

Model-Based Agility for Real-Time Systems Development

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What's wrong with code?

- Answer:

- ▶ Code is a necessary but insufficient structural model of the system
- ▶ Code is a 1-dimensional, very detailed structural view
- ▶ Every other view must be inferred
 - High level structure
 - Dynamic behavior
- ▶ With large systems, code-based systems are *unmanageable!*

- Why?

Because to understand complex systems you need to understand

- ▶ How pieces of *different scale and abstraction* work together
- ▶ How *different aspects (structural, behavioral) of the systems work*



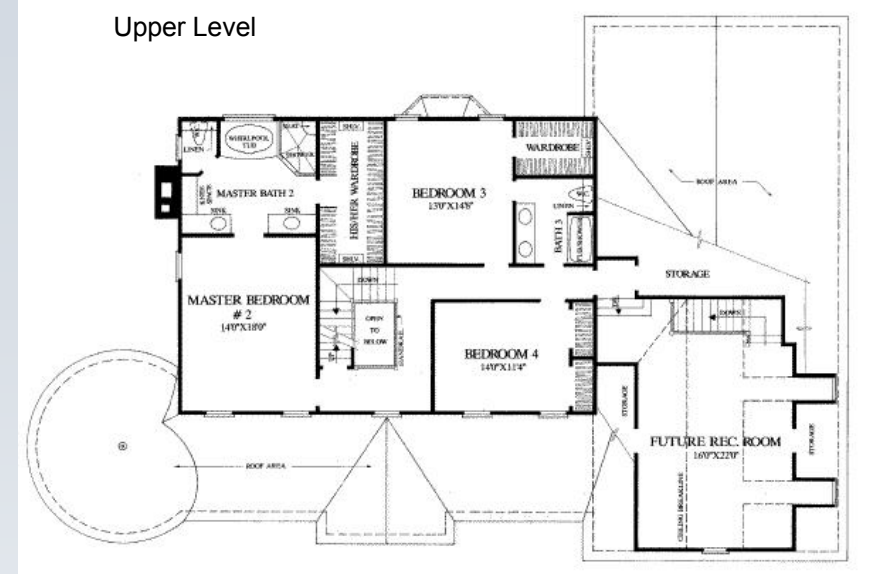
But Why Modeling???

- Assume you got a great bonus at work...
- You and your wife want to build a new home...
- You meet with one architect...
- Two months later he comes back with a 647 pages document:
 - ▶ ... *indented by 7 meters from the west border of the premises, there is a left corner of the house*
 - ▶ ... *The entrance door is indented by another 3.57 meters*
 - ▶ ... *2.30 meters wide and 2.20 meters high, left-hand hinge, opening to the inside*
 - ▶ ... *If you come in, there are two light switches and a socket on your right, at a height of 1.30 meters*
 - ▶ ...
- Is it right? Are the requirements correct? Accurate? Consistent? How can you tell?
- You are NOT happy... ☹️ ☹️ ☹️



Yes... Modeling!

- Then you call another architect... And two weeks later he comes with this:

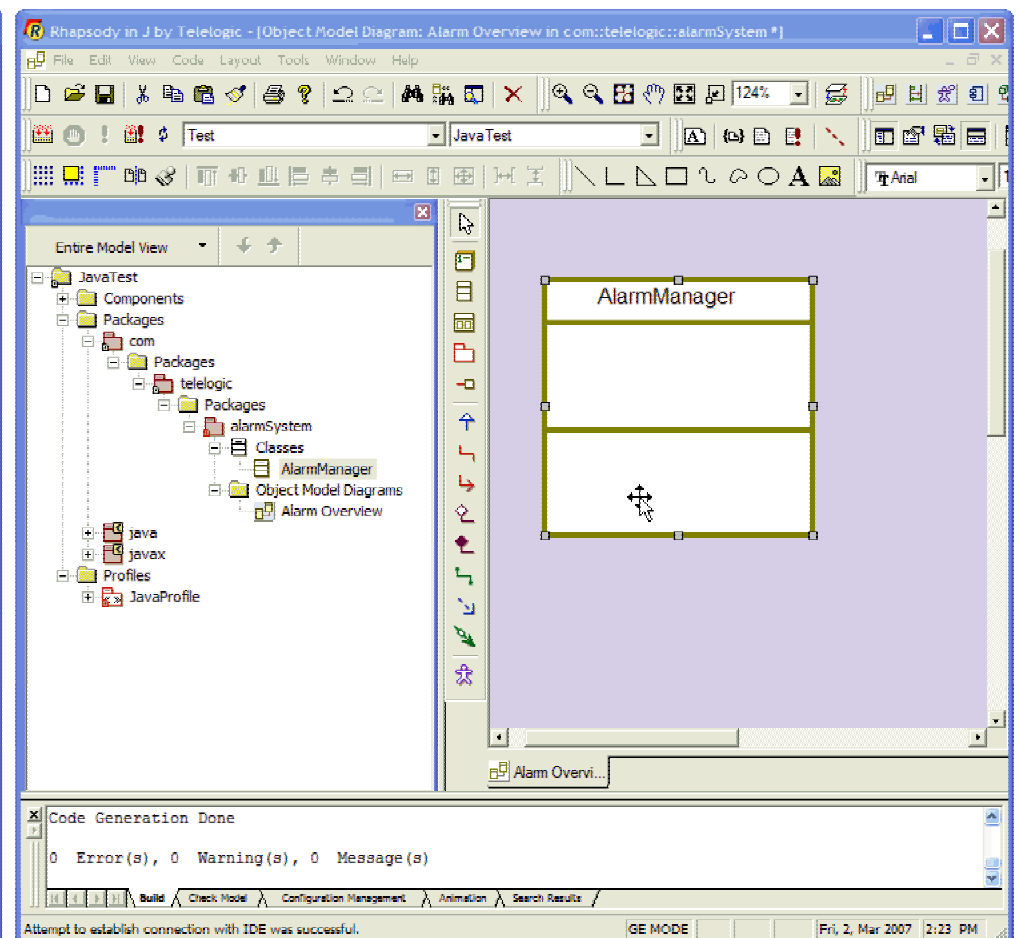
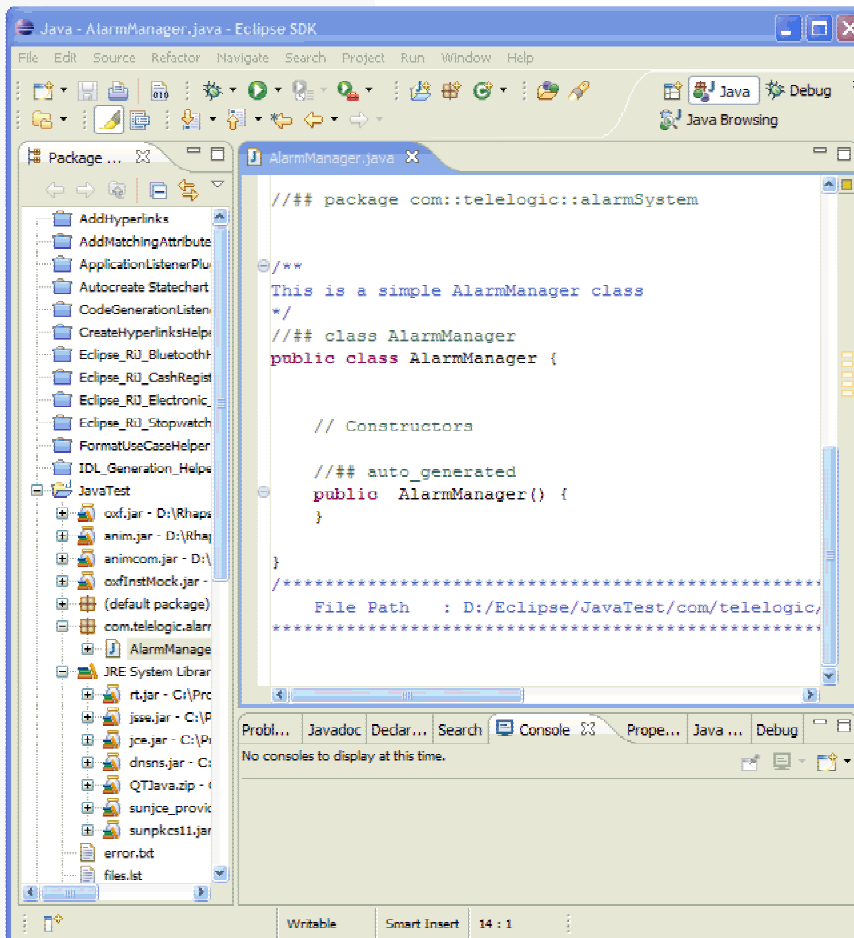


- You are very happy! 😊 😊 😊
- The second architect used **Modeling** to show different **Views** of the house!
 - Structural
 - Floor layout
 - Electrical
 - Plumbing
 - Heating



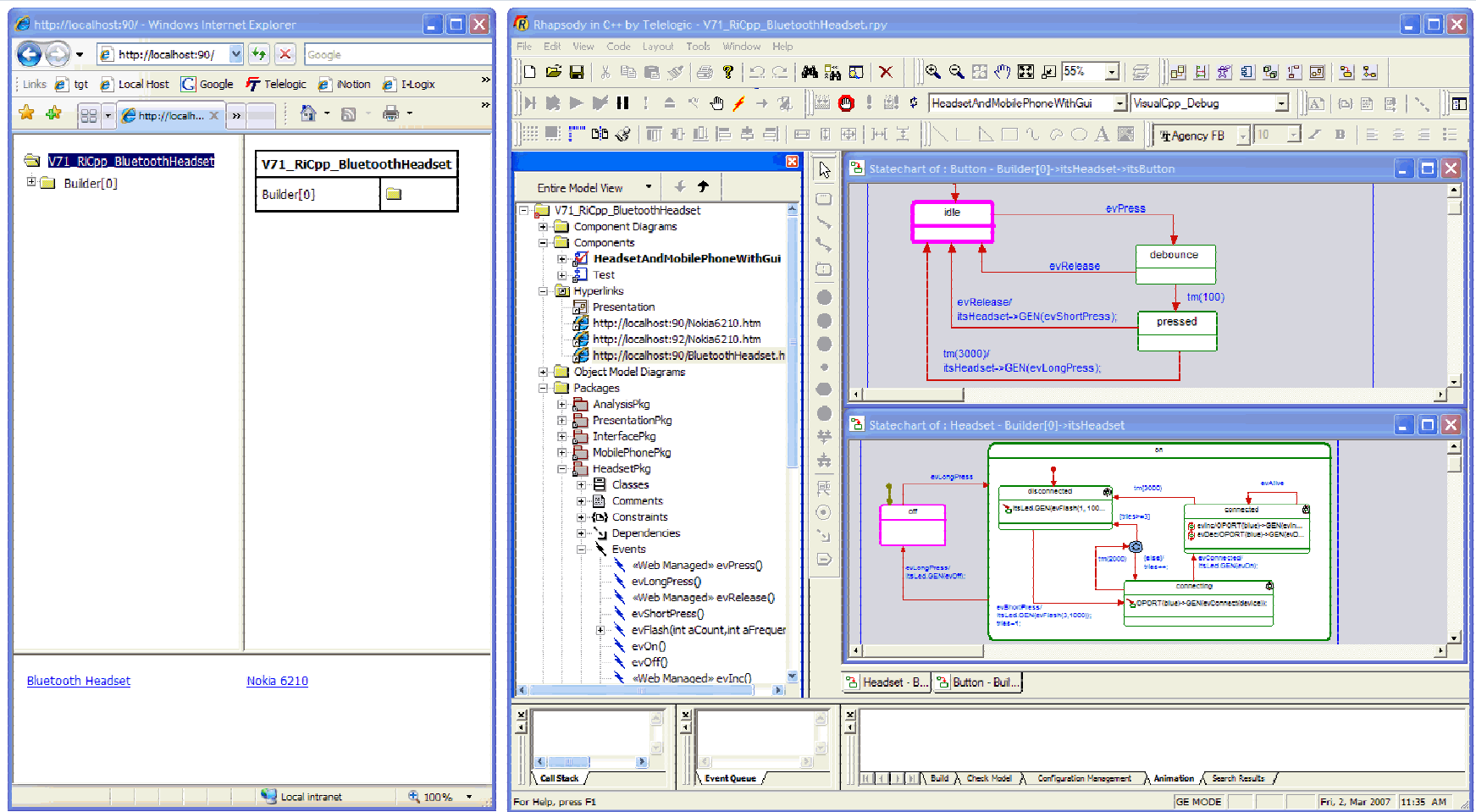
Hand Coding and Modeling Co-Existence

- Dynamic Model Code Associativity
- Change one view, the others *change automatically!*

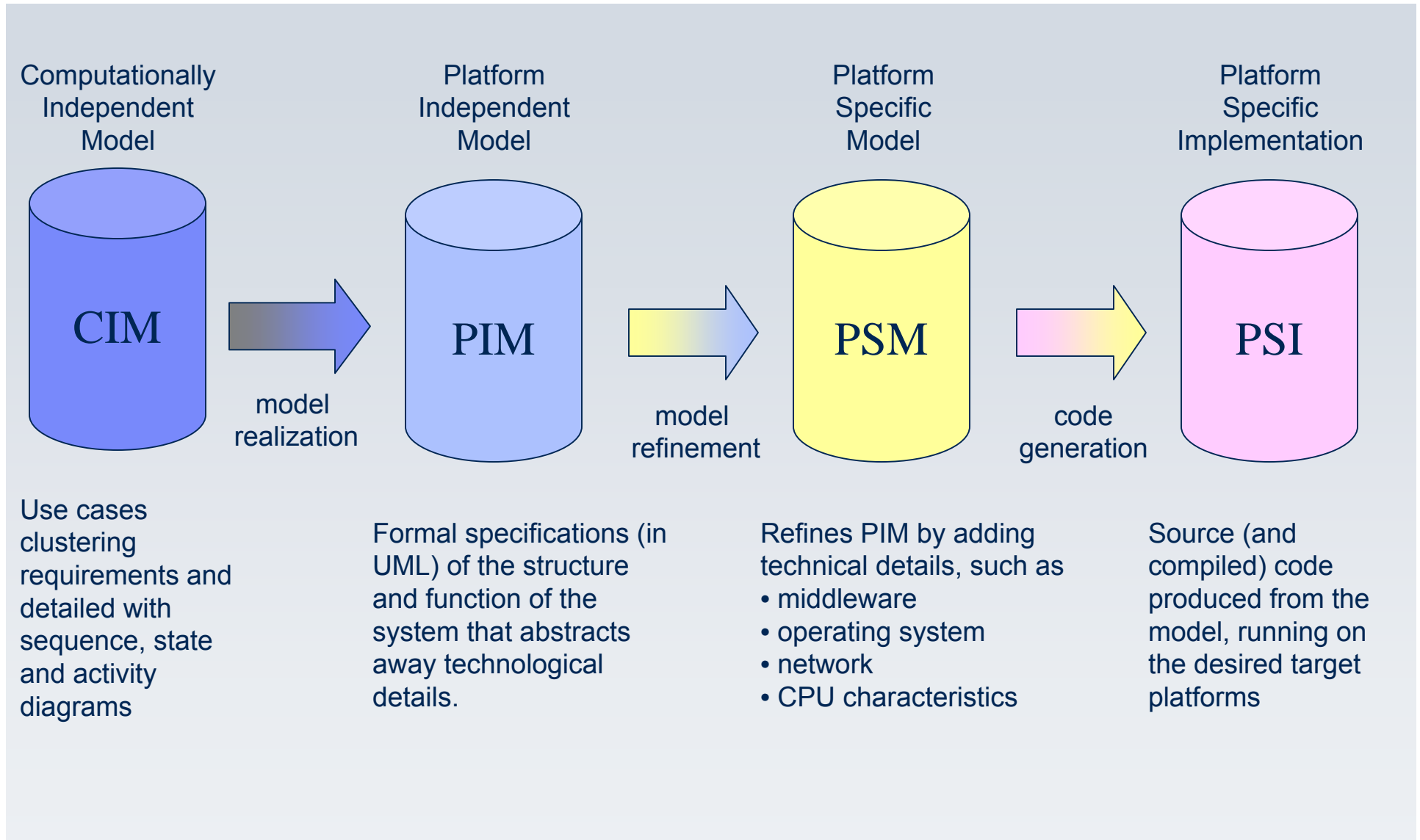


Design Level Debugging with Rapid GUIs

- Virtual prototype / Panel graphics support
 - Ideal communications aid for design reviews and general sharing of information.



UML and MDA



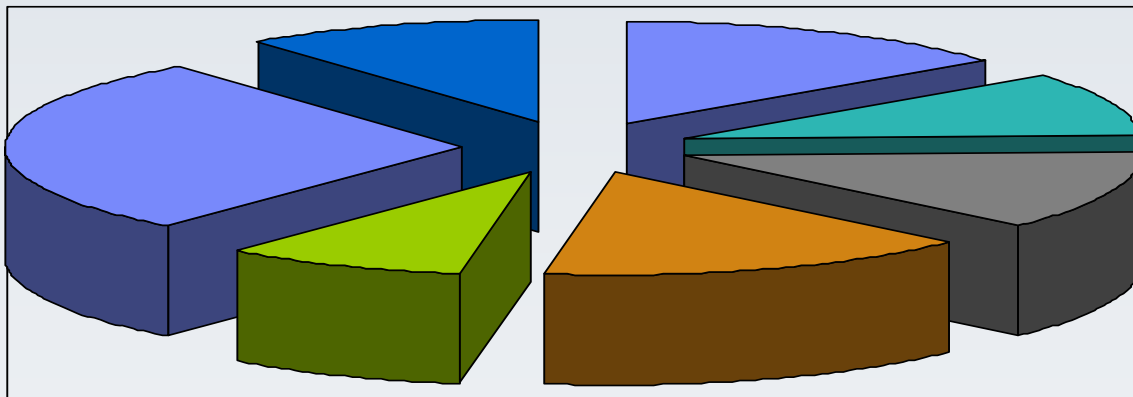
How is MDD different than CDD?

