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## SYMBOLS

<i>BMIDE</i>	Business Modeler Integrated Development Environment
<i>CAD</i>	Computer Aided Design
<i>CAE</i>	Computer Aided Engineering
<i>CAM</i>	Computer Aided Manufacturing
<i>COTS</i>	Commercial off the Shelf
<i>FEA</i>	Finite Element Analysis
<i>LOV</i>	List Of Values
<i>MBSE</i>	Model-Based Systems Engineering
<i>PBSE</i>	Pattern-Based Systems Engineering
<i>PDM</i>	Product Data Management
<i>PLM</i>	Product Lifecycle Management
<i>S * Metamodel</i>	Systematica Metamodel
<i>S * Mapping</i>	Systematica Mapping
<i>S * Models</i>	Systematica Models
<i>S * Patterns</i>	Systematica Patterns
<i>SysML</i>	Systems Modeling Language



## ABSTRACT

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Industry is facing the challenge of increasing product complexity while at the same time reducing cost and time in a highly competitive global market. Product Lifecycle Management (PLM) and Systems Engineering have the potential to help companies avoid costly product development and launching, as well as failure during use; these two concepts not only share many common characteristics, but also complement each other. PLM provides an information management system that can seamlessly integrate enterprise data, business processes, business systems and, ultimately, people throughout all phases of the product lifecycle. Systems engineering is an interdisciplinary approach to designing, implementing, evaluating, and managing the complex human-made systems over their life cycle. The same underlying methods that improve management of products and services can be used to organize the framework in which PLM systems are implemented, integrated, and evolved. Though several studies have indicated that adopting Systems Engineering with PLM brings many benefits for industries, implementation of PLM based Systems Engineering with PLM has rarely been conducted.

Pattern-Based Systems Engineering (PBSE), a form of Model-Based Systems Engineering (MBSE) based on the use of Systematic Metamodel (S\* Metamodel), represents a family of manufacturing system, and is used in the life cycle processes of ISO 15288, was implemented here using TEAMCENTER®PLM software as the platform. More specifically, we have implemented the key portion of the General Production Pattern based on S\* Metamodel, and demonstrated the benefit through the manufacturing of oil filter case study. The above implementation have resulted in a powerful

systems engineering model in PLM that leverages the capabilities of Teamcenter, to enable an enhanced systems engineering approach. Benefits brought to systems engineering practice include: the ability to capture and reflect stakeholders' requirements and changes in product design process promptly and accurately; the ability of systems engineers to create models quickly and prevent mistakes during modeling; the ability of systems engineers to do their job much easily by using reusable and reconfigurable models; the ability to re-use of previous designs in a new process.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background

#### 1.1.1 Product Lifecycle Management

Currently much attention is being placed on PLM in many industries, such as the automotive, pharmaceutical, aerospace, and military weapons industries. These industries share similar expectations for enhancing their competitive ability in a globalized economic environment. The impact of this globalization brings many positive effects and opportunities, but it also requires that global companies meet new international and domestic challenges. As a result of the increased pressure to both reduce cost and create high technology products rapidly, business managers are looking for an appropriate tool or strategy to help monitor research and development for their products, and help management teams make right decisions at the right time [1]. This task can be accomplished by using the PLM method.

The product lifecycle includes the following steps: the requirements and planning of a product, the concept and design, the manufacturing production, the sales and distribution, and managing the product throughout its operational life until disposal and recycling [2]. In the product lifecycle, with the passage of each stage and process, products undergo a series of changes in functionality, performance, technical process, materials, supply, marketing, and other aspects of social resources [3]. The process produces a large amount of complex technical and business information. Under the pressure of globalization from market competition, product life cycles are being shortened, and new products must get to market faster. The only solution to keep products competitive is to quickly and correctly manage and use this information [3]. So, it is significant for an enterprise to rely on information to accelerate the process of enterprises to develop better products.

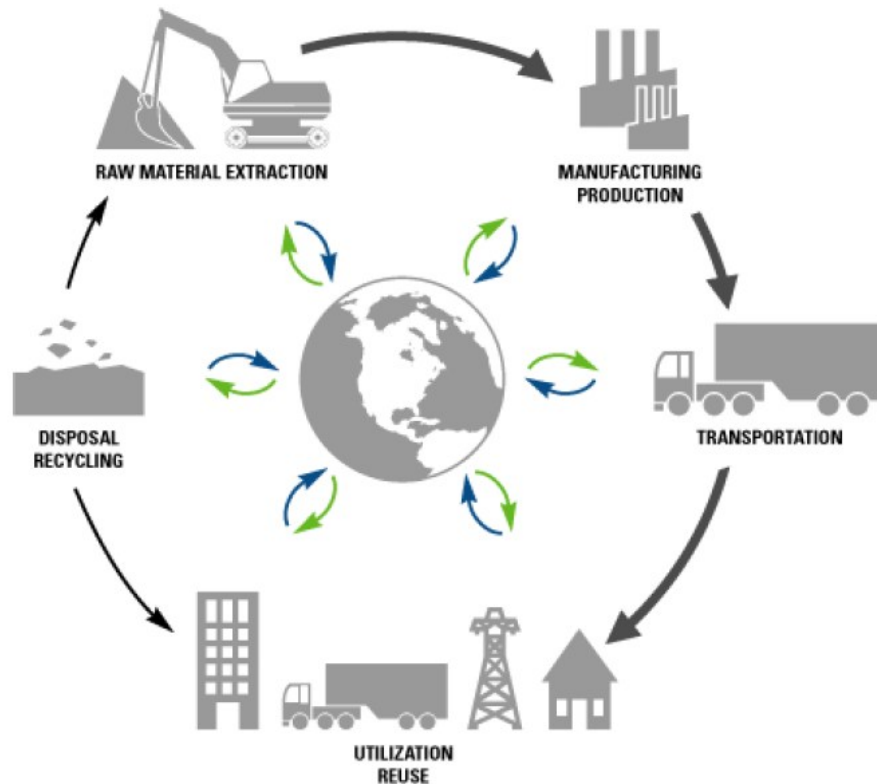


Figure 1.1. Generic lifecycle of product [4]

PLM is a concept with multiple interpretations, and the most common definition is “an information management system which allows the enterprise to integrate data, to integrate process, to integrate system, and to integrate people across the product lifecycle” [5]. PLM is also an advanced enterprise information strategy [6]. It makes people think about how to use the most effective methods to increase revenue and reduce costs. An efficient and comprehensive PLM solution enables companies to establish detailed, intuitive, and viable digital product information. It allows the collection of early comprehensive information from each participant and then enables the discovery and resolution of critical issues.

PLM was developed on the basis of Product Data Management(PDM), which is a file-based system to manage production data. PLM is database system used to manage processes [7]. PLM also refers to a type of software and process that uses

Internet technology to make everyone involved in the entire life cycle of products cooperate in product development, manufacturing, and sales management.

Management (CRM), and Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP), are currently applied widely. PLM is an information system that shares and leverages information across all systems. This bi-directional information exchange between PLM and other systems is important to facilitate information flow between multi-functional groups [8].

### 1.1.2 Systems Engineering

According to the research, “by using the Systems Engineering approach, project costs and timescales are managed and controlled more effectively by having greater control and awareness of the project requirements, interfaces and issues and the consequences of any changes. Research also indicates that effective use of systems engineering can save 10-20 percent or more of the project budget. [9]”

What is systems engineering? Systems engineering is an interdisciplinary approach to design, implement, evaluate, and manage the complex human-made systems over their life cycle [10]. It focuses on defining customer needs, functionality, and documenting requirements in the early stages of the development cycle, and then proceeds with design synthesis, allocation, evaluation, operation, and system validation [11]. The driving force pushing industries into adopting systems engineering is the increasing complexity of systems. Many systems cannot meet the needs of stakeholders in terms of development time, overall cost, and performance. The benefits of applying systems engineering concepts are: reduction in the total cost of ownership during the system’s lifecycle, reduction in system acquisition time, and the reduction of risks within the product development phase of the system.

Systems can be classified as natural or human-made. Human-made systems are functional groups of hardware, software, and human interface that work together to meet the mission need [12]. In many cases, a system is not independent. If one

system consists of two or more hierarchical levels, lower levels are conveniently called subsystems. A system-of-systems is a group of dissimilar systems that collaborate to achieve a mission purpose which none of them can perform alone. Building the right system and building the system right is the top priority for a product development team, and can be enabled through use of a system engineer. With the purpose of this goal, a system engineer has the responsibility to ensure that the development team makes decisions that ensure the stakeholders' needs are satisfied in a high quality, trustworthy, cost efficient, and schedule compliant manner throughout a system's entire life cycle.

Generally speaking, systems engineering is the high level view of a project. To achieve success in applying systems engineering, there are tasks that must be performed in a process. The first and foremost is stating the problem/understanding the problem. The problem should identify stakeholder and system boundaries, describe a mission statement, and provide a concept of operations or a description of the deficiency, etc. It is important to understand the problem by thinking about what must be done and how it must be accomplished [10].

The second task is investigating alternatives, especially for complex systems. Since no design can economically achieve "best" on all its figures of merit, investigating alternative designs must be redone while coping with the increasing amounts of design and analysis data [10]. For example, figures of merit should be computed in designing, model constructing, data analyzing, and prototype building processes. Alternative designs will reduce the risk and also help clarify the problem statement. Besides these, modeling the system is another task that has to be accomplished.

Systems engineers create many types of systems models, such as block diagrams, functional flow diagrams, etc., based on the best designs to help manage the systems development. Integration means bringing systems, people, and other interactions together. Launching the system, assessing performance, and re-evaluating are also very important tasks that are necessary for systems engineering.

Over the past few decades, several process models in systems engineering have become well known: “waterfall”, “Vee”, and “Spiral” [12]. Those system life cycle process models specify a series of steps to reflect systems engineering approach. The “Vee” diagram is the most famous and has been applied in many industries. It is no surprise that different “Vee” models have been seen, but they all derive from the same basic model.

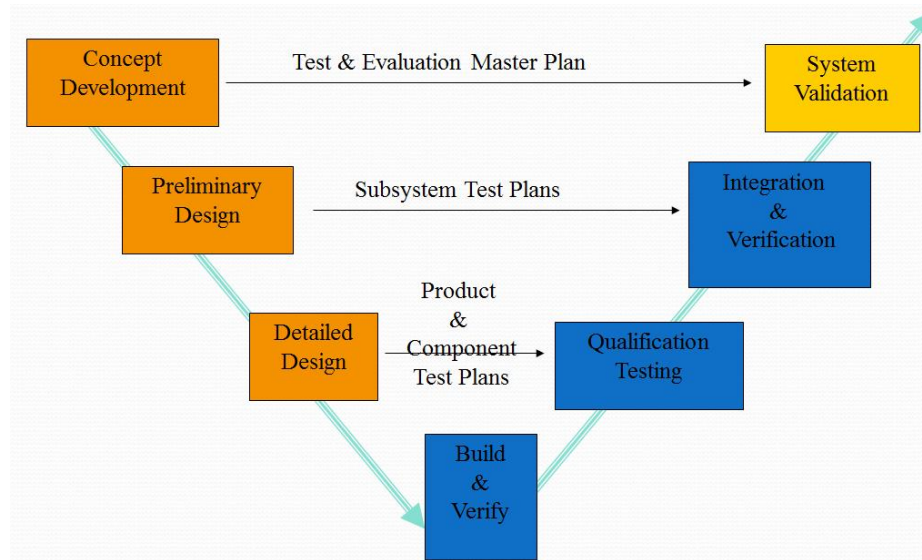


Figure 1.2. Systems engineering Vee diagram

The left side of the diagram demonstrates the decomposition and definition sequence; it resolves the architecture of a system and creates design details. The right side of the model illustrates the integration and verification sequence [12]. In it successively higher levels of subsystems are verified, with the sequence flowing up to the culminating system level. In the middle of the model, at each level of testing plan, requirements and specifications documents ensure that products, components, subsystems, and system meet all requirements and specifications.

To standardize these processes, ISO15288 was published by International Organization for Standardization. It is a common framework defining processes and terminology for describing life cycle of systems. ISO15288 can be applied to manage and

perform stages through the full system lifecycle by selecting sets of process [13]. In ISO15288, four groups of systems engineering processes are organized: Agreement, Enterprise, Project, and Technical [14]. Each process contains a purpose, activities, and outcomes. Concept, development, and production are some examples of stages in the life cycle that have been described in ISO5288. A critical part of this international standard is that it will not conflict with any organization's policy or procedure. This is due to each life cycle having no definitive order for use. Systems differ in their purpose, applications, domain, compliancy, time, location, and size etc., but ISO15288 describes the processes that comprise the development of any man-made system in a repeatable life cycle.

## 1.2 Literature Review

In the past few years, systems engineering and PLM have become closely related. Systems engineering and PLM not only share many common characteristics, but also complement each other [15]. The product life cycle is covered through preliminary design, detail design, production or construction, product utilization, support phase-out, and disposal; those phases are based on understanding the application of systems engineering [16]. PLM requires management of the entire product process; it must meet the challenge of synchronizing disciplines involved in complex product systems during the production process. Systems engineering methodologies provide ways to synchronize disciplines during design, simulation, testing, verification, and validation based on multidisciplinary functions for an industrial company [15].

Currently, mass customization, small lot sizes, high variability of product types, and a changing product portfolio are characteristics of modern manufacturing systems during the life cycle [17]. A direct consequence of these characteristics is a more complex manufacturing system. This problem is especially serious in the aerospace and defense industry. According to a recent study of Government Accountability Office, growth in research and development costs and months' delay in delivering



have been reported by defense acquisition programs [17]. In fact, due to complex manufacturing processes, most issues happening in production can be traced back to early architecture decisions, and those decisions directly or indirectly affect the efficiency of design. Figure 1.4 shows that 70 percent of cost is locked in the design concept and it is more expensive to make changes during later processes.

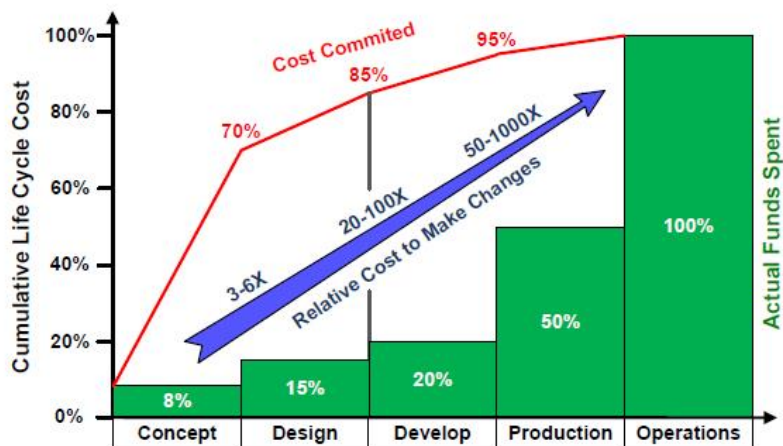


Figure 1.3. Life cycle cost commitment as a function of the system life cycle [15]

Systems engineering principles can alleviate manufacturing risks of serious challenges and issues. Involving systems engineering methodology is important to make adjustments in the manufacturing work flow process. Currently, many systems engineering methodologies have been applied to help make changes in manufacturing. One such method is called product and process development, integrated by Georgia Institute of Technology's aerospace system design laboratory [17]. This methodology comprises manufacturing process capability indices early in the design phase to ensure robust design concepts are being developed. In addition, "Manufacturing Systems Engineering" [18], "Factory Physics" [19], and "The Toyota Way: 14 Management Principles from the Worlds Greatest Manufacturer" [20] explore systems engineering methods to improve manufacturing process. Even though the traditional systems engineering methodology improves design process, many flaws still need to

be fixed. The traditional document-centric, text-based report and drawing format in traditional systems engineering is not flexible. Under this high-flux design environment, it requires a higher level of methodology to assist systems engineers to do their job [21, 22].

One should not think of systems engineering without thinking of Model-based Systems Engineering (MBSE). MBSE is shifting the design approach from document-centric to model-based systems engineering by capturing information elements and relationships to support requirement, design, analysis, verification, and validation in life cycle. Compared to the traditional manufacturing process, applying MBSE will improve the communication among stakeholders, making it easier to manage systems in order to improve product quality, and improve the ability to learn the concepts of system. Currently, many MBSE methodologies are used by systems engineering communities: IBM Rational Harmony for Systems Engineering (Hoffmann 2011); INCOSE Object-Oriented Systems Engineering Method (INCOSE 2008) [13]; and Systematica Methodology for Pattern-Based Systems Engineering (ICTT System Sciences) [23–27].

As mentioned above, the general development of MBSE methodologies is helping systems engineers do a better job of adapting to the accelerated life cycles in product development. But, due to the increasing complexity of production and manufacturing processes and advancing in the computer-aided design technology, the traditional systems engineering tools no longer have enough capabilities to help systems engineers manage processes. The traditional systems engineering tools can be divided into three categories, which are system design tools, systems analysis tools, and systems control tools [28]. In each category, many methods and tools are involved to assist systems engineers in different processes. Most of the time, systems engineers use more than one system methods and tools to manage projects. For example, one of MBSE methodologies, Object-Oriented Systems Engineering Method (OOSEM), can be provided by SysML tools and associated with configuration management tools, performance modeling tools, and verification tools [29]. With the increased diversity

of system tools, it is difficult for systems engineers to integrate tools and at the same time track the changes during processes.

MBSE methodology emphasis capturing elements and relationships in model and reusing them across multiple diagrams [13]. Most of the system tools do not provide a database for reusing legacy data in life cycle process.

Currently, researchers are trying to integrate PLM and systems engineering to overcome the weaknesses of traditional systems engineering tools and achieve the benefits of using PLM software; for instance, one company, called InterCax, have created a concept to build a bridge between MBSE and PLM. This concept called System Lifecycle Management (SLIM), which is deployed in Systems Modeling Language (SysML) environment, uses PLM software for specialization and configuration control [30]. This SLIM allows systems engineers to work directly in an SysML environment, in which the modeling language is most familiar to systems engineers. It also addresses the weaknesses of SysML. Another study conducted by Georgia Institution of Technology attempts to reduce cost and time by implementing a digitized systems engineering process into a PLM software [1]. InterCax [30] requires systems engineers to work in SysML environment instead of working in PLM environment; also, it does not use the full capabilities of PLM. On the other hand, the work by Georgia Institution of Technology does not include MBSE models, systems engineering implementation of Integrated Product and Process Design method in PLM software is used. The current work addresses the integration of PLM with systems engineering models to address the current limitations and advance the systems engineering practice. More specifically, we propose a new methodology for integrating Teamcenter PLM (an industry standard tool) with an advanced MBSE model, namely s\*pattern [23–27]. This is meant to achieve the full potential of implementing “a re-usable and configurable” systems engineering model on a powerful PLM platform that supports a comprehensive set of tools and functionalities.

### 1.3 Thesis Objectives and Contributions

Implementing a MBSE model in Teamcenter PLM and then using the latter's capabilities to improve systems engineering process is our approach to advance the systems engineering practice. In order to achieve this, a strong MBSE model and process that supports PLM systems engineering application and integration is needed; systematic methodology for PBSE has shown more advantages than other MBSE methods; PBSE has MBSE capabilities but simplifies the introduction of MBSE methods; it also reduces the recurring cost of modeling and shifting from “learn how to model to “learn the model. On the other hand, a strong PLM allowing integrating systems engineering model in its application tool is also required. Teamcenter provides a systems engineering application to integrate MBSE method in it.

In order to implement the merging of systems engineering with PLM in practice, the objectives of this research were as follows:

- Identify a targeted portion which is initially focused on Feature-Interactions-Functional Roles- Physical Systems trace of the General Production Pattern in S\* Metamodel [31], and implement it into Teamcenter data schema.
- Generate a specialized system from using General Production Pattern in a specific application.

The long-term goal of this research is implementing the entire General Production Pattern in S\*Metamodel into Siemens Teamcenter Systems Engineering data schema.

### 1.4 Thesis Outline

This thesis focuses on moving the key portion of General Production Pattern, which is a S\*Pattern data structure compatible with the S\*Metamodel, into a Siemens Teamcenter Systems Engineering data schema [21]. In Chapter 2, the details about the concept of MBSE and PBSE, the methodology of the S\*model and the S\*Metamodel are presented. In addition, the methodology of S\*Patterns is presented. Furthermore,

the data model configuring tool, Business Modeler Integrated Development Environment (BMIDE), is introduced. Last, the functionalities of Siemens Teamcenter software and systems engineering application are illustrated.

In Chapter 3 the procedure of creating and configuring S\* mapping classes in BMIDE are presented. Bill of materials (BOM) views for Feature Framework, Interaction Framework, and System Environment are created in the Teamcenter systems engineering application environment. The relationships between different classes are also created. Teamcenter is merged with Microsoft Visio 2010 professional to generate diagrams for reviews. An oil filter S\* Model specialized from General Production Pattern is applied to demonstrate the use of the General Production Pattern in Teamcenter platform.

Chapter 4 discusses the results of this thesis.

In Chapters 5 and 6 conclusions and future work are presented.

