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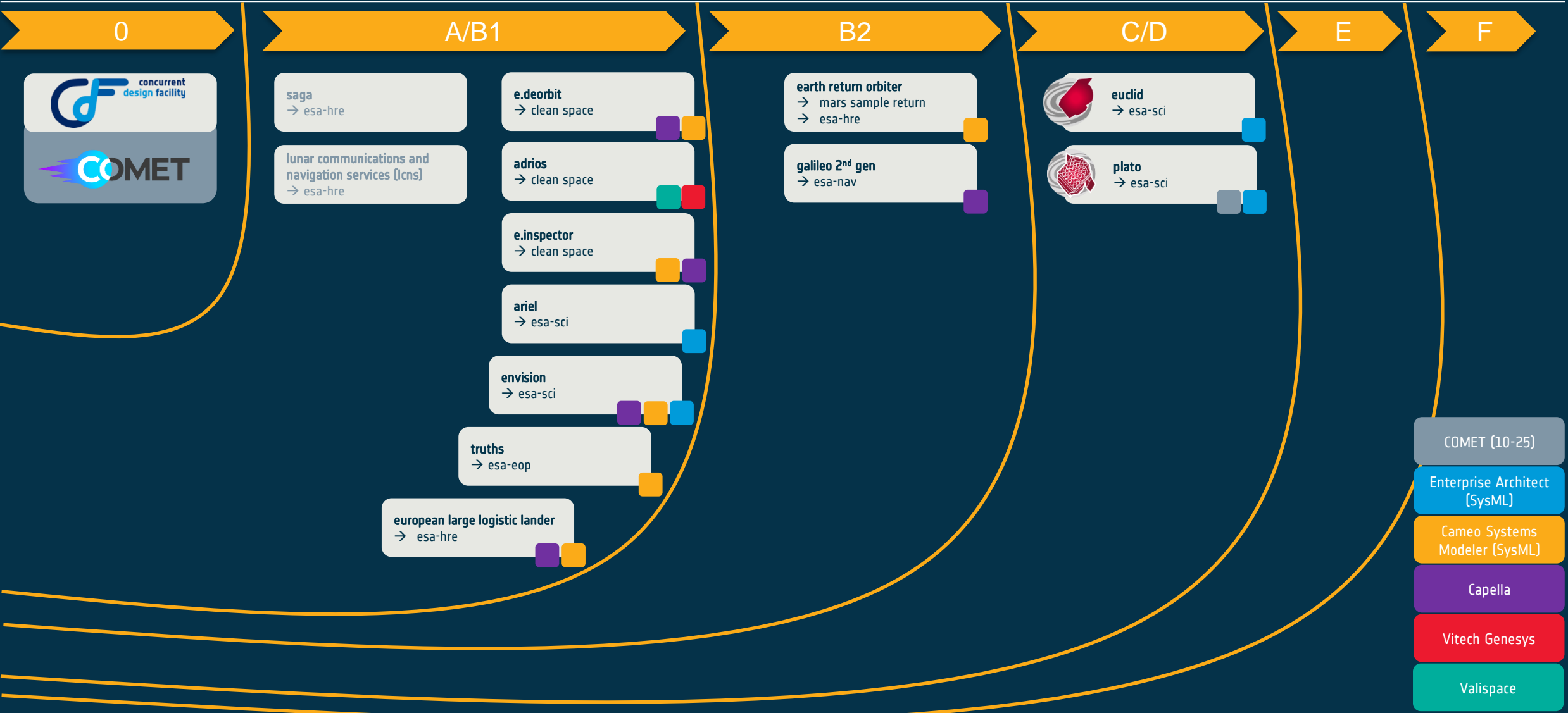
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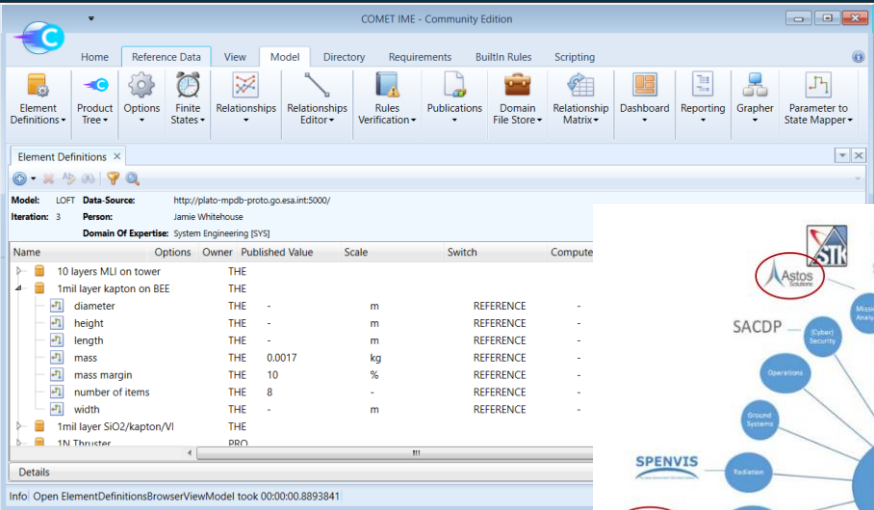
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MBSE in ESA Missions Mission Overview



MBSE in ESA Missions Phase 0 (CDF)



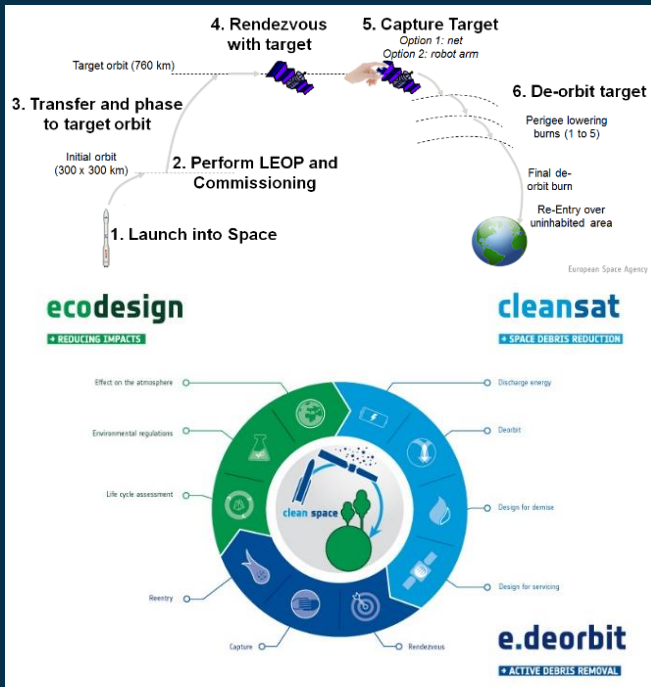


e.Inspector

- Mission to inspect uncontrolled satellite to assess viability of a subsequent deorbiting mission
- Requirement and Functional modelling in CDF Feasibility Study using SysML/Cameo Systems Modeler (alongside OCDT model)
- SysML and OCDT models provided as inputs to Phase A
- *Politecnico di Milano* was selected as Phase A Prime, adopting Capella as MBSE solution

