

Component Based Design of Safety-Critical Automotive Systems

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- Issues and approaches in a nat'l project
- Questions,
- ... answers will be provided later

SAVE – Program overview

- The title says it all:
Component Based Design of
Safety-Critical Vehicular Systems
- Nat'l Swedish project (2 M€/3yrs) starting September 2002 (Now!)
- 5 partners from 4 universities:
 - **CSL/MdH** (Ivica Crnkovic)
 - **DAMEK/KTH** (Martin Törngren)
 - **RTSLAB/LiTH** (Simin Nadjm-Tehrani/Jörgen Hansson)
 - **SDL/MdH** (Hans Hansson/Christer Norström/Henrik Thane)
 - **UppAal/UU** (Wang Yi/Paul Pettersson)
- Industrial participation from ABB, Bombardier, CRT, Mecel, Saab, Scania and Volvo (and a few others)

SAVE – Time and Size

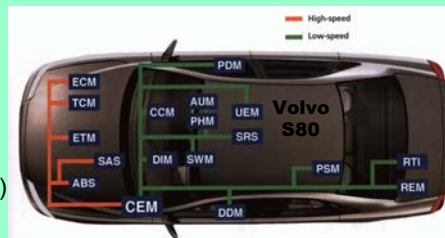
- 3 years
- ~ 10 graduate students funded
- At least 10 additional students with separate funding (from participating industries and other) will contribute
- 2002—2005 (2008; hoping for an extension;-)

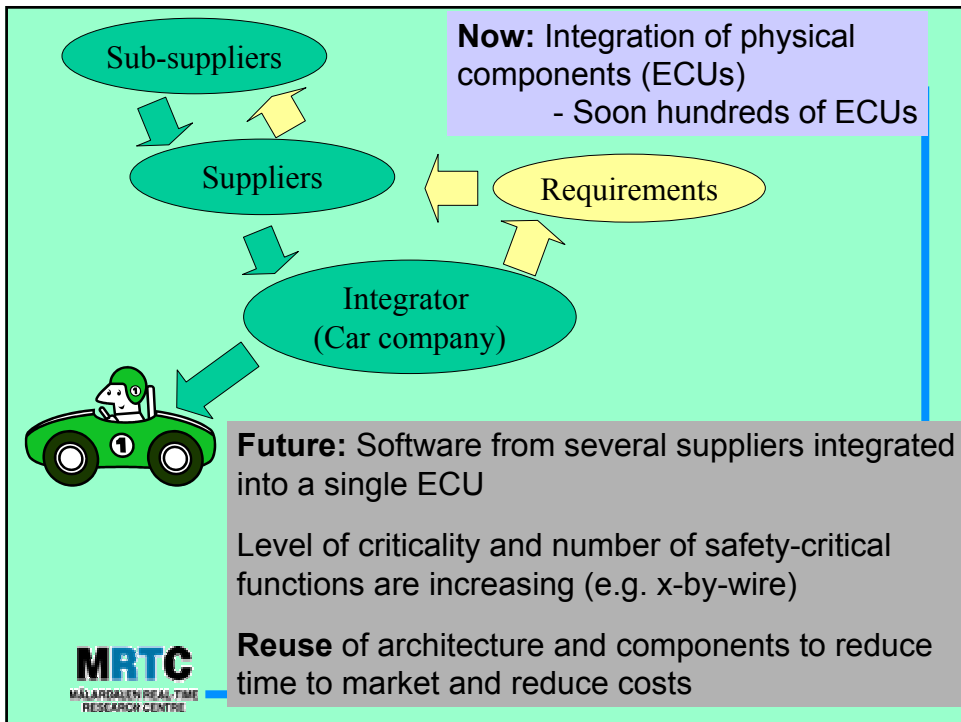
A Distributed Real-time System



- Networks instead of cables
- Nothing must go wrong ⇒ Robust Design with Predictable Delays

- Changing Requirements
 - Design Methods
 - Production Process
 - Competence
- Software (not just nuts and bolts)





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We've done it before

(and will do it even better this time;-)

