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Holistic model-based approach for test generation from safety models

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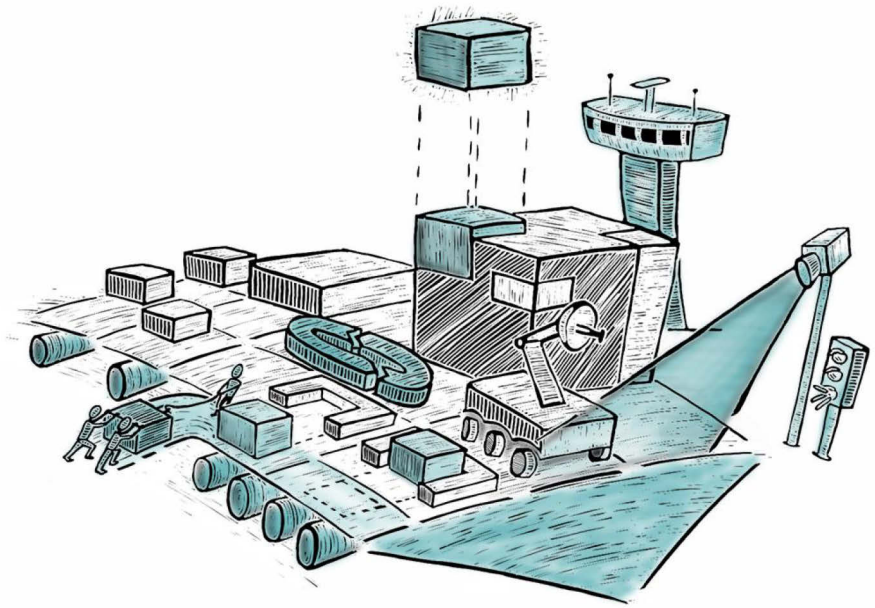
Siemens Technology has a strong focus on model-based approaches to master the digital transformation at scale

Within Siemens T SSP (Software Systems and Processes) model-based approaches have been developed e.g., in the areas of:

- SW/System Architecture: DSL based approaches based on CoreDSL
- Safety: Model-based Reliability and Safety Engineering with mbrse
- Testing: Model-based Testing with tedeso

Siemens Technology SSP applies research results in the Siemens Businesses to help them master the challenges of digitalization in particular for highly critical and/or safety-relevant systems



mbrse

CoreDSL
Efficient Creation of Domain Specific Languages

Problem Statement

Trends in Engineering

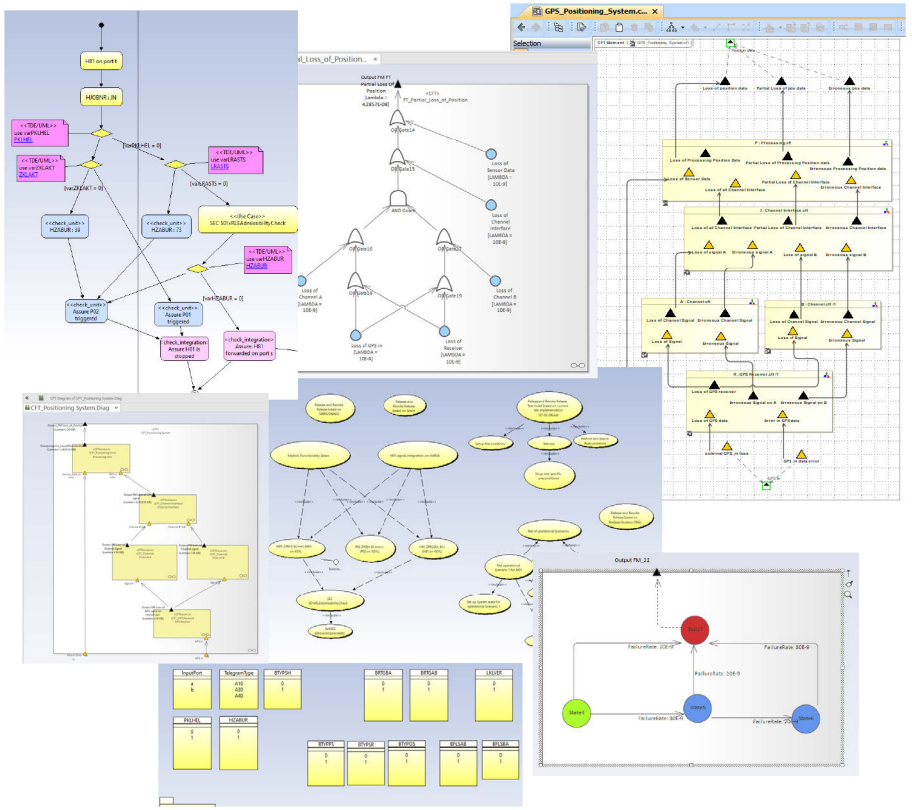
- Complexity of systems increases need for model-based engineering
- Model-based engineering methods support all engineering activities

