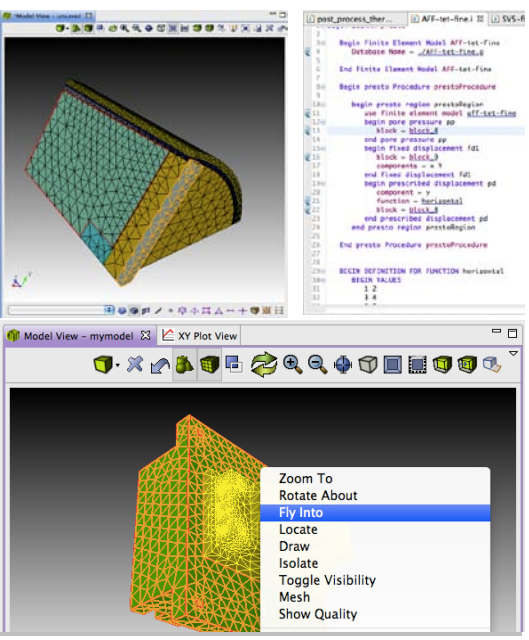

The Sandia Analysis Workbench

Leveraging a COTS Framework To Provide Integrated Engineering Analysis Workflows On HPC Systems

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Outline

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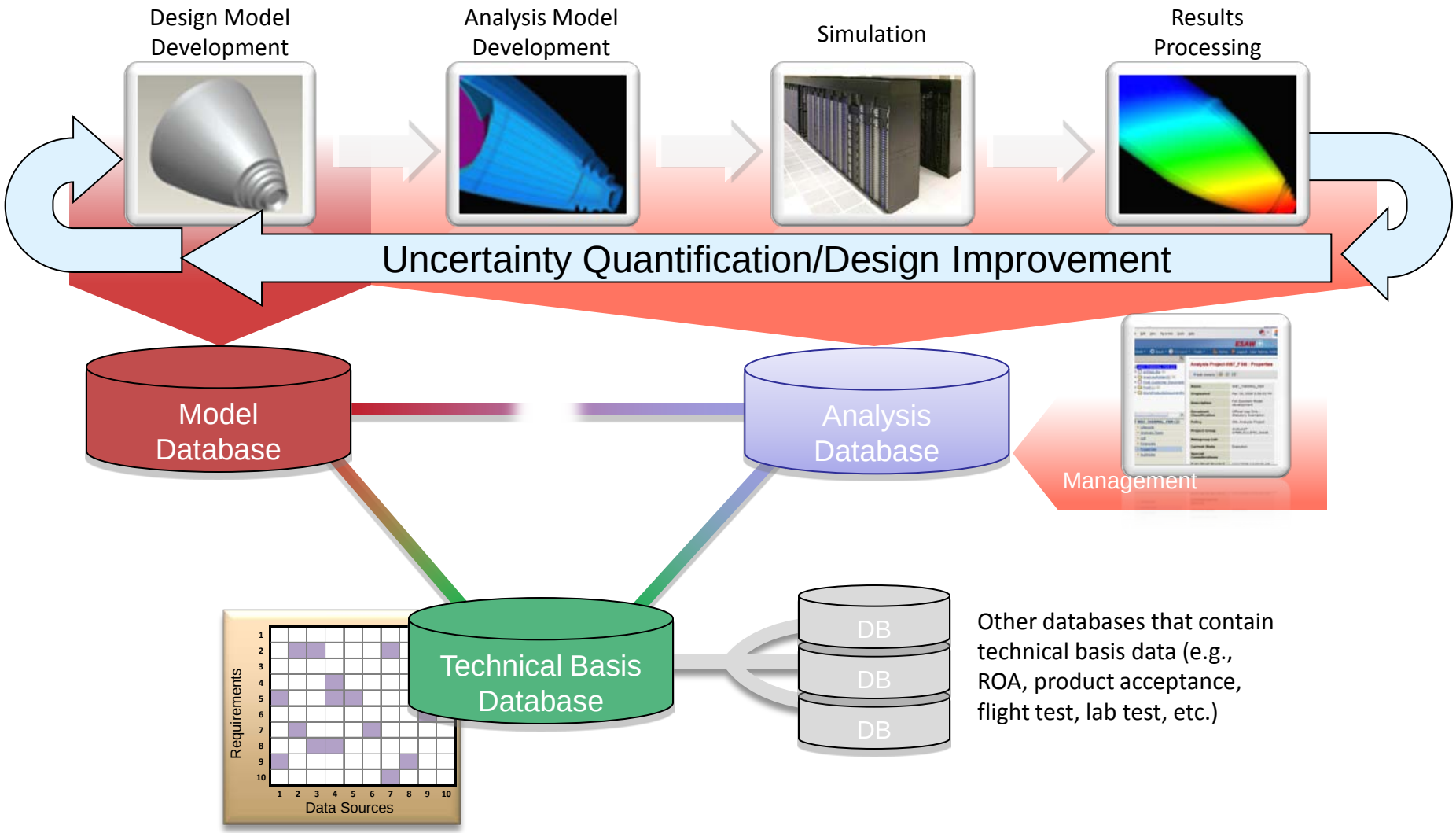
- Problem Space
- The Eclipse Framework
- Tool Case Studies

Support the Design-To-Analysis process, capturing data in context



Integrating Analysis Systems

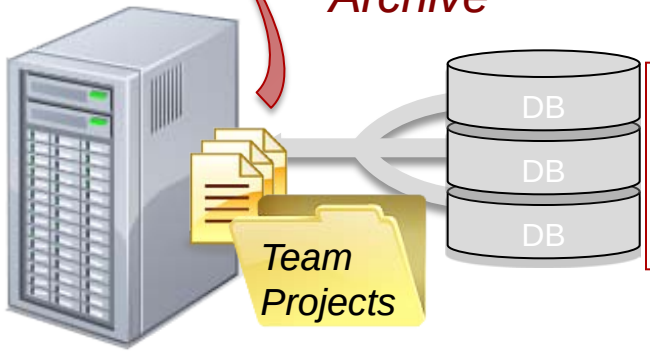
Job Submission & Remote Viz

Model Building

HPC Computing Platforms

Workbench Client

Archive



Traceability
Provenance
Knowledge Retention
Disaster Recovery

Workbench Central Repository

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- Scientists
- Engineers
- Developers

} All working together

- Wide variety of software in use
  - Commercial
  - In-house
- Corporate services available
- Change is a given

- How to make everything work together?

