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USING FORMAL SPECIFICATIONS TO SUPPORT MODEL BASED TESTING

ASDSPEC: A TOOL COMBINING THE BEST OF TWO TECHNIQUES

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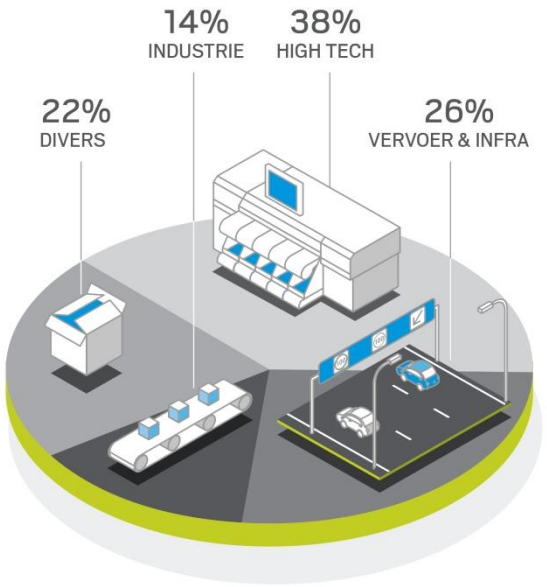

AREA'S OF EXCELLENCE

(Model Based) Systems Engineering /Model Driven Engineering / Model Based Testing /Industrial Automation / Simulation / Big Data / Mobile Solutions

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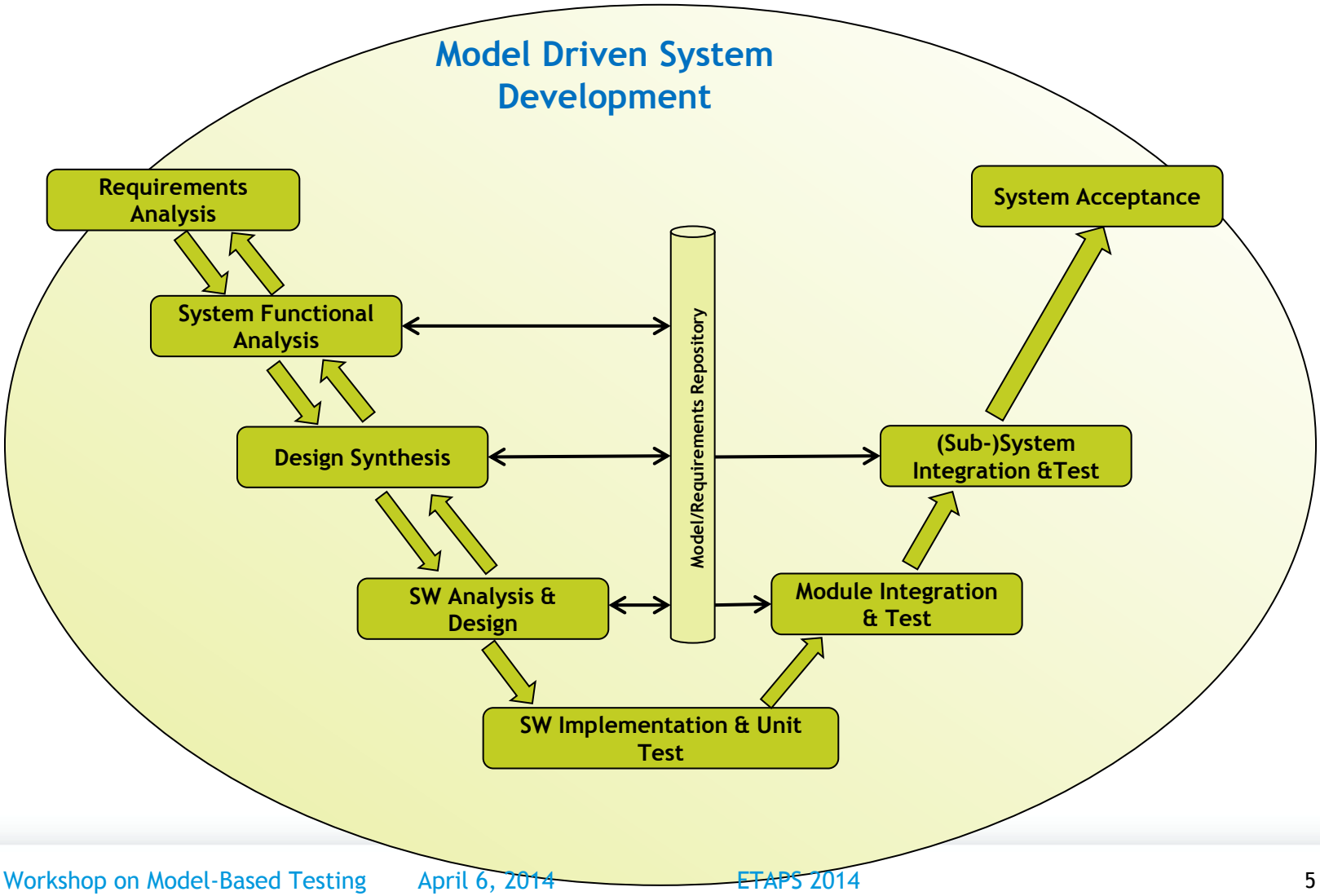

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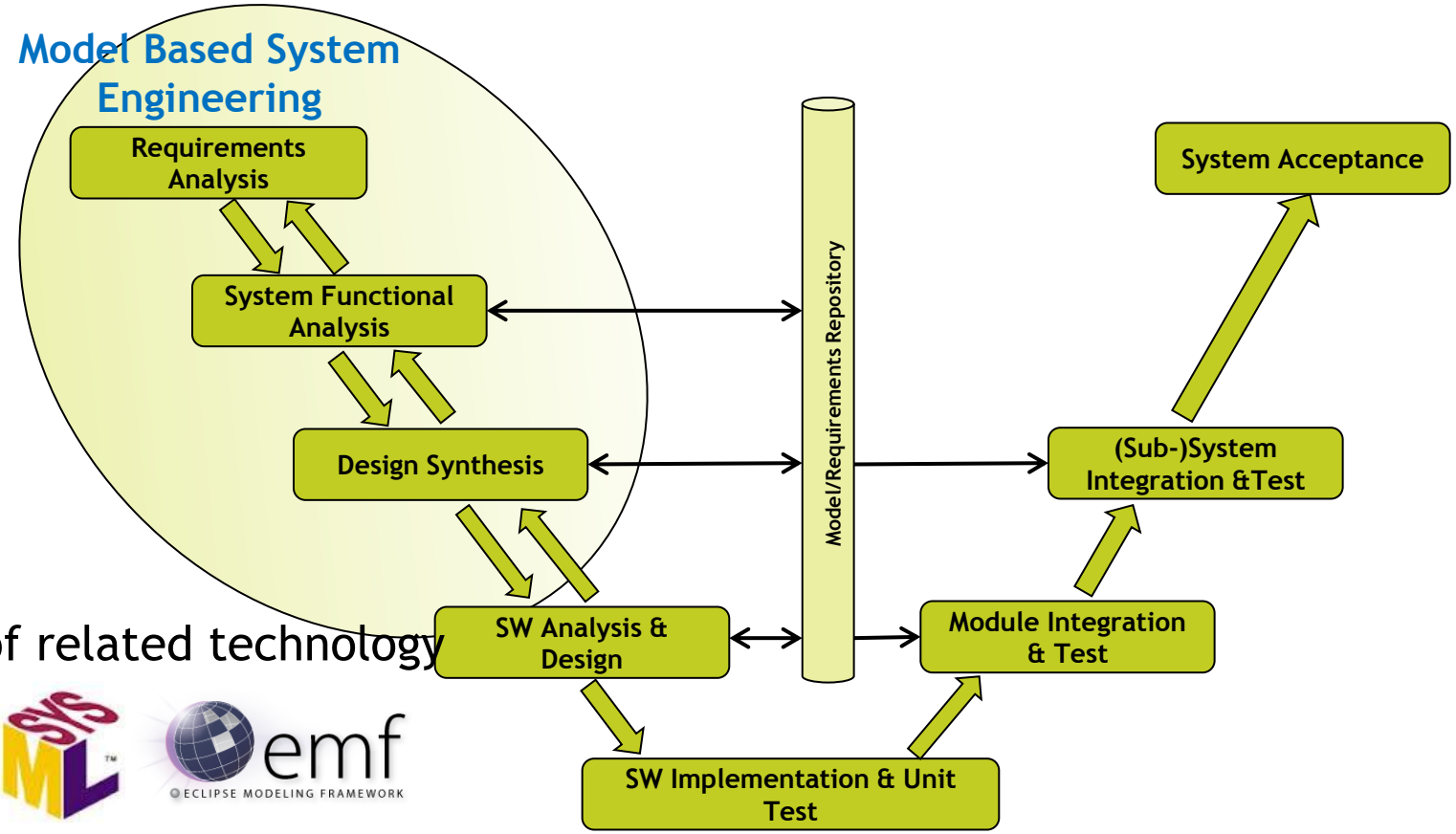

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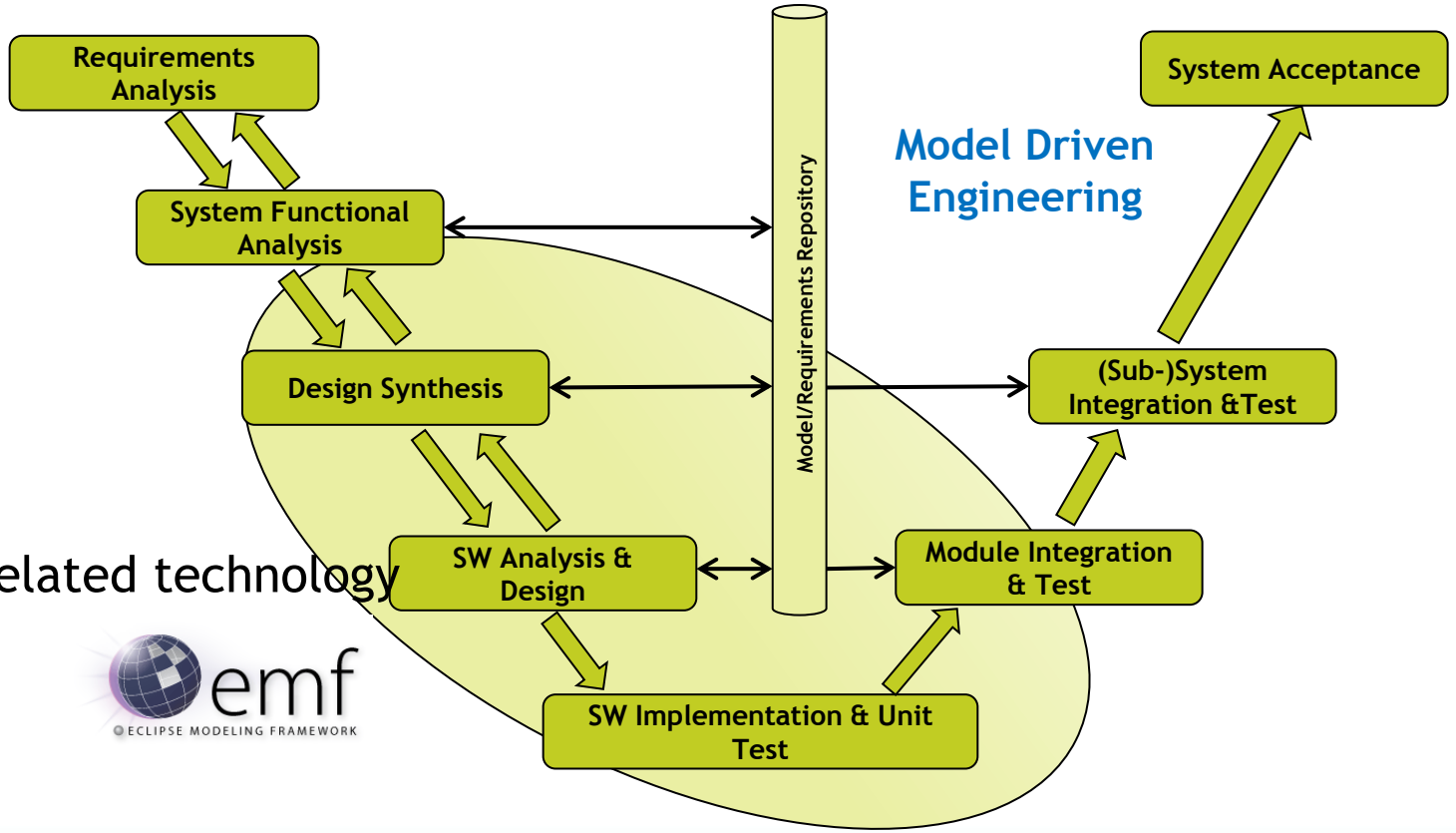

