

The Lessons the Models Taught us

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SAAB Aeronautics – current development projects



Gripen E/F



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This is a story about Gripen E development

And what we have learnt in the process

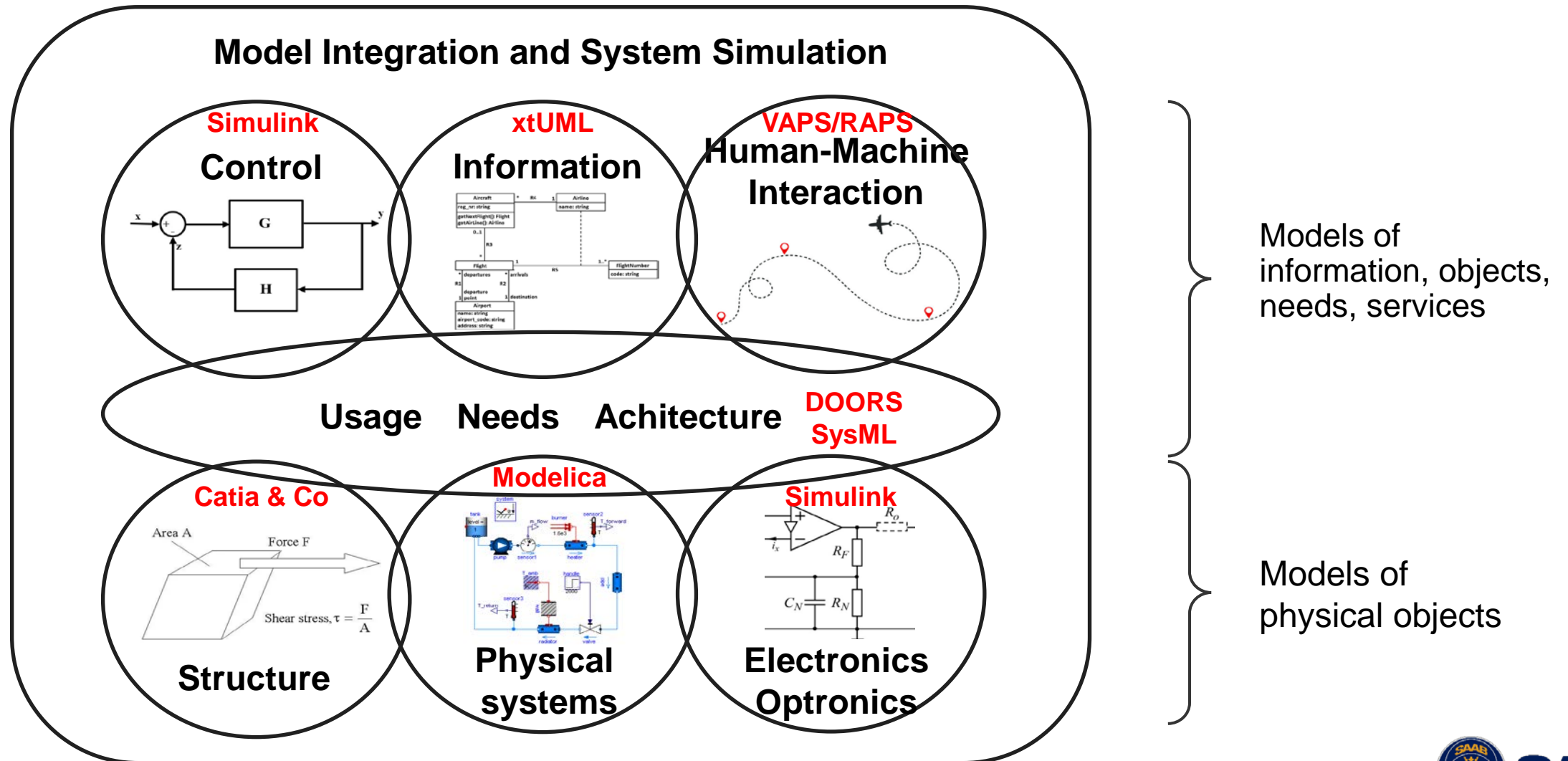
Preliminaries – circa 2007

Future directions identified

- **MBSE is the future!**
 - All engineering disciplines should go model based
- **New process framework** – emphasis on architecture and design capabilities
- **New PLM system** for efficient configuration and information management

