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# MODEL-INTEGRATION AND CYBER PHYSICAL SYSTEMS: A SEMANTICS PERSPECTIVE

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# About the Topic



CPS is a rapidly emerging, cross-disciplinary field with well-understood and urgent need for **formal methods** driven by challenges in

- model-based design
- system verification and
- manufacturing



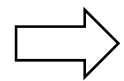
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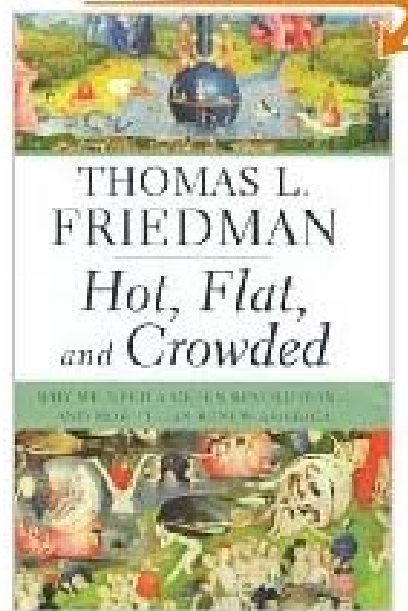


# CPS is About Engineered Systems



Sectors	Opportunities	
<b>Health and Biomedical</b>	In-home healthcare delivery. More capable biomedical devices for measuring health. New prosthetics for use within and outside the body. Networked biomedical systems that increase automation and extend the biomedical device beyond the body.	 Goldman: Operating Rooms of the Future
<b>Agriculture</b>	Energy efficient technologies. Increased automation. Closed-loop bioengineering processes. Resource and environmental impact optimization. Improved safety of food products.	 Michael Nerremark: HortiBot
<b>Smart Grid</b>	Highway systems that allow traffic to become denser while also operating more safely. A national power grid that is more reliable and efficient.	

Sectors	Goals	
<b>Aerospace</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aircraft that fly faster and further on less energy.</li> <li>Air traffic control systems that make more efficient use of airspace.</li> </ul>	
<b>Automotive</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Automobiles that are more capable and safer but use less energy.</li> <li>Highways that are safe, higher throughput and energy efficient.</li> </ul>	
<b>Defense</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fleets of autonomous, robotic vehicles</li> <li>More capable defense systems</li> <li>Integrated, maneuverable, coordinated, energy efficient</li> <li>Resilient to cyber attacks</li> </ul>	



## Energy Internet: When IT Meets ET



# Known Drivers of CPS



- Networking and Information Technology (NIT) have been increasingly used as *universal system integrator* in human – scale and societal – scale systems
- Functionality and salient system characteristics emerge through the interaction of *networked physical and computational objects*
- Engineered products turn into **Cyber-Physical Systems (CPS)**: networked interaction of physical and computational processes



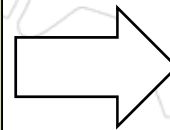
# The Good News...



Networking and computing delivers precision and flexibility in **interaction** and **coordination**

## Computing/Communication

- Rich time models
- Precise interactions across highly extended spatial/temporal dimension
- Flexible, dynamic communication mechanisms
- Precise time-variant, nonlinear behavior
- Introspection, learning, reasoning



## Integrated CPS

- Elaborate coordination of physical processes
- Hugely increased system size with controllable, stable behavior
- Dynamic, adaptive architectures
- Adaptive, autonomic systems
- Self monitoring, self-healing system architectures and better safety/security guarantees.



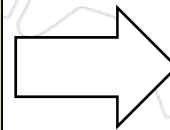
# ...and the Challenges



Fusing networking and computing with physical processes brings new unsolved problems

## Computing/Communication

- Cyber vulnerability
- New type of interactions across highly extended spatial/temporal dimension
- Flexible, dynamic communication mechanisms
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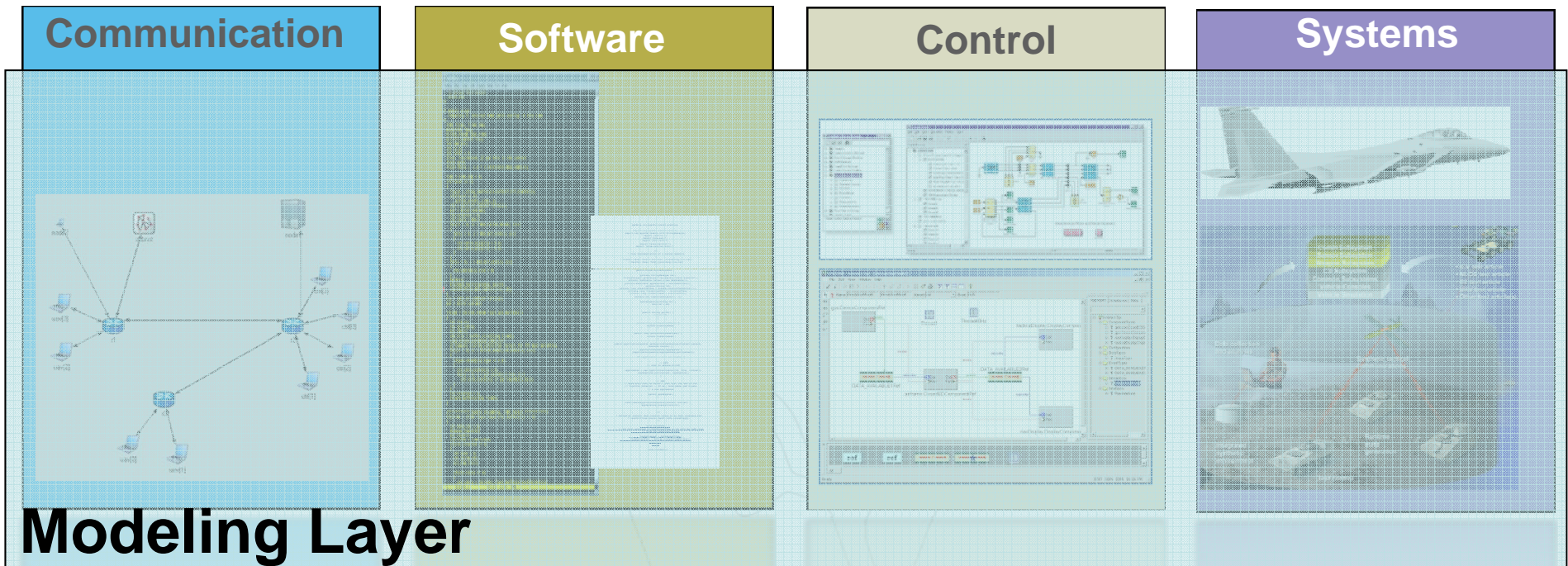
## Integrated CPS

- Physical behavior of systems can be manipulated
- Lack of composition theories for heterogeneous systems: much unsolved problems
- Vastly increased complexity and emergent behaviors
- Lack of theoretical foundations for CPS dynamics
- Verification, certification, predictability has fundamentally new challenges.





# Foundation for Convergence: Model-Based Design

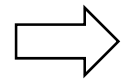


- **Systems Engineering:** Operation research, Reliability, Requirement spec.,...
- **Control Engineering:** Foundation of system theory: Linear, Nonlinear, ...
- **Software Engineering:** Formal methods, Model-based SE, RT software, ..
- **Communication Engineering:** Information theory, Layered protocols, ...

**(Re)-convergence of Systems, Control, Software, Communication Engineering**



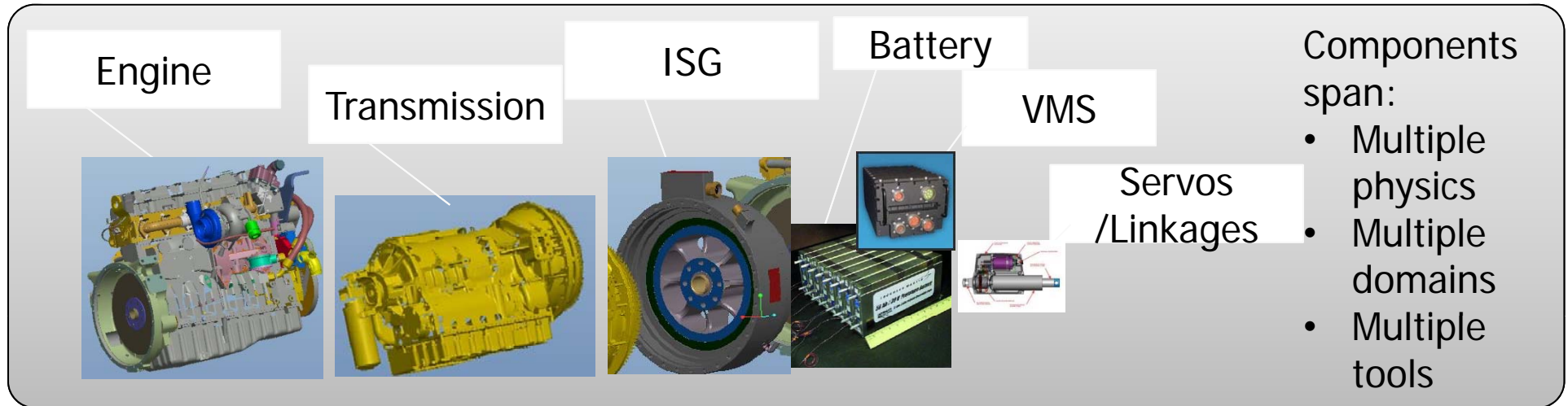
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# Components of a CPS



## ■ Physical

- Functional: implements some function in the design
- Interconnect: acts as the facilitators for physical interactions

## ■ Cyber

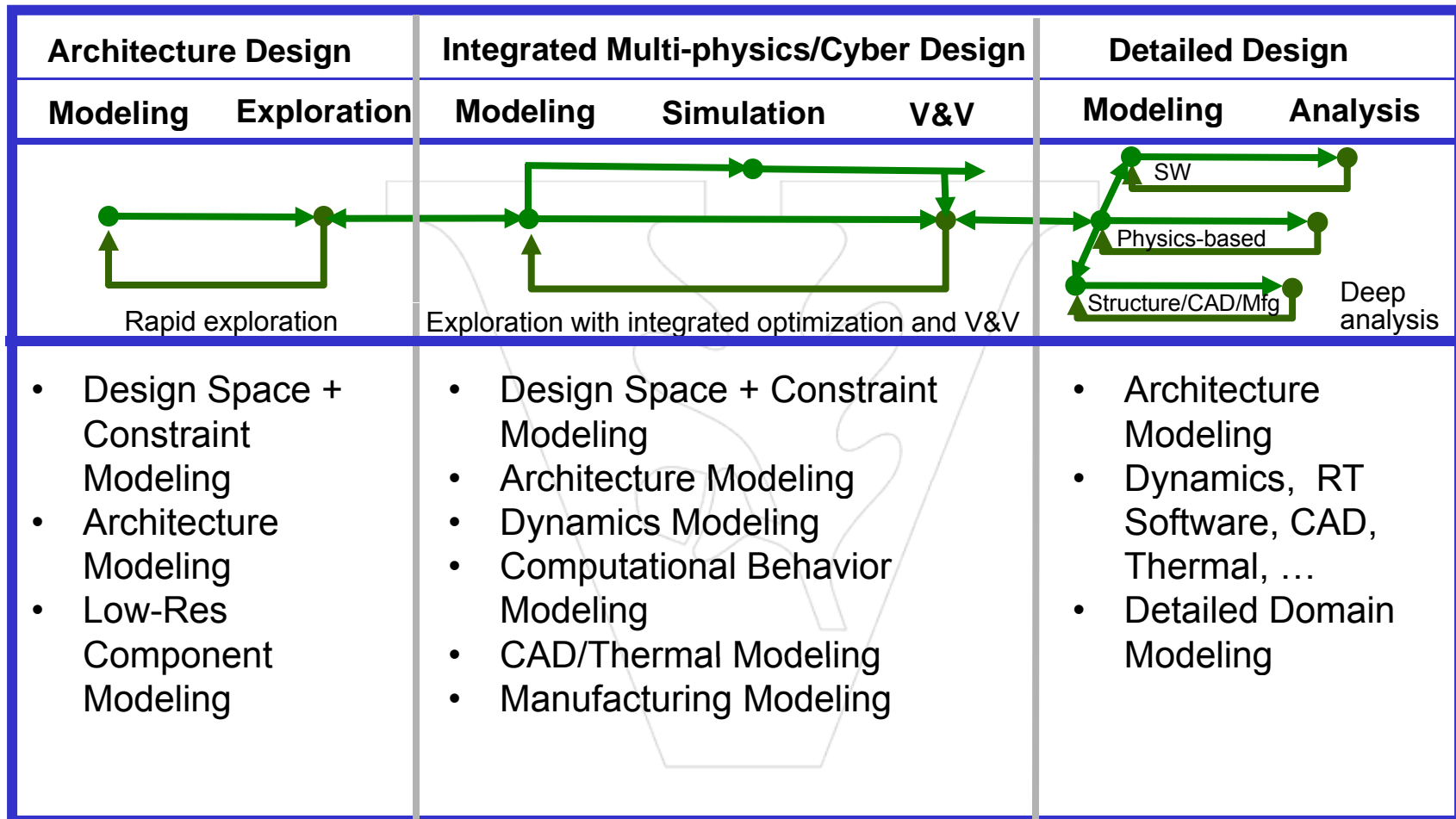
- Computation and communication that implements some function
- Requires a physical platform to run/to communicate

