

# MapleMBSE

An Excel-based MBSE Tool for  
Knowledge Sharing and Collaboration across the Enterprise

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# Maplesoft

## More than 30 years of Engineering Computation

- 1980: Research project at University of Waterloo, Ontario
- Company founded in 1988
- Leading provider of high-performance solutions for engineering, science and mathematics

## Global Presence

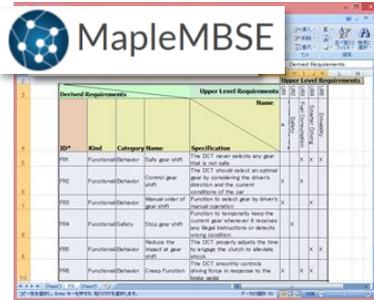
- Part of the Cybernet Group (since 2009)
- Offices in Canada, US, Germany, France, UK, China, Japan
- >30 partners worldwide



# Selected Customers...



# Model-driven Innovation for Engineering : Systems Design



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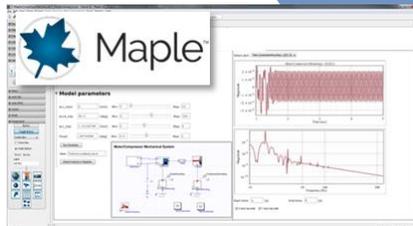
Derived Requirements		Upper Level Requirements		Lower Level Requirements	
ID	Kind	Category Name	Specification	REQ-1	REQ-2
R01	Functional/Behavior	Shift gear switch	The SCT must activate and gear that is not safe.	X	X
R02	Functional/Behavior	Control gear shift	The SCT must select a control gear to considering the driver's decision and the current conditions of the car.	X	X
R03	Functional/Behavior	Manual order of gear shift	Function to select gear by driver's manual operation.	X	X
R04	Functional/Safety	Stop gear switch	Function to temporarily keep the control gear selection to avoid any illegal instructions or defaults (stop selection).	X	X
R05	Functional/Behavior	Reduce the impact of gear shift	The SCT should adjust the time to engage the clutch to decrease shock.	X	X
R06	Functional/Behavior	Clutch Function	The SCT smoothly controls driving force in response to the load change.	X	X

