

Requirements Architecting: Object-Oriented To M&S-Driven

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Problem Space Introduction

- “...the majority of the tools on the market do not cover requirements traceability, and that even fewer provide support for the particular traceability requirements now enforced by DoD STD-2167A [U.S. Department of Defense 1988a]” [Gotel and Finkelstein, 1994]¹.
- “...traceability refers to the ability to cross-reference items in the requirements specification with items in the design specification” [Roman, 1985]².
- All too often, however, there is a lack of bonafide foundational relations between textual statements and architectural design.
- Thus, unique methods to enforce requirements traceability across architecture design specifications will be discussed by:
 - Orienting the system/mission around aggregate objects.
 - Exploiting systems modeling and simulation.

Proposal: Analytical Foundation for Requirements To Architecture

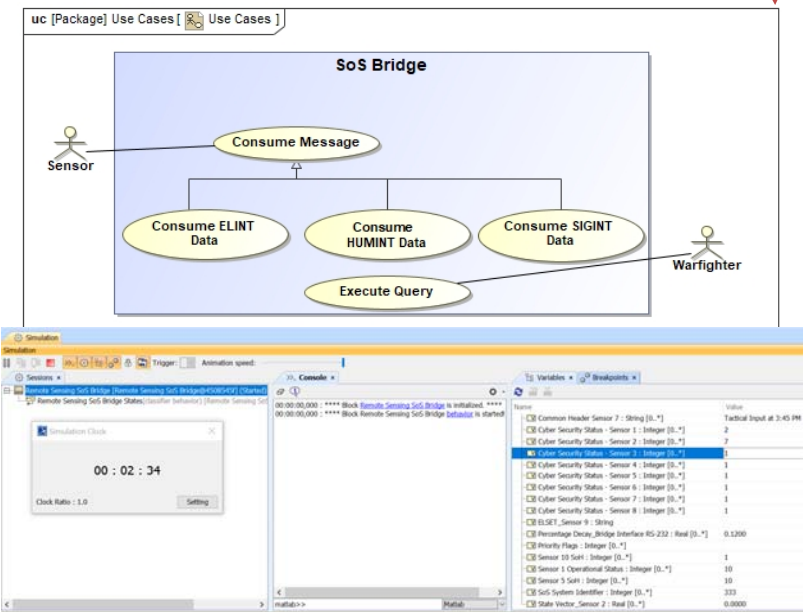
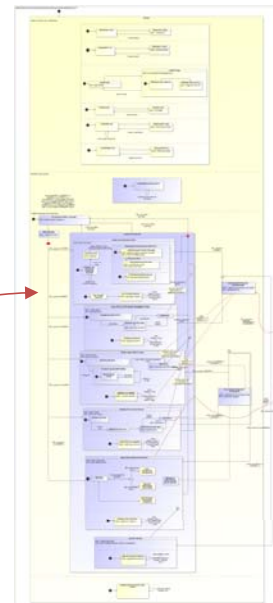
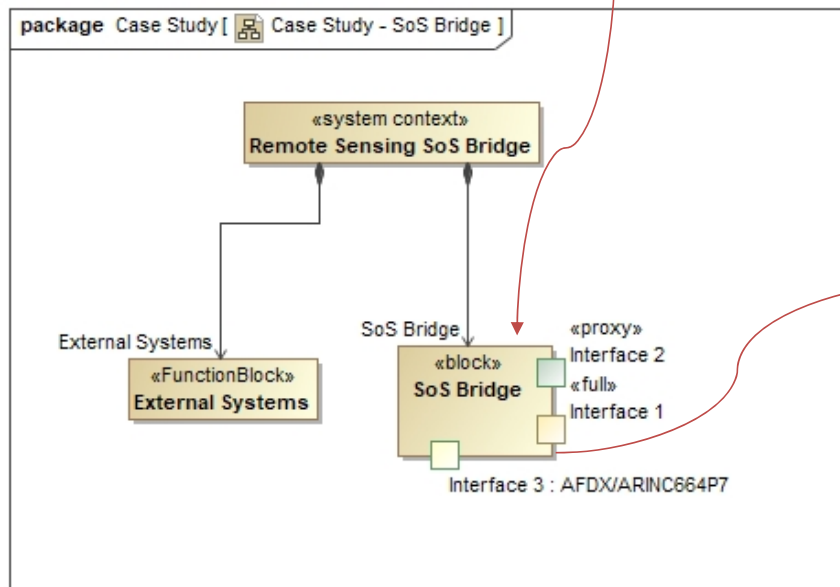
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- Desired warfighting mission effects can be realized via exploiting M&S when we need to ensure the “...deliberate planning, analyzing, organizing, and integrating of current and emerging operational and systems capabilities...” [Gold, 2016]³.
- Design specifications can be seamlessly tied across the ‘black’ and ‘white’ box perspectives.
- Requirement specifications can be formulated that ‘trace to’ & revolve around the architectural paradigm.

