

UML, SysML and MARTE in Use, a High Level Methodology for Real-time and Embedded Systems

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Presentation Outline



- Introduction
- MADES Overview
 - End User Case Studies
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 - Car Collision Avoidance System (CCAS) example
- Feed back from End Users
- Conclusions
- Demo



INTRODUCTION

Motivations







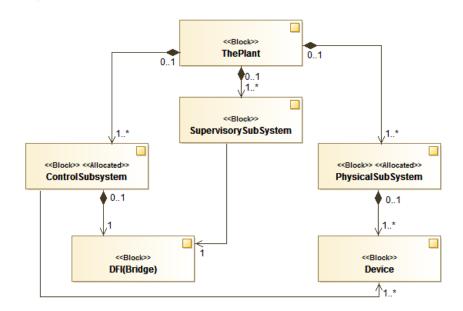


- Need of effective design methodologies for Real-Time and Embedded Systems (RTES)
- High abstraction level based approaches are promising: reducing time to market and system complexity
 - Model Driven Engineering, UML

SysML



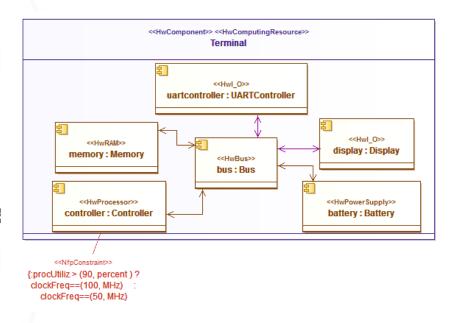
- For Systems Engineering
 - Aspects such as Non Functional properties, Time concepts are not present for RTES specifications
 - Allocation aspects
- Widely adapted in the industry with supporting tools



MARTE



- For RTES design and specifications
 - Co-Design,
 - Non Functional properties,
 - Time aspects,
 - System analysis possible
- Specification are complex to use
- Currently lacks sufficient tool support and complete methodologies





MADES OVERVIEW

The Vision





"MADES aims to develop a holistic, model-driven approach to improve the current practice in the development of embedded systems. The proposed approach covers all phases, from design to code generation and deployment"

Project Consortium

MADES

- Project type: Collaborative Project (STREP)
- Duration: 30 months
- Project start: February 1, 2010
- Project end: July 31, 2012
- Objective: Embedded Systems Design
- 6 partners















Partner Roles



User needs, models and Use Cases

- Cassidian [EADS] (DE)
- TXT E Solutions (IT)



Research/development

- Politecnico di Milano(IT)
- University of York (UK)







Open Group (UK)



Technology/IT industry

- Softeam (FR)
- TXT e-solutions (IT)

MADES Approach



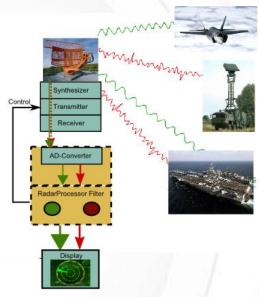
Design activities exploit a dedicated language developed as an extension to OMG's MARTE and SysML profiles

Validation include the verification of key properties on designed artifacts, closed-loop simulation

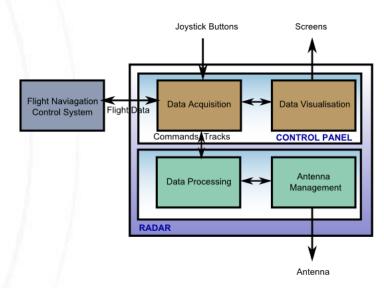
Code generation addresses both hardware description languages and conventional programming languages

MADES Case Studies





A ground based radar processing unit provided by Cassidian



An onboard radar control unit provided by TXT

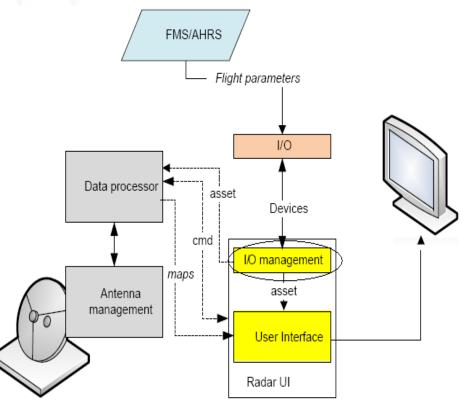
MADES Case Studies: TXT e-solutions



Onboard Radar System User Interface

The radar has to follow the aircraft movements to be able to direct the antenna on the target accordingly.

