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RIEDP, SISO STANDARDS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DATA SHARING

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AGENDA

- Introduction
- Training Requirements
- Building a Flight Simulator Database
- RIEDP Key Concepts
- Zoom on Semantics
- Way Forward
- Conclusion

RIEDP : Reuse and Interoperation of Environmental Data and Processes

SISO : Simulation Interoperability Standard Organization



WHO IS TALKING TO YOU ?

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- Currently Project Manager
 - Flight Simulators / Simulation Centers
 - Networking and other Research & Technology areas
- Previously
 - Support of the French MoD in R&T areas
 - French Army, Navy, Air Force Simulation Projects
 - Studies for Staffs in Distributed Simulation
- Database Generation area
 - Not an expert
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SOGITEC AT A GLANCE

Simulators for Training

- Mirage Family (F1, -5, D, -9, H, ...)
- Rafale Omnirole A/C
- Helico (NH90, Dauphin, Cougar)

Users

- France
 - FAF, Army Light Aviation, Navy
- Foreign users
 - NATO
 - Middle East (Egypt, Qatar, UAE, ...)
 - Taiwan
 - India
 - ...





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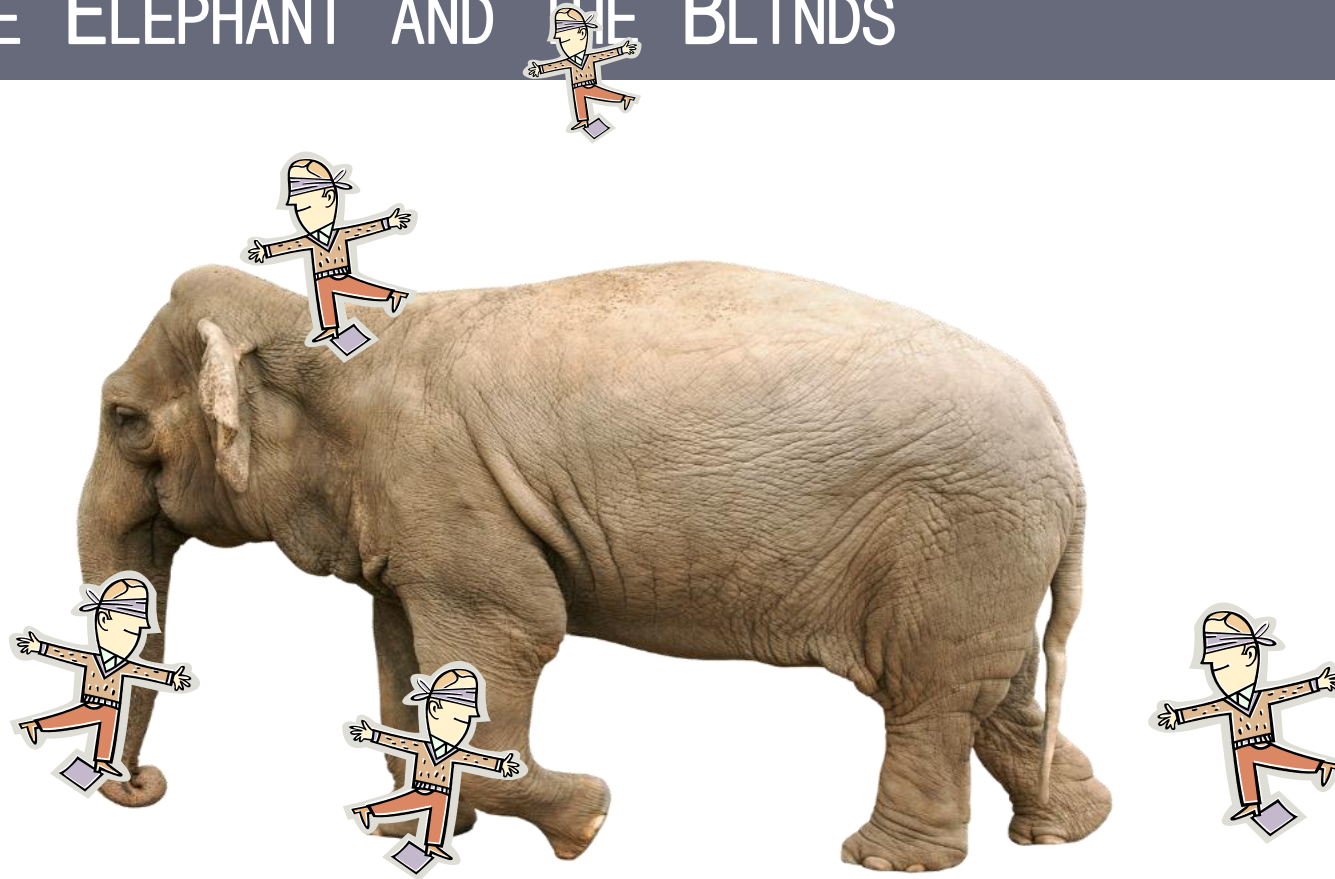


TRAINING REQUIREMENTS





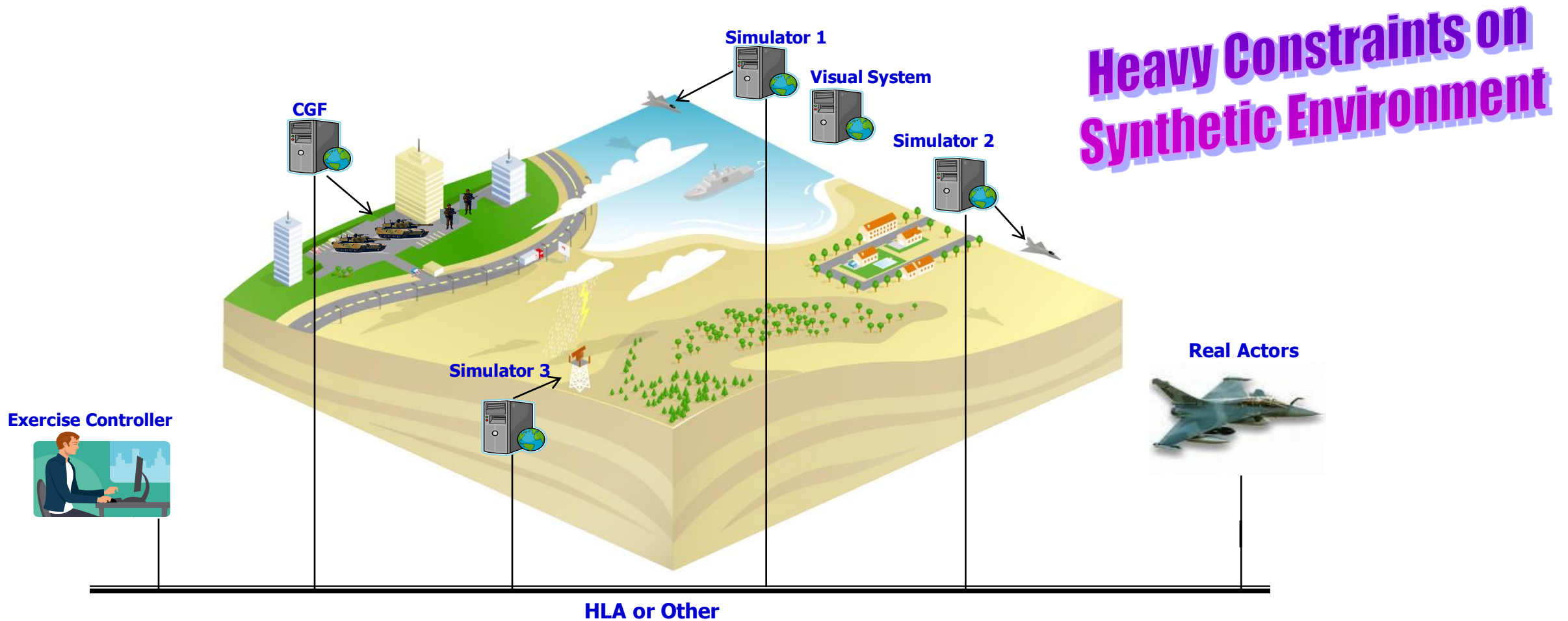
FABLE OF “THE ELEPHANT AND THE BLINDS”



Representation of complex Things heavily depends on the Standpoint ...

