

Orccad, a Model Driven Architecture and Environment for Robot Control

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Orccad : status and motivations

Model:

- Control design oriented approach for robotics
- Mixed feedback and discrete events

Tools:

- Design & simulation/validation
- Real-time workshop

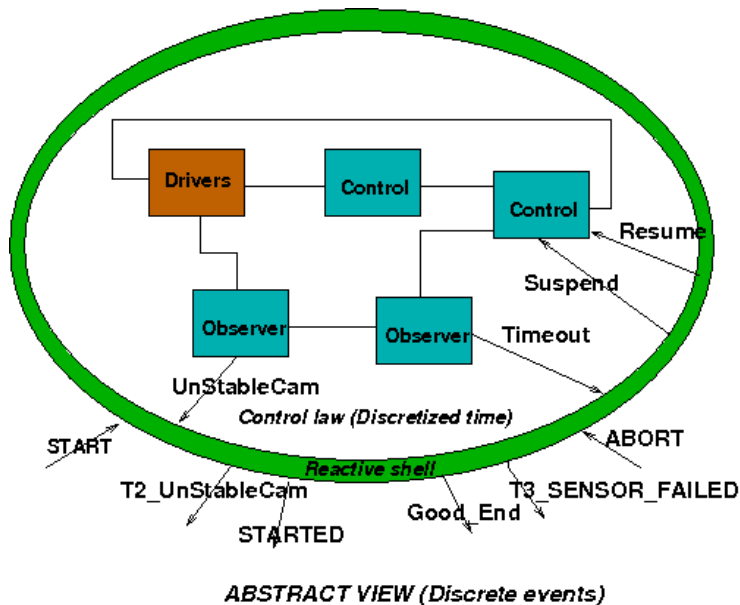
V4 modeling and software development:

- Aging version, based on proprietary tools
- Sound model & design approach
- Model Driven Architecture based on Eclipse Modeling Tools
- Open Source software



The Orccad model

Top-down requirements capture
Bottom-up design



RobotTasks

- Feedback Control
- Cyclic real-time data flow
- Event-based view

RobotProcedures

- Discrete Events Control
- Incremental design
- Exception processing
- Mission definition

Quadrotor networked control & diagnosis



Networked system

- CAN bus
- Distributed diagnosis
- Fault tolerant control

Flexible scheduling

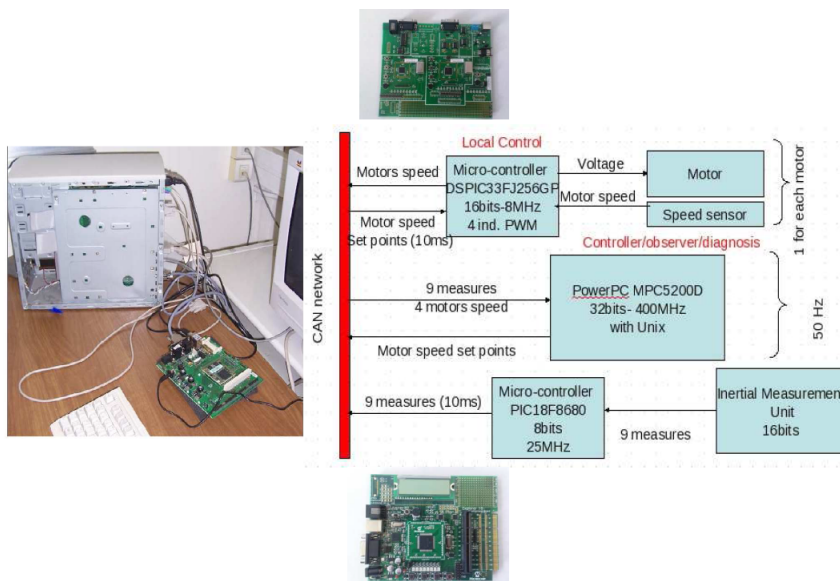
- Varying sampling
- (m,k)-firm
- Dynamic priorities

Hardware-in-the-loop

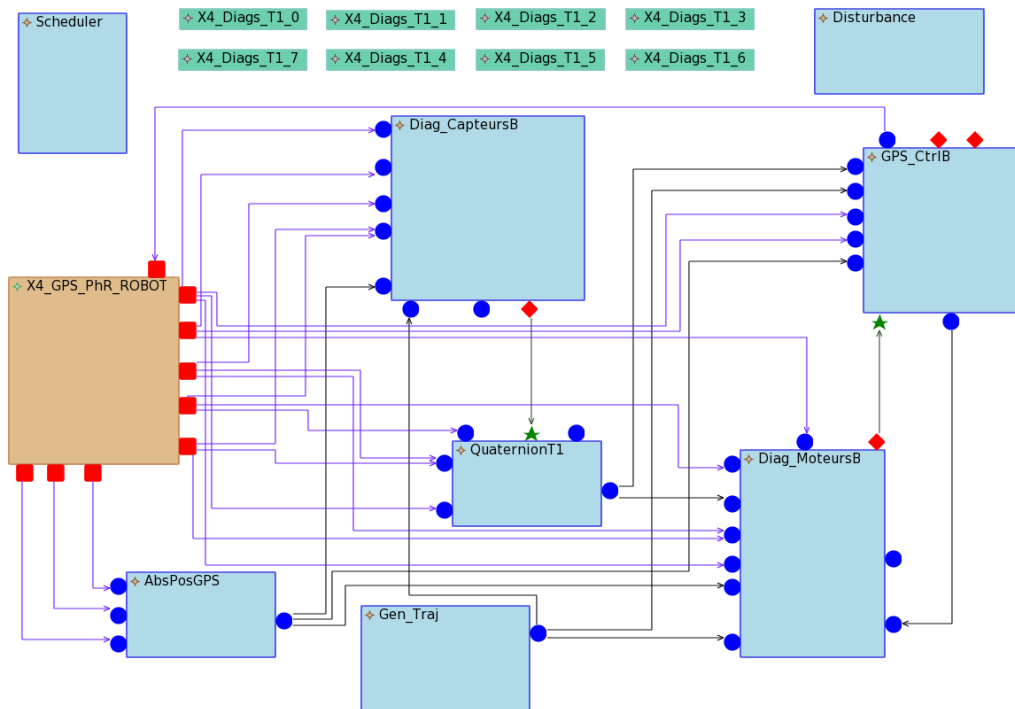
- Linux simulation
- PPC embedded

V4 Runtime update

(SafeNecs ANR)



