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**SESSION 7697**  
**A VISION FOR MODEL BASED LIFECYCLE SYSTEM**  
**ENGINEERING**

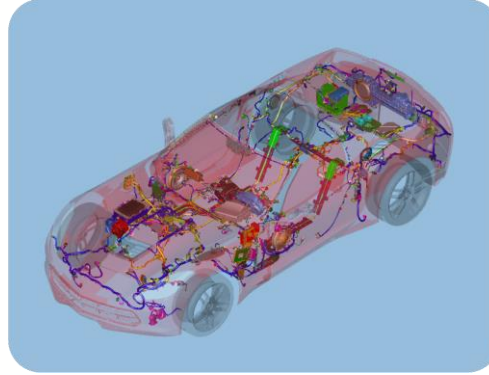
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GENERAL MOTORS

# GENERAL MOTORS ENGINEERING CONTEXT



## Modern Automobile

1,000,000s of product instances

100,000s of product variants

10,000s parts

100s Electronic Control Units

10,000,000s Lines of Code

10s Networks

10,000s Network Signals

10,000s Engineers



# INTRODUCTION

Model Based Systems Engineering (MBSE) has held the promise of both improved quality and efficiency in the engineering of large complex systems

It has rarely been a reality

Ease of use and accessibility of the modeled data have long been weakness in model based tool chains

GM is using large scale model based methods today, we have been tackling the challenges of usability and data access and usage.

Today we will introduce what GM has accomplished and what we see as the next step to realize the promise of a Model Based methodology supporting the full engineering lifecycle

# THE DEFINING MODEL OF MBSE – THE SYSTEM MODEL

The System Model is the central connecting model of a MBSE methodology

In general it represents the decomposition structure of the engineered system (functional, logical, physical) and the relationships between engineering information and entities

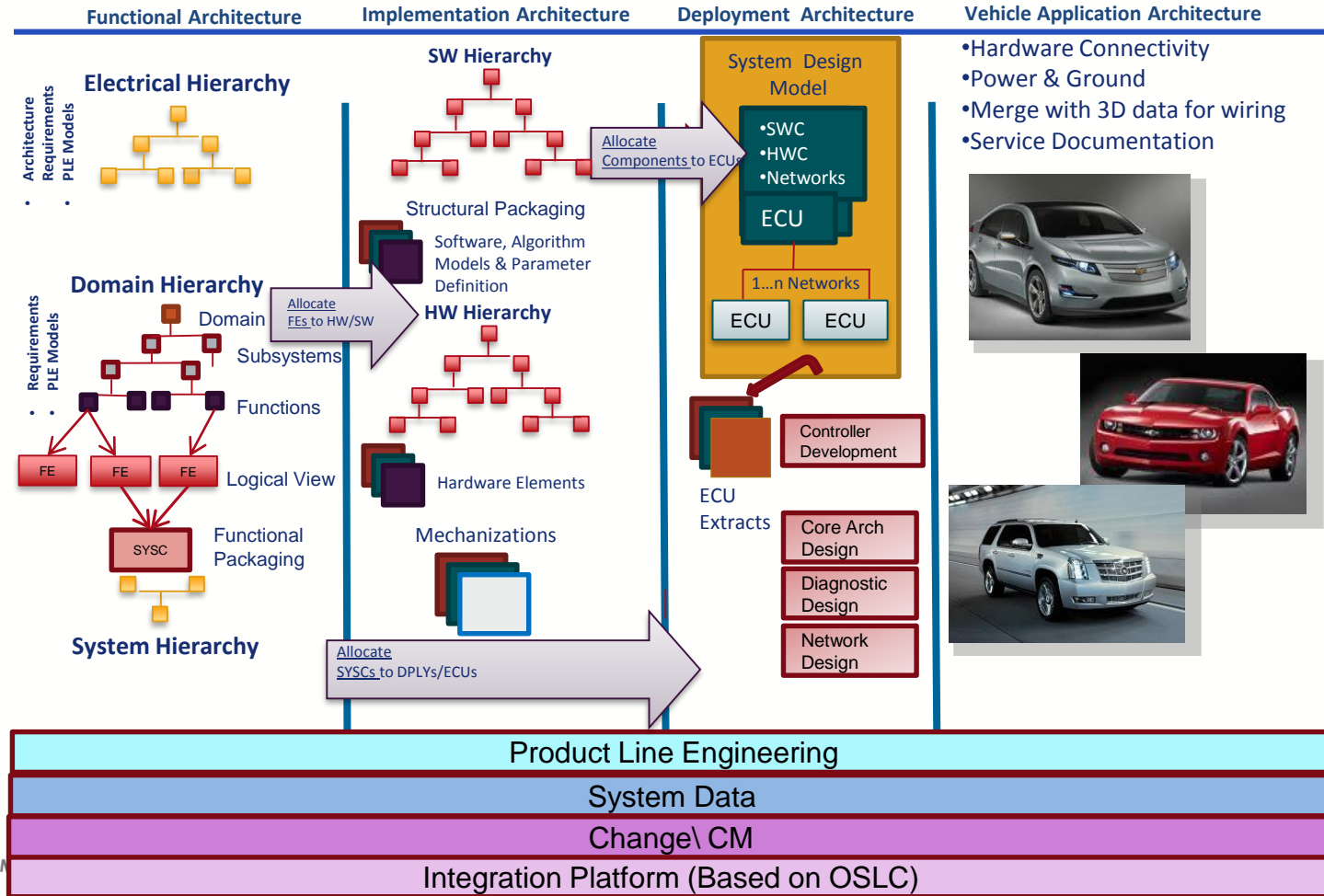
At GM we have a full system model of our electrical systems and are working to expand that practice to all disciplines

Some activities performed with our Model Based methodologies:

- Multiple allocation patterns of reusable requirements to different design solutions
- Derivation of required interface and network content based on deployment pattern
- Connection of software level detailed designs to system level architecture designs

