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# MODEL-BASED DEVELOPMENT: INTRODUCTION

Software Systems (Computer & Embedded System Engineering)

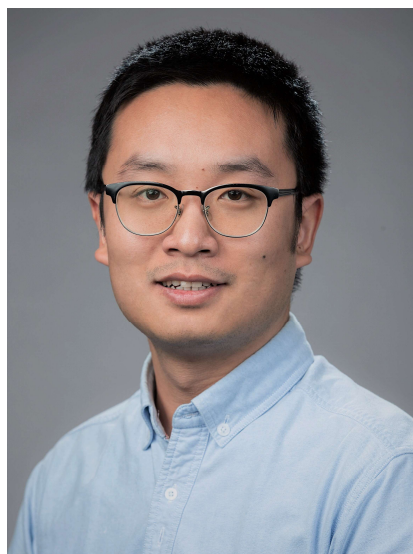
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**Mission:** Embedding cutting-edge methodologies into the Dutch high-tech systems industry to cope with the ever-increasing complexity of their products

**Philosophy:** *"the industry as a lab"*

**Partners:**



## OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE

- At the end of the course, you should be able to:
  - Explain some complexity challenges of software-intensive high-tech systems
  - Explain the purpose of Model-Based Development, some of its principles and approaches
  - For 3 specific modeling techniques: explain their purpose and the basic concepts and create basic models
  - Compare Model-Based Development with other methodologies
- Assessment:
  - Modeling assignments for 3 modeling techniques (in groups of 2 students)
    - Maximum of 2 points per assignment
  - Reflection document on Model-Based Development (individual)
    - Maximum of 4 points

## AGENDA OF THE COURSE

	Week 6 (17-12)	Week 6 (19-12)	Week 7 (7-1)	Week 7 (9-1)	Week 8 (14-1)	Week 8 (16 -1)	Week 9 (21-1)	Week 10
Lectures on Tuesdays (2 hours)	Introduction		StateChart 1		DSL 1			
	UML 1		StateChart 2		DSL 2			
Labs on Thursdays (4 hours)		1 UML Lect 3 labs		StateChart		1 DSL lec + conclusion 3 DSL labs		
Assignment due on Friday				UML		Statechart		DSL + Reflection

## QUIZ GAMES

- Identified by the banner:

Think/Write → Pair → Share

- Instructions:

1. Divide into teams of two students
2. Discuss the solution to the quiz together
3. Volunteer or be asked to share
4. Points will be awarded for participation:
  1. Every time you share during a game, you earn 0.3 points
  2. You can earn up to a maximum of 1 additional point on the final note for this part of the course
  3. Do not forget to write your name on the winners' sheet after the lecture

## OUTLINE OF THIS LECTURE

- 10 minutes Opening
- 15 minutes Complexity challenges in large-scale software systems
- 20 minutes Model-based development to manage the complexity



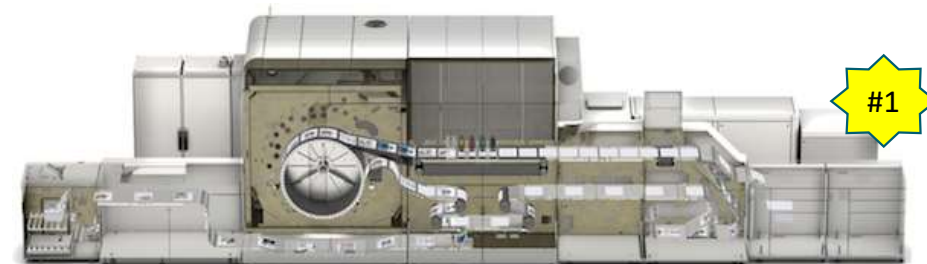
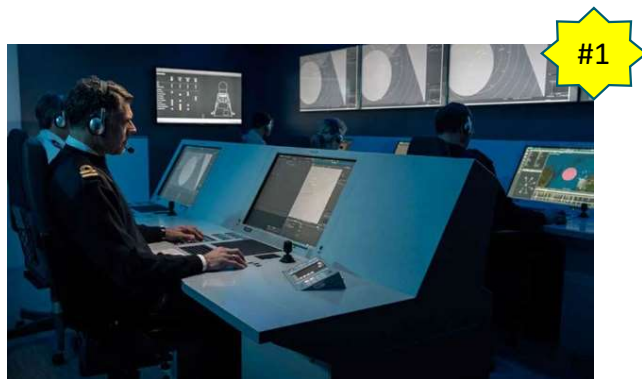
# COMPLEXITY CHALLENGES IN LARGE-SCALE SOFTWARE SYSTEMS

