

Modellalapú tesztelés: Esettanulmány

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Testing Context-aware Behavior of Autonomous Robots



Outline

- Motivations and applications
- The testing concept
 - Context modelling
 - Requirements modelling
 - Test strategies
 - Test evaluation
- Testing tool-chain (testing framework)
- Case studies
- Summary

Introduction

- R3-COP and R5-COP projects
 - Development of methods and tools for the efficient **verification and testing** of dependable and safety-critical systems
- Focus of these projects is testing ...
 - Autonomous systems
 - that make decisions to **execute missions without direct human control**
 - Context-aware systems
 - that **use perceived context information** to provide relevant services



R5-COP

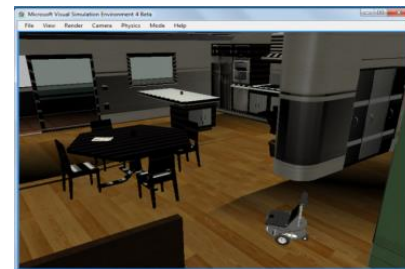
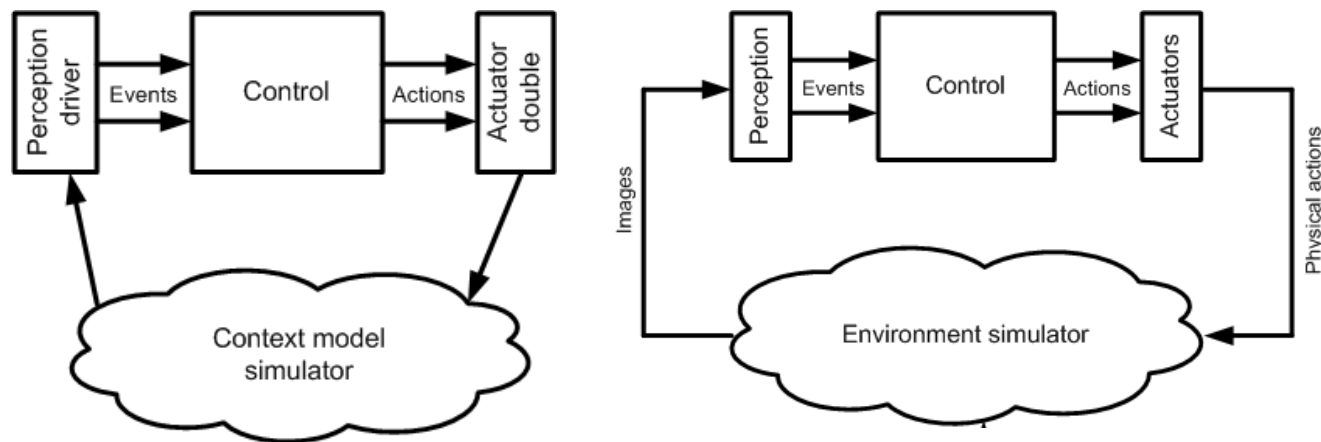


Objectives and applications

- Systems to be tested in the project
 - Autonomous robots: household and manufacturing robots
 - Autonomous vehicles: LGV, UAV, RUAV
- Objectives of testing
 - **Robustness and safety**: safe system behaviour in the presence of stressful environmental conditions
 - **Context-awareness**: dependency of the system behaviour on the evolving state of the complex environment (context)
- Typical safety requirements to be addressed
 - *“In case the robot is in close proximity to living beings it shall send sound or voice alerts”*
 - *“When an obstacle gets to the dangerous area then the vehicle shall stop”*
 - **Context-related conditions** (initial, interim and final), and corresponding sequence of actions

Test purpose and test environment

■ Black-box testing of the behaviour



■ Test execution:

1. Configuration of the (dynamic) context
2. Starting the robot to execute its mission
3. Observing context-dependent actions

■ Test environment:

- Simulator
- Real (physical) environment



Challenges and solutions

Typical challenges in testing:

- Informal requirements specification
 - Specification of context-aware behaviour is difficult
 - Adaptivity is an issue
- Manual preparation of test cases
 - Based on experience
 - Testing behaviour in typical situations
- Imprecise test quality metrics
 - Relation to context
 - Relation to requirements

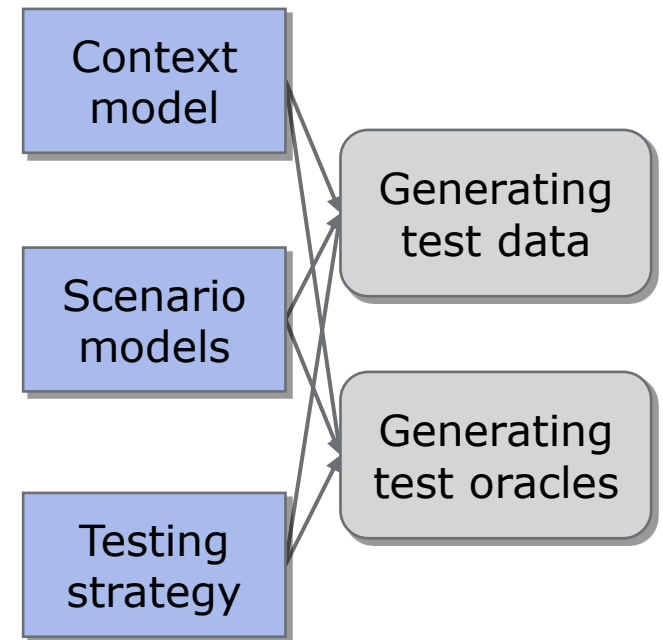
Proposed solutions:

- Precise requirements specification
 - Modelling contexts, dynamic events and actions
 - Modelling scenarios
- Systematic, model based test data generation
 - Based on context model
 - Testing behaviour in stressful context
- Model based test coverage metrics
 - Context based coverage
 - Scenario based coverage

The testing concept

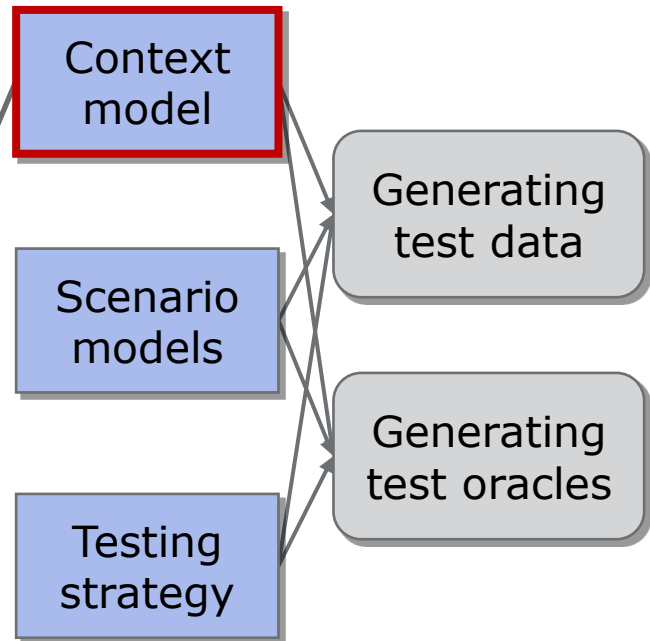
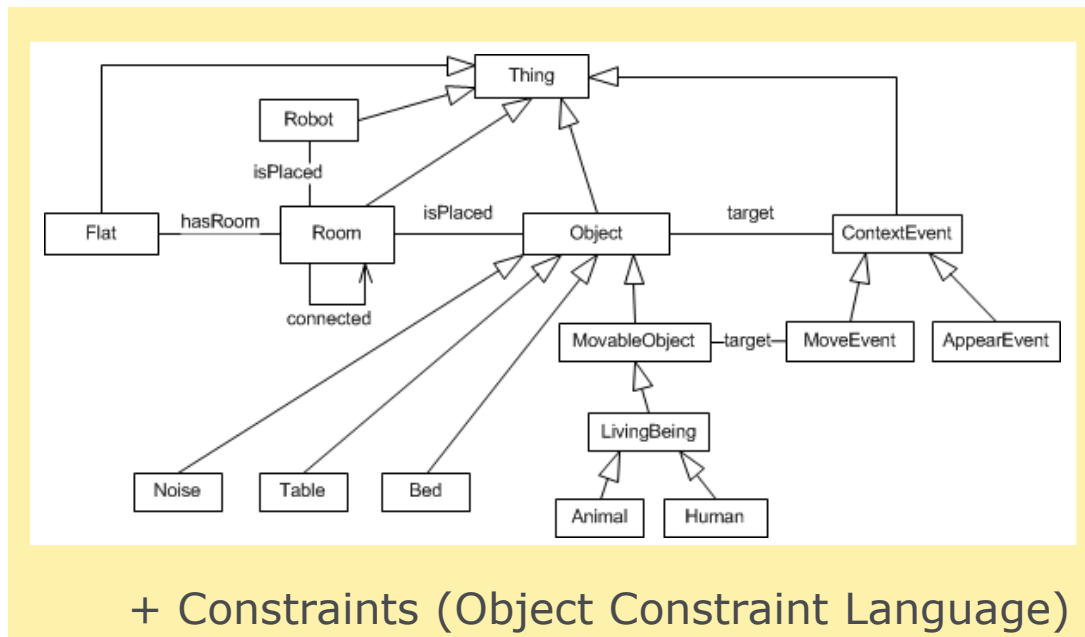
Overview

