

Short Introduction about Systems Engineering and SysML

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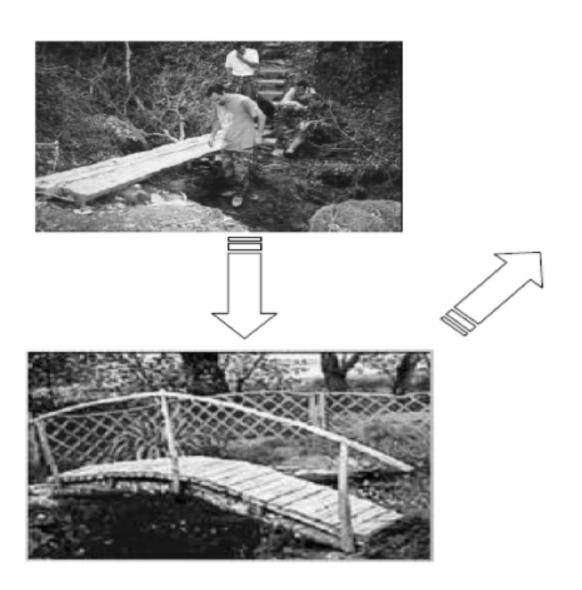
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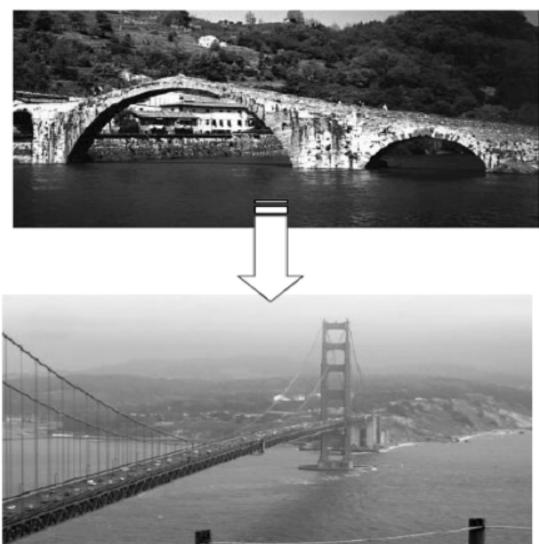
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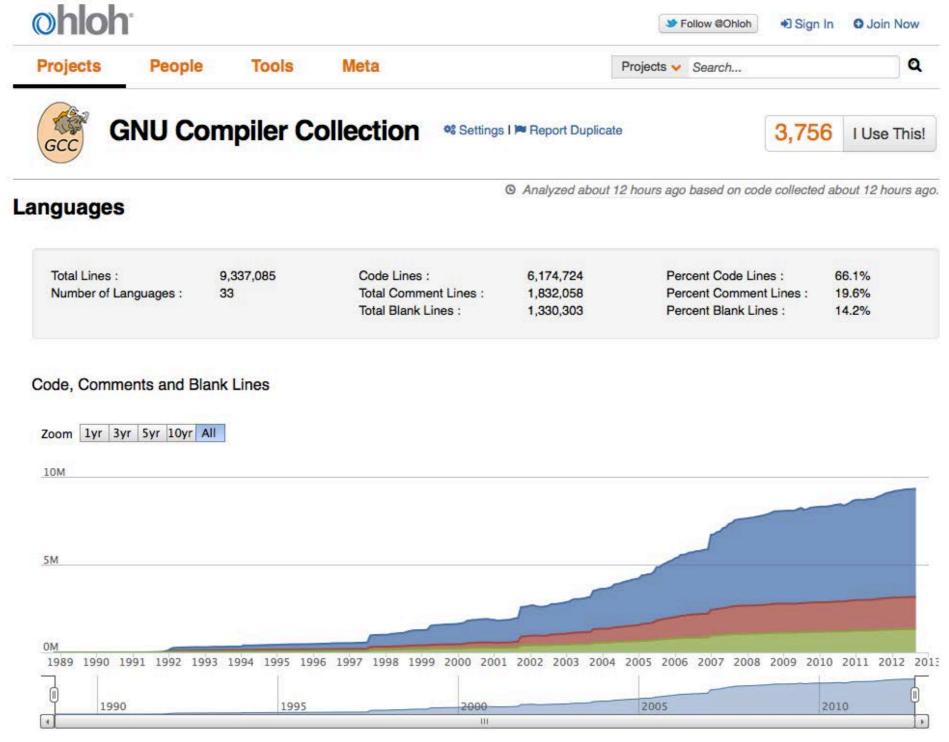
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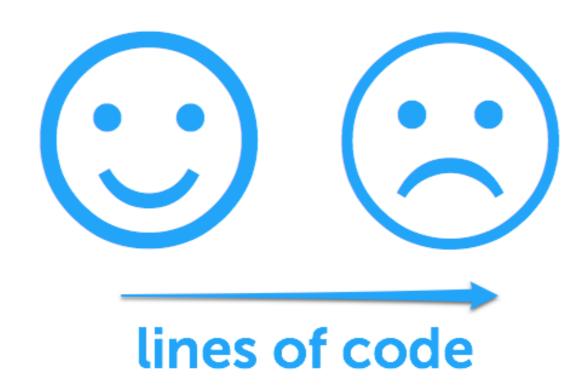




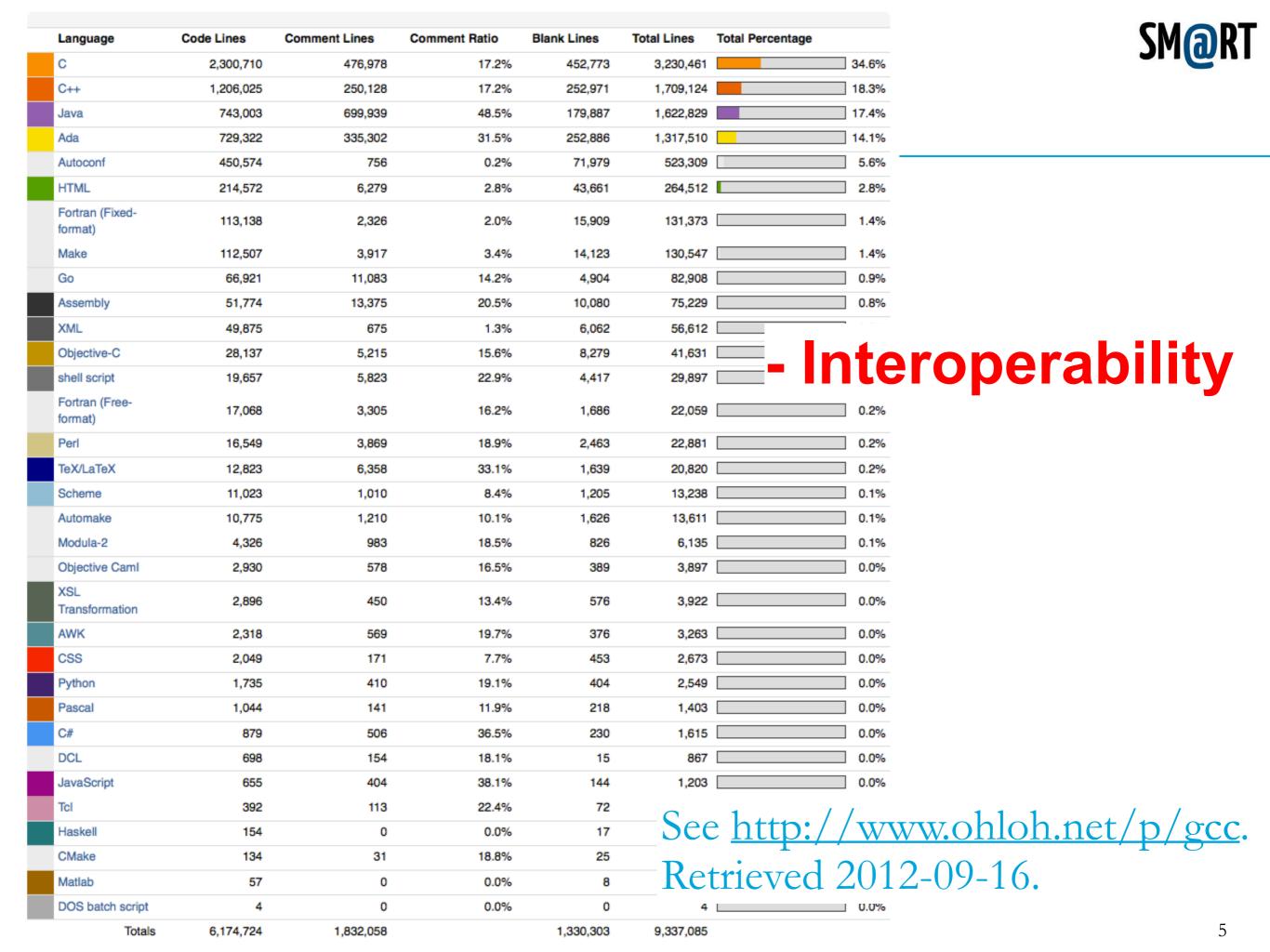


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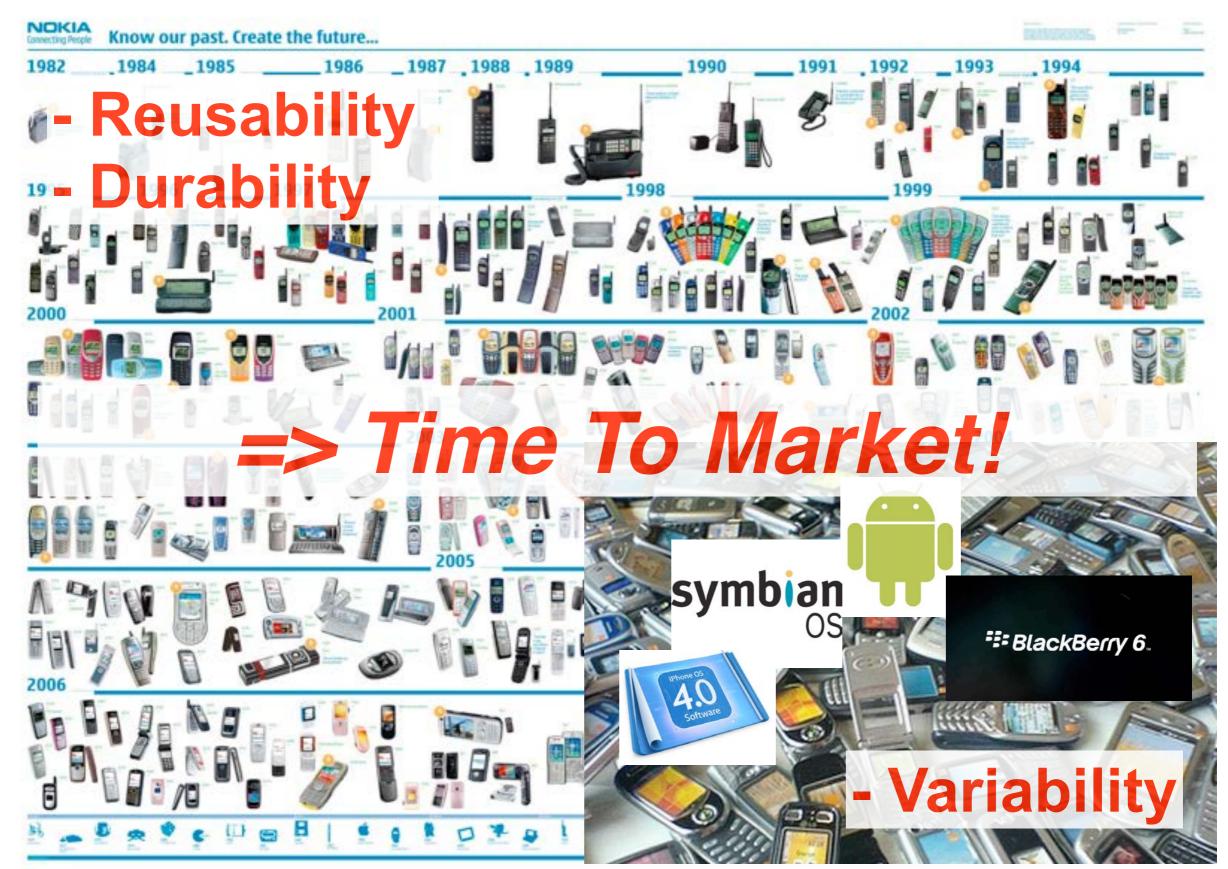




