Model-Driven Development & Embedded Systems

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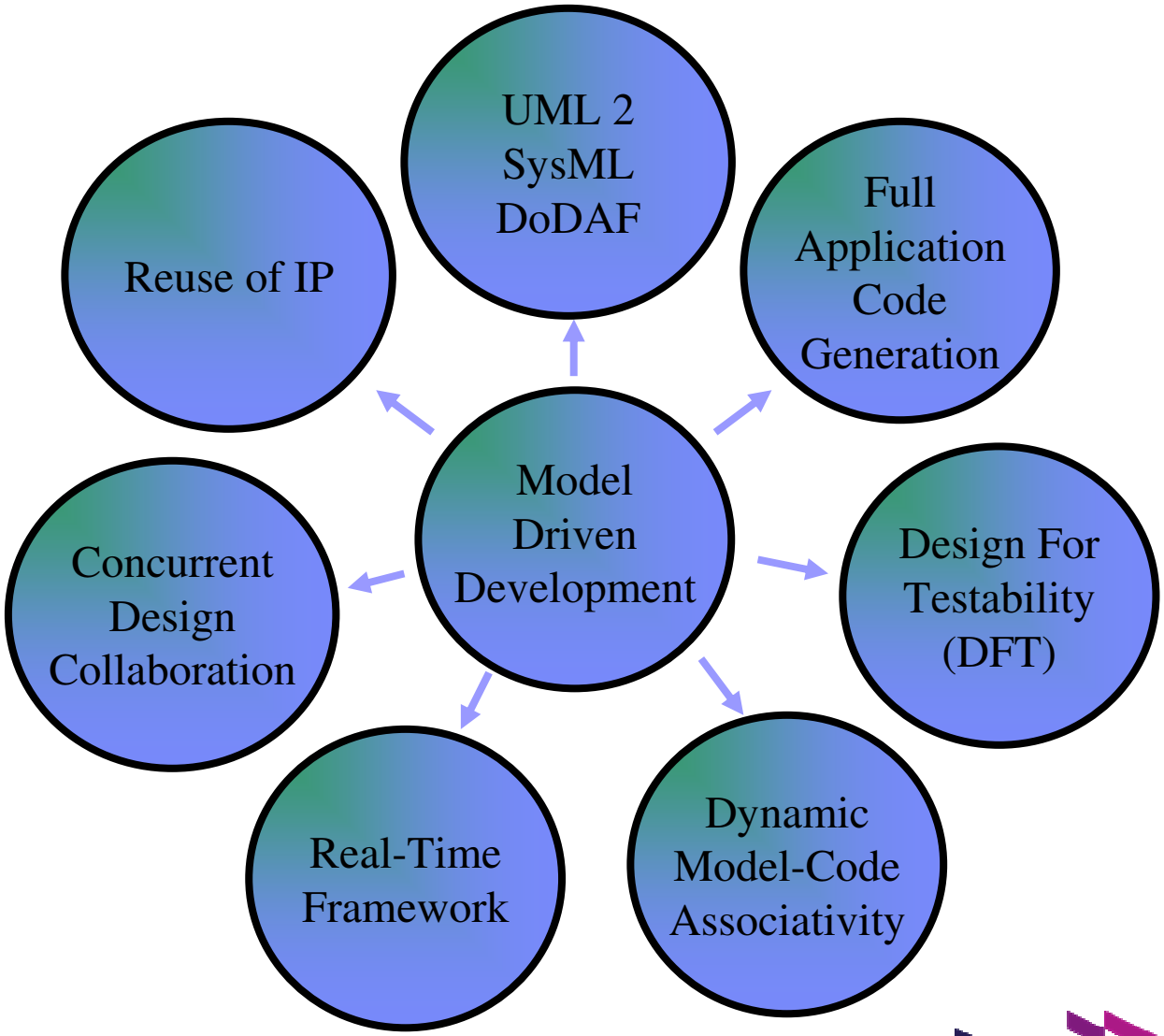

- **Background**
  - R&D on embedded systems for industrial control
  - Application domains: energy, transportation, industrial control, etc
- **Paradigms & Methodologies**
  - SysML, Code Generation, DSL, Modeling
  - Experience: benefits, challenges
- **Dependability: safety-critical**
  - SysML & 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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General challenges

