

# Introduction to Model-Based Engineering

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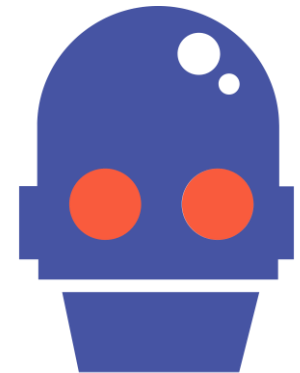
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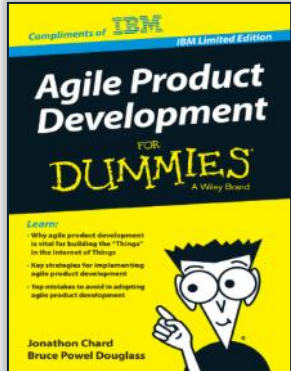
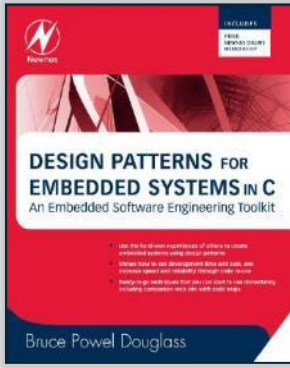
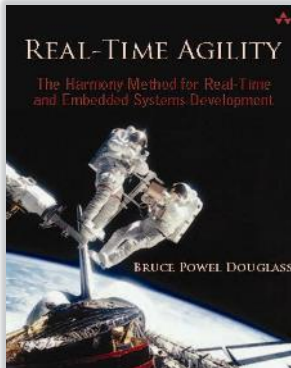
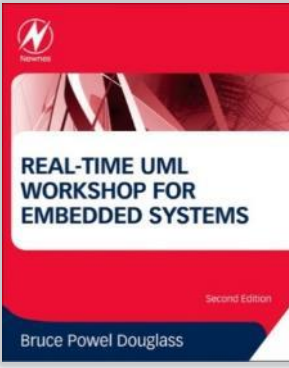
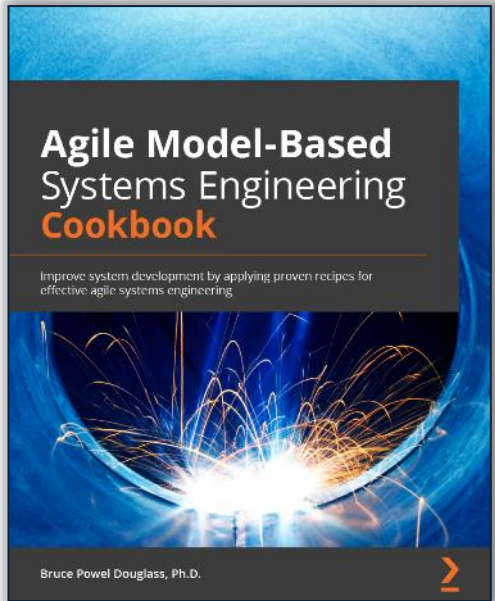
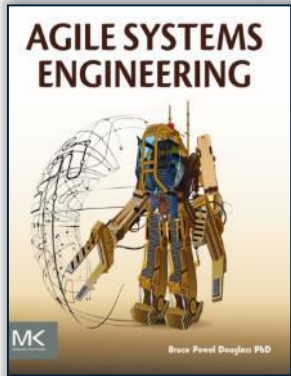
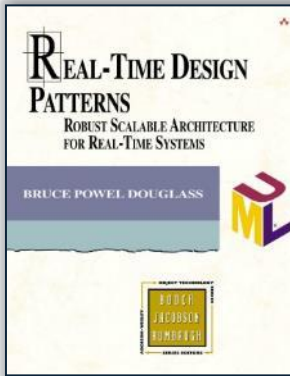
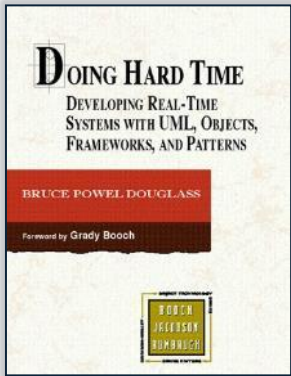
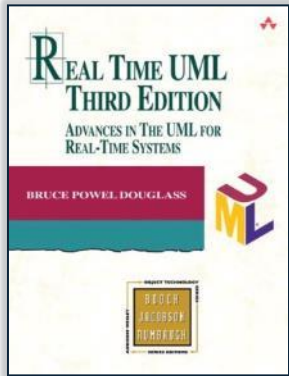
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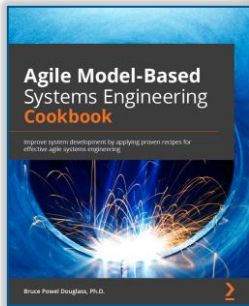


# INCOSE Lunch and Learn Series

Introduction to Modeling

Introduction to Agile and Model-Based Engineering

Engineering Agile Requirements: Epics, Use Cases, and User Stories



Improving Requirements with Use Cases

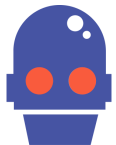
Model-Based Interface Control Documents

From Systems to Downstream Engineering: The Hand Off

Model-Based Testing

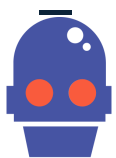
MBSE and Safety Analysis

A copy of **Agile Model-Based Systems Engineering Cookbook** will be given away at the end of the session. ***You must be present to win.*** *If you do not acknowledge your presence when called, another attendee will be selected.*



# Starting Definitions

- **Model**
  - is a representation of a system of interest from a particular viewpoint, capturing attributes for a specific purpose. A model is always an abstraction in that it focuses on properties of interest at the expense of properties not of interest and at a specified level of precision (detail).
- **MBE (Model-Based Engineering)**
  - “An approach to engineering that uses models as an integral part of the technical baseline that includes the requirements, analysis, design, implementation, and verification of a capability, system, and/or product throughout the acquisition life cycle.” (Final Report, Model-Based Engineering Subcommittee, NDIA, Feb. 2011)
- **MBSE (Model-Based Systems Engineering)**
  - “The formalized application of modeling to support system requirements, design, analysis, verification and validation activities beginning in the conceptual design phase and continuing throughout development and later life cycle phases.” (INCOSE MBSE Report, September 2007)
- **MDD (Model-Driven Development)**
  - The use of models for the specification and design of software-based systems.



# Starting Definitions

- **DE (Digital Engineering)**

- Digital engineering is the ability to perform discipline-specific engineering by collaborating with other disciplines and by leveraging authoritative system data in digital form from those disciplines within my tools of choice and in the right format.

- **DE Platform**

- A standard platform for projects which includes pre-installed tools, tool integrations, processes, and links to training and other knowledge / skill resources with the intent of allows quick start up of internal and sponsor-related projects.

- **Digital Thread**

- A connected set of models of a system in different lifecycle stages, including specification, design, operation, and maintenance.

- **Single Source of Truth**

- Each important datum is located in a singular, authoritative place and is connected, via navigable links, to all other relevant data in that or other repositories. Note: this doesn't mean that all data are in the same repository but the authoritative source for each datum is singular.

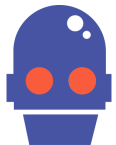


# Modeling For Beginners

Drawing vs Modeling

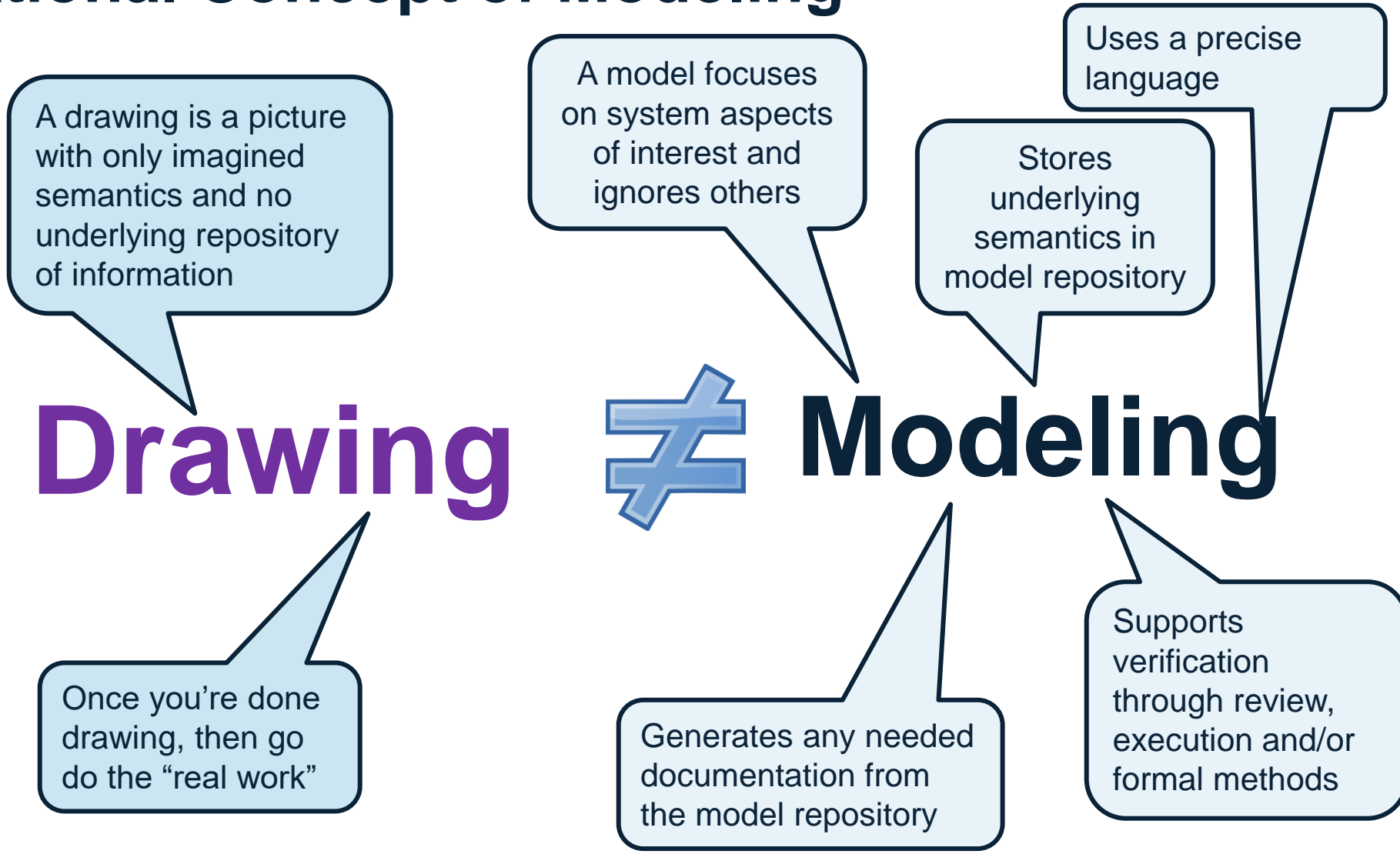
What's a model?

