

# The SAE AADL Standard: an Architecture Analysis & Design Language for Embedded Real-time Systems, *Part 2*



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## Tutorial Part II Objectives

- Provide overview of propose UML Profile for SAE AADL
- Review key features of UML Domain Model for SAE AADL
- Demonstrate profile AADL through use on existing avionics system



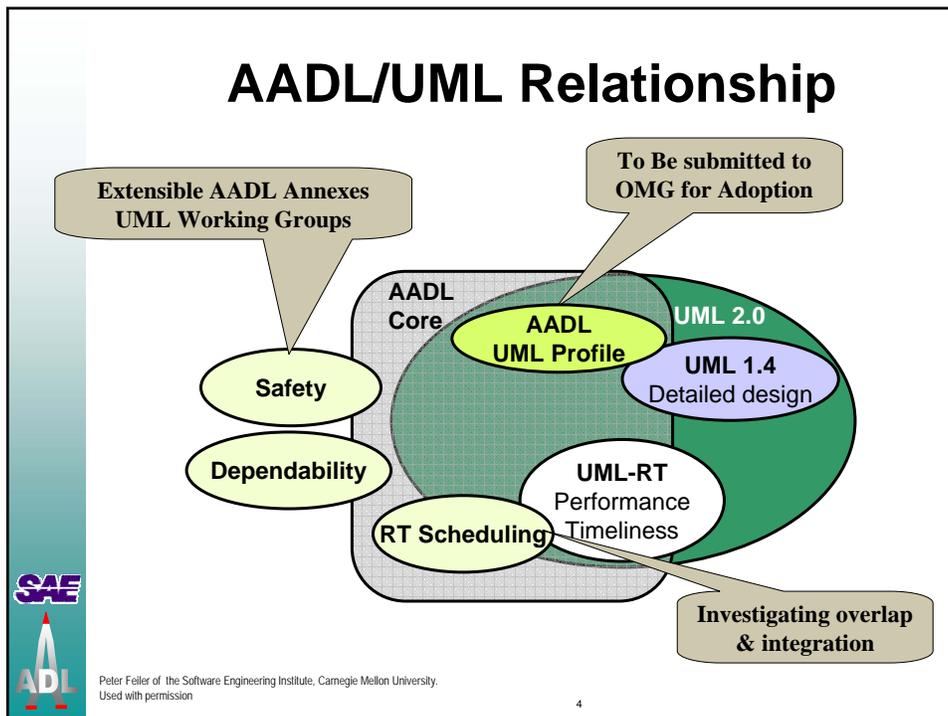
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## Outline

- ➔ Extending UML
  - ❑ Draft UML Domain Model for AADL
  - ❑ AADL/UML Profile
  - ❑ AADL/Example
  - ❑ Summary of Part II



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## Extending UML

- ❑ UML provides modeling concepts & notations for typical software modeling projects
- ❑ Users may need
  - Additional features and/or notations
  - Non-semantic information attached to models
- ❑ UML core concepts can be extended or specialized by users
  - 3 built-in extension mechanisms
    - Stereotype
    - Constraint
    - Tagged Value
  - Can be used separately or together
- ❑ Can extend UML metamodel by explicitly adding new metaclasses & other meta-constructs
  - Depends on modeling tools or use of meta-metamodel facility



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## Benefits of Extending UML

