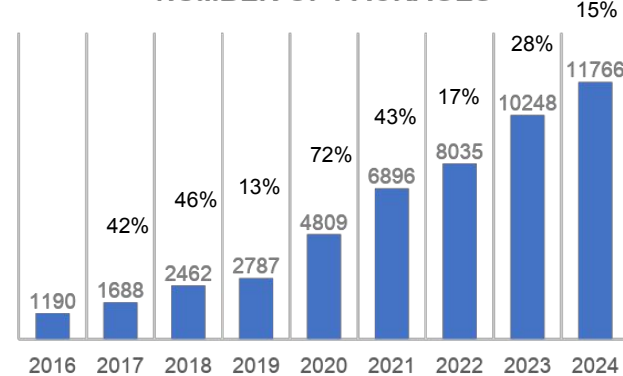
Forum Views (Millions)



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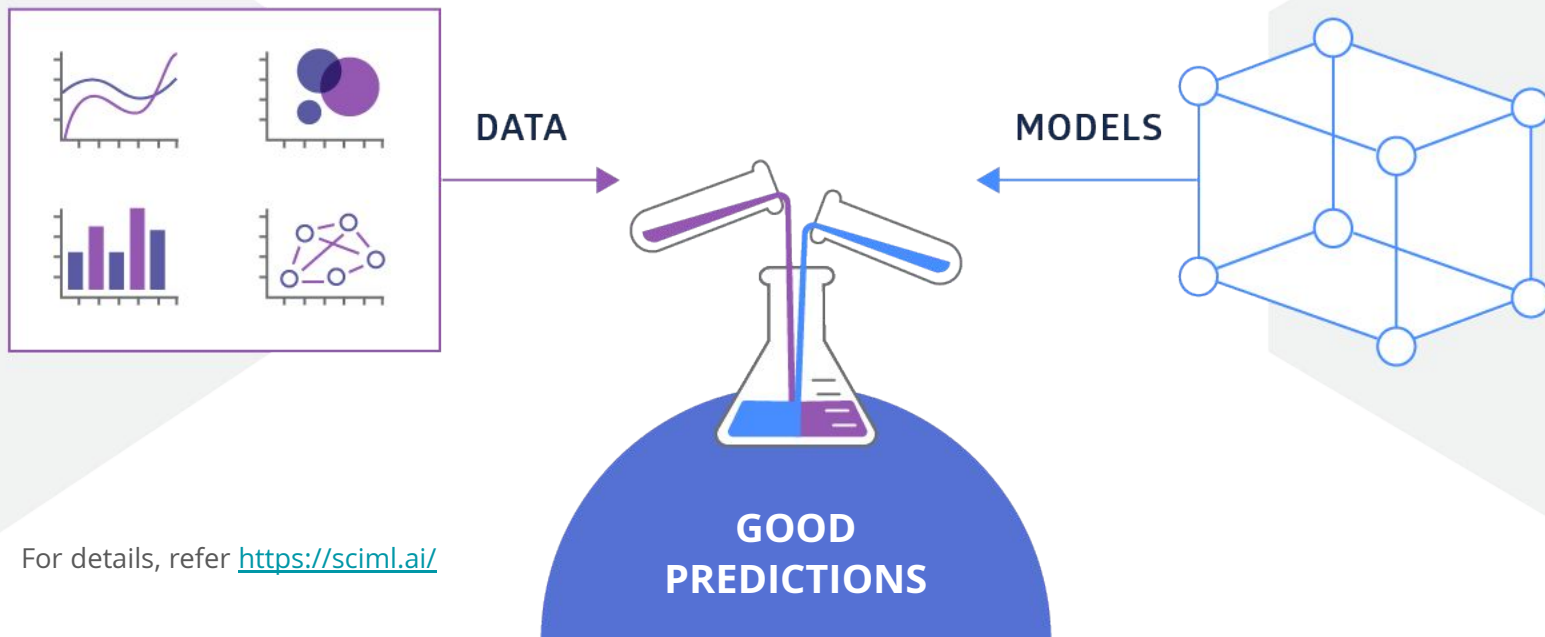


What is SciML?



