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UMF – A Productive SMP2 Modelling and Development Tool Chain

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Introduction

SMP2 and
E-TM-40-07 SMP

SMP STANDARDISATION HISTORY

- SMP = Simulation Modelling Platform (was: Simulation Model Portability)
- 1999: SMP1 / SMI
  - Focus on portability only (operating system, simulation environments)
  - C API
- 2005: SMP2 1.2
  - Focus on model development & integration, inter-model communication
  - C++ API, other languages possible (e.g. Java), XML meta-data (SMDL)
  - Various simulation environments (e.g. SIMSAT, Basiles, EuroSim, …)
- 2008: E-TM-40-07 SMP Draft C
  - “SMP2 plus lessons learned“: improvements from practical experience
  - No implementations yet

SMP2 MODEL DEVELOPMENT @ ESOC

- SMP2 Model Development Tools
  - 2006: SIMSAT 4 MIE
  - 2008: EGOS-MF v1
  - 2010: UMF v1
  - 2010: SMP-CS (ESTEC)
- SMP2 Model Libraries & Patterns
  - 2006: Generic Models (GENM)
  - 2008: Spacecraft Simulator Reference Architecture (REFA)

SMP2 Based Operational S/C Simulators

e.g. Swarm, GAIA

- **What's missing? Next steps?**
  - A **consolidated** development environment
    - with focus on **usability** and developer **productivity**
      - and management of **dependencies**, **deployment** and **reuse**

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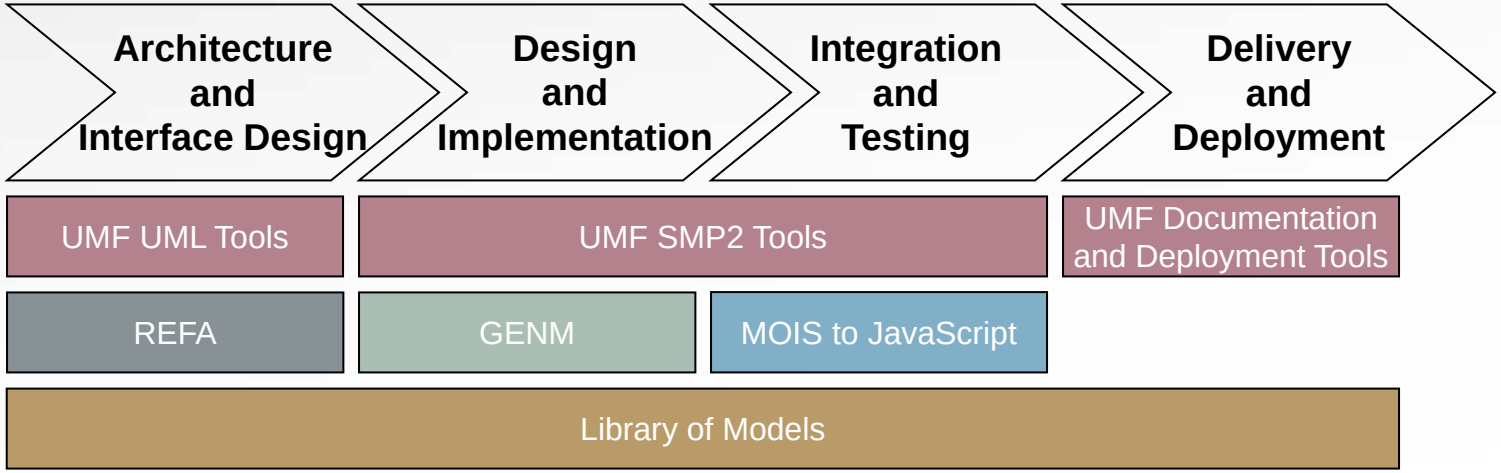
SimSDE – Simulator Software Development Environment



SIMSDE OBJECTIVES AND PRODUCTS

- Provide a validated and productive Modelling Framework for the needs of Simulus and the Operational Simulators
  - **Universal Modelling Framework (UMF), v2**

UMF

- Provide a definition and a first implementation of a Library of Models concept
  - **Library of Models (LoM), v1**

LoM

- Evolve SMP2 based Simulus models (Generic Models, REFA, FDS-DIF)
  - **Generic Models (GENM), version 5**

