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# BMSpy Documentation

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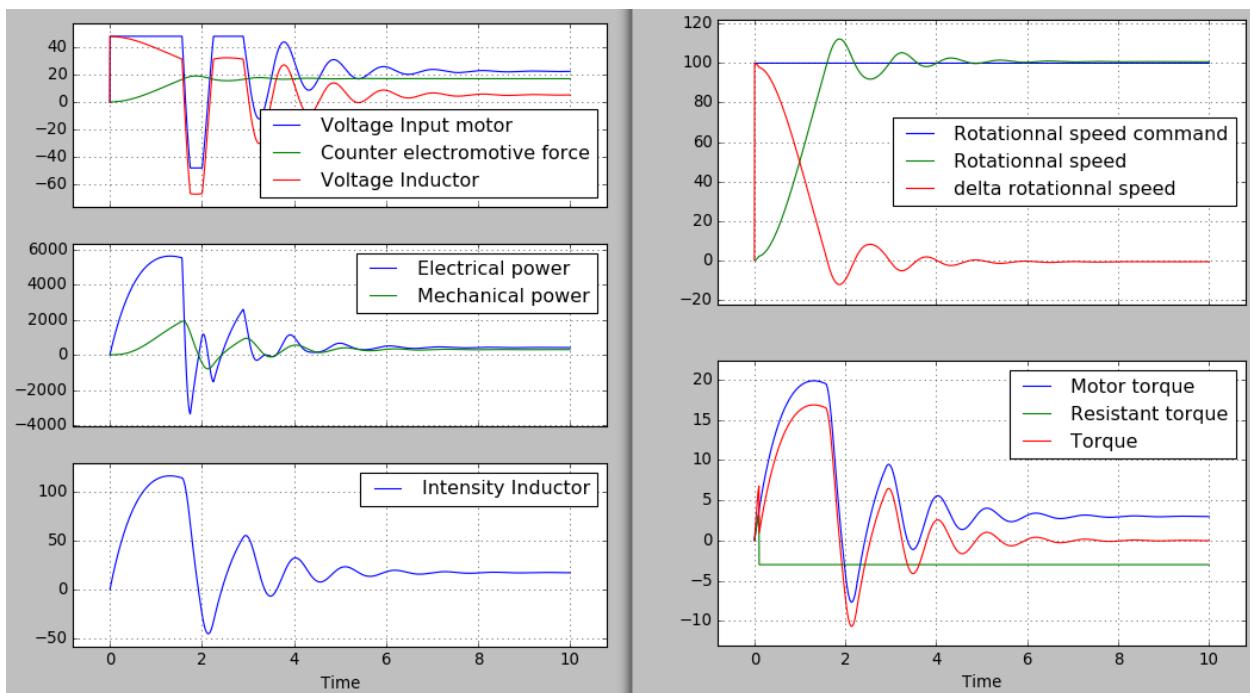
## Getting Started

### 1.1 What is BMS for?

BMS stands for “Block Model Simulator”. It helps defining a `DynamicalSystem`, a collection of variables linked by equations or behaviors.

The values of the model’s variables are computed by the model and can be displayed or post-treated.

Here is for example the output of an electric motor model:



## 1.2 Installation

The easy way:

```
pip install bms
```

or, if you are running python3:

```
pip3 install bms
```

Alternatively, you can download the source at: <https://pypi.python.org/pypi/bms/> After extracting, execute:

```
python setup.py install
```

If you are running python3:

```
python3 setup.py install
```

# CHAPTER 2

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## Development

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BMS is being actively developed! Feel free to interact!

Questions and bugs can be reported on github: <https://github.com/masfaraud/BMSpy/issues>

### 2.1 Release Notes

see also releases on github: <https://github.com/masfaraud/BMSpy/releases>

#### 2.1.1 Version 0.0

This is the alpha version. Code standards change rapidly, and compatibility is not guaranteed.

##### Version 0.0.8

- Physical modeling in order to generate automatically dynamic systems from physical components layout.
- Solver major improvement: loops in dynamic system are solved as a system of equations with an optimizer.

