#### SIMBASE: A tri-national initiative supporting PLCS and Synthetic Environments

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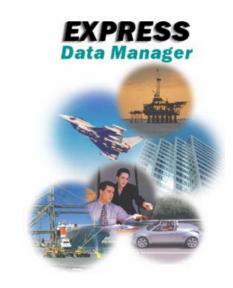
The ideal tool for data integration and application development projects

Rule engine

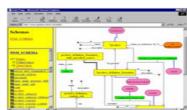
Validate your data sets, using your own business, knowledge rules or any other sets of rules

Web services

For use in web server applications (thin clients)







Universal Solutions for Interoperability and Sharing of Product Data





### What is SIMBASE?

- three-year research programme
- set up under the Western European Armaments Group (WEAG) & now sponsored by the European Defence Agency (EDA)
- the challenge
  - deliver a practical demonstration of the process known as either Synthetic Environment Based Acquisition (SEBA) or Simulation Based Acquisition (SBA)
  - in the form of
    - a coherent & consistent approach to the acquisition process
    - effective & efficient systems engineering processes
    - software interoperability through the use of open, neutral standards
    - modelling & simulation supporting the overall engineering process



## The Project participants

- Ministries of Defence
  - UK MoD
    - Directorate of Analysis, Experimentation & Simulation
  - IT MoD
  - NO MoD
    - represented by FFI (Norwegian Defence Research Establishment)
- Industrial Entities
  - Datamat (IT)
    - http://www.datamat.it/
  - Jotne EPM Technology (NO)
    - http://www.epmtech.jotne.com/
  - LSC Group (UK)
    - http://www.lsc.co.uk/



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## Case Study - Submarine Rescue

The case study was the deployment and execution of a small submarine crew rescue vehicle.