- ❑ Architects can represent system architecture graphically using commonly available UML tools
- ❑ UML tool developers can add advance support for AADL to existing tools rather than developing new tools
  - e.g. safety analysis
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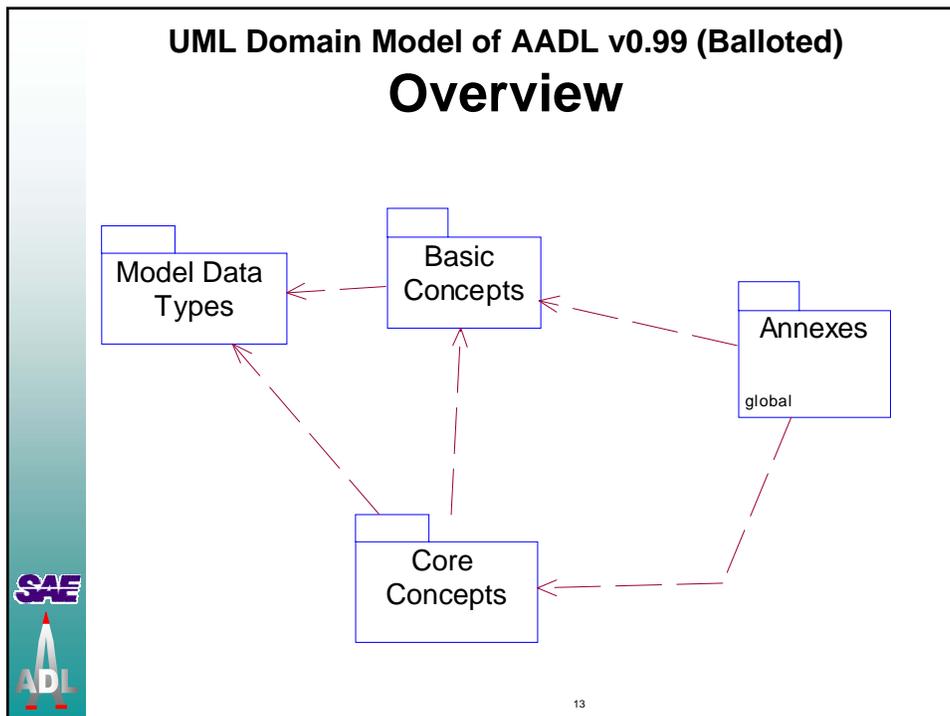