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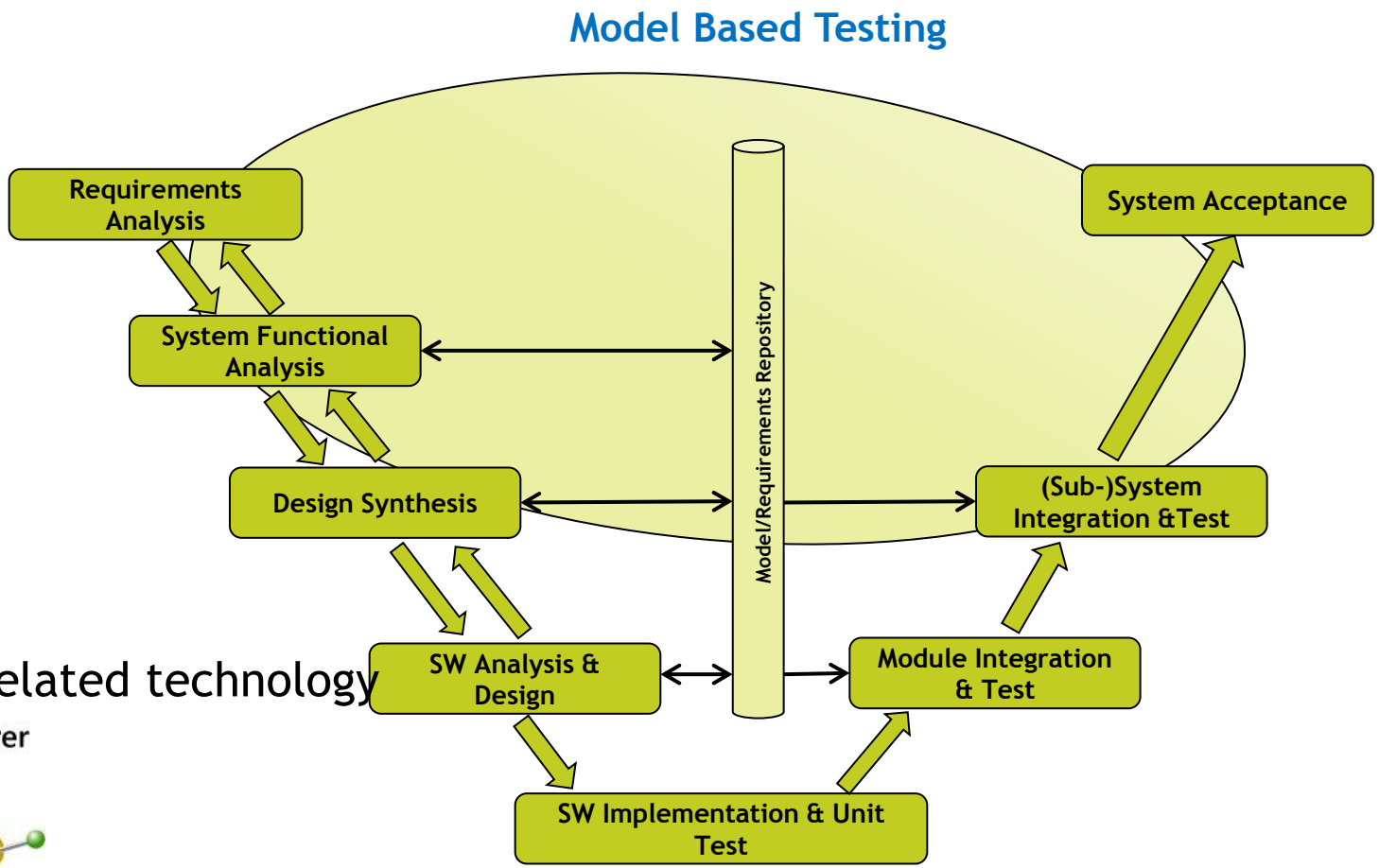

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Spec Explorer

V-MODEL FOR TESTING

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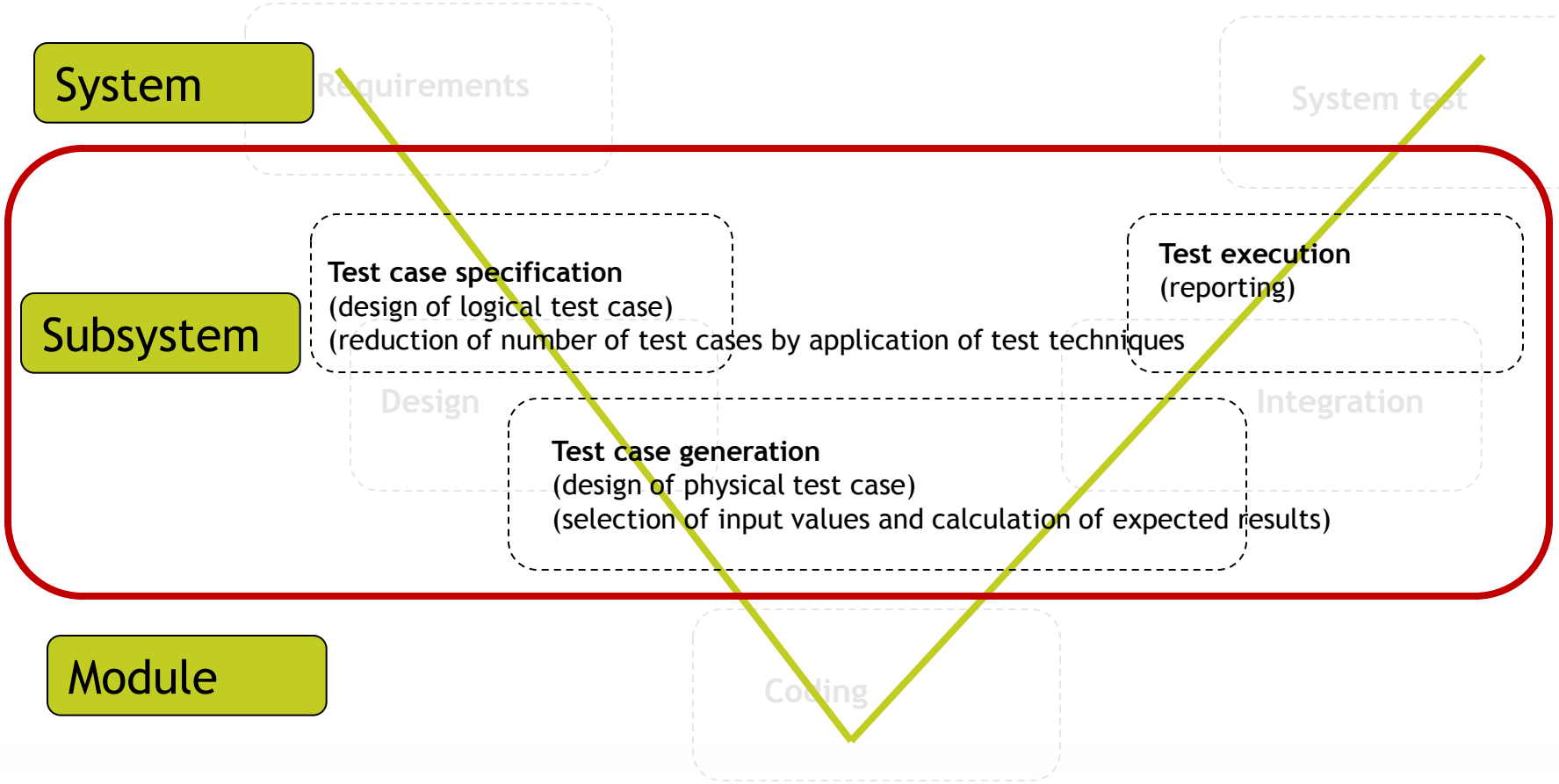
3 main steps in test process



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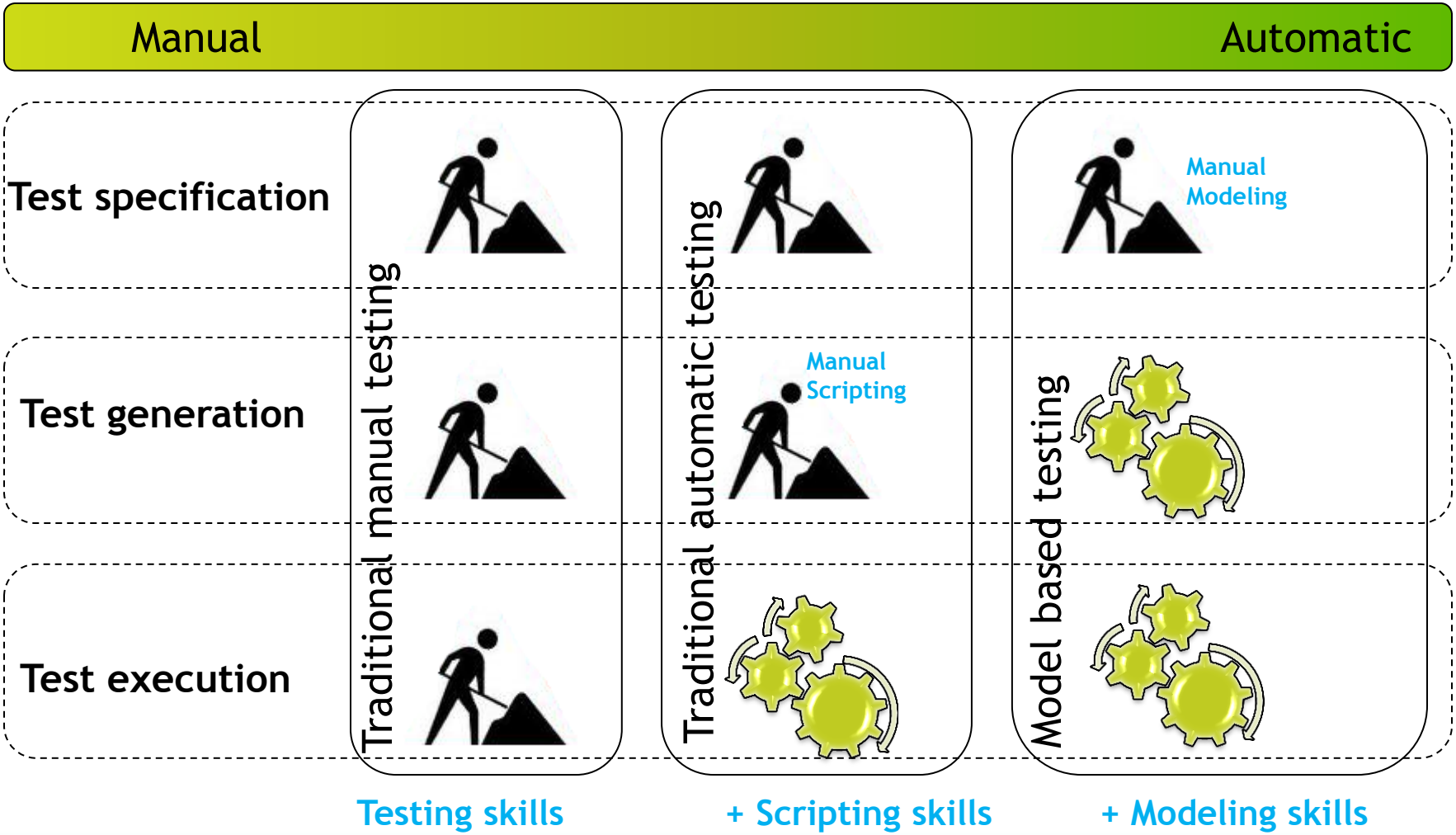

PERCEIVED BENEFITS

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- Increased productivity (increased automation)
- Better test script maintenance
- Improved product reliability (new type of bugs, Increased test coverage)
- Agility (Easily react to new feature changes, Reusability of test semantics, Early test engagement, Drive quality upstream)
- Increased employee satisfaction (challenging, new horizon, fun)

- Question: How can we improve MBT e.g. increase further the productivity?

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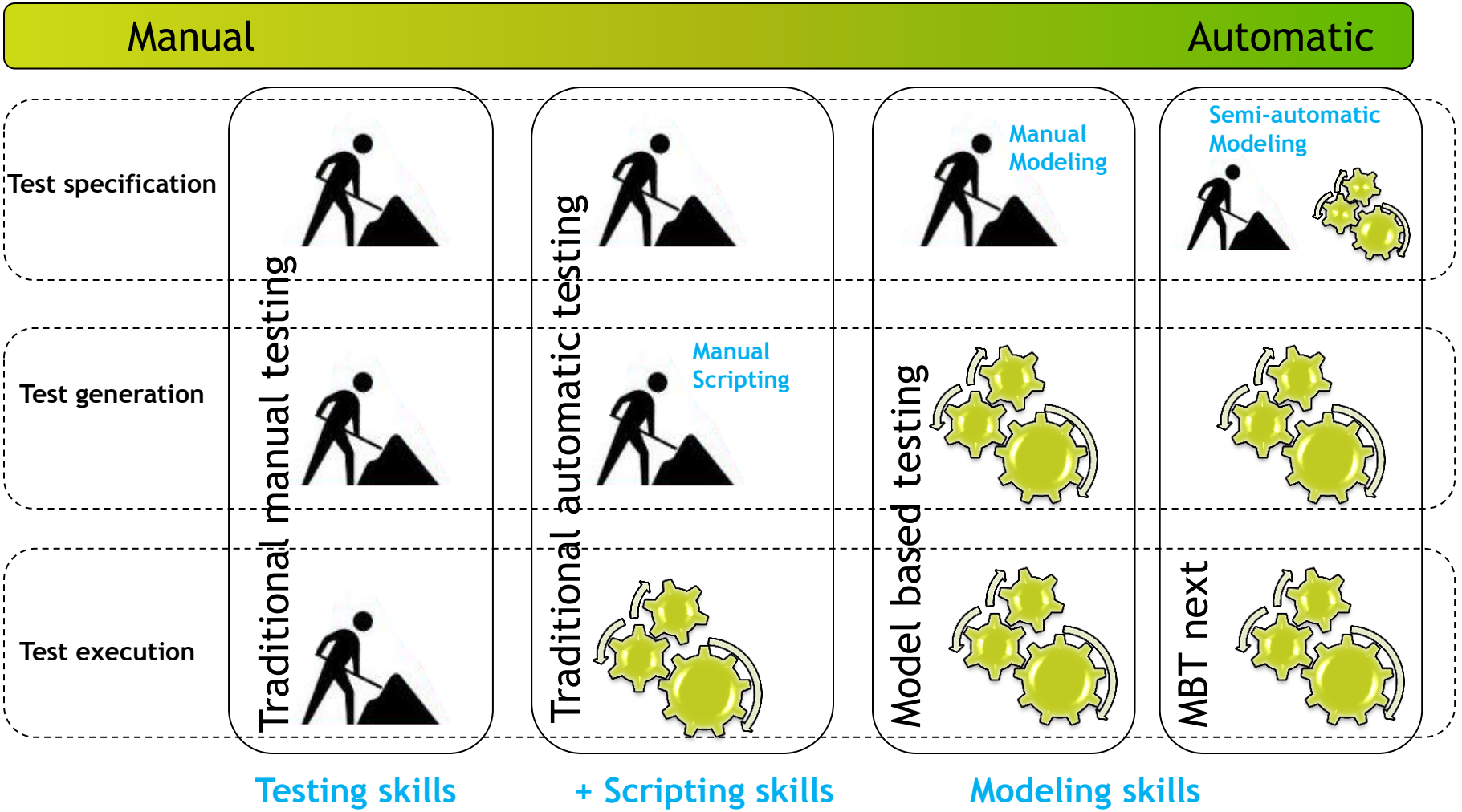