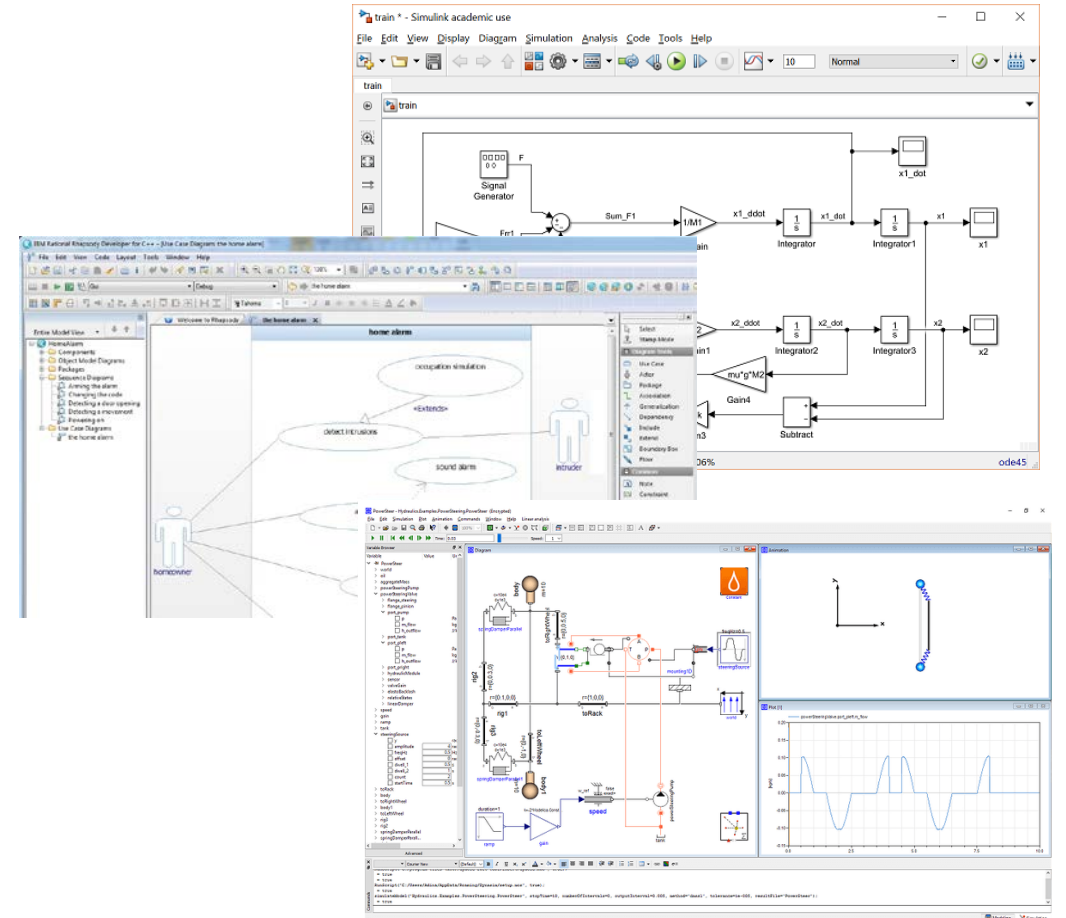


MBSE Domains – Gripen example

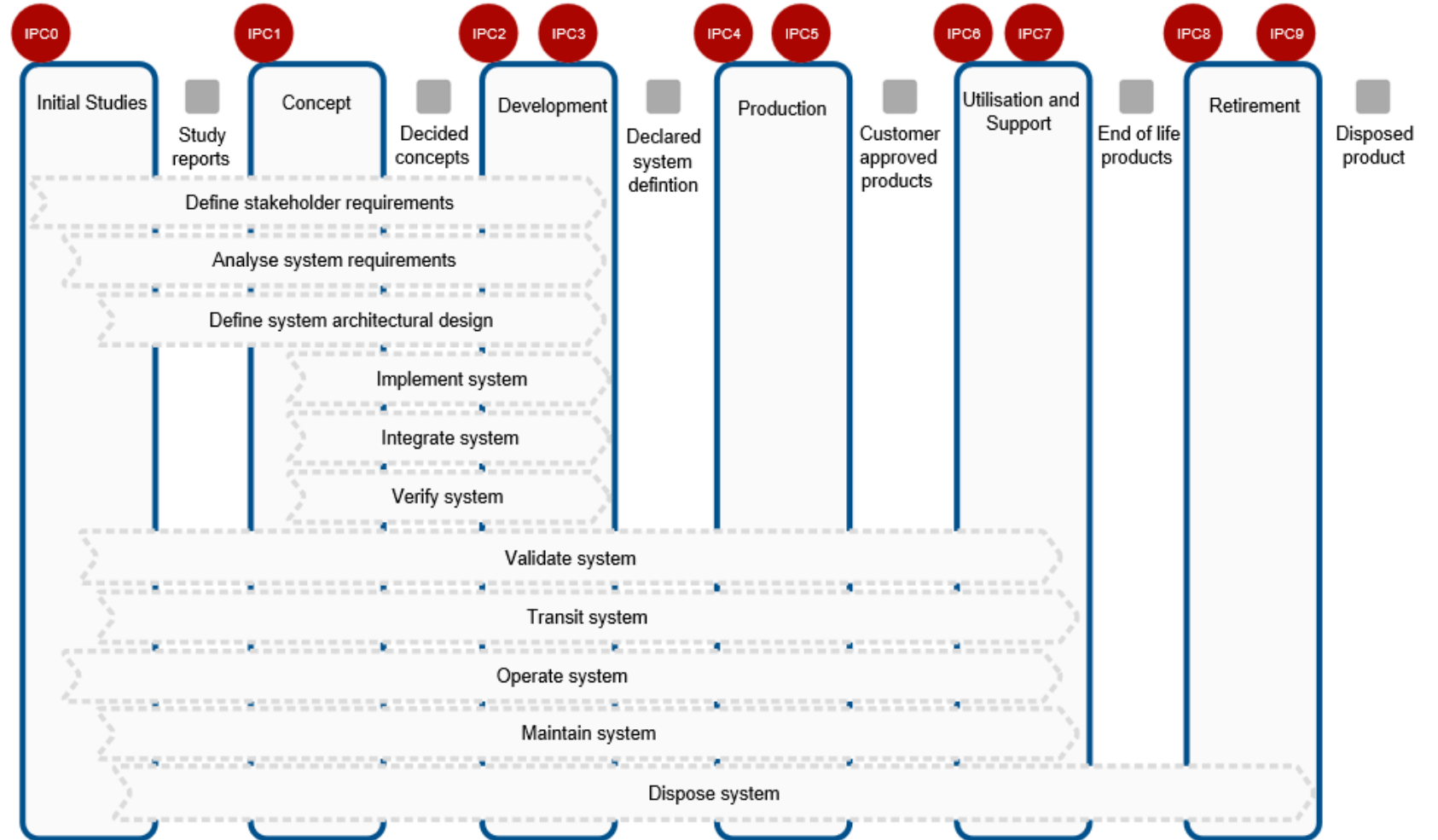


Expected benefits

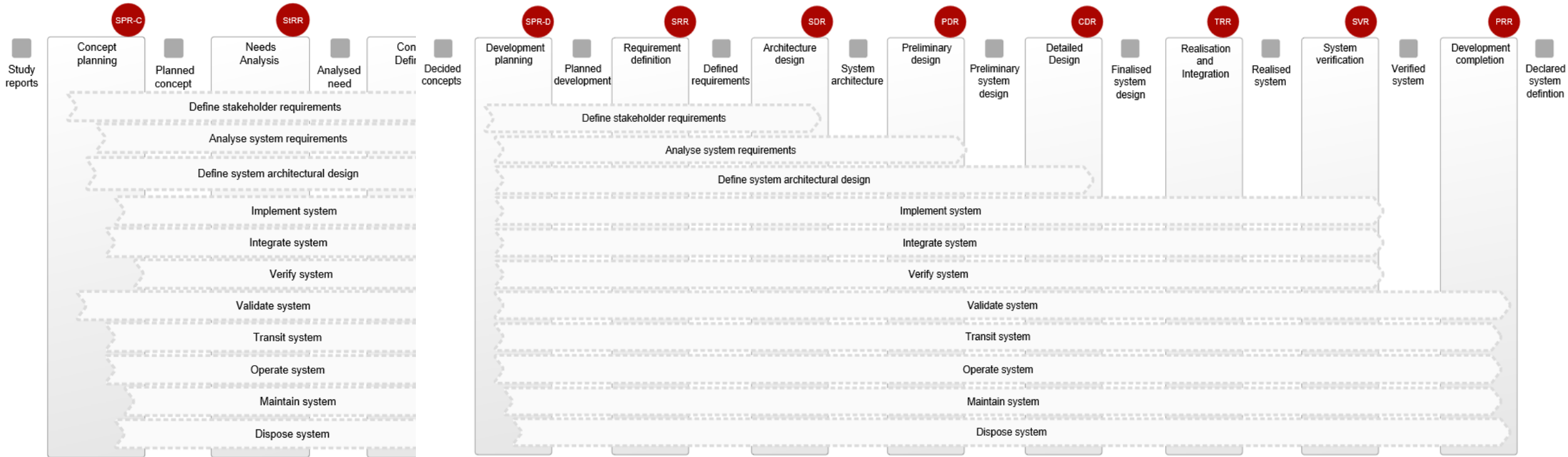
- **Improved communication** – ability to discuss design alternatives in an objective way
- **Faster knowledge capture**
- **Early validation** – ability to simulate design concepts to increase
 - Feasibility
 - Acceptance of solution
- **Improved accuracy** – ability to determine and tune performance early in development
 - Fewer flight tests
- **Improved quality** – right the (almost) first time
- **Improved efficiency** – quicker turn-around
- **Decreased risks** and higher confidence



New process framework – ISO 15288

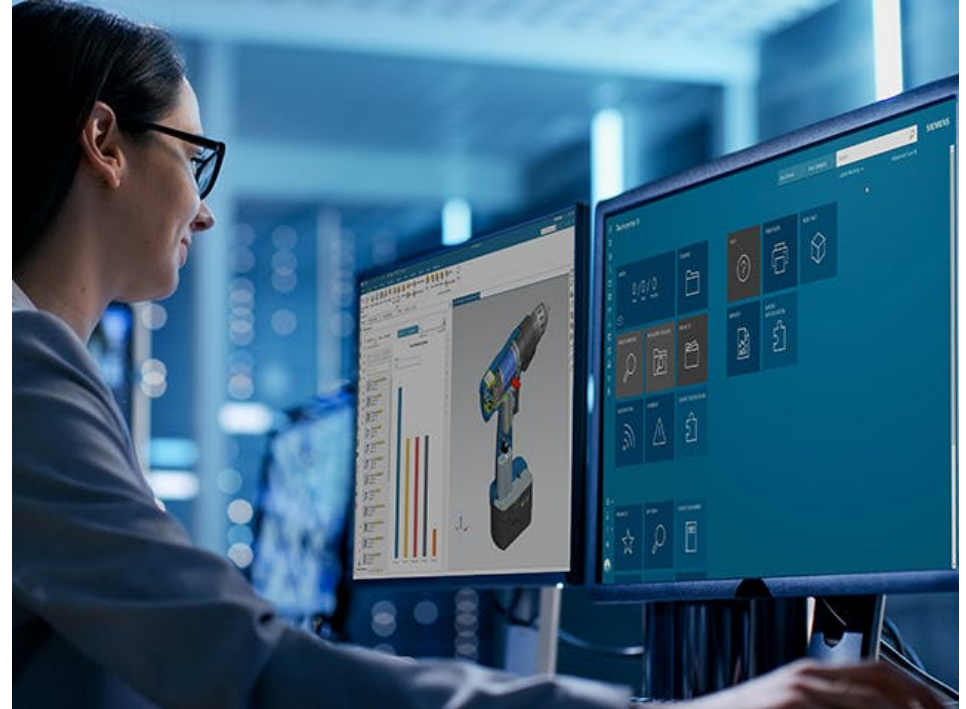


Process over lifecycle – including reviews



New PLM system - Teamcenter

- Management of
 - Product structures
 - Variants
 - Change
- Approvals
- Declaration of conformance

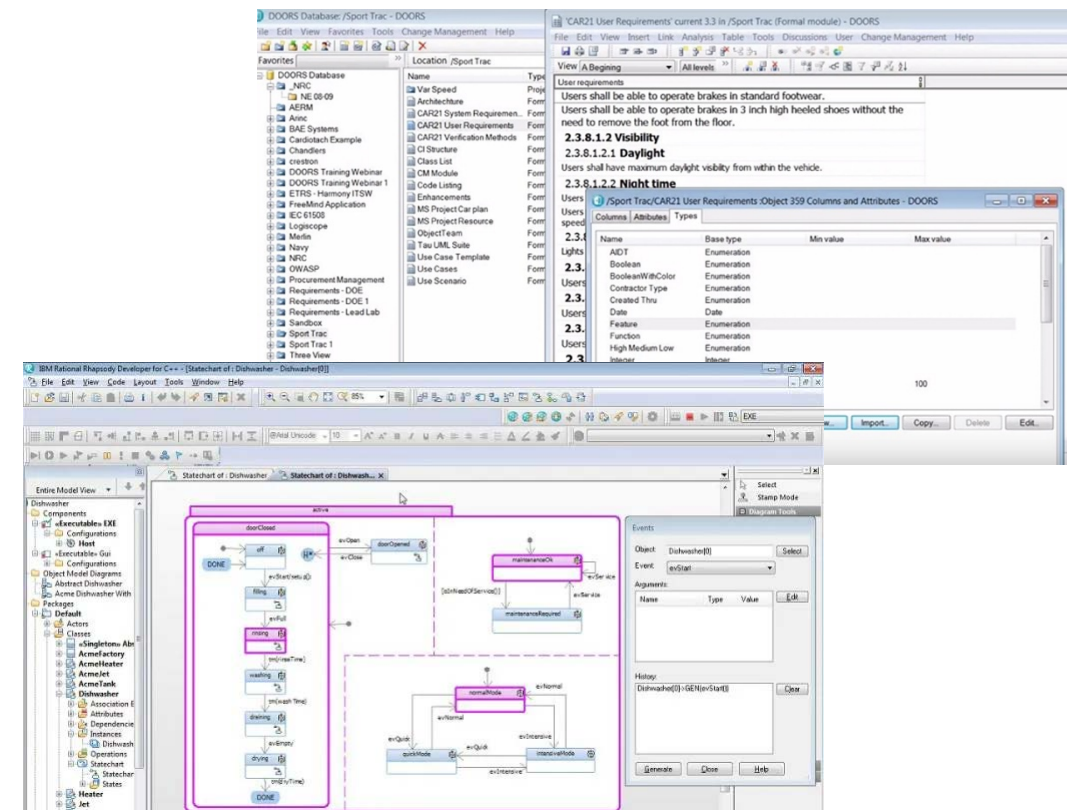


An example of thorough preparations

Needs and architecture

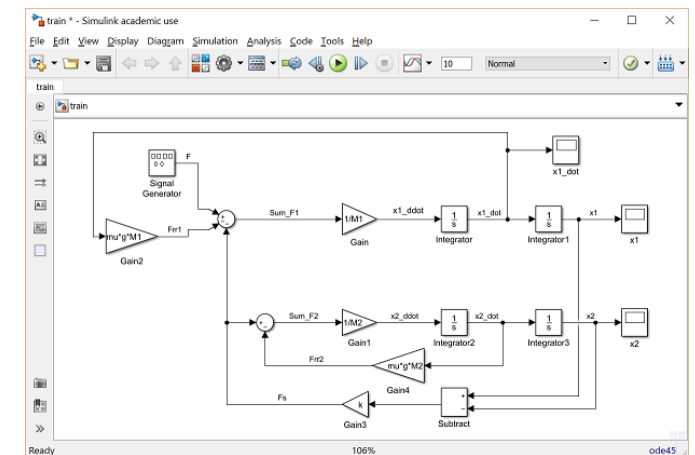
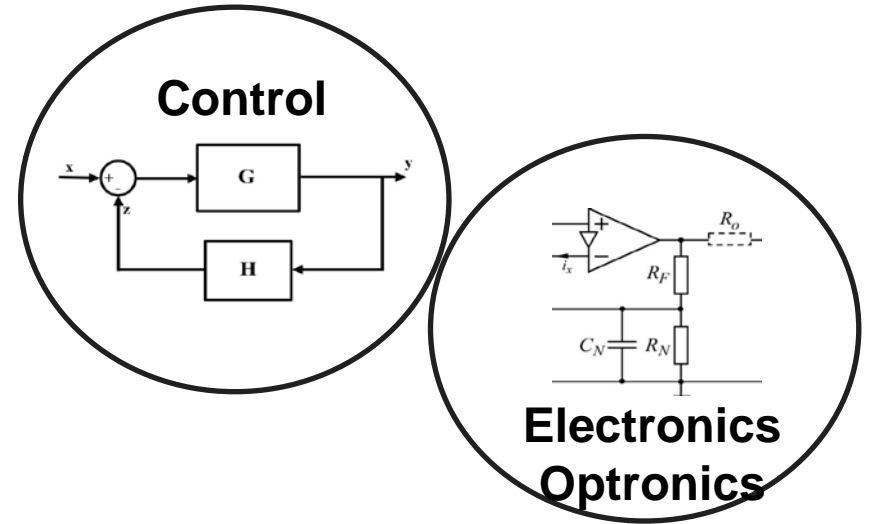
- IBM Doors for requirements management
 - The standard requirements management tool within the organisation
 - Expert support organisation
- Rhapsody with SysML
- Used in multiple projects prior to Gripen E
 - For modelling parts of legacy systems and new subsystems