GENM

  - **Spacecraft Simulator Reference Architecture (REFA), v2**

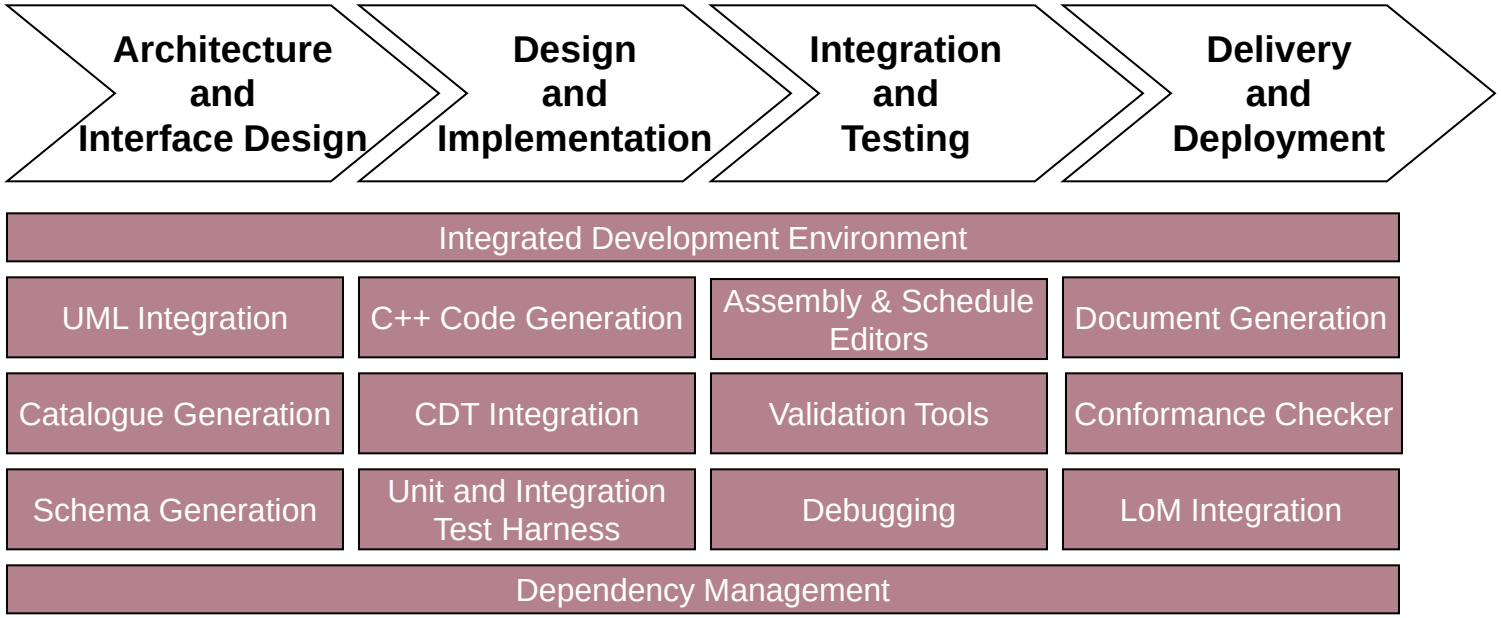
REFA

- Provide support tools for simulator testing
  - **MOIS to JavaScript Converter (M2J), v1**

M2J

UNIVERSAL MODELLING FRAMEWORK

- UMF v2 main features
  - Independent of SMP2 simulation runtime environment
  - “Best of all worlds“ joining parts from EGOS-MF, UMF v1, and SMP-CS
  - Eclipse based IDE for SMP2 based simulator developments
  - Command-line tools for various usage scenarios and batch processing



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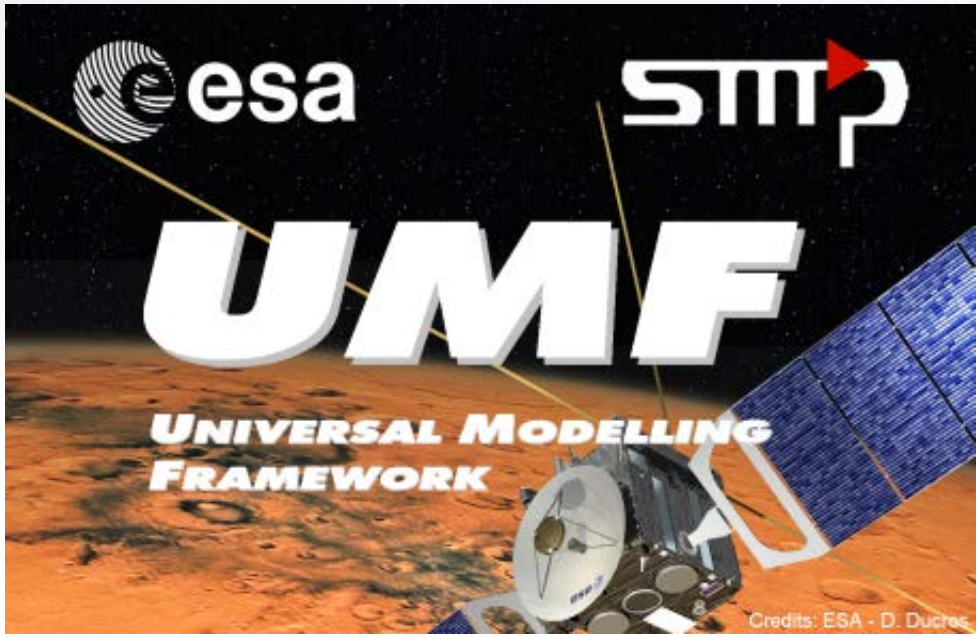
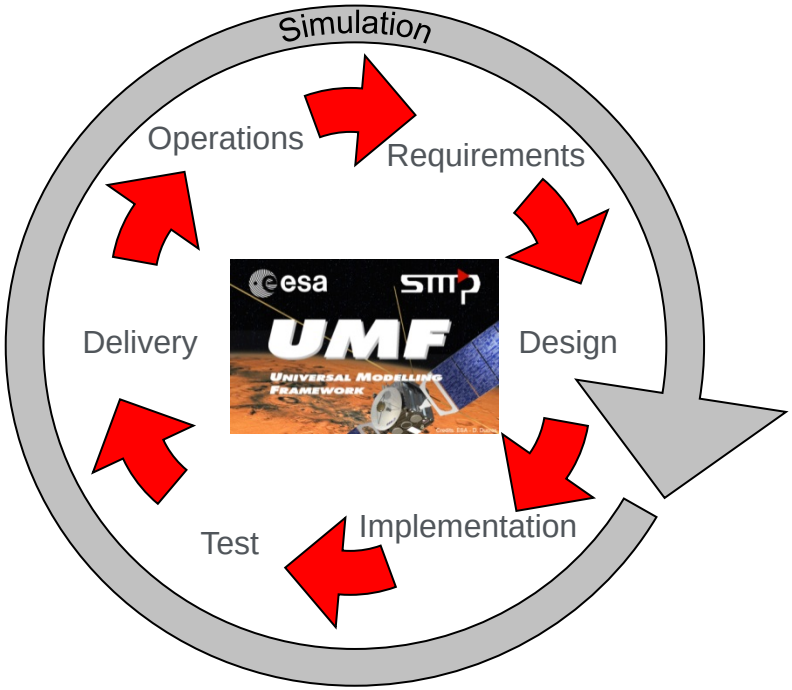
UMF Concepts and Features

Efficiency and Productivity



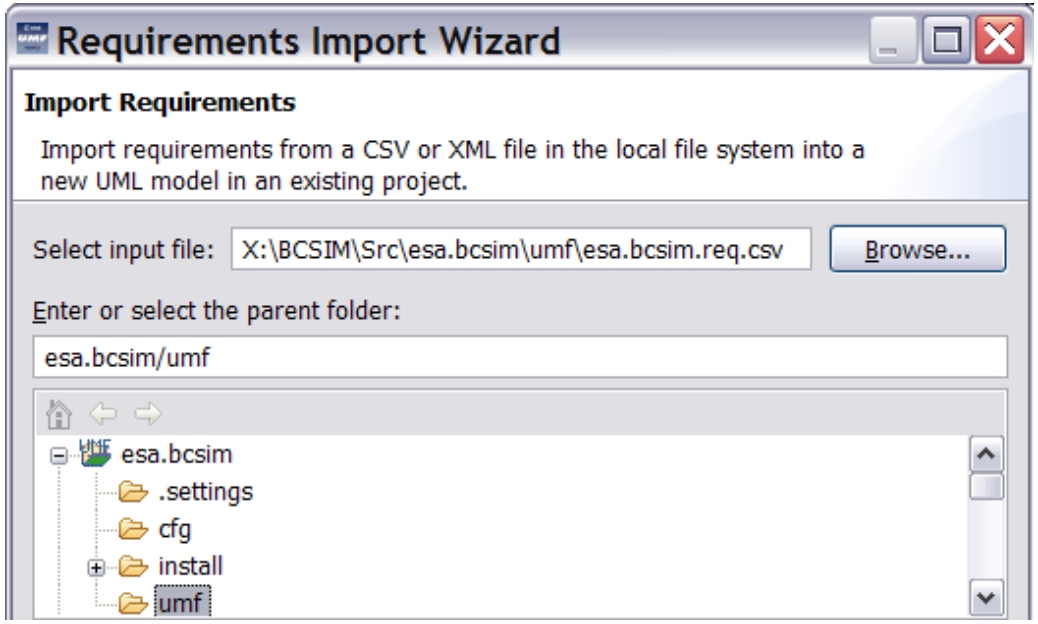
SIMULATION LIFECYCLE

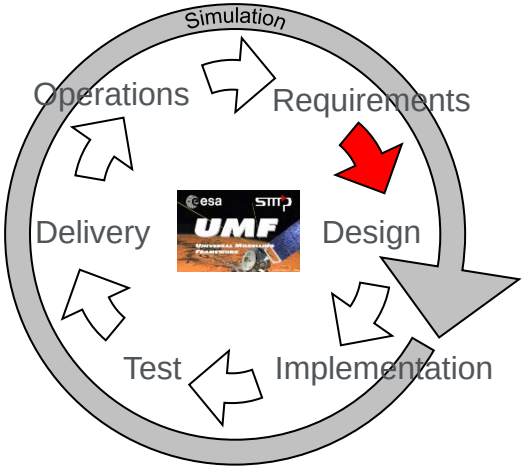
- "Efficient and smooth" approach to SMP2 simulation development
- Support for all phases of the simulation lifecycle



SIMULATION LIFECYCLE: REQUIREMENTS

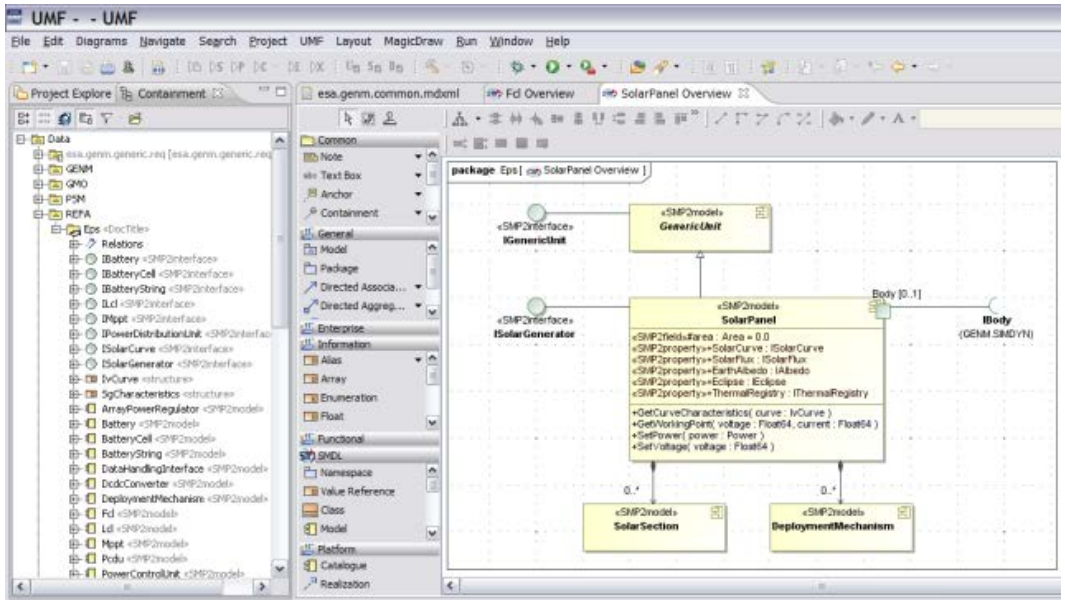
- Requirements are specified by the customer (generic and specific)
- Simulator development team imports requirements into design tool
- Simulator design can be started