Systems Engineering

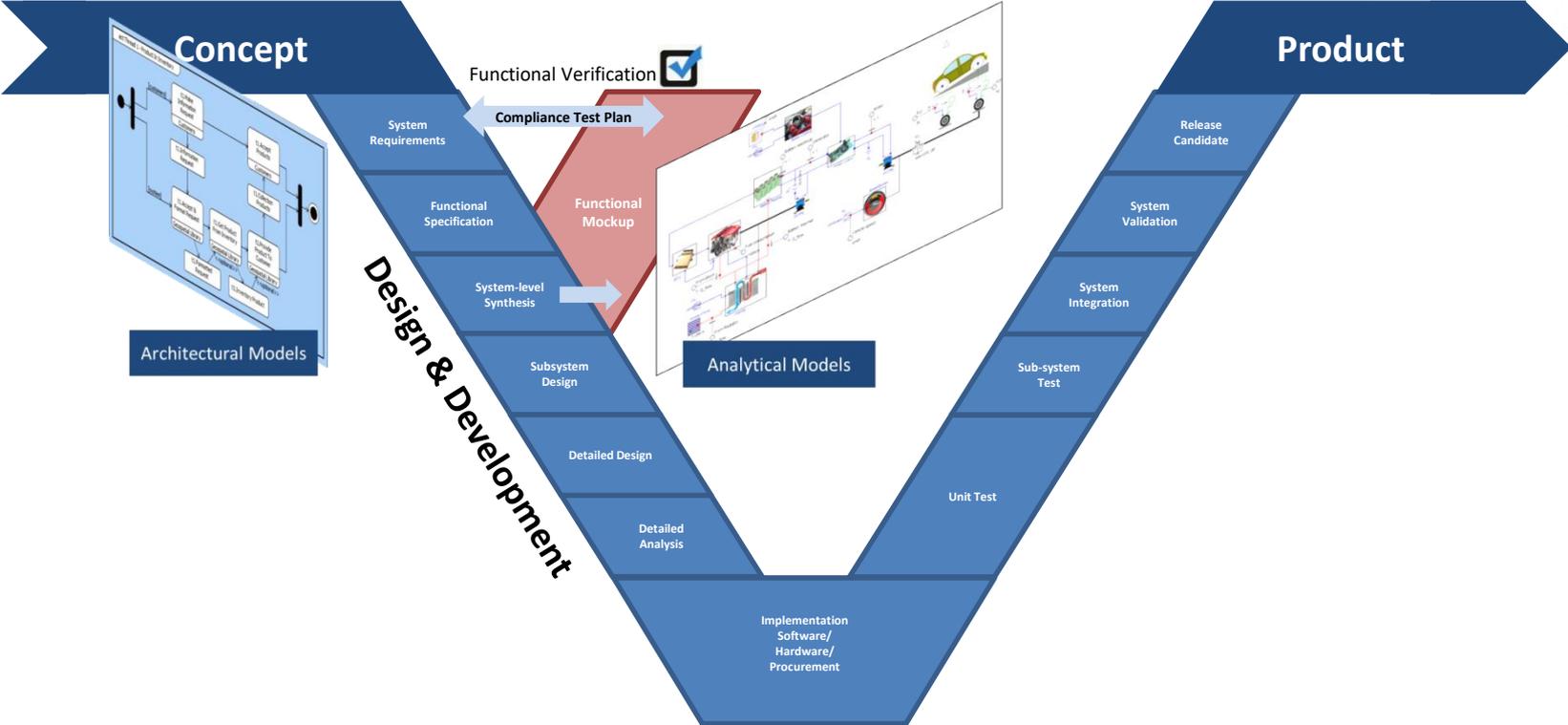
System Simulation



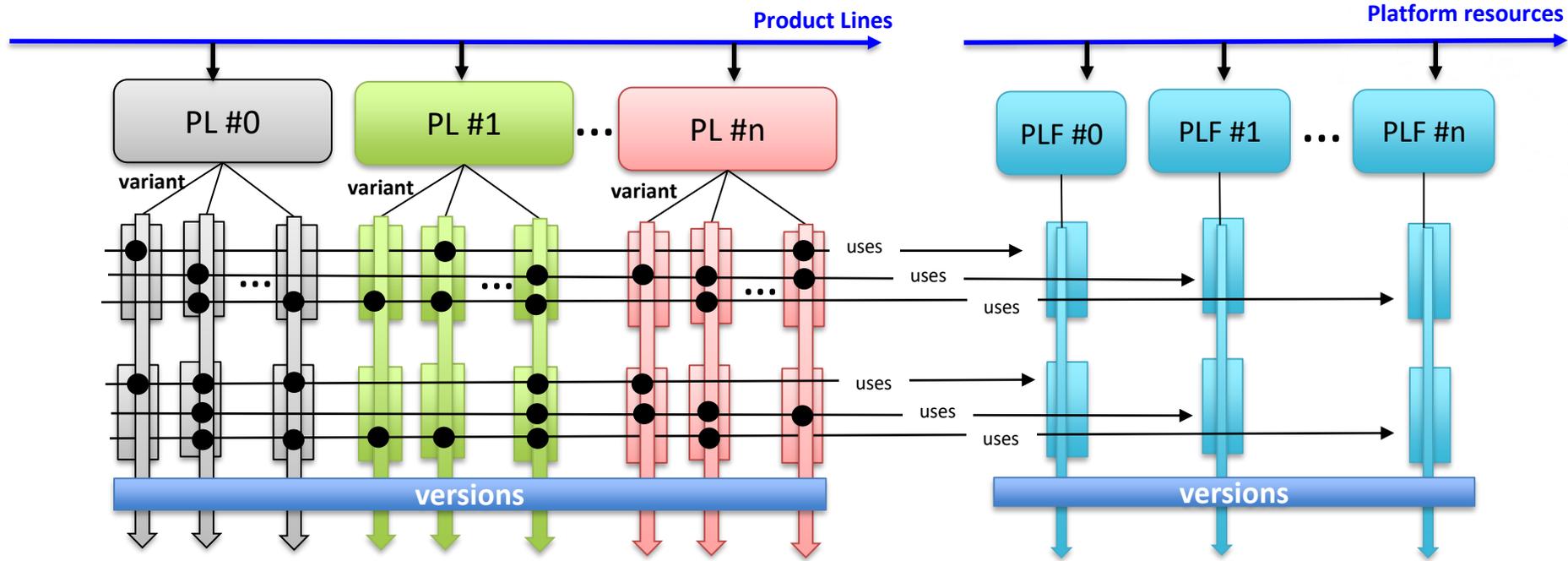
Calculation Management



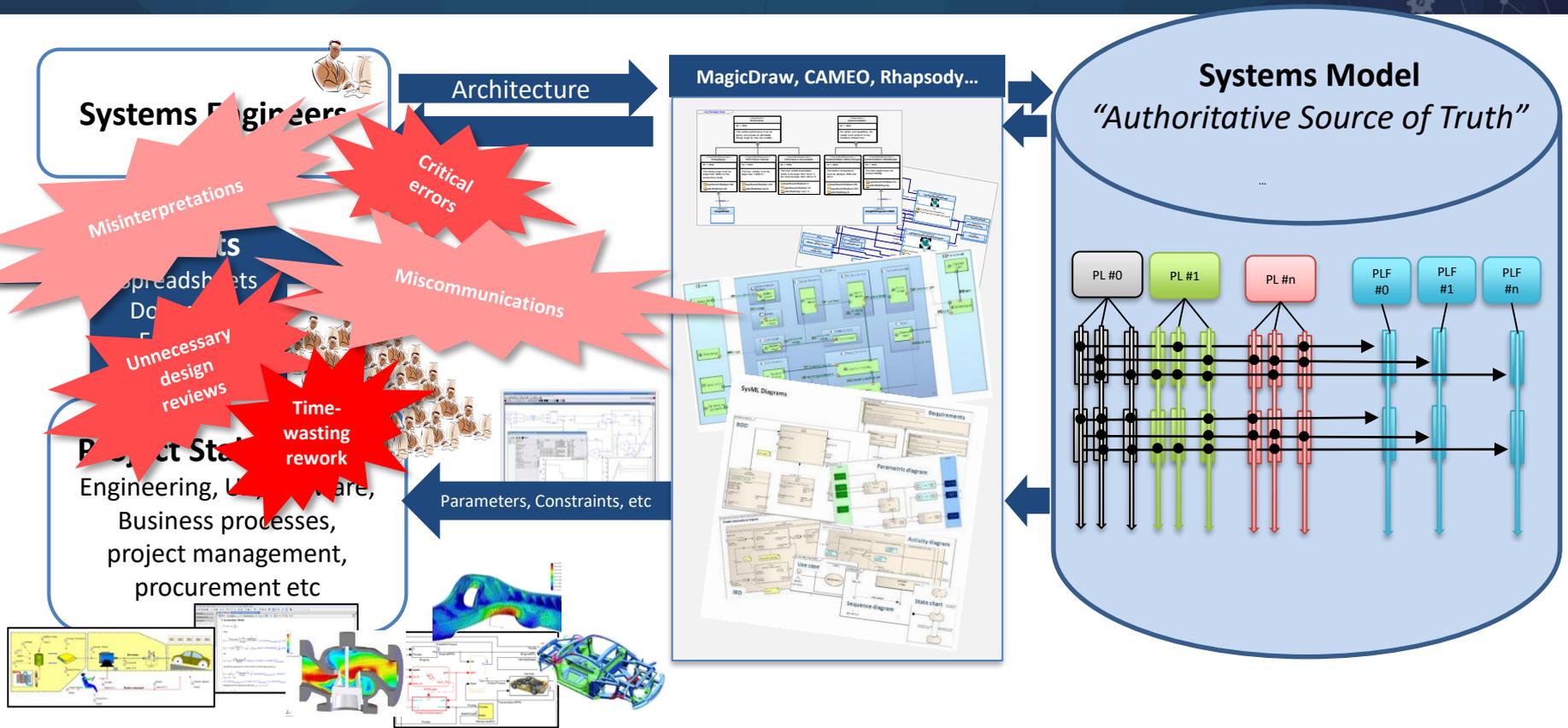
# Systems Design & Development Process



# MapleMBSE benefits over Product-Lines structures



# How to scale Systems Engineering beyond Systems Engineers?



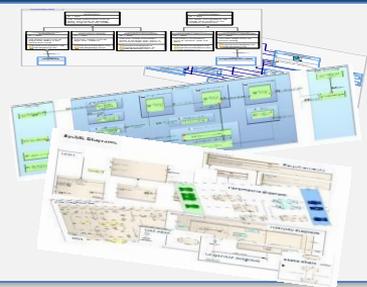
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**Systems Engineers**

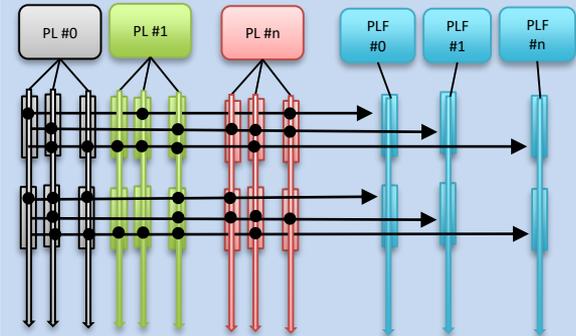


Architecture

MagicDraw, CAMEO, Rhapsody...



