

# NASA JPL Systems Environment

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- Introduction
- OpenCAE Approach
- Open Source Contributions
- Questions



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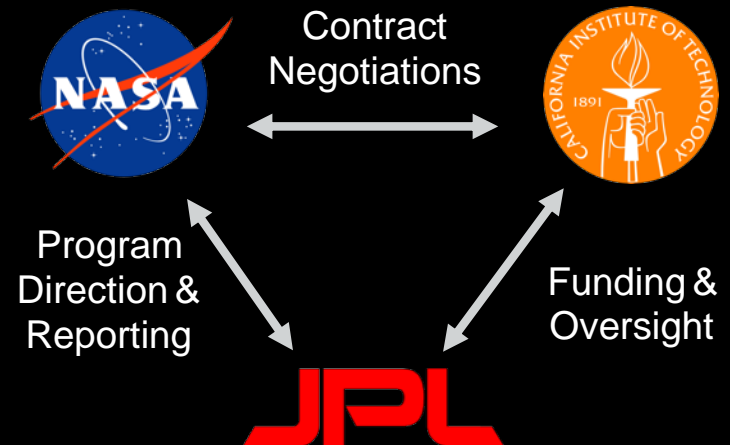
## About the Team

- Presentation on behalf of the CAE Systems Environment Team
- Tasked with supporting the efforts of engineers and scientists at NASA JPL
- Establishing and maintaining multi-disciplinary integrations of tools and methodology

# NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL)



- Located in Pasadena, CA
- NASA-owned “*Federally-Funded Research and Development Center*”
- University-operated
- ~5,000 employees



# Computer Aided Engineering (CAE)

- Computer Aided Engineering provides the Laboratory's Engineering Staff and Scientific communities with tools and technical expertise
- Four Environments:
  - Systems Environment
  - Software Environment
  - Mechanical Environment
  - Electrical Environment

# OpenCAE Vision

- Provide an open portfolio in a shared environment that seamlessly connects engineers developing missions and systems.
  - Open - Processes, code, apps, services and artifacts are accessible by JPL users as well as vendors and partners
  - Shared - The diverse community of users, developers partners and vendors are able to contribute
  - Connected - Collaboratively construct and analyze the same precision products needed to develop Missions and Systems at JPL using the CAE environment.

# OpenCAE Mission

- Develop the CAE environment from a user centered architecture leveraging vendor partnerships using robust life cycle processes.
  - Vendor partnerships – Crucial feedback and insight into how Vendor products are serving the needs of engineers and developers
  - User centered – Architecture for CAE is driven by the needs of the practitioners and projects
  - Life-cycle process – Provide the integrity of the the applications services and support





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# Model-Based Engineering applied by Projects for delivering Engineering Products

## Projects:

- Europa Clipper
- Europa Lander mission concept
- InSight
- Mars 2020
- Mars Sample Return (MSR) – potential missions concept
- Thirty Meter Telescope
- Ground Data Systems
- Psyche
- MAIA

## Products:

- MELs, PELs
- Resource allocation analysis
- System decomposition,
- Libraries / Reusable models

