

# Specification and Architecture of a System Factory for Space Systems Using Capella

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# PROJECT CONTEXT

## MOTIVATION

Enable the deployment of  
**Model Based Systems Engineering (MBSE)**  
in Space Projects



Ensure **interoperability**  
with the MBSE community



Create a System Engineering supporting  
infrastructure, i.e. **System Factory**



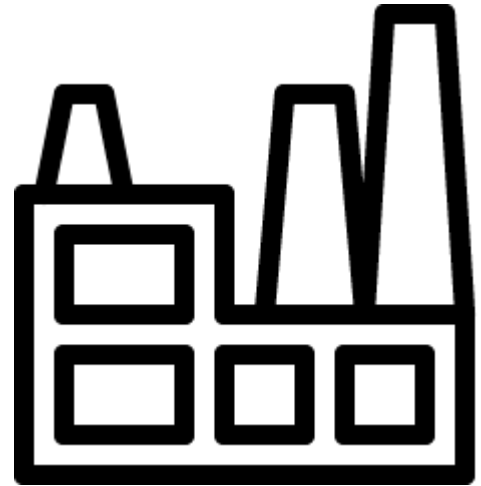
# PROJECT CONTEXT

## SYSTEM FACTORY

- The *System Factory* represents the reference system engineering modelling infrastructure for developing Space systems
  - Key element to **deploy Model-Based Engineering**
  - It (together with the usage of an Ontology) will **enable exchanging engineering data** among organizations
  - One of its main elements is the **Data Hub**
- The architecture shall be agreed by the community



***Specification and architecture of a System Factory  
(SASyF project)***



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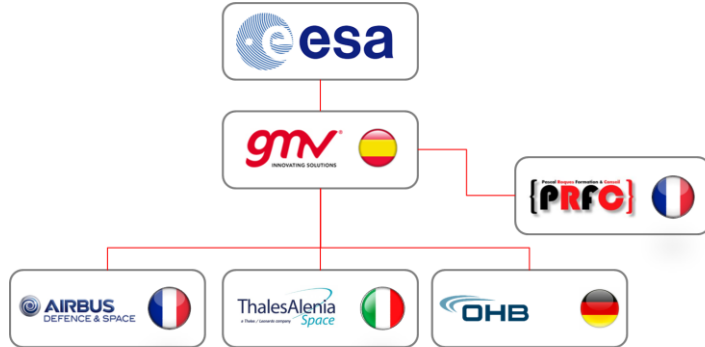
# INTRODUCTION TO SASyF ACTIVITY

## SASyF PROJECT

- **Objective**

Specification and architecture of a MBSE infrastructure for Space System Engineering, i.e. *System Factory*

- **Consortium**



- **Schedule**

- Started on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Expected completion in August 2021

# INTRODUCTION TO SASyF ACTIVITY

## WORKING METHOD

- **Objective:**

**Specification and architecture of a MBSE infrastructure  
for Space System Engineering, i.e. *System Factory***





# INTRODUCTION TO SASyF ACTIVITY

## USAGE OF CAPELLA IN SASyF PROJECT

Capella used to develop a **(reference) system** that allows later to develop **real systems**

- Capella:
  - V1.4.0
  - Two add-ons are needed:

Add-on	Contact	Licence	Version	Description
XHTML Documentation Generation	Thales	EPL	V1.4.0	Add-on used to generate the HTML documentation from the Capella model
Requirements Viewpoint	Thales	EPL	V0.11.0	Add-on used to define requirements directly in the Capella model.

# INTRODUCTION TO SASyF ACTIVITY DOCUMENTATION VS MODEL

- SASyF will produce as output:
  - A set of deliverables (Word + PDF)
  - Capella model + Documentation automatically produced from the model (HTML + Excel)
- Ideally:
  - All the information shall be included in the Capella model
  - The HTML/Excel are also needed for people not familiar with the toolset

**SASyF\_SystemFactory**  
System Engineering  
SASyF\_SystemFactory > SASyF\_SystemFactory

### Operational Analysis

Overview

The following figure illustrates the purpose of the Operational Analysis in SASyF Project:

The diagram shows a vertical stack of four levels: Operational Analysis (top), System Based Analysis, Logical Architecture, and Physical Architecture (bottom). Arrows indicate dependencies and information flow between these levels.

**Focus on:**

- Why/What
- Target
- Represents user needs (capabilities), including the actors involved and the interactions among them
- Optional/Mandatory
- Optional

**In SASyF activity, the Operational Analysis specifies the needs for a typical space system development process from the different user's perspectives**

Despite the fact that this is an optional level, its representation in SASyF activity is considered a valuable input to identify and communicate the user needs for a typical space system development process easily from the different user's perspective. Therefore, this level is implemented.

The information to be modelled has been identified through the elaboration of use cases and is limited to System Engineering needs focusing on:

1. Information exchanged (delivered/received) from the different stakeholders' view.
2. Capabilities that are connected to the artefacts produced by other stakeholders.

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Capella model showing Requirements Engineering (OC) and its associated activities:

- Customer Requirements Analysis
- Technical Specification Definition
- Requirements Traceability And Justification
- Standards Requirements Tailoring
- Requirements Allocation
- Requirements Maintenance (Early Phases)

Properties: (Operational Capability) Requirements Engineering

USE CASE ID	TAS-UC-01	PRIORITY	High
USE CASE TITLE	Requirements Engineering	PHASES	All
		E. DISCIPLINE	All
Main sub-use cases:			

**SASyF\_SystemFactory**  
System Engineering  
SASyF\_SystemFactory > SASyF\_SystemFactory > Operational Analysis > Operational Capabilities > Requirement Engineering

### Requirements Engineering

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Requirements Engineering is not a single pass and it is performed by iterations with the maturity increases from both customer and supplier sides. Thus the need to have a tool to share easily both customer requirements and technical specifications with history and impact tracking is needed.

