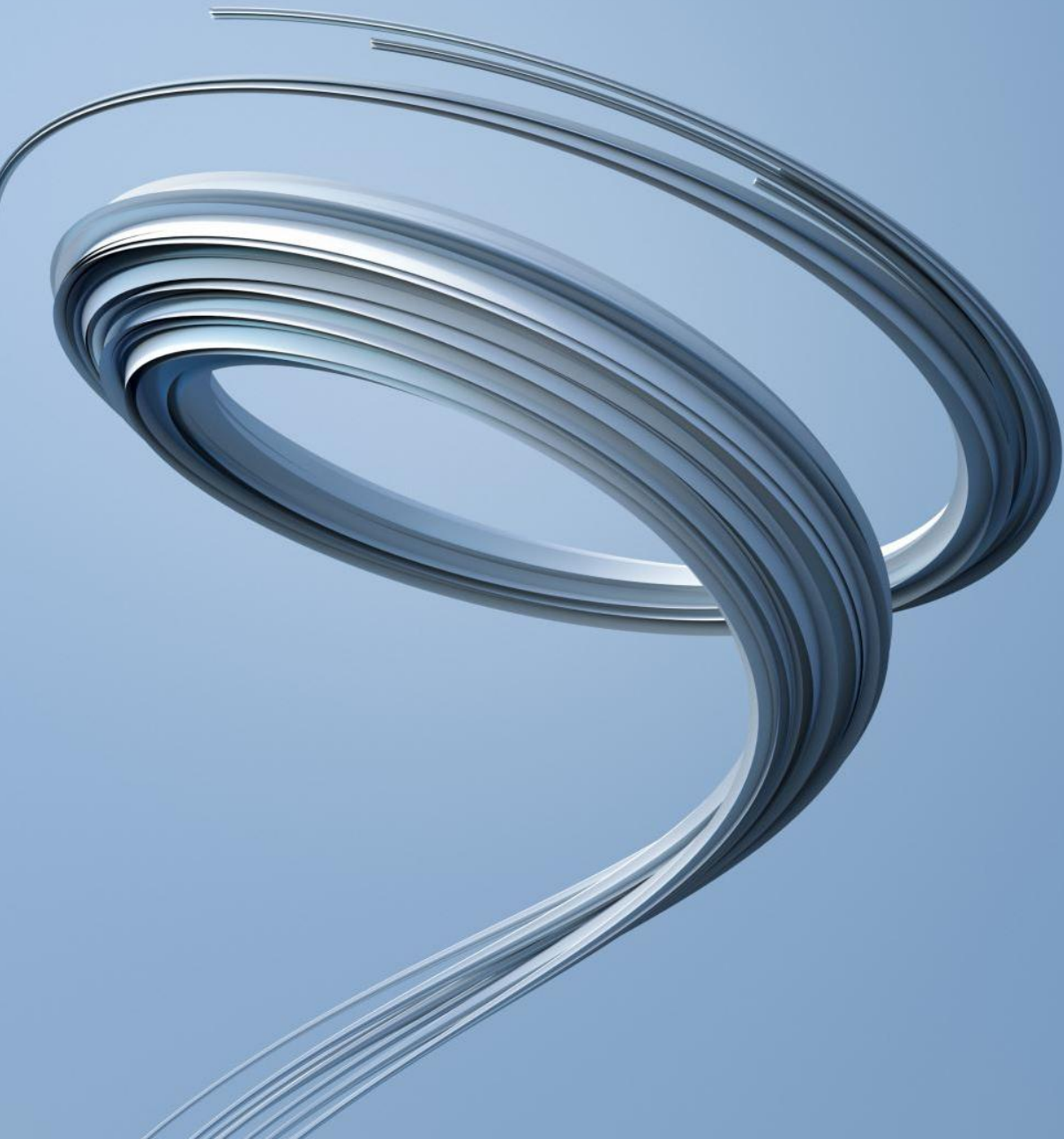




MODEL BASED SYSTEMS ENGINEERING. FROM THE DESIGN SPIRAL TO THE LIFE CYCLE SPIRAL

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SYSTEMS ENGINEERING IS A TRANSDISCIPLINARY AND INTEGRATIVE APPROACH TO ENABLE THE SUCCESSFUL REALIZATION, USE, AND RETIREMENT OF ENGINEERED SYSTEMS, USING SYSTEMS PRINCIPLES AND CONCEPTS, AND SCIENTIFIC, TECHNOLOGICAL, AND MANAGEMENT METHODS. (INCOSE, 2025)

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Definition of Systems Engineering according INCOSE (International Council on Systems Engineering)

- Approach to engineered system realization
- All engineering domains
- Whole life cycle
- Systems principles and concepts
- Scientific, technological and management methods



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AN ENGINEERED SYSTEM IS A SYSTEM DESIGNED OR ADAPTED TO INTERACT WITH AN ANTICIPATED OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENT TO ACHIEVE ONE OR MORE INTENDED PURPOSES WHILE COMPLYING WITH APPLICABLE CONSTRAINTS. (INCOSE, 2025)

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Engineered System Definition according INCOSE (International Council on Systems Engineering)

- For a purpose
- Operational environment
- Complying applicable constraints



“ A DIGITAL MODEL REPRESENTS AN ACTUAL OR CONCEPTUAL SYSTEM THAT INVOLVES PHYSICS, MATHEMATICS, OR LOGICAL EXPRESSIONS. A SIMULATION IS A METHOD FOR IMPLEMENTING A MODEL OVER TIME. (DOD, 2025) ”

Definition of model (US Department of Defense)

- System representation
- Physics, mathematics or logical expressions



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MODEL-BASED SYSTEMS ENGINEERING (MBSE) IS THE FORMALIZED APPLICATION OF MODELING TO SUPPORT SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS, DESIGN, ANALYSIS, VERIFICATION AND VALIDATION ACTIVITIES BEGINNING IN THE CONCEPTUAL DESIGN PHASE AND CONTINUING THROUGHOUT DEVELOPMENT AND LATER LIFE CYCLE PHASES. (INCOSE T. O., 2007)

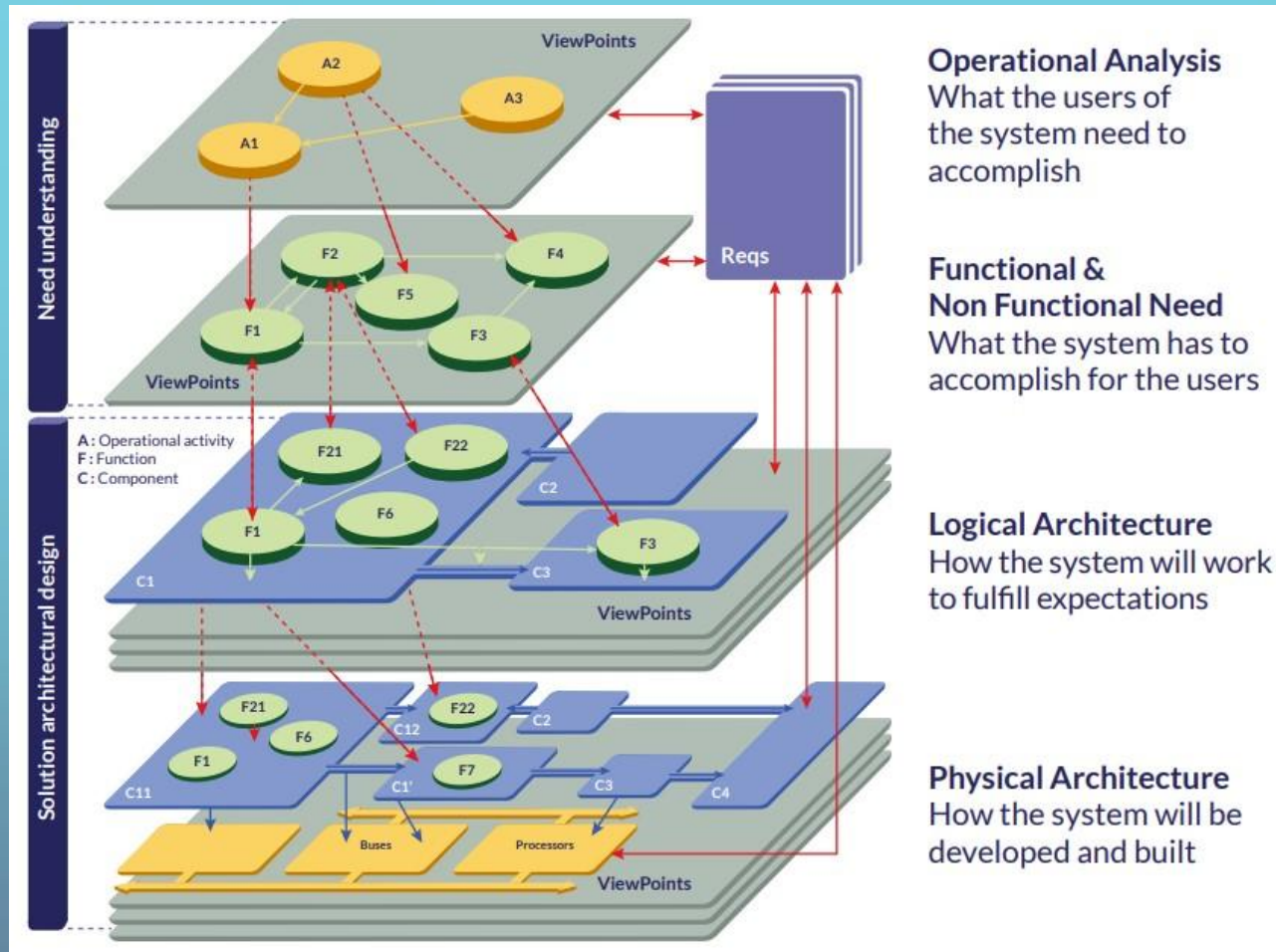
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Model Based Systems Engineering Definition (INCOSE Technical Operations)

- Formalized application of modelling
- To Support System requirements, design, analysis, verification and validation
- Whole life cycle



THE ARCADIA METHODOLOGY



¿What's needed from the system?
Need definition

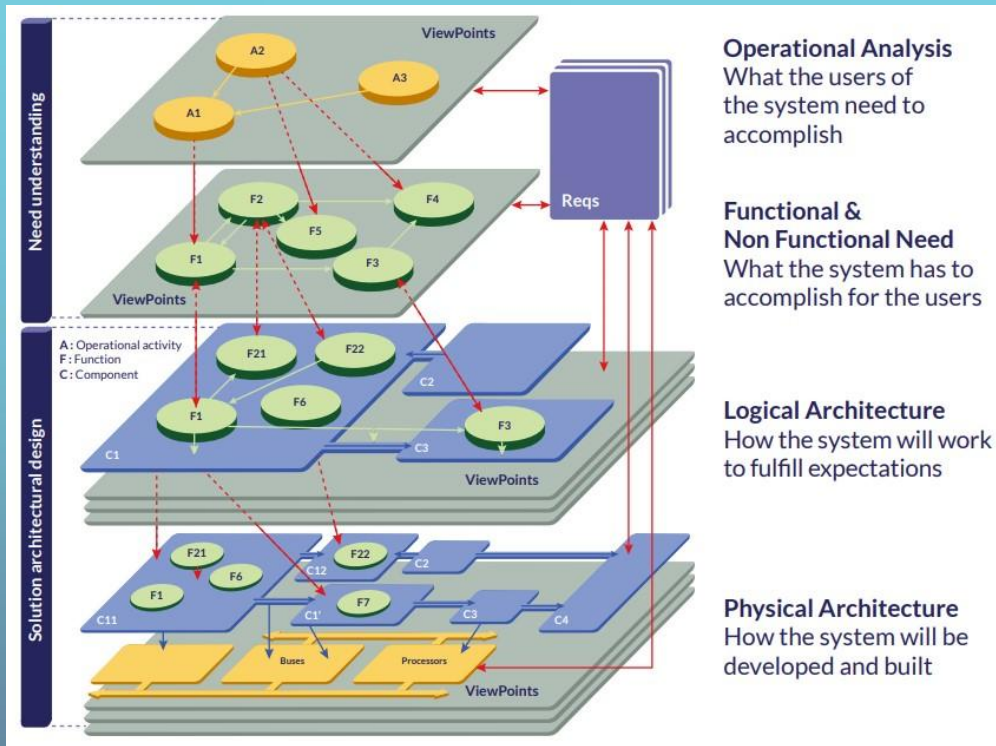
¿What has to do the system to
accomplish the needs?
Breakdown of the needs in
technologically viable functions