Aspect	Code-Driven Development	Model-Driven Development
Primary design view	Source code	Model
Primary architecture view	Text	Model
Creation of source code	Manually	Auto-generated from models
Configuration managed artifacts	Source code	Models (and optionally source code)
Primary artifact tested by developer during unit test and debugging	Source Code	Models
Representation for requirements	Text	Text + model
Representation for test vectors	Text	Models + text
Primary artifact tested by validation test	Compiled code	Compiled code
Artifacts reviewed	Source code	Model
Porting application to new platform, OS, or middleware	Review and rewrite all appropriate code	Change PIM transformational rules



Moving From Code to Models

- Don't move all the code at once in a "big-bang integration"
- DO – migrate the code incrementally:
 - ▶ Take one subsystem or component
 - ▶ Make a model of it either with reverse engineering or by replacing it
 - ▶ Generate code from modeled subsystem
 - ▶ Demonstrate (test) correctness of the system with model in place
 - ▶ Repeat until done



UMMI – UML Maturity Model Index

- **Level 0 - Code**
 - ▶ Emacs, vi, Visual Studio, or Eclipse code pounding
- **Level 1 – Code Visualization (5% of possible benefit)**
 - ▶ Reverse engineering of code into structural views but retaining code-based concepts of Files, Functions, and Variables
- **Level 2 – Structural Modeling (15% of possible benefit)**
 - ▶ Forward Engineering of code frames
 - ▶ Use of use cases with sequence diagrams and requirements tracing
- **Level 3 – Behavioral Modeling (30% of possible benefit)**
 - ▶ Use of state machines and activity diagrams for classes
 - ▶ Formal specifications of use cases with state machines
- **Level 4 – Model Based Execution & Debugging (70% of possible benefit)**
 - ▶ Executable modeling with model-level debugging
 - ▶ Executable requirements models with use cases
- **Level 5 – Optimizing Model Usage (100% of possible benefit)**
 - ▶ Architectural modeling with UML – subsystems, concurrency, distribution, safety and reliability, and deployment
 - ▶ Continuous execution with constant feedback, periodic assessment of risks, model organization



Harmony™ for Embedded RealTime Agile Principles

- Your primary goal: develop working software
- Your primary measure of progress is *working software*
- Continuous feedback is crucial
- Five Key views of architecture define your architecture
- Secondary architectural views supplement your architecture
- Plan, Track, and Adapt
- Leading cause of project failure is ignoring risk
- Continuous attention to quality is essential
- Modeling is crucial
- Optimize the right things



Agile methods are a very disciplined approach to software and systems development emphasizing these principles.



Harmony™ for Embedded RealTime Agile Practices

- Use dynamic 2-level planning
- Incrementally construct several times per day
- Minimize overall complexity
- Model with a purpose
- Develop and apply tests as you develop your software
- Prove it's correct – continually
- Avoid defects with defensive development
- Apply design patterns intelligently
- Manage interfaces to ease integration
- Use model-code associativity



Practices are workflows that produce and consume work products to achieve the goals based on principles and concepts



The Harmony™ Process

Where am I | Tree Sets

Harmony/ESW

- Introduction to Harmony/ESW
- Getting Started with Harmony
- Core Principles
- Full Spiral Process
- Disciplines
- Domains
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- IBM Tools
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- About Process Plug-in (harmc)
- Telelogic Harmony/ESW Proc

Introduction to Harmony/ESW

Introduction to Harmony/ESW

Expand All Sections | Collapse All Sections

Relationships

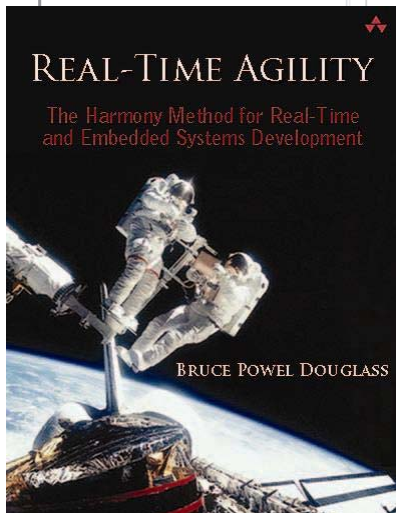
Contents

- The Telelogic Harmony Library of Best Practices
- Harmony/ESW Process Context
- Harmony/ESW Timeframes

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Main Description

Getting Started	Core Principles	Roles	Work Products	Disciplines	Delivery Process



Welcome to Harmony/ESW

Harmony/ESW is a member of the [The Telelogic Harmony Library of Best Practices](#) specifically for Embedded Software development.

Harmony/ESW connects the dots between [people](#), [process](#), [tools](#) and [best practices](#) to provide a complete solution for embedded software development teams.



The Harmony/ESW Process is generally applicable to software and systems development, but is optimized for the development of software-intensive real-time and embedded systems. Harmony/ESW is directly derived from the Rapid Object-oriented Process for Embedded Systems (ROPES), authored by Dr. Bruce Powell Douglass ([DOU99](#), [DOU02](#), [DOU04](#)).

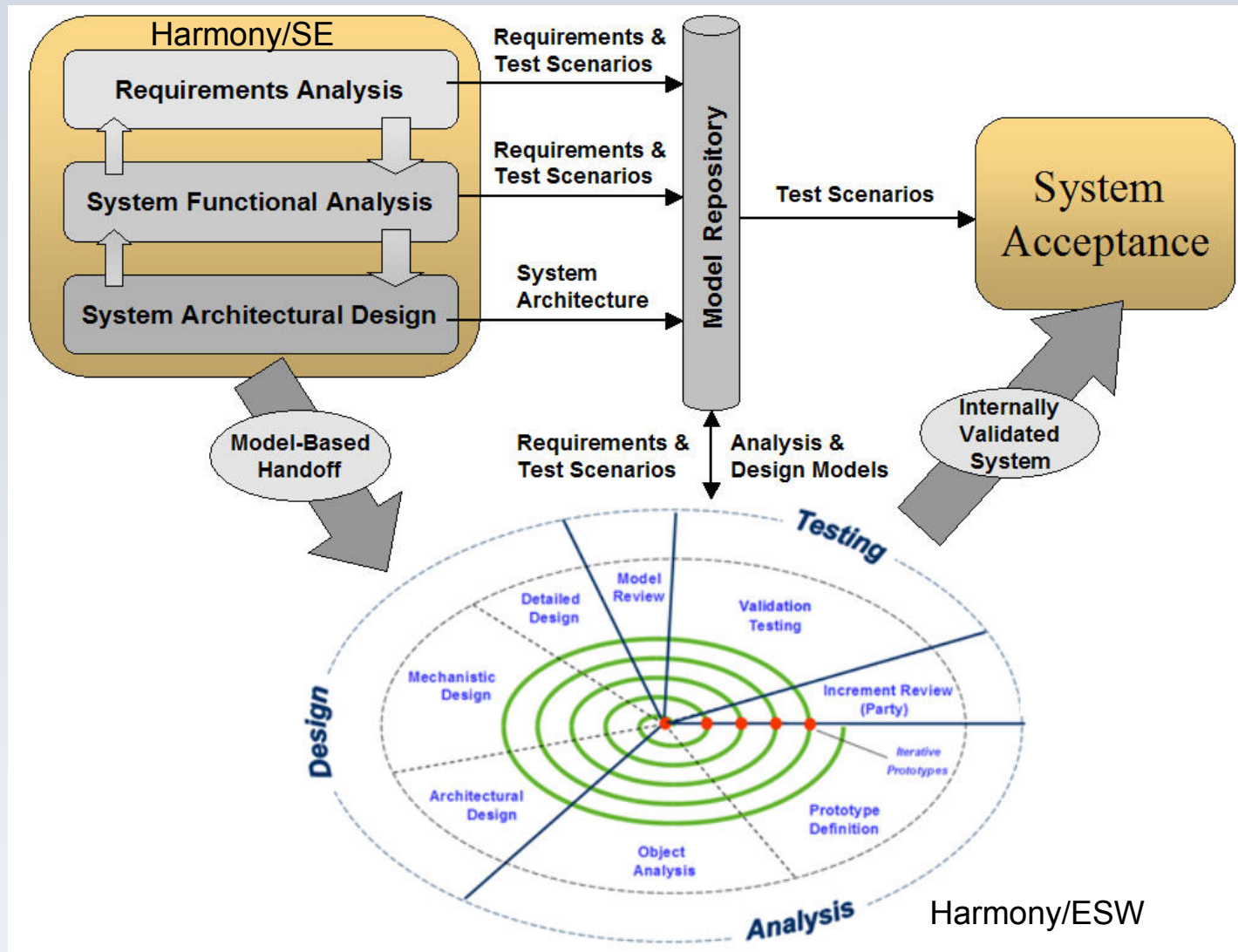


A Tale of Two Delivery Processes

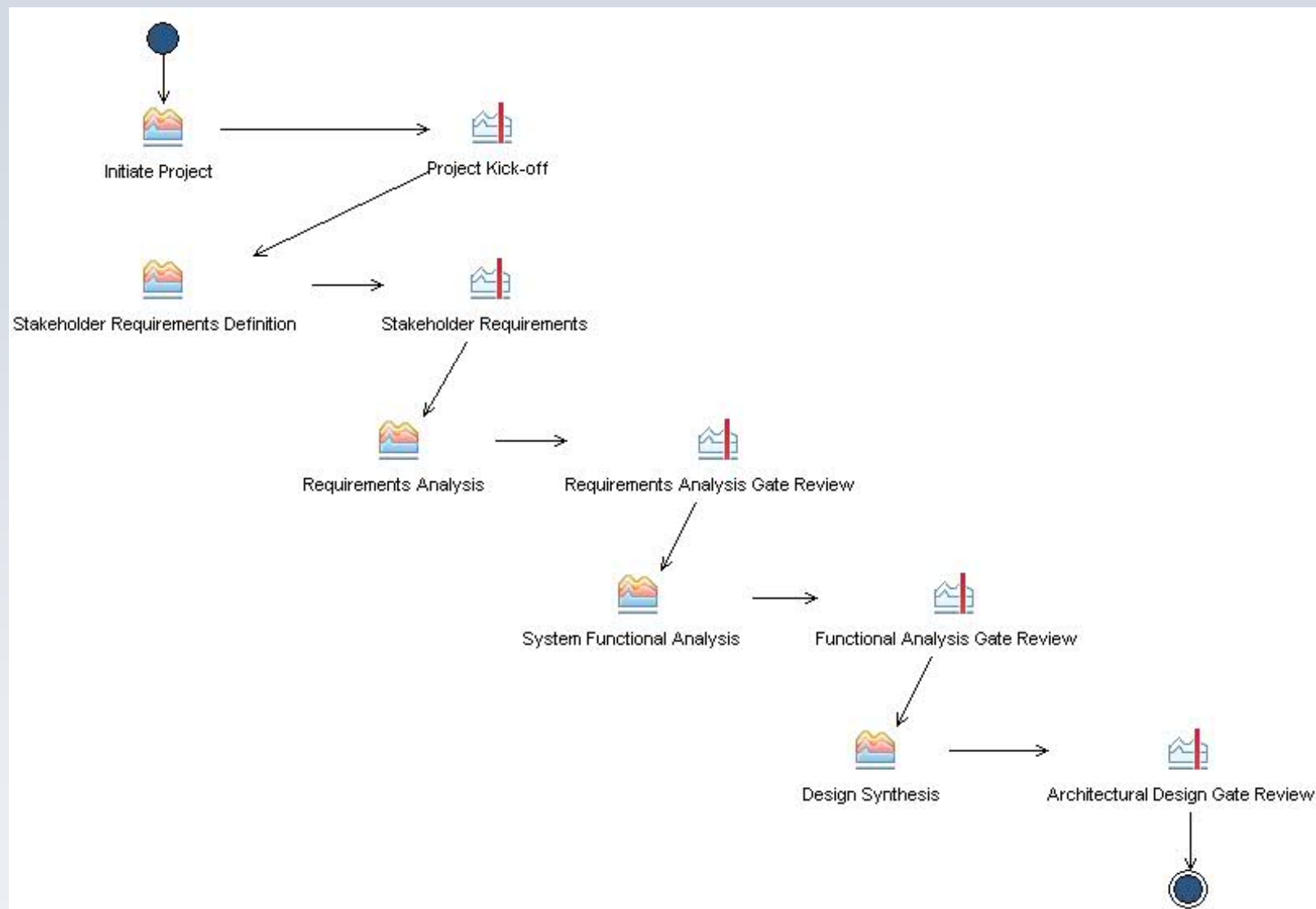
- Harmony provides different delivery processes for different project types
 - ▶ A *delivery process* is a specific aggregation of various best practices (called *capability patterns*)
- **Harmony/SE** is a delivery process for performing model-based system engineering with SysML/UML
 - ▶ Clarifies requirements with use cases, scenarios, and state machines
 - ▶ Specifies architecture with SysML/UML block diagrams, interfaces, and constraints
- **Harmony/ESW** is a delivery process without an up-front system engineering activity, used for projects
 - ▶ That use existing or COTS hardware
 - ▶ That are primarily focused on the development of embedded software
- **Harmony/Hybrid** is a delivery process with an up-front system engineering phases, used for projects
 - ▶ That have significant hw/sw co-development
 - ▶ That have a significant system engineering effort
 - ▶ That must “hand-off” work products from system engineering to the development of embedded software



