

THE WAY AHEAD: FRAM EXTENSIONS AND ADD-ONS

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Quantification of FRAM models





Interpretation / FRAM • simulation of FRAM models



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Visualisation of FRAM models (dynamic)





Interpretation of FRAM models



Creating an instantiation of a model is currently done "manually" - charting a path through the model through step-by-step reasoning.

A FRAM model is neither a process model, nor a graph or a network model.

A function is executed whenever conditions are met (primarily Input and Preconditions). Each function has a Method, which generates the function's Output.

Production rules: The rules (algorithm) that describe what the function does, i.e., its purpose.

Variability: The rules that determine the variability of the Output(s).

In an interpretation of a FRAM model all functions should be examined simultaneously rather than sequentially (chaining).

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Each function has an associated METHOD, which describes the "inner workings" of the function.

The 'production rule' part of the method specifies how the Output(s) are generated. The state of the Outputs from the upstream functions determines when a function will become active (LHC) and the method specifies what the outcomes (RHC) will be.

A 'variability' part of the method describes how the variability of the upstream Outputs relative to the current state of the function have an impact on how the 'production rules' are implemented, hence on the variability of the Output.



