LVC TRAINING

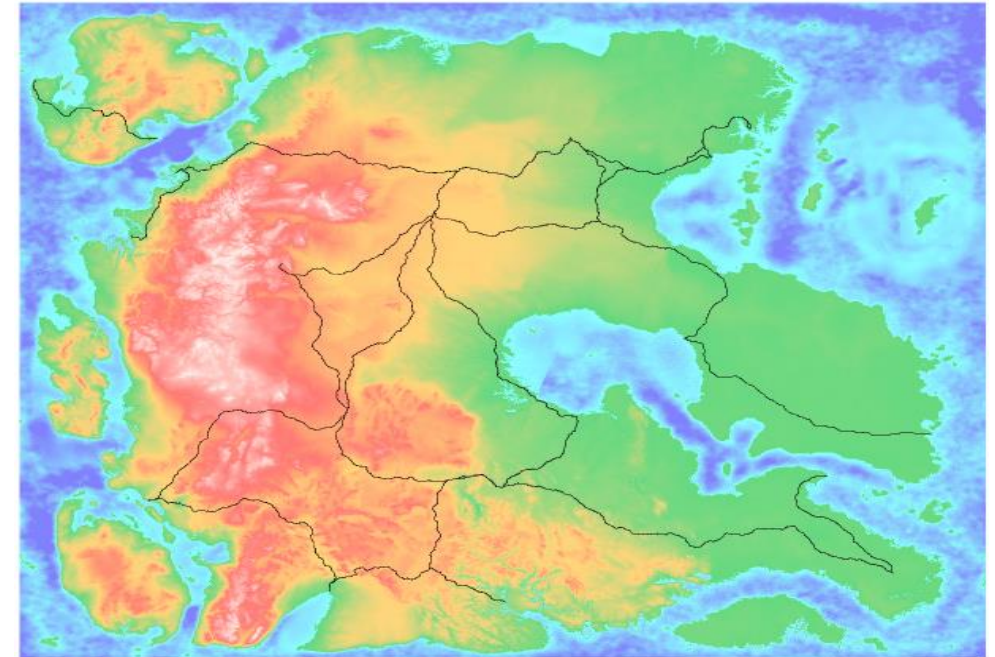
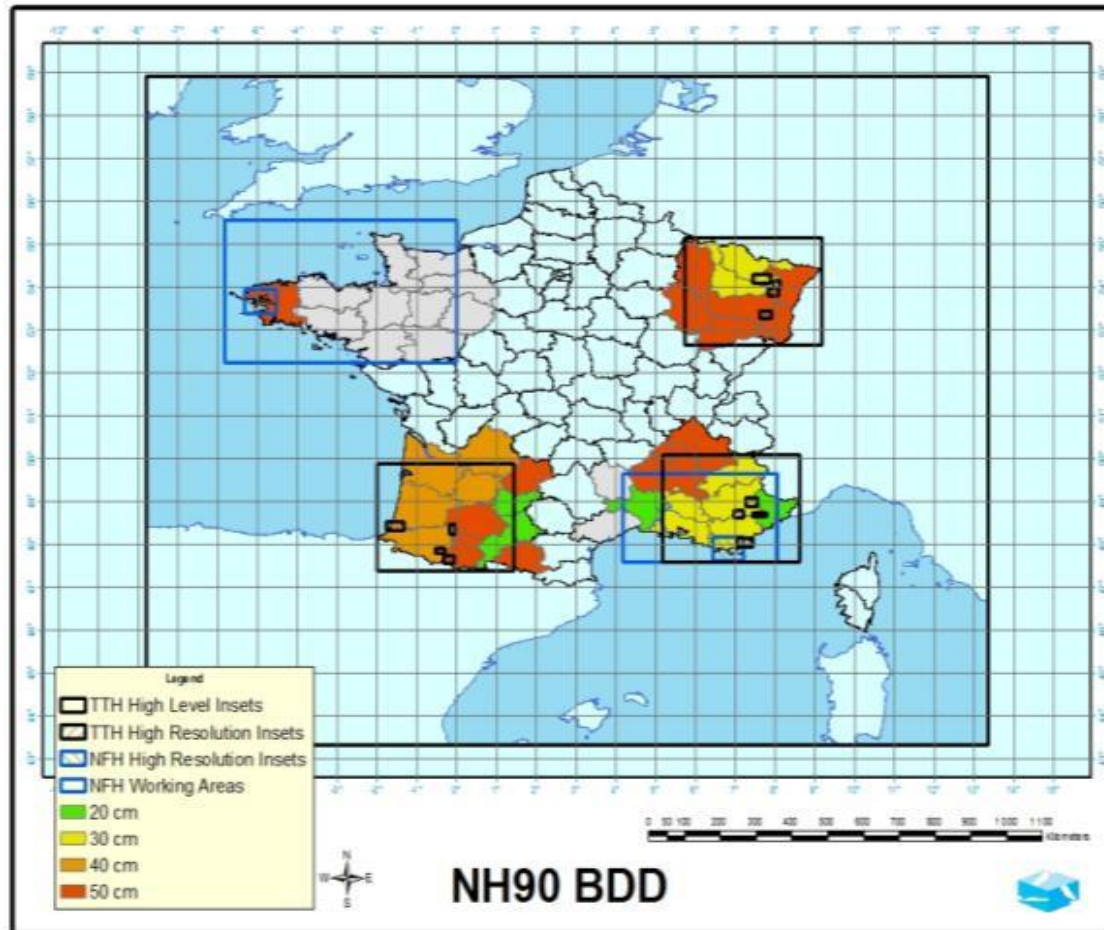
LVC : Live Virtual Constructive



SYNTHETIC ENVIRONMENT – REQUIREMENTS FOR AN AIRCRAFT SIMULATOR



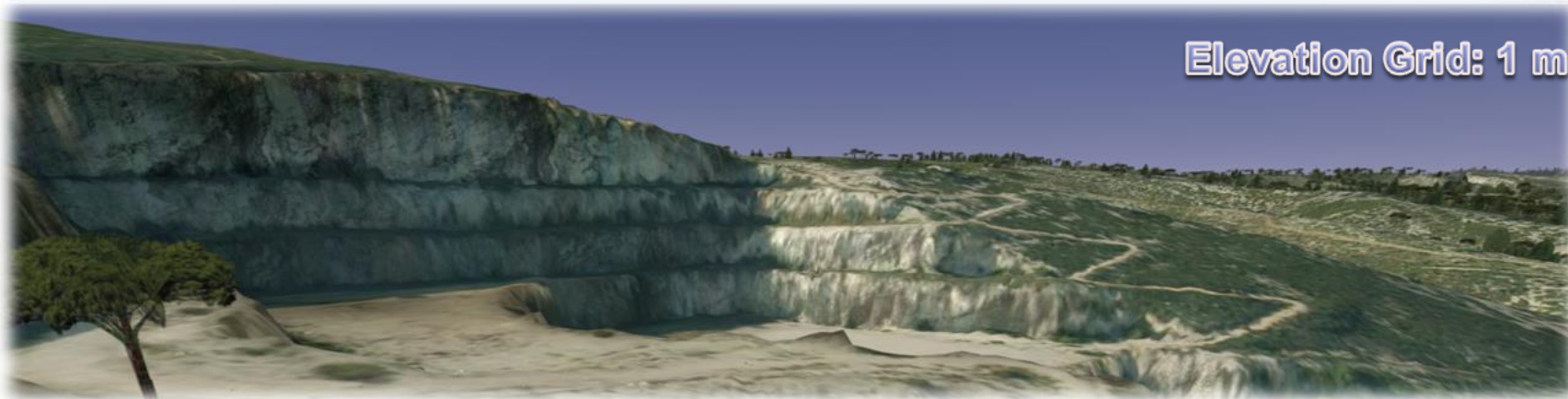
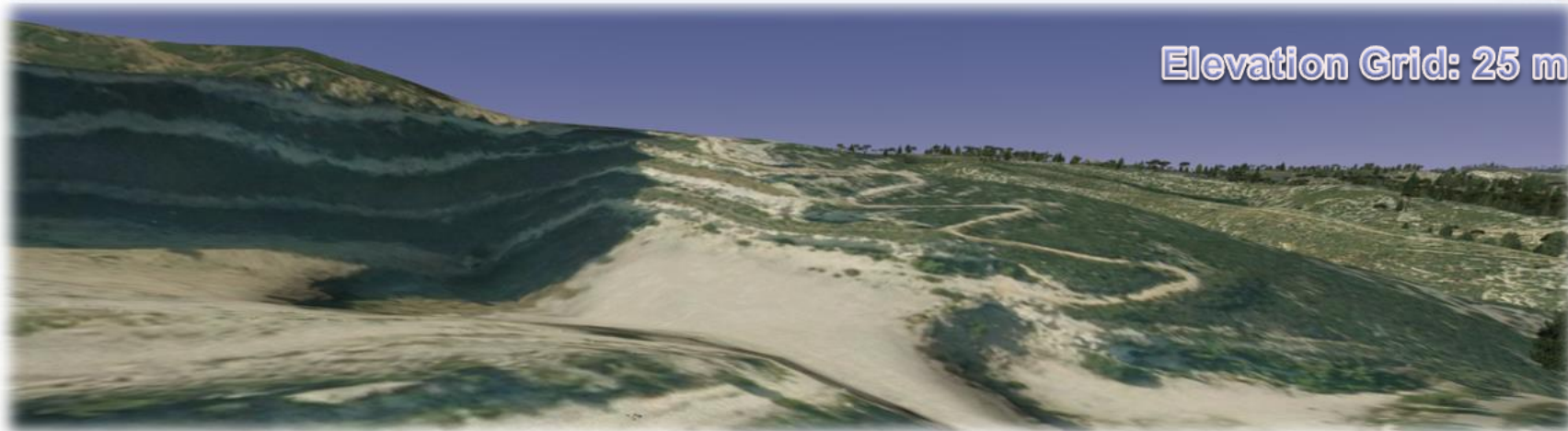
SYNTHETIC ENVIRONMENT – REQUIREMENTS / LARGE AREAS