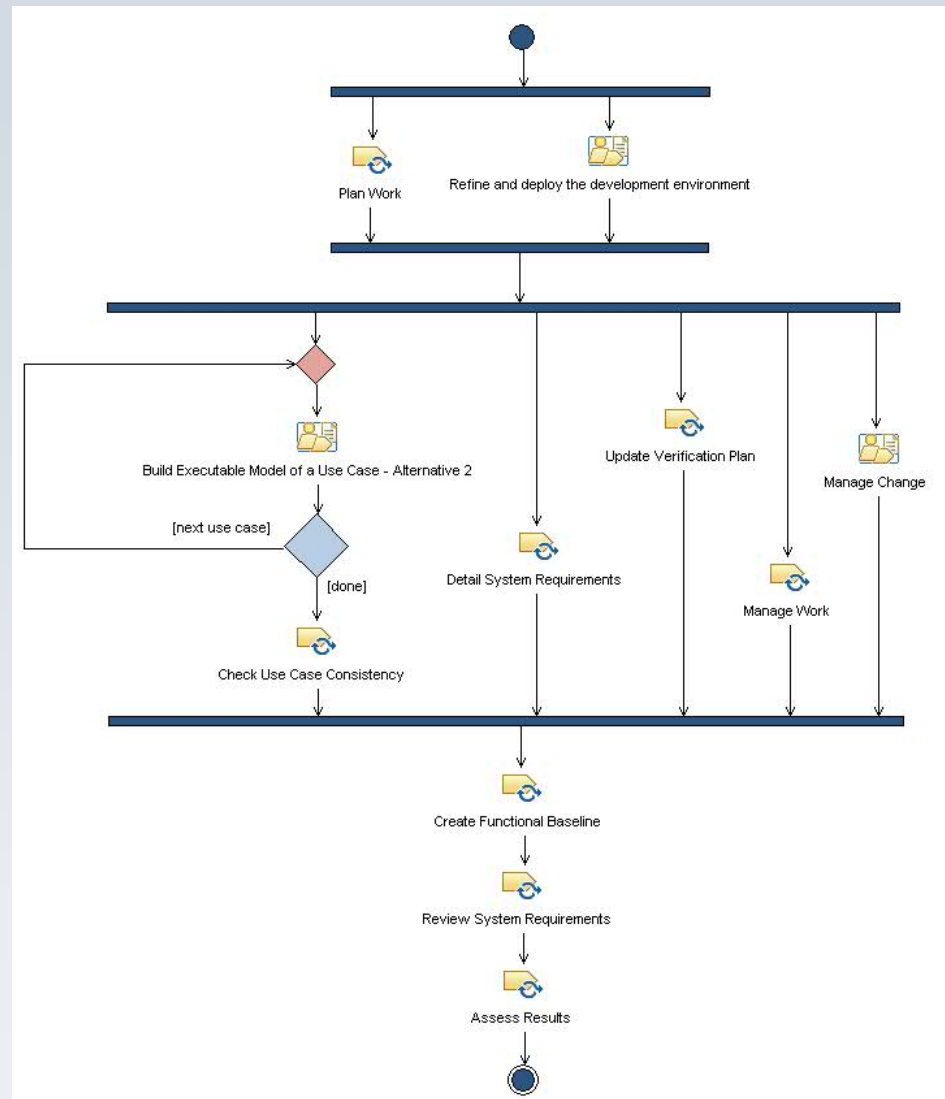
Harmony/Hybrid Delivery Process



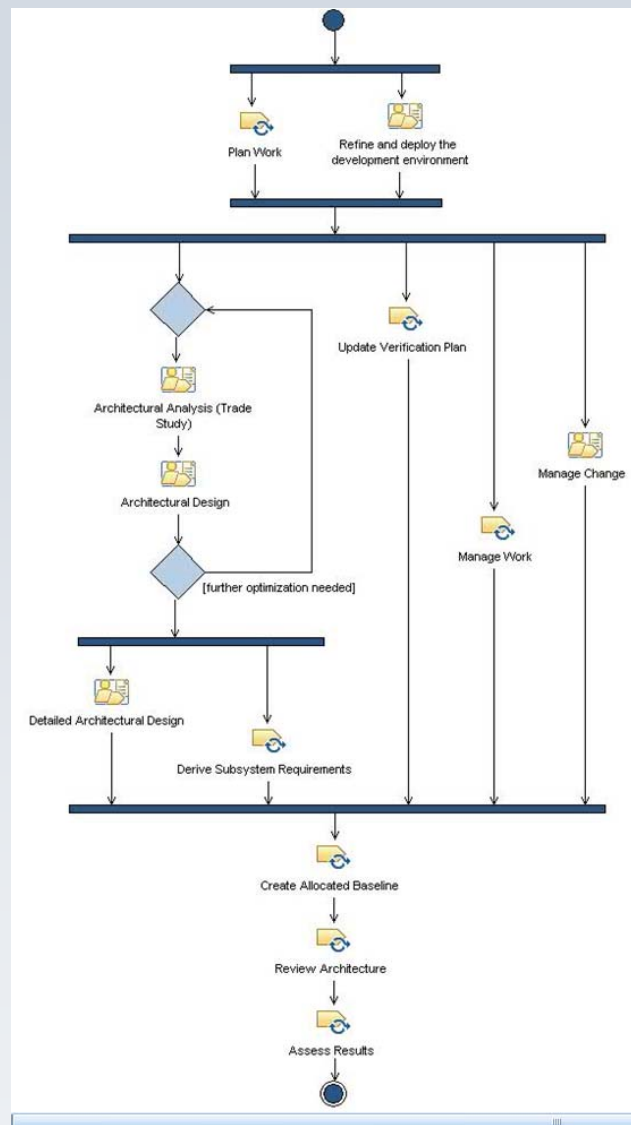
Harmony-SE Delivery Process Overview



Harmony/SE: System Functional Analysis

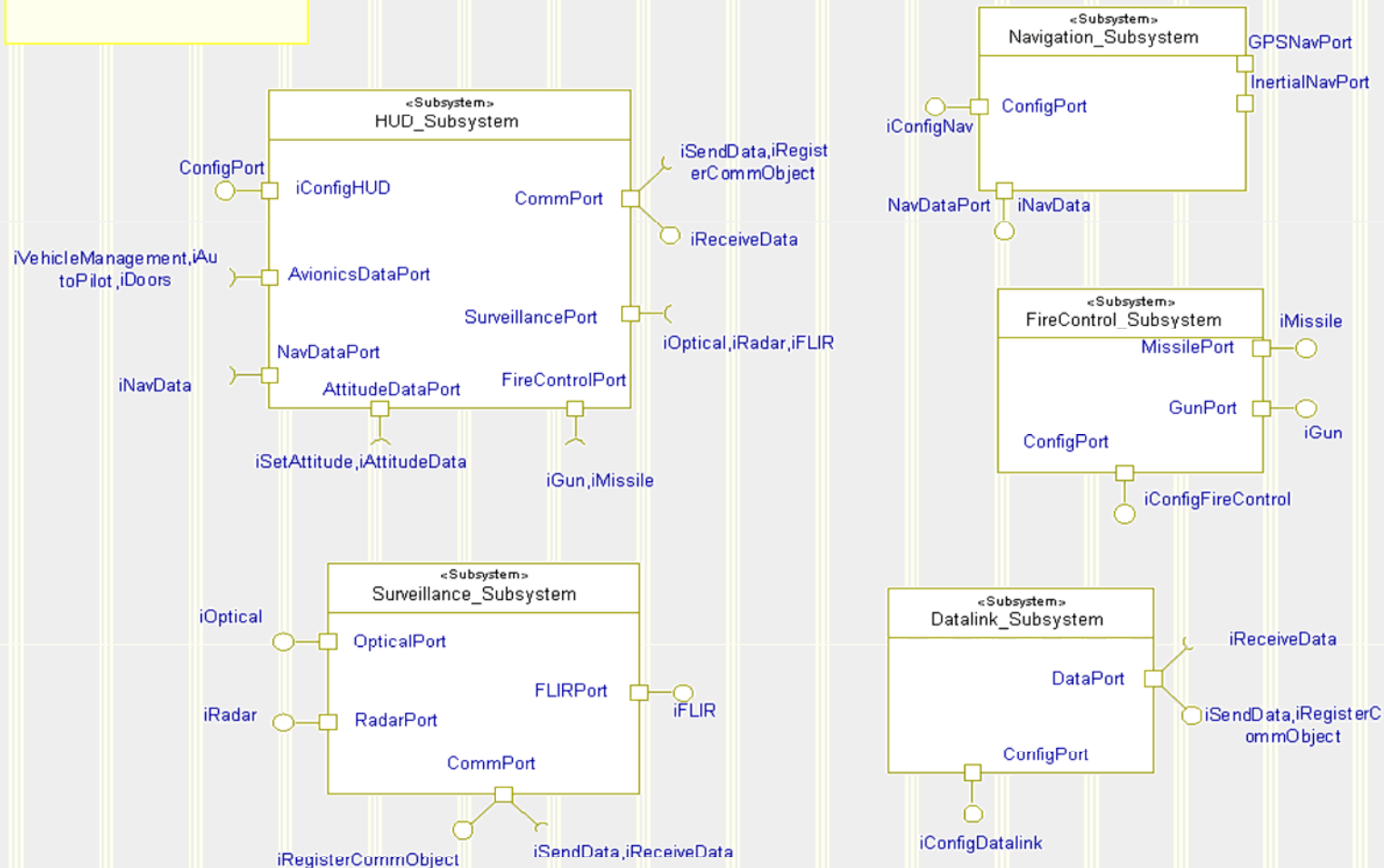


Harmony/SE: Design Synthesis



Subsystem ports and Interfaces

Subsystem diagram shows the set of subsystems, ports, and interfaces



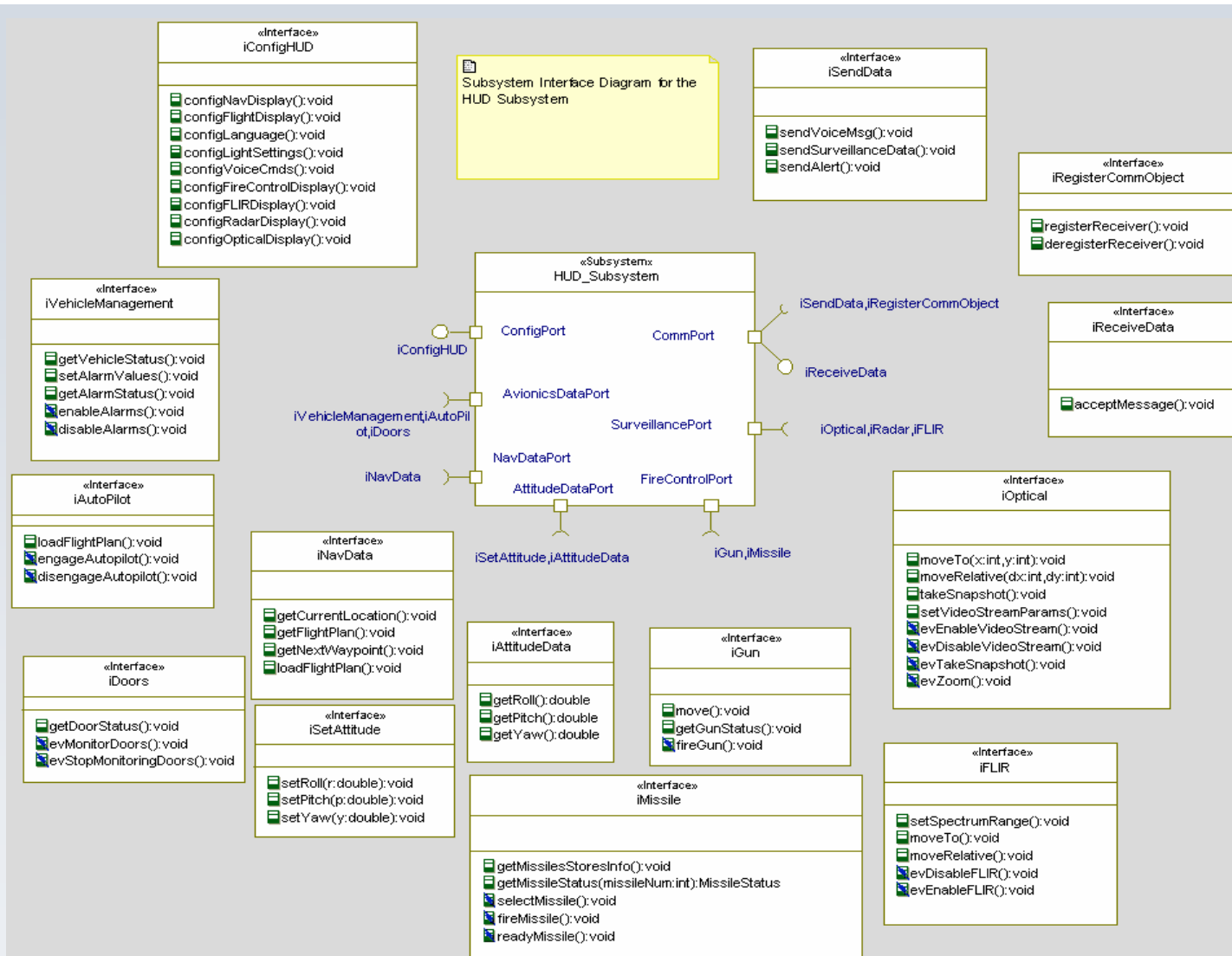
Information as a Matrix – Subsystem N² Diagram

- Can also be shown in **spreadsheet format**, referred to as an N² diagram. This shows the **provided and required interfaces** between the various subsystems. If desired, it also shows the details of the specific services within the interfaces as well.

Provided Interfaces									
		Avionics Subsystem	Navigation Subsystem	Fire Control Subsystem	Attitude Control Subsystem	Thruster Management Subsystem	Surveillance Subsystem	HUD Subsystem	Datalink Subsystem
Required Interfaces	Avionics Subsystem		iConfigNav	iConfigFire Control	iConfigAttitude	iThruster		iConfigHUD	iConfig-Datalink
	Navigation Subsystem								
	Fire Control Subsystem								
	Attitude Control Subsystem								
	Thruster Management Subsystem								
	Surveillance Subsystem								
	HUD Subsystem	iDoors iAutopilot iVehicle- Management	iNavData	iGun iMissile	iSetAttitude iAttitudeData		iOptical iRadar iFLIR		
	Datalink Subsystem						iRegisterComm Object		iSendData iRegisterComm Object



Example: HUD subsystem Interface Diagram

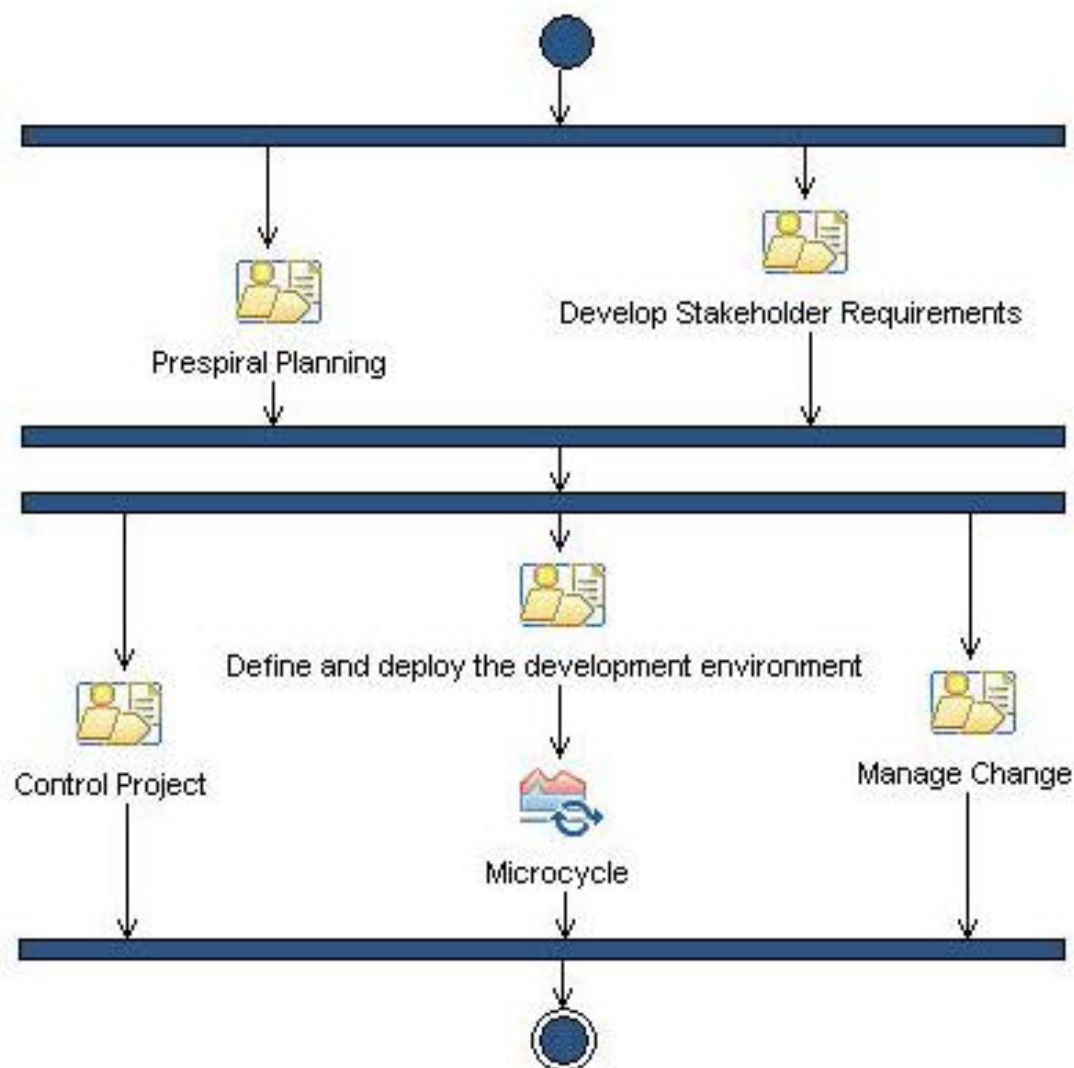


Harmony/ESW Delivery Process

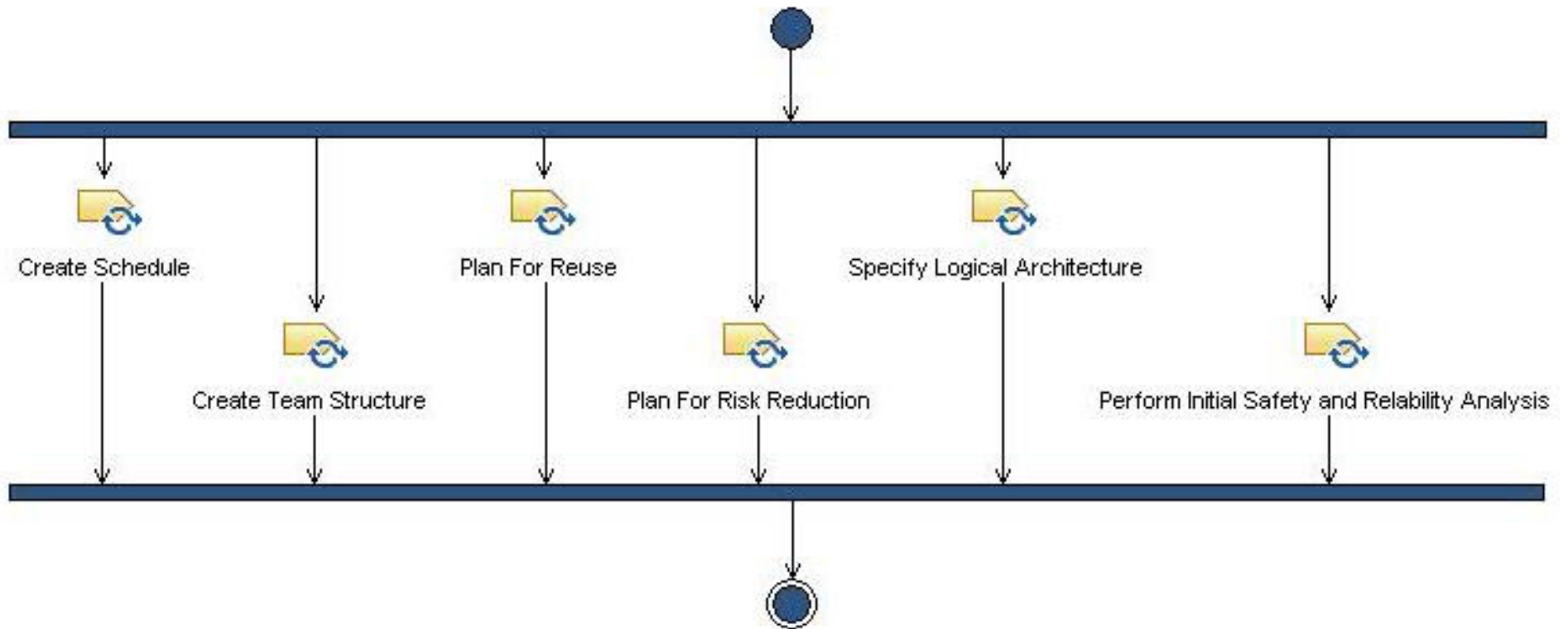
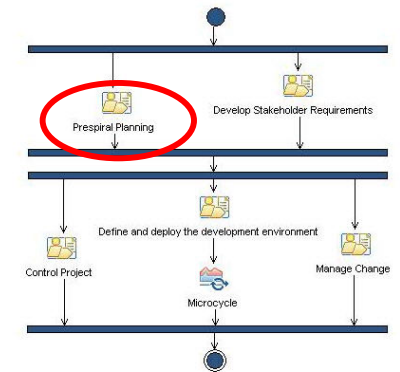
- Can be used as a part of the Harmony/Hybrid V process or as a stand-alone software-centric development process
- As a part of the Hybrid-V process
 - ▶ Systems engineering does much but not all of the requirements work
 - ▶ Used when there is significant systems engineering and/or hw/sw co-development
- Harmony/ESW stand-alone delivery process
 - ▶ As a stand-alone process, optimizations can be taken for projects which
 - Are software-only
 - Have requirements which are linearly-separable (i.e. can be put into approximately-independent use cases)
 - No significant hw/sw co-design
 - ▶ In initial planning, use cases are identified but not detailed
 - ▶ In each microcycle, one or more use cases is added to the prototype
 - Requirements are detailed for that set *at this time*
 - Deployment proceeds via incremental software design



Harmony/ESW Full Spiral

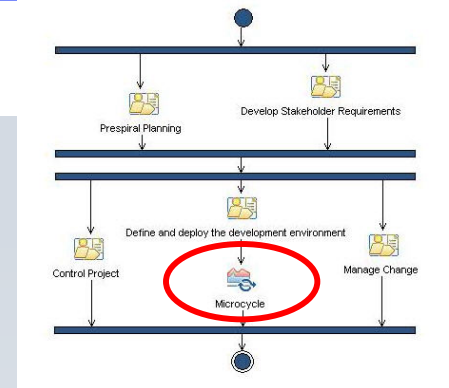
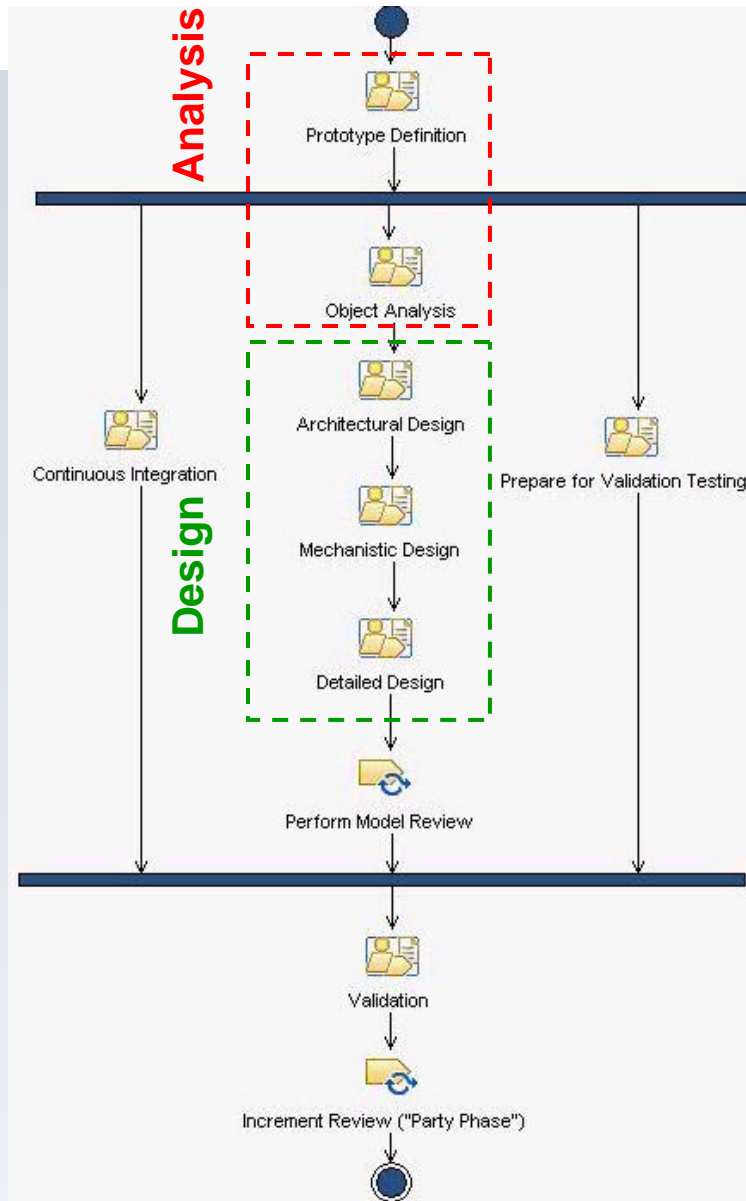


