

# SysML based Architecture Definition and Platform Generation Flow

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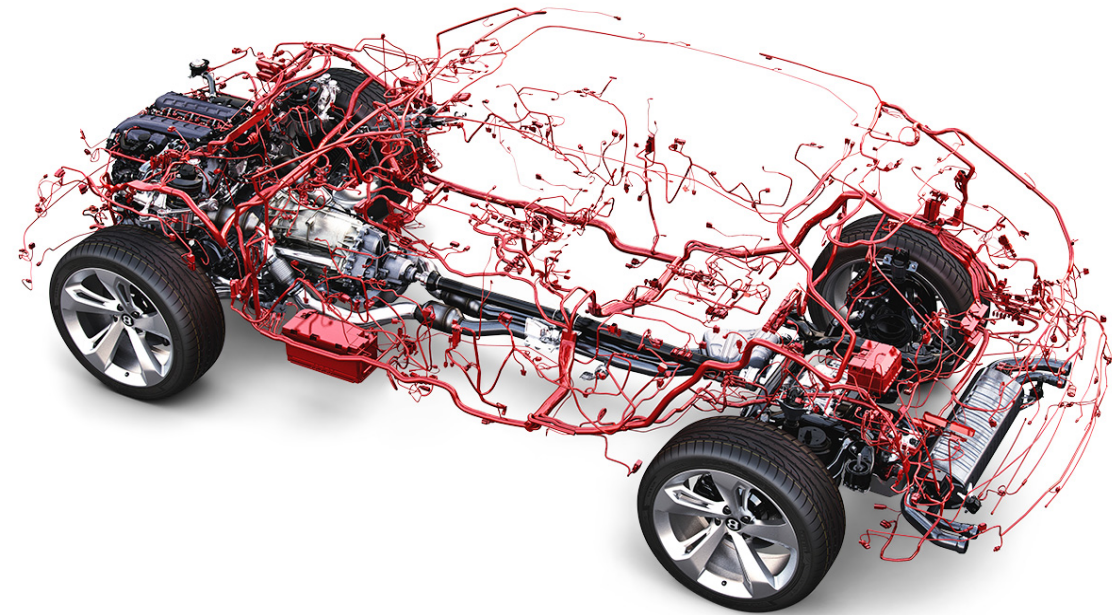
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FOR A SMARTER WORLD

# Motivation

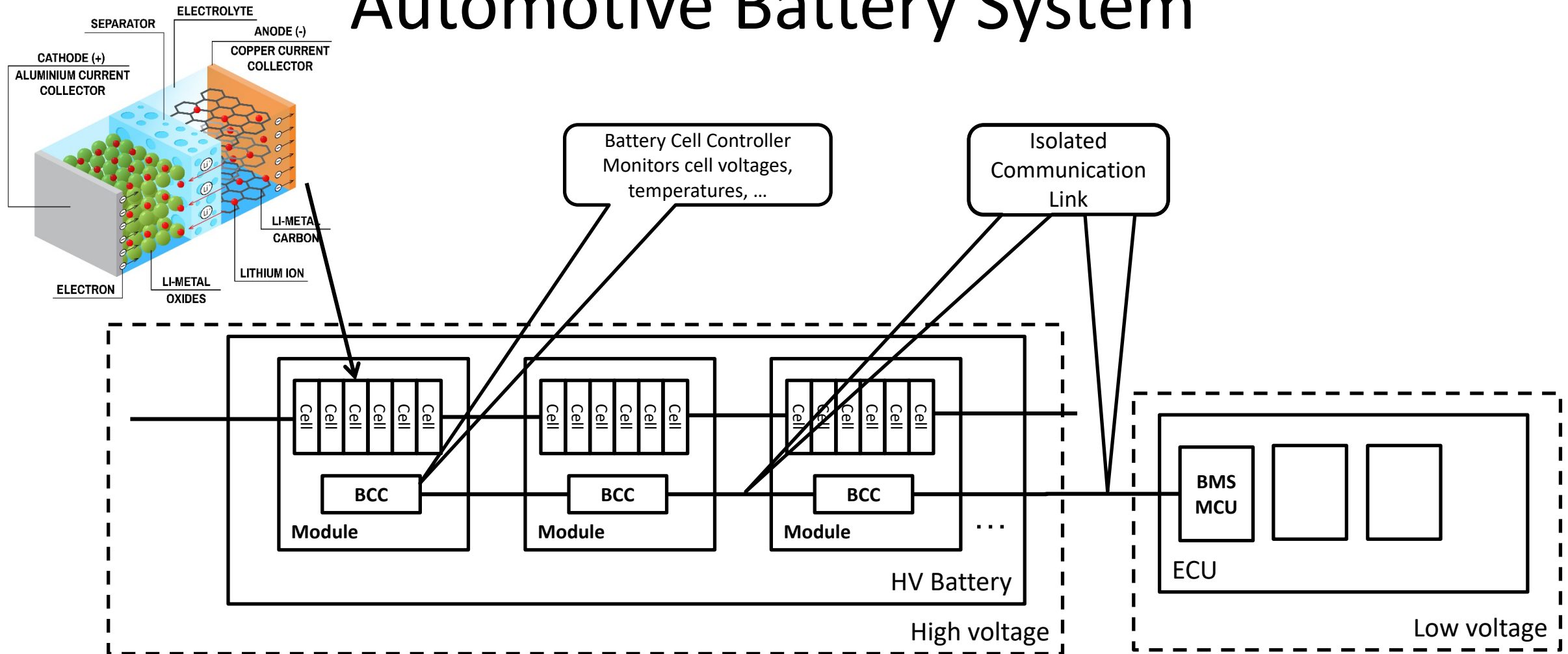
- High complexity of connected electronics systems in cars
- Functional Safety is ...
  - a very important aspect in development of automotive semiconductor products
  - fulfilled by a system providing functionality and not individual components
- Model-based top-down flow enables traceability and model based safety analyses
- Executable virtual prototype enables analysis of HW/SW interaction
- VP shall represent architecture as defined



