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Applying the *'Spacecraft Early Analysis Model'* to the Biomass Mission

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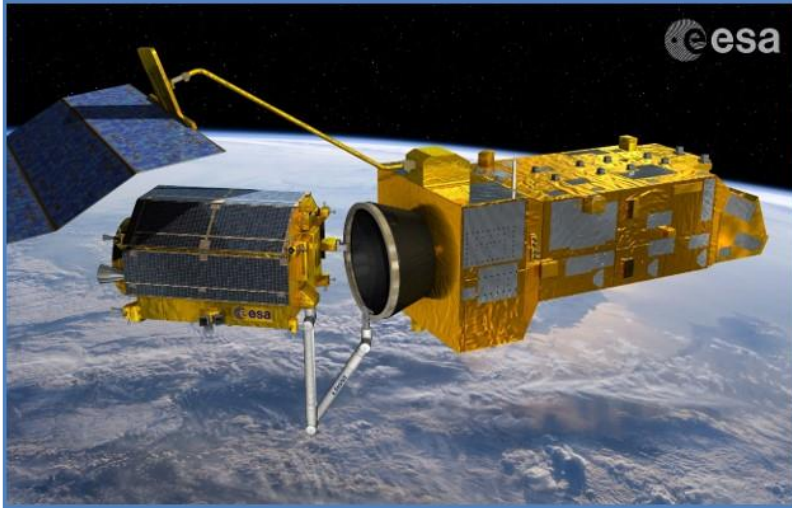
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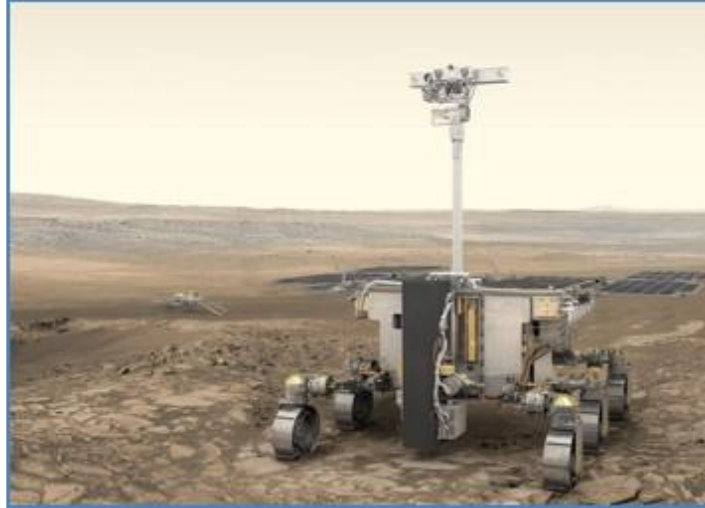
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Airbus Space MBSE Projects



- **eDeorbit**
- Bremen, Germany
- Autonomous fail-safe reaction



- **ExoMars Rover**
- Stevenage, UK
- Communication of requirements



- **JUICE**
- Toulouse, France
- Science data allocation

eDeorbit is the largest effort so far – methodology and model template developed

Airbus Space Interviews

Questions:

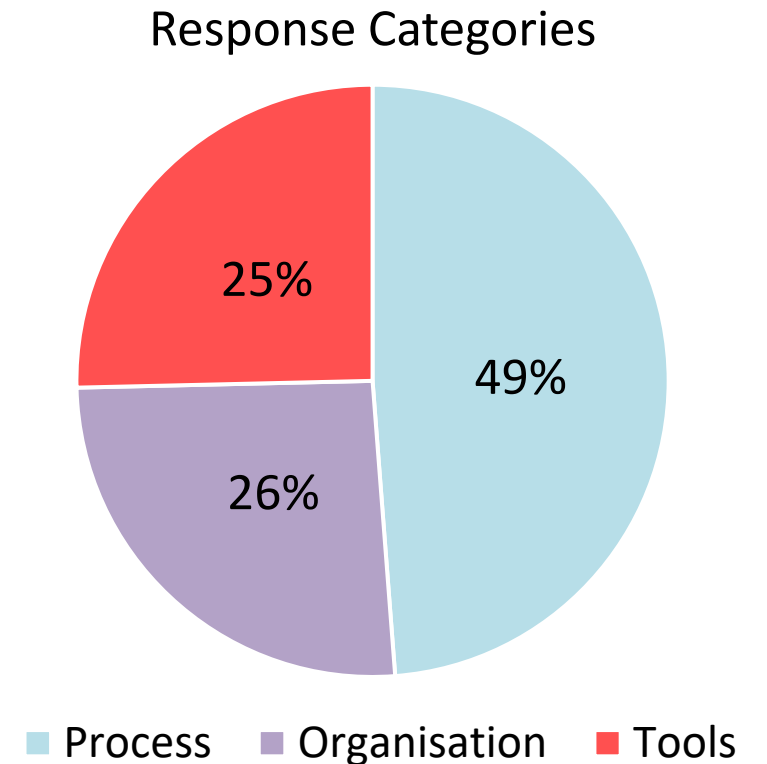
- Where are the issues with Systems Engineering?
- Where might models help?

Response Themes:

- Process
- Organisation
- Tools

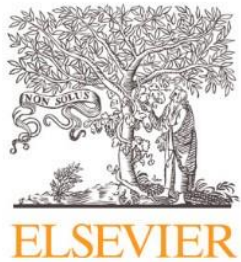
Topics of interest:

- **Early Functional Validation (ConOps)**
- **Template Model Framework**



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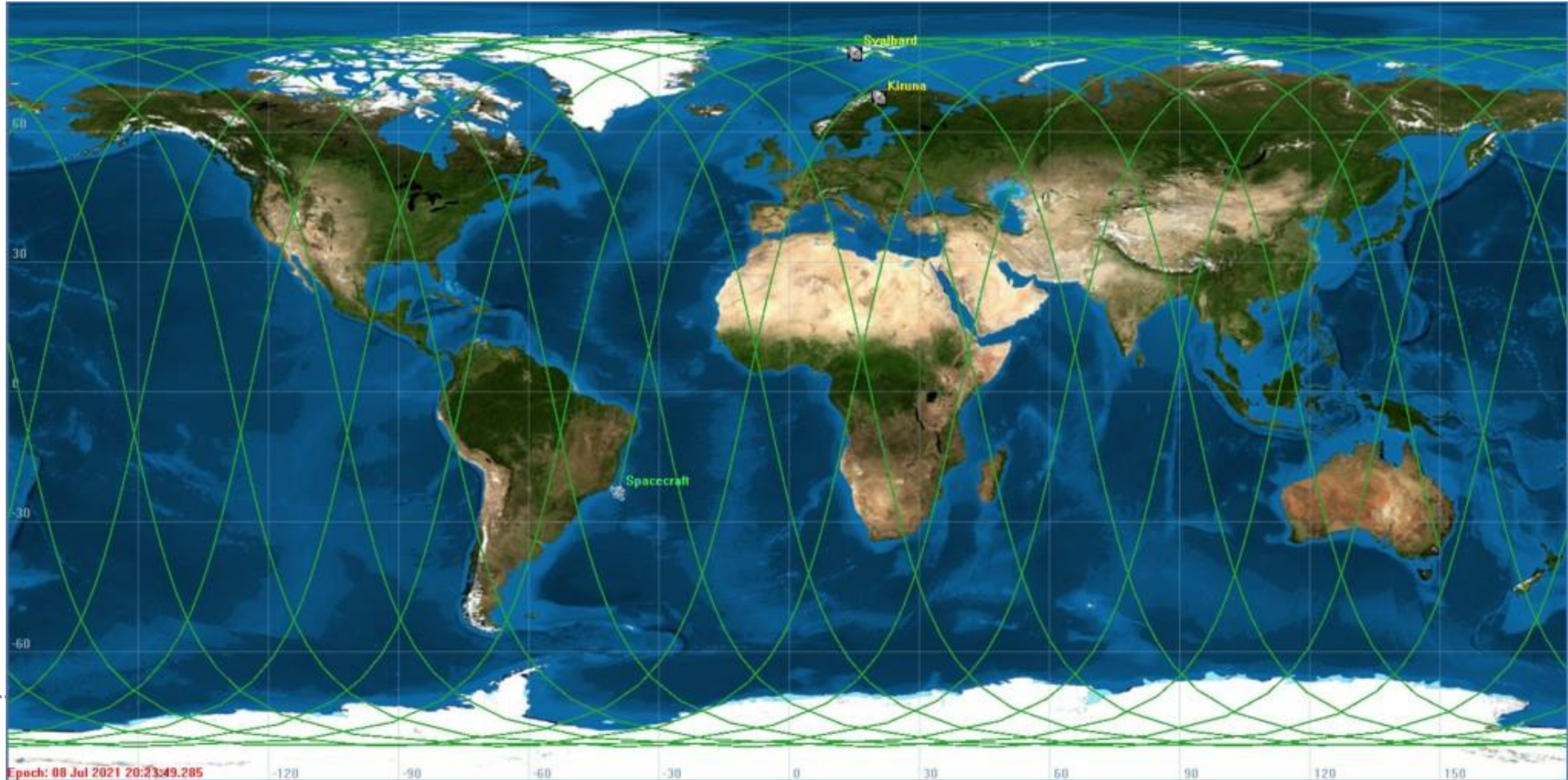


