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Modeling heterogeneous points of views with ModHel'X

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➤ Context

- ModHel'X
- Multi-view with ModHel'X
- Conclusion & future work

Context

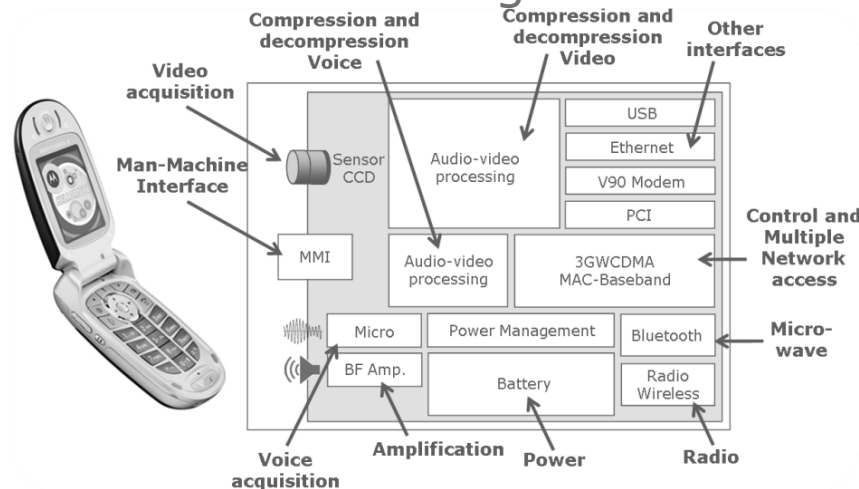
■ Heterogeneous systems

- Set of elements in interaction
 - ◆ *Embedded system (complex system: car, plane, satellite ...)*
 - ◆ *Software/Hardware, digital/analog ...*

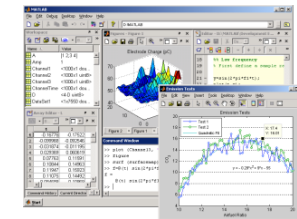


■ We want to model this kind of systems

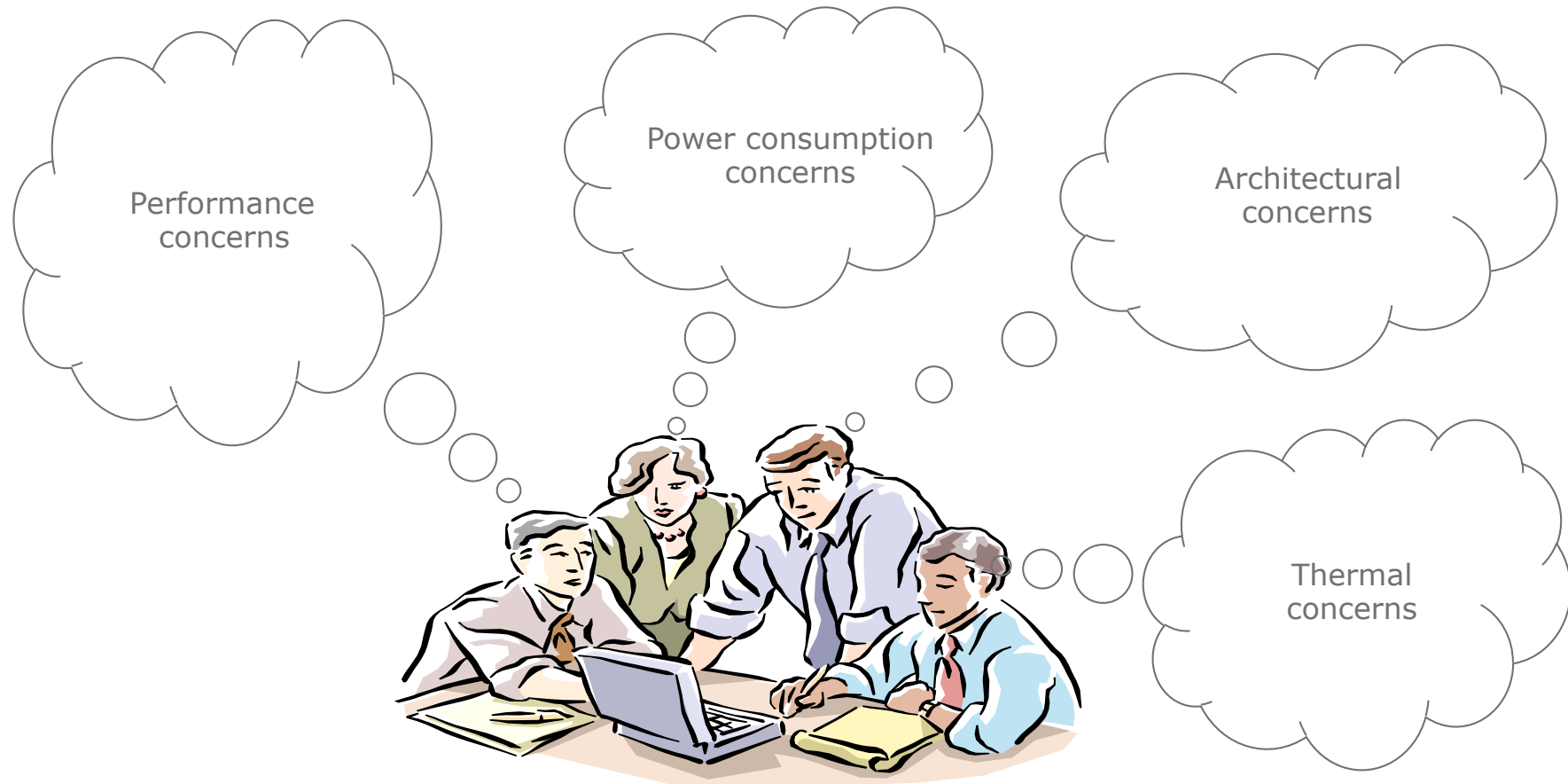
- ▶ We need different modeling formalisms



