



*Overall **S**emantic **M**odelling*

**OSMoSE**

*For **S**pace System **E**ngineering*

# MBSE-2021 – Space System Ontology Workshop

## The Space System Ontology

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# Outline

- The Space System Ontology – a global data model (schema) expressed at conceptual level
- The Space System Ontology – the modelling language “Object Role Modelling – ORM”
- The Space System Ontology – the scope
- The Space System Ontology – working together
- The Space System Ontology – the skeleton
- The Space System Ontology – from modelling information to semantic interoperability

# The Space System Ontology

**A global data model expressed at conceptual level using a language that is logic-based with associated formal graphical and textual representations**

For OSMoSE, the following decisions were taken:

- the language used is the Object Role Modelling language, refer to [www.orm.net](http://www.orm.net)
- the tool to use is NORMA in its professional version
- the Space System Ontology represents a global conceptual data model expressed in **human oriented concepts** made of *object types, fact types and constraints* -ORM
- “**global as a whole**” : the Space System Ontology integrates all stakeholders’ needs into a conceptual data model that is **valid** -ORM
- “**locals as views**” : each stakeholder can select the subset of interest, a subset that results in a **valid** -ORM conceptual data model  
➔ *the locals being views of the global, the semantic interoperability is naturally enabled !*
- the Space System Ontology inherits from decades of organizational know-hows ! however enhanced, to satisfy the overall “System” meaning multi-organizational needs

# The Object Role Modelling

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 uniqueness → Each physical component has **at most one** mass.

 mandatory → Each physical component has **some** mass.

 combining uniqueness & mandatory → Each physical component has **exactly one** mass.

$\forall pc \in PhysicalComponent \quad \exists ! m \in Mass \quad / \quad pc \text{ Has } m$

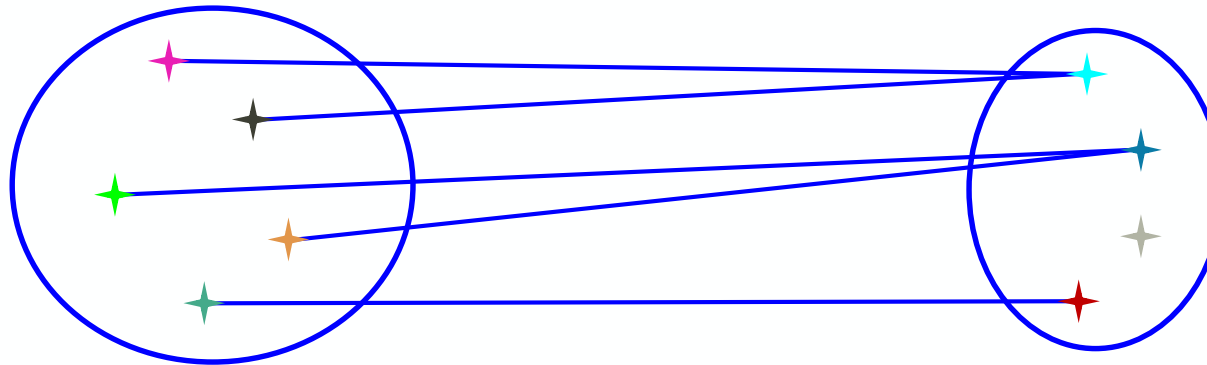
More? refer to <http://www.orm.net/pdf/ORMsyntax-semantics.pdf>

