

SLIM: A Collaborative Environment for Model-Based Systems Engineering – Motivation, Status, Experiences

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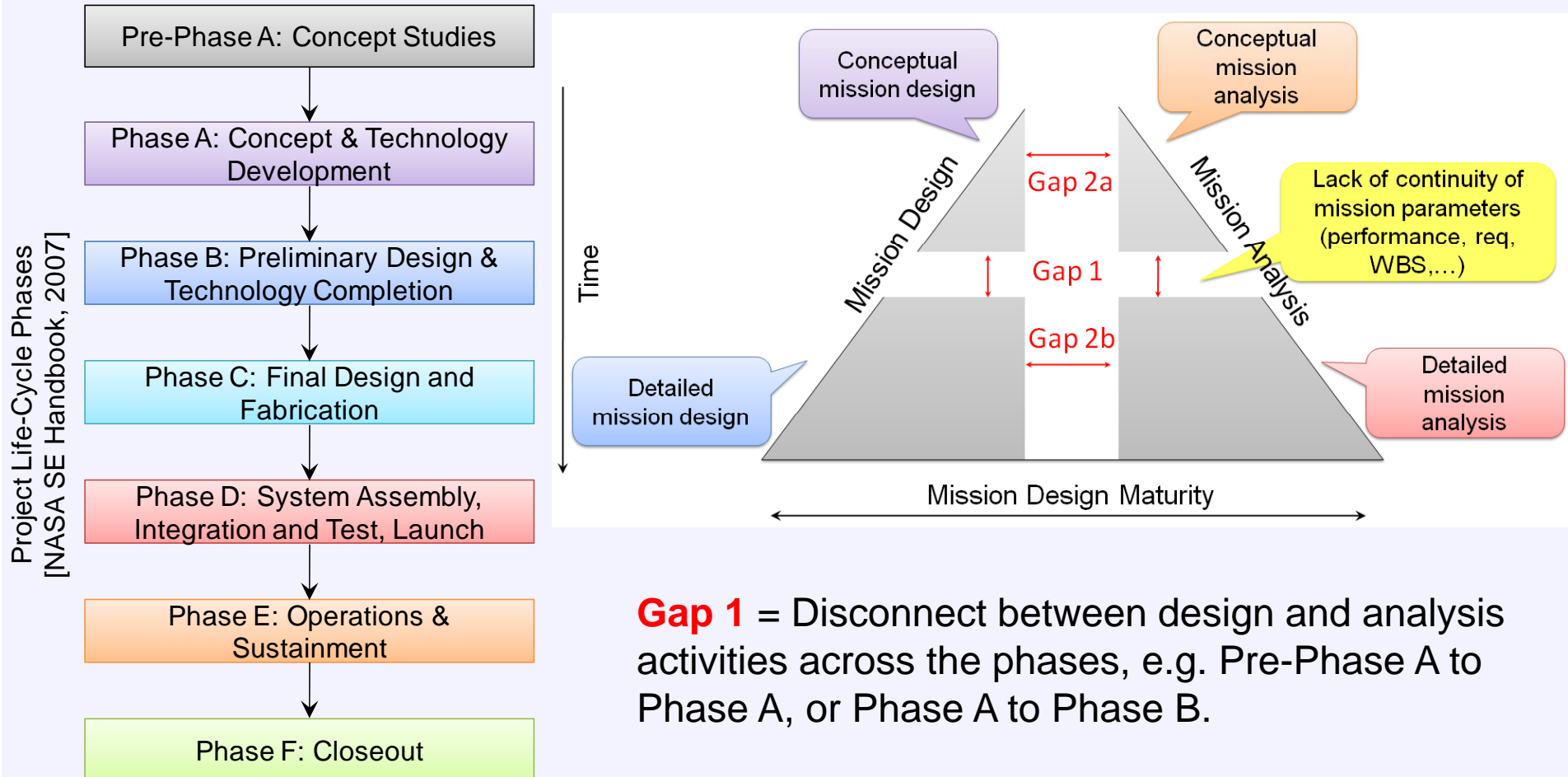
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Motivation

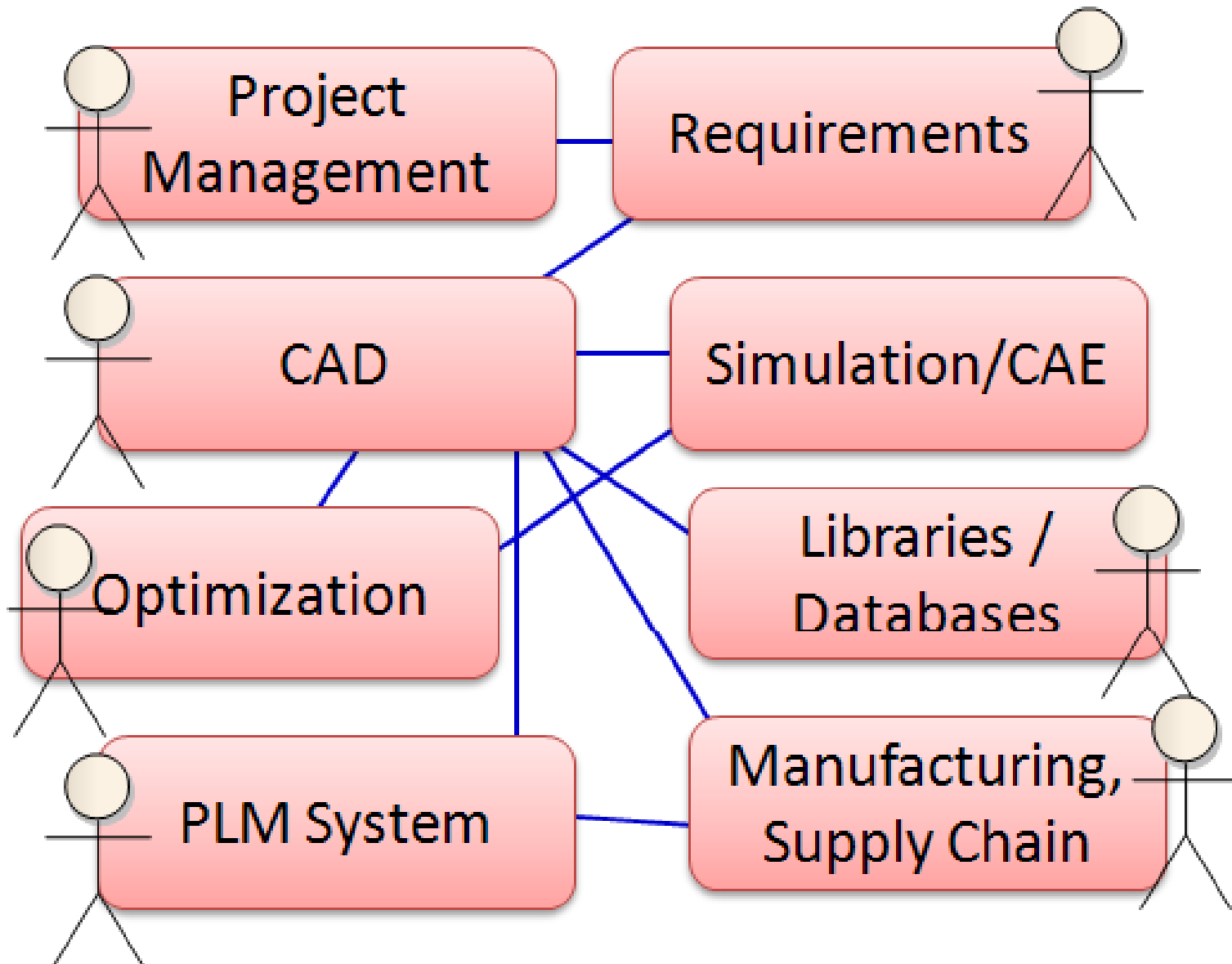


Gap 1 = Disconnect between design and analysis activities across the phases, e.g. Pre-Phase A to Phase A, or Phase A to Phase B.

Gap 2 = Disconnect between design, analysis, verification activities within a given phase.

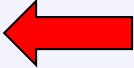
Challenges

- ◆ Document-based or ad-hoc **point-to-point linkages** between models in different tools
- ◆ No **unified definition** of the system, analyses, V&V tasks, and MoEs that are continuous through the development process
- ◆ How does one **propagate trade spaces, uncertainties, and risk** from one phase to another?
- ◆ How do we **manage abstract**, system-level design/analysis **with detailed** sub-system/component-level design/analyses (CAD/CAE)?



Reviews, Meetings, Administration

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What is SLIM?

◆ Systems Lifecycle Management

- model-based systems engineering (MBSE) with the foundations of product lifecycle management (PLM)

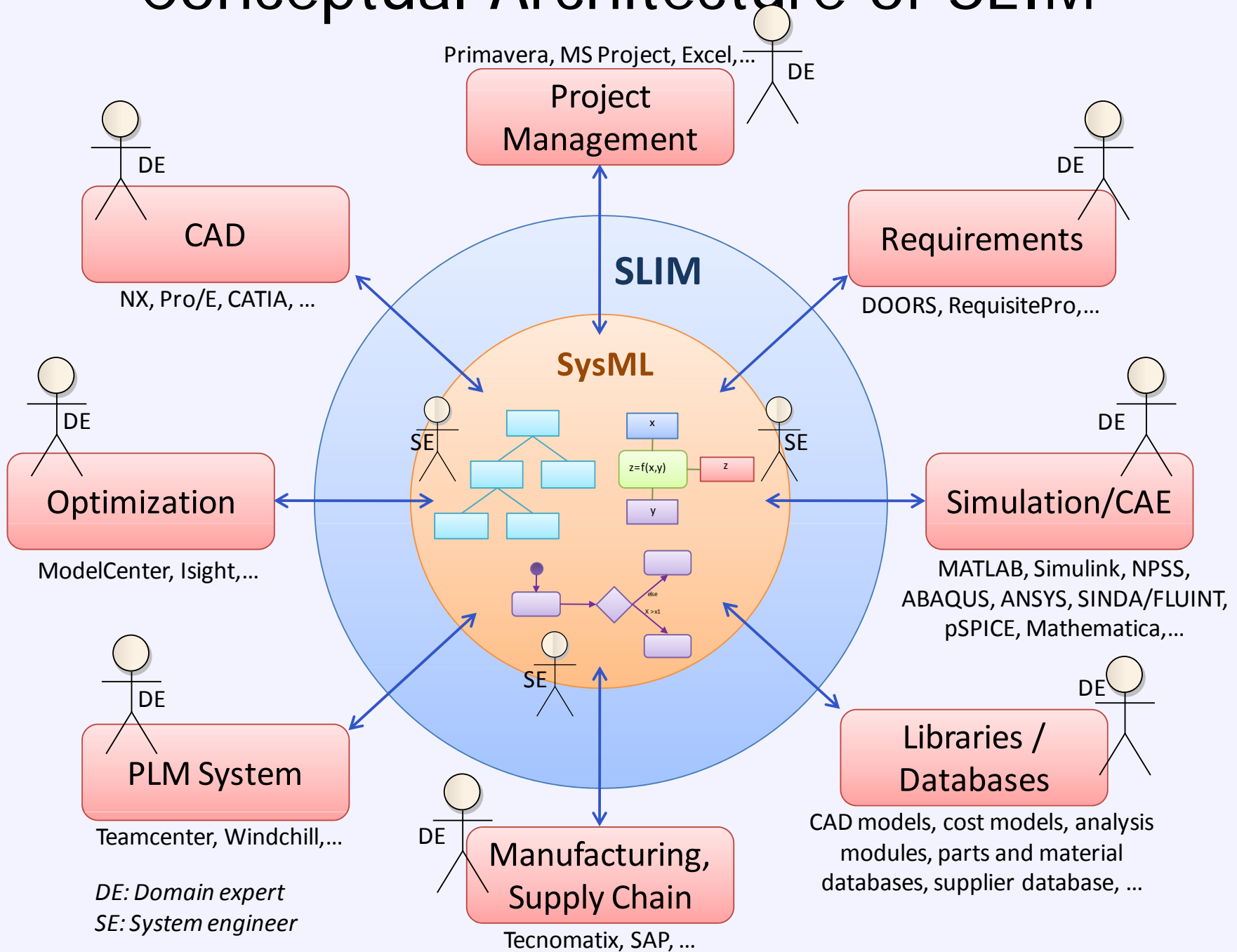
◆ Software environment for

- integrated model-based (systems) engineering – MBE/MBSE
- multi-disciplinary system development teams
- end-to-end system design, analysis, and V&V

