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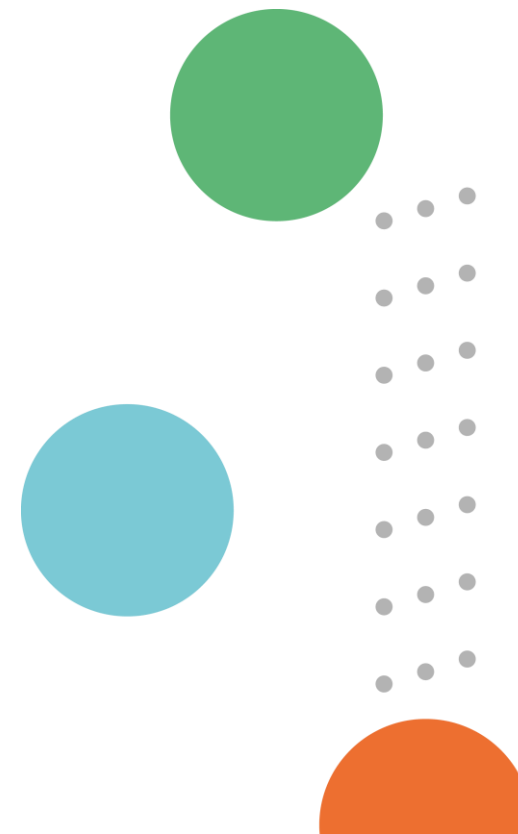
# The Conceptual Architecture Requirements for French Digital Building Logbook.

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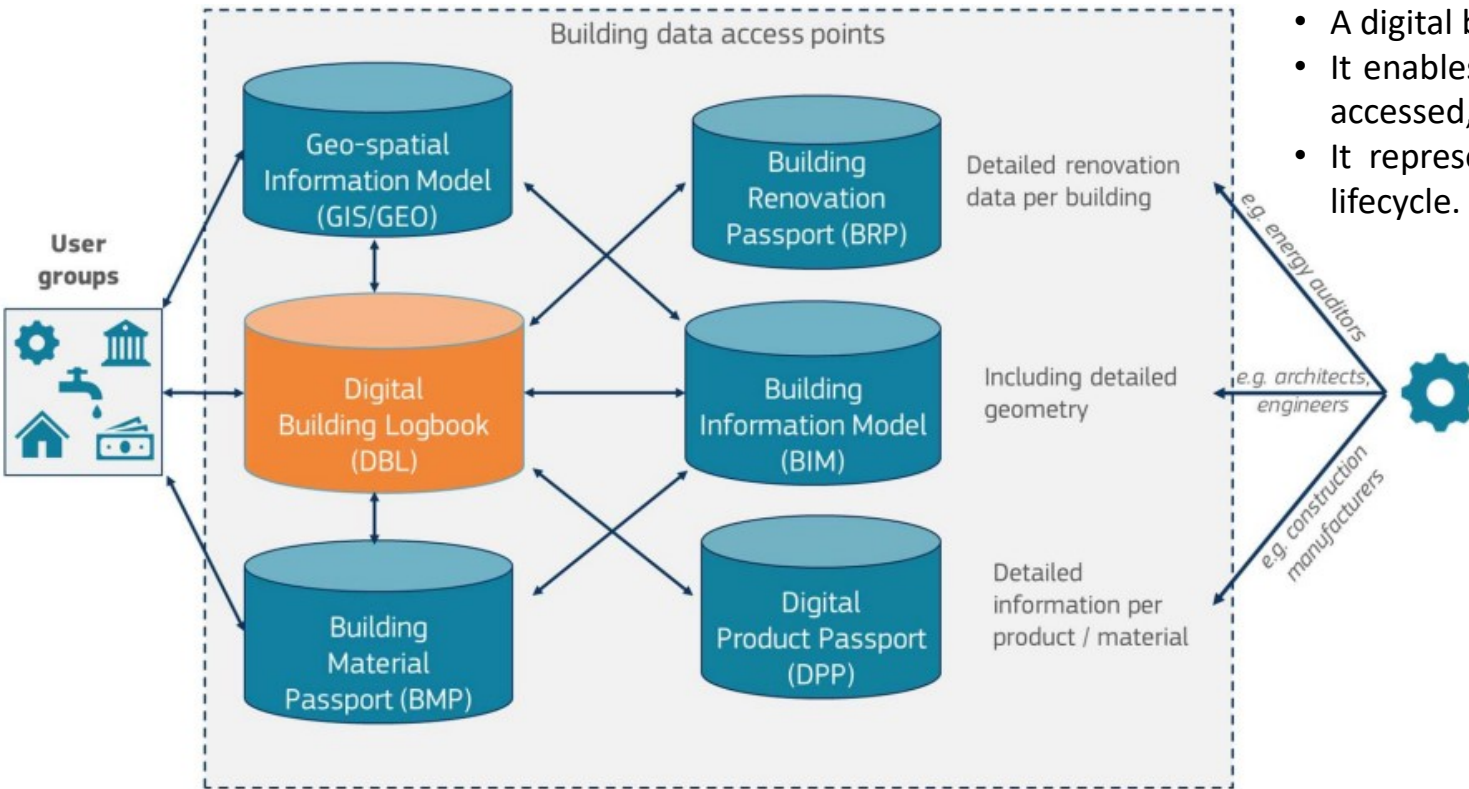
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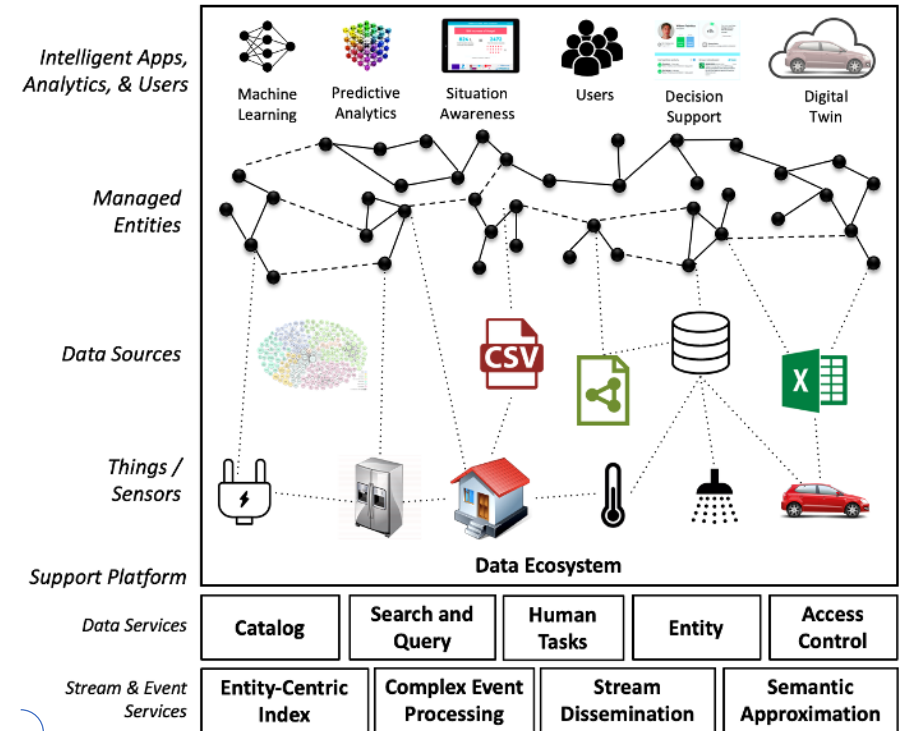
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# What is a Digital Building Logbook

- A digital building logbook is a common repository for all relevant data.
- It enables a variety of data, information and documents to be recorded, accessed, enriched and organised, under specific categories.
- It represents a record of major events and changes over a building's lifecycle.



Technical Guidelines for DBL – DBL Study Team: Ecroys, TNO, Arcadis and Contecth

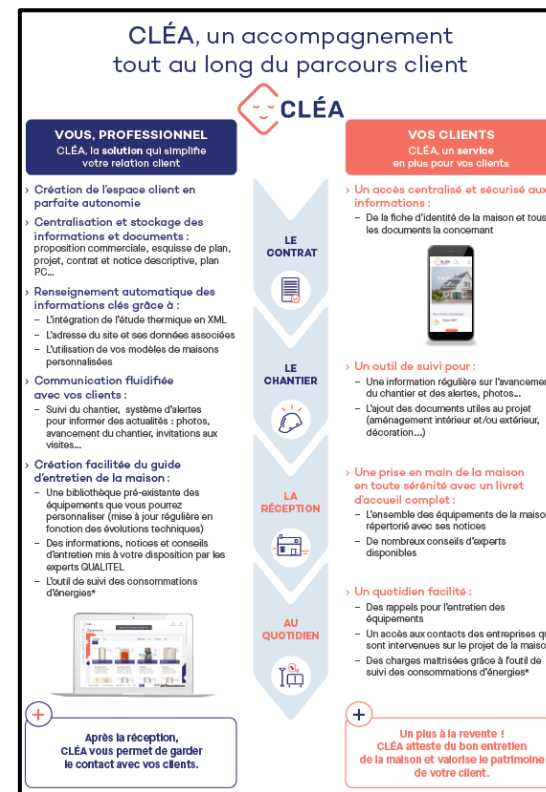
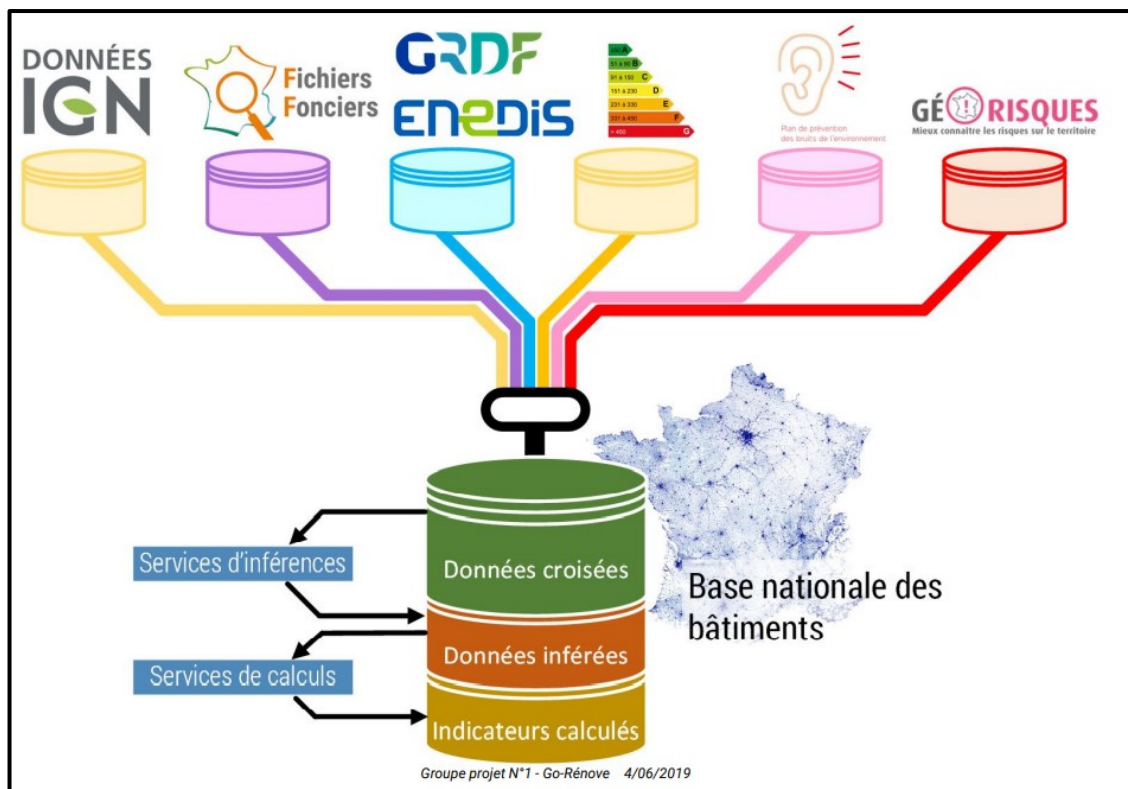


**Real-time Linked Dataspace**

<https://dataspaces.info/#overview>

The majority of this data stored (IAQ, operational energy use, smart buildings potential and life cycle emissions, building ratings, cert, and circularity) in the logbook have a more **static in nature**, while others, such as smart meters and intelligent devices, are dynamic and need to be automatically and regularly updated.

