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**„Supporting System Level Design
of Distributed Real Time Systems
for Automotive Applications“**

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Automotive Embedded Systems

computation and communication

distributed and hard real time

industrial issues of composition of embedded systems

Development Process

Model Based Design

heterogeneous models

supporting tools, domain specific

new system level tools

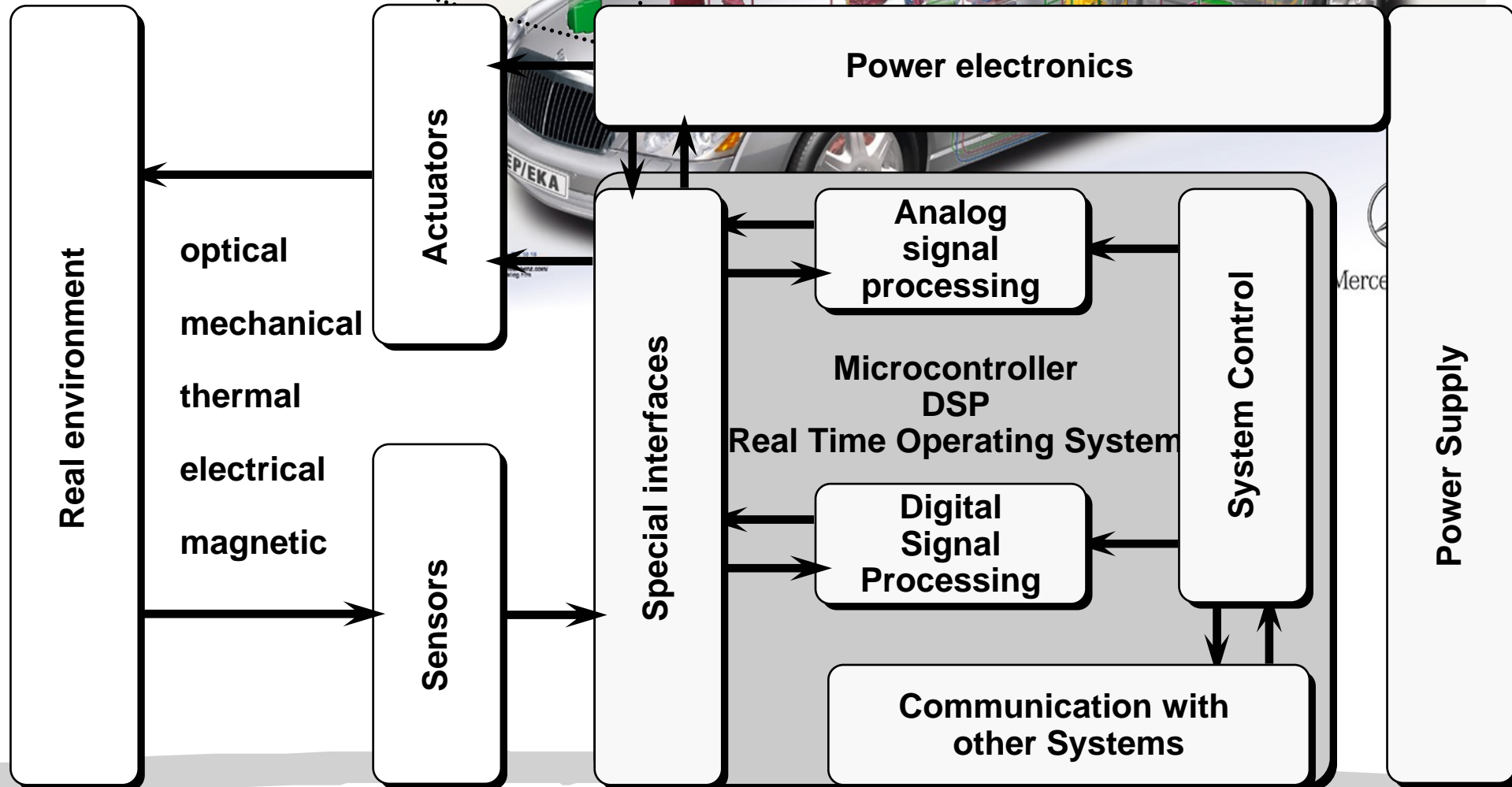
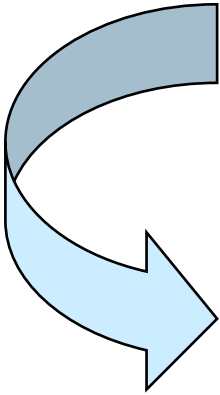
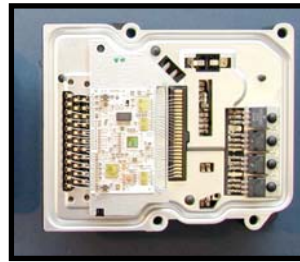
meet-in-the-middle strategy

model to model transformation

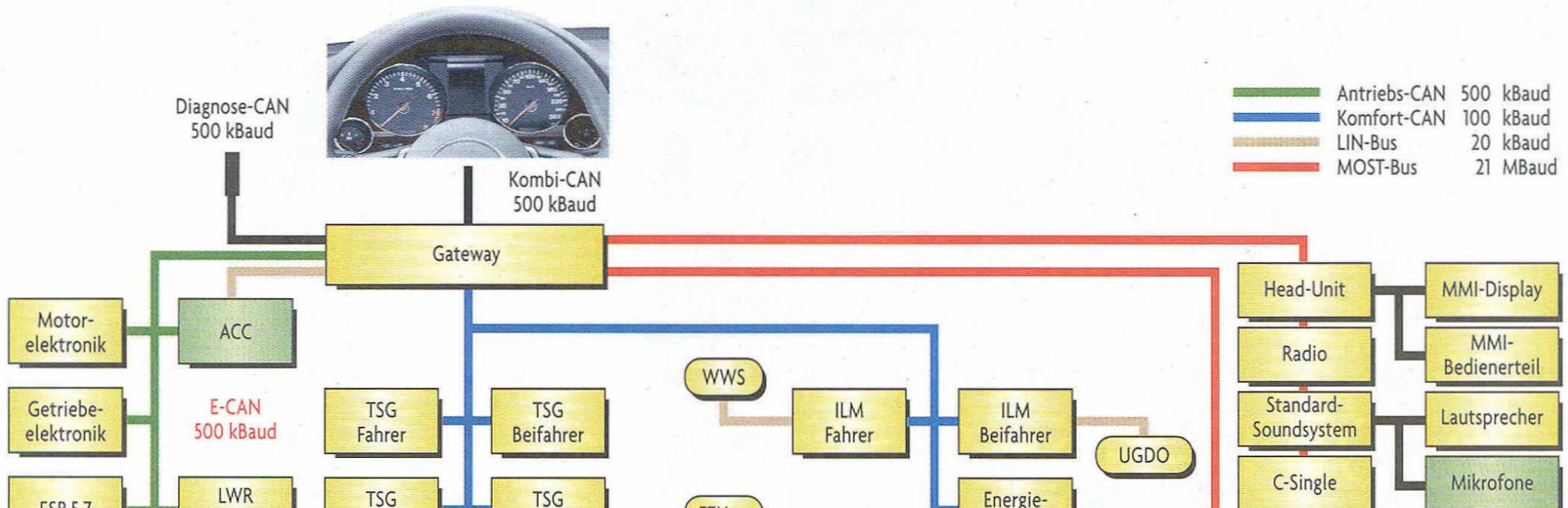
tool support

Concluding Remarks

Automotive Electronic Control Units ECU



Complex Communication (e.g. Audi A8)



4 application domains for ECUs:

Power train:

Chassis control:

Body electronics:

Infotainment:

mainly closed loop control functions

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mainly reactive, event driven functions

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software intensive >>100k LOC

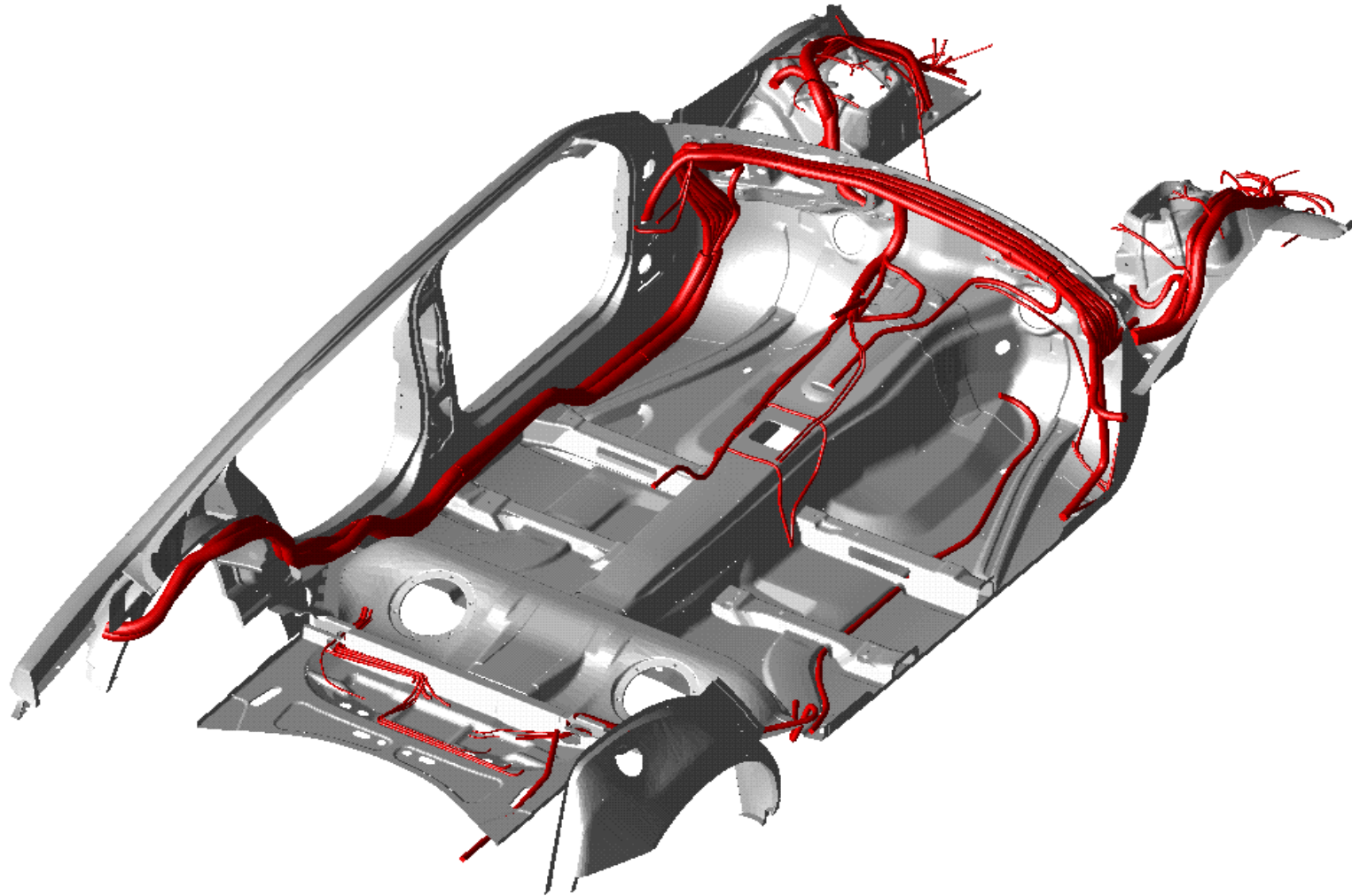
Future safety relevant functions and car2car communication

