

Aircraft Systems Engineering

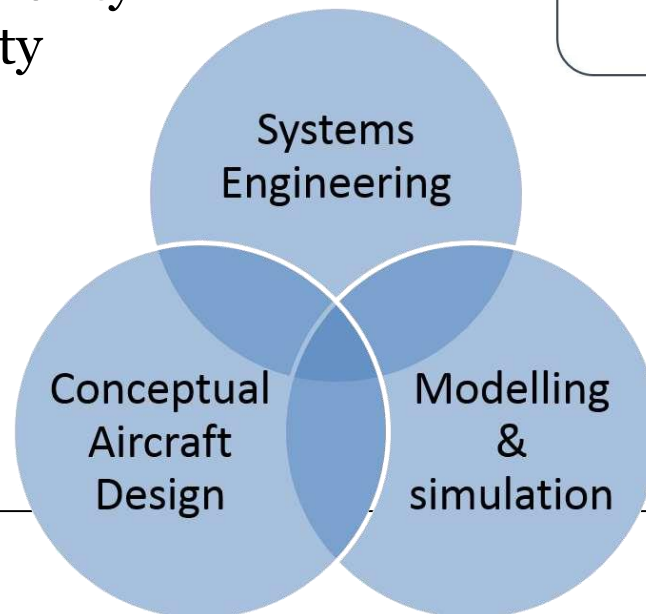
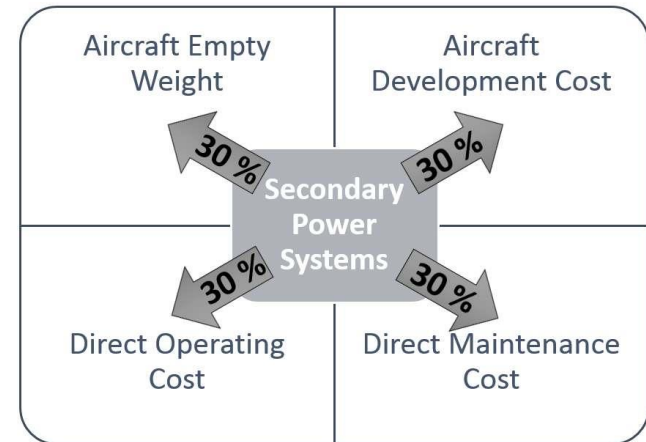
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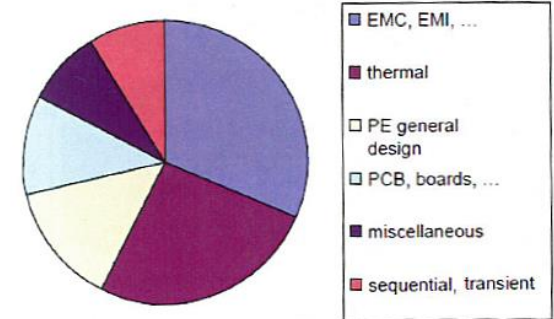
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Why (Conceptual) Aircraft **Systems** Engineering?

- multi-aspect, multi-domain
- project specific
- low efforts, short period, small team
- enhanced complexity fidelity



More Electrical Airplane: Power Electronics



PE technical issues dispatched by discipline

”...the most significant common lessons learned are within the EMI/EMC discipline and could become showstoppers if not identified or applied.”

source: Michel Todeschi and Frédéric Salas, Airbus, 2016

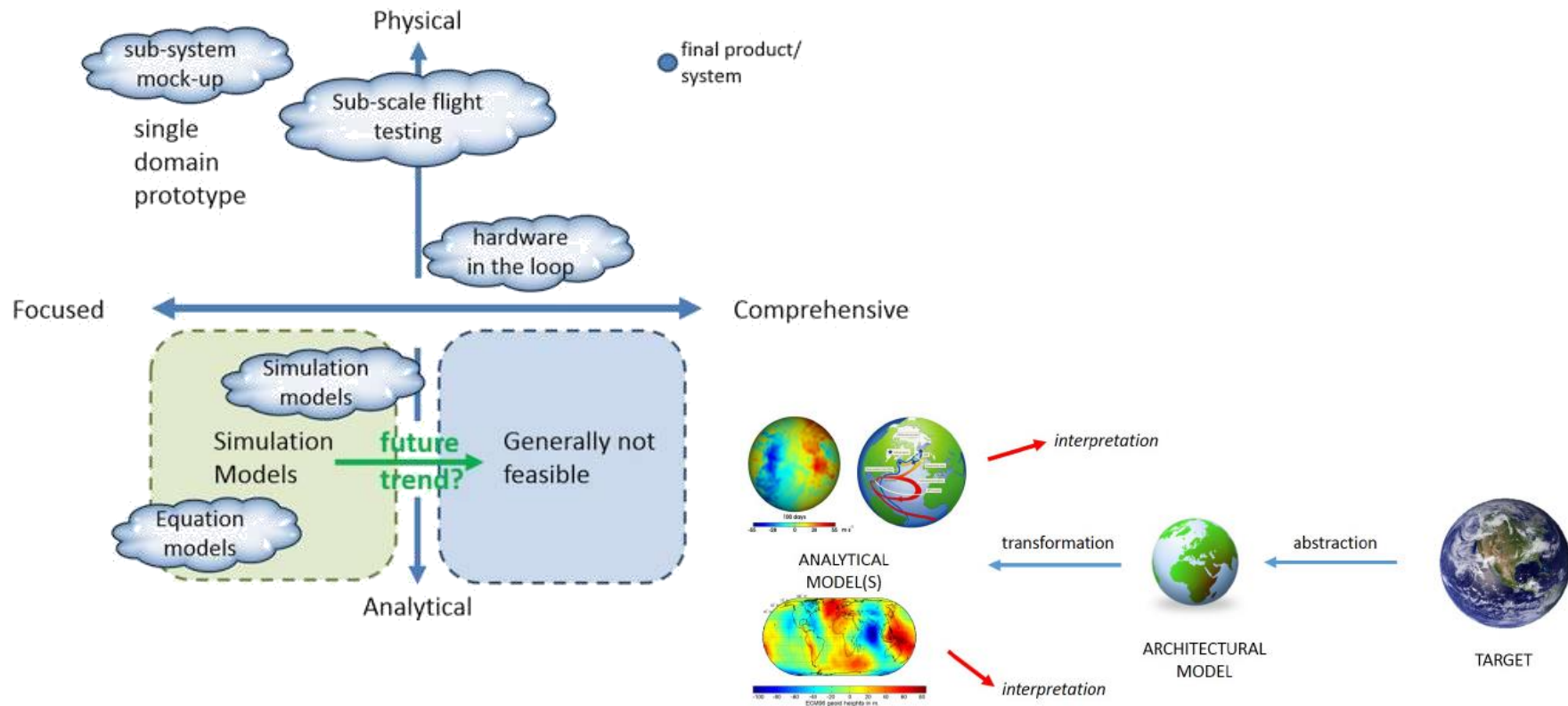
- a possible showstopper?
- workarounds?
- can this be addressed during the conceptual aircraft design process?
if yes, how?