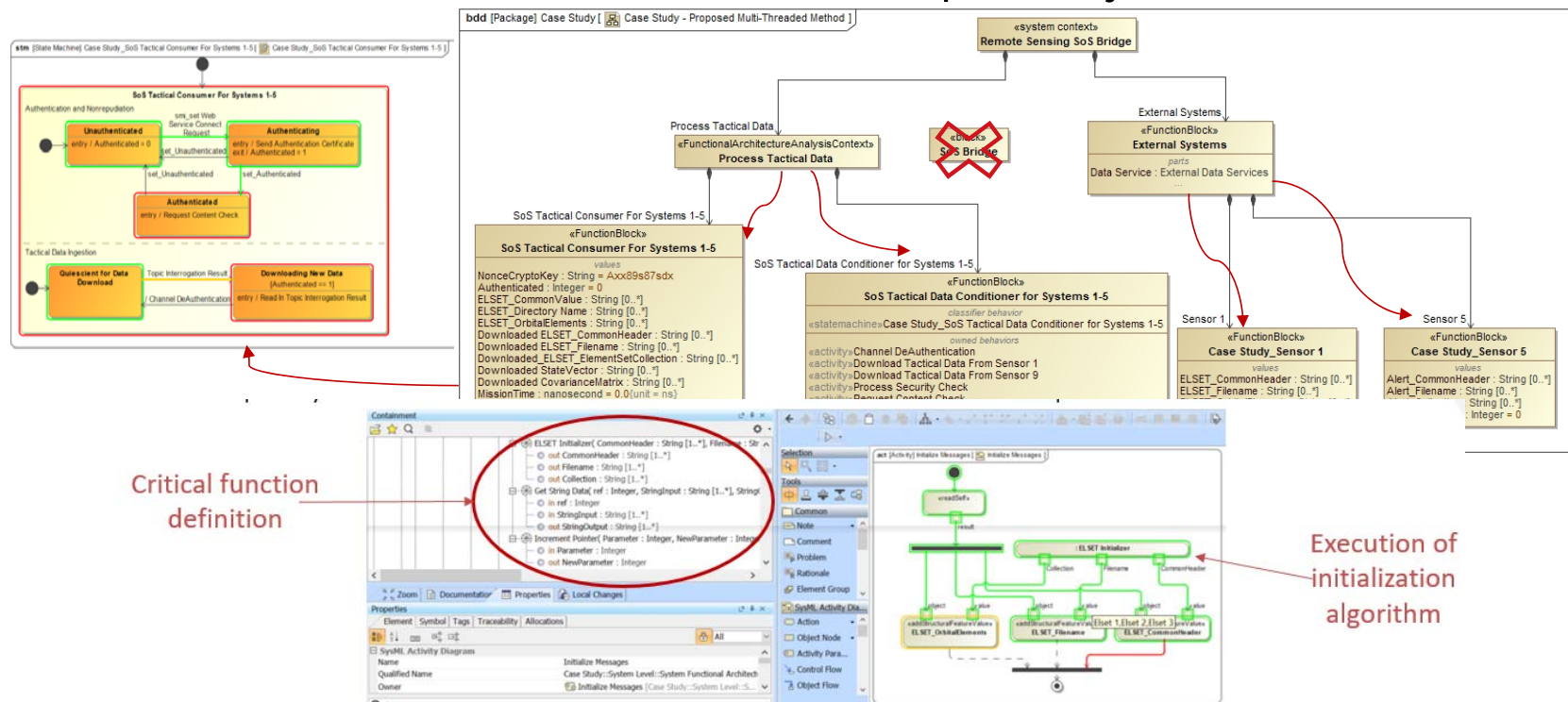
Case Study – Remote Sensing SoS Bridge

- The Statement of Work (SOW) reads the contractor shall develop technical requirements and a system architectural description.
- In many development cycles, there is an “over emphasis on simplistic use case...” [Firesmith, 2007]⁴ and representation of the system/mission solely by a single object.

