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OSLC as a backbone for digital engineering

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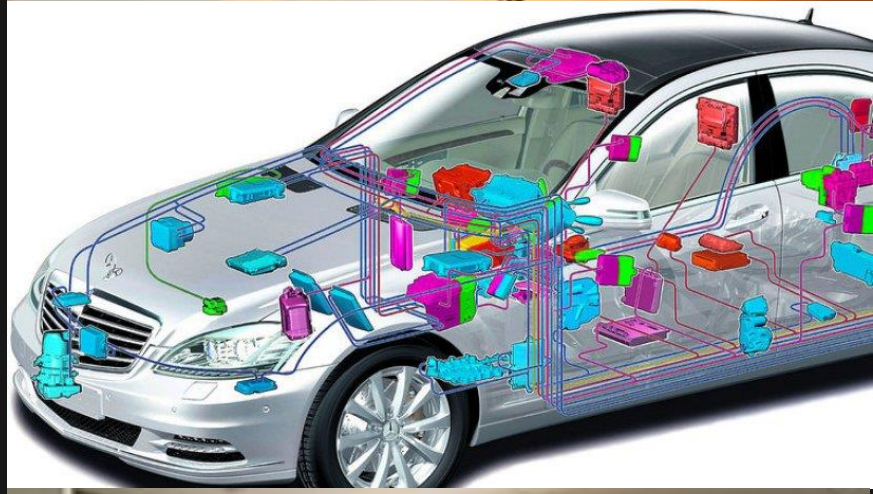


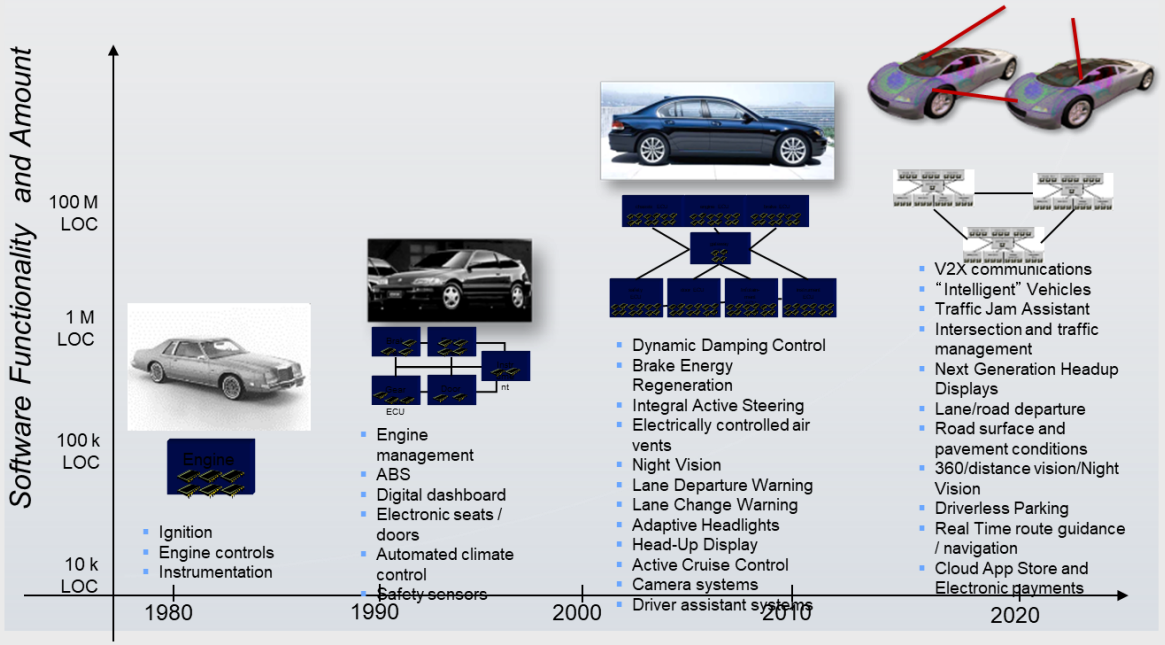
Outline

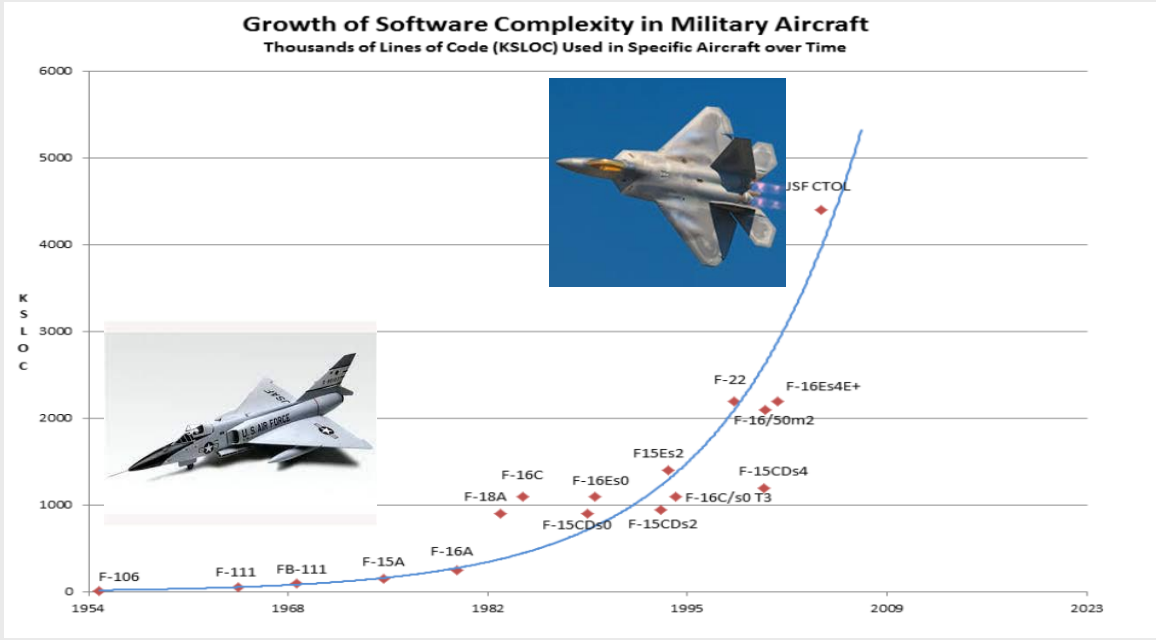
- Digital engineering challenges
- OSLC
- Realizing OSLC for digital engineering
  - Linking
  - Information exchange
  - Global configurations
  - Lifecycle analytics
- Summary and additional resources

The need for engineering digitization

Technology of smart products is evolving fast and somewhat unpredictable way… This imposes multiple challenges for the manufacturers

- Dealing with increasing complexity with unpredictable technological disruptions
  - Autonomous functions
  - Electrification
- The need for speed – responding to competitive and environmental changes
- Meeting growing industry regulatory demands in areas like safety and cybersecurity
- Lack of skilled engineers requires higher efficiency

