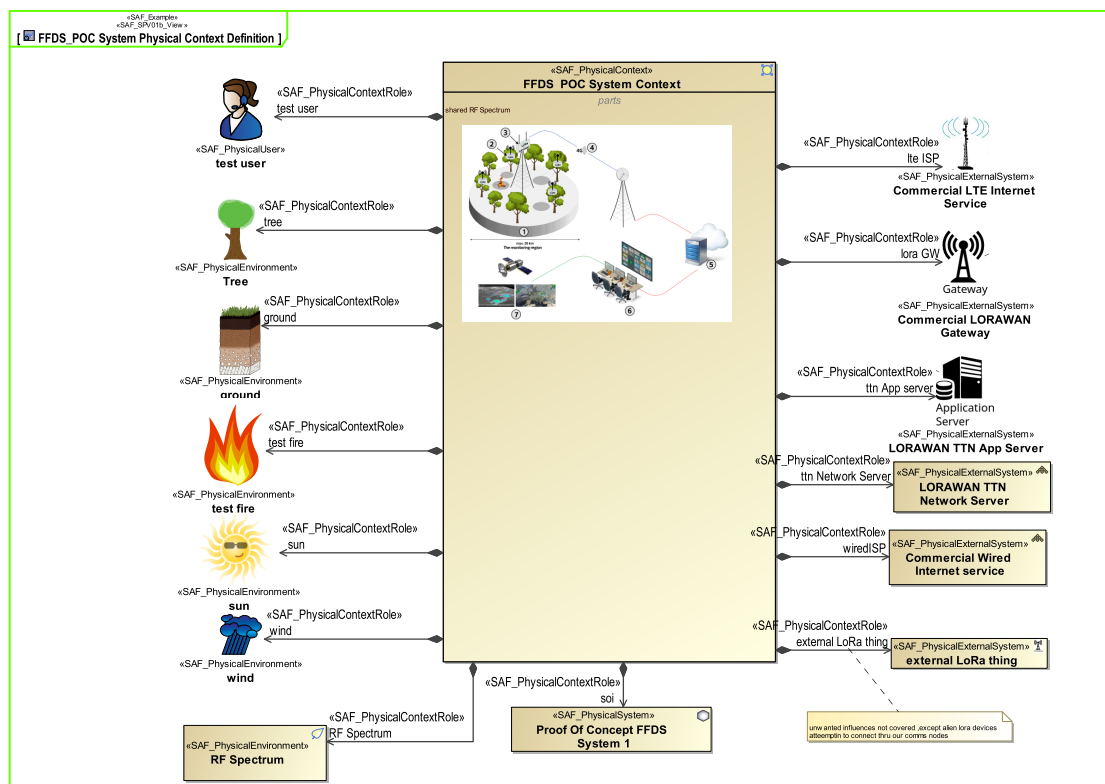


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Domain	Aspect	Maturity
Physical	Context & Exchange	 released

Example



Purpose

The Physical Context Definition Viewpoint identifies the different context the system is used in, along with the associated external entities sharing a physical interface with the system. For each context the applicable environmental conditions shall be defined. The physical context helps in discovering the Interface Requirements needed to integrate a system into its environment in a specific context.

Applicability

The Physical Context Definition Viewpoint supports the “System Architecture Definition Process” activities of the INCOSE SYSTEMS ENGINEERING HANDBOOK 2023 [§2.3.5.4] and contributes to the artifacts "System Architecture Description" and "System Interface Definition".

Presentation

A block definition diagram (BDD) depicting the elements available in a specific context. At least one BDD is used per identified context featuring

- one block representing the Physical System, i.e., the system of interest
- one block representing the specific Physical System Context
- several blocks representing Physical Context Elements such as Physical User, Physical External System, and Physical Environment that are present in the Physical System Context
- composition relationships attaching the Physical Context Elements and the Physical System to the Physical System Context block

Stakeholder

- [Acquirer](#)
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- [Supplier](#)
- [System Architect](#)

Concern

- What are the different contexts the system is embedded and utilized in?
- What are the external physical entities the system interacts with in the respective context?
- Which interface partners does the system have?

Profile Model Reference

The following Stereotypes / Model Elements are used in the Viewpoint:

- SAF_PhysicalContextRole contained in SAF_PhysicalContext
- [SAF_PhysicalContext](#)
- [SAF_PhysicalEnvironment](#)
- [SAF_PhysicalExternalSystem](#)
- [SAF_PhysicalSystem](#)
- [SAF_PhysicalUser](#)
- [SAF_SPV01b_View](#)

Input from other Viewpoints

Required Viewpoints

none

Recommended Viewpoints

none