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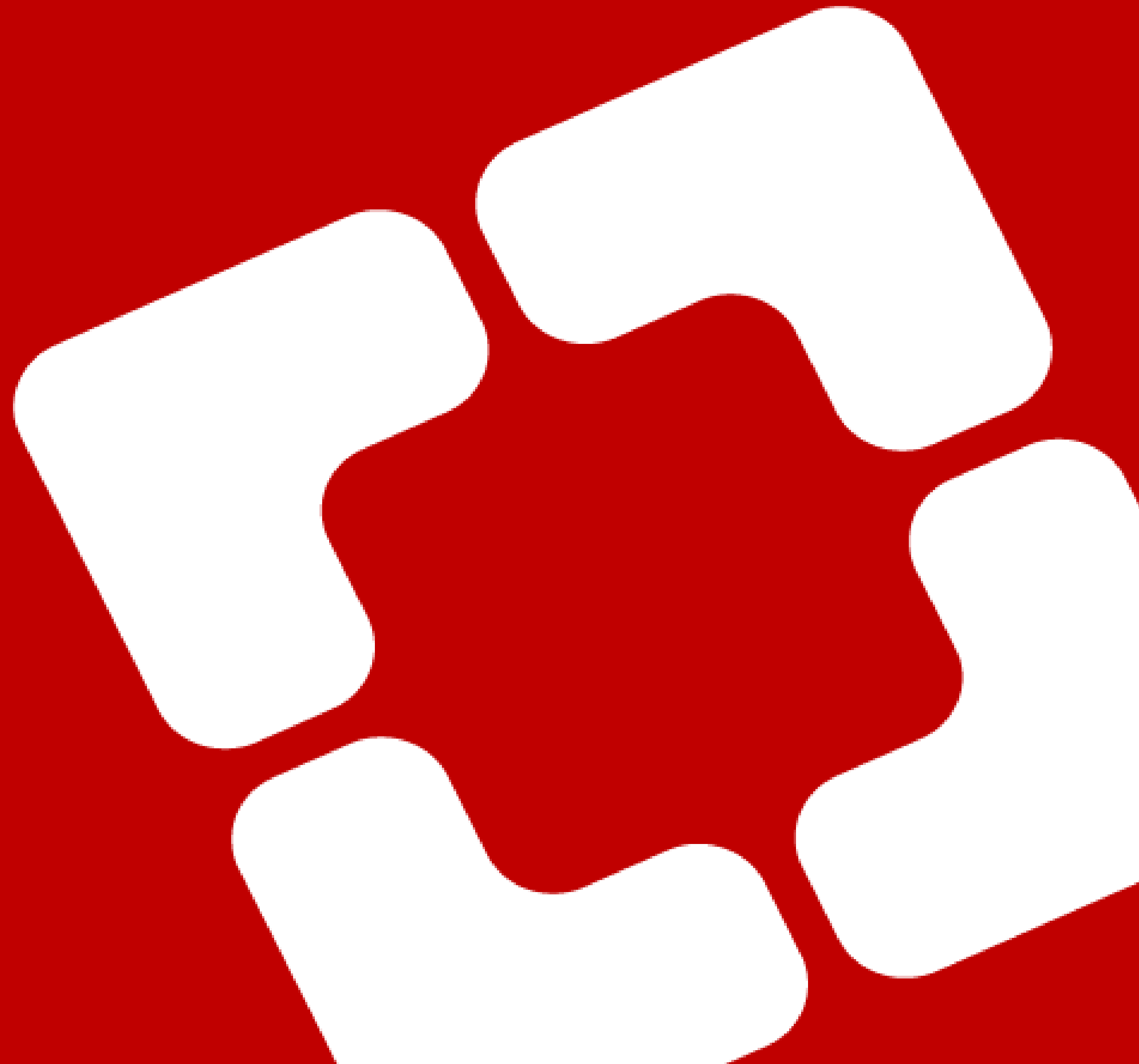


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- Our Capability
  - Provide skilled modelers at all levels of expertise Provide an initial “Assist Team” to assess capability needs Provide a functional environment with use of floating Cameo licenses Ability to produce modelers through organic training environment.
- AVIAN’s Involvement in MBSE
  - Direct support to the NAVAIR / NAWCAD Systems Engineering Transformation (SET) team to build the processes and methodology necessary to implement MBSE at the organization level.
  - Direct support to SET for MBSE courseware development and training.