require closed loop control across application domains and bus systems

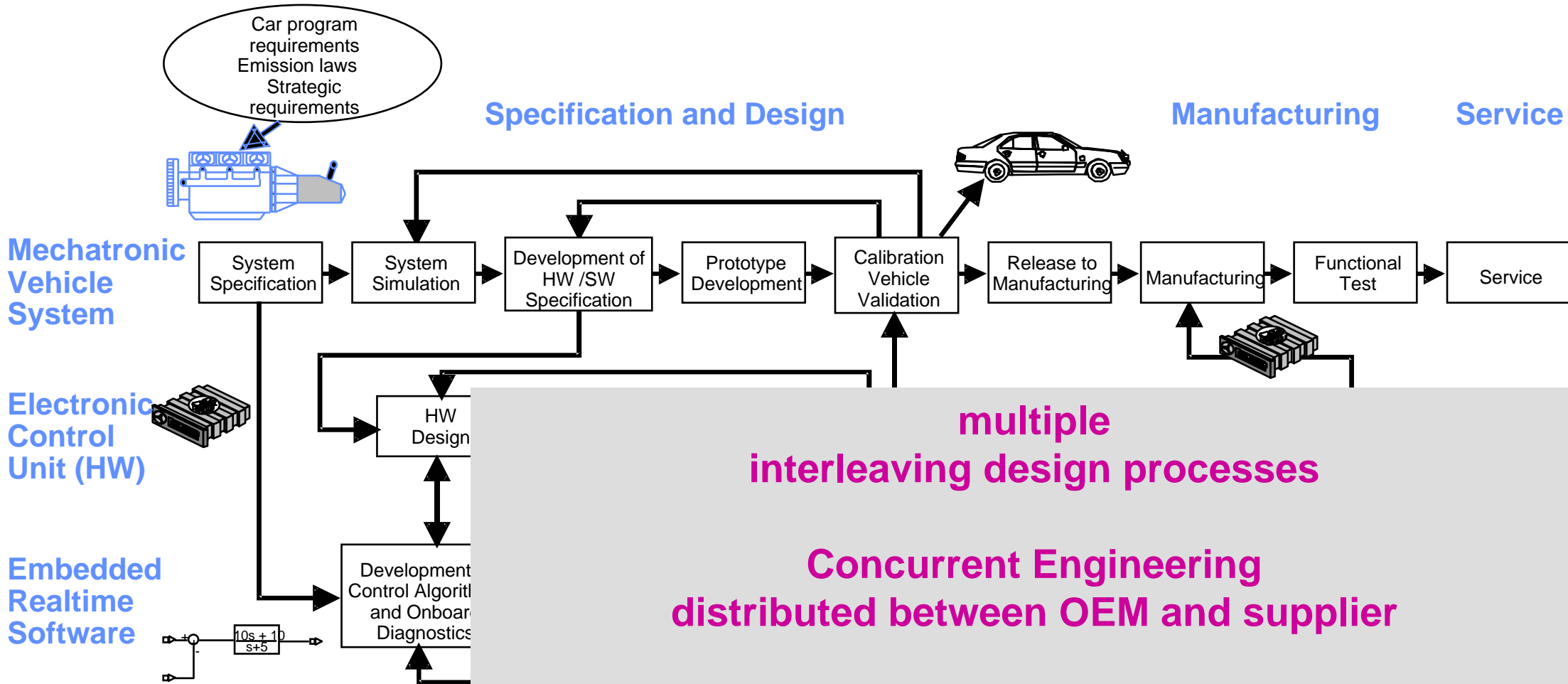
Mechanics/Electrics-CoDesign (Digital Mockup - DMU)



The State-of-the-Art DMU technology provides the basis for the mechanical integration and optimization of EE components (ECU's, batteries, wiring harness, ...)



Hierarchical Organization of Design Processes

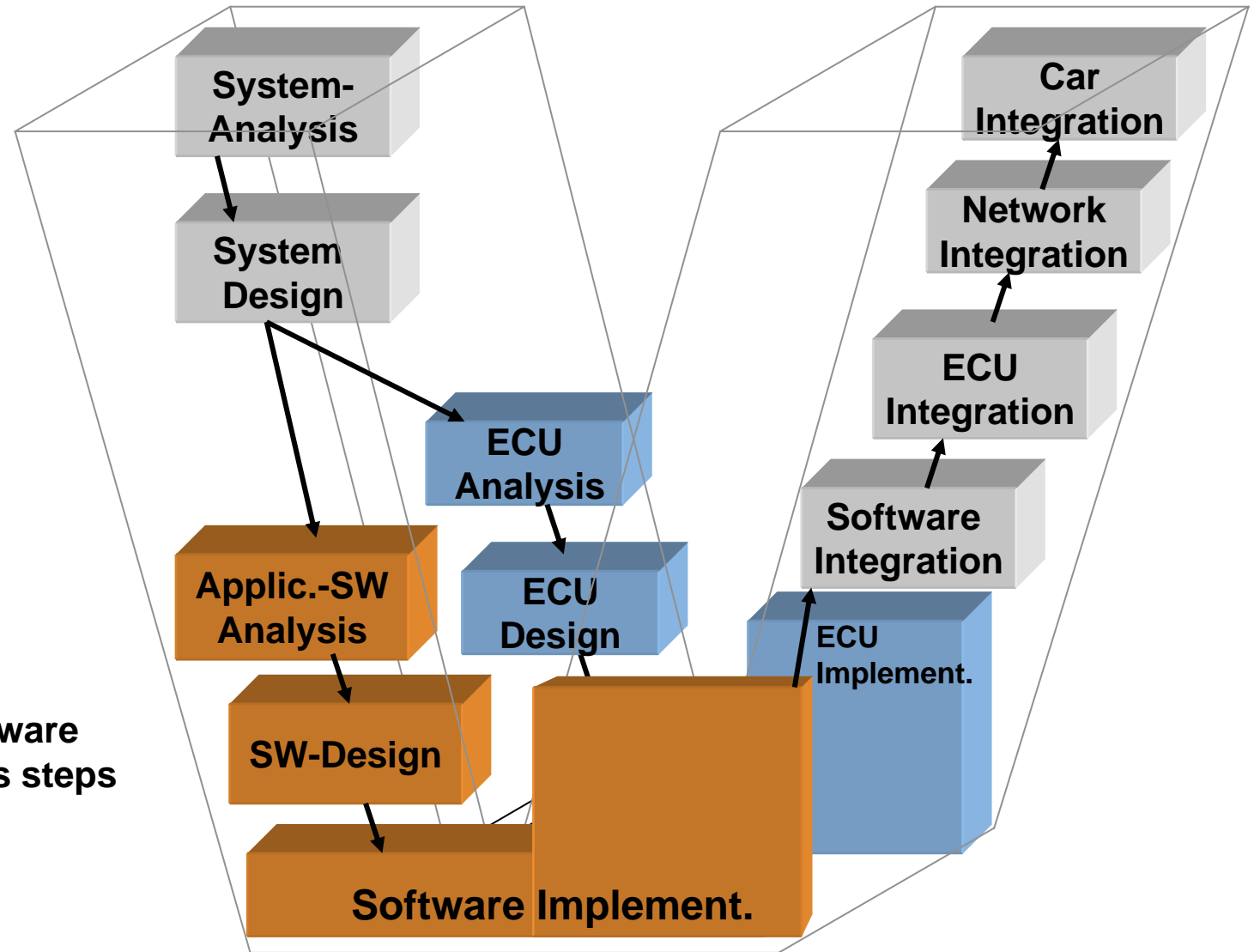


**multiple
interleaving design processes**

**Concurrent Engineering
distributed between OEM and supplier**

**requires
comprehensive life cycle model (V-Model)
strictly controlled design methodology
supporting computer aided design tools**