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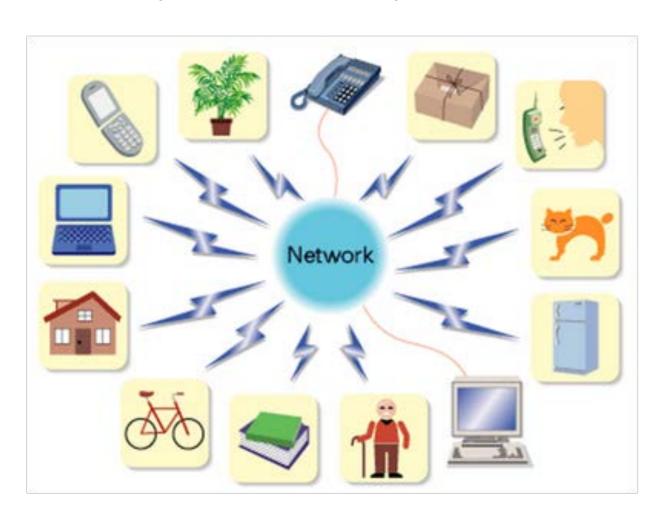






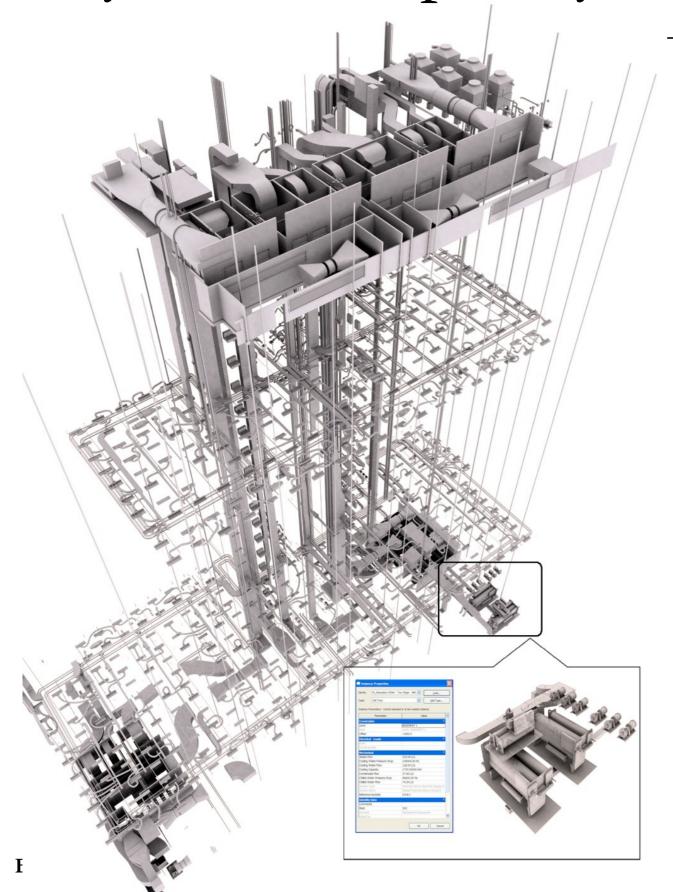


- Autonomic Computing
- Cloud Computing
- SaaS, IoS, IoT
- System of Systems







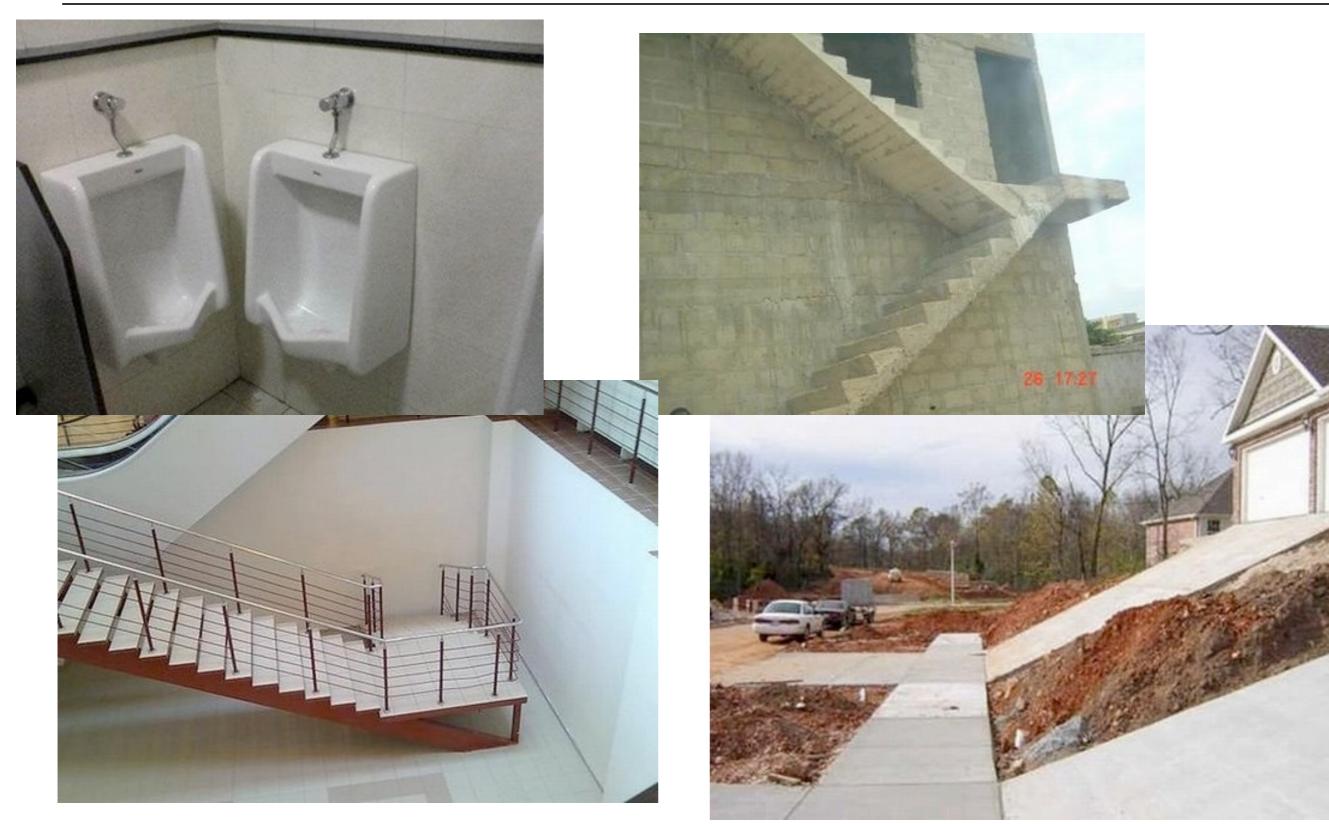




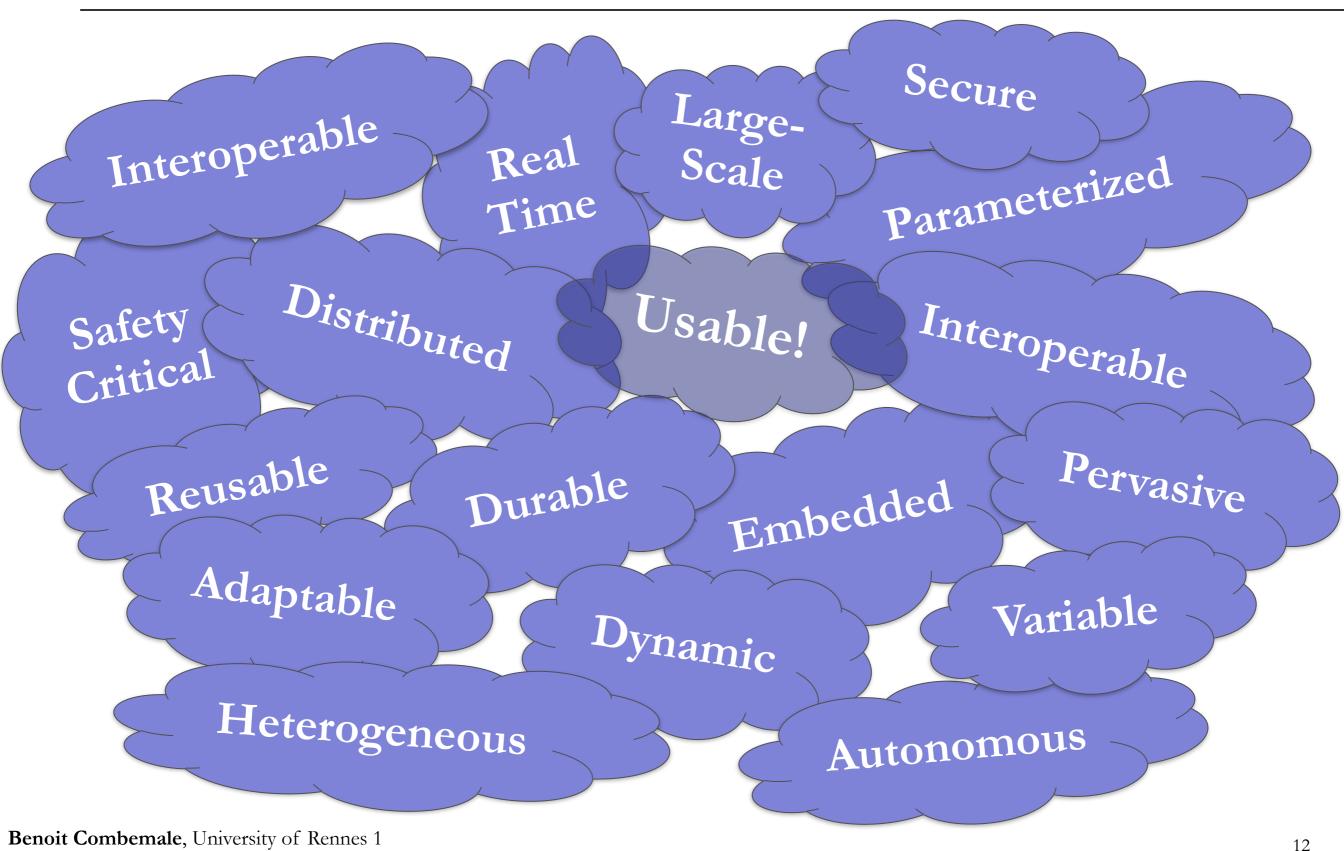
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Systems Complexity: Some Dimensions



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Outline

- From Software Engineering to Systems Engineering
- SysML: Overview
- SysML Structure Diagrams
- SysML Behavioral Diagrams
- SysML Extensions: Requirement Diagram & Allocation
- Conclusion



Systems Engineering (SE) ...

- ... is an approach and discipline to deal with complex systems realised through software and hardware solutions.
- ... relies on modelling and simulation methods to validate requirements or to evaluate the system.
- ... applies to the following areas and industries: embedded systems (e.g. audio and video encoding/ decoding, set top box, home automation, smart building, smart city, etc.), transport (automotive, rail, avionics, etc.), military, telecom, healthcare, energy, etc.