Models & Views





# Foundational Concept of Modeling



**Note: it IS possible to use a modeling tool solely for drawing and not modeling, but it's not a good idea!**



# So What IS a Model exactly?

**Modeling** is the development of a set of system data of relevant systems and their properties

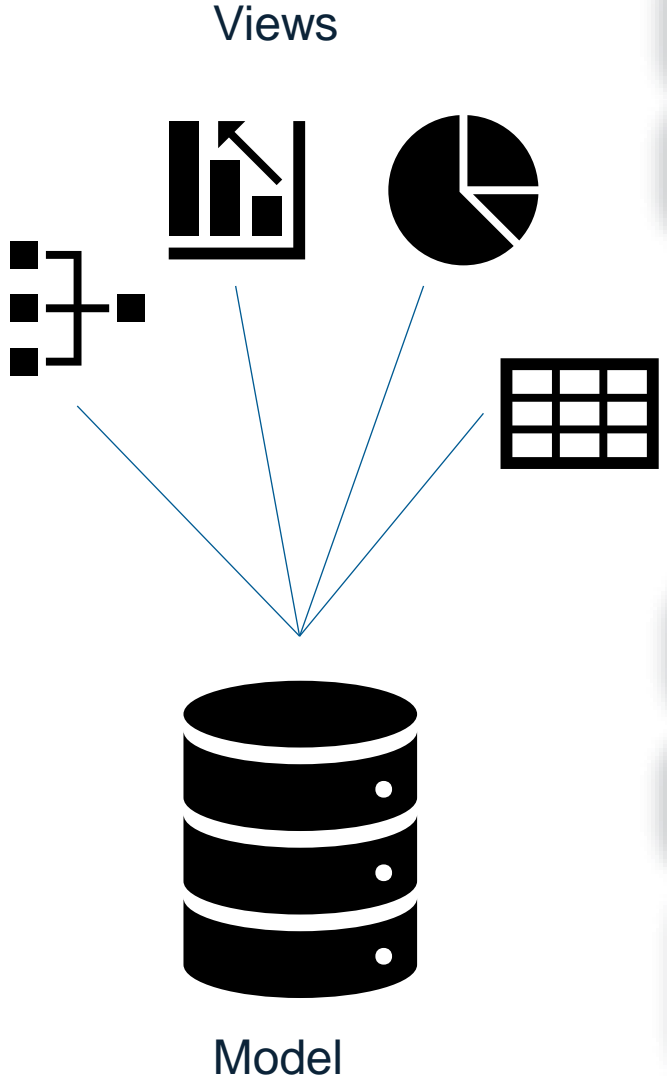
**Models** have views (e.g. diagrams)

**Diagrams** show subsets of eng. data

**Diagrams** have singular purpose

**Diagrams** answer questions

**Diagrams** support specific reasoning



**Models** have scope

**Models** have purpose

**Models** have precision

**Models** have accuracy

**Models** have fidelity

**Models** are falsifiable

**Models** are verifiable

**Models are interconnected data!**



# So What IS a Model exactly?

Models have scope

Modeling is the process of creating a set of symbols that represent a system

Models have

Diagrams

Diagram

Diagram

Diagrams support specific reasoning

purpose

decision

accuracy

reliability

usable

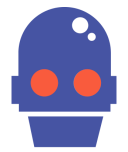
verifiable

To be clear, you do NOT model in Visio or PowerPoint; you can only draw pictures

Models are interconnected data!

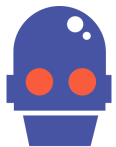


Model



# Uses of Diagrams and Tabular Views

- Data Entry
  - Drawing diagrams or entering data into tables/matrices is a way of entering information into the model
  - When you create an element on the diagram, the model either
    - Refers to an existing element, and updates it based on your actions, or
    - Creates a new element in the model repository
- Model visualization
  - Creating a diagram or tables allows you to create a view of a subset of the model information
- Simulation / Execution Debugging & Execution Control
  - Some modeling tools provide special diagrams and tools to control execution, insert events, change values, set breakpoints, etc.



# Executable Models

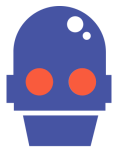
- WHY
  - To make sure the model isn't stating "utter nonsense."
  - Models make declarative and imperative statements of truth
  - It is *absolutely crucial* that we have a means by which we can verify that the statements of truth made by the model can be verified or demonstrated to be true
    - Such models are said to be "falsifiable"; this means that there is a way to demonstrate that a false model is indeed false
  - The larger the model, the more important this is
  - The more significant the impact of the model or system, the more important this is
- Rhapsody, Magic Draw, and Sparx Enterprise Architecture can build and execute models (with differing levels of fidelity)



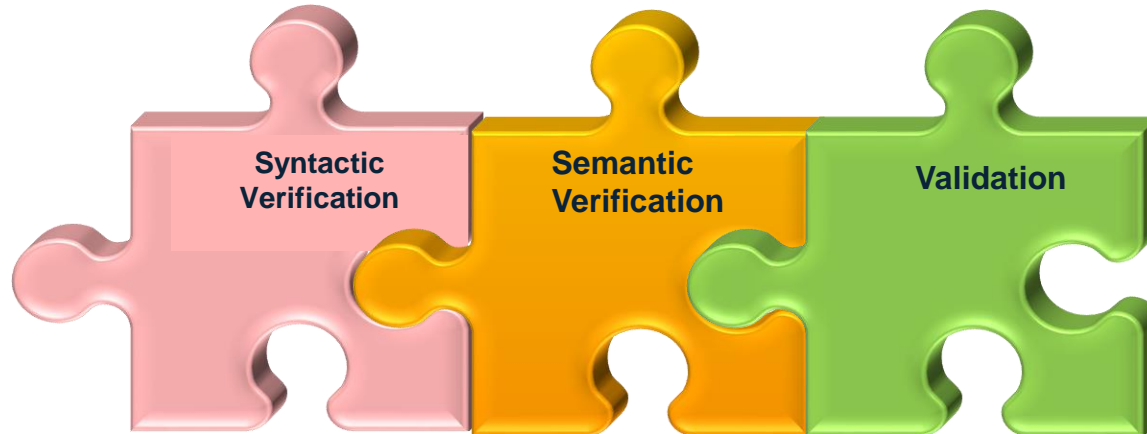
“Any language rich enough to say something interesting is also rich enough to say utter nonsense that at first glance sounds reasonable. ”

- **Douglass' Paradox**

*Declarative statements* identify what you want to happen; *imperative statements* identify how to make something happen.



# What do we mean by “verification & validation” of work products (e.g. models)?



## Semantic: Is the content correct?

- *Compliance in meaning*  
Performed by engineering personnel  
Three basic techniques
- **Semantic review** (subject matter expert & peer) – most common, weakest means
- **Testing** – requires executability of work products, impossible to fully verify
- **Formal methods** – strongest but hard to do and subject to invariant violation

## Syntactic: Is it well-formed?

- “Compliance in form”  
Performed by quality assurance personnel
- **Audits** – work tasks are performed as per plan and guidelines
- **Syntactic review** – work products conform to standard for organization, structure and format

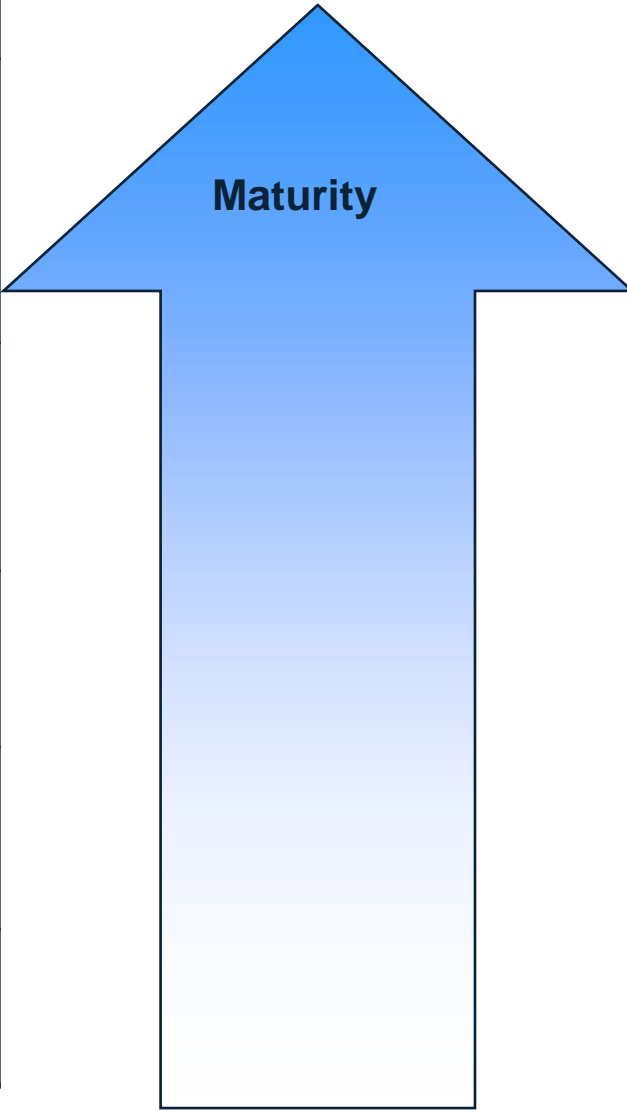
## Valid: Does it solve the right problem?

- Validation = “meets the stakeholder need”  
Performed by customer + engineering  
Some common techniques
- **Review** – (subject matter expert & customer) – most common, weakest
- **Simulation** – show simulated input → outputs
- **Sandbox** – exploratory usage in constrained environment
- **Flight test** – demonstration of system capabilities
- **Deployment** – early usage of system of partial capability



# INCOSE Organizational Model-Based Capabilities Matrix

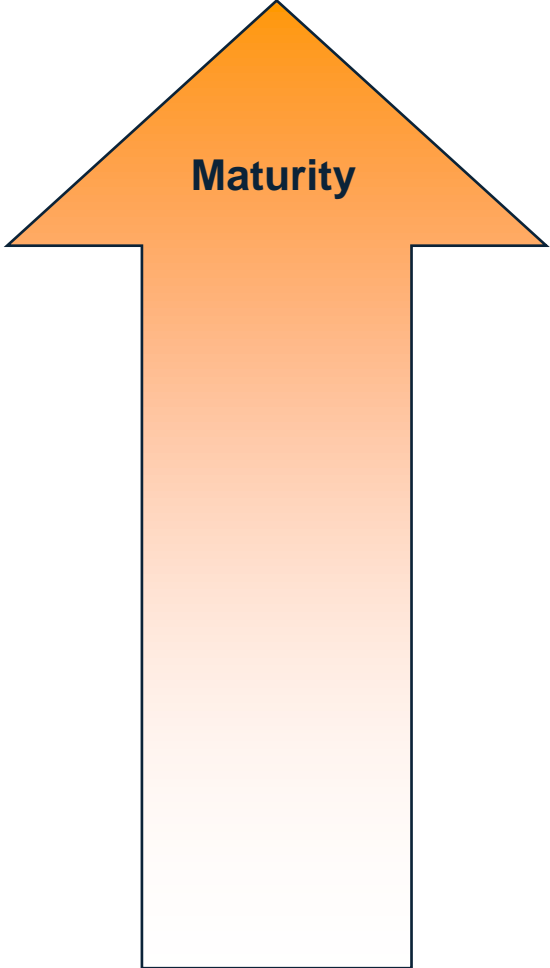
Level	Benefit	Focus	Technologies
4 Enterprise wide capabilities	High	Employing modeling as an organizational standard approach; managed reusable DE Assets	DE Platform infrastructure, tooling, training, and processes widely applied across organization
3 Program/project wide capabilities	Moderately High	Wide-scale use of modeling throughout projects	Model integrated with other functional disciplines, digital threads defined and digital twin
2 Modeling standards are applied	Moderate	Standardizing use of modeling	Integration of modeling into processes, standardized reviews and quality assurance
1 Limited use of modeling	Low	Answer specific questions during development	Modeling efforts address specific objectives and questions
0 No MBSE capability	None	Little or no use of models in systems engineering efforts; use of document-based, siloed data.	