V-Model for automotive ECU's



System oriented Process steps



Application Software oriented Process steps

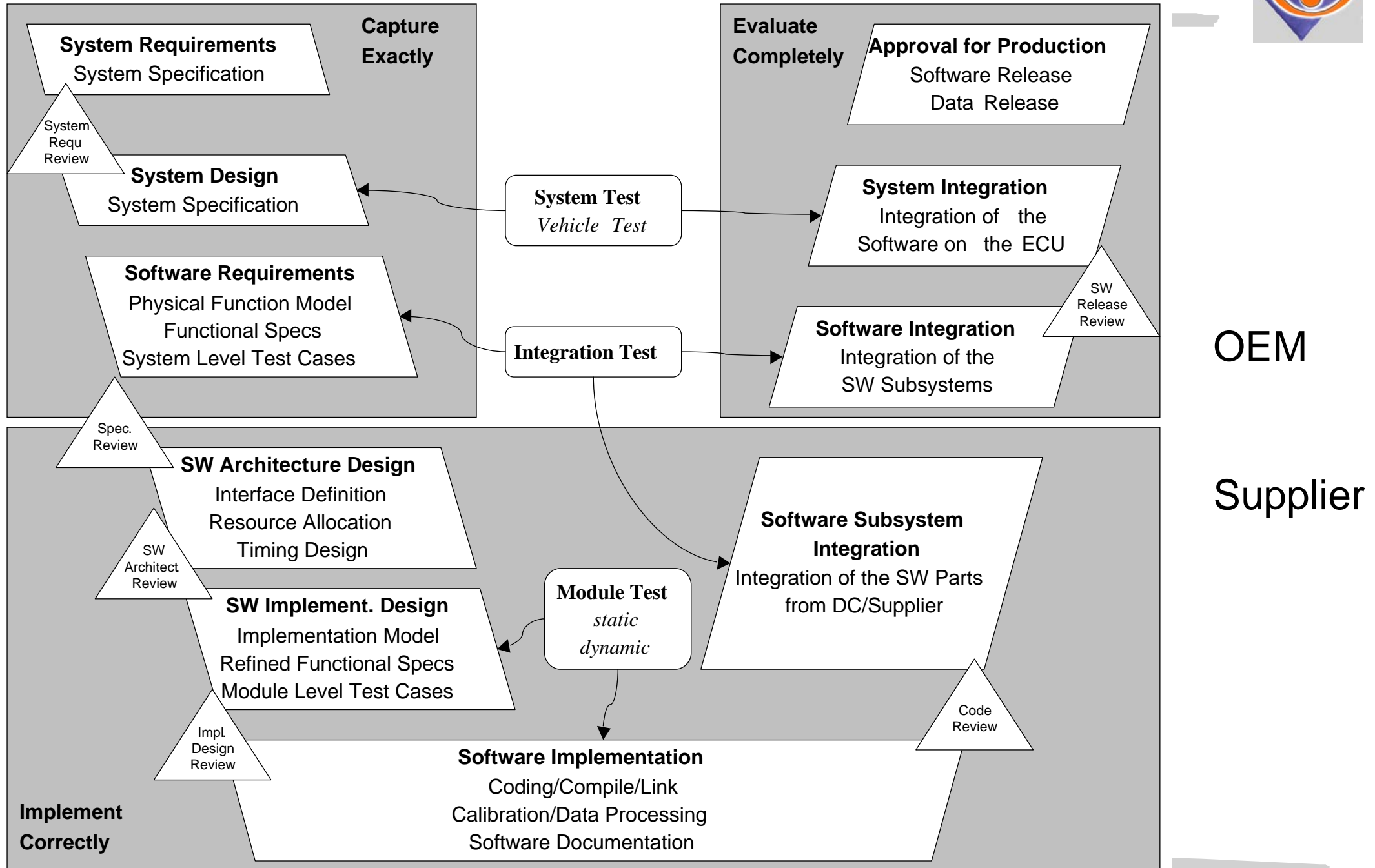


ECU oriented Process Steps

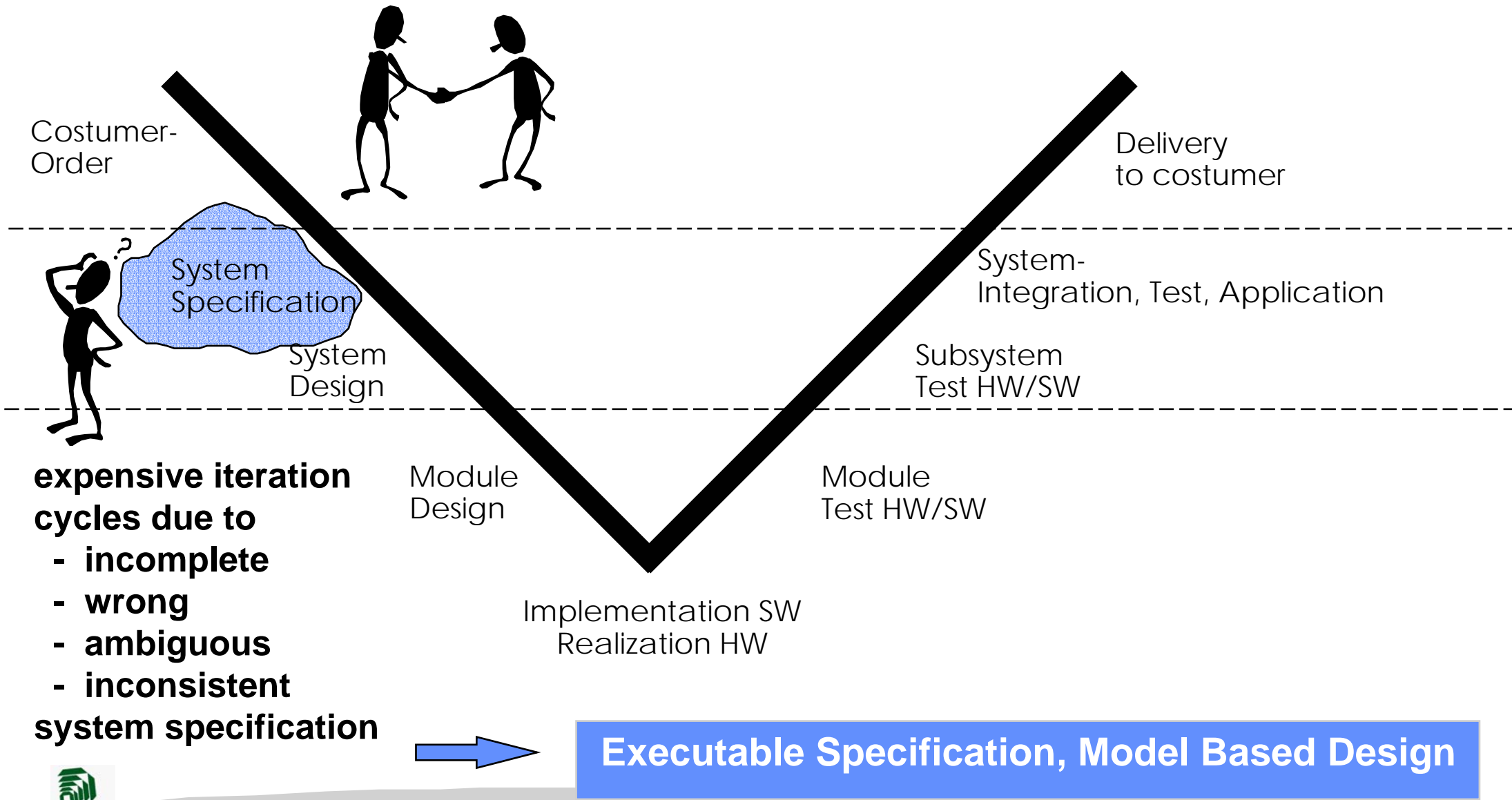


Courtesy ETAS

ECU Software Development



System specification as basis for cooperative design process





Modeling complete system including system environment
(ECU, car, driver, road, weather conditions)

Domain specific models for Subsystems and Components
(closed loop control, reactive systems, software intensive systems)

Different abstraction levels, Parameter variation and boundaries

Use of characterized libraries (reuse, variant design)

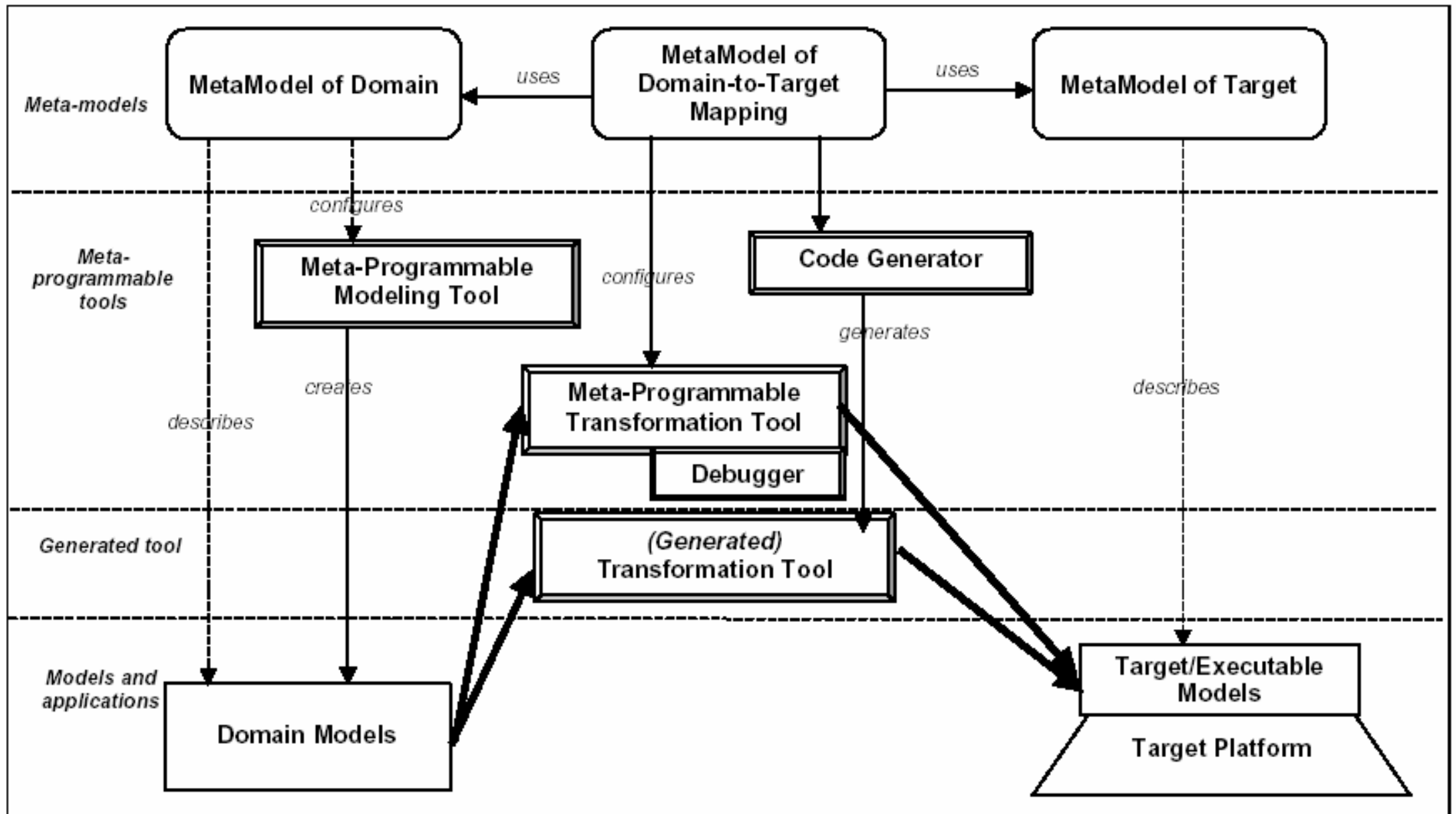
Model verification through extensive testing

Model characterization

Model documentation

Macro modeling

Meta modeling

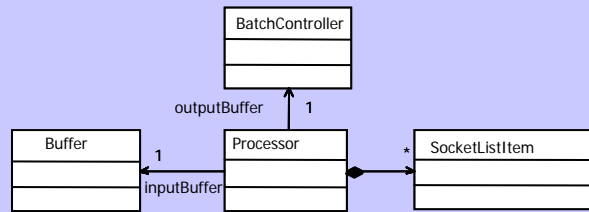


Modeling for automotive ECU's

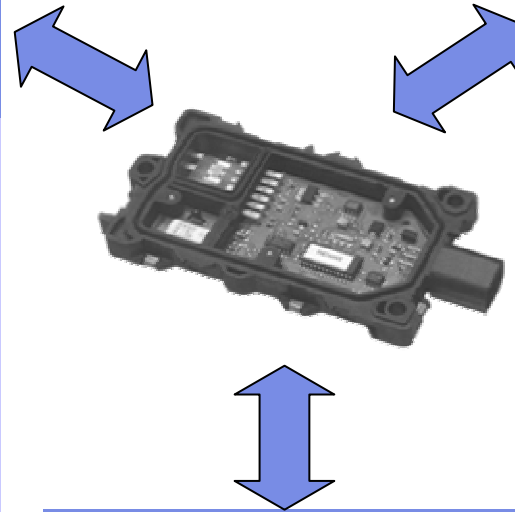


Architecture

Modelling with UML

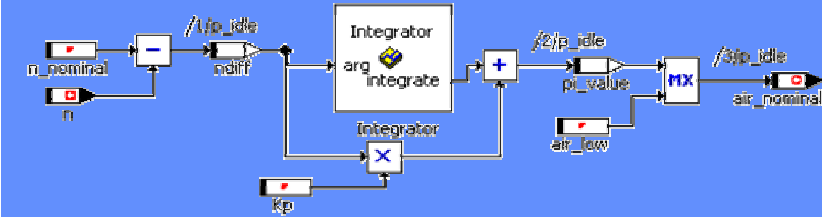


Real-time Studio (ARTiSAN)
Rhapsody in C++ (i-Logix)
Rose (Rational Software, IBM)
Together (Borland)
Poseidon (Gentleware)
MagicDraw (NoMagic)
Ameos (Aonix)
TAU2 (Telelogic)



Signal flow oriented

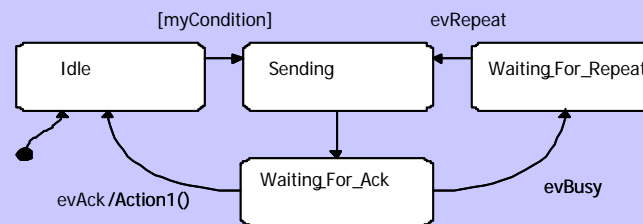
Modelling with block diagrams



ASCET (ETAS)
MATLAB/Simulink (The MathWorks)
MATRIXx (National Instruments)

