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Accelerating MBSE Impacts Across the Enterprise: Model-Based S*Patterns

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Abstract: Model-Based Systems Engineering (MBSE) methods can directly address “silos” problems. This paper reports on work by the INCOSE MBSE Initiative Patterns Challenge Team, focusing on Pattern-Based Systems Engineering (PBSE) using model-based system patterns based on the S*Metamodel, speeding and improving multiple SE processes.

Distinctive are (1) the configurable, model-based nature of the patterns (not all historical patterns work has been model-based), (2) the technical scope of the models, encompassing requirements, design, failure mode, verification, other aspects, (3) the system scope of the models, encompassing whole systems, configurable product lines, and platforms, not just libraries of components, (4) the diverse and integrating cross-enterprise domains of the patterns, encompassing products, innovation processes, manufacturing, packaging / distribution, and other domains, and (5) the ability to enable a variety of COTS modeling languages and tools, PLM, and other enterprise information systems to integrate support of management and application of S*Patterns across enterprises.

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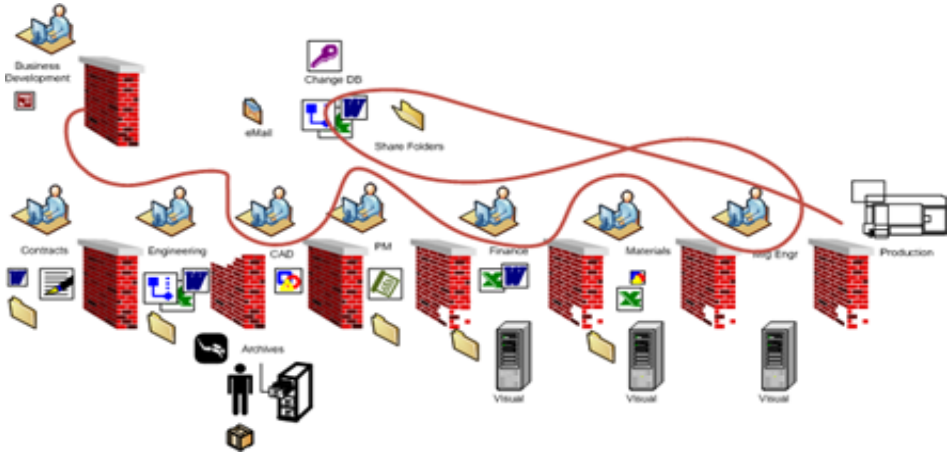
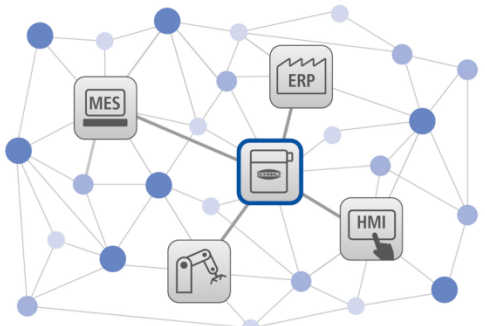
Business challenges and opportunities

- Competitive pressure cause departmental optimization
- Business Systems are designed and marketed to departments
- Interactions across departments are not well understood
- Each business systems have disparate methodology

Enterprise: Model Based S* Patterns provide a means to model, understand and evolve business systems within the Enterprise as the context





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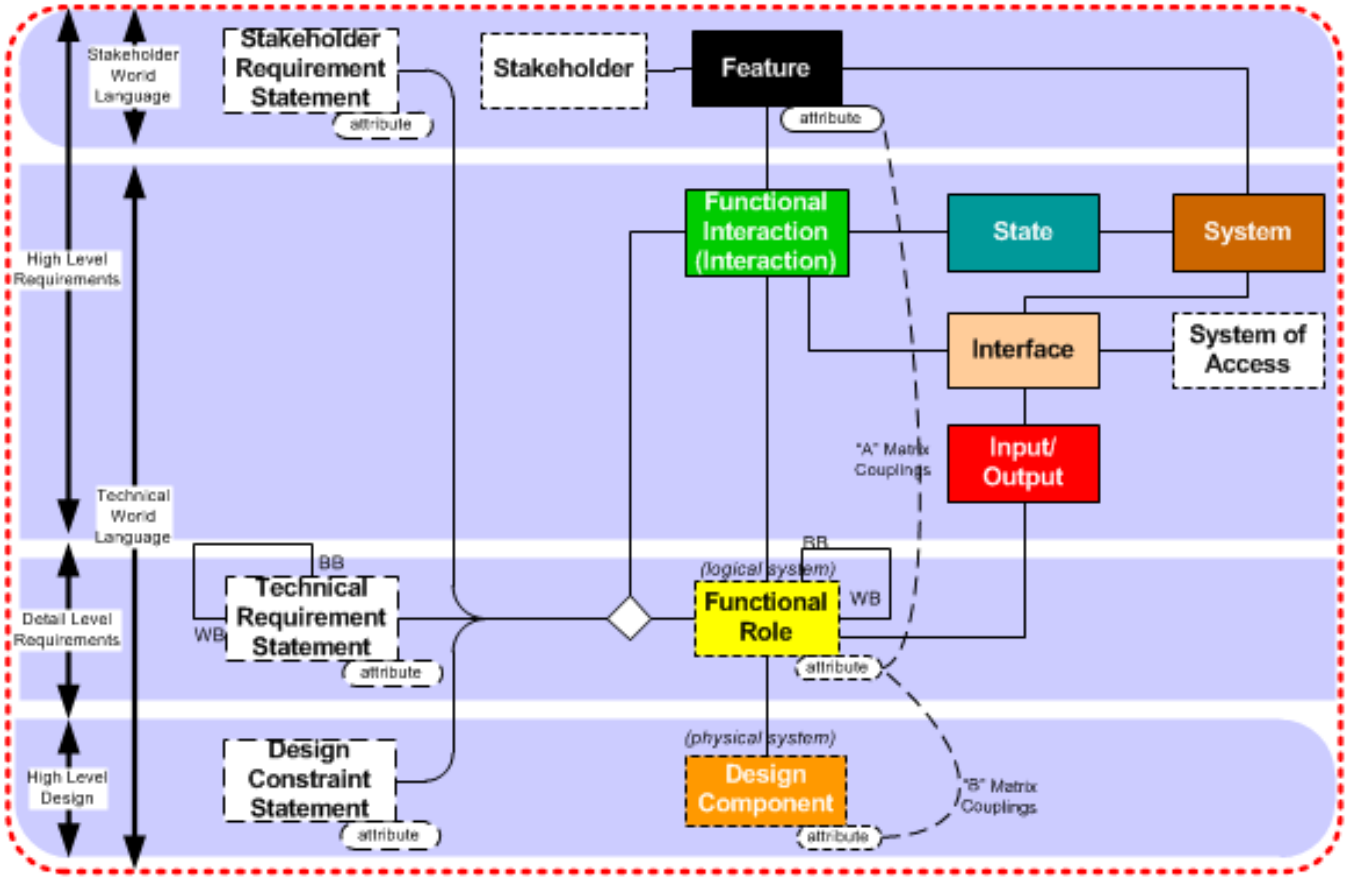
Representing system patterns with MBSE models

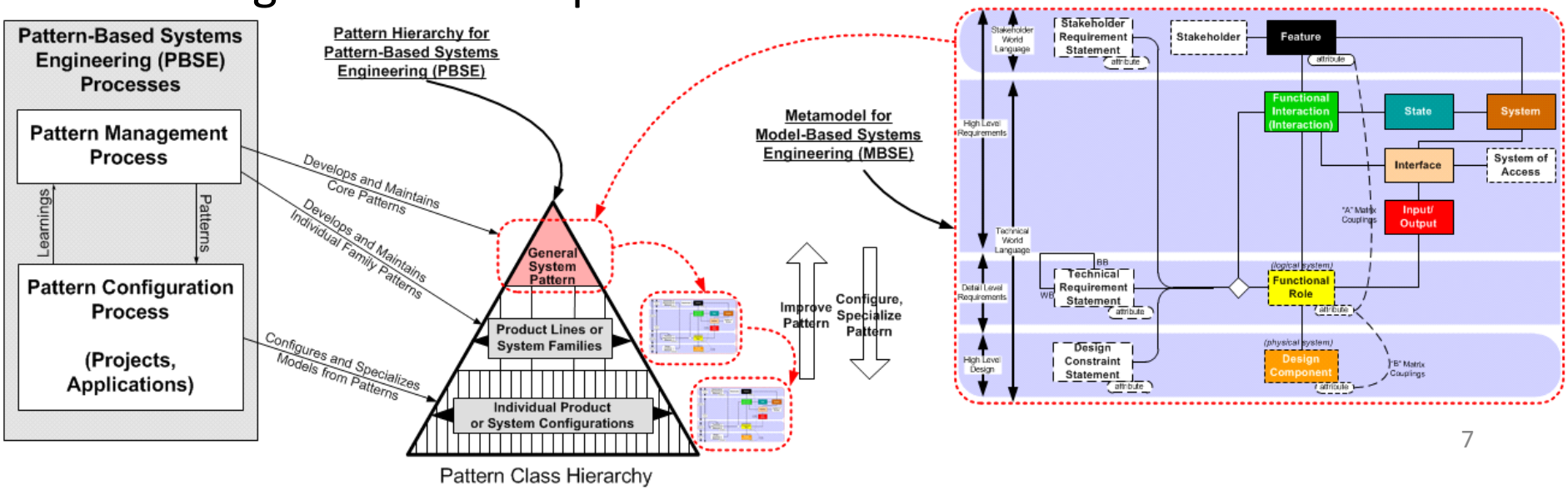
- The INCOSE Patterns Challenge Team of the MBSE Initiative was formed in 2013 to pursue practical use and awareness of system patterns of a particular type—called S*Patterns . . .