◆ Core philosophy

- Use SysML as the front-end conceptual map of a system
- Federate domain-specific tools/models from SysML
- SysML model and domain models can “co-evolve”

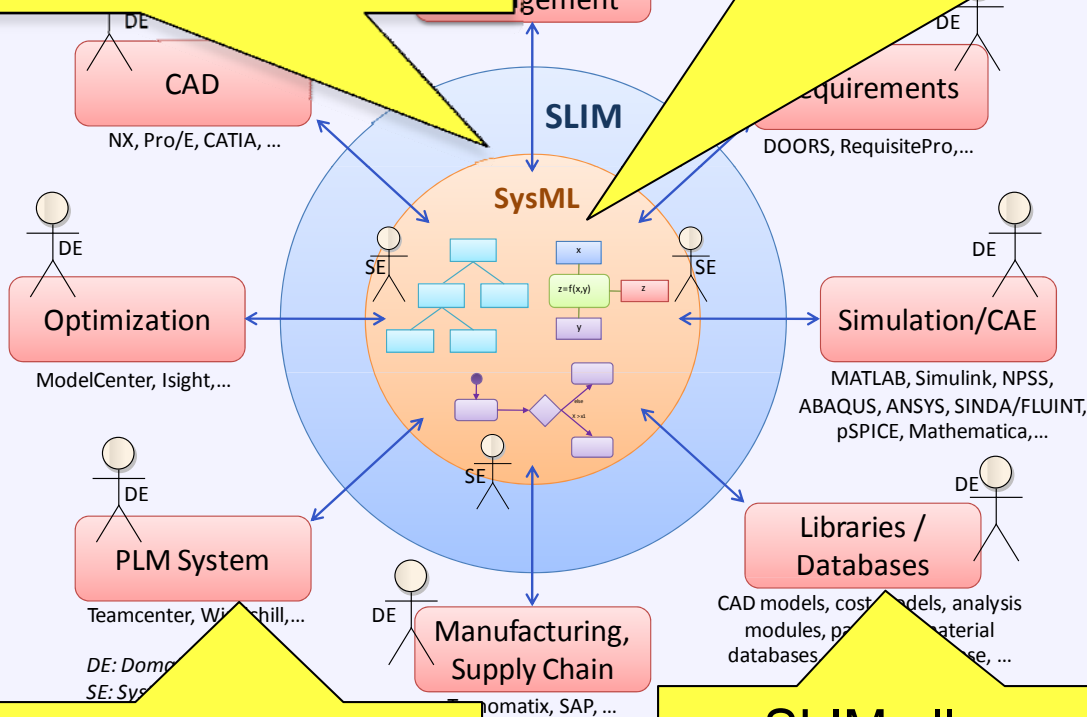
Conceptual Architecture of SLIM



Conceptual Architecture of SLIM

SLIM is deployed in the SysML environment. It provides tools to federate (visualize, connect, execute) domain-specific models from the SysML environment.

System engineers work directly in their SysML environment - *MagicDraw, Rhapsody, Artisan Studio, Enterprise Architect*. SysML model is a conceptual map of the system.



SLIM connects to models in enterprise PLM environments to enable configuration control of artifacts.

SLIM allows users to wrap external model libraries (CAD, CAE, MATLAB,..) as plug-and-play SysML objects.

SLIM – Core Philosophy

- ◆ SysML-based system model is continuous through the development process
- ◆ SysML objects can
 - can be “connected” to domain-specific models
 - “control” domain-specific models
 - can “co-evolve” with domain-specific models
- ◆ SysML-based system model
 - is not a data repository
 - is a dashboard for orchestration SE design, V&V flows

Use Cases of SLIM

Facilitate model-based...

- ◆ design and analyses
 - parametric and architectural trades
 - orchestrate simulations
 - risk analyses
 - requirements verification
- ◆ reviews
- ◆ change management
- ◆ manufacturing and supply chain management
- ◆ procurement and delivery
- ◆ verification and validation

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SLIM – Tools and Capabilities (cont.)

- ◆ SysML Analysis Tools
 - Parametric execution tool
 - Trade study tool
 - Risk analysis tool
 - Activity execution tool

- ◆ SysML Integration Tools
 - Excel interface
 - MATLAB/Simulink interface
 - Mathematica interface
 - OpenModelica interface
 - CAD (NX) interface
 - STK interface
 - Plus tailored interfaces...

- ◆ SysML Visualization Tools

- ◆ SysML Libraries

SLIM – Tools and Capabilities

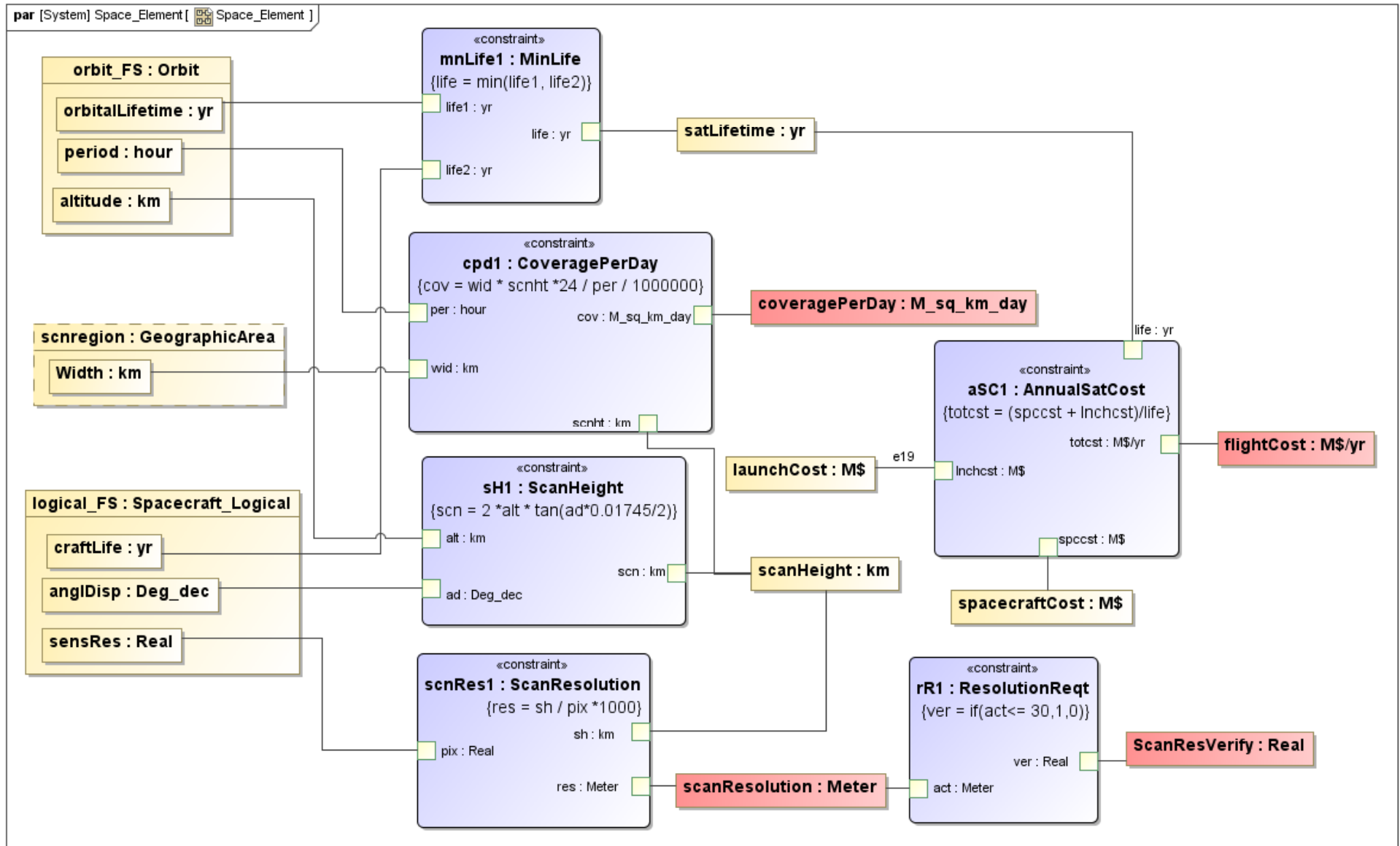
Parametric execution and Trade study tool

SysML Parametrics provide a foundation to...

- ◆ Represent fine-grained math relationships between SysML model elements
- ◆ Wrap and connect any external model to SysML – CAD, CAE, MALTAB/Simulink, Spreadsheets, Databases,...
- ◆ Orchestrate Simulations, Trade Studies, Optimization, Requirements Verification, Risk Assessment, and more from SysML Models

SysML parametric model

Annual cost & feature resolution for FireSat



Parametric execution and Trade study tool

- ◆ Vary operational altitudes of two FireSats
- ◆ Compute annual cost and ground coverage
- ◆ Automatically Verify cost and coverage requirement
- ◆ Results generated by SLIM's parametric execution and trade study tool

COST requirement fails for these altitudes

COVERAGE requirement fails for these altitudes

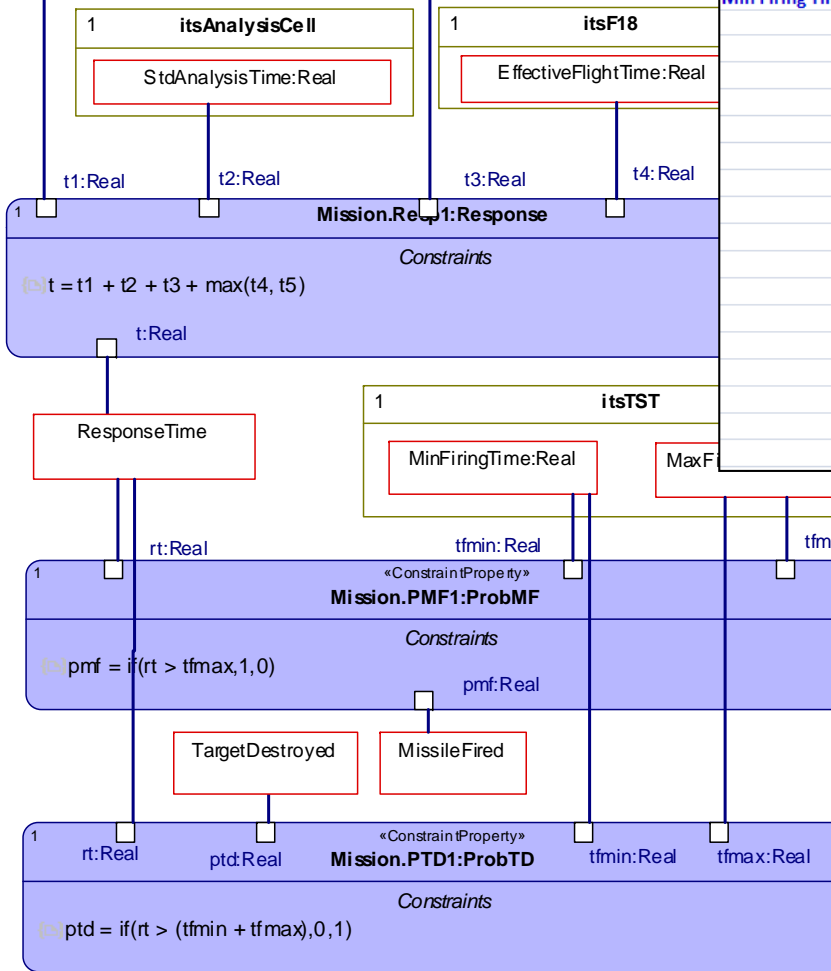
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km	deg	km	deg	M\$/yr	1-pass, 0-fail	M sq km/day	1-pass, 0-fail	meters	1-pass, 0-fail	meters	1-pass, 0-fail
300	3	300	3	77.23	0	2.50	0	15.71	1	15.71	1
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400	3	400	3	20.36	0	3.26	1	20.94	1	20.94	1
425	3	425	3	19.67	1	3.45	1	22.25	1	22.25	1
450	3	450	3	19.67	1	3.63	1	23.56	1	23.56	1
475	3	475	3	19.67	1	3.81	1	24.87	1	24.87	1
500	3	500	3	19.67	1	3.99	1	26.18	1	26.18	1
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Risk Analysis Tool

