

# **Model-driven Engineering for Agile Development & Integration of Large-scale Component-based Systems**

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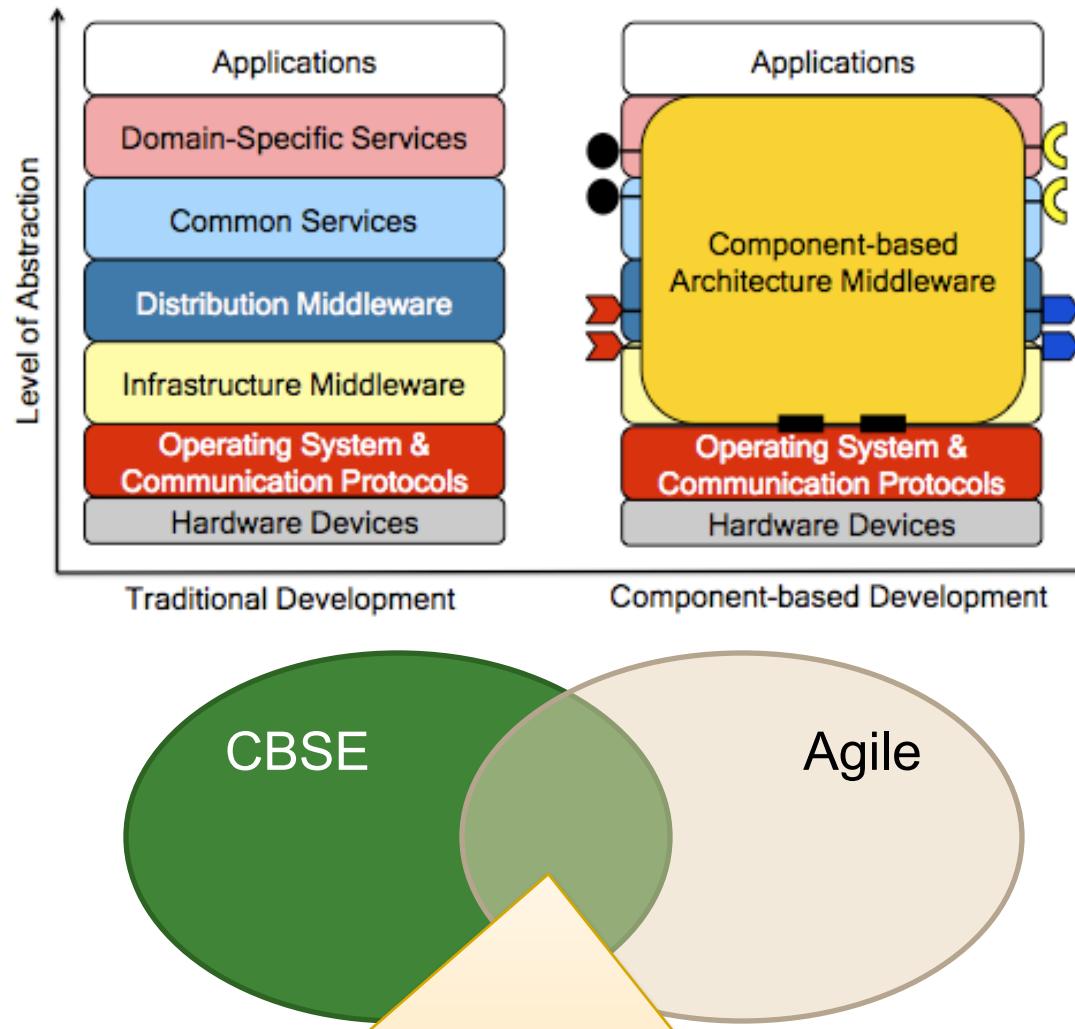
# Tutorial Outline

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- Tutorial Synopsis
- Agile Development & Component-based Software Engineering for Distributed Component-based Systems
- MDE Fundamentals & Applicability to Distributed Component-based Systems
- Coffee Break
- Early System Integration Testing
- Hands-on Demo with CUTS
- Continuous System Integration
- Demo with CiCUTS
- Deployment-based Analysis (optional)

# Tutorial Synopsis

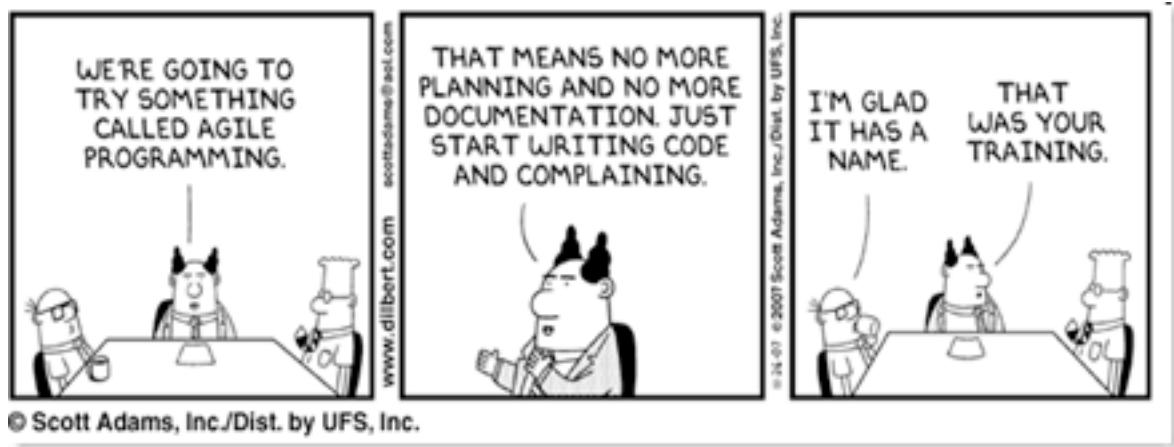
- Traditional methods of developing distributed real-time & embedded (DRE) systems are being replaced by component-base architecture middleware
  - *i.e.*, component-based software engineering (CSBE)
- Agile development is an software engineering paradigm aimed to address the challenges of rapid software development



**Tutorial Goal:** Combine agile software techniques with CBSE to address the quality of service (QoS) needs of enterprise DRE systems

# PART 1:

## Agile Development & Component-based Software Engineering for Distributed Component-based Systems



# Context: Component-based Software Engineering (CBSE)

Enables the rapid development & deployment of enterprise, distributed systems via system composition & built-in lifecycle services

## Standardized Component Models

- CORBA Component Model (CCM)
- J2EE/EJB
- Microsoft .NET Web Services



## Characteristics of CBSE

- Improves & expedites the software development process
- Promotes reuses of core-intellectual property through *development via composition*
- Shifts developer focus to application functionality



### Manifesto for CBSE

Separation of concerns... Focus on “business-logic”... Reuse of intellectual property

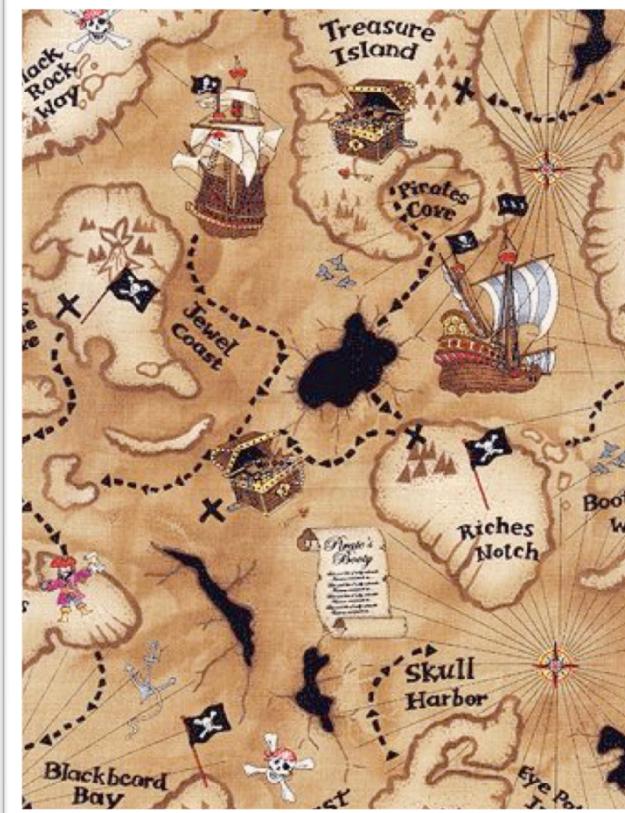
# Context: Agile Development

## Agile Software Development

- A process that embraces *small & lightweight* development techniques rather than a long & heavyweight development process
- Focuses on working software delivered *continuously* throughout the development lifecycle
- *Adaptable* to changes in software requirements

## Characteristics of Agile Processes

- Continuous Integration
- Test-driven Development
- Behavior-driven Development
- Scrum



**Manifesto for Agile Development**  
Individuals & interactions... Working software... Customer collaboration...  
Responding to change...

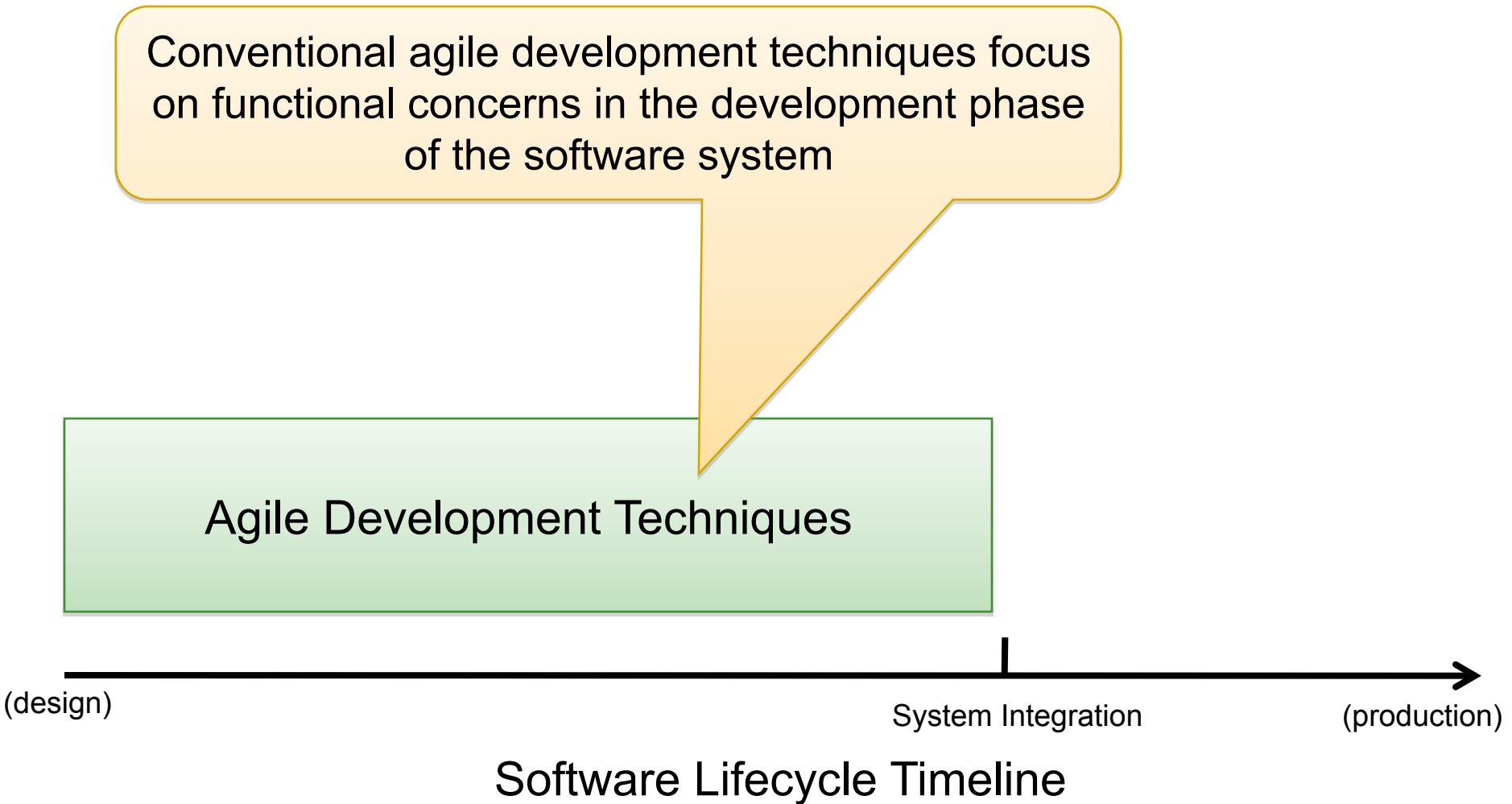
# Summary of Key Agile Development Techniques

Technique	Description/Characteristics
<b>Test-Driven Development (TDD)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Write test case first, then implement functionality to pass the test case</li><li>• Additional functionality <i>should not</i> break existing test cases</li></ul>
<b>Behavior-Driven Development (BDD)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Complement of test-driven development</li><li>• Create test scenarios that describe behavior of software; then implement functionality to pass the scenario</li></ul>
<b>Continuous Integration (CI)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continuously build &amp; evaluate software functionality throughout development lifecycle</li></ul>

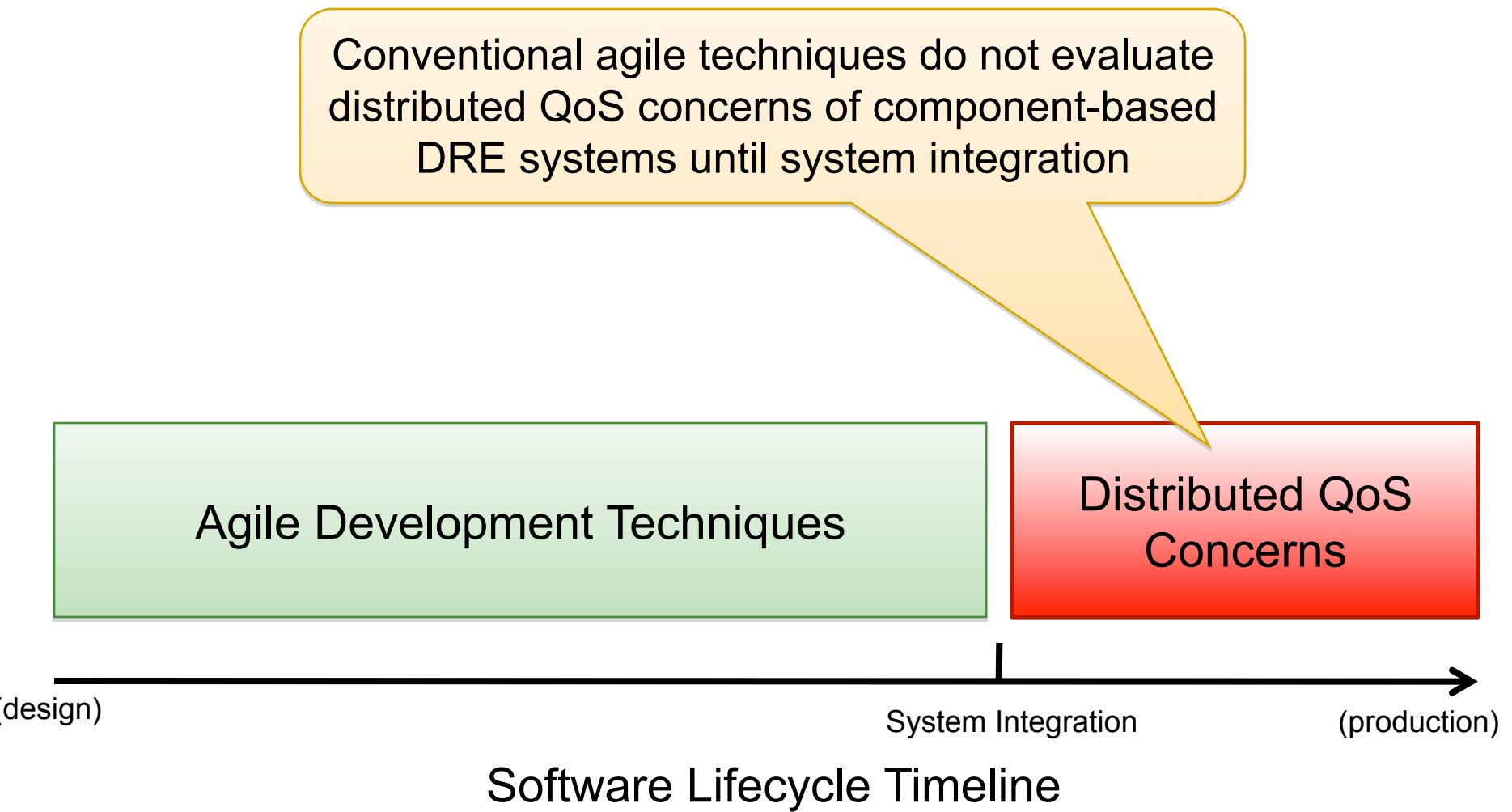


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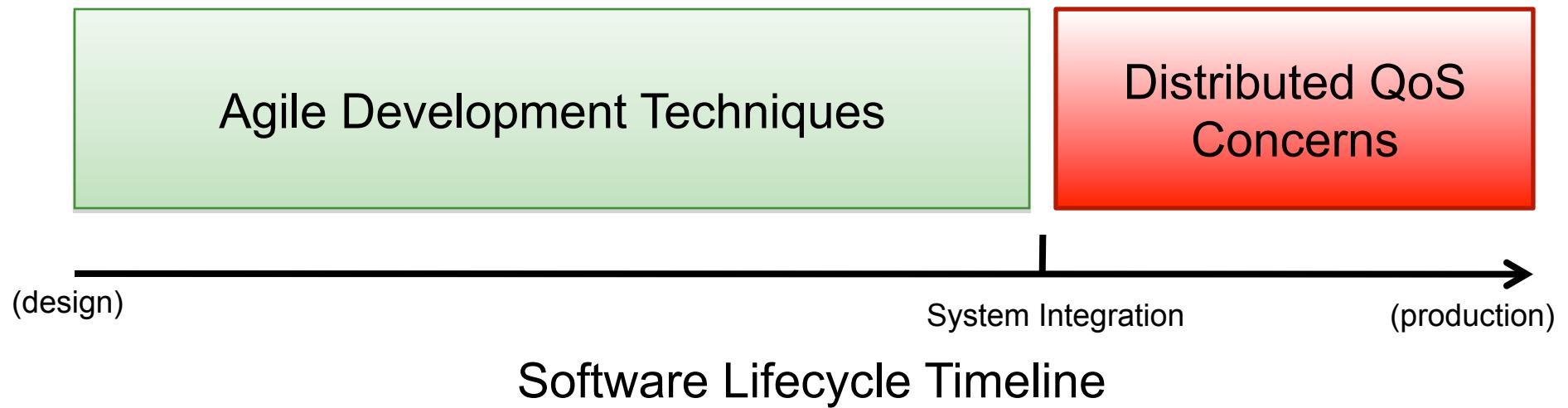
Conventional agile development techniques focus on functional concerns in the development phase of the software system



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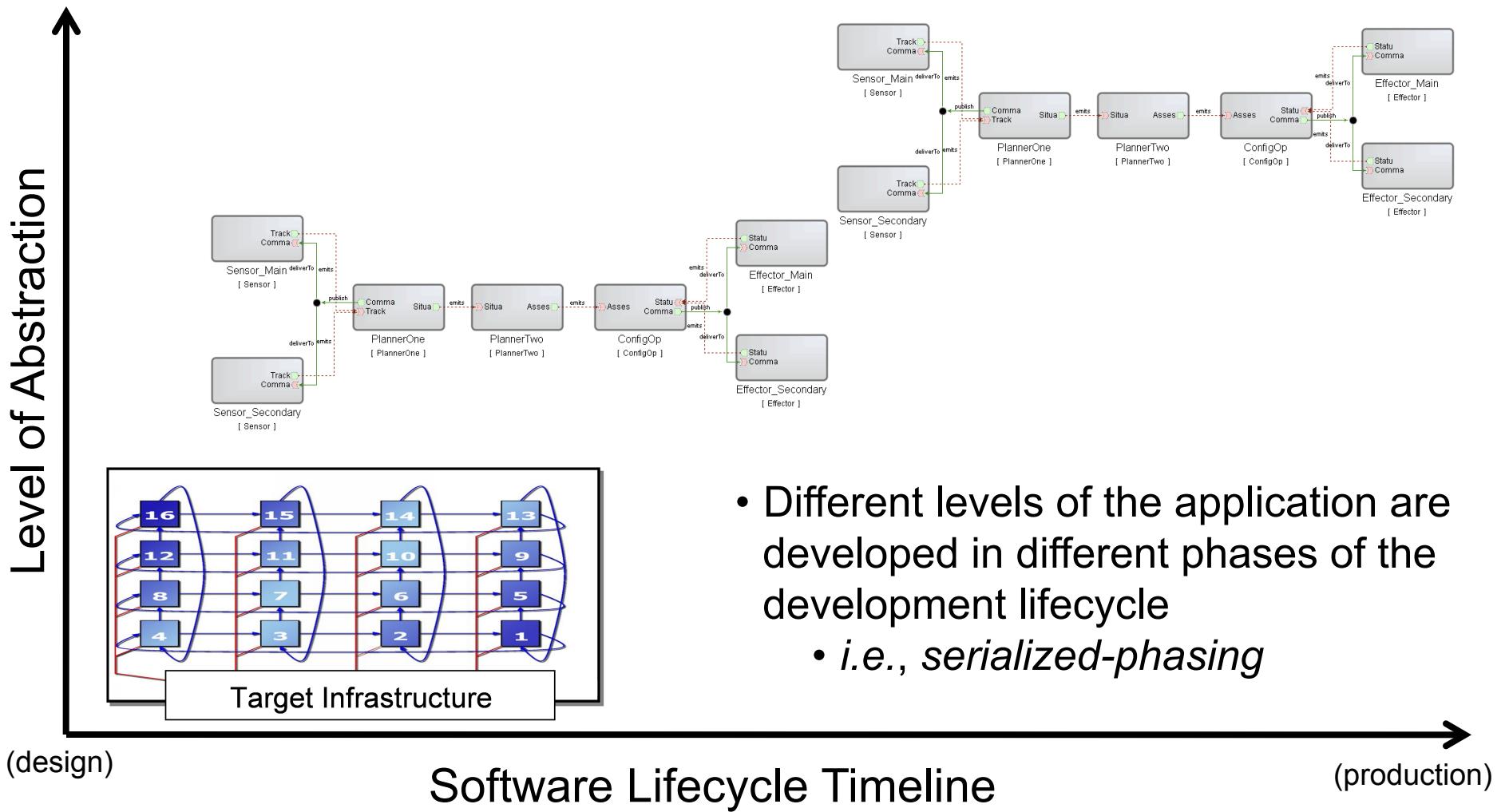


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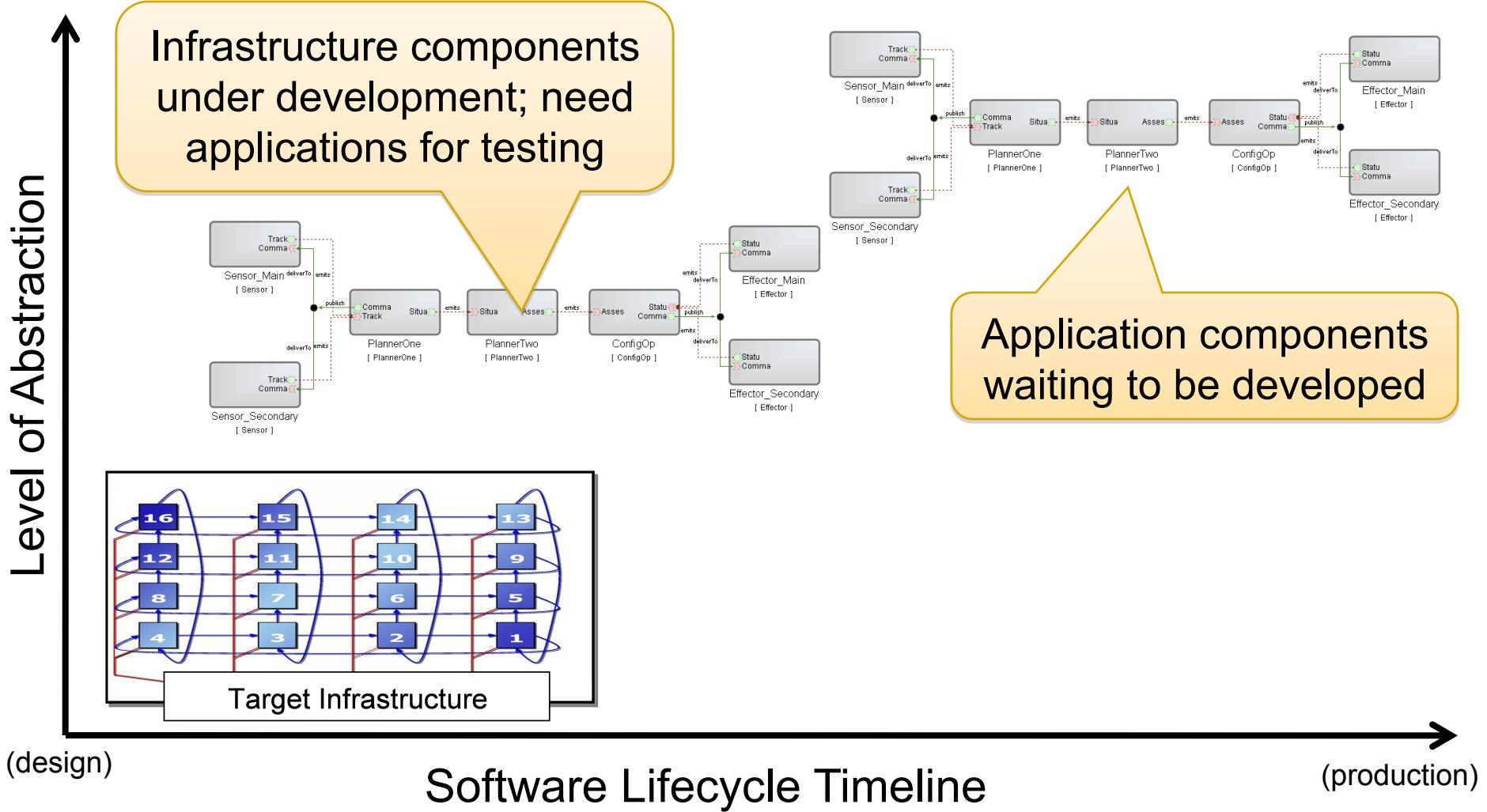


Disconnect between software development & software integration makes it hard to understand how each dimension affects the other in the software lifecycle

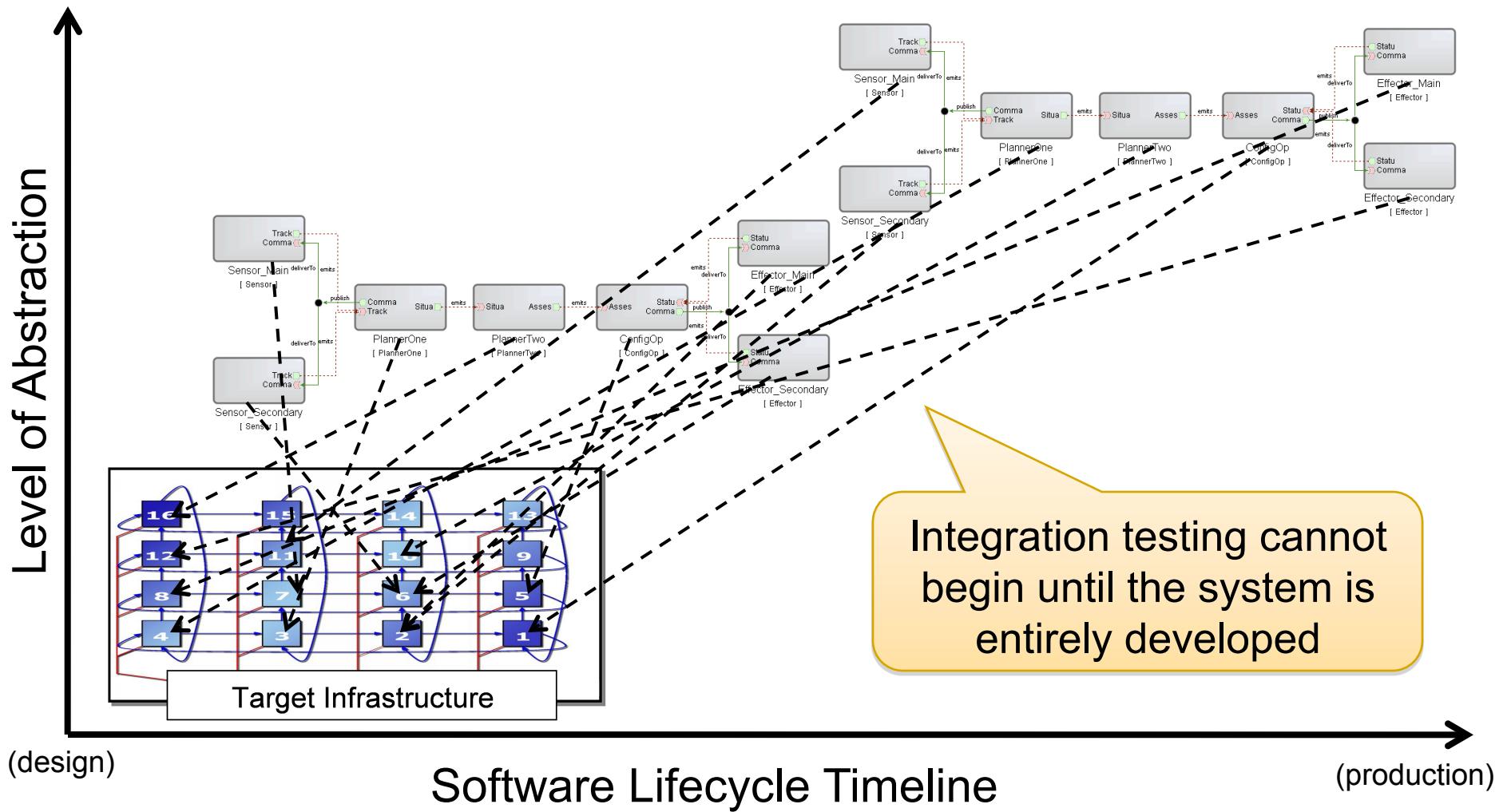
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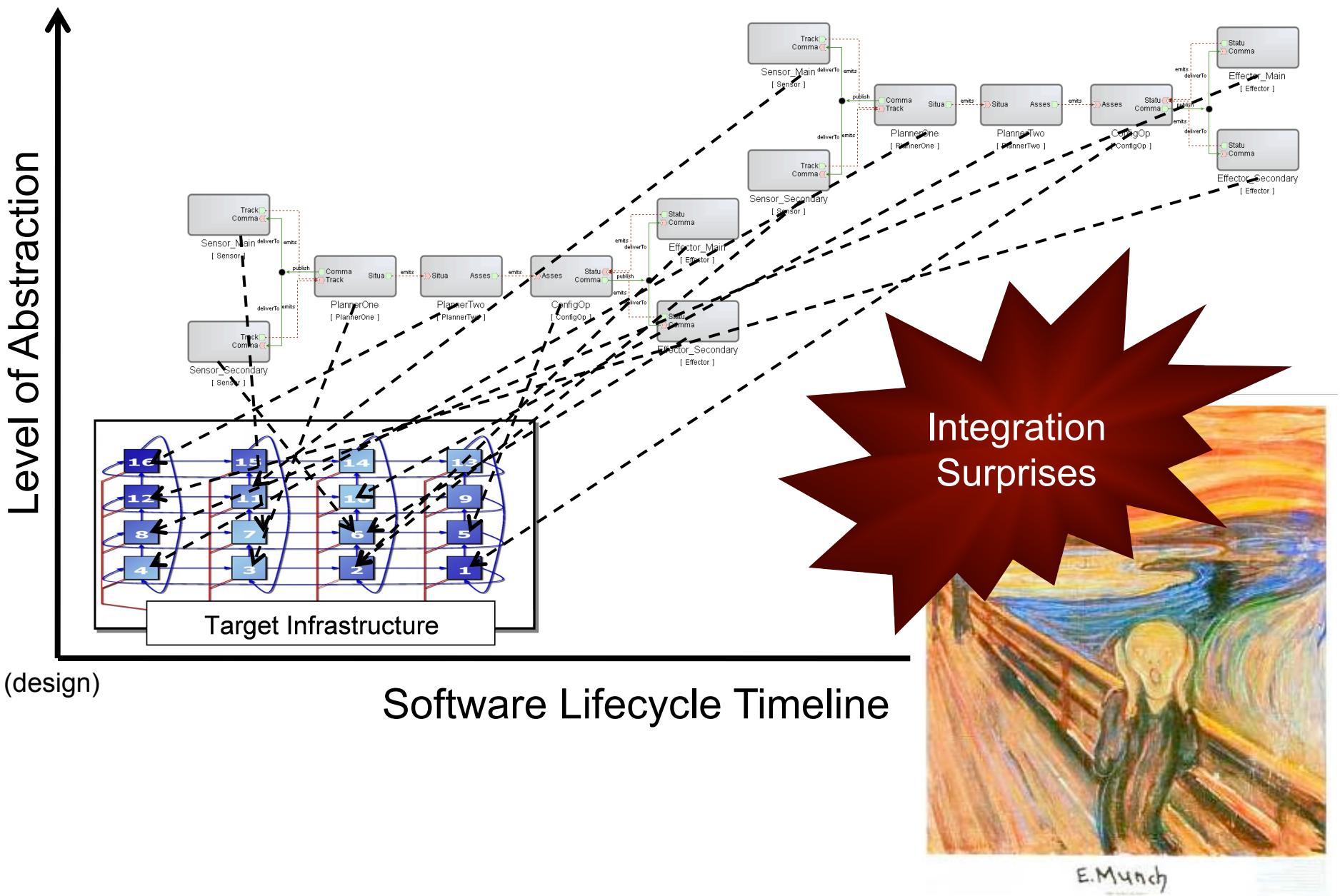
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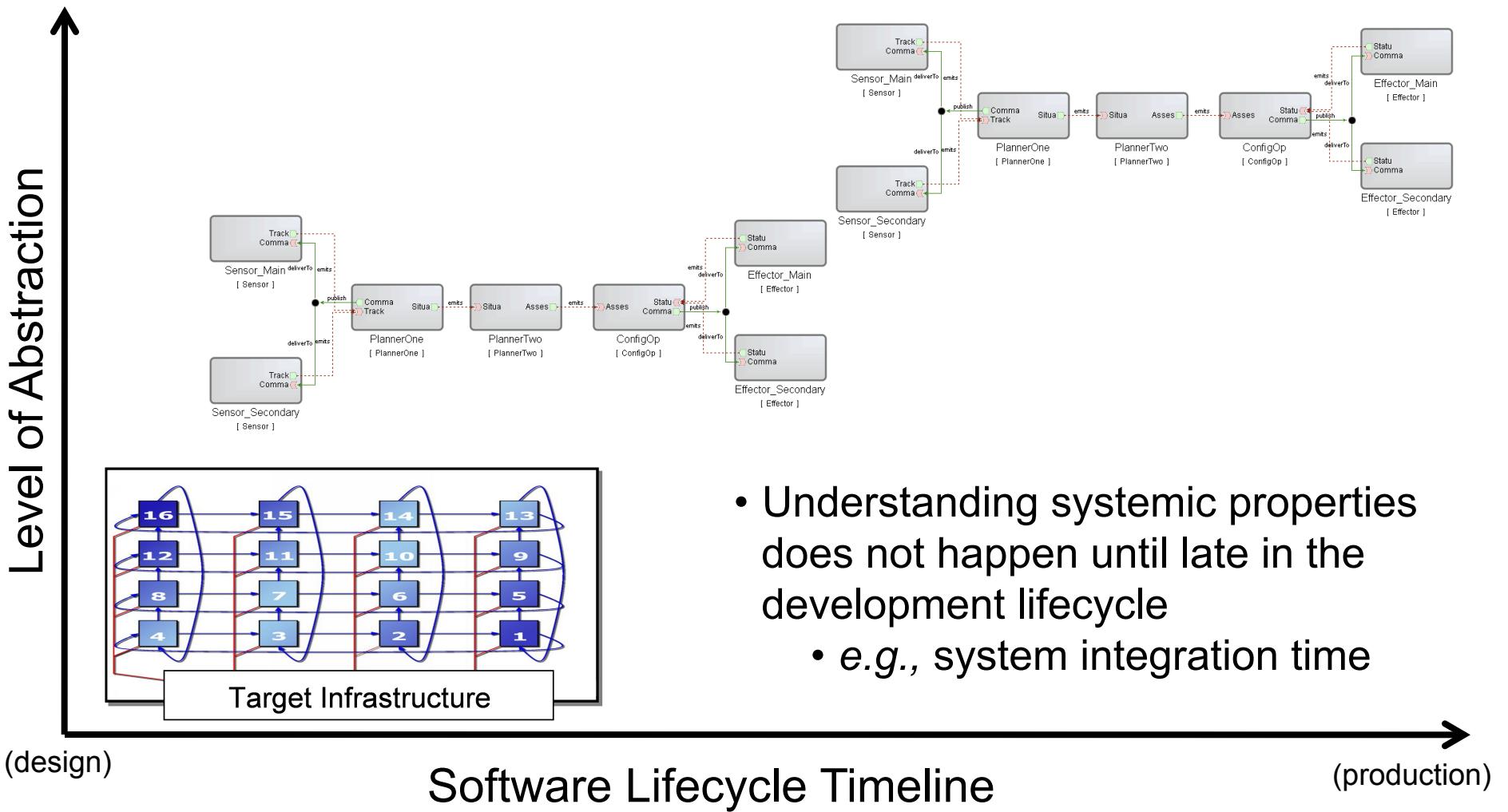
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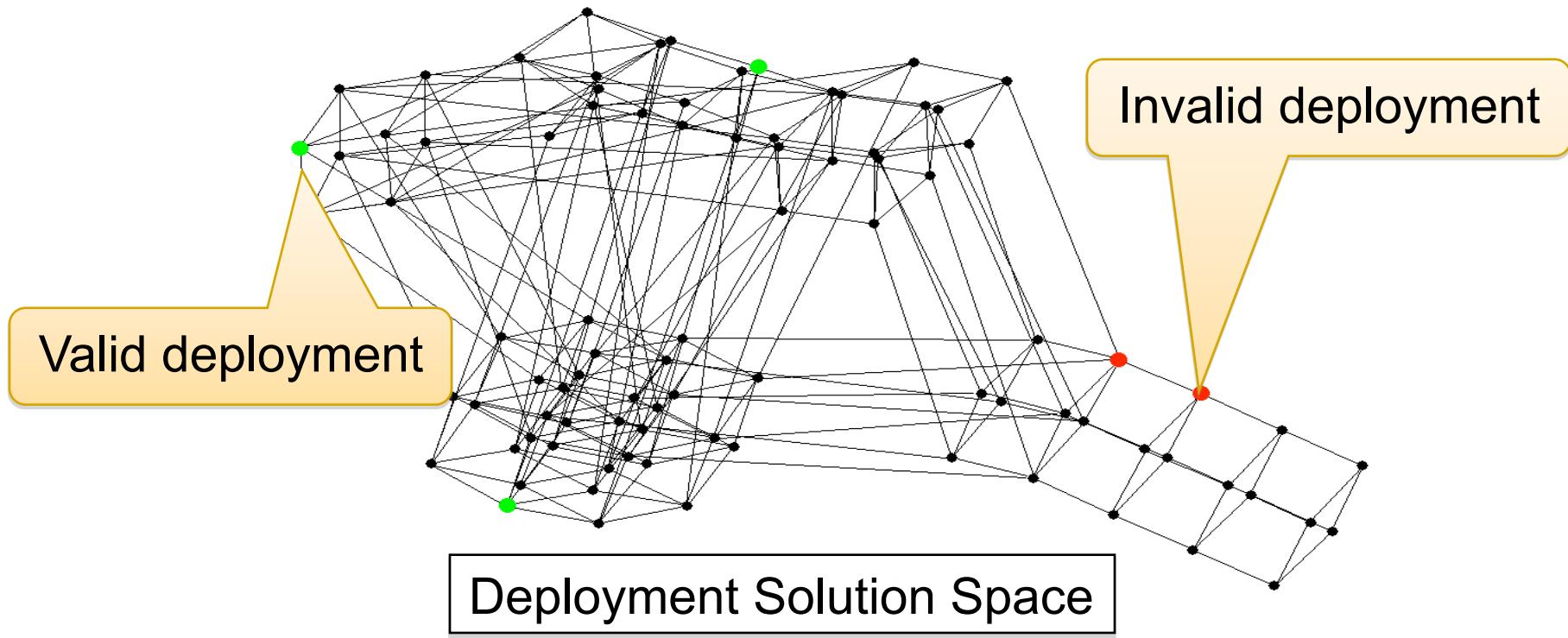
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Serialized-phasing of component-based DRE systems makes it hard to *continuously integrate* & understand distributed QoS concerns in software lifecycle

