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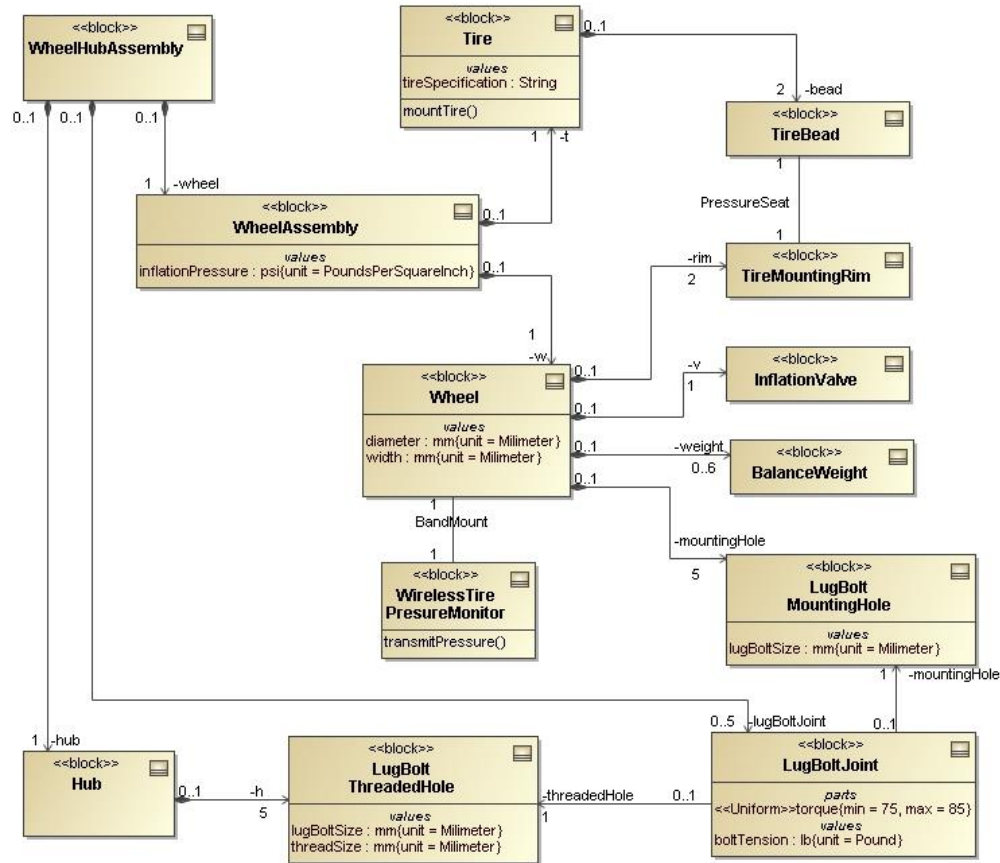
Functional modeling in safety by means of foundational ontologies