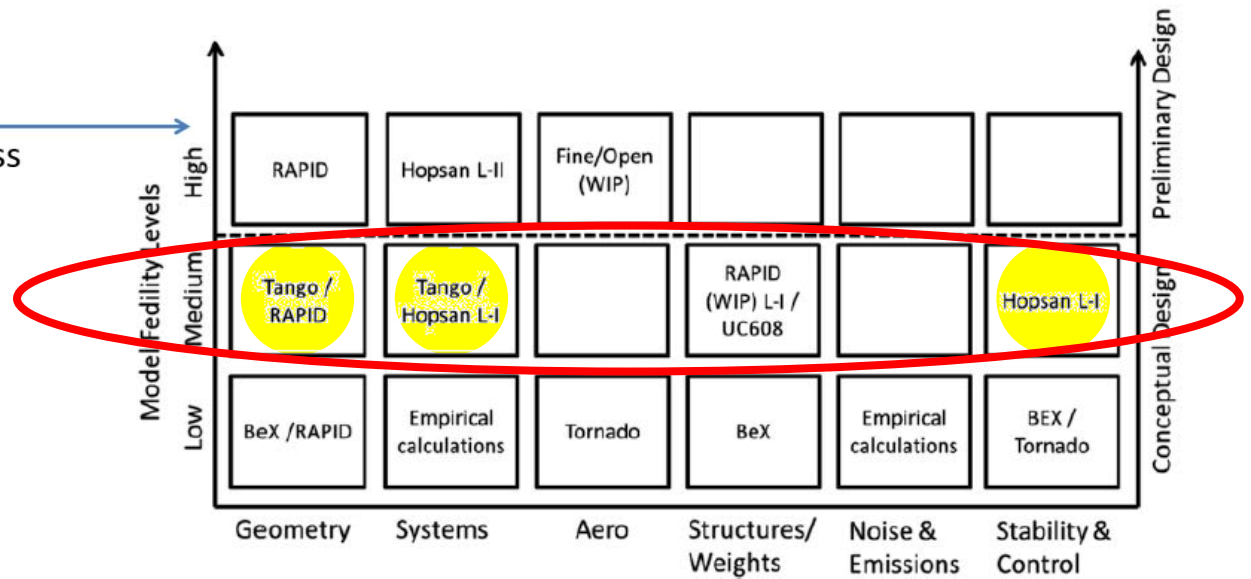
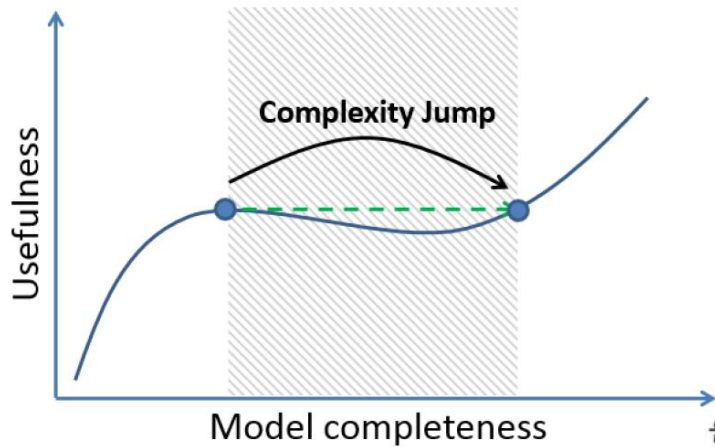
source:
<http://www.jobyaviation.com/LEAPTEch/> (accessed 2016-09-07)

**Nine-Passenger Hybrid
Turboprop May Be On The
Way** source: Aviation Week, 2017-02-02

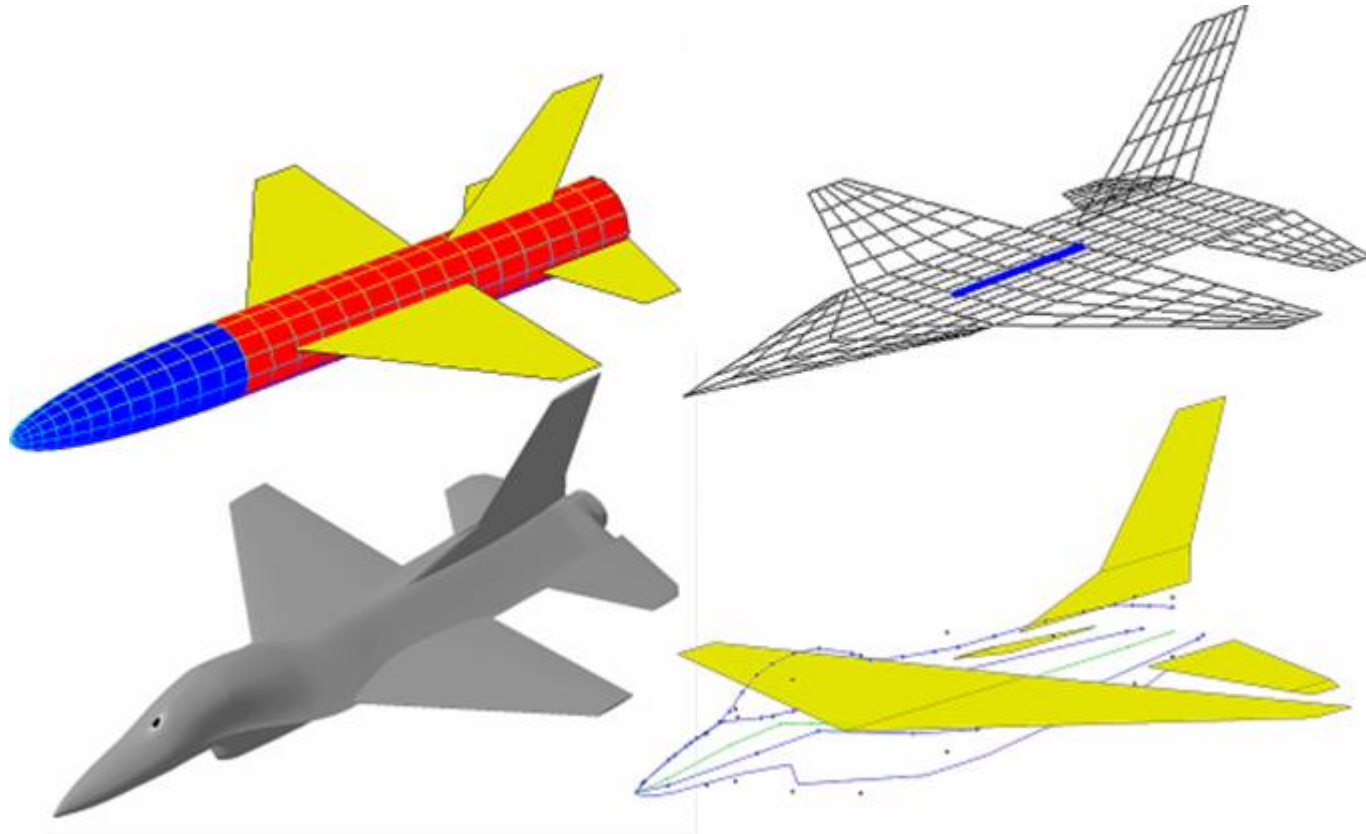
Model Types, Model Transformations and Model Implementations



