Fundamentals of Systems Engineering

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Session 3

System Modeling Languages

Reminder: A1 is due today !

Assignment	*Topic*	*Weight*
A1 (group)	Team Formation, Definitions, Stakeholders, Concept of Operations (CONOPS)	12.5%
A2 (group)	Requirements Definition and Analysis Margins Allocation	12.5%
A3 (group)	System Architecture, Concept Generation	12.5%
A4 (group)	Tradespace Exploration, Concept Selection	12.5%
A5 (group)	Preliminary Design Review (PDR) Package and Presentation	20%
Quiz (individual)	Written online quiz	10%
Oral Exam (individual)	20' Oral Exam with Instructor 2-page reflective memorandum	10%

The "V-Model" of Systems Engineering

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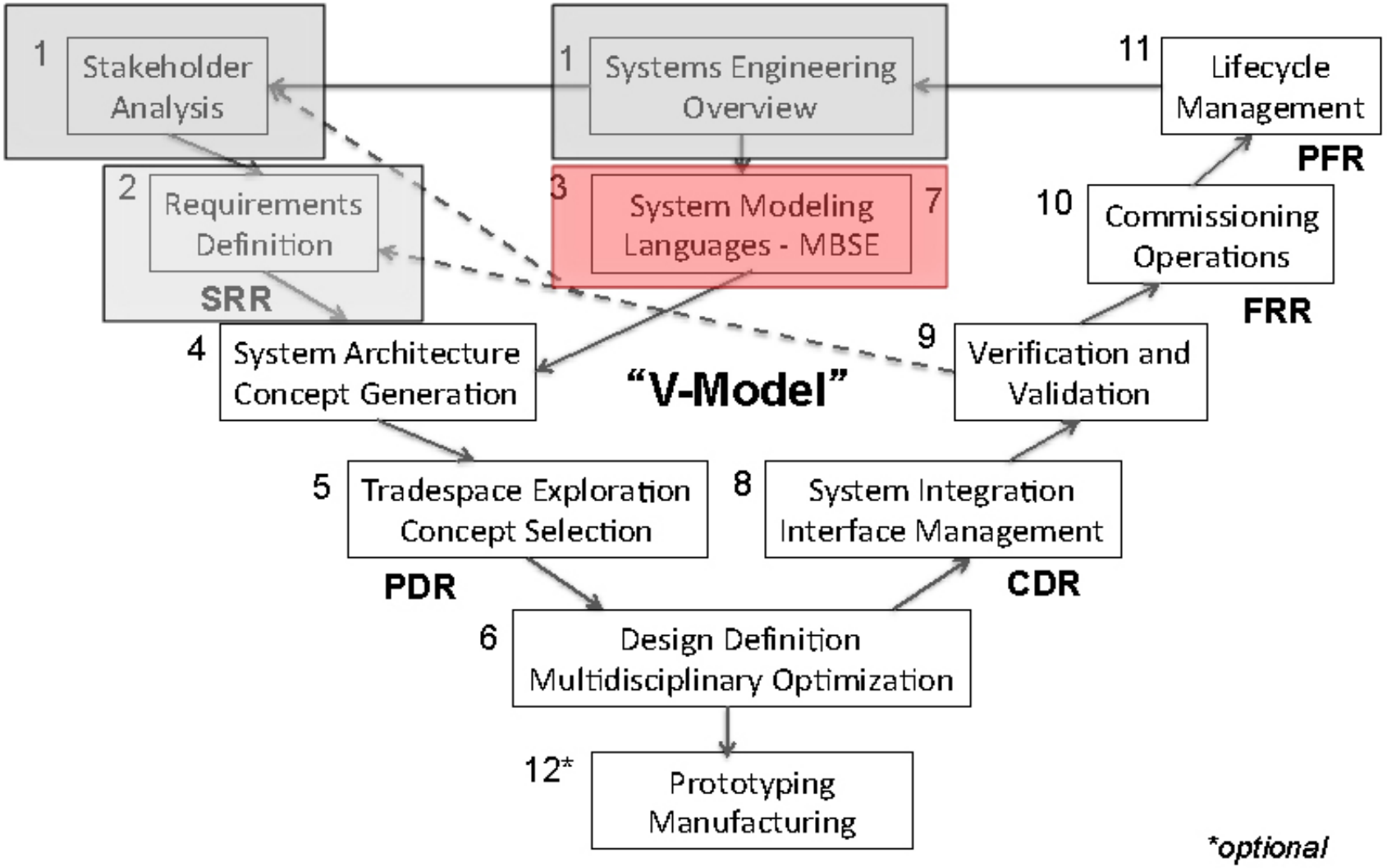

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  - Ontology, Semantics and Syntax
- OPM – Object Process Methodology
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- Modelica
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Exercise: Describe the “Mr. Sticky” System

- Work with a partner (5 min)
- Use your webex notepad/white board
- I will call on you randomly
- We will compare across student teams

Why Systems Modeling Languages?

- Means for describing artifacts are traditionally as follows:
  - Natural Language (English, French etc.…)
  - Graphical (Sketches and Drawings)
  - These then typically get aggregated in "***documents***"
    - Examples: Requirements Document, Drawing Package → Technical Data Package (**TDP**) should contain all info needed to build and operate system

- **Advantages** of allowing an arbitrary description:
  - Familiarity to creator of description
  - Not-confining, promotes creativity

- **Disadvantages** of allowing an arbitrary description:
  - Room for ambiguous interpretations and errors
  - Difficult to update if there are changes
  - Handoffs between SE lifecycle phases are discontinuous
  - Uneven level of abstraction
  - Large volume of information that exceeds human cognitive bandwidth
  - Etc.…

System Modeling Languages

- Past efforts to create System Modeling Languages
  - E.g. Bond Graphs (1960), IDEF (1981), etc…
- Regardless of the System Modeling Language being developed and used they share the common features:
- Domain agnostic
- **Ontology https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ontology_engineering**
  - Defines the entities that are allowed to exist and be described
  - How these entities can be grouped, related to a hierarchy and subdivided
  - Constrains the universe of concepts that can be represented in the language
- **Semantics https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Semantics**
  - Describes the meaning of the entities allowed by the ontology
  - Relationship between signifiers (e.g. words, symbols …) and their denotation
- **Syntax https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Syntax**
  - Set of rules, principles and processes that govern the structure of the language and how correct “sentences” can be synthesized

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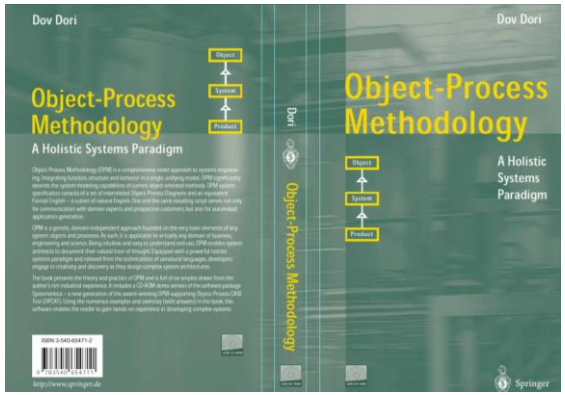
Introduction to OPM

In order to rigorously architect and design products need a language to describe functions, form, concepts in a consistent way

- **UML 2.0**
  - http://www.omg.org/spec/UML/2.0/
  - Mainly used for software architecting
- **SysML 1.3**
  - http://www.omgsysml.org/
  - Generalization to cyber-physical systems
- **OPM**
  - Object-Process-Methodology
  - 2002, Prof. Dov Dori, Technion
  - ISO Standard 19450 (2015, new !)



Motivation for OPM

- Typical Product Representations
  - Sketches
  - Engineering Drawings
  - UML Diagrams (Software)

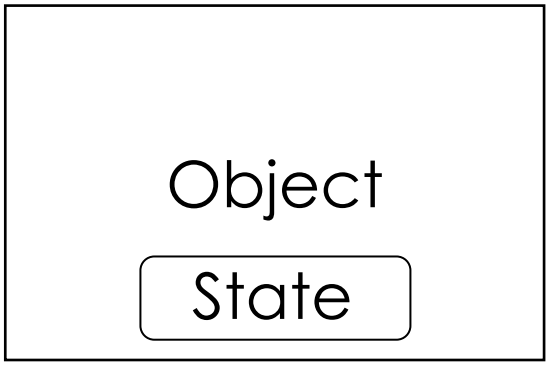
Example: Refrigerator Kenmore 2.5 cu ft

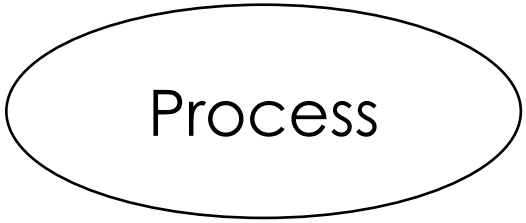
- Need for a Unified Representation
  - Show functions
  - Show function attributes
  - Show objects (operands, system components, consumables …)
  - Show object attributes
  - Show links

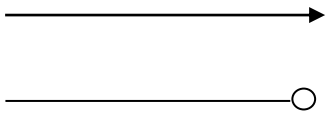
Object Process Methodology is a generic system modeling language that has been successfully applied to Systems Architecting of Complex Products

Ontology of Object Process Modeling

- **Object**: that which has the potential of stable, unconditional existence for some positive duration of time. Objects have states.
- Form is the sum of objects
- **Process**: the pattern of transformation applied to one or more objects. Processes change states.
- Function emerges from processes
- All links between objects and processes have precise semantics

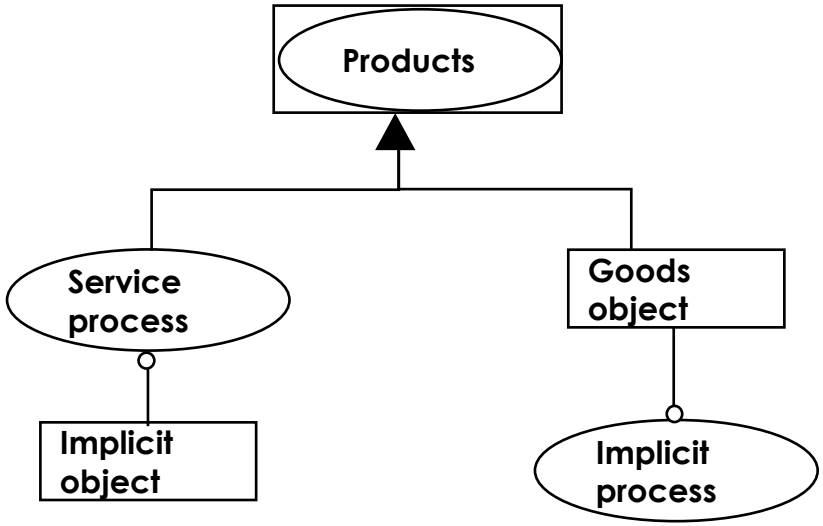






OPM: Goods and Services

- Goods are objects
- Services are processes
- With every product good object, there is an implicit process which is linked to value
- With every product service process, there is always an implicit object



Product/systems always come in object-process pairs, and value is always linked to process

Structural Links in OPM

- Structural Links
  - Link Objects to Objects

Is related to …

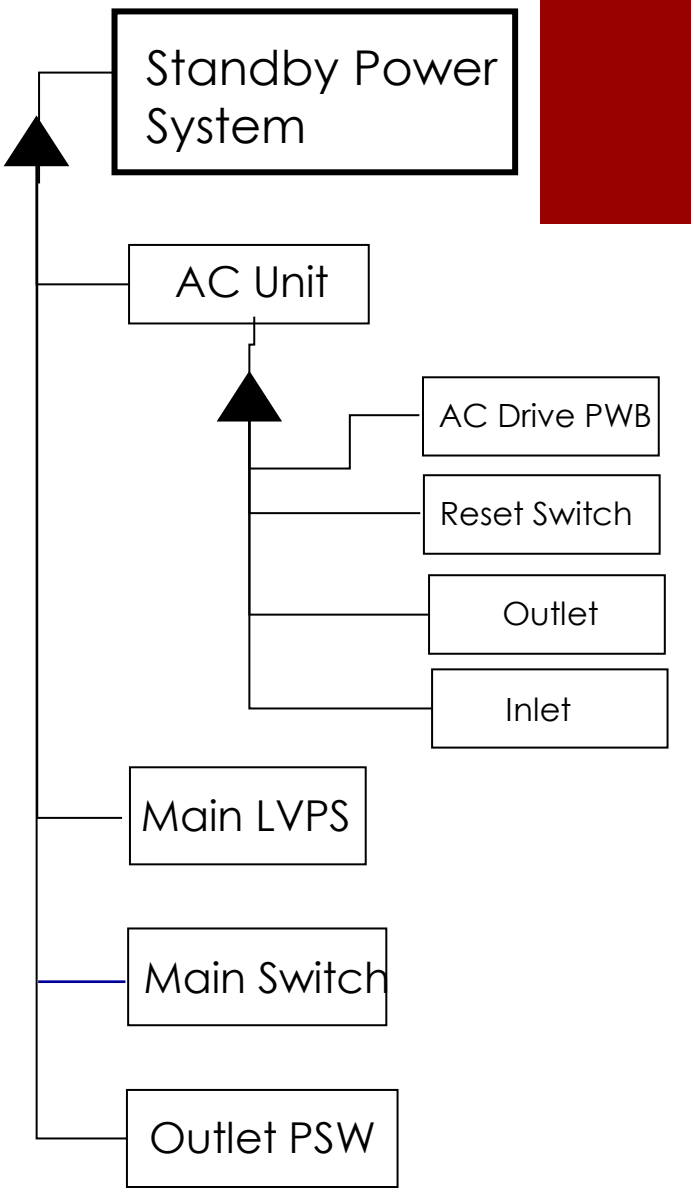
"powers" Tagged link (suppressed process)

Decomposes to, aggregates to

Is characterized by, exhibits

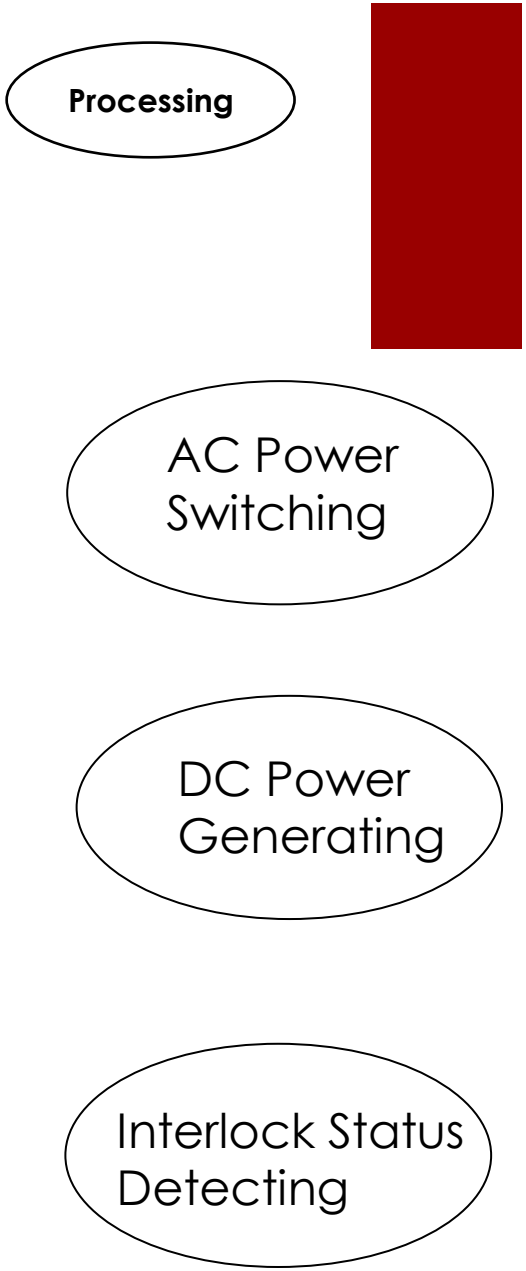
Specializes to, generalizes to

Instantiated to, belongs to the class of



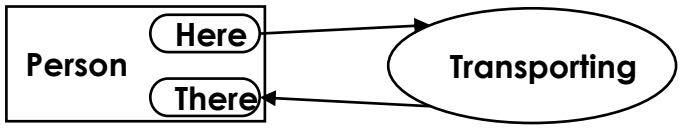
Processes

- Defined: A process is the pattern of transformation applied to one or more objects
- Cannot hold or touch a process - it is fleeting
- Generally creation, change, or destruction
  - resultee object
  - operand (its states are affected by the process)
  - consumee
- A process relies on at least one object in the pre-process set
- A process transforms at least one object in the pre-process set
- A process takes place along a time line
- A process is associated with a verb
  - Express processes in Gerund form: ____**ing**