- Test goals
 - **Systematic** generation of test data, i.e., test contexts that include stressful (unexpected) situations
 - **Evaluating the safety** of the observed behavior
- What is needed?
 - Description of the environment: **Context modeling**
 - Capturing the test requirements: **Scenario modeling**
 - Systematic generation of test data: **Testing strategies**
- Tools for the tedious steps



Context modeling

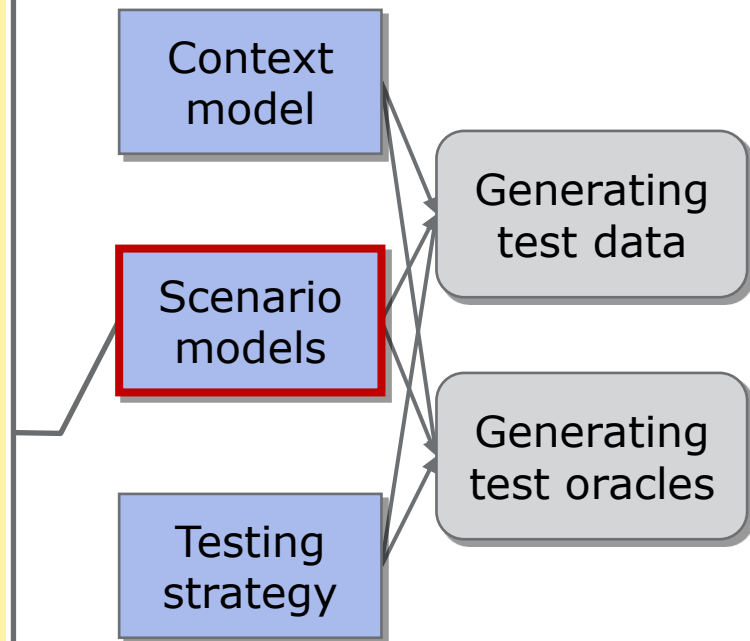
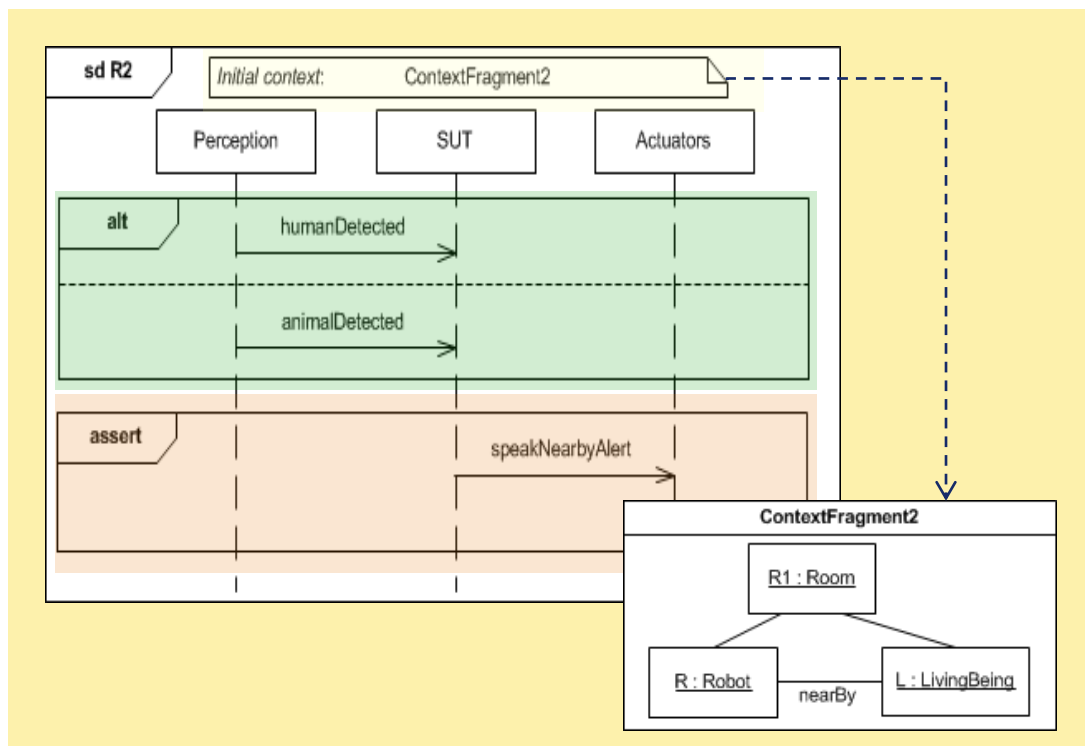
- Domain ontology → Context metamodel
 - Objects with properties, including **dynamic objects**
 - Relations: concrete or **abstract** relations
 - Constraints: physical limitations and application-specific constraints
- Action model for control actions



Scenario modeling

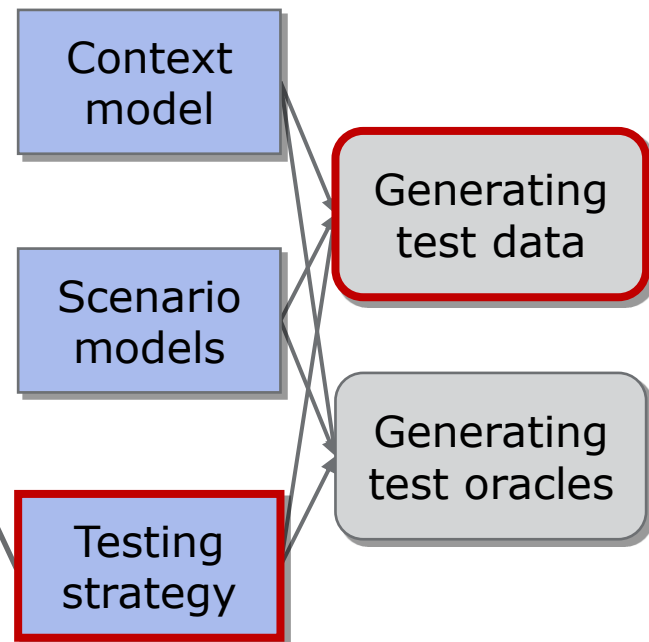
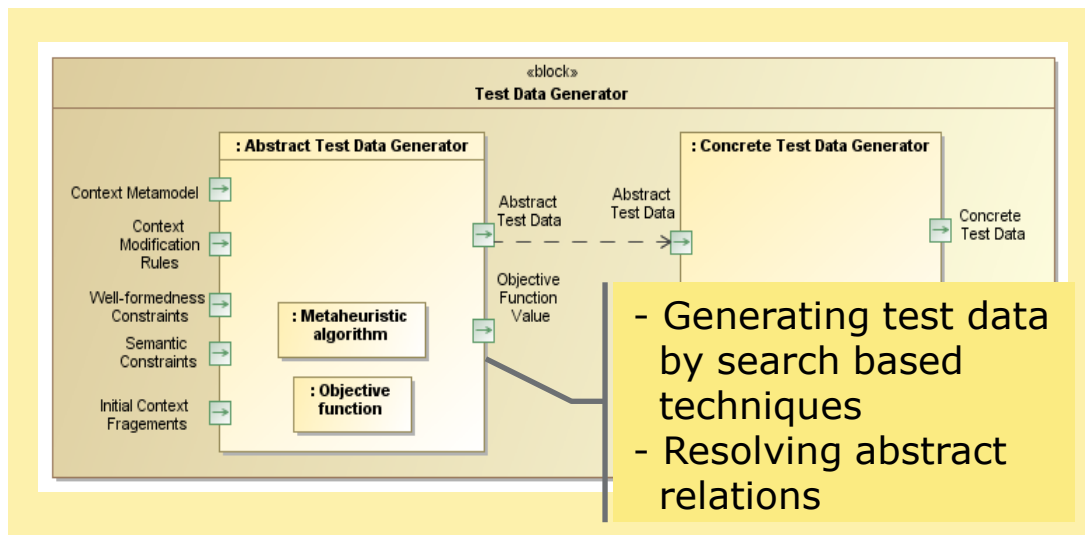
■ Safety requirements → Scenario model

- **Initial context fragment**: instances of the context metamodel
- **Trigger part**: Events (perception) and messages (commands)
- **Assertion part**: Expected or forbidden actions and context changes
- **Precise semantics** based on MSC and LSC constructs with time