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# Project-Oriented Modeling Maturity

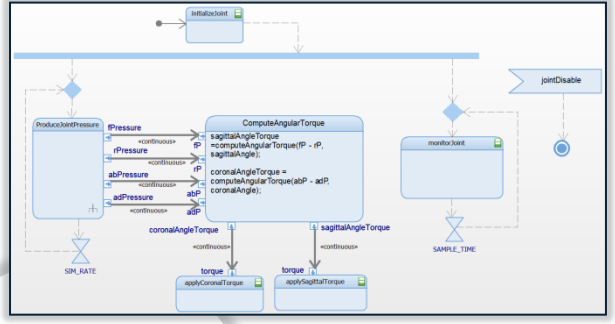
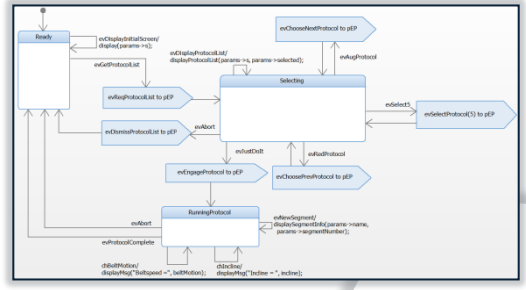
Level	Benefit	Focus	Technologies
4 Integrated cross platform modeling	High	Large-scale breaking down with federated models; connecting tools and data	DE Platform forms the core work environment
3 Executable	Moderately High	Use of verifiable, testable models;	Executable state and activity models, model-based test; use of quantitative metrics
2 Standardization	Moderate	Wide-spread use of modeling within the project; single source of truth	Use of modeling guidelines and standards, strong integration into engineering process
1 Visualization	Low	Visualizing engineering data	Reverse engineering, Picture drawing, "boutique engineering"
0 Textual / code-based/ siloed document-based development	None	Manual, time intensive heroic development with disconnected, siloed data	





# SysML Modeling Views

State diagram

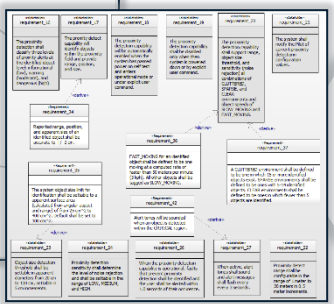
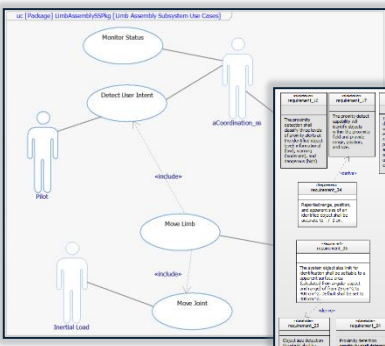


Activity diagram

State Behavior

Flow Behavior

Use case diagram

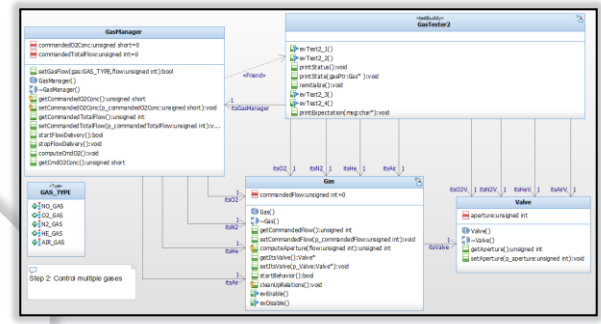


Requirements diagram

Functionality

# Model

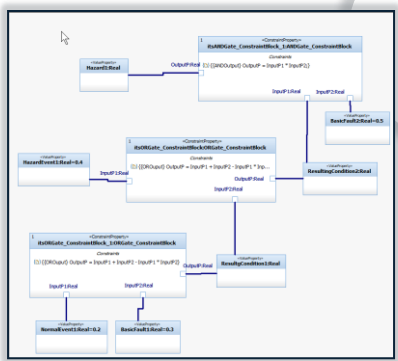
Structure



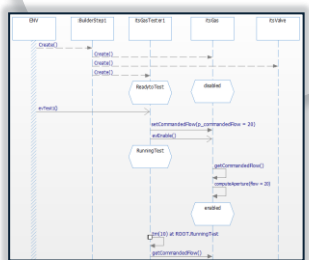
Class/Block diagram

Parametrics

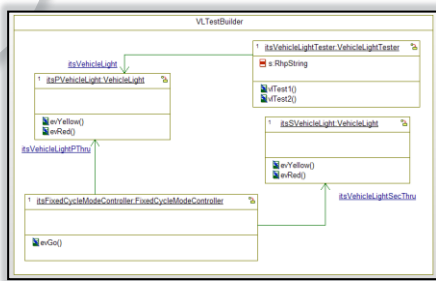
Interactions



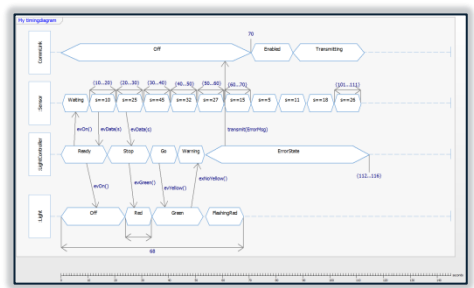
Parametric diagram



Sequence diagram



Structure/Internal Block diagram



Timing diagram

# UML and SysML – The Preeminent Modeling Languages

## SysML Pillar

<b>UML (software)</b>	<b>UML4SysML</b>	<b>SysML (systems)</b>
<b>Structural</b> Class Diagram      Class Structure Diagram      Object (Instance) Deployment Diagram      Attribute	Package      Signal Profile      Operation Stereotype      Port Interface Package Diagram	Block Part Value Property Units SI Units Model Library Block Definition Diagram Internal Block Diagram Proxy port Full port Interface Block
<b>Functional (declarative)</b>	Use case Use Case Diagram	Requirement Requirement Diagram Requirement Table Allocation Matrix
<b>Behavioral (imperative)</b> Communication Diagram Timing Diagram Interaction Overview	State Diagram      State Activity Diagram      Event Sequence Diagram      Action Control Flow	«continuous» «discrete» «control» «probability»
<b>Parametric</b>	Constraint	Constraint Block Parametric Diagram Parametric Constraint

At the UML 101/SysML 101 level, they are *the same*, except some elements are renamed



# Architecture Frameworks

DnDAF

TOGAF



## Zachman Framework

NAF

ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTURE - A FRAMEWORK™

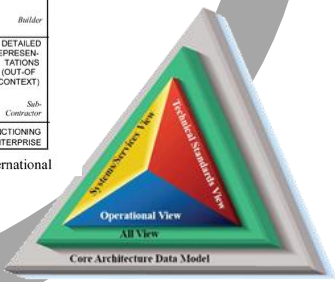
	DATA	FUNCTION	NETWORK	PEOPLE	TIME	MOTIVATION	
	What	How	Where	Who	When	Why	
SCOPE (CONTEXTUAL)	List of Things Important to the Business	List of Processes the Business Performs	List of Locations in which the Business Operates	List of Organizations important to the Business	List of Events/Cycles Significant to the Business	List of Business Goals/Strategies	SCOPE (CONTEXTUAL)
Planner	ENTITY = Class of Business Thing	Process = Class of Business Process	Node = Major Business Location	People = Major Organization Unit	Time = Major Business Event/Cycle	End/Mean = Major Business Goal/Strategy	Planner
BUSINESS MODEL (CONCEPTUAL)	e.g. Semantic Model	e.g. Business Process Model	e.g. Business Logistics System	e.g. Work Flow Model	e.g. Master Schedule	e.g. Business Plan	BUSINESS MODEL (CONCEPTUAL)
Owner	Ent = Business Entity Rel = Business Relationship	Proc = Business Process Link = Business Resource	Node = Business Location Link = Business Linkage	People = Organization Unit Work = Work Product	Time = Business Event Cycle = Business Cycle	End = Business Objective Means = Business Strategy	Owner
SYSTEM MODEL (LOGICAL)	e.g. Logical Data Model	e.g. Application Architecture	e.g. Distributed System Architecture	e.g. Human Computer Architecture	e.g. Processing Structure	e.g. Business Rule Model	SYSTEM MODEL (LOGICAL)
Designer	Ent = Data Entity Rel = Data Relationship	Proc = Application Function ID = User Views	Node = IS Function Process = Storage etc Link = Line Characteristics	People = Role Work = Deliverable	Time = System Event Cycle = Processing Cycle	End = Structural Assertion Means = Action Assertion	Designer
TECHNOLOGY MODEL (PHYSICAL)	e.g. Physical Data Model	e.g. System Design	e.g. Technology Architecture	e.g. Presentation Architecture	e.g. Control Structure	e.g. Rule Design	TECHNOLOGY MODEL (PHYSICAL)
Builder	Ent = Segment/Table/etc. Rel = Instance/Query/etc.	Proc = Computer Function ID = Data Elements/etc.	Node = Hardware/Systems Software Link = Line Specifications	People = User Work = Screen Format/etc.	Time = Execute Cycle = Component Cycle	End = Condition Means = Action	Builder
DETAILED REPRESENTATIONS (OUT-OF-CONTEXT)	e.g. Data Definition	e.g. Program	e.g. Network Architecture	e.g. Security Architecture	e.g. Timing Definition	e.g. Rule Specification	DETAILED REPRESENTATIONS (OUT-OF-CONTEXT)
Sub-Contractor	Ent = Field Rel = Address	Proc = Language Statement ID = Control Block	Node = Address Link = Protocol	People = Identity Work = Job	Time = Interrupt Cycle = Machine Cycle	End = Sub-condition Means = Step	Sub-Contractor
FUNCTIONING ENTERPRISE	e.g. DATA	e.g. FUNCTION	e.g. NETWORK	e.g. ORGANIZATION	e.g. SCHEDULE	e.g. STRATEGY	FUNCTIONING ENTERPRISE

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**UAF**  
OMG UNIFIED ARCHITECTURE FRAMEWORK®

MODAF



DoDAF

UPDM

Definition: An architecture framework is an encapsulation of a minimum set of practices and requirements for artifacts that describe a system's architecture.

# What is UML?

Unified Modeling Language

Diagrams and views

Model elements

4-Tier Metamodel Architecture

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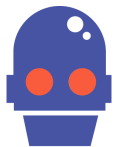
# What is UML?

- Unified Modeling Language see <http://www.omg.org/spec/UML/2.5/PDF/>
- Comprehensive full life-cycle 3rd Generation modeling language
  - Standardized in 1997 by the Object Management Group (OMG)
  - Incorporates state of the art Software and Systems development concepts
- Matches the growing complexity of real-time systems
  - Large scale systems, Networking, Web enabling, Data management
- Extensible and configurable
- UML supports but doesn't require object-oriented development
- UML is process agnostic
  - By design, the UML is meant to be used with any reasonable development process



# UML Features

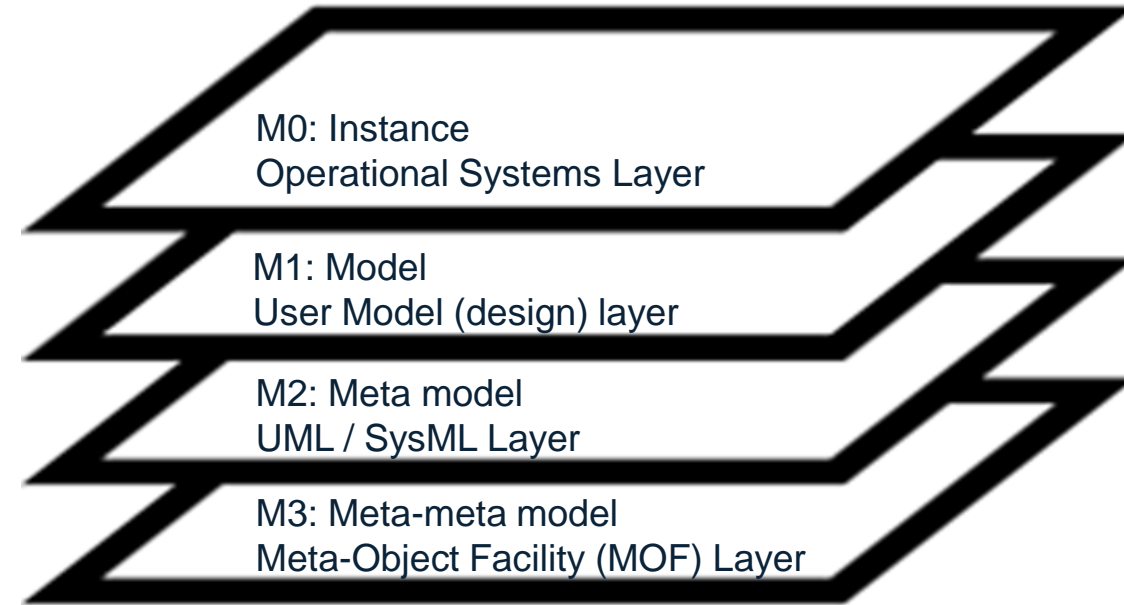
- UML is a graphical language
  - **Diagrams** form the primary means by which models are created and understood
  - **Packages** are folders that contain model elements including both diagrams and the elements they portray.
    - This applies to the UML itself but also to the user models (designs) you create
  - The key is the underlying semantic repository of information about the system you're modeling
  - A **diagram** type is defined by the types of things that can be represented and their symbology
  - A **diagram usage** is the purpose for a diagram, which subsets the kinds of elements used
  - Example:
    - A class diagram is a type of UML diagram
    - Uses of class diagrams: class, structure, object, package, task, subsystem, architecture, interface