# The Object Role Modelling, cont. 1

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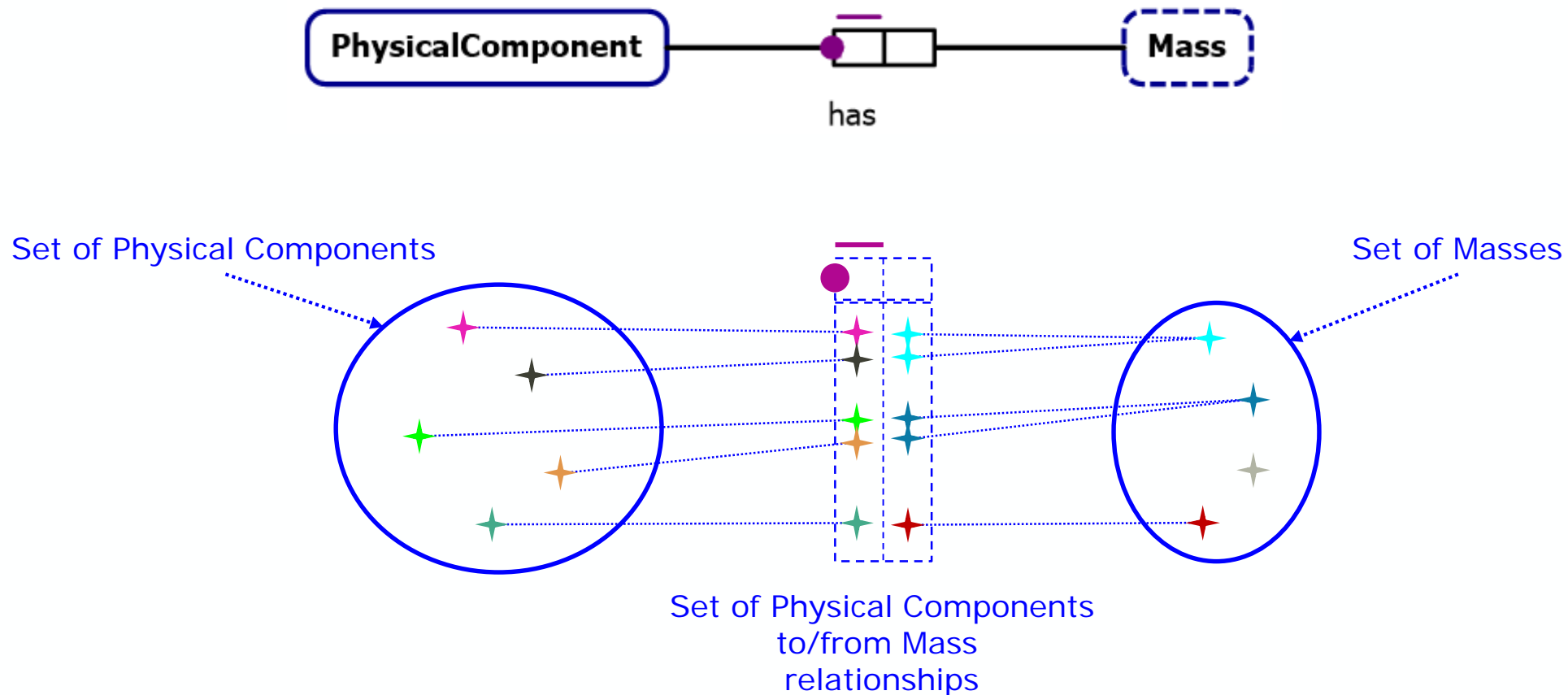
another graphical representation using an example of a possible population



*informal* but nice to use for clarification

## The Object Role Modelling, cont. 2

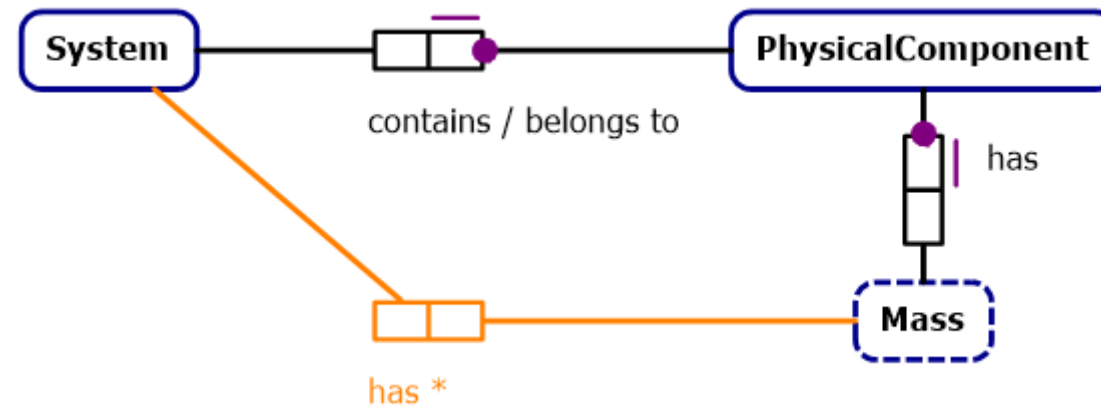
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## Asserted vs Derived vs Semi-Derived (asserted and derived) Fact Types