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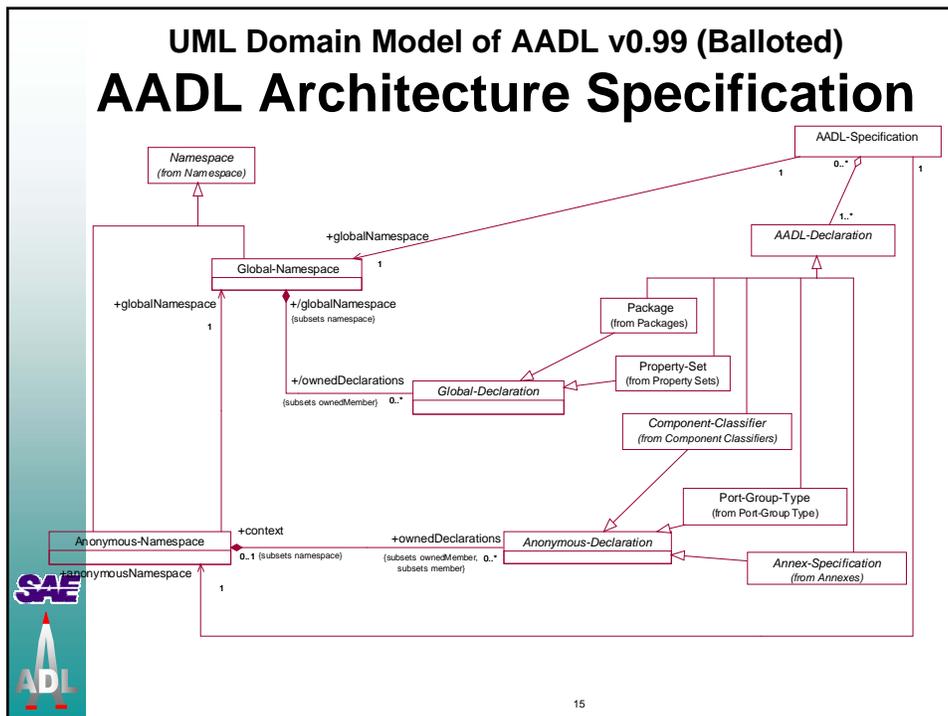
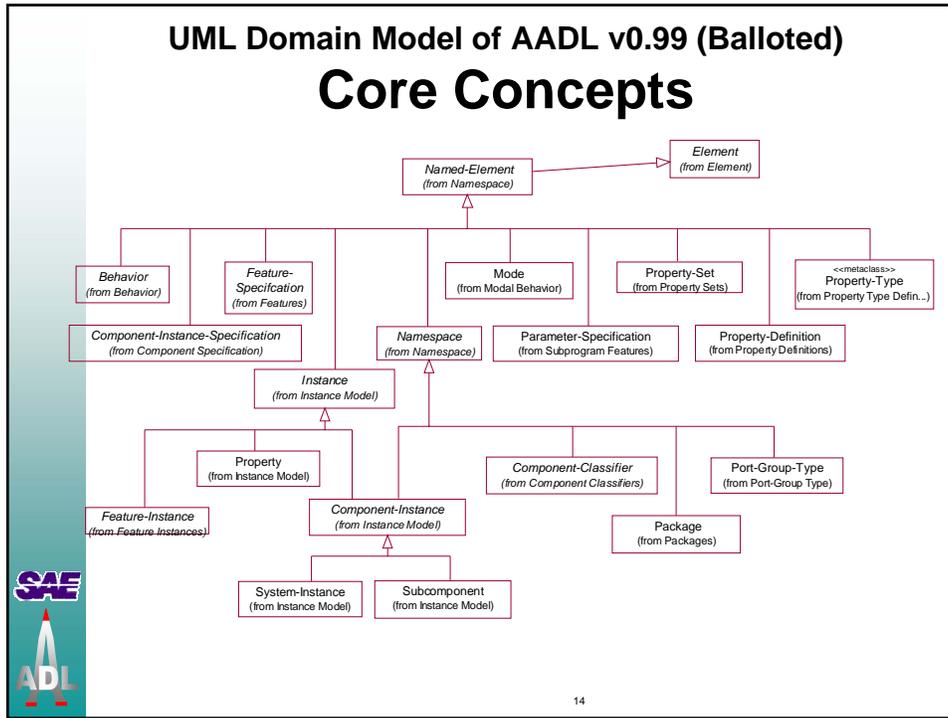
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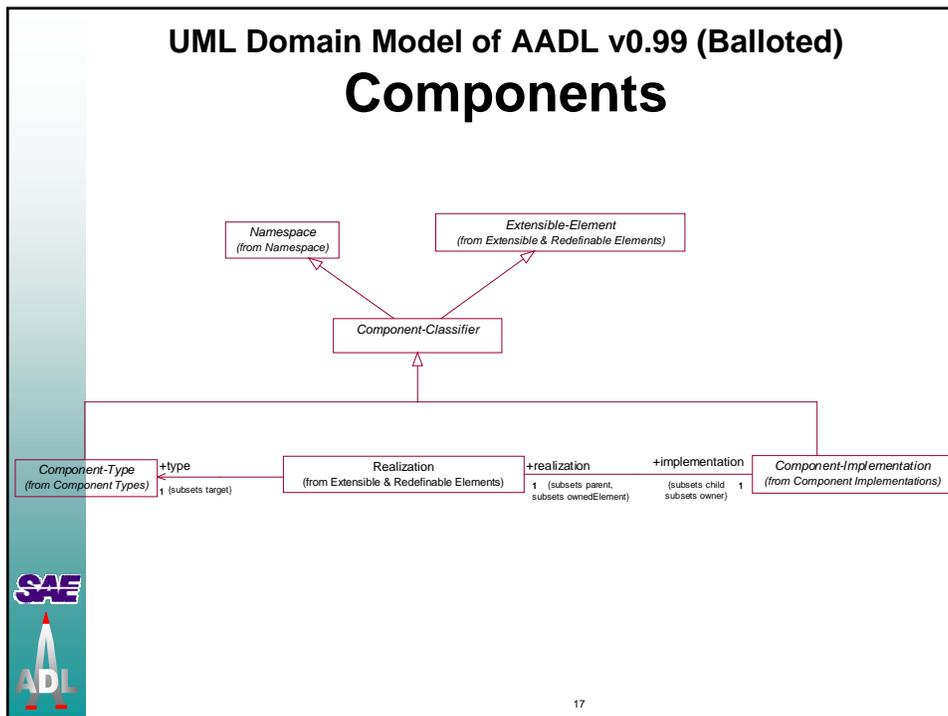
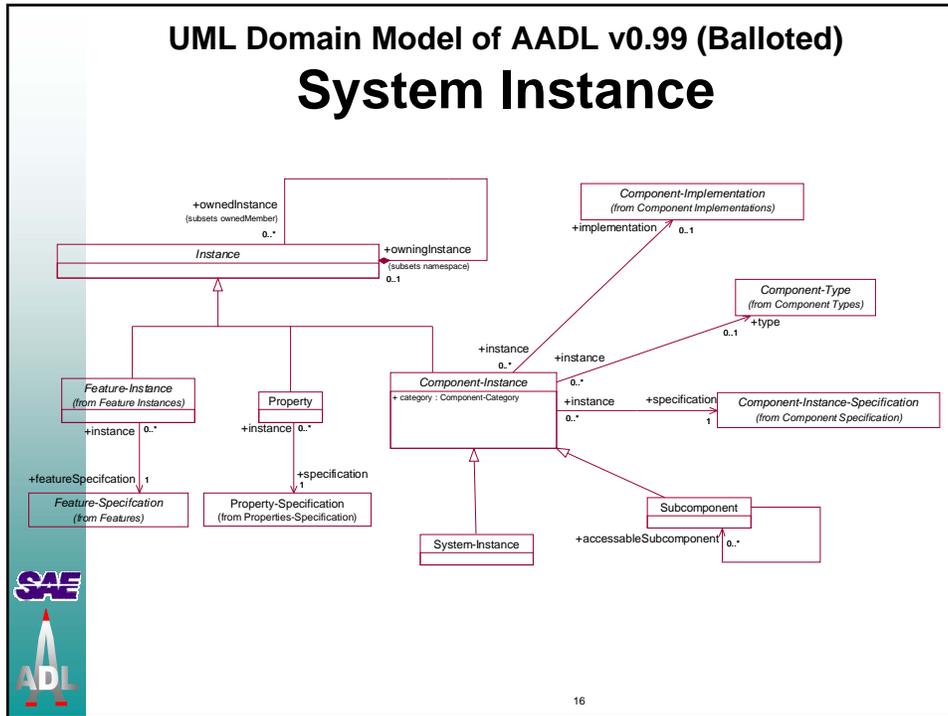
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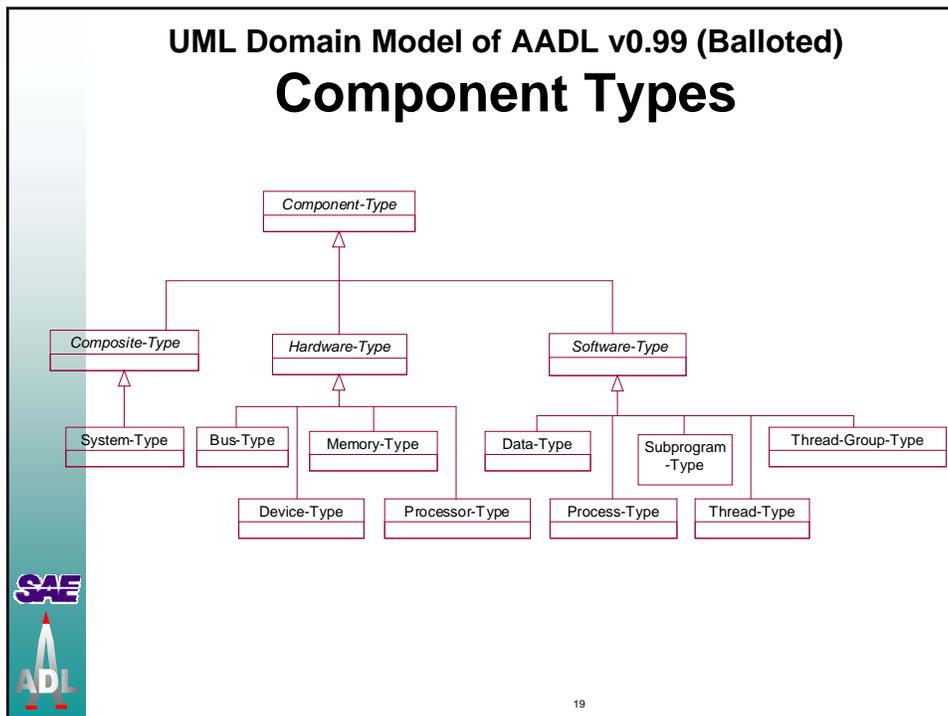
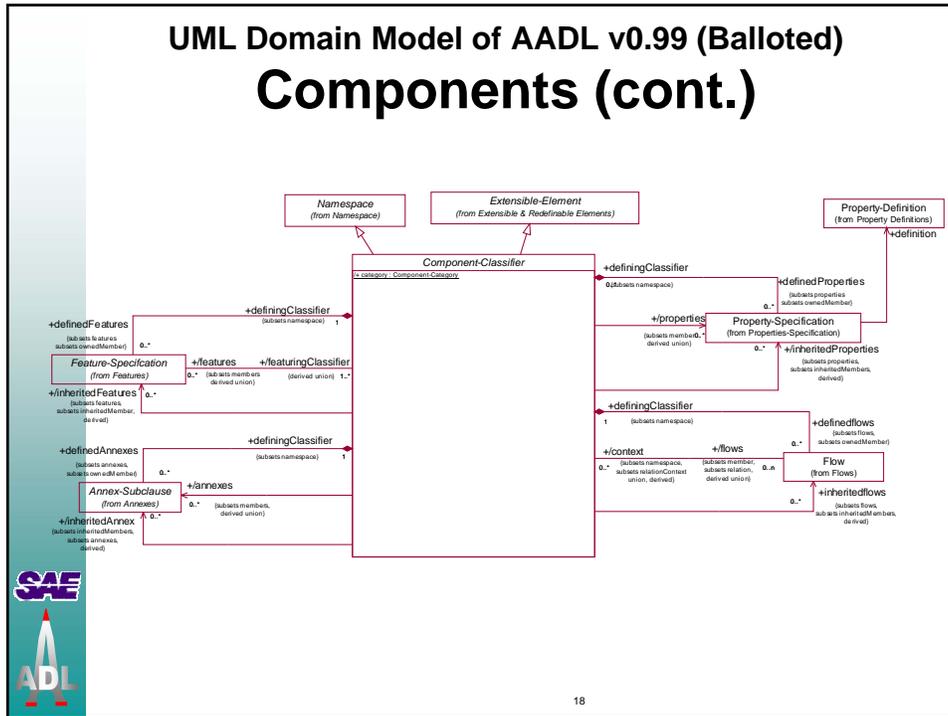


