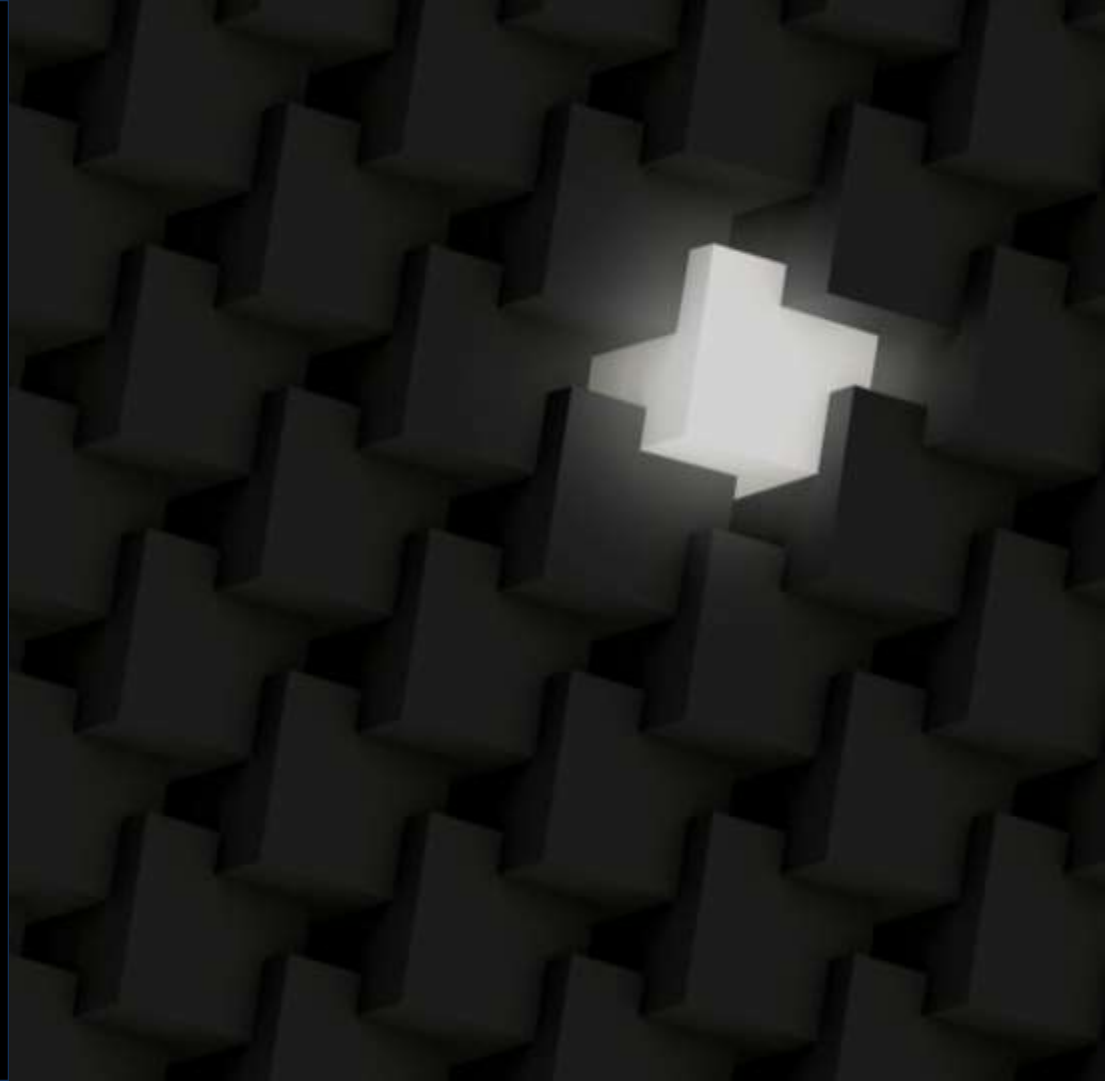


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TwinOps – Digital Twins Meet
DevOps

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Cyber-Physical Systems still exhibit misbehaviors after field tests. Their engineering relies on models built in isolation, limiting in-depth unit and integration testing until the system is done.

We are combining DevOps and Model-Based Engineering to build and deploy systems and their Digital Twins. TwinOps combines system, software, and physical models to improve system analysis.