Drone control block-diagram



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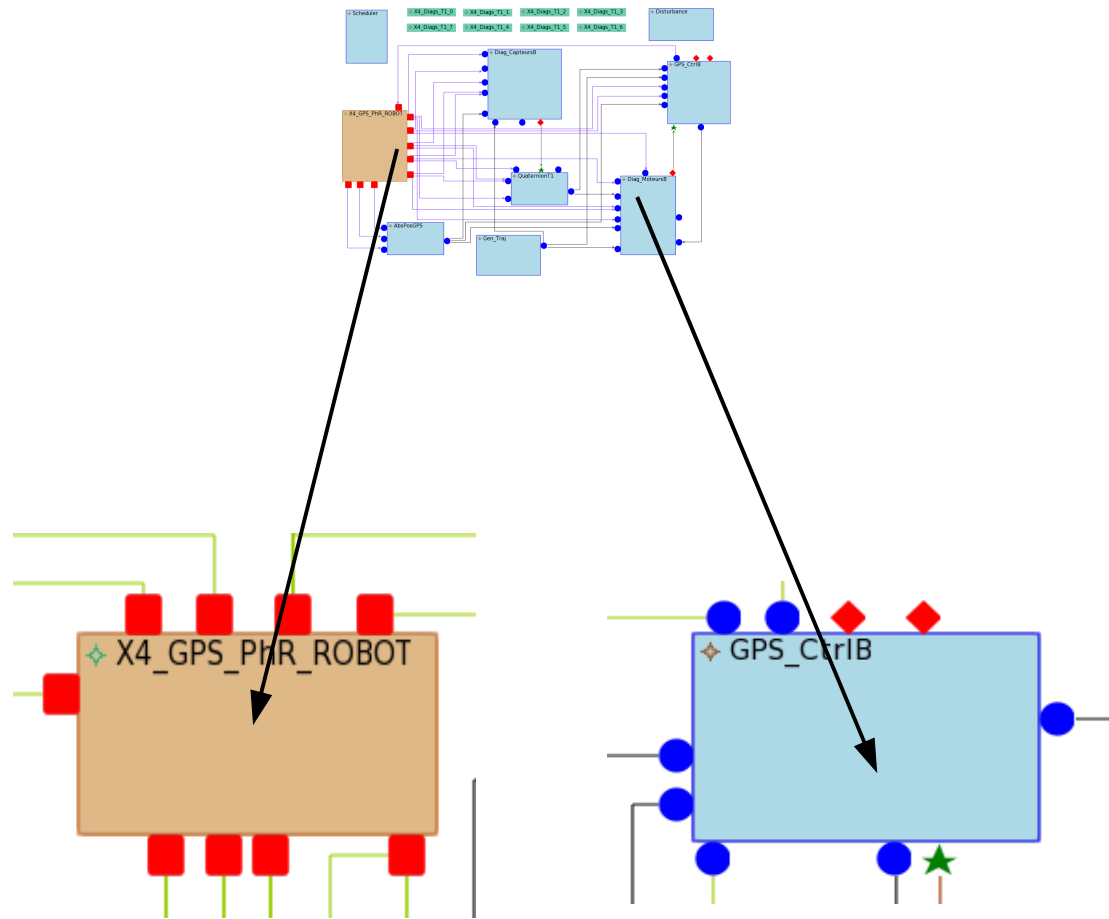
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Orccad components: Modules



Implement functions

Algorithmic
Phy_Resource (drivers)

Typed Input/Output ports

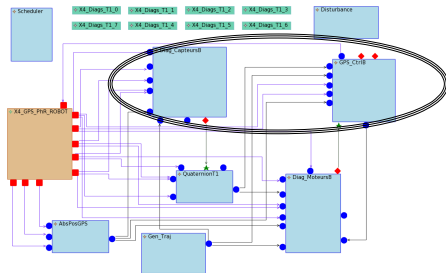
- Data
- Drivers
- Parameters
- Events

User defined C code

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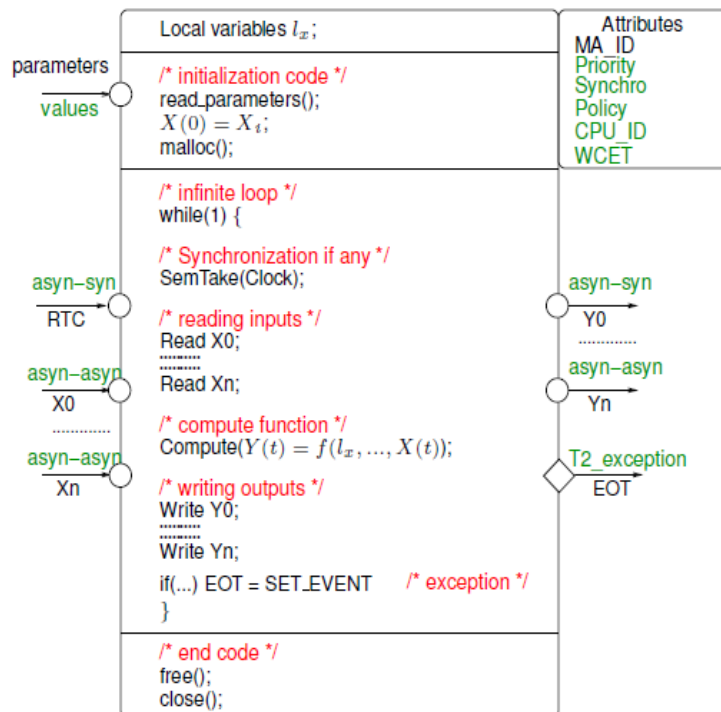
init(inputs)
  forever{
    compute(inputs)
  }
end()
  
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Orccad components: Temporal Constraint



Real time threads

- Task ID
- Modules ID
- Priority
- Synchronization
 - Clock
 - Output port
 - Extern event
- Overrun policy
 - Skip, Soft, Hard
 - User's defined
- WCET
- CPU ID



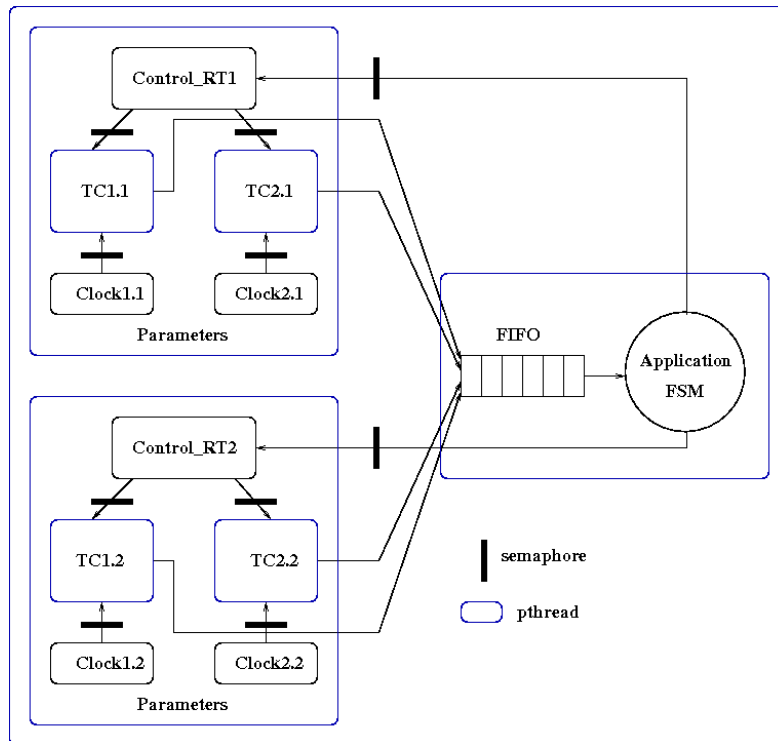
Orccad components: RobotProcedure

- **Composition of control actions**
- **Incremental design**
- **From exception processing to mission definition**
- **Currently written in Esterel**

See next talk!



Runtime



Code generation

- C++ classes
- Virtual system calls

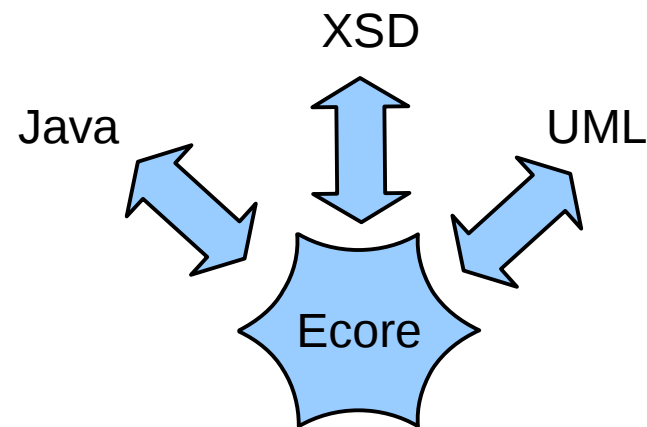
Compilation

- Binding to real calls
- Link with specific runtime library
 - Linux/Posix
 - Xenomai/Native
 - ...