Usage Needs Architecture



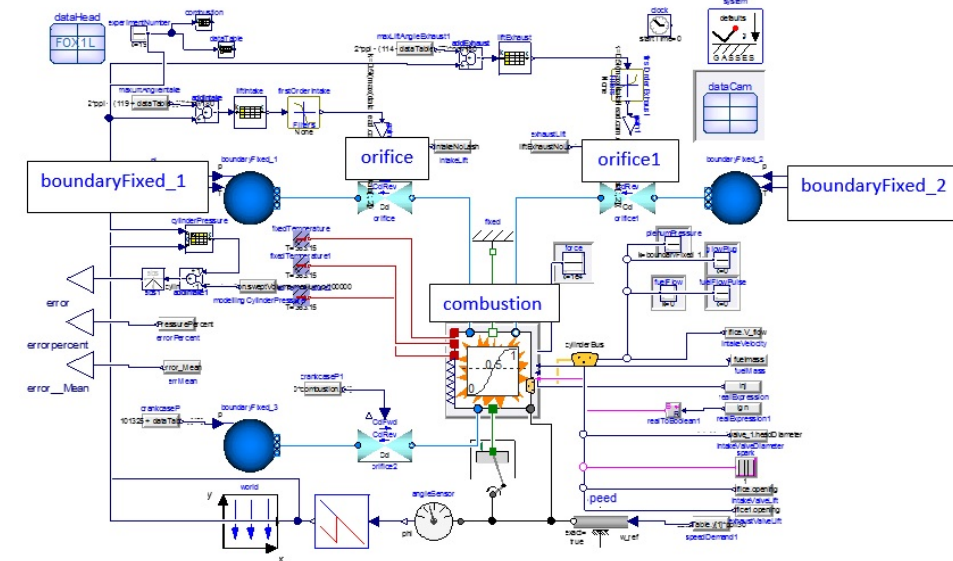
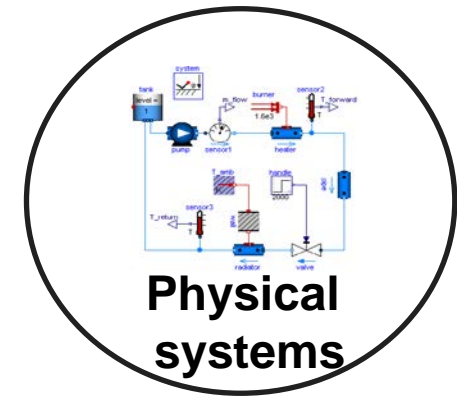
Control and Electronics & Optronics

- Mathworks Simulink introduced as a new tool, previous experience with legacy tool
- Extensive concept studies and support from the supplier
- Code generation support – validated for RTCA-178C-level A
- Dedicated support organisation setup

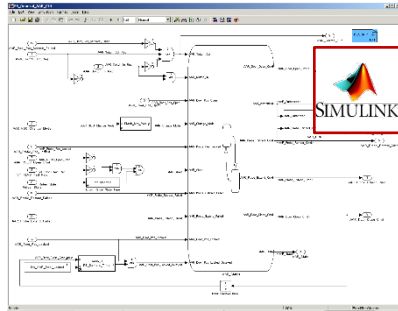


Physical systems – Modelica

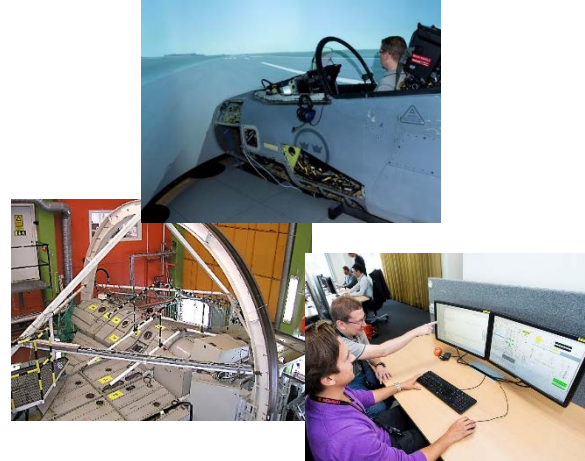
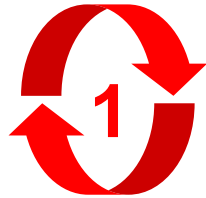
- Dassault Dymola introduced as new tool
 - Previous experience with legacy tool
- Saab specific block libraries developed and validated by third party suppliers
- Modelica – Swedish origin – lots of competence available



Iterative, model-based systems development (Gripen E)



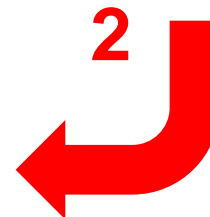
Model, design and implementation of software



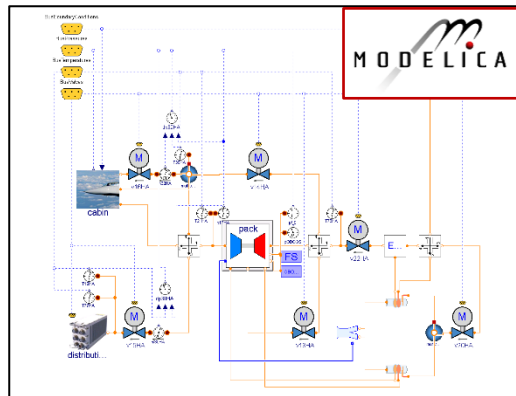
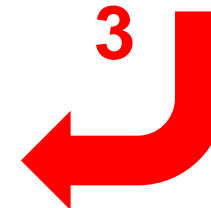
Test rigs & simulators



Flight tests



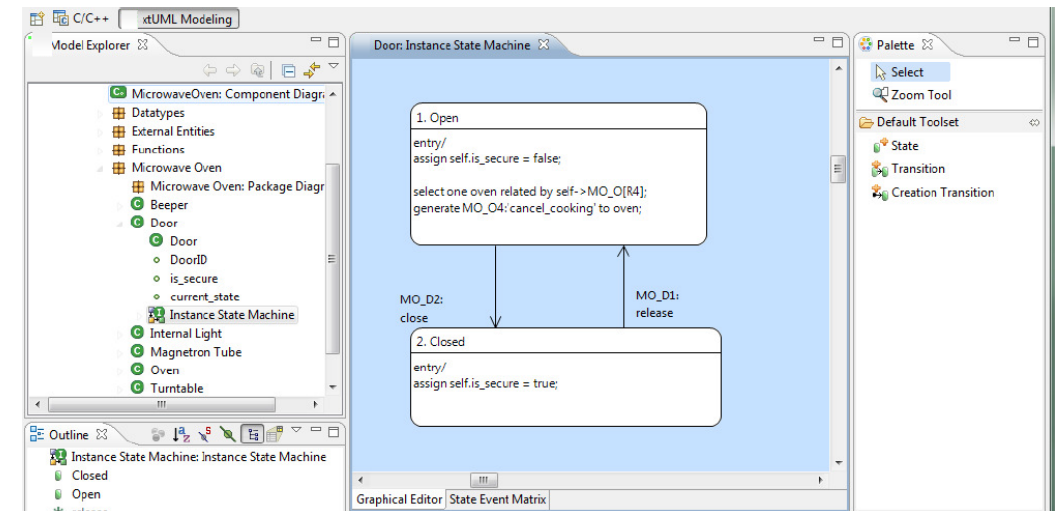
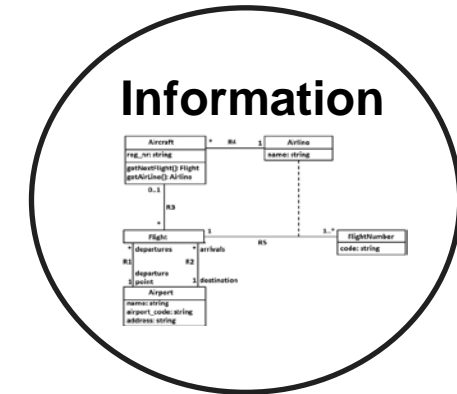
*Calibration and validation of models
Minor updates of system design*



Model and simulation of physical system

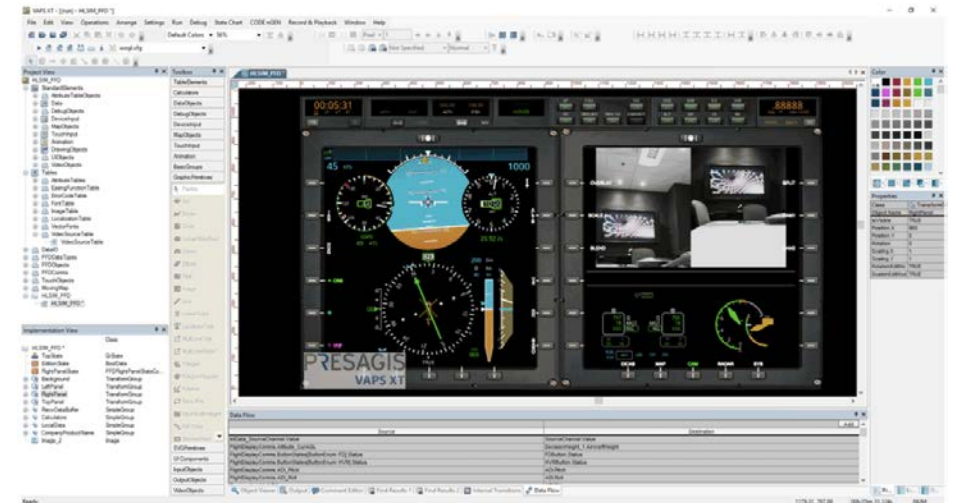
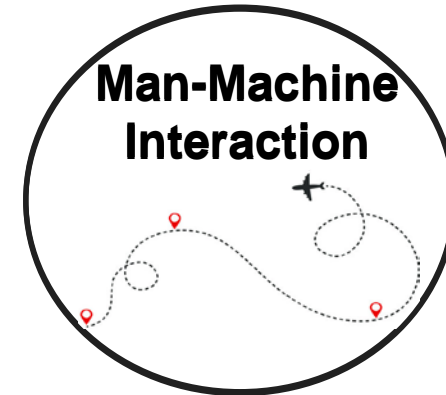
Information – Model driven Architecture

- Bridgepoint – xtUML selected for developing mission systems
 - Had been used successfully in sister organisation
- World authority in Domain Driven Development hired
- Extensive training programme
- Extensive investment in code generator development



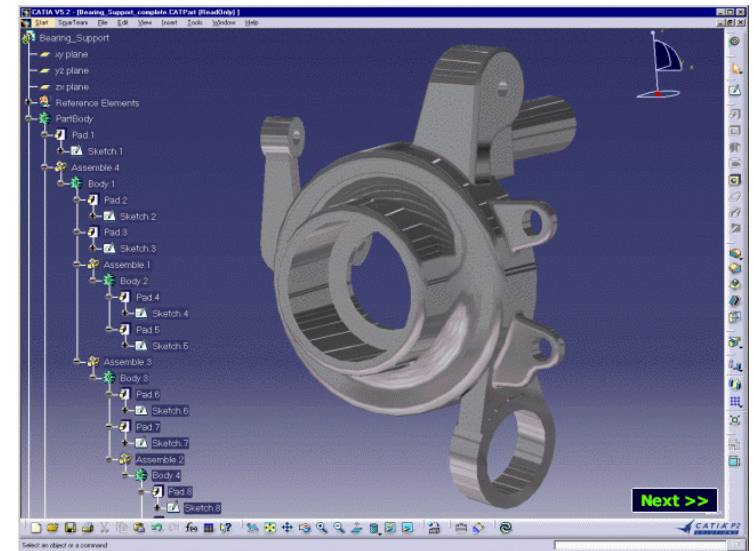
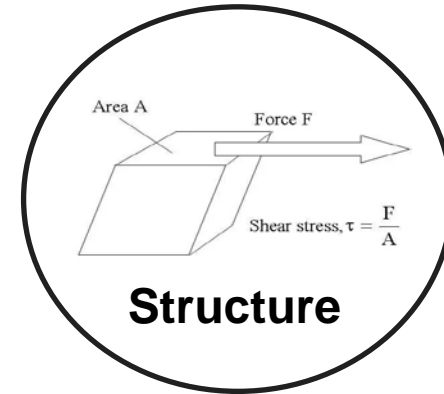
Human Machine Interaction

