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**Bridging the gap between
System Engineering and
Simulation, applied to
collaborative design of
Aircraft Systems**

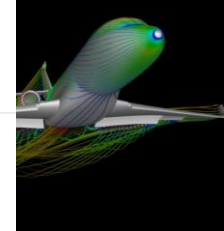
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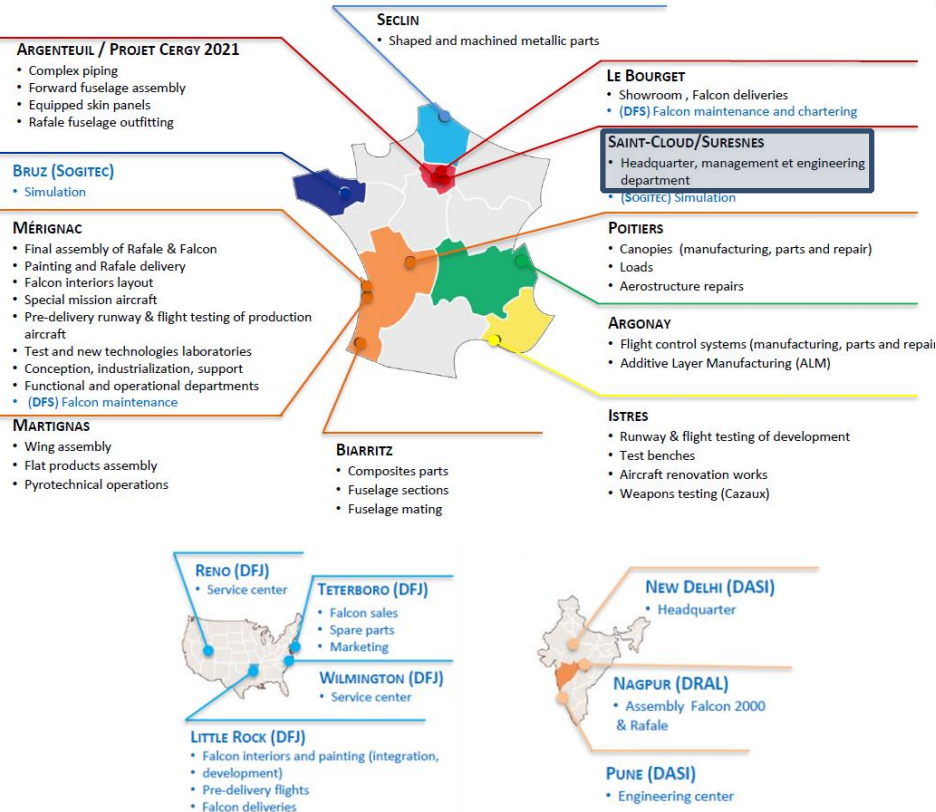
Enablers

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IN SYSTEM ENGINEERING

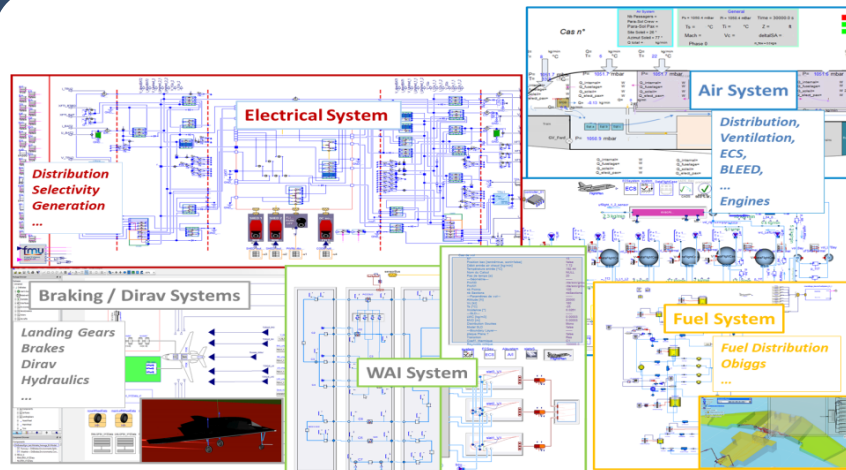
AND

FOR SIMULATION EXPERTS



Sub-components (Parts)	Tier 1 Partners	Total Partners
1–2 million	~10–15	~100–200
30,000–50,000	~8–12	~80–150
~40,000	~6–10	~60–120
10,000–15,000	~5–8	~50–100
3,000–30,000	~3–8	~30–80

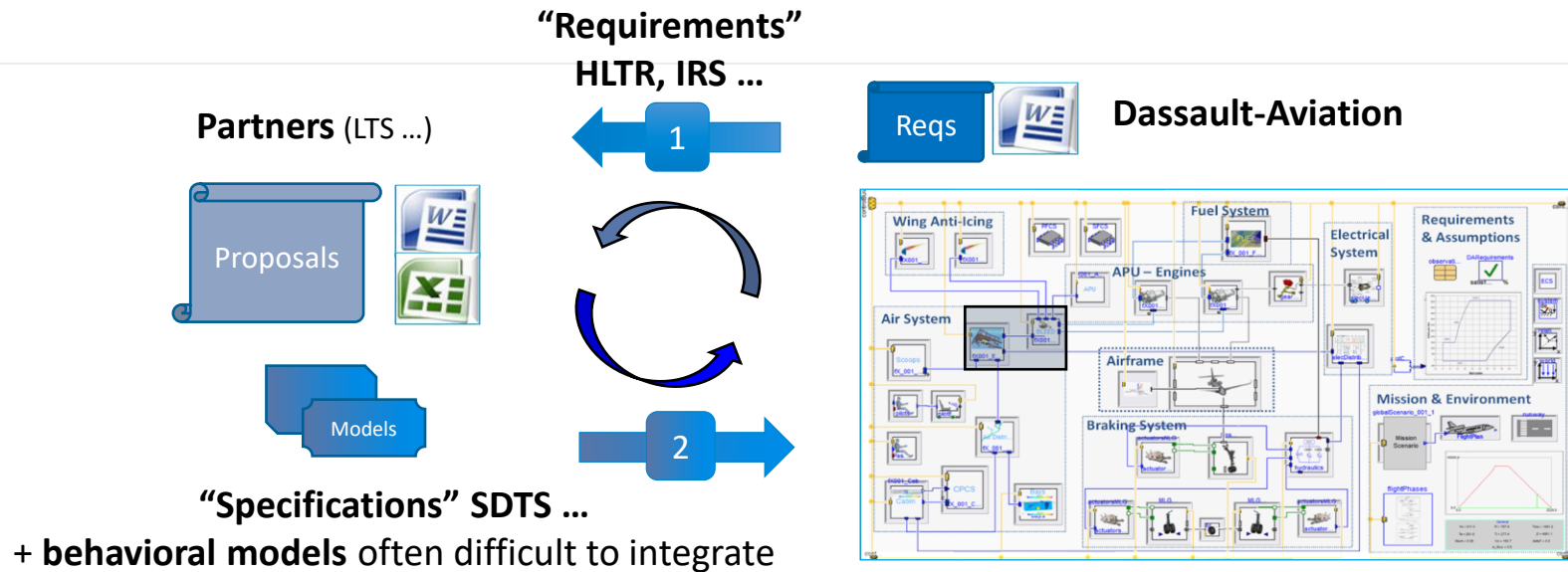
Managing Systems with many interconnected parts



Ability to

- simulate complex cyber-physical Systems
- to get consistent results from multi-systems (multi-partners)

COLLABORATIVE ENGINEERING WITH PARTNERS : CURRENT PROCESS

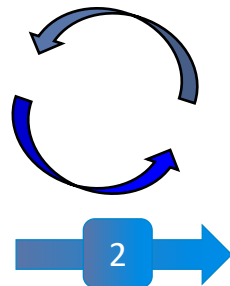


Many design loops between Aircraft Manufacturer and Partners

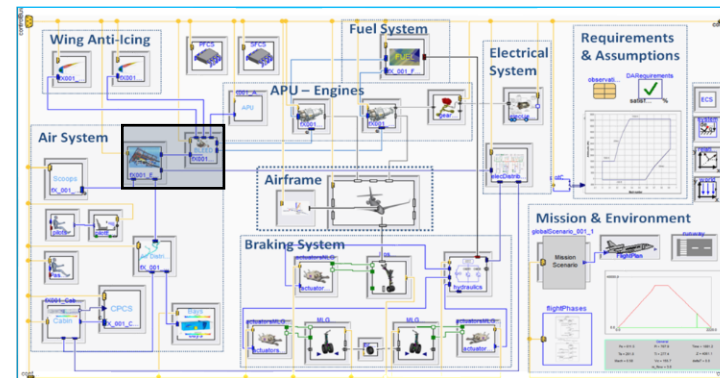
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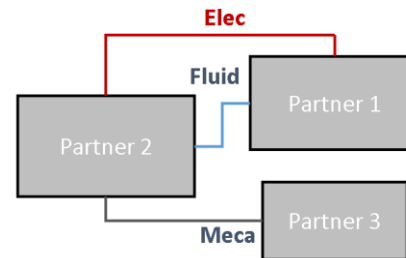
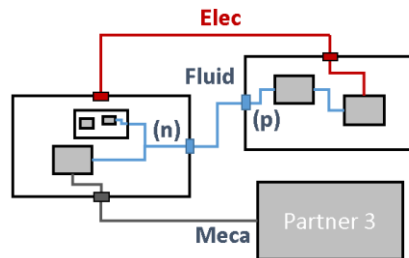
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**“Specifications” SDTS ...**

