A Design-by-Contract approach to distributed embedded software development

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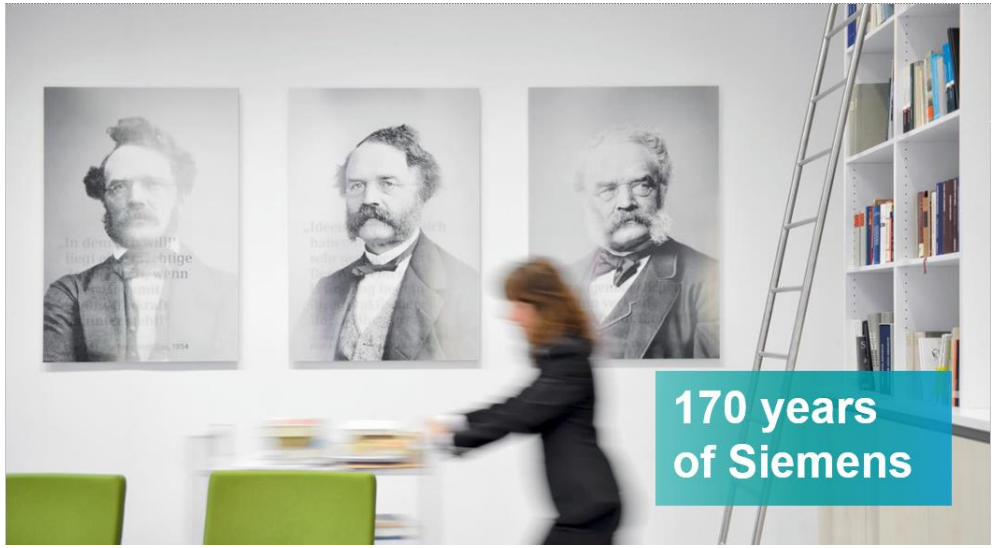

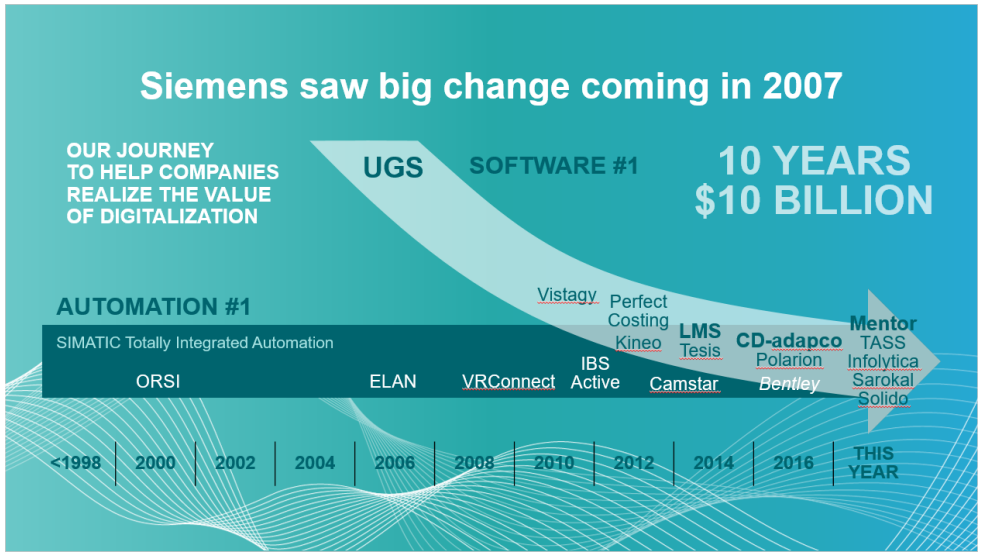

We are truly driving on top of software

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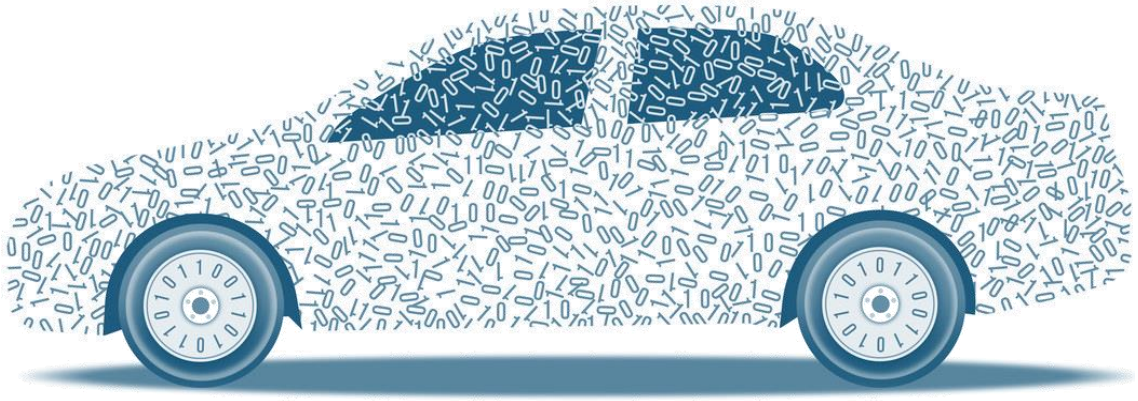
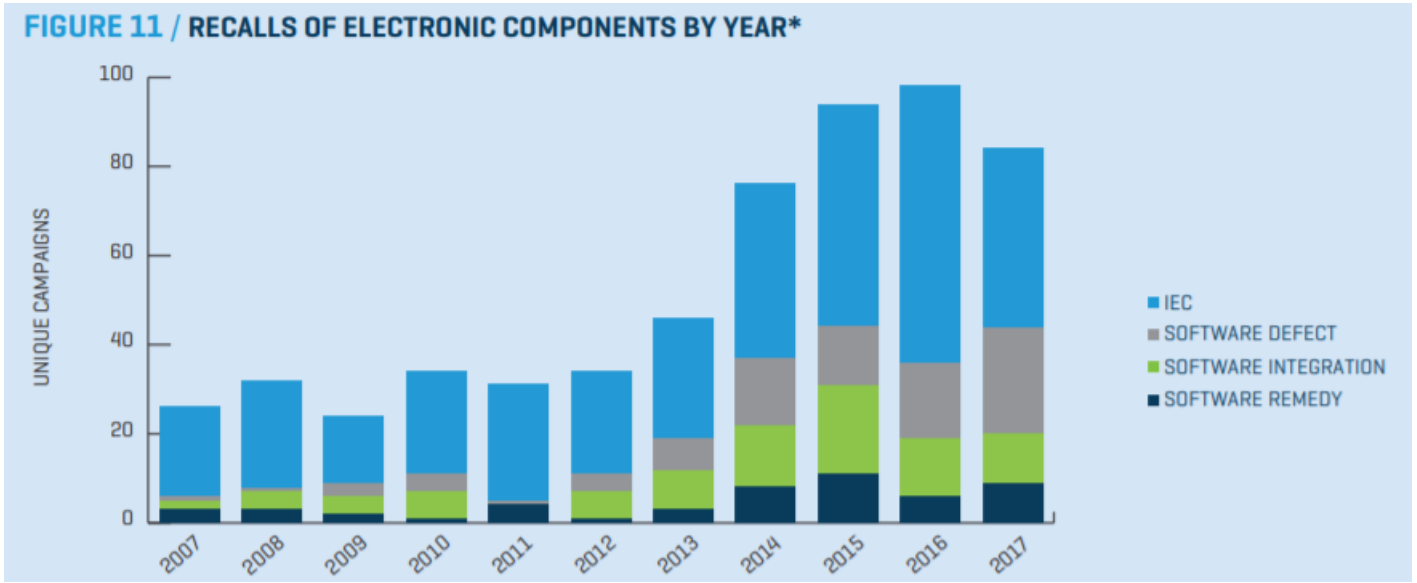
Recent trends in industry, have led to an exponential increase in software size and complexity.