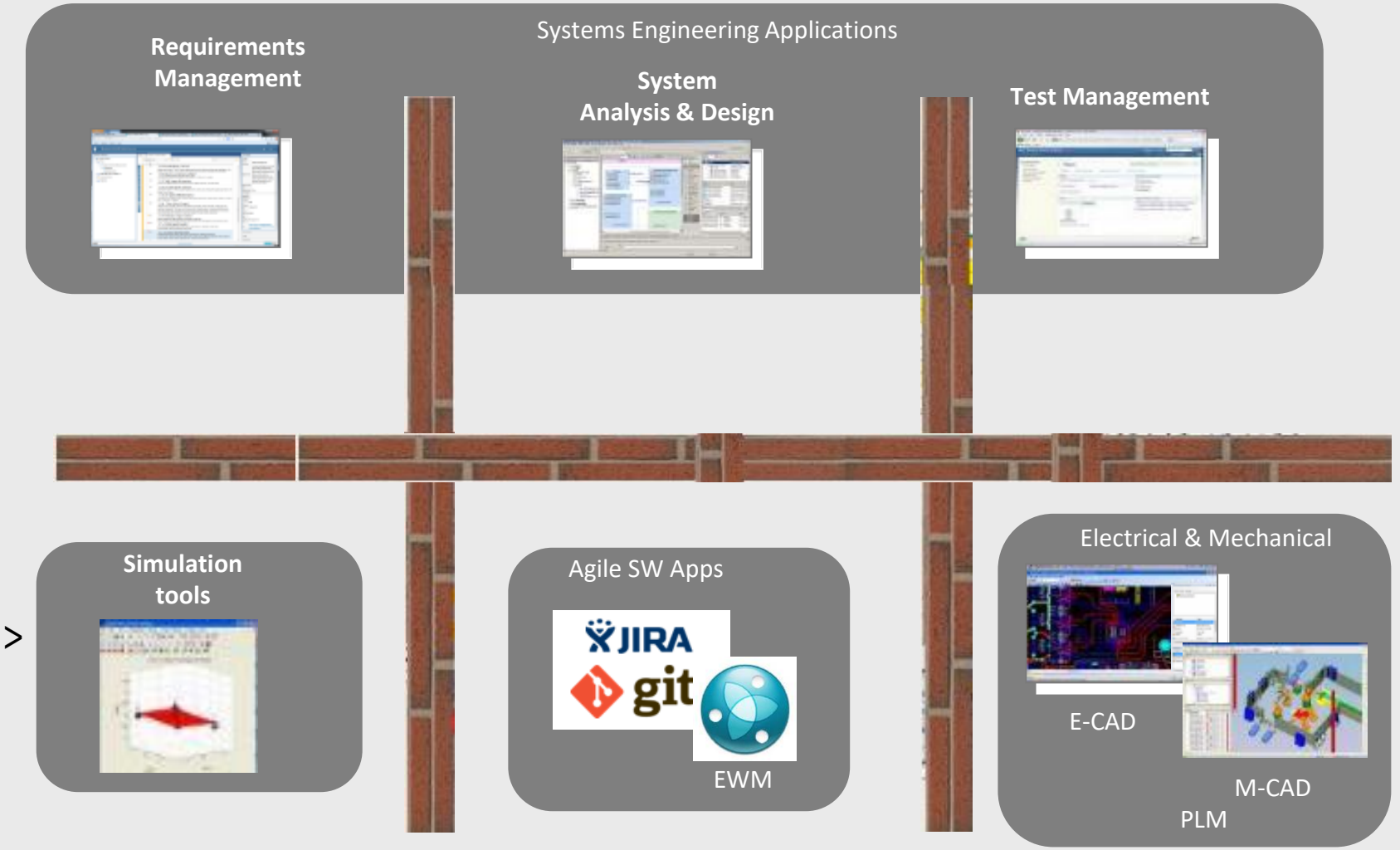




The current state of the practice…

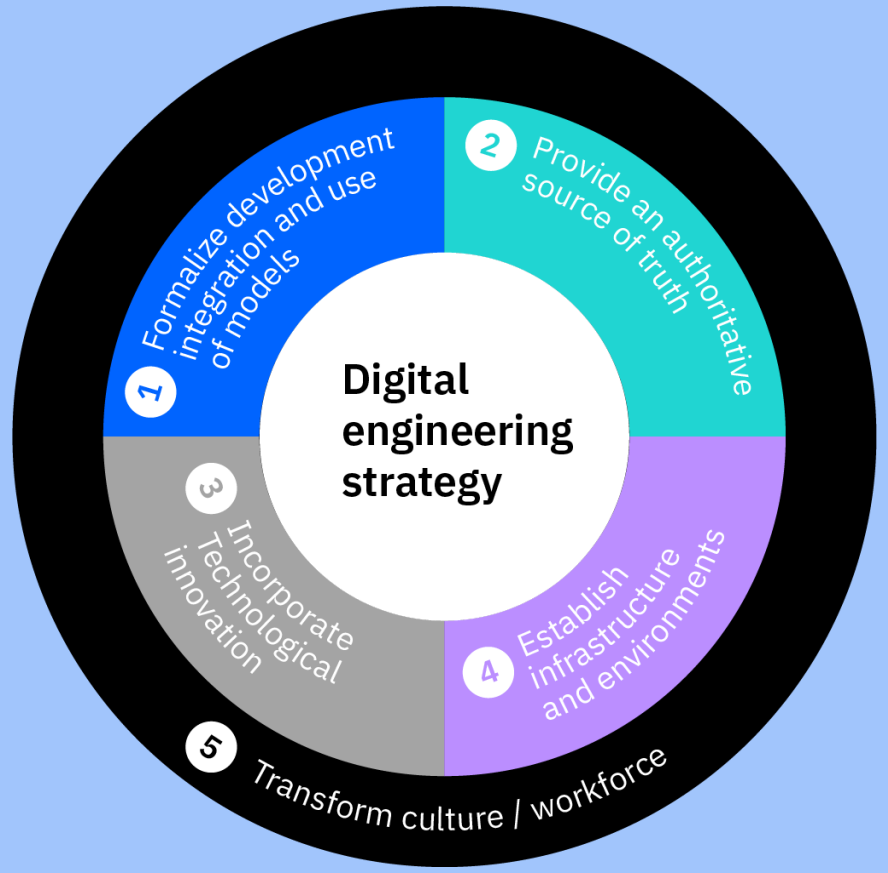
Siloed tools and document centric, results in:

- Late discovery of issues -> expensive rework
- Slow velocity -> late threat and market response
- Ineffective doc-based supplier collaboration -> schedule & cost
- Reluctance to changes -> non-optimal designs
- Manual reporting and audit trails -> High costs of regulatory compliance



Industry vision: Digital Engineering

- Shift from document centric to digital representations (aka “models”)
- Facilitate digital continuity across providers to form lifecycle information models via digital threads
- Enable data exchange across domains and providers to foster data consistency and automation
- Ensure data consistency validity by managing “trusted” data sources
- Enable cross lifecycle analysis and reporting
- Adopt a digital process with full transparency of planned and performed activity integrated with the data



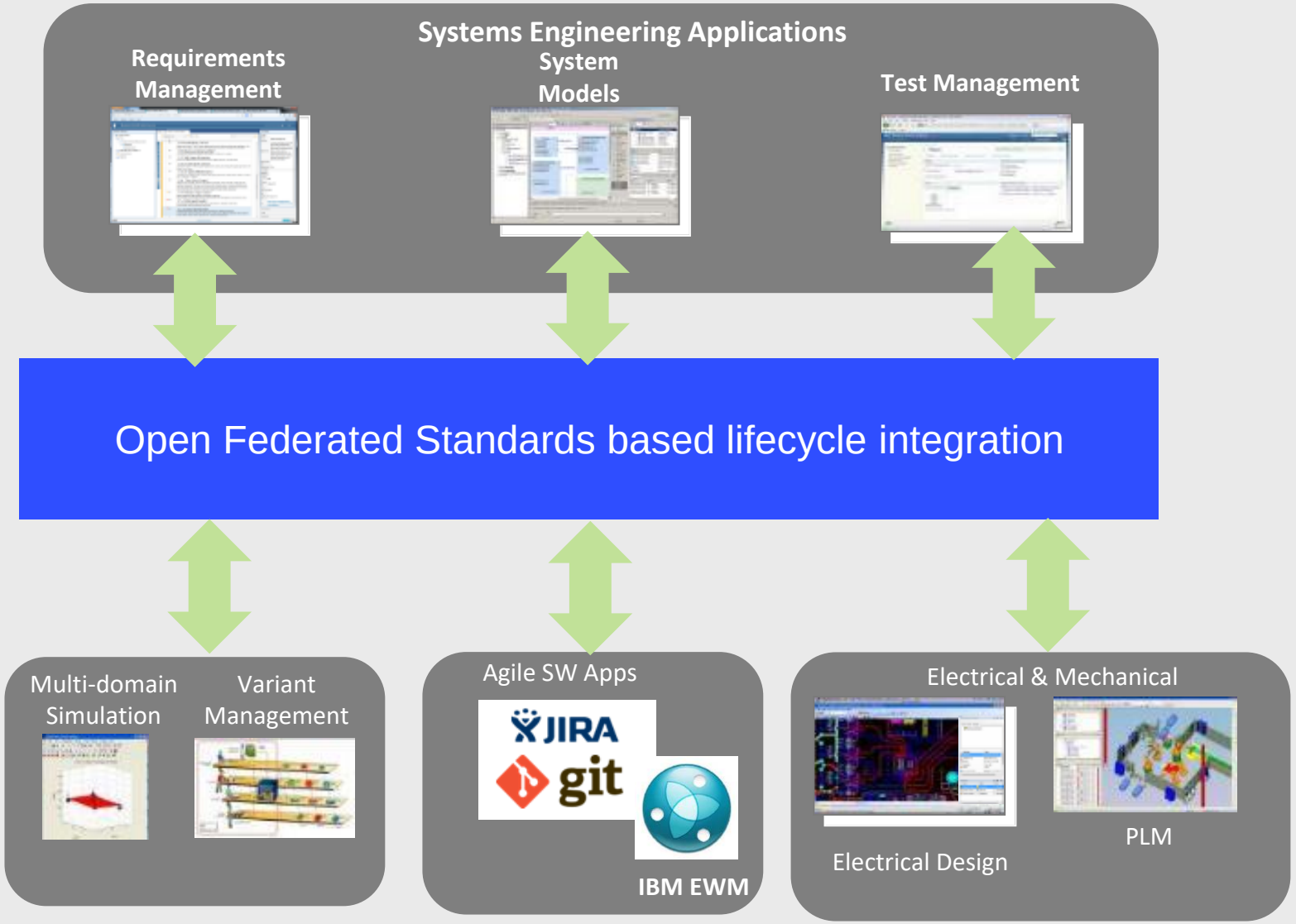
“…such engineering environments will allow DoD and industry partners to evolve designs at conceptual phase, reducing the need for expensive mockups, premature design lock, and physical testing.” [1]

1. DoD Digital Engineering Initiative: https://www.acq.osd.mil/se/initiatives/init_de.html

The need: a digital backbone based on an open and standards-based architecture

Why standards based: allow flexibility and avoid vendor locking around both the infrastructure and the engineering applications

Why federated: integrate the authoritative sources into the process rather than copy their data to a central tool to manage the lifecycle



OSLC to address these digitization challenges

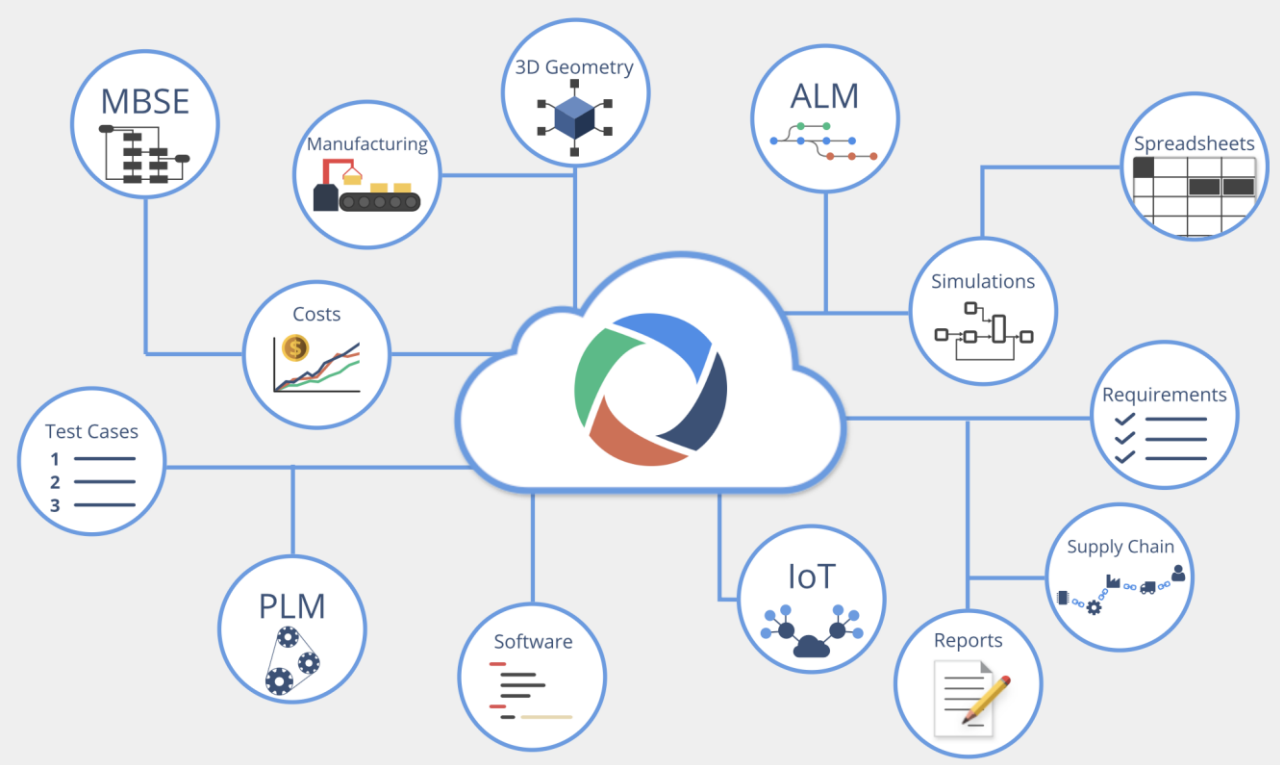
Work seamlessly across tools avoiding complex data synchronization