- We use these models for
 - ▶ Simulation, test, code generation, V&V



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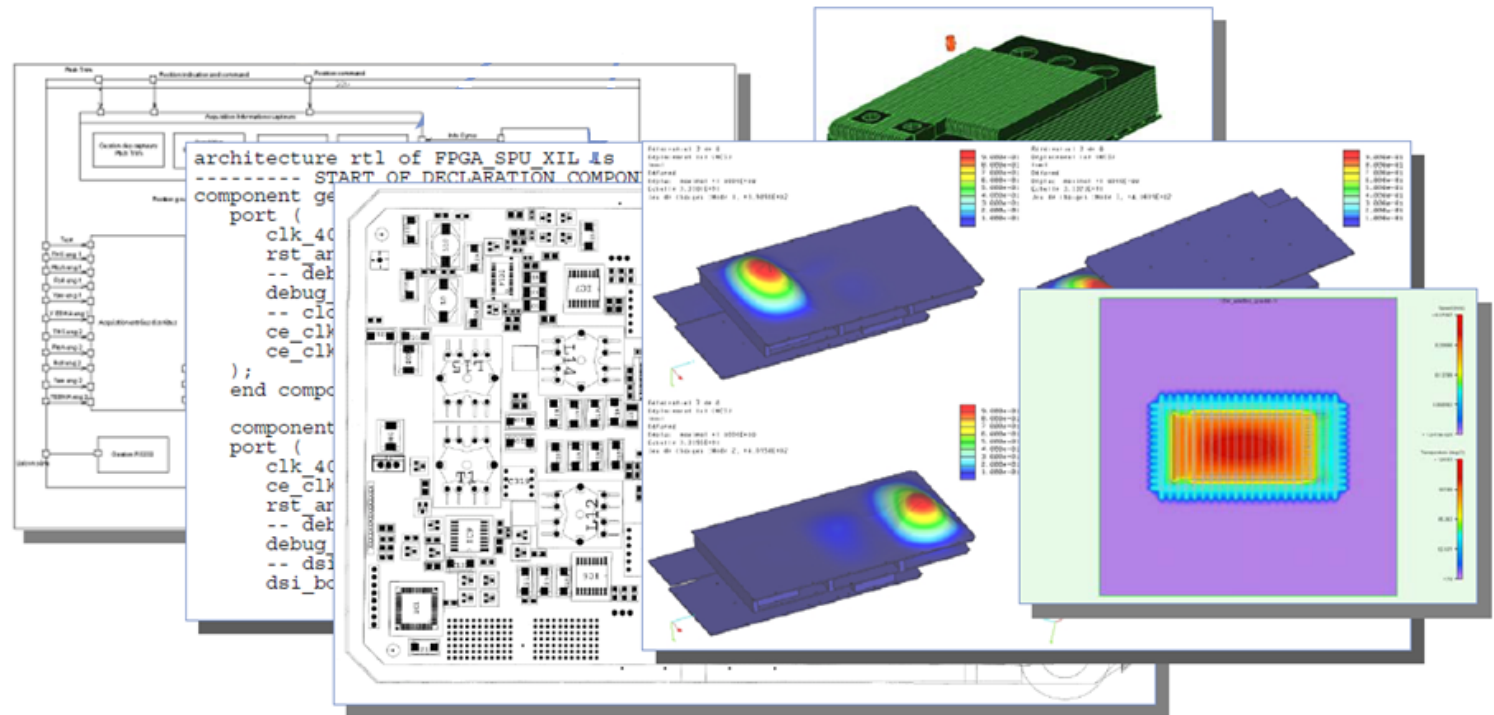