# SYSTEM ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT LIFECYCLE - ELECTRICAL

Traceability Relates the Elements



# FUNCTIONAL ARCHITECTURE

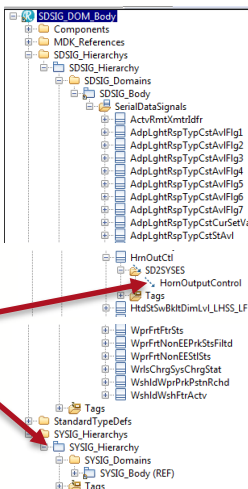
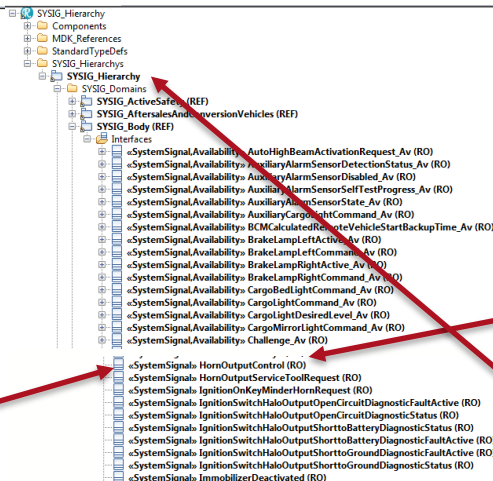
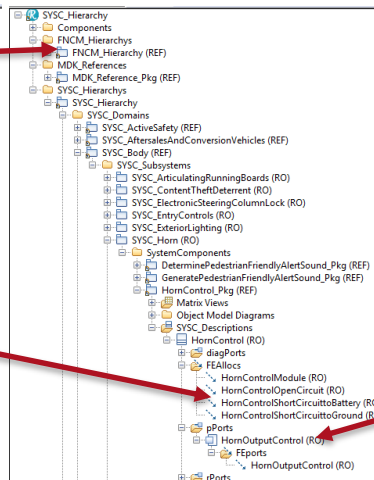
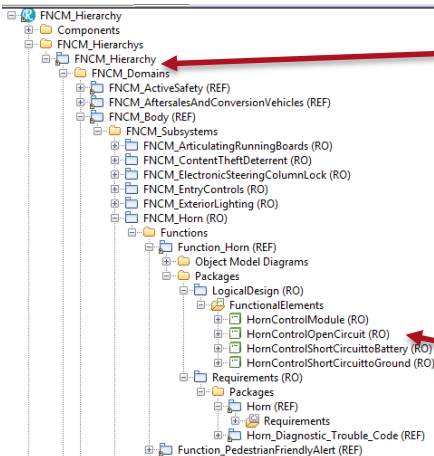
## A FUNCTIONAL DECOMPOSITION; REQUIREMENTS ALLOCATED TO SYSTEM ELEMENTS USED TO DRIVE INTERFACES

### Functions

### System Components

### System Signals

### Serial Data Signals



- Key Model Elements:
  - Functional Elements (FE)
  - Functional Interfaces
- Defines Requirement Allocation

- Key Model Elements:
  - System Components
  - System Interfaces
- Defines FE Allocation

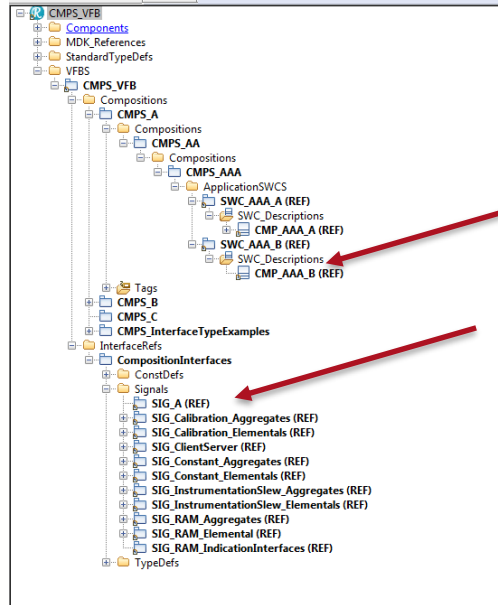
- Key Model Elements:
  - System Signals
- Abstract interface contract
- Bridge to other Architectures

- Key Model Elements:
  - Serial Data Signals
- Binds to System Signals

# IMPLEMENTATION ARCHITECTURE

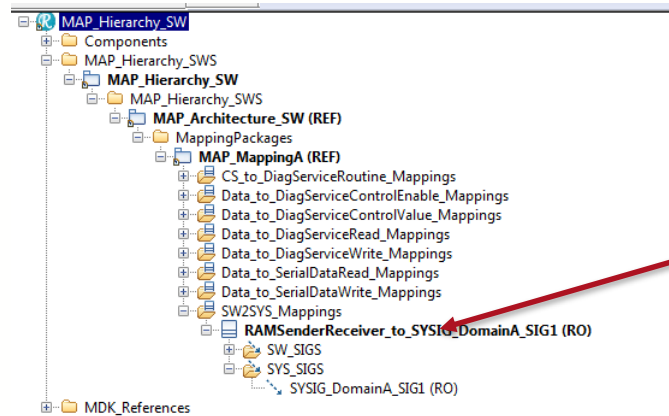
## SOFTWARE DETAILED DESIGN INFORMATION CONNECTED TO SYSTEM LEVEL DESIGNS

### Software Components and Signals



- Key Model Elements:
  - Software Components (SWC)
  - Software Interfaces (SW Signals)