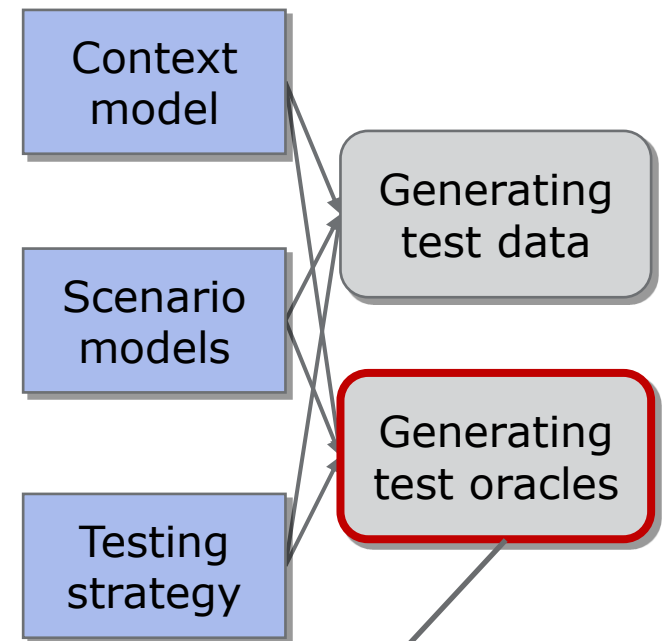
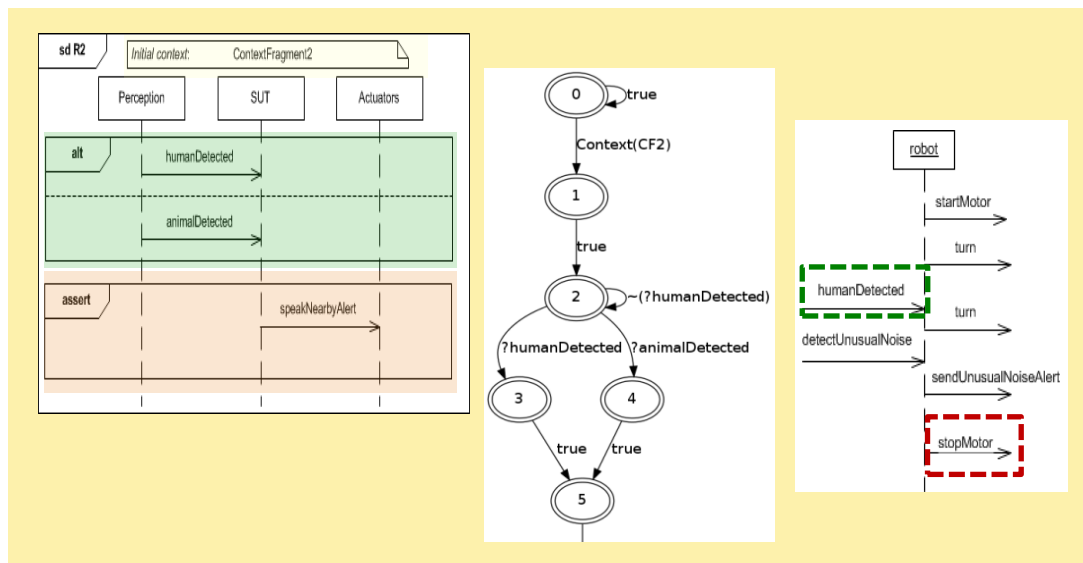
Strategies for testing robustness

- Unexpected objects → Context coverage
 - Extending the initial context fragment with **extra objects**
- Complex contexts → Scenario coverage
 - **Combining** (n-wise) the initial context fragments of scenarios
- Extreme situations → Robustness coverage
 - Mutating initial context fragments: using **boundary values** of properties, **violating application constraints**



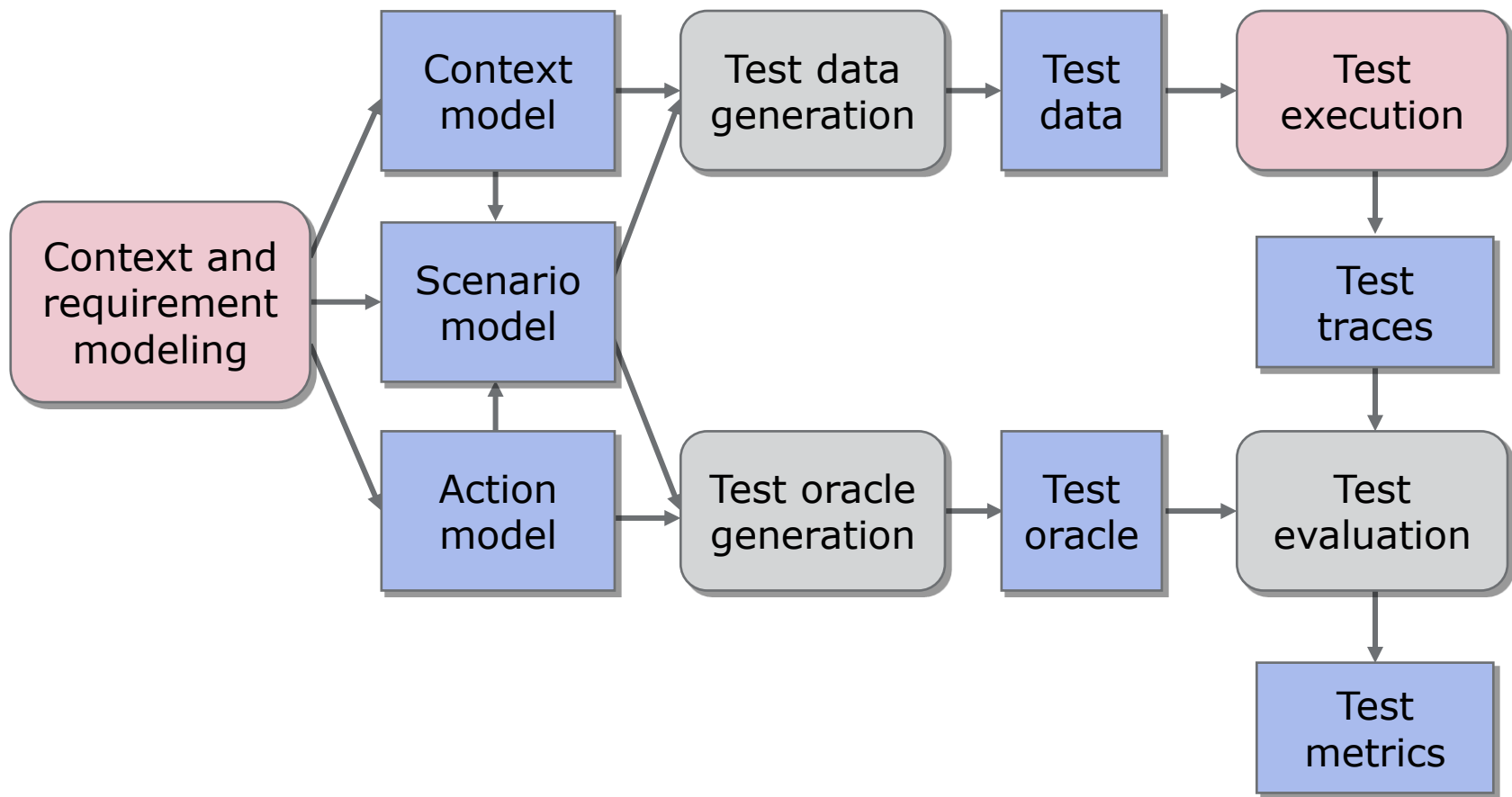
Evaluating test traces

- Evaluating a test trace simultaneously against each requirement scenario, from each relevant step
 - Matching **events** and **context changes** (respecting object hierarchy): using efficient graph-based decomposition techniques
 - Automated evaluation of traces: synthesis of **observer automata** from the scenarios
 - Identifying violated scenarios → metrics



The testing tool-chain

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- Lightweight but precise requirement modeling
- Automated tools to support test generation and evaluation

Tool: Test data generation

Input (context) models:

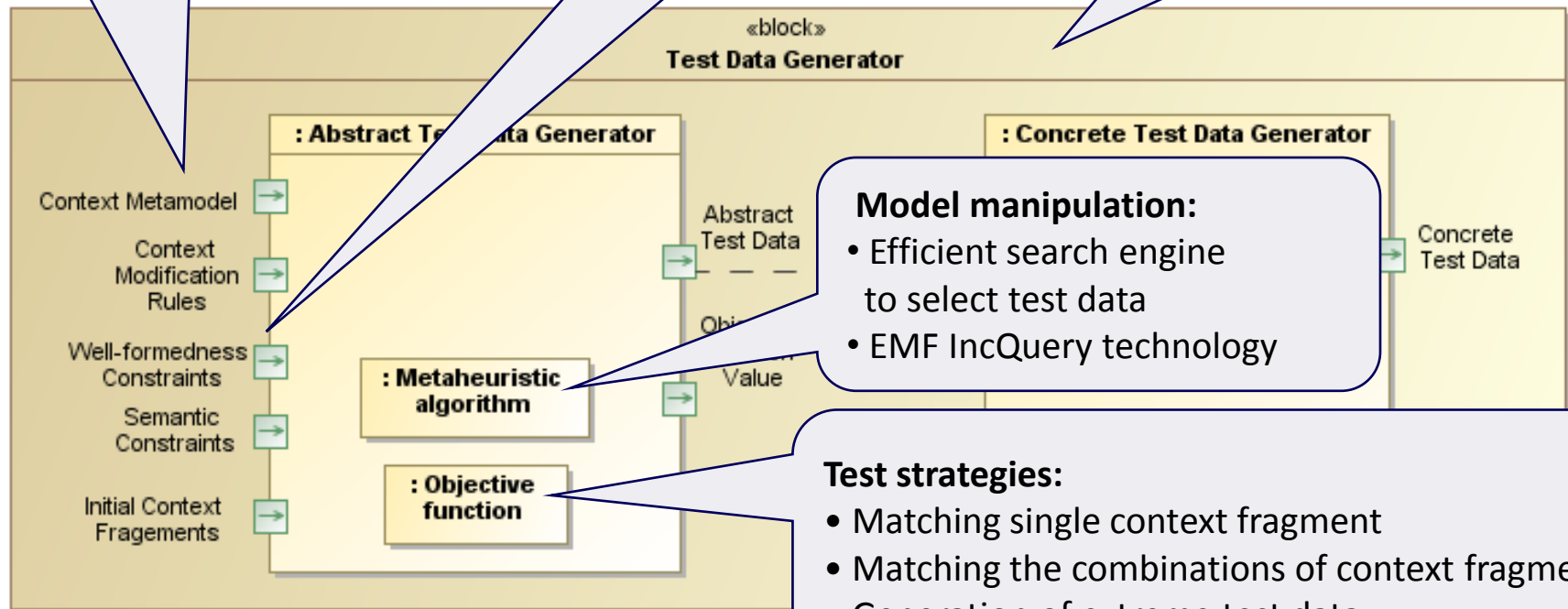
- From Papyrus or RSA
- Mapped internally to EMF models

Constraints:

- Mapped to EMF model patterns
- Matching is checked

Tool framework:

- Eclipse technology
- Prototype implementation



Model manipulation:

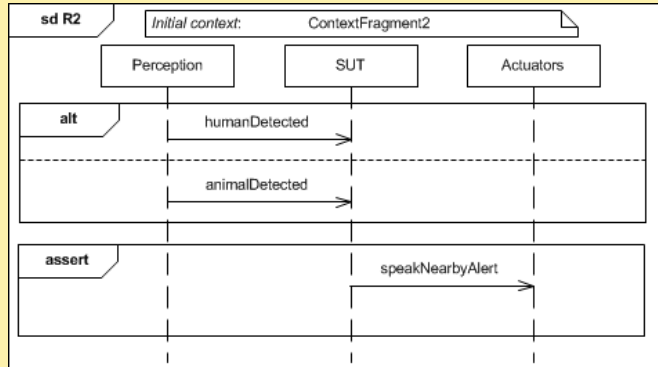
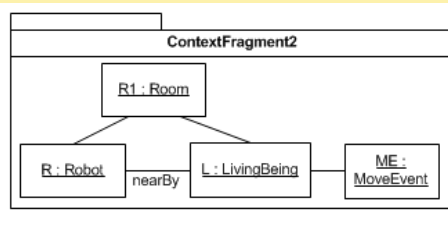
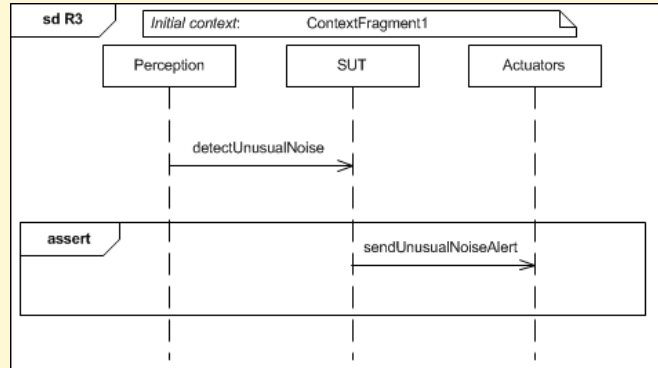
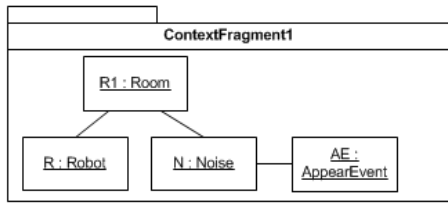
- Efficient search engine to select test data
- EMF IncQuery technology

Test strategies:

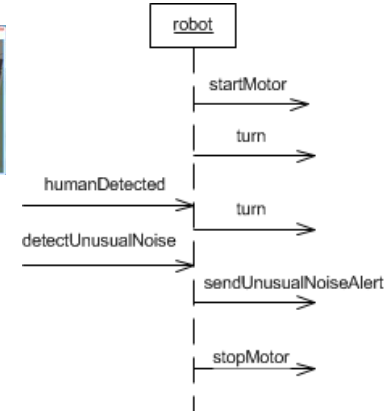
- Matching single context fragment
- Matching the combinations of context fragments
- Generation of extreme test data

Test generation: Combining contexts

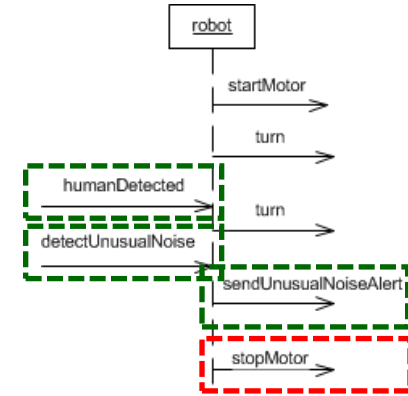
Test requirement scenarios:



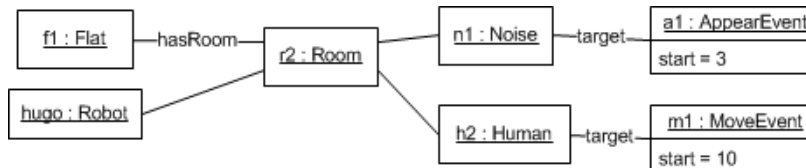
Test trace:



Evaluation:



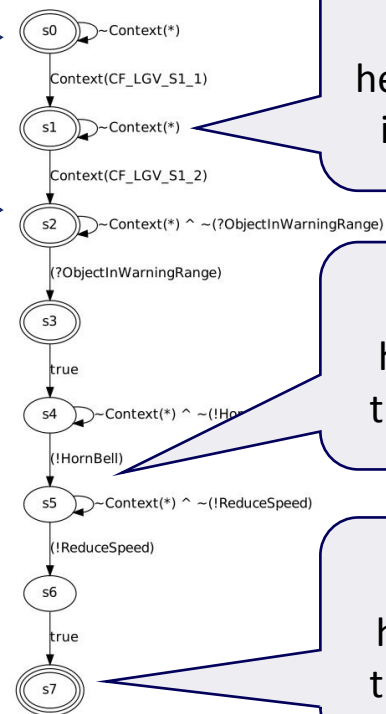
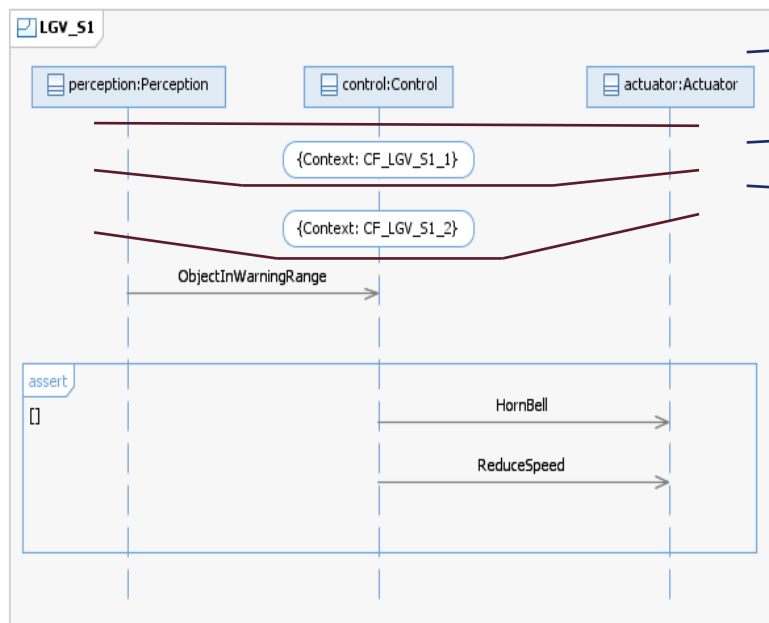
Test data generated:



Test verdict:
R3 passed
R2 failed

Tool: Test oracle generation

- **Goal of test evaluation:**
 - Checking which req. scenario was triggered/satisfied/violated
 - Matching of **events/actions** and **context fragments** from test traces
- **Solution:** Building an **observer automaton** for each scenario



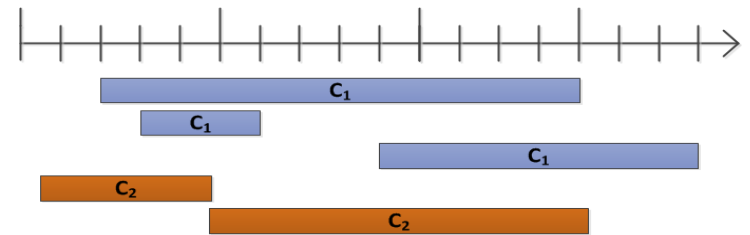
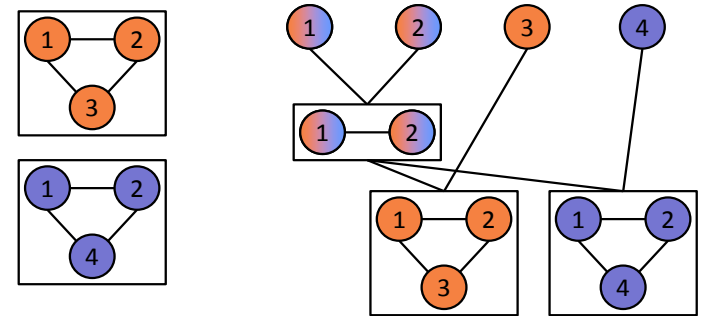
If a trace stops here, the scenario is not triggered

If a trace stops here, it violates the requirement

If a trace stops here, it satisfies the requirement

Test oracle: Checking context fragments

- Checking sequences of changing contexts (dynamic objects)
 - Graph based representation and matching of graph sequences
- All requirements (contexts) are checked simultaneously
 - **Decomposition** of context fragments to utilize **common parts** that could be checked once
- Context fragments (from requirement scenarios) are checked for matching at each step of the trace
 - **Concurrent** threads for evaluation of matching contexts



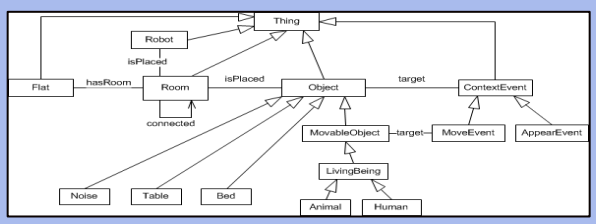
Behaviour testing – What is achieved?

- **Testing framework** that supports the following testing concept:
 - **Objective**: Black-box testing the safety and robustness of the context-aware behaviour of autonomous systems
 - **Strategy**: Generating stressful contexts in which the mission of the robot is checked according to specified requirements
 - **Coverage**: Context, requirement scenarios, constraints
 - **Approach**: Model based test data generation + test trace evaluation
- **Modelling formalisms** and conventions
 - **Context modelling** to capture context elements and constraints
 - **Scenario modelling** to capture context-related (safety) requirements
- **Techniques** for test generation of (stressful) test contexts
 - Extension, combination and mutation of context patterns
- **Tools** in the test framework that support the tedious steps
 - Models → Automated test context generation + test oracle generation

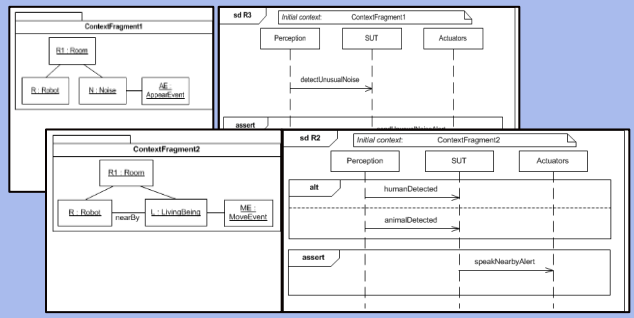
The testing framework in practice

Inputs and outputs of generator tools

Context model

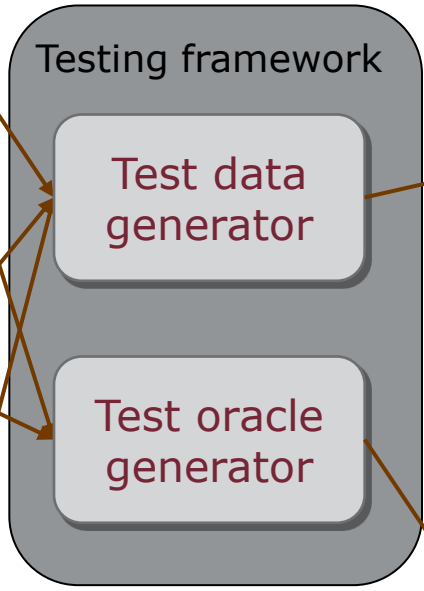


Scenario models

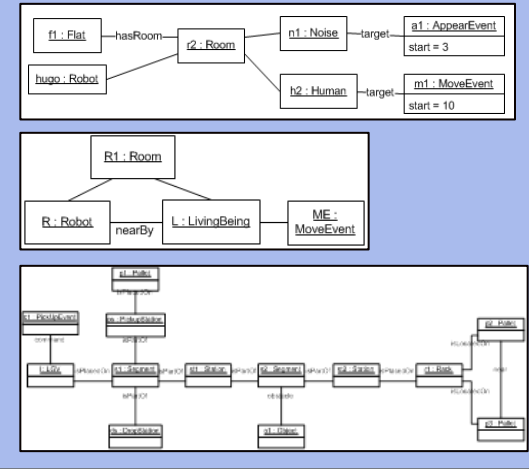


Testing strategy

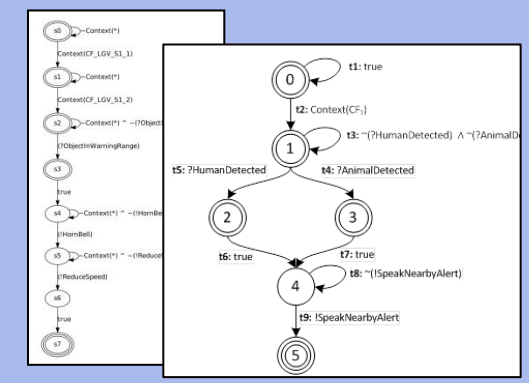
- Valid initial contexts
- Combination of initial contexts
- Violation of constraints
- Extension of initial contexts



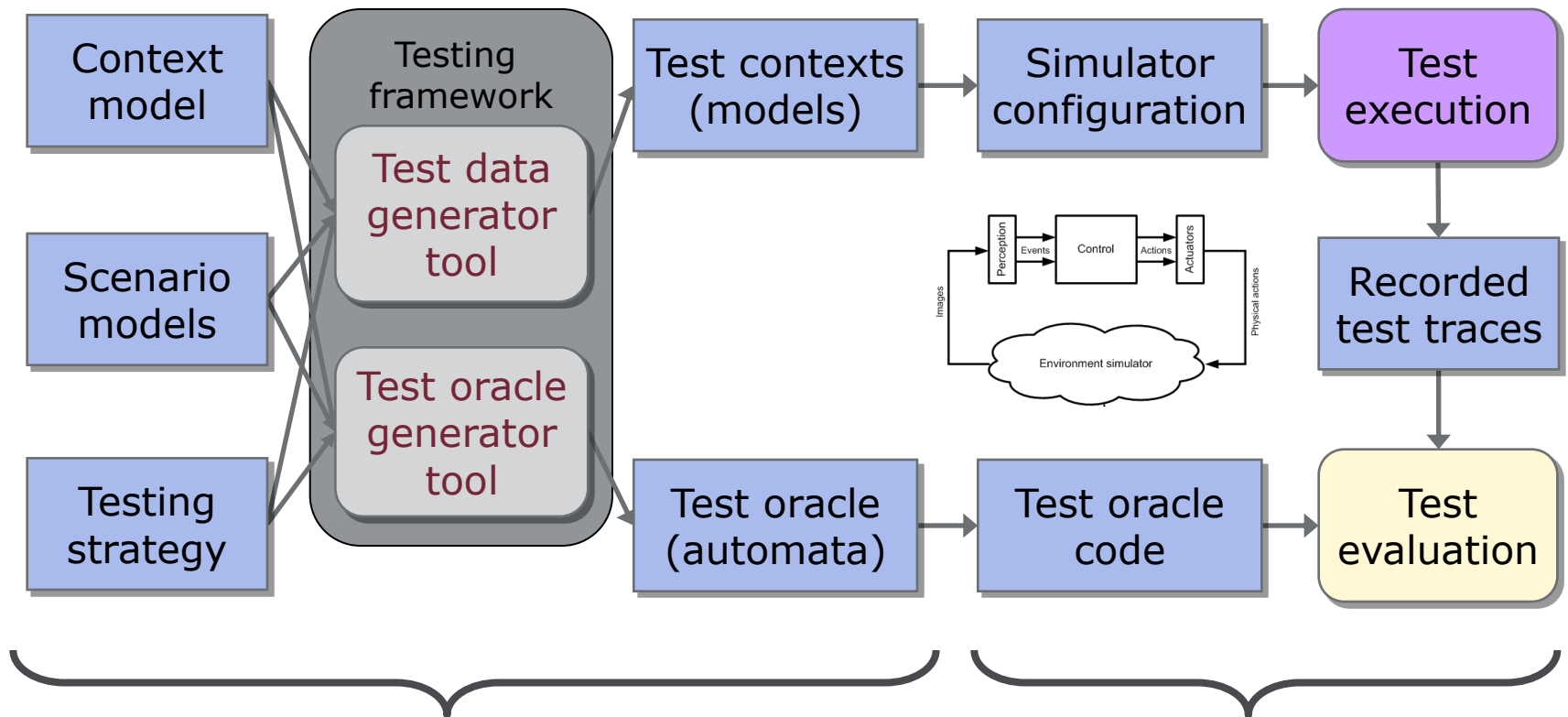
Test contexts (models)



