

### **IITAS Project**

### **Industrial Implementation of STEP-TAS**

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## **Objectives of IITAS Project**

- To get industrial implementation of STEP-TAS within main thermal analysis tools used by the European Space Industry
  - ESARAD (Alstom Aerospace)
  - THERMICA (EADS Astrium)
  - CORATHERM/CIGAL2 (Thales Alenia Space)

### Industrial means

- Robust
- Fast
- Fully checked



## IITAS Organization role of ESA

- Developing the STEP-TAS protocol and following its submission within ECSS and ISO
- Developing the TASverter converters (including Python SDK), which can be used as input for industrial development and for validation
- Developing the STEP-TAS Units Tests Cases
- Funding the project and sponsoring the industrial developers



# IITAS Organization role of Industrial Developers

#### Industrial Developers are:

- ALSTOM Aerospace for ESARAD
- EADS Astrium France for THERMICA
- Thales (former Alcatel) Alenia Space for CORATHERM/CIGAL2
  - With the help of DOREA (french software and consulting company)

### Role

- Developing and performing units testing of thermal tools / STEP-TAS bidirectional converters
  - Using
    - STEP-TAS SDK (Python or C++)
    - STEP-TAS Acceptance Testsuite
- Maintaining these converters



## IITAS Organization role of Industrial Testers

- Industrial Testers are:
  - Rutherford Appleton Laboratory (UK) for ESARAD
  - EADS Astrium Germany for THERMICA
  - Thales Alenia Space for CORATHERM/CIGAL2

### Role

- Contributing to STEP-TAS Acceptance Testsuite by implementing public "artificial" general models representative of thermal tool capability
- Performing global cross testing of the converters



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## **Role of CSTB**



equivalent to CNES for construction sector in France

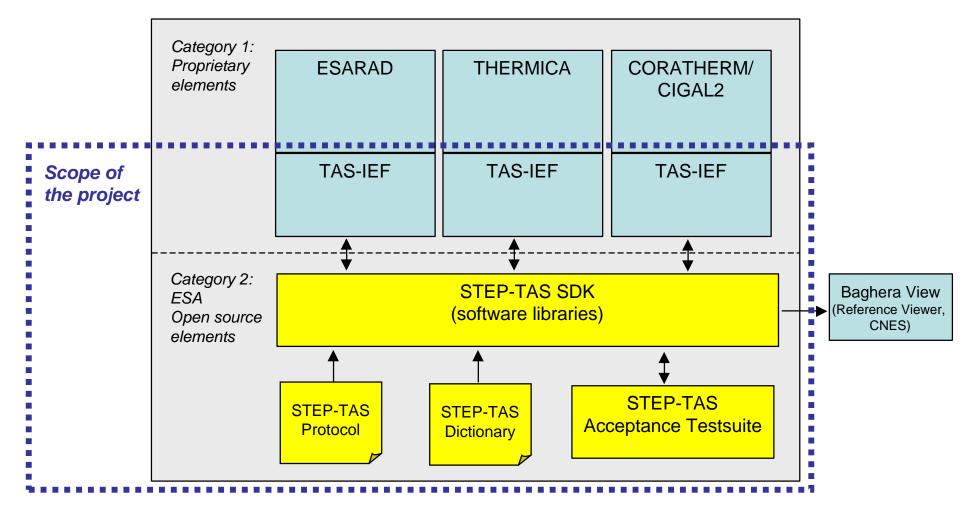
### Role

- General management and coordination of the project for ESA
- Developing, packaging and distributing industrial STEP-TAS SDK
  - Starting from
    - TASverter and Python SDK (ESA)
    - Expressik / C++ (ESA / University of Manchester / CSTB)
- Managing and distributing the STEP-TAS Public Acceptance Testsuite
  - Inputs are:
    - ESA Units Tests Cases
    - Industrial Developers general public models
- Supporting the Industrial developers
- With the help of DOREA, performing the Software Quality Assurance of the project
- Developing Baghera View with CNES





## The IITAS Architecture





## **Delivery elements**

### Category 1 : Proprietary elements

- Converters, developed by the Industrials and that will remain their property
- Distributed integrated within thermal tools

### Category 2 : ESA Open source elements

- STEP-TAS SDKs and public Acceptance Test Suite
- Developed by CSTB and ESA
- ESA Open Source license

