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Agile Behavior-Driven and Test-Driven Development with Model-Based Design

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Agenda

- Definition Behavior-Driven and Test-Driven Development
- How can I write good requirements?
- How do BDD and TDD work with Model-Based Design?
- Example of BDD with MBD

Key Takeaway: How to apply BDD and TDD in Model-Based Design

Introduction

Problem statement

- Textual requirements are often incomplete, inconsistent, incorrect and ambiguous.
- Testing often happens very late during a development cycle and it is rushed due to deadlines.

How can you prevent this?

The Scaled Agile Framework (SAFe) suggests the “test-first” approaches of Behavior-Driven Development and Test-Driven Development.

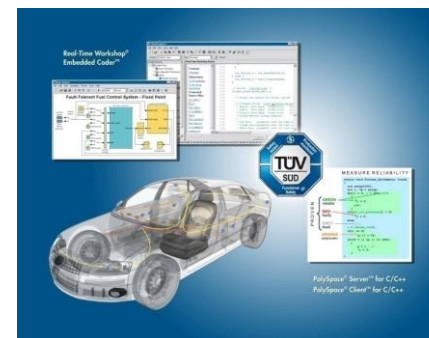
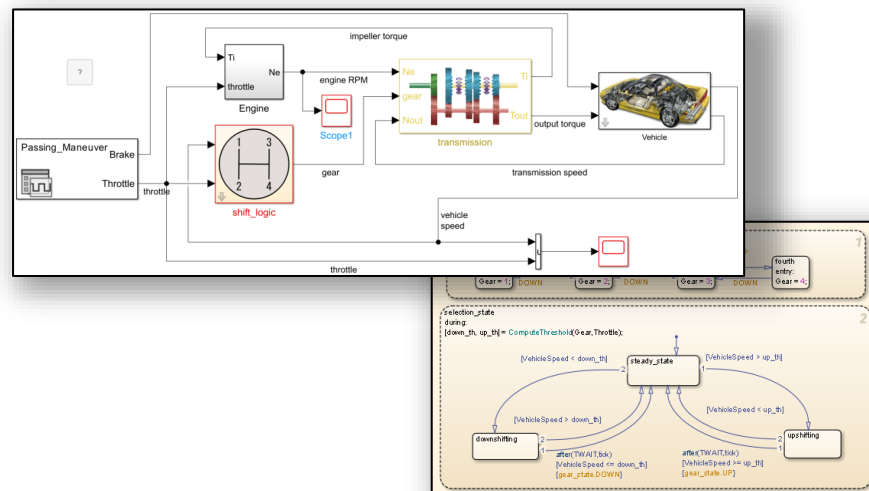
How can BDD and TDD be practiced in the context of Model-Based Systems Engineering and Model-Based Design?

Introduction

Model-Based Design



- Simulink and Stateflow referenced in standards for safety-critical system development such as, e.g., ISO 26262
- Higher level of abstraction
- Enables early validation of requirements through simulation
- Generate documentation and production code automatically, saving effort and eliminating manual error



Benefit Hypothesis:

I believe that Model-Based Design with system simulation and production code generation will result in increased productivity and efficiency in large-scale software projects, as measured by correctness of requirements and quality of generated production code.

