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# **SDM for Systems Simulation**

Challenges and Solution Approach for  
Process and Data Management

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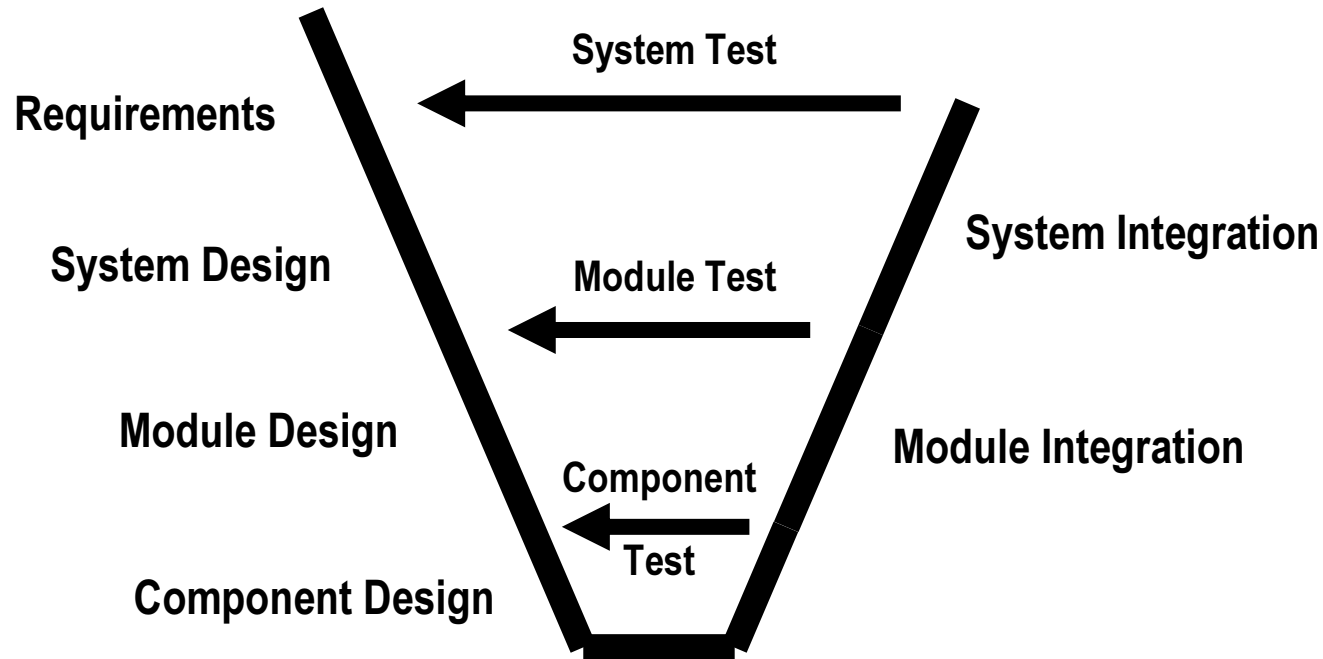
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# Systems Simulation & Systems Engineering

- Systems Simulation is an integral part of Systems Engineering
- Systems Engineering
  - ... is an ***interdisciplinary approach*** and means to enable the realization of successful products
  - ... focuses on defining ***customer needs*** and required functionality early in the development process while considering the all aspects of the problem to be solved
  - ... considers both the business and the technical needs of the customers with the goal of ***providing a quality product*** that meets the user needs

# V-Model for Systems Engineering



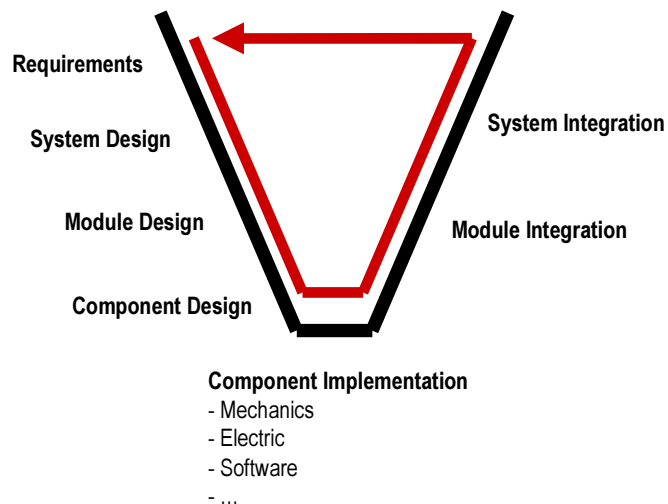
## Component Implementation

- Mechanics
- Electric/Electronics
- Software
- ...

