Engineering Executable DSMLs (xDSMLs) for model executability, animation and debugging

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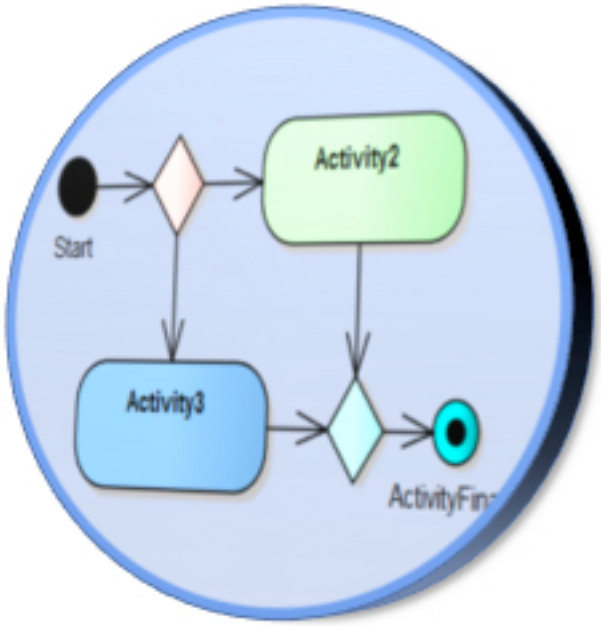
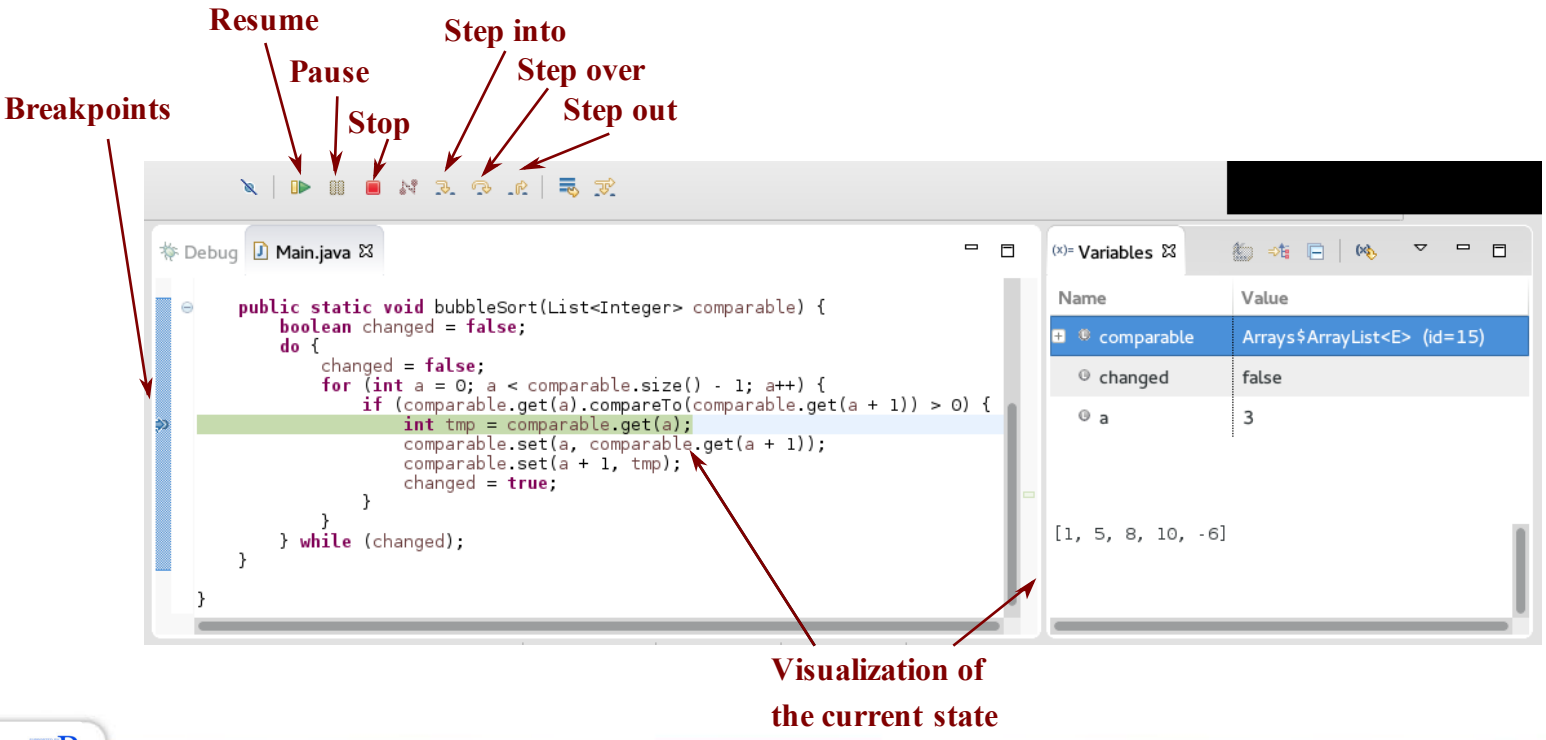
(Domain-Specific) Behavioral models

