

# A Few Words First

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## Upcoming Meetings:

- July 10: Systems Engineering for Early Stage R&D Projects – Heidi Hahn, Los Alamos National Laboratory, and Ann Hodges, Sandia National Laboratories
- August 9: Summer Social, Bow & Arrow Brewing Co.
- September 11: Systems Engineering Challenge, Nexus Brewery

## CSEP Courses by *Certification Training International*:

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2019 Aug 12-16| Austin, TX

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**And now - introductions**

# Enchantment Chapter Monthly Meeting



12 June 2019 – 16:45–18:00 MT

Enterprise Data Definition Management for a System of Systems

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**Abstract:** This presentation discusses a model-based approach to data design and management for a remote sensing ground station which is being developed as a system of systems. It also discusses the evolution of an enterprise data management approach for that same “system”.

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# Today's Presentation

Things to think about

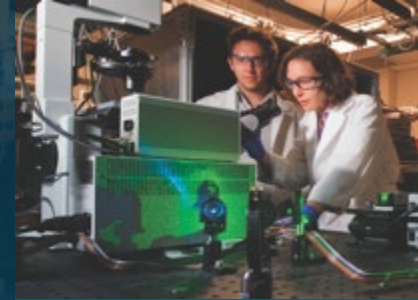
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# Speaker Bio

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Barbara Mills is a Principal Staff Member at Sandia National Labs (SNL) in the remote sensing ground station area. Her focus in this group has been data design/management as well as system architecture. Her prior position, as technical lead of an OPIR Data Standards group, set the stage for the current data design work. Barbara received her masters of science in electrical engineering (MSEE) from the University of California, Berkeley and her BSEE from the Ohio State University. Her experience at SNL has been varied (hardware design, embedded software design, signal processing, data and system design) but all applied to various sensing systems. In every case some kind of model was created; it is puzzling that complex systems are still created without them.

# Enterprise Data Definition Management for a System of Systems



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June 12, 2019

# Focus of this Talk

- The definition and management of interfaces in a system of systems implementation of a remote ground station.
- The interfaces are between:
  - Applications
  - Framework services and applications
  - Framework common data backbone and applications
  - Data output by the Framework with content provided by the applications
- The interfaces are implemented via:
  - Shared memory instantiation
  - Protocol buffers
  - JSON messages
  - Streaming binary data
  - Hierarchical Data Format V5 (HDF5) files

- Realizing the vision of a flexible, extensible common sensor family processing capability requires
  - Establishment of a framework
  - Plans for maintenance/enhancement of that framework
  - Establishment and application of data standards
  - Plans for maintenance/enhancement of the data interfaces
- This talk puts forth a vision for that last bullet point in a system of systems environment where
  - Neither the hardware/IT provider, the framework provider, nor the application provider are the same
  - Multiple agencies or companies provide applications which depend on the framework

# Recommendations: Bottom Line

- Recommendation 0:  
Retain control of ICDs but separate the Data Definition (referenced Data Spec) from the Physical Interface Definition (ICD body).
- Recommendation 1:  
Retain the benefits of model-based data definitions; govern the *UML data model* via comments to the generated ICDs/Data Specifications.
- Recommendation 2:  
Align data-model ownership along boundaries of domain, stakeholder groups, and mission
- Recommendation 3:  
Break up the UML model into multiple UML model projects, to align with multiple ownership and decrease coupling between programs.

This requires a careful analysis of the data content & organization, mission-ownership, software development CONOPs, and the desired qualities of an enterprise solution.