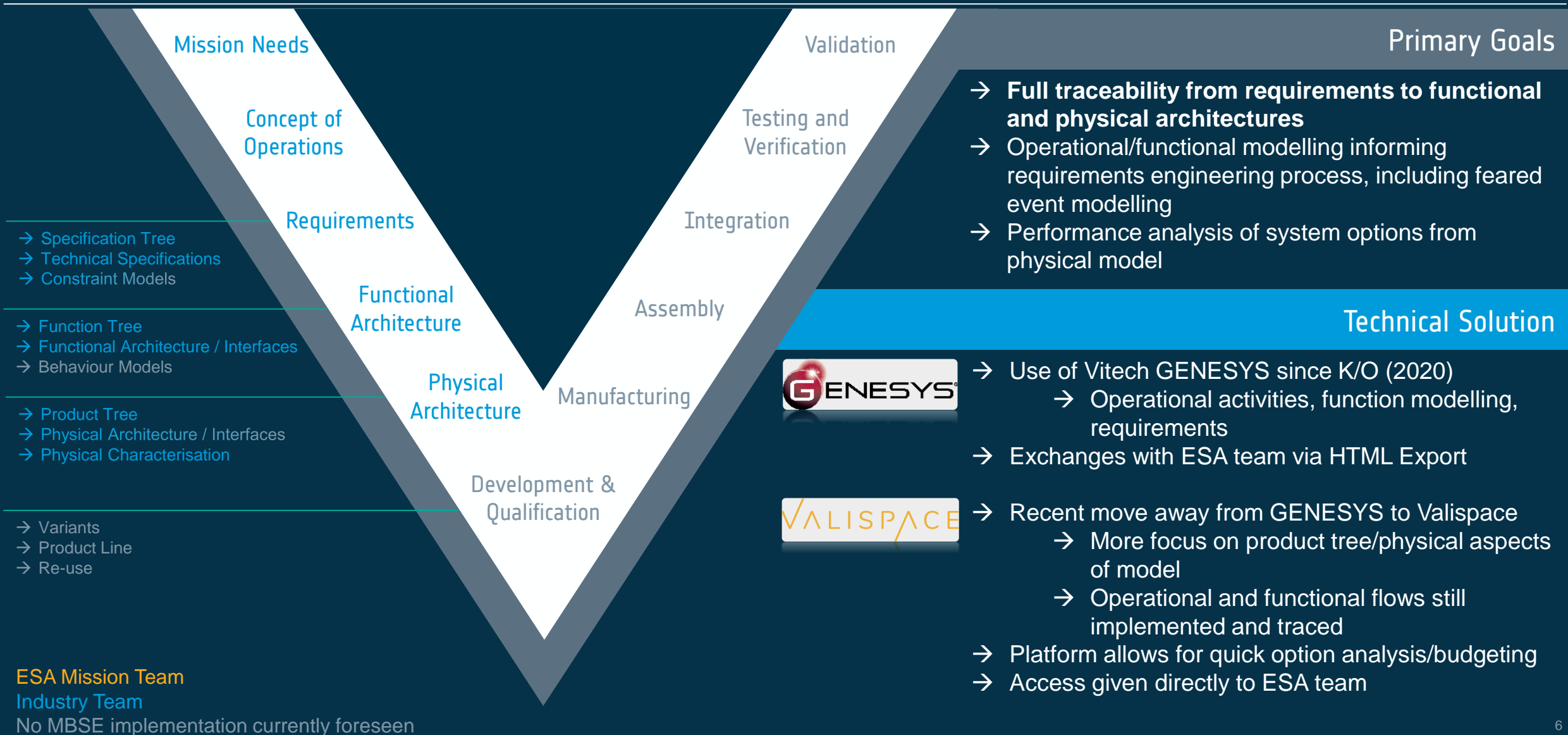
e.Deorbit

- Active debris removal mission to safely deorbit an uncontrolled target
- CCN to Phase A SoW to create an MBSE model (i.e. reverse-engineer from phase A)
- Continuation of MBSE approach in Phase B1 by both consortia
 - ADS using SysML/MagicDraw plus CDP4
 - OHB/TAS using Capella plus IDM-CIC
- Strong engagement from contractors and lessons learned from different approaches
- No funding found to continue past Phase B1

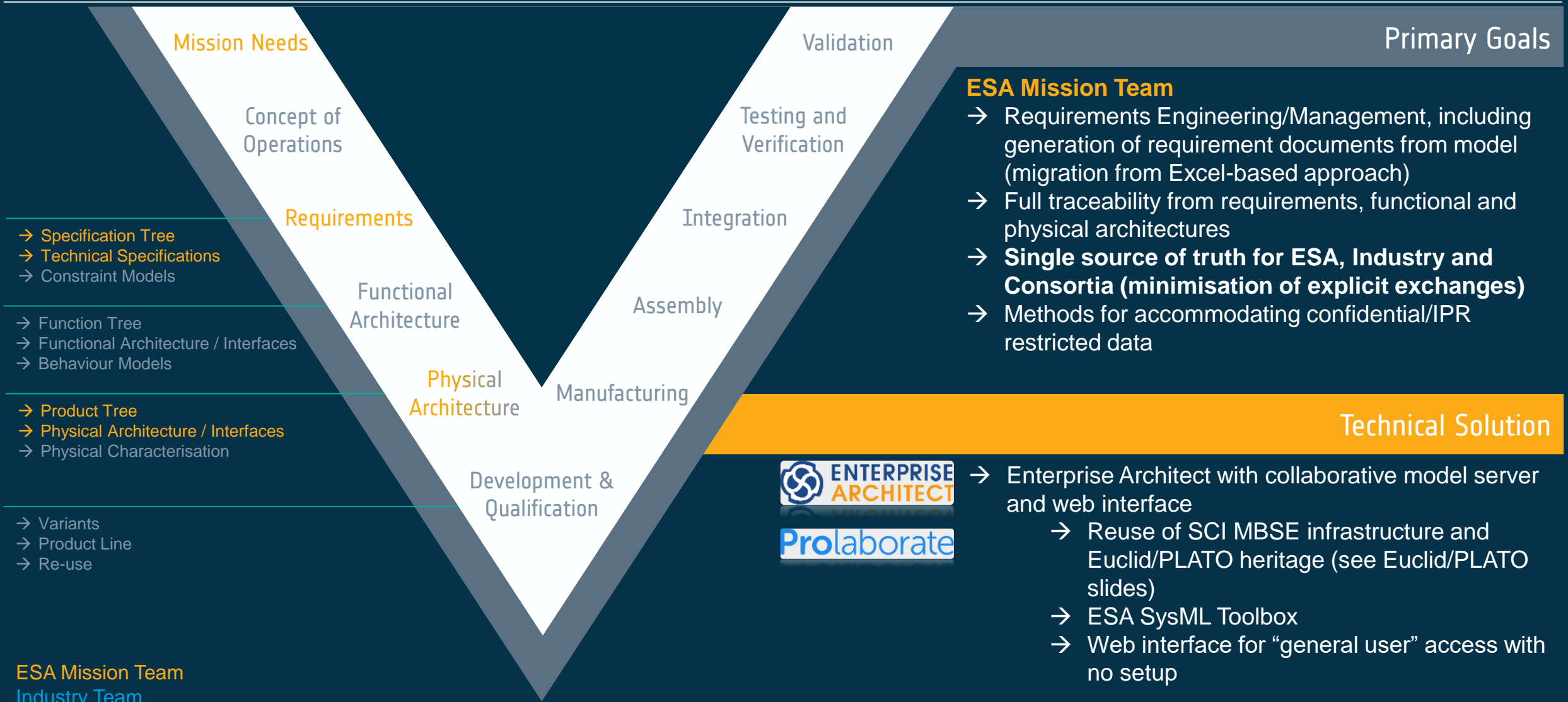


Mission Context

Directorate	TEC / Clean Space
Programme	Space Safety
Project Phase	B1
Launch Date	2025
Objective(s)	The first mission in ESA’s Active Debris Removal and In-Orbit Servicing (ADRIOS) project, ClearSpace-1 will rendezvous, capture and bring down for reentry a Vespa payload adapter.
Contractor(s)	ClearSpace (Prime)
Points of Contact	Robin Biesbroek (robin.biesbroek@esa.int) <i>Mission Performance and Modelling Engineer</i>



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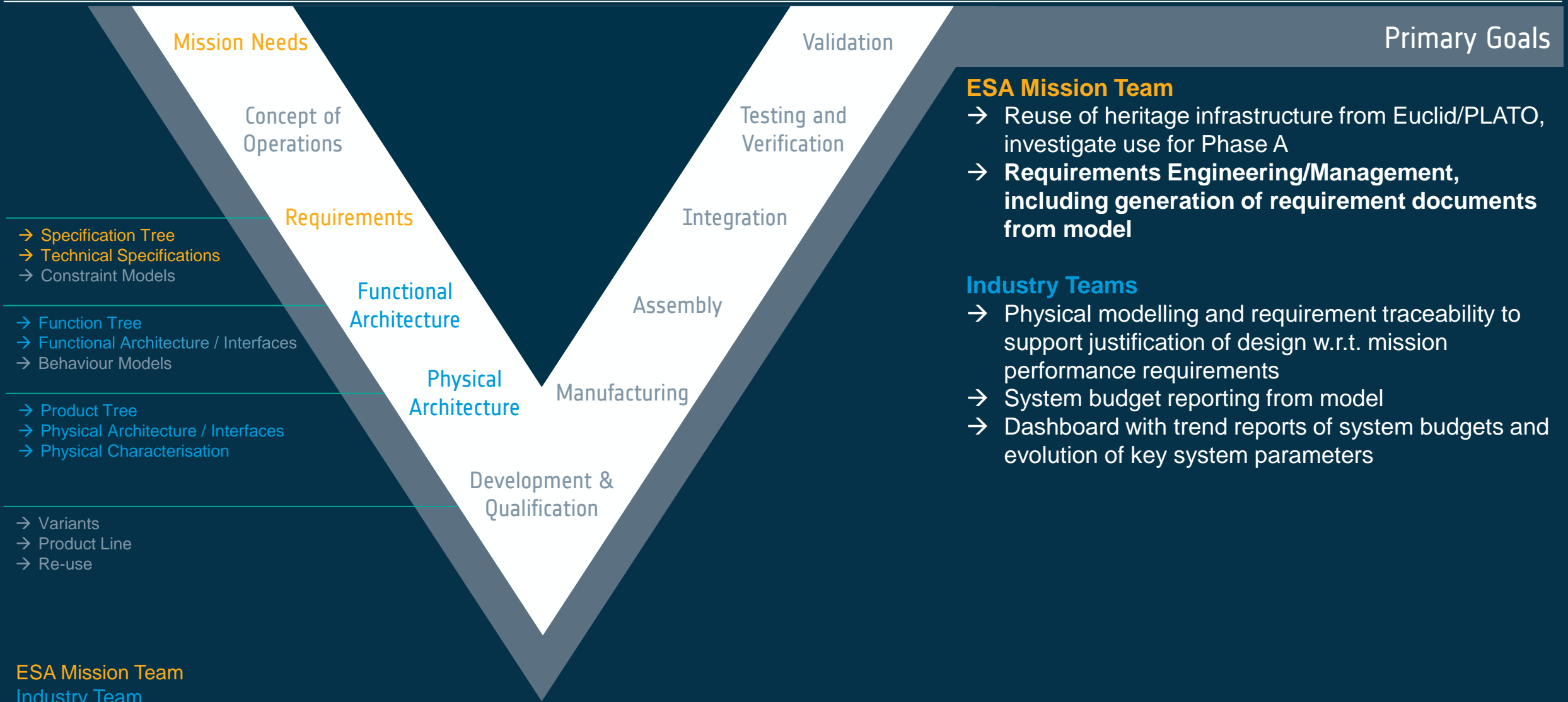
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No MBSE implementation currently foreseen