The radar system receives the navigation information from the FMS (Flight Management System) and the AHRS is the inertial platform: a set of sensors managed by a computer that provides the values related to position, asset, velocity and other values.





MADES METHODOLOGY

End User Requirements



- System Specification
 - Requirements modeling
 - Functional system design
- System Co-Design
 - Software design
 - Hardware design
 - Allocation
 - Timing and Scheduling
 - Behavior
- Verification, Simulation, Code Generation and Synthesis

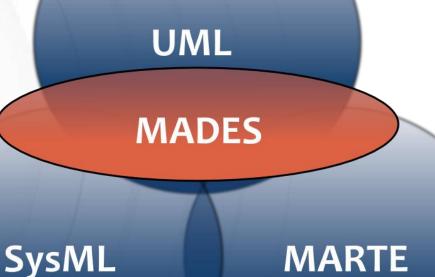
Challenges for MADES



- MARTE : designed to enable flexibility
 - Drawback: Large number of concepts (700+ pages of specs)
 - Same concept can be applied to different UML elements (classes, instances, connectors, ports, attributes)
 - Same design may be modeled in different ways using MARTE concepts from different MARTE packages and different UML elements
 - Current academic/industrial MARTE modeling tools are too generic: provide all concepts, no usage tips
 - Lack of guidelines and examples
- SysML and MARTE combination: poorly expressed
 - Not effective dedicated methodologies or tools
 - Need of lowering entry barriers

Challenges for MADES



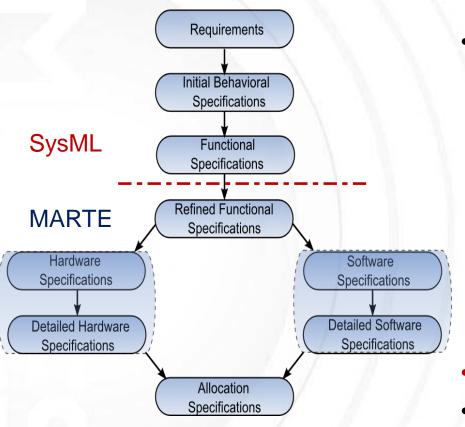




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MADES Methodology

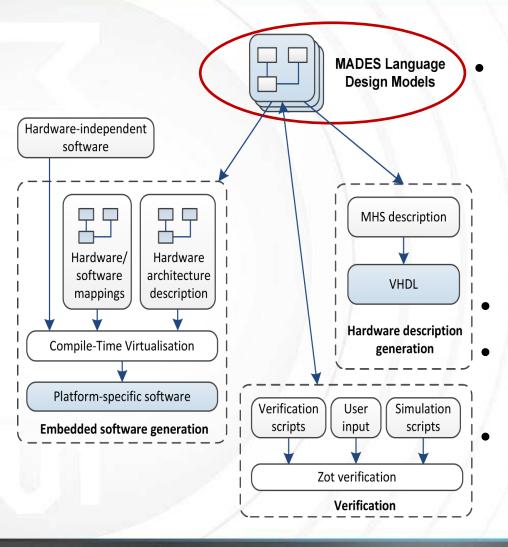




- Effective SysML/MARTE subset
 - SysML for functional specifications
 - MARTE for non functional and co-design specifications
 - UML behavioral specifications supported
- Integration of Verification and Validation (V&V) + code generation concepts
- Dedicated diagrams
- Influence on future revisions of SysML and MARTE standards

MADES Implementation Approach

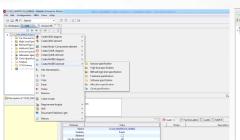


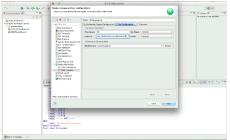


- Generic MADES methodology, guidelines and examples to guide system designers:
 - Modeling, Verification
 - Code generation, Synthesis
- Reducing ambiguities
- Reducing design time and costs
- Reinforce formality for Validation and Verification