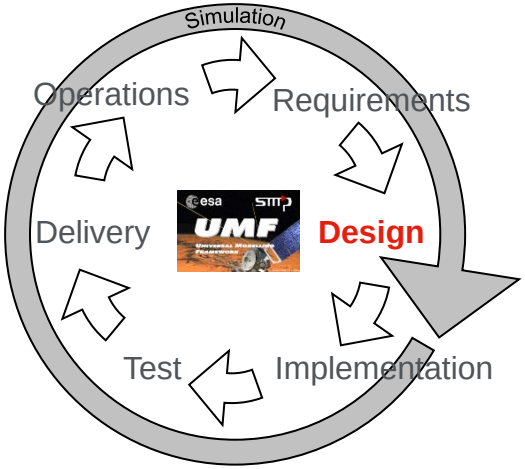




SIMULATION LIFECYCLE: ARCHITECTURE & INTERFACE DESIGN

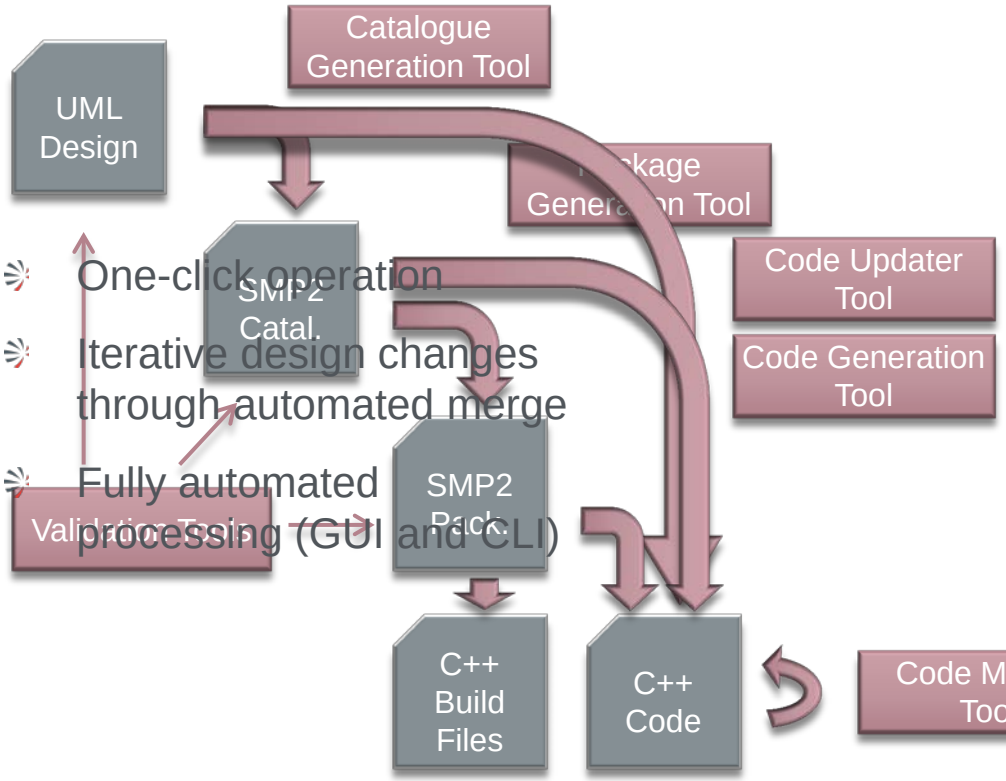
- UMF provides an integrated UML tool for SMP2 modelling
- Customised configuration to focus user interface on SMP2 concepts
- Existing UML/SMP2 models are referenced via appropriate dependencies



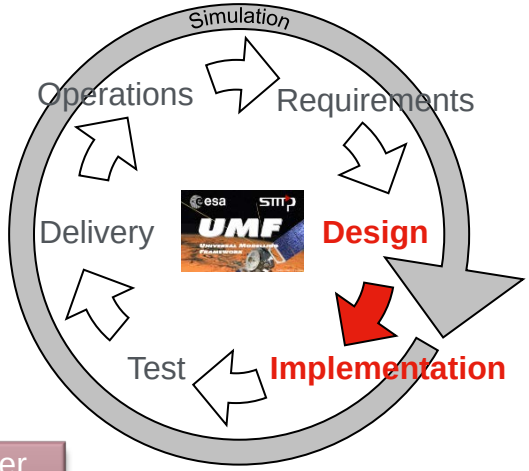


SIMULATION LIFECYCLE: DESIGN TO IMPLEMENTATION

- UMF provides a seamless path from UML to an executable simulator
- Tools can either be run independently or combined to support different sources of SMP2 models while providing a high level of usability