Mission Context

Directorate	SCI	
Programme	Cosmic Vision M5	
Project Phase	B0 (B1 K/O Nov 2021)	
Objective(s)	EnVision is a Venus orbiter mission that will determine the nature and current state of Venus' geological evolution and its relationship with the atmosphere, to understand how and why Venus and Earth evolved so differently.	
Contractor(s)	TAS / ADS (Competitive)	
Points of Contact	Robert Buchwald (robert.buchwald@esa.int)	<i>System Engineer</i>
MBSE2021 Presentations	<u>Application of Digital Exchanges Between Project Partners in the Frame of Envision Project</u> (Gerald Garcia, TAS)	Wed 29/09/2021 @ 12:25CET



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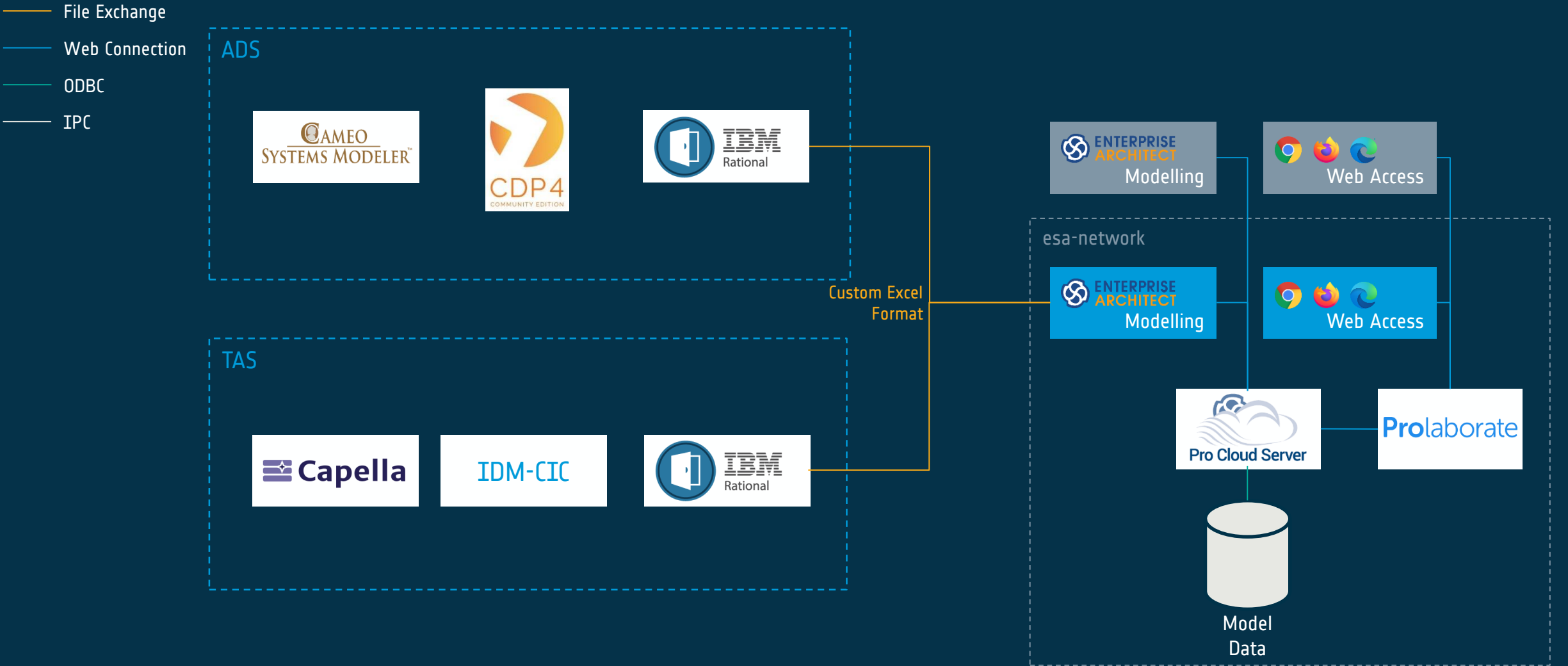
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MBSE in ESA Missions EnVision



MBSE Architecture



Takeaways

Key Capabilities

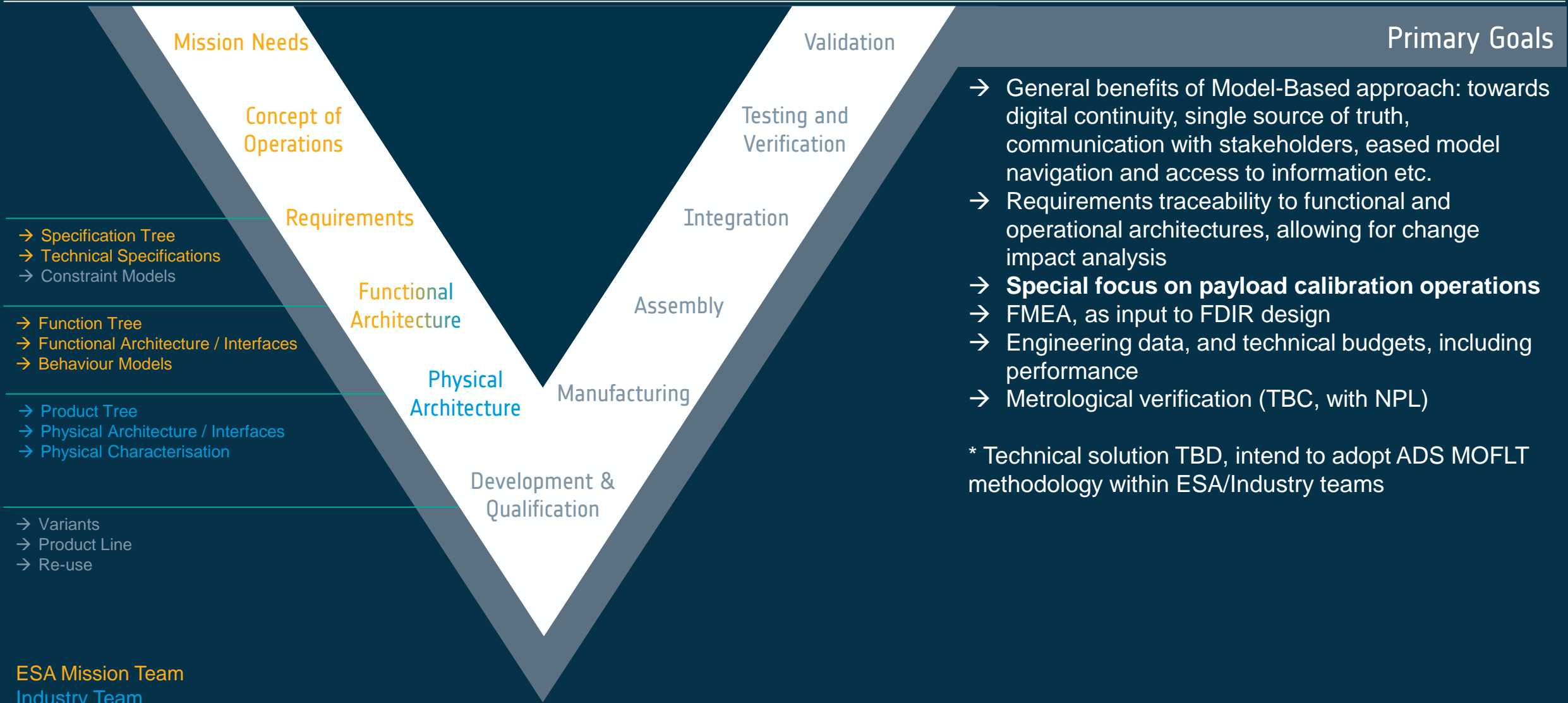
- Exploitation of model (e.g. doc generation, consistency checks)
- “Intelligent VCD”
- Easier exchange formats for Industry
- Interactive web viewer supports discussions internally and externally