With it the number of recalls has increased as well.

Source: 2018 Automotive warranty & recall report; Stout;

Use case

Electrical Vehicle Temperature control

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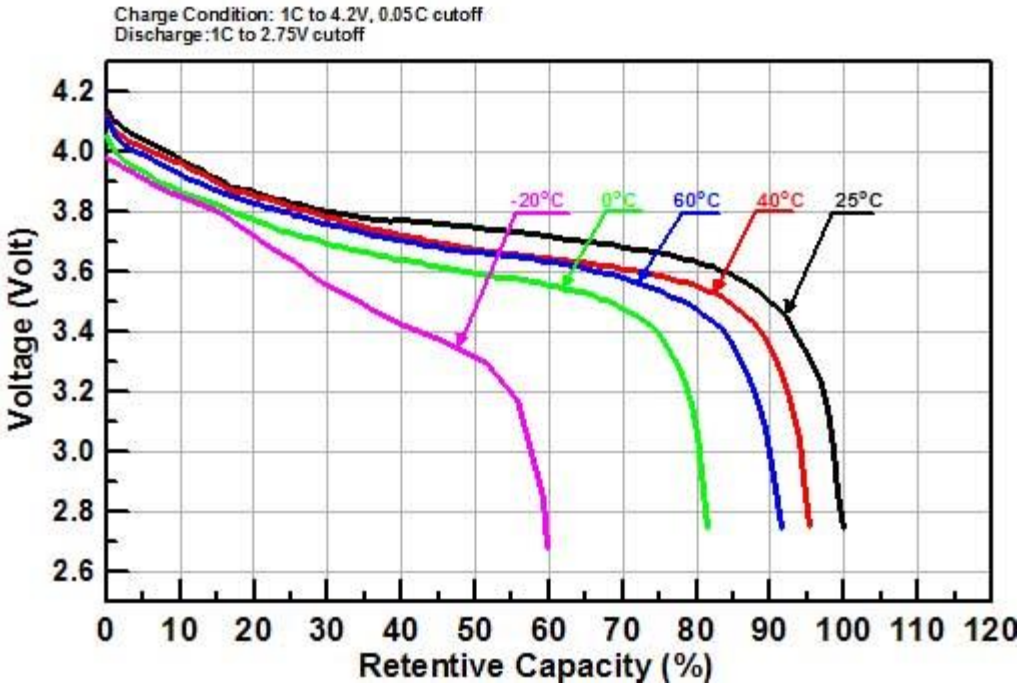
Simple Example:

- Batteries are sensitive to temperature:
  - Range is drastically reduced in cold,
  - Life time of battery is drastically reduced when to warm

- Consumers have grown accustom to
  - car ranges
  - thermal comfort in the car

- Cooling and heating have to be used both for battery and human comfort.

- This increase the complexity of the system and hence the software needed to control it.



https://optibike.com/lithium-battery-performance-in-cold-temperatures/

The process

Any software development process will do

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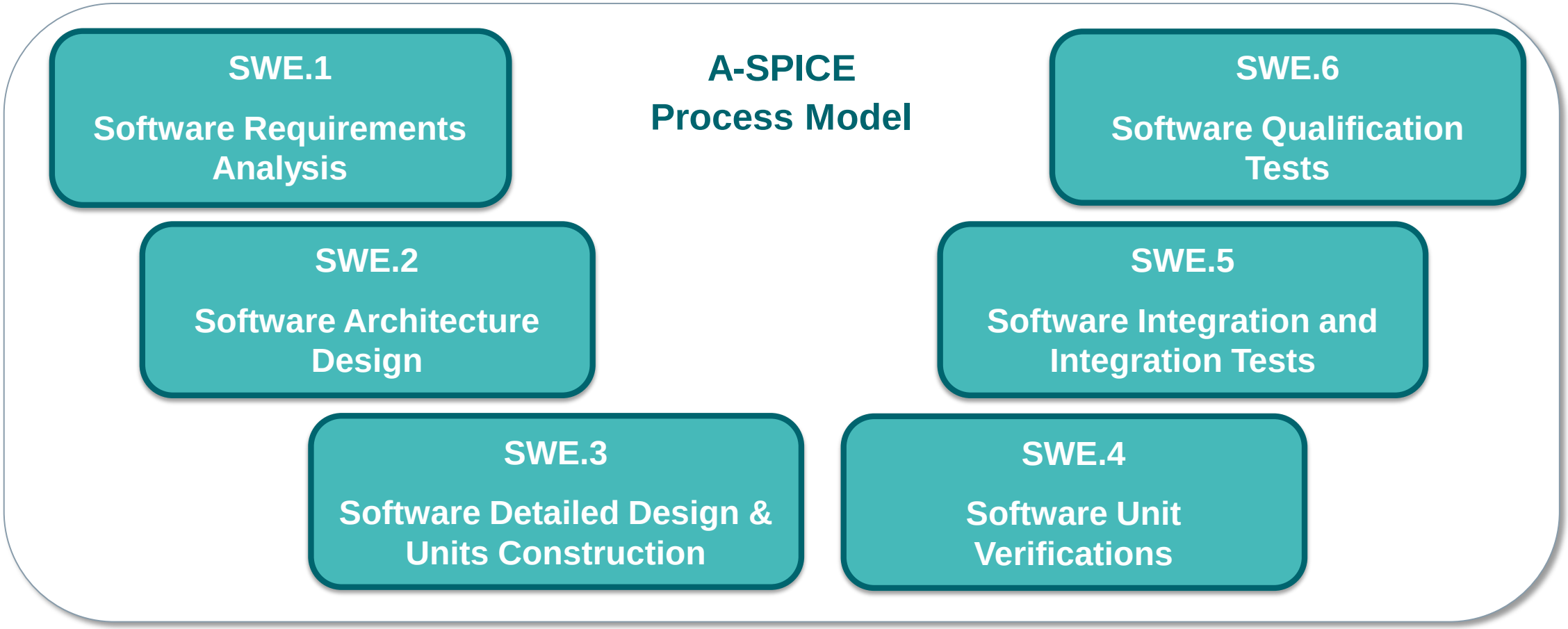