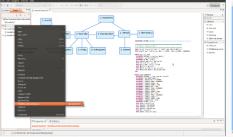
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Modeling

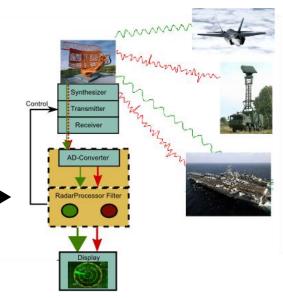


Code Generation

Verification



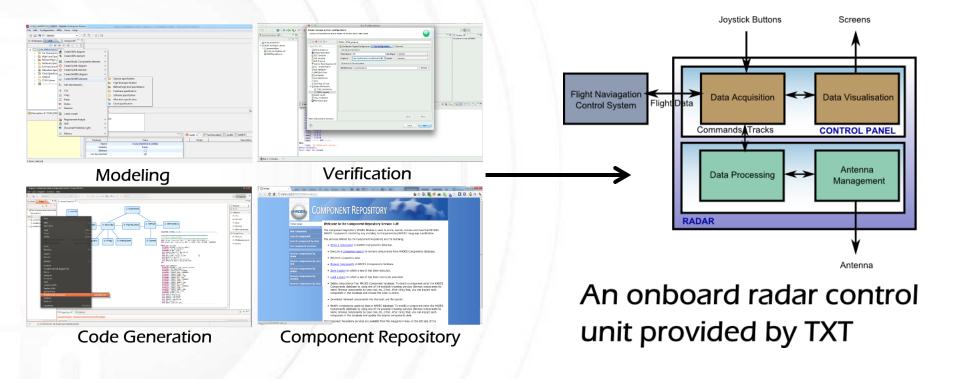
Component Repository



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MADES Implementation Approach







Requirements Specification

Requirements diagram

SysML based requirements for initial system functional requirements

Initial Behavior Specification

UML behavioral diagrams

Use case, Activity, Sequence, State and Interaction overview for initial system behavior

Functional Specification

Functional/Internal Functional Specification diagrams

Description of system functionality by means of SysML block and internal block descriptions



Refined Functional Specification

Refined Functional Specification diagram

Refinement of SysML concepts into MARTE aspects, addition of non functional properties

Hardware Specification

Hardware Specification diagram

Description of generic hardware: nodes, memories, communication channels, clocks etc

Software Specification

Software Specification diagram

Description of application tasks and software aspects running on hardware platform



Detailed Hardware Specification

Detailed Hardware Specification diagram

Refinement of hardware concepts with details closer to execution platform details

Detailed Software Specification

Detailed Software Specification diagram

Description of underlying OS (if any), refinement of software aspects

Allocation Specification

Allocation Specification diagram

Mapping of software and hardware aspects of the system

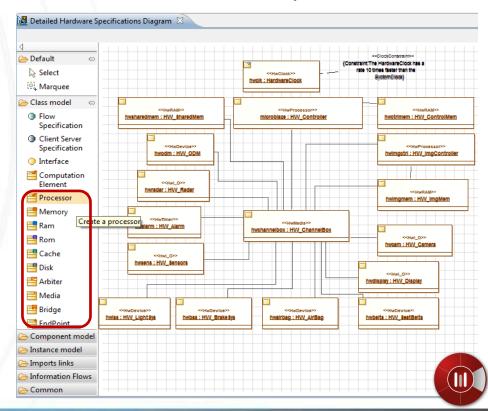


Clock Specification

Clock Specification diagram

Definition of system clock types and clocks, clock and timing constraints for hardware/software aspects

- Dedicated commands in each MADES diagram to speed up the design process
 - Implemented in Modelio Open Source CASE tool
 - Valuable input from partners to improve design experience
 - Increased efficiency, decrease in design time



Modelio goes Open Source





- Open source community
 - Forums, Wiki, Projects
- UML and BPMN
- Wide range of modules
 - TOGAF, SoaML, Java
 - SysML, MARTE, MADES