1.1 Customer Requirements analysis (bases All)

As a customer I need to deliver the specifications to my supplier, and being able to receive comments, compliance status and change proposals, and to perform co-engineering to support the improvement of the requirements specification during early project phases and to evaluate the impact of any proposed changes.

As a supplier, I need to receive the customer specification and related ancillary specifications (Level 0, L0 spec, SRD, IRD, etc.) in a format compatible with my requirements management system and being able to separate internal comments with customer-related comments, and being able to iterate with the customer so to improve the common understanding in its requirements specification.

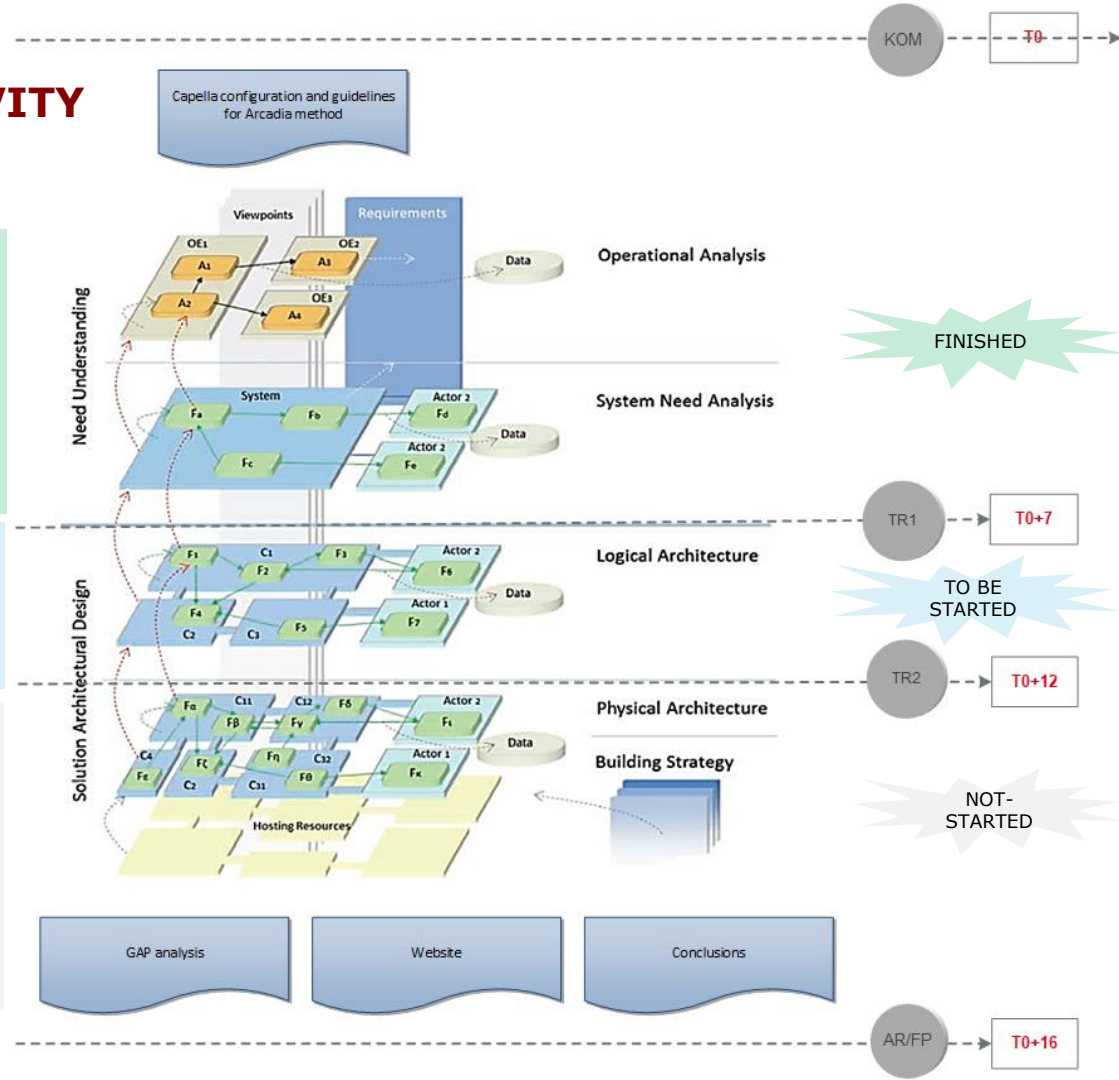
As a project manager or system engineer of the customer or the supplier team I need to keep control of such flow of information and approve such exchanges. (applicable to all sub-use cases)

Exchanges: Specifications from customer (MRD, SRD, IRD, etc.), supplier comments and change proposals, compliance matrices

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# INTRODUCTION TO SASyF ACTIVITY WORK LOGIC

- The **Operational Analysis** specifies the needs for a typical space system development process from the different user's perspectives.
- The **System Need Analysis** defines the needs when the *System Factory* is used (as a black box, not how it is implemented)
- The **Logical Architecture** represents the decomposition of the *System Factory* in its constituent parts, detailing the logical implementation. It is a logical solution, stable in time and technology independent.
- Several **Physical Architectures** represent the physical components that integrate the *System Factory*.
- The **End Product Breakdown Structure** manages industrial criteria and integration strategy. This layer will be used to describe the existing tools that already exist.