SciML

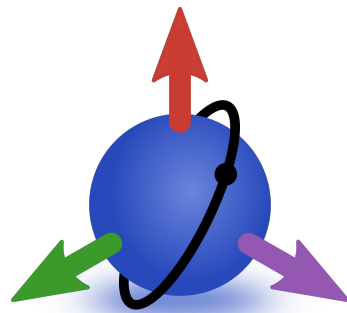
Open Source Software for
Scientific Machine Learning



SatelliteToolbox.jl

Open-source Julia package for high-performance space mission analysis

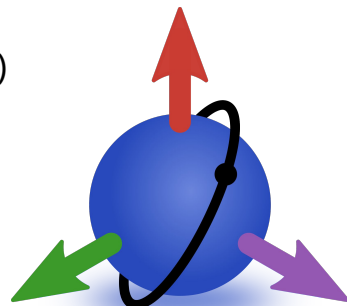
- Development led by Ronan Arraes Jardim Chagas (PhD) at National Institute for Space Research (INPE)
- PhD Research necessitated a simulation of an inertial navigation system consisting of numerous UAVs each with 18 states
- Motivation
 - Underperformance of a well-known software for space mission analysis engineering
 - Would have taken ~6 month to fully simulate his desired configuration
 - Desire to avoid implementation of C features to improve performance
 - High technical burden and also leads to the two-language problem



SatelliteToolbox.jl

Key Features

- Open-source, composable with Julia ecosystem
- Satellite orbit propagation
 - J2, J2 osculating, J4, J4 osculating, SGP4/SDP4, and two-body
- Transformation of reference systems
 - Conventions defined by IAU-76/FK5 and IAU-2006/2010A
 - Geocentric and geodetic coordinates
 - Earth-Centered, Earth-Fixed reference frame to local reference frames
- Computation of atmospheric density
 - Exponential, Jacchia-Roberts 1971, Jacchia-Bowman 2008, and NRLMSISE-00)
- Obtain position vectors of Sun and Moon
- Fetch two-line elements (TLE) of catalogued satellite from online sources
 - Read, parse, and generate TLEs
- Convert time between the required time epochs (UTC, UT1, TT)



Satellite Power Analysis

Key Insights

Approach

- SatelliteToolbox.jl
 - Orbital mechanics
 - Sun vector
 - Illumination conditions
 - Solar panel orientation
- Julia
 - Solar panel
 - *MPPTracker**
 - *DC-DC Converter**
 - *Battery**
- Simulation

Advantages

- High performance using a single, expressive language
- Enables high-fidelity component-based modeling and analysis in a single framework
- Fully composable with Julia ecosystem
- Open-source

