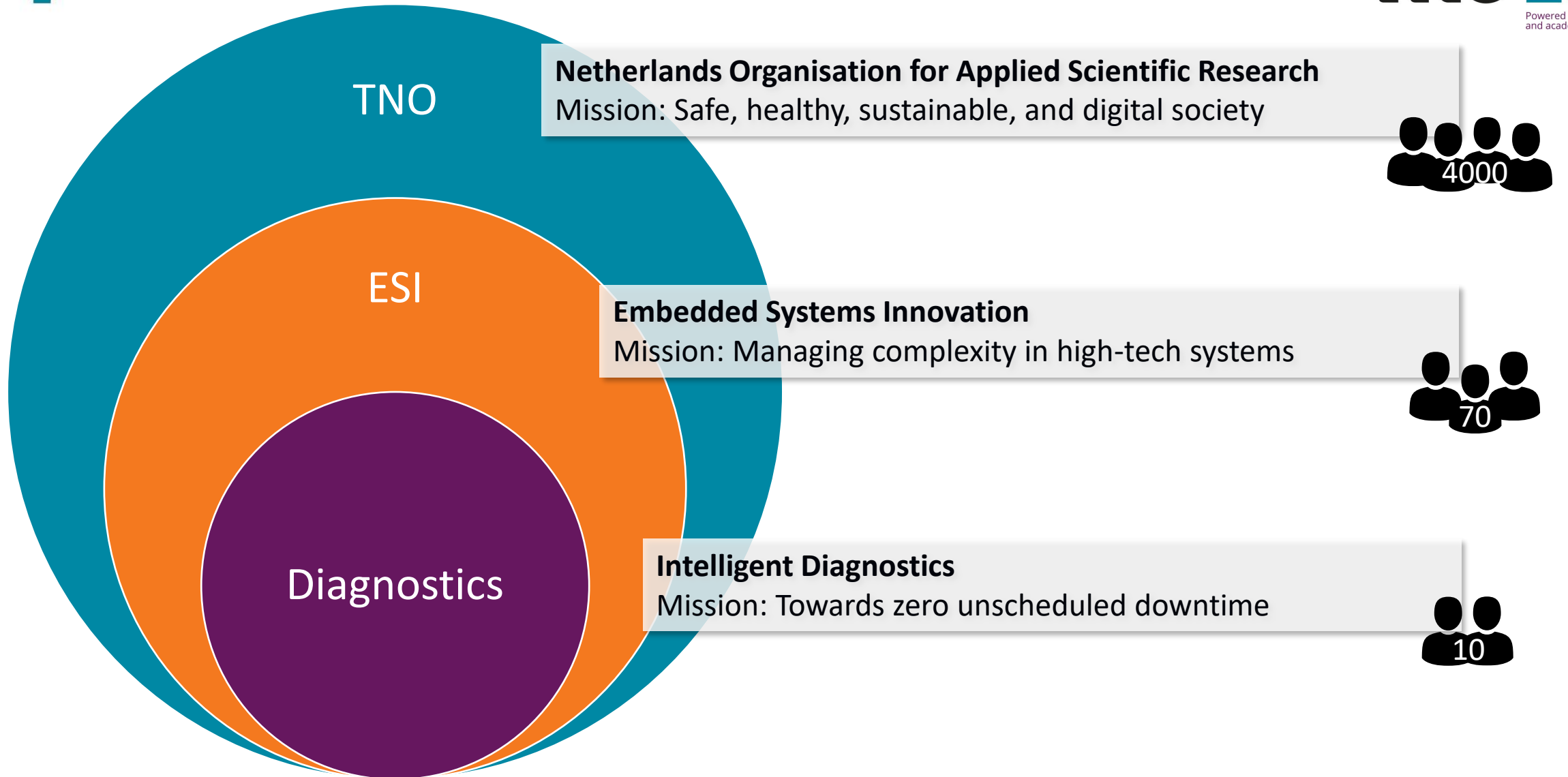


Leveraging System Architecture Models for Diagnosis of High-Tech Systems

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ESI at a glance

Mission: Embedding cutting-edge methodologies into the Dutch high-tech systems industry in order to cope with the ever-increasing complexity of their products.



Synopsis

- ❑ Foundation ESI started in 2002
- ❑ ESI acquired by TNO per January 2013
- ❑ ~70 staff members (end 2024), many with extensive industrial experience
- ❑ 8 Part-time Professors
- ❑ Working at industry locations
- ❑ From embedded systems innovation to embedding innovation



Focus

Managing complexity of high-tech systems

through

- system architecting,
- system reasoning and
- model-driven engineering

delivering

- methodologies validated in cutting-edge industrial practice



Partner Board(s)



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Model-Based Diagnostics

The use of formal models to compute diagnoses for a set of observations

Original ideas stem from the 1980s in the medical domain

Available formalisms for these models include logic, probabilistic models and neural networks