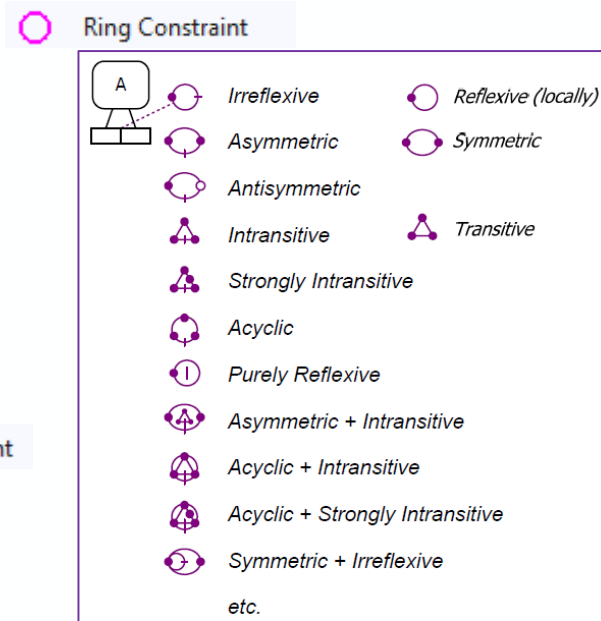
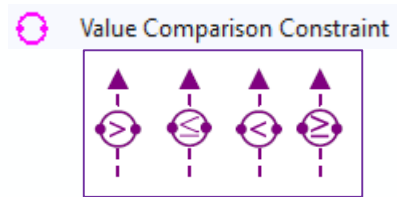
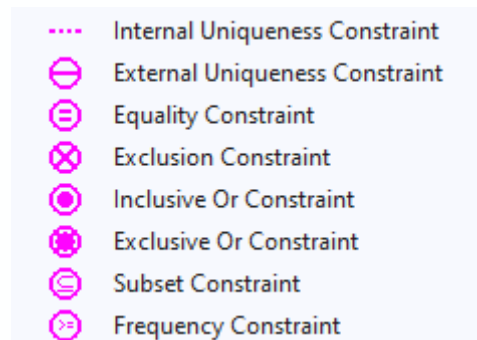
Derived fact type  $\Rightarrow$  \*System has mass<sub>1</sub>  
if and only if  
that system contains some physical component that has some mass<sub>2</sub>  
where mass<sub>1</sub> = sum(each mass<sub>2</sub>).

# The Object Role Modelling, cont. 4

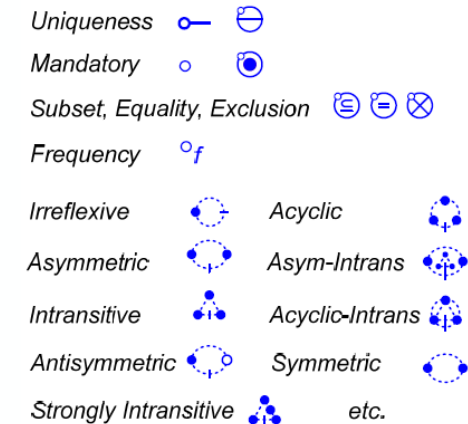
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## Constraint types