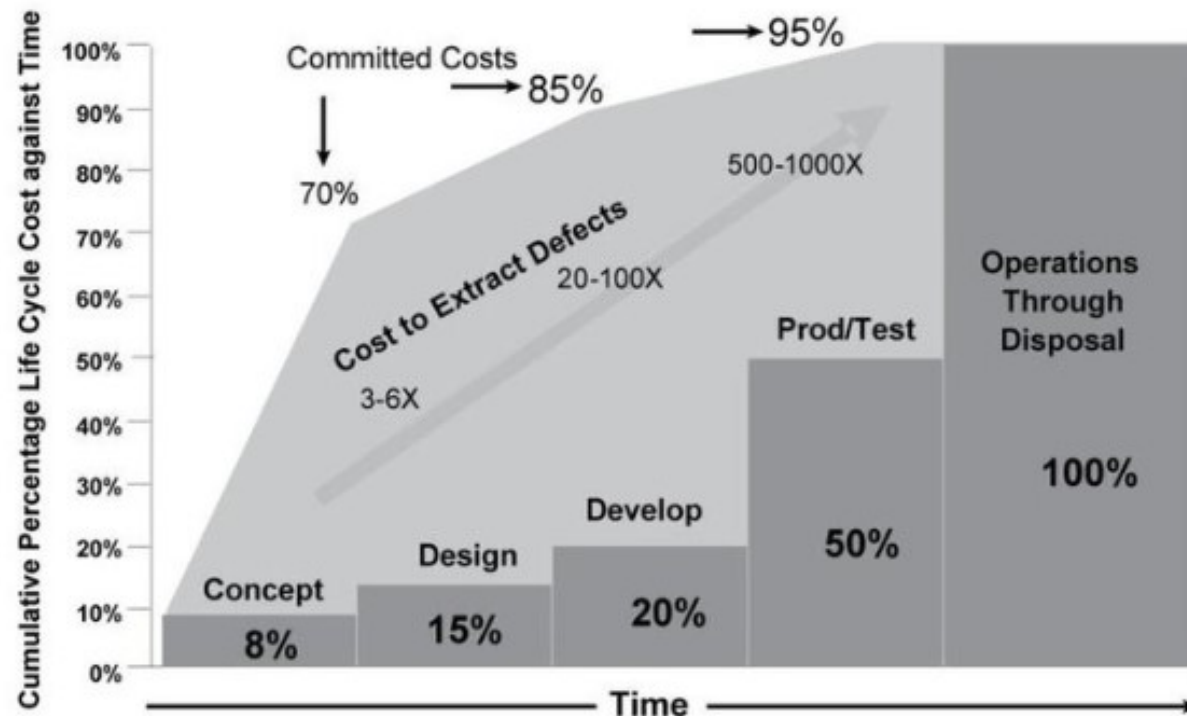
# French DEMO (BDNB + Cléa)



Subtask 1.1.3: Define specifications for the automated renovation advice tool (EST, CSTB, QUAL)

The specifications produced for each demo will be presented according to general requirements/capabilities, behaviour, architecture/structure, verification and validation. This common presentation will enable in-depth comparison of the planned approach between the demo's and encourage wider adoption of the learnings.

# WHY SYSTEMS ENGINEERING

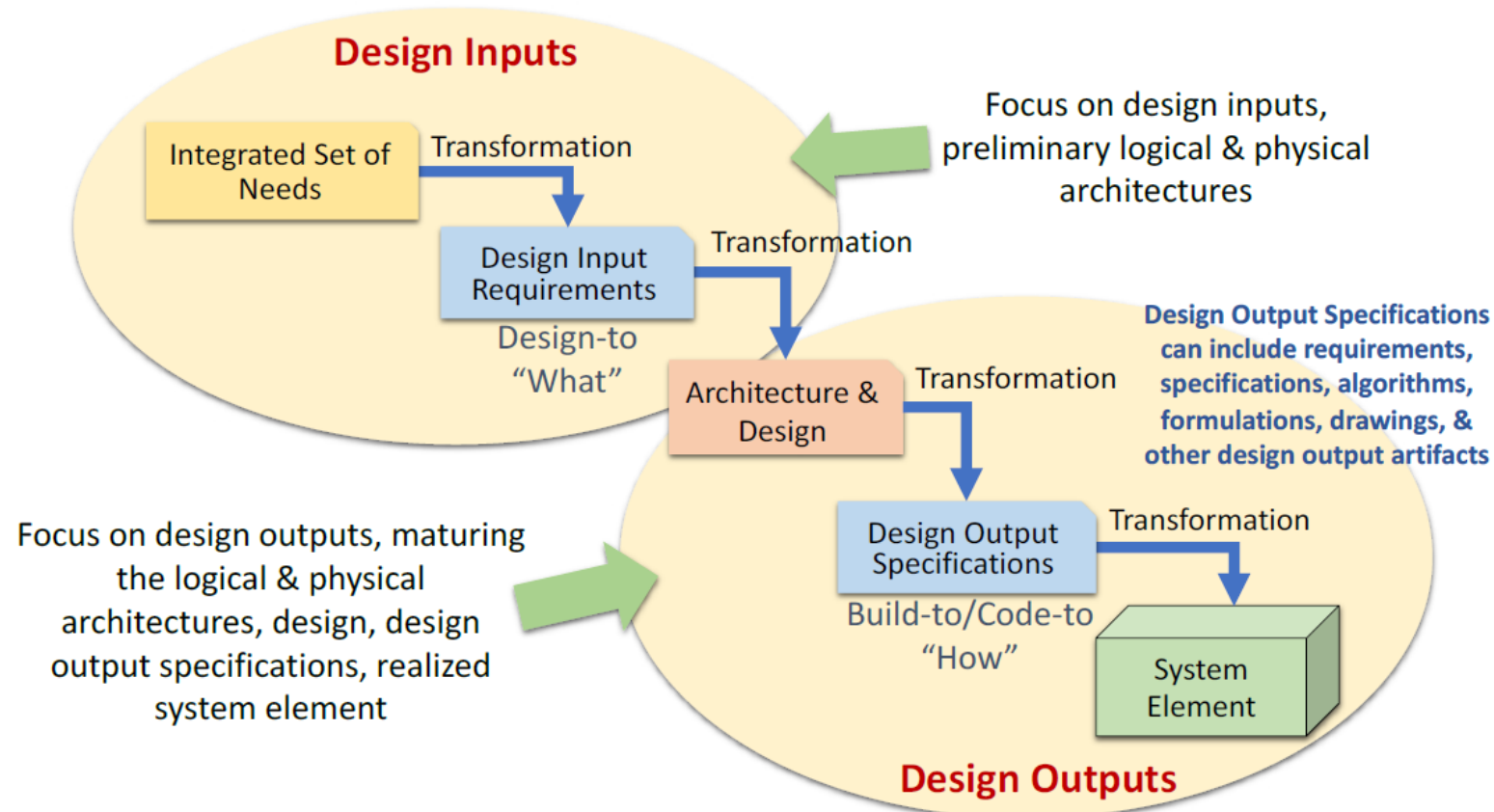


Committed life cycle cost against time (Walden et al., 2015), derived from 1993 Defense Acquisition University (DAU)

“Requirements management is another pervasive mechanism that forces conversation between program managers and chief systems engineers. Effective requirements management practices help program managers and chief systems engineers align their work so that customers receive ideal solutions and desired program benefits, and value is realized for the business” *Rebentisch, E.S. et al, (2017), ISBN 9781119258926,*

*The INCOSE Systems Engineering Vision 2020 (2007) defines MBSE: "The formalized application of modeling to support system requirements, design, analysis, verification, and validation activities beginning in the [concept stage] and continuing throughout development and later life cycle [stage]" .*