Modern HTTP/REST integration architecture

W3C Linked data architecture

Data and UI/workflow integration

Standard Domain vocabularies



No vendor lock

Complete lifecycle traceability

Open Standard and Open Source community

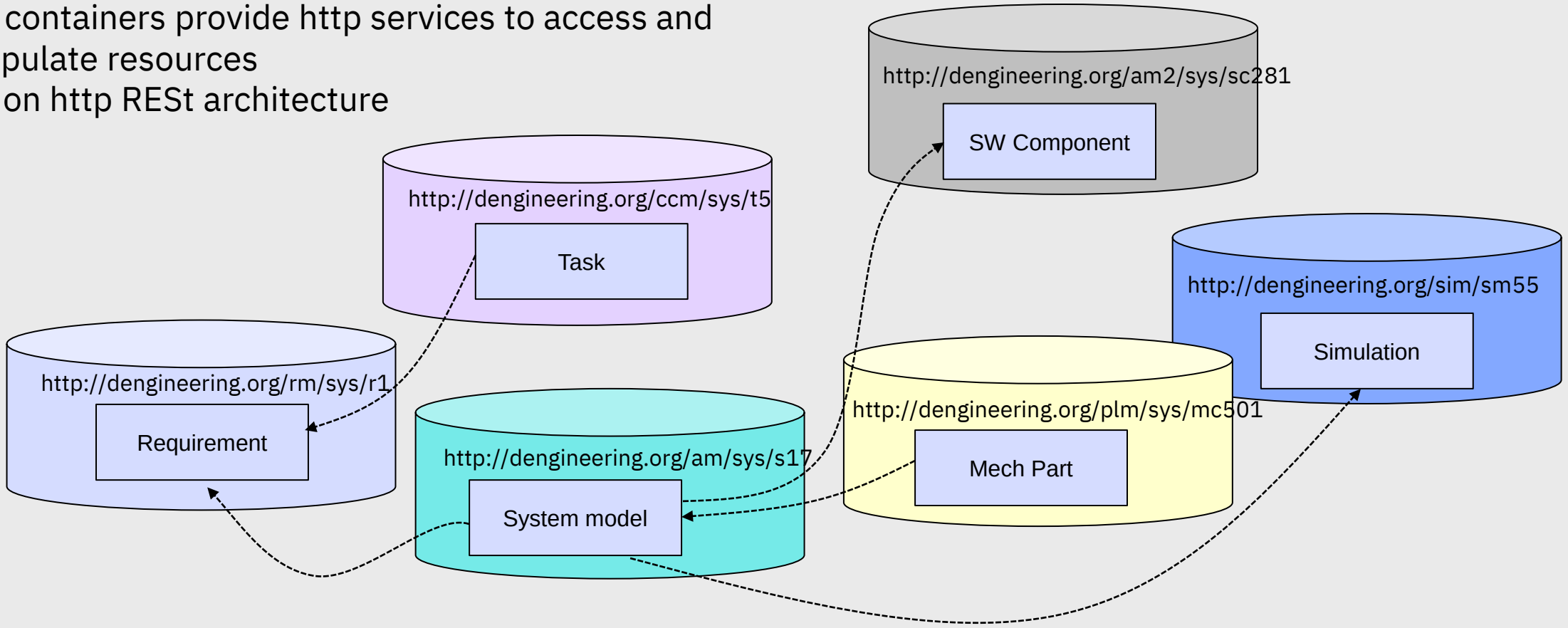
Better visibility

Increased reuse

OSLC is an open and scalable approach to lifecycle integration.
It simplifies key integration scenarios across heterogeneous tools.
Does not replace other data interchange standards.

The foundation: Linked data (w3c)

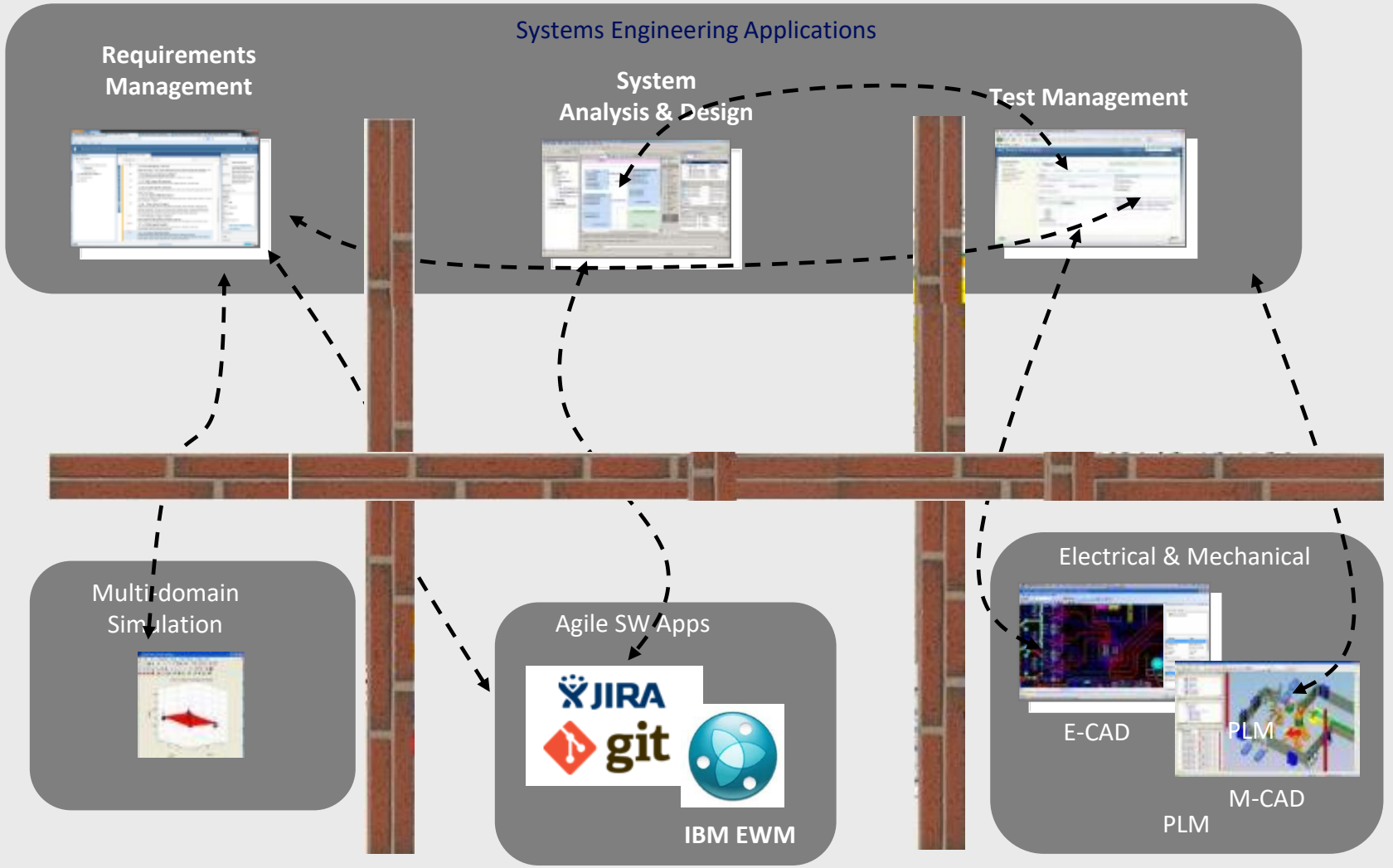
- Generalizing the idea of linked web documents for data
- Lifecycle objects (resources) are identified by http URLS
- Data containers provide http services to access and manipulate resources
- Best on http RESt architecture



Foundation for quality: cross domain traceability with linked data

Digital continuity

- Provide digital representation of all lifecycle artifacts
- Establish relationships across lifecycle disciplines and artifacts – digital threads
- Maintain traceability and data consistency across engineering data
- Implements a lifecycle information model
- Lifecycle information model is a foundation for digital engineering



