

# **FROM MBSE TO MDSE**

How Digitalization impacts Systems Engineering

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# HOW DIGITIZATION OF SYSTEMS ENGINEERING IMPACTS THE SYSTEM ENGINEER

- Systems engineering is in a transformation process based on the data use (an authoritative source of truth) and collaboration using models (collaborative integrated modeling environments).

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→ So, how can we let the computer do our work?

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# NL Innovation Tracks



## Digital transformation & Innovation Strategy

- Ideation methodologies
- Problem solving technics
- Roadmapping
- Servitization
- Design thinking
- Business model challenge
- Building inventive organizations



## Future of engineering

- Agile transformation
- MBSE Tooling
- Legacy software unwinding
- Tech radar (AI, Blockchain, ML)
- Engineering automation
- Formal method validation & verification
- Intelligent Testing



## Factory of the future

- Sensoring
- Digital twin
- Robots
- VR / AR / MR
- Virtual factory
- Modelling & Code generation
- IoT architecture and analytics



## Future of Healthcare

- Quality control & validation
- Regulatory compliance
- Data science & Analytics
- Therapeutic device development
- Patient monitoring
- Digital imaging



## Future of mobility

- E-mobility
- Battery developments
- E-component modelling
- Autonomous architecture
- Sensor developments
- V2X communication
- ADAS/AD
- Drones

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# INSIGHT - MARCH 2020

## VOLUME 23 / ISSUE 1

The “**AI4SE**” and “**SE4AI**” labels have become metaphors for an upcoming rapid evolutionary phase in the systems engineering Community.

- **AI4SE** applies augmented intelligence and machine learning techniques to support systems engineering practices.
  - Goals in such applications include achieving scale in model construction and confidence in design space exploration.
- **SE4AI** applies systems engineering methods to learning based systems’ design and operation.

*Key research application areas include developing principles for learning-based systems design, life cycle evolution models, and model curation methods.*

# INSIGHT 23/1: SERC RESEARCH

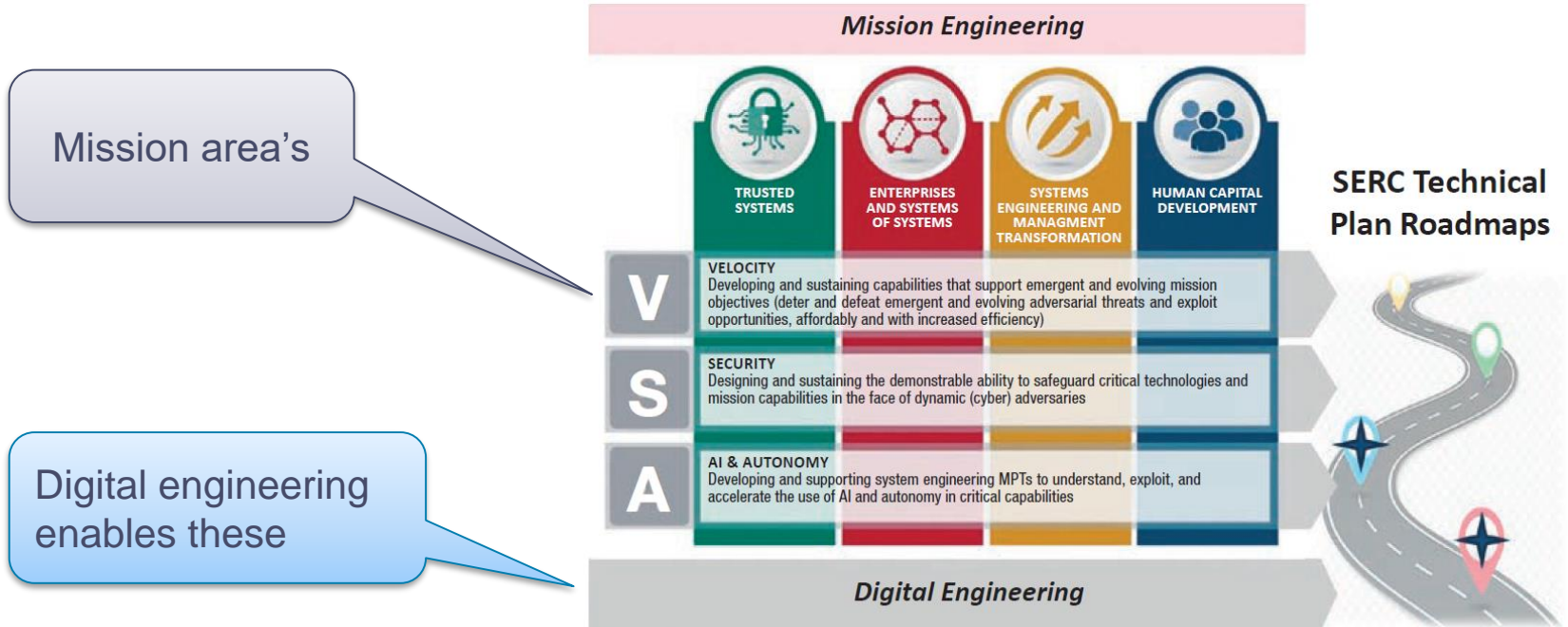


Figure 1. SERC research areas and missions

## INSIGHT 23/1: DIGITAL ENGINEERING AS THE ENABLER

Digital Engineering transforms systems engineering from *document-based* methods and artifacts to *linked digital data and models*

- Digital engineering forms the basis for all three SERC crosscutting missions and resulting research roadmaps.
- Systems engineering is in a transformation process based on the data use (an authoritative source of truth) and collaboration using models (collaborative integrated modeling environments).

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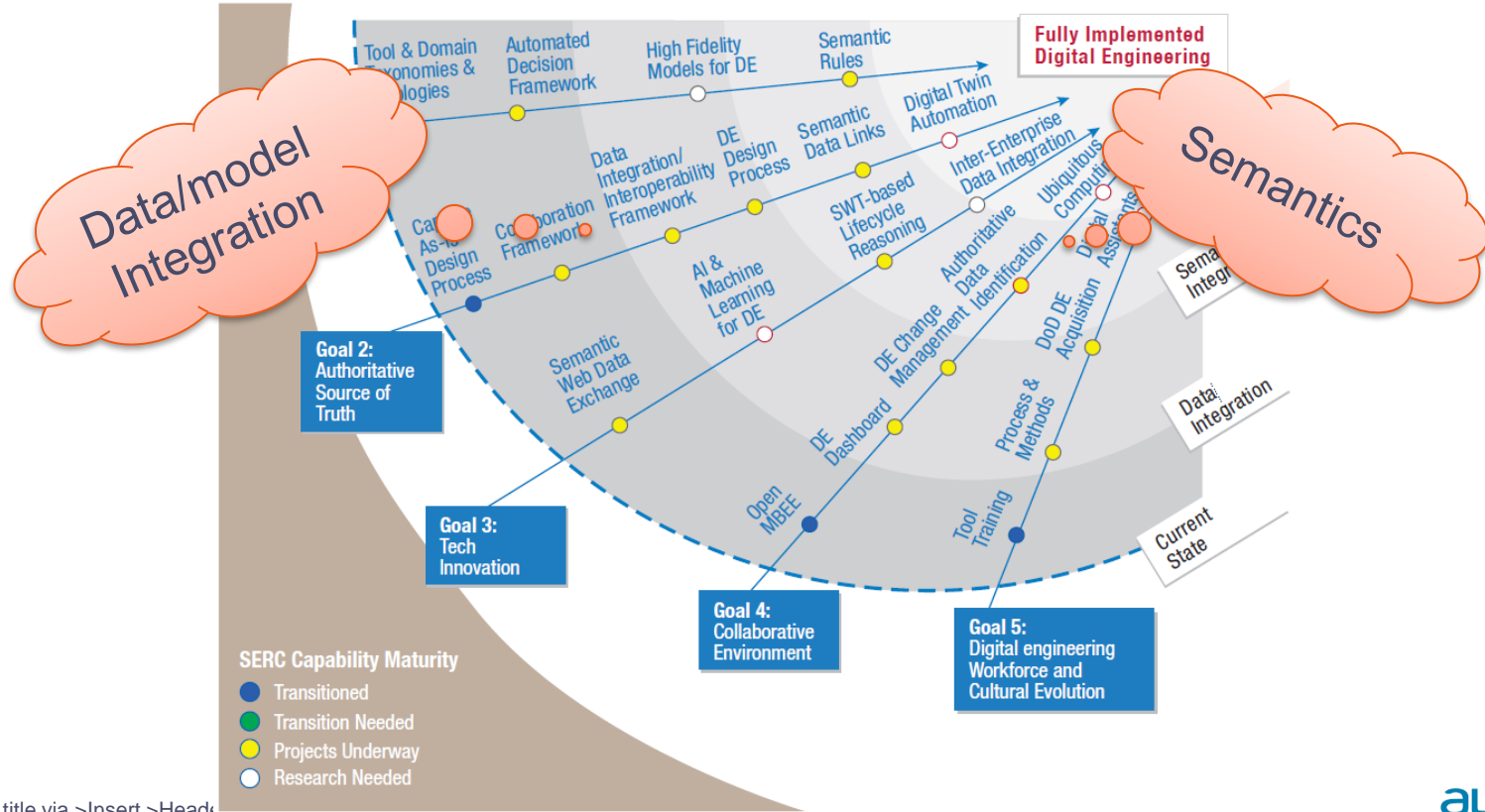


Figure 2. SERC digital engineering roadmap

# INSIGHT 23/1:

Systems Engineering Process Evolution through Digital Engineering – the evolution of systems engineering process to learning technologies and automation and the transition to a digital engineering data driven basis for engineering which allows automation and learning.