IDEA: USING BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

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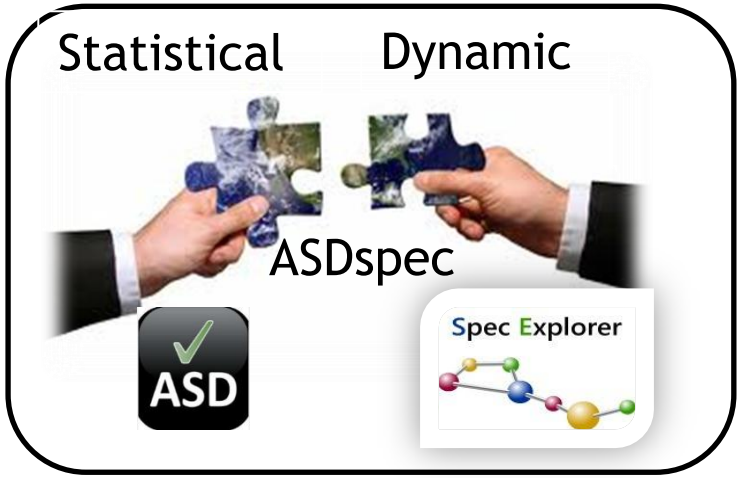
- Automatic generation of (partial) Spec Explorer test model from existing ASD interface model

Benefits

- Less effort for model creation
  - reuse of existing work
- Testing of complete system including
  - Legacy code
  - External components
  - Data combination testing
  - Interaction testing
- Results: High Quality, Reduced cost



USE CASE: CONTAINER TERMINAL

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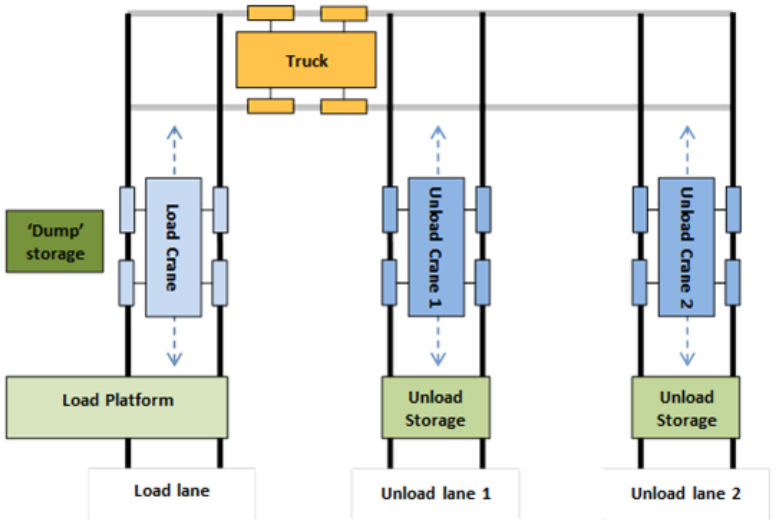

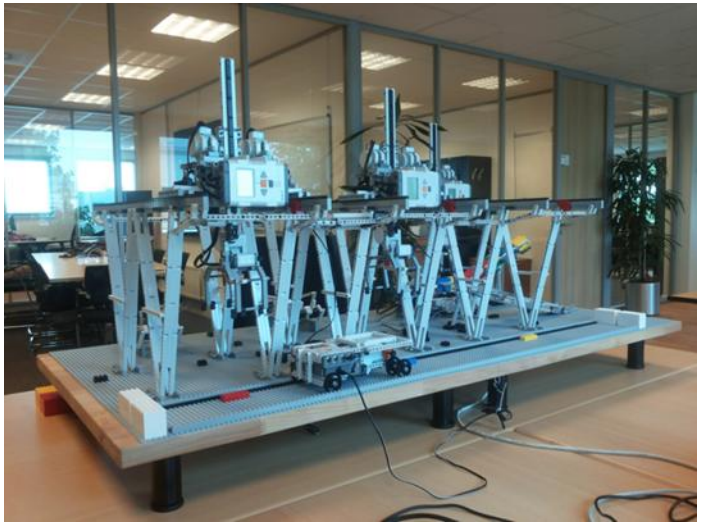

- Multiple components
- Components need to interact to function
- Controller needed to coordinate interaction

OVERVIEW OF PROJECT STAGES

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	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3
Use case /SUT	Container Terminal (CT)	Container Terminal (CT)	Container Terminal (CT)
Goal	Development of control software for the CT	Verification of the developed control software of the CT (generated + Hand written)	Verification of the developed control software of the CT (generated + Hand written)
Technique	Model Driven Engineering + hand written sw	Model based Testing	Model based Testing
Tool	ASD:Suite	Spec Explorer	ASDspec & Spec Explorer
Method	Create design Models + interface models in ASD Generate code	Create Test Model in Spec Explorer, generate test suite	Generate Test Model from existing ASD interface Model , complete Test Model , generate test suite
Results	Productivity (code generation) c.t. trad. dev Testing complete system, Interaction, data, external code	Test Productivity Modeling skills, complexity costs	Productivity (code generation, partial test generation) Testing complete system, Interaction, data, external code (benefits only in case of existing of ASD models)

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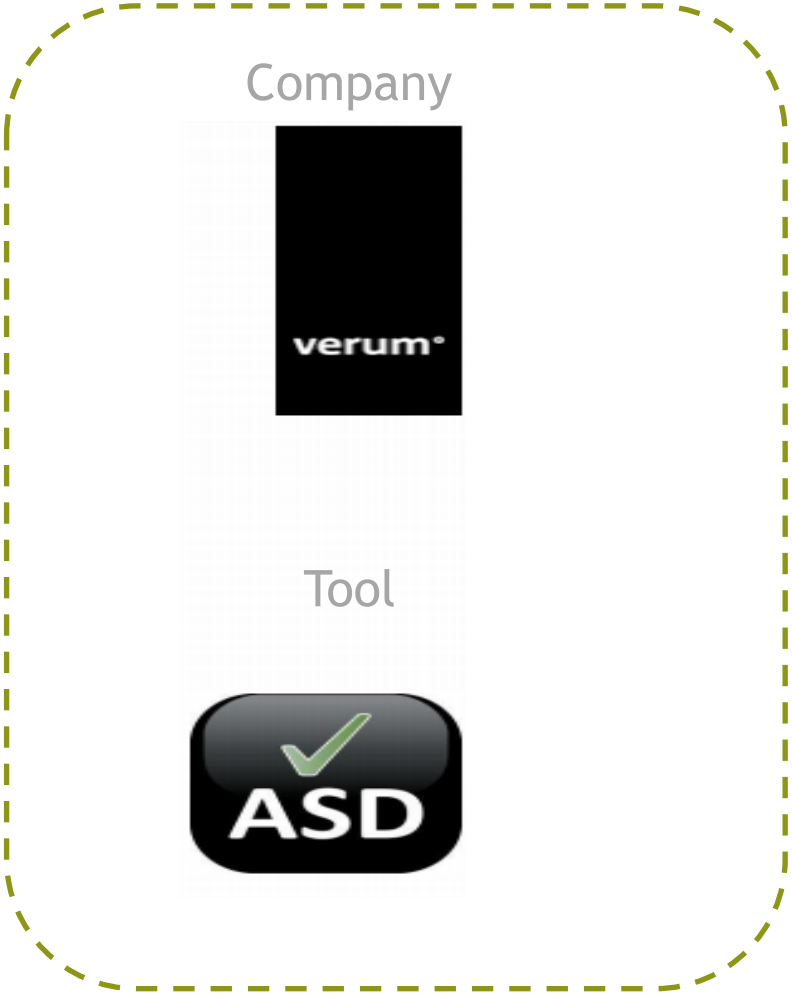

ASD (ANALYTICAL SOFTWARE DESIGN)

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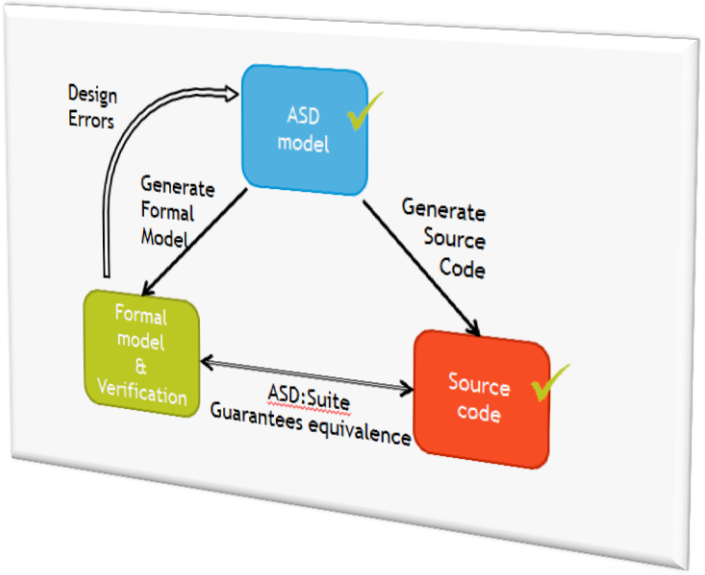
- Model Driven Engineering (code generation)
- Component Based Development
- Models are verified mathematically at design time (formal methods)



COMPONENT BASED DEVELOPMENT ASD-STYLE

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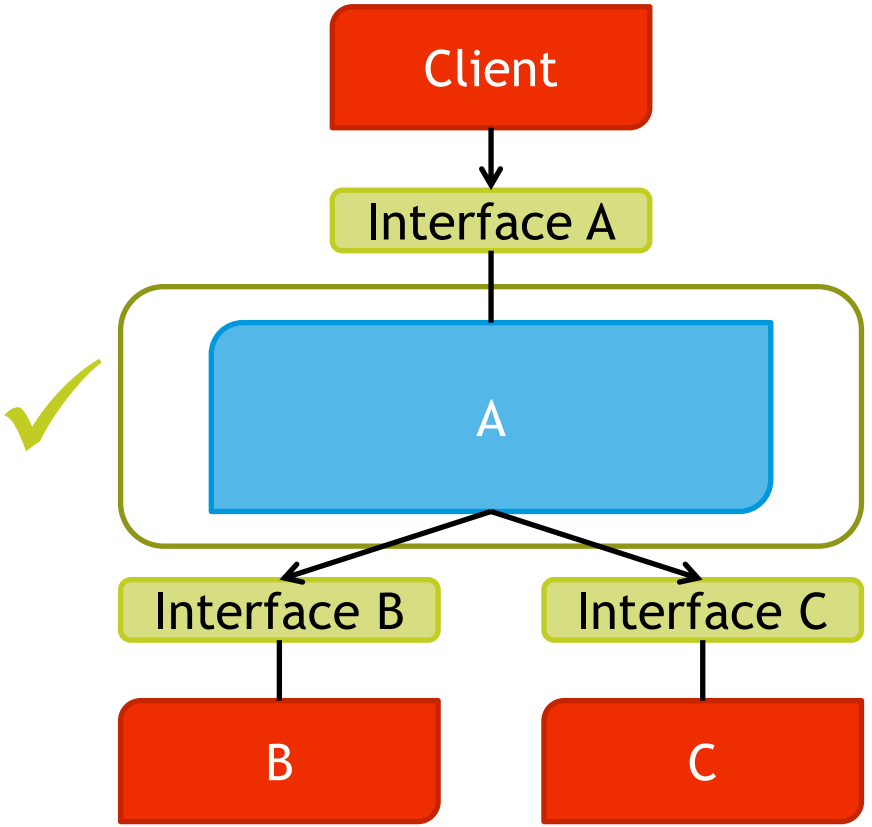

Client component

Implemented service

ASD component

Used service

Used component

Component:
Decomposition
Specification
Design
Verification
Generation

Interface model *specifies* behaviour

Design model *implements* behaviour

For each component a interface mode and design model are created in ASD

ASD: WORKFLOW

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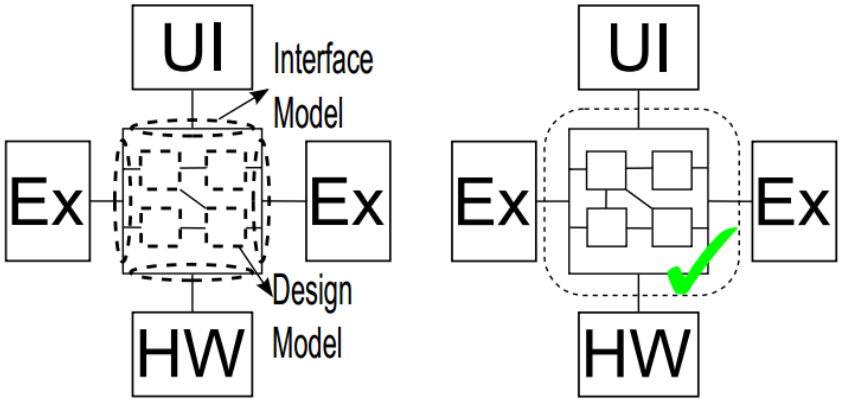
- Designer defines behavior in component models
- ASD:suite verifies models using model checking
- ASD:suite generates implementation code



(a) ASD specifications consist of design and interface models

(b) ASD guarantees correctness o generated code using static verifi cation

But some shortcoming

- No support for Legacy/External code
- No support for indirect component interaction
- Limited data interaction

➔ Testing is needed.

