

Model-Driven Development & Embedded Systems

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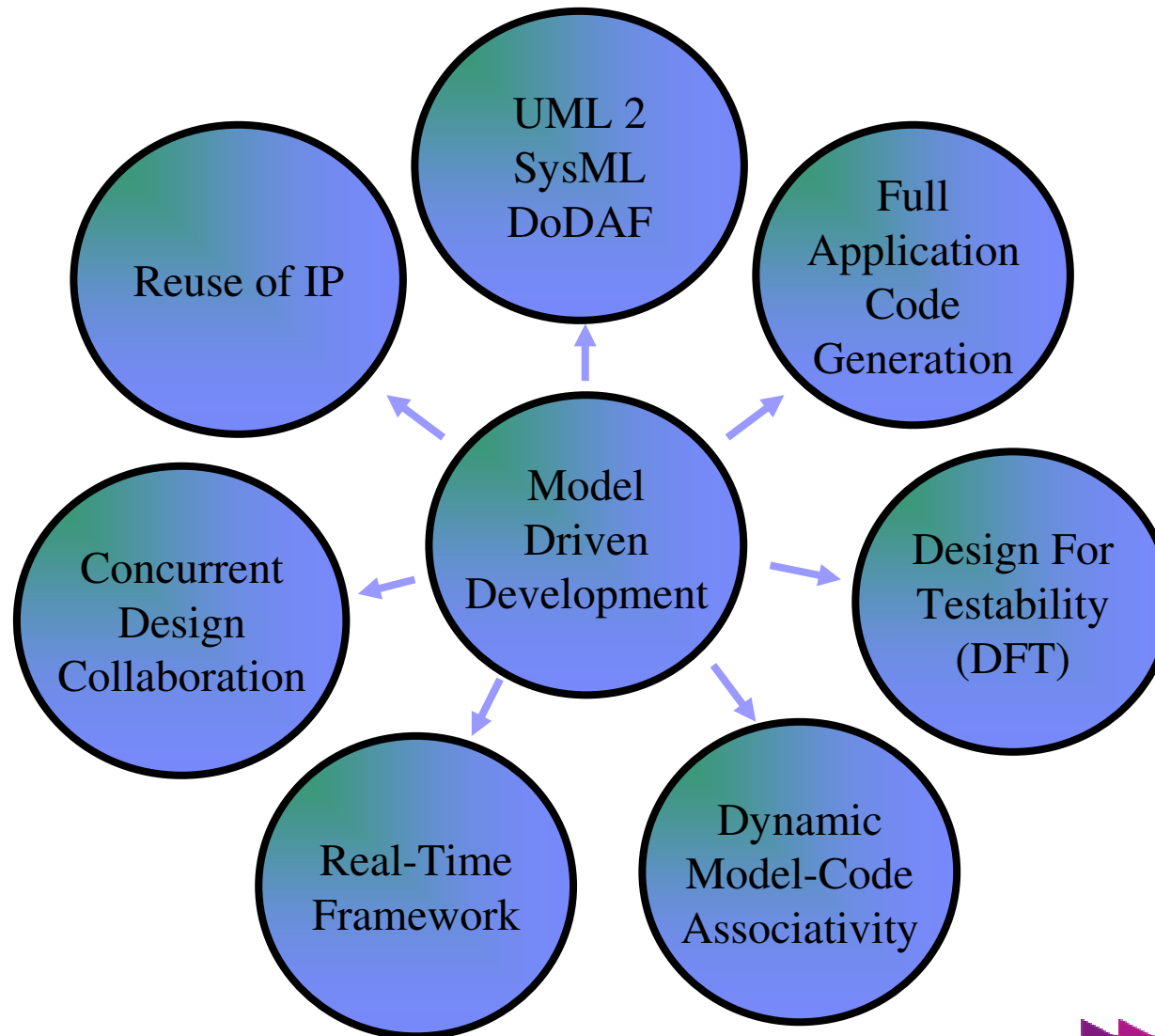
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Model Driven Development



✿ Background

- R&D on **embedded systems** for industrial control
- Application domains: energy, transportation, industrial control, etc