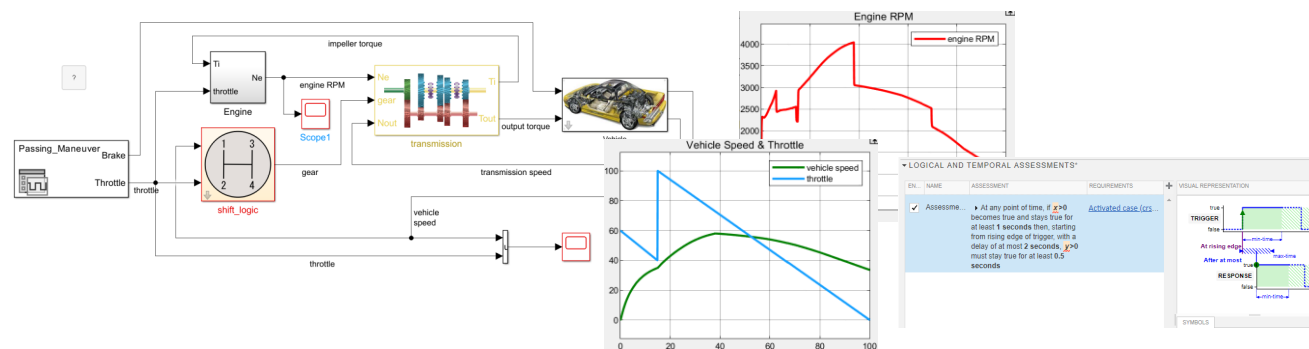
Introduction

Behavior-Driven Development (BDD)



“BDD is a collaborative process that creates a shared understanding of requirements between the business and the agile teams.” (SAFe)

- Requirements elicitation is team effort, leads to understanding of
 - **what** needs to be done
 - **why** it should be done
 - **when** it will be good enough
- Easier to see what behavior is needed with examples in action
- BDD with system simulation is an effective way to get a baseline for requirements with acceptance criteria.



Benefit Hypothesis:

I believe that Behavior-Driven Development (BDD) in the combination with system simulation capabilities of Model-Based Design will result in built-in quality as measured by the efficient elicitation of correct system requirements and early validation of correct behavior of the system.

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Test-Driven Development (TDD)

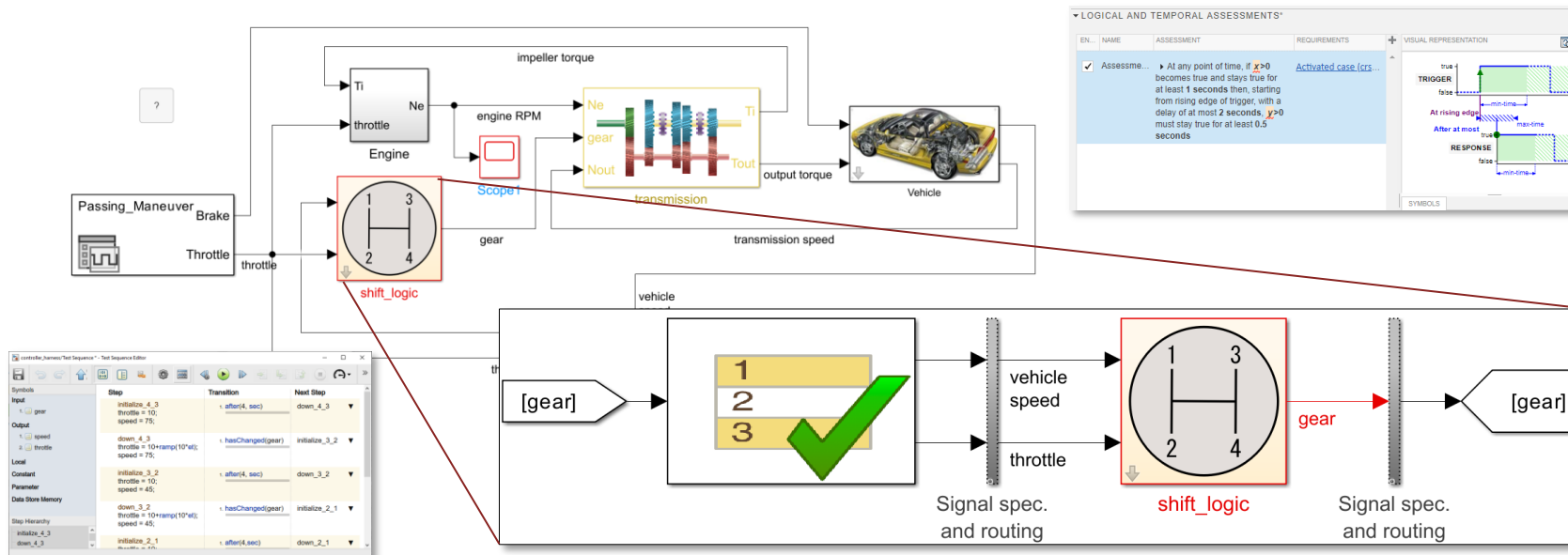


“[..] building and executing tests before implementing the code or a system component” (SAFe)

- Simulink simplifies creating test-frames including assessments, and mocking environments
- re-use the tests for generated code.