Lessons Learned

- Reuse of existing infrastructure → quick to establish model and start working
- **Multi-media in requirements (images, tables) → significant challenges with EA and exchanging with other systems (e.g. DOORS)**
- Overhead from input/output in various document-based formats
- Start early
- Identify owners of model sections (i.e. book captains), enforce work through model
- Interoperability with Industry using different modelling tools - common formats needed to simplify work on ESA team

Mission Context

Directorate	EOP
Programme	Earth Watch
Project Phase	B1
Objective(s)	Creation of a space-based climate and calibration observatory that will improve confidence in climate change forecasts and support net zero mitigation strategies and their impact.
Contractor(s)	ADS (Prime)
Points of Contact	Andrea Marini (andrea.marini@esa.int) Eric Joffre (eric.joffre@esa.int) <i>TRUTHS Project Manager</i> <i>SE Support</i>



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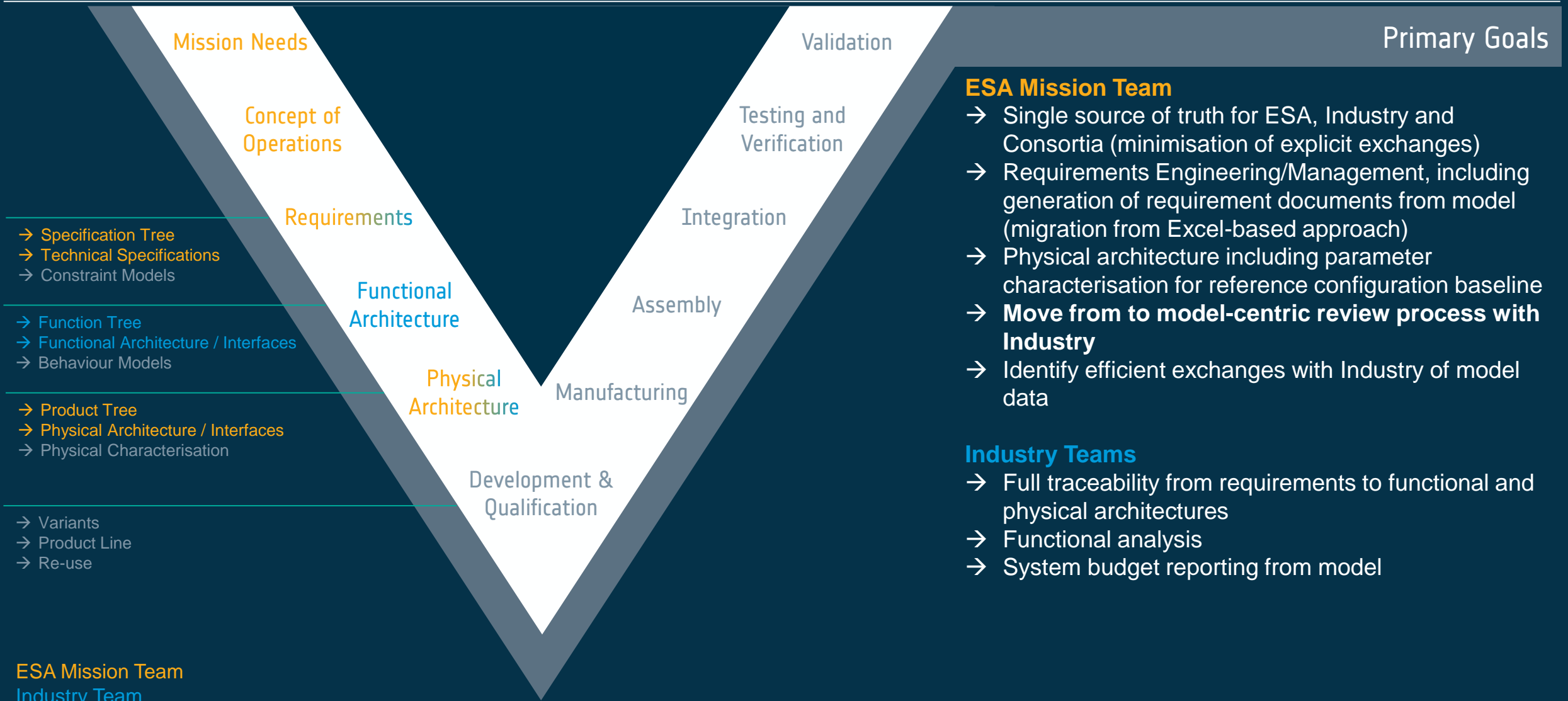
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Mission Context

Directorate	HRE
Project Phase	B1
Launch Date	2029
Objective(s)	European Large Logistics Lander (EL3), designed to allow a series of different missions to the lunar surface with different options for its payload.
Contractor(s)	ADS / TAS (Competitive)
Points of Contact	Ludovic Duvet (ludovic.duvet@esa.int) Alberto Gonzalez Fernandez (alberto.gonzalez.fernandez@esa.int)