State of practice

- Usually one model for each aspect under consideration
- Heterogenous, independent models coexisting with manual analyses
- No formal links to enable integration of models

Goal

- Integrate models for consistency and efficiency in development
- Seamless integration of models for different aspects,
  e. g. system architecture, test, safety, qualities, …
- Leverage the power of automated analyses and information
  transfer across models



Solution Approach
Safety, architecture and test models

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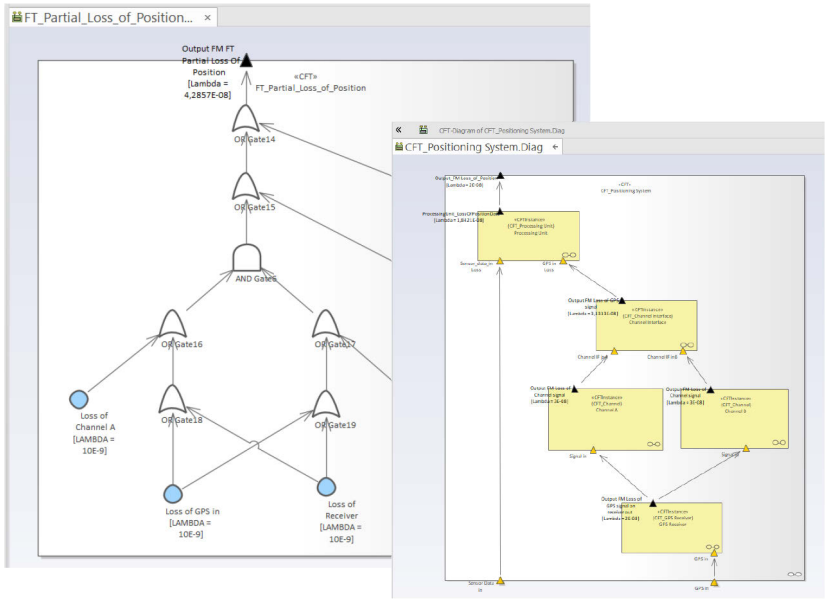
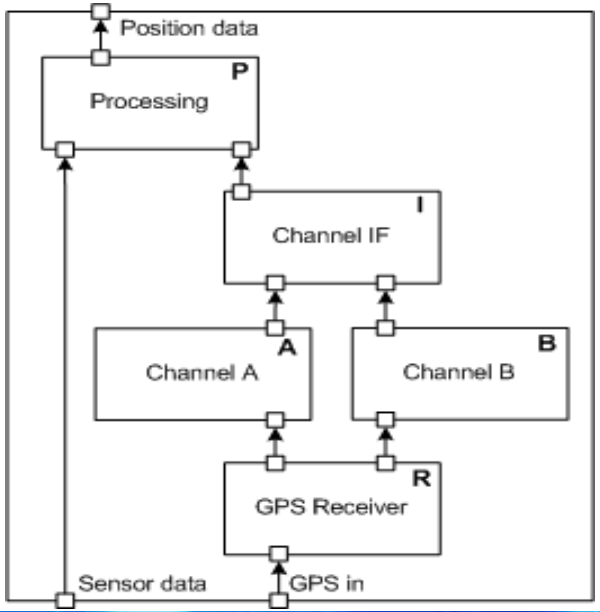
Safety Model