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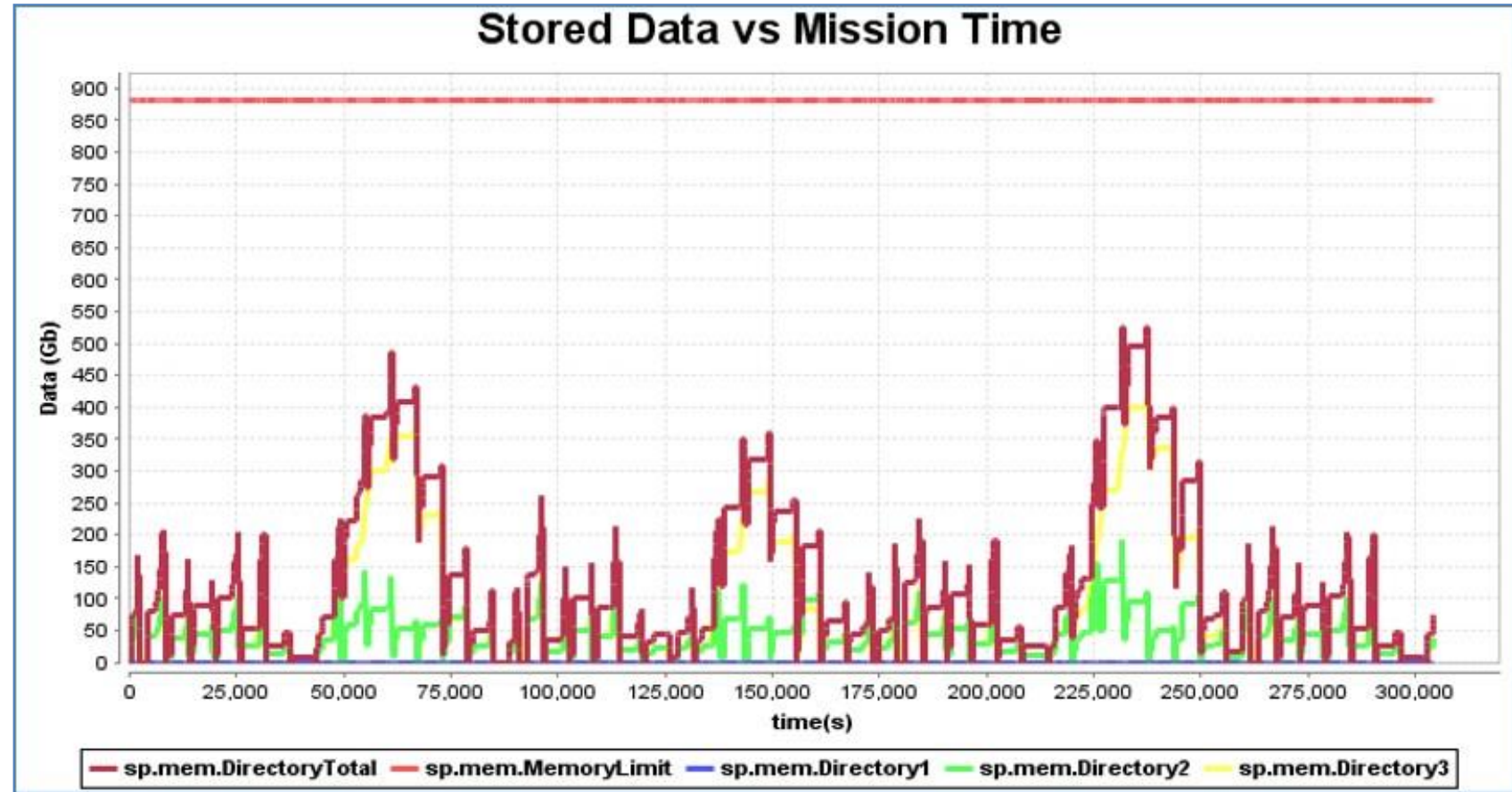
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Biomass – Mass Memory Sizing



Biomass – Mass Memory Sizing

1. Simulation Demo:
We demonstrated possibility of model execution
2. Memory allocation:
We showed that the requirement was met
3. Optimise directory sizes:
We proposed a suitable directory division



Biomass – Mass Memory Sizing

Early Validation of the Data Handling Unit of a Spacecraft Using MBSE

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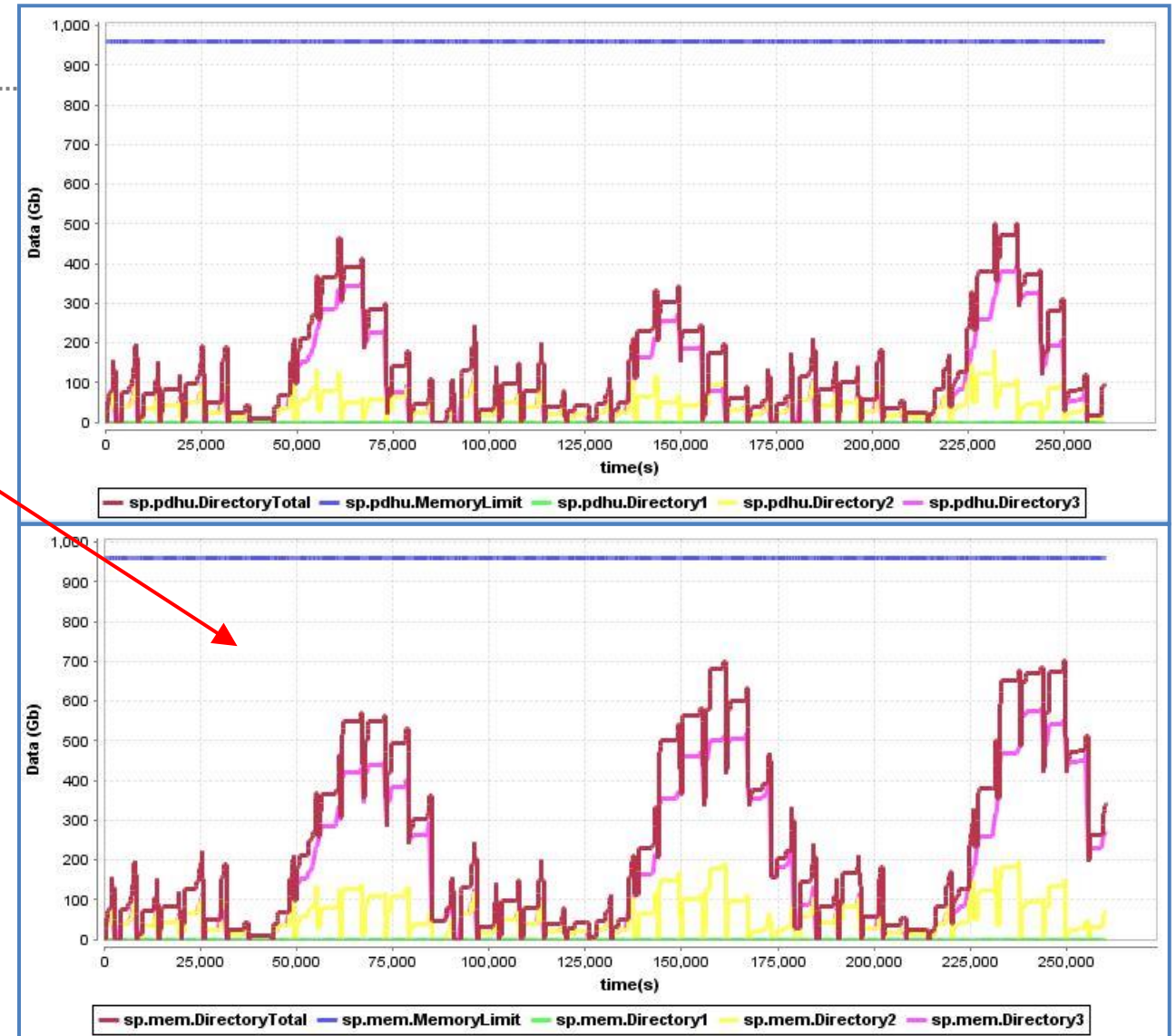
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How flexible / adaptable is the model to:

1. Changes to the requirements?
2. Changes to the functional behaviour?
3. Change to the logical architecture?
4. Contingency Analysis
5. Mission Updated

The model introduces flexibility into the system definition.

But work is needed to streamline the process



Biomass – Mass Memory Sizing

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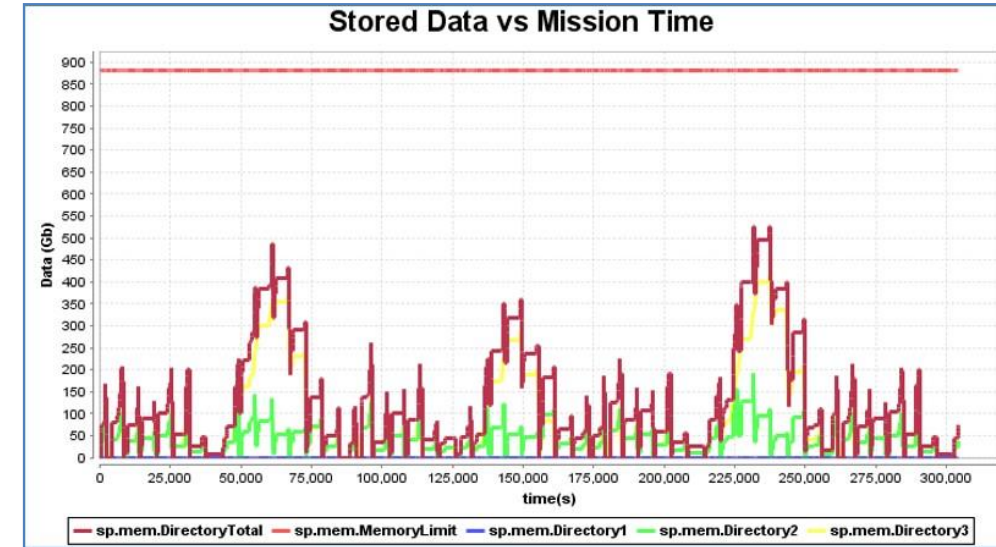
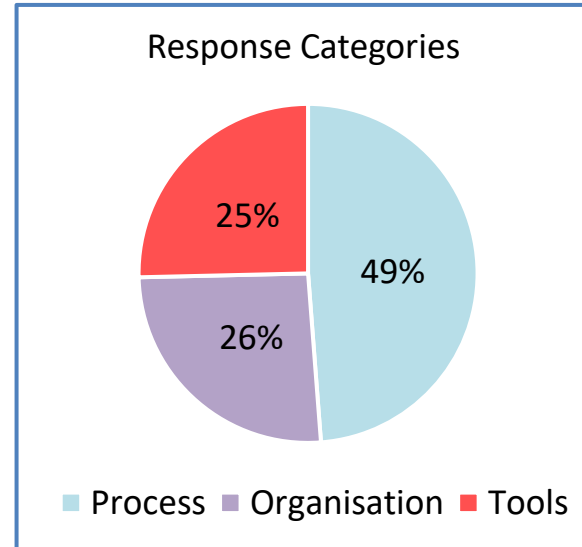
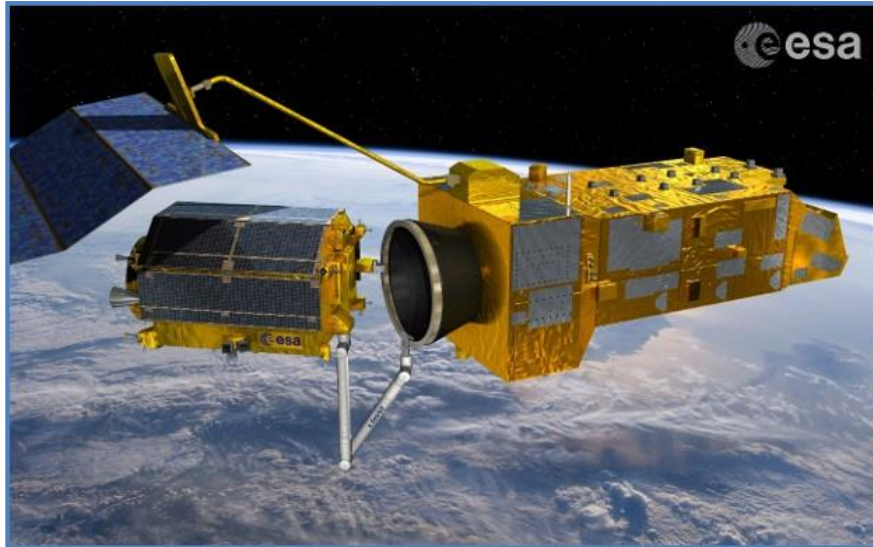
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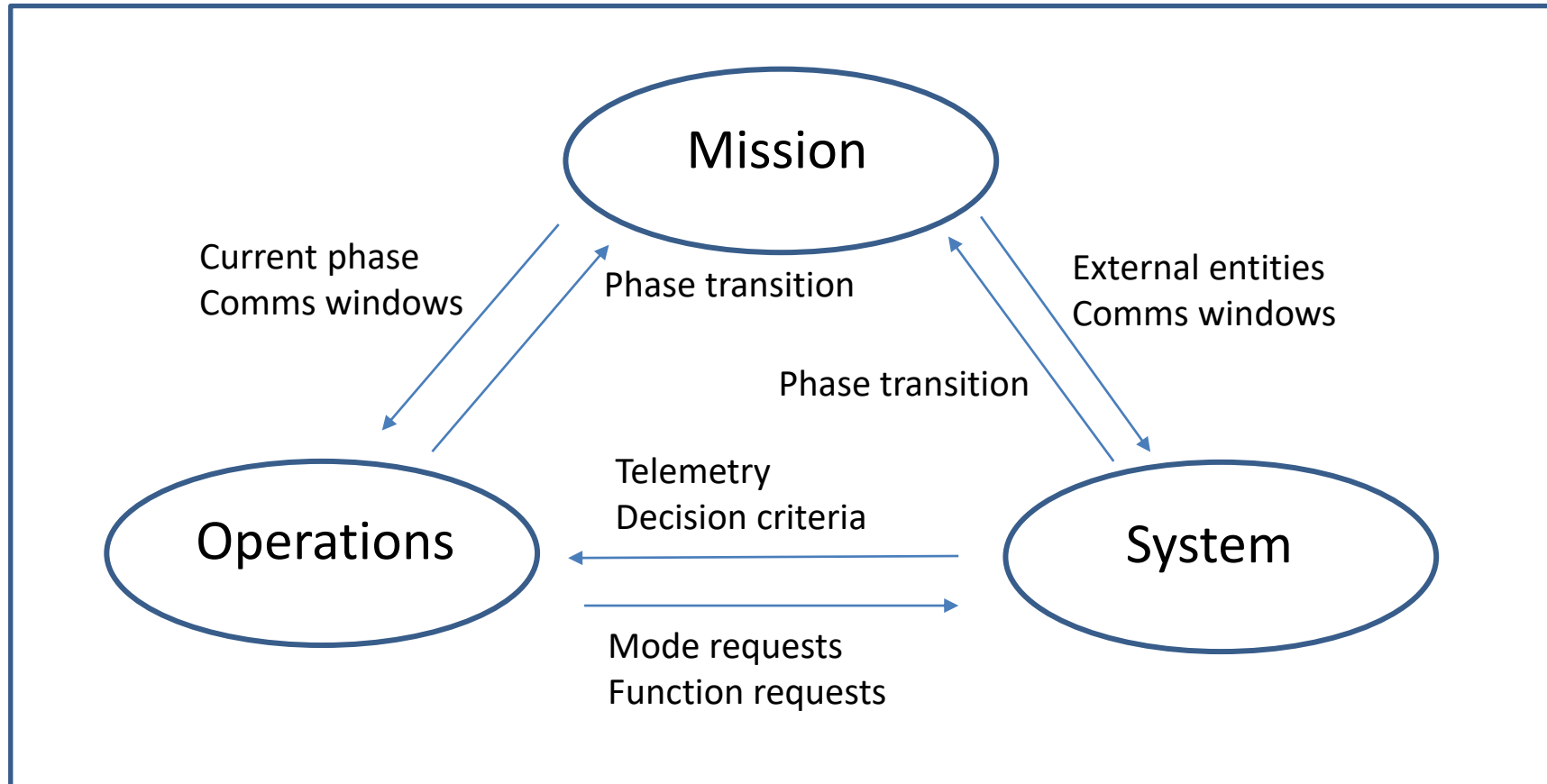
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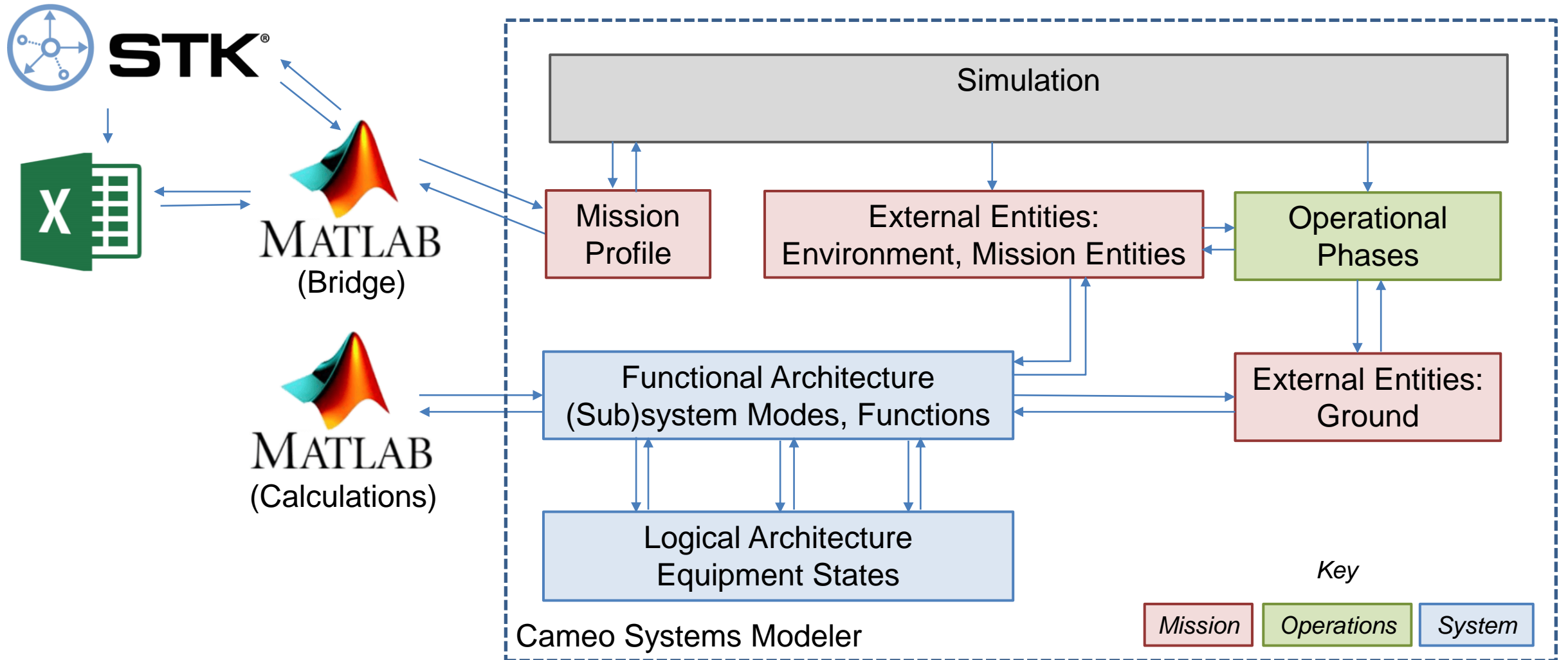
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- Develop a template (the SEAM) to be used for **early functional definition and analysis** of spacecraft.
- Demonstrate the flexibility of the SEAM by applying it to real space-based missions.

Spacecraft Early Analysis Model - Separation between M, O, S





Spacecraft Early Analysis Model – Interim Report

There's no 'I' in SEAM – An Interim Report on the 'Spacecraft Early Analysis Model'