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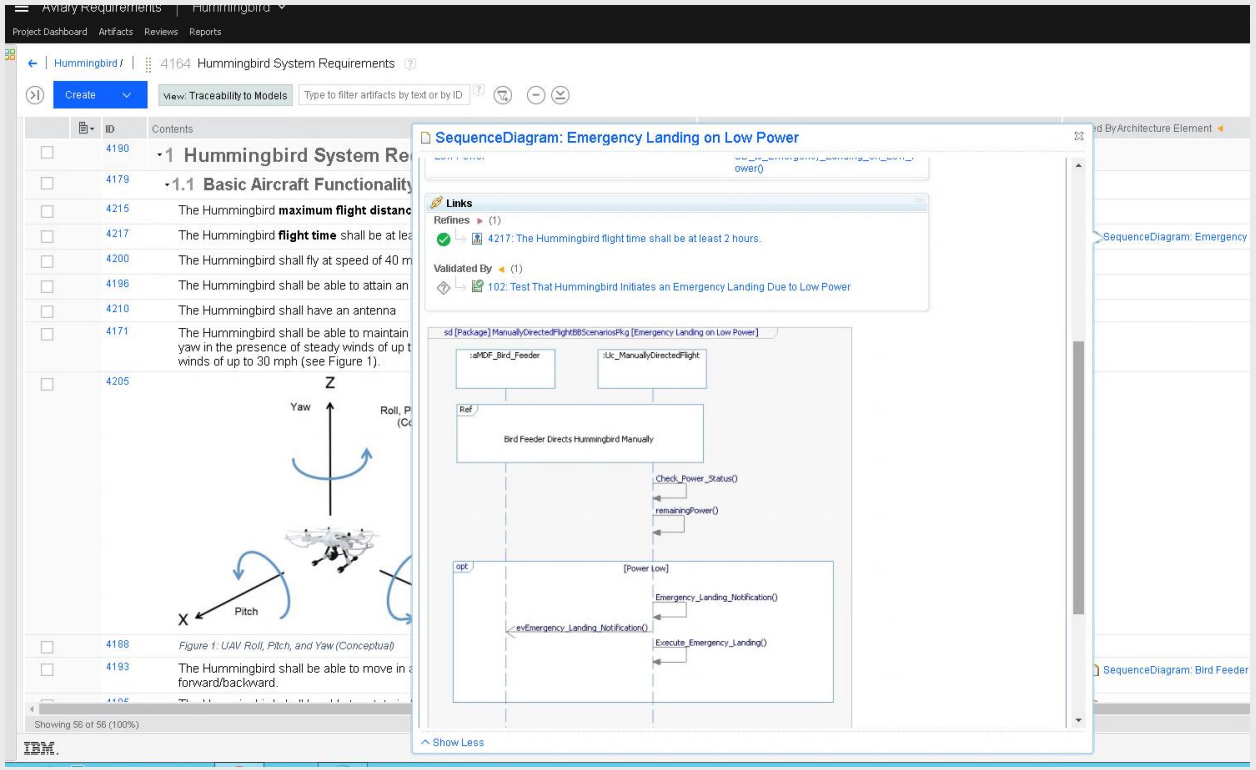
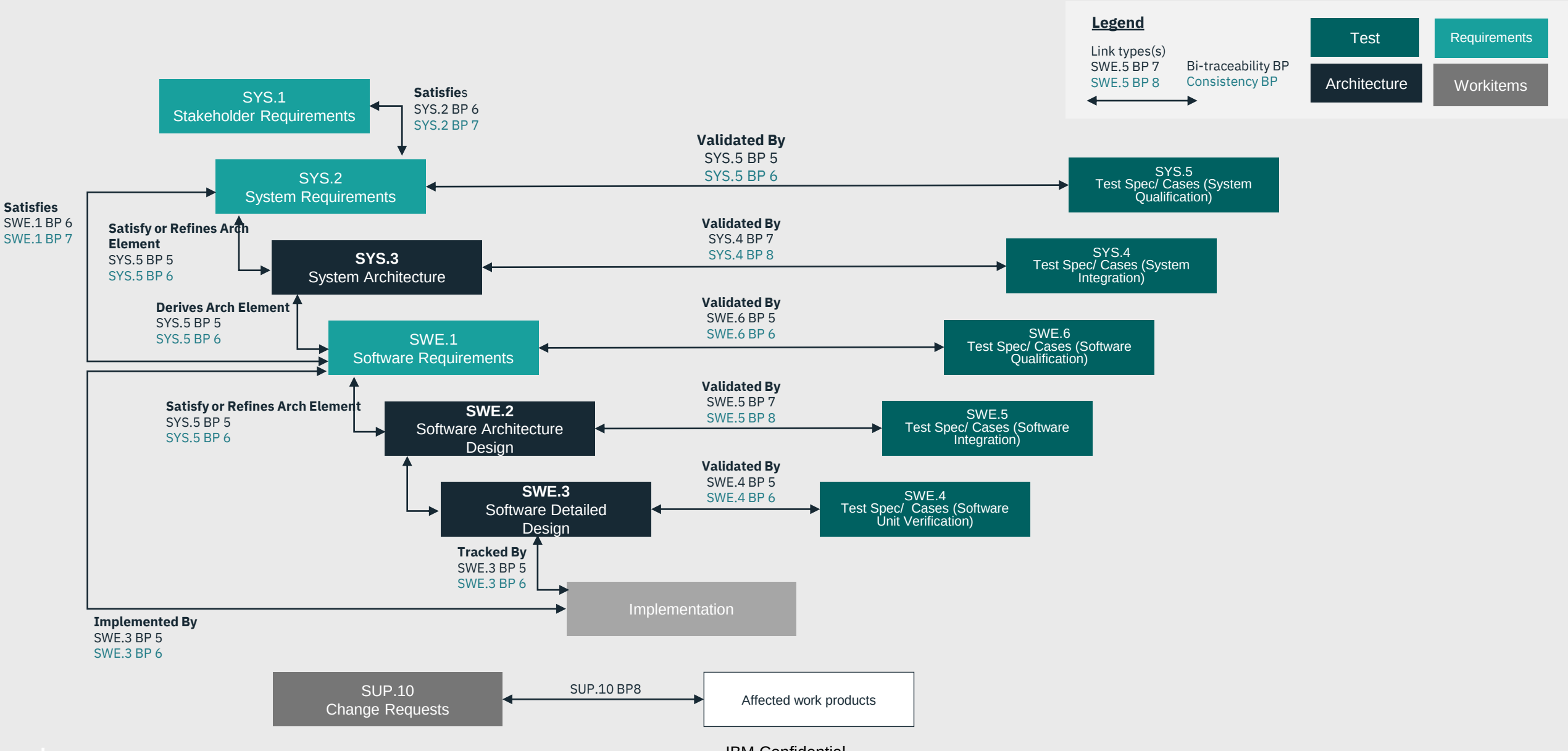
OSLC base linking services

- Services OSLC providers (tools) offer other providers to create links
  - Selection service
    - Delegated HTML page that allows selection of an element in the provider tool for linking. The requests returns a URL of the linked element.
  - Element preview service
    - Delegated HTML page that provides information on a linked element in the context of the source tool
  - Cross tool navigation
    - The requesting tool switches context to the element page in the hosting tool



A model preview page linked to a requirement

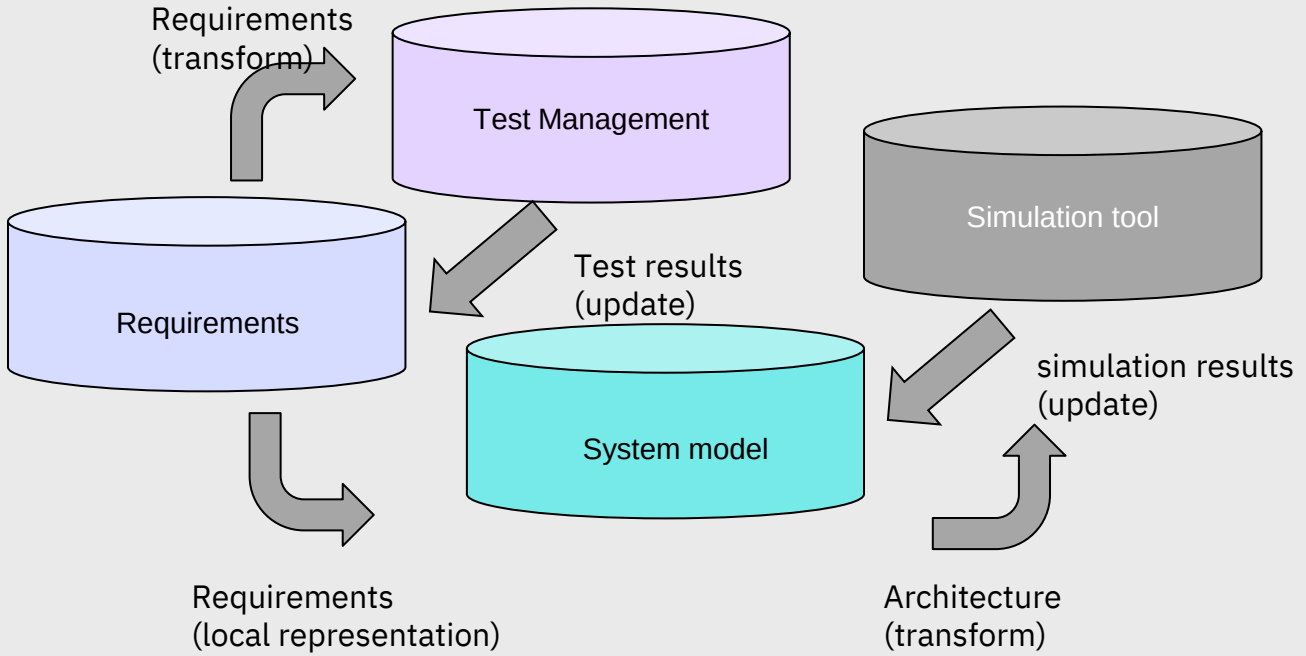
Supporting industry information models: Example Automotive SPICE



Data exchange to enable process continuity

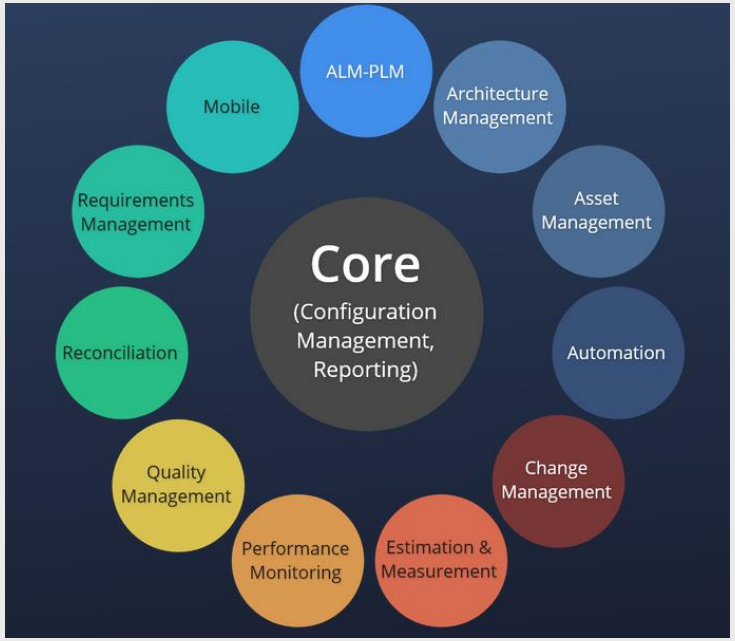
Data exchange

- Data exchange is needed to maintain consistency across domains
- Transform data from one domain to another
- Create local domain representations (e.g. Sysml requirements)
- Back propagation of properties up the chain



Enabling standard data exchange across domains

- OSLC represents resources using RDF
- Standard domain specifications using OSLC vocabularies and shapes
- Data can be discovered using OSLC query
- Data can be fetched and updated using http get/set requests



Standard domain resource representations

A change request RDF (turtle) representation

```
<https://example.org/ccm/resource/itemName/com.ibm.team.workitem.WorkItem/9>
a oslc_cm:ChangeRequest ;
dcterms:creator <https://example.org/jts/users/deb> ;
oslc:modifiedBy <https://example.org/jts/users/deb> ;
dcterms:title "To many messages logged in the console"^^rdf:XMLLiteral .
```