### of Alethic Modality (SHALL)



### of Deontic Modality (SHOULD)



# The Space System Ontology, its scope

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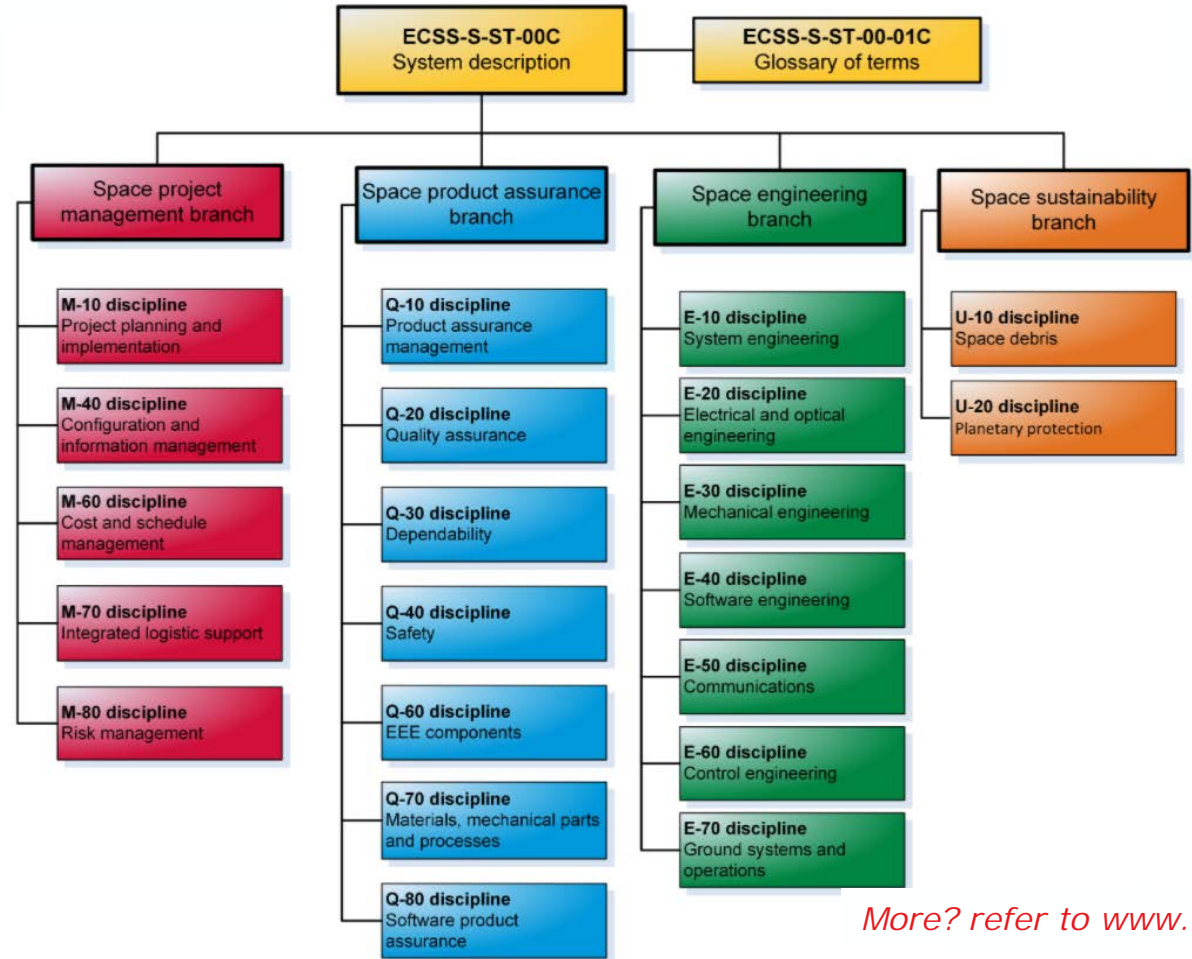
**covering all ECSS disciplines**

applying a model based approach to the modelling of the space system information

in a long term, the Space System Ontology should cover all exchanges, meaning covering:

- all ECSS branches management, product assurance, engineering, sustainability
- all disciplines within these ECSS branches

*Change requests will be issued to ensure the consistency between the Space System Ontology and ECSS*