**Systems Model**  
*"Authoritative Source of Truth"*



**Results**

Spreadsheets  
Documents  
Email, etc

**Project Stakeholders**

Engineering, UX, software,  
Business processes,  
project management,  
procurement etc

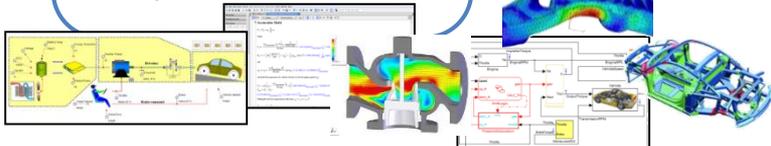
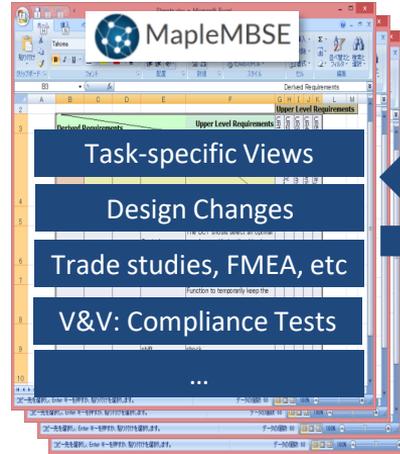
Parameters, Constraints, etc

