

# CubeSat Model-Based Systems Engineering (MBSE) Reference Model – Model Distribution and Application in the Concept Lifecycle Phase – Interim Status

International Council on Systems Engineering (INCOSE) Space Systems Working Group (SSWG)

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## Project Objectives

Demonstrate MBSE methodology as applied to a CubeSat mission.  
Provide a CubeSat Reference Model that CubeSat teams can use as a starting point for their mission-specific CubeSat model

## Team Composition

Aerospace Students and Professors  
Engineers and Software Developers from NASA Centers, Aerospace Companies, and Modeling and Simulation Tool Providers  
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## Team Meeting

Telecons every Friday at 1pm east coast time  
Meeting materials and links to meeting recordings in Google docs  
Conference papers posted in INCOSE SSWG Web Site  
<http://www.incose.org/ChaptersGroups/WorkingGroups/government/spa-ce-systems>

## From Document-Centric to Model-Centric

### Document Based Design

Create, Update, Review, Config Control, ...

System Specs: Rqts, Ops Con, Interfaces, ...

Subsys. Specs

### Ad Hoc Modeling

In support of:

Rqts analysis  
Payloads

Mission data collect

## Traditional Systems Engineering

INCOSE Object-Oriented Systems Engineering Methodology

System Modeling Tools

Interfaces with Other Models

### Systems Modeling Language (SysML)

A graphical modeling language for modeling complex systems including hardware, software, information, personnel, procedures, and facilities

## MBSE – Formalized application of modeling to support requirements, design, analysis, validation, and verification

### The Model

#### SysML Model Elements

Blocks, Actors, Flow, Signals, Ports, ...

#### Block Properties

Parts, Values, Operations, ...

System design resides in the model not in documents

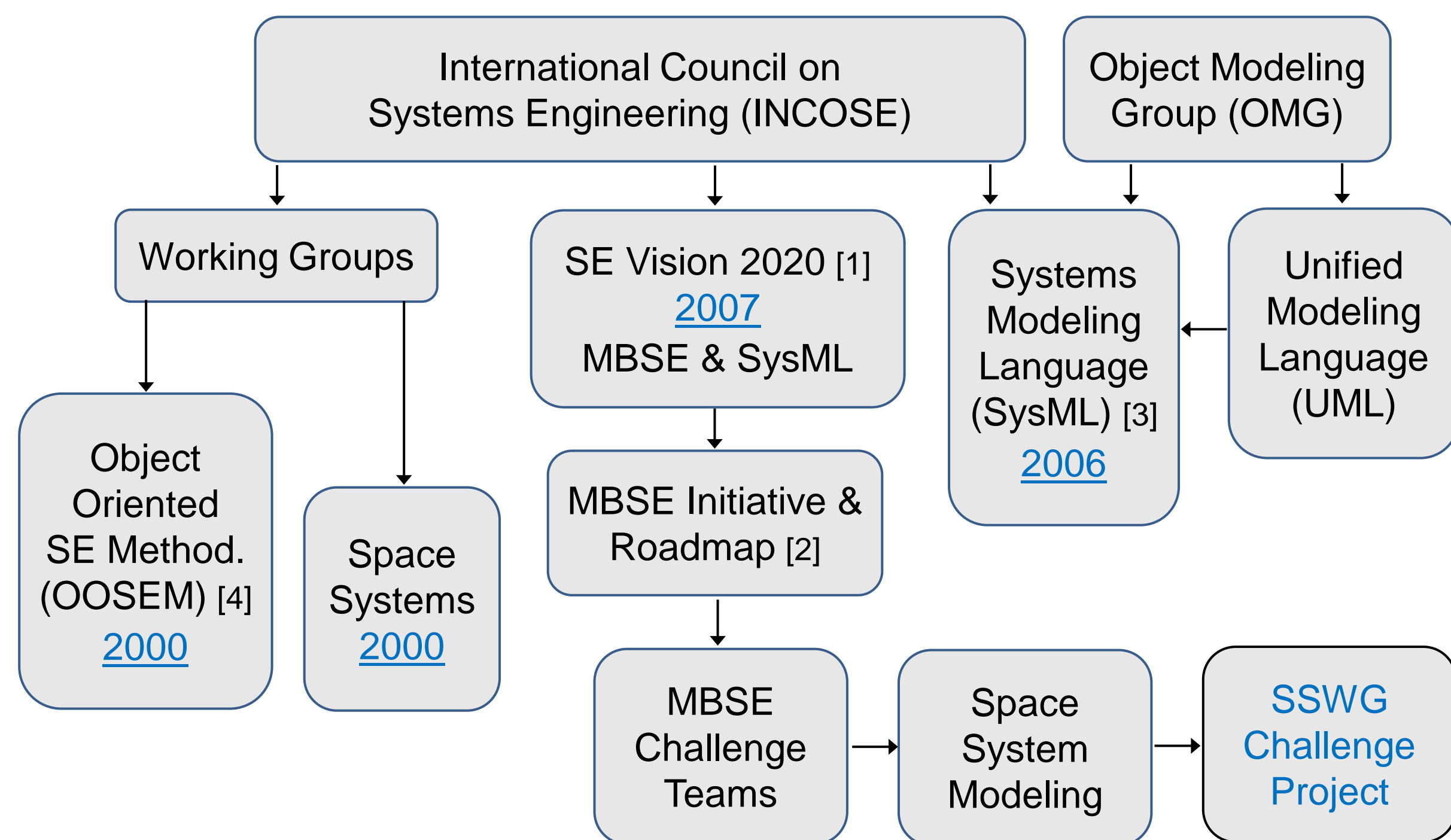
Model updates are automatically populated into the system views