# INTRODUCTION TO SASyF ACTIVITY

## REMARKS

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**The *System Factory* represents the infrastructure within a company.** Exchanges with other infrastructure are identified by the interfaces with the corresponding stakeholders (Customer, Contractor, Supplier(s)) as exchanges with external actors or entities

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The Physical Architecture will define the **physical elements that are envisaged to be used in the LSIs' organizations**, with their allocated physical functions. Indeed, several physical architectures could be proposed and checked against the logical architecture



We will identify tools that already exist and tools to be developed, i.e. **GAP analysis**

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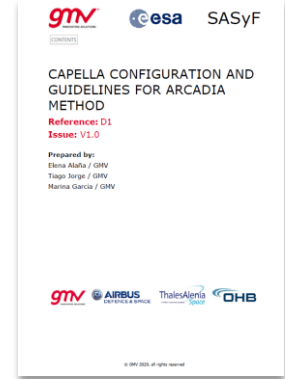
# FUNCTIONAL ARCHITECTURE OF THE SYSTEM FACTORY

## Approach

- Support document

### *Capella configuration and guidelines for Arcadia method*

- Introduces the **Arcadia method** for defining the *System Factory*
- Specifies the **Capella set-up** (e.g. version, add-ons and validation rules to be used) and the configuration control method (**Git**)
- Provides **guidelines and tips** for the design of the *System Factory*
- Includes an **example** to check the recommendations
- Includes the **Capella configuration file** for this activity
- **Recommended diagrams** for the Operational Analysis and System Needs Analysis
- Clarification on the **information to be defined** at Operational Analysis level and at System Needs Analysis level



# FUNCTIONAL ARCHITECTURE OF THE SYSTEM FACTORY

## Approach

- Scope risk

Description	Mitigation
The scope of SASyF use cases is huge. It is important to agree on the level of detail, areas not be covered, stop criteria, etc, guaranteeing that the goal of the project is fulfil.	Early and continuous feedback: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Intermediate deliveries</li><li>▪ Review the uses cases in the Progress Meetings</li><li>▪ Present results to the MB4SE WG</li></ul>

# FUNCTIONAL ARCHITECTURE OF THE SYSTEM FACTORY

## Approach

- Scope

Follow ECSS-E-ST-10C (System engineering general requirements), in particular:

- Project **phases**
- Project **activities**

**9 Use cases** identified and agreed (3 for each LSI)

- One use case per each System Engineering Activity
- Convergence ensured during cross-review process



Requirements engineering  
Analysis  
Design and configuration  
Verification  
Management and planning  
Interface control  
Design files production  
Risk management  
Support to configuration control, change management and NC control

Agree on list of **System Engineering roles**



# FUNCTIONAL ARCHITECTURE OF THE SYSTEM FACTORY

## OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS

User and System requirements modelled and traced

- Requirements
  - Analysis
  - Design And Configuration
  - Design Files Production
  - Global: User Requirements**
  - Interface Control
  - Management And Planning
  - Requirements Engineering
  - Risk Management
  - Support To Configuration Control, Change Management And NC Control
  - Verification



Requirement Id	Description
URD-REQ-1010	<p>The customer shall be able to deliver its specifications to the supplier. </p>
URD-REQ-1020	<p>The customer specifications shall be delivered in a format which can be used to be imported in a requirements management system
URD-REQ-1030	<p>It shall be possible to exchange comments and related answers on customer specifications between customer and supplier. </p>
URD-REQ-1040	<p>The supplier shall be able to provide to the customer the state of compliance w.r.t. to the provided specifications and applicable doc
URD-REQ-1050	<p>It shall be possible to plan, execute and trace co-engineering sessions between customer and supplier, to improve understanding a
URD-REQ-1060	<p>It shall be possible to control and approve the formal flow of information between customer and supplier. </p>
URD-REQ-1070	<p>It shall be possible to exchange the structure of the technical requirements of the lower level suppliers and related support specifica
URD-REQ-1080	<p>The supplier shall be able to deliver its solution technical specifications (including ancillary specifications) to the customer. </p>
URD-REQ-1090	<p>It shall be possible to exchange traceability information between the customer and lower level specifications. </p>
URD-REQ-1100	<p>It shall be possible to provide a dashboard providing a synthesis of the traceability between different specifications, such as number
URD-REQ-1110	<p>It shall be possible to link the requirements and the requirements traceability data to other engineering data items providing related
URD-REQ-1120	<p>A set of ECSS-level libraries shall be defined and available to all project members through tailoring. </p>
URD-REQ-1130	<p>A set of project-level libraries shall be defined and available to all project members through allocation. </p>
URD-REQ-1140	<p>A set of company-level libraries shall be defined and available where applicable to the Project. </p>
URD-REQ-1150	<p>Traceability and lower level specifications should be exchanged with the institutional customer if requested. </p>
URD-REQ-1160	<p>It shall be possible to require the analysis on the impact of requirements modification or deletion to lower levels. </p>
URD-REQ-2010	<p>It shall be possible to define, maintain and exchange (as a model and as a central and unique source of truth) system analysis and
URD-REQ-2020	<p>It shall be possible to establish traceability of elements in URD-REQ-2010 to requirements (UC#01). </p>
URD-REQ-2030	<p>It shall be possible to establish traceability of the attributes of elements in URD-REQ-2010 to requirements modelled parameters (L
URD-REQ-2040	<p>It shall be possible to establish traceability of elements in URD-REQ-2010 to each other. </p>
URD-REQ-2050	<p>It shall be possible to configure and control all elements in URD-REQ-2010 (UC#09). </p>
URD-REQ-2060	<p>It shall be possible to establish parametric relationship between elements in URD-REQ-2010 and to define parametric variations of t