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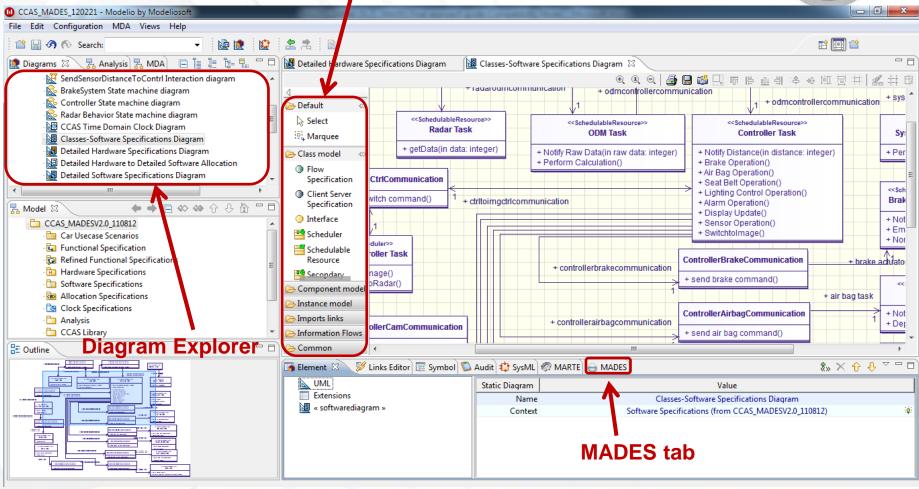
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Modelio (Screenshot)



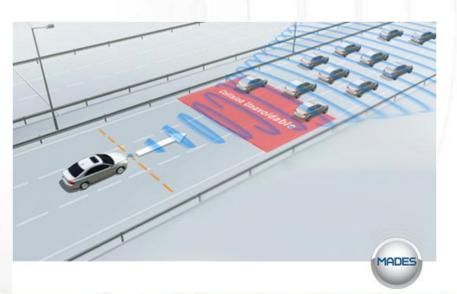
Dedicated commands in Diagram Palette



Car Collision Avoidance System



- A system able to detect and prevent collisions
 - Either using a radar tracking module
 - Or an image processing module
 - Initial version presented at OMG Technical Meeting at Arlington, VA USA (March 2011)

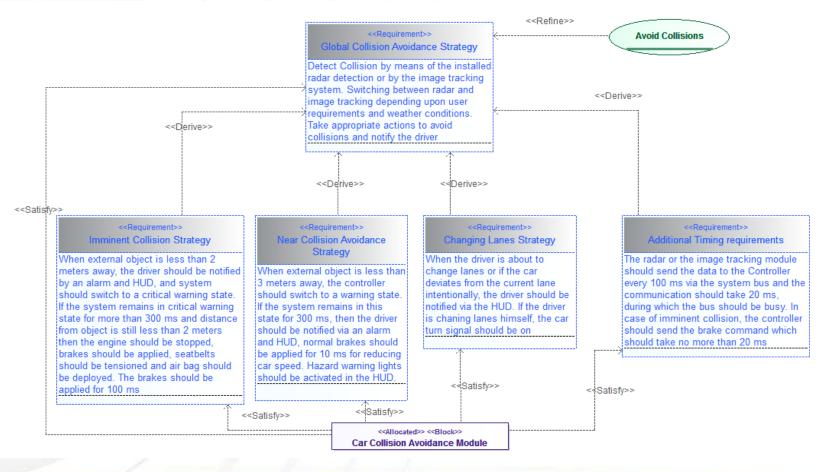


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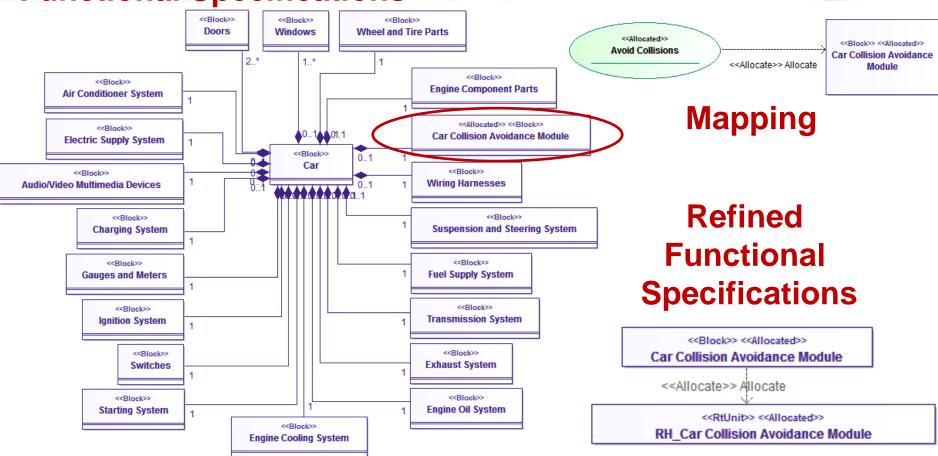