Prespiral Planning

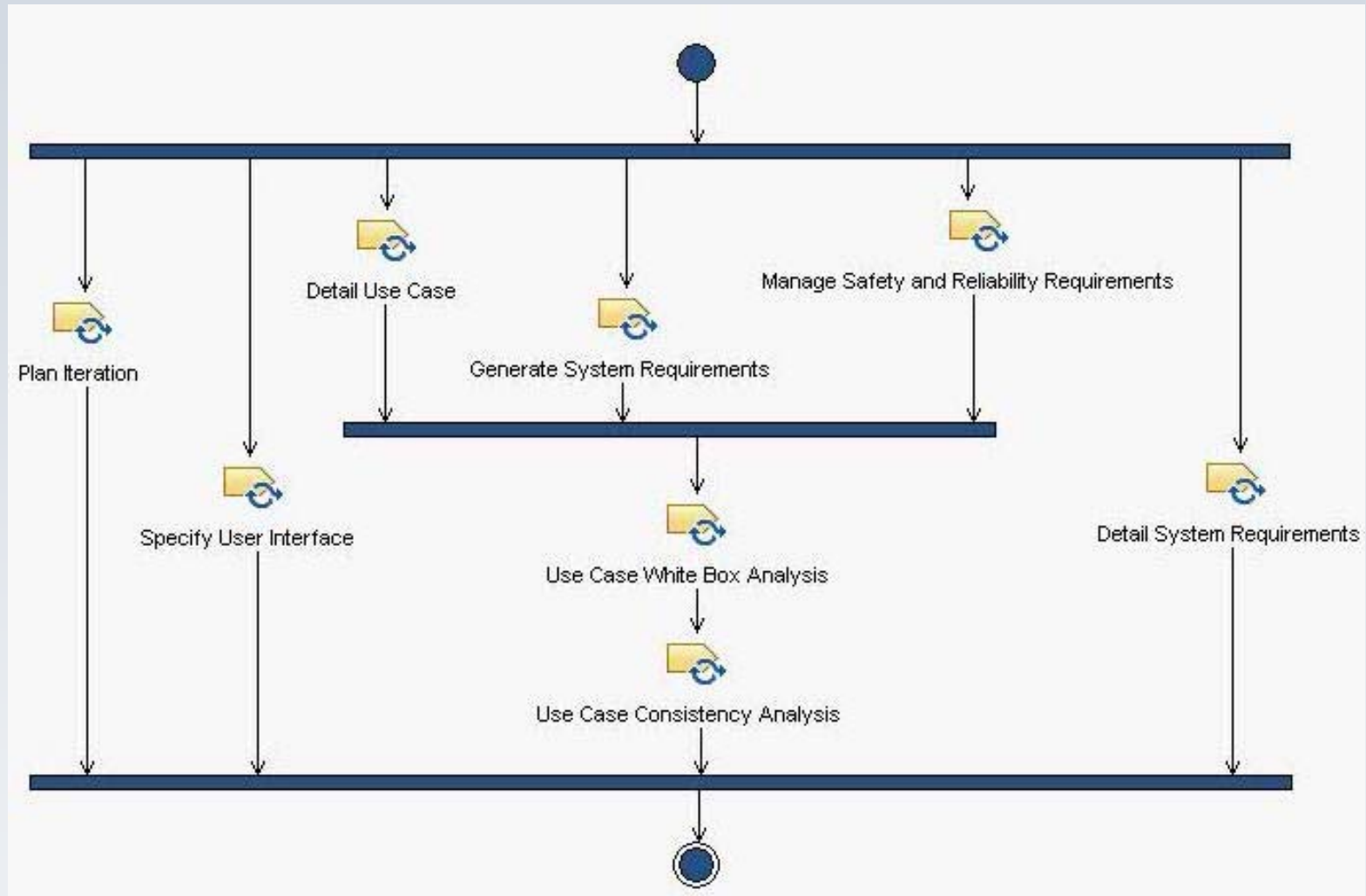


Microcycle Flow

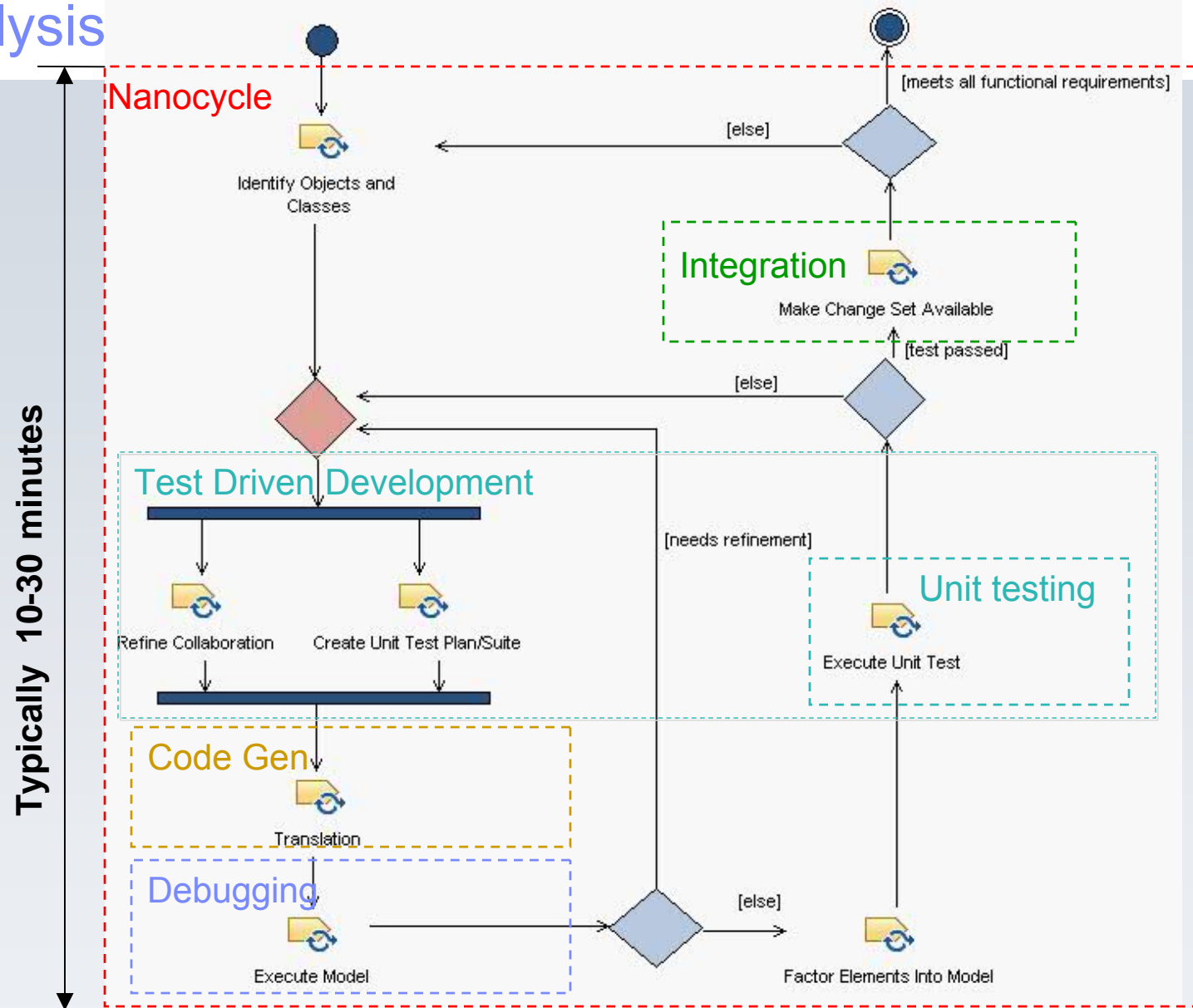
- Analysis focuses on identifying the *essential required properties of the system*, resulting in
 - ▶ CIM (use case model)
 - ▶ PIM (object analysis model)
- Design optimizes the PIM at 3 levels of abstraction to produce the PSM
- Code is continuously generated and refined throughout analysis and design, producing the PSI
- The Party Phase provides a periodic project retrospective for process and project improvement and refinement



Prototype Definition



Object Analysis

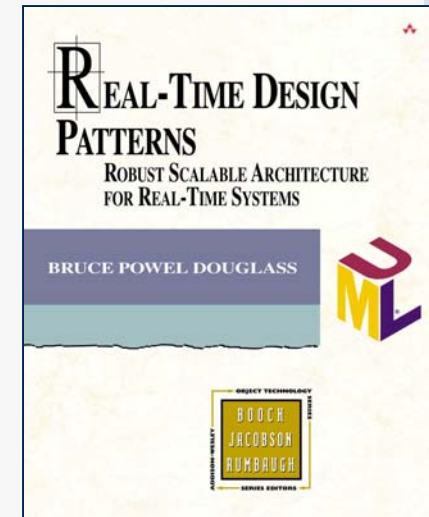
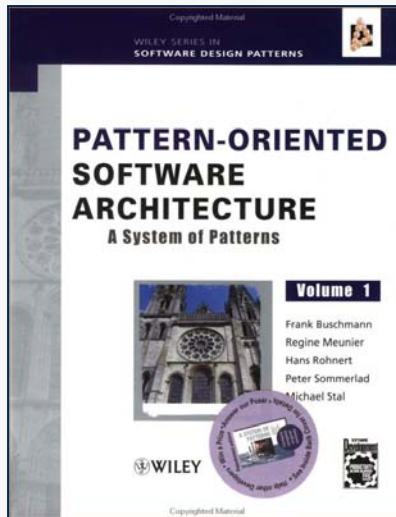
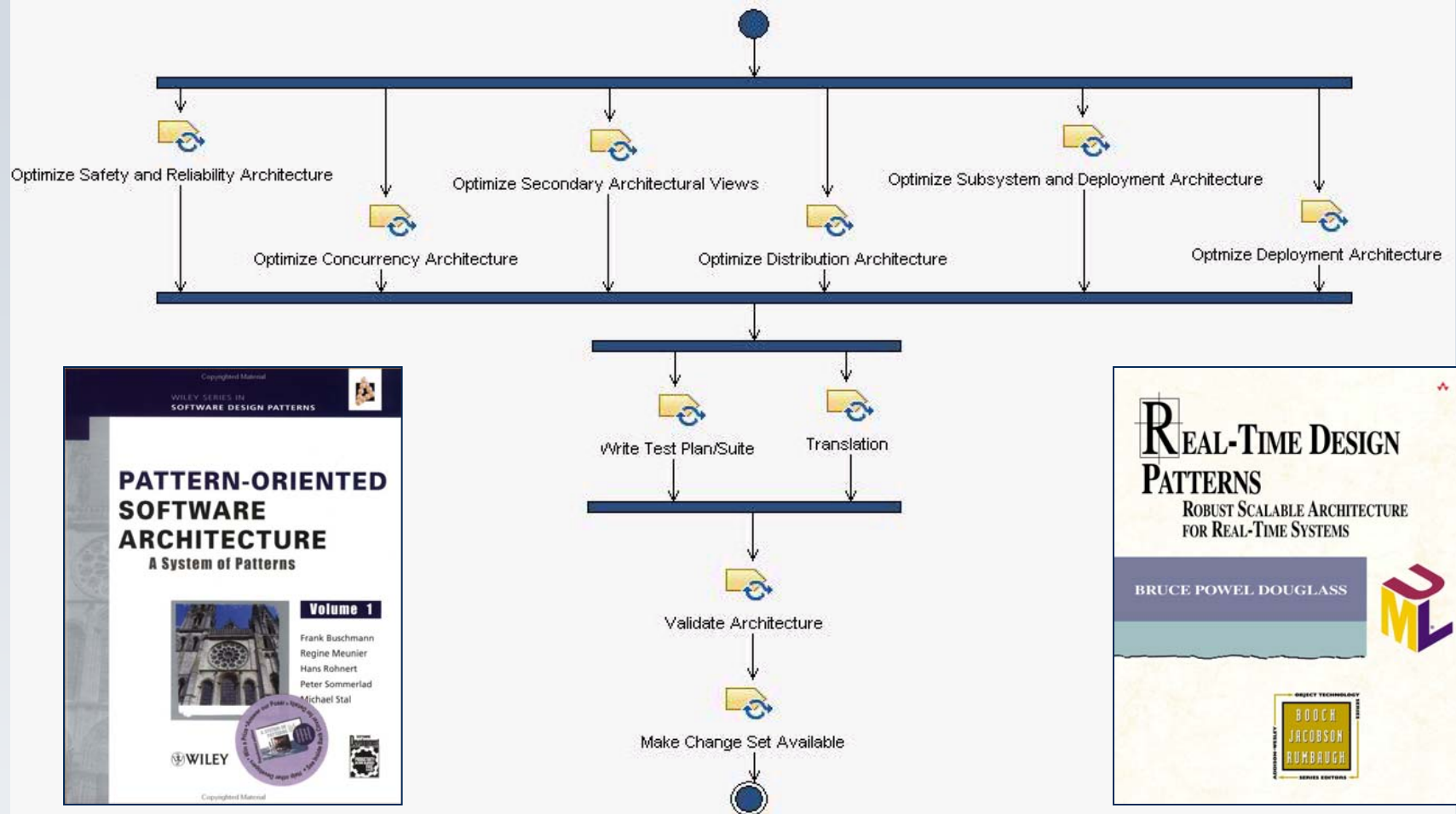


Harmony/ESW Design

- Design takes place at 3 levels of abstraction
 - ▶ Architectural (system scope)
 - ▶ Mechanistic (use case collaboration scope)
 - ▶ Detailed (class/function/data structure scope)
- All design activities in the Harmony process are *optimization-related activities* with the same basic workflow:
 - ▶ Identify the design optimization criteria
 - ▶ Rank the criteria in order of criticality
 - ▶ Identify design solutions that optimize the most important of these criteria at the expense of the least
 - Design patterns
 - Design technologies
 - ▶ Apply the design solutions into your model
 - ▶ Test
 - Ensure that you haven't broken the existing functionality
 - Ensure you have achieved your optimization goals



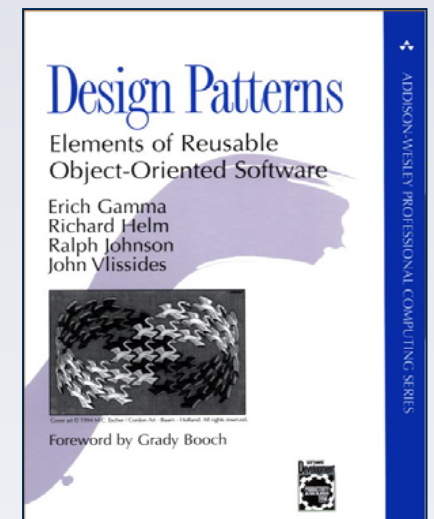
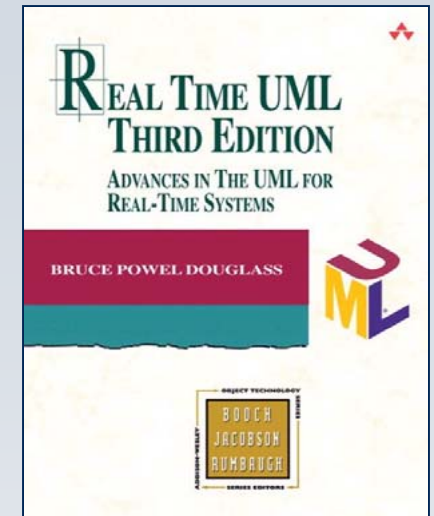
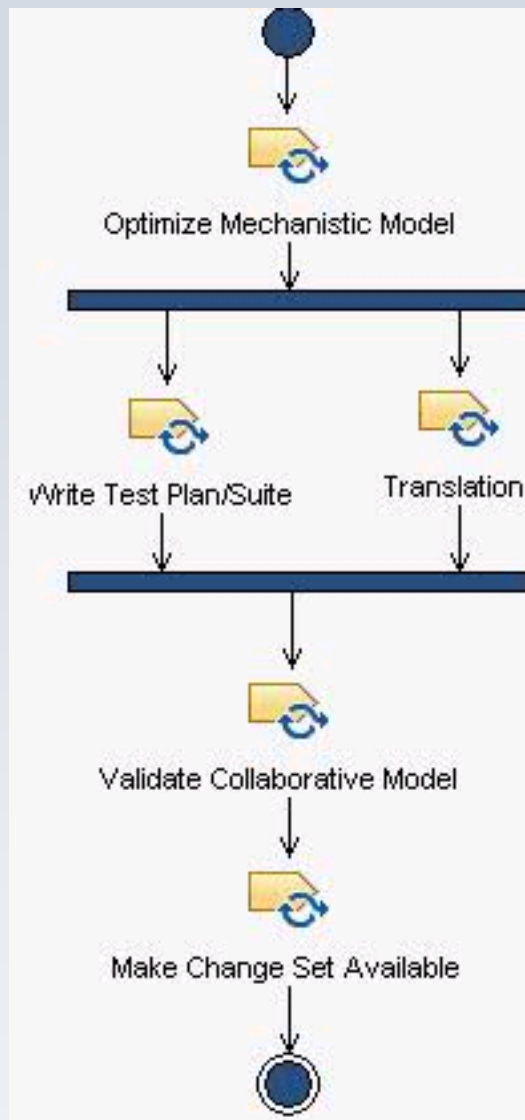
Architectural Design Workflow



