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# Next Generation MBPLE with SysML v2: Feature Modeling, Variability Modeling and API Potentials

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# Introduction



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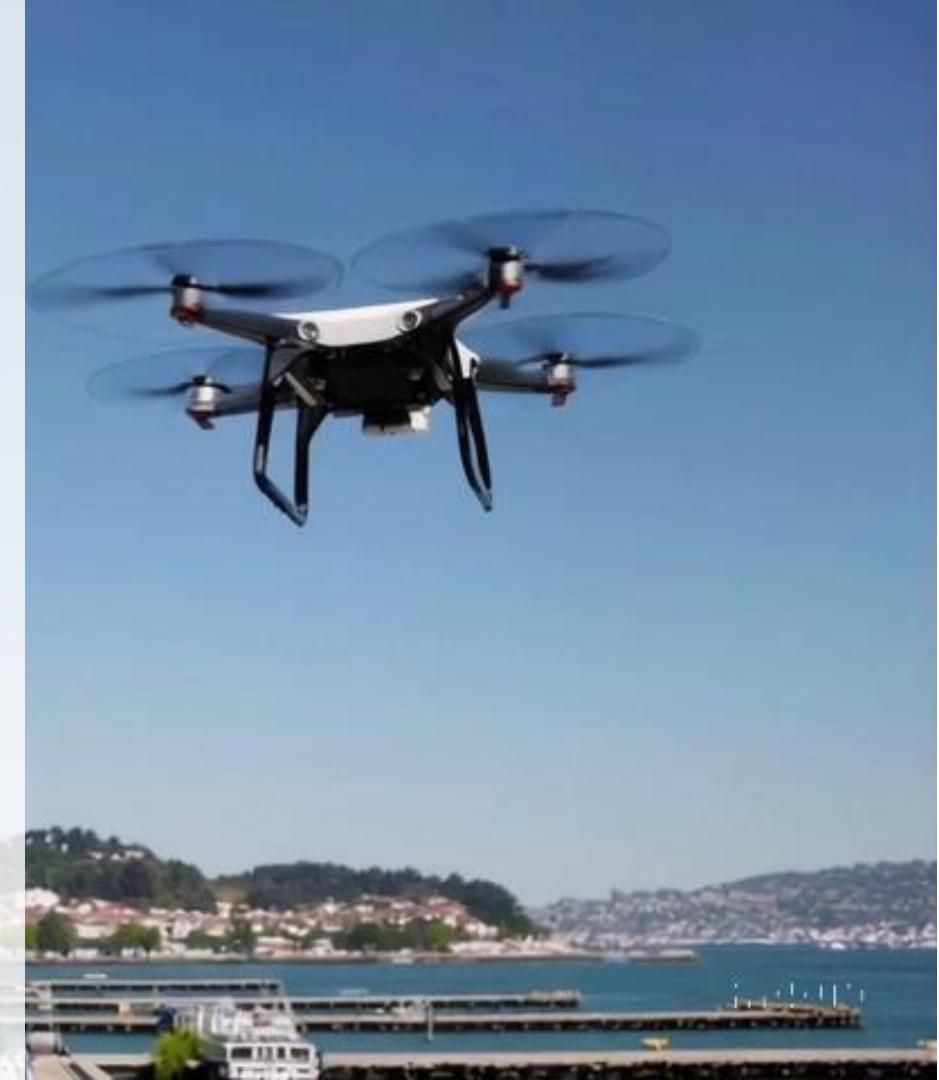
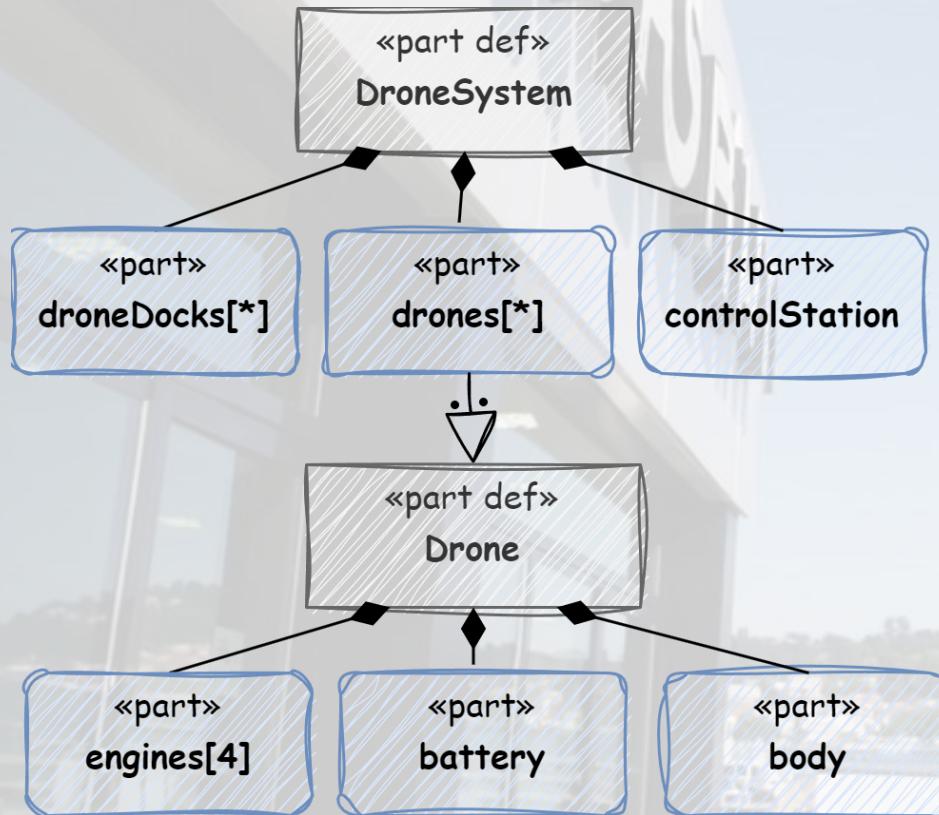
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# **Variability Modeling with SysML v2**



# First version of the DroneSystem

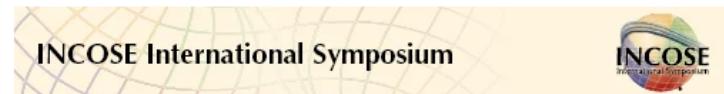


# Change Requests!



- ✓ Different number of engines
- ✓ Different kinds of batteries
- ✓ Different payload attachments
- ✓ ...