## ■ Cyber-Physical

- Physical with deeply embedded computing and communication



# CPS Design Flow Requires Model Integration



Domain Specific Modeling Languages



# Example: Architecture Modeling



Sublanguage / Capability	Formalism, Language Constructs, Examples	Usage
<p>Architecture Modeling</p>	<p><b>Hierarchical Module Interconnect</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Components</li> <li>- Interfaces</li> <li>- Interconnects</li> <li>- Parameters</li> <li>- Properties</li> </ul>	<p>Systems Architect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Explore Design Space</li> <li>- Derive Candidate Designs</li> </ul>
<p>Design Space Modeling</p>	<p><b>Hierarchically Layered Parametric Alternatives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Alternatives/Options</li> <li>- Parameters</li> <li>- Constraints</li> </ul>	<p>Systems Architect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Define Design Space</li> <li>- Define Constraint</li> </ul>



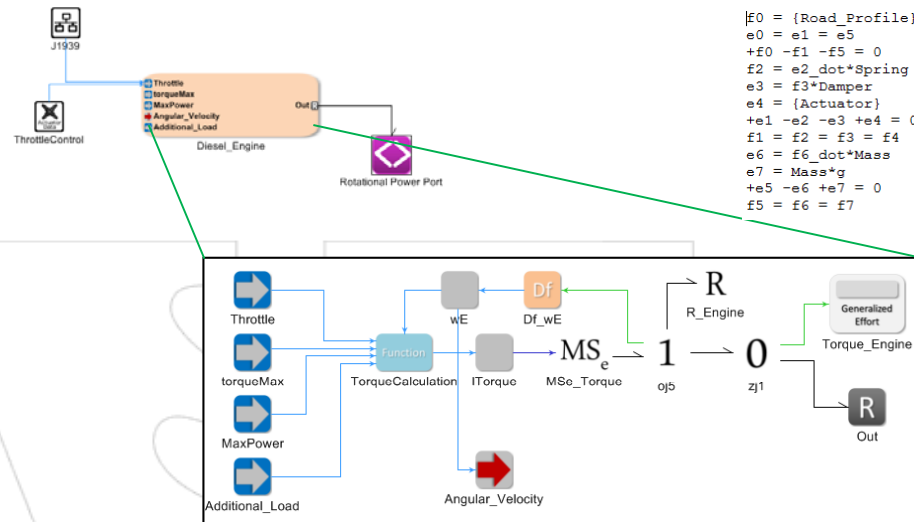
# Example: Dynamics Modeling



Physical Dynamics Modeling

## Hybrid Bond Graphs

- Efforts, Flows,
- Sources, Capacitance, Inductance,
- Resistance, Transformers, Gyroscopes,

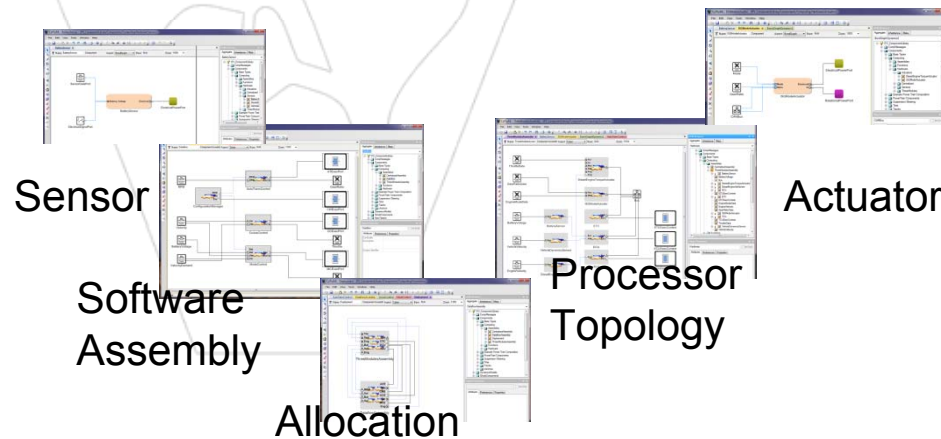


- Component Engineer
- model dynamics with Hybrid Bond Graphs
- System Engineers
- Compose system dynamics

Computational Dynamics Modeling

## Dataflow + Stateflow + TT Schedule

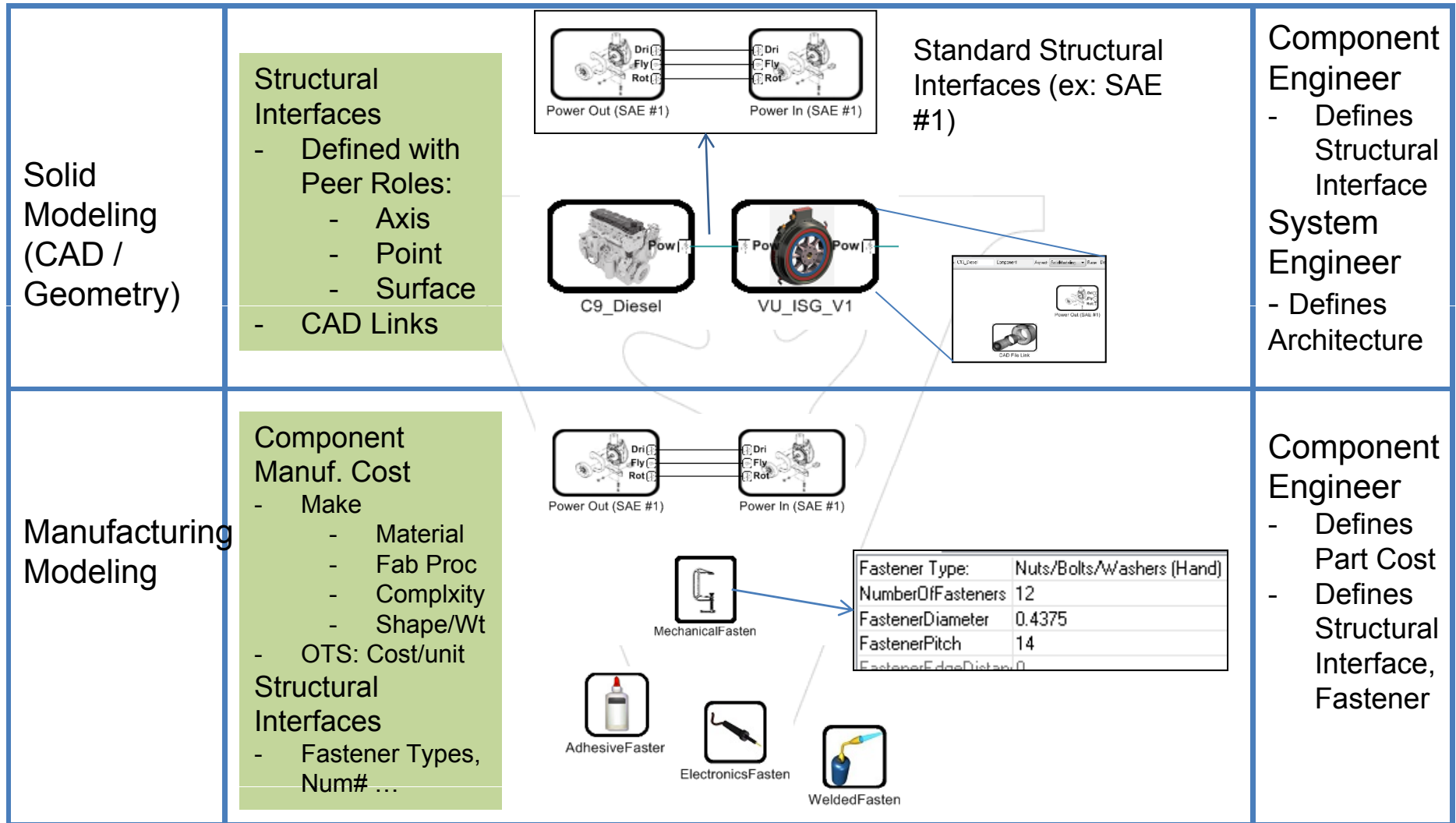
- Interaction with Physical Components
- Cyber Components
- Processing Components



- Domain Engineers
- design controller
- System Engineers
- Processor allocate
  - Platform Effects

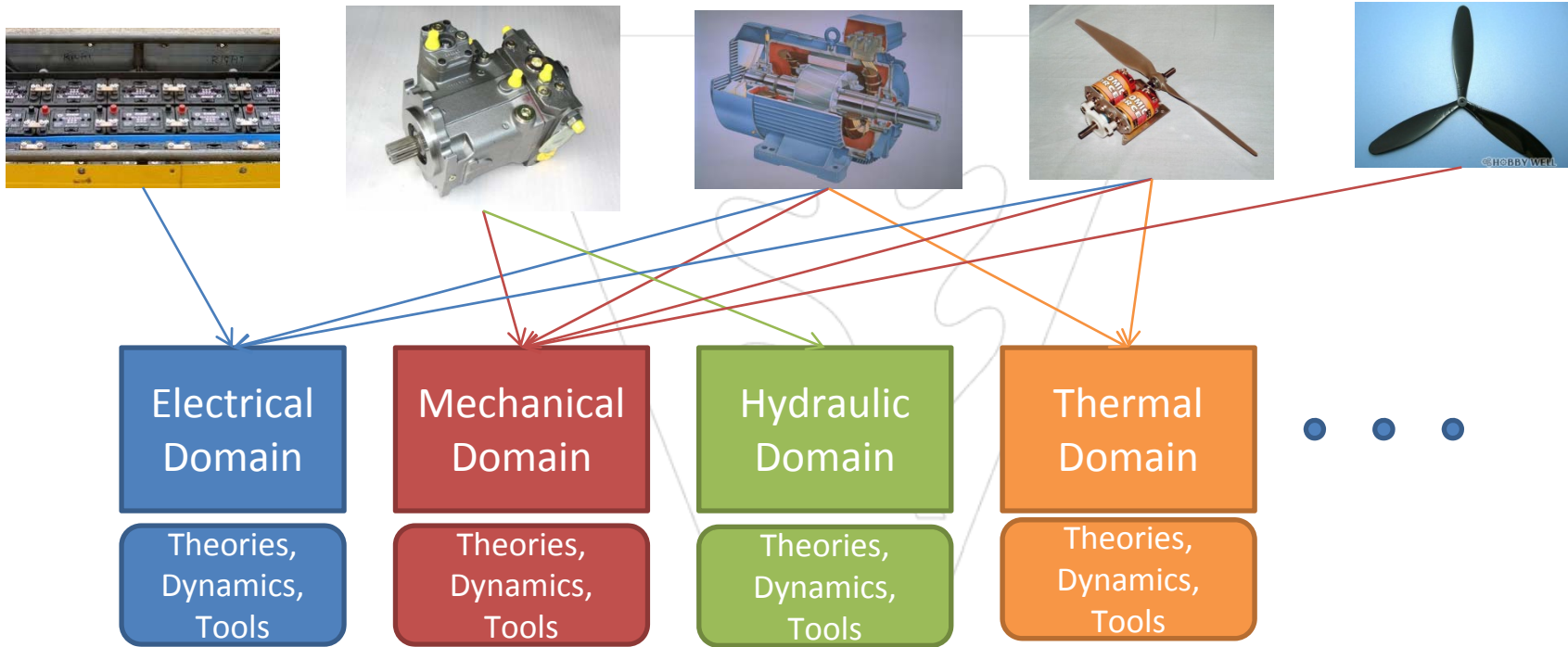


# Example: Physical Structure and Manufacturing Modeling





# Model Integration Challenge: Physics



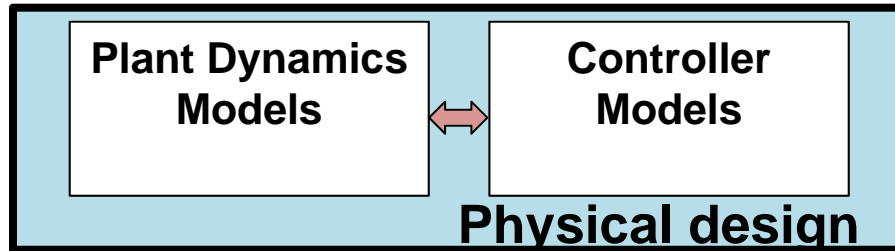
**Physical components are involved in multiple physical interactions (multi-physics)**

**Challenge: How to compose multi-models for heterogeneous physical components**

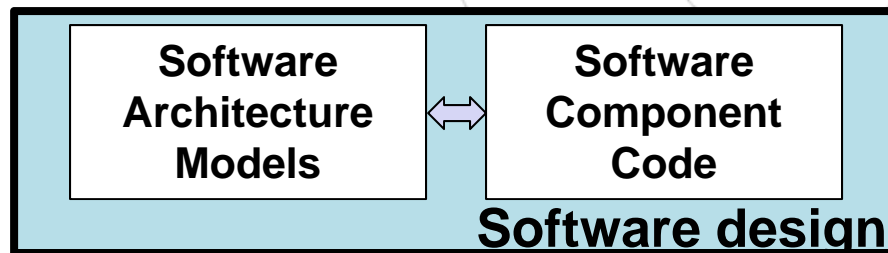




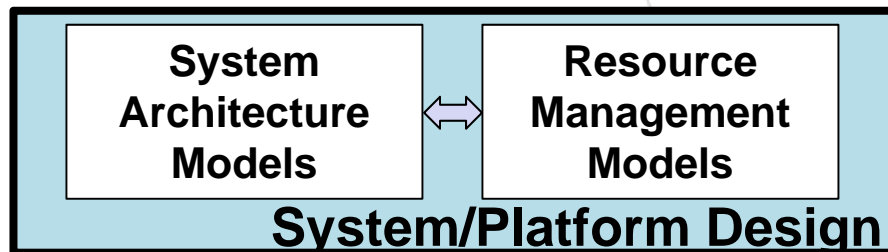
# Model Integration Challenge: Abstraction Layers



- Dynamics:**  $B(t) = \kappa_p(B_1(t), \dots, B_j(t))$
- *Properties:* stability, safety, performance
  - *Abstractions:* continuous time, functions, signals, flows,...