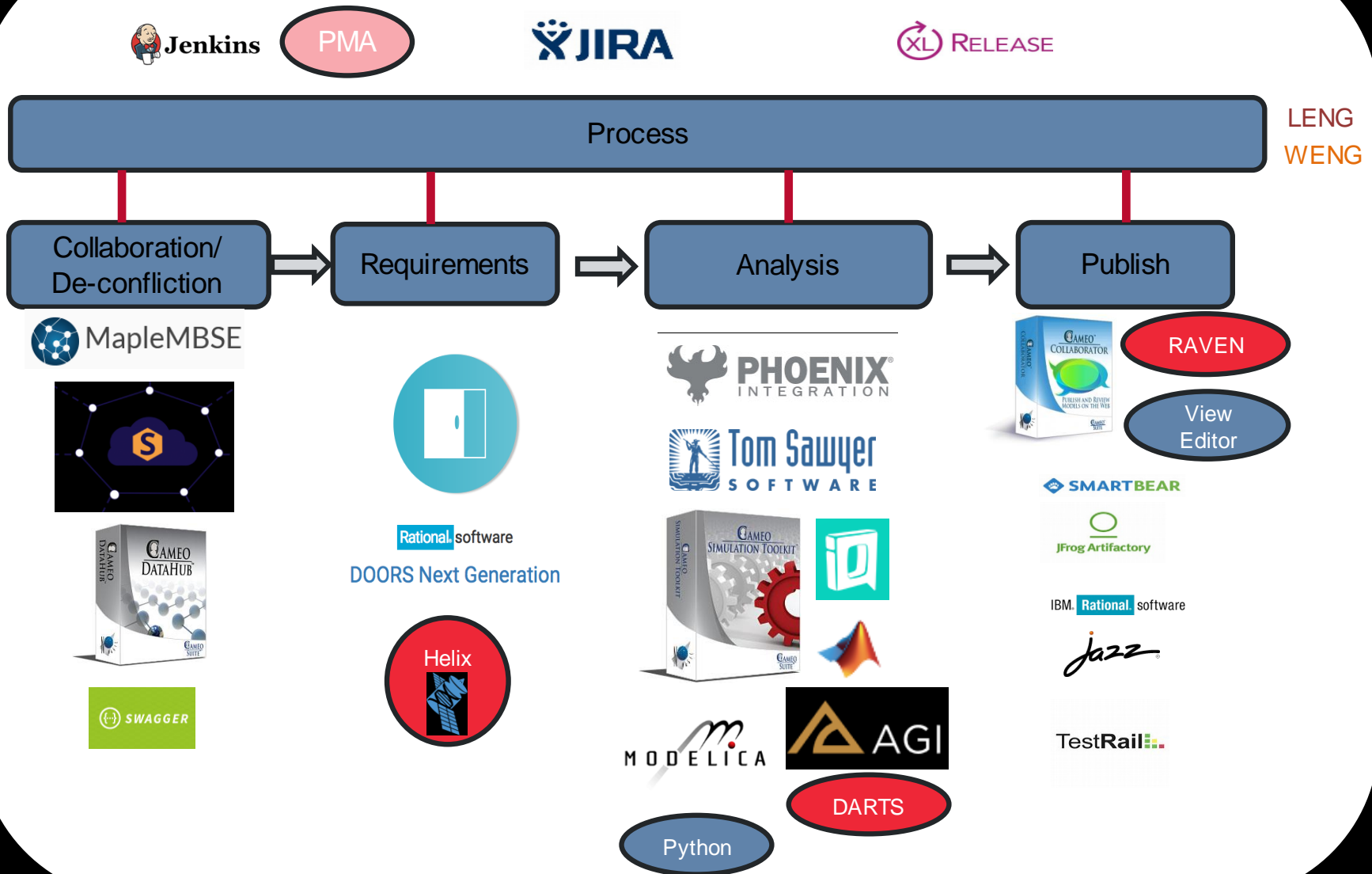
*Not just spacecraft missions!*

*Not just early phases of design!*

# OpenCAE provides the engineering platform

- A platform for engineering tools to work together
- Incorporate tooling from systems, software, mechanical, and electrical domains
- Platform integrates heterogeneous data sources
- Emphasize standards for data interchange
- Case studies inform the architecture of the engineering environments
- Multi-model environment

# CAE Systems Environment Provides Integrated Life-Cycle Support



# OpenCAE evolves through User Centered Design

- User Centered Design steers the development of the OpenCAE infrastructure
- Continuous communication with users to understand their experience in the OpenCAE environments
- Users evaluate solutions before they are implemented
- Following standard UX practices





# OpenCAE engages the User Community

- Mailing lists generated by tool license use
- Slack channels per each tool for general questions (with vendors)
- Technical Working Groups held biweekly with vendors for tool-specific questions
- OpenCAE Systems Environment Team Office Hours held biweekly for general questions and support