✿ Paradigms & Methodologies

- **SysML**, Code Generation, **DSL**, Modeling
- Experience: benefits, challenges

✿ Dependability: safety-critical

- SysML & **SIL4**, Certification
- Experience: benefits, challenges

✿ Future: Team Orchestration

- Ongoing work: Towards **Jazz**



Embedded industry

✿ Remains reliant on the craftsmanship of skilled individuals

- Labor intensive manual tasks (no automation, no product-line)

✿ Increasing market pressure

- Reduce time-to-market, reduce associated cost for hardware, reduce maintenance cost, **increasing complexity**, multiple disciplines, increasing certification needs in safety domains, etc

✿ Undergoing **Paradigm shift**

- MDD: Intensive use of models that can be transformed to code / test cases
 - Acceleration of timing, use of abstractions
- Safety-critical systems with stringent requirements
 - Certification needs are increasingly relevant (e.g. SIL4)
- SPL: a family instead of individual products, family-oriented reuse
 - Improved management, variability handling, business-oriented development



Green Energy

Engineering Challenges

**A domain where reuse is
a key success factor**



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Railway Systems

Engineering Challenges

A domain where safety certification is a must

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General challenges

✿ Time-to-market

- Decrease the time to develop a control system

✿ **Customization** and roll-out

- Decrease the time needed to customize an individual system

✿ Scalability and System **complexity**

- The size and number of elements to be controlled by the control system is far from trivial (and still growing)

✿ Focus on value

- Reduce the time devoted to maintenance activities

✿ **Multi-disciplinary teams**

- Different engineers working together on highly complex problems

✿ Dependability & Certification

- Develop high-integrity systems and attain certification



Paradigms

✿ Model-Driven Development

- **Modeling** Design your system
- **Metamodeling** Design your modeling concepts
- **Model transformations** Specify your code generation (RulesComposer)

✿ Diversity of Design Artifacts

- SysML, UML, DSL, Code generation, Code, Testing, etc

✿ Variability into the System Design

- **SysML & Variability** [Innovate 2010 talk]

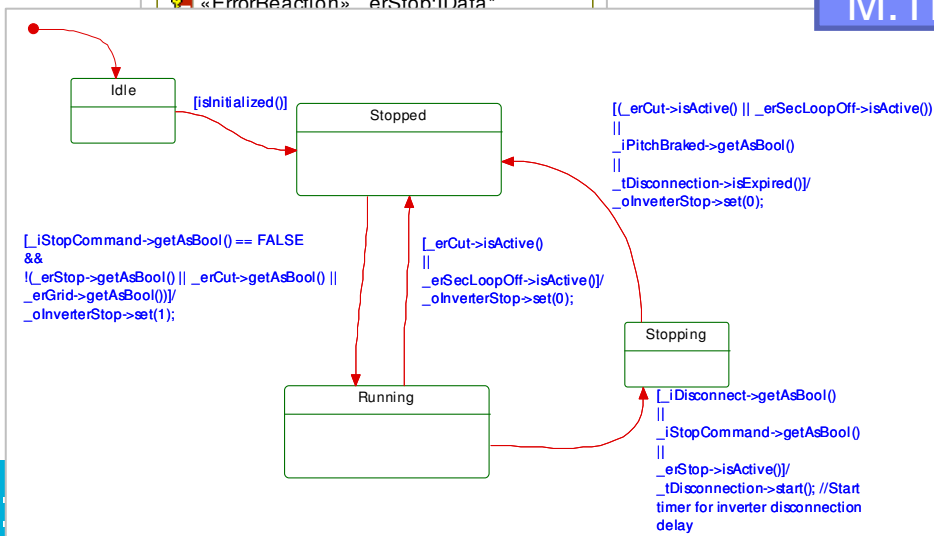
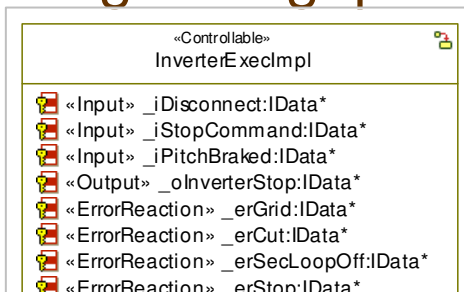
✿ DSL