- Various engineering: software engineering, systems engineering, enterprise architecture, scientific modeling...
- Various domains: Business Processes, Orchestrations, Functional chains, Activities, Protocoles, Scenarios...
- Various analysis techniques for checking behavioral properties (early V&V)



Stepwise debugging

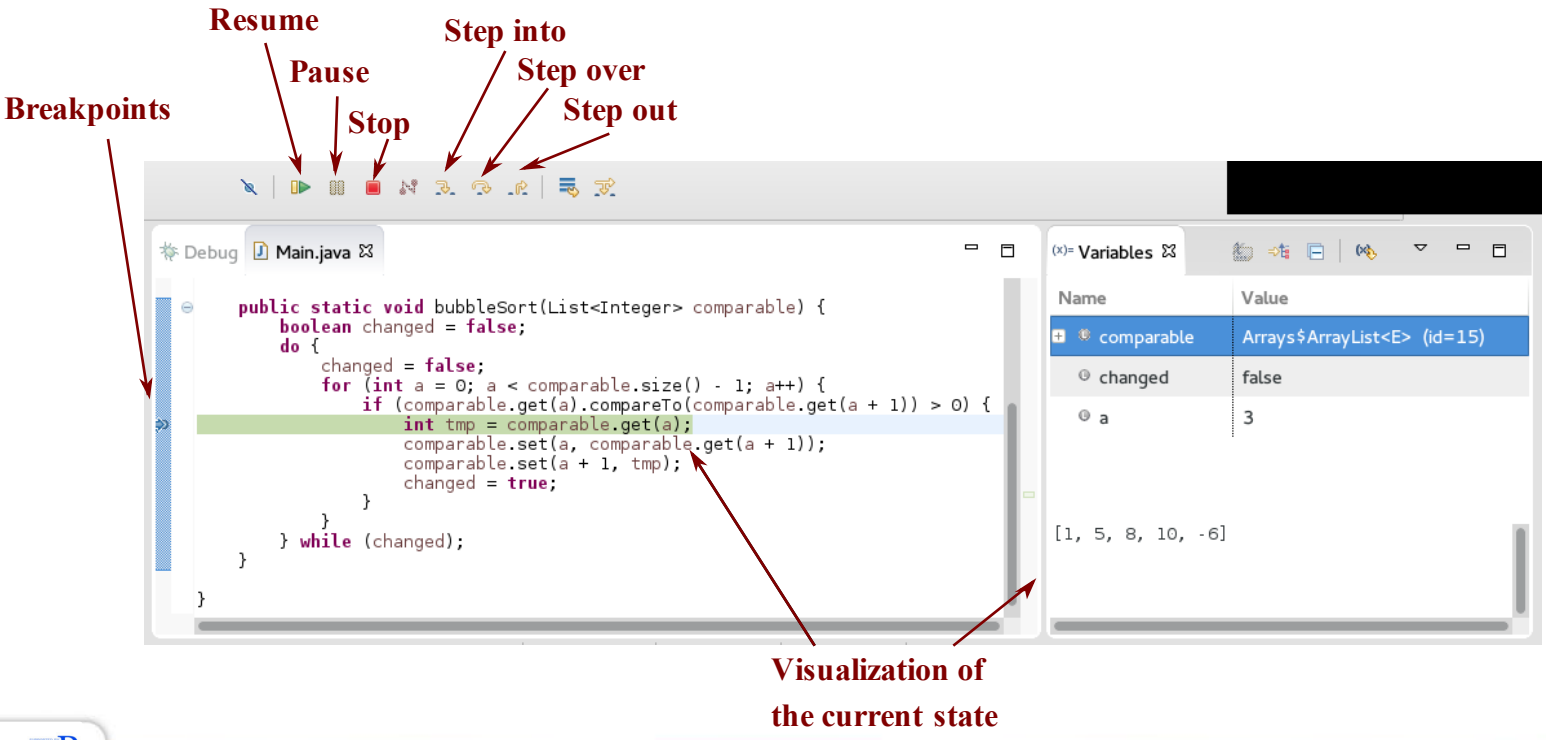
- Stepwise Debugging: find the cause of a defect by manually observing and controlling execution
- Central dynamic V&V activity