- System => several concerns, each with its concepts and tools

Goal

- Model different points of view for our system
 - ▶ Modeling different system aspects (views) separately
 - Functional view, power consumption view, thermal view ...

System



Those models must be consistent !

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ModHel'X : Presentation

■ Framework for modeling heterogeneous systems

- Generic Metamodel (for describing structure)
- Generic execution engine (for interpreting structure)

Directed by
A MoC

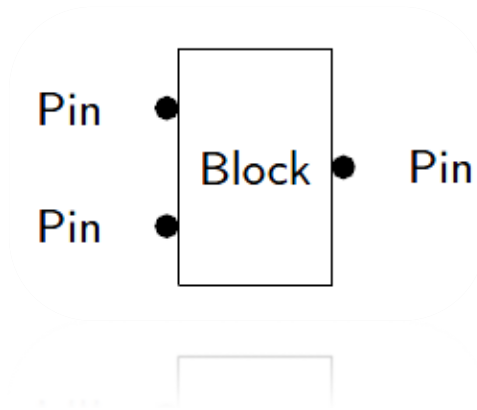


■ MoC : set of rules which define the behavior of a model

- Ex: Discrete Events (DE), Synchronous Data Flow (SDF) ...

ModHel'X : Concepts (1/2)

- The basic element for modeling is the **block** (black box)

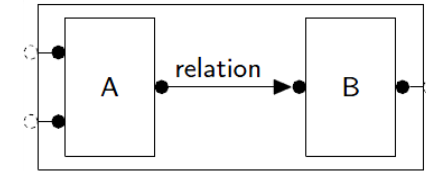


- A block is defined by
 - An interface = set of Pins
 - An **update** operation for observing the behavior of the block
- ➔ The behavior of a block is observed by requiring an **update** of its interface

ModHel'X : Concepts (2/2)