- focus on failure behavior in potentially critical (edge) cases
- cause-effect-relationships
- qualitative and quantitative evaluation for safety cases



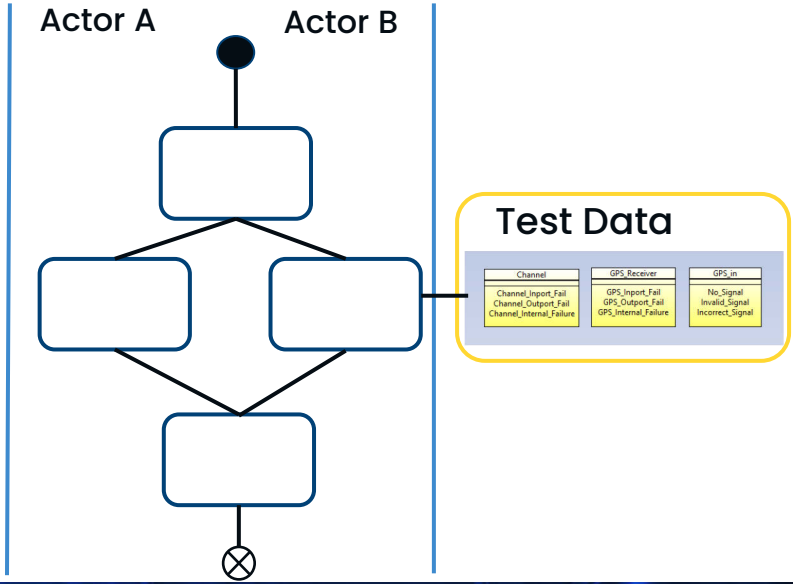
System Architecture Model

- focus on system structure and behavior
- hierarchically structured
- permits various views according to analysis goals



Test Model (tedeso)

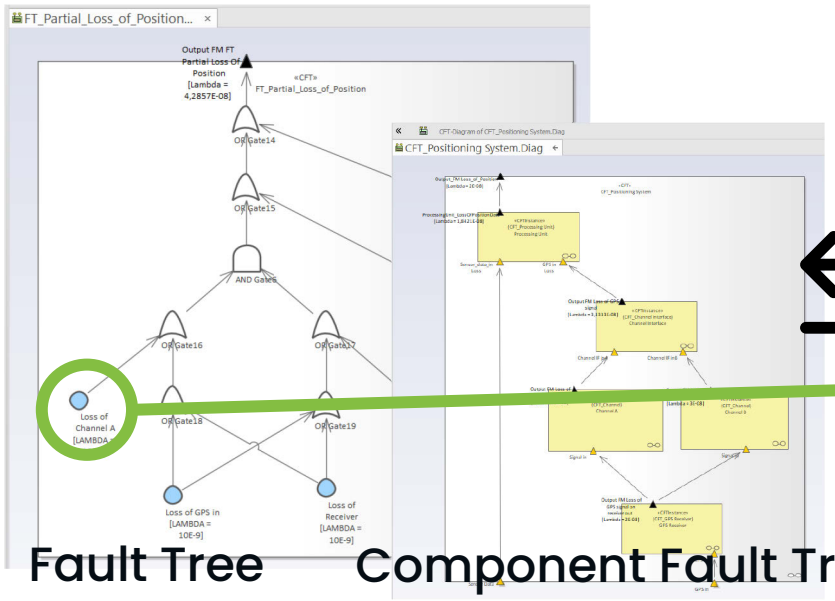
- focus on test flow & data (stimuli and system responses)
- basis for test generation and test automation
- Allows to optimize test coverage and high efficiency