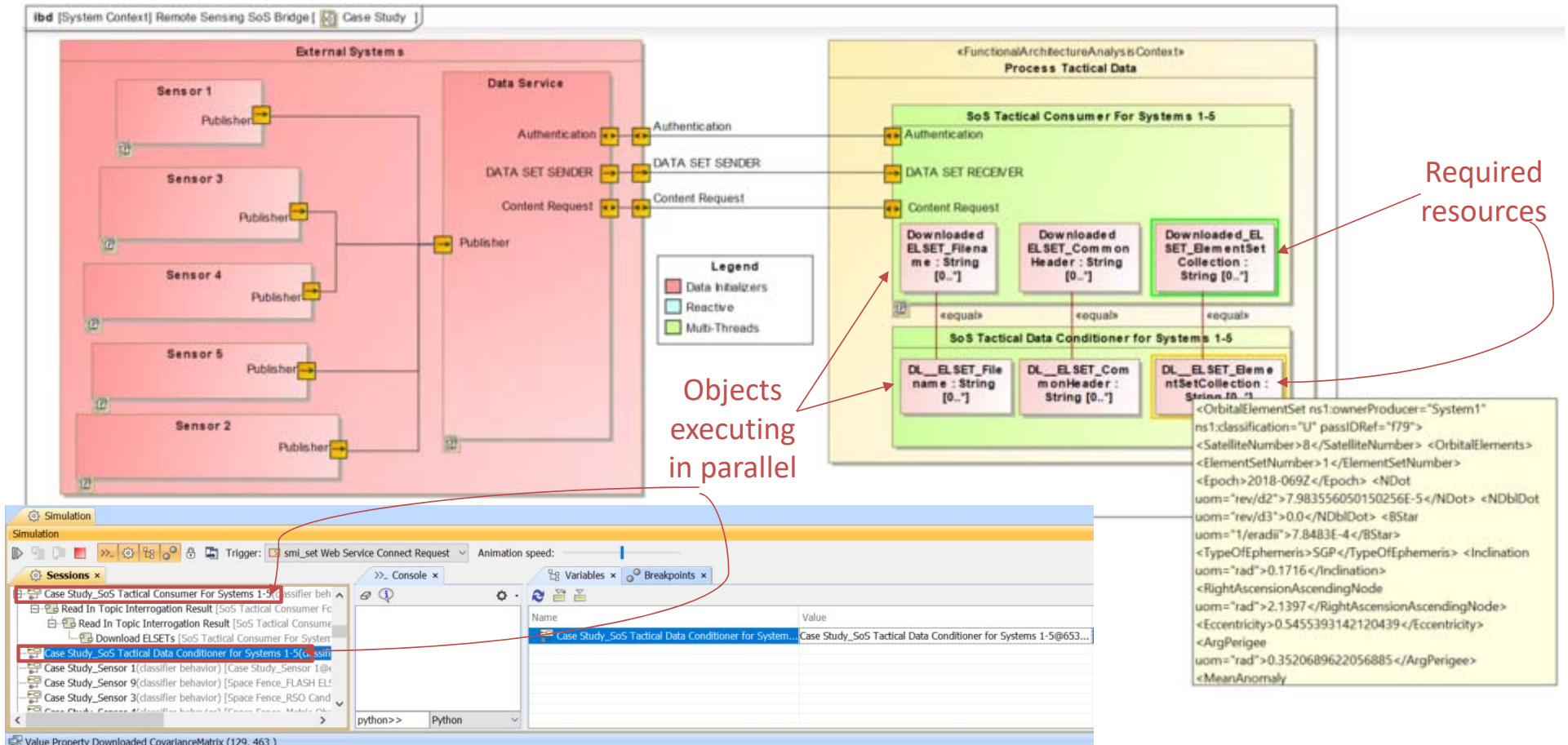


Formulate The Context Using M&S

- Decompose the mission context to elaborate functionality, external/internal boundary points, and performance.
- Aggregate behavioral threads and non-functional requirements (NFRs), within each use case, to multiple objects.

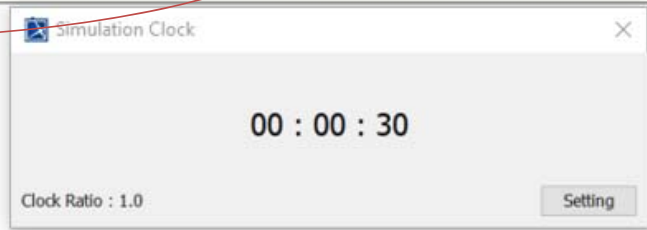
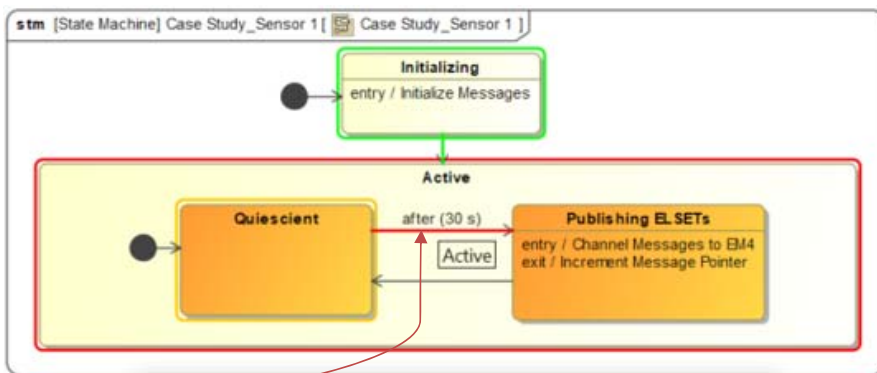