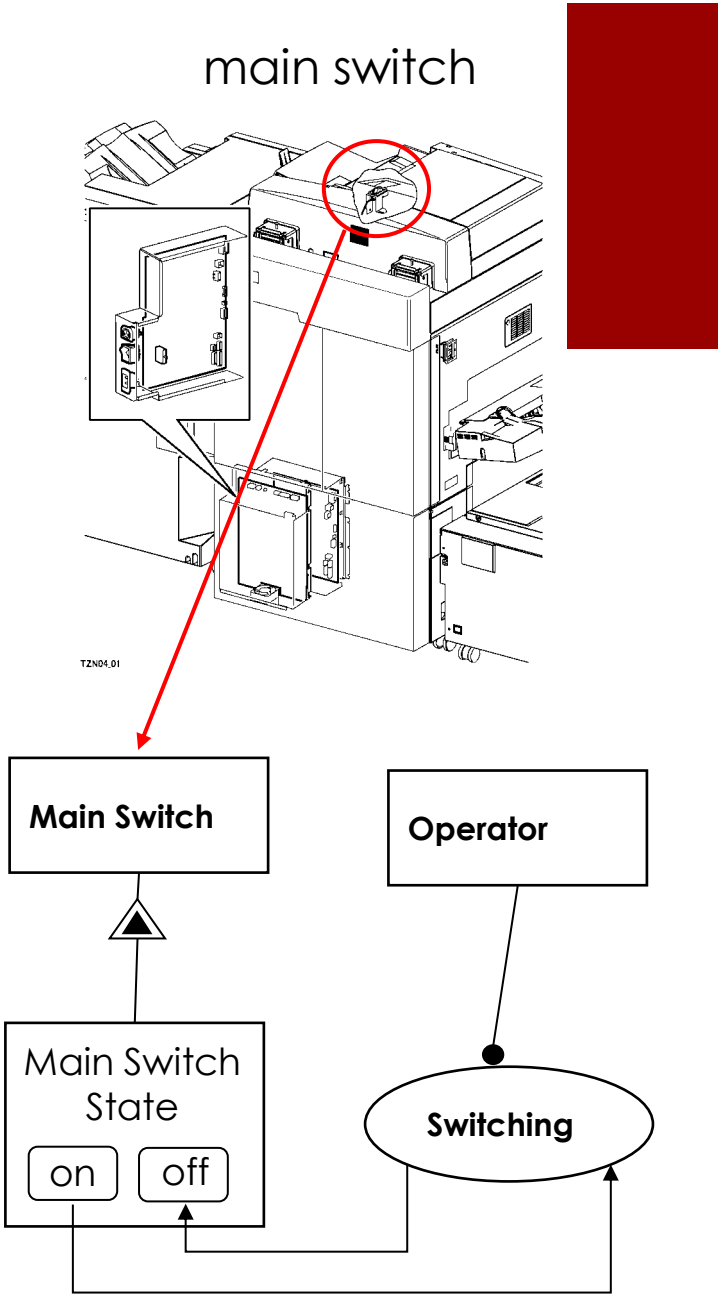


Process and its Links

- A process is associated with a verb and stateless
- There is a family of 7 types of links from process to object
- A process can change the states of its operand(s) through input and output links

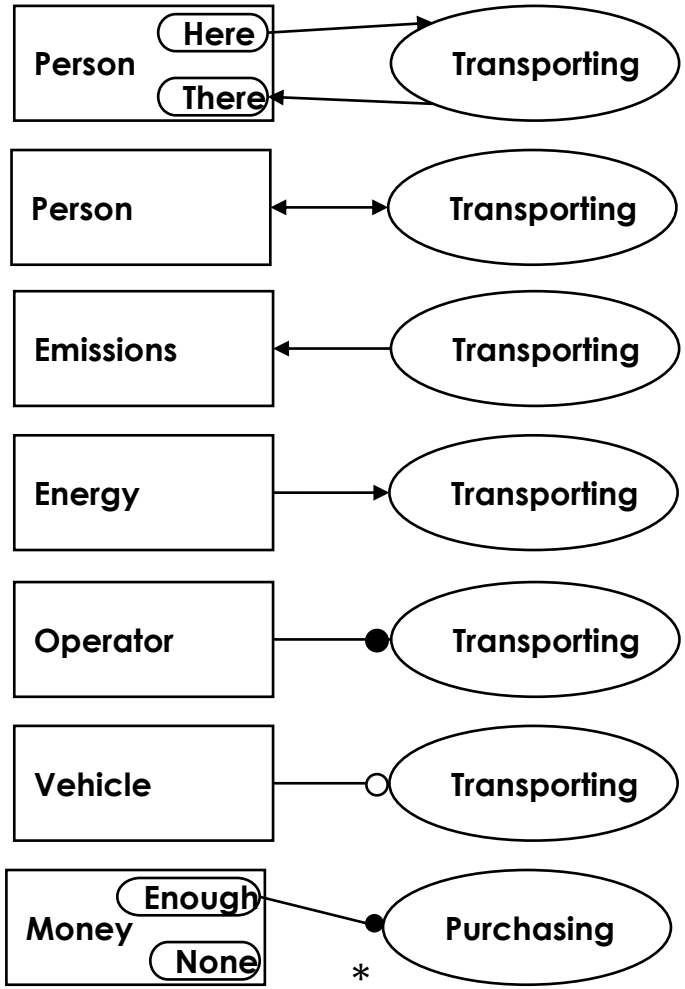


Transporting changes a person from here to there



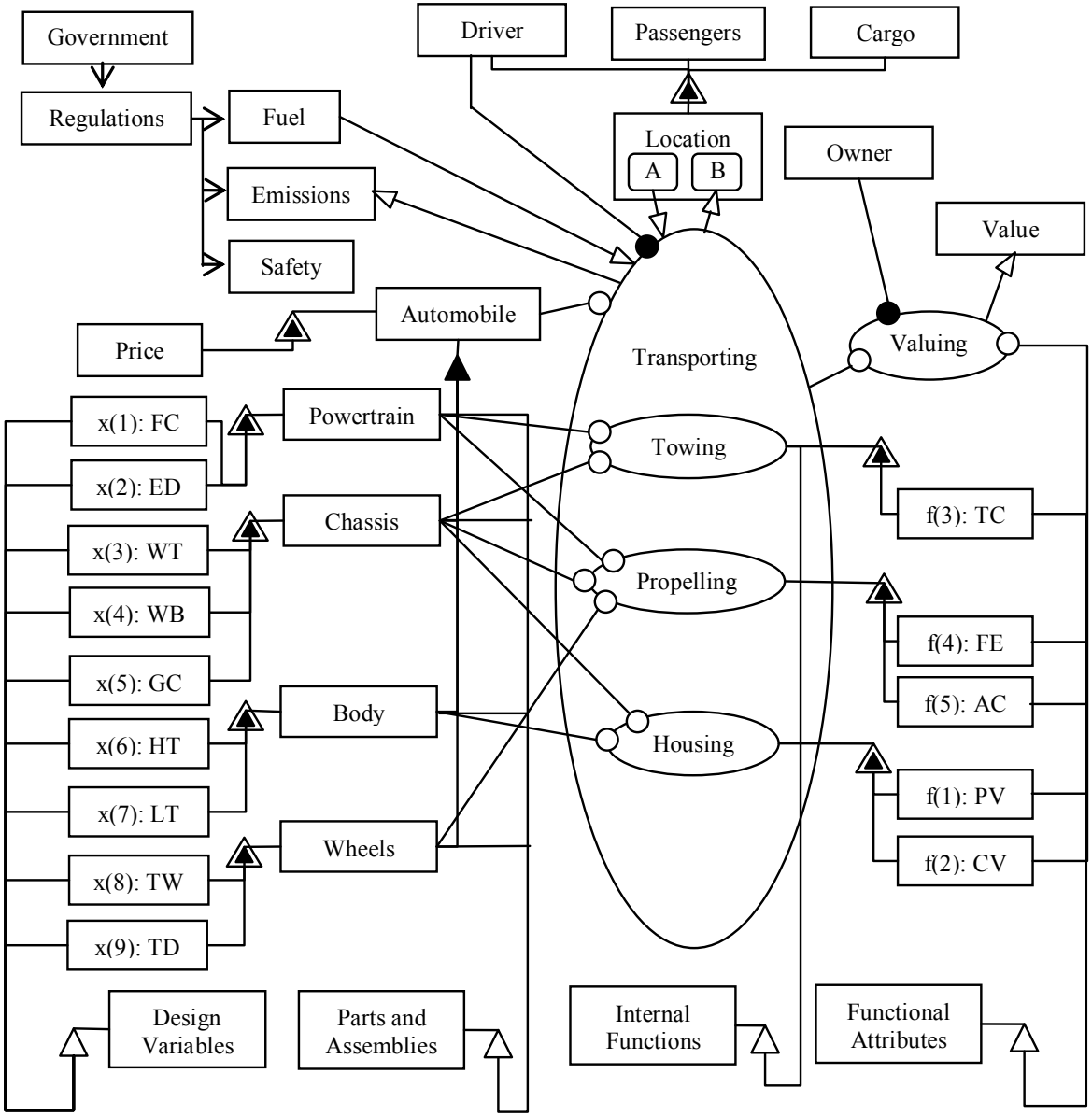
Summary Object-Process Links

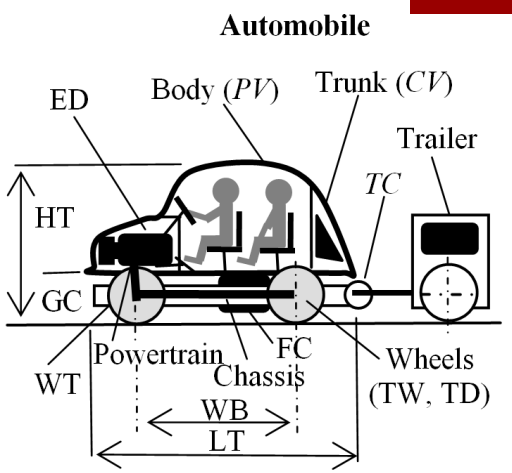
- P changes O (from state A to B).
- P affects O (affectee)
- P yields O (resultee)
- P consumes O (consumee)
- P is handled by O (agent)
- P requires O (instrument)
- P occurs if O is in state A



* conditional link also shown as ©

High Level OPM of a Car





This view shows all main elements of the car as a product system:

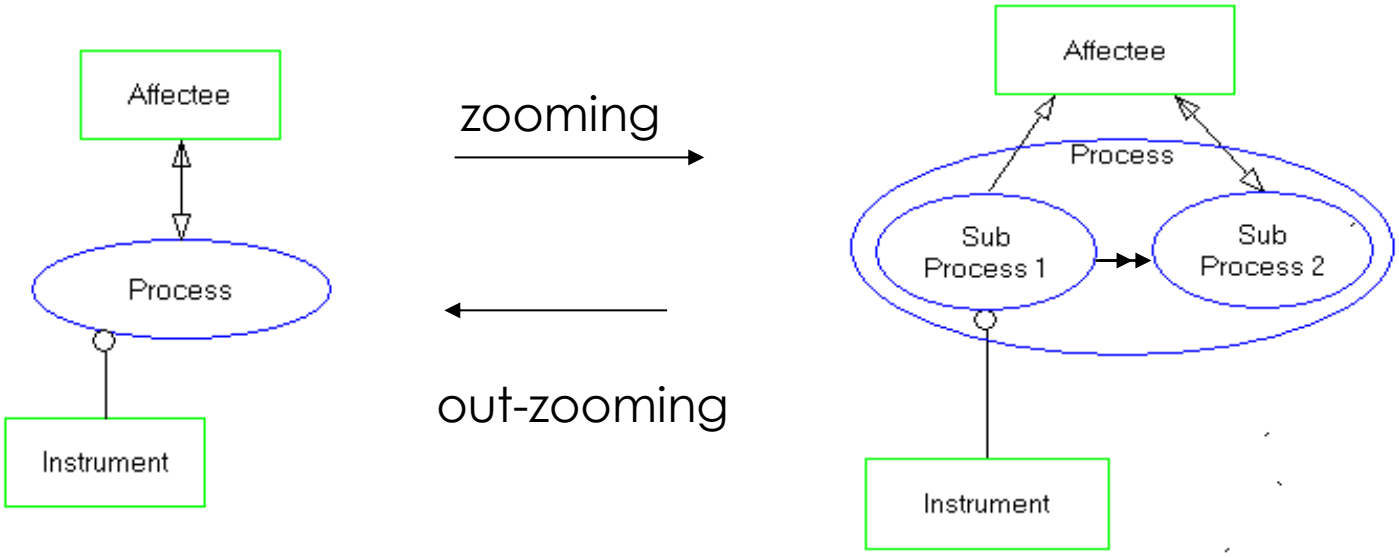
-objects
- operands
- instruments
- consumees, resultees
- operator

-processes

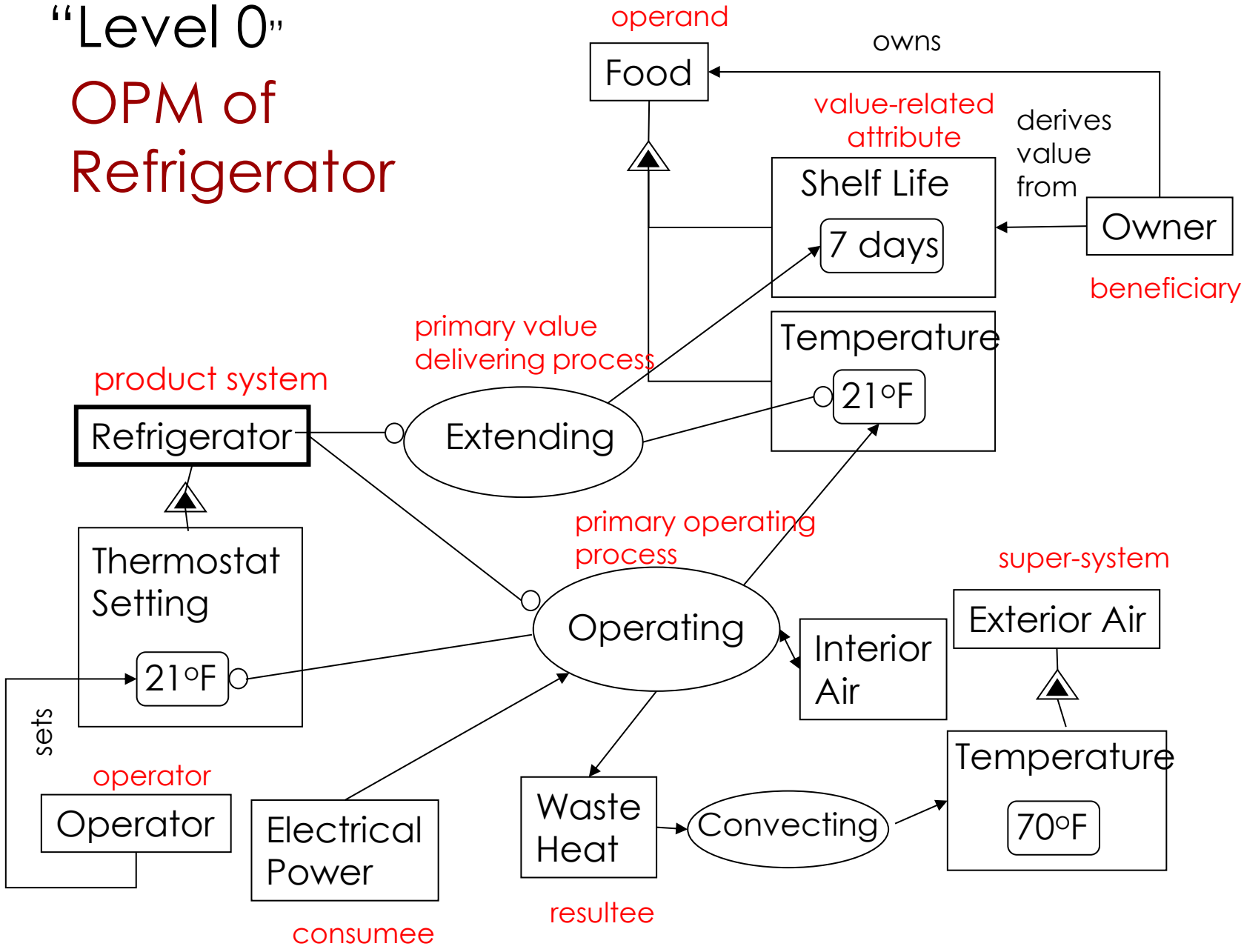
-attributes
-x: design variables
-f: functional behavior