¿How the system will be arranged to
accomplish the needs?
How will system functions be grouped to
fulfill the needs

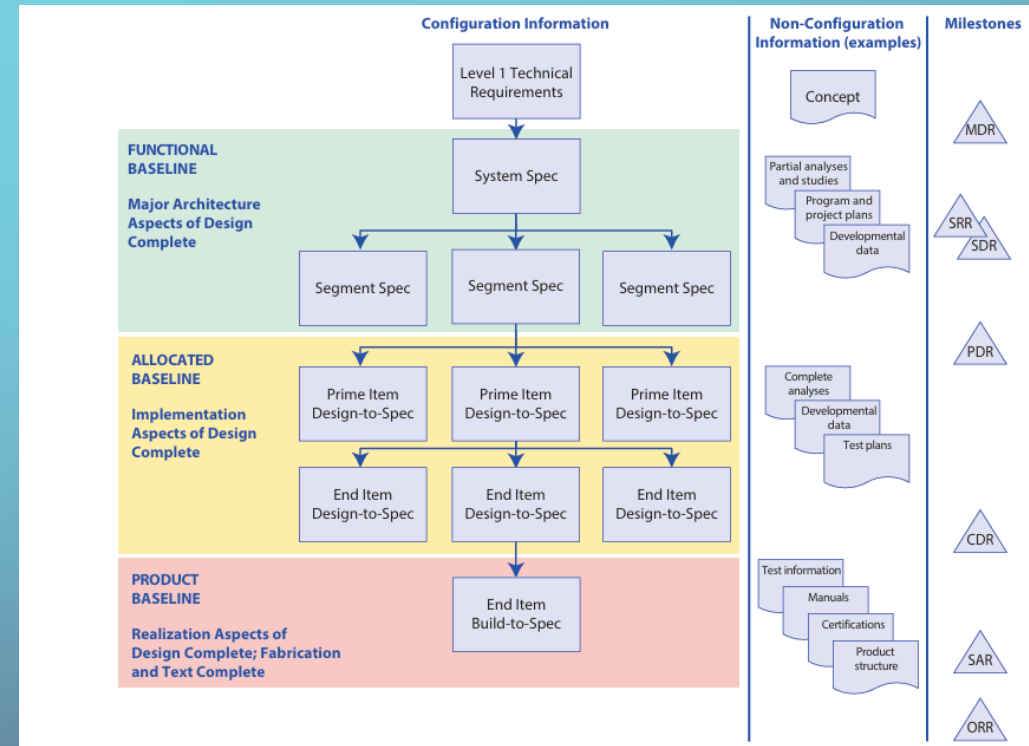
¿How will the system be developed and
built to accomplish the needs?
How will the system functions be
allocated to components to fulfill the
needs

(ARCHitecture Analysis and Design Integrated Approach)

THE ARCADIA METHODOLOGY VS THE SYSTEM ENGINEERING PROCESS



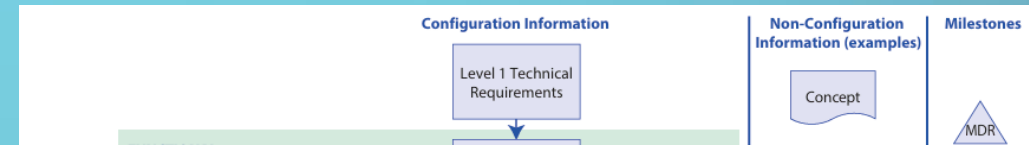
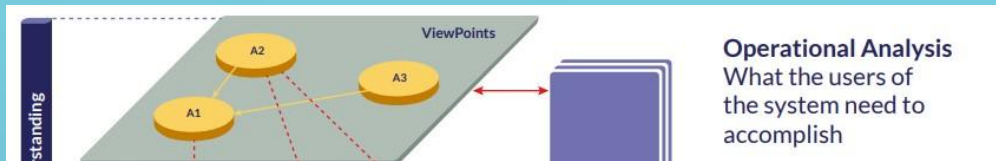
ARCADIA methodology stages



Project phases according NASA Systems Engineering Handbook

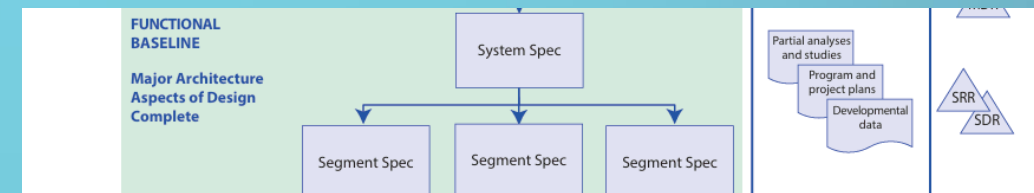
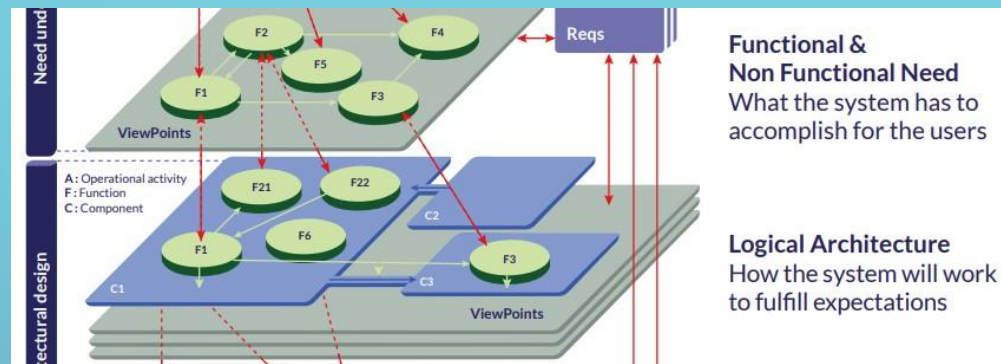


THE ARCADIA METHODOLOGY VS THE SYSTEM ENGINEERING PROCESS



The operational analysis corresponds with the definition of the technical requirements of the system, the complete definition of those requirement is reviewed in the Mission Definition Review (MDR)

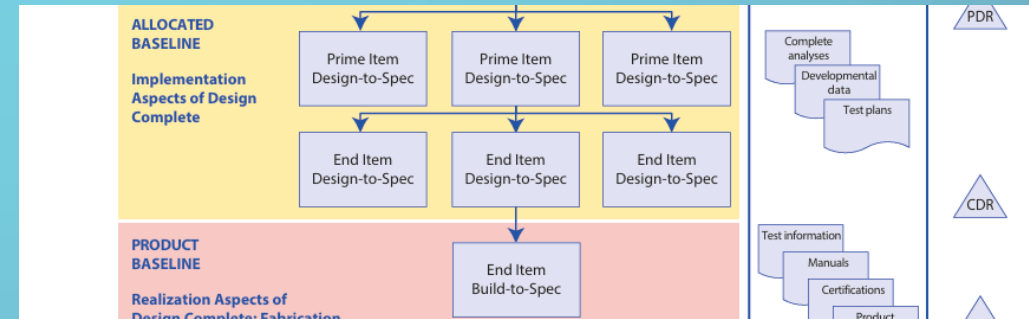
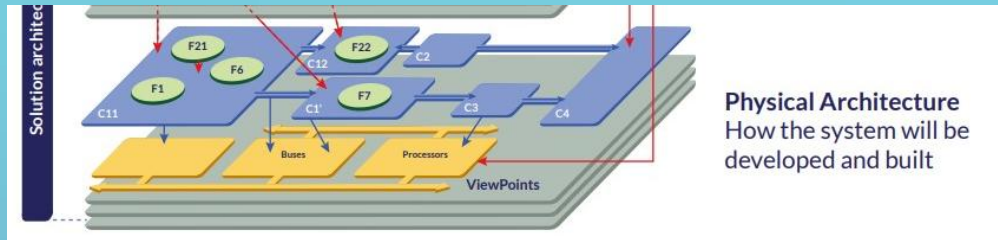
THE ARCADIA METHODOLOGY VS THE SYSTEM ENGINEERING PROCESS



The system analysis and the logical architecture in the ARCADIA methodology define the contract specification, the definition of the functions and the design generated in this phase are configured in a Functional Baseline that will be reviewed in the System Definition Review (SDR), an intermediate review by the end of the functional analysis can be performed and it's called System Requirements Review (SRR).



THE ARCADIA METHODOLOGY VS THE SYSTEM ENGINEERING PROCESS



The physical architecture creates the components that will be executing the functions of the system, the resulting model and design are released in the Allocated Baseline after the Preliminary Design Review (PDR).

The extended physical architecture adds the definition and verification details that complete the Product Baseline that will be approved in a Critical Design Review (CDR)



THE CAPELLA TOOL AND THE ARCADIA METHODOLOGY

The screenshot displays the Capella software interface. On the left, the 'Project Explorer' shows a hierarchical tree structure. The 'GesEner' project is expanded, revealing sub-projects like 'Operational Analysis', 'System Analysis', 'Logical Architecture', 'Physical Architecture', and 'EPBS Architecture'. The main workspace on the right is titled 'Workflow of GesEner' and contains a vertical sequence of six steps, each represented by a chevron icon and a text box:

- Operational Analysis**: Define Stakeholder Needs and Environment. Capture and consolidate operational needs from stakeholders. Define what the users of the system have to accomplish. Identify entities, actors, roles, activities, concepts.
- System Analysis**: Formalize System Requirements. Identify the boundary of the system, consolidate requirements. Define what the system has to accomplish for the users. Model functional dataflows and dynamic behaviour.
- Logical Architecture**: Develop System Logical Architecture. See the system as a white box. Define how the system will work so as to fulfill expectations. Perform a first trade-off analysis.
- Physical Architecture**: Develop System Physical Architecture. How the system will be developed and built. Software vs. hardware allocation, specification of interfaces, deployment configurations, trade-off analysis.
- EPBS**: Formalize Component Requirements. Manage industrial criteria and integration strategy: what is expected from each designer/sub-contractor. Specify requirements and interfaces of all configuration items.



THE CONCEPT. ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

A Notional Energy Management System design process will be presented

Needs

- Plan the energy consumption to increase efficiency
- Monitor the energy plant for operation and maintenance

Restrictions

- Integrated in a ship control system which controls the energy plant



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THE ENGINEERING PROCESS. ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

- Model the complete system (a basic ship to sail and transport payload) to the functional analysis level
- Model the energy management system (EMS) to the physical breakdown level
- Identify variables relevant for the design
- Identify variables relevant for the operation
- Identify variables relevant for the maintenance



DESIGN. SHIP OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS

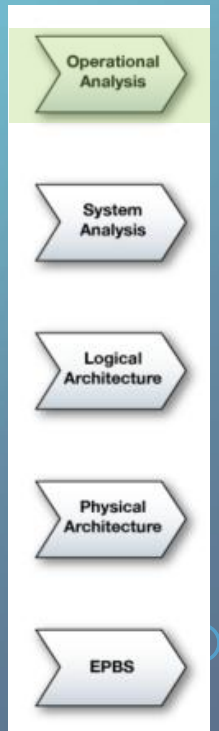
¿WHAT THE USERS OF THE SYSTEM NEED TO ACOMPLISH?