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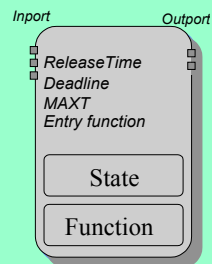
Application characteristics



- Vehicle control system with high demands on **safety**, **reliability**, and **timeliness**
- Two nodes connected via redundant buses
- 80 tasks
- 150 I/O channels
- Execution times: 10 μ s to 1 ms
- Period times: 10 ms to 1 s

Design language

- Simple design language
 - a few powerful and clearly defined constructs
- Communication and synchronization separated from programming code
- Key elements
 - Application
 - Modes and mode transitions
 - Transactions
 - Interaction graphs and precedence relationships
 - Tasks



”Component”

Example: A controller

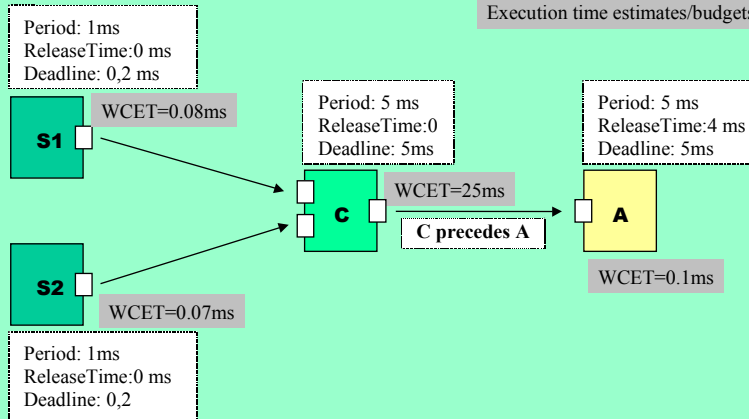


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- Two sampling tasks, one controller task and one actuating task.

Timing requirements

Execution time estimates/budgets



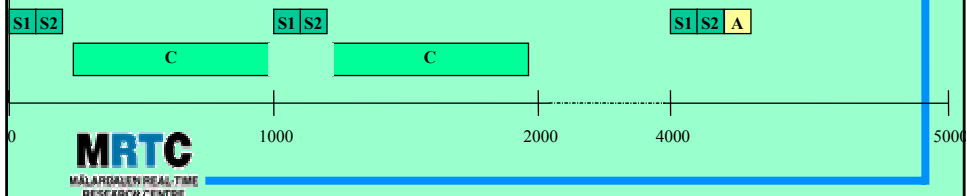
Feasibility check



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- Specification translated to a schedule.
 - Including preemptions
 - Considering clock-ticks and interrupts

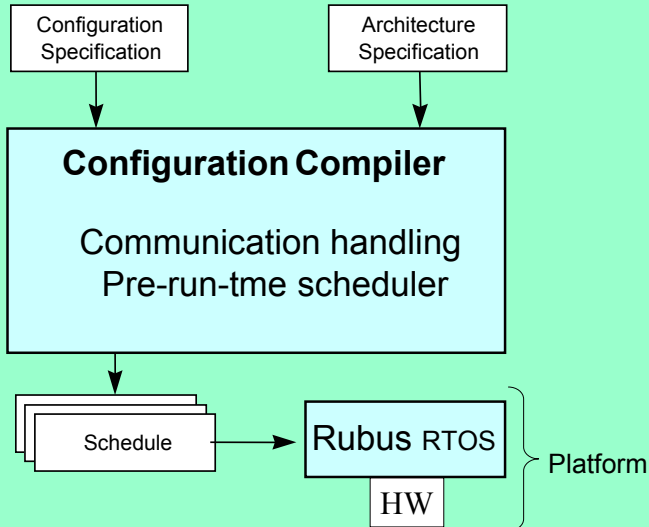
Latest completion time of S2=200µs since the interrupt overhead is accounted for



