

Presentation of the PC version of the ESABASE/Debris Impact Analysis Tool

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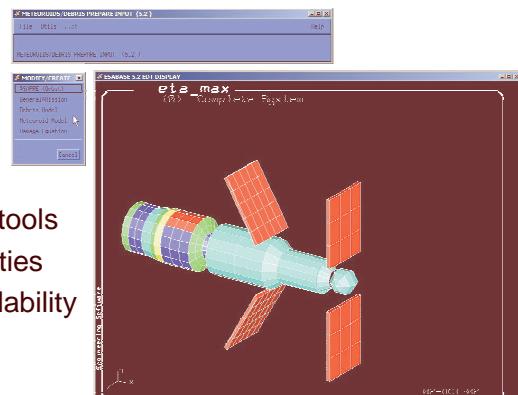
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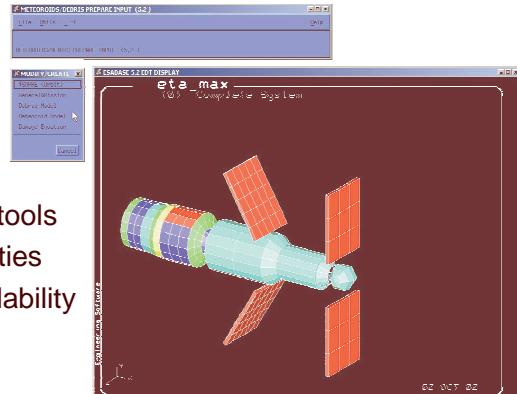


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- ESA Study
 - „Porting of the existing ESABASE/Debris Application to PC platform“
 - Usage of Off The Shelf (OTS) tools and Open Source software
 - Provision of Open Interfaces (STEP)
- Result
 - PC-ESABASE = Open Frontier framework + ESABASE/Debris solver



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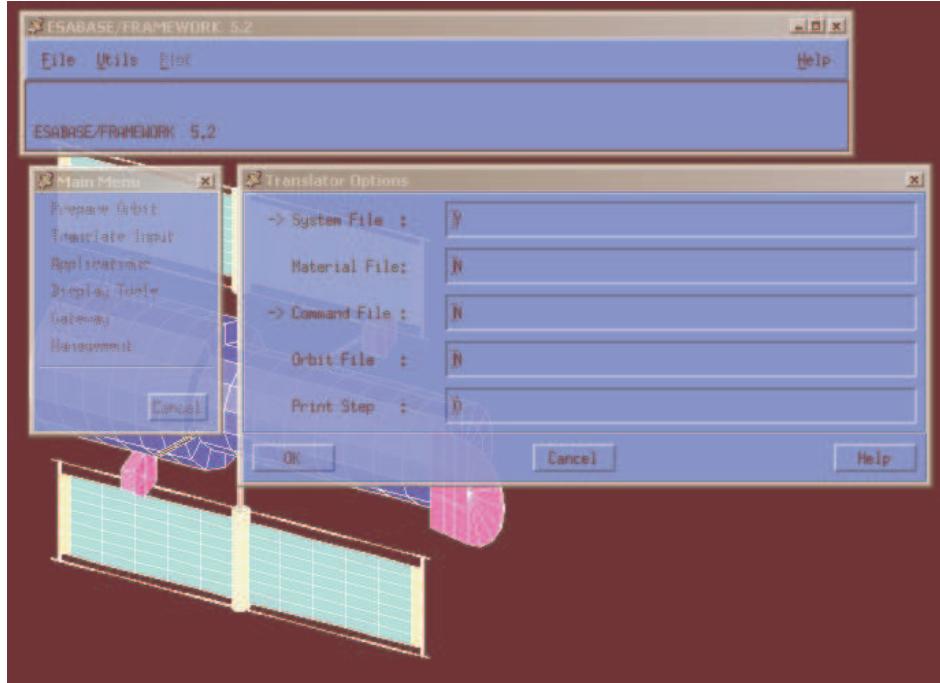
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PC ESABASE Concept

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 A diagram illustrating the PC ESABASE Concept. It consists of three large, stylized arrows pointing from left to right. The first arrow is green and labeled 'Pre-Processor'. The second arrow is orange and labeled 'Solver'. The third arrow is blue and labeled 'Post Processor'.