Benefit Hypothesis:

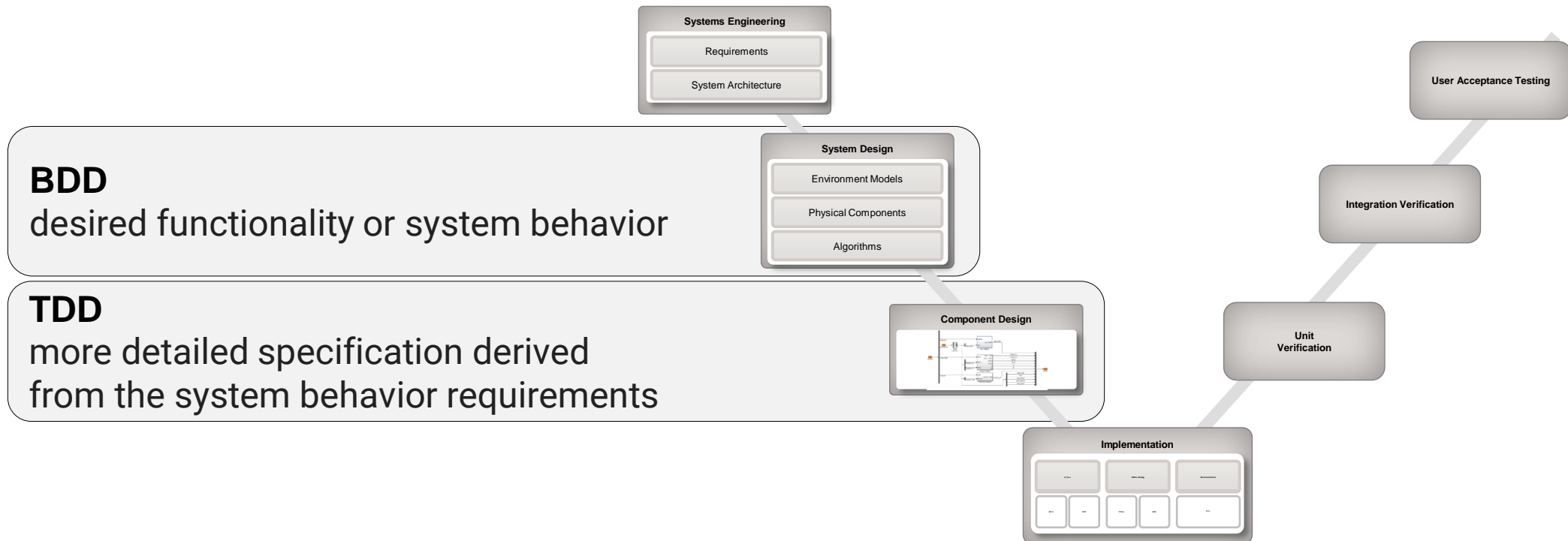
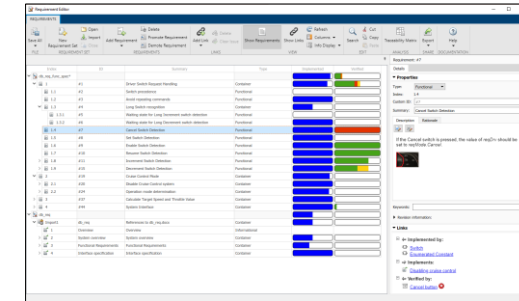
I believe that Test-Driven Development (TDD) in the combination with the executable specification (simulation) capabilities, model-level verification, and code generation capabilities of Model-Based Design will result in built-in quality, as measured by verified correct behavior of models and generated code on a component level.



The Role of Requirements

The Importance of Good Requirements

Starting point for BDD and TDD:
Testable requirements with acceptance criteria



The Role of Requirements in an Agile Framework

How can I write good requirements?