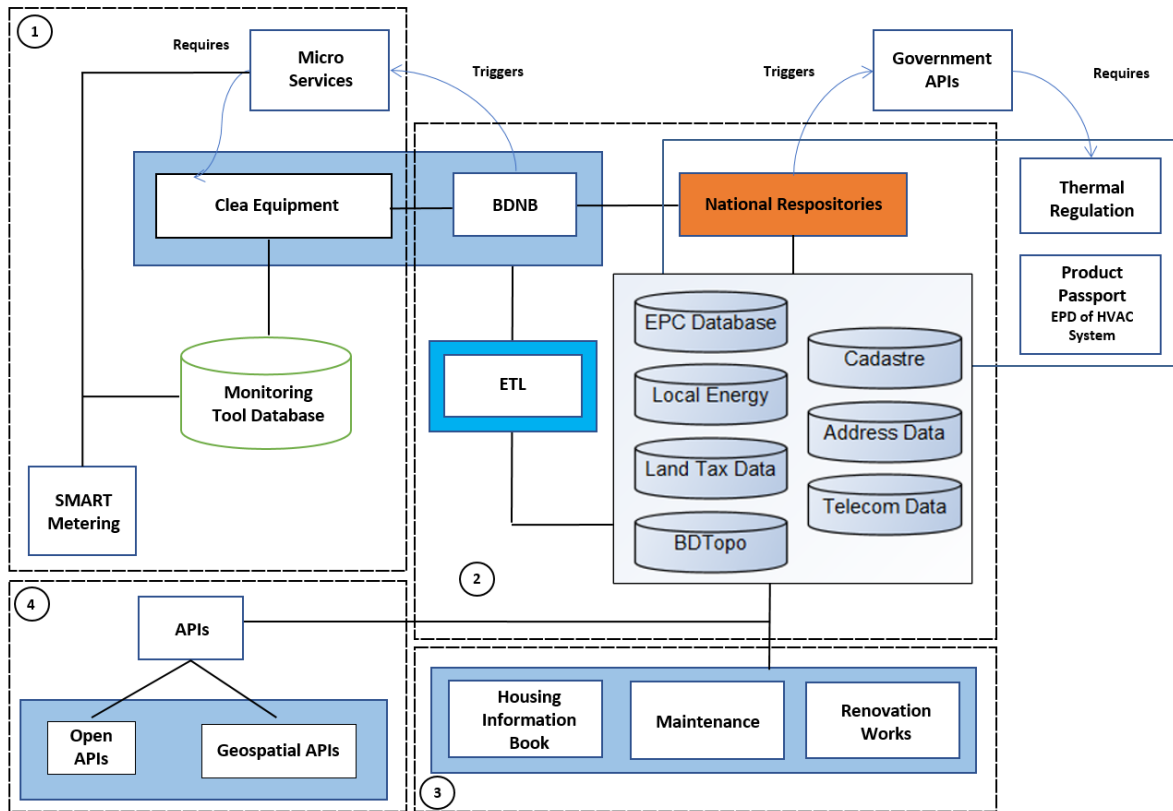
# INCOSE REQUIREMENTS



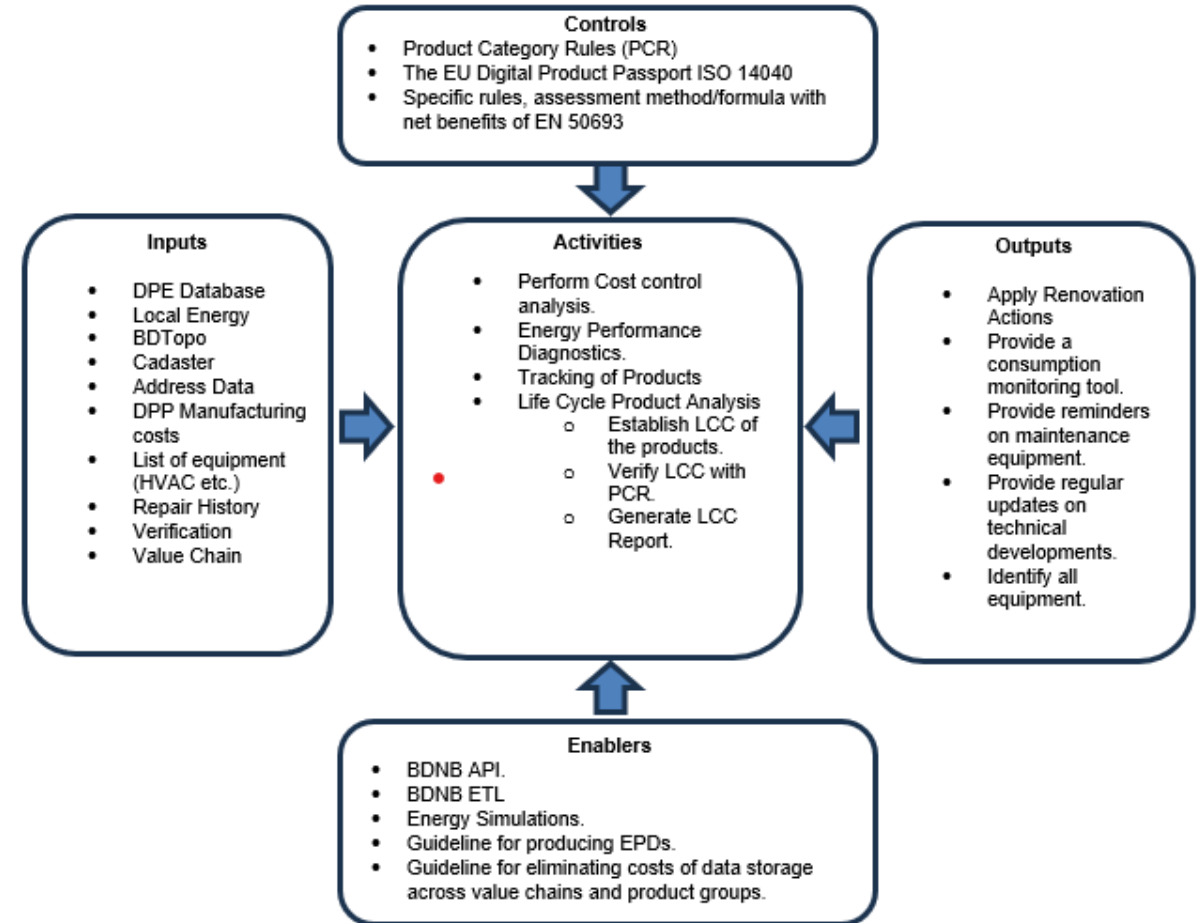
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Needs and Requirements in Context (INCOSE Guide to Writing Requirements 1 Jul 2023)

# Interface Control Document Requirements for Energy Renovation Toolkit



CLEA and BDNB interface overview



Input/Output Diagram for Systems Requirements (Energy Renovation Tool)



# Digital Models

Model-based systems engineering (MBSE) is a methodology that focuses on creating and exploiting digital system and engineering domain models **as the primary means of exchange of information, feedback, and requirements, as opposed to document-centric systems engineering.** It involves the entire process of capturing, communicating, and making sure that all the digital models we use to represent a system are coordinated and maintained **throughout the entire lifecycle of the system.**

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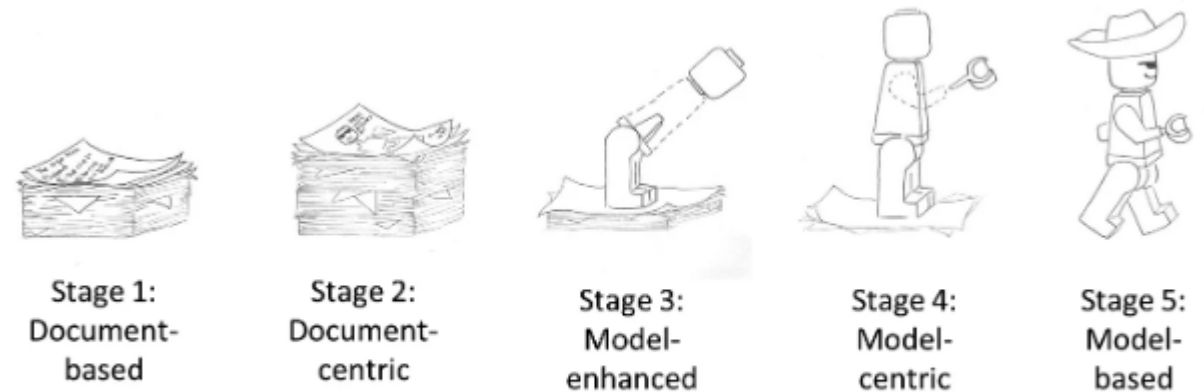
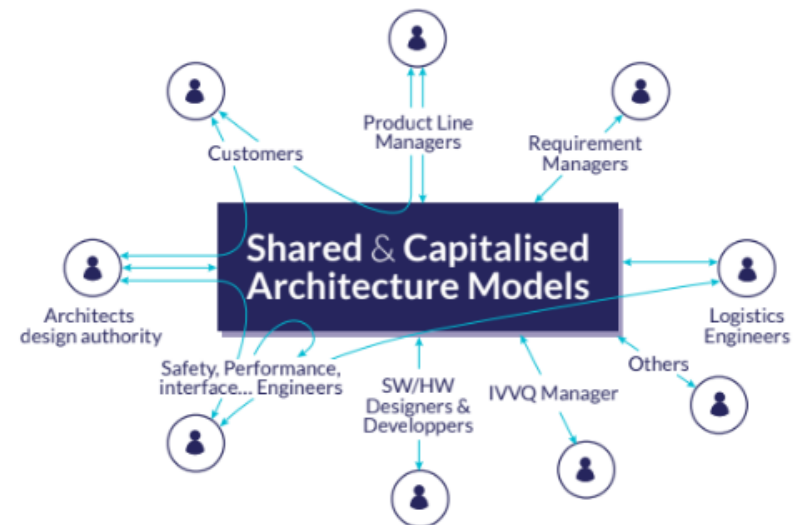
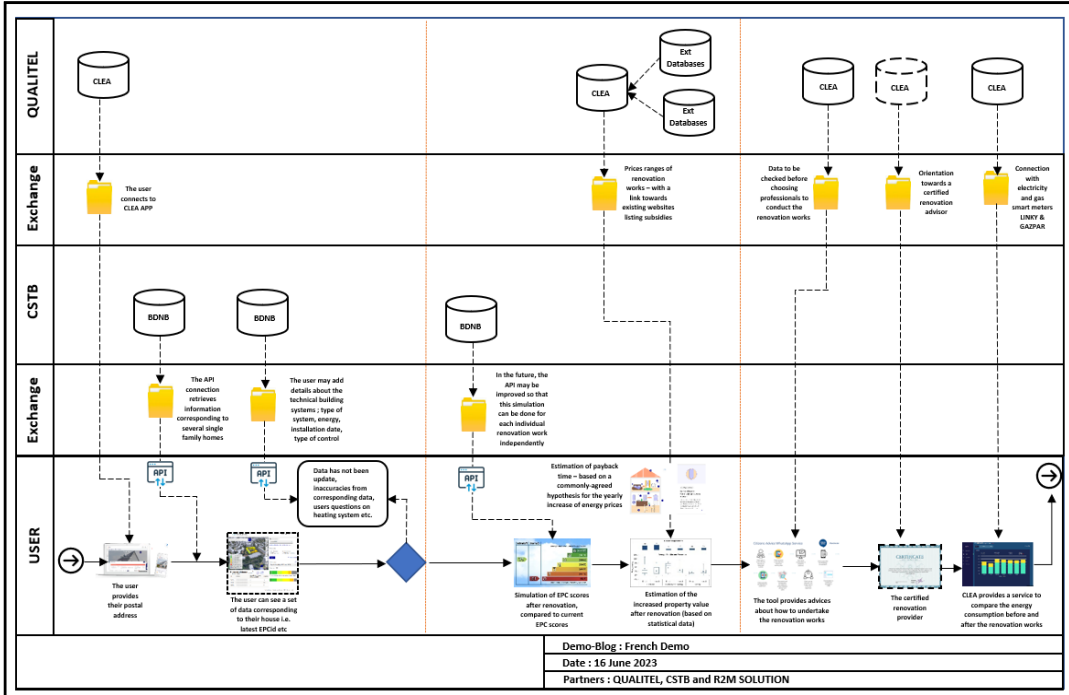


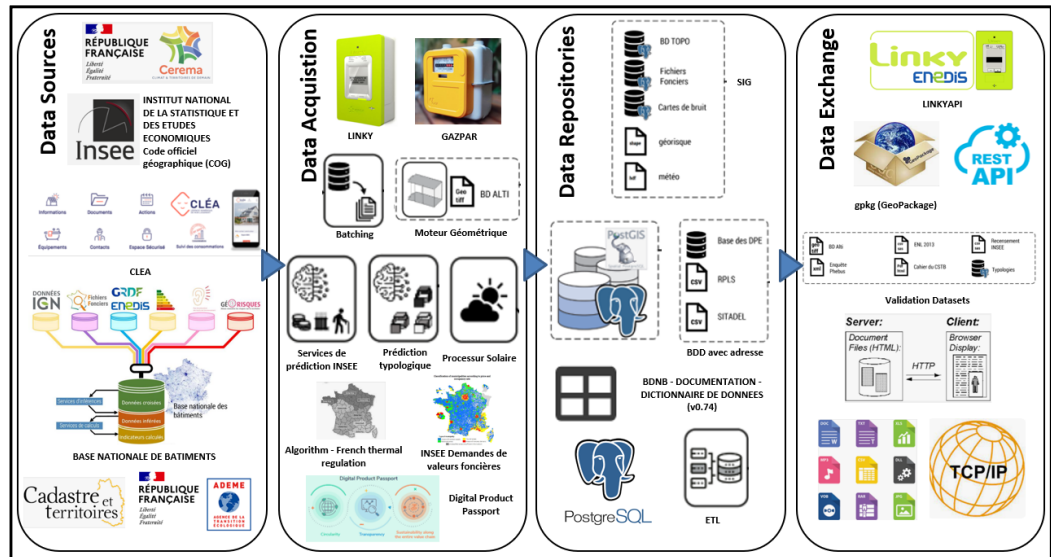
Figure 2.10 – The evolution of MBSE (Holt & Perry 2020)