Event driven

Modelling with state charts

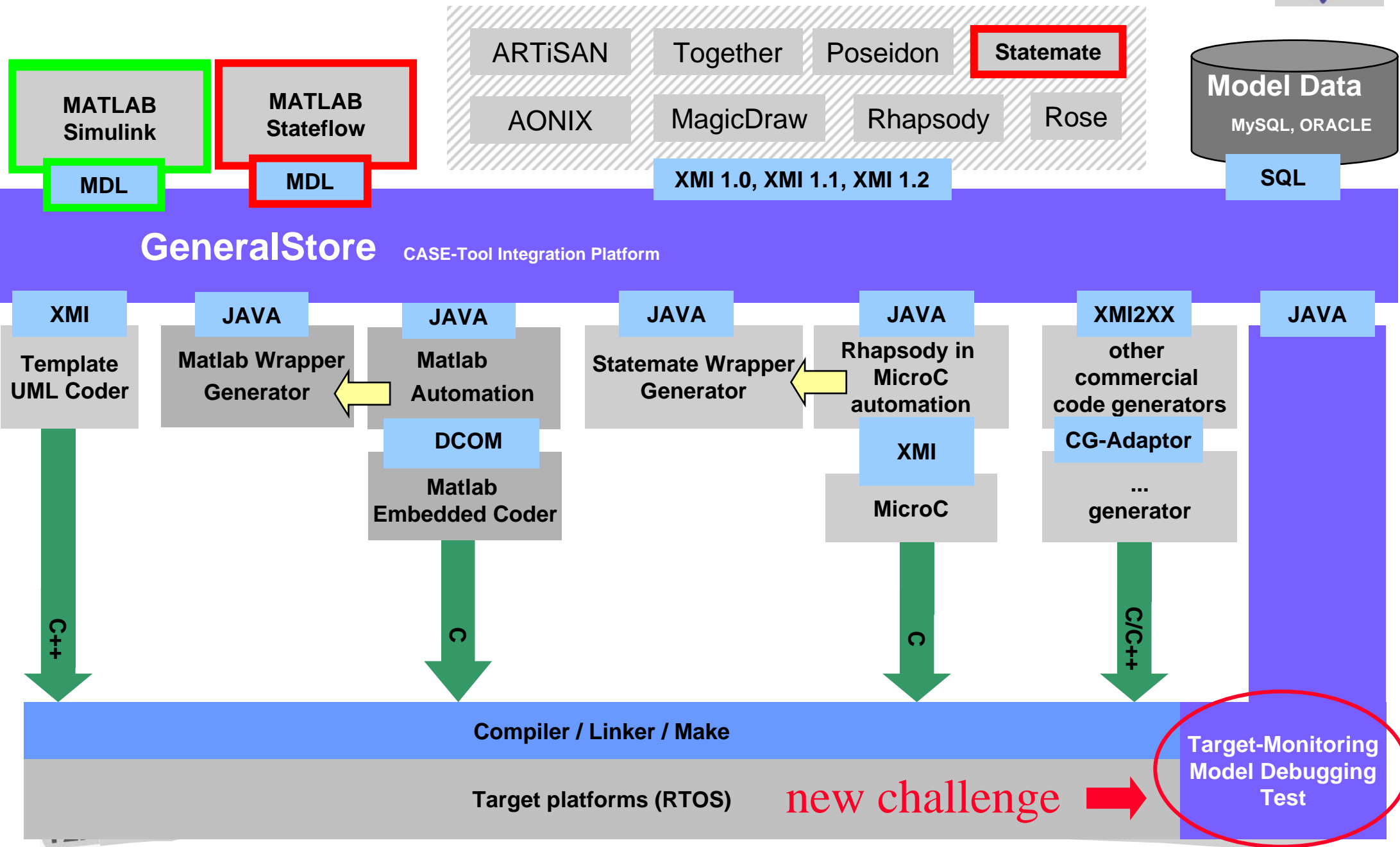


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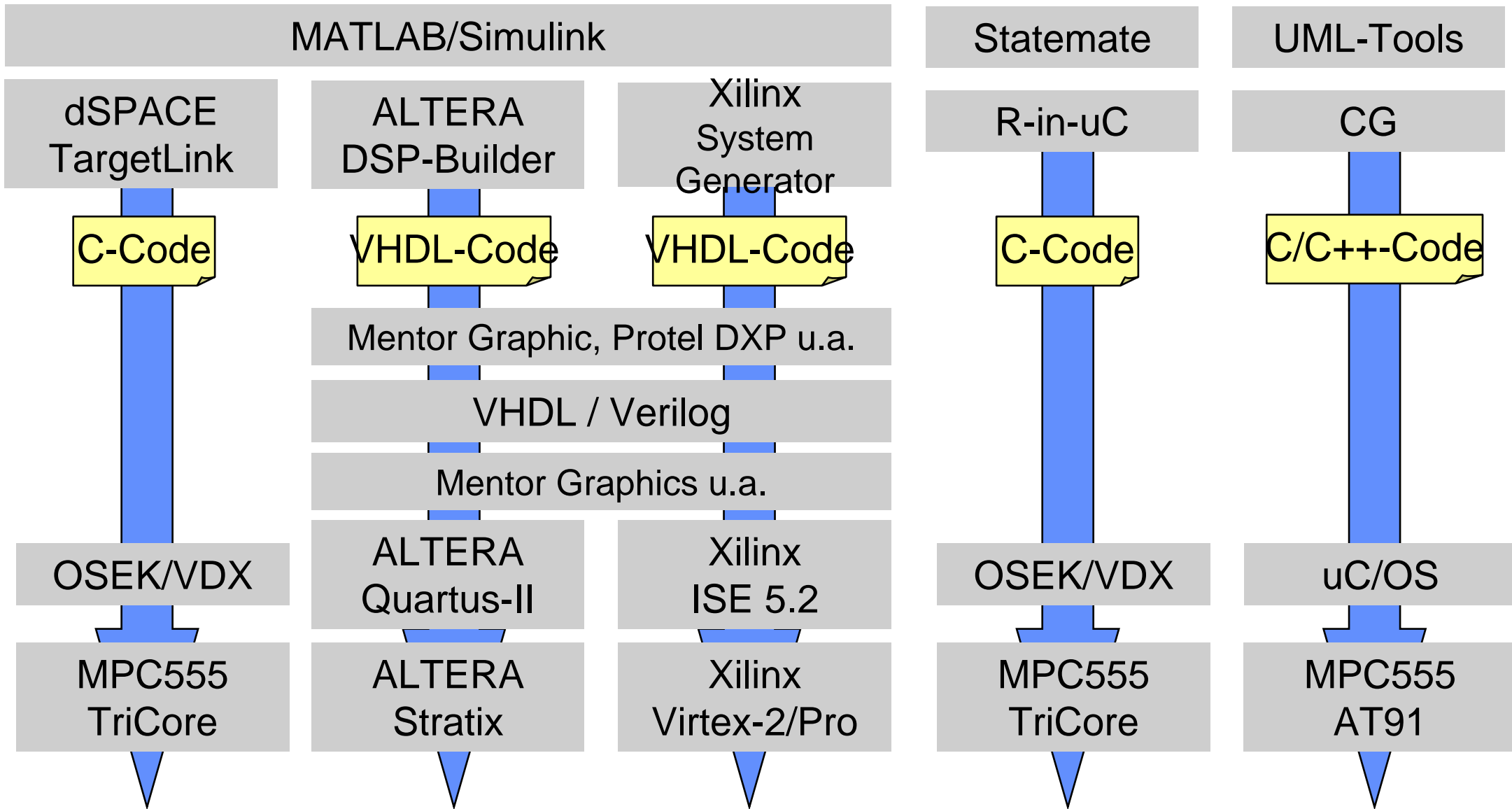
Heterogeneous modeling requires integration platform

e.g. ETAS Integro, Vector DaVinci

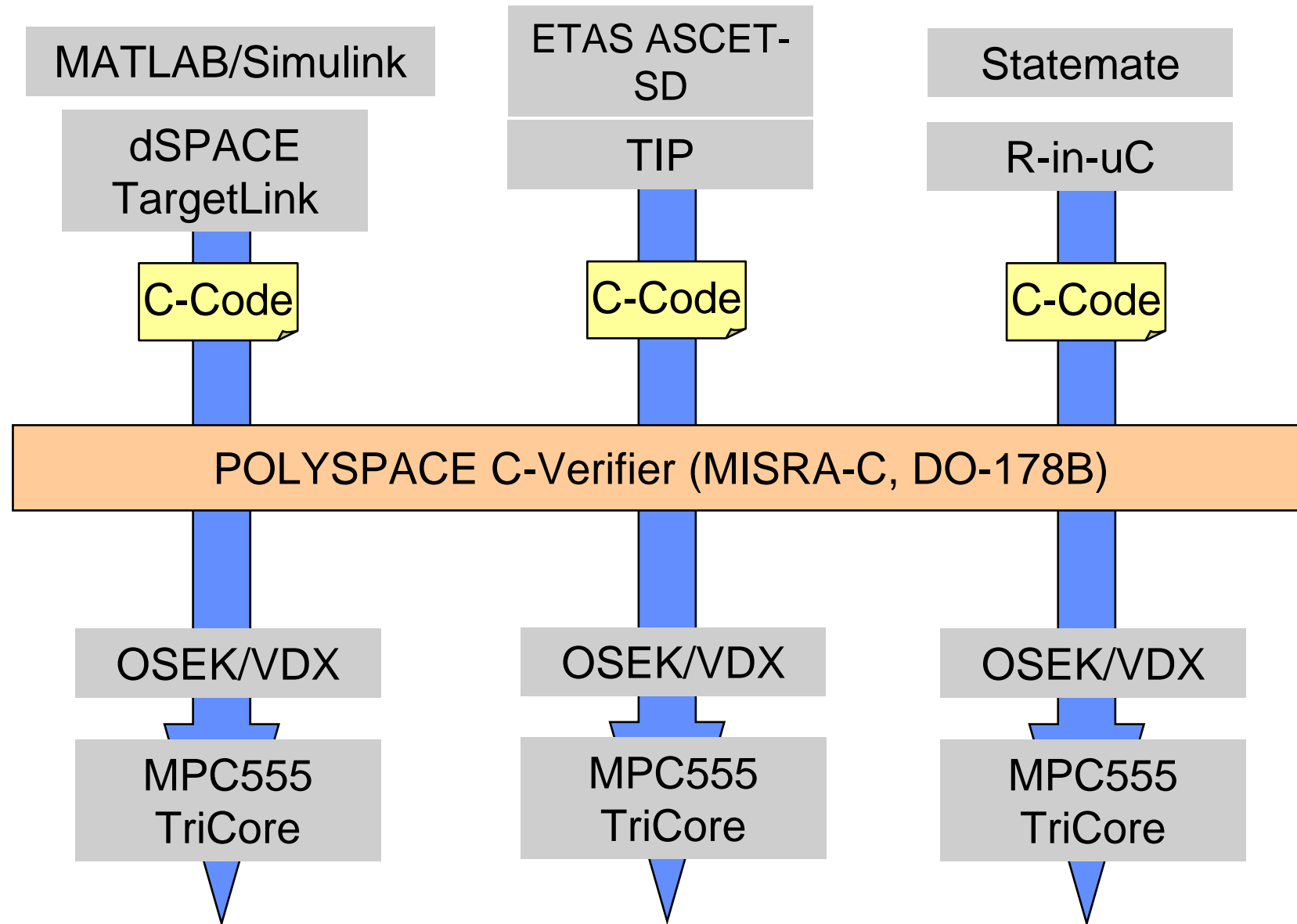
ITIV/FZI Tool integration platform (model transformation)



Tools Chains used at ITIV/FZI



ITIV/FZI Tool Chains (Automotive) Verification Support



Tools used for ECU design



specification support	(Doors, QFD/Capture)
reactive systems	(SDL, Stateflow, Statemate)
closed loop control systems	(ASCET-SD, Matlab/Simulink, MatrixX)
software systems	(Real-time Studio, Rhapsody in C++, Rose, Together, Poseidon, MagicDraw, Ameos TAU2)
performance analysis	(SES/Workbench, Foresight)
tolerance analysis	(Rodon)
rapid prototyping, HiL	(dSPACE, ETAS, IPG, Quickturn)
application, test, diagnosis	(ETAS, Hitex, Vector, RA)
C-Verifier	(PolySpace)
ASIC Design	(Cadence, Mentor, Synopsys)

Typical Design Flow



Idea



System-Analysis

executable Specs

System Design

model based

Customer Requirements

Technical Requirements

Real Time Requirements

System Architecture

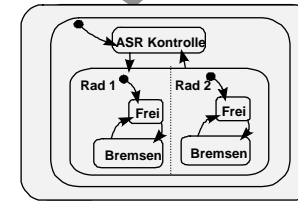
Simulation, Verification

HW/SW-Requirements Analysis

Preliminary HW/SW-Design

HW-Architecture, SW-Architecture

Interface Description



```
PROCESS (schlupf, state)
BEGIN
CASE state IS
WHEN freilauf =>
IF schlupf > 0 THEN
next_state <=
bremsen;
ELSE
```