#### Core demo team and their roles



**Systems Engineer Ann Meads** 

Synthetic Env. Engineer Raffaella Colaci



**SIMBASE** 

interoperability repository



Logistics Engineer Hussein Khimji

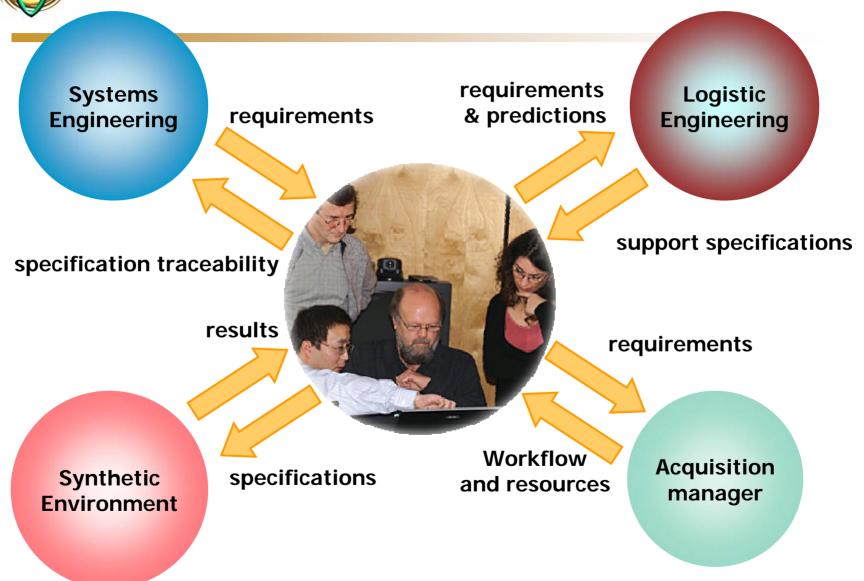
Acquisition Manager

Jochen Haenisch



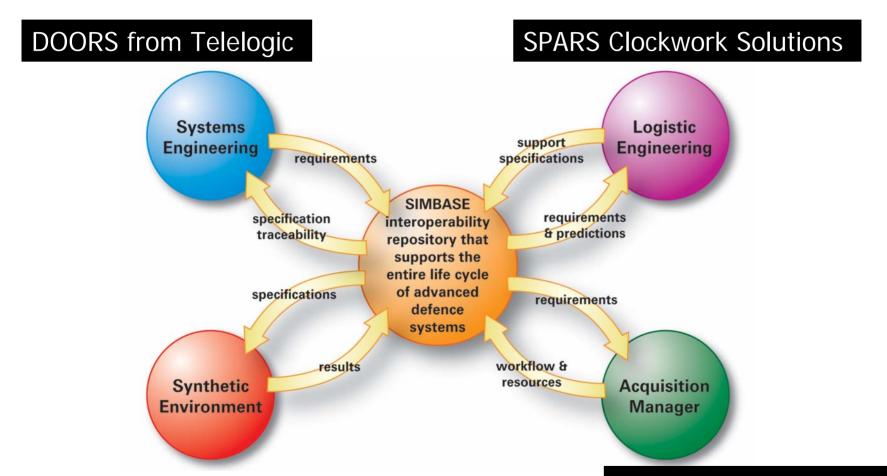


#### Core SIMBASE Functionality





### Tools used in demonstration

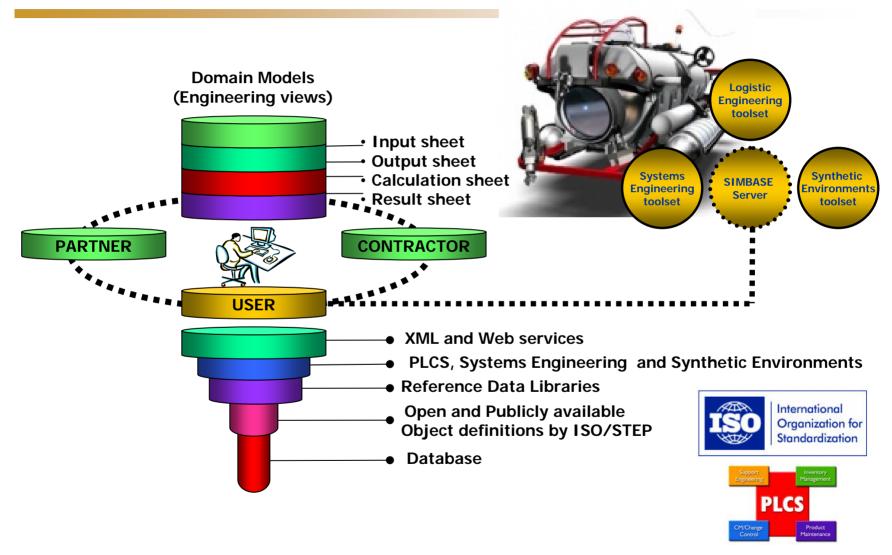


Battle Lab from KESEM

EXPRESS Data Manager Jotne EPM Technology

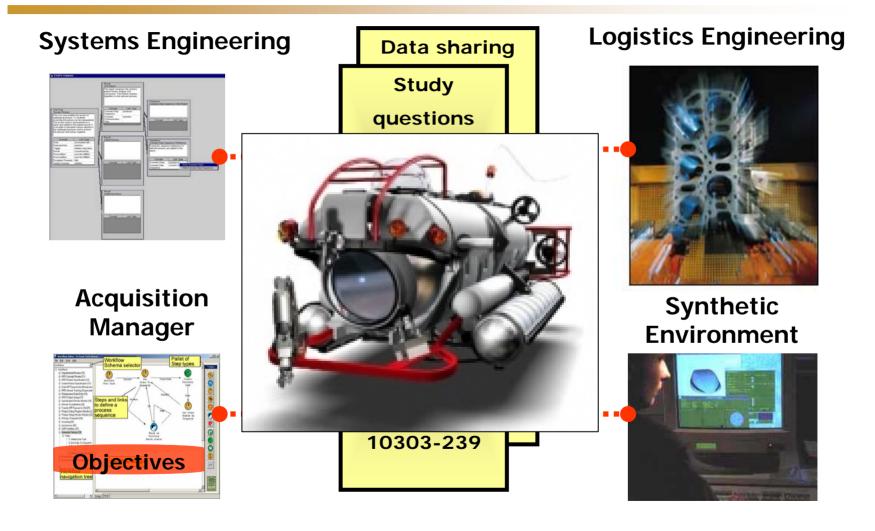


#### **Architectural Viewpoint**





#### SIMBASE Demonstration



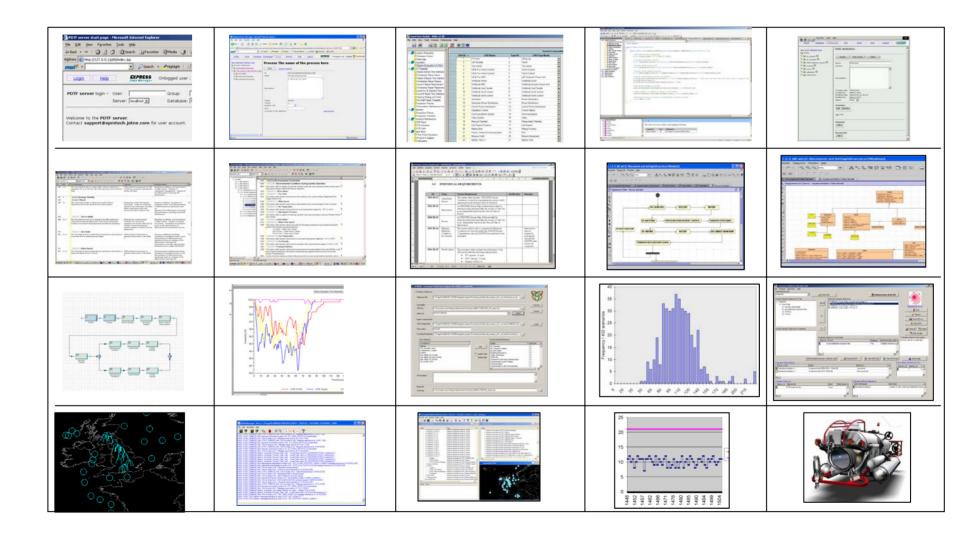


## Data sharing - Detailed overview

|           | URD      | SRD | Study<br>question | Synthetic<br>environment<br>user<br>requirement | Functional<br>model | Synthetic<br>environment<br>system<br>requirement |
|-----------|----------|-----|-------------------|---|---------------------|---|
| Start     | ✓        | ✓   | ✓                 | <b>√</b>  | ✓                   | <b>✓</b>  |
| Review    | -        | URD | -                 | Study<br>question                               | Study<br>question   |   |
| Create    | <b>✓</b> | ✓   | ✓                 | <b>✓</b>  | ✓                   |   |
| Translate | <b>✓</b> | ✓   | ✓                 | ✓   | <b>✓</b>            |   |
| Load      | <b>✓</b> | ✓   | ✓                 | <b>✓</b>  | <b>√</b>            |   |
| Verify    | <b>✓</b> | ✓   | <b>√</b>          | <b>✓</b>  | ✓                   |   |