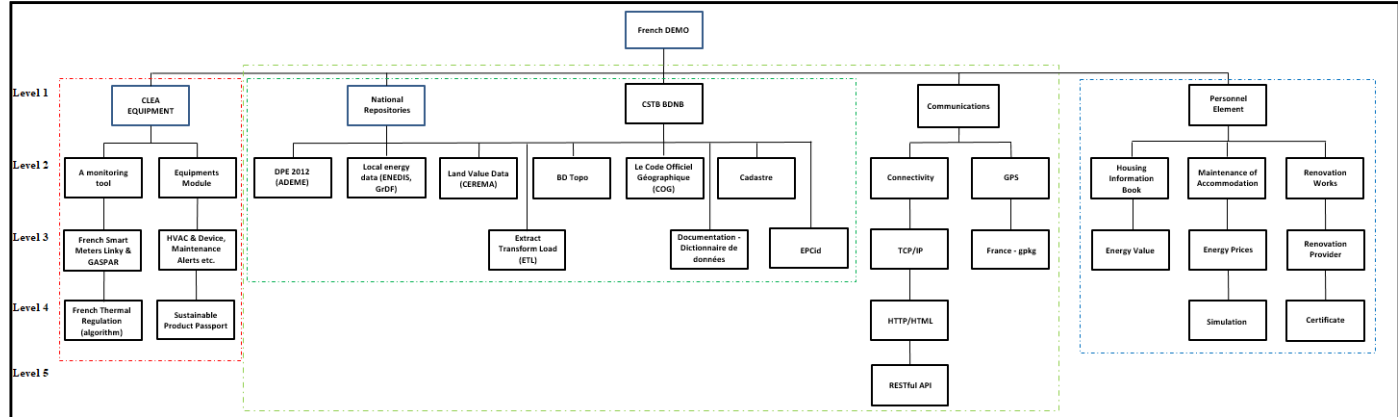
Supporting Efficient Collaboration in engineering 'ARCADIA'



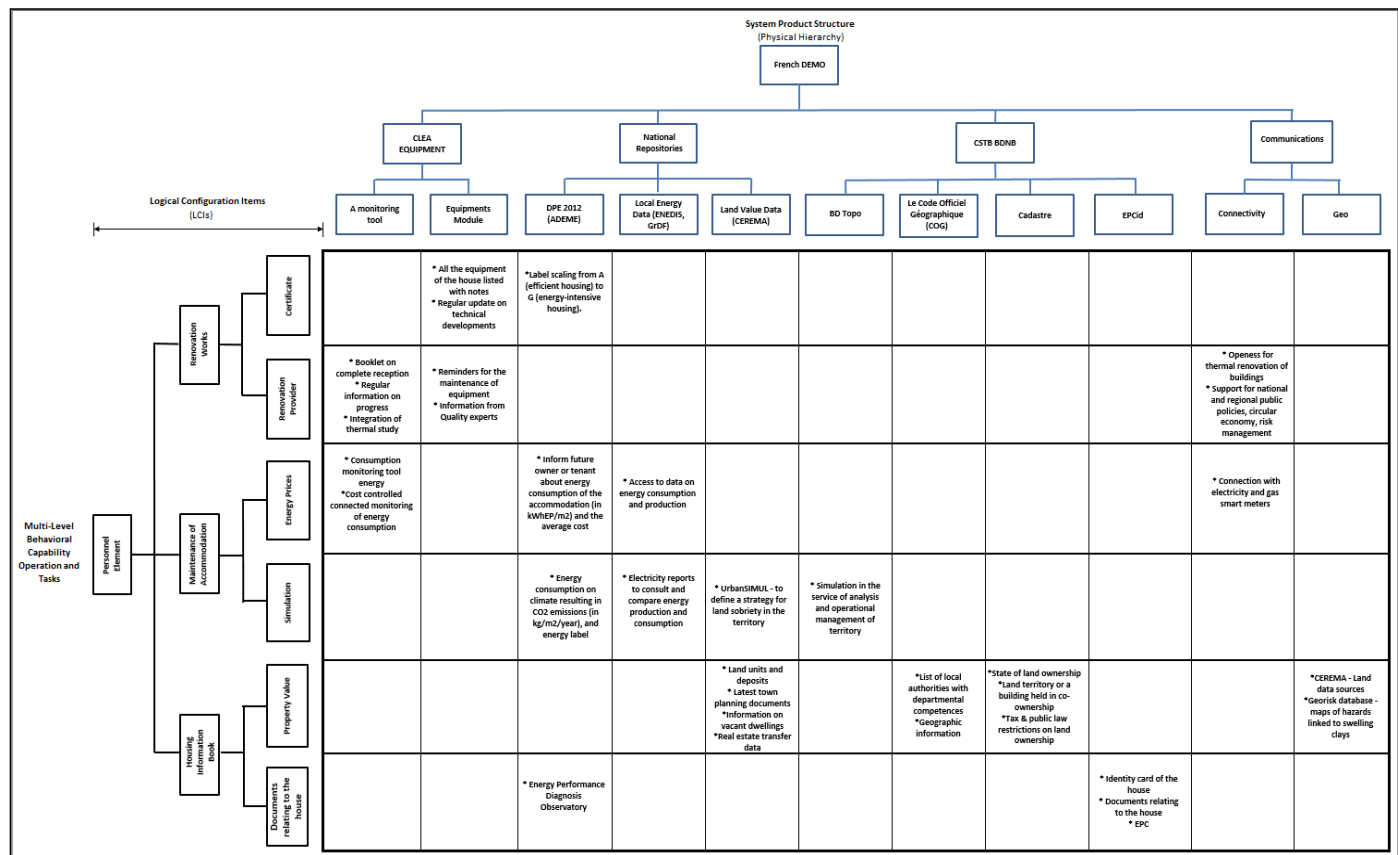
## Business Process Map



## Simplified Architecture



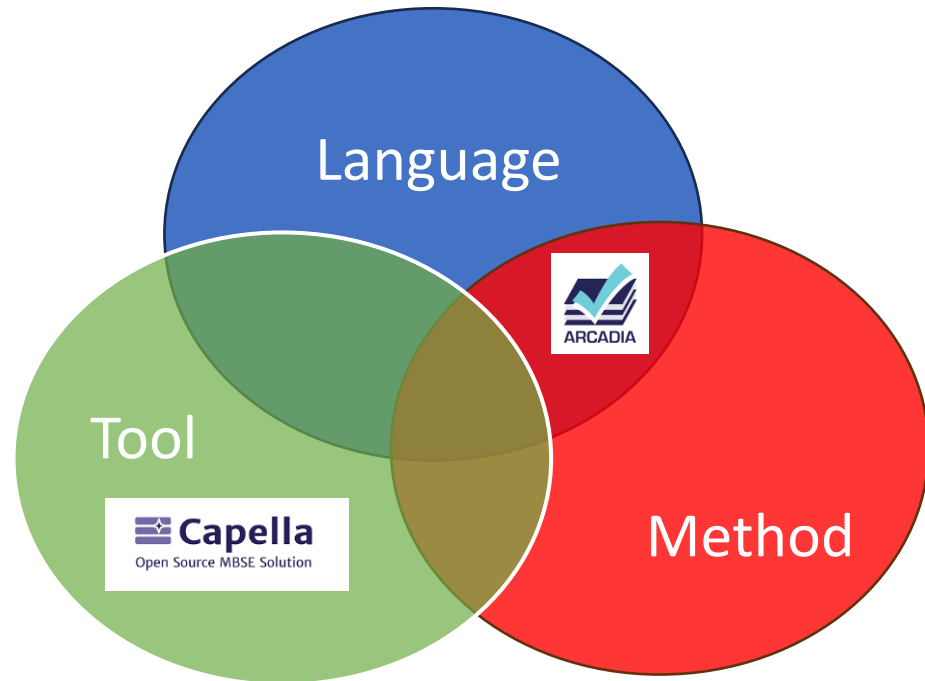
## System Elements



## Capabilities & Requirements

# HOW DID I IMPROVE THE SITUATION – “I got schooled”

## THALES MBSE Pillars



Methodology and High level concepts and viewpoints

Purpose-built to provide the notation and diagrams fitting the Arcadia approach

	PURPOSE	FUNCTION	BEHAVIOR	STRUCTURE	INTERFACES
OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS What the stakeholders need to accomplish	What is the aircraft maintenance operator expecting ?	How and when interactions with stakeholders occur ?	What can go wrong for the aircraft operator ?	Who does it interact with ?	What information is exchanged between aircraft maintenance operator and FAA ?
SYSTEM NEEDS ANALYSIS What the system has to accomplish for the stakeholders	What services shall the system provide ?	What actions are expected from the system from the external entities	What are the operational modes of the system (manual, semi-automated,...)	Who will the system interact with ?	What are the external interfaces of the system ?
CONCEPTUAL ARCHITECTURE How the system will work to fulfill expectations	What is the contribution of the constituents to the services the system shall provide ?	What is to be performed by these components ?	What are the operational modes of a constituent ? Are they consistent with system modes ?	What is the high-level, conceptual decomposition of my system ?	What are the interfaces between these components ?
FINALIZED ARCHITECTURE How the system will be developed and built	How each component contributes to providing the system services ?	What actions are expected to be implemented by the SW team in the next increment ?	How to ensure that the SW and HW constituents are available in a given mode ?	What are the HW and SW components of the system ?	What is the detailed definition of the data the drone will send to the ground station ?

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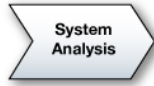
# Workflow Structure

## Workflow of Clea and BDNB Interface



### Define Stakeholder Needs and Environment

Capture and consolidate operational needs from stakeholders  
Define what the users of the system have to accomplish  
Identify entities, actors, roles, activities, concepts



### Formalize System Requirements

Identify the boundary of the system, consolidate requirements  
Define what the system has to accomplish for the users  
Model functional dataflows and dynamic behaviour



### Develop System Logical Architecture

See the system as a white box  
Define how the system will work so as to fulfill expectations  
Perform a first trade-off analysis



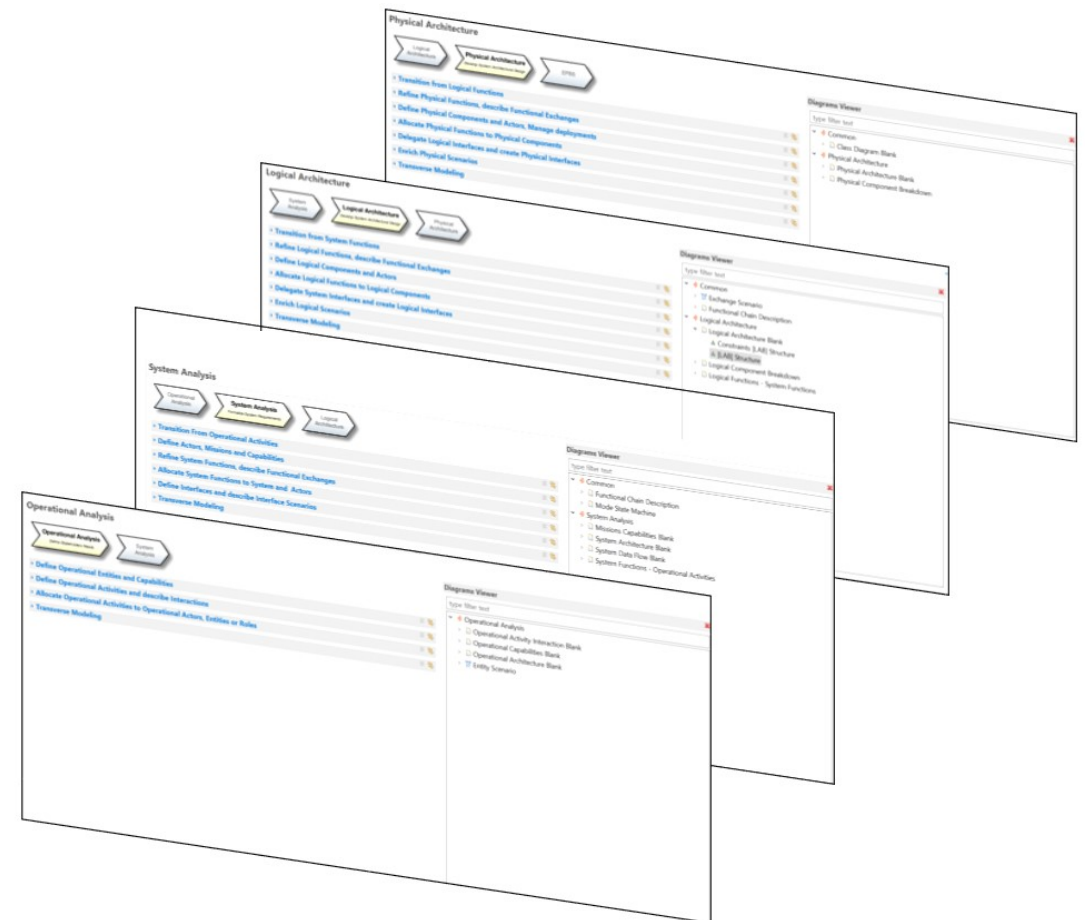
### Develop System Physical Architecture