# Variant Modeling Methods



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## Two Variant Modeling Methods for MBPLE at Airbus

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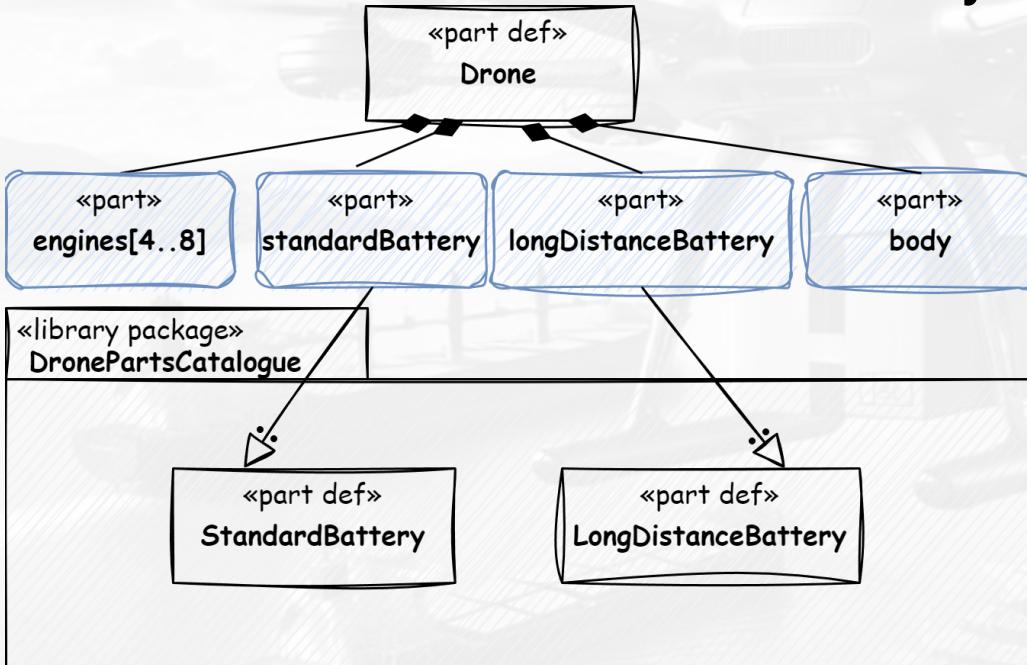
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### Abstract

Product Line Engineering (PLE) is a fundamental component of systems engineering. As postulated in INCOSE's Vision 2025, Model-Based Systems Engineering (MBSE) is becoming the norm for systems engineering. Thus, we need to integrate PLE into MBSE. An important aspect of this integration is the definition of model-based methods. This paper defines two possible approaches for variant modeling with SysML applied at Airbus and provides insights into their application in practice.

# Direct Approach in a Nutshell

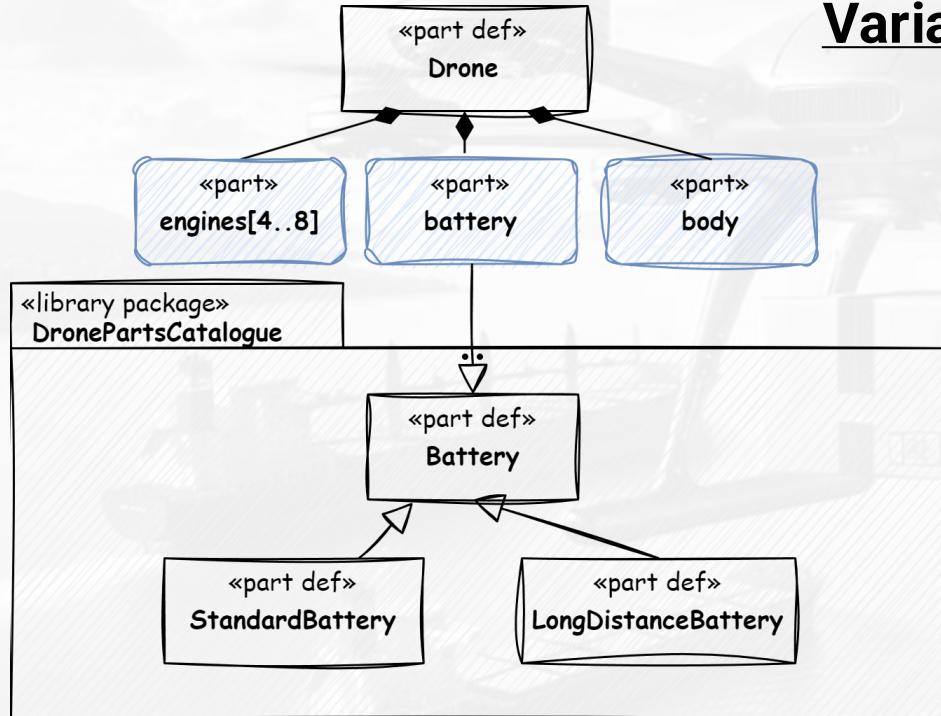
## Variability: Different kinds of batteries



**Just model it!**

A drone can have a standard battery or a long distance battery.