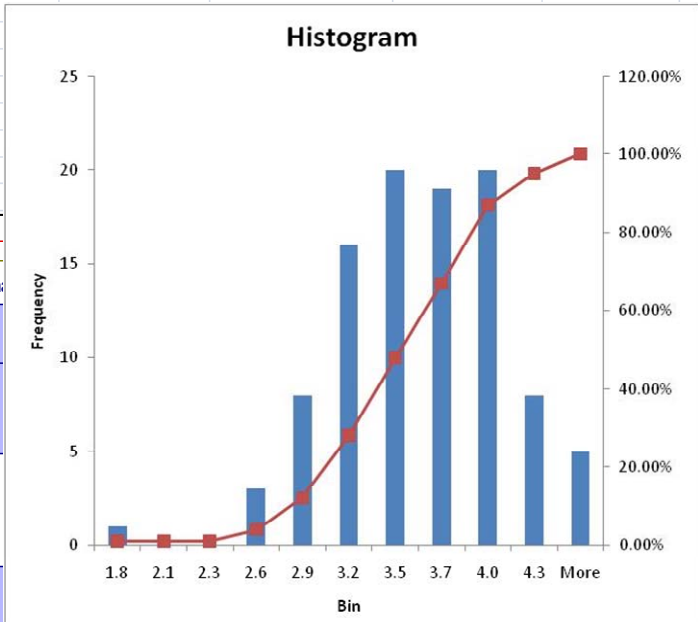
Performing Monte Carlo simulations

Parametric model to compute mission response

Trials based on probability distributions of input variables



	Mean (hrs)	Variance (hrs)				
Min Firing Time						0.36
Max Firing Time						1.00
Detection Time						
Ground Travel Time						
Min Firing Time	Max Firing Time	UAV Detection Time	SF Travel Time	MissileFired?	TSTDestroyed?	Response Time
1.667	2.881	4.145	2.072	0	1	2.34
1.448	2.465	4.780	1.643	0	1	2.45
1.458	2.544	3.804	2.518	0	1	2.37
1.780	2.590	4.450	1.510	0	1	2.36
1.496	2.400	4.258	2.562	1	1	2.50
1.661	2.813	3.328	2.387	0	1	2.22
1.359	2.387	4.095	2.812	1	1	2.53
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					1	2.72
					1	2.03
					1	2.23
					1	2.54
					1	2.15



Response time (output) probability distribution

SLIM Analysis Tools

Available commercially as

- ◆ ParaMagic[®] for MagicDraw
 - www.intercax.com/paramagic
- ◆ ParaSolver[™] for Artisan Studio
 - www.intercax.com/parasolver
- ◆ Melody[™] for Rhapsody
 - www.intercax.com/melody
- ◆ Solvea[™] (beta) for Enterprise Architect
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Excel Integration Tool

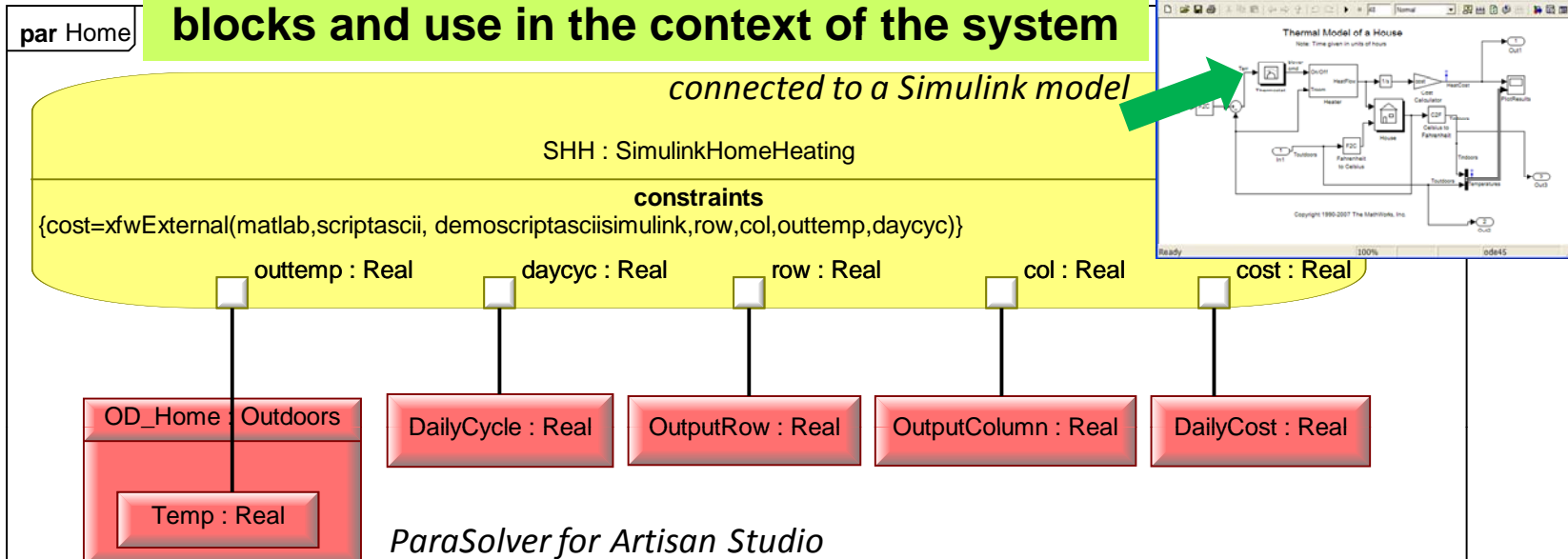
Data Sync and Model Generation

The image shows two overlapping software windows. The background window is titled "ParaSolver - Trade Study Configuration" and displays a tree view of model components on the left, including "LEAir02", "LECrew02", and "LEFuel02". The right side of this window has "Input Options" and "Output Options" tabs. Under "Input Options", "Causality" is set to "Given" and "Input Source" is set to "Range" with a value range of "4" to "6". A yellow callout box is overlaid on the right side of this window with the text: "Configure trade studies, specify variable ranges, generate scenarios".

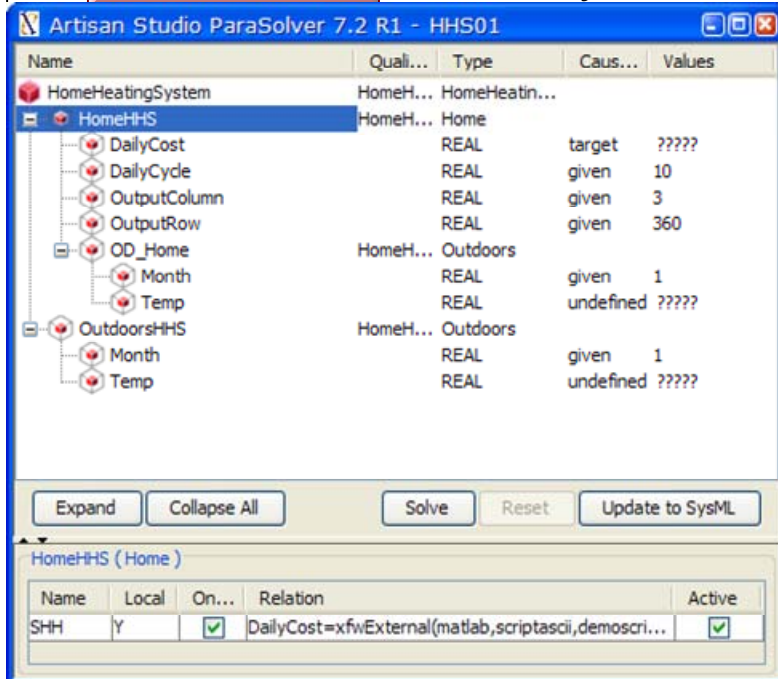
The foreground window is titled "Excel Setup - scanResolution" and shows a tree view of a SysML model structure on the left, including "Domain01", "Earth01", "Mission01", and "Sat01". The right side of this window contains configuration options: "Use Default Worksheet" is checked, "Workbook File" is "FireSat.xlsx", and "Worksheet" is "1Sat". The "Cell Selection" section shows "Cell Range" as "G5:G40" and "Access Mode" set to "Write". A yellow callout box is overlaid on the bottom left of this window with the text: "Connect SysML block properties to Excel spreadsheets and also generate SysML instances from spreadsheets".