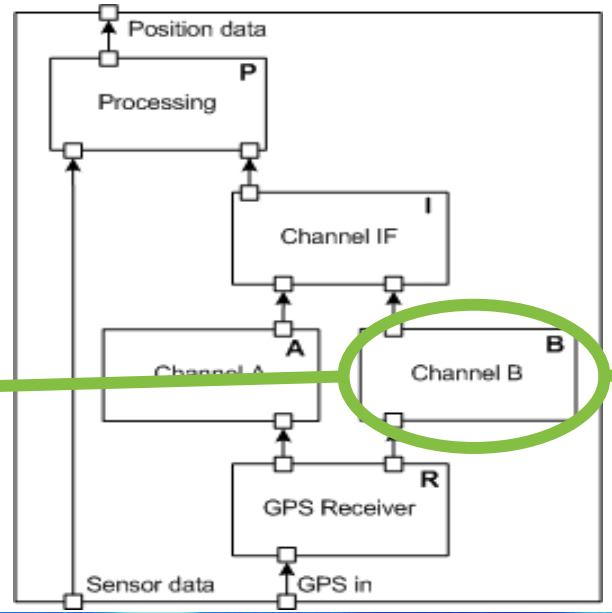
Solution Approach
Transfer of information between models

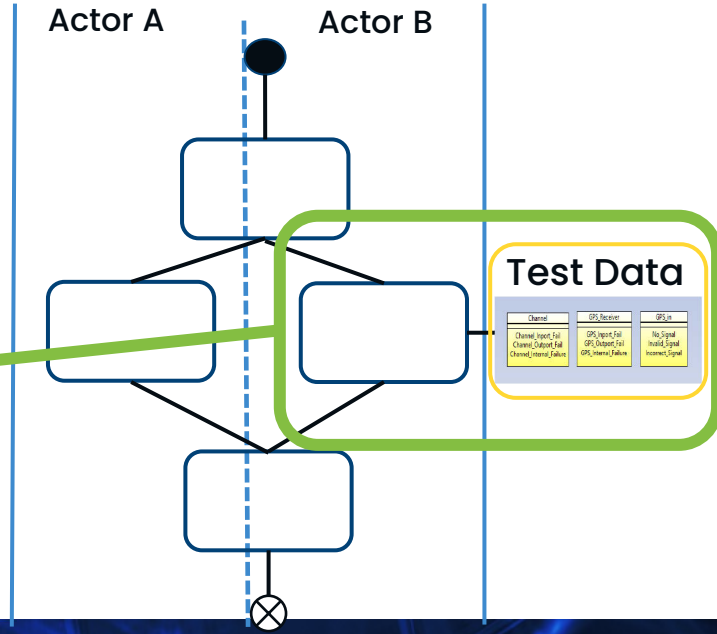
Safety Model(s) | System Architecture Model | Test Model (tedeso)

- Common data exchange format enables more robust and partly automated reasoning among the models
- Large number of artifacts!
  - Increases with links!