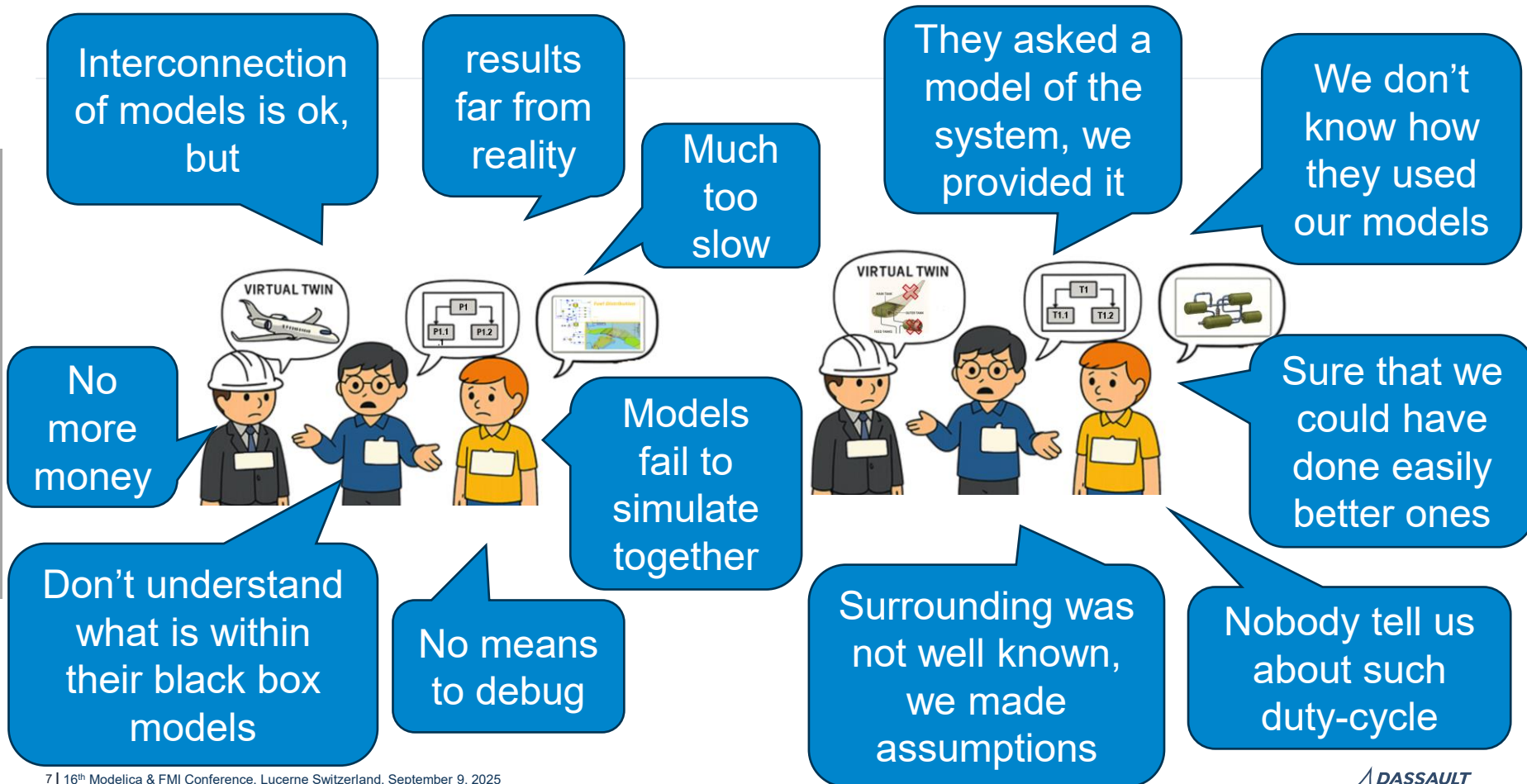
+ behavioral models often difficult to integrate



Asynchronous development between partners sometimes not consistent interfaces => use of macro-Ports ...



Recently : **share of Architecture definition, populated by Partners** (based on SysML standard ...) but **doesn't solve Simulation issues**



ROOTS : BUILD ABILITY TO ANALYZE AIRCRAFT VEHICLE SYSTEMS

NOT CLASSIFIED

2006 DS acquires Dymola (Dymola)

10/2017 DS acquires No Magic

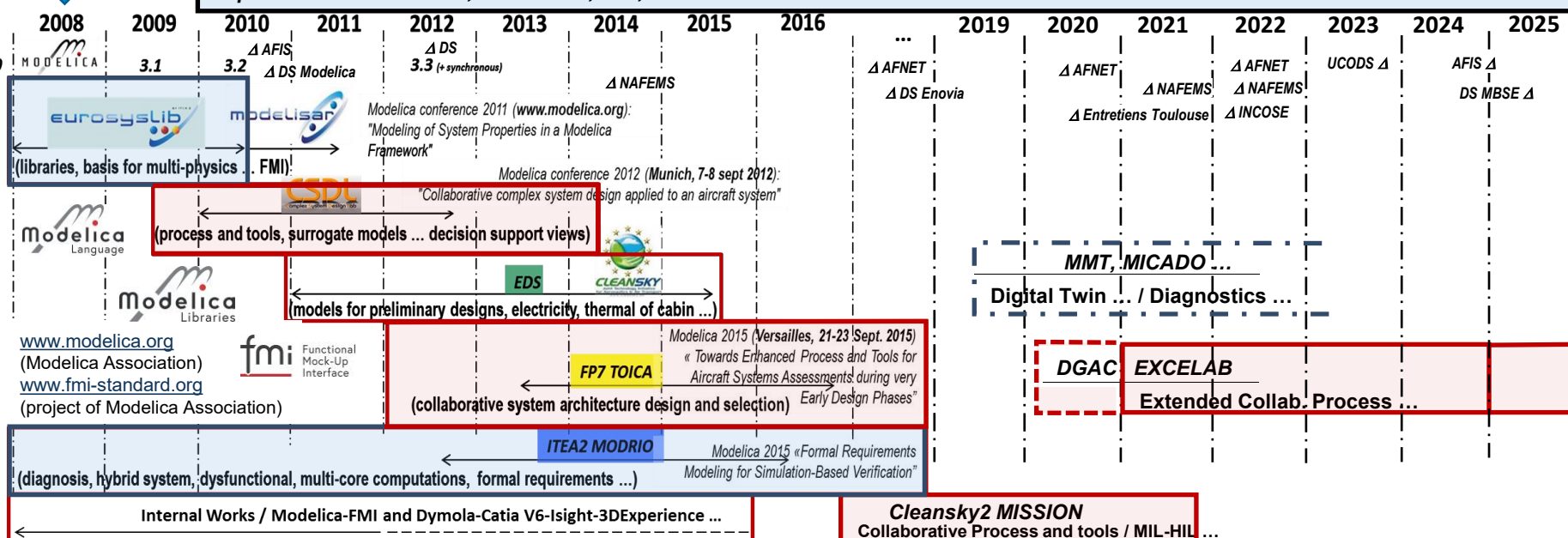
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Today

2008 Start of Dymola integration in 3DExp

Operational use : Neuron, Falcon F8X, F6X, F10X ... Rafale ...

Context



ITEA Eurosyslib : "European Leadership in System Modeling and Simulation through advanced Modelica Libraries"

ITEA2 MODRIO : "Model Driven Physical Systems Operation"

Systematic CSDL : "Complex System Design Lab"

FP7 TOICA : "Thermal Overall Integrated Concept of Aircraft"

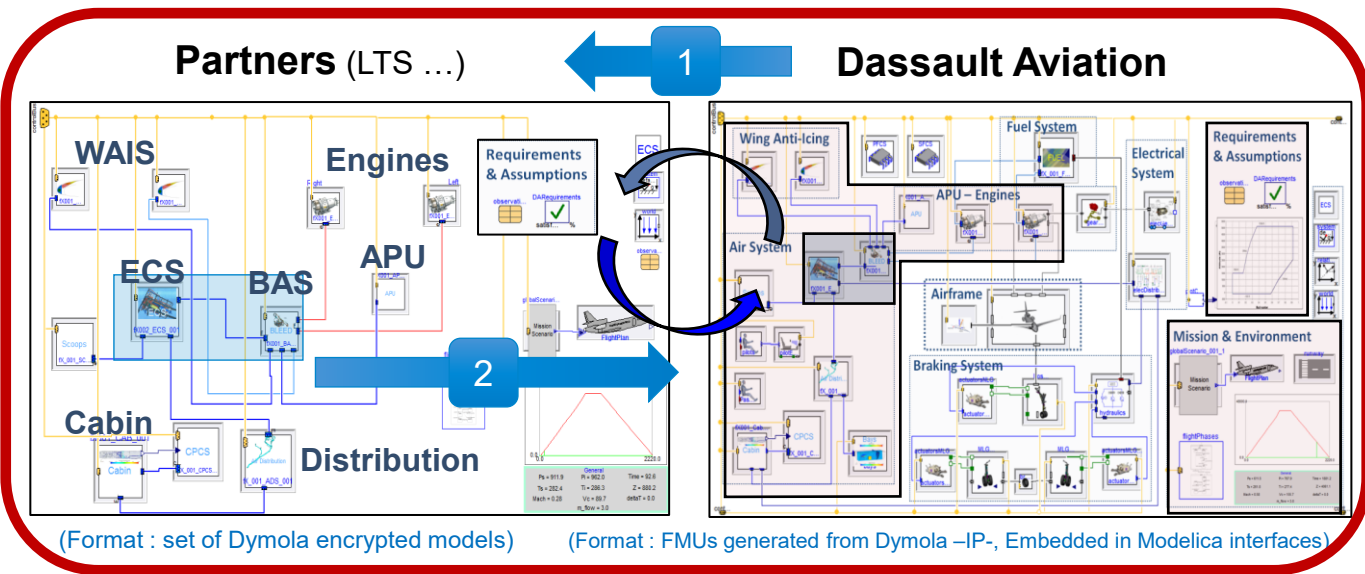
CS2 MISSION : "Eco-Design for Systems" / "Modeling and Simulation Tools for Systems Integration on Aircraft"

DGAC ExceLab : "Extended Collaborative Engineering LAB"

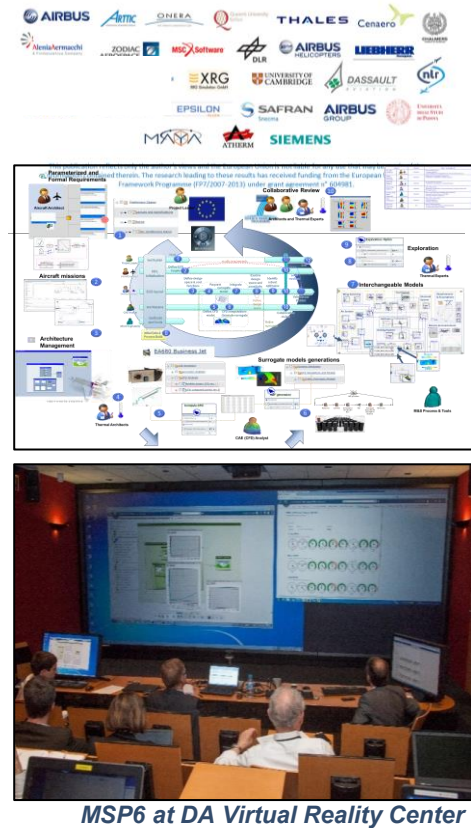
Enablers to analyze complex CPS systems:

- Standards (Modelica-FMI-SysML...)
- Tools (Dymola, 3DExperience ...)
- People (Designers, Architects...)

- 1: Provides Models: Interfaces, Boundaries, Mission, Requirements within Studies



- 2: Provides sub-systems models (with the right level of details) compatible with interfaces, tested within predefined environments and conditions, and execution assumptions, using standards (Modelica, FMI, SysML ...)