MATLAB/Simulink/Mathematica Integration

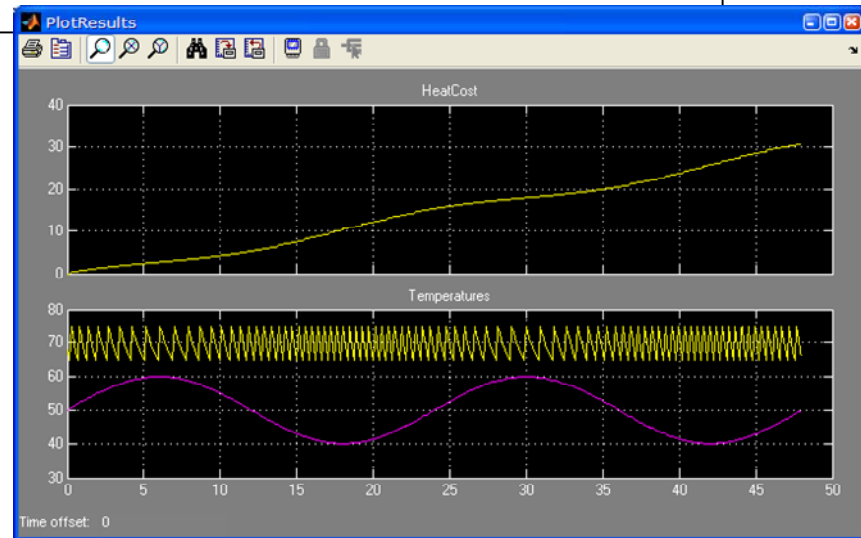
Wrap analysis models as SysML constraint blocks and use in the context of the system



ParaSolver for Artisan Studio

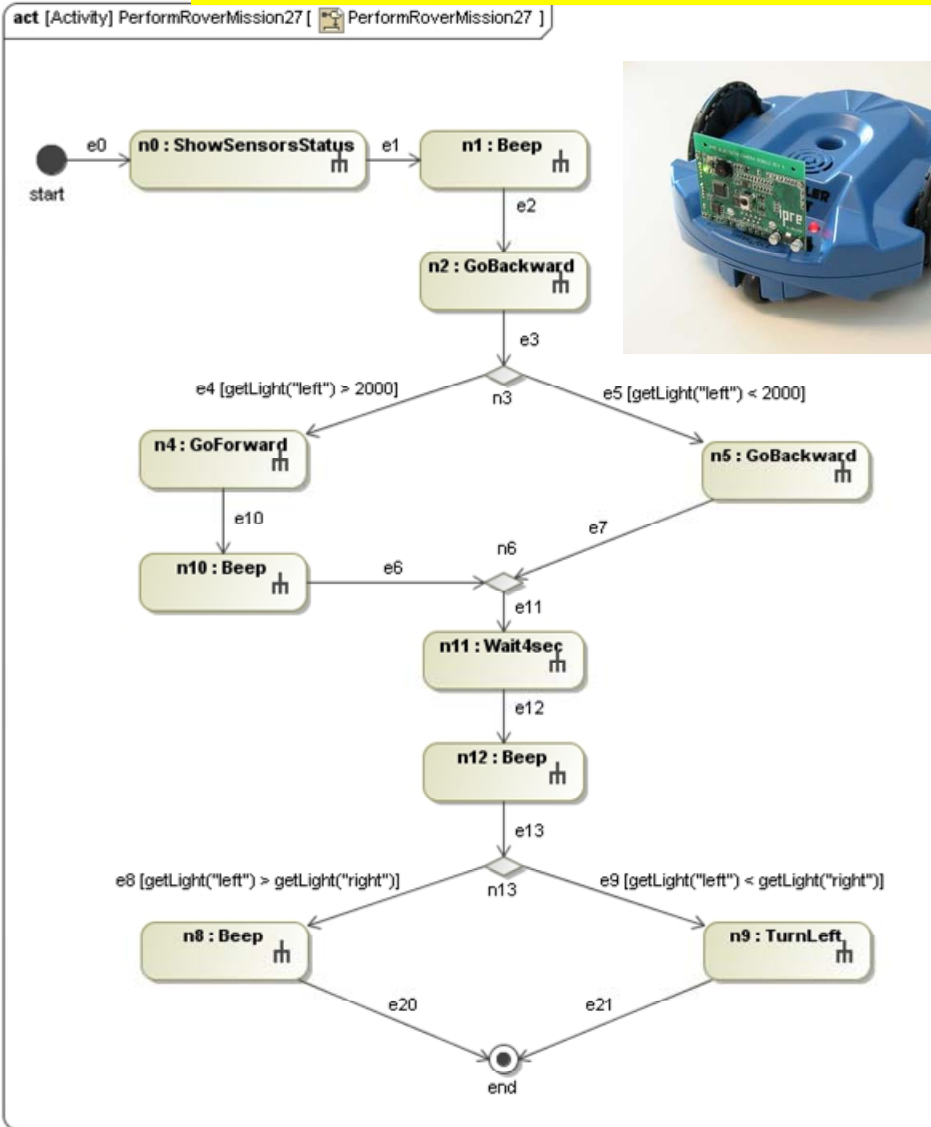
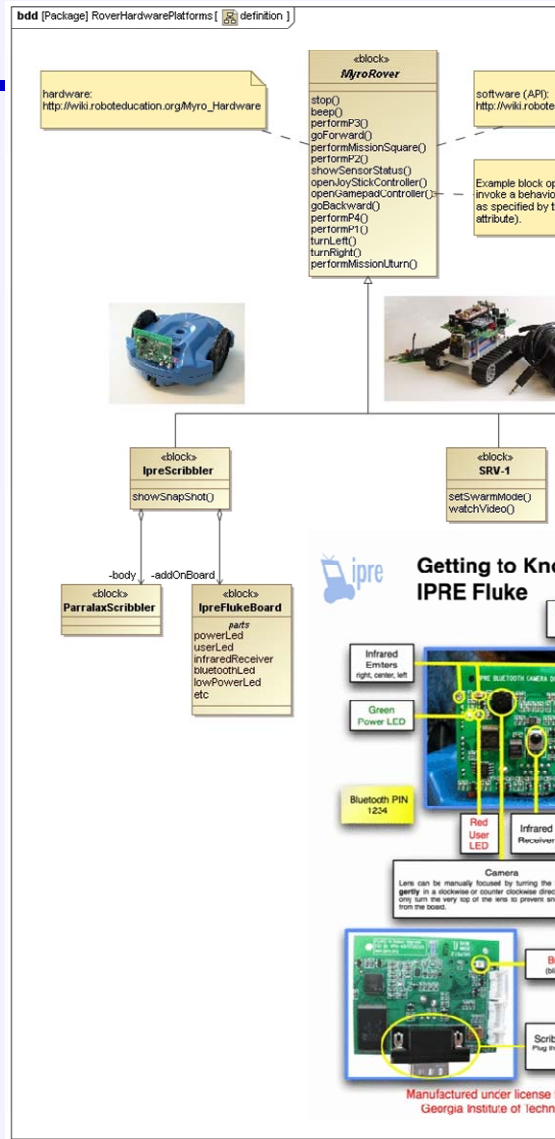


Simulink model executed from SysML



SysML Activity Execution Tool

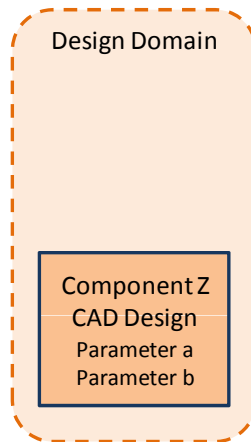
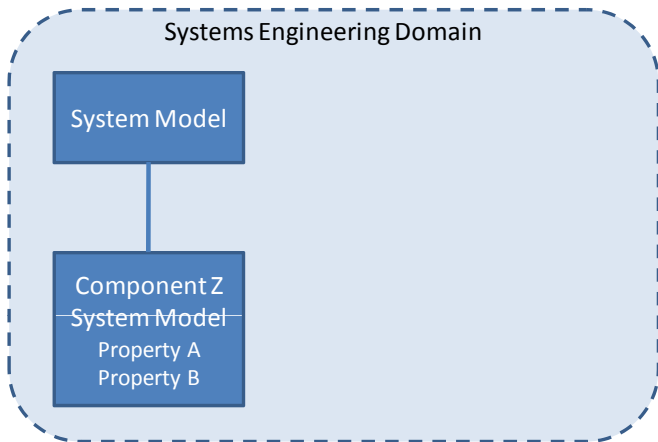
SysML activity models for controlling mobile robots



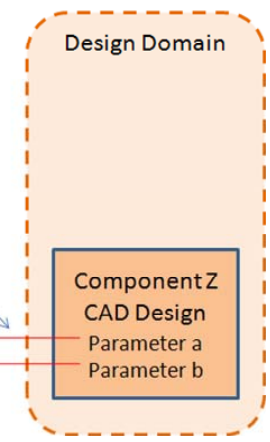
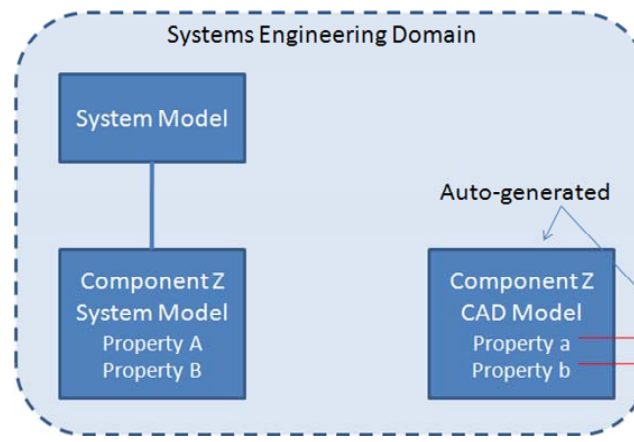
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SysML – CAD / STK Integration