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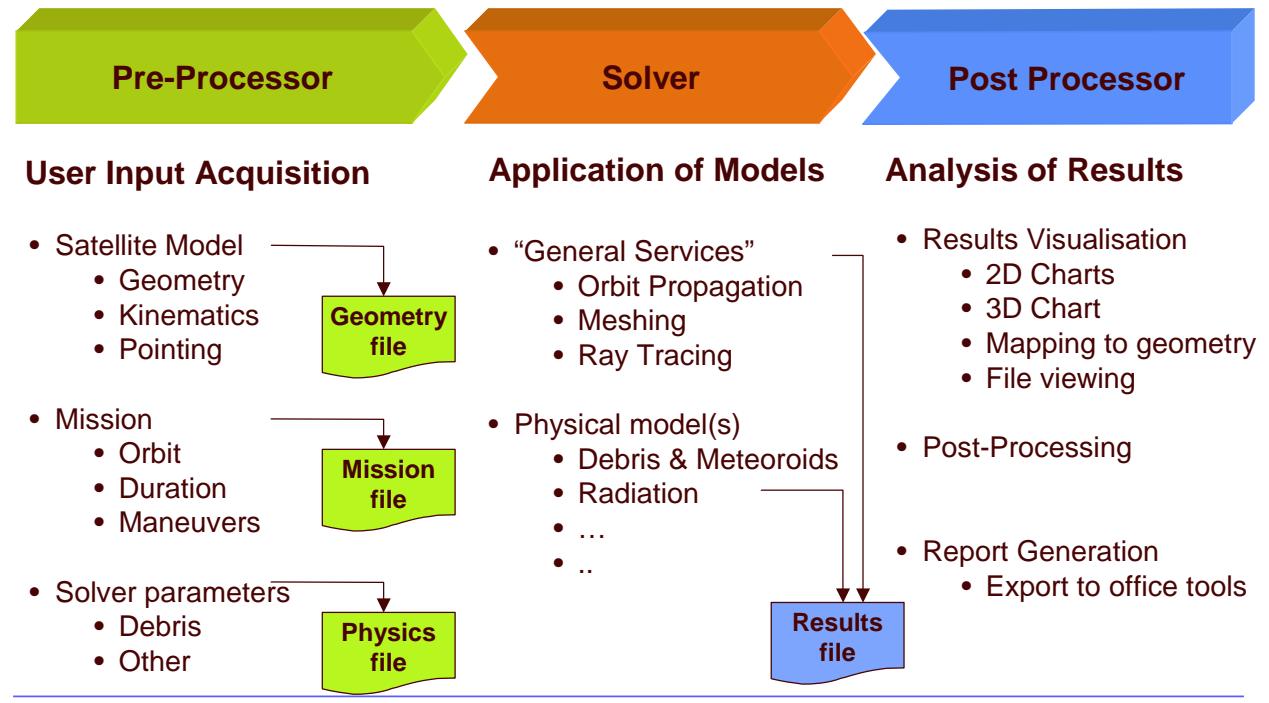
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Analysis of Results

- Results Visualisation
 - 2D Charts
 - 3D Chart
 - Mapping to geometry
 - File viewing
- Post-Processing
- Report Generation
 - Export to office tools

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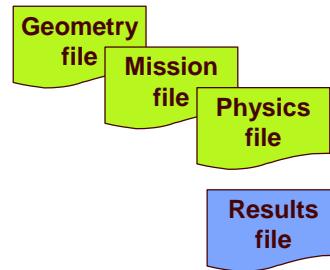


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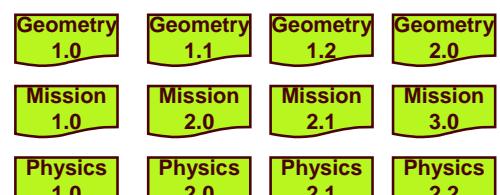
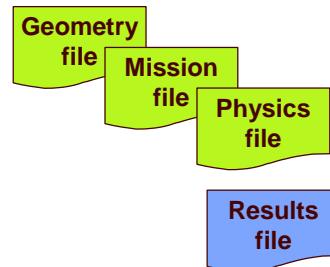