RESULTS: ASD-CONTAINER TERMINAL

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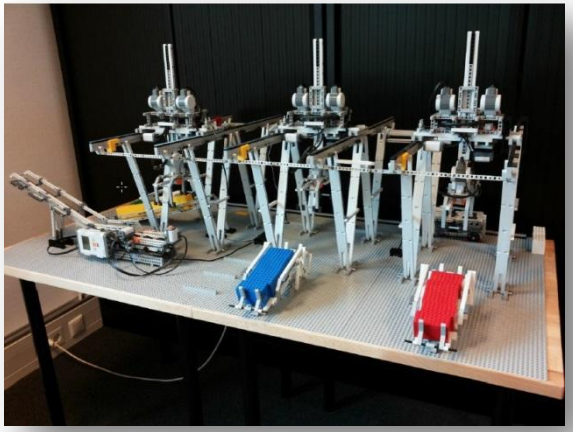

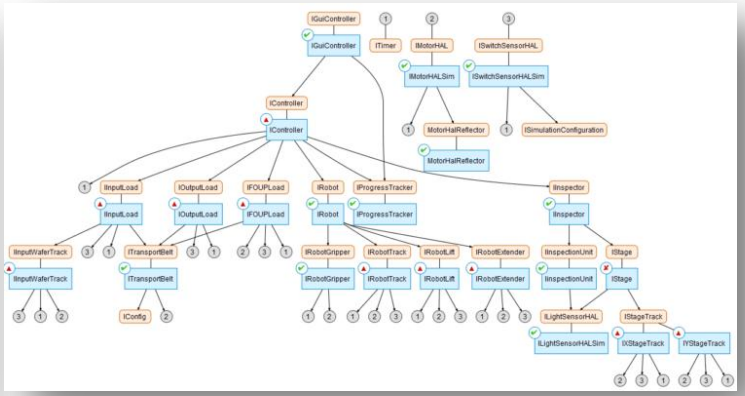

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CraneLifter				
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Higher overall productivity compared to traditional development.

Productivity

Main remaining problems:

- Testing interaction and complete system.
- Debugging of third party library (some bugs found in manual written code, legacy code)

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Microsoft

Tool

Spec Explorer

MBT WITH SPEC EXPLORER

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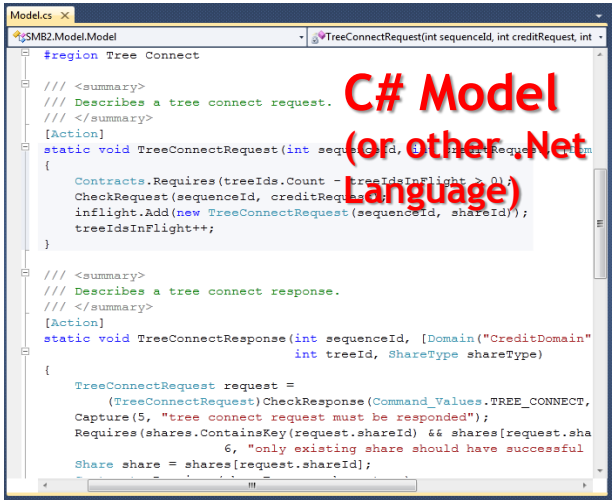
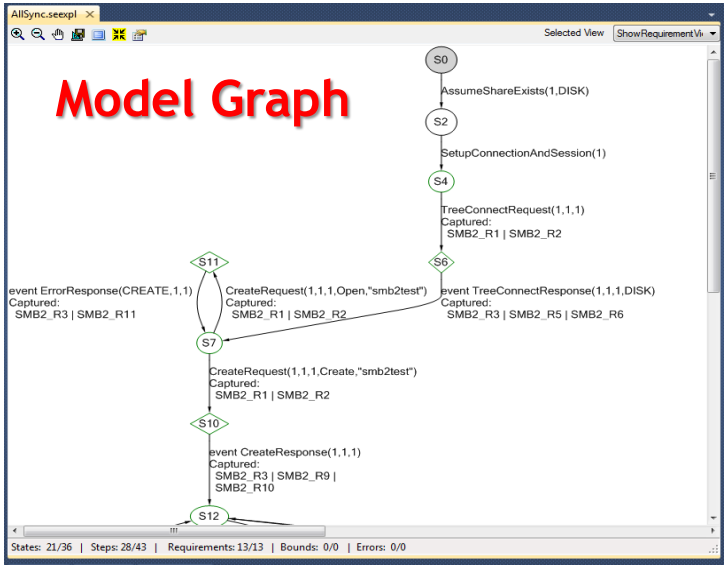


C# Model (or other .Net language)

Explore & Analyze

Remodel

Generate



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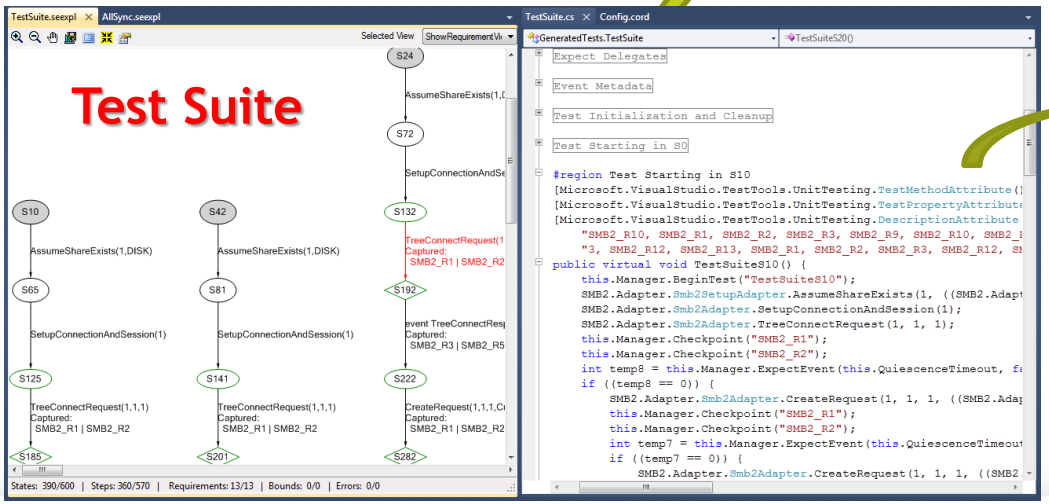

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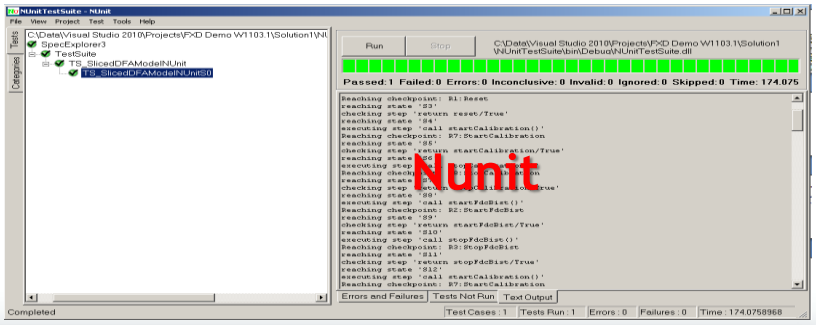

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MODELING IN SPEC EXPLORER

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```
[TypeBinding("CraneComponent")]
    class Crane
    {
        public Cranestates Cranestatevar;
        internal ICrane_NIModel ICrane_NIimpl;
        internal ICrane ICraneimpl;
        [Rule(Action = "new CraneComponent(craneNr)",
                                    ModeTransition = "crane->crane0")]
        Crane(int craneNr)
            {
                ICraneimpl = new ICraneCranecomponent(this);
                craneList.Add(this);
            }
```

State declaration

Used components

Initialization

Spec Explorer represents models as annotated C# code

MODELING IN SPEC EXPLORER

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```
[Rule(Action = "this.PlaceContainer(height)", ModeTransition = "crane4->crane4")]
      public void ICrane_PlaceContainer(GripperHeightEnum height)
      {
          switch (basecomponent.Cranestatevar) {
              case Cranestates.Positioned: {
                      basecomponent.Cranestatevar
                      = Cranestates.PlacingContainer;
                      basecomponent.ICrane_NIimpl.PlaceContainer(height);
                      return;
                  }
              default:{
                      Condition.IsTru
                      throw new Inval
                  }
          };
      }
```

Every model method represents an action, its conditions and its effects.

MBT-VISUALIZATION

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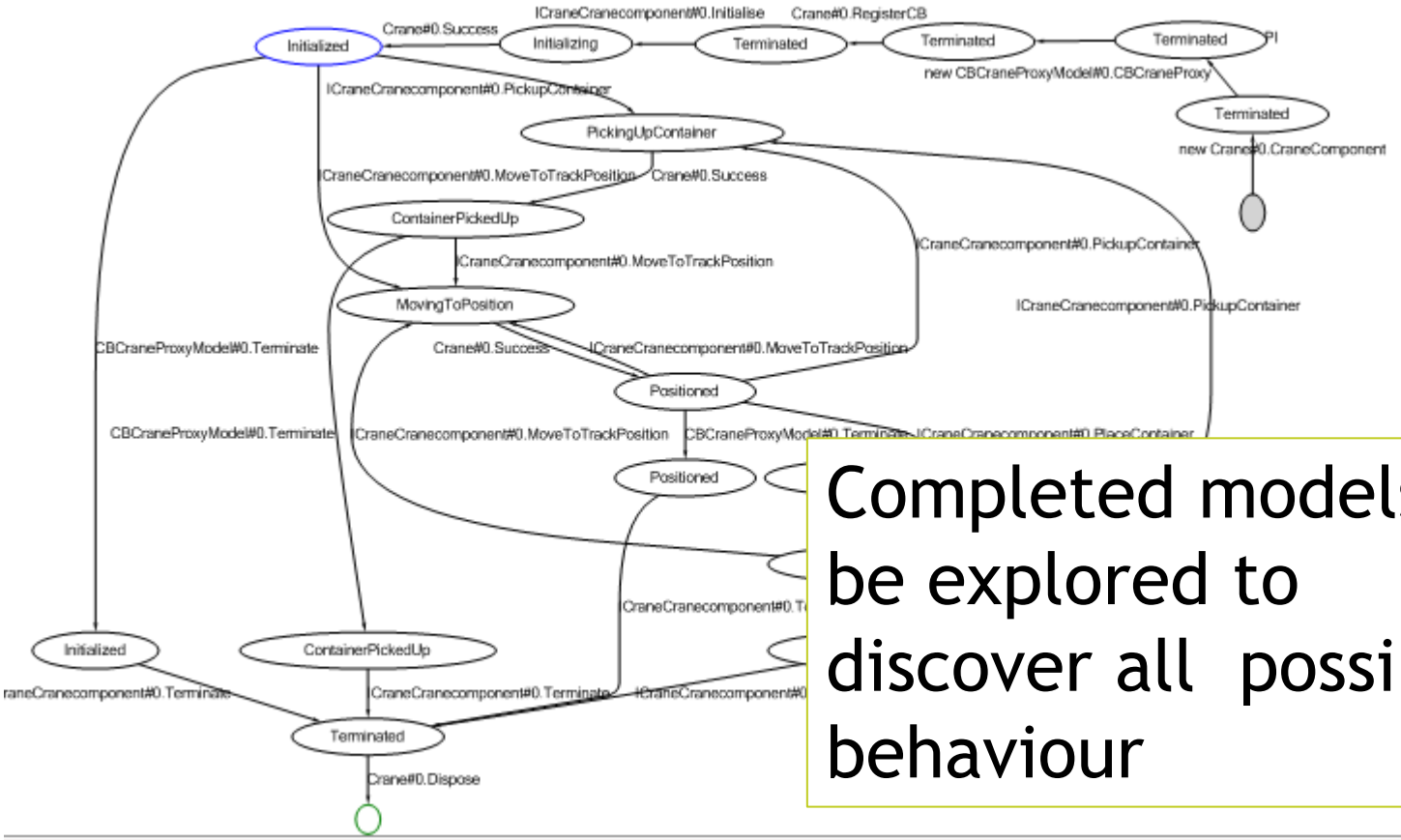