# Outline

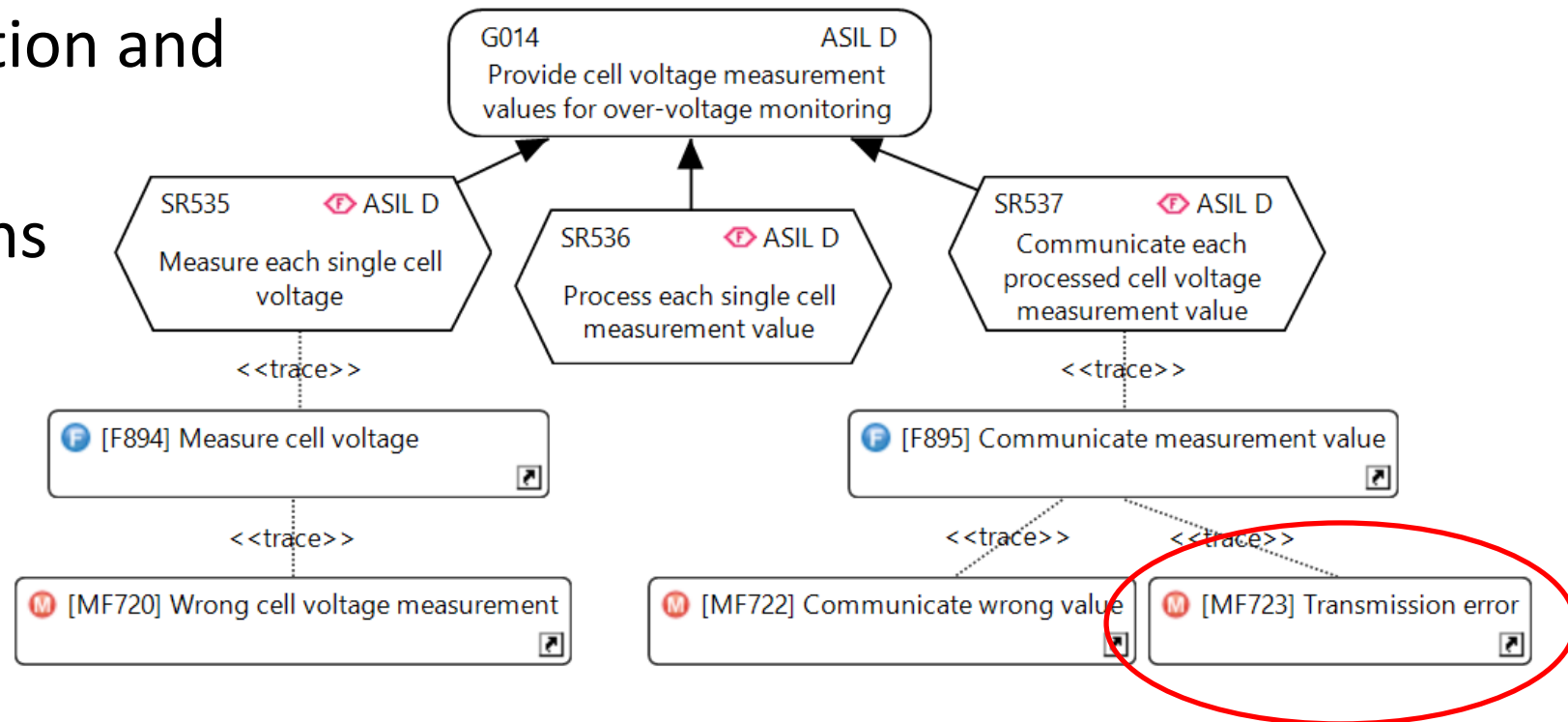
- Introduction
- Automotive Battery System and Safety
- SysML-based Top-Down Flow for Functional Safety
- IP-XACT-based Architecture Description
- Model Generation and Integration Flow
- Evaluation based on Battery Controller IC
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# Automotive Battery System