Eclipse

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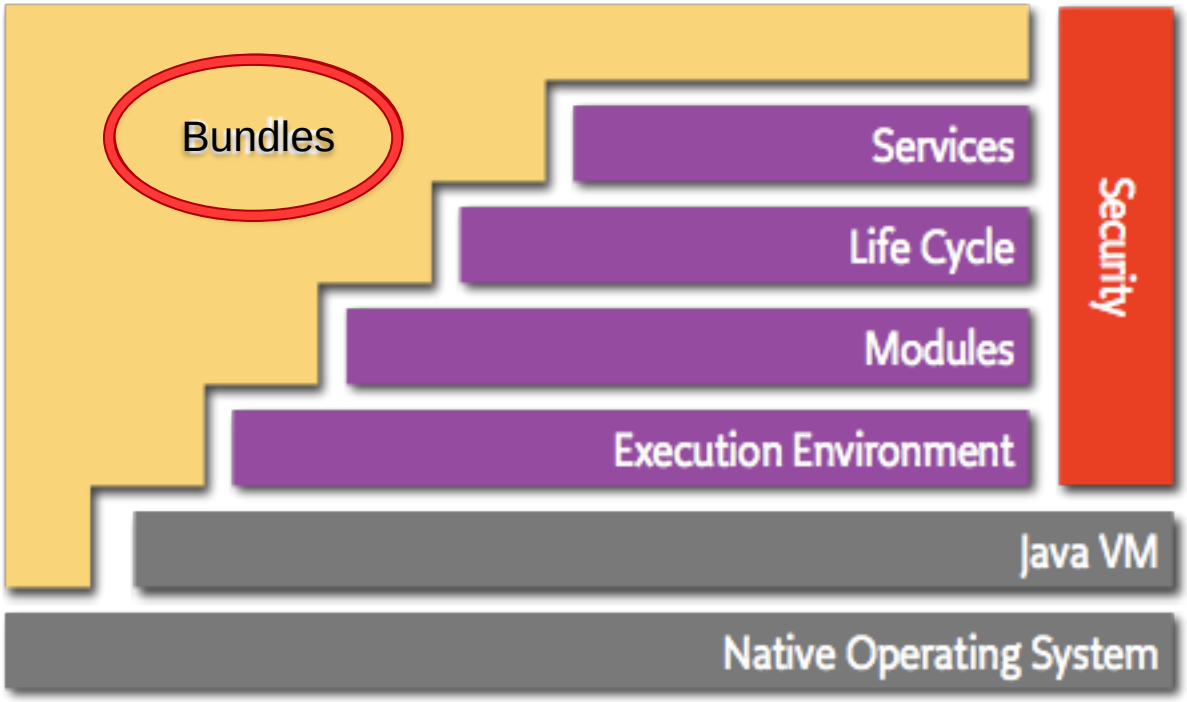
OSGi Architecture