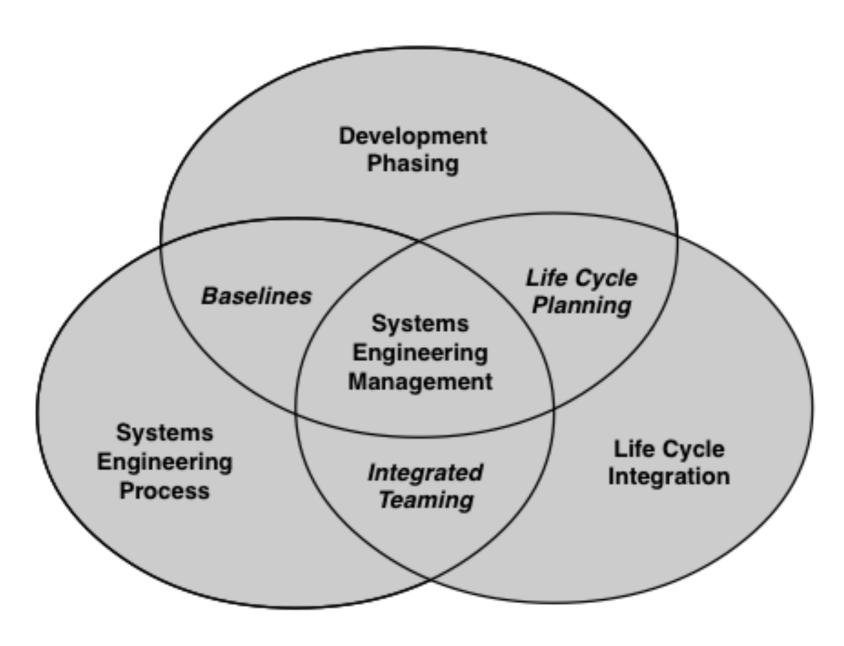
Systems Engineering (SE) ...

• focuses on:

- defining customer needs and required functionality early in the development cycle
- documenting requirements
- design synthesis and system validation
- considers the complete problem:
 - Operations, Cost & Schedule, Performance, Training & Support, Test, Disposal, Manufacturing...
- integrates all the disciplines and specialty groups that proceeds from concept to production to operation
- considers both the business and the technical needs



Systems Engineering (SE) ...



Source: Systems Engineering Fundamentals. Defense Acquisition University Press, 2001 (cf. http://www.dau.mil/pubscats/PubsCats/SEFGuide%2001-01.pdf)



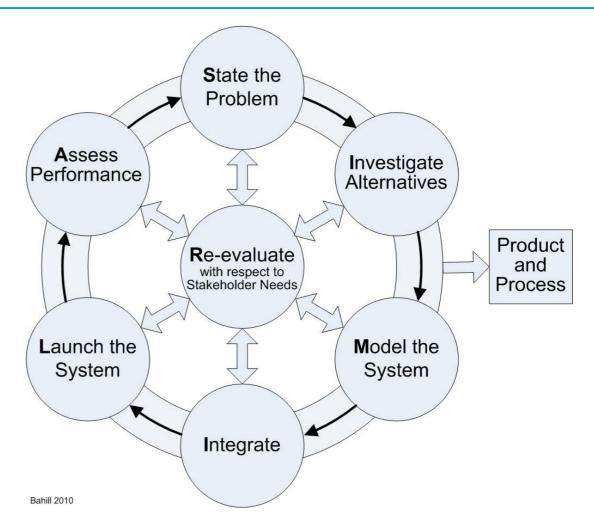


- The International Council on Systems Engineering
- Mission: Share, promote and advance the best of SE
- Vision: The world's authority on Systems Engineering
- Goals:
 - To provide a focal point for dissemination of SE knowledge
 - To promote collaboration in SE practice, education, and research
 - To assure the establishment of competitive, scaleable professional standards in the practice of SE
 - To improve the professional status of all persons engaged in the practice of SE
 - To encourage governmental and industrial support for research and educational
- Cf. http://www.incose.org/



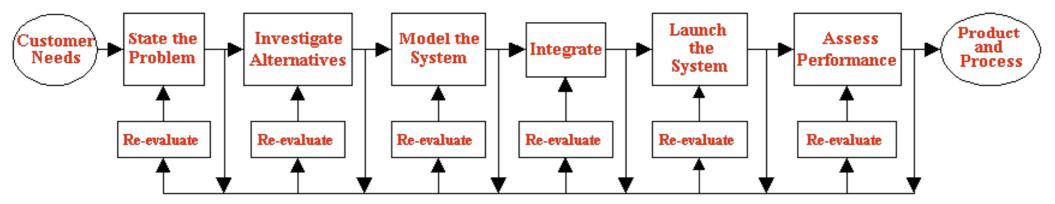
The SIMILAR Process (INCOSE)

- State the problem
- Investigate alternatives
- Model the system
- Integrate
- Launch the system
- Assess performance
- Re-evaluate



The SIMILAR Process

The Systems Engineering Process



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The advent of SysML...

- 01/1997 : UML v1.0
- 2001 : INCOSE & OMG form the Systems Engineering Domains Special Interest Group (SE DSIG)
- 03/2003: UML for Systems Engineering RFP
- 06/2003 : MDA Guide v1.0.1
- 01/2005 : UML v1.4.2 (ISO/IEC 19501)
- 07/2005 : UML v2.0
- 07/2006: SysML is officially adopted by the OMG
- 09/2007 : SysML v1.0
- 11/2008 : SysML v1.1
- 08/2011: UML v2.4.1 (current version)
- 06/2012 : SysML v1.3 (current version)



SysML: Who is behind?

Industry

American Systems, BAE Systems, Boeing, Deere & Company, EADS Astrium, Eurostep, Israel Aircraft Industries, Lockheed Martin, Motorola, NIST, Northrop Grumman, oose.de, Raytheon, Thales, ...

Tool vendors

- Artisan, EmbeddedPlus, Gentleware, IBM, I-Logix, Mentor
 Graphics, PivotPoint Technology, Sparx Systems, Telelogic, vitech, ...
- Other organisations
 - AP-233, INCOSE, Georgia Institute of Technology, AFIS, ...



SysML: a modeling language for SE

- Standard modeling language for SE to <u>analyze</u>, <u>specify</u>, <u>design</u>, and <u>verify</u> complex systems
- Intended to
 - enhance systems quality
 - improve the ability to exchange systems engineering information amongst tools
 - help bridge the semantic gap between systems, software, and other engineering disciplines



SysML Overview

• is based on UML (v2.x)

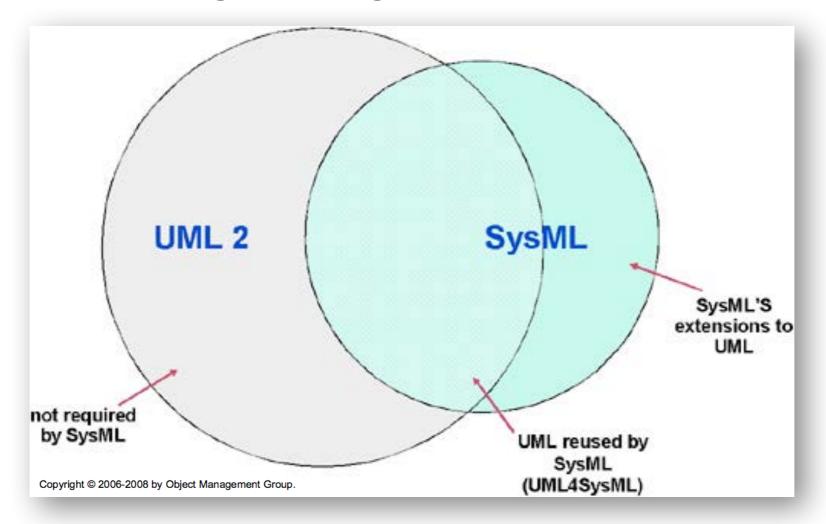
• involves modeling blocks instead of modeling classes

provides a vocabulary that's more suitable for SE



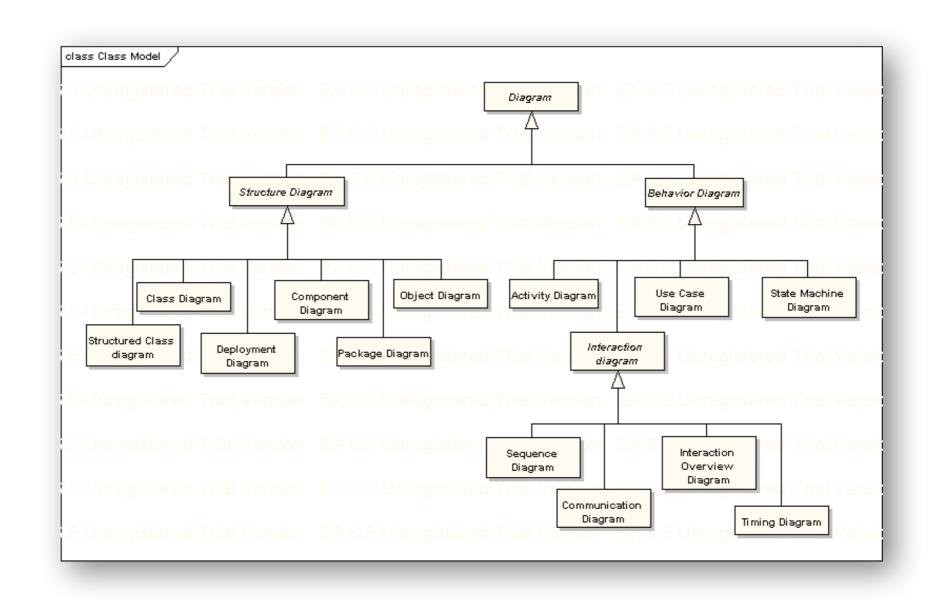
SysML Overview

- SysML: the OMG Systems Modeling Language
 - → Systems Engineering
- UML: the OMG Software Modeling Language
 - → **Software** Engineering



