Model Execution and Meta Layout in Eclipse Snapshots of the KIELER Project

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Part I: Model Execution in Eclipse

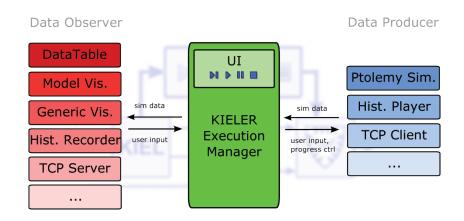
Motivation

- ► EMF and GMF are great frameworks for modeling in Eclipse.
- ▶ Model implementations, model and diagram editors, ...
- Also desired: Simulation runs
- Idea: Flexible definition of semantics and swapping out of simulation computation
- ► Solution proposed: KIELER Execution Manager

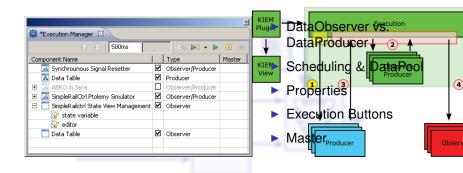
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- Use case: Ptolemy
 - M2M transformation
 - Simulation engine
- Use case: Model Railway
 - Installation
 - Railway Controller DSL
 - SimpleRailCtrl editor (DEMO)
- Summary

KIEM Components



KIEM GUI and Threads



Simple Interface

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Flexible Extensions

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public abstract class DataComponent implements IDataComponent,
                                    IExecutableExtension {
  public boolean isMultiInstantiable() {return false;}
  public String[] provideFilterKeys() {return null;}
  public KiemProperty[] provideProperties() {return null;}
  public void checkProperties(KiemProperty[] properties)
                                 throws KiemPropertyException {}
  public String[] provideInterfaceKevs() {return null;}
  public boolean isHistoryObserver() {return false;}
  public boolean isDeltaObserver() {return false;}
  public boolean isMaster() {return false;}
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What is Ptolemy?

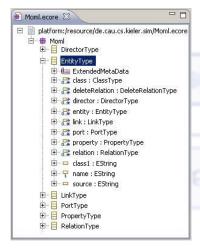


 "The Ptolemy project studies heterogeneous modeling, simulation, and design of concurrent systems."

Introduction to Ptolemy II, UC Berkeley

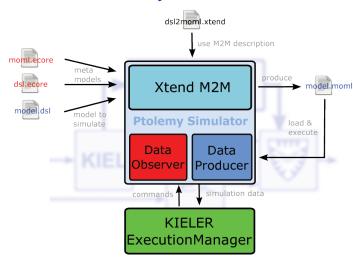
- Executable models to describe behavior of reactive systems
- ▶ Set of components interacting under a model of computation
- ▶ → Actor-Oriented Design

Ptolemy EMF Model



- Ptolemy models can be executable
- DTD of the Ptolemy
 XML representation (MOML)
 - Acquire EMF model
 - M2M transformation
 - Execute Ptolemy models
 - Back mapping of data/states

Simulation with Ptolemy



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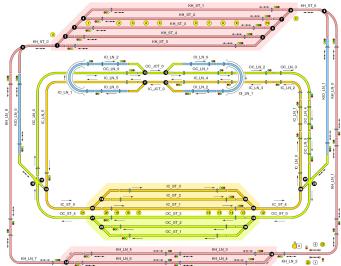
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Installation

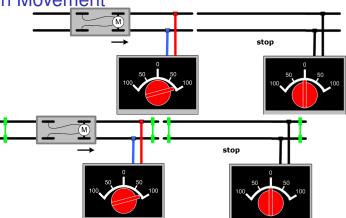


- Standard model railway equipment combined with
- Over 200 sensors and actuators
- Controlled by distributed computer system

Track Layout

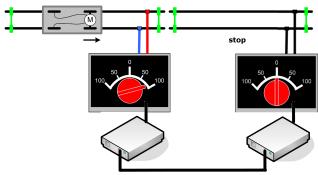


Train Movement



- Several track segments individually controlled
- Sensors allow detection of instantaneous train positions