Completed models can be explored to discover all possible behaviour

MBT- VISUALIZATION

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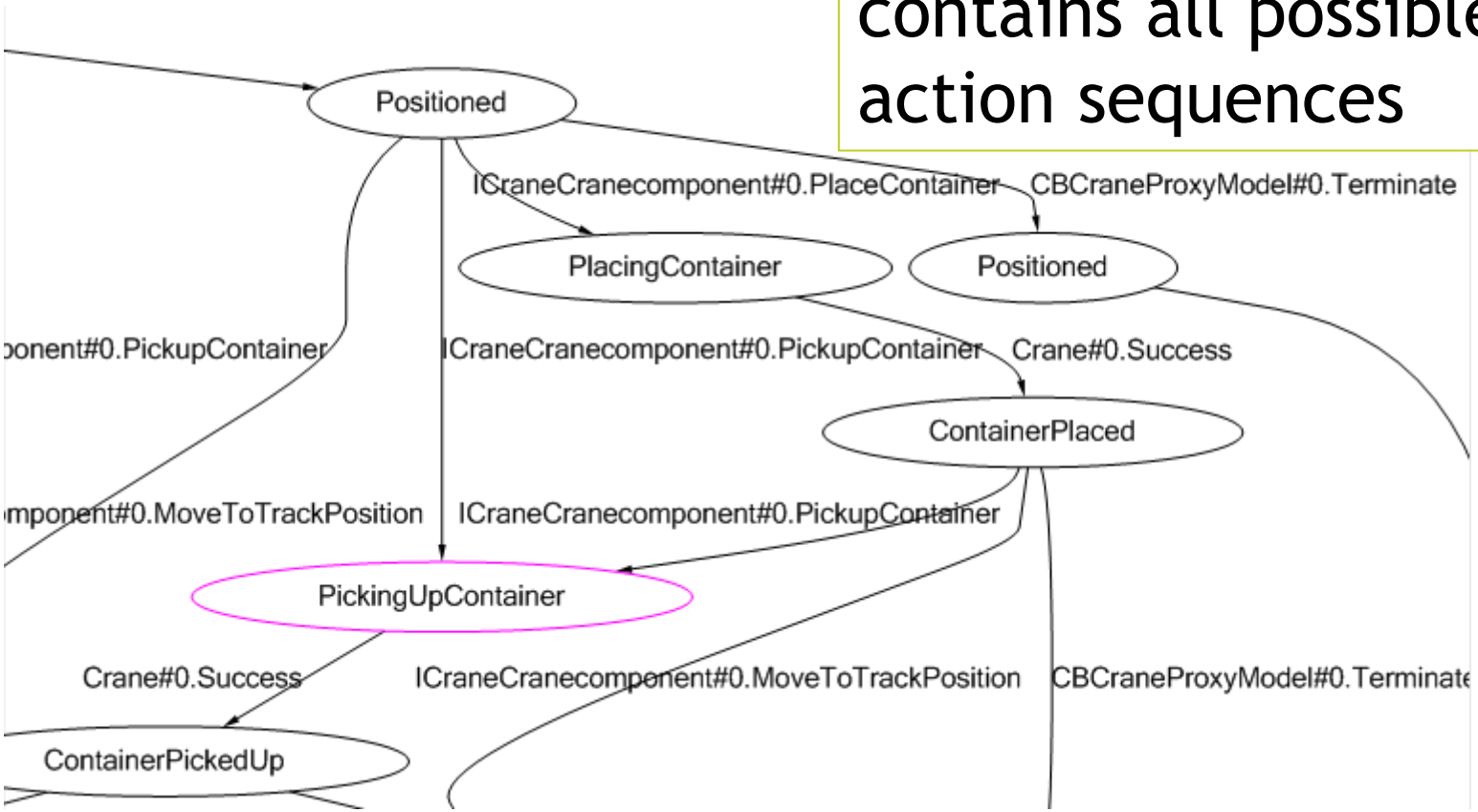
Explored model contains all possible action sequences



TEST GENERATION

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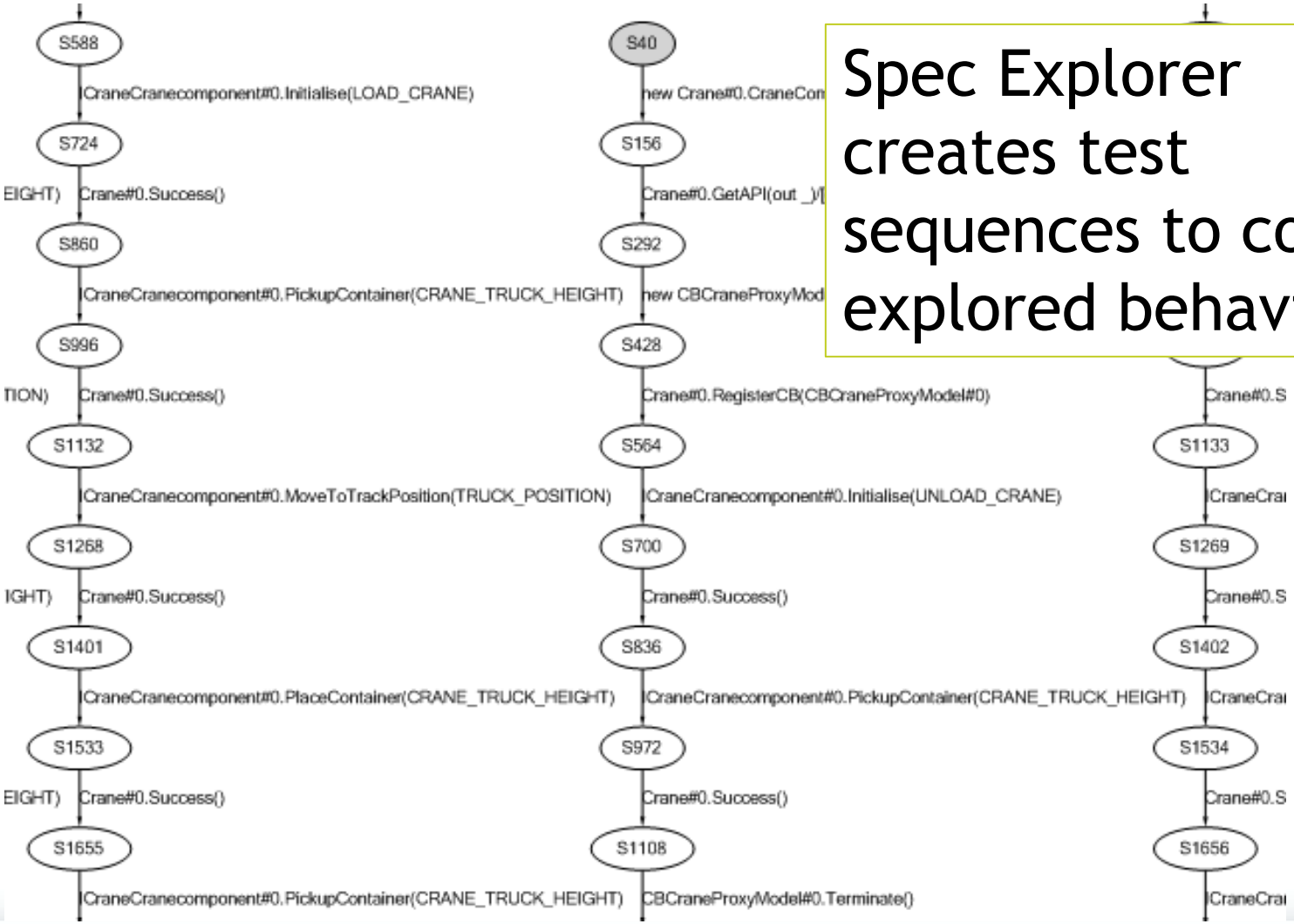

Spec Explorer creates test sequences to cover explored behaviour

GENERATED TEST SCRIPTS

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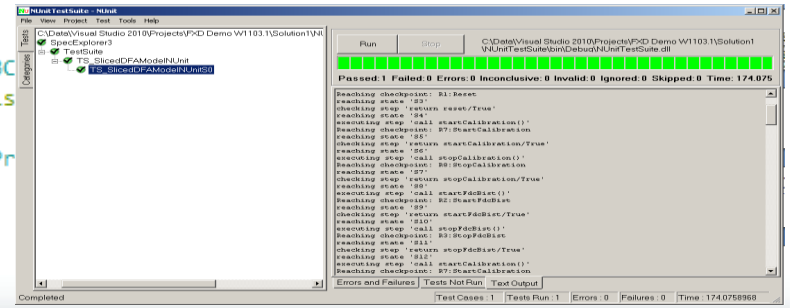
```
#region Test Starting in S100
[Microsoft.VisualStudio.TestTools.UnitTesting.TestMethodAttribute()]
public void CraneTestCasesS100() {
    this.Manager.BeginTest("CraneTestCasesS100");
    this.Manager.Comment("reaching state \'S100\'");
    CraneComponent temp6;
    this.Manager.Comment("executing step \'call new Crane#0.CraneCompon
    temp6 = new CraneComponent(0);
    this.Manager.Comment("reaching state \'S101\'");
    this.Manager.Comment("checking step \'return new Crane#0.CraneComponent\'");
    TestManagerHelpers.AssertBind<CraneComponent>(this.Manager, this.o, temp6, "this
    this.Manager.Comment("reaching state \'S186\'");
    ICrane temp7;
    this.Manager.Comment("executing step \'call Crane#0.GetAPI(out _)\'");
    this.o.Value.GetAPI(out temp7);
    this.Manager.Comment("reaching state \'S254\'");
    this.Manager.Comment("checking step \'return Crane#0.GetAPI/[out ICraneCranecompo
    TestManagerHelpers.AssertBind<CraneImplScope.ICraneProxy>(this.Manager, this.o1,
    this.Manager.Comment("reaching state \'S322\'");
    CBProxies.CBCraneProxy temp8;
    this.Manager.Comment("executing step \'call new CBCraneProxyModel#0.CBCraneProxy(
    temp8 = new CBProxies.CBCraneProxy();
    this.Manager.Comment("reaching state \'S390\'");
    this.Manager.Comment("checking step \'return new CBCraneProxyModel#0.CBC
    TestManagerHelpers.AssertBind<CBProxies.CBCraneProxy>(this.Manager, this
    this.Manager.Comment("reaching state \'S458\'");
    this.Manager.Comment("executing step \'call Crane#0.RegisterCB(CBCranePr
    this.o.Value.RegisterCB(((ICrane_NI)(this.o2.Value)));
    this.Manager.Comment("reaching state \'S526\'");
    this.Manager.Comment("checking step \'return Crane#0.RegisterCB\'");
```

Nunit test scripts are used to implement and execute tests



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SPEC EXPLORER-CONTAINER TERMINAL

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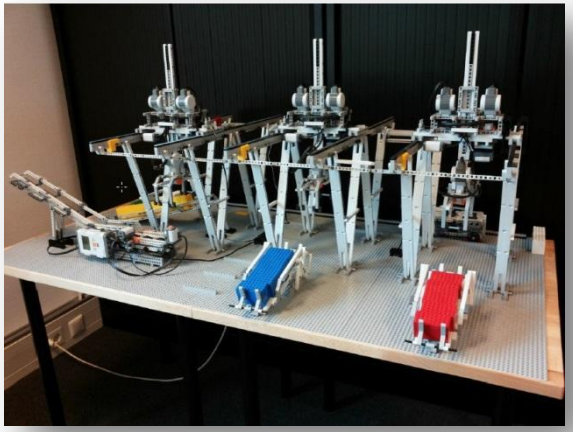

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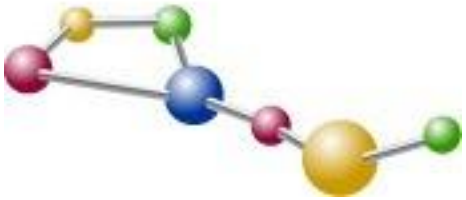

Significantly less effort than traditional automated testing

- Model Based Testing + Software Analysis
- Support of data combination testing
- Support of Model composition, incremental

However some remaining problems:

- Modeling still comparatively expensive
- Modeling effort, complexity and skills (experienced tester needed)

HOW TO COMBINE BOTH BENEFITS

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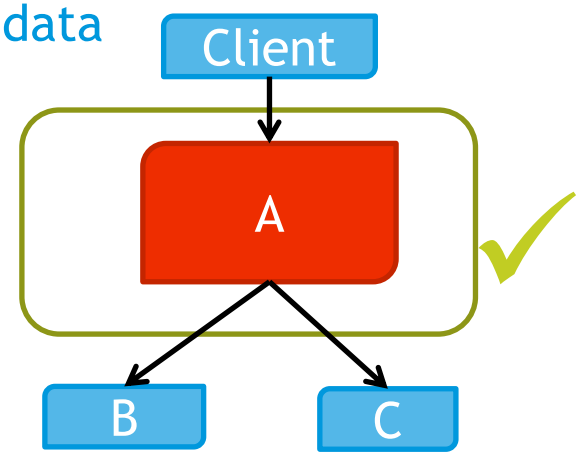
ASD generates verified software components

Complications

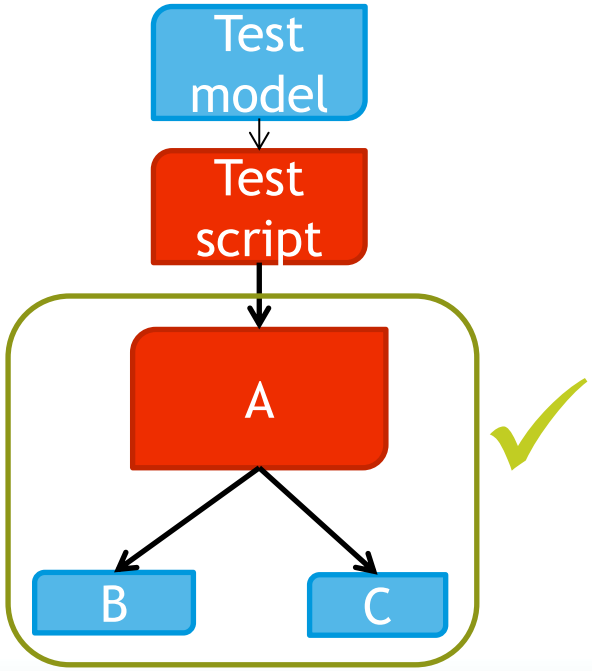
- Legacy code
- External code
- Component Interaction
- Limited support of data