## WHAT TYPES OF SYSTEMS ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?

- Agree on the definition of the following terms:
  - Embedded Systems
  - Cyber-Physical Systems
  - Software-Intensive Systems
- What kind of **software-intensive cyber-physical systems** do you know that contain **embedded systems** and are from companies that are leaders in the Dutch high-tech systems industry?
- Duration: 5 minutes (3 minutes thinking and discussion with your partner)

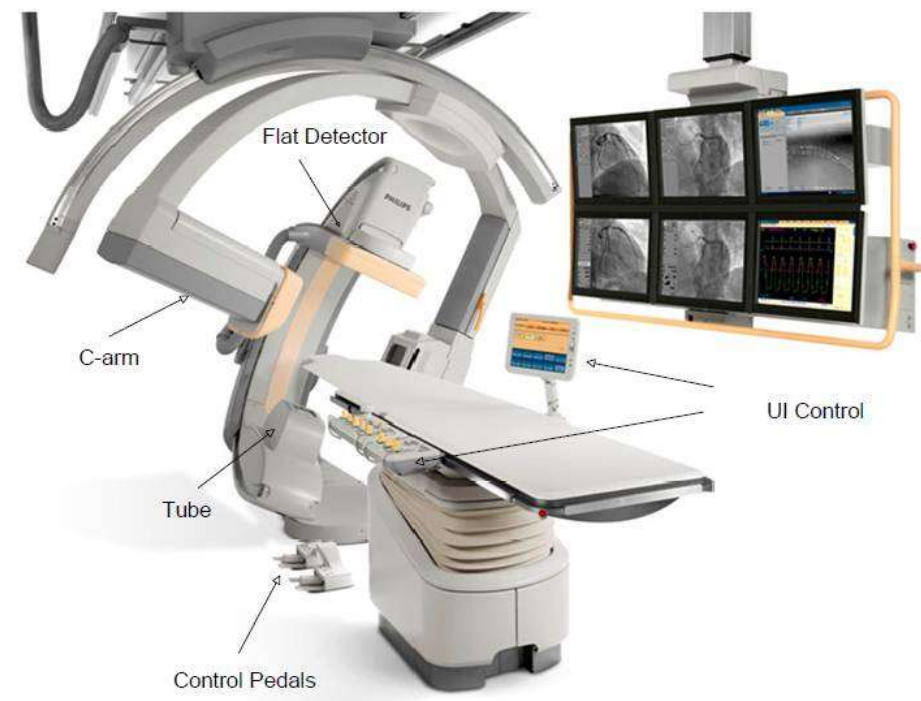
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## MODELING ASSIGNMENT IS INSPIRED BY INTERVENTIONAL X-RAY SYSTEMS

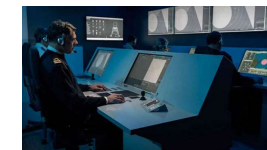
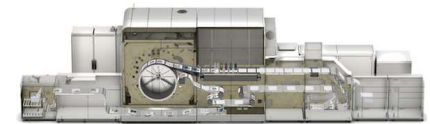
- Systems used during medical interventions:
  - Minimally-invasive surgery
  - Cardiac, vascular and neurological
  - X-ray is used as “eyes of the surgeon”
- 1 or 2 X-ray planes (connected by a C-arm), consisting of:
  - Tube: generates X-ray
  - Detector: receives X-ray
- Table at which the patient lays
  - Patient is positioned between the tube and detector
- User interface for the surgeon:
  - Tablet to select the medical procedure
  - Joysticks to move the table and C-arms
  - 3-6 pedals to control the system during a medical procedure
  - Screen to display visual images and video