Inputs:

- Users and stakeholders needs
- System constraints

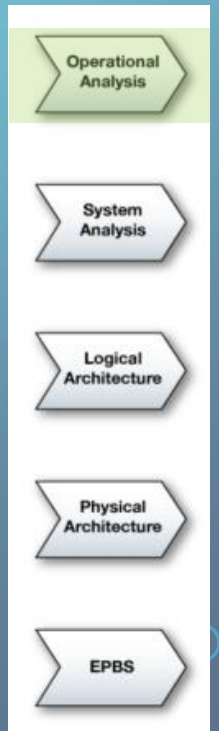
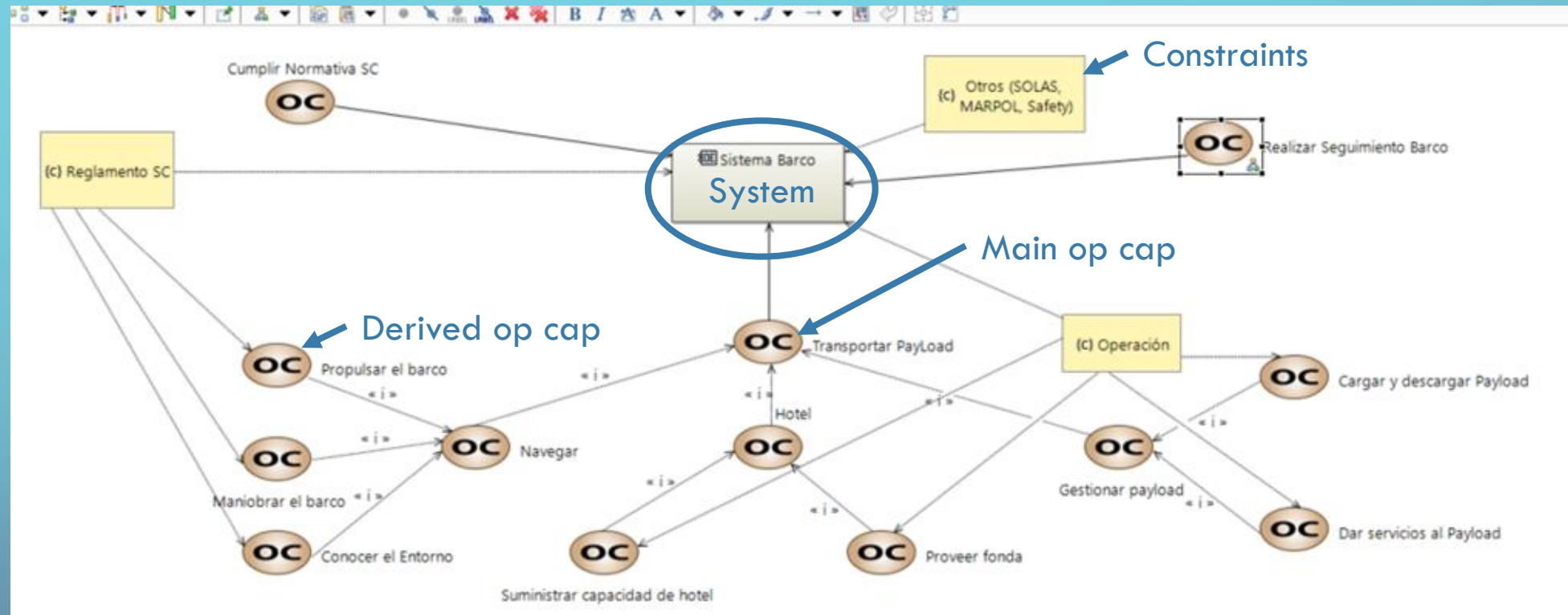
Outputs:

- Missions and its targets
- Operational capabilities that the system must fulfill to reach the targets of the missions
- Users and stakeholders needs





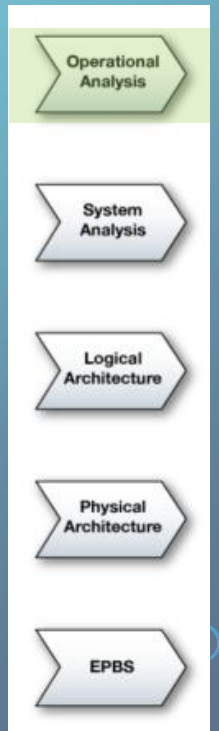
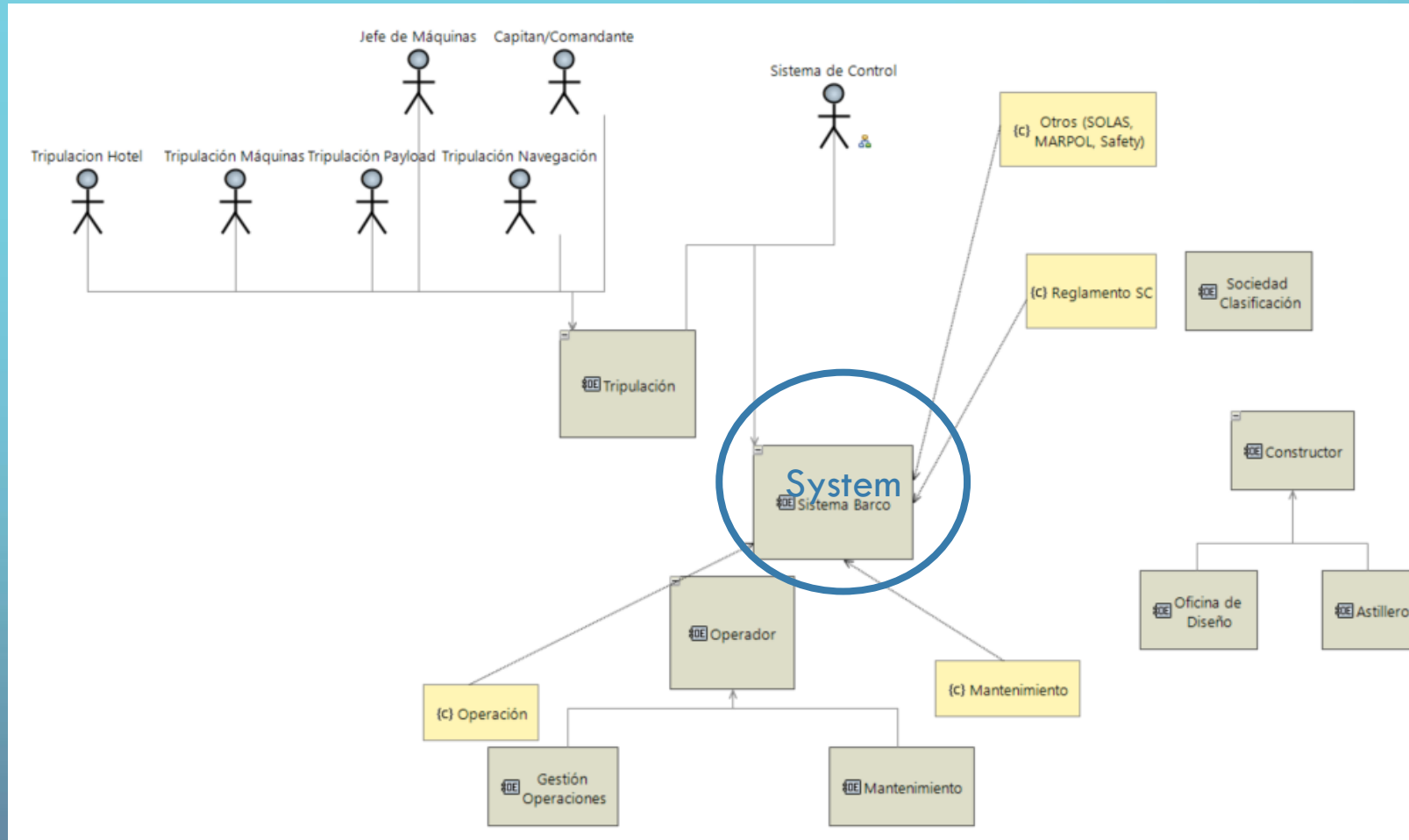
DESIGN. SHIP OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS



The breakdown of the main operational capabilities is shown in an operational capabilities' architecture diagram



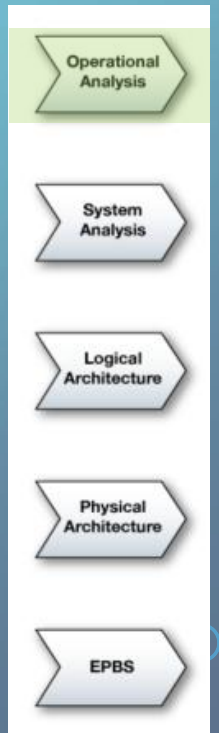
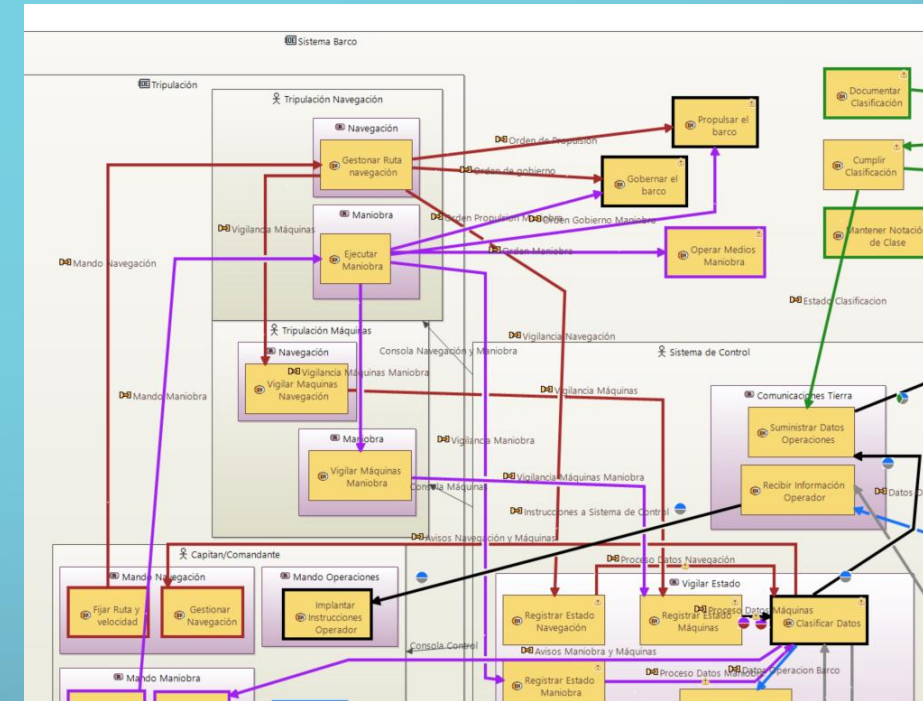
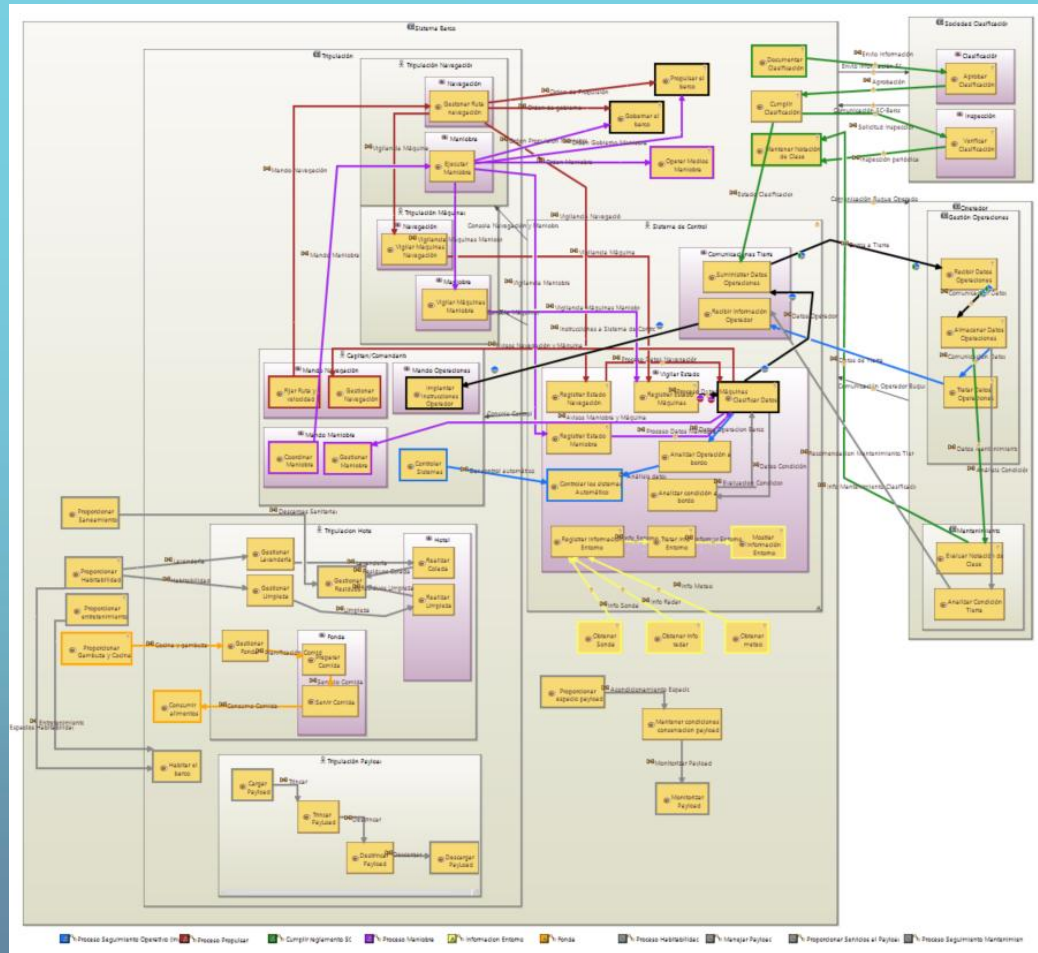
DESIGN. SHIP OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS



The operational entities breakdown diagram shows how the different actors and operational entities are related.