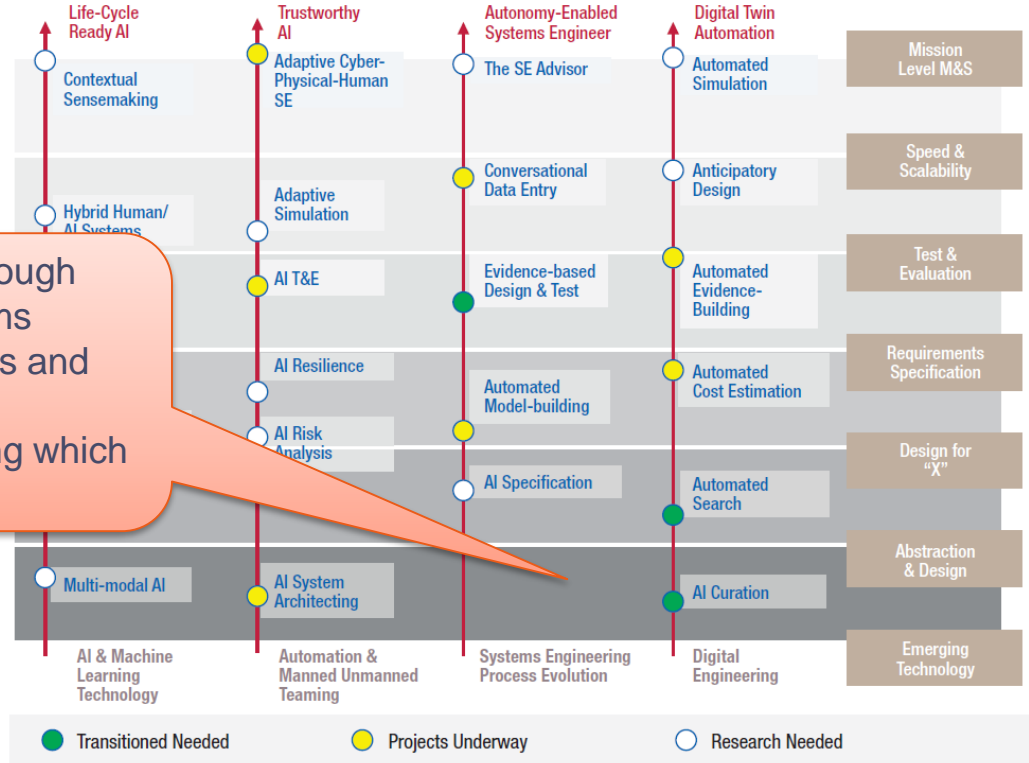


Figure 4. SERC AI and autonomy roadmap



# INCOSE SE HANDBOOK

- 4.3.2.2 : Characteristics and Attributes of Good Requirements
  - Unambiguous : “... A *glossary* should be used...”
- 7.6 : Knowledge Management (KM)
  - *Taxonomy*
  - *Domain models*, domain architecture patterns

# CAPTURING DOMAIN KNOWLEDGE

- Lexicon [List of terms]
- Controlled vocabulary [Controlled list of permitted terms]
- Glossary [Terms + definitions in natural language]
- Taxonomy [Glossary + Concepts hierarchy]
- Thesaurus [Thesaurus + non-hierarchical relations]
- Ontology [Domain specific formalized thesaurus for computerized interpretation]
  - E.g. SWT (OWL), Metamodeling (MOF)

*Enriched: with behavioral descriptions*

- *Domain models, Object-event models, System models*

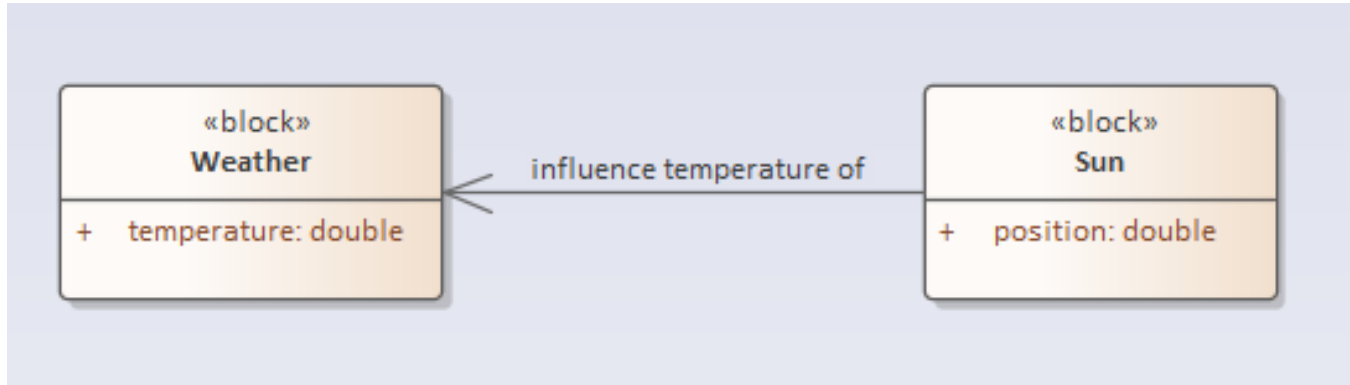
## Capture Semantics: Mapping Ontologies

- Transformations, Inference, Reasoning
- Upper / Basic / Foundation (formal) Ontologies (BFO, DOLCE)

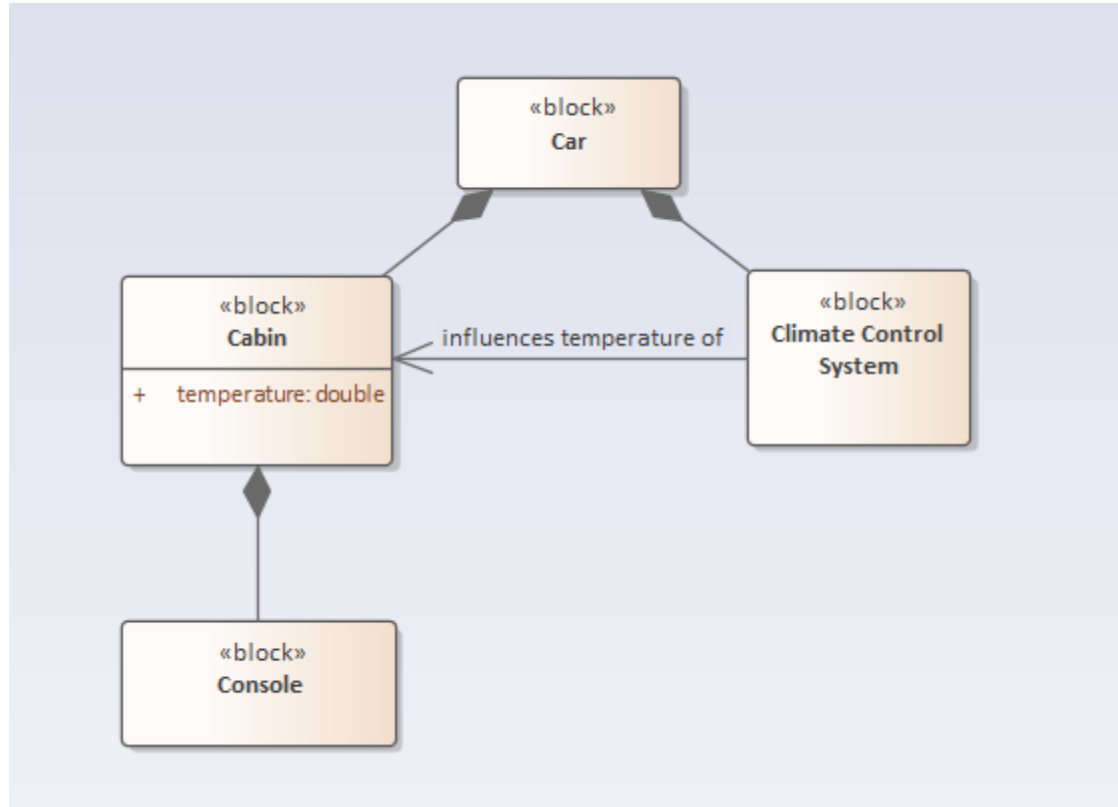
# MBSE

WE NEED TO MODEL, BUT HOW?