# Clean Approach in a Nutshell



## Variability: Different kinds of batteries

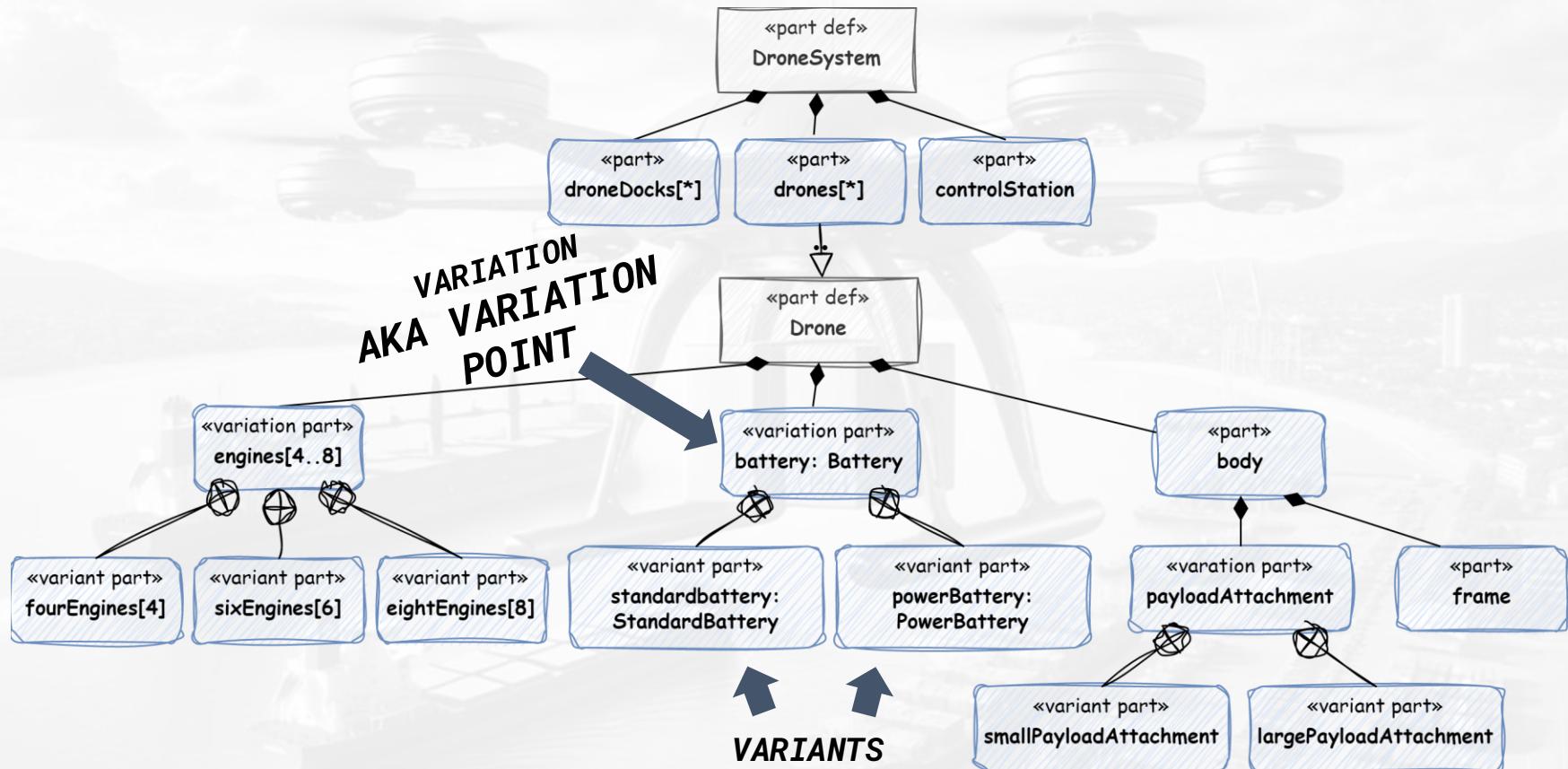
### 1. Identify the commonality!

A drone has a battery.

### 2. Specialize the variants!

It can be a StandardBattery or a LongDistanceBattery.

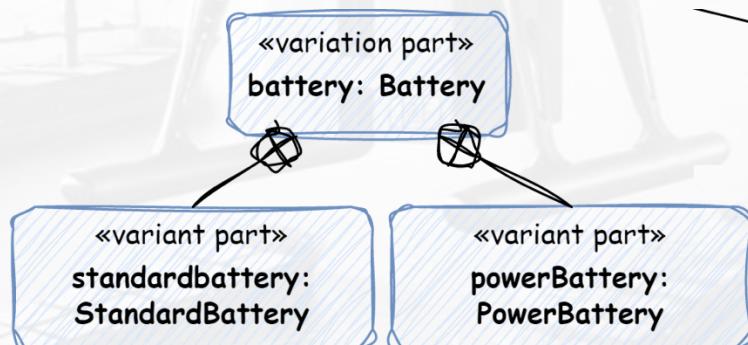
# SysML v2 Variations and Variants



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Variants are not individual model elements. In the background, it is a VariantMembership relationship between the variation and a variant.

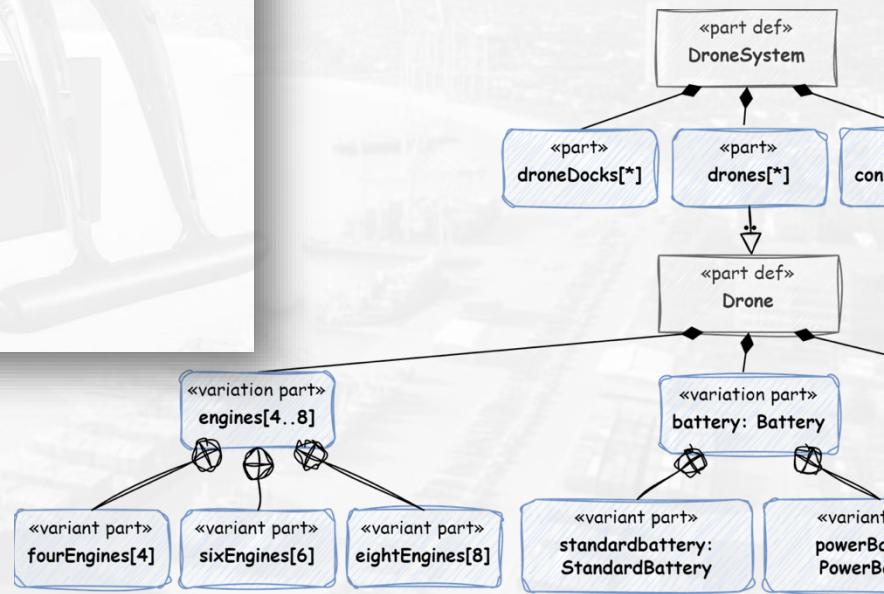
Being a variation is a Boolean characteristic of a definition/usage element that can be switched on or off.



# Variations/Variants - Textual Notation

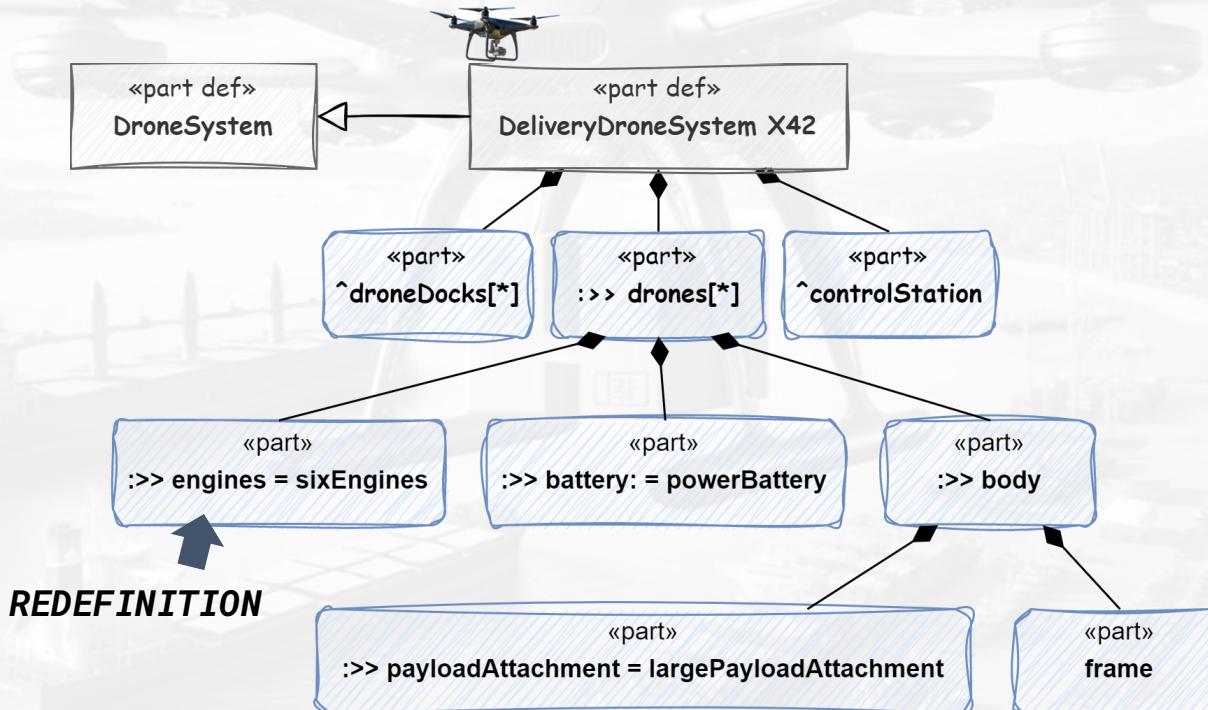


```
part def Drone {  
    variation part battery: Battery {  
        variant part standardBattery: StandardBattery;  
        variant part powerBattery: PowerBattery;  
    }  
    variation part engines[4..8] {  
        variant part fourEngines[4];  
        variant part sixEngines[6];  
        variant part eightEngines[8];  
    }  
    [...]  
}
```