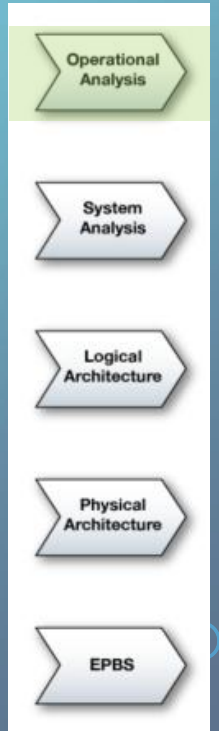
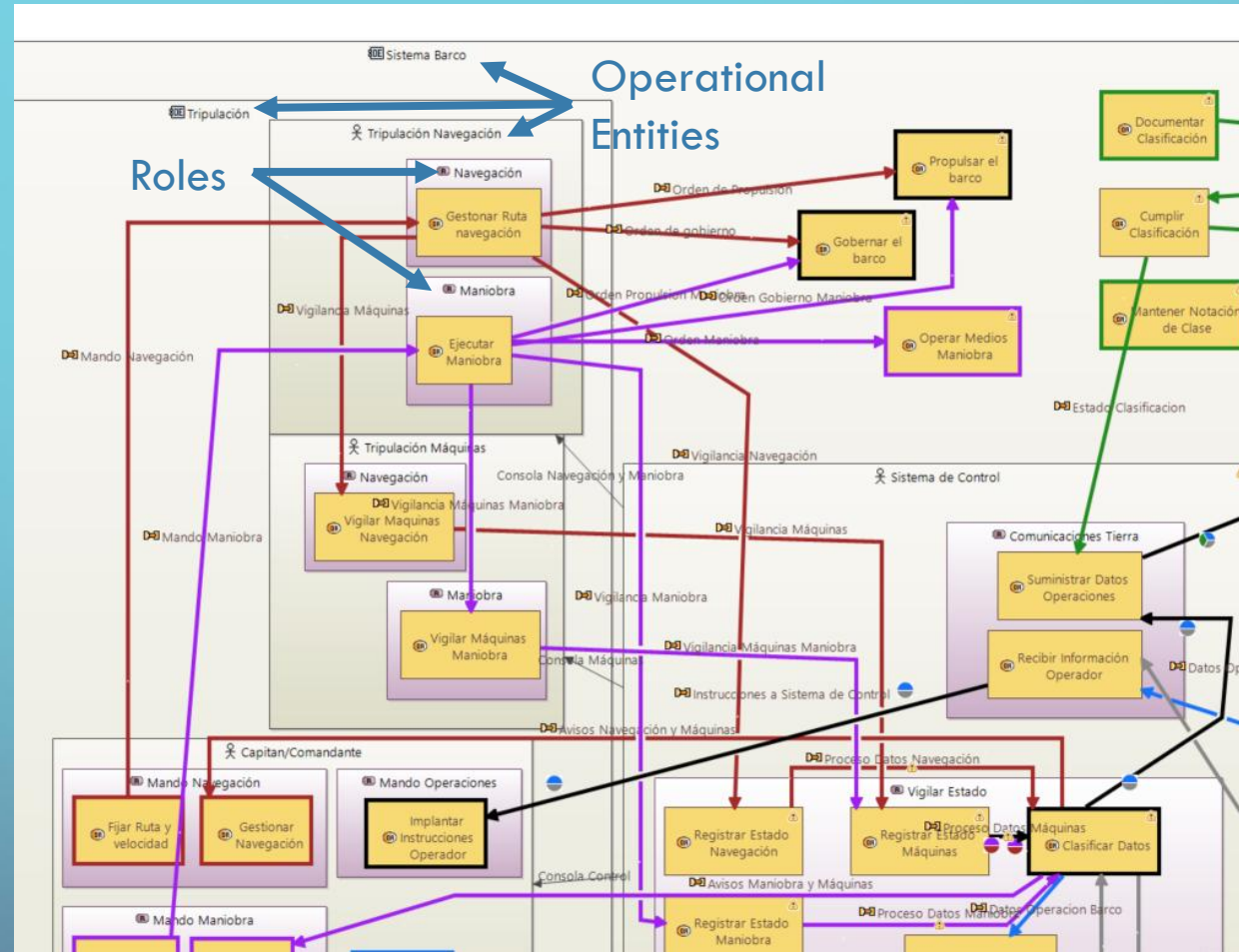
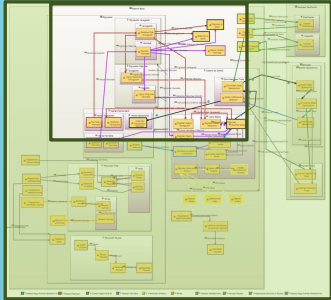
DESIGN. SHIP OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS



The operational capabilities are structured in operational processes that are sequences of operational activities and exchanges between them, all those features are represented in an Operational Architecture Diagram.



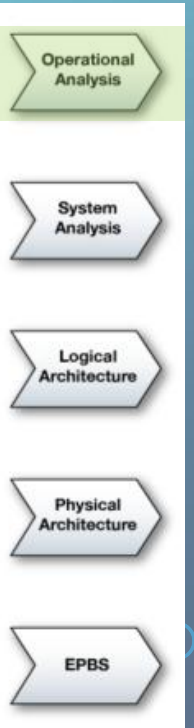
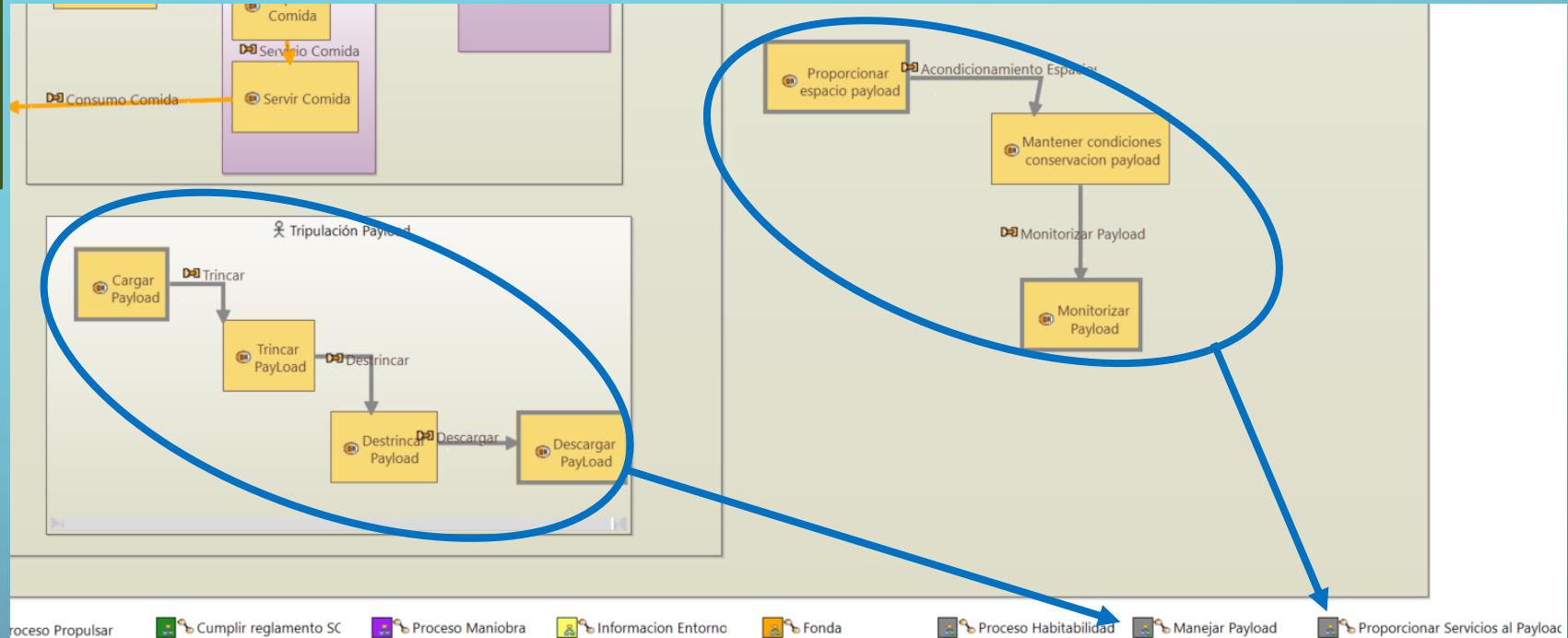
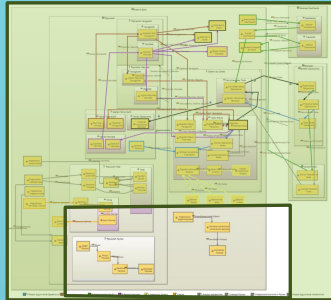
DESIGN. SHIP OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS



The “contained in” relationship of operational entities is shown by upper-level entities containing in the figure lower-level entities, at any level, different roles for the same actor can be allocated.



DESIGN. SHIP OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS



The operational architecture includes the operational processes, who does what with in and out interchanges.



SHIP DESIGN. SYSTEM ANALYSIS

What the system has to accomplish for the users?