## 2. METHODOLOGY

### 2.1 MBSE/PBSE and S\* Metamodel

ICTT System Sciences, a systems engineering company devoted to solving complex systems problems for enterprises, institutions and industries, has implemented Systematica systems engineering methodology [23] which is a specific MBSE methodology, through the use of S\* Model. Leveraging the power of MBSE, a PBSE methodology, which is re-usable, configurable S\* Models based on the use of S\*Metamodel [31], is created. Re-usable, configurable S\*Models are also called S\* Patterns [23, 24, 27]. As mentioned earlier, the International Council of Systems Engineering defines MBSE a “formalized application of modeling to support system requirements, design, analysis, verification and validation activities in the system development life cycle” [32]. MBSE is a paradigm that emphasizes the common visual modeling principles’ application and best practice involved in systems engineering activities. One of the visual modeling languages is SysML, which is in response to Unified Modeling Language (UML) for systems engineering [33]. The S\* Model is an MBSE model which is based on the S\* Metamodel. The practical S\* Models are not limited in whatever modeling languages and tools are represented. Throughout the development of MBSE methodologies, the vast number of MBSE methodologies and system representation standards have proved that many elements are needed to build the “smallest model” framework of the S\* Metamodel [24]. This is why S\* Metamodel as the smallest set of information sufficient describes a system for systems engineering purpose, in any modeling language.

The Figure 2.1 depict key element of the S\* Metamodel, where different colors represent different related classes [23]. In this research, the trace of Feature, Functional Interaction, Functional Role, and Design Component is being focused.

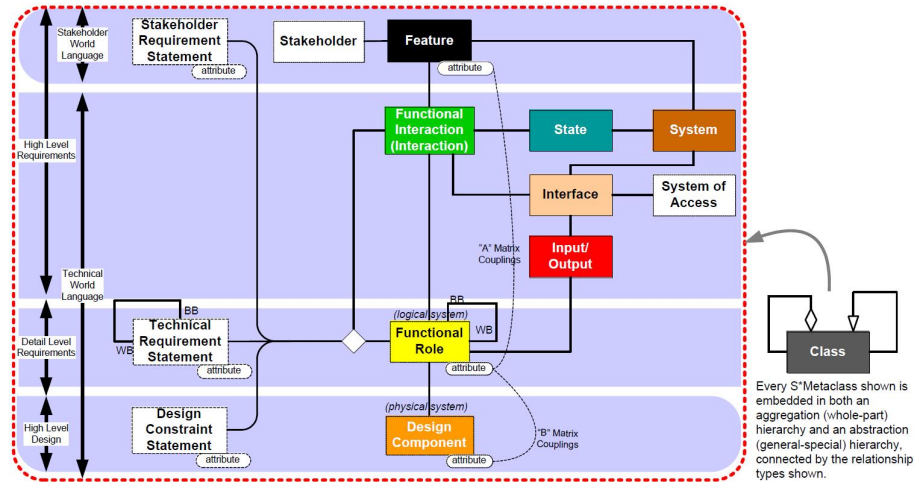


Figure 2.1. Summary of some of the key portions of S\* Metamodel [23]

Understanding the performance of each element in a system and interactions among elements is necessary to understand the whole system. As long as the increasing complexity of systems, stakeholders have different performance measures. It is necessary to understand the needs and performance measures of all stakeholders [28]. Features are packages of behavior or performance of a system that have stakeholder value [23]. S\* Models are aimed at covering all the stakeholders not only just users or customers. Feature attributes are features' parameters that express stakeholder valuations in stakeholder language. For example, the Cruise Control Feature has feature attributes in fuel economy and speed variation. Because Features and Feature Attributes cover all stakeholders' value and interest, they affect all the design decisions, trade-offs, and optimization should be made in accordance. In the General Production Pattern Metamodel, selectable system features are described by the S\* Metamodel. When the S\* Patterns are used in specific product specialization and configuration, feature selection must obey one or few stakeholder values. Those selectable features contain: system delivery, compatibility, production capability, reliability and availability, operability, maintainability, configurability, security, accountability, integrity, product containment, product protection, regulatory

compliance, and health and safety. Those feature models can be categorized by different stakeholders, for instance, system management functions focus on operability, maintainability, configurability, securability, and accountability.

Learned from traditional historical views, lots of potential problems occurred due to ignoring interactions in the system. If go back to take a look at all the physical science, and mathematics, whether Newton's Law or Maxwell's equation, all the physical laws describe interactions [25]. Each engineering discipline (ME, EE, ChE, etc.) is built upon those laws [23, 25]. Since systems engineering is an interdisciplinary field, has to respect the physical laws and bring interaction to the front. In a system, there always exist interactions between components; an interaction means exchange of energy, force, mass or information [25] which leads to change of state. The Systematica calls that interaction a functional interaction, and each component plays a functional role in that interaction. MBSE helps make interactions explicit; this is the reason to emphasizes functional interaction as a fundamentally coordinating class relating other information in the S\* Metamodel [25]. In the general production pattern S\* Metamodel, the interaction class consists the following interaction actions: consume utility, control operation, coordinate production, deliver system, detect faults, maintain system, manage configuration data, manage electronic access, manage fault and maintenance data and alarms, manage maintenance safety procedures, manage physical access, manage safety procedures and interlocks, manage security data, monitor product quality, operate system, perform configuration procedures, perform maintenance procedures, protect, provide interface, remove scrap, remove system, secure system, stage material, configure system, account for system, and transport material. Those interactions support defined features in a system.

The functional role is also called logical system in S\* Metamodel. Functional Roles are described by their behavior, and the role attributes are parameters of functional role which have technical valuations [34]. Operator, operator (level N+1), manufacturing management system, manufacturing management system (Level N+1), manufacturing system, manufacturing system (level N-1), combined managed sys-



tem, managed subsystem, direct management system, material in process, occupant system, air in process, environment, manufacturing system of access, support and isolation system, support and isolation system (level N-1), utility service, utility service(level N-1), material service, and material service (level N-1) are included in the Logical Systems class in General Production Pattern.

The methodologies in systems engineering are concerned with both the engineering process and the information activities during the process [23]. Compared with traditional systems engineering, PBSE refers using S\* Patterns concentrates on enhancing information involvement and relationships passing through the systems' process. In general, PBSE is built on MBSE models in patterns and uses a powerful MBSE Meta-model to describe systemic phenomena. There are many advantages to applying the PBSE approach, such as reducing the cost and time that shifting from the “learn how to model” to the “learn the model”, such as being compatible with multiple modeling language standards, generating configured systems from models rapidly, etc.

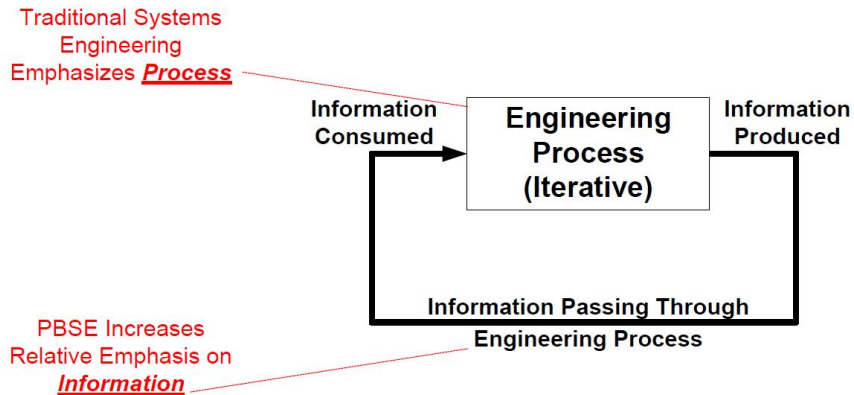


Figure 2.2. The engineering process consumes and products information [23]

S\* Patterns are re-usable, configurable S\*Models [23,24,26], based on Systematica methodology for PBSE. An S\*Pattern may be used and re-used across different system product lines, system families or systems configurations [23]. Once an S\* Pattern has

been applied in a specific enterprise or product line, it is very easy to quickly generate an S\* Model from pattern instead of creating a new model in a new project.

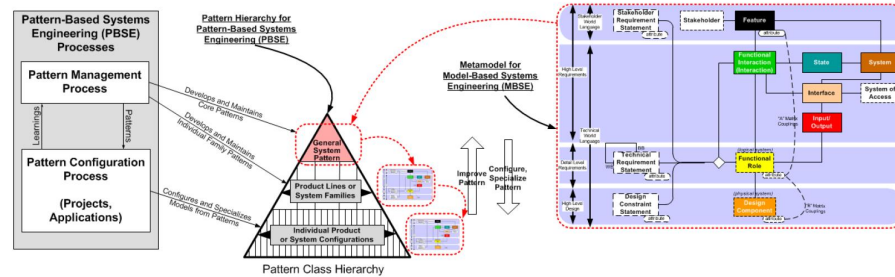


Figure 2.3. S\* Patterns are re-usable, configurable S\* Models [23]

As depicted in the above figure shows, PBSE involves two processes involved: (1) The Pattern Management Process in a general system pattern, product lines, or system families' levels, (2) The Pattern Configuration Process in an individual production level [26]. The Pattern Management Process generates the underlying family model and updates the model based on project discovery and learning at the same time [26]. The Pattern Configuration Process makes configurations from upper level pattern use on specific projects. The S\* Metamodel in the figure above is a Metamodel to create the General Production Systems Pattern. This is the S\* pattern have implemented in the Teamcenter platform, as described in the next chapter.

## 2.2 Business Modeler Integrated Devolvment Environment

BMIDE stands for Business Modeler Integrated Development Environment, it is a tool used for configuring the data model of the Teamcenter installation. Using the BMIDE function is allowed to configure the data model with new business objects, classes, and properties. BMIDE interface contain two perspectives; standard perspectives and advanced perspectives. In this research, the standard perspective is used due to its simplification and contains all the views as needed.

Using BMIDE allows creating data model objects, this included business objects, classes, properties, constants, and document management objects, lists of values, options, and rules. The specific objects created in this research will be described later.

### **2.3 PLM Software: Teamcenter**

Under economic globalization pressure and highly competitive markets, PLM is necessary lead companies to develop and deliver better products. PLM systems help those companies make smarter decisions by providing decision makers with the right information.

Siemens, as one of the pioneer multinational conglomerate companies in the world, has involved in automation, energy, healthcare and mobility. Due to the structure of the company, Siemens realized it needed to keep enhancing its competitiveness like all the large international companies, is a very tough job to finish. In this case, Siemens aimed to future develop at the PLM software market. Siemens spent a lot of money to complete the acquisition of UGS, a computer software company that specializes in Product Lifecycle Management software in both 2D and 3D areas. Currently, Siemens have a lot of products in PLM software portfolio, for instance, Teamcenter, Active Integration, NX, Solid Edge, Fibersim, Syncrofit, Seat Design Environment, Femap, LMS, QPE, and Tecomatix. Those PLM products have covered diverse technologies, including PDM, CAD (Computer-aided design), CAM (Computer-aided manufacturing), CAE (Computer-aided engineering), FEA (Finite element analysis), digital manufacturing, and MOM (Manufacturing operations management) etc.

Teamcenter is the most widely used PLM software system in the world [35]. It helps companies deliver complex products to the market by connecting people with products and process in order to enhance productivity and integrate global operations. Basically, this is Siemens PLM software's collaborative product data management solution. Teamcenter provides a more manageable, more productive, collabo-

rative closer and stronger control environment for the manufacturing industry, this capability of Teamcenter simplify and speed up implementation process, increase productivity, enhance corporation, and expand the range of the whole product lifecycle process control. Its overall unified architecture can provide a complete end to end PLM portfolio to user.

Teamcenter customers are distributed at many areas, especially in automotive, aerospace and defense, high-tech electronics and machinery. The major benefit of using Teamcenter can be divided by few aspects. First of all, Productivity is the most important advantage in using Teamcenter, Teamcenter is able to establish a single source of product and process because of this, all the team members can find needed information everywhere and all the time through accessing this common resource. The most direct impact is saving lots of searching time for all individual users. The second is Teamwork; the Teamcenter facilitate collaboration to enables global teams to communicate easily and visually, contact suppliers earlier, and improve the change process to let decision makers make right decisions faster. Teamcenter is a product lifecycle management tool, so manageability is absolutely one of the benefits. Compared to other PLM software systems in the market, Teamcenter is the only system that offers solutions from product planning all the way to retirement. Its end to end solution can help users manage changes acrossing lifecycle. As mentioned earlier, Teamcenter is the most widely used PLM software in the world, which means there are higher probabilities to achieve collaboration between companies by using the same PLM software. In addition, communication between users, development and innovation in Teamcenter itself will be easier to accomplish.

Teamcenter has two tiers: A Rich client tier and a thin client tier. The Thin client is web-based and without the application of computer terminals in the system. The Rich client is installed in the user's machinery. Usually, the Rich client is used by authors and administrators who have access to manage design, create data, and maintain process. The Thin client users are consumers and suppliers who are only

needed to view data. In this research, as an administrator, Teamcenter Rich client interface are being used.

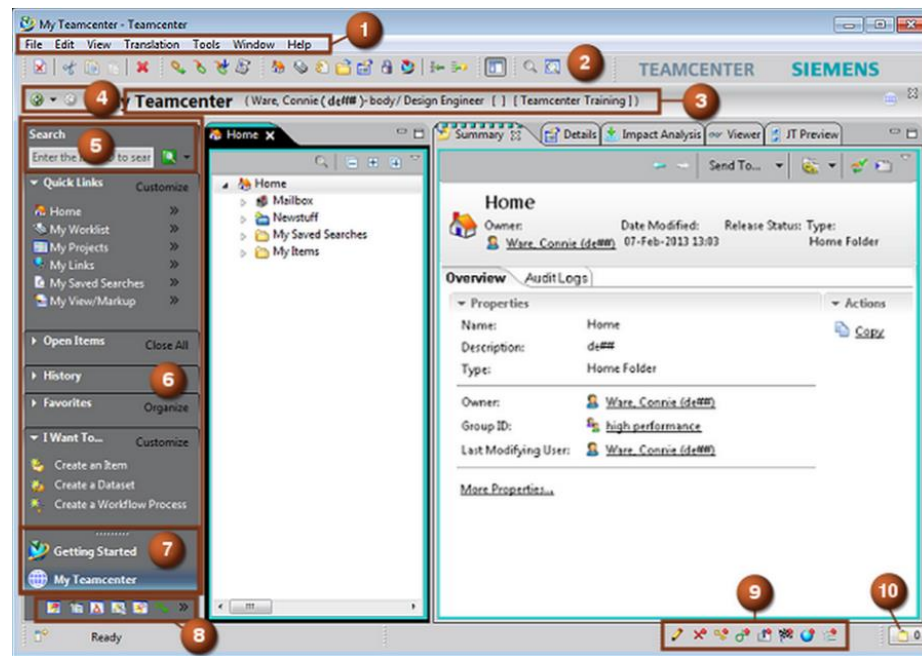


Figure 2.4. Teamcenter rich client interface [36]

Siemens PLM Corporation provided a detailed list of Teamcenter capability. It included design and simulation management, document and content management, BOM management, PLM process execution, requirement management, service life-cycle management, manufacturing management, supplier integration, product cost management, environment compliance and product sustainability, and Systems Engineering. The emphasis of this thesis is using the systems engineering application in Teamcenter to implement and accomplish a PBSE model and establish its platform.

Teamcenter is the first PLM solution to integrate systems engineering within an entire product lifecycle. It provides a close loop systems engineering environment. The systems engineering environment employs systems engineering methodology to allow an engineer to establish systems requirement, then define and validate all component and subsystems in the context of the entire system's lifecycle. The benefit is

that products meet customers' value satisfaction and understand the entire impact of design decisions in the early stages of the lifecycle.

In order to access systems engineering application module, in the Teamcenter interface, navigation pane options allow the users to select systems engineering applications in primary or secondary application window.

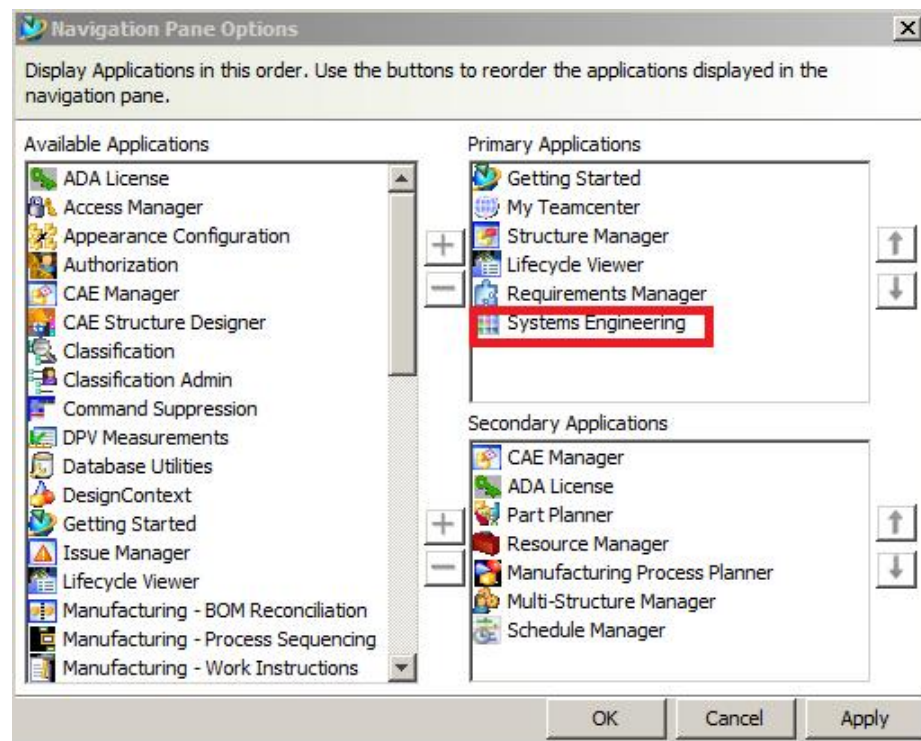


Figure 2.5. Teamcenter systems engineering in navigation pane [36]

After selecting the systems engineering application in the Primary Application, the systems engineering icon is shown in Figure 2.6 which is the primary application tab .

In addition, the most important reason for us to choose Teamcenter is because Teamcenter systems engineering is the most relevant application to Systematica methodology, models, and patterns. This application allows a system engineer to view and manage physical, logical, functional, and requirement statement hierarchies and trace relationships between them.

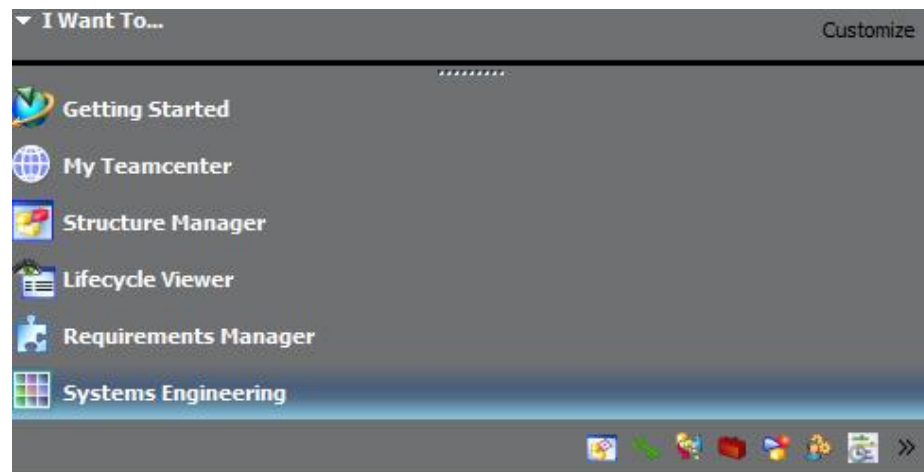


Figure 2.6. Teamcenter primary applications of systems engineering [36]

### 3. IMPLEMENTATION AND DEMONSTRATION

#### 3.1 Research Approach

The methodology followed in this research consists of three steps: mapping; implementation; and specialization. This is illustrated in Figure 3.1. The first step was the mapping process from Systematica Metamodel to Teamcenter Schema in BMIDE. The second step was the implementation process in Teamcenter interface. The last step was the specialization and configuration by using the S\*Pattern in oil filter end seal compression manufacturing process.

