

# Literate Scientific Software

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# Important SS Qualities

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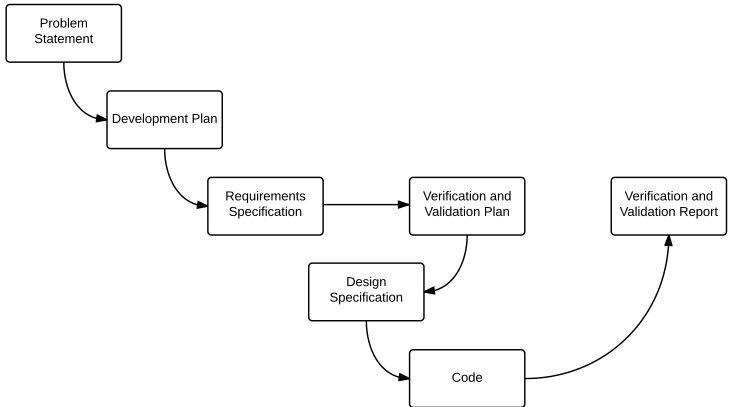
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- Reusability
- Maintainability
- Verifiability
- Reproducibility

- Up front requirements
- Rapid change for numerical algorithms
- Information duplication
- Synchronization headaches between artifacts
- Perceived over-emphasis on non-executable artifacts

# “Faked” Rational Design Process



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# Solar Water Heating Tank

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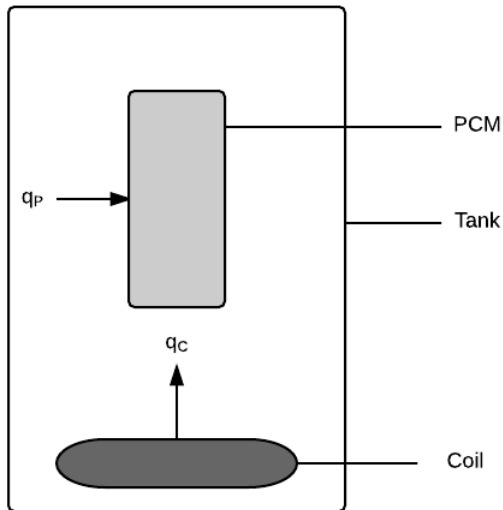
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SRS (*verbose*)

SRS (*LaTeX*)

SRS (*html*)

MG

MIS

Test cases

C Code)  
(*checks*)

Makefile

Matlab (*no  
checks*)

↑  
Recipes  
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$$-\nabla \cdot \mathbf{q} + q''' = \rho C \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$

uncertainty,  
typical val-  
ues etc.

$$W = \text{J/s} = \text{kg m}^2 \text{s}^{-3}$$

$$L > 0$$

$h_c$  is the heat  
transfer coeff  
between clad  
and coolant

# How LSS Addresses Challenges

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- Supports changing requirements and design
  - Generation
  - Automated traceability
- Supports duplication
  - Knowledge is entered once, generated/transformed
  - Eases maintenance
  - If incorrect, incorrect everywhere
- Non-executable artifacts are generated

Var	Constraints	Typical Value	Uncertainty
$L$	$L > 0$	1.5 m	10%
$D$	$D > 0$	0.412 m	10%
$V_P$	$V_P > 0$	0.05 m <sup>3</sup>	10%
$A_P$	$A_P > 0$	1.2 m <sup>2</sup>	10%
$\rho_P$	$\rho_P > 0$	1007 kg/m <sup>3</sup>	10%

$$E_W = \int_0^t h_C A_C (T_C - T_W(t)) dt - \int_0^t h_P A_P (T_W(t) - T_P(t)) dt$$

- Sanity checks captured and reused
- Generate guards against invalid input
- Generate test cases



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**Num. T1**

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**Label Conservation of energy**

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**Eq** 
$$-\nabla \cdot \mathbf{q} + q''' = \rho C \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$

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**Descrip** The above equation gives the conservation of energy for time varying heat transfer in a material of specific heat capacity  $C$  and density  $\rho$ , where  $\mathbf{q}$  is the thermal flux vector,  $q'''$  is the volumetric heat generation,  $T$  is the temperature,  $\nabla$  is the del operator and  $t$  is the time.