Inputs:

- Operational Analysis
- Design Standards

Outputs:

- Functions to be executed by the system
- Requirements that define the operation of the system and its evaluation from the feasibility, existing solutions and cost point of views

Operational
Analysis

System
Analysis

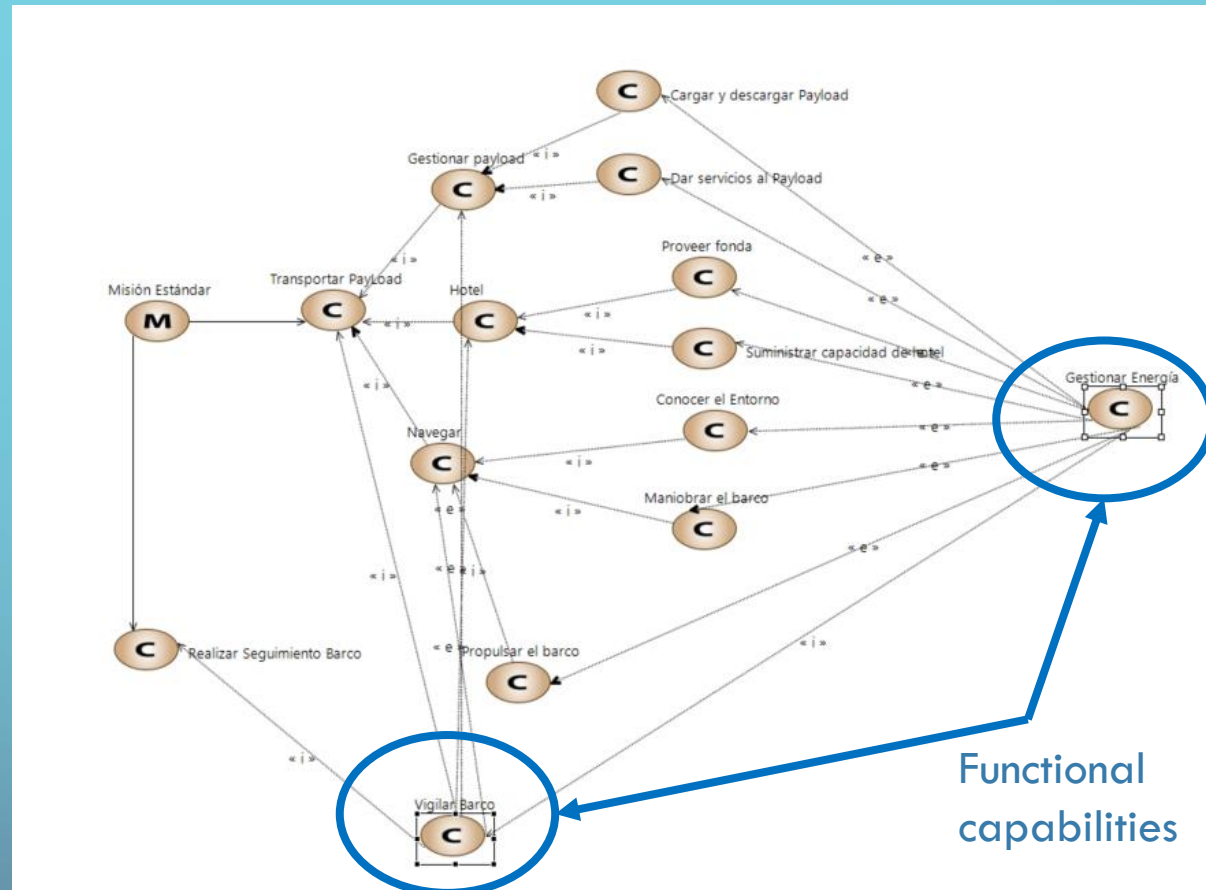
Logical
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Physical
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EPBS



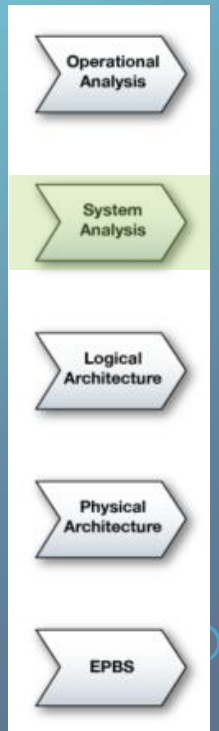
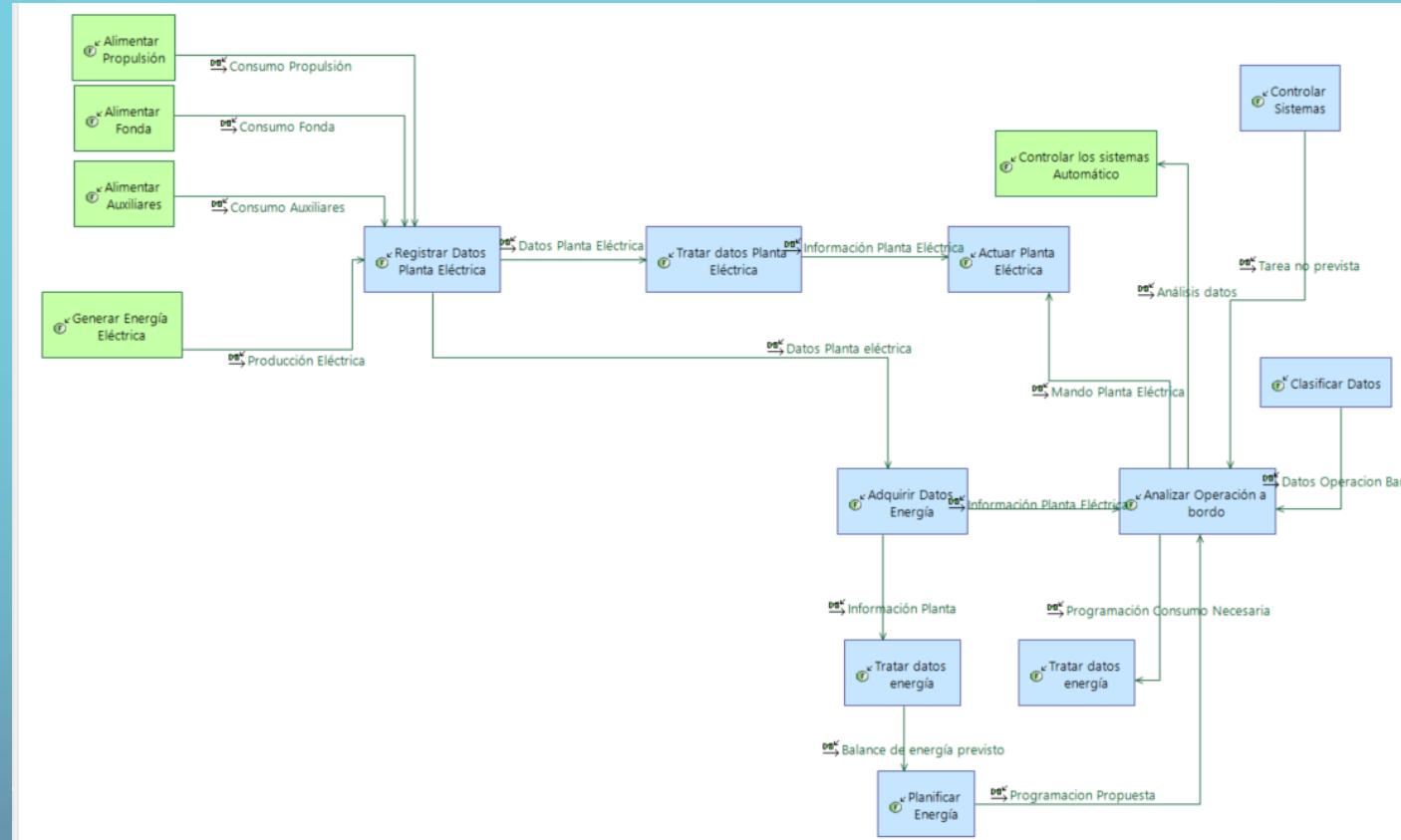
SHIP DESIGN. SYSTEM ANALYSIS



The system analysis starts designing the missions which are dimensioned by defining the parameters of the different capabilities, those capabilities are inherited from the operational analysis or new to cover design needs



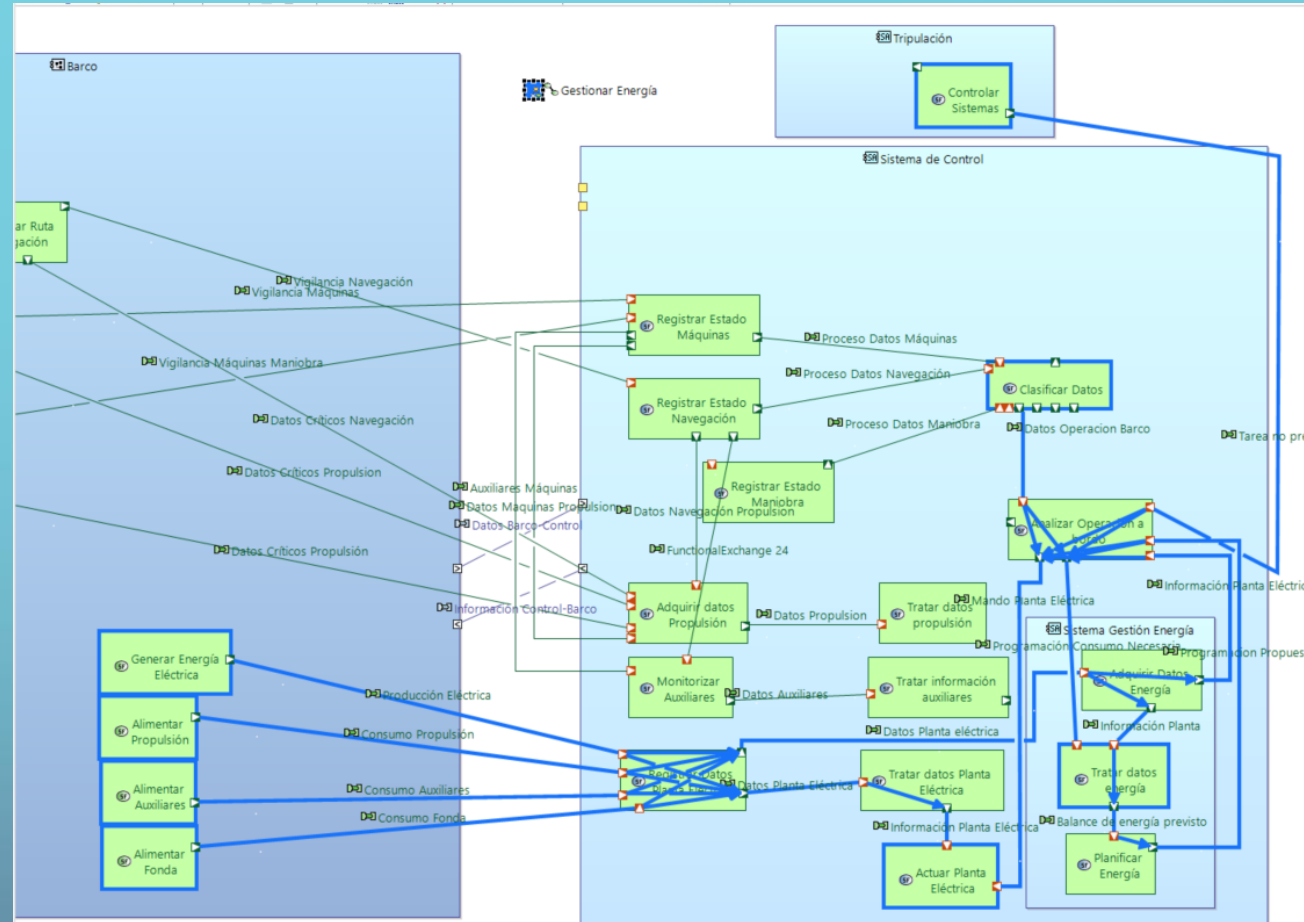
SHIP DESIGN. SYSTEM ANALYSIS



Each capability is broken down in functions and functional interchanges creating a functional chains that represents functional processes



SHIP DESIGN. SYSTEM ANALYSIS



Operational Analysis

System Analysis

Logical Architecture

Physical Architecture

EPBS

The functional chain is represented in a Functional Architecture Diagram including the functions, its interchanges and different actors involved.



SHIP DESIGN. LOGICAL ARCHITECTURE

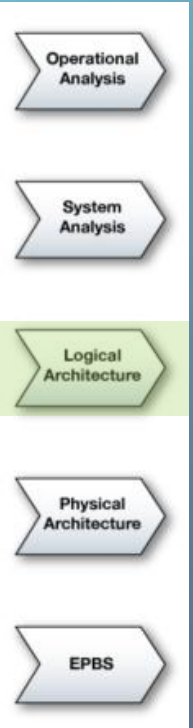
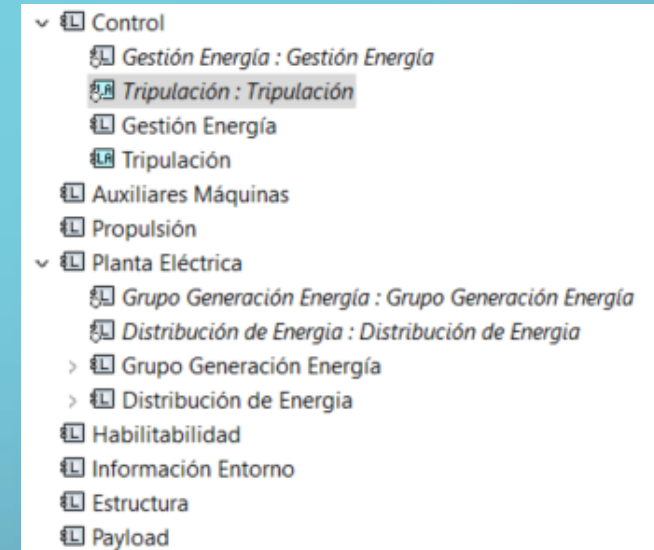
How will the system work to fulfill expectations?

