

# Deployment of SysML in Tools and Architectures: an Industry Perspective

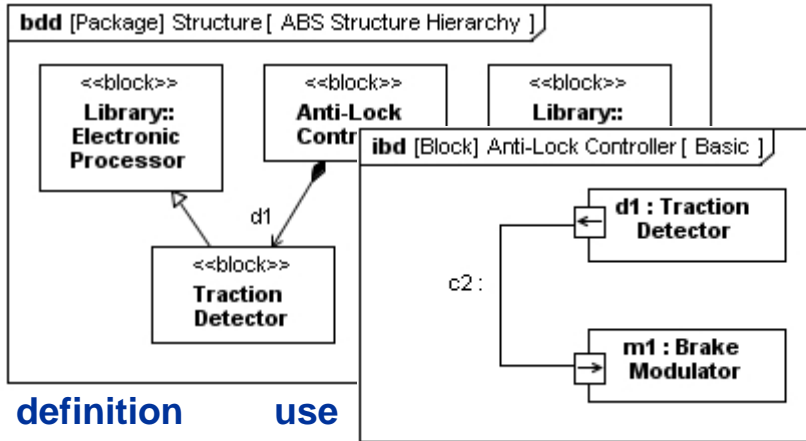
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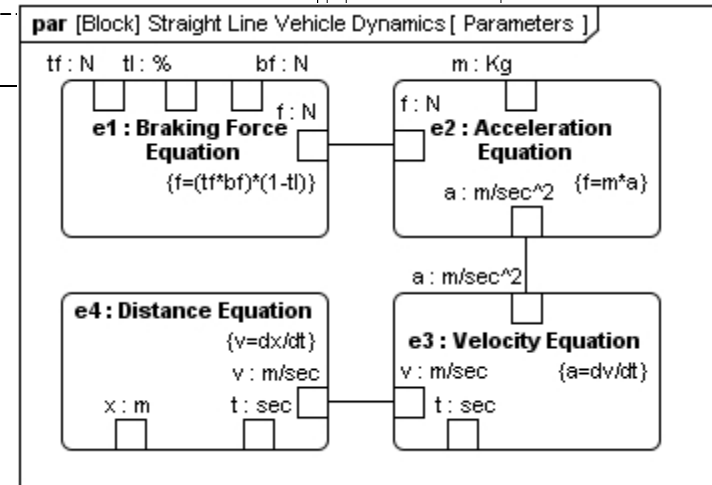
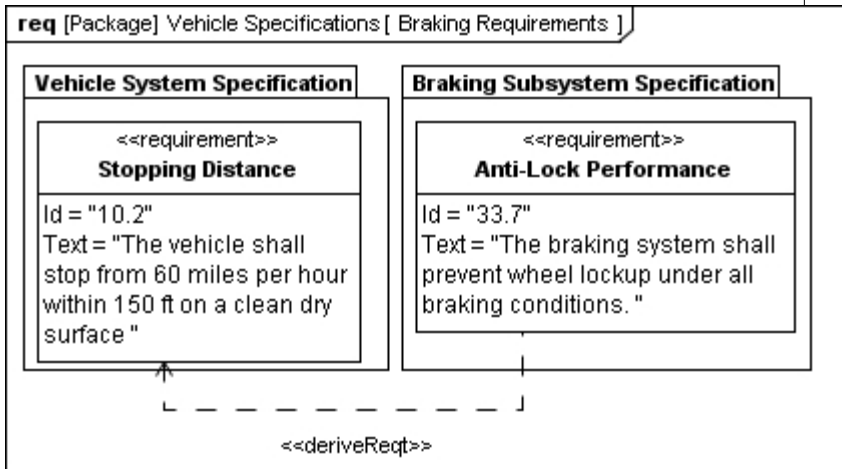
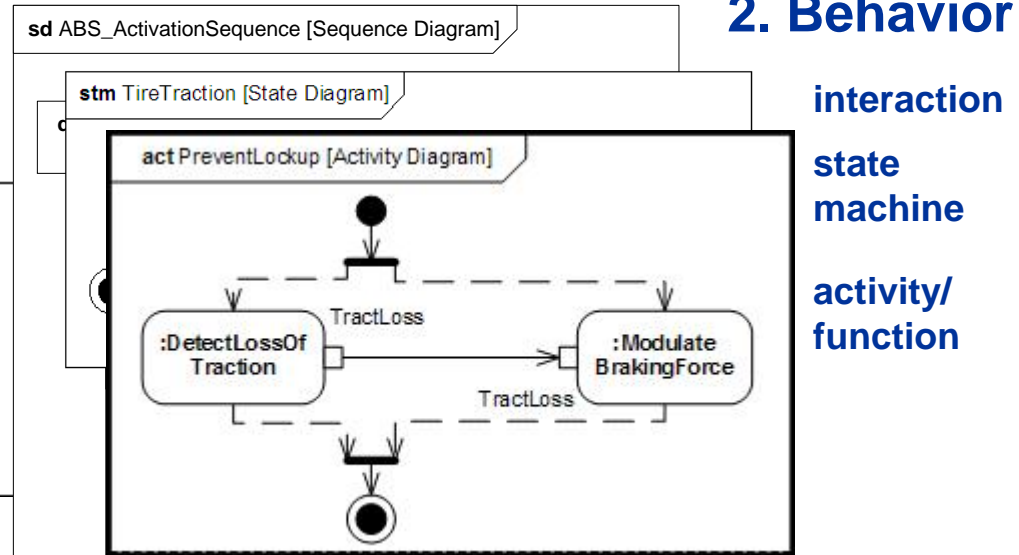
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# 4 Pillars of SysML – ABS Example

## 1. Structure



## 2. Behavior

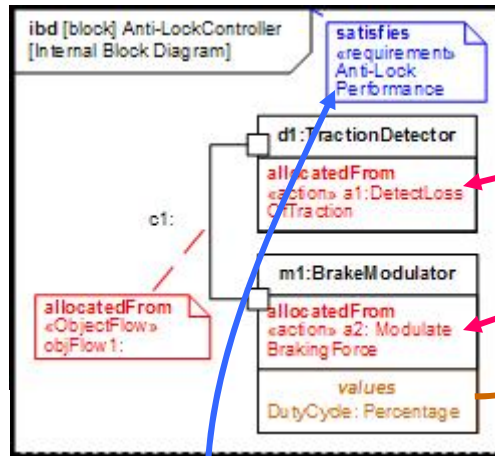


## 3. Requirements

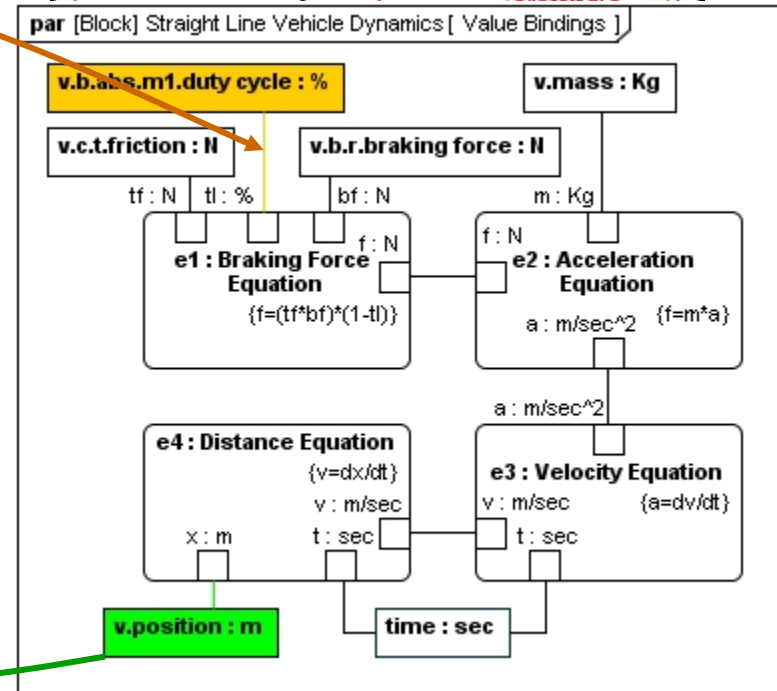
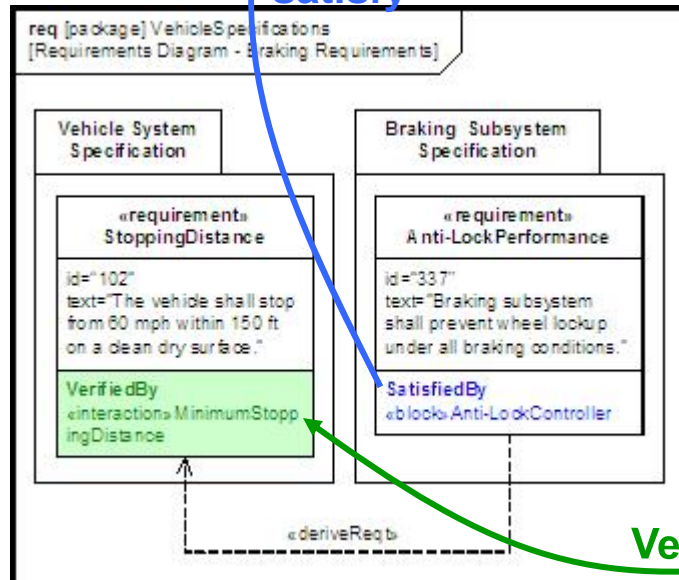
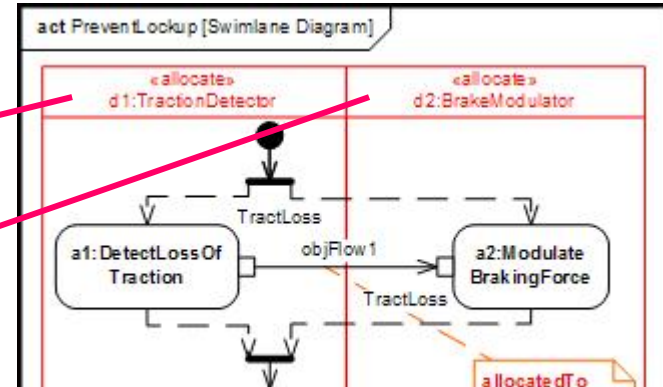
## 4. Parametrics