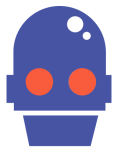
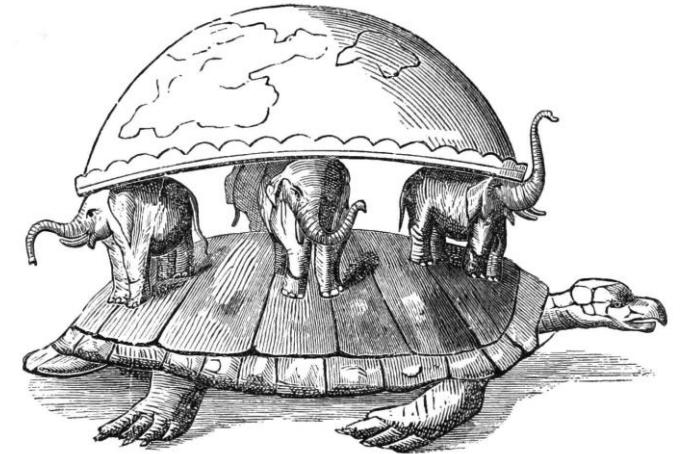


# UML Semantic basis

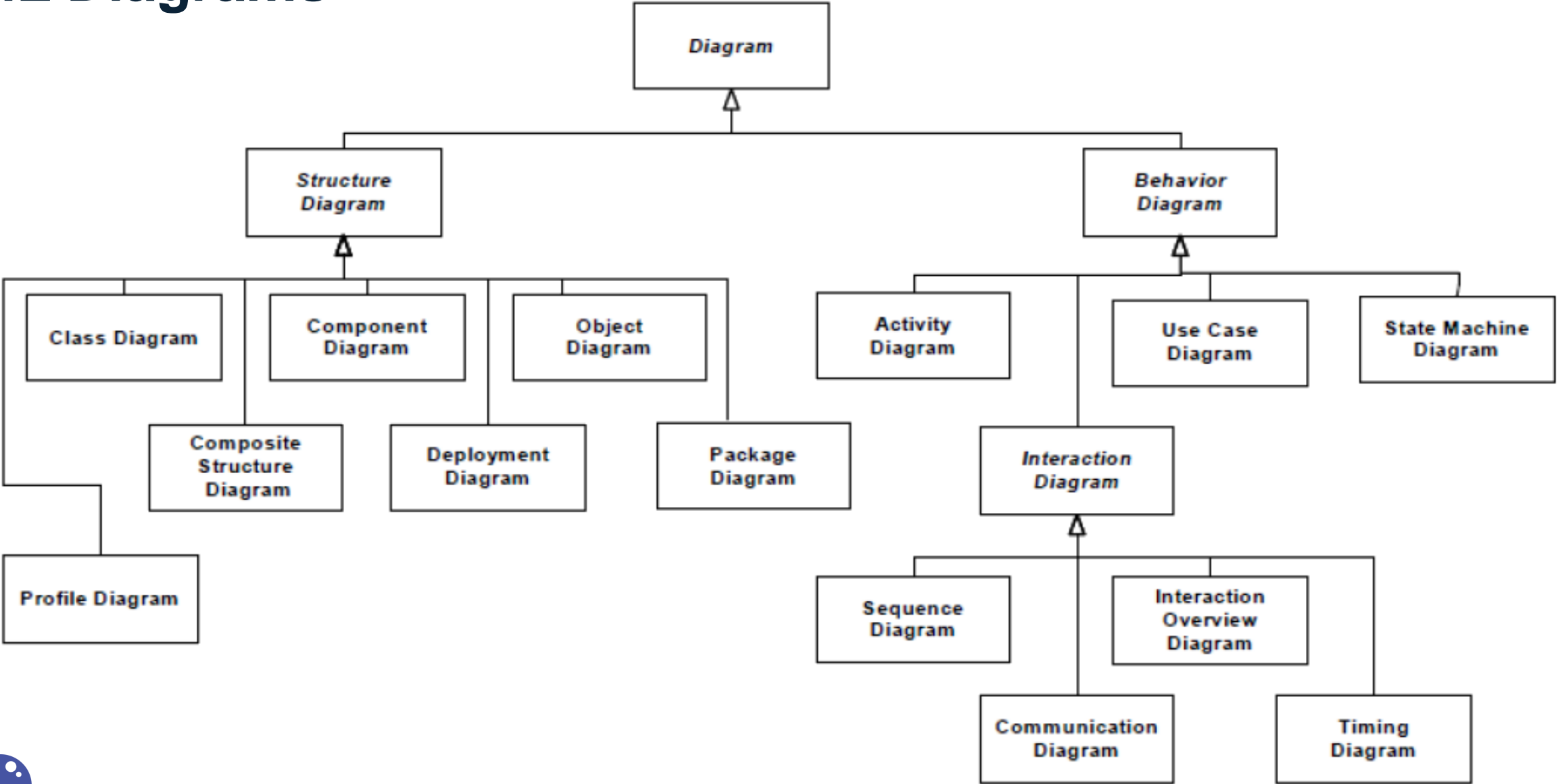
- UML is constructed using a 4-tier metamodel hierarchy
  - M3 – Meta-metamodel (MOF Core language)
  - M2 – Metamodel (UML Language)
  - M1 – Design model (model)
  - M0 – Instance model (deployed system)
- The UML definition itself is divided up into packages to support
  - Modularity
  - Layering
  - Partitioning
  - Extensibility
  - Reusability



“It’s Meta-Turtles all the way down”



# UML Diagrams



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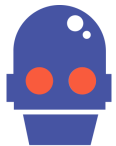


# What is SysML?

SysML is derived from UML

SysML Timeline

UML vs SysML

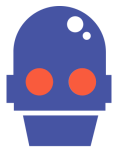


# What is SysML?

- A graphical modeling language in response to the UML for Systems Engineering RFP developed by the Object Management Group (OMG), International Council on Systems Engineering (INCOSE), and AP233
  - a UML Profile that is both a subset and extension to UML 2
- Designed specifically for the Systems Engineering domain with extensions for requirements and analysis
- Supports the specification, analysis, design, verification, and validation of systems that include hardware, software, data, personnel, procedures, and facilities
- SysML is the most common way to represent systems engineering information in a rigorous, structured way by storing the information in **models**. We discuss models in more detail shortly.
- The pervasive application of models for systems engineering is known as Model-Based Systems Engineering (MBSE)

Important! **At a basic level of use, UML and SysML are the same language**, with only minor naming differences between them.

- More advanced uses of SysML will highlight the differences between them.



Like UML, SysML is a *language* and is process-agnostic.

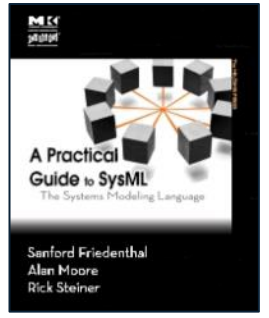


# SysML History



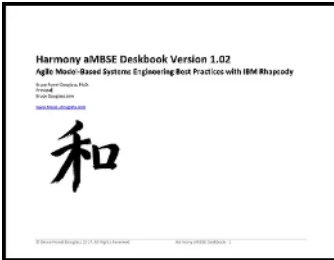
UML 1.1 Adopted by the Object Management Group (OMG)

Initial release of SysML for adoption

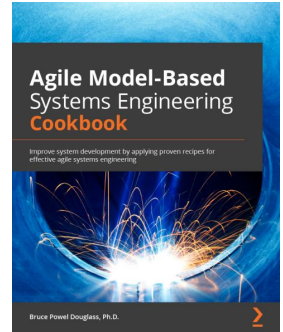


Friedenthal et. al. release **A Practical Guide to SysML**

Bruce Douglass releases **Harmony Agile Model-Based Systems Engineering** (Harmony aMBSE) process



Work begun on SysML 2.0



Bruce Douglass publishes **Agile Model-Based Systems Engineering Cookbook**

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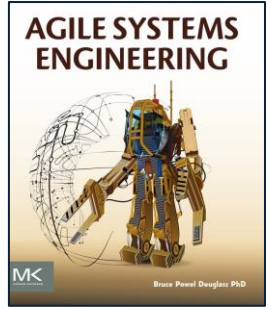
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Work begun on SysML

SysML 1.0 Adopted by the OMG

**SysML 1.6** released

Bruce Douglass and Peter Hoffmann release **Harmony Systems Engineering** (Harmony SE) process



Bruce Douglass publishes **Agile Systems Engineering** book



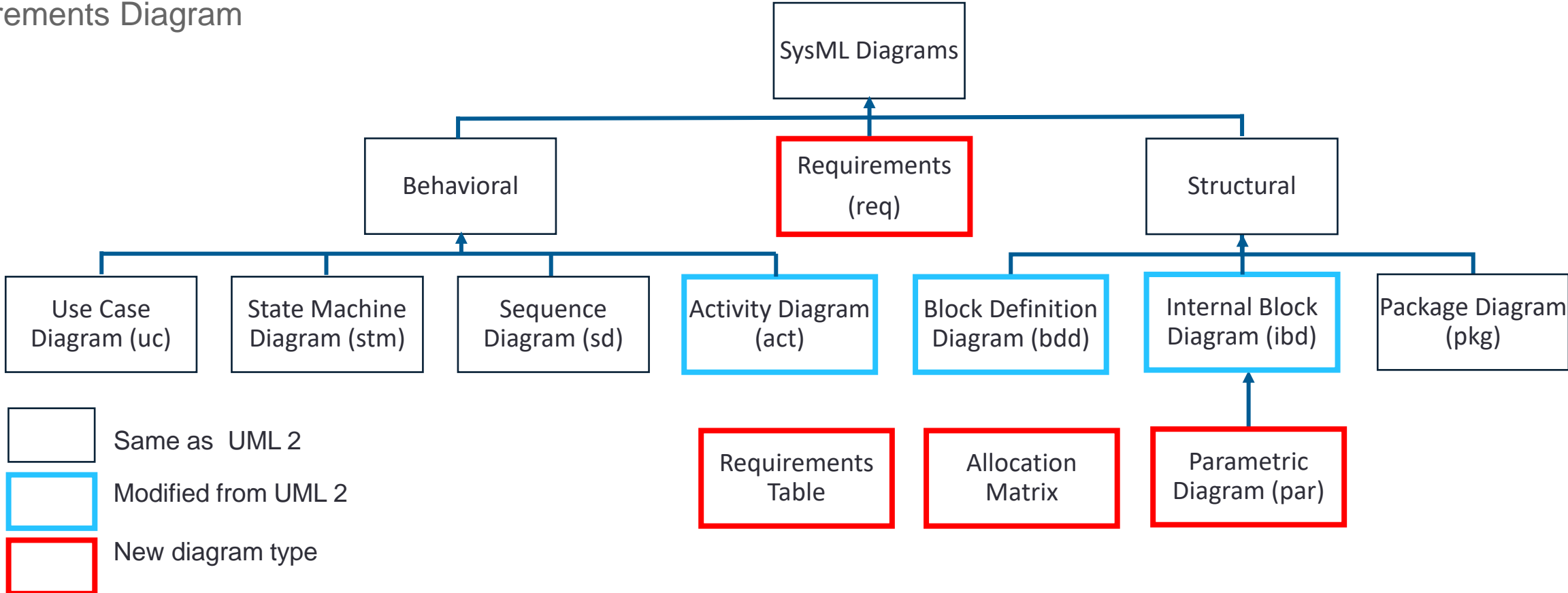
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# Nine SysML Views