Stepwise debugging

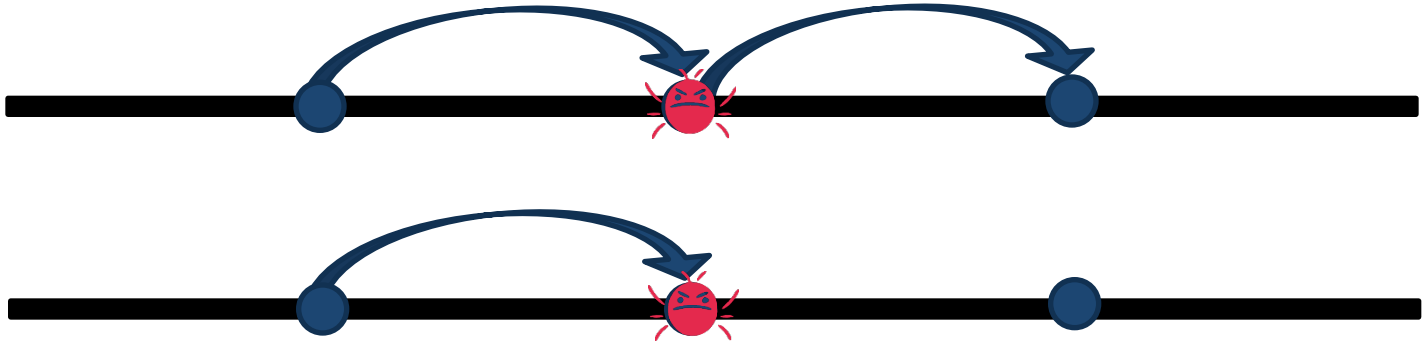
- Intuitive model comprehension technique
  - No abstraction gap
  - Better turn-arounds