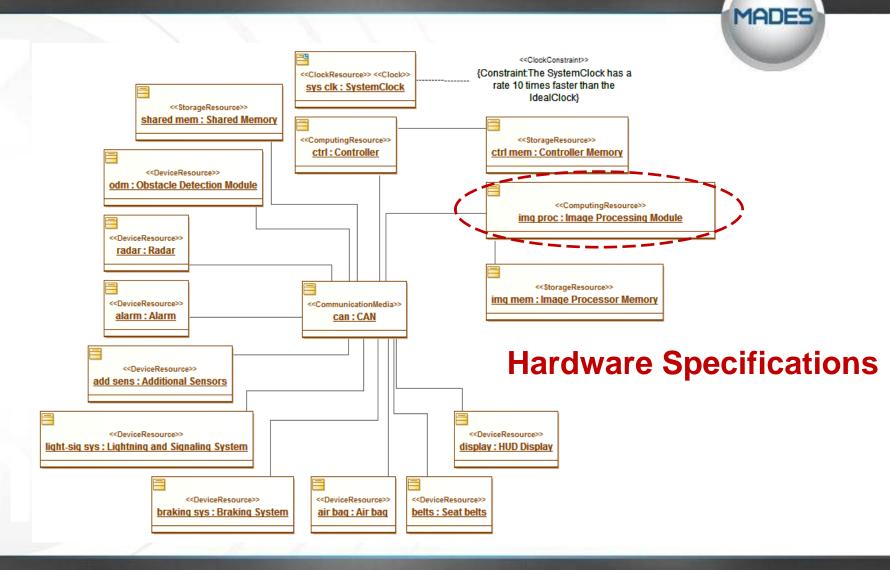
System Requirements



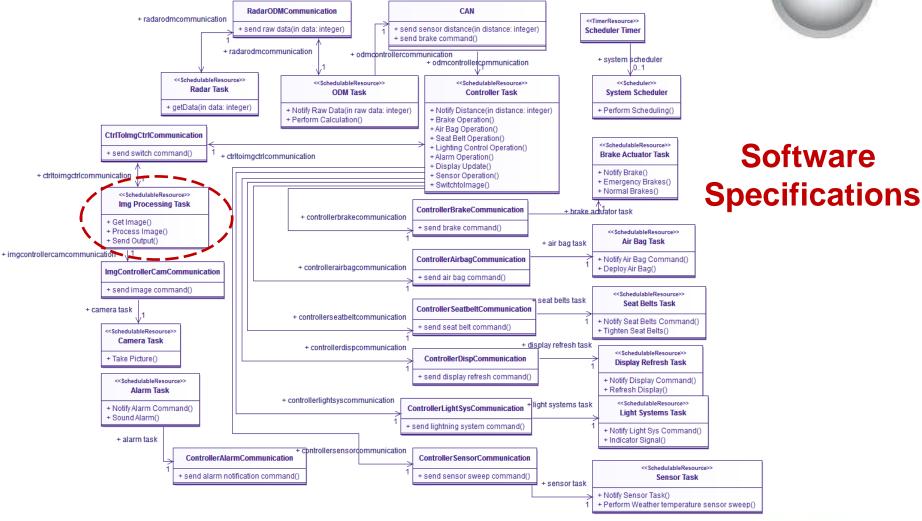


Functional Specifications

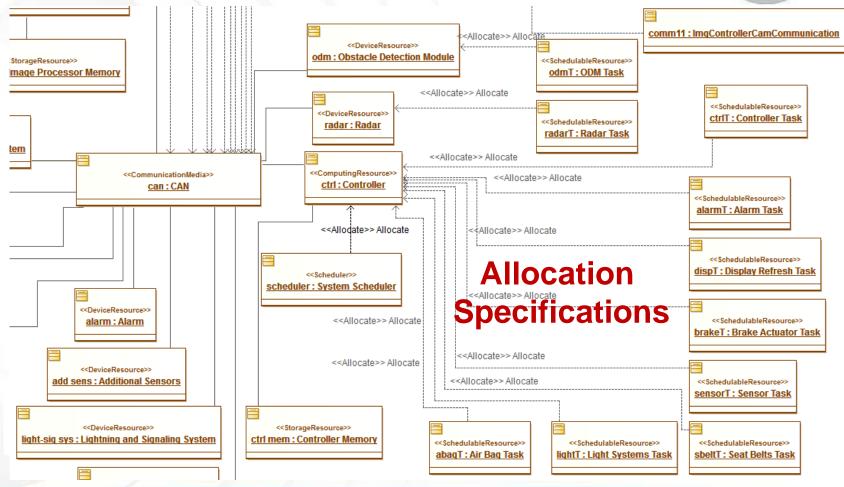




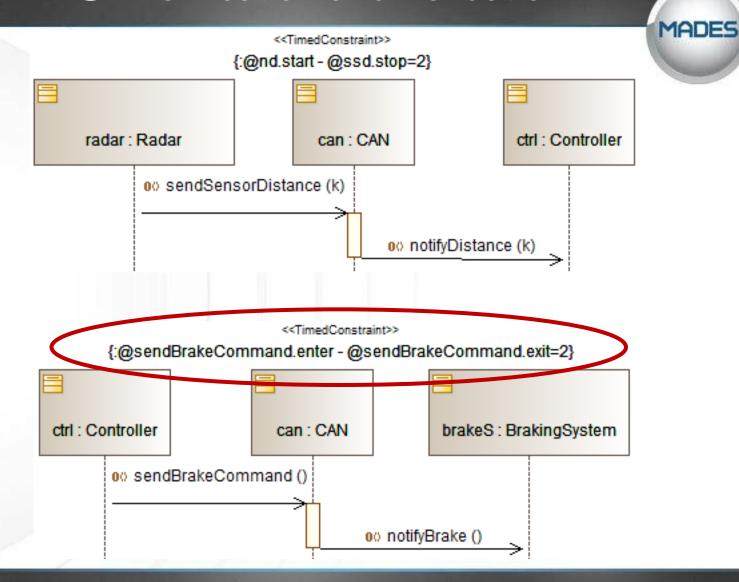








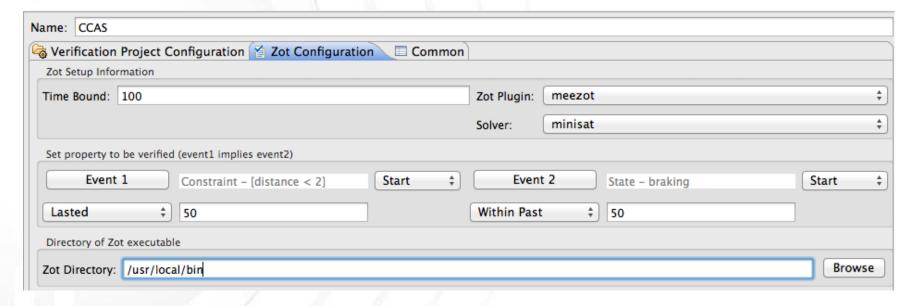