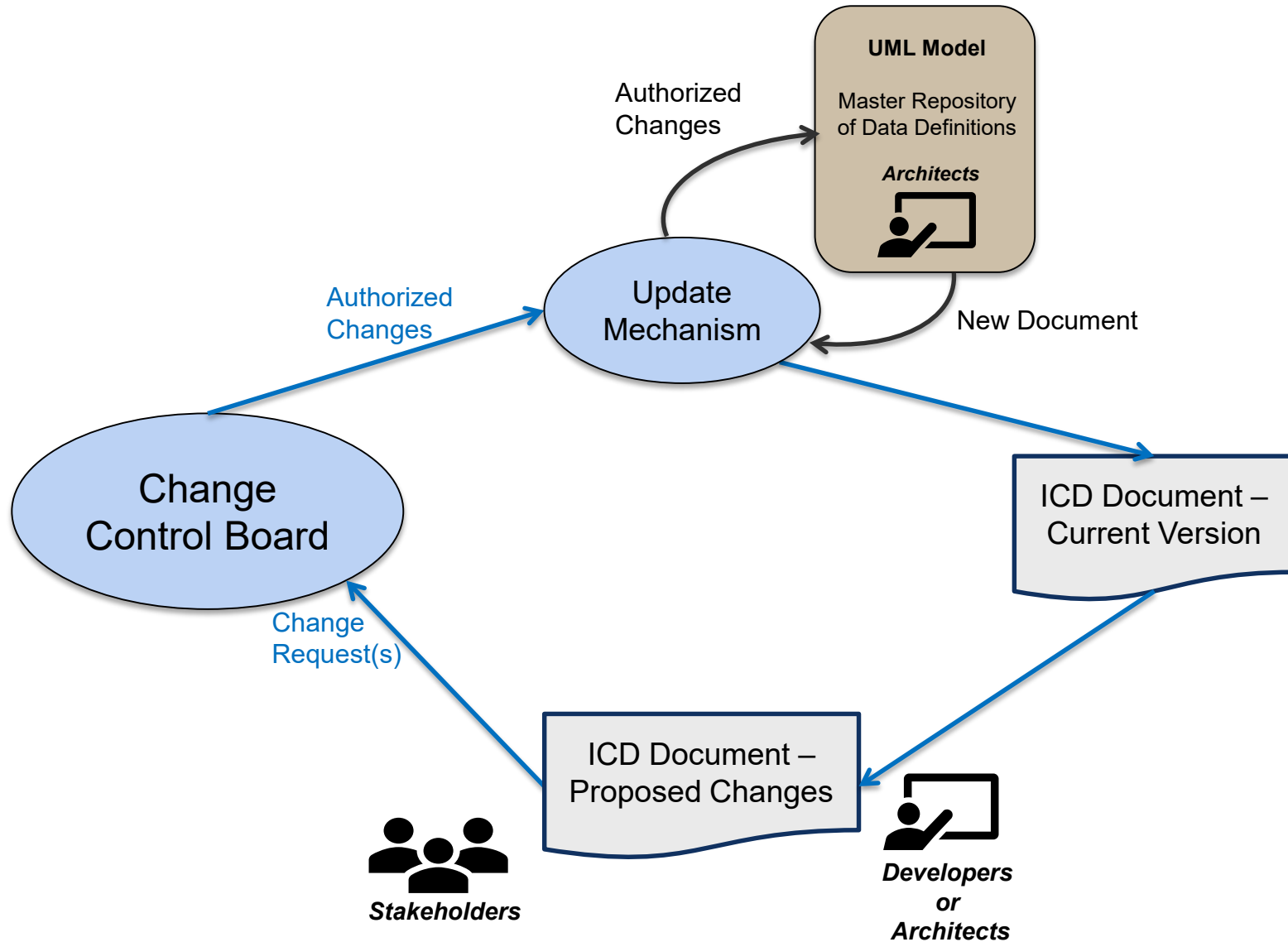
# Desired Qualities of An Enterprise Data Management Solution

- Support for
  - Common Data Definitions (facilitates fusion and common processing)
  - Interoperability
  - Developer CONOPS. Need to support
    - Both manual updates(\*) and model-based
    - Development/testing as well as operational needs
  - System-of-Systems Enterprise
  - SME Control of Their Domain's Data Curation
  - Flexible to Changing Stakeholders
- Alignment of Data Ownership with Mission Ownership
- Improved Decoupling of Data Needs from Differing Program Boundaries and Delivery Cycles
- Adoption of Industry Best-Practices