- Presagis VAPS XT for generating cock-pit display information
- Extensive experience within the organisation
- Qualified code generator
- ARINC-661 support



Structural design to production

- Dassault suite (Catia, Delmia etc) used for all activities from design to production
 - Validated at the Neuron demonstrator
- Integrated flow
- Digital workstations on the production line
 - No drawings at all!
- Design managed in VPM, integrated configuration management system
- Extensive support organisation



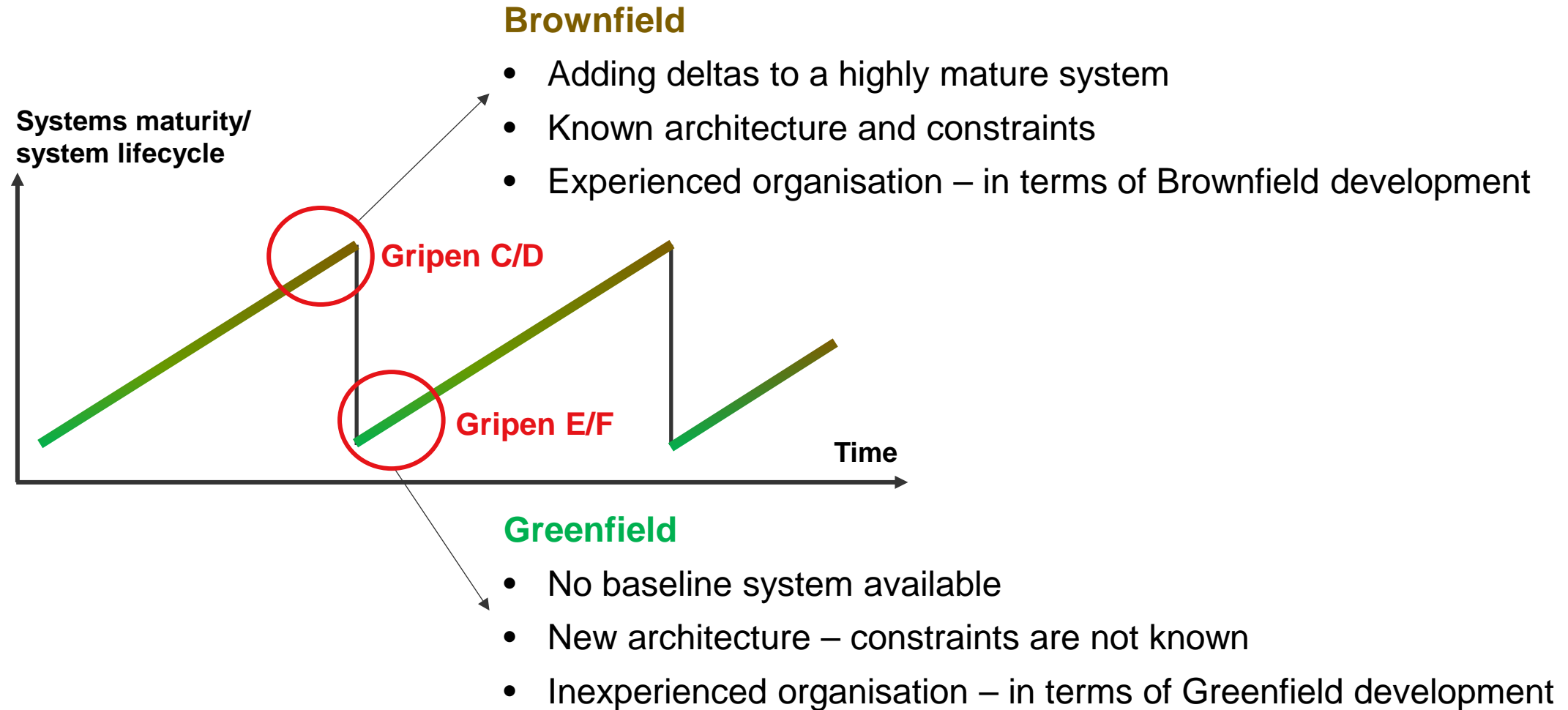
The lessons the models taught us

”All models are approximations. Essentially, all models are wrong but some are useful”

George Box (1919-2013)



Modelling different types of development





"Profits from close attention, systematic reason, risk aversion, sharp focus, hard work, training and refined detail." (March 1999, p. 184)

EXPLOITATIVE LEARNING — THE BROWNFIELD ORGANIZATION

BROWNFIELD DEVELOPMENT promotes 'exploitative' learning, and the organization therefore expects:

- Learning to be goal-oriented and that expected outcomes and gains can be described.
- Management to reduce slack, facilitate coordination and communication, and to link activities to performance measures that can be monitored.
- Risky choices followed by failures, although they happen, are to be 'unnecessary'.



"Thrives on serendipity, risk-taking, novelty, free association, madness, loose discipline and relaxed control."
(March 1999, p. 184)

EXPLORATIVE LEARNING — THE GREENFIELD ORGANIZATION

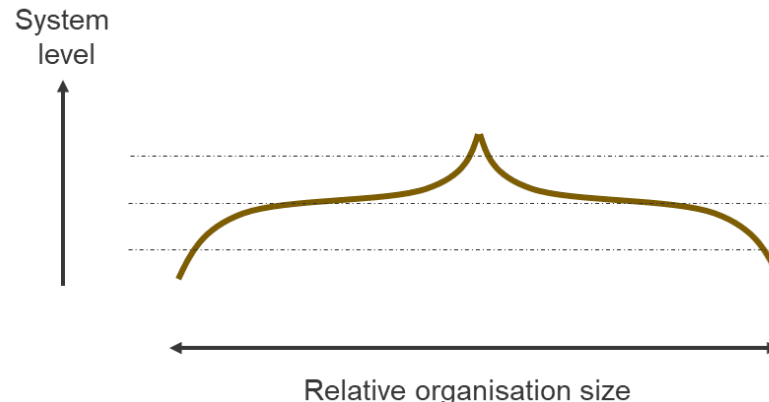
GREENFIELD DEVELOPMENT
promotes 'explorative' learning where the
organization should expect:

- To learn in order to find new alternatives and new goals for development
- Experiments and projects involve high uncertainty and ambiguity, and outcomes and their merits may be difficult to define and difficult to manage
- Success is far from given, however, failures drive learning and therefore serve a purpose.

Management styles

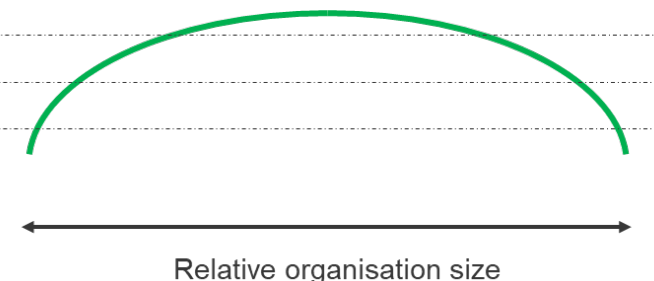
Brownfield development

- Local risks
- Management can have a **weak** connection to the technique/realisation/problem domain
- Management via allocation of whole problems – teams solve problems on their own



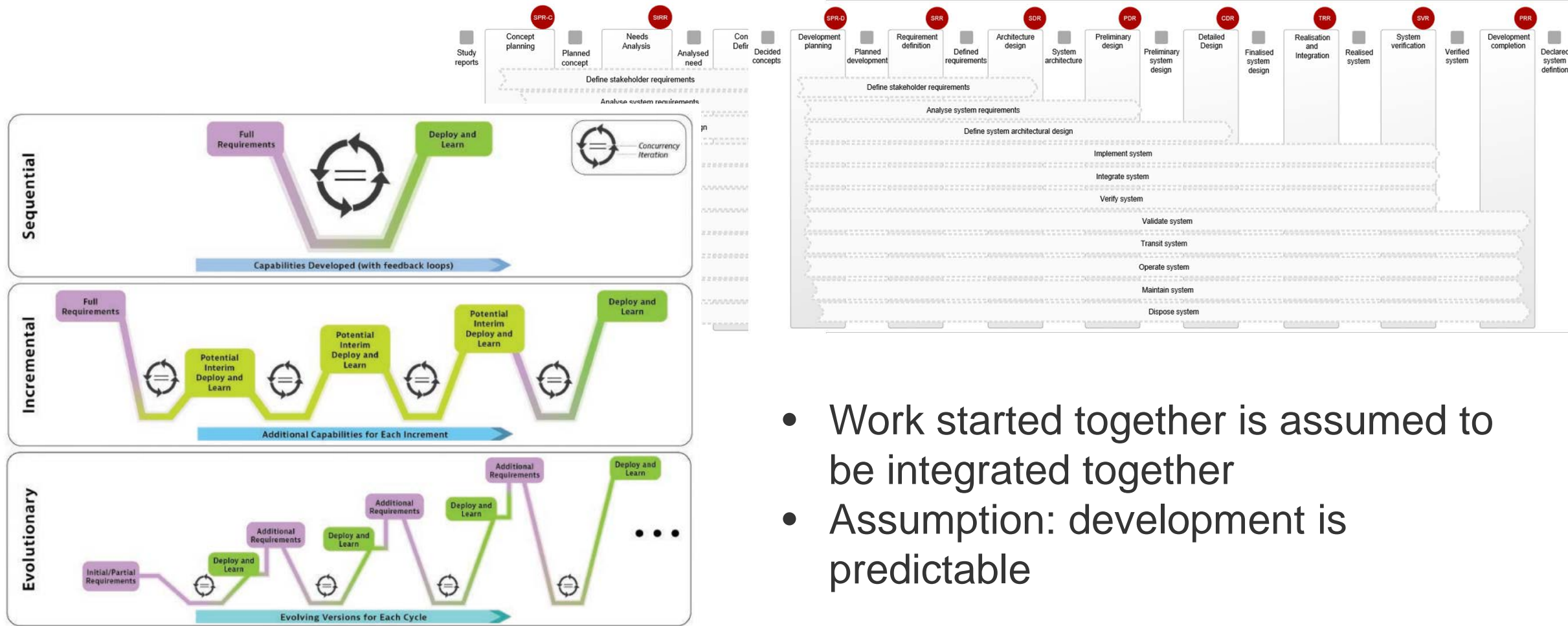
Greenfield development

- Global risks
- Management needs a **strong** connection to the technique/realisation/problem domain
- Management via structured systems engineering – allocating well-defined tasks to the teams



Can we assume that development is predictable?