	Orccad	Linux/Posix	Xenomai/Native
launch a real-time task	orcSpawn	pthread_create()	rt_task_spawn()
timer	orcTimer_t	timer_t	RT_ALARM
message queue	orcsgQ_t	mqd_t	RT_QUEUE
semaphore	orcSem_t	sem_t	RT_SEM

MDA in Orccad

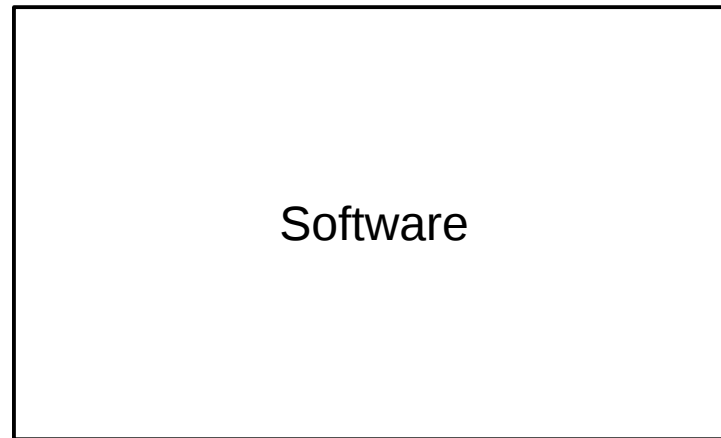
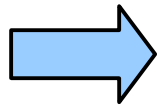
- Eclipse Modeling Project based on the idea of a Model (MetaModel)
- EMP offers different tools for different goals : EMF, GMF, Xpand...
- Principe of plug-in in the Eclipse Environment



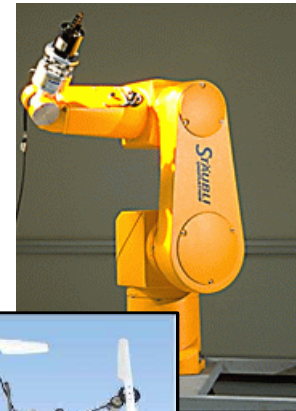
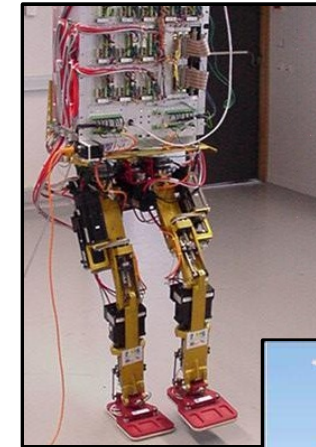
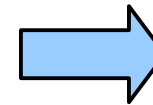
Orccad by Developer & User

As a Developer

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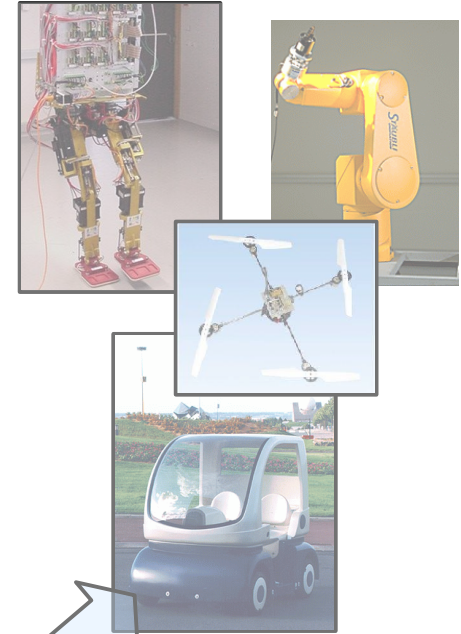


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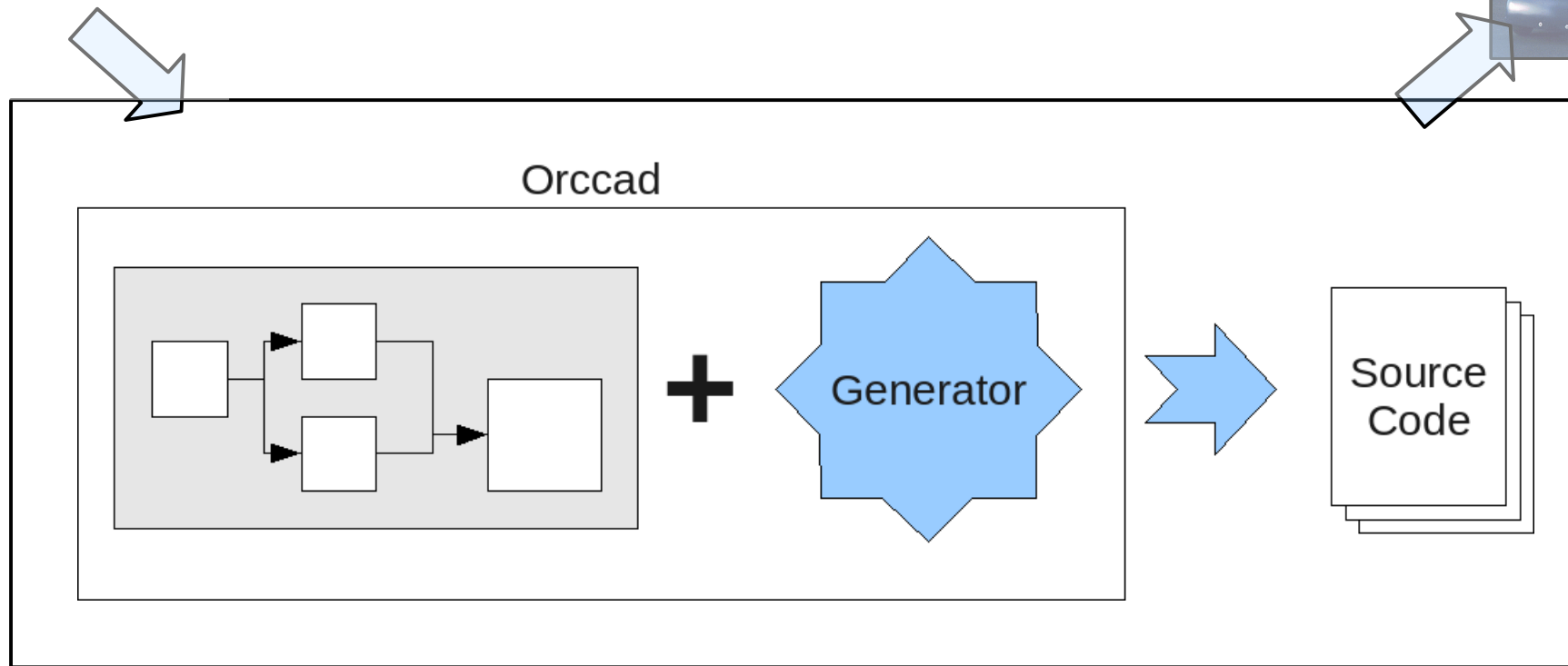


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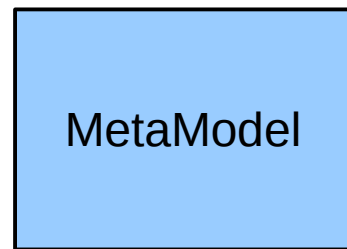
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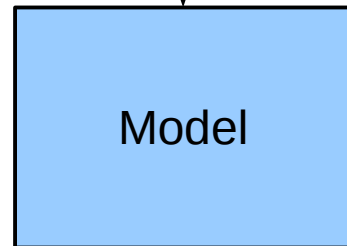
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metamodel



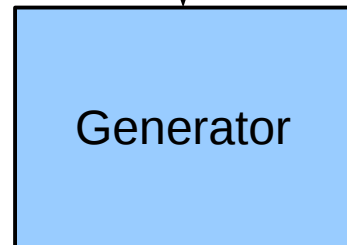
MDA : How it works



The Metamodel defines how a model is made.
Made by the developer.