OSLC Query

Select title, creator, modifier of workitems created by deb

```
GET
https://example.org/ccm/oslc/contexts/_by884MNWEeekg_dNxwf1pg/workitems
?oslc.where=dcterms%3Acreator%20%7Bfoaf%3Aname%3D%22Deb%22%7
D
&oslc.select=dcterms%3Atitle%2Cdcterms%3Acreator%2Coslc%3AmodifiedBy%3Amodifier%7Bfoaf%3Aname%7D
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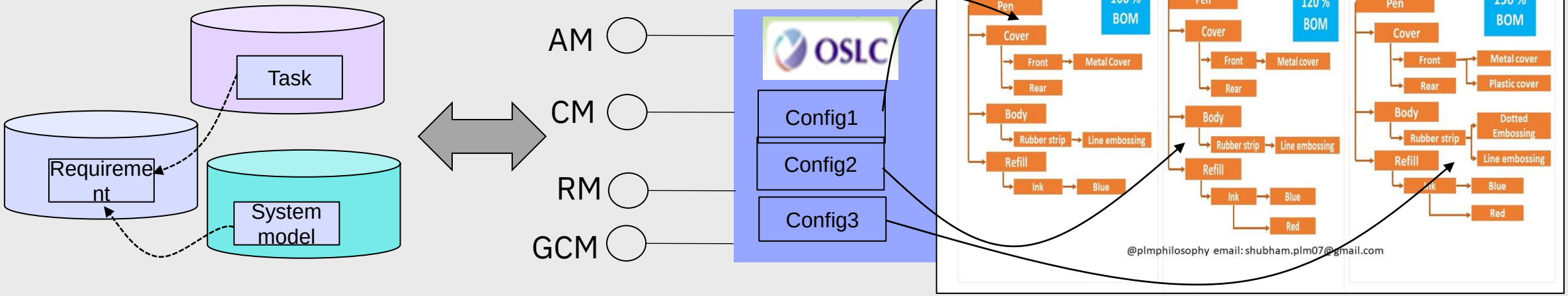
And what about PLM tools?

“native” oslc providers



Global configuration management
Managing Data Across the entire digital thread

Data consistency

Cfgm

- Consistent evolution of data across engineering disciplines: common baselining
- Manage platform assets across variants and programs
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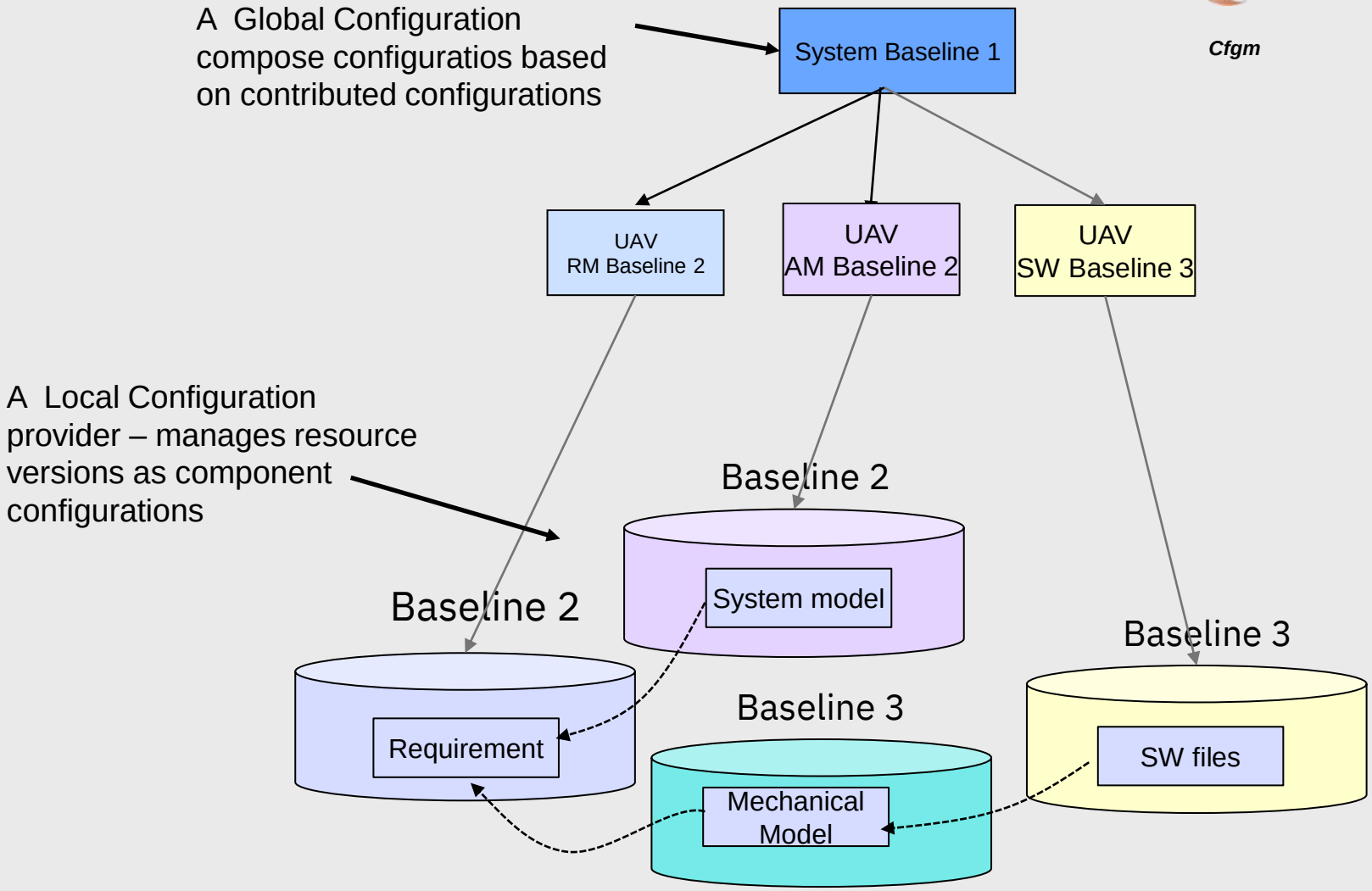
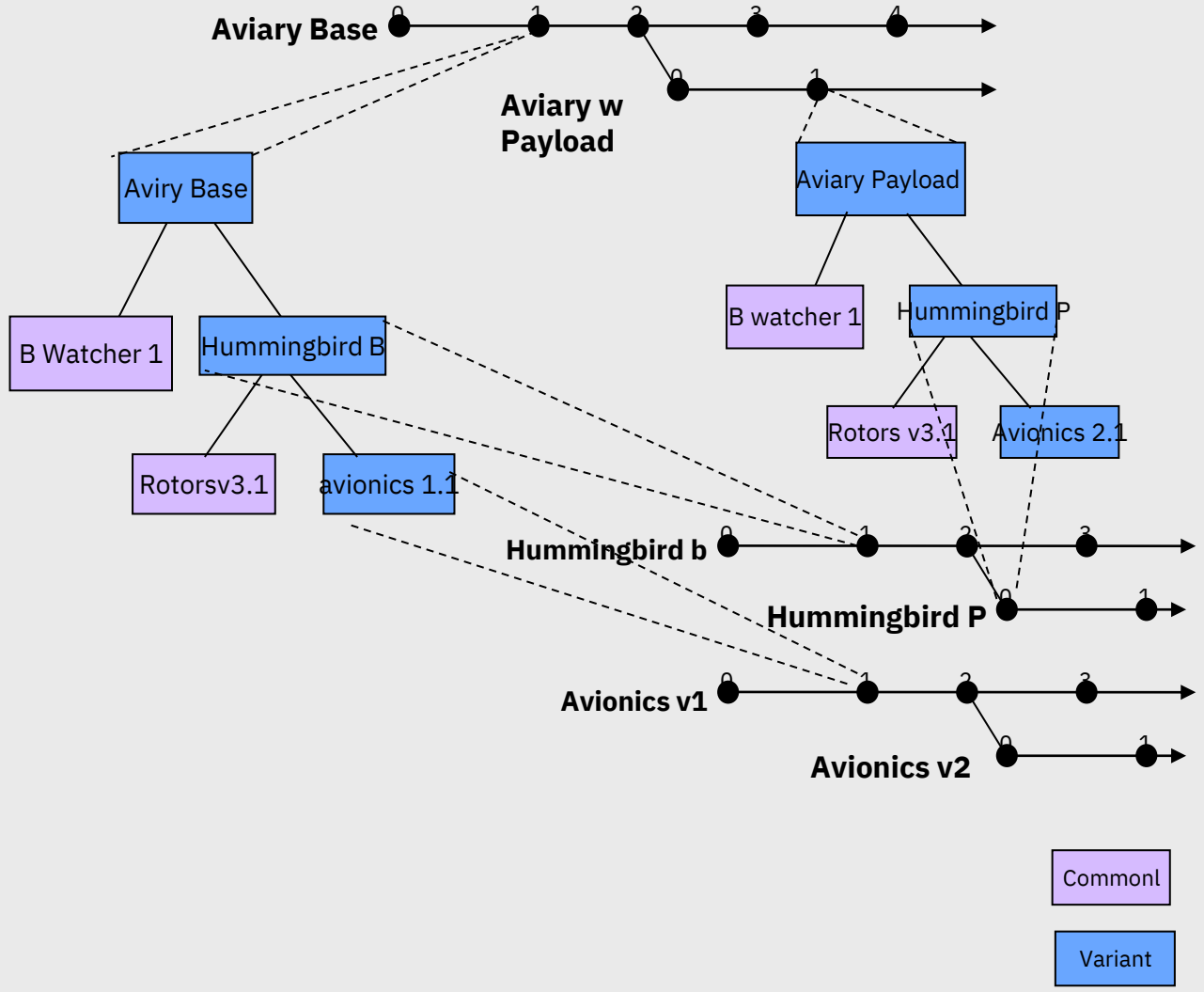


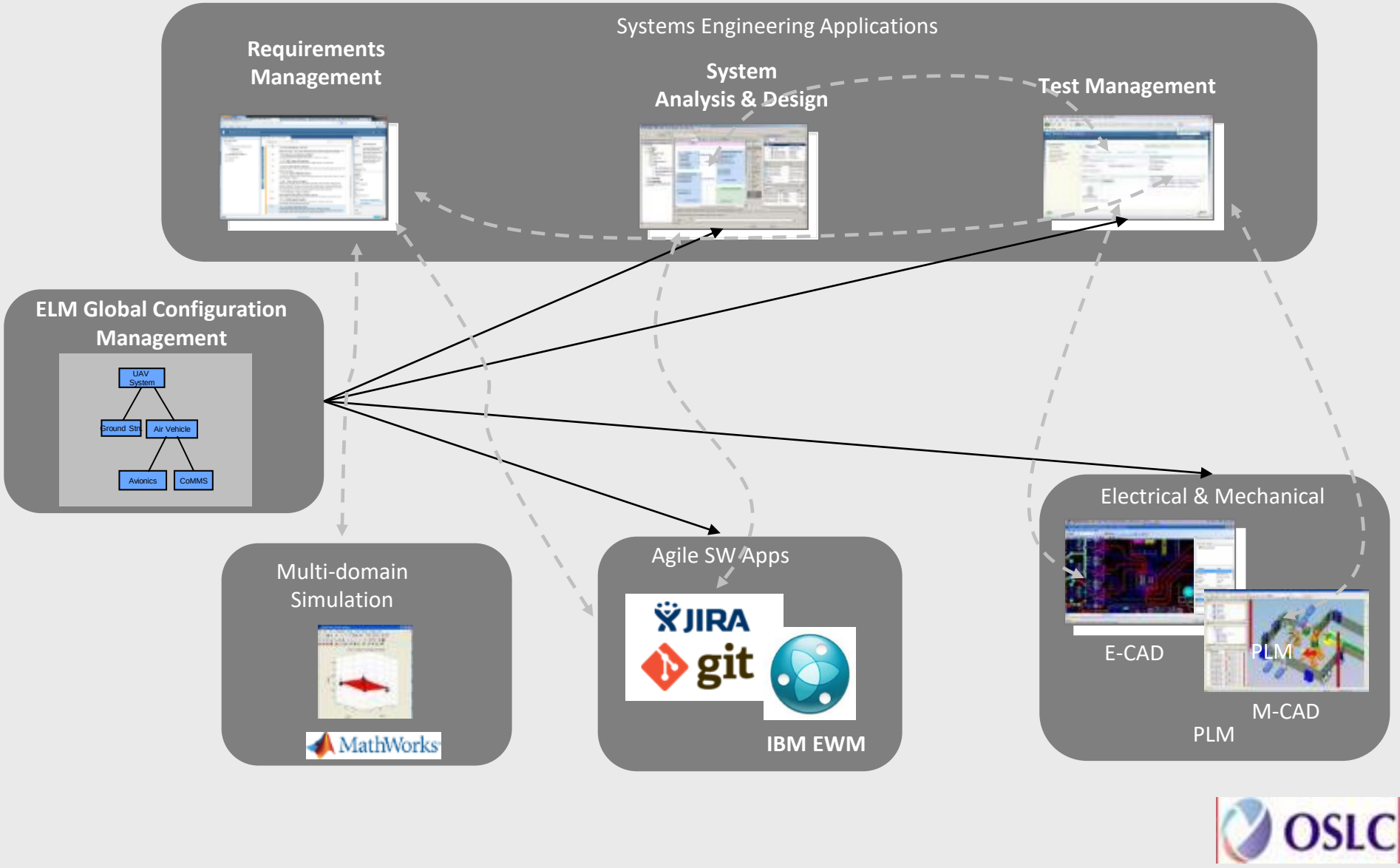
Enabling reuse and variant management at system and component levels

- The hierarchical nature of GCs enables variant configurations of complete systems, subsystems, and components
- Like LC's, GCs have streams and baselines
  - Baselining entire structure
  - Manage variants of entire structures
- Supports "component library" reuse strategies and 150% systems/subsystem derivation strategies
- Integrates nicely with parametric variant management approaches such as feature based PLE

Example: component reuse across a UAV system (Aviary) variants



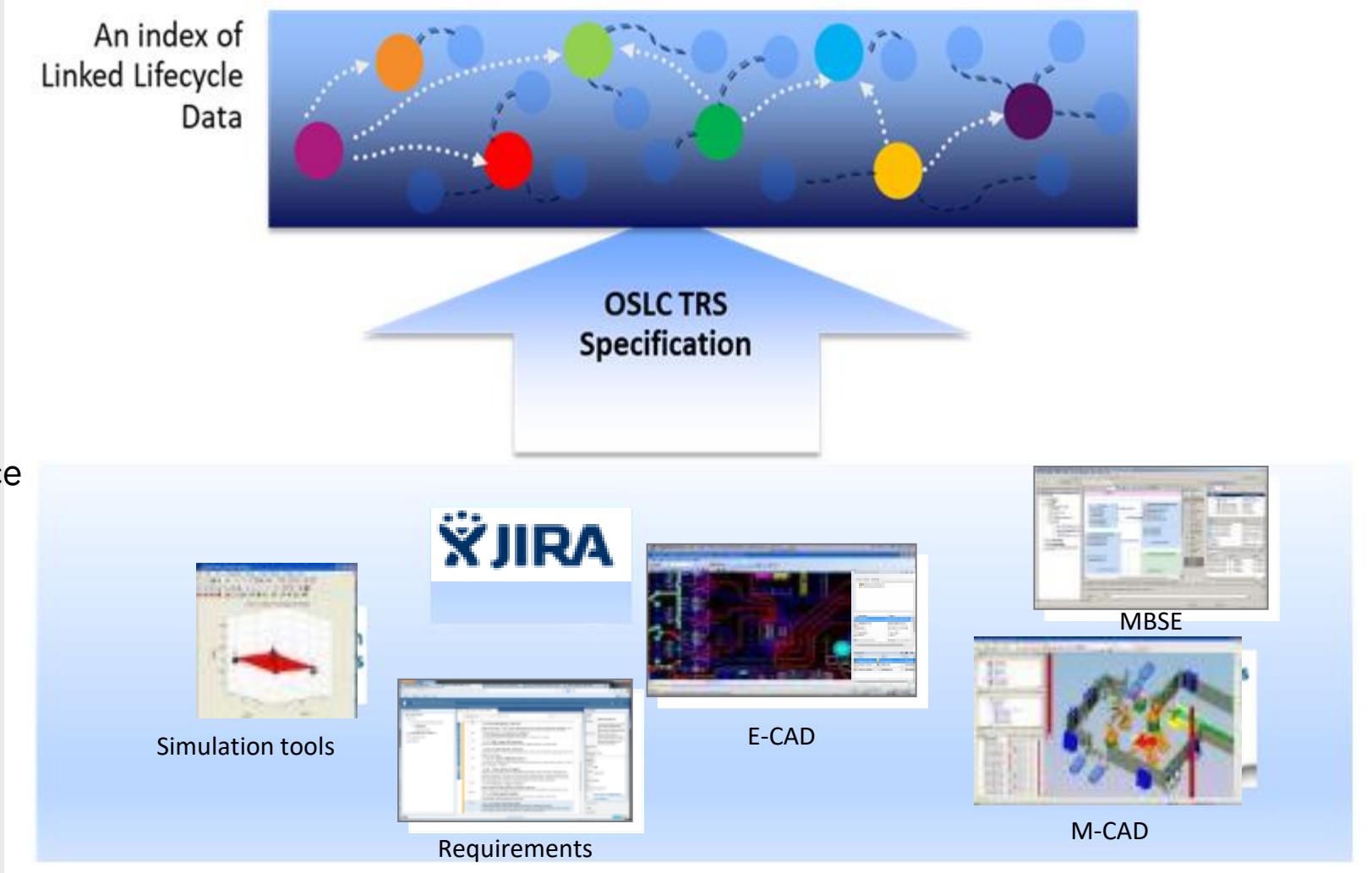
Digital Thread with Global Configuration management



Enabling Cross Lifecycle Analytics with OSLC TRS

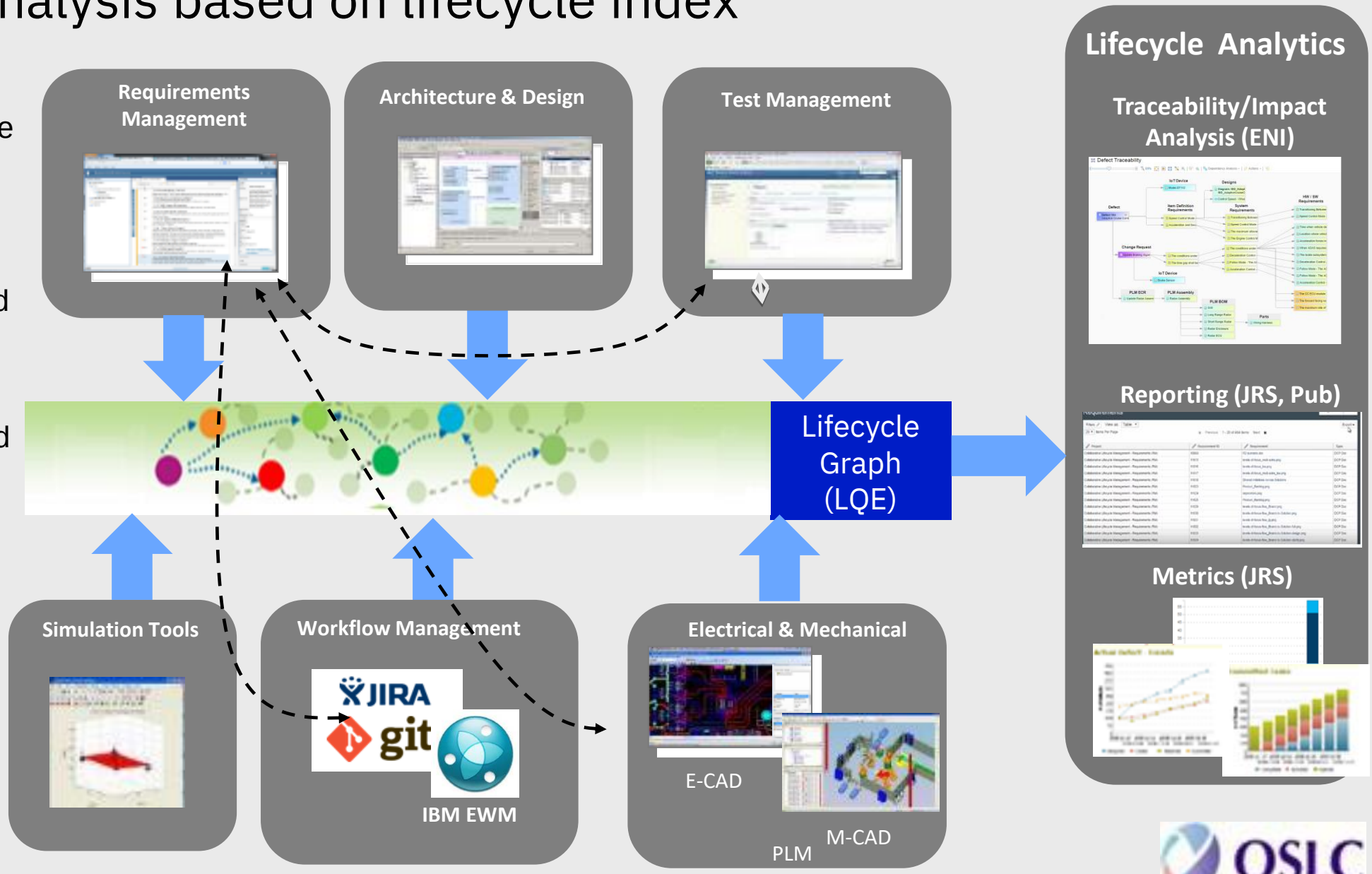
Cross Lifecycle Analysis and reporting

- Sustain a central analytics repository based on TRS subscription
- Supporting decision making
  - What is the impact of change
- Enable lifecycle reporting
- Producing all necessary evidence for engineering regulatory compliance