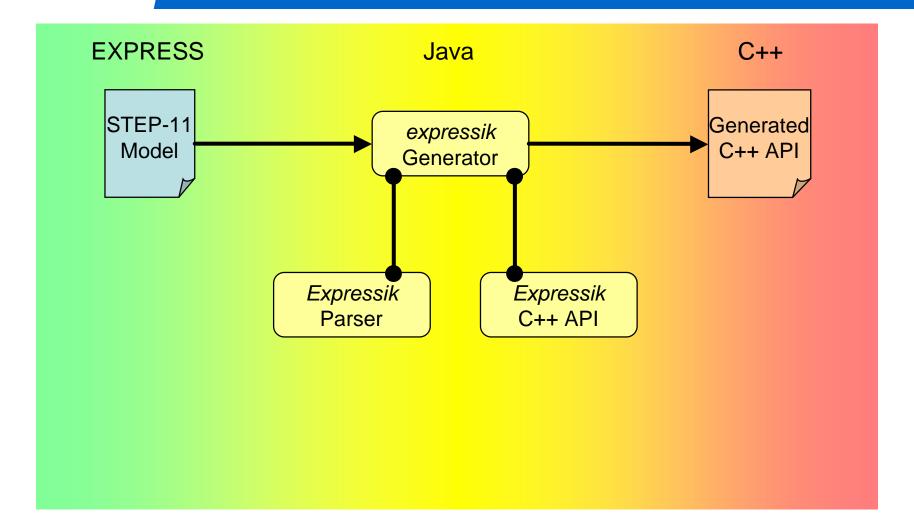


## C++ STEP-TAS SDK

- Based on expressik generator
- Collaboration (technical and co-funding) between ESA, University of Manchester and CSTB

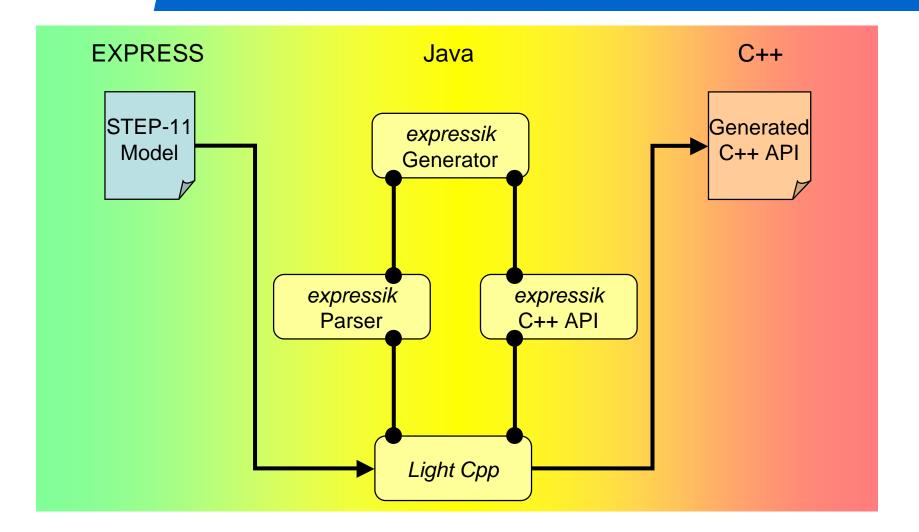


## expressik : an early-bound approach of STEP models implementation





## Light Cpp reuses core expressik packages





# Comparison between Expressik project and CSTB work

### expressik Generator (University of Manchester)

- Standardized C++ API generation of any Express models
- Validation of rules and use of defined Express functions

### Express2LightCpp (CSTB)

- Optimized C++ classes for « simple » Express models (i.e. no ANDOR inheritance) like IFC or TAS
- Various optimizations, few memory consumption, « lazy » loading of large instance files ...



## Light Cpp Generated API implementation

- Exploiting Standards...
  - ISO C++
  - STL

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### ... Cross-platforms API...

- CMake : makefiles generation, unit testing and installers framework
- Doxygen : Documentation generator
- **... Various patterns and enhancing functionnalities** 
  - Classes visitors : Adding functionalities to the API
  - Reference pointers : No C++ « delete » anymore
  - Memory leak detectors : for debugging purposes

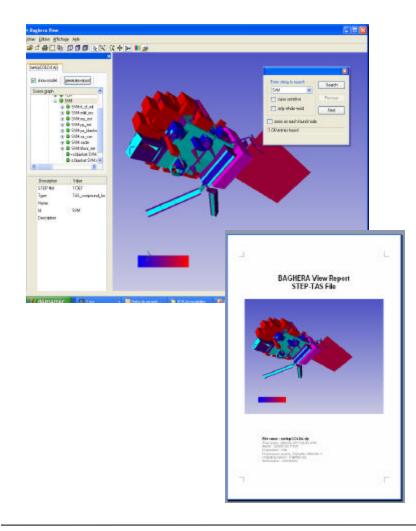


## Light Cpp Lazy Loading concepts

- Partially unserialize a STEP-21 file
- Dynamically instantiate an object only if needed
- Optimize loading time and memory consumption
- Duplication and writing of an object could be done in this lazy way (without instantiating it)