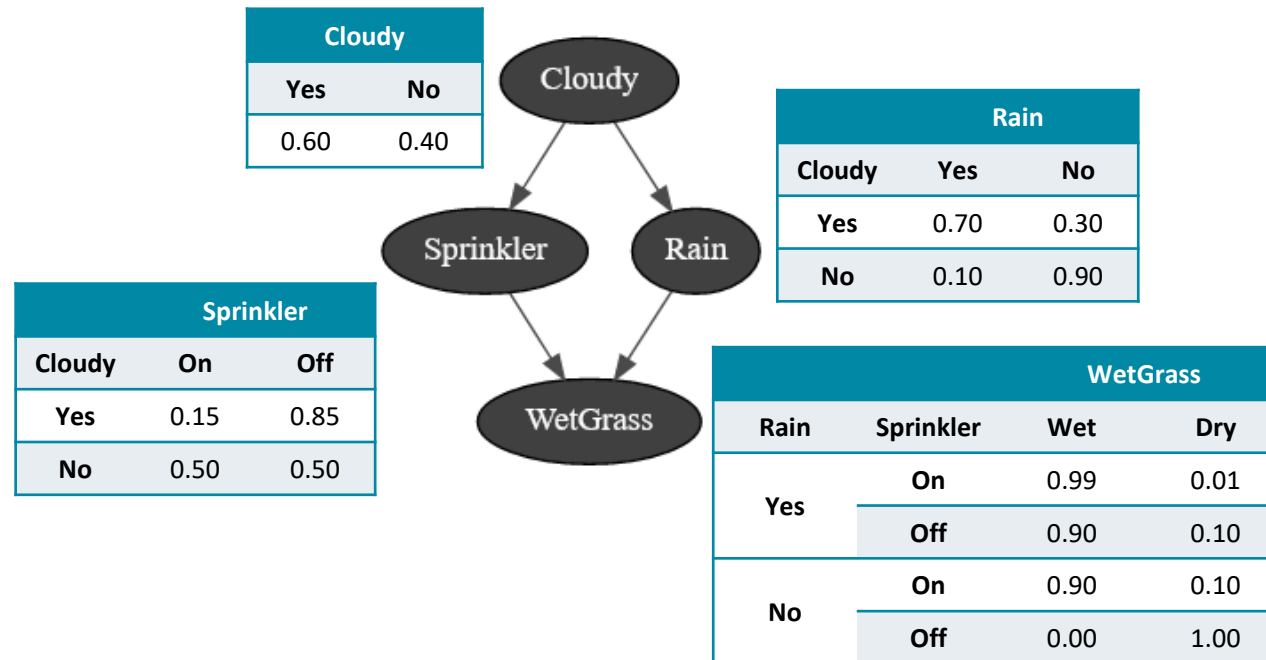
Our approaches use probabilistic graphical models, such as Bayesian/Markov Networks



Bayesian networks

A Bayesian Network (BN) represents a set of variables and their conditional dependencies

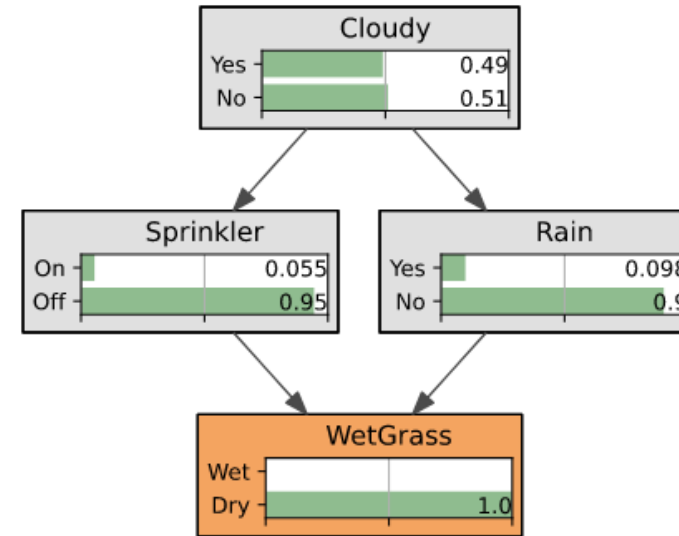
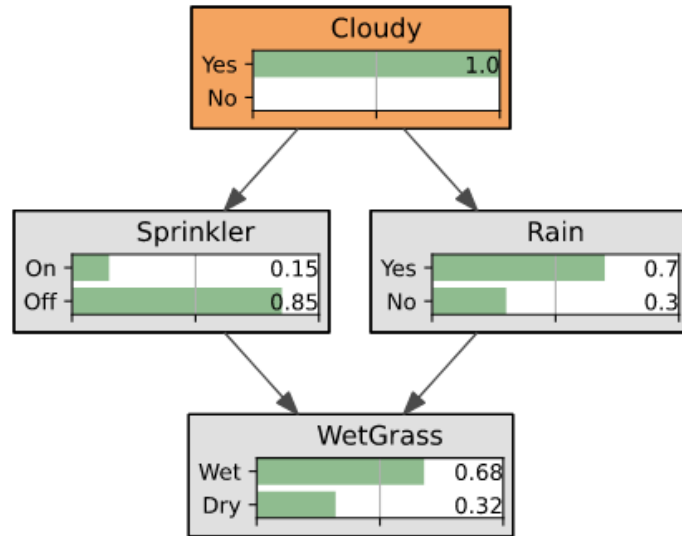
Conditional dependencies are given by conditional probability tables (CPTs)



Computing diagnoses

When inserting evidence, the posterior probabilities will be recomputed

Evidence can be either something you know or an assumption



Model-Based Diagnostics for High-Tech Equipment

High-tech equipment contains 1000s of components and observables

Challenging to create a diagnostic model at this scale
How and where to get the required information?