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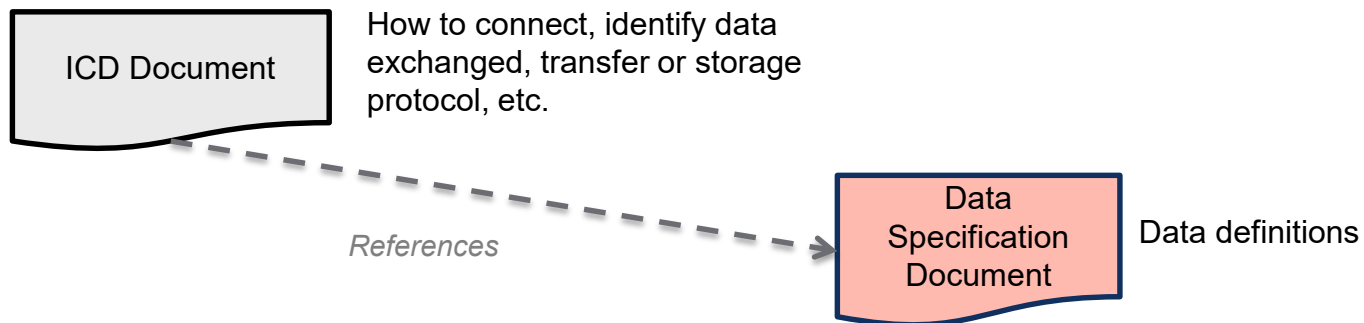
(\*) Actually, all updates are model-based; these require a separate model updater.

# End-to-End Data Management – Simple View



# Breaking up the ICD to Support Data Re-Use

- Data tends to flow through systems
  - e.g., storage to streaming to database
- Separating the physical interface definition (ICD) from the data definition (Data Specs) is beneficial. It supports:
  - Re-use of the data definition in multiple interfaces (e.g., bent pipe with disparate transfer mechanisms on either end)
  - Instantiation of the data definition with multiple physical forms (e.g., protocol buffer streaming into a database for storage)