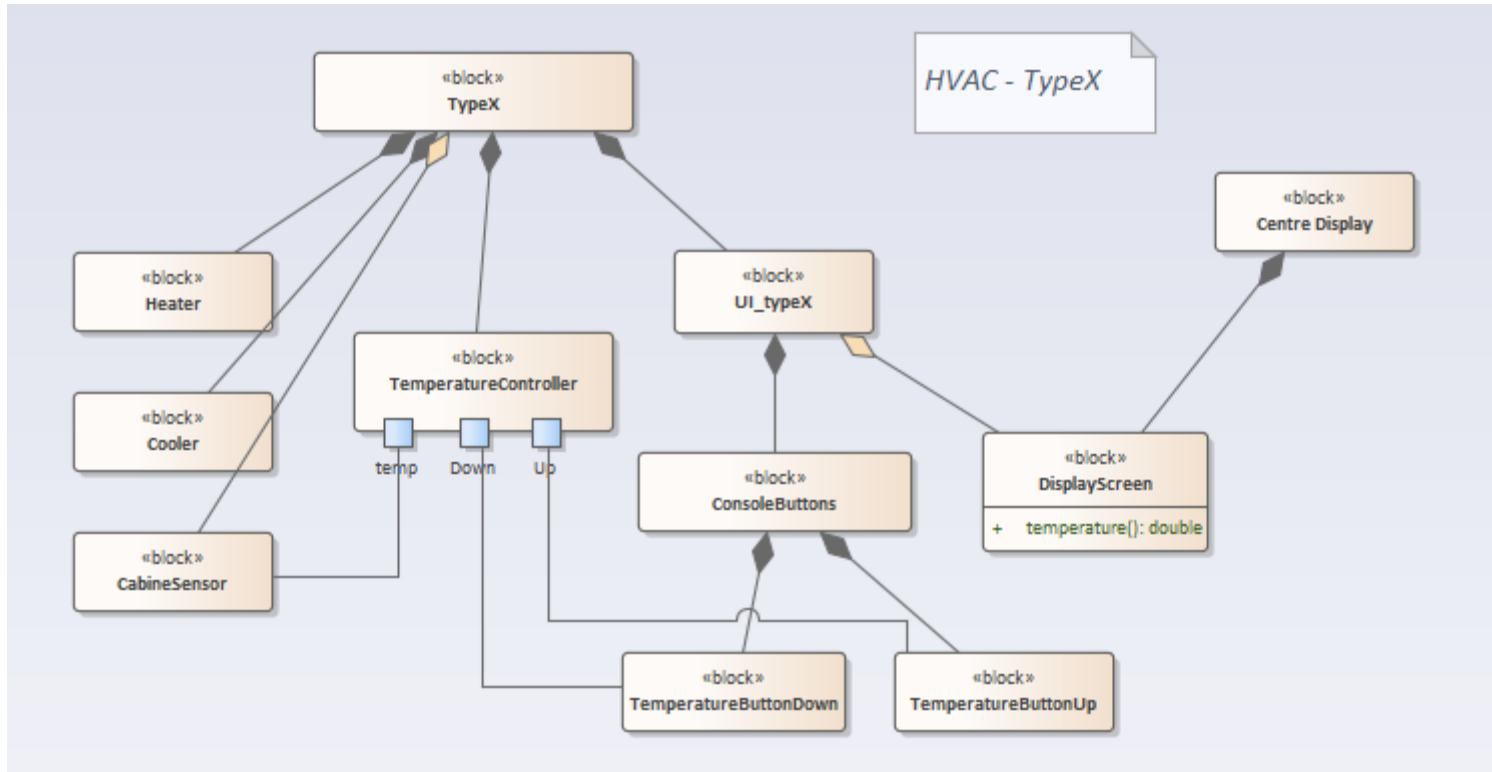
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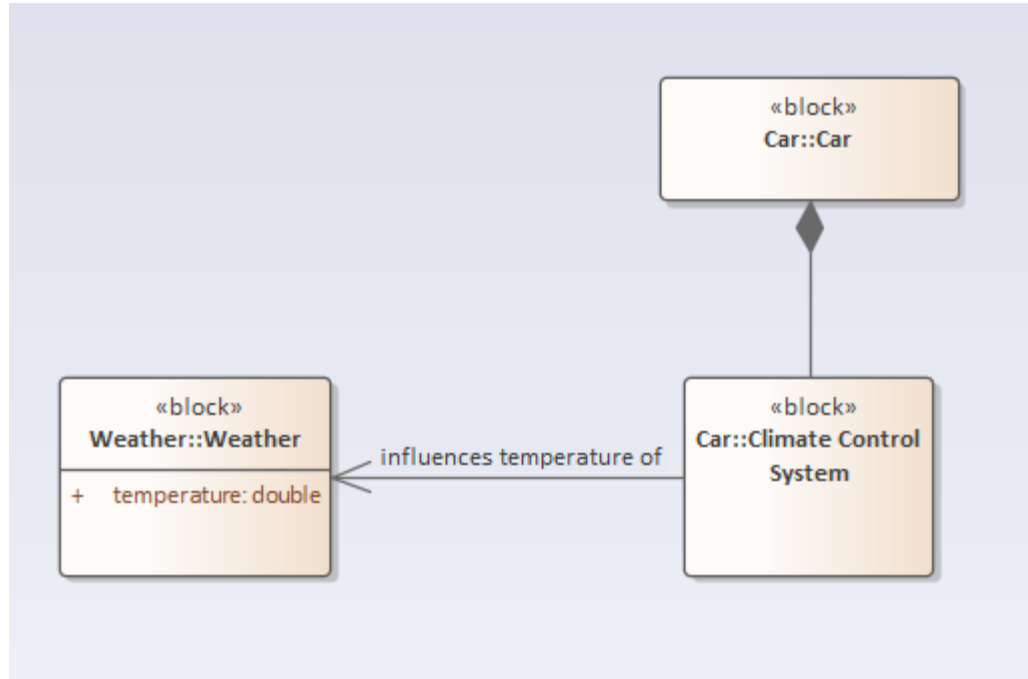
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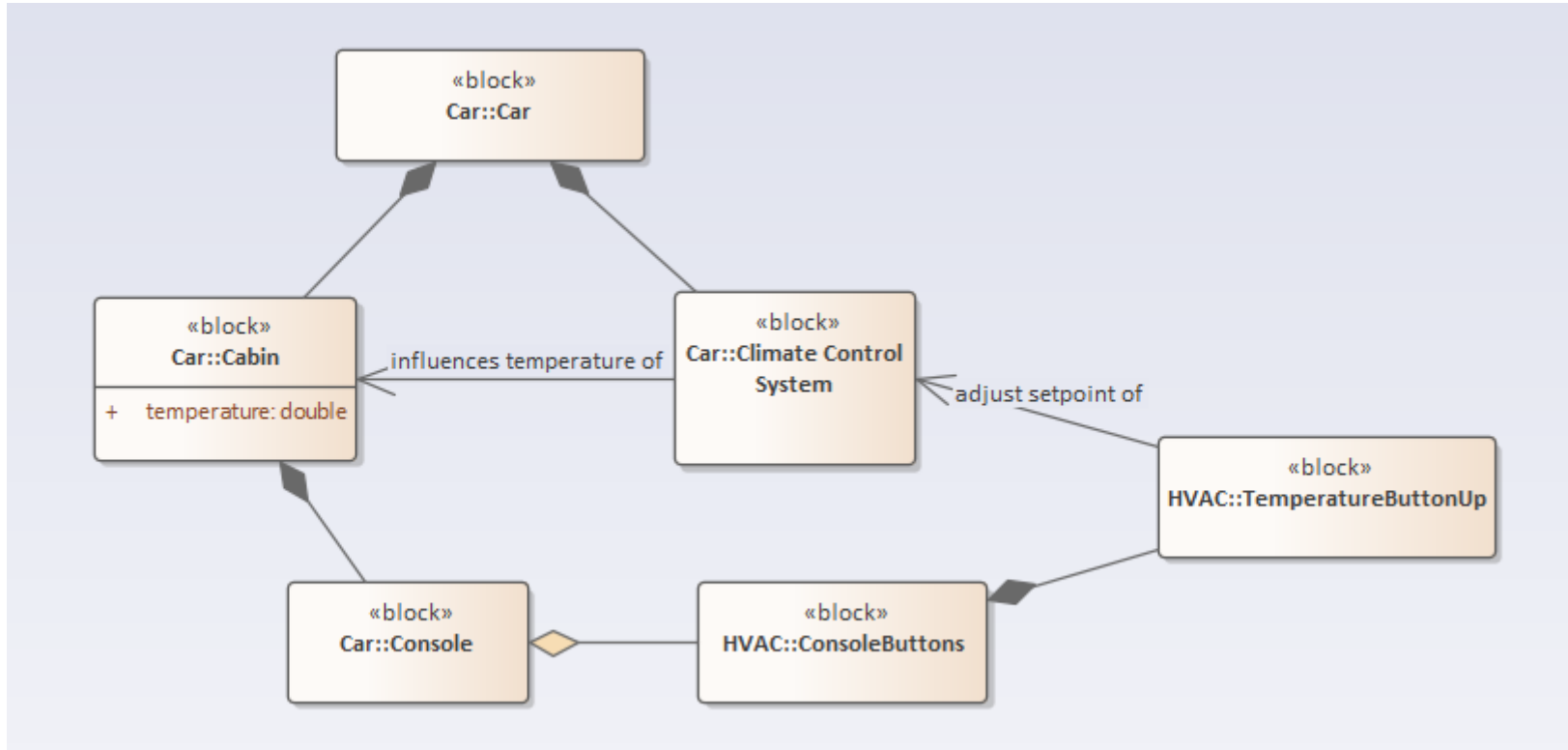
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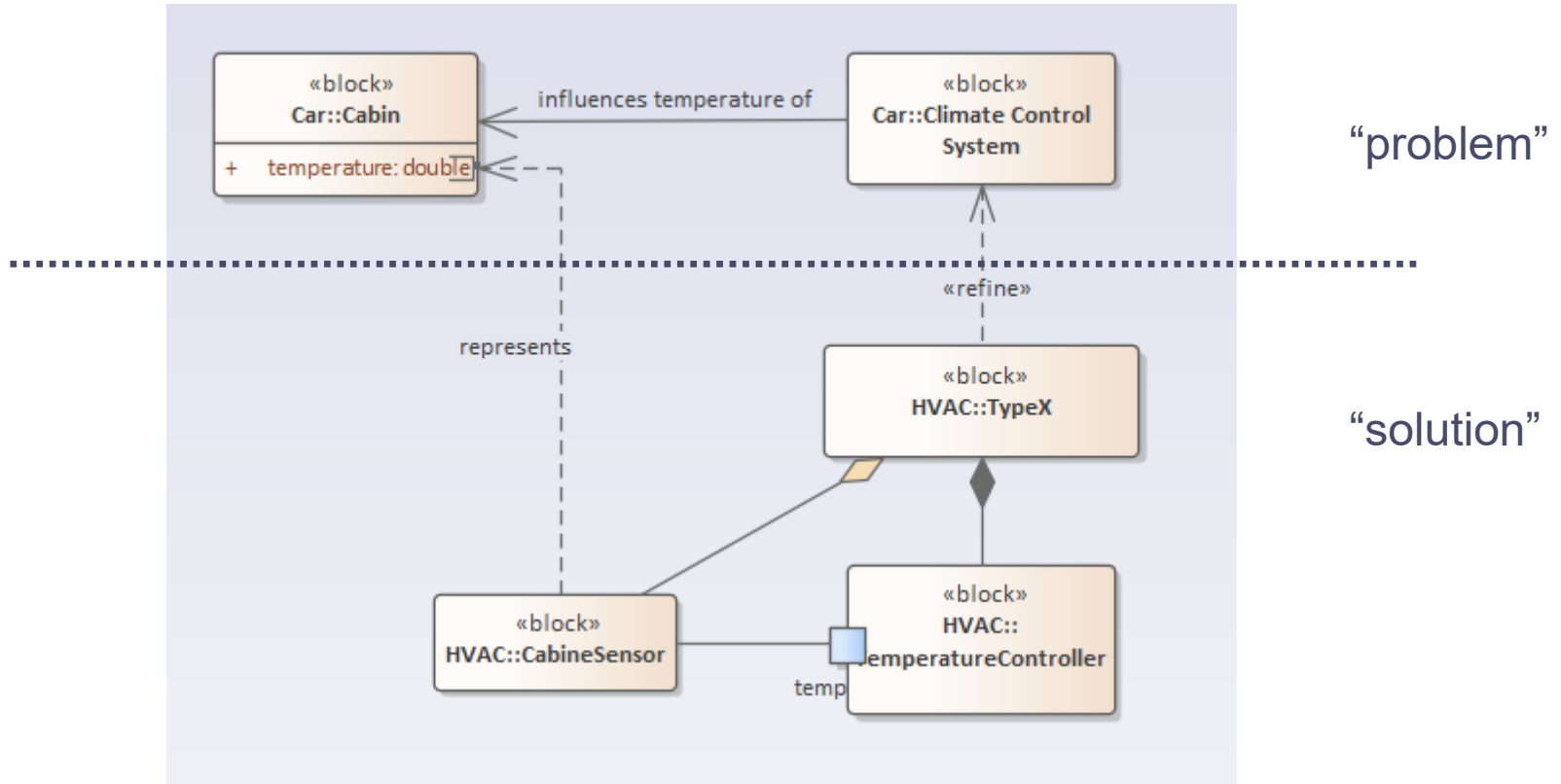


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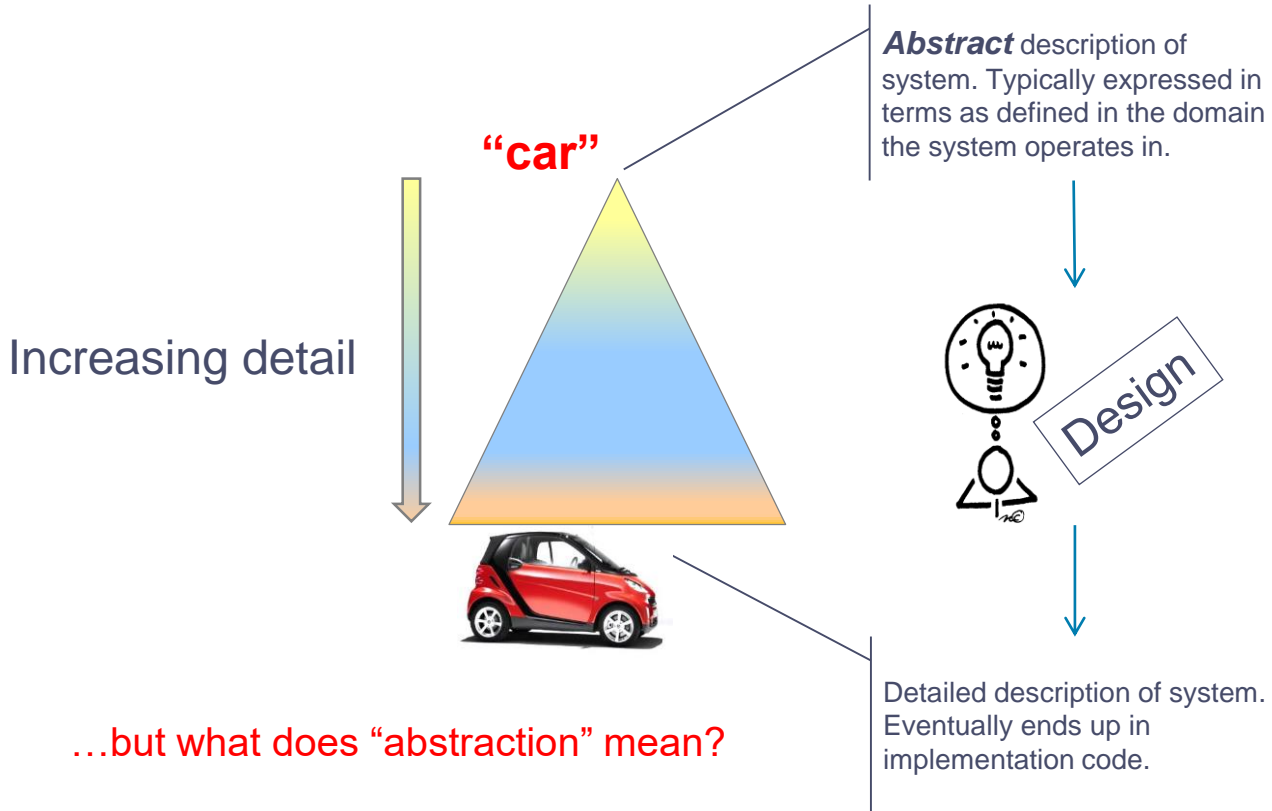
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# ENGINEERING AND LANGUAGES