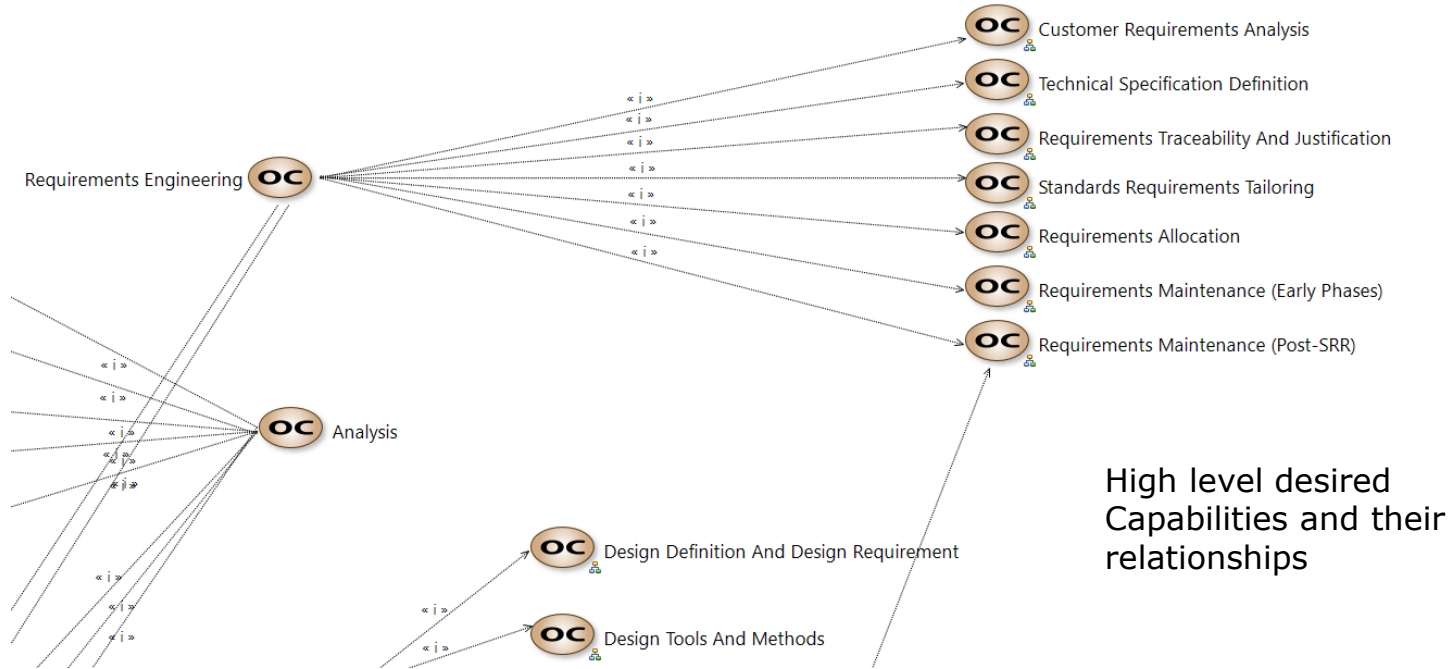


*MASS VISUALIZATION VIEW* to produce  
traceability matrix  
E.g. From system requirements to user requirements

# FUNCTIONAL ARCHITECTURE OF THE SYSTEM FACTORY

## OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS

### Operational Capability Blank (OCB)



# FUNCTIONAL ARCHITECTURE OF THE SYSTEM FACTORY

## OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS

### Roles

Alignment on **specific roles** in System Engineering

**Abstract roles** for the System Factory model

Simplification/abstraction is performed in order to group different actors into more generic roles

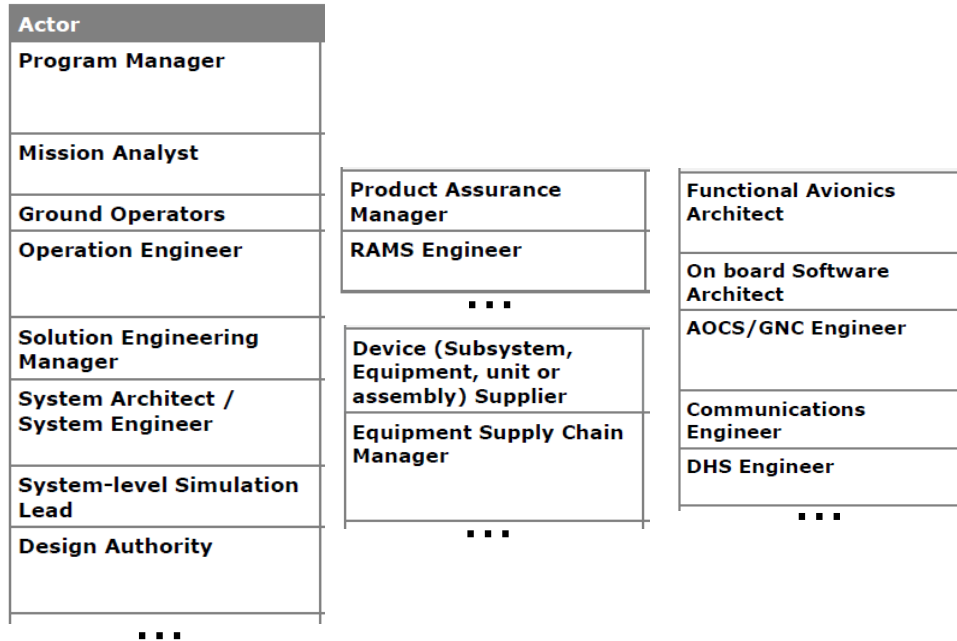
**Traceability** from specific roles to abstract roles (and vice versa)



