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Fusing Model Based Engineering and Design by Shopping

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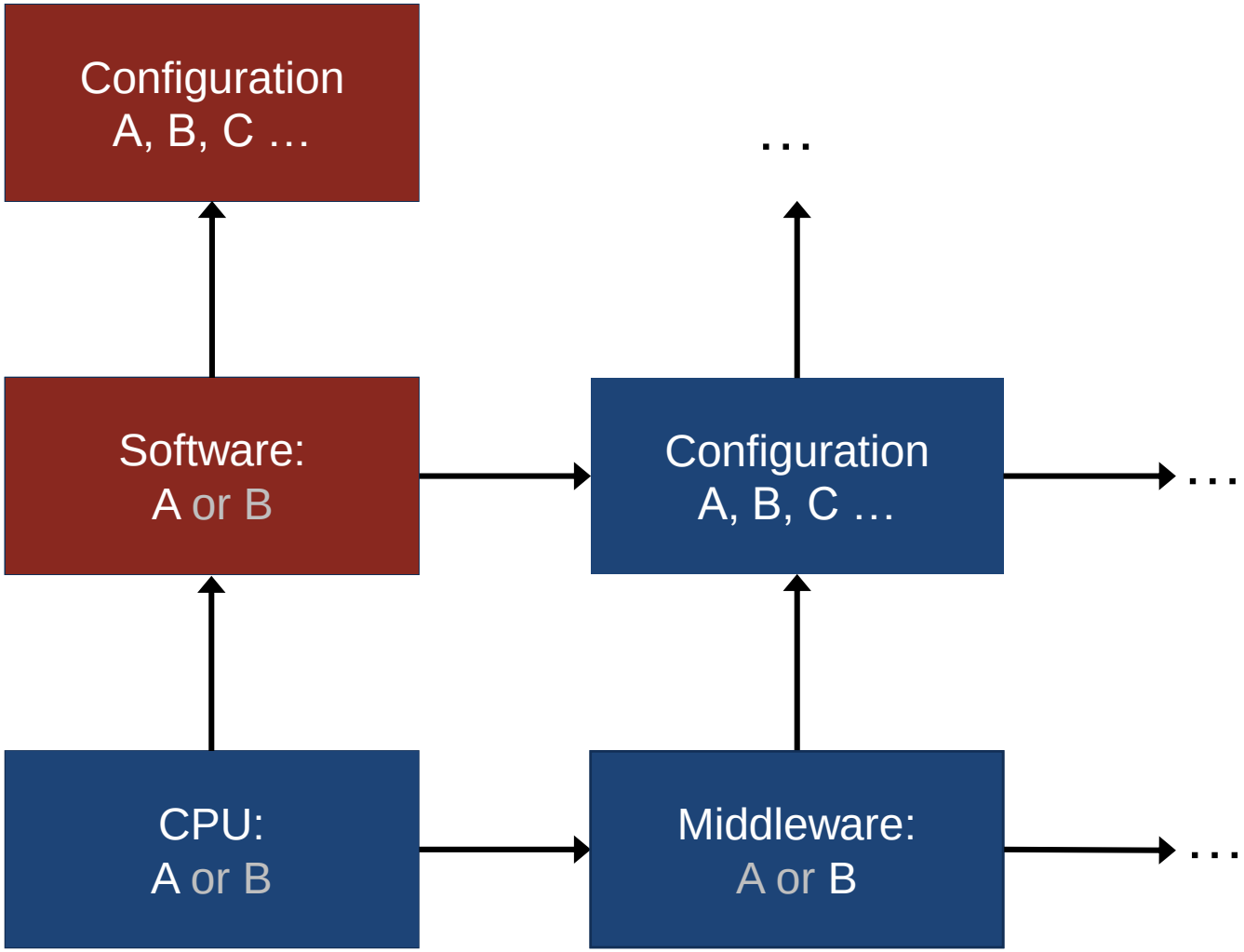
More components, more complexity



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But that's not actually how it all works.