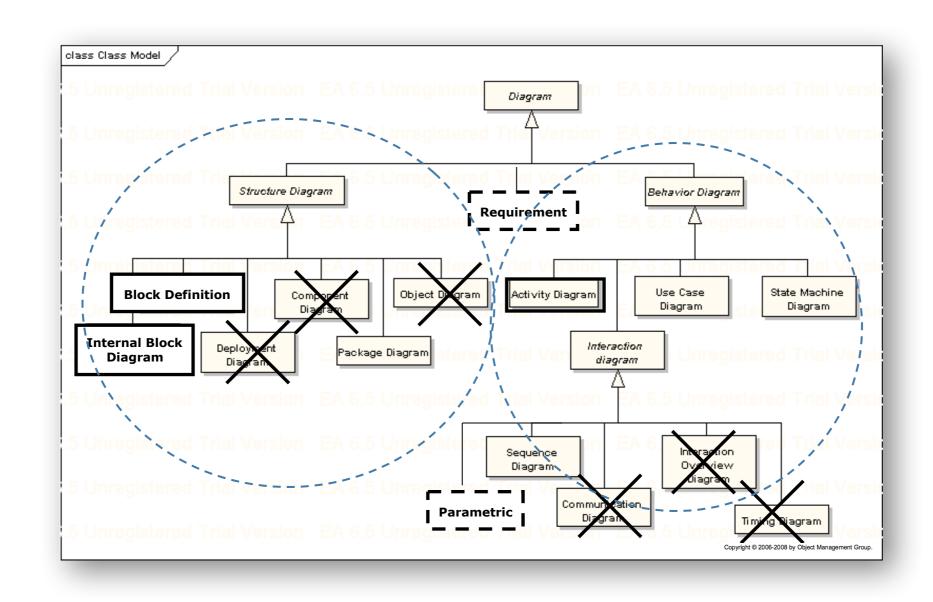


UML: 13 diagrams





SysML: 13-7+2=9 diagrams





SysML diagrams

• Structure diagrams

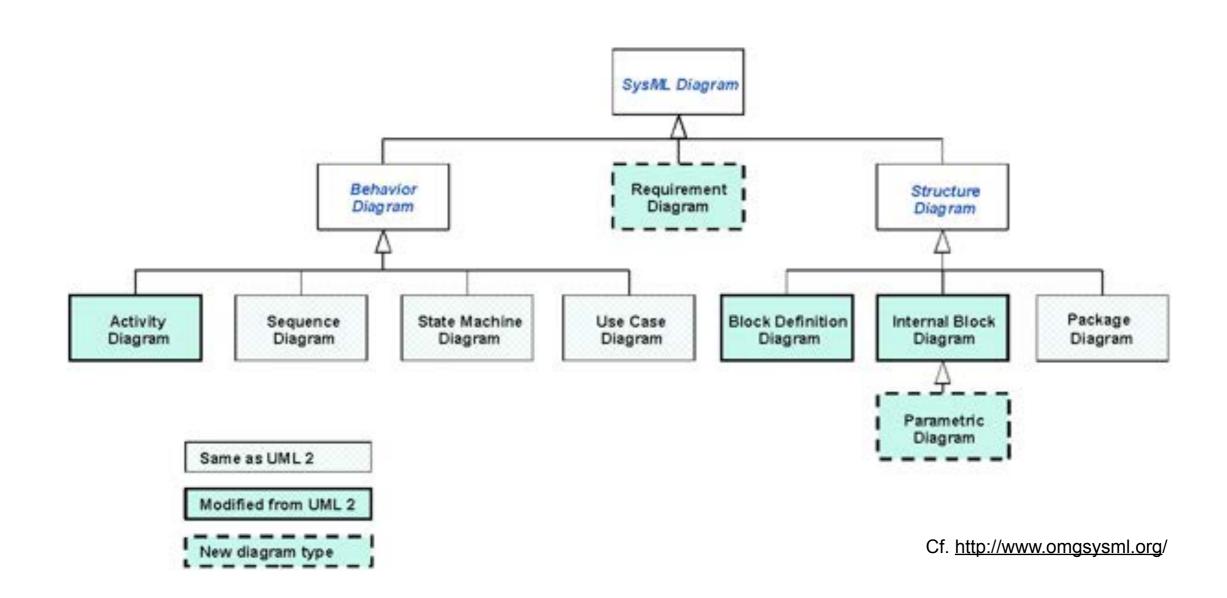
- The Block Definition Diagram (BDD), replacing the UML2 class diagram
- The Internal Block Diagram (IBD), replacing the UML2 composite structure diagram
- The Parametric Diagram, a SysML extension to analyse critical system parameters
- The Package Diagram remains unchanged

Dynamic diagrams

- The activity diagram has been slightly modified in SysML
- The sequence, state chart, and use case diagrams remain unchanged
- The requirements diagrams is a SysML extension

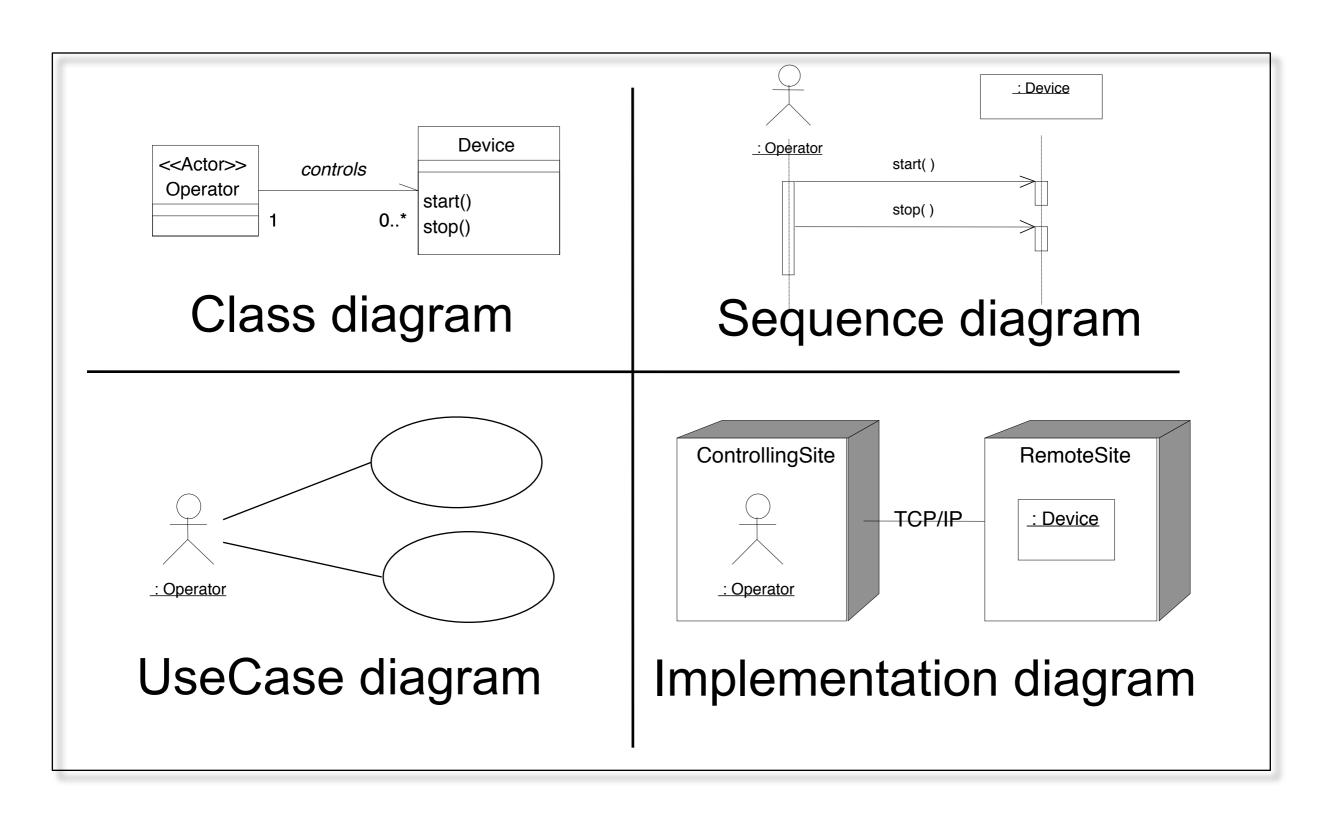


SysML diagrams



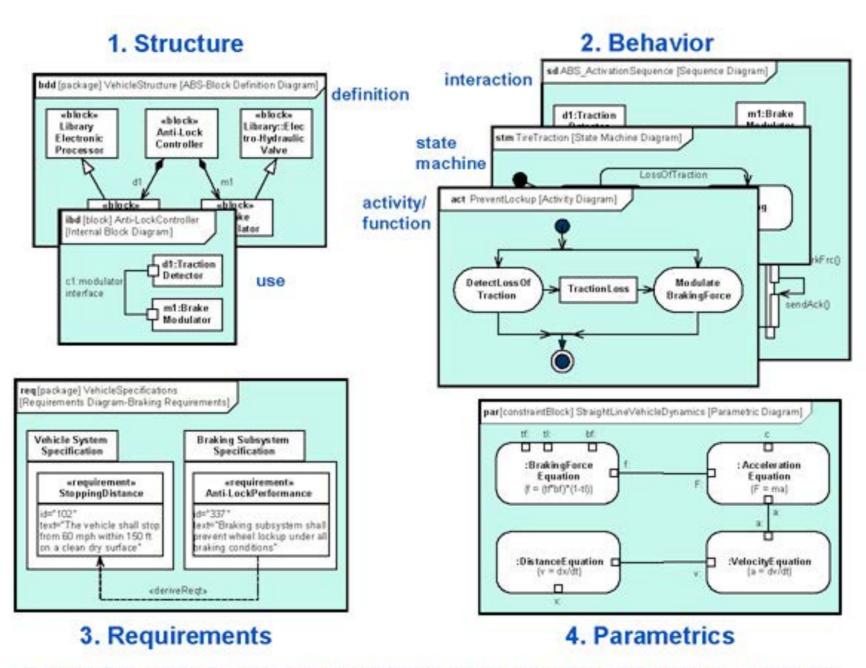


The Four Pillars of UML





The Four Pillars of SysML



Note that the Package and Use Case diagrams are not shown in this example, but are respectively part of the structure and behavior pillars

Cf. http://www.omgsysml.org/

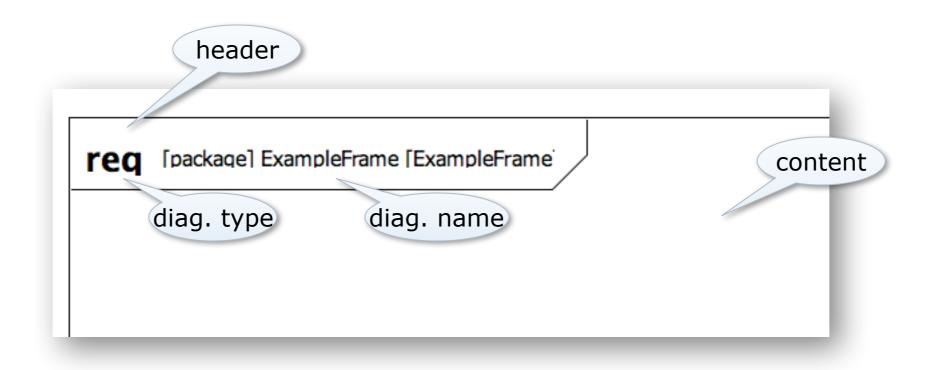


SysML diagram frames

- Each SysML diag. represents a model element
- Each SysML diag. must have a Diagram Frame
- Diagram context is indicated in the header:
 - Diagram kind (req, act, bdd, ibd, sd, etc.)
 - Model element type (package, block, activity, etc.)
 - Model element name
 - User defined diagram name or view name
- A separate diagram description block is used to indicate if the diagram is complete, or has elements elided



SysML diagram frames (e.g.)



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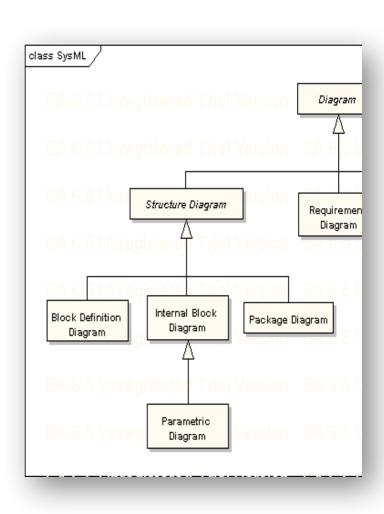
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SysML Structure Diagrams

- Package Diagram
- Block Definition Diagram
- Internal Block Definition Diagram
- Parametric Diagram



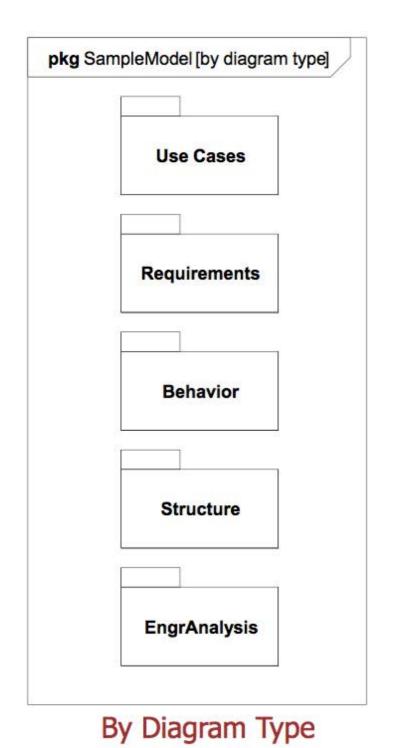


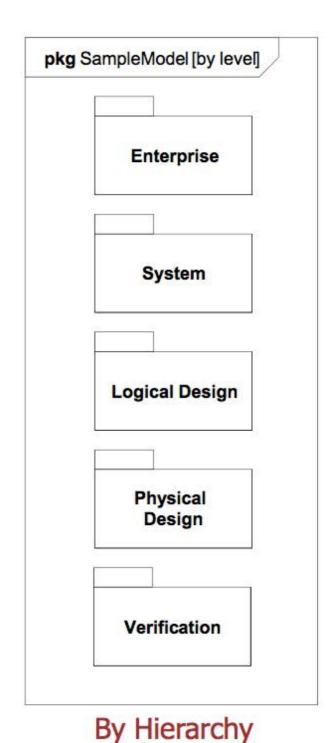
Package Diagram (pkg)