The nine SysML diagrams are categorized as follows:

- Behavioral Diagrams - dynamic change of system **behavior** over time
- Structural Diagrams - static system **structure** diagrams
- Requirements Diagram

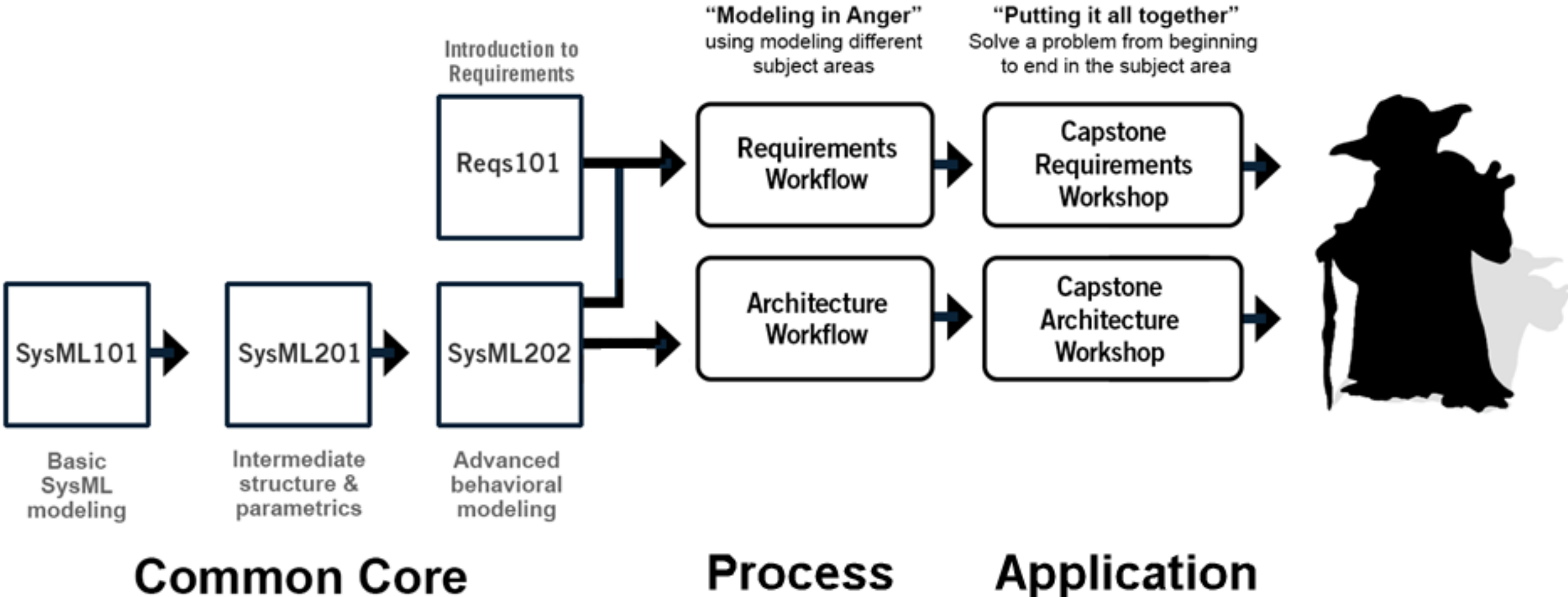




# Characteristics of Predefined SysML Views

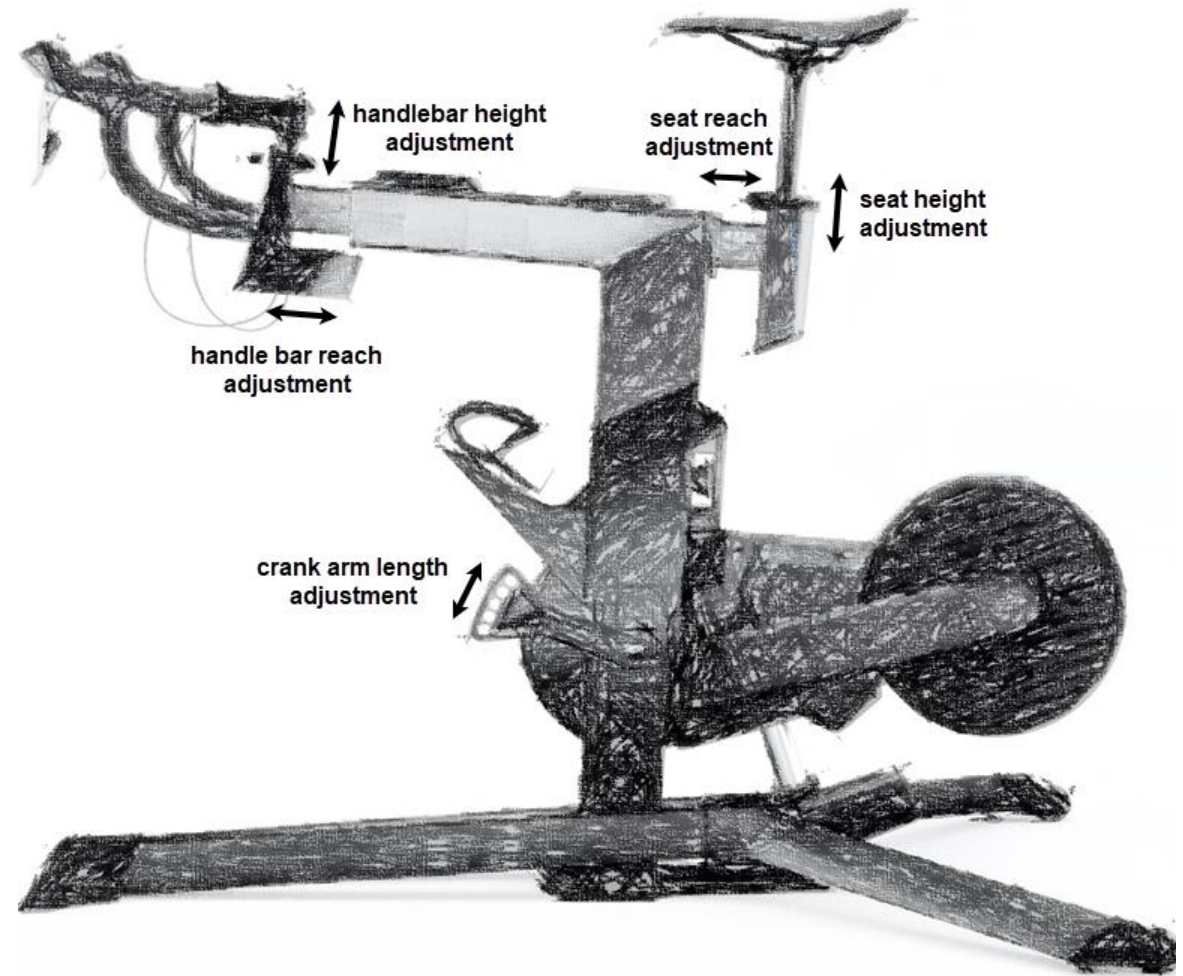
View	Type	UML2 Analog	Lifecycle usage	Essential	Dynamic simulation	Computational	Supports code gen	Formal
Requirements Diagram (req)	Static Functionality	n/a	Requirements Specification; Functional Analysis					
Use Case Diagram (uc)	Static Functionality	Use case diagram	Requirements Specification; Functional Analysis	☑				
Activity Diagram (act)	Dynamic Behavior	Activity diagram – minor changes	All	☑	☑		☑	☑
Sequence Diagram (sd)	Interaction Behavior	Sequence Diagram	All	☑	☑			☑
State Diagram (stm)	Dynamic Behavior	State Diagram	All	☑	☑		☑	☑
Block Definition Diagram (bdd)	Static Structure	Class Diagram (moderate change)	Architecture; Design	☑			☑	☑
Internal Block Diagram (ibd)	Static Structure	Structure Diagram (moderate change)	Architecture; Design	☑			☑	☑
Parametric Diagram (par)	Static Functionality	n/a	All			☑		☑
Package Diagram (pkg)	Static Structure	Package diagram	All					
Requirements Table	Static Table	n/a	Requirements Specification; Functional Analysis					
Allocation Matrix	Static Matrix	n/a	All					

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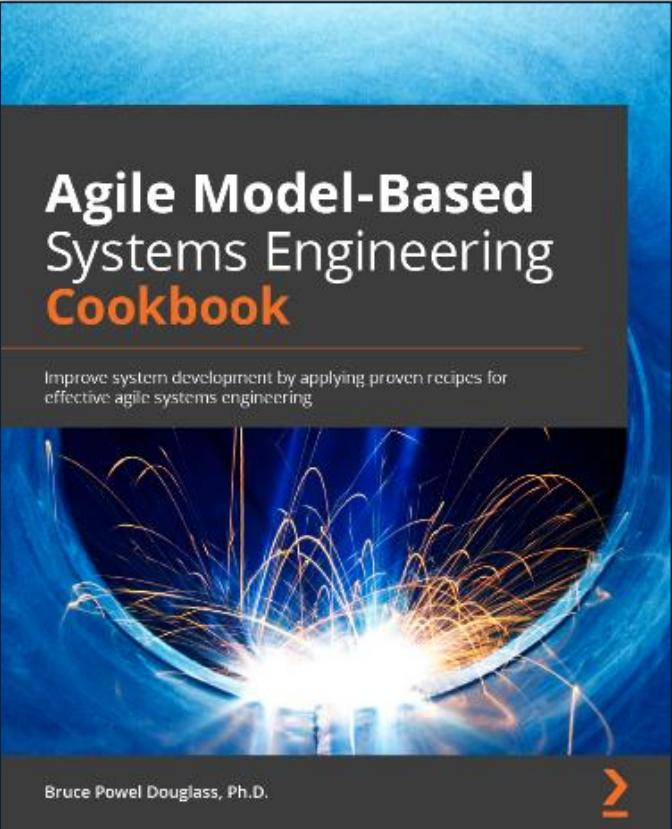


