Model Interchange SIG
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- Developed by Model Driven Solutions, under contract to the U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)
- Available on the OMG server
 - misig/16-08-01 Report
 - misig/16-08-02 ZIP archive of model files

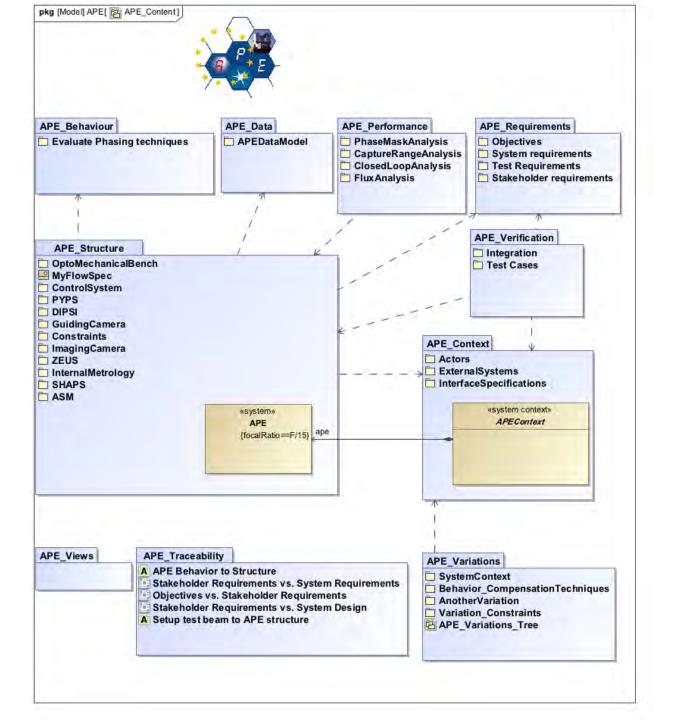
Goal: An interoperability test case reflecting the challenges of "industrial strength" projects.

- Single model split across multiple "module" files
- Different parts created and maintained using different modeling tools
- Configuration management of changes made across various parts
- Combined software and hardware modeling using UML and SysML

- Requirements for the delivered test case:
 - Relatively large SysML model
 - Realistic end-to-end scenario
 - Multiple modules
 - Multiple tools
- Not included in this test case:
 - Very large model
 - Performance
 - Diagram interchange

Source Model

- Active Phasing Experiment (APE) SysML model
- Produced by the INCOSE "MBSE Challenge" team
- Available under GPL licensing



Source Model Characteristics

Model Organization		
MagicDraw version	17.0.5	
UML version	2.4.1	
SysML version	1.3	
MagicDraw project files (.mdzip)	APE System Model, APE_PartsCatalogue, RequirementsBoilerPlates,	
(not including MagicDraw model library files)	SE2Definitions, SE2QFTP, SE2Profile	
MagicDraw-provided model libraries/profiles used	QUDV, SIDefinitions, SI ValueType Library, SimulationProfile, SysML Profile, UML Standard Profile, Free Form Elements Profile	
Additional MagicDraw customizations used	SysML, Requirements, ViewsViewpoints	
Model Statistics		
Total number of model elements	18,560	
Number of SysML requirements	114	
Number of SysML blocks (not constraint blocks)	224	
Number of SysML constraint blocks (parametrics)	53	
Number of SysML value types/quantity kinds	75	
Number of SysML flow specifications	19	
Number of UML use cases	18	
Number of UML classes (not blocks or requirements)	191	
Number of UML associations	328	
Number of UML enumerations (not value types)	5	
Number of UML Interfaces (not flow specifications)	6	
Number of UML state machines	2	
Number of UML activities	57	
Number of UML interactions	20	