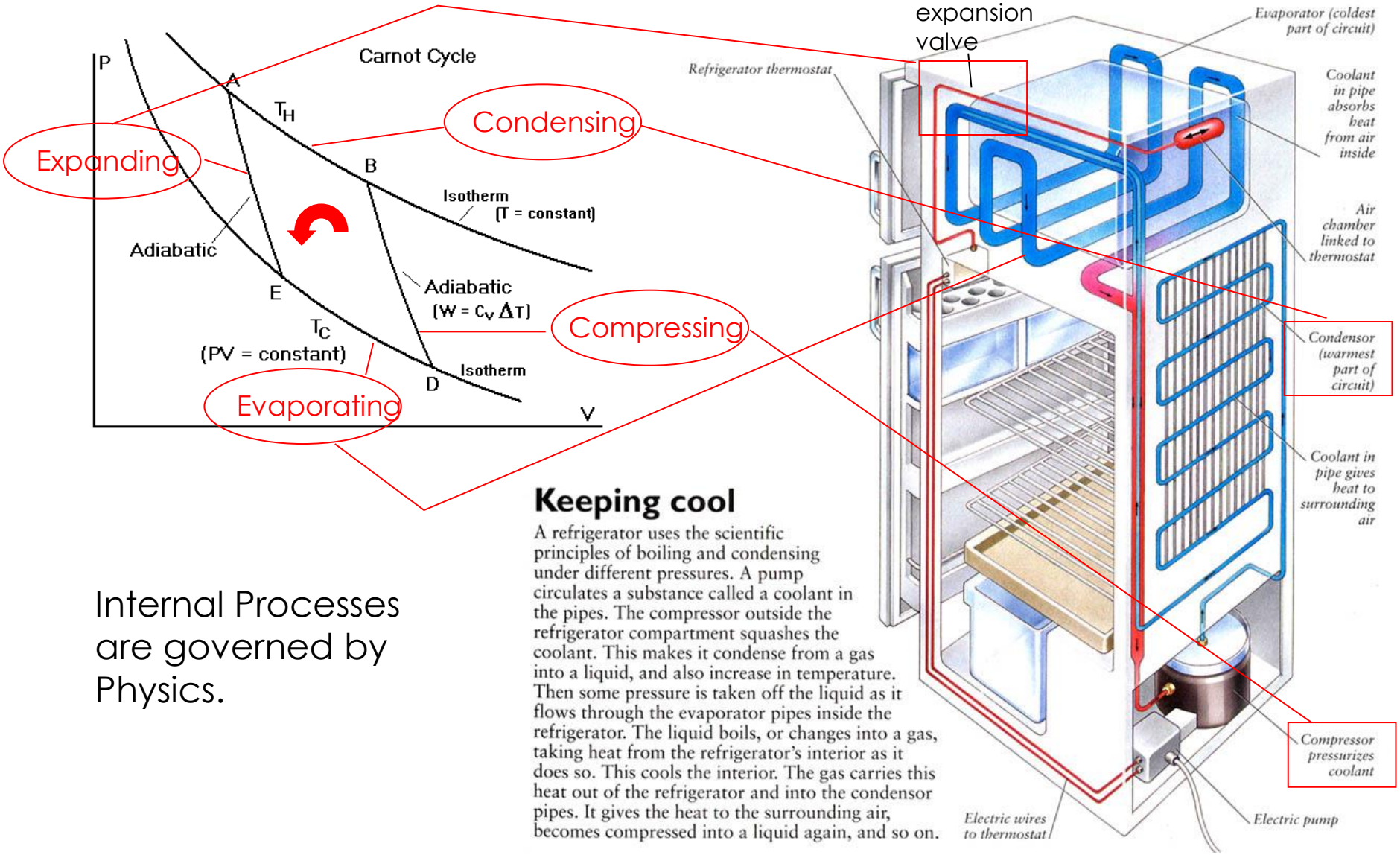
Managing Complexity in OPM

- OPM has three mechanism for managing system complexity:
  - unfolding/folding is used for refining/abstracting the structural hierarchy of an object;
  - in-zooming/out-zooming exposes/hides the inner details of a process within its frame;
  - state expressing/suppressing exposes/hides the states of an object.



"Level 0" OPM of Refrigerator

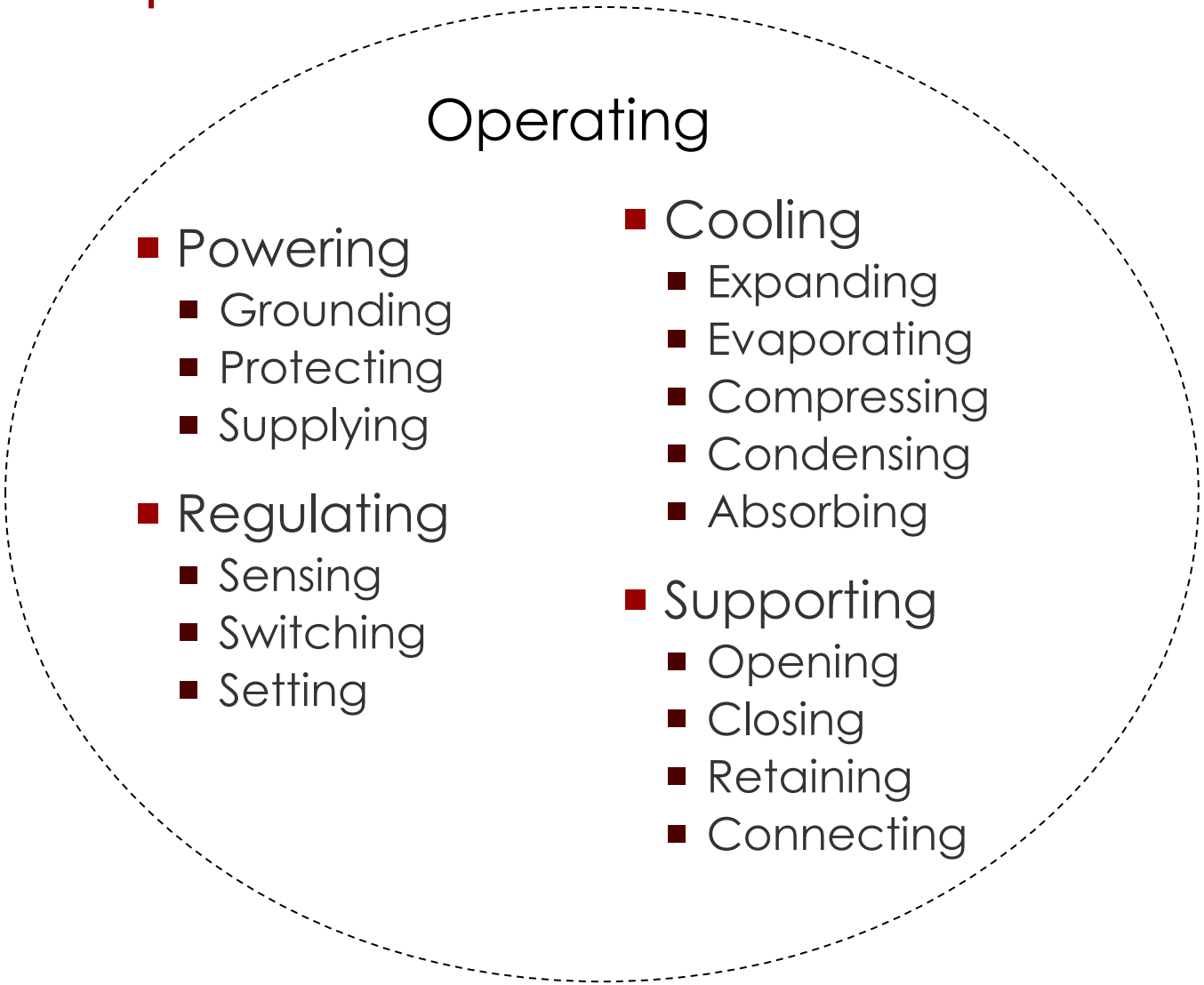




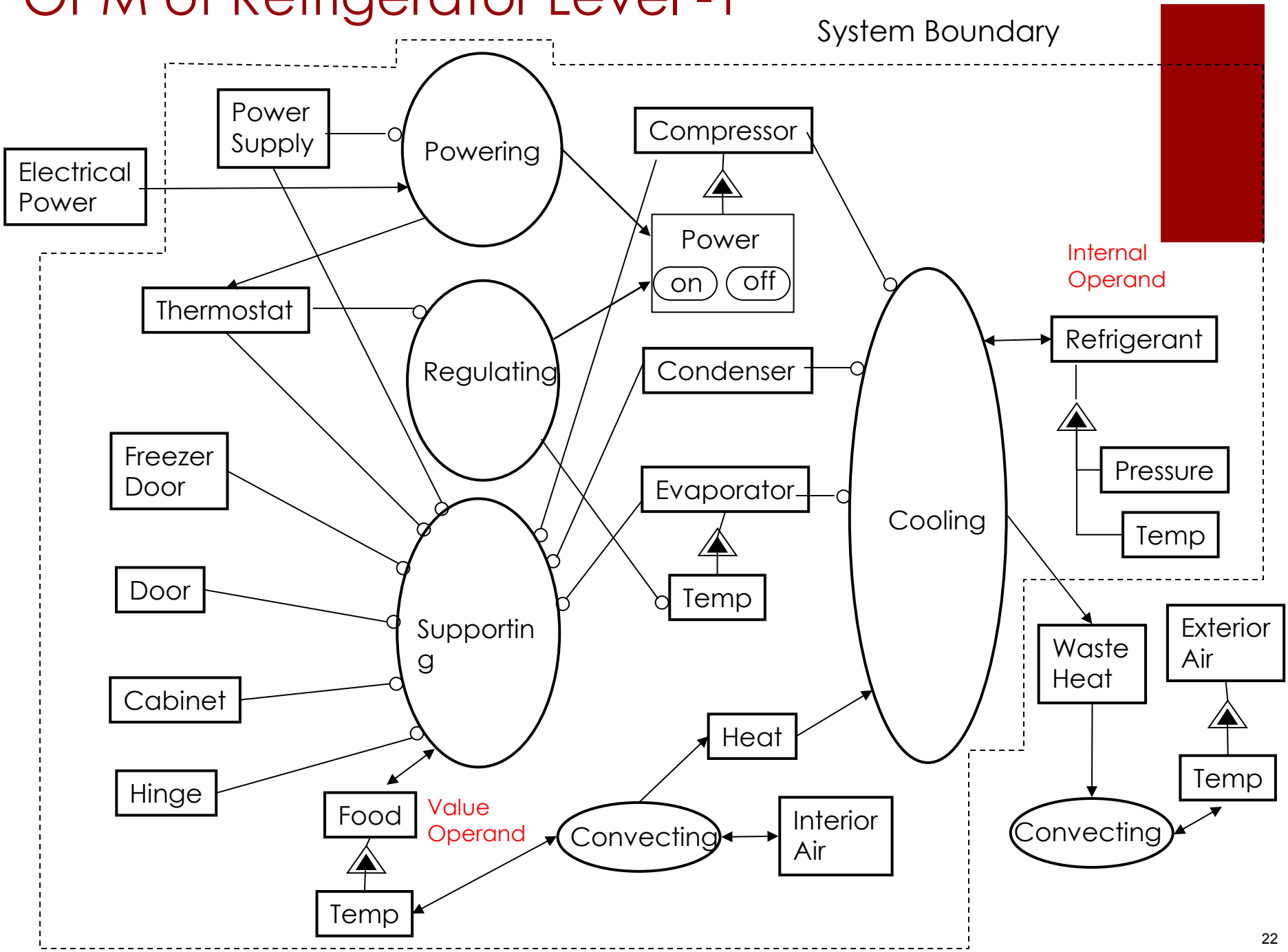
Internal Processes are governed by Physics.

Refrigerator: Functional Decomposition

Level -1 (4)
Level -2 (15)