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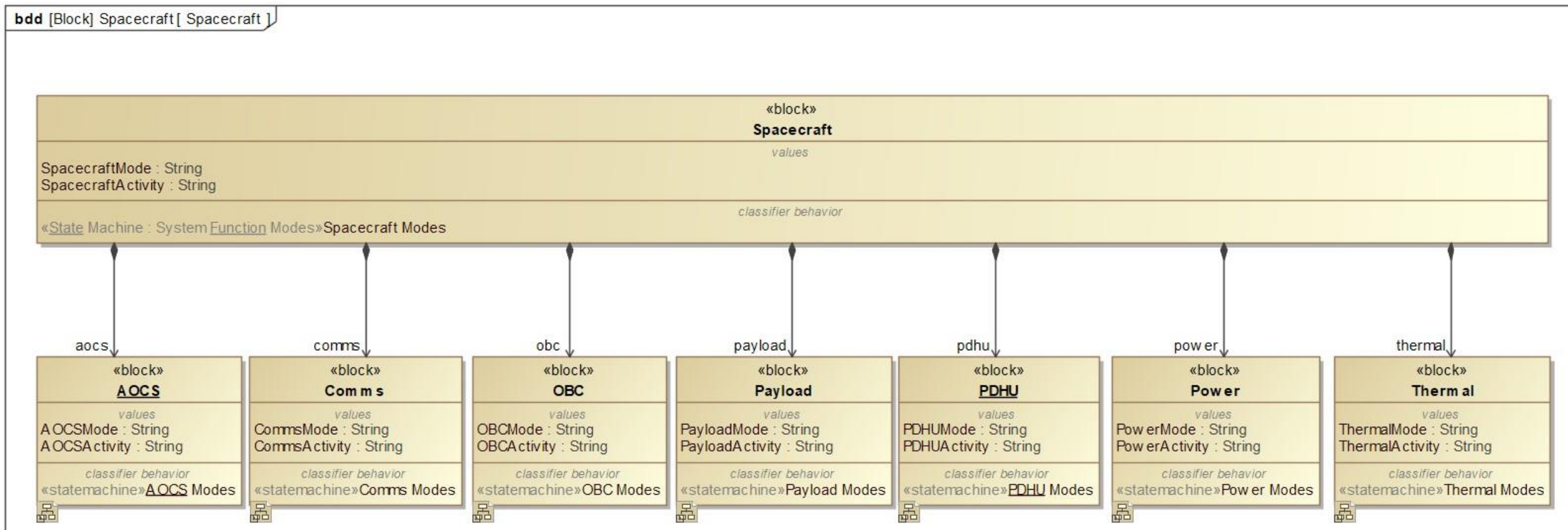
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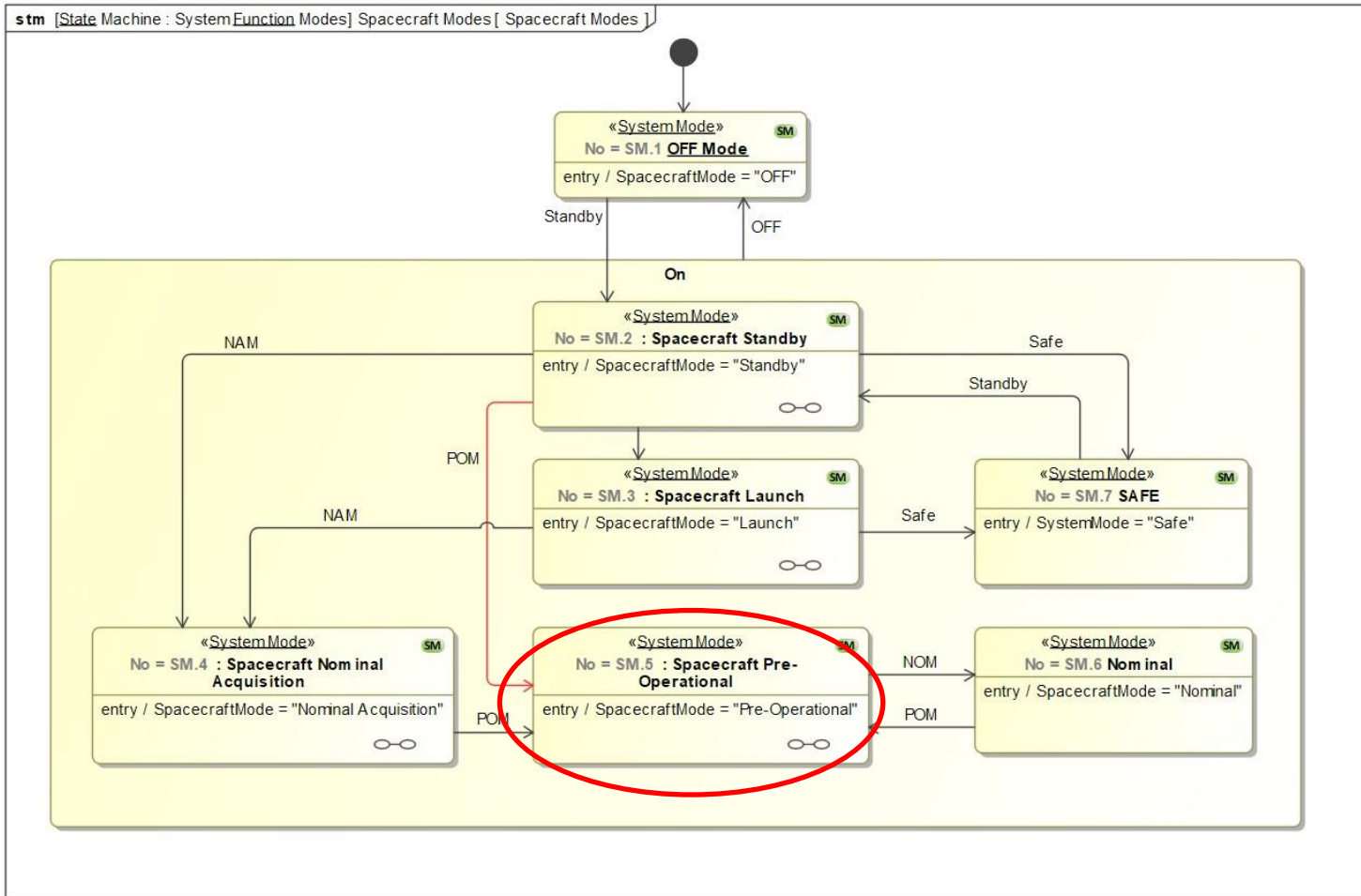
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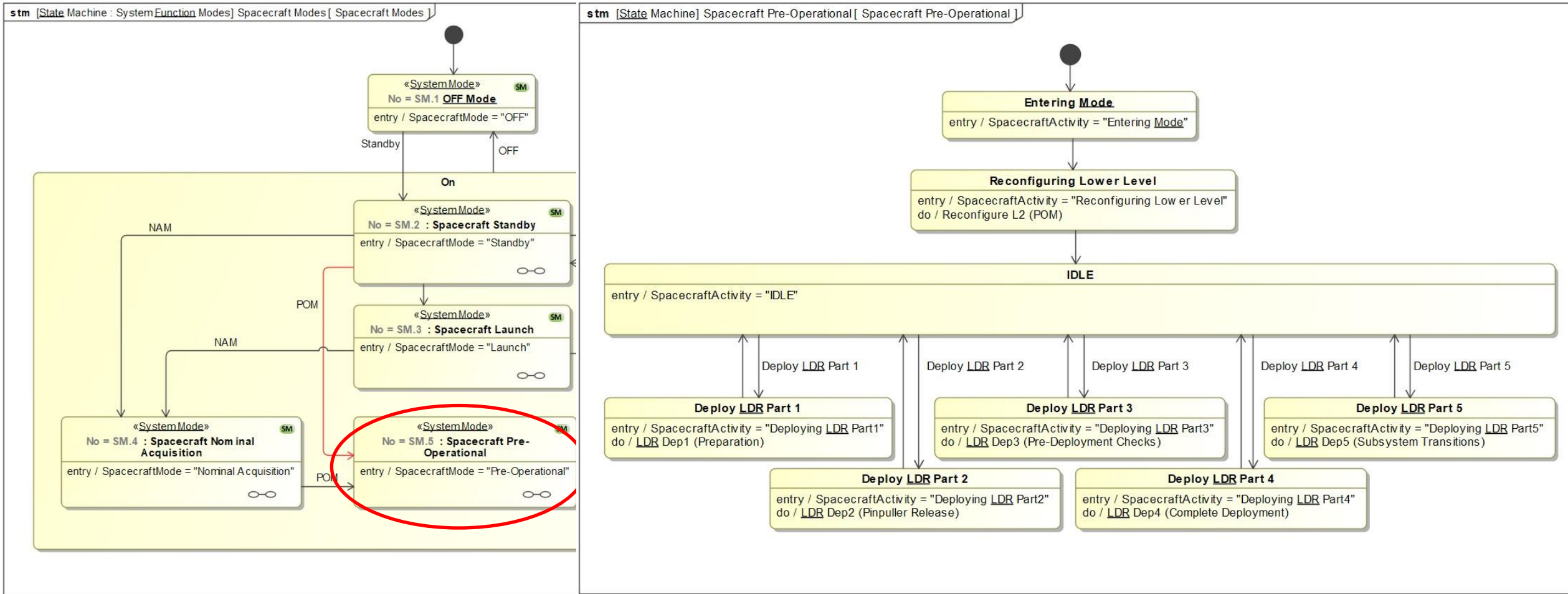
Biomass Model – Logical Architecture