# Motivation for Systems Simulation (1)

## As Is

late system level response



⇒ the later failures are found, the more expensive they are!

## Question

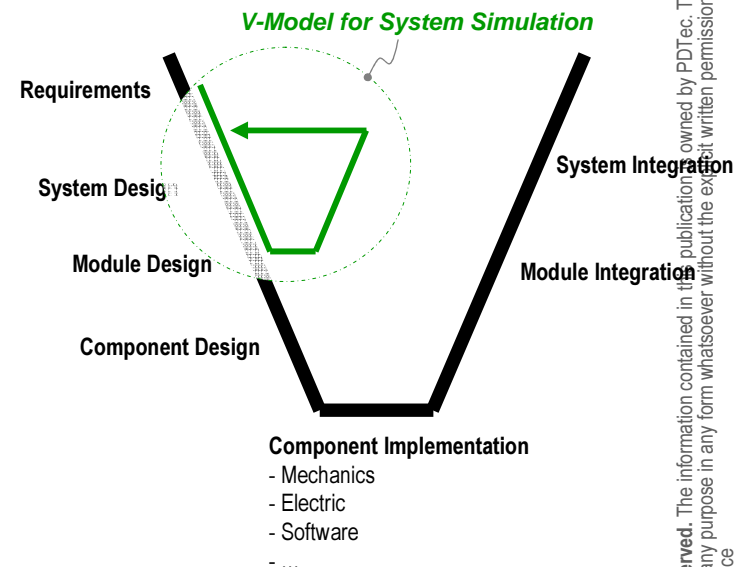
How to achieve an earlier system level response?