### Software Mapping

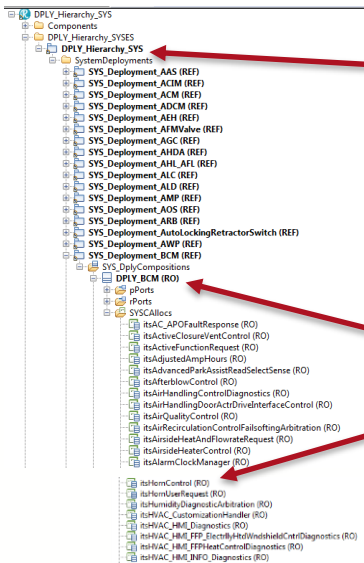


- Defines SW Signal to System Signal Mapping

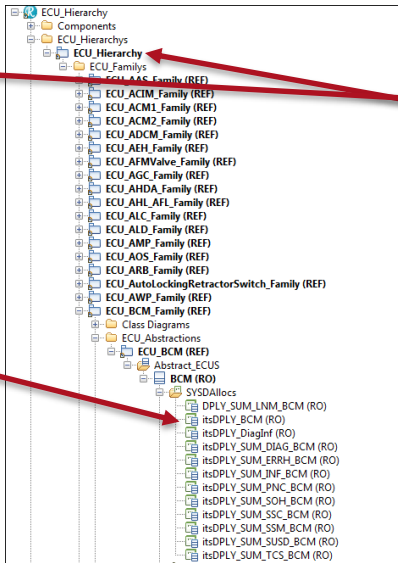
# DEPLOYMENT ARCHITECTURE

## REUSABLE ELEMENTS IN DIFFERENT DESIGN PATTERNS

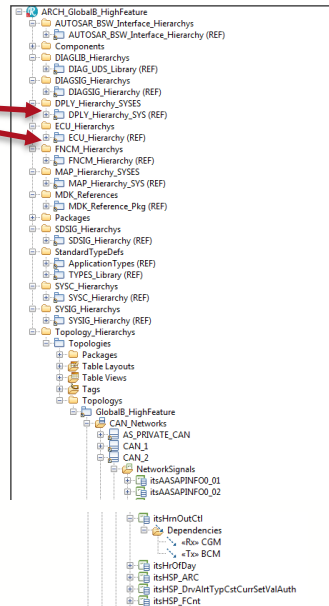
### Deployment Compositions



### ECUs



### Network Topology



- Key Model Elements:
  - Deployment Compositions
- Defines System Component Allocation
- Defines Software Component Allocation

- Key Model Elements:
  - ECUs
- Defines Deployment Composition Allocation

- Network Signals between ECUs determined by...
- System Component contracts to System Signals
- System Signal binding to Serial Data Signals

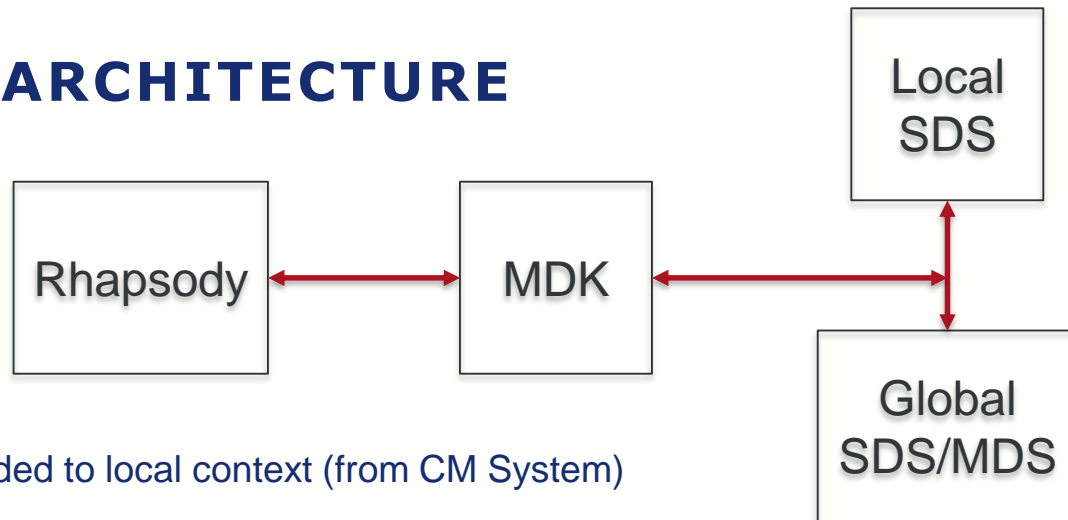


# MODEL DEVELOPMENT KIT(MDK) AND MODEL DEPENDENCY SERVER (MDS)

How GM is tackling the usability and data usage challenge today

- MDK - leverages the Rhapsody Java APIs to automate creation of model elements
  - Makes creation of our Domain specific model elements and relationships far more efficient
  - Helps to enforce modeling guidelines
- MDS – keeps track of all relationships between the set of integrated data models
- The MDK works with the MDS to efficiently create local development environments

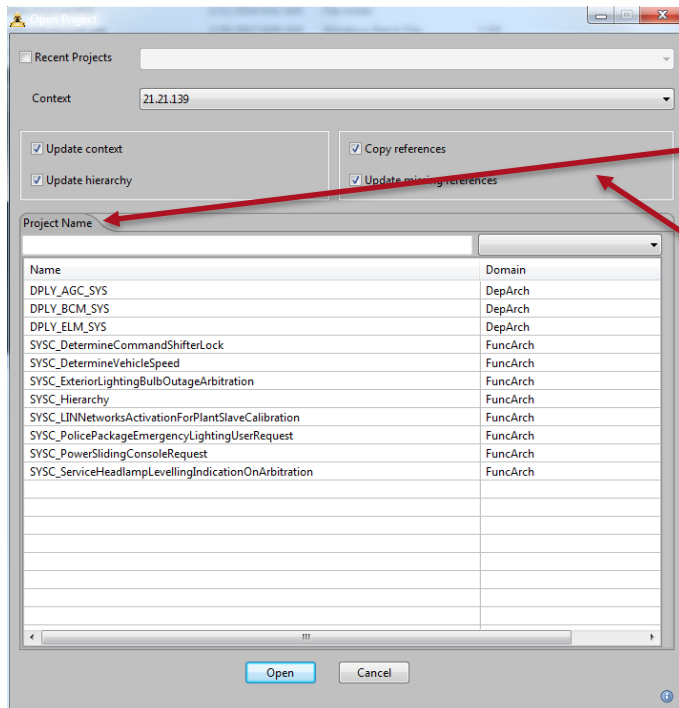
# MDK/MDS TOOLING ARCHITECTURE



- Only models that will be modified are loaded to local context (from CM System)
- MDK is used to open the model
  - Queries the MDS for all dependent model data
  - Downloads required model data from the Global Shared Data Server (SDS)
- MDK is also used to edit model
  - Custom UIs tailored to our model structure and processes
  - Automations driven by custom UI to improve efficiency and abstract model details
  - All model data is available to be added to the model from Global SDS
  - Referenced data is added automatically
  - Local SDS manages any local model changes (overrides Global SDS)