Mapping of the design



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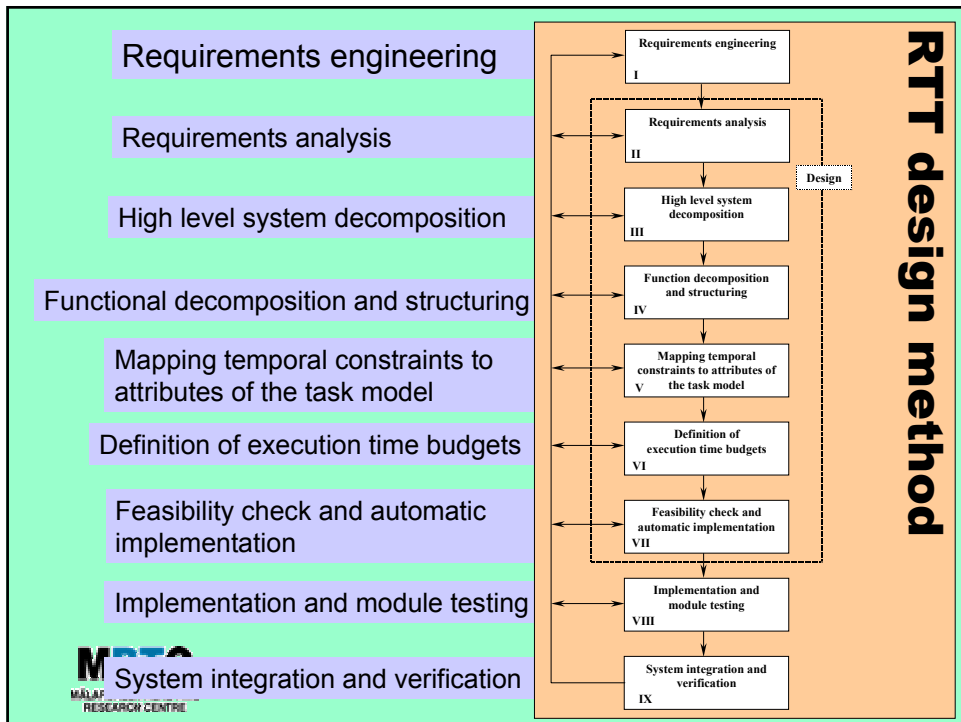
The implementation



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- Tasks can be independently implemented
- Timing requirements fulfilled if execution times less than estimates.
- If not, a redesign is needed.
 - Renegotiation of time budgets.

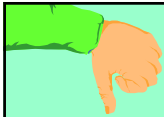
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Positive results

- Precise design
 - Concurrent engineering:
 - Reduced Time for implementation and testing
- Early detection of design errors.
 - Execution time estimates very useful.
- Easy to add functionality
- Easy to introduce new personnel

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Limitations

- Restricted model (with RT focus)
- Safety and reliability not handled
- No modelling/analysis of functional correctness
- Proprietary (essentially)
- ...

- The ultimate solution must be standardized!

Next step.....

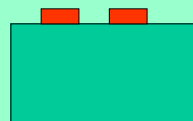
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- Time to market rules!
- Faster; Better; Cheaper; (Safer?)
- Conflicting requirements! (safety vs. cost ...)
- Reuse is the key!
- Many aspects and several stake holders
- "Lego-paradigm"
 - "Horisontally" (functions and aspects)
 - "Vertically" (requirements, models, impl., platforms)

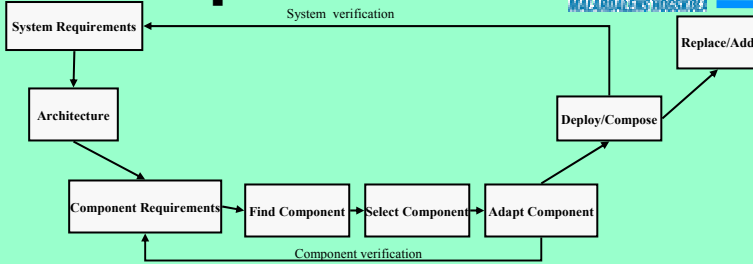
”The goal of SAVE is to contribute towards an engineering discipline for systematic development of component-based software for safety-critical embedded systems”

What is a component?