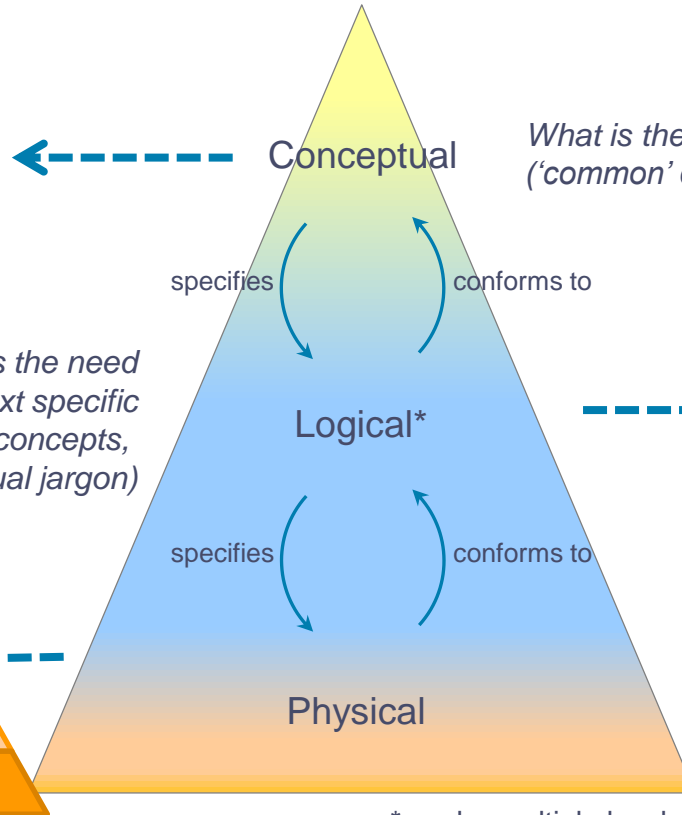
- Engineering is an exercise in language translations.

# THE ENGINEERING PYRAMID



# ENGINEERING ABSTRACTIONS

car  
brakes  
doors  
engine  
ADAS  
HVAC



What is the need  
(‘common’ domain concepts)

Uses  
Terminology  
of

How to address the need  
(engineering context specific  
design concepts,  
contextual jargon)

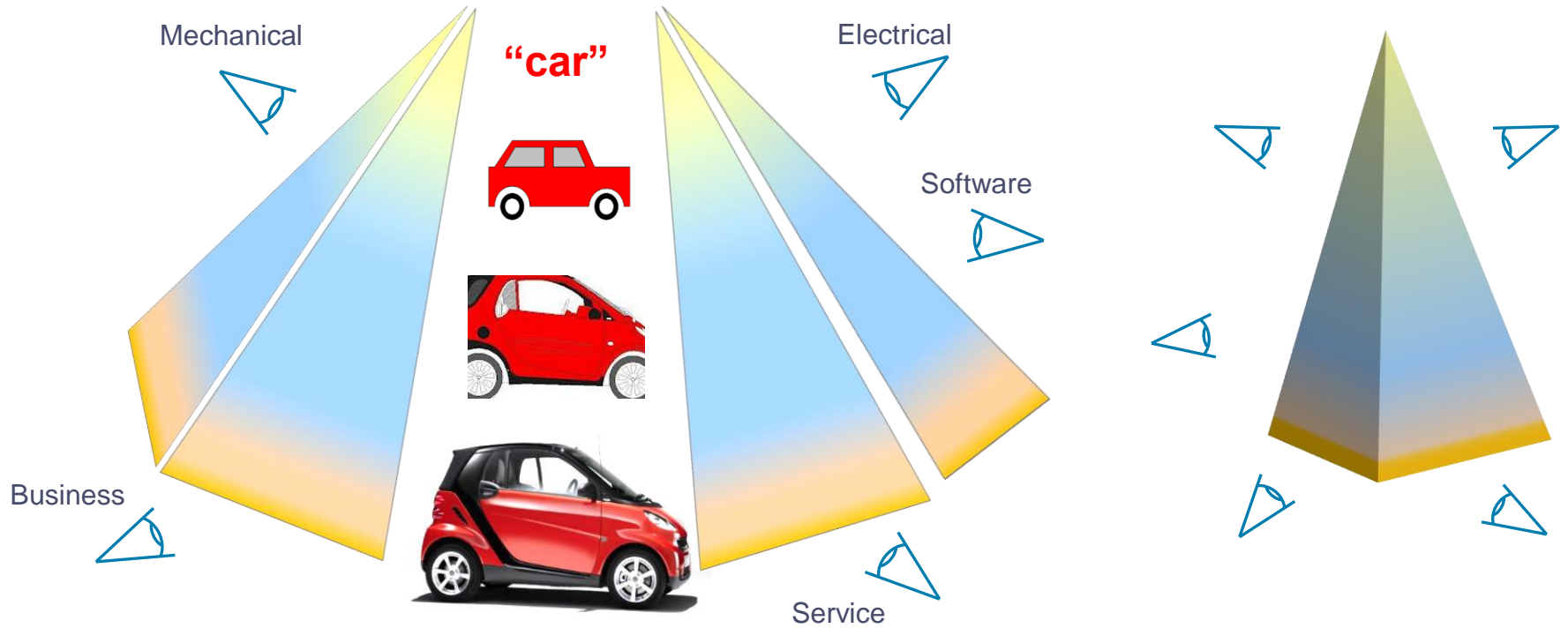


How is the system realized  
(generic realization concepts,  
GPL, CAD)

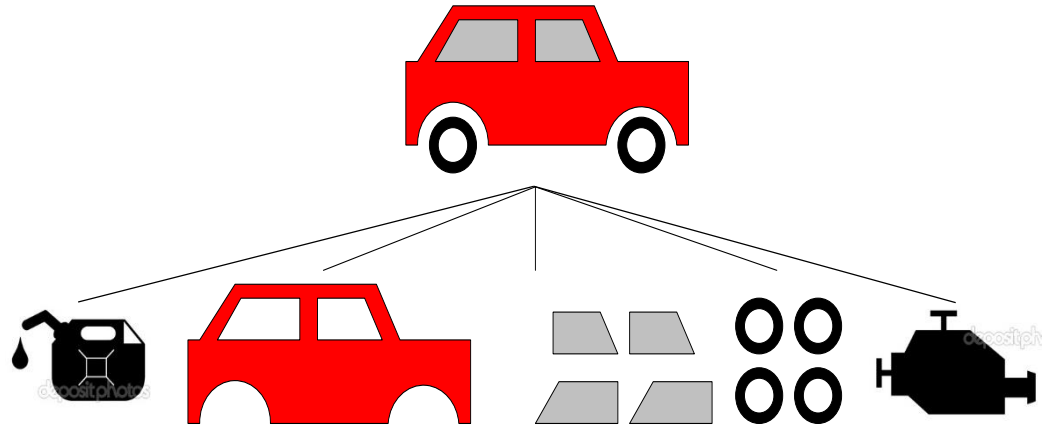


\*can be multiple levels

# ENGINEERING PYRAMID – COMBINED VIEWPOINTS



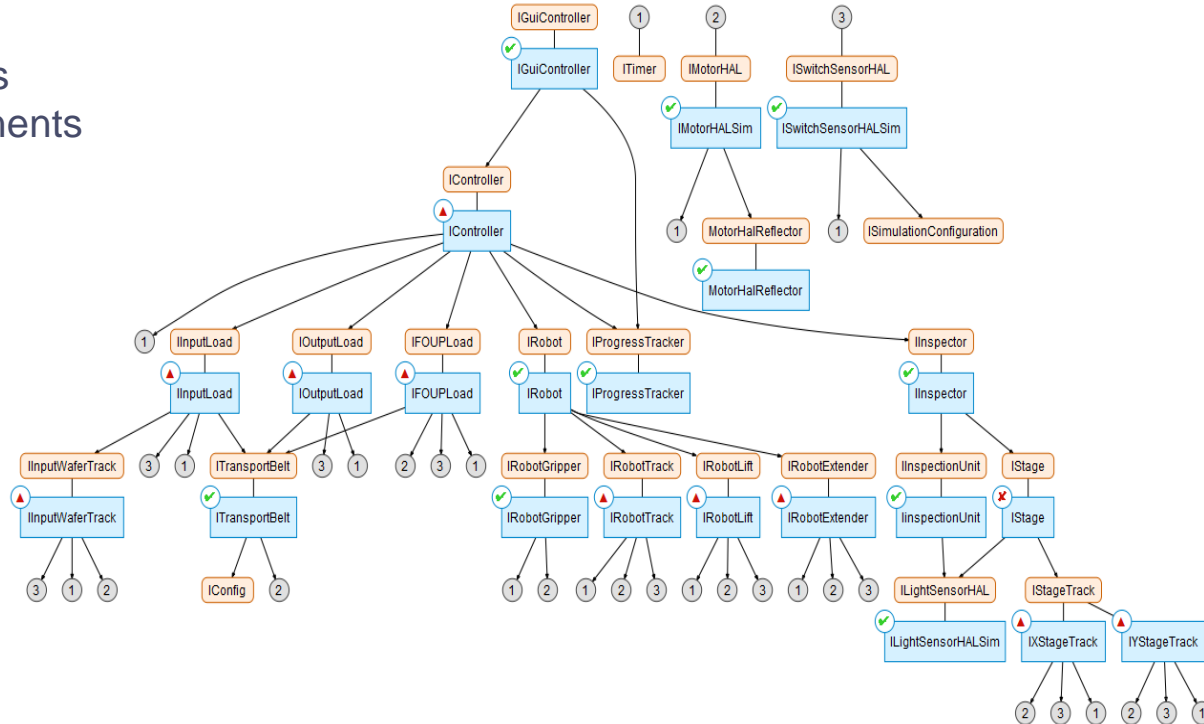
# DECOMPOSITION / AGGREGATION / ASSEMBLY