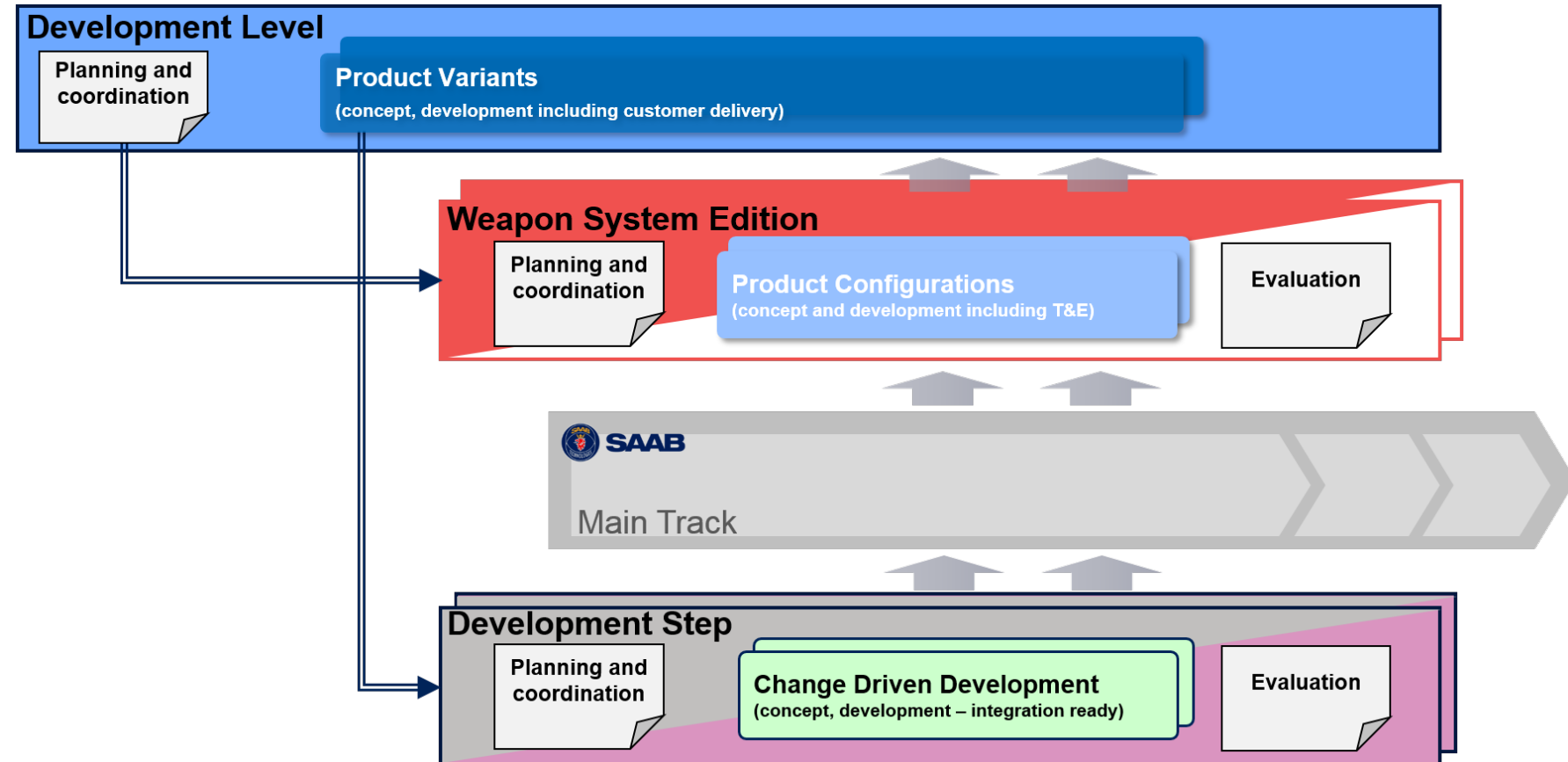
The problem with the Vee models



- Work started together is assumed to be integrated together
- Assumption: development is predictable

When future progress can't be predicted

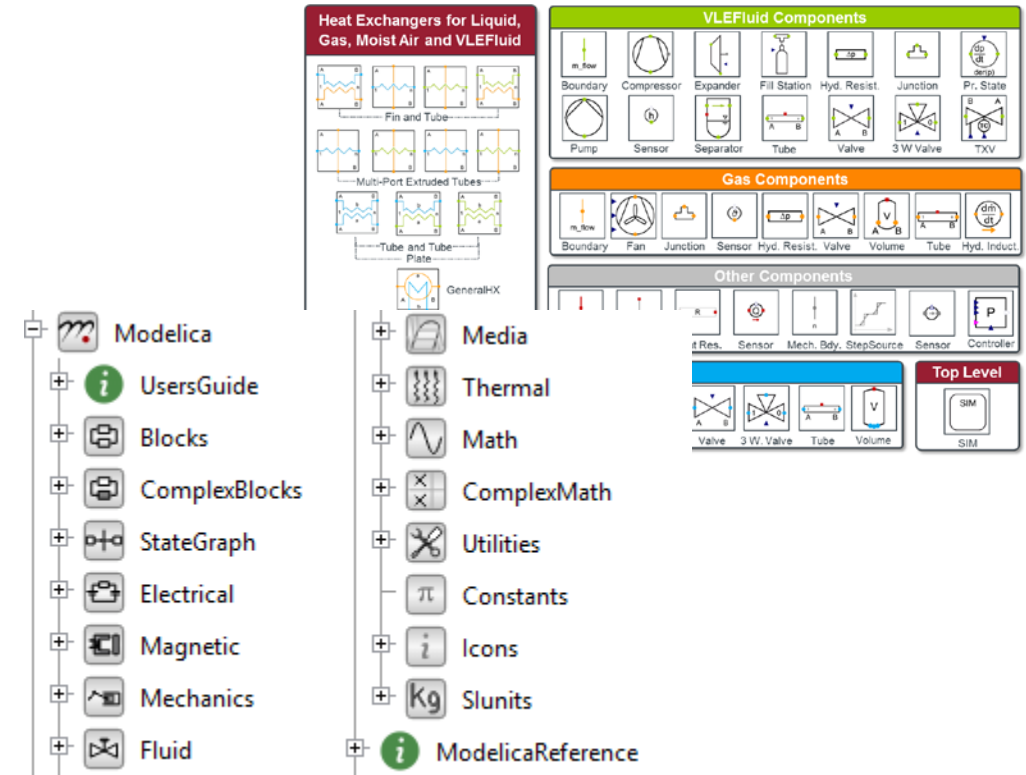
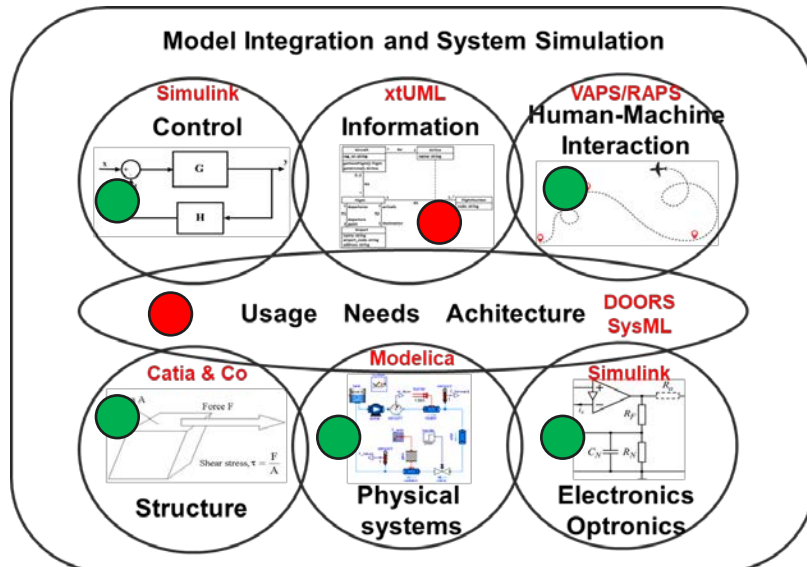
- From **plan-driven** to **integration-driven development**
 - **Anatomies** to manage integration opportunities
- Development is **asynchronous** to integration
- Make re-planning cost as low as possible



What the models taught us about language

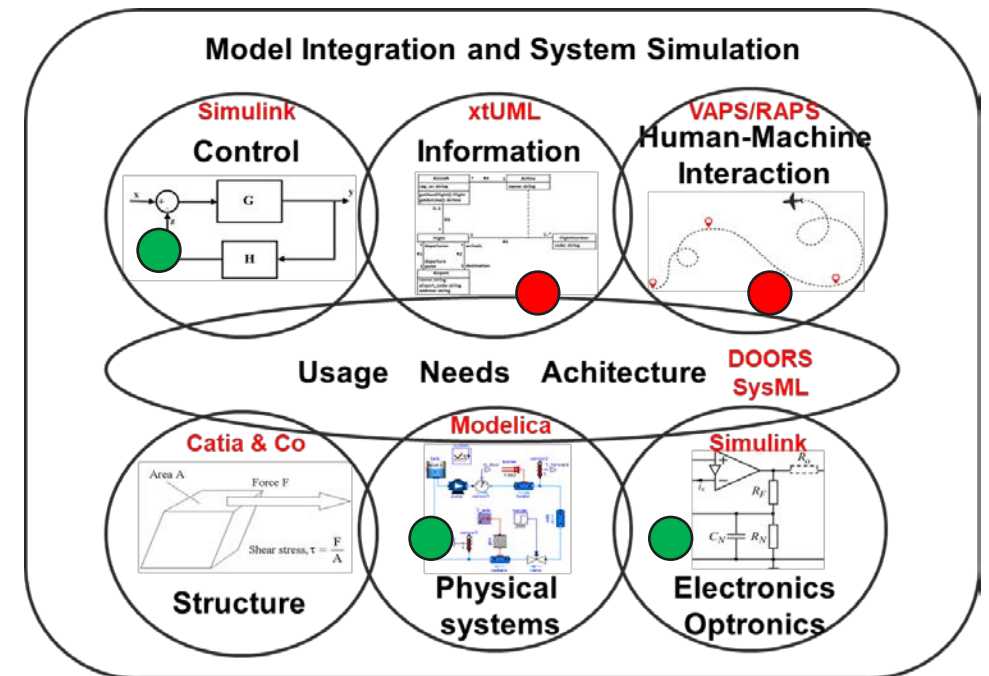
The importance of block libraries

- Validated block libraries allow development teams to transition quicker to integration and verification
 - The cost of developing and verifying libraries is very high



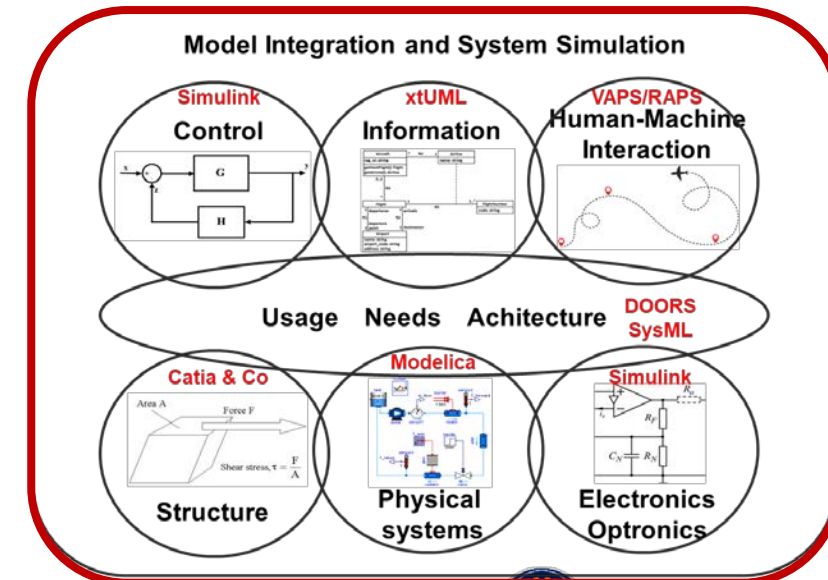
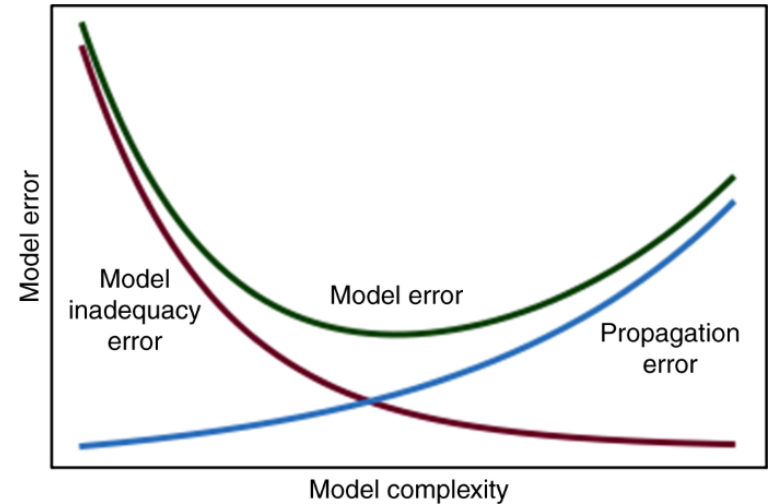
Code generation and integration

- What are the means for validating code generated by the tool?
 - Is there comprehensive simulation support?
 - Can the generated code be understood with a reasonable investment?