- Implemented by IBM LQE and others

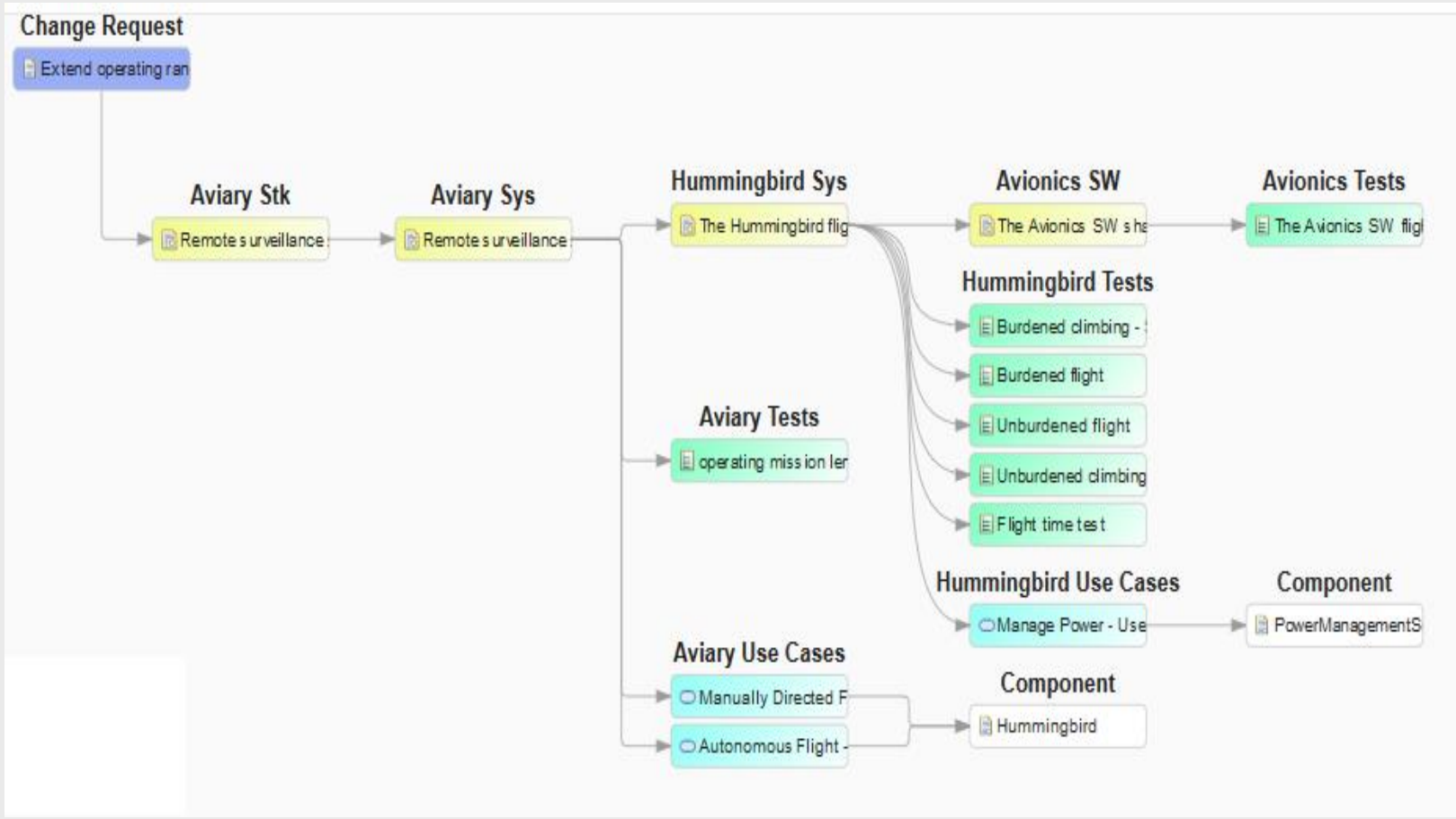


Reporting and Analysis based on lifecycle index

- Reporting, analysis, and visualization tools leverage the TRS based lifecycle index
- production of documents such as device history and risk management files
- Provides continuous visibility to compliance and progress metrics
- Supports decision making such as change impact analysis



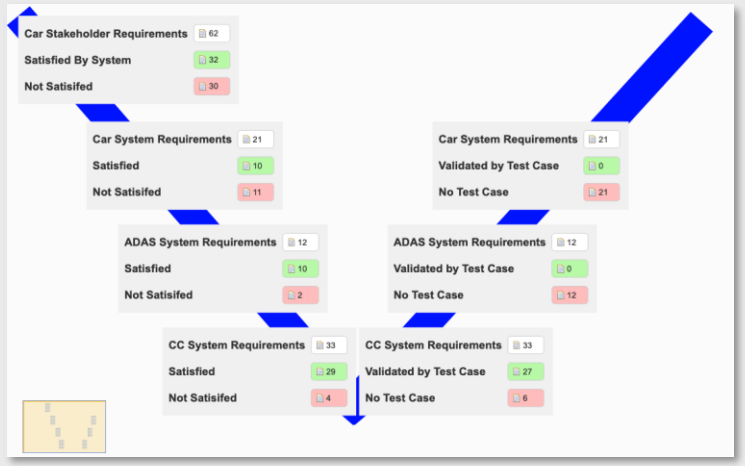
Example - Visualizing the digital thread: ELM Engineering insights



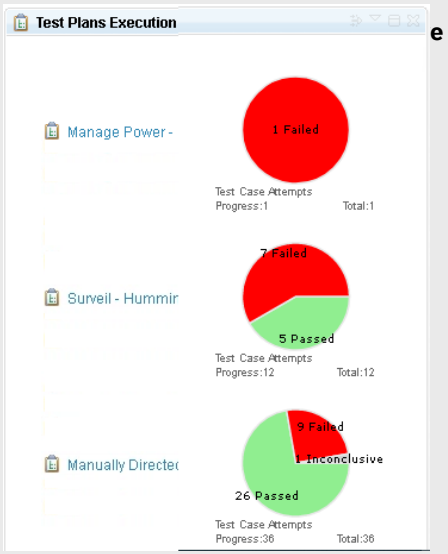
Example: Evidence Reports and KPIs with JRS

- All necessary evidence is produced from actual lifecycle records
- All necessary reports automated by predefined templates
- No need for special certification record tracking work!

Lifecycle traceability coverage metrics



Subsystems verification summary



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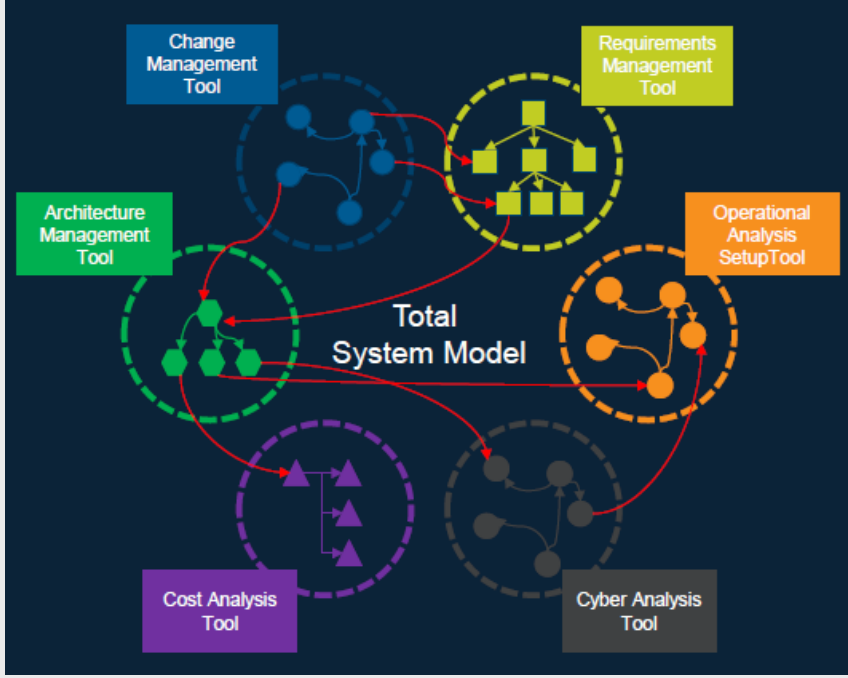
System requirements to test traceability report

Req Id	Requirement	Tst Id	Test Case
4185	The Hummingbird shall be able to rotate independently of its direction of movement, either to the left or right to any number of degrees.	93	Test Rotation In Various Directions Of Movement
4169	The Hummingbird shall report its altitude above any surface immediately below it in meters with a range of 0 – 1000m and an accuracy of ±2 cm or 1% of the measured height, whichever is greater.	90	Test That Hummingbird Reports Its Altitude Above Any Surface In Meters
4215	The Hummingbird maximum flight distance shall be at least 40 miles.	69	Stress Flight Test
4171	The Hummingbird shall be able to maintain attitude within 5 degrees of arc for roll, pitch, and yaw in the presence of steady winds of up to 20 mph or 20 degrees in the presence of irregular winds of up to 30 mph (see Figure 1).	89	Test That Hummingbird Maintains Roll, Pitch, And Yaw