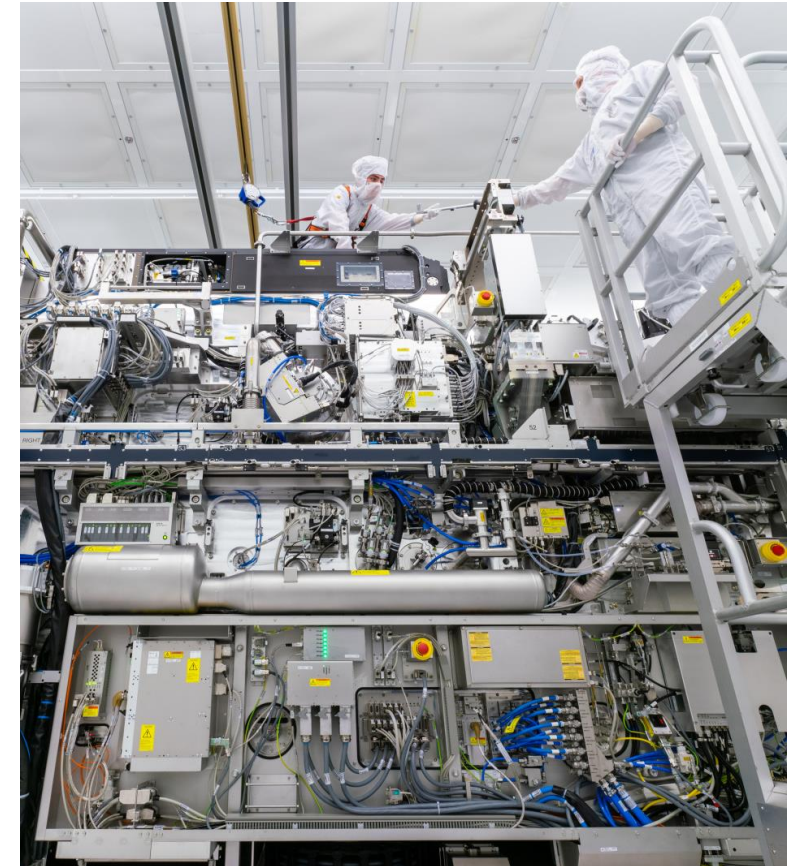
Probabilistic models may be learnt from data

This requires a huge amount of data, which is not always available

If insufficient data is available, experts should make the models

Few experts on probabilistic modelling

Why not try to leverage already available structured information?



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Model-Based Systems Engineering for diagnostics

High-tech industry is gradually adopting model-based approaches for several reasons

Requirement management, unified language, code generation, configuration management, virtual prototyping, ...

Capella is one of the tools being used for this transition

Many of the ingredients needed for diagnostics are present in a Capella model

Functional decomposition, hardware decomposition

Functional dependencies

Functional deployment on hardware

Let's try to tap into this body of knowledge to create diagnostic models!