- Visual DSL Editors



Model-Driven Development

- Development driven by intensive use of models.
- Automate the generation of code from models.
- Some models are UML, others are specific (a.k.a.DSL).
- Bridge the gap between modeling and implementation.



```

// This code is AUTO-GENERATED with Rules composer
// Customise as you see fit (but part is better to use below OR ...)
// Generate the Controllable only if it is initialized properly
if (this->isInitialized())
    switch (_jState_BOOT)
    case Idle
        // Overload Transition
        if (isPitchBraked())
            // 20% state Stopped
            _jState_BOOT = Stopped;
    case Stopped
        // 20% state Stopped
        _jState_BOOT = Stopped;
    public:
    case Running
        // Overload Transition
        if (_erCut->isActive())
            if (_erSecLoopOff->isInactive())
                _oInverterStop->set(1);
                // 20% state Stopped
                _jState_BOOT = Stopped;
            if (_iDisconnect->getAsBool())
                _oInverterStop->set(1);
                // 20% state Stopped
                _jState_BOOT = Stopped;
            if (_erStop->isActive())
                _oInverterStop->set(1);
                // 20% state Stopped
                _jState_BOOT = Stopped;
            if (_tDisconnection->start()); //Start timer for inverter disconnection
                // 20% state Stopped
                _jState_BOOT = Stopping;
    case Stopping
        // Overload Transition
        if (_iDisconnect->getAsBool() || _iStopCommand->getAsBool() || _erStop->isActive())
            // 20% state Stopped
            _jState_BOOT = Stopped;
    case Running
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Diversity of Design Artifacts

- ✿ System

- SysML & Variability [Innovate 2010's talk]

- ✿ UML

- Design your software using ***Universal*** modeling notation

- ✿ DSL

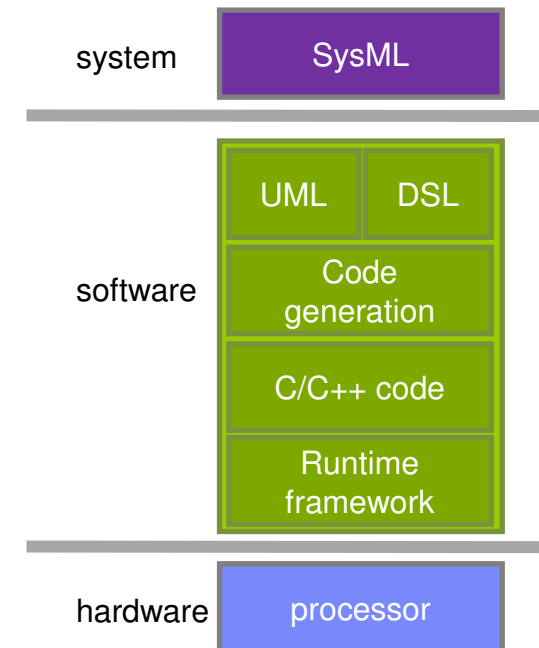
- Design your software with **"your language"**

- ✿ Code Generation

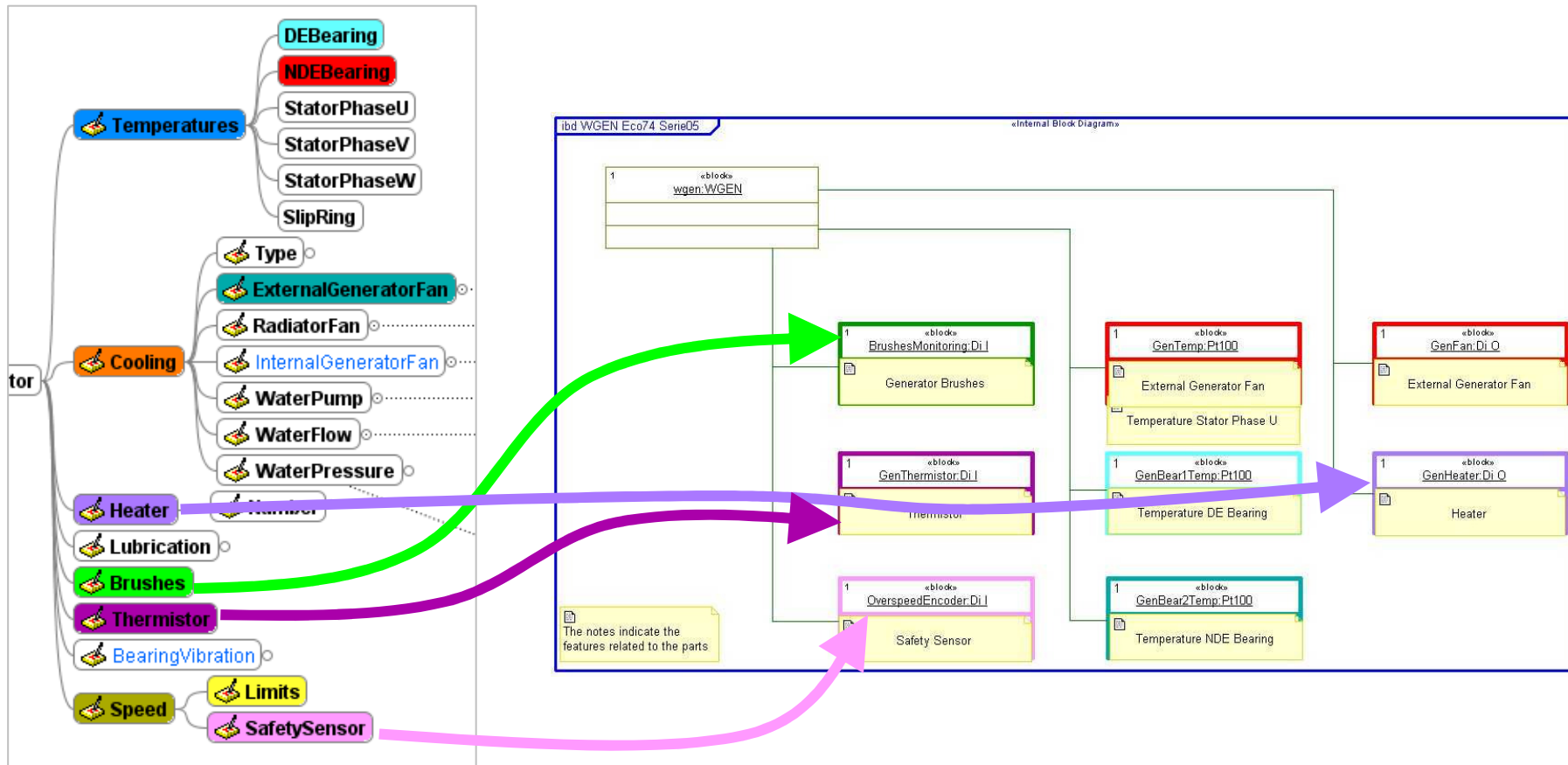
- Write the code that specifies how **your code** is to be generated

- ✿ Code, etc

- Remember this is ***really* running** in a dedicated hardware!



Variability into the System models



Feature Model

SysML's Block Definition Diagram

Domain Specific Languages & DSL Editors

Antes:

Sin abstracciones

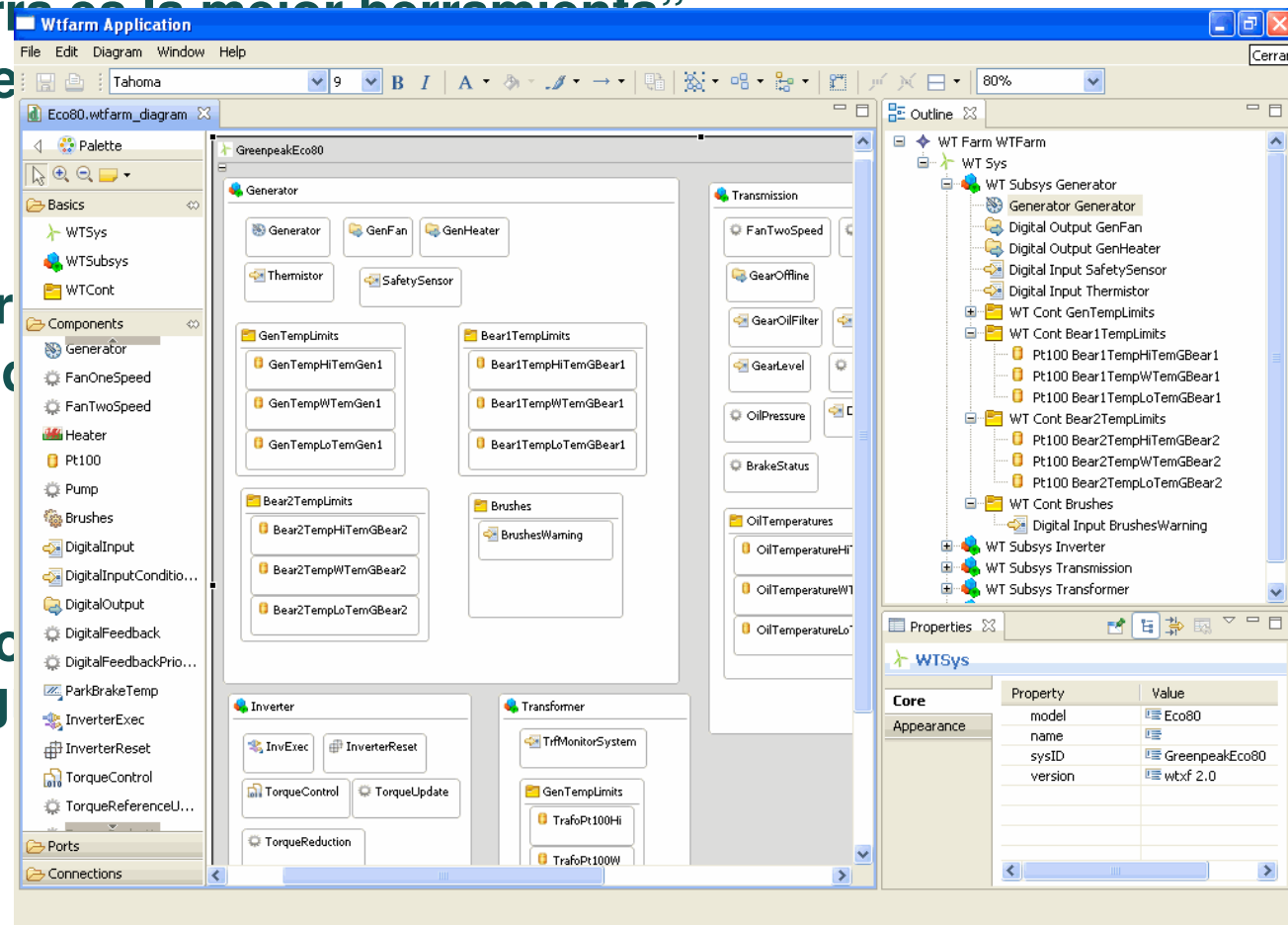
- Diseño: “la pizarra es la mejor herramienta”
- Desarrollo: implementación

Ahora:

- Diseño: en la herramienta
- Desarrollo: el código (charla de hoy)

Bottom-line:

- Es más abstracto lenguaje de programación