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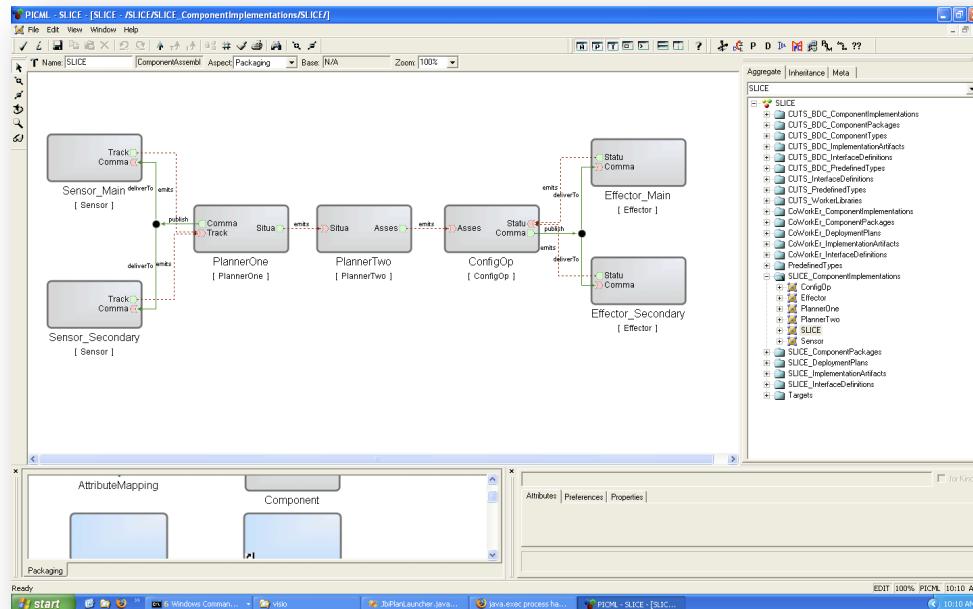
- Developers must test *many* deployment & configurations (D&Cs) to locate ones that meet QoS requirements



## Key Challenges

- Component-based systems can be **deployed in many ways** (e.g.,  $|host|^{\text{components}}$ )
- Emulating every deployment is costly**, e.g., time spent running false deployments (or not running valid deployments) can translate to lost project dollars
- Locating valid deployments that meet performance requirements is a **decision problem**, i.e., NP hard

# PART 2: MDE Fundamentals & Applicability to Distributed Component-based Systems

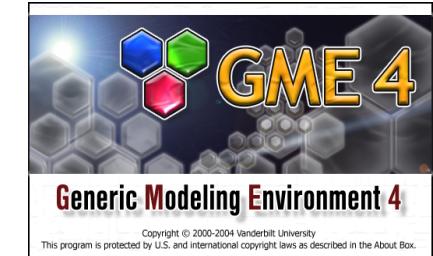
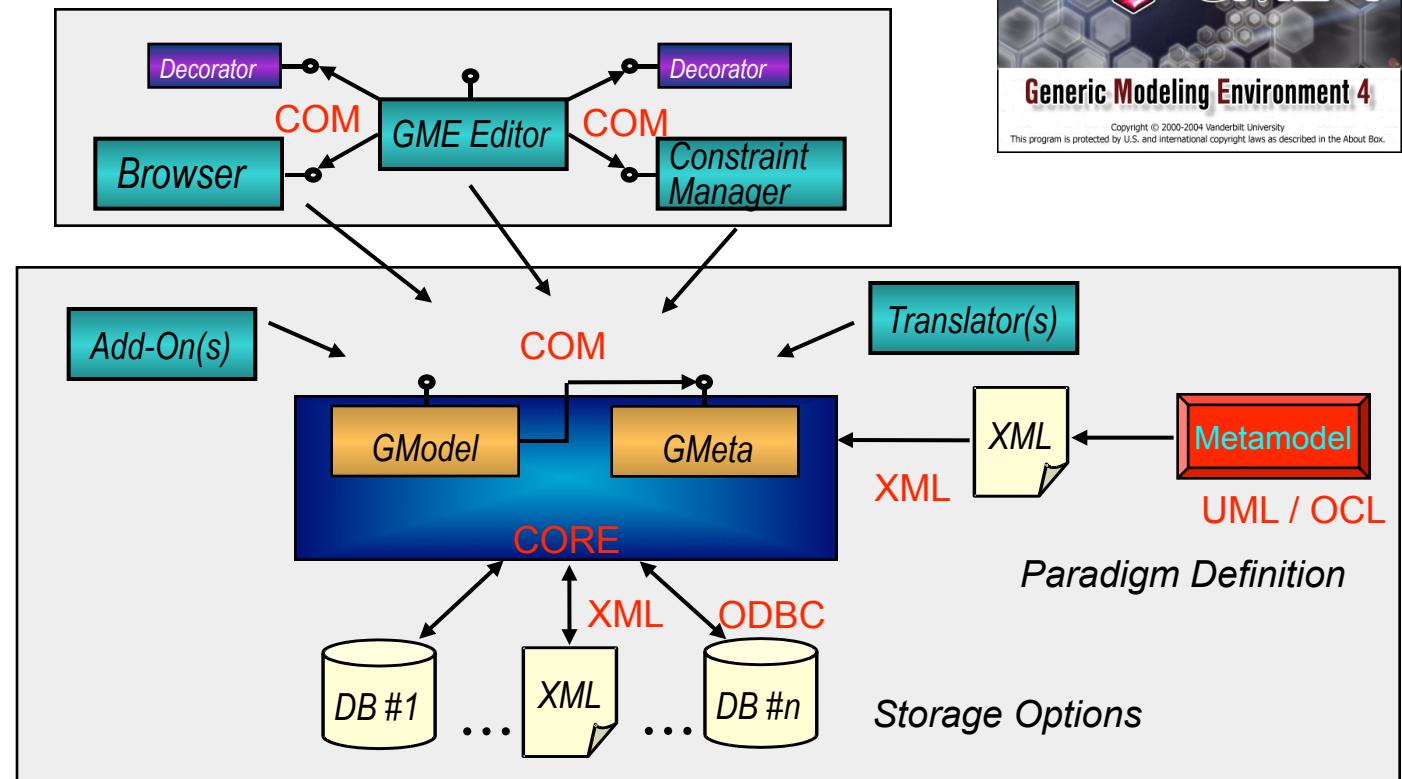


# Technology Enabler: Generic Modeling Environment (GME)

“Write Code That Writes Code That Writes Code!”

*Application Developers  
(Modelers)*

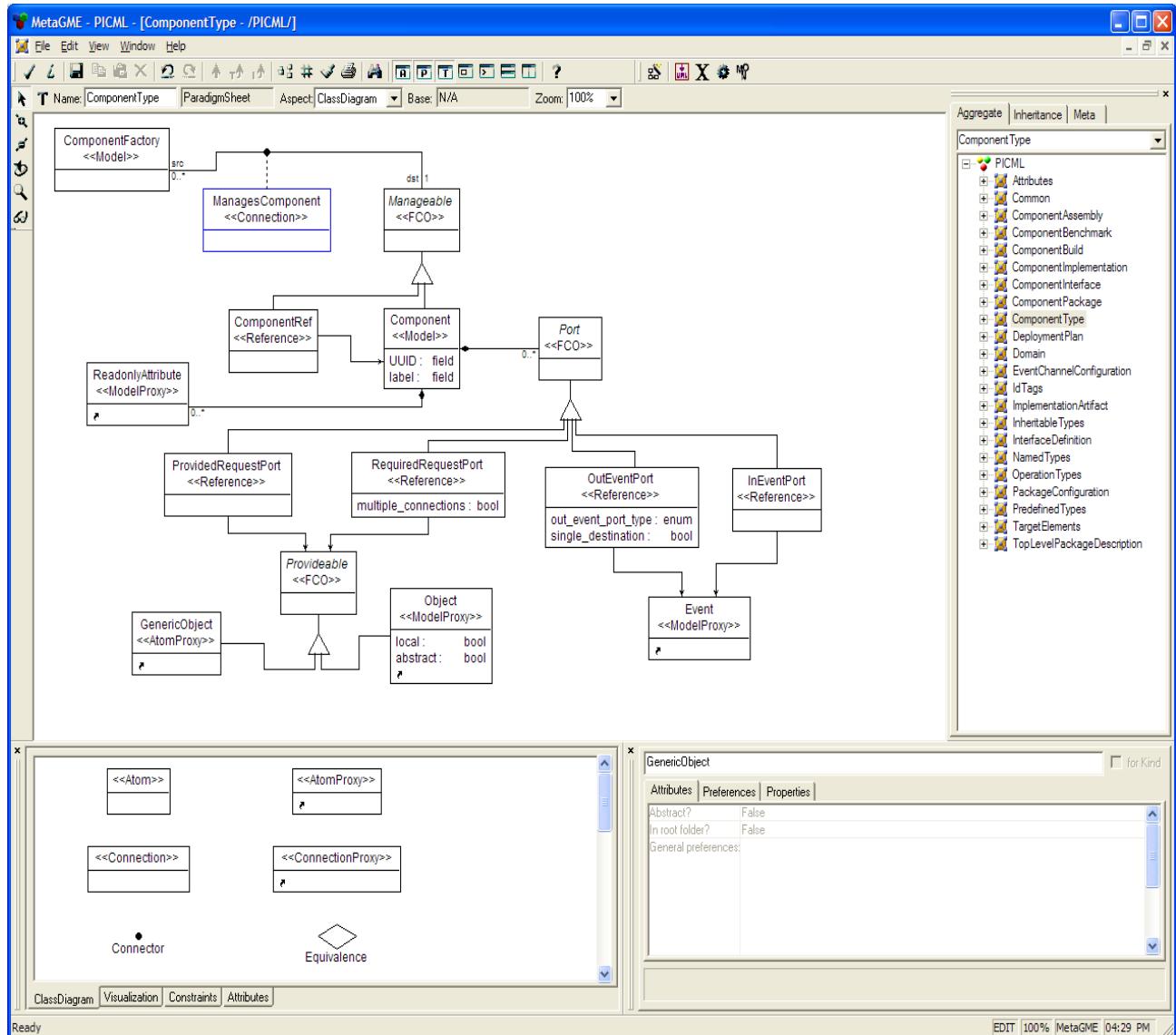
GME Architecture



Goal: Correct-by-construction component-based systems

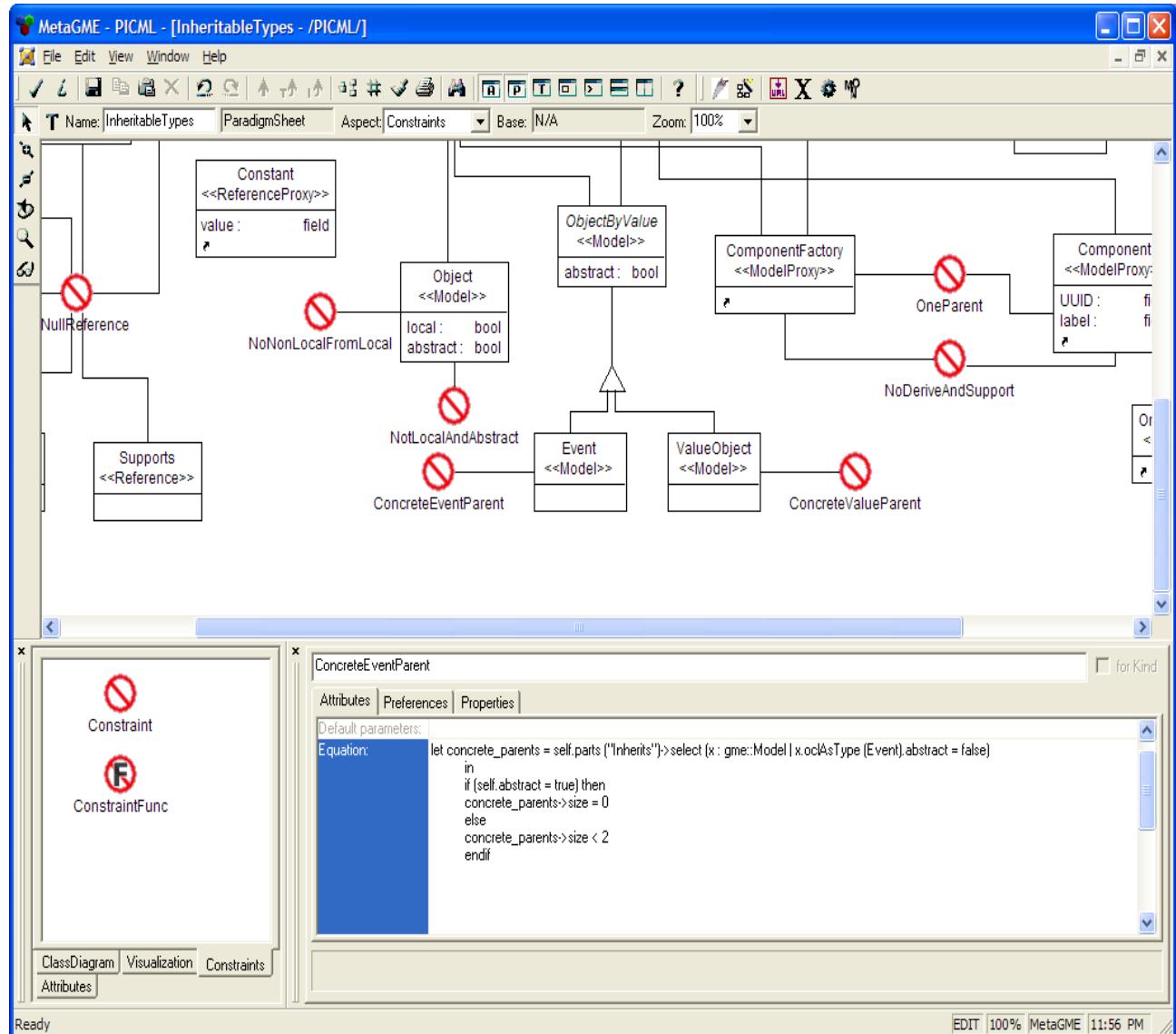
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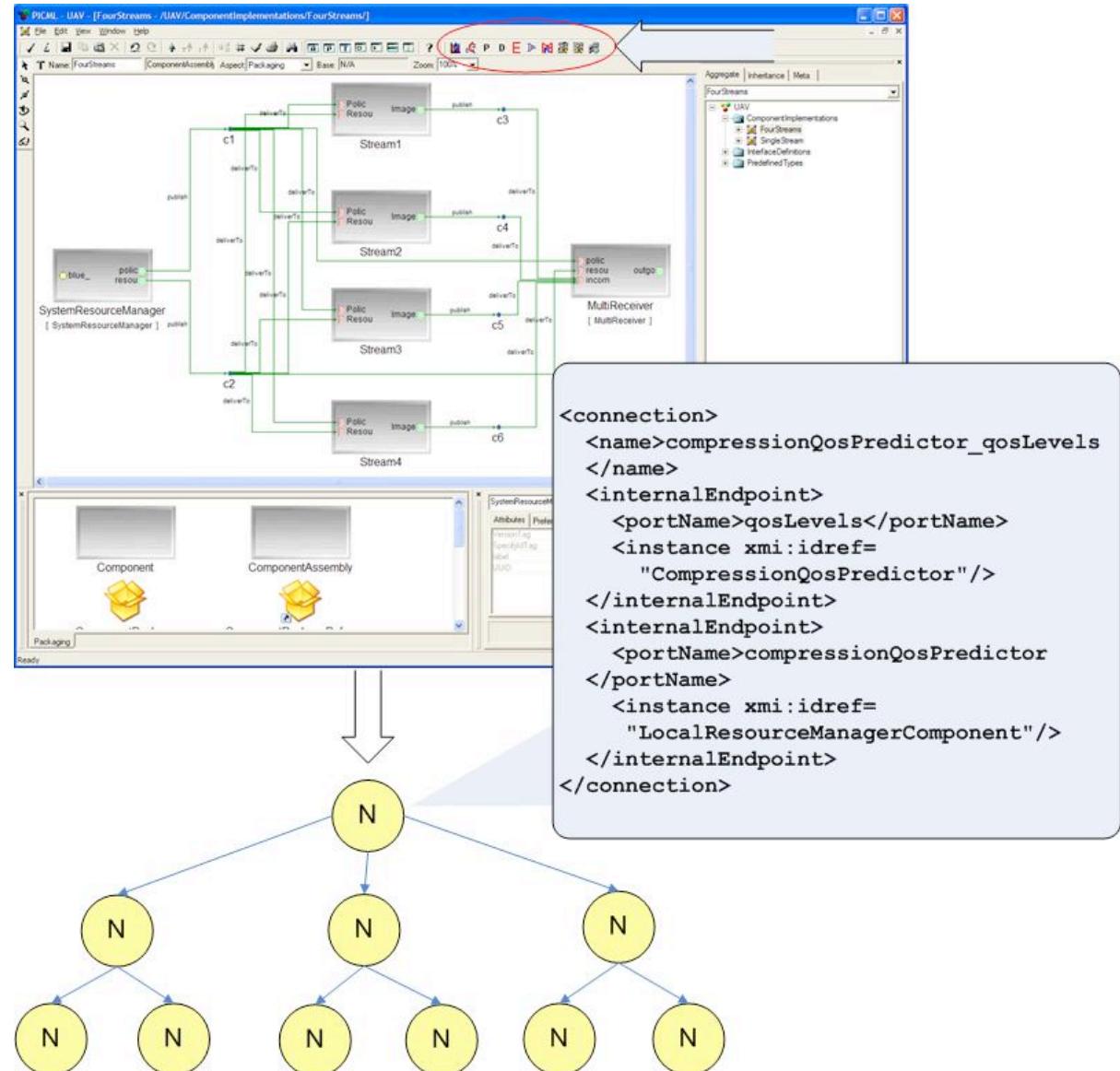
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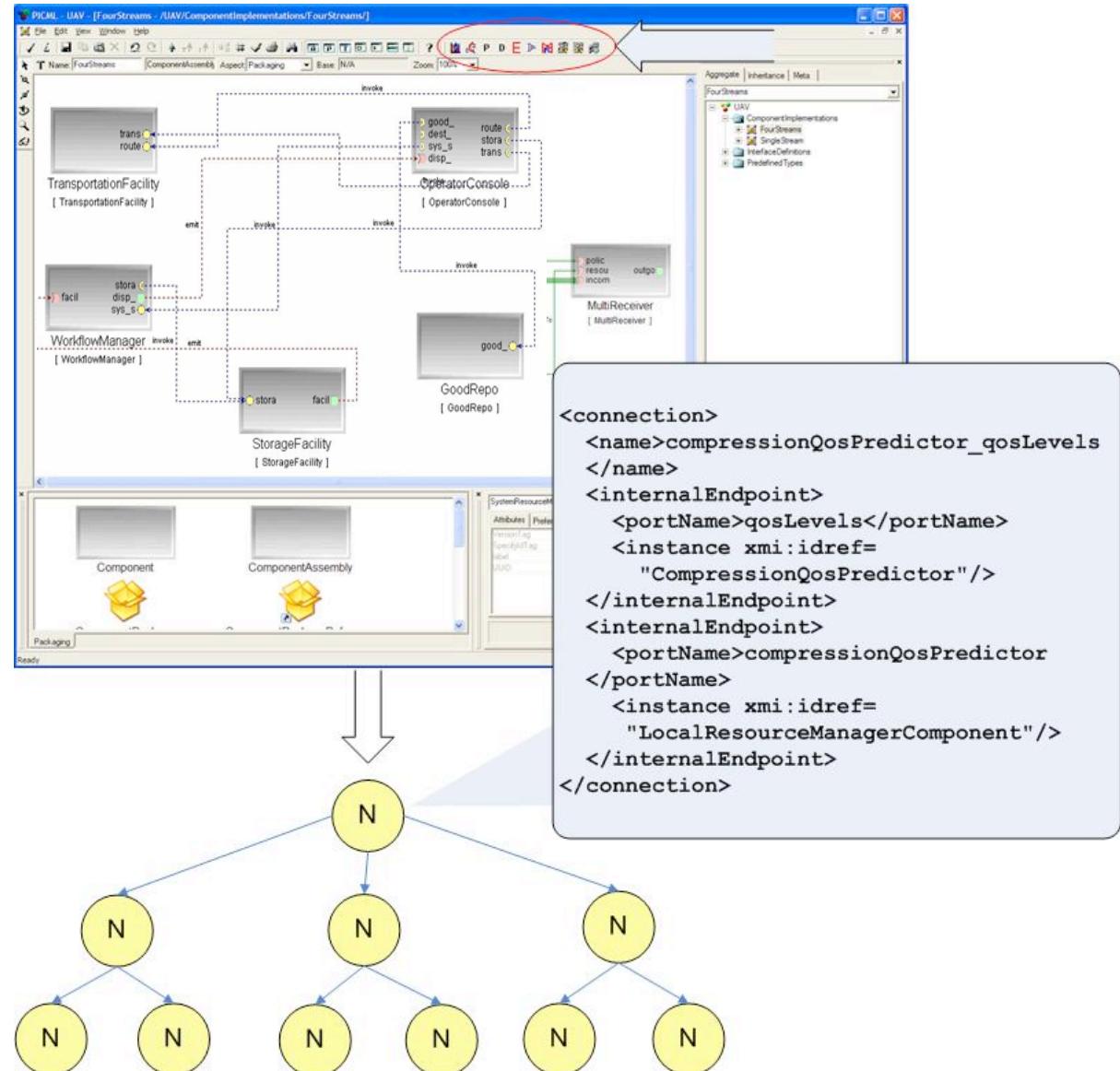
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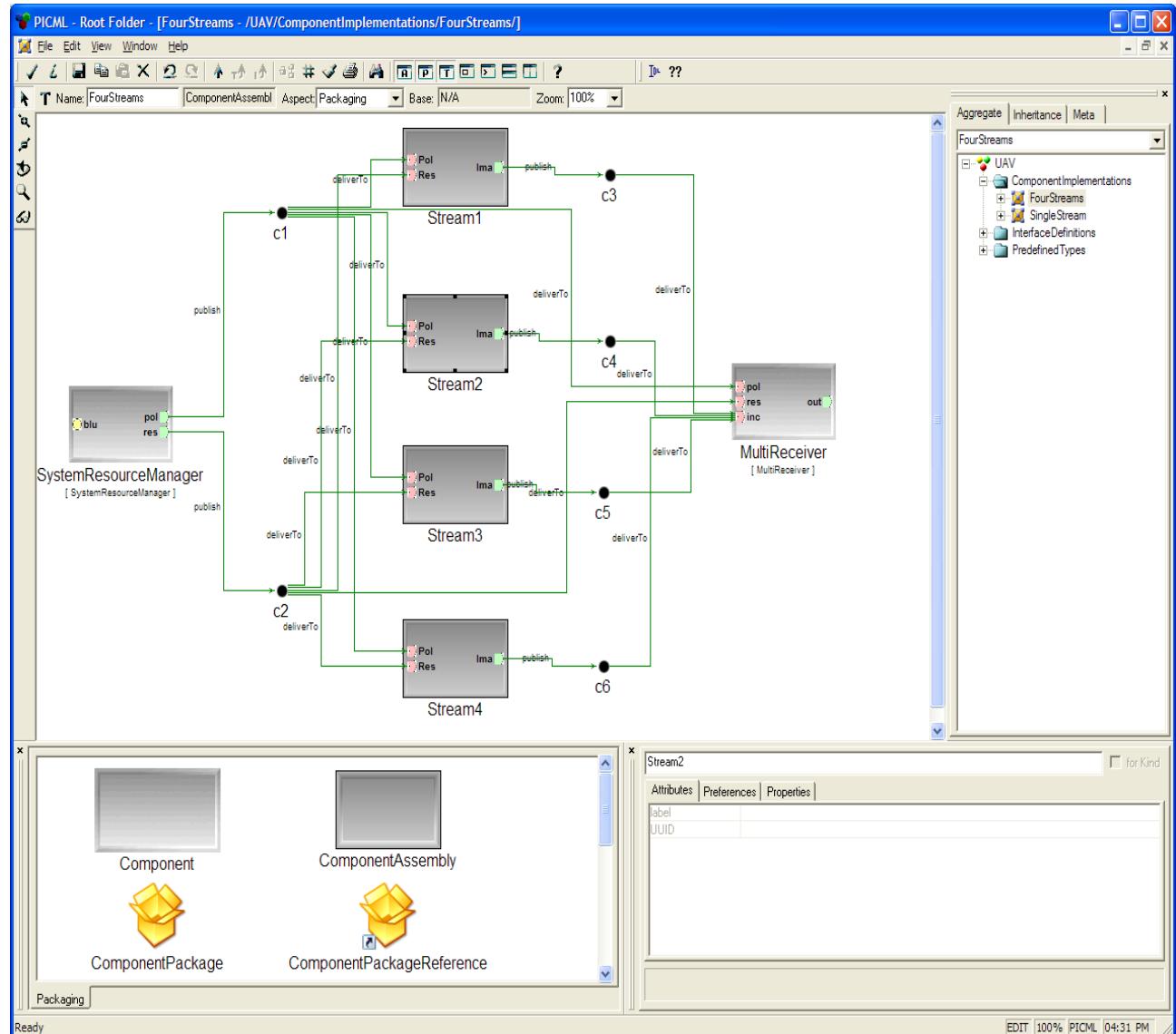
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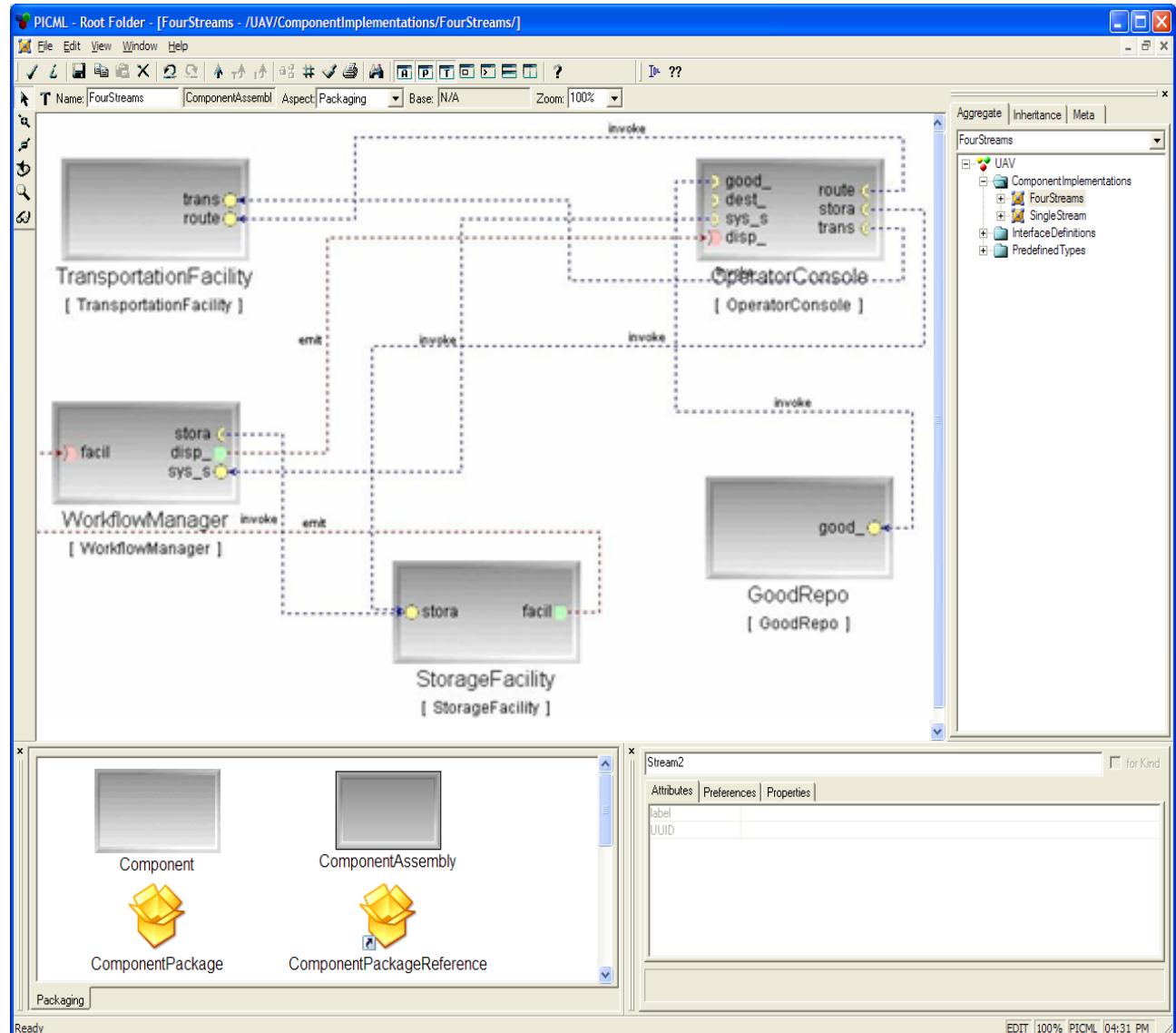
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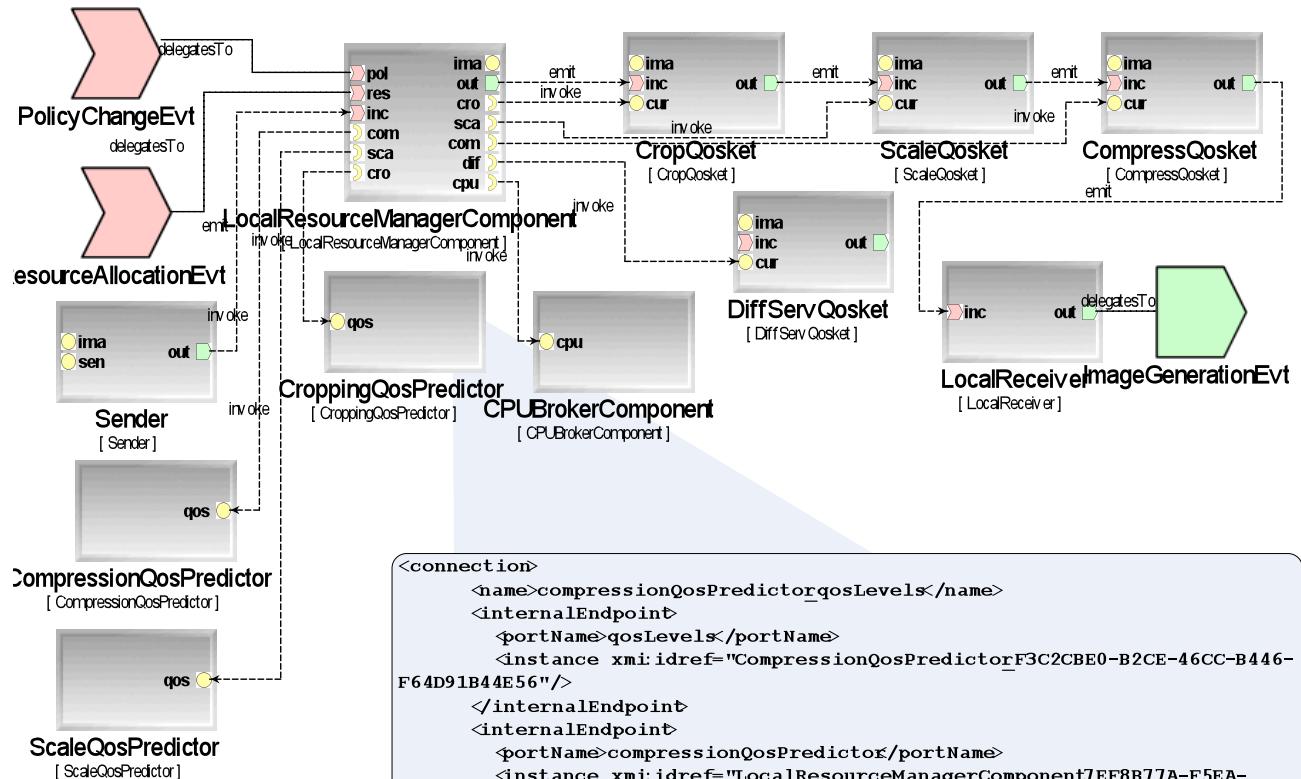
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- Model interpreter produces something useful from the models