# Cross Connecting Model Elements

## 1. Structure



## 2. Behavior



## 3. Requirements

## 4. Parametrics

satisfy

allocate

value binding

Verify

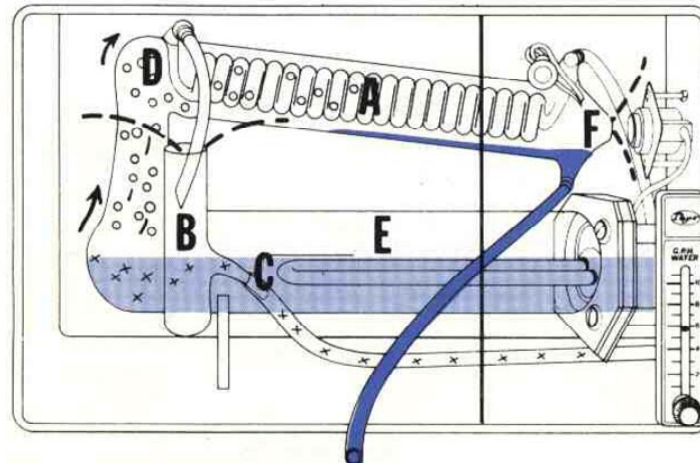
# Key Considerations for SysML Tool Selection

- The specific MBSE method employed may leverage specific SysML features, but may not require other features. It is appropriate to ask the following questions to emphasize the features of SysML that a successful tool deployment will need to support.
  - Which behavior representations are most important? Activity diagrams? State machines? Sequence diagrams?
  - Will there be a need for item flow representation?
  - What kind of need will there be for detailed performance analysis and parametric modeling? Expression of mathematical equations relating parameters of system elements may be a very important part of the system development process/method employed.
  - Will there be a need for algorithm specification & development? It may be important to express information processing algorithms explicitly in mathematical form, using constraint blocks and eventually relating them to specific blocks representing software code.
  - Which architecting principles need to be supported by the tool?
  - How will allocation be used? The manner in which allocation is used to guide the development process may dictate a set of constraints & rules associated with allocation relationships. By enforcing or enabling these rules, a toolset can improve the efficiency of the modeling process.

# OMG SysML Tutorial (omgsysml.org)

## Water Distiller Example

- Functional Analysis based, not OOA
  - Relies heavily on activity diagrams and functional allocation
- Solution to problem focused on activity modeling, flow allocation, item flows & parametrics
  - Heat balance of distiller relies on properties of water flowing through system
- Traditional UML tools just don't do these things



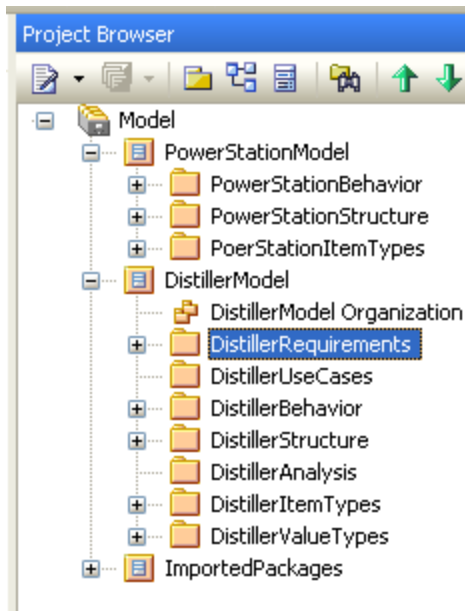
# Tool Comparison For Distiller Example

- No tool “fully” implements SysML
- Clearly, each tool has strengths & weaknesses
  - Make sure tool is compatible with your method
- Other tools exist, but not evaluated
- RS(X) is tool I’m least familiar with

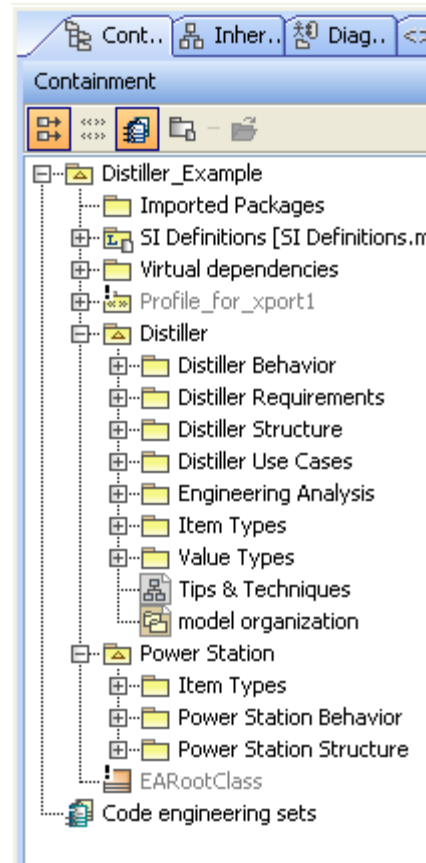
|                        | Enterprise Architect<br>ver 7.1 | Magic Draw<br>ver 15.1 | Rhapsody<br>ver 7.2 | RS(X) ver 7.0.5<br>E+ SysML ver 2.0.5.1 |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---|
| Activity Modeling      | full                            | full                   | limited             | full                                    |
| Structural Modeling    | full                            | full                   | full                | full                                    |
| Item Flows             | limited                         | full                   | full                | limited                                 |
| Ports/Interfaces       | full                            | limited                | full                | full                                    |
| Functional Allocation  | yes                             | yes                    | yes                 | yes                                     |
| Flow Allocation        | none                            | yes                    | yes                 | yes                                     |
| Parametrics            | full                            | full                   | full                | full                                    |
| Code Gen/Animation     | none                            | none                   | yes                 | yes                                     |
| Requirements           | full                            | full                   | full                | full                                    |
| Distiller Model Source | Steiner                         | Steiner                | Lussier             | Steiner                                 |
| UML4SysML 2.1          | most                            | all                    | most                | most                                    |