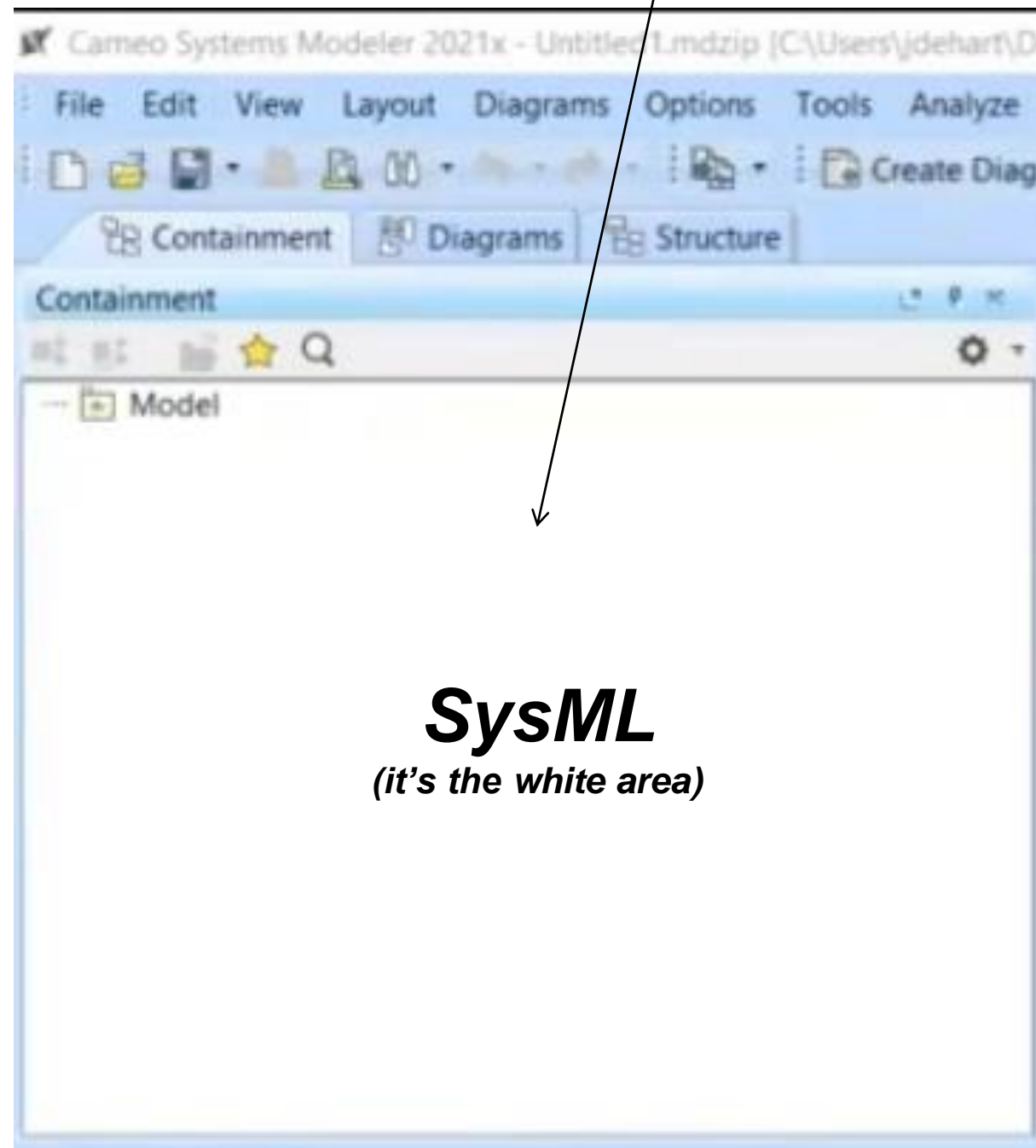
# Introductions

- Mission Modeling in SysML
  - What is the purpose of a model? → To Inform
  - Inform a document, simulation, analysis, etc.
  - Think of it like playing Risk..
    - Set the board up → play the game → analyze your loss
- Agenda
  - Some general modeling observations
  - Demo - Example mission laydown model
  - Demo - Example arrow
  - Wrap-up



# Containment Trees, Models, and Instances

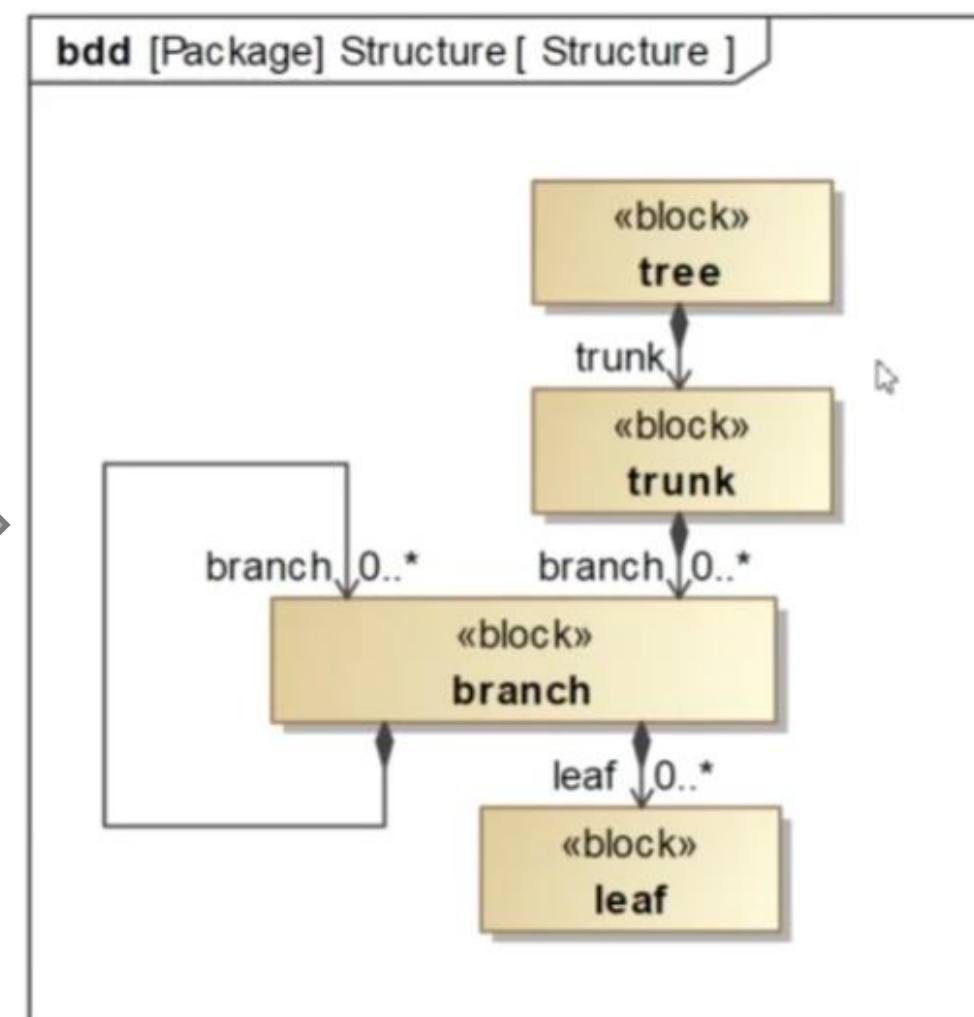
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**SysML**  
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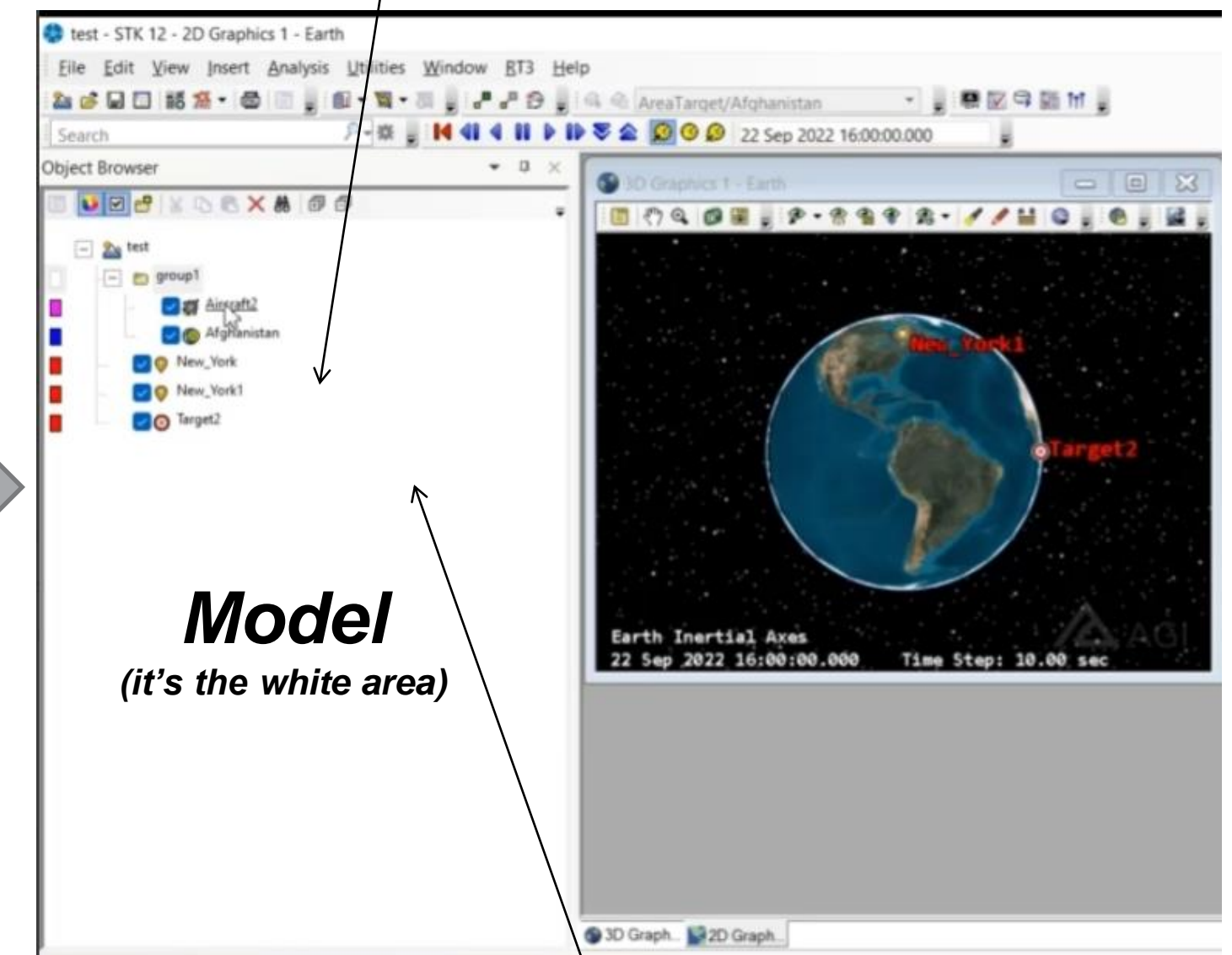
Instance of