# MDK/MDS EXAMPLE – OPEN PROJECT

The MDK is used to open model projects and manage the required content of the local work area.



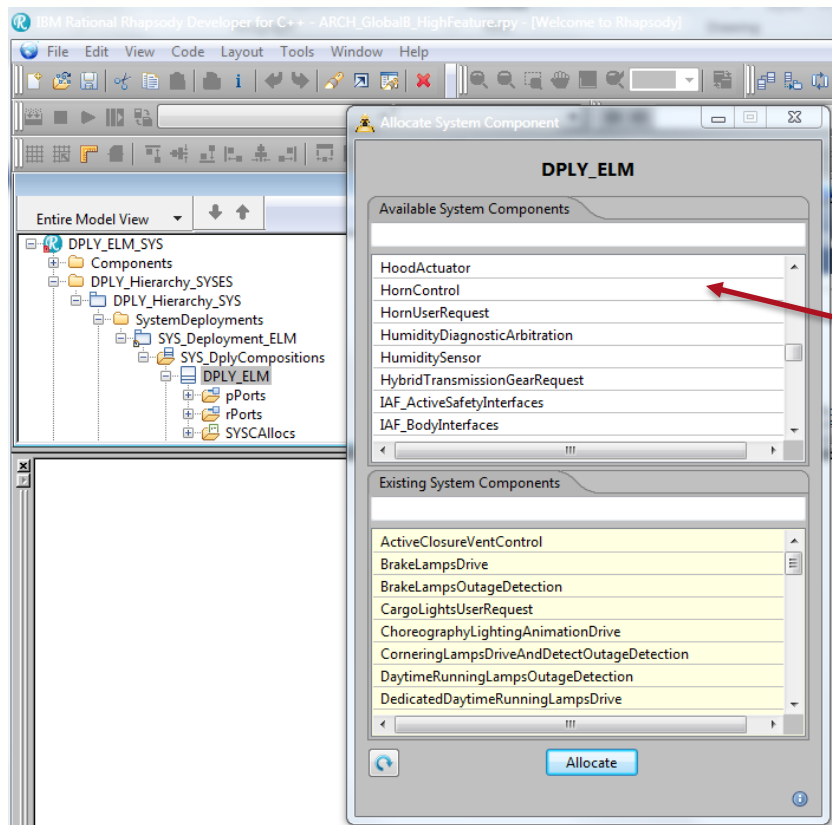
Select Local Work Area

Select Project from local work area

Based on check boxes MDK will use MDS and GSDS to:

- Update Context – Update all GSDS data to latest versions
- Update Hierarchy – Update referenced data hierarchy structure
- Copy references – Copy any referenced model data from the GSDS to the local work area
- Update missing references – Copy any missing referenced data from the GSDS to the local work area and reference into the model

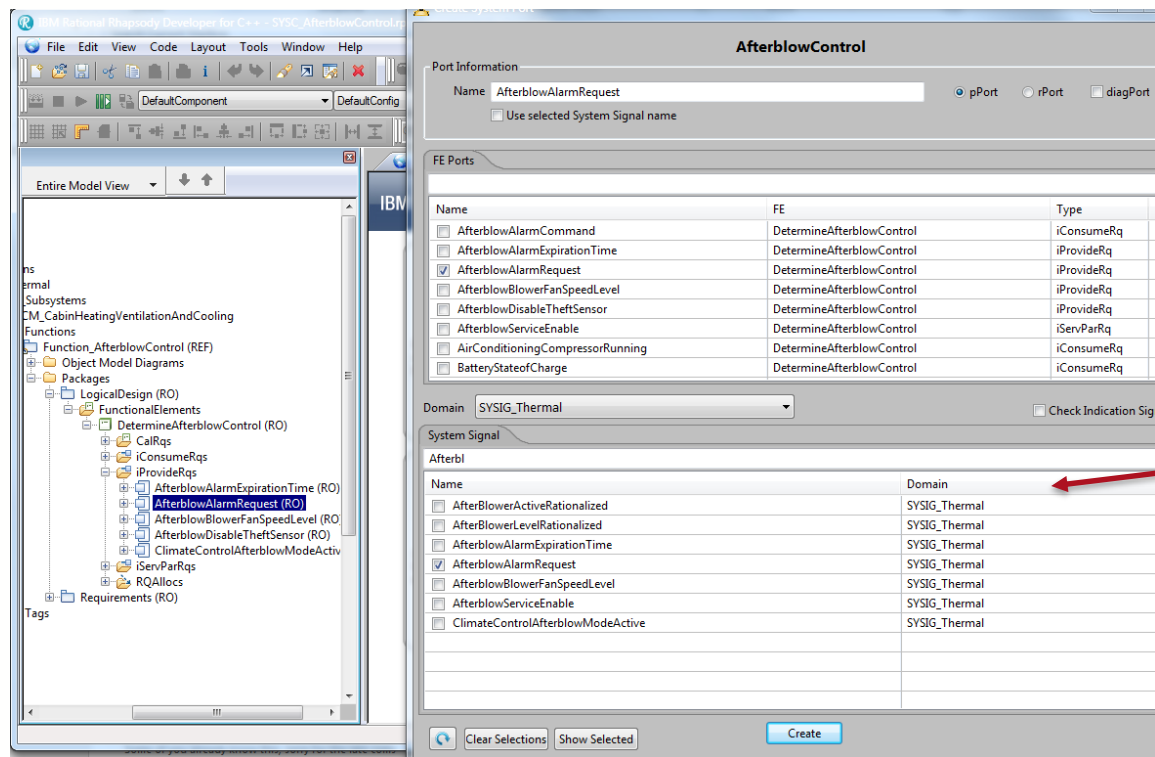
# MDK/MDS EXAMPLE – SYSC ALLOCATION



The MDK is used to allocate System Components to Compositions. This creates an instance of the System Component under the Composition.