# Distiller Model Organization

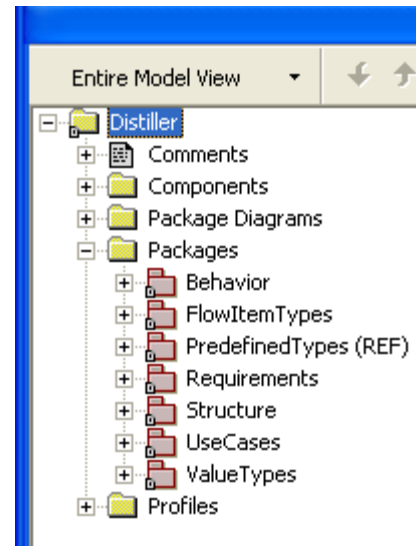
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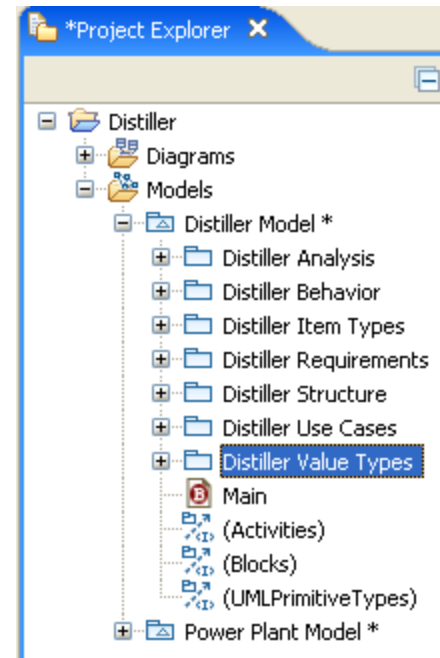
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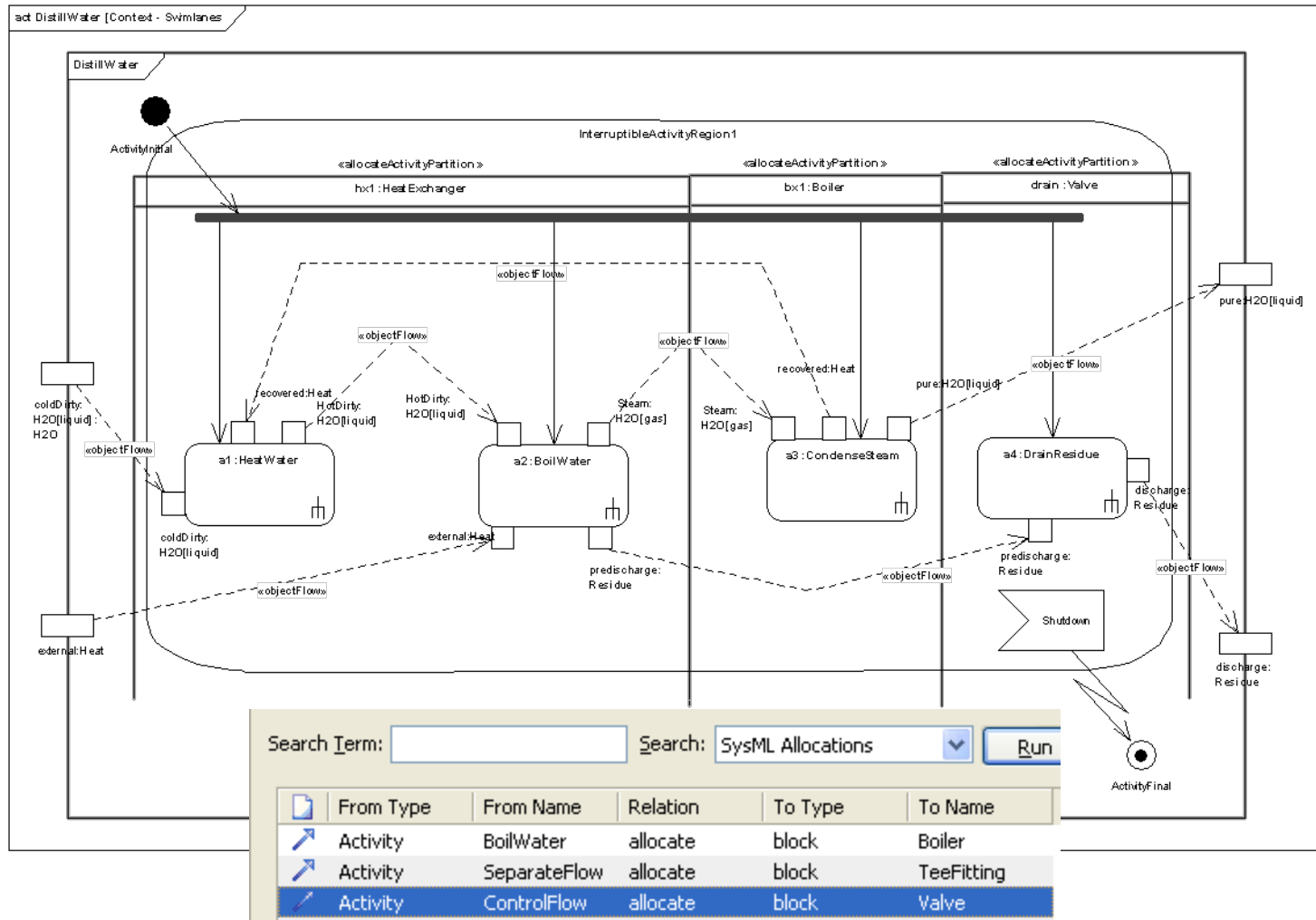
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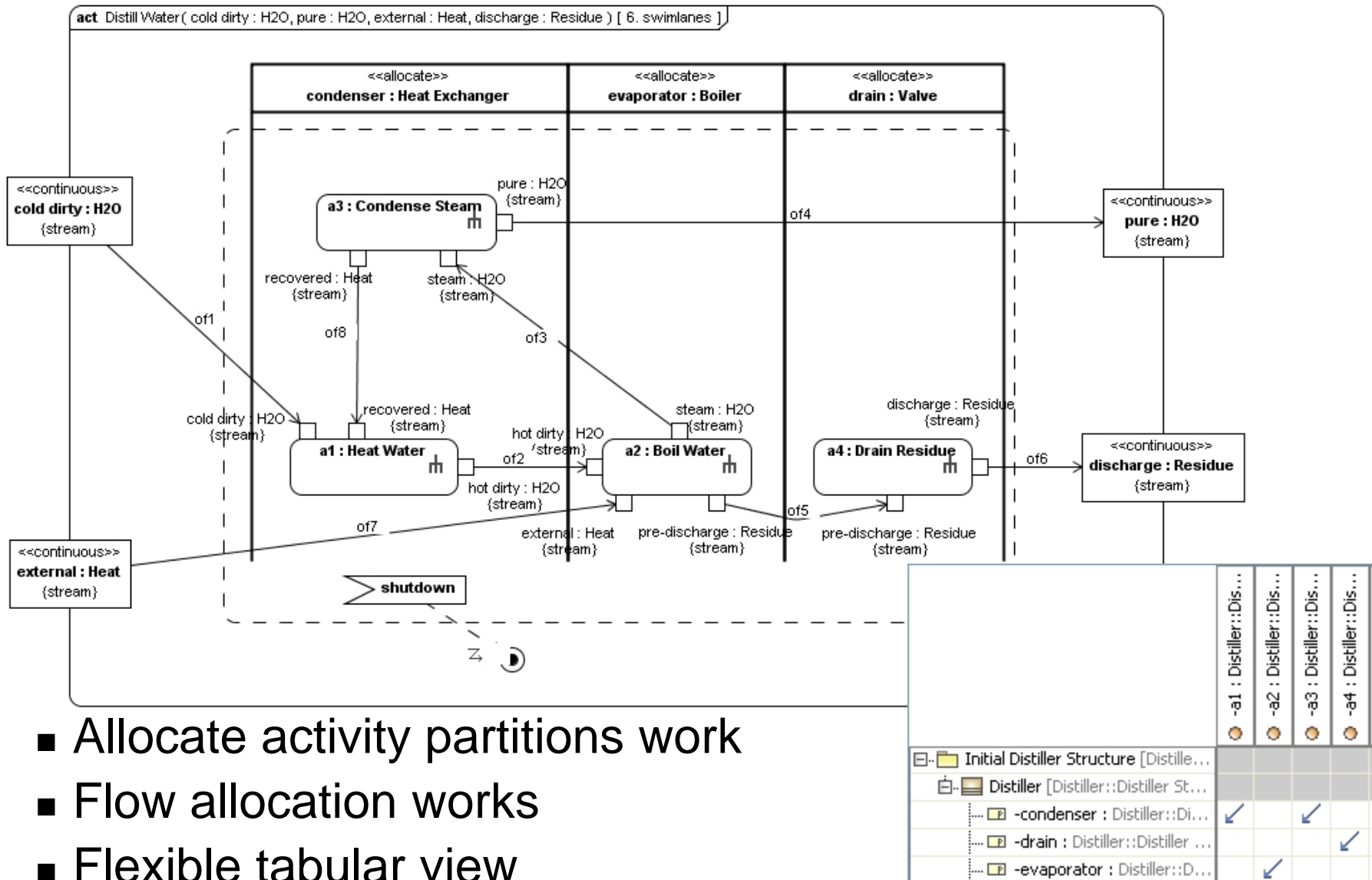
# EA Functional Allocation



- Allocate activity partitions work well, allocation tables are fast & easy
- Flow allocation not possible (object flow to item flow)