MADES: Verification and Validation



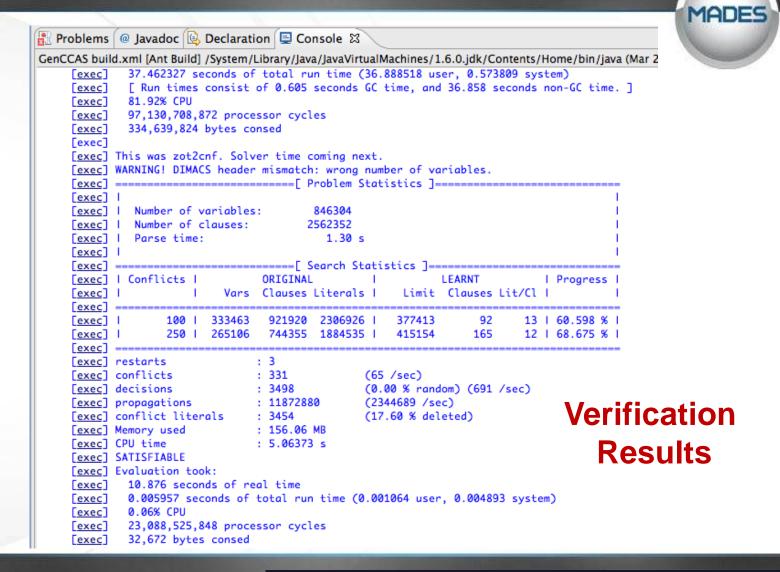
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Temporal Logic: Example of temporal properties



MADES: Verification and Validation



MADES: CCAS Subset



- Focus on the image processing module and its related task