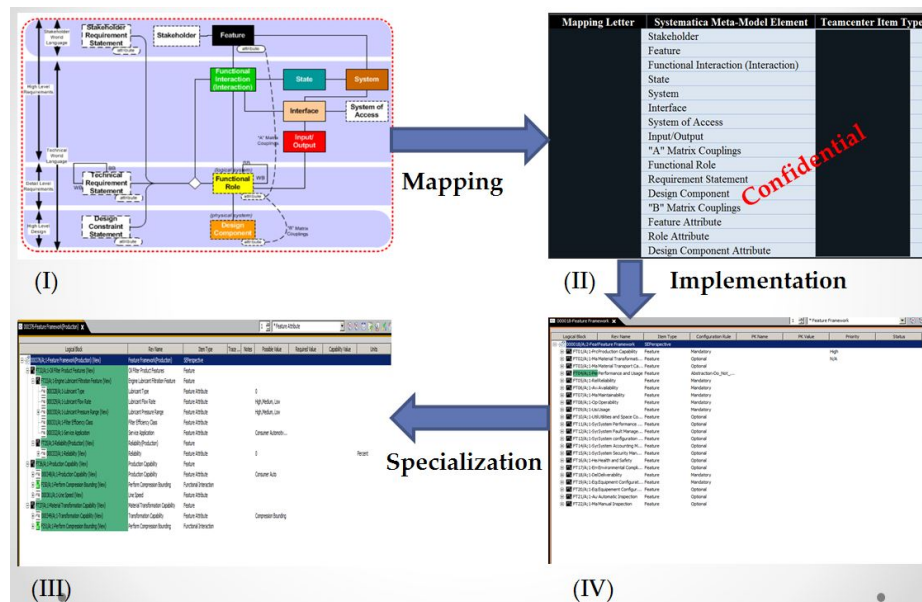


Figure 3.1. Research process approach (I) The S\* Pattern compatible with S\* Metamodel (II) Mapping documental of S\* Metamodel to Teamcenter schema (columns are hidden due to confidentiality) (III) Sample implementation of S\* Metamodel in Teamcenter interface (IV) Configured S\* Pattern of oil filter end seal compression research.



### 3.2 Mapping in BMIDE

Teamcenter was chosen in this research because of its capabilities. Teamcenter systems engineering is the most relevant application to Systematica models and patterns. This application is allowed a system engineer's view to manage physical, logical, functional, and requirement statement hierarchies and trace relationship between them. Before doing schema configuration in Teamcenter systems engineering, it is necessary to use BMIDE interface to define data model objects (business object, classes, properties etc.). Those data model objects are based on S\* Metamodel elements mapping to Teamcenter. The first version of the mapping document [37] was summarized by the following graph; due to the confidential agreement with the industrial sponsor of this research, some information has been removed/protected.

Mapping Letter	Systematica Meta-Model Element	Teamcenter Item Type
	Stakeholder	
	Feature	
	Functional Interaction (Interaction)	
	State	
	System	
	Interface	
	System of Access	
	Input/Output	
	"A" Matrix Couplings	
	Functional Role	
	Requirement Statement	
	Design Component	
	"B" Matrix Couplings	
	Feature Attribute	
	Role Attribute	
	Design Component Attribute	

Figure 3.2. Mapping documental of S\* Metamodel to Teamcenter schema (columns are hidden due to confidentiality)

In this mapping document, the main design choices include: mapping most systematica classes to specialized classes in Teamcenter Logical Block item type, mapping most systematica relationships to Teamcenter structural relationships, mapping Systematica classes of different attributes (Feature Attribute, Role Attribute, and

Physical System Attribute) to specialized item and attaching requirement statement content into Requirement Attribute Table.

Business objects are fundamental objects to represent product parts, documents, change process, and so on. Item, Item Revision, Dataset, Folder and Form are used in business objects frequently. A basic structure of an “Item” object consists of item master, item revision, views and other object forms, an “Item Revisions” uses to manage a specific revision of an item. The “Item” object was used in this research to represent systems engineering logical blocks, processes, requirements and similar concepts. As shown in the figure below, the “Fnd0SEBlock” object was attached under “Item” to represent systems engineering logical blocks. Logical blocks, which were created to define abstract physical architectures for implementing system functions, represent solution components. In this research, the logical block was the most appropriate object to represent S\* Metamodel items.

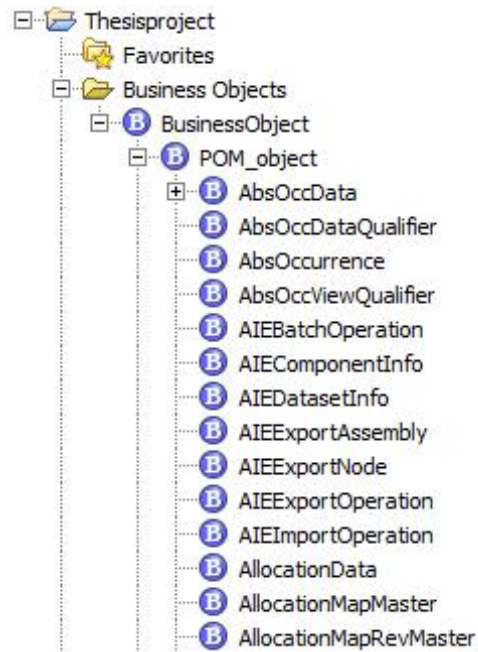


Figure 3.3. Business objects in BMIDE view

Once the mapping document that contains specialized item types, specialized relationship types, and the mapping methods were prepared for Systematica Schema

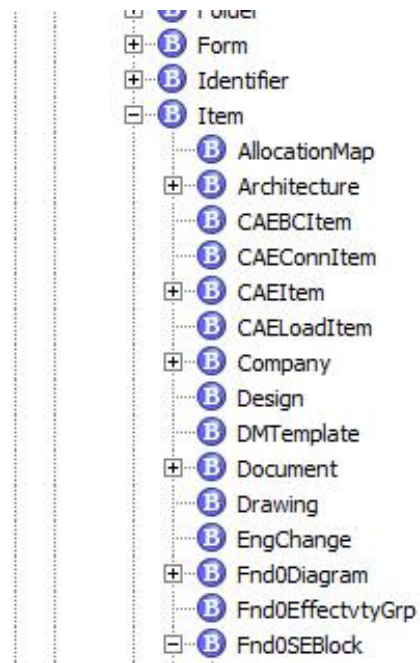


Figure 3.4. The Item business object in BMIDE view

configuration, creating a new BMIDE project template was the first step to configure Teamcenter schema.

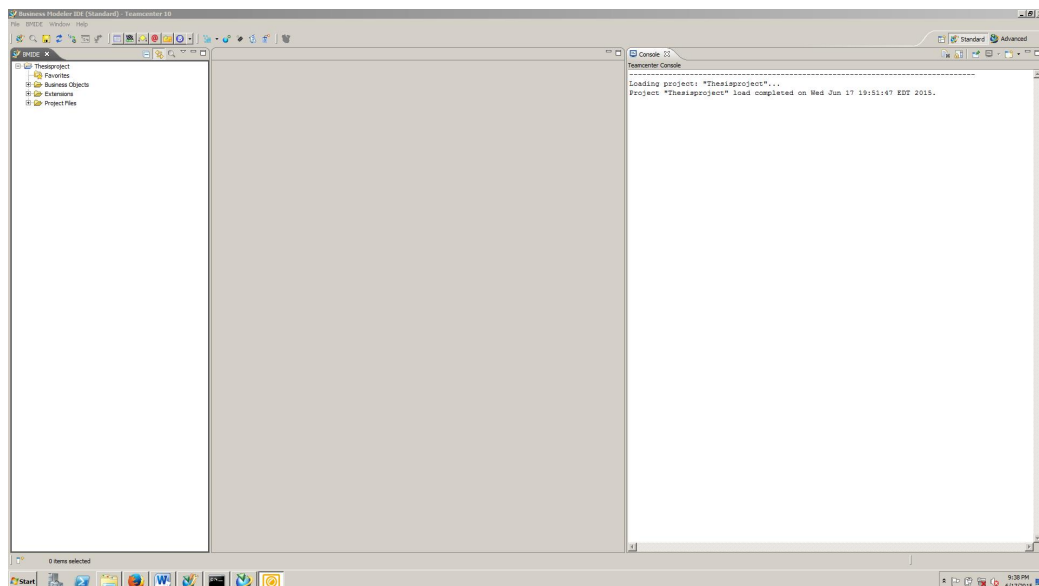


Figure 3.5. Business Modeler IDE interface

In the BMIDE interface, Selecting File, New, and New BMIDE Template Project, it allows users to create a BMIDE Template Project to organize all extensions according to the Teamcenter Data Model, Behavior and Rules. The BMIDE Template Project provides a template environment for users to organize XML files in folders instead of coding XML files, and packaging template for deployment.

The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "New BMIDE Template Project". The main heading is "New Business Modeler IDE Template Project" and the subtitle is "Create a BMIDE Template project to organize all your extensions according to the Teamcenter Data Model, Behavior and Rules." The form contains the following fields and controls:

- Project name:** A text input field with a red asterisk.
- Template name:** A text input field with a red asterisk.
- Template display name:** A text input field with a red asterisk.
- Template description:** A large text area with a red asterisk.
- Prefix:** A text input field with a red asterisk.
- Dependent templates directory:** A text input field with a red asterisk, containing the path "C:\Program Files\Siemens\Teamcenter\bmide\templates". A "Browse..." button is to its right.
- Use default location:** A checked checkbox.
- Location:** A text input field containing "C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop\Learning Advantage". A "Browse..." button is to its right.

At the bottom of the dialog, there are four buttons: "< Back", "Next >", "Finish", and "Cancel".

Figure 3.6. New Business Modeler IDE template project creation window

The project name is chosen by users. Template name and template display name are default to the project name. Template description will appear in Teamcenter

environment manager for reviewing and understanding. Prefix is a unique naming to distinguish with other projects.

In the next step, BMIDE also allows users to select a dependent template, choose a language from a list in Locals Selector, write a code in Code Generation Information if needed, make setting in the Build Configuration Information, and make setting in the Service Bindings Configuration Information. A new BMIDE template will be generated once all the information is finished.

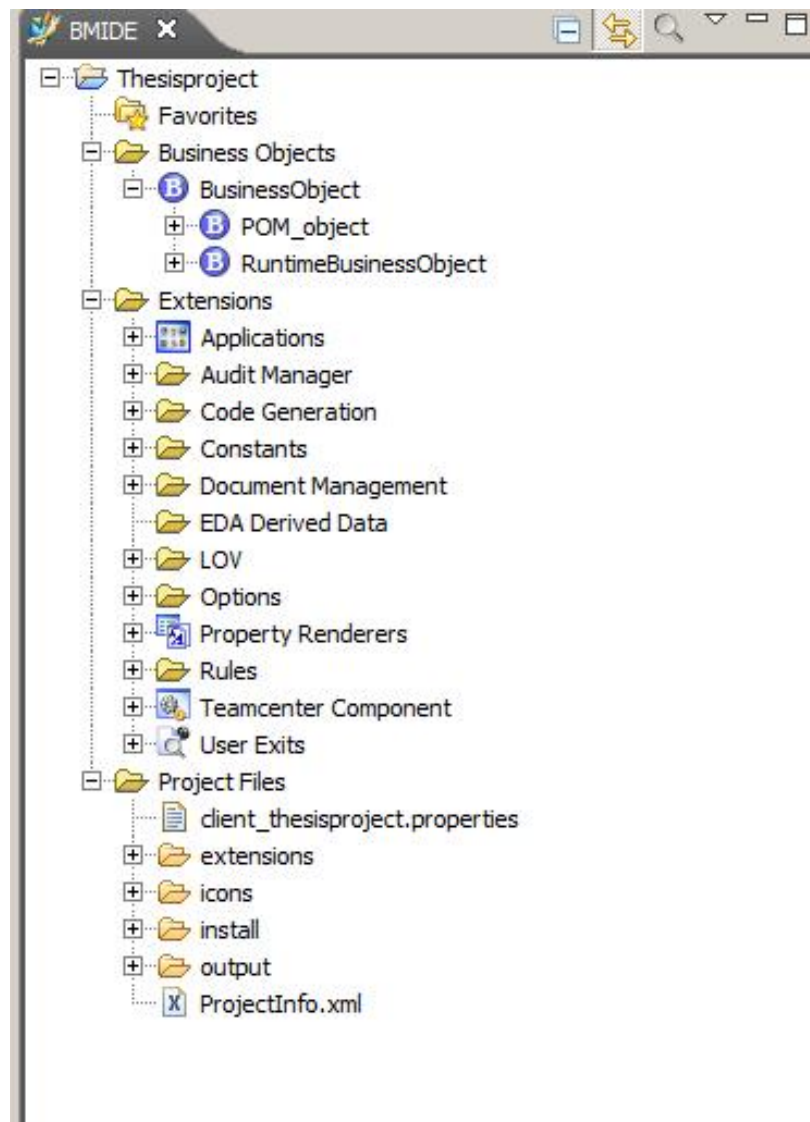


Figure 3.7. View of “Thesisproject” template project

In this research, this template was called “Thesisproject” with a certain prefix had been created. As mentioned earlier in the mapping document, most of the specialized item types will be constructed under a specific item type. That specific item type will be used as a “Father” COTS object for specialized item types.

In order to better control specialized items without affecting Teamcenter COTs items, two higher level object groups were created based on different characteristics of objects: one was created to manage and organize systems engineering specialized items and another one was created to represent requirement statements and needs. By creating higher level object groups, it is easier to add common property or value for all specialized items.

In Teamcenter, relationships are also defined in business objects. “ImanRelation” is the object to manage and organize relationships between business objects. One specialized relationship type called “trace link” was created to represent relationships in hierarchies. For example, features in systems engineering model were created based on stakeholders needs, A “Need” object is the source of a “Feature” object.

In BMIDE interface, in order to create a new business object, it is necessary to understand the upper level object, which is also called “Father” object, for that new created object. Understanding upper level object is not only for creating hierarchies, but also hesitating properties and values. For example, in this research, most of the specialized objects were created under a certain item type; the two higher level object groups were also created under that specific item type; all the properties and values existed in COTs business object automatically comply with that two higher level object groups. In addition, it is easy to show the relationship between different levels. After figuring out the relationship between different levels, it is ready to create a new business object under the “Father” object. The figure below showed the window of creating a new business object.

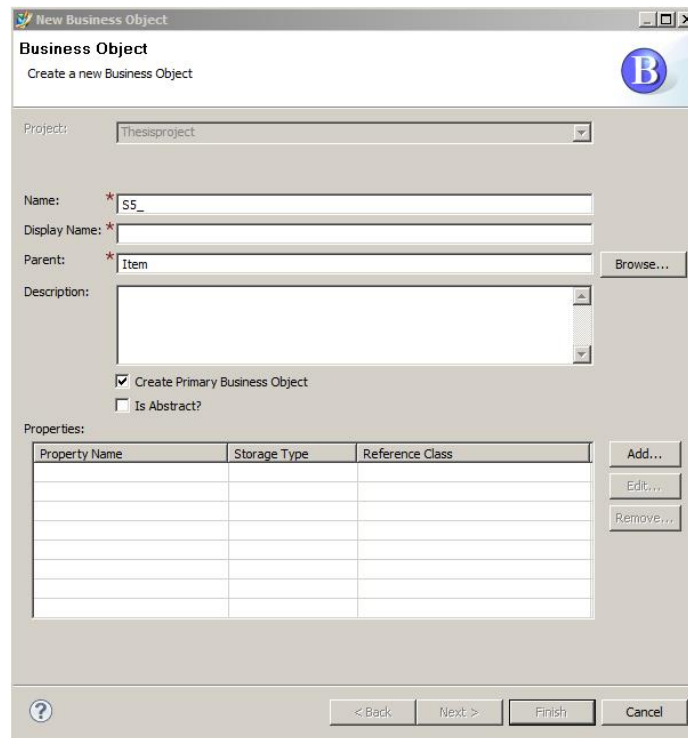


Figure 3.8. New business object creating window

After creating a new business object, a new business class that contains a small letter “c” showed in BMIDE view. The two figures below showed editor views of sample specialized items which are “Feature” and “FeatureRevision”. In the object editor view window, all the characteristics of the new business object are demonstrated. From the two figures, feature editor window and feature revision editor window look similar. Project name, display name, parent class, item revision, and object icon appeared in both main tabs. All the properties details were shown in property interface which allow users to create new properties.

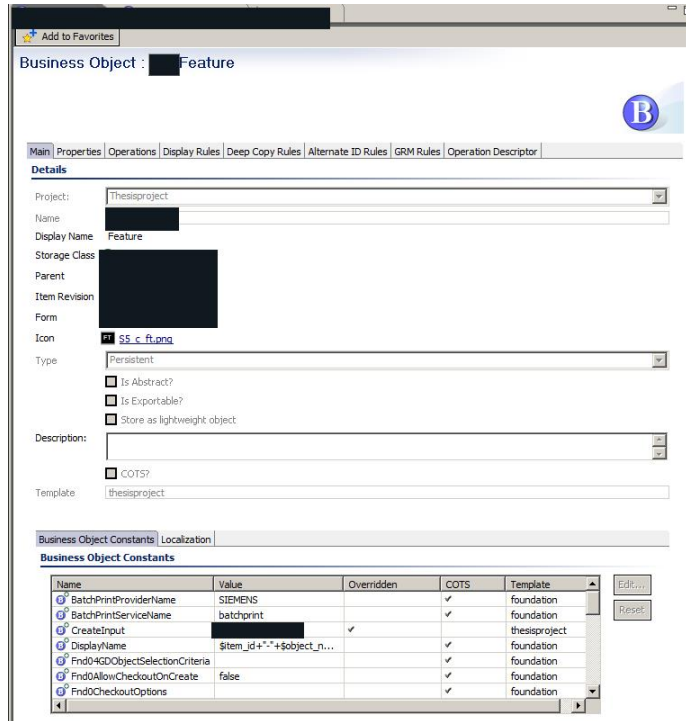


Figure 3.9. Sample business object Feature view (contents are hidden due to confidentiality)

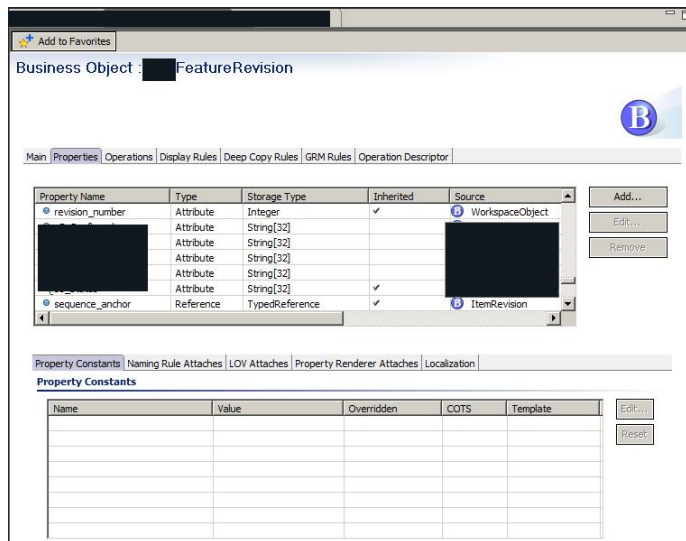


Figure 3.10. Sample business object FeatureRevision view (contents are hidden due to confidentiality)



The “ItemRevision” manages the specific revision instance of an item. In order to have properties show in Teamcenter BOM view, all the properties should be added in “ItemRevision” property window. In the “ItemRevision” window, the add button was on the right side of the property table which enables users to create new properties. A property window showed up and contained a few property types by clicking the add button. In this research, persistent properties were selected in property types to use in Systematica Metamodel elements. The figures showed the procedure to create a new persistent property in BMIDE.

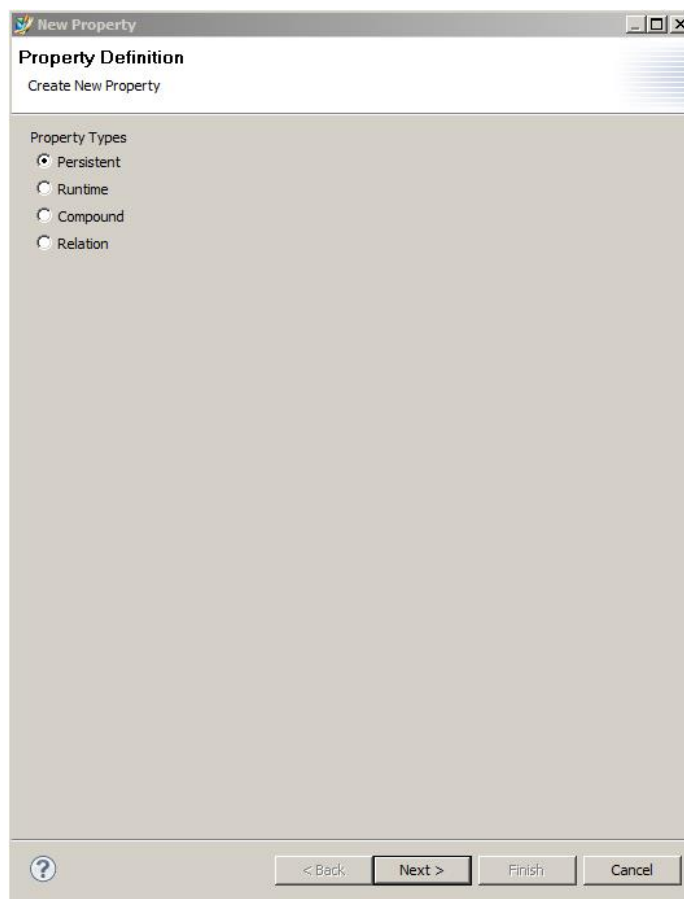


Figure 3.11. Creating a new property in a business object

The screenshot shows a 'New Property' dialog box with the following fields and options:

- Name:** \* s5\_
- Display Name:** \*
- Description:**
- Attribute Type:** String
- String Length:** \* 32
- Reference Business Object:** [Empty] [Browse]
- Set Initial Value to NULL?
- Initial Value:**
- Lower Bound:**
- Upper Bound:**
- Array Keys:**
  - Array?
  - Unlimited MaxLength: [Empty]
- Keys:**
  - Transient?  Nulls Allowed?  Unique?
  - Candidate Key?  Export As String?  Follow on Export?
  - No Backpointer?  Public Read?  Public Write?