- Software :**  $B(i) = \kappa_c(B_1(i), \dots, B_k(i))$
- *Properties:* deadlock, invariants, security,...
  - *Abstractions:* logical-time, concurrency, atomicity, ideal communication,..

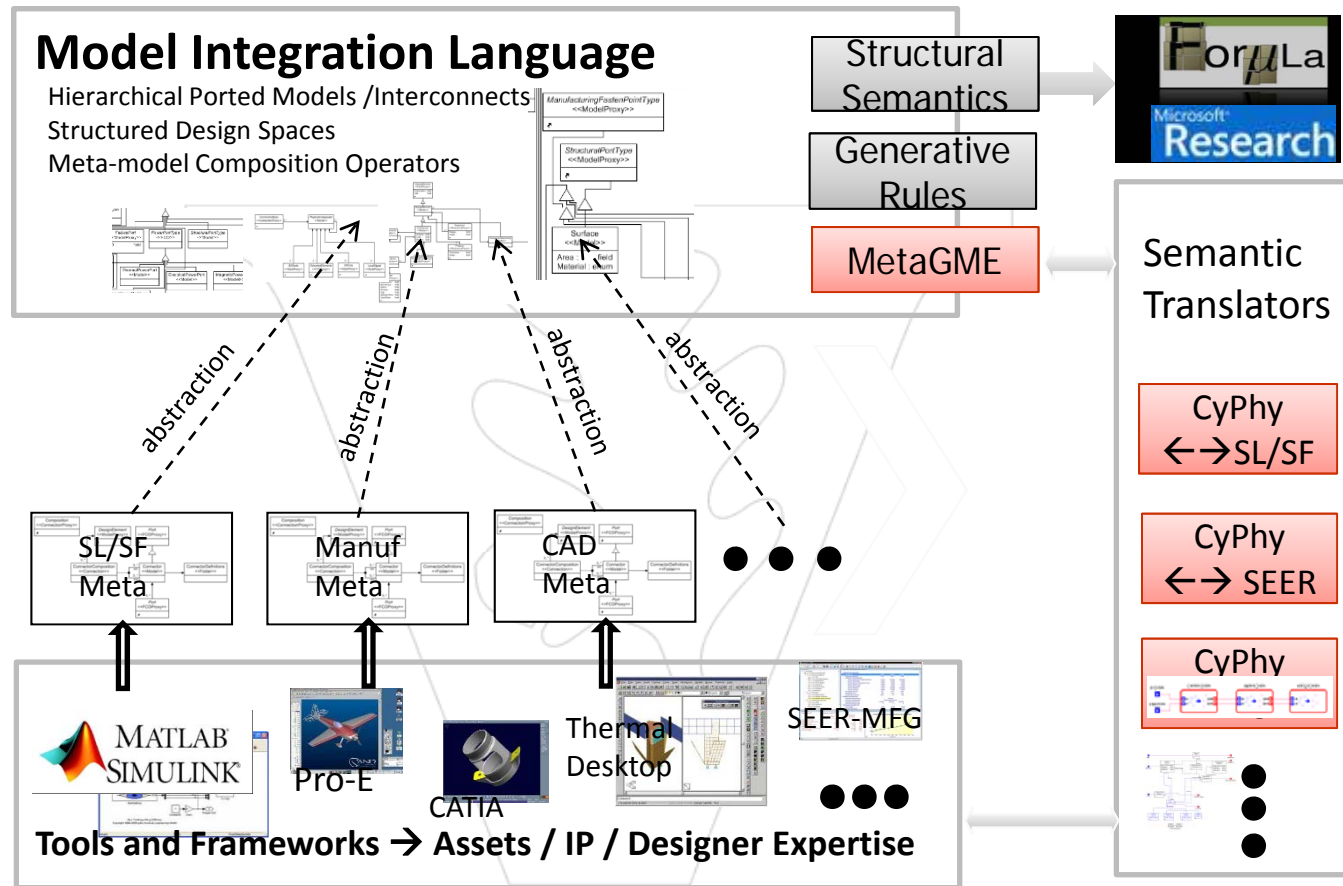


- Systems :**  $B(t_j) = \kappa_p(B_1(t_i), \dots, B_k(t_i))$
- *Properties:* timing, power, security, fault tolerance
  - *Abstractions:* discrete-time, delays, resources, scheduling,

Cyber-physical components are modeled using multiple abstraction layers  
Challenge: How to compose abstraction layers in heterogeneous CPS components?



# A Pragmatic Approach: Model Integration Language



**Impact:** Open Language Engineering Environment → Adaptability of Process/Design Flow → Accommodate New Tools/Frameworks , Accommodate New Languages



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# What Do We Expect From Formal Semantics?



- Specify
- Unambiguate
- **Compute**

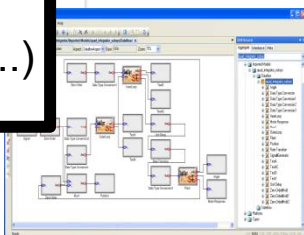


# DSML Semantics

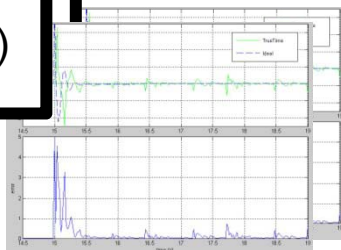


Models represent:

**Structure**  
(logical, physical,..)



**Behavior**  
(cont. discrete,..)



Modeling Language  
Semantics:

**Structural**  
(set of well-formed  
model structures)

Mathematical  
Domains:

- graphs
- term algebra + logic

**Behavioral**  
(set of feasible  
behaviors)

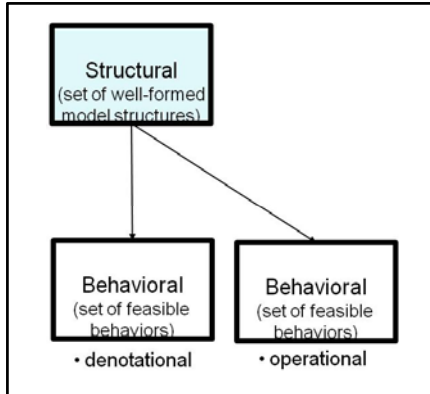
- denotational

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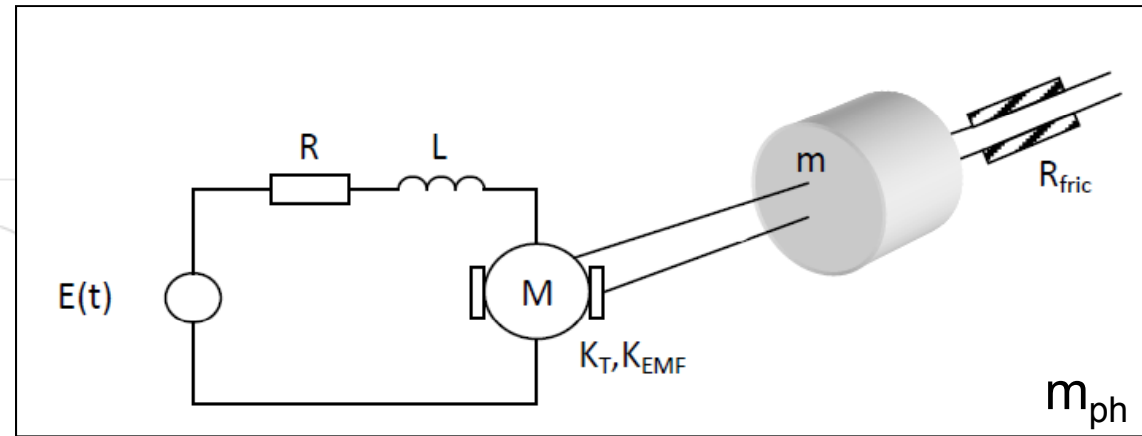
- operational



# Example 1/2

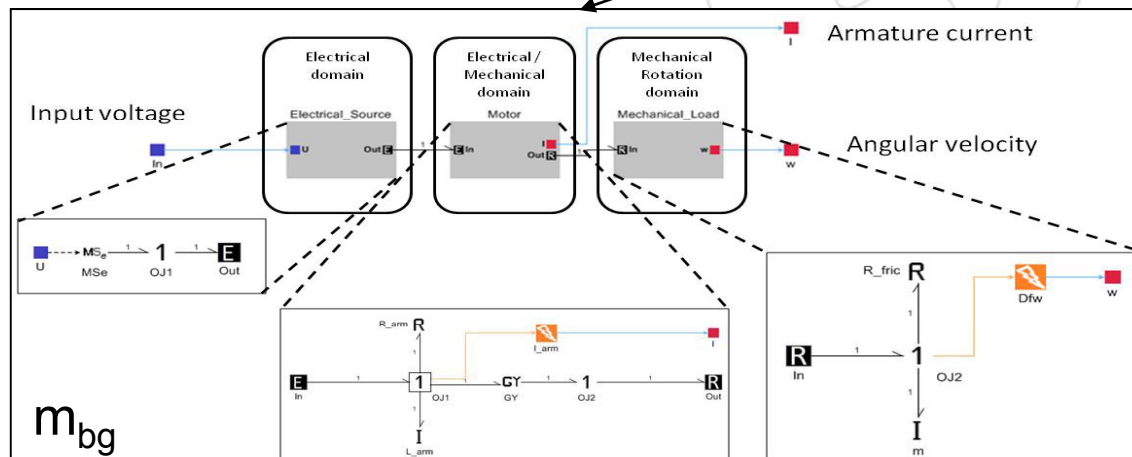


## Physical Structure (components and terminals)



Transformation:

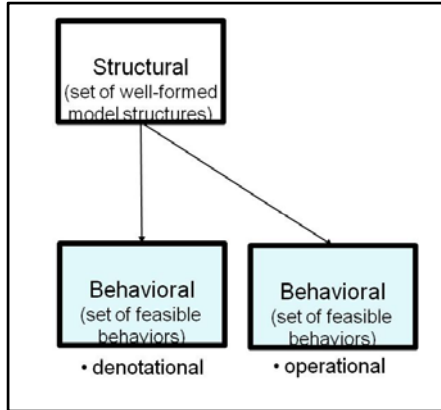
$$m_{bg} = T(m_{ph})$$



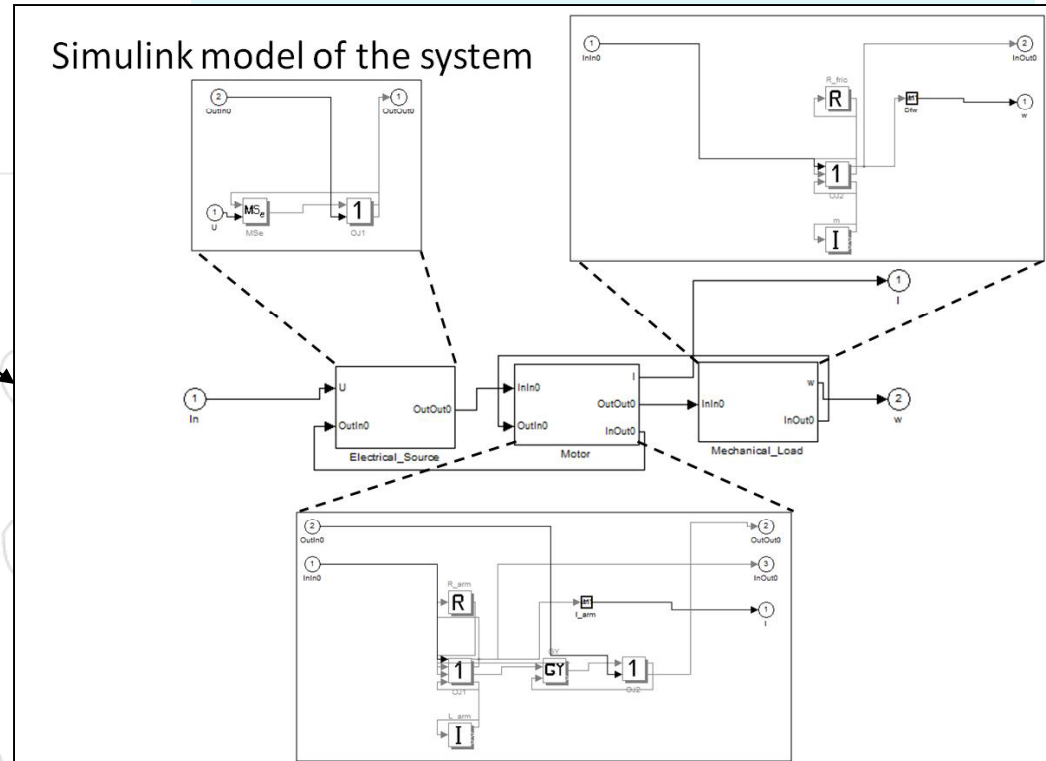
Bond Graph model  
(energy flows)



