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## Chapter 1

# Introduction

### 1.1 Model-based System Engineering and the HILECOP methodology

- present the principles of Model-based System Engineering
- present the context of neuroprostheses and the need for a safe design of digital circuits
- present the HILECOP methodology

### 1.2 Verifying the HILECOP methodology

- RESEARCH QUESTION (A.K.A THE PROBLEM):

CAN WE PROVE THE HILECOP MODEL-TO-TEXT  
  
TRANSFORMATION IS SEMANTIC-PRESERVING?

- ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS:
  - + How do we prove that?
  - + What are the similarities with compiler verification?
  - + What are the specificities?
- present the task motivation: the creation of safe digital circuits; first step, the behavior of the input model must be preserved in the output VHDL program
- present the model-to-text transformation with more details (but not too much since a whole chapter will be dedicated to it)
- “inspired by the work on compiler verification, we had an idea about how to prove that the transformation is semantic-preserving, and which steps to follow”.

Then, present the structure of the memoir and the content of the different chapters. The structure of the memoir follows the different steps necessary to establish the proof of semantic preservation. Each chapter corresponds to a step.



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