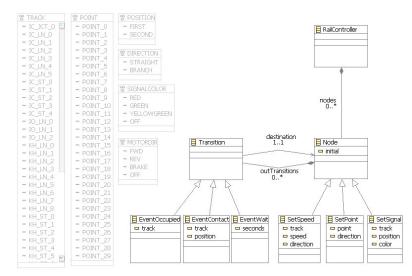
Train Movement (cont'd)



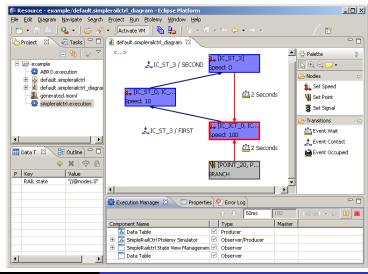
- Computers get sensor information and control voltage
 - ► ⇒ Actions: SetSpeed, SetPoint
 - ► ⇒ Trigger: ₹EventContact, EventTimeout

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EMF Meta Model



Generated GMF Editor



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Eclipse Model Execution Demo



Summary

- DSLs in Eclipse represented by EMF models
 - Often only implicit execution semantics!
- Ptolemy models can be executable
 - Xtend M2M transformation helps making semantics explicit
- Other simulator DataComponents imaginable
- KIELER Execution Manager seamlessly integrates execution into the Eclipse RCP

To Go Further



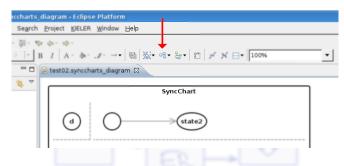
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http://www.informatik.uni-kiel.de/en/rtsys/kieler/.

Part II: Meta Layout of Graphical Models

Automatic Layout in GMF

GMF supports automatic layout...



- ...but is not very flexible
 - No selection of different layout algorithms
 - No customization of layout options
 - No deep layout of compound structures

KIELER Meta Layout

- Meta Layout: Allow fully flexible automatic diagram layout
 - Contribute new layout algorithms using extension points
 - Customize layout options in the properties view
 - Layout compound structures recursively
 - Layout different parts of a diagram with different options, or even with different layout algorithms
- Development of special layout algorithms, e.g. for data flow diagrams

Layout Providers

Extension points are used to

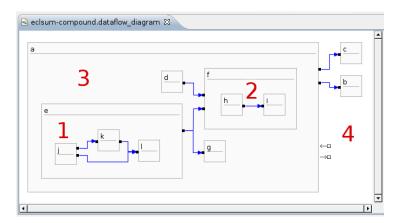
- define diagram types
 - state machine, class diagram, etc.
- assign diagram types and layout options to specific parts of a GMF diagram
 - e.g. assign the "class diagram" type to the diagram edit part of a class diagram editor
- contribute new layout algorithms
 - call these contributions layout providers
- define which diagram types are supported by the layout provider
- define new layout options and specify which options are understood by a layout provider

Custom Layout Options

► To be implemented soon...

Compound Structures

Apply layout providers recursively



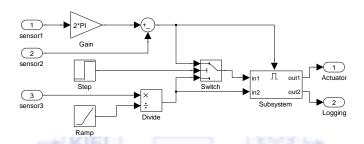
Meta Layout



Diagram Layout

- Layout providers work on an internal graph structure generated with EMF
- Need to map the contents of a diagram to the internal structure and back
- Done by Layout Managers using the GEF command / request pattern
- Currently only a layout manager for GMF is implemented
 - Analyzes the edit part structure at runtime
 - Recursively go into the contents of an edit part to explore compound structures
- Extension to other diagram editor generation frameworks is possible

Data Flow Diagrams



- ► Operators exchange data through ports
- Layout algorithms must respect these ports when routing connections

Data Flow Diagrams: Special Algorithm

- Developed a special algorithm to layout data flow diagrams
- Internal graph structure supports ports
- Integrated in the KIELER Meta Layout
- Also available as stand-alone library, successfully applied to Ptolemy

Summary

- ► KIELER Meta Layout provides flexible automatic diagram layout
 - Customize layout algorithms and layout options
- Current implementation is able to layout all GMF diagrams
- Implemented a special layout algorithm for data flow diagrams