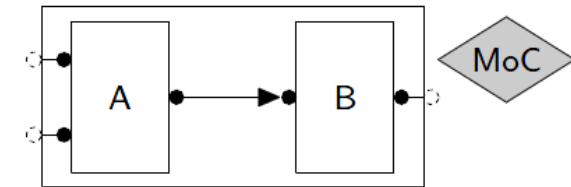
■ Composite Block

- Set of blocks with relations between their pins



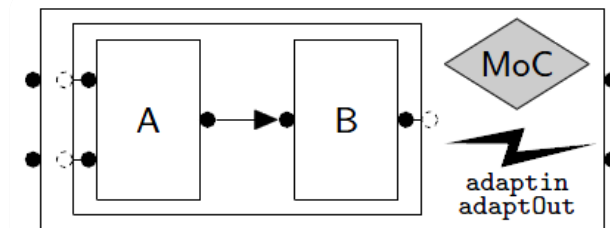
■ Model

- Composite Block + MoC

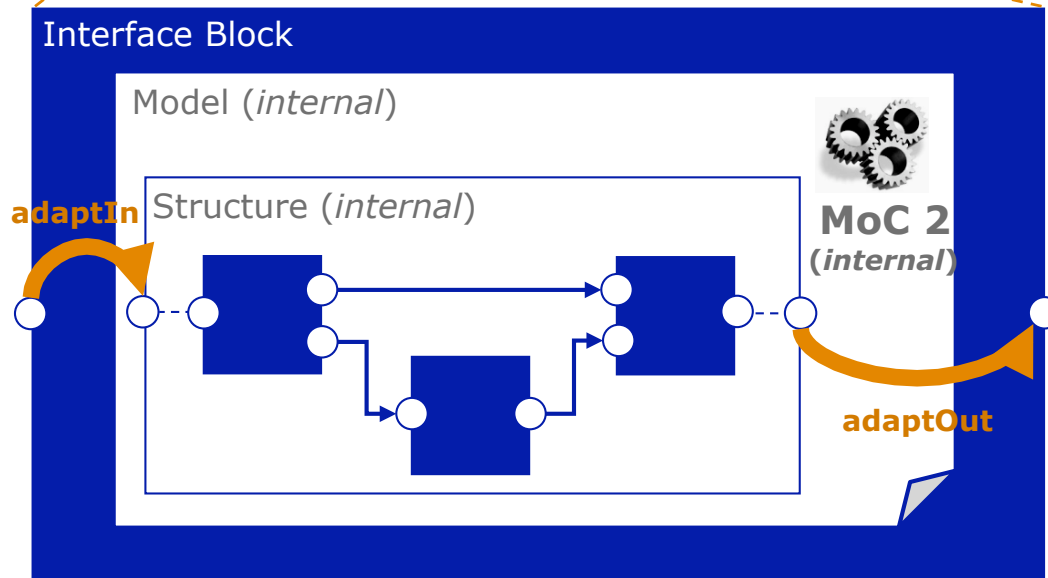
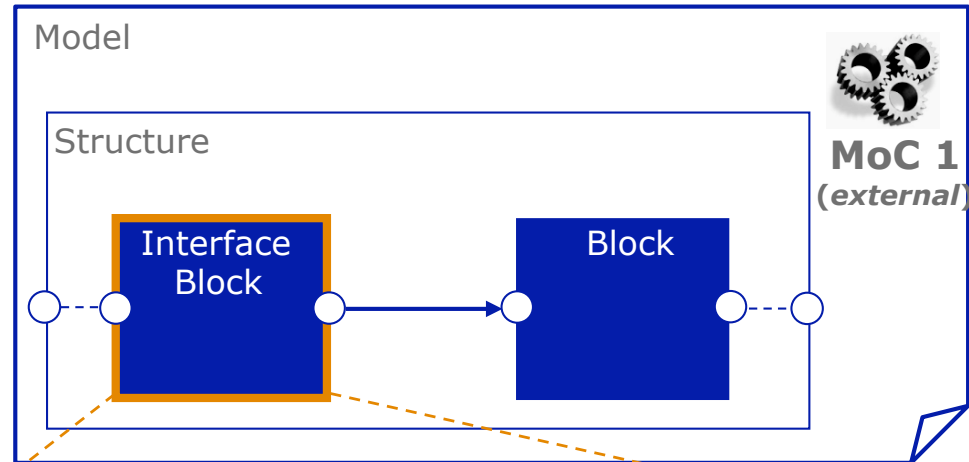