- e.g., code, simulations, deployment descriptions & configurations



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# Applying MDE to Component-based Development

## Specification & Implementation

- Defining, partitioning, & implementing application functionality as standalone components

## Assembly & Packaging

- Bundling a suite of software binary modules & metadata representing app components

## Installation

- Populating a repository with packages required by app

## Configuration

- Configuring packages with appropriate parameters to satisfy functional & systemic requirements of an application without constraining to physical resources

## Planning

- Making deployment decisions to identify nodes in target environment where packages will be deployed

## Preparation

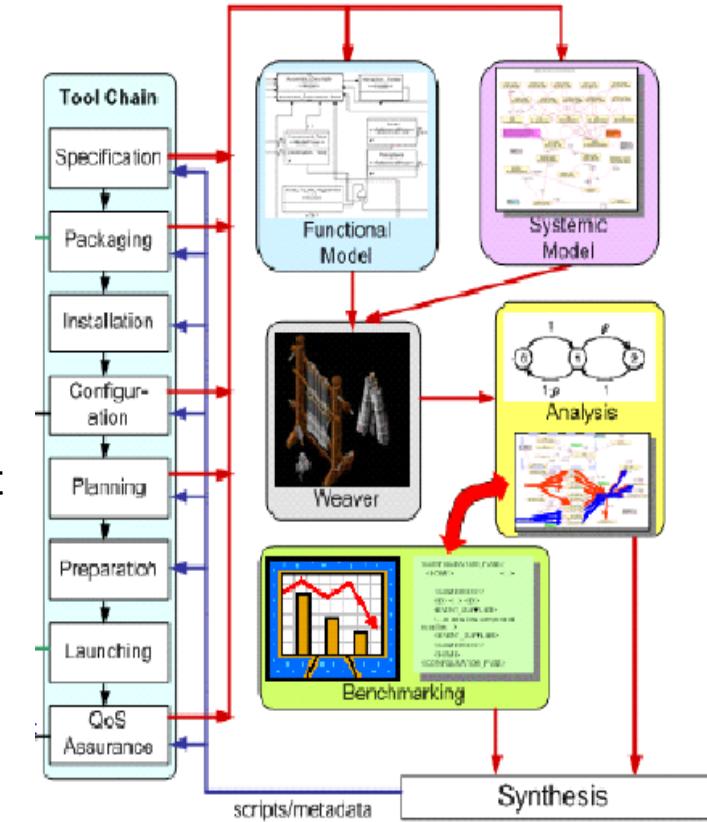
- Moving binaries to identified entities of target environment

## Launching

- Triggering installed binaries & bringing appln to ready state

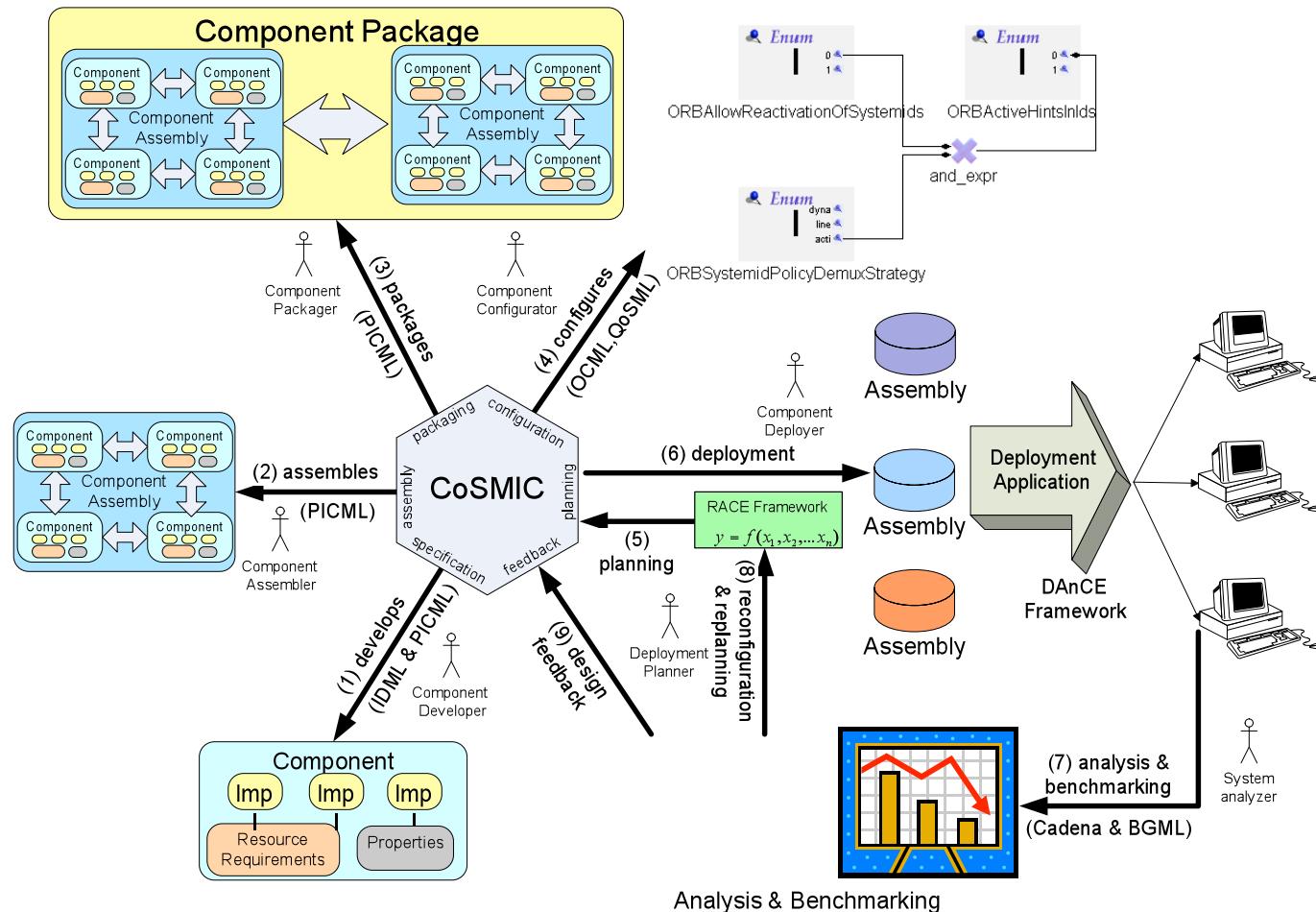
## QoS Assurance & Adaptation

- QoS validation, runtime (re)configuration & resource management to maintain end-to-end QoS



OMG Deployment &  
Configuration (D&C)  
specification (ptc/05-01-07)

# Our MDE Solution: CoSMIC Tool Suite

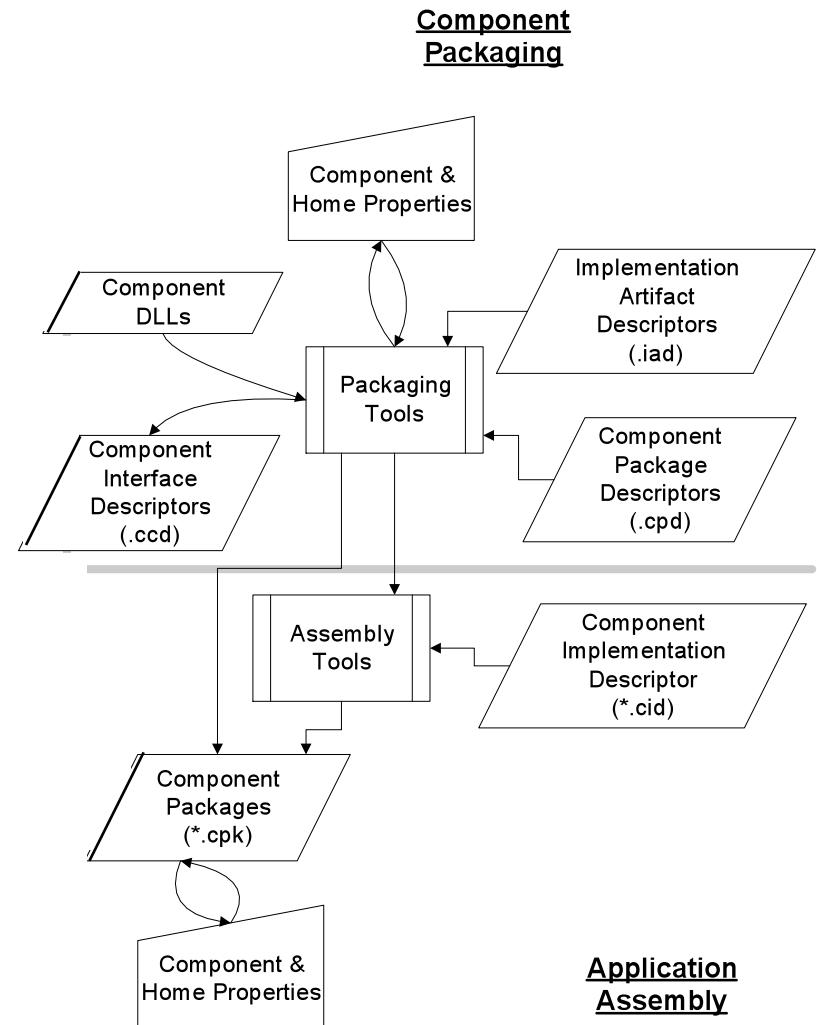


- CoSMIC tools, e.g., PICML used to model application components
- Captures the data model of the OMG D&C specification
- Synthesis of static deployment plans for DRE applications

CoSMIC can be downloaded at [www.dre.vanderbilt.edu/cosmic](http://www.dre.vanderbilt.edu/cosmic)

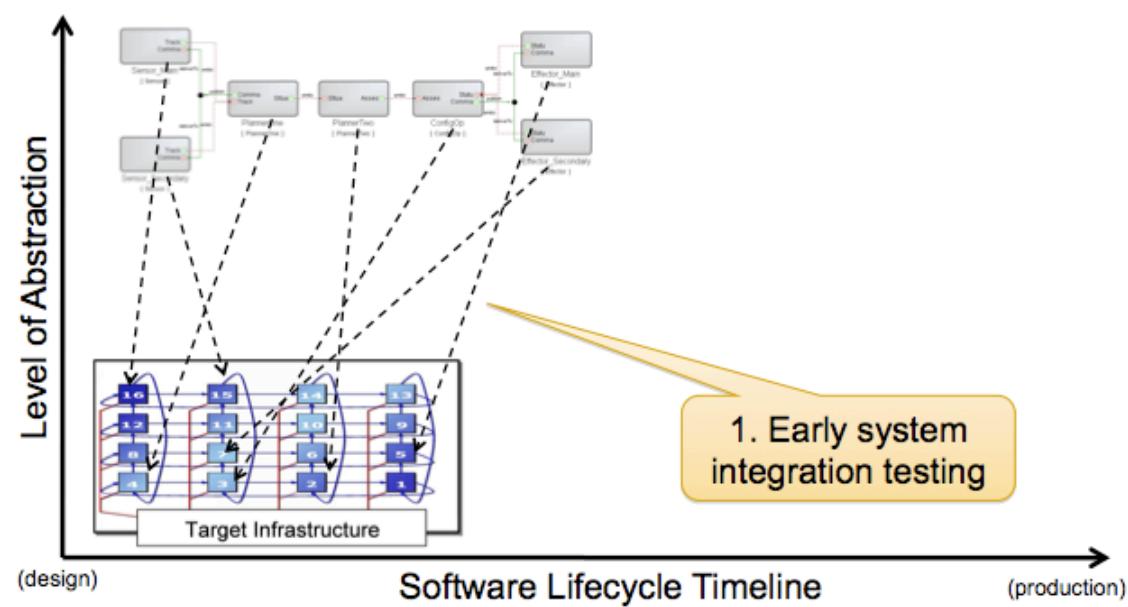
# Example Metadata Generated by PICML

- **Component Interface Descriptor (.ccd)**
  - Describes the interface, ports, properties of a single component
- **Implementation Artifact Descriptor (.iad)**
  - Describes the implementation artifacts (e.g., DLLs, OS, etc.) of one component
- **Component Package Descriptor (.cpd)**
  - Describes multiple alternative implementations of a single component
- **Package Configuration Descriptor (.pcd)**
  - Describes a configuration of a component package
- **Top-level Package Descriptor (package.tpd)**
  - Describes the top-level component package in a package (.cpk)
- **Component Implementation Descriptor (.cid)**
  - Describes a specific implementation of a component interface
  - Implementation can be either monolithic- or assembly-based
  - Contains sub-component instantiations in case of assembly based implementations
  - Contains inter-connection information between components
- **Component Packages (.cpk)**



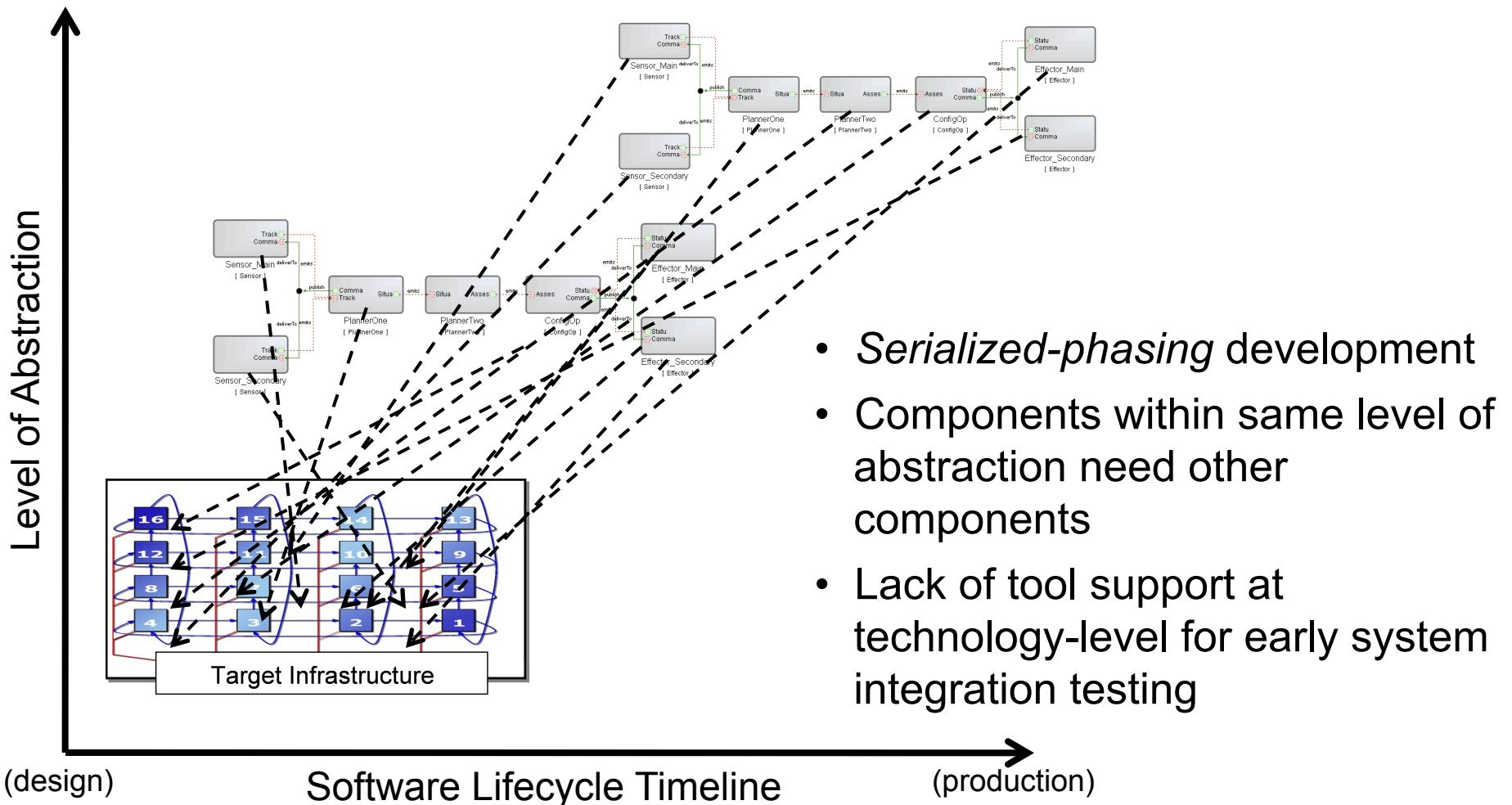
Based on OMG (D&C)  
specification (ptc/03-06-03)

# PART 3: Early System Integration Testing – Addressing Complexity #1



# Early System Integration Testing

Conventional component-based systems have some characteristics that prevent early system integration testing, such as:



- *Serialized-phasing* development
- Components within same level of abstraction need other components
- Lack of tool support at technology-level for early system integration testing

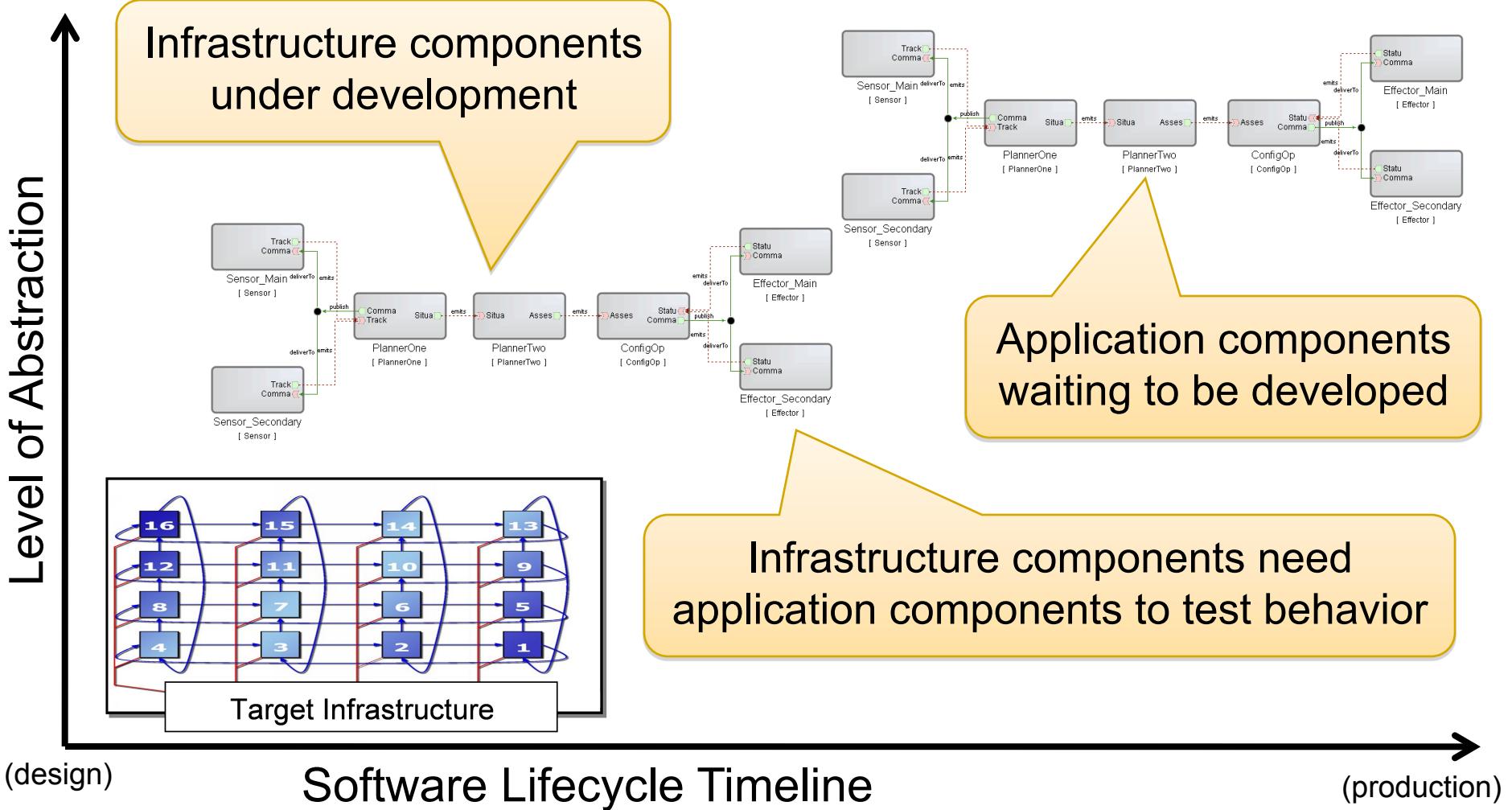
# Early System Integration Testing Properties

How to facilitate early integration testing of DRE component-based systems for software developers & testers?

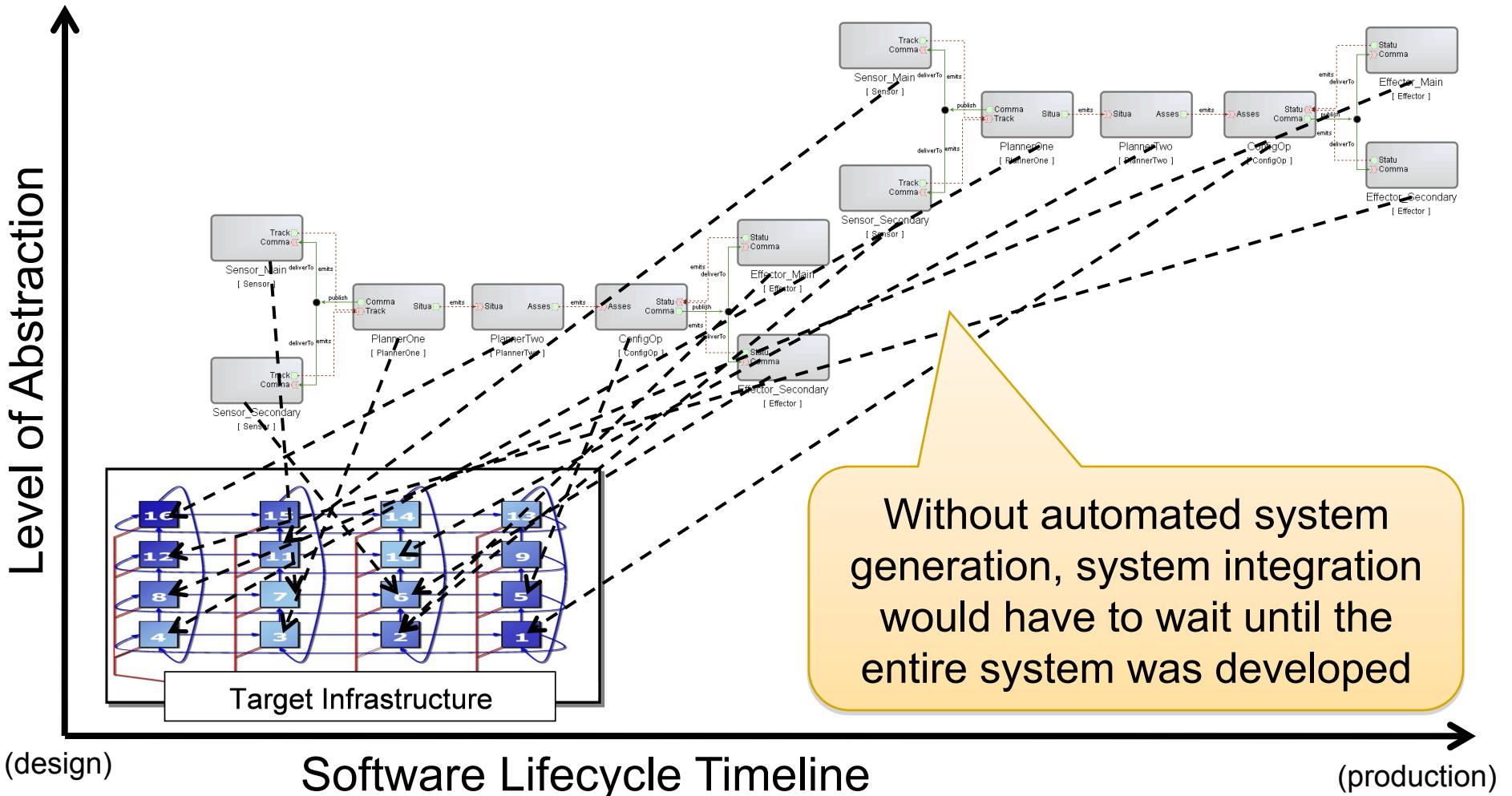
Property	Description
<b>Automation</b>	Technique leverages automation to generate a system for early testing
<b>Target Architecture</b>	Technique allows developers & testers to do early testing on their target architecture
<b>Granularity</b>	Developers can model system behavior at different levels of granularity
<b>Replaceable</b>	As developers implement the real components, they can easily replace the faux components

*Note: Evaluation criteria is based on characteristics of enterprise component-based systems & enterprises trying to apply agile development techniques on such systems*

# Challenge: Test System Auto-generation (1/3)



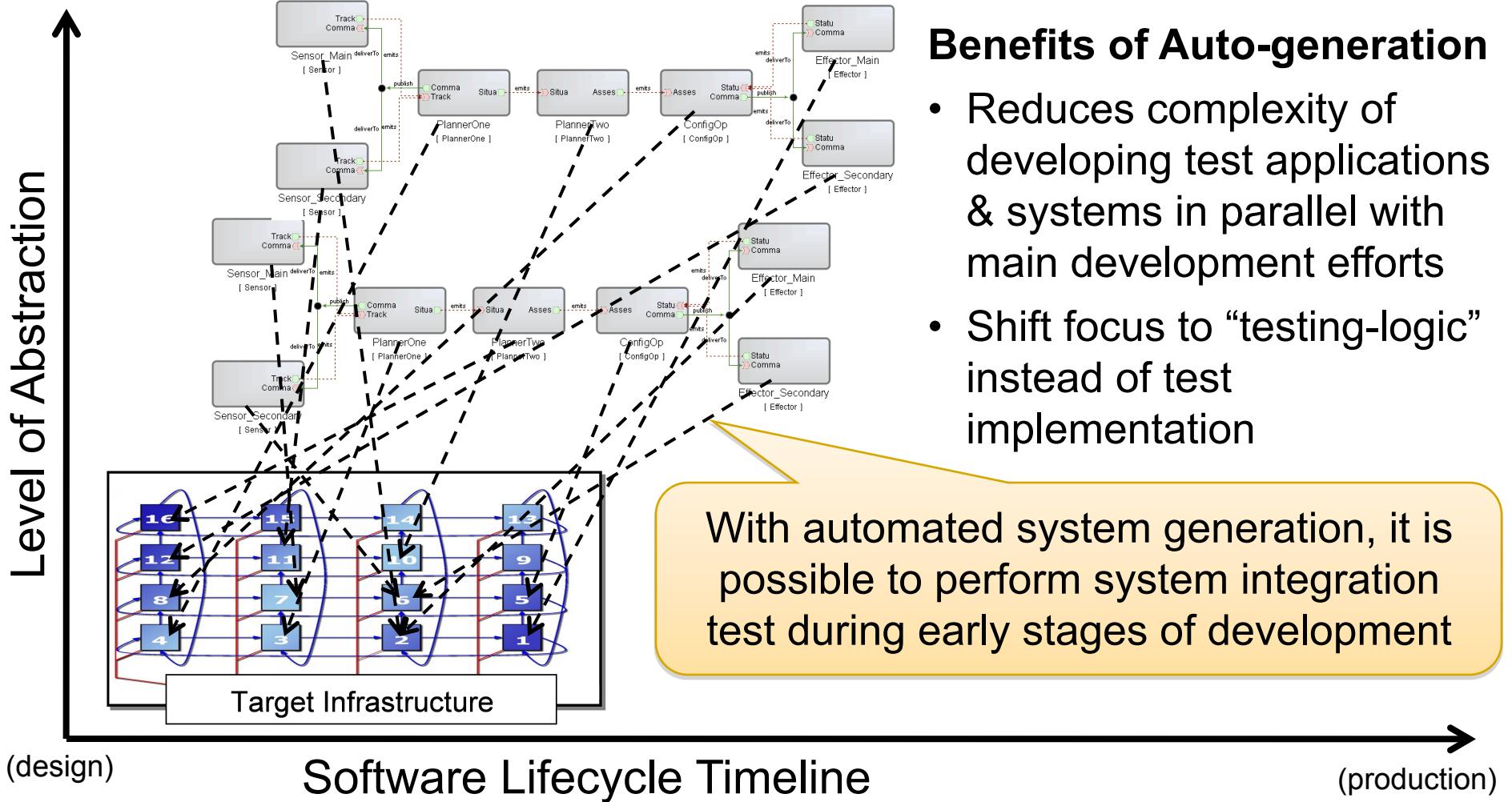
# Challenge: Test System Auto-generation (2/3)



## Serialized Phasing

- Performance/integration testing can only begin once infrastructure & application components are completely developed