## **Objective of Baghera View**



- To be the Reference STEP Viewer for the European Space Industry
- To be used by sender and receiver of the data, for :
  - Checking 3D geometry
  - Checking assemblies and properties
  - Reporting the exchanged data

## Will be used as validation tool for the IITAS project

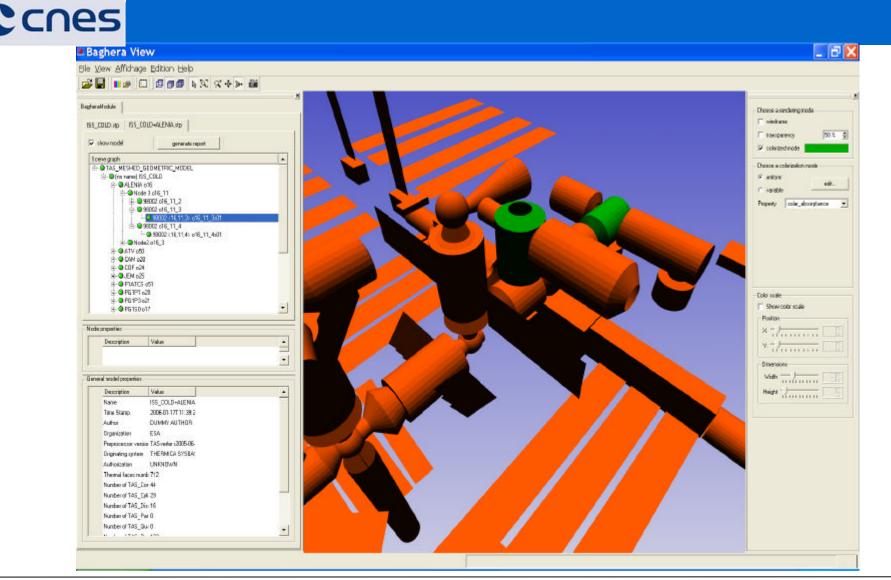


## **Baghera View Functions**

- Loading / superposing several STEP models into one 3D session
  - STEP-TAS, AP203/214
  - Integration of TASverter (ESARAD, THERMICA)
- Integrated AP203 to STEP-TAS converter (experimental)
- Browsing hierarchy, searching for elements
- 3 rendering modes : wire frame, solid, transparency
- Elements properties display
  - With table of colours
- Generating reports