# Example

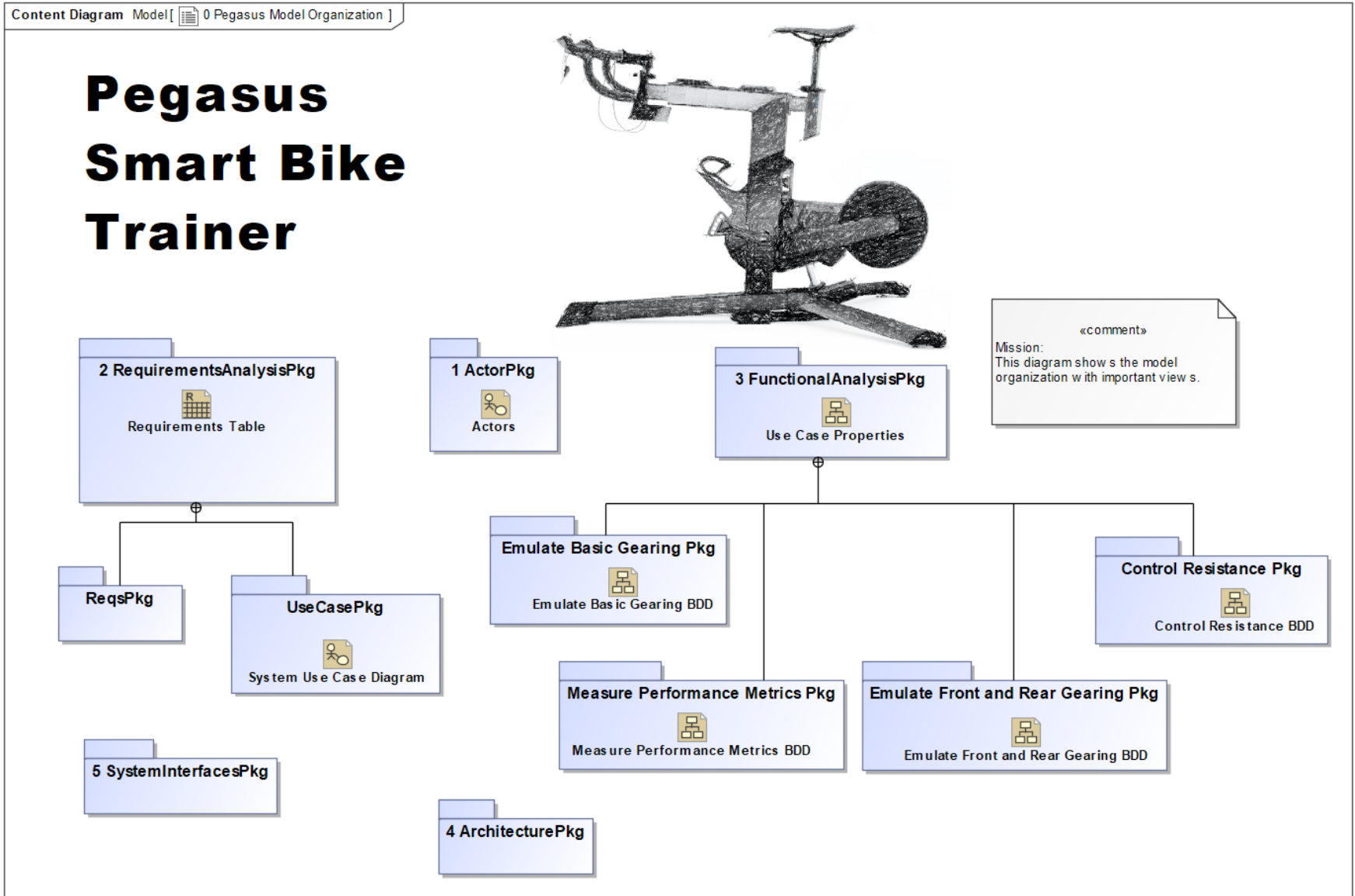
A quick look at the Pegasus Smart Bike Trainer



# Model Overview Diagram



Adapted to Cameo Magic Draw from the Rhapsody models within the book



# Requirements Table

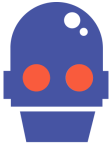
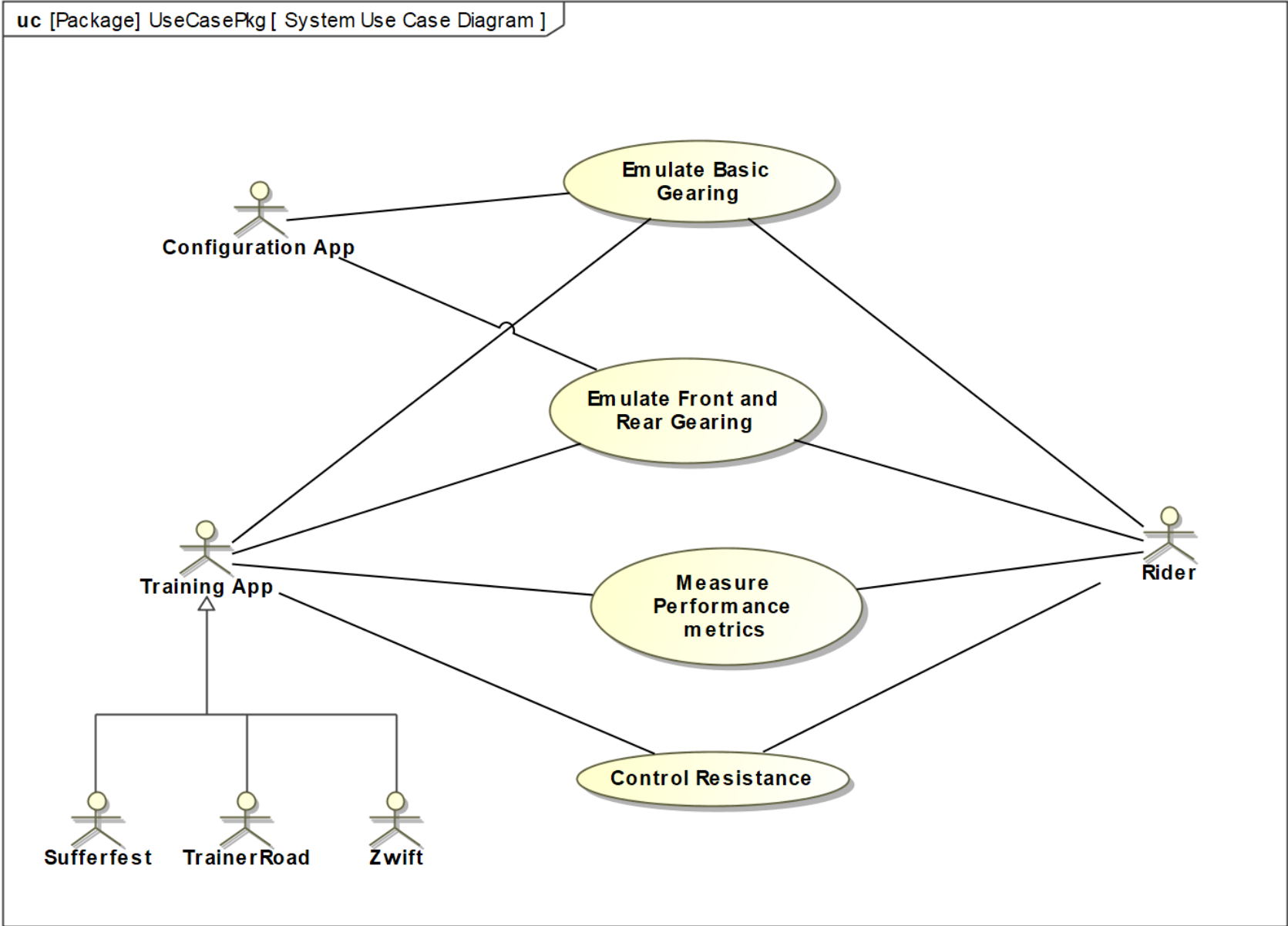
Criteria

Scope (optional): ReqsPkg  Filter:

#	△ Name	Text
1	<input type="checkbox"/> R 63 DIReg01	In DI Shifting mode, if the UP button is pressed and the system is already in the highest possible gear, then the system shall audibly beep and keep the current gearing.
2	<input type="checkbox"/> R 64 DIReg02	The system shall provide shifting with a DI Shifting mode that enables the DI shifting buttons and disables the shifting levers.
3	<input type="checkbox"/> R 65 DIReg03	In DI Shifting mode, the UP button shall shift into the next highest possible gearing from the selected gear set, as measured in gear inches.
4	<input type="checkbox"/> R 66 DIReg04	In DI Shifting mode, the UP button shall shift into the next highest possible gearing from the selected gear set, as measured in gear inches.
5	<input type="checkbox"/> R 67 DIReg05	In DI Shifting mode, if the DOWN button is pressed and the system is already in the lowest possible gear, then the system shall audibly beep and keep the current gearing.
6	<input type="checkbox"/> R 68 DIReg06	In DI Shifting mode, when an upshift requires changing the chain ring, the system shall progress to the next largest gearing, as measured by gear inches.
7	<input type="checkbox"/> R 69 DIReg07	In DI Shifting mode, when a downshift requires changing the chain ring, the system shall progress to the next smallest gearing, as measured by gear inches.
8	<input type="checkbox"/> R 70 DIReg10	The system shall enter DI Shifting Mode by selecting that option in the Configuration App.
9	<input type="checkbox"/> R 71 DIReg11	Once DI Shifting mode is selected, this selection shall persist across resets, power resets, and software updates.
10	<input type="checkbox"/> R 72 DIReg12	Mechanical shifting shall be the default on initial start up or after a factory-settings reset.
11	<input type="checkbox"/> R 73 DIReg13	The system shall leave DI Shifting mode when the user selects the Mechanical Shifting option in the Configuration App.
12	<input type="checkbox"/> R 74 efarg01	The system shall notify the rider of the current number of chain rings and cassette rings on start up.
13	<input type="checkbox"/> R 75 efarg02	The system shall accept a rider command to enter a mode to configure the gearing.
14	<input type="checkbox"/> R 76 efarg03	The system shall accept a rider command to set up from 1 to 3 front chain rings, inclusive.
15	<input type="checkbox"/> R 77 efarg04	The default number of chain rings shall be 2.
16	<input type="checkbox"/> R 78 efarg05	The rider shall be able to decrement the cassette ring from a higher (smaller number of teeth) to the next lower (larger number of teeth) gear until the largest cassette ring is reached.
17	<input type="checkbox"/> R 79 efarg06	The system shall accept a rider command to set up from 10-12 cassette rings, inclusive.
18	<input type="checkbox"/> R 80 efarg07	The default number of cassette rings shall be 12.
19	<input type="checkbox"/> R 81 efarg08	The system shall accept a rider command to set any chain ring to have from 20 to 70 teeth.
20	<input type="checkbox"/> R 82 efarg09	The system shall accept a rider command to set up any cassette ring to have from 10 to 50.
21	<input type="checkbox"/> R 83 efarg10	The default number of teeth for 1 chain ring shall be 48.
22	<input type="checkbox"/> R 84 efarg11	The default number of teeth for 2 chain rings shall be 34 and 53.

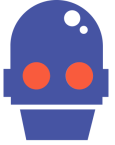
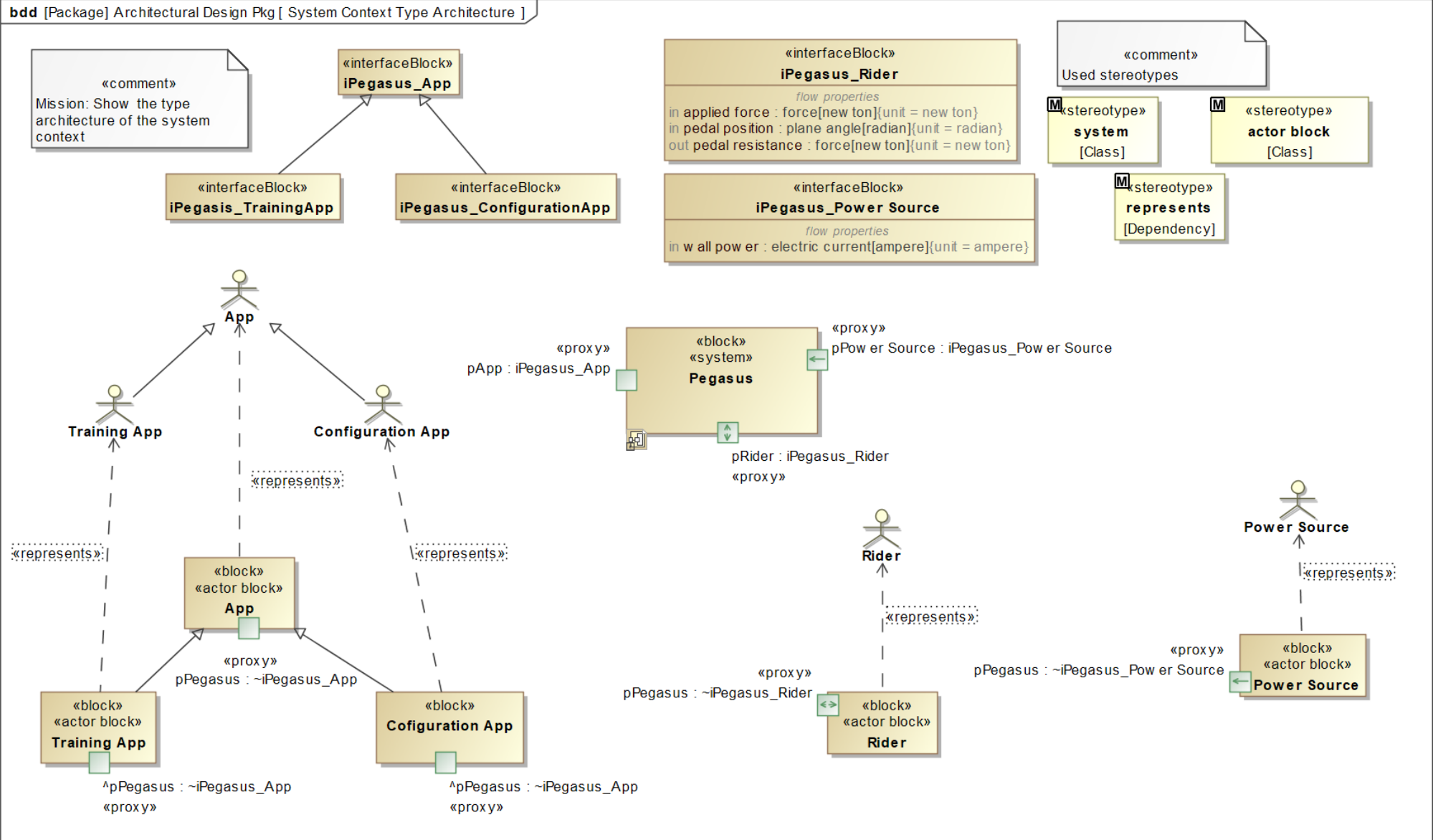