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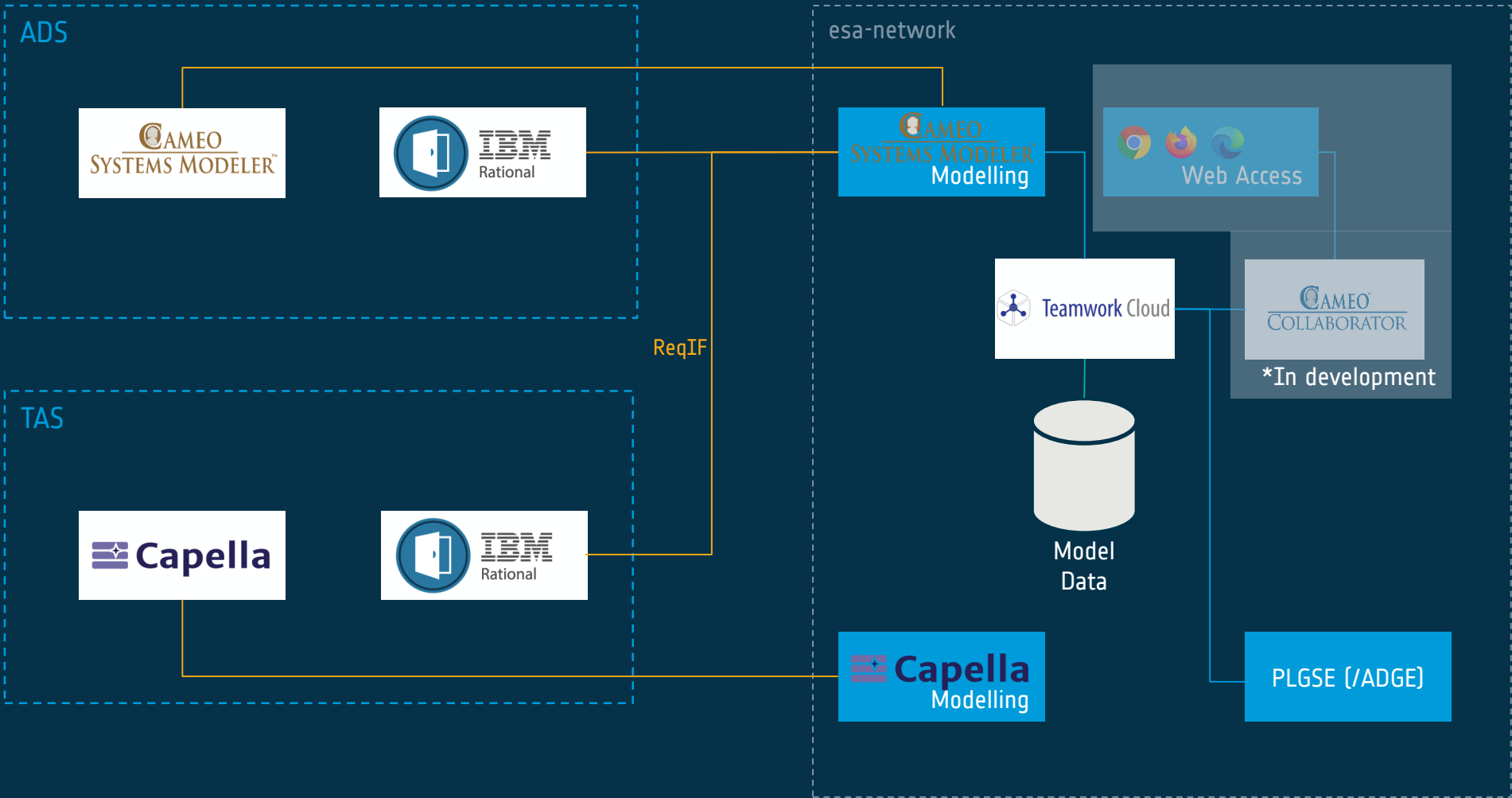
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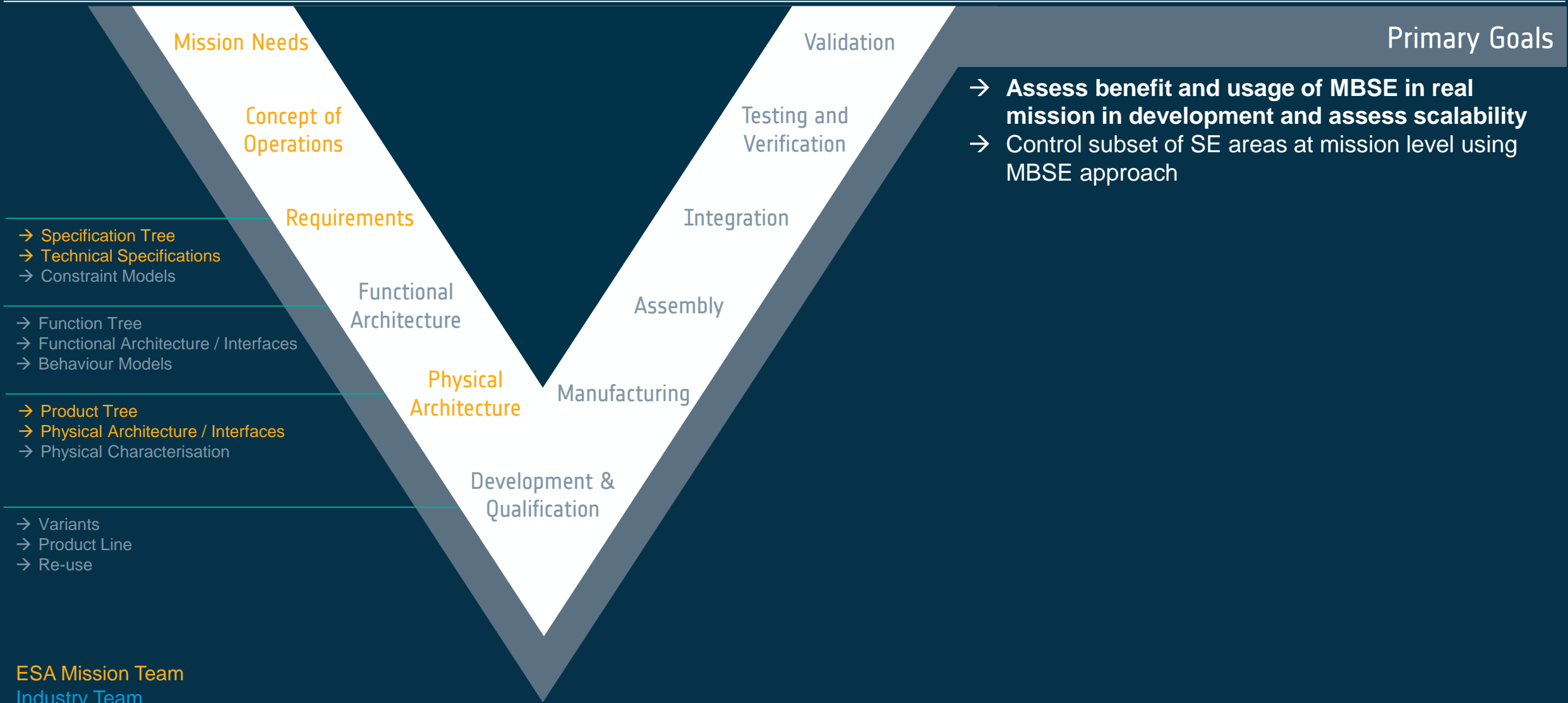
MBSE Architecture

- File Exchange
- Web Connection
- ODBC
- IPC



Mission Context

Directorate	SCI	
Programme	Cosmic Vision M2	
Project Phase	D	
Launch Date	2023 Q1	
Objective(s)	To understand the nature of dark energy and dark matter by accurate measurements of both the accelerated expansion of the Universe and the strength of gravity on cosmological scales.	
Contractor(s)	TAS-IT (Prime, SVM), ADS-FR (PLM)	
Points of Contact	Tobias Boenke (tobias.boenke@esa.int)	<i>Mission System Engineer</i>
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Primary Goals

- Assess benefit and usage of MBSE in real mission in development and assess scalability
- Control subset of SE areas at mission level using MBSE approach

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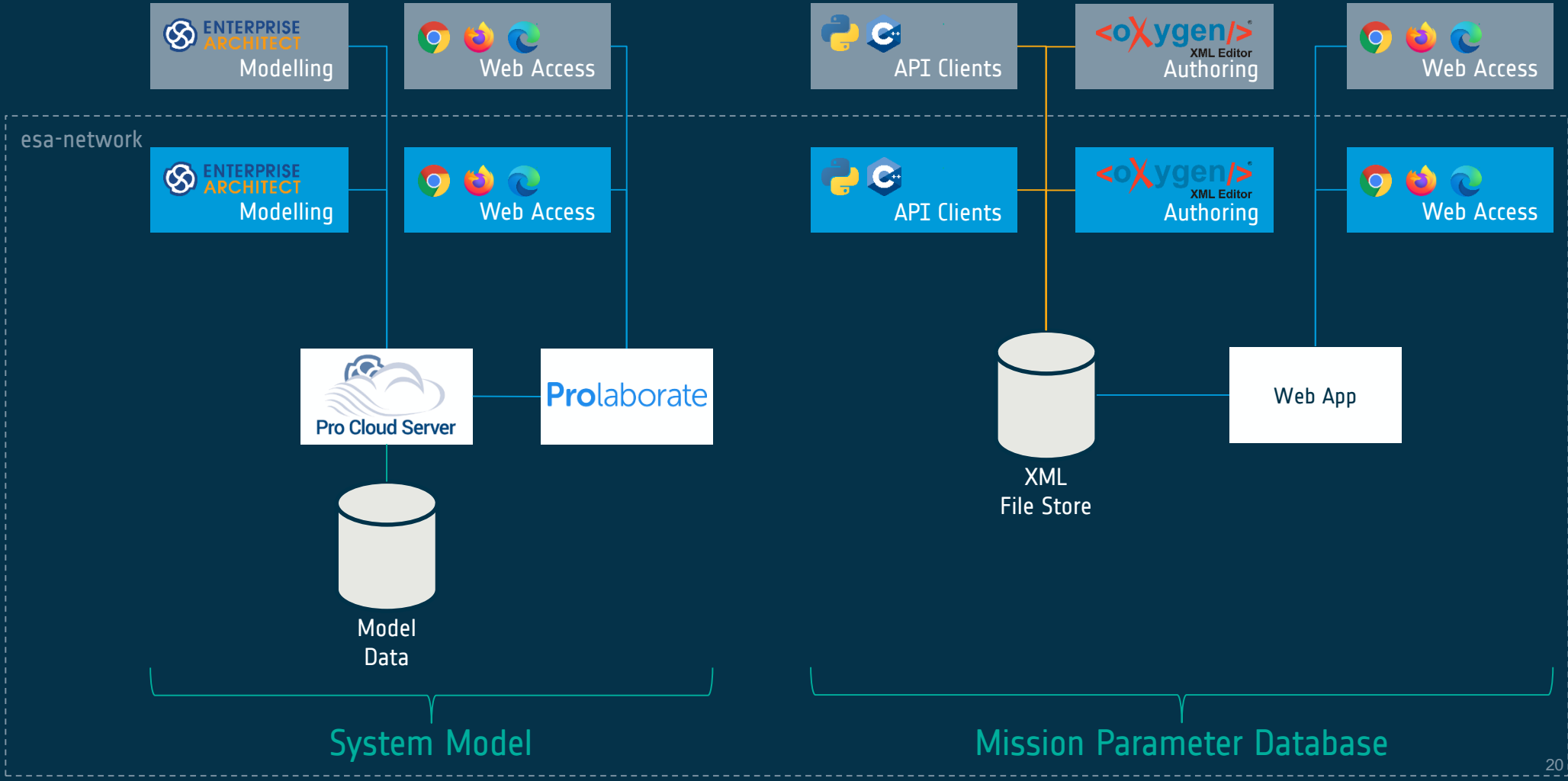
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MBSE in ESA Missions Euclid