Model Fidelity and Integration

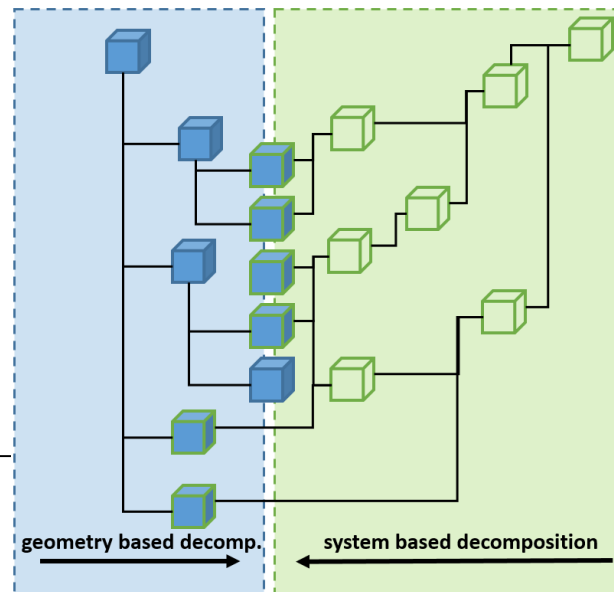
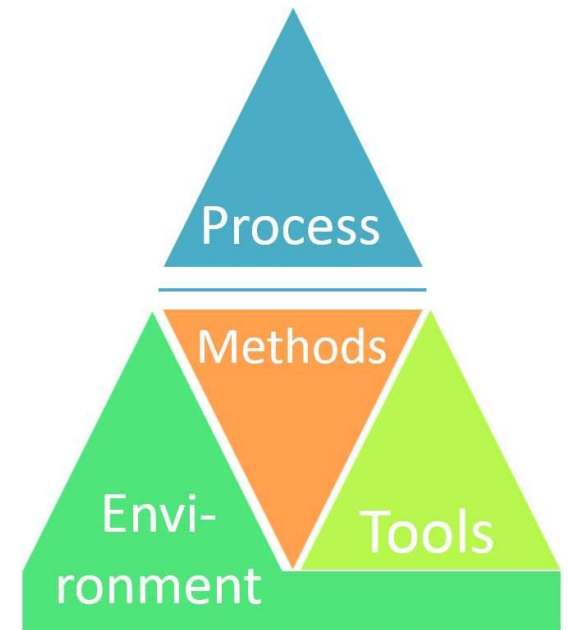


One Dataset – Different Tool-Fidelity Geometry Representation



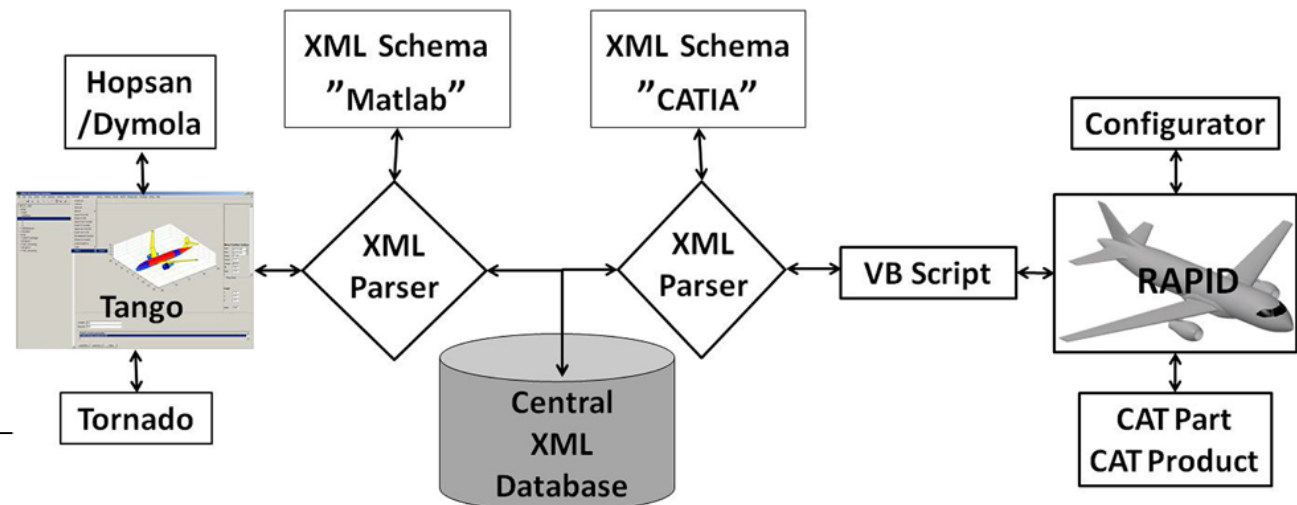
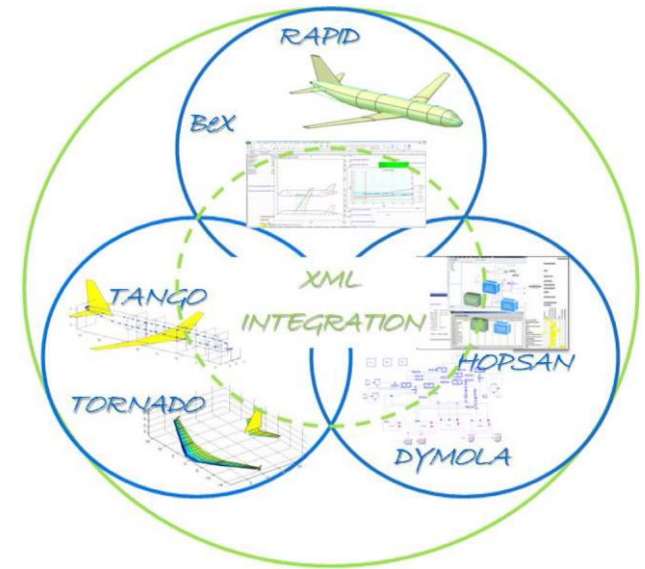
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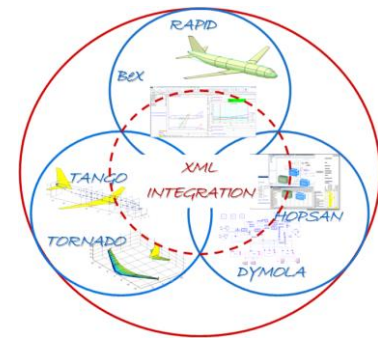
- change from risk management to management of complexity & details?
- from pure mechanical engineering towards **software** (data) engineering, **systems engineering** and **project management**
- conventional (eventual OOP), graph based, causal/acausal....