Rapid Prototyping

Hardware Platform

Code Generation

Real Time Operating System

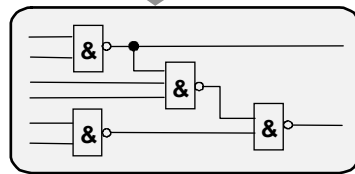
configurable Interfaces

Detailed HW/SW-Design

SW-Design, Data Dictionary

HW-Drawings

HW-Analysis Report



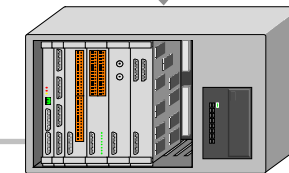
HW/SW-Implementation

Integration

SW-Modules, Data Dictionary, SW-Comp

HW-Component, HW-Module

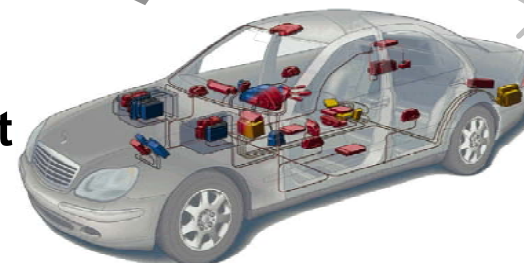
HW-Realization Documents



System Integration, HiL-Test

Calibration, Application

Transition to Utilization



Distributed ECU's in cars - design challenges



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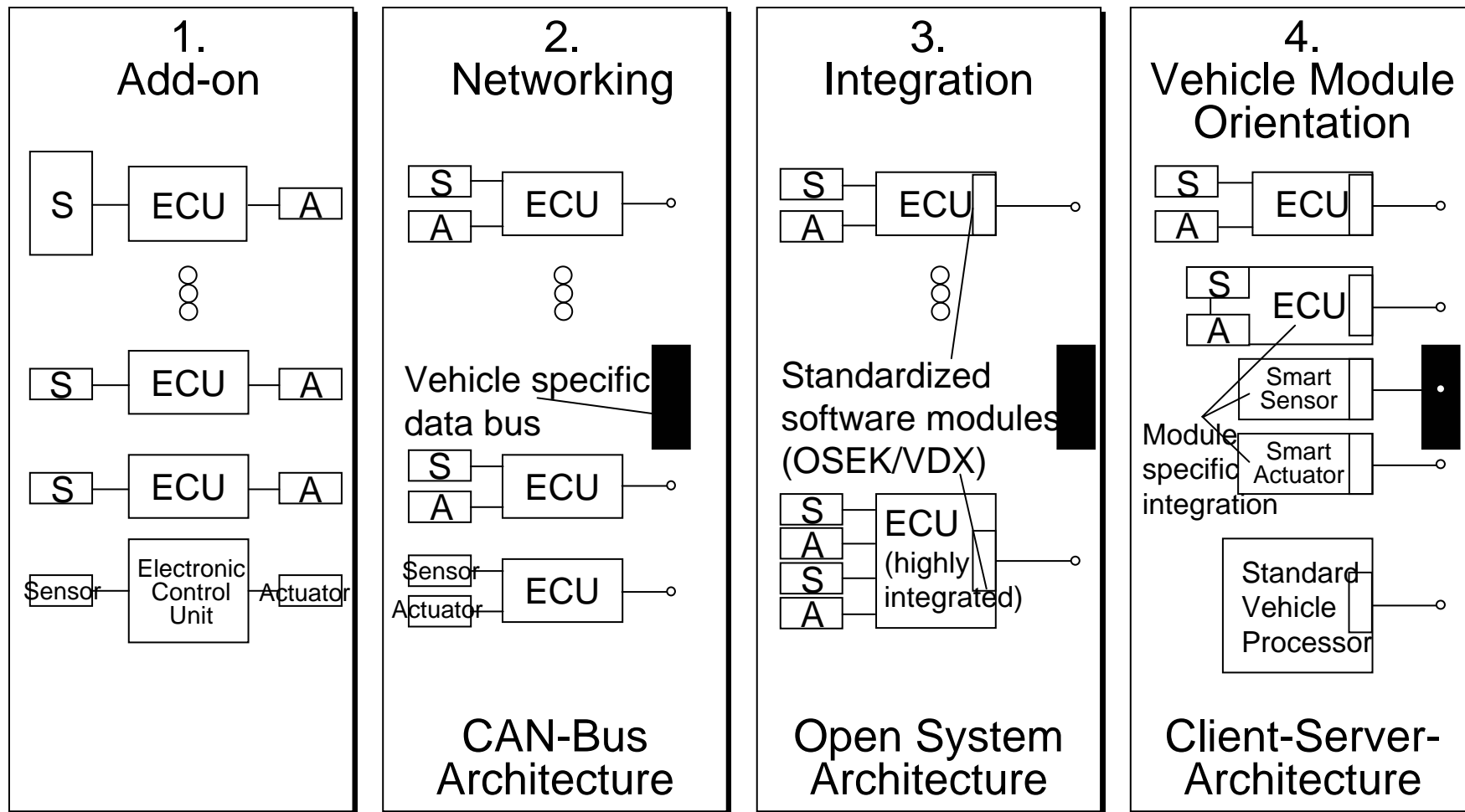
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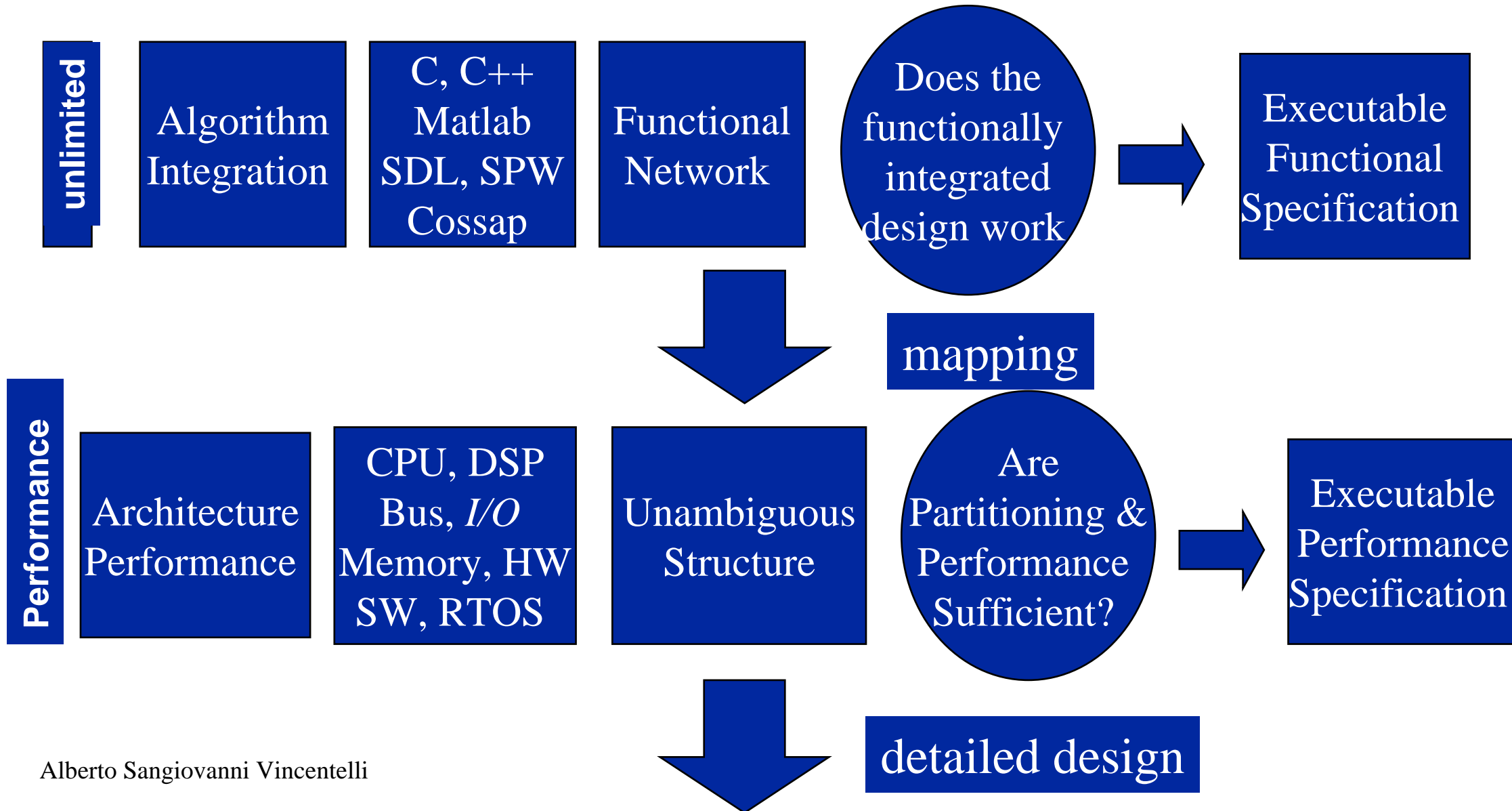
requires redistribution (mapping) of software onto fewer hardware platforms

Evolution of hardware/software architectures in a car



Evolution led to open system architectures with modular software architecture:
Milestones: CAN, OSEK/VDX (AUTOSAR)

Challenge



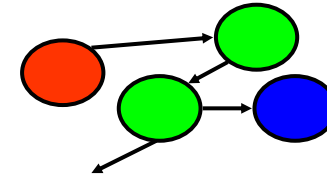
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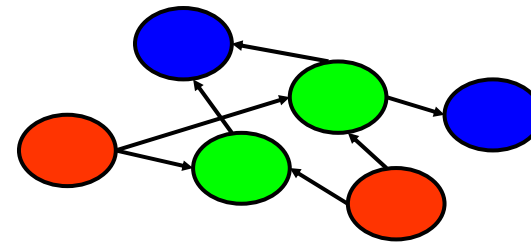
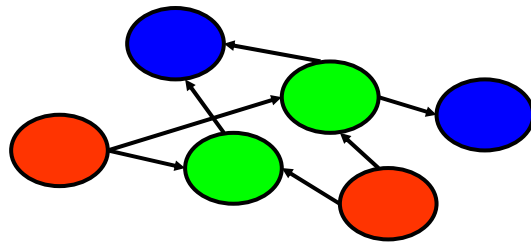
Desired



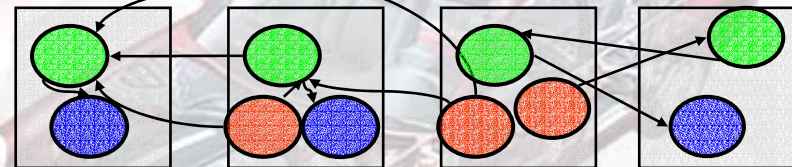
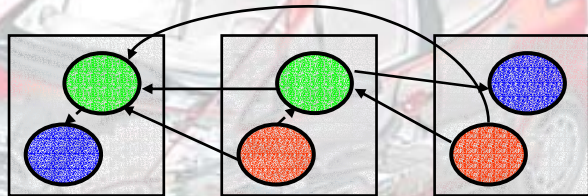
- Reuse of Designs
- Reuse and maximum usage of Hardware
- Reuse of Software
- Reuse of Validation and Verification