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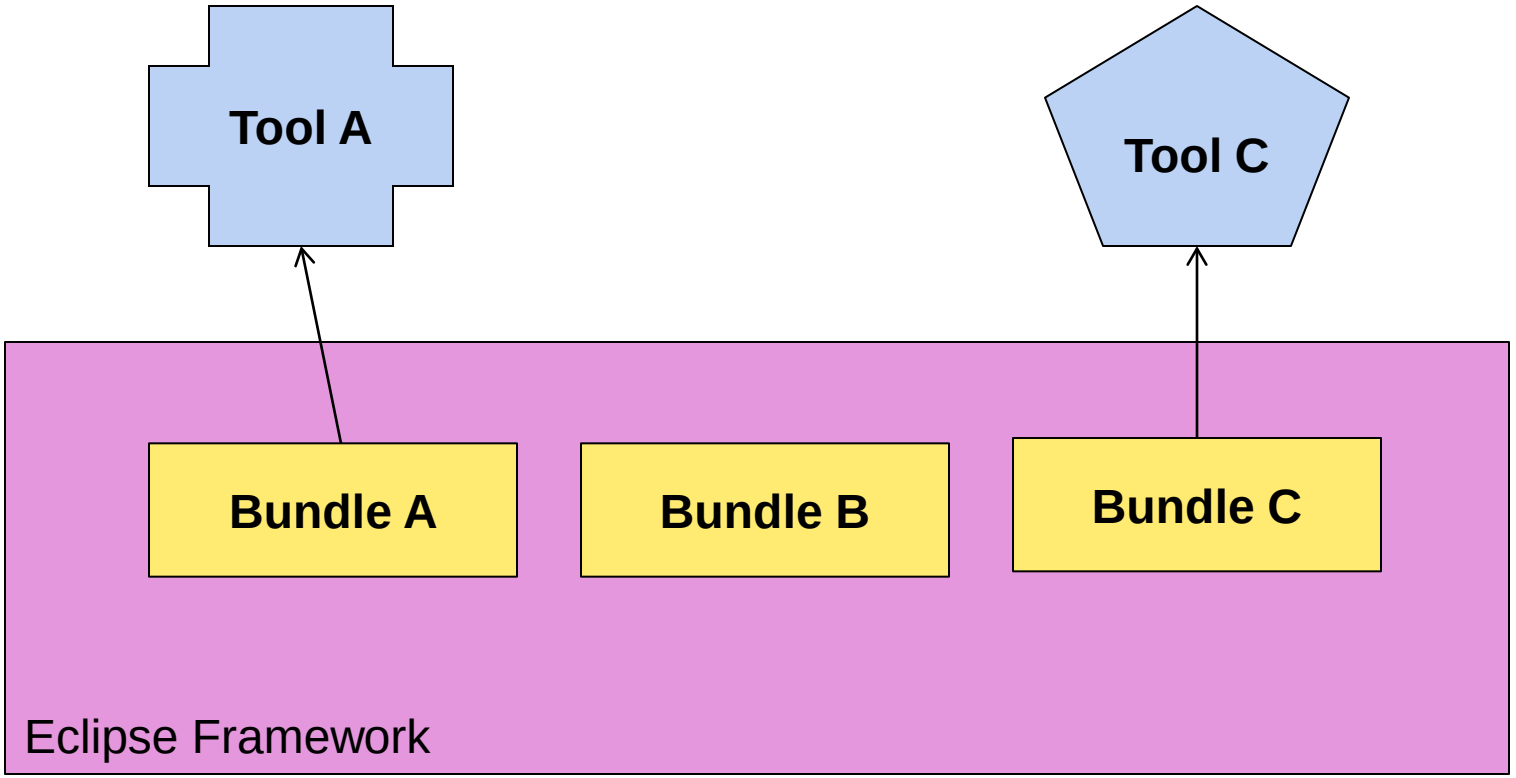
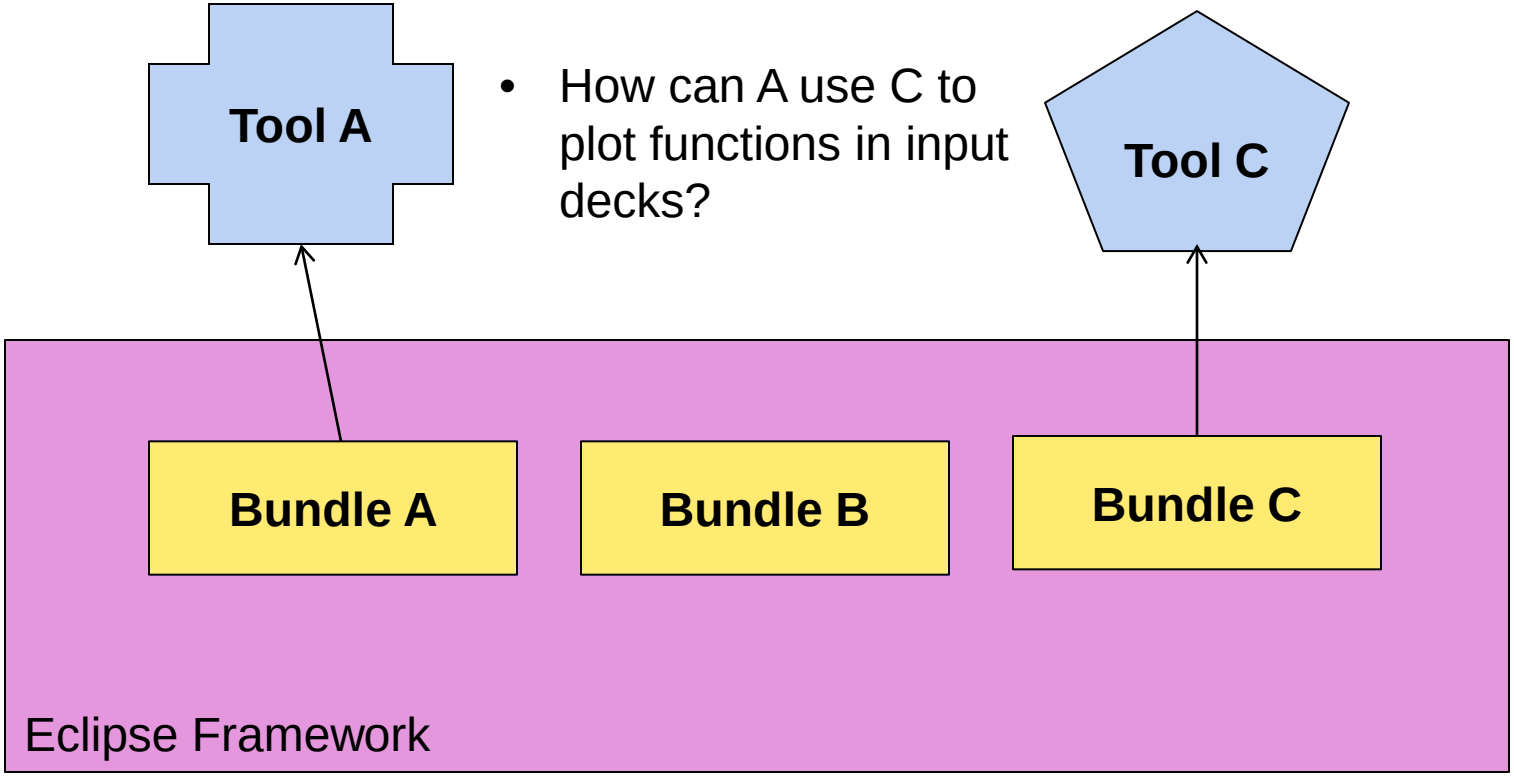
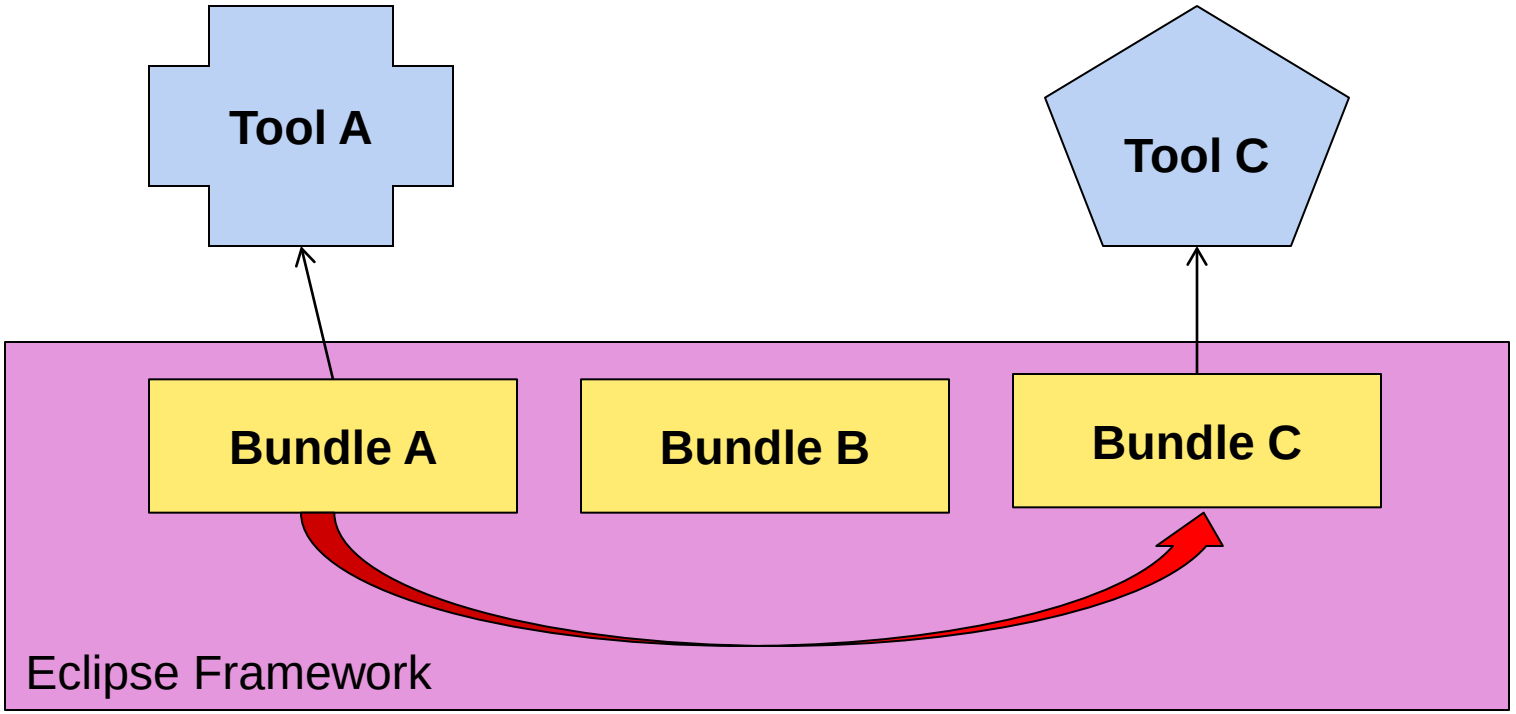


Tool Interactions

- A is an input deck editor
- C is a plotting package
- How can A use C to plot functions in input decks?