Diagrams are views of the underlying system model

Structures  
Requirements  
Behaviors  
Parametrics

Traditional documents can be generated from the model as needed

## Authoritative, integrated repository of information that evolves from procurement through retirement



## INCOSE MBSE Initiative and SSWG Challenge Project

### MBSE CubeSat Project

Phase 1 [5]  
CubeSat Framework  
Preliminary RAX Model  
Phase 2 [6]  
RAX Behavior Modeling  
Power, Comm, State

### Recent Efforts (Phase 3)

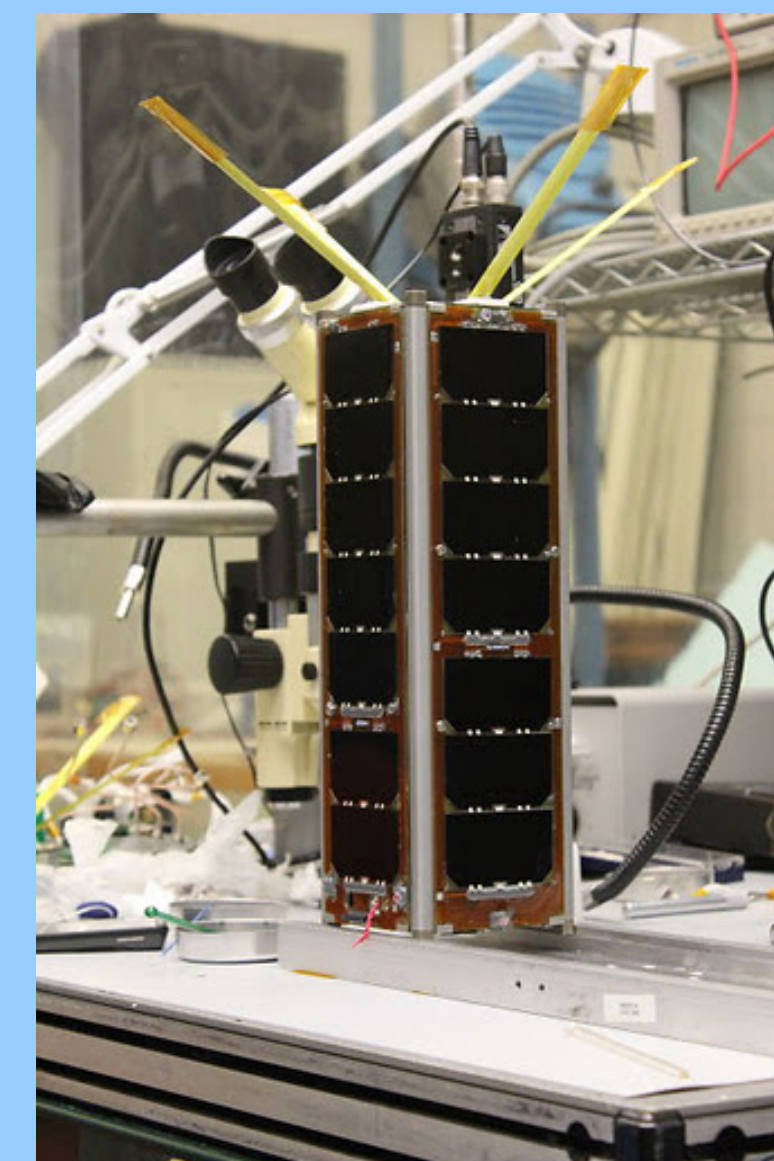
Enterprise Modeling for CubeSats [7]  
RAX CubeSat Model Trade Studies [8]

### Current Efforts (Phase 4)

Develop a CubeSat MBSE Reference Model [9] [10]

## SSWG Challenge Project

## Concept Phase Trade Studies – Phase 3 [8]



### Radio Aurora Explorer (RAX) CubeSat Mission

Michigan Exploration Lab and SRI International mission  
Studies formation of magnetic field aligned plasma irregularities in the lower polar ionosphere  
Radar signal is transmitted by Incoherent Scatter Radar site in Poker Flat, Alaska and received by RAX's radar receiver  
Science data processed on-board, compressed, transmitted to the primary ground station and control center in Ann Arbor, Michigan