How the system will be developed and built  
Software vs. hardware allocation, specification of interfaces,  
deployment configurations, trade-off analysis



### Formalize Component Requirements

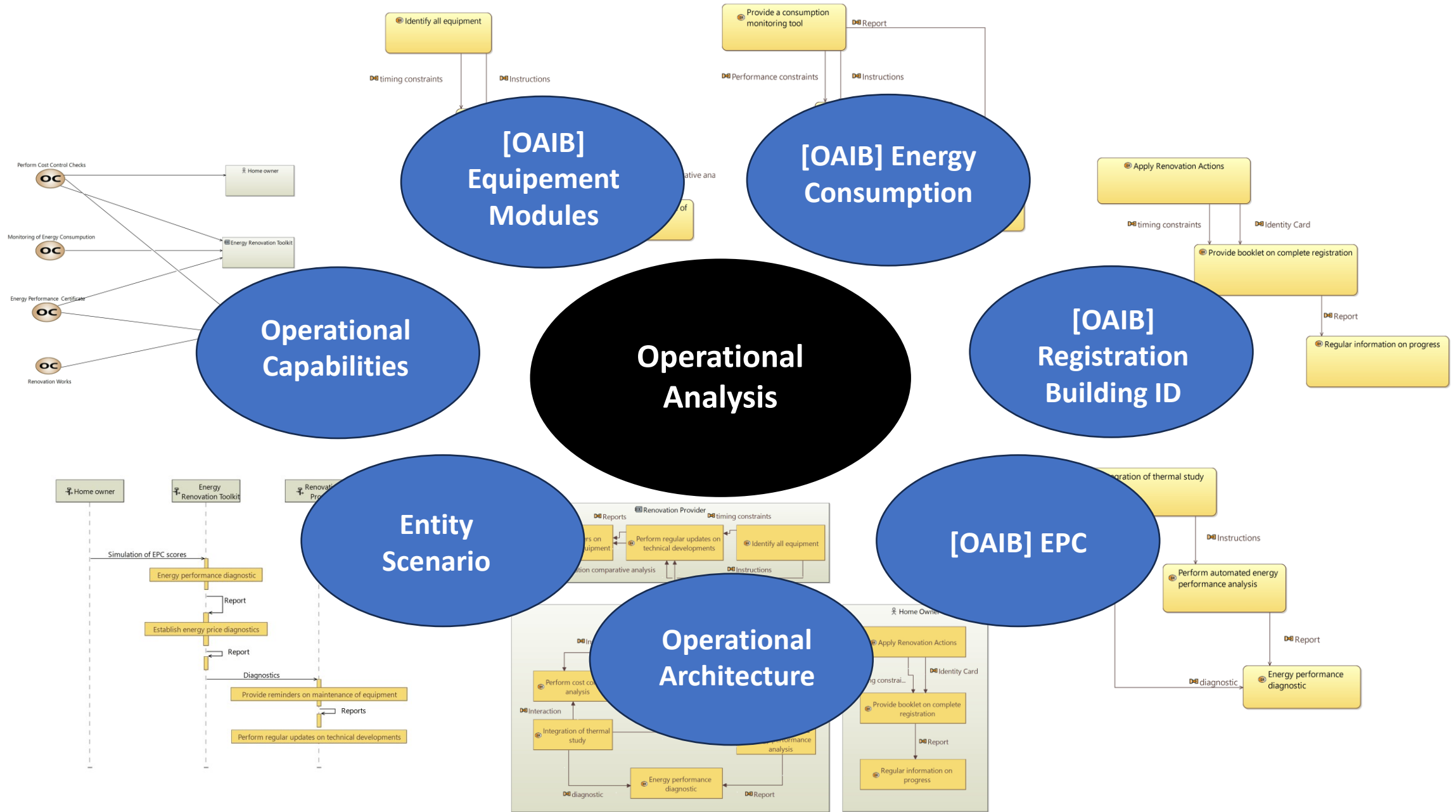
Manage industrial criteria and integration strategy: what is  
expected from each designer/sub-contractor  
Specify requirements and interfaces of all configuration items



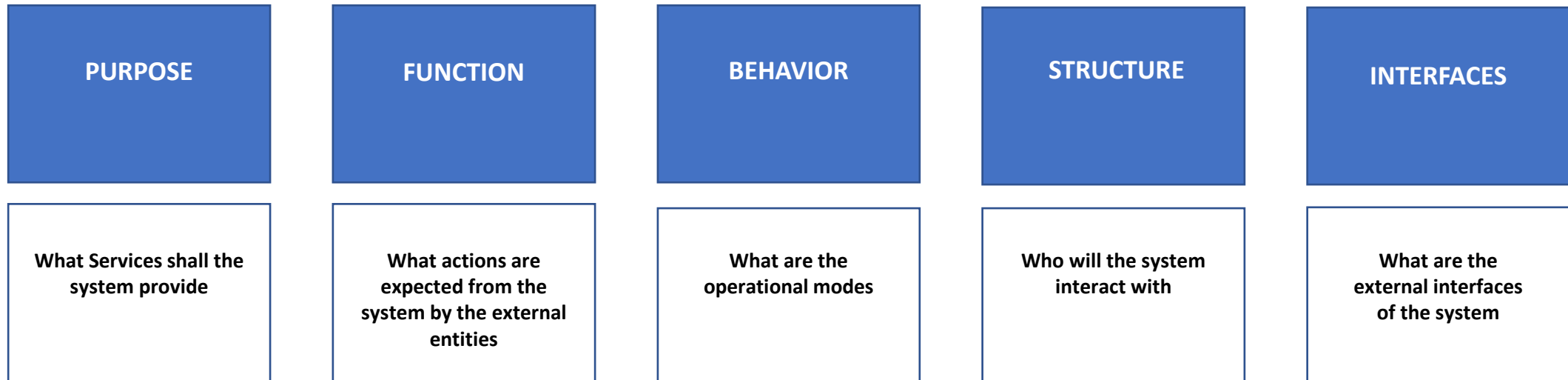
# Operational Analysis – What the Stakeholders Need to Accomplish



# Operational Analysis workflow and main diagrams

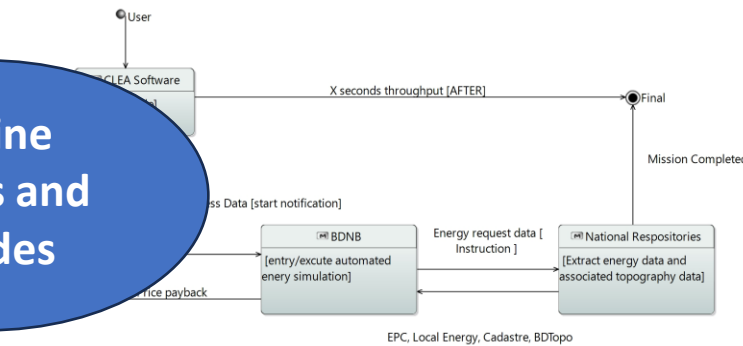
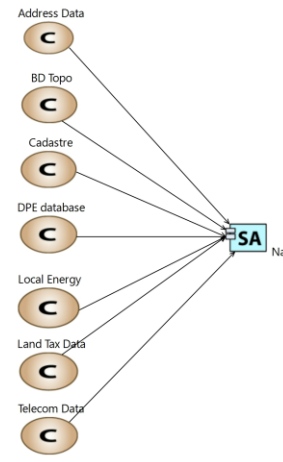
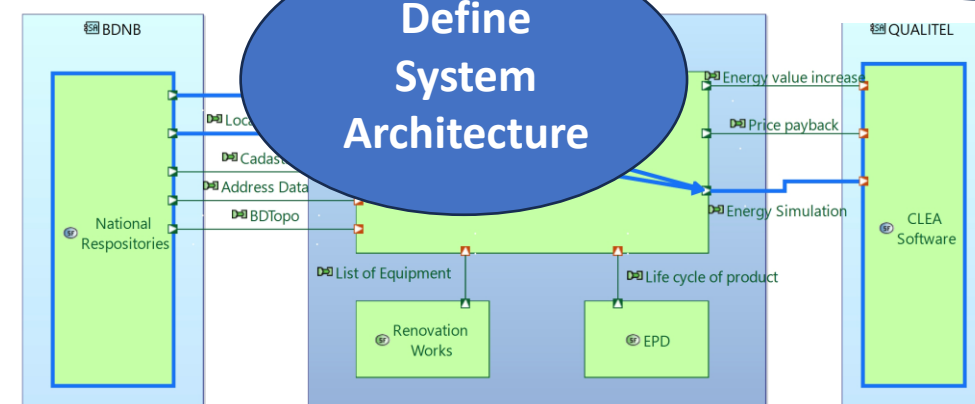
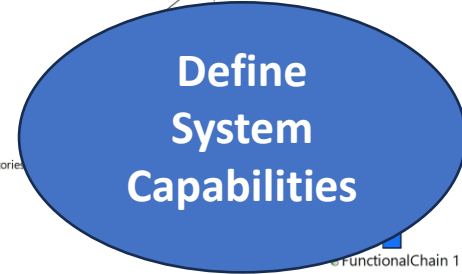
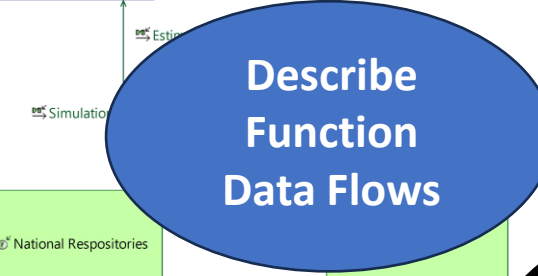
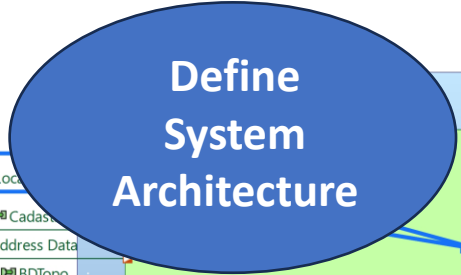
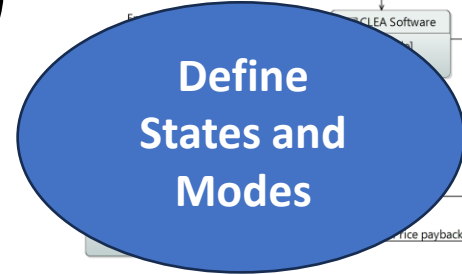
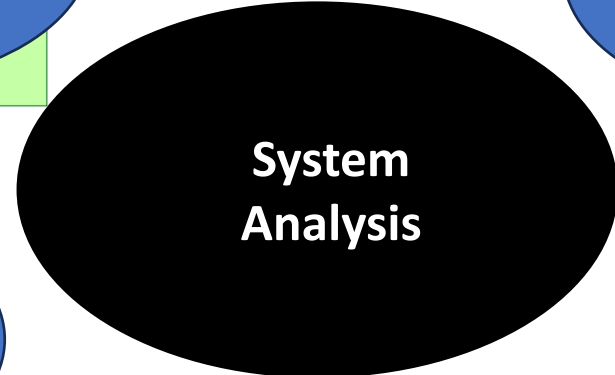
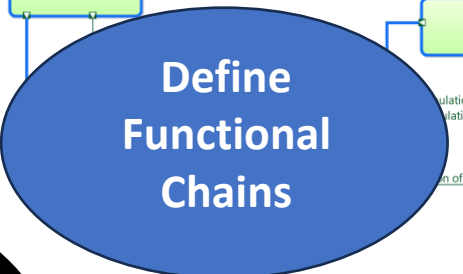
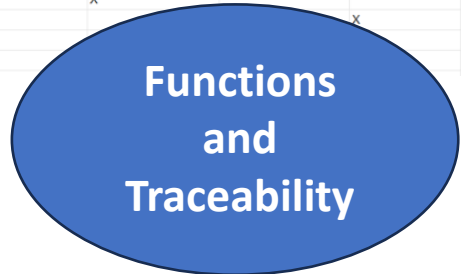