# Example 2/2



operational: simulated trajectories



$$m_{sl} = T(m_{bg})$$

$$m_{de} = T(m_{bg})$$

$OJ1: e_1 - e_2 - e_3 - e_4 = 0$   
 $OJ1: f_1 = f_2 = f_3 = f_4$   
 $Se: e_1 = E(t)$   
 $R_{arm}: e_2 = R_{arm} * f_2$   
 $L_{arm}: e_3 = L_{arm} * \dot{f}_3$   
 $GY: e_5 = f_1 * K_T$   
 $GY: e_4 = f_2 * K_{EMF}$   
 $OJ2: e_5 - e_6 - e_7 = 0$   
 $OJ2: f_5 = f_6 = f_7$   
 $R_{fric}: e_6 = R_{fric} * f_6$   
 $m: e_7 = m * \dot{f}_2$

denotational: mathematical equations



# Modeling Language Semantics Has Extensive Research History

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- Broy, Rumpe '1997
- Harel '1998
- Harel and Rumpe '2000
- Tony Clark, Stuart Kent, Bernhard Rumpe, Kevin Lano, Jean-Michel Bruel and Ana Moreira -  
Precise UML Group
- Edward Lee, Alberto Sangiovanni-Vincentelli  
'2004
- Joseph Sifakis '2005
- ...

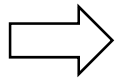




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# Specification of Domain-Specific Modeling Languages

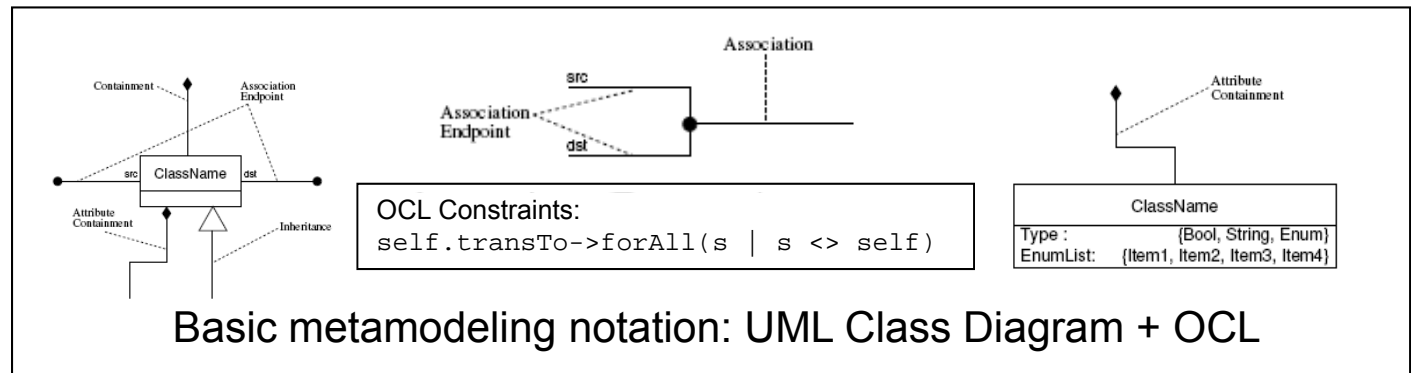


Abstract syntax of DSML-s are defined by metamodels.

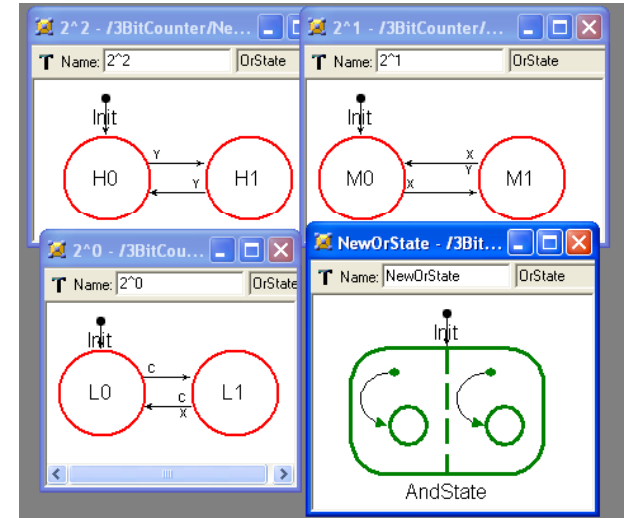
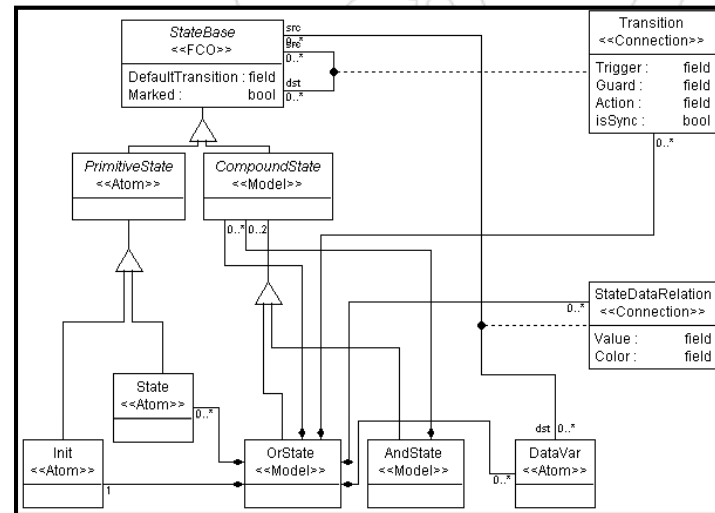
A metamodeling language is one of the DSML-s.

Semantics of metamodeling languages: structural semantics.

**Key Concept:** Modeling languages define a set of *well-formed models* and their *interpretations*. The interpretations are mappings from one domain to another domain.



Basic metamodeling notation: UML Class Diagram + OCL



MetaGME metamodel of simple statecharts Model-editor generated from metamodel



# Formalization of Structural Semantics



$$L = \langle Y, R_Y, C, ([ ]_{i \in J}) \rangle$$
$$D(Y, C) = \{r \in R_Y \mid r \models C\}$$
$$[ ]: R_Y \mapsto R_Y$$

$Y$ : set of concepts,  
 $R_Y$ : set of possible model realizations  
 $C$ : set of constraints over  $R_Y$   
 $D(Y, C)$ : domain of well-formed models  
[ ]: interpretations

Jackson & Sz. '2007  
Jackson, Schulte, Sz. '2008  
Jackson & Sz. '2009

**Key Concept:** DSML syntax is understood as a constraint system that identifies behaviorally meaningful models.  
**Structural semantics provides mathematical formalism for interpreting models as well-formed structures.**

**Structural Semantics** defines modeling domains using term algebra extended with Logic Programming.  
This mathematical structure is the semantic domain of metamodeling languages.

## Use of structural semantics:

- Conformance testing:  $x \in D$
- Non-emptiness checking:  $D(Y, C) \neq \{nil\}$
- DSML composing:  $D_1 * D_2 \mid D_1 + D_2 \mid D' \text{ includes } D \mid \dots$
- Model finding:  $S = \{s \in D \mid s \models P\}$
- Transforming:  $m' = T(m); m' \in X; m \in Y$

## Microsoft Research Tool: FORMULA

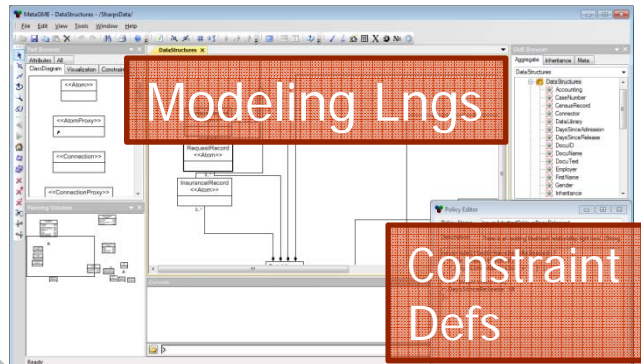
- Fragment of LP is equivalent to full first-order logic
- Provide semantic domain for model transformations.



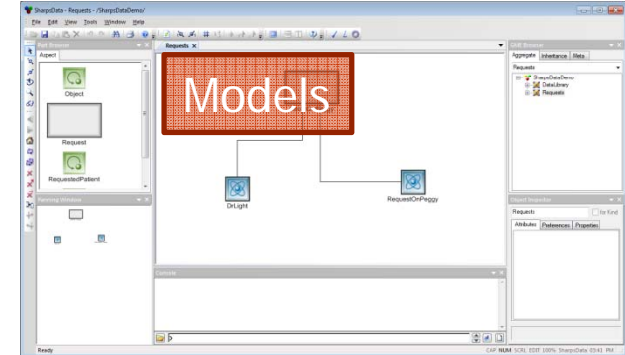
# GME-FORMULA Tool Interfaces



## Generic Modeling Environment (ISIS)



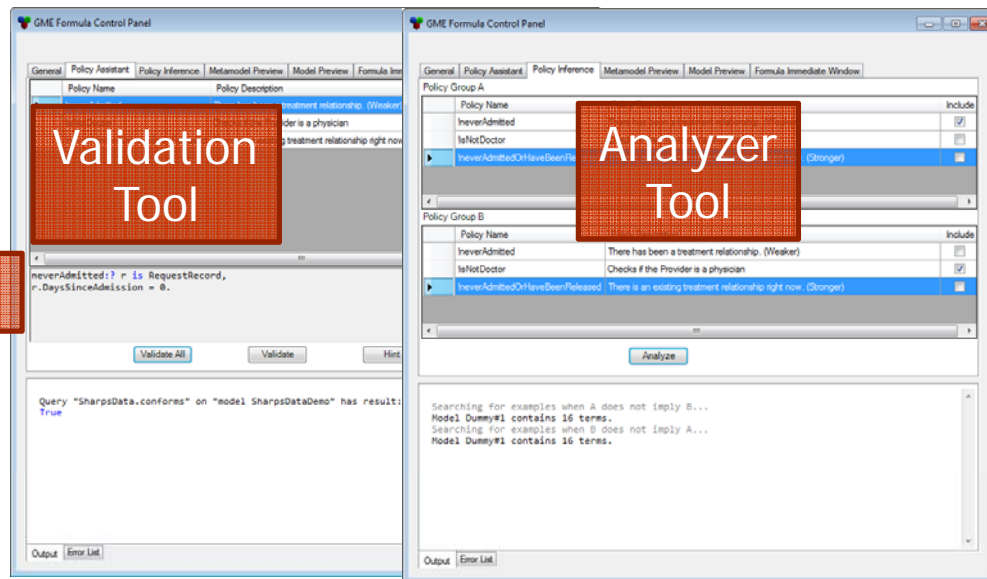
Relations among  
Modeling lngs and  
Models  
...