### State Diagrams

- Orbit
- Solar
- Experiment
- Download

Models behavior in response to internal and external events

### Parametric Diagrams

- Get States
- Power Collection
- Update Energy
- Update Data
- Update Download

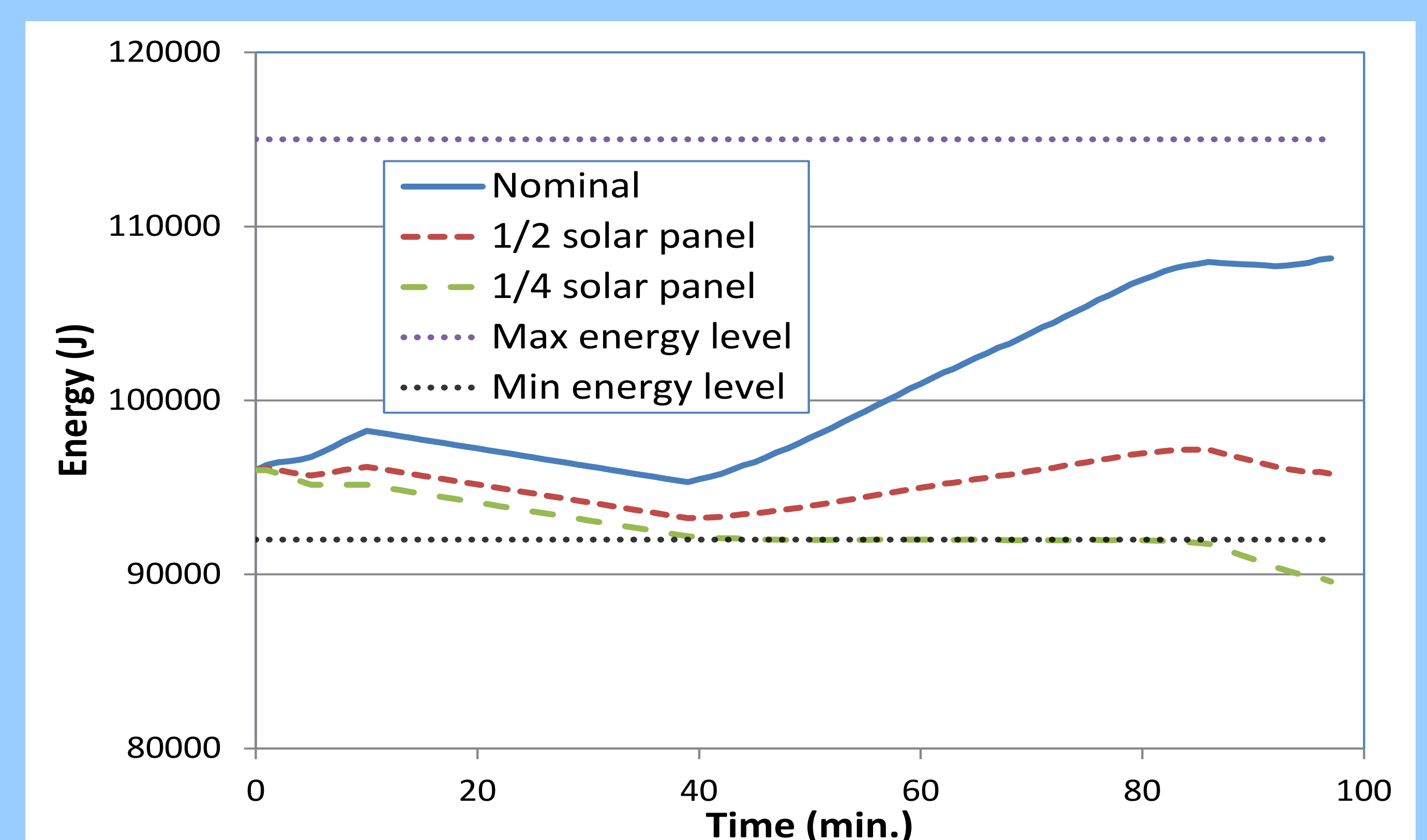
Mapped to analytical and simulation models that estimate RAX performance