New bi-directional agile and flexible Process for management of Collaborative Design ... by defining Study needs more formally

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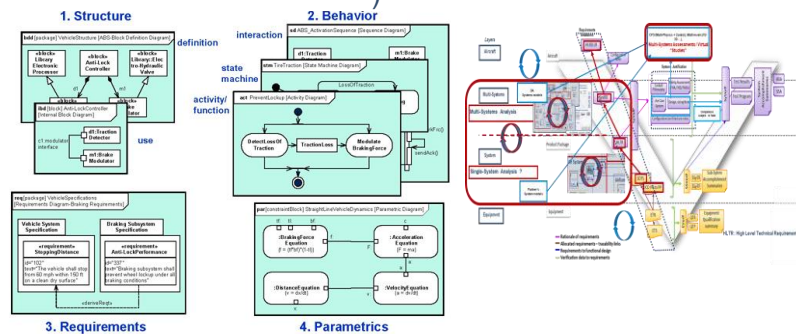
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STILL A BIG GAP BETWEEN SYSTEM AND SIMULATION WORLDS, AND ASSOCIATED TOOLS

Traditional MBSE System «world»

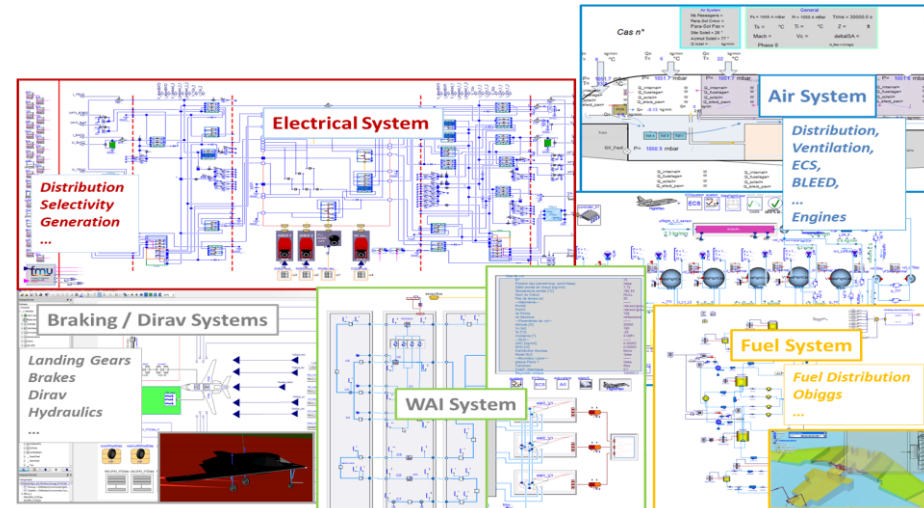
(UAF, SysML, UML, BPMN ... RFLP, MBSE ... ontology)



- Enhanced capabilities of System modeling and queries
- Some simulations capabilities mainly powered by UML behaviors (state machines, activity diagrams ...). Parametric diagrams not suitable for complex simulations

Assessment-Simulation «world»

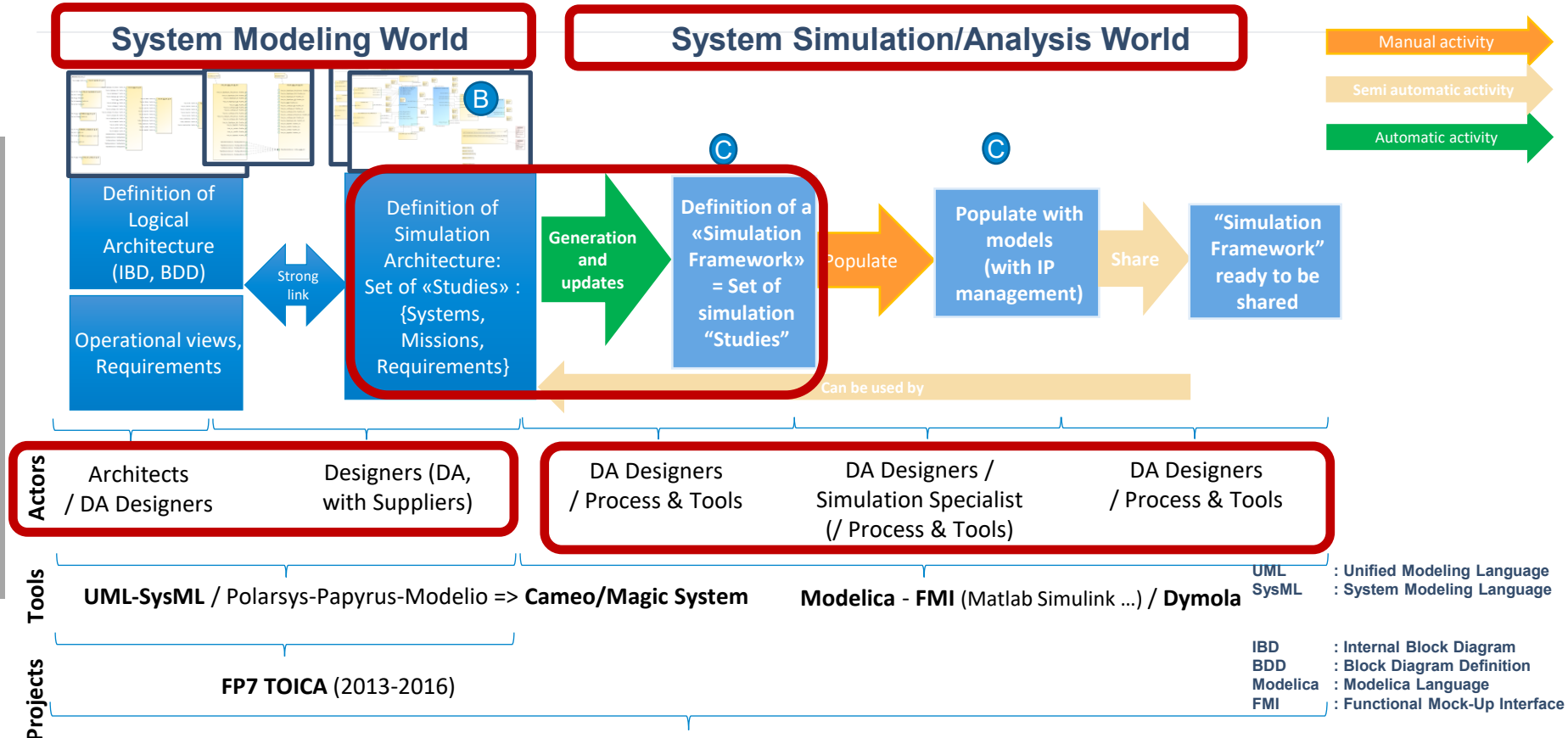
(Agents ... PDE, ODE, hybrid DAE ... Petri nets ... FE, FV ... MIL, SIL, HIL ...)

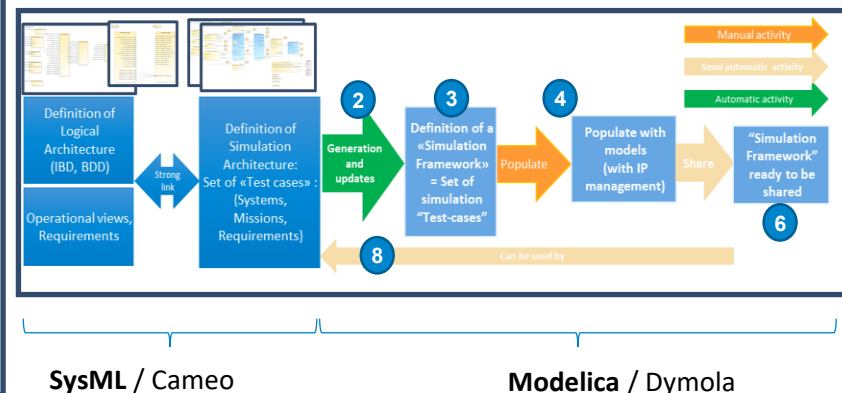
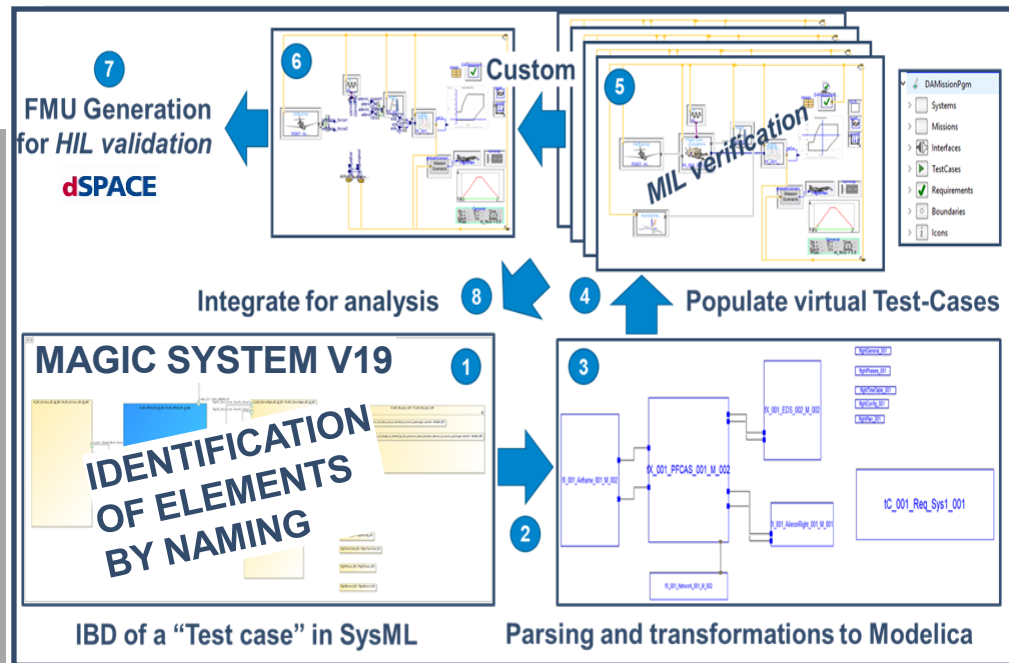


- Enhanced capabilities for System modeling and some capability to query results
- Powerful simulation capabilities of complex cyber-physic systems

PROPOSAL : BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN SYSTEM DESCRIPTION AND ANALYSIS (FROM FP7 TOICA -2013-2016 ...)