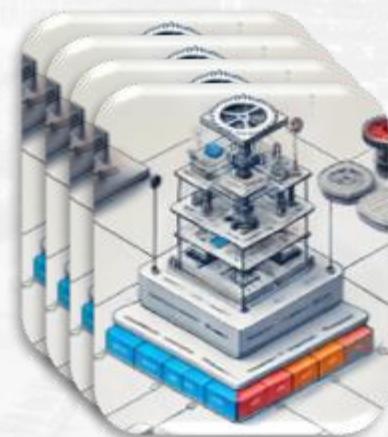
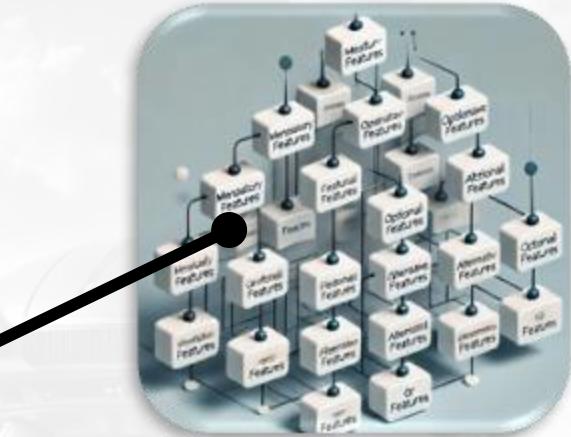


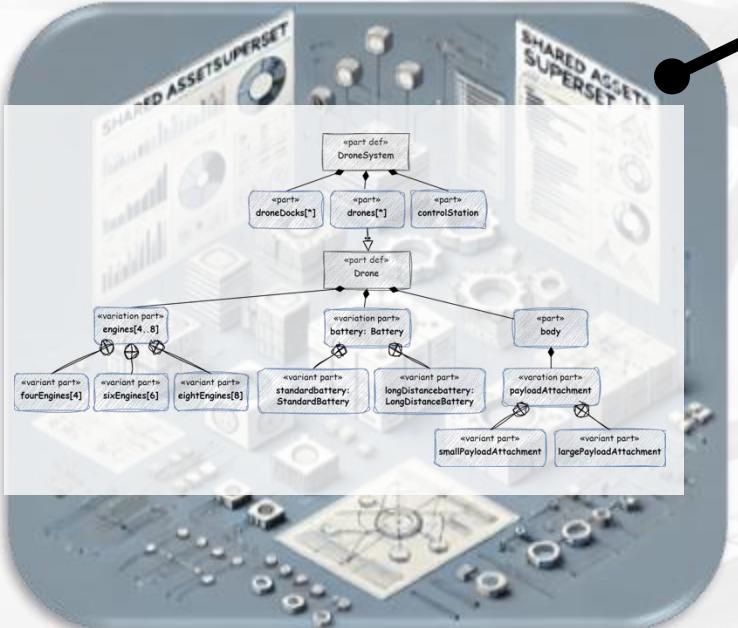
# Product Model - Let's derive a product

The **DeliveryDroneSystem X42** has six engines, a power battery, and an attachment for large payloads.