System designers rely on their *expertise* and *intuition* instead

- Model-Based System Engineering (MBSE) supports that intuition, but has some drawbacks at large scale.
- Design Space Exploration works well at scale, but has some usability issues and rarely uses multipurpose system models

So, we created and evaluated the *Guided Architecture Trade Space Explorer*, which supports designers' intuition.

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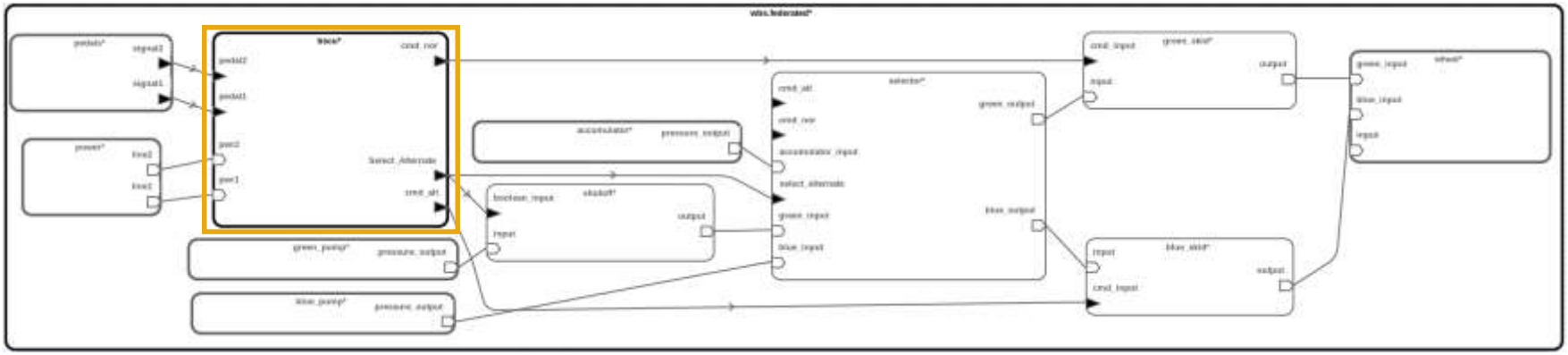

Two subsystems (command and monitor) + common platform

- Two monitor implementations, two command implementations
- Platform varies in power budget, wiring gauge, CPU architecture
  - Multiple CPUs must have the same architecture
  - Power required by CPUs must match platform provisions

… and that's just one component!

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Architecture Analysis and Description Language

```
system implementation wbs.generic
subcomponents
    -- Pedal subsystem
    pedals          : system impl::pedals::pedals.generic;

    -- Power subsystem
    power           : system impl::power::power.generic;

    --  The two pumps at the top of the diagram
    blue_pump       : system impl::pump::pump.generic;
    green_pump      : system impl::pump::pump.generic;

    --  The accumulator pump
    accumulator     : system impl::pump::pump.generic;

    --  The selector subsystem
    selector        : system impl::valves::selector;
    bscu            : system impl::bscu::bscu.generic;

    wheel           : system impl::wheel::wheel.i;

    -- Annunciation device
--  annunciation    : device impl::communication::annunciation.i;
connections
    accu_to_sel: bus access selector.accumulator_input <-> accumulator.pressure_output;
    power1     : bus access bscu.pwr1 <-> power.line1;
    power2     : bus access power.line2 <-> bscu.pwr2;
    pedal1     : port pedals.signal1 -> bscu.pedal1;
    pedal2     : port pedals.signal2 -> bscu.pedal2;
properties
    SEI::WeightLimit => 50.0 kg;
```

```
device implementation powersource.large
    properties
        SEI::Price => 1000.00;
        SEI::NetWeight => 7.5 kg;
        SEI::PowerCapacity => 300.0 w;
end powersource.large;
```

International standard (SAE AS5506C)