A model view



STK, Catia, etc

This is where we make an instance



An Instance

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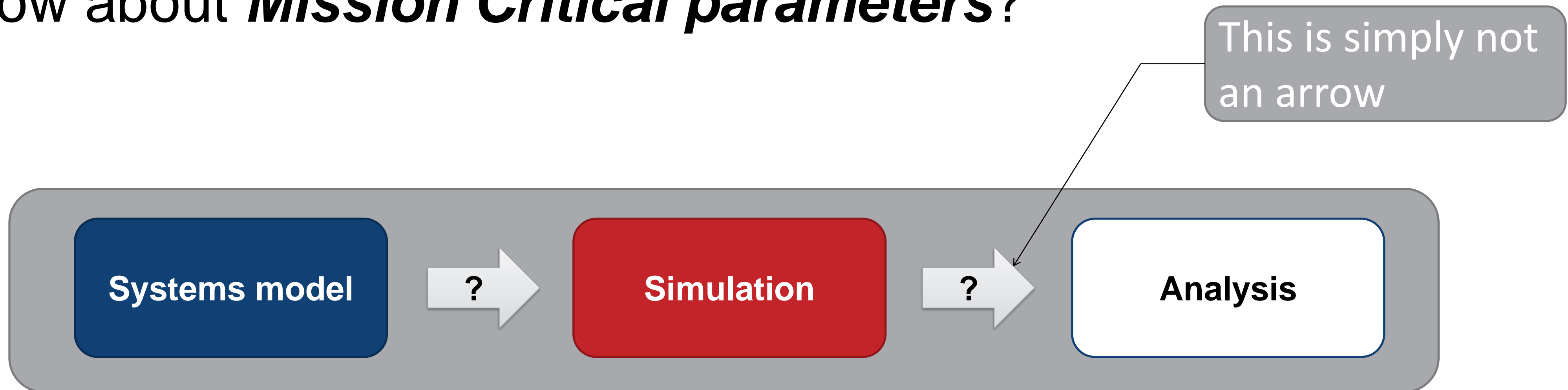
When I start to build the mission model, I'm looking for a way to build this type of instance from the SysML model.





# Defining Purpose, Objectives, Goals, and Scope

- Before we start modeling, we need to define a clear purpose, objective, goals, and scope
  - What is the model informing? (a document, a sim, an analysis)
  - Do we need to inform structure? How does one do this?
  - How about ***Mission Critical parameters?***