Additional Functions

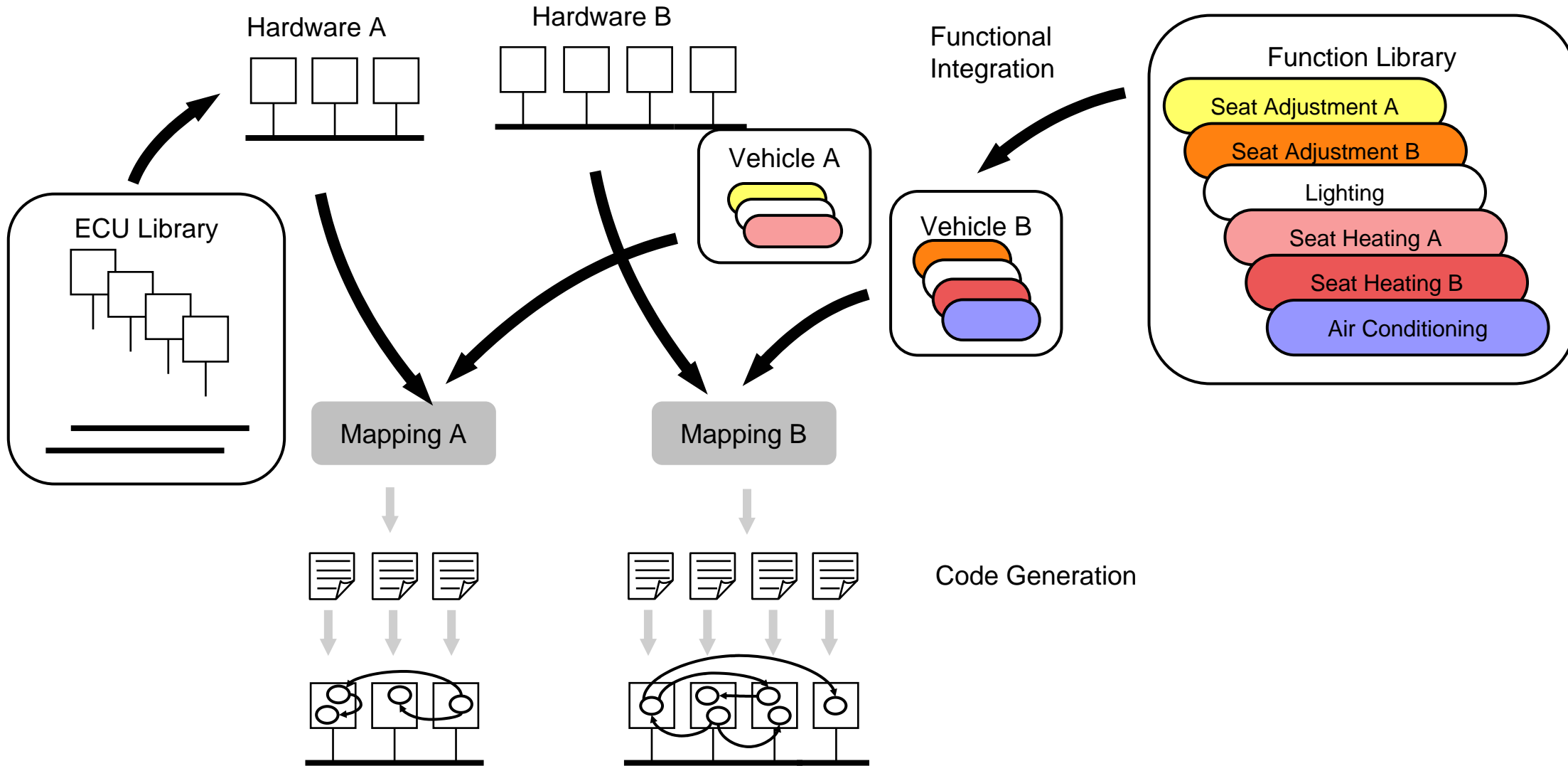


Basic Functions



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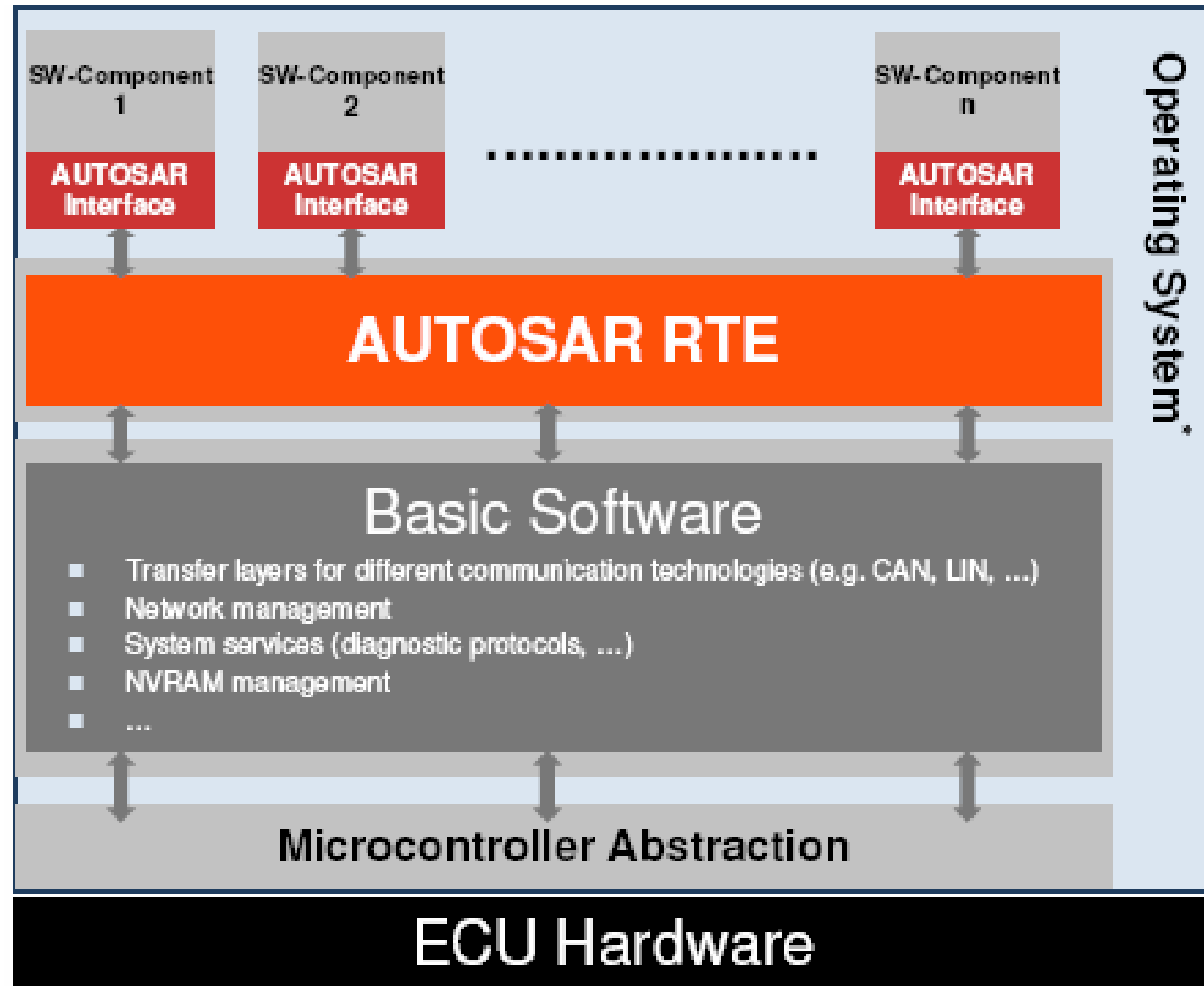
Goal (AUTOSAR)





Automotive Open System Architecture (AUTOSAR):

- standardized and open interfaces
- HW– independent SW-comp.
- enables standard SW-function libraries



AUTOSAR RTE:

Specification of interfaces and communication mechanisms separate application programs from underlying ECU HW and Basic SW

* z. B. : OSEK, QNX, VxWorks, Windows CE, ...

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**Today's E/E architecture in a car is characterized by an assembly of
(too) many locally optimized subsystems**

Only OEM can go for global optimum

new system level design exploration tools are required

Requirements for new system level tools



Model based design as a basis.

Is accepted in research and predevelopment, not yet standard in ECU development

Design space exploration means

distribution of hardware and software under consideration of sensor/actuator locations

computation performance as well as communication performance

Co-design not only for hardware and software but also function, safety, security

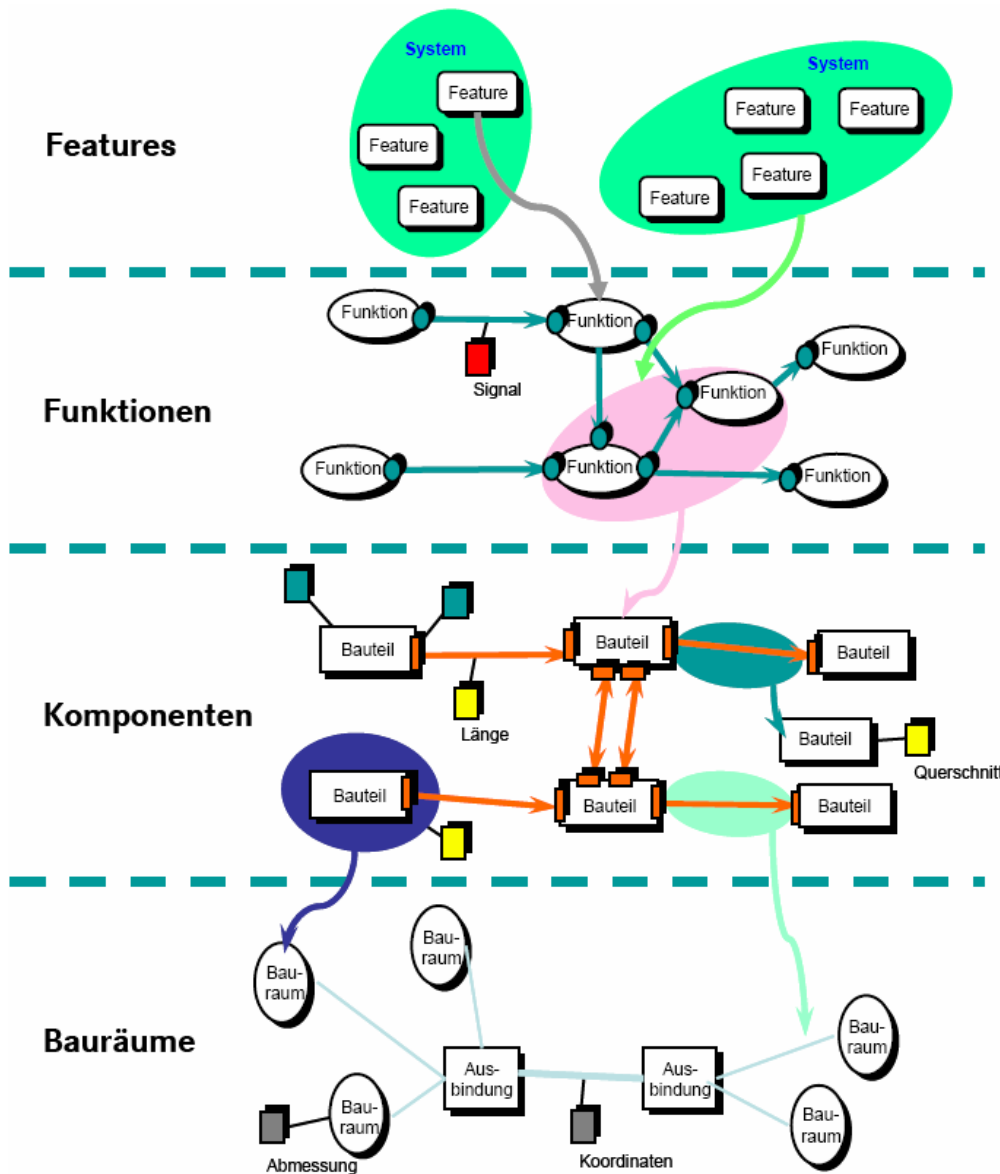
Metrics and parameters used are domain specific

therefore, domain specific system level tools are required

interfacing seamlessly with component specific tools (meet in the middle).