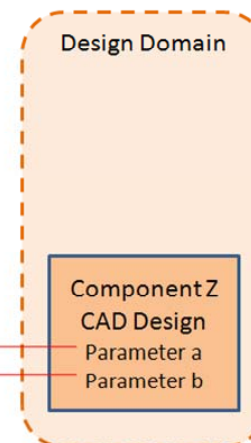
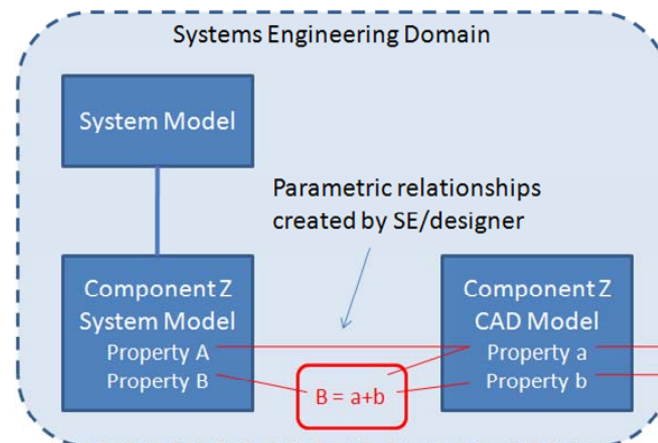
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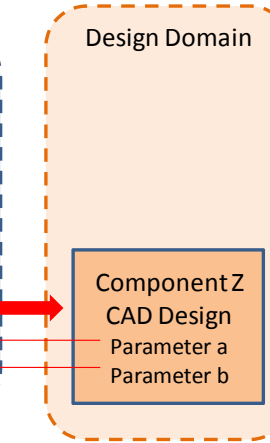
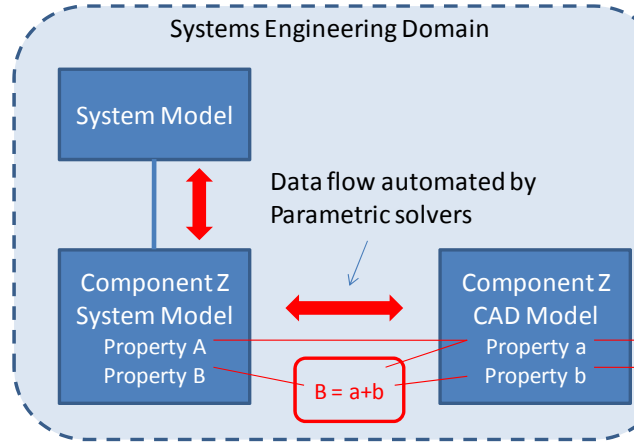
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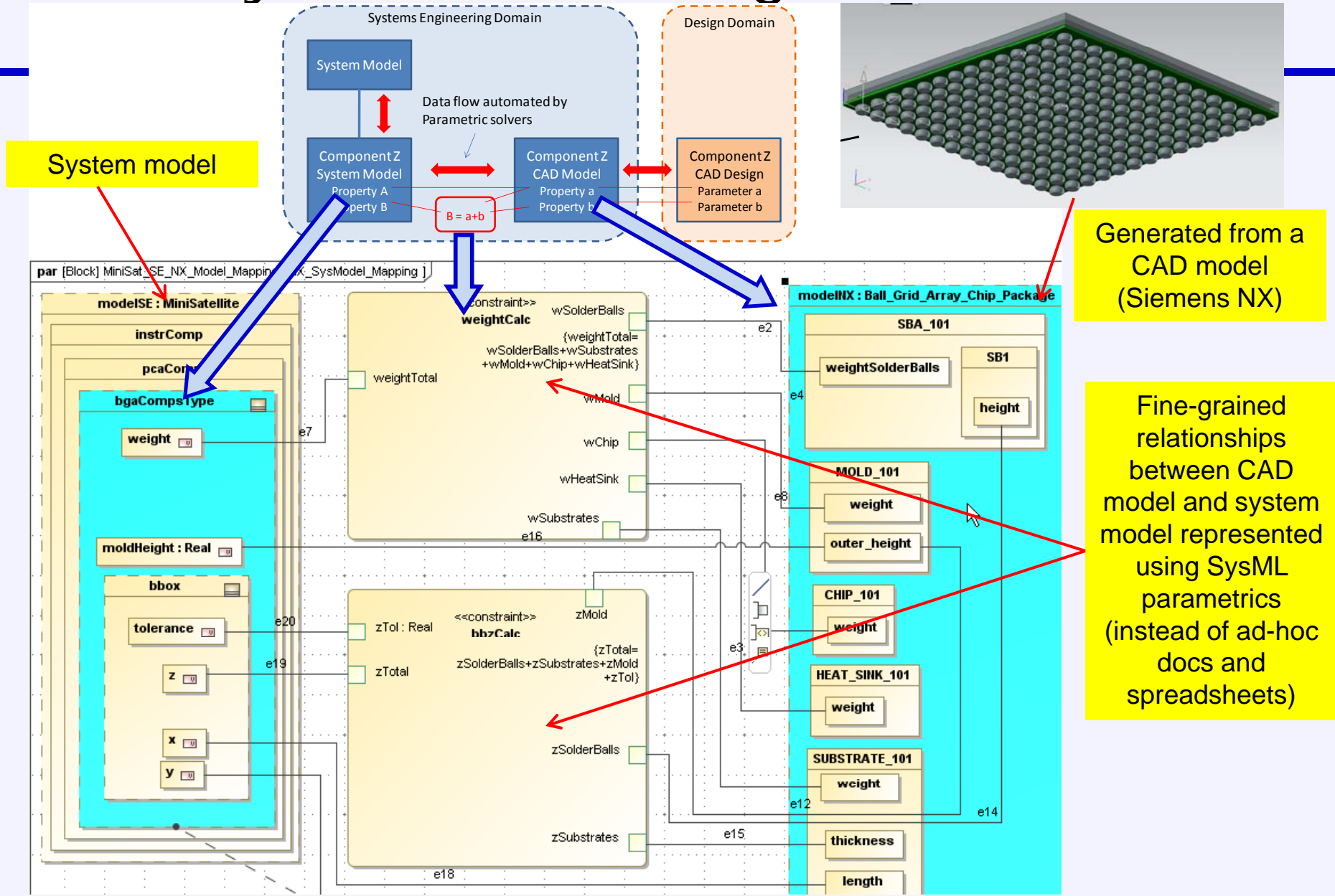
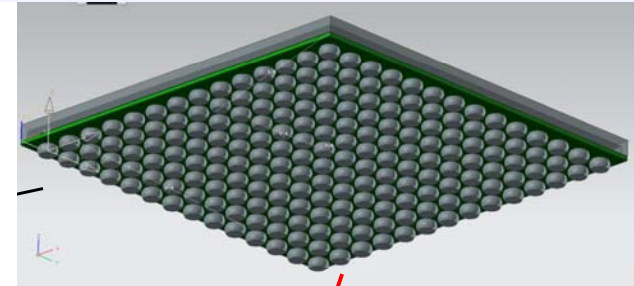
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Step 4



SysML – CAD Integration Tool

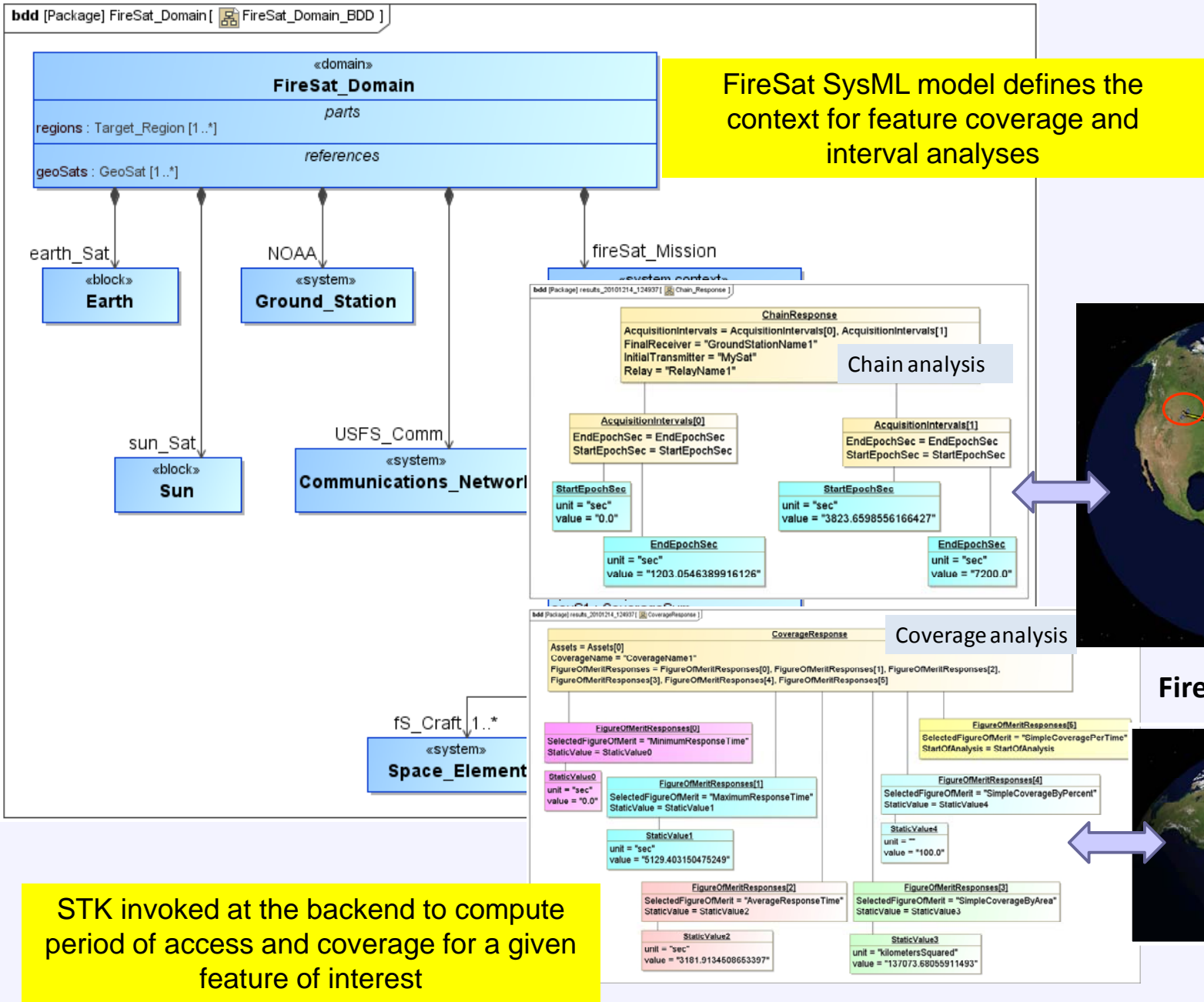


System model

Generated from a CAD model (Siemens NX)

Fine-grained relationships between CAD model and system model represented using SysML parametrics (instead of ad-hoc docs and spreadsheets)