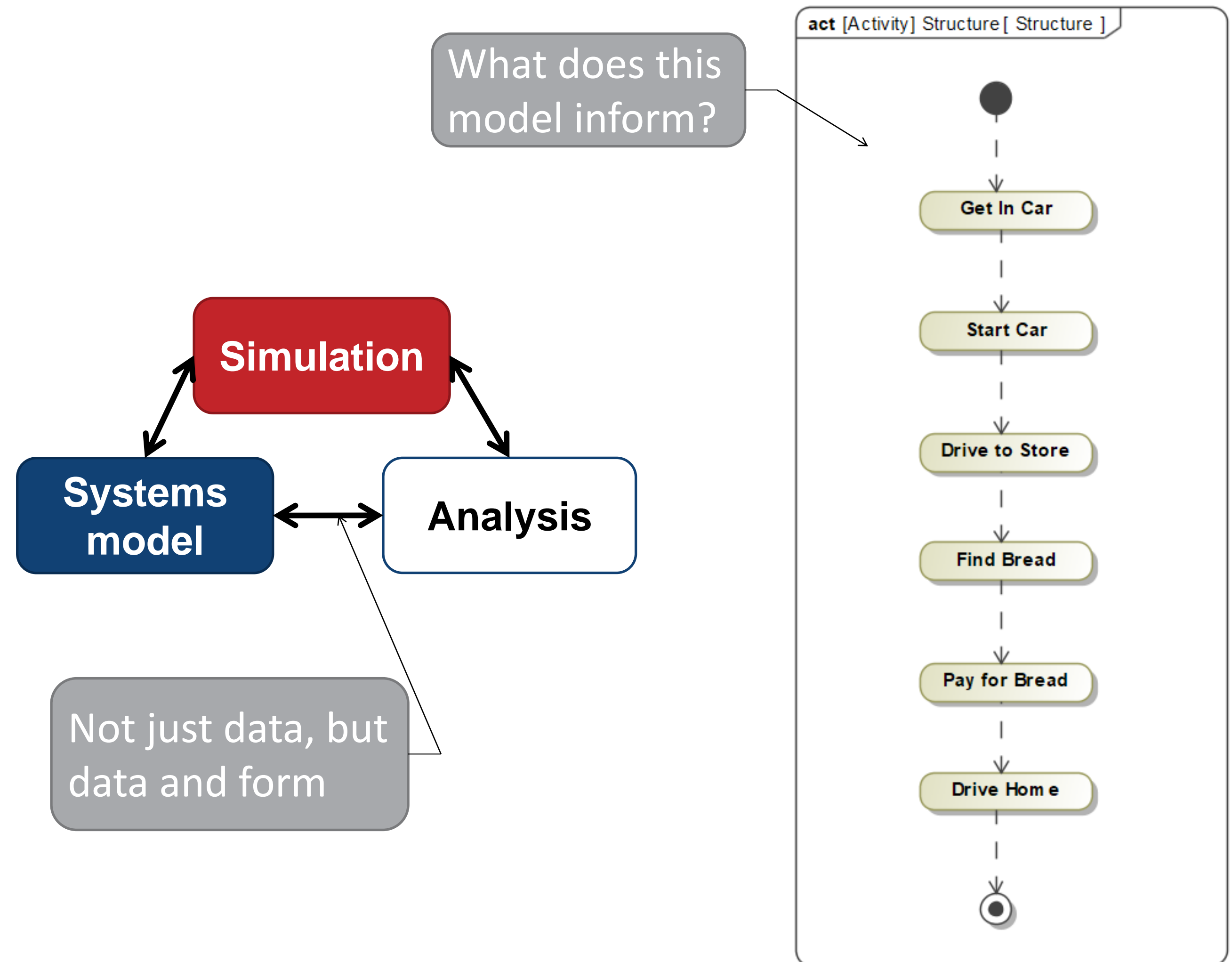




# Creating Informed and Informing Models

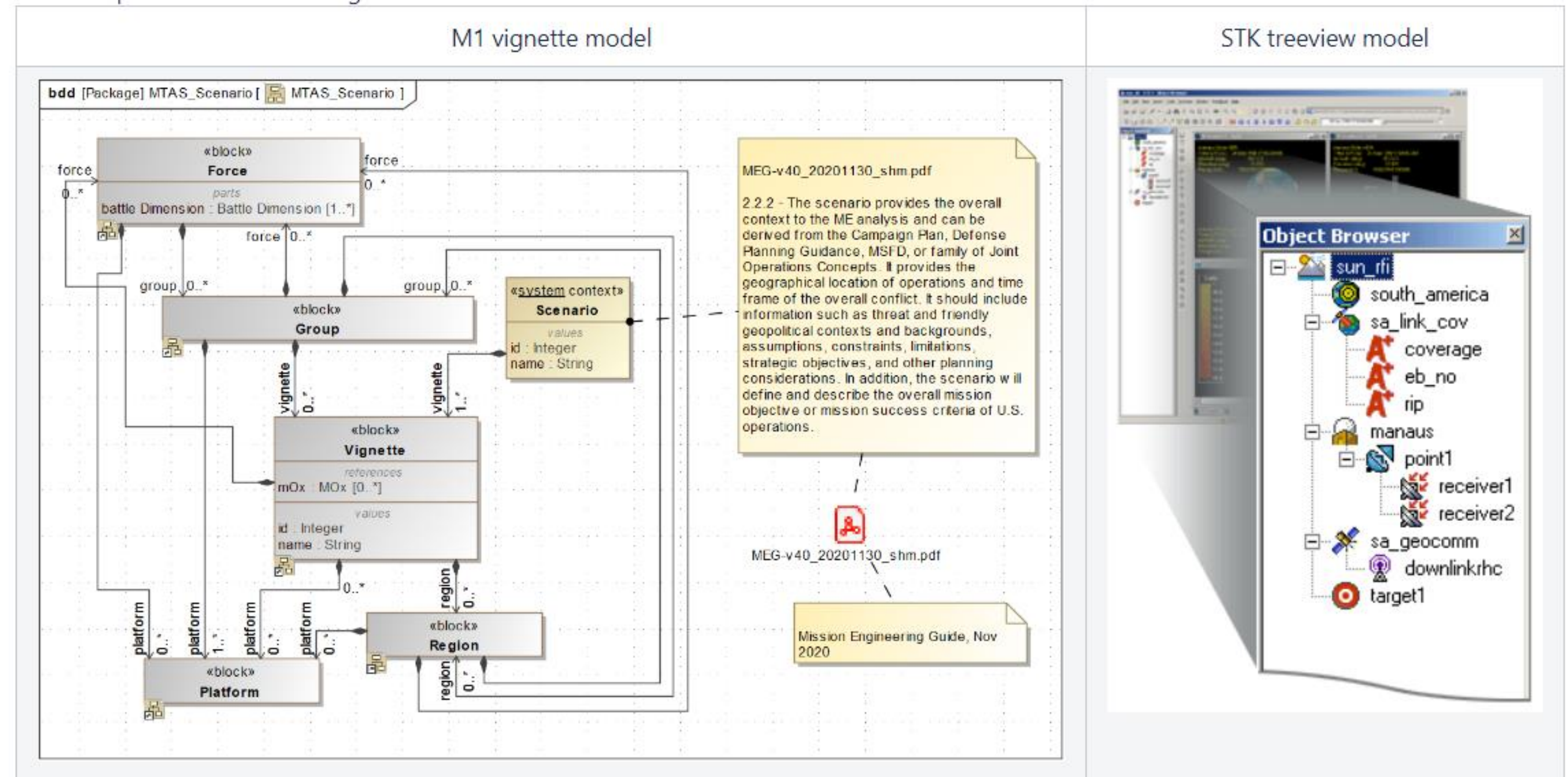
- Models should **inform** and **be informed** by other models to avoid creating malformed models
- SE provides ***Mission Critical Information***
  - *What information does the simulation need?*