# User perspective - processes





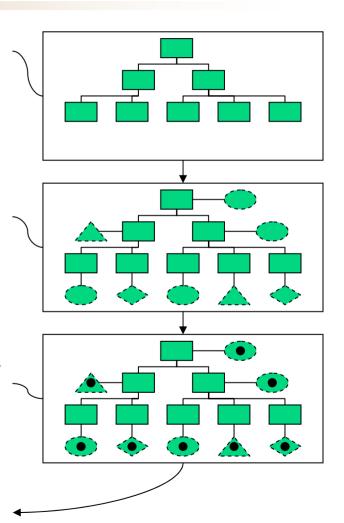
# Progression through the scenario

systems engineer develops functional model

synthetic environment engineer identifies required characteristics against elements in the functional model

logistic engineer performs analysis to provide values for required characteristics

synthetic environment engineer uses values to execute simulation





#### participants

- Acquisition Project Manager
- Systems Engineer
- Synthetic Environment Engineer
- Logistics Engineer -

#### process

- identify project resources
- 2) develop URD
- 3) develop SRD
- identify need for modelling & simulation study
- formulate study question
- 6) identify appropriate expert to perform simulation study
- develop simulation user requirements, evaluation objectives & scenario
- 8) create functional breakdown
- request approval for simulation user requirements, evaluation objectives & scenario
- approve simulation user requirements, evaluation objectives & scenario
- develop simulation system requirements & conceptual model
- design & implement simulation
- request other domains to provide required data
- perform logistic analysis
- submit results of analysis
- perform synthetic environment simulation
- send simulation results to systems engineer
- review results & assess consequences of answer to study question