*More? refer to [www.ecss.nl](http://www.ecss.nl)*



# The Space System Ontology, its skeleton

The development of the Space System Ontology has been initiated

*The concept of a “**skeleton**” for the Space System Ontology is introduced to refer to a number system-related universes of discourse to develop first*

*The OSMoSE Governance objective when developing that skeleton is **to provide a framework, a core that will permit to aggregate, in a consistent way, the conceptualization of the other universes of discourse***

*The following UoD have been considered of relevance to include in the skeleton:*

- **Requirement management** both seen from ECSS and Product development viewpoints
- **Missions and Operations**
- **Functional Description** static and dynamic
- **Architecture/Logical Description**
- **Physical Description**
- **Management and Planning**
- **Support to configuration control, change management and non-conformance control**
- **Others TBD/TBC**

*For each UoD, the challenges are:*

- **properly scope the UoD to avoid collisions during later integrations**
- **ensure that the modelling is done at the right level, i.e. the WHAT and not the HOW.**
- **ensure that the many communities interested are properly represented**
- **for each concept, each fact type, each constraint, obtain agreement & reach consensus**
- **for later integration, ensure that external interfaces (between UoDs) are properly identified**

# The Space System Ontology, its skeleton, cont.

Some Universes of Discourse related to the Skeleton are under development

*Conceptualizing the Requirement Management* seen by  
ECSS *Universe of Discourse*

*Inputs come from:*

- *Lessons learned from Agencies and Large Spacecraft Integrators*
- *Existing standards such as ReqIF, ECSS-E-ST-10-06*
- *Tools such as Doors, DoorsNG, Polarion, Visure, Laces, The Reuse Company, JAMA*

*See 09:40 – 10:10 ECSS Master Database*

*Conceptualizing the MBSE Universes of Discourse :*

- *Missions and Operations*
- *Functional Description static and dynamic*
- *Architecture/Logical Description*
- *Physical Description*

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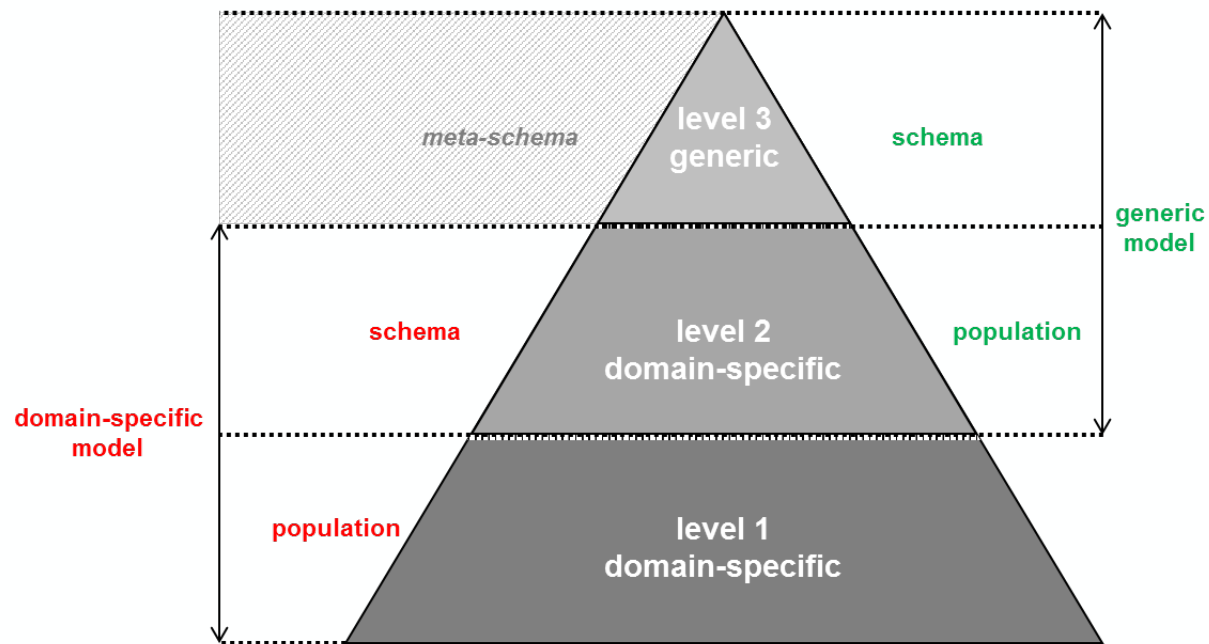
- *Lessons learned from Agencies and Large Spacecraft Integrators*
- *Existing standards such as ECSS-E-ST-10, SysML , ITU MSC, ITU SDL*
- *Tools such as Capella, SECAM, TASTE*