***Well All of it...***



# Treeview and Model Instances

- In software development we have a Treeview
- Typical for most engineering software
- We can mimic this method when building systems models that inform
- Particularly useful when informing the mission laydown



To inform, the systems model can simply take the form of a *TreeView*

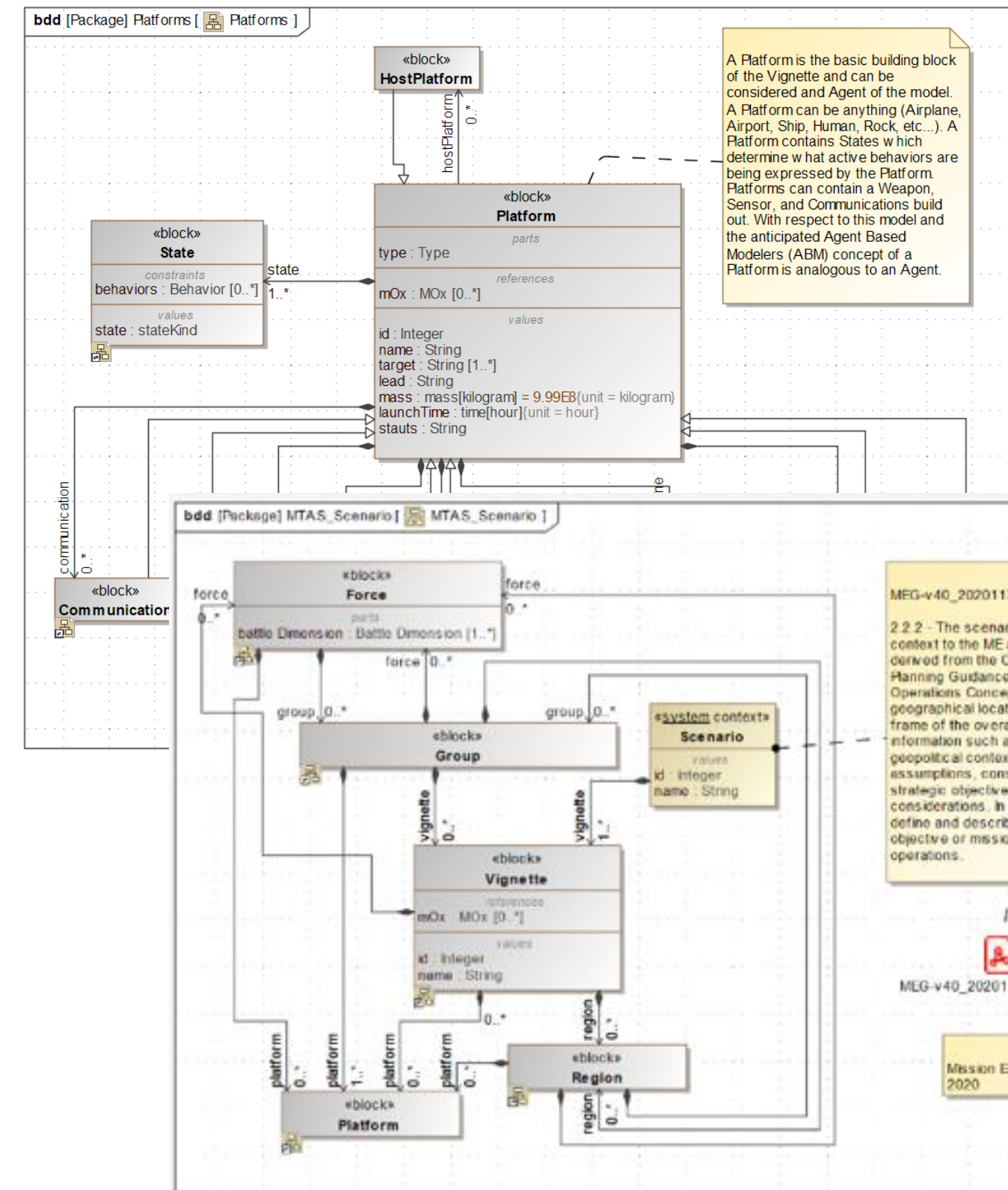




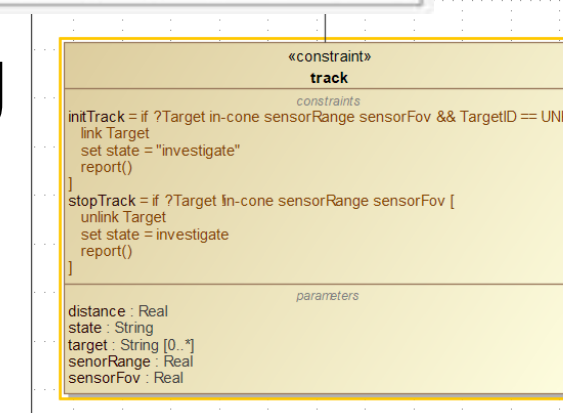
# Thinking About Model Structure

- What structure do we need to model a mission? mission model, performer, behaviors, libraries....
- If we are planning on simulating using an ABM what should the SE model look like?

