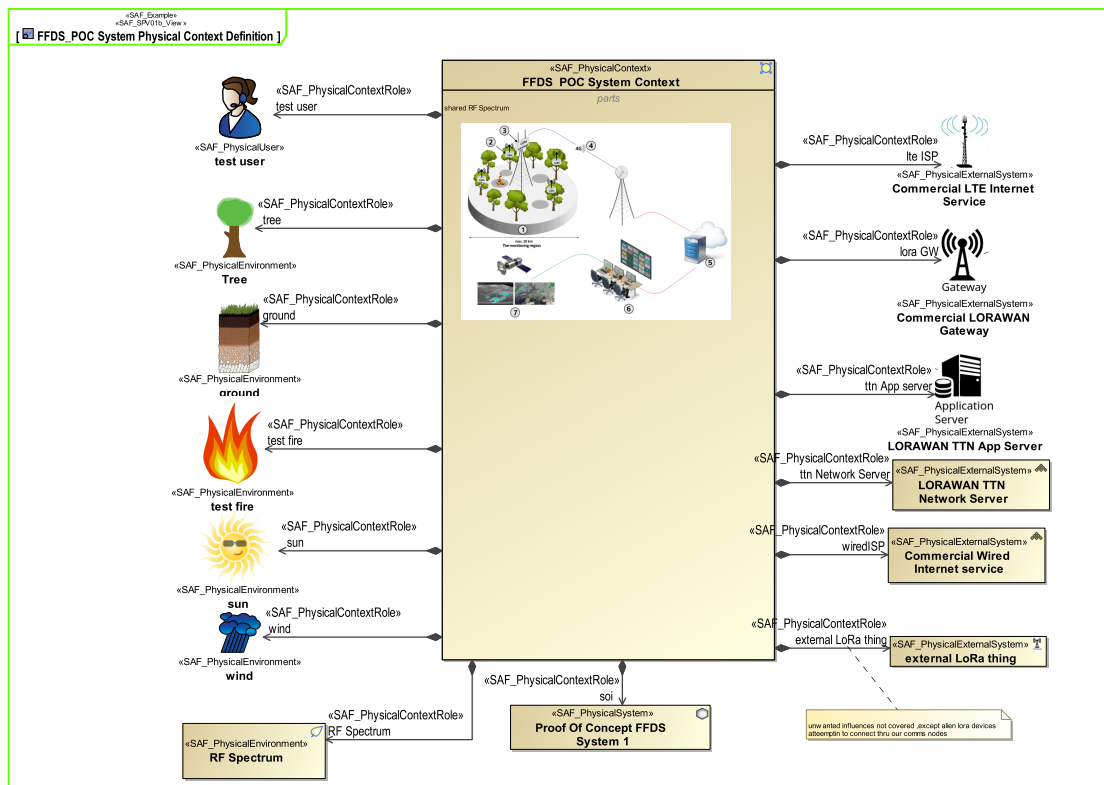


## SAF User Documentation : Physical Context Definition Viewpoint

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### 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

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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

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- [Acquirer](#)
- [Customer](#)
- [IV&V Engineer](#)
- [Safety Expert](#)
- [Security Expert](#)
- [Supplier](#)
- [System Architect](#)

## Concern

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- [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

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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

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## Required Viewpoints

*none*

## Recommended Viewpoints

*none*