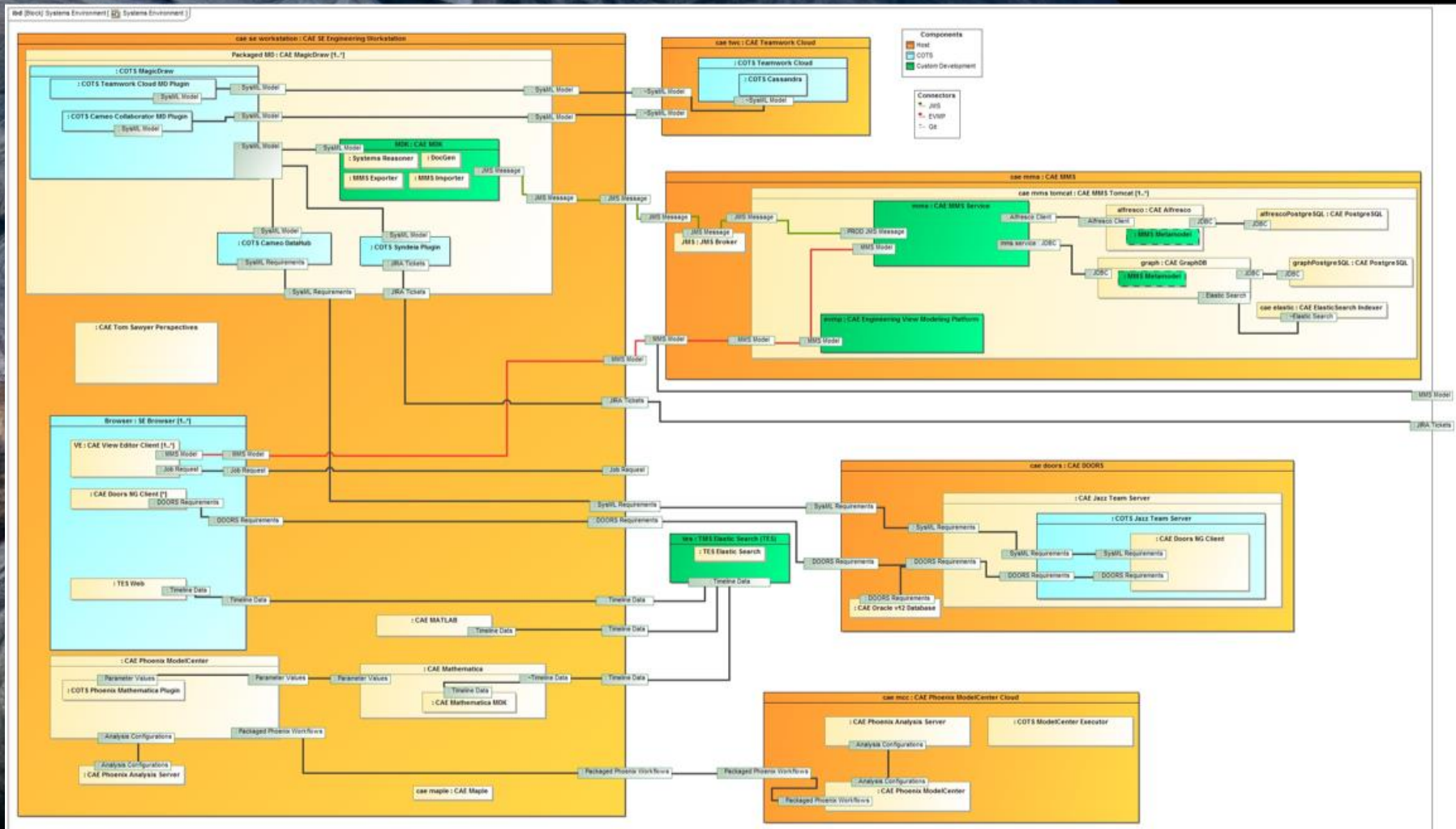


# OpenCAE develops requirements through Case Studies

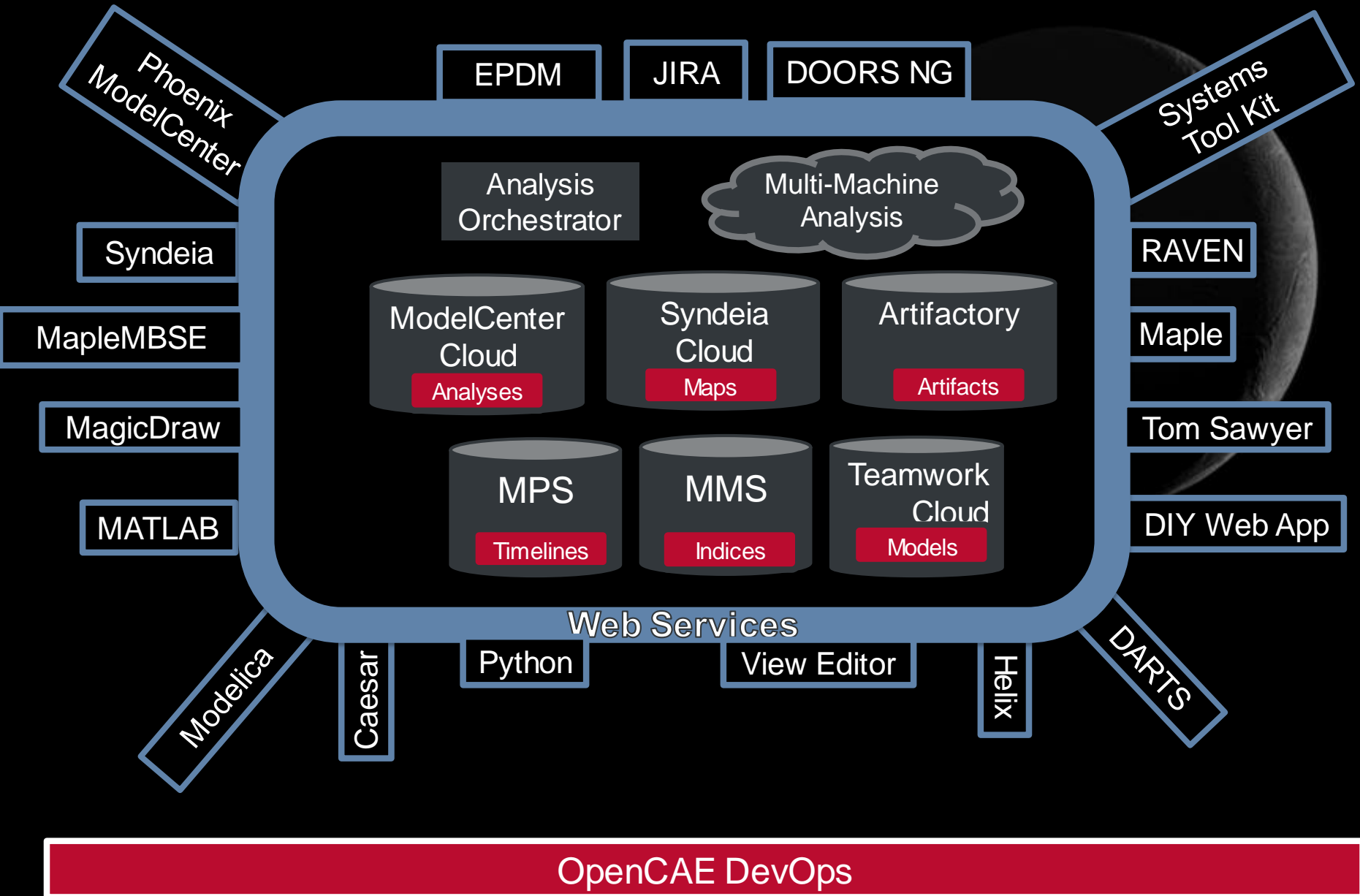
- Requirements Management
- Interface Management
- Design Management
- Trade Studies
- Interdisciplinary Integration
- Analysis Management
- Resource Management