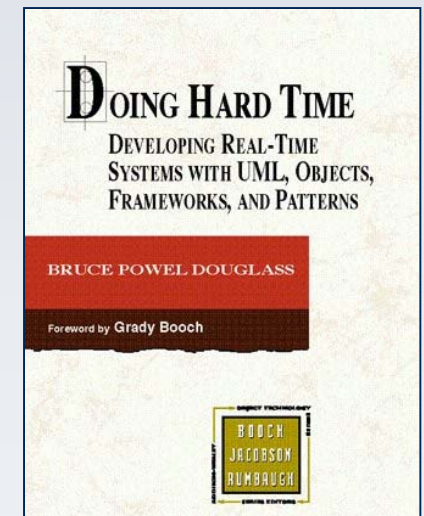
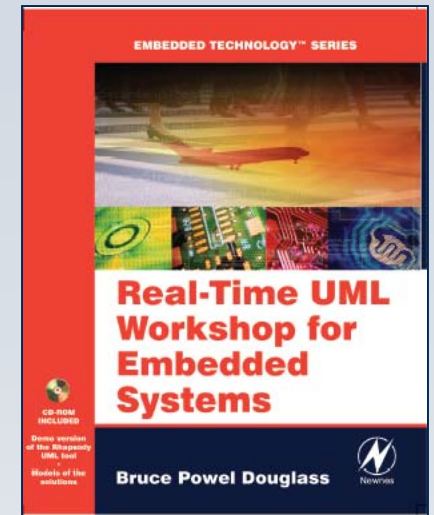
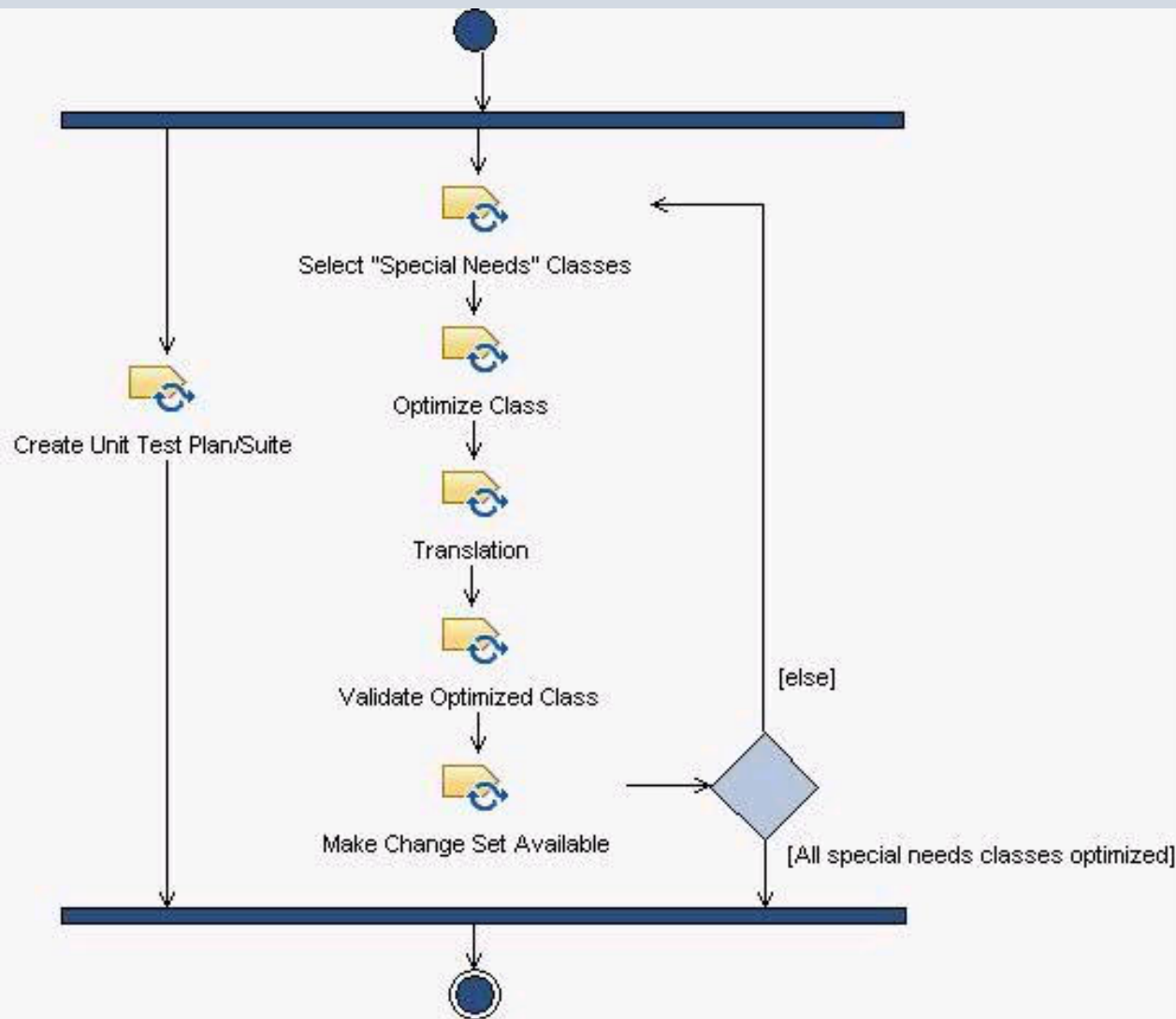
Not all views may be relevant within the mission of a given prototype, but all will be addressed before the project is completed.



Mechanistic Design Workflow

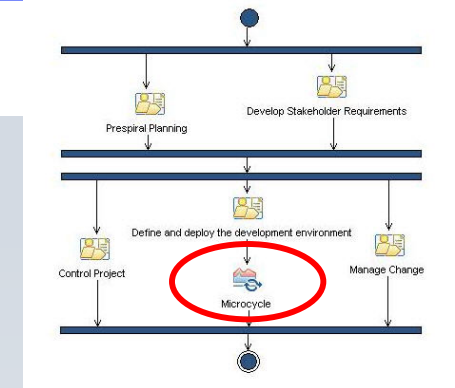
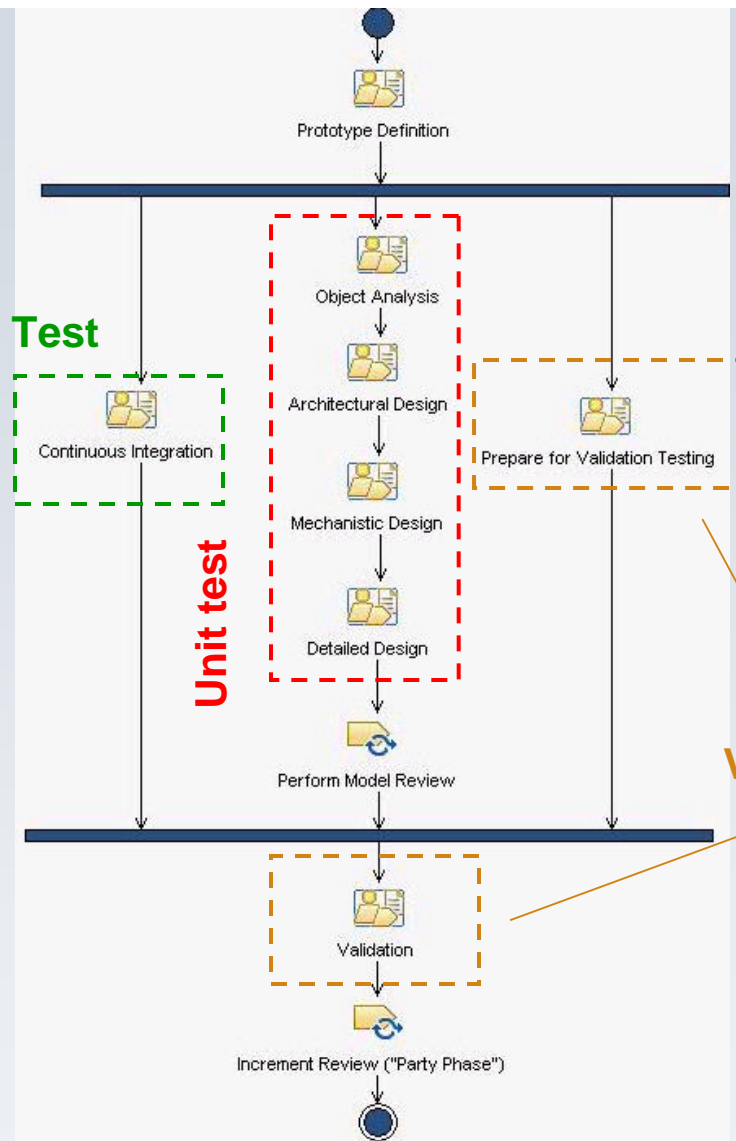


Detailed Design



Harmony/ESW Activities related to Testing

Integration Test



Validation Test

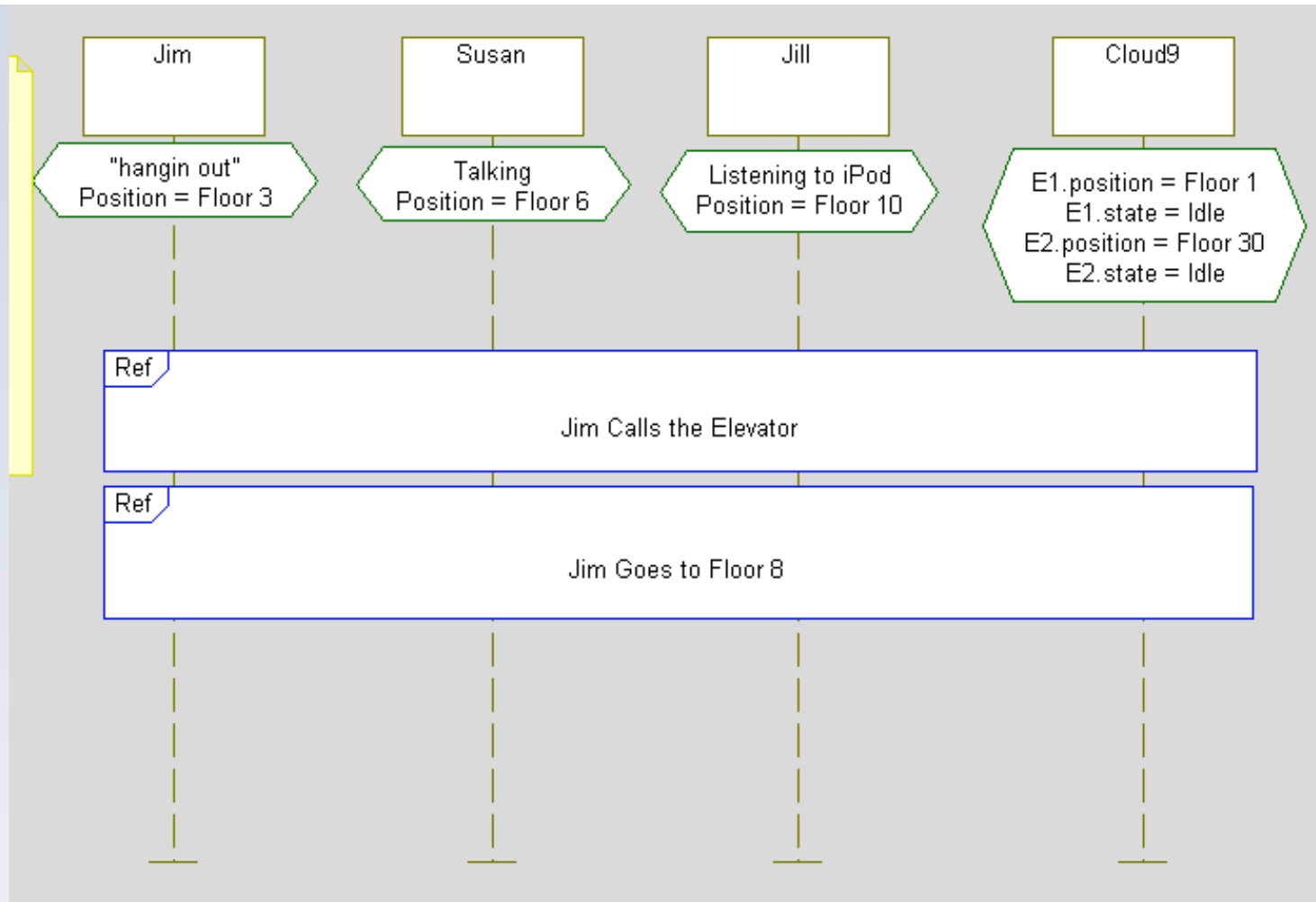


A Look at the Harmony/ESW Nanocycle

- Throughout analysis and design, developers produces partial models that are executed and debugged on a highly frequent basis - typically 10 - 30 minutes
- Based on the concept of *continual verification*
 - ▶ After each small incremental change, the portion of the model is reexecuted to make sure that it is right.
 - ▶ Best when debugging & unit testing can be at the modeling, rather than the code, level of abstraction
- Primary Activities
 - ▶ **Code Generation:** Source code is generated from the model frequently (<1 hr)
 - ▶ **Debugging:** Often informal tests are constructed and applied either with tools (e.g. Test Conductor) or by building “test buddy classes” to drive and check execution
 - ▶ **Unit testing:** Unit tests are created along with the software and unit tests are applied within the nanocycle
 - ▶ **Make changes available:** Tested changes are submitted to the CM manager for integration/test and update to baseline at least daily

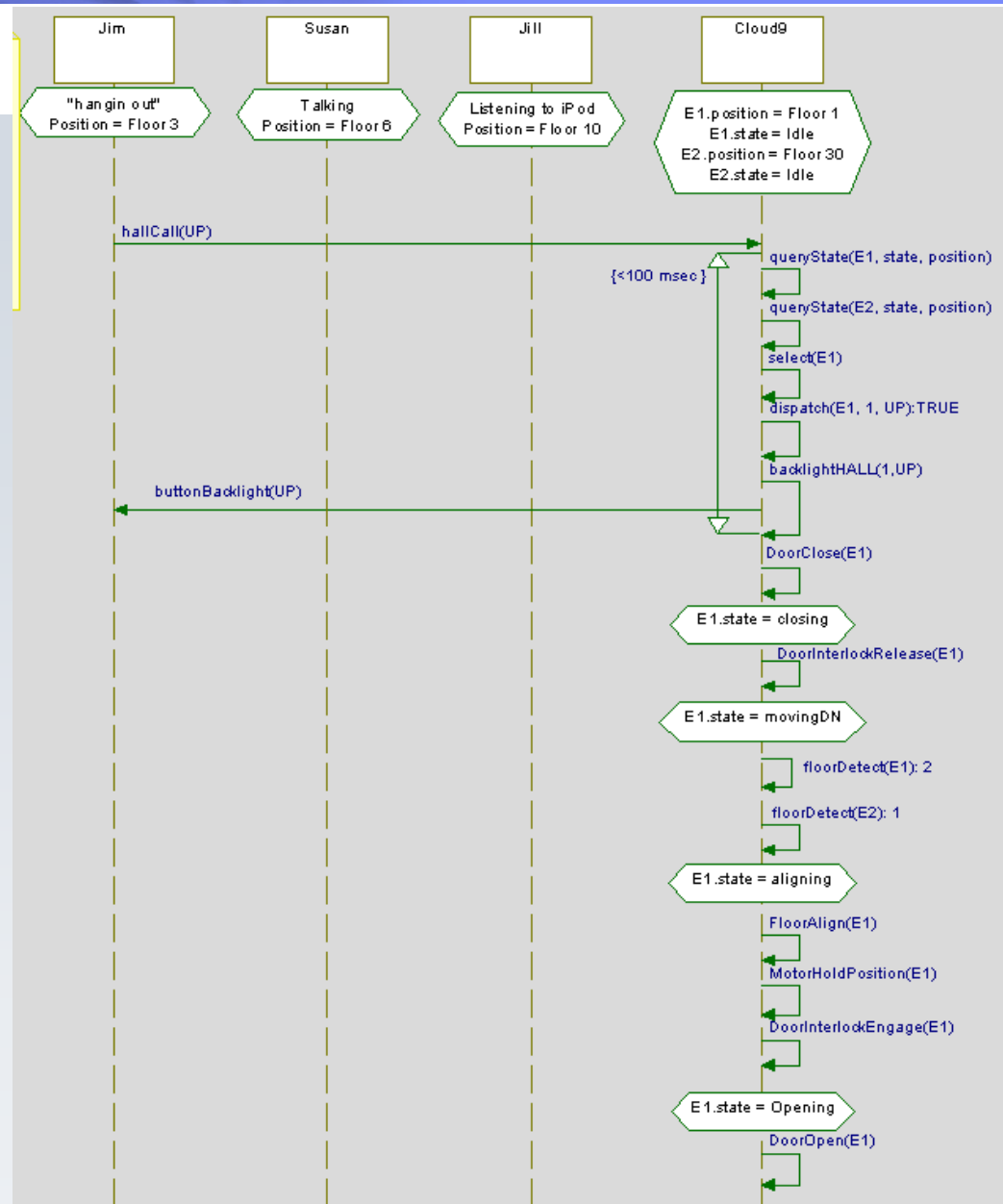


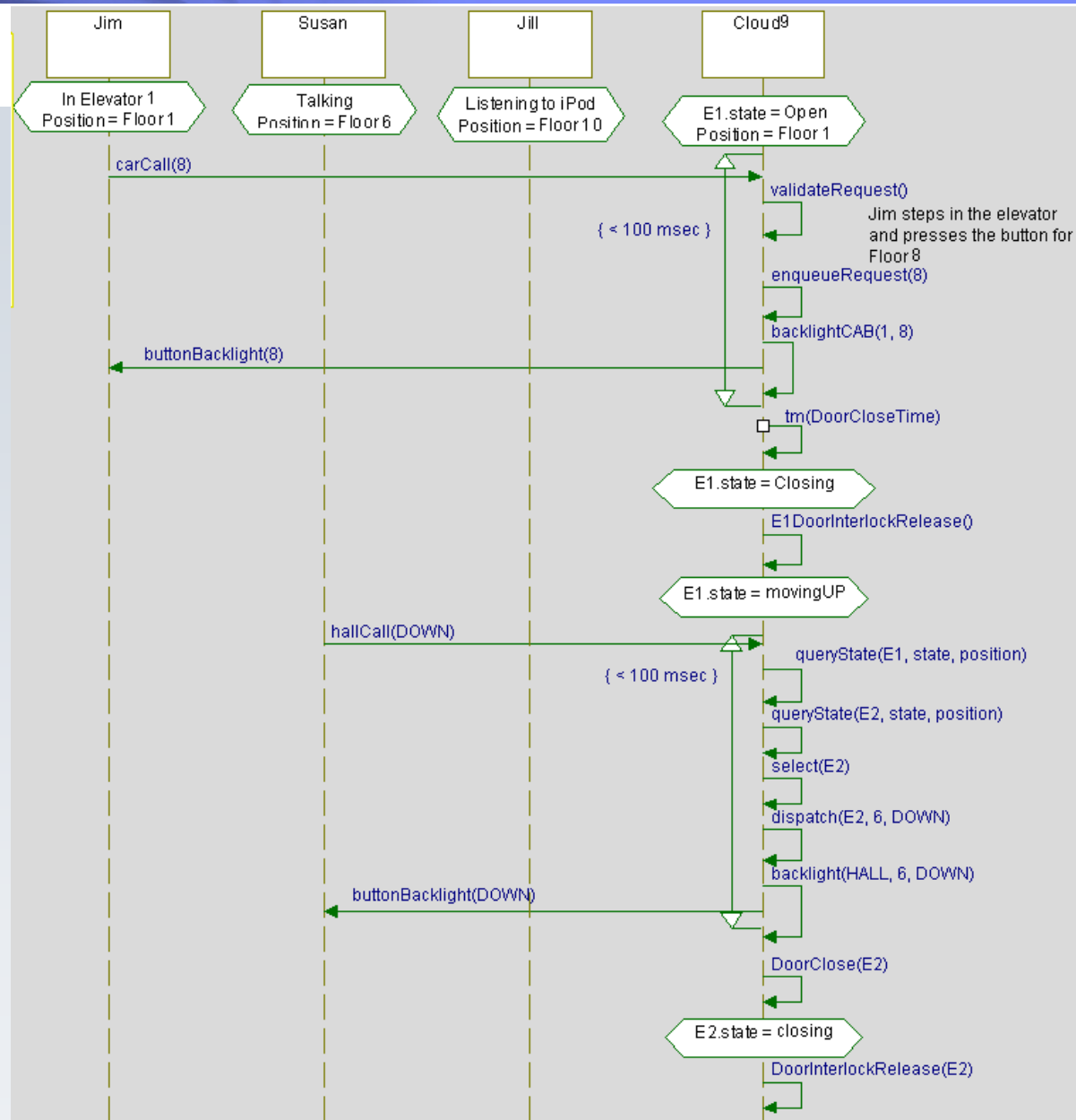
Nanocycle Example: Elevator Scenario (1 of 3)



Remember: this is just *one* of possibly dozens of scenarios for this one use case. Features will be added as they are needed to fulfill the scenarios.