4177	The Hummingbird shall report its location to the Pilot Controller in response to a command with an accuracy of ±1 meter.	87	Test That Hummingbird Reports Its Location To The Pilot Controller In Response To A Command
4193	The Hummingbird shall be able to move in any combination of directions: up/down, right/left, forward/backward.	86	Test That The Hummingbird Can Move In Any Combination Of Directions: Up/Down, Right/Left, Forward/Backward
4217	The Hummingbird flight time shall be at least 2 hours.	69	Stress Flight Test
4217	The Hummingbird flight time shall be at least 2 hours.	94	Flight Time Test
4184	The hummingbird camera focus shall be settable from 10m to infinity.	95	Camera Focus Test
4176	The aircraft shall support wireless communication using a custom protocol between it and the pilot control and between it and up to 4 separate Viewers.	92	Test Communication With The Pilot Control And The Viewers
4186	The Hummingbird camera zoom shall be commandable via Pilot commands from -4x to + 10x with fidelity	97	Camera Zoom Test

System verification report

Test Id	Test Case	Verdict
86	Test That The Hummingbird Can Move In Any Combination Of Directions: Up/Down, Right/Left, Forward/Backward	Failed
86	Test That The Hummingbird Can Move In Any Combination Of Directions: Up/Down, Right/Left, Forward/Backward	Passed
86	Test That The Hummingbird Can Move In Any Combination Of Directions: Up/Down, Right/Left, Forward/Backward	Inconclusive
87	Test That Hummingbird Reports Its Location To The Pilot Controller In Response To A Command	Failed
87	Test That Hummingbird Reports Its Location To The Pilot Controller In Response To A Command	Passed
88	Test That Hummingbird Flies At Speed Of 40 Mph	Failed
88	Test That Hummingbird Flies At Speed Of 40 Mph	Passed
89	Test That Hummingbird Maintains Roll, Pitch, And Yaw	Failed
89	Test That Hummingbird Maintains Roll, Pitch, And Yaw	Passed