1. S*Models are MBSE models based on the S*Metamodel:
   - Provides explicit semantic meaning for S*Models
   - Includes some key systems concepts long established in science and engineering, but not always found explicitly in contemporary MBSE Models
   - A summary extract of some of the most important aspects:



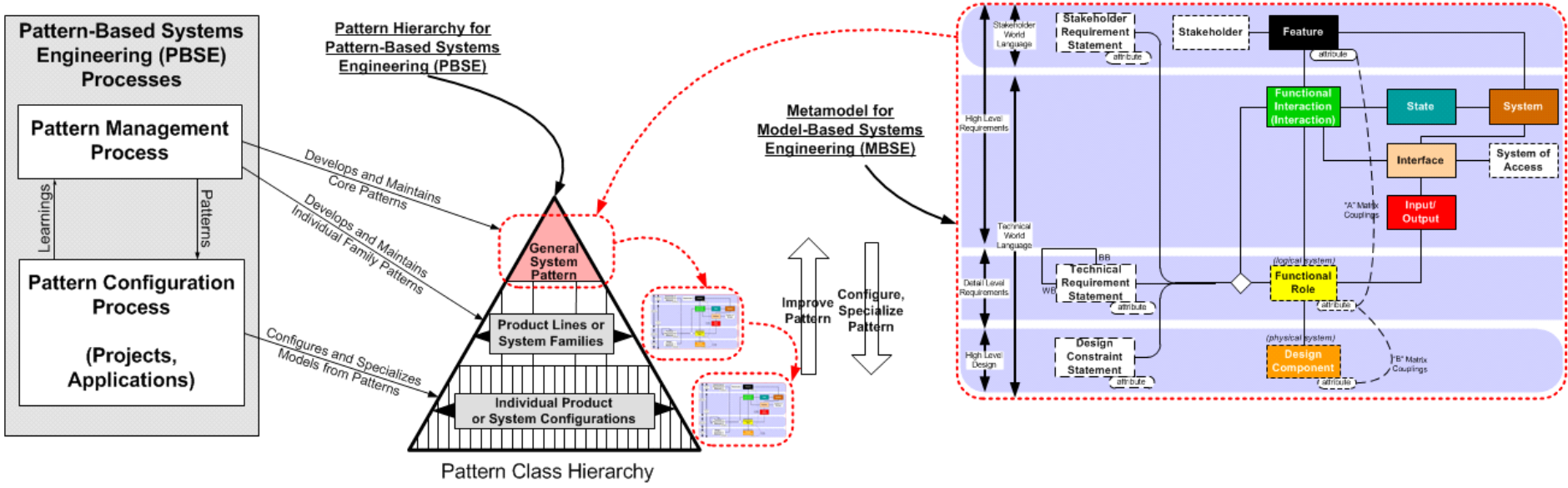
2. S*Patterns are configurable, re-usable S*Models:

- Earlier engineering patterns were not always based on the use of explicit MBSE Models.
- An S*Pattern may be thought of as a model of a family of systems, a platform, or a product line—an extended architectural framework.
- Once an S*Pattern has been created for an enterprise, it may be used during delivery projects to rapidly create high-grade S*Models.
- Typically an order of magnitude faster than creating a new model, and configured for the specific needs at hand:



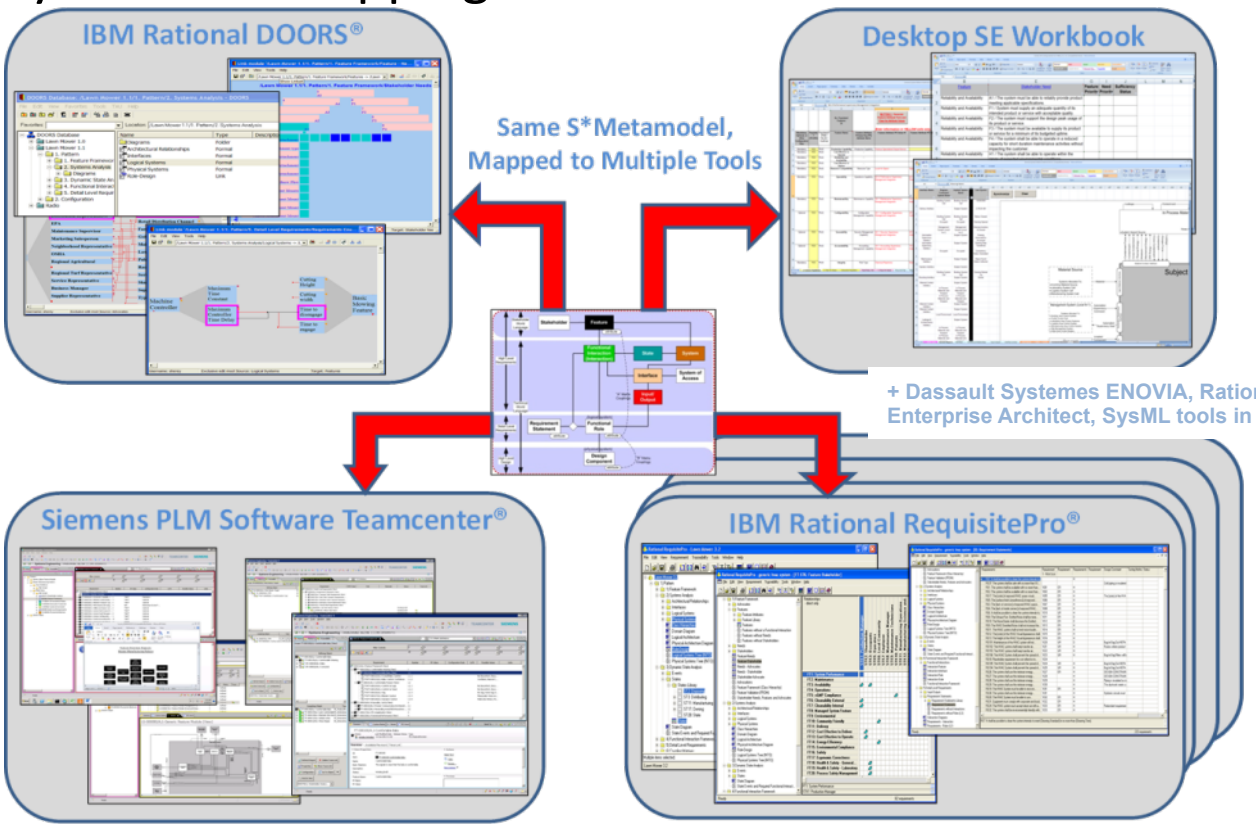
3. S*Models and S*Patterns are independent of any specific modeling language:

- Typically expressed using any of a variety of the popular standard or third-party contemporary modeling languages.
- A formal mapping into each such language helps (e.g., a profile).
- SysML is common but not required for S*Models, S*Patterns.
- Strengthens the semantics of existing languages in key areas required for pattern representation in engineering & science.