Model-Based Engineering for DoD Cyber-Physical Systems



Create the best design that holds up over time as the system evolves.

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Test the design without having to write any code.

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Build a single model to assess hardware and embedded software before the system is built.

SAE AADL / ACVIP

- Standardized language and process for the engineering safety-critical systems.

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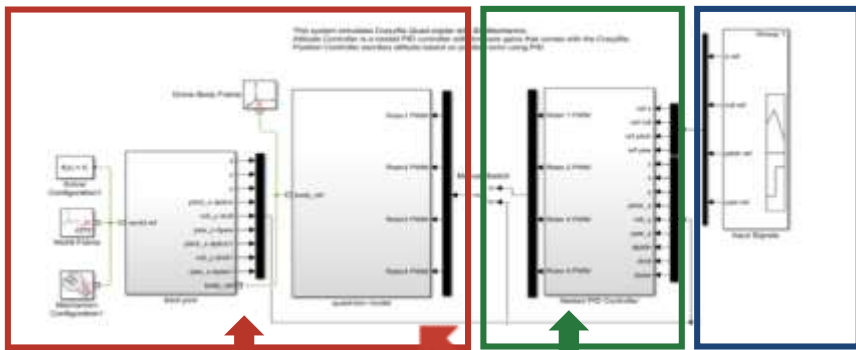
- Open Source AADL toolset for performing verification and validation (V&V).

DoD Transitioning

- Maturity increased through pilot projects and trainings.

TwinOps problem space: CPS Integration and Testing

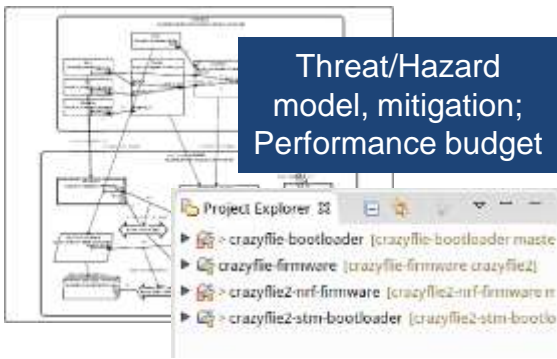
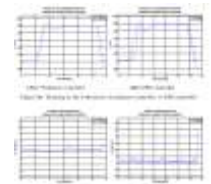
High-Level Architecture



TwinOps: leverage other source of truth (e.g., CAD, Physics) to improve SW V&V
 ⇒ Use precise models instead of (naïve) abstractions for improved SW V&V
 ⇒ Combine domains, including SysEng

