

GeneSim: a code generator for models of dynamic systems

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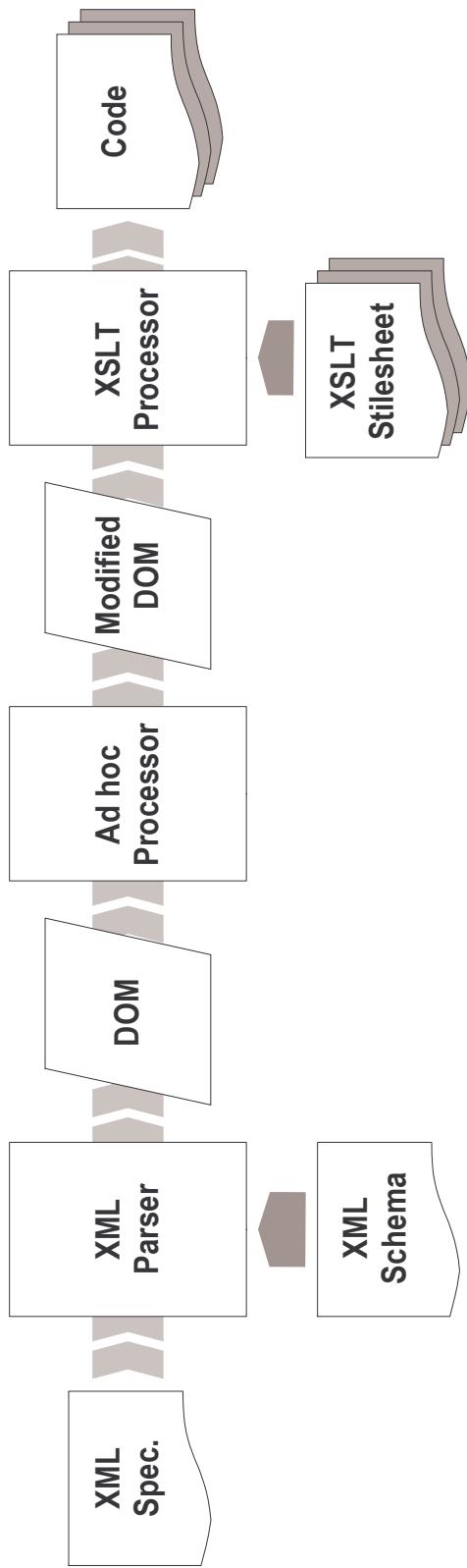
The project

- An open source project
 - Started as a personal project
 - Carried out with student participation
- No funds and low effort
 - Sourceforge (hosting and services)
 - Dept. Informatica, University of Pisa (facilities)
- To provide an environment to
 - Model complex systems (physical ones, but not only)
 - Generate simulators (continuous, but not only)
 - Integrate simulators in custom applications
 - Directly run simulations (for test or analysis, for instance)

- SysML specification model
 - Defined rules to specify dynamic systems using SysML
 - XML schema for system specifications
- Code generator
 - Reads the XML and generates a library of classes
 - Library provides support for configuration and data logging
 - Library can be compiled or integrated in custom code
- Test tool
 - Simulators compiled as dynamic link libraries (.dll, .so, ...)
 - Common library interface for custom system interfaces
 - The test tool generates system interface, runs simulations