## Answer

integrate **System Simulation** into your Development Process

## To Be

early system level response



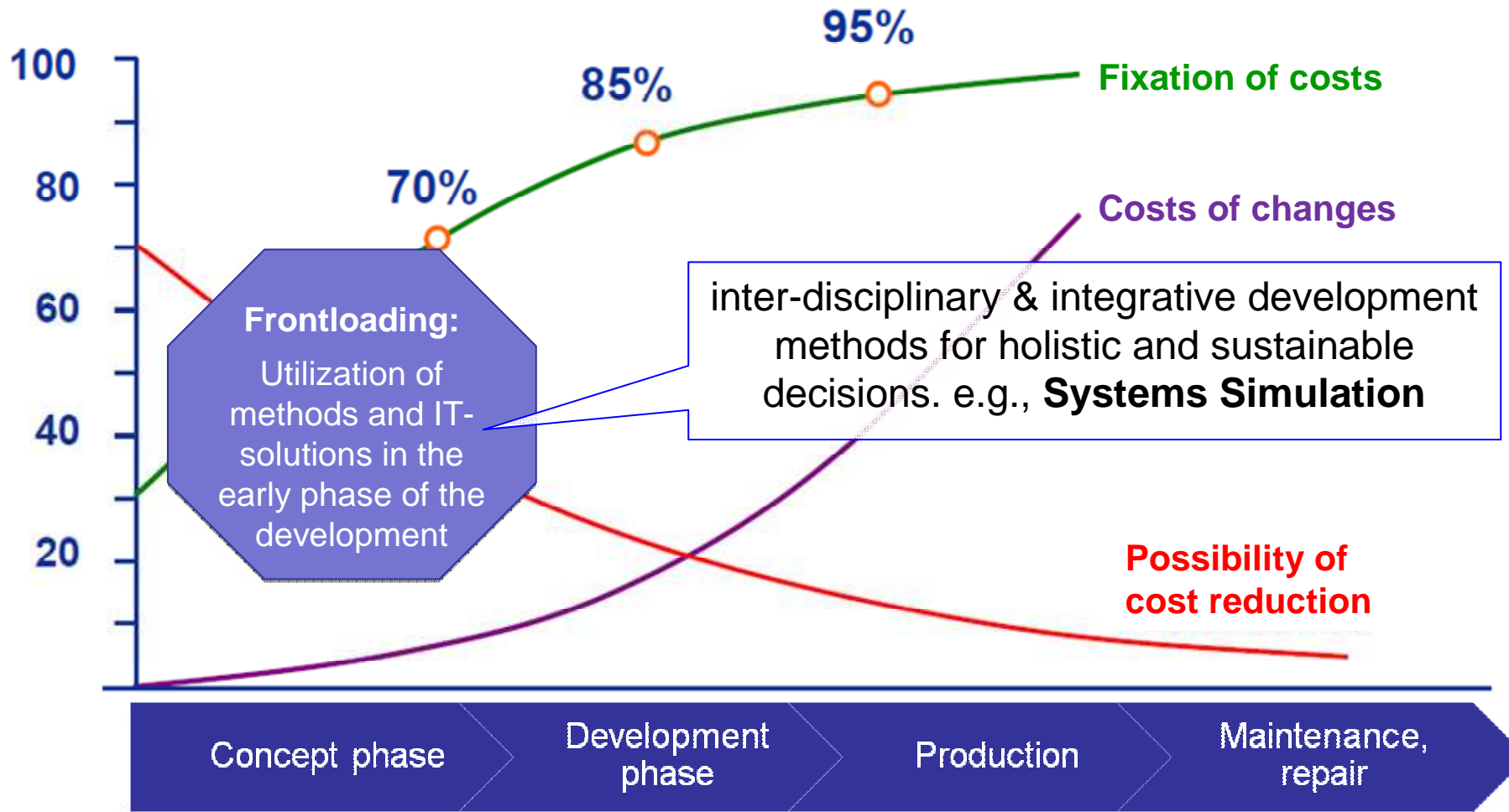
⇒ early evaluation of systems reduce the risk of missing the “best solution”!

Source: adapted from BMW



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# Motivation for Systems Simulation (2)