Fault Tree Component Fault Tree

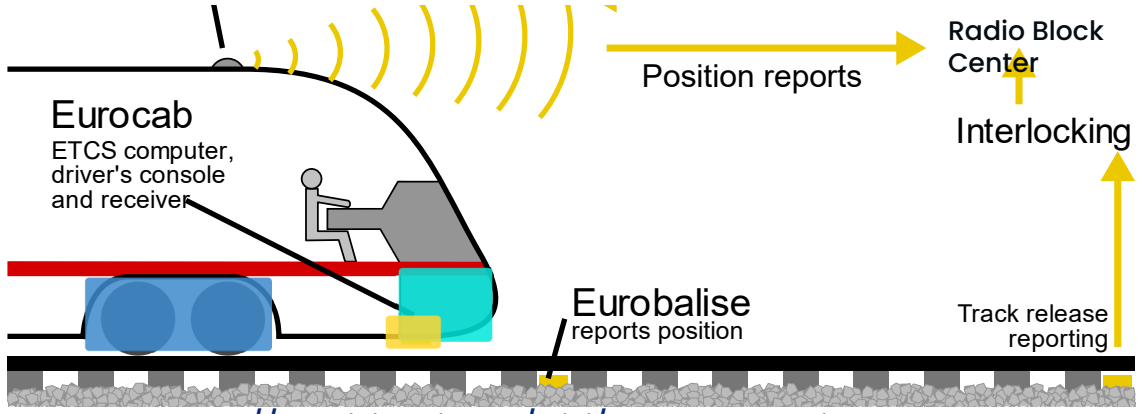




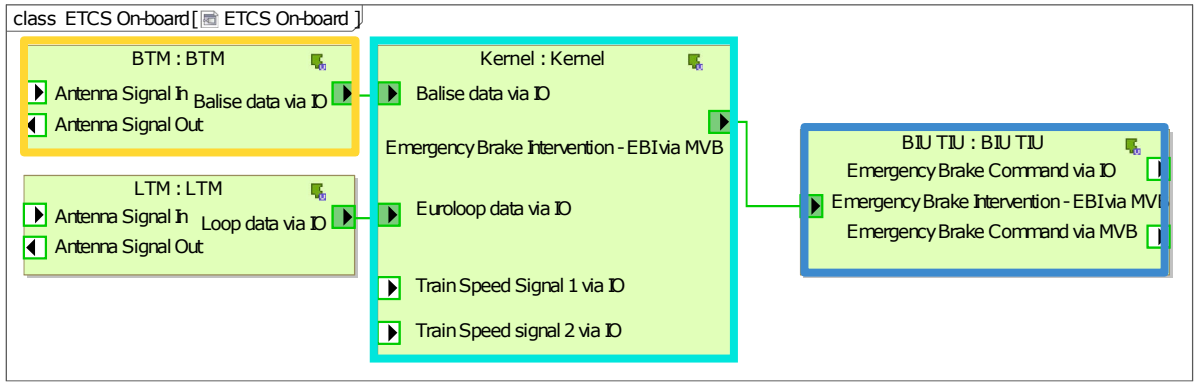
European Train Control System (ETCS)
The problem domain and example project

European Train Control System

- Unified train protection system
- Replace national, partly incompatible train protection systems
- Defines trackside equipment and OnBoard systems
- Specified in *Subsets* of which one was chosen and adopted into an example project
  - ERTMS/ETCS Subset UNISIG-091 "Safety Requirements for the Technical Interoperability of ETCS in Levels 1 & 2"

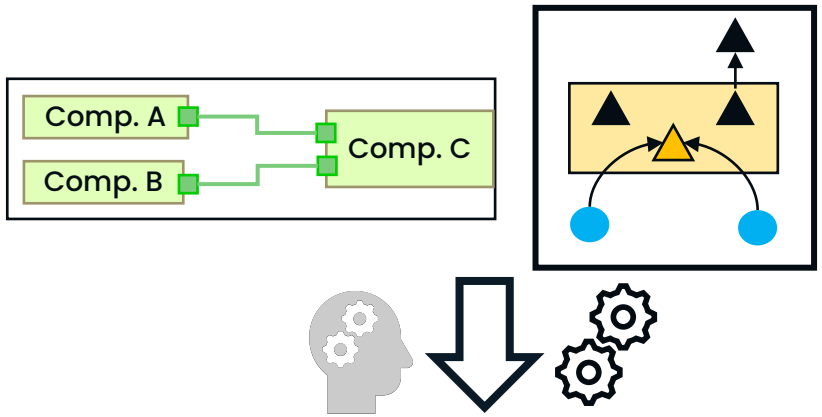


Source: https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/European_Train_Control_System