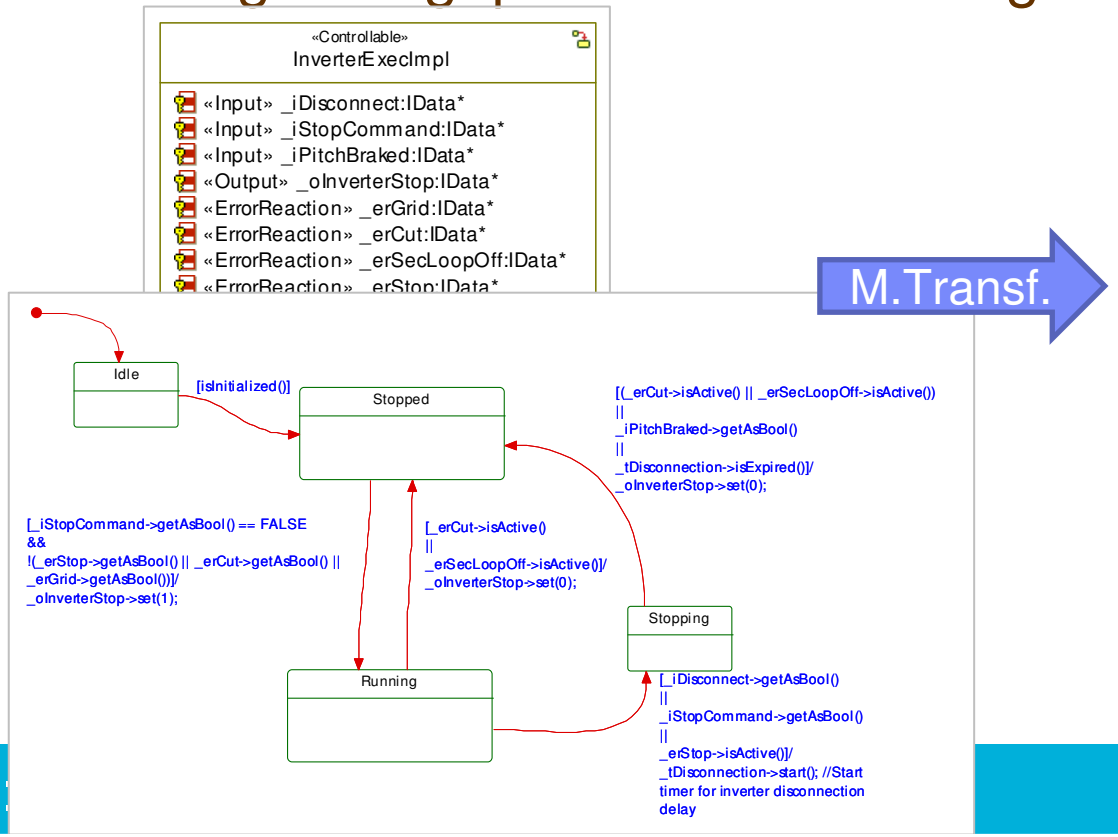
- Time-to-market
  - Decrease the time to develop a control system
- **Customization** and roll-out
  - Decrease the time needed to customize an individual system
- Scalability and System **complexity**
  - The size and number of elements to be controlled by the control system is far from trivial (and 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.