Dependability & Safety-critical Systems

✿ Dependability & SysML

- ✿ **Standards** are important

✿ IK's methodology under certification

- Metodologia base y customizable para el nivel SILx
- dentro de RHP: **reference profile**, etc
- What is new when using SILx
- Why are we using SysML? Why code generation?
- Explicar proceso de forma general

✿ TERESA project: dependable design patterns

- Metodologia base y customizable para el nivel SILx
- Security design patterns (within the project)



Dependability & SysML

- There is an increasing need for dependable Embedded systems in **many application domains** (railway, automotive, elevation, etc.)

- Dependability reference standard is IEC61508

- Why **SysML**?

- SysML improves documentation and model traceability

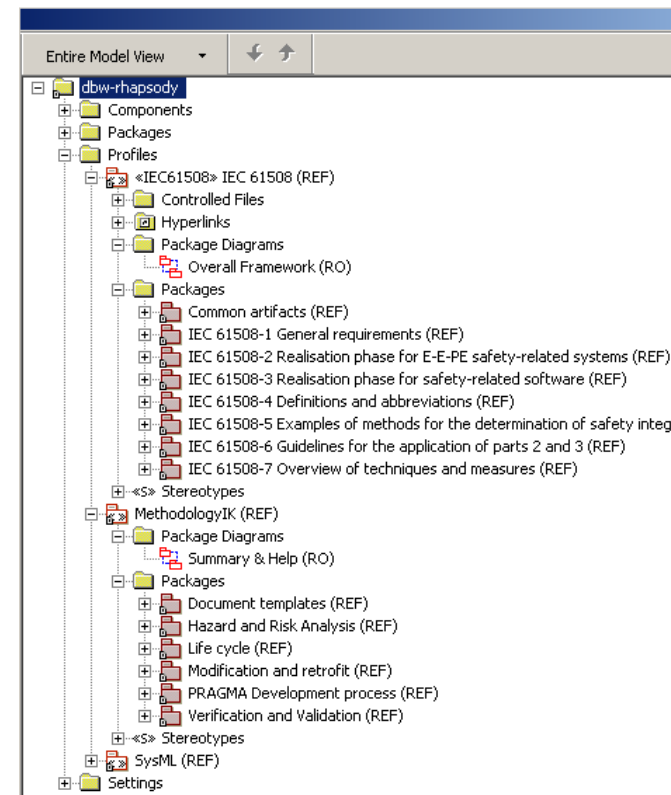
- According to the **IEC61508**, SysML can be used in:

- Part 1 Documentation
 - Parts 2/3 Traceability
 - Part 3 - B.5 Modelling
 - Part 3 - A.2 Structured diagrammatic methods
 - Part 3 - A.2 Automatic software generation
 - Part 2 - B.1, B.2; Part 3 - A.1, A.2, A.4 Computer aided specification and design tools
 - Part 2 - B.6 Simulation



Methodology & SIL Certification

- ✿ **Methodology** is a key point in order to achieve certification