Orbital Mechanics with SatelliteToolbox.jl

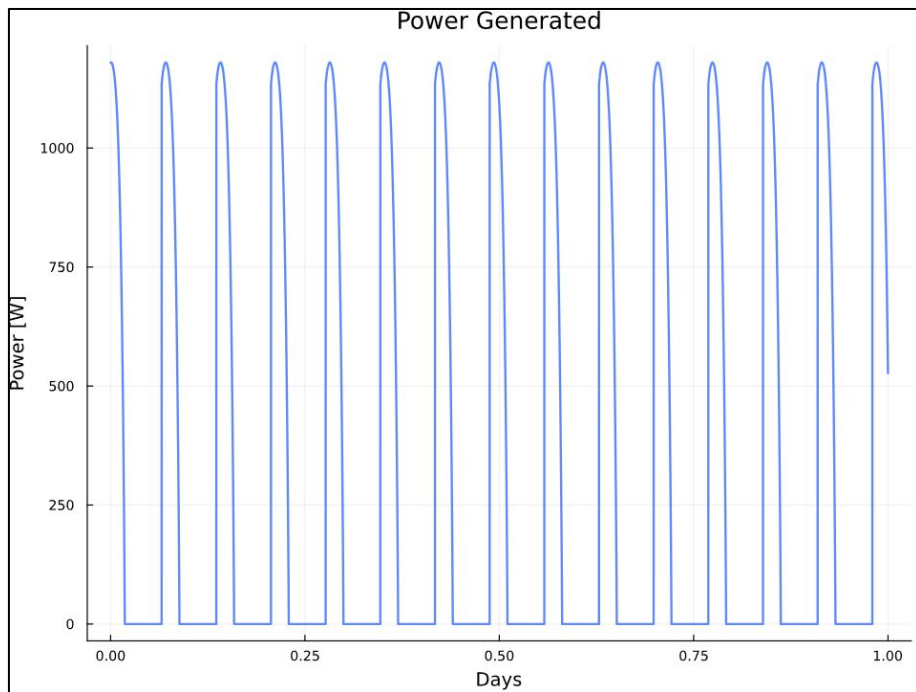
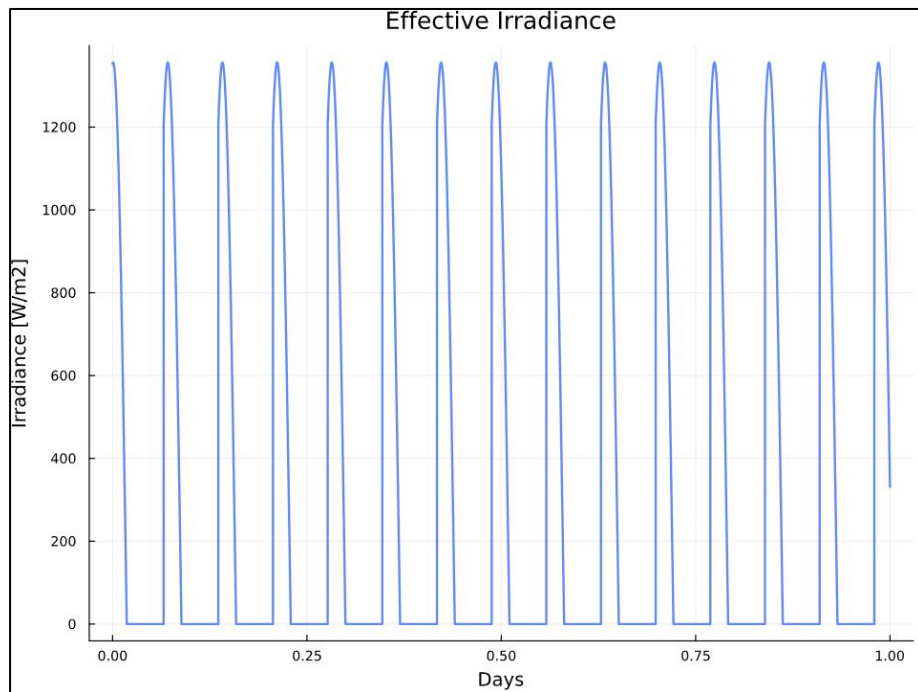
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11 ##### 1. Orbital mechanics #####
12 # Compute the satellite's position over time using orbital parameters.
13
14 jd_0 = date_to_jd(2025, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0) # start time
15 days = 30
16
17 orb = KeplerianElements(
18     jd_0,          # epoch [JD]
19     7190.982e3,    # semi-major axis [m]
20     0.001111,      # small eccentricity
21     98.405 |> deg2rad, # inclination [rad]
22     100 |> deg2rad,  # RAAN [rad]
23     90 |> deg2rad,   # argument of perigee [rad]
24     19 |> deg2rad    # true anomaly [rad]
25 )
26
27 orbp = Propagators.init(Val{(:J2)}, orb)
28
29 ret = Propagators.propagate!.(orbp, 0:1:(86400*days)) # propagate for 30 days
30
31 sat_pos = getindex.(ret,1) # collect the position data
32 sat_vel = getindex.(ret,2) # collect the velocity data
33
34
35 ##### 2. Sun vector #####
36 # Determine where the sun is in relation to the satellite at any given time.
37
38 Δt = 1.0 # 1-minute time step in seconds
39 times = collect(jd_0:Δt/86400:jd_0 + days) # 86400 = seconds per day
40 times_adj = times .- jd_0 # adjusted time array where t=0 corresponds to jd_0
41 end_time = maximum(times_adj)
42
43 sun_pos = [sun_position_mod(jd) for jd in times] # vector from Earth center to Sun
44 sun_vec = sun_pos .- sat_pos # vector from Satellite to Sun
45
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46 ##### 3. Illumination condition #####
47 # Figure out whether the satellite is in sunlight or eclipse.
48
49 sat_condition = lighting_condition.(sat_pos, sun_pos)
50 sunlight = Int.(sat_condition .== :sunlight) # 1 if satellite is in sunlight, 0 otherwise
51 sunlight_interp = QuadraticInterpolation(sunlight, times_adj)
52
53 ##### 4. Solar panel orientation #####
54 # Compute the angle between the panel normal and the sun vector.
55
56 sun_unit = sun_vec./norm.(sun_vec) # unit vector from Satellite to Sun
57 panel_norm = sat_vel./norm.(sat_vel) # unit norm for solar panels; assume panels face direction of velocity
58
59 theta = acos.(dot.(panel_norm, sun_unit)) # angle between solar panel normal and Sun direction [rad]
60 theta_interp = QuadraticInterpolation(theta, times_adj)
```

Solar Panel Model with Julia

