
Towards a Common Vocabulary for Crisis Management Scenarios

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Outline

Motivation of vocabulary for crisis scenarios

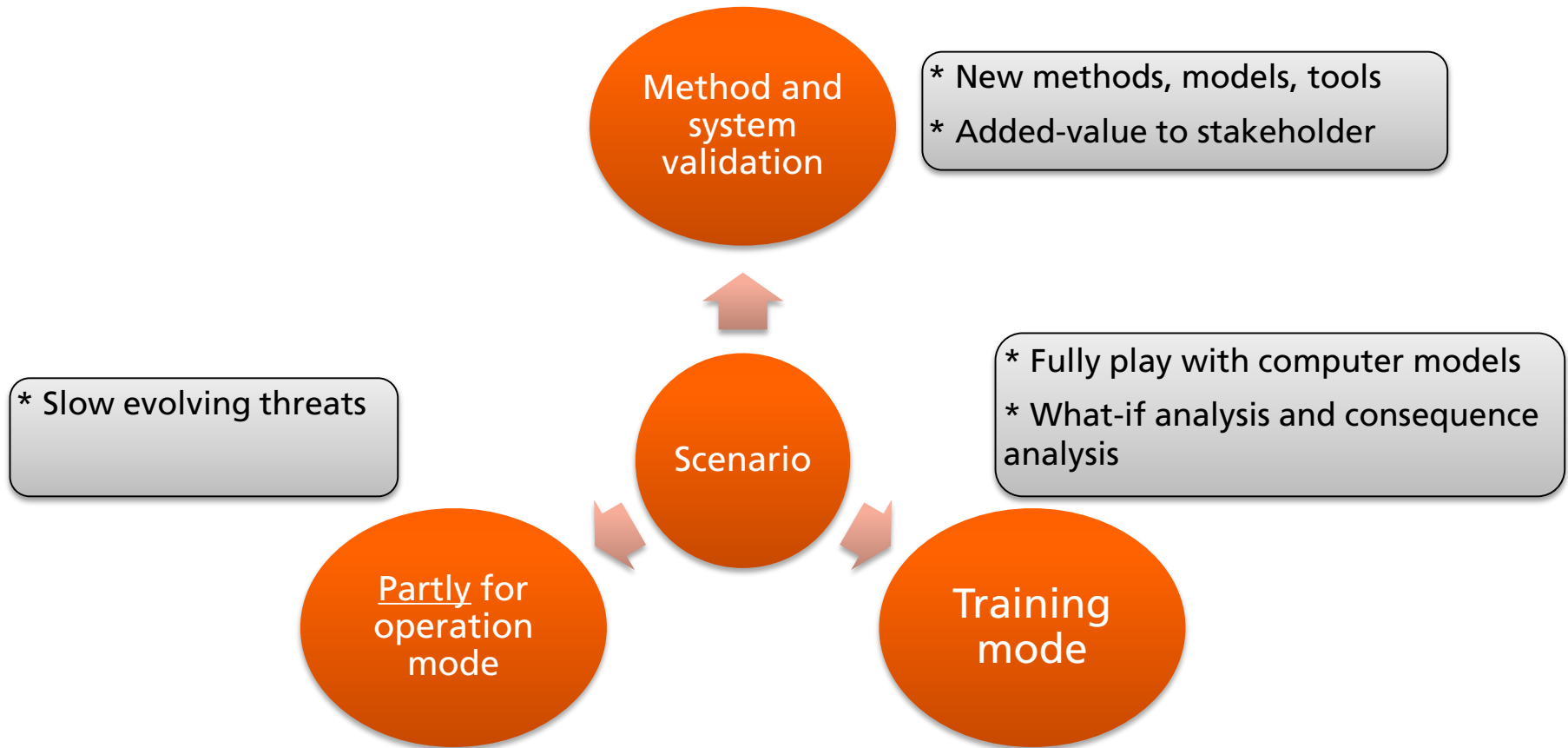
Essential elements in crisis scenarios

SDL - Scenario Description Language, ecosystem

Case study and future work

Motivation

Scenarios in crisis management





Motivation

A common vocabulary to describe crisis scenarios

Common vocabulary for crisis scenarios
understandable by **humans** + **computers**

Complex to
develop:

- 1) crisis managers
- 2) domain experts
- 3) system engineers

Insufficient
reusability:

- 1) Adapt to new projects

Low inter-
operability:

- 1) Heterogeneous software systems

Essential elements in crisis scenarios

- * Dynamic behaviours
- * What could happen, conditional

Storyline and
Events

Mechanism
needed as
glue!