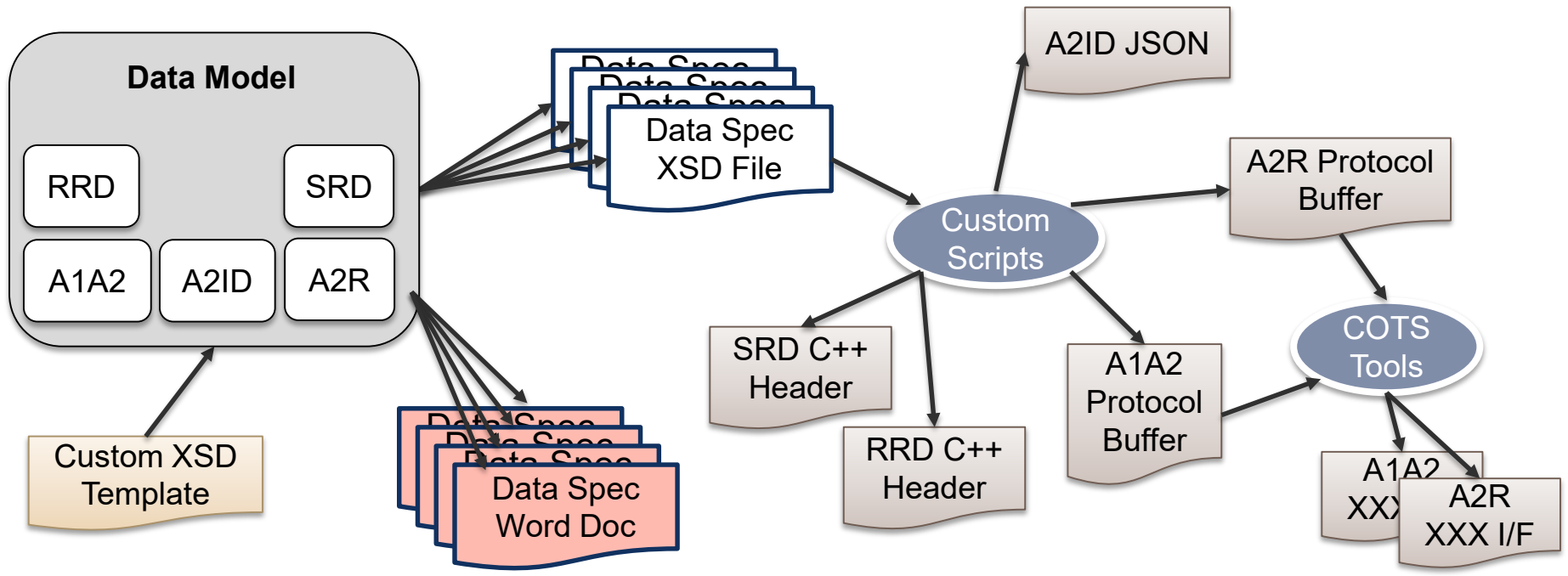


# Why use a Tool that Allows One to Model the Interfaces?

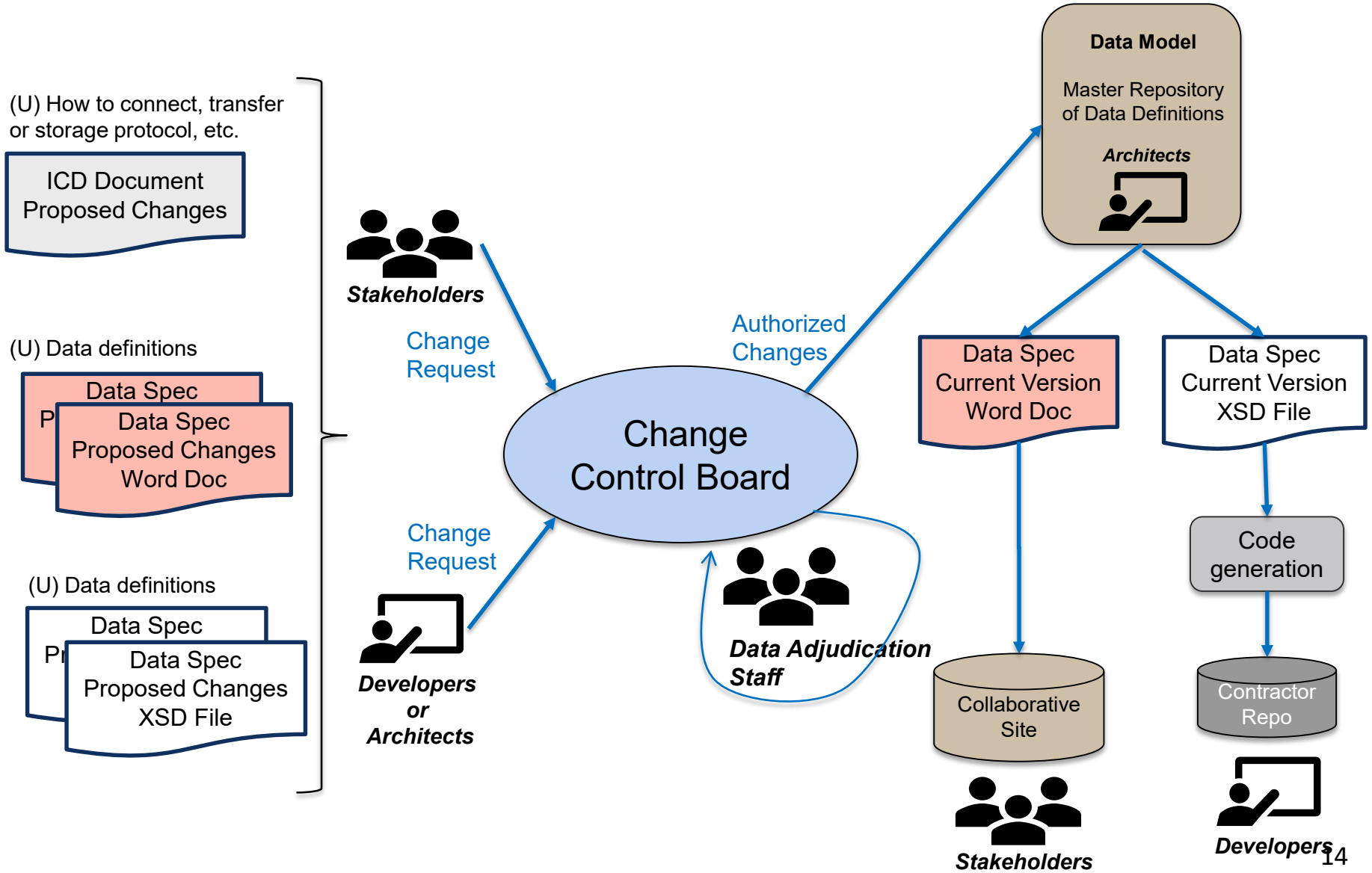
- Benefits of defining data with UML in a model (over documents)
  - Model management is scalable
  - Model provides means for complex analysis of relationships
  - Interface code can be generated from the model
    - The integration is less error-prone because both sides of the interface have the exact same data definition
  - Documentation can be generated from the model
    - This eases the burden of maintaining it as the interface code advances
- The documentation is updated once (in the model) and then reflected both in the Word documents produced as well as in the generated code