⇒ Fast convergence towards an acceptable design

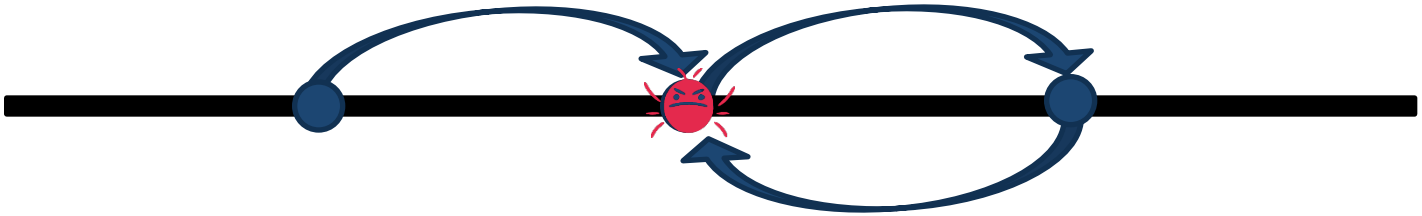


Omniscient debugging

- Stepwise debuggers only go forward

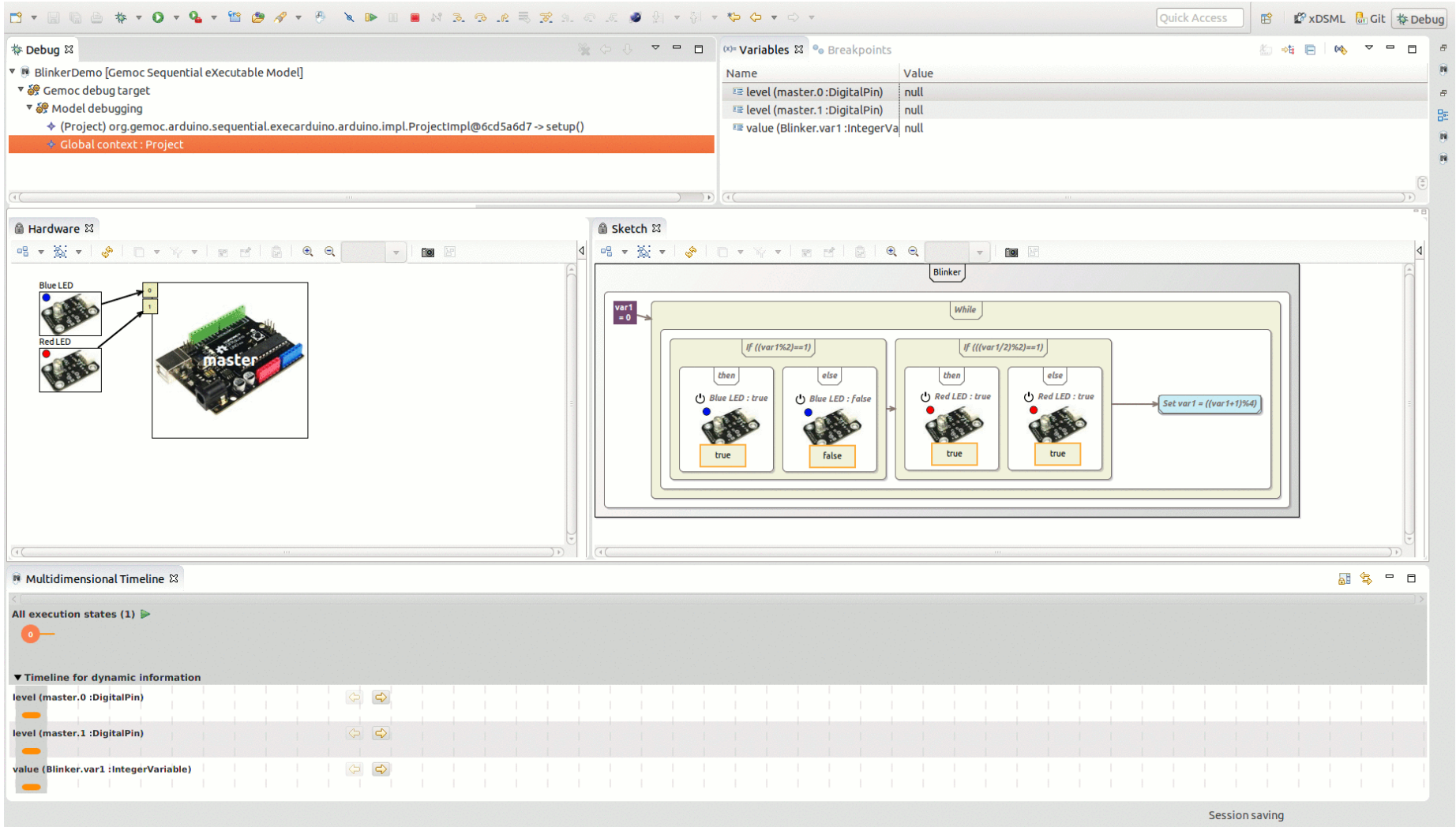


- Omniscient debuggers go forward and backward



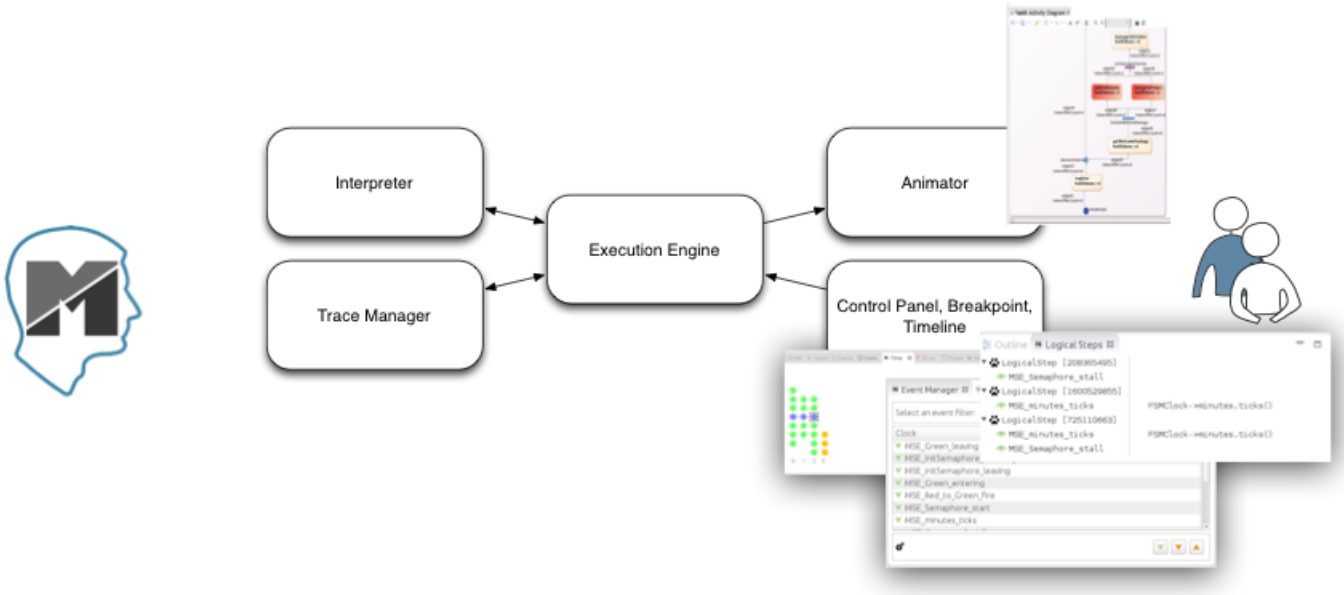
- Omniscient debuggers typically rely on an **execution trace** storing previous states.

Expected Result for Activity Diagram



How to provide execution, animation and debugging facilities for any executable domain-specific modeling language (xDSML)?