Task-specific Views

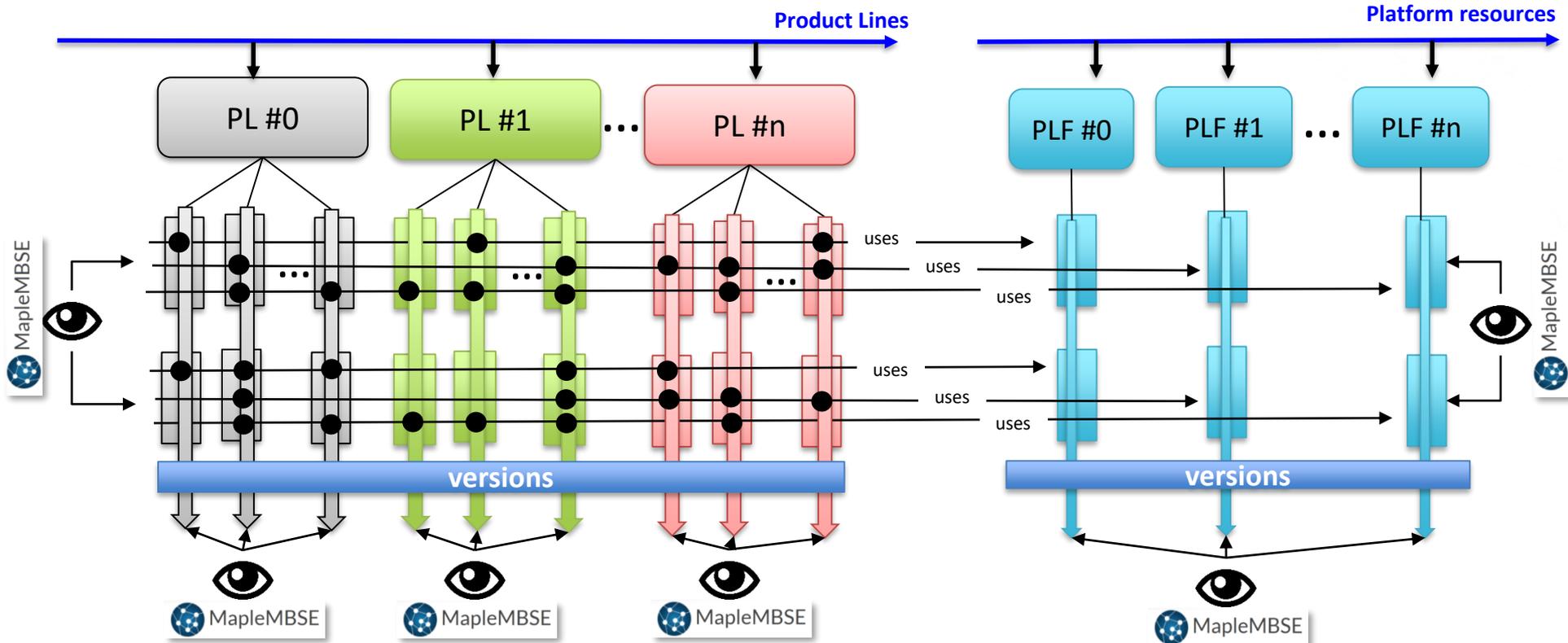
Design Changes

Trade studies, FMEA, etc

V&V: Compliance Tests



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# MapleMBSE

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FR3	Functional	Behavior	Manual order of gear shift	Function to select gear by driver's manual operation	X		X	
FR4	Functional	Safety	Stop gear shift	Function to temporarily keep the current gear whenever it receives any illegal instructions or detects wrong condition		X		
FR5	Functional	Behavior	Reduce the impact at gear shift	The DOT properly adjusts the time to engage the clutch to alleviate shock			X	X
FR6	Functional	Behavior	Creeep Function	The DOT smoothly controls driving force in response to the	X	X	X	

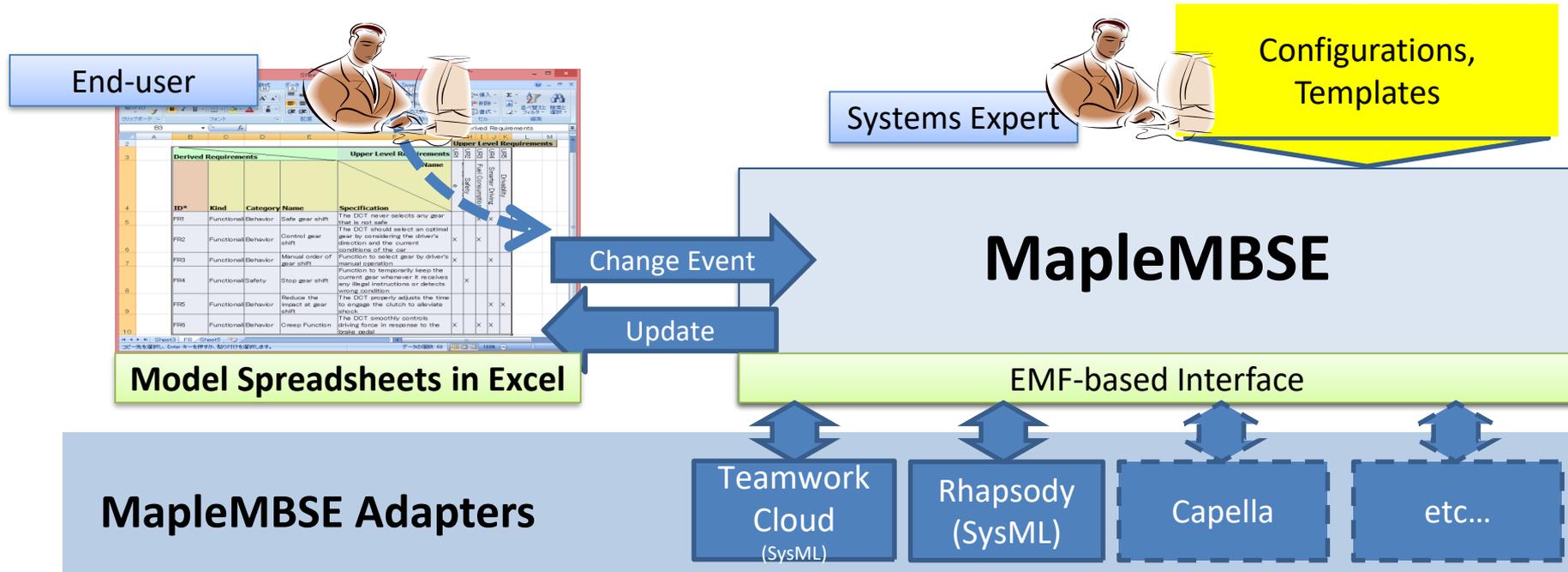
Excel-based development of system designs

- Intuitive, Excel-based UI for viewing, entering, and modifying system design information
- Synchronized updates between Excel and system model
  - Add new structures or modify existing ones
  - Instant impact analysis of design changes, eg conflicting requirements.
  - Perform FMEA, trade-studies, dependency analysis etc
- Customizable UI for task-specific views and analyses
- Integration with standard SE platforms, such as Rhapsody and MagicDraw/Teamwork Cloud (SysML)
- Interfaces and tools for rapid integration with other SE and PLM platforms

# MapleMBSE Architecture Overview

MapleMBSE enables systems-model development in Excel.