Implementation Space

SW/HW Architecture

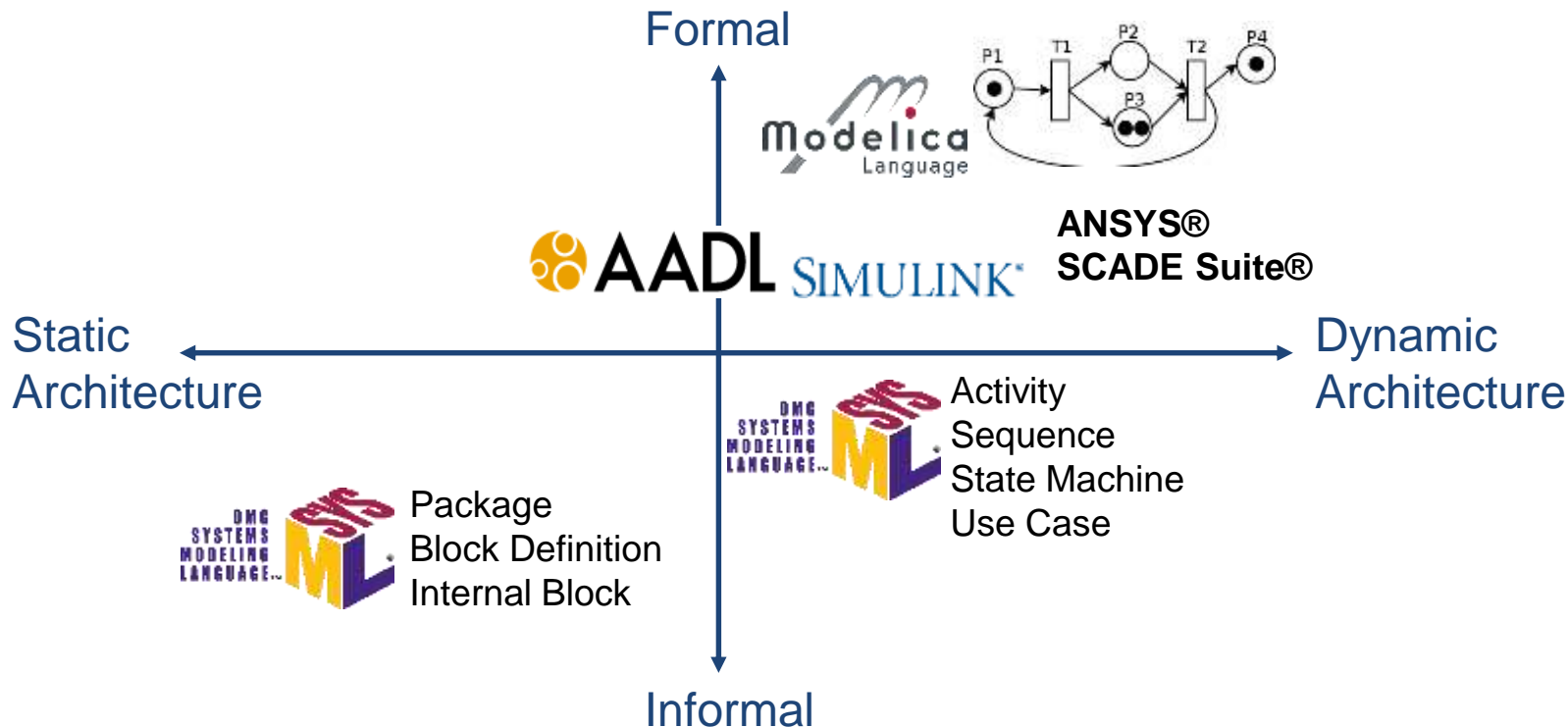


Mismatch, late discovery and rework

Actual sources

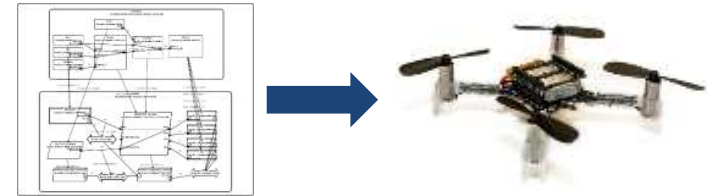
Models – an overview

Models are abstractions that address specific concerns.

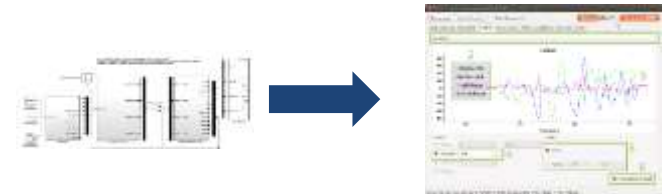


Technology Focus: Models and Code Generation

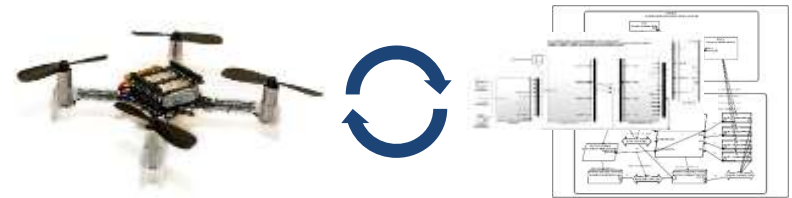
One can **generate code** from models ready to be embedded in the system (e.g., AADL to C) and get insights from the system to refine the model metrics.



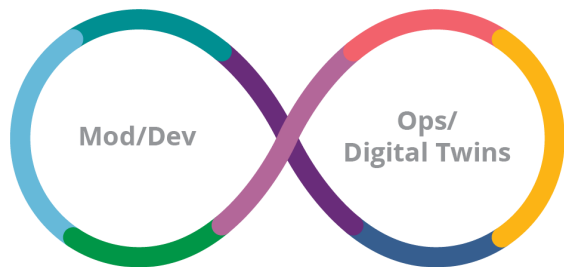
One can **simulate models** and generate simulation code as a mock-up of some system parts.