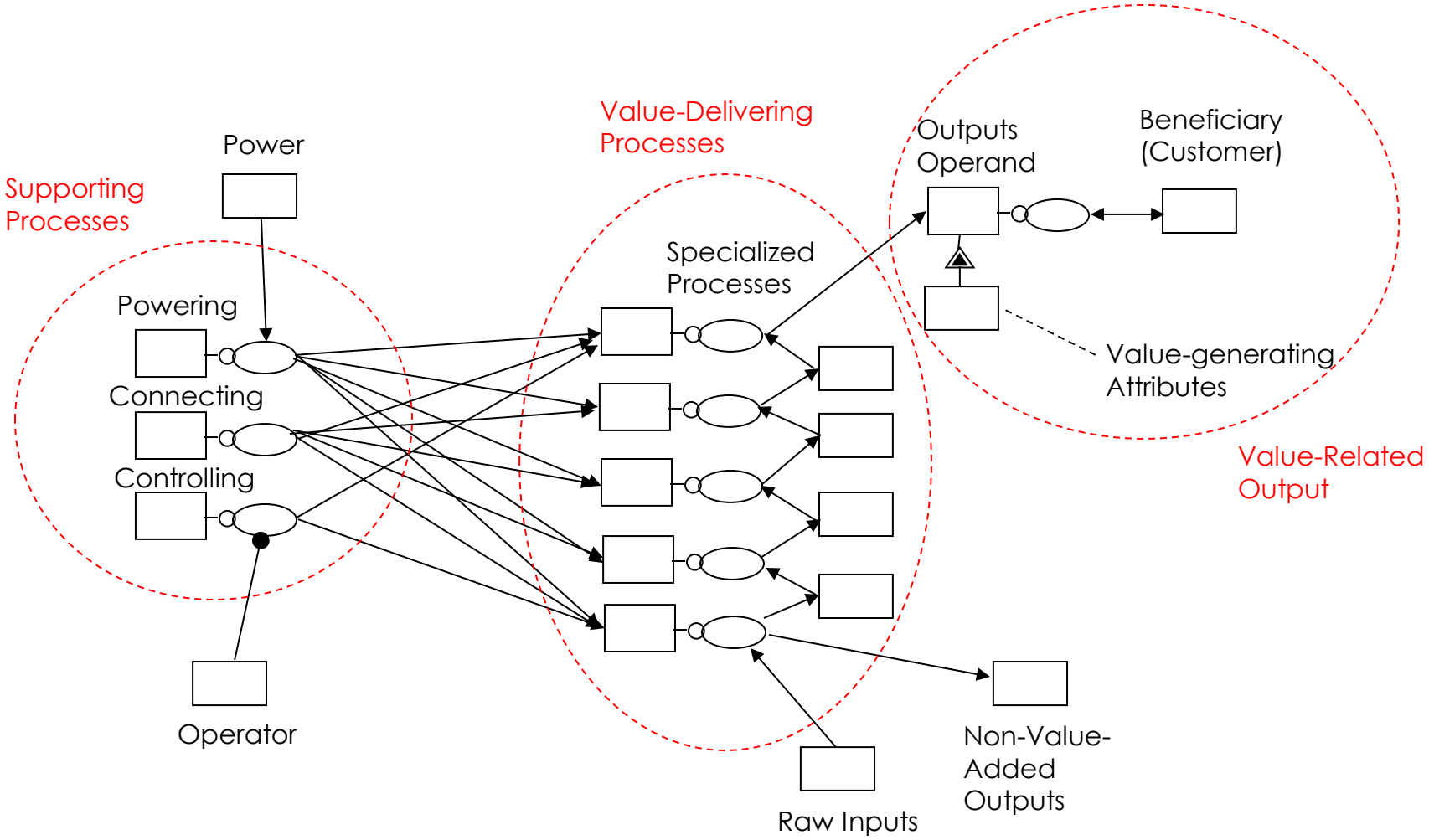


OPM of Refrigerator Level -1



Generic System OPM

OPMs of most complex opto-mechanical systems look like this



How to generate a System OPM

Top-Down

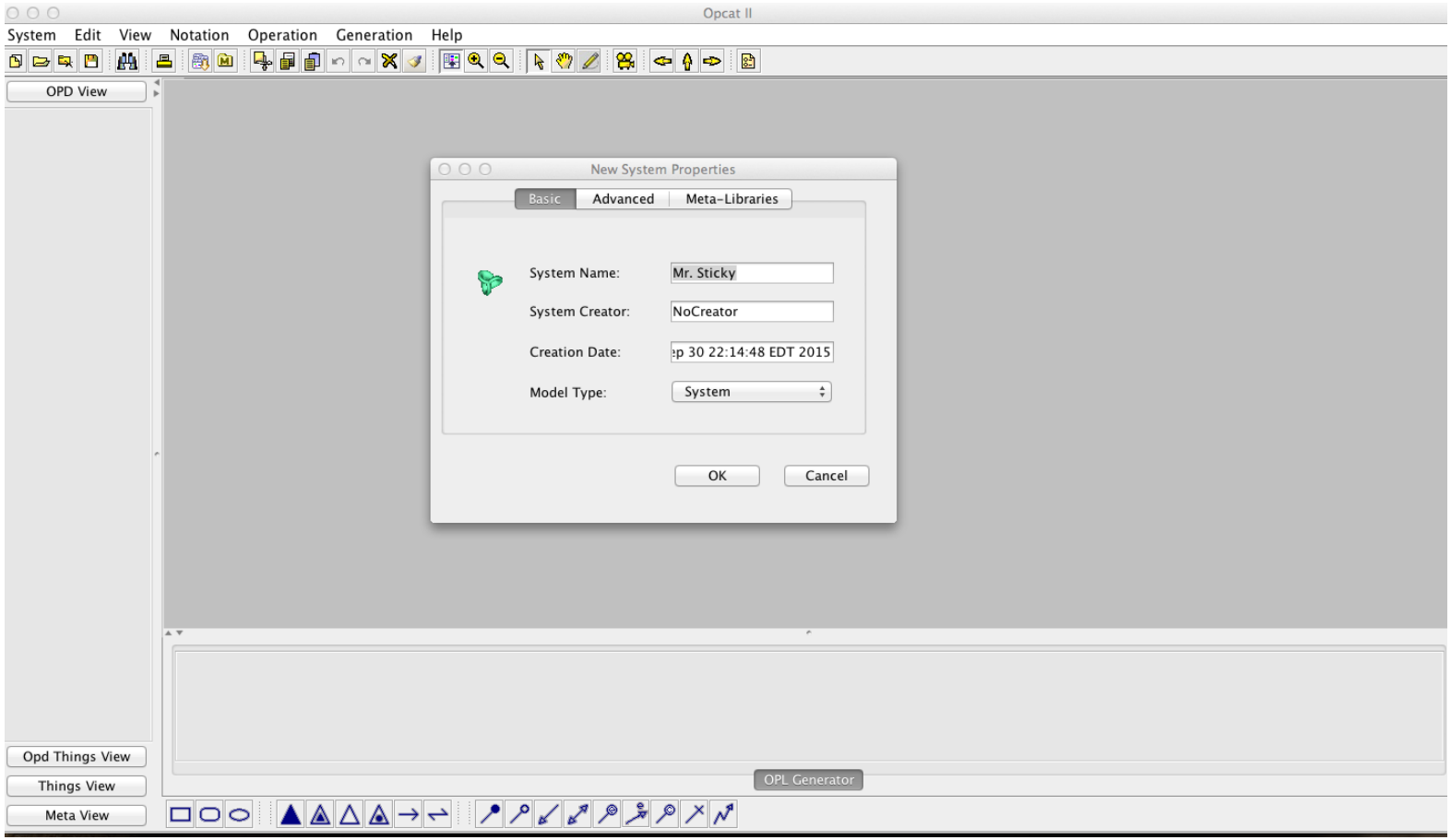
- Start with the stakeholder(s) (customer in mind)
- Map value delivery process(es) at Level 0
- Get to greater levels of detail in layers
- This is **system/product architecting** !
  - Reduce Ambiguity
  - Focus Creativity
  - Manage Complexity

Bottom-Up

- Decompose form of existing product or design (product dissection):
  - Parts List/BOM
- Generate an initial product decomposition
- Assign processes to elements of form
- Complete initial OPM and iterate
- This is **reverse engineering** !

OPCAT Demo

OPCAT is a Java-based software to generate OPM Models



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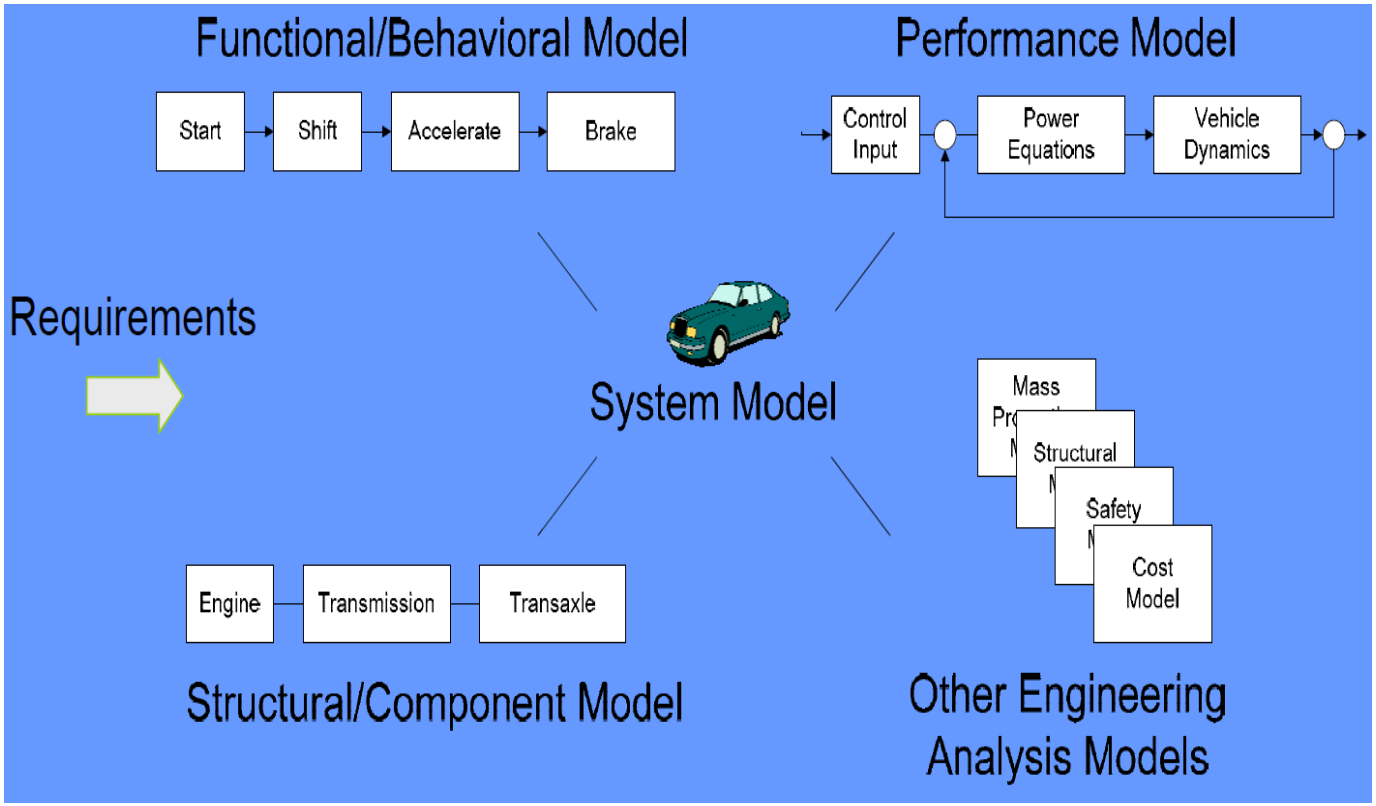
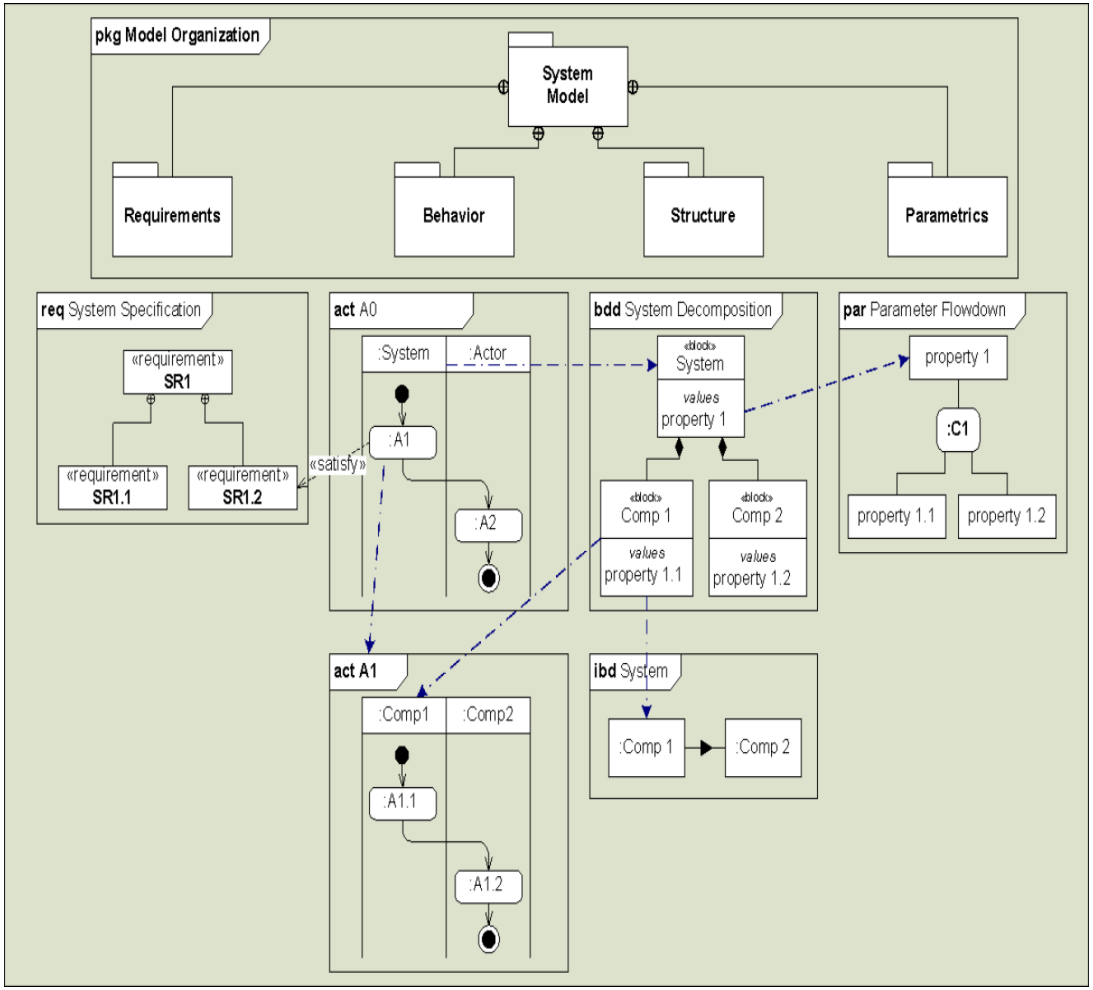
MBSE System Modeling Scope



System model must capture information about all aspects of system.

The Systems Modeling Language



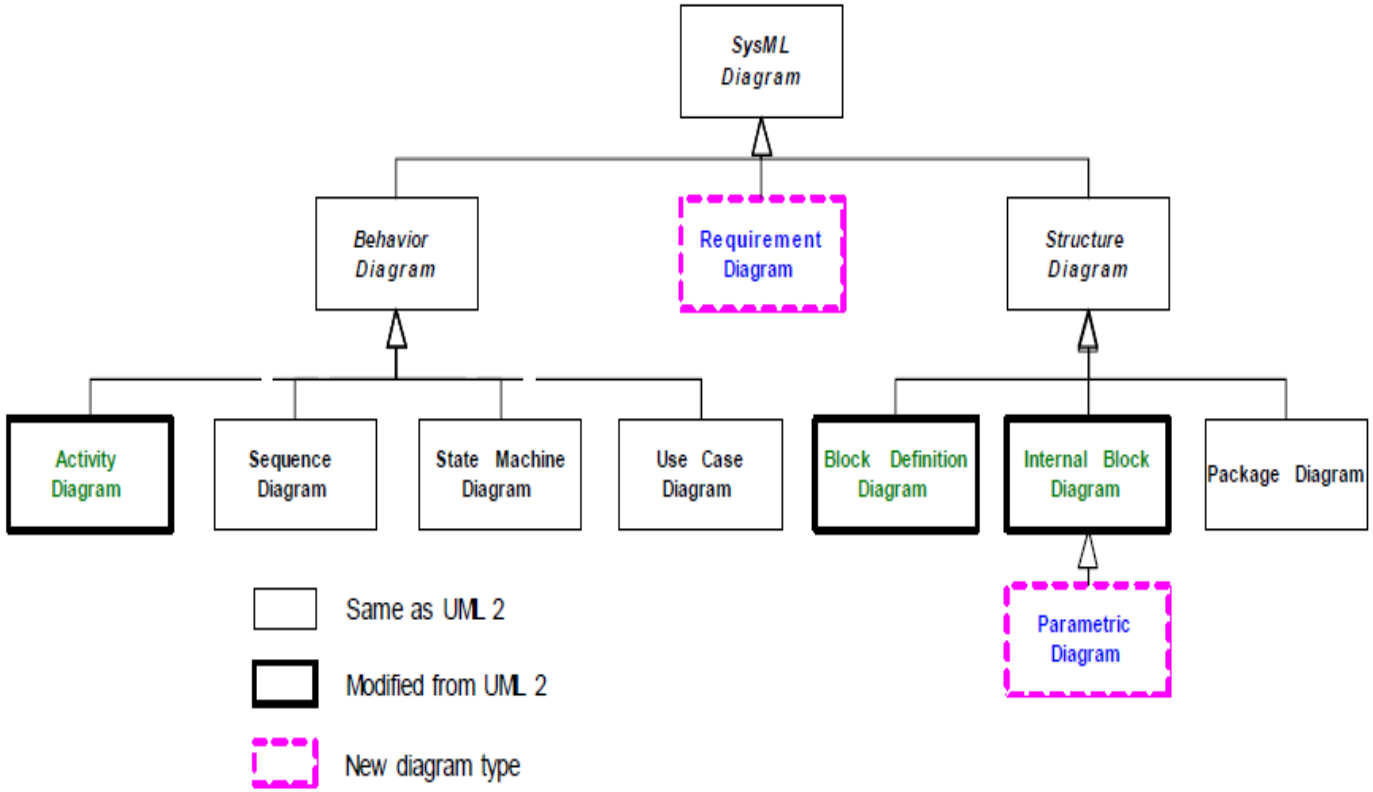
SysML diagrams capture different types of system information. Diagrams can be linked together

SysML created starting in 2001 by OMG/INCOSE.