Using the software architecture as a single source of truth

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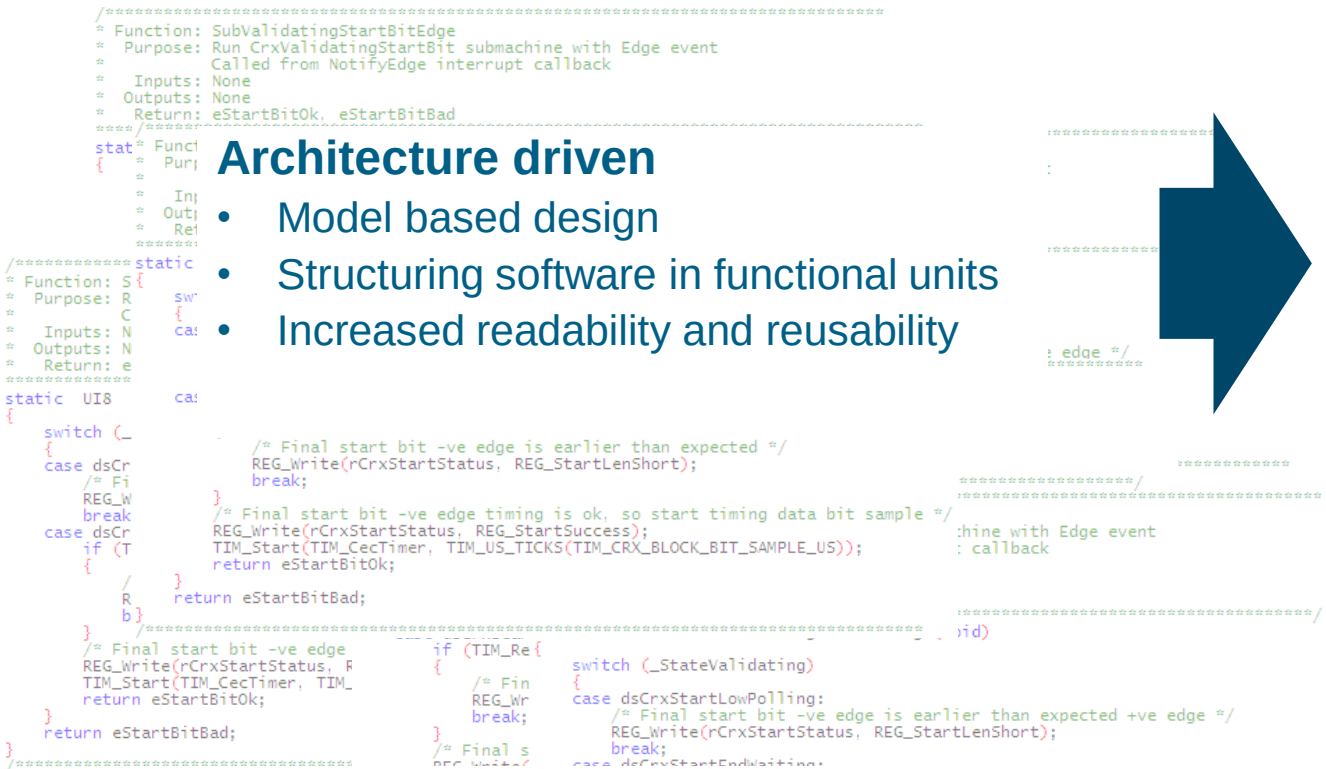
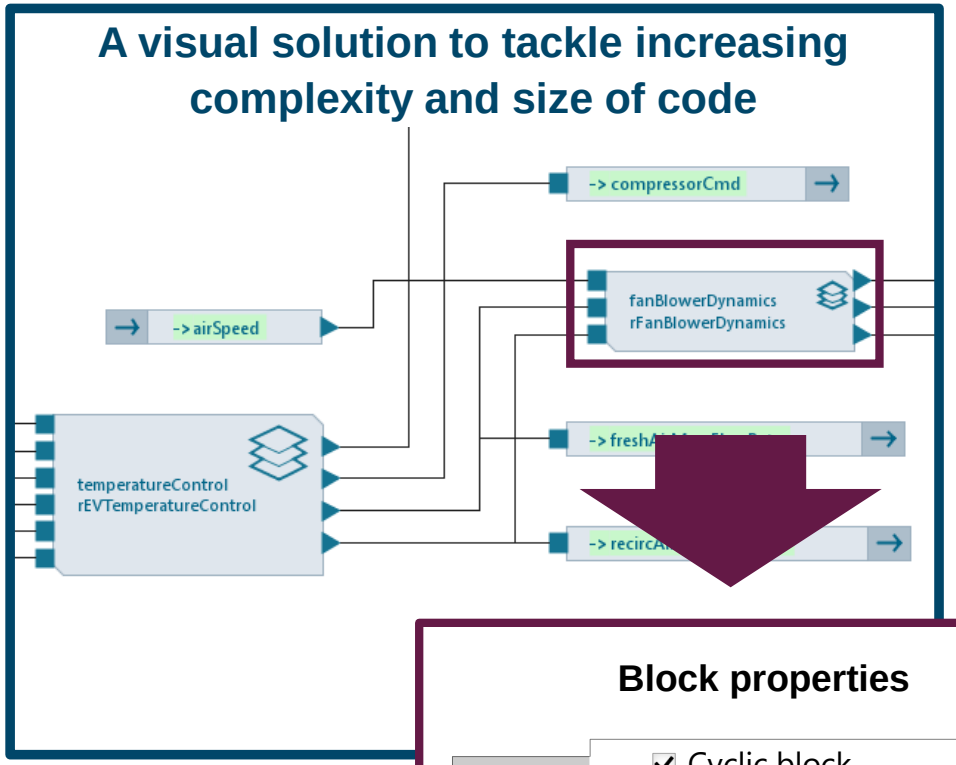
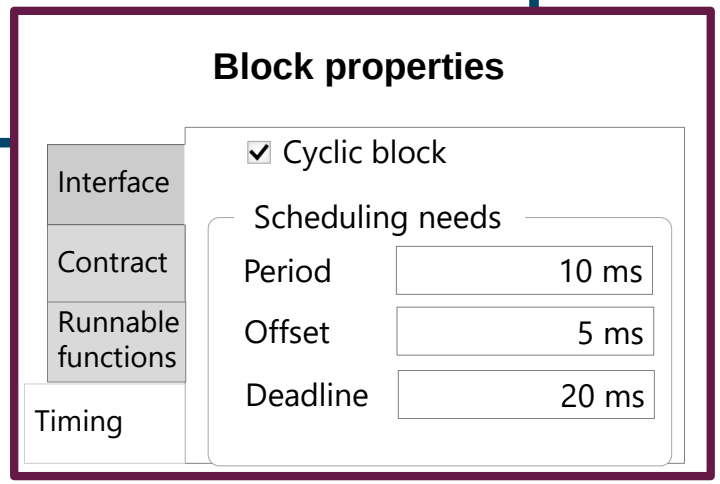
Architecture driven

- Model based design
- Structuring software in functional units
- Increased readability and reusability







Enrichment in form of architectural meta data

- Ensure consistency and completeness from requirements to implementation
- Frontload development of your testing environment early in the design process
- Integrate and test from different sources
- Trace links in the software development.