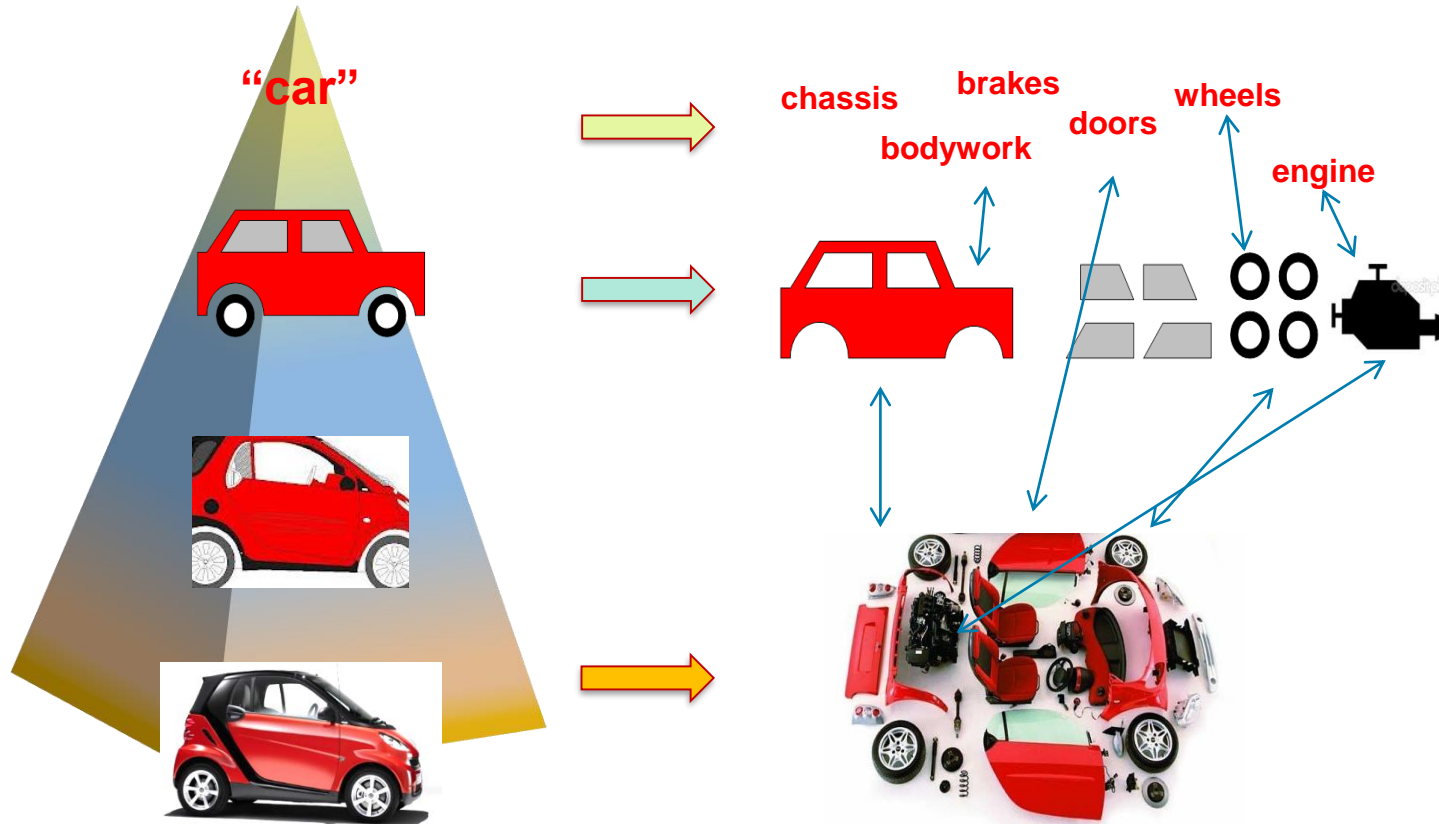
- Language concept
  - Adding detail in the same language
  - Allows for blackbox/whitebox reasoning

# DECOMPOSING SOFTWARE

- Functions
- Classes
- Libraries
- Components

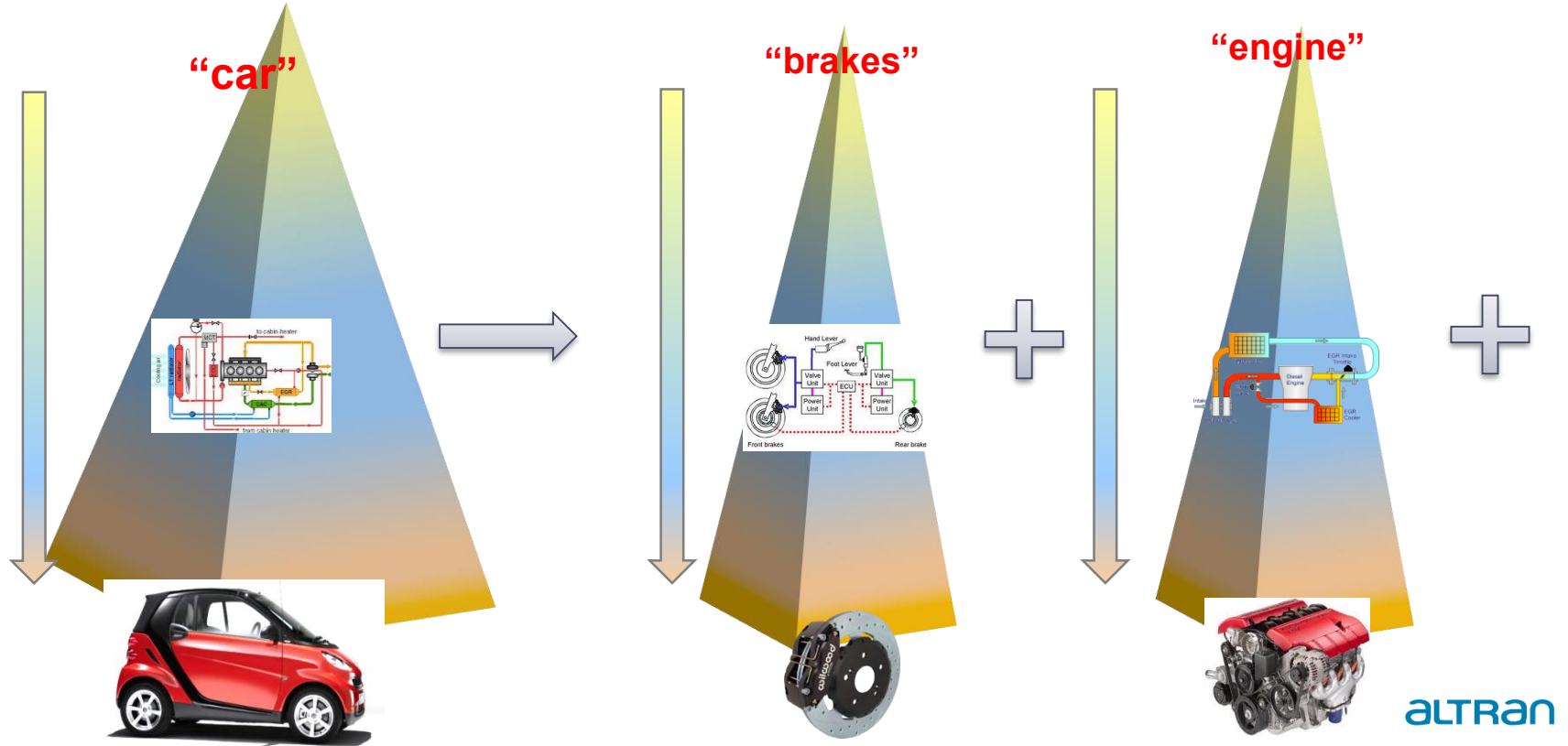


# SO ABSTRACTION ≠ COMPOSITION

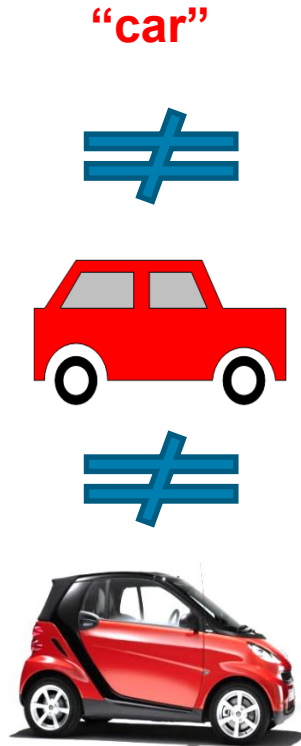




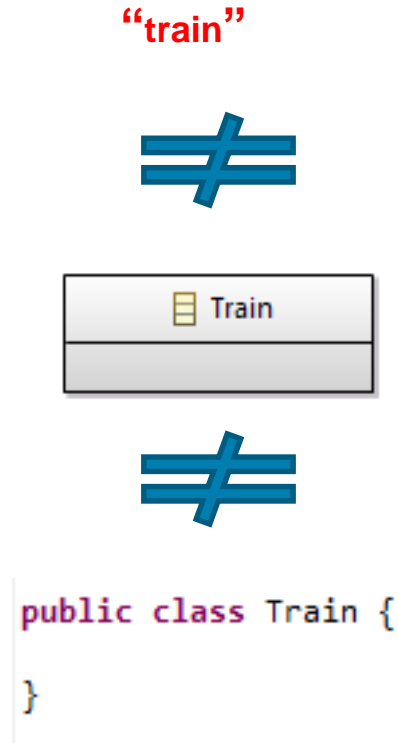
# DELEGATION / COTS / SYSTEM OF SYSTEMS



# SEMANTIC LEVELS



*Refinement*



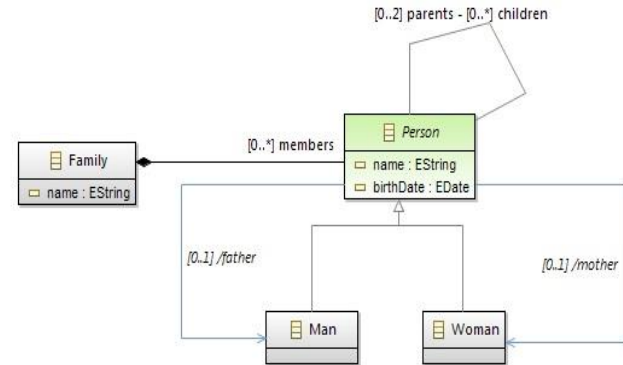
# BRIDGING LANGUAGES

- Original language concept is transformed to target language
- We have to choose a valid representation, limiting the solution space
- In fact, we loose “intent”
- In e.g. UML, this is called “refinement” (a “later” semantics level)

❖ We need to represent human intentions or semantics.