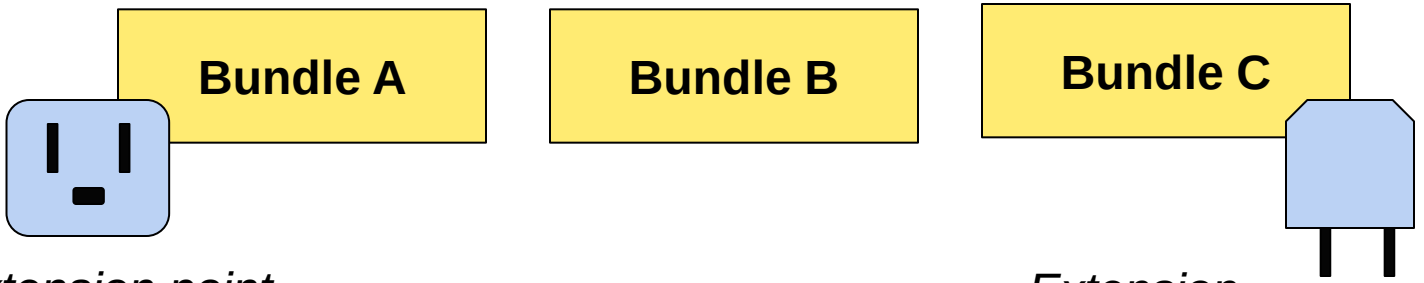
Direct Dependencies



- Hard-wired dependency
- No user choice

Extension Points

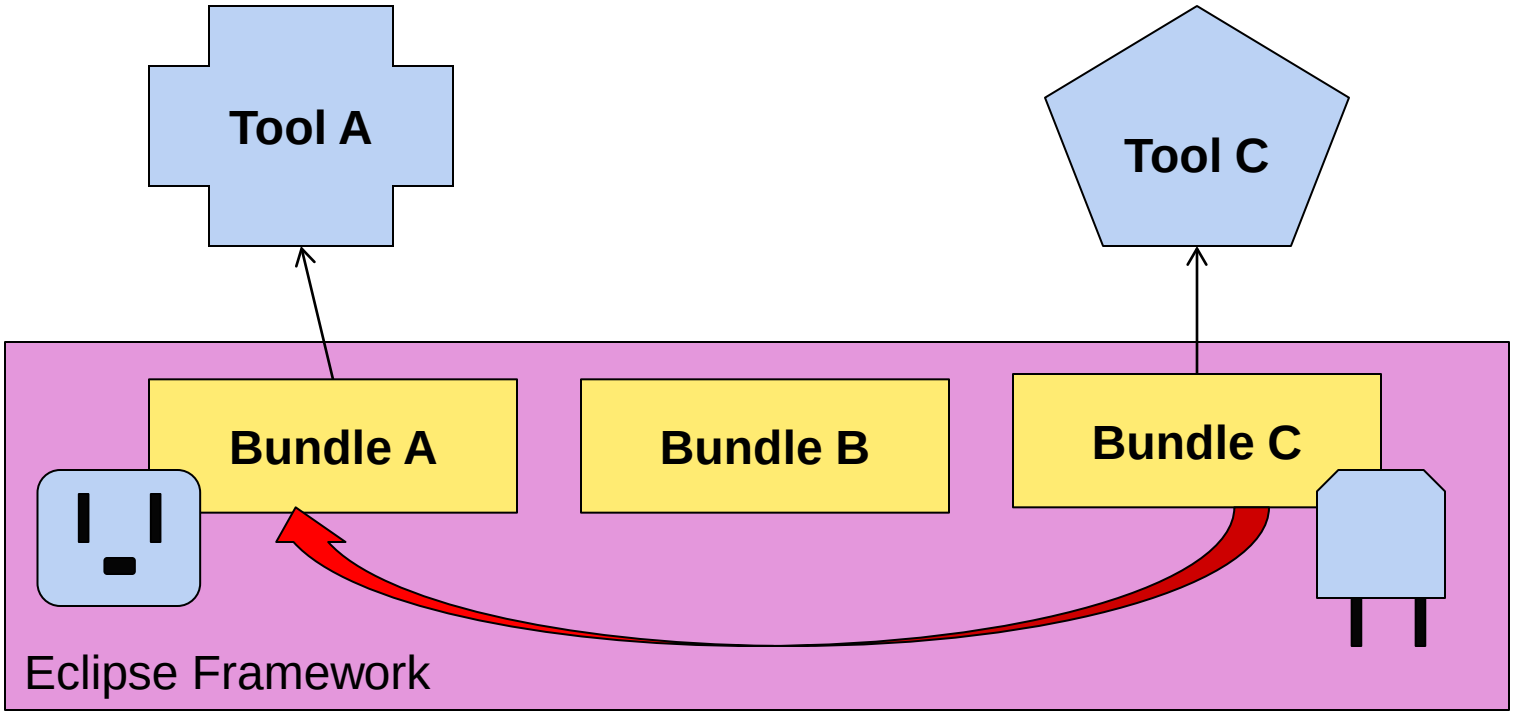
- “Inversion of Control”
- Framework gives A a list of extensions at runtime



Extension point (Interface plus property list)

Extension (Implementation plus property values)

Extension Points



- Compile-time dependencies
- User choice enabled

Bridge Plugins

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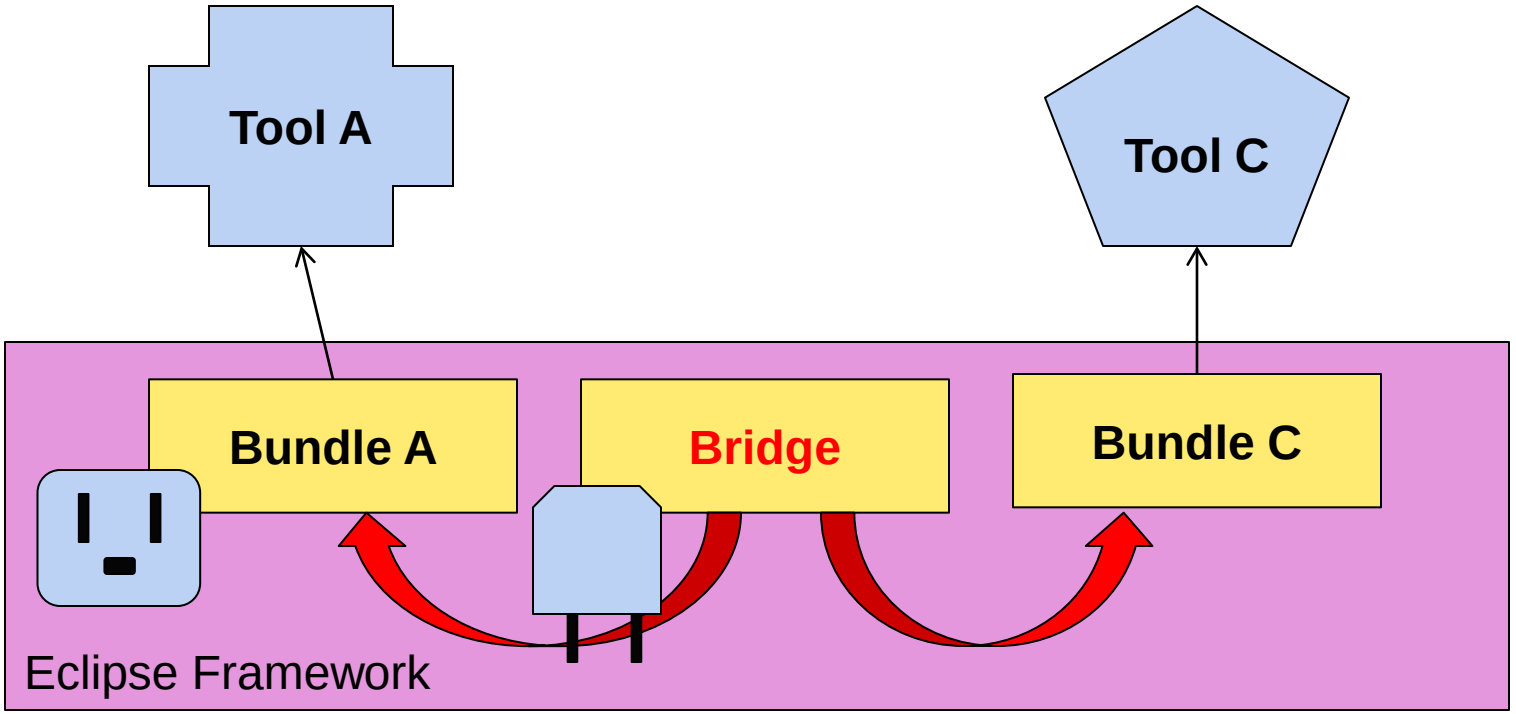