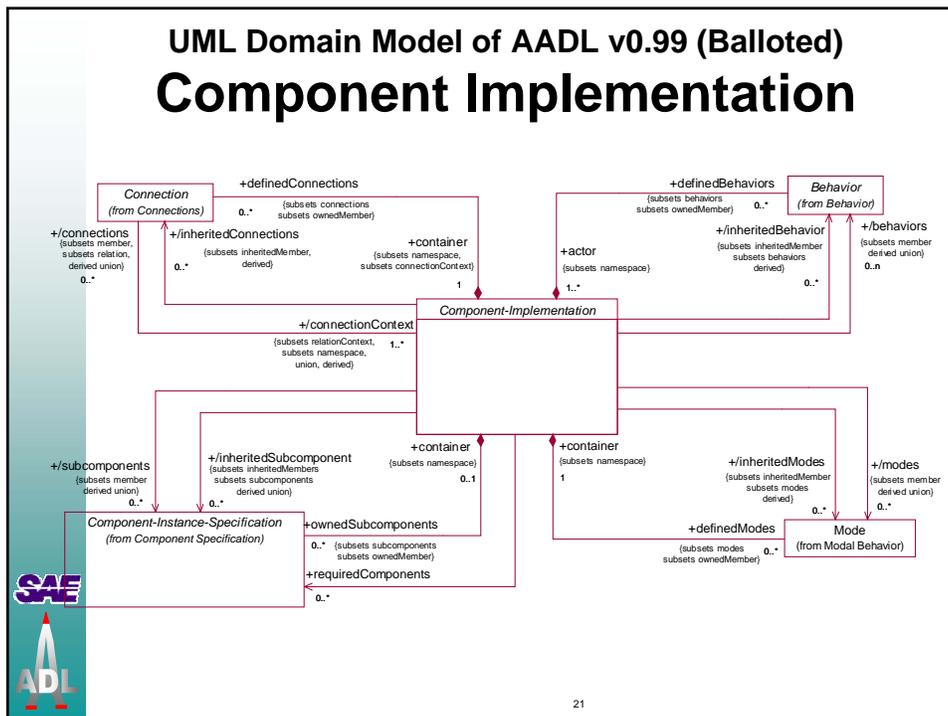
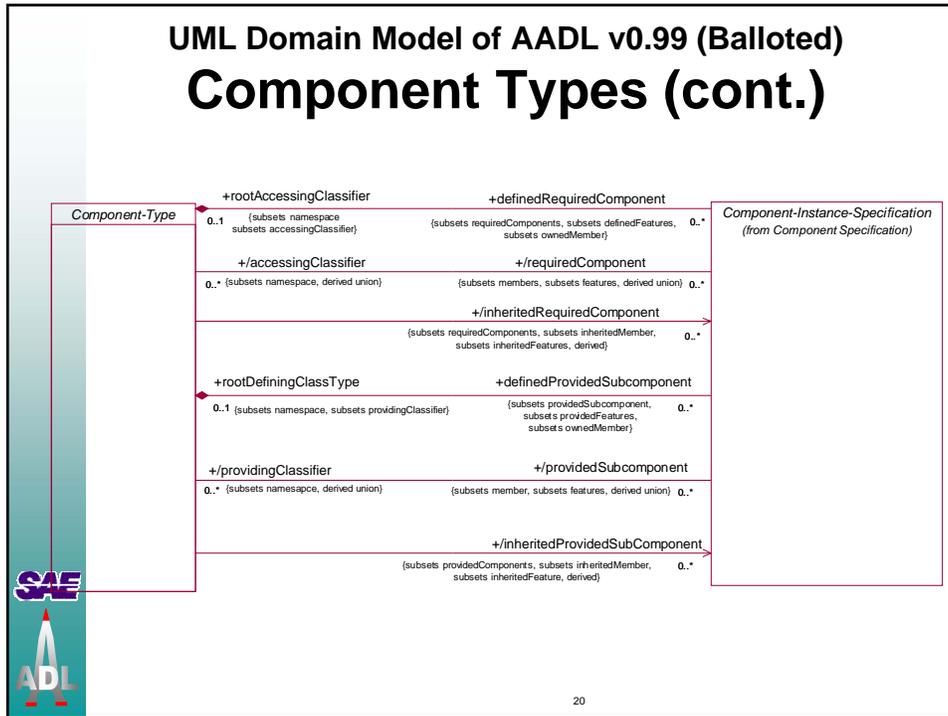
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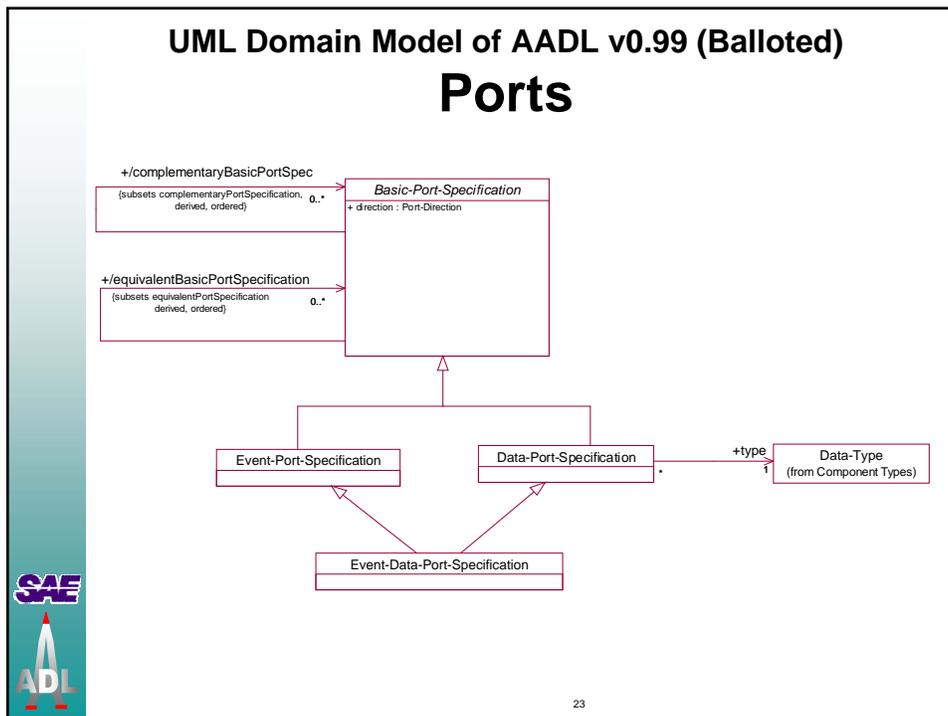
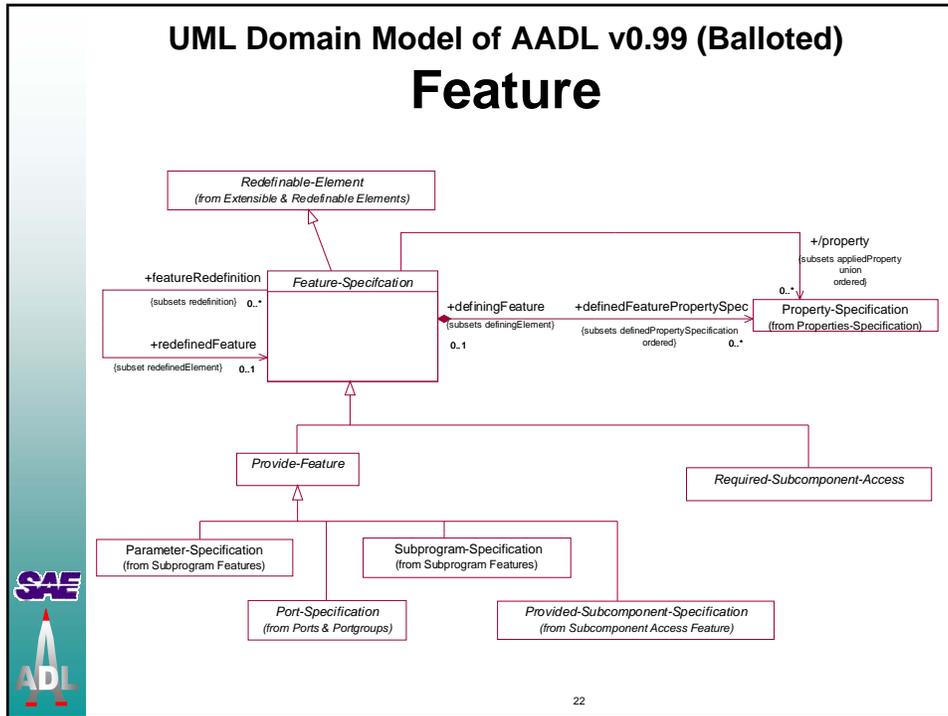