#### Progression

Systems Engineering

Synthetic Environment

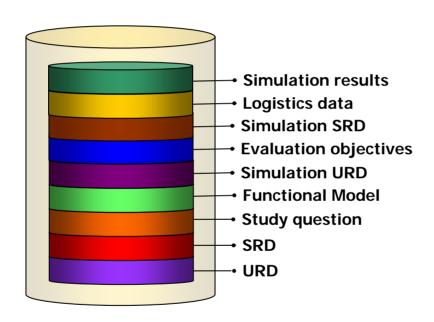
System Engineering Approval

Logistics Engineering

Systems Engineering Assessments



# Walkthrough of capabilities using the SRS Test Case



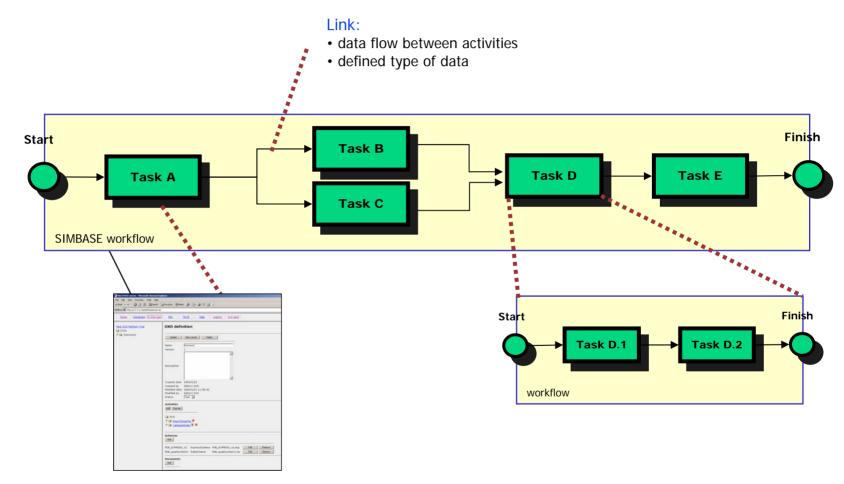


**SIMBASE** 

interoperability repository



#### **SIMBASE** Process Definition

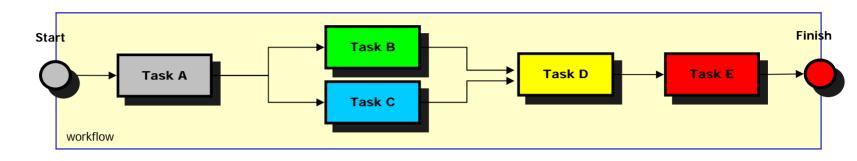


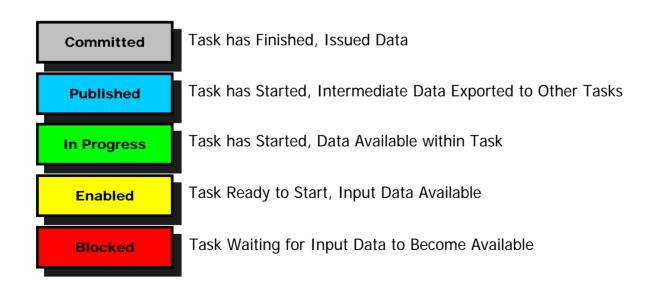
#### Simbase Server workflow definition

• automatically started upon task execution



#### **SIMBASE Process Status**







#### SIMBASE Workflow Definition

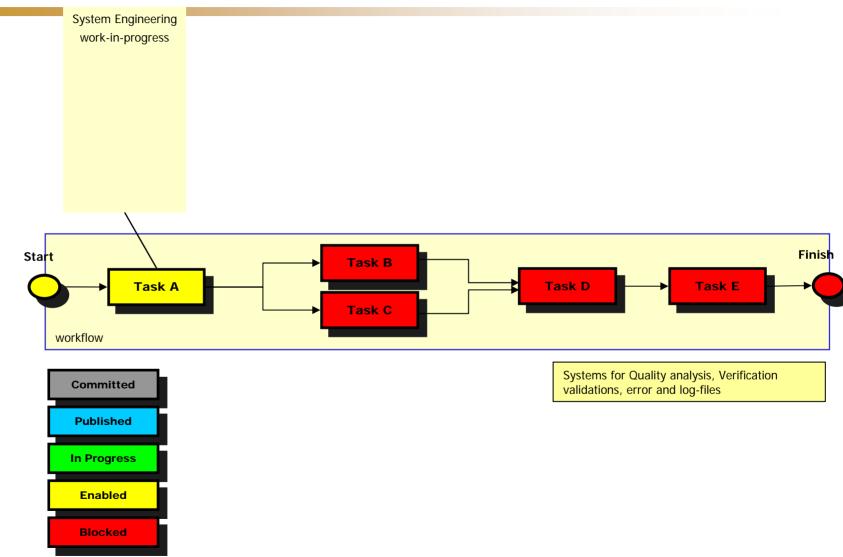
- who
  - Acquisition and Project Manager
- Setting up project resources and SIMBASE server management
  - Logon as user in SIMBASE server system
  - Select predefined tasks and create activities
  - Link tasks (assign workflow order and data)
  - Assign tools, as required
  - Store workflow as template as a SIMBASE Server Definition







### SIMBASE Process Execution (1)



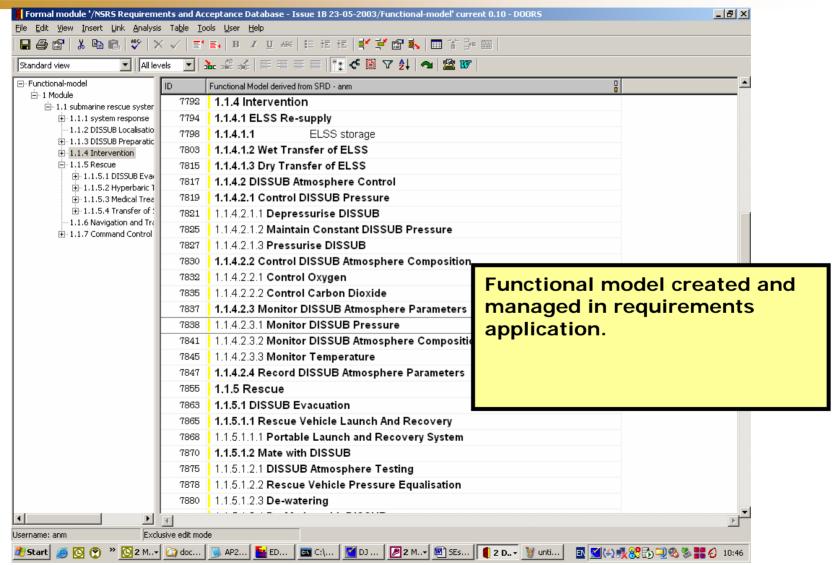


# Identify need for modelling & simulation study

- who
  - systems engineer
- SIMBASE case study scenario
  - need to validate SRD against URD
    - in particular highlight emergent behaviours from considering how a conforming solution will behave as a total system