# Data Specs Documents & Code are Generated from the Data Model

Master Repository  Generated Outputs



# End to End Data Management – Support for Multi-Use Data & Developer/Integration Needs



# Granular Data Models Require Granular Governance

*Multi Sensor, Multi Mission, Multi System, Multi Stakeholder*

## Original Ground Station Model



*Data Specification Models*



*Sensor-Specific Classes*

*Data Spec -Specific Classes*

*Classes Shared Across Data Specs & Logical Arch*

Logical Architecture (Use Cases, UCRs, DFDs, etc.)

*Logical Models*

# How to Manage All These Interfaces?

- First we thought we could assign a primary owner to each Data Specification that defines data which flows over an interface
  - Recognizing that there is always at least one other party who cares (a stakeholder)
  - So anyone who is a primary owner needs to involve other parties in authorizing changes
- We spent a few weeks negotiating that split; it is on the next slide.
- Then we realized there is the complication of classes which are part of multiple Data Specifications
  - Even some that underlie nearly all of them
  - That is expressed on the next++ slide

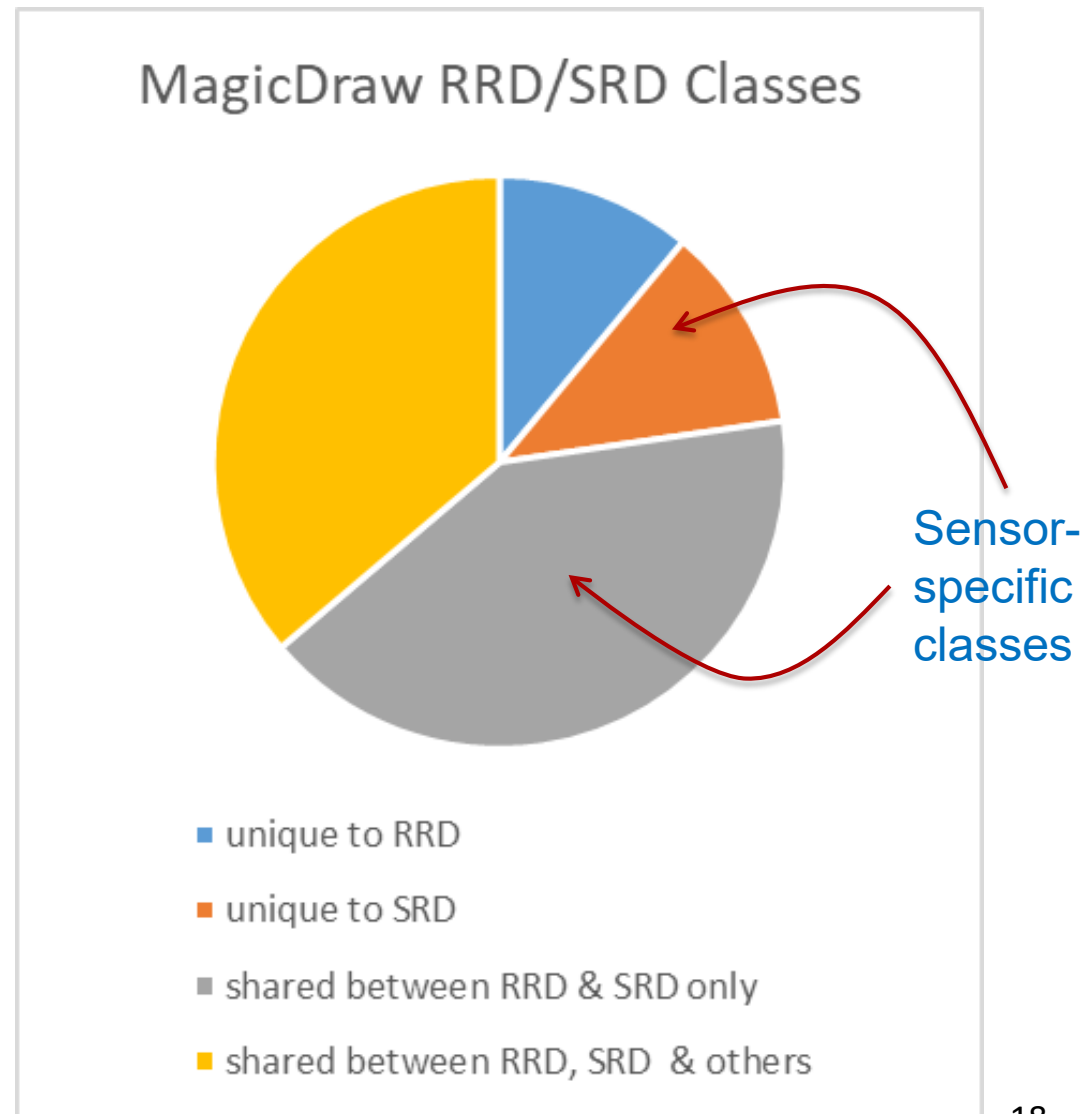


# Recommended Governance of Data Specs – The Simplified View

Primary Governance Sphere	Data Spec	Data Spec Name
Enterprise (Multi-Sponsor)	RRD	Raw Raster Data
Enterprise (Multi-Sponsor)	SRD	Sensor Reference Data
App Set #1 Sponsor	ODP	Object Data Product
App Set #1 Sponsor	SDP	Scene Data Product
App Set #2 Sponsor	A1A2	App Set #1 to App Set #2 Data
App Set #2 Sponsor	A2ID	App Set #2 Internal Data
App Set #2 Sponsor	A2R	App Set #2 Results
Framework Sponsor	FW	Framework Services
Framework Sponsor	UI	User Interface Services
App Set #1 Sponsor	COV	Sensor Coverage
External Sponsor	EC	External Commanding

# Sharing of data structures (classes)

- RRD is sharing roughly as many classes with downstream Data Types (as well as SRD) as with SRD alone
- This means it is not safe to assume one can modify any RRD/SRD class without affecting other Data Types



# Core Classes Shared Across Multiple Data Specifications

- Generic science terms
  - Position, Velocity, Acceleration, GeodeticPosition, StateVector, SymmetricMatrix2d, SymmetricMatrix3d
  - Geolocation (Polynomials, LOS Uncertainties, Ephemeris)
  - UnitVectors (various types)
- Description of the Collection
- Description of the Detector (Band, Config, Id)
- Description of the ExposureUnit/Datastream
- Description of Rasters
- Time