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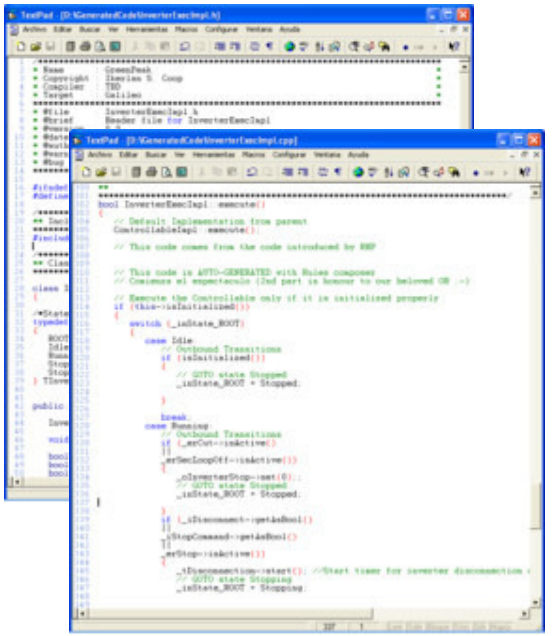
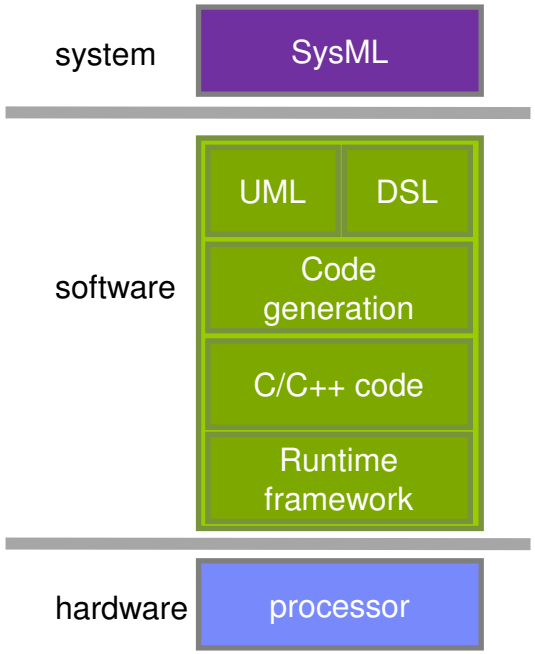
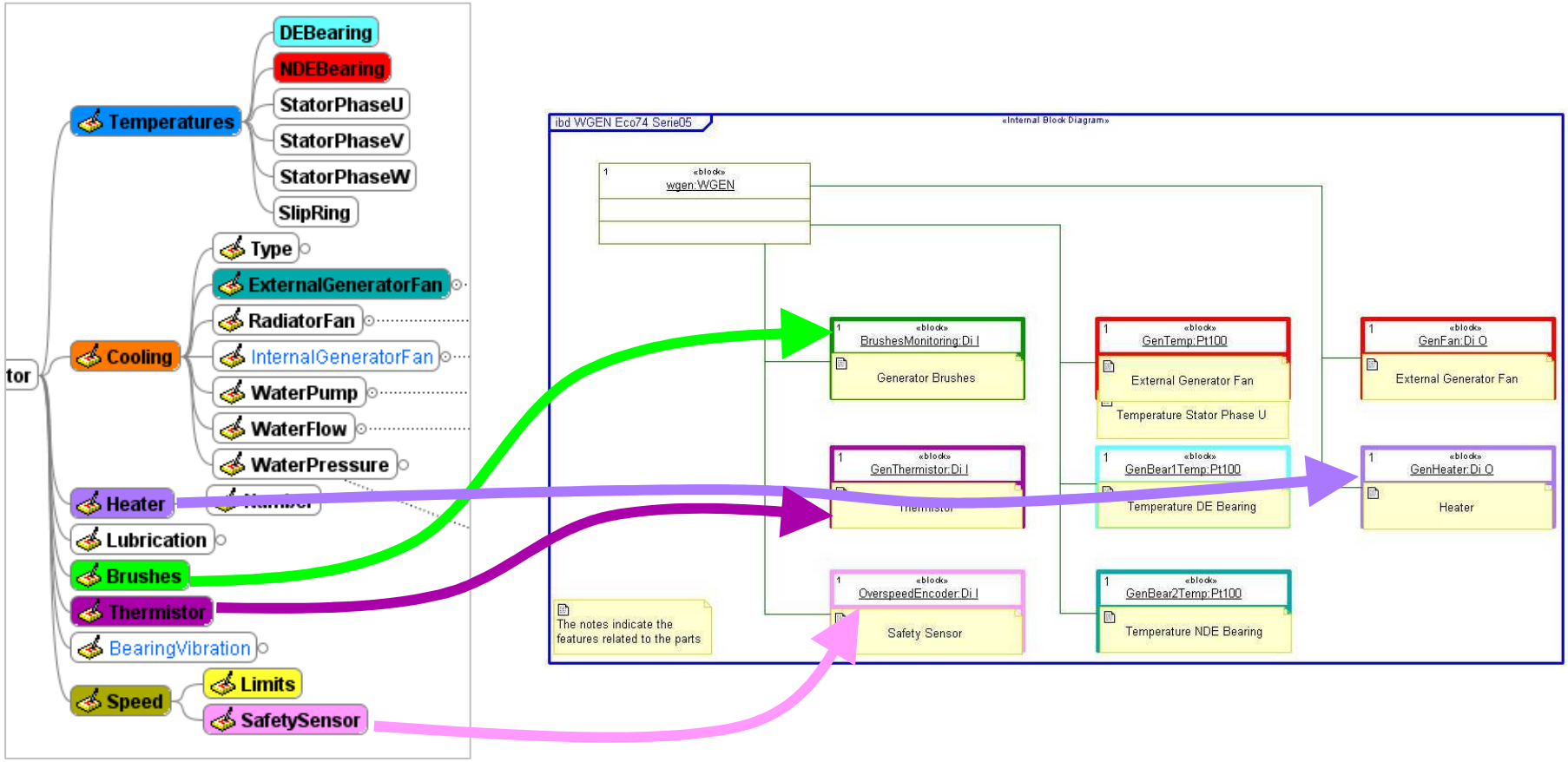