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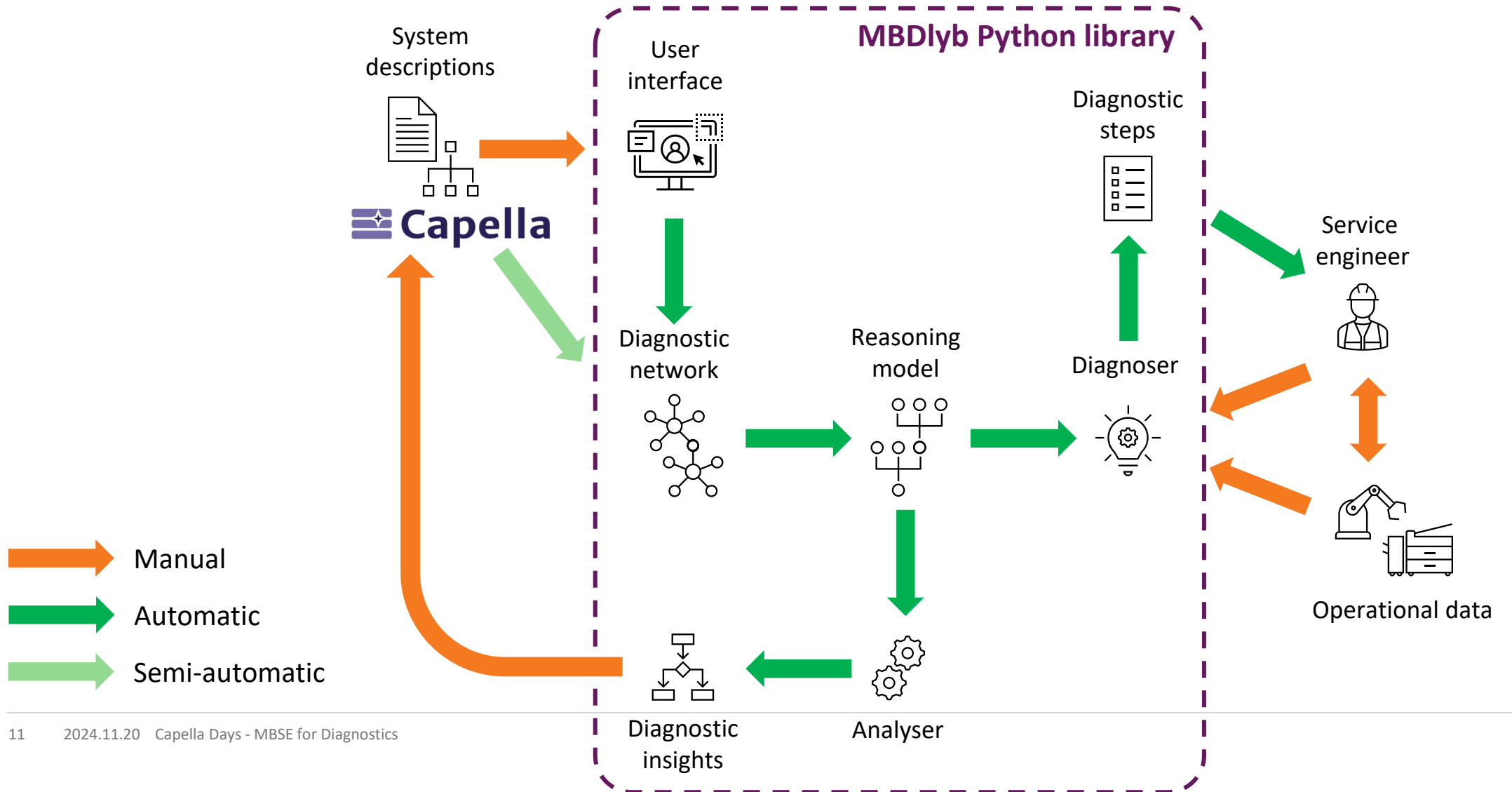
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