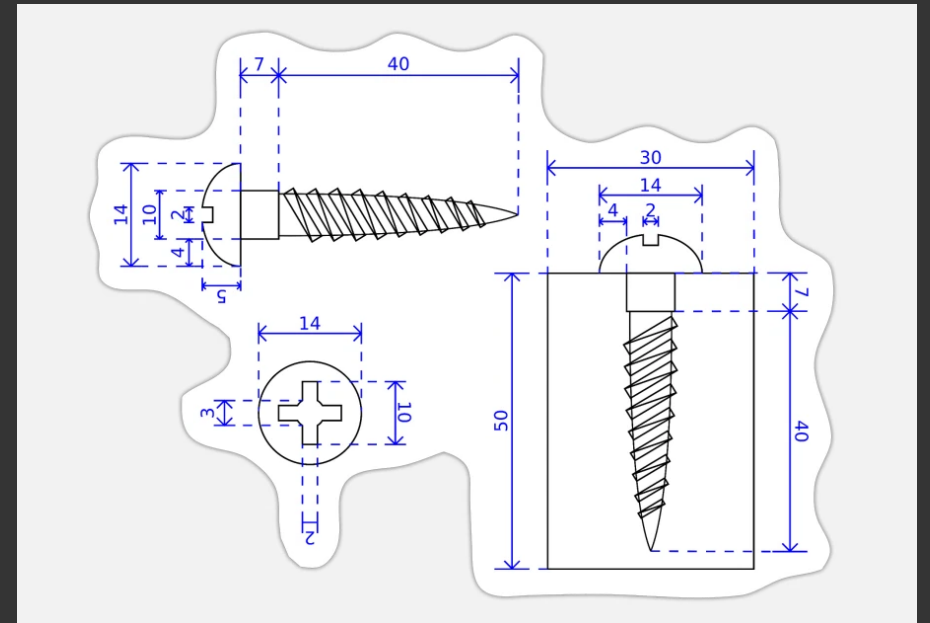


Creating good models – the rule book

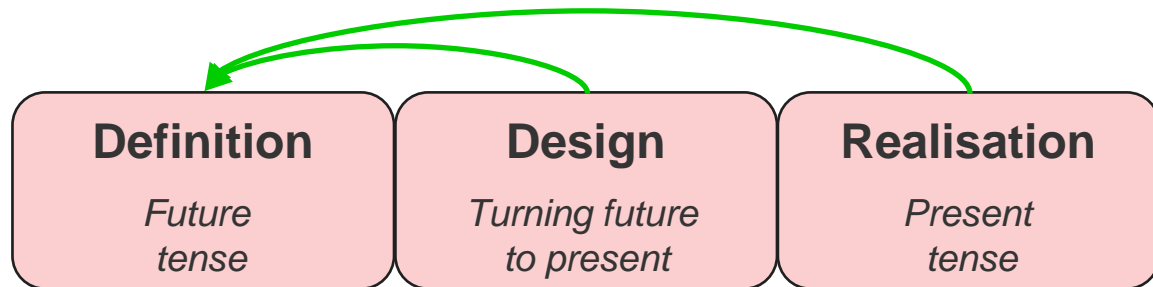
- **Every model must have**
 - Well defined purpose
 - Known boundaries
 - Known limitations
 - Known fidelity
 - Known credibility
- When using models for simulation
 - Good understanding of the capabilities of the individual model
 - Operator must understand the
 - Detail and credibility of the simulation result
 - Relationship to actual product configuration



A framework for model based development



Proposed model framework



Definition model

Captures the **intended architecture**

Relatively undetailed

Used for communication and long-term memory, e.g. change management/development planning

For example, SysML as a common language

Design model

Captures a system element from a **particular perspective**

Design or analysis focus

Interfaces and key properties

Multiple Design models may be required to adequately represent the intent in a Definition model

Multiple languages, e.g. Simulink, Modelica, CFD

Realisation model (physical/virtual)

Multiple virtual Realisations with different **fidelities** and **perspectives** may be created

Interface models are required for both an executable realisation and a realisation of the physical system

Translation to the model world

Tenses and model types

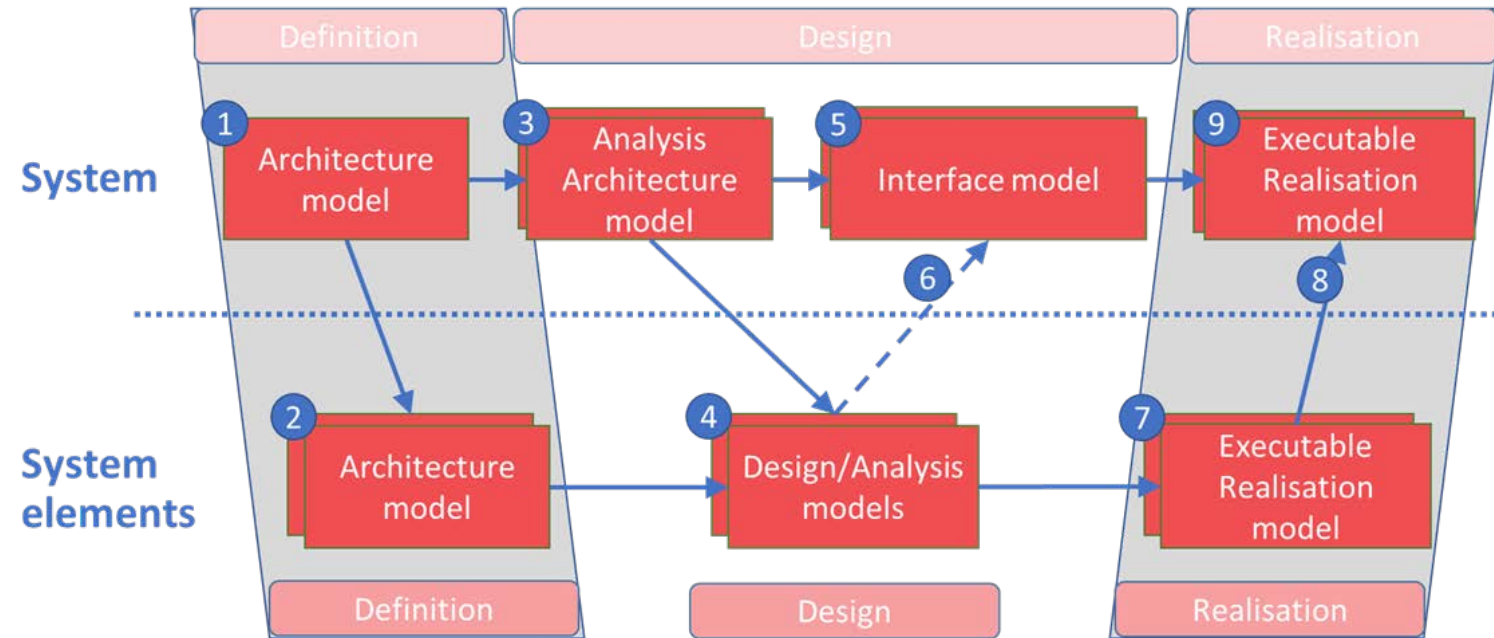
Architecture model

Identifying system behaviour, system elements and interfaces

Analysis Architecture model

Adapting the architecture for a particular analysis purpose

May result in the addition or deletion of items compared to the architecture model



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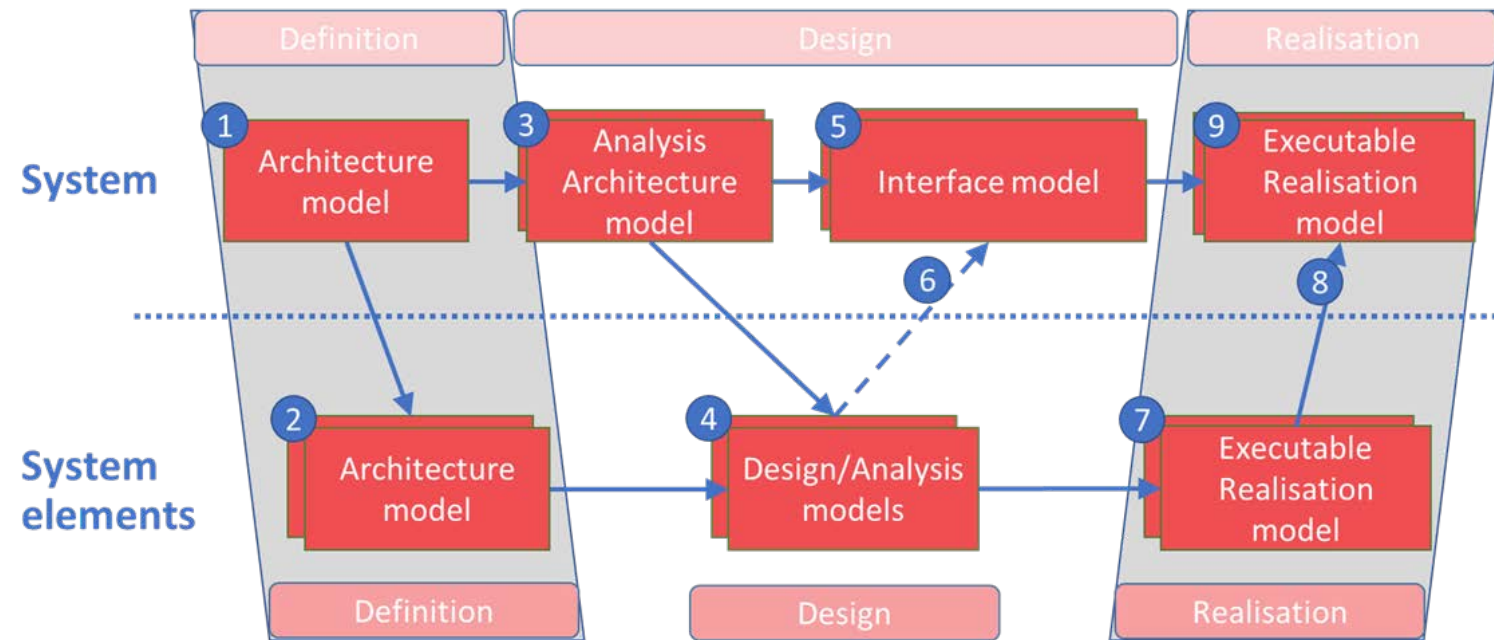
Design/Analysis model