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Takeaways

Chosen Solution

- Gradual development since **2012** → now forms basis of SCI MBSE Infrastructure
- Cost (to maximise Science Consortia engagement)
- Shared model server enables collaboration
- Flexibility/customisation

Lessons Learned

- Modelling as Systems Thinking “lighthouse”
- Define and document a clear modelling approach
- Start early
- Identify to what level is necessary to model
- Facilitate sharing and usage – lower the entry barrier
 - General problem of “intimidation” from tool
 - **SysML too general/unintuitive for Systems Engineers → develop “ESA SysML Profile”**
 - Need to deploy easy-to-use interfaces



Mission Context

Directorate	SCI
Programme	Cosmic Vision M3
Project Phase	C
Objective(s)	Detection and characterisation of terrestrial exoplanets around bright solar-type stars, with emphasis on planets orbiting in the habitable zone.
Contractor(s)	OHB (Prime), TAS (FR, UK), RUAG Space
Points of Contact	Jose Lorenzo Alvarez (jose.lorenzo.alvarez@esa.int) <i>Mission and Payload Manager</i> Sami-Matias Niemi (sami.matias.niemi@esa.int) <i>Mission System Performance Engineer</i> David Pena Hidalgo (david.pena.hidalgo@esa.int) <i>TEC-SW Support</i> Jamie Whitehouse (jamie.whitehouse@esa.int) <i>MBSE Support</i>



Mission Needs

Concept of Operations

Requirements

Functional Architecture

Physical Architecture

Development & Qualification

Validation

Testing and Verification

Integration

Assembly

Manufacturing

Primary Goals

- Assess benefit and usage of MBSE in real missions in development and confirm scalability
- Extension of previous Euclid efforts to include:
 - Full functional modelling
 - Interface modelling/management and ICD generation
 - Interaction with industry
- Management of instrument characterisation data across lifecycle (input to performance simulators)
- **Integrate more stakeholders**
 - **Tool-based requirement exchange (DOORS)**
 - **SOCCL interface w/SCI-O**
 - **Operational Ground Segment Data Exchange (GSTP w/ OPS)**

→ Specification Tree
→ Technical Specifications
→ Constraint Models

→ Function Tree
→ Functional Architecture / Interfaces
→ Behaviour Models

→ Product Tree
→ Physical Architecture / Interfaces
→ Physical Characterisation

→ Variants
→ Product Line
→ Re-use

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MBSE in ESA Missions PLATO

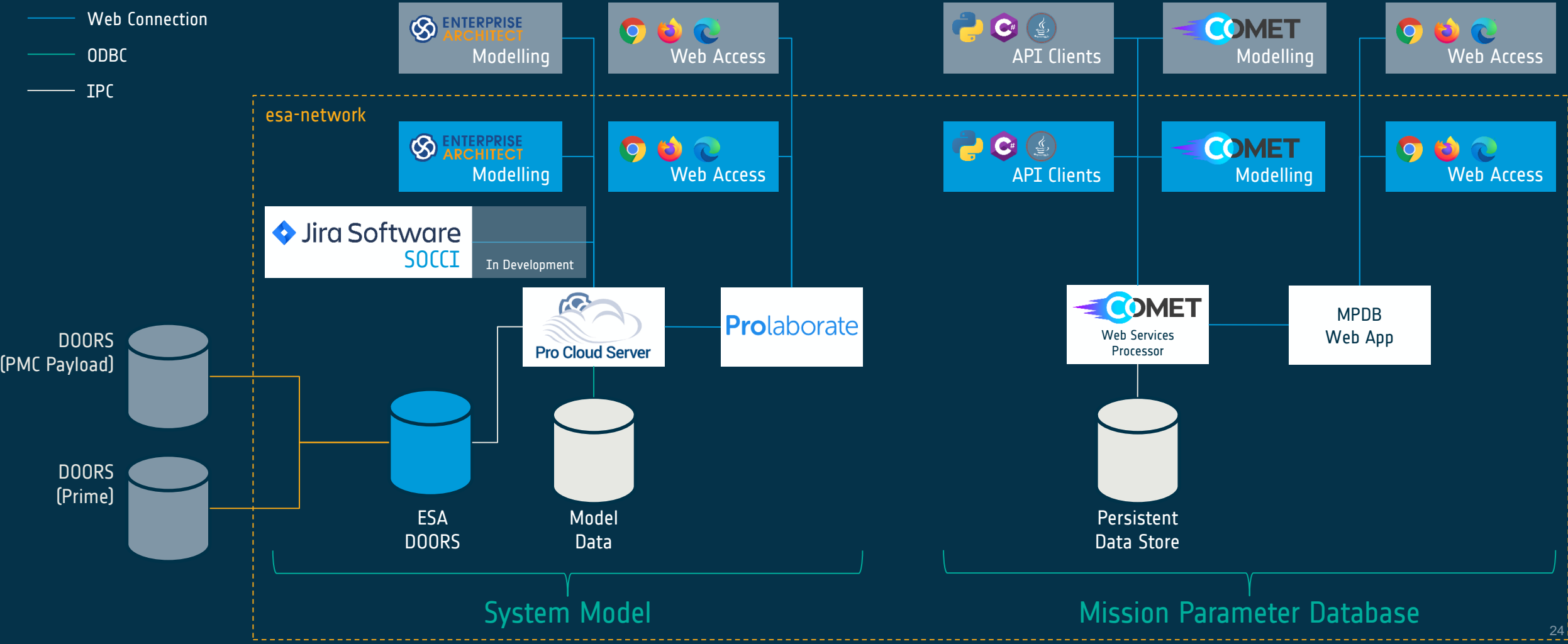


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Takeaways

Chosen Solution

- Reuse of heritage infrastructure
- Addition of general user “web viewers” (Prolaborate / TM-10-25 Web App)
- Move to more structured tool for mission parameter data (COMET)

Lessons Learned

- Early training of System Engineers into MBSE approach
- Efficient control and impact assessment of changes
- Align modelling with SE processes
- **Efficient collaboration infrastructure for concurrent access by different stakeholders**
- **Emphasis on usability and interaction for external users**
- Need to formalize or standardize interface for exchange of information

Mission Context

Directorate HRE

Programme Mars Sample Return

Project Phase B2

Objective(s) The Earth Return Orbiter (ERO) is a component mission of the Mars Sample Return (MSR) campaign. Following launch of Martian soil samples into orbit, ERO will capture and seal the samples in a biocontainment system. The spacecraft will then return to Earth, where it will release the entry capsule for the samples.

Contractor(s) ADS (Prime)