Framework Design: Information Model

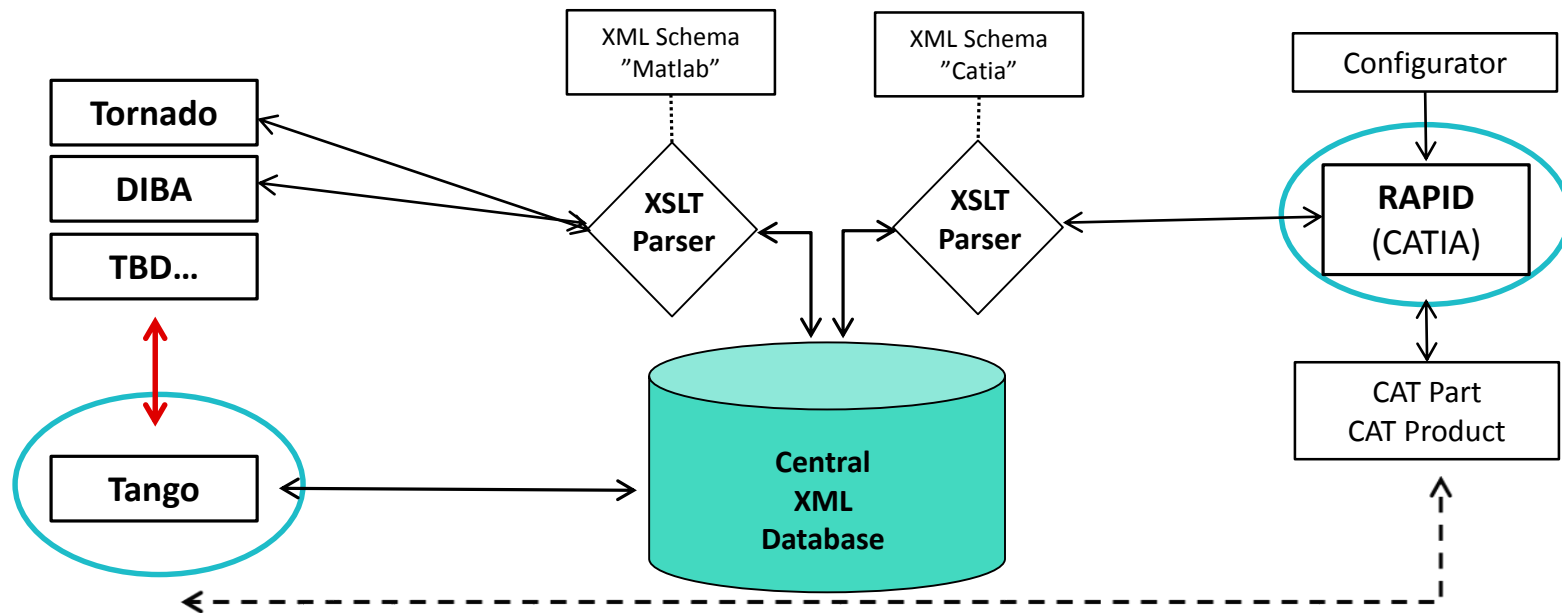
- XML based a good (low-level) solution
- parametric design
- several standards:
CPACS, TEI (literature) , Ecl@ss
(acquisition, components), ISO/EC
81346 (construction building), etc.





XML Based Tool Integration

- Strict design space limitation (robustness counts!)
- CATIA model topology different from the XML data setup
 → complex data translations required

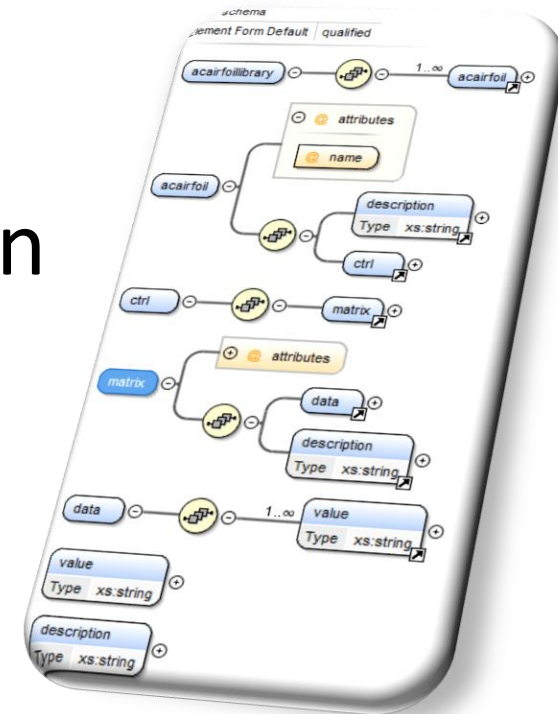


Example: Airfoil Representation

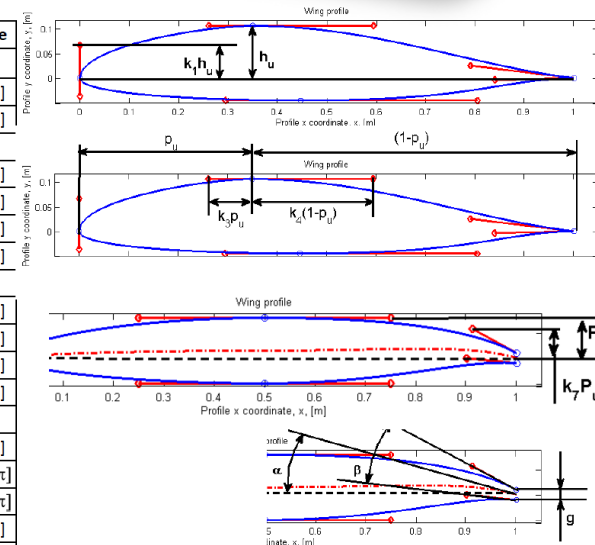
- unified parametric airfoil description (T. Melin, 2011):
- airfoil representation by four 2nd-order Beziér curves:

$$\bar{x}(t) = (1-t)^3 \bar{p}_0 + 3(1-t)^2 t \bar{p}_1 + 3(1-t)t^2 \bar{p}_2 + t^3 \bar{p}_3$$

- very robust format
- name describing the geometry → perfect condition for (binary) optimization algorithms
- only drawback: S-shaped trailing edge airfoils are not representable



Name	Var	Range
Leading edge		
Upper Nose fraction	k_1	[0..1]
Lower Nose fraction	k_2	[0..1]
Upper side		
Upper thickness	H_U	[0..1]
Upper thickness position	P_U	[0..1]
Upper forward fraction	k_3	[0..1]
Upper rearward fraction	K_4	[0..1]
Lower side		
Lower thickness	H_L	[0..1]
Lower thickness position	P_L	[0..1]
Lower forward fraction	k_5	[0..1]
Upper rearward fraction	K_6	[0..1]
Trailing edge		
Trailing edge gap	g	[0..1]
Boat tail angle	β	$[-\pi.. \pi]$
Release angle	α	$[-\pi.. \pi]$
Upper trailing edge fraction	k_7	[0..1]
Lower trailing edge fraction	k_8	[0..1]

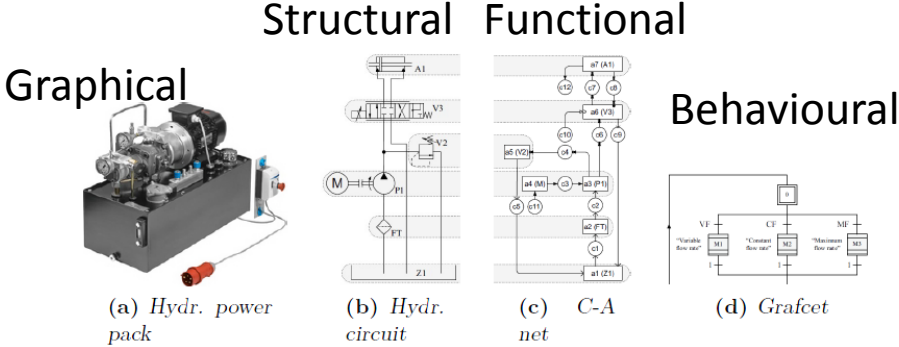


System Architecture Automation

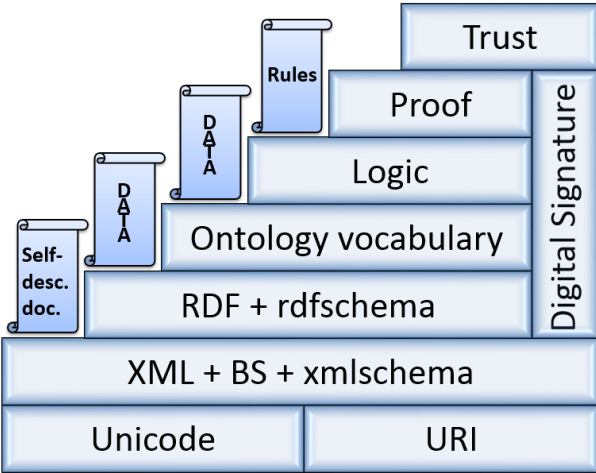
System Architecture Automation

Modelling Trends: Unified Modelling or/and Semantic Handling Capabilities?

- Cyber-Physical Systems
- unified modelling or enabled model interpretation?
- *"the right tool/method for the right topic"* (efficiency, transparency, effort)



Different (analytical) models of a hydraulic power supply

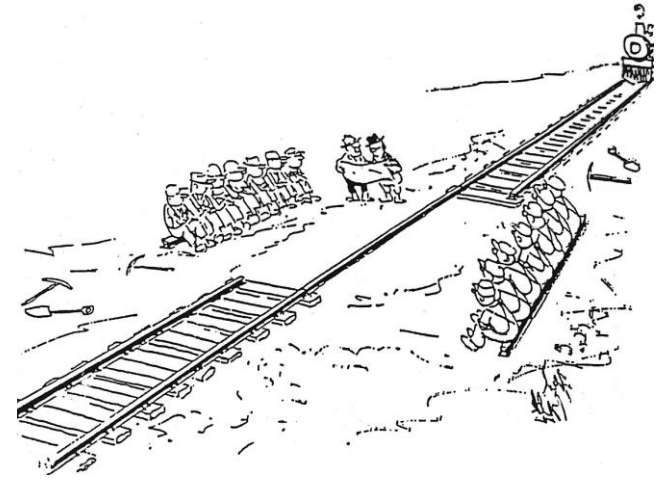


The semantic web approach (source: Bernes Lee)

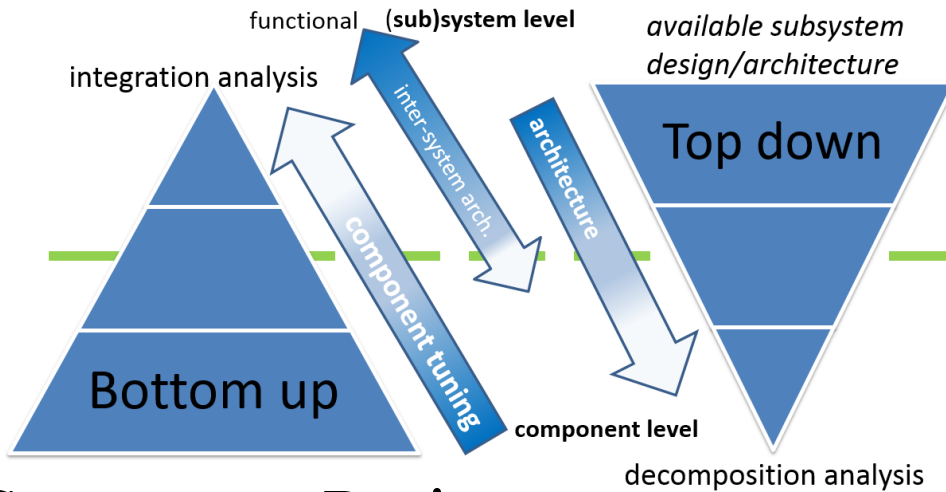
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Closing the Gap by KBE