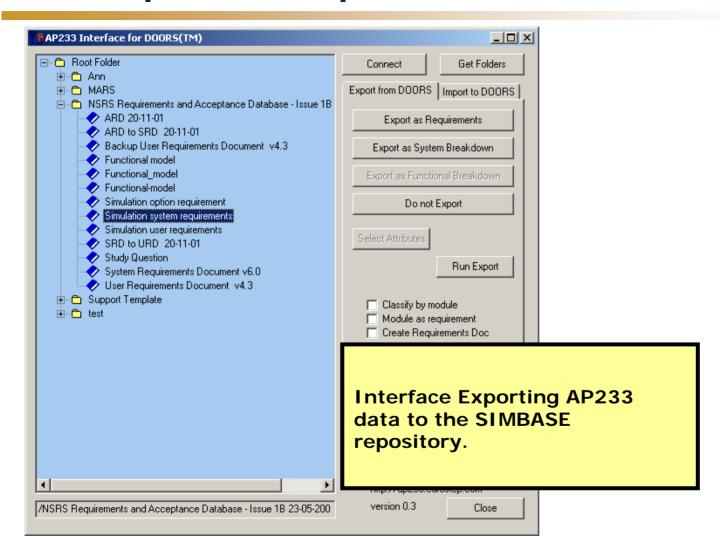


#### Create functional model



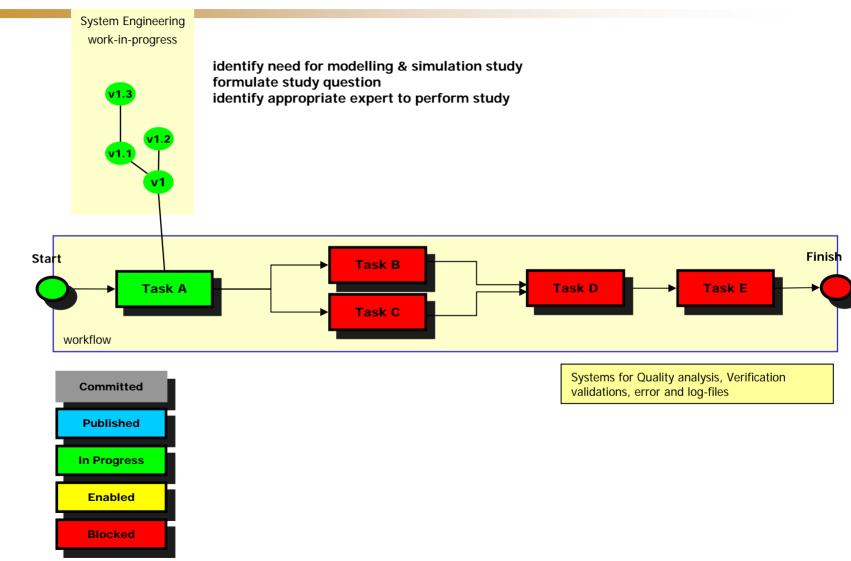


# Export requirement data



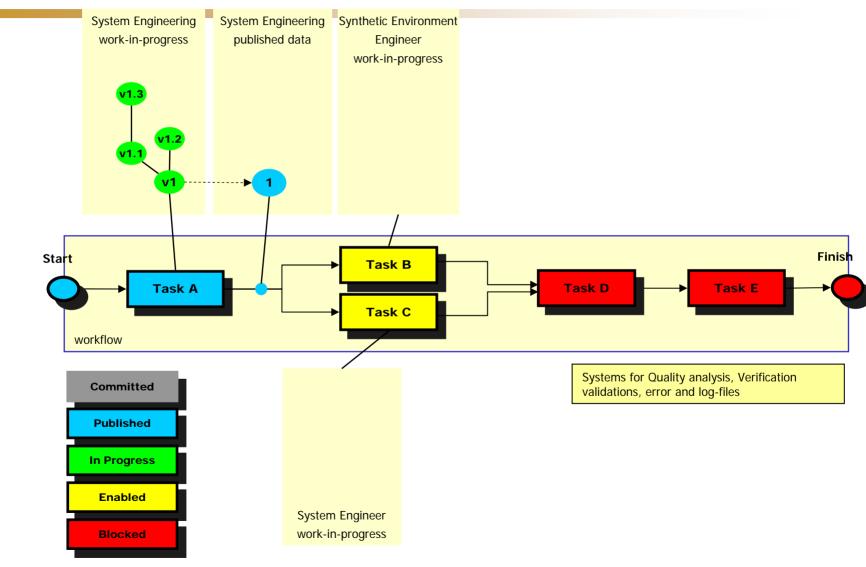


## SIMBASE Process Execution (2)



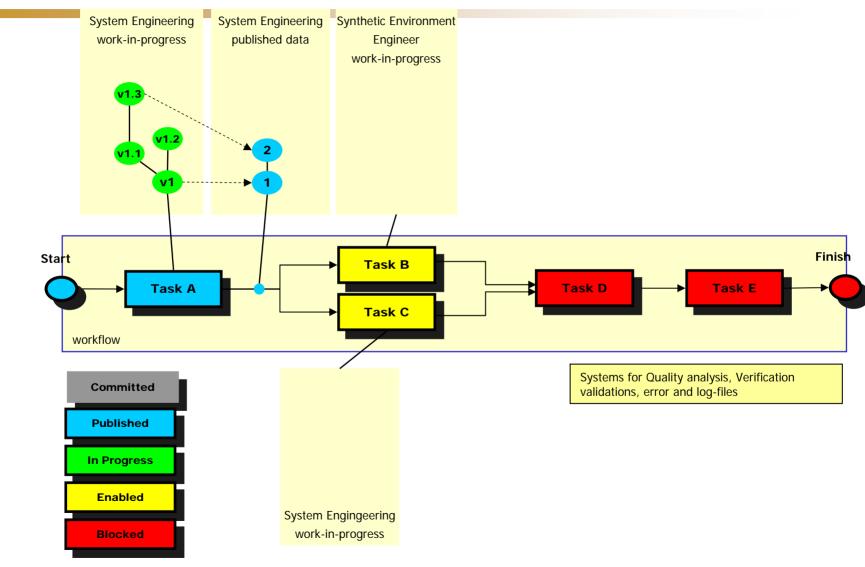


#### SIMBASE Process Execution (3)



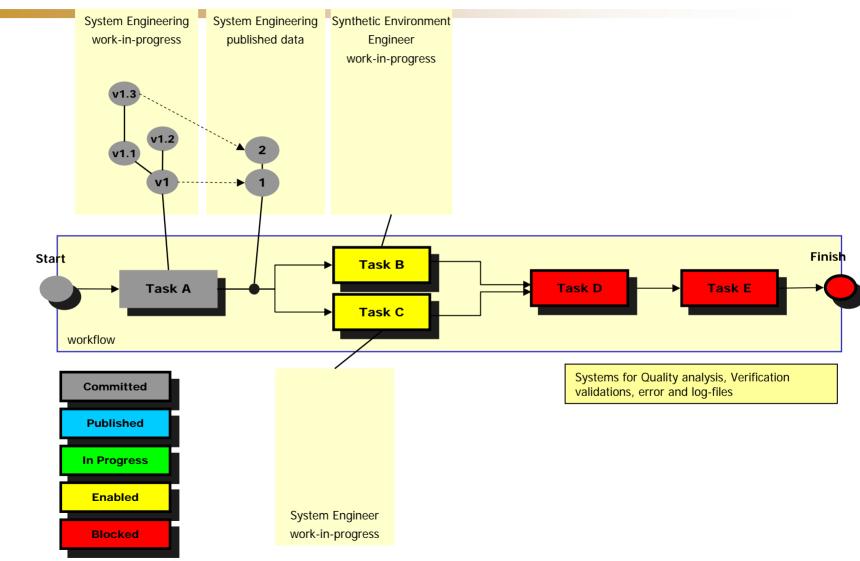


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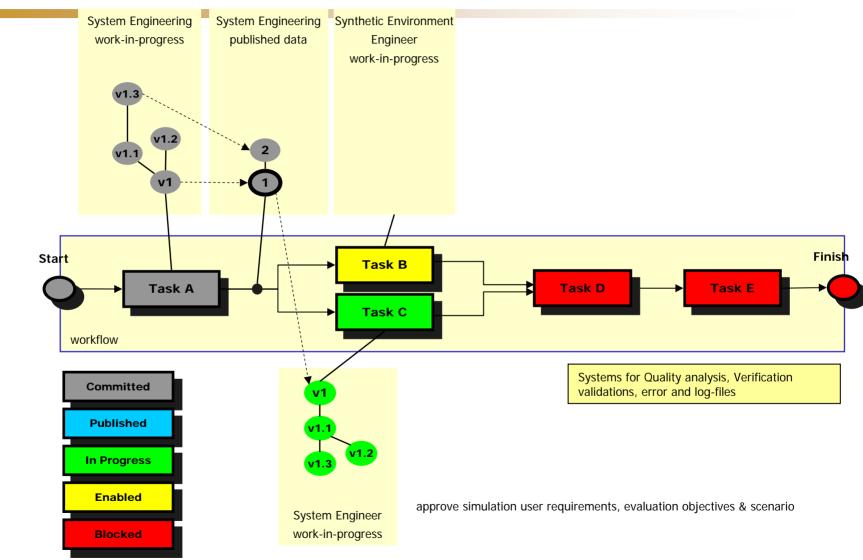


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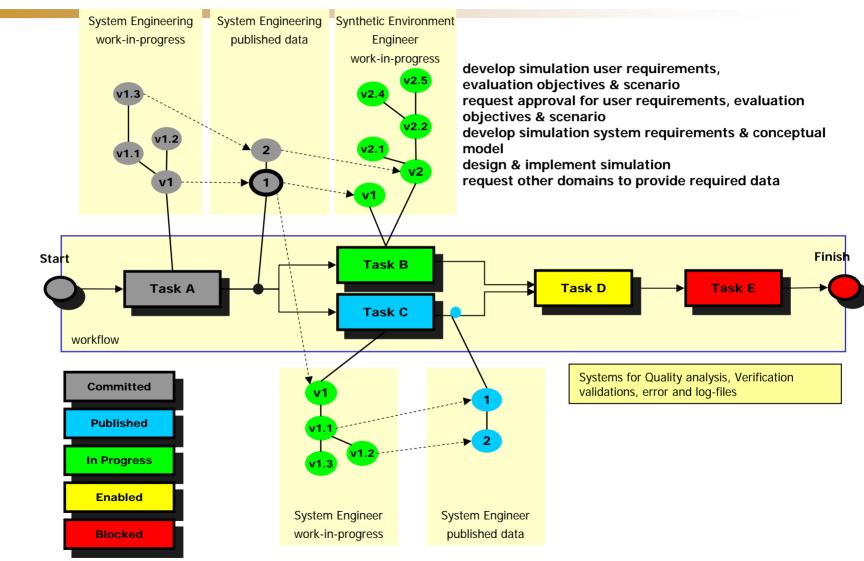


#### SIMBASE Process Execution (6)





#### SIMBASE Process Execution (7)





# Request other domains to provide required data

- who
  - synthetic environment engineer
- process details
  - according to developed data requirements
    - output from design & implement simulation
  - identify supporting information to support the other domain
    - e.g. URD, SRD, functional model
- SIMBASE case study scenario
  - provide values for system characteristics by performing logistic analysis