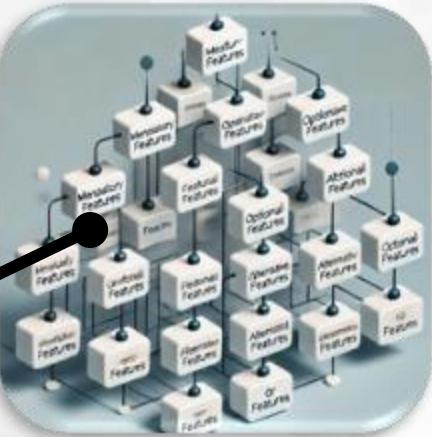


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Shared Assets  
Supersets



Feature Model: Feature Tree & Feature Configurations

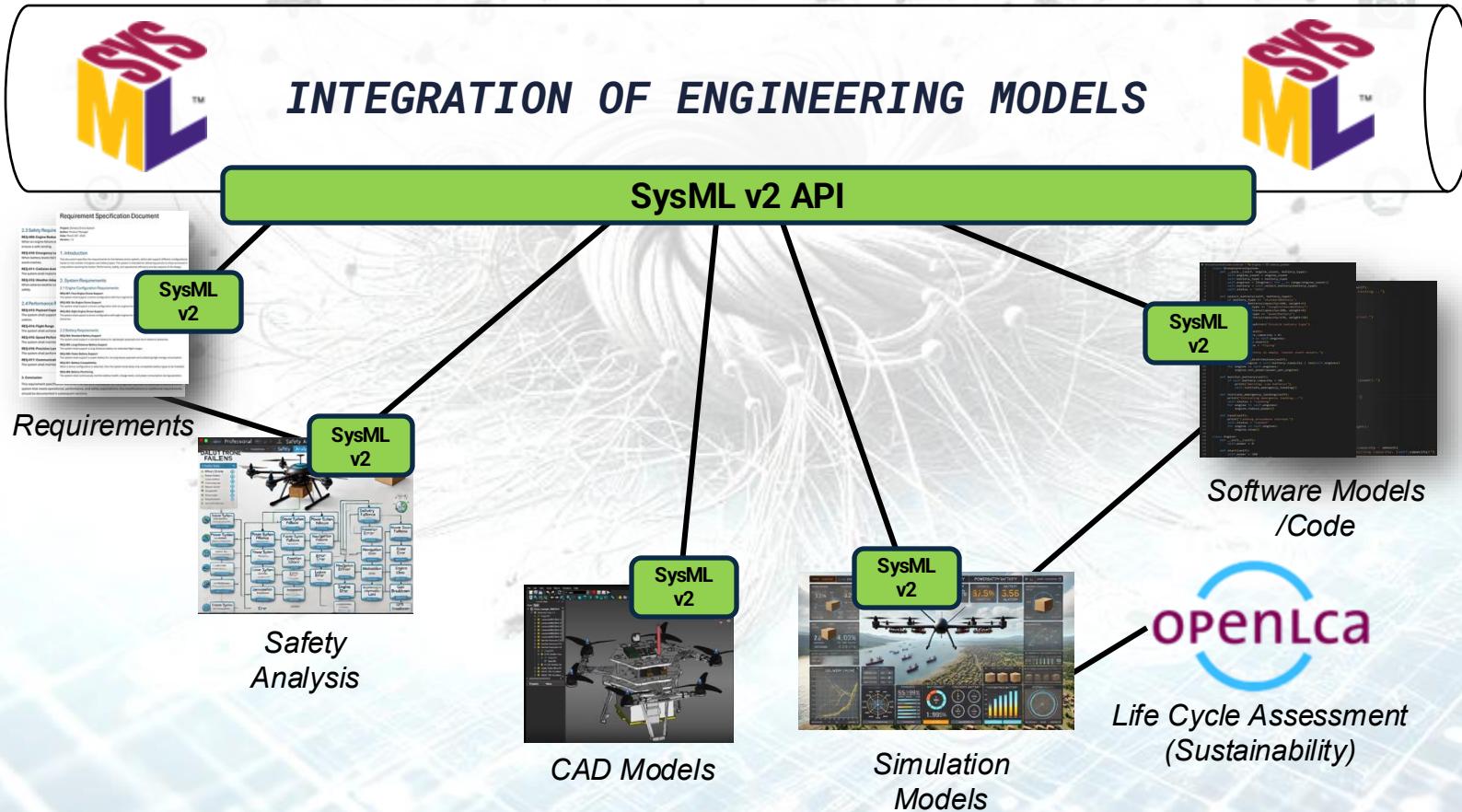