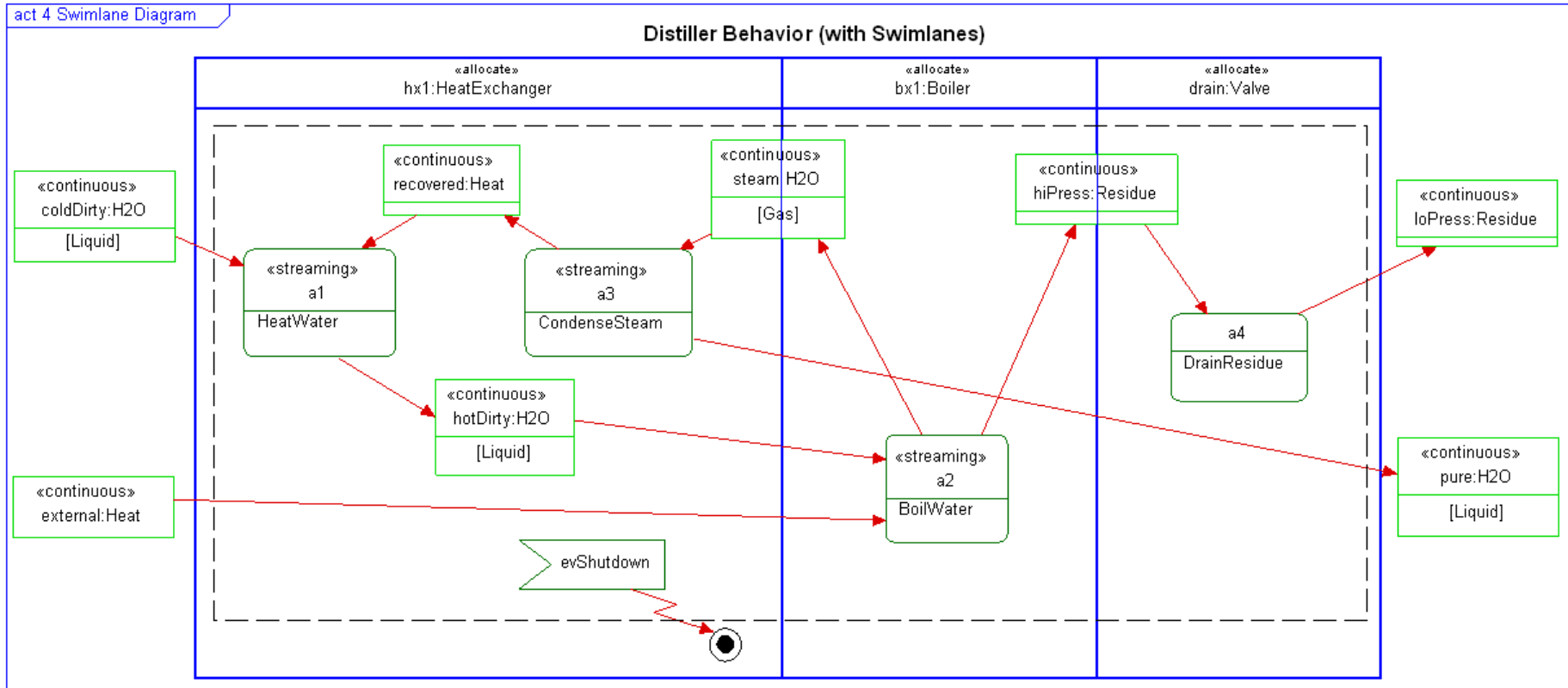


# Magic Draw Functional Allocation



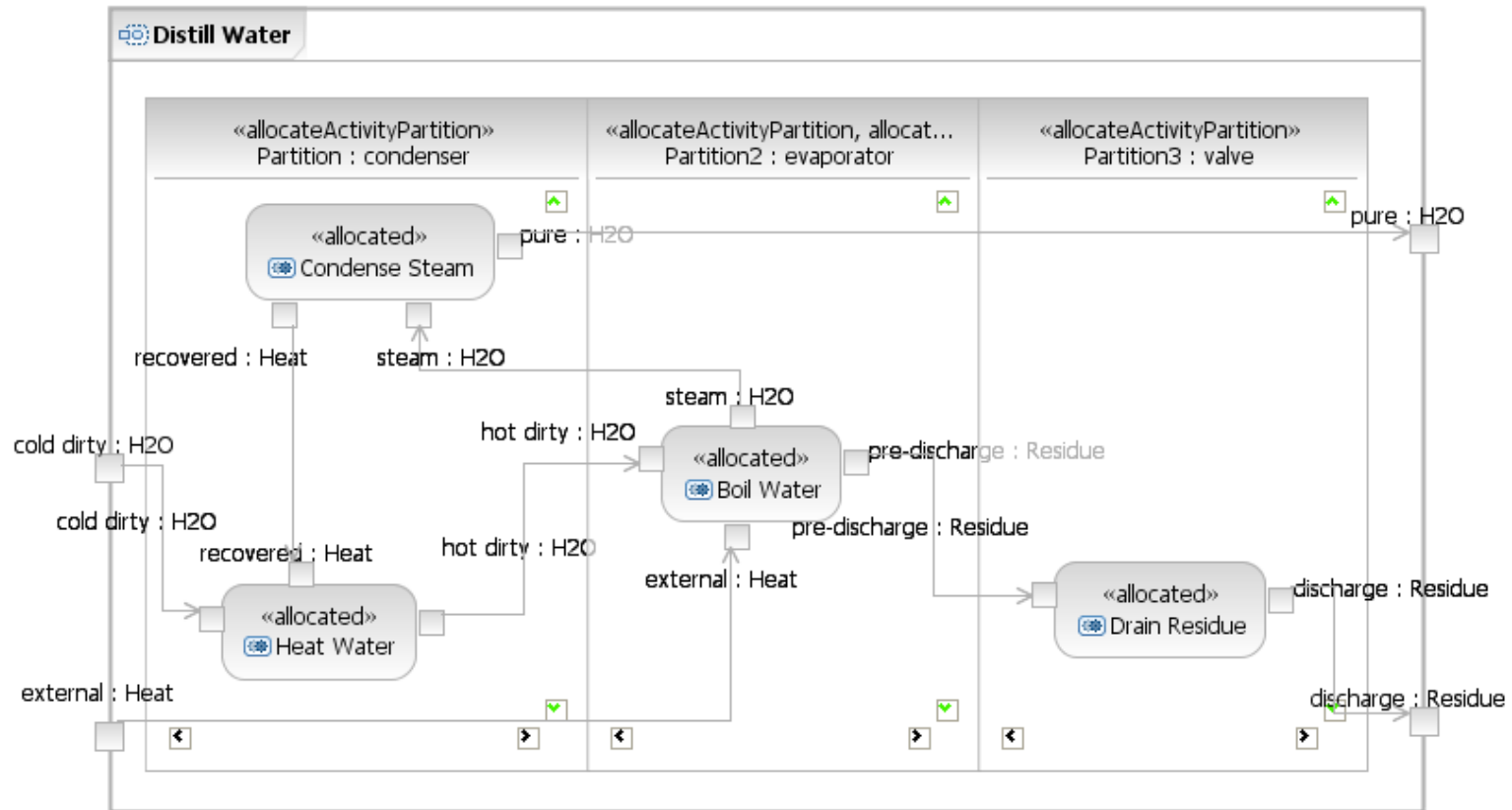
- Allocate activity partitions work
- Flow allocation works
- Flexible tabular view