- Pulls up all potential SYSCs from both the local and Global Servers
- Will automatically reference in the model data into the proper reference hierarchy
- Generates the allocation instance(s) of selected System Components

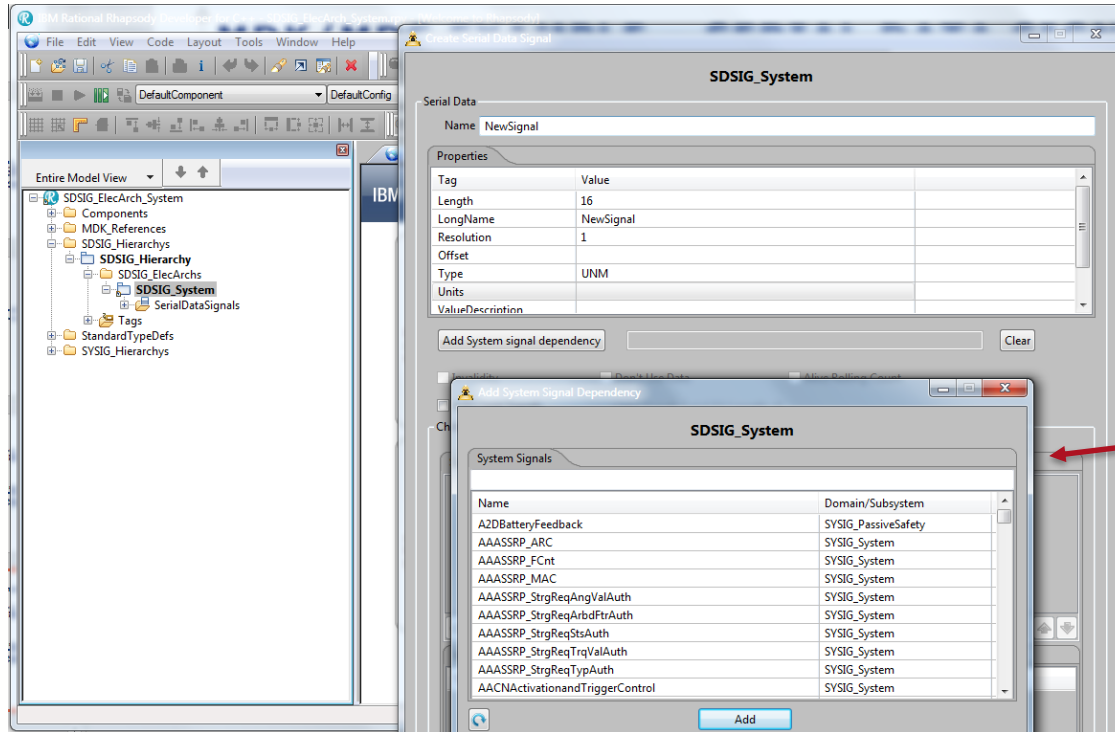
# MDK/MDS EXAMPLES – SYSC PORT CREATION



The MDK is used to create System Component Ports. These ports are created with a relationship to an FE port and a port contract to a System Signal (Interface)

- Pulls up local FE content
- Pulls up all potential System Signals from both the local and Global Servers
- Will automatically reference in the model data into the proper reference hierarchy
- Generates the port with the FE relationship and System Signal contract

# MDK/MDS EXAMPLES – SERIAL DATA SIGNAL CREATION



The MDK is used to define Serial Data Signals and create a relationship to an associated System Signal (Interface)

- Pulls up all potential System Signals from both the local and Global Servers
- Will automatically reference in the model data into the proper reference hierarchy
- Generates the Serial Data signal as defined with a relationship to the selected System Signal

# CURRENT ACHIEVEMENTS

The previous slides provide a very brief overview of the capabilities GM has put in place. With them GM has achieved:

- Ability to **generate** network and architecture configurations
- Ability to **generate** middleware software
- Ability to **generate** allocation based requirements specifications
- Ability to **generate** full architecture analysis and reports

With tailored user experience to our specific product and language

But...

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXPANDED INTEGRATION

The System model provides an **abstracted** authoring environment that identifies the content of a system and the relationships between those elements

Many engineering operations and tools provide the authoring environment for defining the **details** of system content and relationships

GM, through the use of our extensions, has started to allow the abstracted model definition to assist in performing the detailed operations, but there is significant opportunity for additional integrations

Some examples follow:

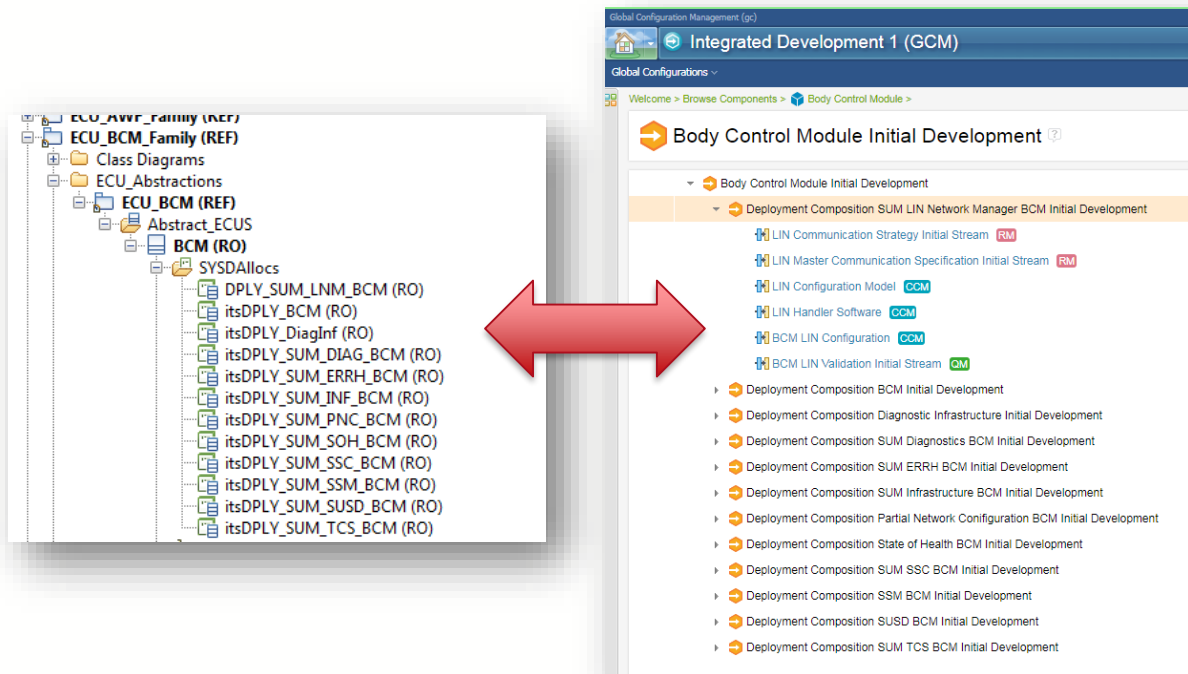


# MODEL CONTENT AND GLOBAL CONFIG CONTENT

A System Model will inherently include a representation of the system content

The Global Config Structure will also include a representation of the system content

These should be connected to prevent duplication of effort and mismatches



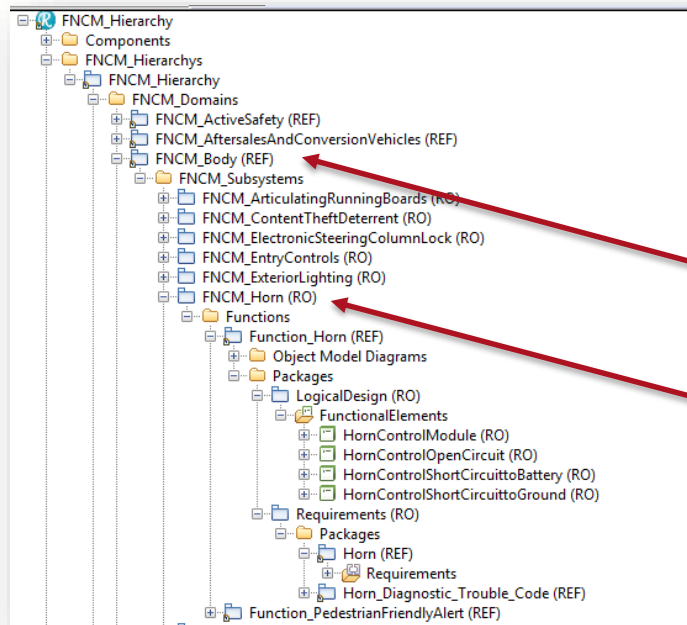
# GC ALIGNMENT TO MODEL CONTENT

## Model

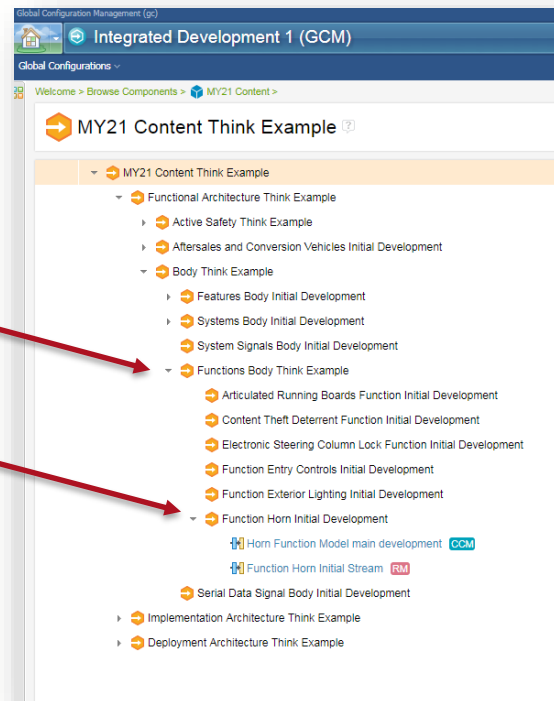
GCs only have representation of components (collections of content) so the model is likely to have much more detail

This is the general issue, the model will not fully align with other environments

A transform is required between representations

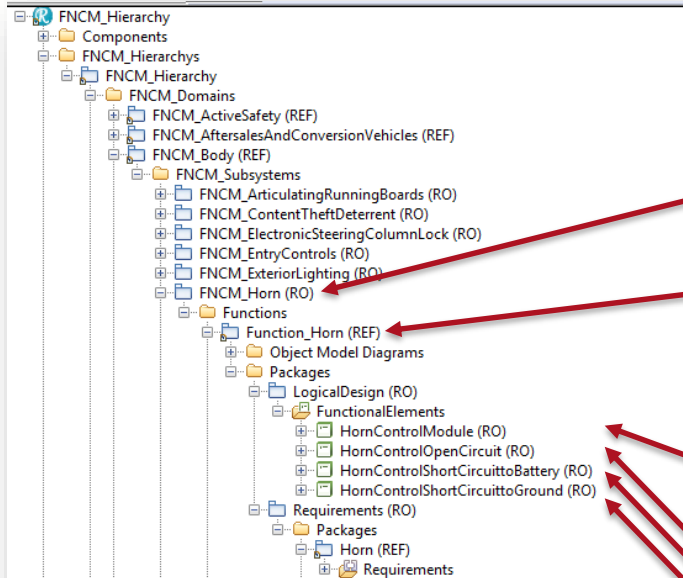


## Global Config



# FUNCTION MODEL TO REQUIREMENTS OVERLAP

## Model



Model Structure Transformed  
into the Requirement structure  
about those model elements

## Requirements

Requirements Management (rm)

Integrated Development 1 (Requirements) | Function Horn

Project Dashboard Artifacts Reviews Reports

Artifacts All Modules Collections

Folder is any of Function Horn Type to filter by text

| Folders                             | Views | ID     | Name                      | Artifact Type                | Modified By | Modified On              |
|-------------------------------------|-------|--------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
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| Do Not Edit - Templates             |       |        |                           |                              |             |                          |
| Horn Function artifacts             |       | 427037 | Pedestrian Friendly Alert | Function Requirements Module | Len Wozniak | Jan 29, 2018, 1:10:44 PM |
| Pedestrian Friendly Alert artifacts |       |        |                           |                              |             |                          |

Function Horn > 427007 Horn Function

Create Type to filter by text

| ID     | Contents                                |
|--------|---|
| 427008 | 1 Horn Function                         |
| 427009 | 1.1 Function Overview                   |
| 427010 | 2 Horn Control Module                   |
| 427011 | 2.1 Interface Requirements              |
| 427012 | 2.1.1 Provided                          |
| 427013 | 2.1.2 Consumed                          |
| 427014 | 2.2 Calibratable Parameter Requirements |
| 427018 | 2.3 Service Parameter Requirements      |
| 427023 | 2.4 Performance Requirements            |
| 427026 | 2.5 Functional Requirements             |
| 427029 | 2.6 Power Moding Requirements           |
| 427033 | 3 Horn Control Open Circuit             |
| 427037 | 4 Horn Control Short Circuit To Battery |
| 427127 | 5 Horn Control Short Circuit To Ground  |

Module

Selected Artifact

427007: Horn Function

No Tags Defined

Description:

Component: Function Horn

Team Ownership: Function Horn

Content Folder: Horn Function artifacts

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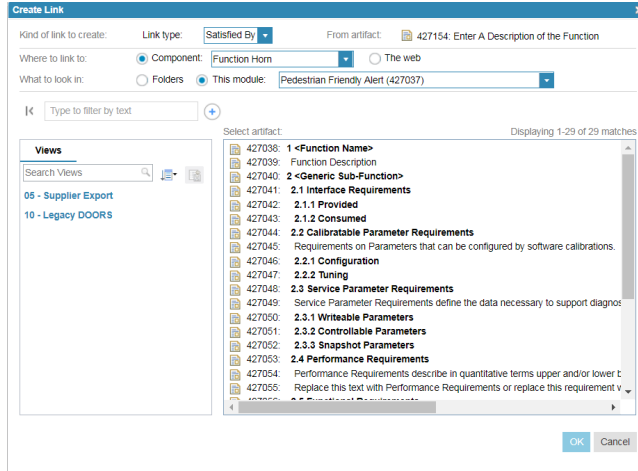
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# DIALOGS

In general a dialog is a shaped query followed by a item selection



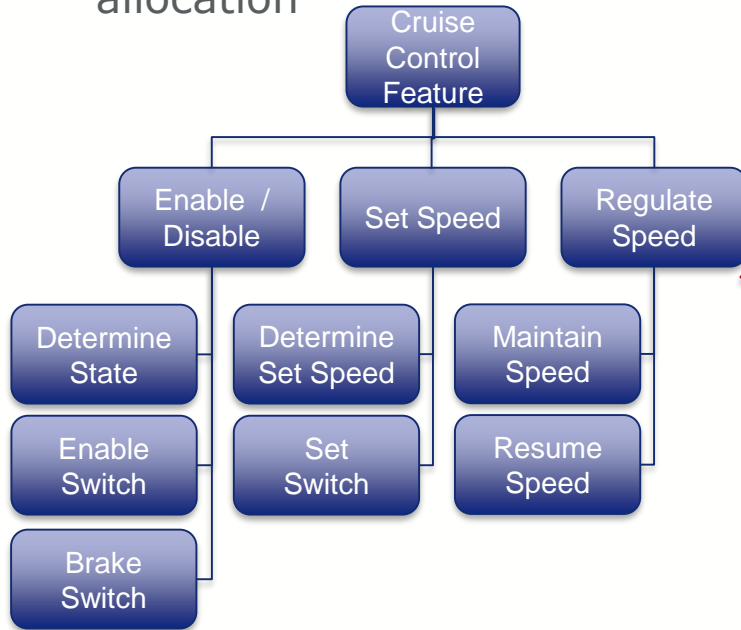
Shaped Query

Item Selection

Out of the Box dialogs use general tool shapes, but much more effective queries exist using system model data

# DECOMPOSITION AND FUNCTION ALLOCATION AND REQUIREMENTS LINKS

We use the system model to abstract the requirements allocation



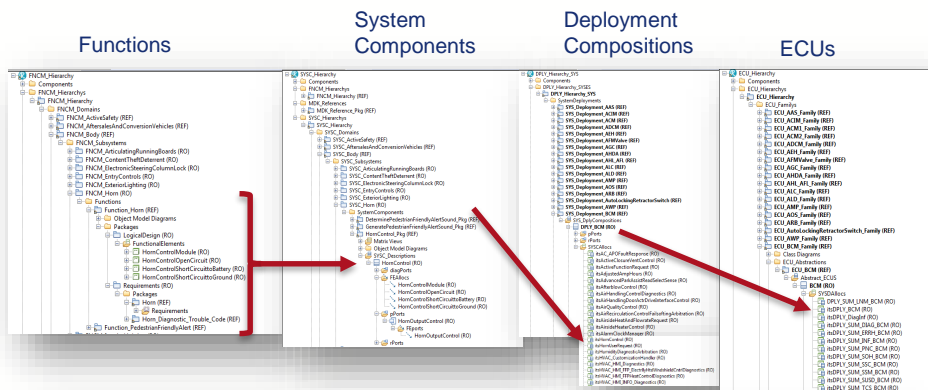
Use the abstract relationship to guide the detailed work