# Feature Modeling with SysML v2

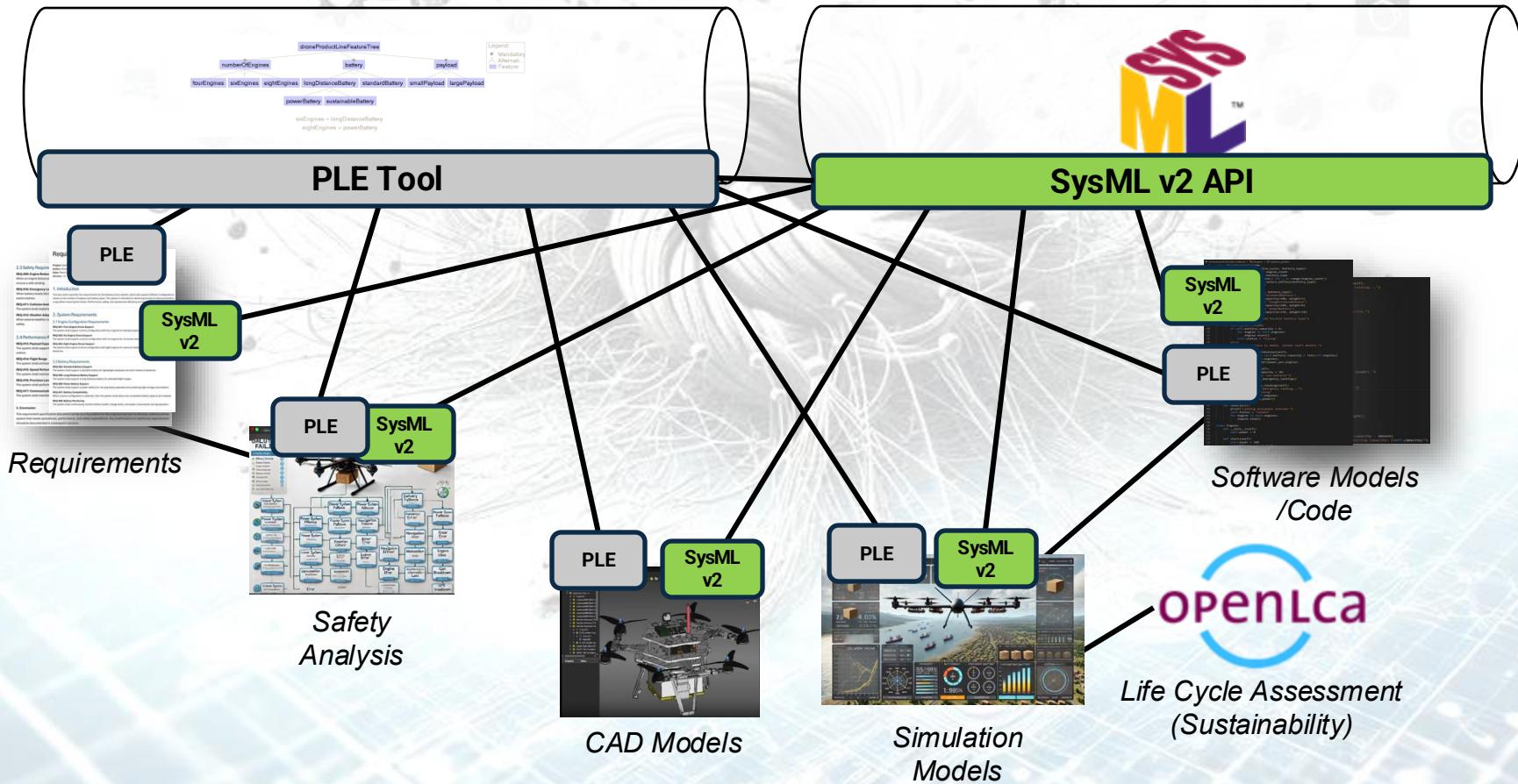
# Feature Tree with FeatureIDE



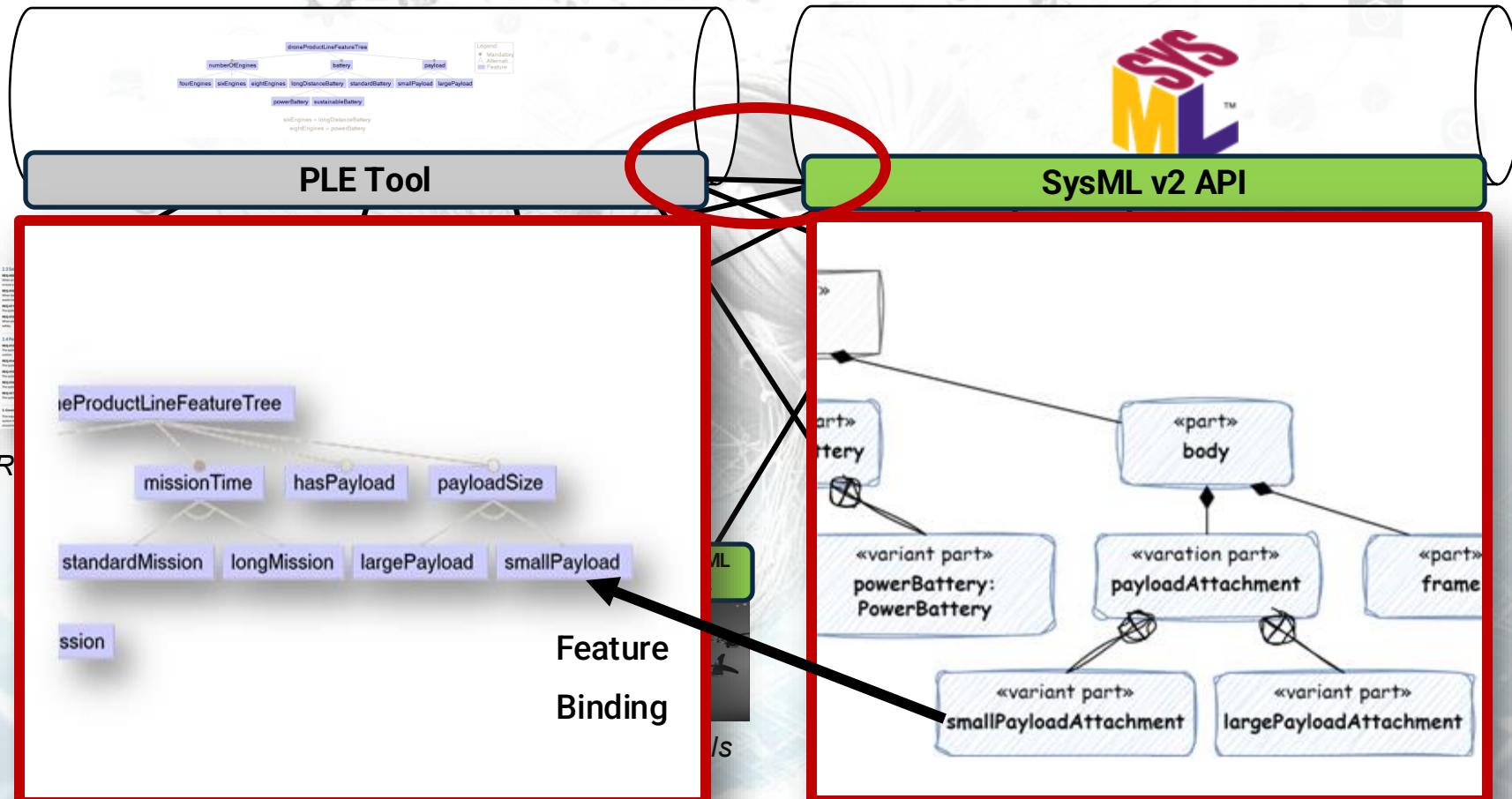
# SysML Model as the Backbone of the Digital Thread