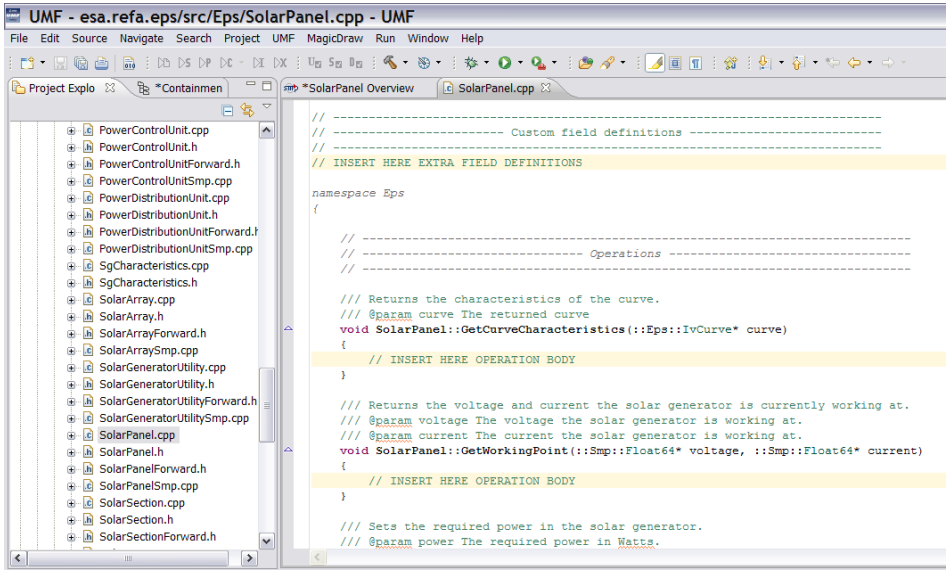


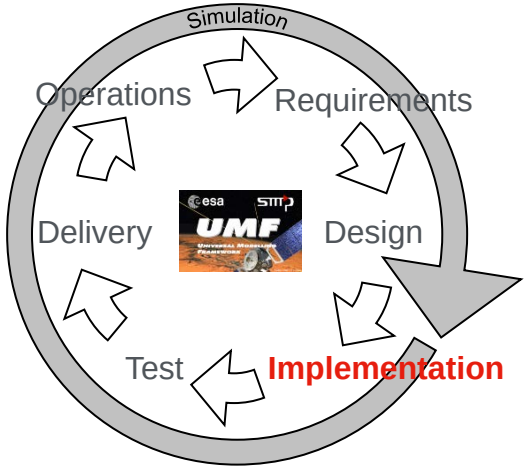
- One-click operation
- Iterative design changes through automated merge
- Fully automated processing (GUI and CLI)



SIMULATION LIFECYCLE: IMPLEMENTATION

- UMF provides and generates/updates a CMake based build system
- UMF is fully integrated with Eclipse C++ Development Tools (CDT)
- Various development related tasks are supported via make targets
- Fully configurable and customizable to support different user/project needs





SIMULATION LIFECYCLE: TESTING AND DEBUGGING

- UMF provides a **Unit and Integration Test Harness** for SMP2 models
  - Stand-alone SMP2 runtime integrated with CppUnit test framework
- UMF provides an integrated **Debugger Facility** based on Eclipse CDT
  - Debugging of SMP2 models directly in UMF or in the target environment