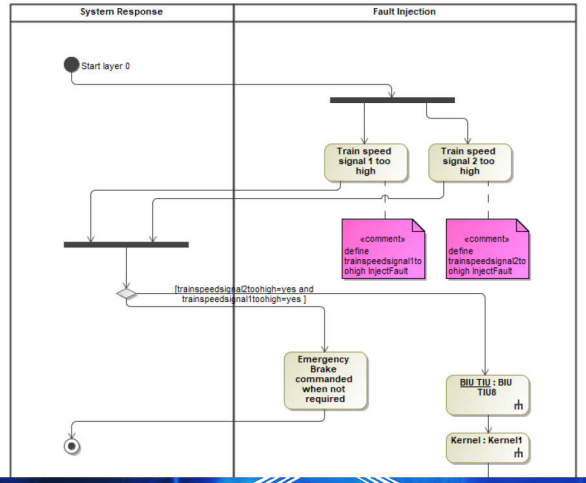
ETCS – Models, information transfer, generated parts...

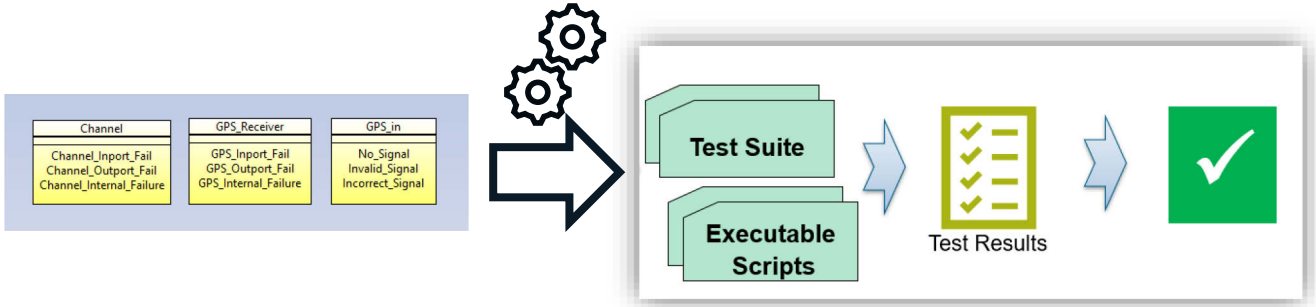
- *Example*: Service brake / emergency brake (EB) not commanded when required



„Comp. B has no test cases associated with it for safety requirement X“

- Automated and well-defined information exchange via generated test models
  - System Response (“expected”)
  - Fault Injection
- Introduction of traceability approach