# Use Case Diagram

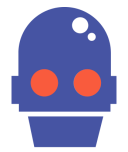
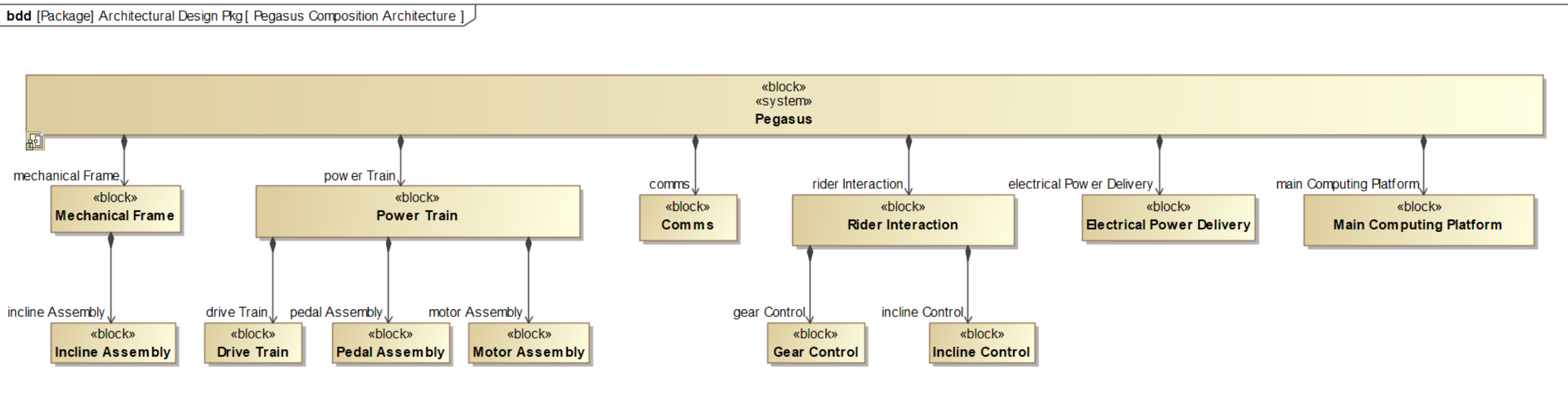




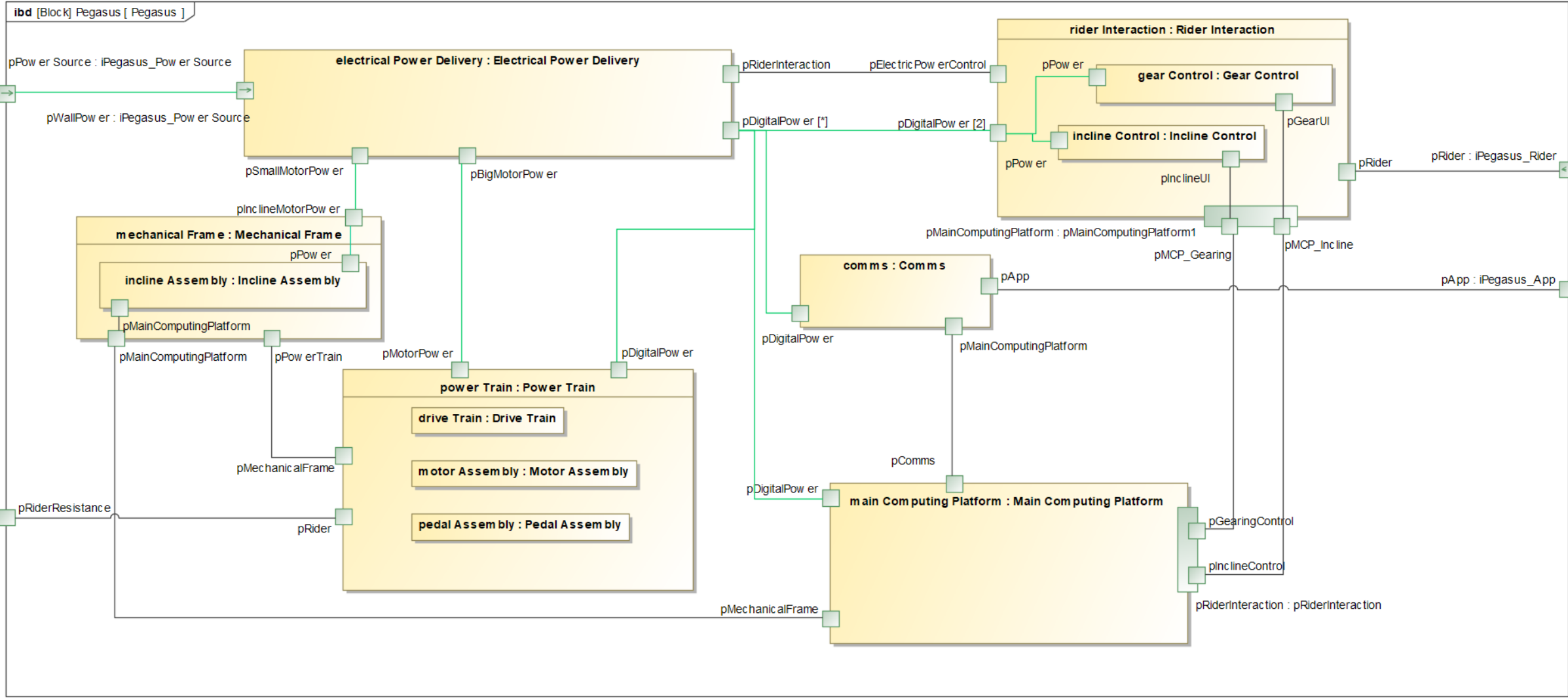
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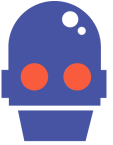
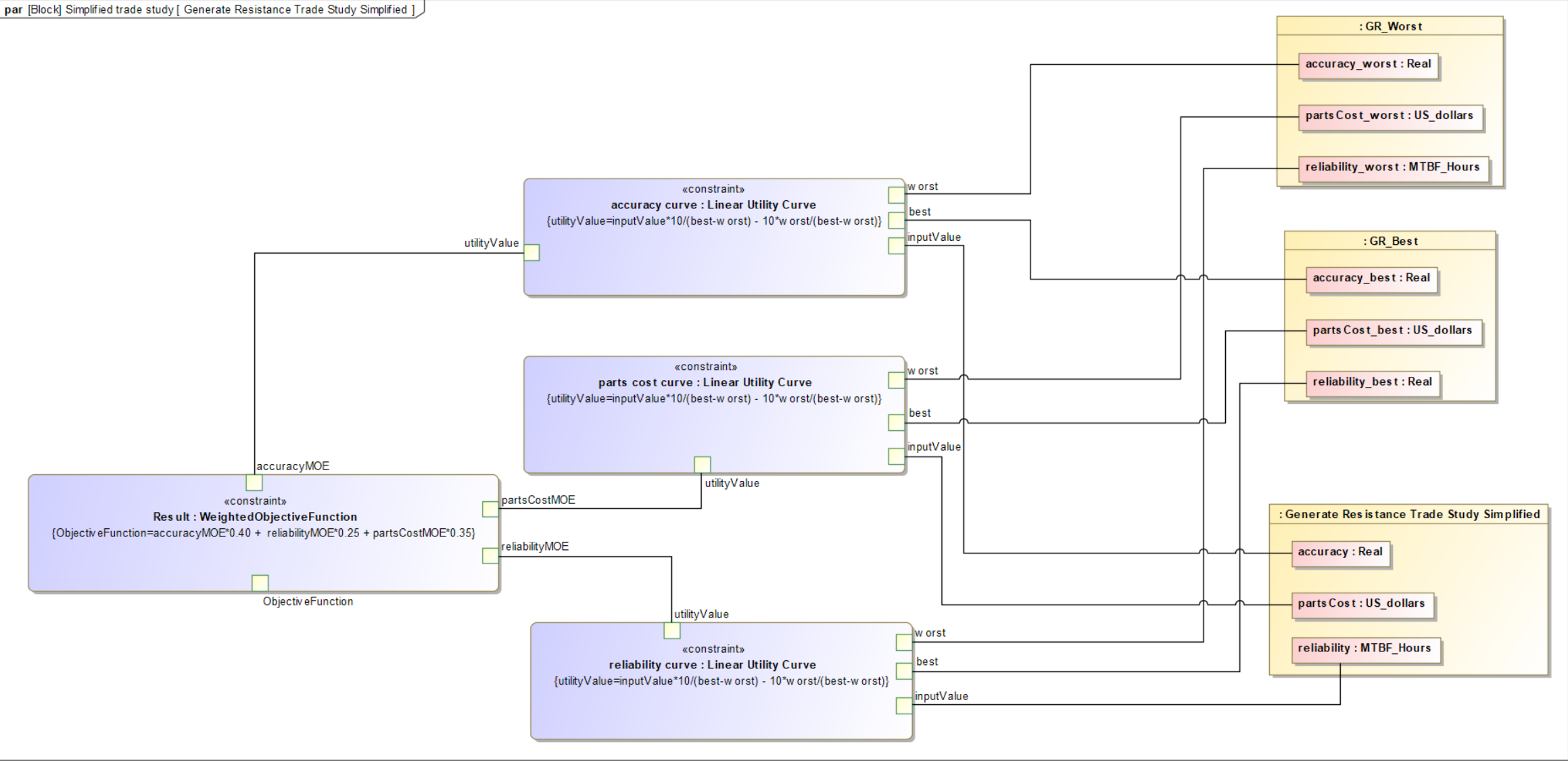
# Type Composition Architecture