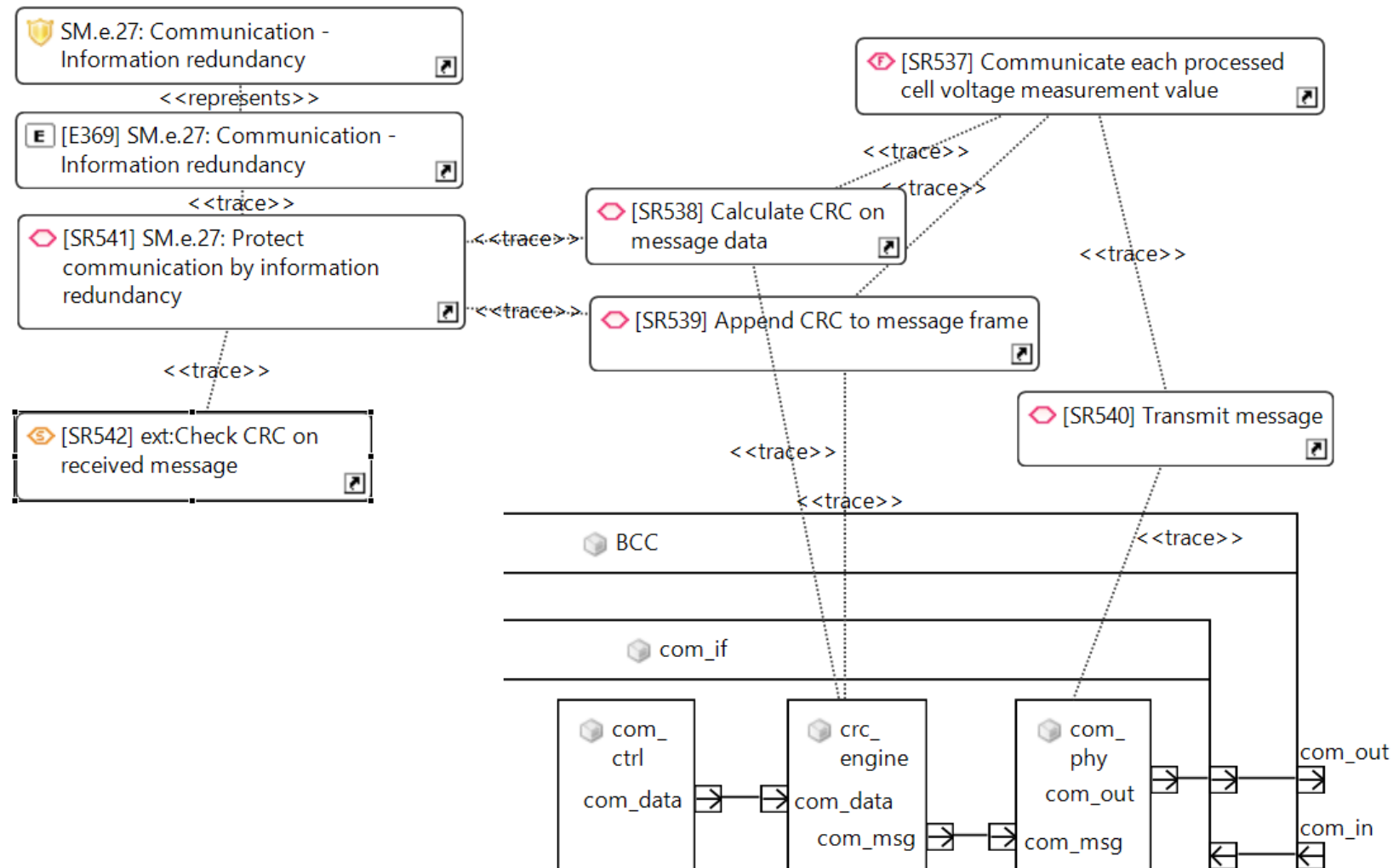
# SysML-based Safety Flow 1

- Functional Safety Requirements
- Functional decomposition and architecture
- Annotated malfunctions
- Derive initial FTA