■ Interface Block

- For hierarchical composition
- Heterogeneity



Summary



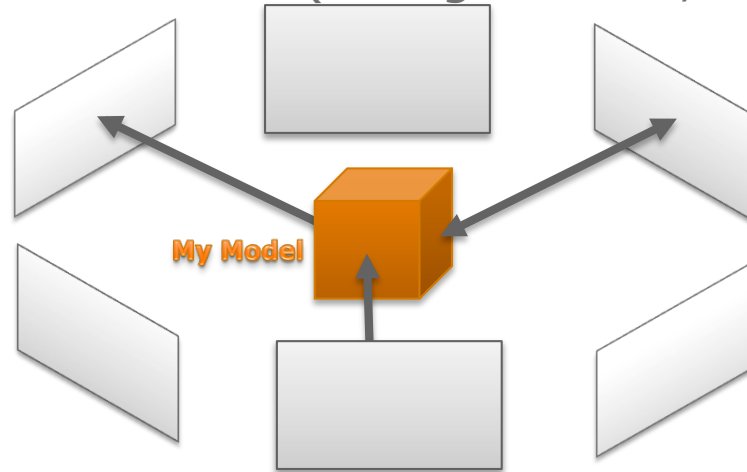
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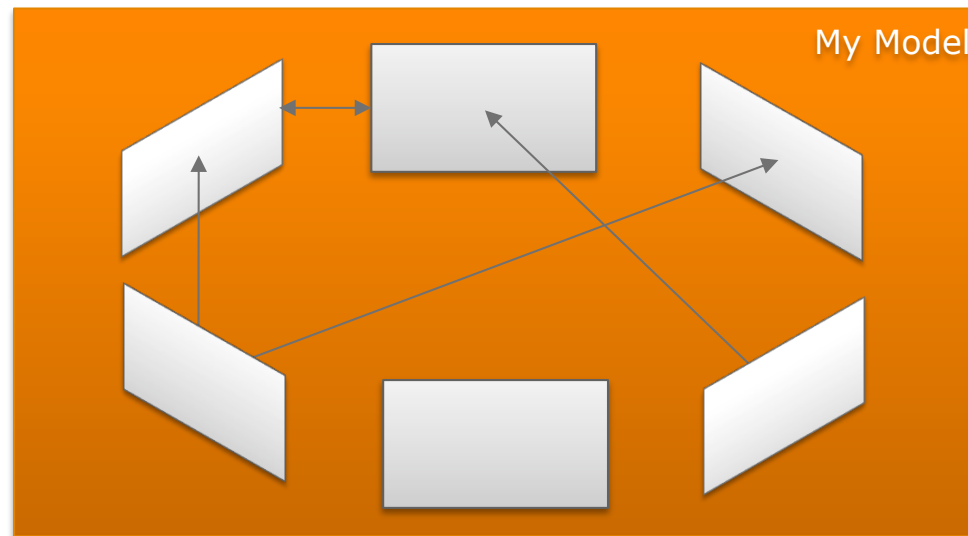
Multi-view modeling

■ Two kinds of approaches

- ▶ With a “reference model” (Attiogbé et al., VUML)



- ▶ Without a “reference model” (Rosetta, Benveniste et al.)