NATO “Missionland”
2000x2000 km



SYNTHETIC ENVIRONMENT – REQUIREMENTS / FIDELITY





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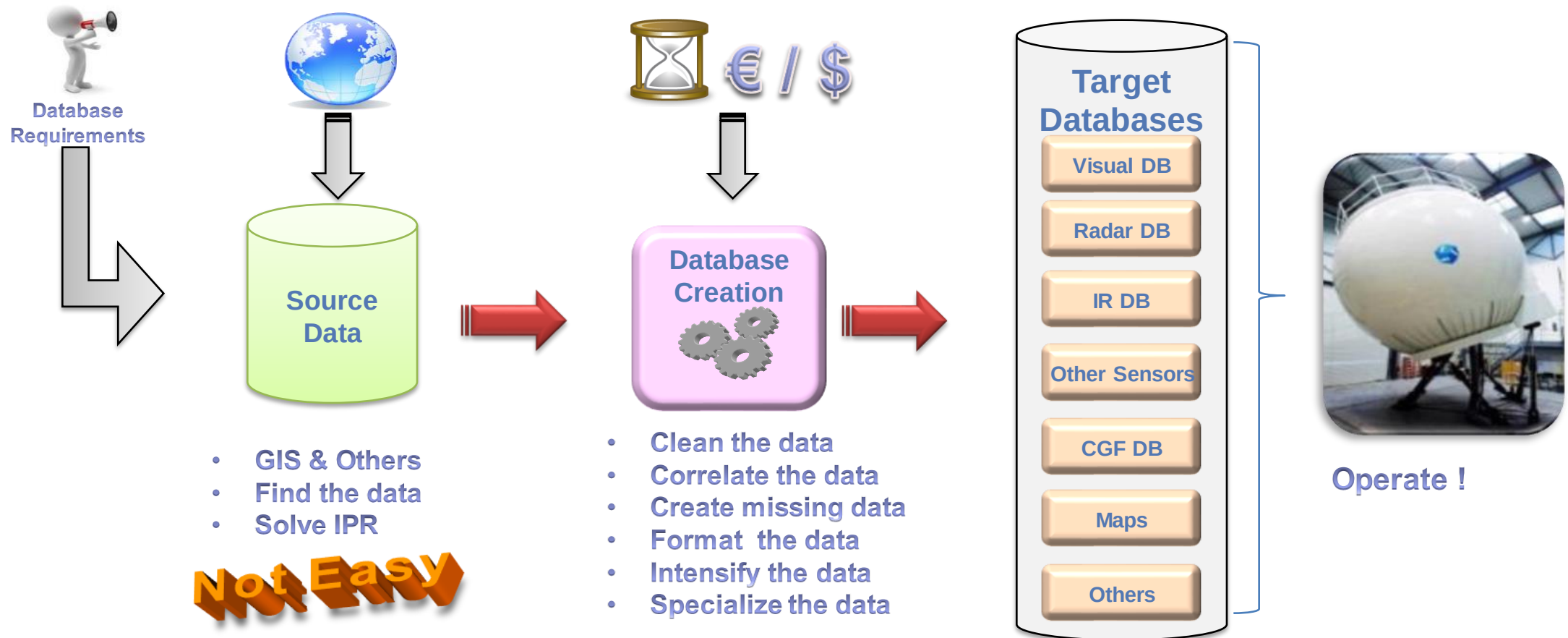
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BUILDING A SIMULATOR DATABASE

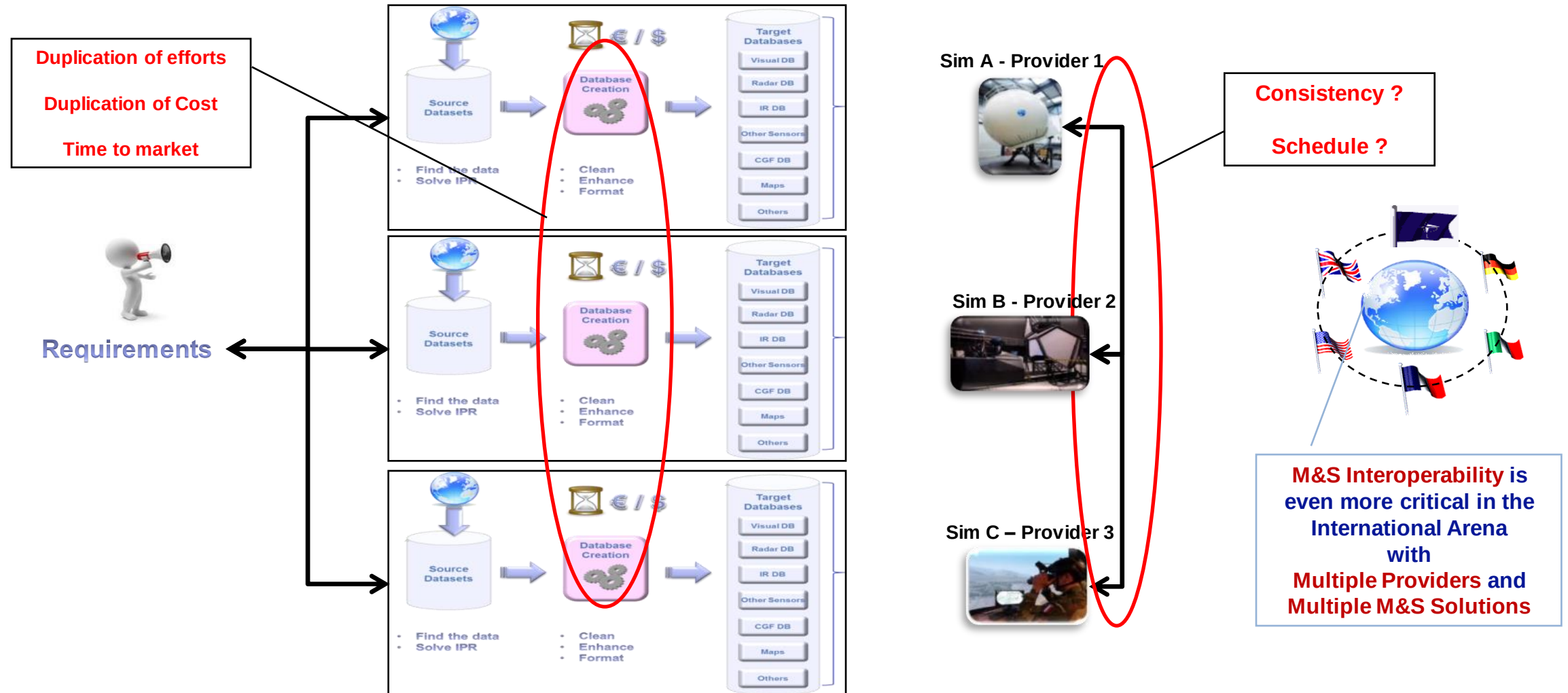


BUILDING A SIMULATOR DATABASE



ADDITIONAL ISSUES FOR DISTRIBUTED SIMULATION / LVC

REUSE - CORRELATION - INTEROPERABILITY ...





M&S INTEROPERABILITY

What it is NOT

- The same Product and associated Solutions for everyone
 - Does not work, certainly not in the International Arena
 - Puts Innovation at risk
 - What product to choose? Single Solution sufficient ?

What it is

- **Consistency in Modelling**, associated Data and Semantics at Component Level
- Allowing Components to work together at System & System-of-Systems Levels
- Fostering Multiple-Provider Solutions (e.g. : I/ITSEC/OBW Federations)

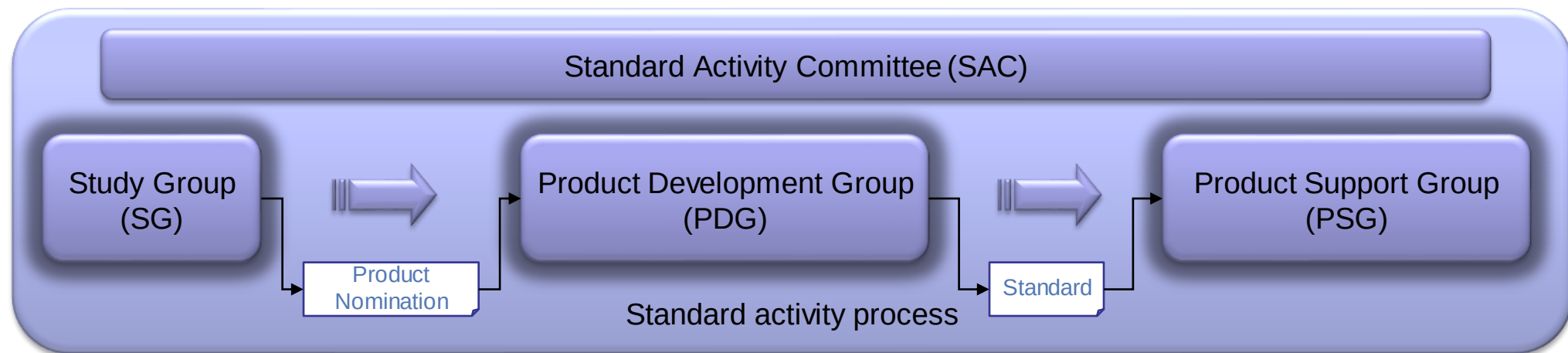
Interoperability relies on **Appropriate Standards**