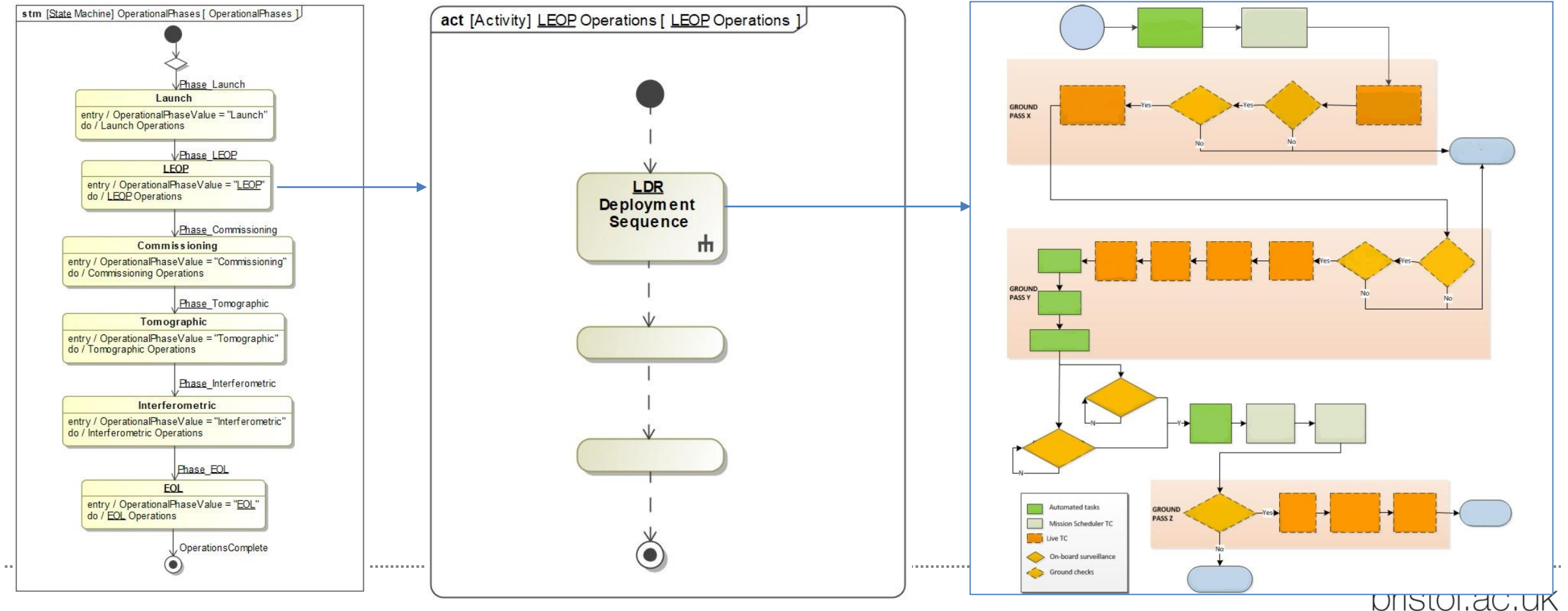
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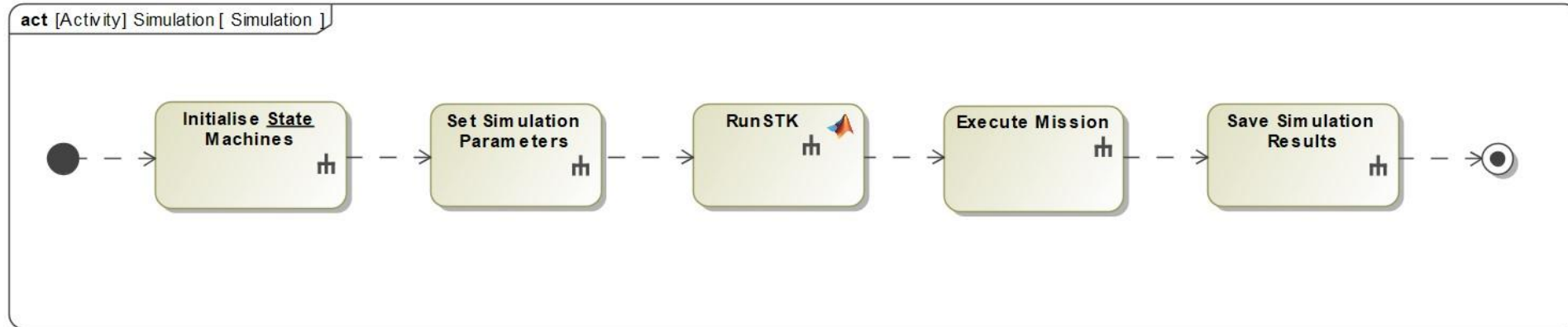
Biomass Model – Functional Definition



Biomass Model - Operations



Biomass Model – Results



Biomass Simulation

Biomass Simulation

SIMULATION

Filename

BiomassDeploymentModel

MISSION TIMES (min)