One can build **Digital Twins**, that compare actual system and its digital simulated doppelganger.



From DevOps to ModDevOps



DevOps delivers software faster with increased quality:

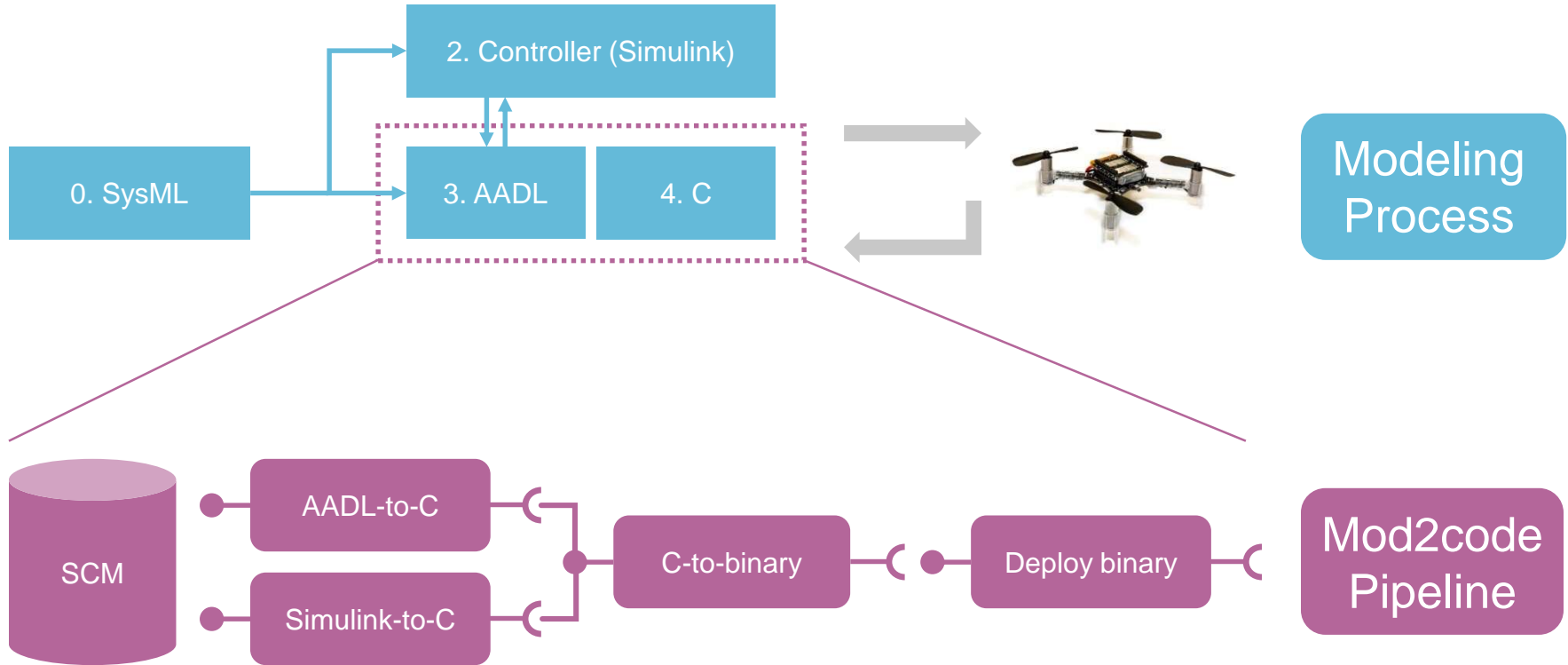
- Continuous integration/deployment
- Containerized systems

DevOps is a software process, to be adapted to systems.