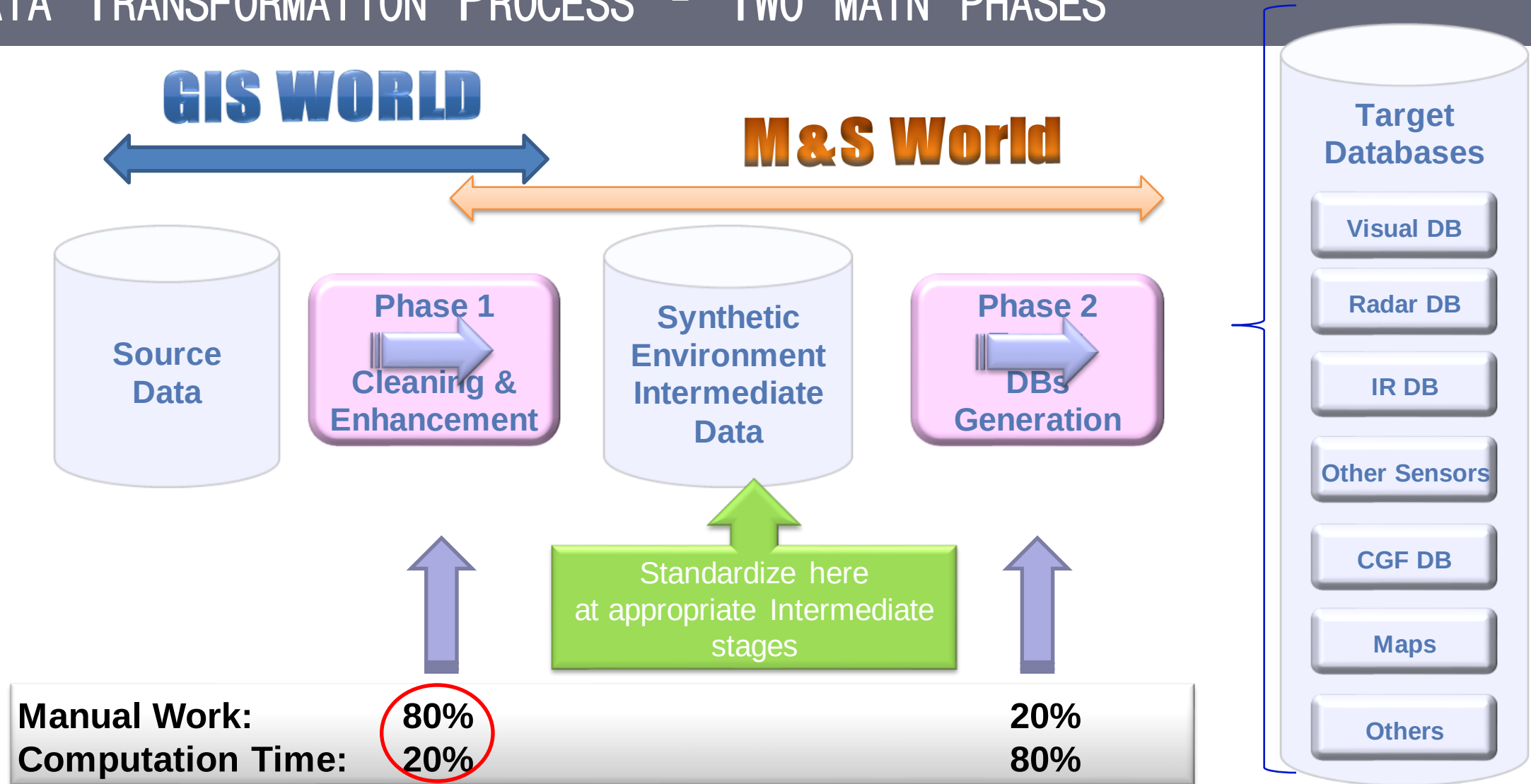
ROLE OF SISO

- Domain of the Simulation Interoperability Standard Organization (SISO)
- Who : International M&S Experts
- Why : Interoperability, Reusability of M&S assets .
- What : Open forum
 - Conferences/Workshops
 - Standardization Activity
- Where : USA & Europe
- When : Annual SISO Innovation Workshop in September + Seminar at ITEC

DIS, HLA, FOM, CiGi, DSEEP



DATA TRANSFORMATION PROCESS - TWO MAIN PHASES



DATA TRANSFORMATION PROCESS - POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENT

The process may be made more efficient in MTDS

MTDS : Mission Training via Distributed Simulation

- If Source data is comprehensive and consistent
 - Within each and between the layers
- If previous creation efforts may be reused
 - At Source Data Level (Linked to GIS World)
 - At Intermediate Level
 - Requires Common Processes, Representations, and Formats at this level

Reuse of
Intensification efforts

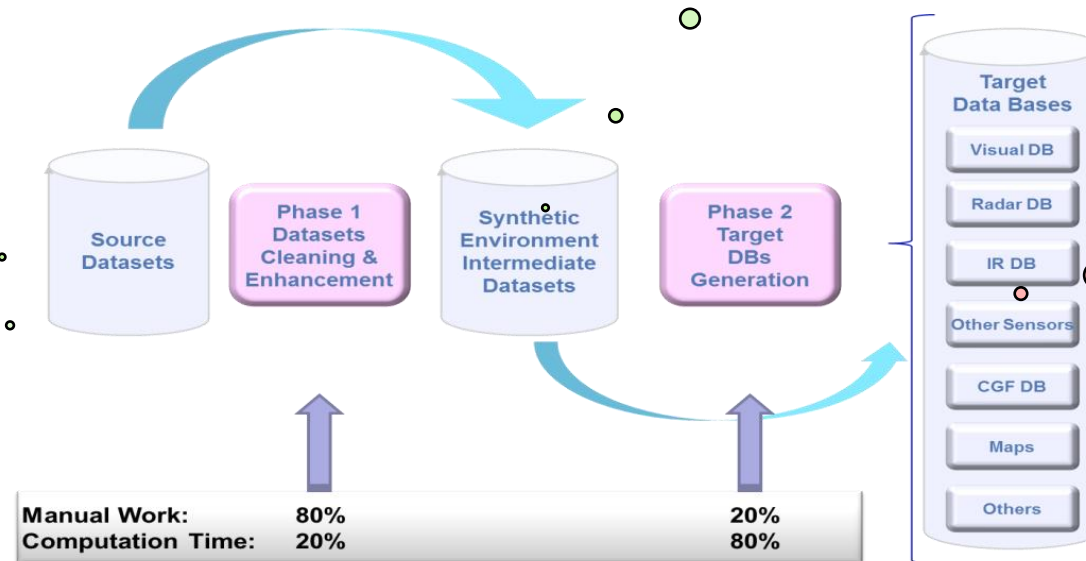
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Providers

- Data Diversity
- Data Quality

- Discovery & Access
- Metadata

EDS



Hardly Reusable
(Unless same target
platforms)

Competition



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RIEDP KEY CONCEPTS



When reusing data from a partner, you need to know

- How the database was built → Tasks performed or not
- How the database is represented → Conceptual Model
- How the database is spatially referenced → Spatial Reference Model
- How the database is structured → Physical data model
- How the database is organized on the media → Files/Folders/Hierarchies
- How well the database conforms to Standards → Compliancy & Profiles
- Information about the data product → Metadata

No existing solution fully satisfies all of these requirements

INTERNATIONAL M&S INITIATIVES / STANDARDIZATION EFFORTS

Process oriented
DB oriented

Nature	M&S standards		Projects / Initiatives						Other
Name	SIF	SEDRIS	NPSI	AFCD	SE Core	CDB	Missionland	Other	EDS
Origin	US DOD	US DOD	US Navy	USAF	US Army	USSOCOM	NATO	e.g. French Air Force	US DoD
Introduction Date	1991	1994	2004	2006	2008	2004	2010	2006	201x
Standard	Yes	Yes ISO	User Standard	User Standard	User Standard	User & Commercial Standard	User Standard	User Standard	Reuse of Standards
Open Standard	Yes	Yes	limited	limited	limited	OGC	limited	limited	-
Approach	Format according to standard	Standardized Semantics and Data Model + Format according to standard	Based on de-facto standard formats (GIS Source) but - No consistent Semantics - Similar to SISO RIEDP addresses these topics						Data Discovery & Access
Availability of Commercial Support Tools	Obsolete	Tools developed in SEDRIS COI							Portal