### UML Domain Model of AADL v0.99 (Balloted) Sample Constraints (Invariants)

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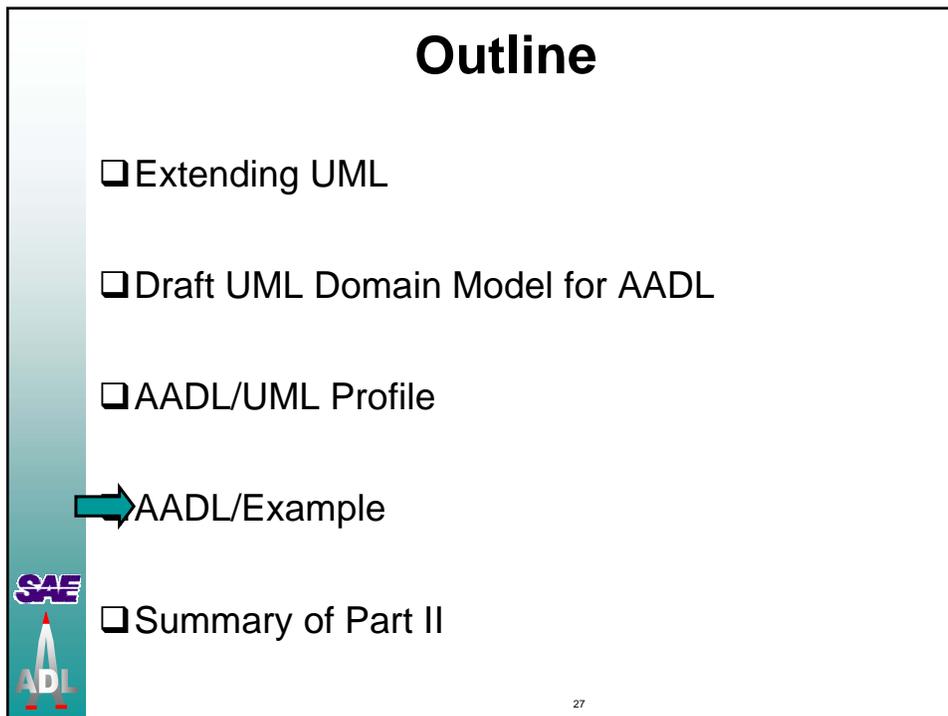
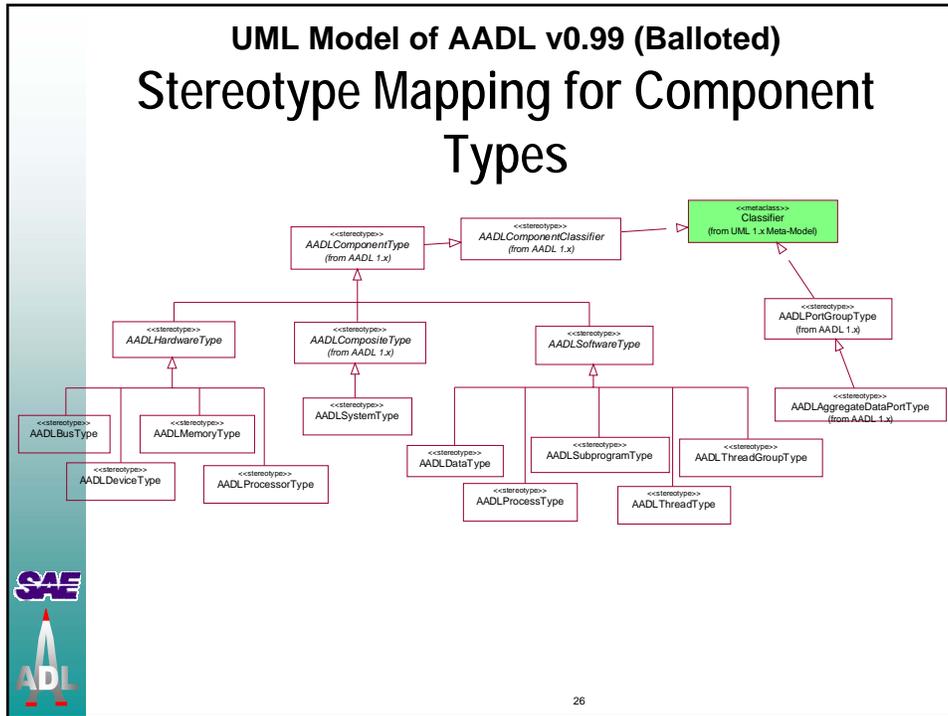
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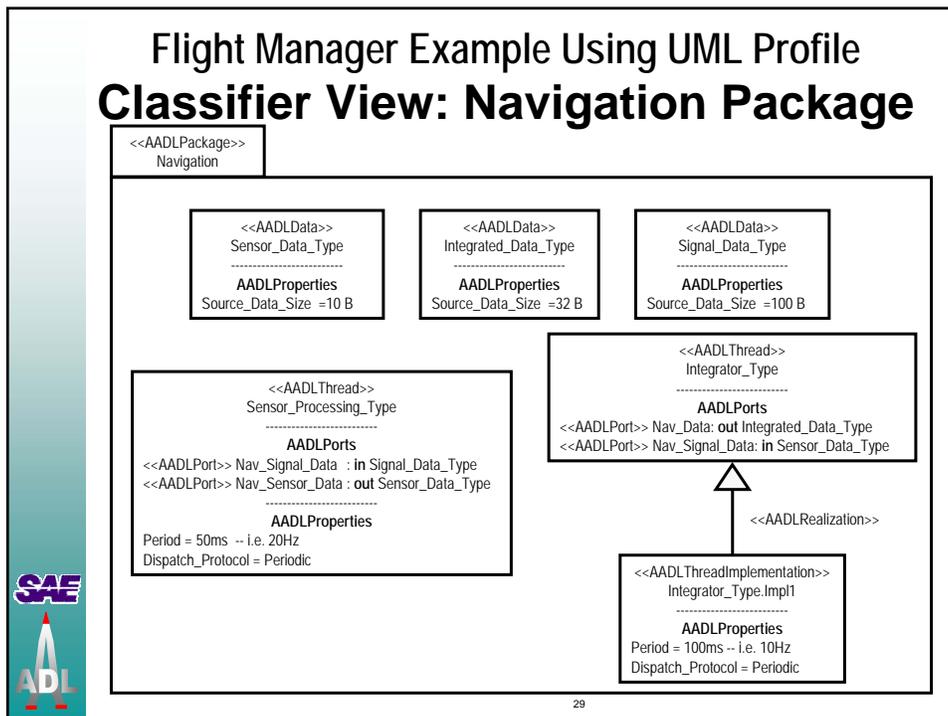