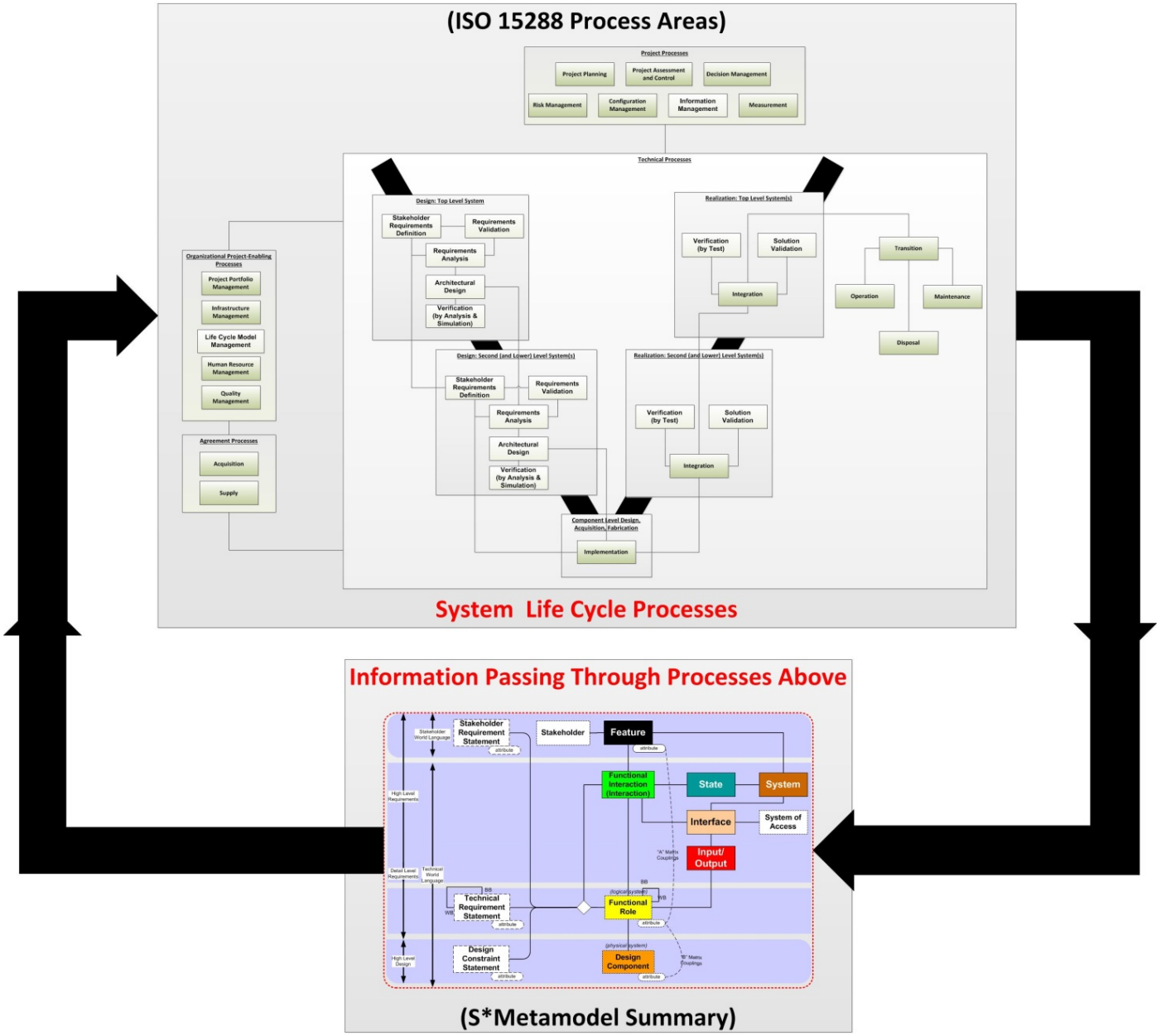


4. S*Models and S*Patterns are independent of any specific software tool or information system:

- May be authored, stored, or managed using a variety of popular third-party COTS modeling tools, information systems.
- This paper illustrates S*Models and S*Patterns in several third party COTS modeling tool, requirements database, and PLM systems already in use.
- Supported by a formal mapping into the schema of each such repository.



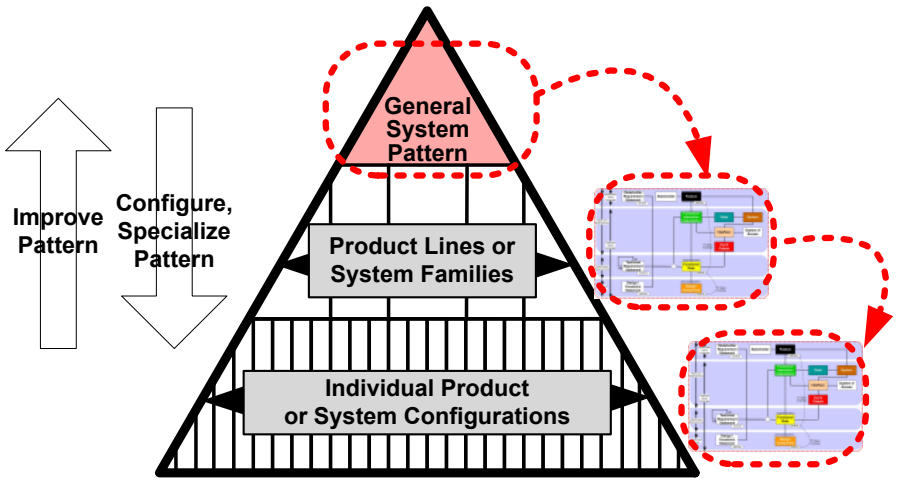
5. SE Processes consume and produce information:



5. SE Processes consume and produce information:
   - Systems Engineering has a tradition of extensive description of process and procedure.
   - In describing SE, less ink is usually devoted to describing that produced/consumed information than the related processes and procedures.
   - Compare this to the amount of description of underlying relationships of physics, chemistry, or electromagnetic phenomena, versus the related engineering procedures of ME, ChE, or EE.
   - Now that we are making more use of explicit system models—closer to the language of science and mathematics—we suggest a shift in this balance is in order.
   - The idea is that the SE process should be primarily performed to drive trajectories in (modeled) configuration space.

6. The processes of SE, even MBSE, most often presented, conceived, or practiced as if each engineering project is "starting from scratch":

- And yet, in nearly all cases we are starting from extensive prior experience, in the heads of the team.
- Much traditional SE guidance is typically offered on discovery, synthesis, and analysis of stakeholders, requirements, architectures, allocations, trade-spaces, risks and failure modes, etc.—in a context that might suggest first-time study of the system of interest.
- But what about formal guidance about use of what we already know?

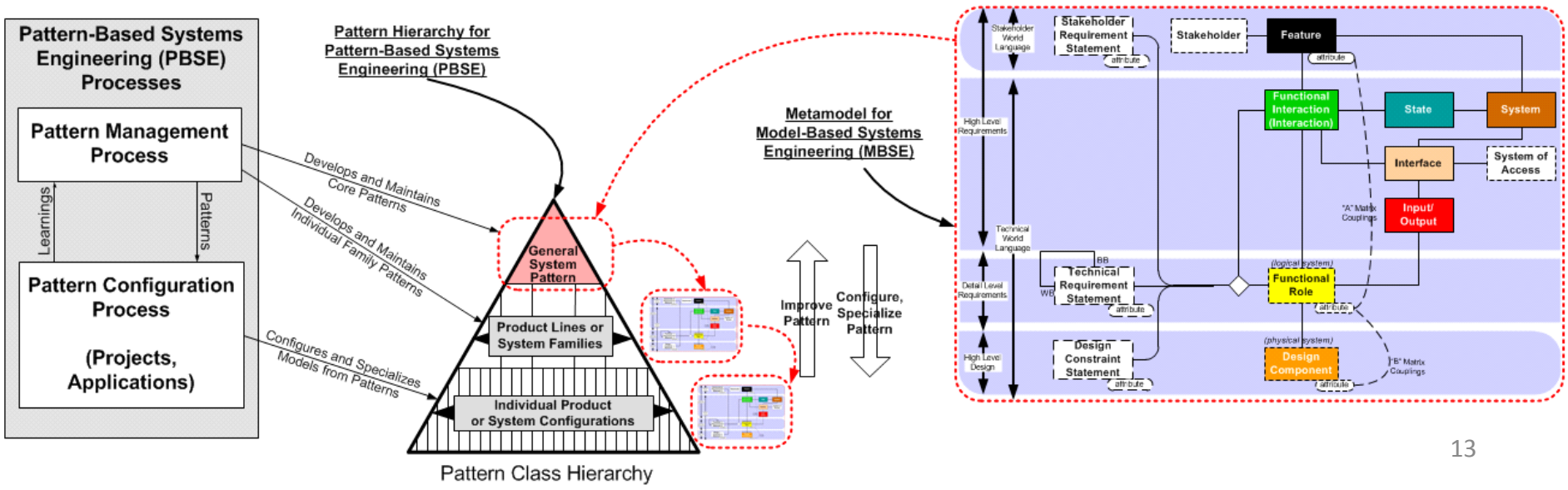


Pattern Class Hierarchy

- Recent progress with Product Line Engineering shows a rebalancing

MBSE Initiative Patterns Challenge team IS2015 papers illustrate use of MBSE Patterns in:

- autonomous ground vehicles
- automated safety critical system test
- optimization of design review assignment
- and cross-functional enterprise dependencies in product manufacturing businesses.



Integrating S*Patterns, at enterprise and lower levels

- Agricultural silos are designed to minimize unwanted external interactions harmful to stored silage:

- The “silos” metaphor is an infamous description invoked to describe certain organizational pathologies.
- This can be an unfair attack on the hard-working staff in those areas, when it is really an emergent aspect of the overall enterprise system.
- Dealing with this situation on a system basis provides a more constructive way to engage.