90	Test That Hummingbird Reports Its Altitude Above Any Surface In Meters	Failed
90	Test That Hummingbird Reports Its Altitude Above Any Surface In Meters	Passed
91	Test That Hummingbird Reports To The Pilot A Loss Or Significant Degradation Of Rotor Function	Passed
92	Test Communication With The Pilot Control And The Viewers	Passed
93	Test Rotation In Various Directions Of Movement	Failed
93	Test Rotation In Various Directions Of Movement	Passed
94	Flight Time Test	Failed

Summary: Digital Engineering with OSLC

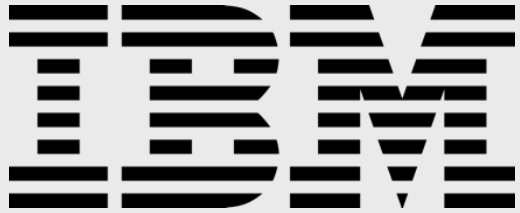


OSLC enables a digital fabric with:

- Connectivity across lifecycle models and Heterogeneous environments – digital threads
- Orchestrating “authoritative sources” for the entire system: OSLC Global Configurations
- Enabling cross domain data exchange based on standard vocabularies and queries
- Enabling cross lifecycle analytics and reporting: maintaining lifecycle graphs based on OSLC TRS

Future work needed:

- Standardize additional used functionalities
  - Link index (reverse linking)
  - Link validity
- Standardize more domains!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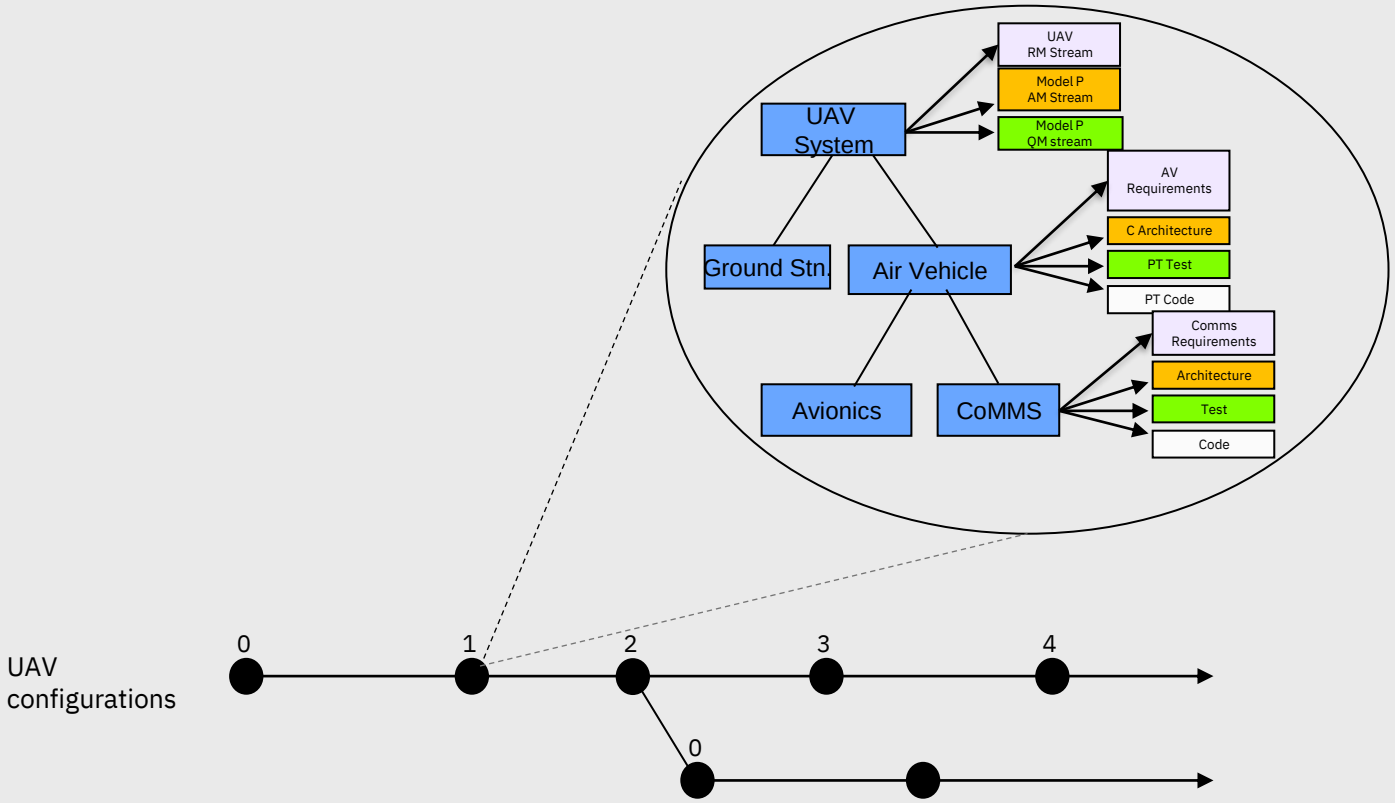
Creating design breakdown structures based on hierarchical configuration structure

- Sreams (branches) – a mutable (concurrent) configuration
- Baselines – immutable configuration
- Component – a group of elements managed is one configuration item
- Element version – every element (e.g. a requirement) can have many versions



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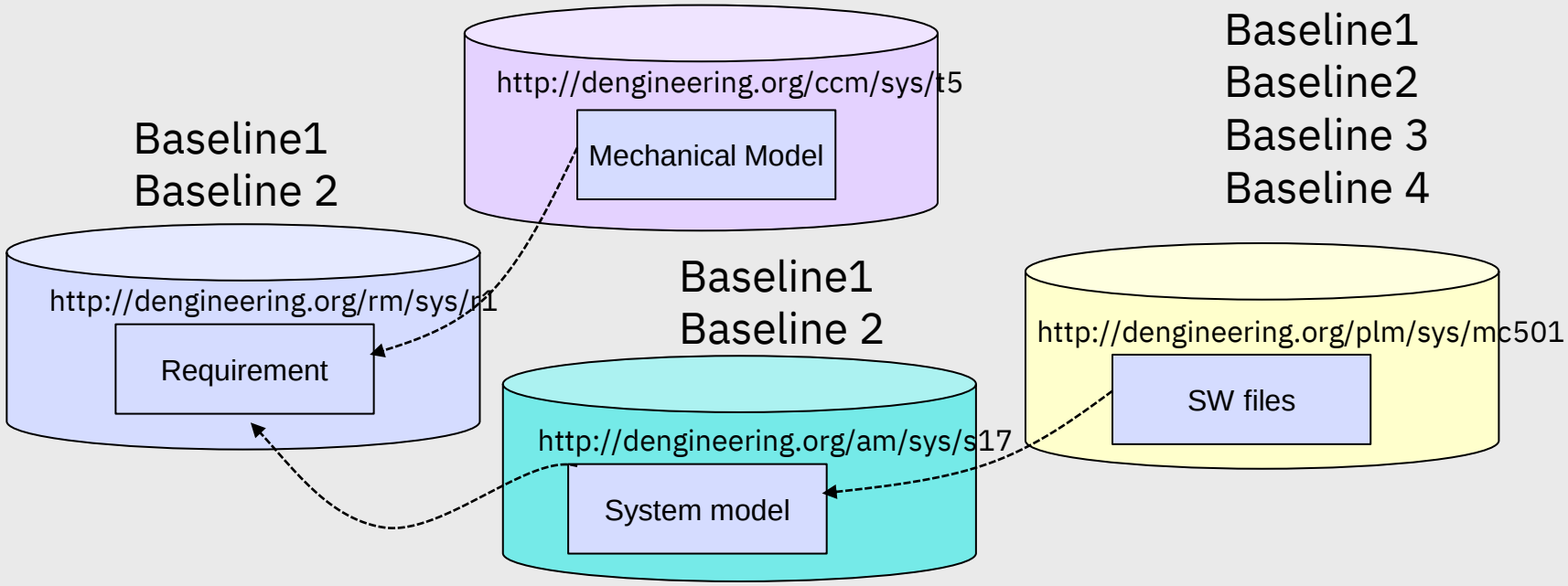
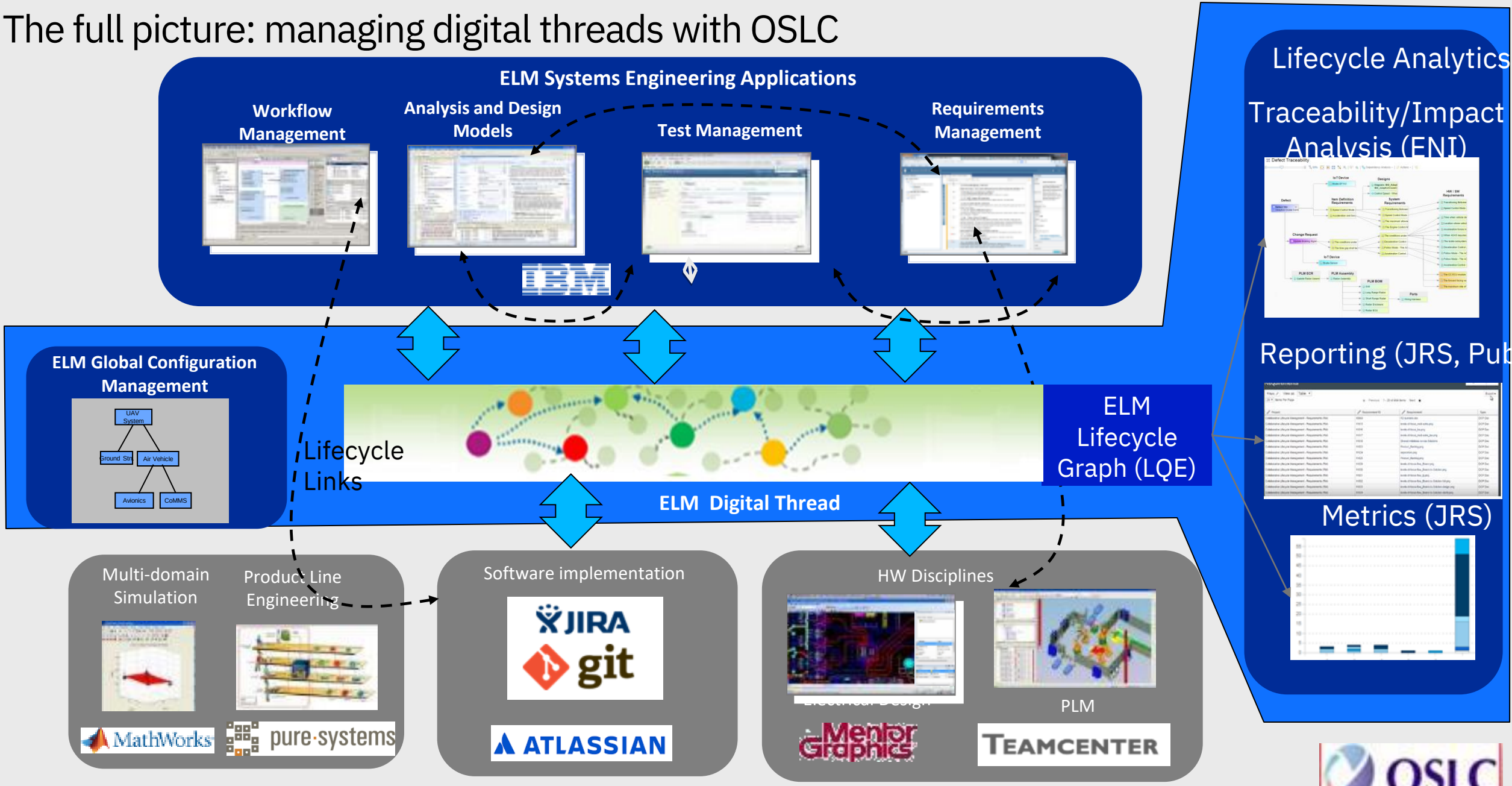


The full picture: managing digital threads with OSLC



- **Standards based**
- **End to End traceability with Link**
- **Central analytics based on knowledge**
- **Federated configuration**

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