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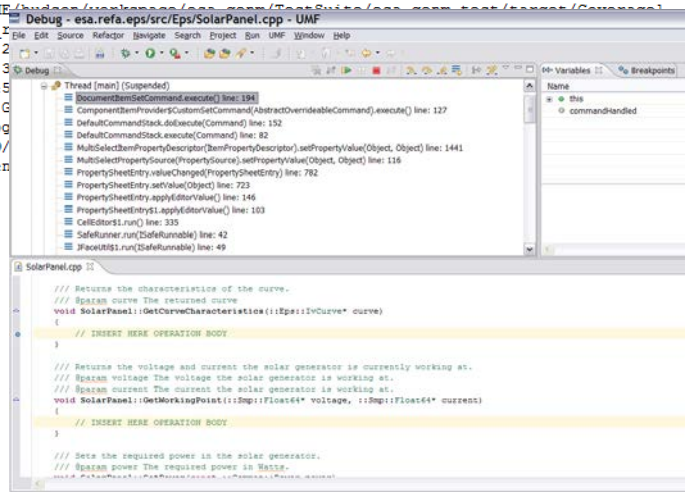
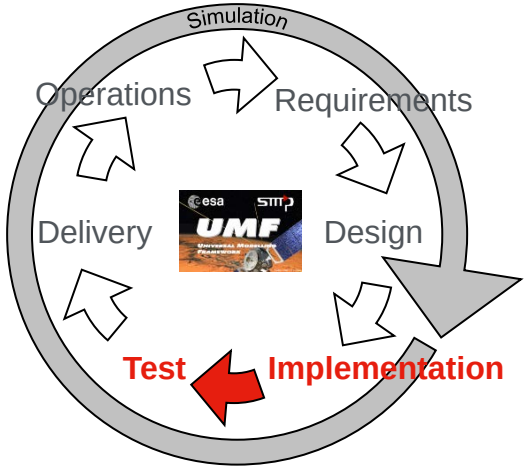
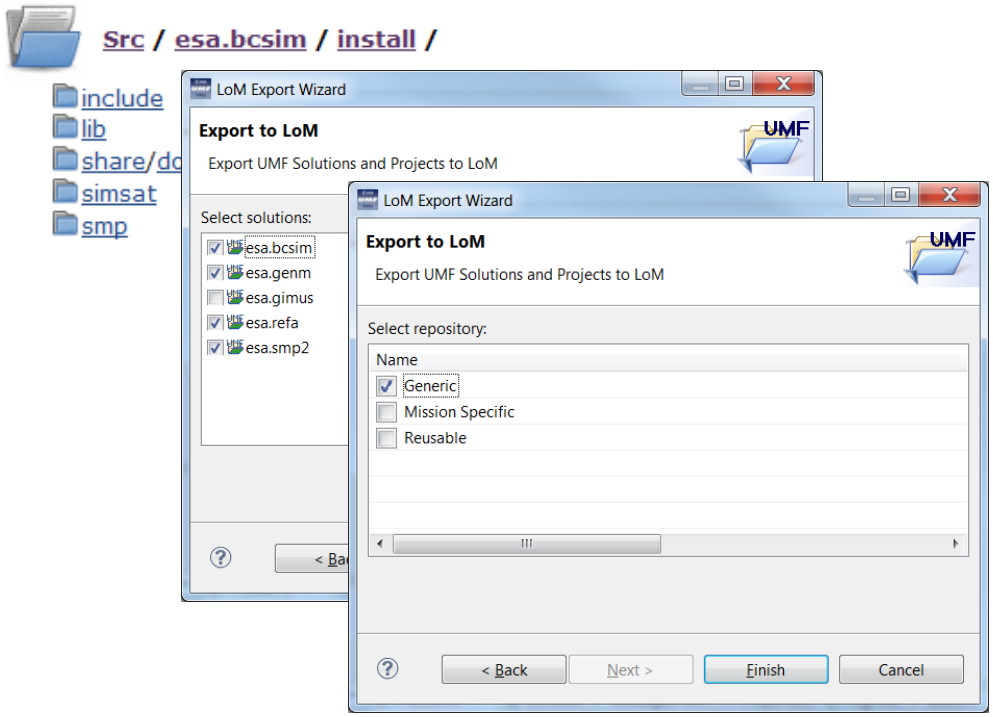
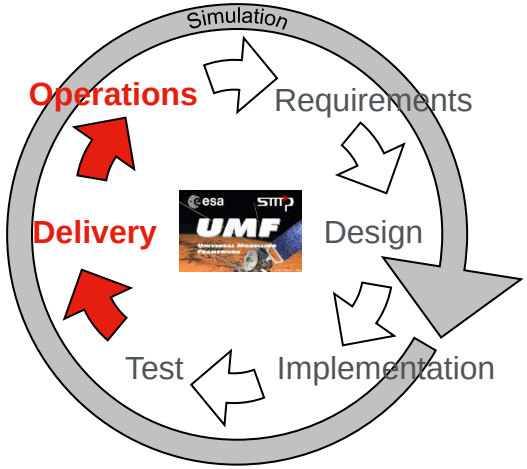




SIMULATION LIFECYCLE: DELIVERY AND DEPLOYMENT

- UMF provides a **Document Generator** to simplify deliveries (ECSS E-40)
- UMF provides packaging mechanisms to simplify deployment
  - Support for dependency management
  - Support for the new Library of Models (LoM) packaging & deployment





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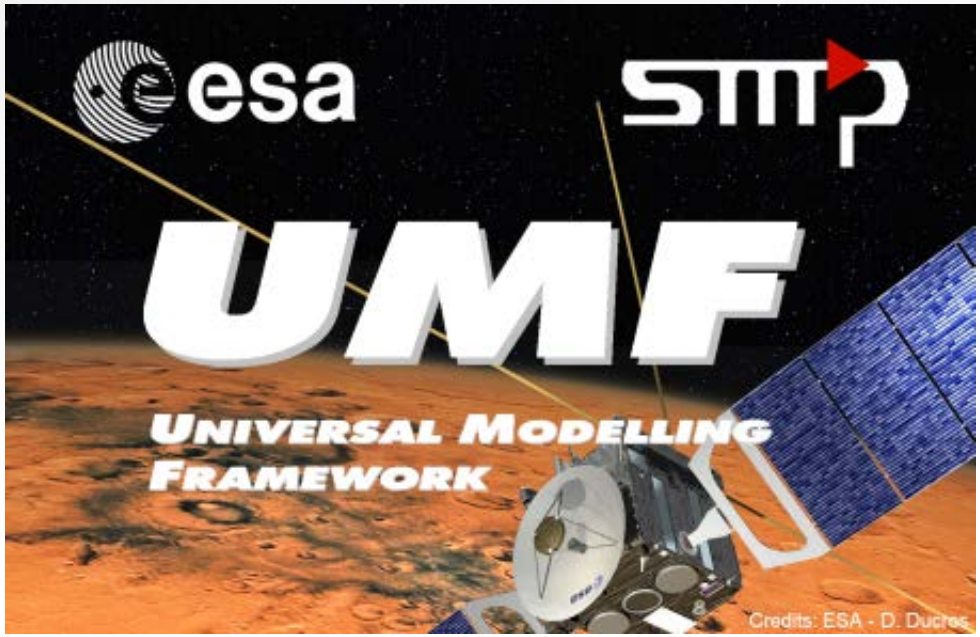
UMF Concepts and Features