### Activity Diagrams

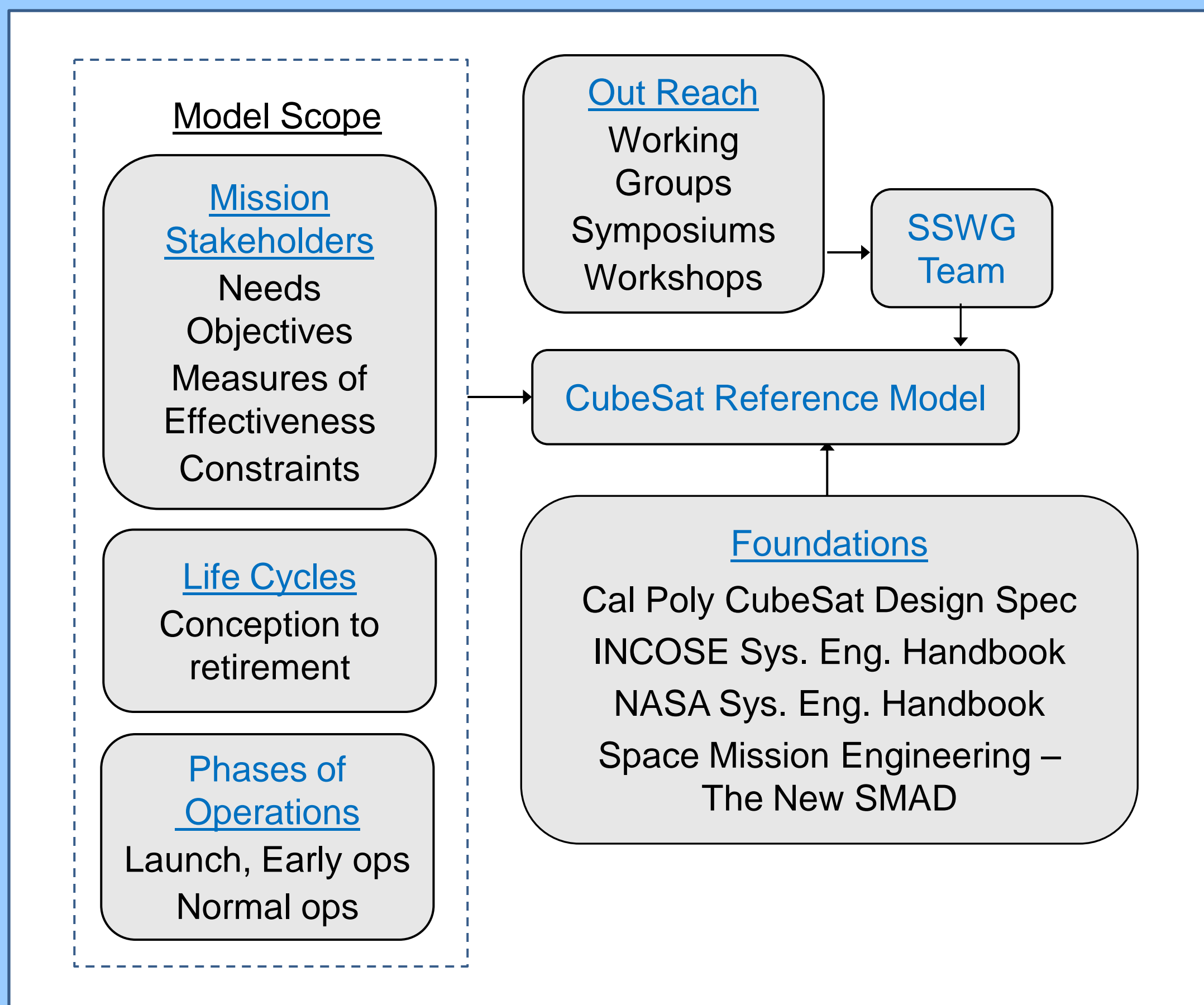
- Run Operation
  - Steps through time
- Update States
- Send Signals
  - Controls update of state values
- Update State Values

Defines actions in the activity along with the flow of input, output, and control