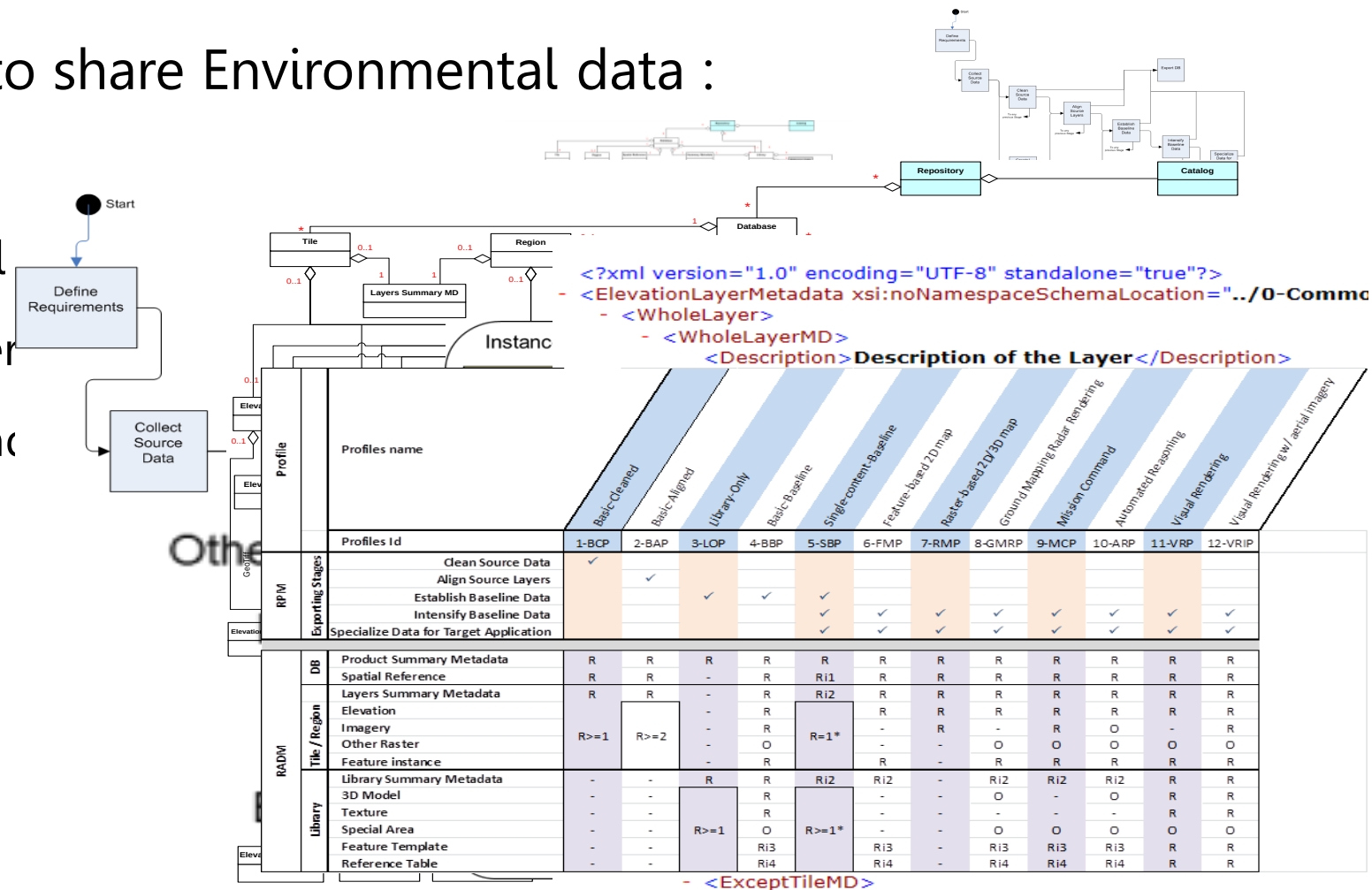
AFCD: Air Force Common Dataset
EDS: Enterprise Data Services
NPSI: NAVAIR Portable Source Initiative

CDB: Common Database
SE Core: Synthetic Environment Core
SIF: SSDB (Standard Simulator Database) Interchange Format

RIEDP AT A GLANCE

RIEDP provides what is needed to share Environmental data :

- A Reference Process Model
- A Reference Abstract Data Model
- A Tiling Scheme and Spatial Refer
- A List of Formats from the GIS and
- A Consistent Semantics (through
- An Organization on the Media
- A Metadata structure
- A set of Exchange Profiles