##### Version 0.0.7

Minor changes

##### Version 0.0.6

- Sphinx Documentation
- Variables accessible at time value by DynamicSystem method

### **Version 0.0.5**

- Version number standard change
- Model Saving/Loading from file
- New version of model drawing
- Inputs renamed Signals
- Drag & Drop Model drawer

### **Version 0.04**

- Reorganisation into subpackages of blocks and inputs

### **Version 0.03**

- Bug correction for float time step
- Redefinition of number of steps

### **Version 0.02**

- New blocks such as saturation or coulomb
- Bug fixes

### **Version 0.01**

Initial release

## **2.2 Roadmap**

- Implement computation of derivatives at t=0 for inputs
- Implement indicator of convergence when solving at a time step
- Nice model drawing (upgrade existing drag & drop interface)

# CHAPTER 3

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## Reference

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### 3.1 Core

Core of BMS. All content of this file is imported by bms, and is therefore in bms

This file defines the base of BMS.

**class** bms.core.**Block** (*inputs*, *outputs*, *max\_input\_order*, *max\_output\_order*)  
Bases: object

Abstract class of block: this class should not be instanciate directly

**InputValues** (*it*, *nsteps=None*)

Returns the input values at a given iteration for solving the block outputs

**OutputValues** (*it*, *nsteps=None*)

**Solve** (*it*, *ts*)

**class** bms.core.**DynamicSystem** (*te*, *ns*, *blocks=[]*)  
Bases: object

Defines a dynamic system that can simulate itself

#### Parameters

- **te** – time of simulation's end
- **ns** – number of steps
- **blocks** – (optional) list of blocks defining the model

**AddBlock** (*block*)

Add the given block to the model and also its input/output variables

**DrawModel** ()

**PlotVariables** (*subplots\_variables=None*)

**Save** (*name\_file*)

*name\_file*: name of the file without extension. The extension .bms is added by function

**Simulate** (*variables\_to\_solve=None*)**VariablesValues** (*variables, t*)

Returns the value of given variables at time *t*. Linear interpolation is performed between two time steps.

**Parameters**

- **variables** – one variable or a list of variables
- **t** – time of evaluation

**graph****bms.core.Load** (*file*)

Loads a model from specified file

**exception bms.coreModelError** (*message*)

Bases: Exception

**args****with\_traceback** ()

Exception.with\_traceback(tb) – set self.\_\_traceback\_\_ to tb and return self.

**class bms.core.PhysicalBlock** (*physical\_nodes, nodes\_with\_fluxes, occurrence\_matrix, commands, name*)

Bases: object

Abstract class to inherit when coding a physical block

**class bms.core.PhysicalNode** (*cl\_solves\_potential, cl\_solves\_fluxes, node\_name, potential\_variable\_name, flux\_variable\_name*)

Bases: object

Abstract class

**class bms.core.PhysicalSystem** (*te, ns, physical\_blocks, command\_blocks*)

Bases: object

Defines a physical system

**AddCommandBlock** (*block*)**AddPhysicalBlock** (*block*)**GenerateDynamicSystem** ()**Simulate** ()**dynamic\_system****class bms.core.Signal** (*names*)

Bases: *bms.core.Variable*

Abstract class of signal

**values****class bms.core.Variable** (*names='variable', initial\_values=[0], hidden=False*)

Bases: object

Defines a variable

**Parameters** **names** – Defines full name and short name.

If `names` is a string the two names will be identical otherwise `names` should be a tuple of strings (`full_name, short_name`)

**Parameters** `hidden` – inner variable to hide in plots if true  
`values`

## 3.2 Signals

### 3.2.1 Functions

Collection of mathematical function signals

**class** `bms.signals.functions.Ramp` (`name='Ramp', amplitude=1, delay=0, offset=0`)  
 Bases: `bms.core.Signal`

Create a Ramp with a certain amplitude, time delay and offset.

$$f(t) = \text{amplitude} \times (t - \text{delay}) + \text{offset}$$

#### Parameters

- `name` (`str`) – The name of this signal.
- `amplitude` – The angular coefficient of the Ramp function.
- `delay` – The horizontal offset of the function.
- `offset` – The vertical offset of the function.

#### values

**class** `bms.signals.functions.SignalFunction` (`name, function`)  
 Bases: `bms.core.Signal`

Create a signal based on a function defined by the user.

#### Parameters

- `name` (`str`) – The name of this signal.
- `function` – A function that depends on time.