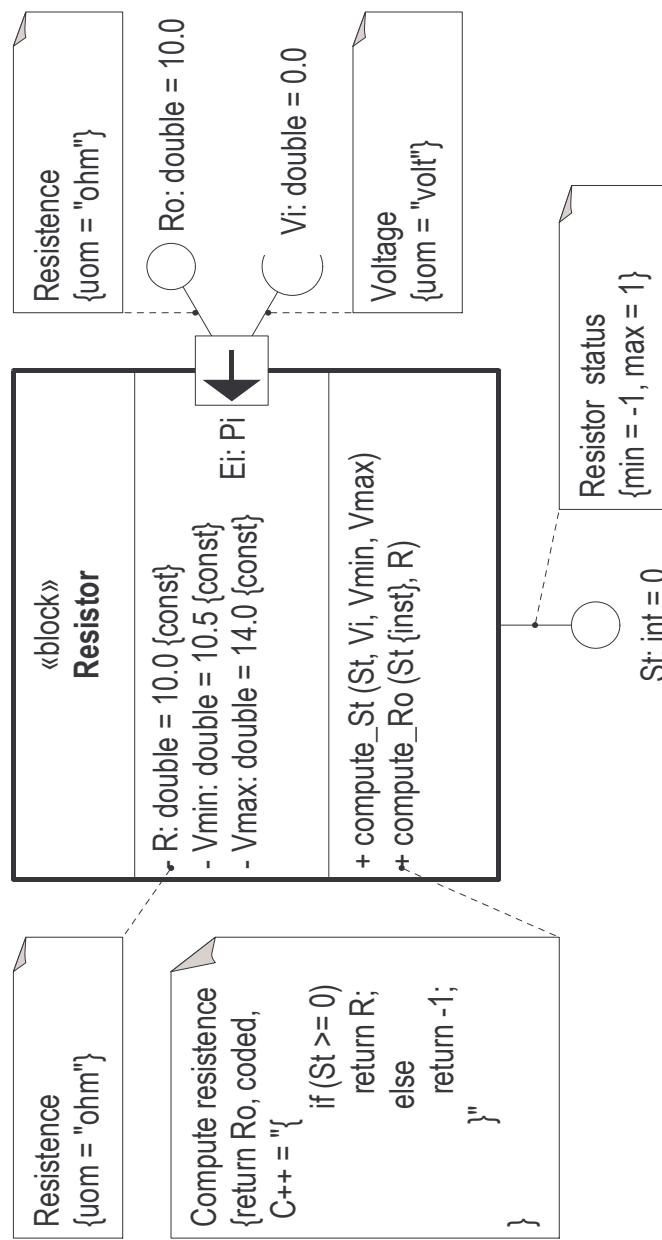
Code generation technology

- Steps of the code generation process
 - Syntax check (Xerces, DOM parser)
 - Validation, errors & warnings about system composition
 - Analysis, dependences and cycles
 - Transformation in a language independent structure
 - Code generation (Xalan, XSLT processor)



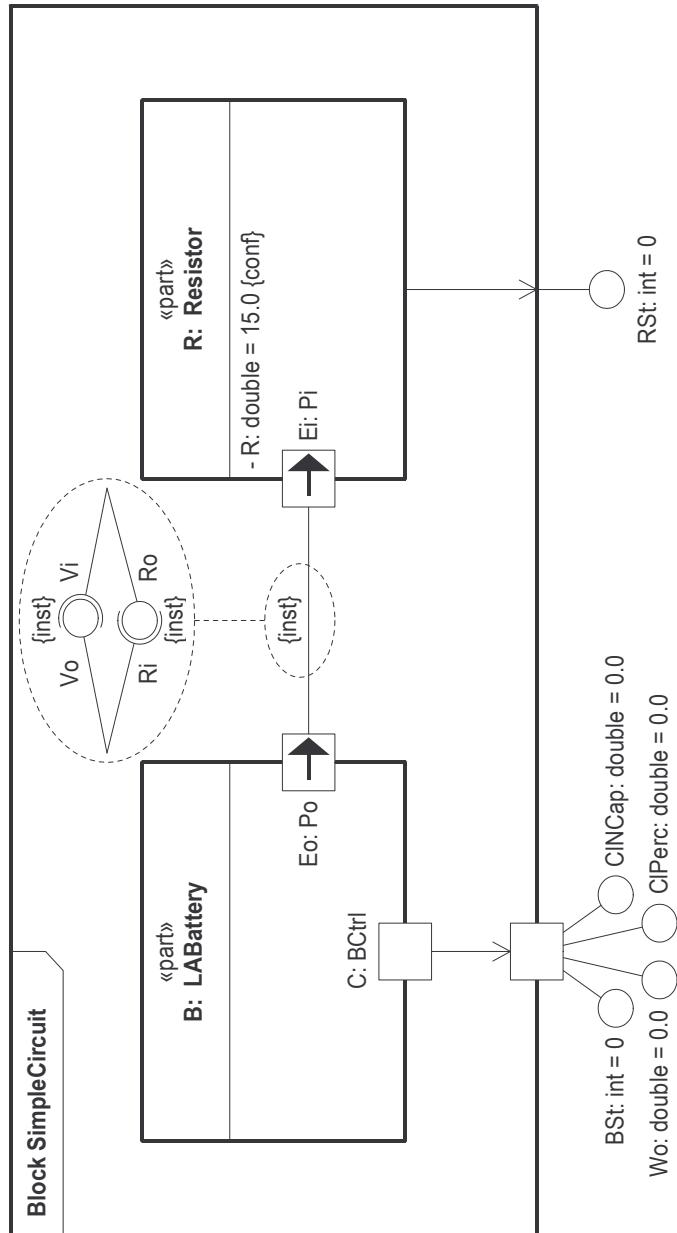
Example: a simple system

- A simple system specified as a SysML block (a class)
 - A state that comprehends an interface
 - A set of functions to update the state
 - Support for constraints like unit of measure and range



