

# Research project offer

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## OFFER DESCRIPTION

**Title:** Complexity of SysML Models

**Proposed duration and period:** May 2, 2022 to August 31, 2022

### Context

The Systems Modeling Language (SysML) is an international standard at OMG (Object Management Group). The standard defines a notation, not the way of using it. The lack of guidelines for smart use of SysML has been reported as a break to MBSE development. Ignorance of good practices is further a cause of complexity in the SysML models developed by insufficiently trained systems engineers. So far, little work has been published on SysML model complexity analysis. Such a complexity deserves to be computed and analyzed. This is the objective of the internship with application on systems such as UAVs.

**Possibility to continue with a PhD (Yes/No):** Yes

## REQUIRED APPLICANT PROFILE AND SKILLS

### Study Level

- Undergraduate students (3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year)
- Master students (1<sup>st</sup> year)
- PhD students

### Objectives and work

- Survey of research papers on model complexity analysis
- Learning SysML and the free software TTool
- Identifying metrics for SysML model complexity analysis
- Prototyping a complexity analyzer for TTool
- Case studies, e.g., drones.

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### Required profile and skills

Basic knowledge of UML or SysML would be an asset (not a mandatory prerequisite)

### Other useful information