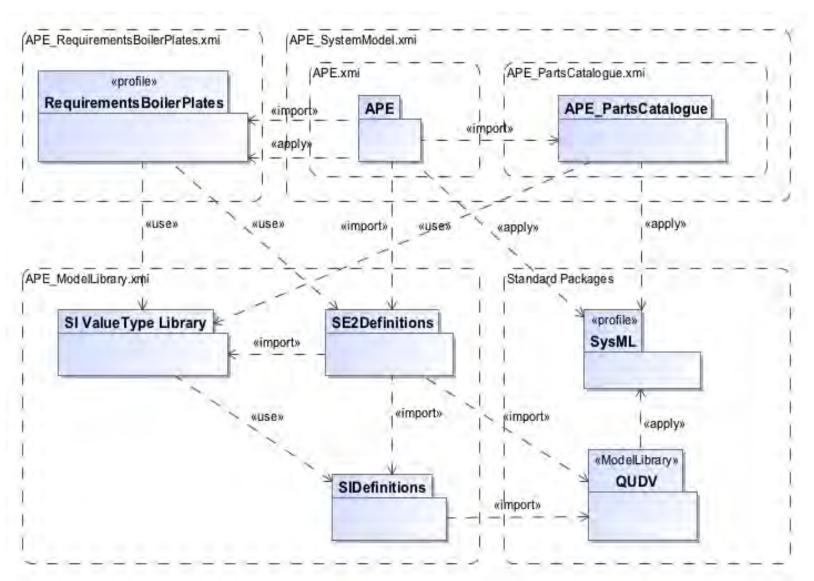
Model Development

- Migrated to UML 2.5 / SysML 1.4 (MagicDraw 18.3)
- Removed MagicDraw specifics
- Moved diagrams into a separate package
- Exported model (other than diagrams) to multiple "clean" XMI 2.5.1 format files

Model Development Issues

- MagicDraw-specific customizations for SysML
- Non-normative XMI IDs in MagicDraw versions of standard model files
- Behavioral diagram ownership
- Exporting multi-file models

Delivered Model Organization



Delivered Model Characteristics

Model Organization		
XMI version	2.5.1	
UML version	2.5	
SysML version	1.4	
Individual model files (.xmi)	APE_SystemModel, APE, APE_PartsCatalogue,	
(not including standard model library/profile files)	APE_RequirementsBoilerPlates, APE_ModelLibrary	
Model libraries/profiles used	QUDV, SysML, StandardProfile	
Model Statistics		
Total number of model elements	15,989	
Number of SysML requirements	81	
Number of SysML blocks (not constraint blocks)	209	
Number of SysML constraint blocks (parametrics)	52	
Number of SysML value types/quantity kinds	108*	
Number of SysML flow specifications	19	
Number of UML use cases	18	
Number of UML classes (not blocks or requirements)	175	
Number of UML associations	239	
Number of UML enumerations (not value types)	8*	
Number of UML Interfaces (not flow specifications)	6	
Number of UML state machines	2	
Number of UML activities	57	
Number of UML interactions	20	
*These numbers increased due to the inclusion of SIDefinitions and SI ValueType Library in APE_ModelLibrary.		

Possible Test Scenarios

- **ü** Import entire model, including all modules
- **ü** Re-export entire model, as separate modules
- Modify module in one tool, import into another tool
 - Demonstrate re-integration with other modules
 - Demonstrate re-integration with diagrams
- **×** Export module with tool-specific extensions, import into another tool, re-export
 - Demonstrate ignoring of unknown extensions
 - Demonstrate preservation of extensions for original tool

Initial Tools Tested

- No Magic MagicDraw 18.3
- Eclipse Papyrus 1.1.4
- Sparx Systems Enterprise Architect 12.1

Interoperability Issues

- Import and export of multi-file models
- Clean re-export of modified files
- Resolution of normative URIs to files on the OMG server
- Constructs disallowed in XMI 2.4
 - xmi:version in header and xmi:type on hrefs
- Canonical XMI support

Some Questions to Consider

- Can modeling tool interoperability be achieved using current model interchange standards?
- If so, how do we resolve the issues with current tooling?
- If not, what might be a better approach?
- In either case, what other kinds of testing would be helpful?