Benefit Hypothesis	I believe that <capability>, Will produce <outcome>, As measured by <metric>.	To communicate business and customer relevance	WHY?
User Stories	As a <role>, I want to <need>, So that <goal>.	To give context	WHAT?
Acceptance Criteria	Given <precondition>, When <trigger action>, Then <expected result>.	To communicate quality assurance criteria	WHEN WILL IT BE GOOD ENOUGH?

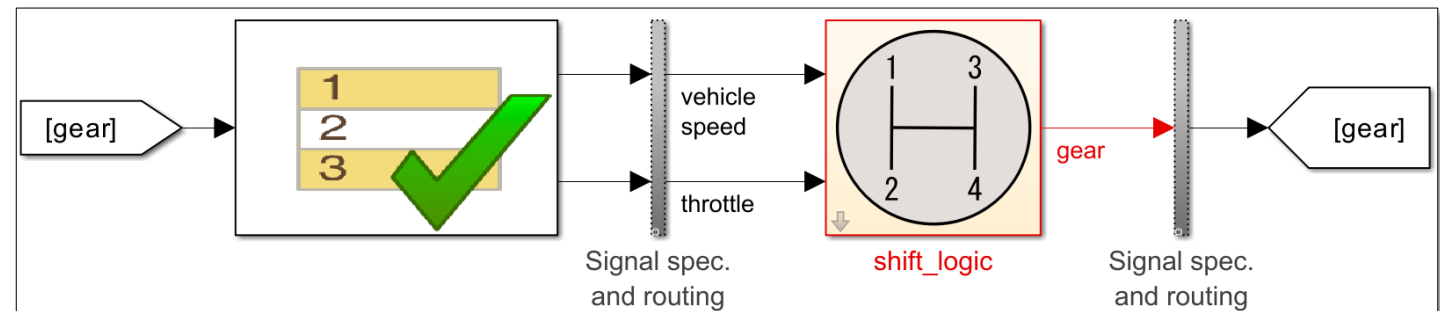
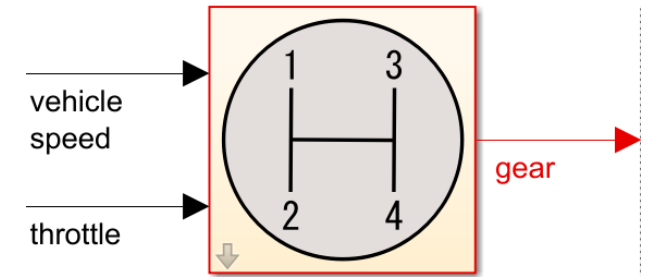
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How Can I Write Good Requirements? Example