# System Analysis – What the System has to Accomplish for the Stakeholders



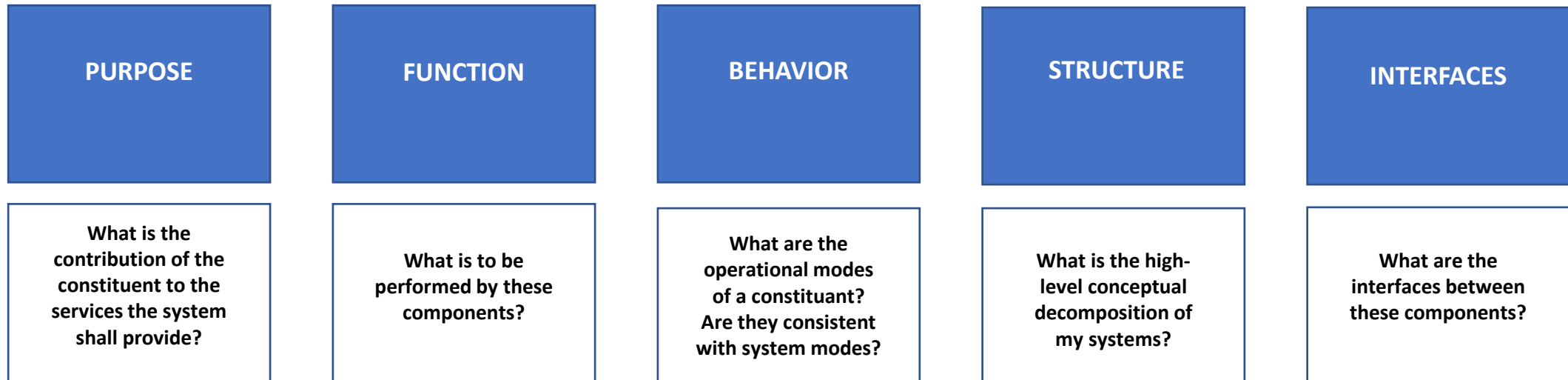
# System Analysis workflow and main diagrams

	Apply Renovation Actions	Provide booklet on compl...	Regular infor...	Provide a consu...	Perform cost co...	Establish ene...	Integration...	Perform automate...	Energy perfo...	Identify ...	Perfo...	Provide re...
National Repositories X	X											
BDNB							X	X	X	X	X	
Tool Kit		X	X	X								
CLEA Software						X			X			
Renovation Works												
EPD												

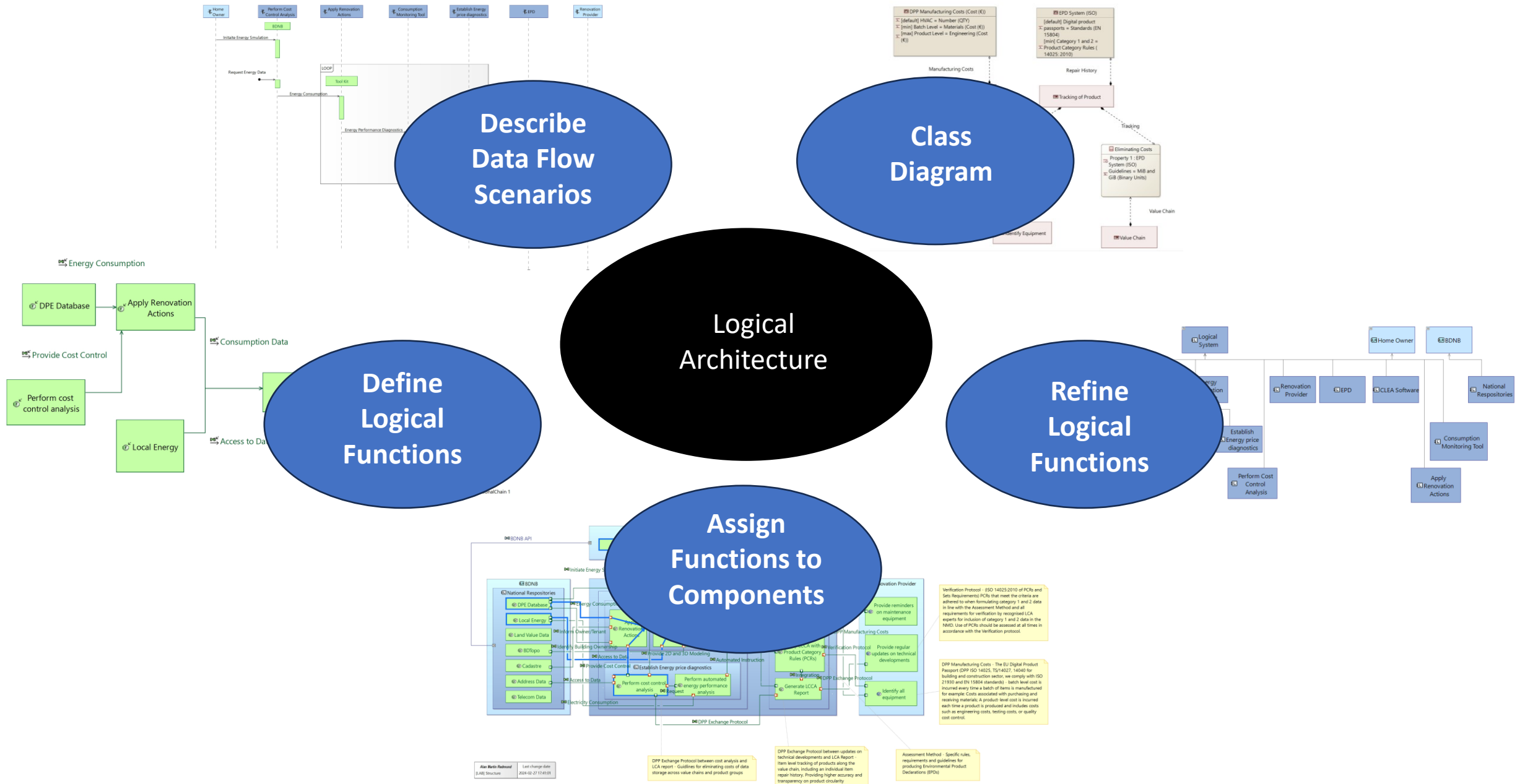




# Conceptual Architecture – How the System will work to fulfil expectations



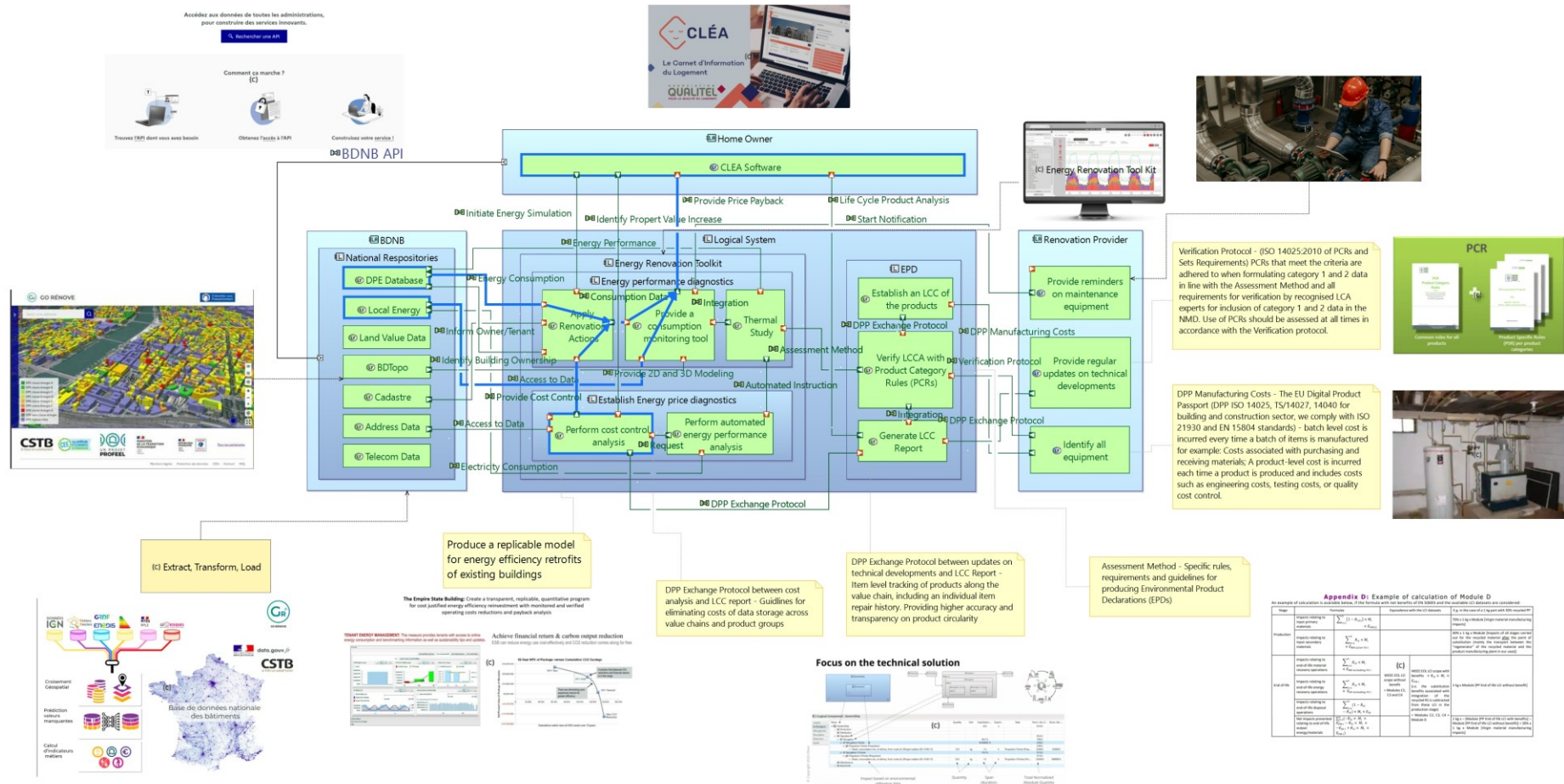
# Logical Architecture workflow and main diagrams



# LOGICAL ARCHITECTURE COLLABORATION MODEL

FunctionalChain 1

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Structure	
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(I) Extract, Transform, Load

Produce a replicable model for energy efficiency retrofits of existing buildings

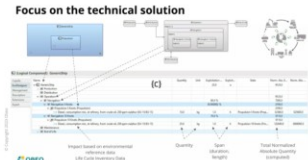
The Empire State Building: Create a transparent, replicable, quantitative program for cost-justified energy efficiency investment with monitored and verified operating costs reductions and payback analysis.



