# On Bringing Object-Oriented Software Metrics into the Model-Based World

## Verifying ISO 26262 Compliance in Simulink

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## Functional safety

absence of unreasonable risk due to hazards caused by malfunctioning behaviour of E/E systems ISO 26262:2011







## **Motivation**







#### **Development process**







- Modularity
- Encapsulation
- Simplicity

ISO 26262-6:2011

Methods		ASIL			
		Α	В	С	D
1a	Hierarchical structure of software components	++	++	++	++
1b	Restricted size of software components	++	++	++	++
1c	Restricted size of interfaces	+	+	+	+
1d	High cohesion within each software component	+	++	++	++
1e	Restricted coupling between software components	+	++	++	++
1f	Appropriate scheduling properties				
1g	Restricted use of interrupts	+	+	+	++





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# Methods for the verification of the software architectural design

**ASIL Methods** В C D Α Walk-through of the design 1a +++0 0 1bInspection of the design +++++++Simulation of dynamic parts of the design 1c +++++1d Prototype generation +++0 0 Formal verification 1e +0 0 +1f Control flow analysis ++++++Data flow analysis 1g ++++++























#### Widespread Metric suites

- Halstead, M.H.: Elements of Software Science (Operating and programming systems series). Elsevier Science Inc. (1977)
- Chidamber, S. R., & Kemerer, C. F. (1994). A metrics suite for object oriented design. Software Engineering, IEEE Transactions on, 20(6), 476-493.
- → Overview over existing metrics

## Evaluations of metrics

- Briand, L. C., Daly, J. W., & Wüst, J. (1998). A unified framework for cohesion measurement in object-oriented systems. Empirical Software Engineering, 3(1), 65-117.
- Briand, L. C., Daly, J. W., & Wüst, J. (1999). A unified framework for coupling measurement in object-oriented systems. Software Engineering, IEEE Transactions on, 25(1), 91-121.
- Mayer, T., & Hall, T. (1999, July). Measuring OO systems: a critical analysis of the MOOD metrics. In Technology of Object-Oriented Languages and Systems, 1999. Proceedings of (pp. 108-117). IEEE.

### → Comparison of metrics, design flaws



## **Metric Selection**





Cavano, J.P., McCall, J.A.: A framework for the measurement of software quality. In: Proceedings of the Software Quality Assurance Workshop on Functional and Performance Issues. pp. 133–139. ACM (1978)





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- Original:
  - "don't talk to strangers"
  - ¬ Object1.object2.method1()
  - ✓ Object1.method2()
- Model-based derivation:



Lieberherr, K., Holland, I., Riel, A.: Object-oriented programming: an objective sense of style. In: Conference Proceedings on Object-oriented Programming Systems, Languages and Applications. pp. 323–334. OOPSLA '88, ACM (1988)





## **Range of Demeter**

- Model-based derivation:
  - If two blocks block1 and block2 are indirectly connected, they must not be directly connected
- Metric:
  - Count number of skipped blocks







## **Element Hiding Factor**

- Original:
  - Method Hiding Factor

 $MHF = \frac{\#HiddenMethods}{\#Methods}$ 

• Attribute Hiding Factor

 $AHF = \frac{\#HiddenAttributes}{\#Attributes}$ 

Abreu, F.B., Carapuça, R.: Object-oriented software engineering: Measuring and controlling the development process. In: 4th Int. Conf. on Software Quality (1994)











http://www.pitchvision.com/files/image/!stream/brain\_shutterstock\_154870703.jpg





Metric	Target Value	Model SC	Model BMS
Halstead Volume	minimal	16554.93	53904.3
Number of Elements	minimal	2411	8099
Loose Block Cohesion	1	0.84	0.96
Tight Block Cohesion	>0.75	0.57	0.77
Element Hiding Factor	>0.75	0.51	0.55
Range of Demeter	0	14	0
FanIn (FI)	1<=FI<=3	2.18	1.83
FanOut (FO)	1<=FO<=3	1.94	1.57





#### • What do we have?

 Approach for an automatical evaluation of ISO 26262 requirements for model-based software architecture (for dataflow languages)

#### • What did we want?

- Evaluation of ISO 26262 requirements
  - ✓ Fast (<30s)</p>
  - 🗸 Cheap
  - Objectiv







- Expert review
- Case study for threshold definitions
- More metrics to cover special cases
- More input languages
- Visualisation and support for integration into the development process



## **Questions?**

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