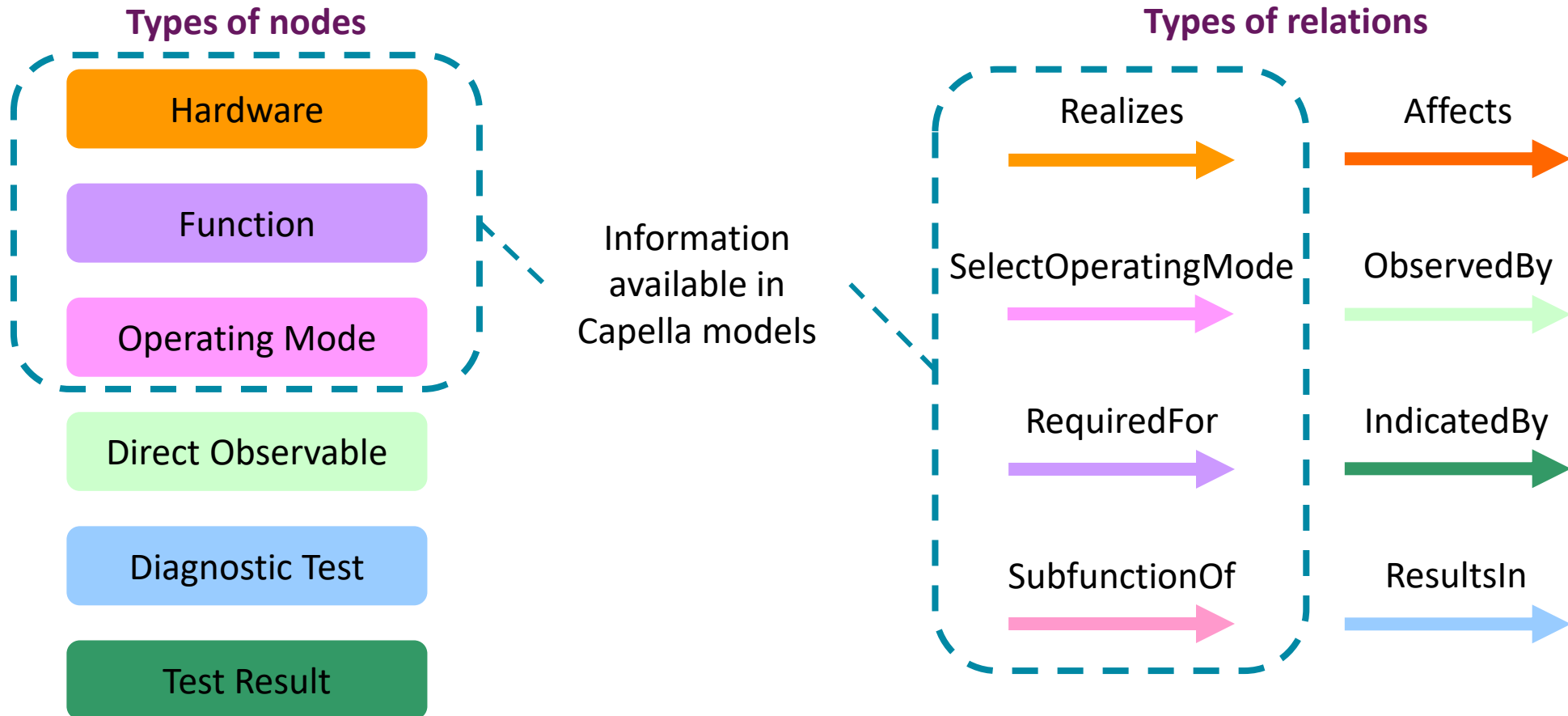
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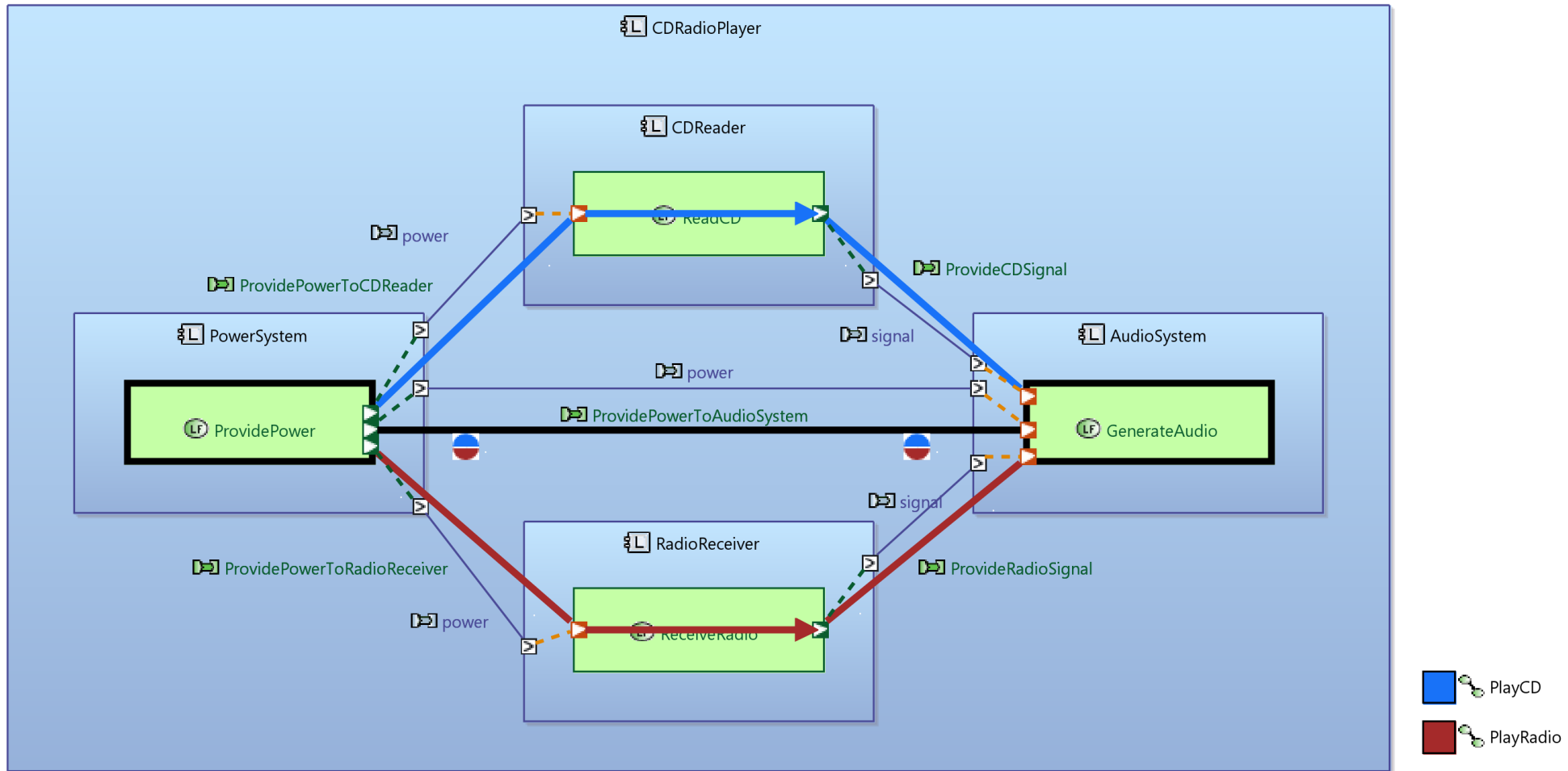
Methodology architecture