Enablers





DYMOLA SCRIPTS

(> 100 ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS)

TO PARSE, TRANSFORM ... EXPORTED IBD INTO MODELICA)

EVOLUTIONS : SHIFT FROM MODELICA CENTRIC PROCESS TO SYSML DRIVEN PROCESS

	System Modeling World (based on SysML / UML)			Transform →	System Simulation & Analysis World (based on Modelica / FMI / SSP ...)		
Activities	Modeling (and several Analysis)				Modeling and Simulation		
Project	Tools	Standard s	Models		Tools	Standards	Models
FP7 TOICA / ITEA2 MODRIO (2013-2016)	Polarsys (=> Capella) Papyrus (CEA-List) Modelio (OBEO) ...	SysML 1.2	Sol	Gap	Dymola (oper) + 3DExperience 203X/15x not customized (DS)	Modelica 3.3 + FMI 2.0	Sol + Mission & Configuration + Req + Behavioral models
CS2 MISSION (2017-2020)	MSOSA V19 (DS)	SysML 1.5	Sol + Mission (+ labelling)	Manual native →	Dymola 2018x + Git / Bitbucket ... (oper)		
ExceLab MSP1 (07/2021)	MSOSA V19 (DS)	SysML 1.5	Sol + Mission (+ labelling + customization from stereotypes (DSL)	Manual native →	Dymola 2018x + Git + 3DExperience 2018x (DS) customized (oper F10X)		
...							
ExceLab MSP6 (07/2024)	MSOSA 2022x (DS), + custo NGFD	SysML 1.6	Sol + Mission & Configuration + Req + Data + DSL	Assisted Native (but ≠ from v19) ← →	Dymola + 3DExperience 2020x (DS) customized (oper F10X)	Modelica 3.4 + FMI 2.0	Sol + Mission & Configuration + Req + Data + Outputs + Behav. Models
ExceLab MSP8+ and Objectives	MSOSA 2022x - 25x (DS) + custo NGFD + DSL + Plugin	SysML 1.6 (+ v 2.0 ?)	Sol + Mission & Configuration + Req + Data + Outputs	Assisted customized ← →	2020x (+ 2025x ?)	Modelica 3.4x – 4.x + FMI 3.x + SSP 1.x	

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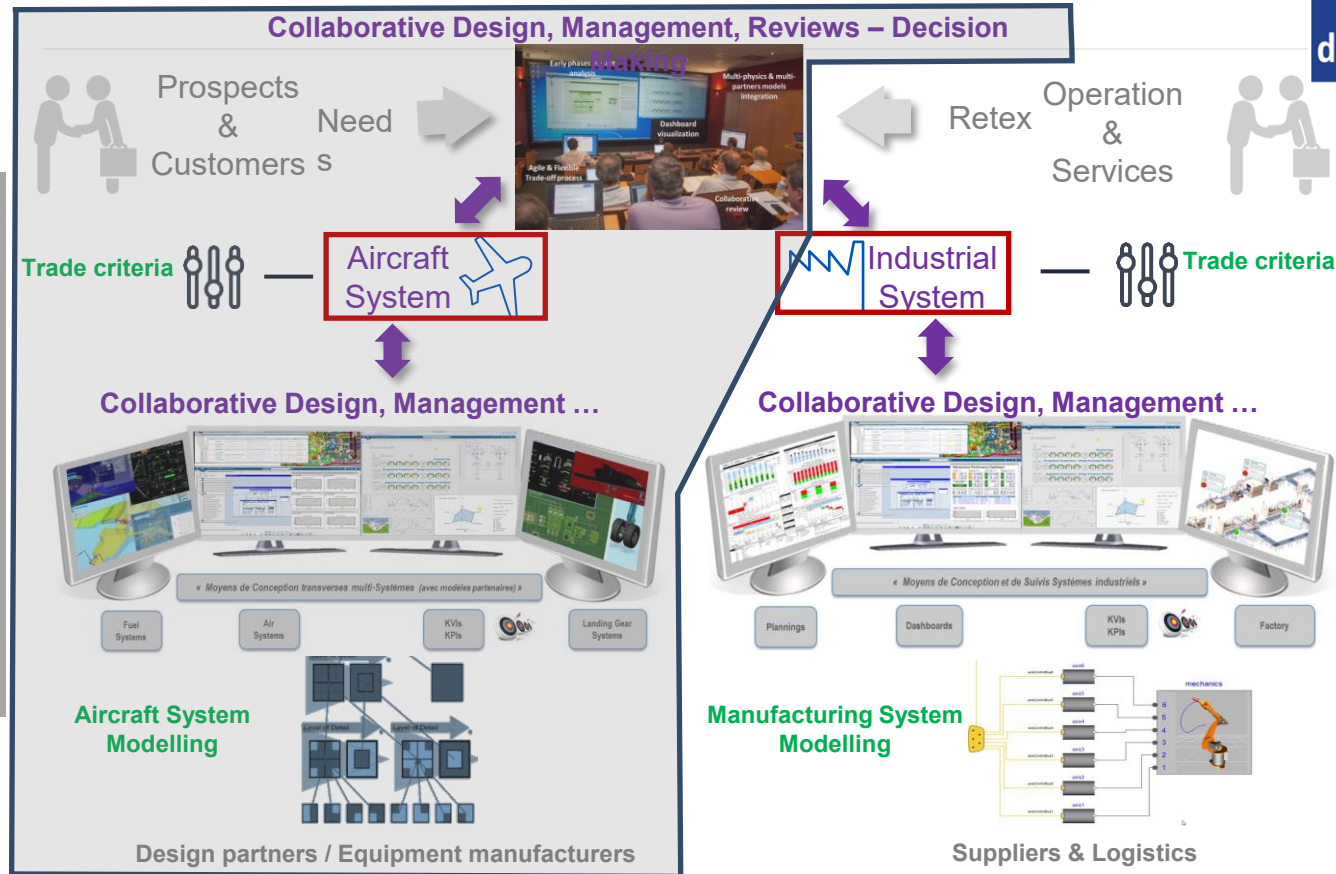
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DASSAULT AVIATION – LTS USE CASE : CSDL (2020-2012) / TOICA (2013-2016) / EXCELAB (2020-2025)



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Use cases

within

EXCELAB:

- EXtended
- Collaborative
- Engineering
- LAB

=> Demonstration plateaus
every 6 months

Target:

define a **common Global method**
to enable a more efficient
collaboration between Airframers
and Systems / Equipment
Designers ...

DGAC EXCELAB DASSAULT AVIATION USE-CASES

Collaborative uses cases :

1/ **Internal collaboration within DAv** (capability to make complex 3D Simulation based on DMU, and to integrate it in System simulation)

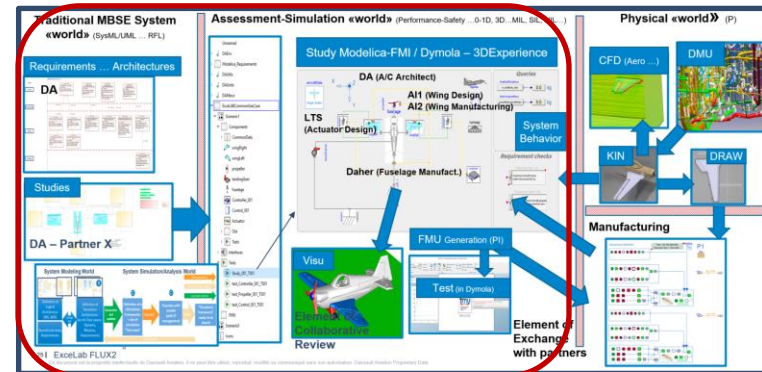
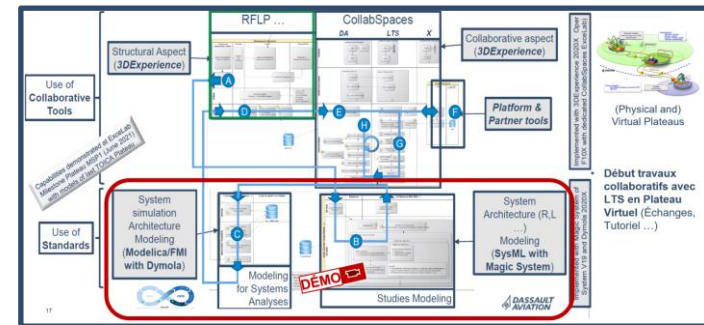
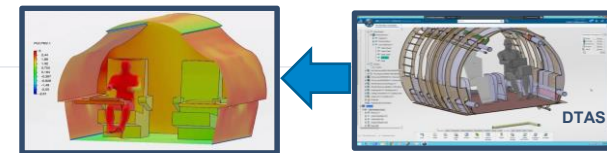
2/ **External collaboration with Design Partners**

Air systems assessments ($DA \Leftrightarrow LTS$)

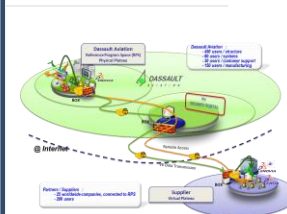
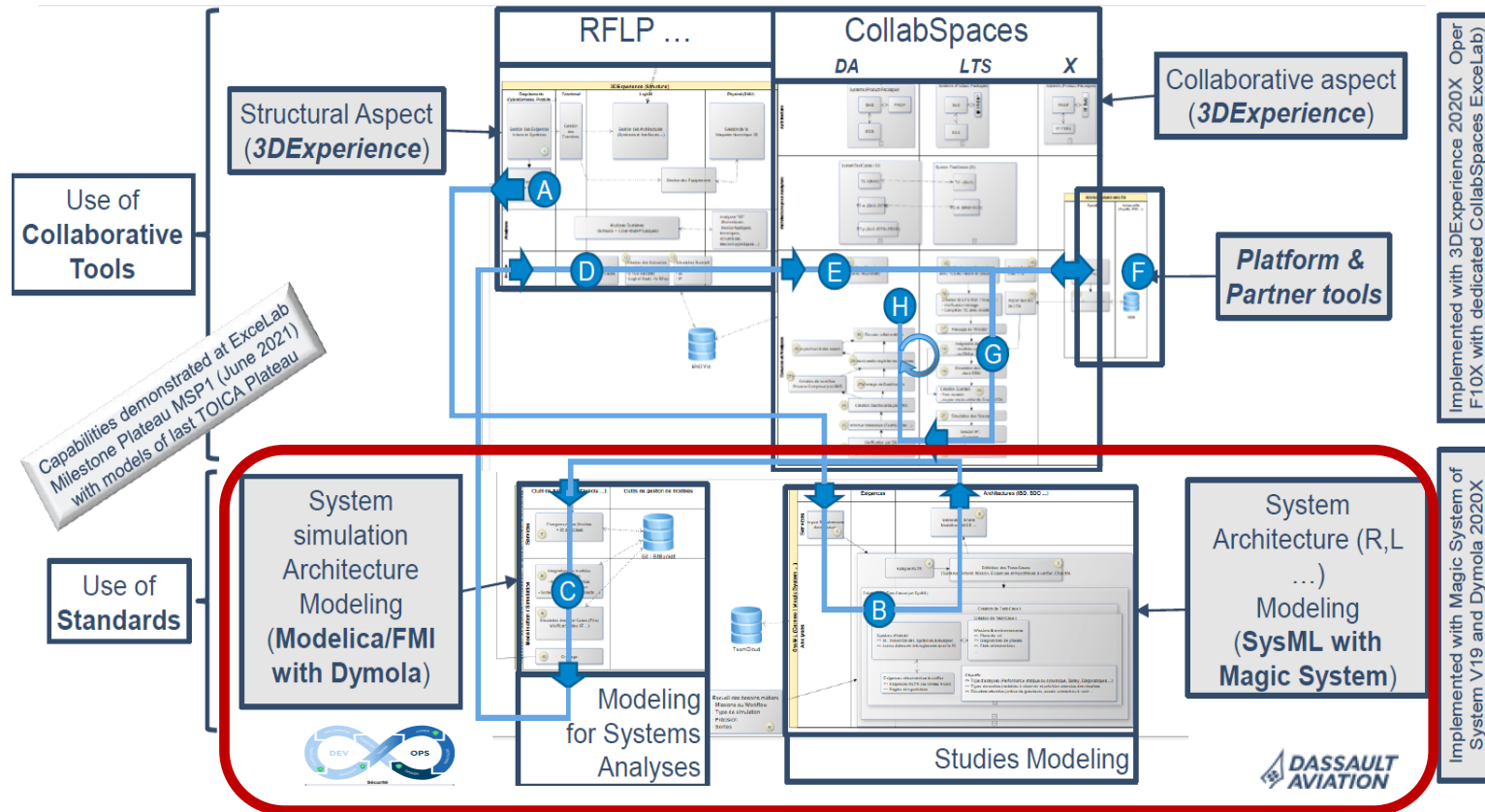
3/ **External collaboration with other Design Partners**