Exploit M&S To Analyze Capabilities



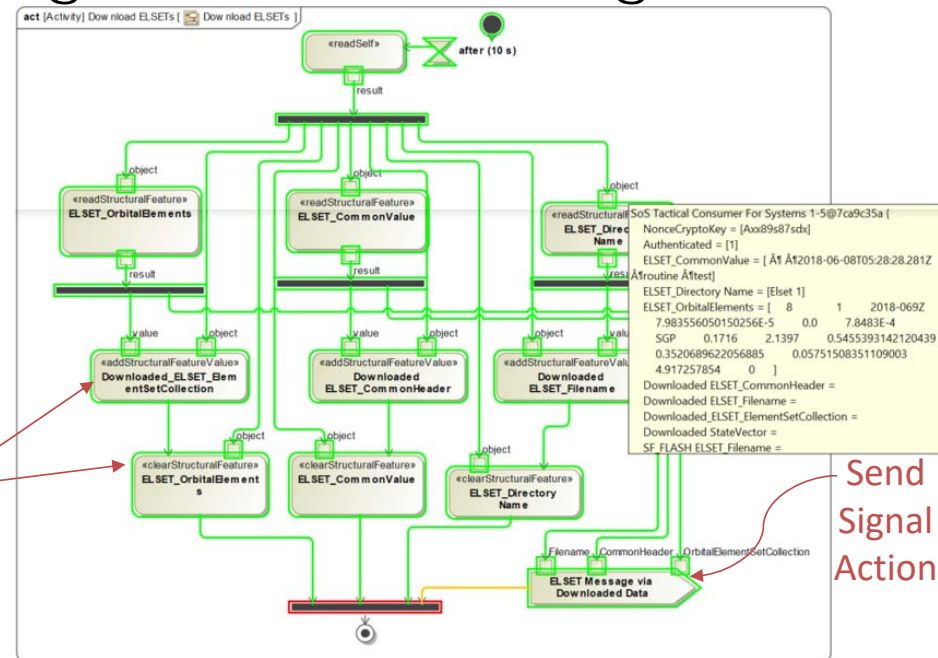
Exploit Simulation Modeling, ctd.

- Utilize stateful and transformational programming, where applicable.
- Robust development environments provide the ability to define