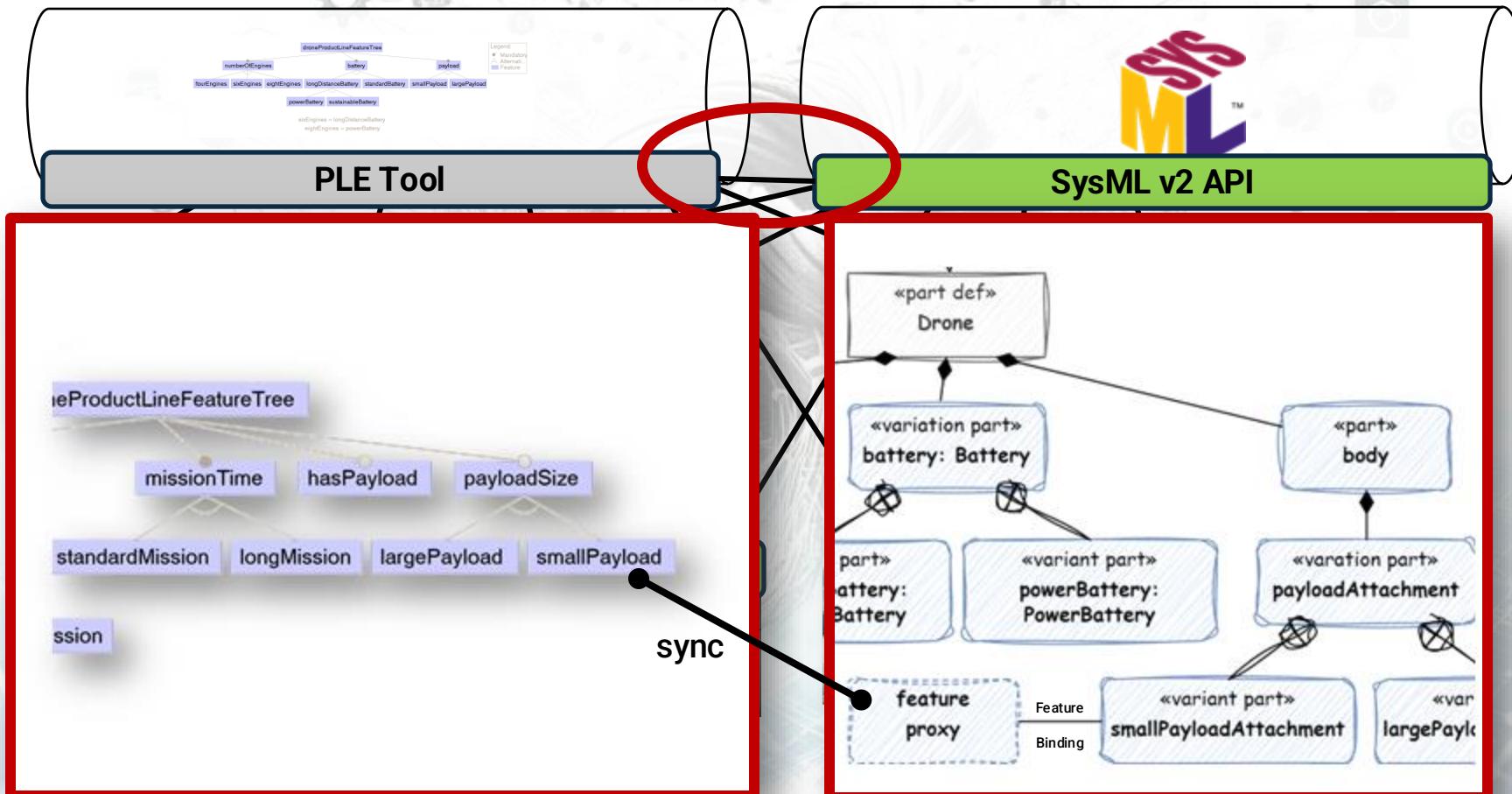
# PLE in the Digital Thread



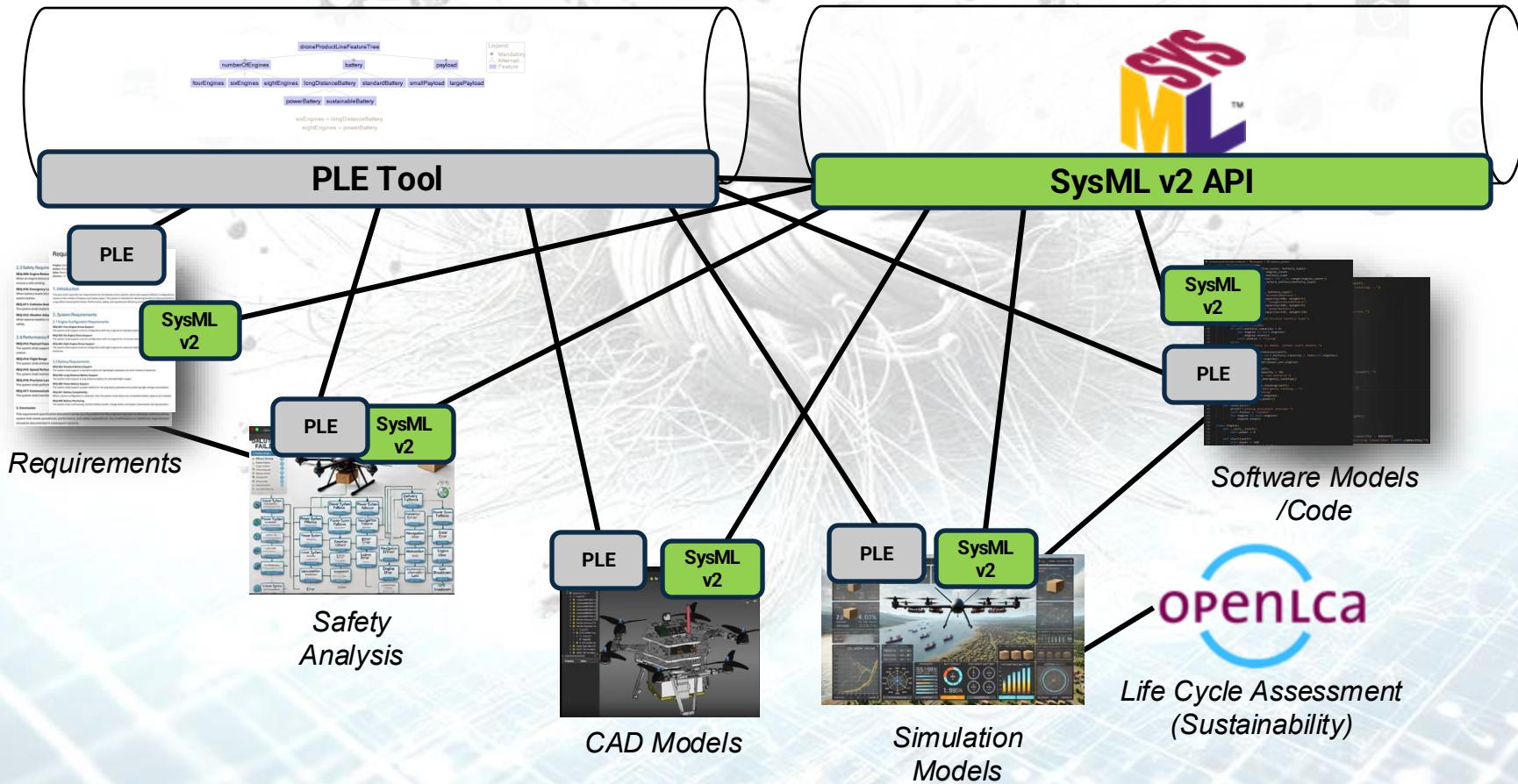
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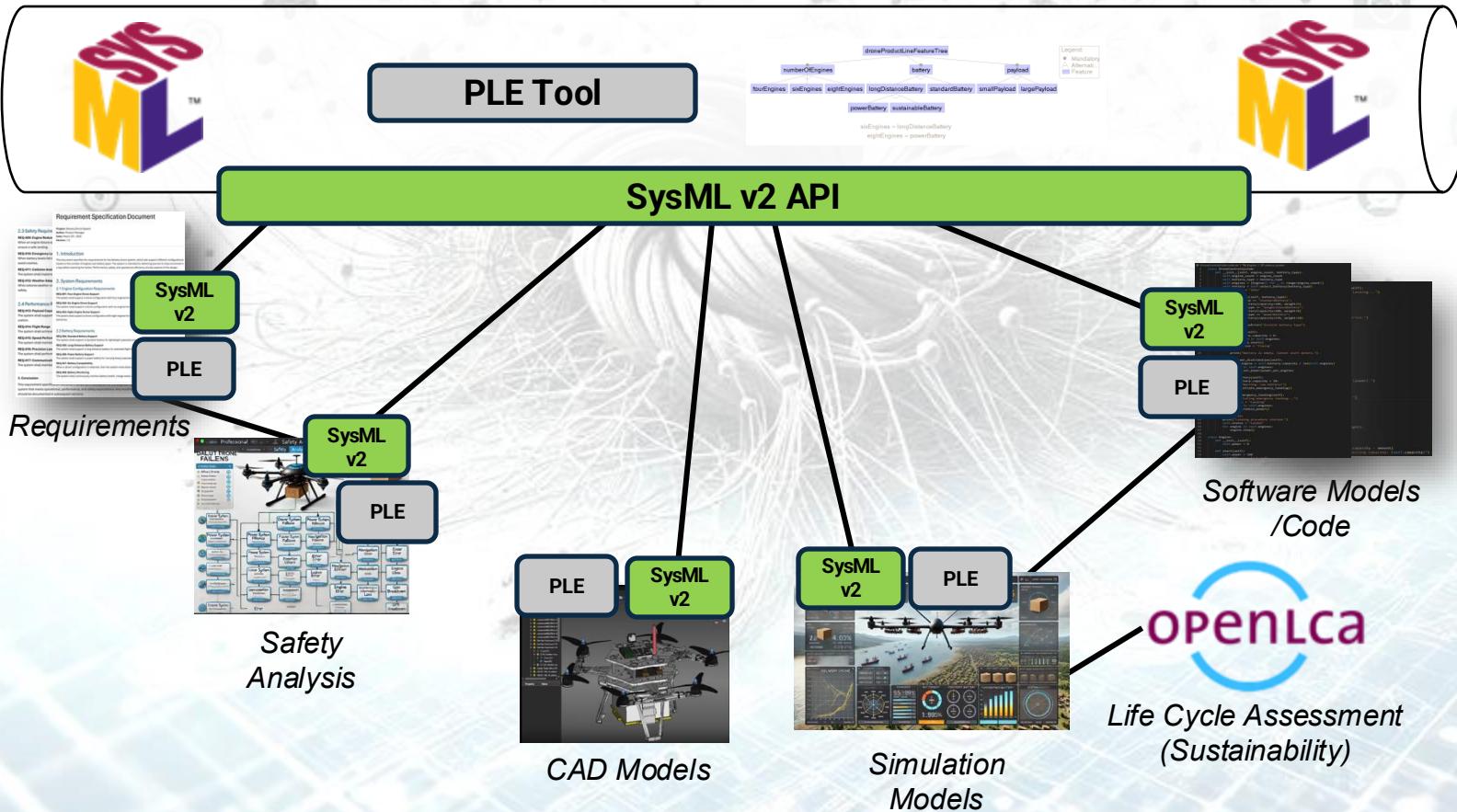
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1. Foundation for Feature and Feature Binding in SysML v2 as an anchor point for Feature Modeling Tools