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- A1:** The only form of energy that is relevant for this problem is thermal energy. All other forms of energy, such as mechanical energy, are assumed to be negligible [T1].
- A2:** All heat transfer coefficients are constant over time [GD1].
- A3:** The water in the tank is fully mixed, so the temperature is the same throughout the entire tank [GD2, DD2].
- A4:** The PCM has the same temperature throughout [GD2, DD2, LC1].
- A5:** etc.

# Reproducibility

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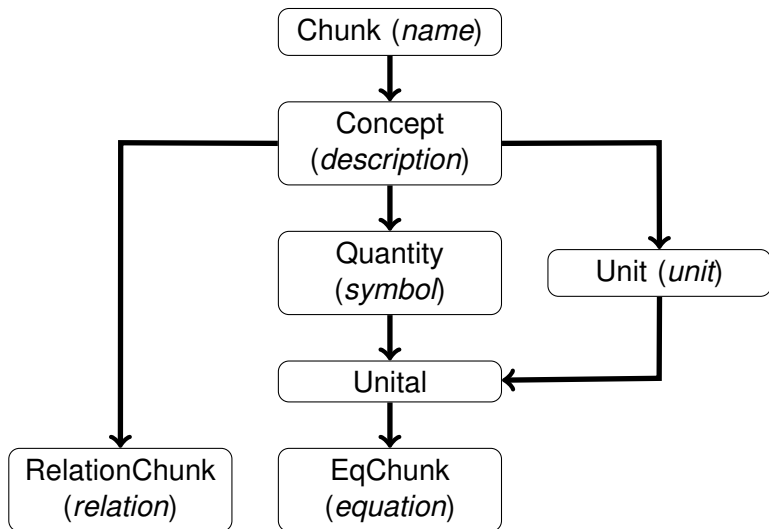
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- Knowledge is explicitly stored for the future
- Recipes used to regenerate all artifacts, not just code or results
- Recipes include build instructions

# Drasil Framework Design

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# Simple SRS from LaTeX

SRS from LaTeX

```
vars :: [EqChunk]
vars = [h_g, h_c]
```

```
s1, s2, s3, s4 :: LayoutObj
s1=table_of_units si_units
s2=table_of_symbols vars
s3=Section 0 (S "Data Definitions") $ map (Definition.Data) vars
s4=Section 0 (S "Code") $ map (CodeBlock.toCode CLang Calc) [h_c]
```

```
srs :: Quantity s => [s] -> String -> [LayoutObj] -> Document
srs ls author body =
  Document ((S "SRS for ") :+:
    (foldr1 (:+:) (intersperse (S " and ")
      (map (\x -> U $ x ^. symbol) ls))))
    (S author) body
```

```
srsBody :: Document
srsBody = srs vars "Spencer Smith" [s1, s2, s3, s4]
```

```
table_of_symbols :: (Unit s, Quantity s) => [s] -> LayoutObj
table_of_symbols ls=Section 0 (S "Table of Sym") [intro,table ls]
```

```
intro :: LayoutObj
intro = Paragraph $
  S "The table that follows ..."
```

```
table :: (Unit s, Quantity s) => [s] -> LayoutObj
table ls=Table [S "Symbol",S "Description",S "Units"] (mkTable
  [(\ch -> U (ch ^. symbol)),
   (\ch -> ch ^. descr),
   (\ch -> Sy $ ch ^. unit)] ls)
(S "Table of Symbols") False
```

```
fundamentals :: [FundUnit]
fundamentals = [metre, kilogram, second, ...]

derived :: [DerUChunk]
derived = [centigrade, joule, watt, calorie, kilowatt]

si_units :: [UnitDefn]
si_units = map UU fundamentals ++ map UU derived
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### Fundamental SI Units

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```
fund :: String -> String -> String -> FundUnit
fund nam desc sym = UD (CC nam (S desc)) (UName $ Atomic sym)
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metre, kilogram, second, ... :: FundUnit
metre      = fund "Metre"      "length"      "m"
kilogram   = fund "Kilogram"   "mass"         "kg"
second     = fund "Second"     "time"         "s"
kelvin     = fund "Kelvin"     "temperature" "K"
mole       = fund "Mole"       "amount of substance" "mol"
ampere     = fund "Ampere"     "electric current" "A"
candela    = fund "Candela"    "luminous intensity" "cd"
```