- Definition (Szyperski)
 - A unit of composition with contractually specified interfaces and explicit context dependencies only.
 - Can be deployed independently and is subject to composition by third party.

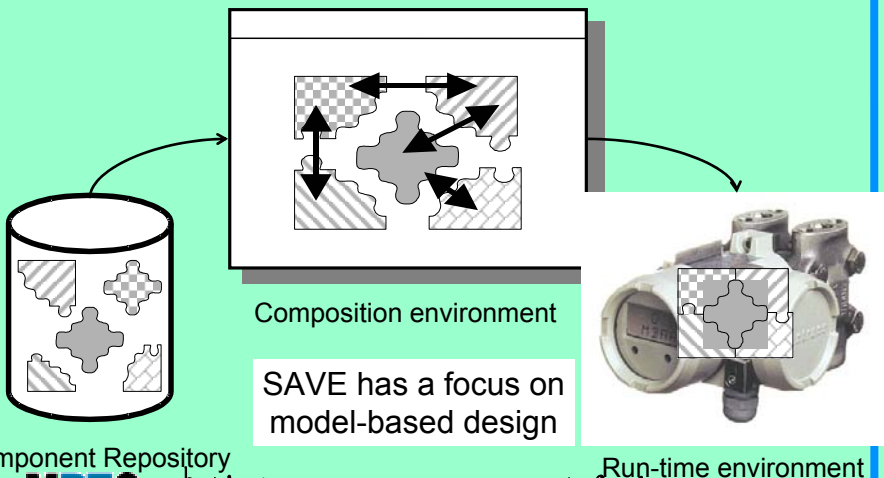


The Development Process



- System req. Capture (including **real-time, safety and reliability**)
- Architecture Design
- Decomposition of system req. into component req.
- Component modeling and design (specification, selection, adaptation and composition)
- System configuration and verification
 - System configuration
 - Component composition/decomposition
 - System verification

Framework



Component Repository

Run-time environment

but includes implementation and platform

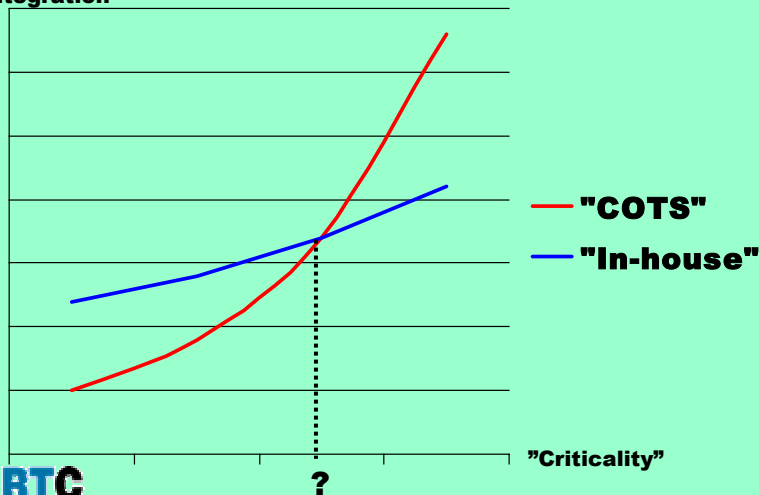
SAVE application characteristics

- Hard real-time **static** configuration
- Additional, less critical, less static tasks
 - But SAVE focus is not on these
- Resource constrained (per unit cost-critical)
- Reuse of architectures and "components"
- Integrator – supplier relation



Research question?