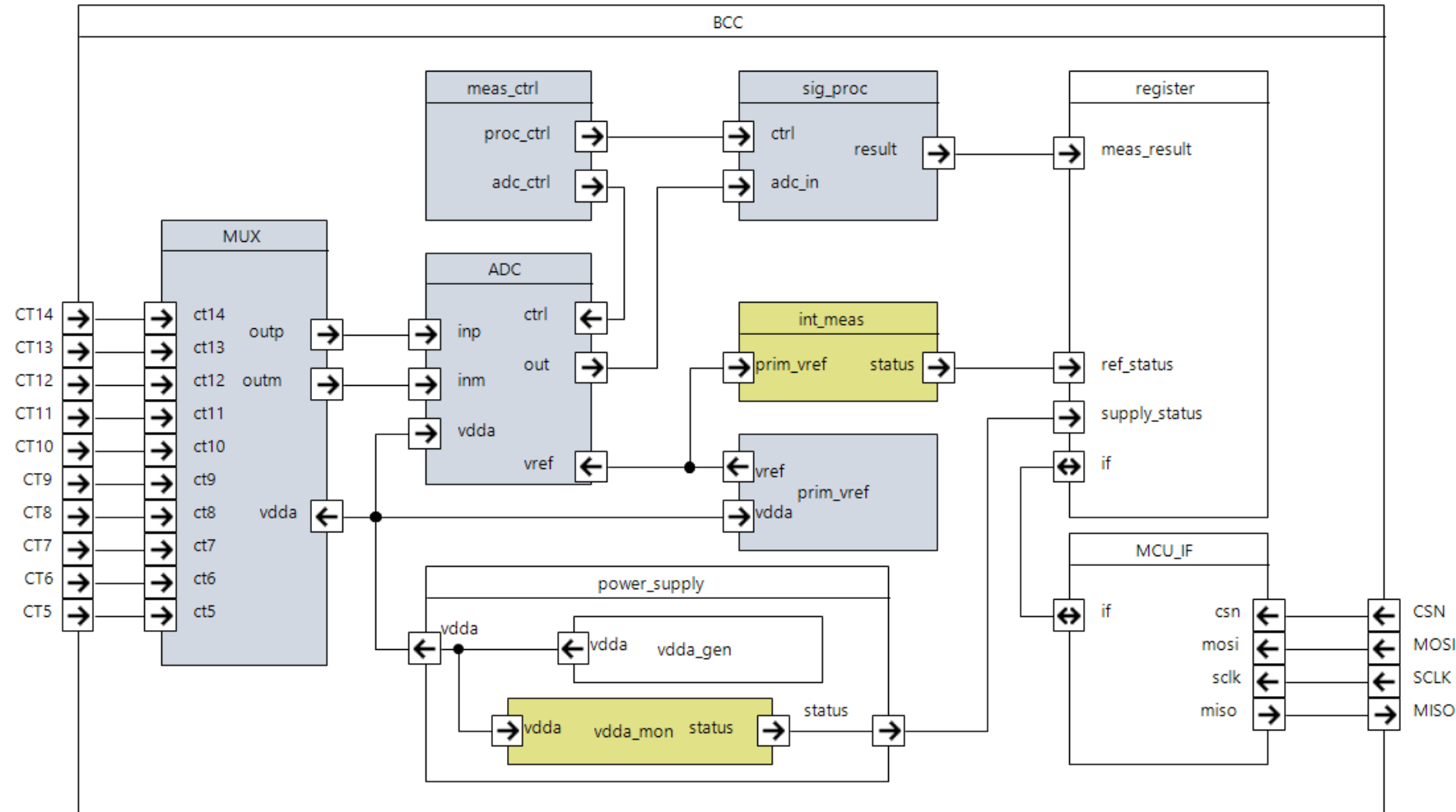
# SysML-based Safety Flow 2

- Add safety mechanism to prevent SPF
- Split requirements in internal (HW) and external (SW)
- Allocate FSRs to HW architecture elements