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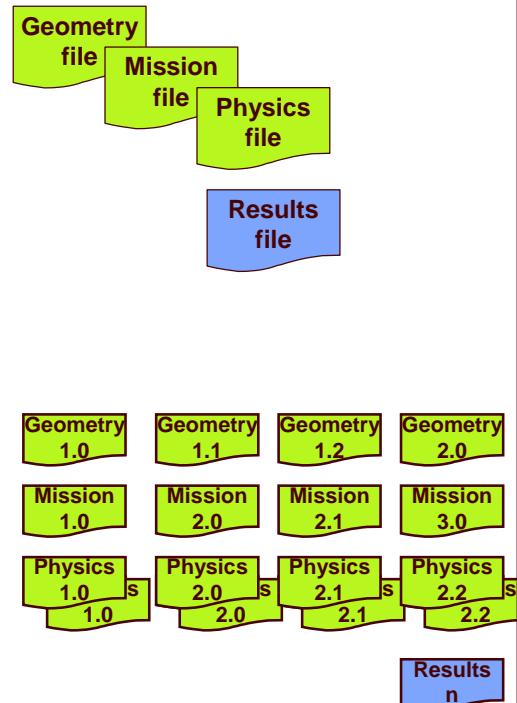


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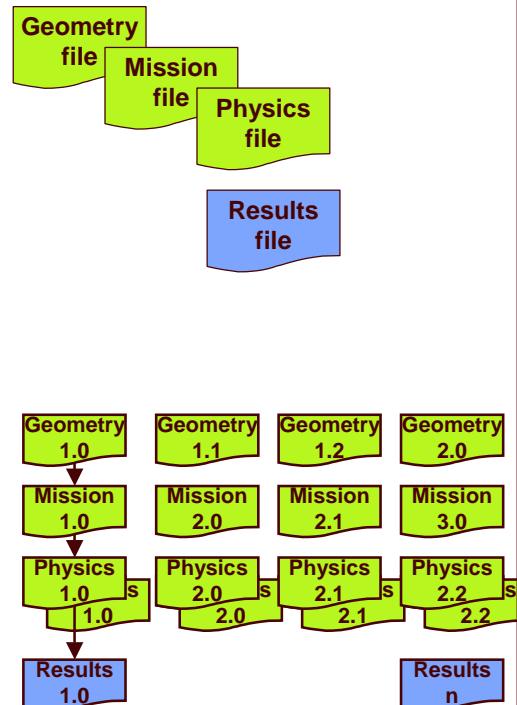
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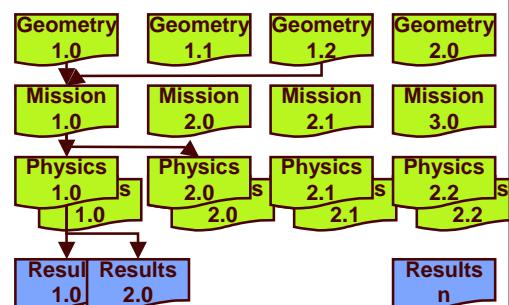
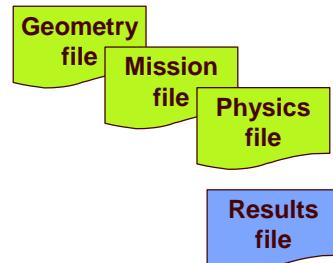
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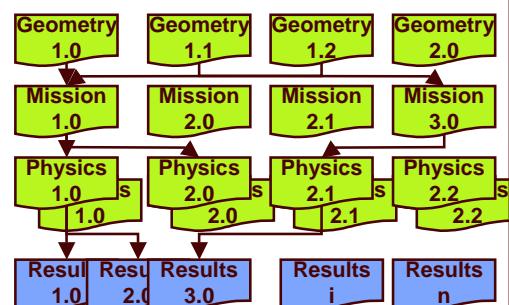
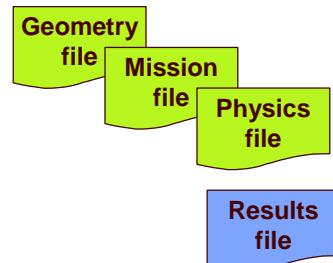