#### values

**class** `bms.signals.functions.Sinus` (`name='Sinus', amplitude=1, w=1, phase=0, offset=0`)  
 Bases: `bms.core.Signal`

Create a Sine wave with a certain amplitude, angular velocity, phase and offset.

$$f(t) = \text{amplitude} \times \sin(\omega \times t + \text{phase}) + \text{offset}$$

#### Parameters

- `name` (`str`) – The name of this signal.
- `amplitude` – The amplitude of the sine wave.
- `w` – The angular velocity of the sine wave ( $\omega$ ).
- `phase` – The phase of the sine wave.
- `offset` – The vertical offset of the function.

**values**

```
class bms.signals.functions.Step(name='Step', amplitude=1, delay=0, offset=0)
Bases: bms.core.Signal
```

Create a Step with a certain amplitude, time delay and offset.

$$f(t) = \text{amplitude} \times u(t - \text{delay}) + \text{offset}$$

where

$$u(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } t < 0 \\ 1, & \text{if } t \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

**Parameters**

- **name** (*str*) – The name of this signal.
- **amplitude** – The height of the step function.
- **delay** – The time to wait before the function stops being zero.
- **offset** – The vertical offset of the function.

**values**

## 3.2.2 WLTP signals

WLTP signals

```
class bms.signals.wltp.WLTP1(name)
Bases: bms.core.Signal
```

WLTP classe 1 cycle Caution! speed in m/s, not in km/h!

**values**

```
class bms.signals.wltp.WLTP2(name)
Bases: bms.core.Signal
```

WLTP classe 2 cycle Caution! speed in m/s, not in km/h!

**values**

```
class bms.signals.wltp.WLTP3(name)
Bases: bms.core.Signal
```

WLTP classe 3 cycle Caution! speed in m/s, not in km/h!

**values**

## 3.3 Blocks

### 3.3.1 Continuous Blocks

Collection of continuous blocks

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**class** bms.blocks.continuous.DifferentiationBlock (*input\_variable*, *output\_variable*)

Bases: bms.blocks.continuous.ODE

Creates an ODE block that performs differentiation of the input relative to time.

$$\text{output} = \frac{d[\text{input}]}{dt}$$

#### Parameters

- **input\_variable** – This is the input or list of inputs of the block.
- **output\_variable** (Variable) – This is the output of the block.

**Evaluate** (*it*, *ts*)

**InputValues** (*it*, *nsteps=None*)

Returns the input values at a given iteration for solving the block outputs

**LabelBlock** ()

**LabelConnections** ()

**OutputMatrices** (*delta\_t*)

**OutputValues** (*it*, *nsteps=None*)

**Solve** (*it*, *ts*)

**class** bms.blocks.continuous.Division (*input\_variable1*, *input\_variable2*, *output\_variable*)

Bases: bms.core.Block

Defines a division between its inputs.

$$\text{output} = \frac{\text{input1}}{\text{input2}}$$

#### Parameters

- **input\_variable1** (Variable) – This is the first input of the block, the dividend.
- **input\_variable2** (Variable) – This is the second input of the block, the divisor.
- **output\_variable** (Variable) – This is the output of the block, the quotient.

**Evaluate** (*it*, *ts*)

**InputValues** (*it*, *nsteps=None*)

Returns the input values at a given iteration for solving the block outputs

**LabelBlock** ()

**LabelConnections** ()

**OutputValues** (*it*, *nsteps=None*)

**Solve** (*it*, *ts*)

**class** bms.blocks.continuous.FunctionBlock (*input\_variable*, *output\_variable*, *function*)

Bases: bms.core.Block

This defines a custom function over the input(s).

$$\text{output} = f(\text{input})$$

#### Parameters

- **input\_variable** – This is the input or list of inputs of the block.

- **output\_variable** (`Variable`) – This is the output of the block.
- **function** – This is the function that takes the inputs and returns the output.

**Evaluate** (*it, ts*)

**InputValues** (*it, nsteps=None*)

Returns the input values at a given iteration for solving the block outputs

**LabelBlock** ()

**LabelConnections** ()

**OutputValues** (*it, nsteps=None*)

**Solve** (*it, ts*)

**class** `bms.blocks.continuous.Gain` (*input\_variable, output\_variable, value, offset=0*)  
Bases: `bms.core.Block`

Defines a gain operation.

$$output = (value \times input) + offset$$

#### Parameters

- **input\_variable** (`Variable`) – This is the input of the block.
- **output\_variable** (`Variable`) – This is the output of the block.
- **gain** – This is what multiplies the input.
- **offset** – This is added to the input after being multiplied.