Waiting Time

175.4800

Transmission Time

27.6000

Function Time

52.2000

Decision Time

480.0000

Mission Time

735.2800

EXTERNAL ENTITIES

Launcher

Separated

Sun

InView

GROUND STATIONS

Svalbard

IDLE

Kiruna

IDLE

Troll

IDLE

ESOC

Routing TC

TC

TM

SPACECRAFT

Operational Phase

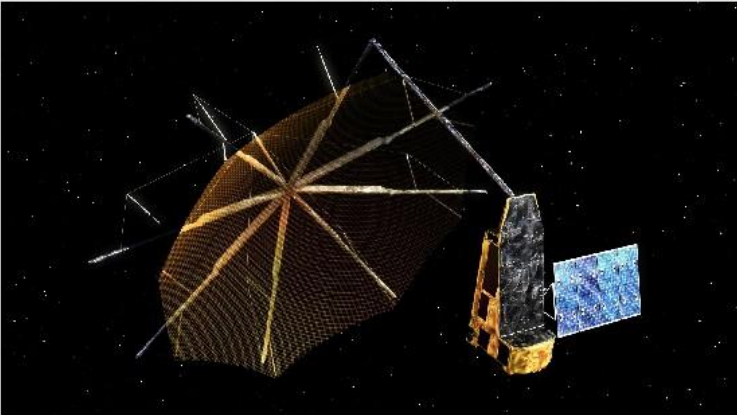
LEOP

Spacecraft Mode

Pre-Operational

Spacecraft Activity

IDLE



SUBSYSTEMS

AOCS Mode

NM - GAP

AOCS Activity

IDLE

Comms Mode

Operational

Comms Activity

IDLE

OBC Mode

Operational

OBC Activity

IDLE

Payload Mode

Standby

Payload Activity

IDLE

PDHU Mode

Operational

PDHU Activity

IDLE

Power Mode

Operational

Power Activity

IDLE

Thermal Mode

Operational

Thermal Activity

IDLE

ASSEMBLIES

RCS Mode

Operational

RCS Activity

IDLE

GNSS Mode

Operational

GNSS Activity

IDLE

SSN Mode

OFF

SSN Activity

IDLE

MTQ Mode

OFF

MTQ Activity

IDLE

S-Band TT&C Mode

Operational

S-Band TT&C Activity

IDLE

RDIU Mode

Operational

RDIU Activity

IDLE

Processor Mode

Operational

Processor Activity