A lot of model transformations are required

Abstraction Layers



Typical domain specific views

Features

Functions

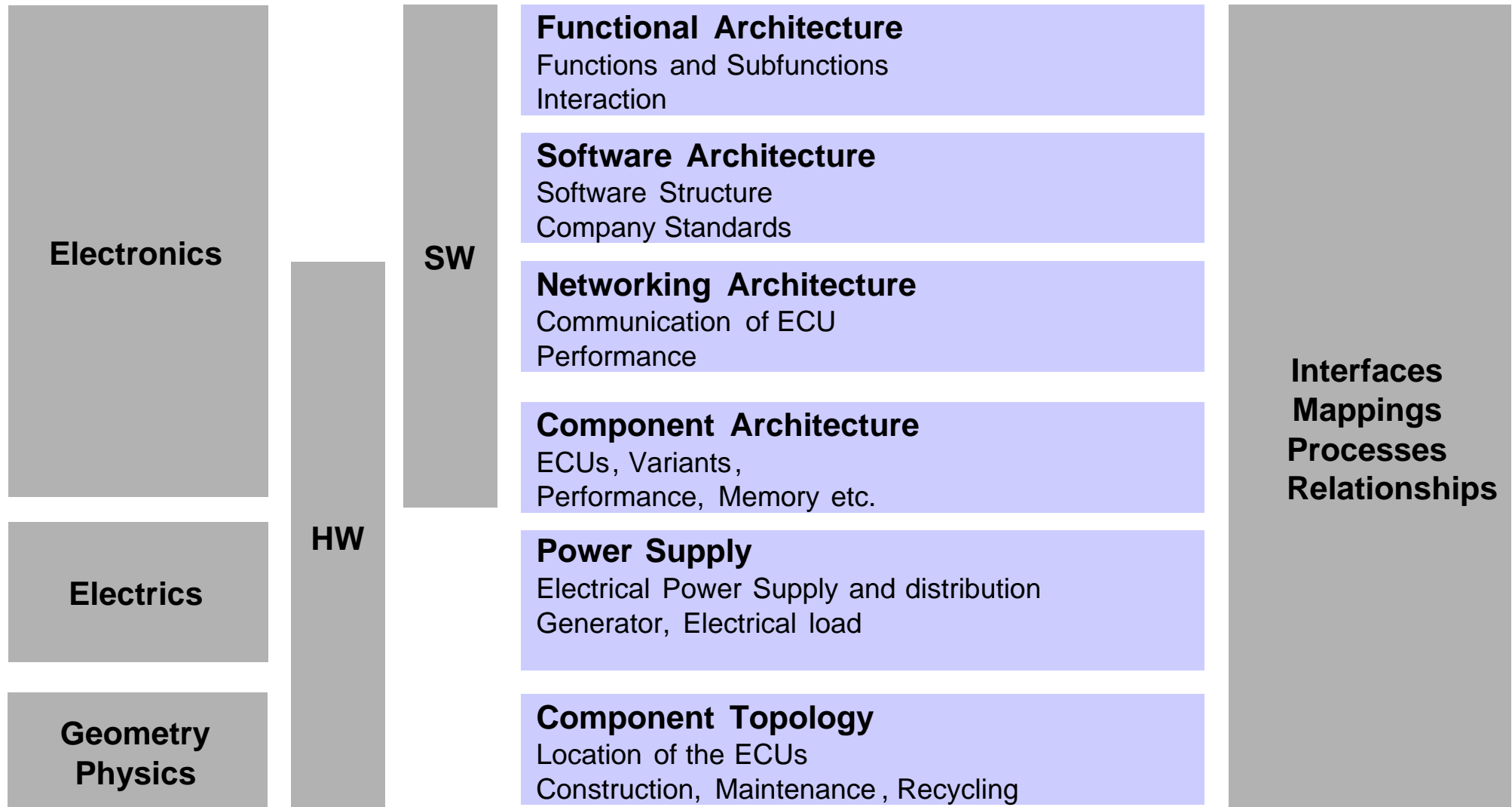
Components

Component locations and wiring

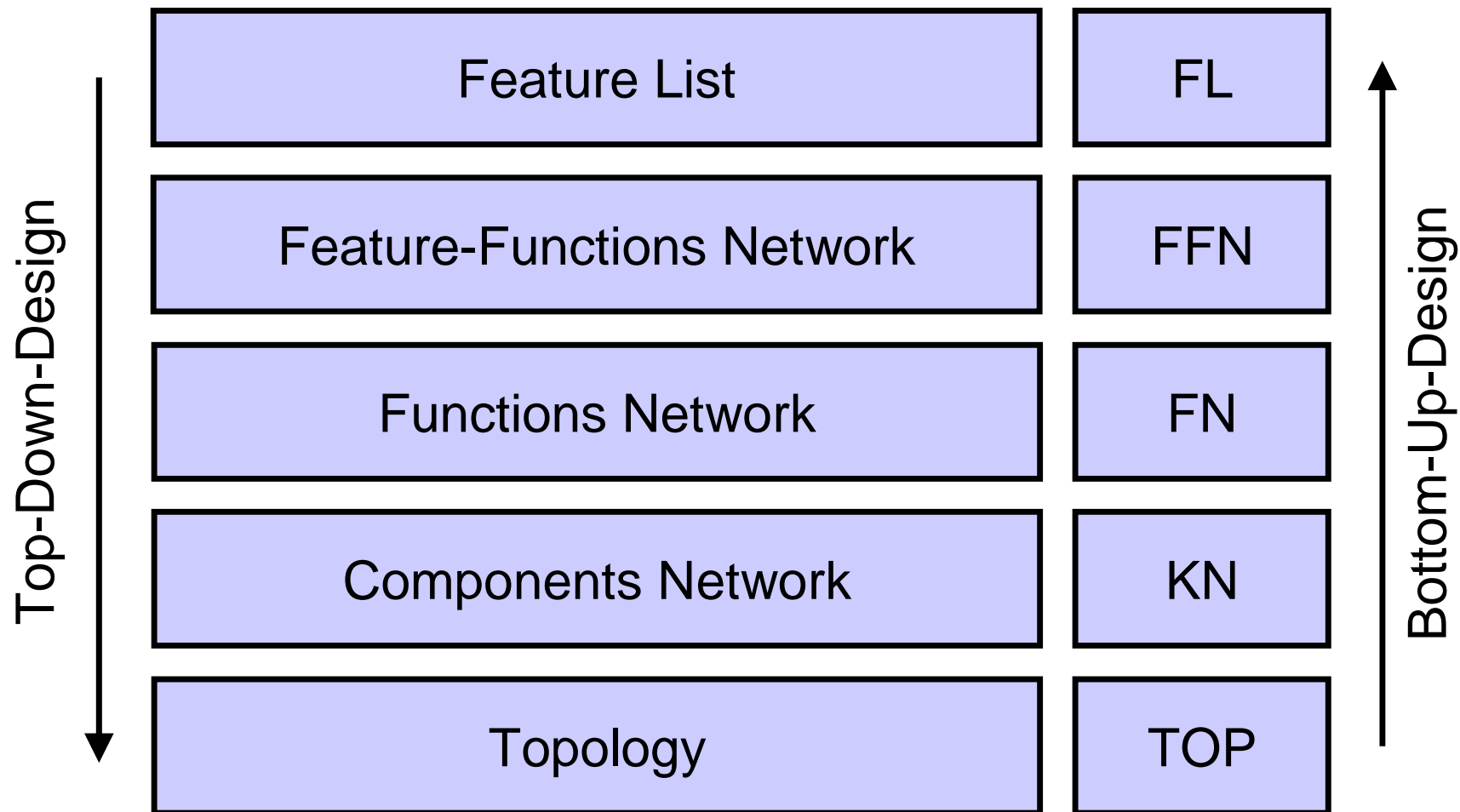
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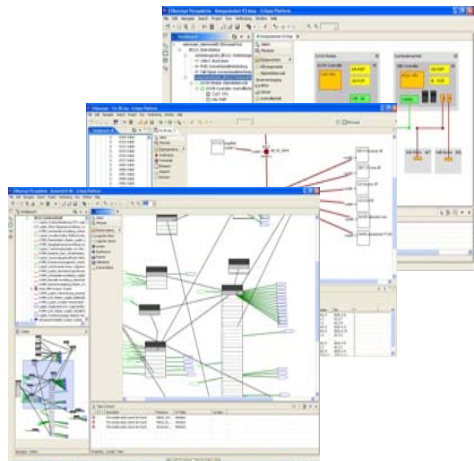
➔ **Electrics/Electronics Concept Tool**

Architectural Layers available within E/E meta model

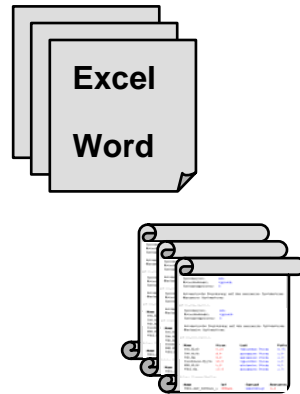


Abstraction Layers of Concept Tool





**Graphical Editors
Variants Management**



**Documentation
Analysis,
Metrics**

E³.cable

Microsoft EXCEL

Telelogic Doors

Simulink u.w.

Open API & M2M

Tool-Framework for Development using Eclipse-Basis

- Extendability
- Open API

Supports Model Exploration

Model Management

- Multi-User (Database)
- Single-User (File-based)

Variant Management

- Kernel based on pure:systems Technology

Export / Import Filters

- DBC
- FIBEX
- KBL
- MATLAB/Simulink
- UML ARTiSAN Studio

Report Generation

- BIRT Technology
- User Configurable Reports

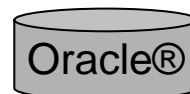
Metric-Interface

- Python, alternative Java API

eclipse
3.0

Model-Data Backbone

→ Mult-User (DBMS) / Single-User (XML-File)





Some general remarks

System Level vs. Component Level

Meet-in-the-Middle Strategy

Model Based Design

Model to Model Transformation

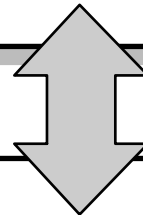
Test

System Design: Meet-in-the-Middle - Strategy



Design-Environment for System Level

- CAE-tools for Systems Engineers
- Evaluate Design Alternatives
- Architectural Synthesis
- High Design Productivity and Efficiency
- Short Development Cycles
- Mostly Manufacturer- and Technology Independent



Design-Environment for System-components

- Closely related to Technology
- Mostly Manufacturer- and Technology Dependent
- CA-Tools dedicated and highly flexible
- For highly qualified Specialists only
- Optimization and Characterization of all Parameters
- Result: quality-assured Library for Variant Design

"Meet-In-The-Middle" - Strategy



System Specification
System Design
System Verification

Requirements Analysis
 Functional/nonfunctional
 Requirements/Constraints
 Design Space Exploration

Requirements Specification
 Formal System Model
 Function/Behavior/Architecture
 Verification und Validation

Project Planning
 Time-/Cost plan
 Personnel and Tools
 Activities and Relations

**Bottom-Up
 Information Base „Capabilities“**
 - Subsystems, Components,
 Variants
 - Rich Component Models
 - Reliability, Safety, Security
 - Technological Alternatives

Data Exchange Formats
 XMI, MOF, STEP ...

**Interdisciplinary
 design environment
 system integration**

**Top-Down
 Information Base „Requirements“**
 - Key Requirements
 - Design Teams
 - Interfaces
 - Reference Models

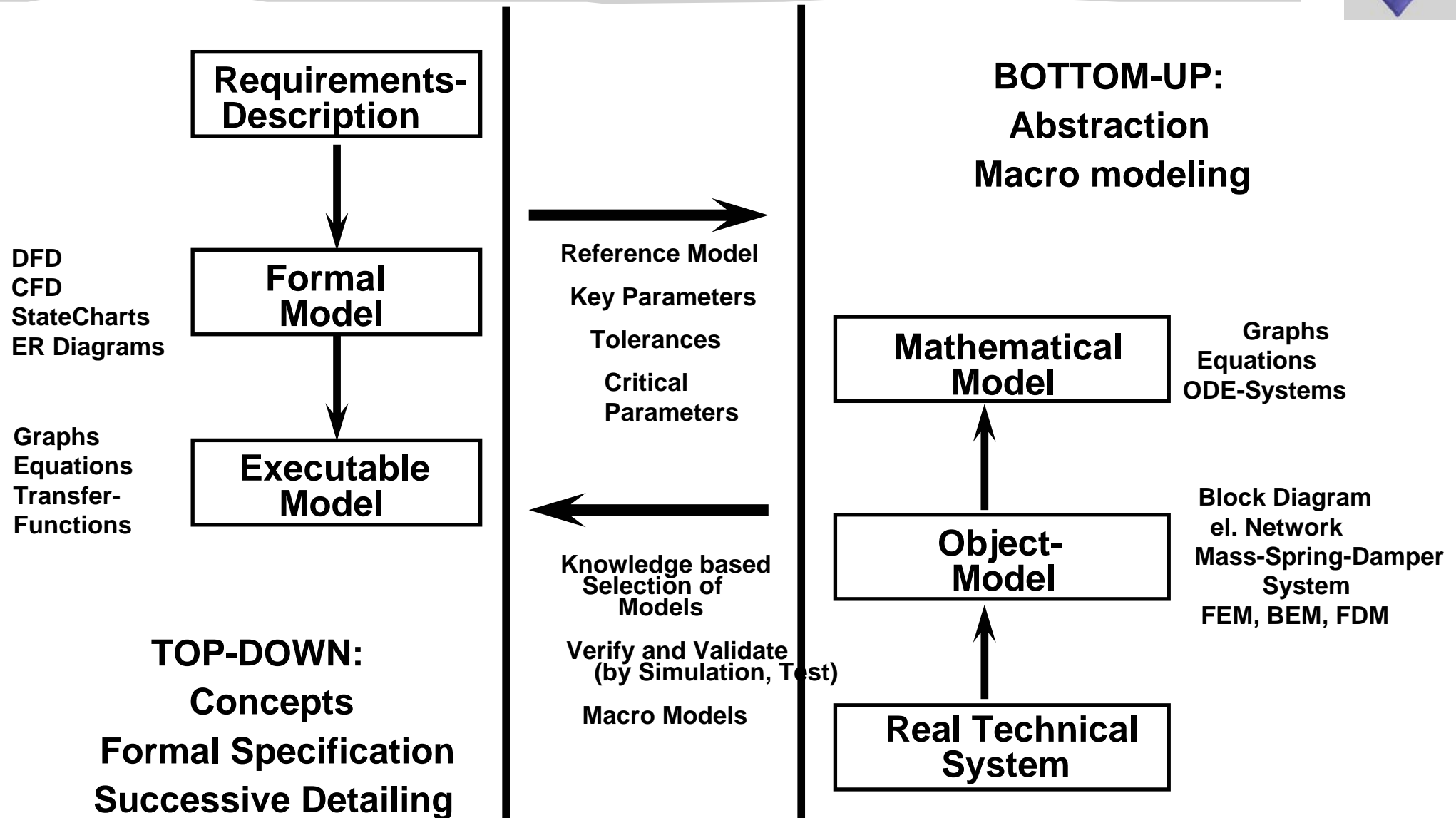
**Component
 Design and
 Characterization**