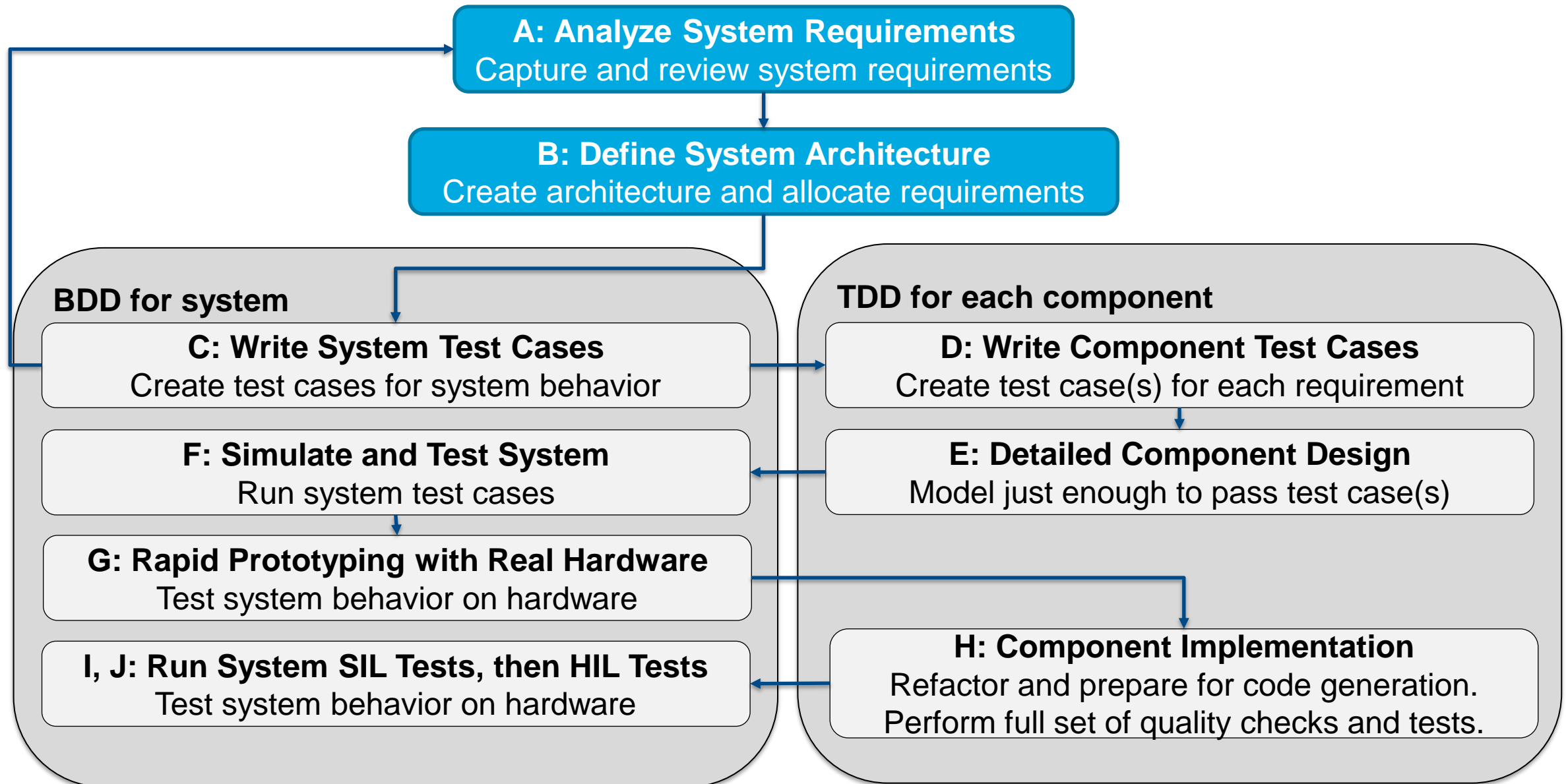
Requirement	Issue
The vehicle shall support DC charging of the battery.	This requirement is vague and incomplete with no clear acceptance criteria.
The vehicle shall support DC fast charging at 50kW...300kW.	The requirement now is clearer, but it is still incomplete.
<p>As an electric vehicle driver, I want to have the option to charge my electric vehicle fast, So that I can get additional driving range in a short amount of time.</p> <p>Given the battery's state of charge is below 50%, And the vehicle is plugged into a DC fast charging station capable of up to 320 kW, When the battery is charged for 5 minutes, Then the vehicle shall be able to travel for at least an additional 100 km.</p>	<p>The end-user is put into focus and context is given by the user-story.</p> <p>The acceptance criteria is formulated in such a way that a test could be derived from it easily without too much interpretation.</p>

How do BDD and TDD work with Model-Based Design?

- BDD and TDD follow “test-first” approach:
 1. Have **clear requirements** and **clear acceptance criteria**
 2. A **minimum architecture or design**
 3. Only then start **building test harnesses and test cases with assessments.**