- * Threat models
- * Infrastructure models

Domain
Models

Consequence
Analysis

- * Societal and economic impacts
- * Algorithms: Input-output-model

Response
and
Mitigation
Actions

- * Evacuation, distribute rescue forces
- * Adjust contingency plan

Rescue forces, police, hospitals,
and ambulances, etc.

Resources



SDL - The Scenario Description Language

Overview





SDL - The Scenario Description Language

Examples

```
"model": [{
  "domain": "power".
  "s periodic_events: [{
    "m name: OpenTrack step simulation,
    "s interval {
      event: {
        "event_id": "E001",
        "type"
        "title": "$E001"
        payload
        comm
        "typ ...
        to: "internationalisation": {
          "$E001": {
            "en": "A train derails in the city of Emmerich.",
            "de": "Ein Zug entgleist in Emmerich."
          }
        }
      }, { // mor
    }
  }
}
```

SDL ecosystem

Software Tool Support

Scenario Executor

- Computer program that interprets a given SDL file
- Functionalities like start, stop, pause and continue, etc.

Collaborative Graphical User Interface

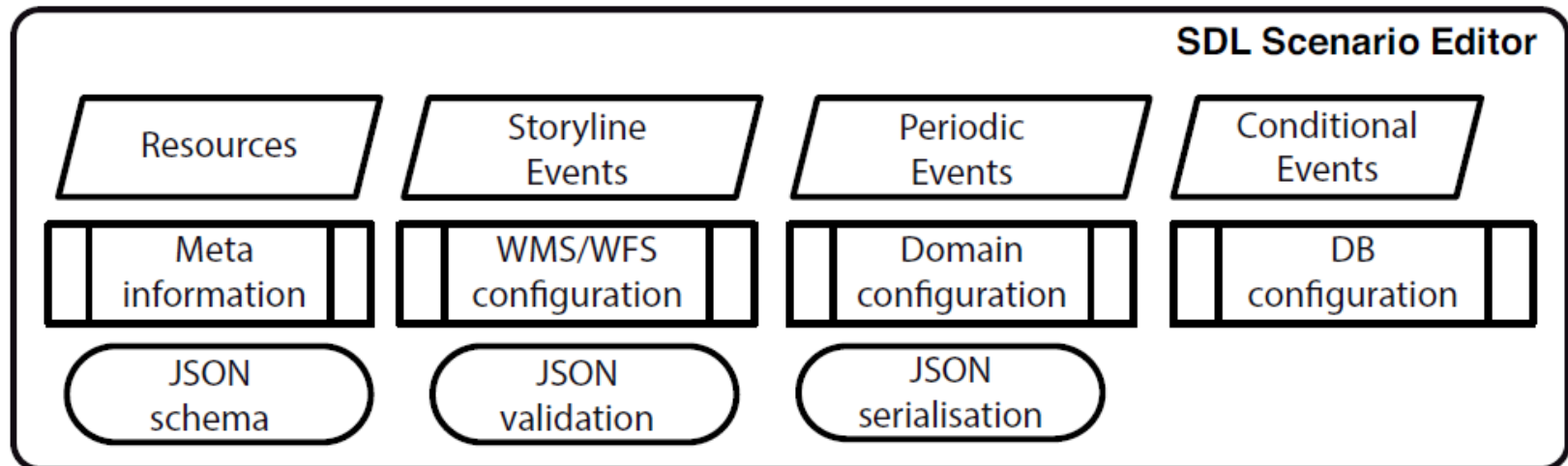
- * HTML5-based Web application
- * Collaborative training
- * Advanced what-if analysis and sophisticated GIS support

Scenario Editor

- * Speed up SDL-based scenario generation
- * Scenario element creation
- * Automatic syntax checking