Required Tools



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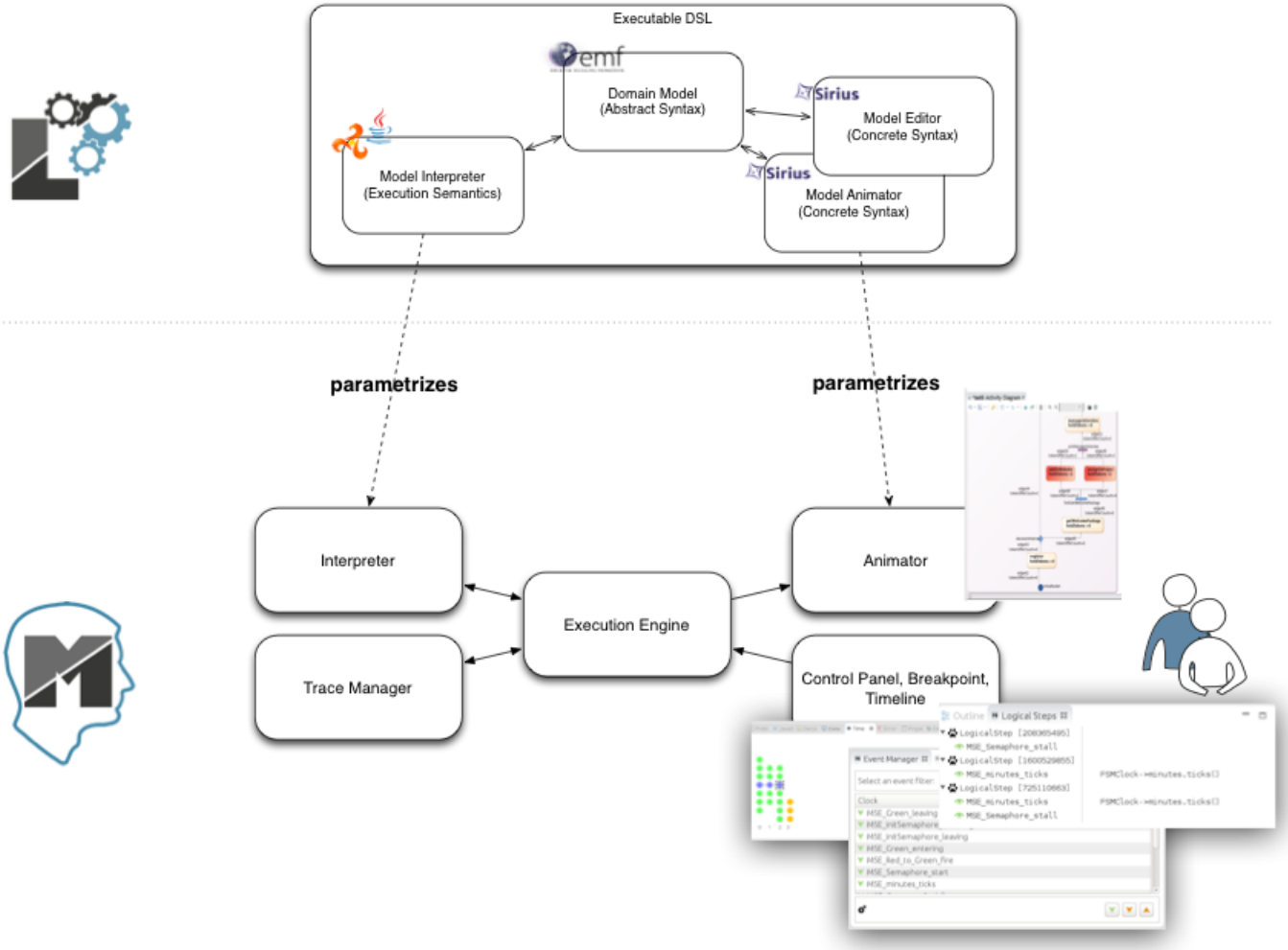

Proposed Approach

- Xtend/Kermeta to define the interpreter
- Sirius to define the animator by extension of the tooling description

- A generative approach for the trace manager
- A generic execution engine
- A generic control panel and timeline

Proposed Approach

- Leverage the GEMOC Execution Framework
  - Start the execution (@main), and initialize the model (@initialize)
  - Encapsulate stepwise execution in transactions, and control the execution (step-by-step, pause, resume)
  - Integration with the trace manager
- Leverage the Sirius Animation Runtime
  - Bridge the Eclipse Debug APIs and the EMF APIs, incl. the control panel with step (back) over/into/return
  - Transmit events and requests
  - Initialize the tooling extension
  - Provide off-the-shelf ecore model for runtime data