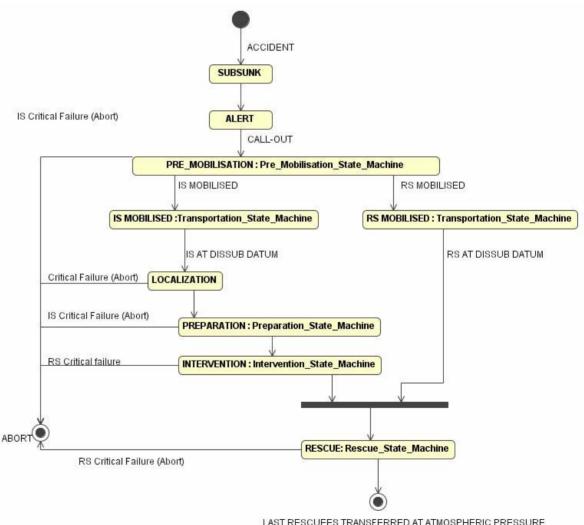




#### Search, intervention and rescue

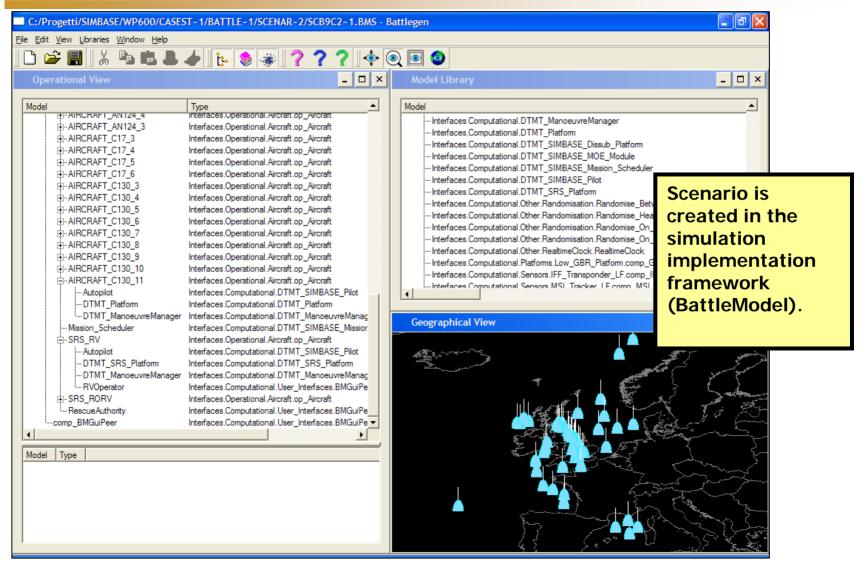
#### Mission tasks

- Call-out
- **Transit**
- Search
- Prepare
- Intervene
- Rescue
- Return to stand-by