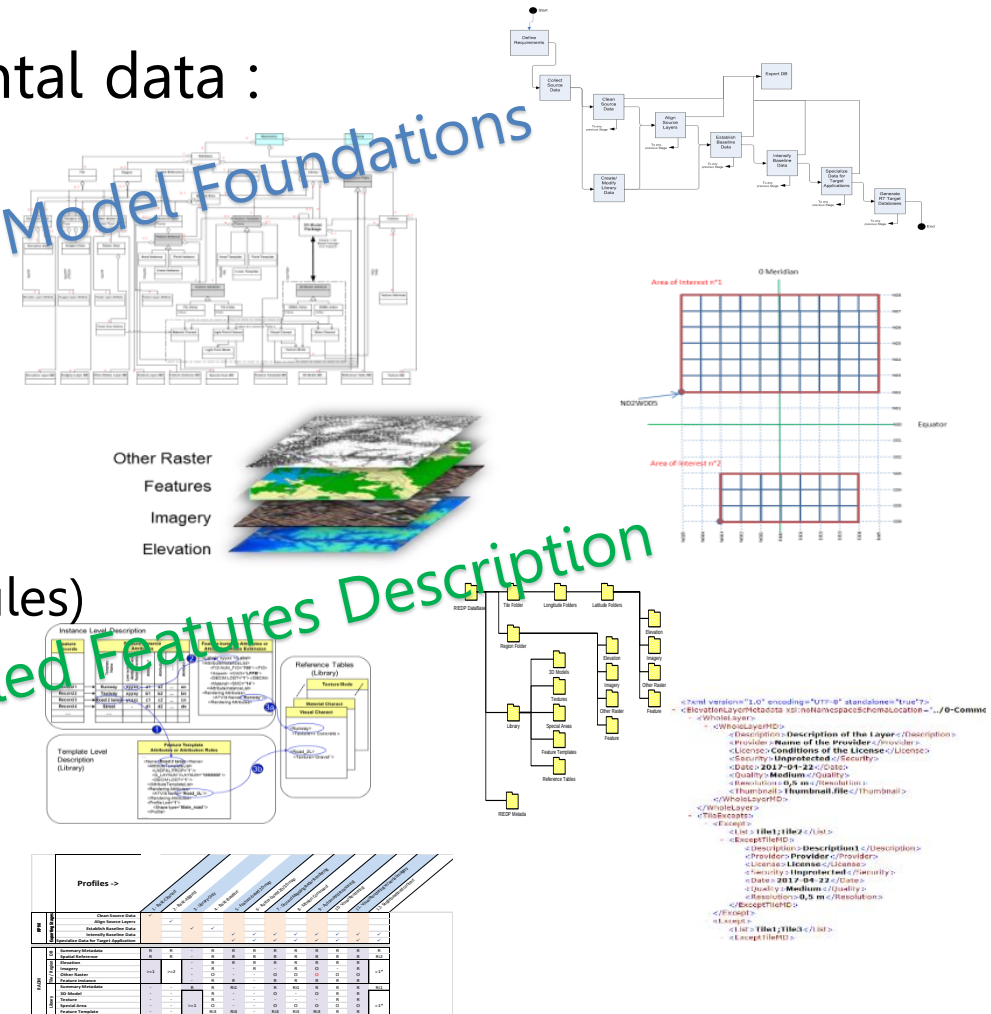
RIEDP - TWO PRODUCTS

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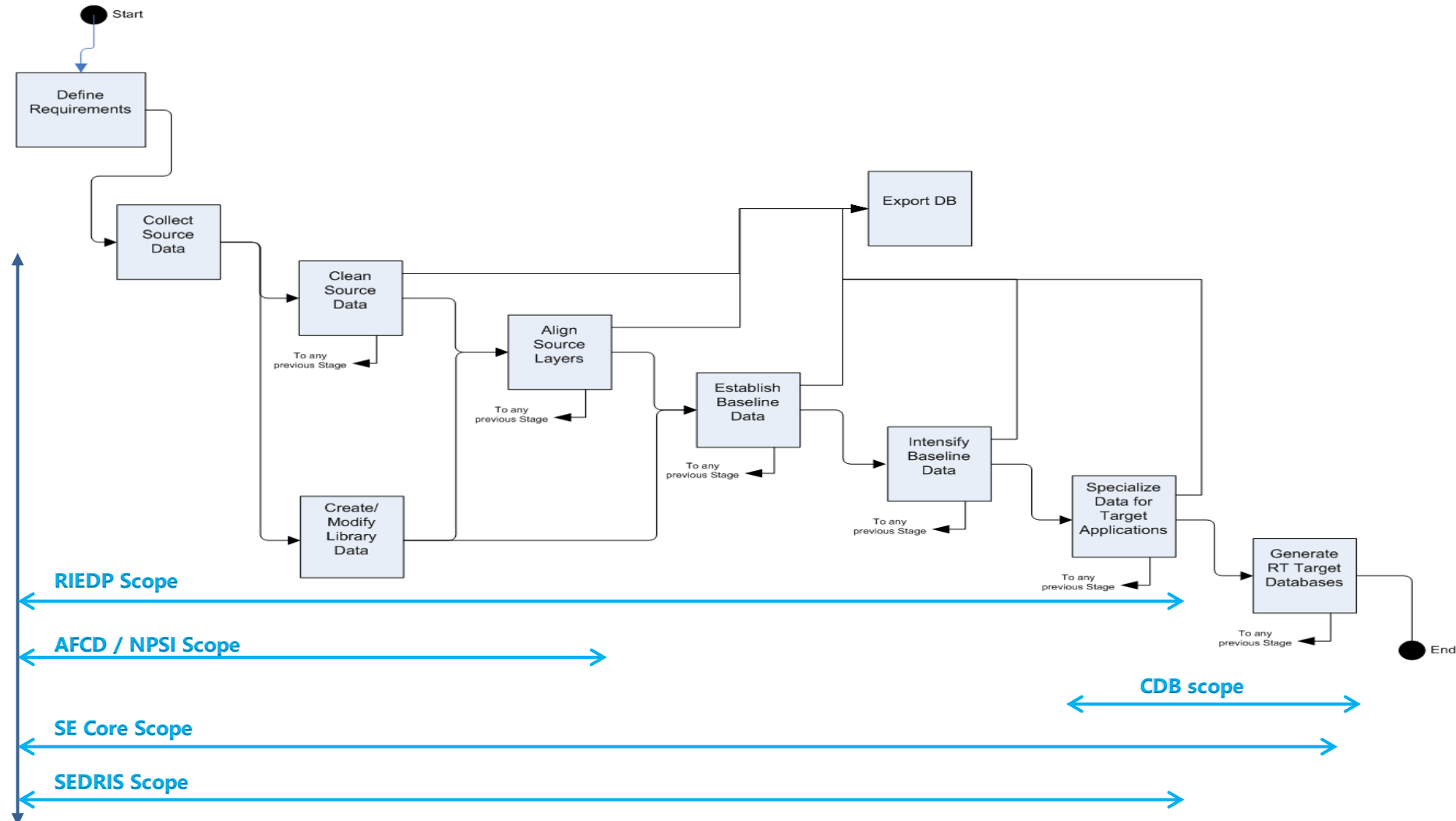
- A Reference Process Model
- A Reference Abstract Data Model
- A Tiling Scheme and Spatial Referencing
- A List of Formats from the GIS and M&S worlds
- A Consistent Semantics (through Features, attribution rules)
- An Organization on the Media
- A Metadata structure
- A set of Exchange Profiles

RIEDP Data Model Foundations

RIEDP Detailed Features Description



RIEDP VS OTHER INITIATIVES – PROCESS VIEW



CURRENT STATUS OF RIEDP PRODUCTS

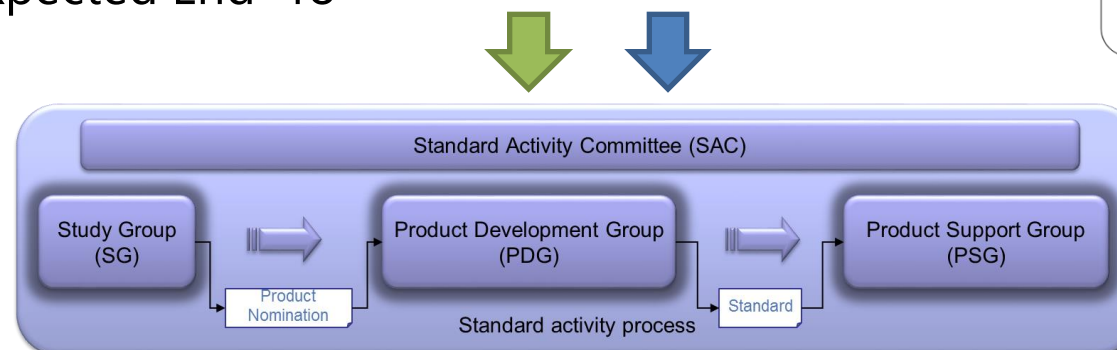