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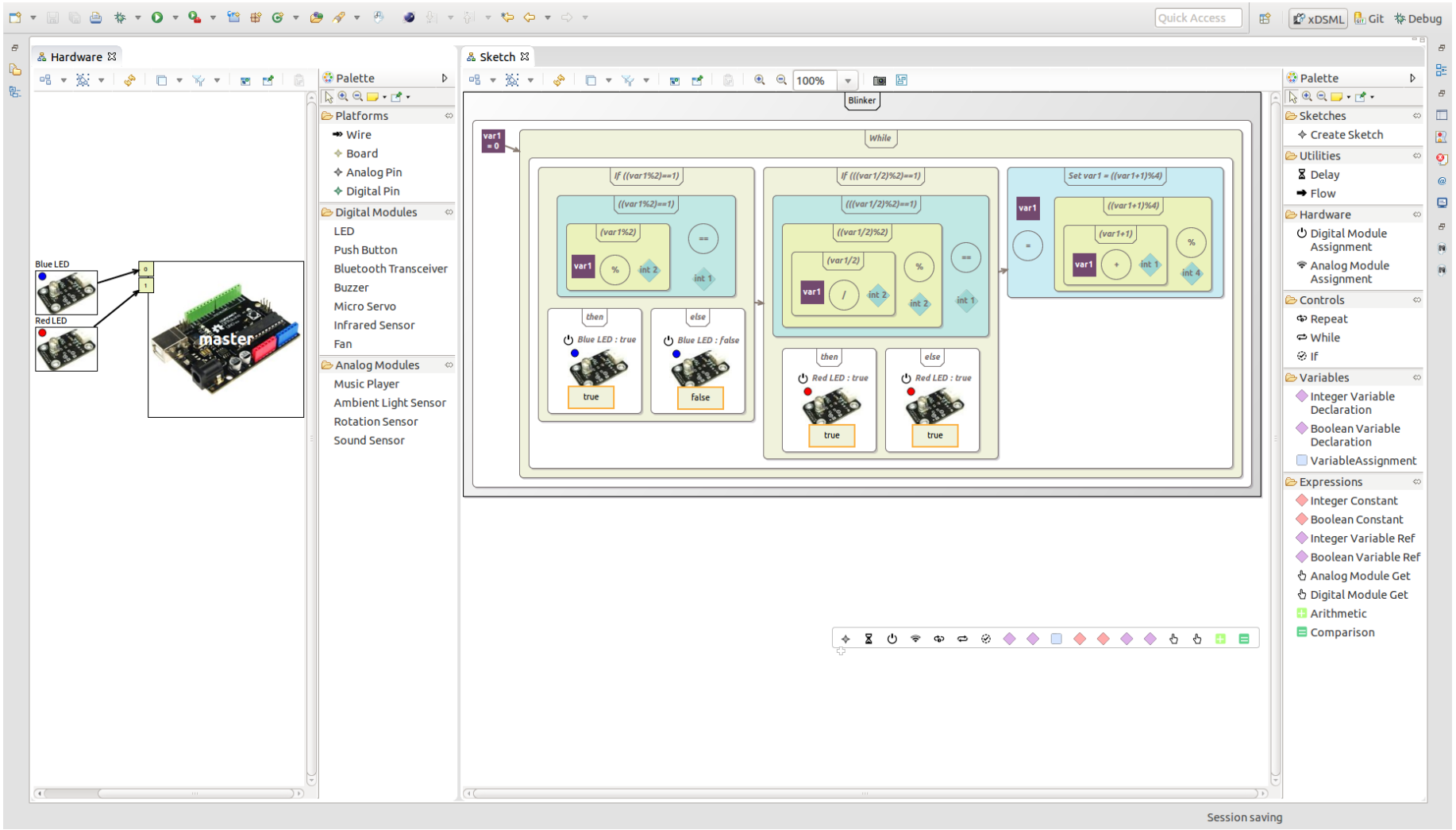

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- fr.obeo.dsl.arduino.simulator
  - Interpreter, incl. execution functions and data
- fr.obeo.dsl.arduino.simulator.design
  - Animator (representation of the execution data)

Language	files	blank	comment	code
Java	14	229	318	1185
XML	5	0	0	329
Maven	2	12	18	54
SUM:	21	241	336	1568

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```
@Aspect(className=Project)
class Project_ExecutableAspect {
	@Main
	def void main() {
		val sketch = _self.sketch
		while(true) {
			sketch.block.execute
		}
	}
}

@Aspect(className=BluetoothTransceiver)
abstract class BluetoothTransceiver_PushAspect extends ArduinoCommunicationModule_PushAspect {

	public List<Integer> dataToSend
	public List<Integer> dataReceived

	@Step
	@OverrideAspectMethod
	def void push(){
		_self.connectedTransceiver.forEach[t|
			val l = t.dataReceived
			_self.dataToSend.forEach[i|l.add(i)]
		]
		_self.dataToSend.clear
	}
}
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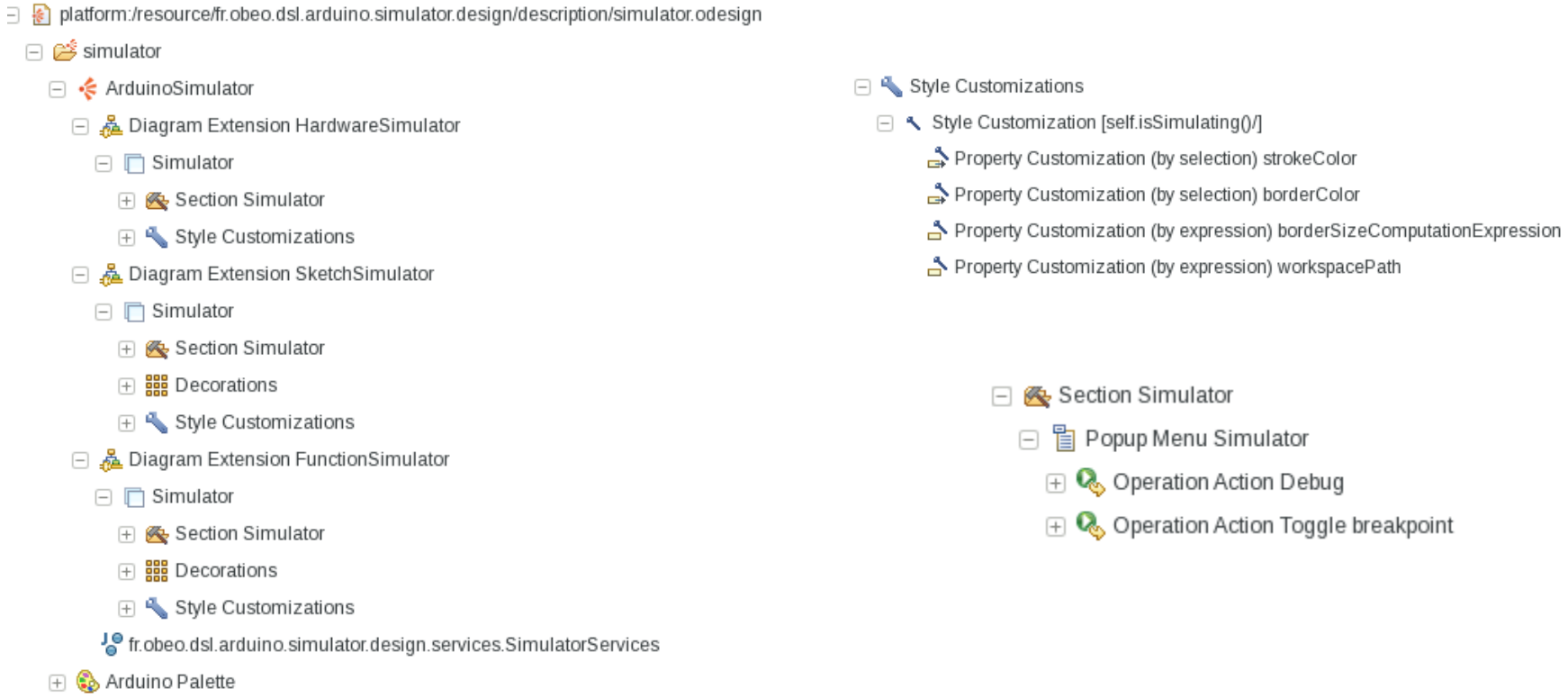