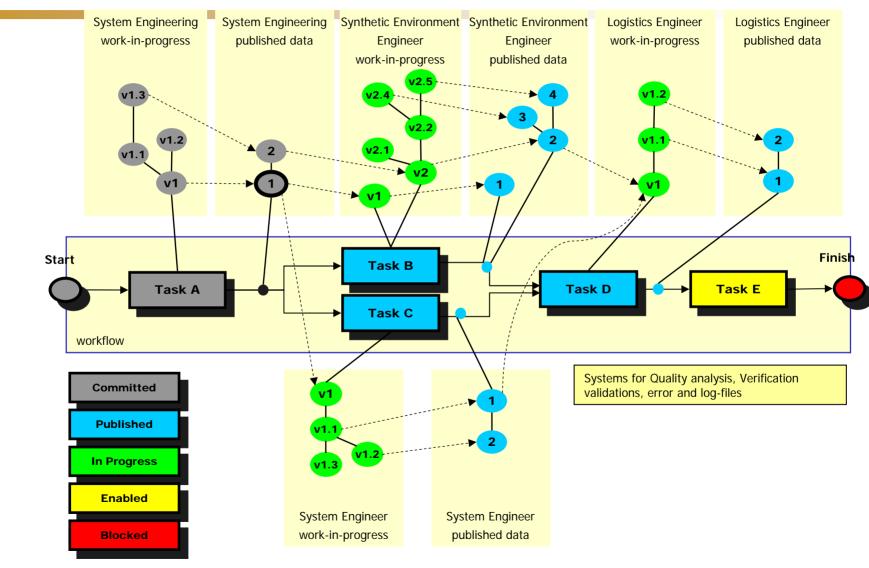


#### Implement Simulation





#### SIMBASE Process Execution (8)





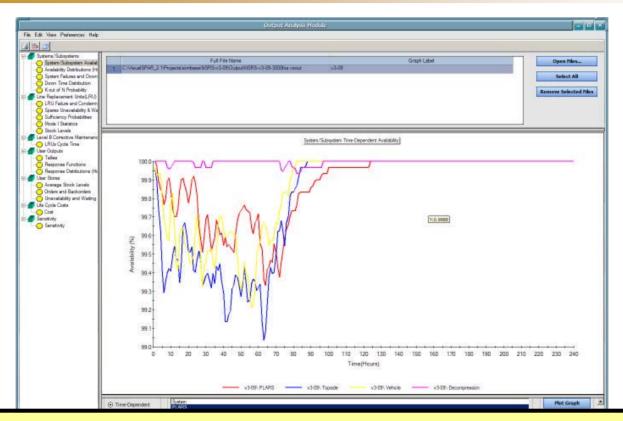
# Perform logistic analysis

- who
  - logistic engineer





#### Perform Logistics Engineering

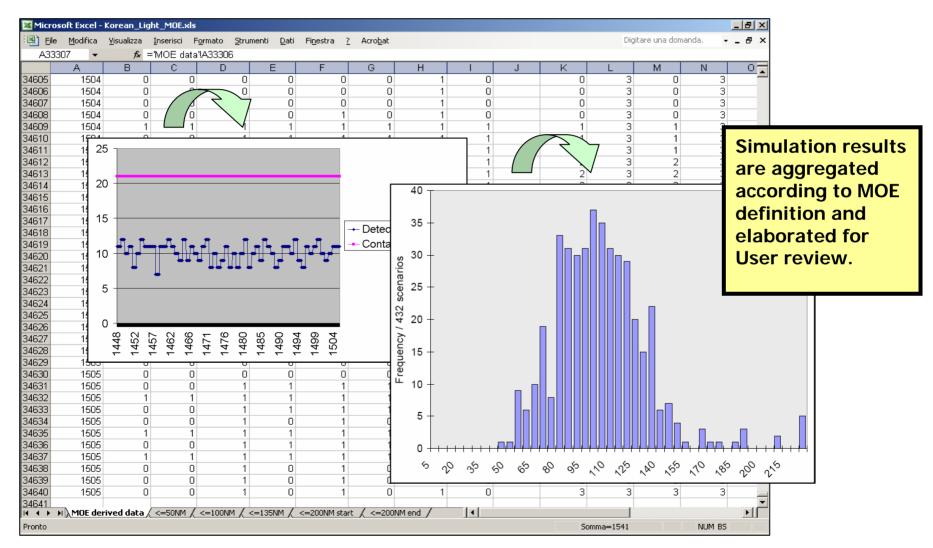


OUTPUT: The outputs can be shown in various formats, here is the subsystems availability results in graphical format.

From the graph it can be seen that all systems were available at least 99% of the time or more.



# Send simulation results to systems engineer



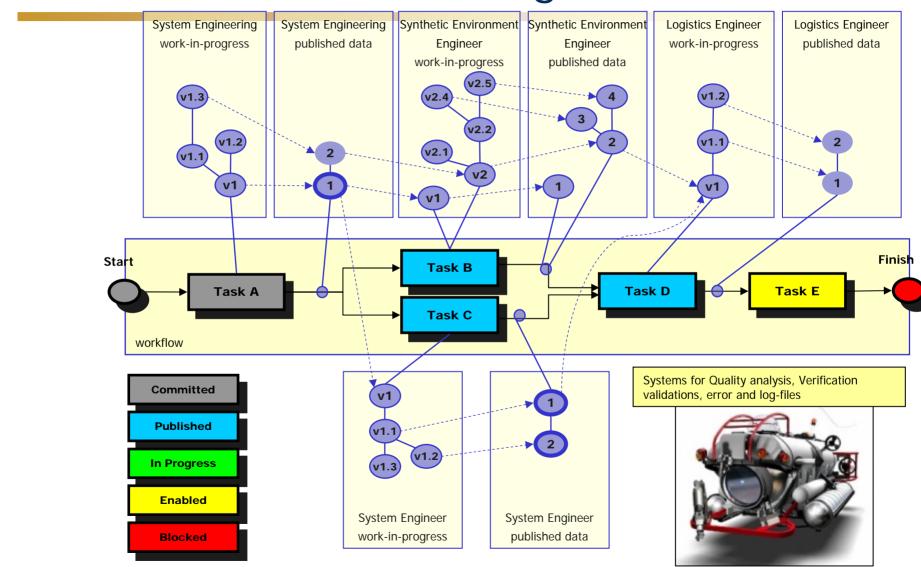


- full title
  - review results & assess consequences of answer to study question
- who
  - systems engineer



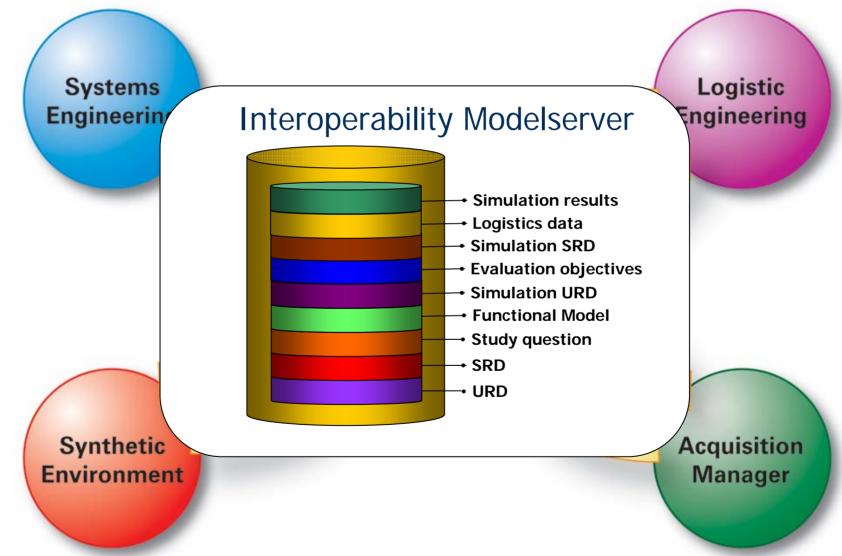


### SIMBASE Data Management





# SIMBASE Repository





#### Lessons learned

- challenges for coherence
  - common terminology
  - configuration management
  - multiple views
    - URD
    - SRD
    - functional
    - system
    - different models
- implementation requirements
  - role for additional standards
    - STFP
      - e.g. geometry, systems engineering
    - non-STEP
      - e.g. UML, SysML, NAF/MODAF



- Systems engineering and logistic engineering direct contribution to synthetic environment definition
- Implemented interfaces to/from ISO 10303-239 for synthetic environment COTS applications
  - simulation model configuration with data exported from SIMBASE repository



- model-based architecture
- standards-based
- linking legacy systems
- providing the integrated data view
- improving information quality
- enabling workflow support
- here applied to SBA, but not limited to this



# Thank you!