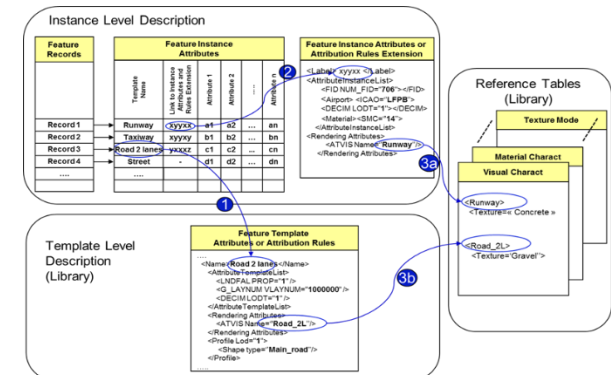
Product n°1

- RIEDP Data Model Foundations
 - SISO Guidance Document
 - Submitted to **Balloting** : During March '18
 - Approval expected Fall '18

RIEDP DM
Foundations
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Product n°2

- RIEDP Detailed Features Description
 - SISO Standard Document
 - Development initiated Summer 2010/7
 - Conclusion expected End '18





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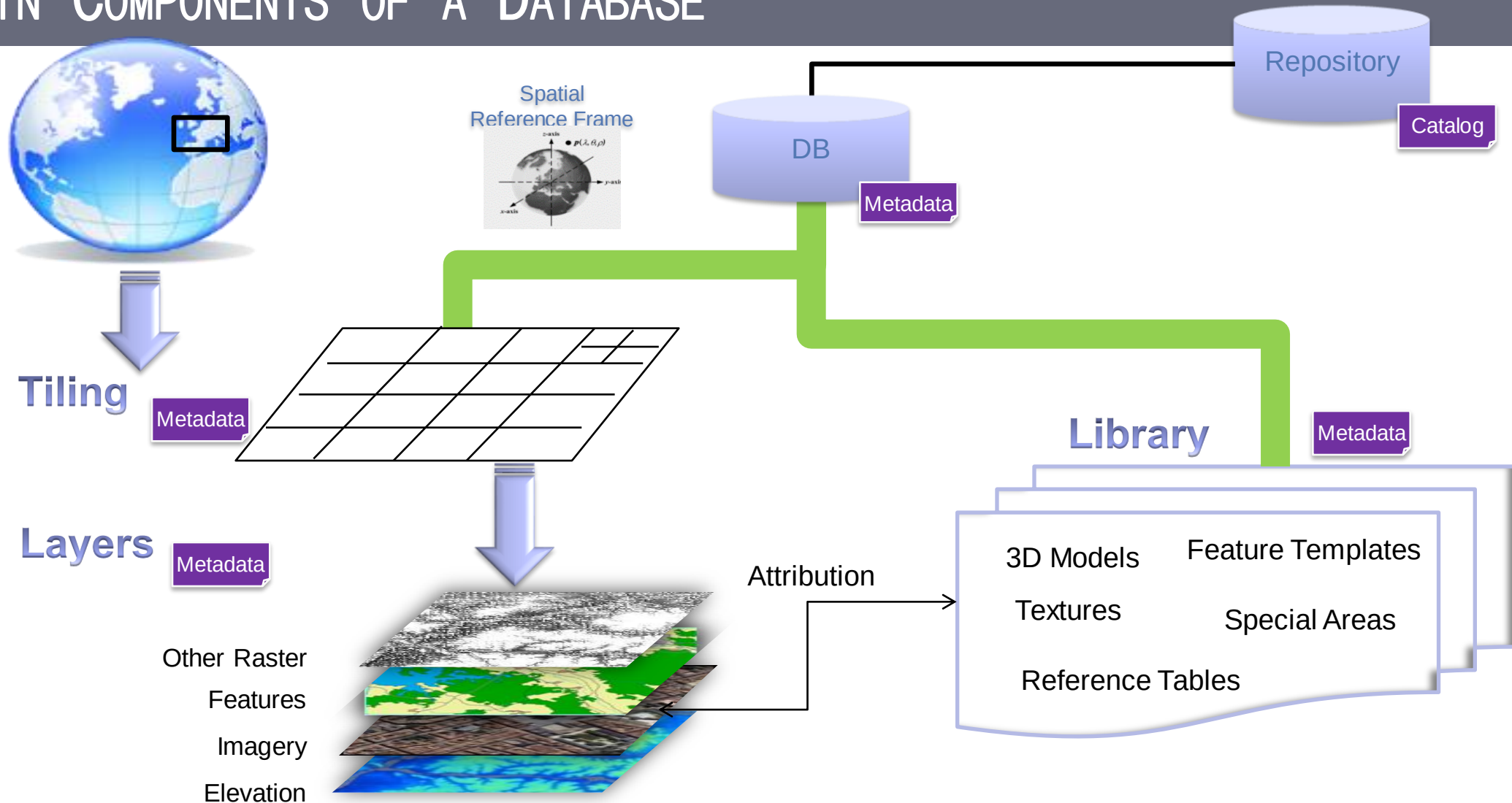
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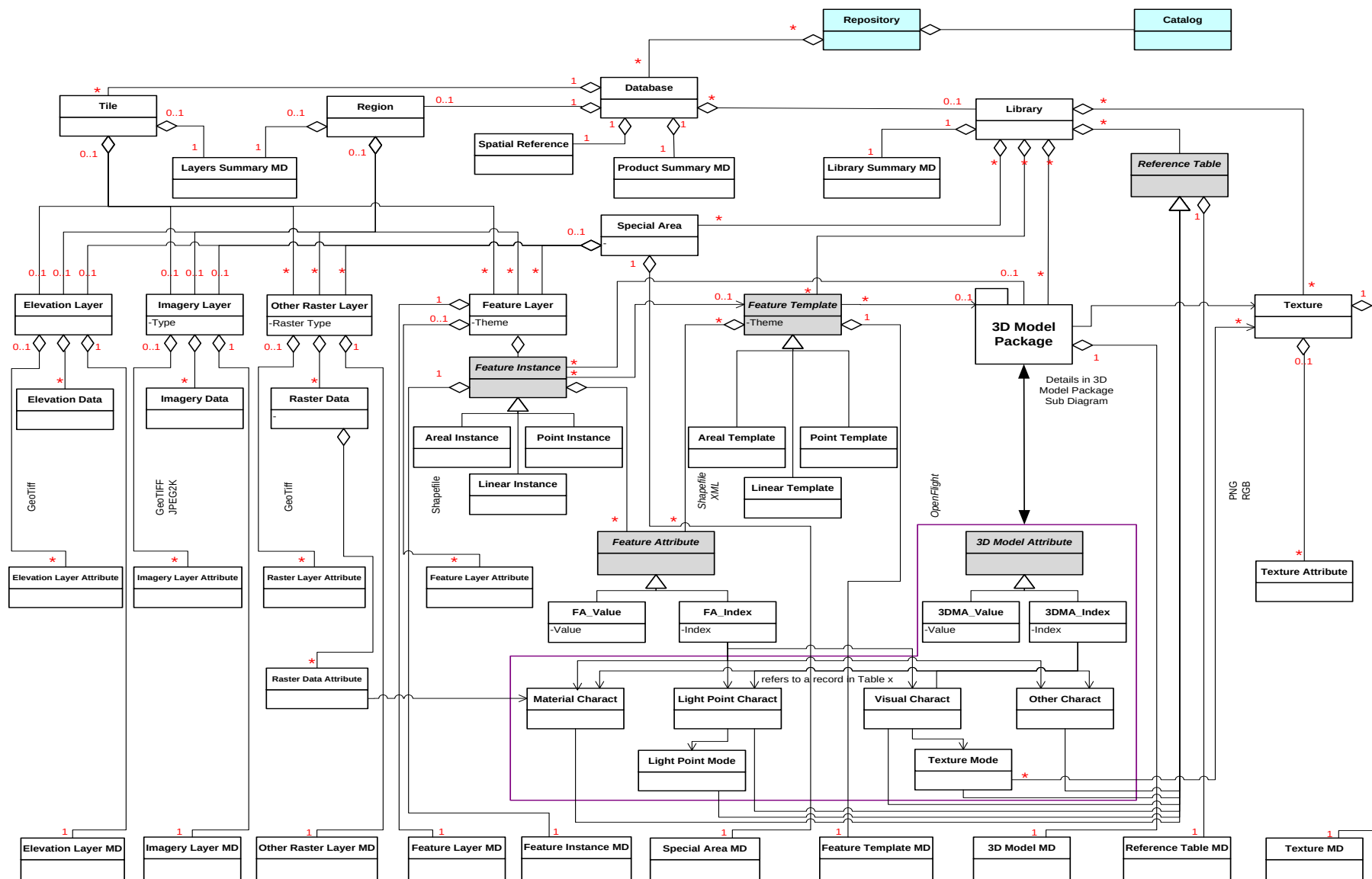