## WHAT TO CONSIDER WHEN DEVELOPING SOFTWARE FOR COMPLEX CYBER-PHYSICAL SYSTEMS?

When you compile your list, consider that:

- Complexity means being challenging to grasp or not straightforward
- You can get some ideas by answering these questions:
  - What makes such systems complex?
  - What makes the software of such systems complex?
  - What makes the design of such systems complex?
  - What makes the design of the software inside such systems complex?
- Duration: 5 minutes (3 minutes thinking and discussion with your partner)



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## WHAT TO CONSIDER WHEN DEVELOPING SOFTWARE FOR COMPLEX CYBER-PHYSICAL SYSTEMS?

- Multi-disciplinarity: closely related to physical systems and application domains
- Team effort: multiple development teams that evolve over time
- Highly-specialization: not many identical systems in the field
- Integration: interaction with other systems and humans (outside of your control)
- Large code bases: tens of thousands, or even millions, of lines of code (LOC)
- Long-lived code bases: embedded software evolves over decades
- Performance: quantitative performance criteria (hard real-time, competition)
- Dependability: non-functional requirements like availability, reliability, maintainability

# MODEL-BASED DEVELOPMENT TO MANAGE THE COMPLEXITY

## WHAT IS A MODEL?

- A model is a simplified representation of a system used to:
  - **understand,**
  - **analyze,**
  - or **predict its behavior,**
  - often serving as a basis for **code generation**



## MODEL BASED DEVELOPMENT

MBD is a methodology, i.e., a structured set of methods, practices, and procedures used to achieve a specific objective.

It provides a systematic way to plan, execute, and manage software development.

It ensures consistency, efficiency, and quality.

It combines principles, approaches, and techniques.

- Principles: fundamental truth guiding the methodology
- Approaches: strategies to deal with complexity
- Techniques: methods or procedures used to accomplish a particular task

## MBD PRINCIPLES

- “Keep it simple, stupid” (KISS)
  - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/KISS\\_principle](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/KISS_principle)
  - Most models work best if they are kept simple rather than made complicated
  - Simplicity should be a key goal in design, and unnecessary complexity should be avoided
- “Don't repeat yourself” (DRY)
  - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Don%27t\\_repeat\\_yourself](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Don%27t_repeat_yourself)
  - Replace repetition of software patterns with abstractions and use data normalization (no variations)