Software	Digital-Hardware	Analog-Hardware	Micro-mechanics	Micro-optics	other Sensors/Actuators	Wiring Harness
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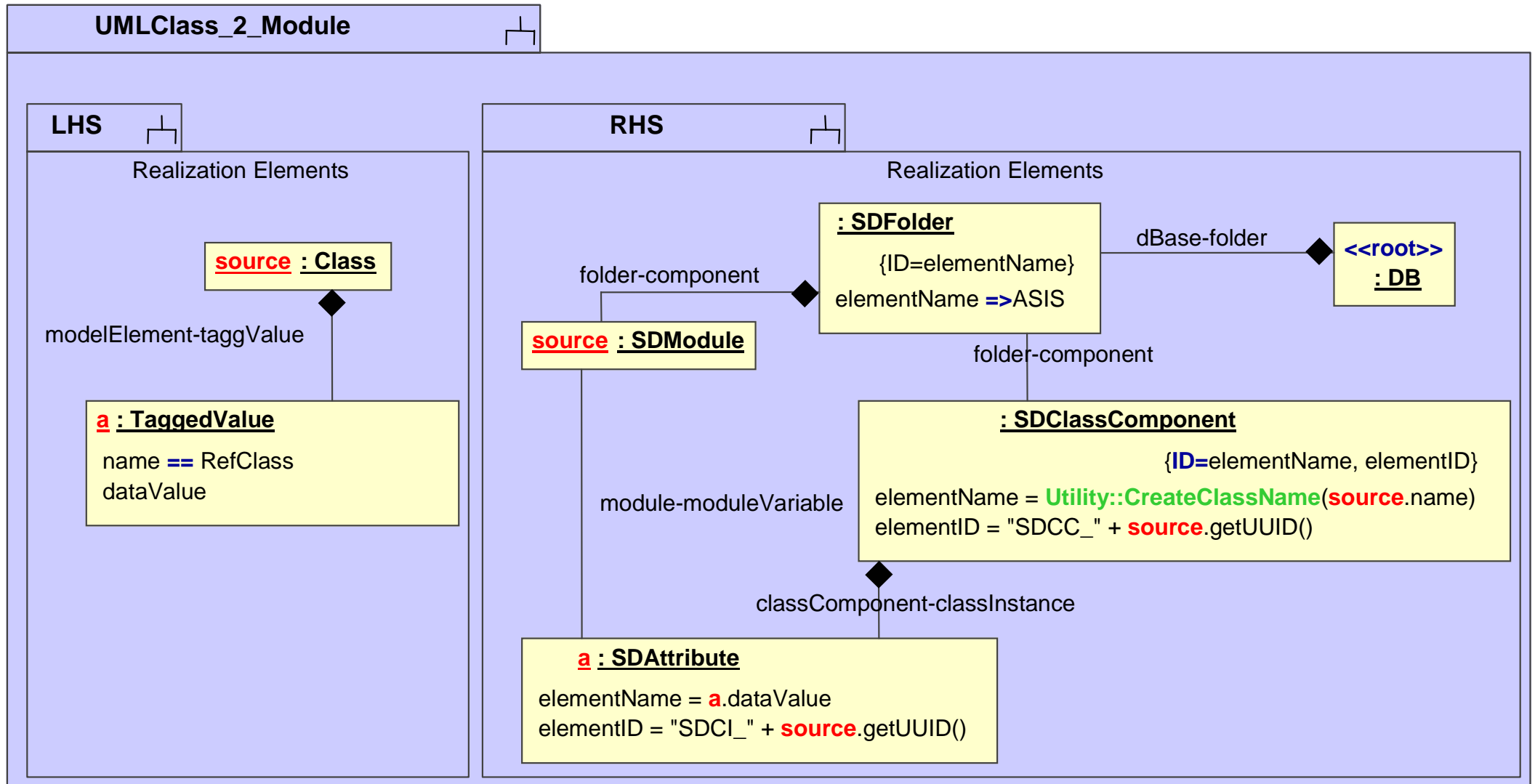
Information Basis Technologies, Materials, Components



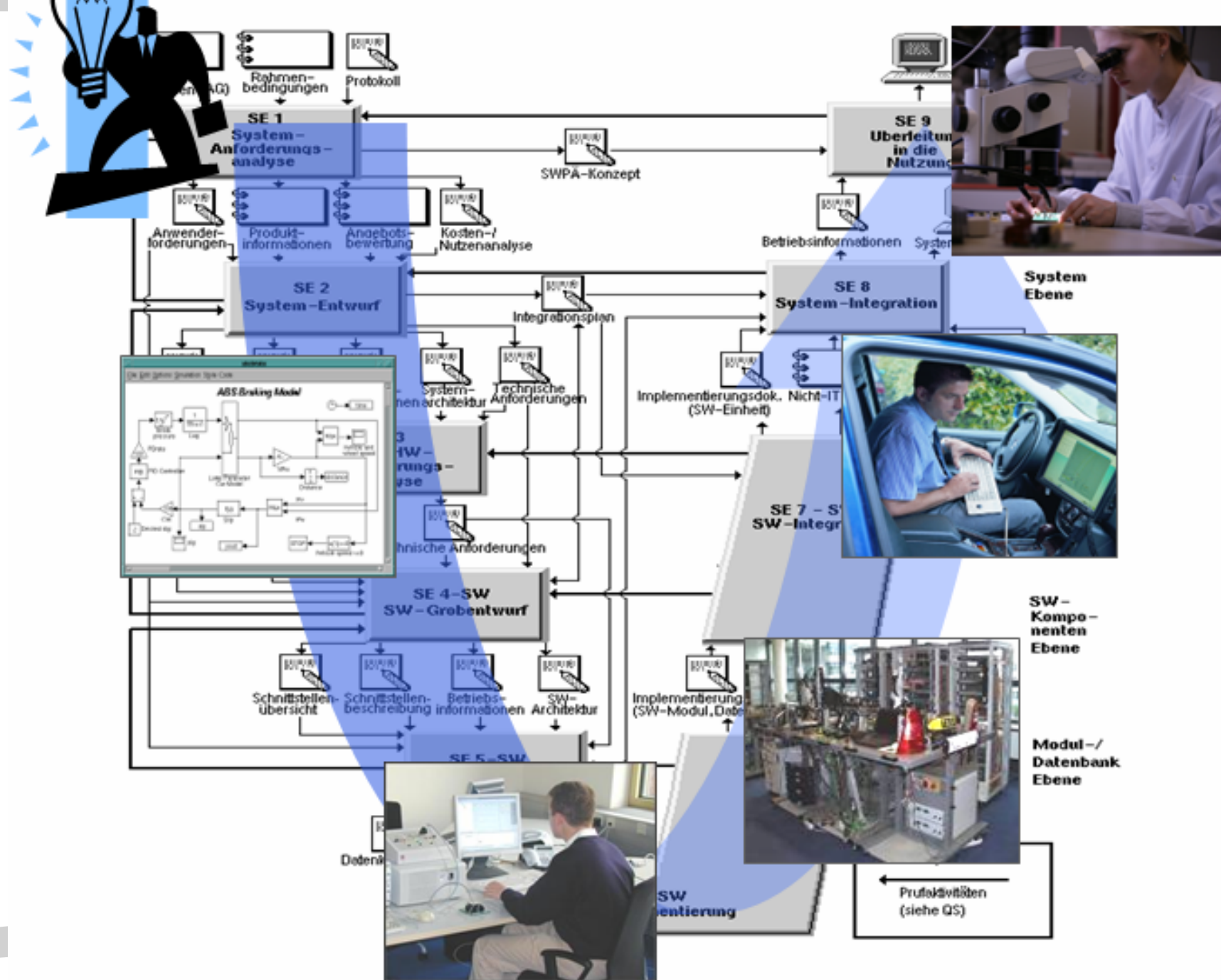
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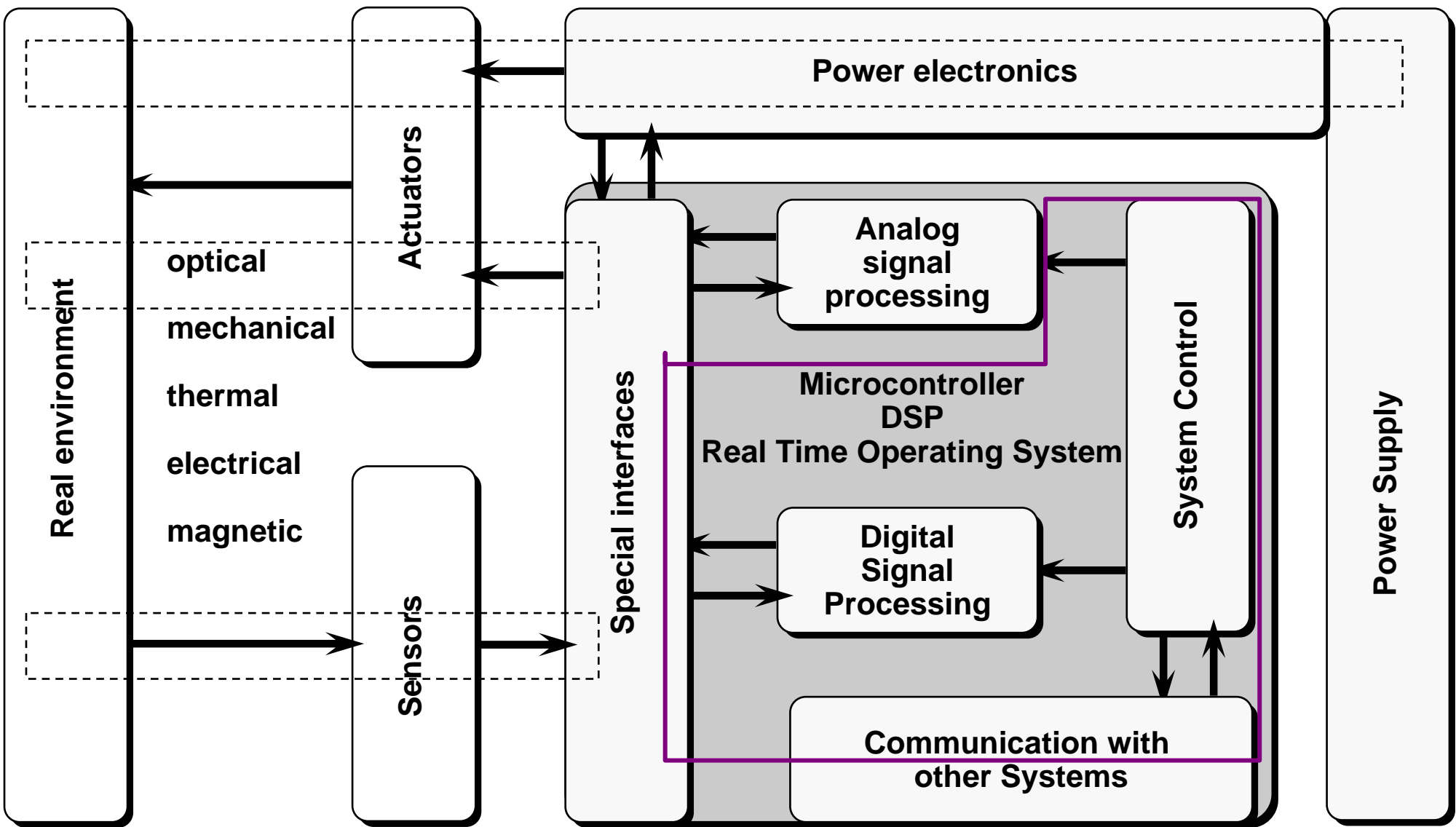
Transformation Rule specified in UML



Supporting test methods and tools



System Level Tool Support



Not seamless

somehow satisfying support: standard hardware platforms, software, RTOS, Sensors und Actuators

Conclusion (1)

- **What system level tools should provide**

- Documentation (readable for men, specific for application domain)
- Data exchange between all designers across company boundaries
- Data exchange between computer aided tools supporting distributed databases
- Intellectual Property, reusable in libraries
- Parameterized for variant design
- Supporting standards and guidelines (e.g. HIS, Autosar)
- Testable (Fault models, automatic Model validation), quality assured (automatic generation of test pattern and test bench) and documented (what is modeled, but also what is not modeled)
- Seamless in design flow (Early Design Space Exploration, Analysis, Design, Verification, Integration, Validation, Test, Calibration, Diagnosis)
- Reviews, Rule Checking, Simulation, Formal Verification, Model Checking, Test
- Synthesis, automatic, interactive optimizing (e.g. RP-Code, Production Code)
- allow access for automatic parameter-extraction

Conclusion (2)



Design studies show:

- **Model based methodologies and tools are performing and promising**
- **Seamless design flow only partially given (e.g. digital hardware, software).**
- **Interfaces for Modeling, Simulation, Characterization mostly manual**
- **hard problem for design of embedded systems**
 - Cross sensitivity of Components (insufficient characterization)
 - Safety, Security, Function-Codesign
 - According modeling is really time and cost consuming
 - Mixed-Mode, Multi-Level-Simulation required
 - Formal Verification und Validation not possible?!
 - Non functional requirements
 - Time-, frequency- und parameter-domain
 - Module / System-Integration und –Test
 - Certification

Model based system design according to „Meet in the Middle – Strategy“ is possible, but there are many design and analysis steps still missing, especially in early design phases.

Conclusion (3)



Industry / Academic Cooperation:

- **Challenges for the design of embedded systems**

- many modeling techniques from computer science not adequate: FSM, Hybrid Automata, LSC, MSC, Petri nets, process algebra, Statecharts, Temporal Logic, Timed Automata, B, Z ...
- Is academic willing to prove their research results for real designs?!
- Seamless flow required with respect to industrial life cycle processes, therefore support of standard interfaces must be done also by academics
- There exist large libraries in different description methodologies that can't be neglected
- There exist standard RTOS (OSEK/VDX) and bus systems
- There exist tight cost boundaries
- New algorithms and tools must be made commercially available
- Engineering constraints, adequate description methods according to De-Facto-Standards (tools) must be obeyed: Matlab, ASCET, Statemate, Doors, Saber, VHDL, C, Assembler
- Formal methods are not yet scaling for many real industrial problems
- Required from industry: availability of real requirements, constraints, cost numbers etc. for research

- **Required: cooperation between system manufacturer, (tier 1) suppliers, EDA companies and academics**

Questions



**Thank you very much
for your attention**