# ONTOLOGIES / DOMAIN SPECIFIC LANGUAGES

- For a specific domain, we can create a new language, capturing the concepts that are relevant:
- Abstract Syntax (Ontology)



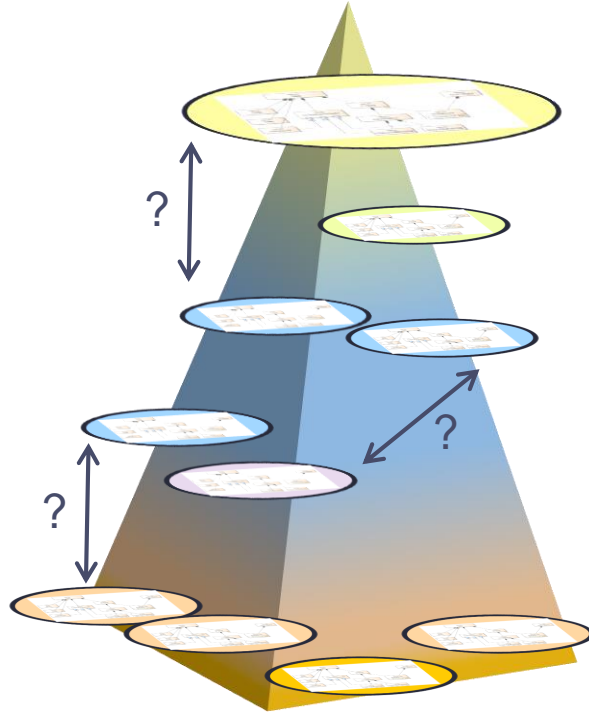
- Concrete Syntax (Representation in Editors/Storage)

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Man John {
    mother = Mary;
}
```

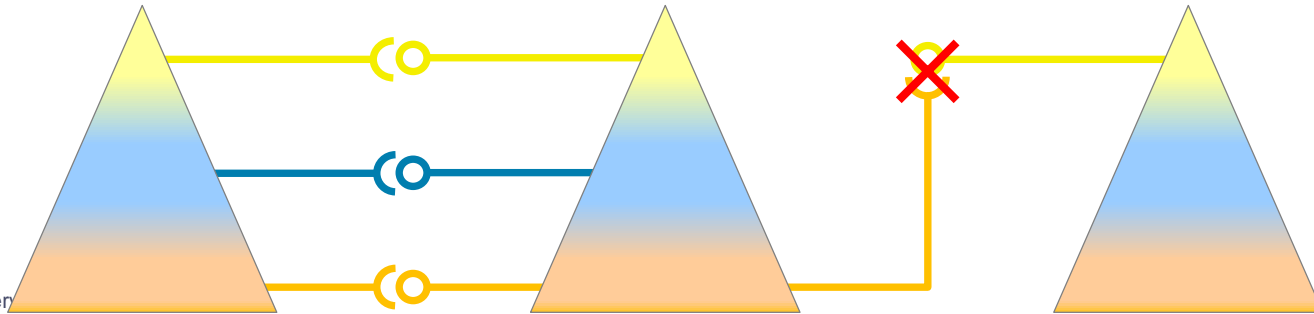
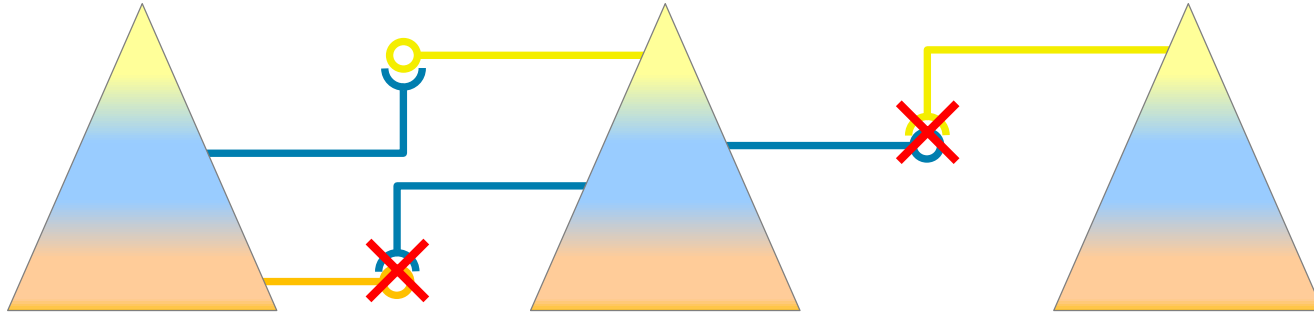


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<persons xsi:type="Man" mother="//@persons.1" name="John"/>
<persons xsi:type="Woman" name="Mary"/>
```

# ONTOLOGIES EVERYWHERE

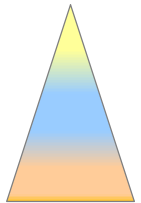
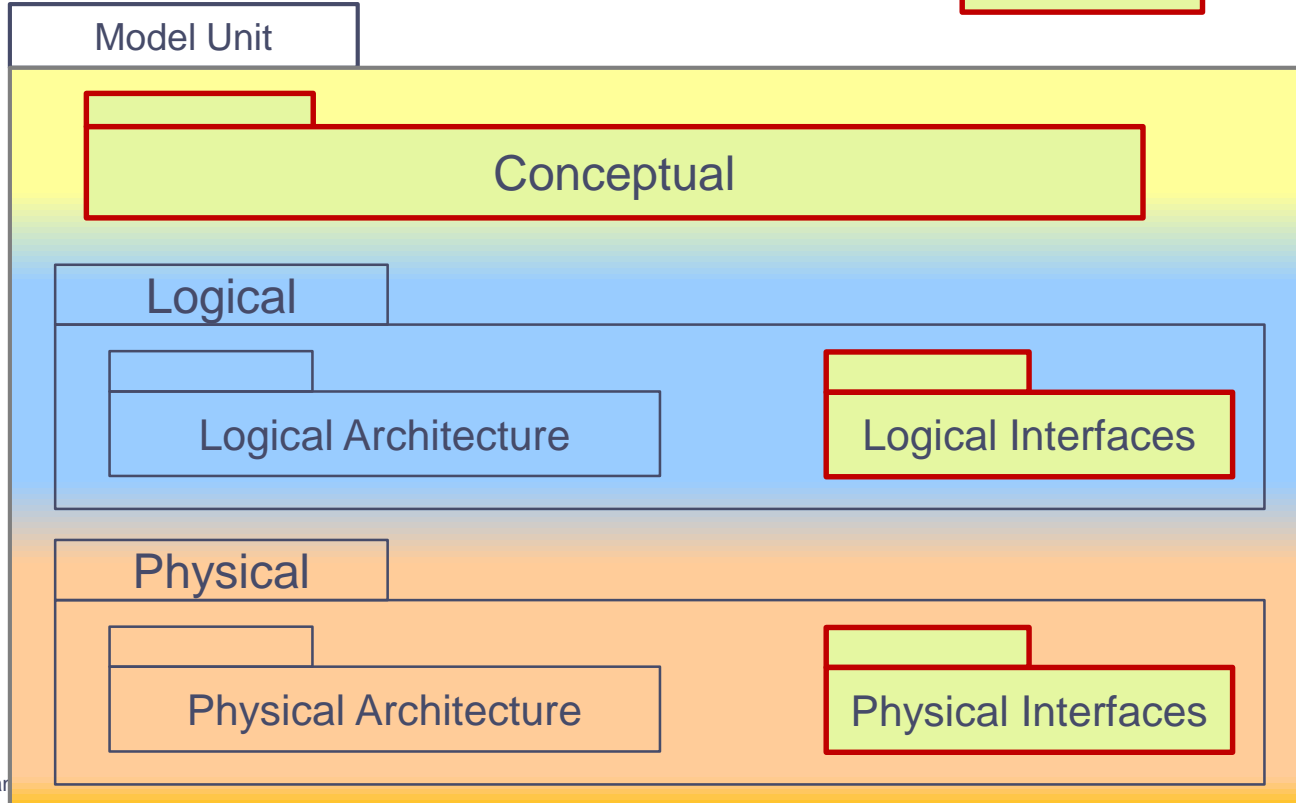