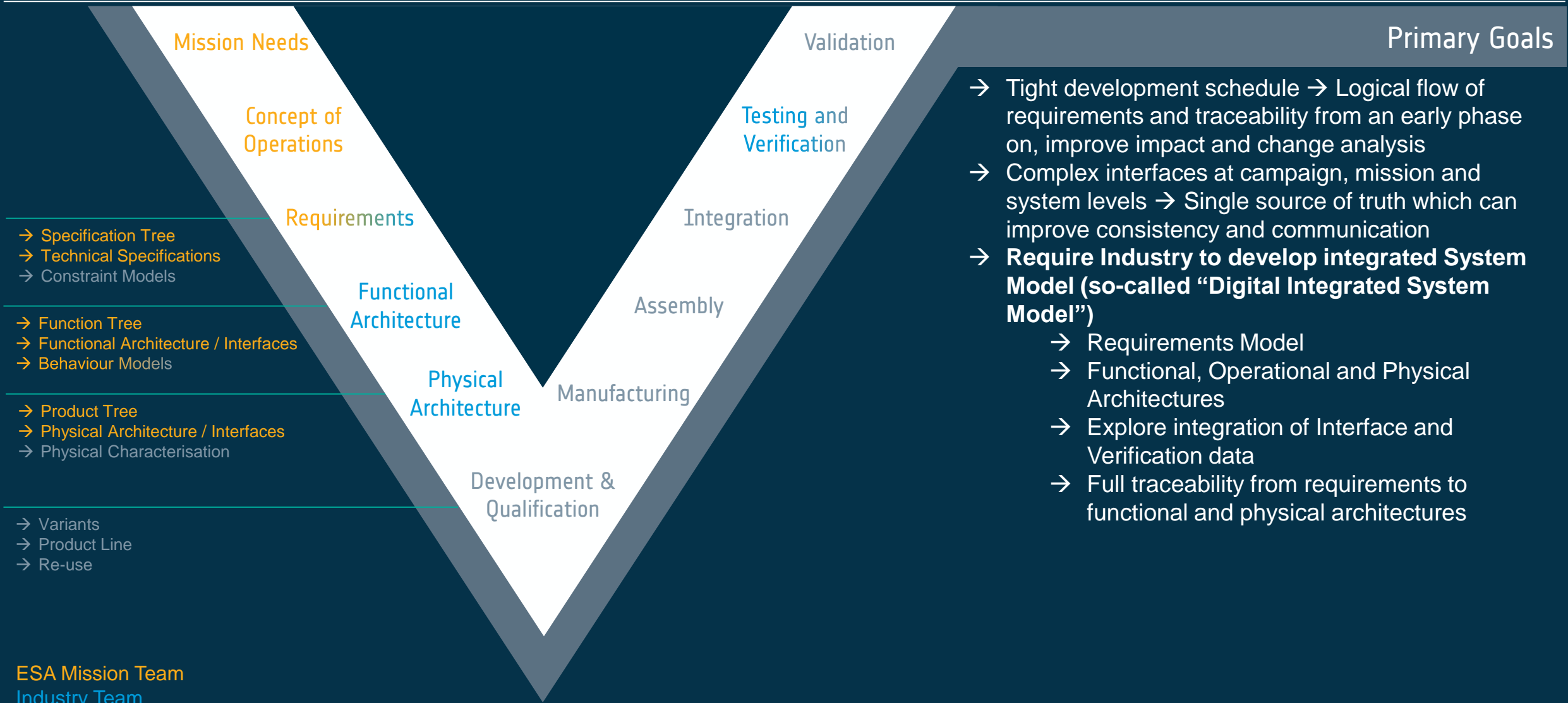
Points of Contact Jakob Huesing (jakob.huesing@esa.int) *ERO CCRS Payload Engineer / MBSE Coordinator*

MBSE2021 Presentations [MBSE on MSR ERO: a use case](#)
(Jean-Baptiste Bernaudin, ADS)

Wed 29/09/2021 @ 11:45CET

[Incorporating Model Based Reviews into the life cycle of the Earth Return Orbiter](#)
(Lorenz Affentranger, ESA/ESTEC)

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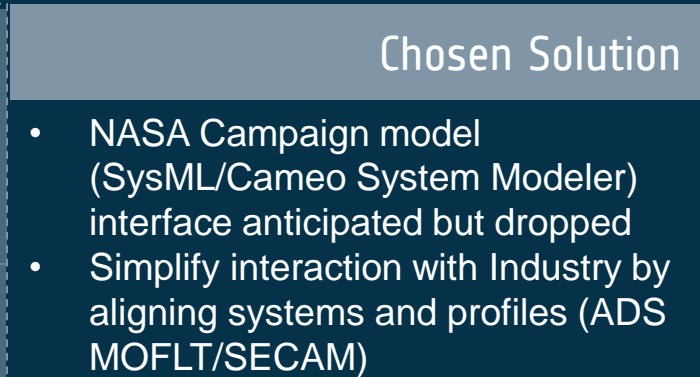


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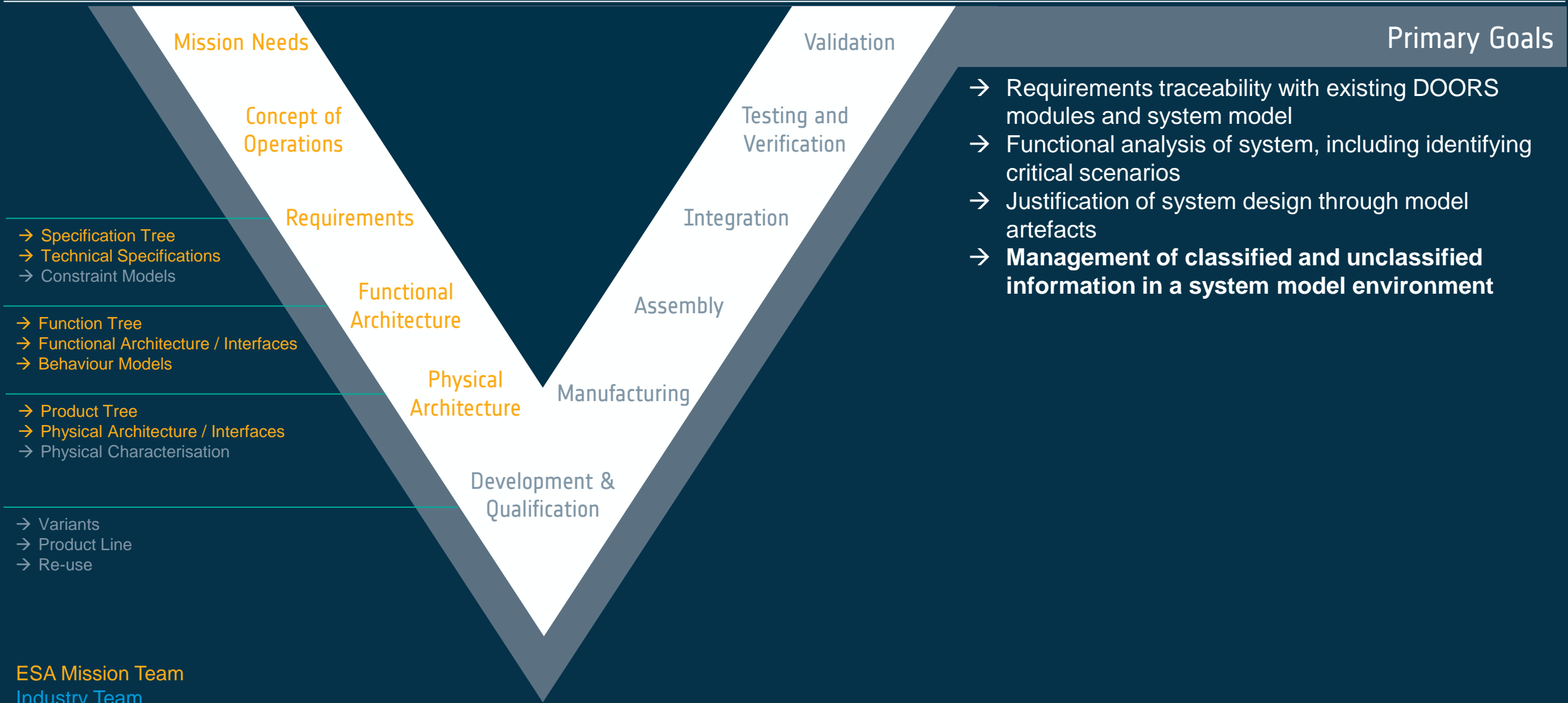
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Mission Context