Aerobatic Aircraft design : common use case

($DA \Leftrightarrow Airbus$ - $DA \Leftrightarrow Daher$)

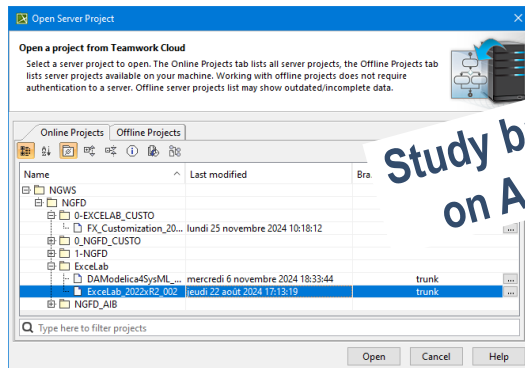


EXTERNAL COLLABORATION WITH DESIGN PARTNERS : DA ⇔ LTS (SYSTEM DESIGNER)

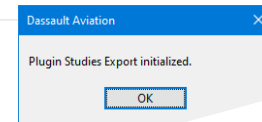
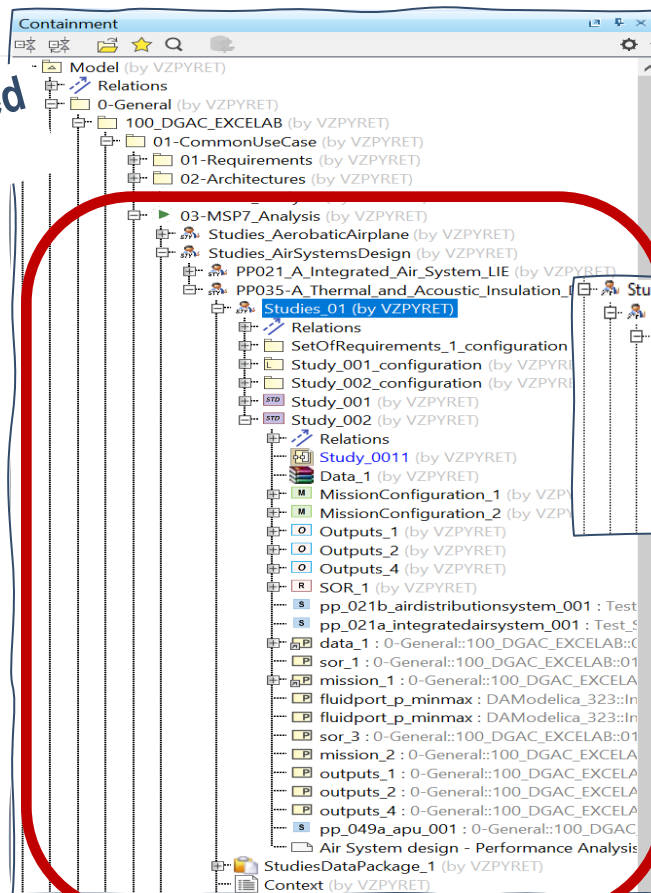


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Virtual Plateaus

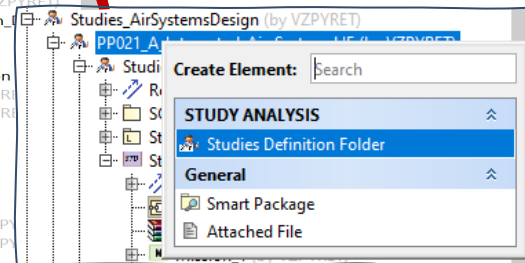
COLLABORATIVE ENGINEERING WITH PARTNERS : DEFINING COMMON BIPARTITE STUDIES (GUI)



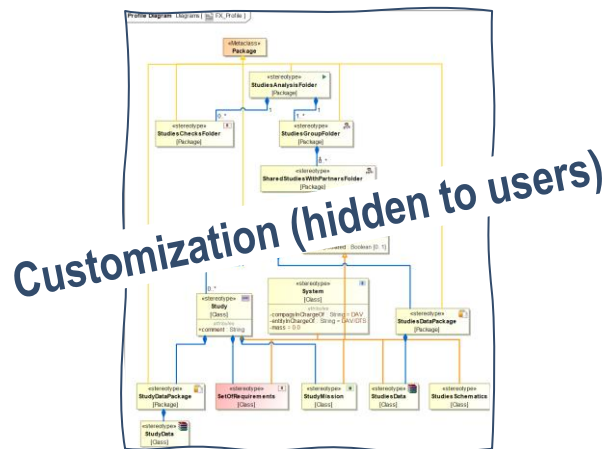
Study branch based
on Architecture



Plugin



Study Organization



Action Buttons

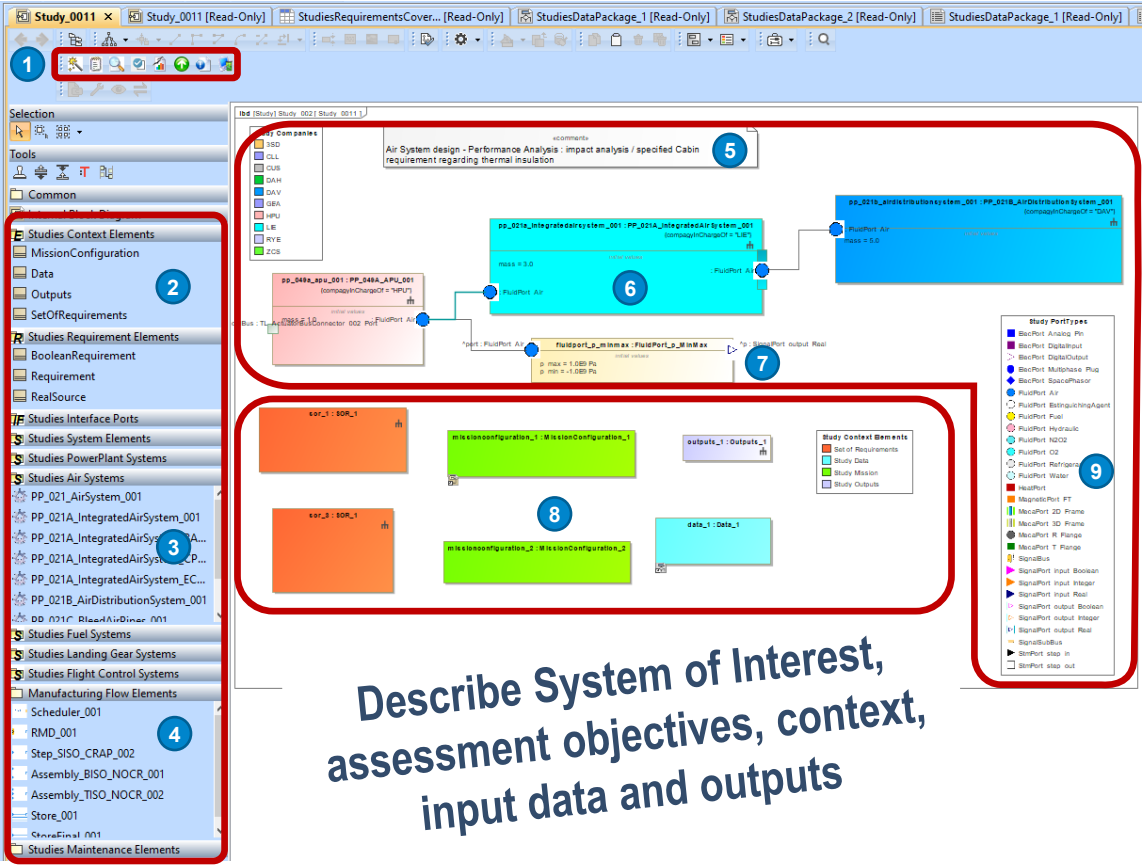
(short cuts to create instances, access GUI to add information ...)

Palettes

(adding shorter way to access elements)

Easy access to Systems

Easy access to Libraries



“System of Interest”
(from L2 Architecture and Design Partners)

Legends (with filters)

Sensors

Ports for simulation

Context elements
(Objective, Set of Requirements, Data, Mission & Configuration, Outputs)

Describe System of Interest, assessment objectives, context, input data and outputs

STUDIES CONTEXT ELEMENTS : MISSION AND CONFIGURATION

Enablers

Study mission and configuration setup

Objectives Mission Configuration

Main objectives of the Study : "Pull down assessment"

Type of objective : Check of Performance requirements

Write here the detail objectives of the Study :

Check that with worst external conditions the Environmental Conditioning System (ECS) will be able to cool down the Cabin temperature from a defined start value to a target value within a specified duration

Associated Requirements :
=> [REQ_HLTR-IAS_ECS_252]
=> [REQ_HLTR-IAS_ECS_253]

Design Partners :
=> DAV (System + Structure)
=> LIE (ECS + BAS + CPCS)
=> HPU (APU)

Study mission and configuration setup

Objectives Mission Configuration

Parameters

time	Locati...	time	velocity	time	deltaT...	time	angles	time	angle...
s	ft	s	knot	s	°C	s	rad	s	rad...
0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	10,00				
60,00	0,00	60,00	0,00	60,00	10,00				

Mission = f(t)

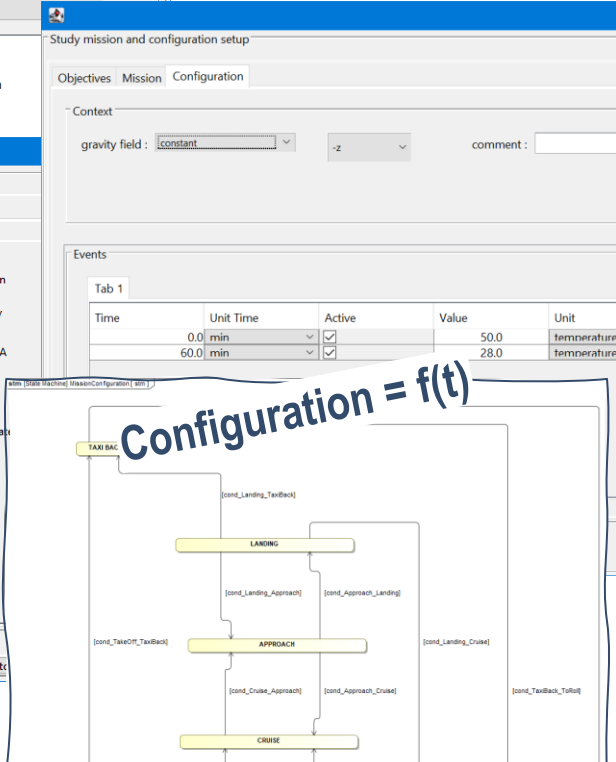
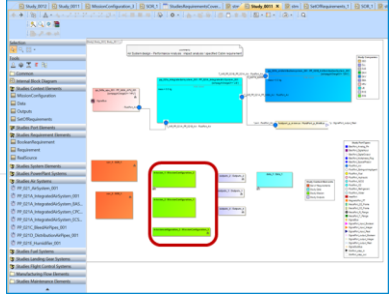
Plots