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Datatypes of the I/O

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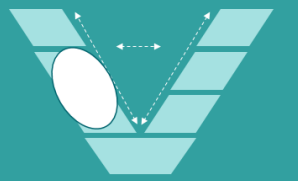
to formal



EV-477 - Battery control should operate such that the control shall switch off only when the battery temperature falls at least 0.5 deg C below the reference point and switches on when the temperature rise at least 1.5 deg C above the reference point.. (This will establish the hysteresis band based on heating/cooling dynamics)
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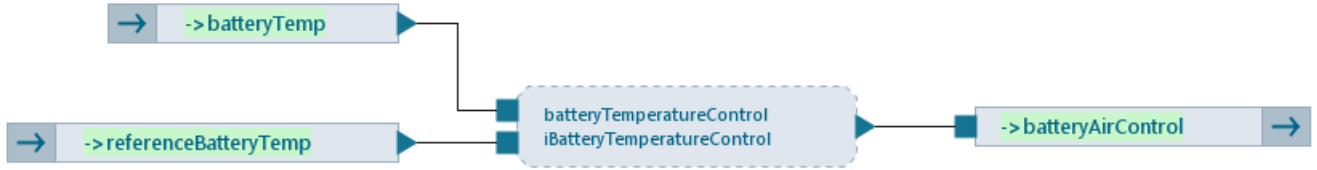
Architecture



Interface definition

```
// This subsystem computes the actuator commands so that the battery temperature is maintained at the specified reference value
exported blockinterface iBatteryTemperatureControl [double/degC/ ->batteryTemp
                                                    double/degC/ ->referenceBatteryTemp ] => [int16 ->batteryAirControl ]
```

Datatype, unit and range definition

Name	Kind	Type	Unit	Constraints	Description
temperature	quantity<none>	double	degC	range -100 degC .. 250 degC	Generic temperature
referenceBatteryTemp	quantity< temperature>	--	--	range 30 degC .. 40 degC	Desired battery temperature
batteryTemp	quantity< temperature>	--	--	range -50 degC .. 95 degC	Battery temperature

SWE.2: Software Architecture Design
Building the Architecture

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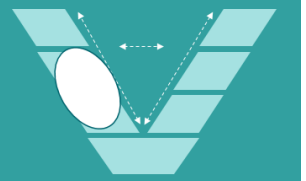

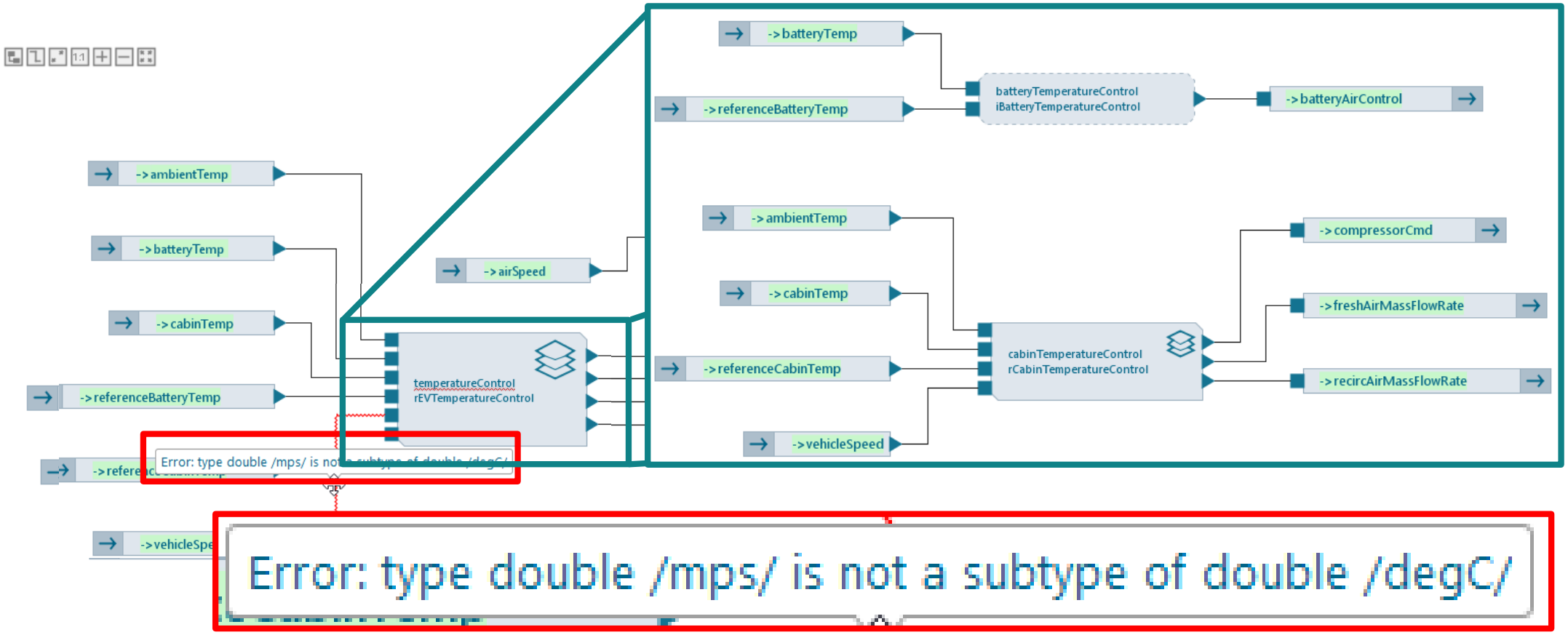

Contracts in Software Engineering

Providing continuous requirements compliance

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Contract in software development

- A **“Contract”** is an explicit binding **agreement** between 2 or more subsystems, wherein the subsystems **guarantees** they will deliver a certain output such that the other subsystems can **assume** certain inputs.
- Contracts are **formal executable requirements**.
- A “Contract” is split in 2 contracts a **pre- and a post-contract** connected to the subsystem itself to allow MBSE.
- **Assume Guarantee analysis: Consistency check of the software architecture** by checking the assumptions with respect to the guarantee of the connected components.