Directorate	NAV	
Project Phase	B2	
Launch Date	2024	
Objective(s)	Galileo is Europe’s civil global satellite navigation constellation, currently the world’s most precise satnav system, offering metre-scale accuracy to more than 2 billion users around the globe. With improved accuracy, the new generation should be able to offer decimetre-scale precision positioning to all.	
Contractor(s)	ADS / TAS	
Points of Contact	Catherine Morlet (catherine.morlet@esa.int)	<i>Galileo System Evolution Architecture Engineer</i>
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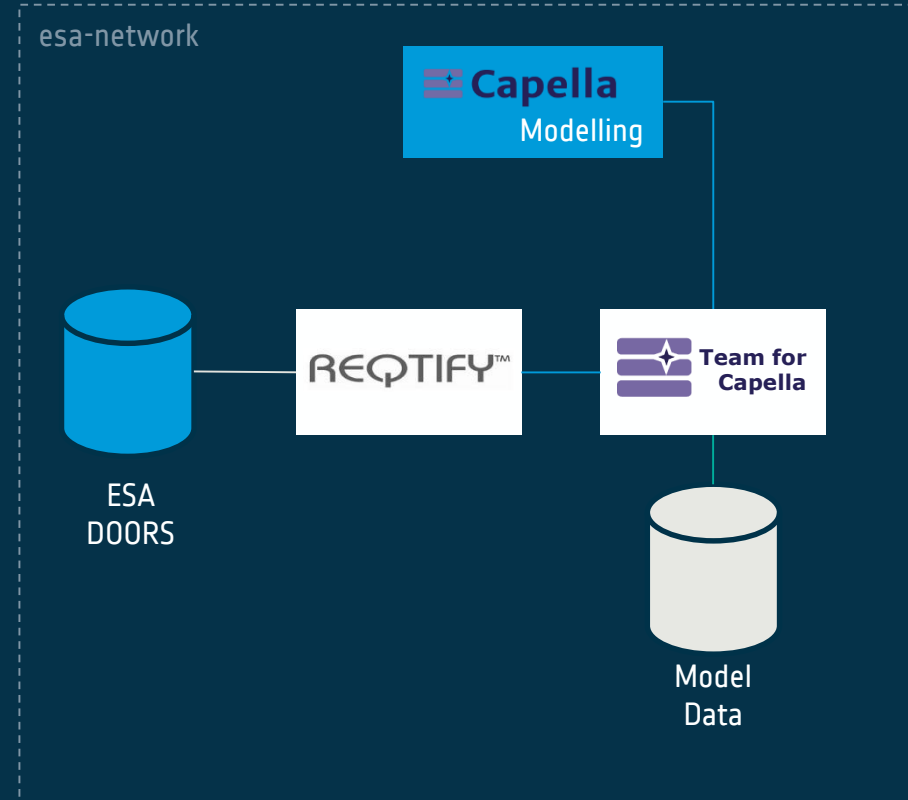
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Chosen Solution

- TAS provides technical support → use of applications and methodologies used in TAS projects
- End-to-end requirements traceability from Reqtify tool
- Model server (Team for Capella) allows for collaborative work with model

Takeaways

Lessons Learned

- Methodology alone is not sufficient: must enforce consistent and correct modelling processes
- Understand what information to model and why: easy to overextend modelling

Open Points

- **Maintaining coherent information across classified and unclassified models (iteration between black \leftrightarrow white box models)**



Increasing interest and adoption in missions



Collaboration across ESA and Industry



Interoperability and exchange remains a key issue



Heterogeneous approach across ESA mission teams

MBSE in ESA Activities Completed Activities*



*Highlights, not exhaustive

Activity Name	Point of Contact	Contractor(s)	Objective
MBSE Implement	Maxime Perrotin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Creotech Instruments - N7 Space 	<p>Learn how to put model-based systems/software co-engineering into practice to achieve more effective development of smallsat.</p> <p>Example application: HyperSat – Polish national small satellite. In particular focusing one use case: preparation of thermal control subsystem and thermal balance test.</p>
Common Information Platform (CIP) / Model-based Requirements Verification Lifecycle (MARVL)	Quirien Wijnands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RHEA Group - ADS - ScopeSet - 3DSE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A platform that facilitates model-based information exchange through the project life-cycles between: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • interdisciplinary / multifunctional information exchange • multiple stakeholders (e.g. ESA, Airbus) • A platform that supports traceability through the project lifecycle • Support technical oversight and formal review process
Paperless Ground Segment Engineering (PLGSE)	Marcus Wallum	Telespazio Vega DE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity to develop a Ground Segment Systems Engineering Framework (GSEF) for the Operational Ground Segment. • Focus on the development of a model centric implementation of the ECSS-E-ST-70C processes. • Strong emphasis on user interface, to separate the user from the underlying Data Model. • Euclid mission considered as a use case.

MBSE in ESA Activities Ongoing & Planned Activities*



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Activity Name	Point of Contact	Contractor(s)	Objective
System Architecture for a System Factory (SASyF)	Andreas Jung	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GMV - ADS - OHB - TAS 	The specification and architecture of a Model-Based System Engineering infrastructure for Space System Engineering, the so-called “system factory”, covering all phases of a space system development, by applying the Arcadia method.
SAVOIR Electronic Data Sheets (EDS)	David Perillo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CGI - ADS - OHB - TAS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace paper ICDs with machine-readable mechanism to describe interfaces of electronic units on-board spacecraft (Sensors, actuators, instruments, other units) • Automatic generation of artefacts (documents, code, etc.) from interface descriptions
Overall Semantic Modelling for Systems Engineering (OSMOSE)	Serge Valera	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GMV (Governance) - GorillaIT (Ontology) - ESA - ADS - OHB - TAS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Converge towards a Single European Ontology (and define what it is) for Space Projects • Enable exchange of data from any two modelling languages via a translation layer governed by the Single European Ontology for Space Projects • Iterative development of overarching Space System Ontology, starting from a “skeleton” ontology drawn from existing work in e.g. ECSS-E-TM-10-25/23, ESA SysML Profile

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TASTE	Maxime Perrotin	Large number of companies over 15 years (>20000 commits across 18 repositories)	Open-source tool-chain for model-based embedded software development. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A tool-chain targeting heterogeneous, embedded systems, using a model-centric development approach A laboratory platform for experimenting new software-related technologies, based on free, open-source solutions A process supporting the creation of systems using formal models and automatic code generation
Advanced Digital Ground Segment Engineering (ADGE)	Marcus Wallum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CGI Solenix Space Cube 	To build a mature, modern, fully web-based platform that enables a model-based approach for ground segment engineering, to be used by mission and subsystem engineers to design, develop, validate and support operations of multi-mission and mission-specific ground segments.
Generative Concurrent Design	Marcel Verhoef	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RHEA Group OHB Systems Siemens 	Solution for generative engineering that supports multi-user concurrent decision making. By creating and analysing multiple architecture variants, the design space for early concurrent trade-off studies can be significantly increased, leading to potentially better solutions. This solution will bridge between COMET capabilities (concurrent design, E-TM-10-25 standard) and Siemens Dx (generative engineering, integration with multidisciplinary behavioural simulation)

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Digital Engineering Hub Pathfinder	Marcel Verhoef	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RHEA Group - OHB Systems - Astos Solutions - Open Engineering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure seamless and timely sharing of engineering information between all disciplines in space system development teams, focusing on early lifecycle phases 0, A and B. • To foster an interoperable and future-proof, (community-) open-source, evolvable ecosystem in which evermore capable data-exchange solutions become available to run European space projects effectively. • To ensure that – in the future – the data exchange capabilities will scale from the early lifecycle phases to the complete space system lifecycle.
Model-Based Engineering Hub	Marcel Verhoef	<p>Contract 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ADS Friedrichshafen - ADS Bremen - SpaceCube - ScopeSET <p>Contract 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RHEA Group - TAS France - OHB Systems - DE Konsult 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enable (semantically correct) exchange of data between all stakeholders • Single European Ontology for Space Projects will be the basis for data exchange between tools • Global version and configuration control • Design of data storage/exchange TBD (Federated, centralised, etc.)

- Early phase studies for TIA programme
- Funding allocated to aid SMEs exploring MBSE for in-orbit servicing and deorbiting missions
- MBSE2021 Presentation: [MBSE in an SME Context \(Rhiannon Jenkins\)](#) (Wed 29/09/2021 @ 11:05CET)

→ Digital Twin for (AOCS) hardware unit modelling: Definition of TRL scale	→ Enabling model-based testing and automated test case generation for ground segment data systems	→ Enabling continuity: from design to operations
→ Application of MBSE to reverse-engineer OPS-SAT and improve OPS-SAT2	→ Bridging the gap between ground segment system and software models and supporting IT infrastructure	→ Space to Ground Interface Control Model
→ Extending Ground Segment and Operations digital integration in early phase O/A studies	→ MYCID: Systematic search of optimal space system missions design using set-based concurrent engineering based on models	→ Artificial intelligence (AI) and natural language processing (NLP) to support space engineering activities
→ Science AOCS/GNC with SysML	→ End-to-End Space Systems Engineering Portal	→ EasyMod or how to facilitate the acceptability of the MBSE to systems engineers.
→ Harmonising MBSE standards into ECSS	→ Integration of the COMPASS and TASTE toolsets (bridging the gap between architectural level design and system implementation and deployment in MBSE)	→ Early in the loop MBSE assessment of electronic availability for Nano/Micro satellite mission
→ A Distributed Ledger approach to MBSE	→ TeePee4Space - Perform structural analyses on an heterogeneous and distributed set of models: showing the benefits of digital continuity at an extended enterprise level to systems engineers	→ FAMOUS improvement: transfer of academic knowledge to semantic interoperability
→ System Engineering Models meet Knowledge Graphs		→ MBSE towards Semantic Data Lakes and Machine Learning support for the engineering process
→ Model Based Avionics		→ Validating SEDS as a bridge between hardware and software models
→ Paperless space system development: the long-awaited MBSE showcase		

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