behavior, signals, data structures, algorithms, and timing.



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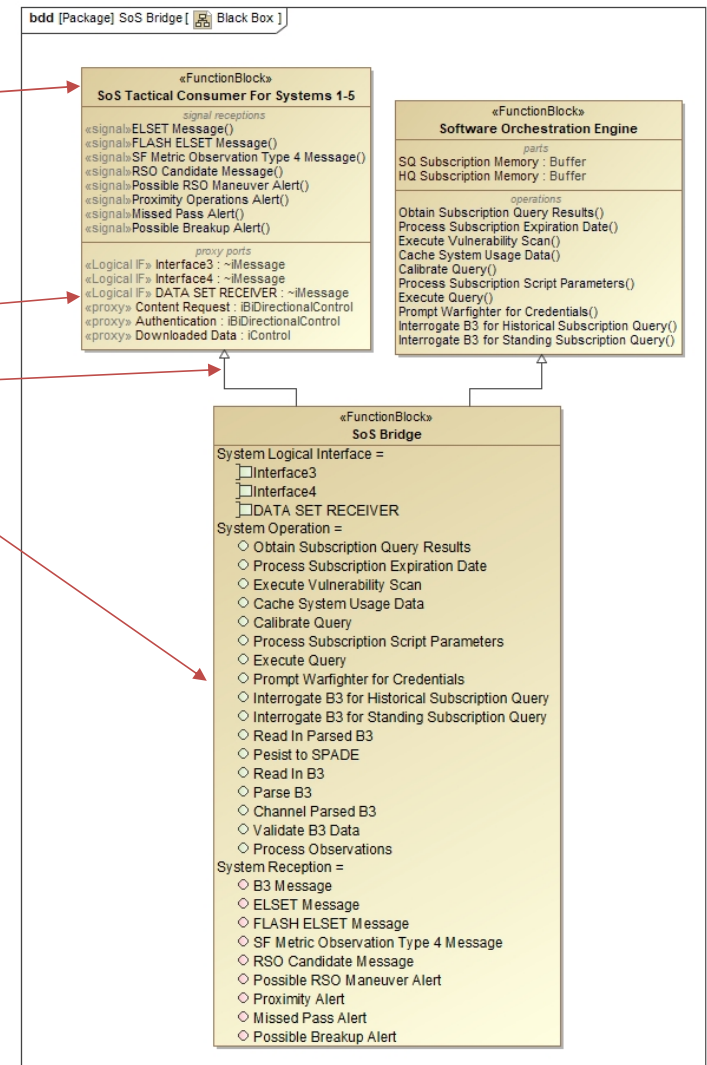
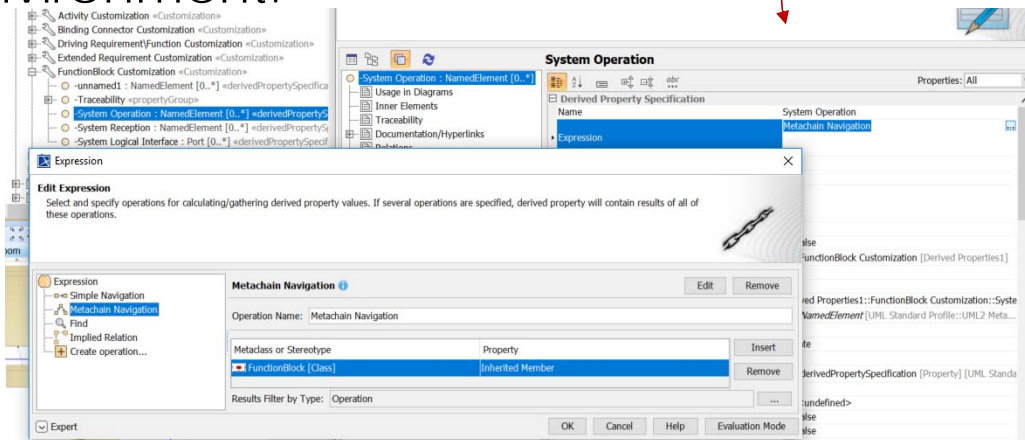
Implement fUML and other languages at run-time