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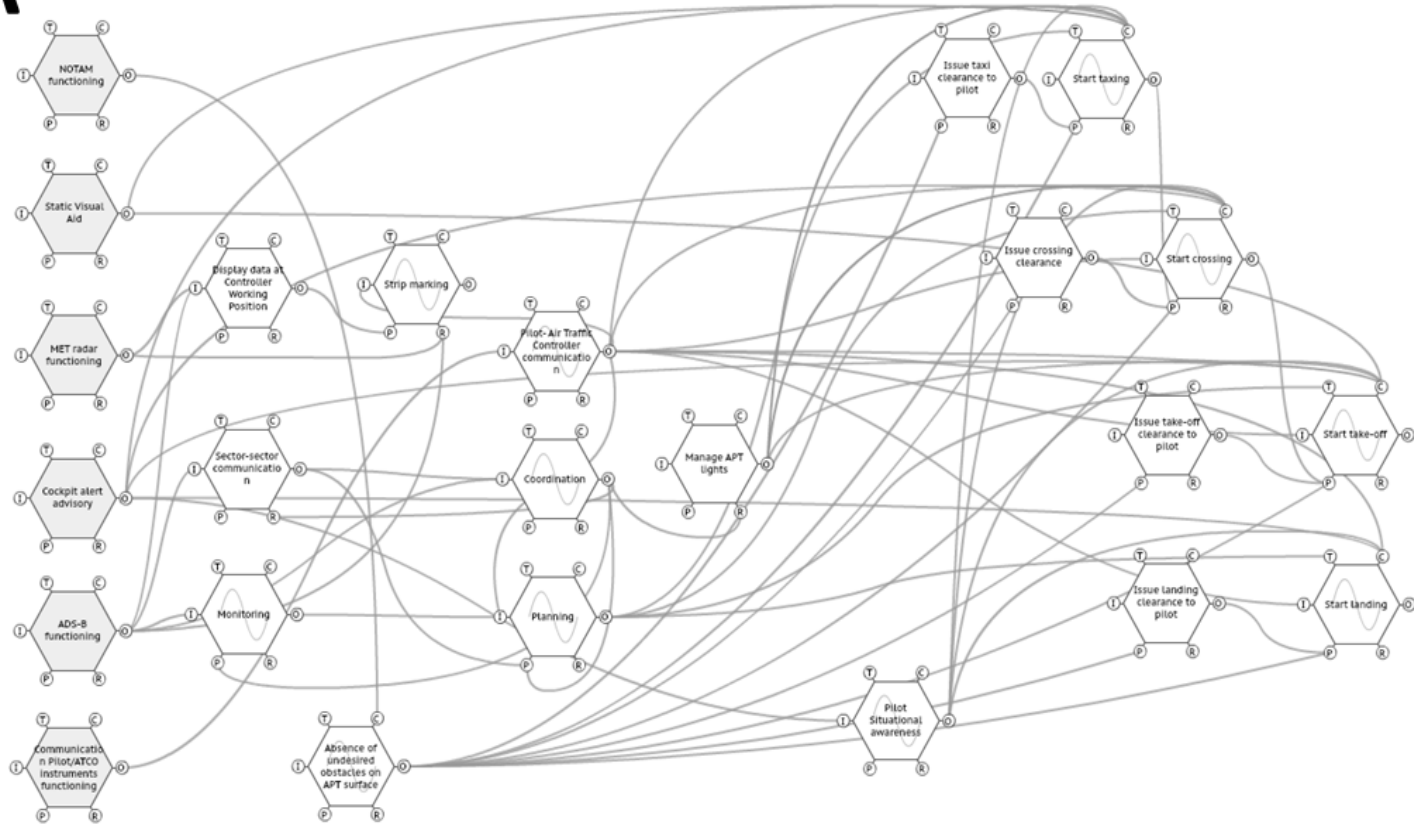


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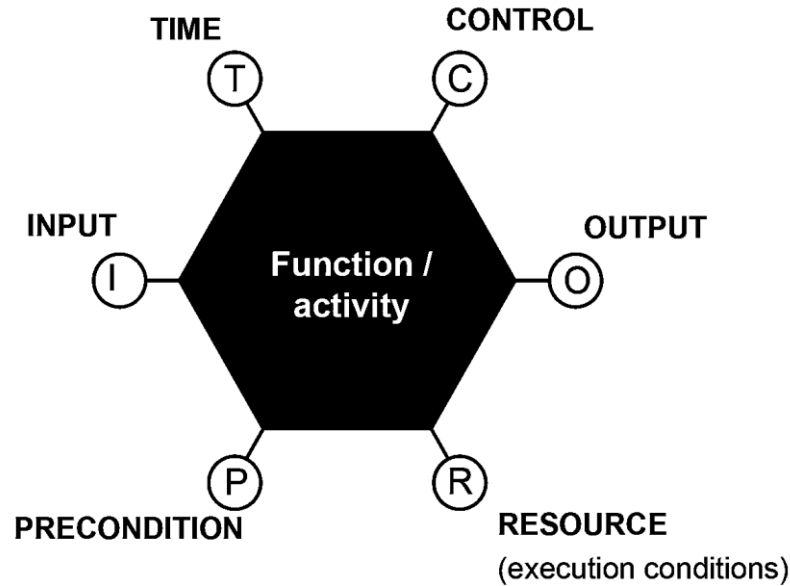


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FRAM method



Functional Resonance Analysis Method (Hollnagel, 2012)



Industrial applications can produce different models of the same system



IT and computer science sensitive to precise semantics



What is actually a function in FRAM?