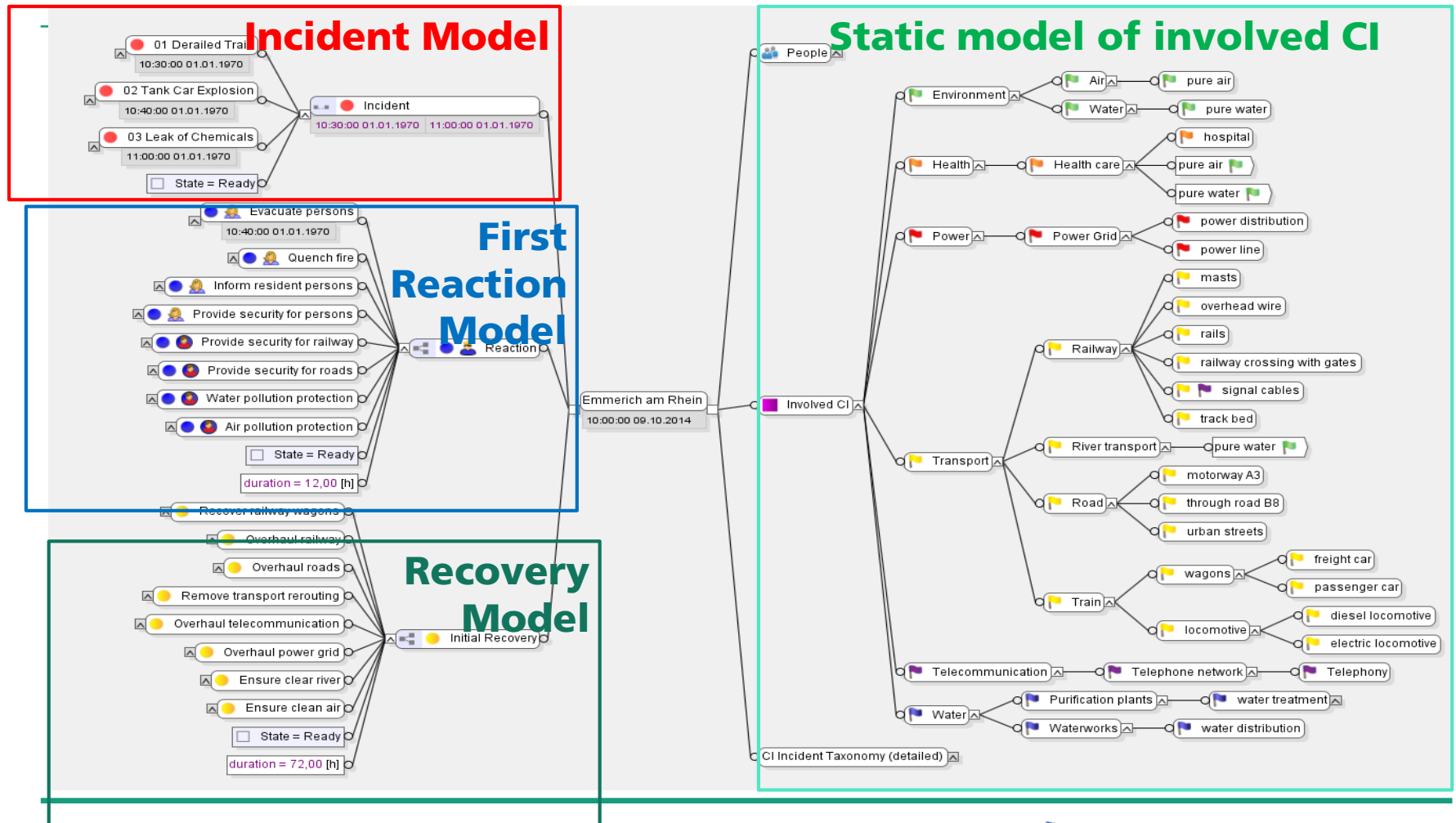
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Functional blocks of the scenario editor