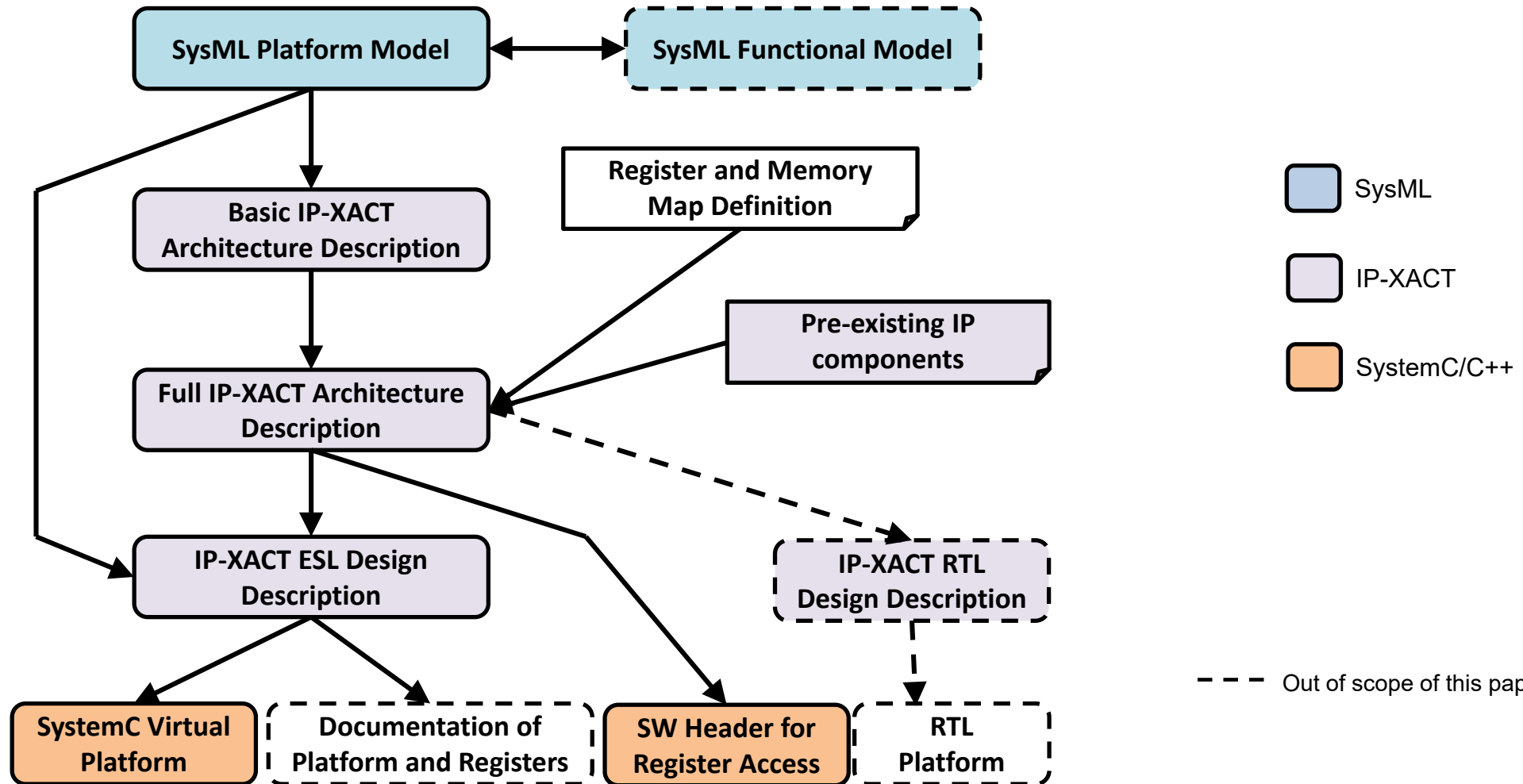


# Platform Model in SysML

- Actual IC hardware architecture
- Decomposed hardware resources and communication links
- Real pinout



# Model Generation Flow Steps





# Architecture Description in IP-XACT

- Split between architecture and implementation
- Architecture description
  - Logical component interface, parameters, registers
  - Component instances and logical connectivity
  - Connectivity based on abstract interface connections
  - Reusable over all abstraction/implementation levels
- Implementation description
  - Addition of implementation specific details to architecture description
  - Ports, file sets
  - Communication refinement by bus abstraction definitions and port maps
  - Explicit for each abstraction level/implementation

# SysML to IP-XACT Architecture

- Export plugin in SysML tool
- Reuse of existing TCL infrastructure to create IP-XACT
- Plugin traverses SysML model and generates TCL scripts
- Basic SysML to IP-XACT mapping:
  - block definition → IP-XACT component
  - block ports → bus interfaces
  - port types → bus definitions
  - Internal Block Diagrams → hier. component + interface connections
- Registers and memory map added from external source (XLS)

# SysML to IP-XACT Architecture (2)

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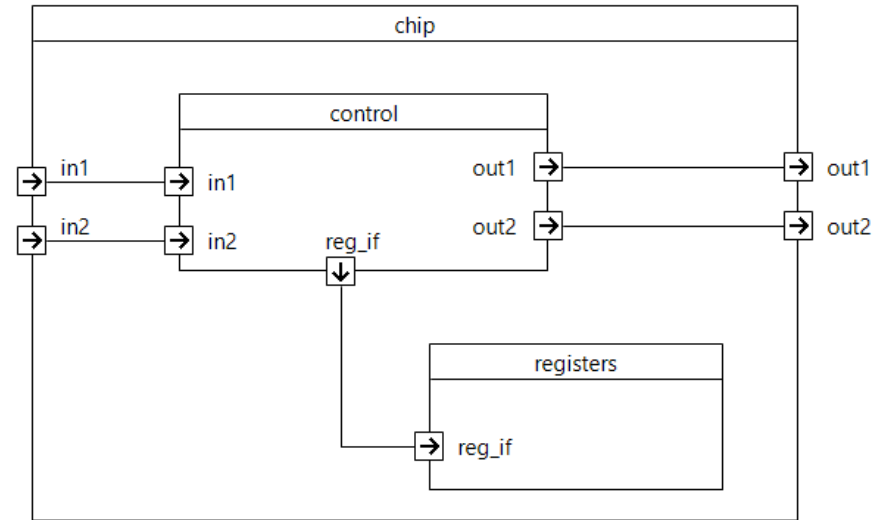
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Recursive call for subcomponents