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## OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS

### Specific roles

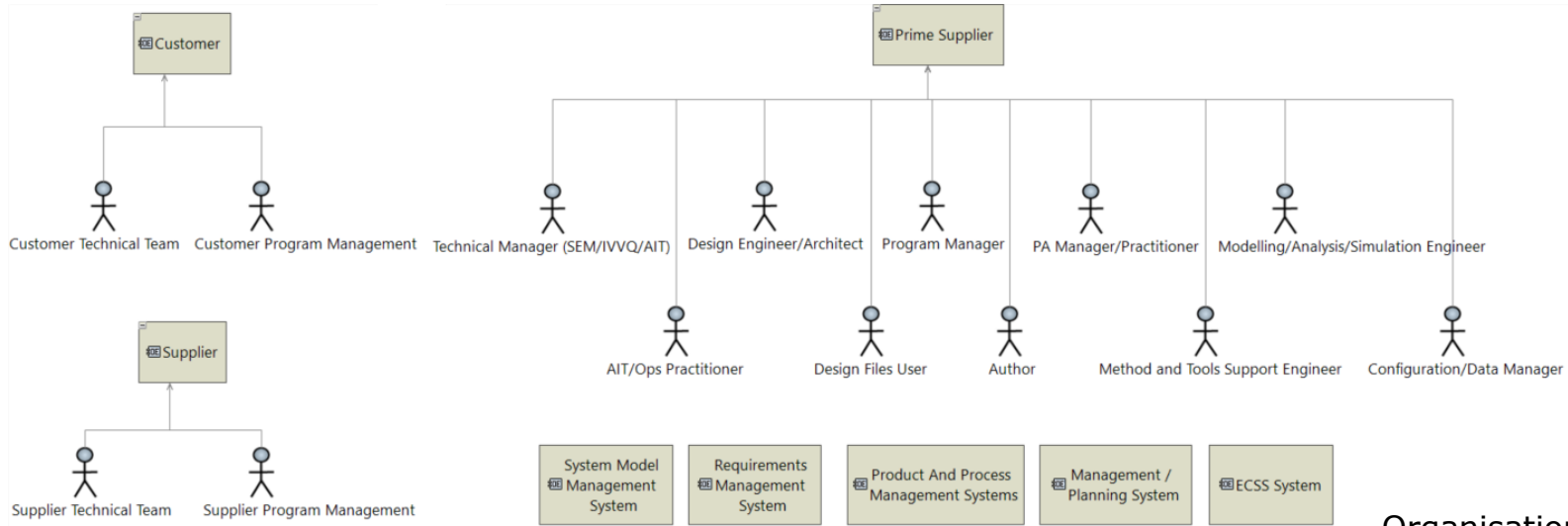


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## OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS

### Operational Entity Breakdown (OEBD)

### Abstract roles



Organisation of  
Operational Actors and  
Entities

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## OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS

### Traceability

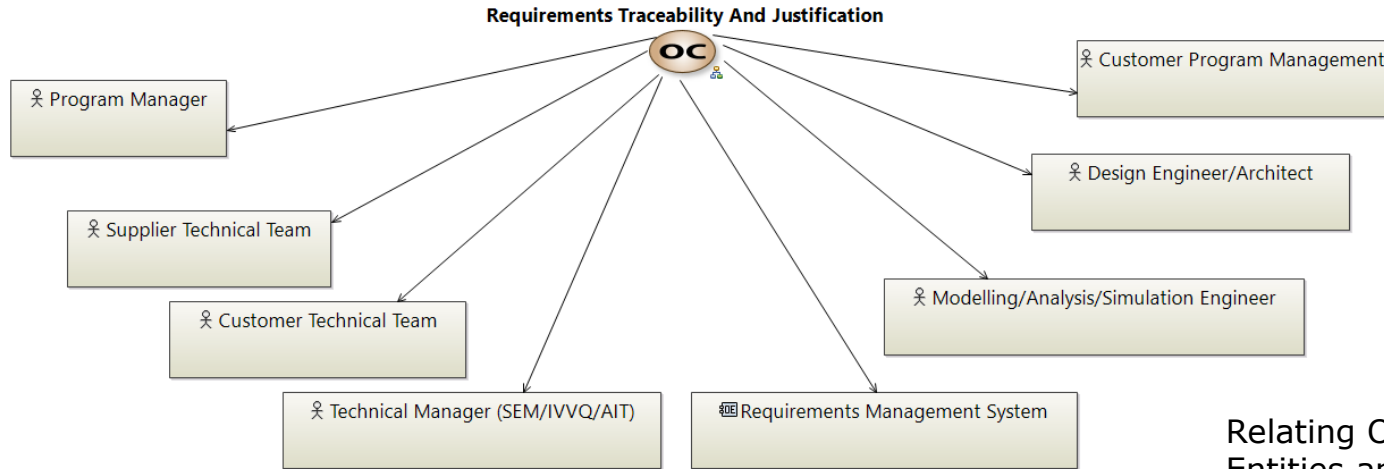
Specific roles	Abstract roles
<b>Program Manager</b>	Program Manager
<b>Mission Analyst</b>	Modelling/Analysis/Simulation Engineer
<b>Ground Operators</b>	AIT Practitioner/Ground Operator
<b>Operation Engineer</b>	Design Engineer/Architect
<b>Solution Engineering Manager</b>	Technical Manager (SEM/IVVQ/AIT)
<b>System Architect / System Engineer<sup>10</sup></b>	Design Engineer/Architect Technical Manager (SEM/IVVQ/AIT)
<b>System-level Simulation Lead</b>	Design Engineer/Architect
<b>Design Authority</b>	Technical Manager (SEM/IVVQ/AIT)
<b>Instrument Payload Engineer / Instrument Engineer</b>	Design Engineer/Architect
<b>Environment Engineer</b>	Modelling/Analysis/Simulation Engineer
<b>Physical Configuration and CAD Engineer</b>	Modelling/Analysis/Simulation Engineer Design Engineer/Architect