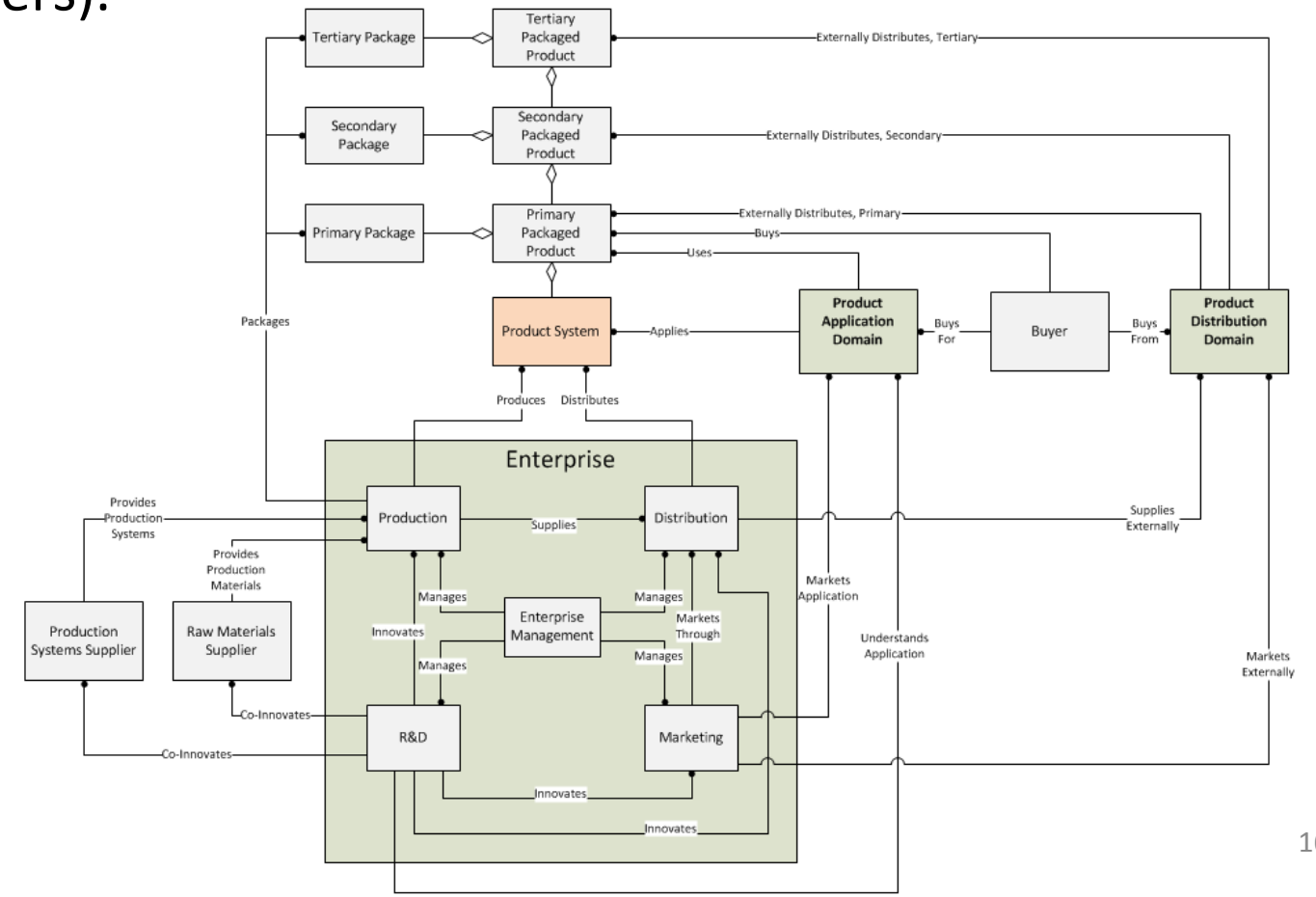
Integrated models, at different levels

- Enterprise System Model, aligning the following:
- Product Application Domain Model
- Manufacturing System Model
- Distribution System Model
- Service and Support System Model
- System of Innovation Model
- Other enterprise subsystem models

For a given project, each S*Model is configured from its respective S*Pattern.

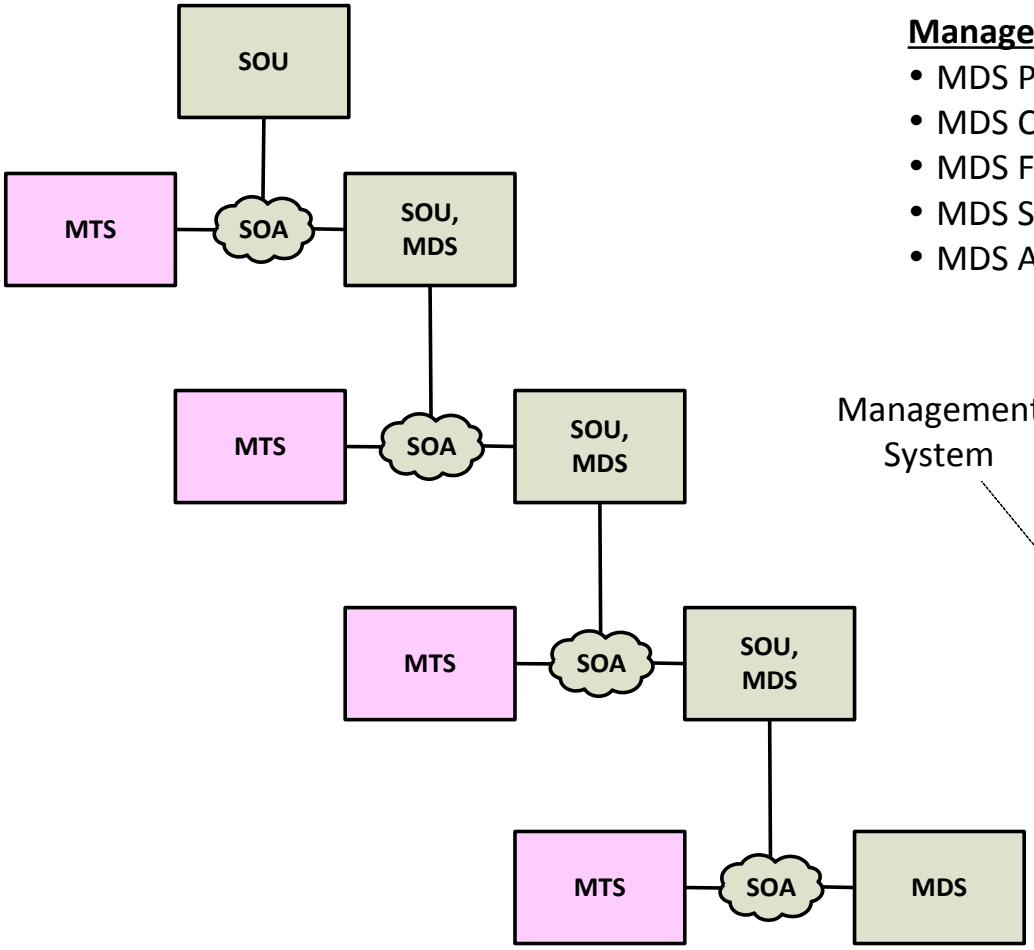
We are interested in interactions (or their lack) between enterprise functional areas, along with external actors:

- S*Interactions are exchanges of information, mass flows, energy, forces
- An overall enterprise behavior emerges, as seen by external actors (e.g., customers).



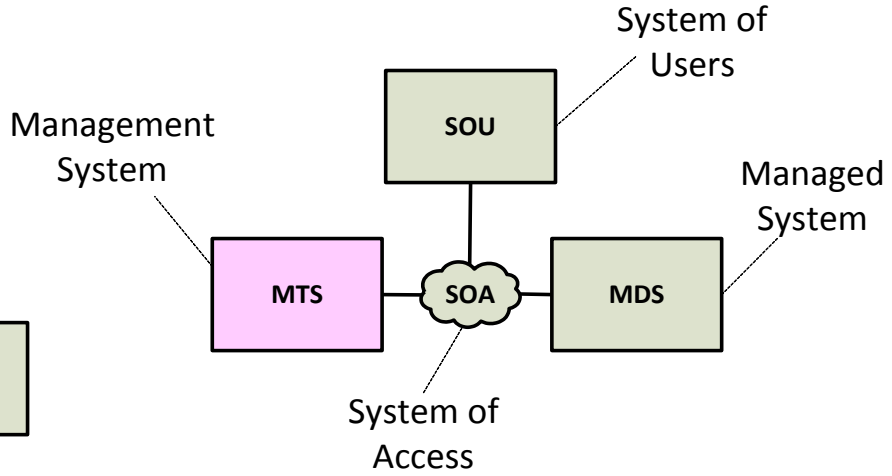
Inclusion of the Embedded Intelligence (EI) Pattern (aka Management Systems Pattern)

- The hierarchy of (human and automated) Management Systems, below and above the Enterprise level:



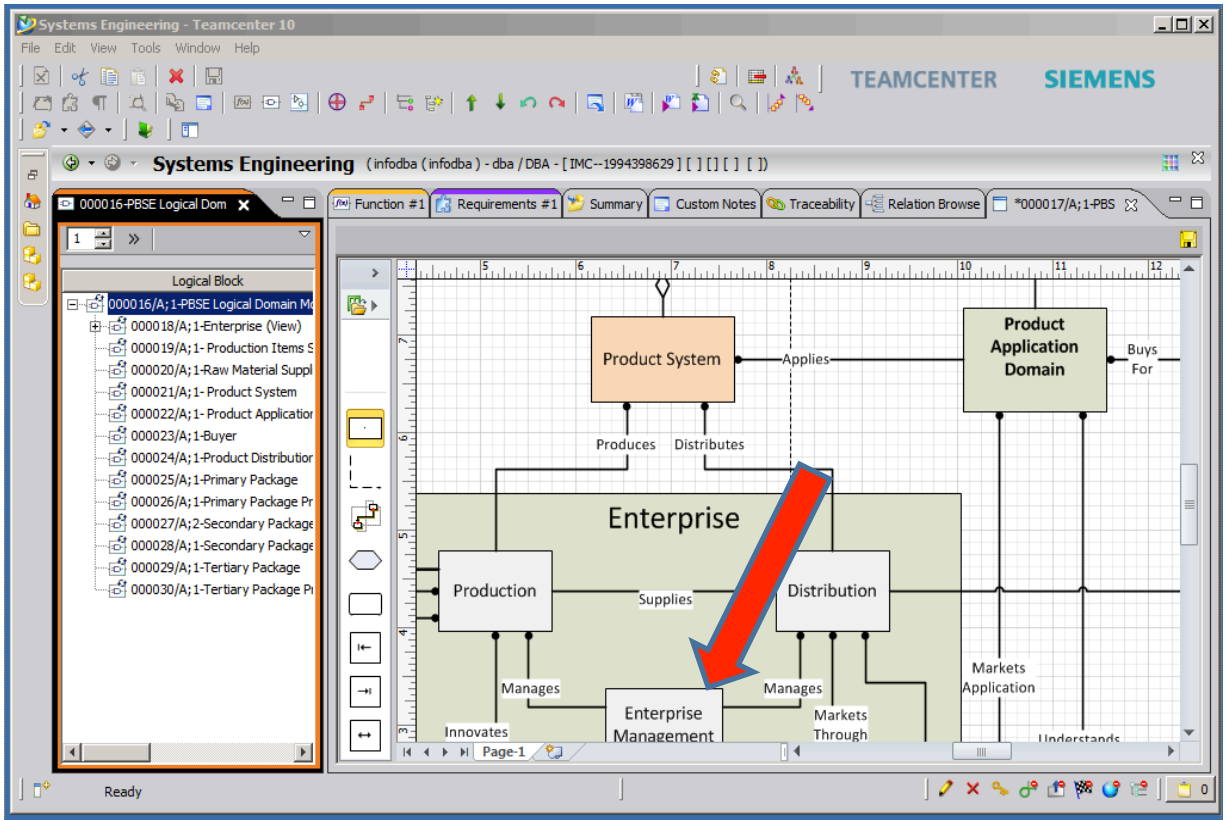
Management of:

- MDS Performance
- MDS Configuration
- MDS Faults
- MDS Security
- MDS Accounting



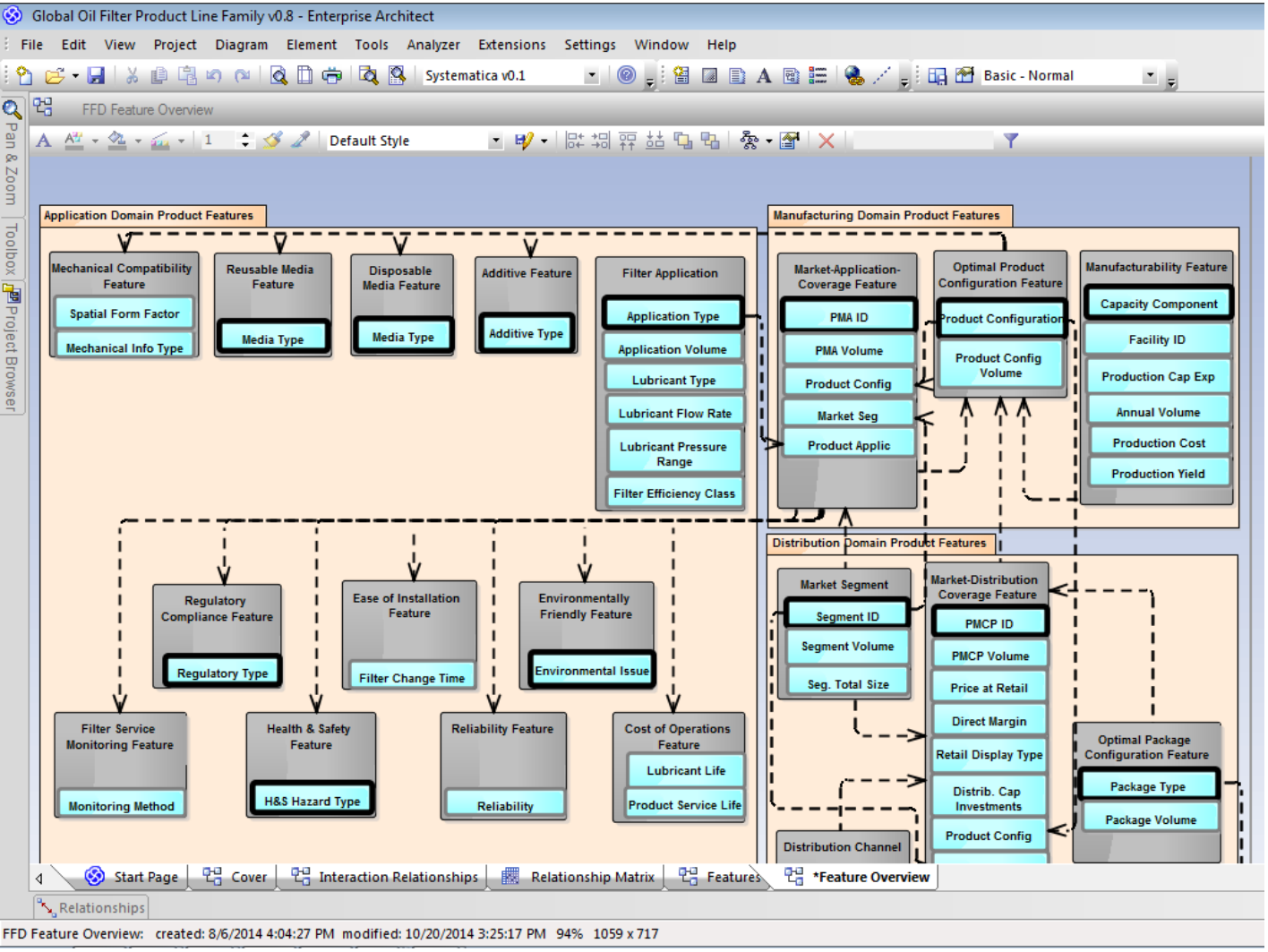
Explicitly modeling and managing the Enterprise level system, for successful enterprise projects:

1. Pattern Management Process: Creates and improves the re-usable Enterprise S*Pattern, in appropriate modeling tool.
2. Pattern Configuration Process: Configures and applies the pattern, for each major enterprise project. Can be managed in a PLM or other system, using an S*Pattern Configuration Agent:



The product application domain pattern

- An S*Pattern that describes the enterprise's products, platform, product line, in service in its intended application or other domain



Oil Filter Product Line: Stakeholder Feature Model

Pattern is modeled and maintained in a modeling tool.

When configured for a given project, may reside in a PLM System.

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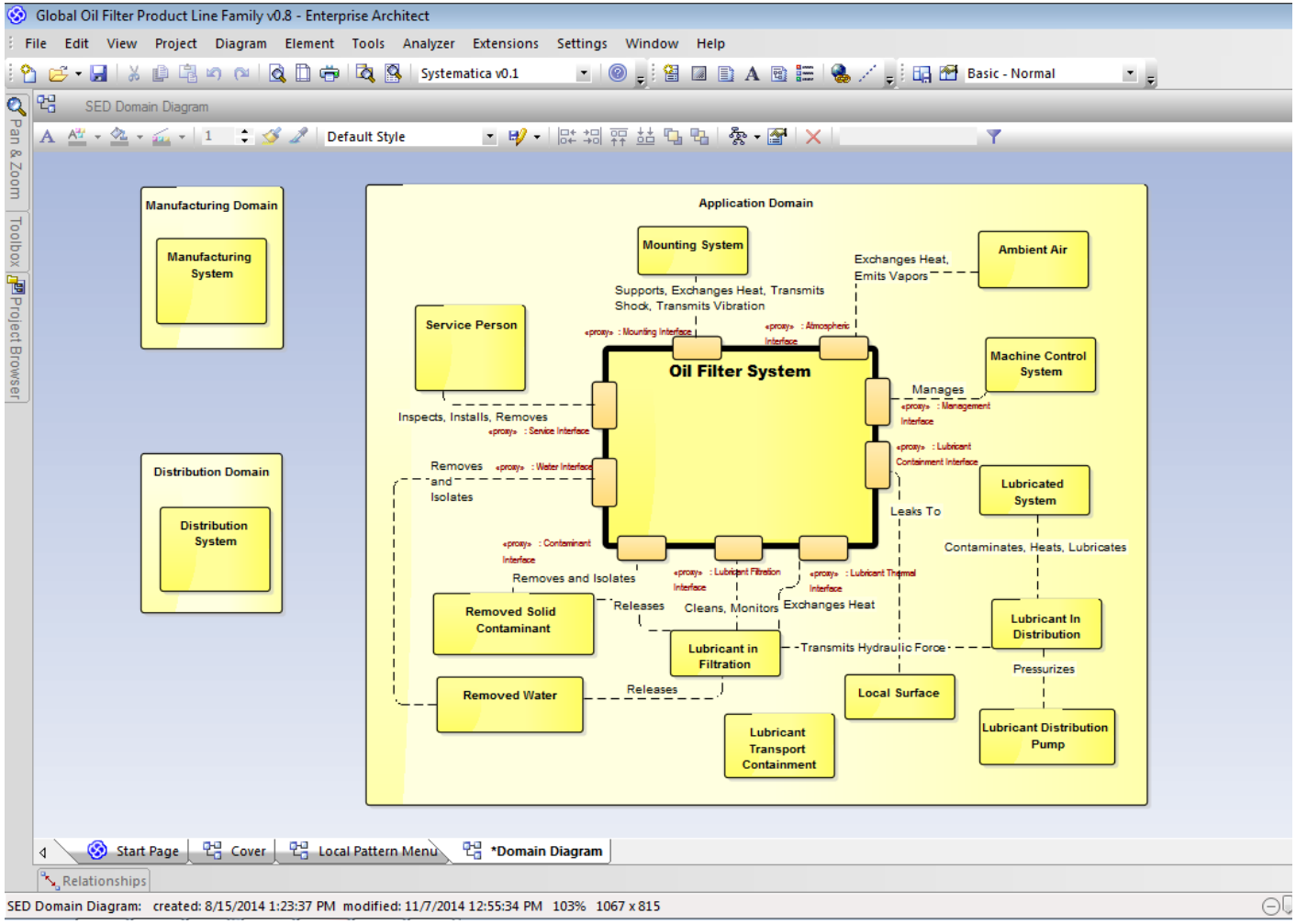