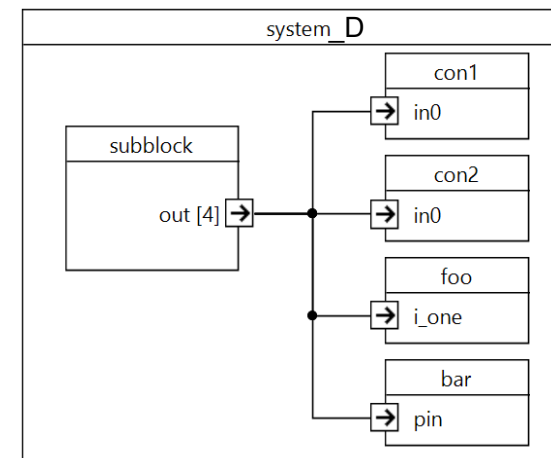
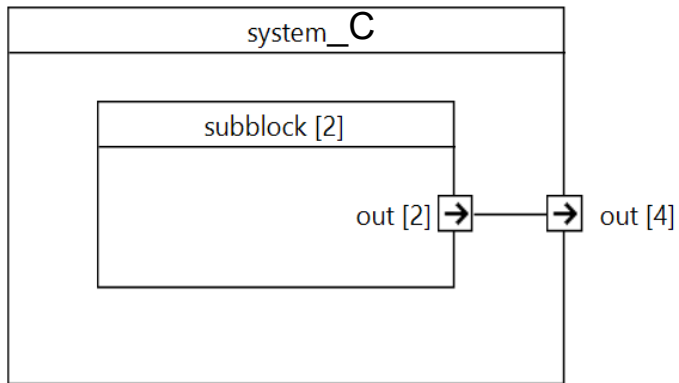
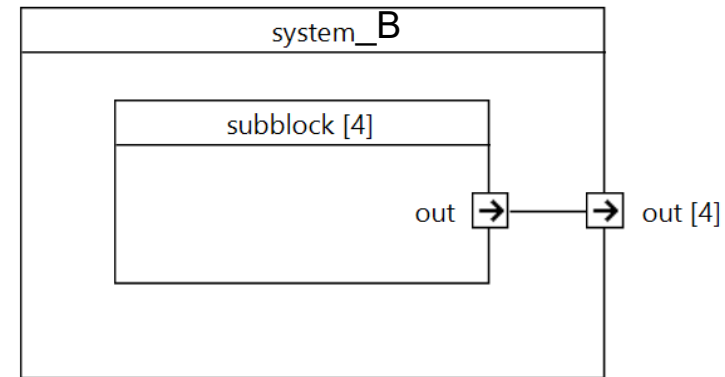
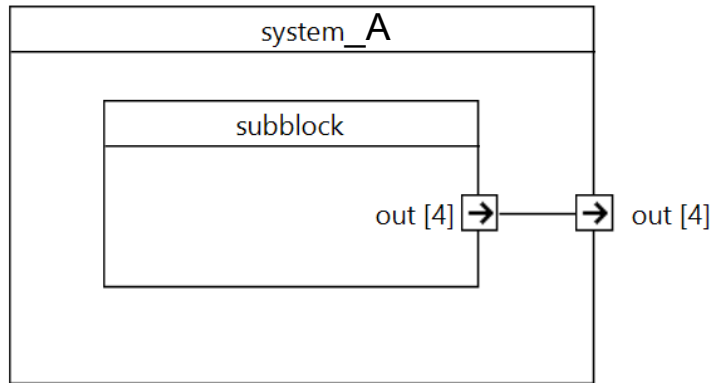
Create component

Create interfaces + assign bus type

Instantiate and connect subcomponents

Call post processing script (if available)