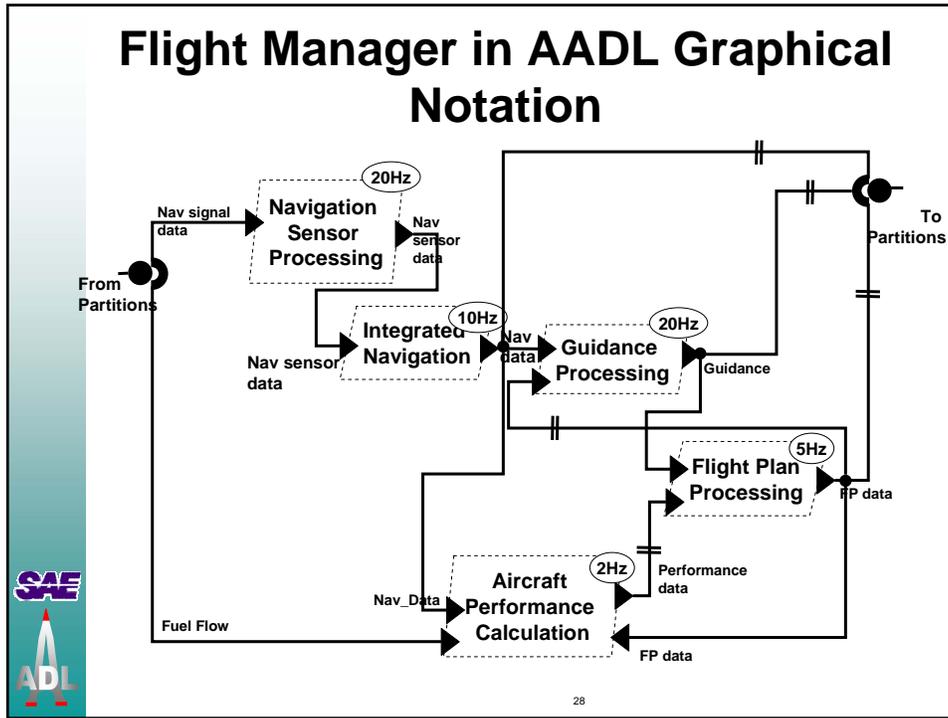
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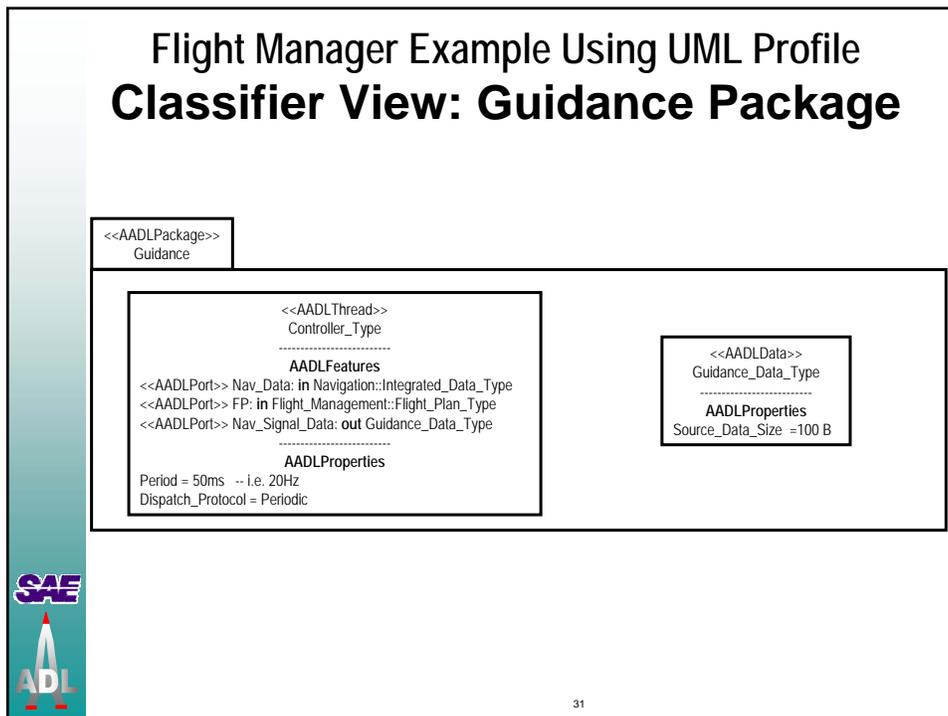
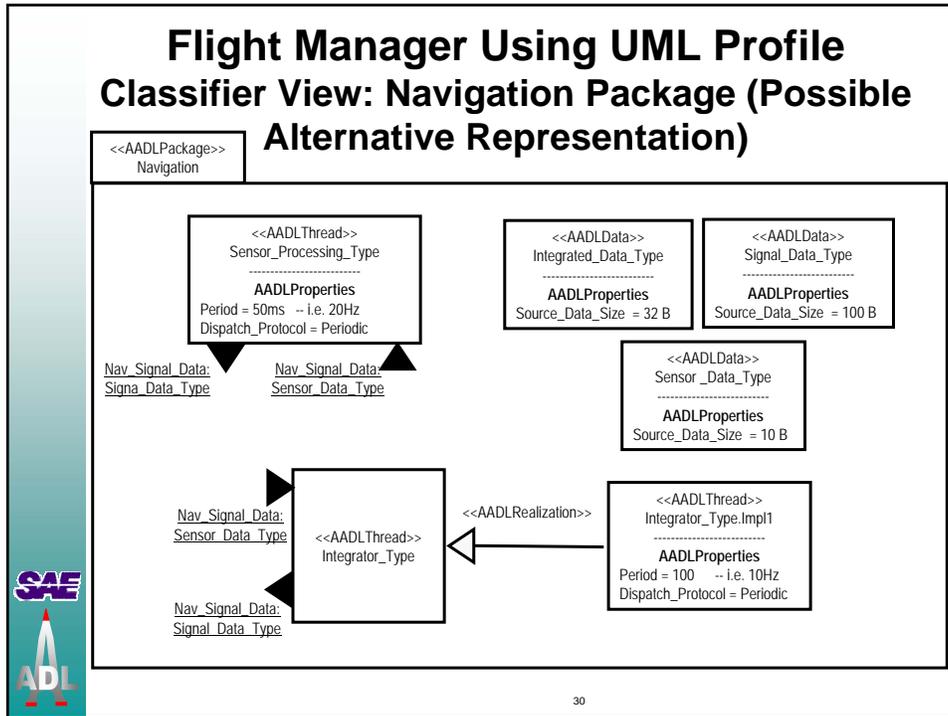
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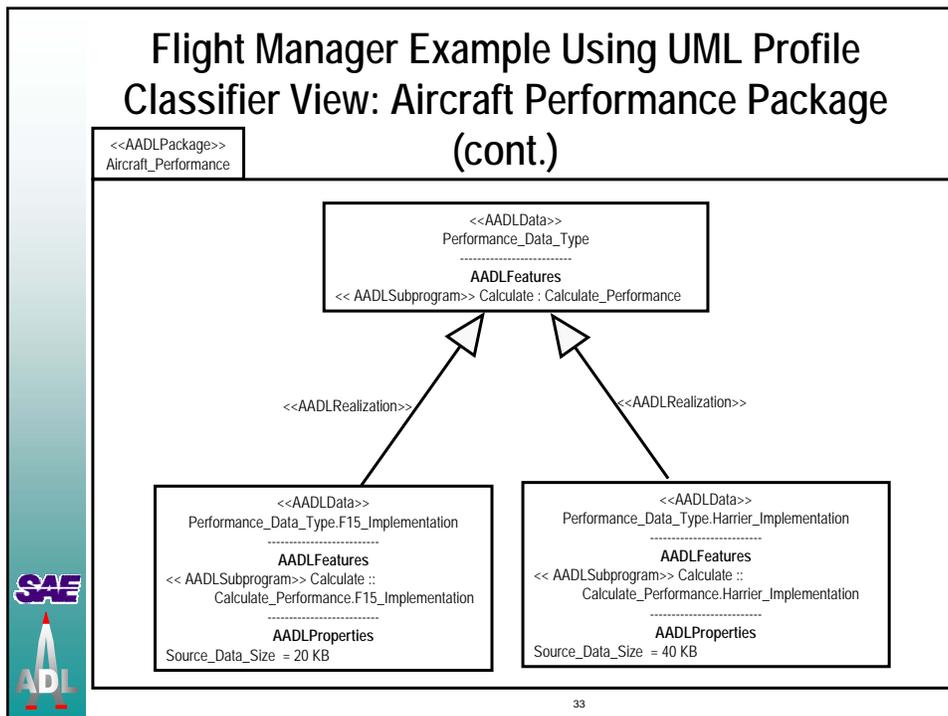