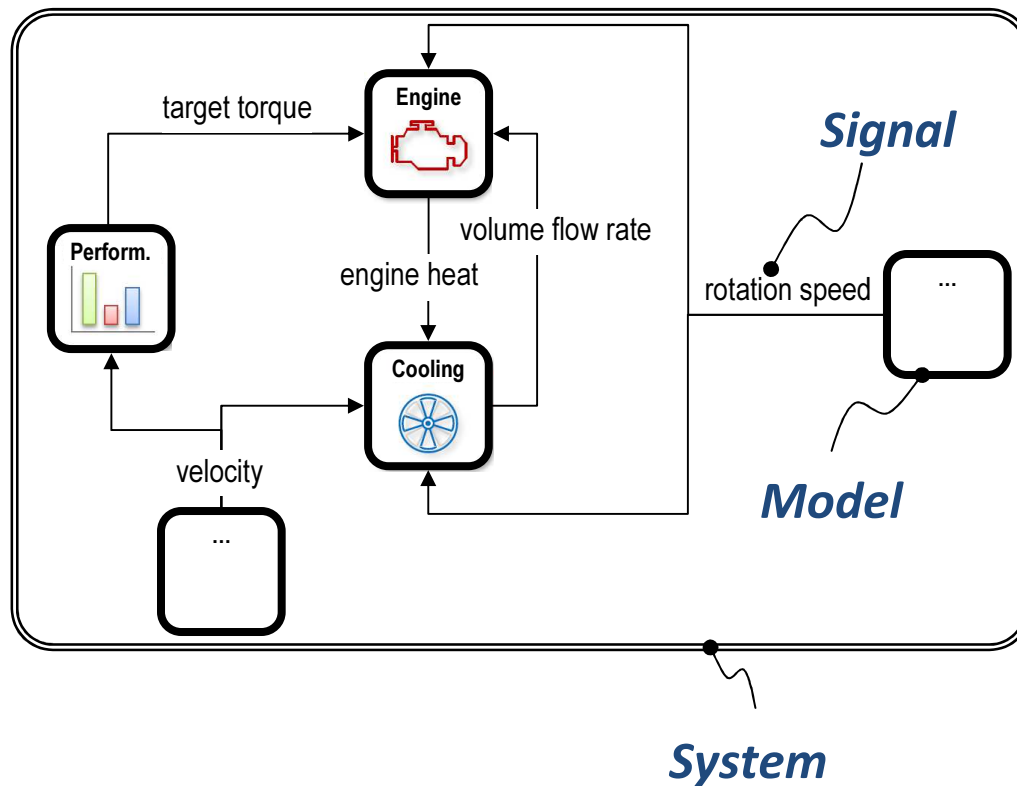


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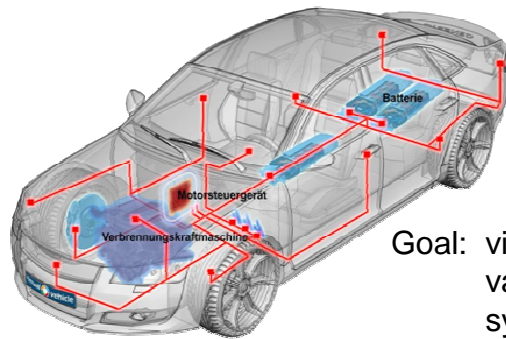
# Example of a System



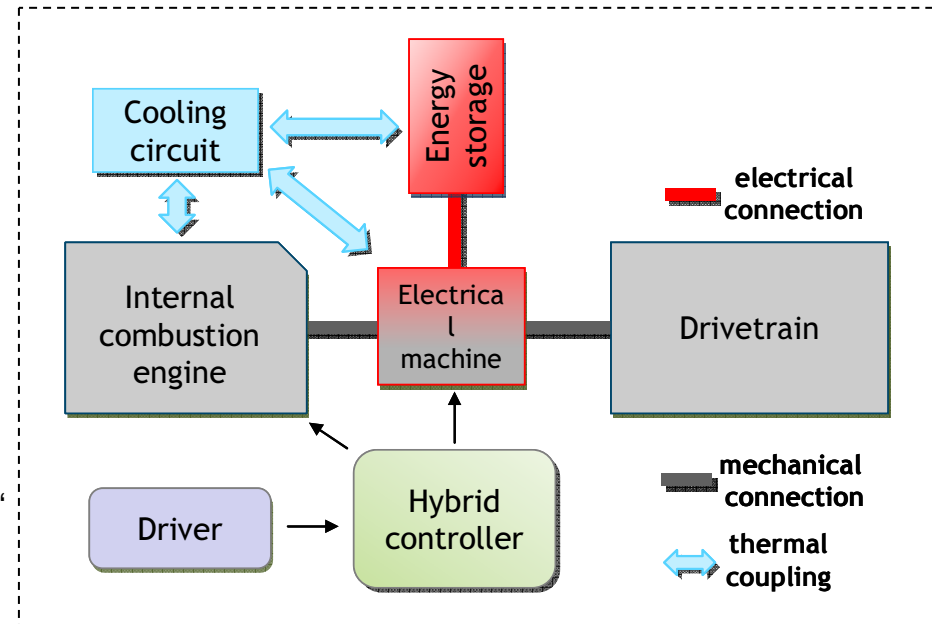
- A System represents an abstraction model of e.g. a car or sub-systems of it
- it consists of a set of models that are connected by input and output signals
- It supports the reasoning about its behavior by determining the behavior of its components (models) and their interactions
- A Model represent a function that delivers output signals based on its input signals and its internal behavior