At the bottom, there are navigation buttons: < Back, Next >, Finish, and Cancel.

Figure 3.12. Creating a new persistent property in a business object

The specialized items, modeled class display name, properties created in each object, properties' display names, and attribute types of each property were summarized in the research.

Since many specialized items were created in BMIDE, providing a visual distinction of each item is necessary. In this case, adding icons for different specialized items enable diversity appearance in Teamcenter. In the view of project template, the icons folder is underneath the "Project Files". Administrators or users are able to insert and store defined customer icons' photos in this folder. Going back to specific business object editor views enable to change icons by selecting defined customer icons figure from icons folder instead of using default icons. The Figures 3.14 and 3.15

were examples of a changed feature icon and a changed feature revision icon. In this research, a black color background and an acronym was used to represent feature and feature revision; a green color background and an acronym was created to represent Interaction and Interaction revision; a yellow color background and an acronym represented logical system and logical system revision.

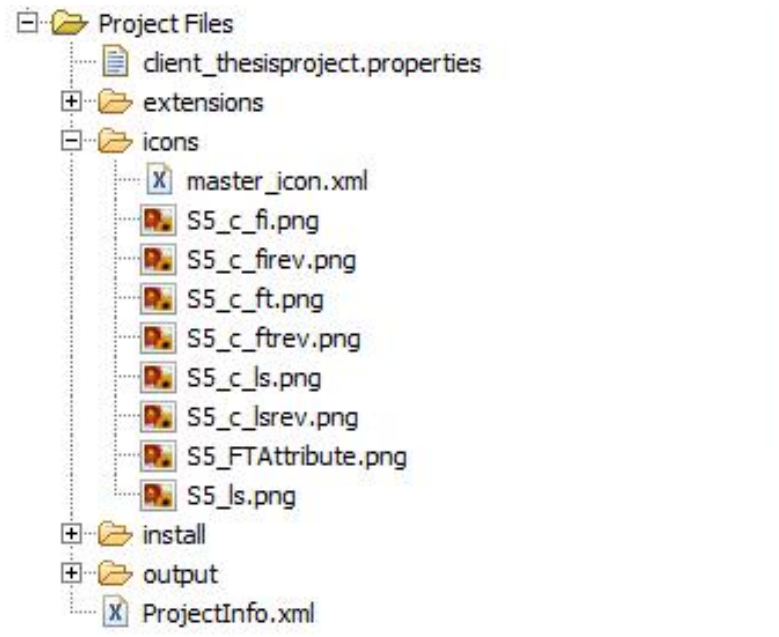


Figure 3.13. Icons creating in project files

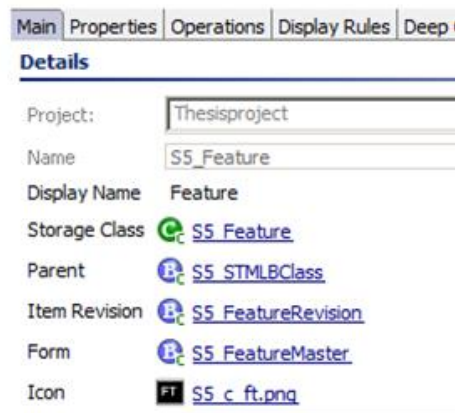


Figure 3.14. Changed icon in business object “Feature” view

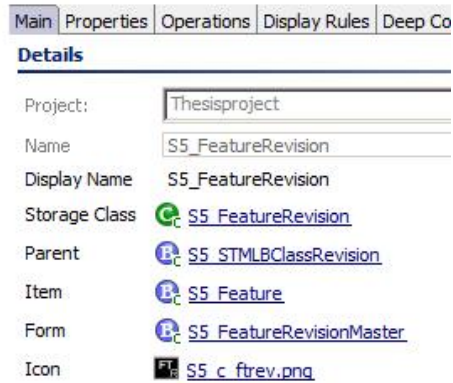


Figure 3.15. Changed icon in business object “FeatureRevision” view

An icon is a good way to distinguish different objects. In addition, naming rule is another capability to organize those diversity business objects in Teamcenter view. Naming rules consist of a rule patter and a counter to define the data entry format for a business object property. Underneath the “Extensions” folder, “Naming Rule” folder enables users to create a new naming rule.

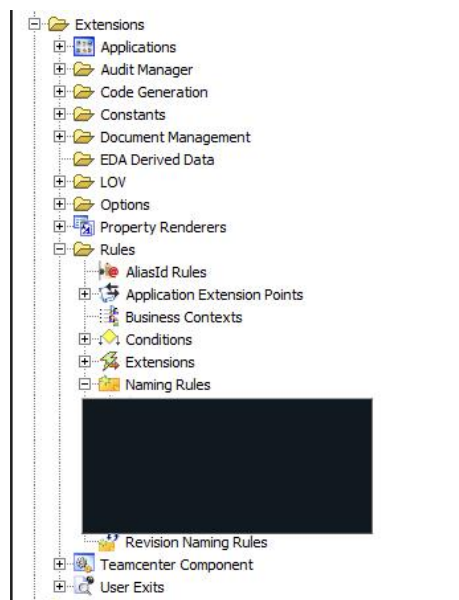


Figure 3.16. Naming rule created in rules folder (contents are hidden due to confidentiality)

In the naming rule window, pattern, initial value, maximum value, and description are able to be added in a “add naming rule pattern” window. Once a naming rule is created, it is necessary to attach it in the correspondent business object property. An example below shows a feature naming rule created in BMIDE.

**Naming Rule : S5\_Feature**

**Details**

Project:

Name:

Patterns:

Pattern	InitialValue	MaximumValue	Description
A&nn	FT01	FT99	

COTS?

Template:

**Naming Rule Attachments**

Business Object.Property	Condition	Inherited	Overridden?	COTS	Template
S5_Feature.item_id	isTrue				thesisproject

Figure 3.17. The view of sample naming rule in business object feature

The summary of Icon name within specialized objects and details about naming rules, pattern, initial value, and maximum value were create in research. In order to provide a convenient environment for end users, Lists of values (LOVs) is a concrete capability for end users to pick a list of defined values which are displayed in the Teamcenter data entry box. BMIDE enables users to create three different types of LOVs which are Batch LOV, Classis LOV, and Dynamic LOV. In this research, a classic LOV was created due to its string type. The figures are details creating procedures of a classic LOVs in BMIDE.

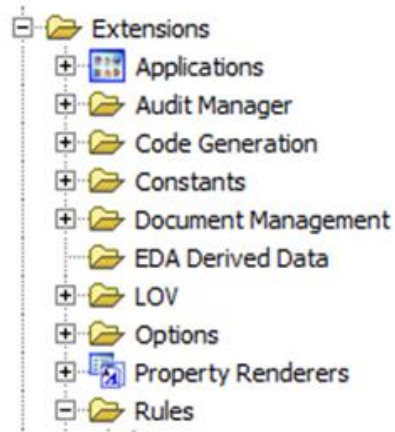


Figure 3.18. List of values folder in BMIDE view

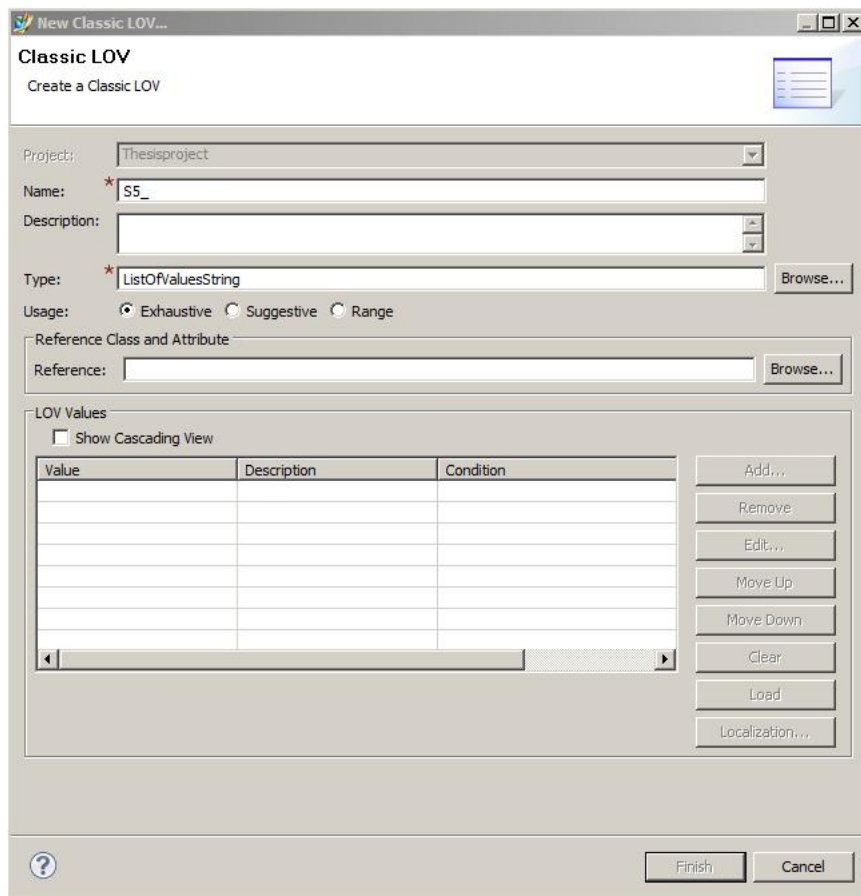


Figure 3.19. Creating a new classic list of Values window

The figure below is an example of a created custom LOV. The table in the middle of the dialog box was the place to create customer defined values which will appear in a data entry box for picking. Once finished building a picking list, it is necessary to attach these LOVs into a business object property.

**LOV** [Redacted]

**Details**

Project: Thesisproject

Name: SS\_ConfigRule

Description: [Redacted]

Type: ListOfValuesString

Usage:  Exhaustive  Suggestive  Range

LOV Value Management:  Enter values using BMIDE and store values in my template  Supply values directly to Teamcenter database using "bmidc\_manage\_batch\_lovs" command line utility

Reference: [Redacted]

Show Cascading View

Value	Description	Condition	COTS	Template
[Redacted]	[Redacted]	isTrue		thesisproject
[Redacted]	[Redacted]	isTrue		thesisproject
[Redacted]	[Redacted]	isTrue		thesisproject

COTS?

Template: thesisproject

**LOV Attachments**

Business Object.Property(Property)	Condition	Inherited	Override	COTS	Ter
[Redacted]	isTrue				the

Figure 3.20. LOVs view of a sample property (contents are hidden due to confidentiality)

After created the project template, constructing business objects, adding properties, and defining icons, list of values, and naming rules. The last step to finish BMIDE

was to implement custom properties which appear in Teamcenter BOM columns (the explanation of BOM view columns will be illustrated later). There are a few requirements that have to be done to add custom properties in BOM columns in order to display in Teamcenter Structure Manager or system engineering application, such as: customer business objects must be created under the “ItemRevision” objects and customs properties must be added to those customer business objects.

The first step to add custom properties in BOM columns was enabling Global Constants Editor. On the menu bar, choose Global Constants Editor in BMIDE Editors, Global Constants provides consistent definitions which have either default values or custom values used throughout the system. The constant was selected in “Fnd0BOMLineRevCongifProps”. From the name of this constant, it is easy to tell that this constant is used for adding properties from item revision types

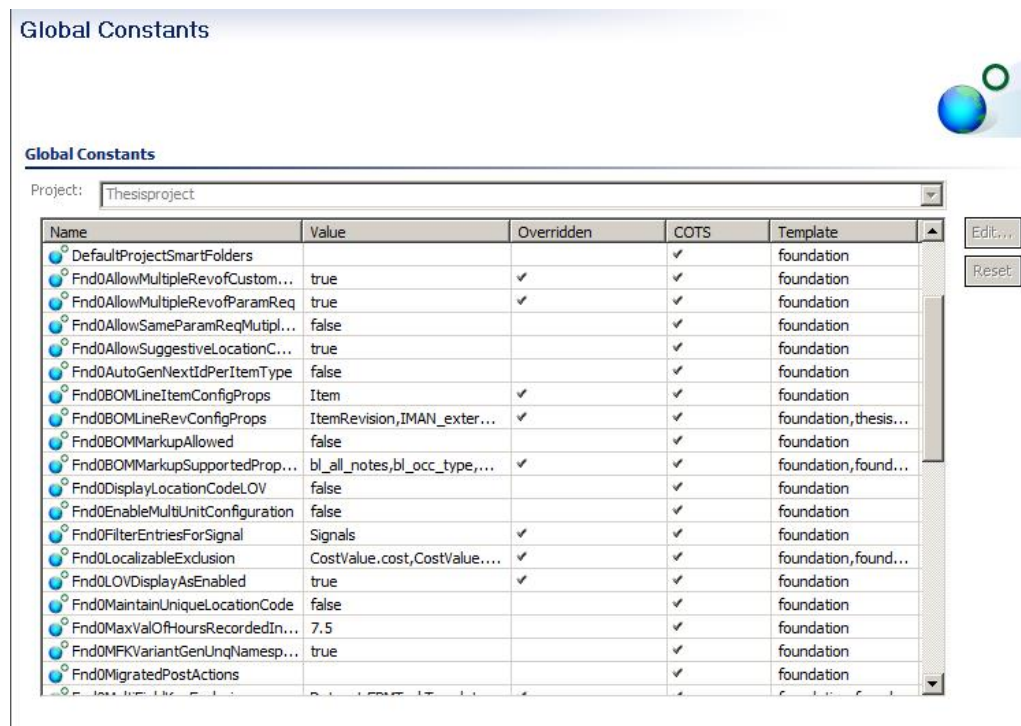


Figure 3.21. The global constant window



When this constant had been selected and edited, a dialog box “Modify Global Constant” showed on the screen to enable adding those customer objects revision, which contains custom properties, by click “add button”.

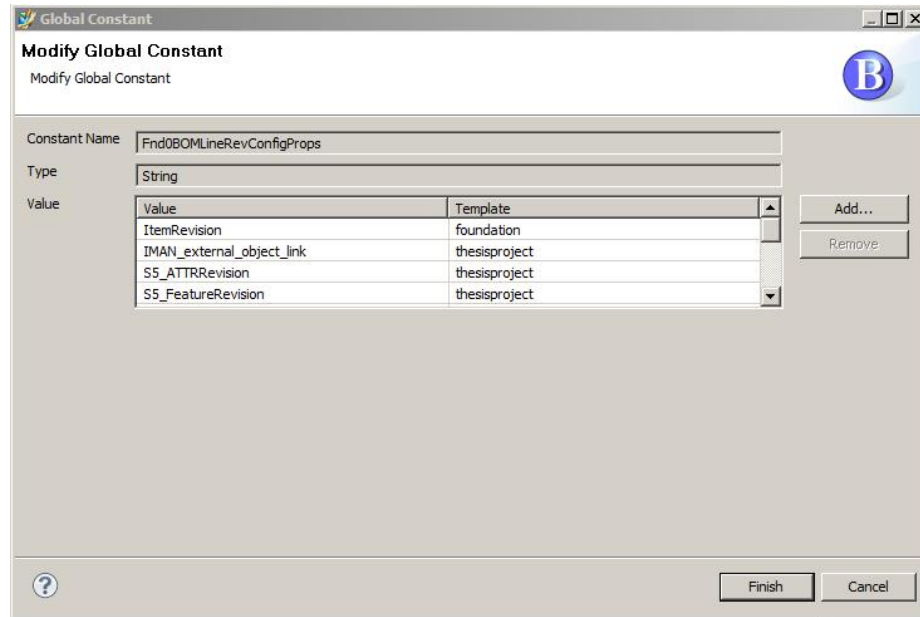


Figure 3.22. Added business object revisions in modify global constant window

In the BMIDE training document, it mentioned “When you create a new constant, you must also add the code on the server to return the constant’s value to the caller, so the caller can branch the business logic based on the returned value [38]”. In this case, reload data had to be done before using BOMLine. In the BOMLine dialog box, new property names appeared in BOM columns starting with bi allow users to edit their display name for using in BOM view in Teamcenter.

Business Object : BOMLine



Main Properties Operations

Property Name	Type	Storage Type	Inherited	Source
bl_S5_InteractionRevisi...	Configured ...	String[32]		B BOMLine
bl_S5_InteractionRevisi...	Configured ...	String[200]		B BOMLine
bl_S5_LogicalSystemRe...	Configured ...	String[32]		B BOMLine
bl_S5_LogicalSystemRe...	Configured ...	String[32]		B BOMLine
bl_S5_LogicalSystemRe...	Configured ...	String[32]		B BOMLine
bl_S5_LogicalSystemRe...	Configured ...	String[32]		B BOMLine
bl_S5_RATTRevision_s...	Configured ...	String[32]		B BOMLine

Add...  
 Edit...  
 Remove

Property Constants Naming Rule Attaches LOV Attaches Property Renderer Attaches Localization

Property Constants

Name	Value	Overridden	COTS	Template

Edit...  
 Reset

Figure 3.23. Modified properties in “BOMLine” view

### 3.3 Implementation of General Production Pattern

The objective of this research was to implement the trace of Feature-Interaction-Functional Roles-Design Component from General Production Pattern [39] based on S\* Metamodel into Teamcenter Systems Engineering. In the Teamcenter Systems Engineering interface (Figure 3.24), several folders were created to store different specialized items for better organization. The steps to create a folder in Teamcenter rich client interface included New, Meum, and Folder.

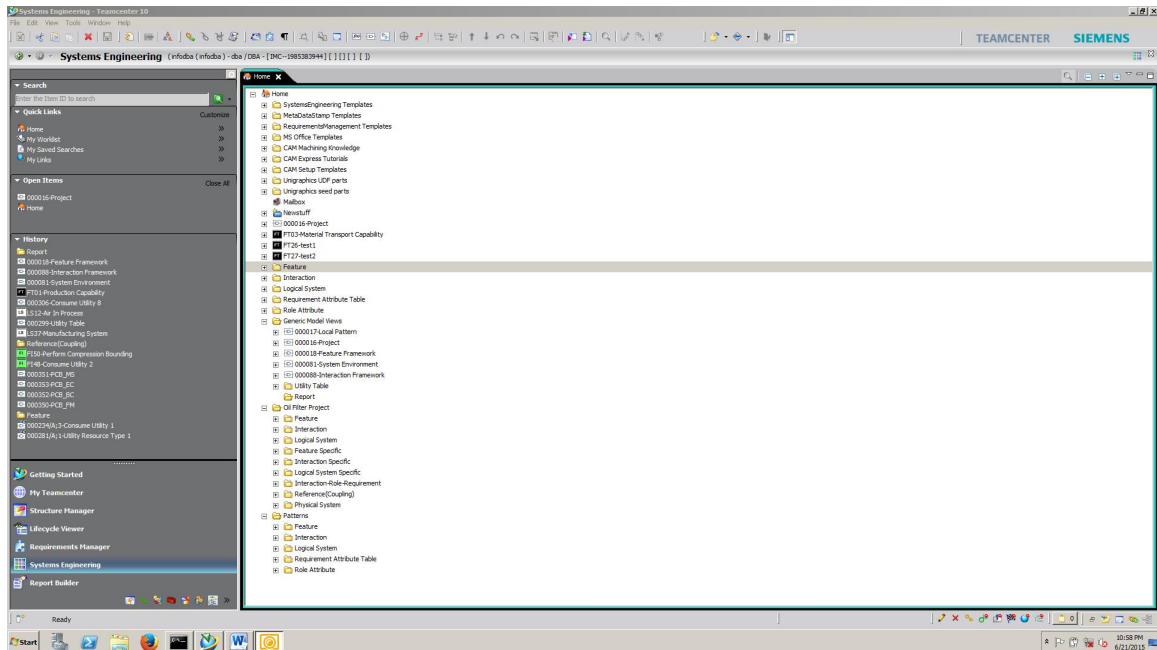


Figure 3.24. Teamcenter systems engineering interface

Currently, Feature, Interaction, Logical Systems, Requirement Attribute Table (include Attribute Table Row and Requirement Relationship), and Role Attribute folders that contain correspondent items under a Patterns folder were created. In addition, Generic Model Views folder had been created to collect BOM structure diagrams.