 - Would benefit from custom architectures
 - Computation requirements are high
 - Image manipulation code is available in standard benchmarks
 - Involves data movement

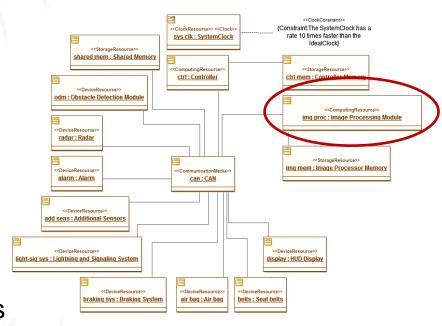
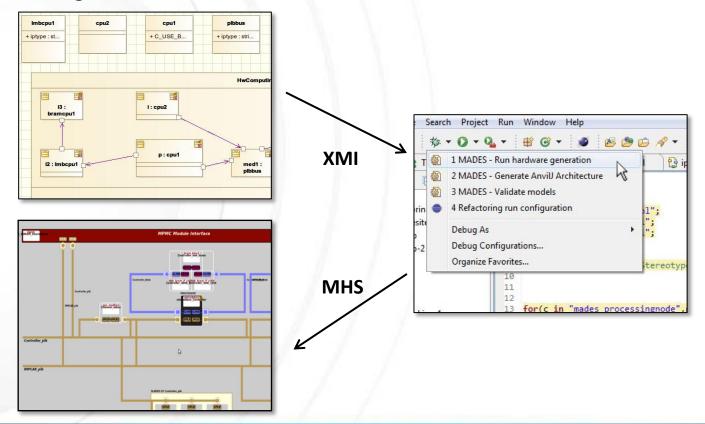