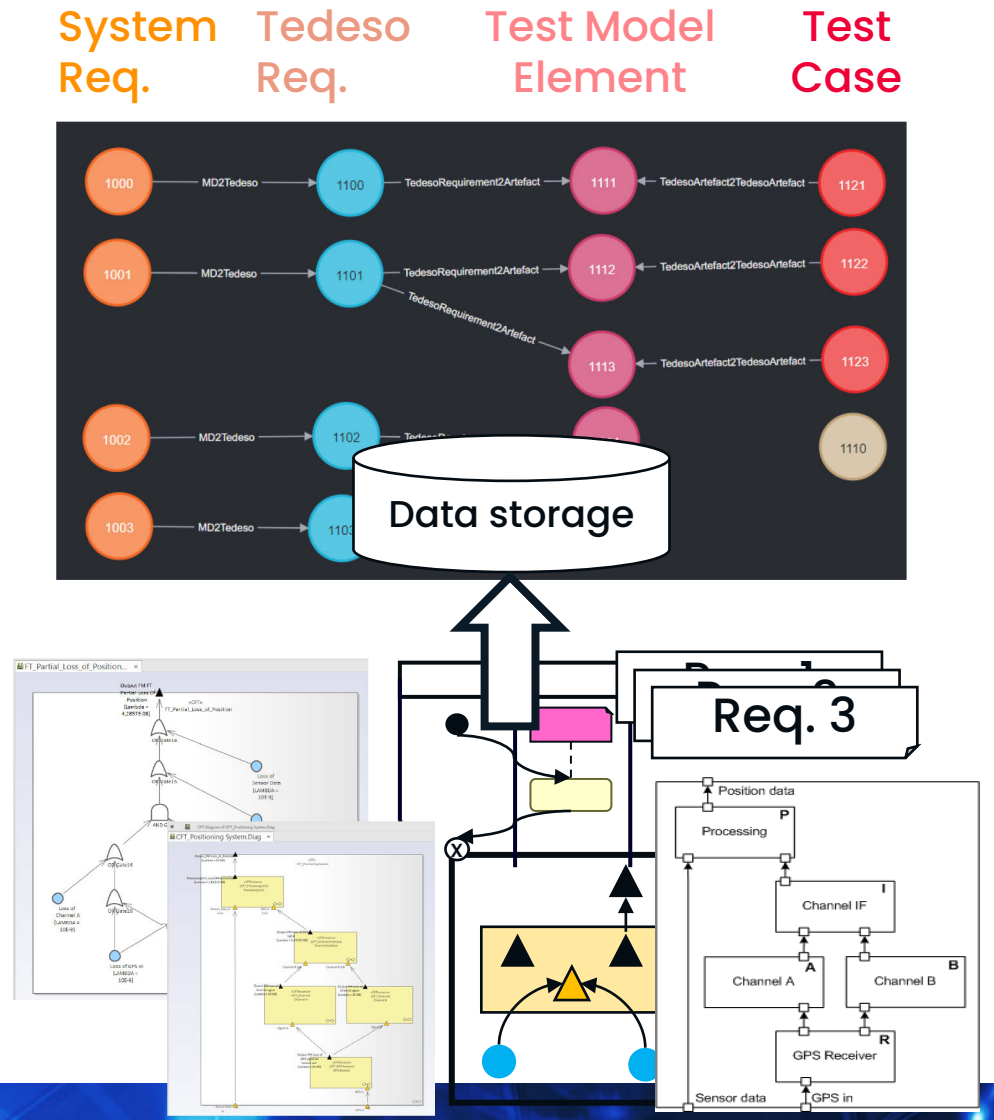




Example ETCS ...lead to

- Synchronized and consistent system models and artefacts regarding requirements, architecture, safety and test
- Bidirectional traceability of all artefacts involved
- Optimized test suites e. g. to support safety case
- Ability to collect, evaluate & interpret relevant metrics
- Highly automated

	EBCmdNotReq	EBNotOrTooLate		
	I - VIII	I-VI	VII	VIII
Komp. 1	67	33	x	67
Komp. 2	50	0	x	0
Komp. 3	0	100	x	100
Komp. 4	100	100	x	100
Komp. 5	100	100	x	100
Komp. 6	0	50	x	100
Komp. 7	0	50	x	100



Benefits of holistic model-based approach integrating system, safety and test models

Consistent models

- Integration and synchronization of models and artefacts from various engineering perspectives
- Maintainable with less effort

Reduction of effort: more effective and efficient testing

- Generation of test models ensures consistency and bidirectional traceability between models for system architecture, safety, requirements and test
- Generation of executable test cases and test automation extends traceability to test results

Deeper level of insight

- Tracing information model enables optimizing test suites
  - E. g. regarding system or safety goals
  - Using domain and use case dependent specific coverage metrics
  - Extensible and inter-tool information flow can be used to adapt development and test

Summary, outlook and future work

Current status

- Implemented prototypical implementation of tooling to support methodology and approach integrating system, safety and test models for end-to-end tracing
- Shown feasibility and potential benefits on a realistic, but small scale, partly simplified example

Next steps

- Apply approach to an example from industrial practice to
  - proof scalability to larger and more complex projects
  - improve usability of tooling for domain experts
- Extend approach to further domains
  - investigate potentially needed adaptations
  - integration of different types of models

Any further questions?

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