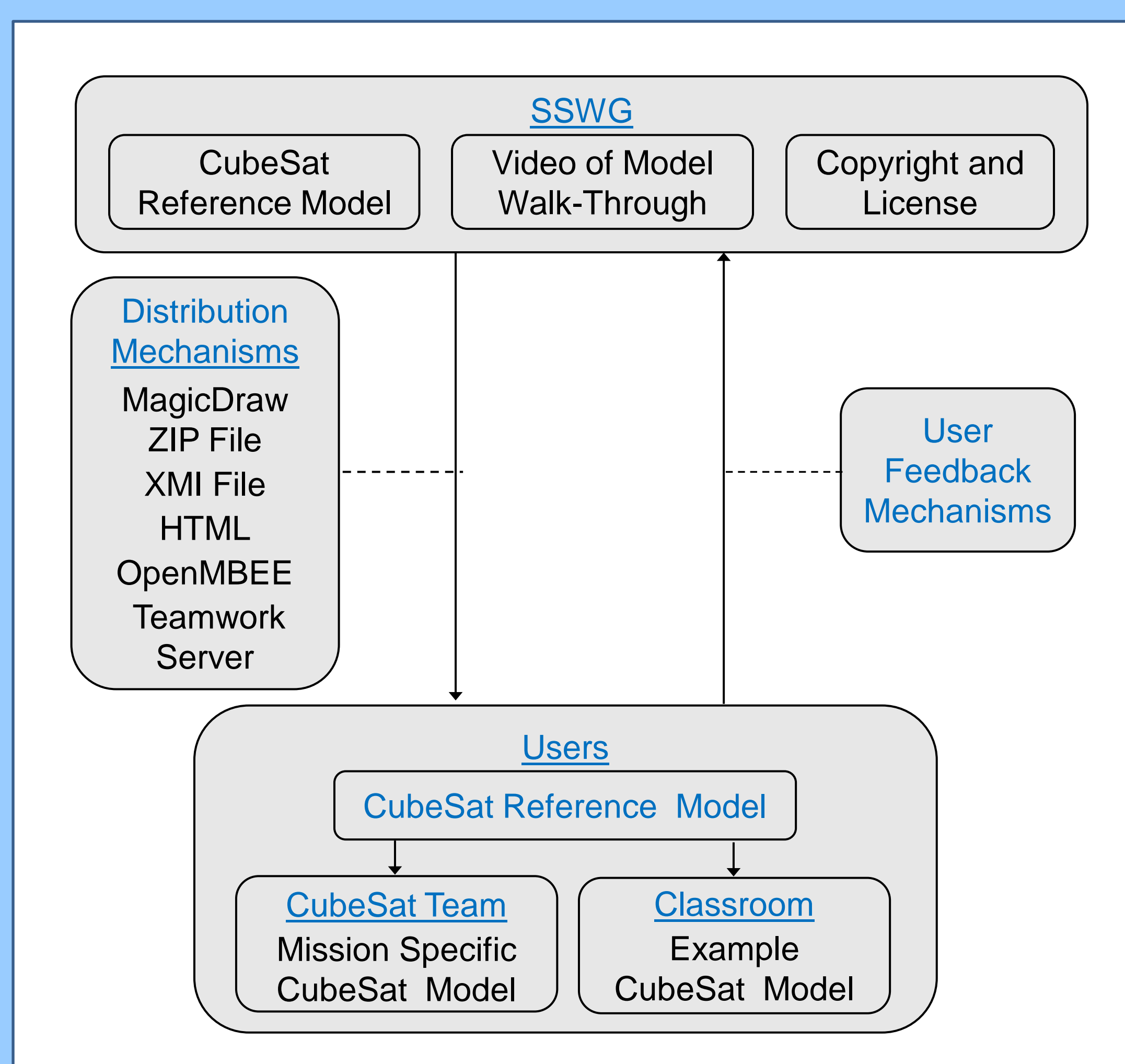
Trade Studies	Trade Space	Performance Metric
Solar Panel Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nominal: 18.2 cm<sup>2</sup>/slide</li> <li>½ of nominal</li> <li>¼ of nominal</li> </ul>	On-board energy
Max Battery Capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nominal: 115,000 J</li> <li>Reduced: 100,000 J</li> </ul>	On-board energy
Orbital Altitude	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nominal: 811 km x 457 km</li> <li>Low: 593 km x 250 km</li> <li>High: 1311 km x 932 km</li> </ul>	Quantity of data downloaded
Ground Station Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ann Arbor &amp; Menlo Park</li> <li>Ann Arbor &amp; Fairbanks</li> <li>Fairbanks &amp; Menlo Park</li> </ul>	Quantity of data downloaded