## APPROACHES FOR DEALING WITH COMPLEXITY

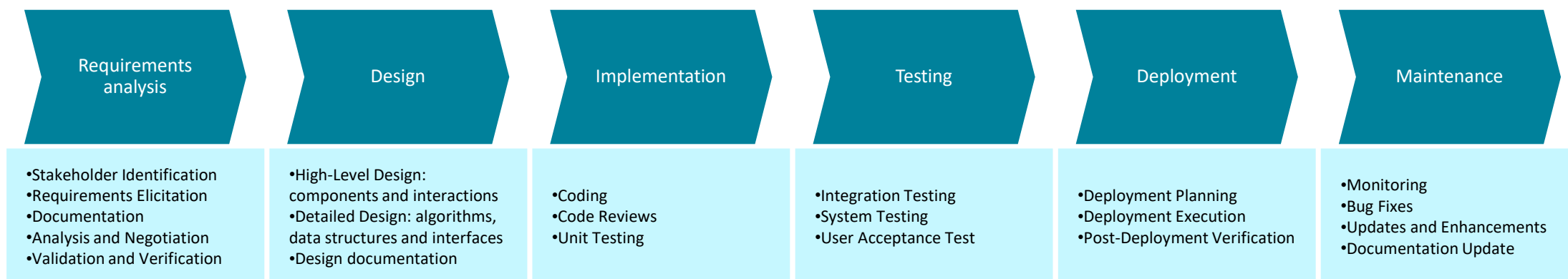
- A. Abstraction: Identify high-level concepts that hide low-level details
  - Architects design a building in terms of walls (instead of bricks)
  - Aerospace engineers reason about processor instructions instead of individual transistors
- B. Boundedness: Impose acceptable restrictions on the considered problem space
  - Architects design a building for a specific set of usage scenarios (residential, industrial, retail)
  - Aerospace engineers assume that airplanes do not need to be usable in outer space
- C. Composition: Divide one problem into multiple independent smaller problems
  - Architects design a new district in terms of buildings with separate foundations
  - Aerospace engineers separate flight control from cabin control and in-flight entertainment
- D. Duplication: Use multiple overlapping approaches for the same problem
  - Architects use blueprints with multiple perspectives on the same building
  - Aerospace engineers introduce fallback systems for safety-critical functionality

## EXAMPLES OF MODELING TECHNIQUES ARE

- **Unified Modeling Language (UML):** A standardized modeling language that includes various diagrams like class diagrams, sequence diagrams, and use case diagrams to visualize the design of a system.
- **Entity-Relationship Diagrams (ERD):** Used to model the data structure of a system, showing entities, attributes, and relationships.
- **Statecharts:** Diagrams that represent the states and transitions of a system, useful for modeling dynamic behavior.
- **Data Flow Diagrams (DFD):** Illustrate how data moves through a system, showing inputs, processes, and outputs.
- **Flowcharts:** Visual representations of the sequence of steps in a process or system.
- **Domain-Specific Languages (DSL):** Specialized languages tailored to specific aspects of a system, providing higher abstraction and efficiency.
- **Petri Nets:** Used for modeling concurrent systems, showing transitions and states in a graphical form.

## SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT LIFE-CYCLE

- The software development lifecycle (SDLC) is a structured process for planning, creating, testing, and deploying software applications.



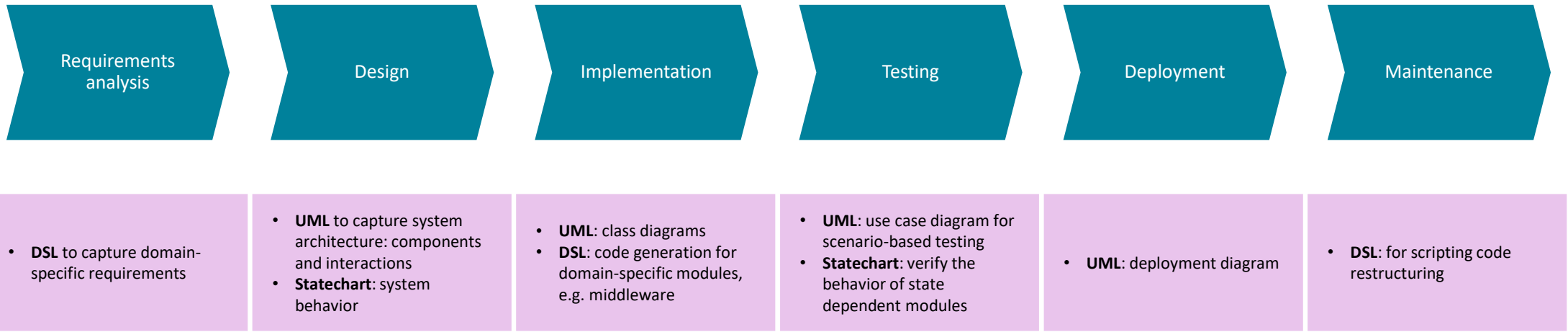
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# MODELING FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE