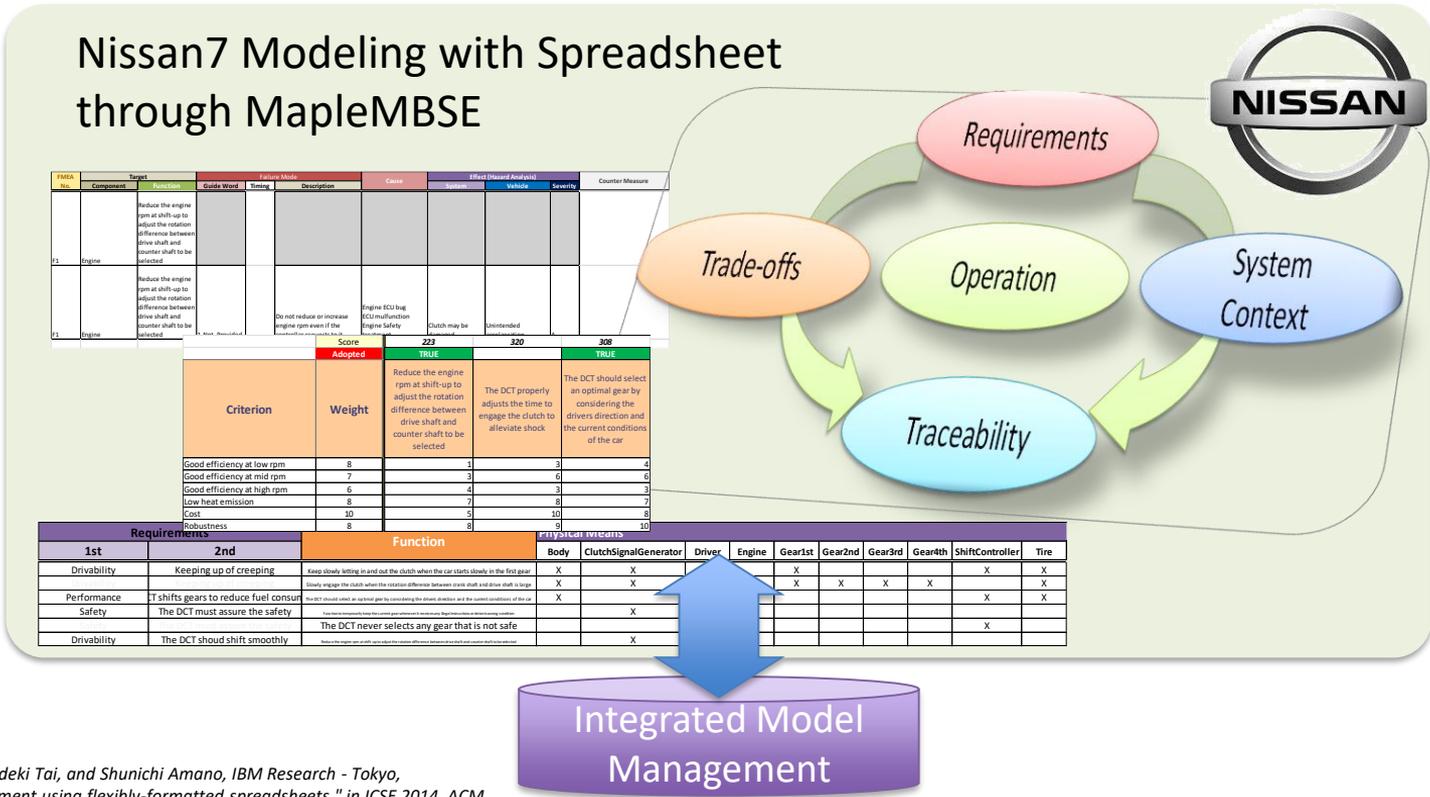
Since it is built on top of EMF, we can integrate many modeling tools by providing Adapters