IDLE

LDR Boom Mode

Operational

LDR Boom Activity

IDLE

LDR Reflector Mode

OFF

LDR Reflector Activity

Directory1 Mode

Operational

Directory1 Activity

IDLE

Directory2 Mode

Operational

Directory2 Activity

IDLE

Battery Mode

Operational

Battery Activity

IDLE

SAA Mode

Operational

SAA Activity

IDLE

Therm. Assy Mode

OFF

Therm. Assy Activity

IDLE

STRA Mode

Operational

STRA Activity

IDLE

RWA Mode

Operational

RWA Activity

IDLE

MTO Mode

OFF

MTO Activity

IDLE

Clock Mode

Operational

Clock Activity

SAR Mode

OFF

SAR Activity

MCA Mode

Operational

MCA Activity

IDLE

Directory3 Mode

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PCDU Mode

Operational

PCDU Activity

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Heater Assy Mode

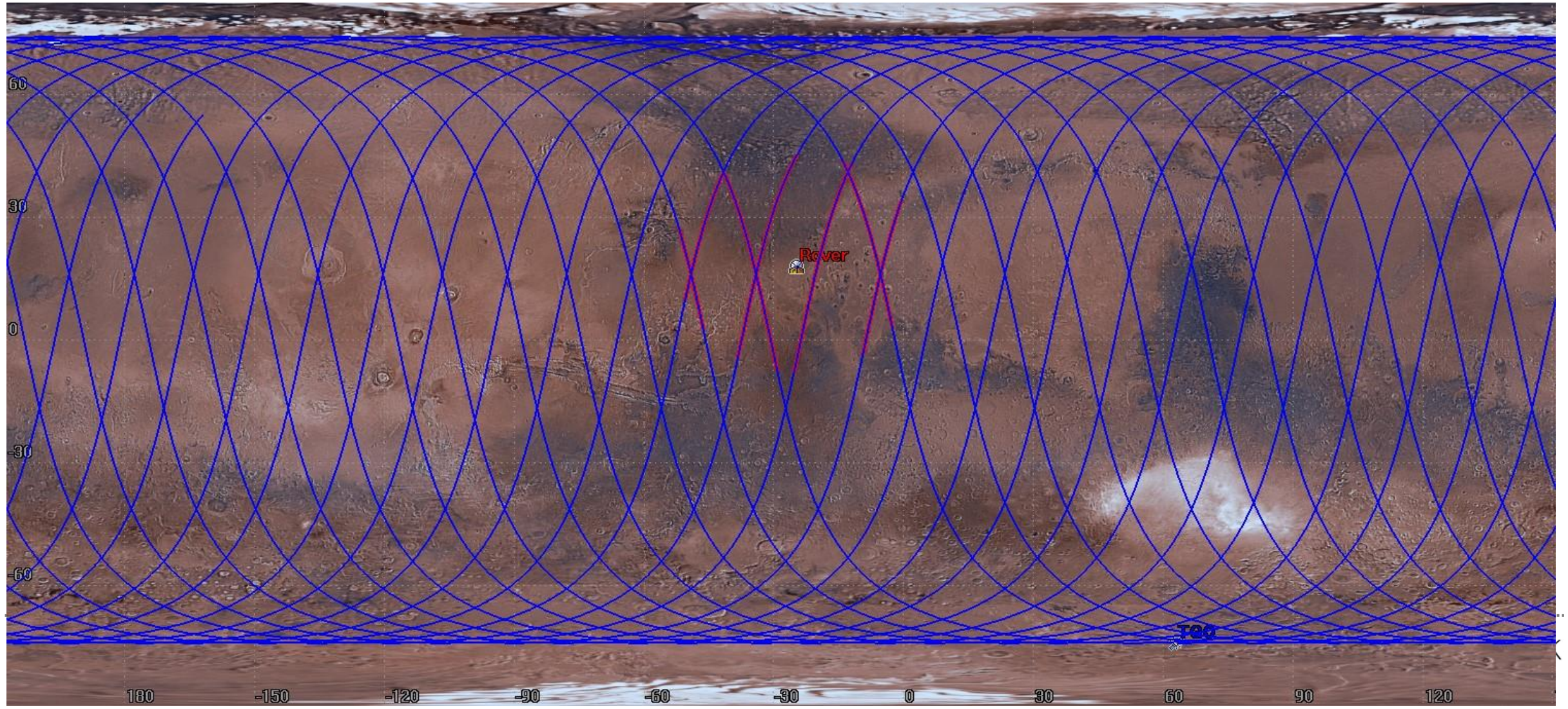
Operational

Heater Assy Activity

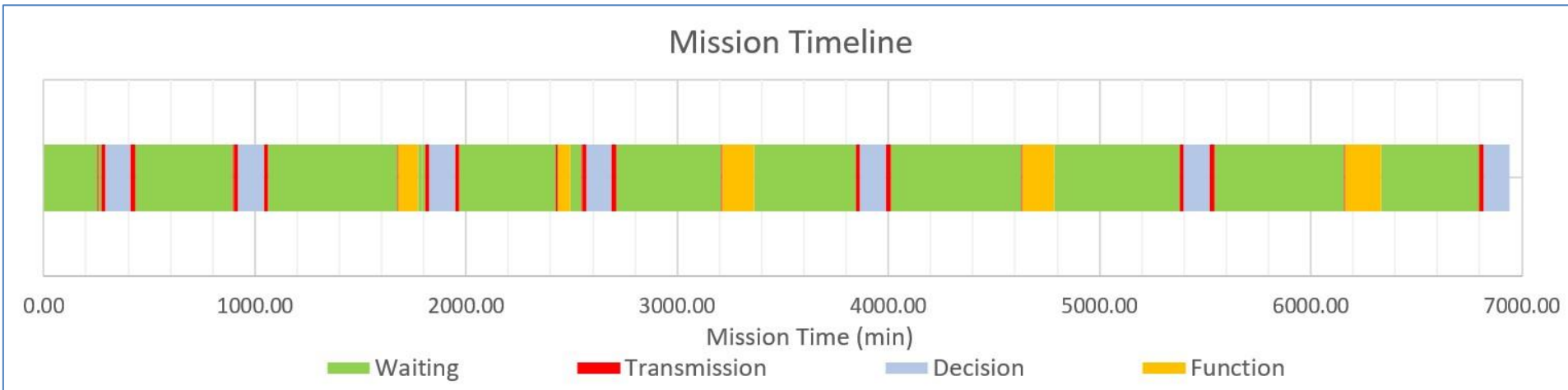
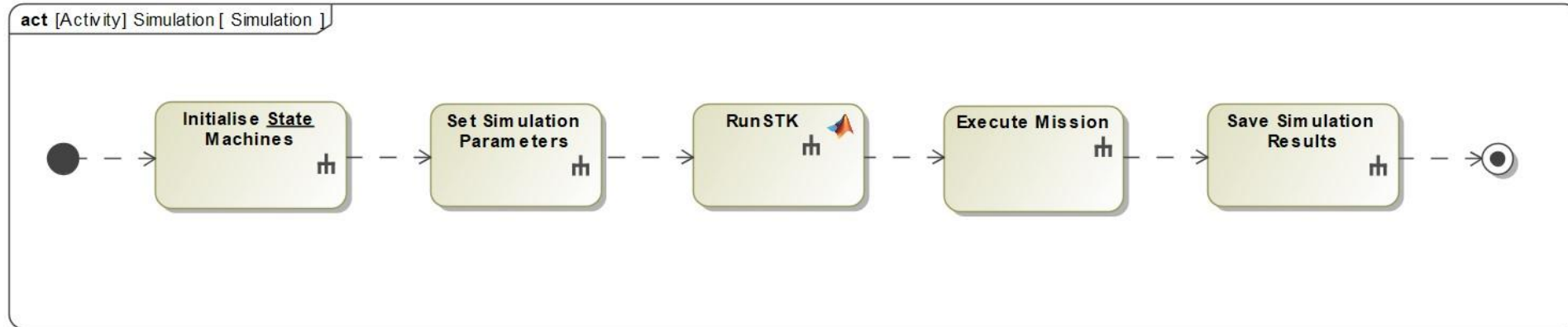
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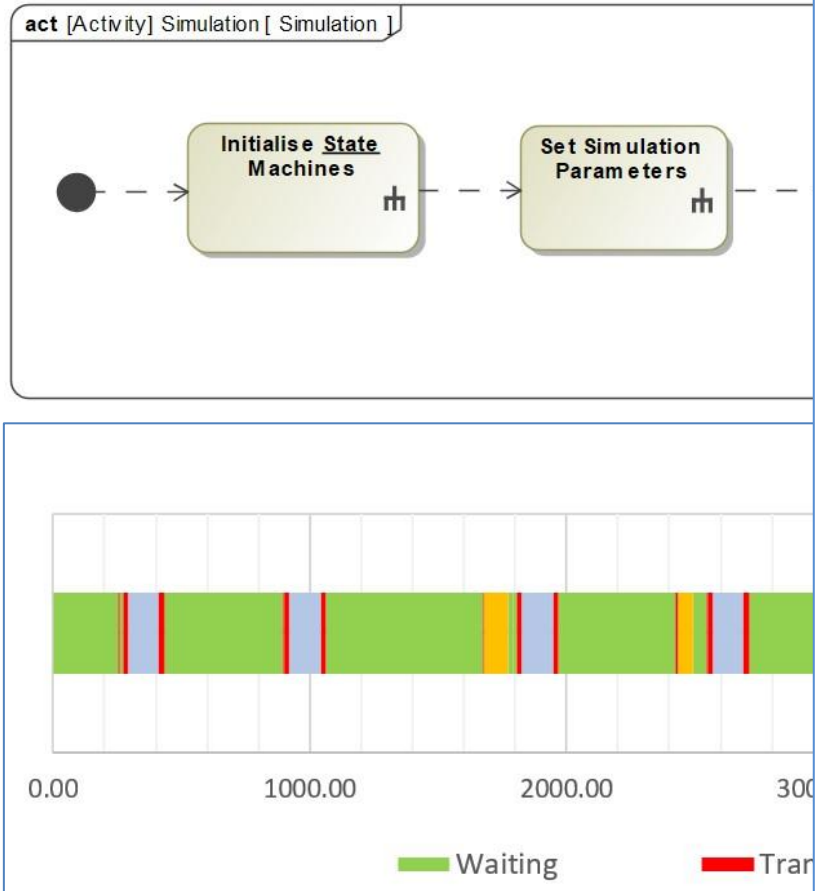
ExoMars Model - STK