# Challenge: Test System Auto-generation (3/3)



# Solution: SEM Execution Modeling Tools

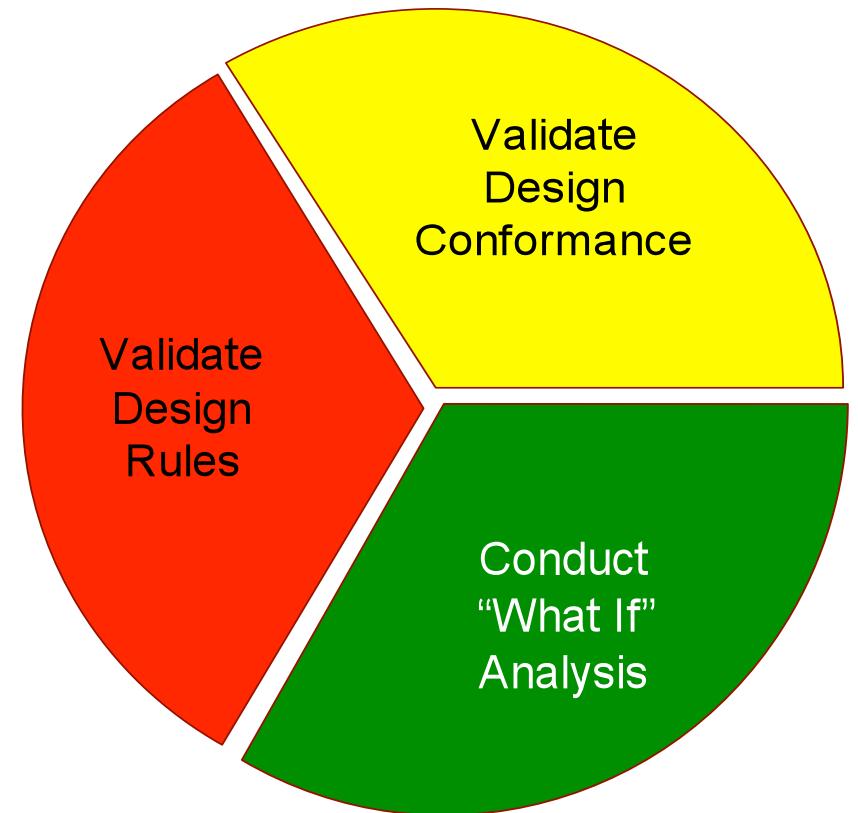
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## Component Workload Emulator (CoWorkEr)

## Utilization Test Suite (CUTS) Workflow

While target system under development:

1. Use a *domain-specific modeling language* (DSML) to define & validate infrastructure specifications & requirements
  - e.g., the Platform Independent Component Modeling Language (PICML)
2. Use DSML to define & validate application specifications & requirements
3. Use middleware & MDD tools generate D&C metadata so system conforms to its specifications & requirements
4. Use analysis tools to evaluate & verify QoS performance
5. Redefine system D&C & repeat

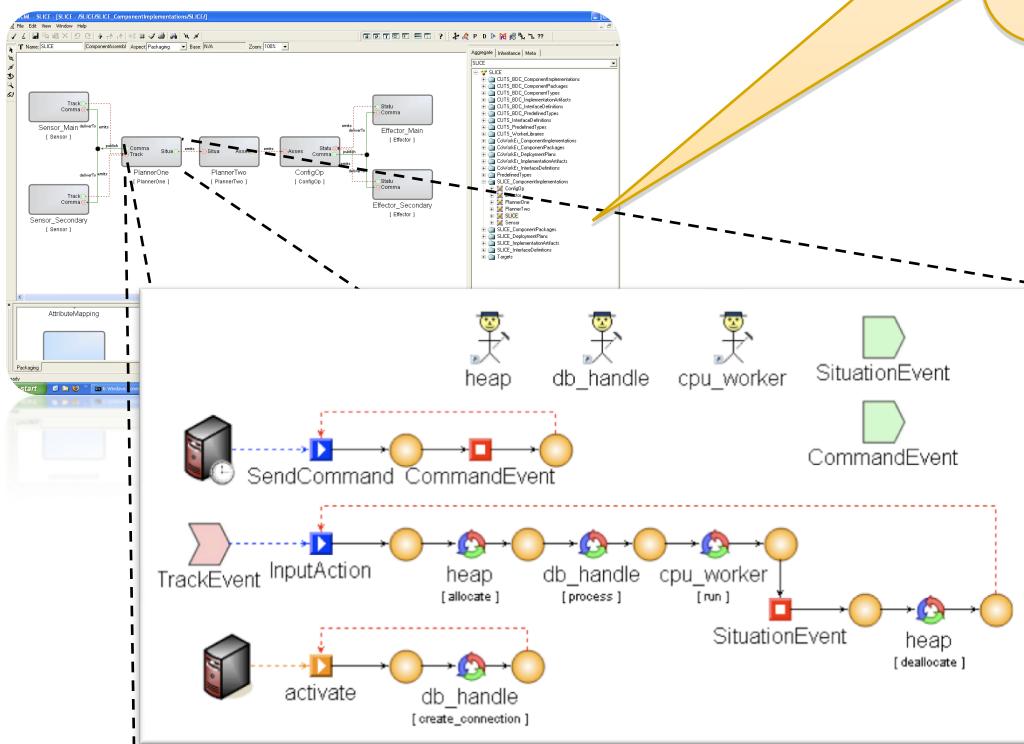


Enables early testing & feedback on target infrastructure throughout the development lifecycle

# CUTS Workflow & Architecture (1/5)

- System execution modeling (SEM) tools are a promising technology for addressing serialized-phasing problems

Without domain-specific modeling languages (DSMLs), developers must work outside their knowledge domain to model system behavior



## Component Behavior Modeling Language (CBML)

- High-level behavior DSML based on Timed Input/Output Automata (TIOA)

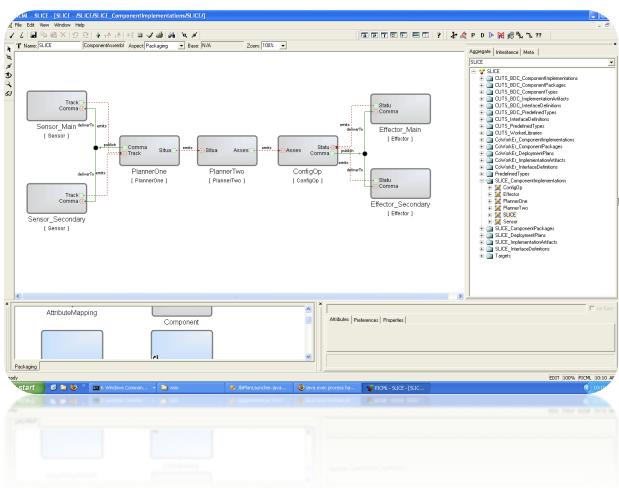
## Workload Modeling Language (WML)

- Parameterizes generic CBML actions with well-defined workloads

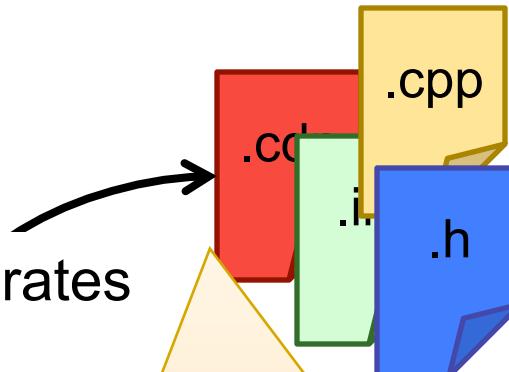
CBML & WML are platform-, language-, & technology-independent DSMLs designed to integrate with structural DSMLs

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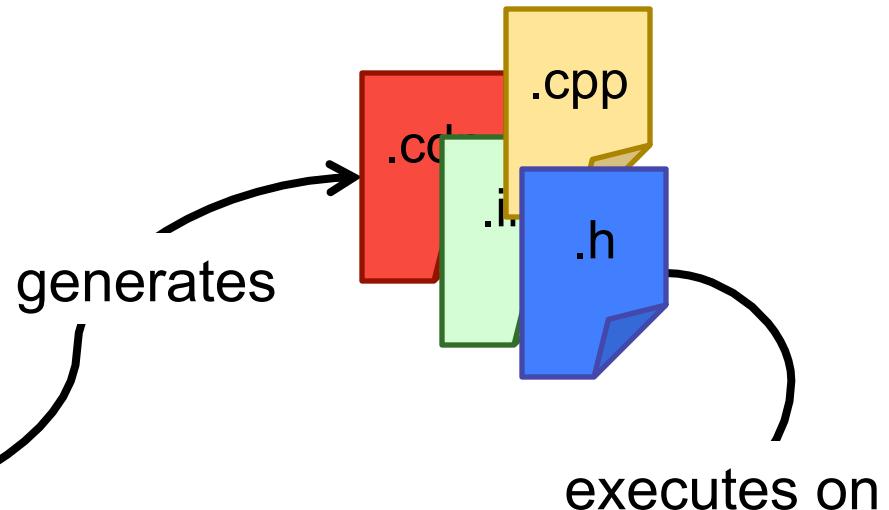
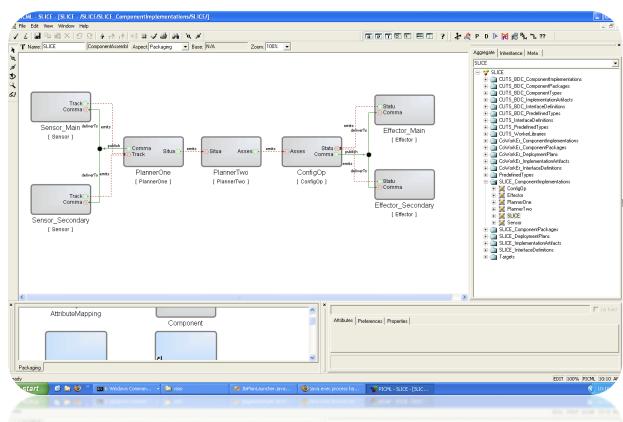
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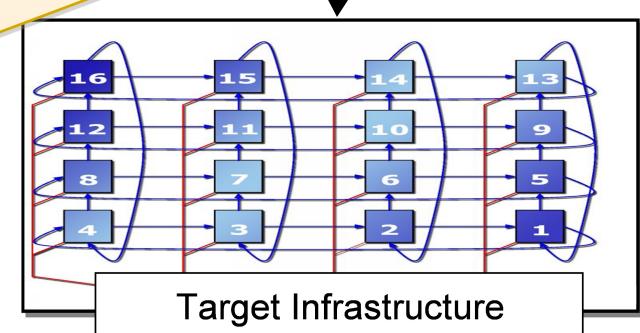
Developers **do not** have to spend substantial time/effort manually implementing test applications **in parallel** with implementing real applications

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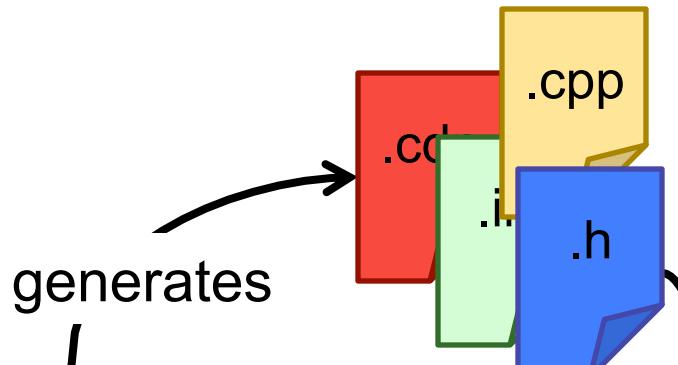
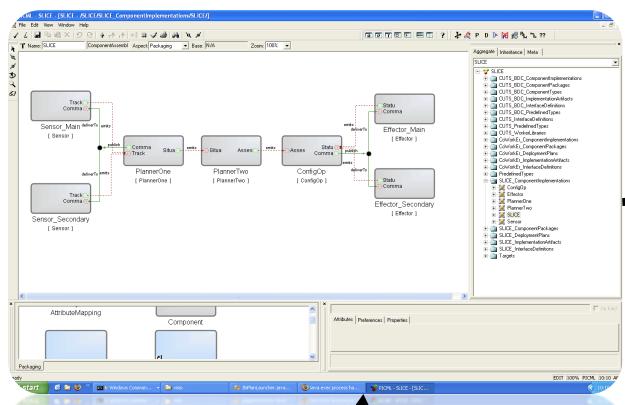


Developers **do not** have to wait until **complete system integration** to begin systemic performance testing

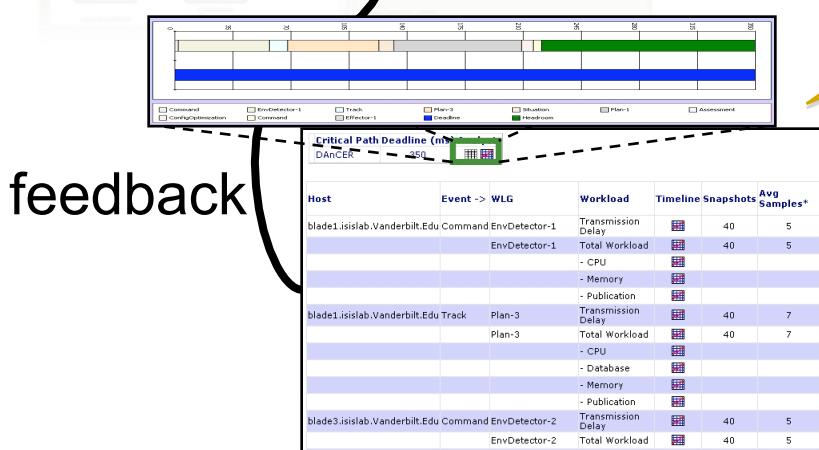


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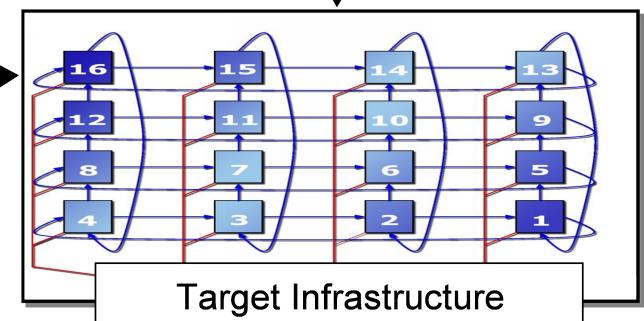


Developers **do not** have to spend substantial time/effort developing a framework for visualizing performance results



feedback

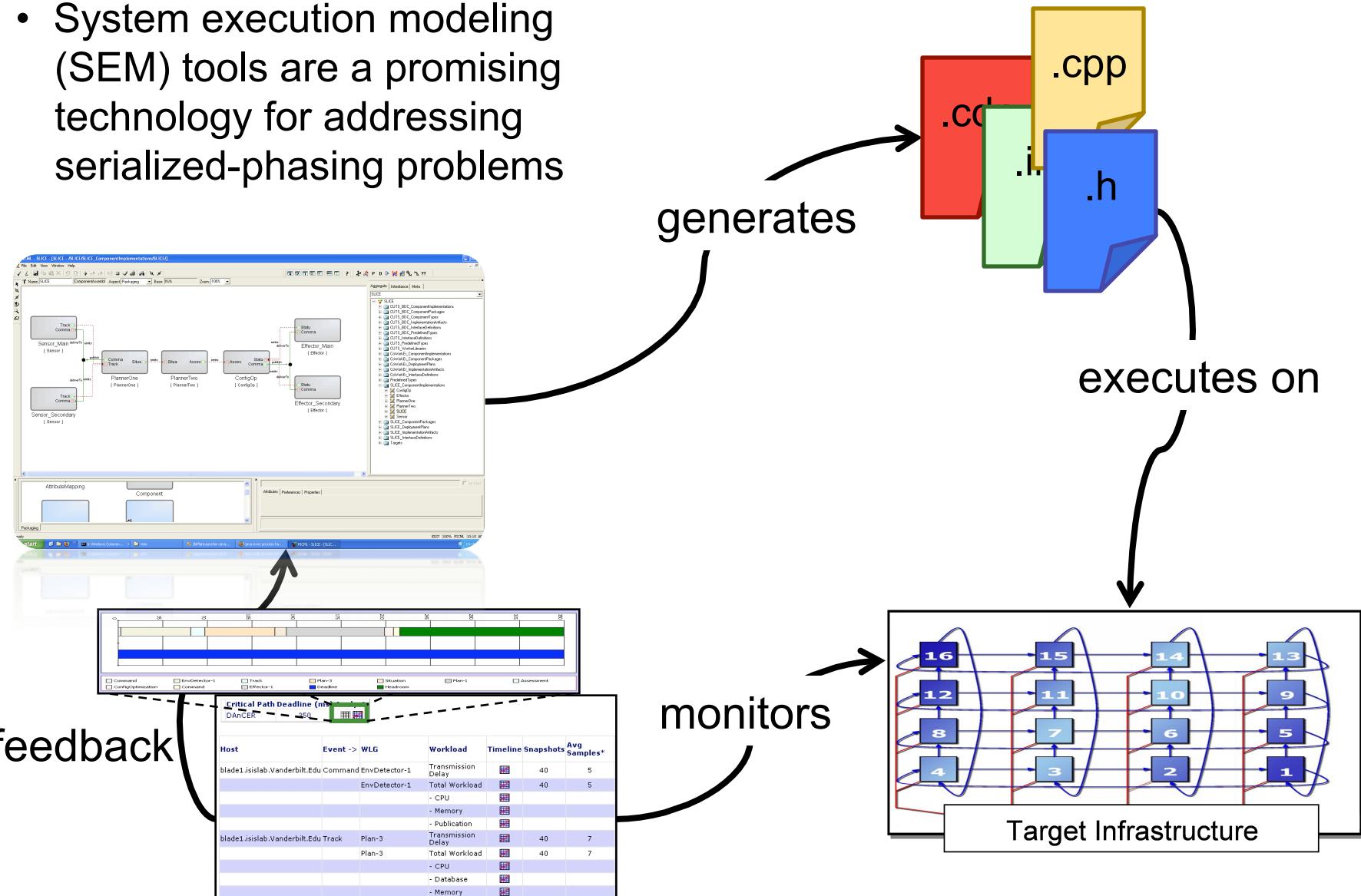
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Target Infrastructure

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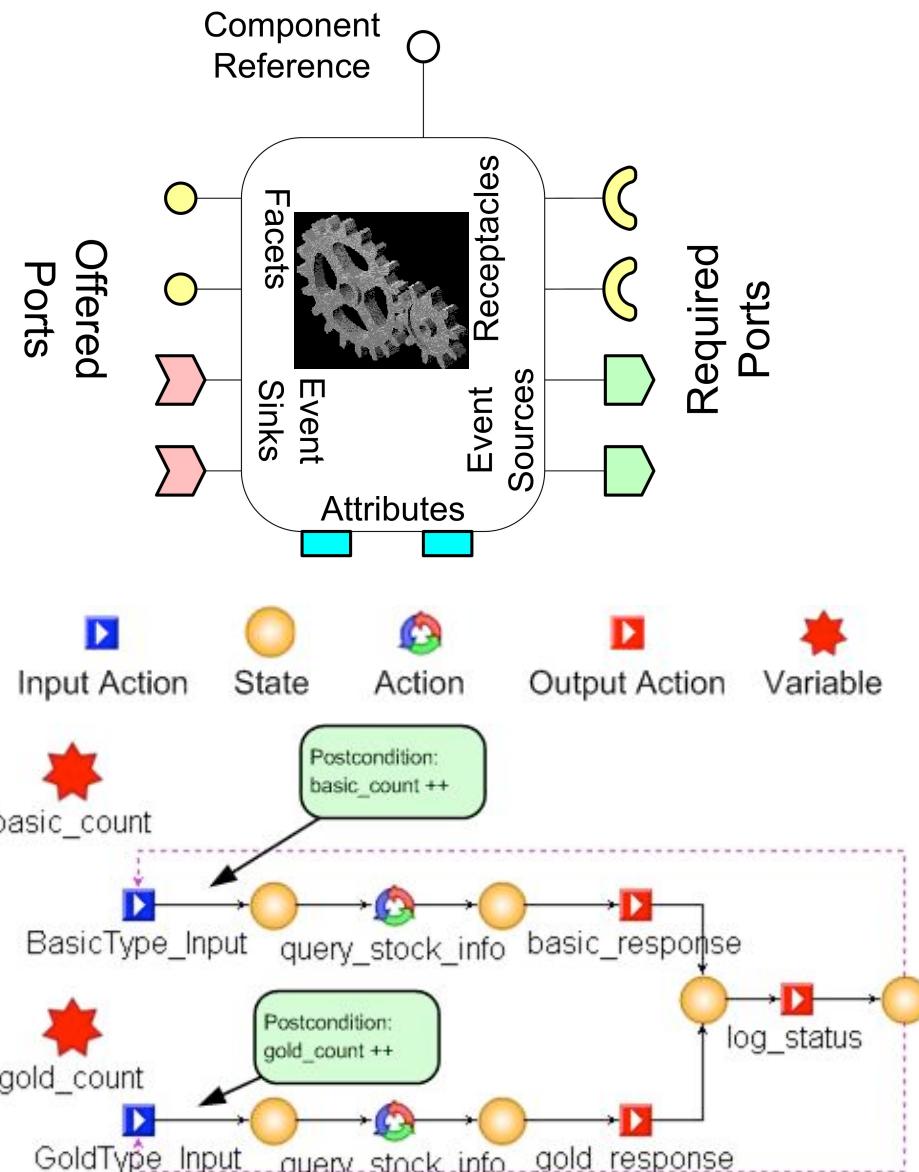
# The Component Behavior Modeling Language

## Context

- Component's behavior can be classified as: *communication & internal actions*
- Need to define these actions as close as possible to their real counterpart

## Overview of CBML

- Based on the semantics of Input /Output (I/O) Automata
- Behavior is specified using a series of *action to state* transitions
- *Transitions have preconditions* that represent guards & *effects* have *postconditions* that determine the new state after an action occurs
- *Variables* are used to store state & can be used within pre & postconditions



# Domain-Specific Extensions to CBML

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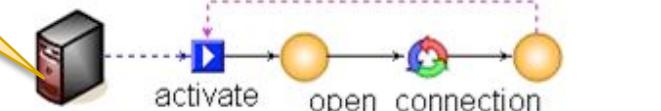
- Some aspects of component-based systems are not first-class entities in I/O automata
  - e.g., lifecycle events & monitoring notification events
- Extended CBML (without affecting formal semantics) to support domain-specific extensions



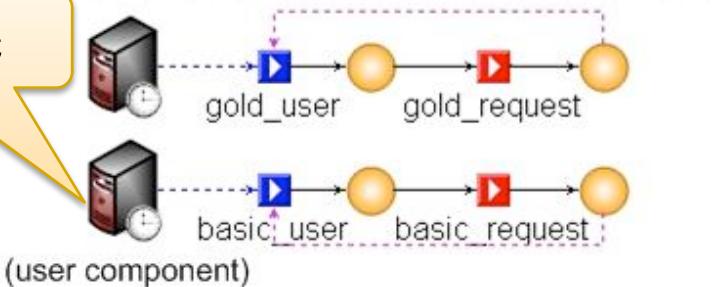
environment



(database component)



periodic



## Domain-Specific Extensions

- *Environment events* – input actions to a component that are triggered by the hosting system rather than another component
- *Periodic events* - input actions from the hosting environment that occur periodically

# Ensuring Scalability of CBML

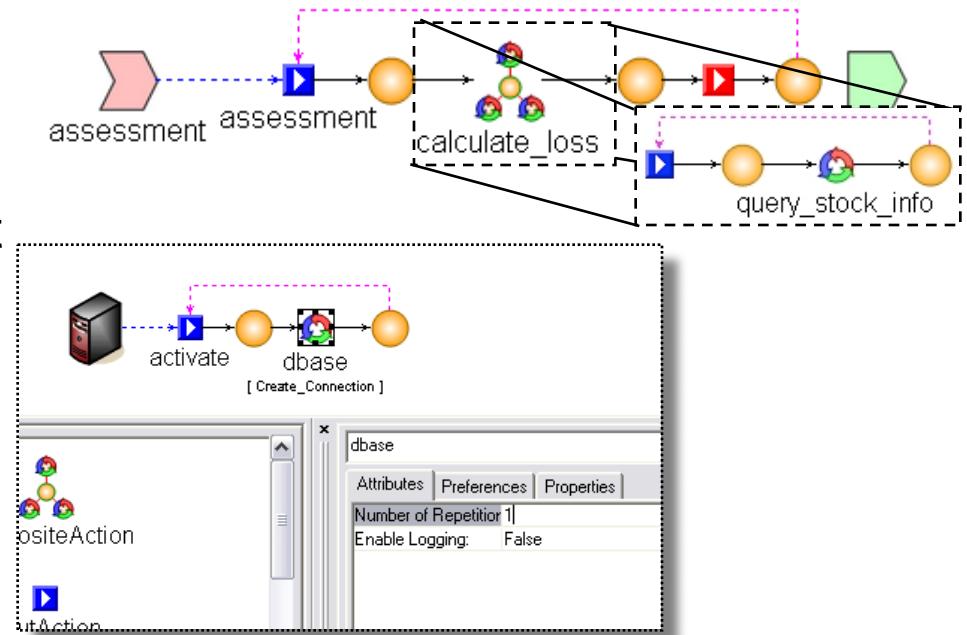
## Context

- One of the main goals of higher level of abstraction is *simplicity* & *ease of use*
- It is known that one of the main drawbacks of automata languages is *scalability*



## Usability Extensions

- *Composite Action* – contains other actions & helps reduce model clutter
- *Repetitions* - determines how many times to repeat an action to prevent duplicate sequential actions
- *Log Action* - an attribute of an Action element that determines if the action should be logged



**Tool Specific** – GME add-on that auto-generates required elements (e.g., states)

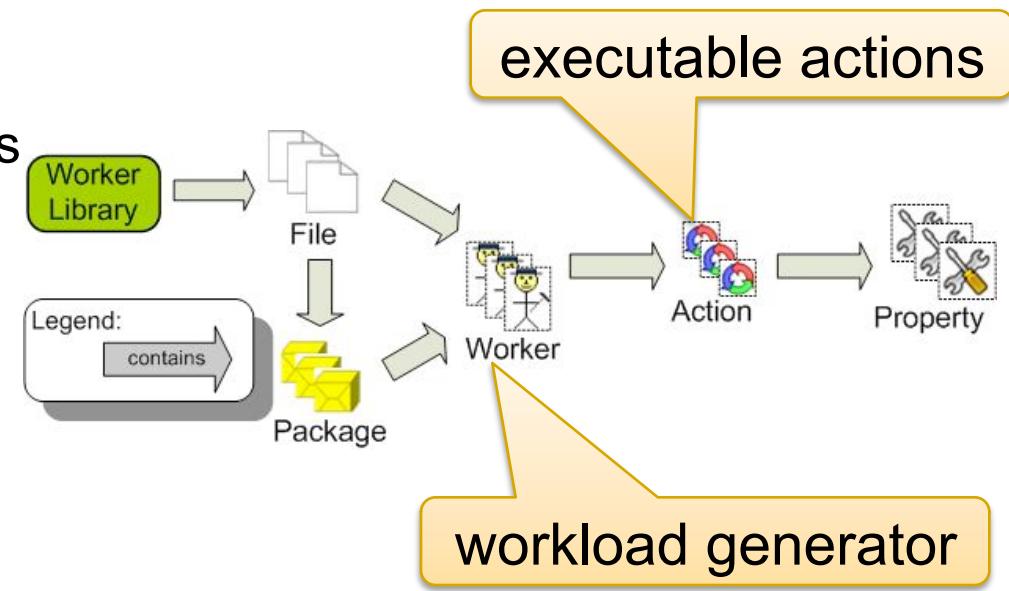
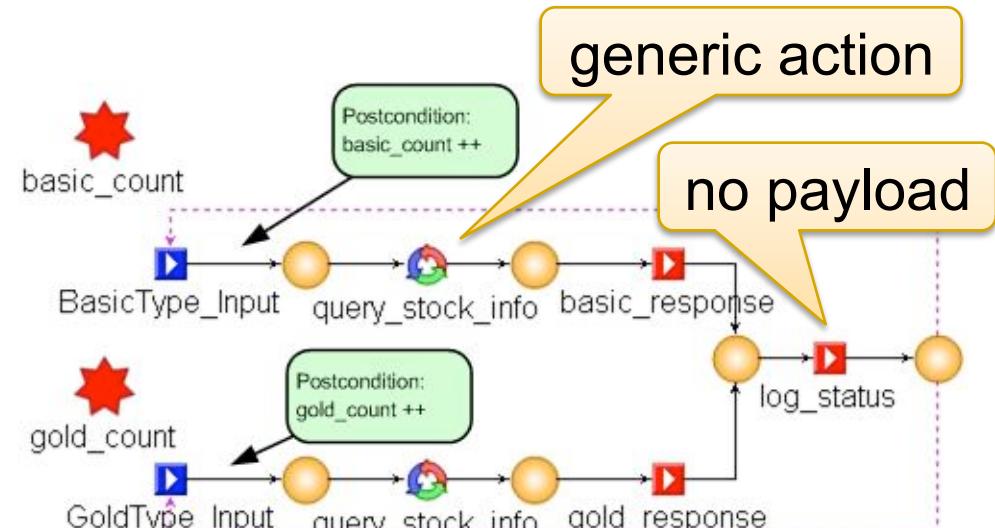
# The Workload Modeling Language

## Context

- CBML as a standalone language is sufficient enough to capture behavior of a component
- For early integration testing, it does not capture the reusable objects of a component & its workload

## Overview of WML

- Middleware, hardware, platform, & programming language independent DSML
- Used to define workload generators (workers) that contains actions to represent realistic operations
- Defined using a hierarchical structure that resembles common object-oriented programming packaging techniques
  - *i.e.*, consistent with conventional component technologies



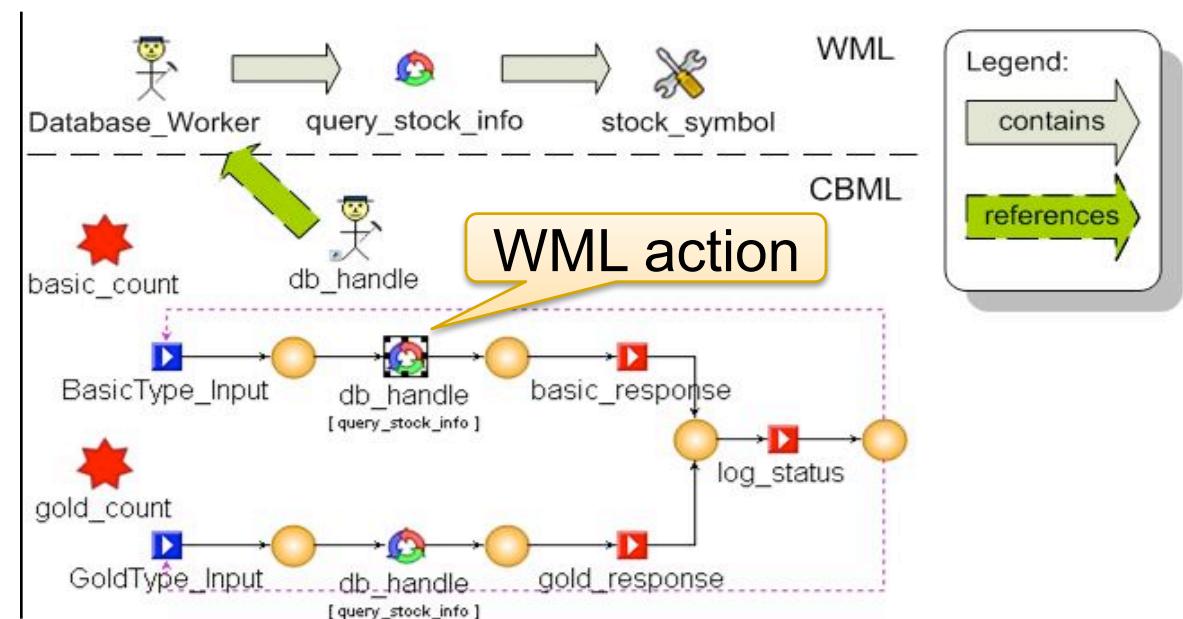
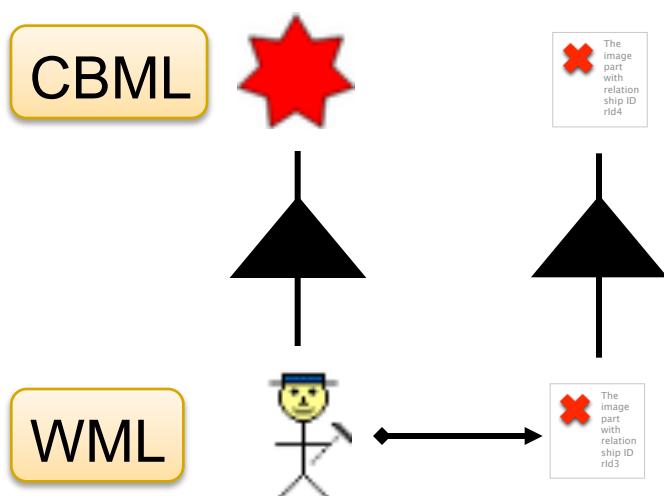
# Integrating WML Models with CBML Models

## Context

- CBML & WML are standalone DSMLs with a distinct purpose
  - i.e., model behavior & workload, respectively
- WML is designed to complement CBML by providing CBML with reusable operations that can map to realistic operations

## Integration Enablers

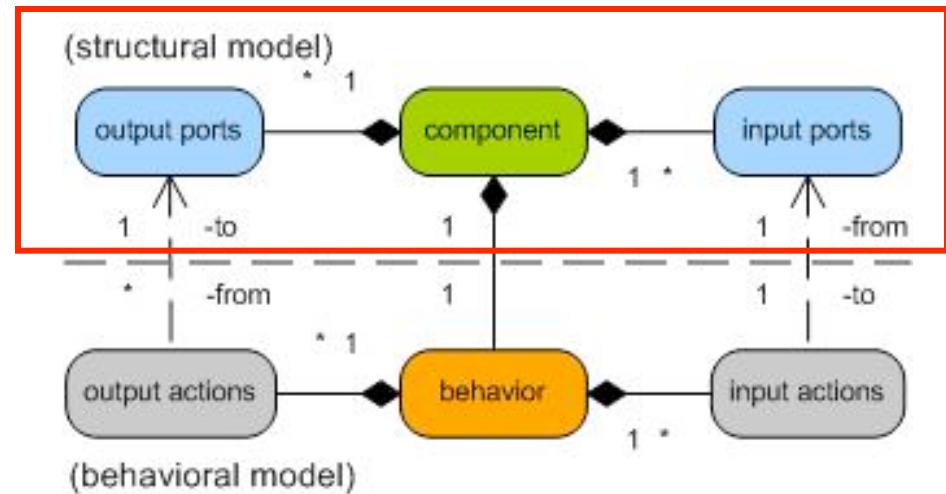
- WML *worker* elements have same model semantics as *variables*
- WML *actions* have same modeling semantics as CBML actions
- Allows WML elements to be used in CBML models