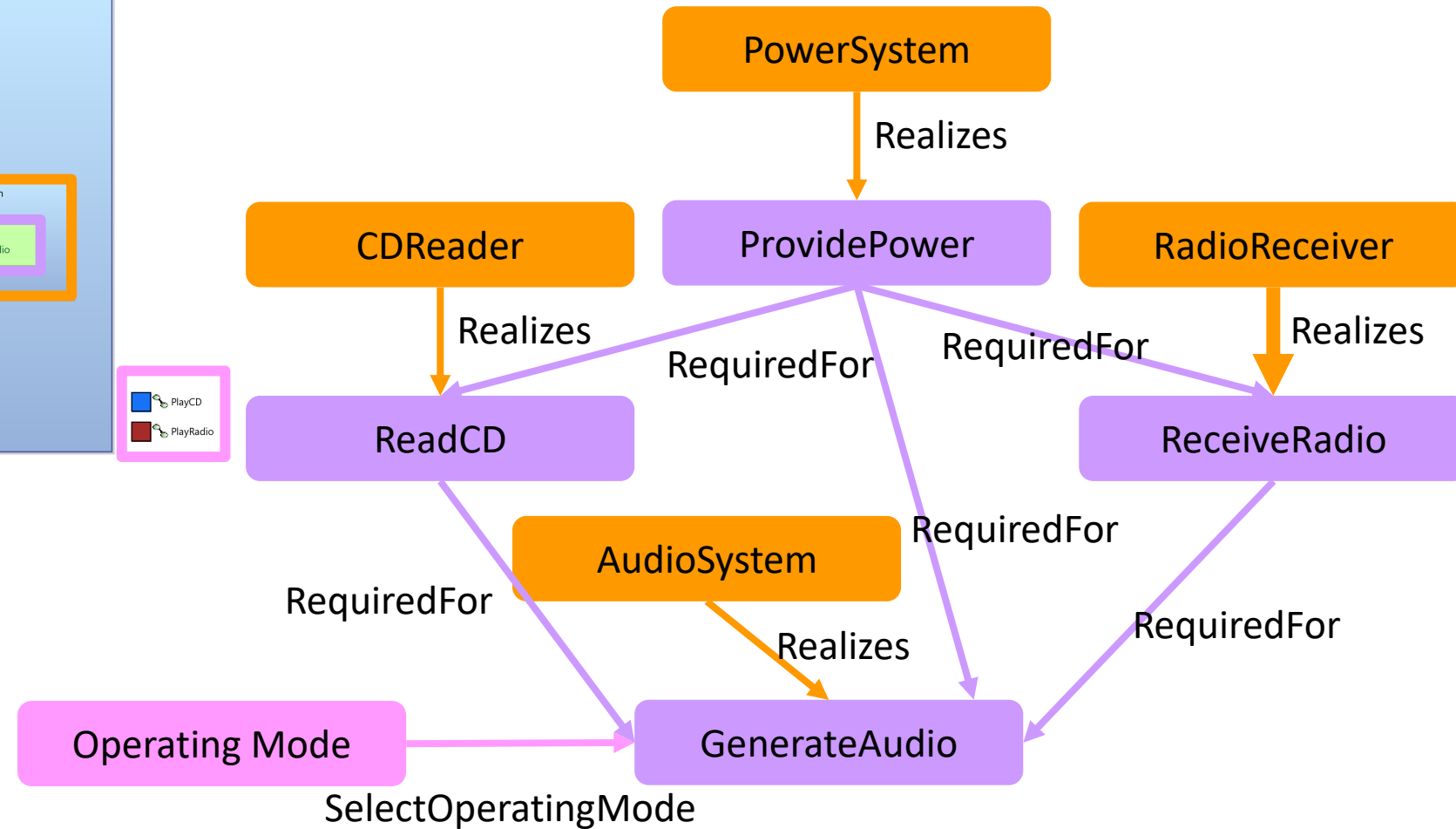
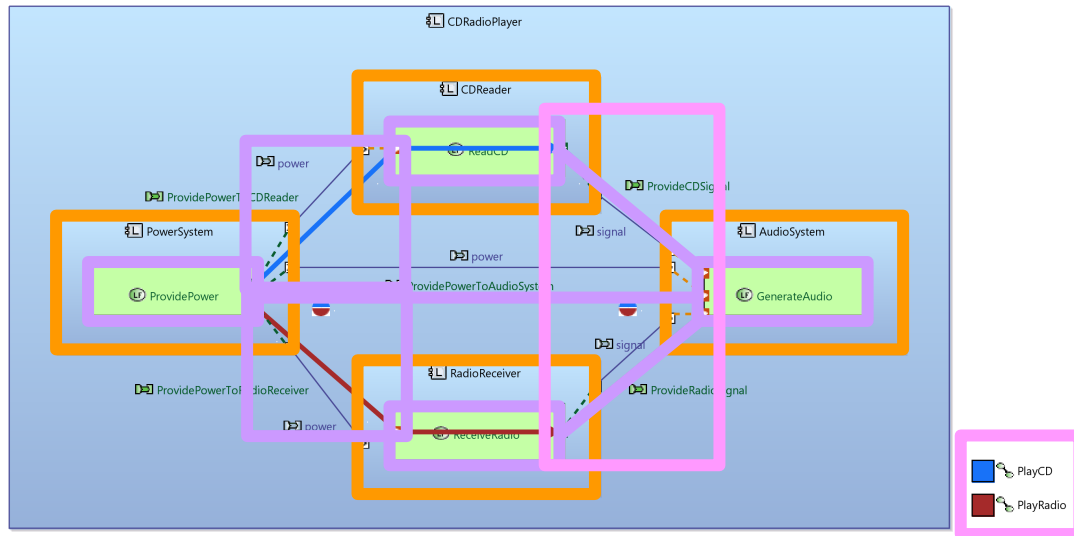
Diagnostic network's ontology