# MODELING LEVELS

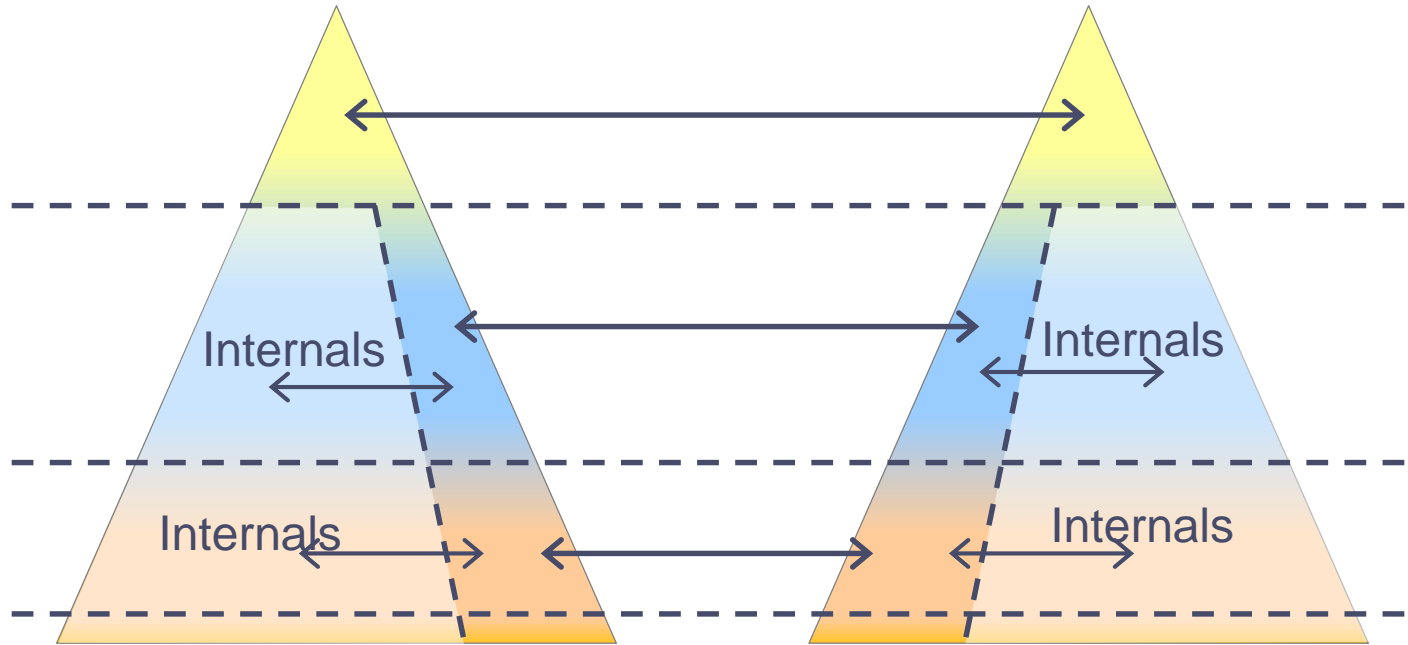


# MODEL UNITS

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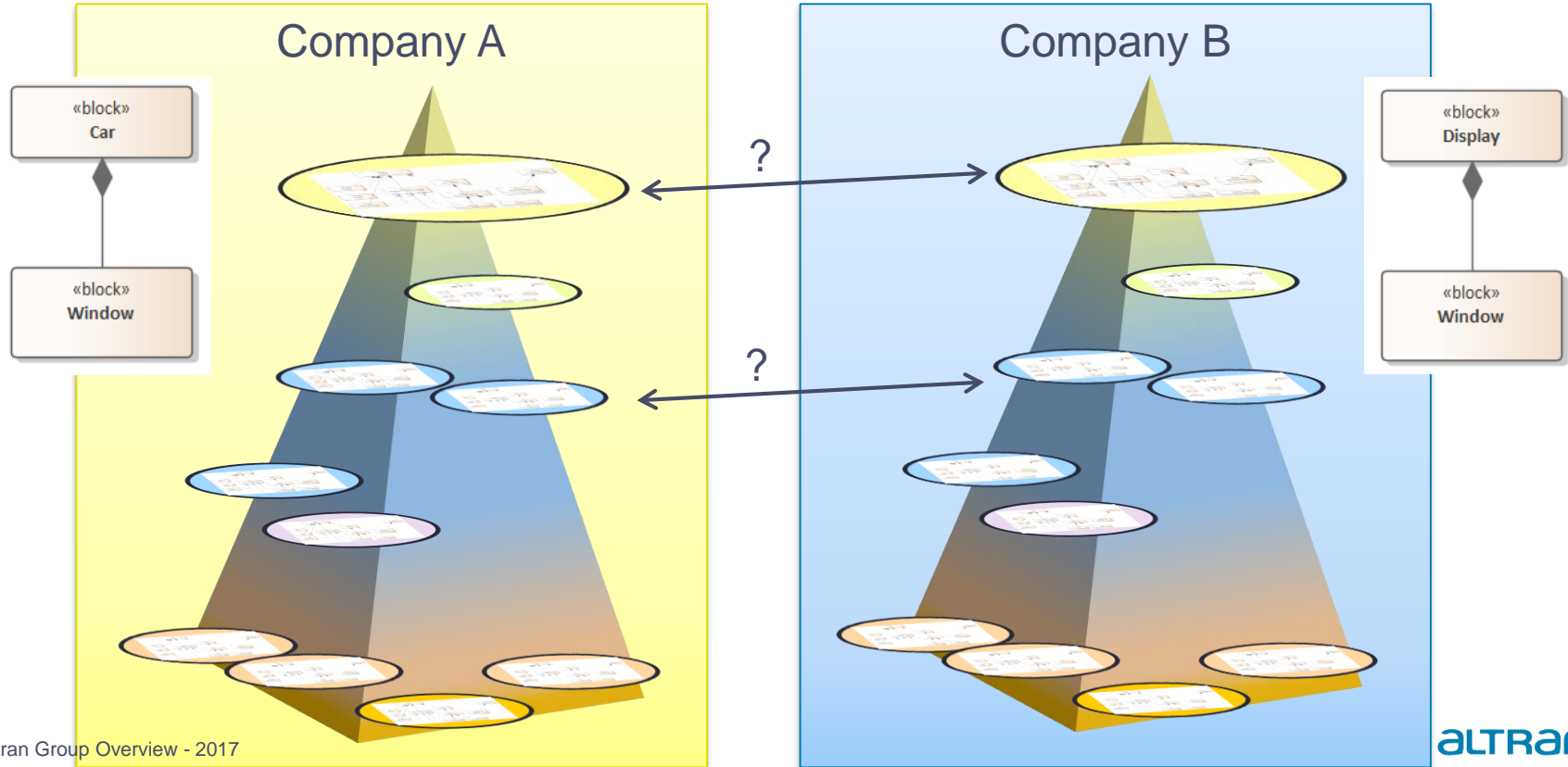
# MODEL UNIT CONNECTIONS



Model Interfacing



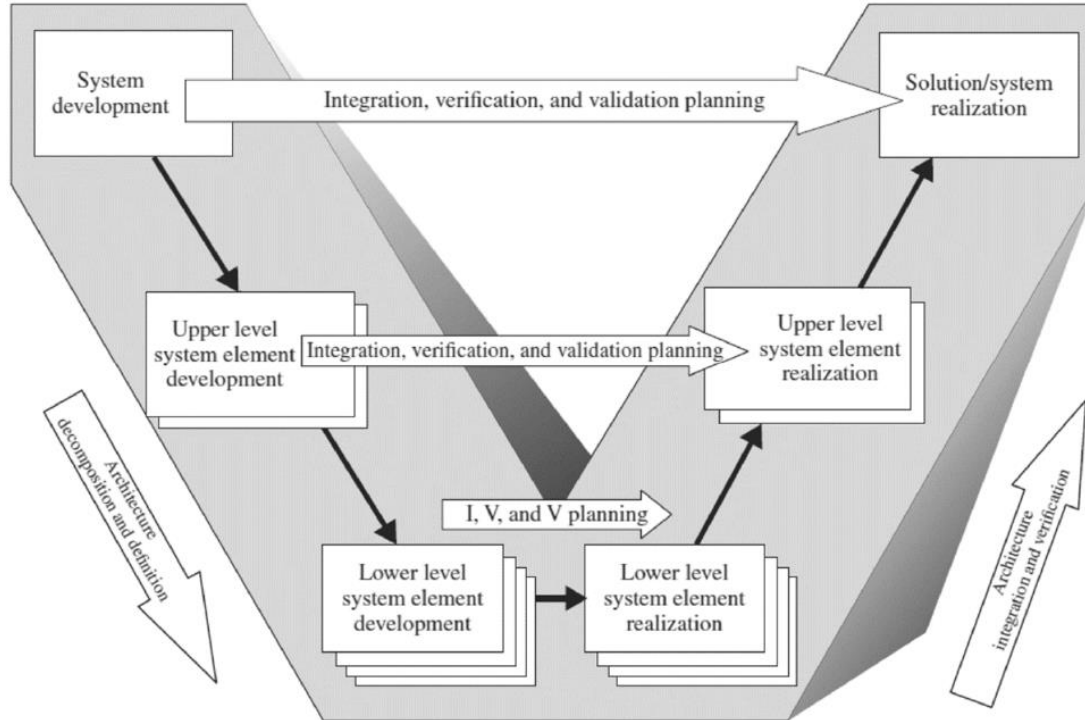
# ONTOLOGIES CONTEXT



# Engineering

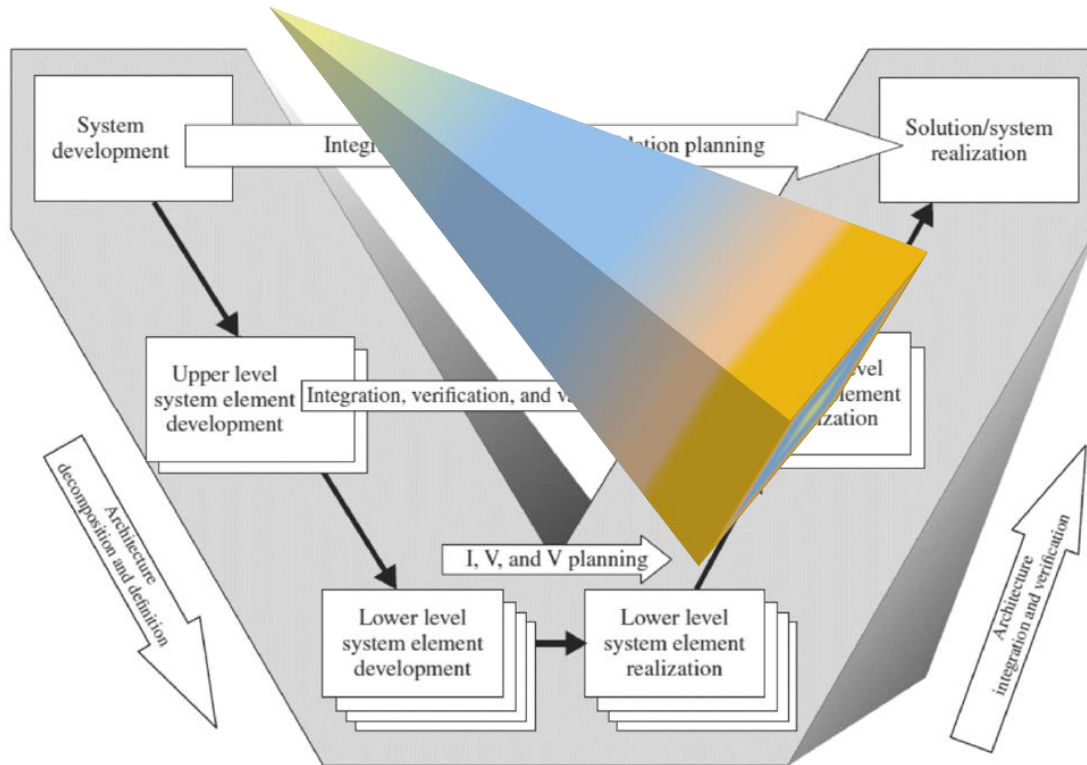
## PYRAMIDS AND THE V-MODEL

# V-MODEL



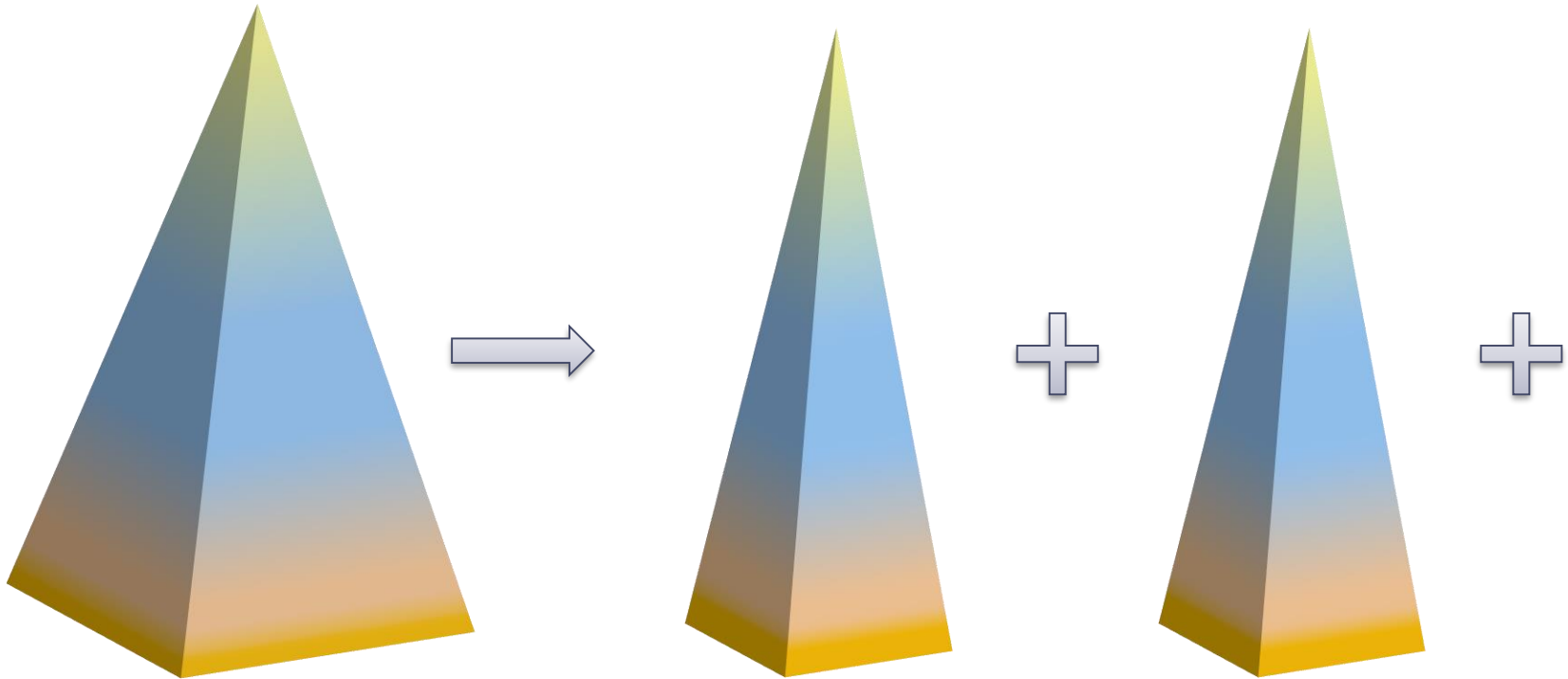
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"Vee Model"  
(2015)

