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Model-based System Engineering #5

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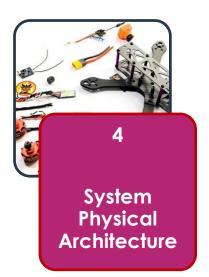
Session #5: Physical Architecture

Methodological Overview











Physical Architecture (PA)

Objectives

- ➤ Define the solution at a sufficient level of detail to specify the developments and acquisitions of all constituents to be implemented, and to define and orient the system integration, verification and validation phases
- Introduce the choices and constraints related to implementation and production technologies
- Establish clear development contracts for the identified components

Main activities

- Define the structuring principles of the architecture and behavior
- ➤ Detail and finalize the expected system behavior, including interfaces, finalize the architecture in terms of components
- ➤ Define and determine the sizing and performance of resources and materials necessary for the implementation of the specified behaviors of the solution



Finalizing the architecture

Iterate on functional analysis

- Greater level of detail resolving ambiguities of definition
- Design decisions choosing among various implementation options
- > Enrichment/confrontation with reused assets
- > Functions required for technical and technological implementation constraints.

Detail the way to implement the functional contents (behaviour)

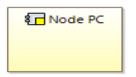
- Grouping or separation of functions into behaviour Components (BC)
- Implementation of BC into hosting physical Components (IC or nodes)
- Behaviour component interfaces and exchanges, deduced from functional data flows (e.g. by grouping)
- ➤ Implementation Components interfaces and physical links (e.g. bus, network, power line) on which behavioural exchanges will be allocated
- Reused assets



Main concepts











Behavioral Component

System component in charge of implementing / realizing some of the functions devoted to the system

Behavioral Component Exchange

An interaction between two components to exchange some items through behavioral ports

Hosting Implementation Component / Node

Component hosting a number of behavioral components, providing them with the resource they require to function and to interact with their environment

Physical Link

Means of communication, transport or routing between two hosting physical components, used as a support for behavioral exchanges

Physical Path

Set of Physical Links defining a continuous path likely to route one or more behavioral exchanges





QUESTION

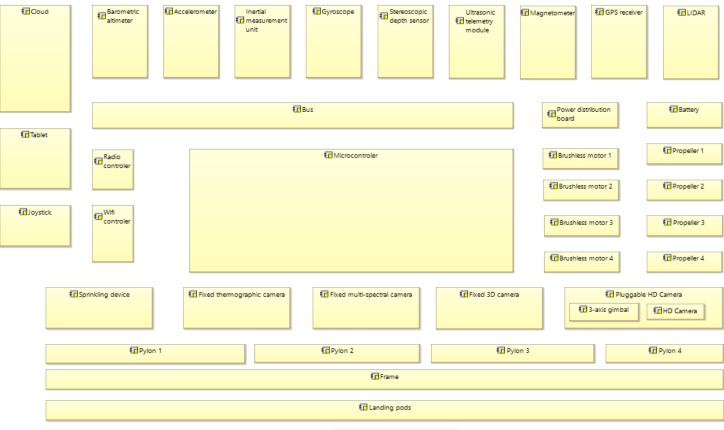
What are the implementation components of our system?





Product architecture

Implementation components





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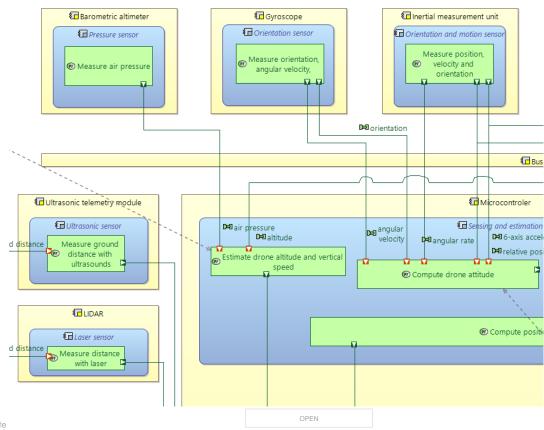
QUESTION

Find 2-3 examples of functional allocation alternatives





System Physical architecture





Finalizing the architecture (part 2)

Define the interfaces

- Deduce/justify exchanged between components based on the functional exchanges
- Describe the format of the exchanged data
- Take into account several levels of interface description

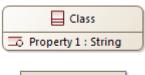


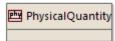
Main new concepts



Exchange Item

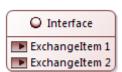
➤ Ordered set of references to elements carried together during an interaction or exchange between functions, components and actors. The elements are carried simultaneously, in the same conditions, with the same non-functional properties. The "elements" are called data