# Interactions Within CAE Systems Environment

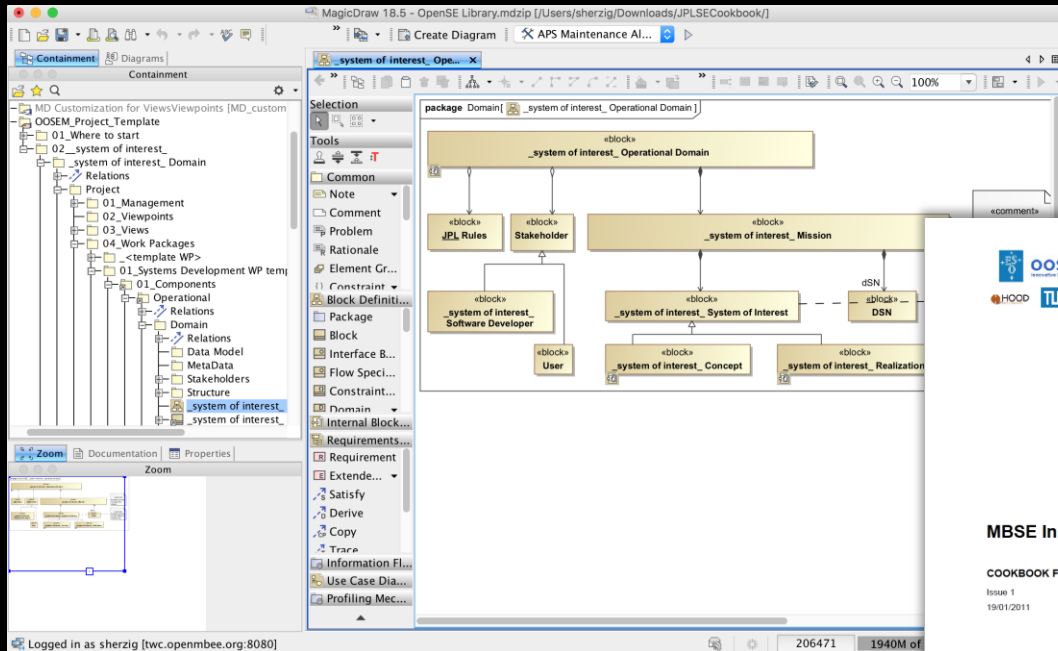


# CAE delivers an integrated Systems Environment





# CAE Systems Environment: Cookbook and Template Model



**“Cookbook” for  
modeling methodology  
and patterns**

## MBSE Initiative – SE2 Challenge

### COOKBOOK FOR MBSE WITH SYSML

Issue 1  
19/01/2011

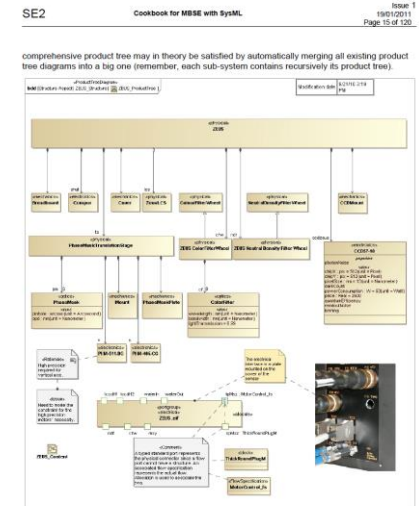


Figure 5 Product Tree of the ZEUS substructure

ZEUS is one of the evaluated phasing sensors (Figure 5) and is based on the modified Mach-Zehnder interferometer phasing sensor. It is mounted on a breadboard and consists of a shutter, a cover, a color filter wheel, a neutral density filter wheel, and a translation stage which carries a phase mask. Different phase masks can be moved to the focal position by means of a translation stage, able to move in the X and Y directions.

The two filter wheels located after the phase mask translation stage:

- A neutral Density Filter wheel: a set of 6 different neutral density filters are available
- An optical filter wheel: a set of 8 different optical filters centered on different wavelengths and with different bandwidths are available

**Template models to be used by projects  
as a starting point, with recommended  
organization, model libraries, etc.**

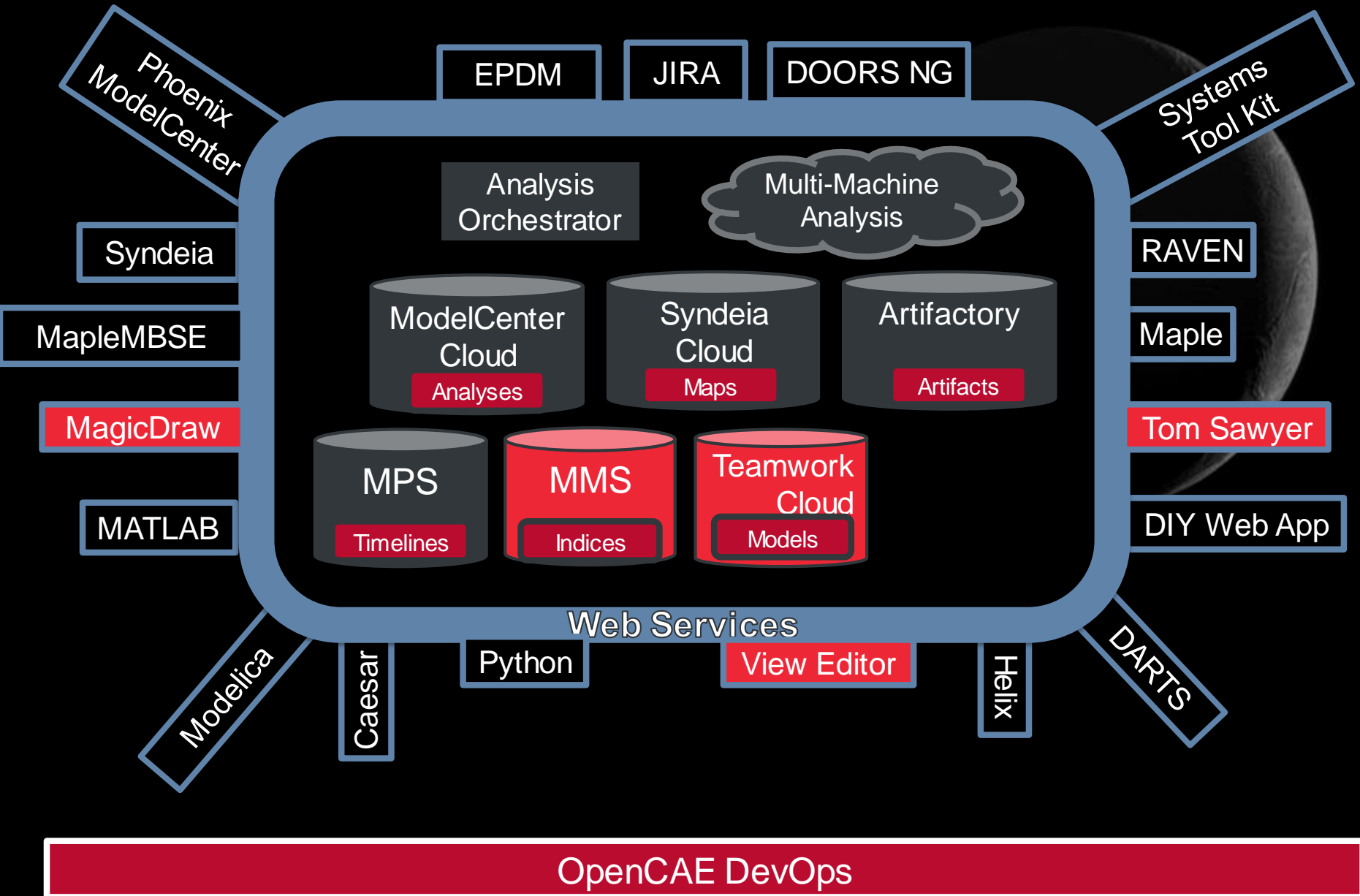
# CAE offers project and domain specific adaption

- CAE provides the same environment to all its customers (engineers and scientists)
- Embedded roles work directly on projects to adapt the standard environment specific to the project goals or methodology
- Embedded roles capture needs in general case studies which inform the CAE architecture

# Mars2020 Embedded Role

- Ground Data System (GDS) Consolidation
- Flight System Model integrity
- Integration for generated artifacts
- Customized documents support
- Testing and Deploying various customizations of CAE Systems Environment