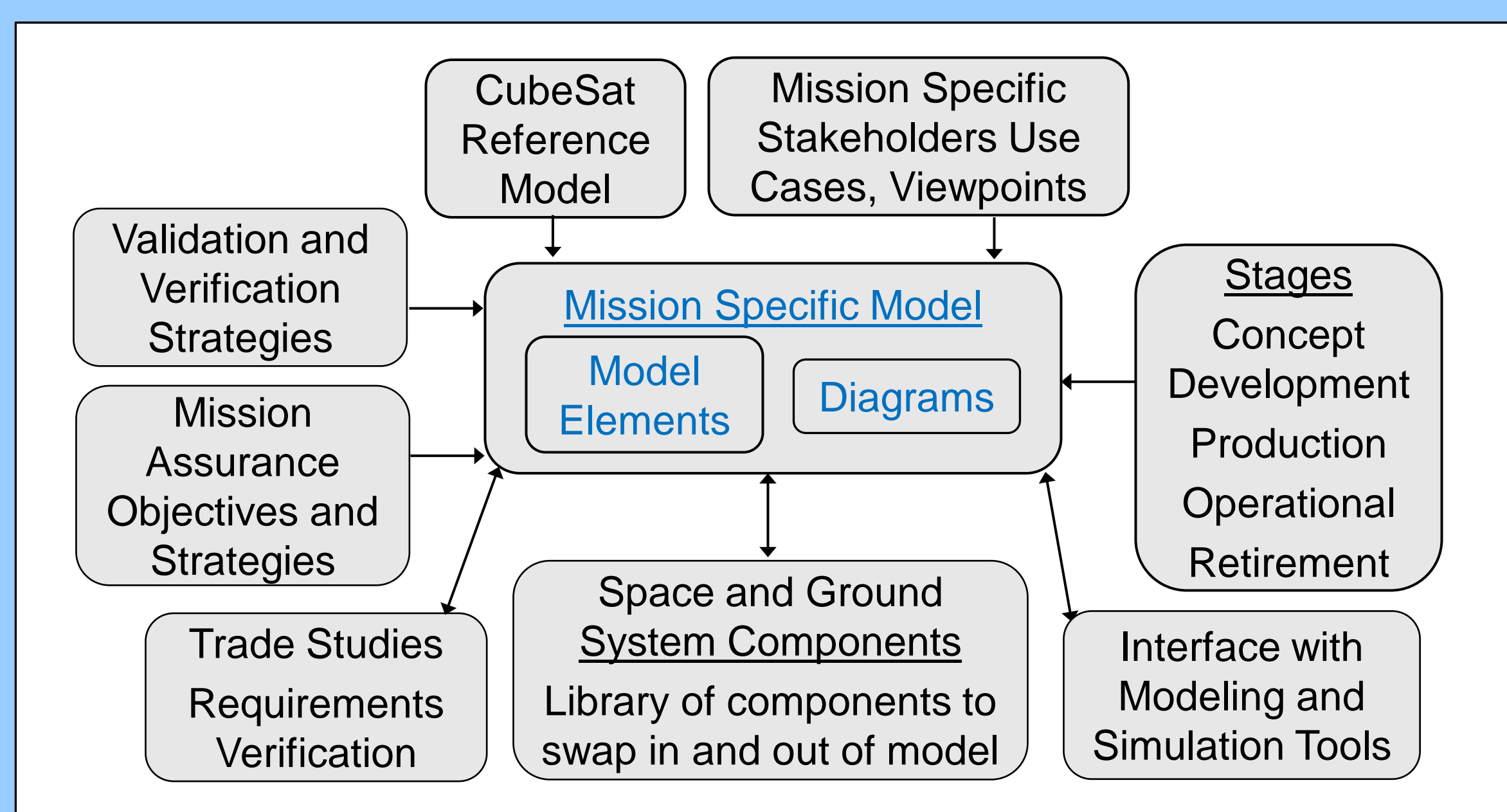
## CubeSat Reference Model Logical Design to Mission Specific CubeSat Model