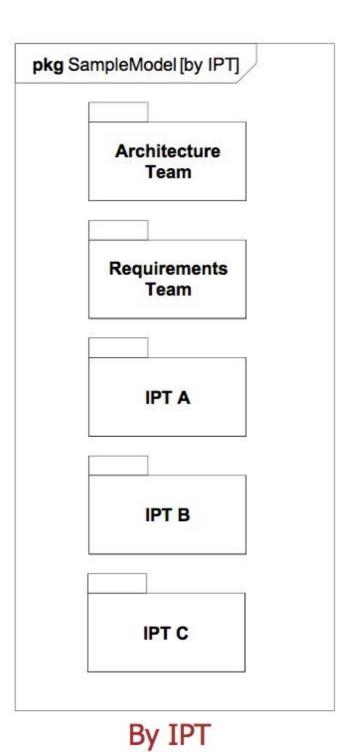
- ~Same as UML
- To organize the model
 - Groups model elements into a name space
 - Often represented in tool browser
 - Supports model configuration management (check-in/out)
- Model can be organized in multiple ways:
 - System hierarchy (e.g., enterprise, system, component)
 - Diagram kind (e.g., requirements, use cases, behavior)
 - Use viewpoints to augment model organization
- Value Types: reusable types for properties or attributes in the model (new SysML extension)



Package Diagram (pkg)



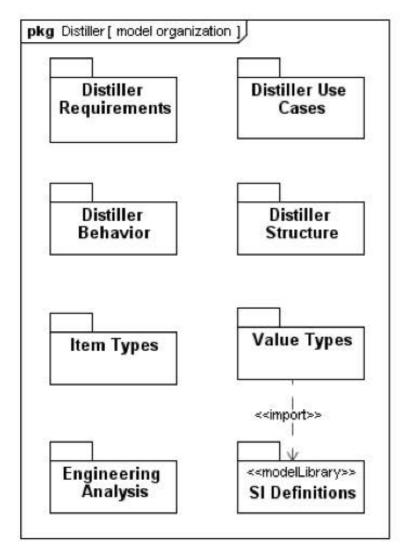


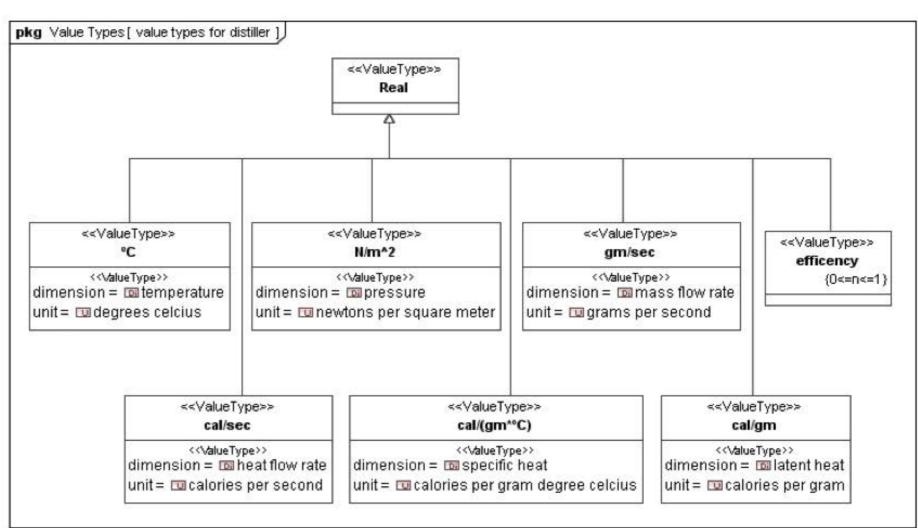


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OMG Distiller Example (pkg)





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Block Definition Diagram (bdd)

- The BDD provides a black box representation of a system block alongside the hierarchy of its composite blocks.
- The BDD can include blocks of any type including software, hardware, etc.
- A block
 - provides a unifying concept to describe the structure of an element or system
 - encompasses software, hardware, data, processes, personnel, and facilities.
 - is shown as a UML class, stereotyped « block ».



SysML Block

- Compartments
 - Properties
 - Operations
 - Constraints
 - Allocations
 - Requirements

• User defined!

«block» BrakeModulator

allocatedFrom «activity»Modulate BrakingForce

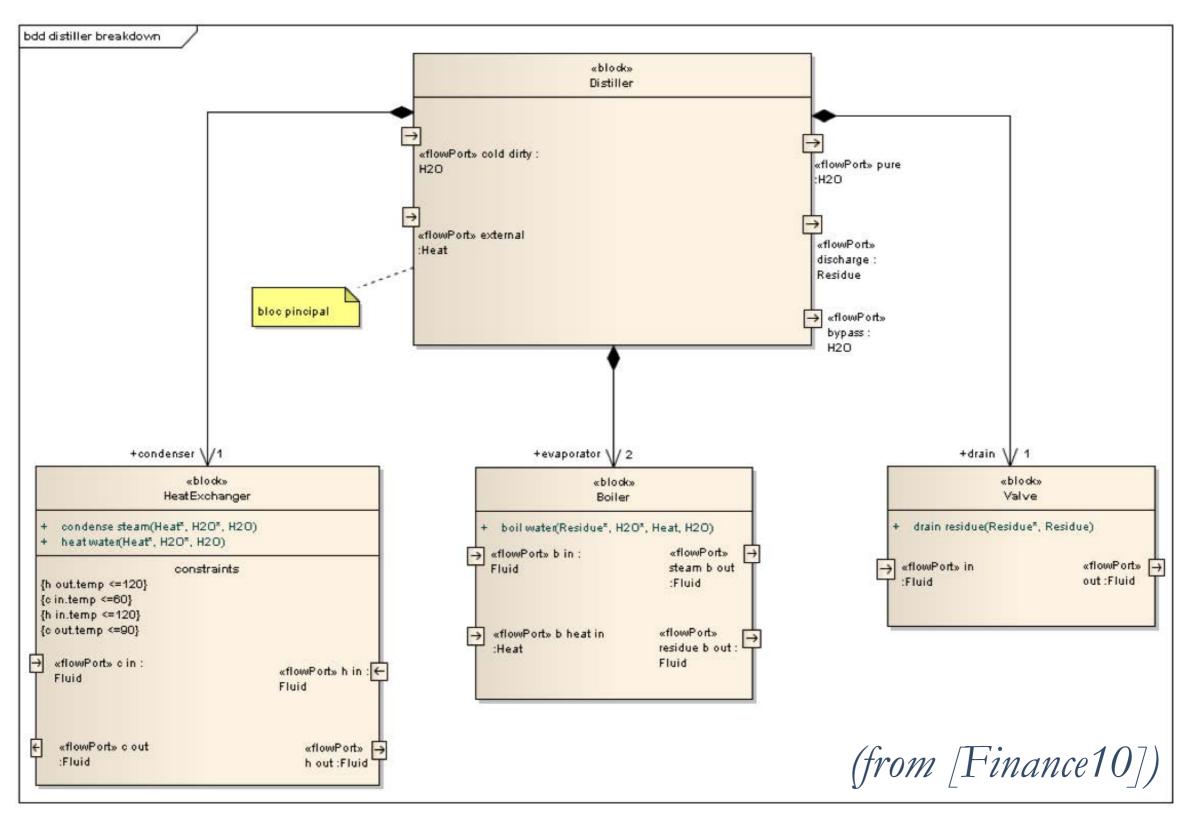
values
DutyCycle Percentage

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Compartment Label



OMG Distiller Example (bdd)





Internal Block Diagram (ibd)

- Provides the white box or internal view of a system block
- Usually instantiated from the BDD to represent the final assembly
- Composite blocks from the BDD are instantiated on the IBD as parts
- Parts are assembled through connectors, linking them directly or via their ports (standard and/or flow ports)
- Redefines the UML2 composite structure diagram with blocks and flow ports.



Block Definition vs. Usage

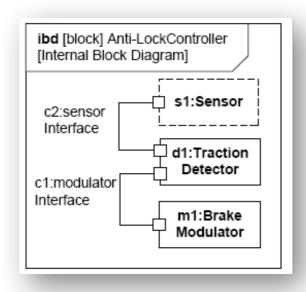
- Definition:
 - Block is a definition/type
 - Capture properties, etc.
 - Reused in multiple contexts

bdd [package] VehicleStructure [ABS-Block Definition Diagram] «block» «block» Library:: Anti-Lock Electronic Controller Processor «block» «block» «block» Traction Brake Sensor Detector Modulator

Block Definition Diagram

Usage:

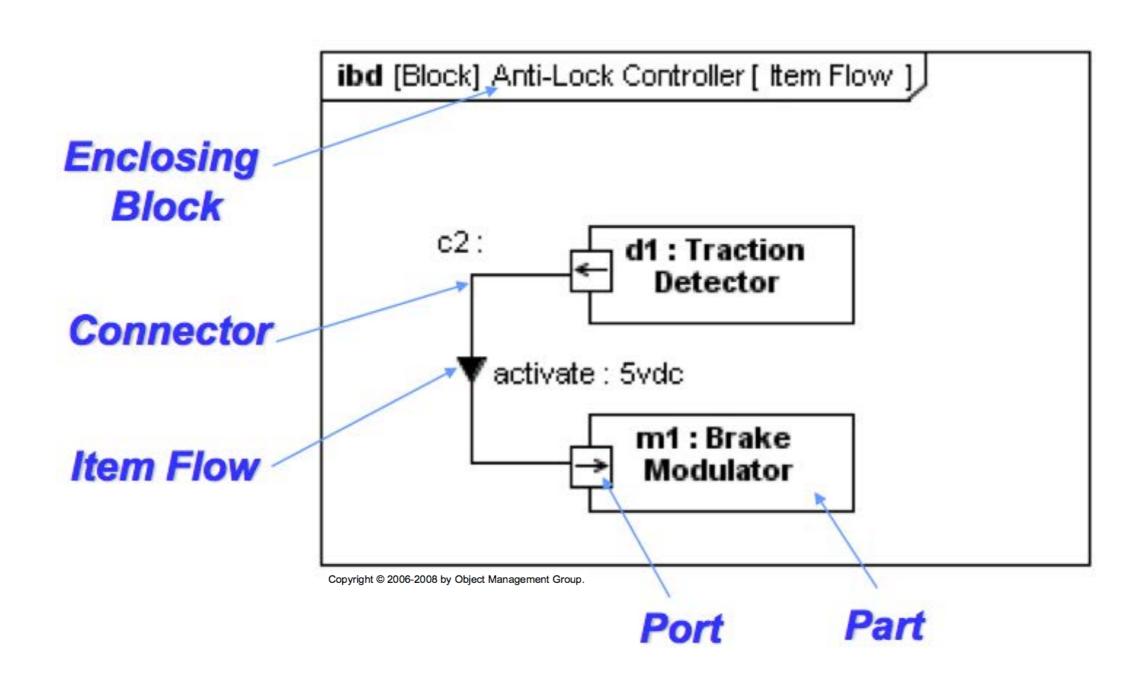
- Part is the usage of a block in the context of a composing block
- Also known as a role



Internal Block Diagram



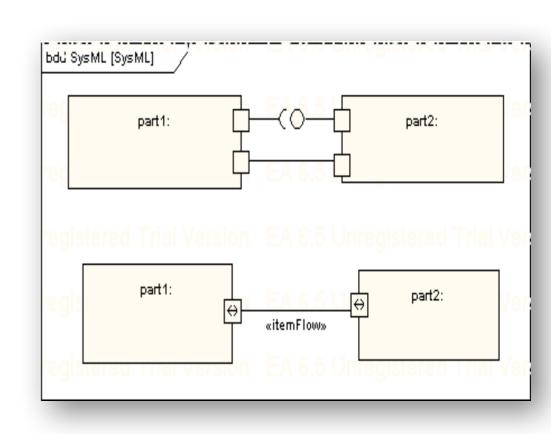
Internal Block Diagram (ibd)