Used in academia, industry, government in the US, EU, China

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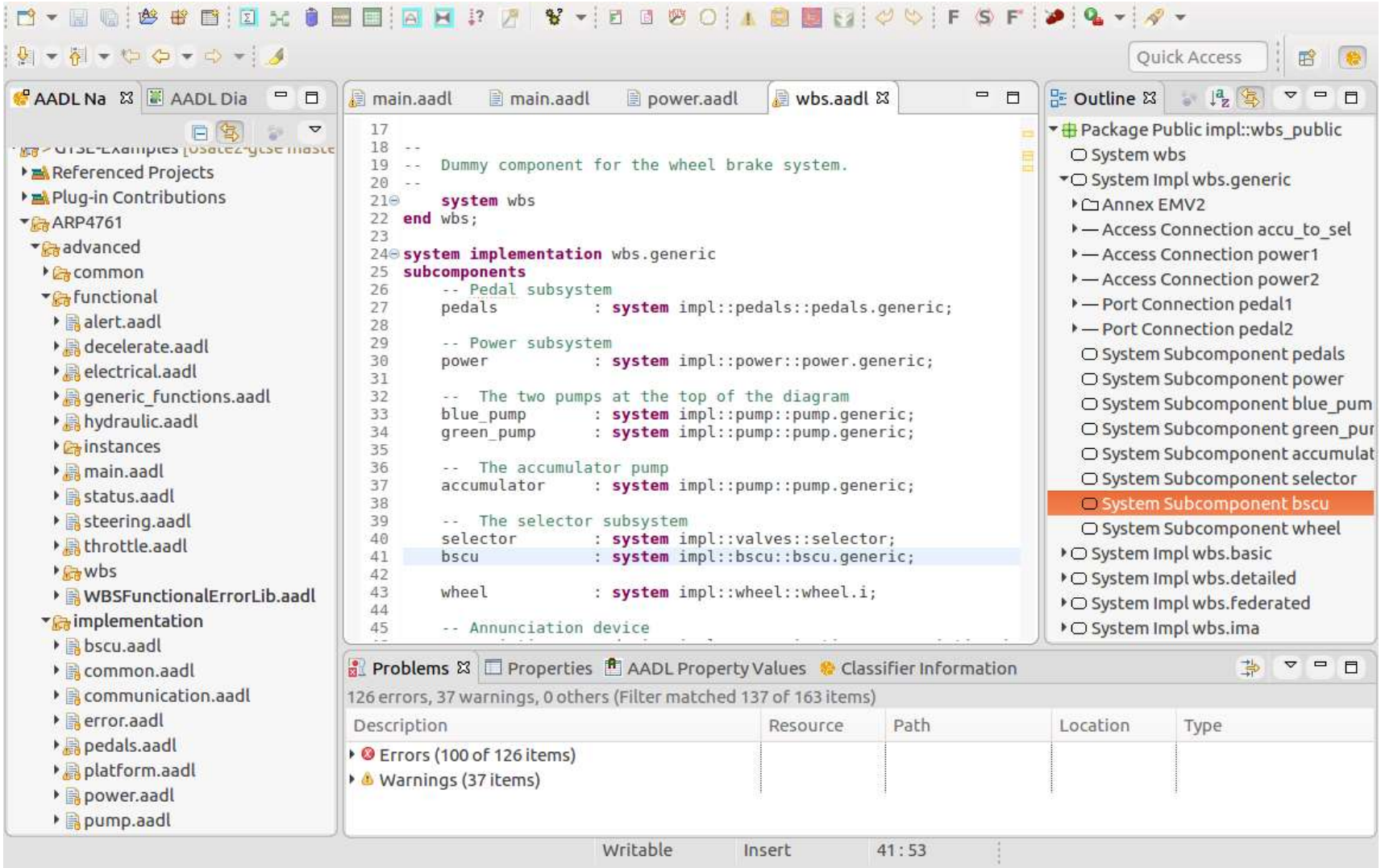
Open Source Architecture Tool Environment



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Example Domain-Specific Plugin

```
public class BrakingPower extends AbstractAnalysis {

 @Override public void runAnalysis(SystemInstance instance,
  SystemOperationMode som, AnalysisErrorReporterManager errMgr,
  IProgressMonitor progressMonitor, Response resp) {

     resp.addVariable("BrakingPower", ATSVVariableType.FLOAT,
     String.valueOf(calcBrakingPower(instance)));
 }

 private double calcBrakingPower(ComponentInstance ci) {
  double power = 0.0;
  /* Recurse into subcomponents */
  EList<ComponentInstance> cil = ci.getComponentInstances();
  for (ComponentInstance subi : cil) {
   power += calcBrakingPower(subi);
  }
  power += PropertyUtils.getRealValue(ci,
   GetProperties.lookupPropertyDefinition(ci,
   "DemoProperties", "BrakingPower"), 0.0);
  return power;
 }
}
```


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Designing by Shopping (Balling)

What's wrong with optimization?