Diversity of Design Artifacts

- 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

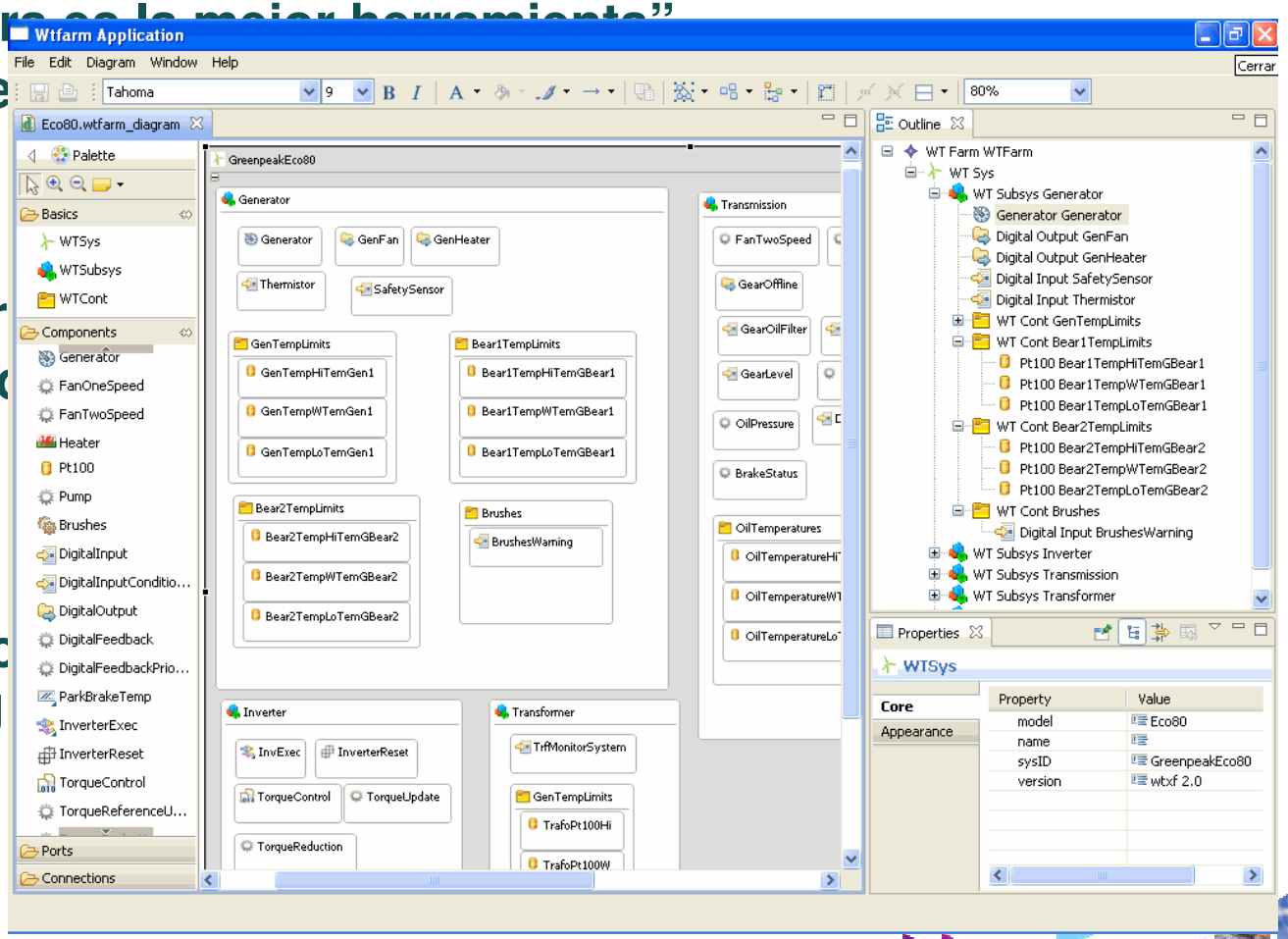


Feature Model

SysML's Block Definition Diagram

Domain Specific Languages & DSL Editors

- **Antes:** **Sin abstracciones**
  - **Diseño: "la pizarra es la mejor herramienta"**
  - **Desarrollo: imple**
- **Ahora:**
  - **Diseño: en la her**
  - **Desarrollo: el cód charla de hoy)**
- **Bottom-line:**
  - **Es más abstracto lenguaje de prog**