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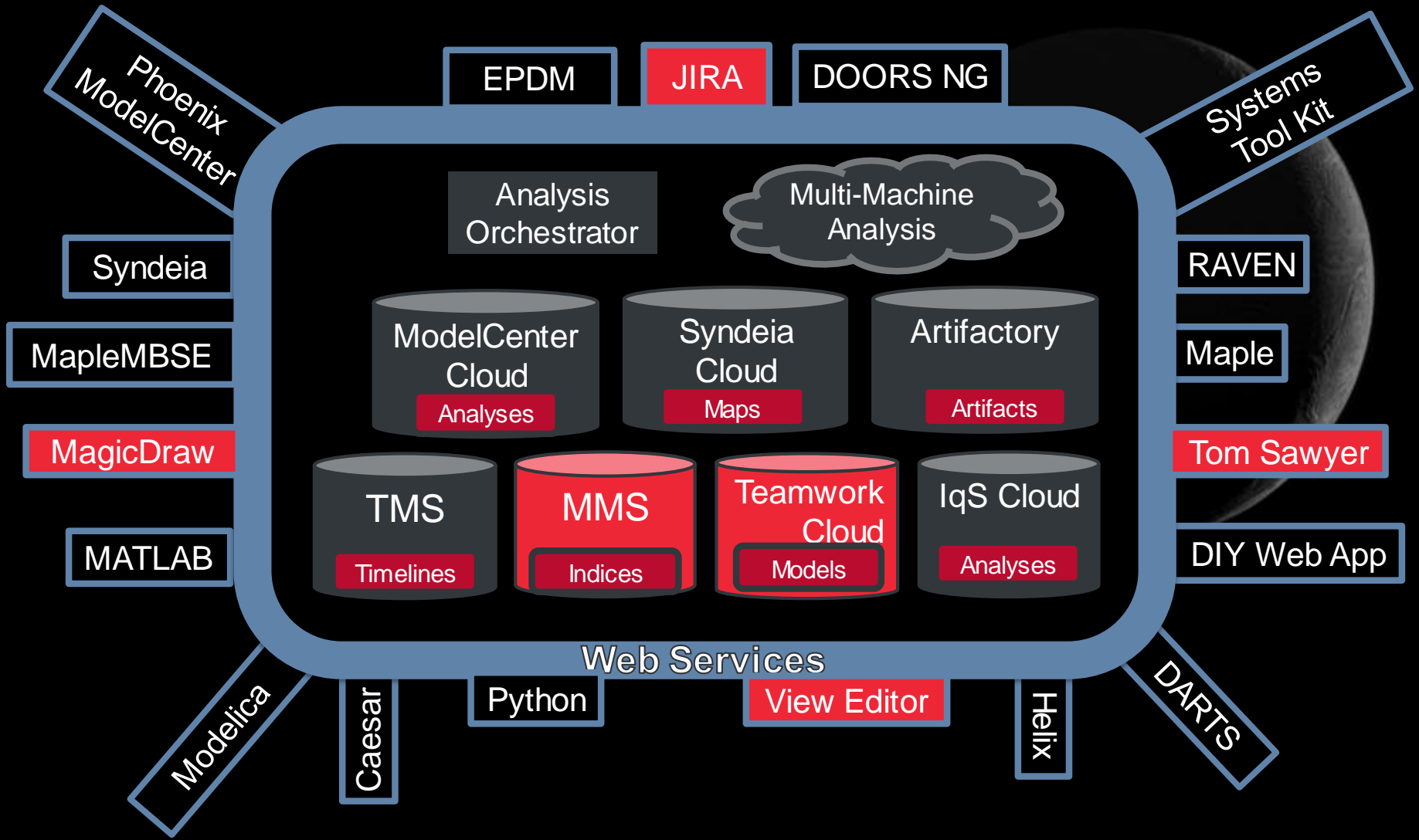




# NESC MBSE Pathfinder Embedded Role

- Apply Best Modeling Practices
- Investigate and use various workflows in environment in a restricted environment
- Specified Training and Tutorials
- Team meetings and evaluation support
- On Call Support

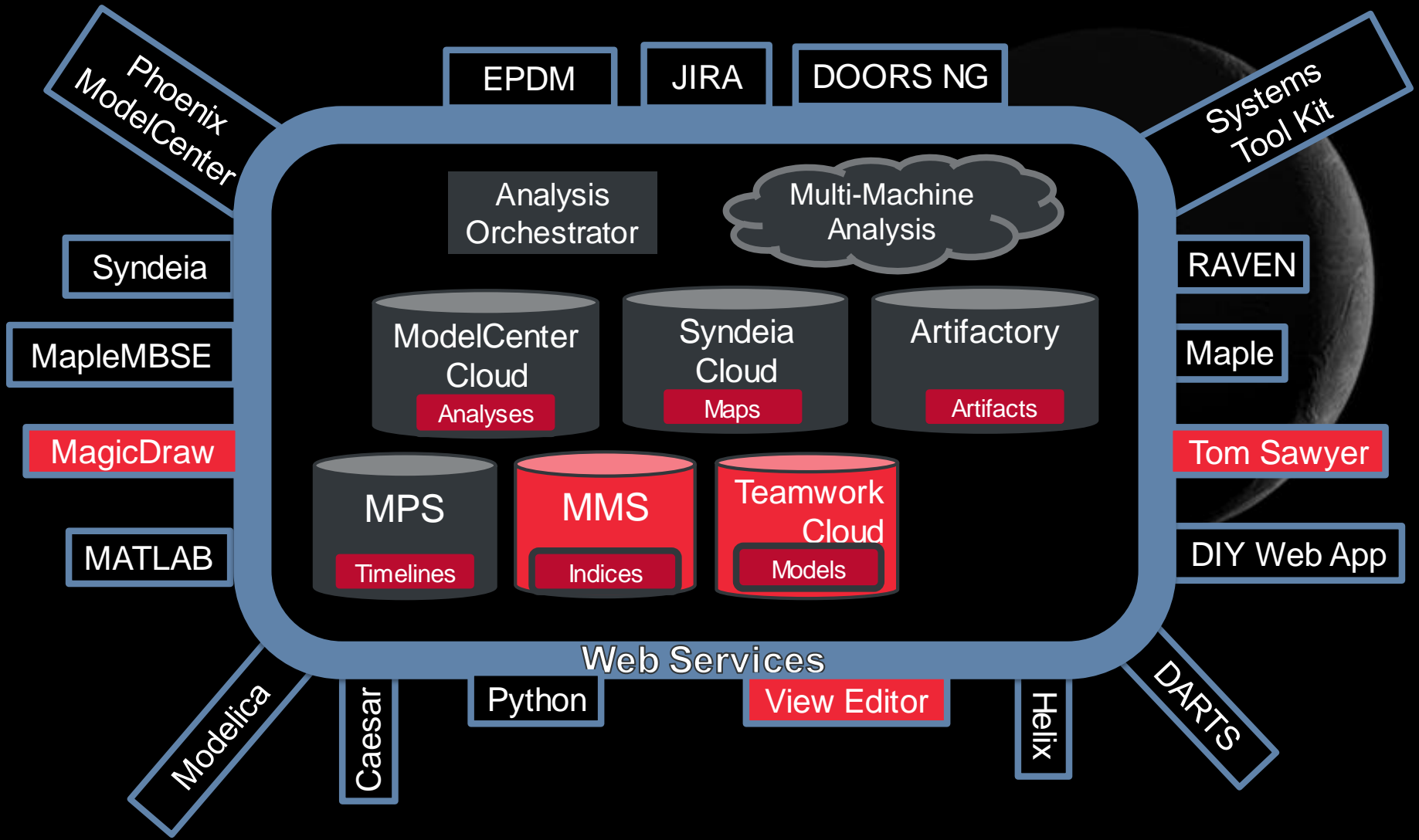
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# Europa Lander Embedded Role