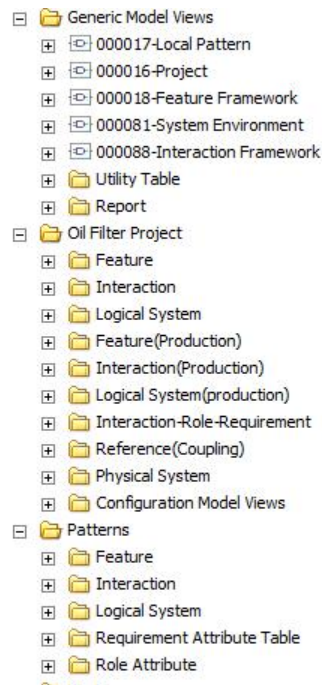


Figure 3.25. Created folders for project data management

An Item is a structure of related objects that represents products, parts, components, or systems engineering logical blocks. Items or item revisions as the fundamental data objects are used to manage information in Teamcenter. Items are able to contain other data objects which include items and folders. In this research, we mapped all specialized S\* Metamodel elements into items in Teamcenter platform. In this case, creating either an S\* Metamodel element or an item in Teamcenter are similar. When clicked “Item” in the “New” tab, the following dialog box had been shown. In this dialog box, the users allowed to pick a default or customer defined item type. The mapping in BMIDE enabled to select those specialized S\* Metamodel elements as customer defined items in this window.

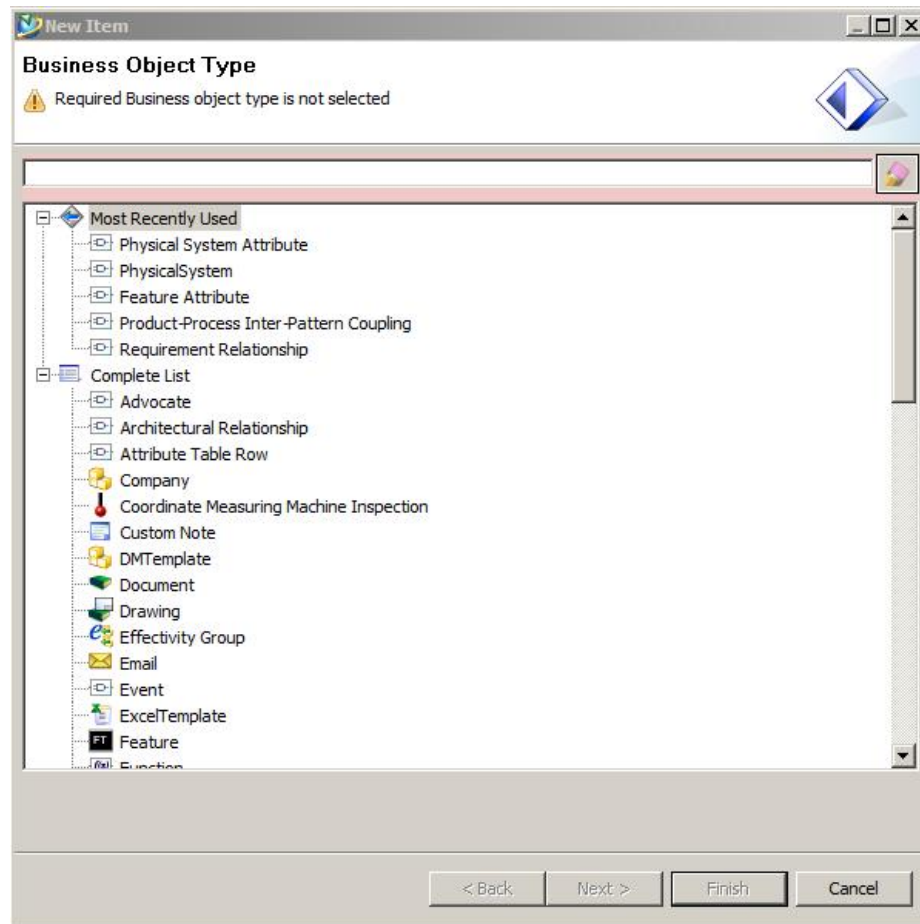


Figure 3.26. Creating a new business object window

This is an example of creating an S\* Metamodel element “Feature” in general production pattern feature folder. Once created this feature item in Teamcenter interface, defined icon and naming rule in BMIDE are automatically showed in the dialog box. In addition, the name and description of this item could be defined by users.

The screenshot shows a software window titled "New Item" with a subtitle "Object Create Information" and a sub-subtitle "Define business object create information". The main content area is titled "Feature" and has a "General" tab. It contains the following fields and controls:

- Description:** A large text area with scrollbars.
- ID:** A text box containing "A&nn" and a dropdown arrow, with an "Assign" button to its right.
- Name: \*** A text box.
- Unit of Measure:** A dropdown menu.
- Open On Create:** A checkbox.
- Navigation:** Buttons for "< Back", "Next >", "Finish", and "Cancel" at the bottom.

Figure 3.27. Creating a sample Systematica class in new business object information defining window

A set of features, interactions, and logical systems included in S\* Metamodel elements were created in folders, these features, interactions, and logical systems were summarized by general production pattern. In this case, features were general descriptions of stakeholders needs in a production, and interactions and logical systems were summarized based on features. Because of successful configuration in BMIDE, Features, Interactions, and Logical Systems all carried special icons and sequence IDs.



Figure 3.28. Created feature items in feature folder

- [-] Interaction
  - [+] FI F103-Consume Utility
  - [+] FI F104-Control Operation
  - [+] FI F105-Coordinate Production
  - [+] FI F106-Deliver System
  - [+] FI F107-Detect Faults
  - [+] FI F108-Maintain System
  - [+] FI F109-Manage Configuration Data
  - [+] FI F110-Manage Electronic Access
  - [+] FI F111-Manage Fault and Maintenance Data and Alarms
  - [+] FI F112-Manage Maintenance Safety Procedures
  - [+] FI F113-Manage Physical Access
  - [+] FI F114-Manage Safety Procedures and Interlocks
  - [+] FI F115-Manage Security Data
  - [+] FI F116-Monitor Operation Performance
  - [+] FI F117-Monitor Product Quality
  - [+] FI F118-Operate System
  - [+] FI F119-Perform Configuration Procedures
  - [+] FI F120-Perform Maintenance Procedures
  - [+] FI F121-Protect
  - [+] FI F122-Provide Interface
  - [+] FI F123-Remove Scrap
  - [+] FI F124-Remove System
  - [+] FI F125-Secure System
  - [+] FI F126-Stage Material
  - [+] FI F127-Transform Material
  - [+] FI F102-Configure System
  - [+] FI F132-Account For System
  - [+] FI F128-Transport Material

Figure 3.29. Created functional interaction items in functional interaction folder



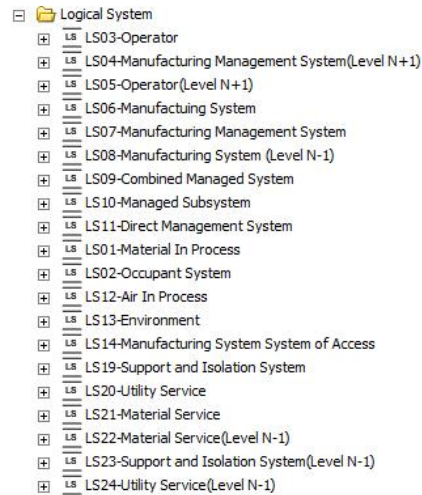


Figure 3.30. Created logical system items in logical systems folder

In this general production pattern, several “SEPerspective” items were created to represent logical models in S\* Metamodel which store and manage a set of correspondent logical blocks. In the Teamcenter Systems Engineering application, many views were included, for example: logical block view, function view, and requirement view. A created logical model can be displayed in a Logical Block view automatically or a Structure Manager to create, view, and modify a BOM view. The advantages of using Logical Block views are: performing design solution alternatives, building logical decompositions, and building diagram logical decompositions.

The following graphs are “Feature Framework” contains all the “Feature” logical blocks, “Interaction Framework” contains all the “Functional Interactions”, “logical blocks”, and “Systems Environment” contains all the “Logical System” logical blocks. Each view represents a class in Systematica Metamodel.

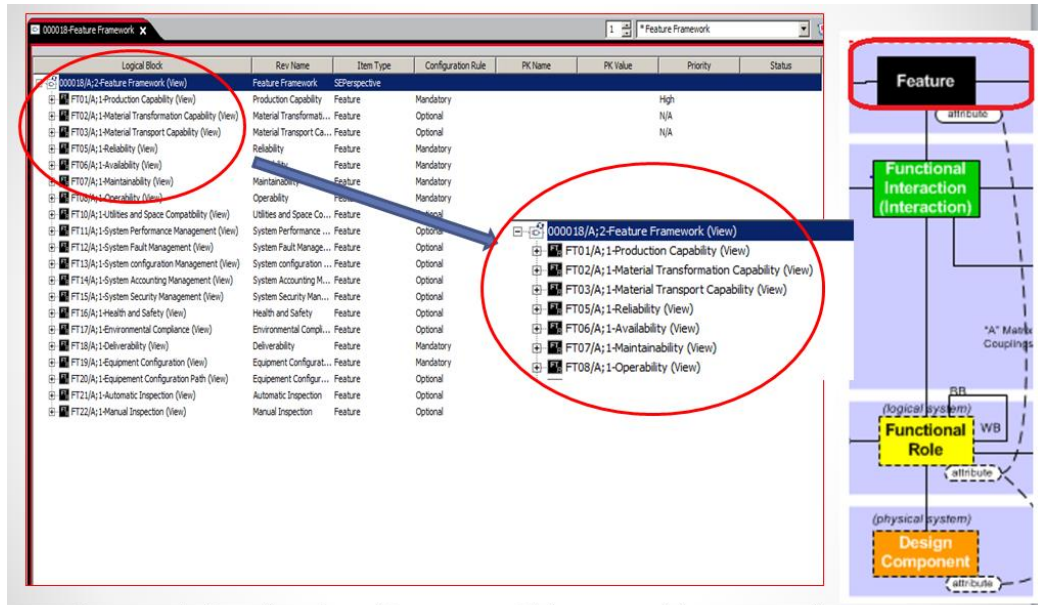


Figure 3.31. Feature framework in BOM view

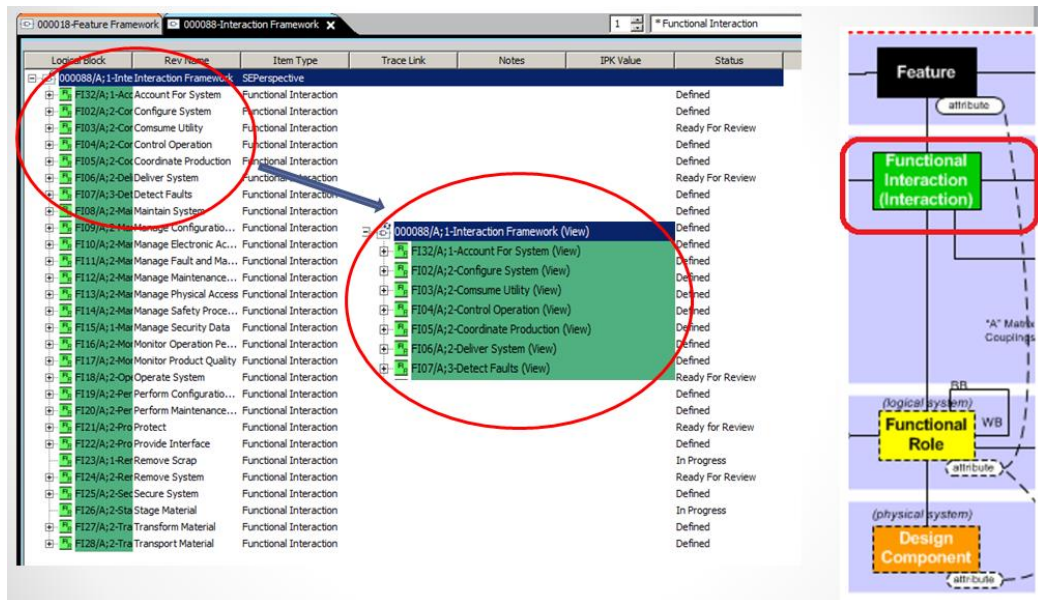


Figure 3.32. Interaction framework in BOM view

Logical Block	Rev Name	Item Type	Trace ...	Notes	Domain Diagram	Logical Architecture ...	Status
000081/A;1-System Environment (View)	System Environment	SEPerspective					
LS01/A;1-Material In Process	Material In Process	Logical System	X			N/A	Defined
LS02/A;1-Occupant System	Occupant System	Logical System	X			N/A	Defined
LS03/A;1-Operator	Operator	Logical System				N/A	Defined
LS04/A;1-Manufacturing Management System (Level N+1)	Manufacturing Manag...	Logical System	X			N/A	Defined
LS05/A;1-Operator (Level N+1)	Operator (Level N+1)	Logical System				N/A	Defined
LS06/A;1-Manufacturing System (View)	Manufacturing Sys...	Logical System	X			x	Defined
LS07/A;1-Manufacturing Management System (View)	Manufacturing Manag...	Logical System				x	Defined
LS08/A;1-Manufacturing System (Level N)	Manufacturing Syste...	Logical System				x	Defined
LS21/A;1-Material Service	Material Service	Logical System					Named
LS24/A;1-Utility Service (Level N-1)	Utility Service (Level N...	Logical System					Named
LS23/A;1-Support and Isolation System	Support and Isolation...	Logical System					Named
LS09/A;1-Combined Managed System	Combined Managed S...	Logical System		N/A		N/A	Defined
LS10/A;1-Managed Subsystem	Managed Subsystem	Logical System		N/A		N/A	Defined
LS11/A;1-Direct Management System	Direct Management S...	Logical System					Defined
LS12/A;1-Air In Process	Air In Process	Logical System					Defined
LS13/A;1-Environment	Environment	Logical System					Defined
LS14/A;1-Manufacturing System System of A	Manufacturing Syste...	Logical System					Defined
LS19/A;1-Support and Isolation System	Support and Isolation...	Logical System					Defined
LS20/A;1-Utility Service (View)	Utility Service	Logical System					Defined
LS22/A;1-Material Service (Level N-1)	Material Service (Leve...	Logical System					Defined

The diagram on the right illustrates a hierarchy: **Feature** (black box) contains a **Functional Interaction (Interaction)** (green box) and a **Functional Role** (yellow box). The **Functional Role** is associated with a **Design Component** (orange box) which is part of a **(physical system)**. The **Functional Role** is also associated with a **WB** (white box) and has an **attribute** (dashed line). The **Functional Interaction** is associated with **"A" Mark Couplings** (dashed line).

Figure 3.33. System environment in BOM view

The column configuration box helps to select a set of saved column configuration list based on different views, and those columns represent customer properties of correspondent objects which defined by administrator in BMIDE. Currently, those columns are used to show both the value of relationships and the property value of classes in the BOM view by switching table display control, which is an explicit and simple way to present. In addition, Teamcenter used tree structures to build relationships between different hierarchies, by expanding or collapsing nodes to view an appropriate data in tree structures. These tree structures shows an explicit up-down structure and made easier for users to trace the changes during processes.

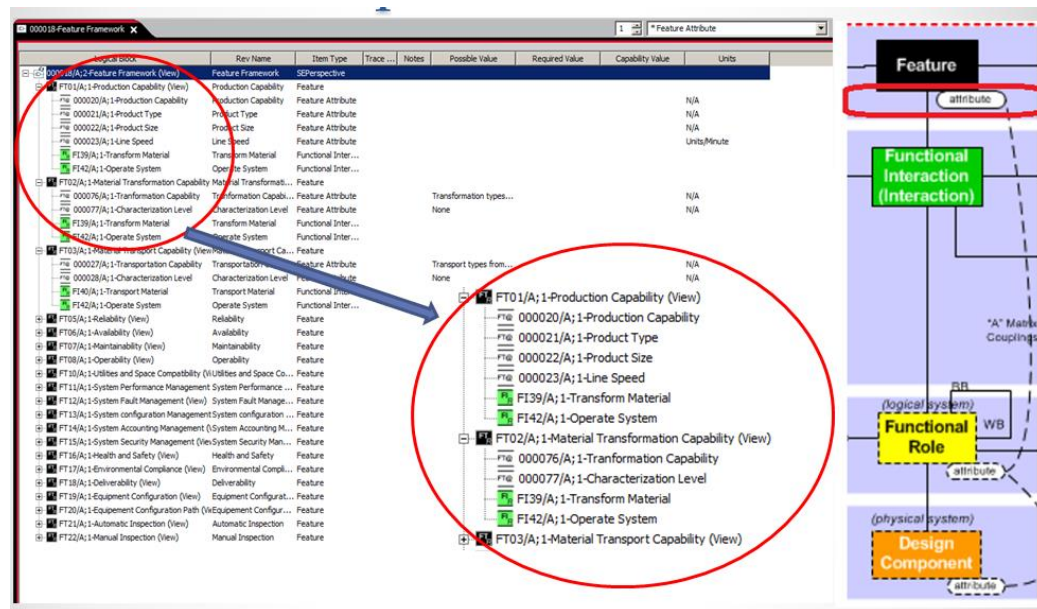


Figure 3.34. Feature attributes and values in properties

The feature attributes were directly created in the lower-level of features, in the BOM view, by accessing column configuration box to show related feature attributes properties. In those three BOM views, there were some invisible relationships connected by trace links among the same hierarchy. Some items are considered as superclass of other classes, the latter is a special case of the former. For example, if vehicle is considered as a superclass and then cars are classes. The mapping in the

BMIDE created a trace link relationship called “IsSuperclassOf” to define this relationship between class and superclass in Teamcenter systems engineering interface. Trace links provide treatabilities between structure elements, and traceability defines one object is precedent than another object. The figure below is an example of trace link report generated from feature BOM view.

Complying Object	Type	Defining Cont...	Complying Co...	Relation Type	Owner	Group ID
FT11-System Performance Management	Feature				infodba (infodba)	dba
System Performance Management-Automatic Inspection				IsSuperclassOf		
System Performance Management-Manual Inspection				IsSuperclassOf		

Figure 3.35. A sample trace link report



Specialized Item Type	Superclass Name	Class Name	Relationship
S5_Feature	Automatic Inspection	System Performance Management	S5_IsSuperclassOf
S5_Feature	Manual Inspection	System Performance Management	S5_IsSuperclassOf
S5_Feature	Usage	Performance and Usage	S5_IsSuperclassOf
S5_Feature	Maintainability	Performance and Usage	S5_IsSuperclassOf
S5_Feature	Reliability	Performance and Usage	S5_IsSuperclassOf
S5_Feature	Operability	Performance and Usage	S5_IsSuperclassOf
S5_Feature	Availability	Performance and Usage	S5_IsSuperclassOf
S5_LogicalSystem	Occupant System	Operator	S5_IsSuperclassOf
S5_LogicalSystem	Occupant System	Operator(Level N+1)	S5_IsSuperclassOf
S5_LogicalSystem	Combined Managed System	Manufacturing System	S5_IsSuperclassOf
S5_LogicalSystem	Direct Management System	Manufacturing Management System	S5_IsSuperclassOf
S5_LogicalSystem	Managed Subsystem	Manufacturing System(Level N+1)	S5_IsSuperclassOf
S5_Interaction	Operate System	Control Operation	S5_IsSuperclassOf
S5_Interaction	Operate System	Coordinate Production	S5_IsSuperclassOf
S5_Interaction	Maintain System	Detect Faults	S5_IsSuperclassOf
S5_Interaction	Configure System	Manage Configuration Data	S5_IsSuperclassOf
S5_Interaction	Secure System	Manage Electronic Access	S5_IsSuperclassOf
S5_Interaction	Maintain System	Manage Fault and Maintenance Data and Alarms	S5_IsSuperclassOf
S5_Interaction	Maintain System	Manage Maintenance Safety Procedures	S5_IsSuperclassOf
S5_Interaction	Operate System	Manage Safety Procedures and Interlocks	S5_IsSuperclassOf
S5_Interaction	Secure System	Manage Security Data	S5_IsSuperclassOf
S5_Interaction	Operate System	Monitor Operation Performance	S5_IsSuperclassOf
S5_Interaction	Operate System	Monitor Operation Quality	S5_IsSuperclassOf
S5_Interaction	Configure System	Perform Configuration Procedures	S5_IsSuperclassOf
S5_Interaction	Maintain System	Perform Maintenance Procedures	S5_IsSuperclassOf
S5_Interaction	Transport Material	Remove Scrap	S5_IsSuperclassOf
S5_Interaction	Transport Material	Stage Material	S5_IsSuperclassOf

Figure 3.36. The overall class and superclass summary

From the S\* Metamodel, each class has relationships with other class. The relationship between feature and feature attribute, feature and interaction, interaction and logical system were created in BOM view. A primary key is a way to designate a unique identification of each record in the table. In the relationship between the two tables, the primary key has been used in one table to refer a specific record from another table. In this research, relationships between S\* Metamodel classes were represented by creating primary keys in BOM views to show inter-connections. The trace from Feature to Physical Systems is a bidirectional relationship. This trace allows systems engineers to select appropriate features based on defined stakeholder needs or requirements, and then all the way to find involved physical systems by using primary keys. Moreover, using the primary key to build connect between different classes, it is easy to trace the relationship from component design to features. For example, most of commercial industries started a project with product designs. In this case, this trace helps engineers to figure out whether their product designs meet re-

quirements from stakeholders or whether consistent or conflict with other engineering departments.