Use ModHel'X
→ Different views of the same system

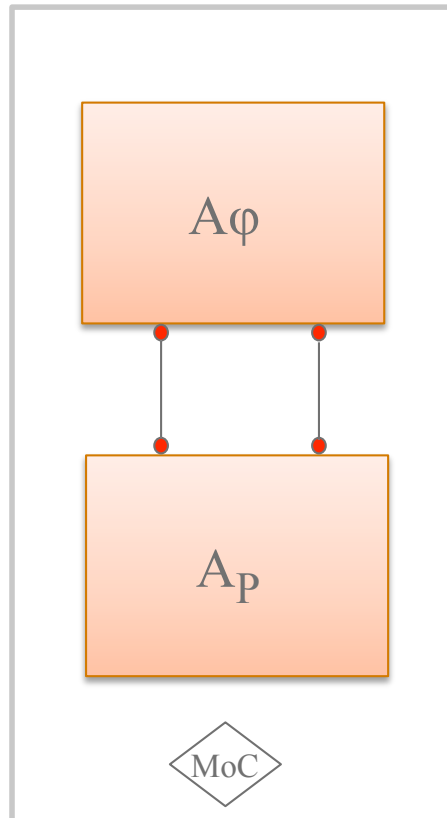
Multi-view with ModHel'X

- Use the same abstract syntax as in ModHel'X
 - Block, pin, relation, MoC

- Each view is an observable behavior
 - View = ModHel'X Block

- Main issue
 - Ensure consistency between views

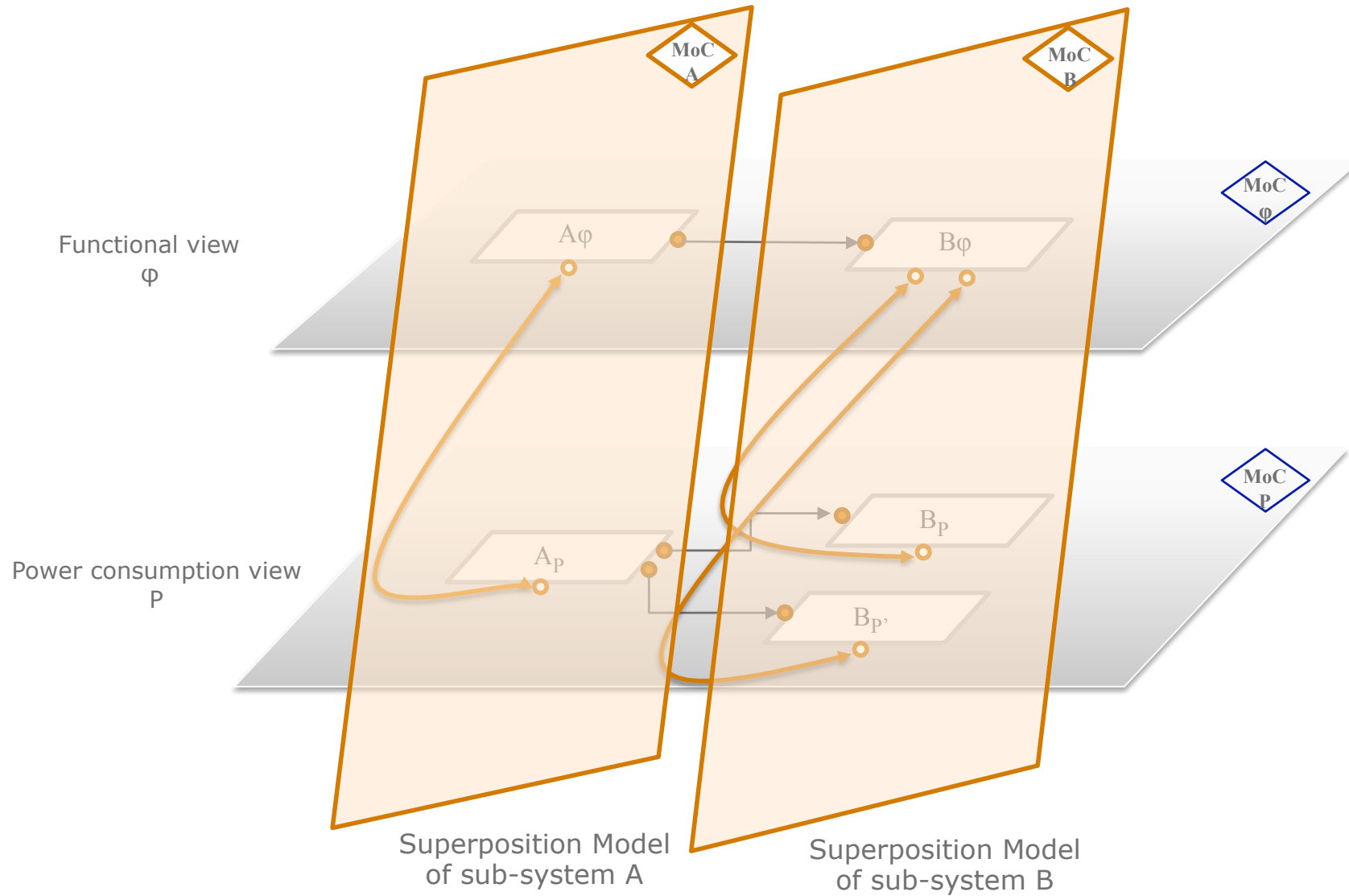
Multi-view with ModHel'X



- $A =$ (sub)-system
 - ▶ A_φ : Functional view
 - ▶ A_p : Power consumption view

- How to maintain consistency ?
 - ➔ Define consistency rules using relations between pins