# Rhapsody Functional Allocation



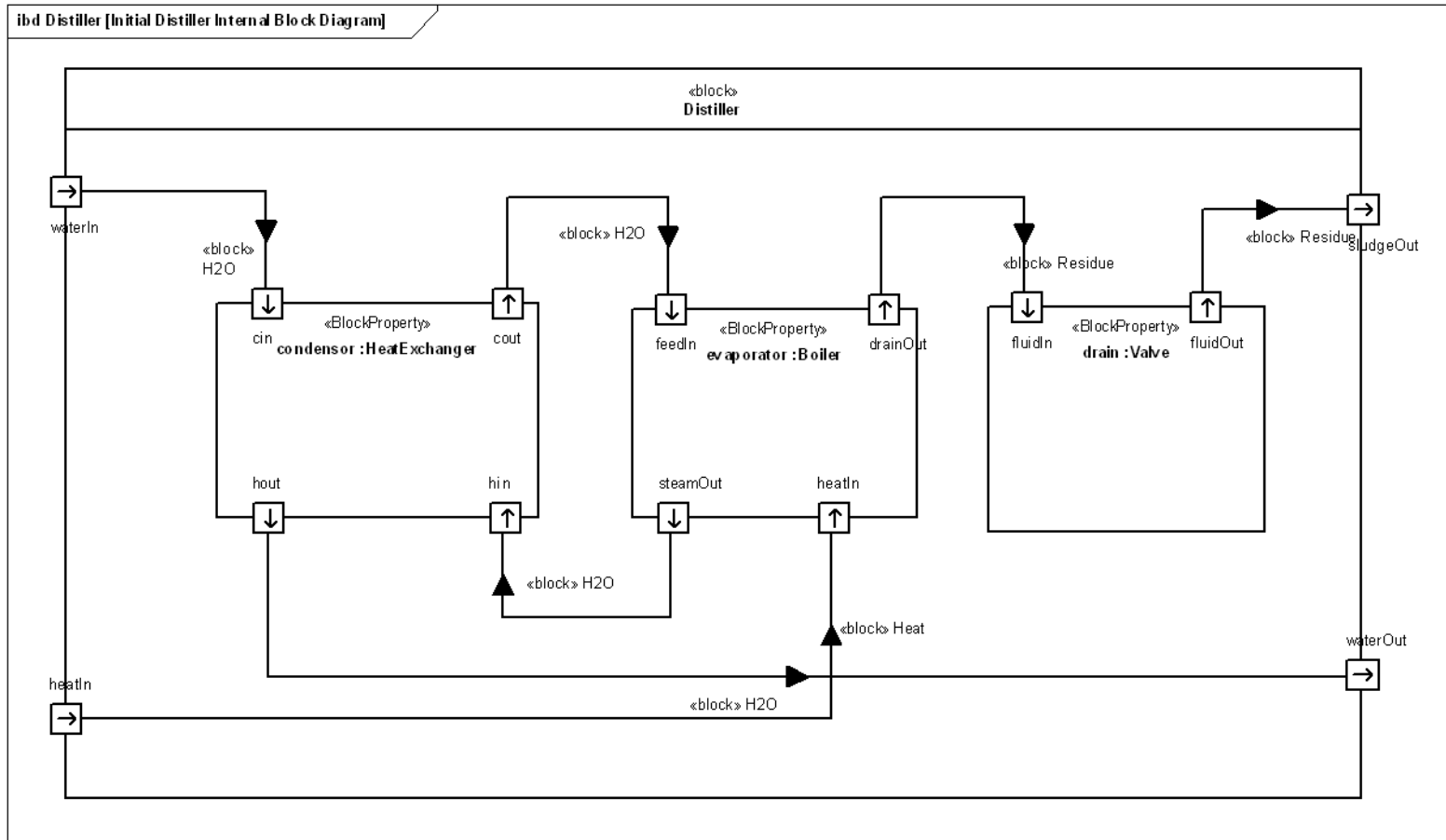
- Action nodes do not invoke activities (no activity hierarchy)
- No activity parameter nodes (on diagram frame, or otherwise)
- Action pin notation is awkward, pins not reused when action referenced
- Can't distinguish control flow from object flow
- Tabular view & reports of allocation are available

# RS(X)/E+ Functional Allocation



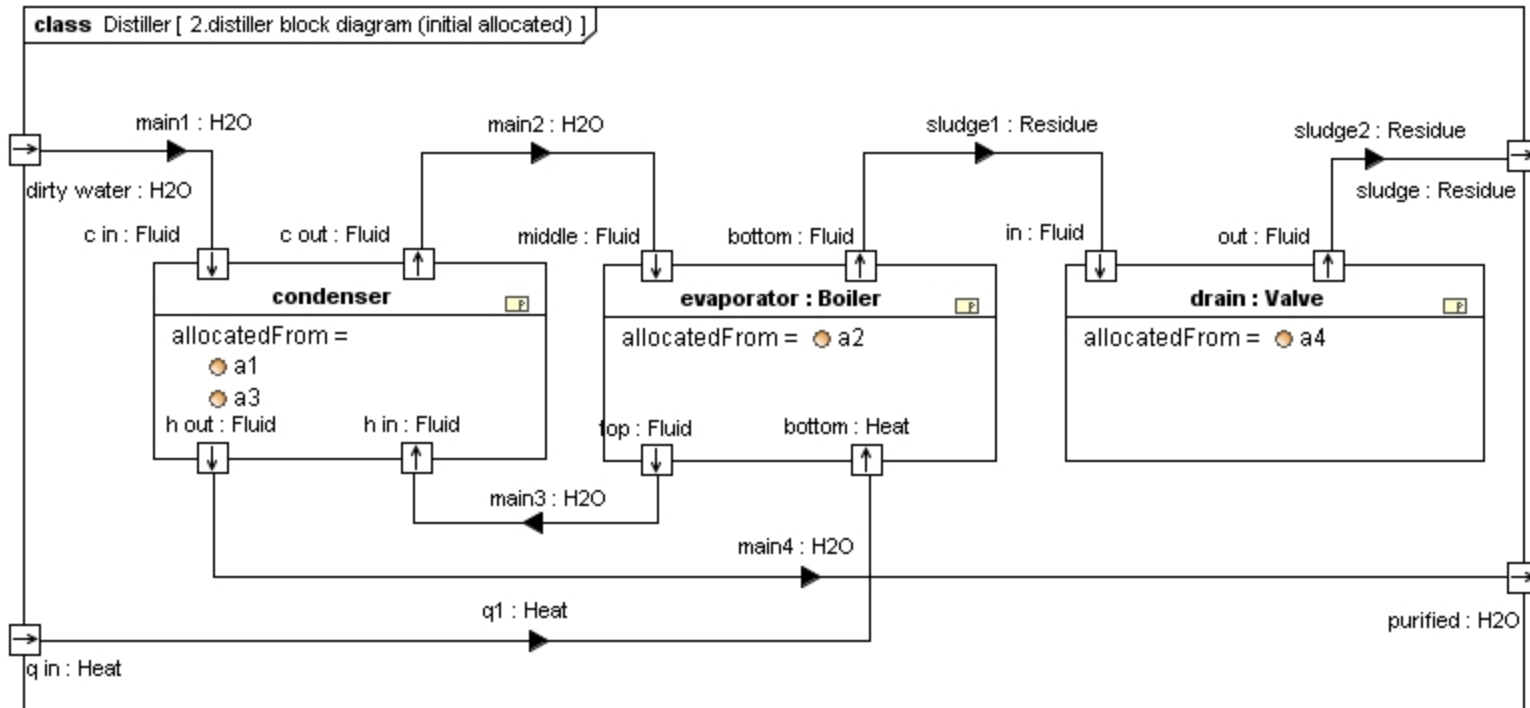
- Non-standard diagram frame/label
- No unique action names (must be same name as activity), but allocation is unique
- Allocation partitions work (automatically create allocation relationships) to blocks or parts.

# EA ibd/ItemFlow



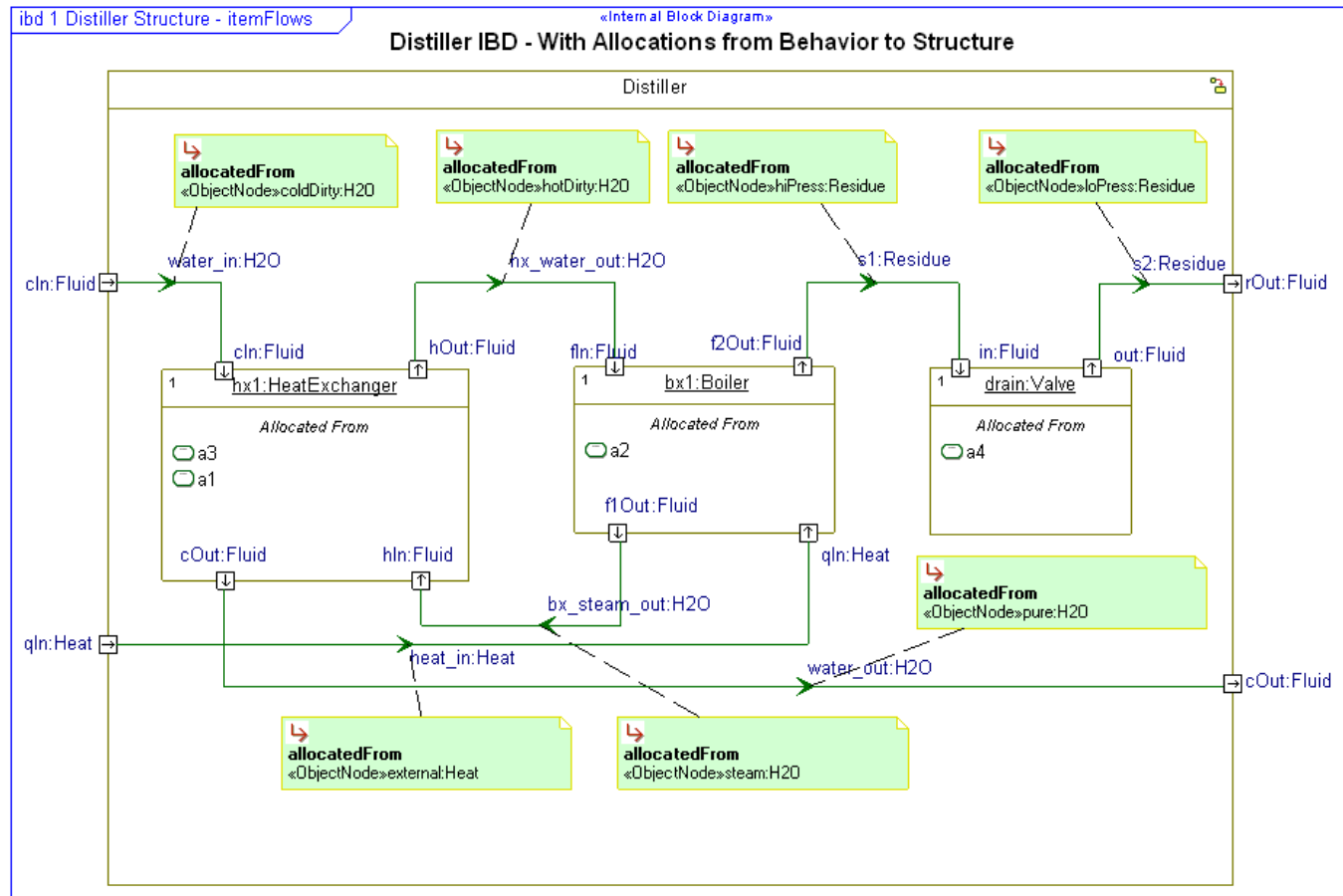
- Allocation works, but compartments not supported
- Can't access value properties of item properties (e.g. temp of water into Heat Exchanger) -> can't do parametric analysis of distiller example.