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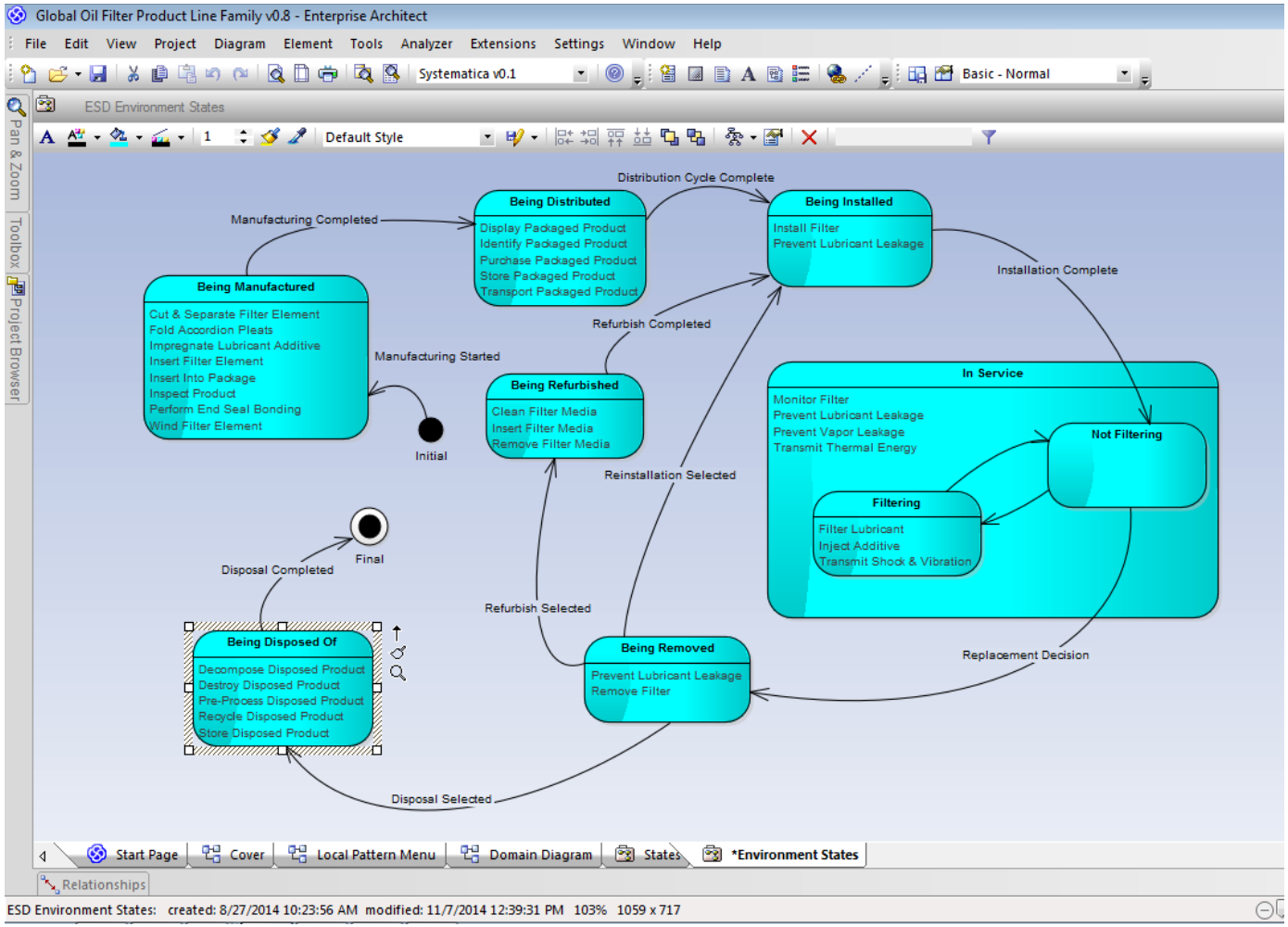

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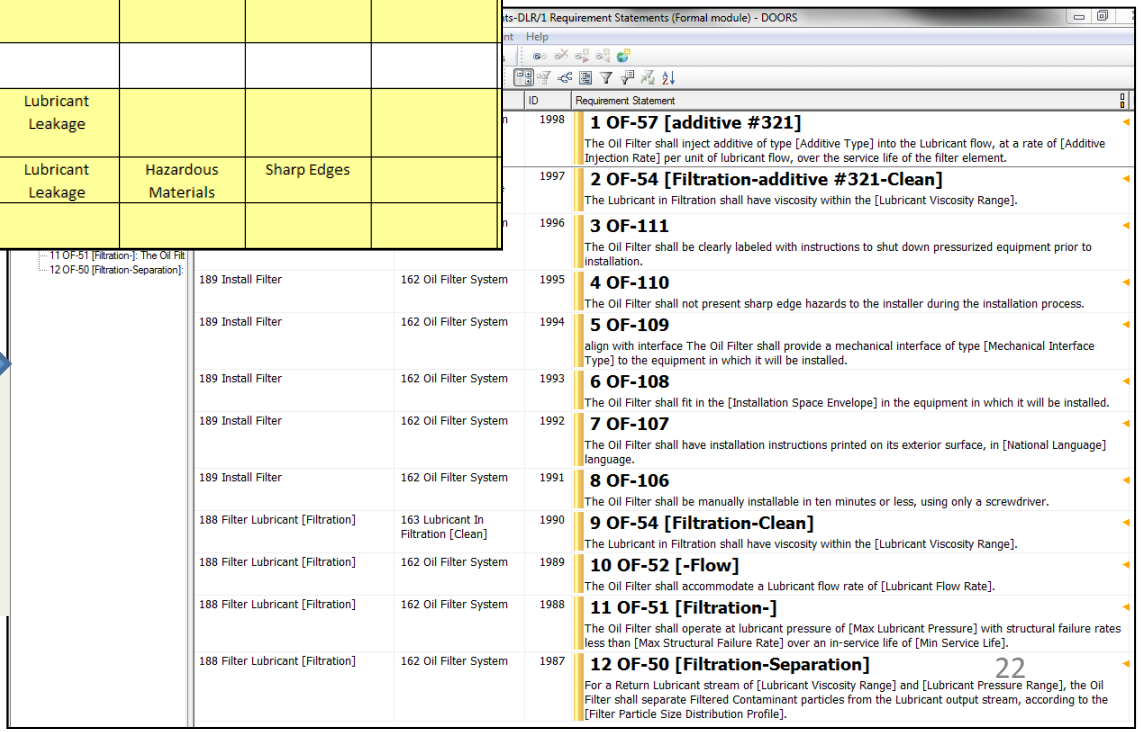
Mandatory, Optional, or Other Configuration Rule	Populate? (Yes/No)	Feature Name	Feature Attribute Primary Key (PK) Attribute Name	Feature Attribute PK Value #1	Feature Attribute PK Value #2	Feature Attribute PK Value #3	Feature Attribute PK Value #4	Feature Attribute PK Value #5	Feature Attribute PK Value #6
One per Filter Application Type	Yes	Filter Application Feature	Application Type	Consumer Automotive					
Mandatory for Oil Filter	Yes	Mechanical Compatibility Feature	--	Consumer Automotive					
Mandatory for Oil Filter	Yes	Cost of Operation Feature	--	Commercial Automotive					
Mandatory for Oil Filter	Yes	Reliability Feature	--	Fixed Based Engine Syste					
One Per Additive Type	Yes	Additive Feature	Additive Type	Harsh Environment					
Optional	No	Disposable Filter Media Feature	Media Type	High Temperature Enviror					
Optional	No	Reusable Filter Media Feature	Media Type	Cold Environment					
Optional	No	Filter Service Monitoring Feature	--						
One Per Environmental Issue	Yes	Environmentally Friendly Feature	Environmental Issue	Solid Waste Disposal	Gaseous Emissions	Lubricant Leakage			
One Per Regulatory Issue	Yes	Regulatory Compliance	Regulatory Issue	Solid Waste Disposal	Gaseous Emissions	Lubricant Leakage	Hazardous Materials	Sharp Edges	
One Per Health & Safety Issue	Yes	Health & Safety	H&S Hazard Type	Hazardous Materials	Sharp Edges				

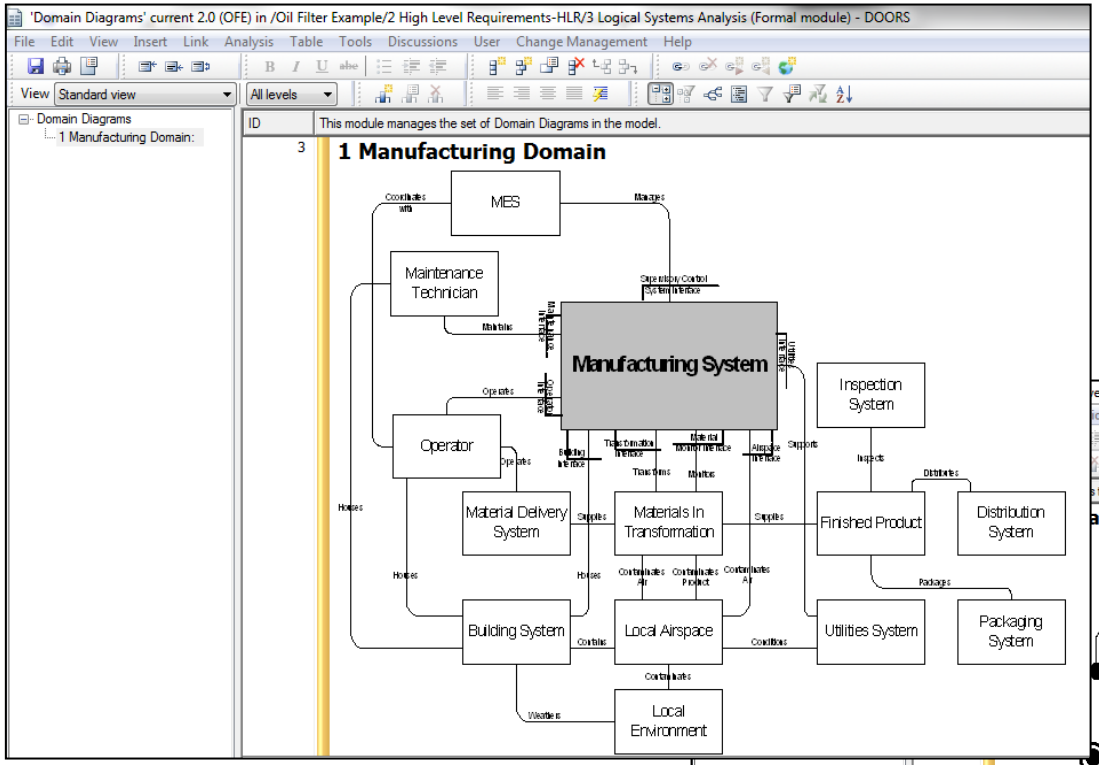
Oil Filter System: Selecting Product Features during the Pattern Configuration Process (in PLM System, for example)