Inputs:

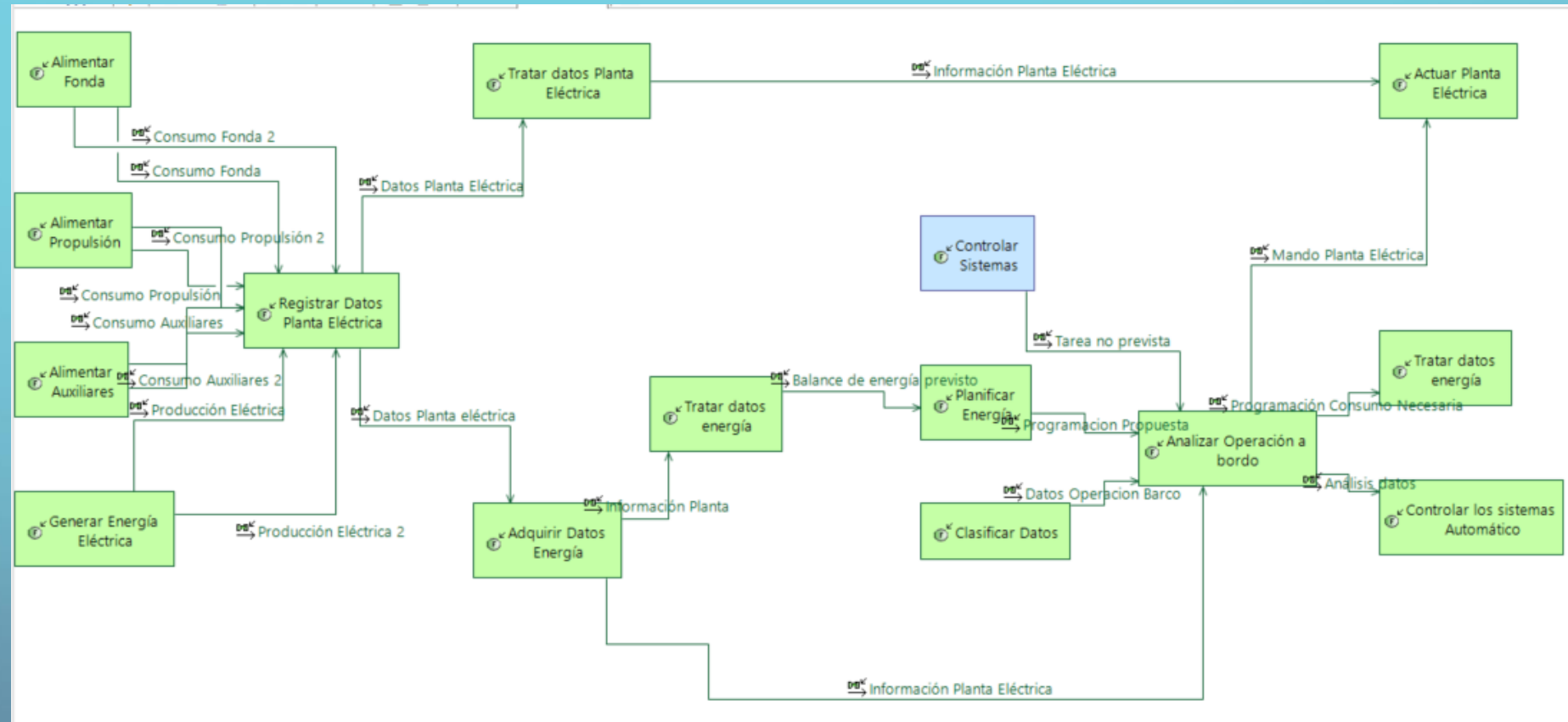
- Functional Analysis
- Design domains
- Organizational, cost and other restrictions

Outputs:

- High level breakdown of the system to allocate the functions of the system to manage its complexity (risks, engineering, design and development)
- Architecture and system preliminary validation against non-functional restrictions



SHIP DESIGN. LOGICAL ARCHITECTURE



Operational Analysis

System Analysis

Logical Architecture

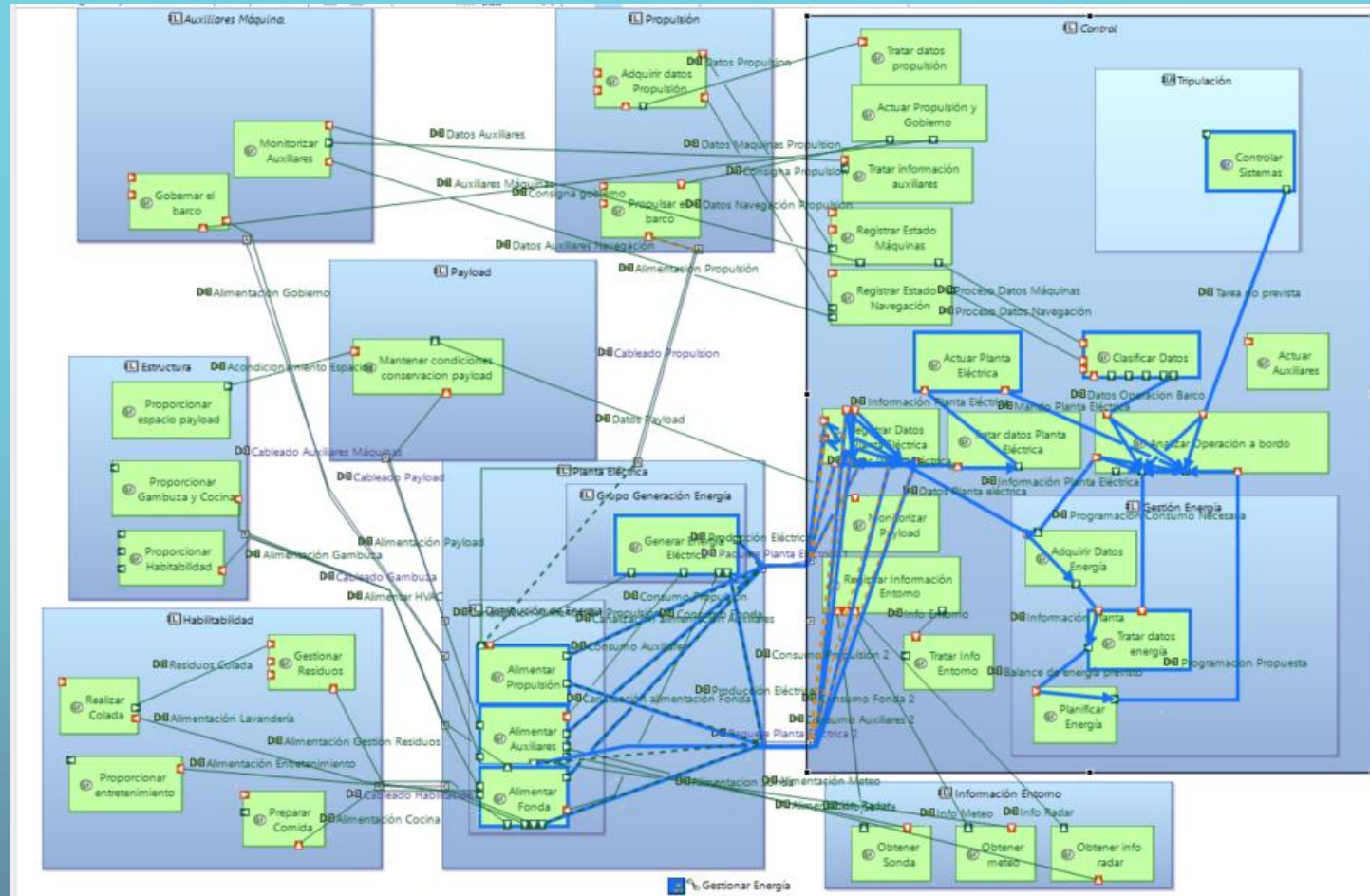
Physical Architecture

EPBS

The functional process is represented in a Logical Functional Chain Description including the functions and its interchanges.



SHIP DESIGN. LOGICAL ARCHITECTURE



The functional chain is represented in a Logical Architecture Diagram including the functions, its interchanges, physical ports and different logical parts and actors involved.



SHIP DESIGN. PHYSICAL ARCHITECTURE

How will the system be developed and built?

Inputs:

- Logical Architecture
- Existing designs
- Technical risks

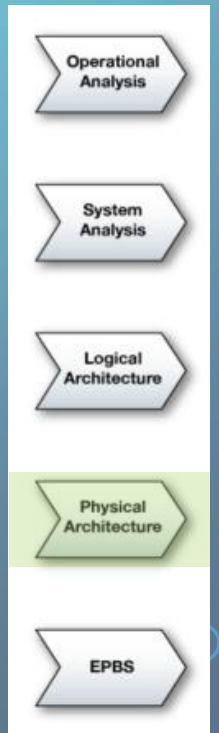
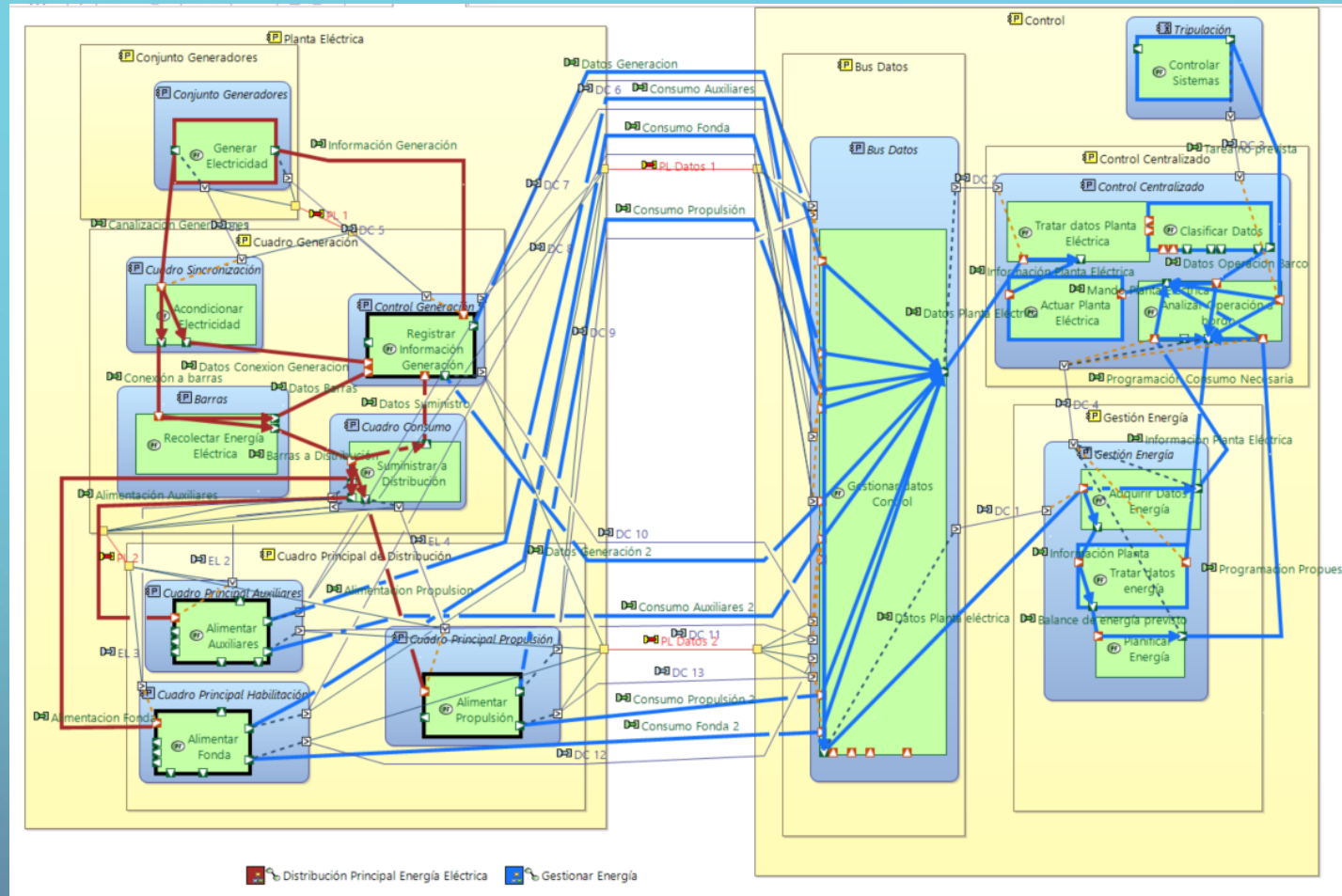
Outputs:

- Low level system breakdown to manage complexity, isolate risks and component development, and ease integration, verification and validation of the system
- Reuse of designs, products and assets
- Early design validation



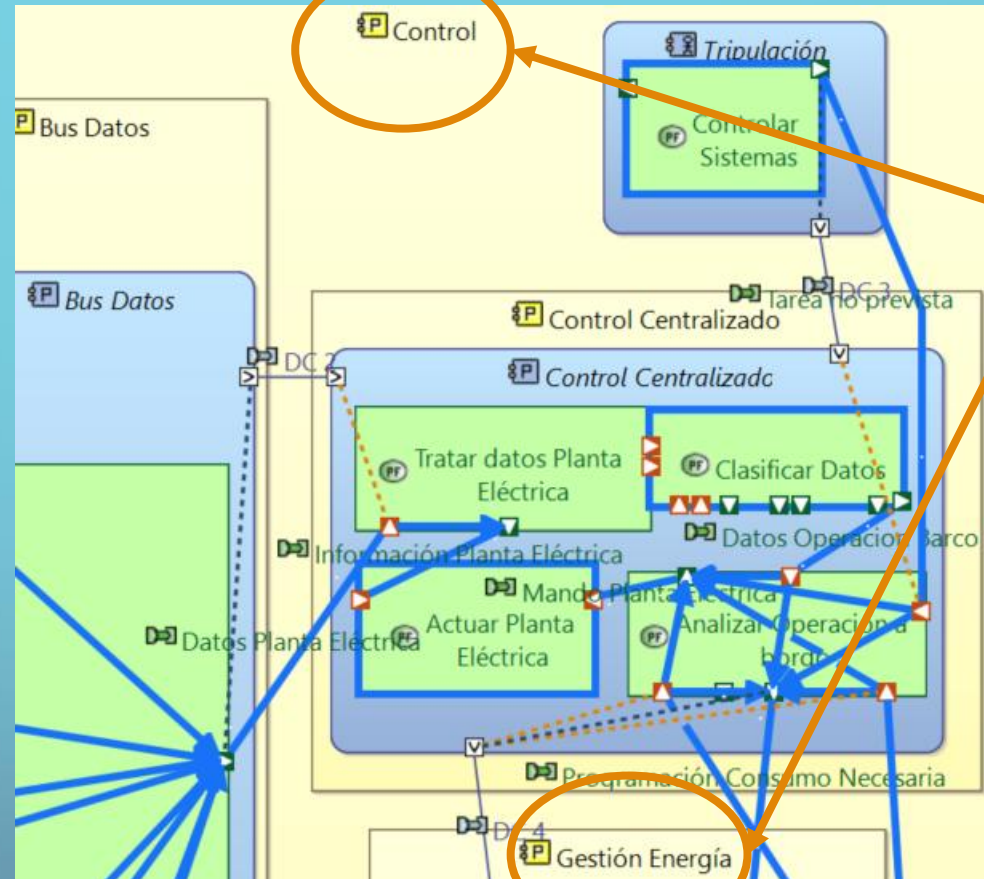
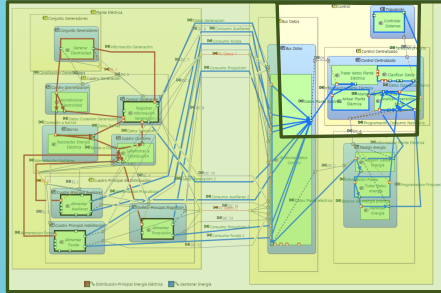


SHIP DESIGN. PHYSICAL ARCHITECTURE

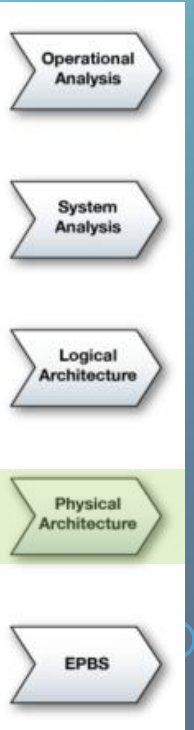


The functional process is represented in the Physical architecture by a Physical Functional Chain including the functions and its interchanges allocated to behavioral components and physical components.

SHIP DESIGN. PHYSICAL ARCHITECTURE

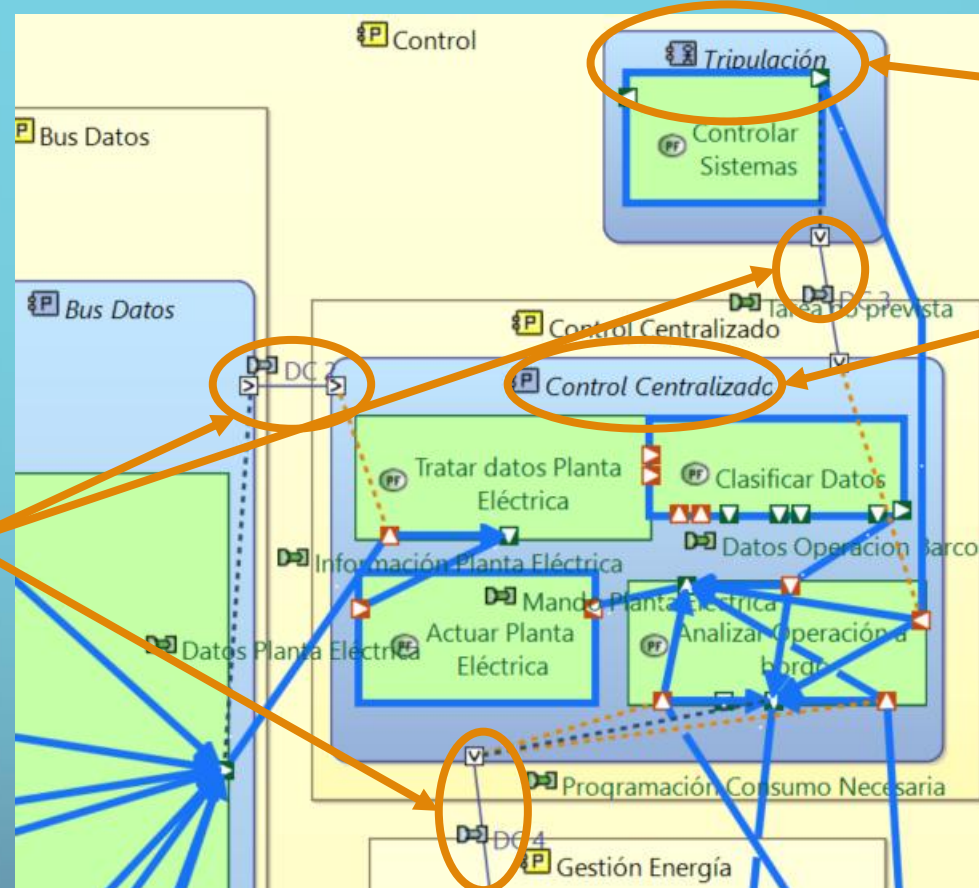
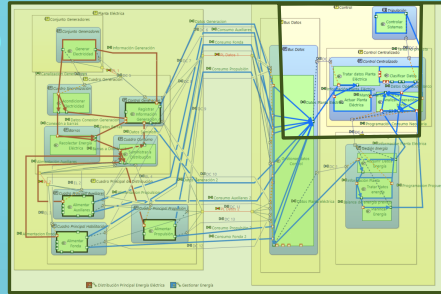


Physical components



The physical components can be nested showing their integration in more complex components.

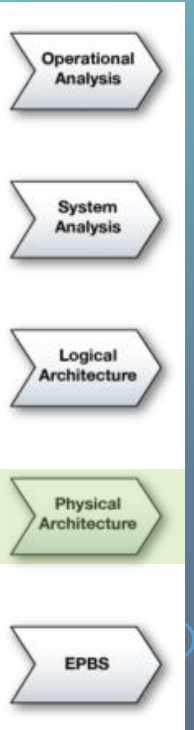
SHIP DESIGN. PHYSICAL ARCHITECTURE



Physical actor

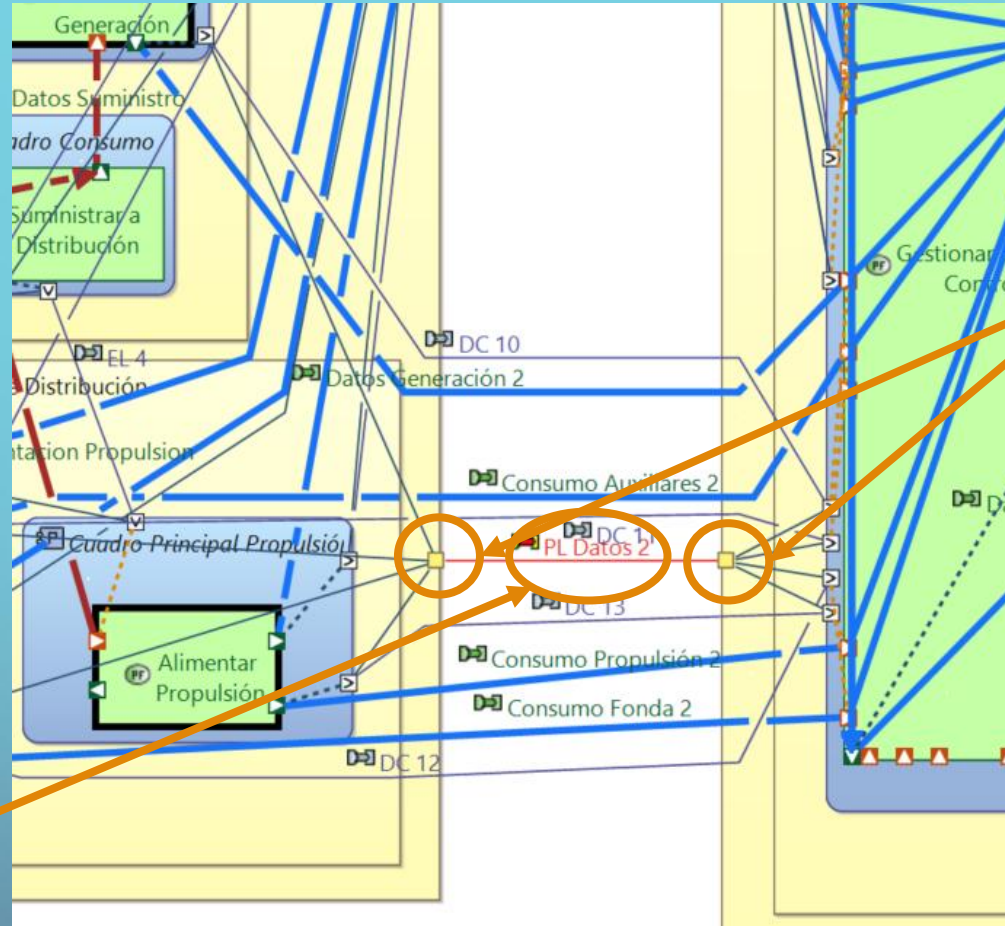
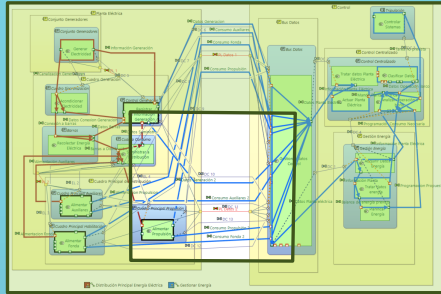
Behavioral components

Component exchanges



The physical actors and behavioral components will be the simulation components to be created, to deliver the required output from the allocated functions through the functional exchanges, the functional exchanges are gathered in component exchanges which are the interfaces collection between components.