SysML Ports

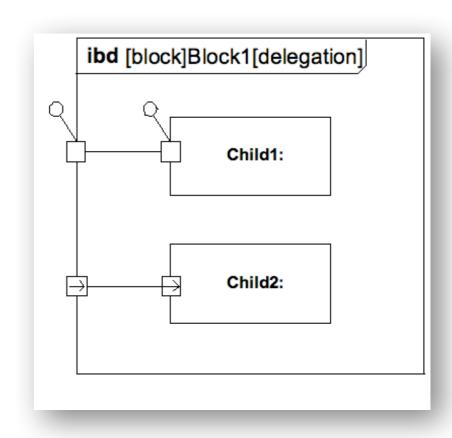
- Specifies interaction points on blocks and parts
 - → Integrates behavior with structure
- Standard (UML) Port:
 - Specifies a set of required or provided operations and/or signals
 - Typed by a UML interface
- Flow Port:
 - Specifies what can flow in or out of block/part
 - Typed by a block, value type, or flow specification
 - Atomic, non-atomic, and conjugate variations





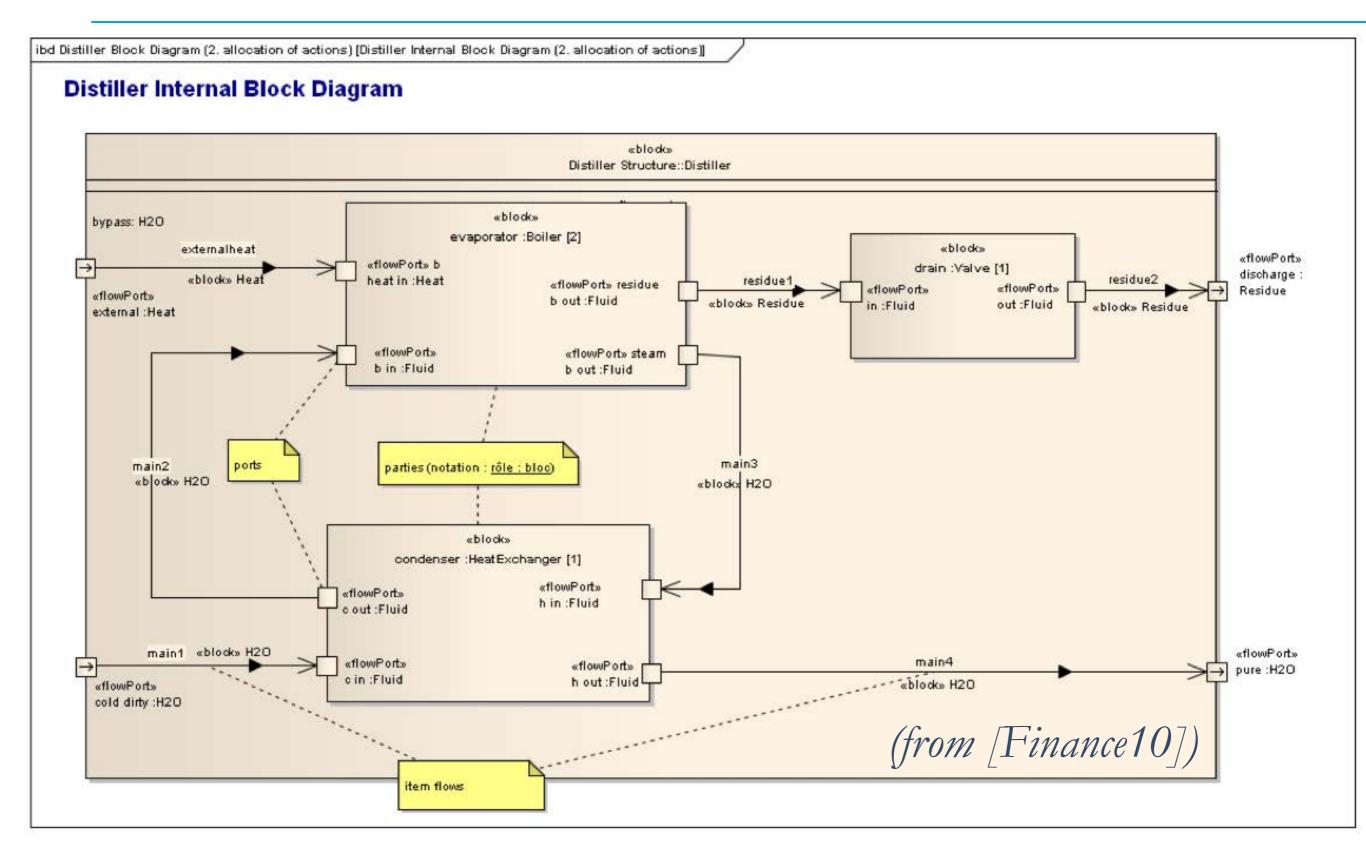
SysML Ports: delegation

- to preserve encapsulation of block
- interactions at outer ports are delegated to ports of child parts
- ports must match
 - same kind, type, direction, etc.
- connectors can cross boundary
 without requiring ports at each level
 of nested hierarchy





OMG Distiller Example (ibd)





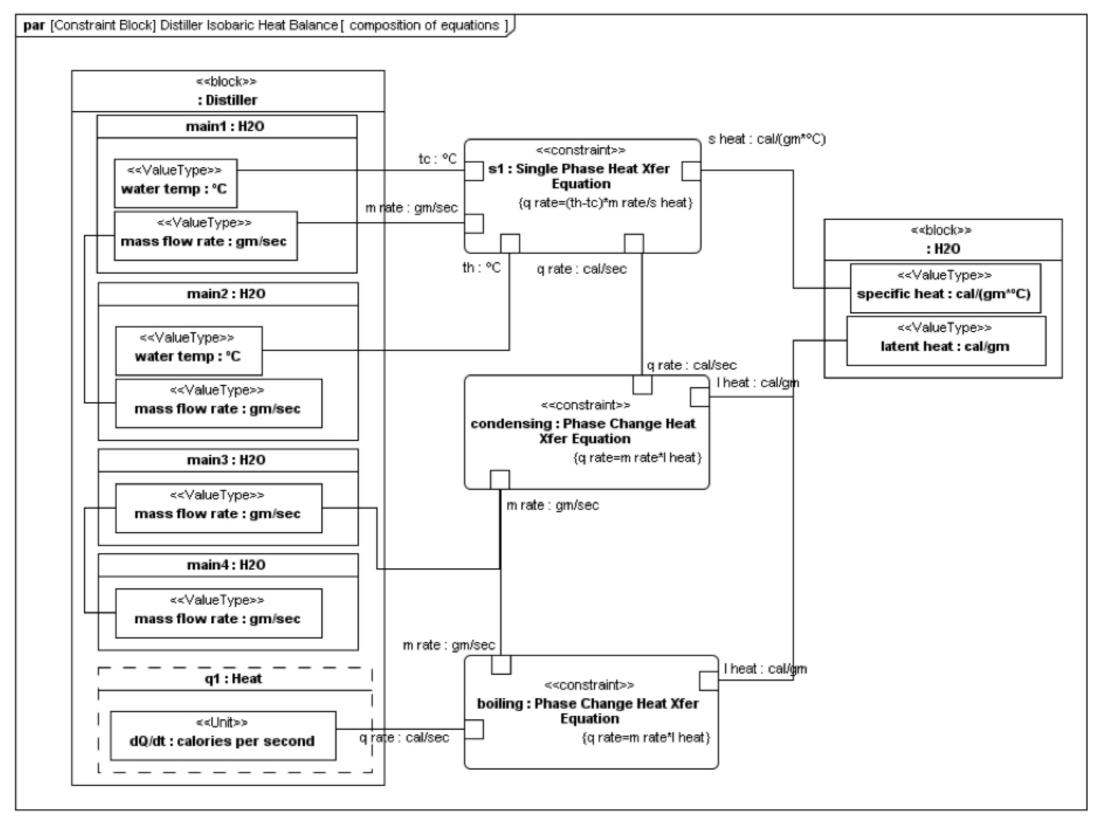
Parametric Diagram (par)



- To express constraints between value properties
 - equations
 - support for engineering analysis (e.g., performance)
 - identification of critical performance properties
- Constraint block captures equations
 - Expression language can be formal (e.g., MathML, OCL)
 - Computational engine is not provided by SysML
- Parametric diagram
 - usage of the constraints in an analysis context



OMG Distiller Example (par)



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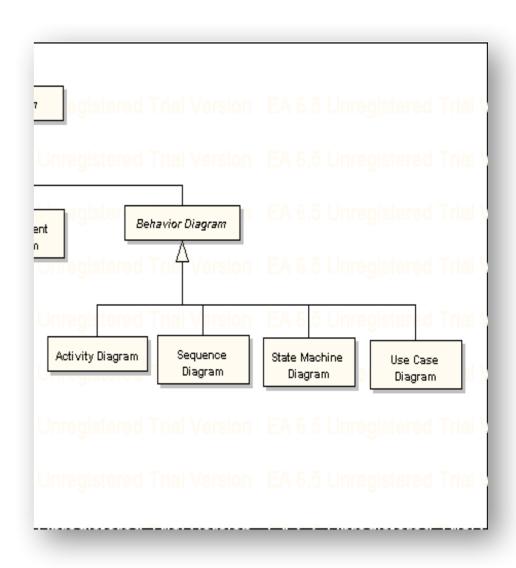
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SysML Behavioral Diagrams

- Activity Diagram
- Sequence Diagram
- State Machine Diagram
- Use Case Diagram





Activity Diagram (act)

- to specify
 - controlled sequence of actions
 - the **flow** of inputs/outputs
 - **control**, including sequence and conditions for coordinate activities

- Swimlanes
 - to show **responsibility** of the activity

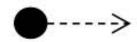


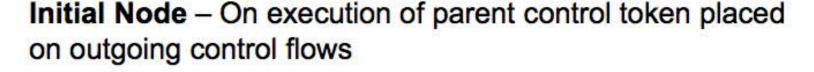
Activity Diagram (act)

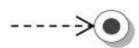
- Improvements from UML:
 - **continuous** or discrete flow
 - control operators
 - to start/stop other actions
 - Overwrite and NoBuffer ports
 - for continuous flows
 - **probabilities** on transitions or parameter

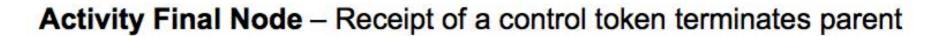


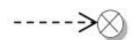
Routing Flow



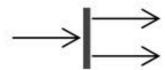




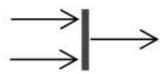




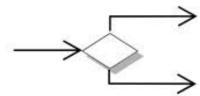




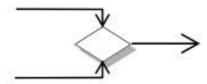
Fork Node – Duplicates input (control or object) tokens from its input flow onto all outgoing flows



Join Node – Waits for an input (control or object) token on all input flows and then places them all on the outgoing flow



Decision Node – Waits for an input (control or object) token on its input flow and places it on one outgoing flow based on guards

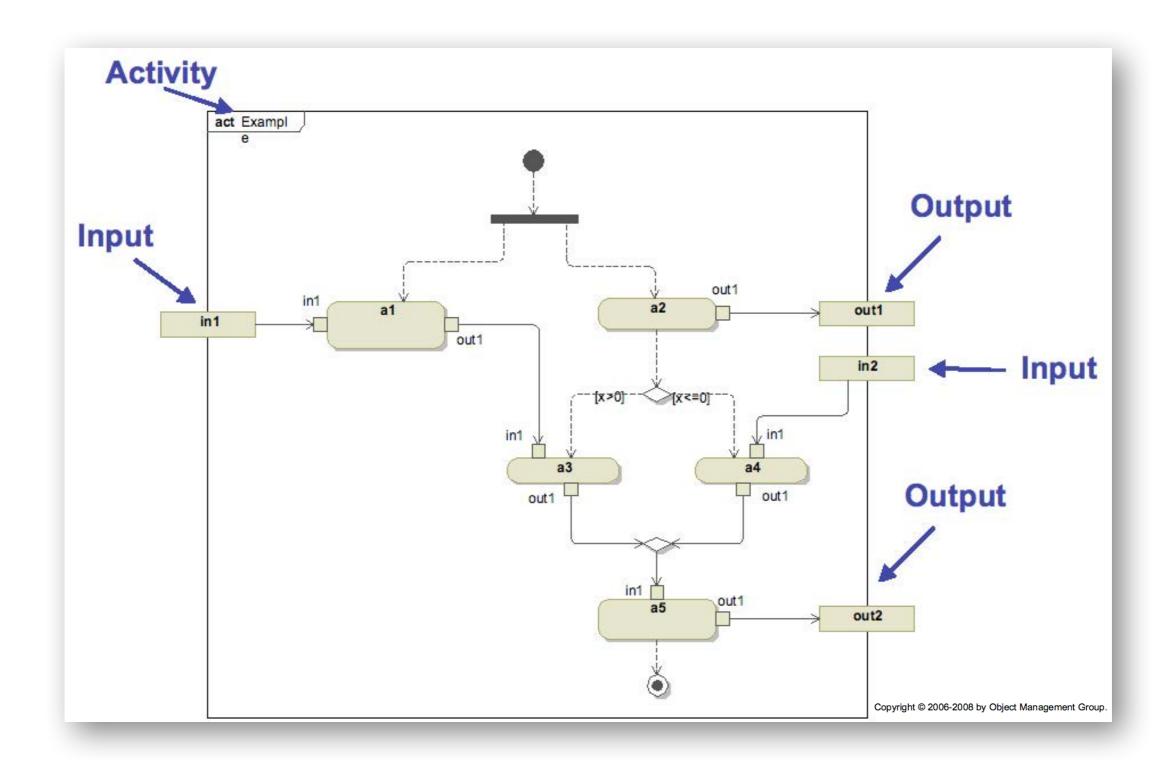


Merge Node – Waits for an input (control or object) token on any input flows and then places it on the outgoing flow