Methodology



Development of domain ontology representing FRAM function



Model an instance of a function from previous studies

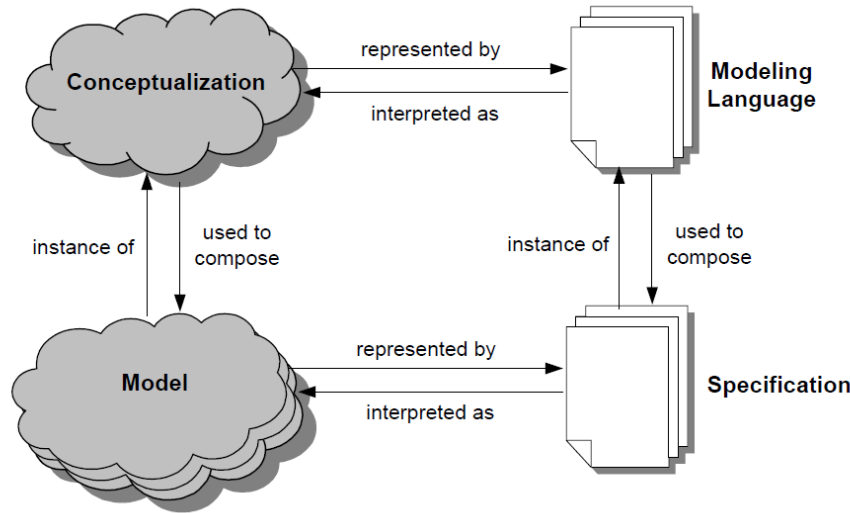


Evaluation of the proposed ontology

Domain ontology

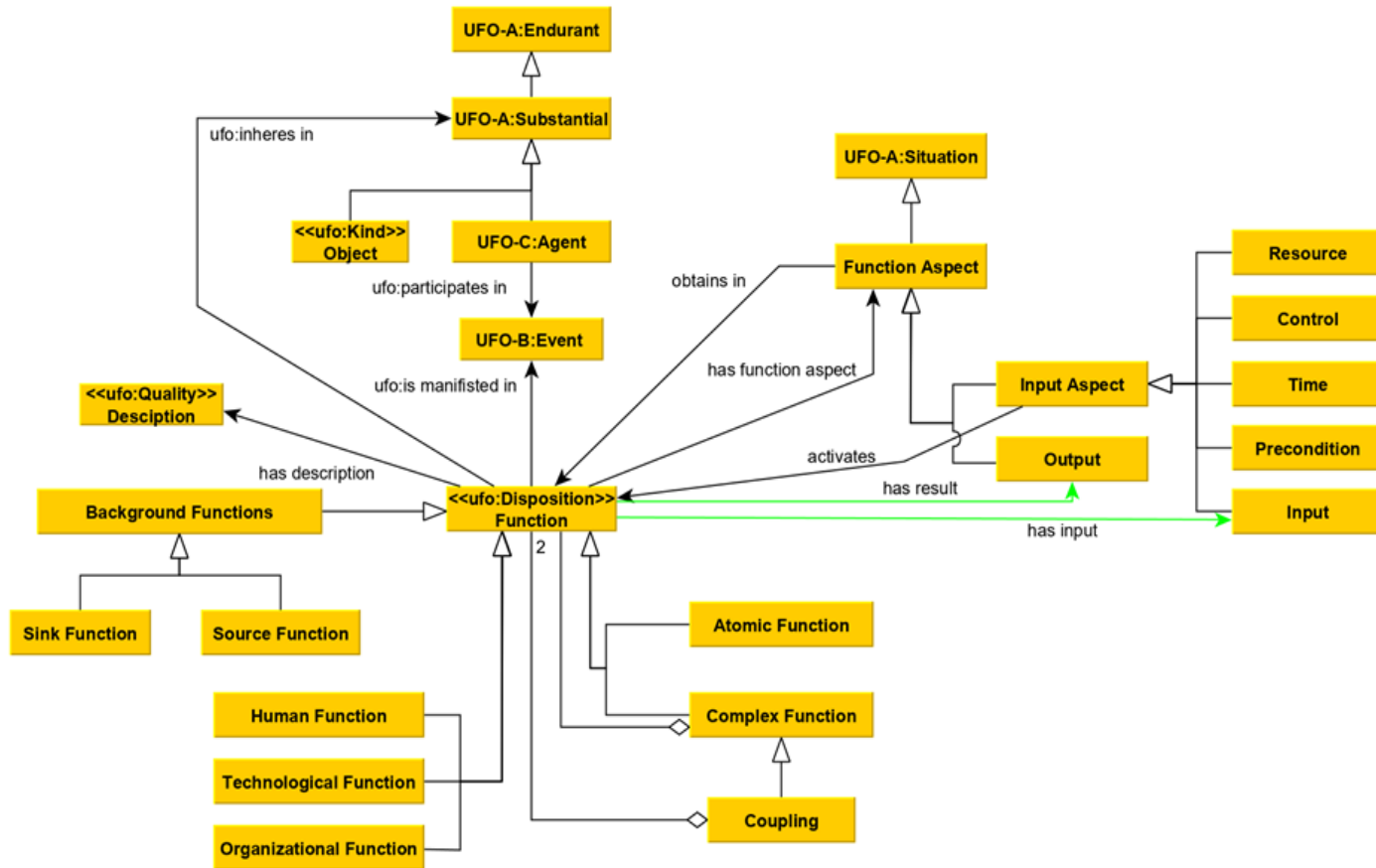
Produced by the conceptualization of Unified Foundational Ontology

Domain independent conceptualization to model the domain

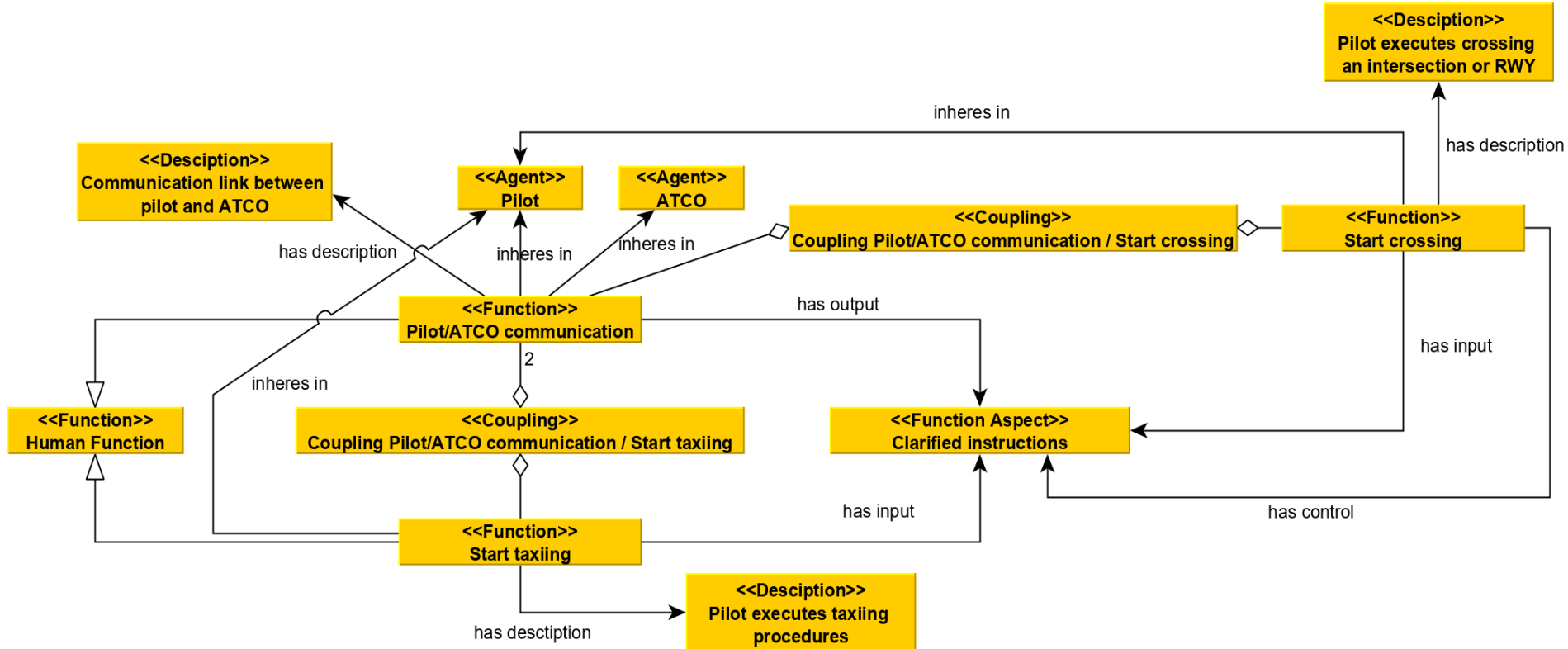


Source: Guizzardi (2005)

Domain ontology



Instance of a function



Conclusion

 Precise, computer-readable definition of a function was achieved

 Disambiguation of a *Function*, *Function Aspect* and *Coupling*

 Enabled conceptual integration with other safety models and methods

 Faster, simpler but more precise FRAM modeling

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