A dialog query shaped with knowledge from the engineering data

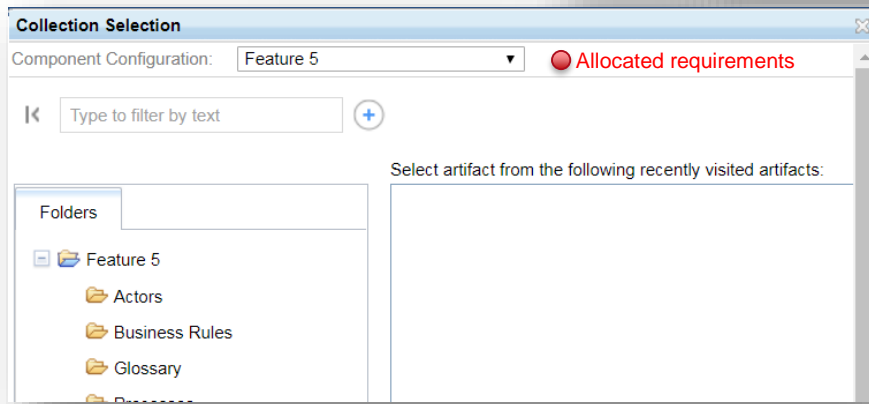
The screenshot shows the 'Create Link' dialog box. It has fields for 'Kind of link to create:' (set to 'Satisfied By'), 'From artifact:' (427154: Enter A Description of the Function), 'Where to link to:' (Component: Function Horn), and 'What to look in:' (This module: Pedestrian Friendly Alert (427037)). A red circle with the text 'Allocation targets' is next to the 'Where to link to:' field. Below these fields is a search bar 'Type to filter by text' and a 'Views' section with a search bar and a list of views. The 'Select artifact:' section shows a list of 29 matches, including '1 <Function Name>', '2 <Generic Sub-Function>', '2.1 Interface Requirements', '2.1.1 Provided', '2.1.2 Consumed', '2.2 Calibratable Parameter Requirements', '2.2.1 Configuration', '2.2.2 Tuning', '2.3 Service Parameter Requirements', '2.3.1 Writable Parameters', '2.3.2 Controllable Parameters', '2.3.3 Snapshot Parameters', '2.4 Performance Requirements', and '2.5 Functional Requirements'. The dialog has 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons at the bottom right.

# ANOTHER EXAMPLE TEST COLLECTION LINKS AND REQUIREMENTS ALLOCATION



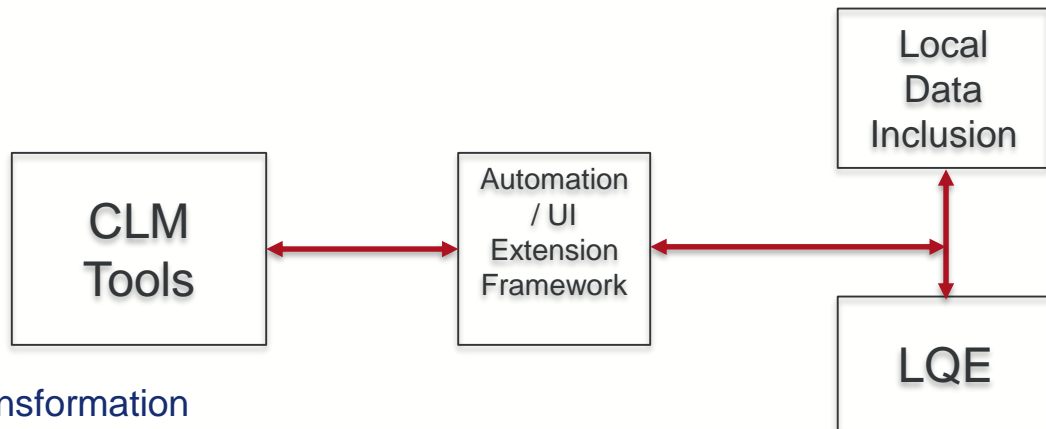
We already showed our requirements traceability to developed content

Requirement collections for validation should be supported by identifying the element under test and limiting the requirements selection to requirements actually allocated to that element



This is not always the correct selection method, but very useful for some levels of test in complex products

# GENERIC SOLUTION



- Automation / UI Extension Framework
  - Automations for data sharing with transformation
  - UI manipulation (have to be able to add and remove menu options)
  - Allows for query driven dialogs with custom query shapes and presentations
- LQE
  - All indexed data is already available
  - Requires capability to add query support for custom dialogs
  - Requires improved data model controls
    - Turn implicit relationships to explicit to improve query performance
    - Easy inclusion of specific data needed for your process
- Local Data Inclusion
  - Need to ensure indexing is fast enough for served data to respond to changes being made by the user
  - Need to ensure local modified data (if it exists) gets included in results

'One size fits all' does not work

We all have our own process and data shape

Need is for the extension framework, not the extensions

# CONCLUSION

- In a Model Based System Lifecycle Engineering methodology, the model is not something created in addition to traditional engineering tasks
  - The Models are created in support of / as alternative to traditional engineering tasks
- A key to success is freeing the model data to be used in support of all lifecycle tasks
- This is possible today, but is too hard
- Improved capabilities are needed to leverage the infrastructure that is already there
  - Focus needs to be on extensible frameworks, not fixed integrations and capabilities