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Rationale, recent projects and future options for Model based Developments

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Agenda

- Why (not) Model based Engineering/Development
- Application of Model Based Approaches Recent Projects
- Studies and Long–Term Options





What we need here is:

An efficient objective alignment in the various steps of the life-cycle to support communication.



What is Model based Engineering

- This objective language is modelling
 (→ Model centric engineering)
 - Ensure a common/understanding
 - A model is a virtual representation of something
 - Interdisciplinary
 - Usually sufficiently complex
 - Contains interdependent parts
 - Example (entry) languages to : UML, SysML ...
 - Different views on the same model supported
 - A view has a limited scope and purpose
 - Allows different specialists to work in their domain
 - Gather information to ease analyses and documentation



What is Model based Engineering

Model

A **conceptual model** is a representation of a system, made of the composition of concepts which are used to help people know, understand, or simulate a subject the model represents. [Wikipedia]

• Different views of the same model







[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Multiview_orthographic_projection]

So ... it's more than just drawing UML figures



Benefits of Model based Engineering

- The model is objective and has well-defined semantics
 - The model is machine-readable
 - Benefits:

 \rightarrow Consistent representation of the (desired) system

 \rightarrow (Parts of) the implementation can be generated

 \rightarrow Checks and Analyses can be carried out on the model

 $\rightarrow \dots$

- Document based Engineering \rightarrow Model based Engineering
- Diagram-centric → Model-centric "thinking"







... Where is, will and might it be useful ...

- Mechanical, Thermal, Structure (MTS) Design
 - CAD tools \rightarrow fully applied, virtually self-evident
 - Analyses \rightarrow corrective actions \rightarrow model validation
- AOCS (Algorithms are exercised on a modeled environment)
- Word Processor (Office suites ...)
- ...
- System Engineering (SysML ...)
- Requirements Engineering
- Software
- FDIR
- Operational and Test Procedures
- Different versions for analysis/evaluation or product line variability

• ...







Motivations to apply model based approaches





Application of Model Based Approaches

- AOCS Algorithms and Environmental Models
- Mechanical, Thermal, Structure, Harness ...
- Concurrent Engineering Facility

Avionics:

- Model Based Software Development using IBM Rhapsody in C
- Electronic Datasheets (EDS) as part of the Satellite Reference Database (SRDB)
- Valispace (Collaborative System Engineering Tool)
- Hardware/Software Codesign
- Schedulability Analysis of Flight Software

Observation:

Mainly the supporters and motivators are with software background.





IBM Rhapsody in C

• Small GEO, Galileo, MTG

(Approach for a common future Platform Software)

- Structural code is generated from component diagrams, state charts, sequence diagrams ...
- Linking with natural language requirements in DOORS









From practical experience

- model based software development

- Entry Language UML / SysML
 - ... is too limited
 - Need for additional domain specific elements
 - (Attributes accessible (r/w) by ground, PUS compliant interface ...)
 - ... is too generic
 - An enforced restriction to established design pattern would mitigate impl. errors
 - \rightarrow Need to raise the abstraction level within the (space-)domain
- The "scope" of such tools is too limited to model the entire thing
 - Usually the C-level implementation is in-lined into the model
 → Functional implementation is not part of the model
 - The Exterior is not covered (avionics hardware)
 - Entire System and the deployment of the software within
 - Device Interfaces \rightarrow EDS
 - ...



EDS – Electronic Datasheets

- Proprietary Approaches:
 - Based on Excel sheets
 - Based on XML
 - ... reuse by different projects (to some extend)
- The issues are:
 - No Standard established
 - Supplier usually do not (correctly) provide data in the required format, resulting in additional work for the implementers
 - No elaborated model based tooling
 - Limited set of checks
 - \rightarrow even though it is a model we can't all the potential benefit from it





Model based Systems Engineering

- Browser based, collaborative COTS Tool for Phases A-E
- Maintains Engineering Data and Budgets
- Reports history, trends, requirement compliance
- Integrates with Word/Excel/Matlab/etc. via REST





Valispace

Applied in Pre-development Study – planned for C/D



Hardware/Software Codesign

• Problem:

- Iterative Design Process between HW and SW \rightarrow late design decisions
- Precise Interface Definition needs to be communicated



Full utilization in software and hardware development process.



Schedulability Analysis of Flight Software

Computational Model of the Software

- a specific (mathematical) view of the model for timing analysis





Ongoing Studies and Long-Term Options

- Capella in e.deorbit study (Systems-Engineering)
 - Functional Breakdown of the Mission
 - Model of Ground Segment
- Autonomous FDIR
- Model based Autonomy
- Extend the model to cover the C language





Capella used in e.deorbit study – Functional Breakdown of the Mission

• Capella implements the ARCADIA method: "Architecture Analysis and Design"



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Capella used in e.deorbit study – Model of Ground Segment

Capella implements the Arcadia Method for model based architectural design

Successive engineering phases by model transformations



 \rightarrow Main Issues: Technical realization of tool

- Entering a model is time-consuming (proper arrangement of boxes and lines)
- Diagrams become convoluted rather quickly (when details are added)
- Modelling rules need to be obeyed (limited automatic guidance)



Autonomous FDIR

- (Extended) Time Failure Propagation Graph proposed as methodology for FDIR modeling
 - Model the dynamic behavior of a system when a failure has taken place
 - Formal mathematical model
 - Labeled directed graph
 - Nodes: failure modes (fault causes) and discrepancies (anomalous conditions)
 - Edges: model propagation of failures, annotated with condition and timing
- Extensions
 - Recovery actions
 - Sustainability time limit
 - Observability
- Applications
 - Documentation and Analysis
 - Assist Development
 - Support Operations





Model based Autonomy – Study

- Spacecraft autonomy: migration of functionality from the ground segment to the flight segment
- Different levels of spacecraft autonomy (ECSS-E-ST-70-11C Space Segment Operability) based on factors such as mission types, mission objectives, operational concepts

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- Level E1: Flight Control Procedure (ground based)
- Level E2: Mission Timeline
- Level E3: OBCP
- Level E4: Execution of goal oriented mission operations onboard

- Reconfiguration (decisional level) modelled via a Markov Decision Process (MDP) framework (→ mathematical model)
- MDP based approach for spacecraft autonomy at operational level





Extend the model to cover the C language

- From Lessons Learned in model based flight software development:
 - The C-level implementation is in-lined into the model \rightarrow technically unrelated
 - Domain specific abstractions are missing
- Solution
 - C Language is implemented with a model based technology
 - \rightarrow A Domain Specific Language that looks like C and behaves like C
 - Blur the border between modeling and implementation (Model == S/W Implementation)





Extend the model to cover the C language

- Augment the C language with domain specific extensions
- Raise level of abstraction, respecting domain specific needs (Flight-, Simulator-, Ground- S/W)



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Summary and Vision

- There are a lot of model based activities ongoing with different approaches and intentions.
 - \rightarrow We need to integrate the various approaches for even better results.
- We see a strong tendency towards model based and (domain) specific tooling
 - Increasing Complexity is mitigated by
 - Shifting domain specific knowledge into the tooling
 - Specific and limited views on the model
 - Models enable
 - Single source paradigm (up-to-date documentation, configuration ...)
 - Formal checks (verification, plausibility ...)
- In most cases the technology (engaged) is not yet capable to deliver all the advantages that theoretically can be drawn from model based approaches.

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