Logical Block	Rev Name	Item Type	Trace Link	Notes	PK
000018/A;2-FealFeature Framework		SEPerspective			
FT01/A;1-PrcProduction Capability		Feature			
FT01/A;1-PrcProduction Capability	000020//Production Capability	Feature Attribute			X
FT01/A;1-PrcProduction Capability	000021//Product Type	Feature Attribute			
FT01/A;1-PrcProduction Capability	000022//Product Size	Feature Attribute			
FT01/A;1-PrcProduction Capability	000023//Line Speed	Feature Attribute			
FT01/A;1-PrcProduction Capability	F139/A;1 Transform Material	Functional Interaction			
FT01/A;1-PrcProduction Capability	F142/A;1 Operate System	Functional Interaction			
FT02/A;1-Ma Material Transformati...		Feature			
FT02/A;1-Ma Material Transformati...	000076//Transformation Capabi...	Feature Attribute			X
FT02/A;1-Ma Material Transformati...	000077//Characterization Level	Feature Attribute			
FT02/A;1-Ma Material Transformati...	F139/A;1 Transform Material	Functional Interaction			
FT02/A;1-Ma Material Transformati...	F142/A;1 Operate System	Functional Interaction			
FT03/A;1-Ma Material Transport Ca...		Feature			
FT03/A;1-Ma Material Transport Ca...	000027//Transportation Capa...	Feature Attribute			X
FT03/A;1-Ma Material Transport Ca...	000028//Characterization Level	Feature Attribute			
FT03/A;1-Ma Material Transport Ca...	F140/A;1 Transport Material	Functional Interaction			
FT03/A;1-Ma Material Transport Ca...	F142/A;1 Operate System	Functional Interaction			
FT05/A;1-RelReliability		Feature			
FT06/A;1-Av.Availability		Feature			
FT07/A;1-Ma Maintainability		Feature			
FT08/A;1-Op Operability		Feature			
FT10/A;1-UtilUtilities and Space Co...		Feature			
FT11/A;1-SysSystem Performance ...		Feature			

Figure 3.37. Primary key in feature and feature attribute

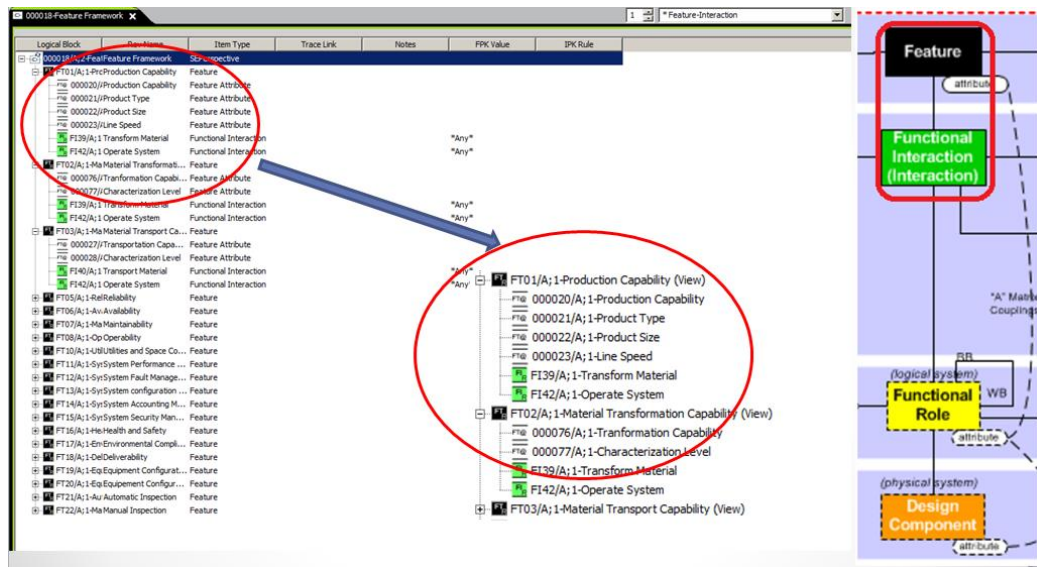


Figure 3.38. The connection of feature and Interaction represented by feature primary key value and interaction primary key rule

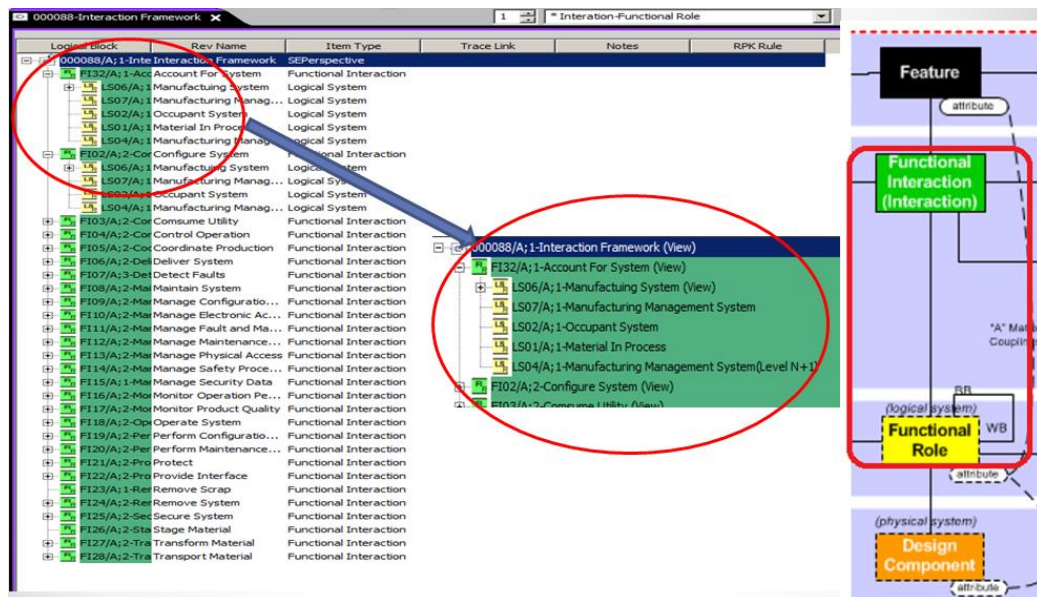


Figure 3.39. The connection of interaction and logical systems represented by role primary key rule



Teamcenter Relationship	Properties
Feature-Feature Attribute	PK
Feature-Functional Interaction	FPK Value;IPK Rule
Functional Interaction-Functional Role	IPK Value;RPK Rule
S5_IsSuperclassOf	Consistency Status

Figure 3.40. The summaries of Teamcenter relationships and correlative primary keys

Teamcenter also have ability to configure the Microsoft office Visio diagram integration. Sometimes, building blocks help users to illustrate hierarchical relationships of elements easier. For example, the following feature overview and interaction overview graphs used block diagram to show the traceability between same hierarchical classes. Since the live integration of Teamcenter and Microsoft Visio, diagrams can be generated from Teamcenter based on using appropriate diagrams templates.

The Feature overview diagram shows all the features, feature attributes, and relationships between features' superclass and classes. The Interaction overview diagram shows the Interactions in general production and relationships between interactions superclass and classes.

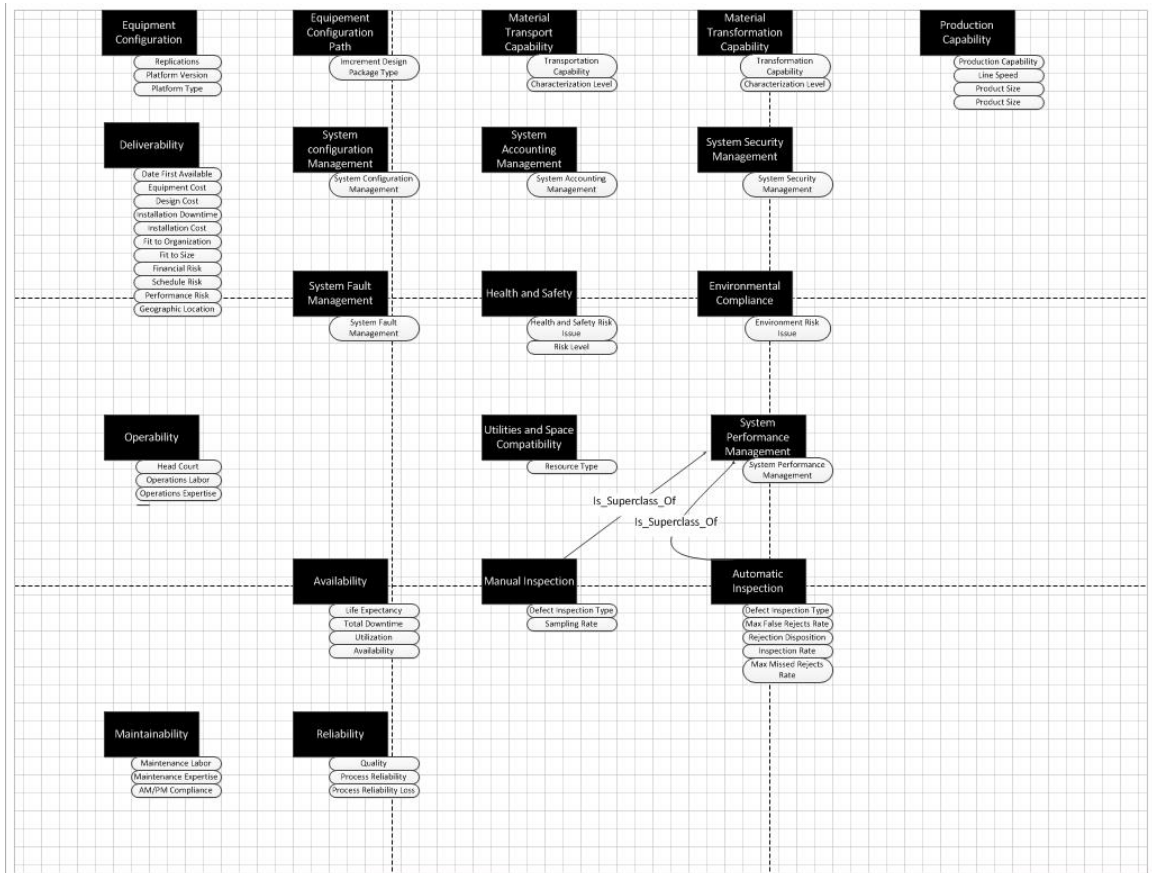


Figure 3.41. Feature overview diagram in Microsoft Visio

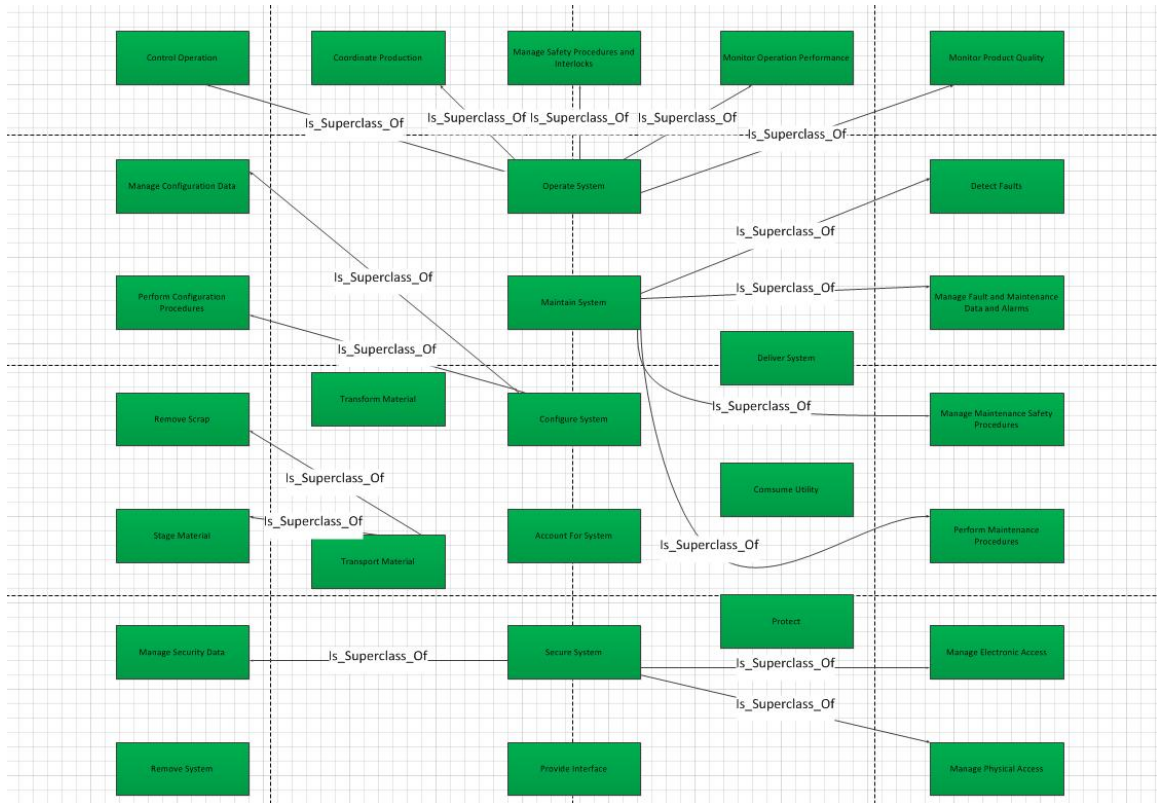


Figure 3.42. Interaction overview diagram in Microsoft Visio

### 3.4 Configuration System: Oil Filter End Seal Compression

Oil filters are designed to remove contamination in an engine oil, transmission oil, lubricating oil, or hydraulic oil. The major use of oil filter is in automotive combustion engine. In this case, manufacturing of the oil filter selected to illustrate general production pattern can be specialized.

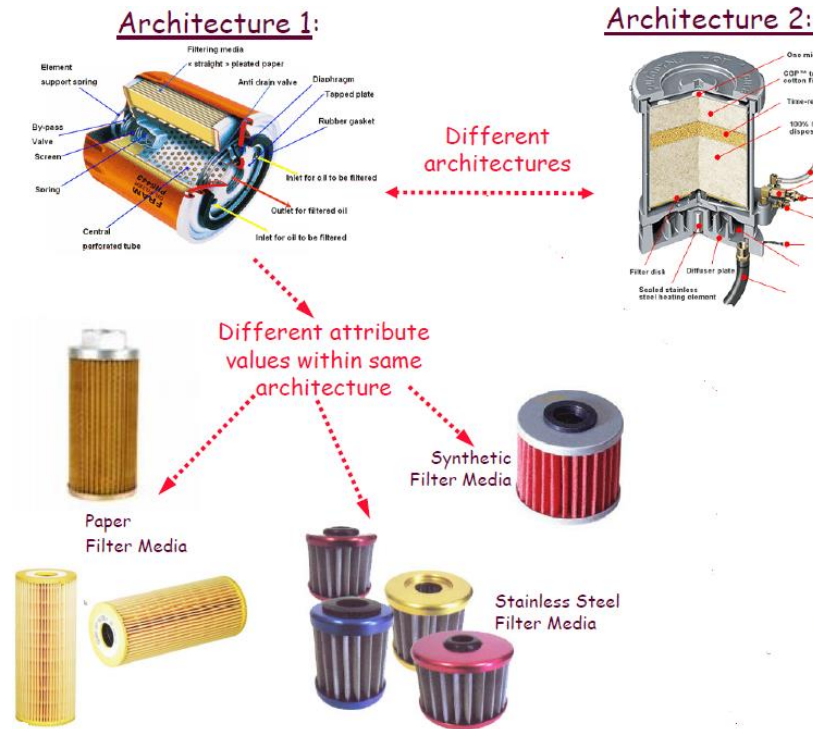


Figure 3.43. Oil filter physical architectures [40]

The end seal bonding compression production selected to demonstrate this oil filter specialization research. In an enterprise case, usually, systems engineers focus on interactions with a starting point. specialized from the S\* Pattern, the interaction to produce this end seal compression bonding should be classified into “Transform Material”, in this research, a new interaction called “Perform Compression Bonding” was created to represent the interaction of which components are bonded using compression forces.

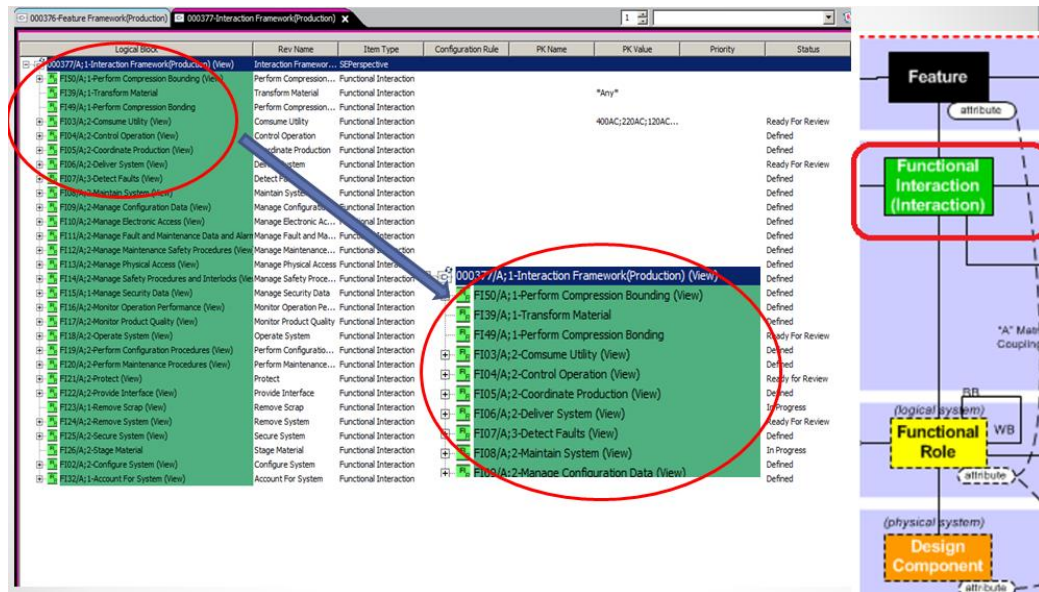


Figure 3.44. Specialized functional interaction framework

Once the interaction was defined, the logical systems were modeled quickly. Filter media, bonding compound, and end cap are necessary parts for production. Local airspace, manufacturing system and other manufacturing logical systems hesitated from general production pattern directly. Oil filter compression not only has to consider production feature, interactions and logical systems, but also need to consider manufacturing systems. Functional role attributes created and attached to logical systems, those role attributes were considered as technical valuation of production logical systems has been shown in the figure of System Environment (Production).

Logical Block	Rev Name	Item Type	Trace ...	Notes	Domain Diagram	Logical Architecture ...	Status
000378/A;1-System Environment(Production)	System Environment(Production)	SEPerspective					
LS33/A;1-Filter Media (View)	Filter Media	Logical System					
LS34/A;1-Bounding Compound (View)	Bounding Compound	Logical System					
LS35/A;1-End Cap (View)	End Cap	Logical System					
LS36/A;1-Local Airspace	Local Airspace	Logical System					
LS37/A;1-Manufacturing System (View)	Manufacturing System	Logical System					
LS03/A;1-Operator	Operator	Logical System		N/A	N/A		Defined
LS04/A;1-Manufacturing Management System	Manufacturing Manag...	Logical System	X		N/A		Defined
LS05/A;1-Operator (Level N+1)	Operator (Level N+1)	Logical System		N/A	N/A		Defined
LS07/A;1-Manufacturing Management System	Manufacturing Manag...	Logical System		N/A	x		Defined
LS08/A;1-Manufacturing System (Level N-1)	Manufacturing System (Level N-1)	Logical System		N/A	x		Defined
LS09/A;1-Combined Managed System	Combined Managed S...	Logical System		N/A	N/A		Defined
LS10/A;1-Managed Subsystem	Managed Subsystem	Logical System		N/A	N/A		Defined
LS11/A;1-Direct Management System	Direct Management S...	Logical System		N/A	N/A		Defined
LS01/A;1-Material In Process	Material In Process	Logical System	X		N/A		Defined
LS02/A;1-Occupant System	Occupant System	Logical System	X		N/A		Defined
LS12/A;1-Air In Process	Air In Process	Logical System					Named
LS13/A;1-Environment	Environment	Logical System					Named
LS14/A;1-Manufacturing System System of A	Manufacturing System System of A	Logical System					Named
LS19/A;1-Support and Isolation System	Support and Isolation...	Logical System					Named
LS20/A;1-Utility Service (View)	Utility Service	Logical System					Named
LS21/A;1-Material Service	Material Service	Logical System					Named
LS22/A;1-Material Service(Level N-1)	Material Service(Level N-1)	Logical System					Named
LS23/A;1-Support and Isolation System(Level N-1)	Support and Isolation System(Level N-1)	Logical System					Named
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Figure 3.45. Specialized system environment

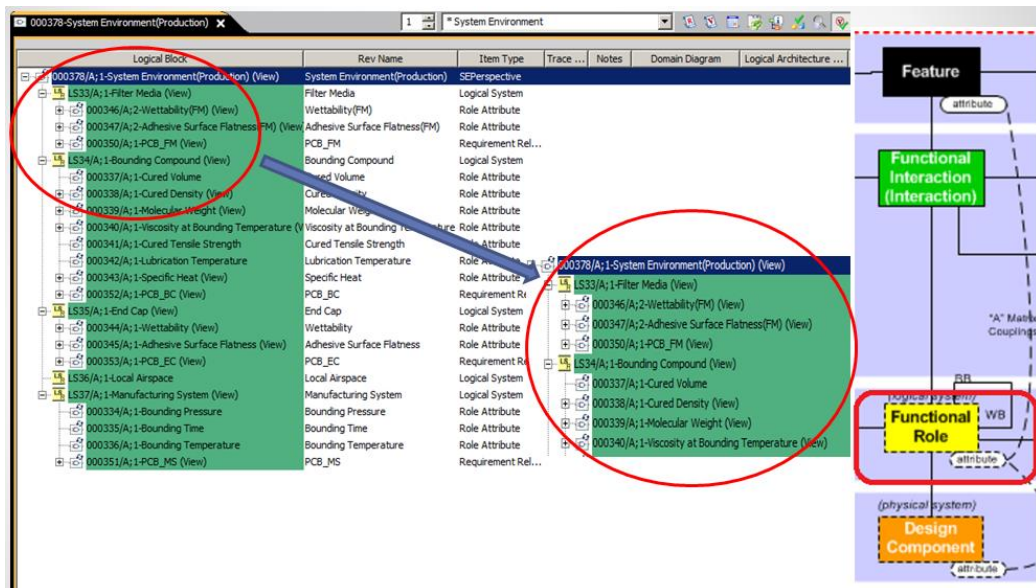


Figure 3.46. Specialized role attributes



Based on considering stakeholders needs and understanding of interactions and logical systems, production and manufacturing features were created. Material transformation capability, production capability features and other general production features for manufacturing should be populated from the S\* Pattern directly. And a specialized oil filter production feature that contains engine lubricant filtration feature and reliability (production) features were created. Feature attribute based on stakeholders valuations under each feature were also created.