Test oracle (automata)



Behaviour testing – Use in demonstrators

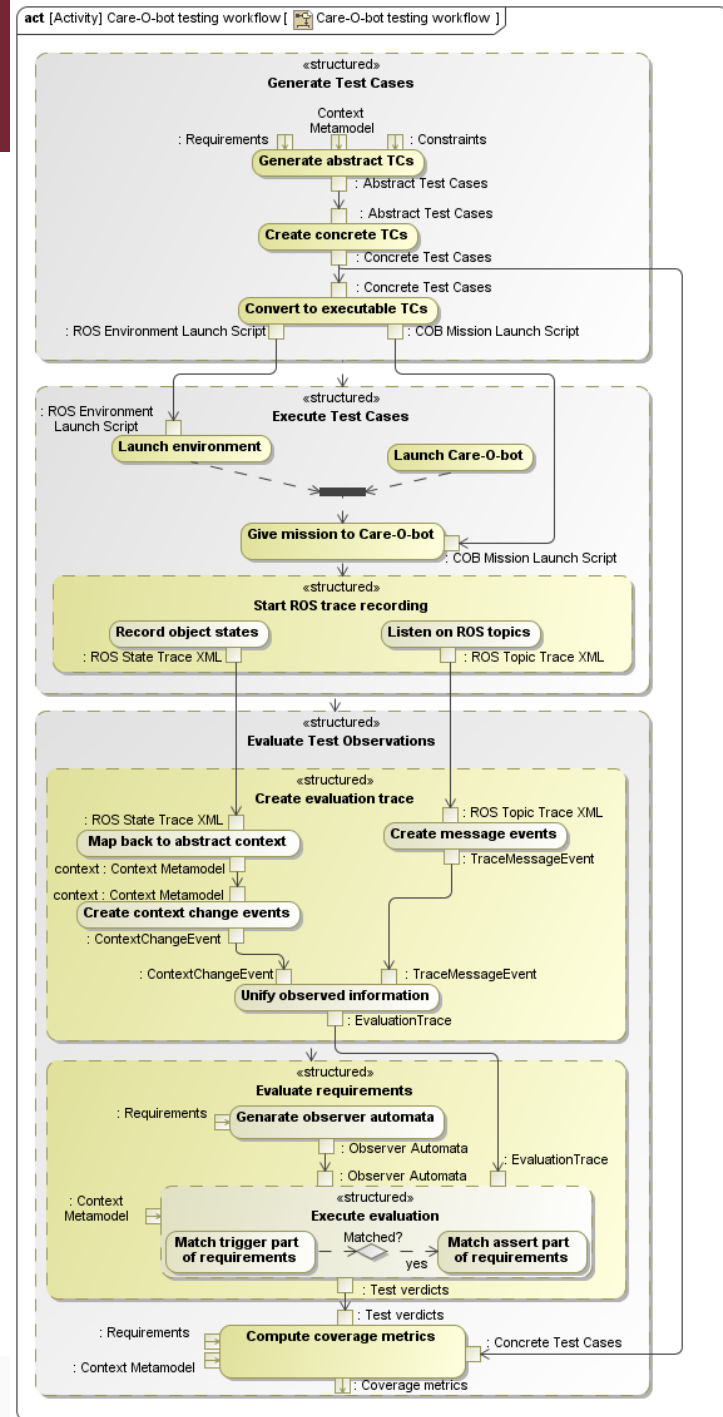
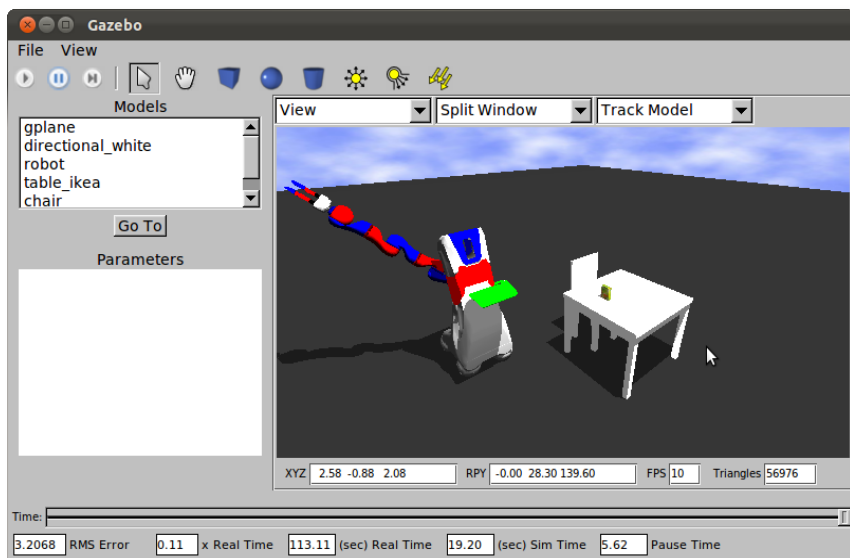


- Demonstrated for LGV (forklift) by generating test context models

- Demonstrated for home robots by interfacing with ROS+Gazebo simulator

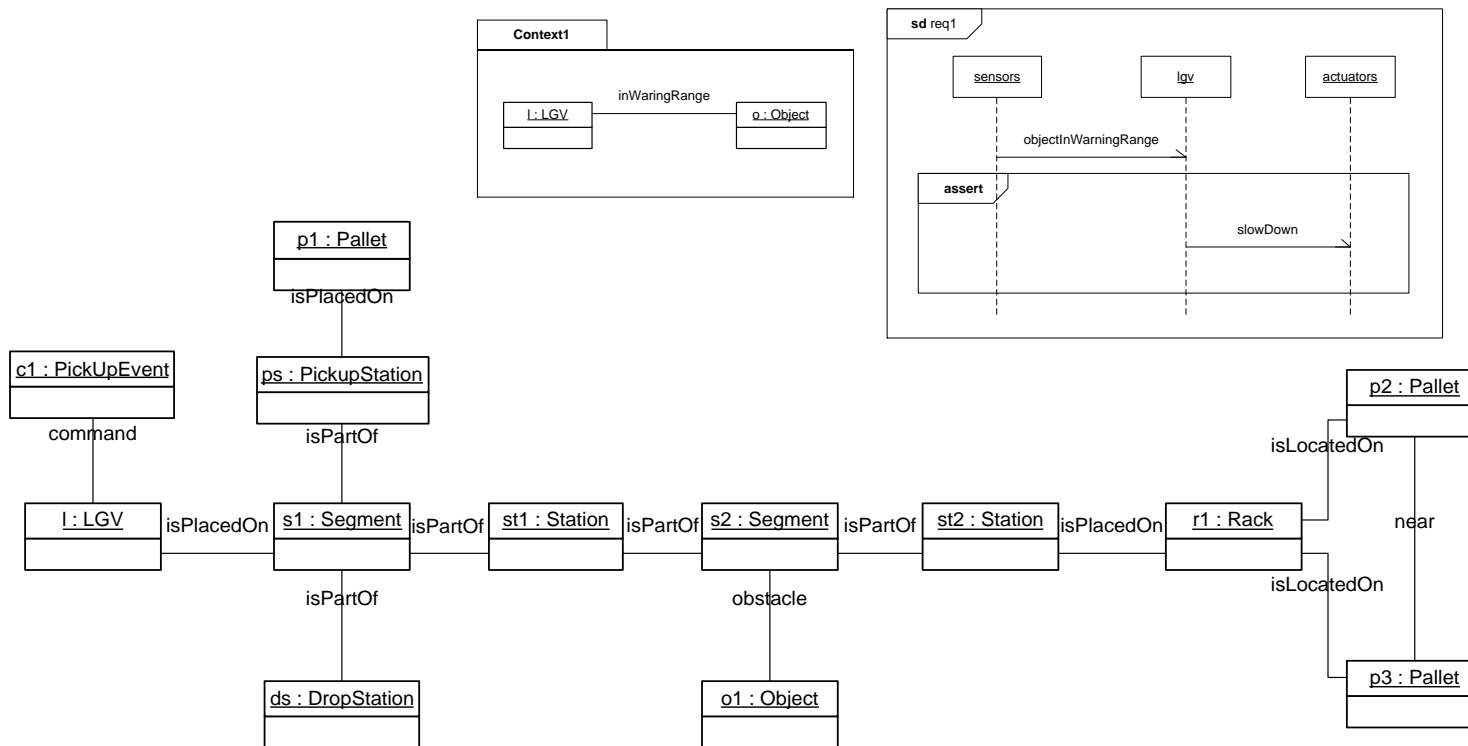
Simulator based testing

- Interfacing the testing framework with the ROS+Gazebo simulator
 - Mapping the generated test context model to simulator configuration
 - Mapping events and context changes recorded in the simulator to the input of the test oracle