Oil Filter System: Resulting Auto-Configured Requirements, after Pattern Configuration Process (in Requirements System, for example)

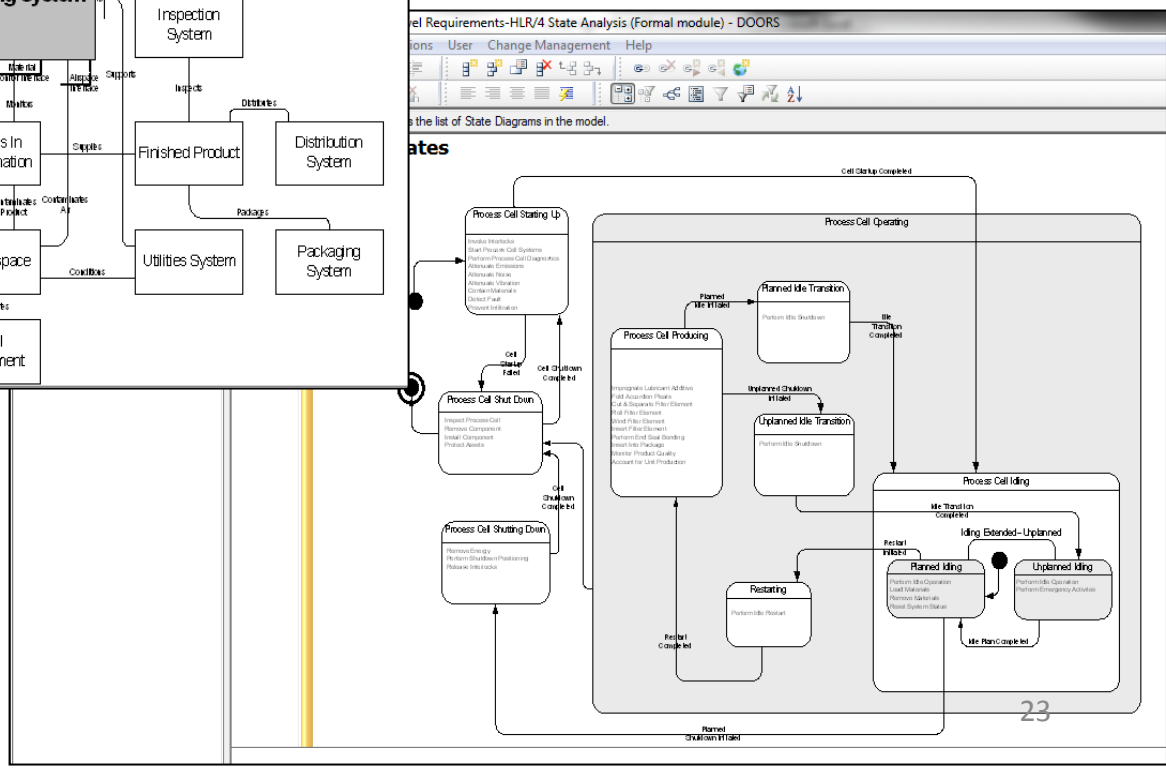


The manufacturing system pattern

- An S*Pattern that describes the enterprise's production systems, during the intended use or other parts of their life cycles



Oil Filter Manufacturing System: Domain Model



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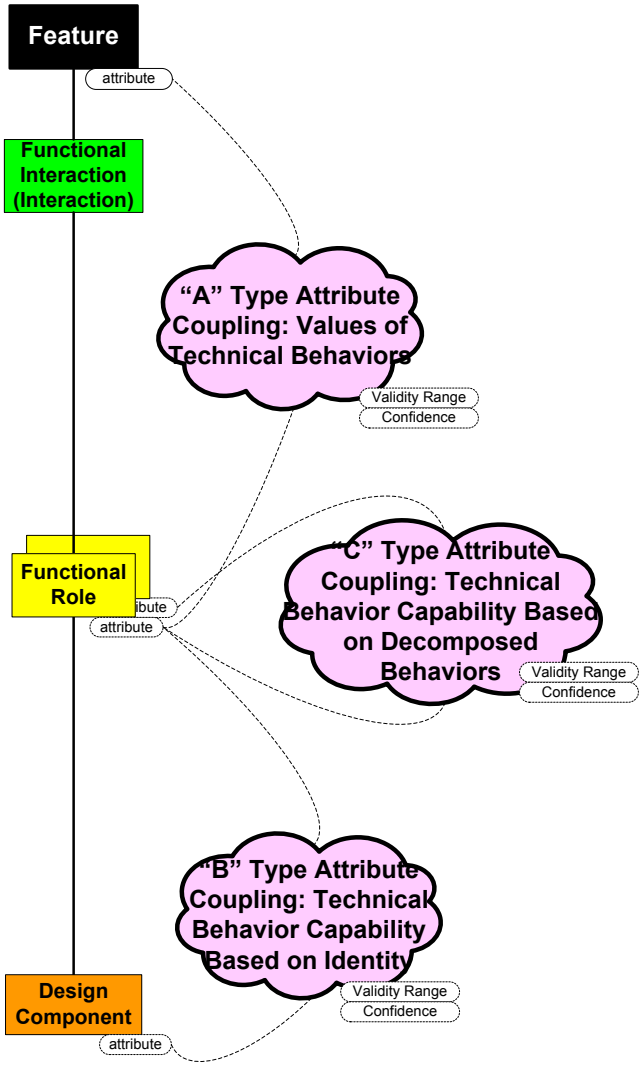
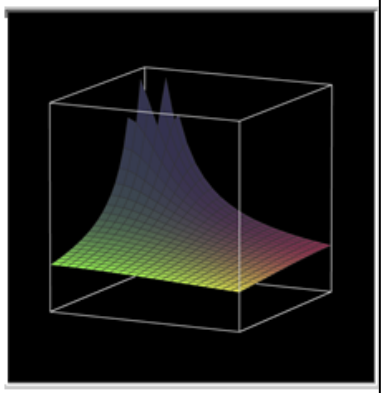
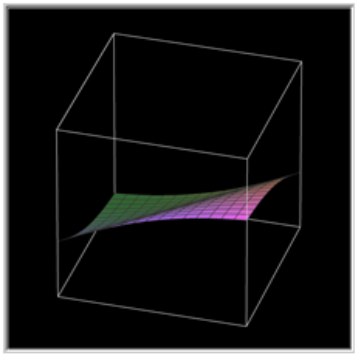


Oil Filter Manufacturing System:
Detail Bonding Interaction Attribute Coupling Model

Unit Throughput as a function of Heat Time and Spray Time

X-Axis (Horizontal 1):
Heat Time
Y-Axis (Horizontal 2):
Spray Time
Z-Axis (Vertical):
Unit Throughput





Additive Life as a function of Heat Time and Spray Time

X-Axis (Horizontal 1):
Heat Time
Y-Axis (Horizontal 2):
Spray Time
Z-Axis (Vertical):
Additive Life

The System of Innovation pattern

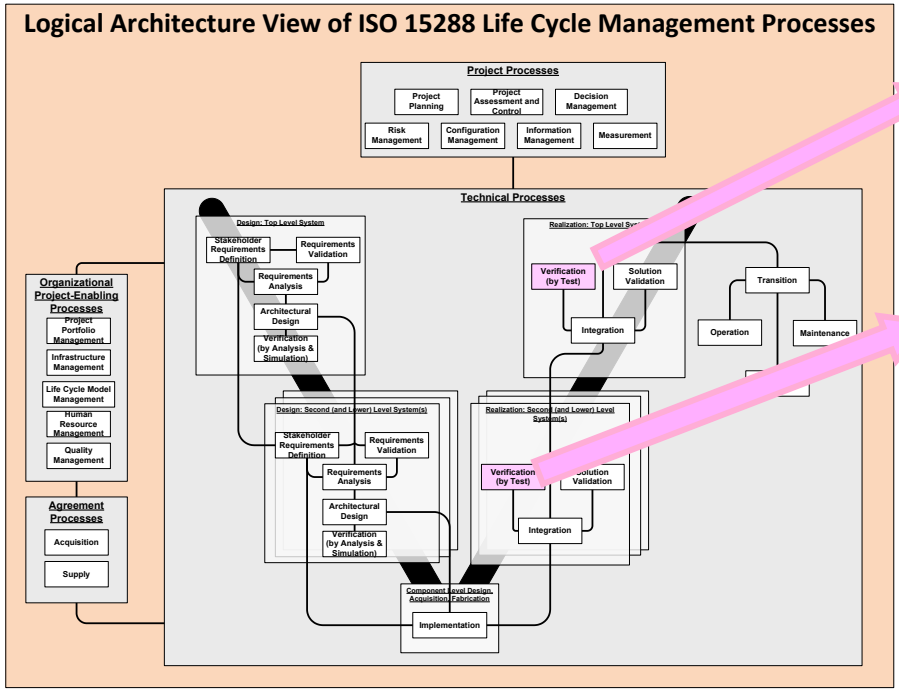
- The enterprise subsystem responsible for creating new instance configurations of all the other systems:
  - Product System
  - Manufacturing System
  - Distribution System
  - Service and Support System
  - Other enterprise subsystems