Guard expressions can be applied on all flows



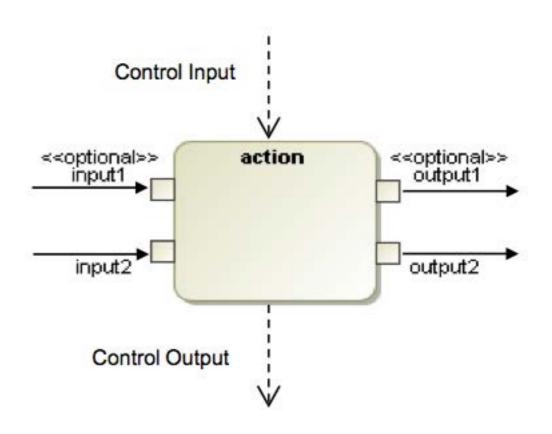
Activity Diagram (act)



Actions Process Flow of Control and Data

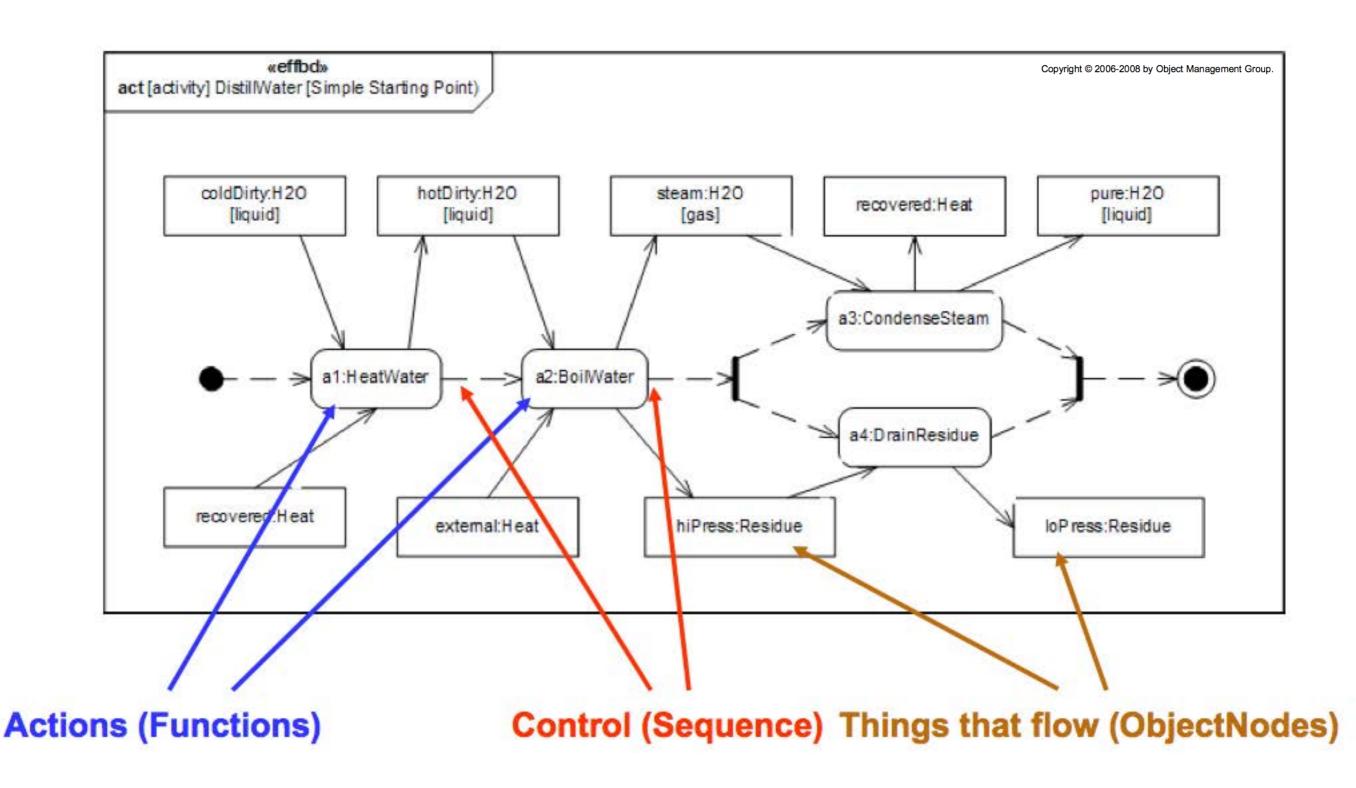


- Two types of flow:
 - Object/Data and Control
- Unit of flow is called a «token» (consumed & produced by actions)





OMG Distiller Example (act)





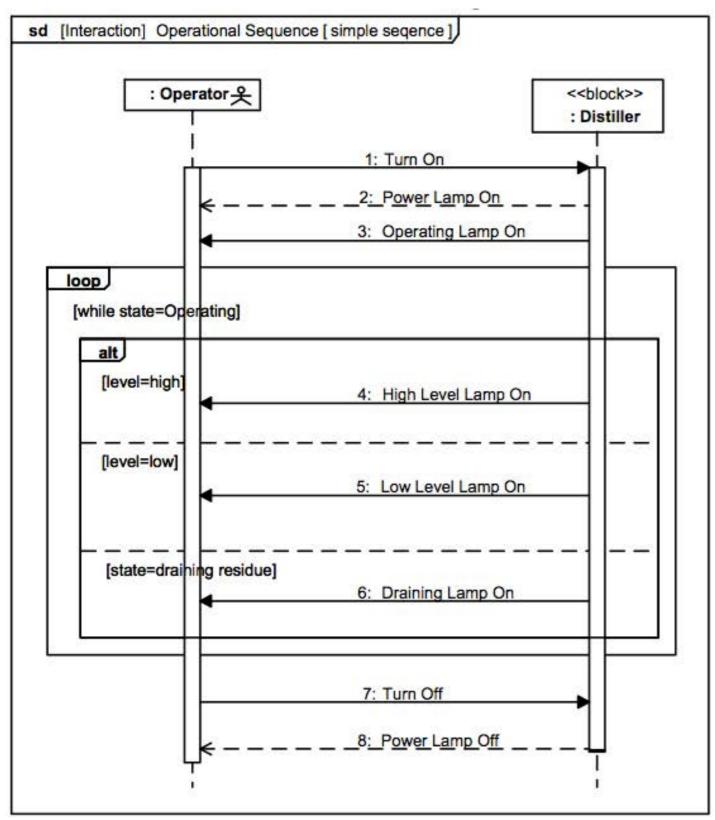
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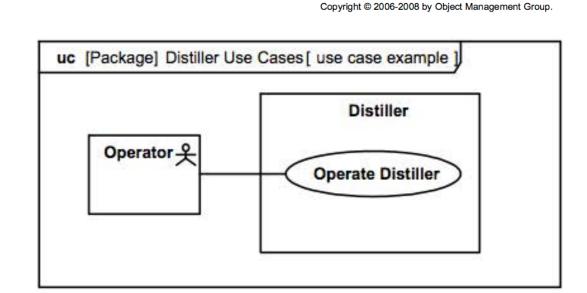
State Machine, Sequence, and Use Case Diagrams:

Like in UML!



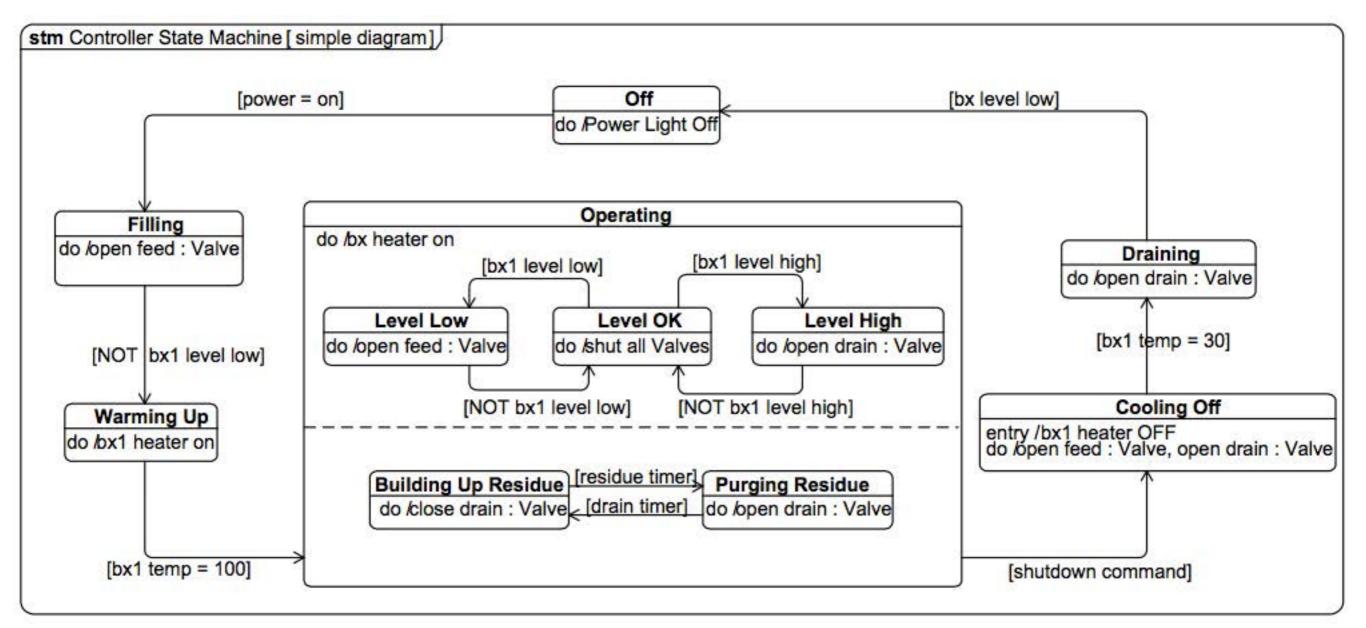
OMG Distiller Example (sd & uc)







OMG Distiller Example (sdm)



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SysML Requirement Diagram

(SysML extension)



