- "A priori articulation of preference" (Hwang and Masud) is hard.

How do we fix it?

- Provide a range of options so users can intuitively understand tradeoffs
  - Options should be *pareto optimal*

Think of buying a shirt on Amazon…

- It's hard to envision the perfect shirt without seeing any examples
  - And even if you do, what are the odds it exists?
- Look at some examples (yellow vs blue shirts) then refine your search
  - Repeat until you're satisfied

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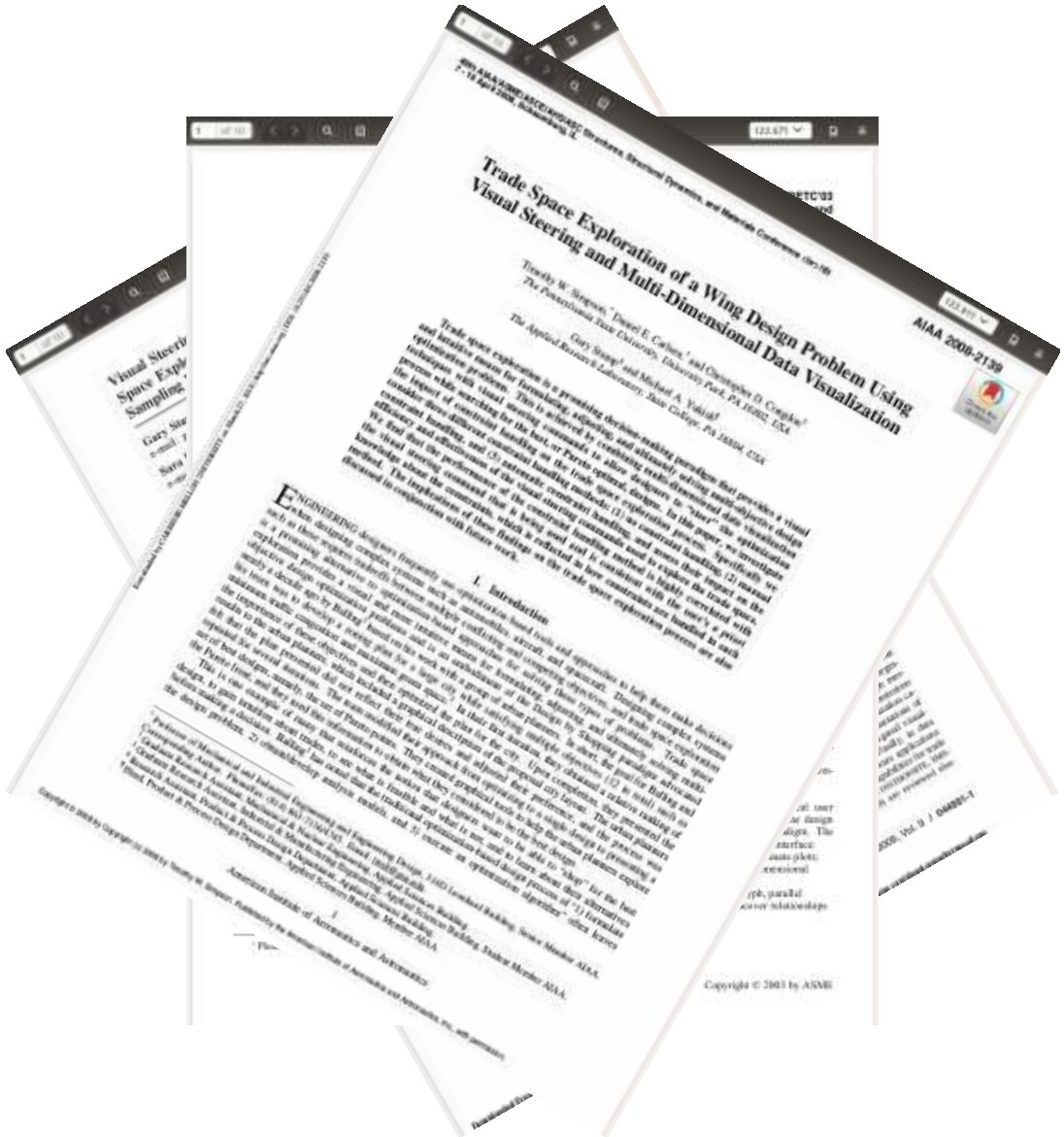
Penn State's ARL Trade Space Visualizer