2. Feature Modeling with SysML v2

# SysML v2 – Language Extension

# Laboratory: SysML v2 for Feature Modeling



# PLEML Library

```
library package FeatureModeling {  
    enum def LifeCycleKind :> ScalarValues::Natural {  
        doc /* Definition of f */  
        * The numbers pro  
        */  
        enum Development = 1;  
        enum Production = 2;  
        enum Operation = 3;  
    }  
  
    occurrence def feature {  
        doc /* A Feature is a */  
        * product line th  
        */  
        * in the product line.  
        */  
        attribute bindingTime : LifeCycleKind default LifeCycleKind::Development {  
            doc /* The binding time of the feature with default Development. */  
        }  
    }  
}  
  
constraint def XORConstraint :> FeatureConstraint {  
    in occurrence excluded :> constrainedFeatures;  
    in occurrence featureConfiguration :>> featureConfiguration;  
    if featureConfiguration != null ?  
        featureConfiguration.suboccurrences->includes(owningFeature)  
        implies (1..size(excluded)-1)->ControlFunctions::forAll {  
            in f; not featureConfiguration.suboccurrences->includes(f)  
        }  
    else  
        true
```



# Feature Representation - Textual

```
package DroneFeatureModel {  
    private import FeatureModeling::*;

    #feature def droneProductLineFeatures {  
        #feature missionTime {  
            attribute :>> bindingTime = LifeCycleKind::Production;  
        }  
        #feature standardMission :> missionTime;  
        #feature longMission :> missionTime;  
    }  
}
```



# Feature Configuration



```
#featureConfiguration deliveryDrone :> droneProductLineFeatures {  
    #feature :>> missionKind = (deliveryMission);  
    #feature :>> missionTime = (longMission);  
    #feature :>> hasPayload;  
    #feature :>> payloadSize = largePayload;  
}  
  
#featureConfiguration observationDrone :> droneProductLineFeatures {  
    #feature :>> missionKind = (forestFireMission);  
    #feature :>> missionTime = (longMission);  
}  
  
#featureConfiguration consumerDrone :> droneProductLineFeatures {  
    #feature :>> missionKind = (securityMission, funMission);  
}
```

# Feature Binding



```
// Feature Bindings from Shared Assets to the Features
#featureBinding connect droneSystemRequirements.minimumFlightTime::standard
  to droneFeatureModel.droneProductLineFeatures.standardMission;
#featureBinding connect droneSystemRequirements.minimumFlightTime::extended
  to droneFeatureModel.droneProductLineFeatures.longMission;

#featureBinding connect droneProduct.battery::standardBattery
  to droneFeatureModel.droneProductLineFeatures.standardMission;
#featureBinding connect droneProduct.battery::longDistanceBattery
  to droneFeatureModel.droneProductLineFeatures.longMission;
#featureBinding connect droneProduct.battery::longDistanceBattery::longRange
  to droneFeatureModel.droneProductLineFeatures.deliveryMission;
#featureBinding connect droneProduct.battery::longDistanceBattery::longRange
  to droneFeatureModel.droneProductLineFeatures.forestFireMission;

#featureBinding connect droneProduct.body::bodyWithoutPayload
```

# What's next!

- ❖ Complete the language extension PLEML
- ❖ Variation WG for SysML v2.1
  - ❖ Optional variation
  - ❖ Constraints
  - ❖ ...



# Thank You Question Time!

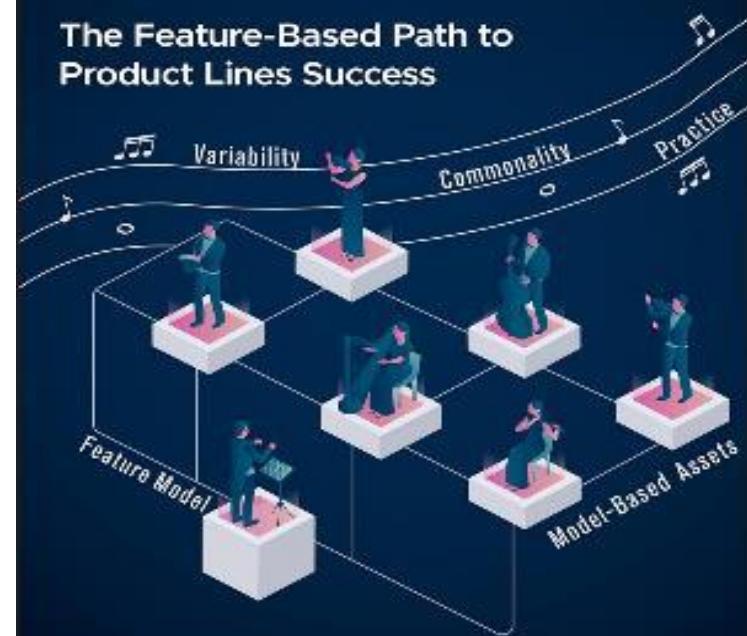
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