Allowing debugging of requirements before implementation, preventing mistakes and bugs in later development

Aiding assignment of responsibilities to a precise stakeholder*

Supporting independent development of the different sub-systems while guaranteeing smooth system integration*

* Albert Benveniste, Benoît Caillaud, Dejan Nickovic, Roberto Passerone, Jean-Baptiste Raclet, et al.. Contracts for Systems Design: Theory. [Research Report] RR-8759, Inria Rennes Bretagne Atlantique; INRIA. 2015, pp.86. 〈hal-01178467〉

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Informal requirements to formal requirements

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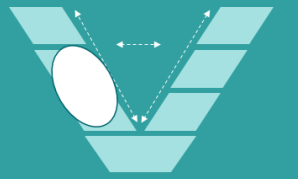
SWE.2:
from informal to formal



Informal Requirement

EV-501 Battery control should operate such that **the control shall switch on when** the **battery temperature rise at least 1.5 deg C above the reference point**. (This will establish the hysteresis band based on heating/cooling dynamics)

Formal Requirement

(**batteryTemp** >= **referenceBatteryTemp + 1.5 degC**) -> **batteryAirControl == 1**;

Contract in interface definition

```
// This subsystem computes the actuator commands so that the battery temperature is maintained at the specified reference value
exported blockinterface iBatteryTemperatureControl [double/degC/ ->batteryTemp
                                                    double/degC/ ->referenceBatteryTemp ] => [int16 ->batteryAirControl ]

  contract   [pre(0) ReferenceTrange: referenceBatteryTemp >= 30 degC && referenceBatteryTemp <= 40 degC; ] -> implements EV-476
             [post(1) CoolIfHot: (batteryTemp > referenceBatteryTemp + 1.5 degC) -> batteryAirControl == 1; ] -> implements EV-501
             [post(2) NoCoolIfNotHot: (batteryTemp < referenceBatteryTemp - 0.5 degC) -> batteryAirControl == 0; ] -> implements EV-477
```

Trace to original requirement

Contract =
Mathematical formulation of the requirement that can be executed and verified.

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Formal verification

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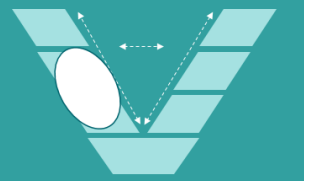
SWE.2:
Checking the consistency of the requirements



›		batteryTemperatureControl (5)	SUCCESS		55.02s
	001	cond: airMassFlowRate	SUCCESS	1	4.75s
	002	cond: batteryAirControl	SUCCESS	1	0,00s
	003	postcond: AcOnIfHot	SUCCESS	1	0,00s
	004	cond: airMassFlowRate	SUCCESS	1	0,00s
	005	cond: compressorCmd	SUCCESS	1	0s
	006	postcond: CoolIfHot	FAIL	30	1.3s
›		rCabinTemperatureControl (1)	SUCCESS		0s

Assume Guarantee analysis will verify the consistency of the software architecture by trying allowed post-contract values in the pre-contract of the connected block.

Conflict with another contract of a block in the architecture

```
exported blockinterface iEVTemperatureControl
    [double/degC/ ->cabinTemp                ] => [double ->compressorCmd          ]
    [double/degC/ ->ambientTemp                   [double/kgps/ ->freshAirMassFlowRate]
    [double/degC/ ->referenceCabinTemp            [double/kgps/ ->recircAirMassFlowRate]
    [double/mps/ ->vehicleSpeed                   [int16 ->batteryAirControl          ]
    [double/degC/ ->batteryTemp
    [double/degC/ ->referenceBatteryTemp
contract [post(0) AcOnIfHot: referenceCabinTemp < cabinTemp -> compressorCmd > 0;
          post(1) CoolIfHot: (batteryTemp > referenceBatteryTemp - 0.5 degC) -> batteryAirControl == 0;]
```

Condition causing the conflict:

(batteryTemp > referenceBatteryTemp - 0.5 degC) -> batteryAirControl == 0;

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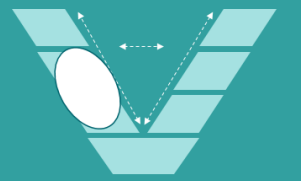
SWE.2: Analysing the Inconsistency



Idx	Raw	...	Kind	Value
1	0	0	_simTime	1.390671e-...
2	0	0	_simTimeIncr	1.295163e-...
3	0	0	(Port) ambientTemp	0.0
5	0	0	(Port) batteryTemp	70.0
7	0	0	(Port) compressorCmd	1.011846e-...
8	0	0	(Port) freshAirMassFlowRate	3.237909e-...
10	0	0	(Port) referenceBatteryTemp	30.0
13	0	0	(Port) batteryTemperatureControl.batteryAirControl	1
15	0	0	(Port) batteryTemperatureControl.referenceBatteryTemp	30.0
16	0	0	(Port) cabinTemperatureControl.ambientTemp	0.0
17	0	0	(Port) cabinTemperatureControl.cabinTemp	27.000202
18	0	0	(Port) cabinTemperatureControl.compressorCmd	1.011846e-...
19	0	0	(Port) cabinTemperatureControl.freshAirMassFlowRate	3.237909e-...
20	0	0	(Port) cabinTemperatureControl.recircAirMassFlowRate	3.237909e-...
21	0	0	(Port) cabinTemperatureControl.referenceCabinTemp	26.999714
22	0	0	(Port) cabinTemperatureControl.vehicleSpeed	0.0
23	0	0	(Port) compressorControl.cabinACOn	FALSE
24	0	0	(Port) compressorControl.cabinTemperatureError	0.000488
25	0	0	(Port) compressorControl.compressorCmd	1.011846e-...
26	0	0	(Port) compressorControl.vehicleSpeed	0.0
27	0	0	(Port) cabinAirFlowControl.cabinACOn	FALSE
28	0	0	(Port) cabinAirFlowControl.freshAirMassFlowRate	3.237909e-...
30	0	0	postcondition	rEVTemper...

Detailed analysis

From EVTemperatureControl SW component:

(batteryTemp > referenceBatteryTemp - 0.5 degC) -> batteryAirControl == 0;

batteryTemp = 70.0

referenceBatteryTemp = 30.0

(70.0 > 30 – 0.5 ? Yes so batteryAirControl == 0

From batteryTemperatureControl SW component:

batteryAirControl == 1;

Follow link: (batteryTemp >= referenceBatteryTemp + 1.5 degC) -> batteryAirControl == 1;

Since 70 > 30 + 1.5

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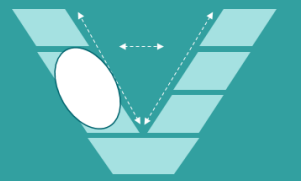
SWE.2:
Solving the issue



3 possible errors:

- Inconsistent requirements
- Wrong translation into formal requirement
- Inconsistent architecture

Idx	Property	Status	Size	Time
	Block Contracts (23)	SUCCESS		1m 35s
	rEVTemperatureControl (22)	SUCCESS		1m 35s
	cabinTemperatureControl (11)	SUCCESS		59.36s
	batteryTemperatureControl (5)	SUCCESS		30.64s
001	postcond: CoolIfHot	SUCCESS	1	0,00s
002	cond: batteryAirControl	SUCCESS	1	0,00s
003	cond: airMassFlowRate	SUCCESS	1	0,00s
004	cond: compressorCmd	SUCCESS	1	0,00s
005	postcond: AcOnIfHot	SUCCESS	1	0,00s
006	cond: airMassFlowRate	SUCCESS	1	4.77s
	rCabinTemperatureControl (1)	SUCCESS		0s
	compressorControl (1)	SUCCESS		0s

In EVTemperatureControl SW component:

(batteryTemp ~~>~~ **<=** referenceBatteryTemp - 0.5 degC) -> batteryAirControl == 0;

Correction shows consistent software architecture with traceable links to the requirements.