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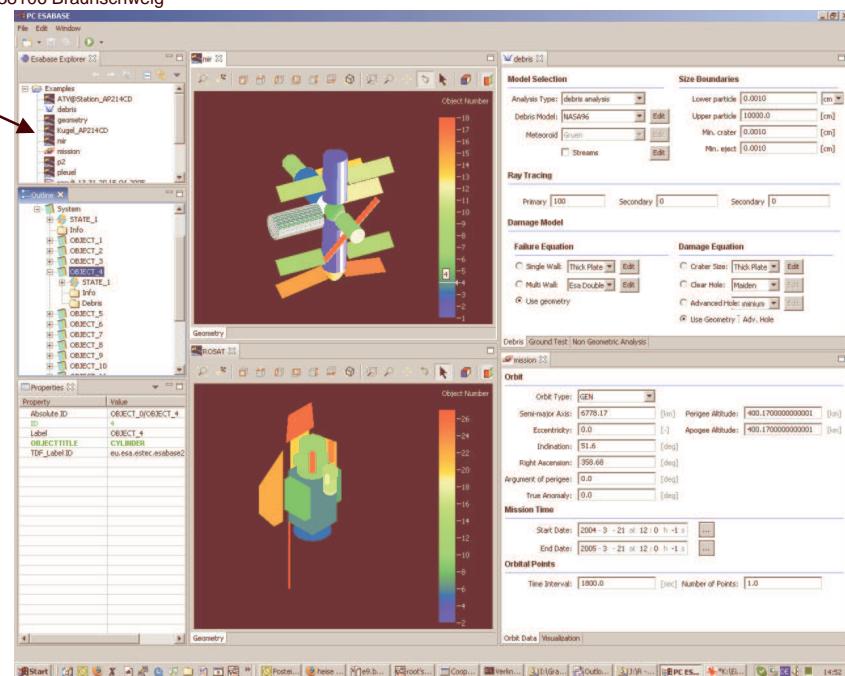
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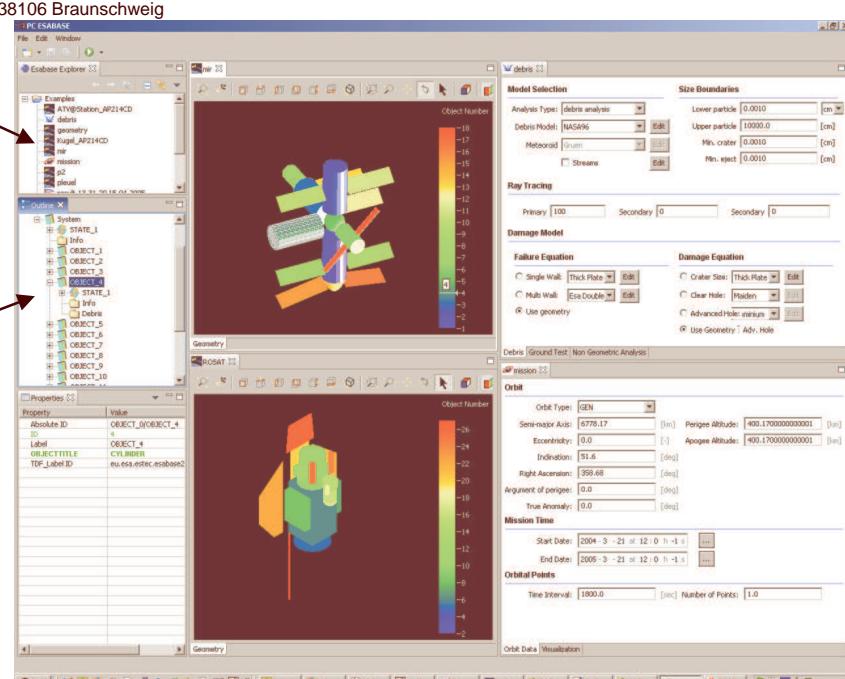
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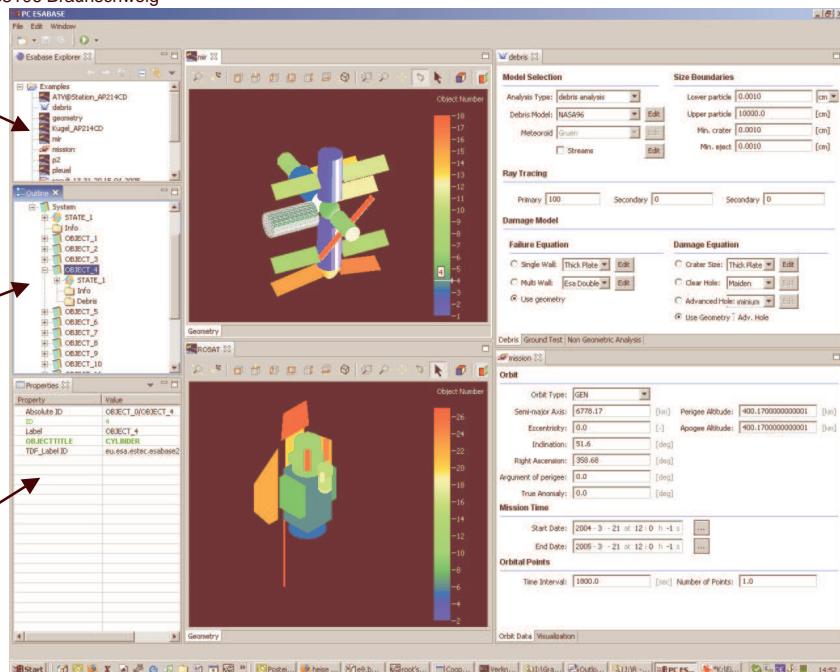
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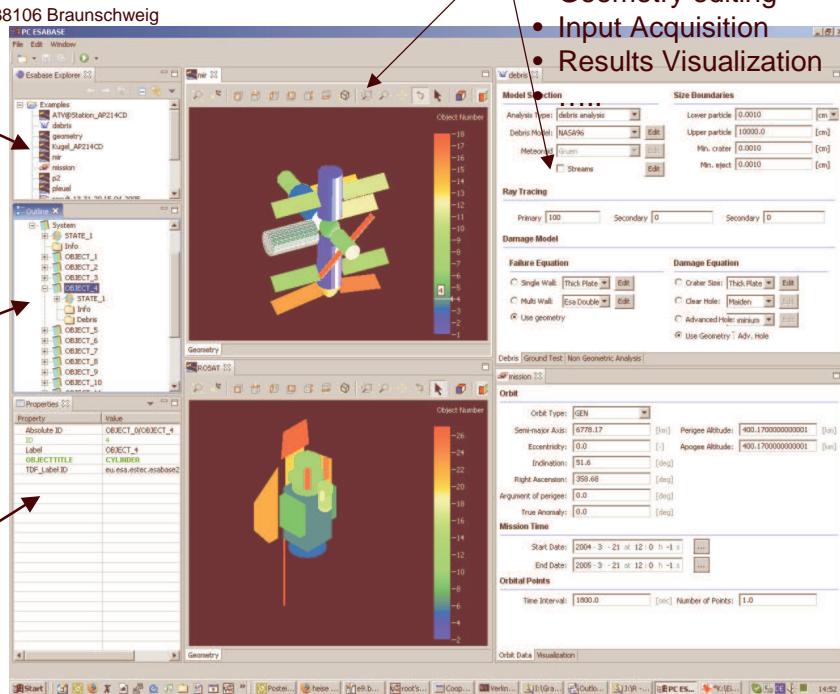
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Editor Area