Image Processing module in CCAS

MADES: CCAS Hardware Generation

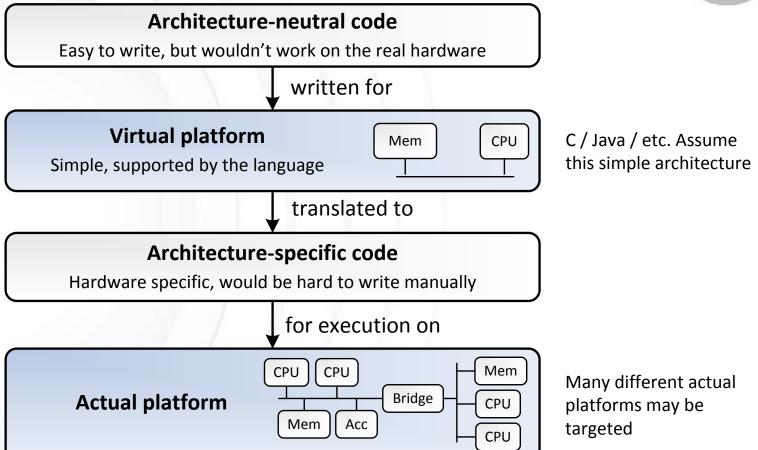


 Automatic generation of implementation hardware from MADES design models



MADES: CCAS Software Generation

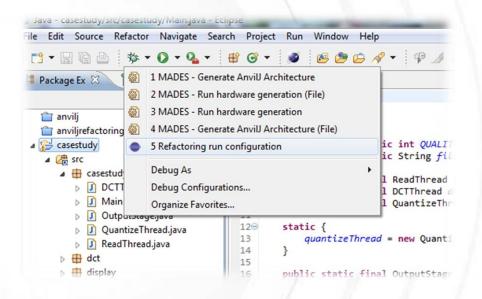


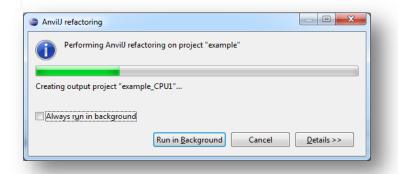


MADES: CCAS Software Generation



Integrated into the Eclipse development environment





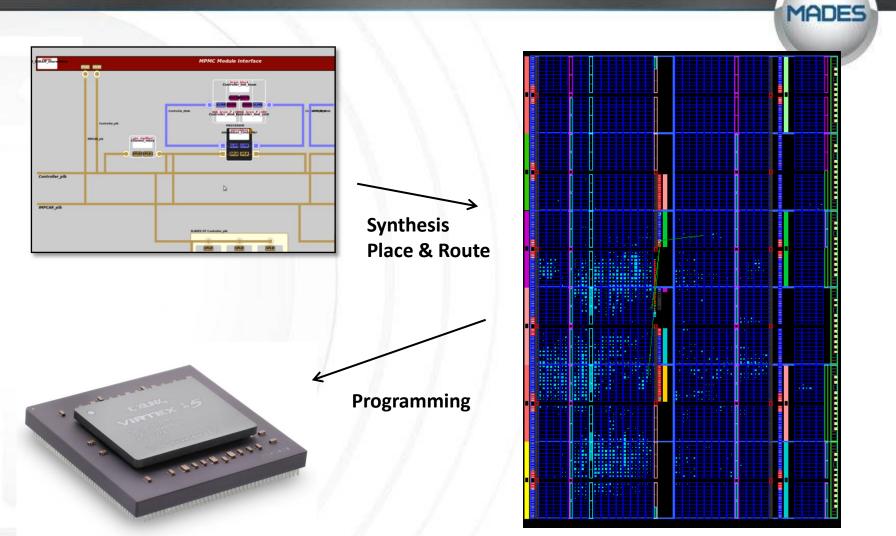
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MADES: Synthesis on Execution Platform





END USER FEED BACKS

TXT Case Study



- Evaluation and Procedure followed:
 - Evaluation of First & intermediate versions of the tools
 - Feedbacks provided on unique MADES diagrams and stereotypes
 - Final version of the tools has been released taking into account end user feedbacks
 - Final evaluation started from beginning of March 2012 with real life end user case studies

TXT Case Study



Modeling of RTES using MARTE and SysML through MADES Language subset,

Component modeling and storage features,

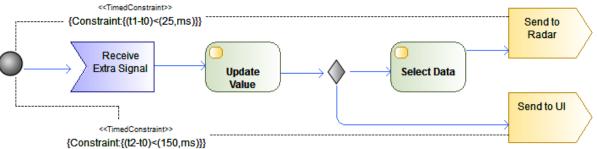
Non-functional properties specification and verification,

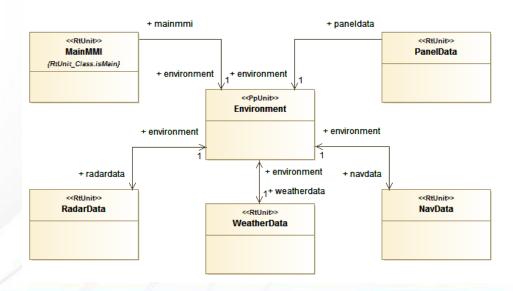
Usage of a specific set of unique diagrams for expressing different aspects related to a system,

First experimentations with MADES
Integrated environment

TXT Case Study Extract









CONCLUSIONS

Conclusion



- MADES: SysML/MARTE methodology
 - Combined usage of the two complex profiles
 - High level Modeling, Verification & Validation, Code generation and eventual platform implementation on FPGA
- MADES diagrams and guidelines available
 - 10 dedicated diagrams + 5 UML behavioral diagrams
 - Available as open source at http://www.modelio.org/
 - Rapid prototyping of RTES
- Possible positive influences on future versions of OMG specifications



Thanks!



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