Applications of SysML

- Requirements engineering
  - Implement requirements as constraints on the model, instead of as text statements within the model
- System Description
  - Using SysML allows study of potentially more mission concepts within the same timeframe
- Integration with Analysis Tools
  - Graph transformations to support dynamic analysis in Simscape™
  - Integration with Phoenix ModelCenter® allows analysis in a range of tools

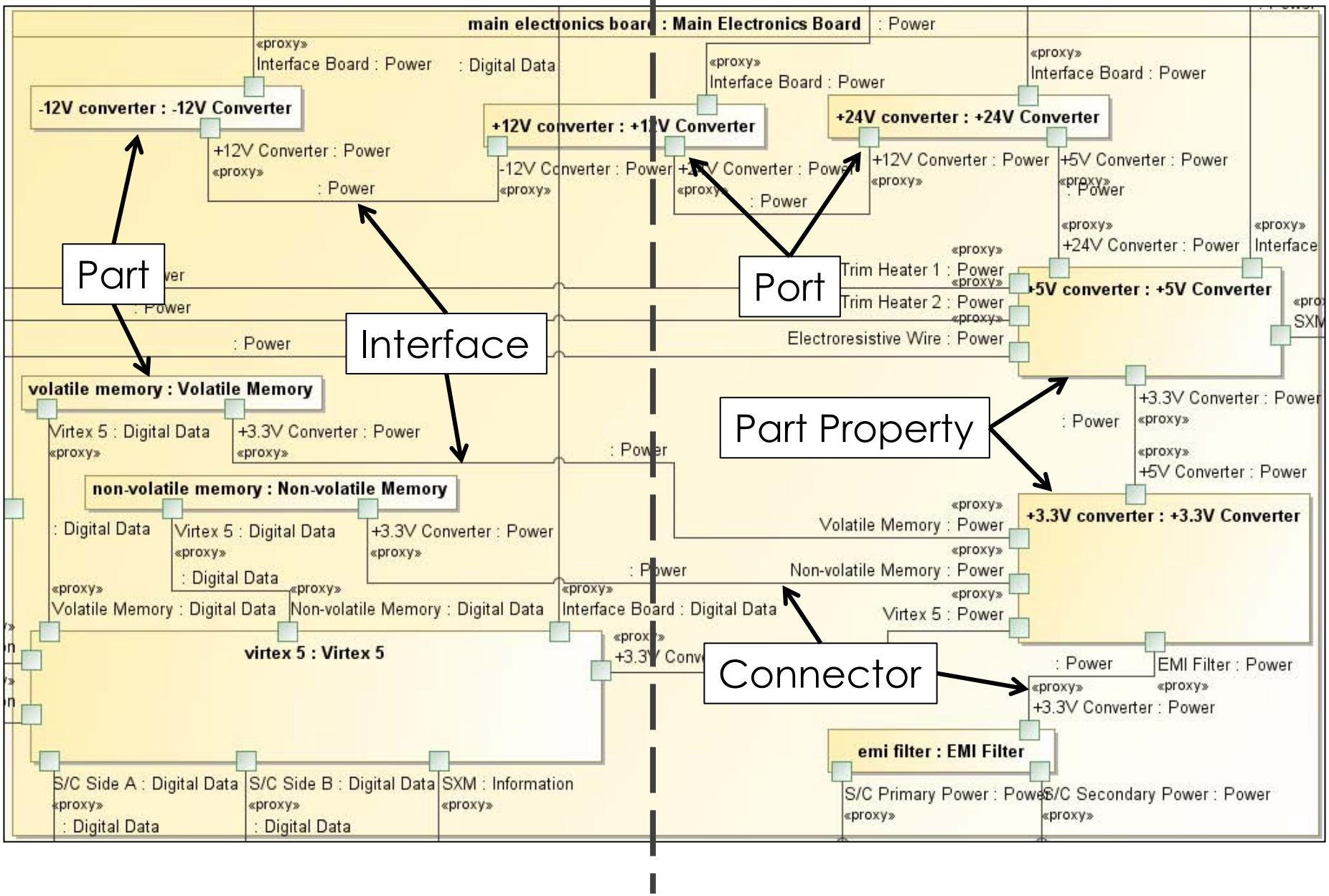
SysML Diagram Hierarchy



The types of SysML diagrams

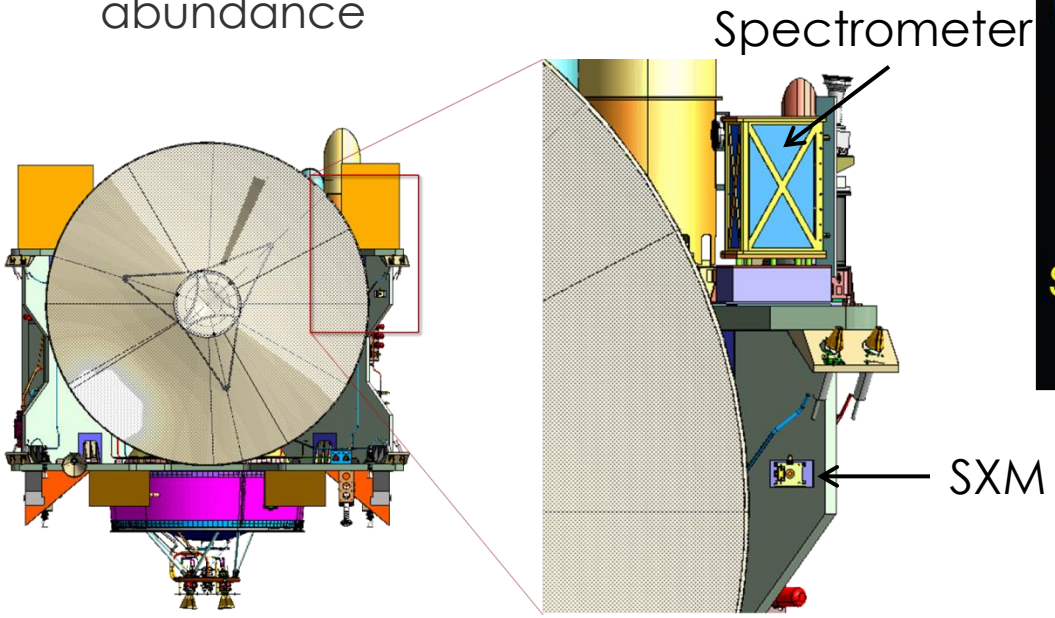
System Engineering Ontology

SysML Ontology



Case Study: REXIS

- One of five instrument on the OSIRIS-REx asteroid sample return mission scheduled for launch in 2016
- Measures X-rays that are fluoresced from Bennu
- Fluorescent line energies depend on the electronic structure of the matter
  - Provides a unique elemental signature
  - Line strengths reflect element abundance



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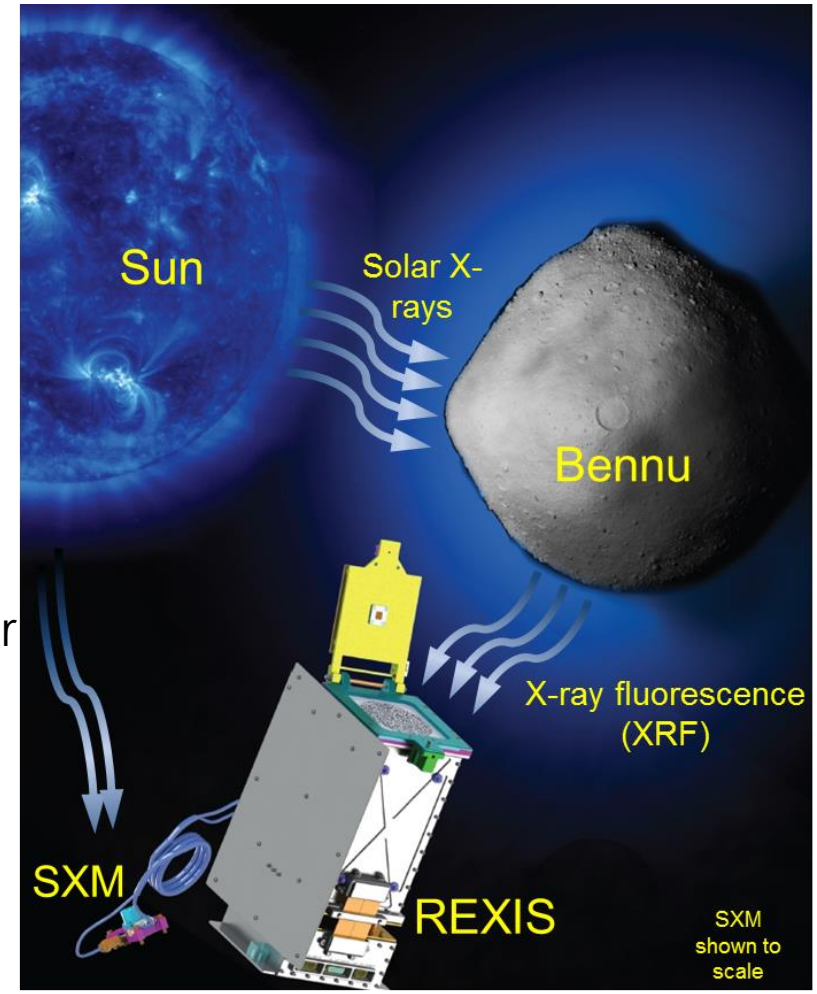

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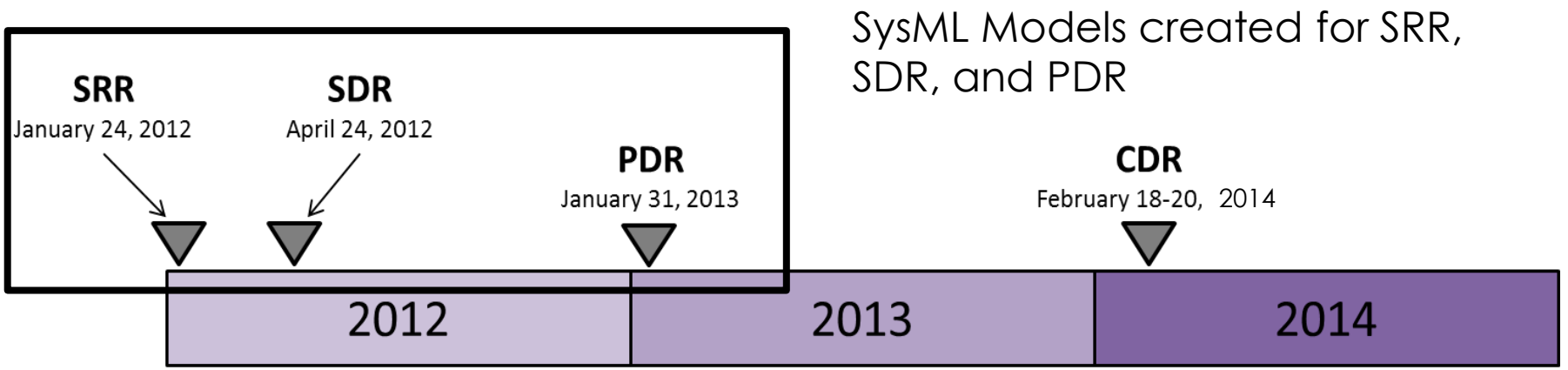

- SysML models created at SRR, SDR, and PDR

- From Fall 2011 through Spring 2012, REXIS team composed primarily of undergraduates
  - With grad students and faculty mentors
- From Summer 2012 to present, REXIS team composed primarily of grad students
  - With faculty mentors and undergraduate volunteers

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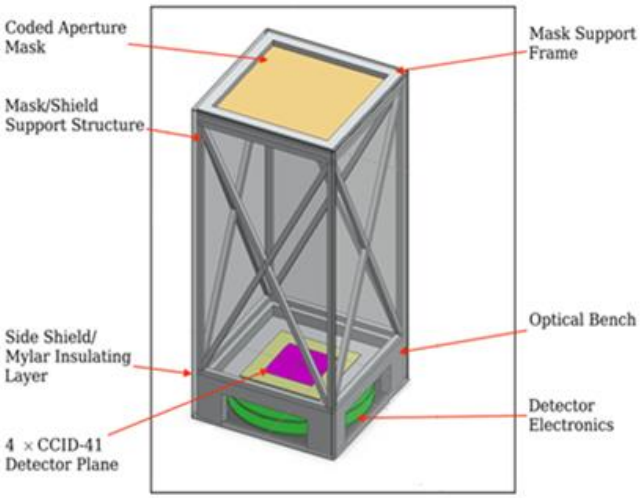

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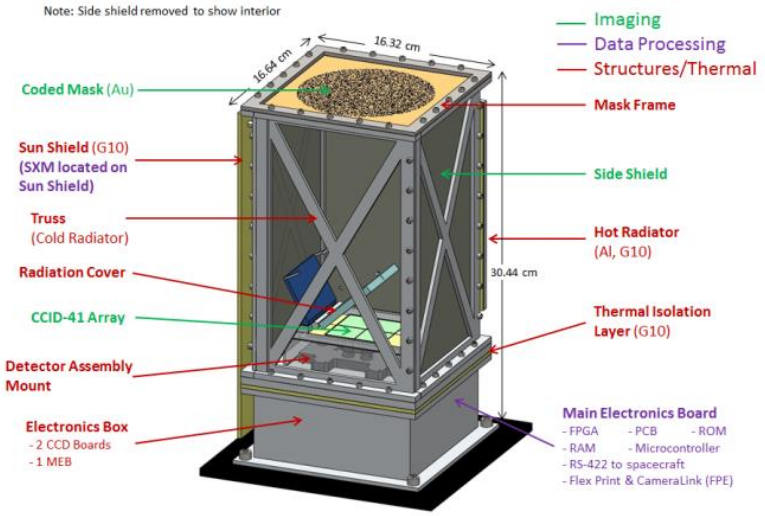

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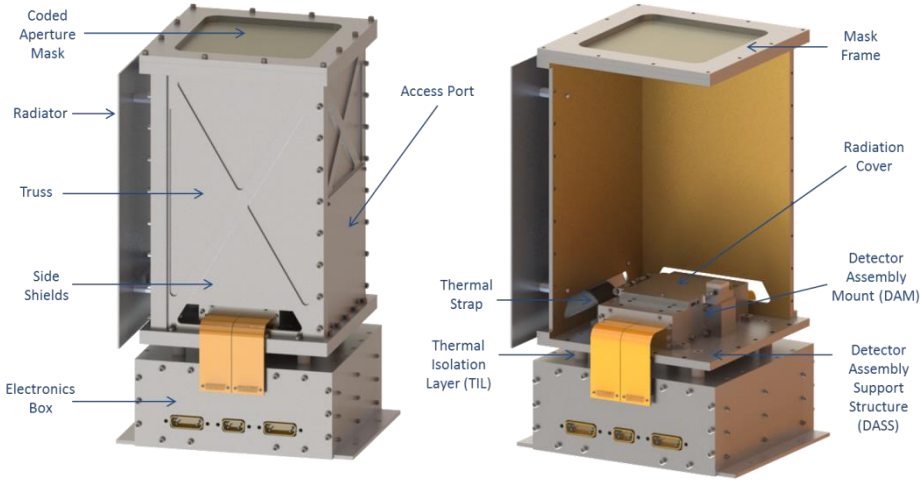