SHIP DESIGN. PHYSICAL ARCHITECTURE



Physical Link

Physical Ports

Operational Analysis

System Analysis

Logical Architecture

Physical Architecture

EPBS

The physical ports allocated to physical components are the representation of the physical interfaces of the components, the connections between physical ports are the components that transfer the allocated interchanges between the components (piping, cables, mechanical).



SHIP MODEL ARTIFACTS SUMMARY

Arcadia layer	Requirements	Capability	Capability description	Functional	Structure	Modes and States	Data	Interfaces
Operational Analysis	R-OA Capture stakeholder requirements  	OA1 Define Operational Capabilities 	OA2 Define processes and scenarios 	OA3 Define Operational Activities and interactions 	OA4 Capture Operational Entities and Actors. Allocate Operational Activities to Operational Actors, Entities 	M&S-OA5 Define operational modes and states  	D-OA6 Define operational data model  	I-OA7 Define interfaces and describe interfaces scenarios 
	R-SA Derive Stakeholder requirements and capture System requirements  	SA1 Define System Missions and System Capabilities  	SA2 Define Functional Chains and Scenarios. 	SA3 Define System Functions. Define Functional Exchanges and components 	SA4 Allocate System Functions to System and Actors 	M&S-SA5 Define system modes and states  	D-SA6 Define system data model  	I-SA7 Define interfaces and describe interfaces scenarios. Enrich Logical Scenarios. 
	R-LA Derive system requirements and Capture components requirements  	LA1 Transition Capabilities Realization from system layer 	LA2 Define Functional Chains and scenarios 	LA3 Derive System Functions and define Logical Functions. Define Functional Exchanges and components. 	LA4 Allocate Logical Functions to Logical Components 	M&S-LA5 Define logical components modes and states  	D-LA6 Define logical data model  	I-LA7 Delegate System Interfaces and create Logical Interfaces. Enrich Logical Scenarios. 
	R-PA Derive logical requirements and capture physical requirements  	PA1 Transition Capabilities Realization from logical layer 	PA2 Define Functional Chains, Scenarios, and Physical Path 	PA3 Derive Logical Functions and define Physical Functions. Define Functional Exchanges and components. 	PA4 Define Physical Nodes and refine Behavioural Physical Components. Allocate Behavioural Components. 	M&S-PA5 Define physical nodes modes and states  	D-PA6 Define physical data model  	I-PA7 Delegate Logical Interfaces and create Physical Interface. Enrich Physical Scenarios. 



SHIP DESIGN. EXTENDED PHYSICAL ARCHITECTURE

How will the system be procured and assembled?

Inputs:

- Physical Architecture
- Existing components specs (COTS, MOTS, previous developments)
- Technical risks
- Industrial capabilities

Outputs:

- Material selection to spec for the different components
- System Analysis (purchase specification) for the components to be developed
- Verification, validation and qualification plan
- Building strategy





SHIP EXTENDED PHYSICAL ARCHITECTURE FEATURES

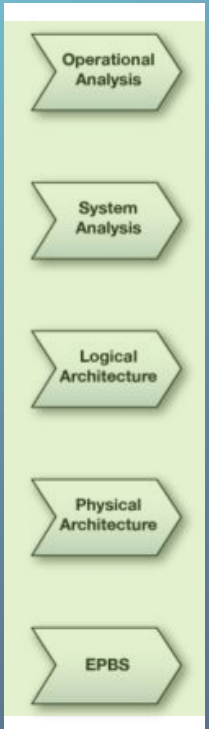
- Ship bill of materials
- Ship functions breakdown at component level
- Interfaces between the components and functions through mass flow, energy flow, command and data interchanges
- Detailed simulation models breakdown through the behavioral components and simulation parameters through the interchange's values
- Traceability to mission capabilities





SHIP MODEL USES

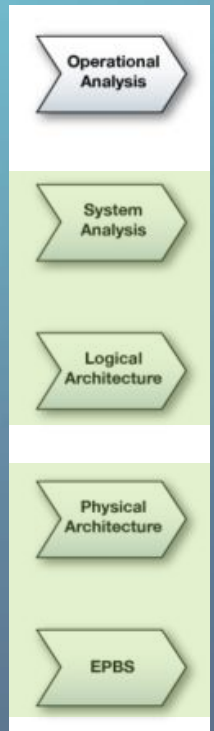
- Design verification by simulation
- Reuse of known components (COTS, MOTS, previous developments)
- Design simulation model structure and parameters
- Operation simulation model structure and parameters
- Life cycle support simulation model structure and parameters





SHIP THROUGH LIFE SUPPORT MODEL

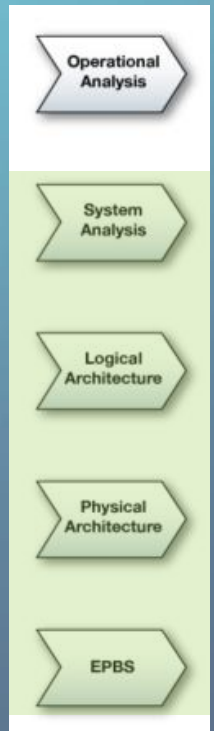
- Life cycle support model structure and parameters
 - The capability of monitoring and assessing the selected assets must be included
 - New functional chains must be included in the analysis
 - New physical components must be included in the system
 - New behavioral components must be included in the system
 - New “Support” Ship Breakdown Structure as a consequence of adding asset monitoring to the Ship Breakdown Structure
 - Reliability can be evaluated for each operational capability





SHIP THROUGH LIFE SUPPORT SIMULATION MODEL

- Life cycle support simulation model structure and parameters
 - Behavioral components are different to the design and operation ones, so simulation models are
 - Input and output parameters are different
 - A completely different simulation model is needed





THE ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

DESIGN MODEL

- Operation architecture model (As designed)
- Identify design parameters
- Design parameters
- Operation simulation model (As designed)
- Design parameters

OPERATION MODEL

- Operation architecture model (As maintained)
- Identify operation parameters
- Operation simulation model (As maintained)
- Operation parameters

THROUGH LIFE SUPPORT MODEL

- TLS architecture model (As maintained) derived from operation architecture model
- Identify operation parameters
- Identify asset condition parameters
- TLS simulation model (As maintained) new, not using operation simulation model
- Operation parameters
- Asset condition parameters

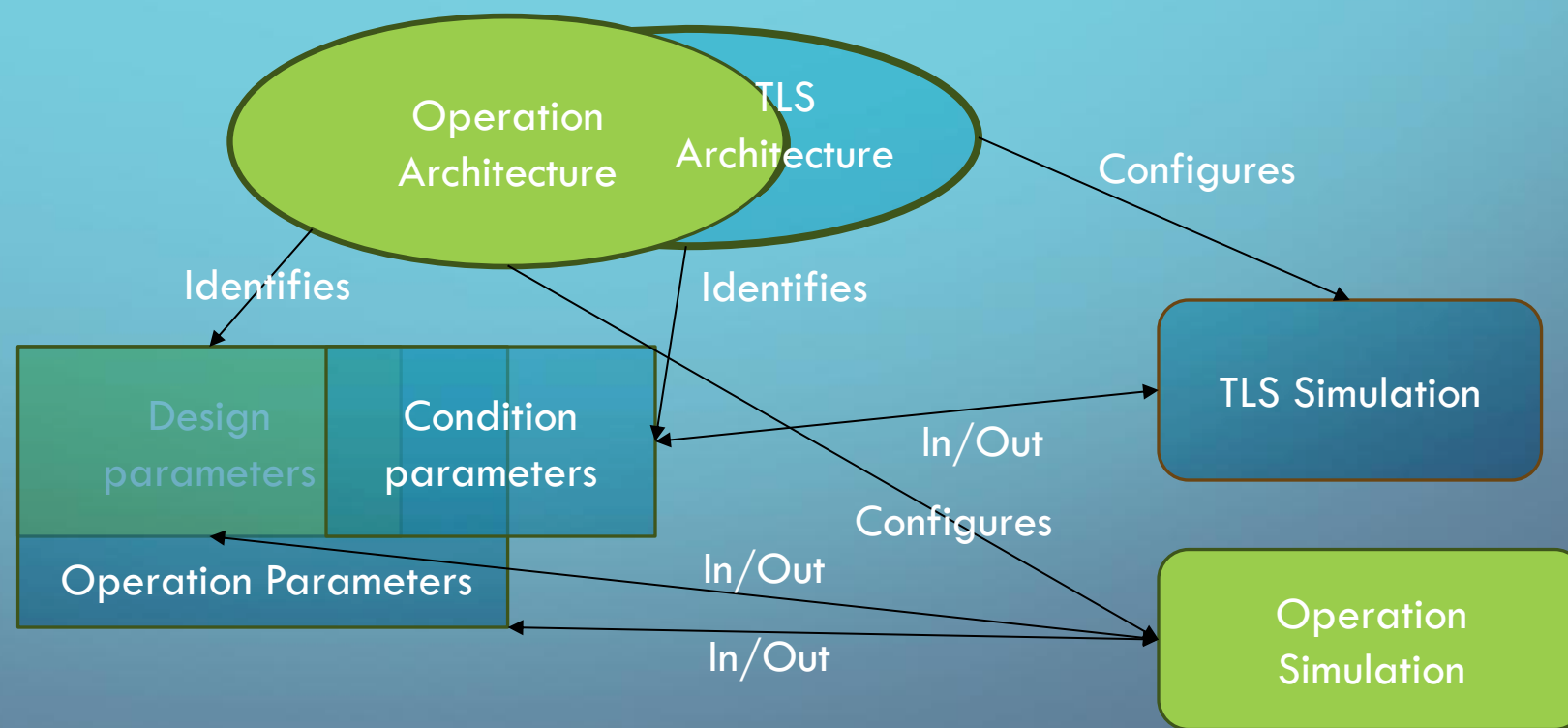


THE ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

DESIGN MODEL

OPERATION MODEL

**THROUGH LIFE
SUPPORT MODEL**





WHAT IS NEEDED TO USE MBSE?

- **MBSE** as a methodology to specify, design, build and operate ships that returns value by reusing it not only in the design but also in operation
- **Involvement** of all actors
- **Simulation** tools and models
- Dedicated **team** from concept to disposal



WHAT'S THE WAY FORWARD?

- Create a standard **framework** for ship MBSE
- **Involvement** of all parties:
 - Shipowners model specifying
 - Design organizations model engineering and designing
 - Supply chain providing operation and through life support models
 - Shipbuilders by including seamlessly model information
- Sufficient knowledge in components performance as a function of the operation and health parameters to build **model libraries**
- Train and maintain a dedicated **team** to support model from concept to disposal



WHAT'S THE EXPECTED OUTCOME?

- Single and **shared** source of information
- **Reuse** of previous engineering and design
- More **efficient** acquisition, design, procuring, building and operation of ships
- The real **DIGITAL TWIN**



WHY SHOULD WE BE DEVELOPING MBSE?



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WHY SHOULD WE BE DEVELOPING MBSE?

Digital twins and machine learning in nanofabrication

(CAD) Processes for Modular Construction for Prefabricated Wood Components

AI and MBSE tools in ship design and build

AI in Design and Fabrication

Nonlinear wave-ice interactions and machine learning (ML) for ship hull design

Next generation AI models applied to CAD synthesis and optimization

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