Send Signal Action

Black Box Perspective

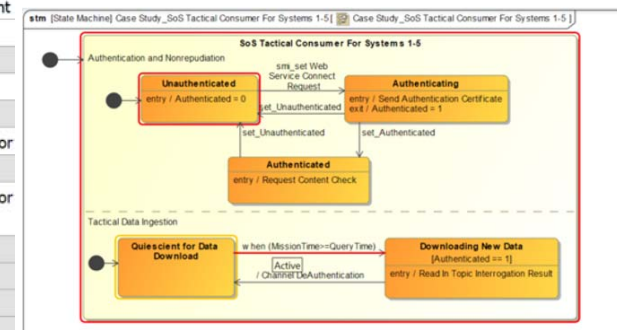
- Orient yourself around aggregate objects from the simulation model.
- Where requirements are realized: create operations, create signal receptions, and stereotype interfaces.
- Utilize 'generalization', to specify 'black box'.
- Define integrated queries within development environment.



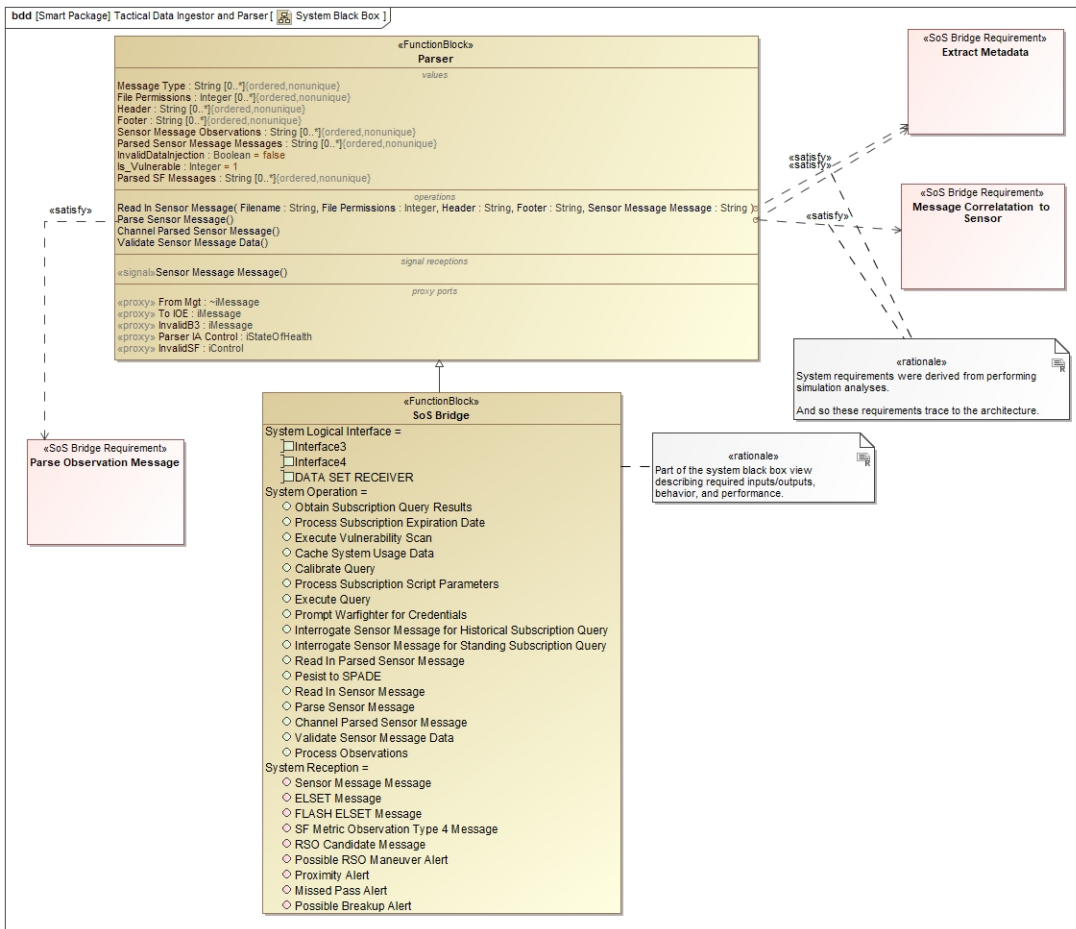
White Box Perspective

- Detailed design specifications obtained from “non-simplistic” M&S-driven (and object-oriented) analyses.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> User Interface <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Channel Vulnerability Results 						
User Interface		get_UI Vu...	-Scan Result : String	inout UI IA ...		inout Set	IOE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Software Orchestration Engine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prompt Warfighter for Credentials 						
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calibrate Query 						