RIEDP PRODUCT 2 “DETAILED FEATURES DESCRIPTION” DEVELOPMENT

A SISO Standard

MAIN COMPONENTS OF A DATABASE

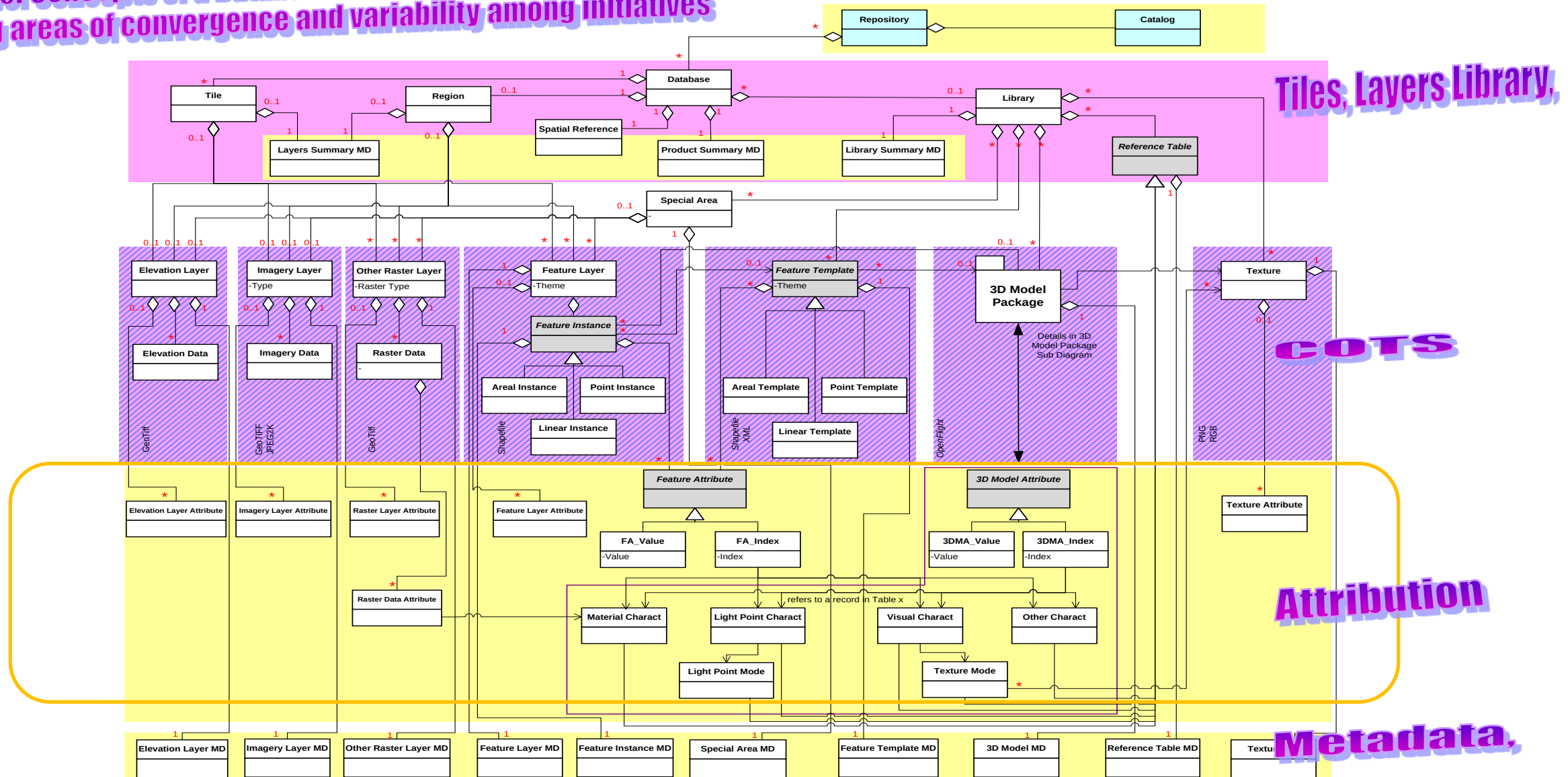




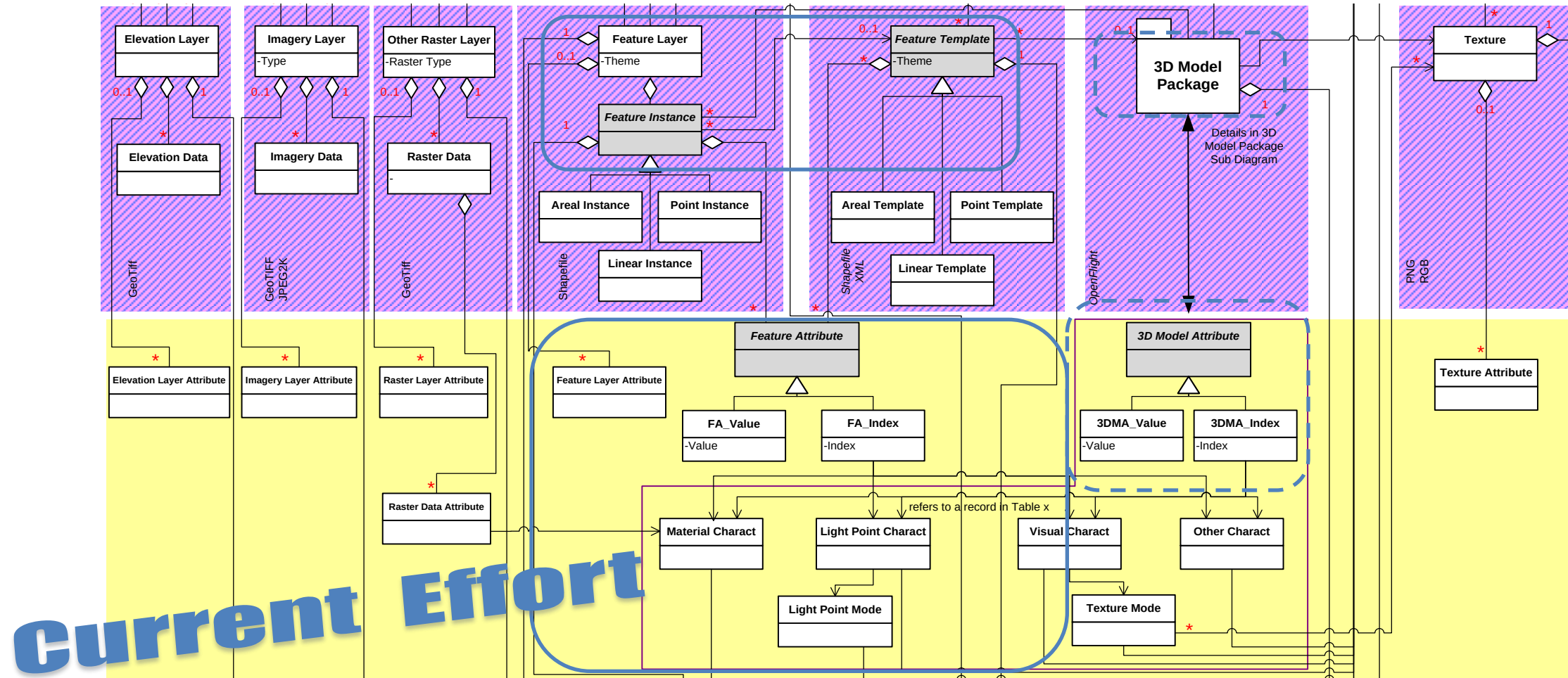
ZOOM ON THE RADM

High Level Concepts of a Database
Showing areas of convergence and variability among initiatives

- Convergence
- Common format
- Variability



THE ATTRIBUTION PART OF THE RADM





DETAILED FEATURES DESCRIPTION – RATIONALE

Improve Data Interoperability through:

- Identification of List of **Features, Definitions, Attributes, ...**
- Organization of the Document to help the Database Creator
- Not reinventing the wheel by referring to **Standard Dictionaries**
- Providing the Information needed by the International Training Community
- Allowing future Evolution



CHOICE OF DICTIONARY

❑ Standard Dictionaries

- FACC
 - DIGEST Part 4 – Feature and Attributes Coding Catalog (outdated)
- DFDD
 - DGIWG Feature Data Dictionary
- NFDD
 - National System for GeoSpatial Intel Data Dictionary (US Specific version of DFDD)
- EDCS
- Other

❑ Options for Dictionary Selection

- Is one and only one of the standard Dictionaries (to be chosen by DG3);
- Is any of the standard Dictionaries (chosen by Provider, DB per DB);
- Is made up by selection of Features in the standard Dictionaries (the Dictionary is indicated with the Feature) (chosen by DG3)
- Is built from Scratch (done by DG3);
- Does not exist, each Provider indicates, on a Feature basis, the source dictionary, among the standard Dictionaries
- Does not exist, each Provider indicates, on a Feature basis, the source dictionary freely built by the Provider.



CHOICE OF DICTIONARY

- ☐ EDCS will be used primarily
 - it's an International standard
 - it fully supports M&S
 - Most of DFDD content comes from EDCS and FACC
 - Most of EDCS content comes from FACC plus many other sources
- ☐ DFDD
 - when EDCS is not enough
- ☐ AMDB
 - for specific Airport Notions
- ☐ RIEDP specific notions
 - Defined if the notion does not exist in any of these dictionaries;
- ☐ FACC not used
 - deprecated, and replaced by DFDD
- ☐ NFDD not used
 - as it is US-centric
 - for what RIEDP needs, DFDD covers it
- ☐ RIEDP will have its own Code Space
 - RIEDP will NOT use EDCS or DFDD Codes
 - But will use everything else from those
- ☐ If an existing definition needs Change
 - This Change must be requested to the Source Organization.



LIST OF TABLES RELATED TO THE SEMANTICS OF FEATURES AND/OR ATTRIBUTES

- Features
- Attributes
- Associated enumerations
- Units and scales
- Process-related attributes

- Prescribed feature-attribute combinations along with
 - valid value ranges,
 - their specific enumerations (if any),
 - default values (including enumerates)
 - units, scale



CONTENT OF THE TABLES

- Insight in the Excel Spreadsheet 
- The structure will be described in Product 2
- The content will be in Product 2 / Annex
- Eventually, the Content will be managed as a SISO Reference product
 - Same principle as SISO Enumerations



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WHAT IS NEXT ?



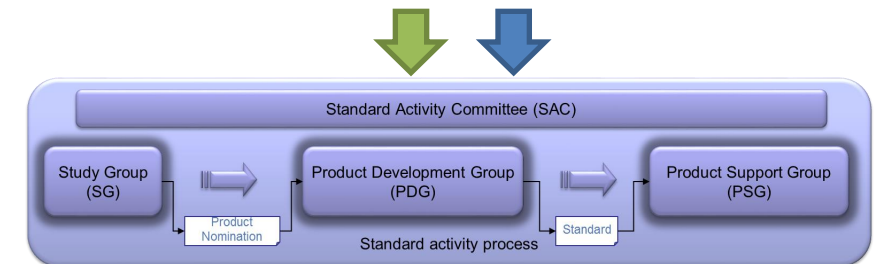
WHAT IS NEXT

Product 1

- Approval by SISO/SAC and EXCOM
- Launch of the Product Support Group (PSG)

Product 2

- Finalization of the Feature/Attribution/Enumerant Topics
- Other Semantics Topics (Non Feature Layers)



RIEDP Test Database (current effort)

- Sogitec to convert the Emerald City Database
- NLR to convert the NATO "Mission Land" Database
- Partners to Import and Assess / Check the results
- Provide feedback to the Development Effort (and future PSG)

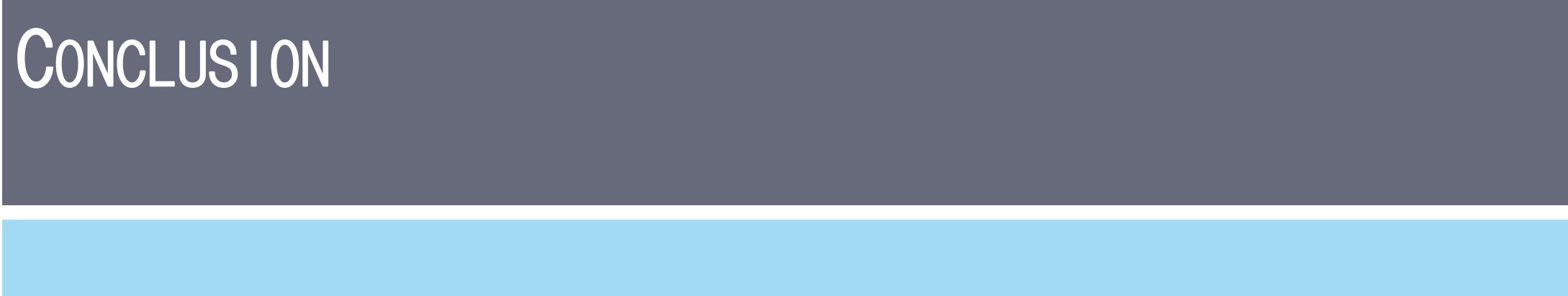


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CONCLUSION





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At this stage:

- RIEDP DM Foundations" is finalized
 - To be approved by SAC at Fall SIW 2018
- RIEDP Detailed Feature Description is under development
- RIEDP Test Databases will be available soon
 - To Reflect the Structure of RIEDP Product 1 and Product 2
 - To Support Finalization of Product 2

Please Join us to contribute to

- the RIEDP Product 2 Effort
- and/or Evaluation of the RIEDP Databases
- and/or the Product Support Group to come

RIEDP PDG - GET INVOLVED

Please Join SISO by becoming a SISO Member

- by attending the SIW Meetings
- by registering on the Web Site (\$ 95)

Then share with the community

- SISO WebSite : www.sisostds.org
- PDG SISO Discussion - Register for Discussion:
 - Logon to SISO Discussions and select
 - SAC-PDG-RIEDP (Don't forget to select SUBMIT !)
- PDG SISO Webpage - Complete Affiliation Form:
 - Standards Activities > Development Groups >
 - Reuse and Interoperation of Environmental Data and Processes (RIEDP) PDG
- PDG SISO Library File Folder – Access PDG Documents:
 - SISO Digital Library > Development Groups > RIEDP PDG





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- Thank you for your attention !
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