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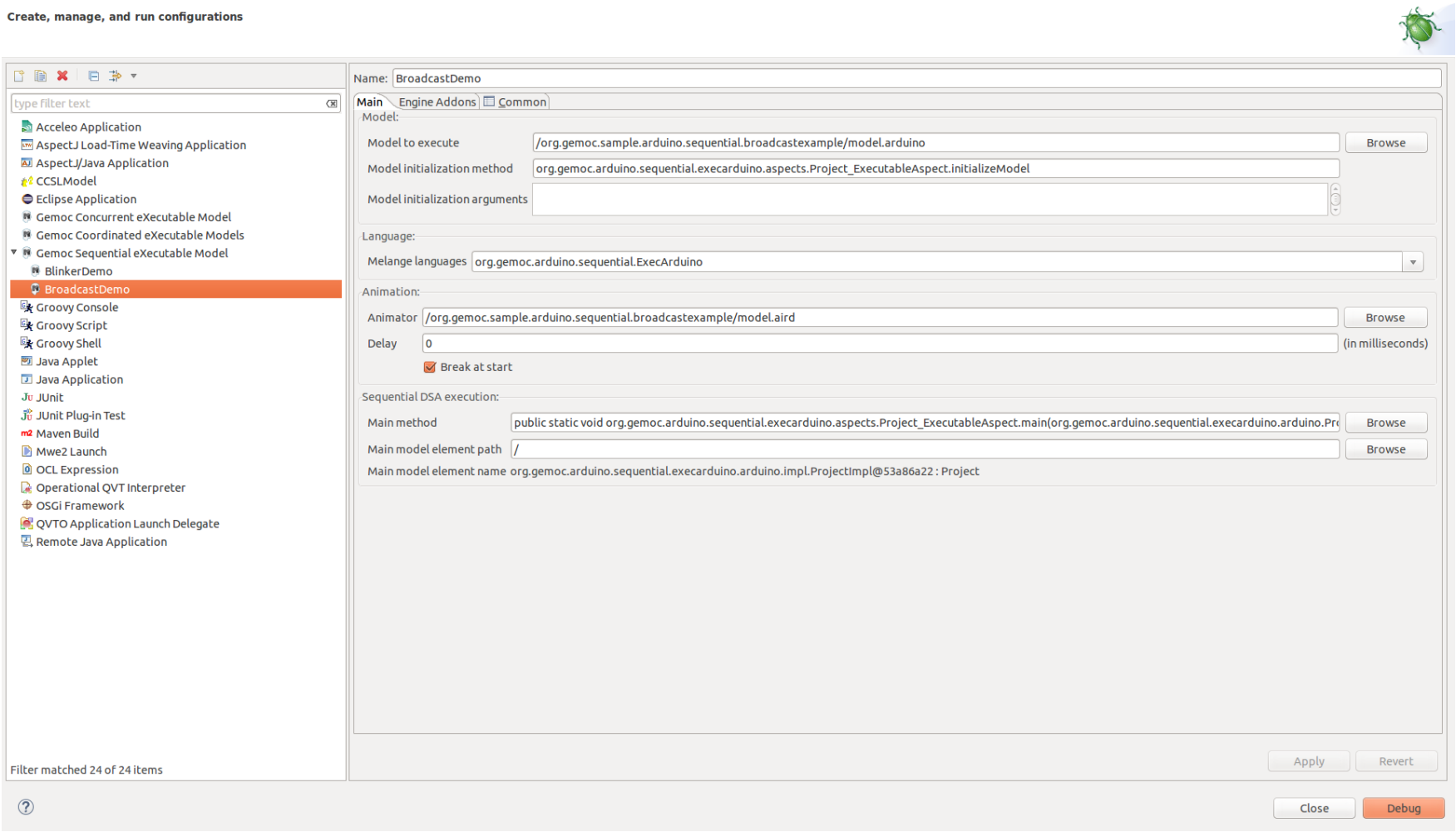