Mission and Configuration

Filters

☒ Location
☐ Velocity
☒ Delta ISA
☐ Angles
☐ Angle rate
☐ Events

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STUDIES CONTEXT : OUTPUTS AND SET OF REQUIREMENTS

Enablers

Study Analysis

System	Variable	Unit	When	Comment
pp_021a_integratedairsystem_001	ECS_MassFlowRate_001	mass flow rate [kg/s]	save at end of simulation only	ECS MassFlowRate 001
pp_021b_airdistributionsystem_001	CabinTemperature	temperature [K]	save at sample times and at end of simulation	Cabin mean temperature
pp_021a_integratedairsystem_001	ECS_inputTemperature	temperature [K]	save at end of simulation only	ECS input Temperature

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Defined outputs with reference to System provider

ibid [Set of Requirements] SOR_1[SOR_1]

«comments»
Type : performances assessment
Target : check Pull down requirements

cabinTemperature : RealSource
initial values
available = false
comment = "Average Temperature in Cabin"
inputSystemName = "pp_021b_airdistributionsystem_001"
inputVariableName = "CabinTemperature"

«extendedRequirements»
[REQ_HLTR-IAS_ECS_252]
Id = "4292.1"
risk = High
Text = "On ground with APU bleed, the ECS shall be able to cool from 50°C (SAT= °C), HU= (g/kg) to 26°C in less than 30 minutes"
verifyMethod = Analysis

«extendedRequirements»
[REQ_HLTR-IAS_ES_253]
Id = "4292.2"
risk = High
Text = "On ground with APU bleed, the ECS shall be able to cool from 60°C (SAT= °C), HU= (g/kg) to 26°C in less than 30 minutes"
verifyMethod = Analysis

req_HLTR-ECS_253 : Requirement
y : BooleanOutput
property

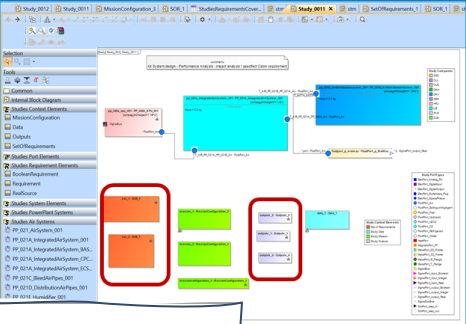
On ground with APU bleed, the ECS shall be able to cool cabin from 50°C (SAT=40°C, HU=23.5g/kg) to 26°C in less than 30 minutes.
Priority MANDATORY
Rev : 1

F10X Cabin

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Defined inputs for requirement assessments

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STUDY ANALYZE : ELEMENTS REQUIRED FOR CUSTOM MODELICA GENERATION

Study Analysis

Synthesis Detail

Study Study_002_Study_0011 with 3 Systems to be analysed :

» Study target : Air System design - Performance Analysis : impact analysis / specified Cabin requirements

Systems (3) :

- 1/ system : pp_049a_apu_001 (Type : PP_049A_APU_001)
 - parameter mass = 1.0 [ISO-80000:ISO80000-4 Mechanics:Quantities::mass::mass]
 - port T_AIR_APU_Port_Air [FluidPort_Air]
 - port ctrlBus [TL_ActuatorBusConnector_002_Port]
 - 1/ sub port bus_Control_EMA (Reference Property)
 - 2/ sub port angleRateSet (Value Property)
 - 2/ sub port velocitySet (Value Property)
 - 1/ sub port bus_Sensors_EMA (Reference Property)
 - 2/ sub port TL_SubBus_Sensors_EMA_001_Port (Reference Property)
 - 3/ sub port TL_SubSubBus_Sensors_EMA_001 (Reference Property)
 - 4/ sub port angleSensorBusConnector (Reference Property)
 - 5/ sub port phi (Reference Property)
 - 6/ sub port sequence (Value Property)
 - 6/ sub port guessAngle1 (Value Property)
 - 6/ sub port angles (Proxy Port)
 - 7/ sub port realflow (Flow Property)
 - 4/ sub port locationSensorBusConnector (Reference Property)
 - 5/ sub port location (Value Property)
- 2/ system : pp_021a_integratedairsystem_001 (Type : PP_021A_IntegratedAirSystem_001)
 - parameter mass = 3.0 [ISO-80000:ISO80000-4 Mechanics:Quantities::mass::mass]
 - port T_AIR_PACK_ACU_Air [FluidPort_Air]
 - 1/ sub port T_AIR_LH_PACK_ACU_Air (Logical Port - AIR)
 - 1/ sub port T_AIR_RH_PACK_ACU_Air (Logical Port - AIR)
 - port T_AIR_APU_Port_Air [FluidPort_Air]
 - port T_AIR_LH_ENG_FAN_Air_Outlet_Port_Air [FluidPort_Air]
- 3/ system : pp_021b_airdistributionsystem_001 (Type : PP_021B_AirDistributionSystem_001)
 - parameter mass = 5.0 [ISO-80000:ISO80000-4 Mechanics:Quantities::mass::mass]
 - port T_AIR_RH_PACK_Out_Air [FluidPort_Air]

Sensors (1) :

- 1/ sensor : fluidport_p_minmax
 - parameter p_min = -1.0E9 [Modelica:Slunits:Pressure]
 - parameter p_max = 1.0E9 [Modelica:Slunits:Pressure]
 - port port (Type : FluidPort_Air)
 - port p (Type : SignalPort_output_Real)

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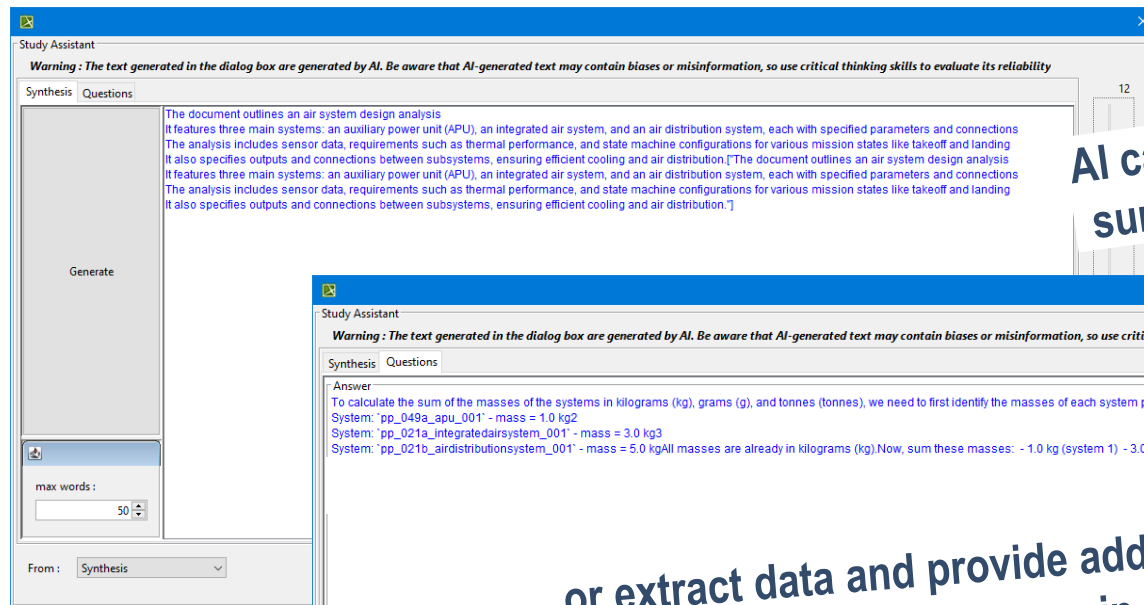
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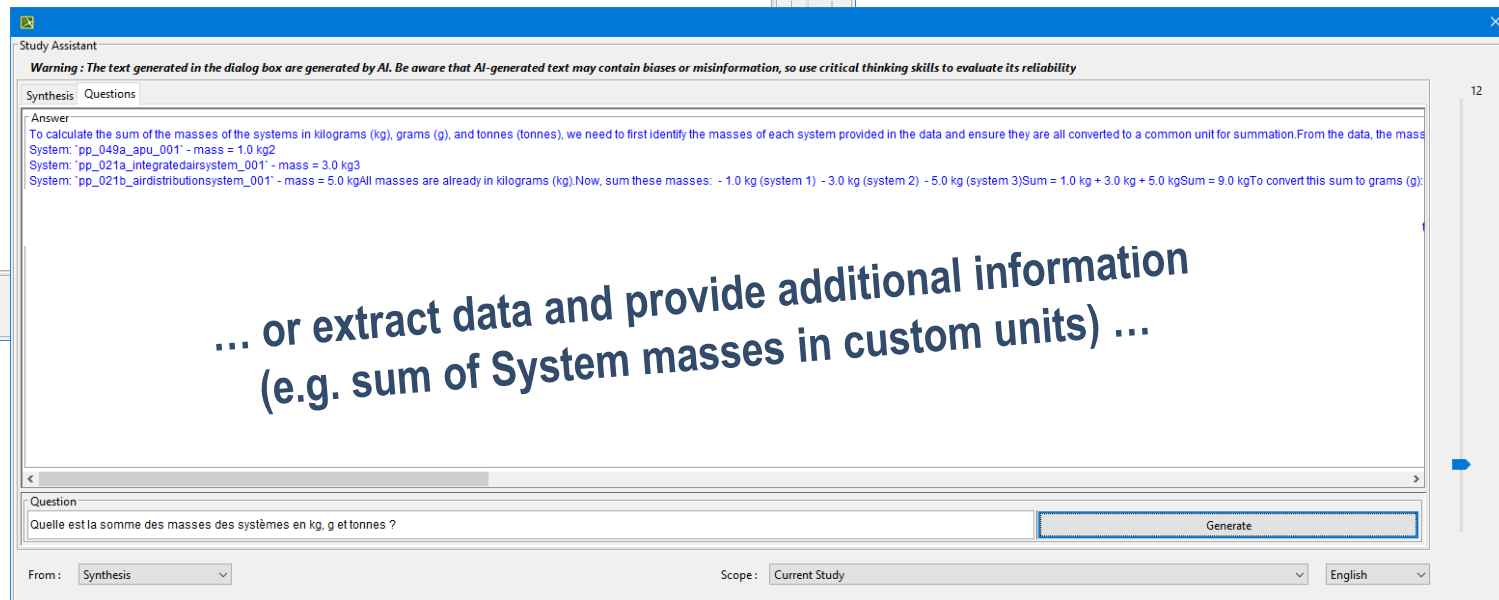
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Analysis provides all elements of the Diagram and Diagrams below (Systems, sub-Systems, Types, hierarchical Ports, Connections, Requirements, Parameters ...)