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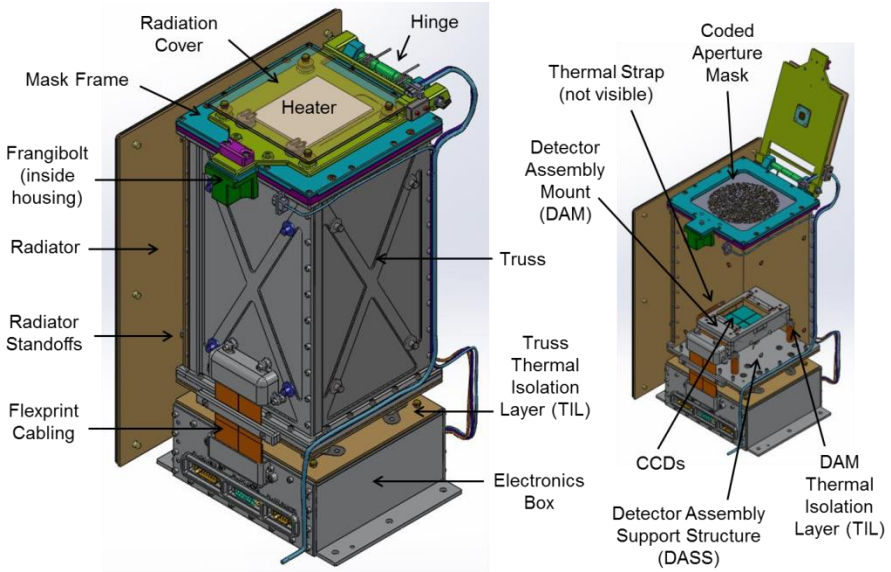
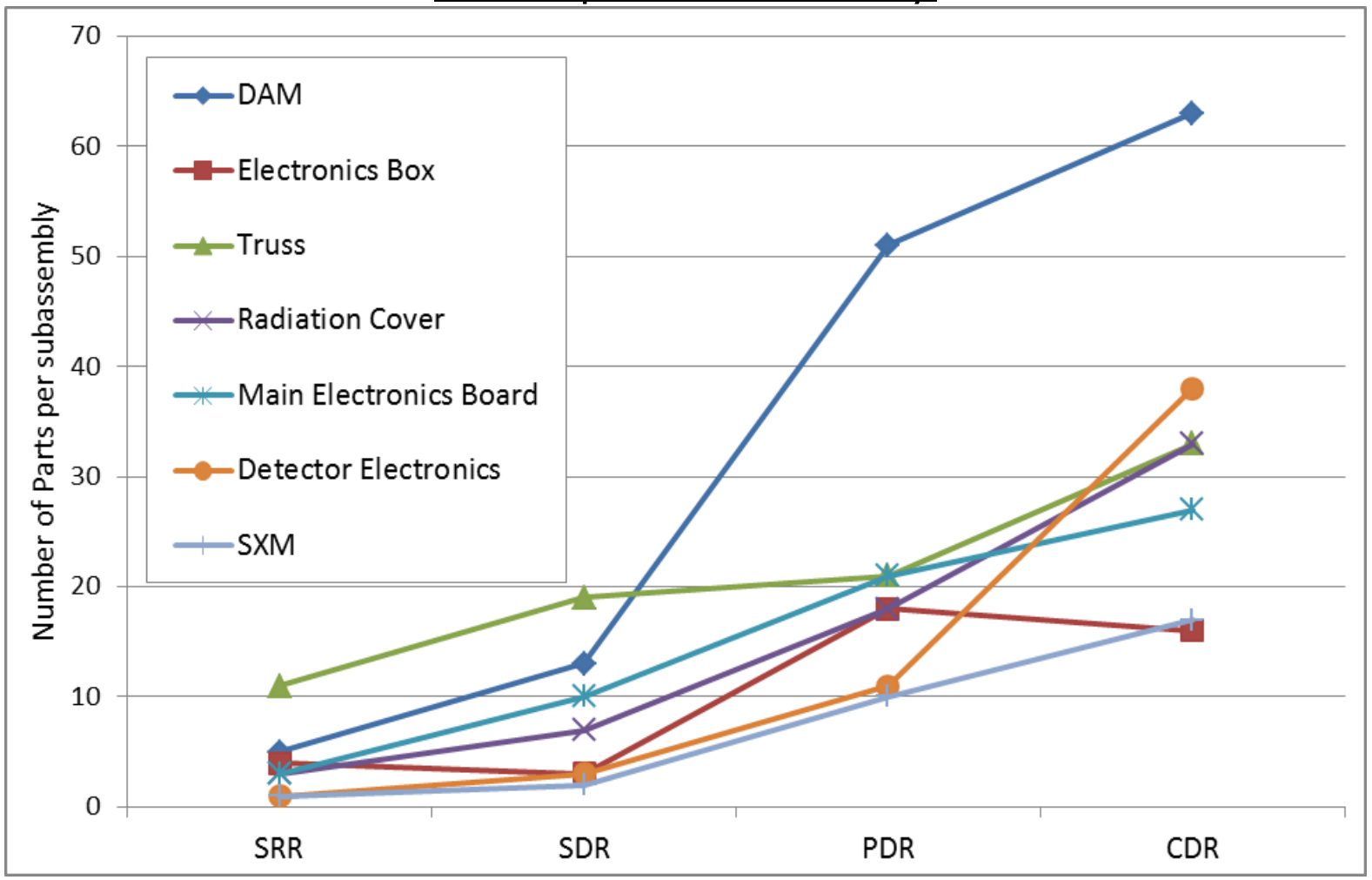


CDR - February 2014

Design History Statistics

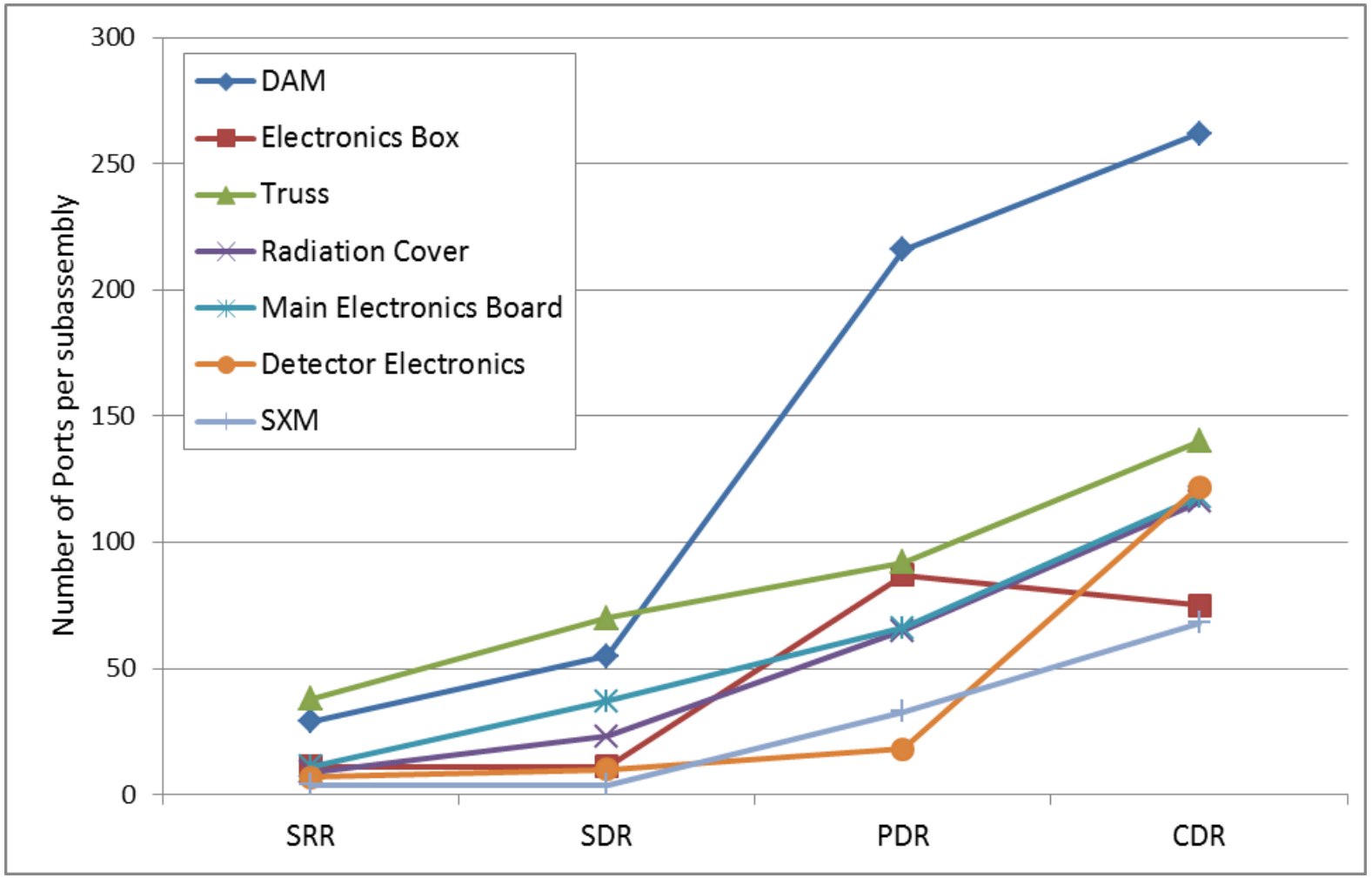
Parts per Assembly



All assemblies experienced parts growth

Design History Statistics

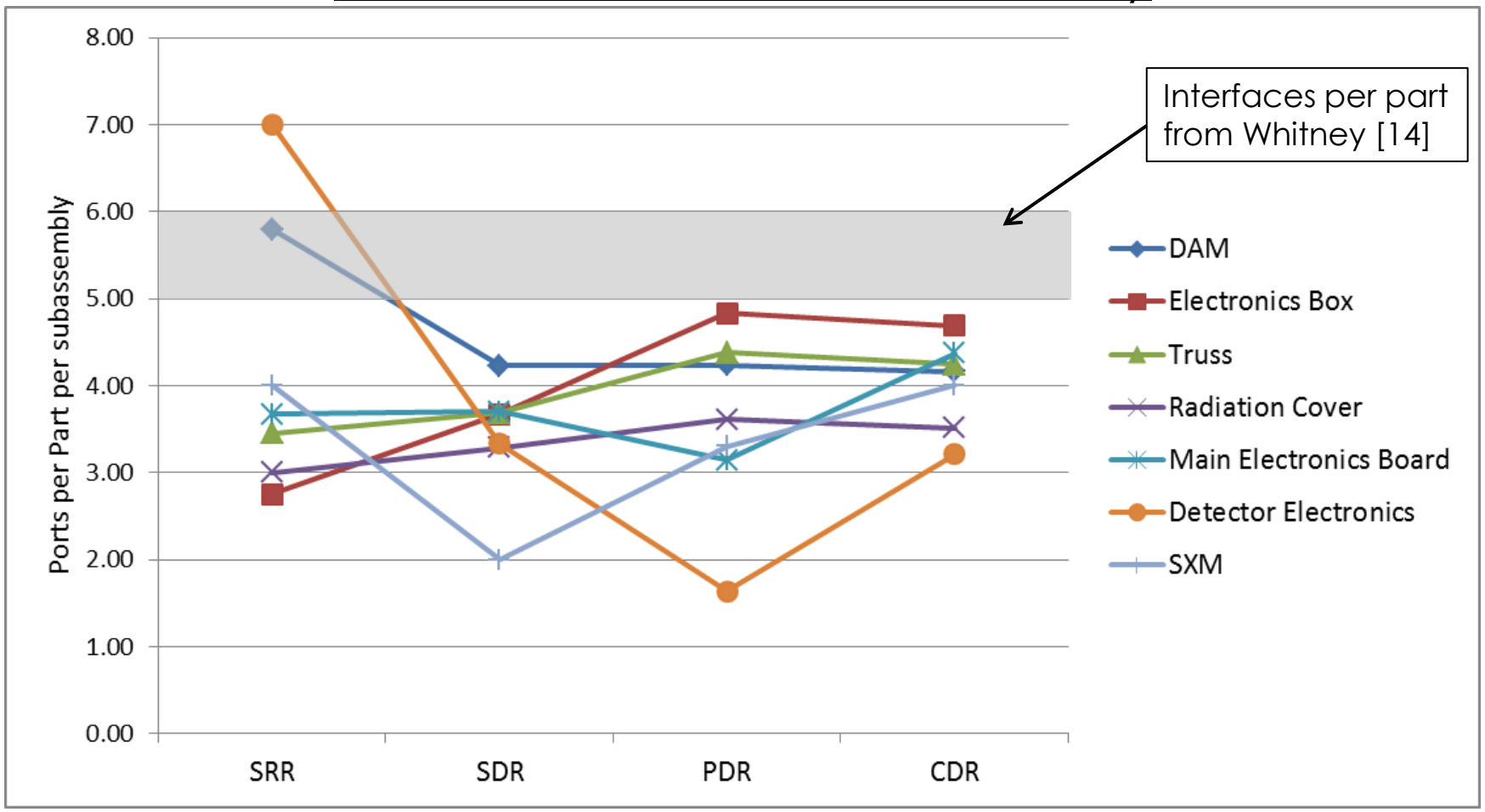
Ports per Assembly



All assemblies experienced interface growth

Design History Statistics

Ports Per Part in each Assembly



Slightly fewer interfaces per part than other systems in the literature

SySML – System Modeling Language

- SysML Demo (Mark Chodas)

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Introduction to Cyber-Physical System Modeling in Modelica

Modelica Language

Modelica is a language designed to enable mathematical modeling of cyber-physical systems

Declarative
Equations and mathematical functions allow **acausal** modeling, high level specification and increased correctness (define the problem rather than how it needs to be solved)

Multi-domain modeling
Combines components from electrical, mechanical, thermodynamic, hydraulic, biological, control, event, real-time and custom domains etc...

Everything is a class
Strongly typed object-oriented language with a general class concept, Java & MATLAB-like syntax

Visual component programming
Hierarchical system architecture capabilities

Efficient, non-proprietary
Efficiency comparable to C; advanced equation compilation,
e.g. 300 000 equations, ~150 000 lines on standard PC

Taken with permission from Professor Peter Fritzson

Acausal Modeling

Linking components via energy, mass, information flows etc. without specifying the directionality of connections.

Assignments
F=ma*: Variable P assigned value of *ρRT

Need to know R.H.S.
Execution Order Fixed

Equations
F==ma*: Variable *P* must equal *ρRT

Solve Simultaneous Equations
Execution Order Not Fixed

Acausal Modeling

A component model generally consists of:

1. Connection points or "Ports" in mechanical, thermal, electrical or custom domains (connections can only be made between ports of the same domain).

1. Variables and Parameters

1. Governing Equations

Modelica Language

Capacitor Example

```
connector Pin
Real v;
flow Real i;
end Pin;

model Capacitor

parameter Real C;
Pin p, n;
Real u;

equation
0 = p.i + n.i;
 u = p.v – n.v;
C*der(u) = p.i;

end Capacitor;
```

Create Port Type Pin That Carries Current and Voltage Variables.