SysML – STK Integration Tool

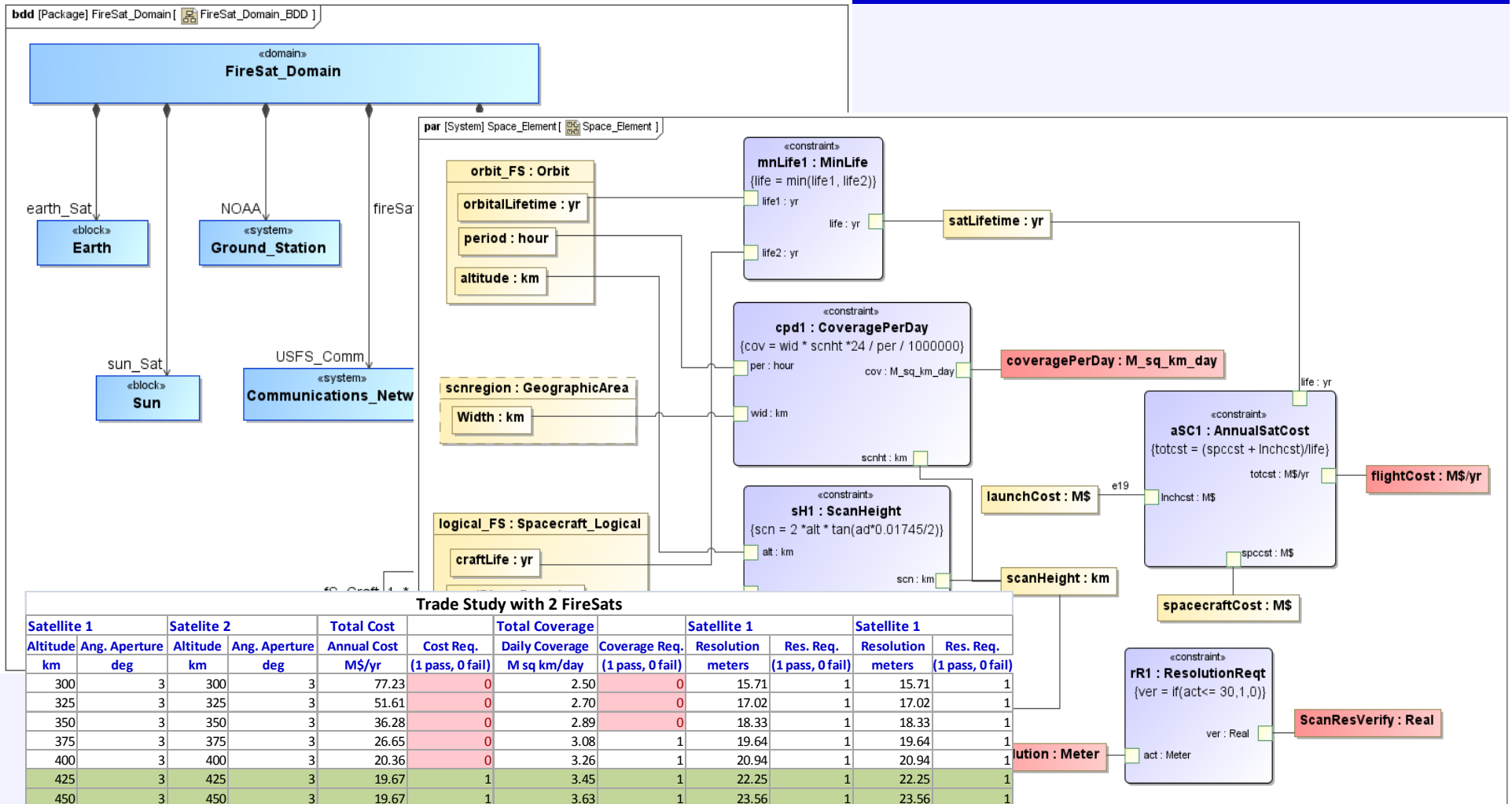


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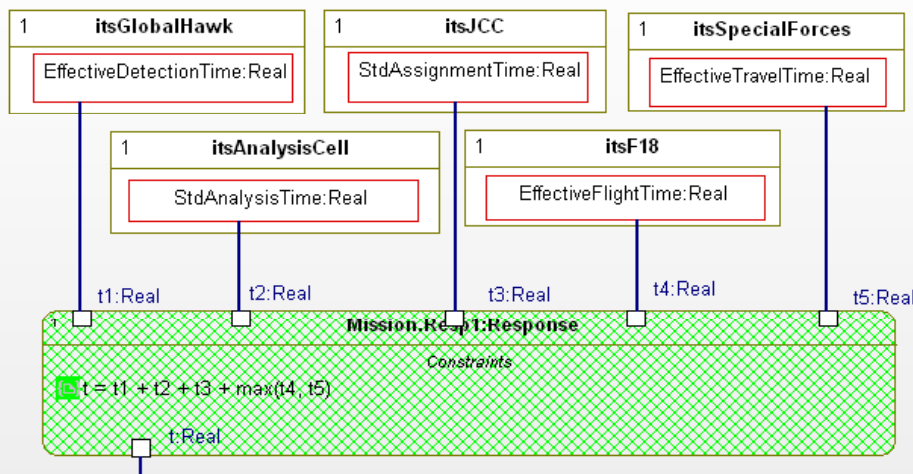
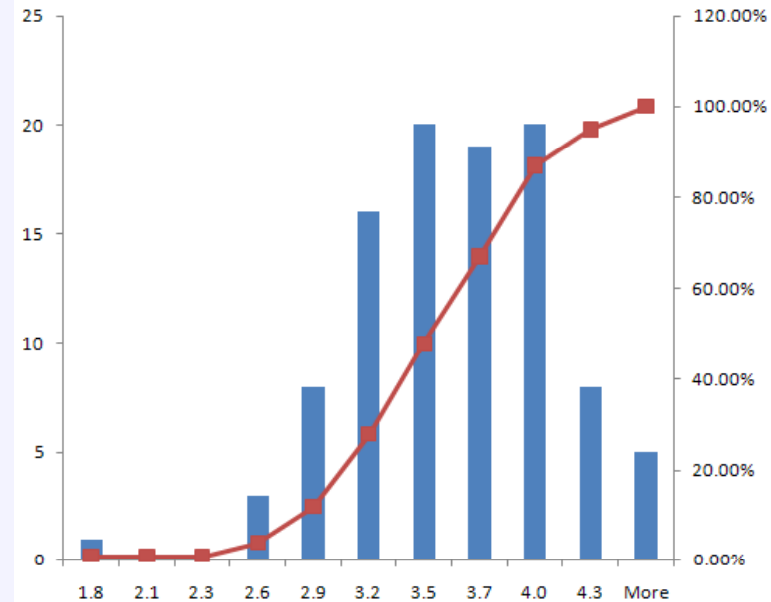
Space Systems

FireSat cost and coverage trades and reqt. verif.



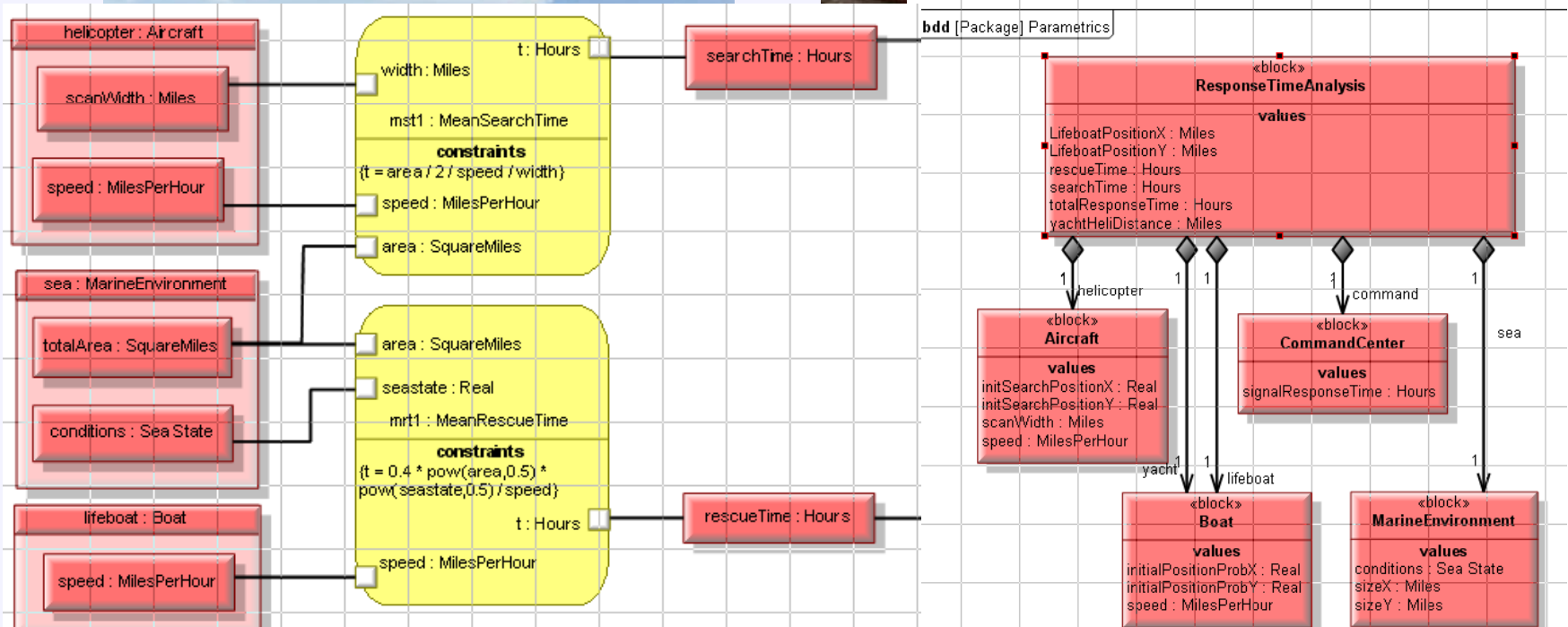
Military and Intelligence

Probability of mission success, mean response time



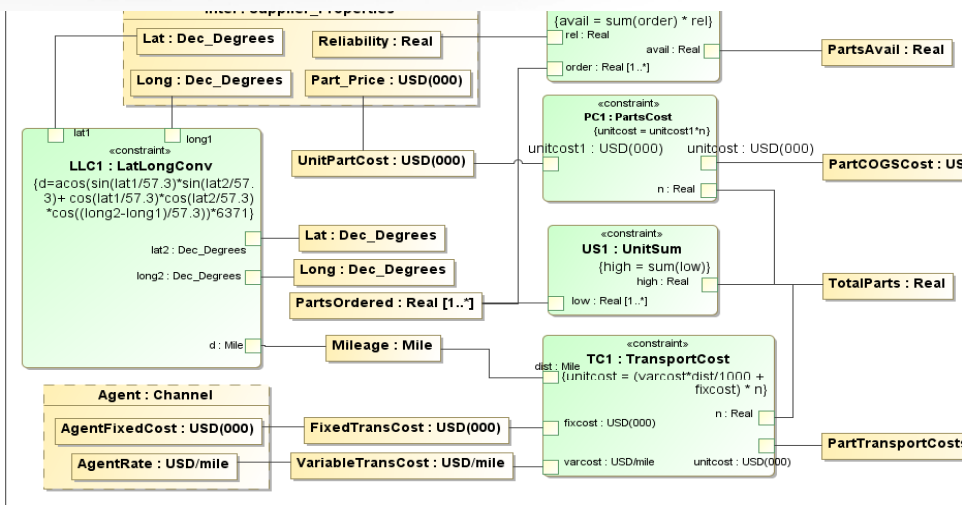
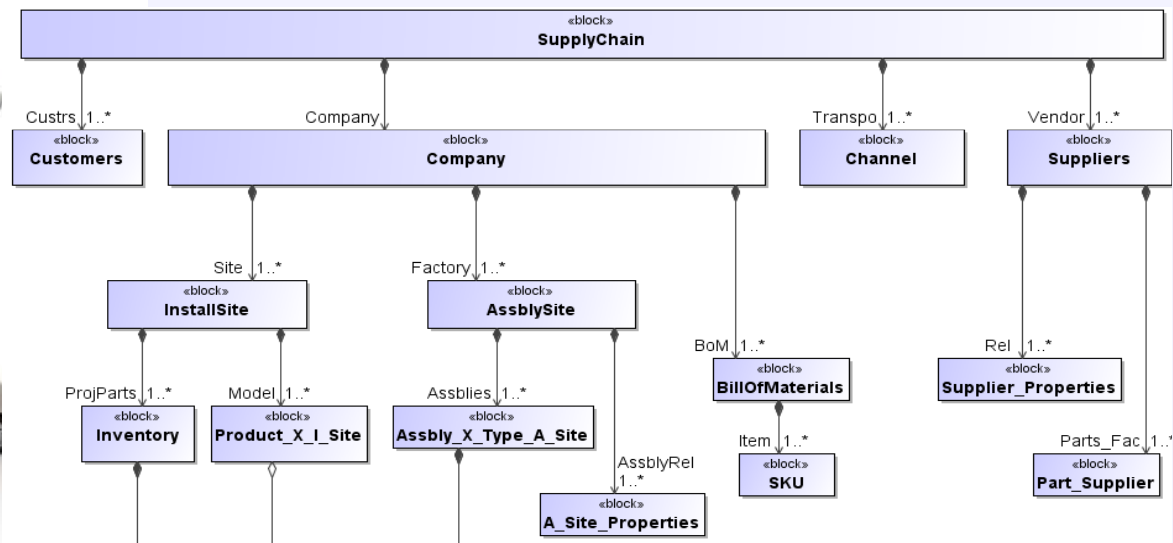
Disaster Response