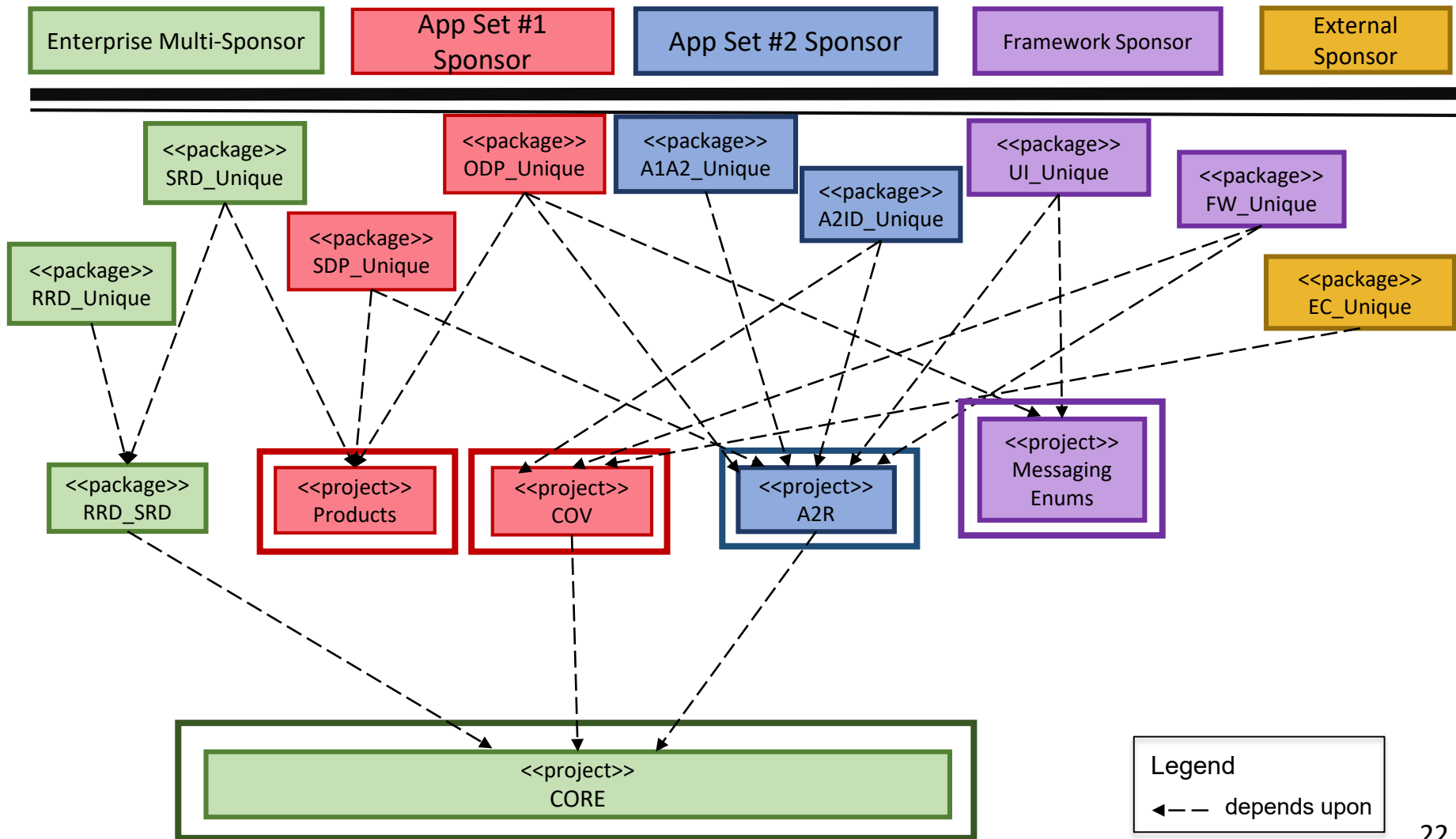
Spatio-  
Temporal  
Support  
Classes

- The unit of versioning in the tool we are using, MagicDraw, is the Project
- MagicDraw supports working with a collection of Projects, where there is a primary Project and other Projects which that Project depends upon.
  - Any party can generate code and documents using their own Project and Projects that others own.
- Provides clean delineation of authority and responsibility
- Provides a common mechanism for managing data across the enterprise
- Challenges will remain because conflicts may occur wherever there are multiple stakeholders with disparate concerns