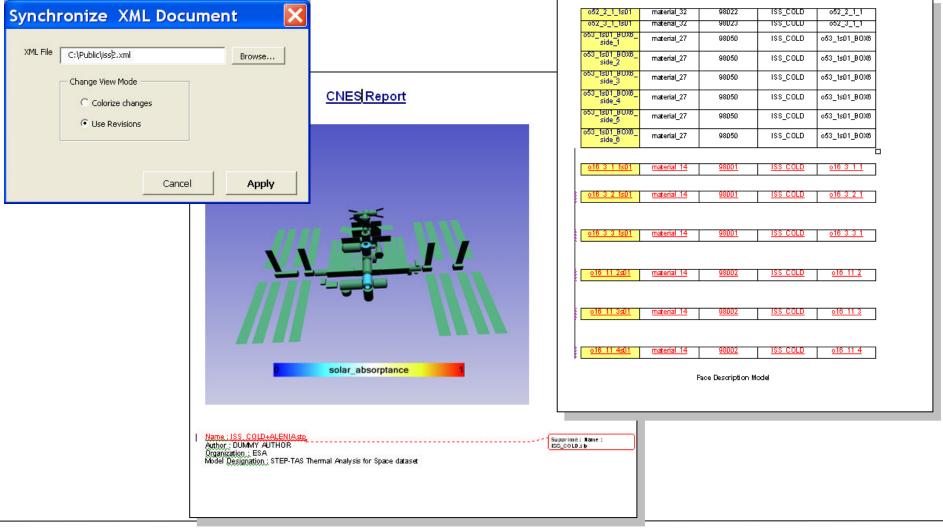








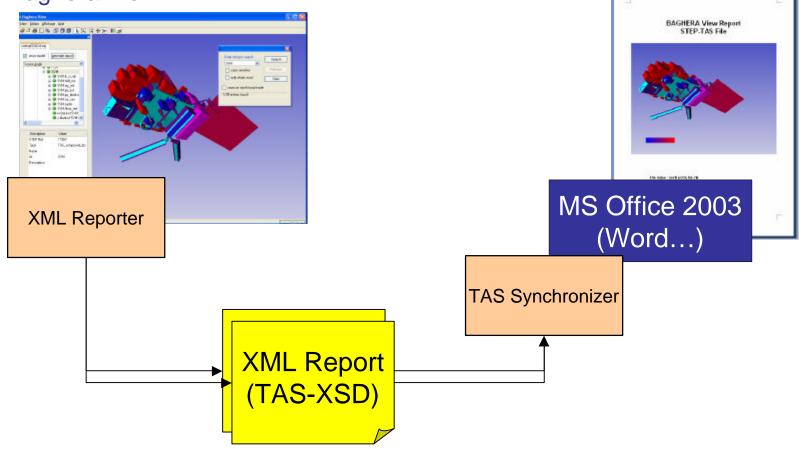
### Synchronization and Difference reporting in Word document (with keeping layout)





## Baghera View / Word Document Synchronization Mechanism

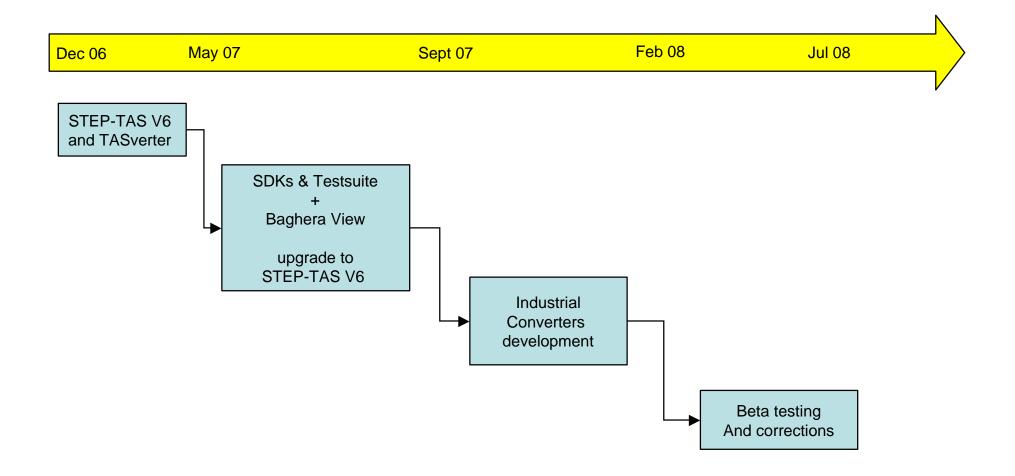
#### Baghera View





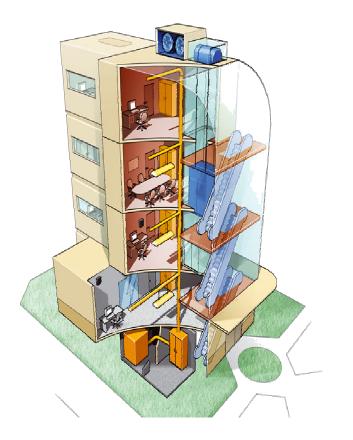
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## The IITAS Schedule





### Why CSTB and construction sector in a NASA-ESA Workshop?

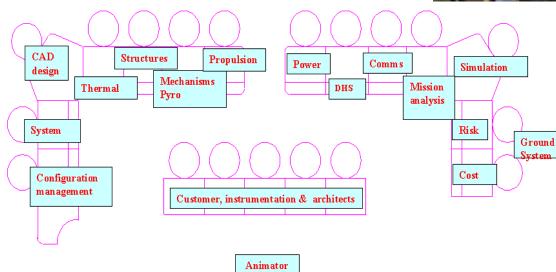


- Construction sector is facing more and more cooperation problems in design and maintenance phases
  - For taking into account all Sustainable Development objectives
  - Structural, thermal, acoustic, security, comfort...
- A building is becoming as much complex as a spacecraft !
- It is possible to share technology between space and construction sectors
  - STEP (IFC in AEC), Ontology, VR technologies...
  - A huge potential of users in the Construction sector
    - For improving the reliability and competitiveness of PDE solutions



## In preparation : Extension of Baghera View for the CNES Concurrent Engineering Center

- To provide "visibility" to Excel data
  - To be understandable <u>by non specialist</u> of the dedicated discipline
- CNES C.E Center to be experimented by some of main French construction companies (Bouygues, Vinci, Eiffage...)
  - For pre-designing a building in few days







## Thank you for your attention

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### **Download Baghera View at :**

- <u>http://salle-immersive.cstb.fr/en/</u>
- Item: Download