Search & rescue area coverage and response time



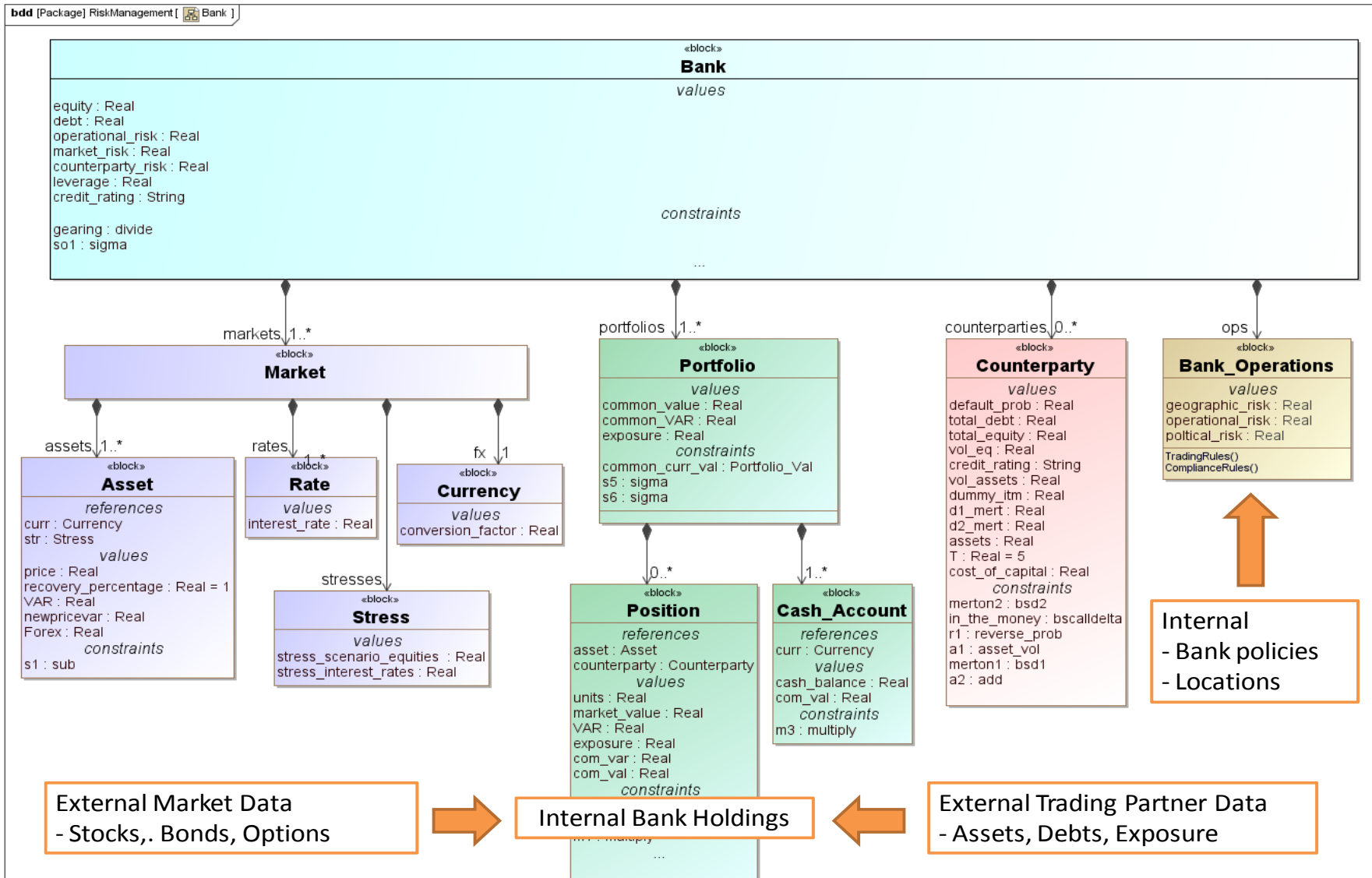
Manufacturing and Supply Chain

Computing value at risk, supply-demand balance



Banking and Financial Systems

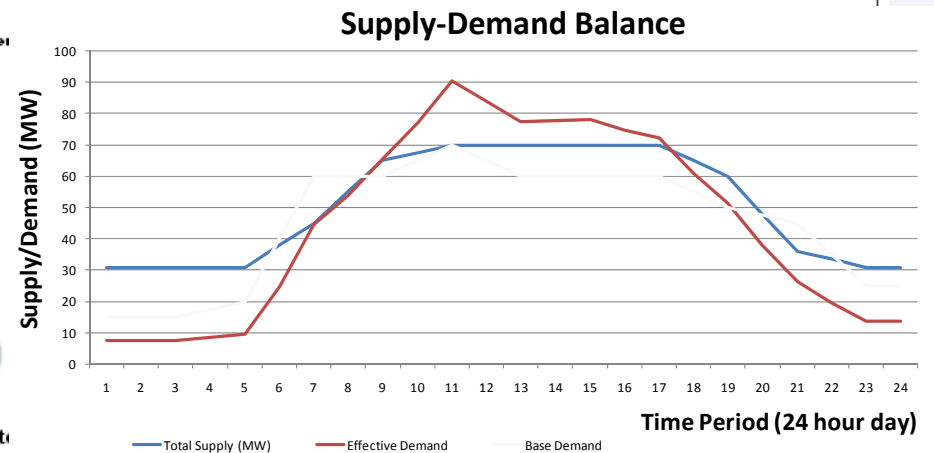
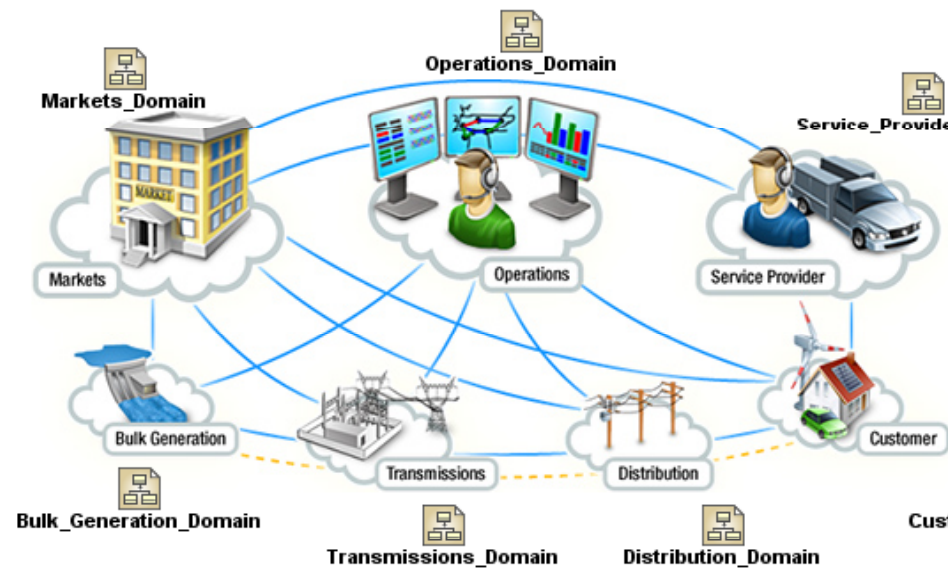
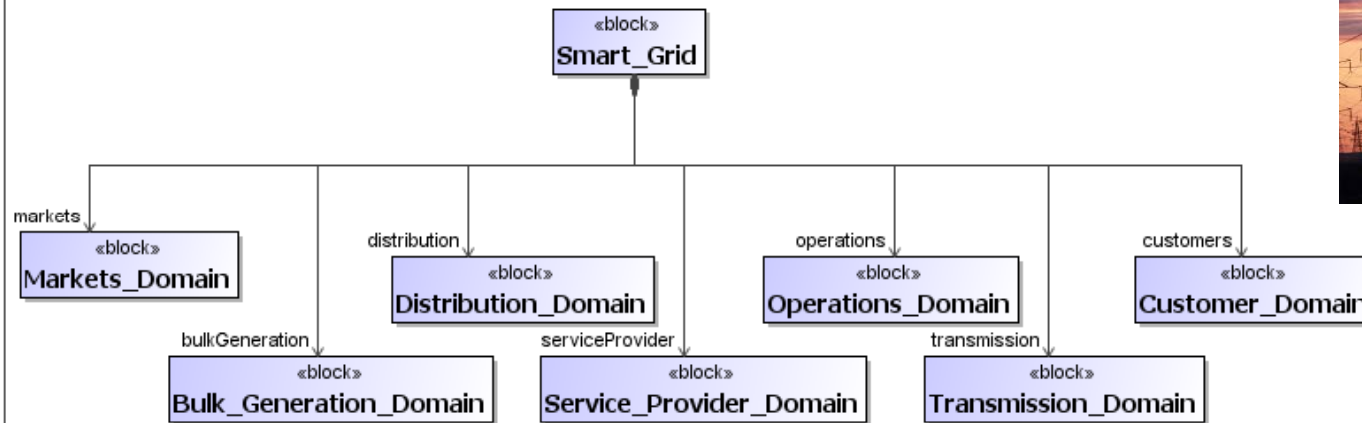
Computing risk and checking compliance



Smart Grid



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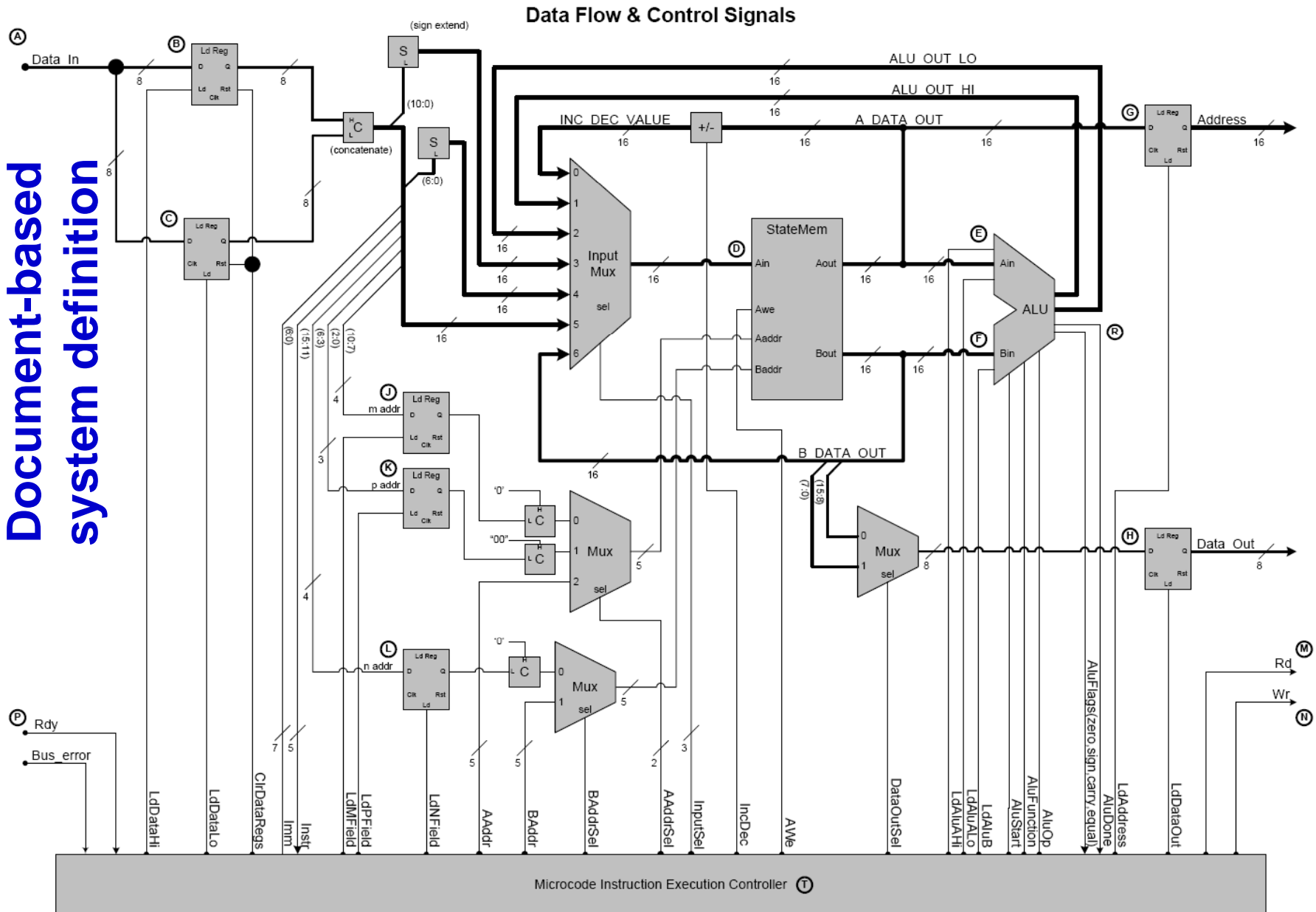