Transforming a simple CD-radio player

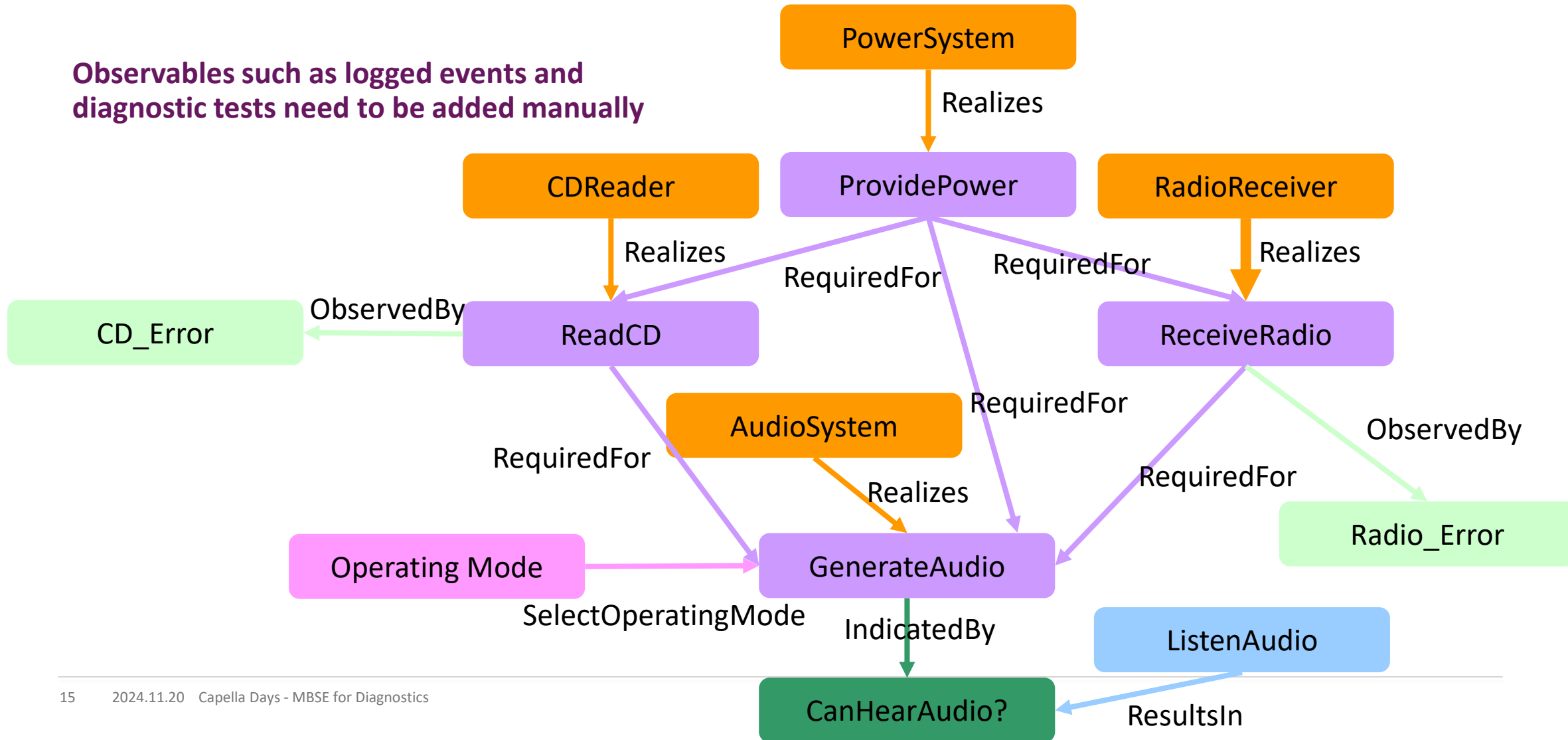


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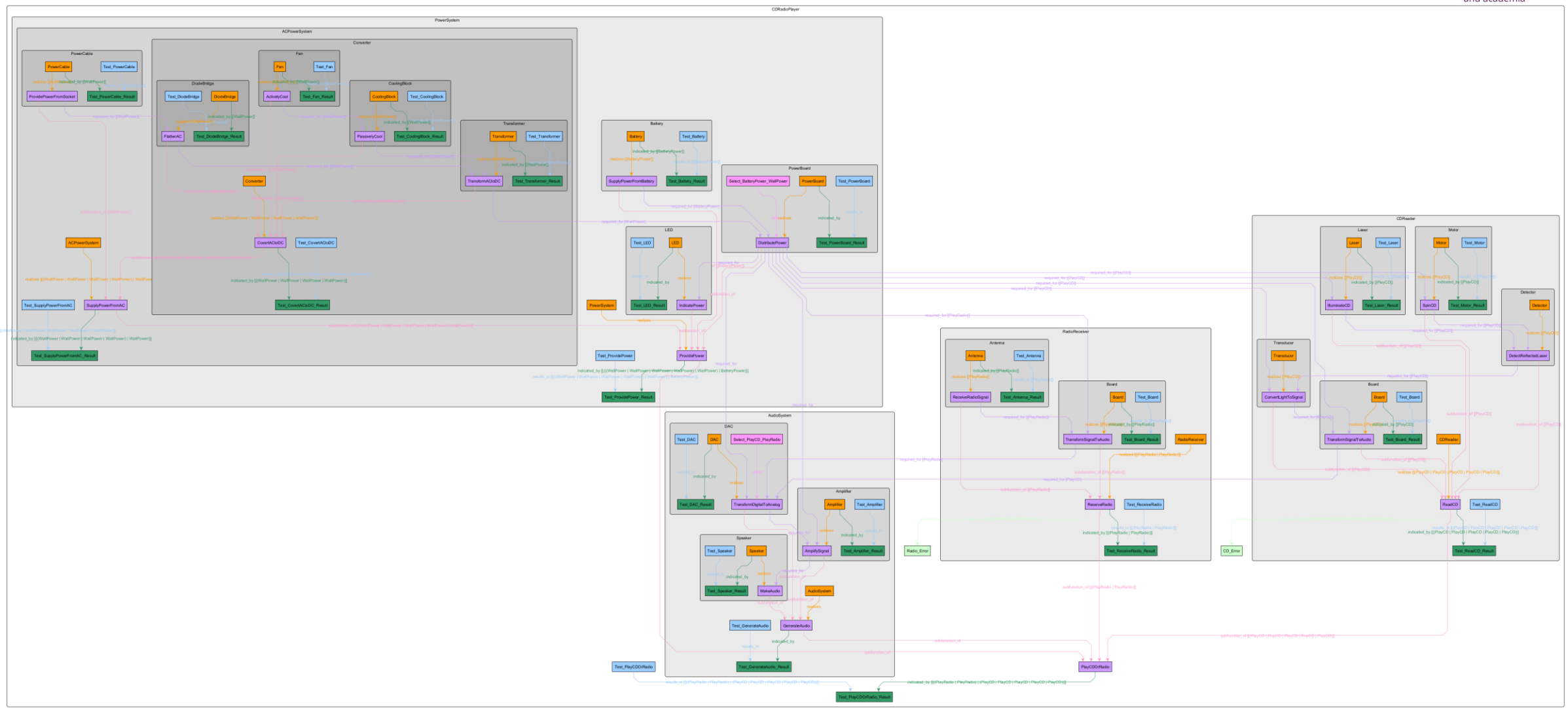