Spec Explorer generates automated software tests

Complications

- Modeling needed
- MBT skills needed



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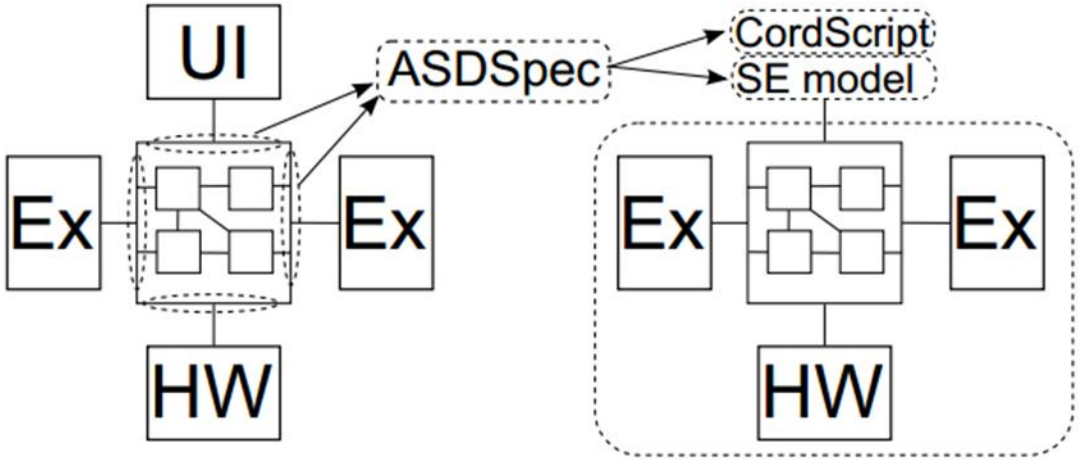

ASDSpec converts ASD Interface Models to Spec Explorer Models and Cord Scripts

ASDSpec generates Test Model (push button) from existing ASD interface models
Tester need to refine manually the generated model (add behavior, data, slicing,…)

COMBINING THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

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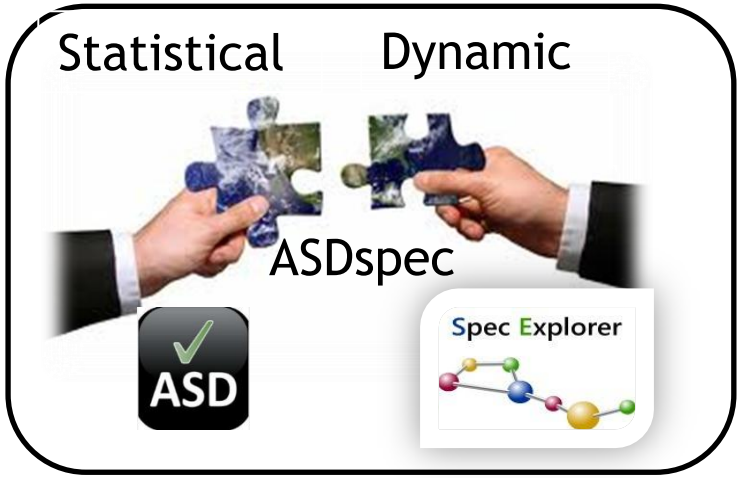
Automatic generation of partial Spec Explorer test model from existing ASD model (push button)

Benefits

- Effortless model creation
  - reuse of existing work
- Testing of complete system including
  - Legacy code
  - External components
  - Data combination testing
  - Interaction testing



Results:

- High Quality, Reduced cost
- Adds dynamic testing to ASD

ASDSPEC: WORKFLOW

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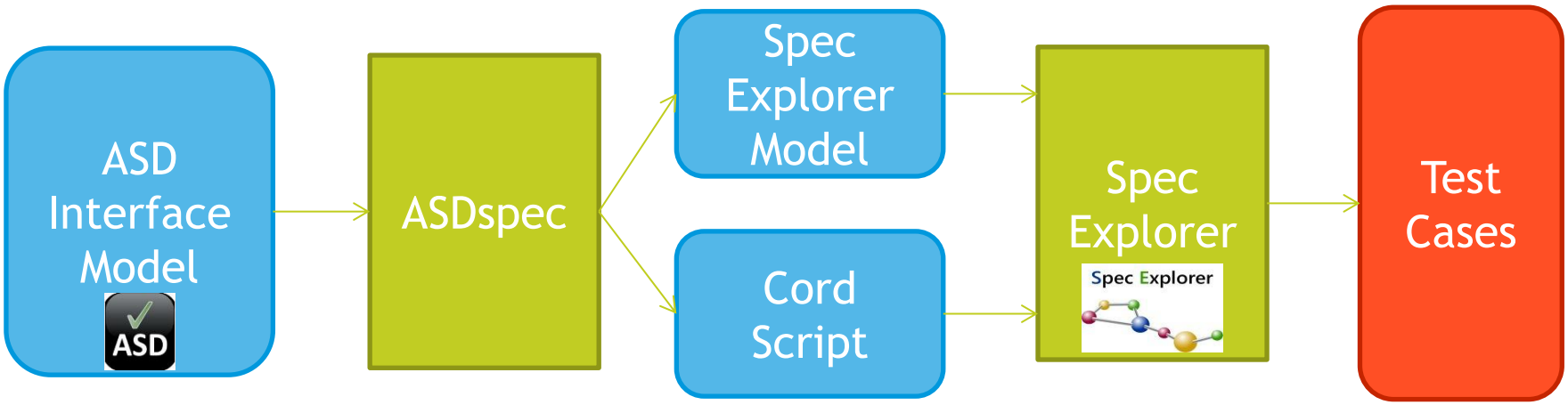

Reuse existing ASD interface models to generate Spec Explorer MBT models automatically

ASDSPEC: DATA AND MODEL COMPOSITION

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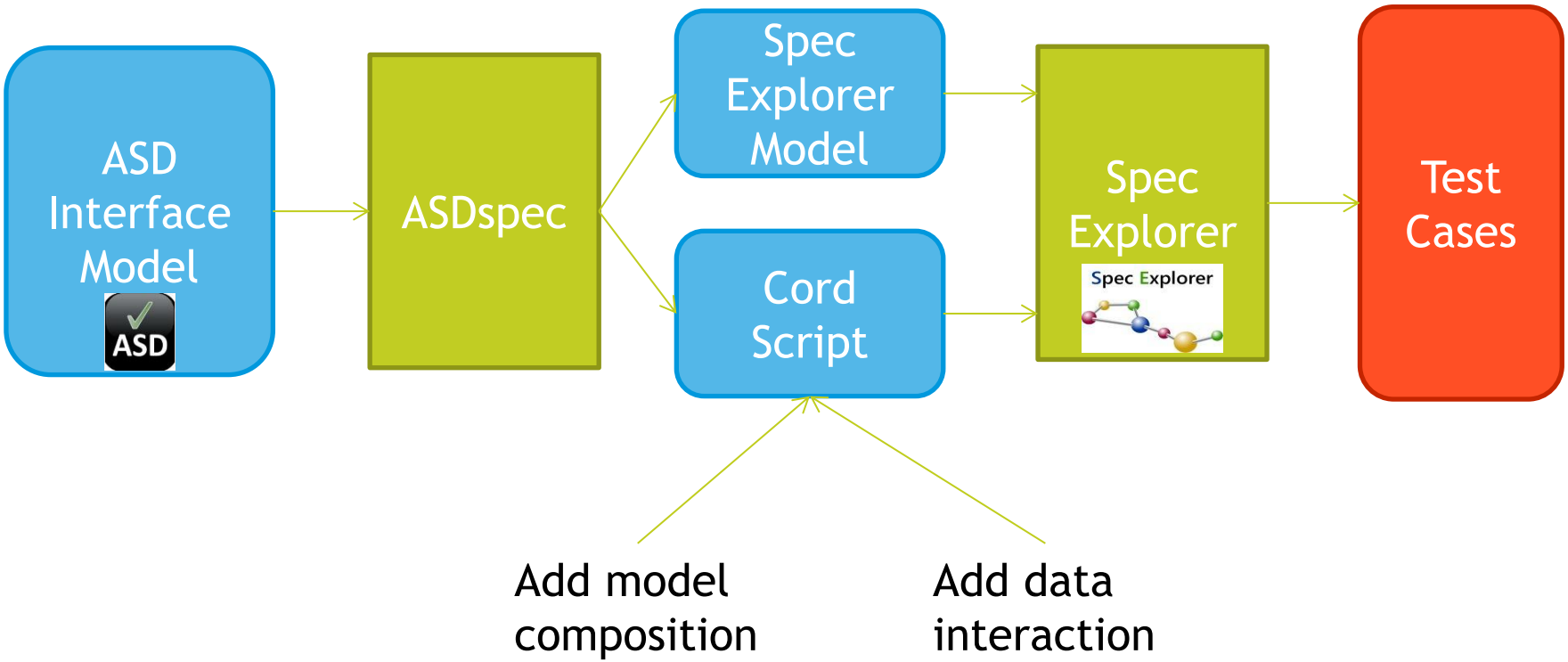
Generated code can be extended with any Spec Explorer feature



GENERAL MDSD ARCHITECTURE

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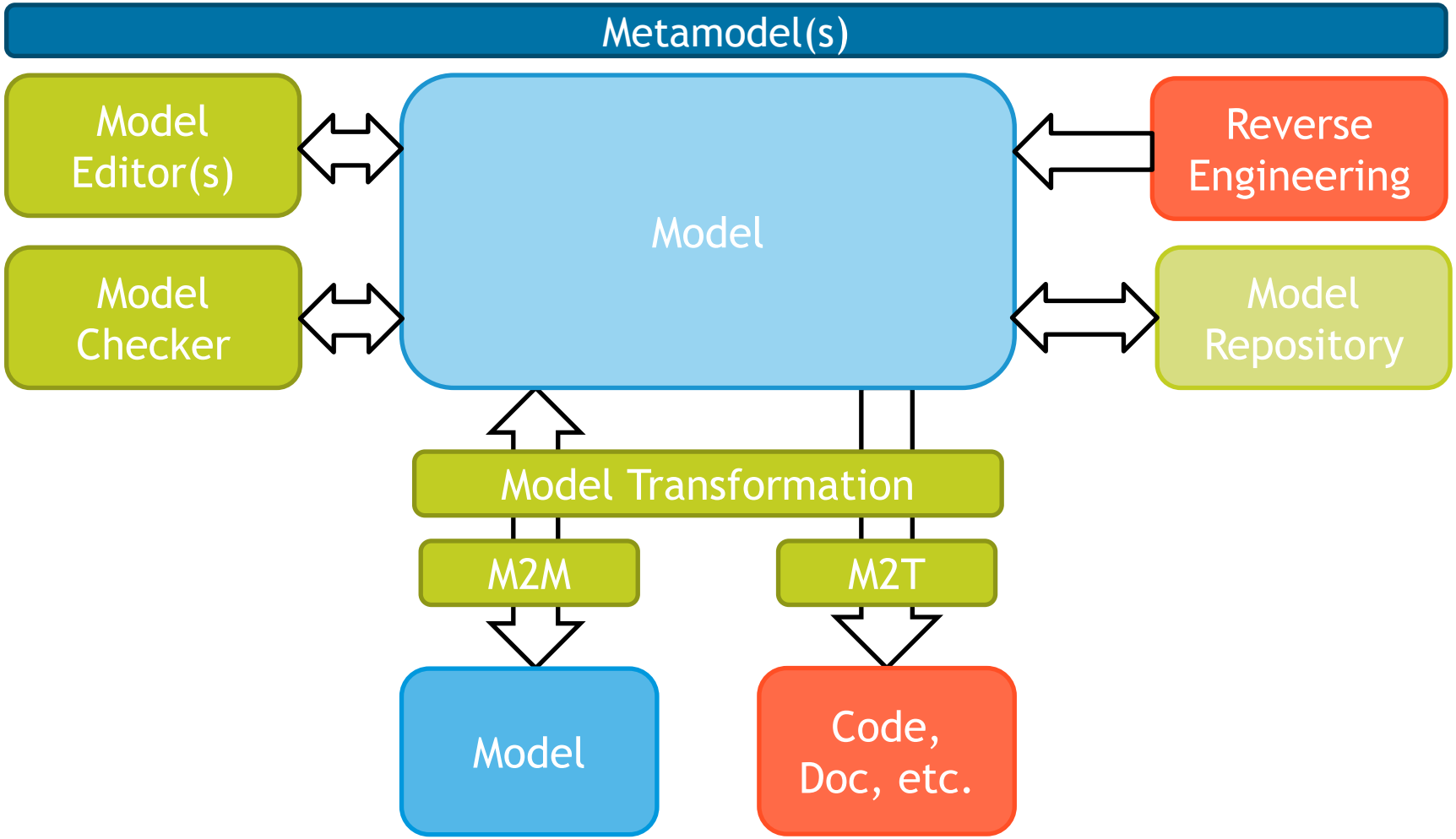