# MD ibd/ItemFlow



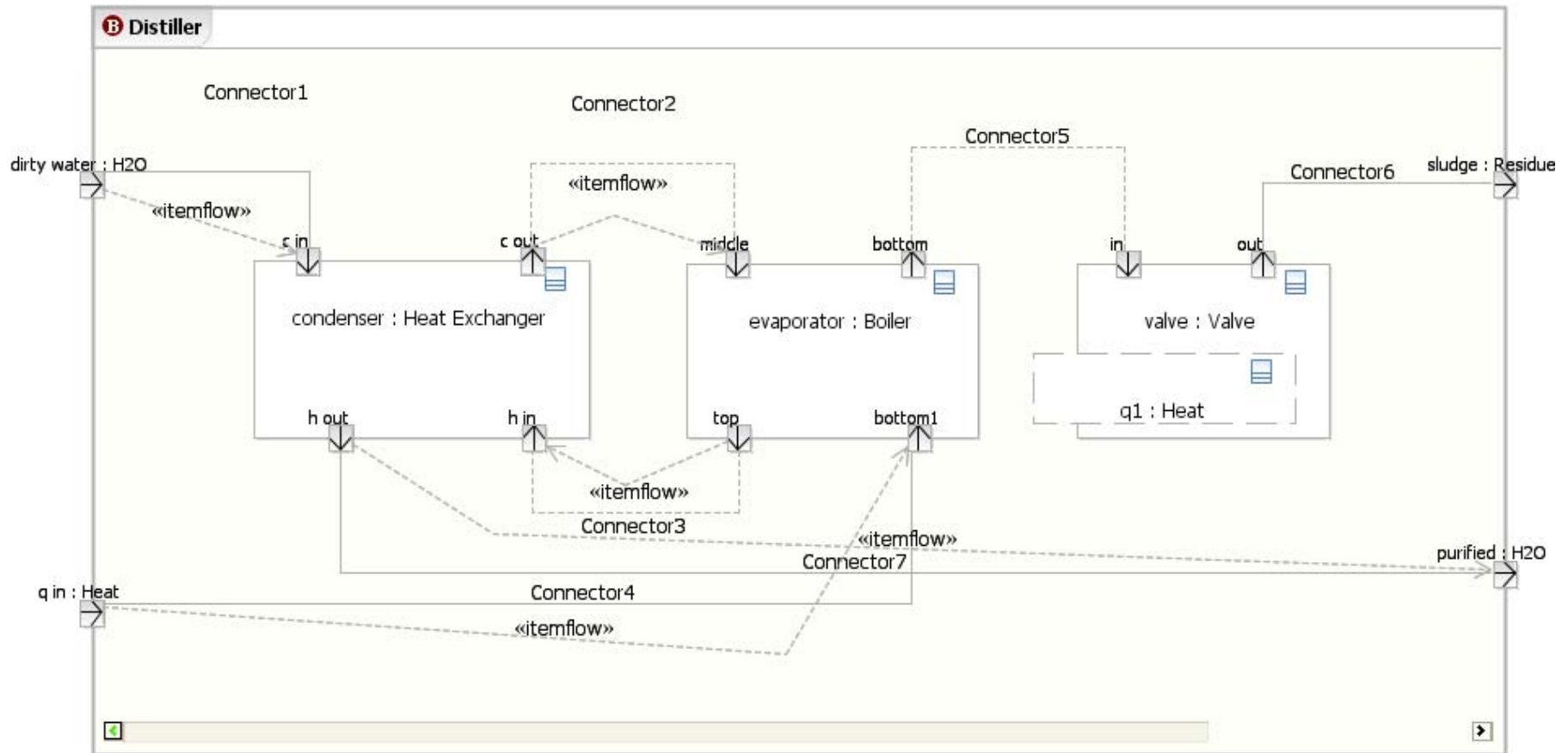
- Diagram frame uses incorrect nomenclature
- Allocation compartment incorrect format
- DOES allow full access to item properties

# Rhapsody ibd/ItemFlow



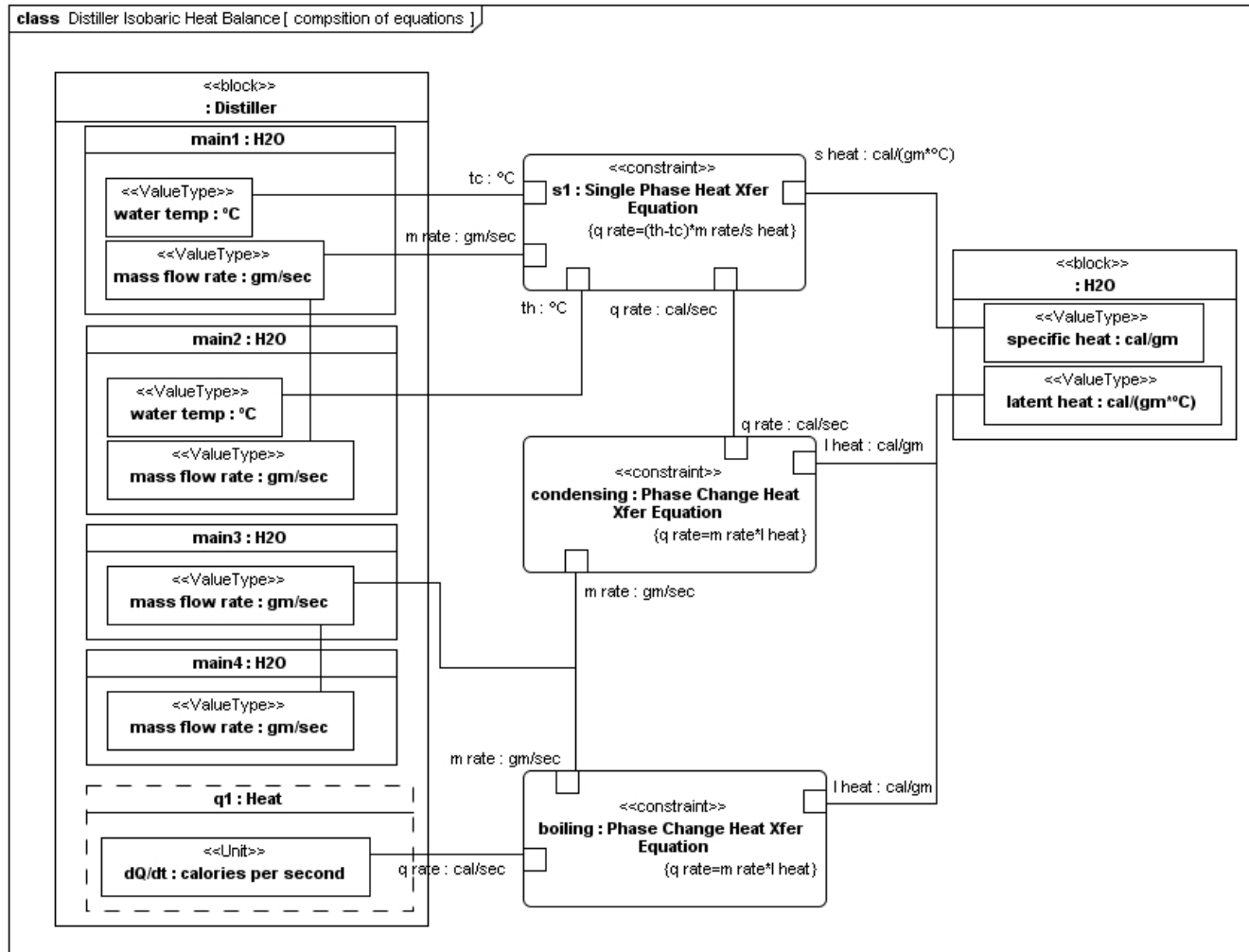
- Item flows and item properties fully allocable
  - Item flows look weird, but work fine
  - ObjectFlows can't be allocated, but ObjectNodes can.
- Full allocation compartments & callouts

