

>Do, and if so how, you handle the concept of time (and timers)?"

Yes, timers and time are supported by our approach and tools.

The IF framework is for the specification and validation of real-time systems, and this concept is native.

The underlying formal model of IF is timed automata with urgencies and priorities.

Hence, there is a direct mapping between the time/timers of TASTE and those in IF.

>Will you consider real-time constraints on the scheduling of components?

In the current approach, the real-time scheduling is not considered.

However this can be considered as a possible extension, as it can be mapped to priority rules that the IF framework supports inherently.

>In the past the IF toolset was closed source. What is the status now?

The IF toolset is open source under Cecill-B license.

Our development is also open source under ESA community license and will be integrated in the TASTE distribution.