STUDY ANALYZE : EXTRA USE OF STUDY(IES) ANALYSIS USING AI LLM

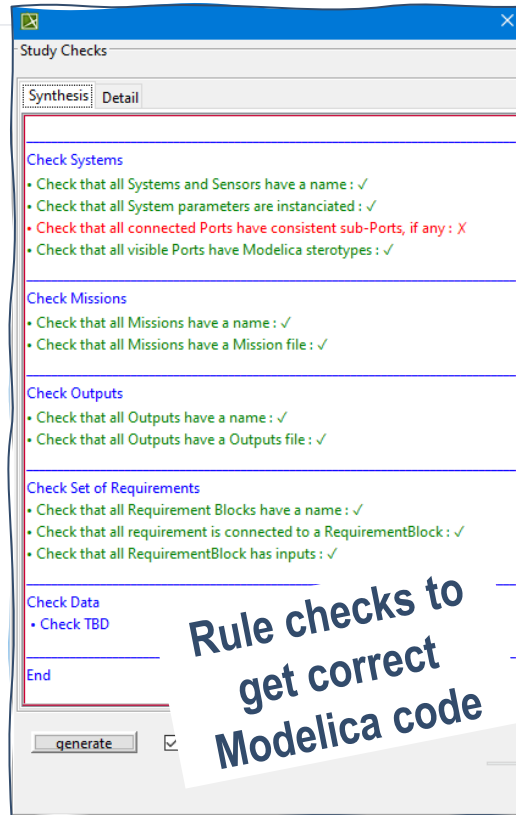


AI can make various tasks like
sum-up complex information

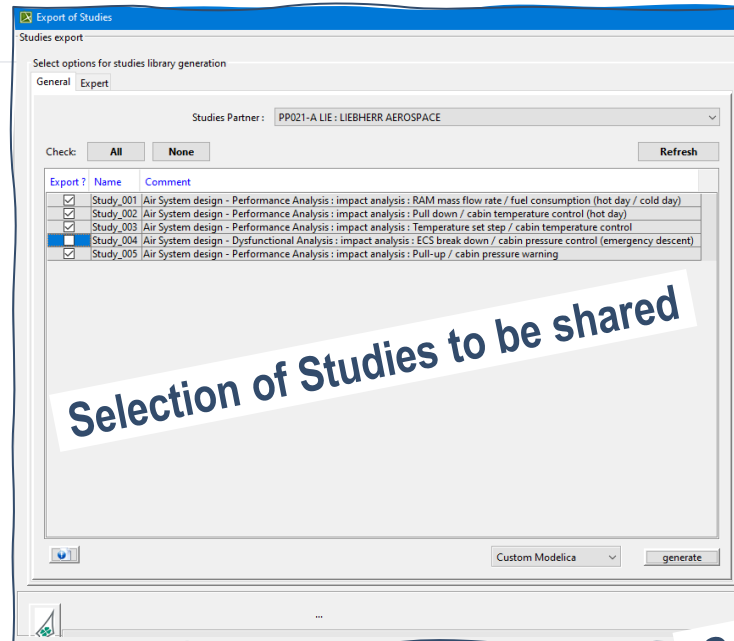


... or extract data and provide additional information
(e.g. sum of System masses in custom units) ...

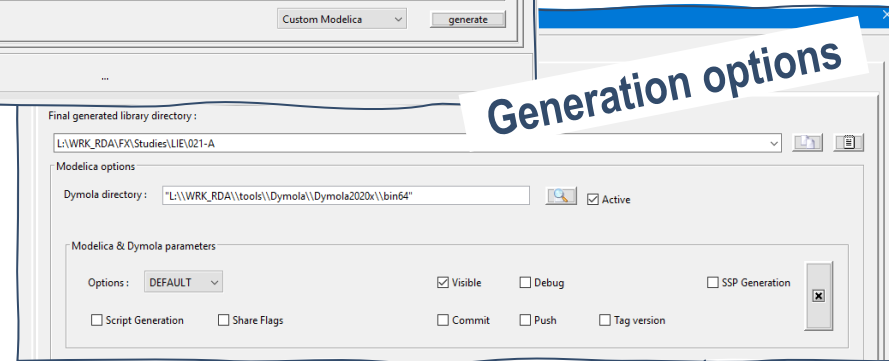
STUDIES GENERATION : CHECKS AND SET OF STUDIES GENERATION



**Rule checks to
get correct
Modelica code**



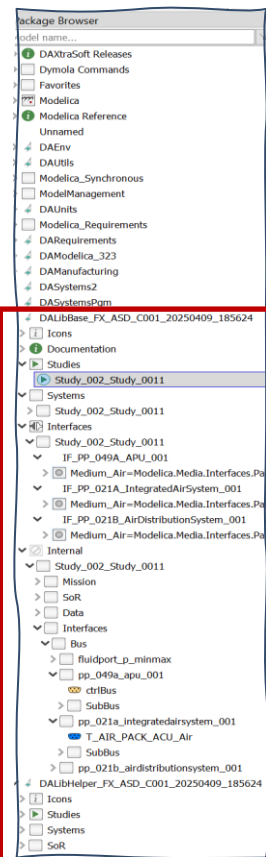
Selection of Studies to be shared



Generation options

STUDIES GENERATION : GENERATED LIBRARIES

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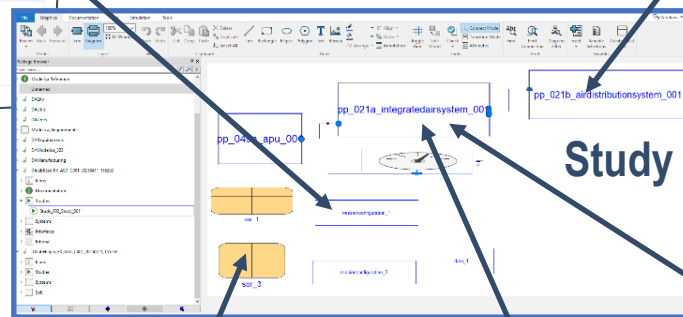
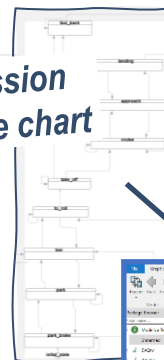
LibBase

- ← Study(ies)
- ← Systems / Study
- ← System Interfaces / Study

- ← Mission(s)
- ← Set(s) of Requirements
- ← Data
- ← Interface bus

LibHelper

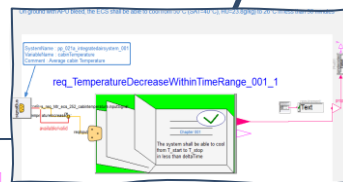
Mission
State chart



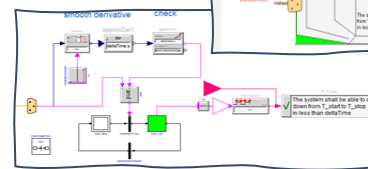
Complex model of
Distribution system
(DA model)

10000 equations,
3000 non linear

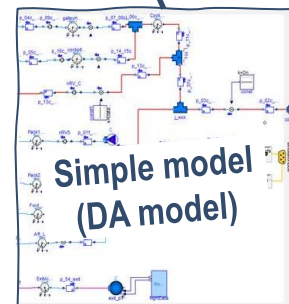
Study



Requirement
observer

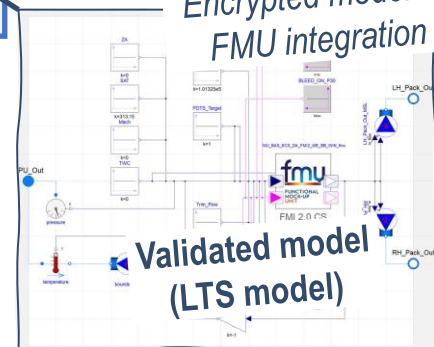


Simple model
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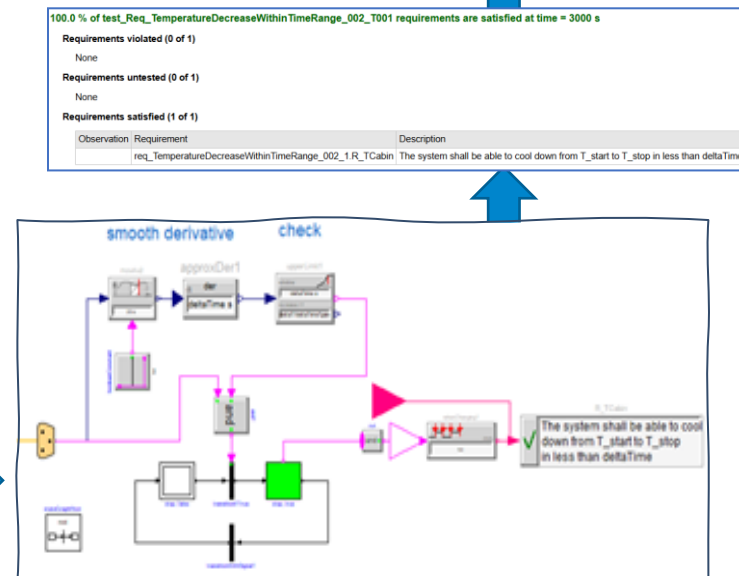
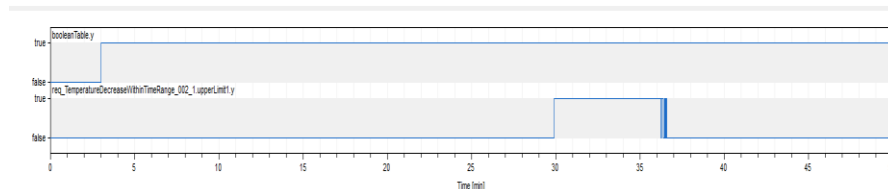
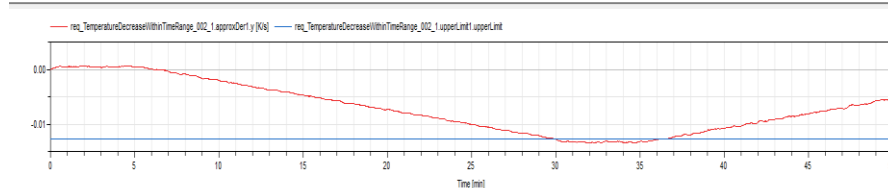
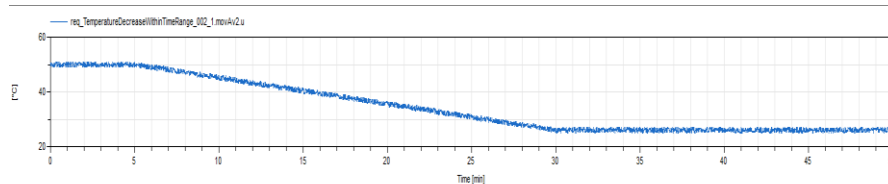
Validated model
(LTS model)

Encrypted model or
FMU integration



STUDIES ANALYSIS : GETTING BACK RESULTS

Criteria					
Element Type: Requirement		Scope (optional): 01-Requirements		Filter:	
#	Name	Requirement text	Covered by	PP Studies Description	Requirement Results
1	4292.1 [REQ_HLTR-IAS_ECS_252]	On ground with APU bleed, the ECS shall be able to cool from 50°C (SA	Study_002 Study_001	PP035-A_Thermal_and_Acoustic_Insulation_DTAS	REQ_HLTR-IAS_ECS_252
2	4292.2 [REQ_HLTR-IAS_ECS_253]	On ground with APU bleed, the ECS shall be able to cool from 60°C (SA	Study_002 Study_001	PP035-A_Thermal_and_Acoustic_Insulation_DTAS	REQ_HLTR-IAS_ECS_252