"flow" indicates that the sum or all currents into a node is 0. Kirchhoff's Current Law Holds. Mass flow is also a "flow" variable

Capacitance

p and n hold current and voltage information at the capacitor's ports

Voltage across capacitor (internal variable)

Governing Equations

Modelica Language

Pressure Loss Example

```
model PressureLoss
import SI = Modelica.SIunits;
...
parameter SI.MassFlowRate m_flow_nominal;
parameter SI.Pressure dp_nominal "Nominal pressure drop";
SI.Density rho "Upstream density";
SI.DynamicViscosity lambda "Upstream viscosity";
equation
...
m_flow = homotopy(actual = turbulentFlow_dp(dp, rho, lambda),
simplified = dp/dp_nominal*m_flow_nominal);

...
end PressureLoss;
```

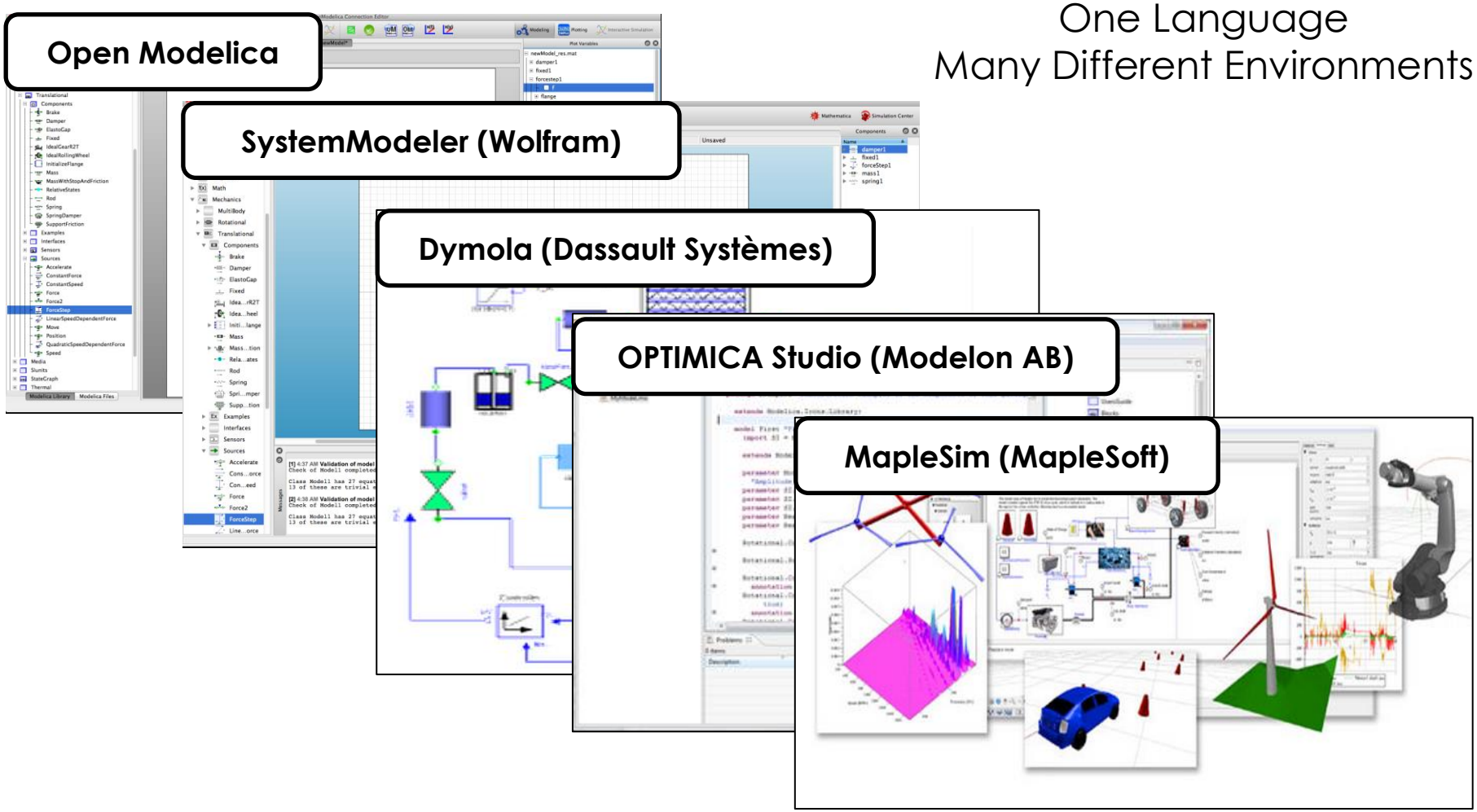
Nominal mass flow

Nominal pressure drop

Initialize with nominal linear calculation and then transform to full nonlinear

Modelica Environments

One Language
Many Different Environments



Modelica Environments

Commercial

Dymola (Dassault Systèmes)
Vertex (deltatheta)
Converge (deltatheta)
Modelica SDK (deltatheta)
MOSILAB (Fraunhofer FIRST)
SimulationX (ITI GmbH)
LMS Imagine.Lab AMESim (LMS)
MapleSim (MapleSoft)
MathCore (MathModelica)
SystemModeler (Wolfram)
OPTIMICA Studio (Modelon AB)

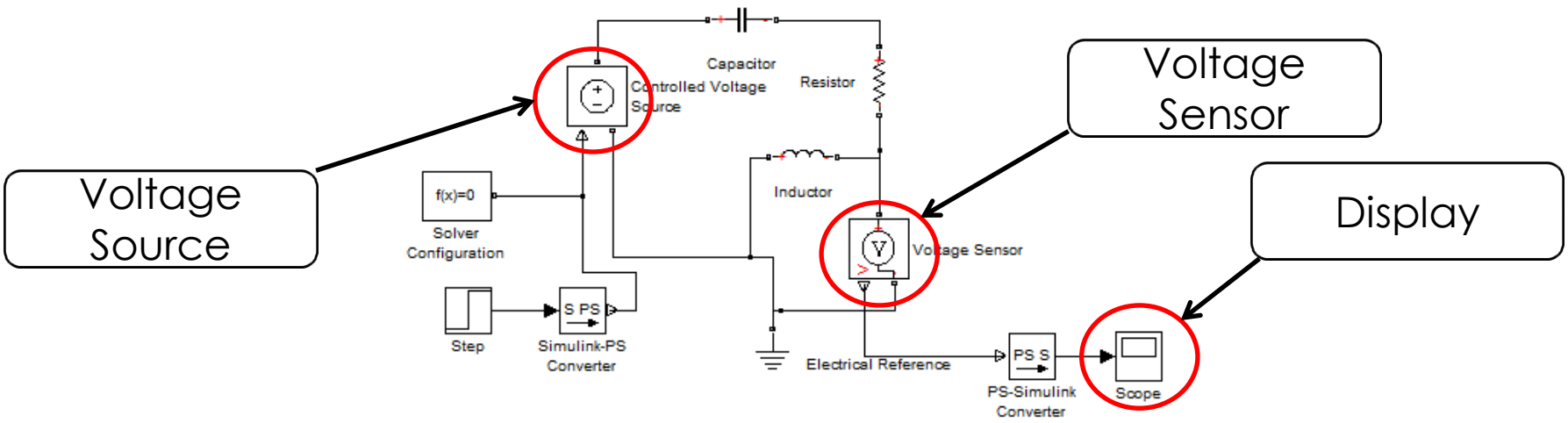
Free

JModelica.org
Modelicac
SimForge
OpenModelica

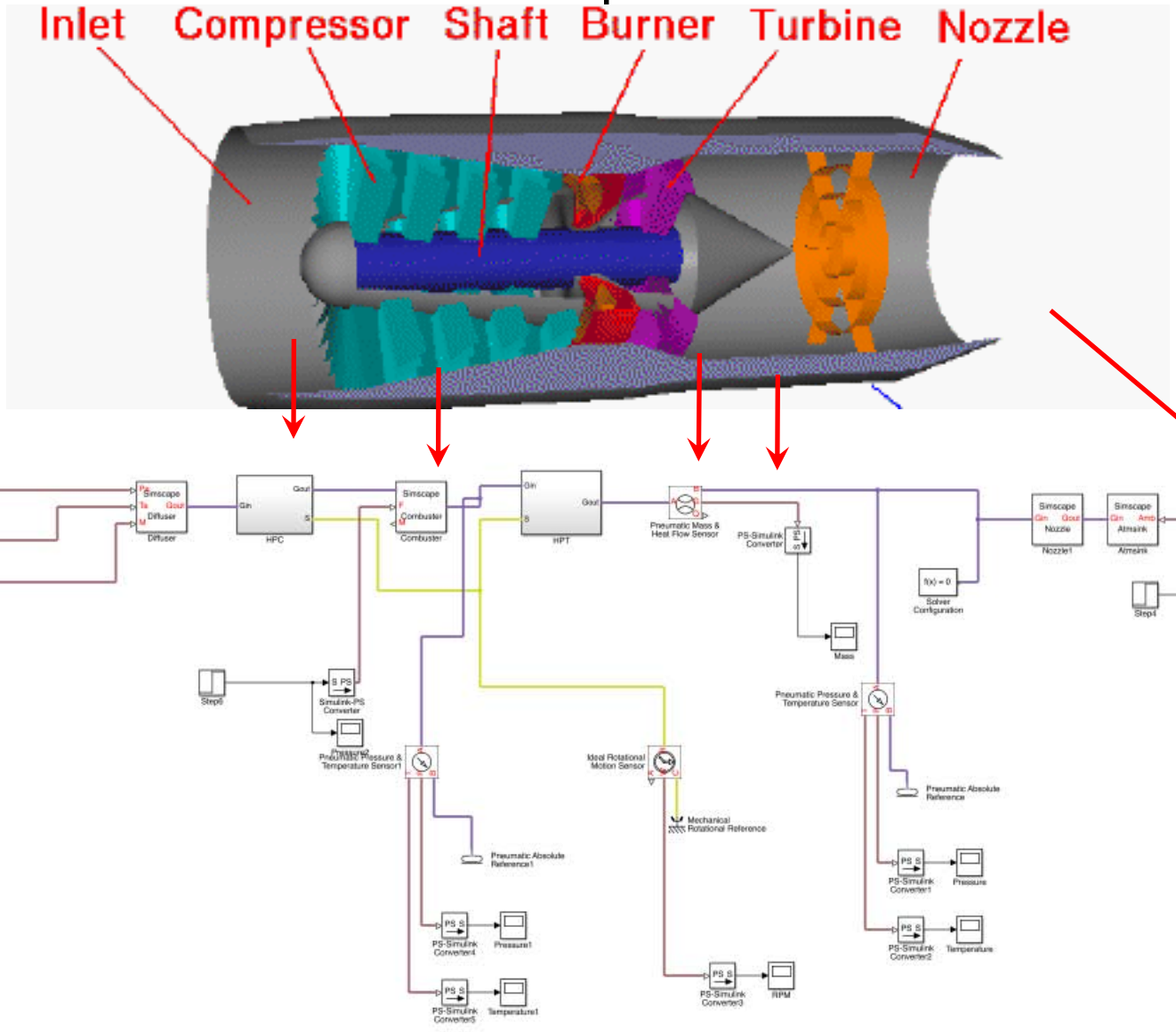
Matlab/Simscape Environment

The Matlab based Simscape Physical Modeling Environment (Language Similar To Modelica)

- Built in foundation libraries of Electrical, Hydraulic, Magnetic, Mechanical, Physical Signal, Pneumatic and Thermal components.
- There are also extensions which allow some more detailed simulation of gearing, hydraulic, mechanical/robotic and power systems.
- The facilities exist to generate custom components and domains.
- Models have almost **1-1 mapping to the physical systems they describe and generally are easily reconfigurable** making the tool very intuitive (RLC circuit)



Idealized Turbojet: Simscape



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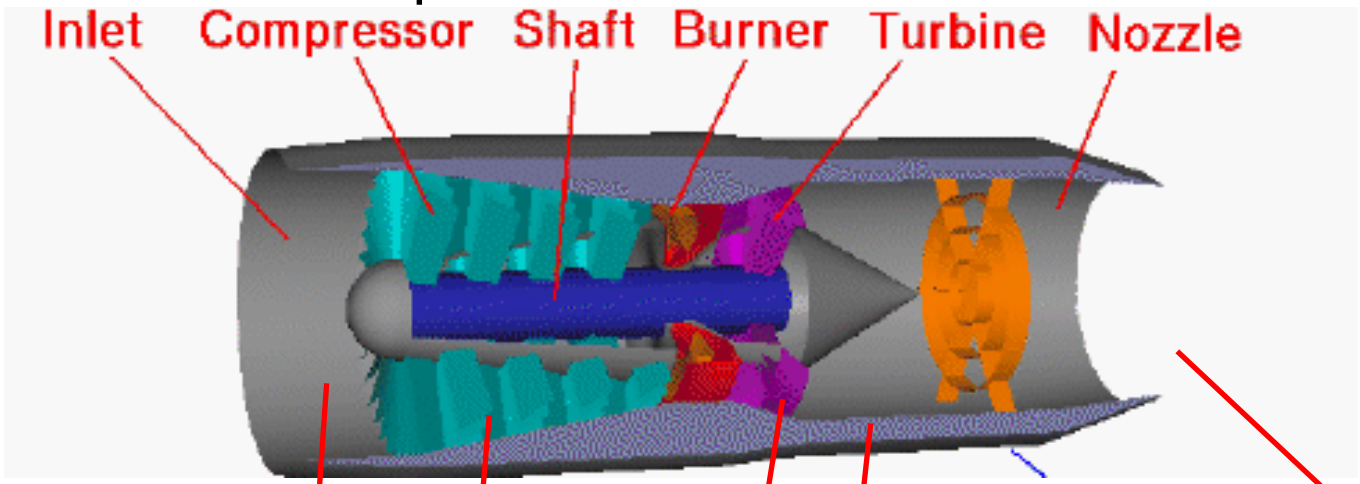
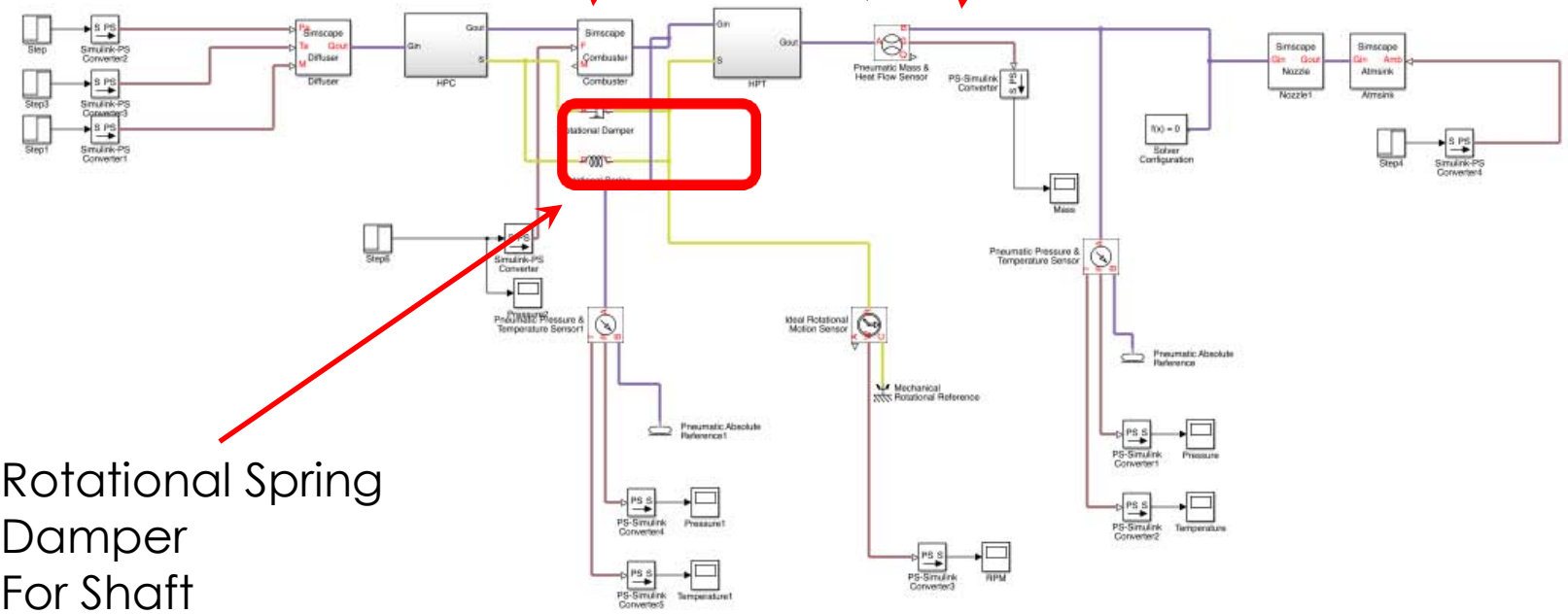
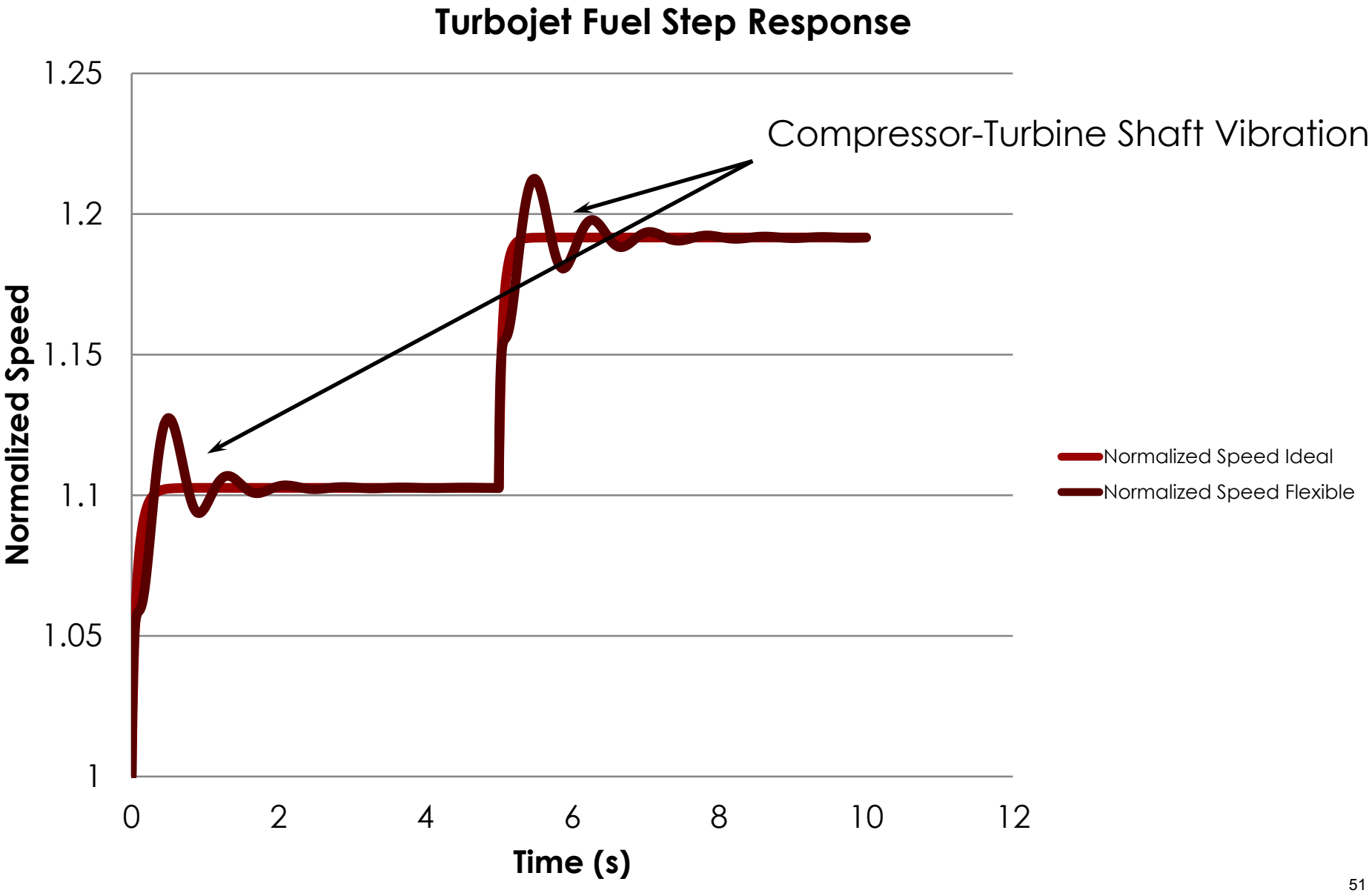
Flexible Shaft Turbojet: Simscape