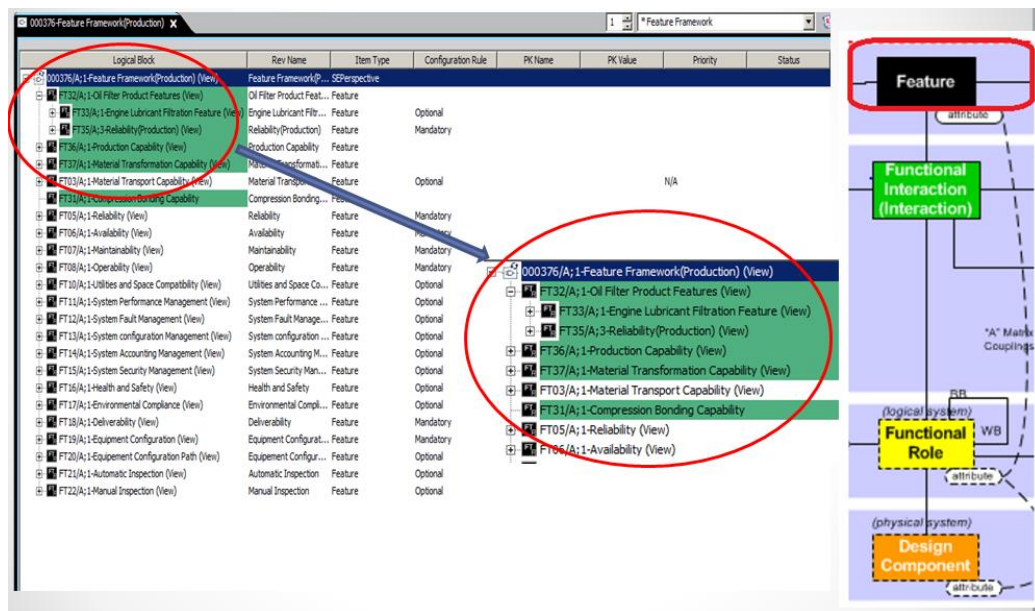


Figure 3.47. Specialized feature framework

The Physical Systems were not created in the general production pattern due to depending on specific projects; it is difficult to summarize physical system in a general production pattern. Physical systems in this research can be defined obviously, which includes: end seal adhesive, accordion filtration component, and filter cap component. Based on understanding of each physical system, physical system attributes were also created. The CAD drawing created in NX or other CAD tools can be linked with physical system to accomplish integration by using Teamcenter environment.

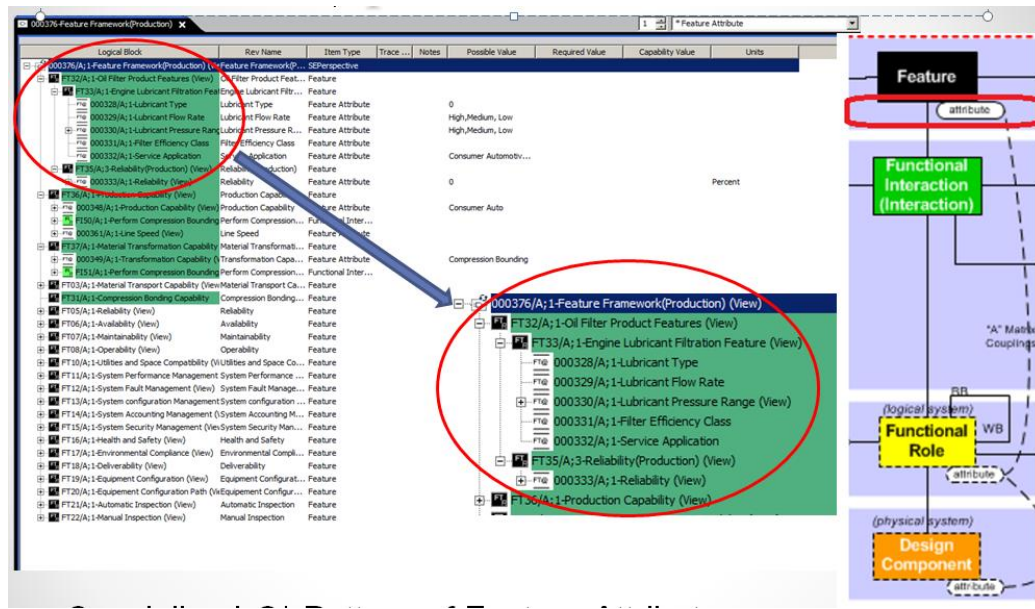


Figure 3.48. Specialized feature attributes

The screenshot shows a software interface for a physical system environment. The main window displays a tree view of physical systems and their attributes. A red circle highlights a specific physical system, '000362/A; 1-End Seal Adhesive (View)', and its associated attributes, including 'Material Catalog Number (EC)', 'Supplier (EC)', 'Material Catalog Number (FCC)', and 'Supplier (FCC)'. The table below represents the data shown in the screenshot.

Logical Block	Rev Name	Item Type	Trace ...
000379/A; 1-Physical System Environment (Production) (View)	Physical System Environment (Production)	SEPerspective	
000363/A; 1-Accordian Filtration Component (View)	Accordian Filtration Component	PhysicalSystem	
000366/A; 1-Fabric Material	Fabric Material	Physical System Attribute	
000365/A; 1-Lamination Material	Lamination Material	Physical System Attribute	
000369/A; 1-Material Catalog Number	Material Catalog Number	Physical System Attribute	
000367/A; 1-Number of Folds	Number of Folds	Physical System Attribute	
000368/A; 1-Supplier	Supplier	Physical System Attribute	
000362/A; 1-End Seal Adhesive (View)	End Seal Adhesive	PhysicalSystem	
000371/A; 1-Material Catalog Number (EC)	Material Catalog Number (EC)	Physical System Attribute	
000370/A; 1-Supplier (EC)	Supplier (EC)	Physical System Attribute	
000364/A; 1-Filter Cap Component (View)	Filter Cap Component	PhysicalSystem	
000373/A; 1-Material Catalog Number (FCC)	Material Catalog Number (FCC)	Physical System Attribute	
000372/A; 1-Supplier (FCC)	Supplier (FCC)	Physical System Attribute	

Figure 3.49. Specialized physical systems and physical systems attributes

Once the different views representing the  $S^*$  Metamodel classes were created, the connections between these classes also needed to be constructed. As mentioned in the general production pattern, primary key is the unique identification connection between classes. In this specialized oil filter end seal compression model, the primary keys were still needed to help trace relationship from features to physical systems.



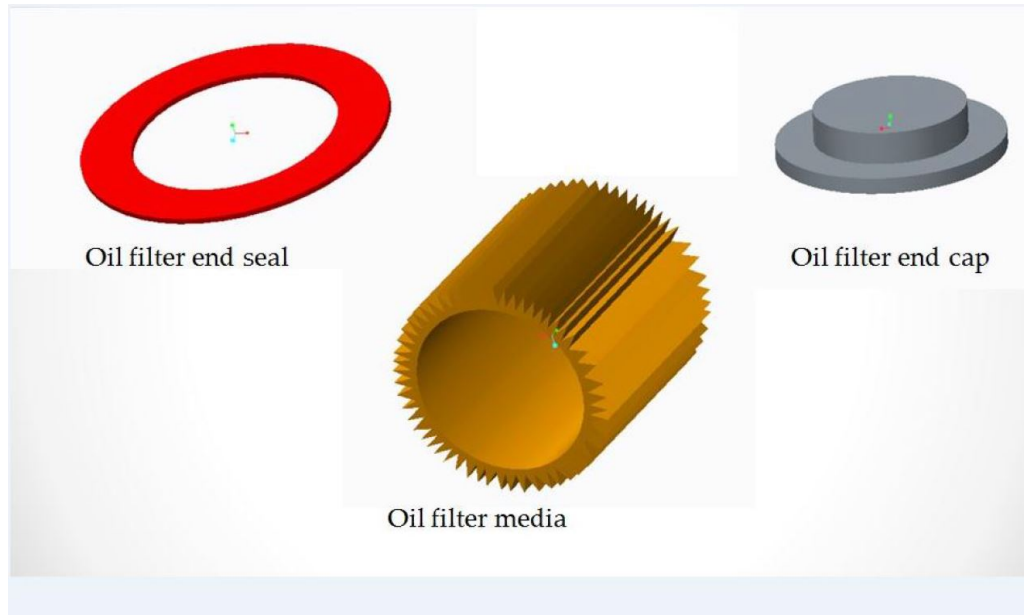


Figure 3.50. CAD drawings for physical systems

The figures below show the relationship constructed in BOM view of features and interaction, interactions and logical systems. Moreover, physical systems should be allocated with logical systems.

Logical Block	Rev Name	Item Type	FPK Value	IPK Rule
000376/A; 1-Feature Framework(Production) (View)	Feature Framework(Production)	SEPerspective		
FT 33/A; 1-Engine Lubricant Filtration Feature (View)	Engine Lubricant Filtration Feature	Feature		
FT 37/A; 1-Material Transformation Capability (View)	Material Transformation Capability	Feature		
FI 51/A; 1-Perform Compression Bounding (View)	Perform Compression Bounding	Functional Interaction		Overall
000349/A; 1-Transformation Capability (View)	Transformation Capability	Feature Attribute		
FT 32/A; 1-Oil Filter Product Features (View)	Oil Filter Product Features	Feature		
FT 33/A; 1-Engine Lubricant Filtration Feature (View)	Engine Lubricant Filtration Feature	Feature		
FT 35/A; 1-Reliability(Roduct) (View)	Reliability(Roduct)	Feature		
FT 36/A; 1-Production Capability (View)	Production Capability	Feature		
000361/A; 1-Line Speed (View)	Line Speed	Feature Attribute		
FI 50/A; 1-Perform Compression Bounding (View)	Perform Compression Bounding	Functional Interaction		FPK
000348/A; 1-Production Capability (View)	Production Capability	Feature Attribute		
FT 35/A; 1-Reliability(Roduct) (View)	Reliability(Roduct)	Feature		

Figure 3.51. Specialized connections between feature and interaction

In this specialization, a Matrix Coupling concept was introduced. Attribute Couplings represent how the value of these attributes with respect to each other if changes occurred. Matrix A Coupling describes how Feature Attribute change related to the

Logical Block	Rev Name	Item Type	Trace Link	Notes	RPK Rule
000376/A;1-Fea		Feature Framework(P... SEPerspective			
FT33/A;1-En		Engine Lubricant Filtr...			
FT37/A;1-Ma		Material Transformati...			
FI51/A;1		Perform Compression...			
LS34		Bounding Compound			IPK
LS35		End Cap			IPK
LS33		Filter Media			IPK
LS36		Local Airspace			IPK
LS37		Manufacturing System			
000349/		Transformation Capa...			
FT32/A;1-Oil		Oil Filter Product Feat...			
FT33/A;1		Engine Lubricant Filtr...			
FT35/A;1		Reliability(Roduct)			
FT36/A;1-Pr		Production Capability			
000361/		Line Speed			
FI50/A;1		Perform Compression...			
LS34		Bounding Compound			IPK
LS35		End Cap			IPK
LS33		Filter Media			IPK
LS36		Local Airspace			IPK
LS37		Manufacturing System			
0003		PCB_BC			
0003		PCB_EC			
0003		PCB_FM			
0003		PCB_MS			
000348/		Production Capability			
FT35/A;1-Rel		Reliability(Roduct)			

Figure 3.52. Specialized connections between interaction and logical systems

value change of Functional Role Attribute. Matrix B Coupling describes how Functional Role Attributes change related to the value of Physical Component Attributes.

In the Matrix A Coupling, LSPD represents impacts in line speed, CB stands for Compression Bonding Interactions, FCAP represents impacts on Filter Capability and Reliability. In the BOM view structure, tree structures were still used to build relationships between attributes. For example, LSPD attached under a line speed feature attribute and then a bonding time system attribute created directly under LSPD. Once the matrix couplings were built, the change of one attributes could be traced with the other attribute quickly. This tree structure showed explicit up-down structure, but also made it easier for users to trace changes during process. In the Matrix A Coupling, if line speed is getting faster, the coupling called LSPD in the tree structure affect the bonding time in the manufacturing system.

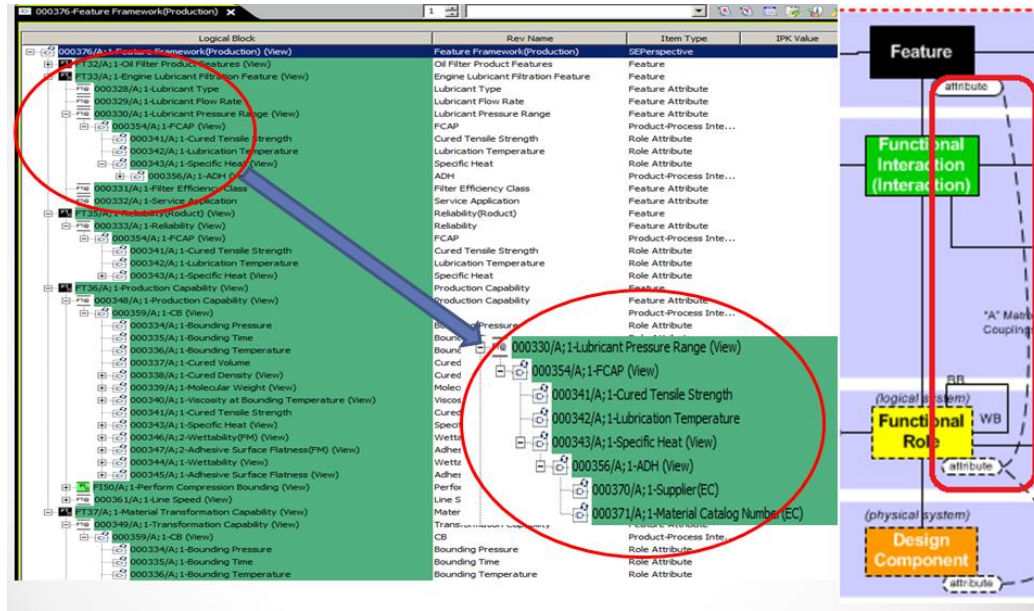


Figure 3.53. Matrix A coupling built in BOM structure

An excel relationship report for Matrix A Coupling is shown in the following figure.

Requirements Coupling Matrix A	Feature / Attribute									
	Production Capability / Production Capability	Production Capability / Line Speed	Engine Lubricant Filtration Feature / Service Application	Engine Lubricant Filtration Feature / Lubricant Type	Engine Lubricant Filtration Feature / Lubricant Flow Rate	Engine Lubricant Filtration Feature / Lubricant Pressure Range	Engine Lubricant Filtration Feature / Filter Efficiency Class	Reliability (Product) / Reliability	Material Transformation Capability / Transformation Capability	
Functional Role / Attribute	CB	LSPB								
Manufacturing System / Bonding Pressure	CB									CB
Manufacturing System / Bonding Time	CB									CB
Manufacturing System / Bonding Temperature	CB									CB
Bonding Compound / Cured Volume	CB									CB
Bonding Compound / Cured Density	CB									CB
Bonding Compound / Molecular Weight	CB									CB
Bonding Compound / Viscosity at Bonding Temperature	CB									CB
Bonding Compound / Cured Tensile Strength	CB			FCAP		FCAP				CB
Bonding Compound / Lubrication Temperature				FCAP		FCAP				
Bonding Compound / Specific Heat	CB			FCAP		FCAP				CB
Filter Media / Wettability	CB									CB
Filter Media / Adhesive Surface Flatness	CB									CB
End Cap / Wettability	CB									CB
End Cap / Adhesive Surface Flatness	CB									CB

Figure 3.54. Matrix A coupling reference

In the Matrix B Coupling, ADH stands for adhesive material data sheets, FM stands for filter media data sheets, and EC means end cap data sheets.

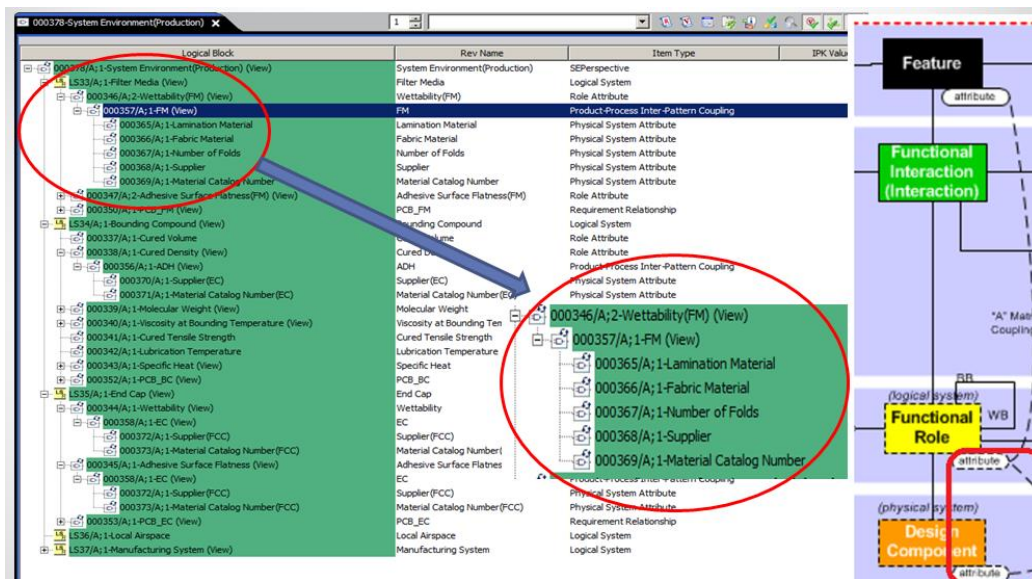


Figure 3.55. Matrix B coupling reference

Design Coupling Matrix (B)	Functional Role / Attribute								
	Accordion Filtration Component / Lamination Material	Accordion Filtration Component / Fabric Material	Accordion Filtration Component / Number of Folds	Accordion Filtration Component / Supplier	Accordion Filtration Component / Material Catalog Number	End Seal Adhesive / Supplier	End Seal Adhesive / Material Catalog Number	Filter Cap Component / Supplier	Filter Cap Component / Material Catalog Number
Manufacturing System / Bonding Pressure									
Manufacturing System / Bonding Time									
Manufacturing System / Bonding Temperature									
Bonding Compound / Cured Volume									
Bonding Compound / Cured Density						ADH	ADH		
Bonding Compound / Molecular Weight						ADH	ADH		
Bonding Compound / Viscosity at Bonding Temperature						ADH	ADH		
Bonding Compound / Cured Tensile Strength									
Bonding Compound / Lubrication Temperature									
Bonding Compound / Specific Heat						ADH	ADH		
Filter Media / Wettability	FM	FM	FM	FM	FM				
Filter Media / Adhesive Surface Flatness	FM	FM		FM	FM				
End Cap / Wettability								EC	EC
End Cap / Adhesive Surface Flatness								EC	EC

Figure 3.56. Matrix B coupling reference



- [-] Feature(Production)
  - [-] FT32-Oil Filter Product Features
  - [-] FT33-Engine Lubricant Filtration Feature
  - [-] FT35-Reliability(Roduct)
  - [-] FT36-Production Capability
  - [-] FT37-Material Transformation Capability
- [-] Interaction(Production)
  - [-] FI50-Perform Compression Bounding
  - [-] FI51-Perform Compression Bounding
- [-] Logical System(production)
  - [-] LS33-Filter Media
  - [-] LS34-Bounding Compound
  - [-] LS35-End Cap
  - [-] LS36-Local Airspace
  - [-] LS37-Manufacturing System
- [-] Interaction-Role-Requirement
  - [-] Requirement Statement
    - [-] REQ-000004-PCB\_FM\_001
    - [-] REQ-000005-PCB\_MS\_001
    - [-] REQ-000006-PCB\_MS\_002
    - [-] REQ-000007-PCB\_MS\_003
    - [-] REQ-000008-PCB\_MS\_004
    - [-] REQ-000009-PCB\_MS\_005
    - [-] REQ-000010-PCB\_MS\_006
    - [-] REQ-000011-PCB\_MS\_007
    - [-] REQ-000012-PCB\_MS\_008
    - [-] REQ-000013-PCB\_MS\_009
    - [-] REQ-000014-PCB\_BC\_001
    - [-] REQ-000015-PCB\_EC\_001
  - [-] Requirement Relationship
    - [-] 000350-PCB\_FM
    - [-] 000351-PCB\_MS
    - [-] 000352-PCB\_BC
    - [-] 000353-PCB\_EC
- [-] Reference(Coupling)
  - [-] 000354-PCAP
  - [-] 000355-LSPD
  - [-] 000356-ADH
  - [-] 000357-FM
  - [-] 000358-EC
  - [-] 000359-CB
- [-] Physical System
  - [-] 000362-End Seal Adhesive
  - [-] 000363-Accordian Filtration Component
  - [-] 000364-Filter Cap Component

Figure 3.57. Created Specialized classes in Teamcenter systems engineering

The summary of created specialized classes or relationship objects were showed in Teamcenter systems engineering, this graph not only provides an explicit summary, but also shows a preparation approach to create oil filter end seal compression project from specialized general production pattern. By using this general production pattern based S\* Metamodel in Teamcenter, this S\* Pattern are formally configurable through configuration rules from selectable, configurable features for individual projects. This pattern is created once for an enterprise and can be updated from leaning occurs later. Since the S\* pattern is built out of S\* Metamodel components, a configured model is required two transformation operations: Populate (instantiate) and adjust values of attribute. Populated individual classes, relationships, and attributes into a specialized S\* Model, on various occasions, more than one instance may be populated in a given element. This population is based on stakeholder needs and configuration rules, and then select feature and find correspondent information built in S\* Pattern. Adjust values of attributes are based on specific project requirements for configuration a specialized model from general production pattern.