Java based software for design-by-shopping.

Includes both a range of evolutionary algorithms and a variety of visualizations.

Evaluated in aeronautics and aerospace domains.



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A Configuration Language for AADL

An AADL Model

```
package P

   system S
   end S;

   system implementation S.i
      subcomponents
        sub: processor Intel;
   end S;

   processor Intel
   end Intel;

   processor implementation Intel.i3
   end Intel.i3;

   processor implementation Intel.i5
   end Intel.i5;

end P;
```

Assign a component implementation
and a property value

```
configuration C1 extends S.i {
   sub => Intel.i3;
   #SEI::Weight => 0.2 kg;
}
```

Extend a configuration and override an assignment
Assign a property in a nested configuration

```
configuration C2 extends S.i with C1 {
   sub => Intel.i5 {
      #SEI::MIPSCapacity => 1500 MIPS;
}  }
```

Parameterized configuration
with list of valid choices

```
configuration C3 (
   proc: processor Intel
         from (Intel.i3, Intel.i5)
) extends S.i {
   sub => proc;
   #SEI::MIPSCapacity => 1000MIPS;
}
```


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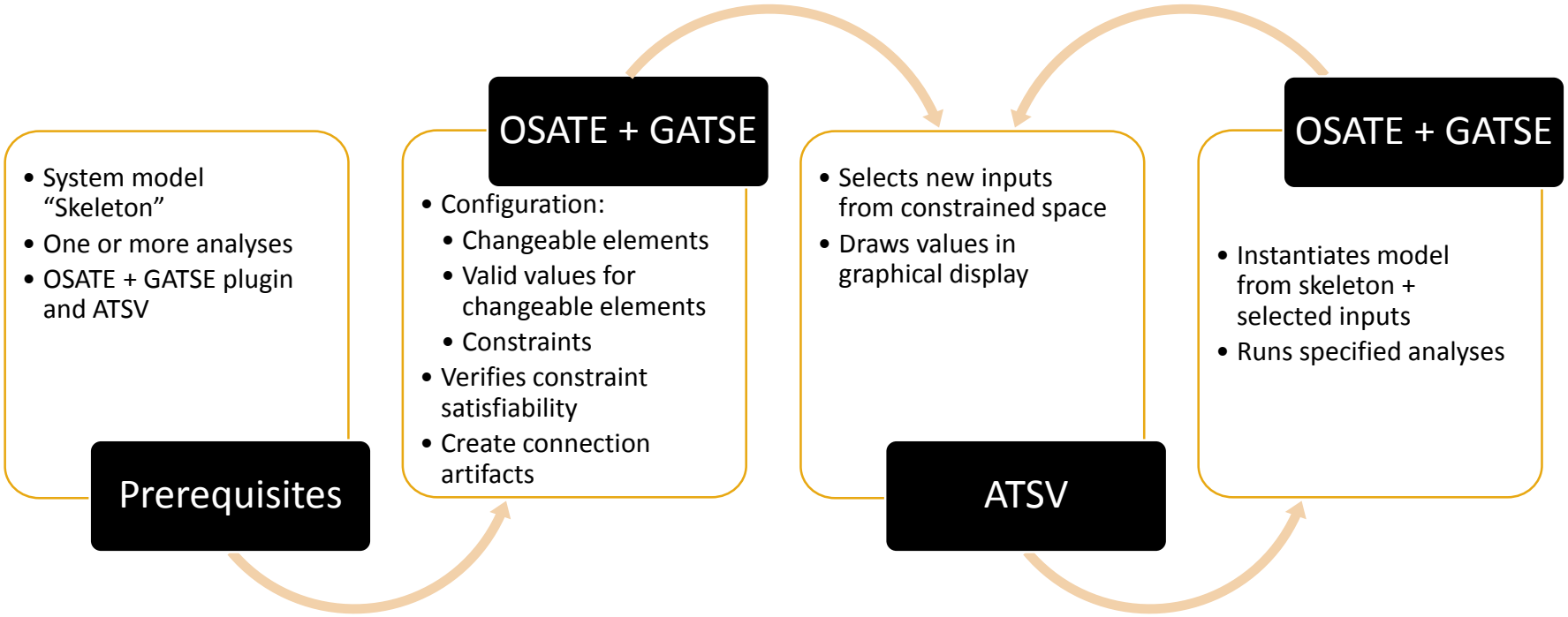