### CubeSat Reference Model Development



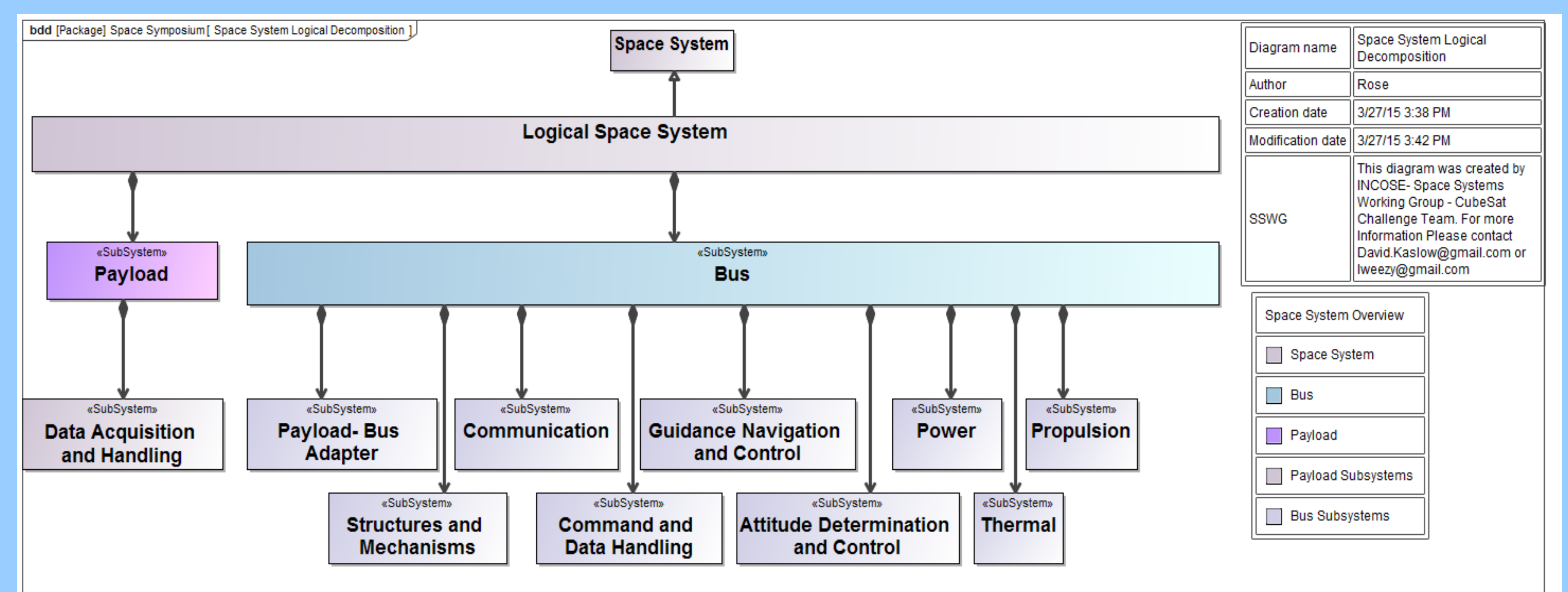
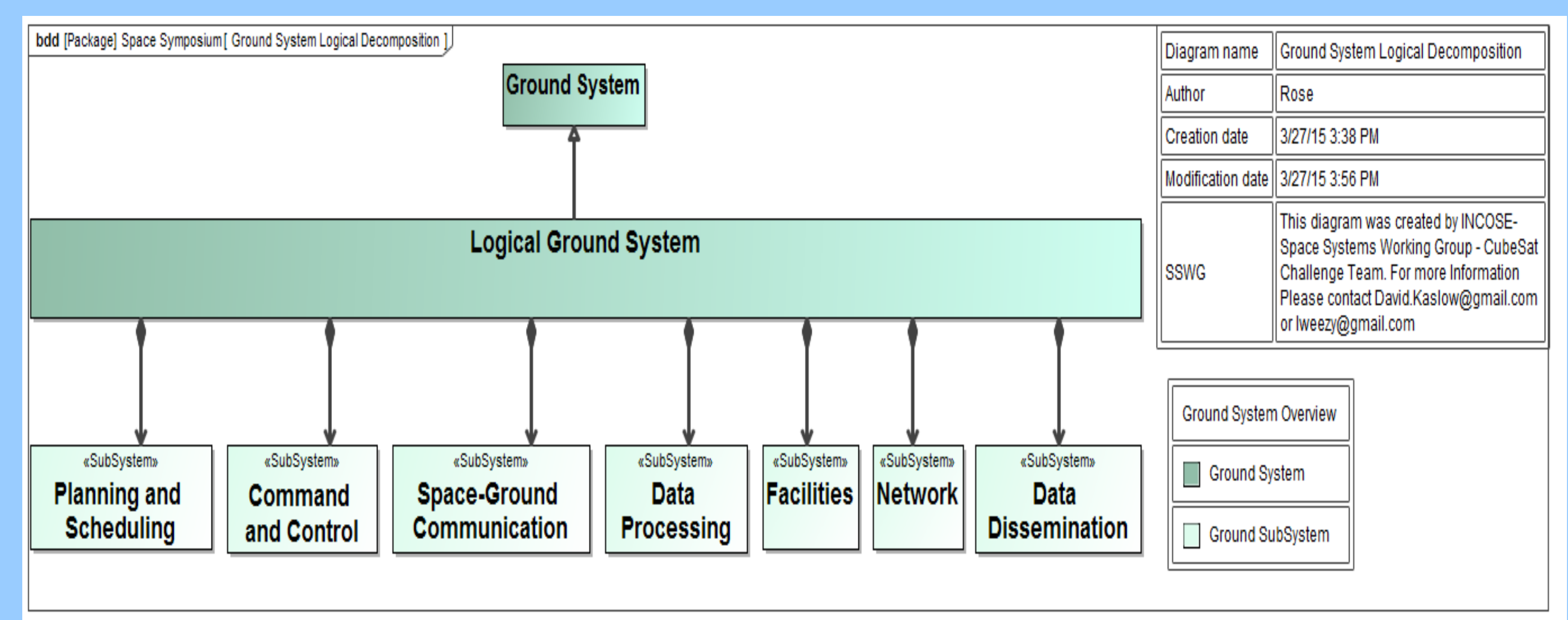
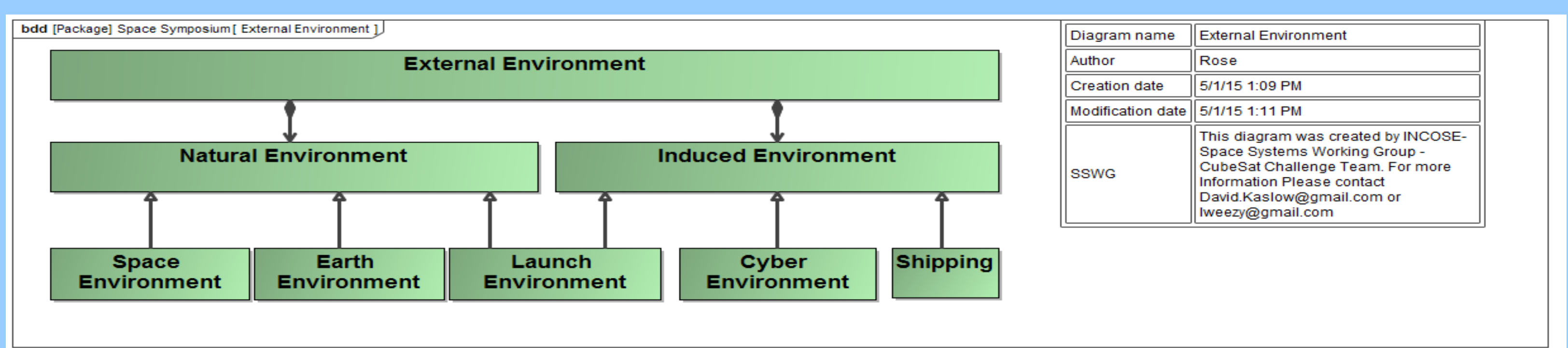
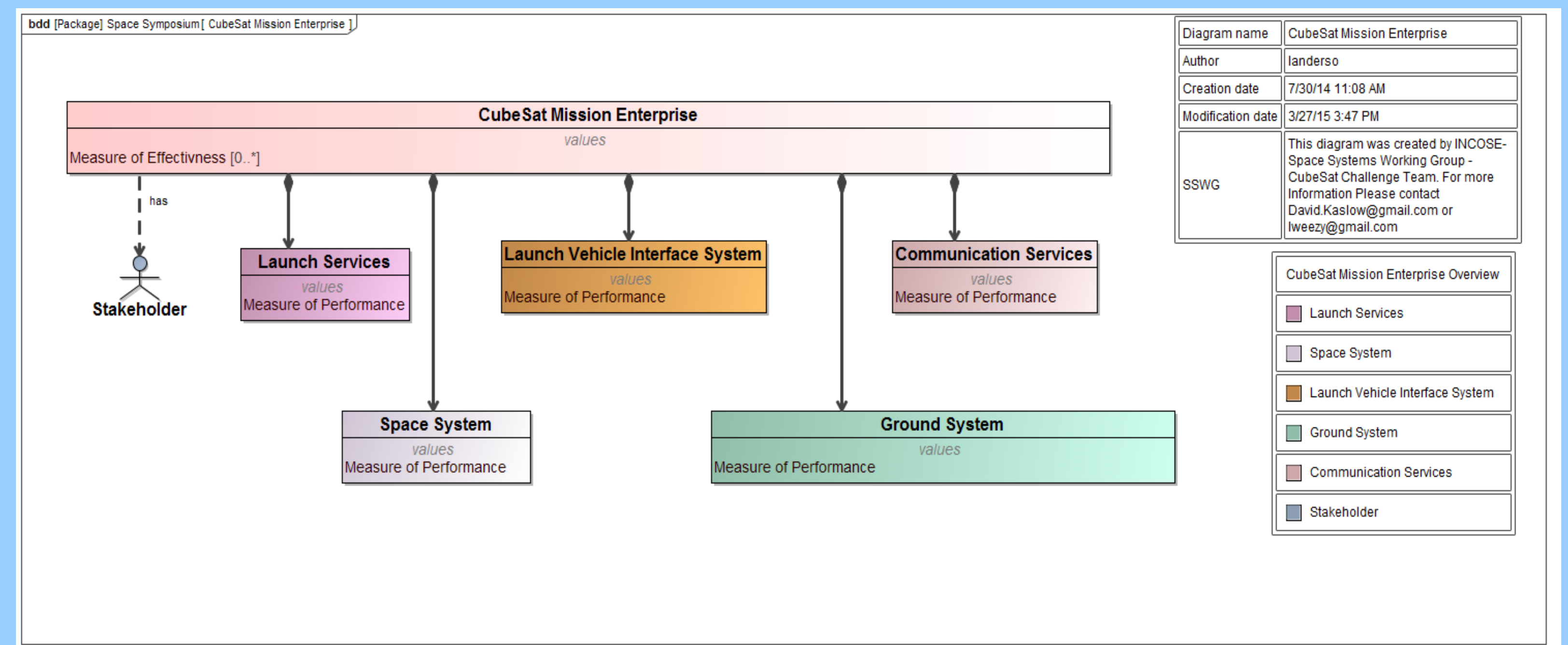
### Model Distribution



### Development of a Mission Specific CubeSat Model

## CubeSat Reference Model Views – Phase 4 [10]

**Stakeholders**  
 Sponsor End User Project Manager Project Engineer ...  
 Developer Tester Procurer Supplier ...  
 Launch Servicer Integrator Communication Integrator  
 Regulatory Agencies: FCC , ITU ...



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### Next Steps

- Develop model glossary / ontology
- Develop a Space Domain Reference model
- Develop a model containing the Cal Poly CubeSat Design Specification
- Create example mission specific model:
  - Stakeholder needs, objectives, constraints
  - Mission and system requirements
  - Measure of Effectiveness (MOE)
  - Measure of Performance (MOP)
- Demonstrate validation of MOEs and MOPs
- Provide the model to university aerospace program