Captures the emergent system design or system analyses

Interface model

Derived from the Architecture model and refined with design content

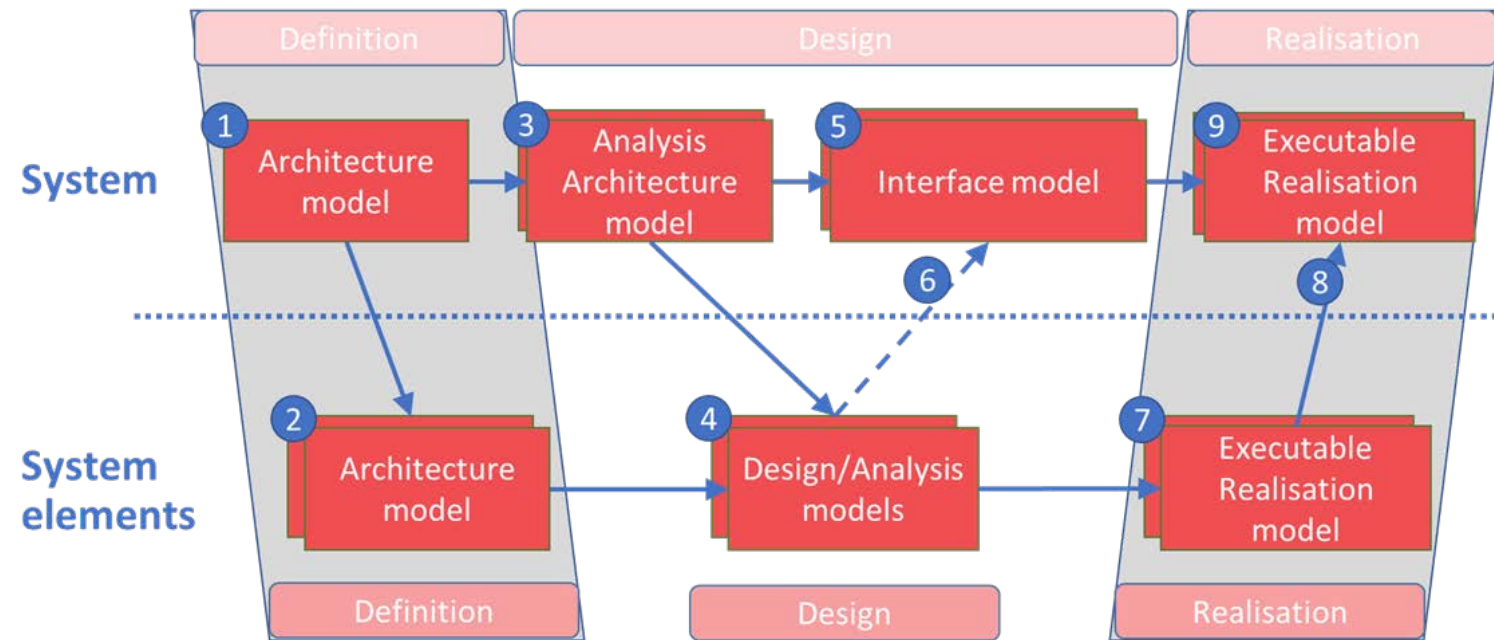
Purpose to provide the template for virtual and/or physical integration



Tenses and model types

Executable Realisation model

The virtual realisation of a system used for gaining insights and knowledge



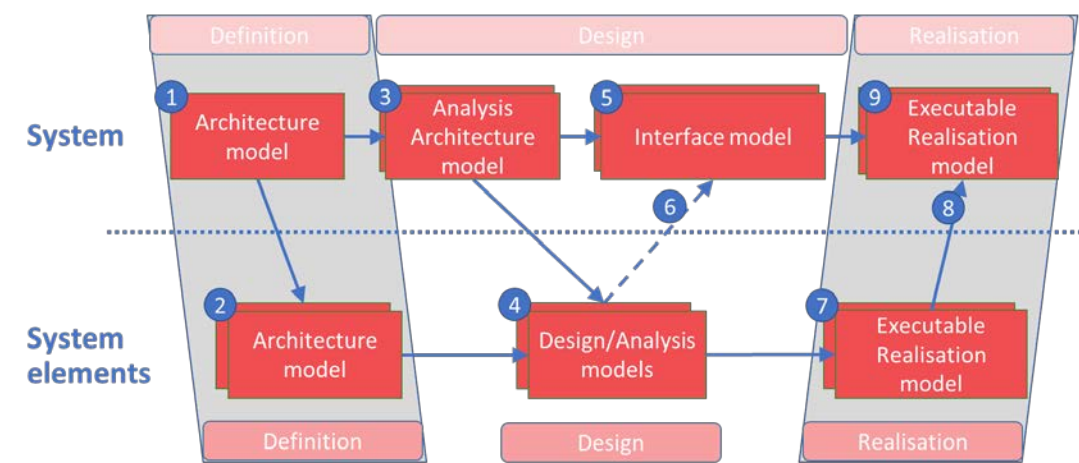
Why separate models?

Architecture model: Overall definition of the system – suitable for communication, not executable

Analysis Architecture model: Meeting the needs for a particular analysis – based on the architecture but should not be included in it

Design/Analysis model: Allowing the most appropriate modelling language for detailed design of a heterogeneous system

Interface model: Detailed interface definition – in a language agnostic format for integration and creation of Executable Realisation models.



Analysis Architecture models can not be merged with the **Architecture model** as it would skew the Architecture model

Design/Analysis models are there to take advantage of the power of domain specific languages

Interface models are distinct to allow interface refinement without having to change the **Architecture or Analysis Architecture models**

Characteristics of a good model

Model characteristics	Architecture/Analysis architecture model	Design model	Executable realisation models	Interface models
Representation	Graphical SysML, ...	Textual/Graphical Modelica/Simulink/ Fortran, ...	- FMI formatted	Textual/Graphical SSP/SysML v2
Formality	Informal	Formal	Formal	Formal
Modelling approach	Descriptive	Descriptive/Analytical	-	Descriptive
Relative fidelity	Low	High	High	High

Implications for the future

Summary

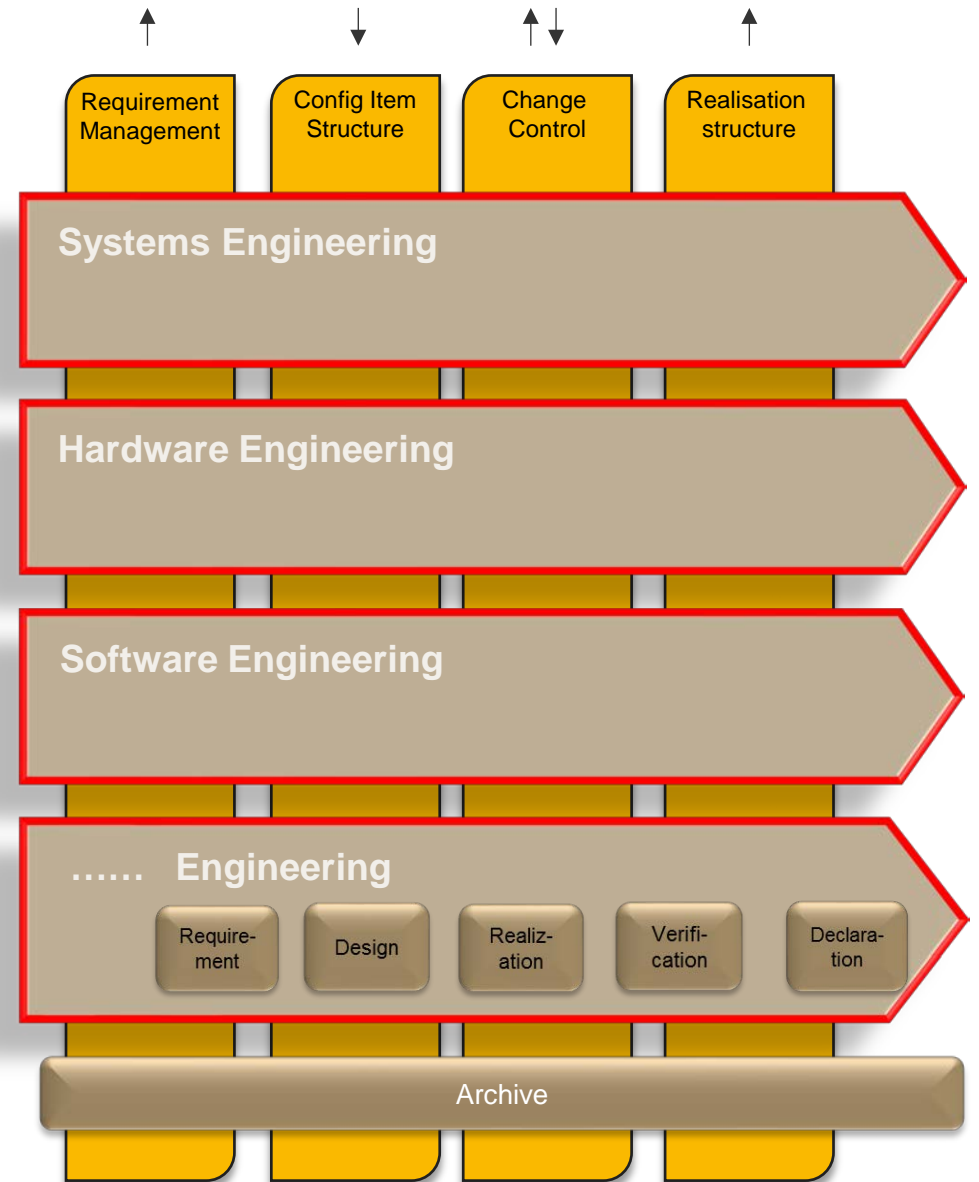
- Need to use multiple languages and methods in heterogeneous system development
- Critical systems – configuration control is essential
- Transition from stand-alone tools to integrated development environments
 - Configuration management an integrated capability
- Ensure that all stakeholders have access to relevant information
 - Desire to go from powerpoint as information carrier to information generated from the tool environments