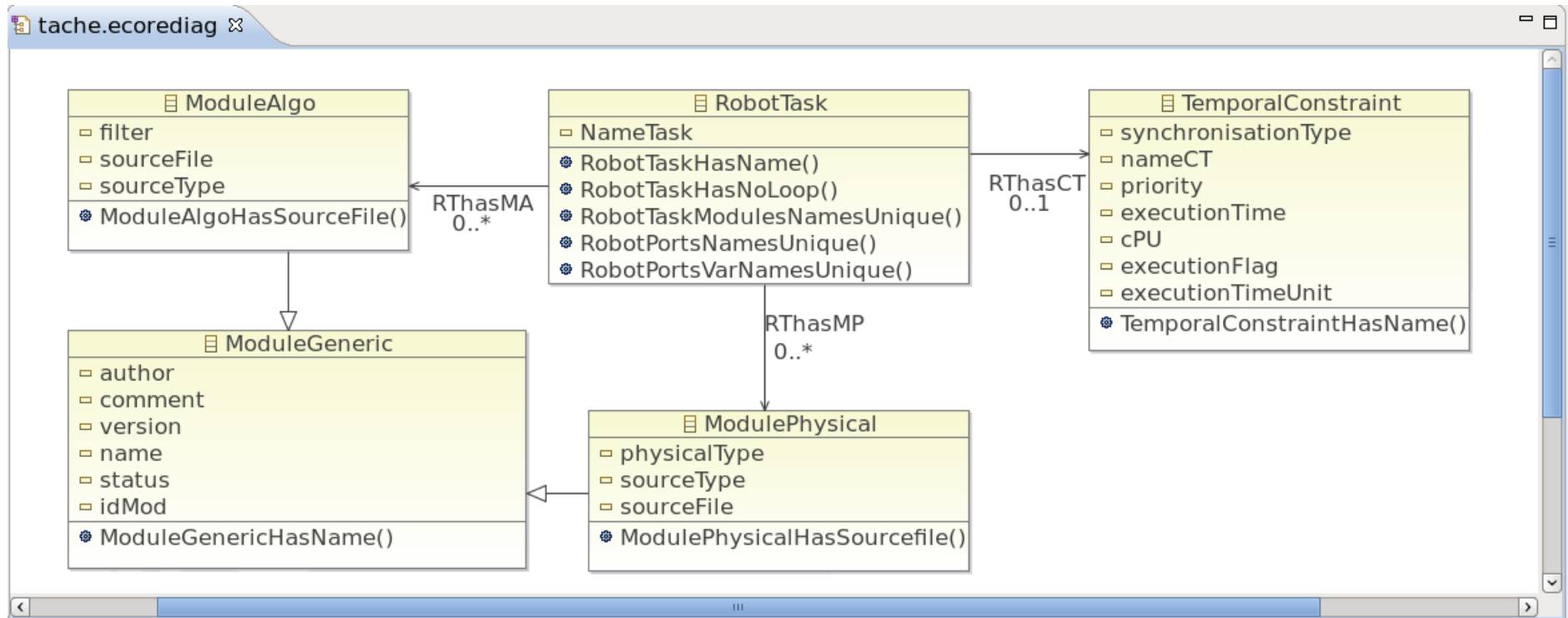
The Model is realized by the user.
It matches to the meta-model and its constraints.



It generates the source code from the model, using
templates defined by the developer .

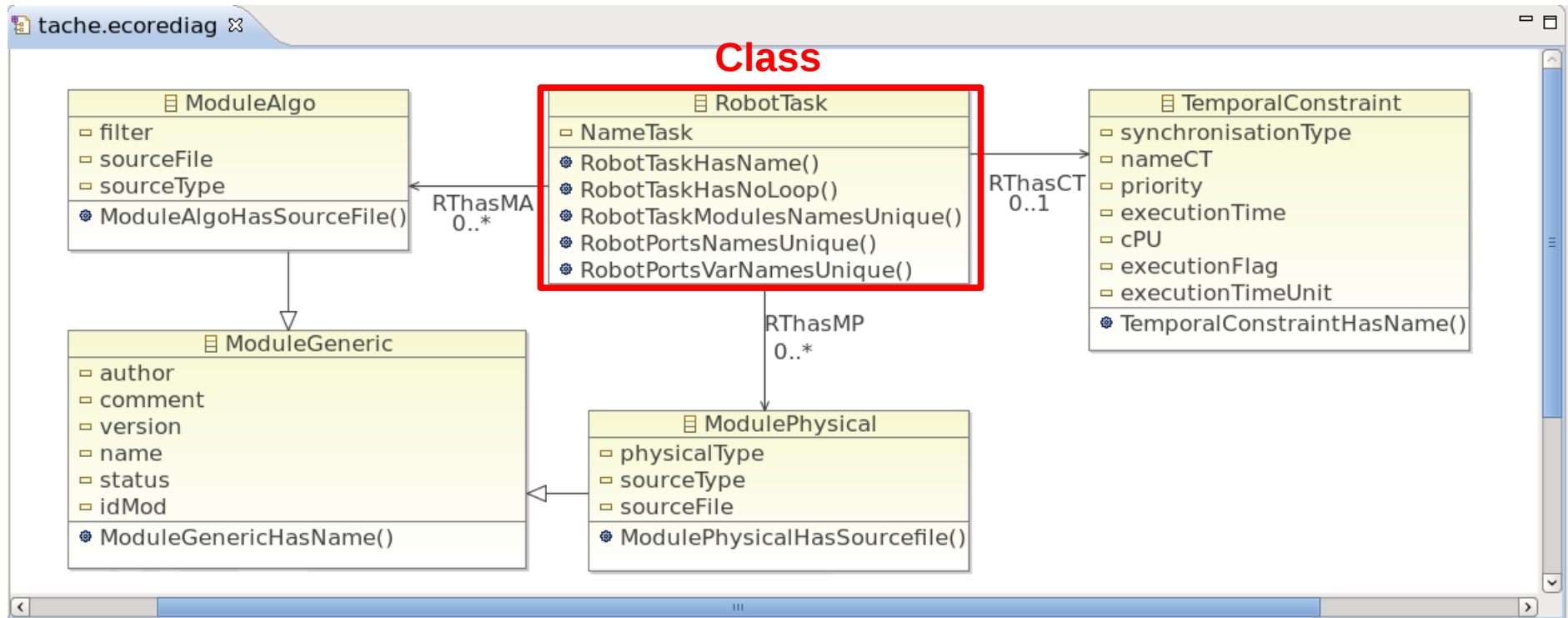
MetaModel - an example

The graphical view is close to an UML model.