Source: adapted from VW

# Example of a System (Parallel Electric Hybrid Vehicle)



Goal: virtual design and validation of the system „full vehicle“



abstraction model of a parallel electric hybrid vehicle concept

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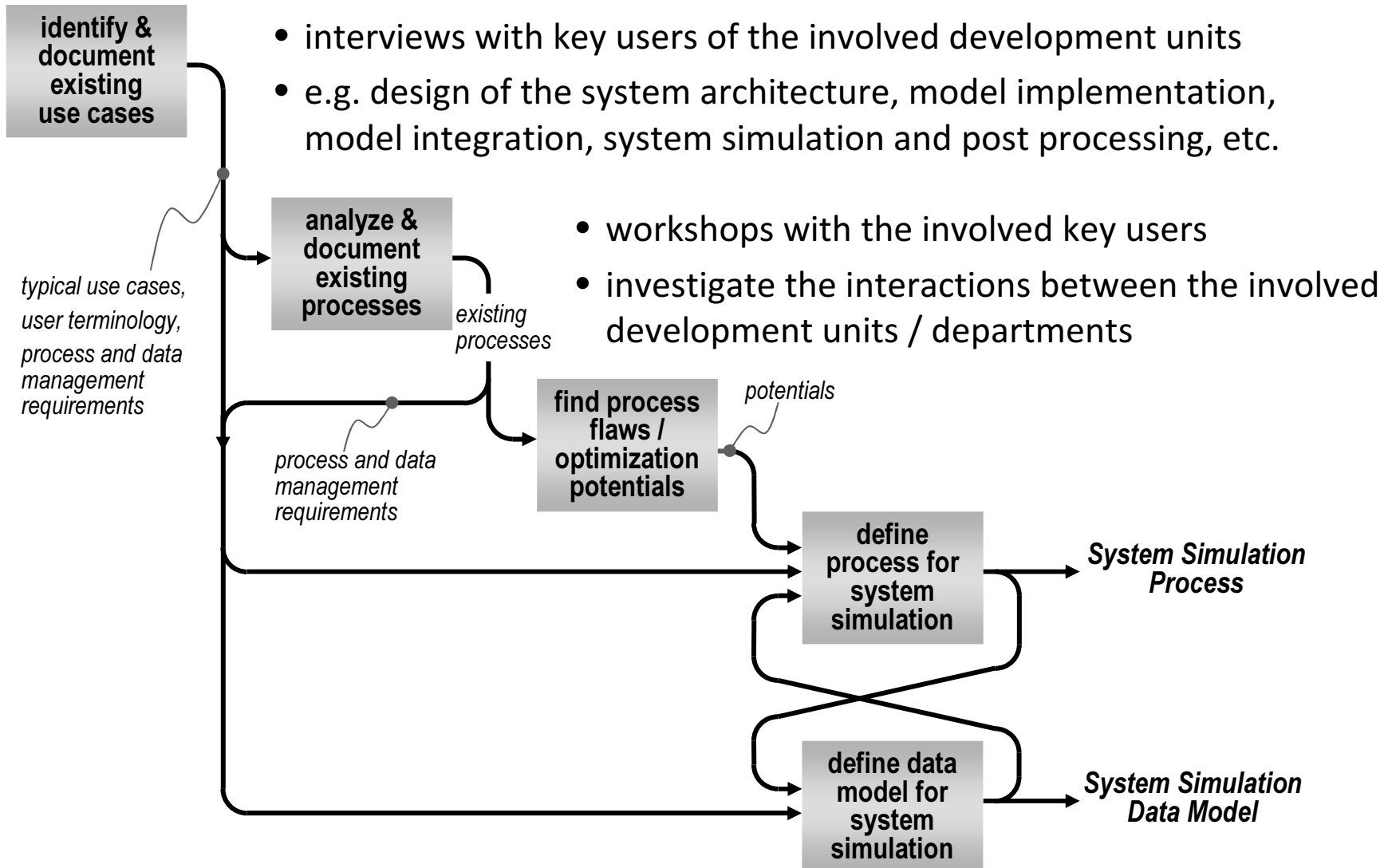




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# Illustration of the Approach for the development of a SDM Solution for Systems Simulation





# Challenges / Overall Requirements (Excerpt)

- A SDM solution should support the whole process of system simulation
  - system design, model design, model implementation, system integration, job submit & monitoring, post processing and reporting
- Multiple development units shall use the SDM solution in order to manage their models and their simulations
  - independently as well as in a collaborative way
  - different processes and different tools
- A SDM solution should support all kinds of simulations
  - one simulation model, one solver (classical simulation)
  - multiple homogenous simulation models, one solver
  - multiple simulation models, multiple solvers (co-simulation)



# Reference Process for Systems Simulation incl. Roles and Results of each Phase

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Roles

Process Phases

Results

System Responsible



System Design



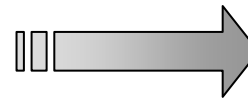
Model Responsible



Model Implementer



Model Design and Implement.