- Need:
  - Generate orderly and palatable diagrams from a system model describing the Lander
  - SE products should never be out of sync with the system model
- Approach:
  - Leverage Tom Sawyer plugin for MagicDraw development effort
  - Supply requirements directly from the project to the vendor
  - Coordinate with CAE development team on the use case for Tom Sawyer integration with DocGen and View Editor

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OpenCAE DevOps



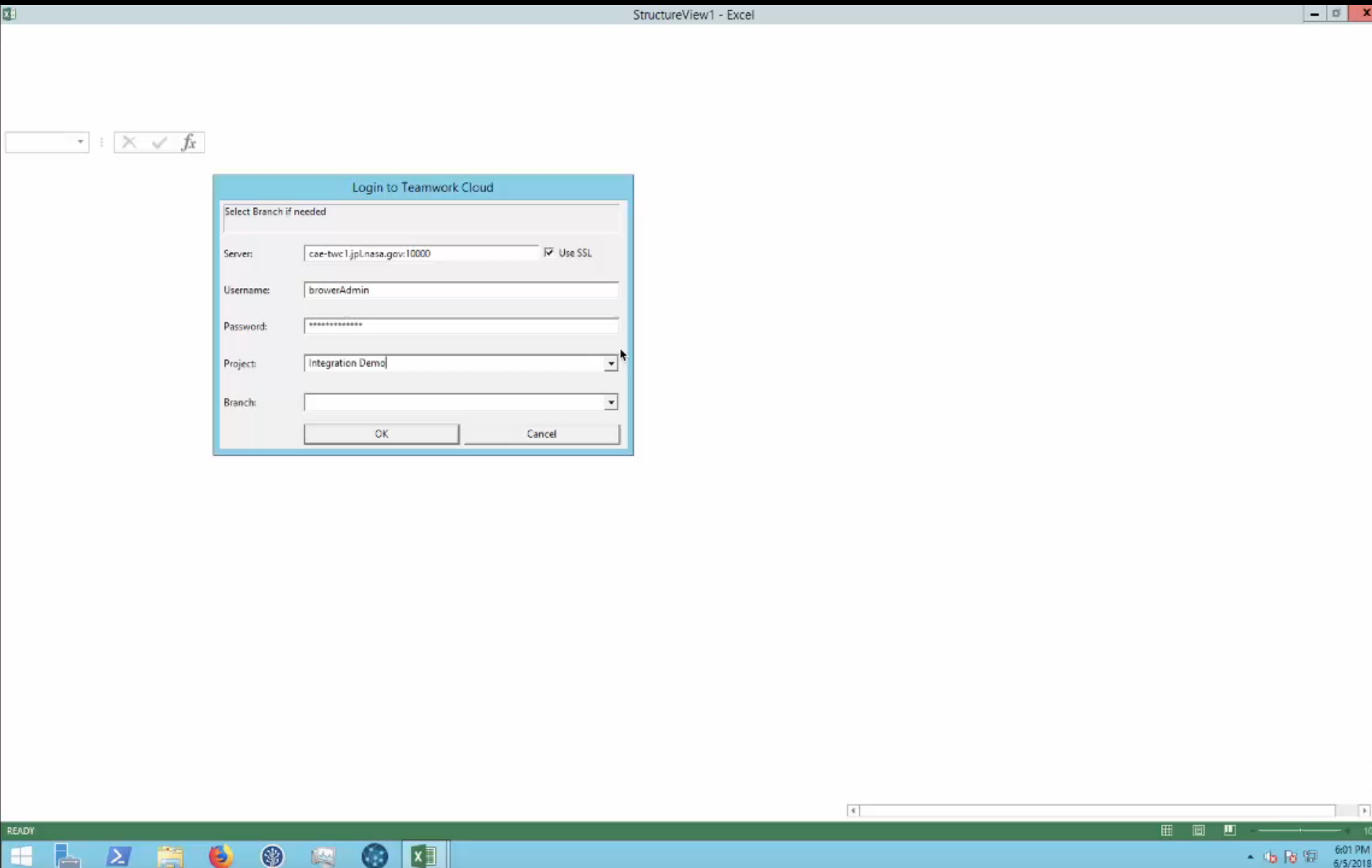
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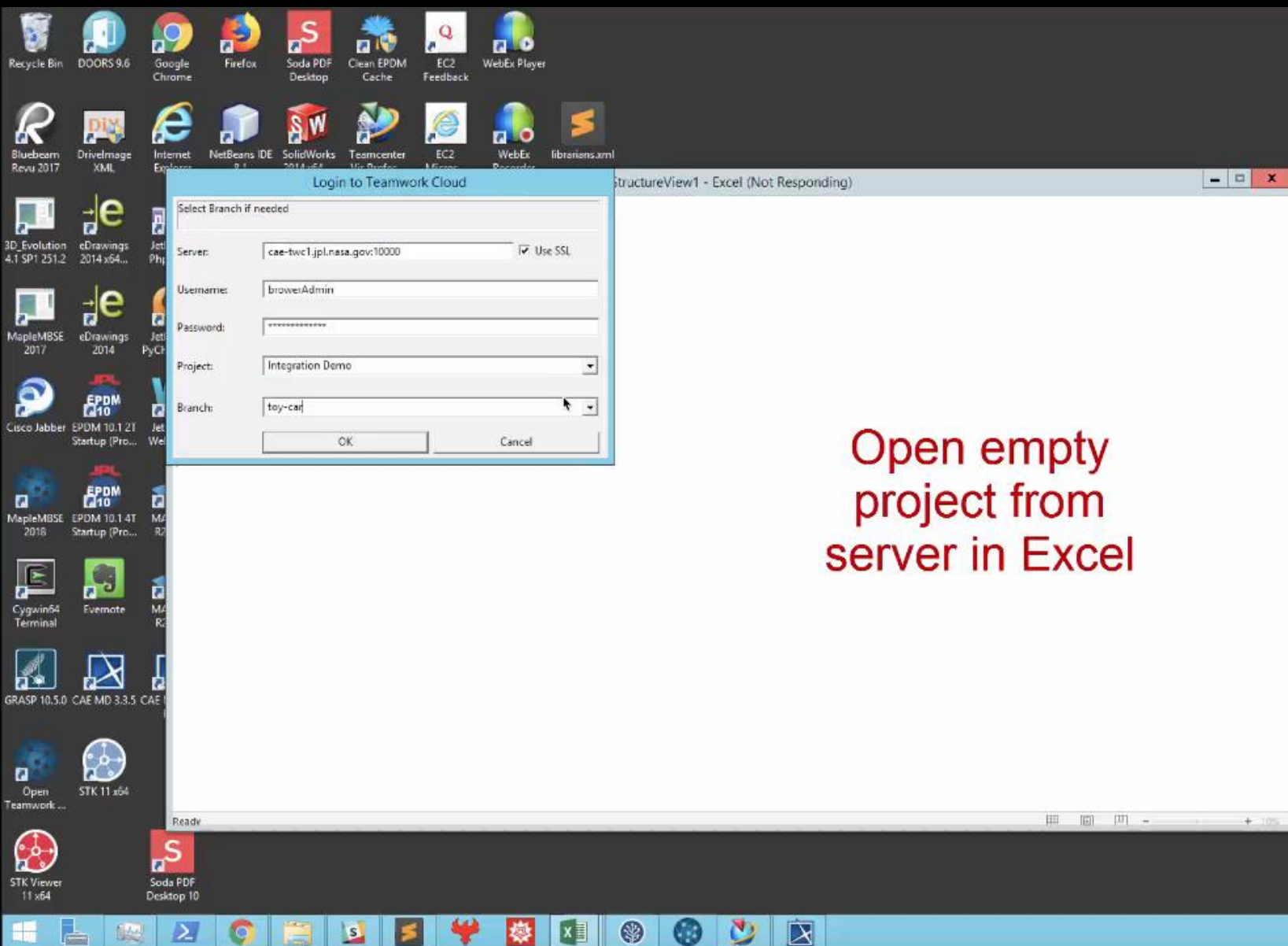
Managed Excel in a  
collaborative  
environment