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)

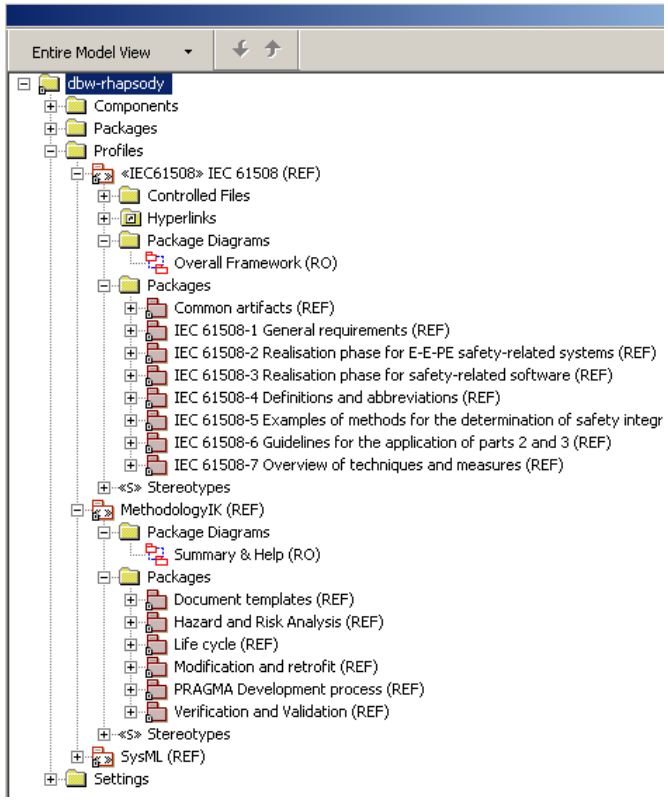
Dependability & SysML

- **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

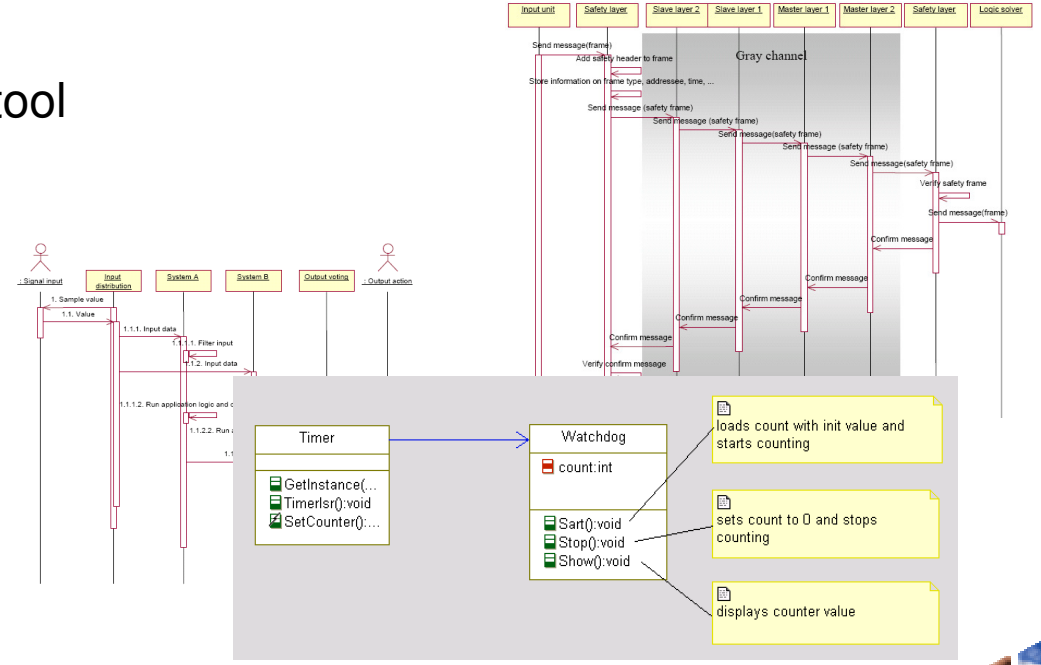
Methodology & SIL Certification

- **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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Demo time

Conclusions

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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


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