Dependency Management and Deployment



UMF SOLUTIONS AND PROJECTS (1)

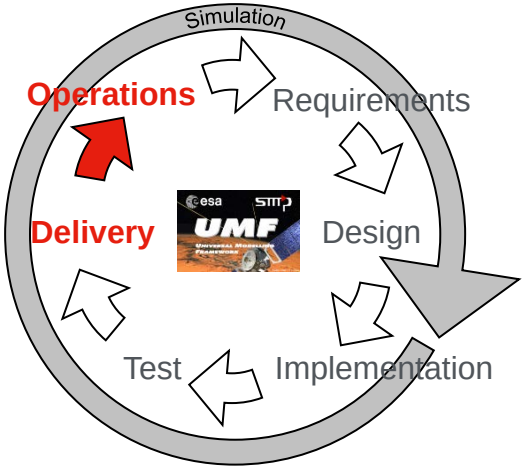
- Design goals of the new UMF **Dependency Management** facility
  - Support large scale simulation developments with model reuse or CFIs
  - Simplify delivery and deployment of the developed simulator
  - Support more Agile processes with frequent deliveries

Solution

  - Top-level **grouping** mechanism
  - Specifies **dependencies** to other solutions
  - Holds **common configuration** for its projects

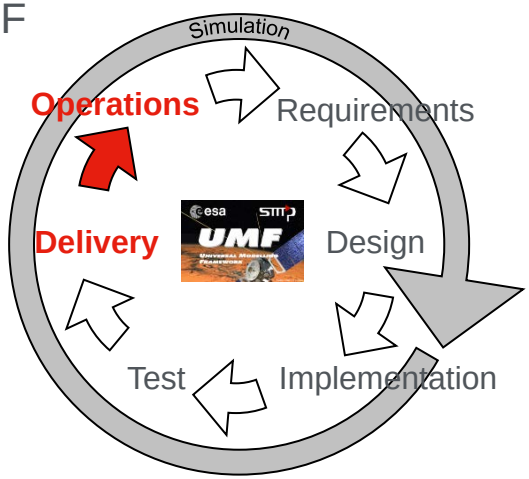
Project

  - Contains UML/SMDL design, C++ code, and runtime configurations of SMP2 **models**
  - Belongs to exactly one solution



UMF SOLUTIONS AND PROJECTS (2)

- **Convention over configuration** approach
  - UMF largely defines directory layout and naming in solutions/projects
  - In line with Eclipse CDT requirements and LoM packaging approach
- Solutions form a **dependency tree**
  - Only direct dependencies need to be specified
  - Indirect dependencies are auto-detected by UMF
- Solutions typically involved in the context of an ESOC operational S/C simulator
  - esa.smp2 — SMP2 basics, e.g. MDK (in UMF)
  - esa.genm — ESOC Generic Models (CFI)
  - esa.refa — ESOC Spacecraft Simulator Reference Architecture (CFI)
  - esa.bcsim — Operational S/C Simulator (under development)



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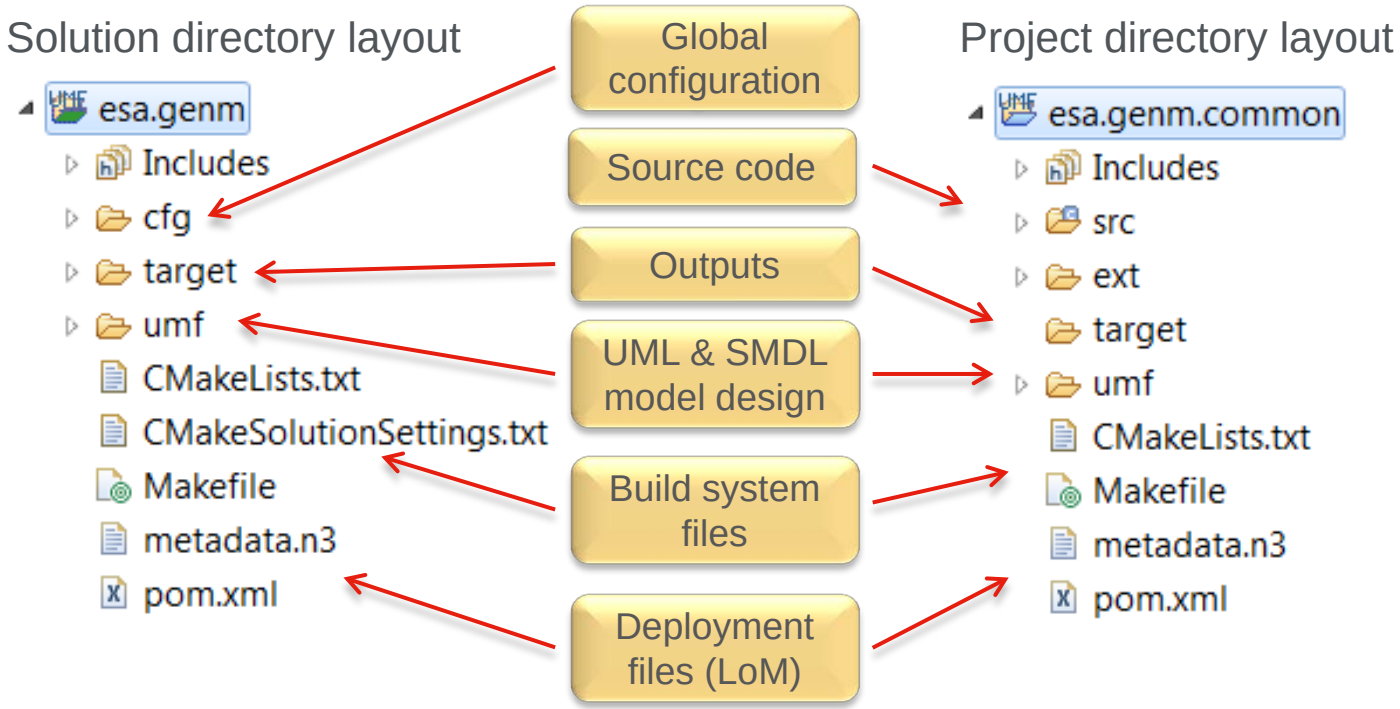