Data structure

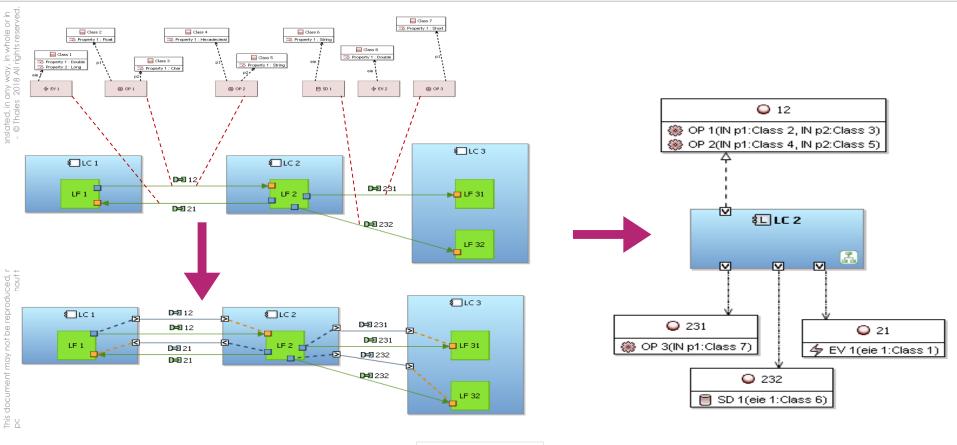
> To be taken in its broadest form: can represent a signal, an image, information, but also the physical state of a fluid (pressure, temperature, viscosity, etc.), a physical quantity (force, torque, velocity, etc.)



Interface

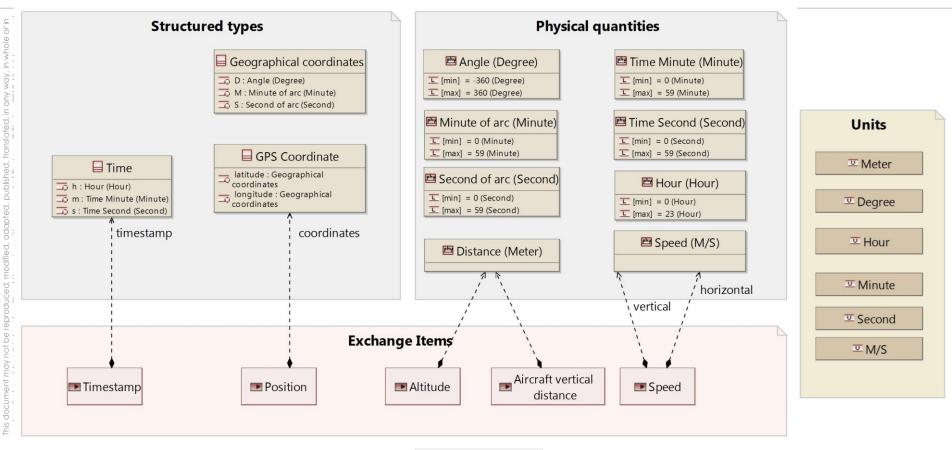
A set of semantically coherent exchange items, allowing two components (and the system and actors), to communicate, according to a communication "contract" shared between them.

From functional exchanges to interfaces





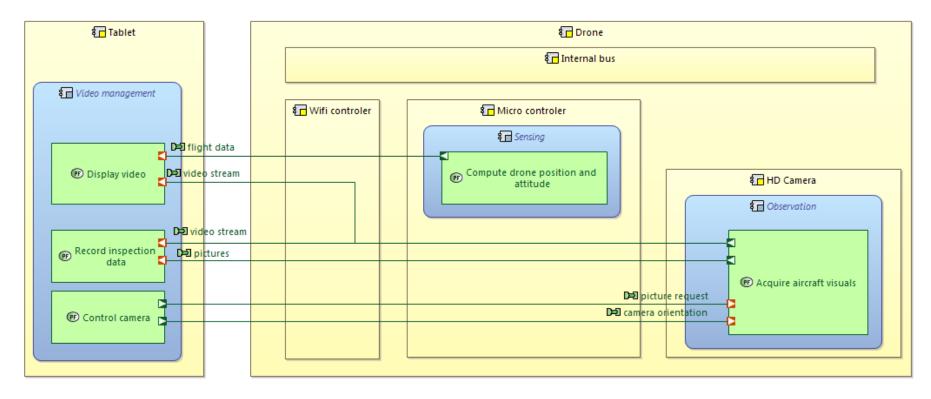
Example of detailed content of exchange items