Assume Guarantee Analysis: Frontload testing
Ensure consistency throughout software architecture using verifiable contracts

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Keeping the trace and the consistency

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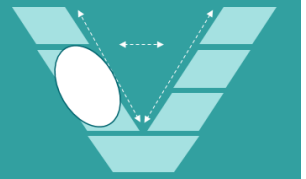
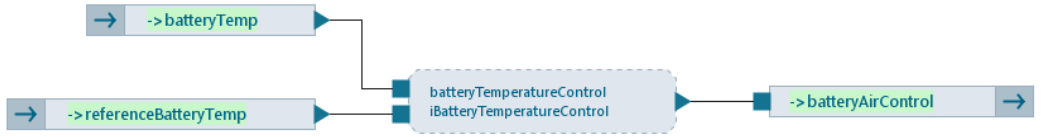
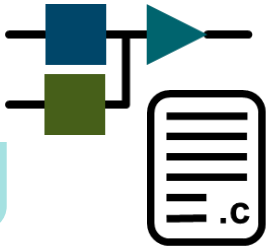
SWE.3: keep implementation consistent





Generate implementation shell



Function definition

Trace to architecture and requirements

Datatypes and units of the software component I/O

Contracts

Implementation space

```
/**       BATTERYTCONTROL_EXECUTE START       **/

  diffTemp = batteryTemp - referenceBatteryTemp;
  if (diffTemp > 1.5)
      *batteryAirControl = 1;
  if (diffTemp < -0.5)
      *batteryAirControl = 0;

/**       BATTERYTCONTROL_EXECUTE END     **/
```

```
 * atomicblock: BatteryTControl
 *
 * URL: http://127.0.0.1:63320/node?ref=r%3A95da10dd-37a5-4c1f-858e-5fd022e5b446%28Architecture%29%2F7910169304422832819
 *
 * This subsystem computes the actuator commands so that the battery temperature is maintained at the specified reference va
 *
 *
 * Data Properties
 * ---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
 * Name                  DD                    DD Owner           Access                Usage      Datatype   Unit
 * ---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
 * batteryAirControl     batteryAirControl     DDBatteryControl   *batteryAirControl    outport    int16      -
 * batteryTemp           batteryTemp           DDBatteryControl   batteryTemp           inport     double     degC
 * referenceBatteryTemp  referenceBatteryTemp  DDBatteryControl   referenceBatteryTemp  inport     double     degC
 *
 */

 * Execution function for block BatteryTControl
void BatteryTControl_execute(void *___nothing, double batteryTemp, double referenceBatteryTemp, int16_t *batteryAirControl)
{
  /**       BATTERYTCONTROL_EXECUTE DECLARATIONS    START       **/
    double diffTemp;
  /**       BATTERYTCONTROL_EXECUTE DECLARATIONS    END     **/

  /*
   * Pre conditions:
   * pre(0) ReferenceTrange : referenceBatteryTemp >= 30 degC && referenceBatteryTemp <= 40 degC
   *
   * Post conditions:
   * post(1) CoolIfHot : (batteryTemp > referenceBatteryTemp + 1.5 degC) -> batteryAirControl == 1
   * post(2) NoCoolIfNotHot : (batteryTemp < referenceBatteryTemp - 0.5 degC) -> batteryAirControl == 0
   */

  /**       BATTERYTCONTROL_EXECUTE START       **/

  /**       BATTERYTCONTROL_EXECUTE END     **/
```

SWE.4 and 5 Software Unit Verifications and open loop integration testing

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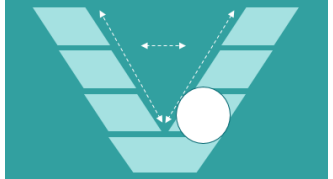
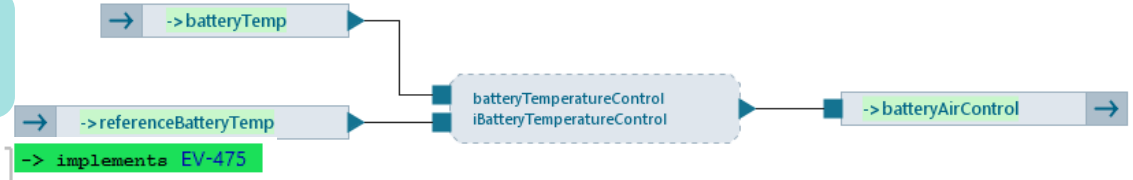
SWE.4/5:
Unit testing and integration testing



Test case definition based on requirements
Linked to the software architecture

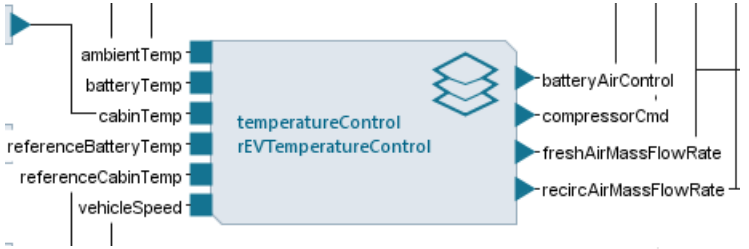
```
blocktest test_batteryTemperatureControl for iBatteryTemperatureControl()
table {
```

In		Events	Out
batteryTemp	referenceBatteryTemp		batteryAirControl
34 degC	35 degC		0
37 degC	35 degC		1
36 degC	35 degC		1
35 degC	35 degC		1
34.51 degC	35 degC		1



Run unit test for all implemented software components linked to the architecture

Integration Testing = Unit test of composed software components.



In						Events	Out			
cabinTemp	ambientTemp	referenceCabinTemp	vehicleSpeed	batteryTemp	referenceBatteryTemp		compressorCmd	freshAirMassFlowRate	recircAirMassFlowRate	batteryAirControl
20 degC	24 degC	22 degC	20 mps	40 degC	35 degC		-2	0 kgps	0.35 kgps	1
40 degC	40 degC	22 degC	10 mps	40 degC	30 degC		18	0 kgps	0.35 kgps	1
24 degC	20 degC	22 degC	40 mps	20 degC	35 degC		2	0.35 kgps	0 kgps	0

Using contracts will reduce the number of errors typically found at this stage and will reduce the typical glue code that has to be made to connect everything.