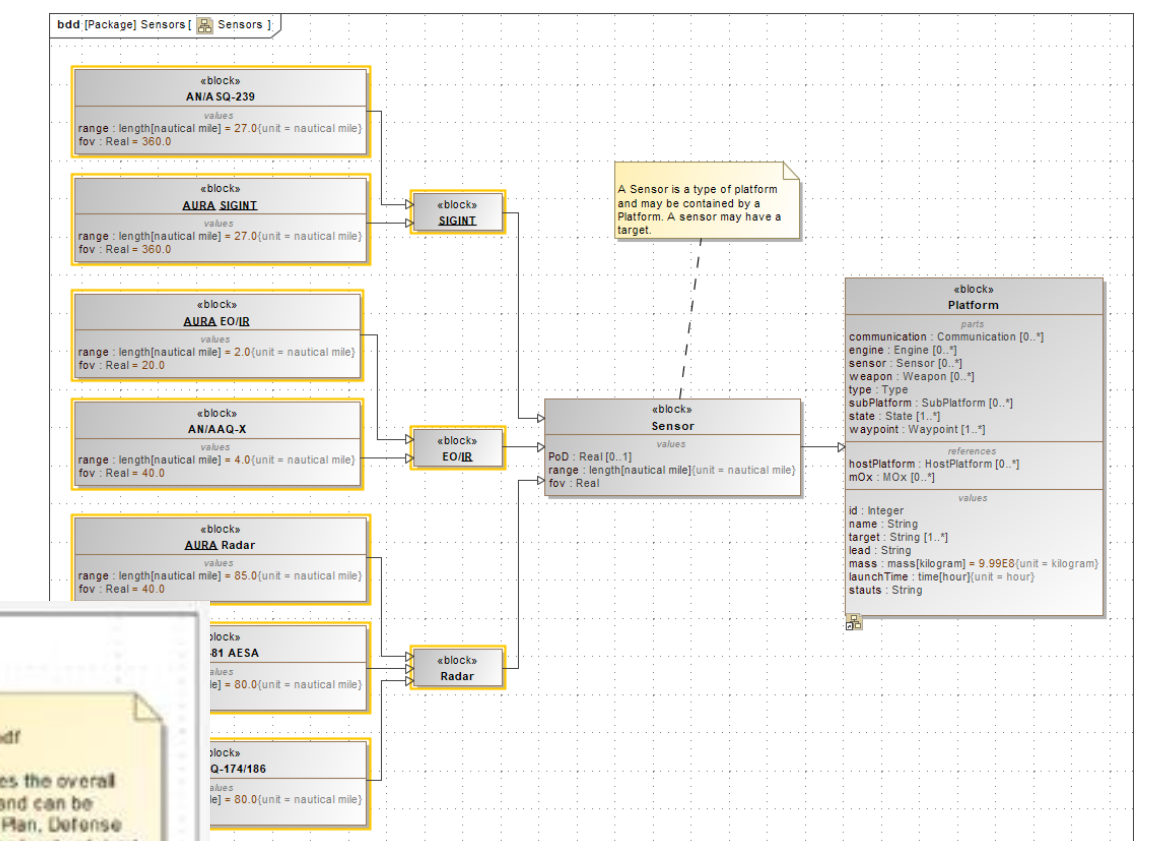
## Performer Config



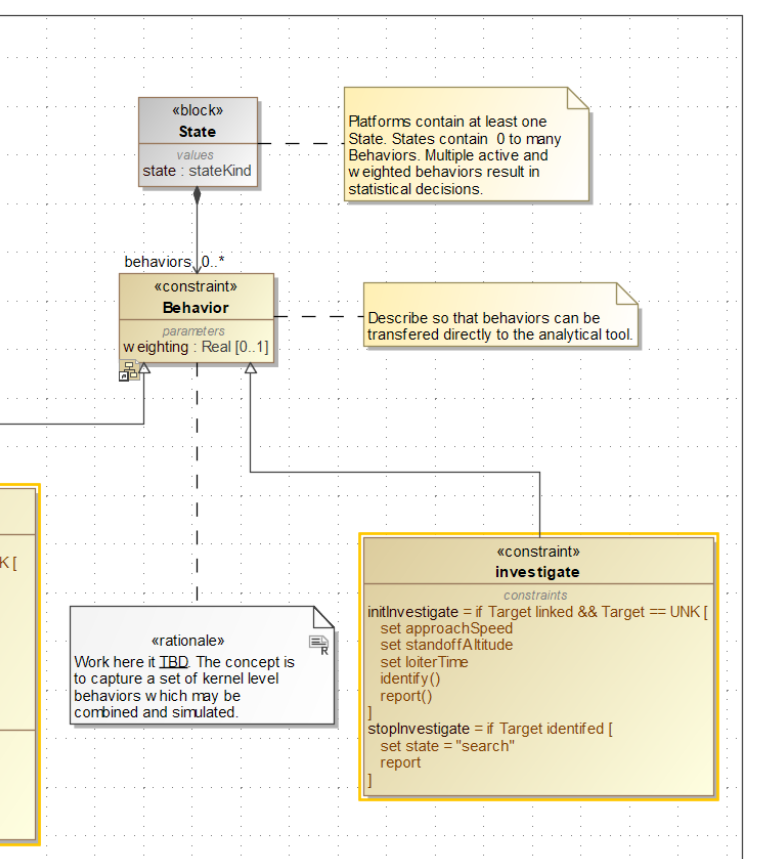
## Mission Config



## Libraries



## Behaviors



# Demo - Building a Simple Mission Model

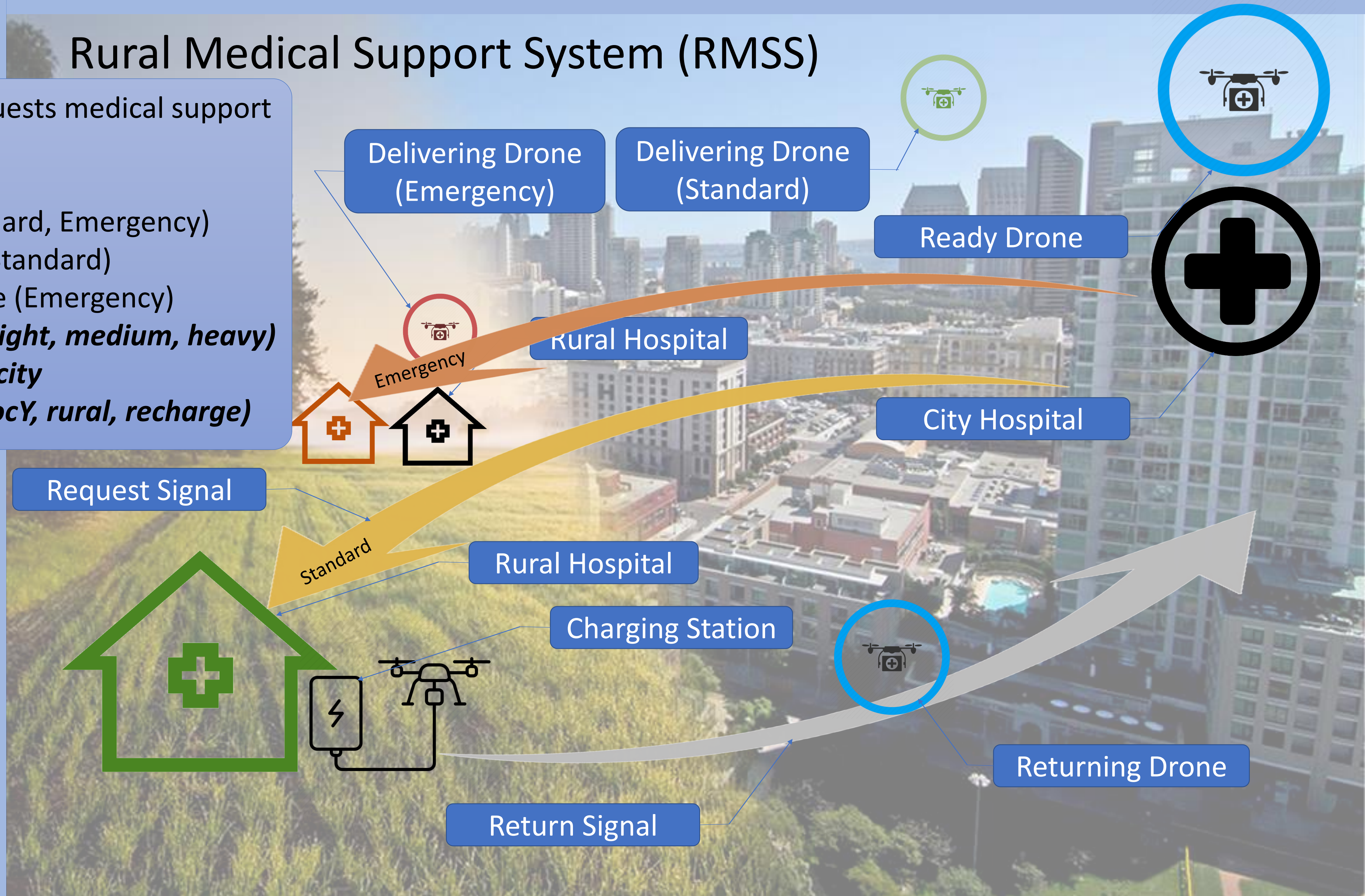
- Demonstrate building a mission model
  - Use a remote medical support system as an example





# Rural Medical Support System (RMSS)

- Rural Hospital requests medical support (medicine)
- Request queue