Multi-view Modeling with ModHel'X

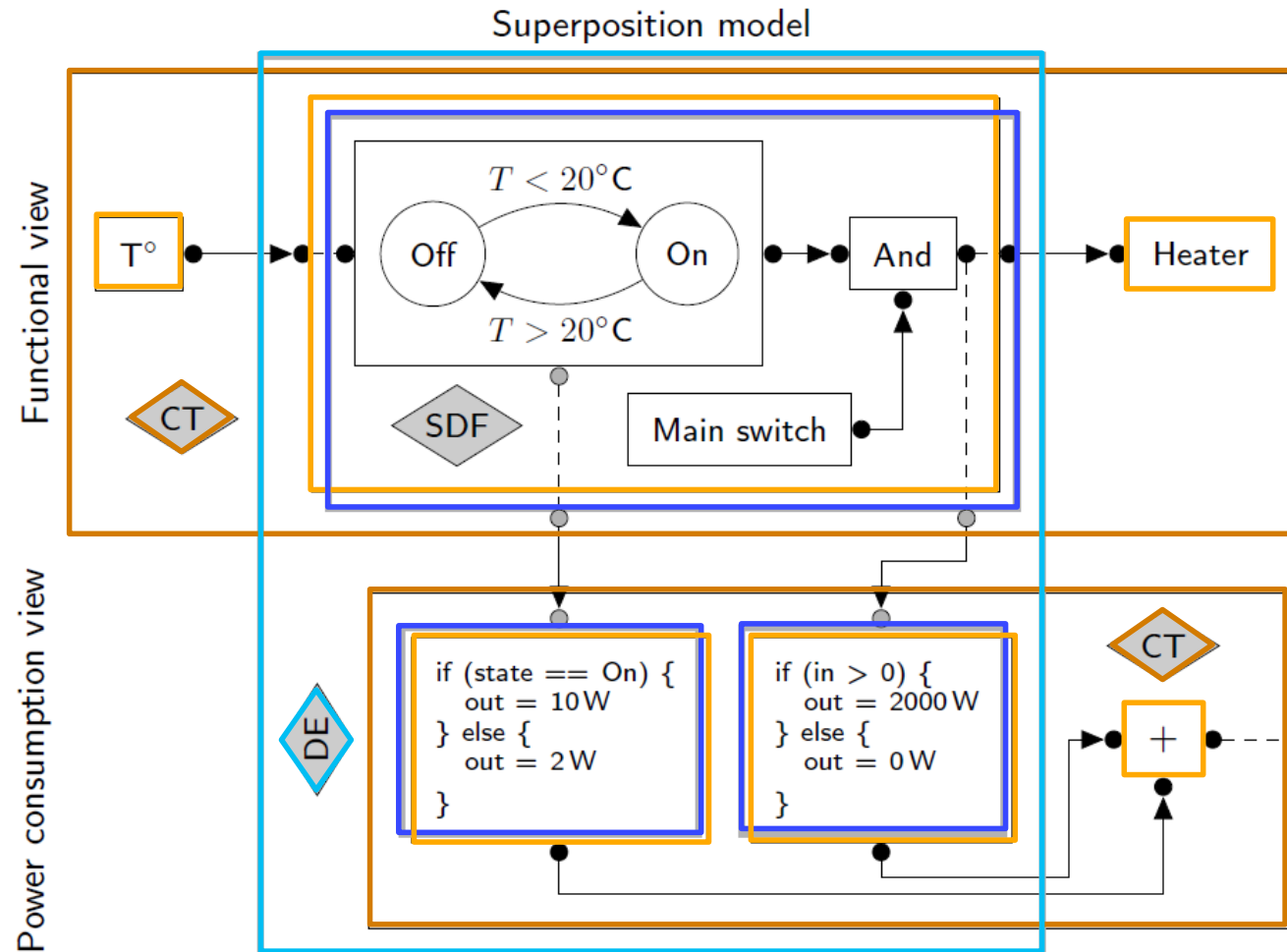


Example

- Thermostat of a heater



Example



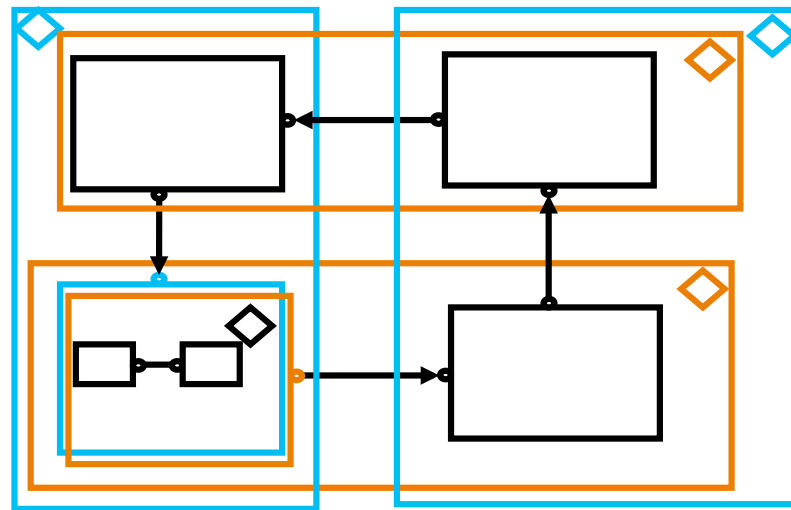
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Conclusion & future work



- Modeling heterogeneous system with ModHel'X
- We keep the syntax of ModHel'X, to create superposition model



■ Problems

- ▶ How to deal with the two kinds of interfaces when computing the global behavior
- ▶ How to define the access rights to pins

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Thanks for your attention



Questions ?