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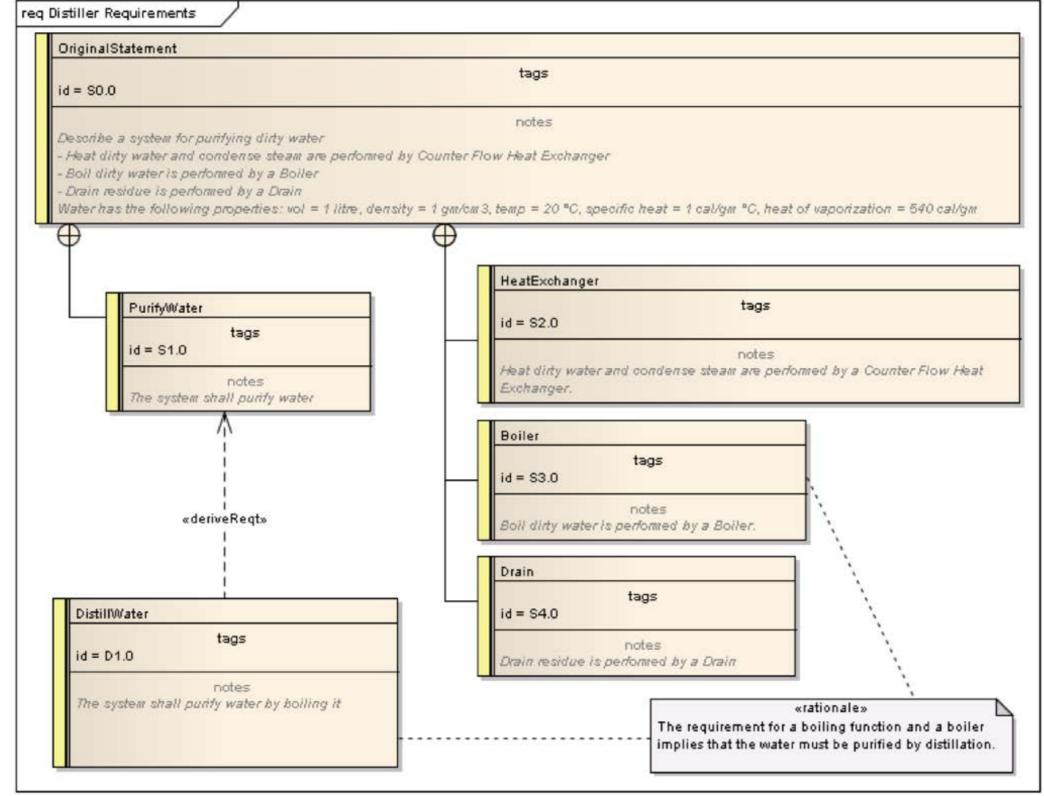


SysML Requirement Diagram (SysML extension)

- << requirement >> allows to represent a text based requirement and their dependencies
 - Includes one identifier id and some textual properties
 - Can add user defined properties
 - Can add user defined requirement categories
- Requirements can be
 - decomposed
 - specialized
- Requirement relationships
 - « deriveRqt », « refine », « satisfy », « verify », « trace », « copy »
- << *Problem>> and* << Rationale>>:
 - can be attached to any model Element to capture Issues and Decisions



OMG Distiller Example (req)





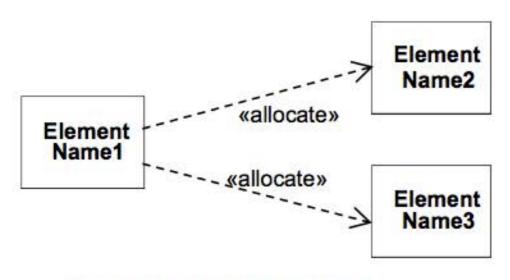
Allocations



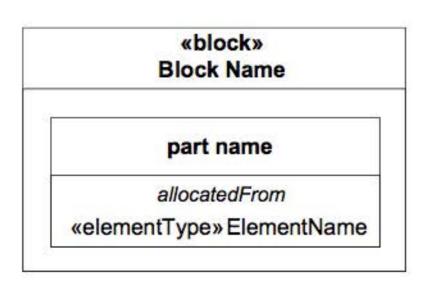
- Term from the systems engineers' vocabulary
- General relationship between two elements of the model
- Different kinds of allocation:
 - Functionality component
 - Logical component physical component
 - Software hardware
- Explicit allocation of activities to structure via swim lanes (i.e., activity partitions)
- Usable under graphical or tabular representation
- Enables consistency in the model (e.g., between dynamic model elements and static model elements).



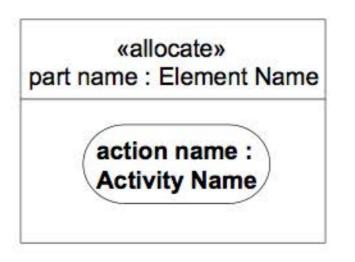
Allocations Representation



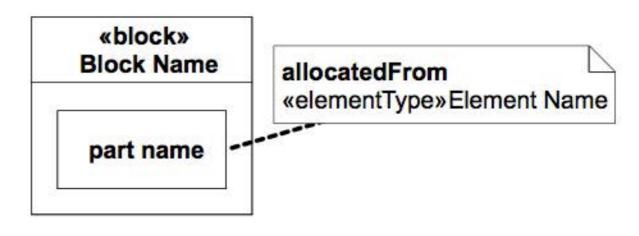
Allocate Relationship



Compartment Notation



Explicit Allocation of Action to Part Property



Callout Notation

Read as follows: "part name has constraints that are allocated to/from an <<element type>> Element Name"

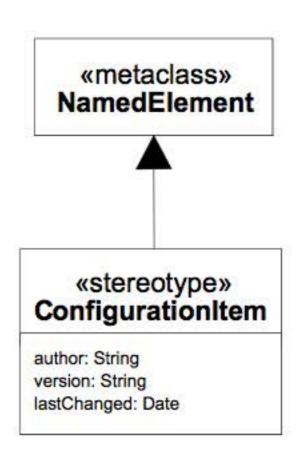


Stereotypes & Model Libraries

- Mechanisms for further customizing SysML Profiles represent extensions to the language
 - Stereotypes extend meta-classes with properties and constraints
 - Stereotype properties capture metadata about the model element
 - Profile is applied to user model
 - Profile can also restrict the subset of the meta-model used when the profile is applied
- Model Libraries represent reusable libraries of model elements



Stereotypes



«configurationItem» Engine

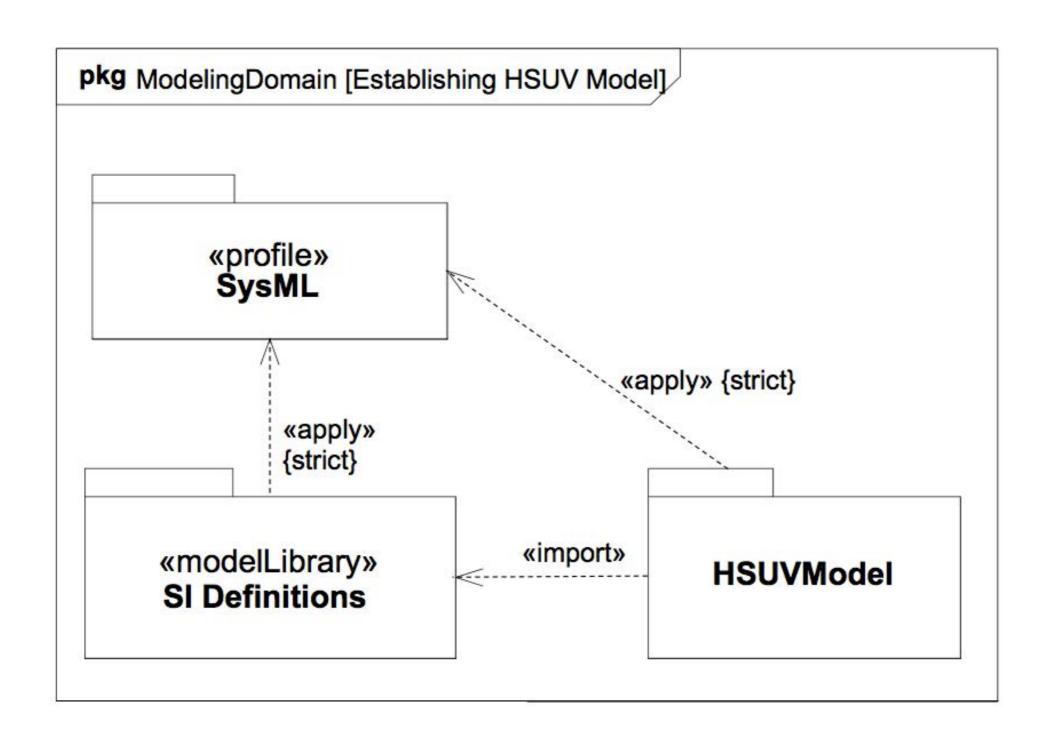
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Defining the Stereotype

Applying the Stereotype



Model Libraries



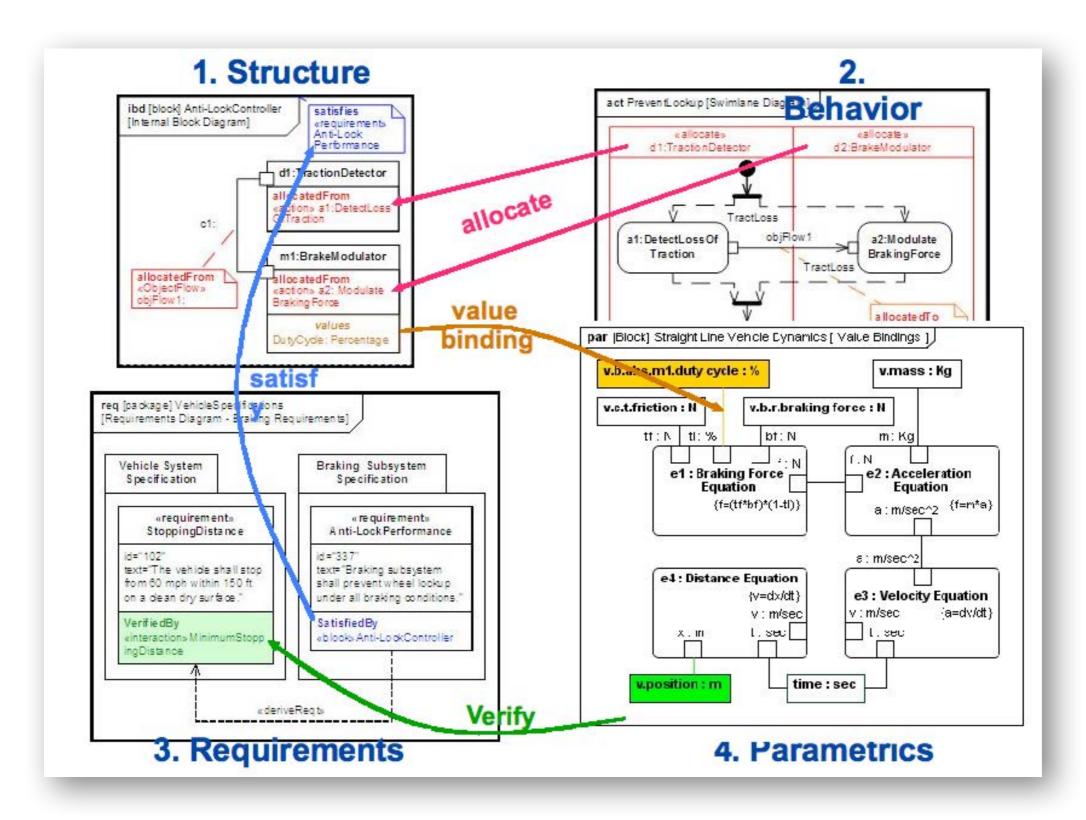
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Cross Connecting Model Elements



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Conclusion

• SysML is:

- a specific language for complex systems
- strongly UML-Based
- focusing on specification, analysis, design and verification

• SysML is not:

- a method
- just a UML profile
- sufficient in itself



Typical Integrated Tool Environment

Project Management						
CM/DM Product Data Management	Requirements Management	Verification & Validation	SoS/ DoDAF / Business Process Modeling		on & Visualization	Engineering Analysis
			System Modeling SysML			
			Software Modeling UML 2.0	Hardware Modeling VHDL, CAD,	Simulation	Engineel

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Tools

- Artisan (Studio)
- EmbeddedPlus (SysML Toolkit)
- No Magic (Magic Draw)
- Sparx Systems (Enterprise Architect)
- IBM (Tau and Rhapsody)
- TopCased: http://topcased.gforge.enseeiht.fr/
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