- ✿ **IK methodology** guides the developer to the SIL expected level
 - Based on PRAGMA and IEC61508
 - Initially defined in UML
 - Recently extended to SysML
- ✿ **Integration within the tool**
 - IK methodology can be imported into RHP as a reference profile
- ✿ **IK methodology under certification**
 - Work in progress...



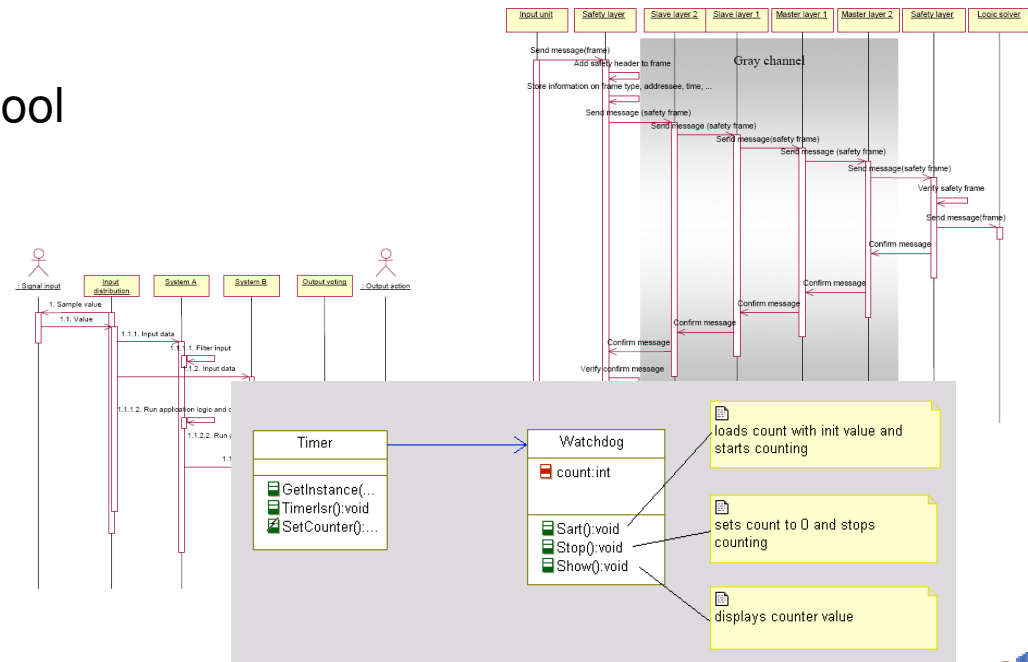
Design patterns

✿ We are taking part in **FP7 TERESA** (Trusted computing Engineering for Resource constrained Embedded Systems Applications)

✿ The goal is to build a repository to store frequently used design patterns for secure and/or dependable (S&D) applications

✿ **Main ideas:**

- Use of MDD (UML/SysML)
- RHP **Repository** integrated in the tool
- Definition of the engineering **process** in order to effectively use the created patterns



Ongoing Safety Projects

✿ Railways **signaling** system

- Development a high-integrity system with ongoing **SIL 4** level certification
- GOALS: manage complexity, reuse components, reduce testing time

✿ **Wind turbine systems**

- New safety product-line platform for **offshore** wind farms

✿ **Elevators**

- Catalog of components based on MDE
- Ongoing **SIL3** certification

✿ **More**

- Integral Methodology with HW, SW, FPGA, Comms, etc
- Incorporating Model Based Testing





Demo time