Metamodel  
Translator

Model  
Translator

Formula Domain



Formula Model

FORMULA (Microsoft Research)



## Ongoing Work



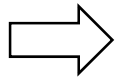
- FORMULA (Schulte, Jackson et al, MSR) - A tool suite for building models and analyzing their properties. Co-developed with the European Microsoft Innovation Center (EMIC), Aachen, Germany
- GME-FORMULA translator – Extension of the MIC tool suite (VU-ISIS in cooperation with MSR)
- Analysis tools – Domain and Model Equivalence, Domain Composition, Model Completion (VU-ISIS in cooperation with MSR)



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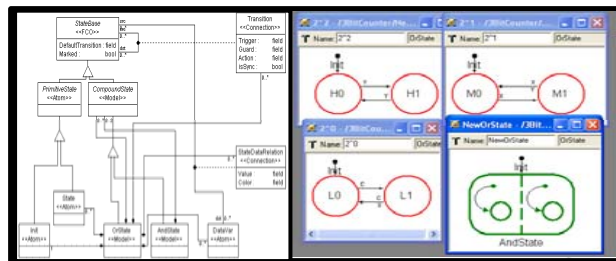
- Given a DSML

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- Behavioral semantics will be defined by specifying the transformation between the DSML and a modeling language with behavioral semantics.



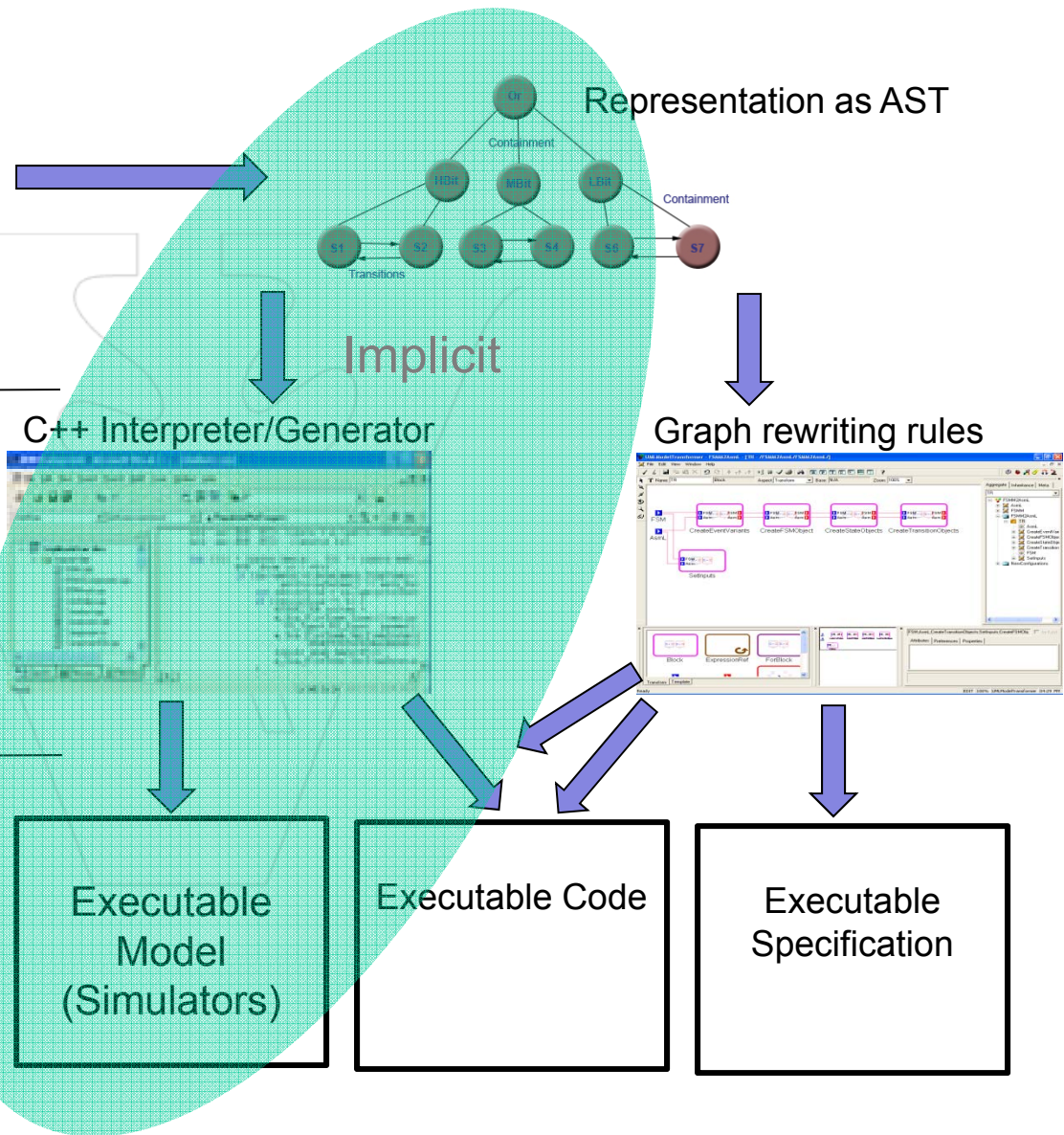
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$$[ ]: R_Y \mapsto R_{Y'}$$

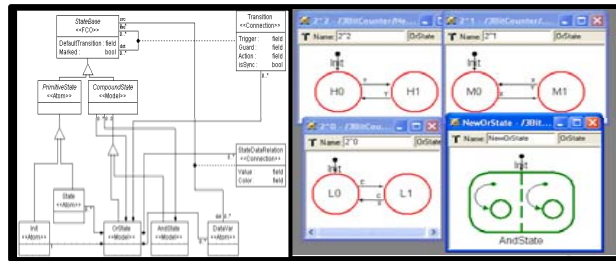
$$D(Y', C') = \{r \in R_{Y'} \mid r \models C'\}$$
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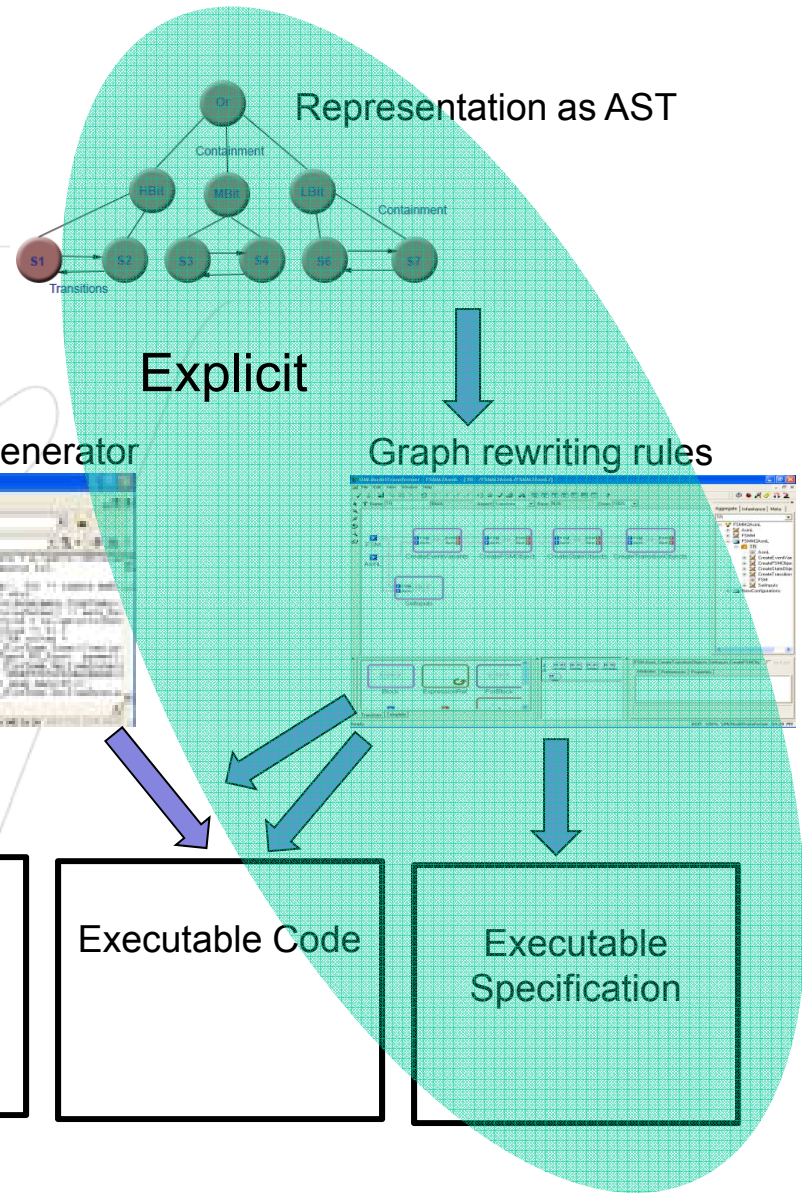


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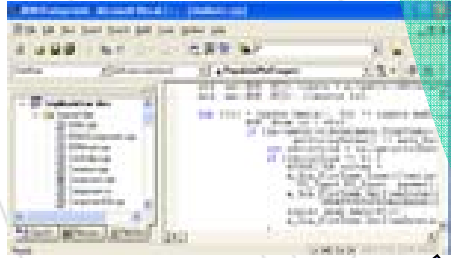
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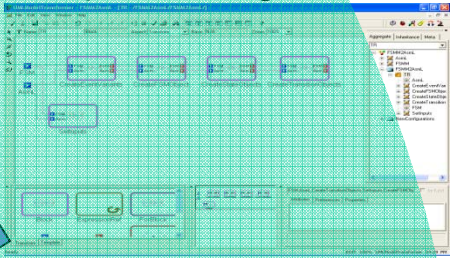
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C++ Interpreter/Generator



Graph rewriting rules



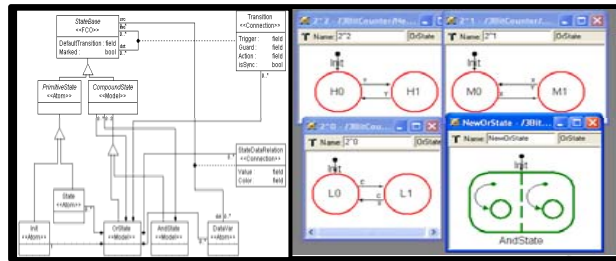
Executable Model (Simulators)

Executable Code

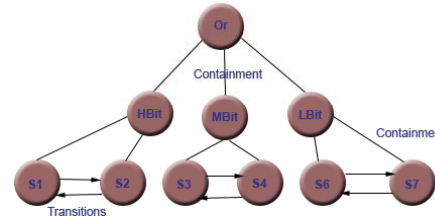
Executable Specification



# Specifying Behavioral Semantics With Semantic Anchoring



Representation as AST

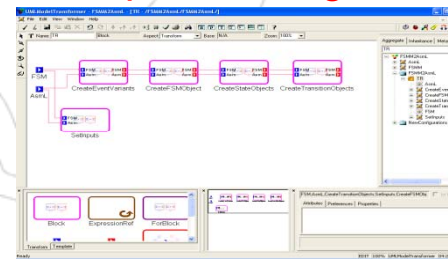


MIC-UDM  
MIC-GME

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Graph rewriting rules



MIC-GReAT  
(Karsai, VU-ISIS)

Abstract State Machine Formalism

$$D(Y', C') = \{r \in R_{Y'} \mid r \models C'\}$$

$$[ ] : R_{Y'} \mapsto R_{Y''}$$

```

structure Event
  eventType as String
class State
  id as String
  initial as Boolean
  var active as Boolean - false
class Transition
  id as String
abstract class FSM
  id as String
  abstract property states as Set of State
  get
  abstract property transitions as Set of Transition
  get
  abstract property outTransitions as Map of <State, Set of Transition>
  get
  abstract property dstState as Map of <Transition, State>
  get
  abstract property triggerEventType as Map of <Transition, String>
  get
  abstract property outputEventType as Map of <Transition, String>
  get
  
```

Abstract Data Model

```

React (e as Event) as Event?
step
  let CS as State - GetCurrentState ()
step
  let enabledTs as Set of Transition - { t | t.in outTransitions (CS) where
    e.eventType = triggerEventType(t) }
step
  if Size (enabledTs) = 1 then
    choose 1 in enabledTs
  step
    // WriteLine ("Execute transition: " + t.id)
    CS.active := false
  step
    dstState(t).active := true
step
  if 1 in enabledTs then
    return Event(outputEventType(t))
  else
    return null
else
  if Size(enabledTs) > 1 then
    error ("NON-DETERMINISM ERROR")
  else
    return null
  
```

Model Interpreter



# Example Specification : FSM



## Abstract Data Model

```
structure Event
  eventType as String
class State
  initial    as Boolean
  var active as Boolean = false
class Transition
abstract class FSM
  abstract property states          as Set of State
  get
  abstract property transitions     as Set of Transition
  get
  abstract property outTransitions as Map of
    <State, Set of Transition>
  get
  abstract property dstState as Map of <Transition, State>
  get
  abstract property triggerEventType as Map of
    <Transition, String>
  get
  abstract property outputEventType as Map of
    <Transition, String>
  get
```

## Interpreter

```
abstract class FSM
  Run (e as Event) as Event?
  step
    let CS as State = GetCurrentState ()
  step
    let enabledTs as Set of Transition = {t | t in
      outTransitions (CS) where e.eventType =
      triggerEventType(t)}
  step
    if Size (enabledTs) >= 1 then
      choose t in enabledTs
      step
        CS.active := false
      step
        dstState(t).active := true
      step
        if t in me.outputEventType then
          return Event(outputEventType(t))
        else
          return null
    else
      return null
```