Rotational Spring Damper For Shaft

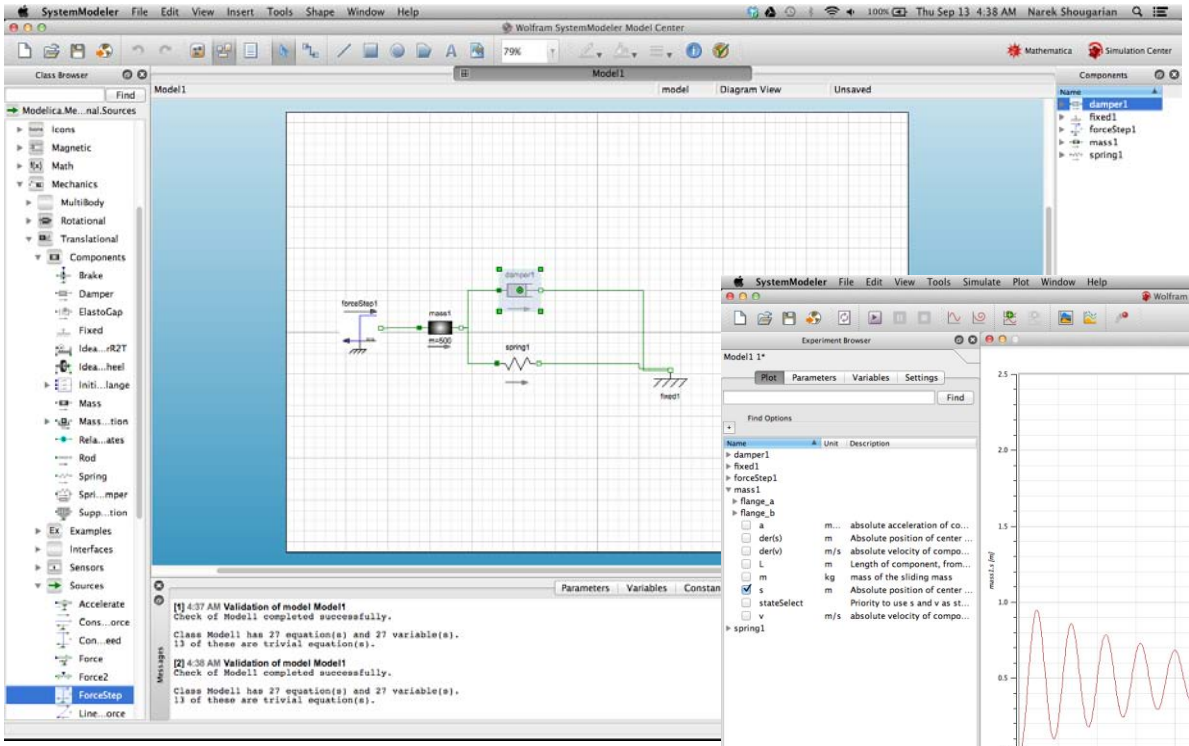
Comparing Rigid and Flexible Engines: Simscape

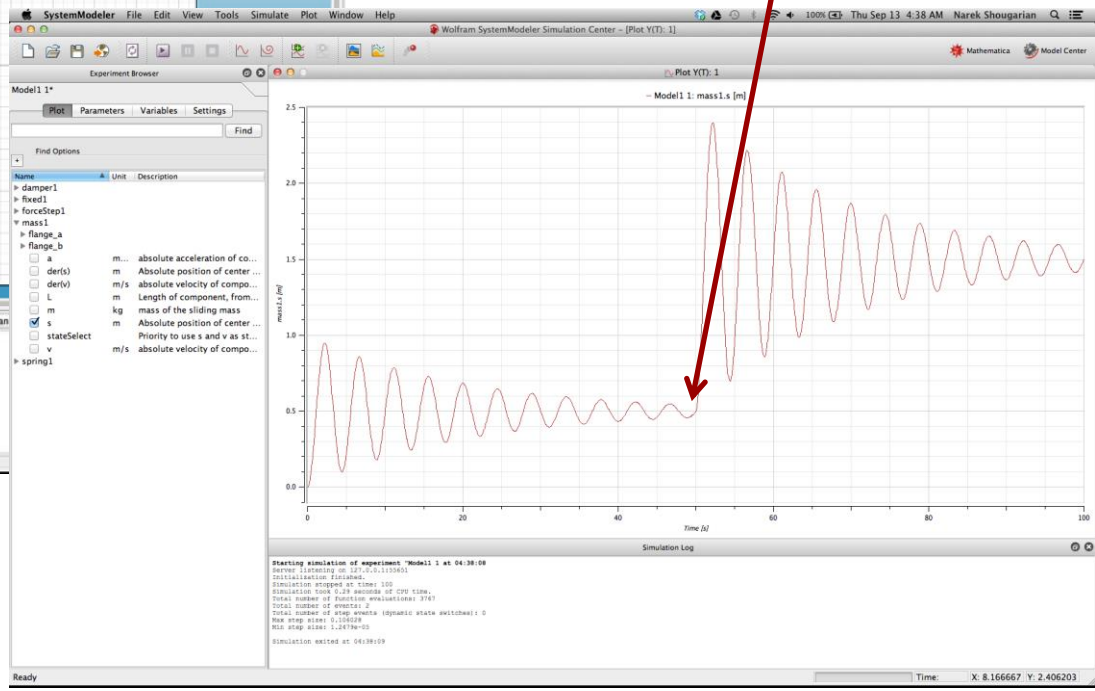


SystemModeler (Wolfram)

Simple Suspension Example

- User Friendly
- Integrated with Mathematica and Wolfram Alpha.
- Not open source



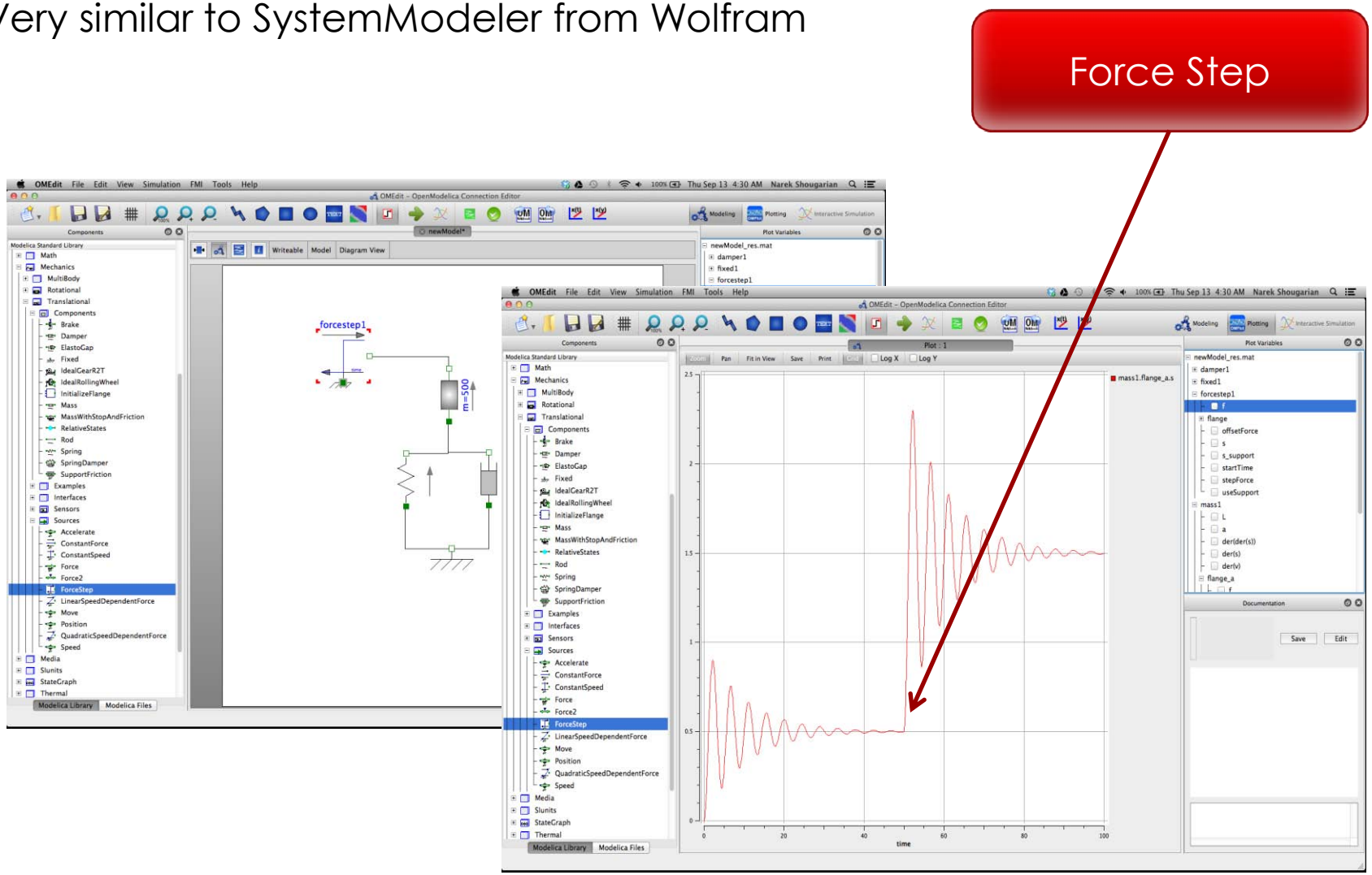


Force Step

OpenModelica

Simple Suspension Example

- Open Source
- Very similar to SystemModeler from Wolfram



Modelica Demo

- Modelica Demo by Narek Shougarian

- OpenModelica Installation

  - https://www.openmodelica.org : OpenModelica for Windows,
    MAC and Linux platforms

  - https://modelica.org : Modelica and Modelica Association website. Documentation, tutorials, user uploaded libraries and publications.

Overview

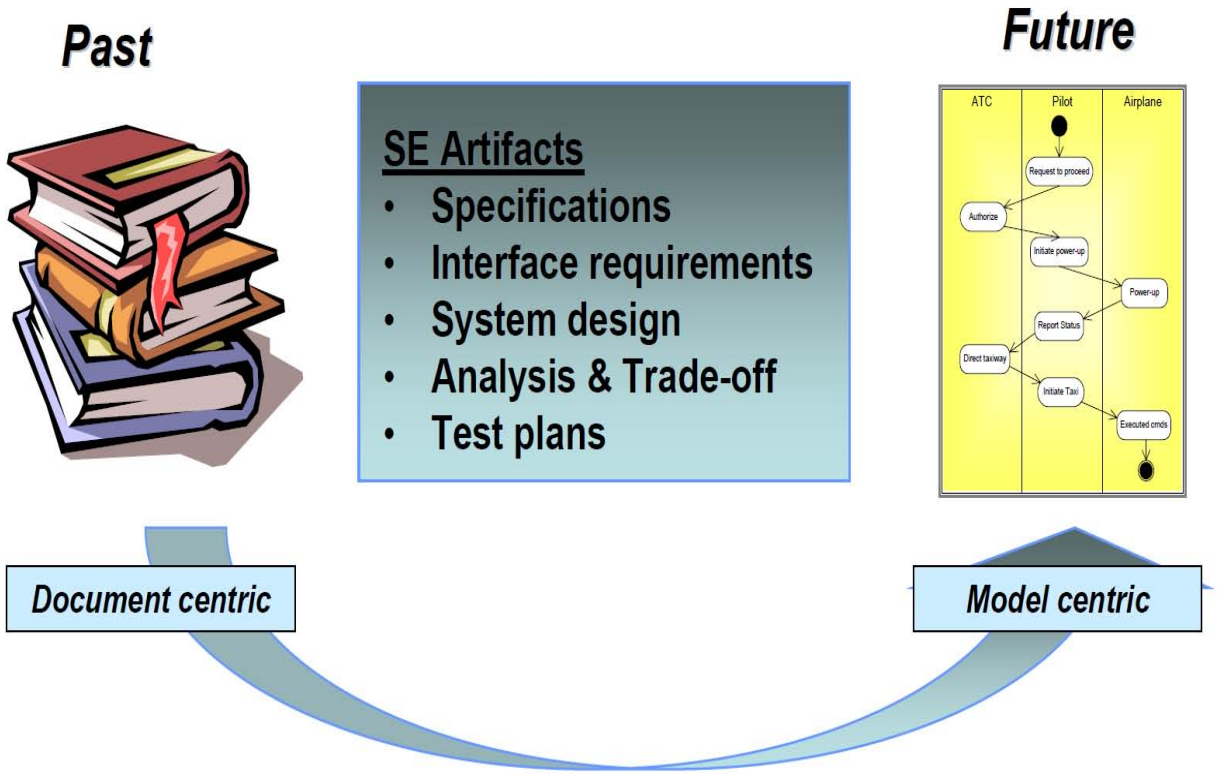
- Why Systems Modeling Languages?
  - Ontology, Semantics and Syntax
- OPM – Object Process Methodology
- SysML – Systems Modeling Language
- Modelica
- What does it mean for Systems Engineering of today and tomorrow (MBSE)?

Concept Question 5

- Which of the system modeling languages seems most useful to you?
- A – OPM
- B – SysML
- C – Modelica
- D – None of them

Answer Concept Question 5 (see supplemental files)

Model-Based Systems Engineering



Descriptive models, instead of documents, are the information storage and communication medium

Session 3 Summary

- Traditional Systems Engineering produces documents
  - E.g. Requirements Document, Interface Control Document etc…
  - Written in natural language
  - Many downsides: changes do not propagate easily, ambiguous interpretations

- Model-based Systems Engineering (MBSE)
  - Replace Documents with (executable) models
  - Need rigorous System Modeling Languages
    - Ontology, Semantics, Syntax
    - Object-Process Methodology (OPM) – Excellent for pre-Phase A
    - SysML – Widely used in some industries, 9 diagram types
    - Modelica – Declarative language, able to execute models in the time domain to simulate steady-state and transient behavior

  - Field is in transition currently …

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