  - Signals (Standard, Emergency)
  - FIFO queue (Standard)
  - Priority queue (Emergency)
- **Multi-size drone (light, medium, heavy)**  
**Cargo capacity**
- **Hospitals (LocX, LocY, rural, recharge)**





# Demo - Creating Instance Tables

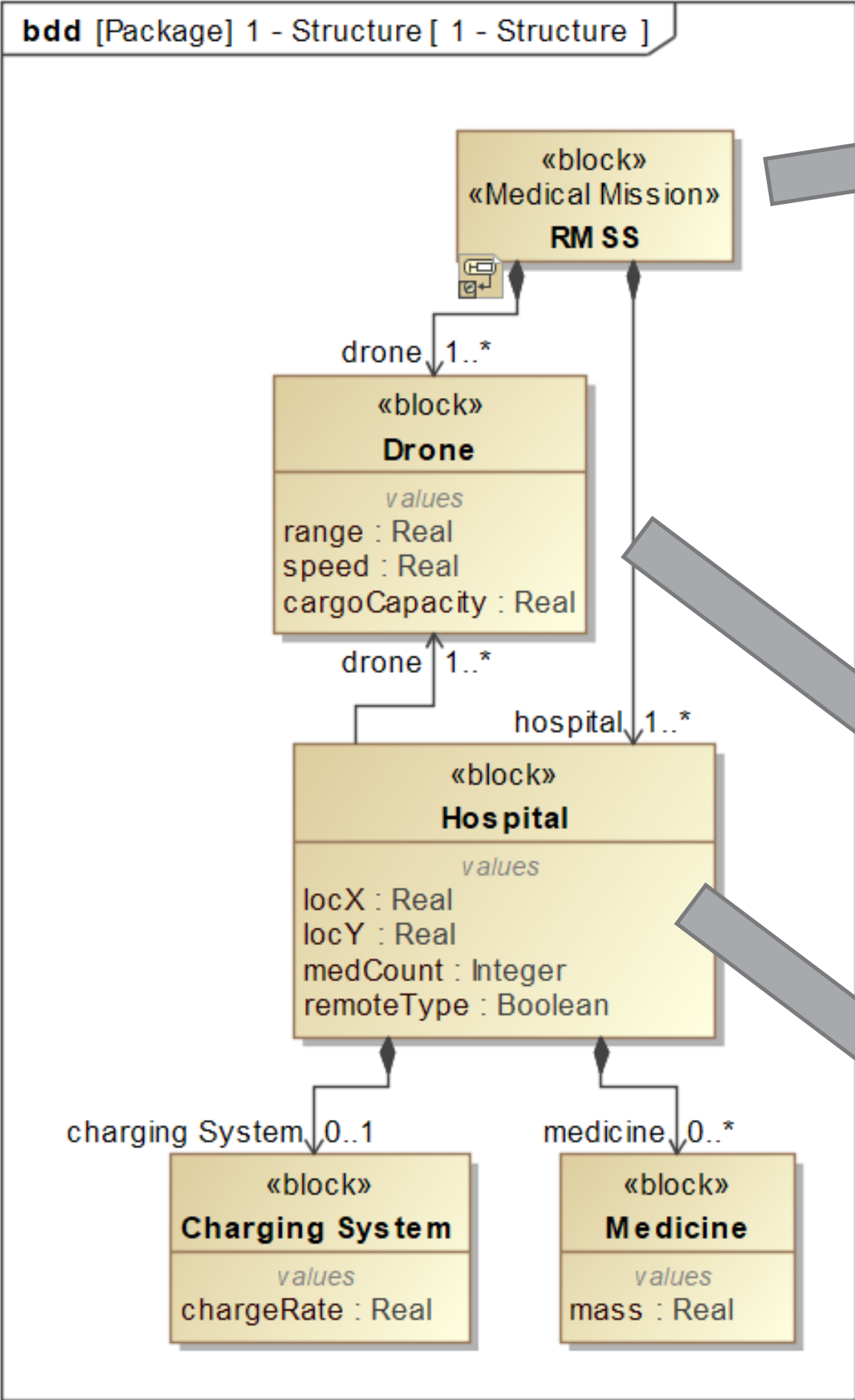
- Demo creating instance tables for drones, hospitals, and medicine
  - Show to configure an instance table to behave as a treeview for building instances quickly