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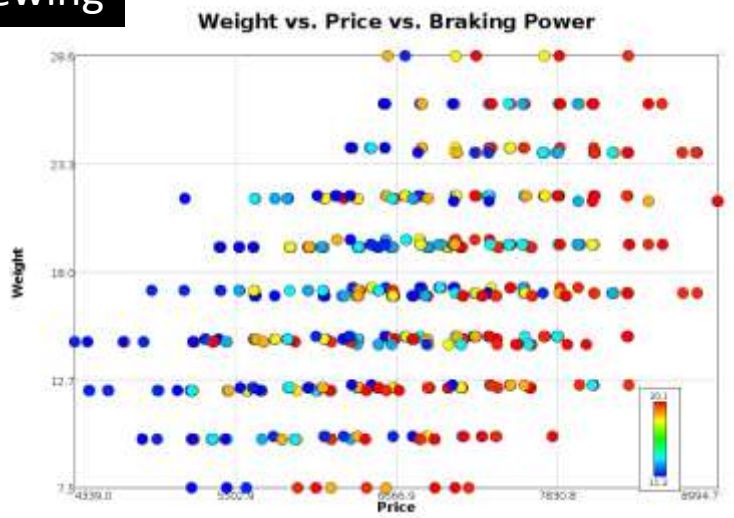
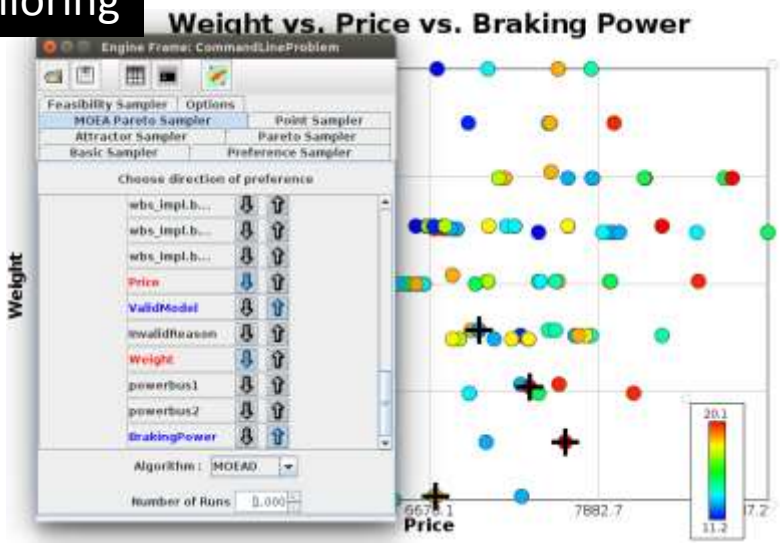
GATSE (ATSV): In action