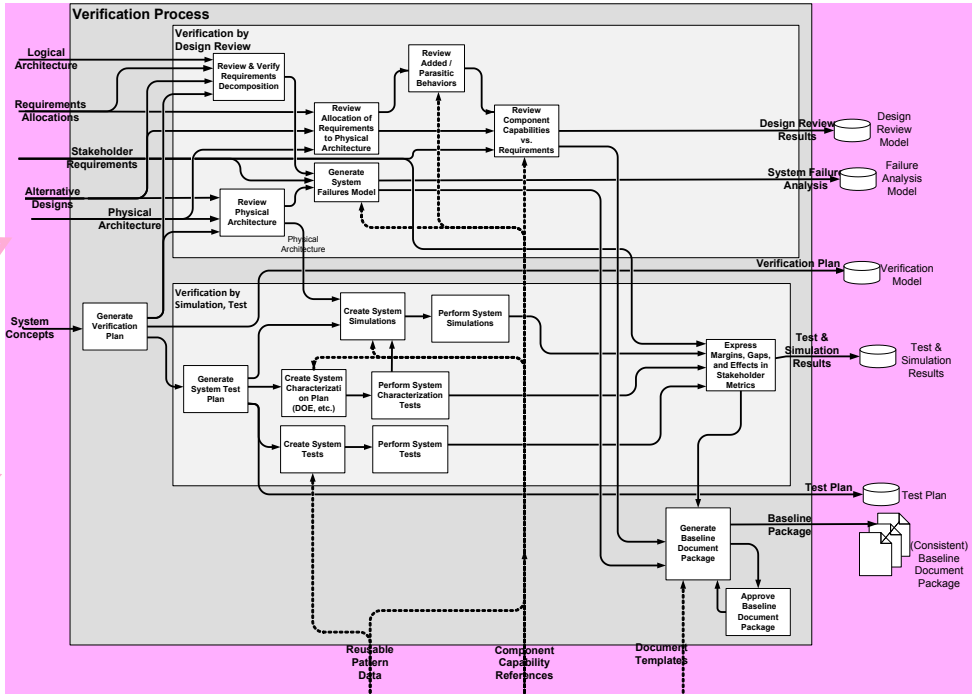
- Includes product R&D, but also manufacturing process development, equipment engineering, distribution, service, and other aspects.

The System of Innovation pattern

- Includes a formal S*Model of ISO15288 processes, along with their subsystem details:
  - Tailored to explicitly represent MBSE and PBSE aspects
  - Managed as an S*Pattern and configured as an S*Model for each project.

System of Innovation: Logical Architecture, from ISO15288

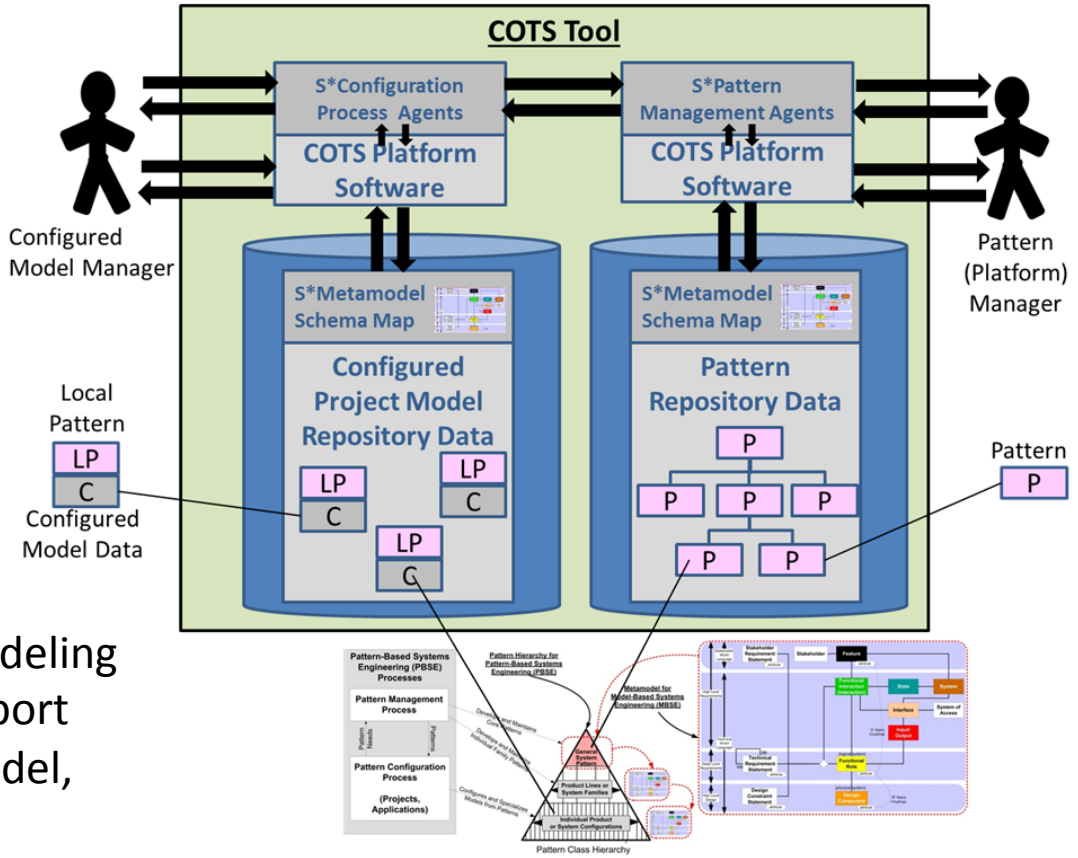




System of Innovation: Example Verification by Test subsystem

Human and Information Systems Agents Enable the System of Innovation

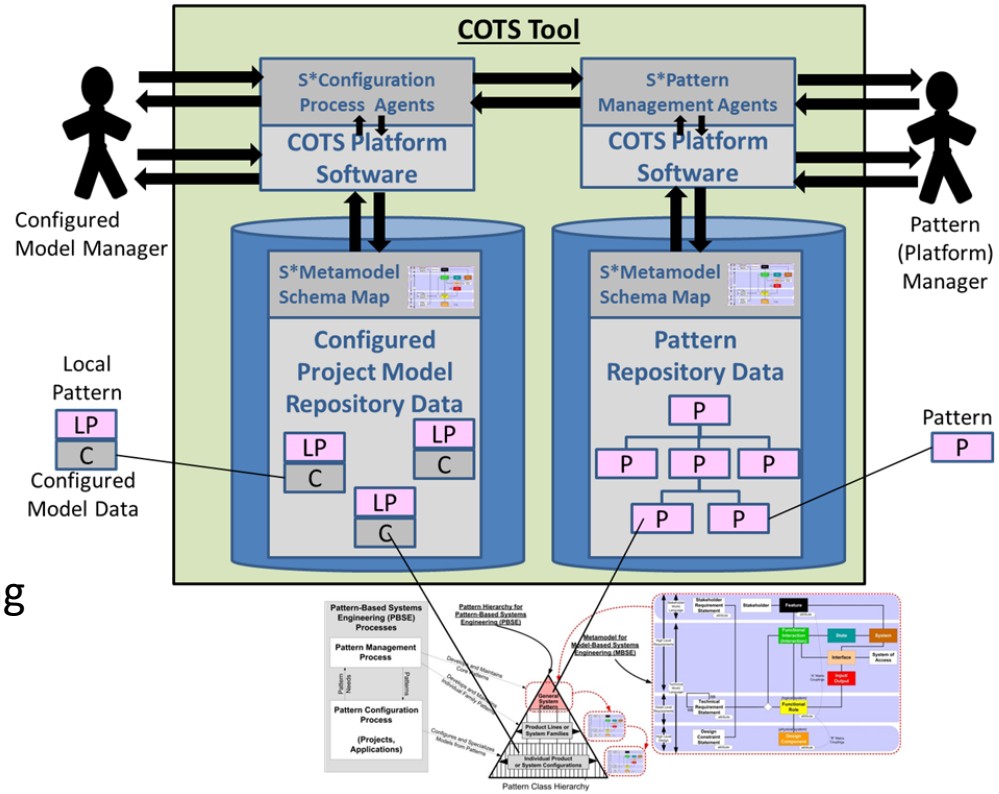
- S*Metamodel schema map (profile) is provided for each modeling tool and engineering, manufacturing, or enterprise information system,
- So they can uniformly represent project-specific configured S*Models and generalized S*Patterns.
- S*Configuration Process agents likewise provide a unified approach to configuring S*Models from S*Patterns:



Existing COTS Engineering & Modeling Tools, PLM Systems Can All Support Common Underlying S*Metamodel, Innovation Processes

Human and Information Systems Agents Enable the System of Innovation

- Many third-party COTS tools and information systems provide some means of data exchange among them, using standards-based or other types of exchange interfaces.
- Open standards for information exchange or federation are likewise emerging.
- The approach described here extends this by providing a deeper underlying semantic compatibility between these existing systems, while still taking advantage of those emerging exchange and transport interfaces.
- This is more than an information technology approach, as it also aligns the semantics of how human users of these systems conceive of the information they manage.



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Summary and Conclusions

1. MBSE and PBSE not only apply across the enterprise—they can directly address enterprise-level challenges that arise out of interactions of lower-level enterprise subsystems.
2. The expressive power of Models is further leveraged when they do not have to be developed "from scratch" for each project, but can be derived from Patterns that also accumulate learning as it occurs, becoming a new form of IP, increasing the agility of the enterprise.
3. This changes the perspective of individuals from "learn modeling" to "learn the model" (referring to the enterprise's MBSE pattern IP)—a different perspective from the more popular "learn how to model" movement.
4. In addition to improving the power and capabilities of individuals, existing and in-service engineering modeling and simulation tools, databases, and PLM systems likewise have their power increased when they are enabled to accommodate the stronger semantics of the S*Metamodel.

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