System Responsible



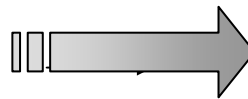
System/ Model Integration



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Config. and Parameterization



CAE Engineer



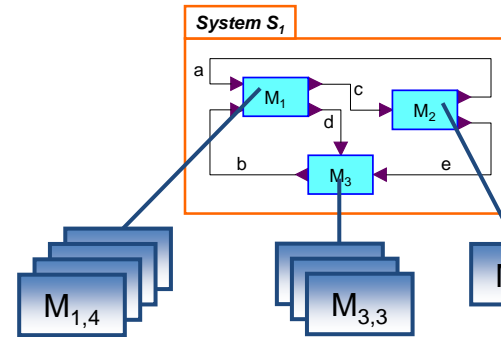
Simulation Execution



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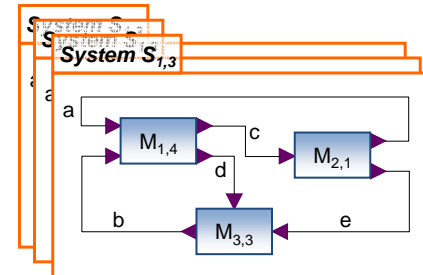


Post Processing and Reporting



System Architecture (abstract)

(Alternative Realizations of models)



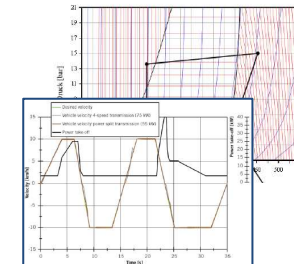
Configurable System (n x 100%)

Configured and Parameterized System

Input deck = (S<sub>1,3</sub>(step := 0.1, ...), M<sub>1,4</sub>(a := 3 m/s, ...), M<sub>2,1</sub>(...), M<sub>3,3</sub>(...))

Raw Simulation Results

Final Simulation Results



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# Resulting Requirements for the SDM Data Model (1)

- from System Design Phase
  - representation of systems and their decomposition
  - models as components of systems
  - might be occurrences of models within a library
  - connection of models by input and output signals
  - versioning of systems and models
  - representation of the lifecycle of systems and models
  - release status / workflows for systems
  - associated car project
  - milestone within the PEP
  - creator and approval information
  - ...



# Resulting Requirements for the SDM Data Model (2)

- from Model Design and Implementation Phase
  - representation of models
  - functions as components of models
  - model components are occurrences of functions within a library
  - versioning of models and functions
  - functions are connected by input and output signals
  - discipline (e.g. thermal management, electrical system, driving performance & consumption)
  - model granularity and scope of validity
  - creator and approval information
  - ...