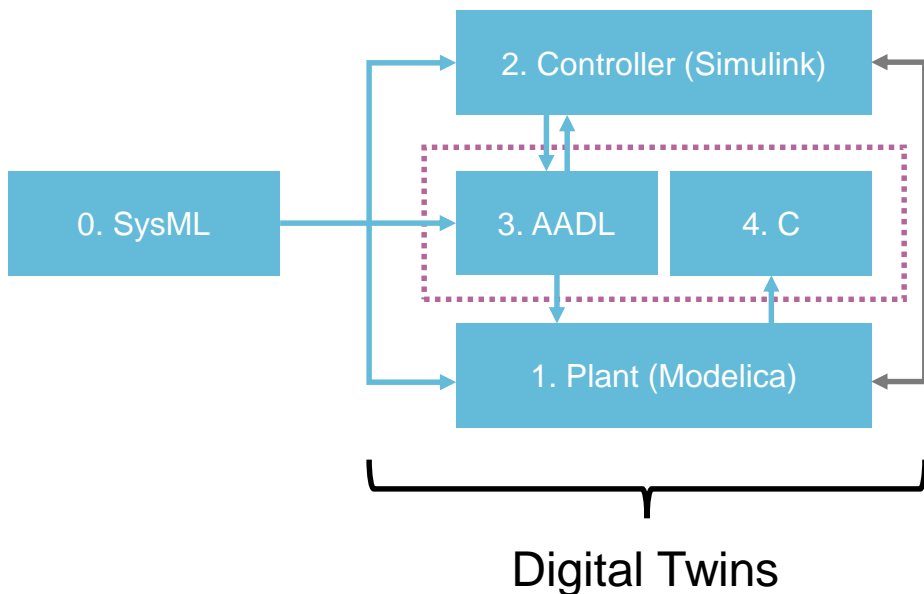
“ModDevOps is a systems/software co-engineering culture and practice that aims at unifying systems engineering (Mod), software development (Dev) and software operation (Ops). The main characteristic of the ModDevOps is to strongly advocate abstraction, automation, and monitoring at all steps of system construction.”

(adapted from <https://software.af.mil/training/devops/>)