Windows Server 2012 R2

# Managed Excel 2/3



# Managed Excel 3/3



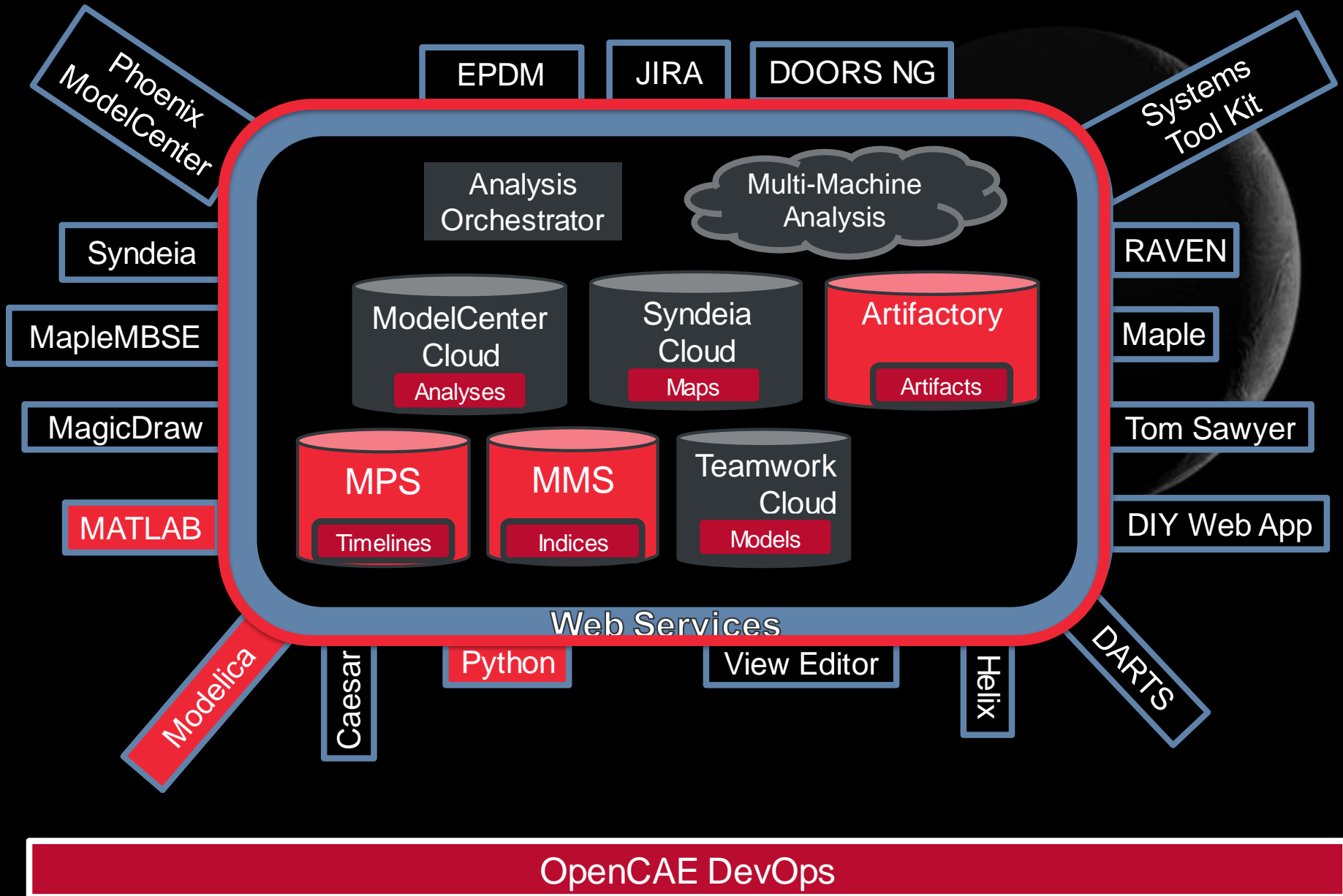
Open empty  
project from  
server in Excel