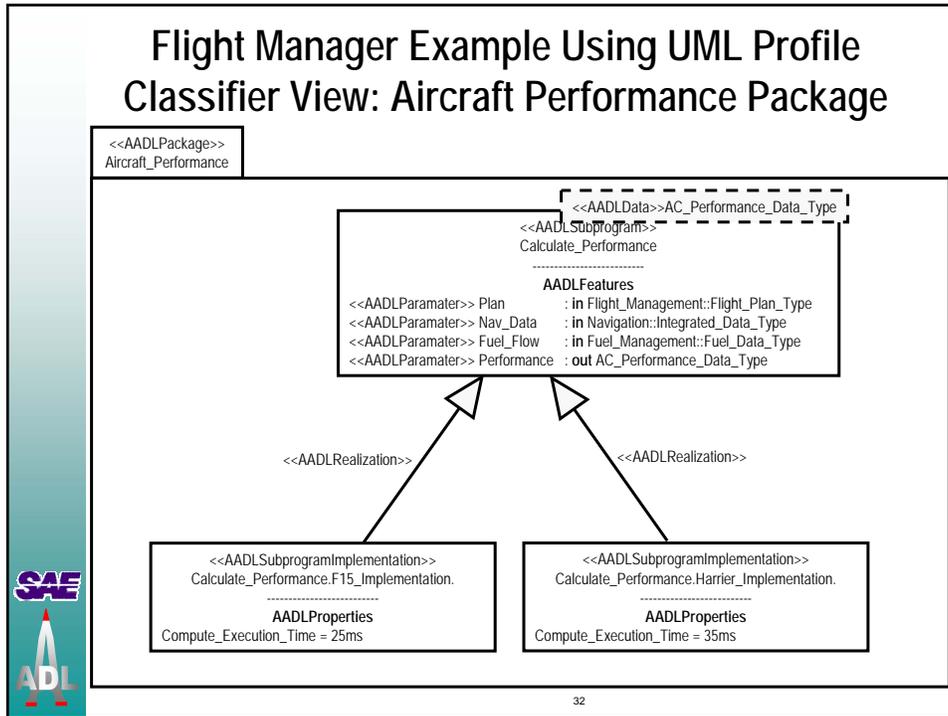
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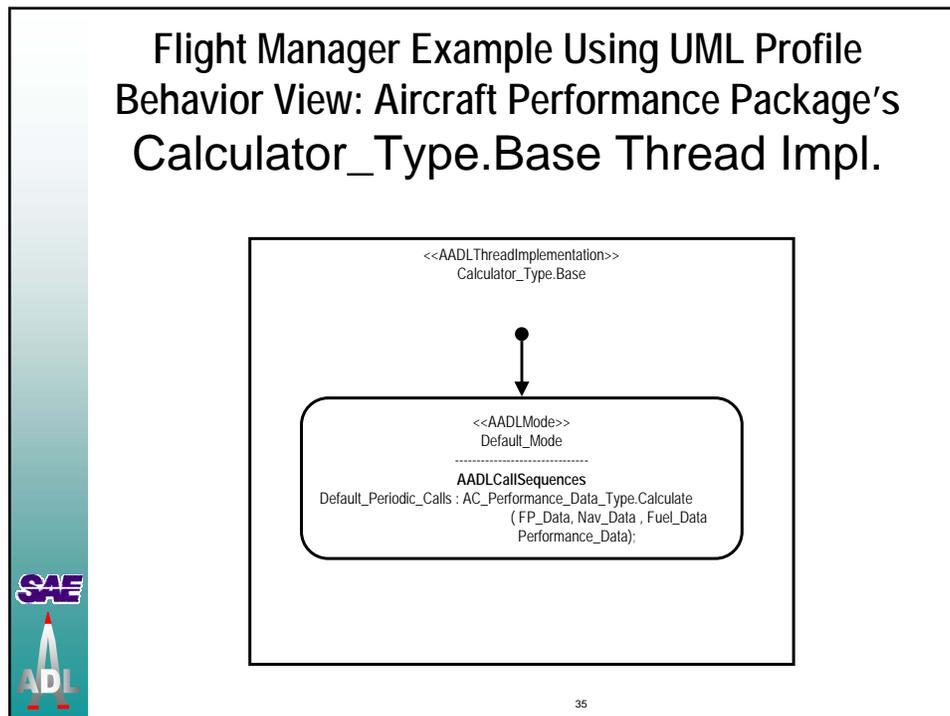
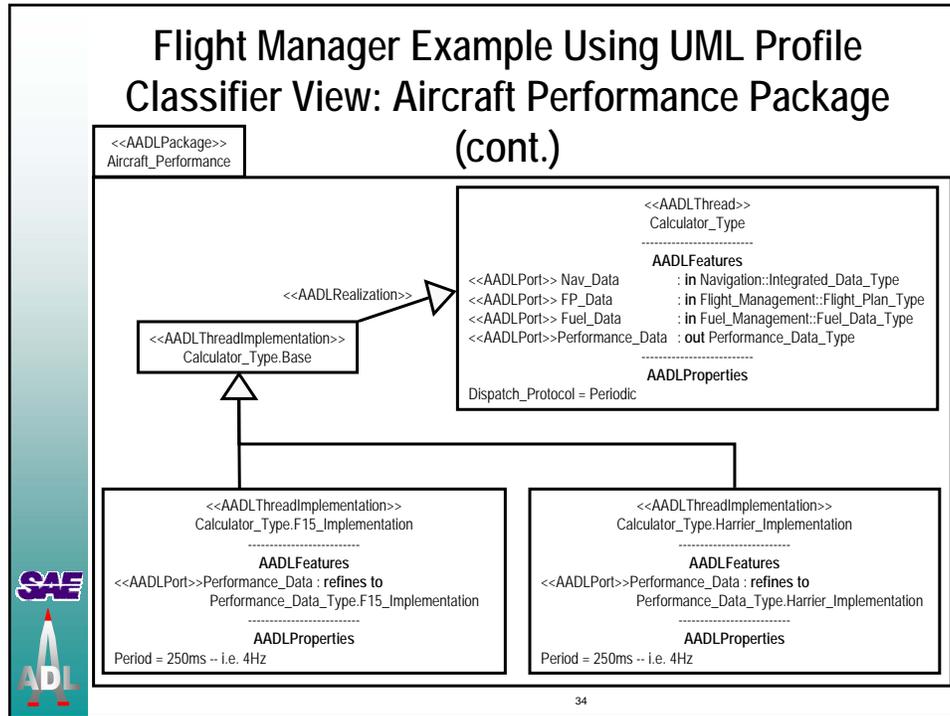
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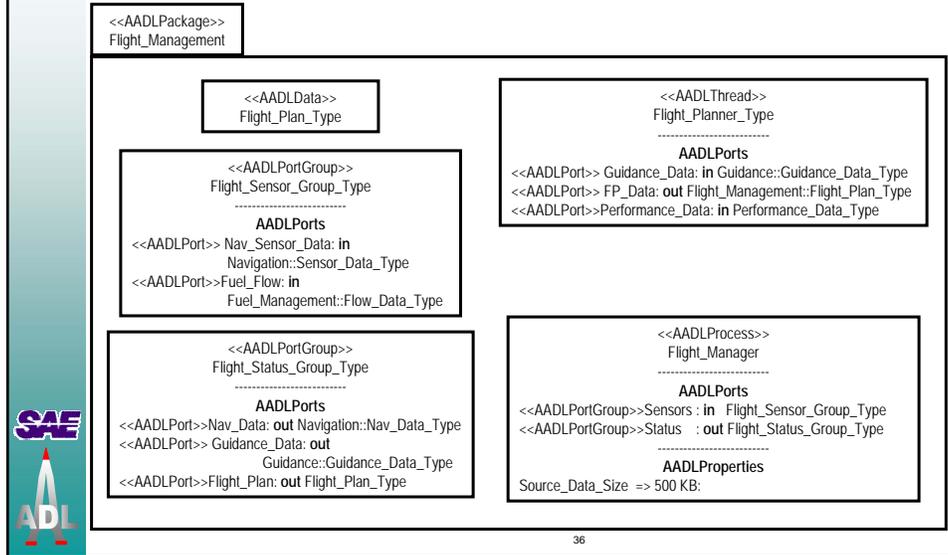