Underlying abstract machine - ASM Language: AsmL

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# Ongoing Work



- Semantic anchoring of DSMLs using “semantic units”
- Compositional specification of semantics for heterogeneous modeling languages
- Investigating alternative frameworks (e.g. based on FORMULA)



# Overview



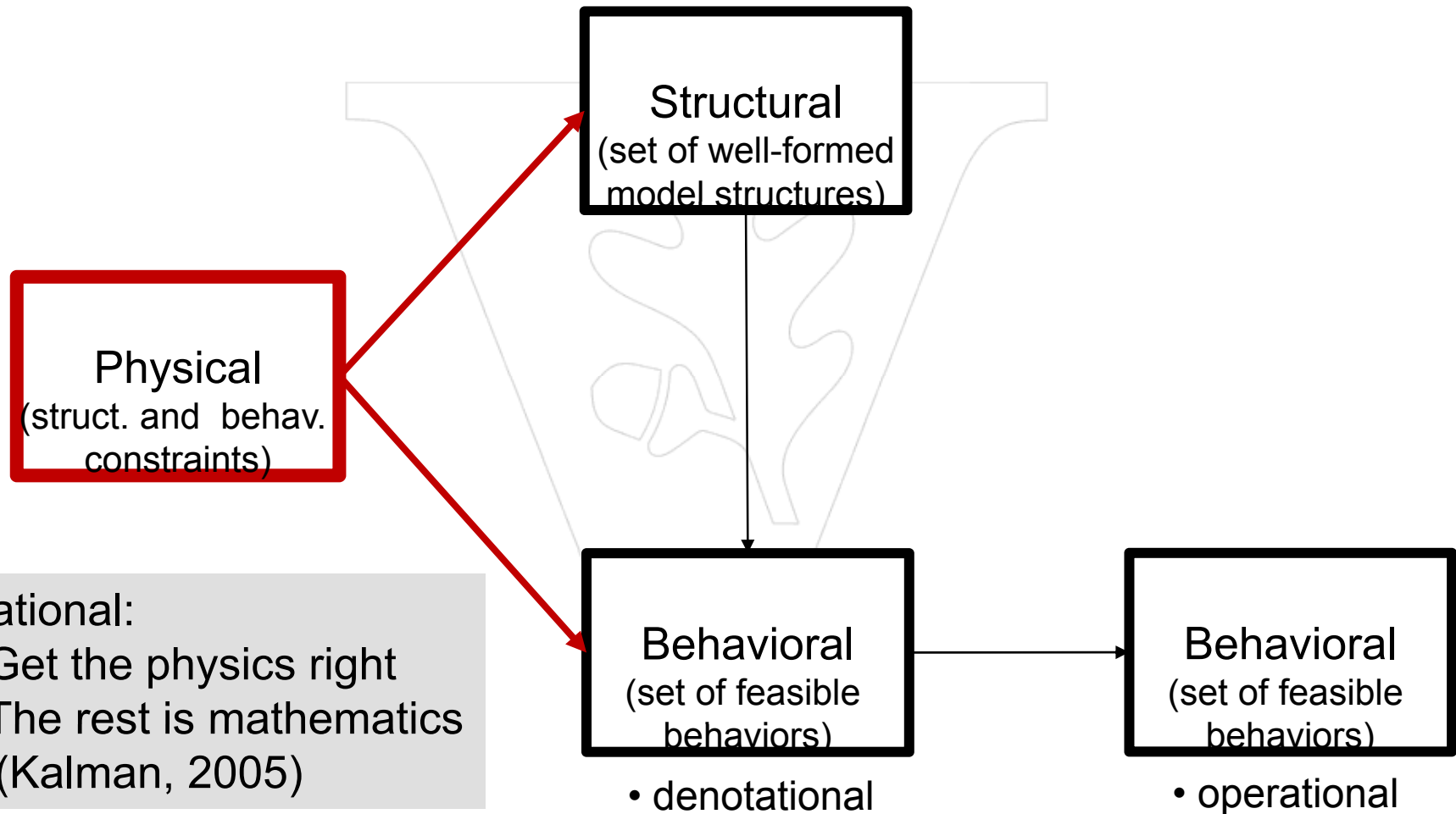
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# Capturing Physical Semantics

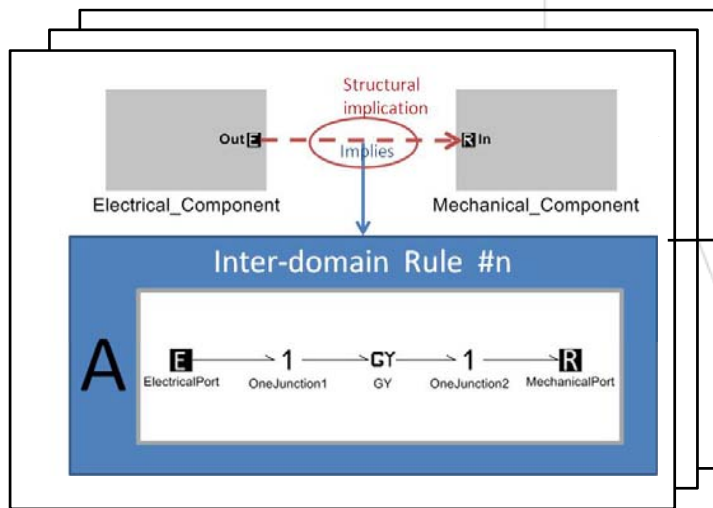
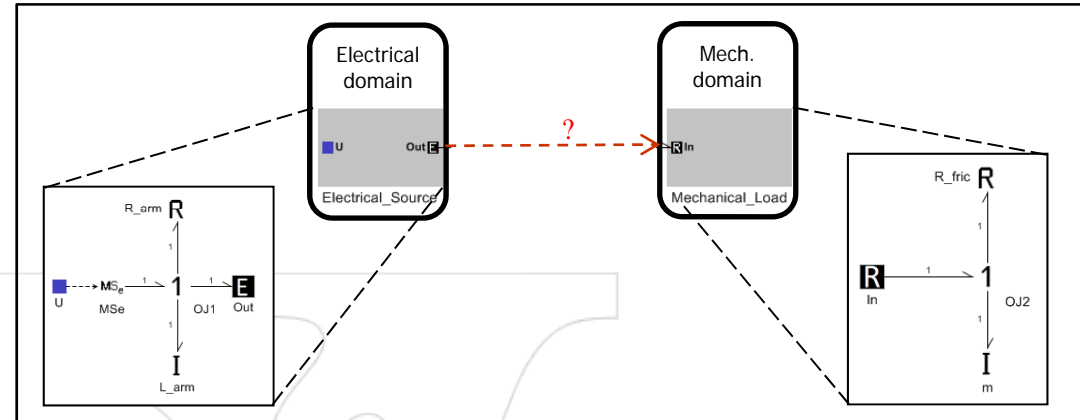
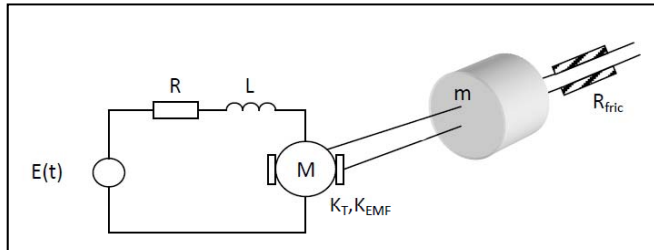


Modeling Language  
Semantics:

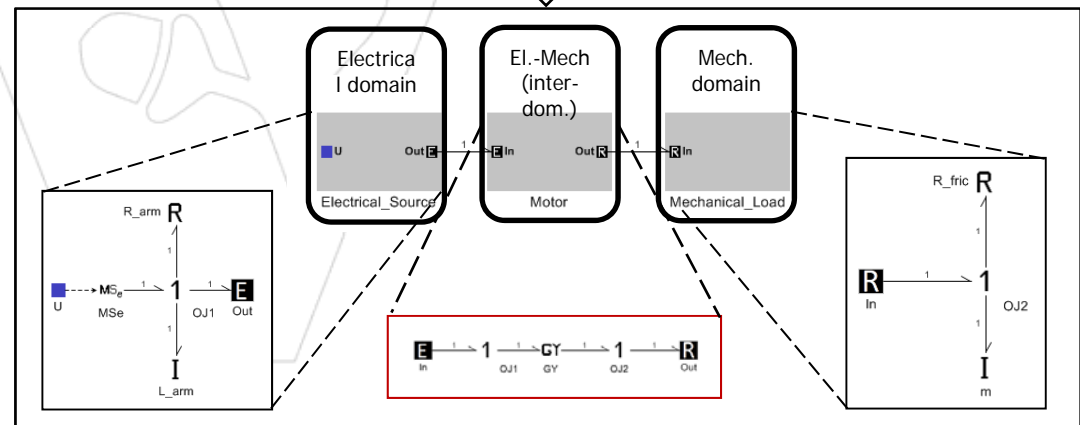




# Physical Semantics: Structural Implications 1/2

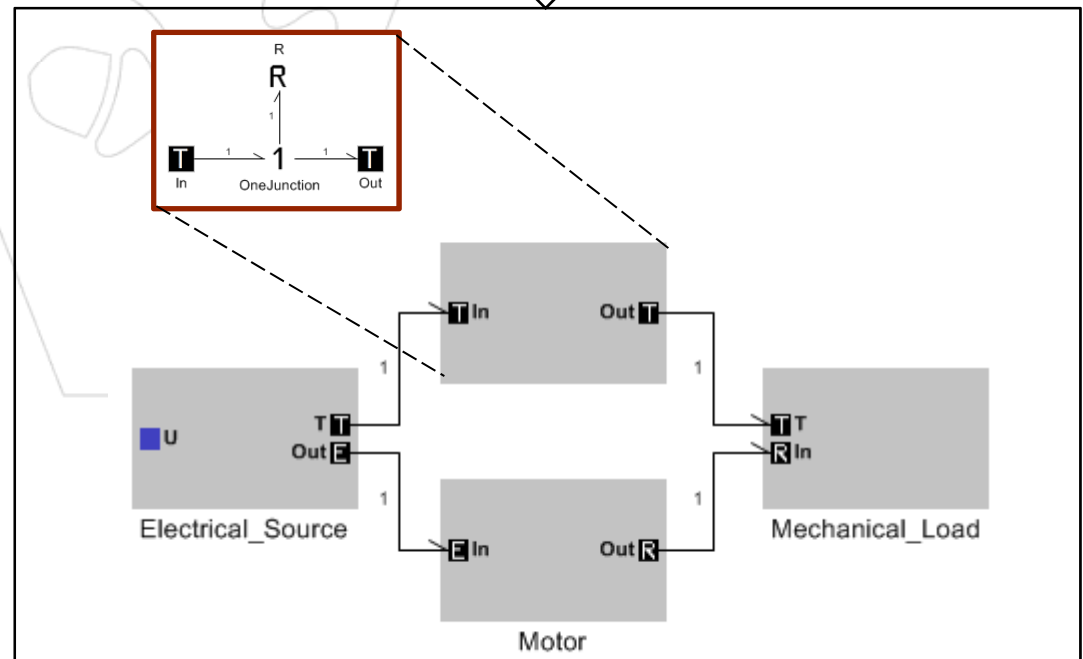
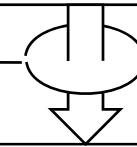
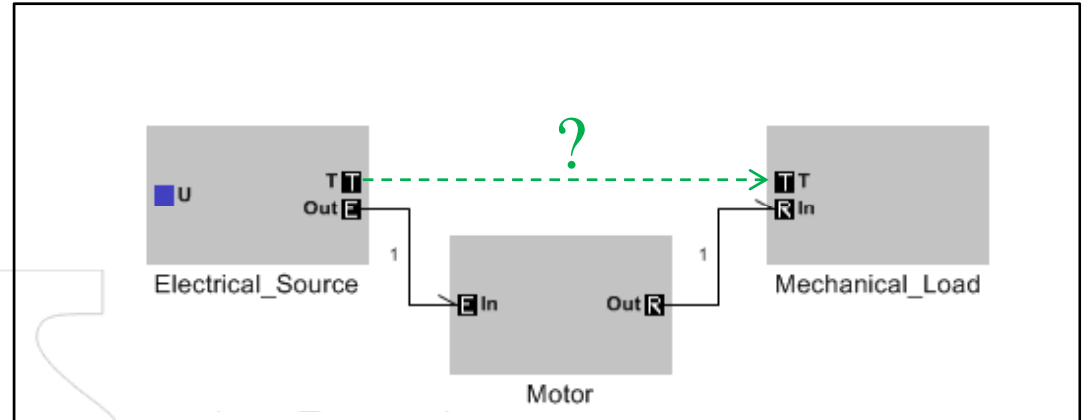
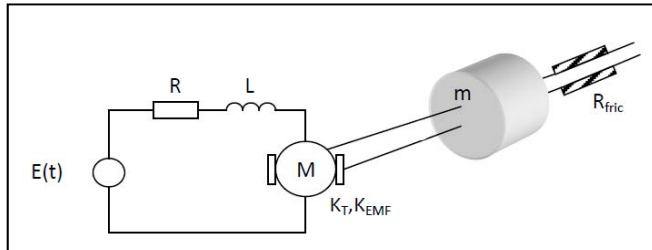