Viewing

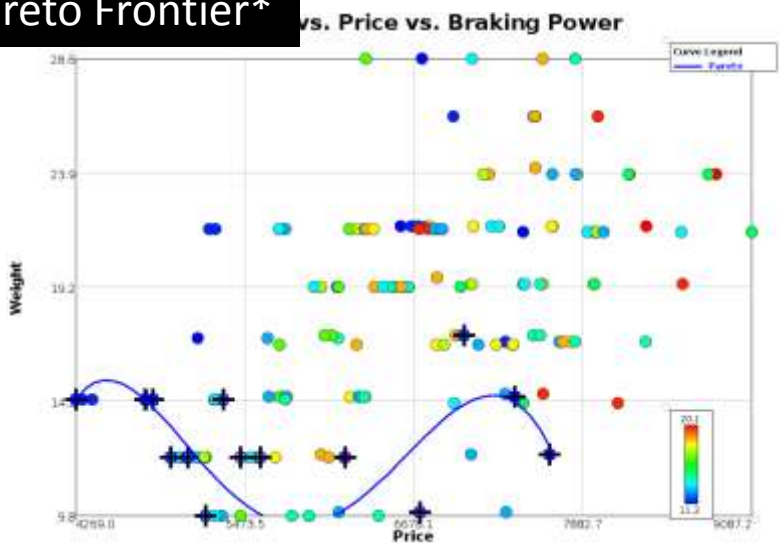


Tailoring



Filtering

Pareto Frontier*



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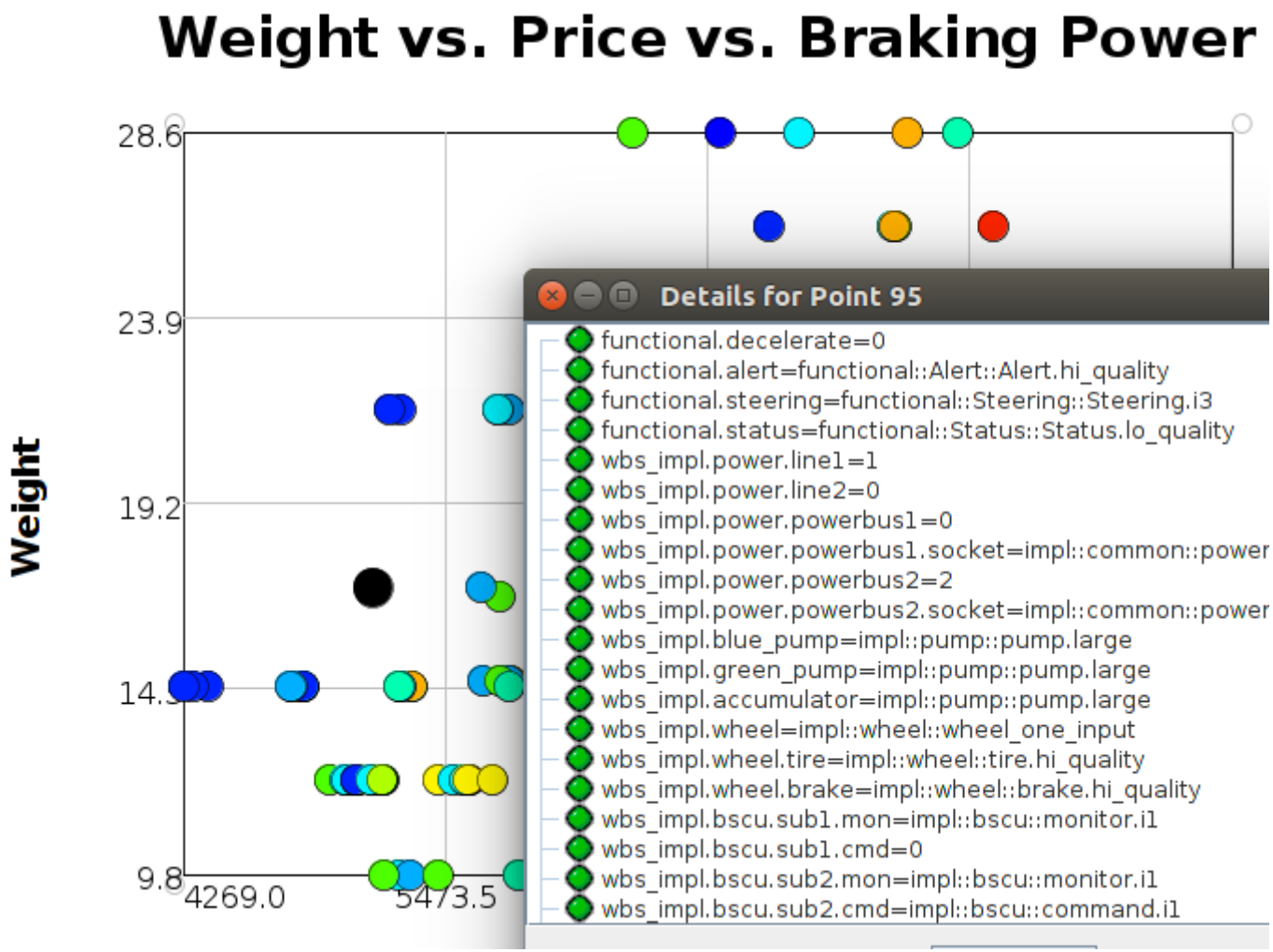
GATSE (ATSV): In detail