# Handling SysML Multiplicity



# Generate ESL View

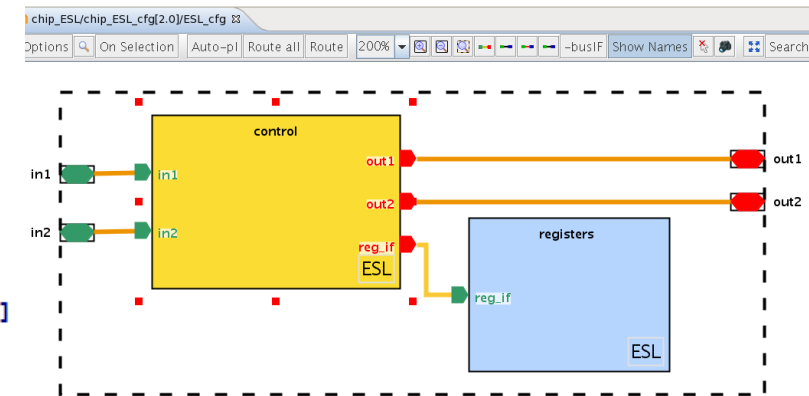
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Recursive call for subcomponents

Copy base component

Set bus abstraction

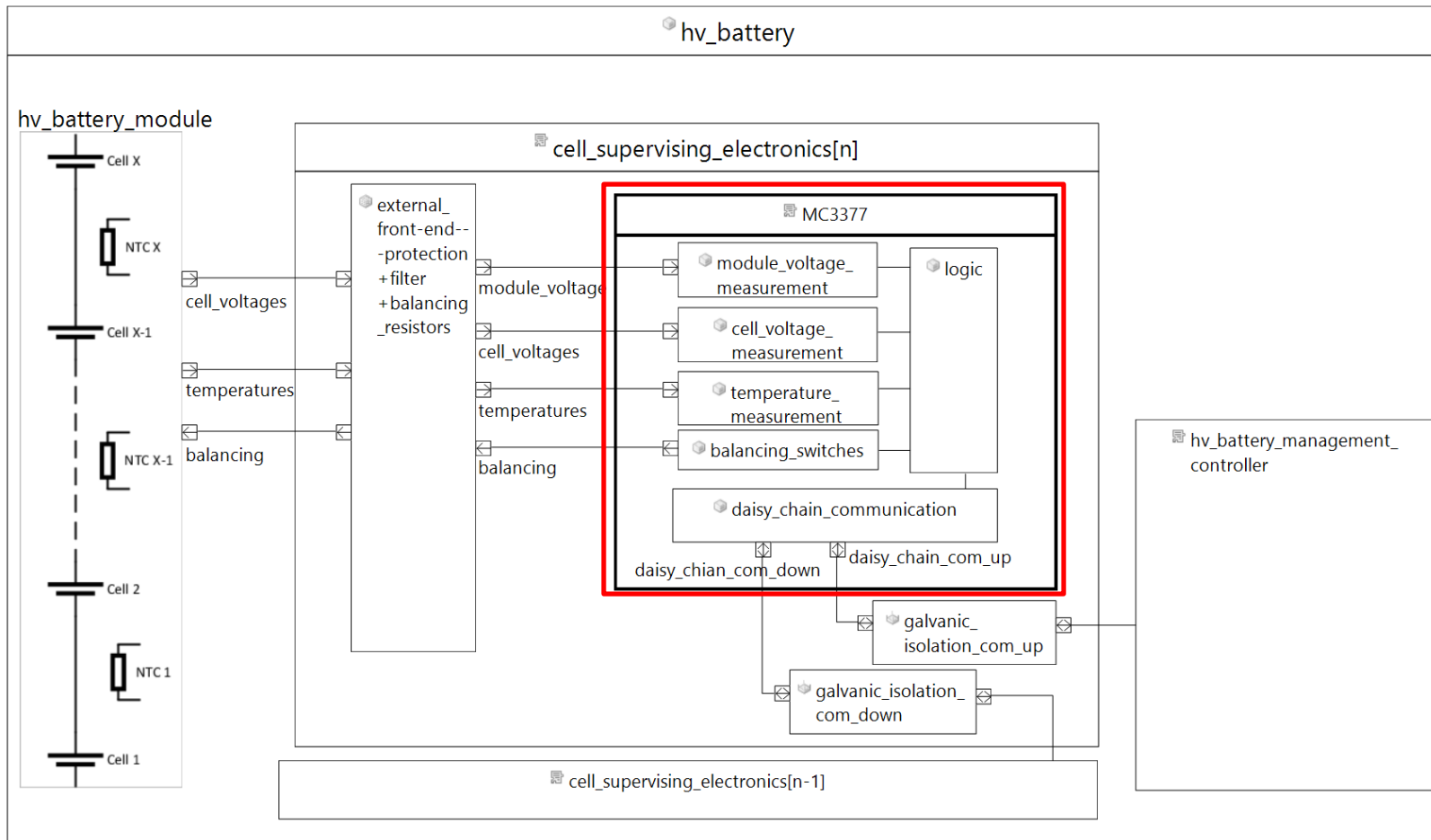
Create ports and port maps

Create fileset

# Generate SystemC Model

- Leaf components
  - NXP internal tool generate modules incl. interface and registers
  - Register models based on SCML
  - Base module for generated elements and derived module to add behavior
- Hierarchical components
  - Commercial SystemC Netlister (Magillem tool suite)
- Data types for ports/signals
  - Header file containing default typedef to int
- Build files for SystemC compilation based on filesets