# MapleMBSE Case Studies

# Case Study: Nissan — Overview

Integration of MapleMBSE with Nissan7 Systems Engineering Process

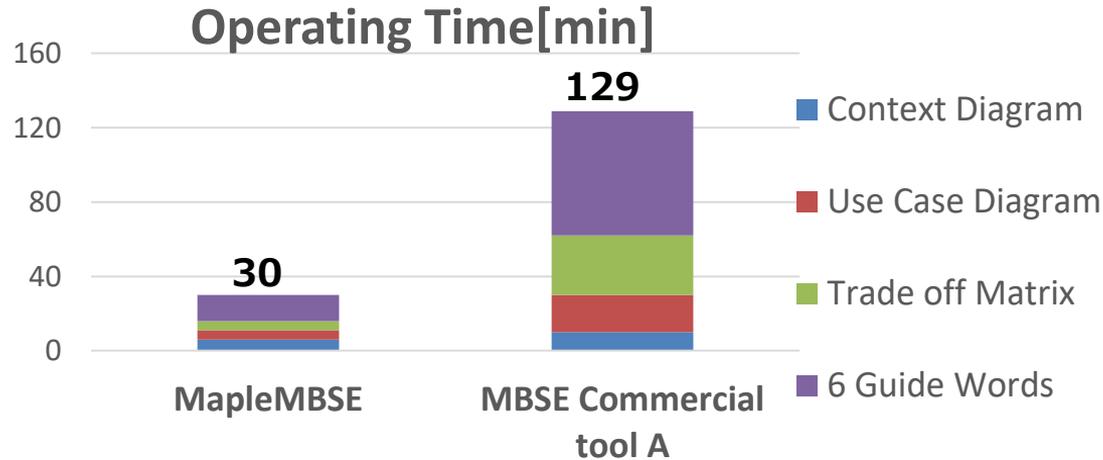


Source: Miyashita, Hisashi, Hideki Tai, and Shunichi Amano, IBM Research - Tokyo, "Controlled modeling environment using flexibly-formatted spreadsheets." in ICSE 2014, ACM

# Case Study: Nissan — Productivity

MapleMBSE is proven to be effective for many engineers to develop the design of a vehicle system collaboratively, which leads to significant improvement in design performance for Nissan

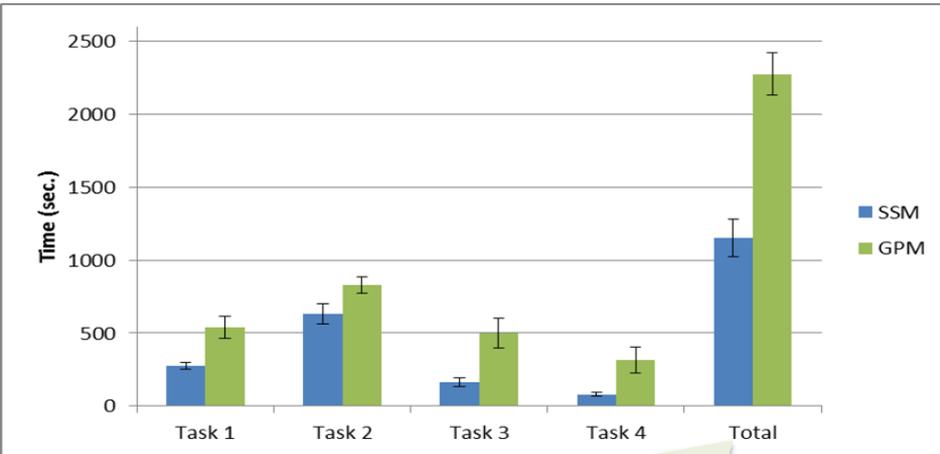
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MBSE tool A	10	20	32	67	129	[min]



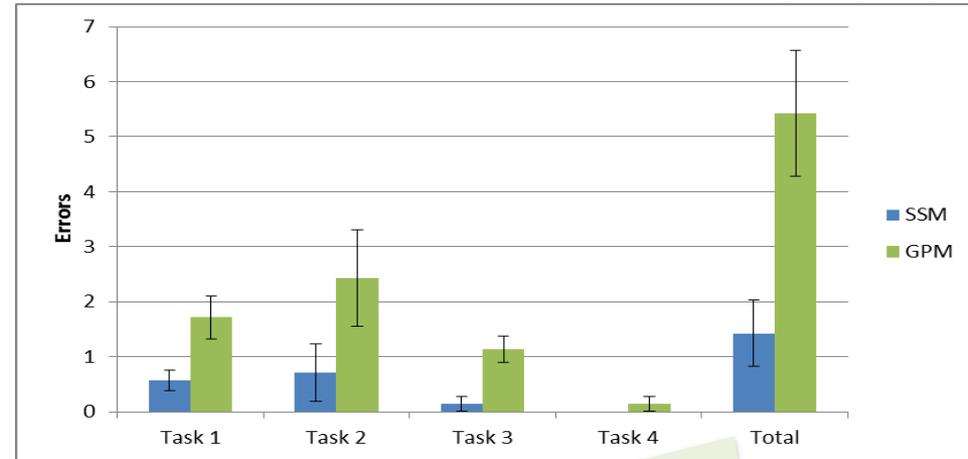
# Case Study: Nissan — Effectiveness

According to our experiments of Automotive SysML modeling, MapleMBSE greatly improves productivity across all system-design tasks