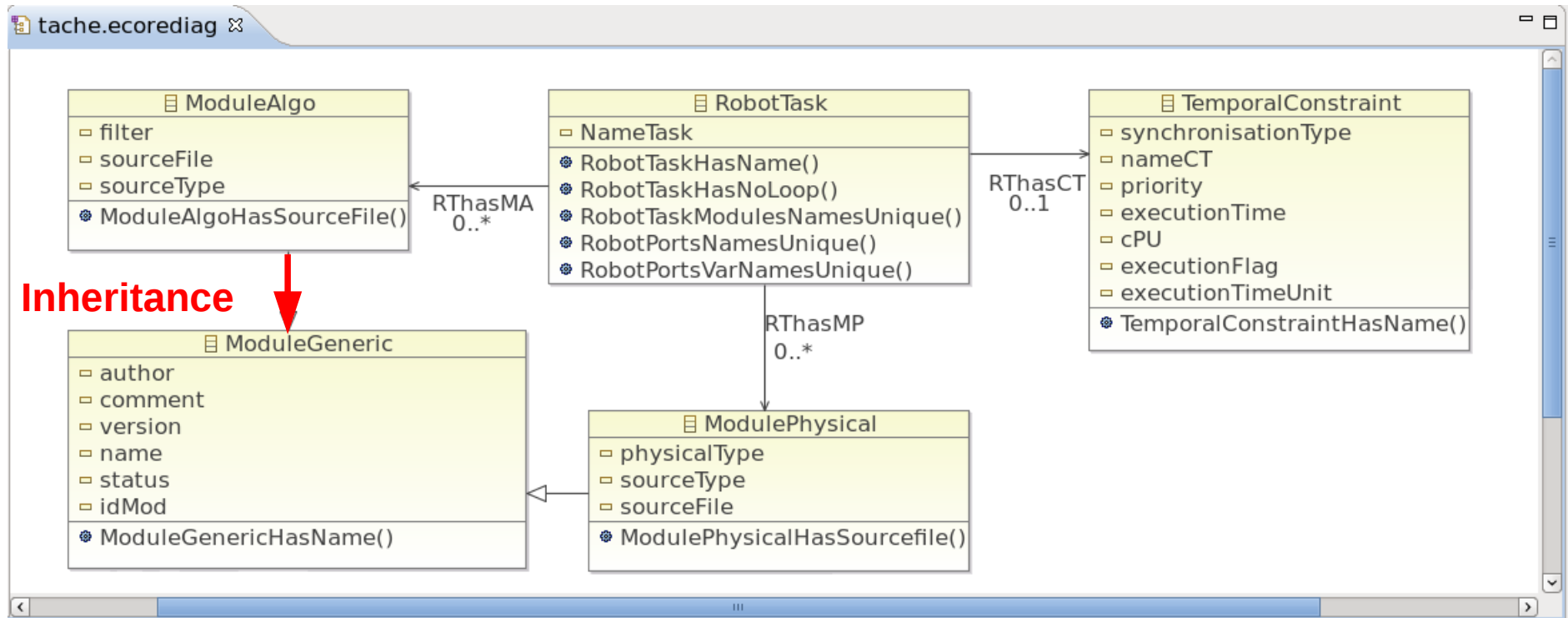
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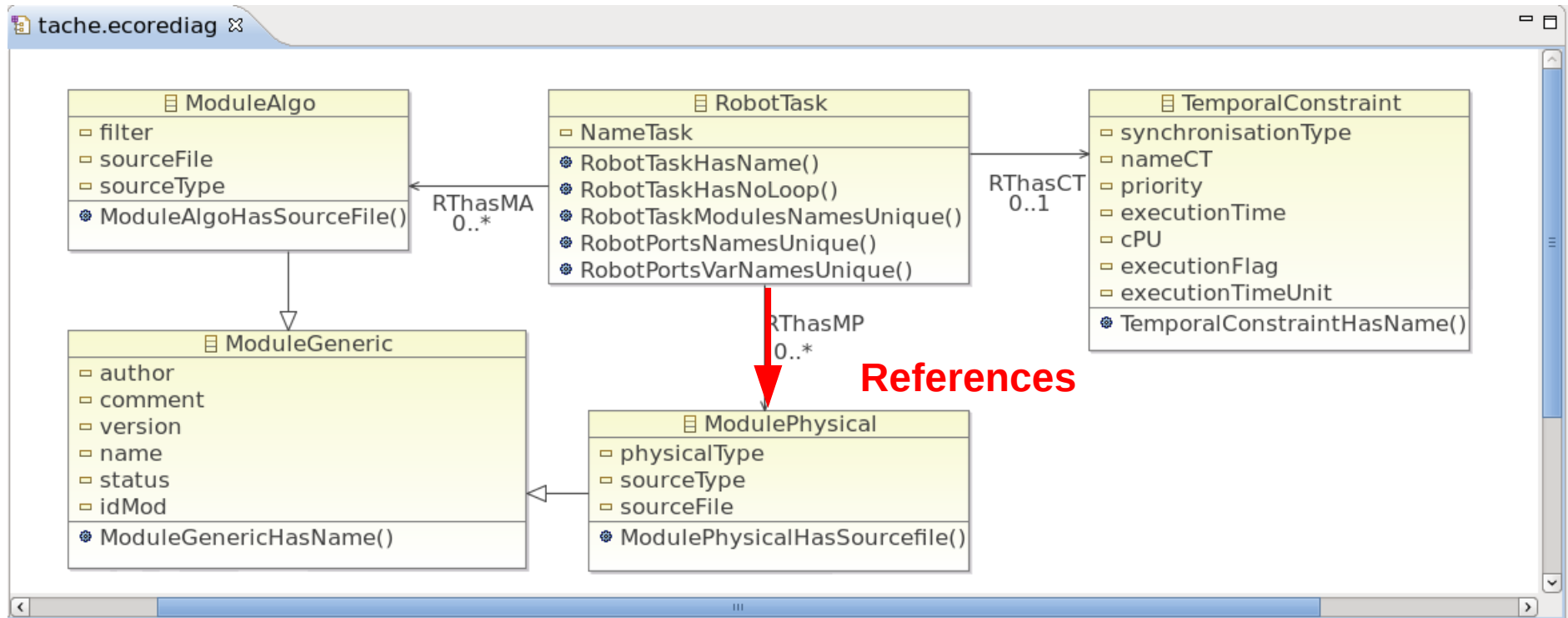


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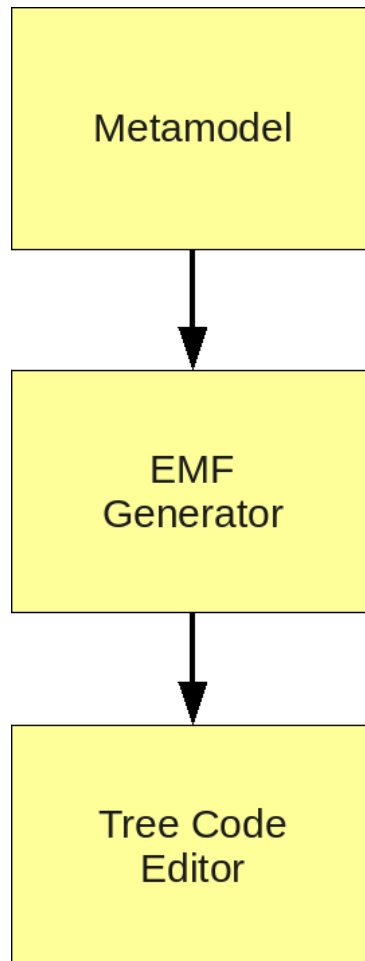
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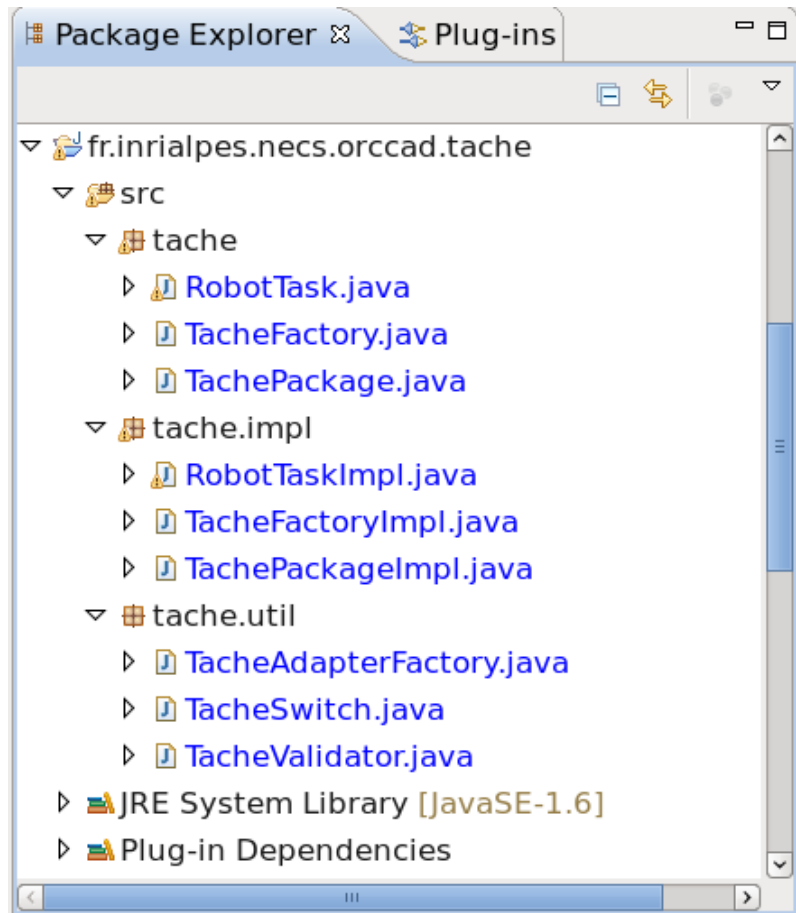