- Tools are independent
- User choice enabled

Object Adapters

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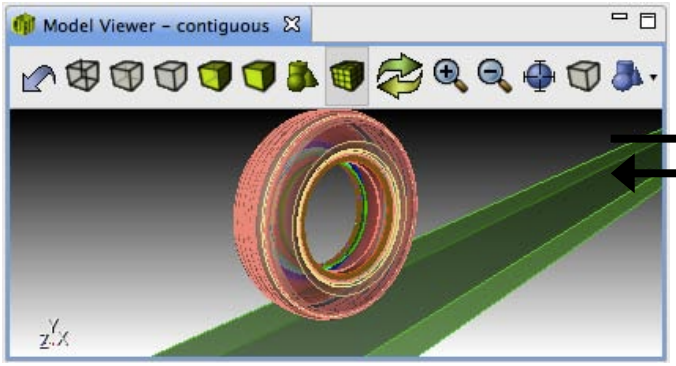
- Adapt one object type to another
- IAdaptable interface
- AdapterManager
  - Any bundle can provide adapters
- No need to use common interfaces!

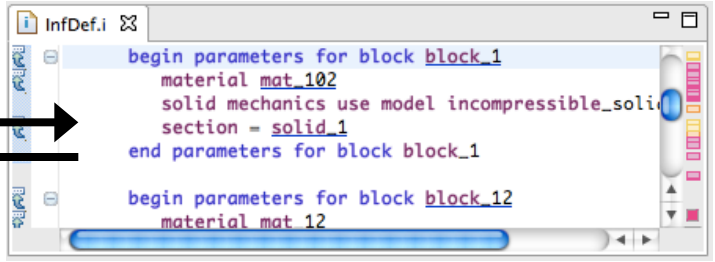
Eclipse platform selection service

Cubit VTK Viewer

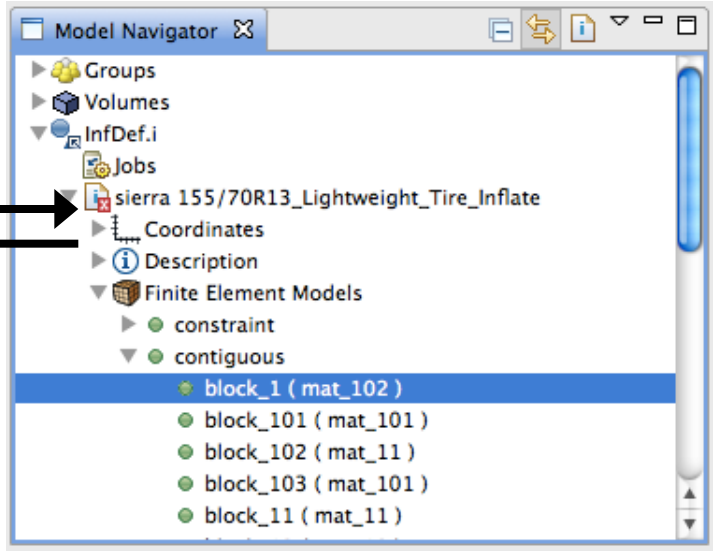


Eclipse Selection Service

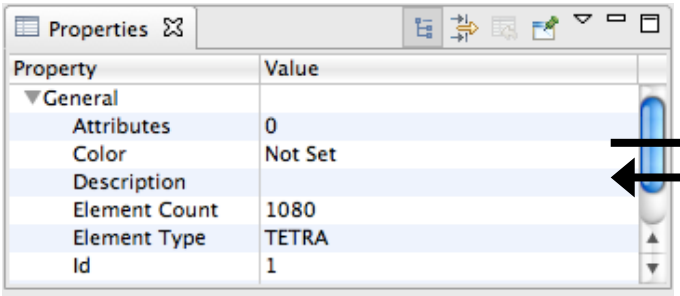
Sierra Editor



Common Model Navigator

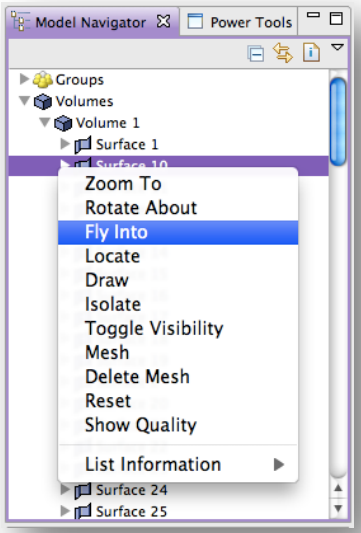


Properties View

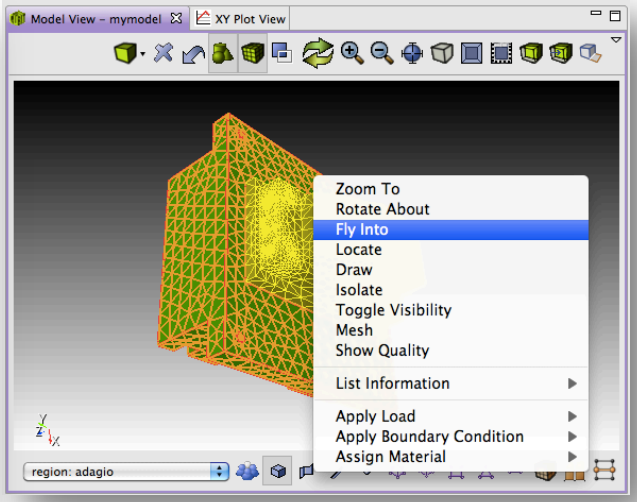


Object Action Contributions

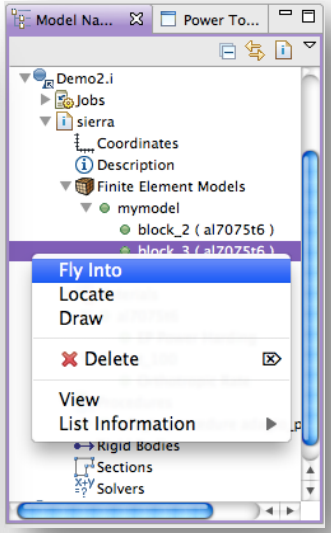
- Eclipse Command/Handler/Menu framework
- Action enablement based on selected object type
- Implemented once, available in many places