■ SSM SpreadSheet-based Modeling  
■ GPM General-Purpose-tool-based Modeling



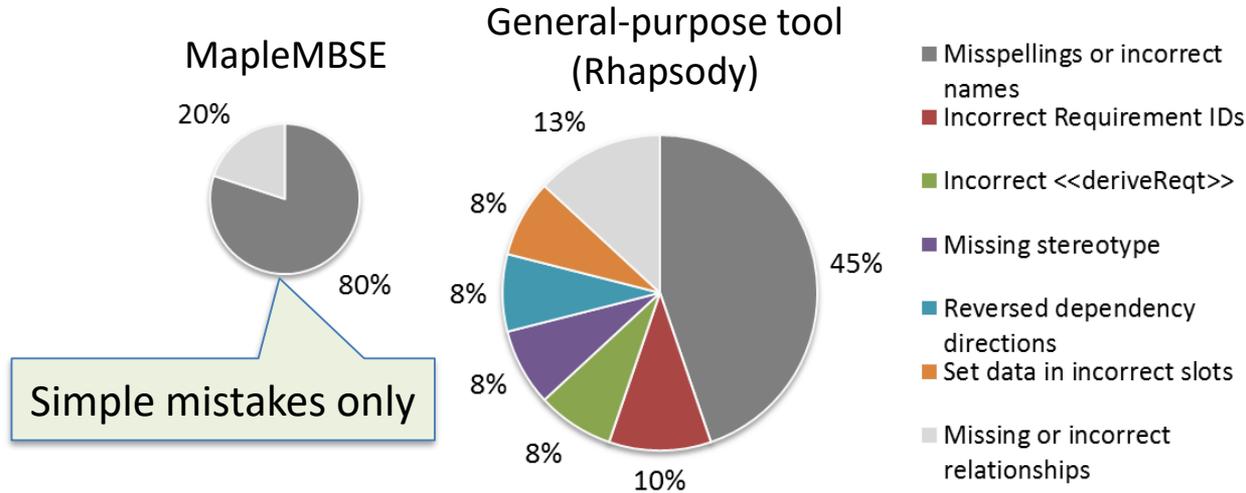
MapleMBSE almost halves the time!



MapleMBSE reduced the errors to 1/4!

# Case Study: Nissan — Error Analysis

Result suggest that typical modeling tools impose unfamiliar UI and complexities of SysML on users

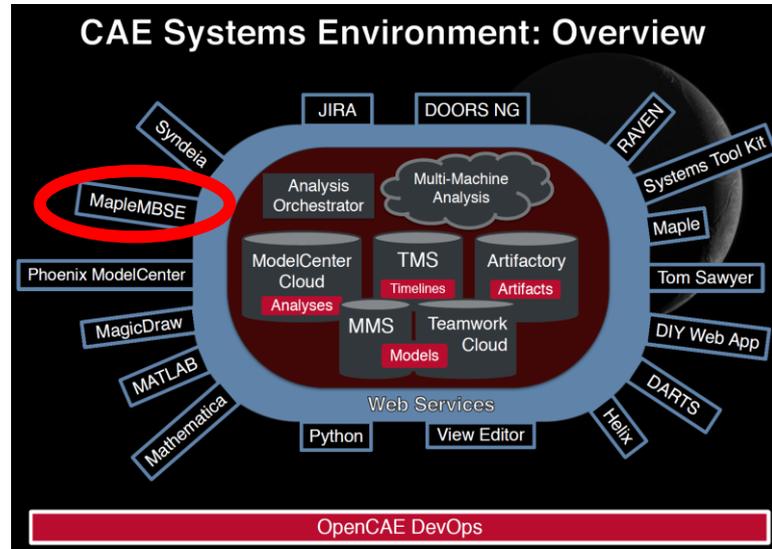


- Familiar, intuitive Excel user interface
- Spreadsheets optimized to do the tasks
- No need for deep knowledge of the modeling language (SysML)

# Case Study: NASA-JPL



## CAE Systems Environment: Overview



“MapleMBSE is one of the key enablers for effectively viewing and editing systems models”

- Edit components of Master equipment list with MapleMBSE
- Expose assembled structure in MapleMBSE
- Control Mass roll up using MapleMBSE
- Audit all connections in table view using MapleMBSE
- Expose powered components in MapleMBSE / Power roll up

# Summary

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- MapleMBSE provides easy-to-use Excel-based Systems Engineering modeling environment for system definition throughout the design cycle
- Offers the power to “democratize” the Systems Engineering process by allowing a broader range of stakeholders to contribute to it without learning graphical MBSE tools
- Proven to accelerate the system-definition process by simplifying the information-entry and reducing the risk of errors
- Adapted to do collaborative modifications on Product Line Engineering

# Questions ?

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