DPP Exchange Protocol between cost analysis and LCC report - Guidelines for eliminating costs of data storage across value chains and product groups

DPP Exchange Protocol between updates on technical developments and LCC Report - Item level tracking of products along the value chain, including an individual item repair history, providing higher accuracy and transparency on product circularity

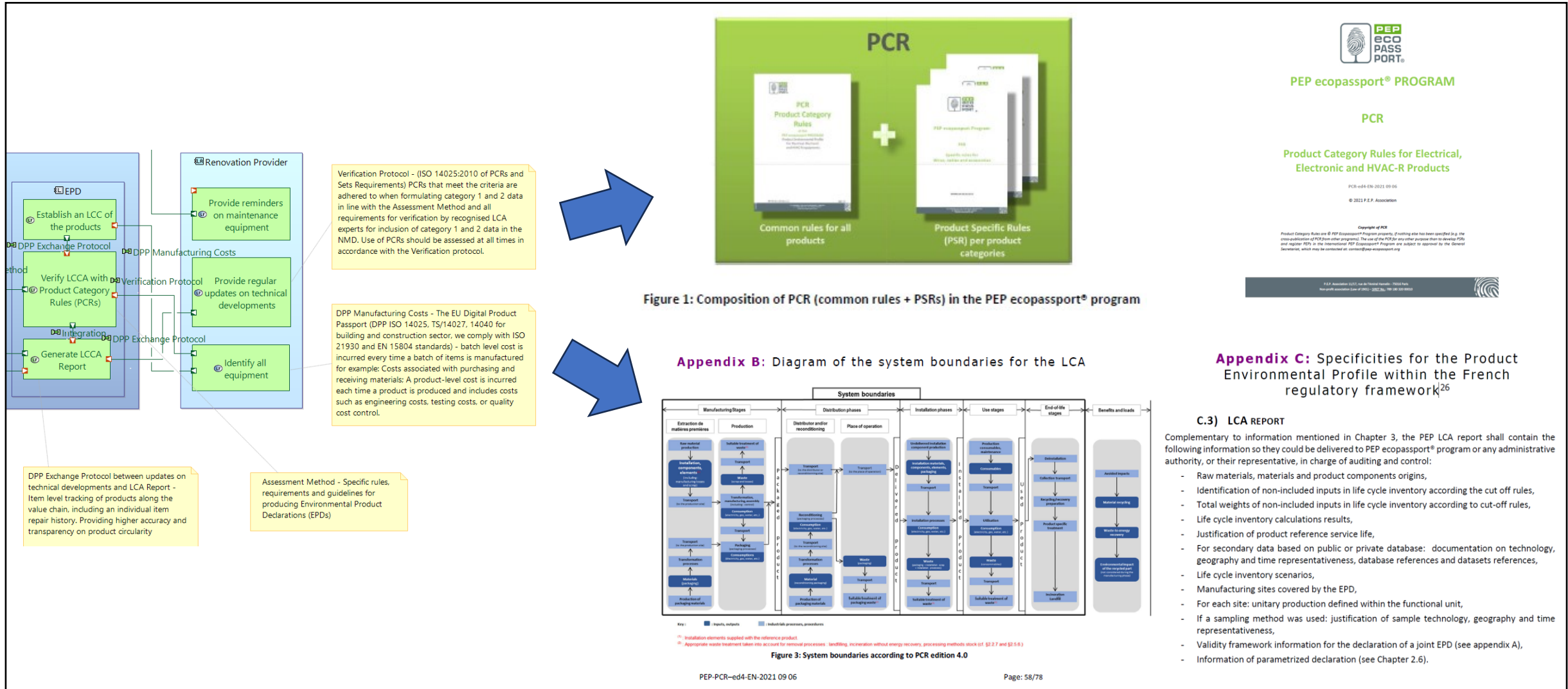
Assessment Method - Specific rules, requirements and guidelines for producing Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs)



Appendix D: Example of calculation of Module D

Module	Calculation	Assessment
Production	$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{m_i \cdot G_i}{G_{total}}$	Production of the product is assessed based on the weighted average of the production of the components.
Use phase	$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{m_i \cdot U_i}{U_{total}}$	Use phase of the product is assessed based on the weighted average of the use phase of the components.
End of life	$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{m_i \cdot E_i}{E_{total}}$	End of life of the product is assessed based on the weighted average of the end of life of the components.

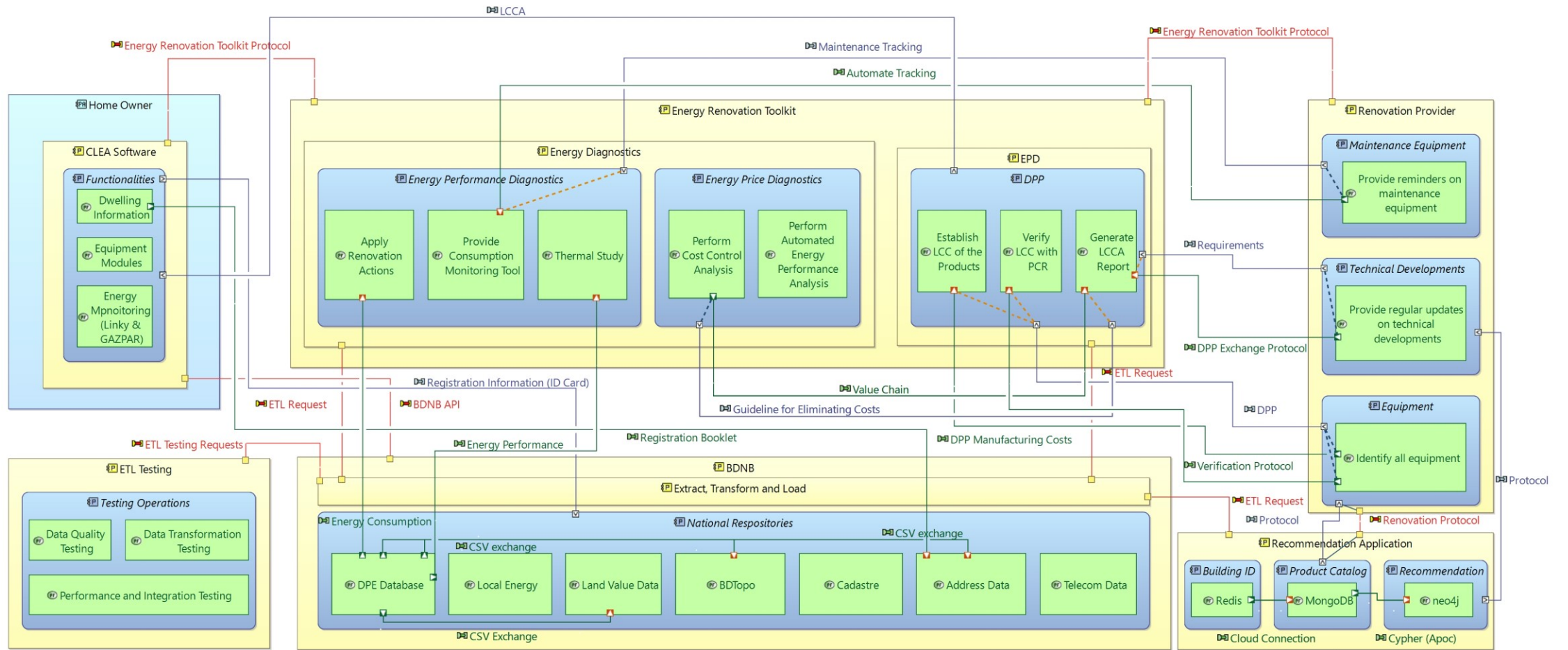
# The Environmental Performance for Construction Works



# French Demo Requirements

<b>1.1</b>	<b>Information Exchange (Files and Data)</b>
<b>1.1.1</b>	The Energy Renovation Toolkit shall provide a mechanism and interfaces for CLEA software to connect with BDNB dataset allowing a technical characterisation of existing buildings. Reminder, the BDNB is the merging of national repositories (EPCs for example), data-crossing algorithms and CSTB energy simulation tool.
<b>1.1.2</b>	CSTB shall facilitate the exchange mechanism between the USER via CLEA Software and BDNB with secure access, reception, and registration of requests linked by BDNB RESTful APIs. The required open data databases (Building-ID, National address base, Cadastre, BD Topo, Official geographic code, DPE 2012, Local energy data) of the BDNB shall be interconnected by CSTB ETL.
<b>1.1.3</b>	The exchange mechanism shall also facilitate the calculation indicators of performance for energy simulations diagnostics, and access to registered EPC data.
<b>1.1.4</b>	The CLEA Software shall provide the Energy Renovation Toolkit with RESTful API access to LINKY ENEDIS and GAZPAR GRDF data streams. They are respectively the electricity and gas national network providers and handle real hourly energy consumption at deliver point (generally at dwelling scale)
<b>1.1.5</b>	The CLEA Software shall provide a mechanism and interfaces for Energy Renovation ToolKit to supply the renovation provider with access to submit the required data files for the Housing Information Book, and centralization storage of information and documents: commercial proposal, plan sketch, project, contract and descriptive notice, plan layout, and experts' advice (LCC). Typically, Automatic completion of key information exchanges shall be provided.
<b>1.1.6</b>	The exchange mechanism shall also facilitate exchange of data (XML files) for the integration of the thermal study and consumption monitoring tool provided by CERQUAL
<b>1.1.7</b>	The CLEA Software shall provide a mechanism and interfaces for Energy Renovation ToolKit to supply the client with open access to submit the required data files for the House maintenance, and A pre-existing library of equipment to customize (regular update in depending on technical developments).
<b>1.1.8</b>	The exchange mechanism shall also facilitate a user-interface to retrieve data from cadaster provided by BDNB API to obtain general dwelling information. Typically, equipment modules (user guides for HVAC & devices, maintenance alerts) shall be provided.
<b>1.2</b>	<b>Information from other sources</b>
<b>1.2.1</b>	Information provided by the renovation provider on identified equipment prior to installing shall be referenced to The EU Digital Product Passport DPP ISO 14040 and EN 15804 standards for batch and product level costs and exchanged as part of the EPD to establish an LCA of the products.
<b>1.2.2</b>	Information provided by the renovation provider on regular updates on technical developments shall be verified by ISO 14025:2010 of PCRs Set requirements that adhered to formulating category 1 and 2 data in line with the assessment method of all requirements for verification by recognized LCA experts for inclusion of category 1 (in relation to EN 15804) and 2 (in relation to EN 15804/A2:2019) data in the National Environmental Database .
<b>1.2.3</b>	Information provided to the EPD system shall be managed by CLEA and exchange protocols for generating LCA reports and inputs to perform cost control analysis.