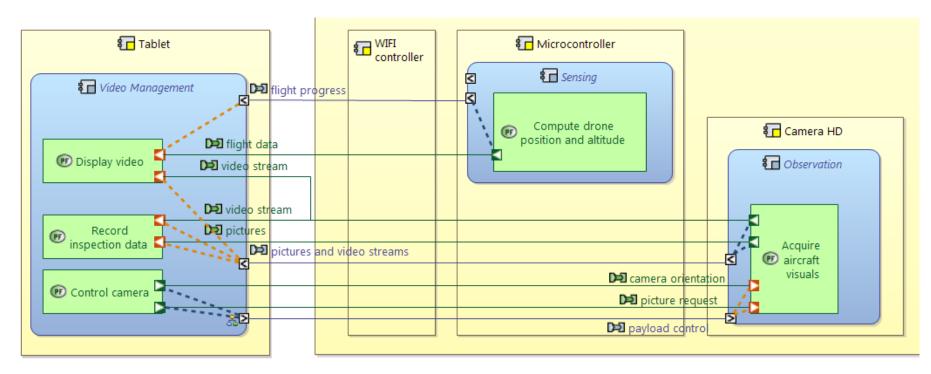
Focus on "Video Management" interfaces



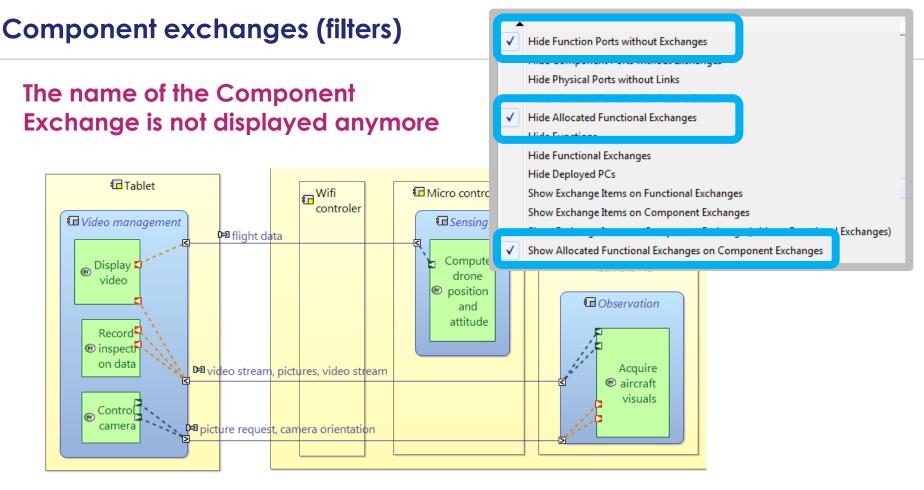




Component exchanges and port allocations

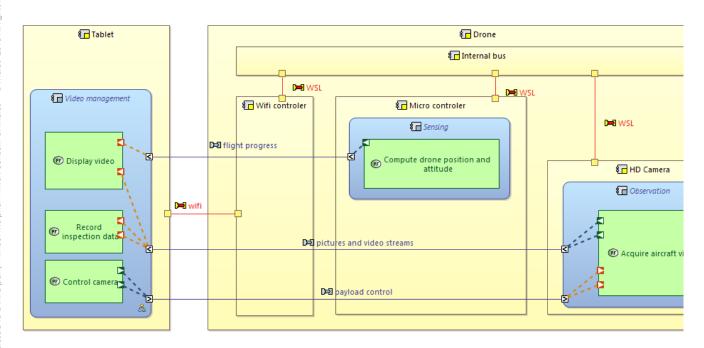


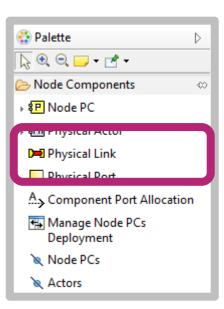