# RS(X)/E+ ibd/ItemFlow



- ItemFlows incorporated in RSD 7.0.5/E+ 2.0.5.1, but
  - no icon or name/ItemProperty on diagram, ItemFlow not associated with Connector
- Non-standard diagram frame/label
- Allows Allocation of ObjectFlow to ItemProperty, but not to ItemFlow
  - no allocation compartment/callouts on parts

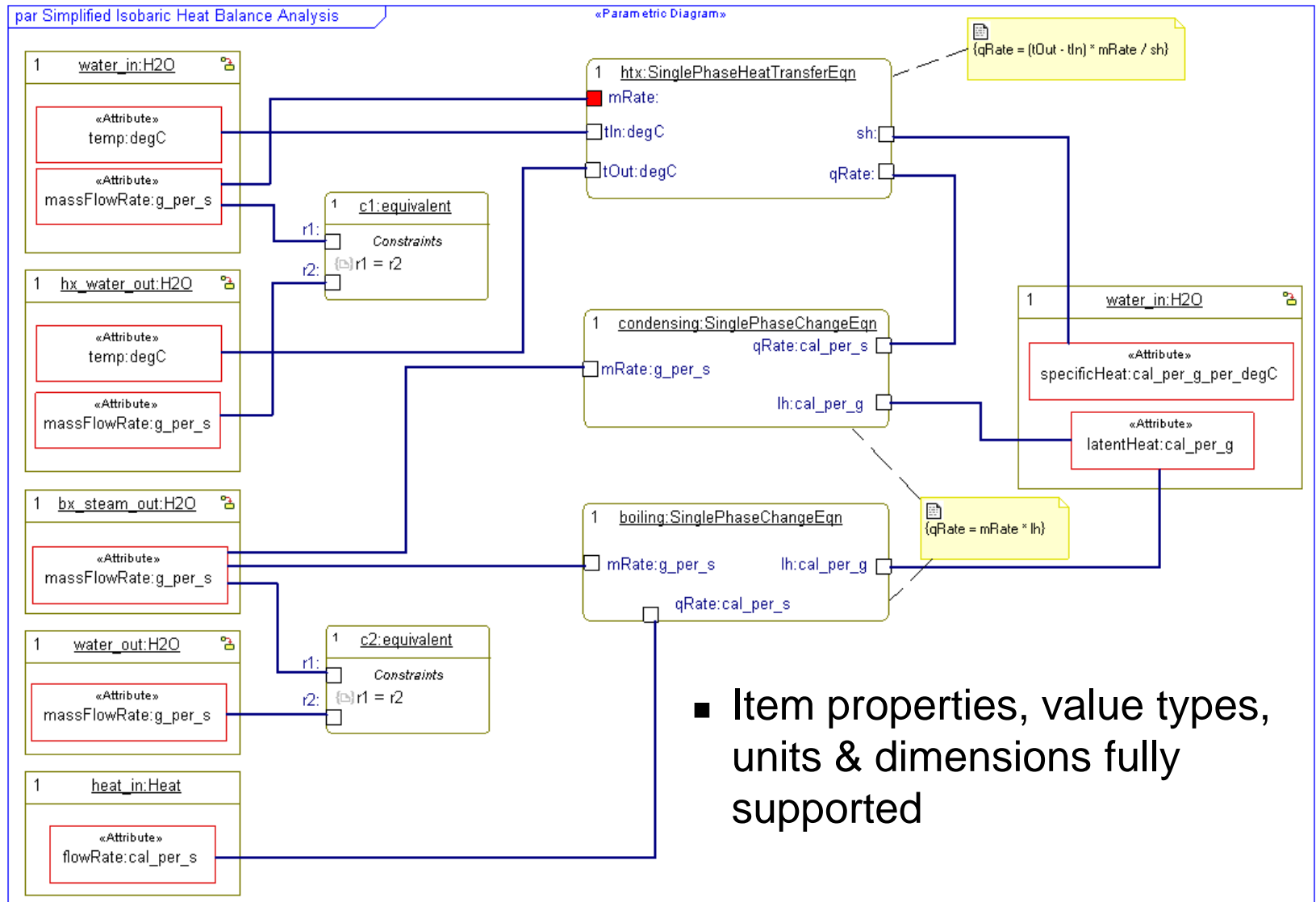
# MagicDraw Parametric Diagram



- Item properties, value types, units and dimensions fully supported

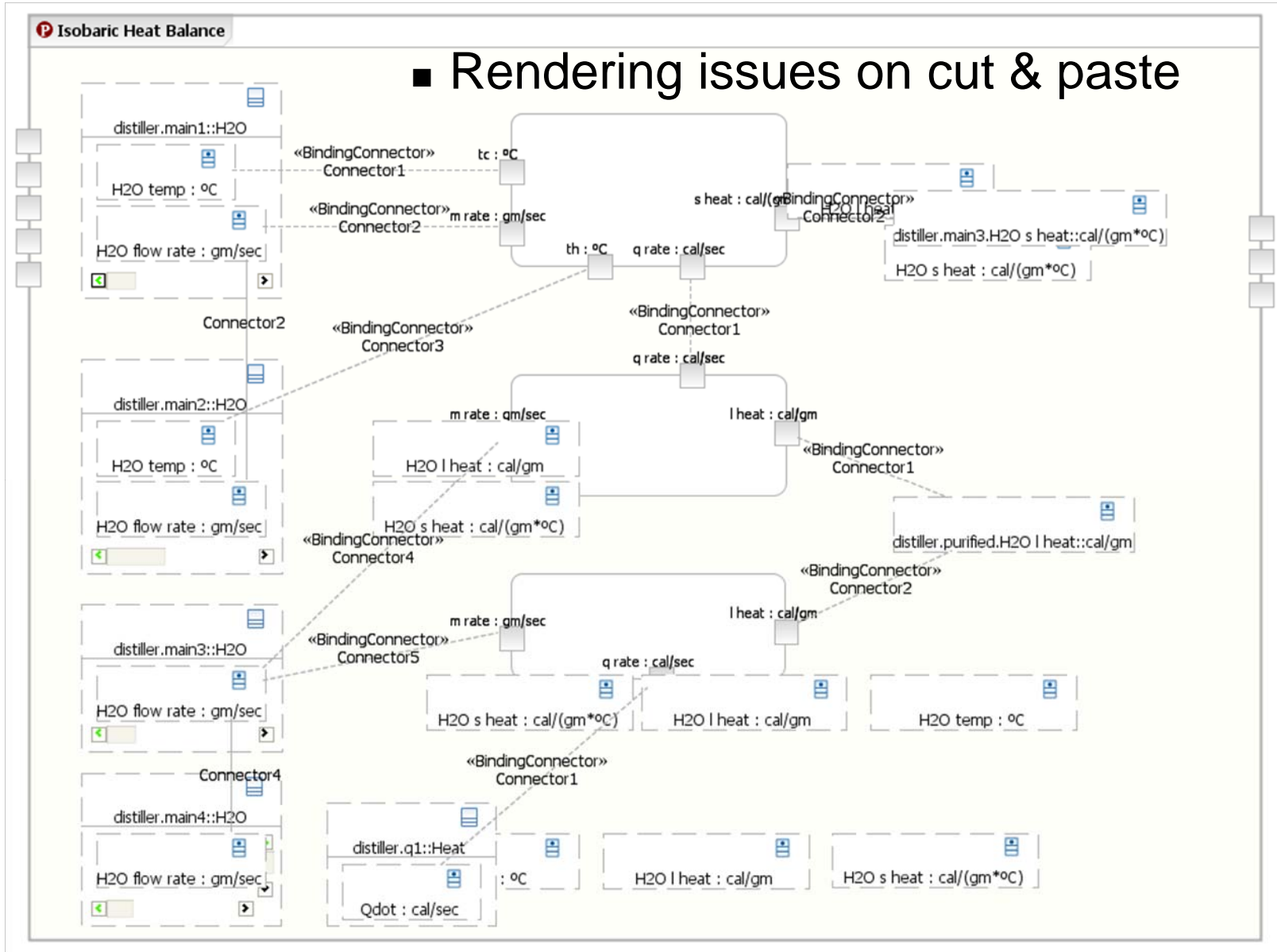


# Rhapsody Parametric Diagram



# EA & RS(X)/E+ Parametrics

## ■ Rendering issues on cut & paste



# EA & RS(X)/E+ Parametrics

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- Both support units, dimensions, value types, constraint blocks, and parametric diagrams
- Neither support value properties of item properties on item flows
  - Item Flows incorporated in RSD 7.0.5/E+ 2.0.5.1