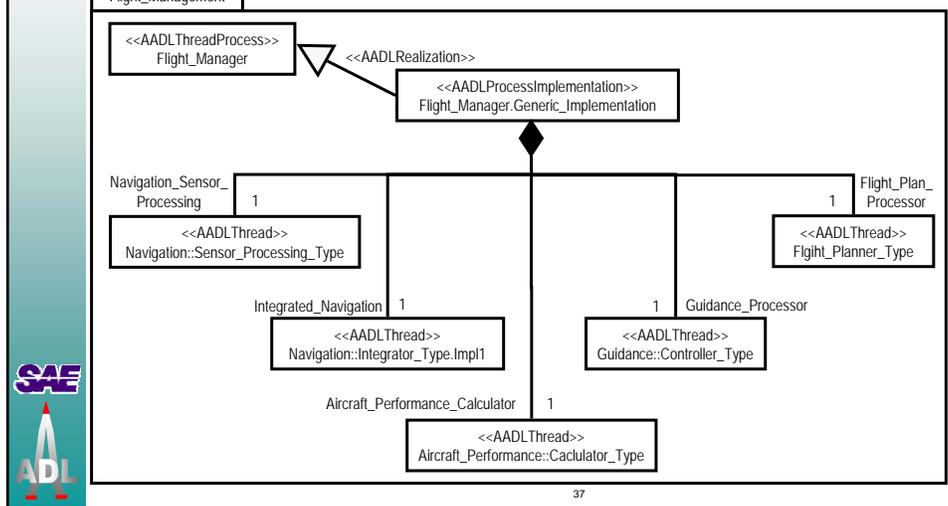


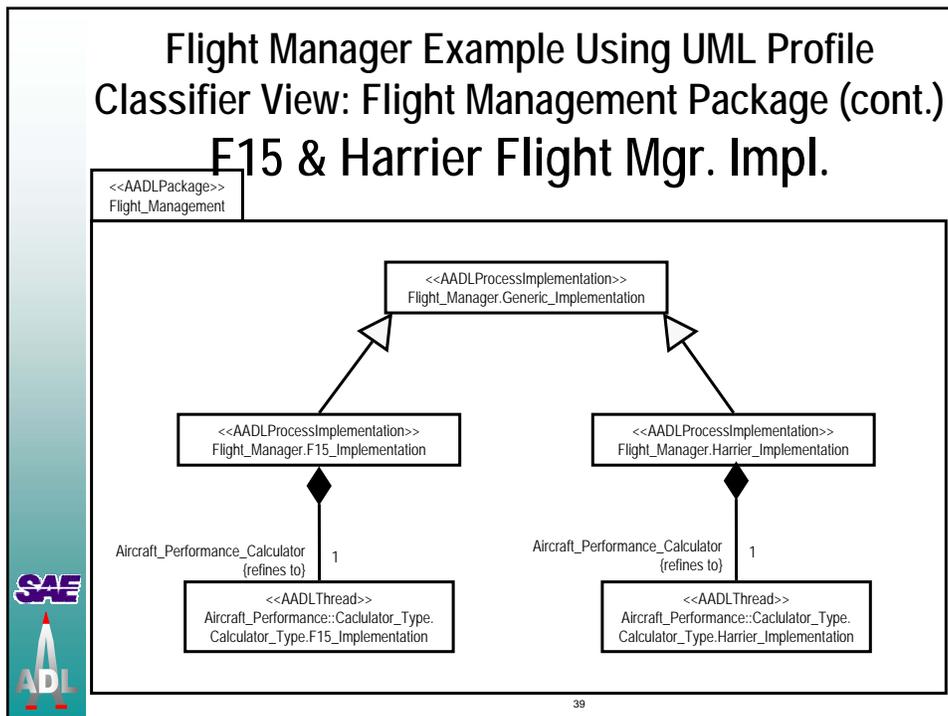
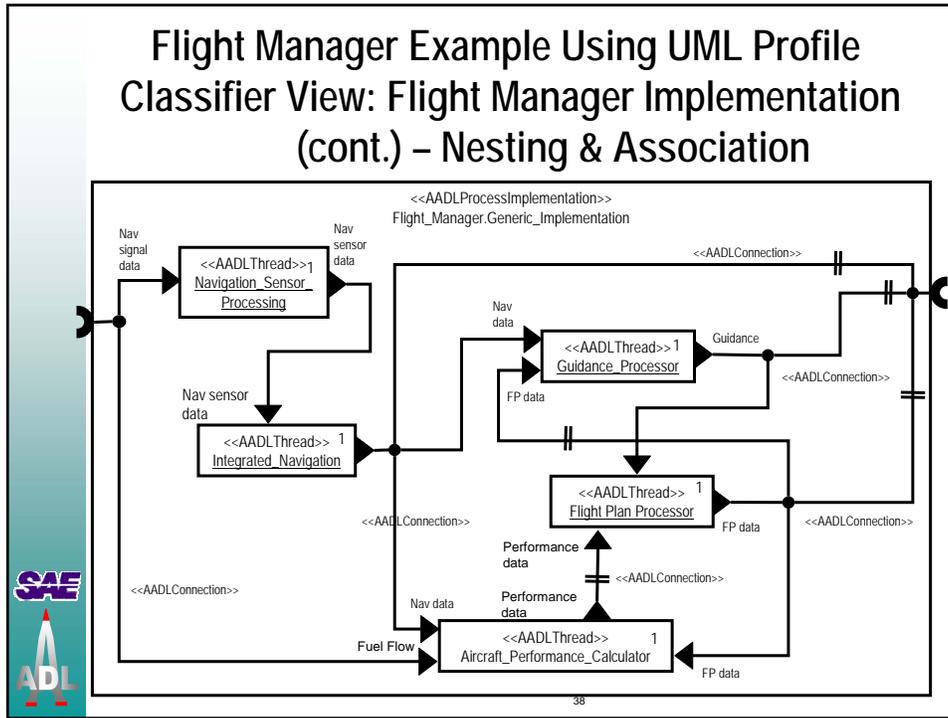


## Flight Manager Example Using UML Profile Classifier View: Flight Management Package



## Flight Manager Example Using UML Profile Classifier View: Flight Management Package (cont.) Generic Flight Mgr. Impl.





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## SAE AADL Summary

- AADL is Architecture Description Language & tools for predictable systems
  - e.g. time, reliability, fault-tolerance
  - Based on 15 years of DARPA research
- AADL provides means to:
  - Specify software & hardware architecture
  - Incrementally develop from prototype to specification
  - Analyze architecture rigorously
  - Implement final system
    - Integrating components with hardware & automatically generated system executive & glue code
  - Evolve system rapidly
    - Within development
    - Across lifecycle
- Extensible for Safety & Security analysis



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## SAE AADL Summary (cont.) UML Profile

- ❑ Symbiotic Relationship
  - System Architects can graphically using commonly available UML tools to represent software & hardware architecture
    - Can make use of UML tools that provide capabilities like simulation of state models
  - UML tool developers can easily integrate AADL tools for advance analysis techniques rather than developing new tools
    - e.g. safety analysis
  - Software designers can take defined architecture & refine software components
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## Value of AADL-Based Development

- ❑ Early Prediction & Verification (Tool-Supported)
  - performance
  - reliability
  - Fault-tolerance
- ❑ Component Compliance Verification (Tool-Supported )
  - functional interface
  - resource requirements
  - system safety
- ❑ System Integration & Verification (Tool-Supported)
  - workstation testing
  - system performance
  - system safety verification



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## Benefits

- ❑ Model-based system engineering benefits
  - Predictable runtime characteristics addressed early & throughout life cycle
  - Greatly reduces integration and maintenance effort
- ❑ Benefits of AADL as SAE standard
  - AADL as standard provides confidence in
    - Language stability,
    - Broad adoption,
    - Common Definitions,
    - Strong tool support



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