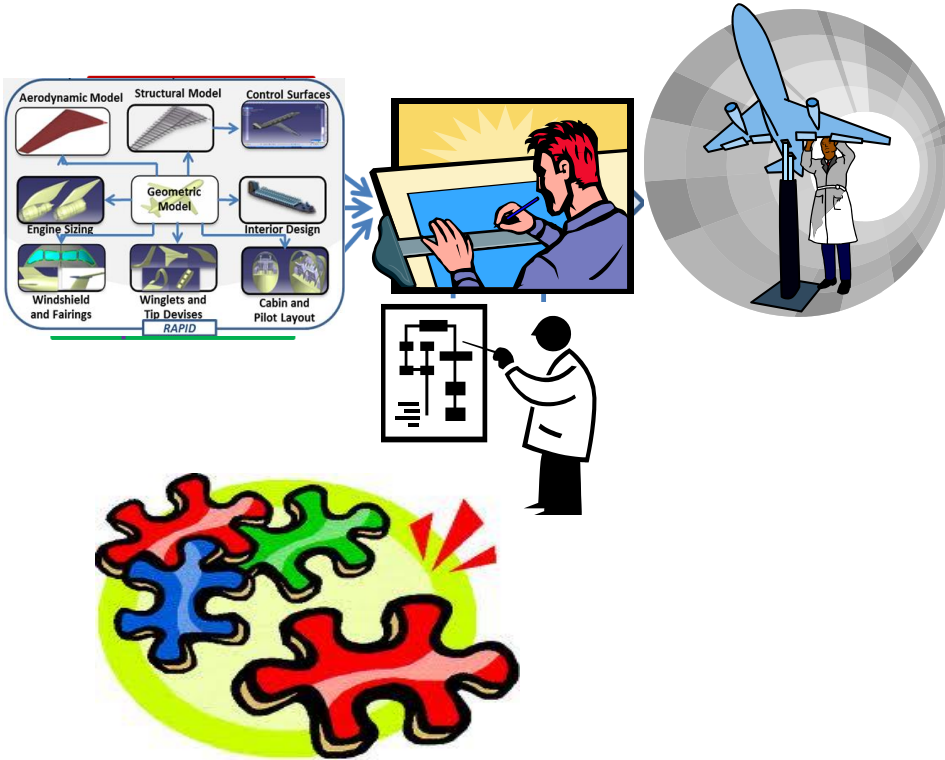


System Design



Component Design

KBE: System Architecture and Integration of Simulation Models



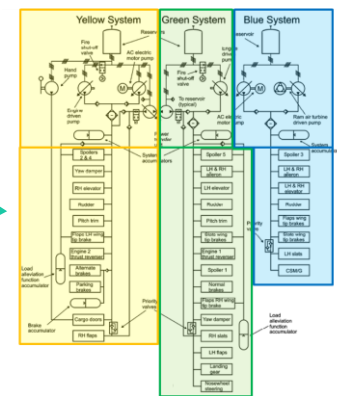
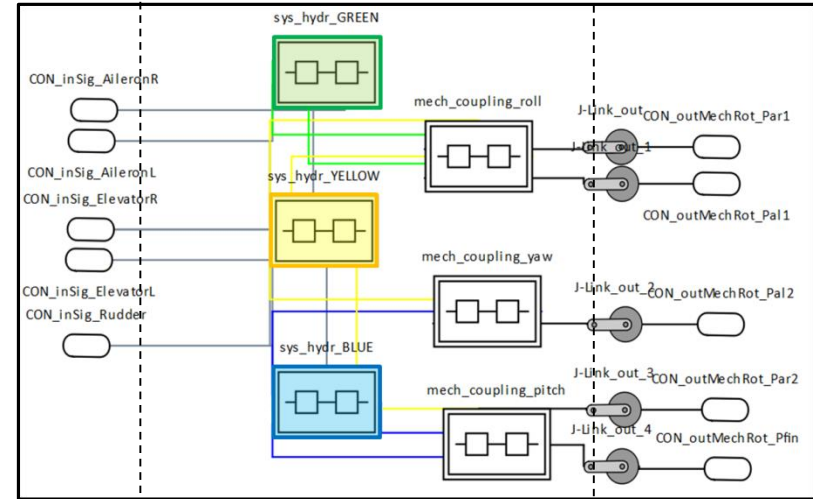
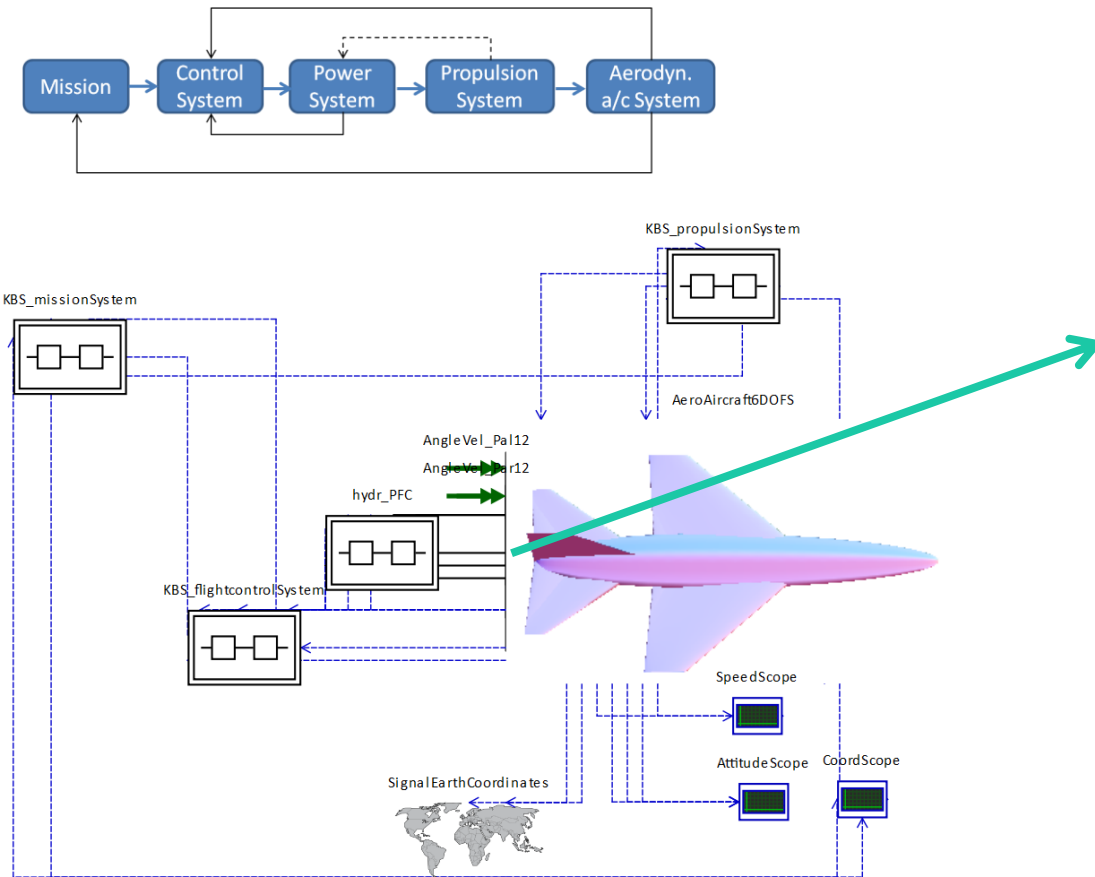
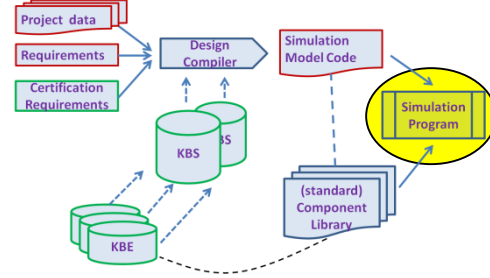
KBS: System Knowledge Base