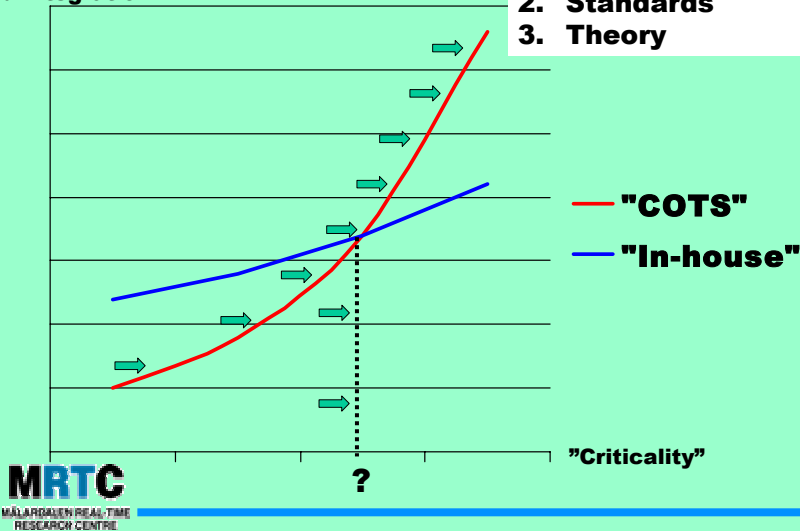
"Cost of development and integration"



Research challenge!

"Cost of development and integration"

1. Engineering methods
2. Standards
3. Theory



Component-based approach for embedded systems?

- Can we use the established component models and technologies for
 - Real-time systems?
 - Embedded systems?
- Can component-based models be directly applied on RT and embedded systems?
If not which parts can be taken, which are missing?

Run-time vs. design time composition

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- Run-time composition
 - Component model,
 - Run-time environment,
 - Dynamic communication,
- Design-time composition
 - Capable of generating monolithic firmware from component-based design,
 - Optimization

Component technology

More feasible for embedded systems

"Static configuration"

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Component transparency

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- Black-box reuse
 - From component's user point of view,
- White-box reuse
 - From composition environment point of view
- Gray-box reuse (composition environment)
 - If clear conventions for knowledge about implementation are introduced

Component technology

More feasible for embedded systems

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Models of implementations

Portability, Platform independence



- Binary independence
- Source level portability suffices,
 - Design-time composition,
 - Run-time environment restrictions

Component technology

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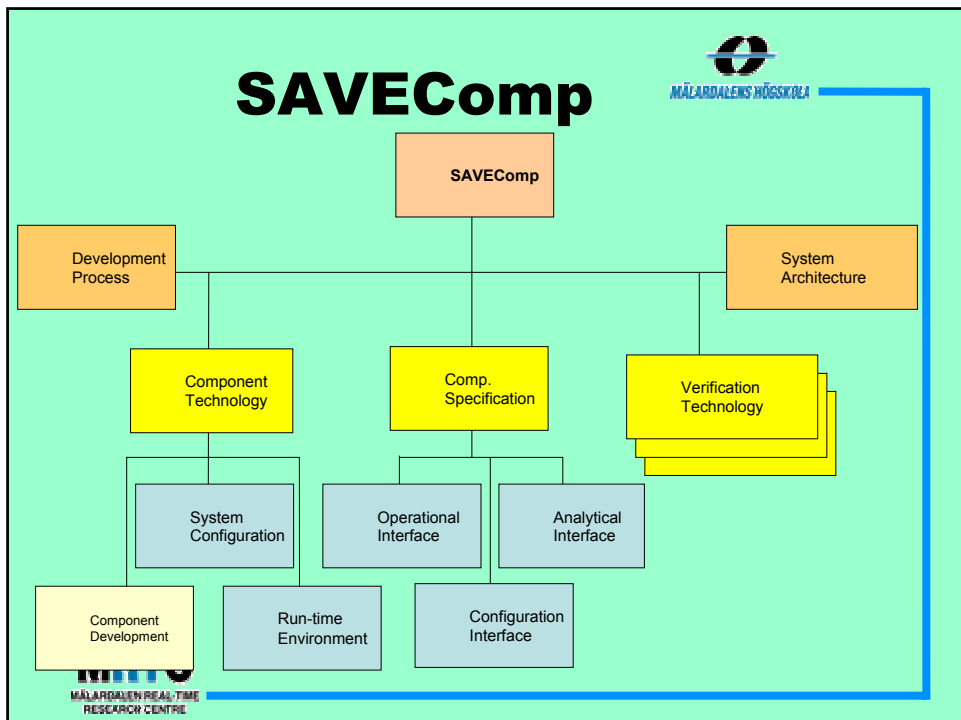
SAVE – The Challenge