# Integrating Behavioral and Structural DSMLs

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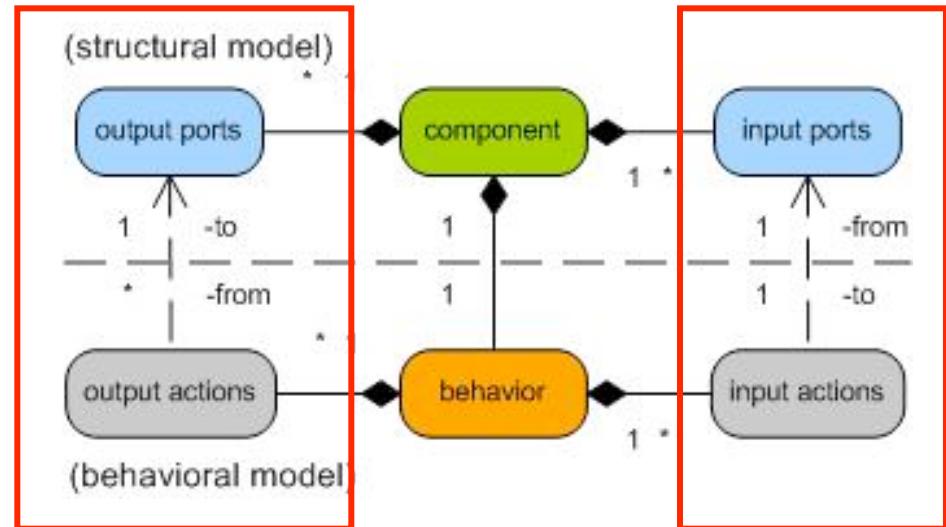
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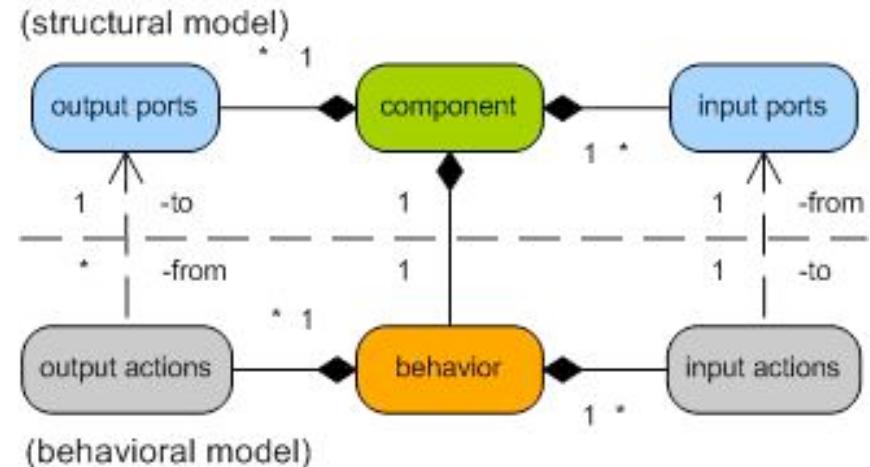
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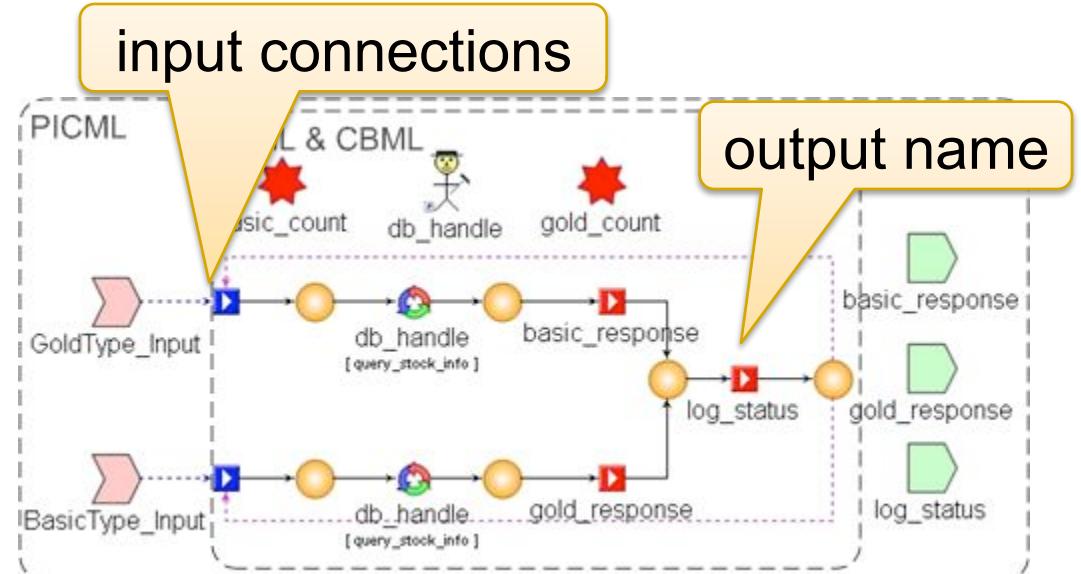
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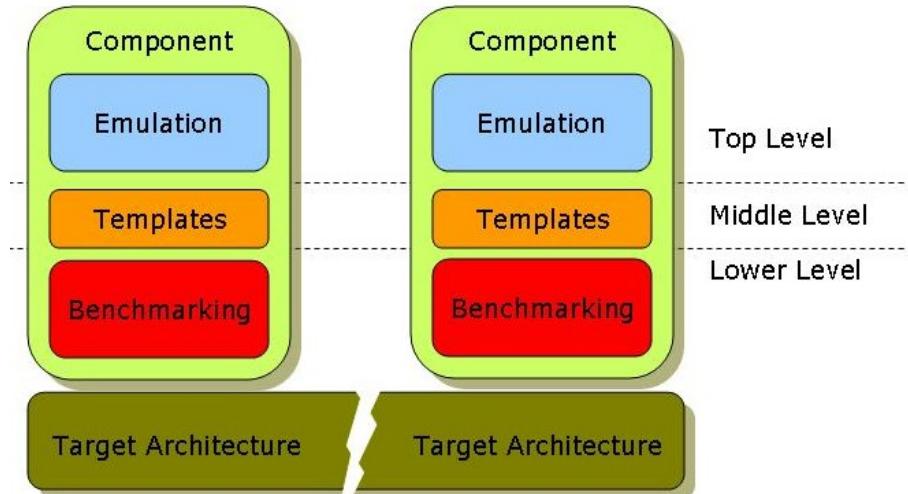
- Defined a set of *connector elements* that allow structural DSMLs to integrate with (or contain) CBML models
- Input ports directly connect to *Input Action* elements
- Output actions have the same name as their output port to reduce model clutter
  - i.e., prevent many to one connections



# Code Generation for Emulation

## Context

- The generation technique should not be dependent on the underlying technology
- Although we are targeting CUTS, we should be able to generate emulation code for any benchmarking framework