```
@component function SolarPanelSimple(; name, G=1361, A=5, η_ref=0.3, T_ref=300, β=0.004, α=0.9, ε=0.8, ρ=5.67e-8)
    params = @parameters begin
        (G::Float64 = G)
        (A::Float64 = A)
        (η_ref::Float64 = η_ref)
        (T_ref::Float64 = T_ref)
        (β::Float64 = β)
        (α::Float64 = α)
        (ε::Float64 = ε)
        (ρ::Float64 = ρ)
    end
    vars = @variables begin
        θ(t), [input = true]
        in_sunlight(t), [input = true]
        G_eff(t)
        T(t)
        η(t)
        P(t)
    end
    defaults = Dict{
    }
    eqs = Equation[
        T ~ ((ρ * G_eff) / (ε * ρ)) ^ (1 / 4)
        G_eff ~ max(G * cos(θ) * in_sunlight, 0)
        η ~ η_ref * (1 - β * (T - T_ref))
        P ~ G_eff * A * η
    ]
    return ODESystem(eqs, t, vars, params; systems = [], defaults, name)
end
```

Simulation Results





Julia is the open-source programming language designed for scientific & technical computing

- Julia is widely adopted in the scientific and defense communities for its speed, scalability, and ease of use.
- Strong academic pedigree (MIT) and board (GE and Boeing)

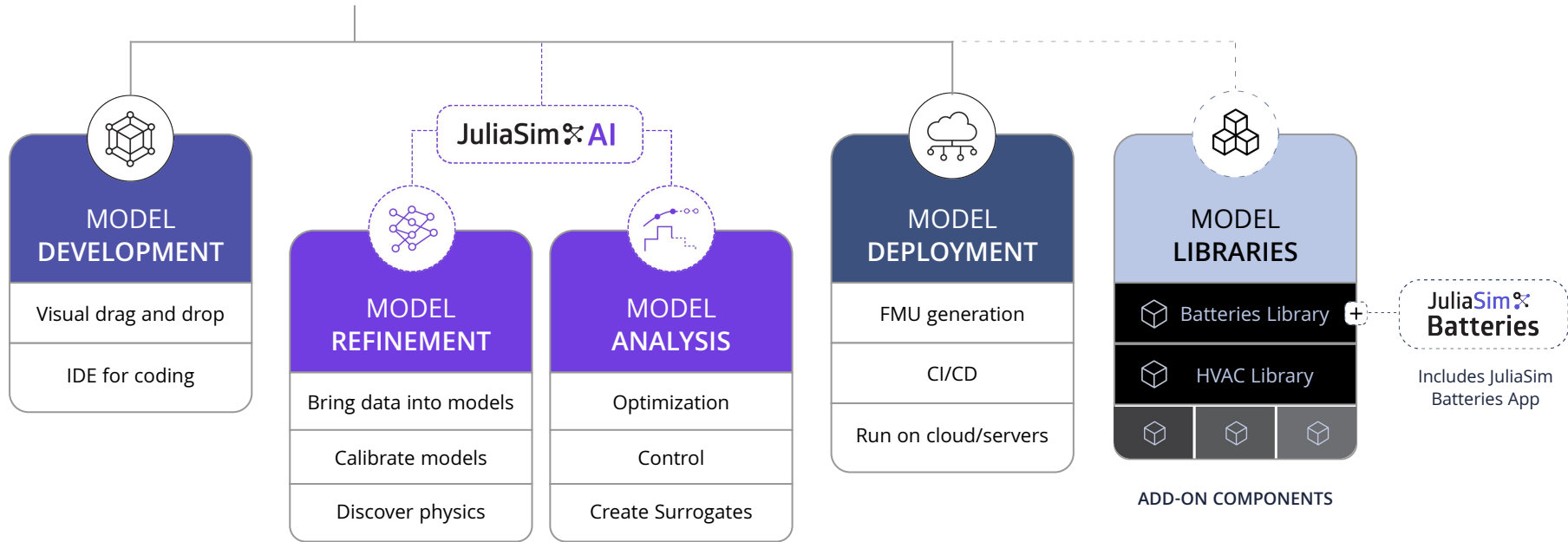
JuliaHub provides value through

- Software development of Julia based applications
- Enterprise based modeling and simulation ecosystem (JuliaSim)
- Consulting, deployment and mentoring around the Julia language





Modern Modeling and Simulation Powered by Machine Learning



BUILT ON OPEN SOURCE COMPONENTS



Summary

- Julia
- Satellite Power Analysis
- JuliaHub + JuliaSim

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