# Flow Evaluation based on Battery Controller IC



## Battery Cell Controller

- High accuracy measurement
- 14 cells + GP channels
- Integrated balancing

## SysML Model:

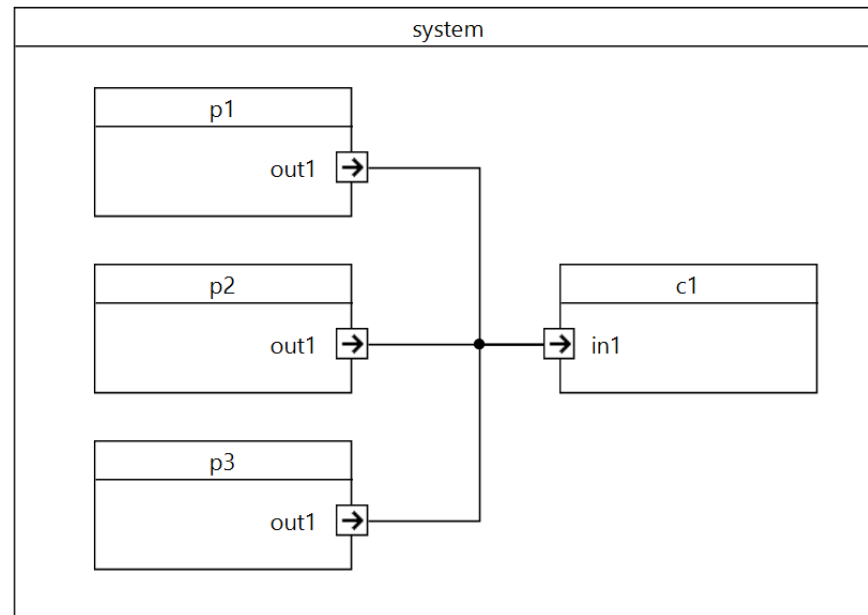
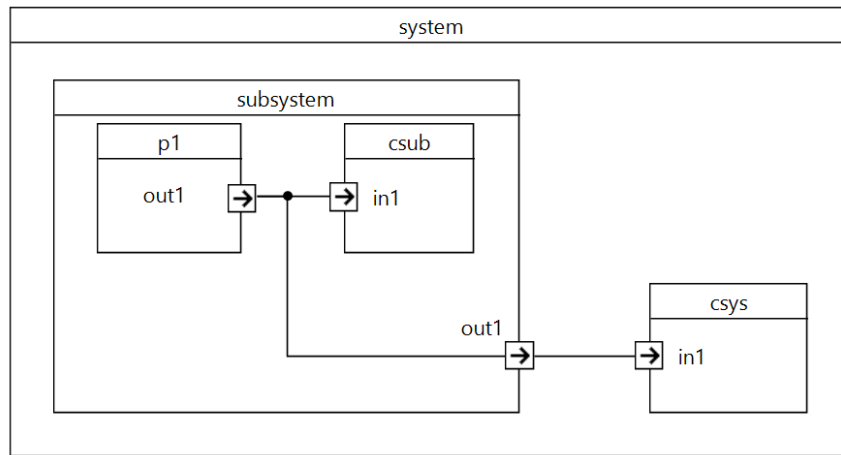
- More than 80 blocks
  - unique and re-used
  - analog, digital, mixed, memory
- More than 700 connectors
  - shared bus, point-to-point

## Generator Result:

- SystemC model + build scripts
- Compile and run out of the box
- Good starting point for refinement and adding behavior

# Flow Limitations

- Different syntax rules (e.g. identifier, whitespace, keywords)
  - Checkers to check rules in SysML
- Missing information (e.g. vendor, library, version)
  - Can be added by generator (default values)
- Connectivity





# Conclusion

- Good productivity gain
  - Creation of 65 IP-XACT components (15 hierarchical, >700 connections, excl. IP)
  - Saved effort approx. 2 to 3 WWs
- Well-defined relation of SysML to architecture and model
  - Ensures consistency between safety analyses and implementation
- Incorporates well with existing flow (gen doc, SW headers, ...)
- Flow requires modeling guidelines for SysML

# Summary and Outlook



- Model based flow for safety critical semiconductor products
- System architecture definition and automated generation of VP skeleton
- Evaluation based on automotive battery controller IC

## Outlook

- Refine and align modeling rules and extend automated checkers
- Sync updates in IP-XACT to SysML
- Improve AMS support

# Questions