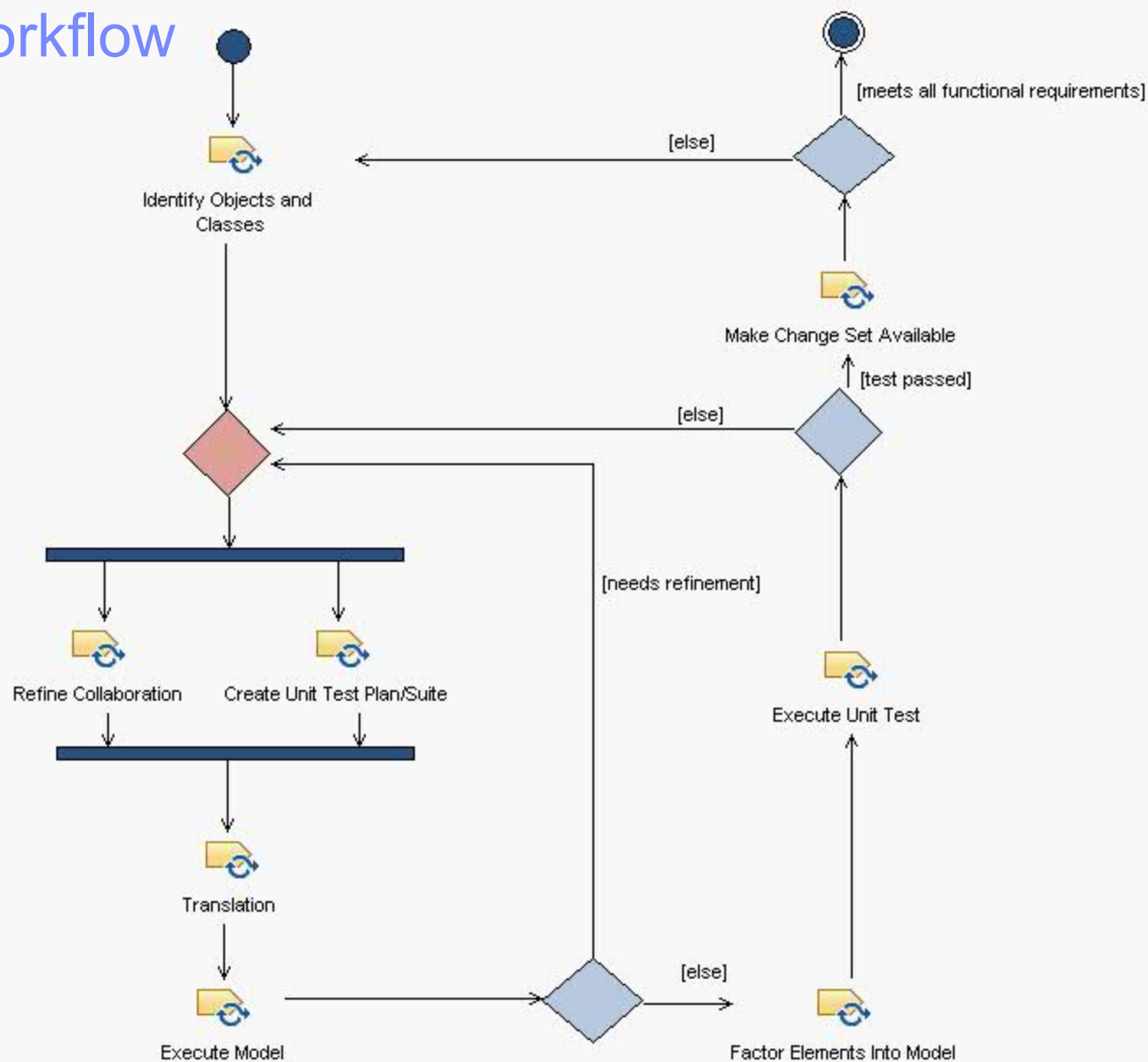




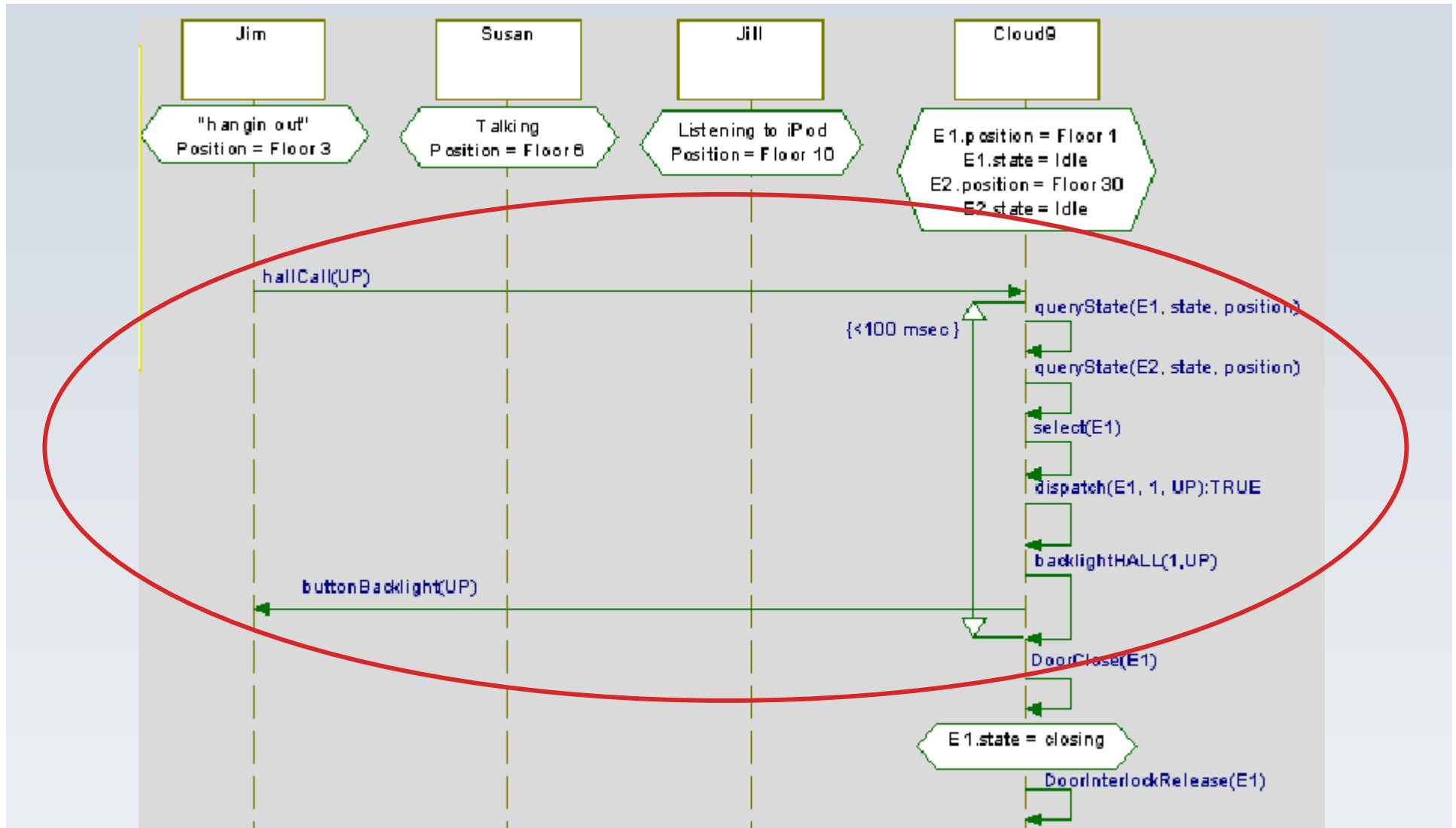


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    A[Problem Definition] --> B[Data Analysis]
    B --> C[Architectural Design]
    C --> D[Software Design]
    D --> E[Hardware Design]
    E --> F[Platform/Device Porting]
    F --> G[Validation]
    G --> H[Deployment/Release]
  
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Step 1: Requesting the elevator