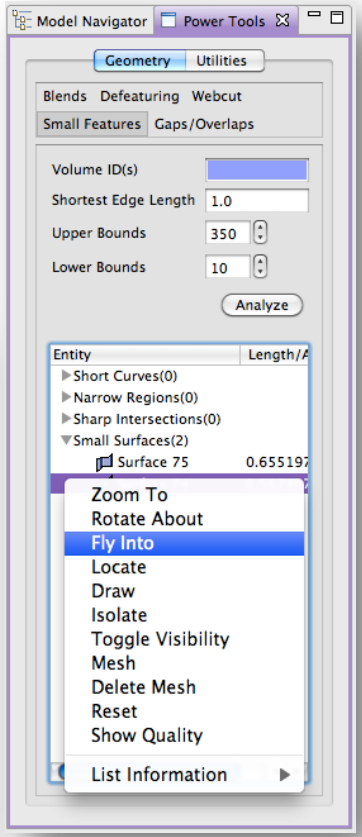
Model Tree



Model Viewer



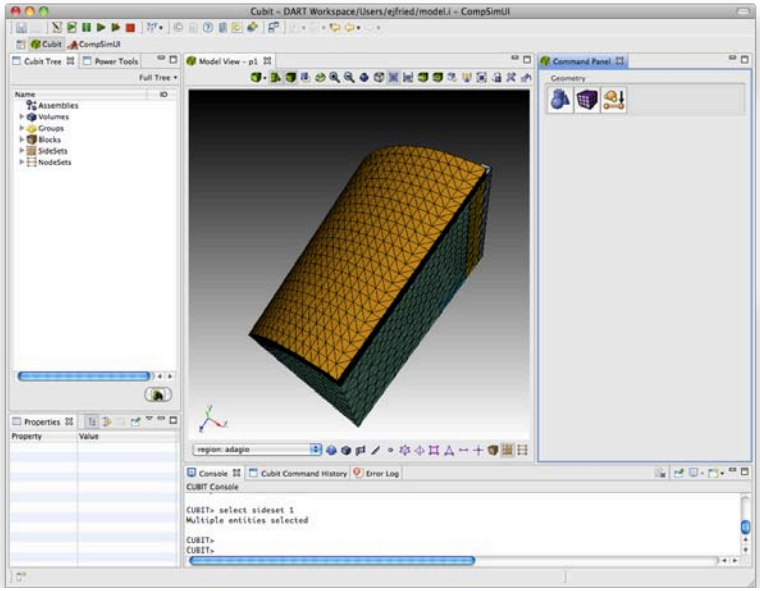
Sierra Editor Tree
(via Object Adapter)

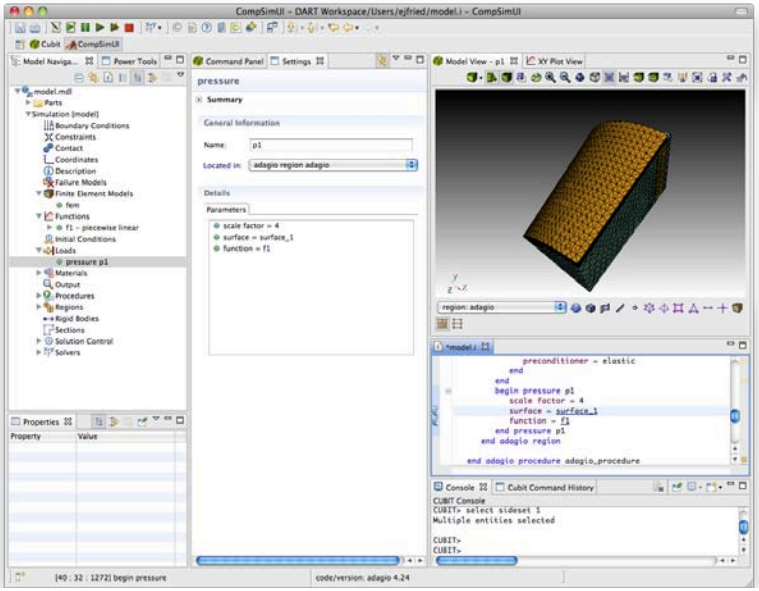


Cubit Model Tree

Eclipse “Perspectives”

- An arrangement of views, buttons, menus
- One button push separates these two screens





Sierra Analysis Codes

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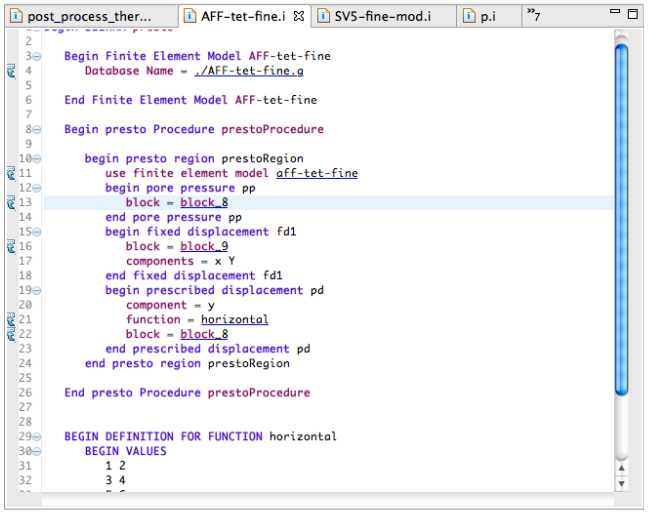
- Single framework
- Many different physics codes (Thermal, Structural)
- Used separately or coupled
- Available commands described in XML

Sierra Editor

- Reads XML and provides
  - Syntax highlighting
  - Validation
  - Completion
  - Content assist
  - Hyperlinking
- Supporting other codes
  - Same XML format for commands
  - Syntax implemented with code module



Sierra Builder

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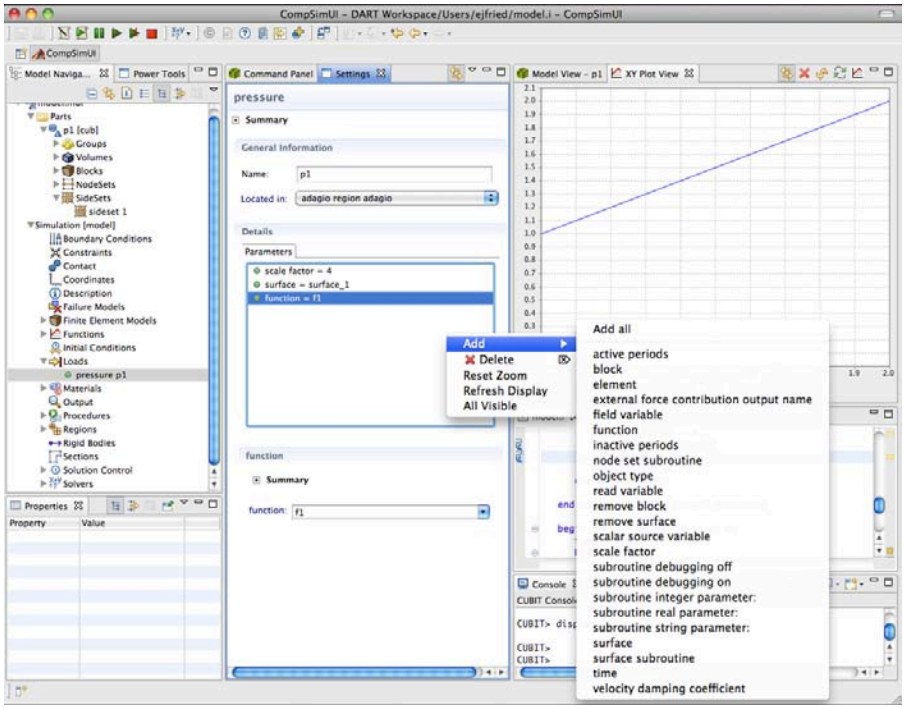
- Builds on editor to provide
  - Fully-graphical model building
  - Generated dialogs
  - Custom dialogs (via extension point)
  - Tree-based navigation