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interrogate Sensor Message for Standing Subscriptions 						
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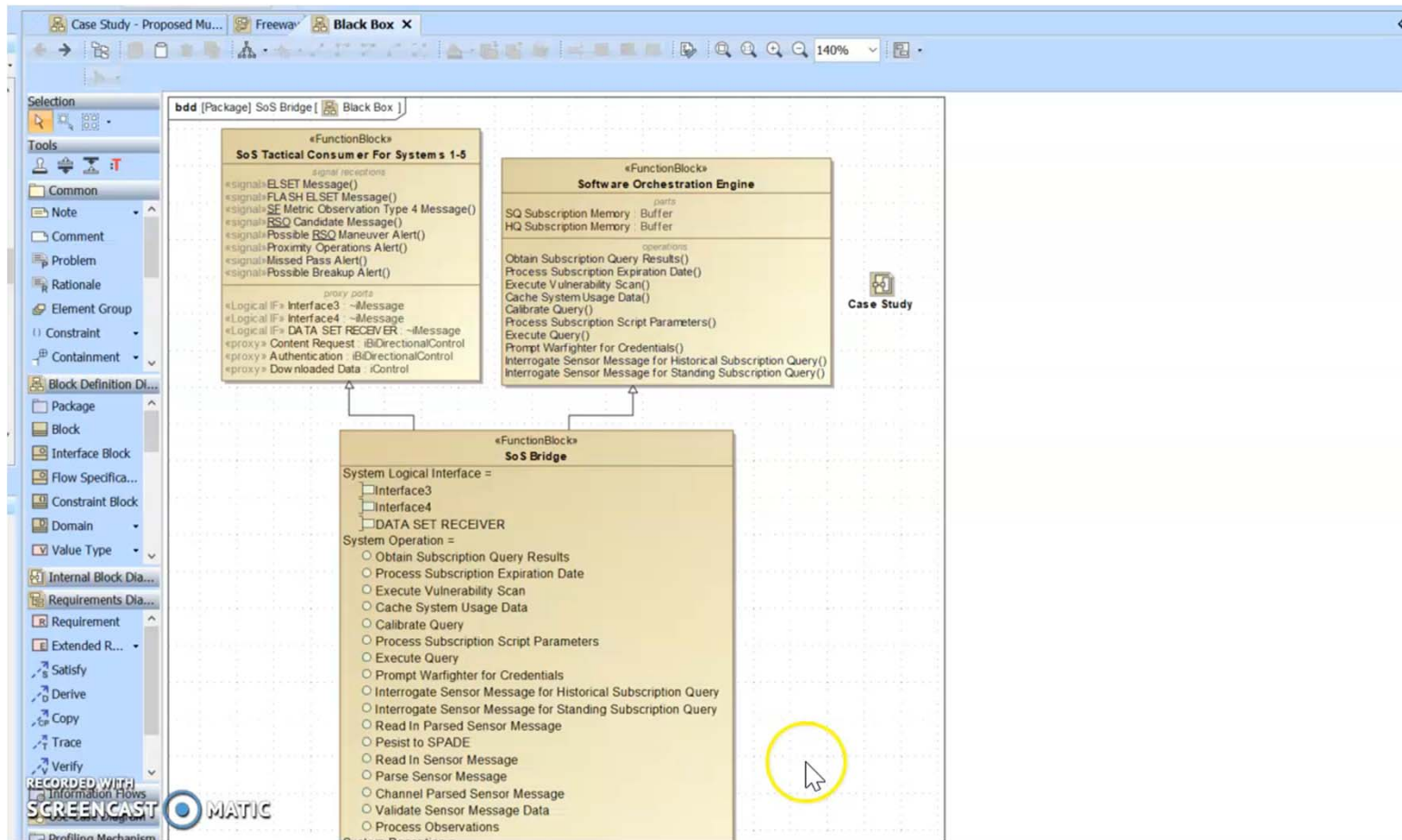


Requirements → Architecture



Text	△ Capability	Satisfied By	Verification Method
SoS Bridge shall use infrastructure services provided by the hosting environment.	Computer Software F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SPADE : User Interface account Database : Ac parser : Parser ingestor : Ingestor Env archive : Archive 	A
SoS Bridge shall log user log in data for 72 hours.	Error Logging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read In Parsed Sensor 	D
SoS Bridge shall log error messages as they are detected.	Error Logging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Channel Parsed Sensor out InvalidB3 : iMessag 	D
SoS Bridge shall log a critical error when a service is unavailable.	Error Logging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Log Critical Error() 	D
SoS Bridge shall support 21 simultaneous CoI users.	Expose Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IOE Controller(classifie 	D
SoS Bridge shall ingest Space Surveillance messages.	Ingest SS Messages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dropbox Sensor Message Messa out MessageOUT : iMe 	A
SoS Bridge shall retrieve Observation data from the Processing System (PS).	Interface Identificatio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cache Sensor Message 	A
SoS Bridge shall manage discrete queries initiated by CoI users.	Internal System Inter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interrogate Sensor Me 	A

Case Study Video Clip



Conclusion

- Validated operational capability specifications can be realized when orienting the system/mission around multiple objects.
- Requirements can be architected with a stronger analytical foundation, using formal M&S as a driver.
- Design and requirements can be tied together by orienting the system/mission around multiple objects and using formal M&S as a driver.

Thank You!

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