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ElevatorStateType elevState;
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```
int j;
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int pos;
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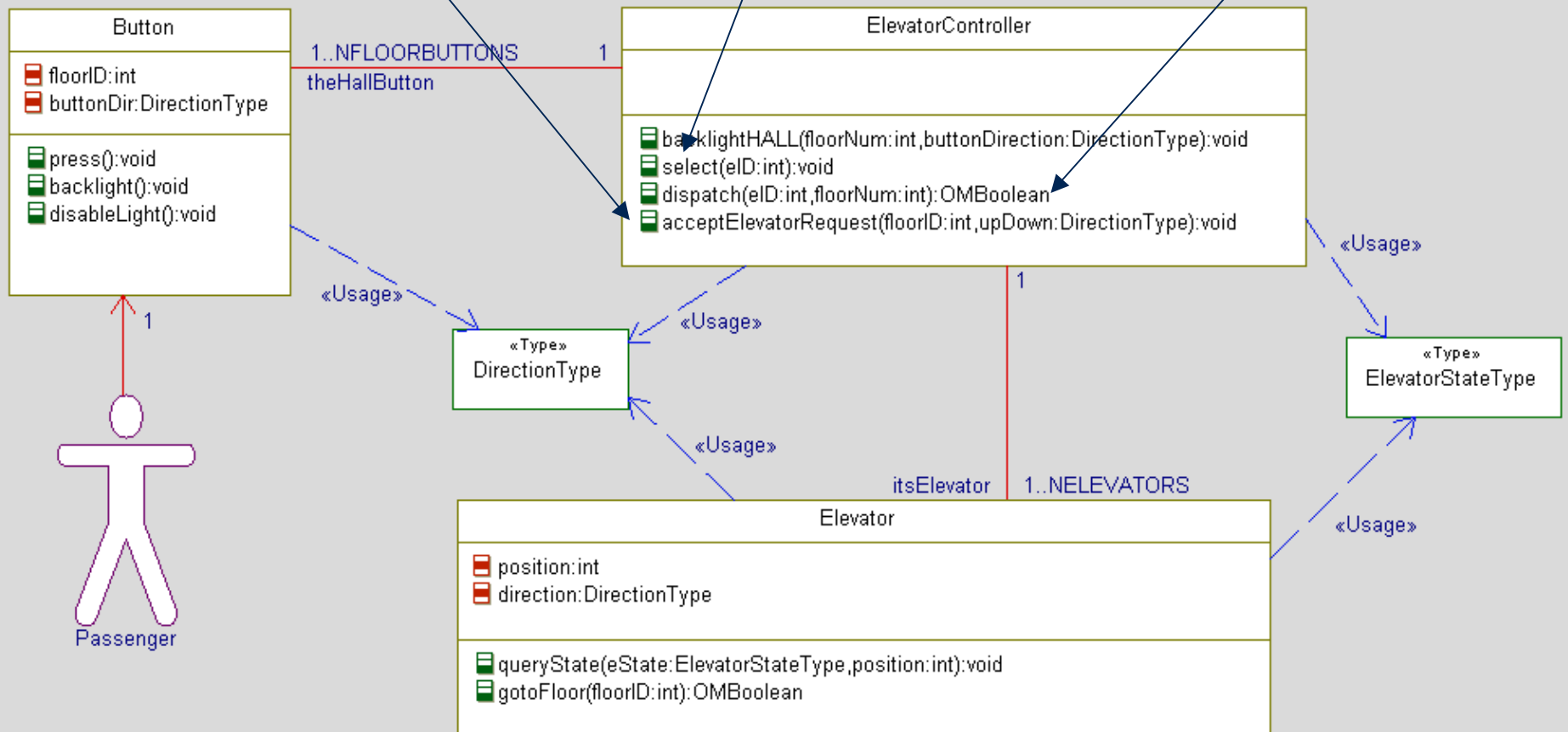
```
for (j=0;j<NELEVATORS;j++) {  
    itsElevator[j]->queryState(elevState, pos);  
    if (elevState == Idle) {  
        select(j, floorID);  
    }; // end if  
}; //end for
```

```
OMBoolean success;
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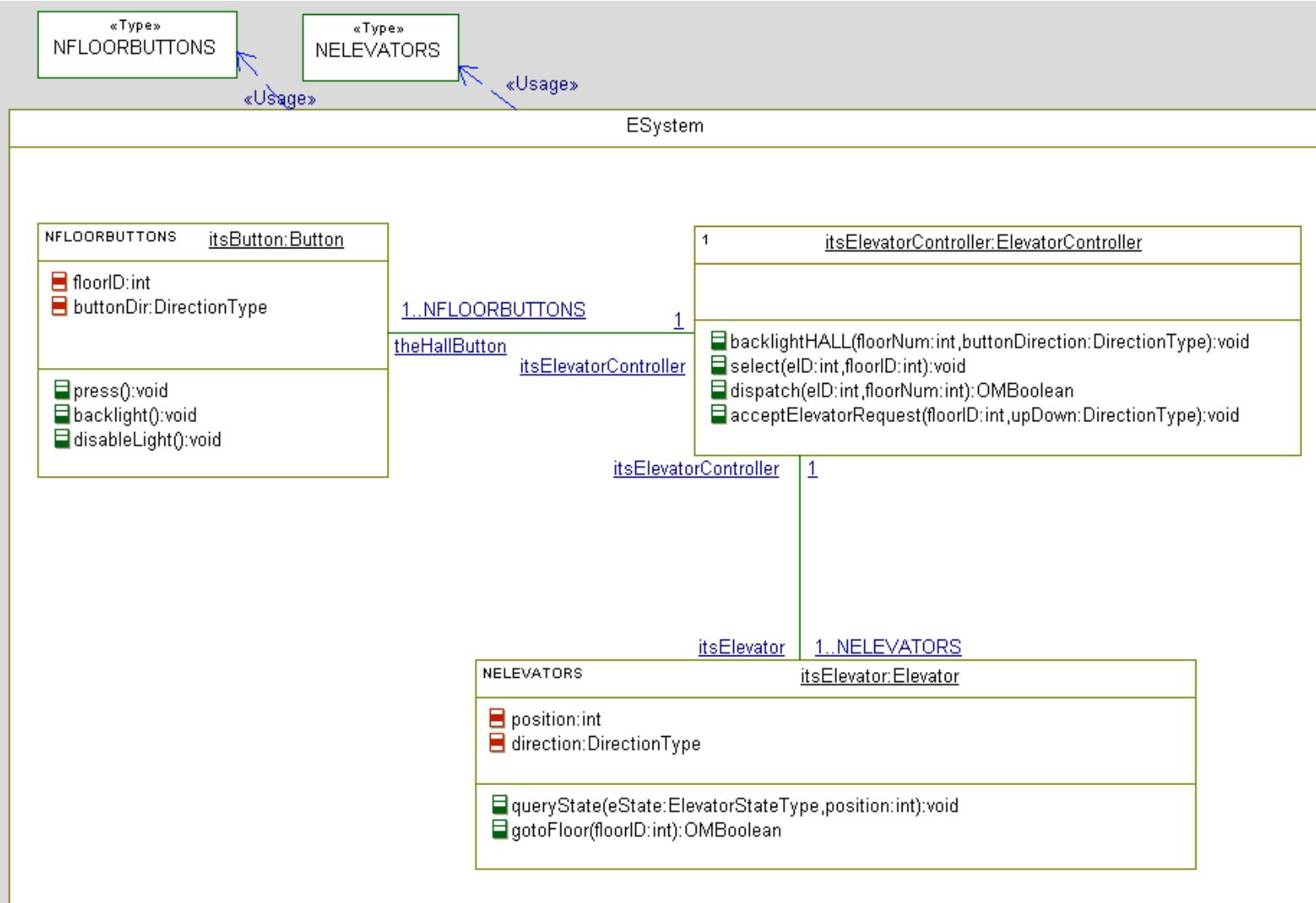
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success = dispatch(eID, floorID);
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if (success) {  
    theHallButton[floorID]->backlight();
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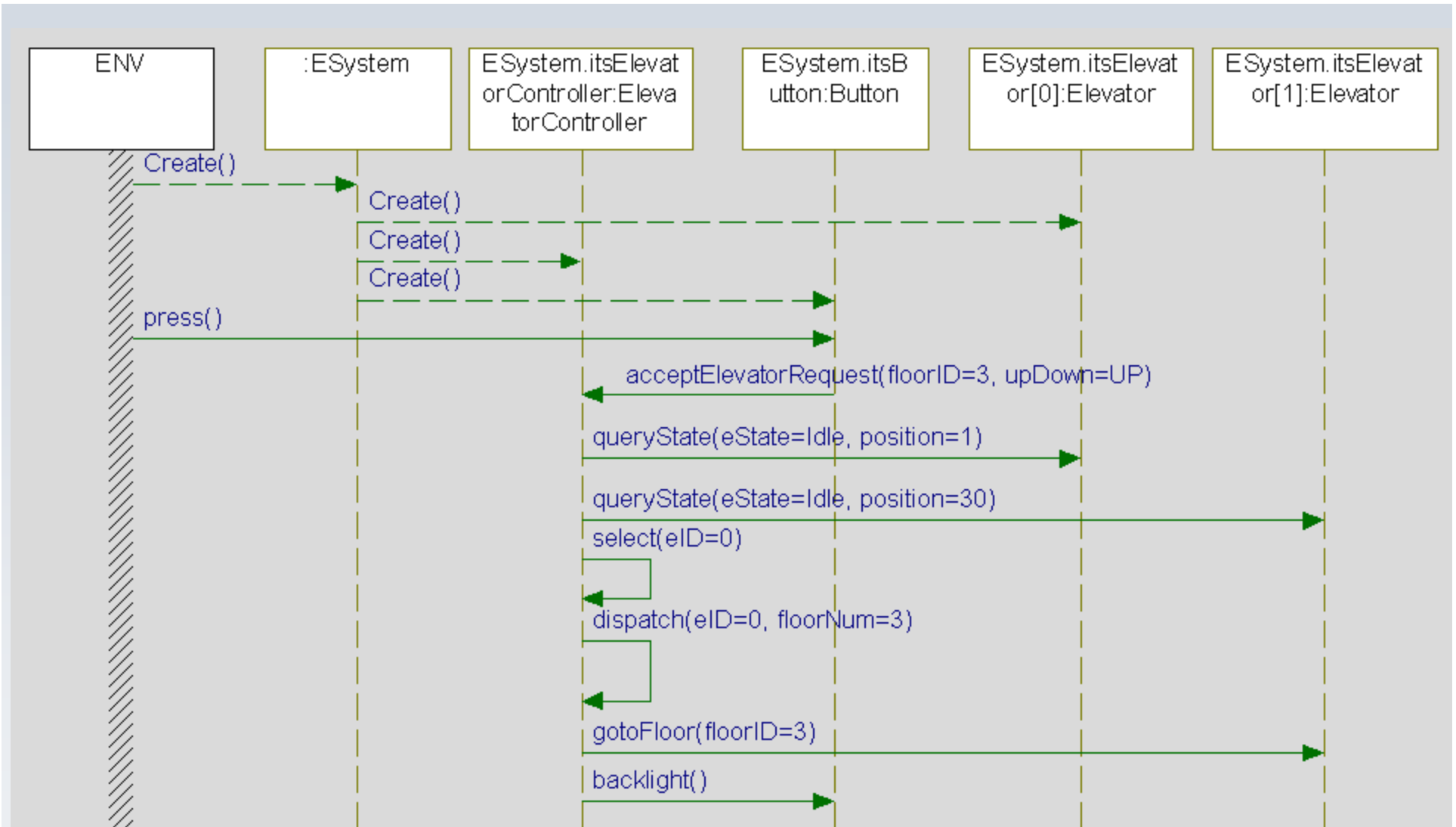
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itsElevator[eID]->gotoFloor(floorNum);  
return TRUE;
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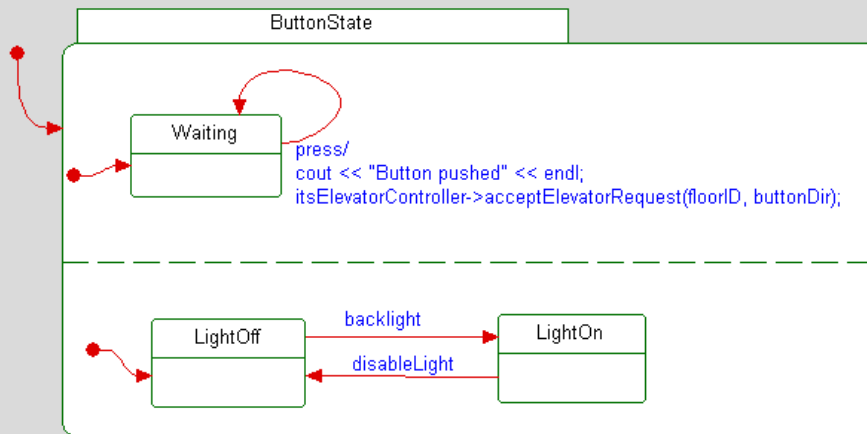
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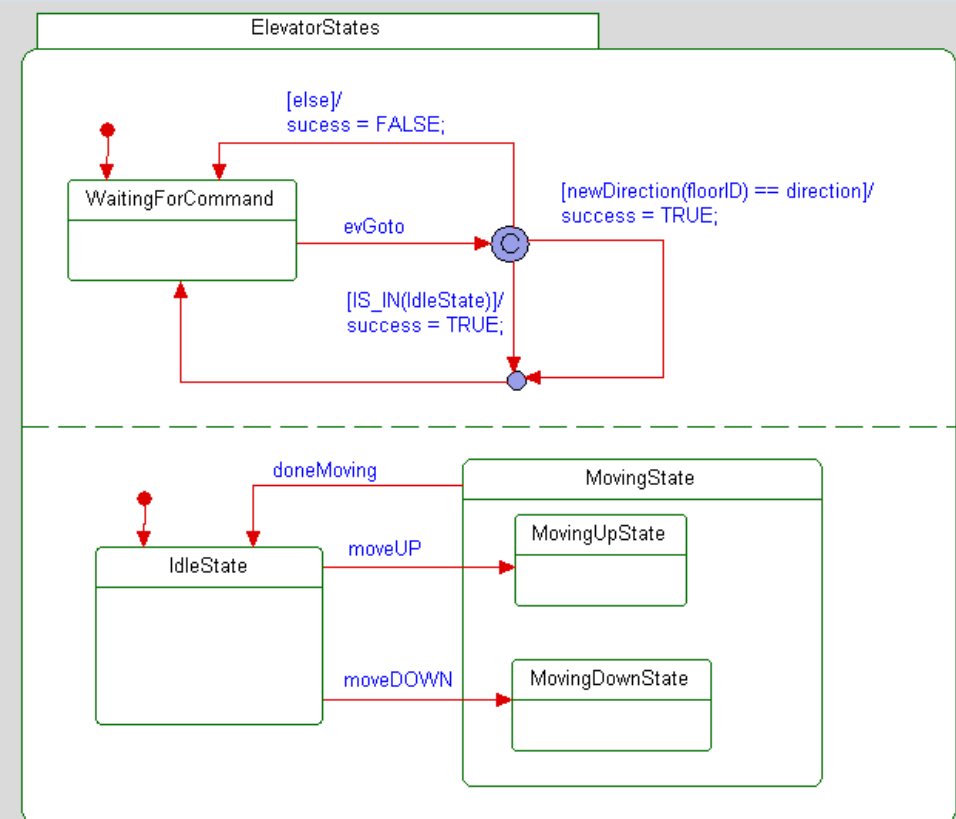


Step 2: Make classes reactive



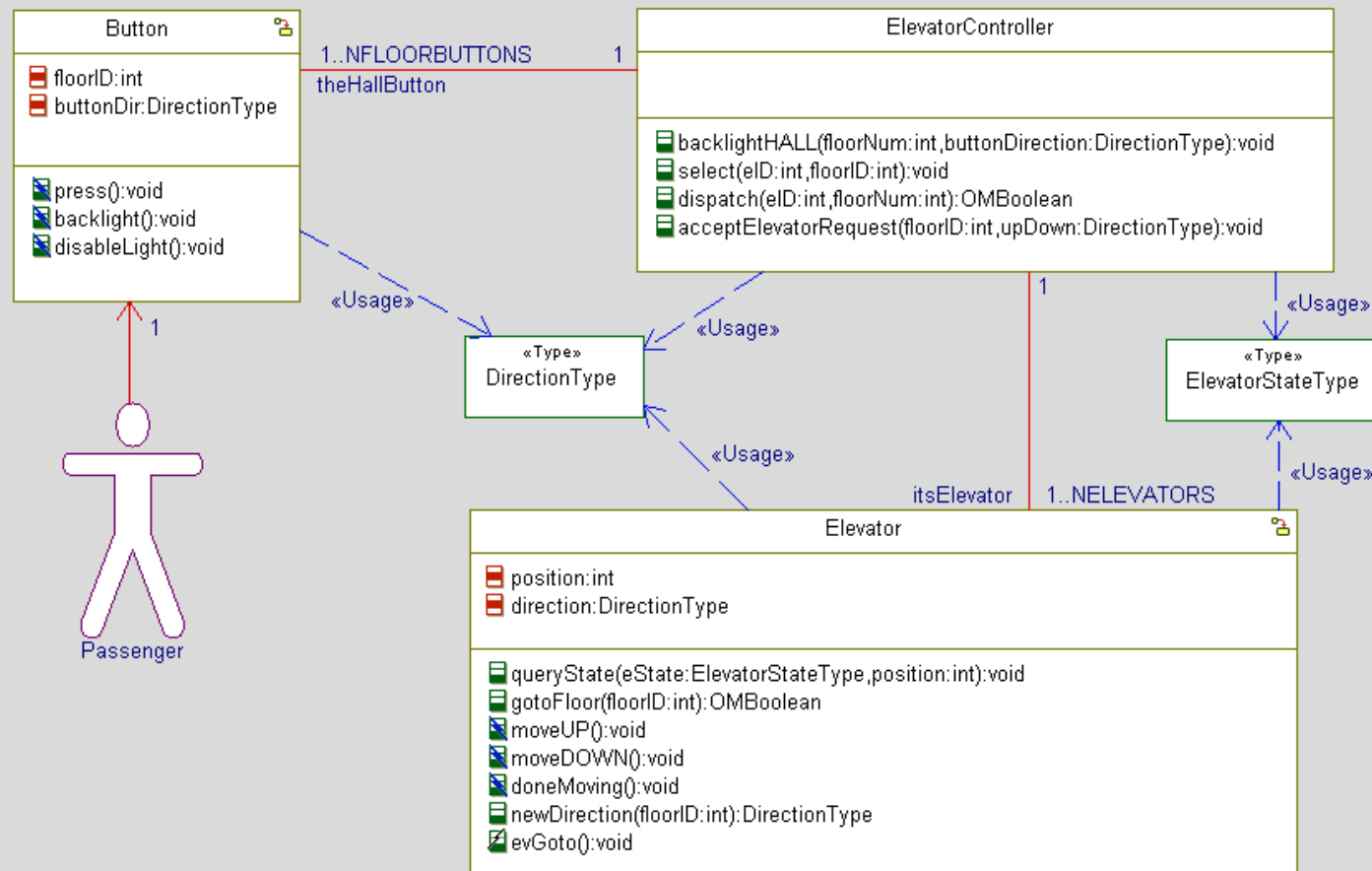
Button state machine

Elevator state machine

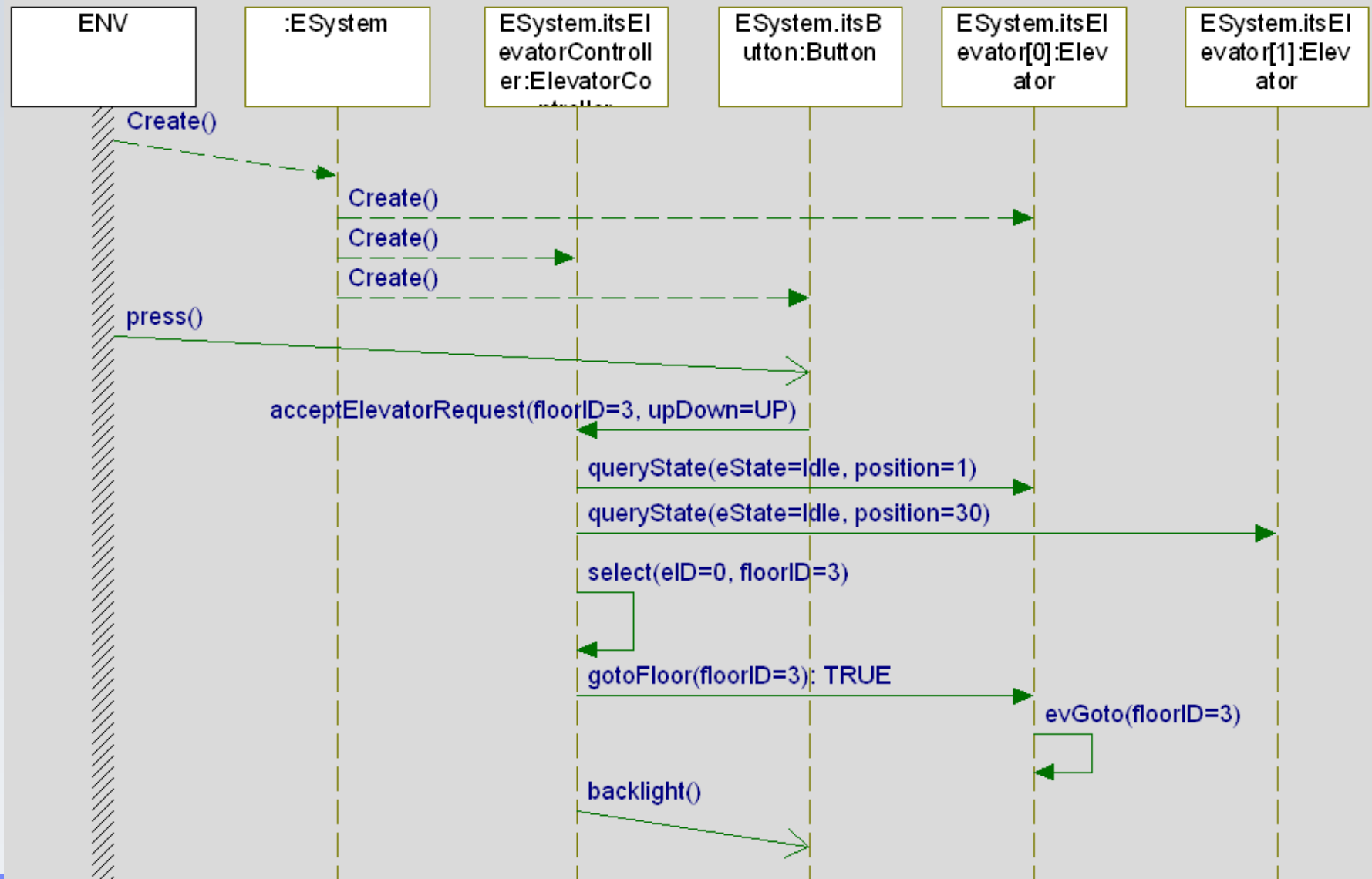


Step 2: Class Diagram

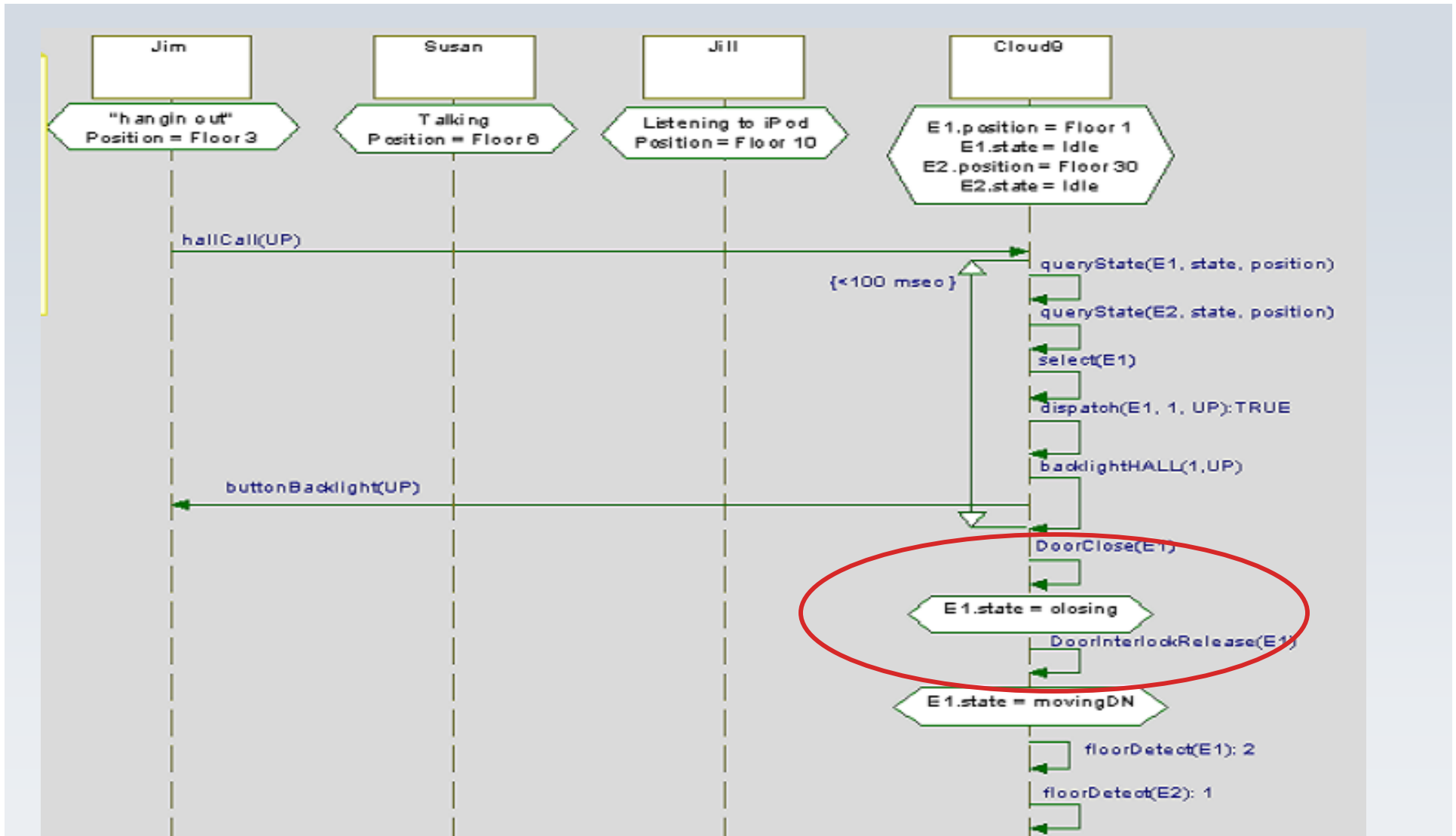
- Step 2:
- Upon reflection, the decision is made to go to reactive objects.