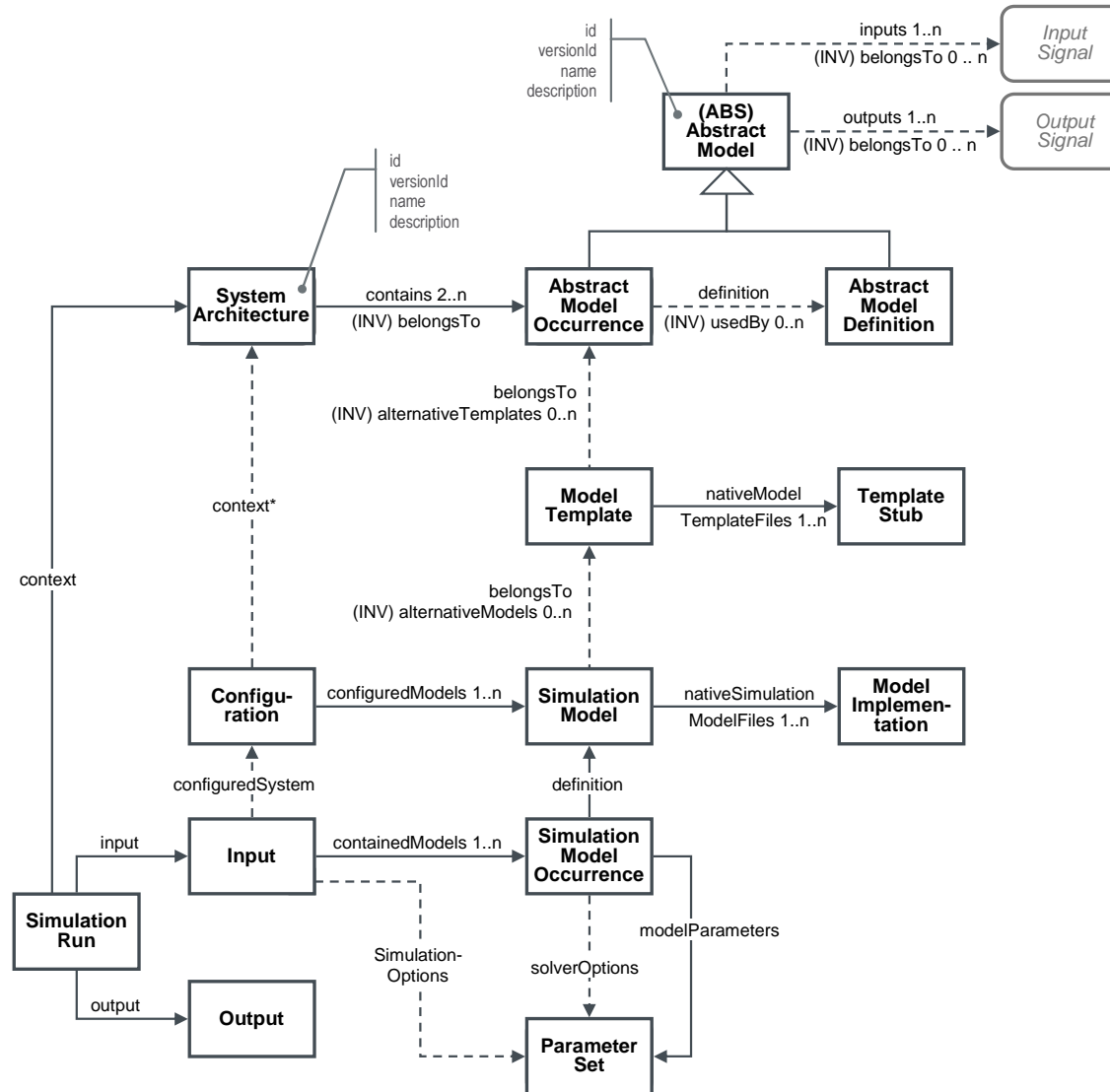


# Resulting Requirements for the SDM Data Model (3)

- from other phases
  - representation of configuration information (expressions)
  - parameter sets and their association to simulation models
  - job submit and monitoring
  - storage of raw / key results and simulation reports
  - ...
- other requirements
  - audit-trail and traceability
  - integration of modeling tools and external partners
  - discipline specific views
  - filtering & search mechanisms
  - ...