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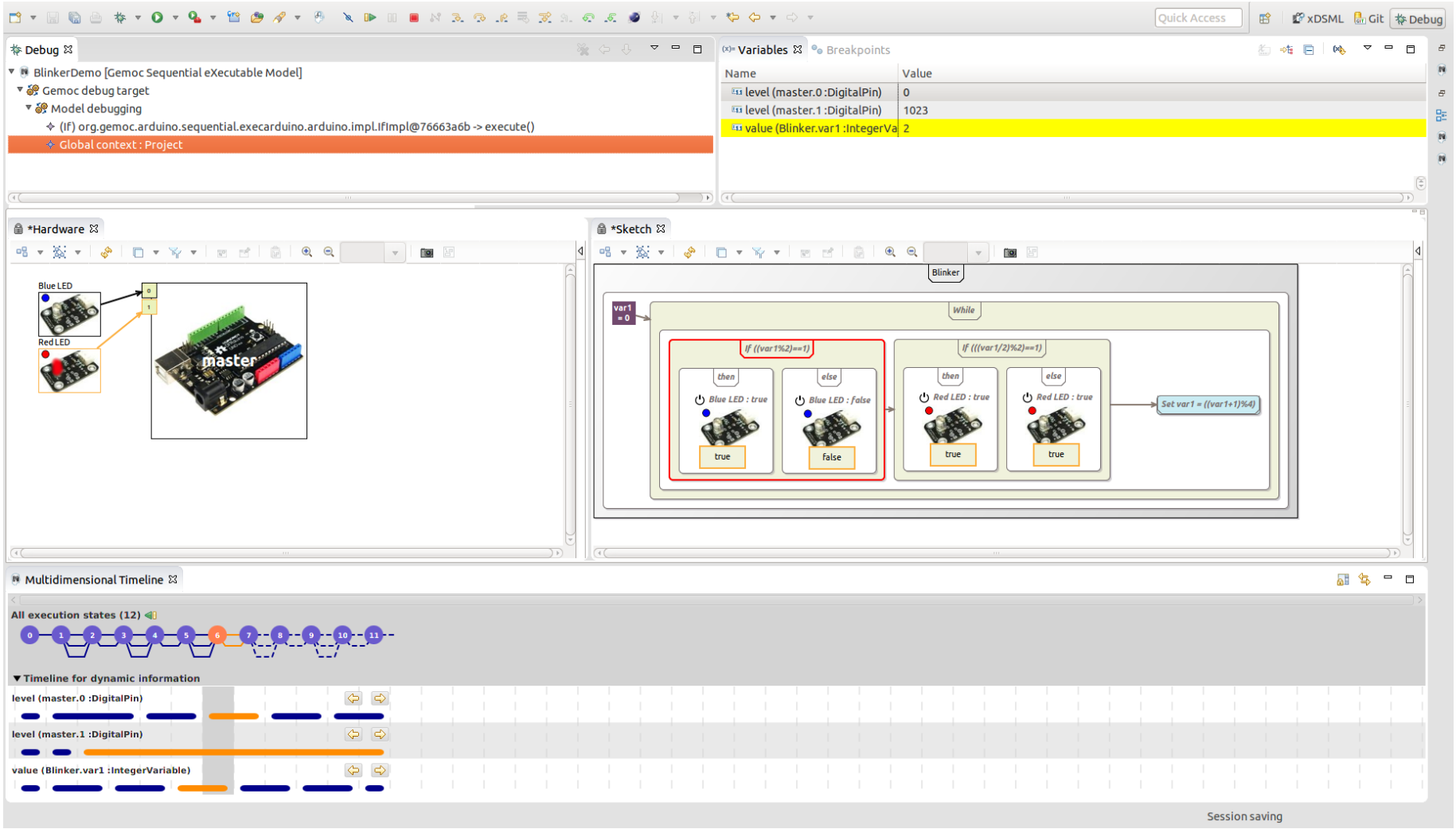

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Wrap-up

- Execution functions and data (execution semantics) weaved into Ecore model (using Xtend/Kermeta)
- Representation of the execution data as extension of the editor (using Sirius)

> Graphical animator, omnicient debugger, trace manager and timeline

Design only the features related to a given domain (execution functions and data + representation), and get for free an advanced execution, animation and debugging environment

=> Sirius Animator

DIY!

http://gemoc.org/breathe-life-into-your-designer