## Generation Enablers

- *Emulation layer* – represents the application layer's "business logic" where elements in WML used to parameterize CBML behavior are mapped to this layer
- *Template layer* – acts as a bridge between the upper emulation layer & lower benchmarking layer to allows each to evolve independently of each other
- *Benchmark layer* – the actual benchmarking framework (e.g., CUTS)

```
void DatabaseComponent::push_BasicType_Input()
{
    ACE_INET_Addr ip("127.0.0.1");
    COTS_CCM_Event_T<OBV_QueryResponse> __event_100000028__;
    this->context_->push_basic_response (__event_100000028__.in ());

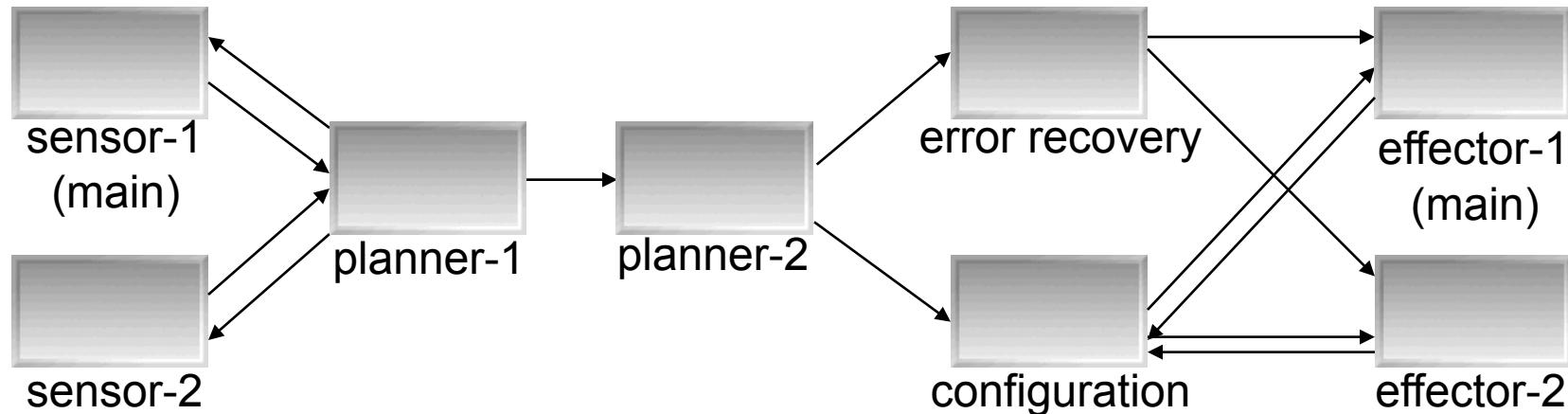
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}
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component method

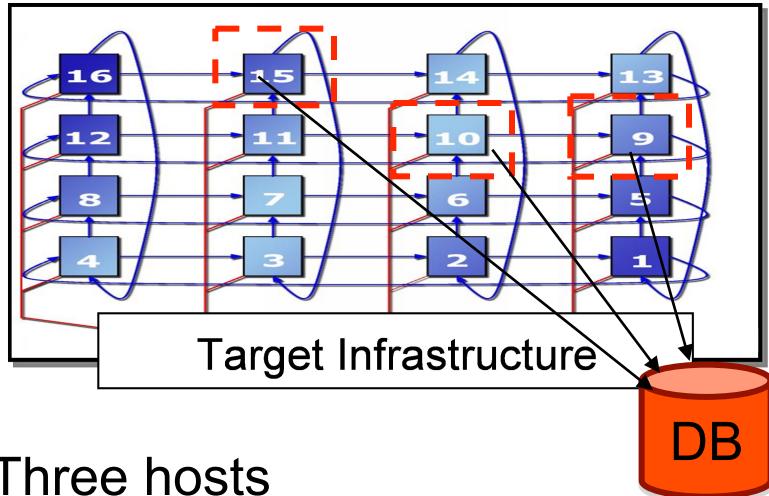
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# Experiment: SEM Tools & SLICE Scenario (1/4)



**Component Interaction for SLICE Scenario**



- Three hosts
- One database is shared between all hosts

## D&C & Performance Requirements

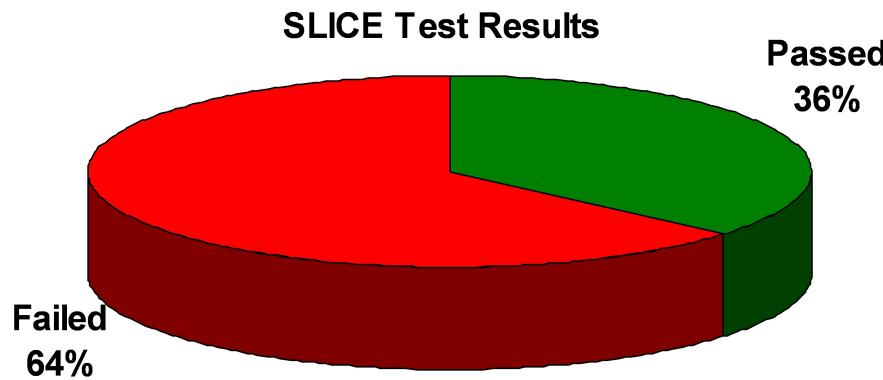
- *Critical path* deadline is 350 ms
  - main sensor to main effector through configuration
- Components in the critical paths must be deployed across all 3 hosts
- Main sensor & effector must be deployed on separate hosts

# Experiment: SEM Tools & SLICE Scenario (2/4)

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Evaluation Criteria	Description
<b>(H1) Meeting Performance Requirements</b>	We hypothesize that given the performance requirements of the SLICE scenario, we can locate D&Cs that meet the 350 ms critical path deadline
<b>(H2) Early Understanding of System Performance</b>	We hypothesize that the specified workload of the SLICE scenario is too much for a single host to handle, & meet the 350 ms critical path deadline

# Experiment: SEM Tools & SLICE Scenario (3/4)

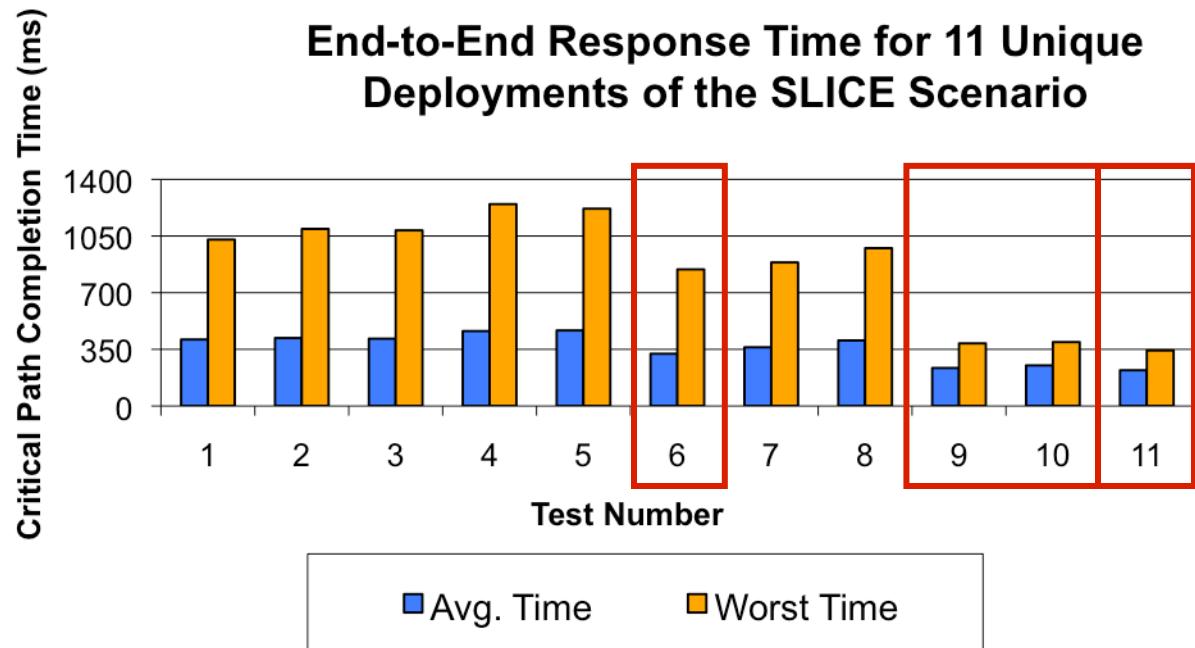


We are able to validate hypothesis 1 (H1) during the early stages of development on the target architecture

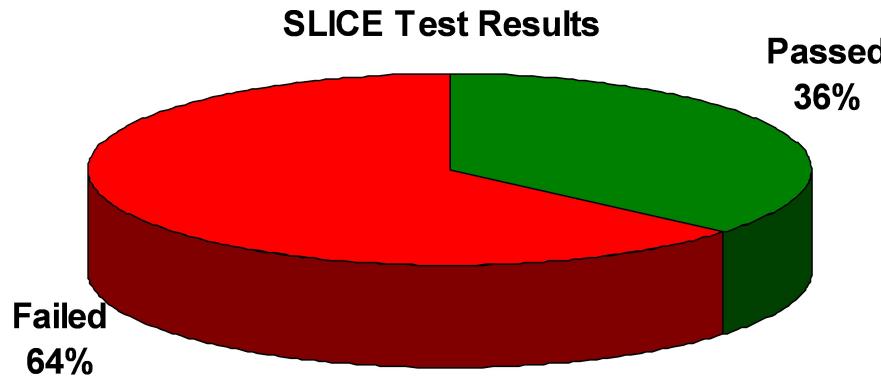
**Population size of 11 tests**

## Hypothesis 1

- Only 4 of 11 deployments met the 350 ms critical path deadline for average time
- Test 11 the only test to meet critical path deadline for worst time
  - e.g., least amount of timing contention



# Experiment: SEM Tools & SLICE Scenario (3/4)

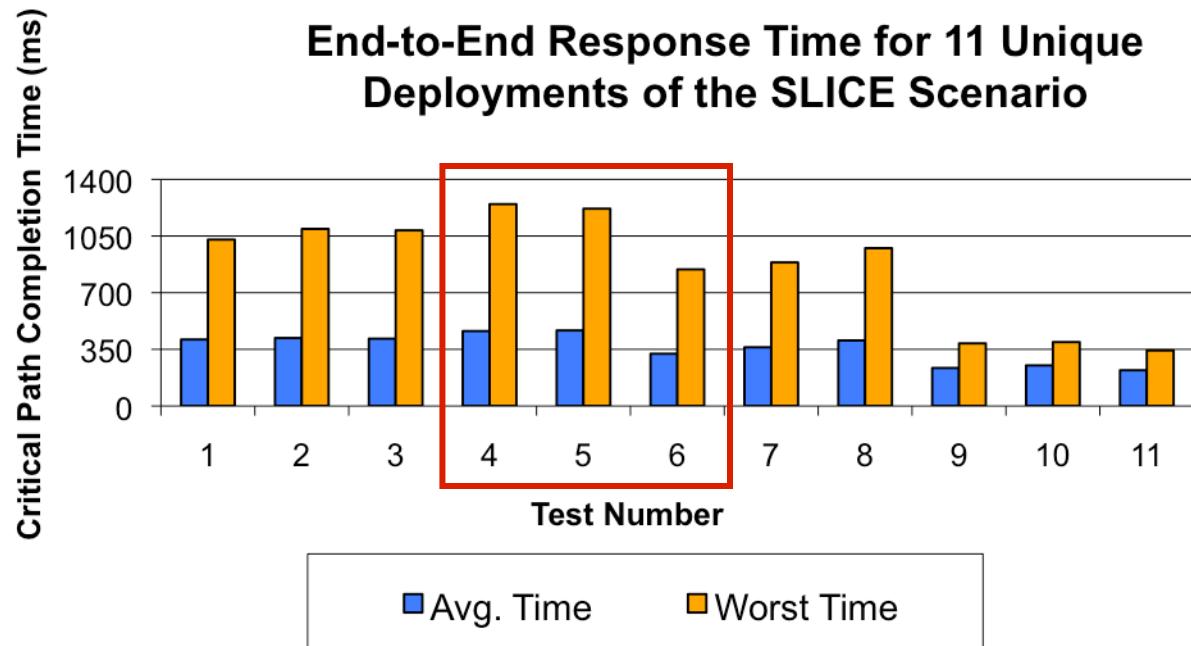


We are able to validate hypothesis 2 (H2) during the early stages of development on the target architecture

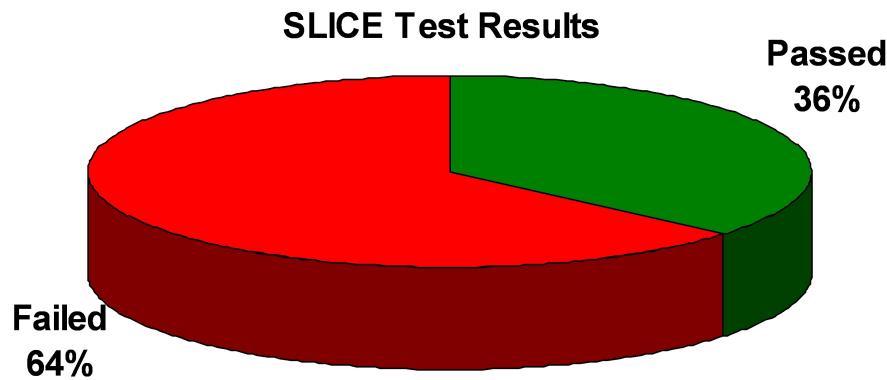
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## Hypothesis 2

- Test 4 deployed 6 of 7 components on the same host
- Test 5 deployed all the components on the same host
- Test 6 deployed critical path components on the same host, but violates deployment constraint

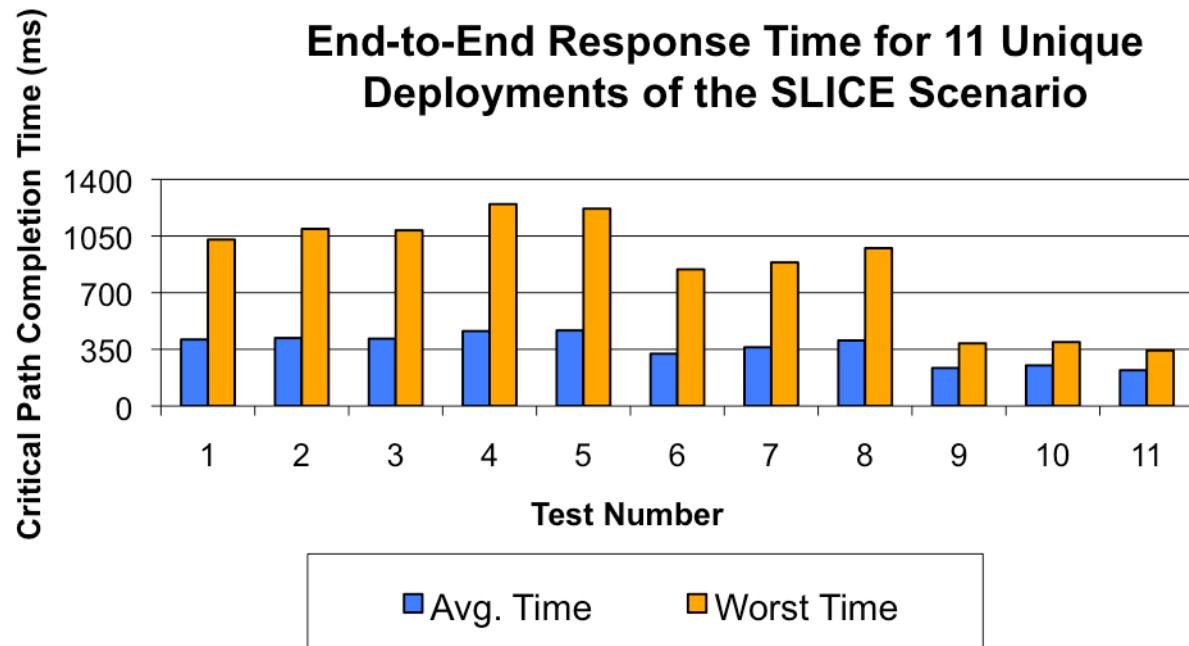


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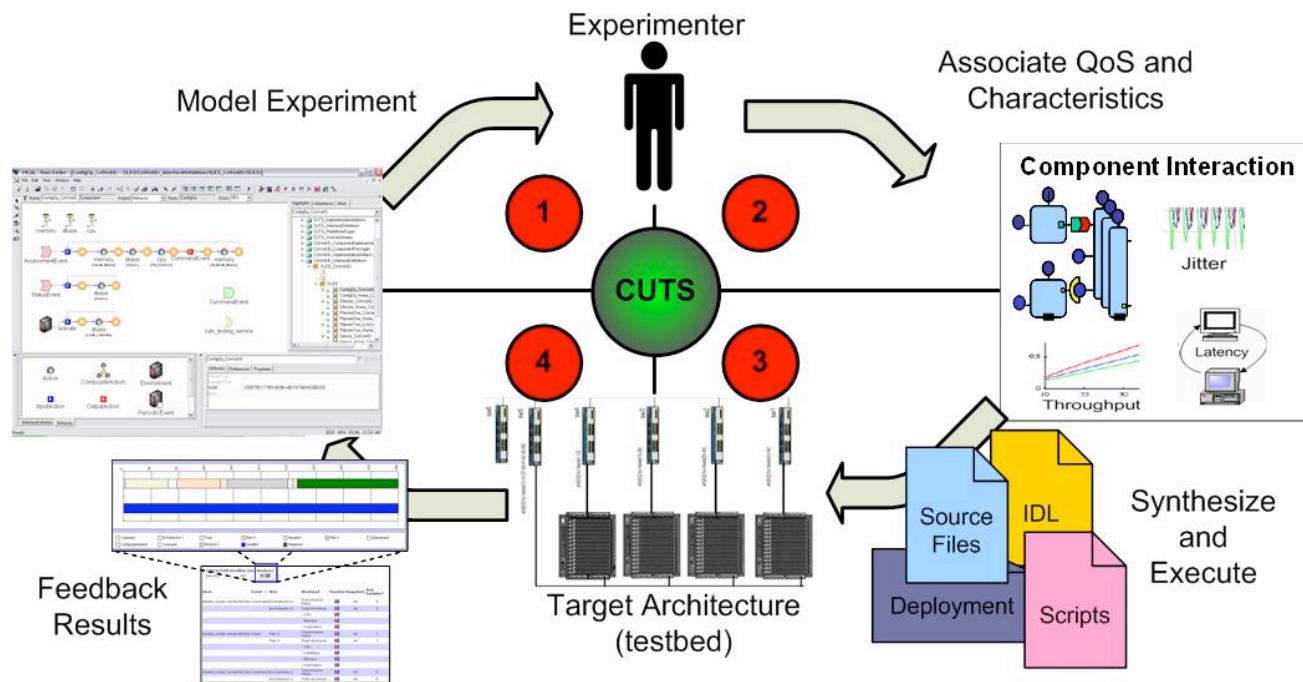
**Conclusion:** CUTS adapts BDD principles to evaluate non-functional concerns (e.g., deployment) of DRE component-based systems during the early stages of development



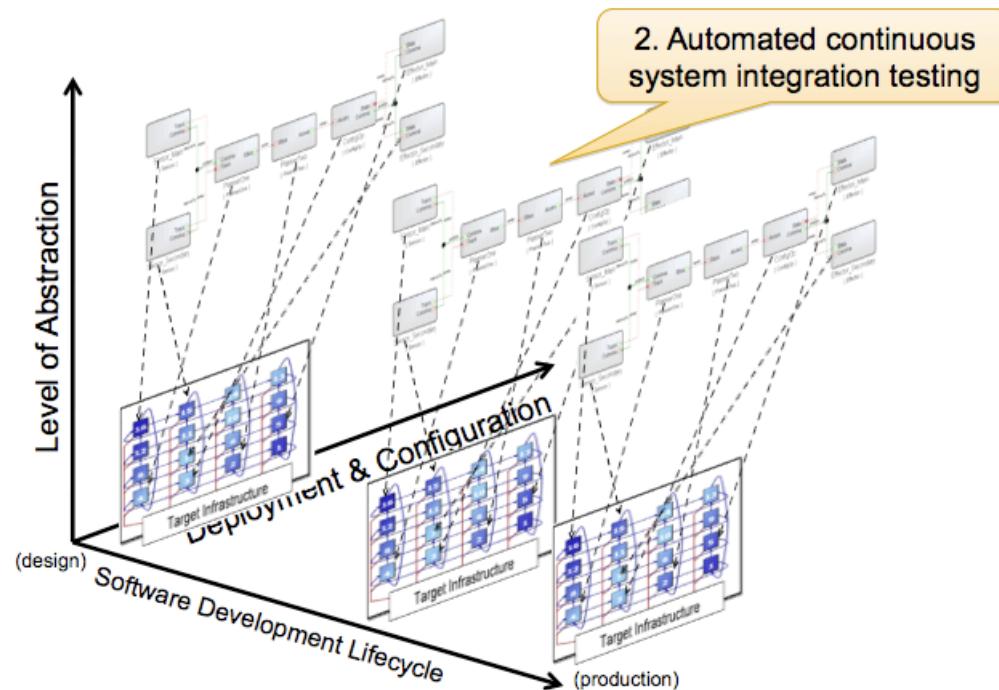
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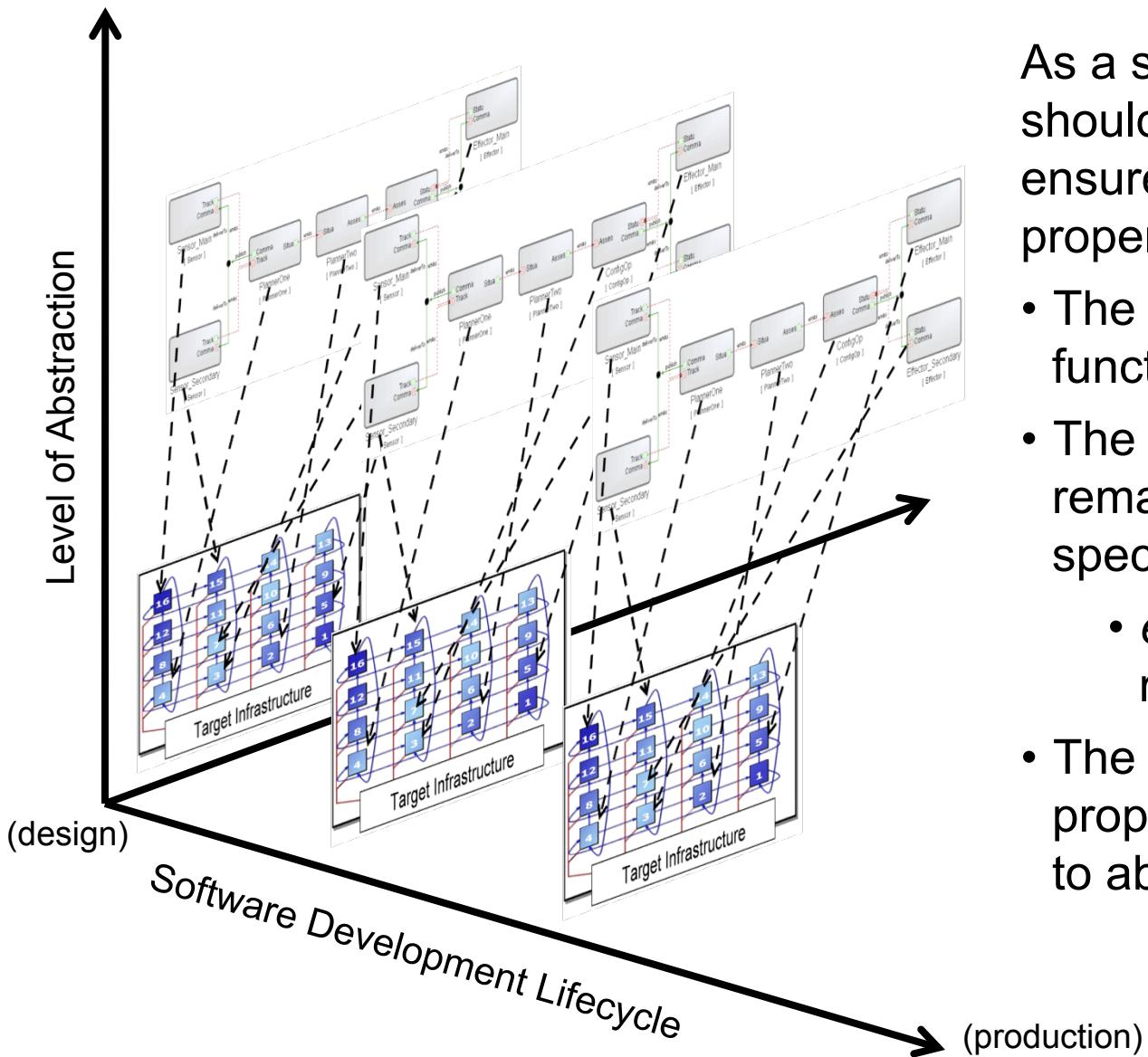
# PART 4: Hands-on Demo with CUTS



# PART 5: Continuous System Integration – Addressing Complexity #2



# Continuous System Integration



As a system is developed, it should be tested continuously to ensure high-confidence in properties such as:

- The system is meeting its functional requirements
- The system's performance remains within its required specifications
  - e.g., non-functional requirements
- The system can respond properly & in a timely manner to abnormal behavior

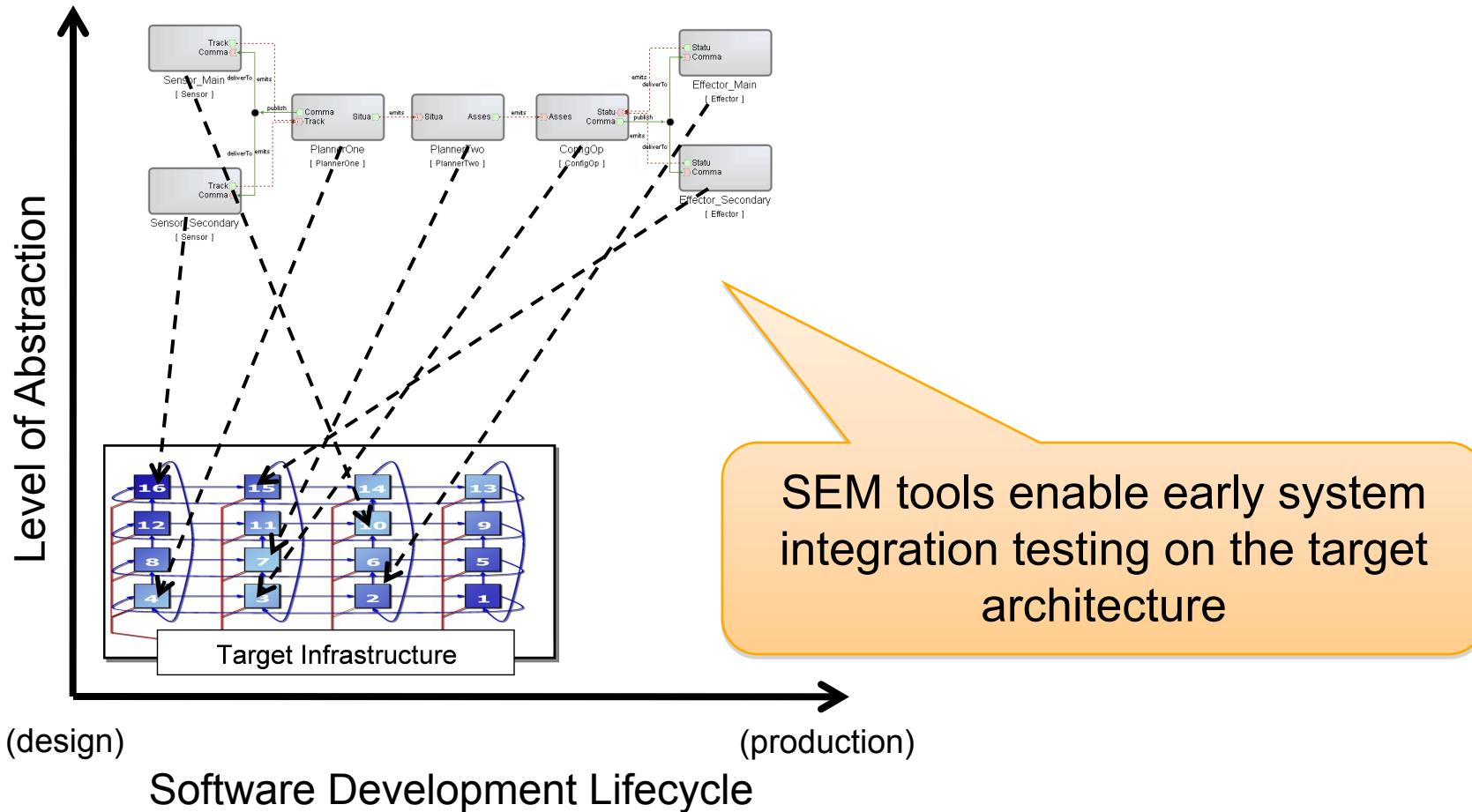
# Continuous System Integration Properties

How do we realize continuous system integration of distributed component-based systems?

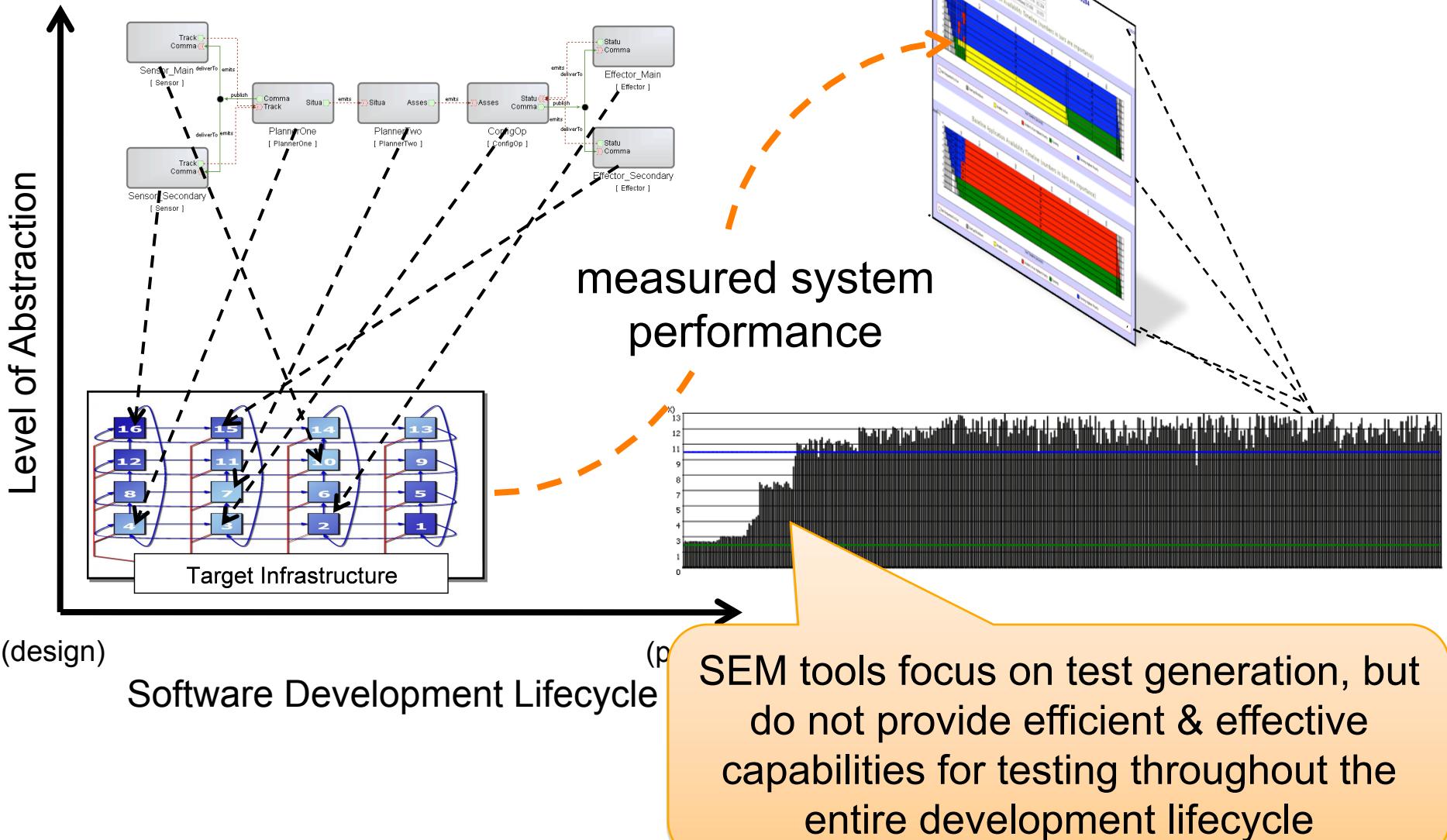
Property	Description
<b>High-level Performance Goals</b>	Technique provides means for capturing & analyzing high-level performance goals
<b>Distributed Testing</b>	Technique allows testing of distributed systems on their target architecture
<b>Automated Testing</b>	Testing technique supports automation
<b>Continuous Testing</b>	Technique continuously executes integration test throughout the development lifecycle, e.g., after a commit to a source code repository

*Note: Properties are based on characteristics of enterprise component-based systems & enterprises trying to apply agile development techniques on such systems*

# Challenge: Continuous Testing & Analysis



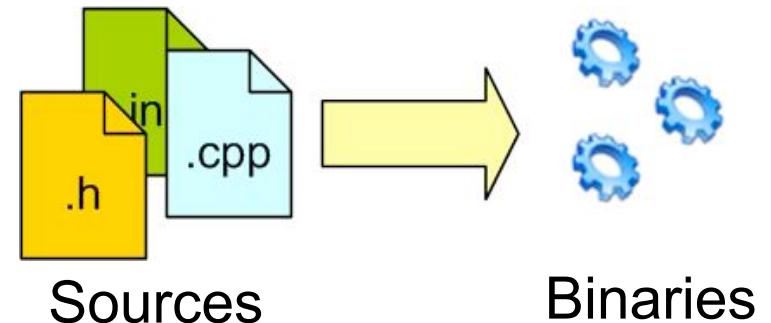
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**CUTS.CUTS\_Statistics\_T <T>**

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- CiCUTS (*i.e.*, combination of continuous integration environments with CUTS) uses integration tests managed by continuous integration environments that dictate the behavior of CUTS

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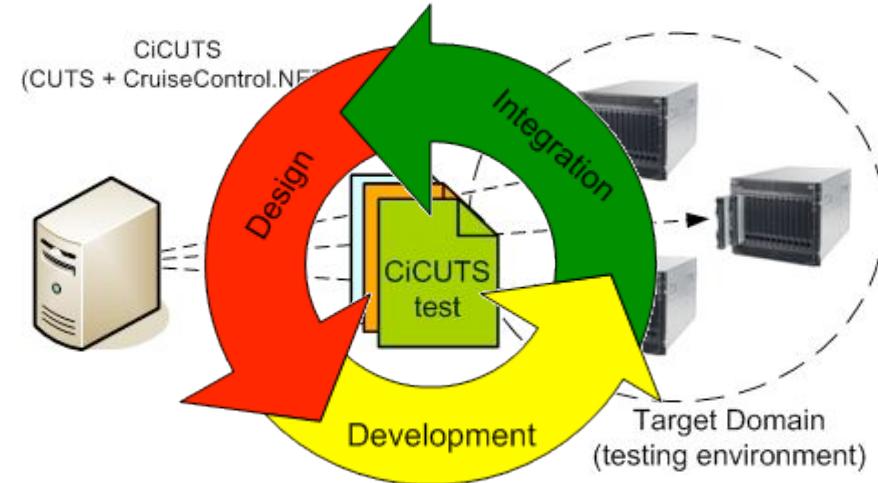
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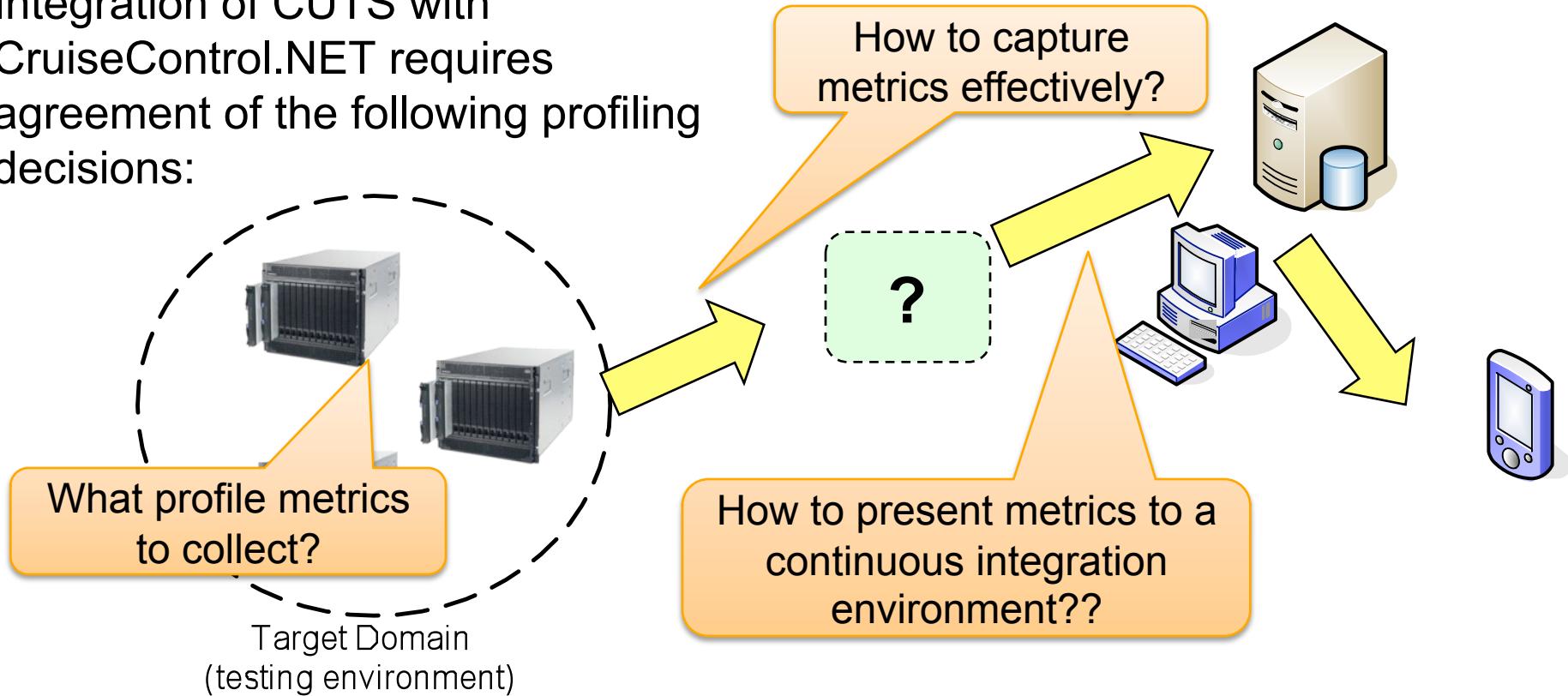
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CiCUTS helps developers & testers ensure system QoS meets—or is close to meeting—its specification throughout the development lifecycle.