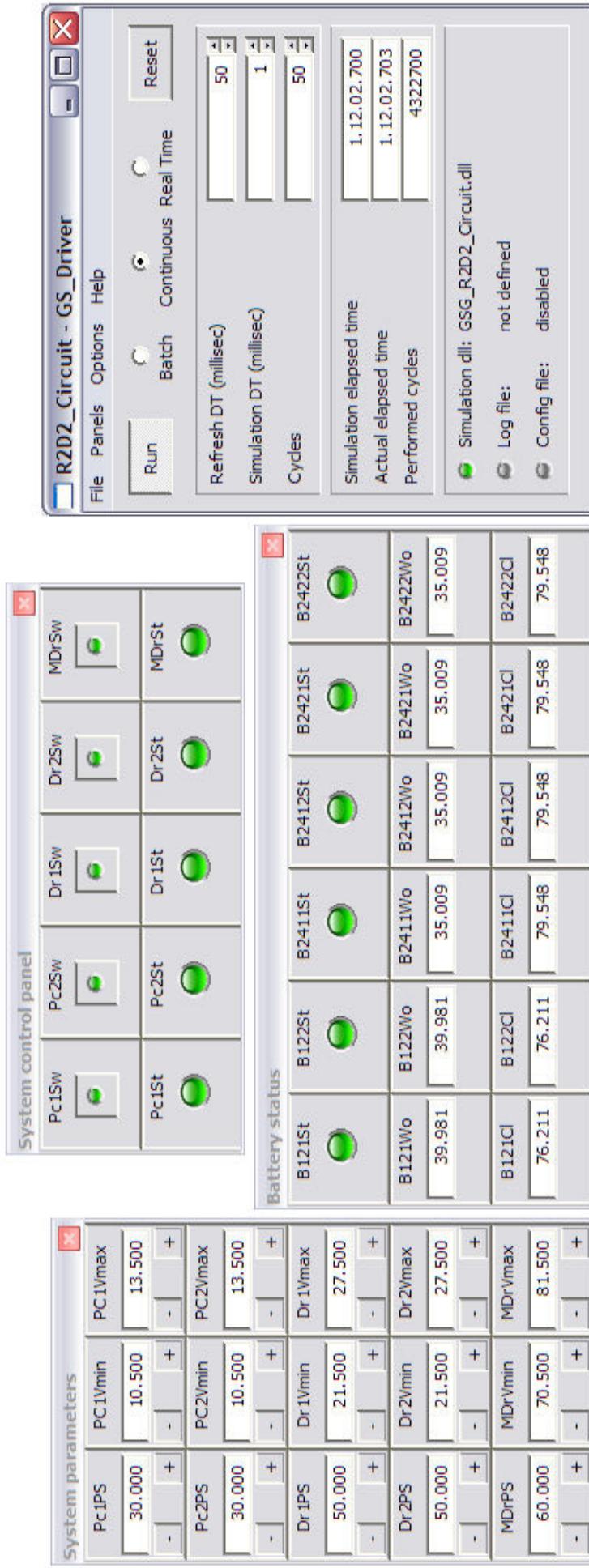
Example: an assembly

- An assembly specified by composition of parts
 - Parts are instances of blocks
 - Parts interact by way of connections
 - Block interface is defined by delegation of parts interface



Example: running the simulator

- A robot electrical circuit
- 5 main systems
- 6 lead acid batteries



- Improvements and new functionalities
 - Model: structured data types and ports function definitions (MathML, SysML parametrics)
 - Tools: drawing tool
 - porting to other platforms
 - integrated IDE
 - Code: improve realtime support
 - optimizations for discrete simulation
 - support to other languages
- Test on more complex real case studies
- Try to find sponsors