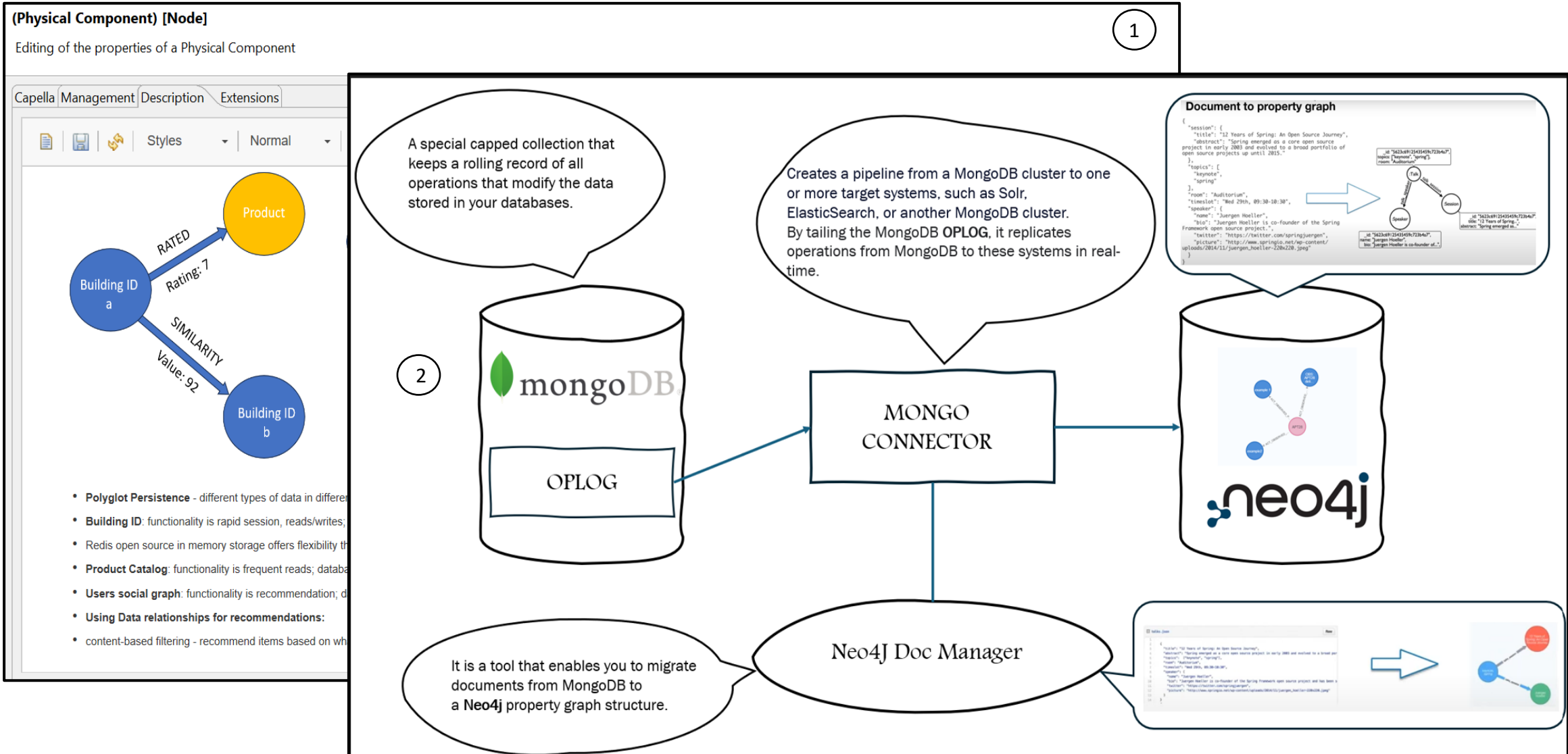
# Physical Architecture (Develop System Architectural Design)



Option 1: APOC Procedures (Awesome Procedures for Neo4j 3.X): User-defined procedures are written in Java, deployed into the database, and called from Cypher.

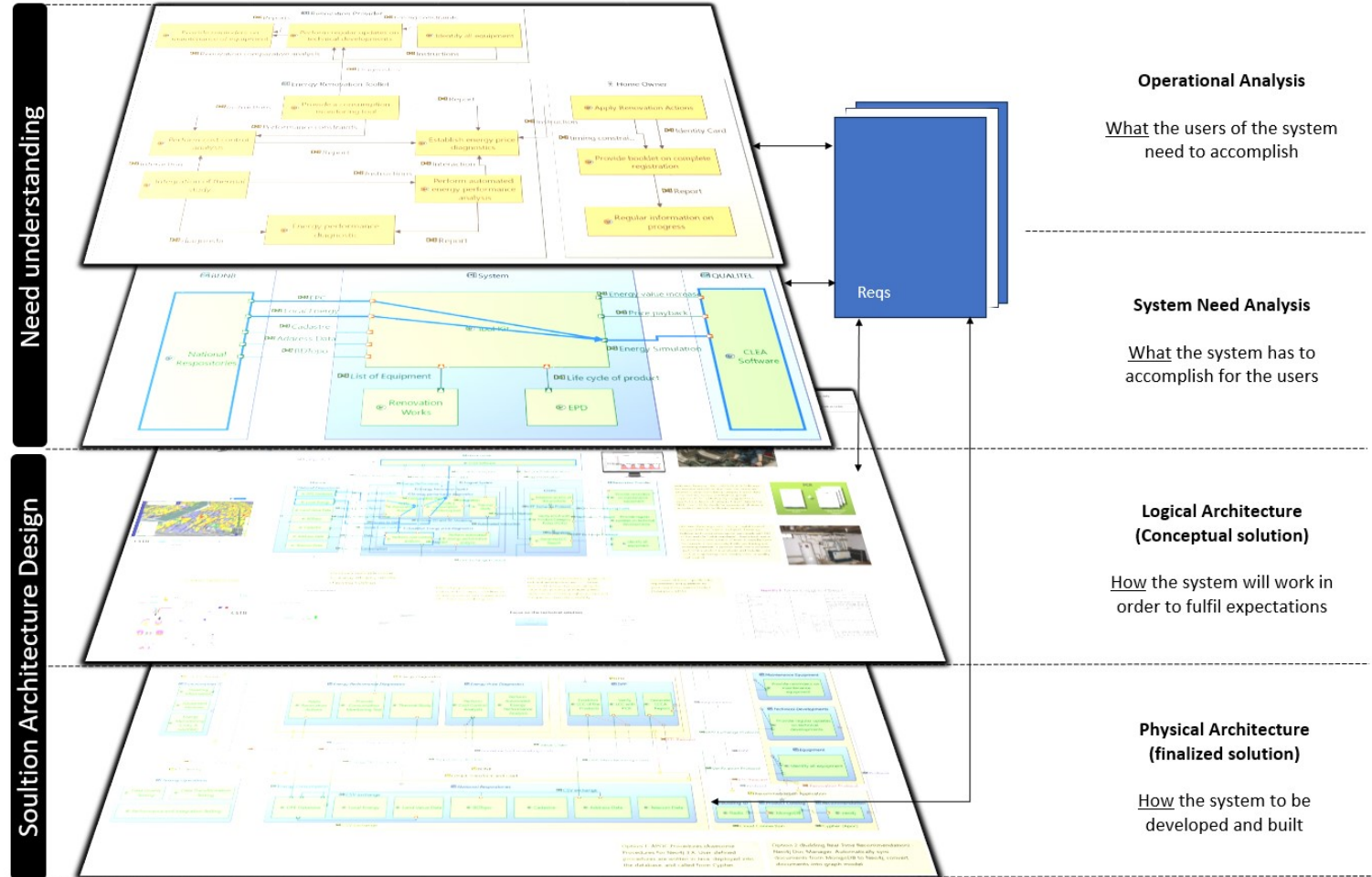
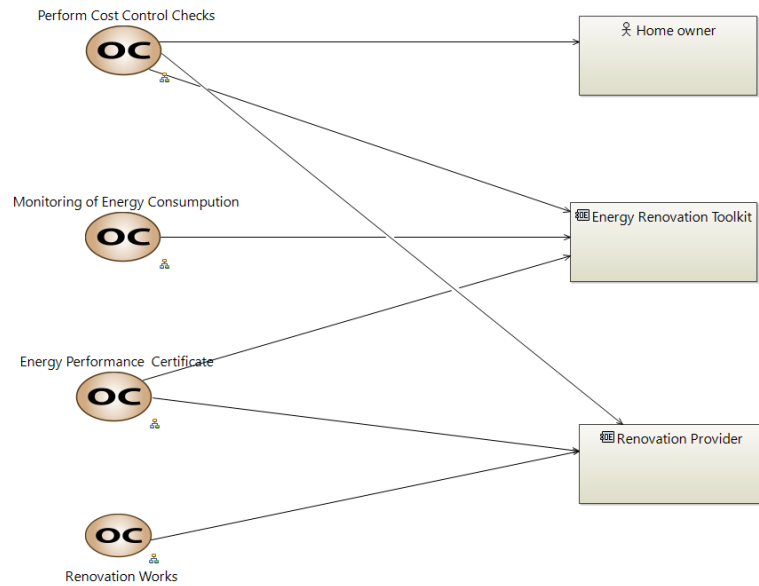
Option 2 (Building Real-Time Recommendation) - Neo4j Doc Manager: Automatically sync documents from MongoDB to Neo4j; convert documents into graph model.

# Building Real-Time Recommendation Application



# MBSE – The Arcadia perspectives

## [OCB] Operational Capabilities





# Summary/Results

Quantitative data from Rogers and Mitchell, (2021) and Qualitative from OMG, MBSE Wiki, 2023, MBSE Events and related Meetings, INCOSE 2023 SEH

Benefits Listed	Benefits Experienced on the Demo Blog Project
<b>Improved communications</b>	Not just among the BDNB team at CSTB and the QUALITEL team but also with Energy Saving Trust from the UK and their DBL Chimni – as their demonstration is also related to automated renovation advice and EST leads the deliverable associated with T1.1.3
<b>Increased ability to manage system complexity</b>	The workflows (Operational Analysis, System Analysis, Logical Architecture, and Physical Analysis) were essential to the creation of the requirements and The Interface Control Document. The step by step process which enabled transition from levels referring to needs of understanding to Solution Architecture design enabled the systems to be viewed from multiple perspectives.
<b>Improved product quality</b>	The ability to create a holistic model that incorporated all of the integrated components while also allowing atomic sections to be analysed individually provided completeness. Furthermore, the model's ability (intelligence) to recognise the previous levels information such as connections of components to functions and exchange items provided consistency and correctness.
<b>Reduced Recycled Time</b>	The opportunity to establish an early baseline featuring what the users of the system need to accomplish and what the system has to accomplish for the system, enabled a rapid impact analysis, design reuse (transition to levels) such as identifying the different levels of requirements for the renovation toolkit. This method presented early design decisions and discovery of potential errors.
<b>Reduced Risk</b>	The ability to discuss the design with the Senior Data Scientist at CSTB (for 'single responsibility') provided clarification of the surfacing requirements and design issues earlier in the process. For example; Version II of the ICD was very detailed at an early stage of the process.
<b>Enhanced knowledge capture and reuse of the information</b>	The three pillars associated with Capella – Arcadia (the tool, the language, the methodology) and the accompanying methods of Object Oriented Systems, Engineering Method (OOSEM) and that of M. Lionel YAPI (THALES GROUP), helped to capture the knowledge and determine the focus of resources to address the challenges, the stakeholders needs, the interfaces and the Architectural analysis.
<b>Improved ability to teach and learn SE fundamentals</b>	In essence the use of: Arcadia - Methodology and High level concepts and viewpoints and Capella - The purpose-built tool to provide the notation and diagrams fitting the Arcadia approach, was a rewarding learning experience for me and certainly added value to the project and highlighted the need for SE fundamentals.

# THANK YOU



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