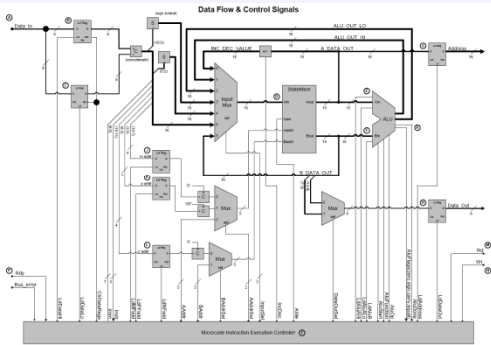
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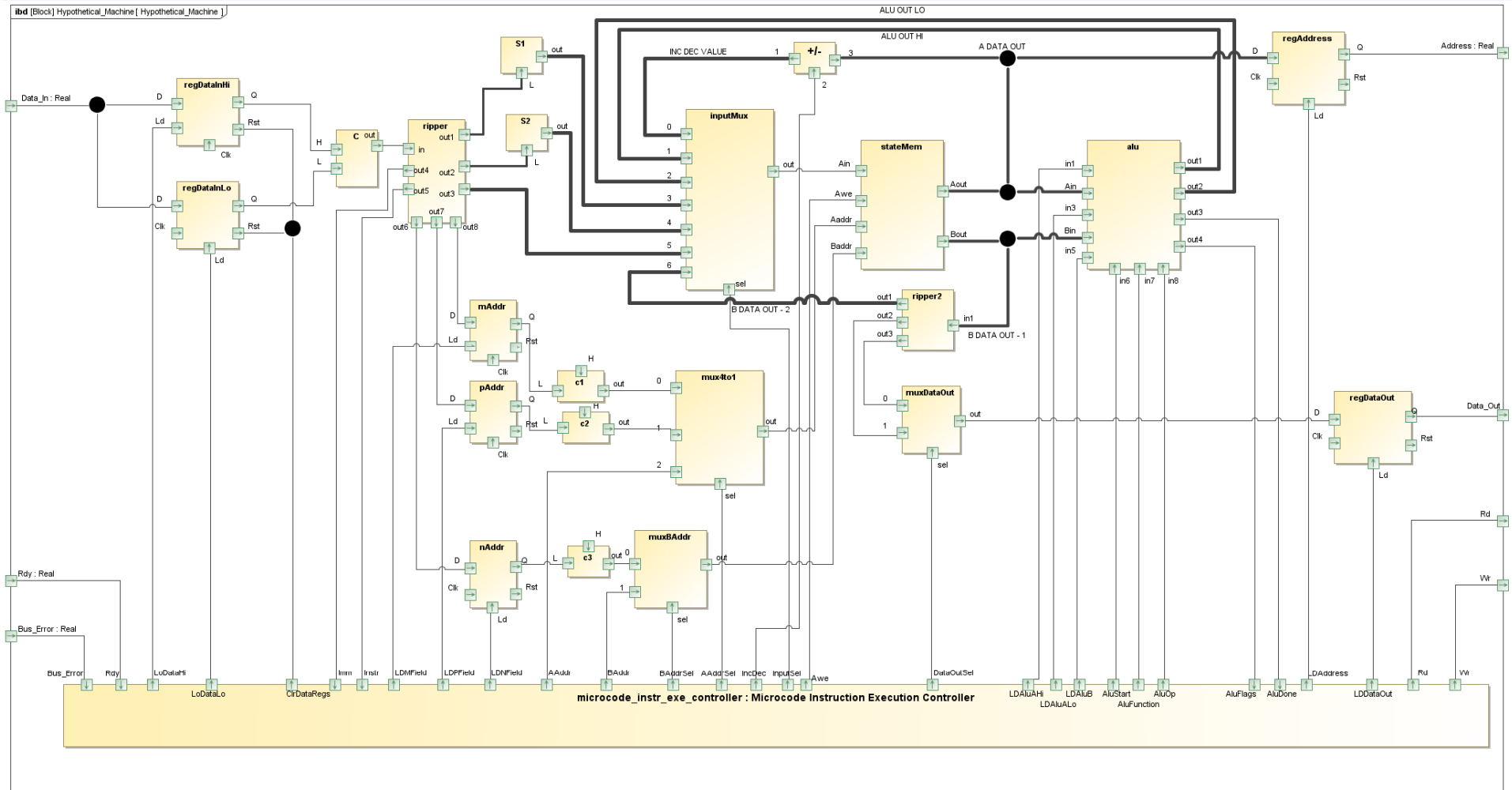
Case Study - MBSE of Electronic Systems

Document-based system definition



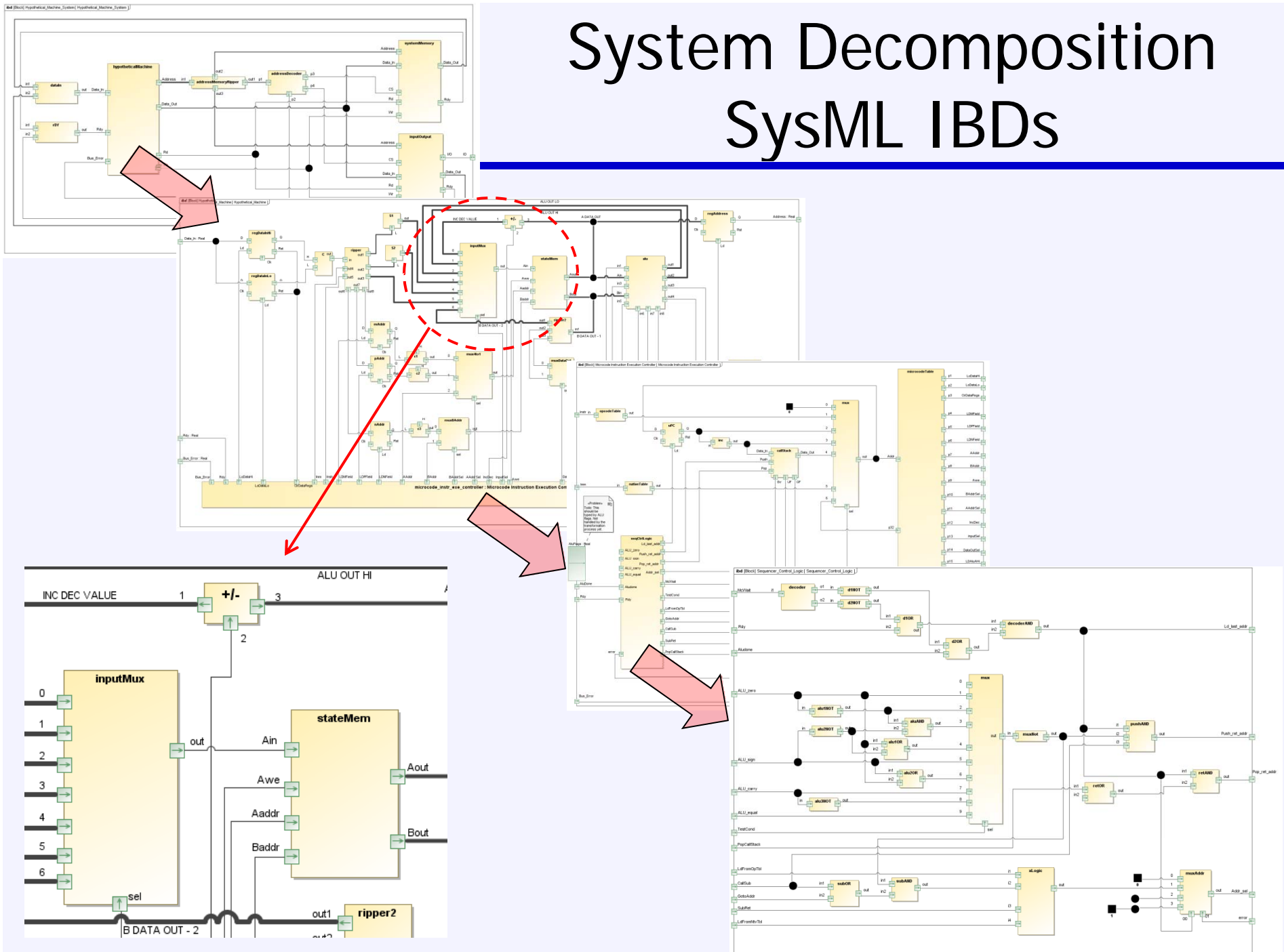


Model-Based System Definition



System Decomposition

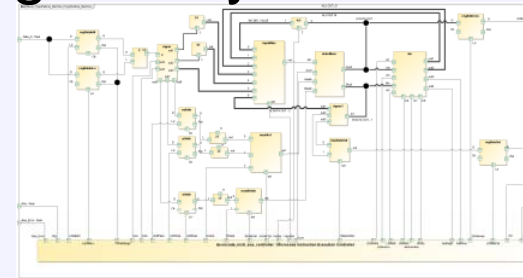
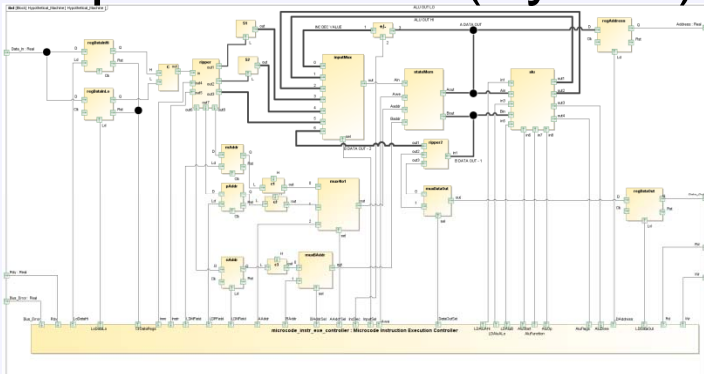
SysML IBDs



Generating Simulation Models SysML, XML, and Java

SysML-based Analytical Model +
design-analysis relationships

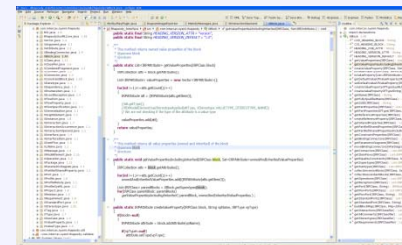
System Design
Representation (SysML)



XML-based analytical model structure

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Java-based simulation model



DSL Plugin Environment for Designers and Analysts

The screenshot displays a software development environment with several key components:

- Left Panel (Containment):** Shows a project tree with folders like "Data", "My Orchestra Model", and "Orchestra Library". Below it are icons for "Relations", "PartA", "PartB", "PartC", and "Simple_System1".
- Top Panel (New Module A):** Contains a toolbar and a text input field with the text: `imd [Module] New Module A [New Module A]`. This field is highlighted with a red box.
- Center Panel (Orchestra Library):** A dropdown menu listing various components such as "Module Component", "Input", "Output", "Input/Output", "Connection", "Common", "Note", "Text Box", "Problem", "Rationale", "Anchor", "Containment", "Dependency", "Allocate", "Separator", "Image Shape", and "Diagram Overview".
- Main Diagram Area:** Shows a detailed block diagram of a "Hypothetical Machine" (HM). Components include: "MUX 8-1", "ALU", "MUX 2-1", "LD Reg", "Concat 2-1", "SignExt", "State Variable Memory", and "Microcode Instruction Execution Controller".
- Bottom Panel (HMS):** Shows a block diagram of a "Hypothetical Machine System" (HMS). Components include: "OR_Gate", "I/O", "HM", "Addr Decode", "Memory", and "Ripper".

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Experiences

- ◆ Computing with SysML & Variable Topology
- ◆ Deployment for all 4 major SysML authoring tools
- ◆ SysML/MBSE for different applications
- ◆ SysML – X tool interoperability patterns
- ◆ Domain-specific MBSE

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