Adding observables

Observables such as logged events and diagnostic tests need to be added manually



Final CD-radio player model



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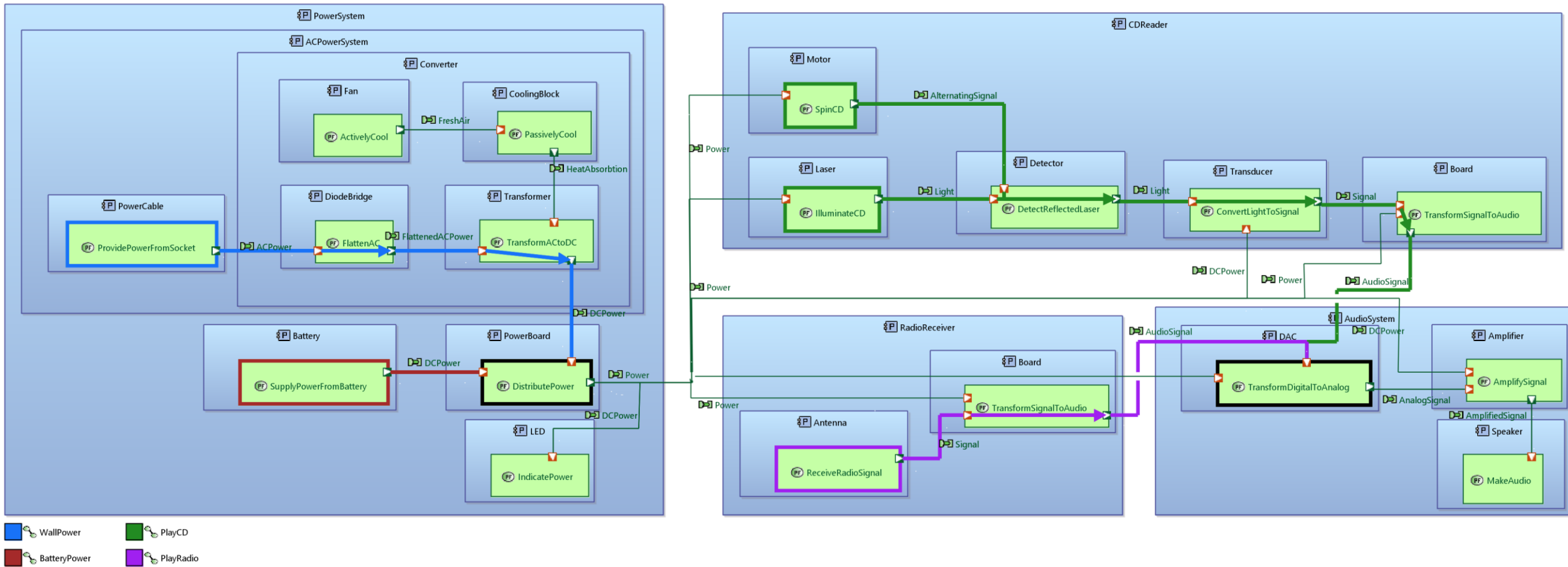
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CDRadioPlayer: physical architecture



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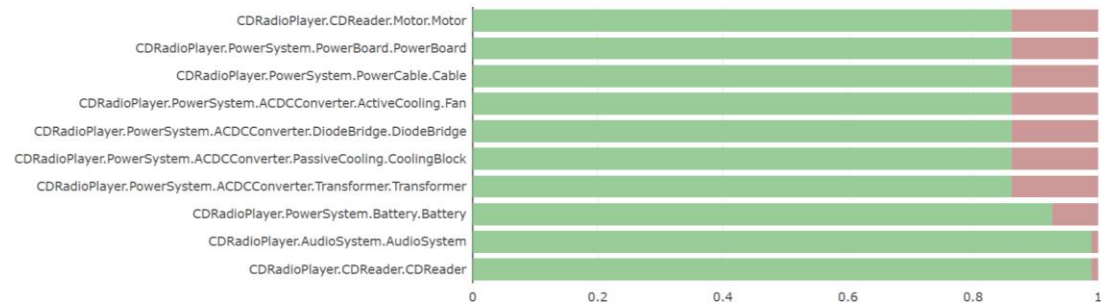
Functional Diagnoser

CDRadioPlayer ✓ COMPUTE Auto-compute Soft evidence Balance: (cost vs entropy)

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Diagnoses



Diagnostic tests

SHOW PLOT

- CDRadioPlayer.PowerSystem.ACDCConverter.ActiveCooling.Check_Fan
Cost: 5.00, Entropy: 2.878 ▼
- CDRadioPlayer.PowerSystem.ACDCConverter.PassiveCooling.Measure_Block_Temperature
Cost: 5.00, Entropy: 2.878 ▼
- CDRadioPlayer.PowerSystem.ACDCConverter.Transformer.MeasureTransformerPower
Cost: 15.00, Entropy: 2.543 ▼
- CDRadioPlayer.PowerSystem.LED.Check_Power_LED
Cost: 5.00, Entropy: 2.908 ▼
- CDRadioPlayer.PowerSystem.PowerCable.Measure_Cable
Cost: 10.00, Entropy: 2.878 ▼
- CDRadioPlayer.ListenRadio
Cost: 5.00, Entropy: 3.249 ▼
- CDRadioPlayer.PowerSystem.Battery.Measure_Battery ▼

Operating modes

- CDRadioPlayer.AudioSystem.AudioSource ▼
- CDRadioPlayer.PowerSystem.PowerBoard.PowerSource ▼

Direct observables

- CDRadioPlayer.CDReader.CD_Error ▼
- CDRadioPlayer.RadioReceiver.Radio_Error ▼

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Successfully conducted three case studies with our partners

- One model could find satisfactory root cause on all case studies
- Positive reactions on given demos
- Concerns about model creation

Shown approach is promising for both operational diagnostics and design for diagnostics

- MBSE models – like Capella models – provide a lot of information needed for diagnostics

Where and how to combine the observability information?

- We are open to suggestions or experiences!

Need to build up experience with more MBSE models ‘in the wild’

- To what extent do those models adhere to our assumptions?

Thanks for your attention!

Are there any remaining questions?

Looking for more information? Download our report [here](#).

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