**Evaluate** (*it, ts*)

**InputValues** (*it, nsteps=None*)

Returns the input values at a given iteration for solving the block outputs

**LabelBlock** ()

**LabelConnections** ()

**OutputValues** (*it, nsteps=None*)

**Solve** (*it, ts*)

**class** `bms.blocks.continuous.IntegrationBlock` (*input\_variable, output\_variable*)  
Bases: `bms.blocks.continuous.ODE`

Creates an ODE block that performs integration of the input over time.

$$output = \int_0^t input dt$$

#### Parameters

- **input\_variable** – This is the input or list of inputs of the block.
- **output\_variable** (`Variable`) – This is the output of the block.

**Evaluate** (*it, ts*)

**InputValues** (*it, nsteps=None*)

Returns the input values at a given iteration for solving the block outputs

**LabelBlock** ()

```
LabelConnections()
OutputMatrices(delta_t)
OutputValues(it, nsteps=None)
Solve(it, ts)

class bms.blocks.continuous.ODE(input_variable, output_variable, a, b)
Bases: bms.core.Block
```

Defines an ordinary differential equation based on the input.

*a, b* are vectors of coefficients so that *H*, the transfer function of the block, can be written as:

$$H(p) = \frac{a_i p^i}{b_j p^j}$$

with Einstein sum on *i* and *j*, and *p* is Laplace's variable.

For example, *a*=[1], *b*=[0, 1] is an integration, and *a*=[0, 1], *b*=[1] is a differentiation.

#### Parameters

- **input\_variable** (*Variable*) – This is the input of the block.
- **output\_variable** (*Variable*) – This is the output of the block.
- **a** – This is the *a* vector for the transfer function.
- **b** – This is the *b* vector for the transfer function.

**Evaluate**(*it, ts*)

**InputValues**(*it, nsteps=None*)

Returns the input values at a given iteration for solving the block outputs

**LabelBlock()**

**LabelConnections()**

**OutputMatrices**(*delta\_t*)

**OutputValues**(*it, nsteps=None*)

**Solve**(*it, ts*)

```
class bms.blocks.continuous.Product(input_variable1, input_variable2, output_variable)
Bases: bms.core.Block
```

Defines a multiplication between its inputs.

$$\text{output} = \text{input}_1 \times \text{input}_2$$

#### Parameters

- **input\_variable1** (*Variable*) – This is the first input of the block, one factor.
- **input\_variable2** (*Variable*) – This is the second input of the block, another factor.
- **output\_variable** (*Variable*) – This is the output of the block, the product.

**Evaluate**(*it, ts*)

**InputValues**(*it, nsteps=None*)

Returns the input values at a given iteration for solving the block outputs

**LabelBlock()**

**LabelConnections ()**  
**OutputValues (it, nsteps=None)**  
**Solve (it, ts)**

**class** bms.blocks.continuous.**Subtraction** (*input\_variable1*, *input\_variable2*, *out-put\_variable*)  
Bases: *bms.core.Block*

Defines a subtraction between its two inputs.

$$output = input_1 - input_2$$

#### Parameters

- **input\_variable1** (*Variable*) – This is the first input of the block, the minuend.
- **input\_variable2** (*Variable*) – This is the second input of the block, the subtrahend.
- **output\_variable** (*Variable*) – This is the output of the block, the difference.

**Evaluate (it, ts)**

**InputValues (it, nsteps=None)**

Returns the input values at a given iteration for solving the block outputs

**LabelBlock ()**

**LabelConnections ()**

**OutputValues (it, nsteps=None)**

**Solve (it, ts)**

**class** bms.blocks.continuous.**Sum** (*inputs*, *output\_variable*)  
Bases: *bms.core.Block*

Defines a sum over its inputs.

$$output = \sum input_i$$

#### Parameters

- **input\_variable** (*list [Variables]*) – This is the list of inputs of the block.
- **output\_variable** (*Variable*) – This is the output of the block.