*See 10:25 to 11:25 Conceptualizing MBSE parts 1 & 2*

# Information Modelling, Terms & Definitions

**information** → statement of fact or belief

**data** → representation of the *information* in compliance with a *logical schema* and a *physical schema* used for its preservation within a *data repository*



**model** → combination of a *schema* and a *population*

**schema** → structure that determines the regulations for a *universe of discourse*

**population** → data captured according to a *schema* organization during the overall life-cycle of the related *data repository*

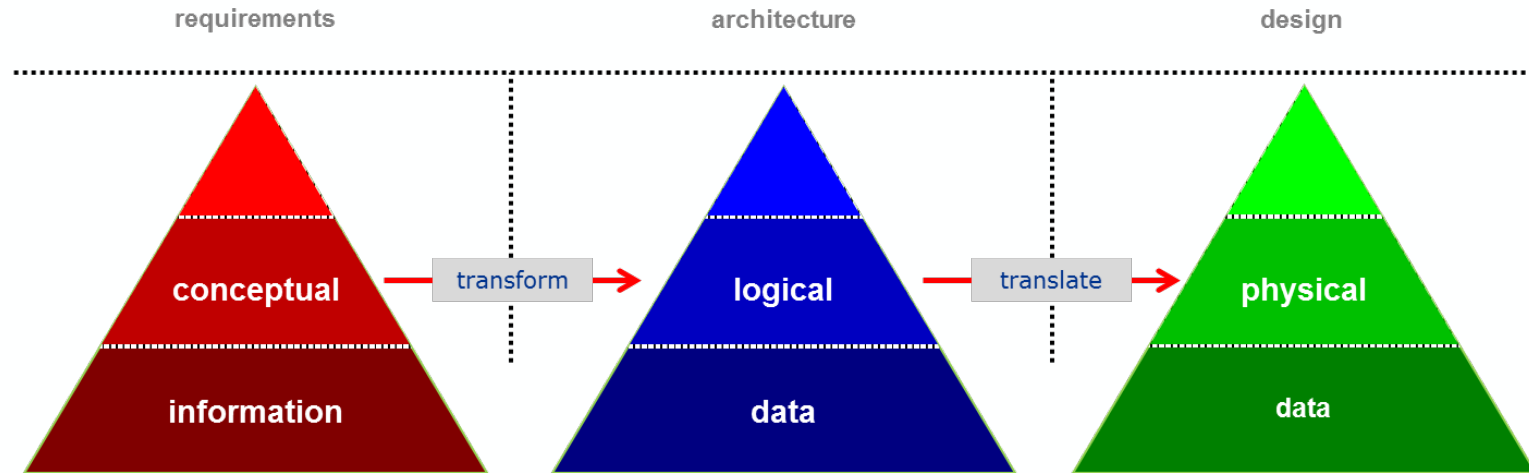
**domain-specific model** → *model* that corresponds to the "Business"