Architecting the integrated development environment

Federated PLM

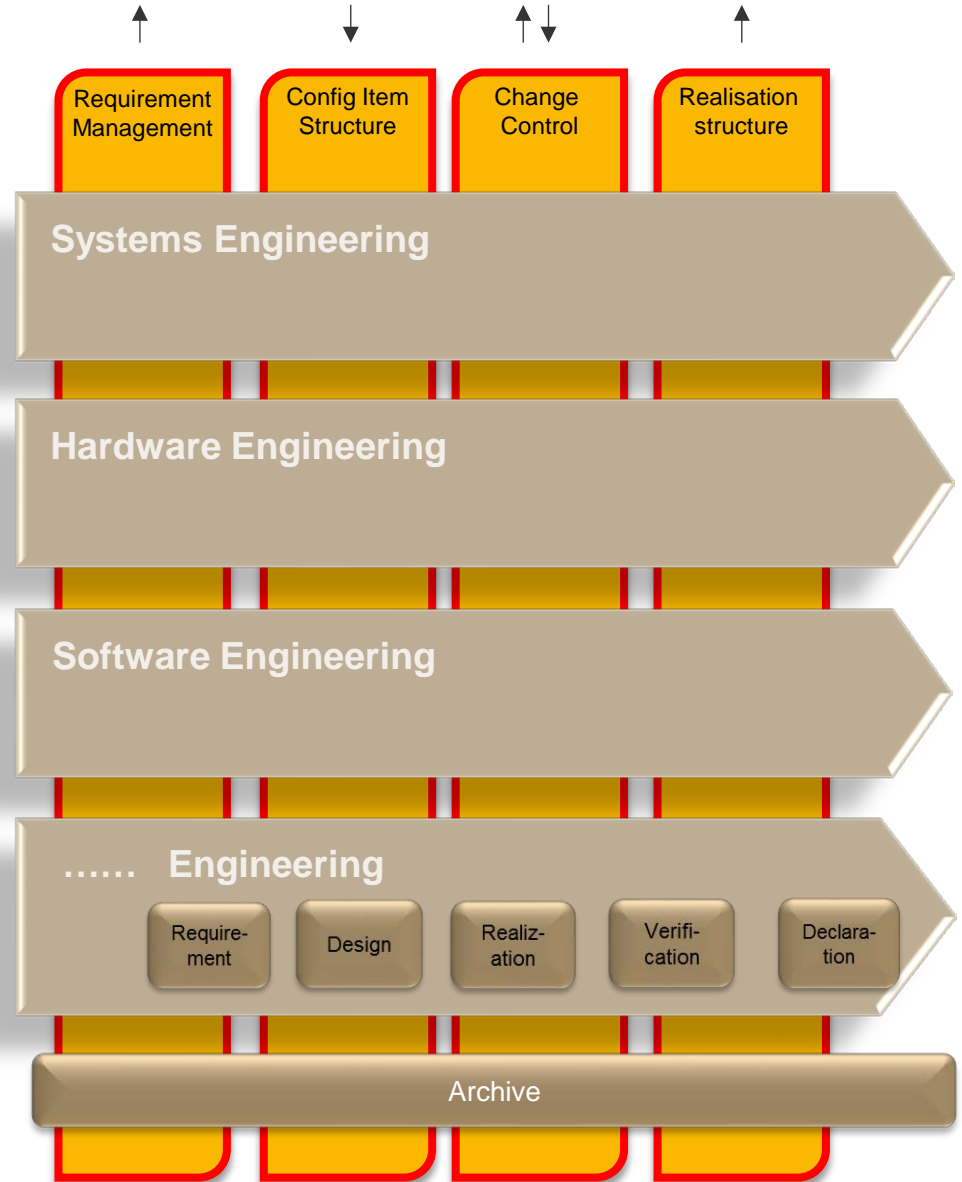
Modularity

- Optimise support for each engineering discipline
 - Maximise automation, as provided by the supplier
 - Minimise application family switching
- Bring together management and engineers in a single environment
 - E.g., Change management and Status reporting
- Ability to upgrade individual capabilities independent of others
- Redundant capabilities accepted
- Ability to replace environment without upsetting the complete PLM landscape



Traceability

- Need capability to ensure traceability and integrity of product data
- Traceability dimensions between engineering discipline environments
 - Requirements
 - Configuration item structure
 - Change management
 - Realization
- **Configuration Management** capability required for Requirements Traceability, Configuration item structure and Realization structure
 - Versions and baseline capability
- The OSLC standard offers the desired capabilities
 - Exploit for low cost and high quality integrations



Is standards-based linking feasible

- **Federated PLM – feasibility dimensions**

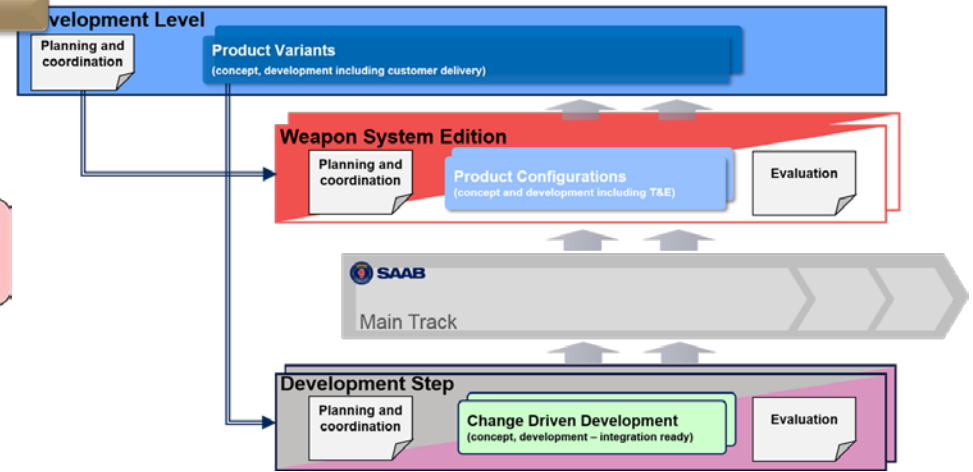
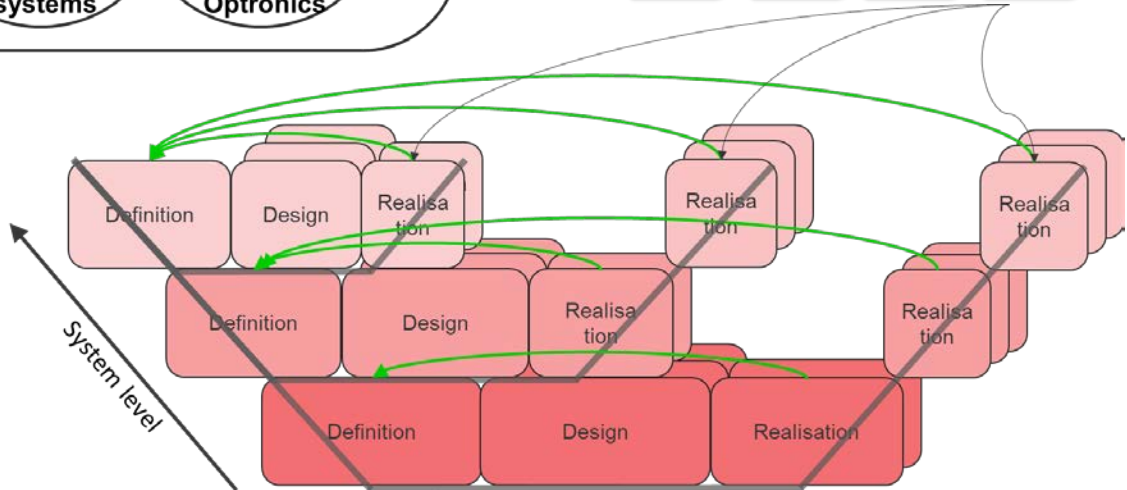
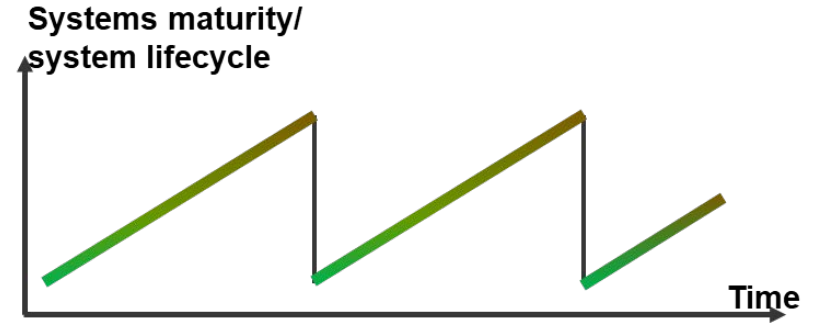
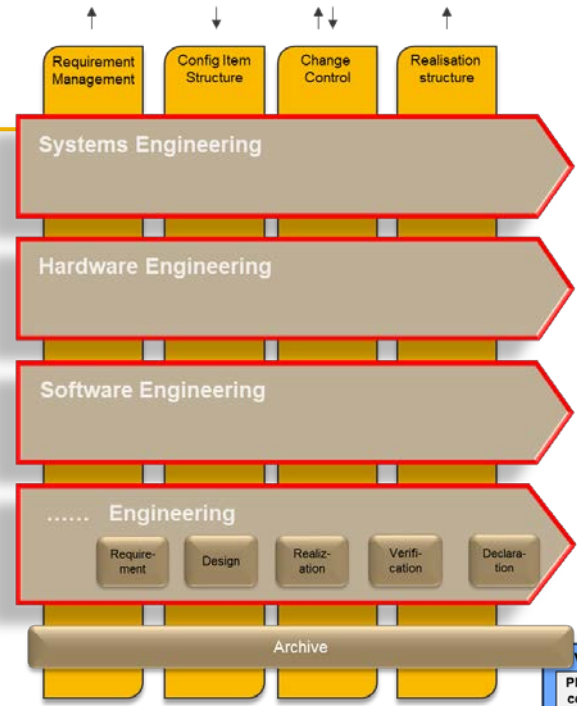
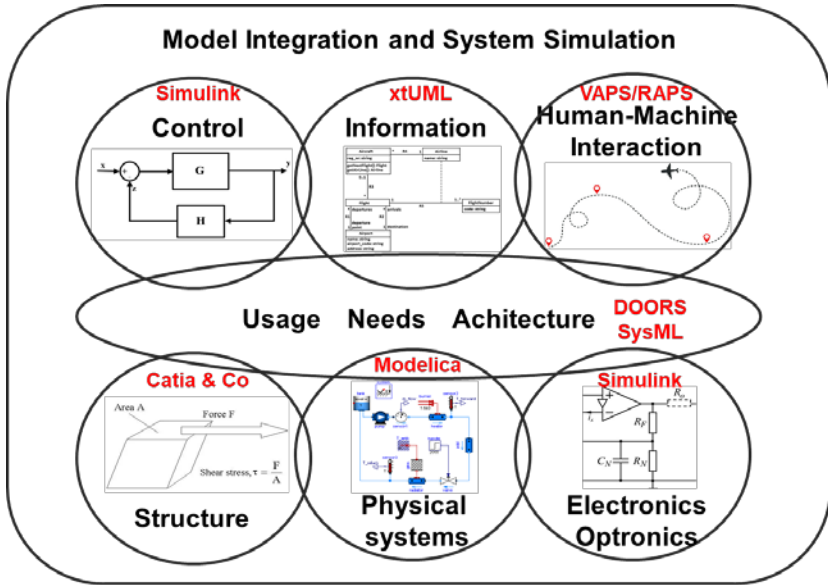
- Technical feasibility
 - Does OSLC offer industrial strength solutions for integrating stand-alone PLM systems?
- Development efficiency
 - Does a federated PLM environment offer improved productivity potential in the short and long term compared to a monolithic, single supplier solution?
- Operational feasibility
 - Can a federated PLM environment be maintained over time?
- Realisation effectivity
 - Can OSLC interfaces be implemented and maintained at a reasonable cost?



What about AI?

Conclusions

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