Conclusions

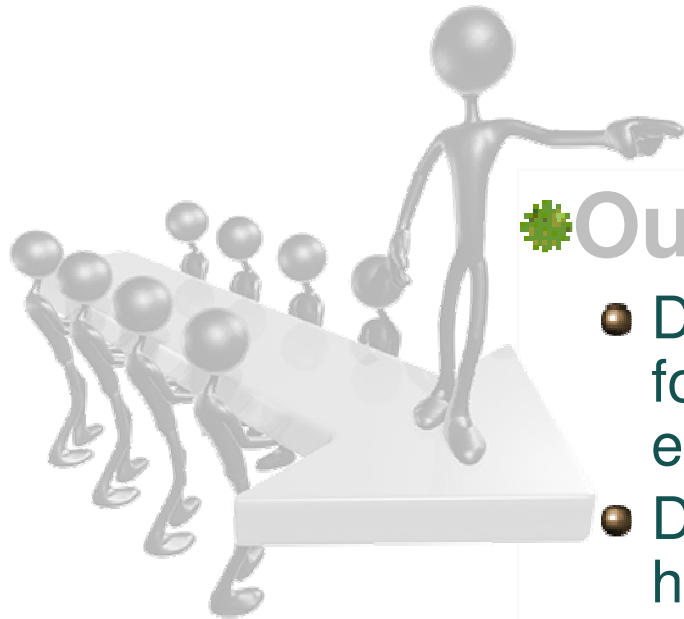


Lessons Learned

- **System-driven** software design
 - ▶ The ability to delay or later modify design decisions is very relevant
 - ▶ software have to fit the system elements it is controlling
- **Market** orientation is critical
 - ▶ The participation of domain, market, and technical experts is a critical success factor
- System-software **boundaries**
 - ▶ Recognizing the significance of separating systems from runtime software seems trivial
- Design as a **continuum**
 - ▶ each discipline focuses on certain design parts develop in parallel disciplinary teams
 - ▶ Introducing variability further accelerates this
- Living with **inconsistencies**
 - ▶ ... intermediate stages during the development in which certain inconsistencies ...
- The Art of **Bootstrapping**
 - ▶ Start small, and iterate



Conclusions



✿ Our talk

- Described the line of work several **teams** are following in IKERLAN for the development of embedded systems
- Different application **domains** and customers, have different demands and so different techniques

✿ Future work

- Widespread internal adoption (not yet)
- Automation into the development process
- Incorporation of novel techniques

Questions





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