SWE.6 Software Qualification Tests Closed loop SIL validation

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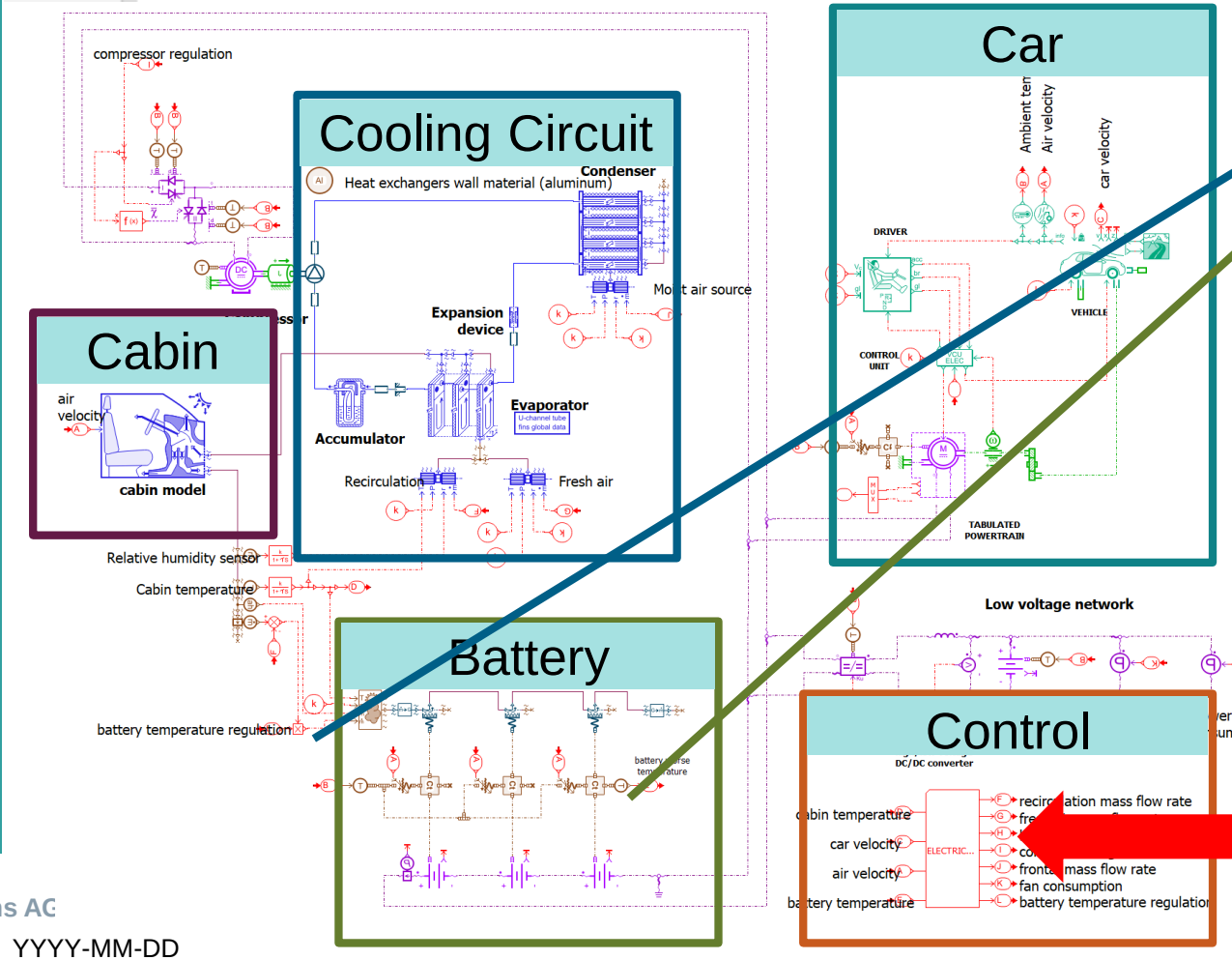
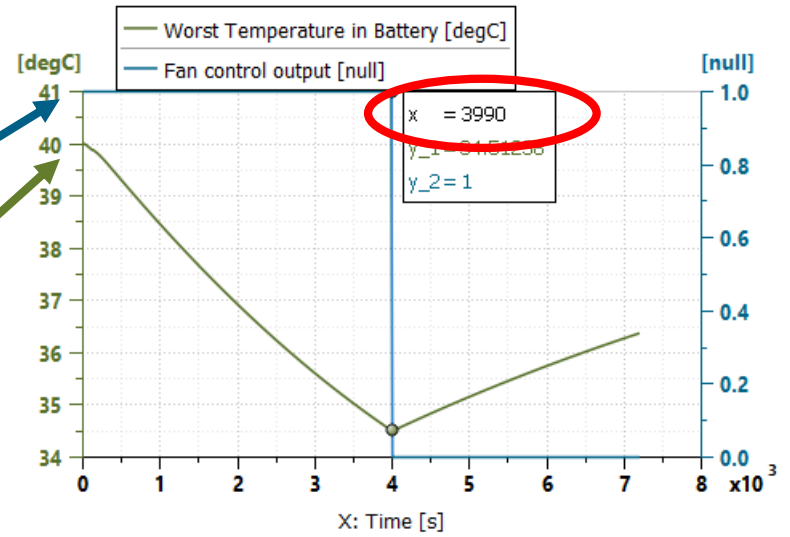
SWE.6:
System testing

EV-488 - Battery temperature shall be regulated within the desired band within 600 seconds when the vehicle is baking in hot sun at an ambient temperature of 40 deg C for at least two hours and the battery is hot due to ambient temperature





Integrated code

```
diffTemp = batteryTemp - referenceBatteryTemp;
if (diffTemp > 1.5)
    *batteryAirControl = 1;
if (diffTemp < -0.5)
    *batteryAirControl = 0;

/**        BATTERYTCONTROL_EXECUTE END        **/
```

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Frontloaded workflow

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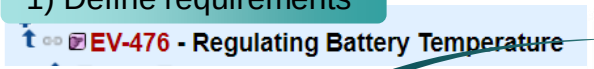
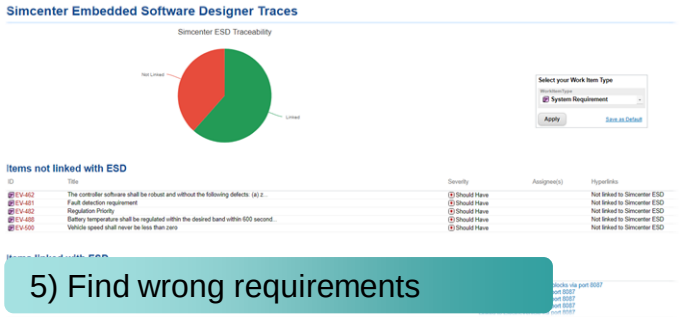
SWE.1: Requirements