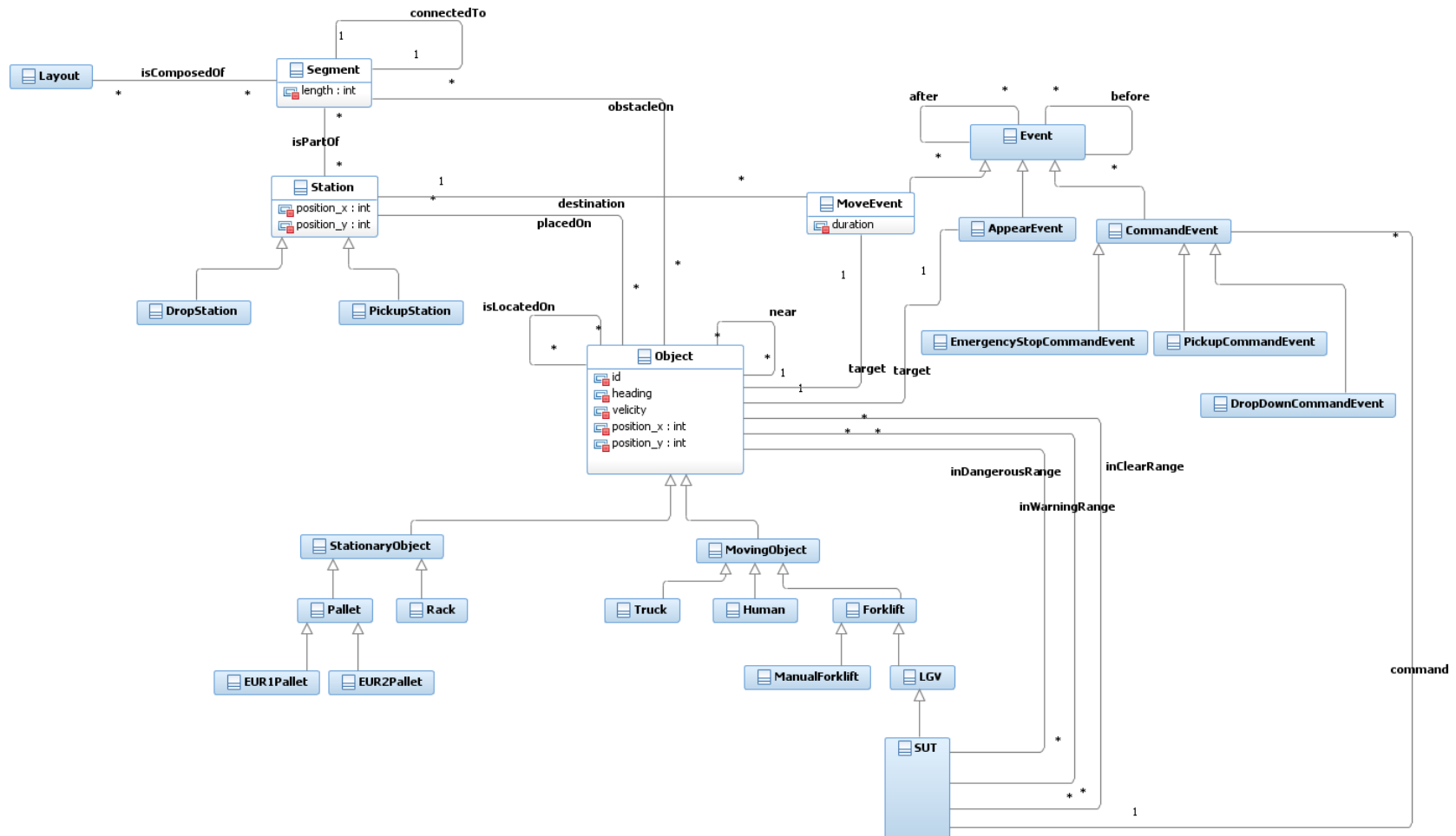
Testing in real environment

- Forklift: Testing collision avoidance
 - Context and requirements modelling
 - Generating abstract test context (object model)
 - Mapping abstract test context to real configuration



Application: Testing an LGV 1/3

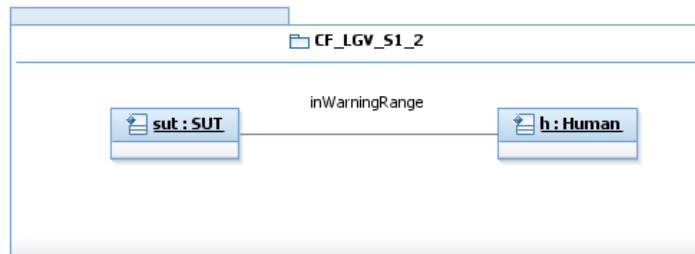
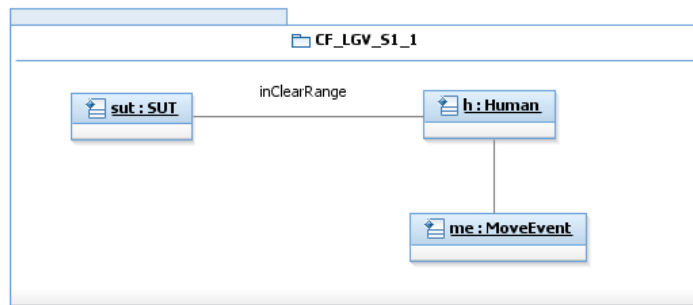
- Context modelling: Capturing environment objects, relations, constraints



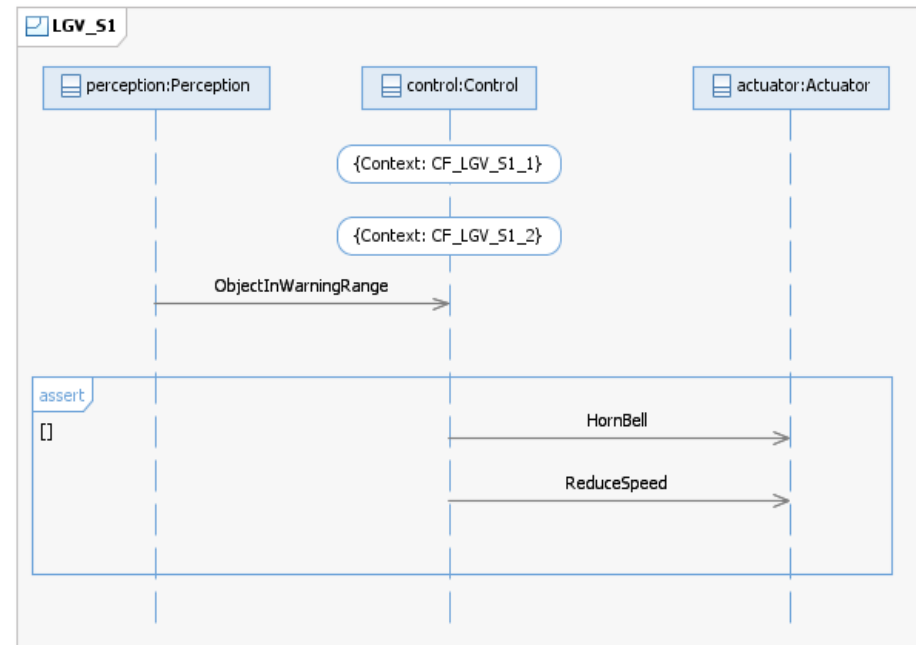
Application: Testing an LGV 2/3

- **Scenario modelling:** Capturing the situations to be avoided or reached
 - Example: The robot shall horn the bell and reduce its speed when a human comes to the warning area

Context fragments:

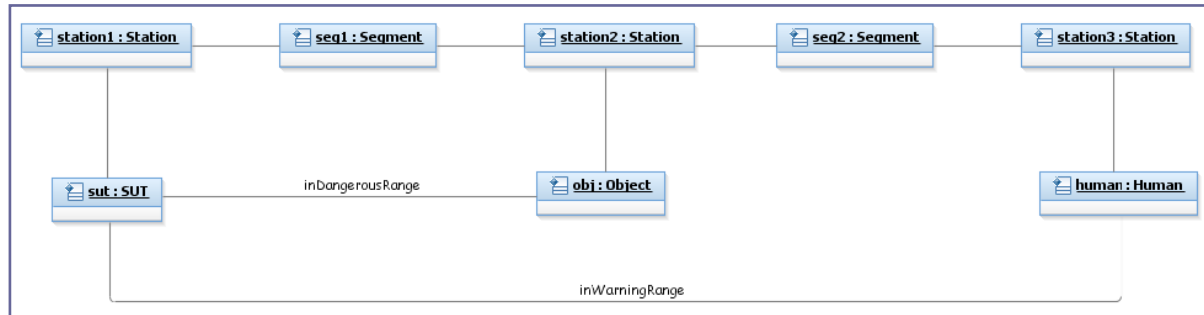


Scenario:



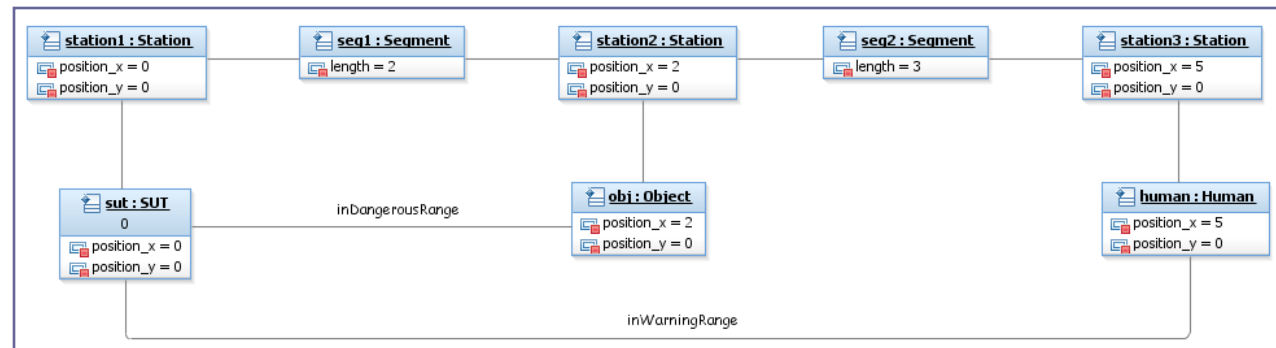
Application: Testing an LGV 3/3

- **Test generation:** Coverage of individual and combined scenarios + mapping abstract test cases to concrete
 - Example: Obstacle in the dangerous area, human in the warning area (S1+S3)

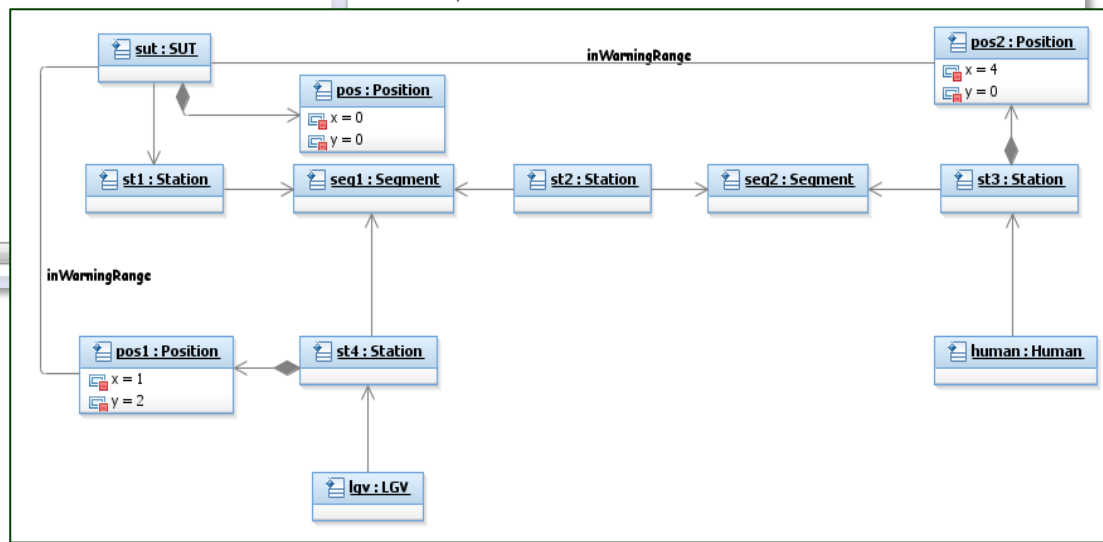
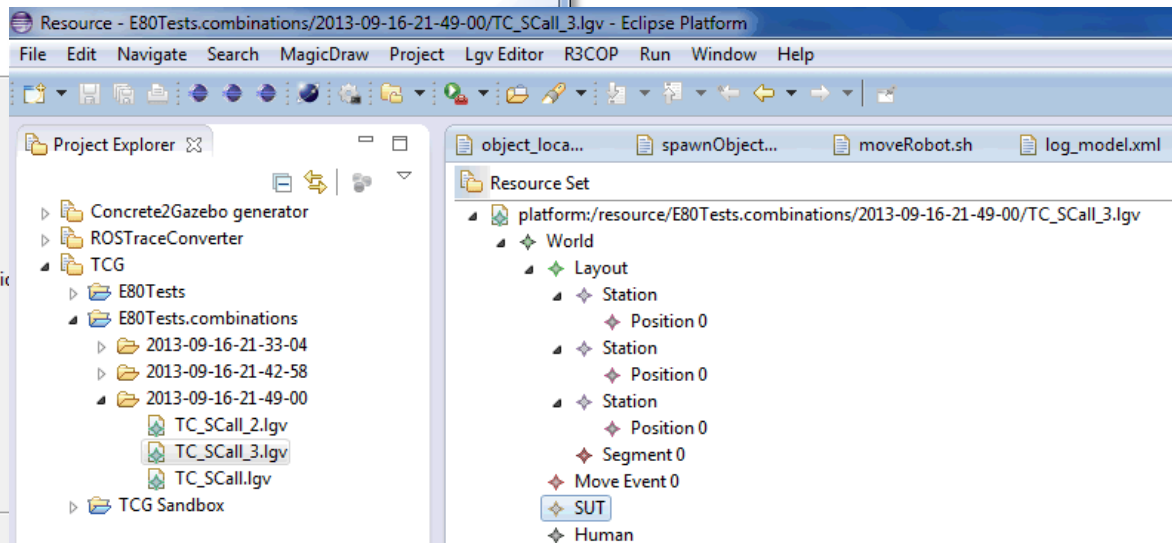
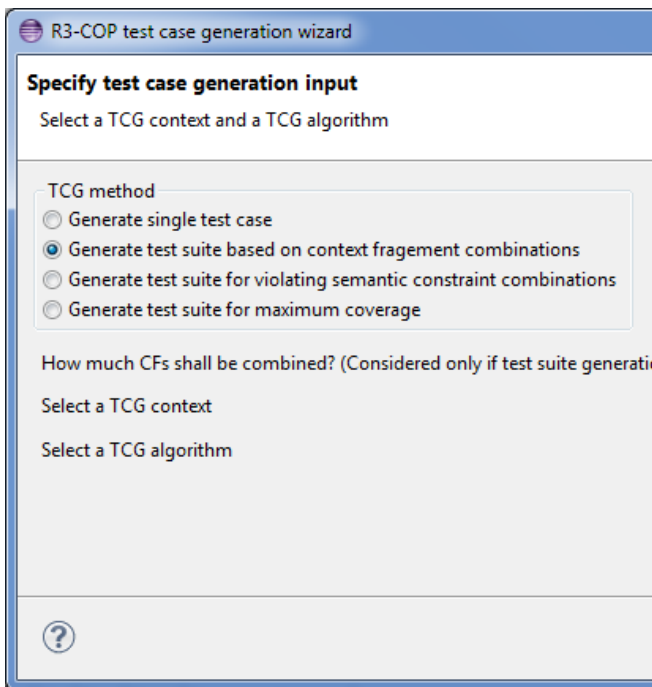


← Abstract test data

Concrete test data →



Tools, models and test execution environment



Summary

- Model based robustness testing approach
 - Context modelling: “What is possible?”
 - Scenario modelling: “What is required?”
 - Initial context fragment: “What is relevant?”
 - Testing strategy: “What is stressful?”
- Developing methods and tools
 - Context and requirements modelling
 - Generating test data for testing robustness and safety of the context-aware behaviour
 - Generating test oracles for test evaluation
- Applications and validation
 - Household robot (ROS based simulator)
 - Laser guided forklift (real configurations)