CUBIT Mesh Generator

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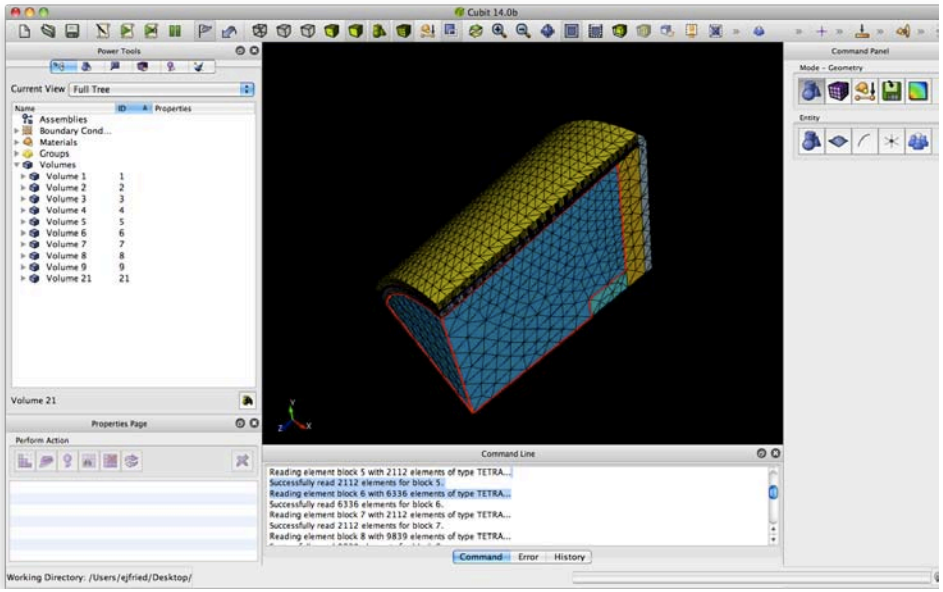
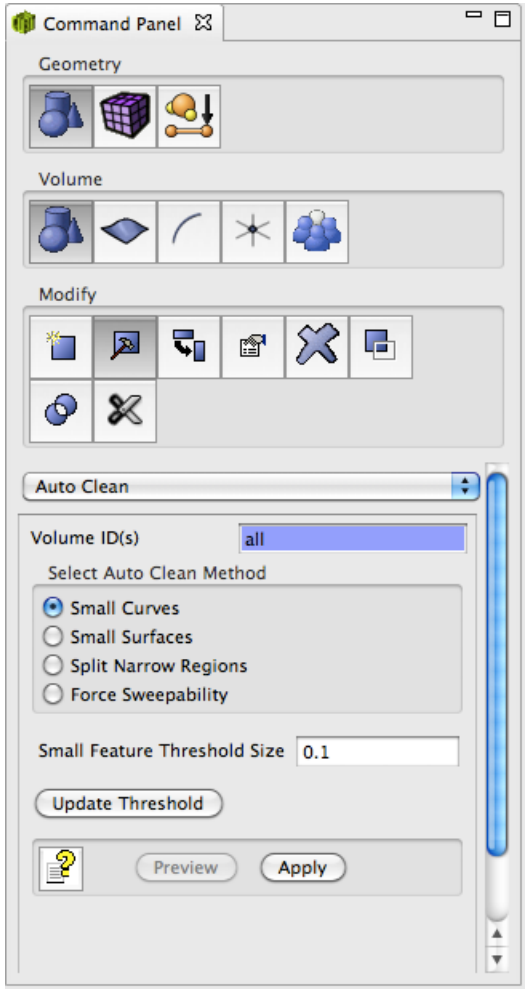
- C++ library
- Interactive application
- Existing Qt GUI
  - Imperative command panels
  - Properties view
  - VTK-based viewer
  - Console
- Our approach: keep mesh viewer, recreate the rest of the GUI



CUBIT: Command Panel Builder

- Novel XML format
- Describe command, not GUI
  - "Hints" for GUI implementation
- Testing for panel generator



CUBIT: Native Code Integration

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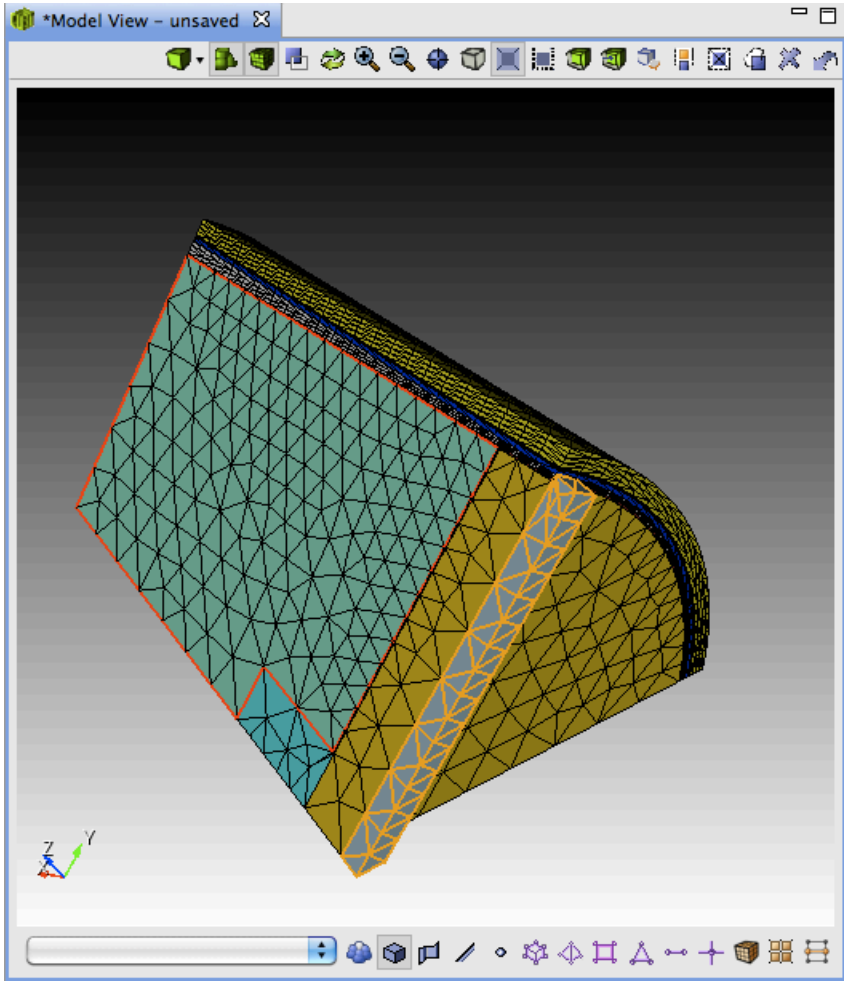
- Generate glue code with SWIG
- Less than 500 lines of handwritten C++
- Platform-specific fragments