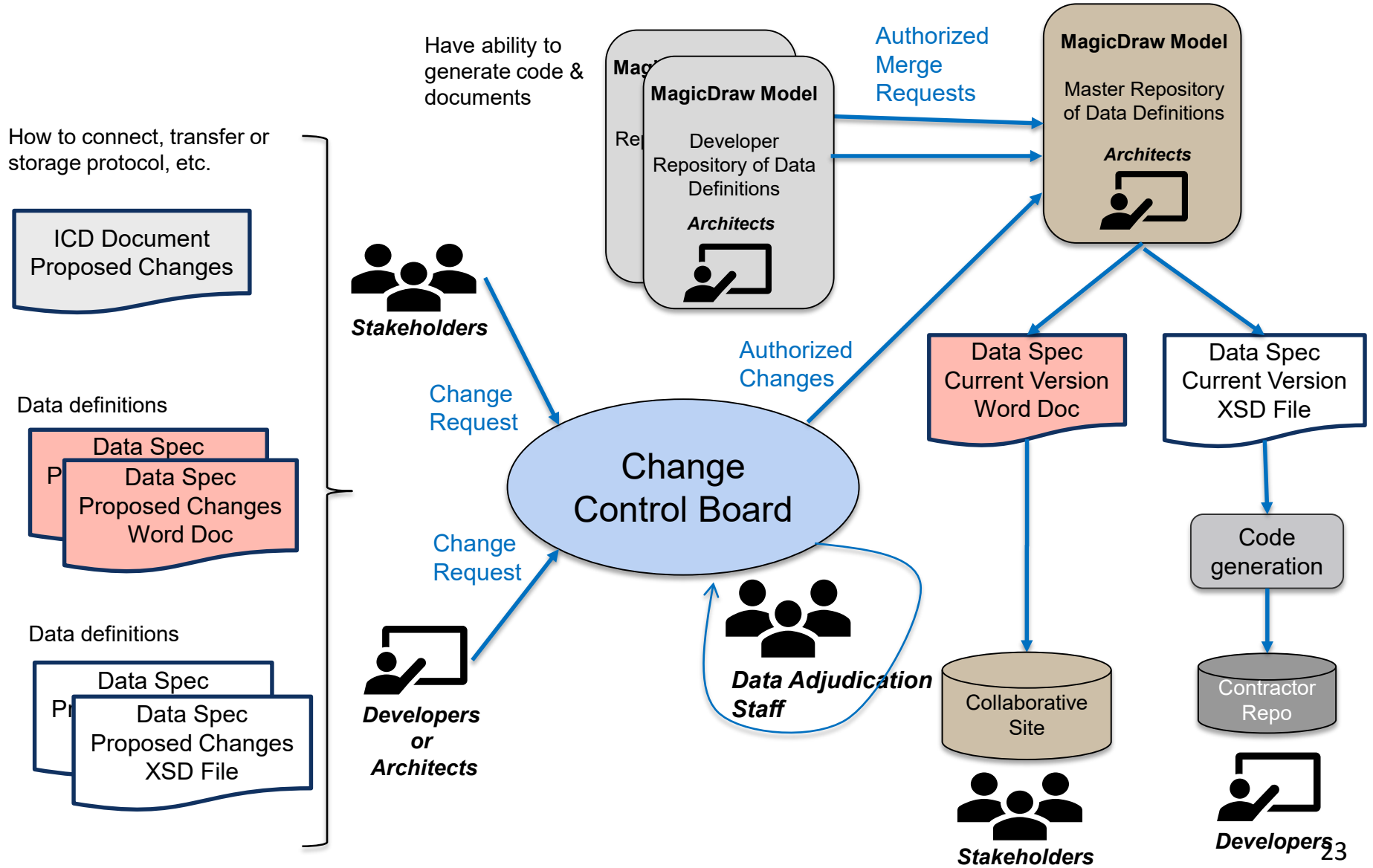
- Owners manage independent development
  - Classes unique to a single Data Spec or the sensor-specific classes
- Co-owners will require governance procedures
  - Shared RRD/SRD Classes
  - Core Classes & selected Enumerations
  - Involves contractual issues
- Can support manual data-prototype development
  - Design & develop App stand-alone, using any relevant Data Specs
  - Modify XSDs by hand to prototype & test
  - Create Documentation manually
  - Rely on a Centralized MagicDraw Model Authority to update these Interfaces in the model

# Breaking Up the MagicDraw Model

*Plan In Progress: Also need separate Projects for Data Specs*



# End to End Data Management – Support for Multi-Use Data, Developers, and Incremental Development



- Developer Status
  - The definition of all the required Projects has been refined and circular or inappropriate class dependencies fixed
  - Currently defining the configuration management of the Projects
  - The master repository location/form and how it will be accessed needs to be determined
- Sponsor Status
  - Examining existing governance boards and mechanisms to determine their utility in this realm.
  - Determining which organization would support on-going data governance.



# Summary

- Supporting a flexible, extensible, common sensor processing capability in a *Multi Sensor, Multi Mission, Multi System, Multi Stakeholder* environment is challenging. At a minimum, it requires common data definitions.
- This talk does not address all aspects of those challenges but focuses on the engineering aspects of supporting such data governance
- Key ideas to achieve this goal:
  - Separate physical interface definition from data definition
  - Use a UML modeling tool to define data and interfaces
  - Generate code and documentation for the interfaces from that modeling tool
  - Identify stakeholders and primary owners of interfaces
  - Separate the projects in the modeling tool along the lines of domain, interface, mission, and shared (common) data
  - Support Change Control so that stakeholders/owners retain control
  - Facilitate dev teams ability to prototype new data definitions with copies of the projects

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