# Europa Clipper Embedded Role

- Need:
  - Publish artifacts to CAE services (MMS, TES, Artifactory)
- Approach:
  - Express the REST API endpoints of these servers in OpenAPI standard specification
  - Use Swagger codegen to generate clients for specific analysis environments
    - Mathematica, MATLAB, Python, Java
    - More than 20 other languages available



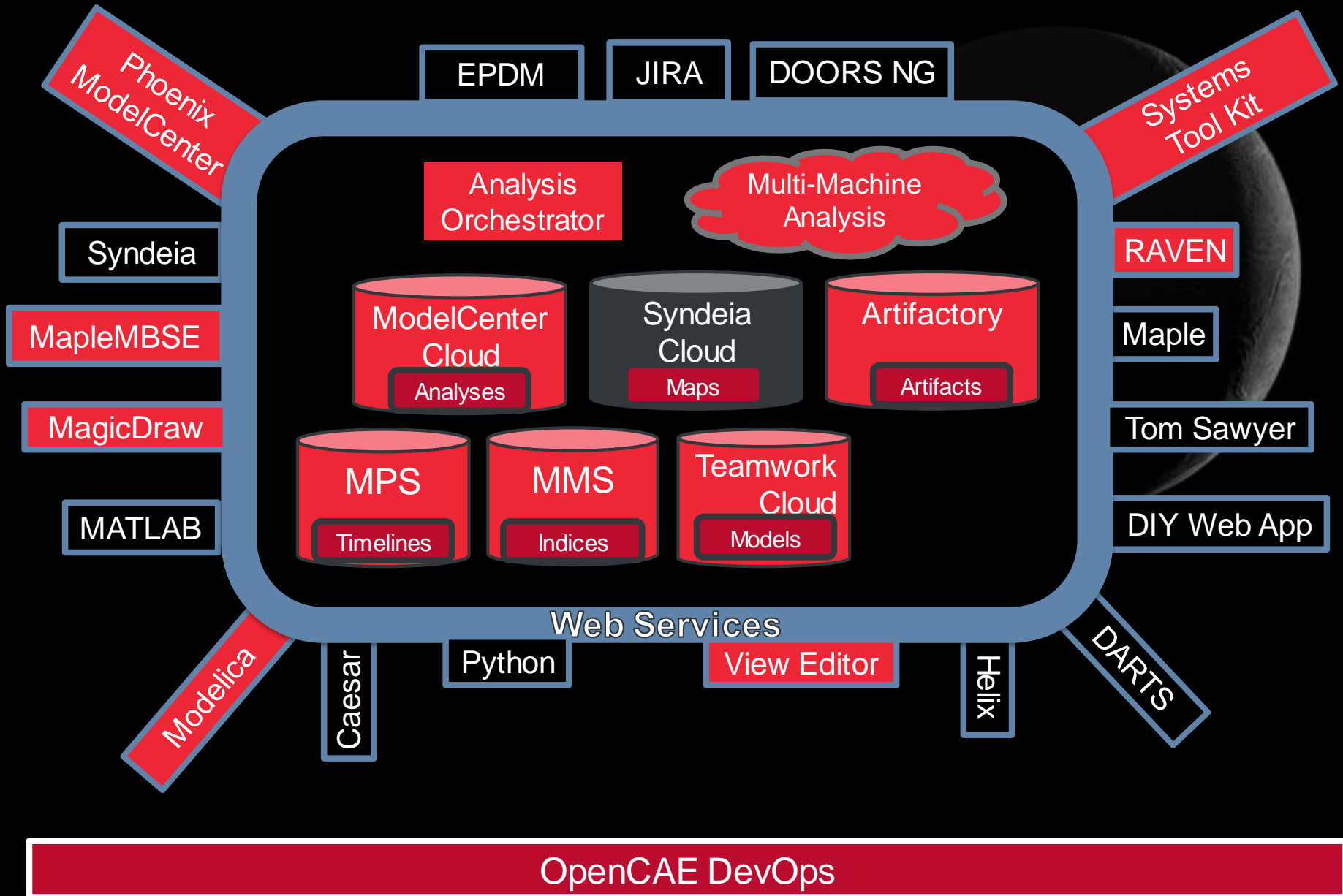
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# Europa Clipper Embedded Role

- Need:
  - Formalize analysis workflows related to the Clipper Flight System
  - Want to capture the workflows in a model, but also want them to be executable
- Approach:
  - Use Phoenix MBSE Pak plugin for MagicDraw to translate the workflow parameters into Phoenix ModelCenter
  - Configure ModelCenter to use shared components in the Analysis Library of ModelCenter Cloud

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# OpenCAE: What Has Worked

- Domain specific adaptations
  - Managed Services with vendors
  - Embedded roles
- Server-side operations preferred
  - Easier to update a server than many clients
  - COTS connections between services
- Speak the same language (SysML, FMI)
- OpenAPI REST specification
  - Generate clients for users' preferred languages
  - Enforces OpenAPI on environment services



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## Open Model Based Engineering Environment

- OpenMBEE is a community for open-source modeling software and models
  - Number of open source software activities
  - Number of open source models
- JPL is a participant and adopter of OpenMBEE software and models
- Along with Boeing, Lockheed, OMG, NavAir, Ford, Stevens, GaTech, ESO
- Vendor participants
- ~200 members

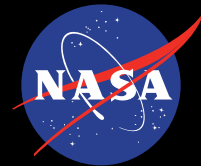
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