APPLICATION TO THE COMMON USE CASE : STUDY "WING CHOICE"

Traditional MBSE System
«world» (SysML/UML ... RFL)

Requirements ... Architectures

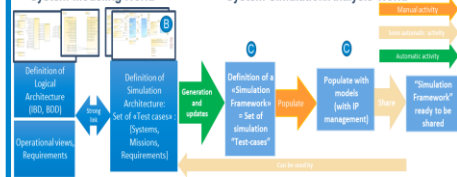
DA

Studies

DA – Partner X

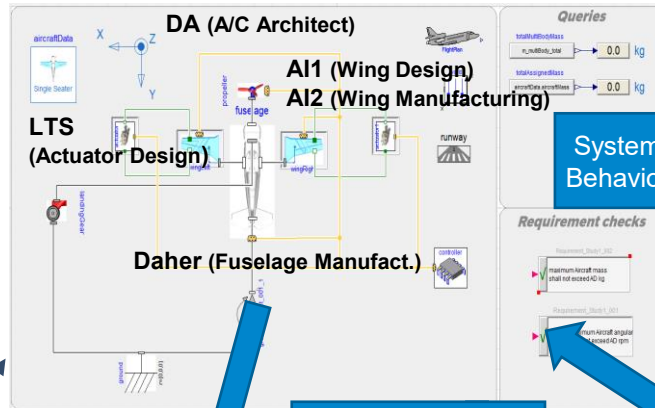
System Modeling World

System Simulation/Analysis World



Assessment-Simulation «world» (Performance-Safety ... 0-1D, 3D...MIL, SIL, HIL...)

Study Modelica-FMI / Dymola – 3DExperience



Visu

Element of
Collaborative
Review

FMU Generation (PI)

Test (in Dymola)

Element of
Exchange
with partners

Physical «world» (P)

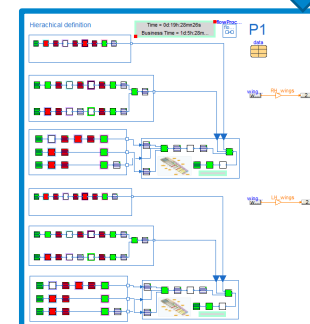
CFD (Aero ...)

DMU

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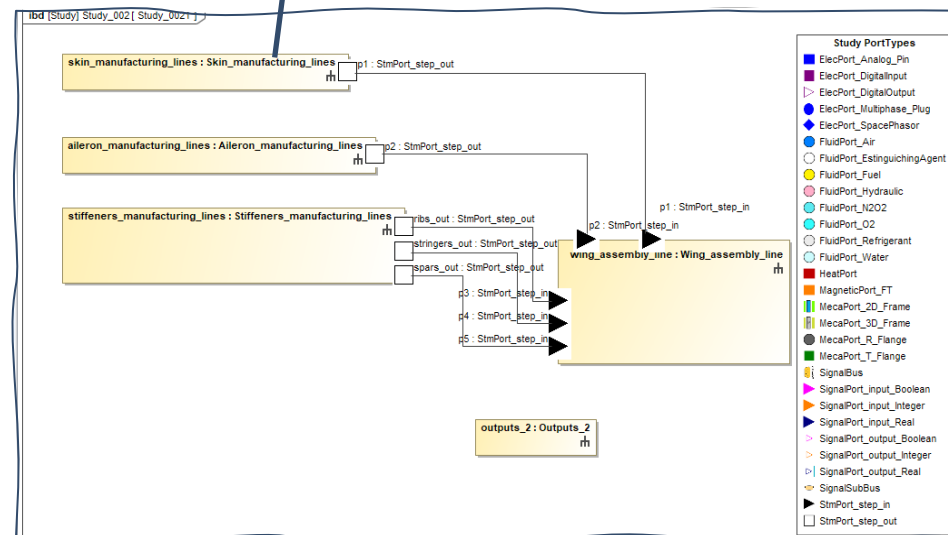
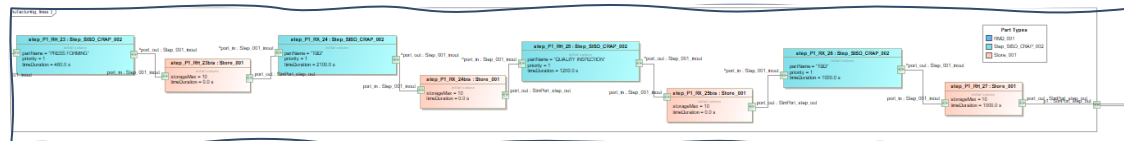
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Manufacturing

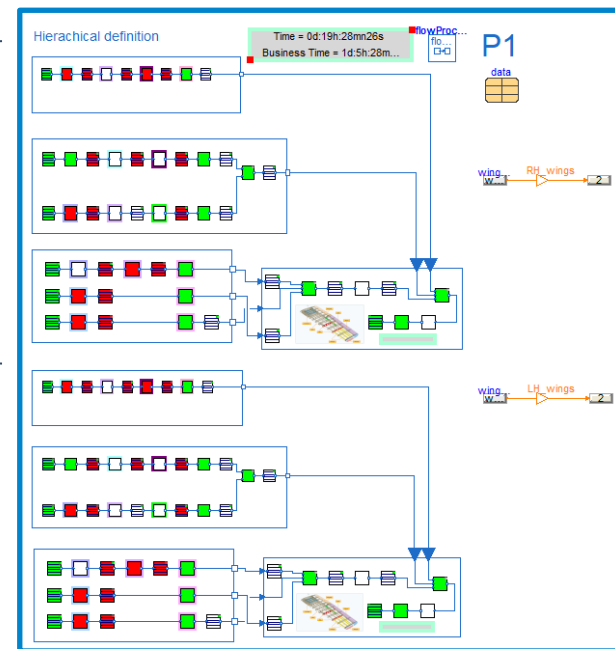


APPLICATION TO MANUFACTURE : STUDY “CAPABILITY TO MANUFACTURE WINGS”

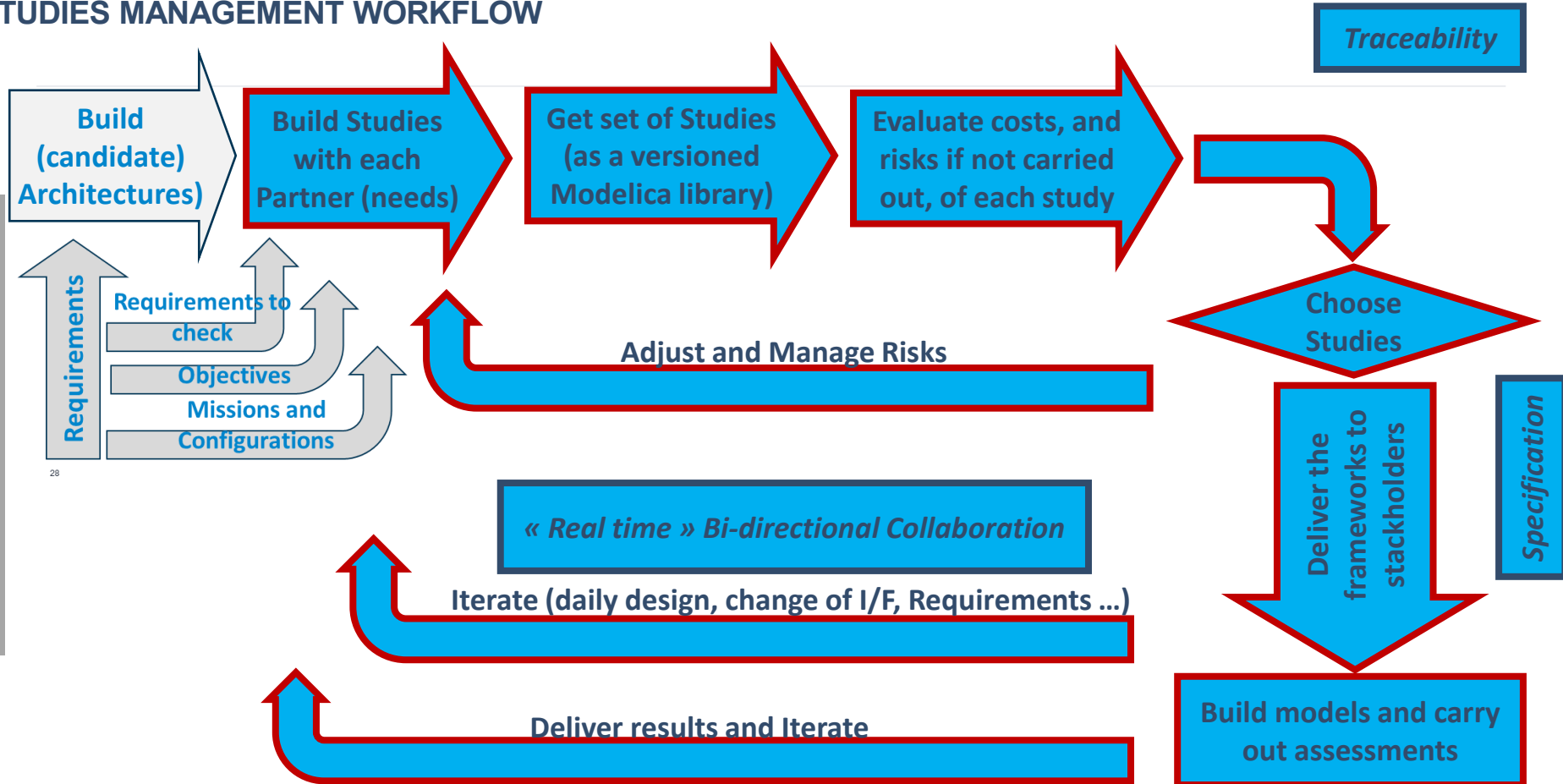
High level hierarchical definition of manufacturing workshop defined with modular parts



Generation in Modelica (or in other formats e.g. EKL script for Factory Flow Simulation)



STUDIES MANAGEMENT WORKFLOW



Context

Enablers

Status

Conclusions and Outlooks

CONCLUSIONS AND OUTLOOKS

- **Integration of Multi-Systems Analysis in System Engineering**
 - **New agile and flexible collaborative process for Architectures assessments**
 - Defined and tested on prototypes connected or integrated in current operational design tools
 - **Implementation switched from a Modelica centric to a SysML driven process**, allowing
 - a better continuity and traceability from Architectures and Requirements
 - better automation for checking results / objectives ...
- **Outlooks**
 - **Improvements of the prototype planned up to end of the project (end of 2025)**
 - Explore or improve other System Engineering elements (functional parts ...)
 - **As much as possible test of future opportunities bring by some major evolutions of**
 - **Standards** : Modelica (4.x ...), Modia, SSP (2.x ...), FMI (3.x, ...), SysML (v2 ...) ...
 - **Tools** : 3DExperience, Magic System, Dymola ...