EMF – Tree Editor



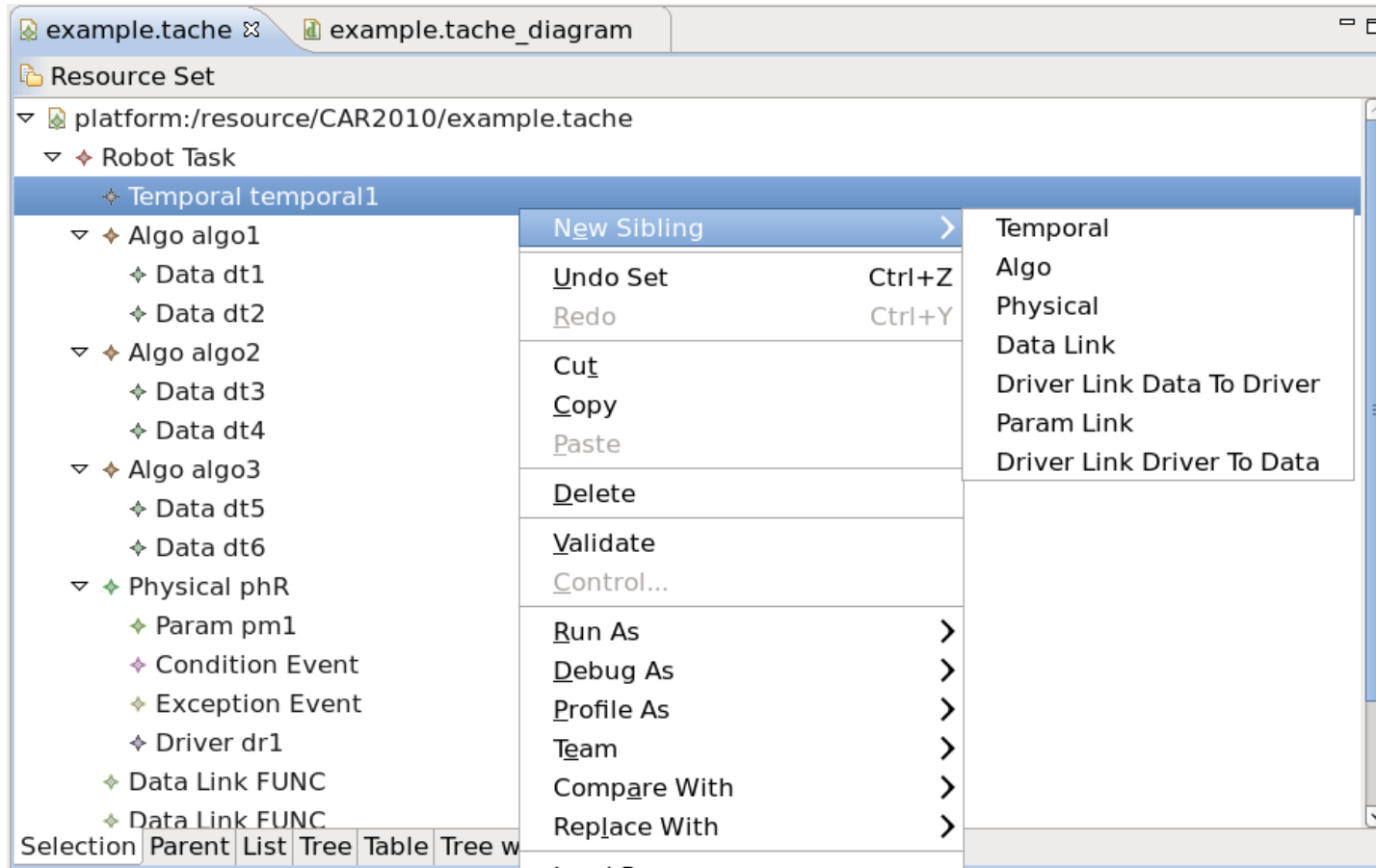
- A plugin developed in the Eclipse project
- From a metamodel, generates a Tree Editor as a plugin
 - For Eclipse
 - RCP plugin
- Really useful to realize beta-version
- Constraints must be defined and filled at this step.

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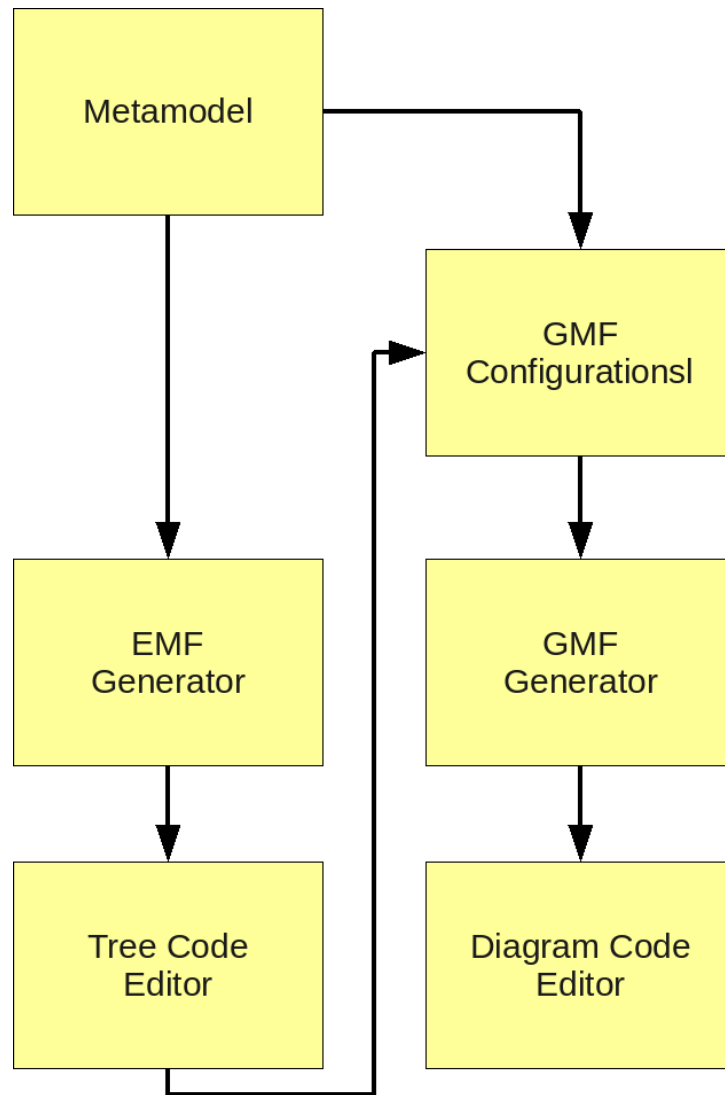


- Generation of Code
 - Creation of a new Project (Plug-in)
 - Packages by functions
 - All the customization on eclipse plug-in are allowed
- Generated code must be modified and/or completed. With keyword, a re-generation of the code is safe.