$$h_c = \frac{2k_ch_b}{2k_c + \tau_ch_b}$$

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heat_transfer :: DerUChunk
heat_transfer = DUC (UD ht_con ht_symb) heat_transfer_eqn

ht_con :: ConceptChunk
ht_con = makeCC "Heat transfer" "Heat transfer"

ht_symb :: USymb
ht_symb = from_undefn heat_transfer_eqn

heat_transfer_eqn = USynonym (UProd
    [kilogram ^. unit, UPow (second ^. unit) (-3),
     UPow (centigrade ^. unit) (-1)])

h_c_eq :: Expr
h_c_eq = 2*(C k_c)*(C h_b)/(2*(C k_c)+(C tau_c)*(C h_b))

h_c :: EqChunk
h_c = fromEqn "h_c" (S "convective heat transfer ...")
    (IH 'sub' IC) heat_transfer h_c_eq

```

# Next Steps: Design Documentation

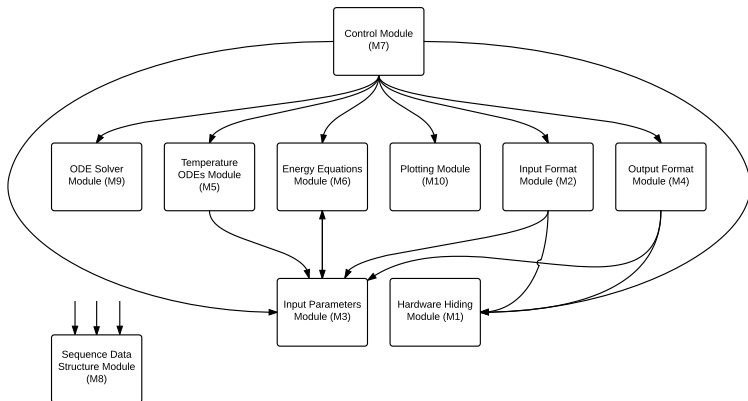
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# Generate Code for IMs

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Input  $m_P, C_P^S, C_P^L, h_P, A_P, t_{\text{final}}, T_{\text{init}}, T_{\text{melt}}^P, T_W(t)$  from IM1

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Output  $T_P(t), 0 \leq t \leq t_{\text{final}},$  with initial conditions,  $T_W(0) = T_P(0) = T_{\text{init}}$  (A12), and  $T_W(t)$  from IM1, such that the following governing ODE is satisfied. The specific ODE depends on  $T_P$  as follows:

$$\frac{dT_P}{dt} = \begin{cases} \frac{dT_P}{dt} = \frac{1}{\tau_P^S} (T_W(t) - T_P(t)) & \text{if } T_P < T_{\text{melt}}^P \\ \frac{dT_P}{dt} = \frac{1}{\tau_P^L} (T_W(t) - T_P(t)) & \text{if } T_P > T_{\text{melt}}^P \\ 0 & \text{if } T_P = T_{\text{melt}}^P \\ & \text{and } 0 < \phi < 1 \end{cases}$$


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# Approach to Developing Drasil

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- Case studies
  - Solar water heating tank
  - Slope stability analysis
  - Glass safety analysis
  - Game physics engine
- Practical
- Not trying to automate everything
- Small chunks of knowledge
- Look for patterns
- Attempt to capture design decisions
  - Version control
  - Issue tracking

# Concluding Remarks

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- SS has the opportunity to lead other software fields by leveraging its solid existing knowledge base
- Document driven design is feasible with a knowledge-based approach
- Documentation for QA and software certification does not have to be painful, expensive or time consuming
- Drasil will be developed via practical case studies