# CiCUTS Integration Challenges

Integration of CUTS with CruiseControl.NET requires agreement of the following profiling decisions:



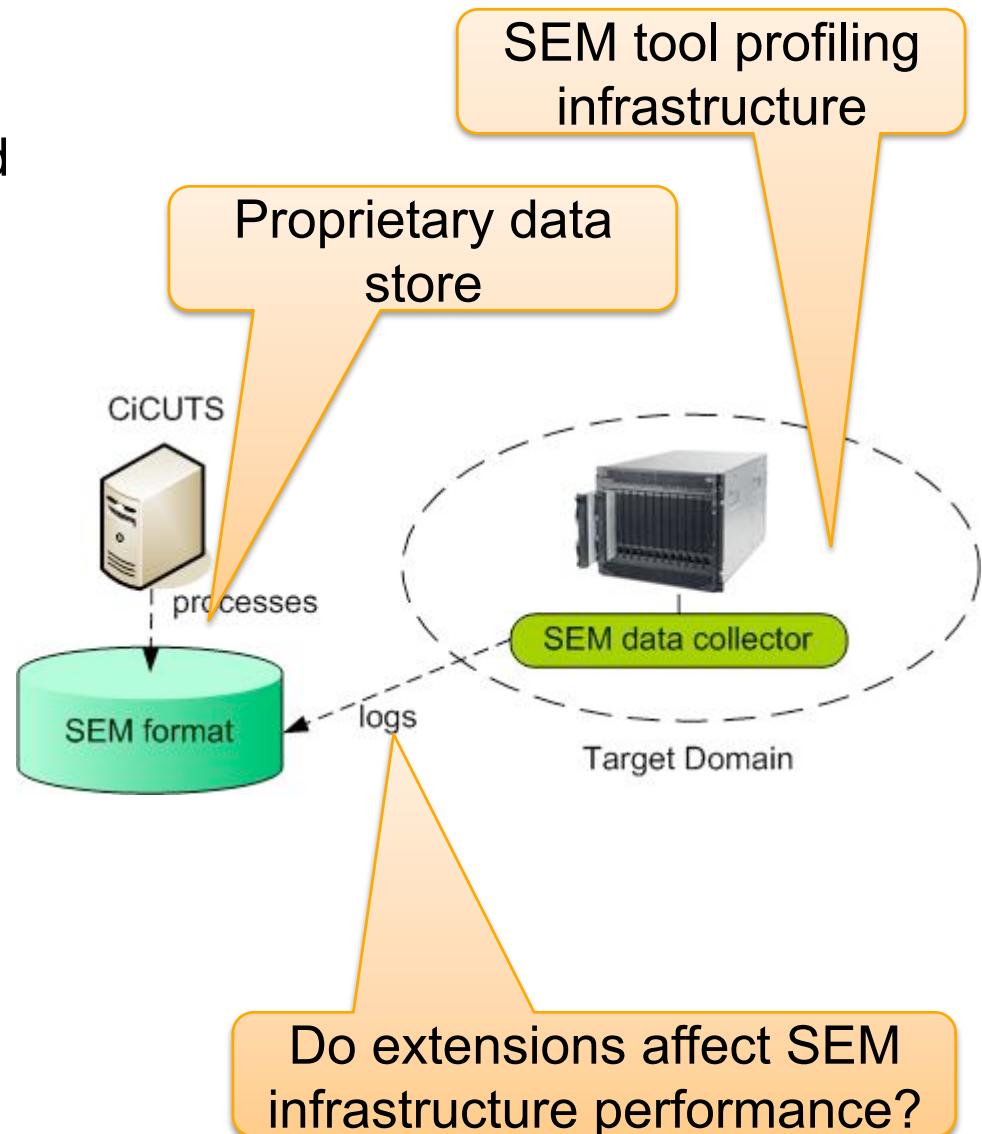
## Integration Alternatives

- Extend profiling infrastructure of SEM tools to capture domain-specific metrics
- Capture domain-specific performance metrics in format understood by continuous integration environments
- Capture domain-specific performance metrics in an intermediate format

# Alternative 1: Extending Profiling Infrastructure

## Context

- SEM tools provide profiling infrastructures to collect predefined performance metrics
  - e.g., execution times of events/ function calls or values of method arguments



## Advantages

- Simplifies development of profiling framework
  - e.g., can leverage existing data collection techniques

## Disadvantages

- Must ensure domain-specific metrics do not effect existing SEM tool performance
- SEM tools may be proprietary & extension may be prohibited

# Alternative 2: Capture Metrics In Format Understood By Continuous Integration Environment

## Context

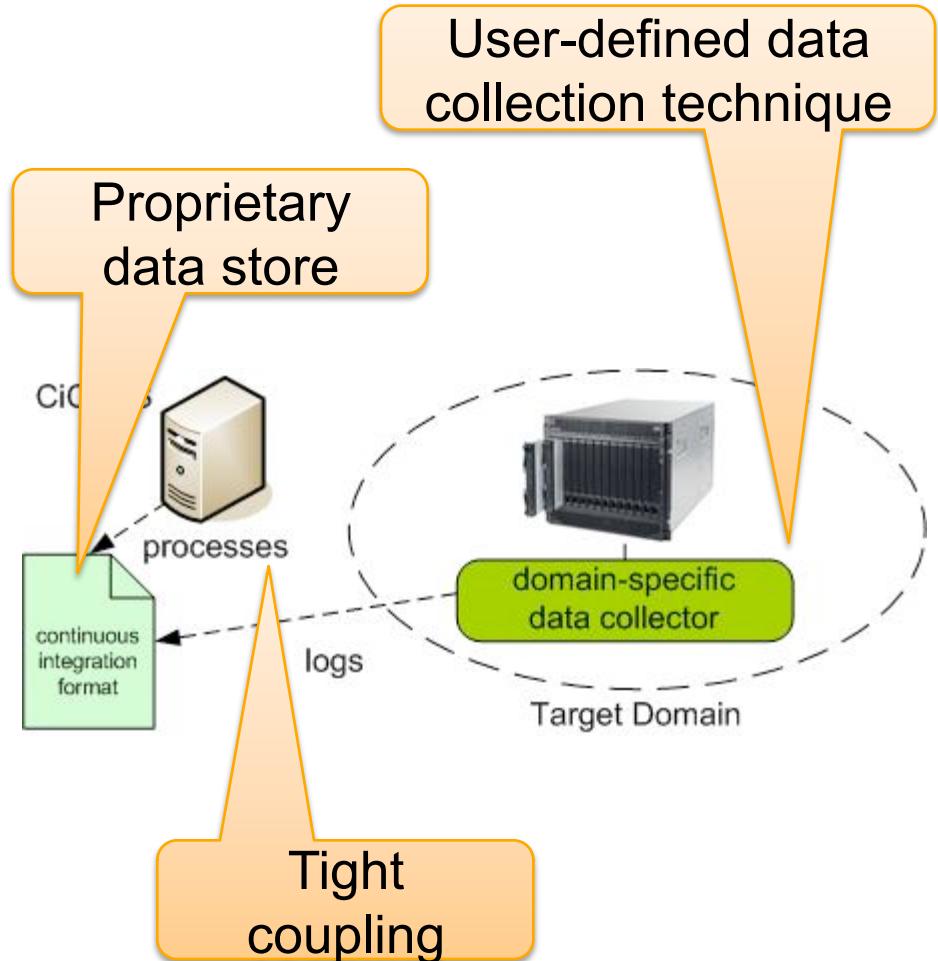
- Continuous integration environments use proprietary formats to store & analyze data
- May be feasible to collect & present metrics in format understood by continuous integration environments

## Advantages

- Simplifies integration at the continuous integration side since format is known a priori

## Disadvantages

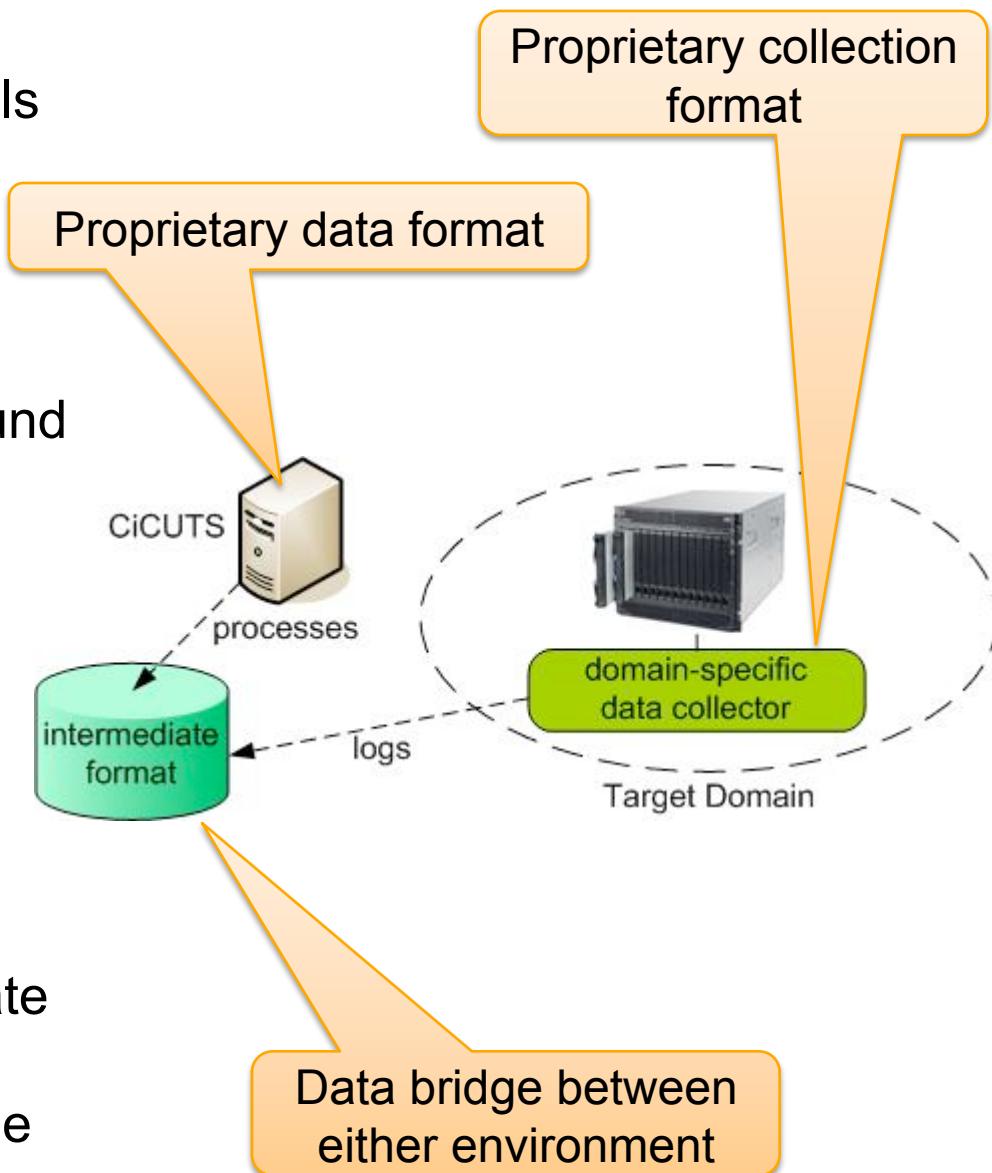
- Requires a custom testing framework (adapter) to present data
- Tightly couples SEM tool with continuous integration environment



# Alternative 3: Capture Metrics In Intermediate Format

## Context

- Continuous integration & SEM tools each have proprietary methods
  - e.g., data collection & representation
- May be feasible to store data in intermediate format that is not bound to a specific tool



## Advantages

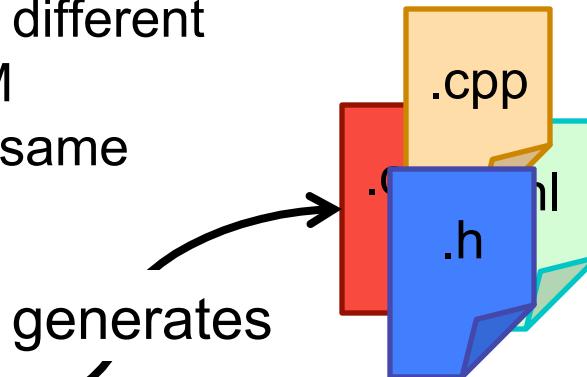
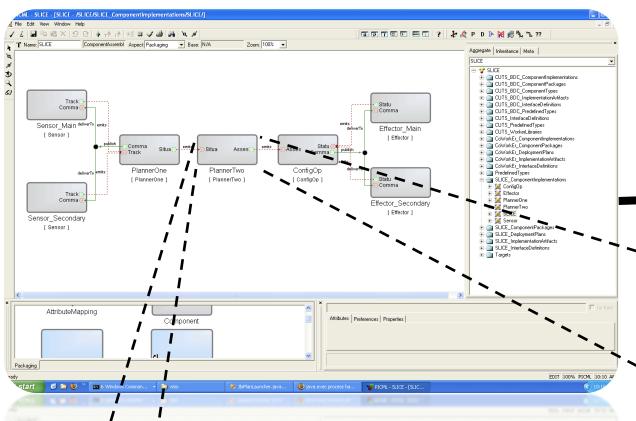
- Decouples continuous integration environment from the SEM tool
- Collection can be transparent to existing SEM tool infrastructure

## Disadvantages

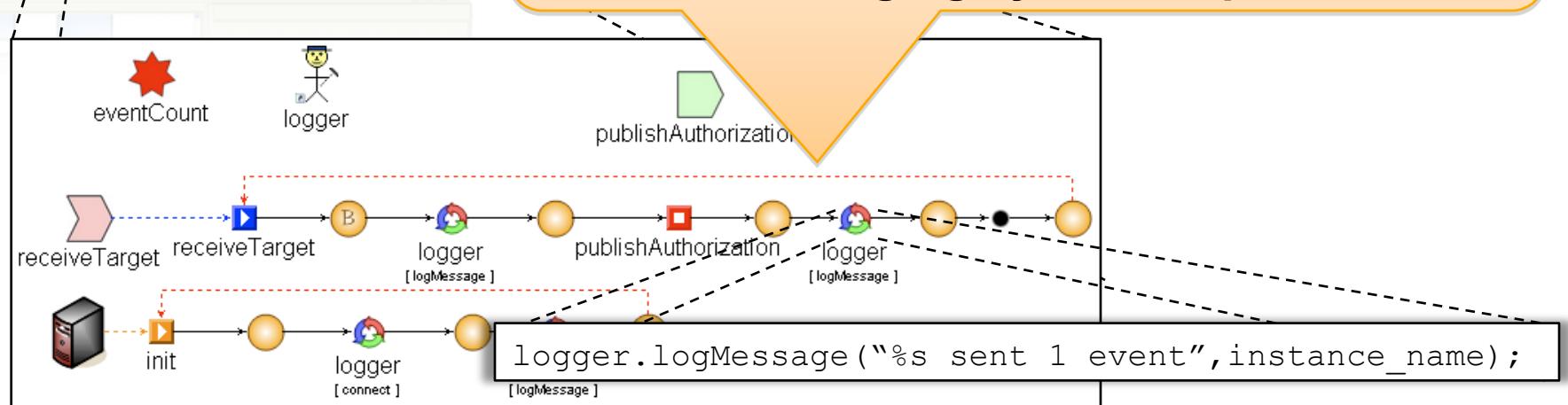
- Requires agreement of intermediate format & implementation of data collectors & adapters on either side of the data store

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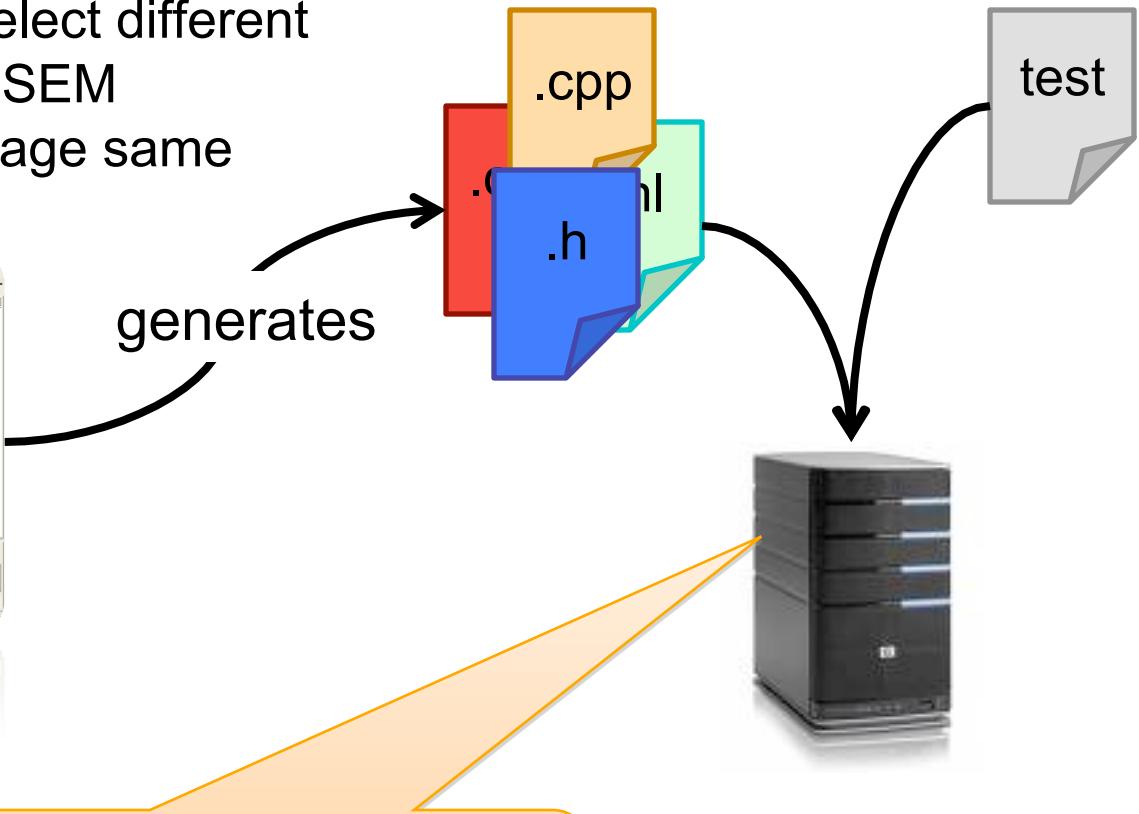
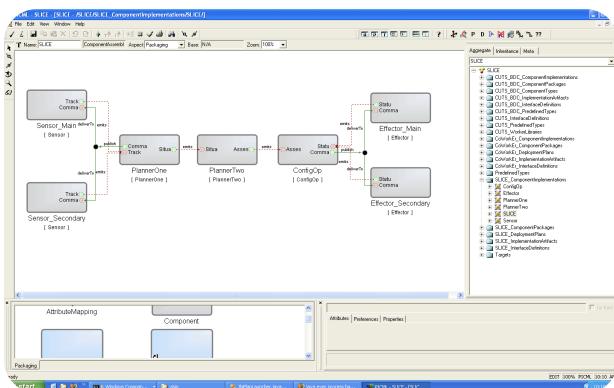


Simple log messages make it **easy to capture metrics** of interest & can be updated to handle changing system requirements



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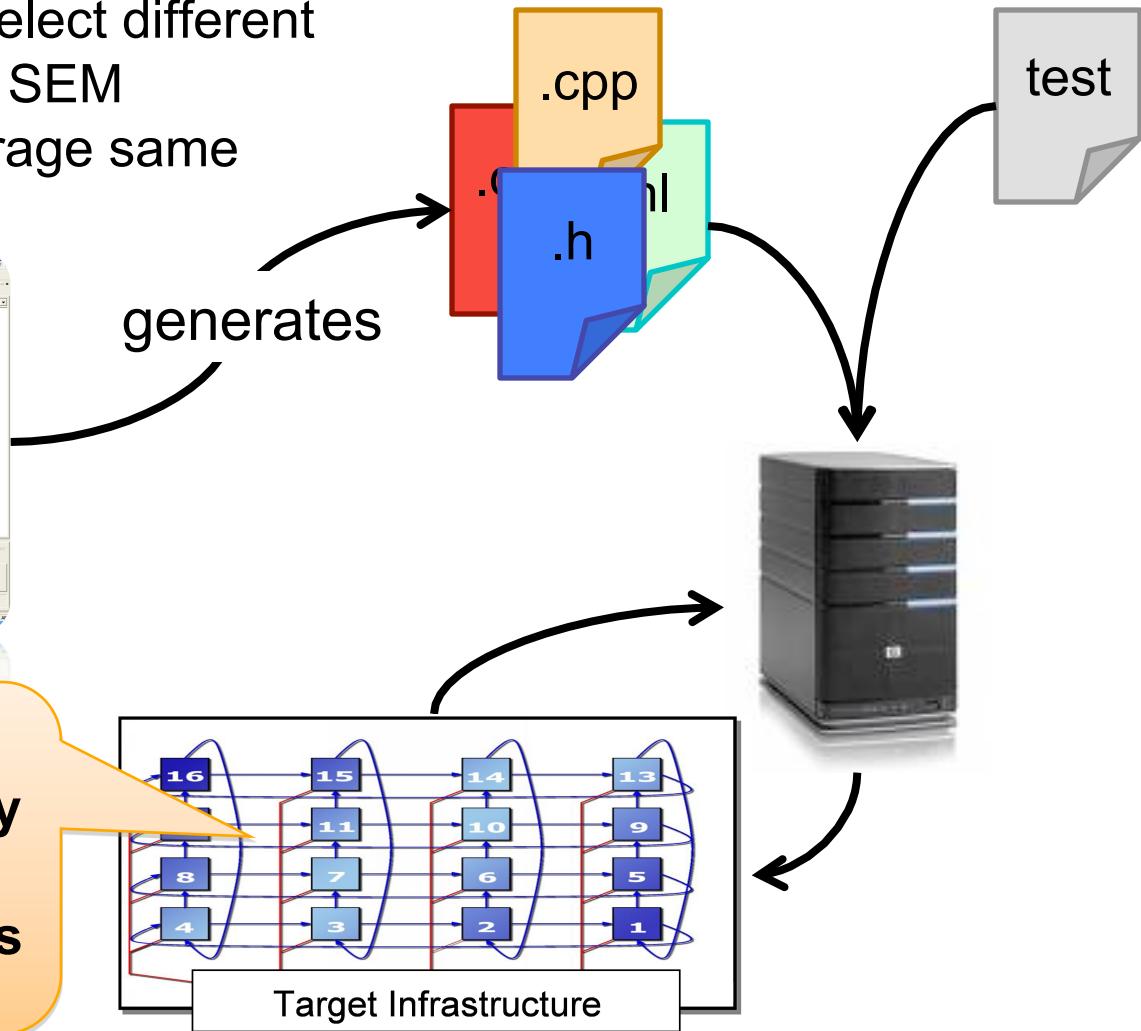
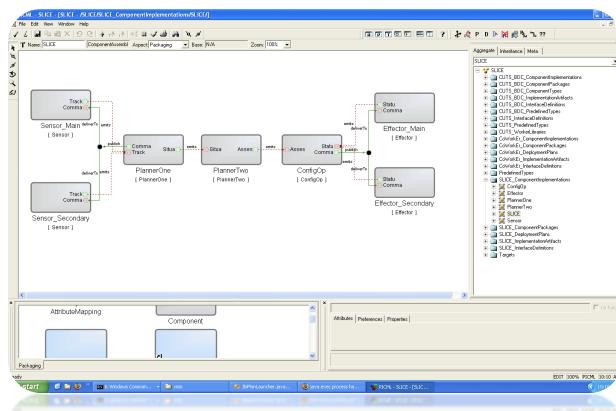
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**Without continuous integration service, developers must manually manage a distributed testing environment**

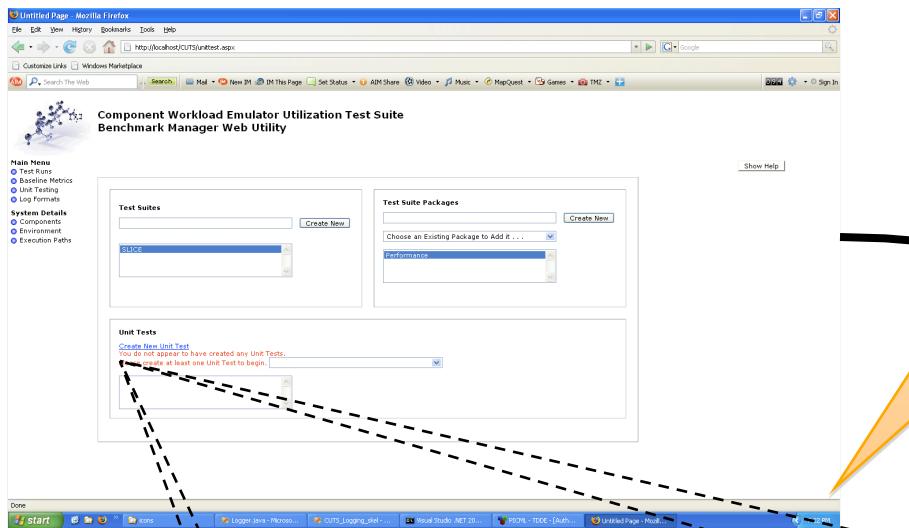
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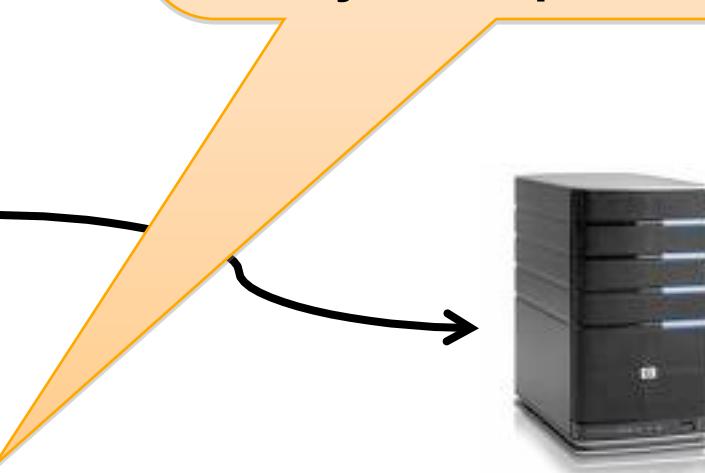


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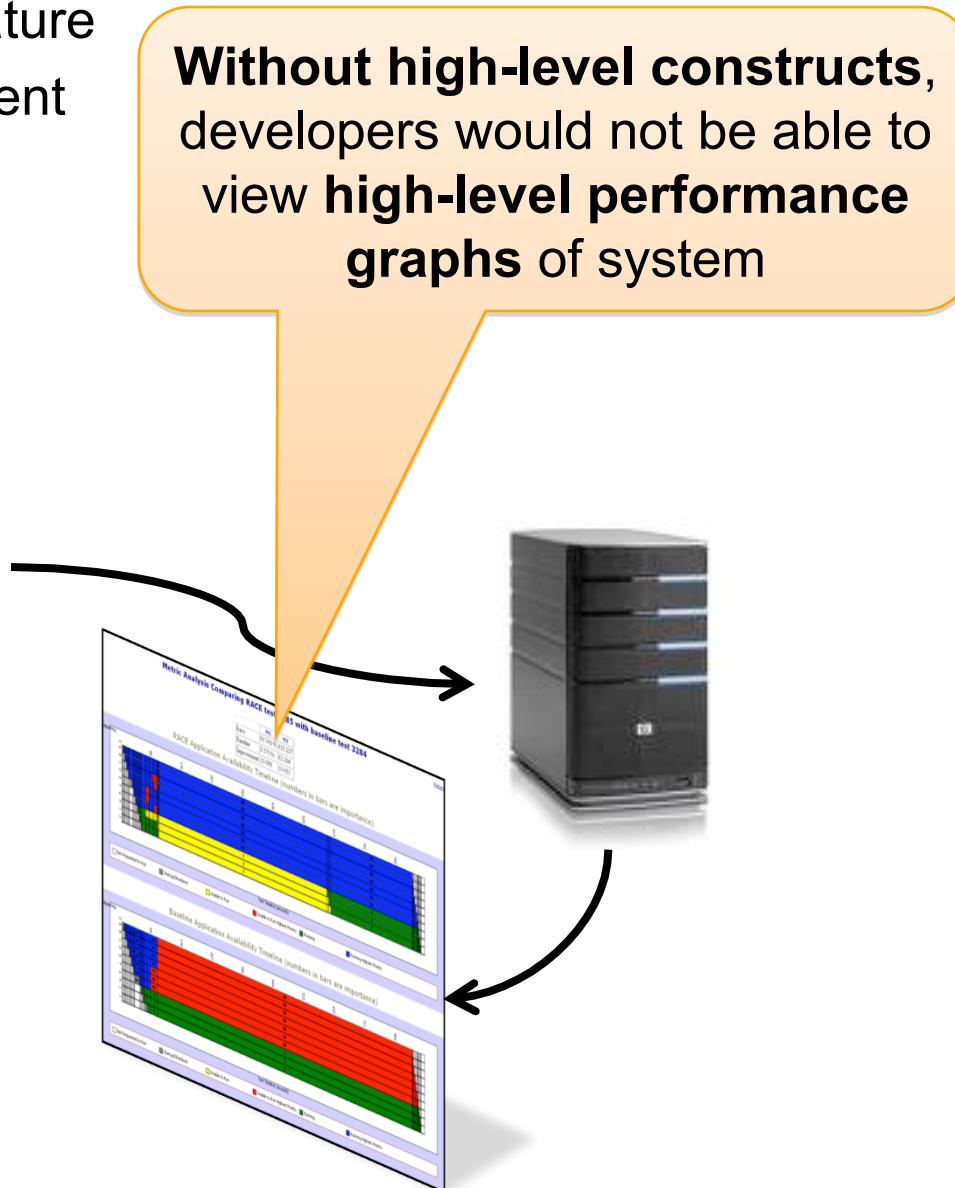
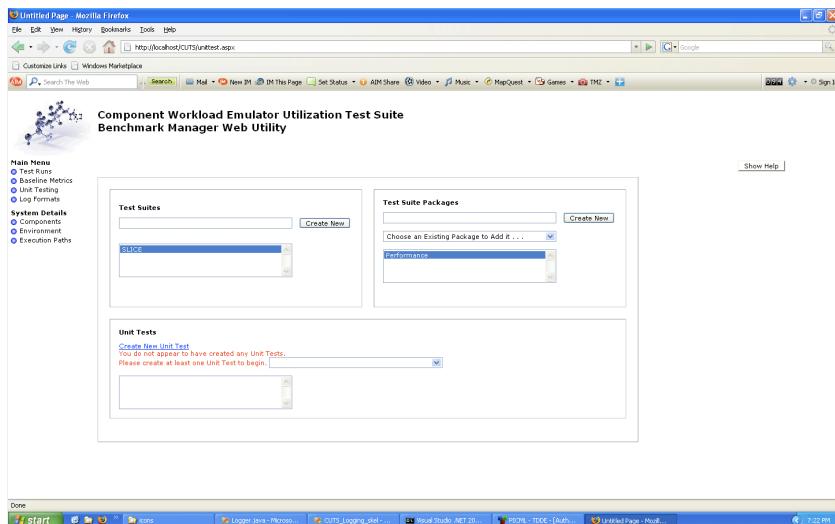
**High-level constructs identify & formulate equations based on identified metrics & allow developers to analyze performance at same level as system specification**



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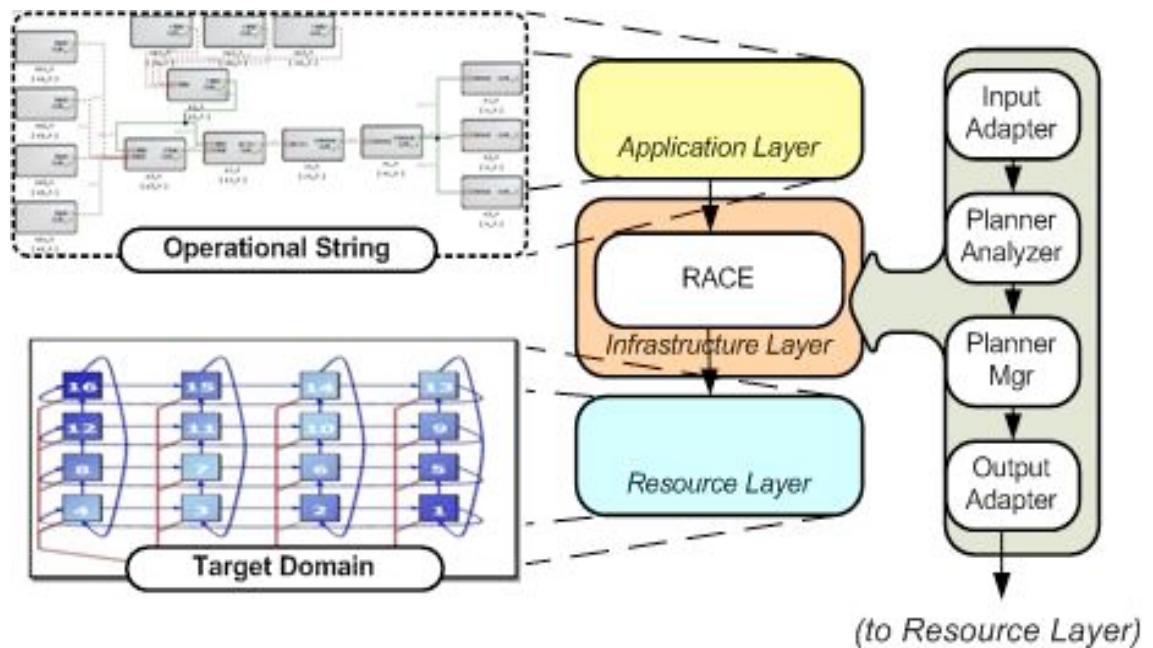
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# Experiment: SEM + CI & RACE Baseline Scenario

- RACE is a component-based system that manages workflows deployments
- RACE supports two types of workflow deployments

- **Static** – deployments created offline where components are assigned to hosts
- **Dynamic** – deployments created online, but component assignment to host is based on operating conditions

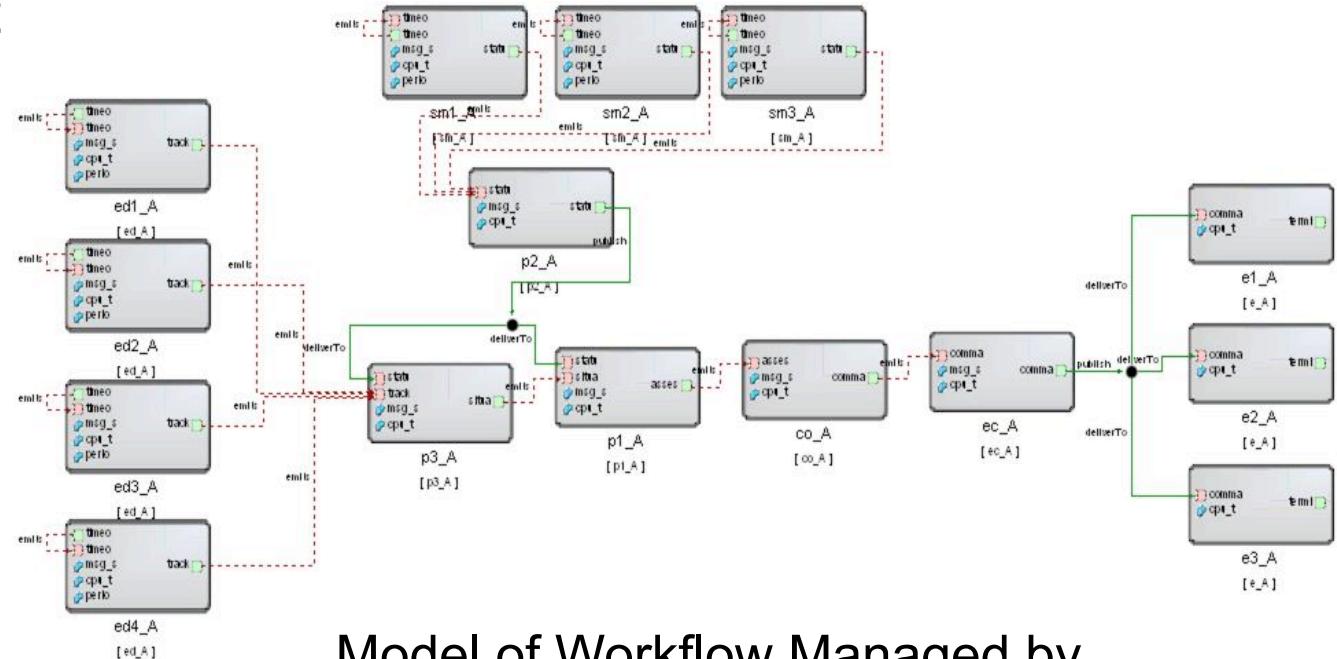


- *Baseline scenario* - higher priority workflows must have longer lifetime than lower priority workflows
  - e.g., under low resource availability

# Experiment: SEM + CI & RACE Baseline Scenario

## Experiment Design

- Constructed 10 identical workflows with different importance values & used CUTS to generate implementation
  - Workflow A – H: 90
  - Workflow I – J: 2
- Updated RACE source code with log messages that contained metrics of interest
- Constructed tests to be managed by the continuous integration server



Model of Workflow Managed by RACE

# Experiment: SEM + CI & RACE Baseline Scenario

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Evaluation Criteria	Description
<b>(H1) Evaluating High-level QoS Requirements</b>	We hypothesize that RACE can improve the lifetime of workflows deployed dynamically by at least 10% vs. workflows deployed statically

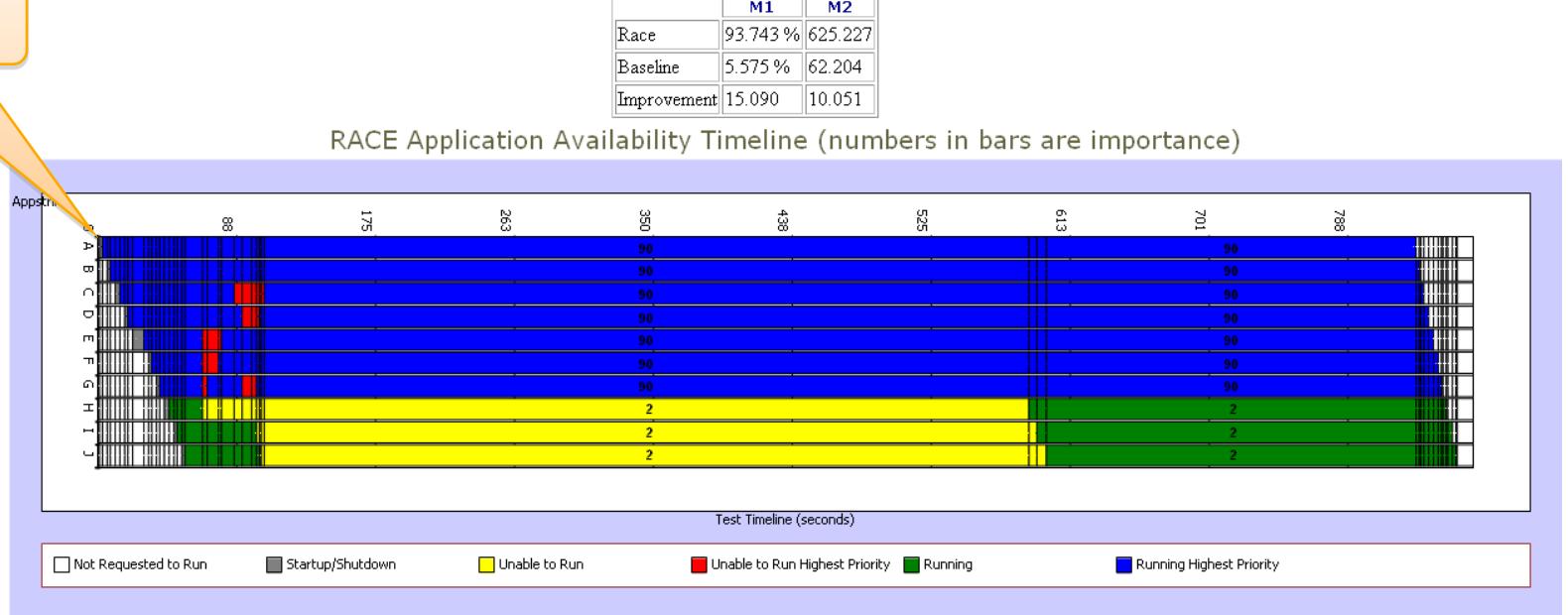
# Results: Single Test Performance

## Metric Analysis Comparing RACE test 3285 with baseline test 3284

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Start of test

Dynamic Deployment Log Message Reconstruction



Start of test

Static Deployment Log Message Reconstruction



# Results: Single Test Performance

Kill node with higher importance operational string

## Metric Analysis Comparing RACE test 3285 with baseline test 3284

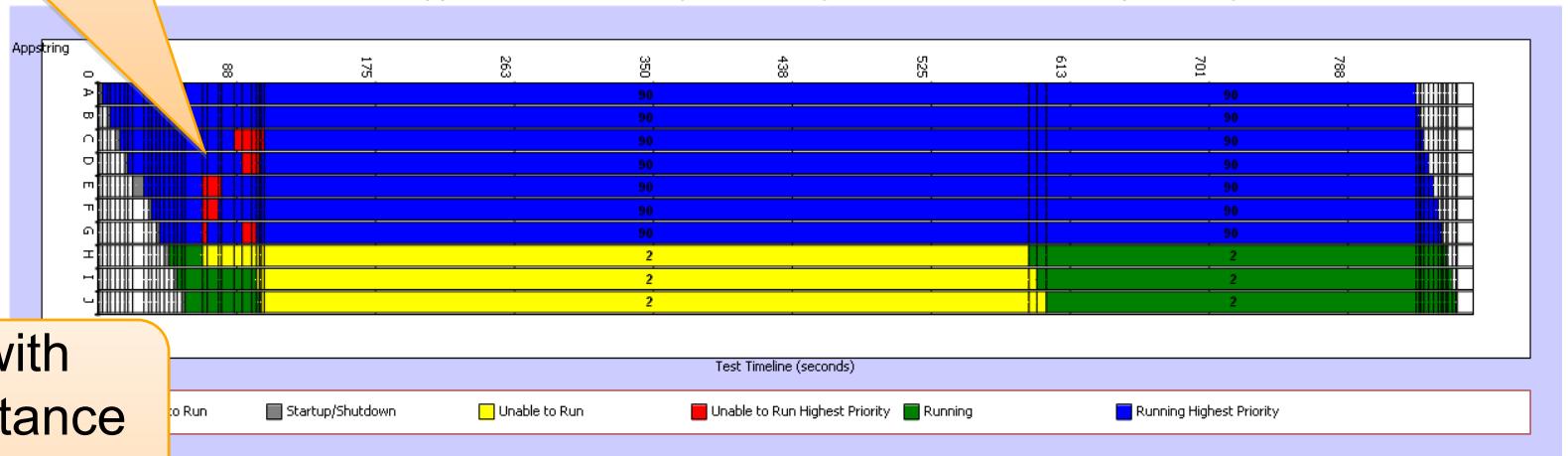
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	M1	M2
Race	93.743 %	625.227
Baseline	5.575 %	62.204
Improvement	15.090	10.051

RACE Application Availability Timeline (numbers in bars are importance)

Dynamic Deployment Log Message Reconstruction