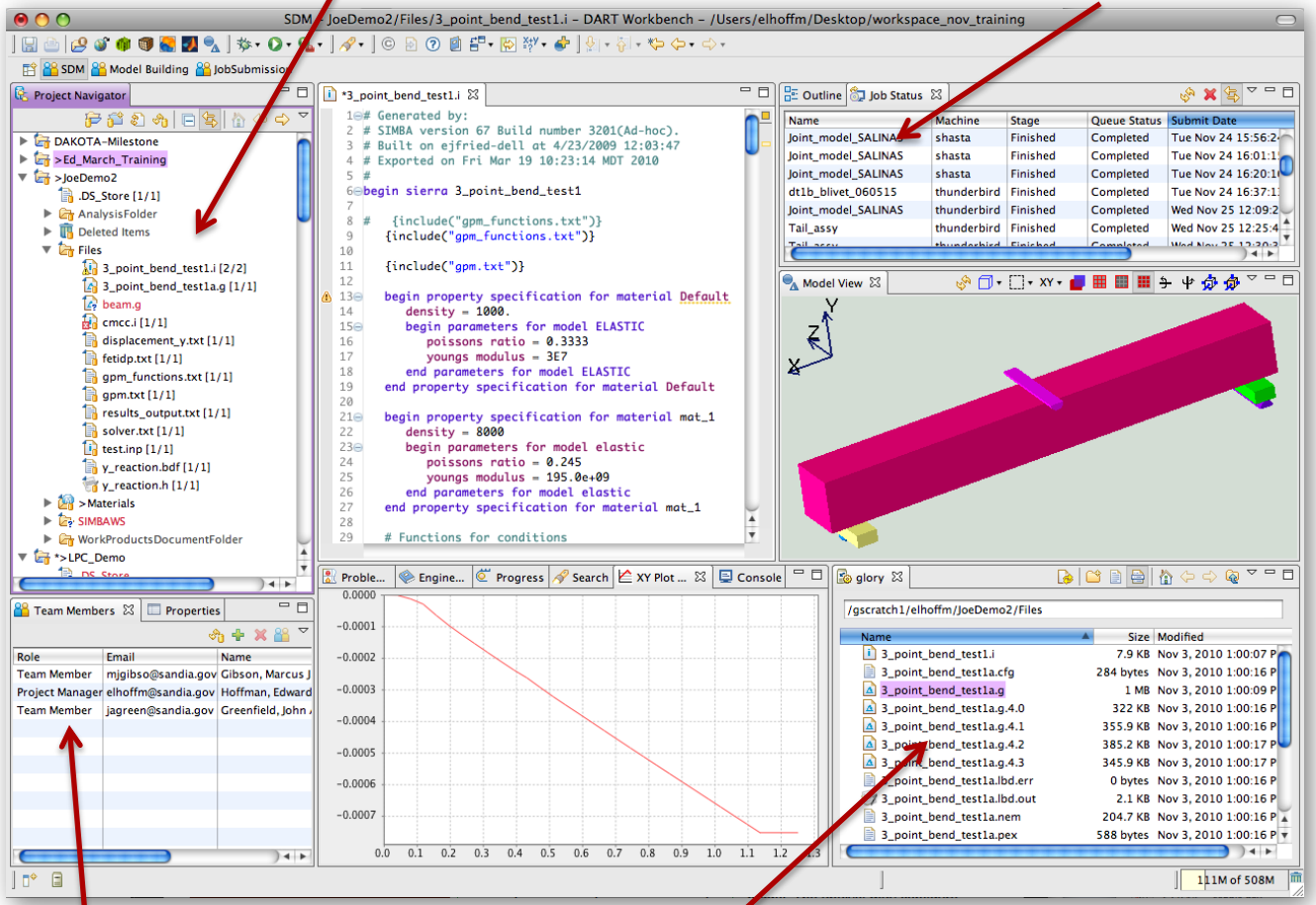
Data Management

- Teams
- NTK
- Metagroups

- Web services

Simulation Data Management

Job Management

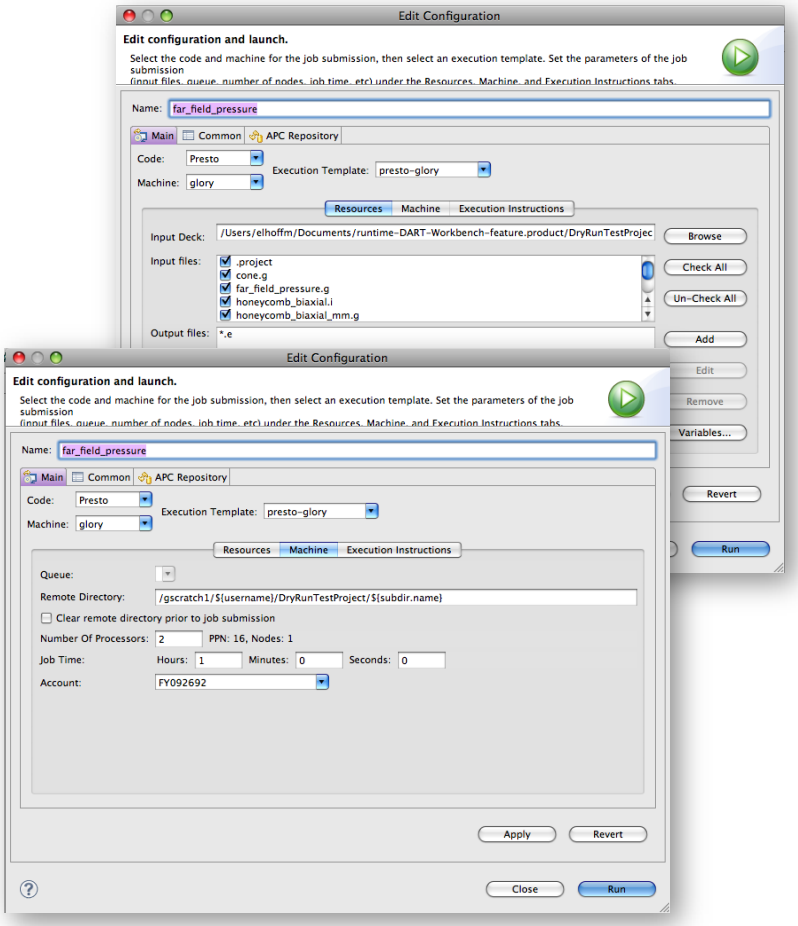


Teaming

Distributed File Management

Job Submission

- Modular architecture
  - Machine templates
  - Code templates
  - Defaults
  - Custom templates
- Remote access
  - Heterogeneous machines
- Local access



Multiple Configurations

- Workbench
  - Everything
- CompSimUI
  - Model Building
  - Meshing
  - Job Submission
- Sierra Editor
  - Model Building
  - Job Submission

Eclipse allows us to build multiple application distributions by choosing from among our set of components

Conclusions

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- Eclipse and the OSGi architecture let us
  - … reduce dependencies between integrated software projects
  - … integrate diverse components smoothly and robustly
  - … create and deploy customized solutions easily

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