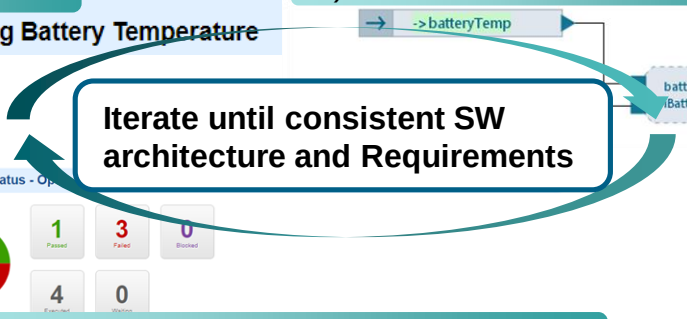
1) Define requirements





5) Find wrong requirements

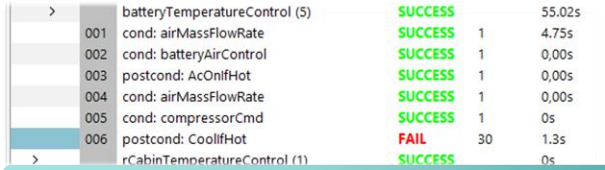
2) Build SW architecture in ESD



4) Orchestrate Analyses in test framework

SWE.2: Software Architecture Design

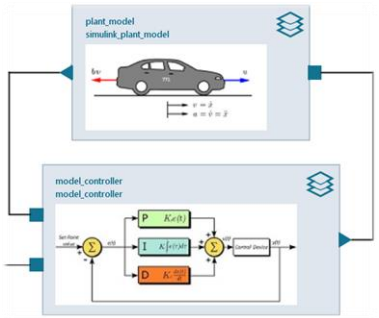
Functional contracts
Timing contracts



3) Analyze consistency of architecture and Requirements

SWE.6 system Validation

Export code for closed loop validation in system simulation tool



SWE.5 Integration testing

Write unit and integration test case

In		Out
batteryTemp	referenceBatteryTemp	batteryAirControl
34.9 degC	35 degC	false

Run test suits

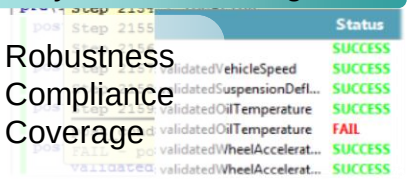
```
testsuite TestAll (acts as main) {
  test_compressorControl; (blocktest)
  test_batteryTemperatureControl; (blocktest)
```

Execute test in Simcenter Embedded Software Designer

4 waiting Test Case execution(s)

SWE.4: Unit testing

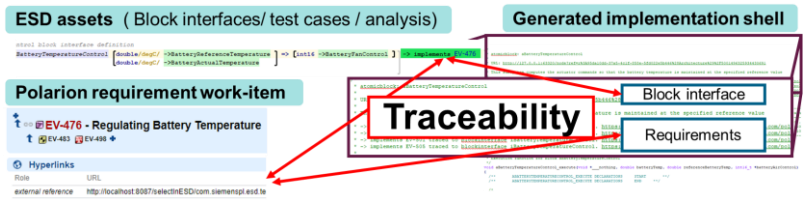
Analyses code on bugs



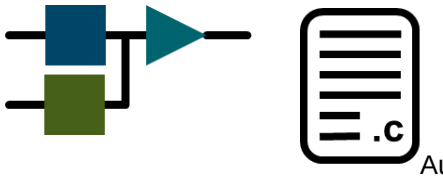
Robustness
Compliance
Coverage

SWE.3: Implementation

Extract Implementation shells from architecture



Implement in desired environment



Orchestrate in test framework

Model based software architecture design by contract
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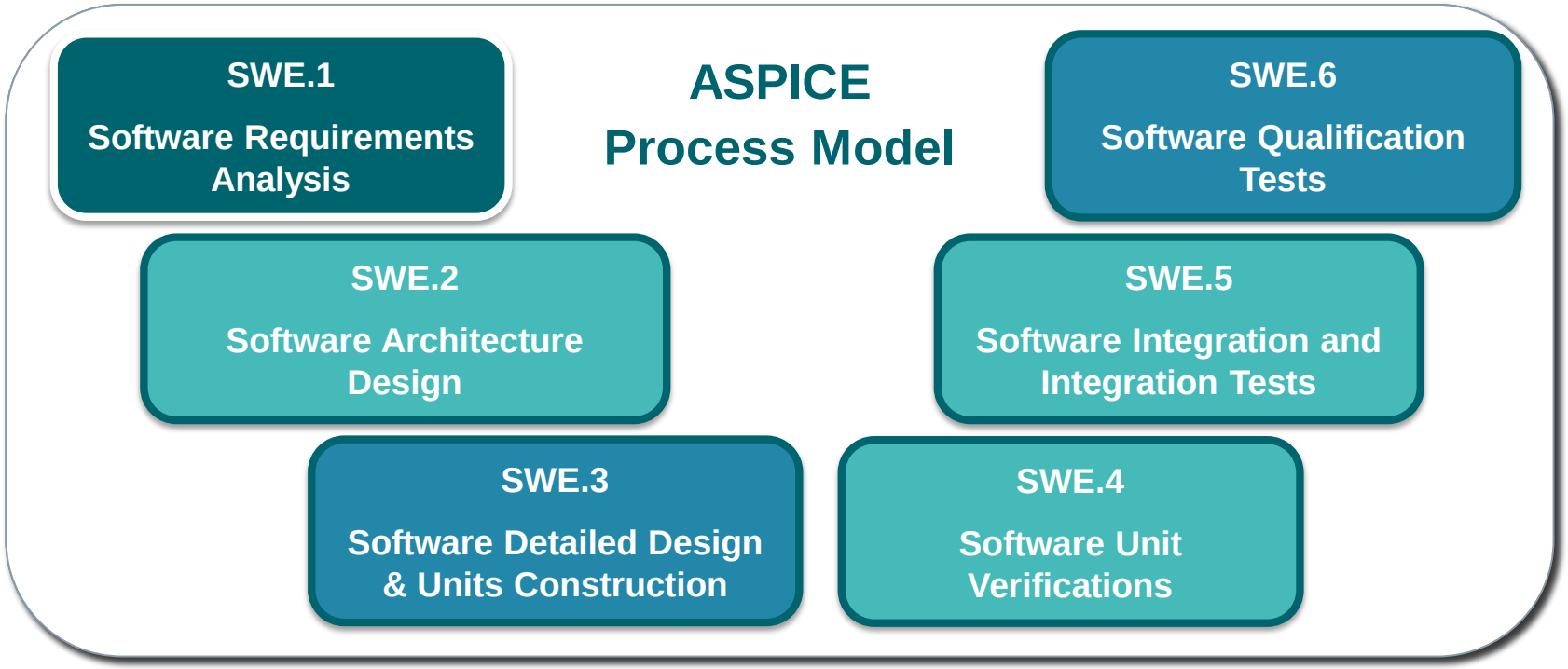

- **Upfront analysis and Verification** of the architecture consistency and interfaces
- **Easy integration** after implementation
- **Automate** unit and integration testing

- **Ensure consistency** throughout the design process
- **Distribute implementation** over different tools and internal and external suppliers.
- **Validate** performance with **SIL** testing

- Ensure **bidirectional traceability** by connecting to an ALM-tool
- **Automated test result reporting** and **communication** between all the stakeholders

Solution scope

Extended Support

Integration ALM-tool