Criteria						
Classifier: tal, Drone, Charging System, Medicine		Scope (optional): C		Filter:		
#	Name	hospital : Hospital	drone : Drone	charging System : Charging System	emergencyResponseTime	standardResponseTime
1	rmss_C	hospital : Hospital hospital1 : Hospital	drone : Drone		50	60
2	hospital			charging System : Charging System		
3	charging System					
4	hospital1					
5	drone					





# Demo - Mission Model Summary



Criteria

Classifier: , Charging System, Hospital, Medicine ... Scope (optional): RMSS Filter: Y

#	Name	RMSS.hospital : Hospital	RMSS.drone : Drone	Hospital.hospital.charging System : Charging System
1	A			
2	rmss	hospital_a : Hospital hospital_b : Hospital hospital_c : Hospital	drone_heavy : Drone drone_lite : Drone drone_medium : Drone	charger_lite : Charging System charger_heavy : Charging System charging System - SuperLite : Charging
3	B			
4	rmss_B	hospital : Hospital hospital1 : Hospital		
5	hospital			
6	hospital1			
7	drone			
8	drone1			
9	drone2			
10	C			
11	rmss_C	hospital : Hospital hospital1 : Hospital	drone : Drone	
12	hospital			
13	hospital1			
14	drone			

#	Name	range : Real	speed : Real	cargoCapacity : Real
1	drone_lite	100	25	5
2	drone_medium	150	55.01	20
3	drone_heavy	250	125	50

#	Name	charging System : Charging System	locX : Real	locY : Real	medCount : Integer	remoteType : Boolean
1	hospital_a	charger_lite : Charging System	888	5	99	✓ true
2	hospital_b	charger_heavy : Charging System	25	18	3	✓ true
3	hospital_c	charging System - SuperLite : Ch	32	17	12	✓ true



# Using Instances to Inform

- There are different ways to export models
  - .mdzip: unzip and parse the xmi
  - XML: great for git repo and text-based versioning
  - API: perform CRUD operations on the model and access object
    - One big benefit of building skill with the API is that SysMLv2 is delivered with one right from the start potentially making transition easier
    - Add parts, delete parts, search the model, pull parameter sets, modify parameters, etc.

Using the API we can do almost anything that we can do in Cameo





# Demo – Middleware (an Arrow) and API

- Demonstrate accessing instances through the API and updating attributes
- Discuss the flexibility and CRUD operations the API offers
- All code here:
  - [avianinc/2023-MBSE-Cyber-Experience-Symposium: Symposium materials and code \(github.com\)](#)



# Demo - Simulation Integration

- Export JSON file to demonstrate integration with Simulation
- Show how updating the instance affects the simulation

This is an arrow 😊

The screenshot shows the TWC API Interactions - Demo interface. The 'Instance Tree' panel on the left lists various instances, including 'rmss\_C' (43c2b4f3-c12e-4772-bcf1-2c7a4c9398df). The 'Data' panel on the right displays the JSON data for the selected instance. An arrow points from the 'Instance Tree' panel to a JSON file named 'rmss\_b1.json'.

```
rmss_b1.json
software > models > rmss_b1.json > ...
1 {
2   "rmss_B": {
3     "name": "rmss_B",
4     "uuid": "ead9212e-b9d3-43c3-90be-d1e35c507f7b",
5     "attributes": {
6       "hospital": {
7         "name": "hospital",
8         "uuid": "73300a5c-161f-415a-939e-4ea89a710b52",
9         "attributes": {
10          "hospital1": {
11            "name": "hospital1",
12            "uuid": "5ed916c4-008e-4ae4-a67e-80ab30b1482a",
13            "attributes": {
14              "Comment": {
15                "name": "Comment",
16                "uuid": "1ef953c9-2390-45af-b101-fccd53af2f16",
17                "attributes": {
18                  "body": "Hospital - City"
19                }
20              }
21            },
22            "remoteType": {
23              "name": "remoteType",
24              "uuid": "168c8f46-e791-4f65-85d7-71a66bd02087",
25              "attributes": {
26                "parameter": {
27                  "value": false,
28                  "uuid": "c417c682-49dc-44e7-847f-dfd3eee4e761",
29                  "type": "boolean"
30                }
31              }
32            }
33          }
34        }
35      }
36    }
37  }
38 }
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# Summary and Q&A

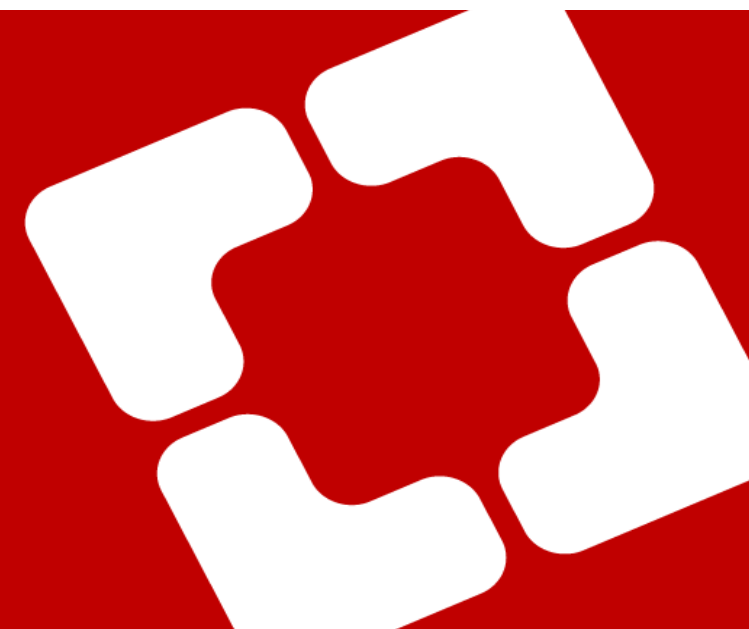
- Have a clear understanding of what a model is going to be used for ***prior*** to stating to model.
- Models ***inform*** and are **informed by** other models
- It can help to think of a model as a ***treeview (instance)***
- The ***arrows*** are not easy, don't forget the arrows
- Using the ***API*** is very powerful and should be a major part of any project.
- Questions? I open the floor for discussion... be gentle 😊



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