Energy is conserved at couplings between domains





# Physical Semantics: Structural Implications 2/2



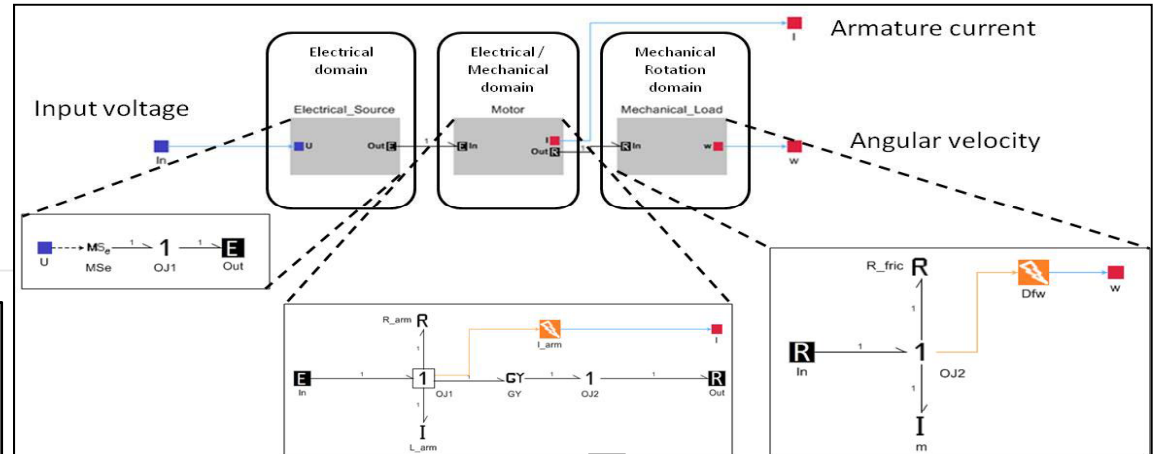
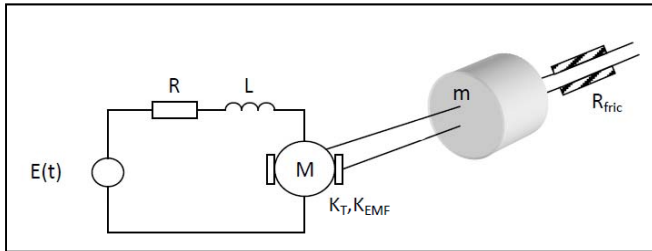
Collateral energy flow  
...other rules...

Heat energy  
generated on  
dissipative  
elements: creates  
additional energy  
coupling





# Physical Semantics: Behavioral Implications



## One Junction Rule

$$\sum_i e_i = 0$$

$$f_i = f_k; i, k \in N$$

Rate of power transfer between components is balanced

$$OJ1: e_1 - e_2 - e_3 - e_4 = 0$$

$$OJ1: f_1 = f_2 = f_3 = f_4$$

$$Se: e_1 = E(t)$$

$$R_{arm}: e_2 = R_{arm} * f_2$$

$$L_{arm}: e_3 = L_{arm} * \dot{f}_3$$

$$GY: e_5 = f_1 * K_T$$

$$GY: e_4 = f_2 * K_{EMF}$$

$$OJ2: e_5 - e_6 - e_7 = 0$$

$$OJ2: f_5 = f_6 = f_7$$

$$R_{fric}: e_6 = R_{fric} * f_6$$

$$m: e_7 = m * \dot{f}_7$$

Denotational  
behavioral  
semantics



# Physical Semantics: Ongoing Work

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- Extend metamodeling language and metaprogrammable modeling tool (GME) with *generative constructs*
- Make specification of generative modeling constructs integrated with metamodeling
- Extend structural semantics and tools with dynamic constructs
- Develop rule libraries for relevant cross-physical domains (**in progress**)



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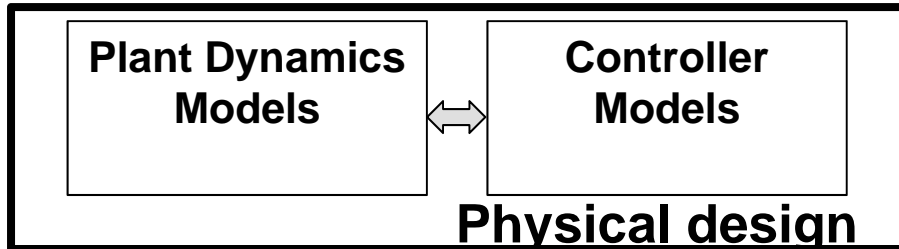


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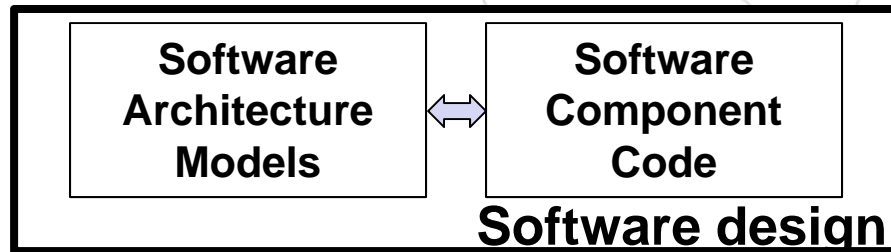


# Integration Inside Abstraction

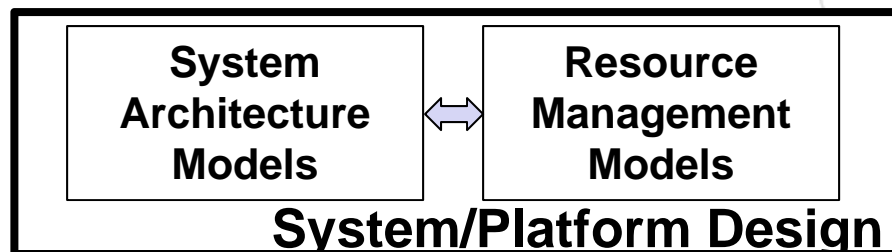
## Layers: Composition



- Dynamics:**  $B(t) = \kappa_p(B_1(t), \dots, B_j(t))$
- *Properties:* stability, safety, performance
  - *Abstractions:* continuous time, functions, signals, flows,...



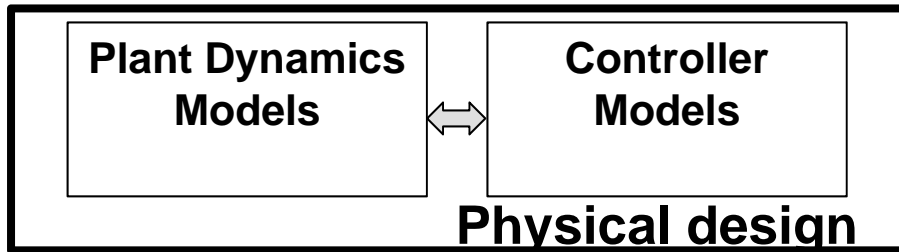
- Software :**  $B(i) = \kappa_c(B_1(i), \dots, B_k(i))$
- *Properties:* deadlock, invariants, security,...
  - *Abstractions:* logical-time, concurrency, atomicity, ideal communication,...



- Systems :**  $B(t_j) = \kappa_p(B_1(t_i), \dots, B_k(t_i))$
- *Properties:* timing, power, security, fault tolerance
  - *Abstractions:* discrete-time, delays, resources, scheduling,

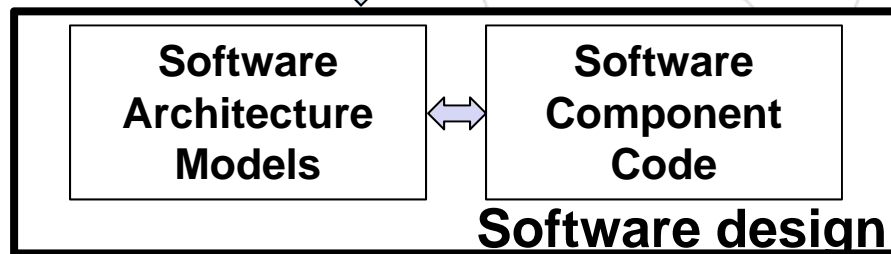


# Integration Across Abstraction Layers: Much Unsolved Problems



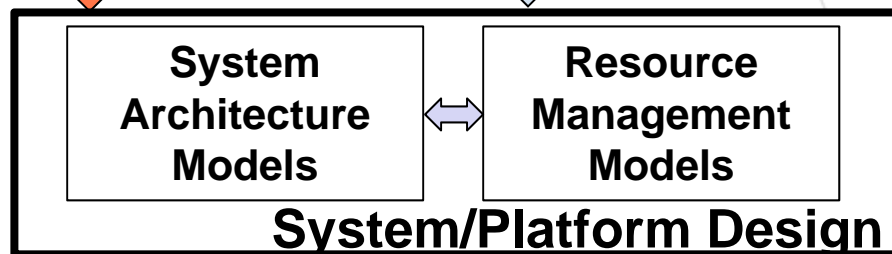
*Controller dynamics* is developed without considering implementation uncertainties (e.g. word length, clock accuracy ) optimizing performance.

**Assumption:** Effects of digital implementation can be neglected

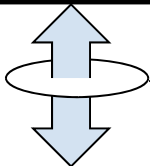
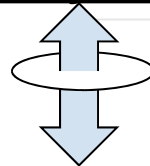
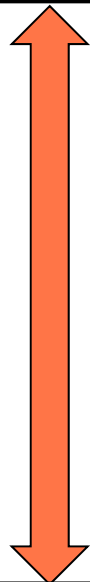


*Software architecture models* are developed without explicitly considering systems platform characteristics, even though key behavioral properties depend on it.

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*System-level architecture* defines implementation platform configuration. Scheduling, network uncertainties, etc. are introduced and may require re-verification of key properties on all levels.





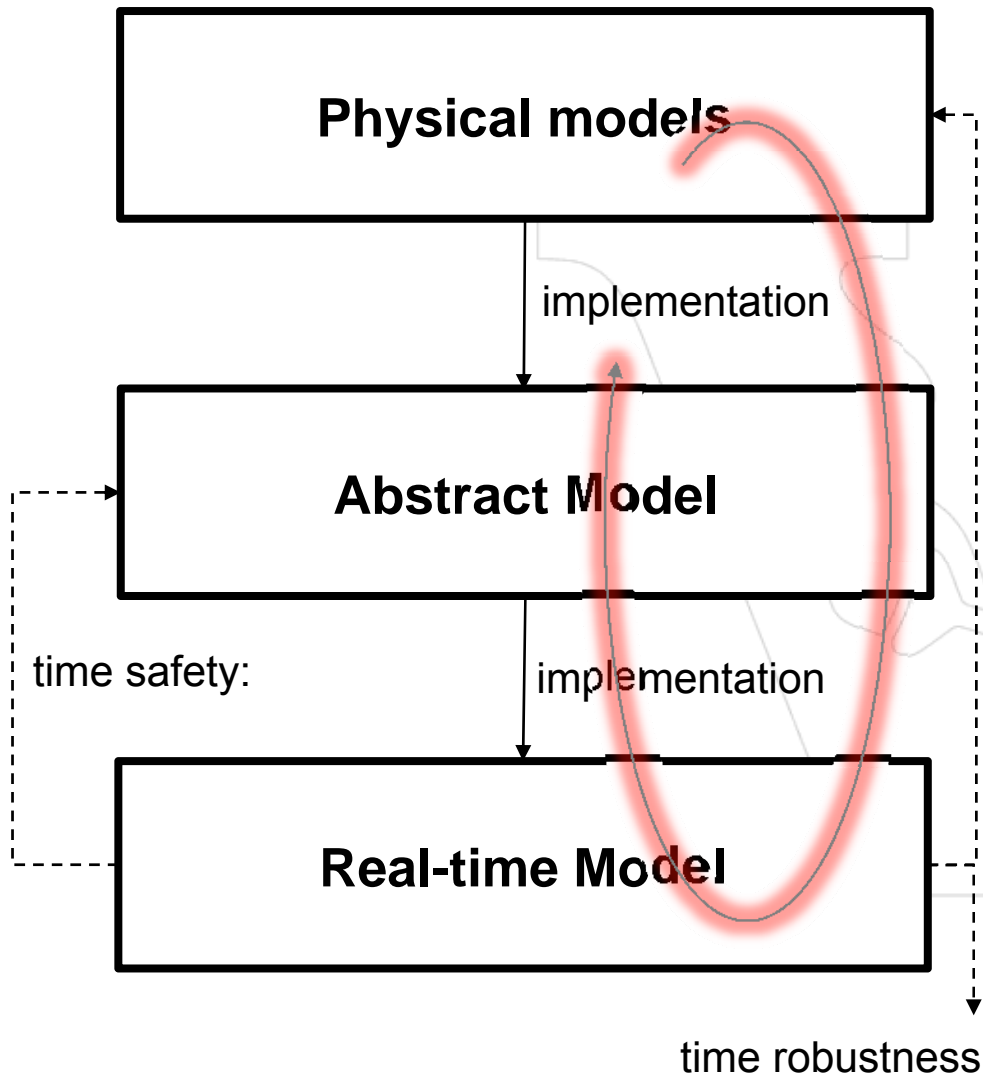
# Dealing With Leaky Abstractions



- Leaky abstractions are caused by lack of composability across system layers.  
Consequences:
  - intractable interactions
  - unpredictable system level behavior
  - full-system verification does not scale
- Solution: simplification strategies
  - ***Decoupling***: Use design concepts that decouple systems layers for selected properties
  - ***Cross-layer Abstractions***: Develop methods that can handle effects of cross-layer interactions