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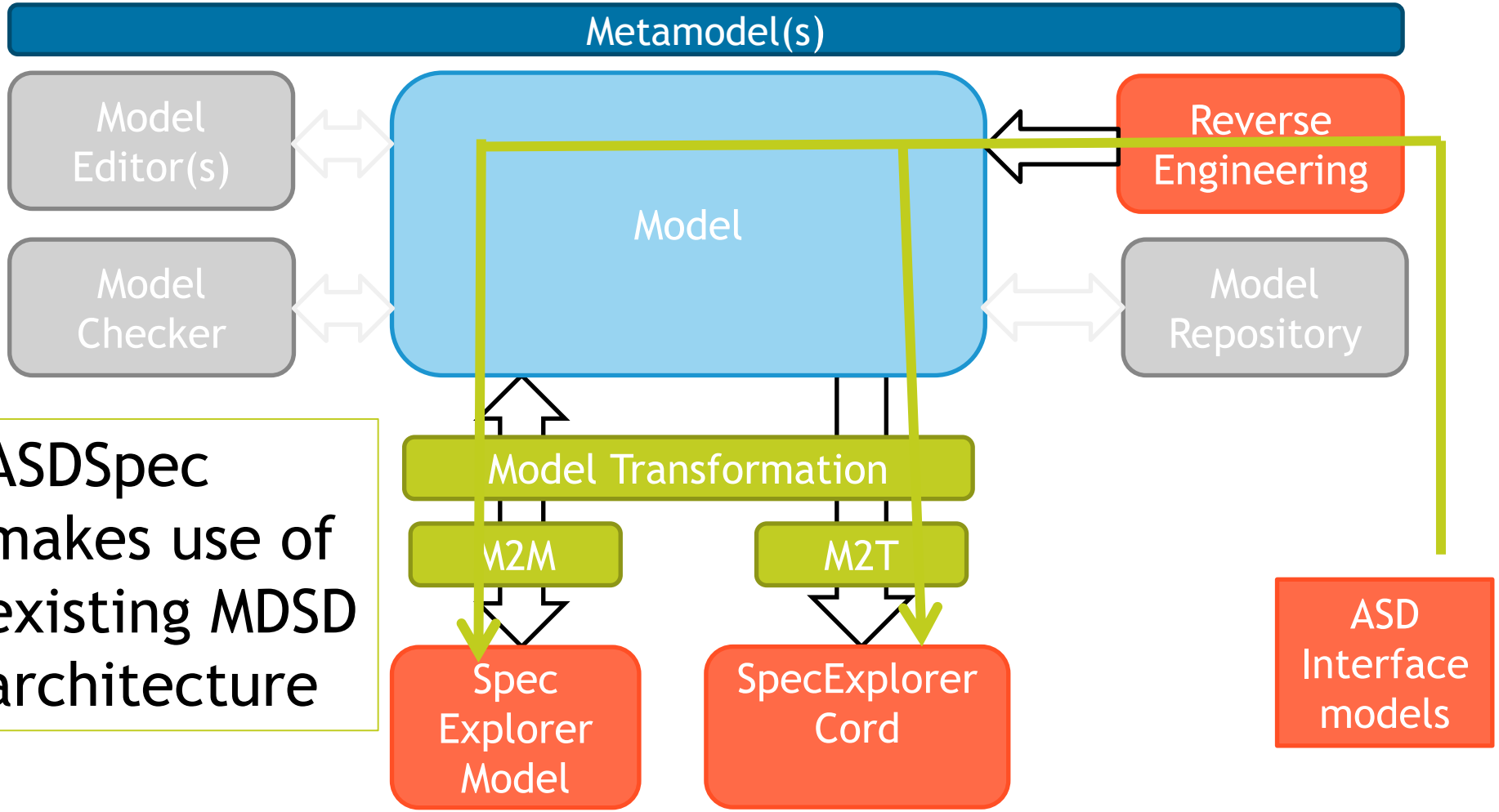

ASDSpec makes use of existing MDSD architecture

ASDSPEC: TECHNOLOGIES

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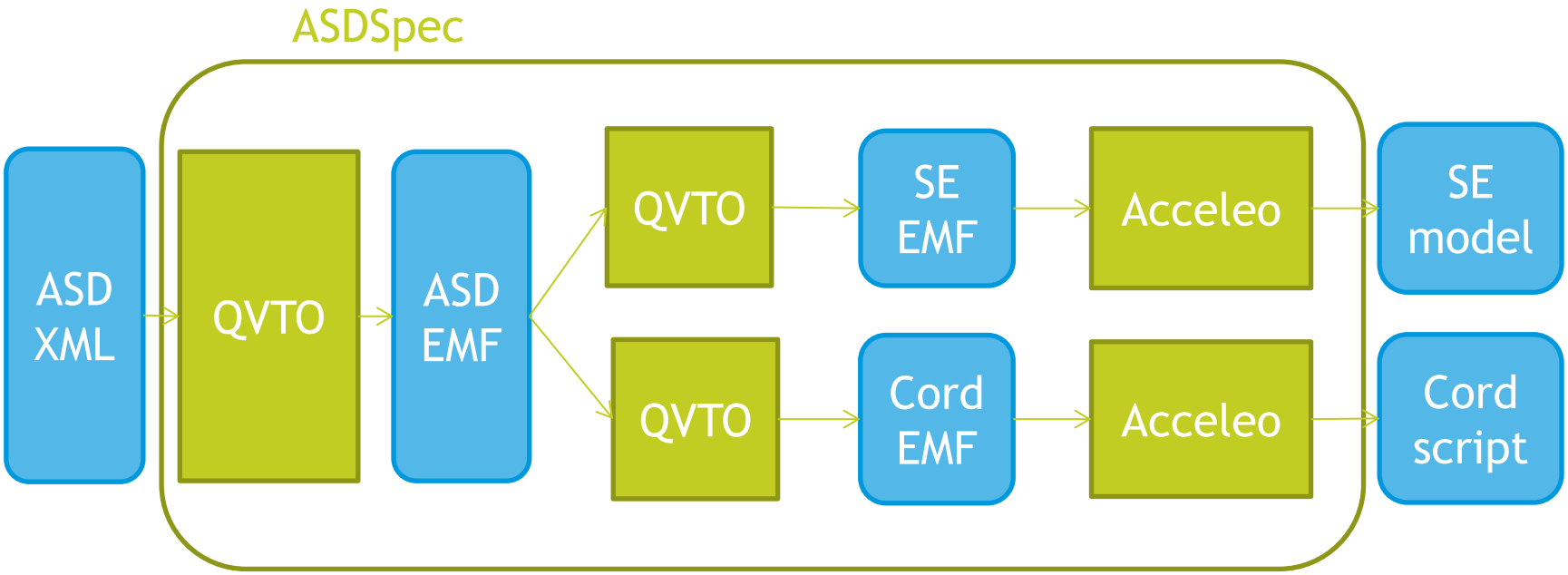
Model transformations bridge gap between ASD and Spec Explorer



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RESULTS: ASDSPEC- CONTAINER TERMINAL

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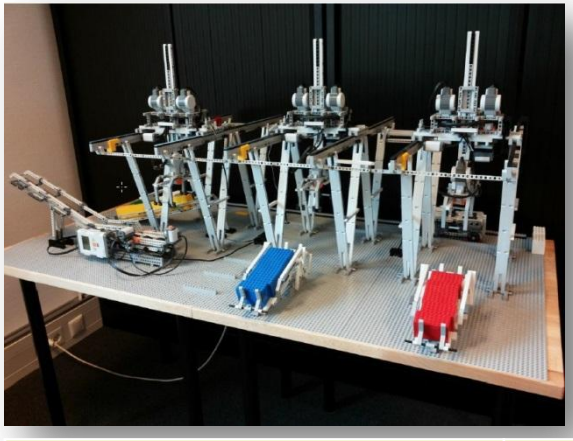

- Low effort model creation
- Easy reuse of existing work
- Testing of complete system
- Legacy code, data interaction
- High Quality, Cost Reduction

	Spec Explorer	ASD + ASDSpec
Approach	Generate test suite	Generate test model
Techniques	MBT	MBT
Effort/complexity	Medium	Low
Test cases	89	93
Perceived effectiveness	Medium	High
Bugs	Some bugs in hand written code /HAL	All known bus found

TRADITIONAL SW DEVELOPMENT
TRADITIONAL MANUAL TESTING

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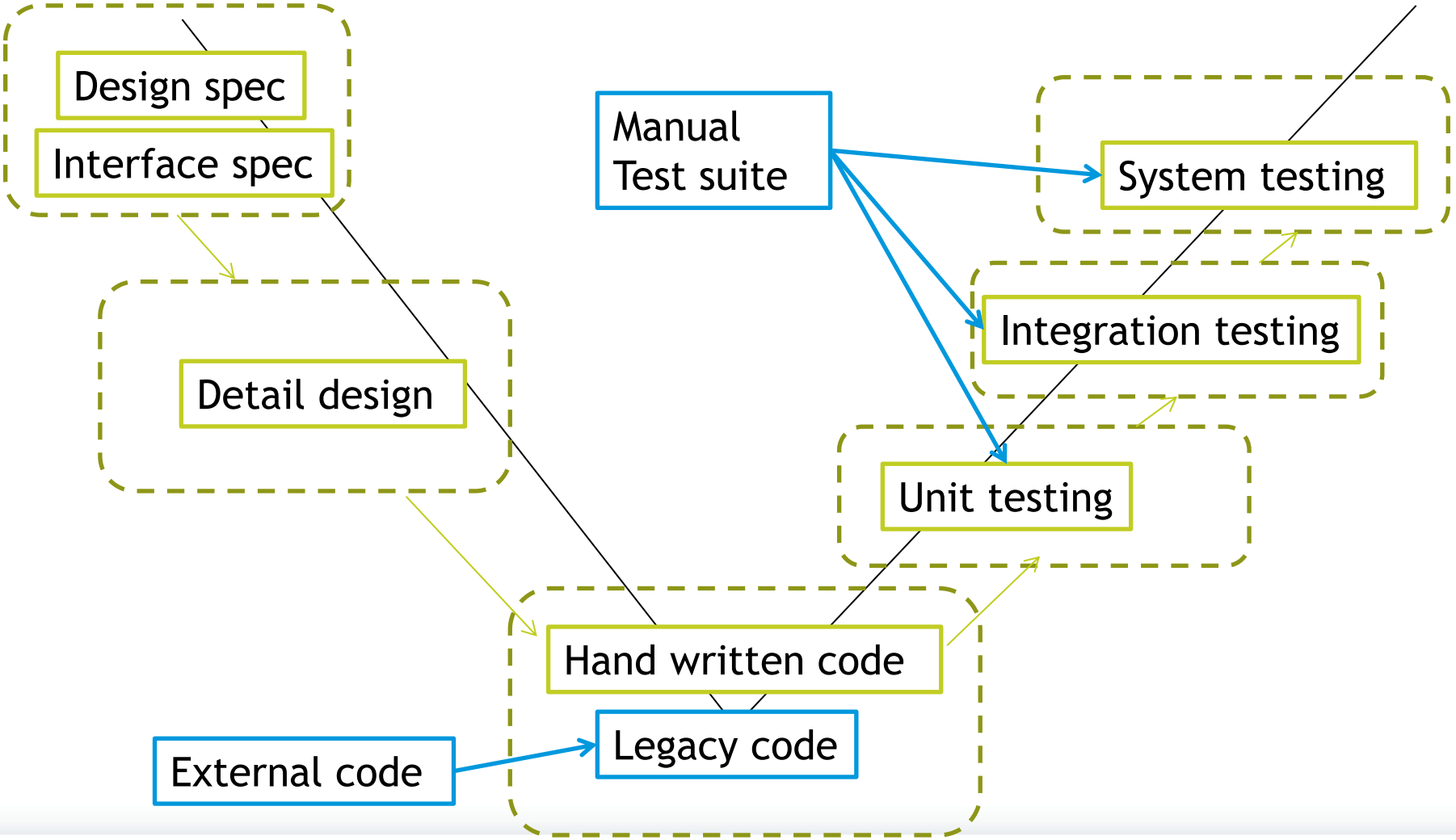

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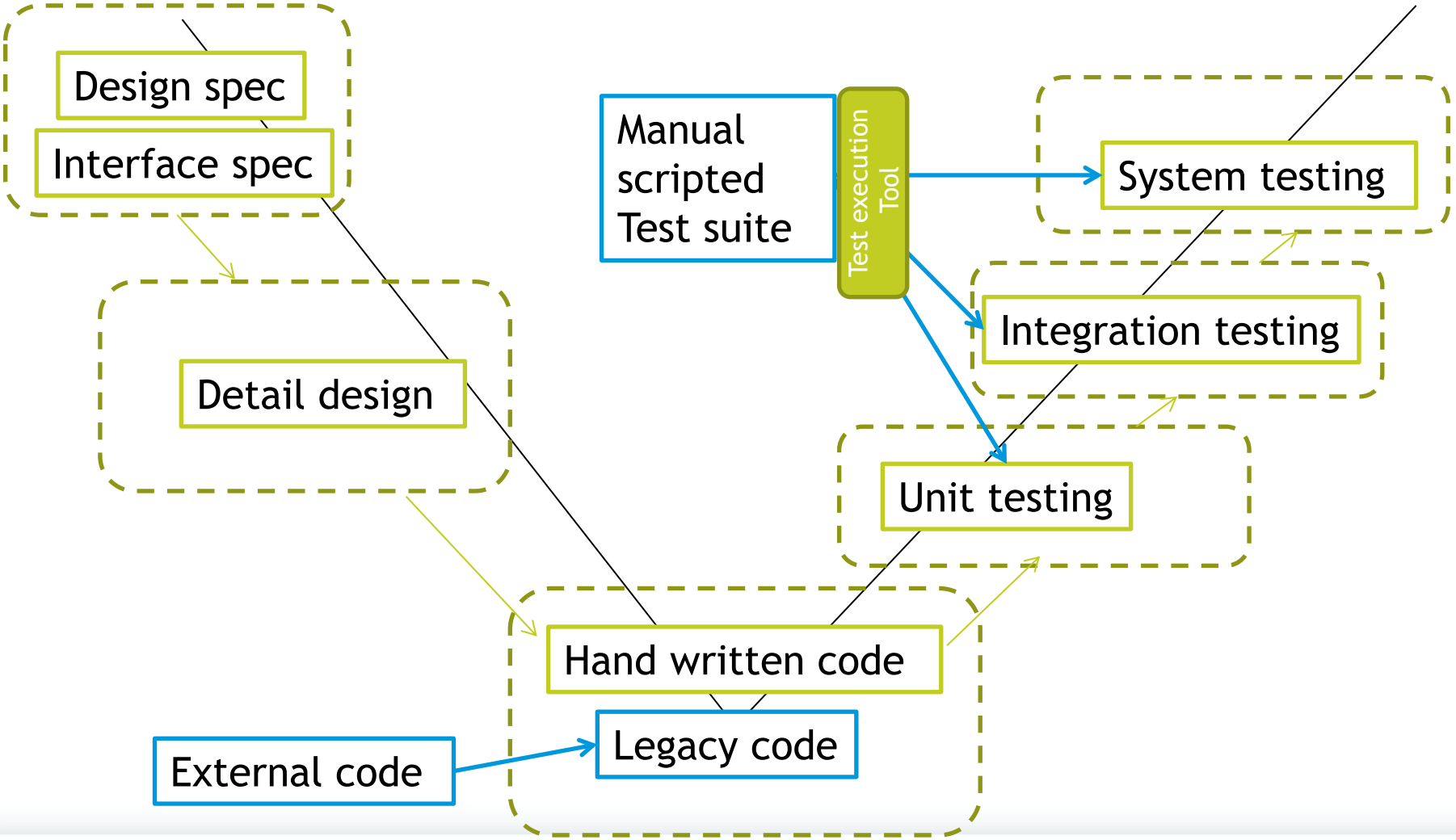