**generic model** → *model* that corresponds to one of the many languages used to specify a *domain specific model*

**universe of discourse** → aspects of the world that the related community wishes to talk about, is concerned about

**data repository** → data storage entity or entities into which data has been partitioned

# Information Modelling, Conceptual / Logical / Physical

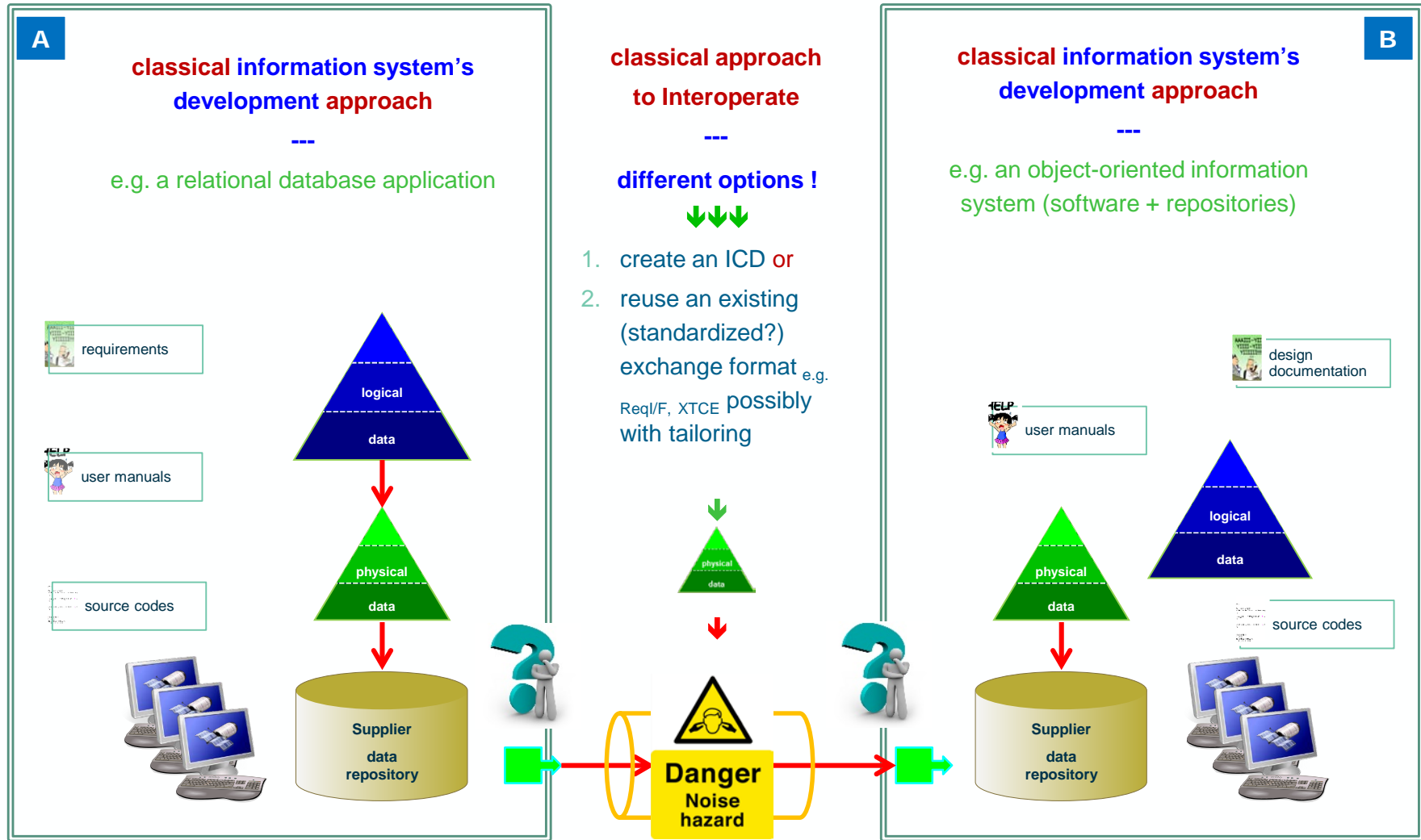


**conceptual modelling language** → language used during the requirements engineering process to express the semantics and to specify what information needs to be managed