 - The Button statemachine is added and the operations are made into event receptions
 - The Elevator statemachine is added (but only enough to support the steps so far!)



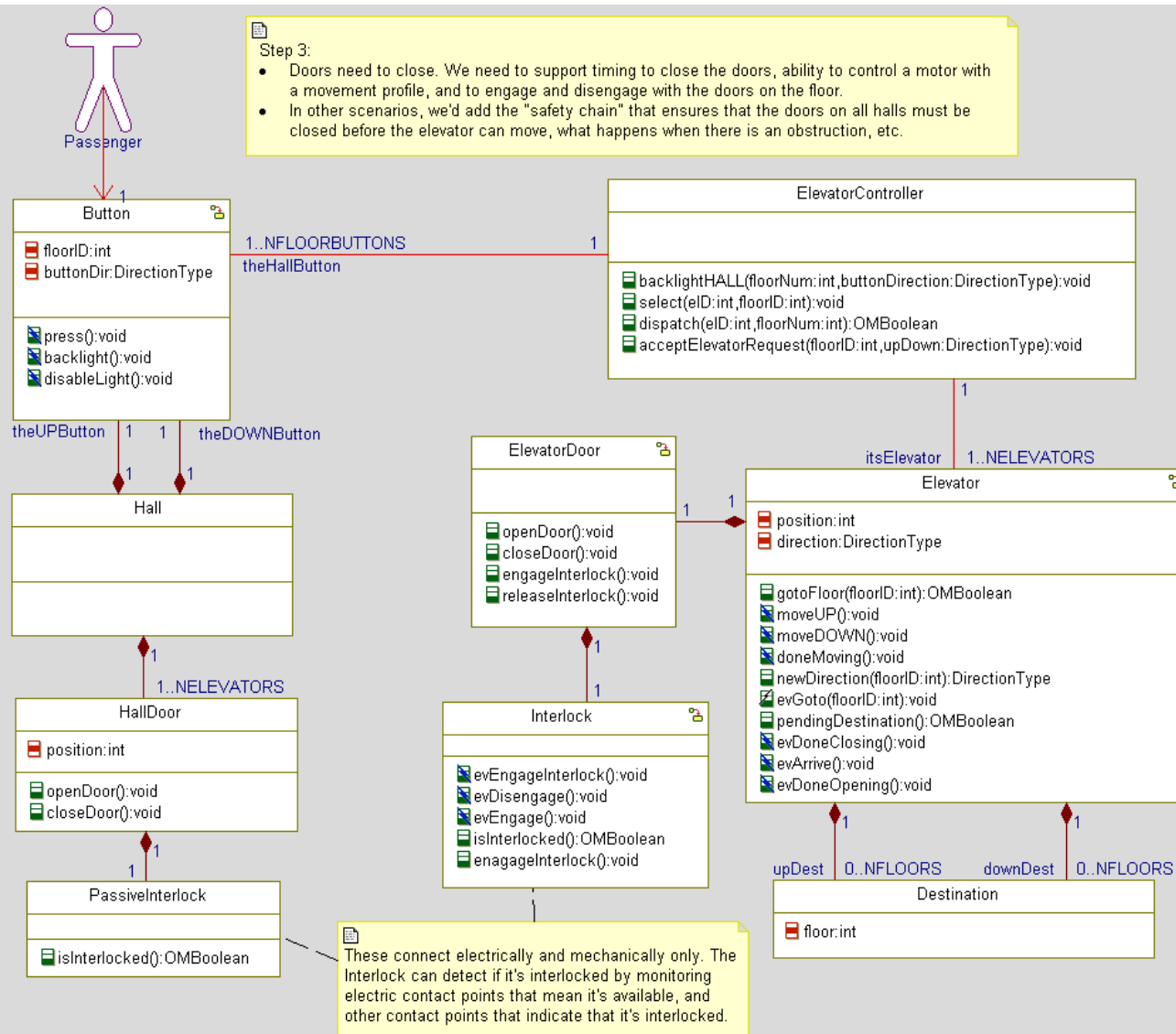
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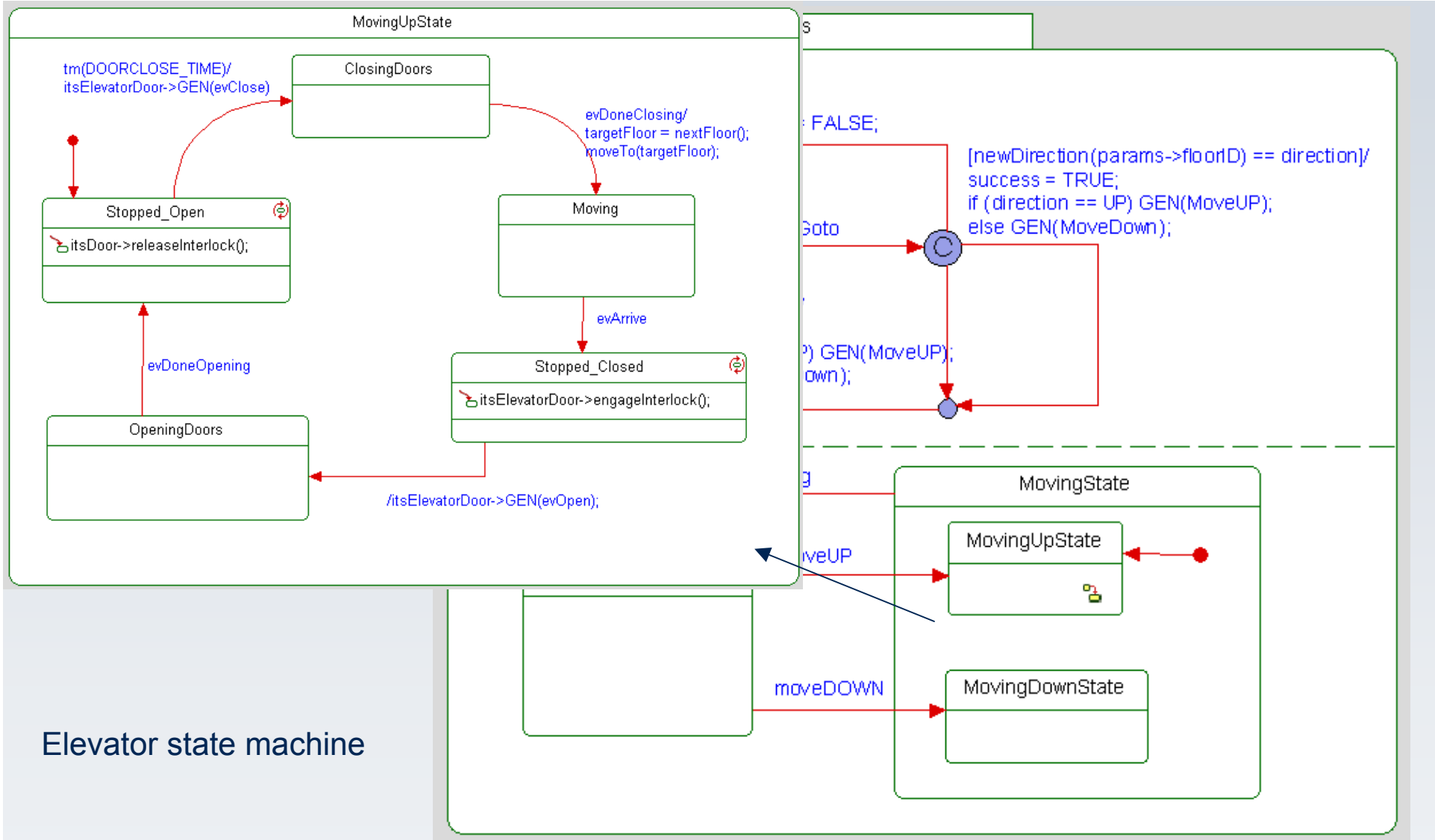
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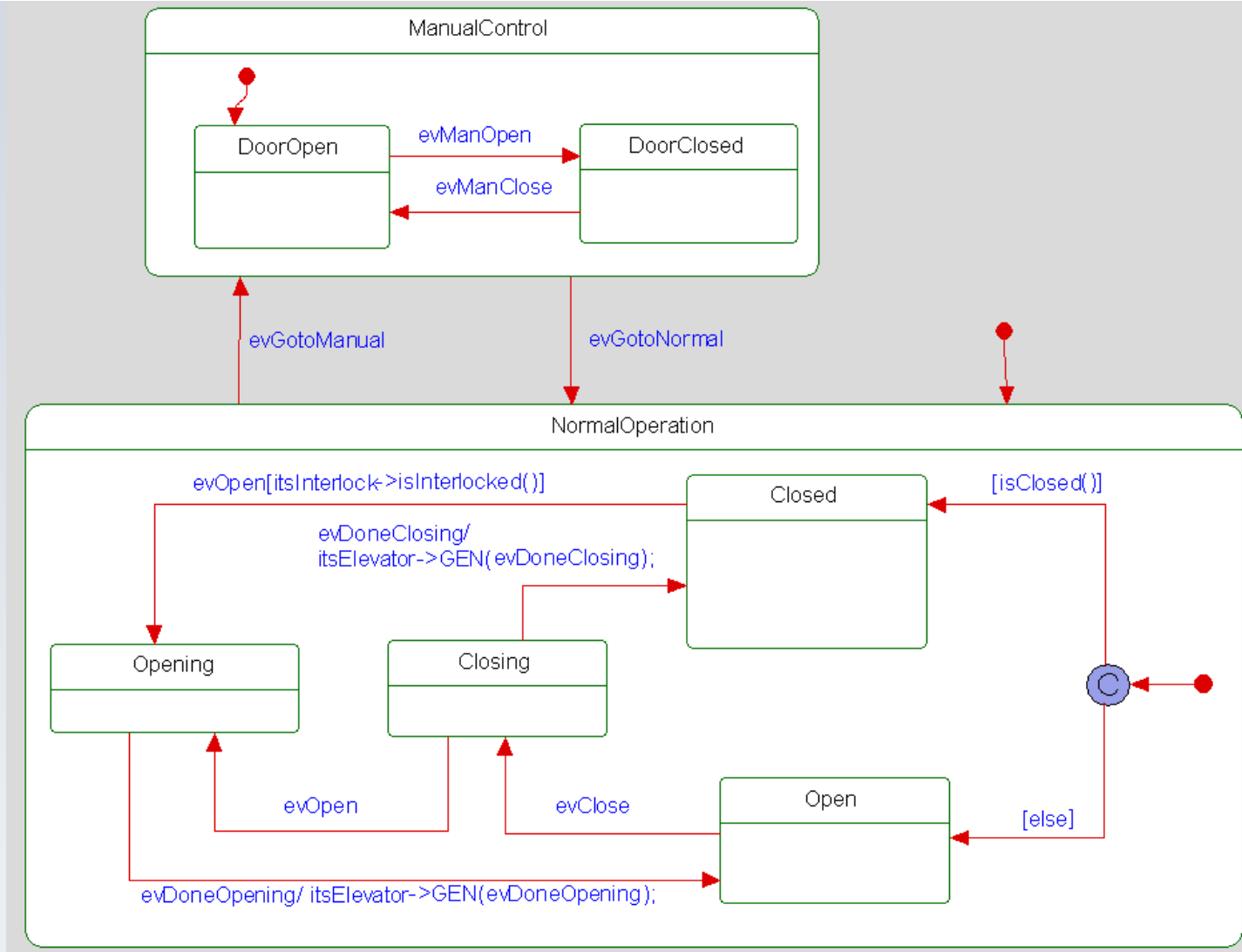
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Elevator state machine



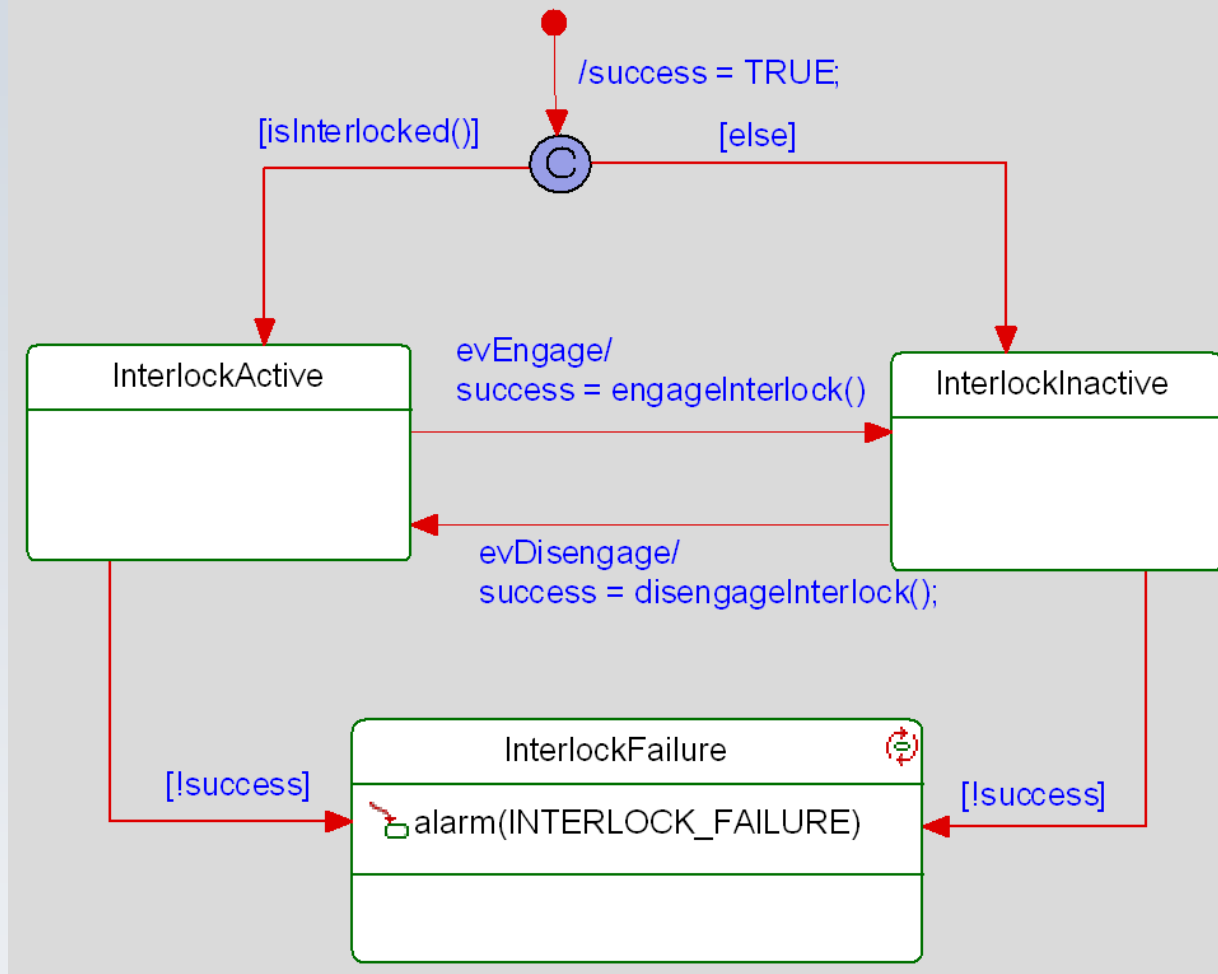
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ElevatorDoor state machine



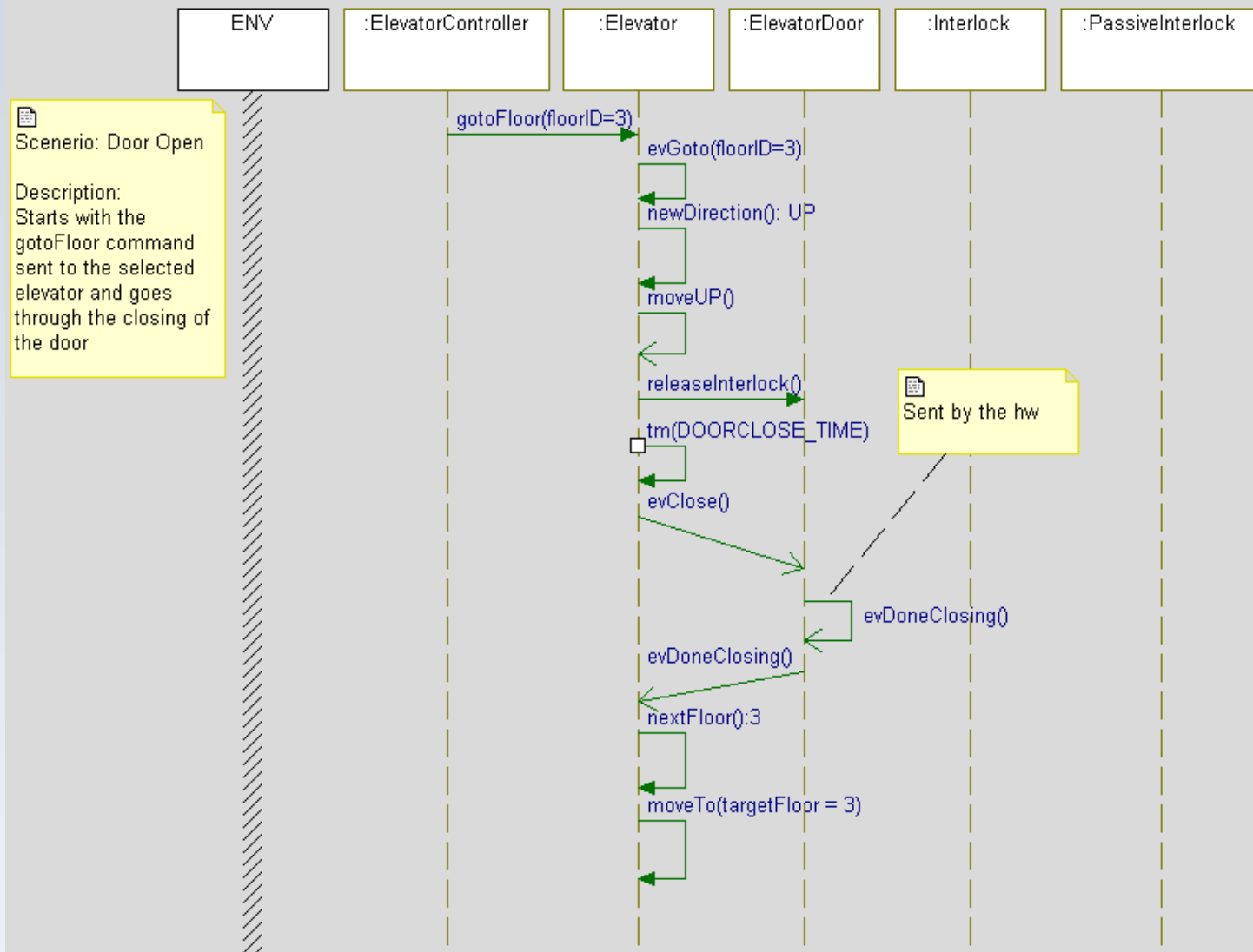
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Interlock state machine



Step 3: Closing the Doors



Summary

- Harmony/ESW is an agile process emphasizing
 - ▶ Use of UML Modeling to capture application behavior and structure
 - ▶ Not allowing defects to infect the design or implementation via
 - Continual code generation (many times/day)
 - Continual debugging and unit testing (many times/day)
 - Continuous integration (reestablish baseline $\geq 1/\text{day}$)
 - ▶ Frequently plan updates based on “truth on the ground”
- Harmony/ESW is
 - ▶ Requirements driven
 - ▶ Architecture-centric
 - ▶ Optimized for real-time and embedded systems, with guidance for
 - Design optimization with design patterns
 - Use of concurrency and OS features
 - Hardware/software co-development
 - Safety and reliability in analysis and design



References