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## OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS

### Operational Contextual Capability (OCC)

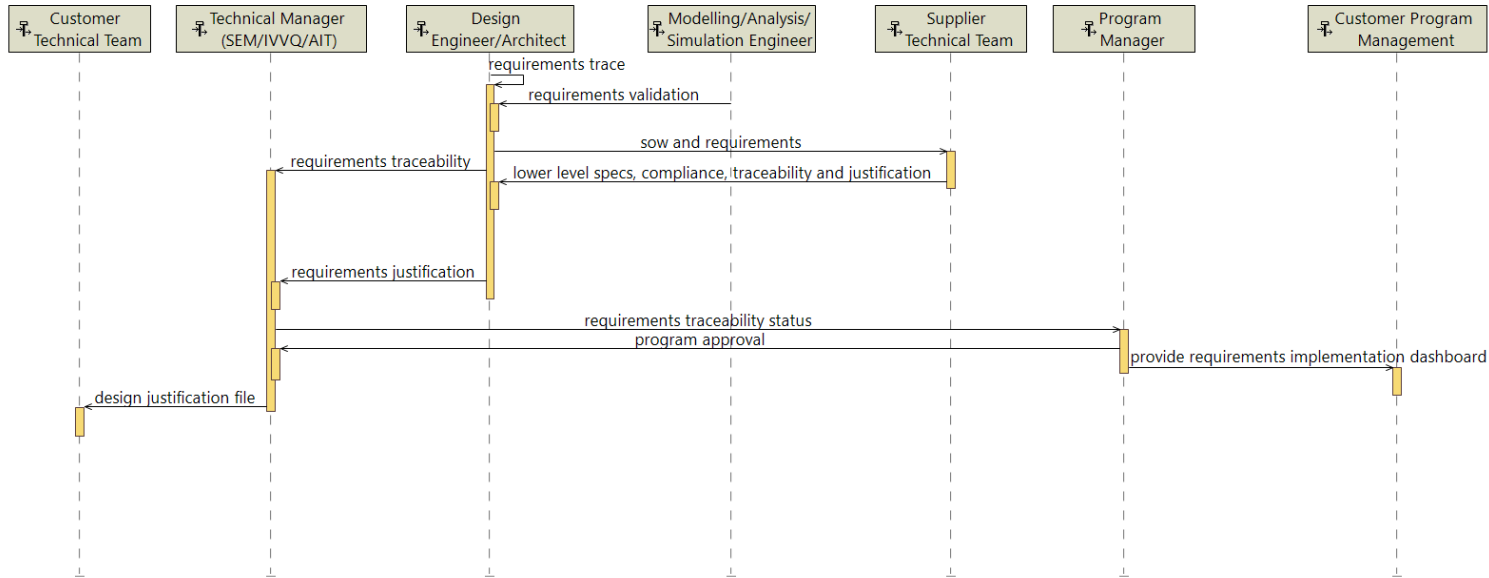


Relating Operational Entities and Actors with Capabilities

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## OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS

### Operational Entity Scenario (OES)

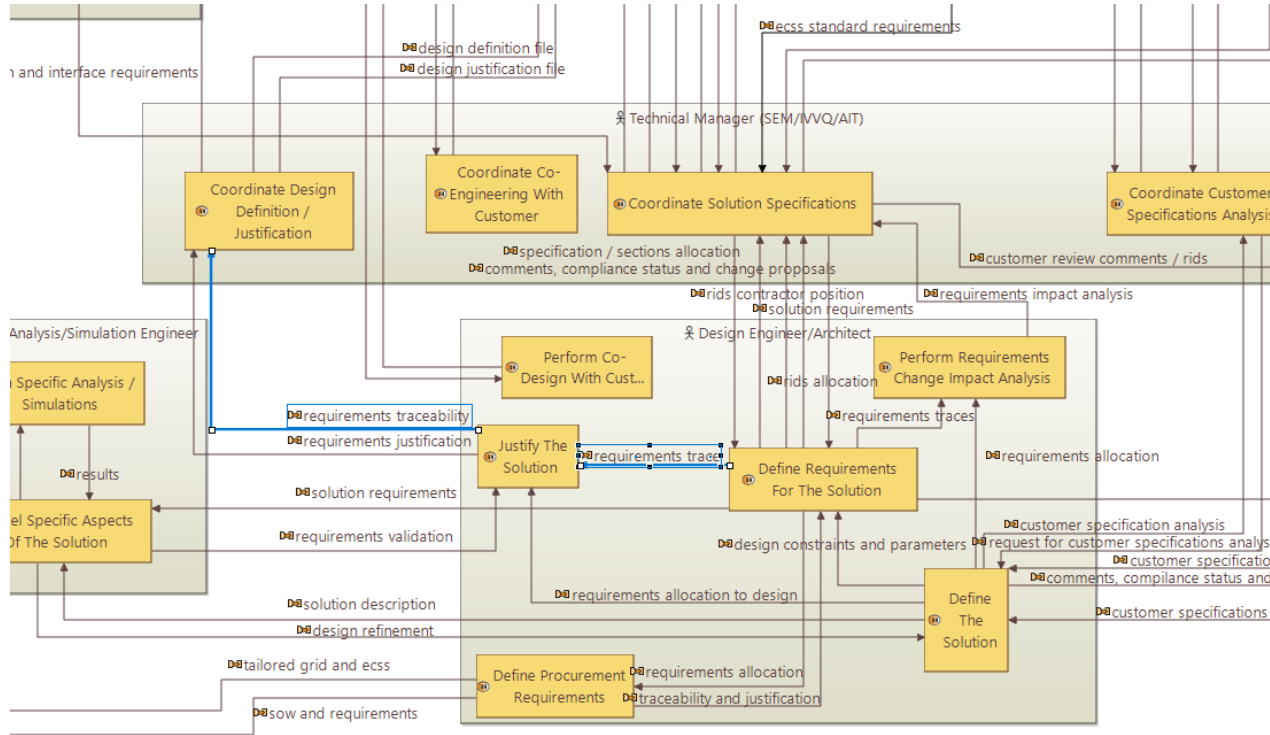


Sequence of Exchanges satisfying a Capability



# FUNCTIONAL ARCHITECTURE OF THE SYSTEM FACTORY OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS

## Operational Architecture Blank (OAB)



Activities allocated on Entities/Actors and Interactions connecting them

# FUNCTIONAL ARCHITECTURE OF THE SYSTEM FACTORY

## OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS















- Some model metrics

Model element	Number
System User Requirement	120
Operational Capability	56
Operational Activity	252
Interaction	416
Operational Entity	22
Scenario	48

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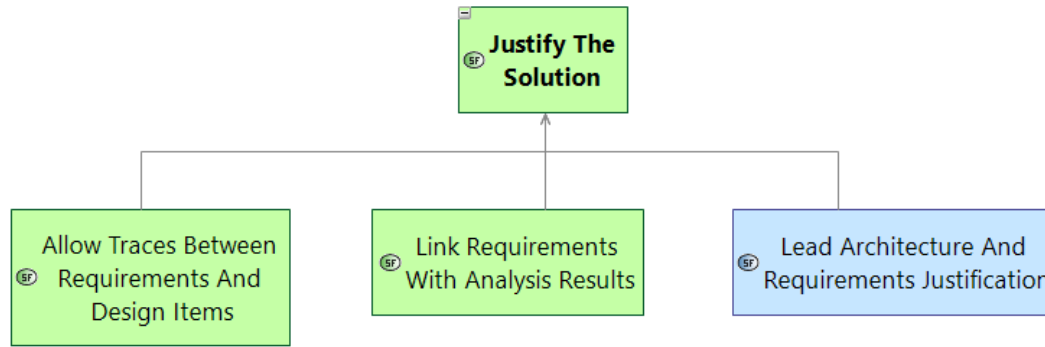
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## SYSTEM NEEDS ANALYSIS

### System Function Breakdown (SFBD)

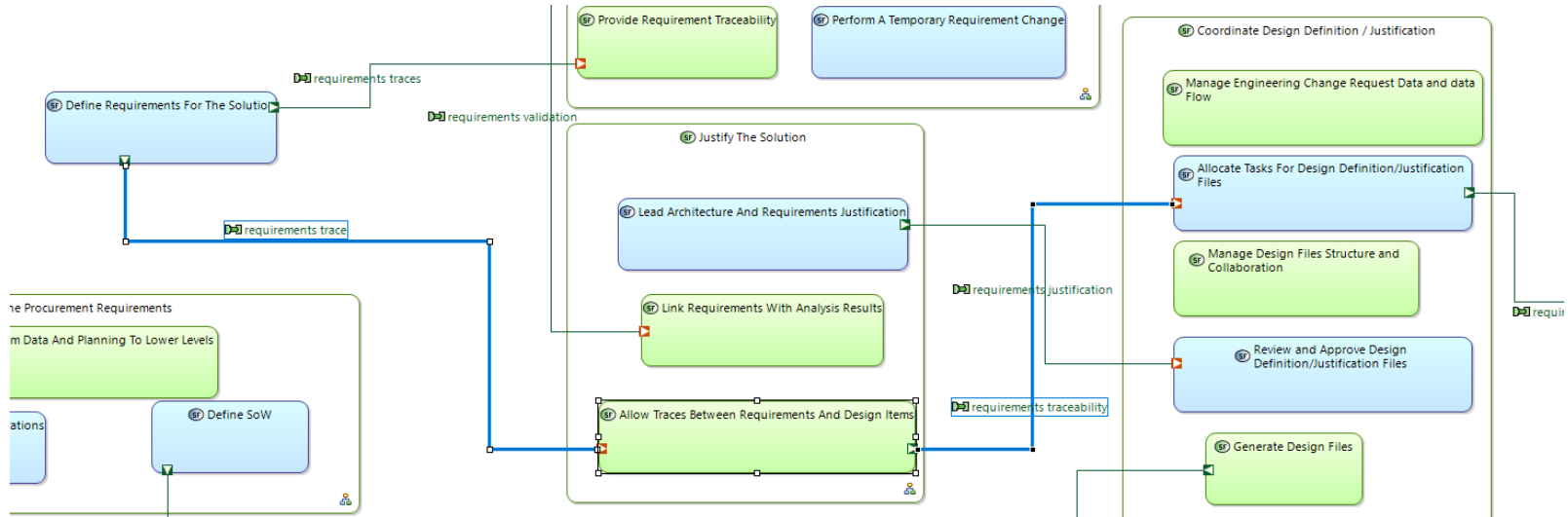


Refinement of Functions and allocation to the System (what it shall accomplish for the users)