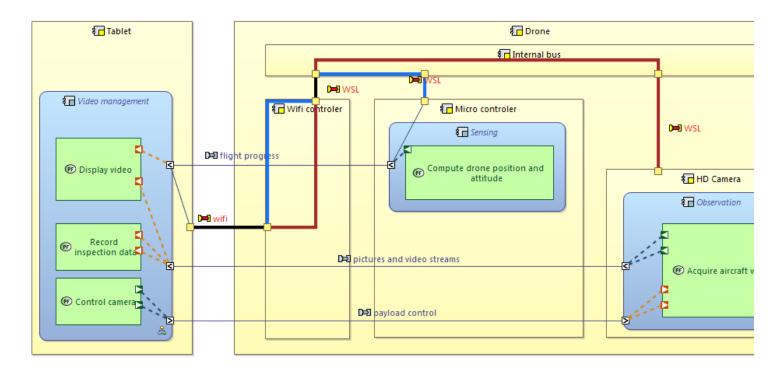
Physical links

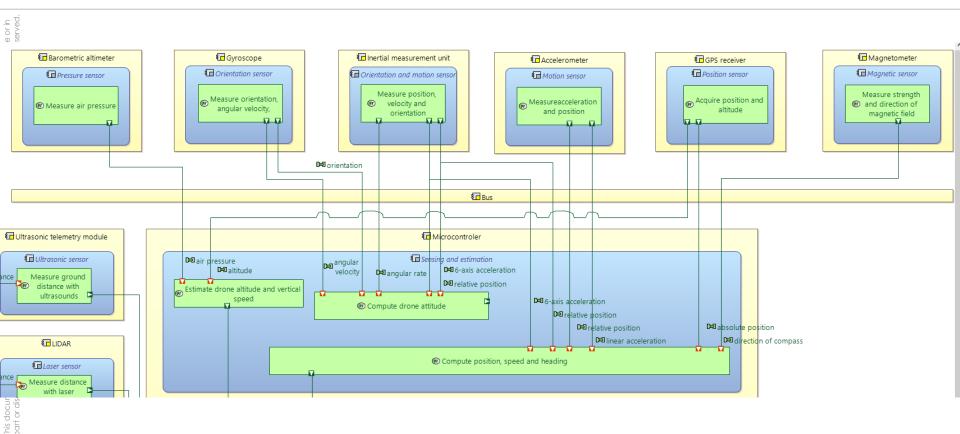




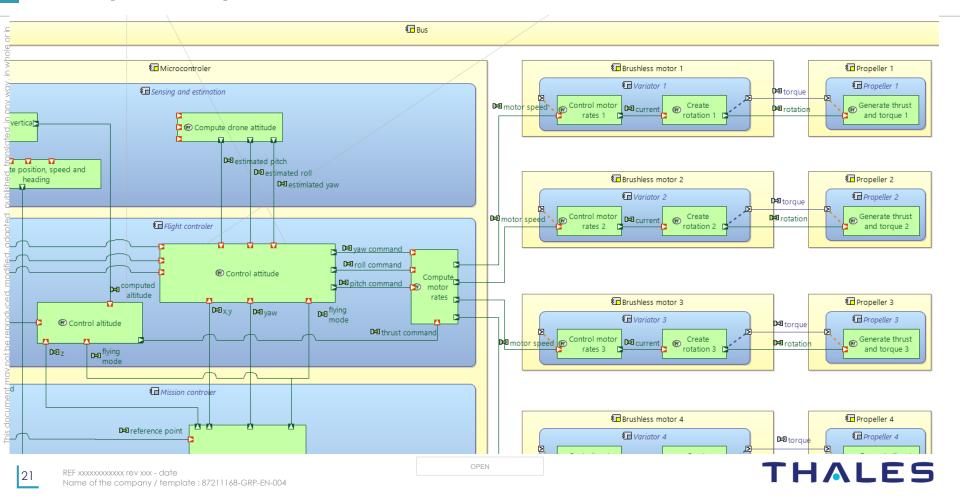


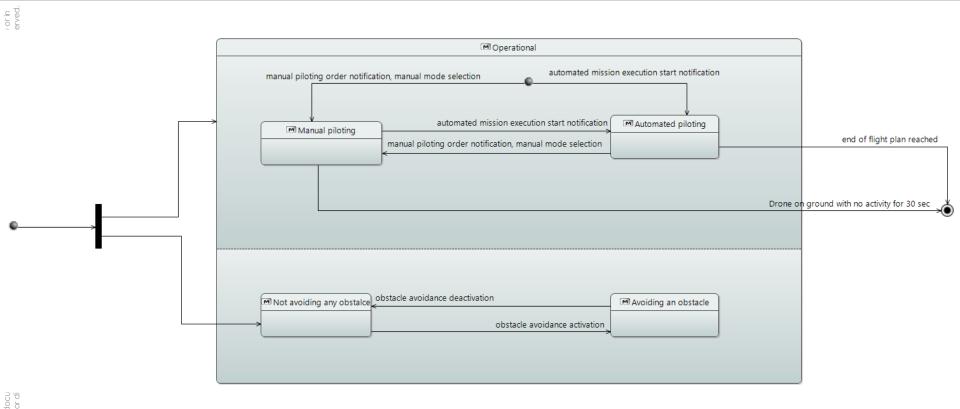














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