Kill node with higher importance operational string



Static Deployment Log Message Reconstruction



# Results: Single Test Performance

## Metric Analysis Comparing RACE test 3285 with baseline test 3284

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**Dynamic Deployment Log Message Reconstruction**

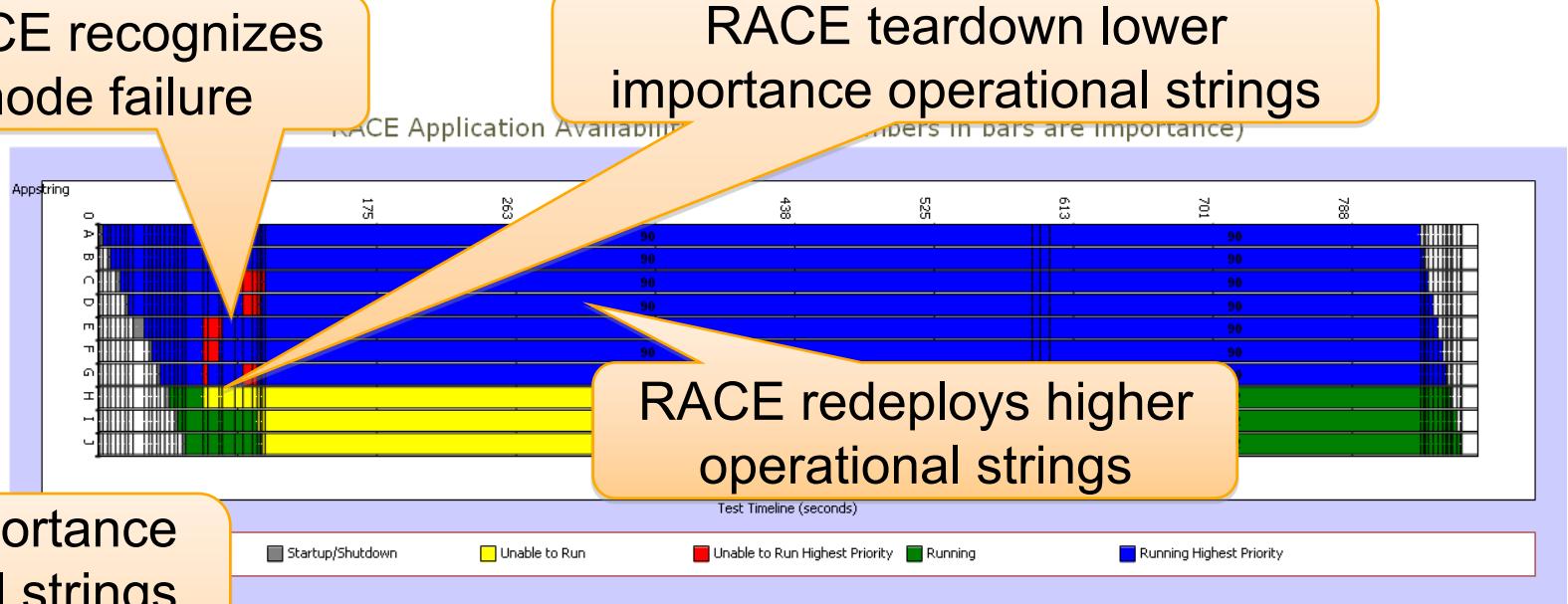
RACE recognizes node failure

RACE teardown lower importance operational strings

RACE redeploys higher operational strings

Higher importance operational strings still offline

**Static Deployment Log Message Reconstruction**



Baseline Application Availability Timeline (numbers in bars are importance)



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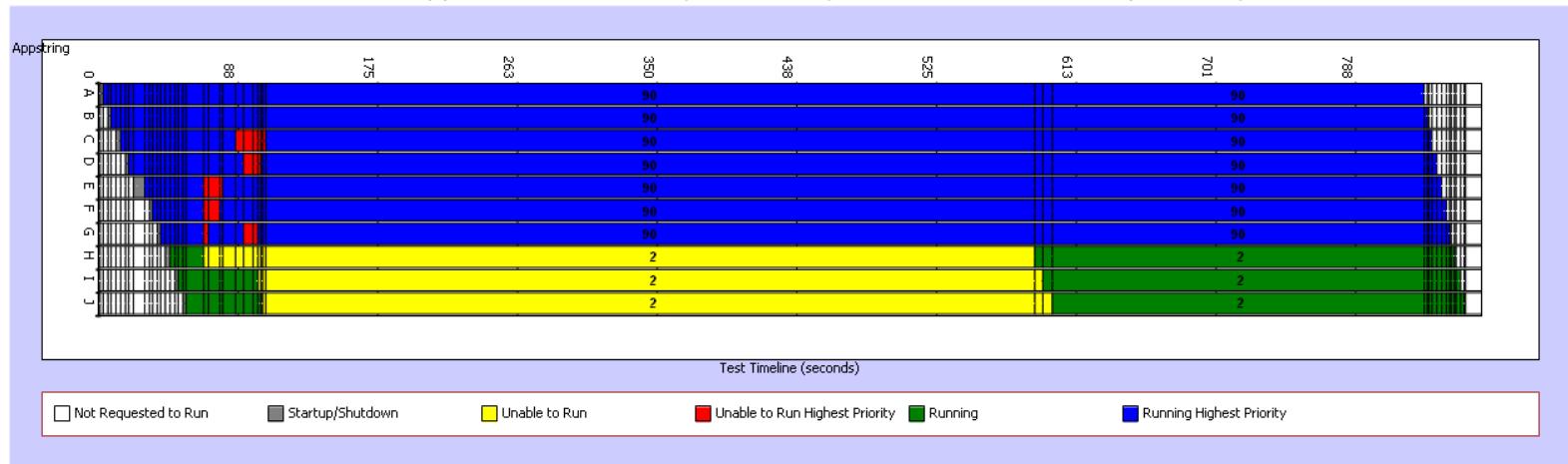
Metric Analysis Comparing RACE test 3285 with baseline

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Race	93.743 %	625.227
Baseline	5.575 %	62.204
Improvement	15.090	10.051

Improvement of dynamic vs. static

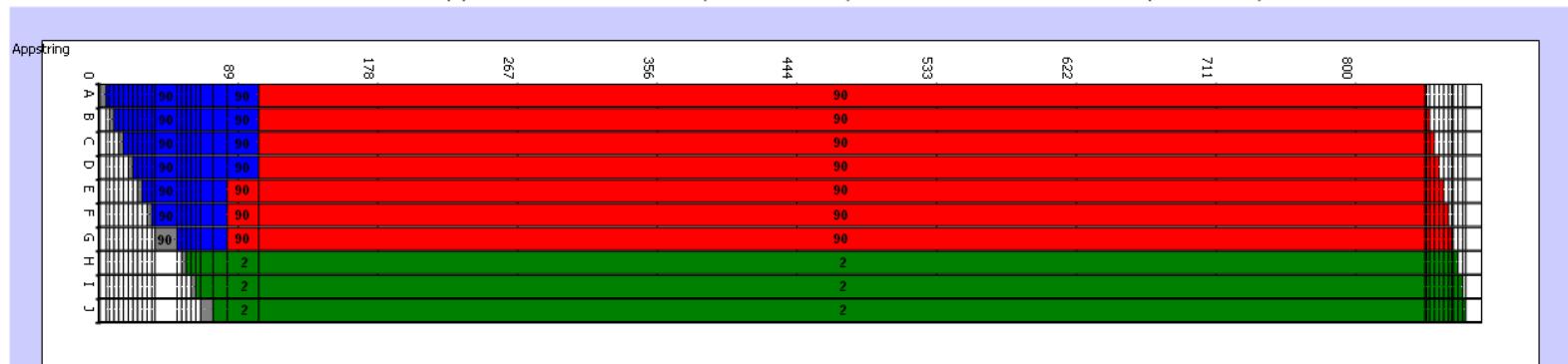
RACE Application Availability Timeline (numbers in bars are importance)

**Dynamic Deployment Log Message Reconstruction**



Baseline Application Availability Timeline (numbers in bars are importance)

**Static Deployment Log Message Reconstruction**

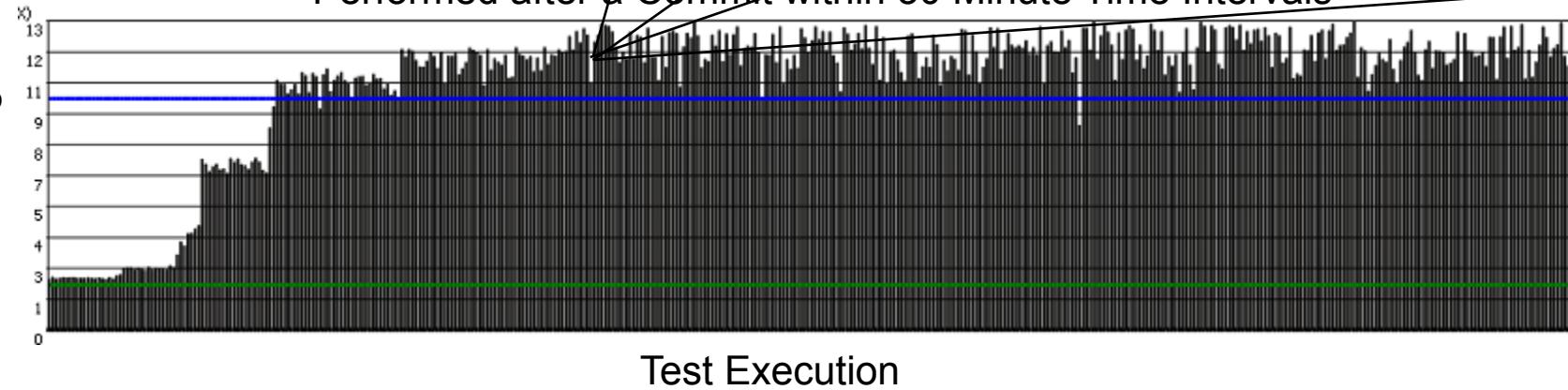


The lifetime of higher importance operational strings is greater than the lifetime of lower importance operational strings

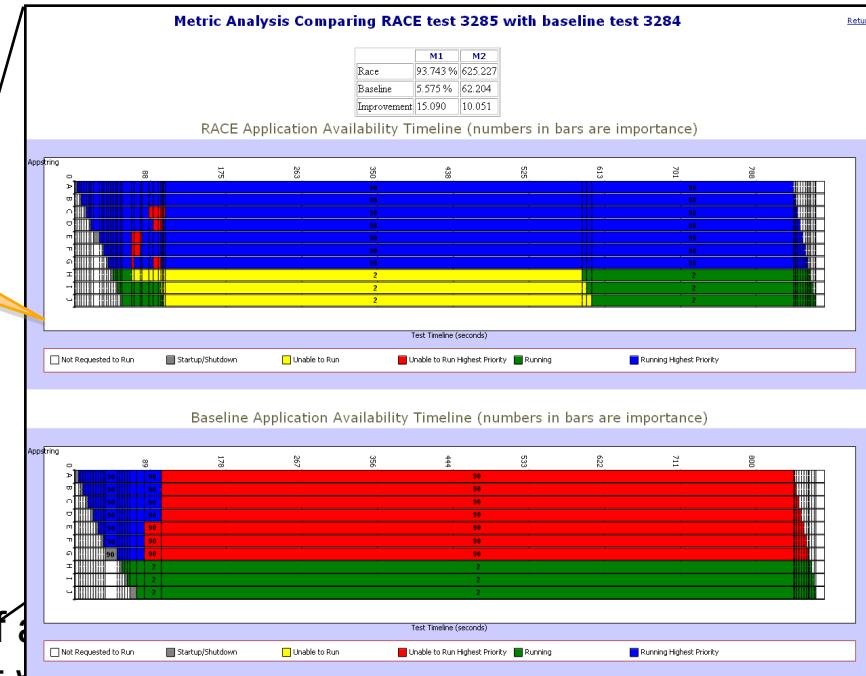
# Results: Multiple Tests Performance

Percentage Improvement  
In Lifetime using RACE

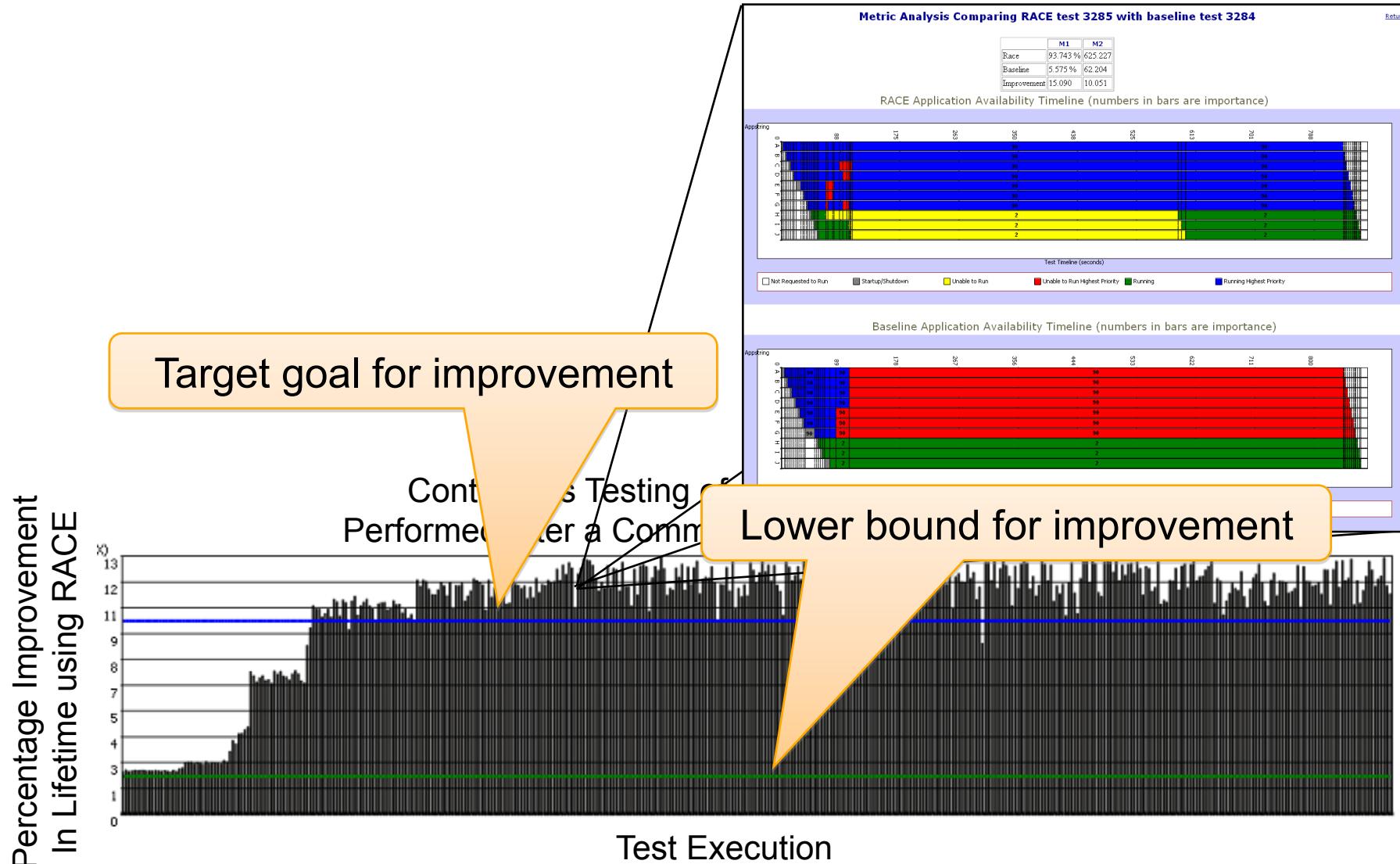
Continuous Testing of a  
Perfomed after a Commit with 50 minute Time Intervals



Single performance  
test of RACE

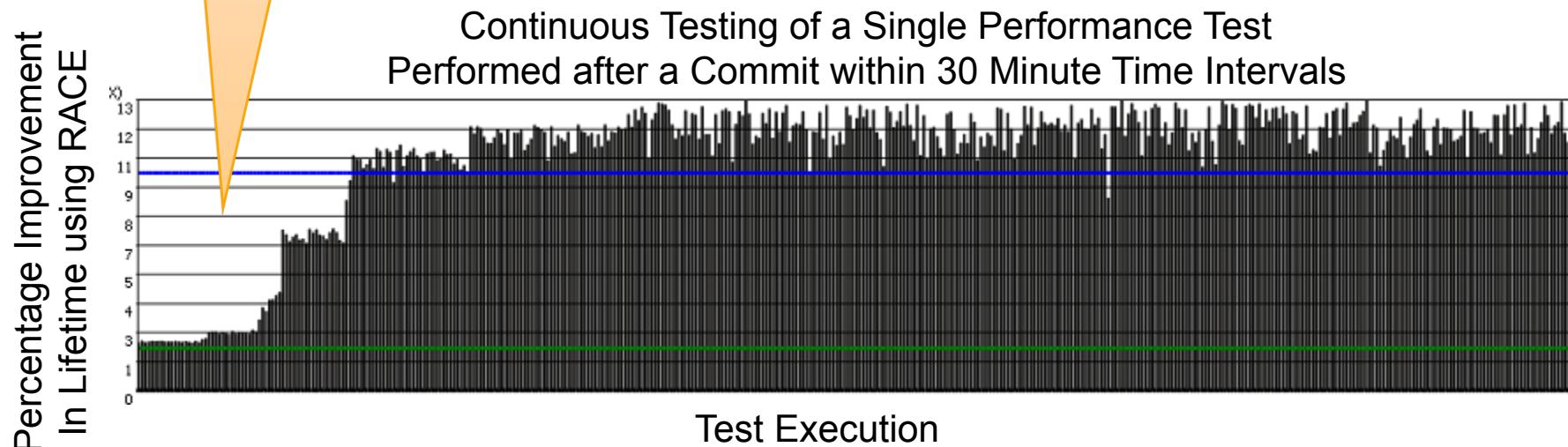


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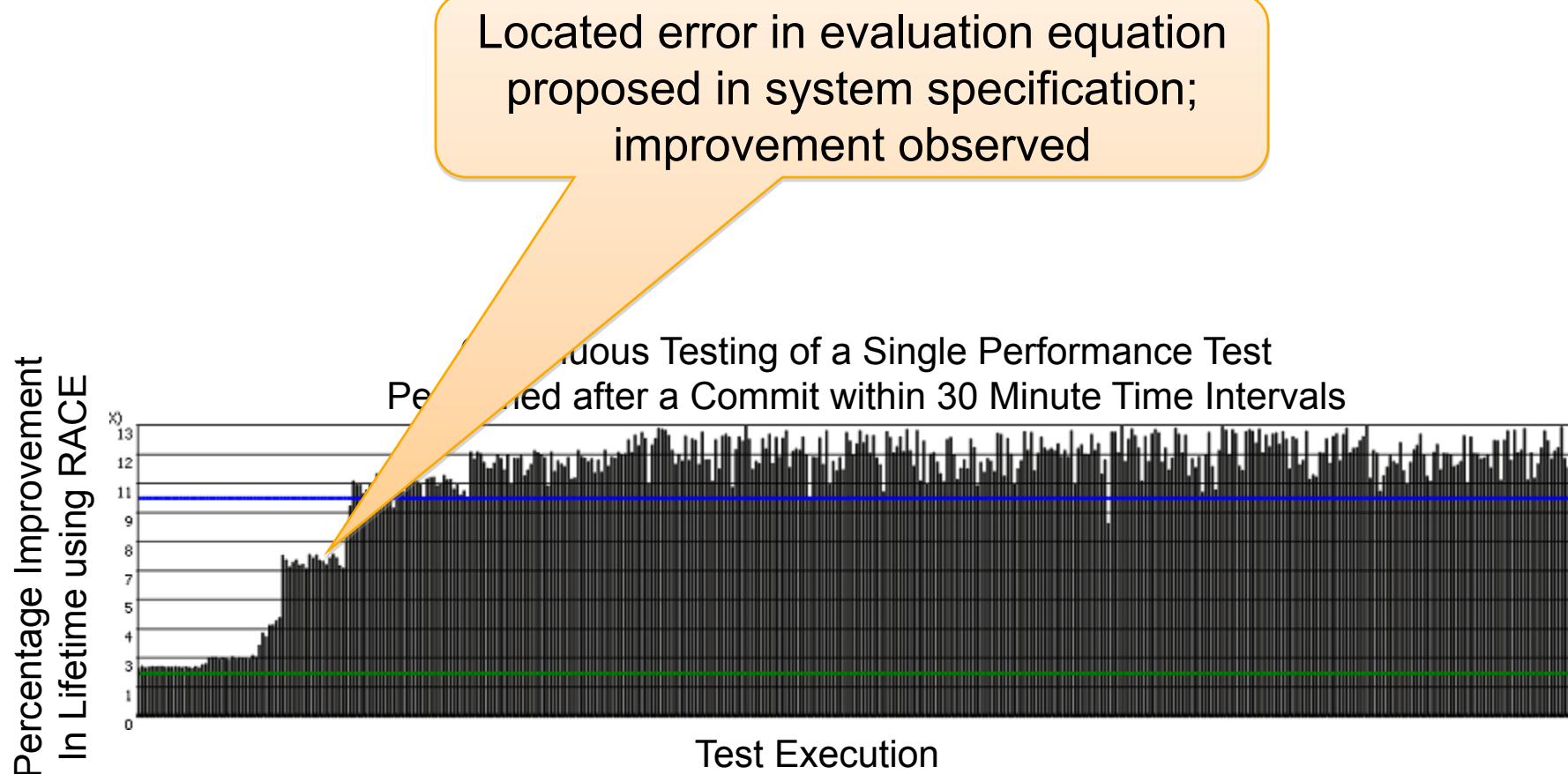
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Initial development efforts are below hypothesized improvement



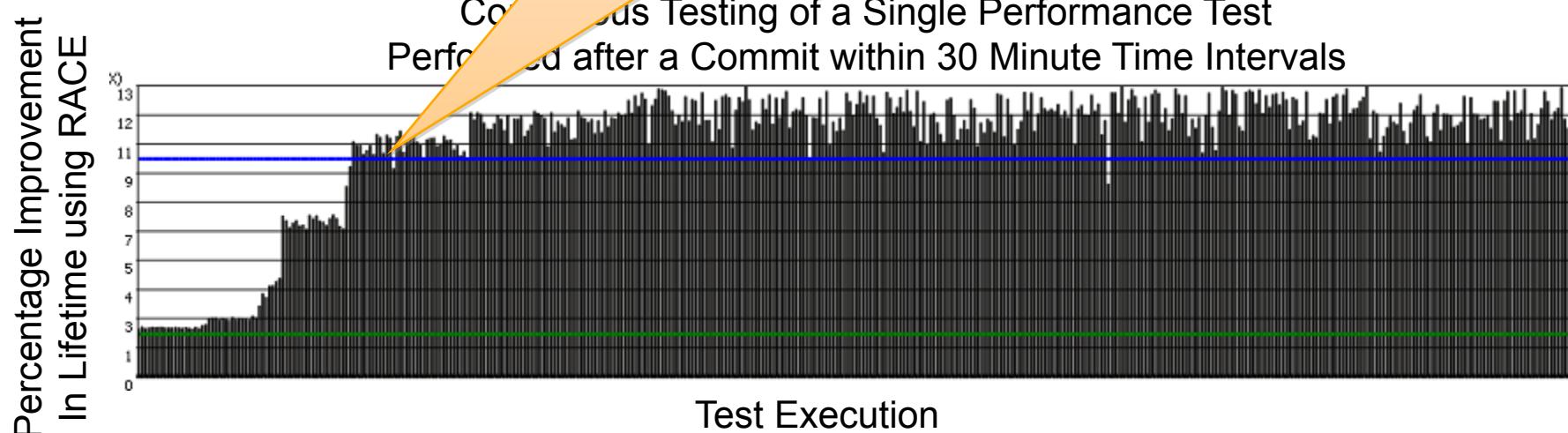
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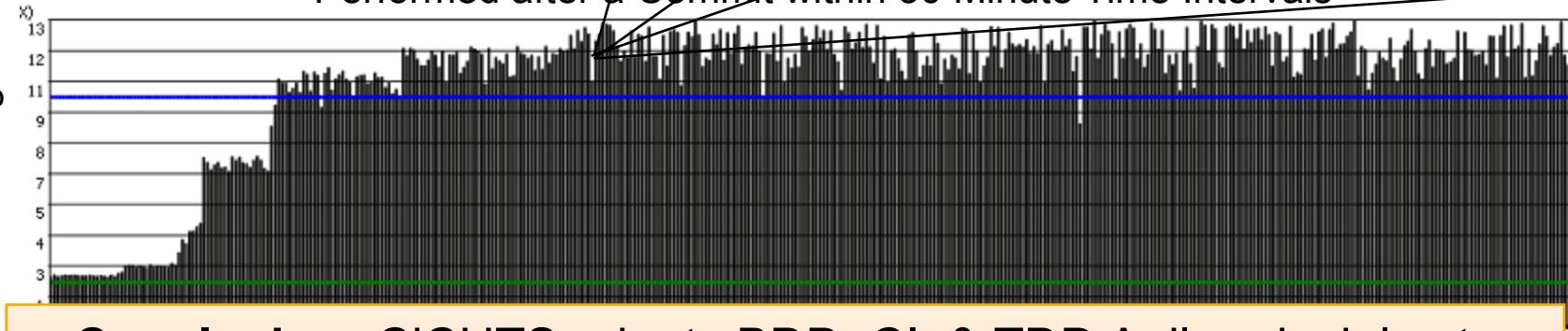
Improved RACE's implementation & observed another increase in performance; meeting system requirements



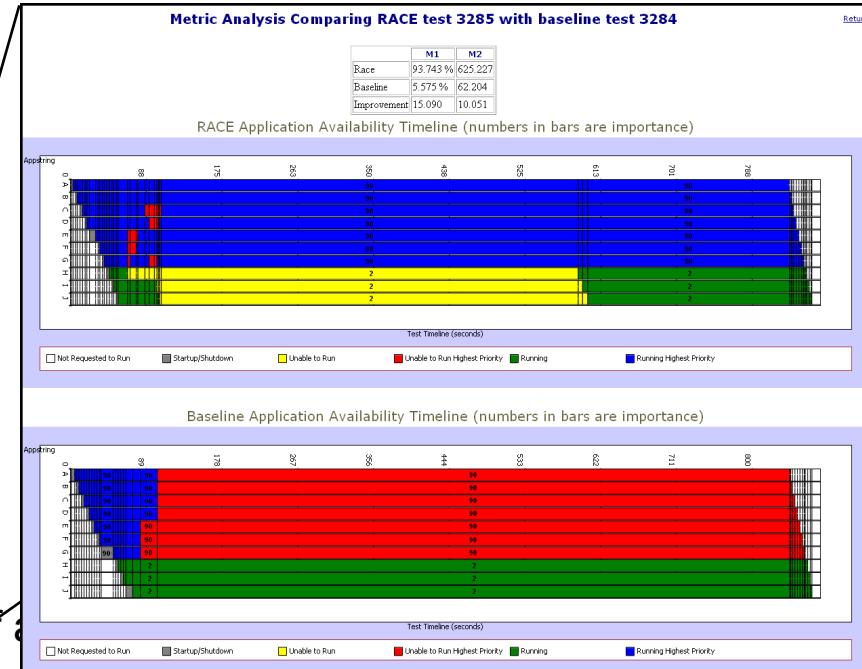
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We are able to validate hypothesis 1 (H1) continuously throughout the development of RACE

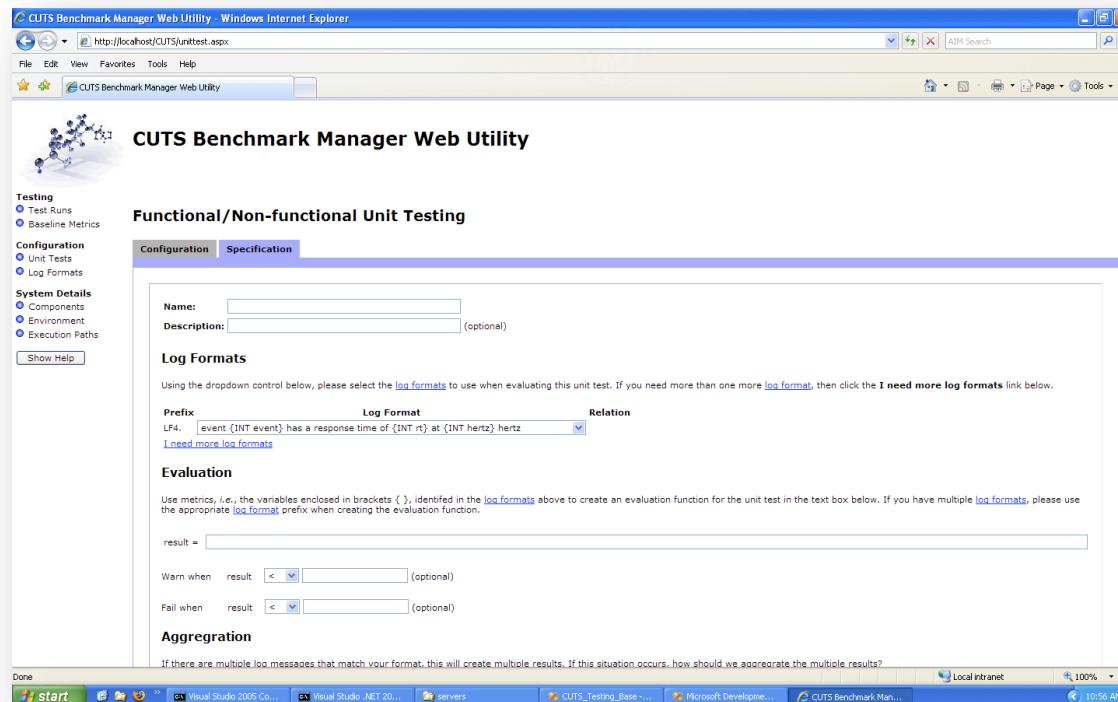
Percentage Improvement In Lifetime using RACE



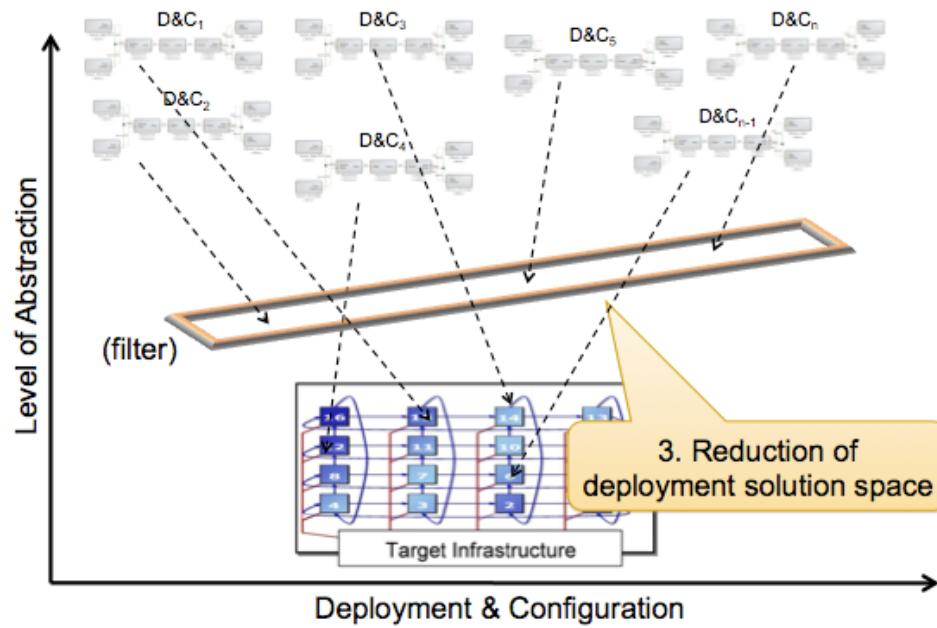
**Conclusion:** CiCUTS adapts BDD, CI, & TDD Agile principles to evaluate non-functional concerns (e.g., QoS) of component-based DRE systems throughout the entire development phase



# PART 6: Demo using CiCUTS



# PART 7: Deployment-based Analysis – Addressing Complexity #3



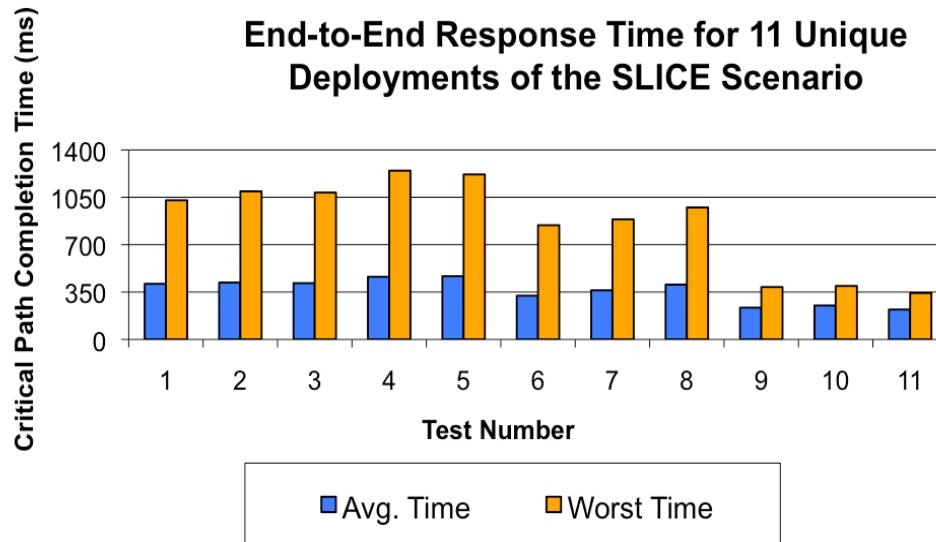
# Deployment Solution Space Reduction

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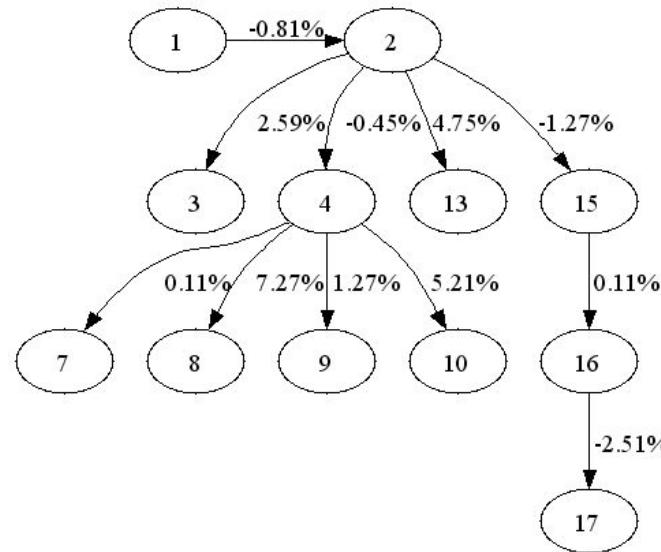


- The deployment solution space can be so enormous that locating ones that meet QoS requirements is like looking for a needle in a haystack
- What can be done to make this problem smaller?

# Challenge: Evaluation of Unique Deployments



**Performance Difference between Unique Deployments**

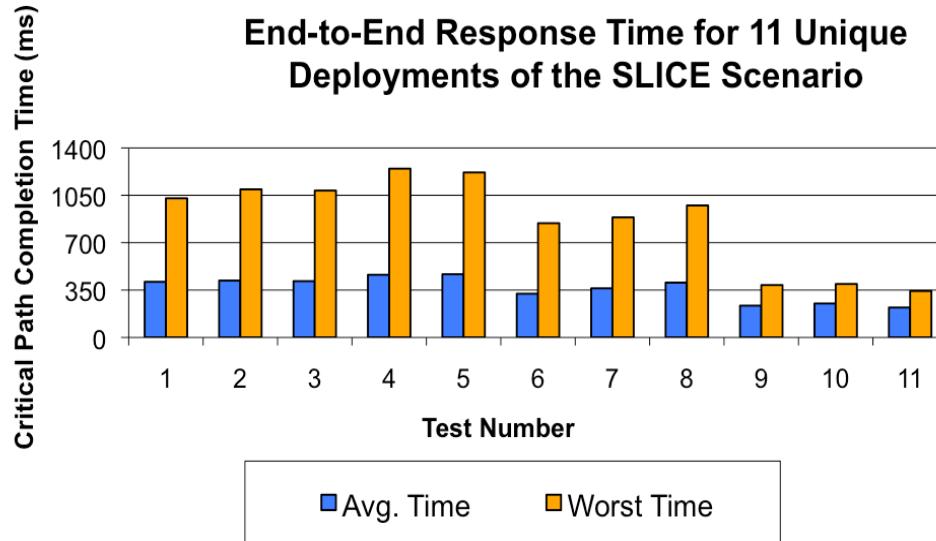


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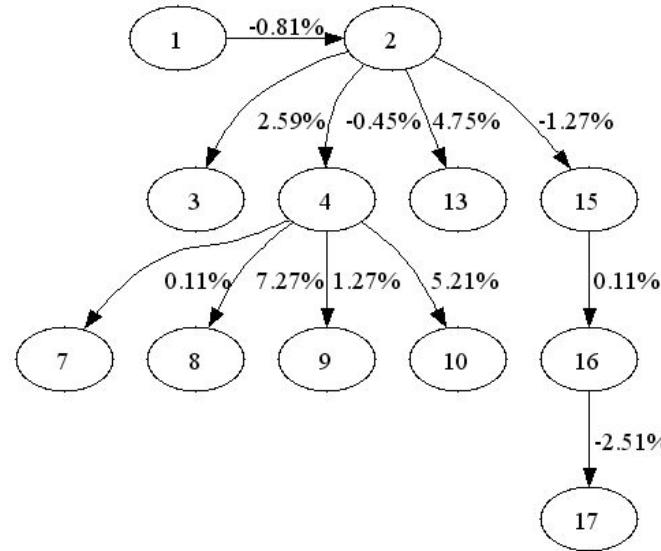
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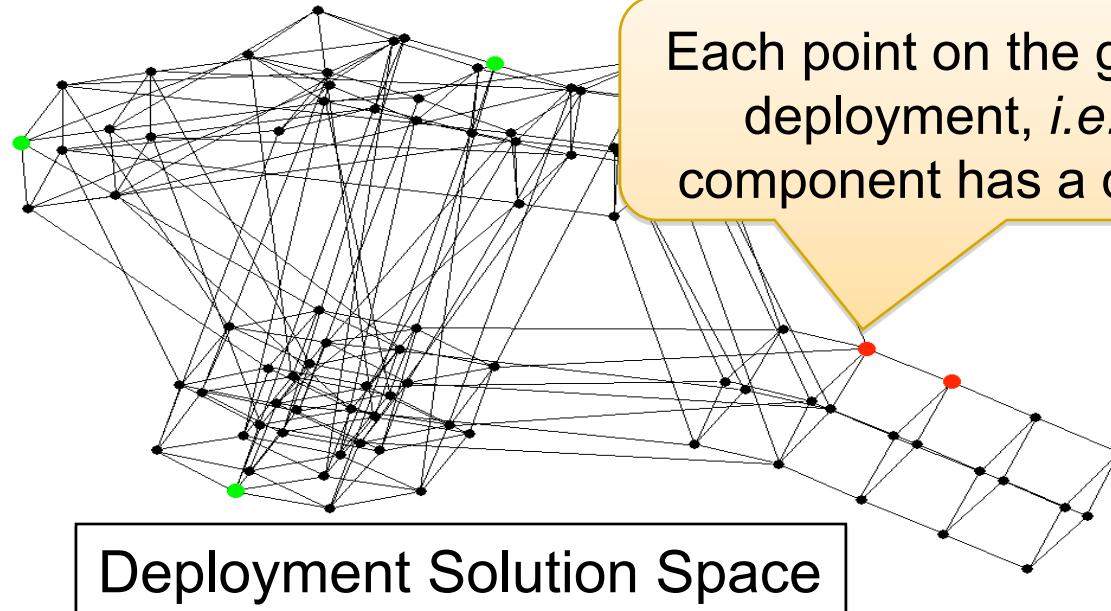


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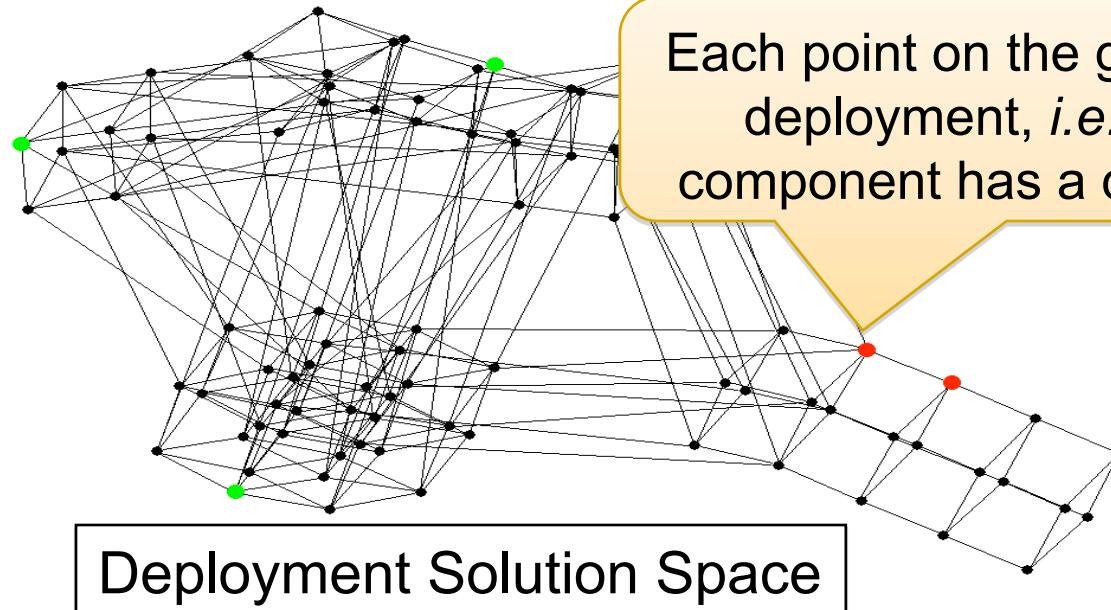
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# Challenge: Evaluation of Unique Deployments



Each point on the graph is a unique deployment, *i.e.*, at least one component has a different location

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In an agile development environment, evaluating *every* possible deployment is not feasible due to time constraints & constant change



## PART 8: Concluding Remarks

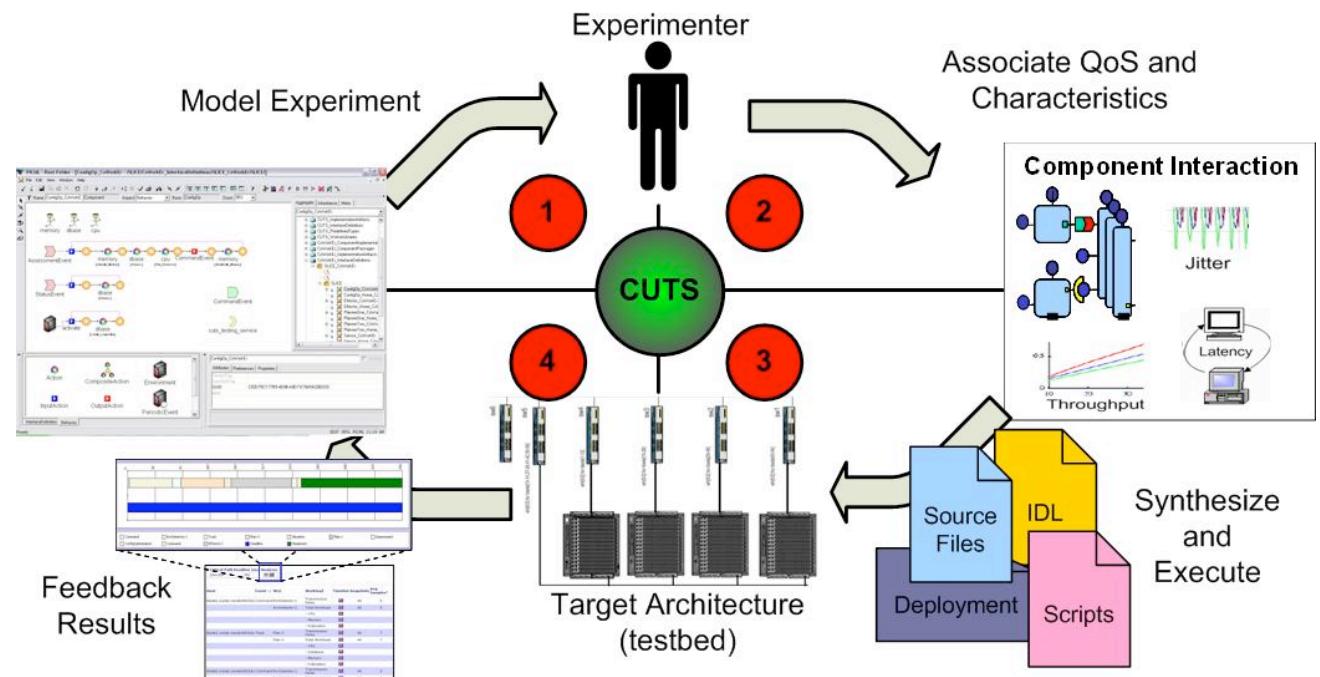
# Recap of Technology Enablers

Reconciling Agile Software Development with Component-based Software Engineering for DRE Systems

Focus Area	Challenge	Approach	Enabler
Early Software Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Test system auto-generation</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>System execution modeling (SEM) Tools</li><li>DSMLs that require partial system knowledge</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>CUTS</li></ul>
Continuous Software Integration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Continuous testing &amp; analysis of DRE systems</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Continuous integration + SEM</li><li>High-level performance specification &amp; analysis</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>CiCUTS</li></ul>

# Conclusion

- System execution modeling (SEM) tools provided useful techniques & technologies that help adapt agile development techniques to concerns of distributed component-based systems
- There still remain many open issues to continue improving agile development of such systems



**CUTS SEM tool is based on CoSMIC**

CoSMIC is available from [www.dre.vanderbilt.edu/cosmic](http://www.dre.vanderbilt.edu/cosmic)

CUTS is available from [www.dre.vanderbilt.edu/CUTS](http://www.dre.vanderbilt.edu/CUTS)

## PART 9: Question & Answer Session