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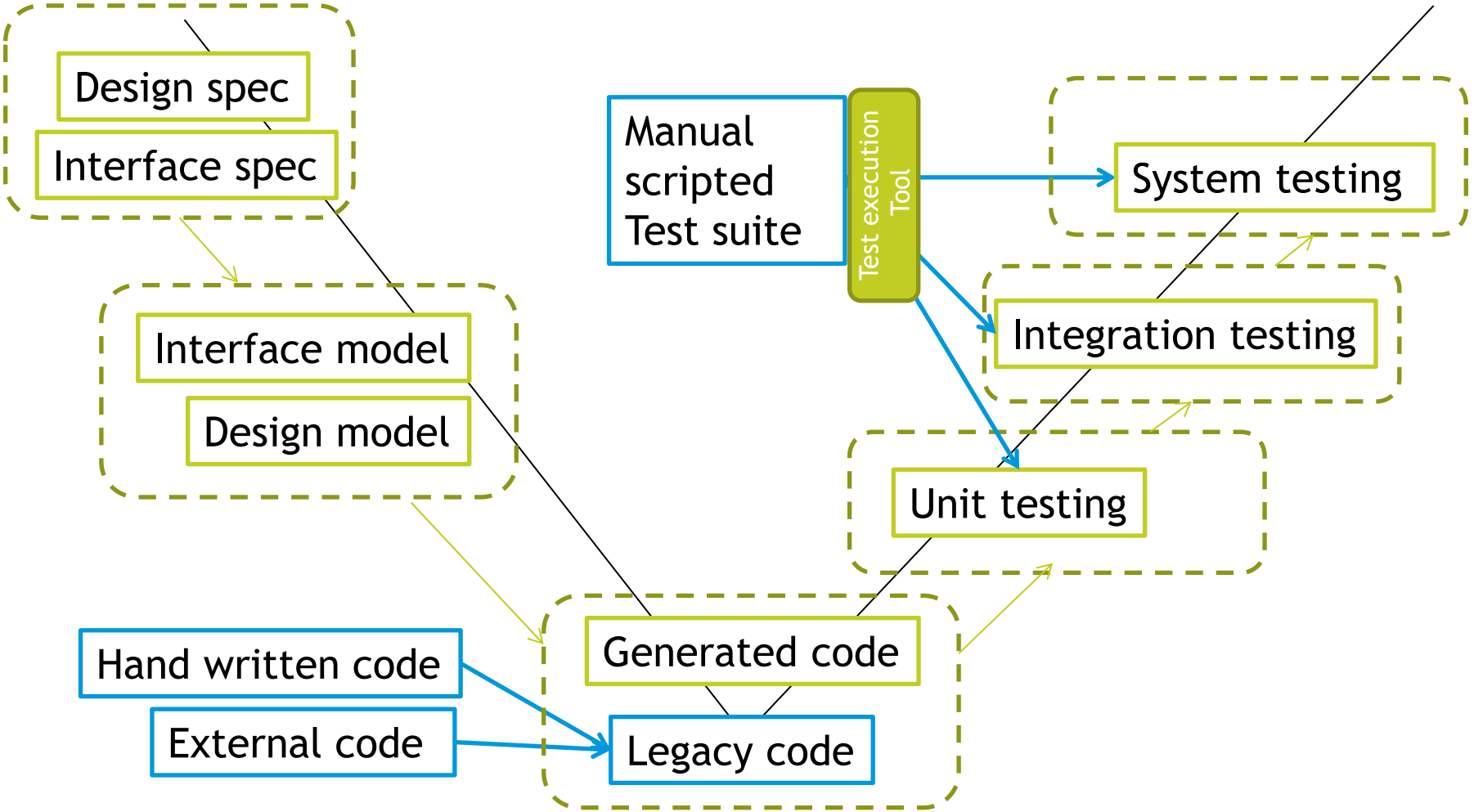

Summary

ASD BASED SW DEVELOPMENT MODEL BASED TESTING

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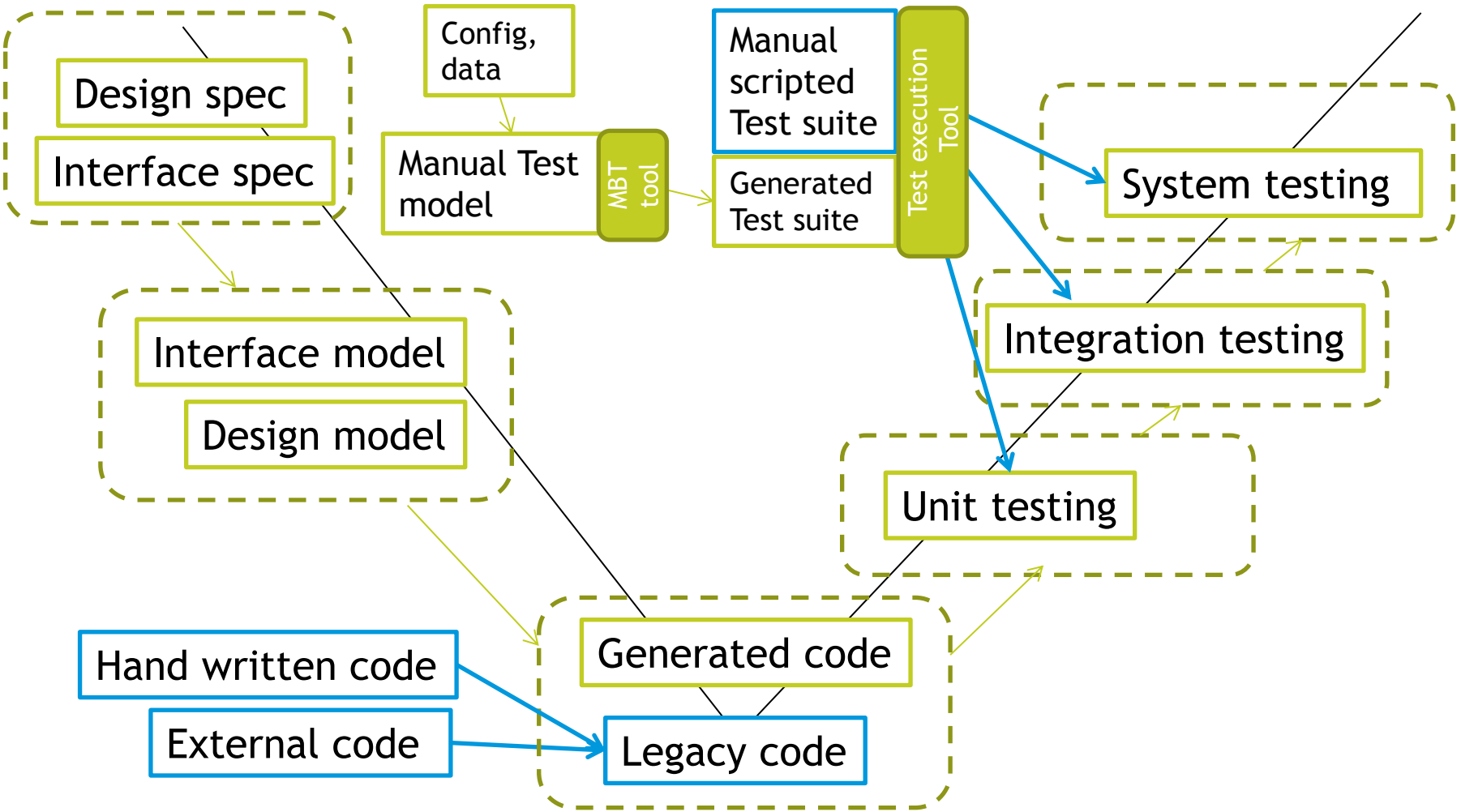

ASD BASED SW DEVELOPMENT MODEL BASED TESTING+ASDSPEC

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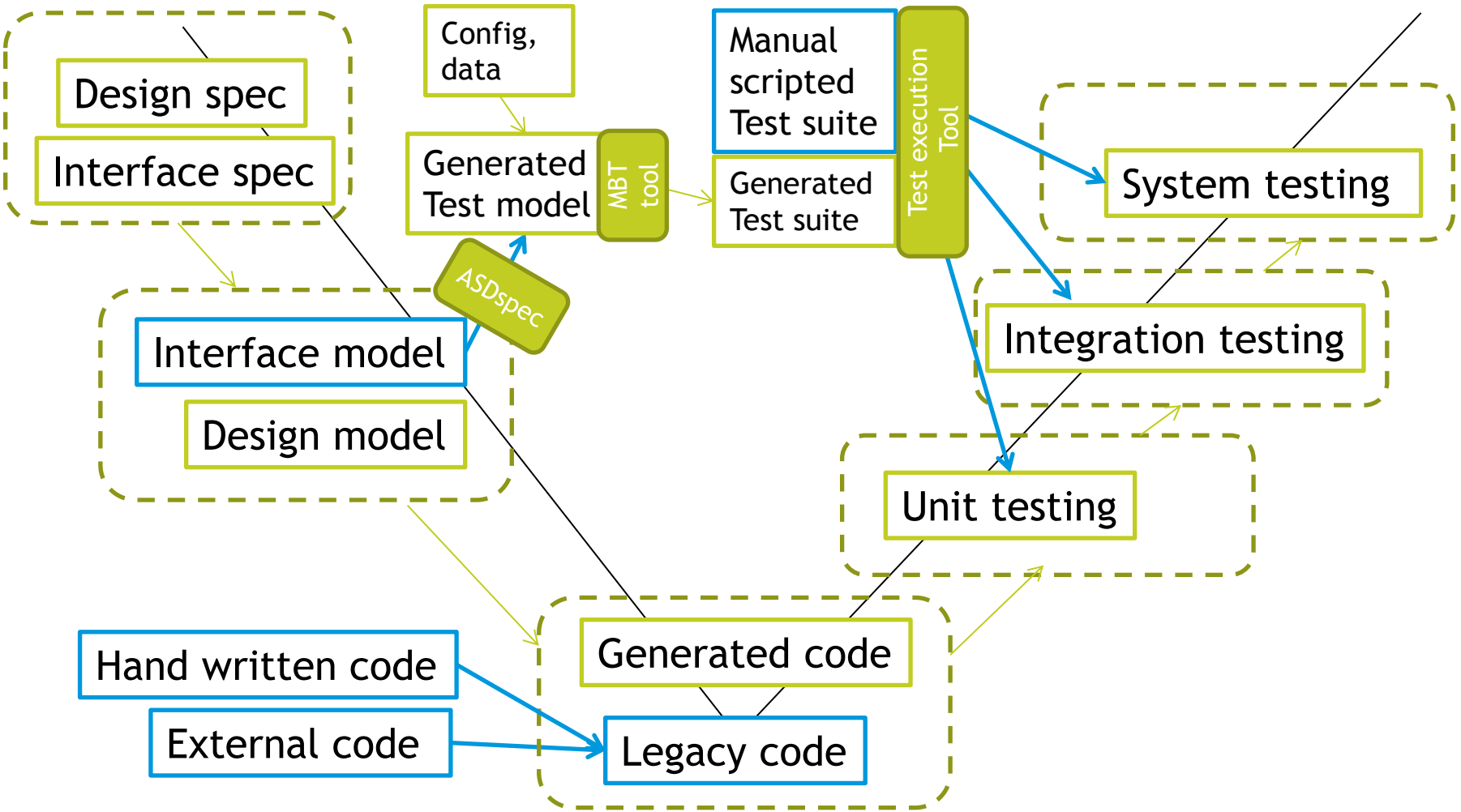

TOOL STATUS

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- Tool currently in prototype phase
- as an Eclipse plugin
- For now available on request

- Future steps
  - Support data handling/configuration aspects in ASDSpec, instead of relying on manual additions in Spec Explorer,
  - Supporting other MBT tools.

CONCLUSIONS

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- MDE and MBT technologies have matured a lot in the latest years
- It is a matter of time….. Evolution…..

QUESTIONS MATTER.

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