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The GATSE Vision

AADL: Custom Properties

```
device implementation tire.hi_quality
 properties

  -- Built-in properties supporting
  --  cost and weight analyses
  SEI::Price => 1000.0;
  SEI::NetWeight => 3.5 kg;

  -- Custom property supporting domain-
  --  specific analysis, potentially
  --  derived from other analysis /
  --  modeling tools
  DemoProperties::BrakingPower => 10.0;
end tire.hi_quality;
```

Used By

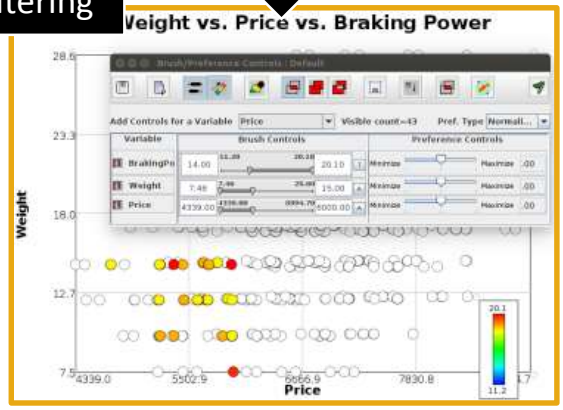
OSATE: Custom Analyses

```
public class BrakingPower extends AbstractAnalysis {

 @Override public void runAnalysis(SystemInstance instance,
  SystemOperationMode som, AnalysisErrorReporterManager errMgr,
  IProgressMonitor progressMonitor, Response resp) {

    resp.addVariable("BrakingPower", ATSVVariableType.FLOAT,
    String.valueOf(calcBrakingPower(instance)));
 }

 private double calcBrakingPower(ComponentInstance ci) {
  double power = 0.0;
  /* Recurse into subcomponents */
  EList<ComponentInstance> cil = ci.getComponentInstances();
  for (ComponentInstance subi : cil) {
   power += calcBrakingPower(subi);
  }
  power += PropertyUtils.getRealValue(ci,
   GetProperties.lookupPropertyDefinition(ci,
   "DemoProperties", "BrakingPower"), 0.0);
  return power;
 }
}
```

Enables (ATSV)

Viewing

Filtering



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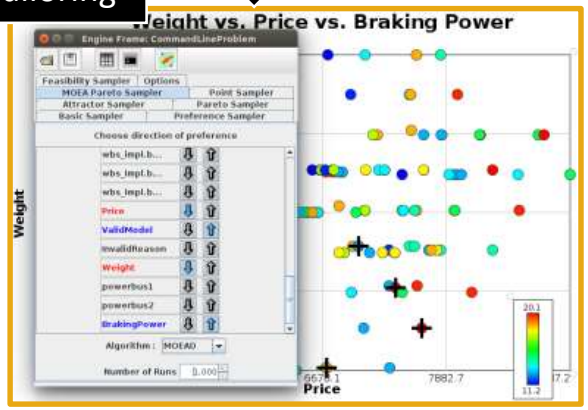

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