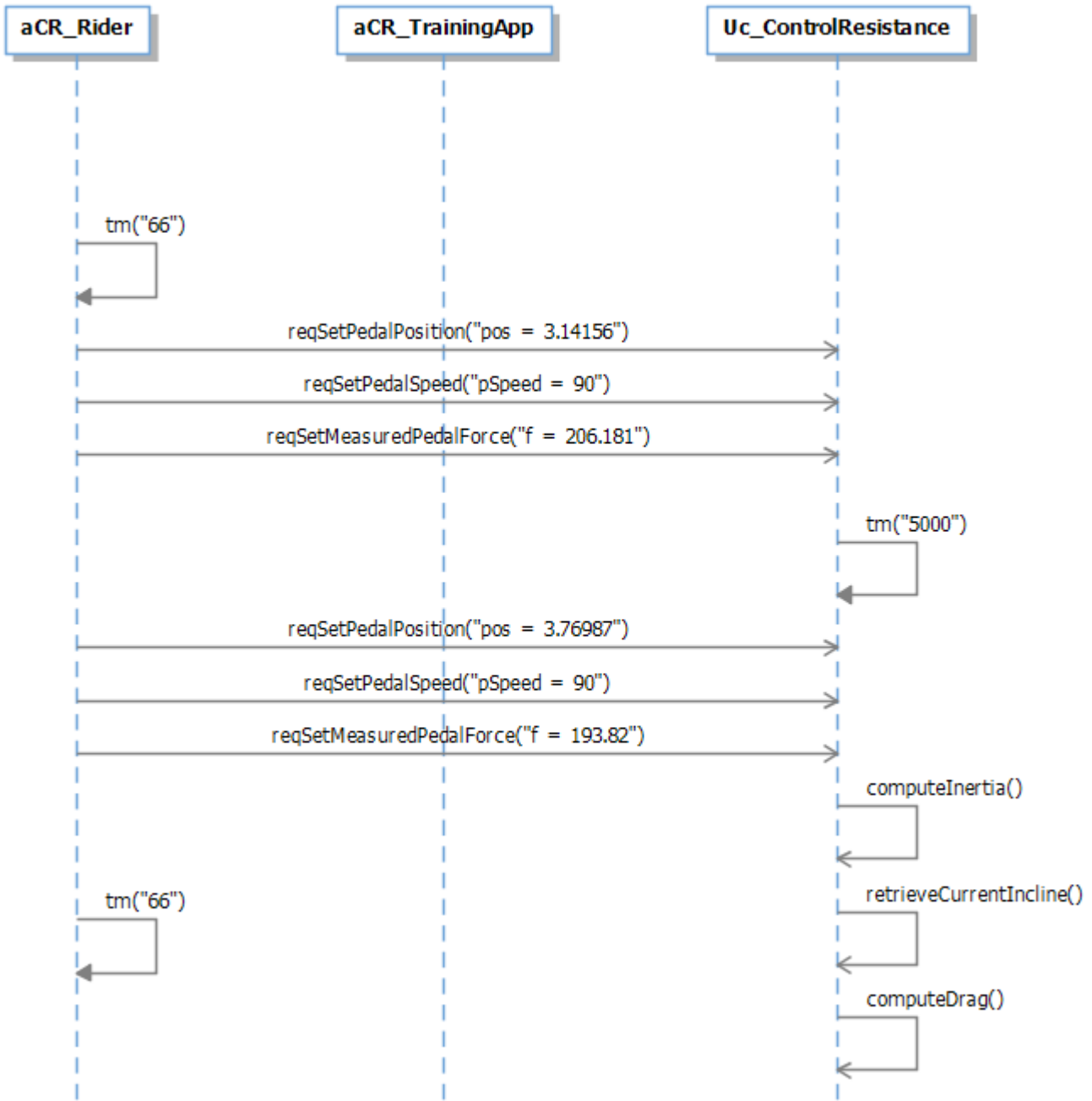
# Connected Architecture



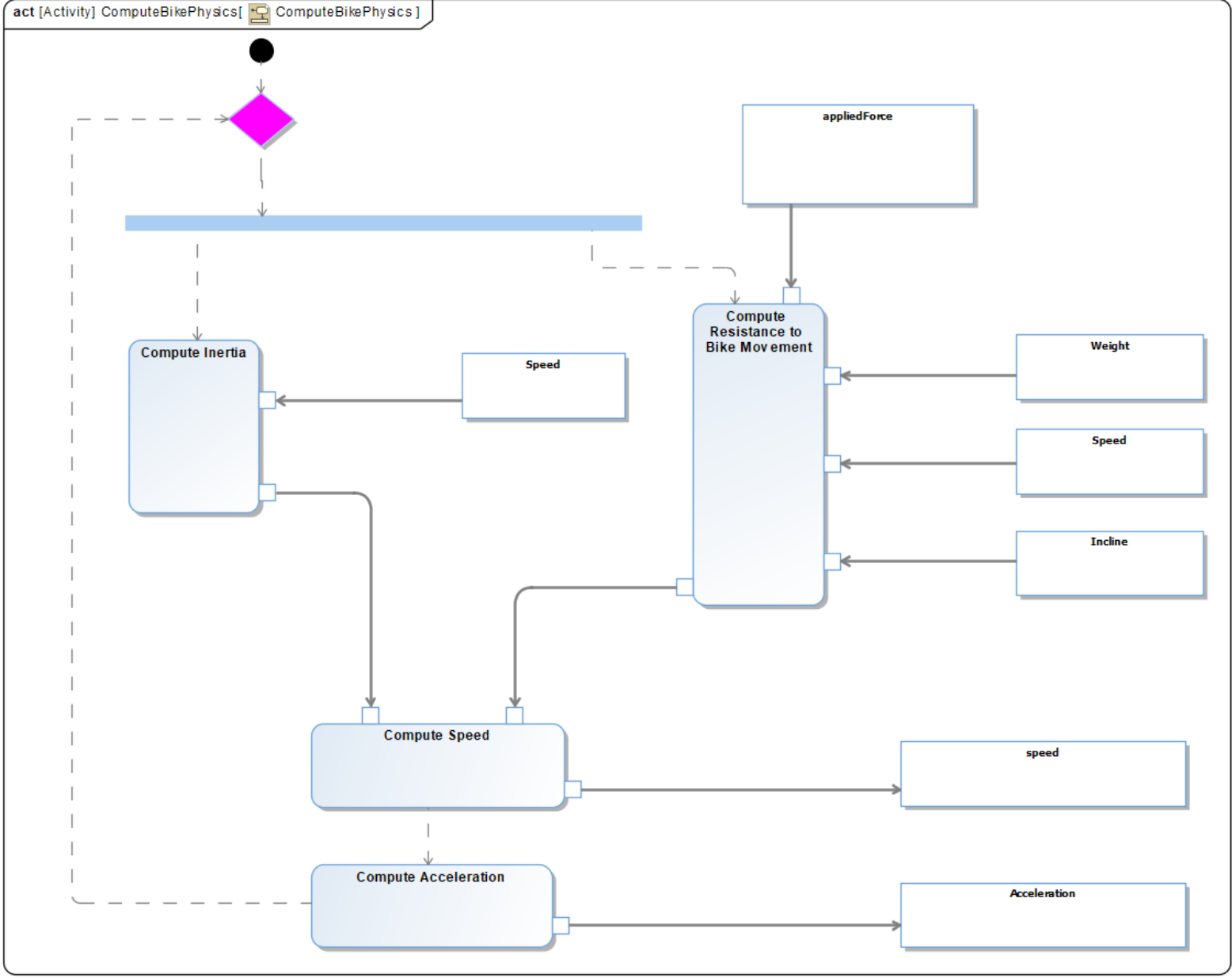
# Motor Selection Trade Study



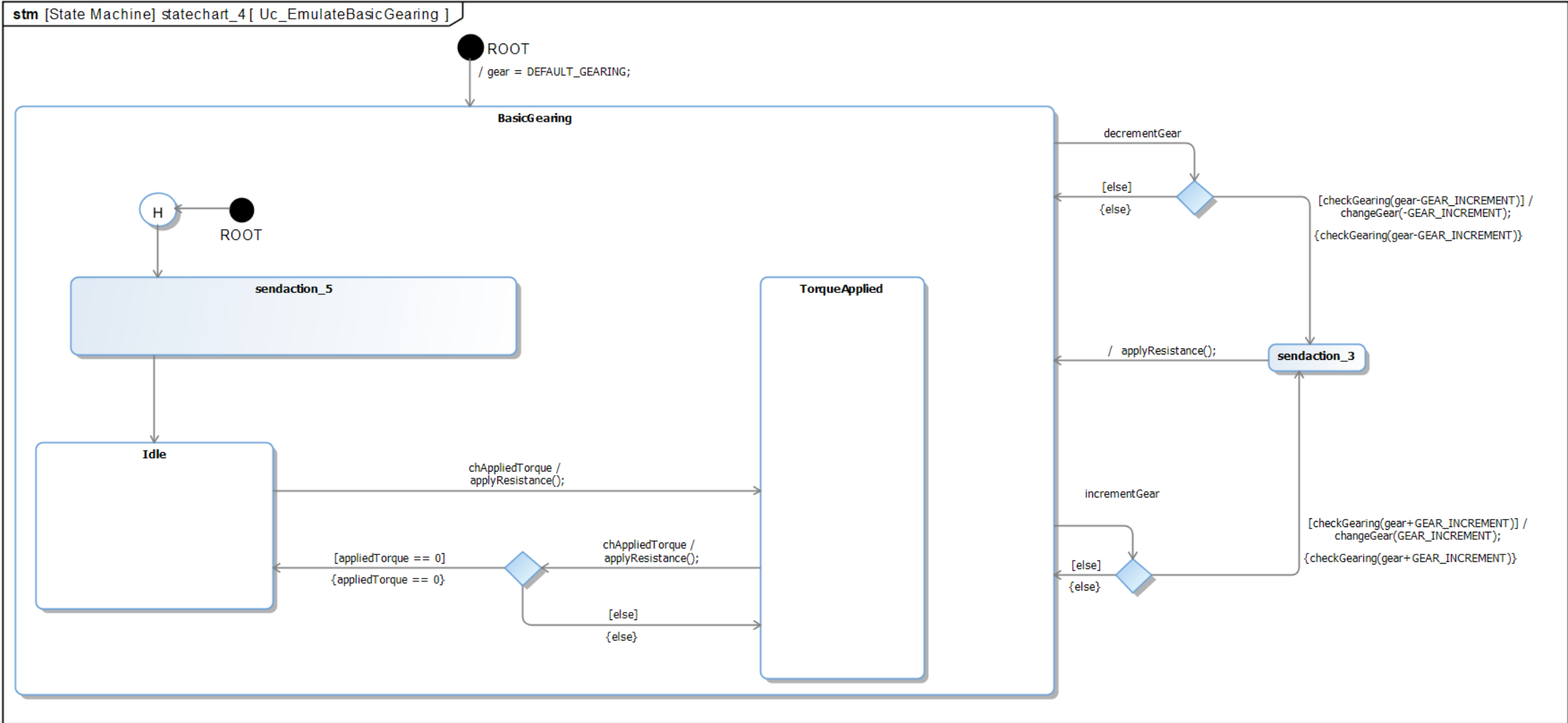
# An interaction



# Flow of control behavior

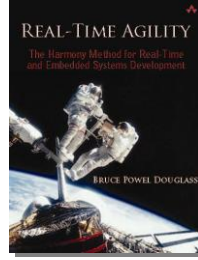
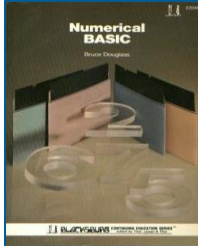
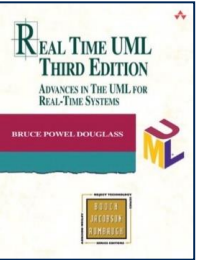
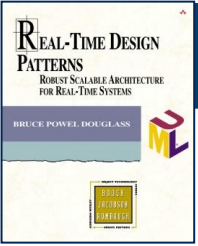


# Some state behavior





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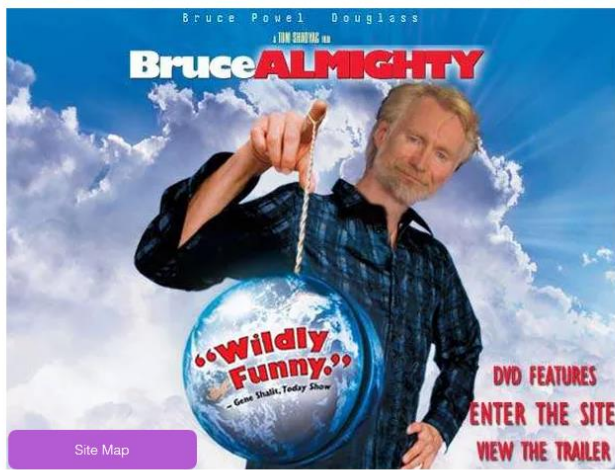


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