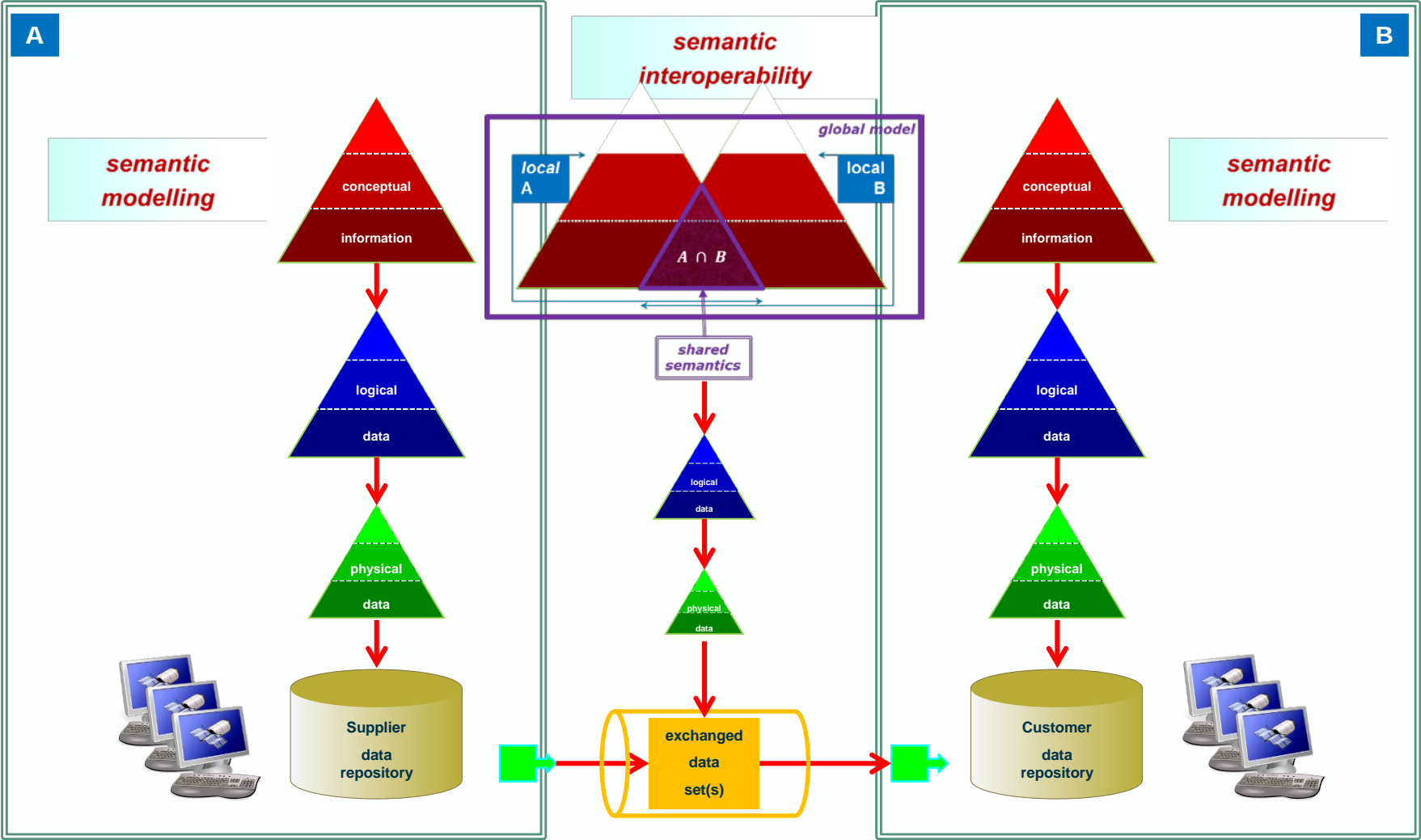
→ *when modelling is applied to the development of information systems (Databases) or means to exchanges (ICDs)*

- **logical modelling language** → language used **during the architecture engineering process** to represent how the required information is to be structured from a functional and technological viewpoint to satisfy the information system's performance requirements
- **physical modelling language** → language used **during the design engineering process** to translate the architectural models in the data definition languages exposed by the tools used to produce the data repositories required by the information system

# Exchanging, current practices



# Semantic Modelling & Semantic Interoperability





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The Space System Ontology → Questions & Answers