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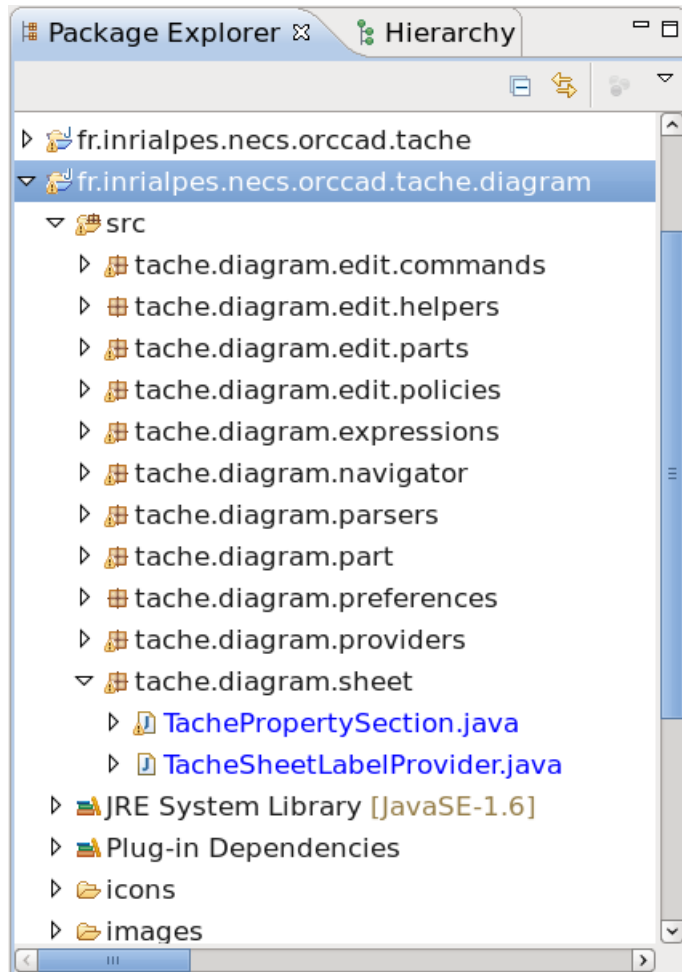


GMF – Graphical Editor



- The Tree Editor must be generated before the generation of the Graphical Editor.
- We specify through files
 - Graphical representations of elements and links
 - Palette tool
 - Mapping, the coherence between view, ecore and palette.
- Then we can generate the Graphical Editor.

GMF – Graphical Editor



Graphical Interface Code :

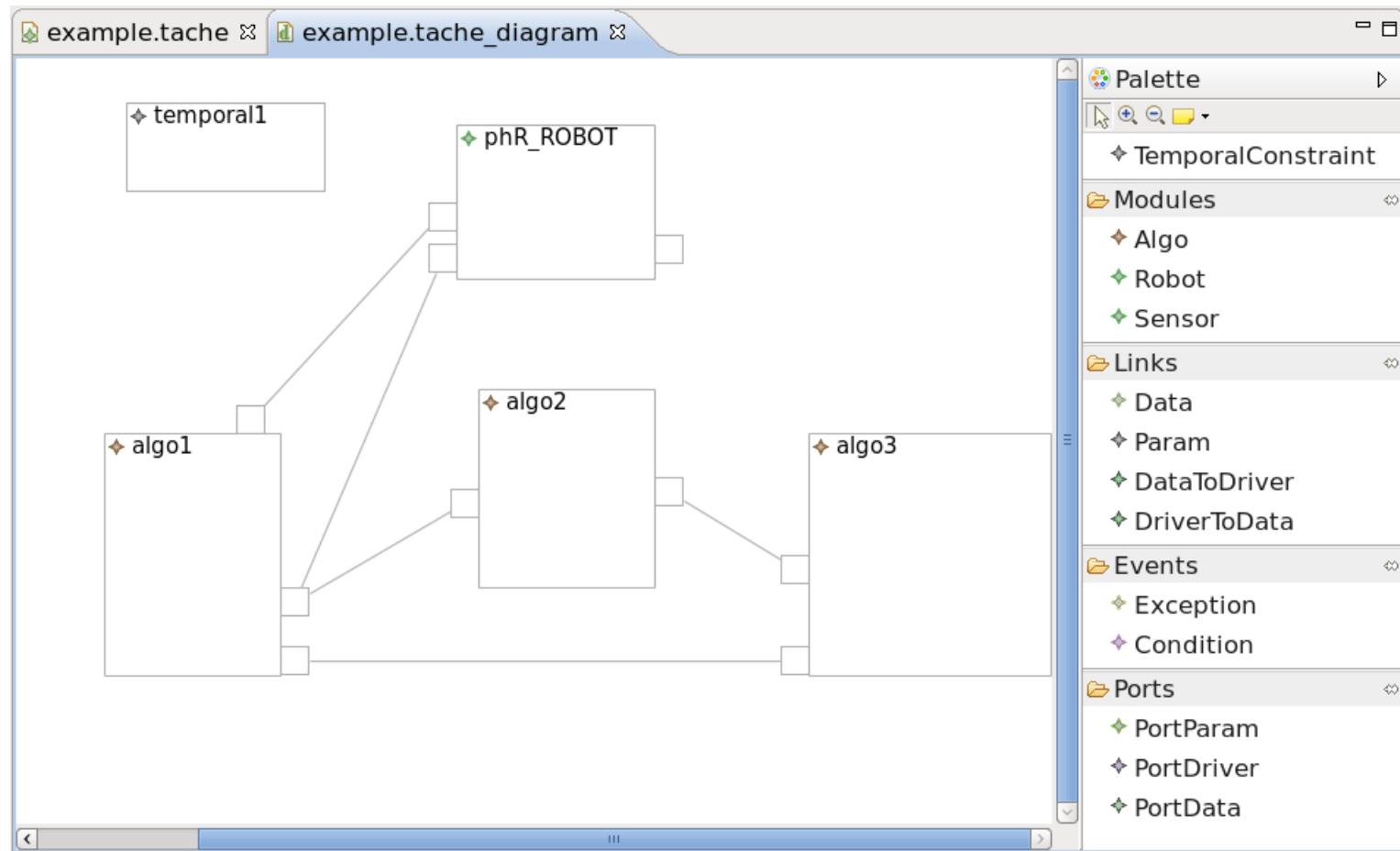
- MVC design pattern

Model, Controller and View
are independent for a easier
maintenance.



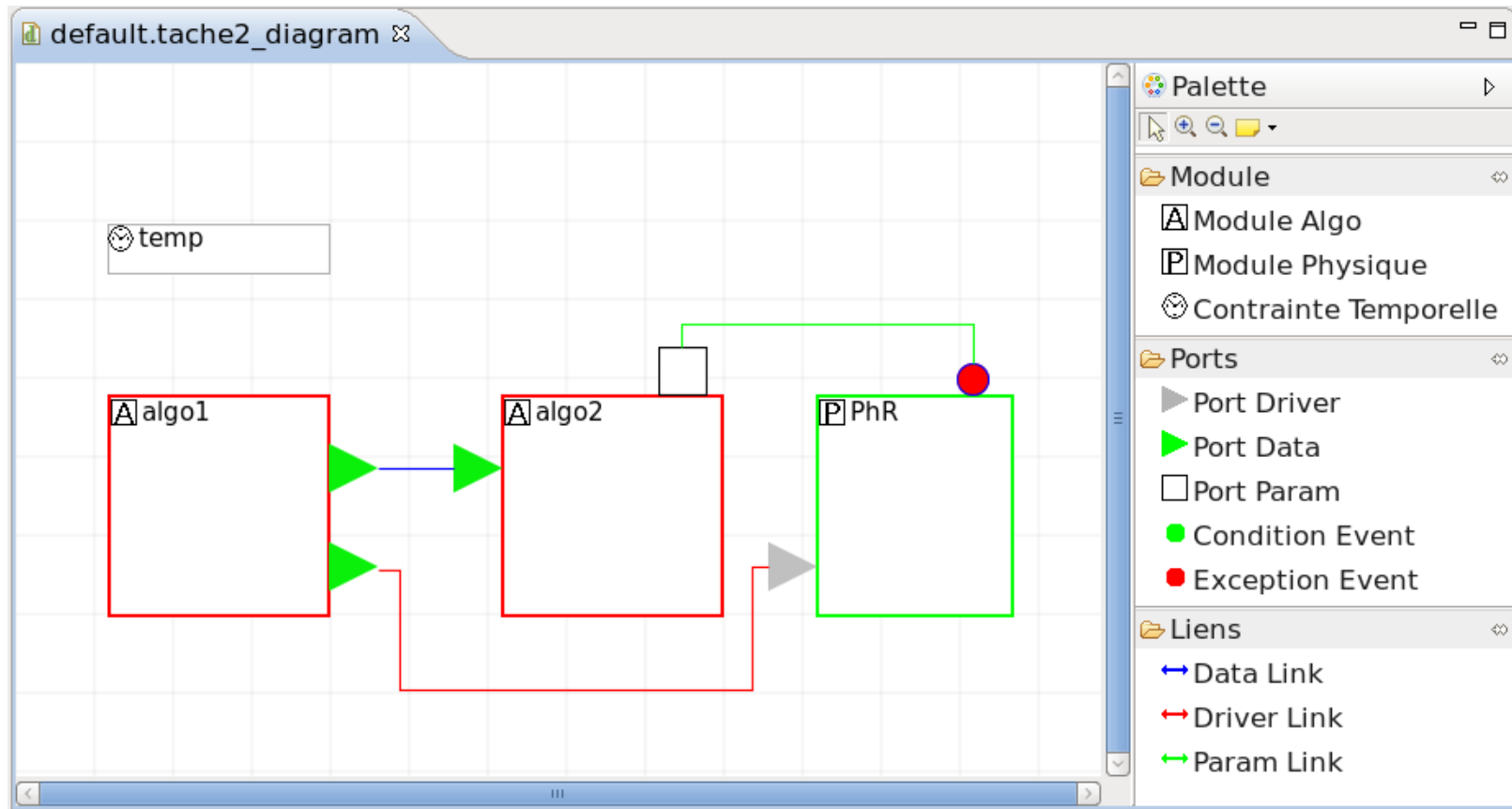
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Result of a quick Graphical Interface uncluttered -> customization !