#### 4. DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

The integration of systems engineering and PLM is achieved in this thesis. The PLM tool was used to support PBSE methodology based on the S\*Metamodel; in the meantime, the S\*Pattern compatible with S\*Metamodel provided a concrete MBSE model to enhance systems engineering application in PLM software. In collaboration with ICTT, we have demonstrated the methodology using a case study, namely, “the oil filter production end seal compression bonding”. Below are the steps included in the development process of the oil filter after the implementation of the general production pattern:

- Collecting stakeholders’ requirements

In the oil filter end seal compression bonding production, the requirements may included: the production capability of end seal compression bonding, the transformation capability of end seal compression, engine lubricant filtration capability, filtration reliability etc.

- Configuring the model by systems engineers

Based on the requirements, the features and feature attributes were populated from the general production pattern. For example, the feature “Production Capability” in oil filter (Figure 4.1) was populated from “Production Capability” in general production pattern (Figure 4.2) based on the requirements of production capability of end seal compression bonding.

000376/A;1-Feature Framework(Production) (View)	Feature Framework(Production)	SEPerspective
FT32/A;1-Oil Filter Product Features (View)	Oil Filter Product Features	Feature
FT36/A;1-Production Capability (View)	Production Capability	Feature
FT37/A;1-Material Transformation Capability (View)	Material Transformation Capability	Feature
FT03/A;1-Material Transport Capability (View)	Material Transport Capability	Feature
FT31/A;1-Compression Bonding Capability	Compression Bonding Capability	Feature
FT05/A;1-Reliability (View)	Reliability	Feature
FT06/A;1-Availability (View)	Availability	Feature
FT07/A;1-Maintainability (View)	Maintainability	Feature
FT08/A;1-Operability (View)	Operability	Feature
FT10/A;1-Utilities and Space Compatibility (View)	Utilities and Space Compatibility	Feature
FT11/A;1-System Performance Management (View)	System Performance Management	Feature
FT12/A;1-System Fault Management (View)	System Fault Management	Feature
FT13/A;1-System configuration Management (View)	System configuration Management	Feature
FT14/A;1-System Accounting Management (View)	System Accounting Management	Feature
FT15/A;1-System Security Management (View)	System Security Management	Feature
FT16/A;1-Health and Safety (View)	Health and Safety	Feature
FT17/A;1-Environmental Compliance (View)	Environmental Compliance	Feature
FT18/A;1-Deliverability (View)	Deliverability	Feature
FT19/A;1-Equipment Configuration (View)	Equipment Configuration	Feature
FT20/A;1-Equipment Configuration Path (View)	Equipment Configuration Path	Feature
FT21/A;1-Automatic Inspection (View)	Automatic Inspection	Feature
FT22/A;1-Manual Inspection (View)	Manual Inspection	Feature

Figure 4.1. Specialized feature framework

000018/A;2-Feature Framework (View)	Feature Framework	SEPerspective
FT01/A;1-Production Capability (View)	Production Capability	Feature
FT02/A;1-Material Transformation Capability (View)	Material Transformation Capability	Feature
FT03/A;1-Material Transport Capability (View)	Material Transport Capability	Feature
FT05/A;1-Reliability (View)	Reliability	Feature
FT06/A;1-Availability (View)	Availability	Feature
FT07/A;1-Maintainability (View)	Maintainability	Feature
FT08/A;1-Operability (View)	Operability	Feature
FT10/A;1-Utilities and Space Compatibility (View)	Utilities and Space Compatibility	Feature
FT11/A;1-System Performance Management (View)	System Performance Management	Feature
FT12/A;1-System Fault Management (View)	System Fault Management	Feature
FT13/A;1-System configuration Management (View)	System configuration Management	Feature
FT14/A;1-System Accounting Management (View)	System Accounting Management	Feature
FT15/A;1-System Security Management (View)	System Security Management	Feature
FT16/A;1-Health and Safety (View)	Health and Safety	Feature
FT17/A;1-Environmental Compliance (View)	Environmental Compliance	Feature
FT18/A;1-Deliverability (View)	Deliverability	Feature
FT19/A;1-Equipment Configuration (View)	Equipment Configuration	Feature
FT20/A;1-Equipment Configuration Path (View)	Equipment Configuration Path	Feature
FT21/A;1-Automatic Inspection (View)	Automatic Inspection	Feature
FT22/A;1-Manual Inspection (View)	Manual Inspection	Feature

Figure 4.2. General production pattern feature framework



The functional interaction describes all external interactions of a subject system; “Perform Compression Bonding” was selected in the demonstration. As shown in Figure 4.3, this interaction was populated from the interaction “Transform Material” in the general production pattern.

Superclass Interaction	Interaction Name	Interaction Definition	Interaction Status
Transform Material	Perform Compression Bonding	The interaction in which materials are bonded using compression forces.	Defined

Figure 4.3. Specialized interaction in oil filter case

Based on the understanding of features and interactions, the logical systems were defined. “Filter Media”, “End Cap”, and “Bonding Compound” logical systems were created based on “Material in Process” from general production pattern. The “Local Airspace” logical system was created in the oil filter model based on “Air in Process” from the general production pattern, as shown in Figure 4.4.

Superclass System	Logical System Name (Role)	System Definition	Role Attributes
Material In Process	Filter Media		Wettability, Adhesive Surface Flatness
Material In Process	Bonding Compound		Cured Volume, Cured Density, Molecular Weight, Viscosity at Bonding Temperature, Cured Tensile Strength, Lubrication Temperature, Specific Heat
Material In Process	End Cap		Wettability, Adhesive Surface Flatness
Air In Process	Local Airspace		

Figure 4.4. Specialized logical systems in oil filter case

In Figure 4.5, physical systems “Filter Media”, “End Cap”, and “Bonding Compound” in the oil filter model were allocated with logical systems and CAD drawing.

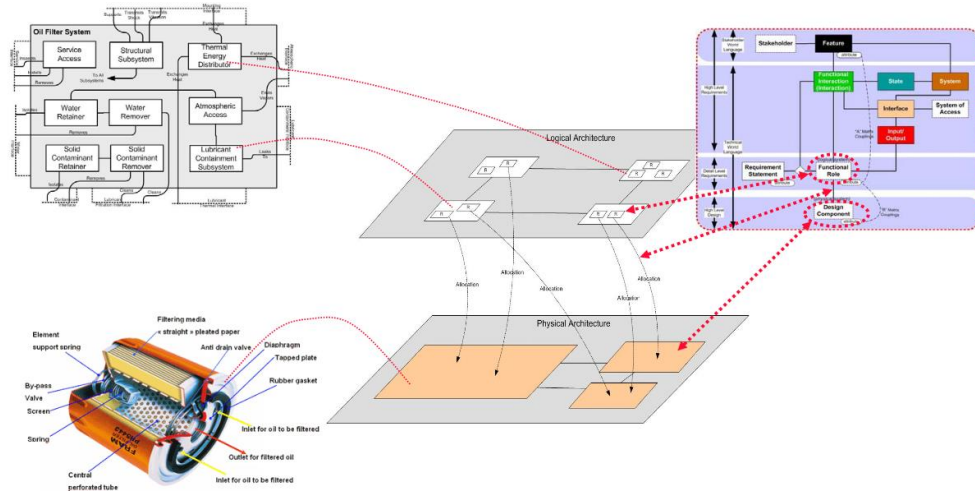


Figure 4.5. Allocation of logical systems and physical system in oil filter case [40]

FT32/A;1-Oil Filter Product Features (View)	Oil Filter Product Features	Feature
FT33/A;1-Engine Lubricant Filtration Feature (View)	Engine Lubricant Filtration Feature	Feature
000328/A;1-Lubricant Type	Lubricant Type	Feature Attribute
000329/A;1-Lubricant Flow Rate	Lubricant Flow Rate	Feature Attribute
000330/A;1-Lubricant Pressure Range (View)	Lubricant Pressure Range	Feature Attribute
000331/A;1-Filter Efficiency Class	Filter Efficiency Class	Feature Attribute
000332/A;1-Service Application	Service Application	Feature Attribute
FT35/A;3-Reliability(Production) (View)	Reliability(Production)	Feature
FT36/A;1-Production Capability (View)	Production Capability	Feature
000348/A;1-Production Capability (View)	Production Capability	Feature Attribute
FT50/A;1-Perform Compression Bounding (View)	Perform Compression Bounding	Functional Interaction
LS33/A;1-Filter Media (View)	Filter Media	Logical System
000346/A;2-Wettability(FM) (View)	Wettability(FM)	Role Attribute
000347/A;2-Adhesive Surface Flatness(FM) (View)	Adhesive Surface Flatness(FM)	Role Attribute
000350/A;1-PCB_FM (View)	PCB_FM	Requirement Relation...
LS34/A;1-Bounding Compound (View)	Bounding Compound	Logical System
000337/A;1-Cured Volume	Cured Volume	Role Attribute
000338/A;1-Cured Density (View)	Cured Density	Role Attribute
000339/A;1-Molecular Weight (View)	Molecular Weight	Role Attribute
000340/A;1-Viscosity at Bounding Temperature (View)	Viscosity at Bounding Temperature	Role Attribute
000341/A;1-Cured Tensile Strength	Cured Tensile Strength	Role Attribute
000342/A;1-Lubrication Temperature	Lubrication Temperature	Role Attribute
000343/A;1-Specific Heat (View)	Specific Heat	Role Attribute
000352/A;1-PCB_BC (View)	PCB_BC	Requirement Relation...
LS35/A;1-End Cap (View)	End Cap	Logical System
LS36/A;1-Local Airspace	Local Airspace	Logical System
LS37/A;1-Manufacturing System (View)	Manufacturing System	Logical System
000350/A;1-PCB_FM (View)	PCB_FM	Requirement Relation...
000351/A;1-PCB_MS (View)	PCB_MS	Requirement Relation...
000352/A;1-PCB_BC (View)	PCB_BC	Requirement Relation...
000353/A;1-PCB_EC (View)	PCB_EC	Requirement Relation...
000361/A;1-Line Speed (View)	Line Speed	Feature Attribute
FT37/A;1-Material Transformation Capability (View)	Material Transformation Capability	Feature
000349/A;1-Transformation Capability (View)	Transformation Capability	Feature Attribute
FT51/A;1-Perform Compression Bounding (View)	Perform Compression Bounding	Functional Interaction
LS33/A;1-Filter Media (View)	Filter Media	Logical System
LS34/A;1-Bounding Compound (View)	Bounding Compound	Logical System
LS35/A;1-End Cap (View)	End Cap	Logical System
LS36/A;1-Local Airspace	Local Airspace	Logical System
LS37/A;1-Manufacturing System (View)	Manufacturing System	Logical System

Figure 4.6. Oil filter end seal bonding BOM view

- Figure 4.6 shows a created BOM view in Teamcenter based on the defined features, interactions, and logical systems. Based on the model, related stakeholders were involved:
  - Project Manager and Systems Engineer  
Systems engineer and project manager were defined by default and were involved in the entire project.
  - Design engineers  
Design engineers were defined as a result of the presence of physical systems “End Cap” CAD drawing.
  - Manufacturing engineers  
Manufacturing engineers were defined as a result of the presence of “Manufacturing System” in physical system. The manufacturing system was managed by manufacturing engineers.
  - Quality engineers  
Quality engineers were defined as a result of the presence of several physical systems, the engine lubricant material, end cap, filter media, and bonding material were evaluated by quality engineers.
  - Material engineers  
Material engineers were defined as a result of the presence of physical system “Filter Media” and “Bonding Compound”; the filter media, lubricant, and bonding material were selected by material engineers.
  - Customers and Supplier  
Customer and suppliers were defined by default.

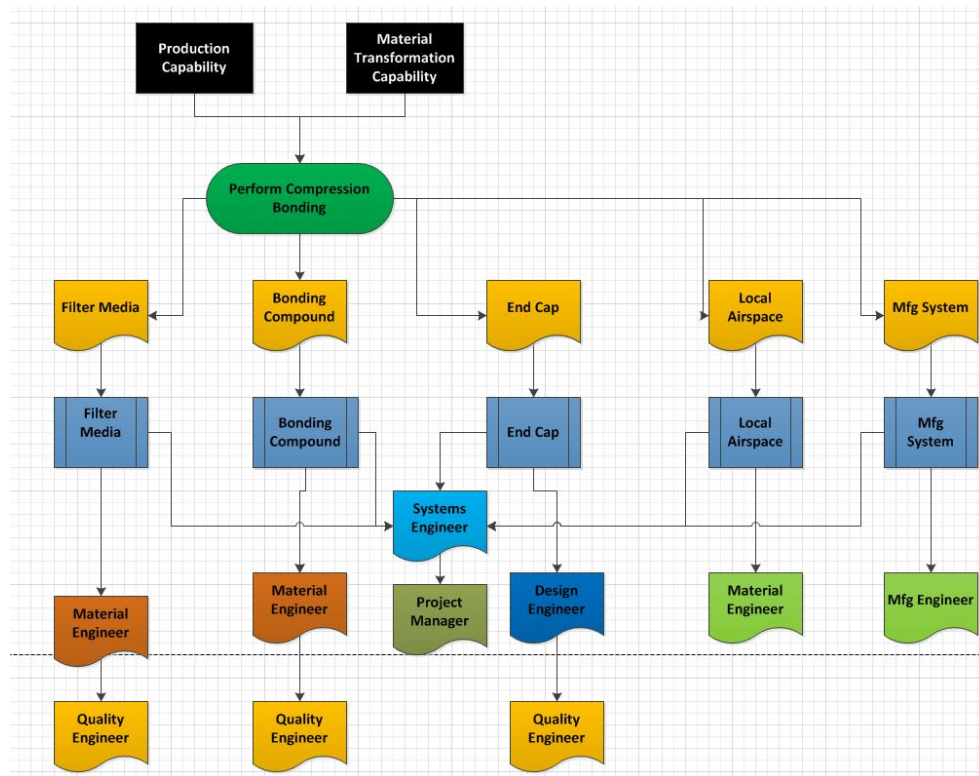


Figure 4.7. Microsoft Visio view of oil filter model

- If a change of requirement happened (e.g. the production capability, in Figure 4.7, changed)

Based on the connection of production capability feature with interaction, logical systems, and physical systems, design engineers, material engineers, manufacturing engineers, quality engineers, project manager, and systems engineer are informed about the change.

Systems engineers and project manager should know first, and then depending on which logical systems were involved in the interaction, the other engineers take certain actions.

Design engineers may change the CAD drawing, material engineers may re-select the materials, quality engineers may re-evaluate materials, and project

managers may change schedule management, risk management, or cost management etc..

Compared to the traditional process, the above process has the following advantages:

- Users' requirements and the changes could be captured and reflected in the product design promptly and accurately;
- Systems engineers, especially junior level, are able to create models quickly and prevent mistakes during modeling. Systems engineers can do their job much easier because of the reusable and reconfigurable nature of the models;
- Systems engineers have a trustful single data source to integrate all the systems engineering tools;
- The live integration of PLM system with Microsoft package provides a powerful environment to link Word, Excel, and Visio to generate documents, reports, and diagrams used for systems engineers;
- The new process could increase the re-use of previous designs because similar products' models were configured from one generic model. This will help accelerate the process of part verification and validation, and reduce the time to market and potential failure;
- Systems engineers as administrators in the PLM system are able to set different accesses for different roles and the corresponding actions that can be taken during change.

S\*Patterns and S\*Models are tool-independent, which always conforms to the underlying S\*Metamodel. In order to use S\*Metamodel in Teamcenter, mapping was one of the most important steps. Fundamental detailed specifications of the S\*Metamodel classes, relationships, and attributes should be fully reflected in a specific schema. The mapping in this research used the extension of Teamcenter base

item type which is a logical block to represent classes and attributes. This mapping process provided the General Production Pattern and oil filter specialization model with fundamental capabilities.

The relationship between classes, for example, Feature and Interaction, Interaction and Functional Role, Functional Role and Physical System, and Coupling Matrices were mapped to standard Teamcenter structural relationships which are tree structures. These tree structures had many benefits from representing those relationships. For example, tree structures in BOM management view showed explicit up-down structures; it also made it easier for users to trace changes during the process.

## 5. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

The successful integration of PLM and S\*Pattern is significant for enterprises, institutions, and especially systems engineers in addressing challenges easier and quicker. In this work, a specialized model was generated using General Production Pattern and implemented in Teamcenter. Using S\*Pattern's extensions and re-using legacy data to quickly created a systems engineer model reduce time and cost. In this research, benefits brought to systems engineering practice include: stakeholders' requirements and changes could be captured and reflected in product design process promptly and accurately; systems engineers were able to create models quickly and prevent mistakes during modeling; systems engineers could do their job much easier because of reusable and reconfigurable nature of the models; and the process could increase the re-use of previous designs.

In this work, the key portion of General Production Pattern expressed by S\*Metamodel (Feature-Interaction-Functional Role-Design Component) was implemented in Siemens Teamcenter successfully. The Mapping in BMIDE generates the specific S\*Metamodel classes, attributes, and relationships into Teamcenter Schema.

Future work should include the completion of the implementation of S\*Metamodel in Teamcenter schema. This research work provided a basis for future evaluation of the key portion of the S\*Metamodel in general production pattern, as a successful evaluation requires a good understanding of the mapping and implementation of the S\*Pattern.

In addition, there is a number of Teamcenter systems engineering abilities which were not manifested in this research, for example: create, maintain and perform physical model structures in Structure Manager, manage changes, integrate specific CAD tools, and manage the impact analysis and process of changes etc. In this case,

the mapping process should be updated and upgraded to satisfy all the potential capabilities when using of S\* Pattern in Teamcenter environment.

Even though these tree structures showed many benefits when representing those relationships, if the complexity of implementation, specialization and configuration increases, a better relationship mapping method is required to define different relationships separately. Teamcenter also has its own relationship management item type such as “ImanRelation” to develop a variety of relationship types in BMIDE for better management in Teamcenter.

Due to the limited time, this research work did not demonstrate all the Teamcenter capabilities which can be used in this S\* Pattern. Applying the S\* Pattern with Teamcenter to better support enterprise projects, specializing and configuring S\* Pattern in S\* Models, and taking full advantage of PLM tool’s capabilities, improve the product performance and competitiveness.



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