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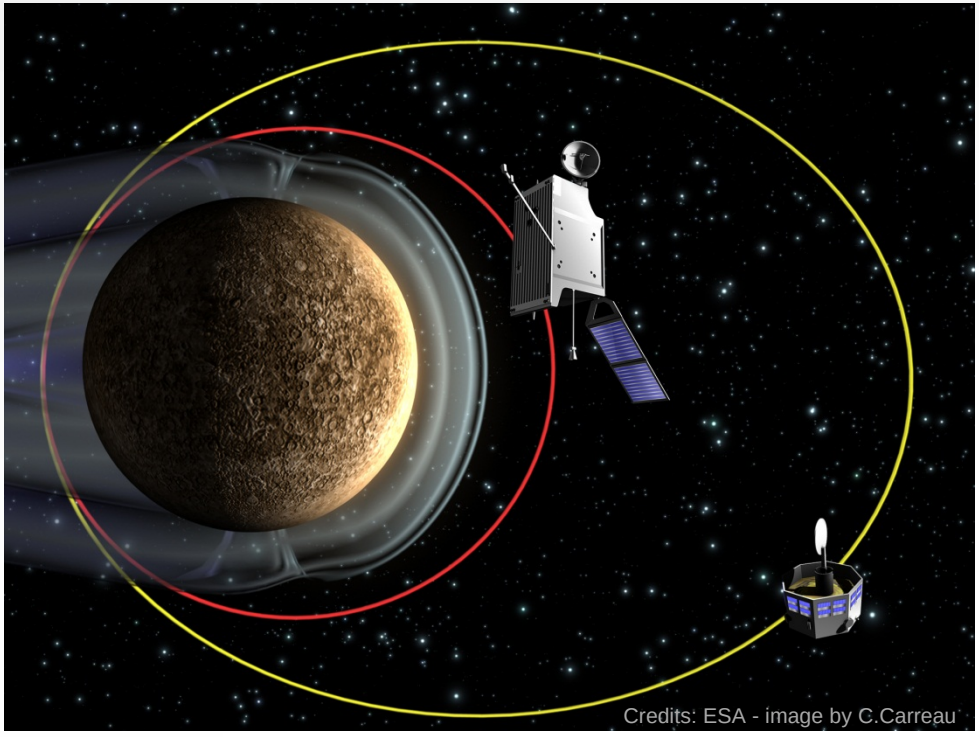
Case Study

The BepiColombo Simulator (BCSIM)



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BCSIM OVERVIEW

- Project kicked off early 2012
- **Distributed** development team across three geographies
  - Different parts of the simulator are assigned to consortium members
  - Use shared development environment
- **Agile** development process with frequent Sprint deliveries
  - Automation is crucial to reduce overheads
  - Continuous integration and test to meet quality requirements
- **Baseline** is to use latest SimSDE products for development
  - UMF v2, REFA v2, and GENM v5
  - Continuous feedback to the SimSDE team leads to many UMF usability and performance improvements

BCSIM APPROACH

- **Project break-down** via UMF solutions and projects concept
  - Source hierarchy: *esa.bcsim → esa.refa → esa.genm → esa.smp2*
  - Test Suite hierarchy: *esa.bcsim.test → esa.bcsim, esa.genm.test*
  - Break-down of source solution into 30 projects
- **Automated build and test** of the simulator
  - Setup makes use of all UMF capabilities
  - Automation is achieved via **continuous integration** (Hudson server)
- **Binary delivery and deployment**
  - ISO files are created automatically after automated build & test
  - Full simulator is **installed via script**, including CFIs such as SIMSAT, GROUND, SLEGM and the ESOC emulator (reliable & reproducible)

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

- Experience and initial feedback from BCSIM
  - ✓ Setup and automation via UMF v2 mechanisms works well in practice
  - ✓ UMF v2 was easy to introduce to the team and is well accepted
  - ! Overall turn-around time (from design change to C++ code update) is a critical area for developer acceptance, largely improved in UMF v2
  - ! Setup with shared storage (SAN) is problematic (high I/O load)
  - ✓ UMF v2 is a robust and productive SMP2 development environment
- Current Status
  - UMF v2 (as part of SimSDE) is in Provisional Acceptance (PA) phase
  - UMF v2 release planned in 2012