KBE: Element Knowledge Base

- serve for the translation from meta-components towards the simulation components in the library

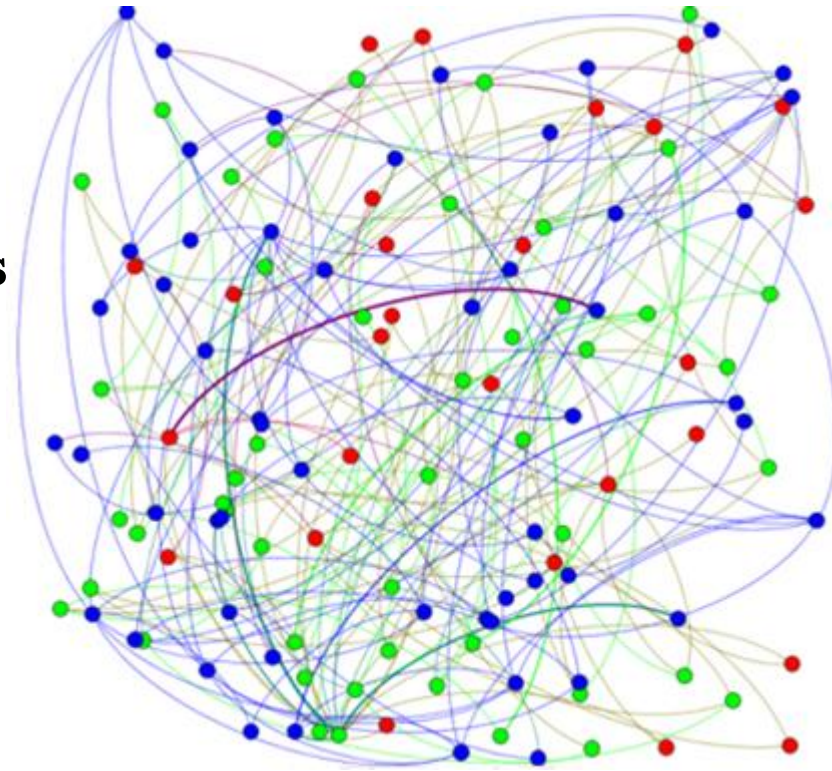
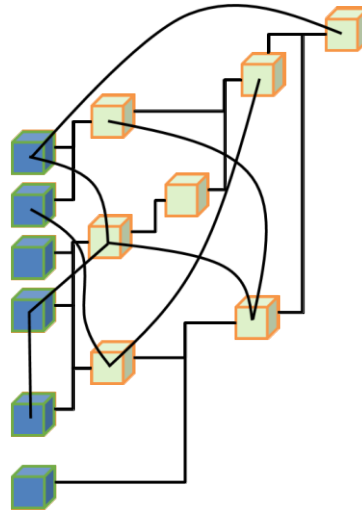
Req. & project related data → (total) system simulation

Example Result: Simulation Model



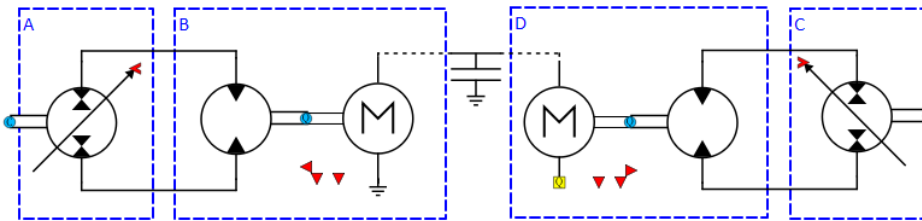
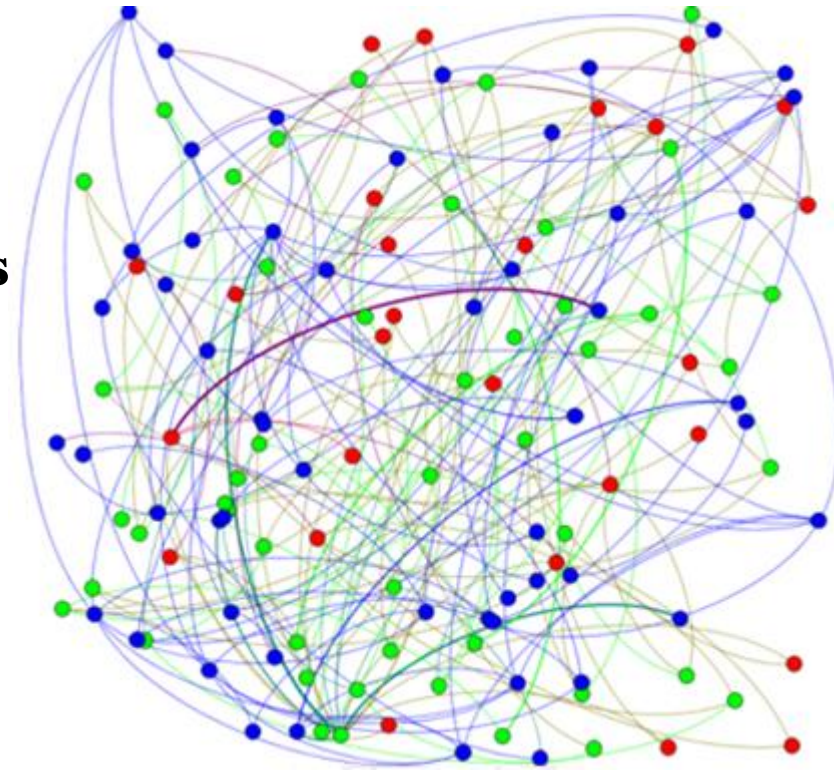
Complexity – How to maintain a **TRANSPARENT** process?