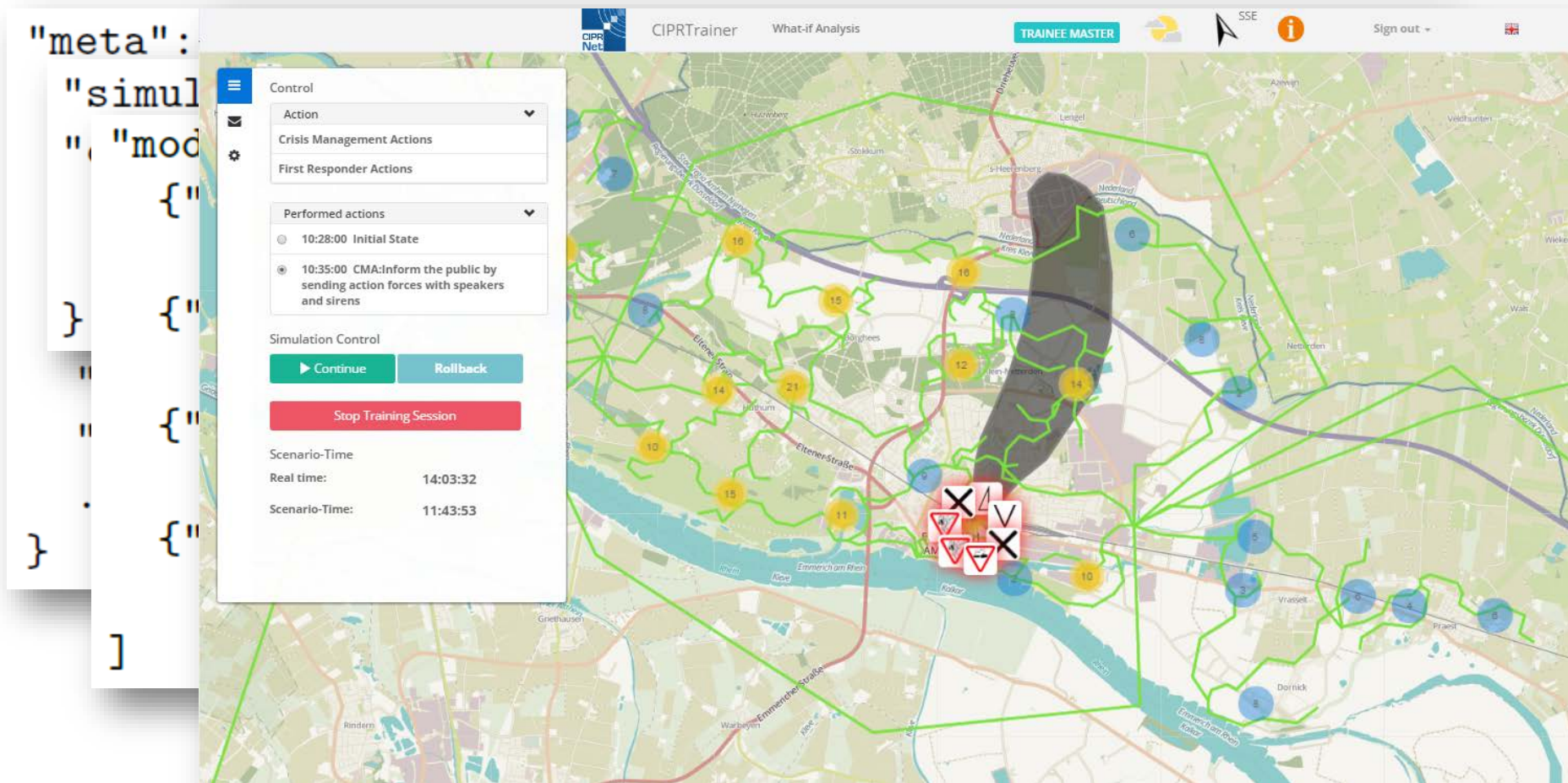
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Screenshot of the scenario editor



Case study and future work

Case study





Case study and future work

Future Work

- To facilitate scenario development and validation in a more user-friendly way
- Integrated development environment for scenario generation, test and publication

Better tool support

- Publish SDL for community use
- Publish the simulation API and example for more domain-specific simulator
- Provide a cloud-based platform for different projects sharing **validated scenarios**

Envisioned European Scenario Database

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