- Conflicting requirements
 - E.g. Safety vs. Cost and time-to-market
- Combination of architectural and component-based design with analysis and verification
- "Model-based design"
- Safety and Real-Time

SAVE – The solution

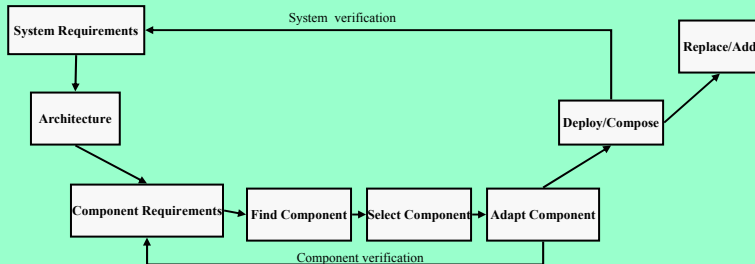
- Development of a holistic framework:
 - Methodology and process
 - Component specification and composition
 - Techniques for analysis and verification
 - Run-time and configuration support



What will we actually do?

- Investigate the feasibility of CBD for safety-critical RTS by demonstrating solutions to critical problems
- Starting out by
 - Identifying issues and concepts
 - Close co-operation with industry
 - ”minimal” set of aspects to consider

Design process



Players and their roles:

- Integrators
- Suppliers
- Component providers
- Certifiers and verifiers
- ...

Activities and their relations:

- Requirements
- Architecture design
- Modeling and implementation
- Composition and configuration
- Verification and validation
- ...

Component specification and composition

- Identify relevant reqs/aspects
 - Including timing and safety

- Select/define appropriate notation for reqs and properties of components and systems

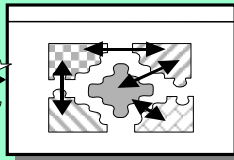
Abstract models of concrete components

• Composition

Evaluation/selection



Component Repository



Composition environment

- Method for component selection
 - Matching reqs with props

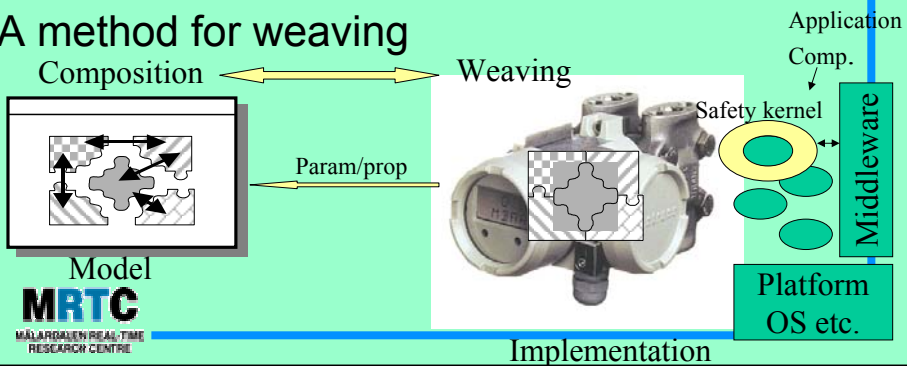
Model-based component selection and architecture evaluation