# Example for Decoupling: Passive Dynamics



## Goals:

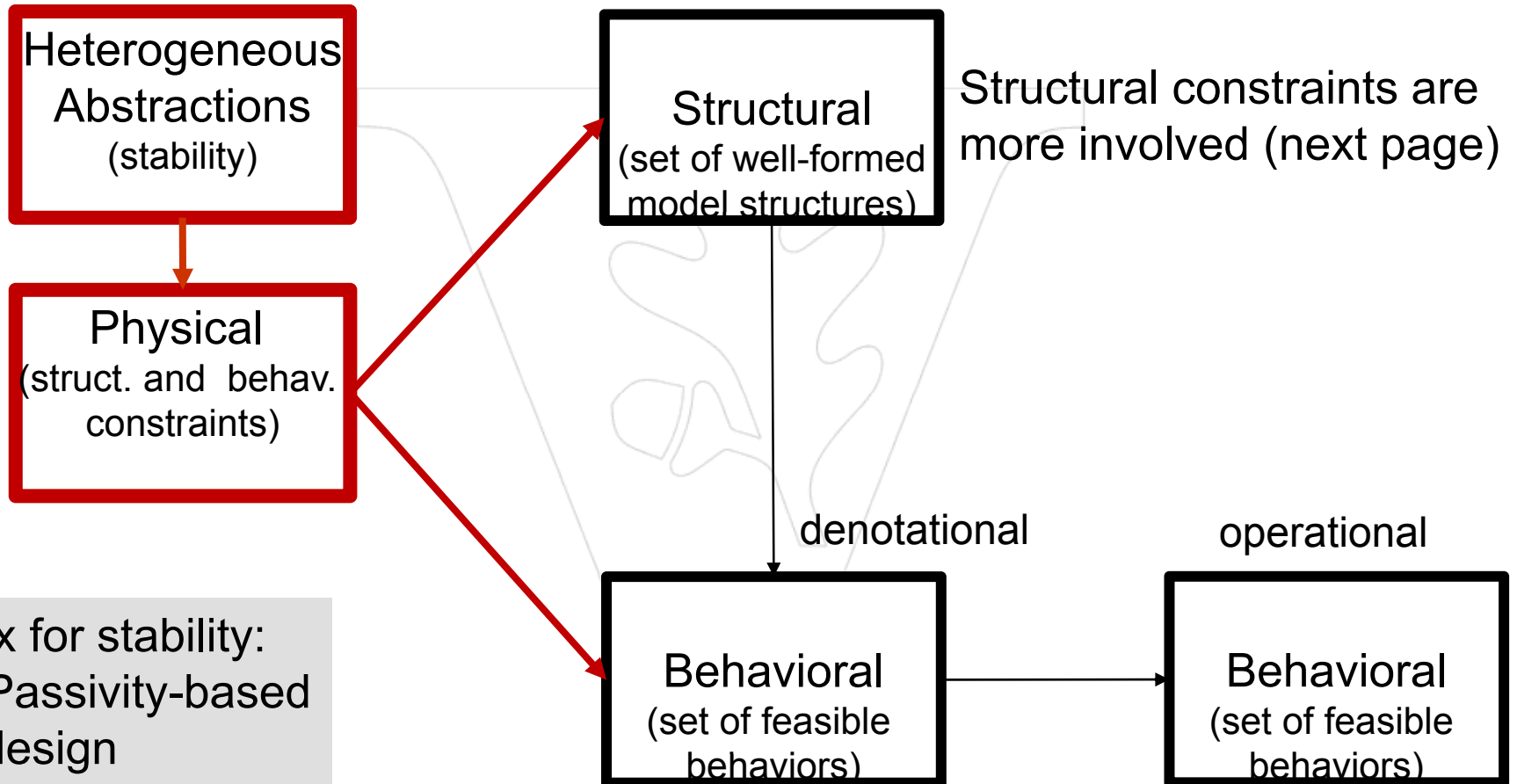
- **Effect of “leaky abstraction”:** loss of stability due to implementation-induced time delays (networks, schedulers)
- **Passivity** of dynamics decouples stability from time varying delays
- **Compositional** verification of essential dynamic properties
  - stability
  - safety
- **Hugely decreased verification complexity**
- **Hugely increased flexibility**



# Passivity-based Design and Modeling Languages 1/4



Modeling Language Semantics:



Fix for stability:  
 • Passivity-based design

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= f(x, u) \\ y &= h(x, u). \end{aligned} \left| \int_{t_1}^{t_2} u^T(t)y(t)dt + V(x(t_1)) \geq V(x(t_2)) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \text{for all } t_2 \geq t_1 \text{ and the input } u(t) \in U \quad [\text{Antsaklis '2008}] \right.$$

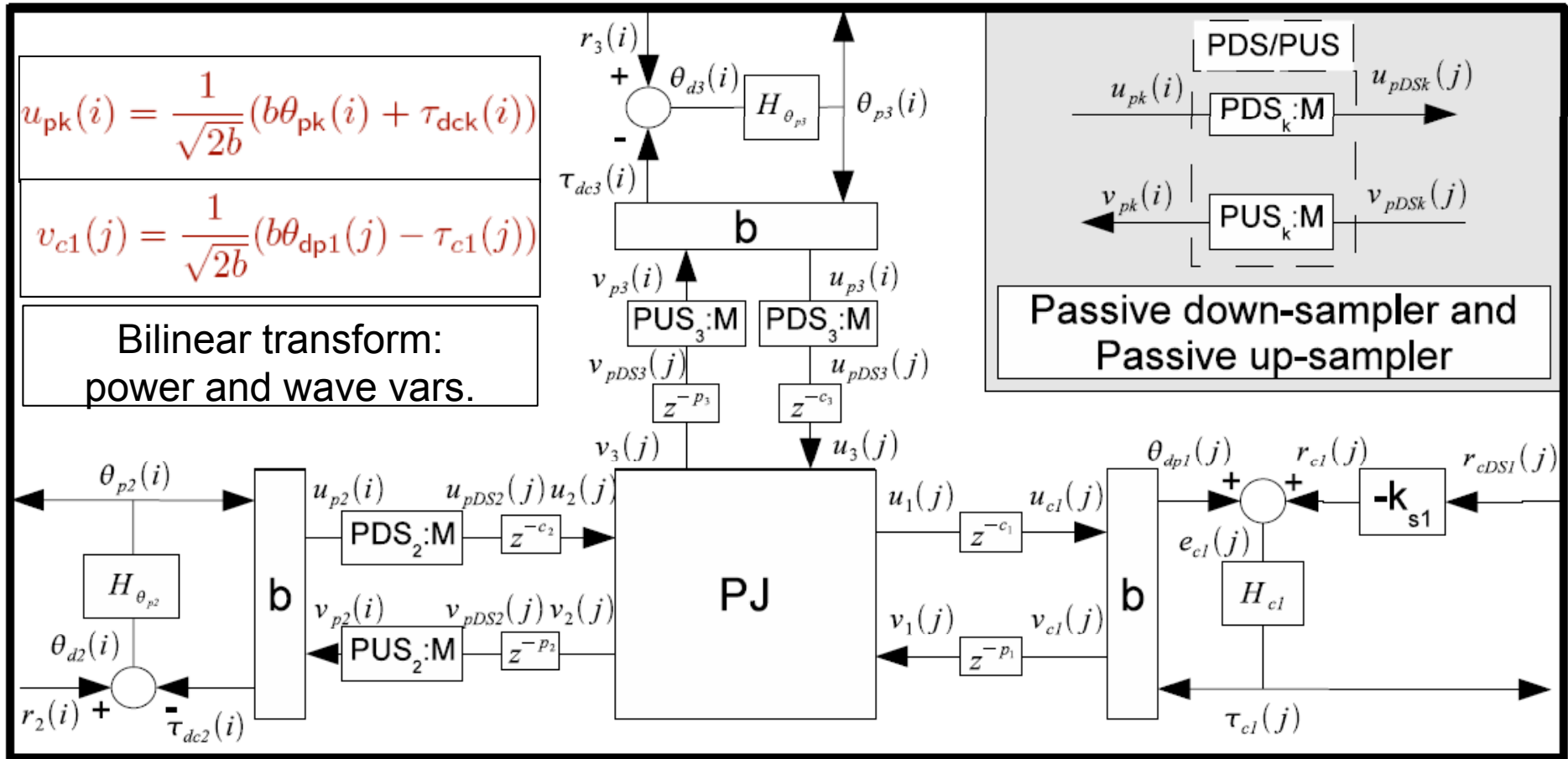




# Passivity-based Design and Modeling Languages 2/4



Constrain modeling language with constructs below:



- Bilinear transform (b)
- Power and Wave variables
- Passive down- and up-sampler (PUS, PDS)

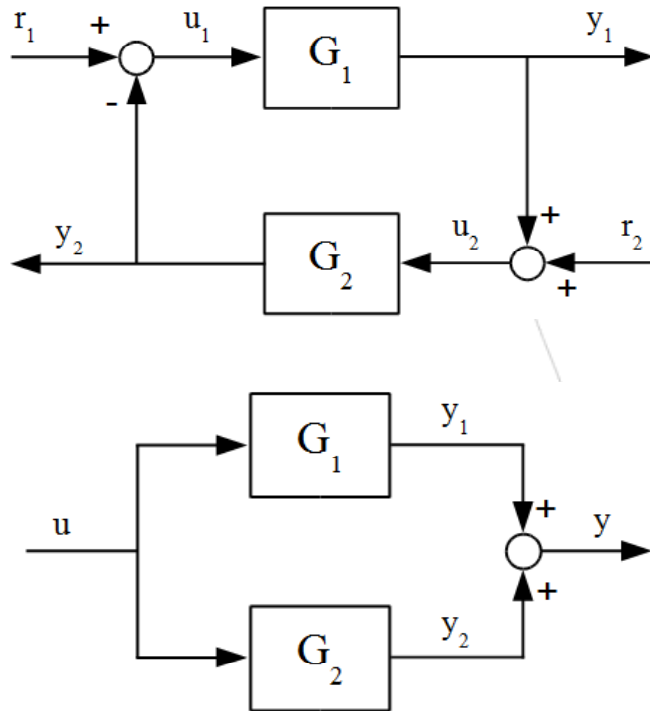
- Delays [Kottenstette'2011]
- Power junction
- Passive dynamical system



# Passivity-based Design and Modeling Languages 3/4



Constrain modeling language with composition constraints below:



negative feedback interconnection of two passive systems is passive

parallel interconnection of two passive systems is still passive

Extensive research in the VU/ND/UMD NSF project toward correct-by-construction design environments (where *correct-by-construction means what the term suggest*)



# Passivity-based Design and Modeling Languages 4/4



Constrain modeling language behavior with these constraints (for LTI)

- For LTI passive systems, we can always assume quadratic storage function

$$V(x) = \frac{1}{2} x^T P x \quad \text{where} \quad P = P^T > 0.$$

- For continuous-time system this leads to the following LMI

$$\begin{bmatrix} A^T P + P A & P B - C^T \\ B^T P - C & -D - D^T \end{bmatrix} \leq 0$$

- In discrete-time the LMI becomes the following

$$\begin{bmatrix} A^T P A - P & A^T P B - C^T \\ B^T P A - C & B^T P B - D - D^T \end{bmatrix} \leq 0$$



# Summary



- Penetration of networking and computing in engineered systems forces a grand convergence across engineering disciplines.
- Signs of this convergence presents new opportunities and challenges for formal methods research:
  - New foundation for model integration – emergence of metaprogrammable tool suites and multi-modeling
  - Embedding physical semantics in modeling languages
- Model-based design facilitates a necessary convergence among software, system, control and network engineering



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## About the CPS Name...



“What’s in a name?

That which we call a rose by any other name  
would smell as sweet”

– Shakespeare