ModDevOps in Action – Modeling Process



From ModDevOps to TwinOps



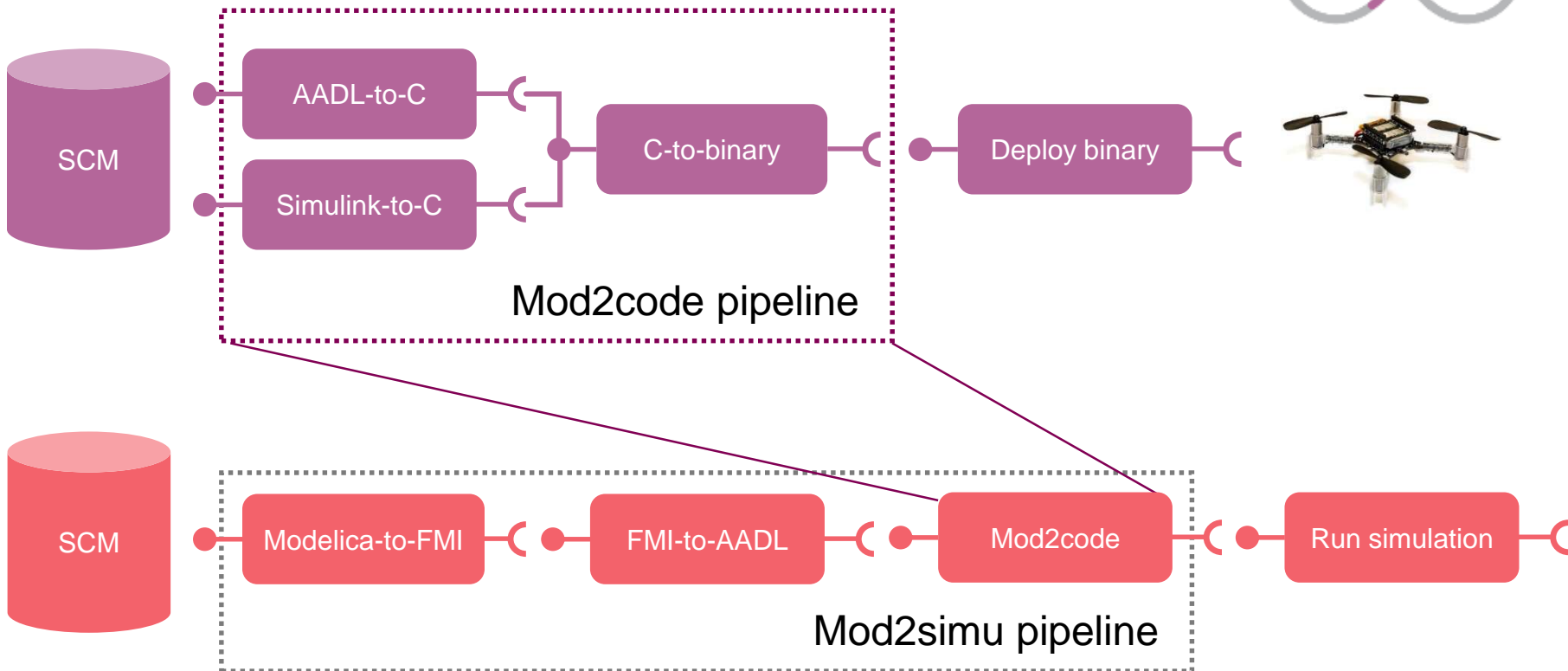
1-2-3-4: “mega-modeling” V&V

- 1-2: HLR validation
- 2-(3+4): validation of LLR
- 1+(3+4): virtual integration

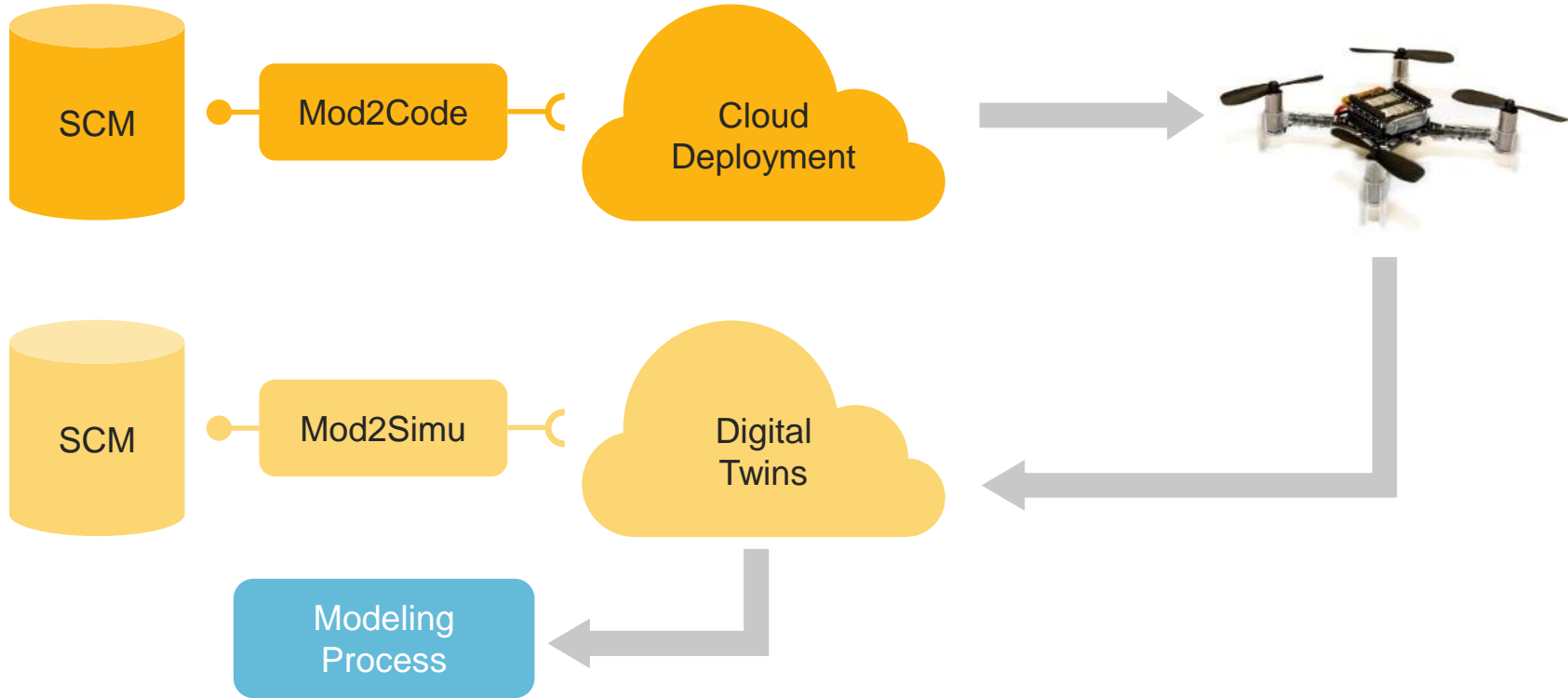


Digital Twins of UAV vs. UAV flying: validation of Modelica model, efficiency of the controller (overshoot verification) and timing verification of software.