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## SYSTEM NEEDS ANALYSIS

### System Data Flow Blank (SDFB)

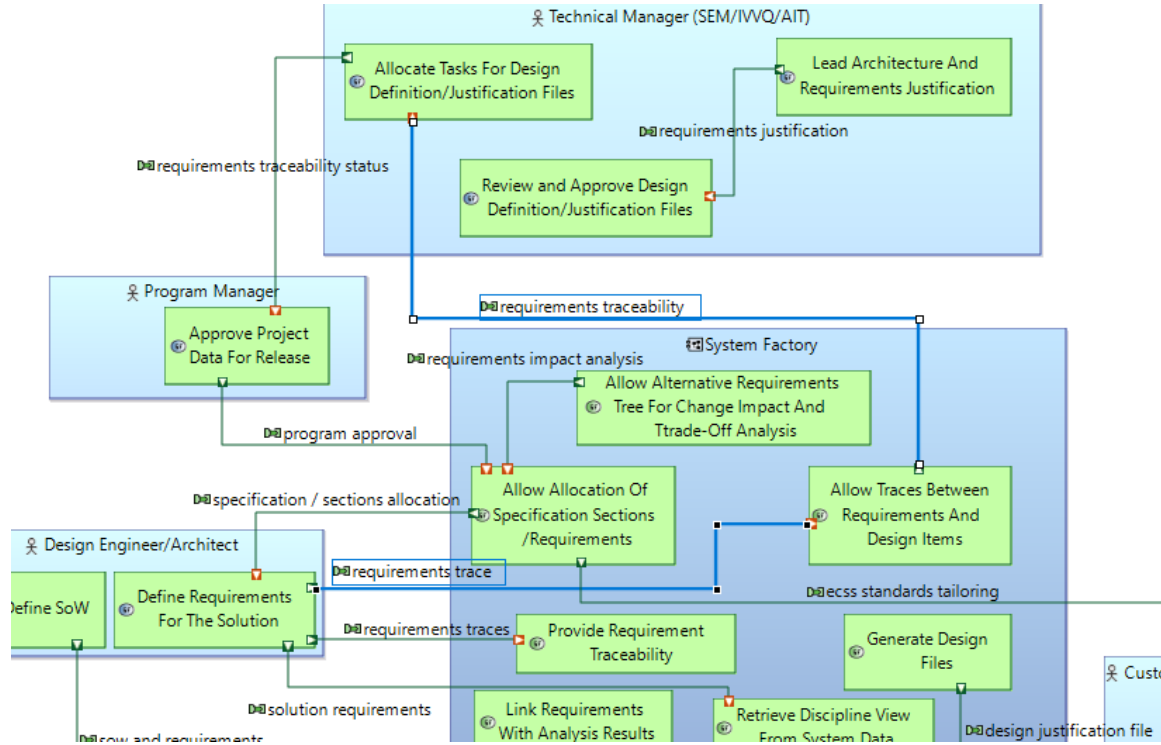


Data flow through the refined System Functions

# FUNCTIONAL ARCHITECTURE OF THE SYSTEM FACTORY

## SYSTEM NEEDS ANALYSIS

### System Architecture Blank (SAB)



Function allocation and Exchanges connecting Functions

# FUNCTIONAL ARCHITECTURE OF THE SYSTEM FACTORY

## SYSTEM NEEDS ANALYSIS















- Some model metrics

Model element	Number
System Functional Requirement	133
System Non Functional Requirement	42
System Function	439
Functional Exchange	410
System Component	25
Functional Chain	36

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# FUNCTIONAL ARCHITECTURE OF THE SYSTEM FACTORY

## Challenges

- Mix of OA & SA levels
- Lack of homogeneity of wording and naming convention
- Lack of homogeneity of inputs (documentation and models)
- Other communication challenges (e.g. scope of exchanges to model)
- Identification of new needs
- Modelling from natural language is
  - time and energy consuming
  - is influenced by modeller understanding and personal view
- Diagram complexity and specificity easily go out of control
- Agreement on common list of abstract roles
- High number of model elements and diagrams
  - Need for both global and specific views

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- By modelling we converge to a common vision and concrete architecture for the *System Factory*.
- This convergence is challenging, mainly due to diverse background and communication challenges, requiring close coordination and review iterations.
- Capella model, its common language (and Arcadia method), and the tool mature features serve as a strong vehicle in achieving such convergence in a consistent way.
- The model size greatly impacts the modelling and review effort, a strategy being required.
- Documents still useful to e.g. agree on approach, assumptions, common language, review, etc.
- Proposed toolchain (and plugins) technical improvements (some examples):
  - Include the mass Visualization or Editing Views in the HTML export.
  - Export the requirements tables to the HTML file.
  - Bugs found, e.g. it is necessary to enable "Define interfaces and describe interface scenarios" to create the [ES] diagrams (create a new Exchange Scenario)

# Thank you

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