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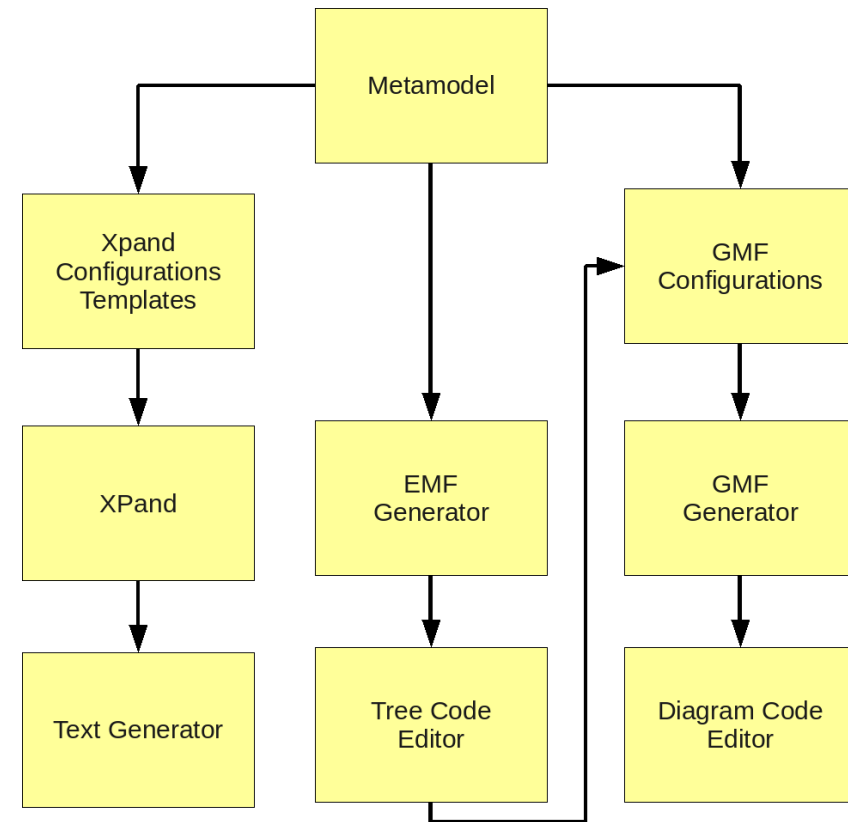
Example of a simple customization



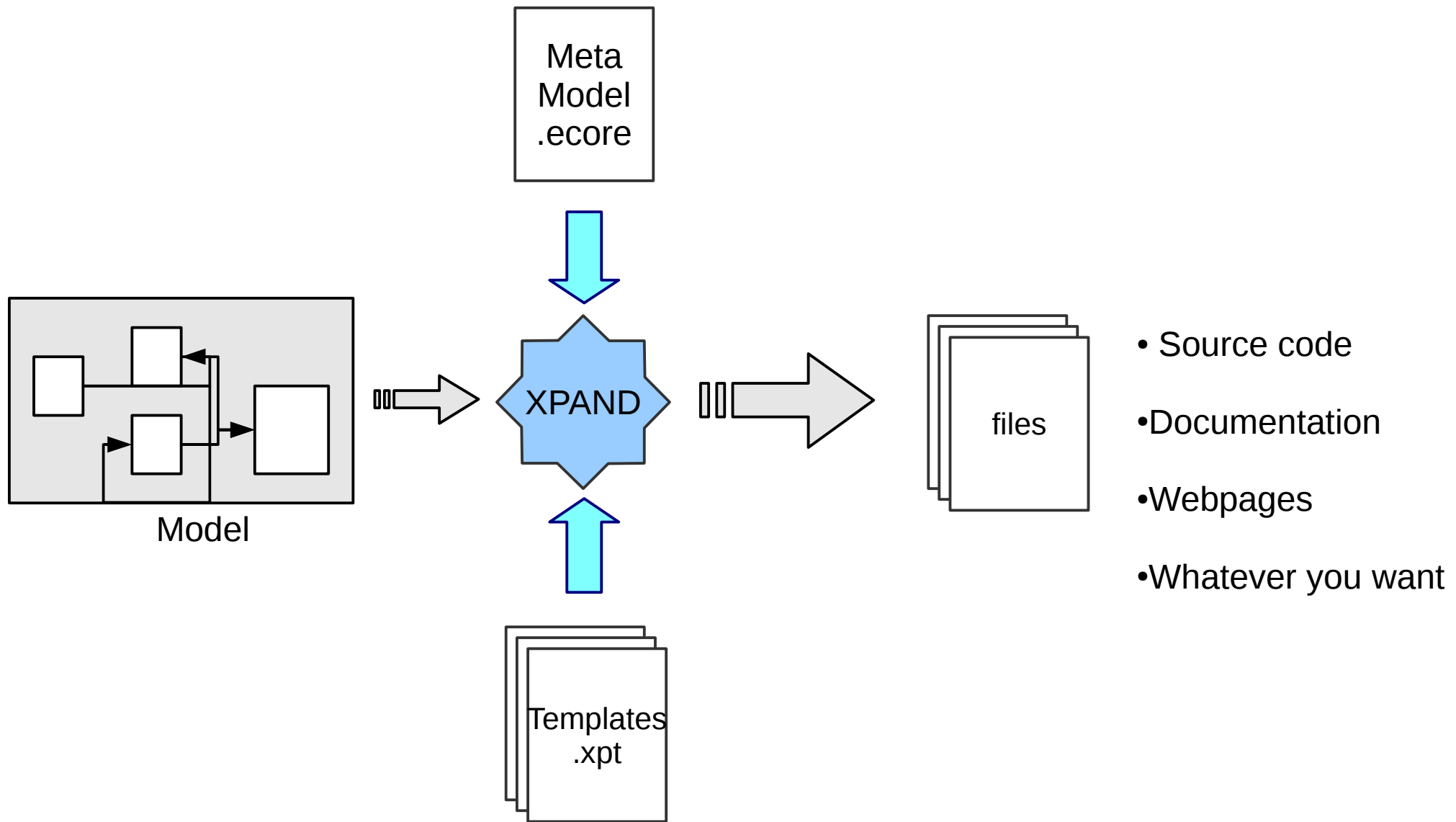
Xpand – The Code generator

Why Xpand ?

- Xpand is proposed as a M2T (Model to Text) technology in the Eclipse Modeling Project
- It fits with the Ecore Metamodel
- Entirely customization for any type of file
- Templates have a simple syntax
- Code generator is independent from the source code



Xpand – The Code generator



Eclipse tooling assessment

- Disadvantages



- × Abandoned tools
- × Choices
- × Technology not easy to master

- Advantages



- ✓ Eclipse Environment
- ✓ Model and Code independence
- ✓ Extensibility/scalability
- ✓ Fast when technology mastered

<http://orccad.gforge.inria.fr>

Opening soon!

Questions ?