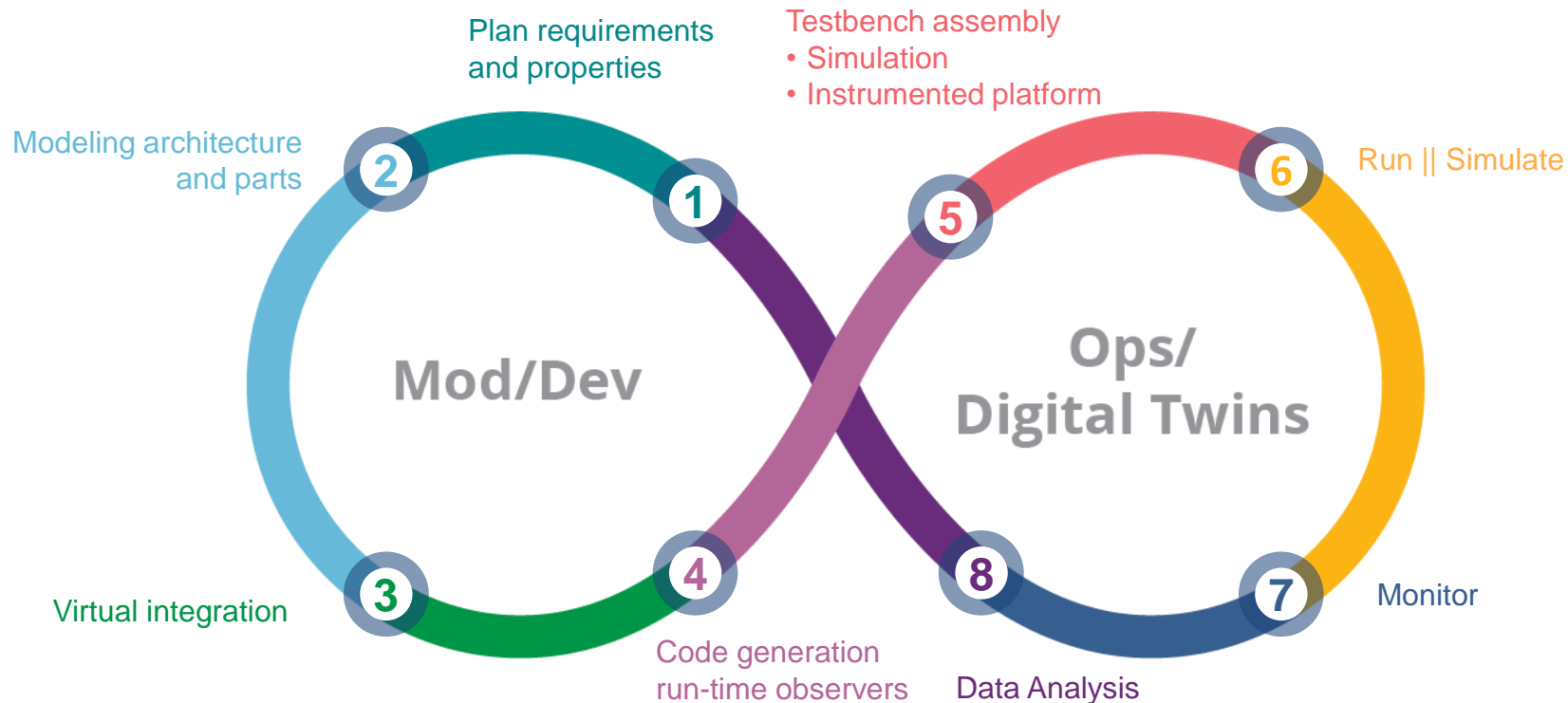
ModDevOps in Action – ModDevOps Pipeline #2



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TwinOps: Continuous System Improvement through ModDevOps and Digital Twins



With TwinOps, the SEI delivered a ModDevOps exemplar, bridging Model-Based Systems Engineering and Software Engineering.

TwinOps improves analysis and testing capabilities by leveraging multiple models and combining them.

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