- Dedicated editors for specific purposes
- Geometry editing
- Input Acquisition
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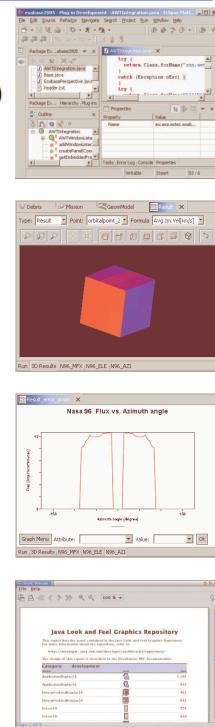
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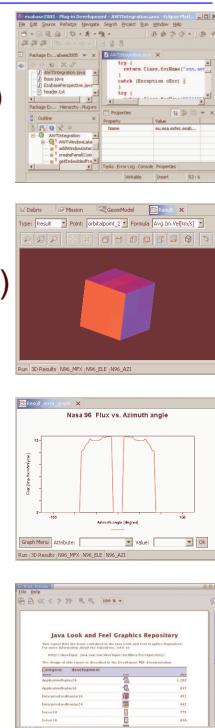
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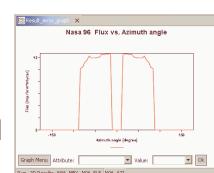
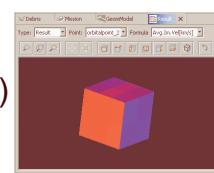
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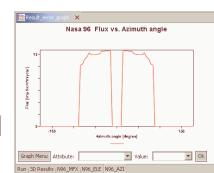
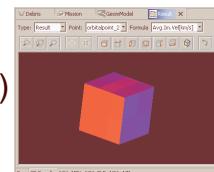
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Hands-On Demo

Conclusions and Outlook

- Based on Open Source OTS tools the Open Frontier Platform has been created
- Open Frontier provides
 - A solution for PC platforms
 - An ergonomic framework for user input acquisition and visualisation
 - A flexible work flow concept
 - A STEP interface (STEP SPE in preparation)
- Options for extensions/applications
 - Inclusion of solvers from various disciplines → e.g. radiation
 - Offers particular advantages due to the fact that different solvers may work on exactly the same geometry
 - The availability of already available Eclipse plugins provide extensive possibilities for pre- and post processing.