Techniques for analysis and verification

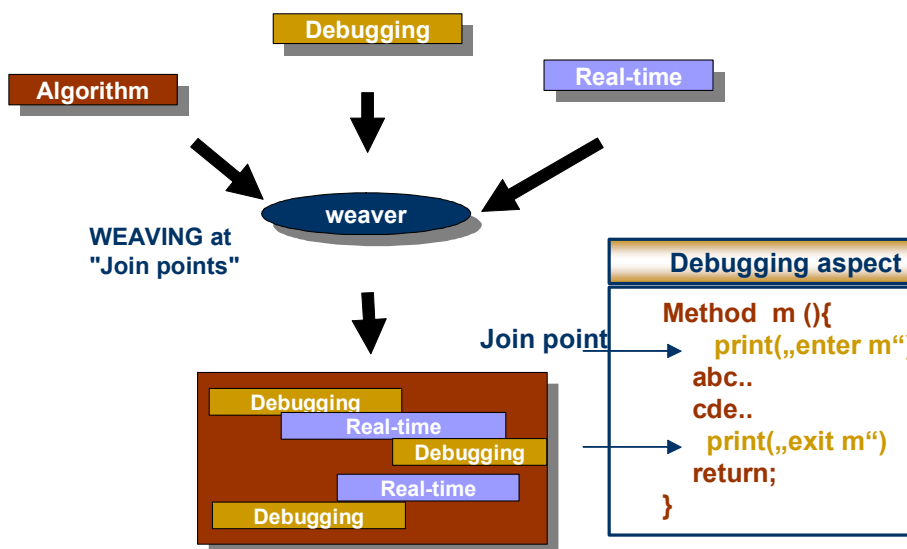
1. Integration of reliability and functional analyses (FTA, FMEA) (Analysis of components in presence of failures)
2. Automatic testing for checking safety and real-time (generation of test cases with high coverage)
3. Timing/reliability trade-off analysis (schedulability, reliability and sensitivity analyses)
4. Model based systems analysis (complete system simulation to analyze robustness and failures)

Run-time and configuration support

- Extracting parameters/props from comp.
 - Those needed by our analysis
- Monitoring and policing
 - Safety kernels and Monitors
- A method for weaving

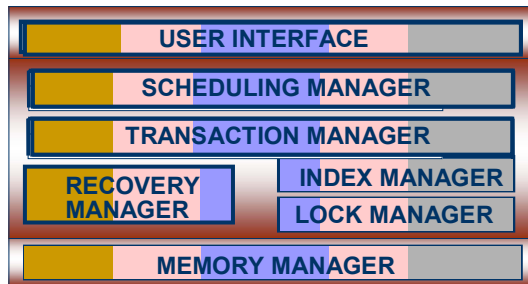
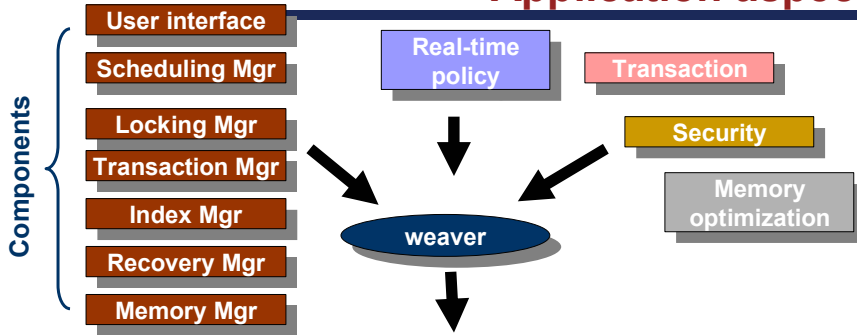


AOSD in a nutshell



RTDB example

Application aspects



Real-time scheduling aspect

```
aspect RTscheduling{
```

where

```
    pointcut applyPolicy(transaction * trans)=
        call("void putInQueue(trans)")&&args(trans);
    pointcut setPriority(DbTransaction * DbTrans)=
        call("void registerTrans(DbTrans)")&&args(DbTrans);
```

what

```
    advice applyPolicy(trans):
        void around(transaction * trans){
            /*module that performs real-time scheduling
            according to the policy chosen*/
        }
```

```
    advice setPriority(DbTransaction * DbTrans):
        void after(DbTransaction * DbTrans){
            /* set priority of the transaction */
        }
}
```



Demonstrator(s)

- In co-operation with our industrial partners



Reuse from previous projects and presentations;-)

More on SAVE...

- See www.artes.uu.se/++/SAVE/
- ARTIST/Comp is an important forum for SAVE