**Evaluate (it, ts)**

**InputValues (it, nsteps=None)**

Returns the input values at a given iteration for solving the block outputs

**LabelBlock ()**

**LabelConnections ()**

**OutputValues (it, nsteps=None)**

**Solve (it, ts)**

**class** bms.blocks.continuous.**WeightedSum** (*inputs*, *output\_variable*, *weights*, *offset=0*)  
Bases: *bms.core.Block*

Defines a weighted sum over its inputs.

$$output = \sum w_i \times input_i$$

### Parameters

- **input\_variable** (*list [Variables]*) – This is the list of inputs of the block.
- **output\_variable** (*Variable*) – This is the output of the block.
- **weights** – These are the weights that are multiplied by the elements of the input.
- **offset** – This offset is added to the final result.

**Evaluate** (*it, ts*)

**InputValues** (*it, nsteps=None*)

Returns the input values at a given iteration for solving the block outputs

**LabelBlock** ()

**LabelConnections** ()

**OutputValues** (*it, nsteps=None*)

**Solve** (*it, ts*)

## 3.3.2 Non-linear Blocks

Collection of non-linear blocks

```
class bms.blocks.nonlinear.Coulomb(input_variable,      speed_variable,      output_variable,
                                    max_value, tolerance=0)
```

Bases: *bms.core.Block*

Return coulomb force under condition of speed and sum of forces (input)

**Evaluate** (*it, ts*)

**InputValues** (*it, nsteps=None*)

Returns the input values at a given iteration for solving the block outputs

**LabelBlock** ()

**OutputValues** (*it, nsteps=None*)

**Solve** (*it, ts*)

```
class bms.blocks.nonlinear.CoulombVariableValue(external_force,      speed_variable,
                                                value_variable,      output_variable,
                                                tolerance=0)
```

Bases: *bms.core.Block*

Return coulomb force under condition of speed and sum of forces (input) The max value is driven by an input

**Evaluate** (*it, ts*)

**InputValues** (*it, nsteps=None*)

Returns the input values at a given iteration for solving the block outputs

**LabelBlock** ()

**OutputValues** (*it, nsteps=None*)

**Solve** (*it, ts*)

```
class bms.blocks.nonlinear.Delay(input_variable, output_variable, delay)
```

Bases: *bms.core.Block*

Simple block to delay output with respect to input.

**Parameters** `delay` – a delay in seconds

**Evaluate** (*it, ts*)

**InputValues** (*it, nsteps=None*)  
Returns the input values at a given iteration for solving the block outputs

**Label** ()

**OutputValues** (*it, nsteps=None*)

**Solve** (*it, ts*)

**class** `bms.blocks.nonlinear.RegCoulombVariableValue` (*external\_force, speed\_variable, value\_variable, output\_variable, tolerance=0*)  
Bases: `bms.core.Block`  
Return coulomb force under condition of speed and sum of forces (input) The max value is driven by an input

**Evaluate** (*it, ts*)

**InputValues** (*it, nsteps=None*)  
Returns the input values at a given iteration for solving the block outputs

**LabelBlock** ()

**OutputValues** (*it, nsteps=None*)

**Solve** (*it, ts*)

**class** `bms.blocks.nonlinear.Saturation` (*input\_variable, output\_variable, min\_value, max\_value*)  
Bases: `bms.core.Block`  
Defines a saturation block.

$$output = \begin{cases} min\_value, & \text{if } input < min\_value \\ max\_value, & \text{if } input > max\_value \\ input, & \text{if } min\_value \leq input \leq max\_value \end{cases}$$

**Parameters**

- **input\_variable** (`Variable`) – This is the input of the block.
- **output\_variable** (`Variable`) – This is the output of the block.
- **min\_value** – This is the lower bound for the output.
- **max\_value** – This is the upper bound for the output.

**Evaluate** (*it, ts*)

**InputValues** (*it, nsteps=None*)  
Returns the input values at a given iteration for solving the block outputs

**LabelBlock** ()

**OutputValues** (*it, nsteps=None*)

**Solve** (*it, ts*)

**class** `bms.blocks.nonlinear.Sign` (*input\_variable, output\_variable*)  
Bases: `bms.core.Block`

Defines a sign operation on the input.

$$output = \begin{cases} -1, & \text{if } input < 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } input = 0 \\ 1, & \text{if } input > 0 \end{cases}$$

**Evaluate** (*it, ts*)

**InputValues** (*it, nsteps=None*)

Returns the input values at a given iteration for solving the block outputs

**LabelBlock** ()

**OutputValues** (*it, nsteps=None*)

**Solve** (*it, ts*)



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