# V-MODEL

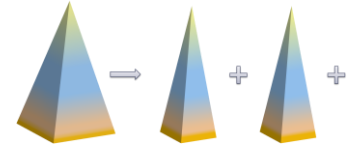
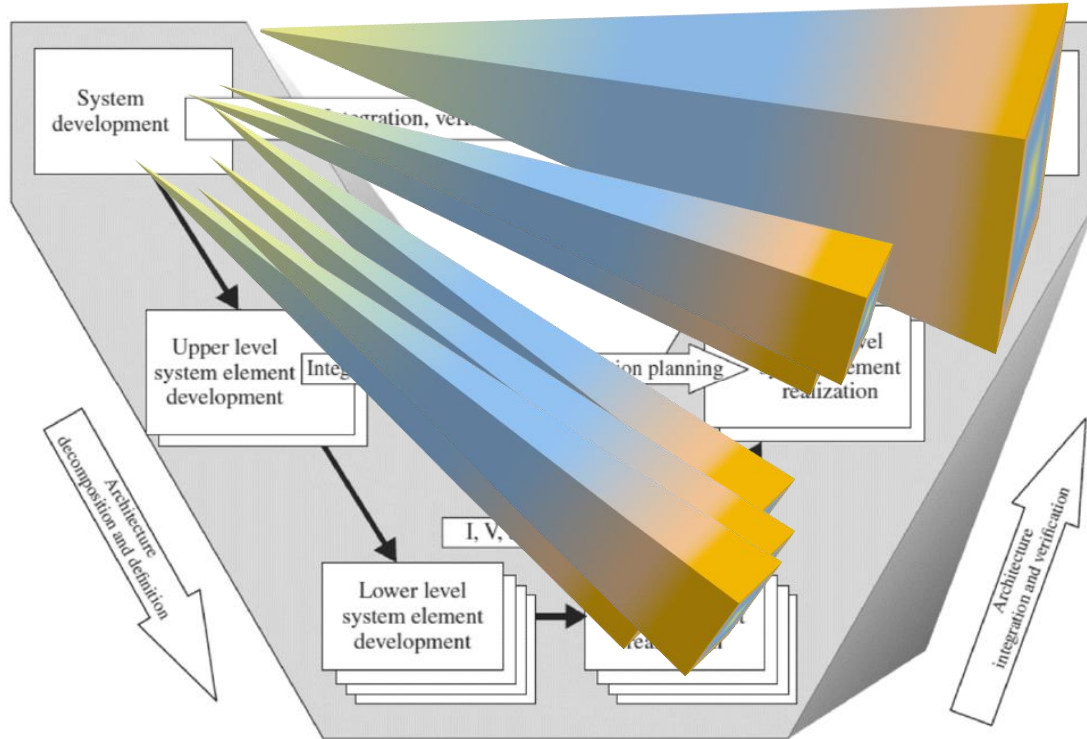


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# DECOMPOSITION / DELEGATION



# V-MODEL



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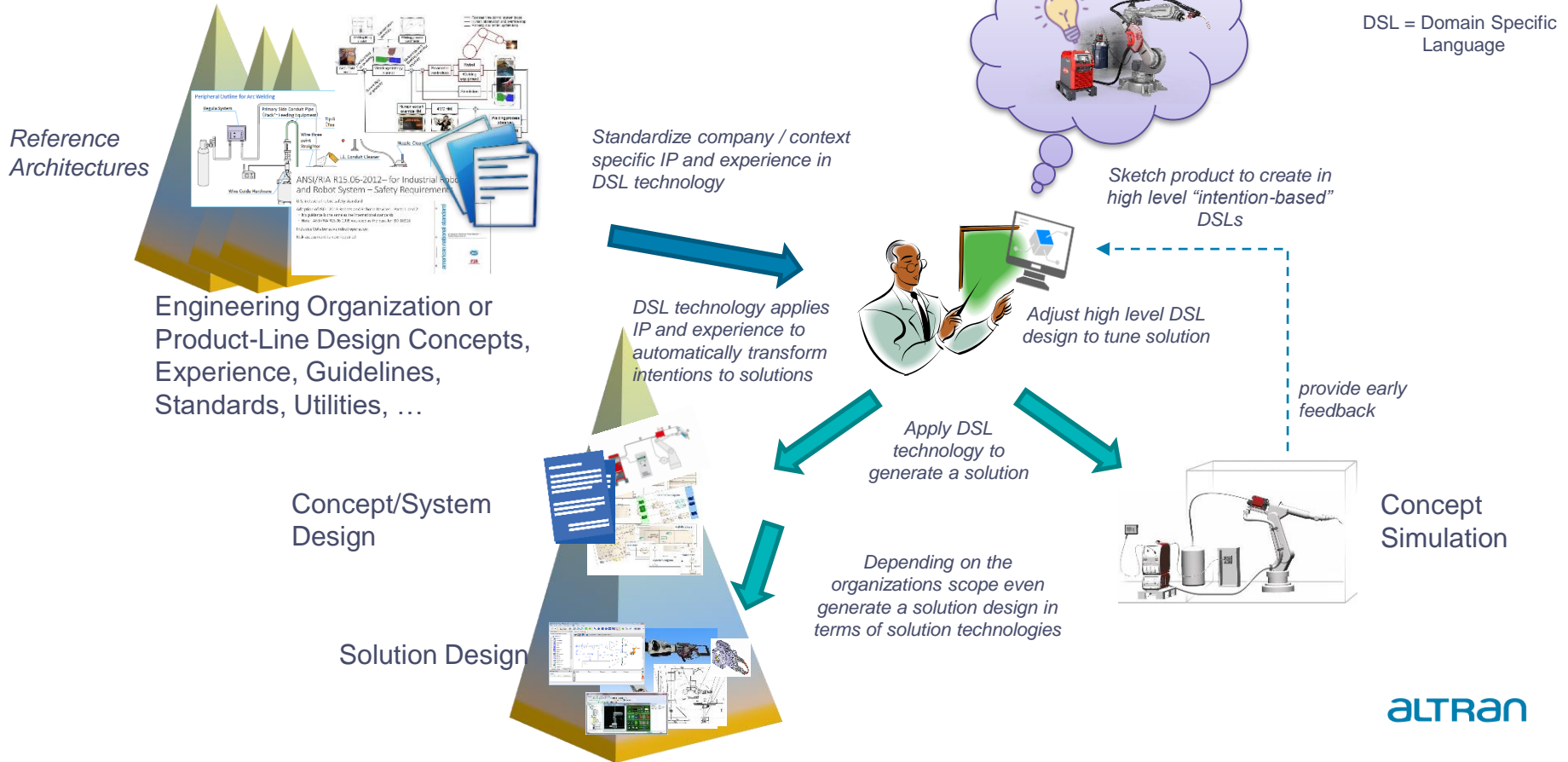
**THE FUTURE SYSTEMS ENGINEER**

# ROLE OF THE SYSTEM ENGINEER

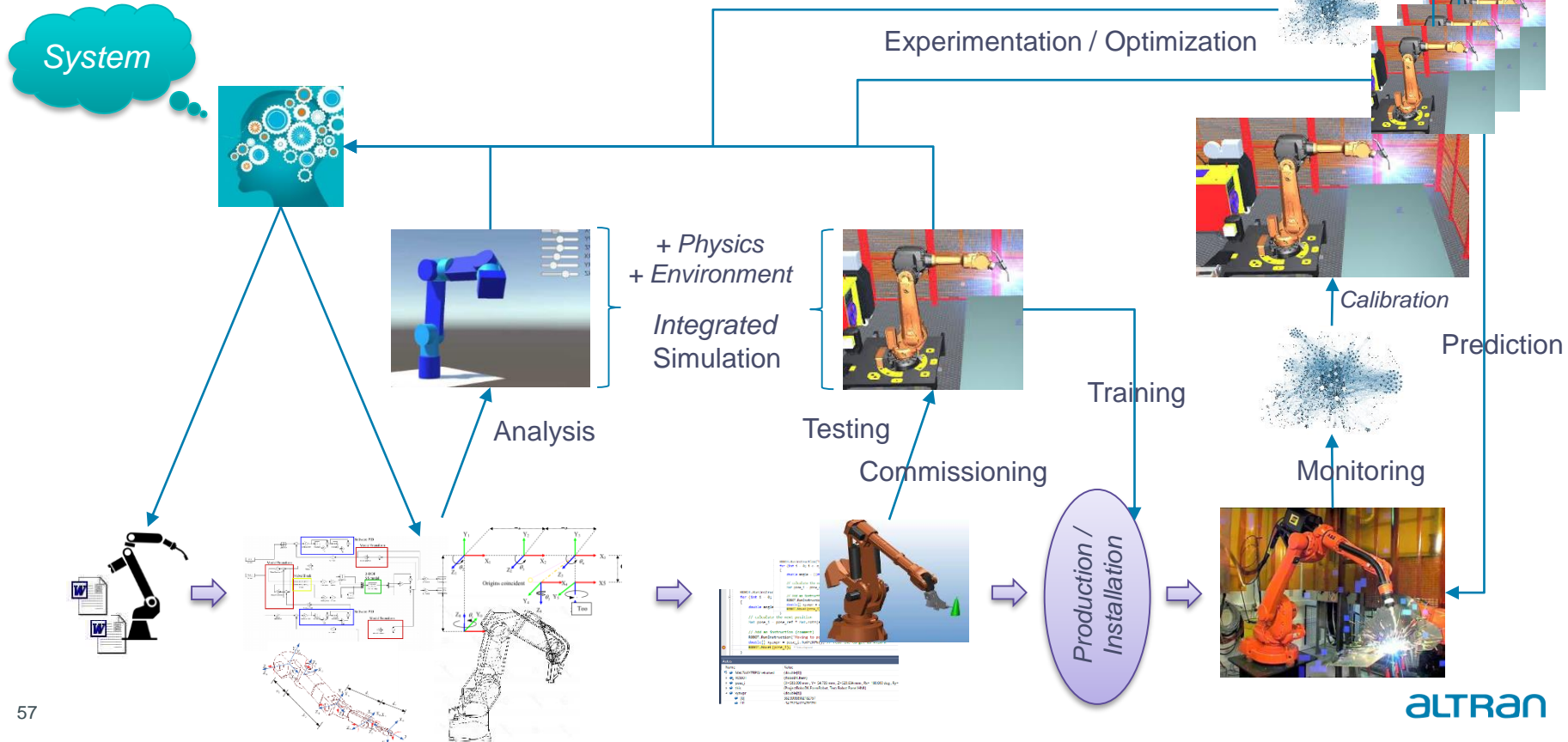
- System concepts
  - Develop / standardize in system domain ontologies
- Manage the Model/Data Integration process
  - Identify the relevant domains
  - Define the relations between models/data
- Integration is a continuous process
  - Virtual integration -> Digital Twinning
  - Analysis and V&V in early stages on integrated models
- Digitization: *Systems engineering requires Engineering systems*
  - The System Engineer becomes the Orchestrator



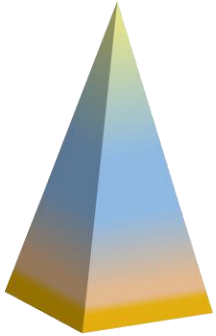
# AUTOMATION OF SYSTEMS ENGINEERING



# DIGITAL TWINS DURING LIFECYCLE



# SYSTEMS ENGINEERING?



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