ExoMars Model - Results



ExoMars Model - Results



SIMULATION

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MISSION TIMES (min)

Waiting Time
Transmission Time
Function Time
Decision Time
Mission Time

EXTERNAL ENTITIES

Lander

COMMUNICATIONS

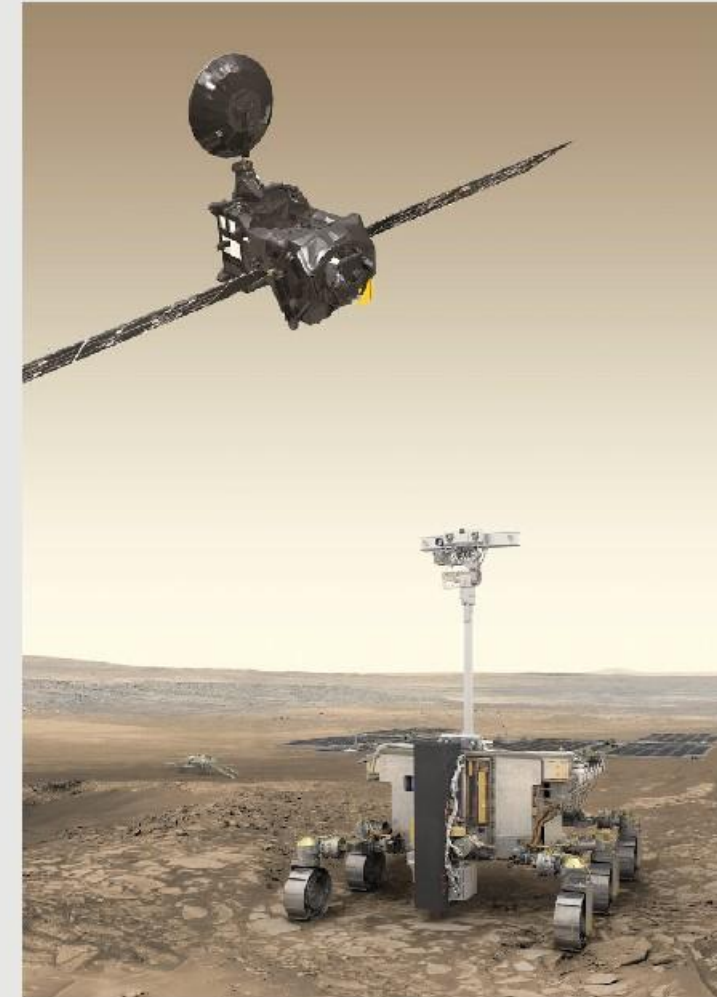
Estrack
TC TM
Orbiter
ESOC

SPACECRAFT

Operational Phase
Spacecraft Mode
Spacecraft Activity
Distance Travelled (m)
Power Generation (W)

SUBSYSTEMS

Mechanisms
Mobility
Comms



OBC

Payload

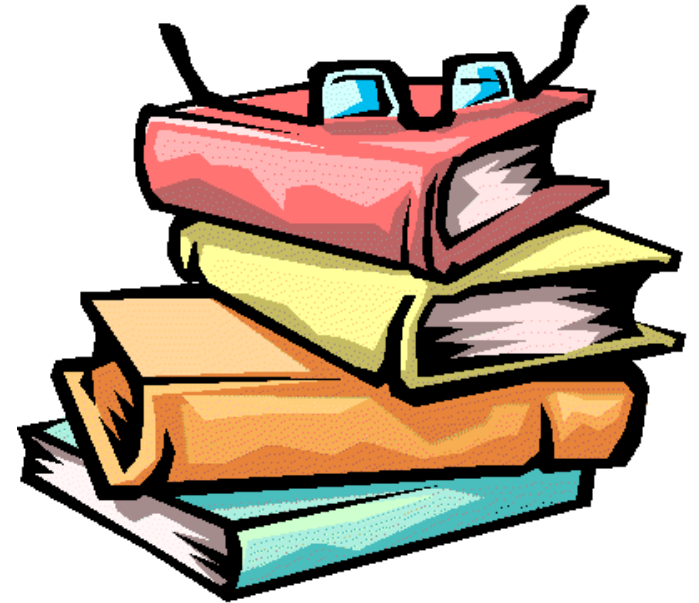
Power

Thermal


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Lessons Learned

- ✓ Separation between **Descriptive** and **Analytical** aspects of the model is crucial
- ✓ Separation between **Mission, Operations** and **System** introduces flexibility in definition and analysis
 - does not prescribe system behaviour
- ✓ Application to multiple missions and use cases can demonstrate flexibility



Summary

- ✓ Interviews within Airbus indicated:
 - we should focus on 'Early Functional Validation' against 'Concept of Operations'
 - we should develop a 'Model Template'
- ✓ MBSE techniques have been applied to three case studies:
 1. Biomass, **Mass Memory Sizing** (previous work)
 2. Biomass, **Payload Deployment** Sequence
 3. ExoMars, **Egress from Lander** Sequence
- ✓ A model-based framework, the 'Spacecraft Early Analysis Model' has been developed
 - This links CSM, MATLAB, Excel, STK to define and simulate system behaviour
-  Development of the **SEAM Guide** and **SEAM Ontology** is ongoing

Thank you for listening

Questions / Feedback
gratefully received!

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