- how to maintain the overview?
- how to maintain flexibility?
- how to **present/visualize** huge data and **complex dependencies** (network/graph) structure
- tool efficiency (e.g. build-up and maintenance of KBE tools)

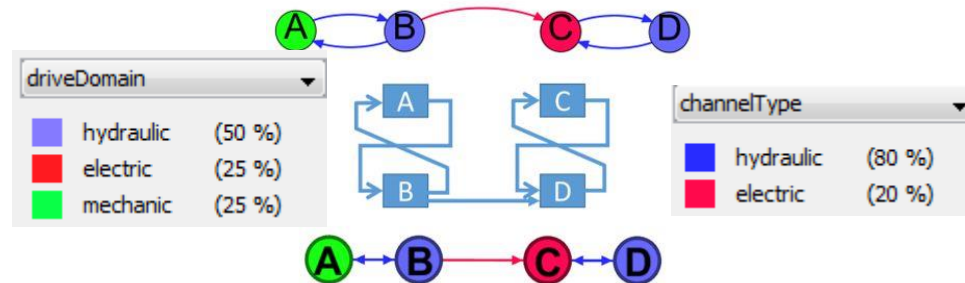


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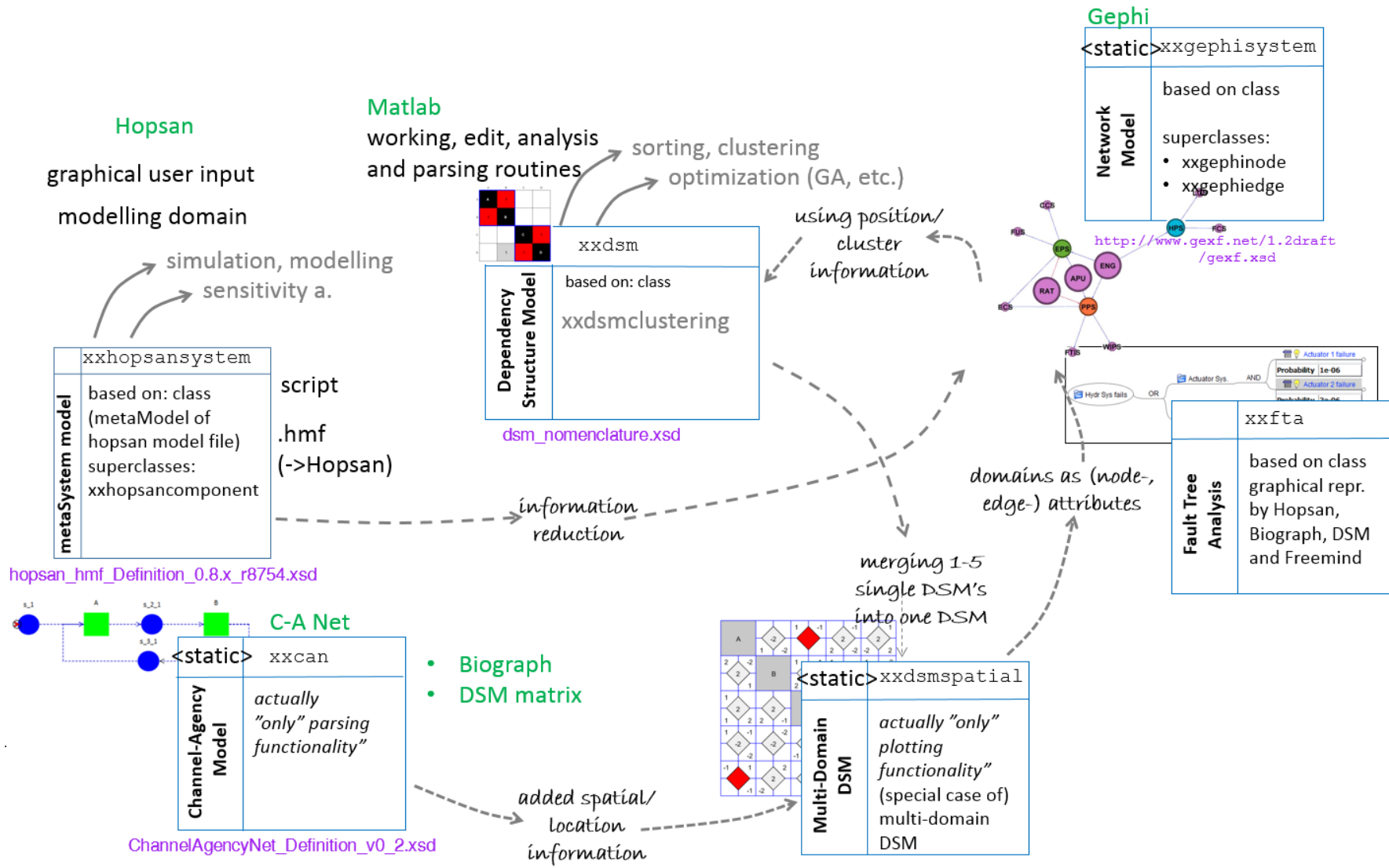
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Unified OOP Modelling Approach



Project Outcomes

- Object-oriented implementation and a parametric, central dataspace with a matching fidelity; preferably in XML format is a good, easy (streamlined) solution
- KBE (excluding AI) is a way to enhance (generate) simulation model based on incomplete project-related information with limited increase of spend effort.
- By interpreting a system as a multi-domain graph network and appropriate modelling techniques, different system design aspects can be addressed. In combination with OOP and XML/XSD/XSLT model transformation forth an back are supported.

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