# SysML Diagrams– a Method for Model Integration

- 3 separate hierarchies of Structure, Behavior, and Data
  - Usage (internal connection) is documented with separate diagrams
- These 3 hierarchies maintained at Operational and System level

|           | Hierarchy  | Usage           |  | Cross-Connect   |
|-----------|------------|-----------------|--|---|
| Structure | <b>bdd</b> | <b>ibd</b>      |  | <b>act</b> (swimlane), <b>seq</b> (lifeline, op)      |
| Behavior  | <b>bdd</b> | <b>act, stm</b> |  | <b>ibd</b> (itemFlow), <b>seq</b> (msgType)           |
| Data      | <b>bdd</b> | (none)          |  | <b>act</b> (objFlow), <b>seq</b> (msg,op), <b>stm</b> |

**bdd** = Block Definition Diagram (no DoDAF)

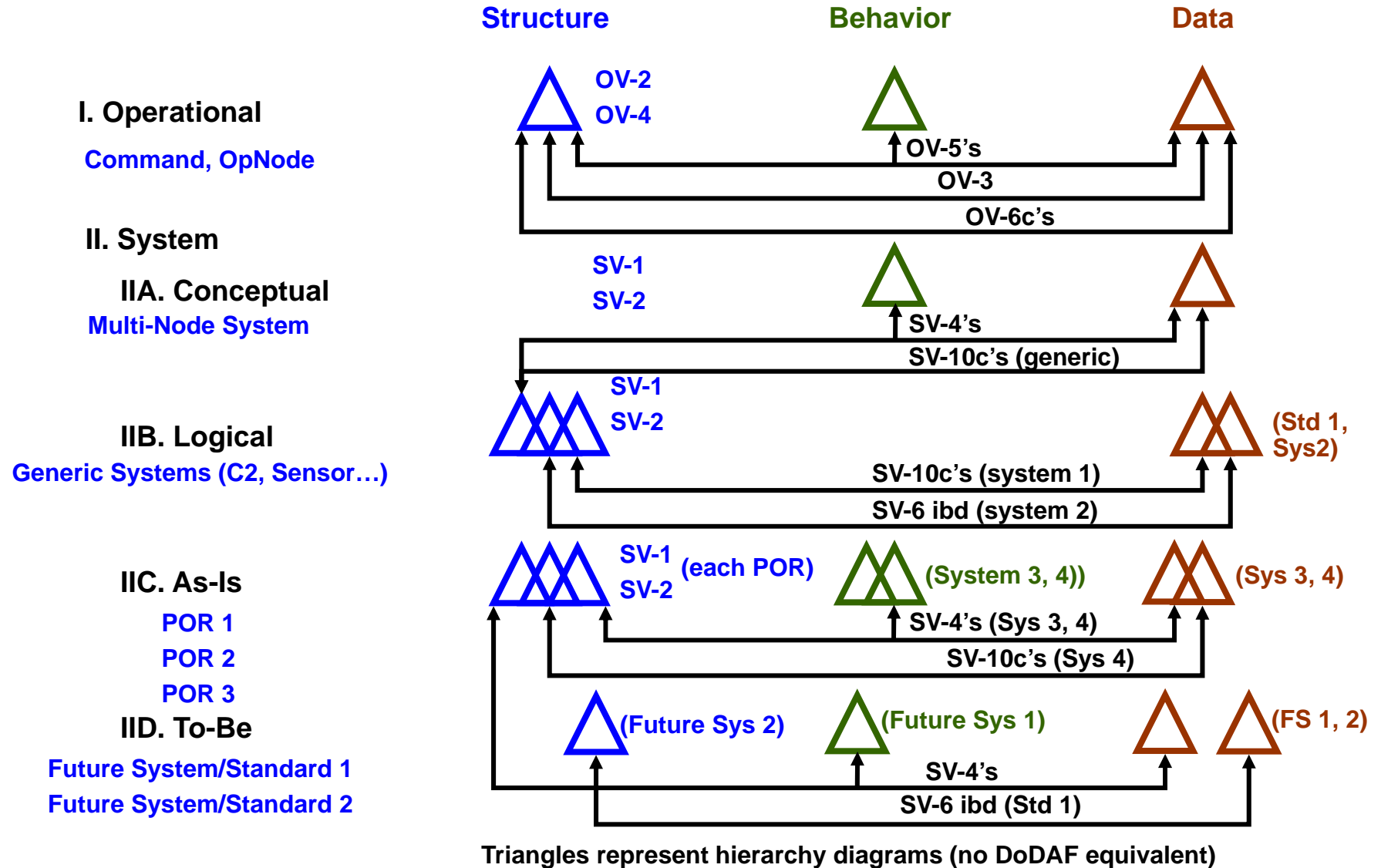
**ibd** = Internal Block Diagram (OV-2, SV-1, SV-2)

**act** = Activity Diagram (OV-5, SV-4)

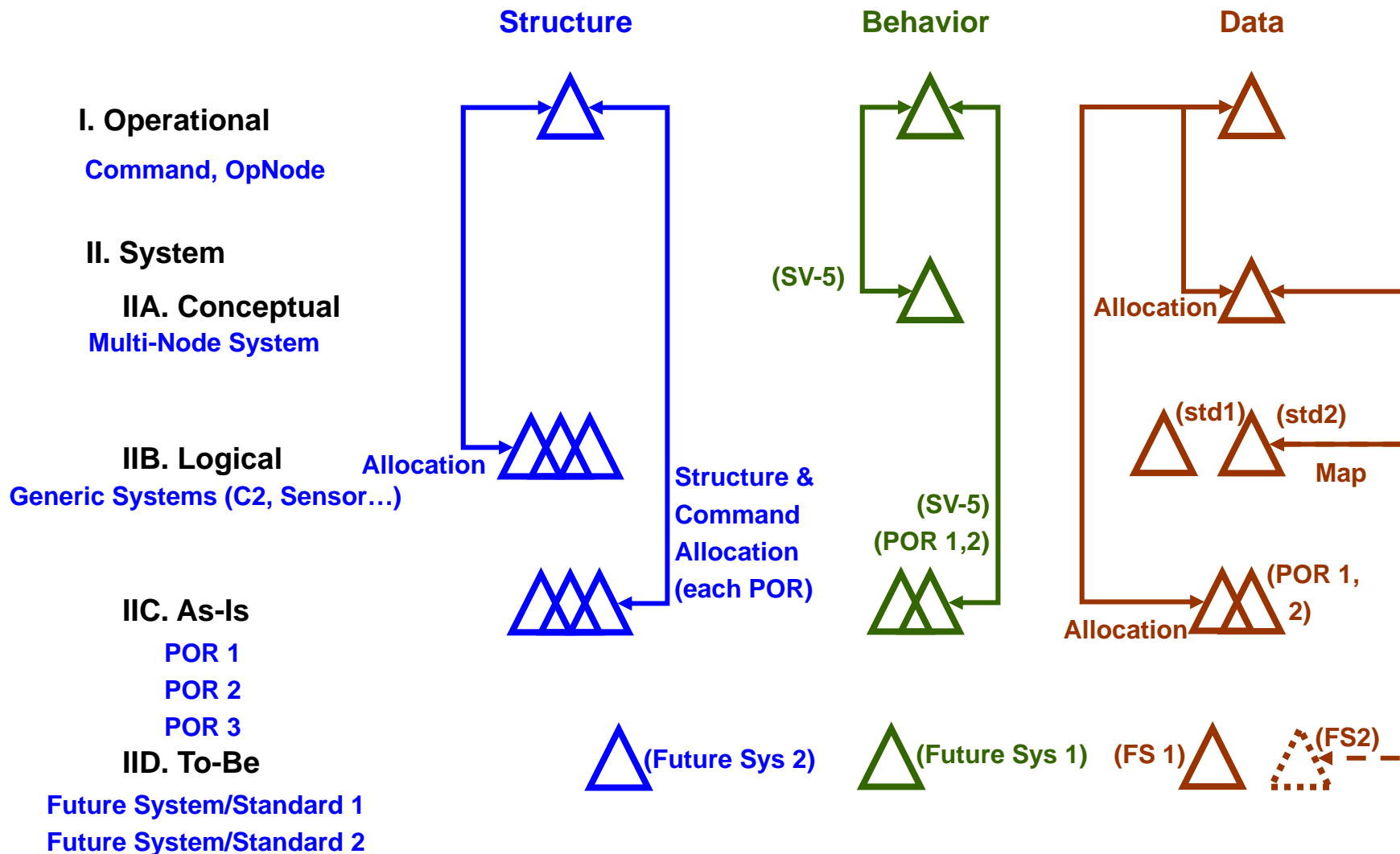
**seq** = Sequence Diagram (OV-6c, SV-10c)

**stm** = State Machine Diagram (OV-6b, SV-10b)

# DoDAF Views Horizontally Cross-Connecting a Complex SoS Model



# Allocation Vertically Cross-Connecting a Complex SoS Model



Triangles represent hierarchy diagrams (no DoDAF equivalent)