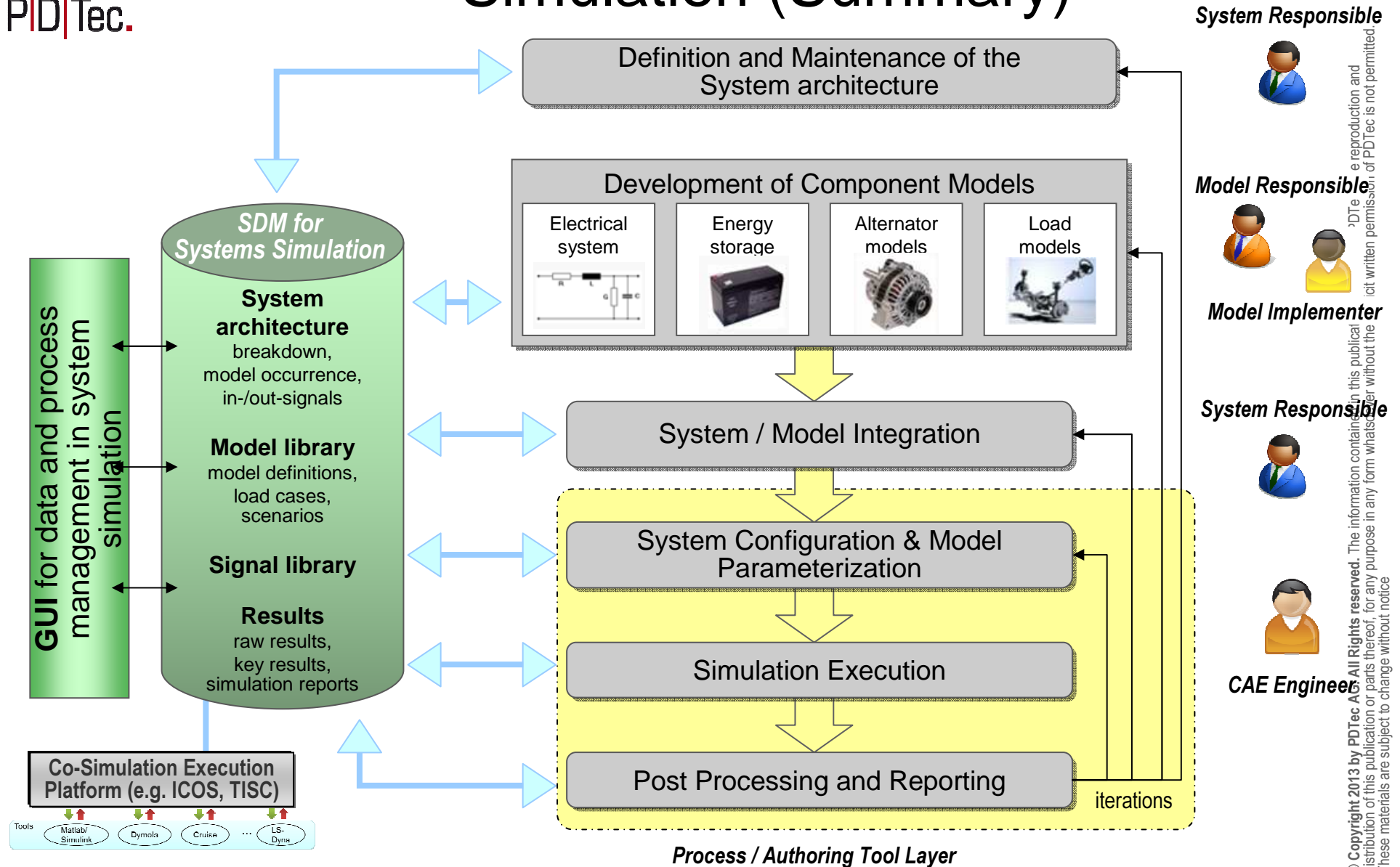
# Resulting Data Model for Systems Simulation (excerpt, simplified)



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# Solution Concept for SDM for Systems Simulation (Summary)



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# Ongoing and Next steps

- Demonstrator based on PD Tec's SimData Manager
  - Mapping of the resulting data model to the SimData Manager data model
    - some extensions of the data model were required
    - CAD/PDM data is not needed for Systems Simulation!
  - existing generic functionality is used to allow a basic way of working
- Extend the demonstrator to a fully functional prototype
  - e.g. deeper integration of the tool chain (Dymola, Simulink, Kuli, Adams, SimXpert, ...)
  - authoring tool for the development and maintenance of the System Architecture
  - add convenience functionality
- Validation of the prototype in a pilot project

# Summary

- A more holistic approach in the development of mechatronic systems, e.g. cars, is necessary
  - Systems Engineering and Systems Simulation
- Simulation process and data management is one important ingredient for an optimal IT-support within a systems engineering based development process
  - in addition: for ISO 26262 („Road vehicles – Functional safety“) compliance a SDM system for system simulation is required
- Within a project with an automotive OEM, the solution concept (reference process, data model, architecture, etc) was elaborated



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**Thank you  
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