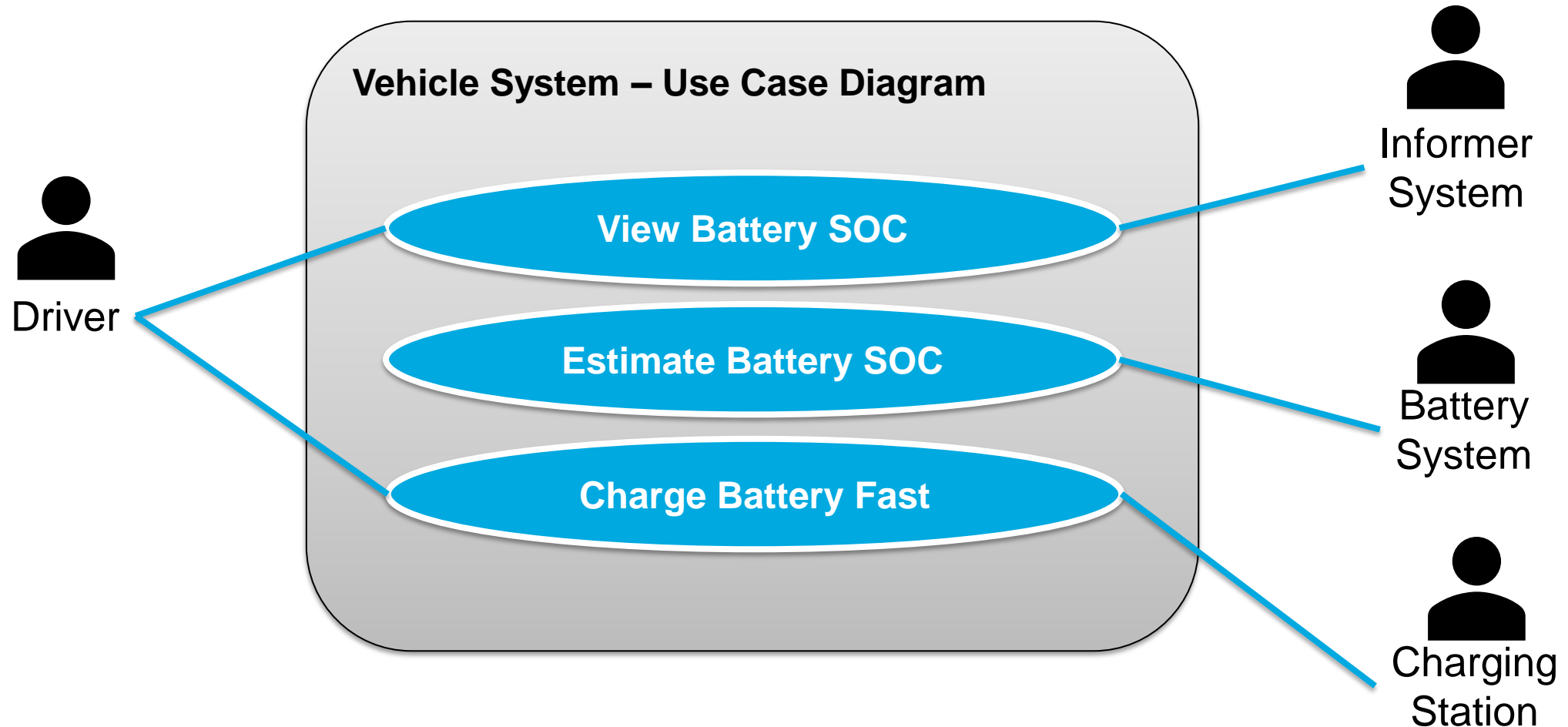


BDD and TDD lifecycles incorporating the benefits of MBD



A: Analyze System Requirements

Capture and review system requirements – Use Case Diagram



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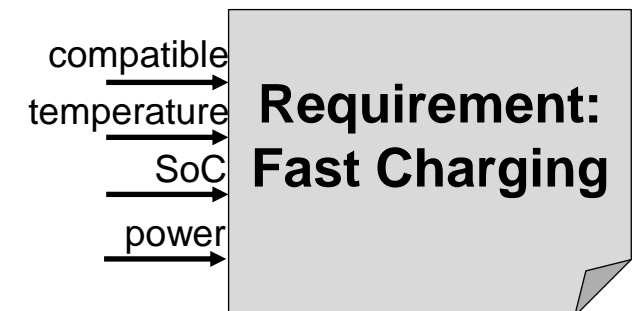
Capture and review system requirements - “WHY?”

- Benefit Hypothesis: (“WHY?”)
 - **I believe**, that DC fast charging in the range of 50 kW to 320 kW,
 - **will result in** greater adoption of electric vehicles due to more flexibility in charging options,
 - **as measured by** #users indicating DC fast charging as a significant reason for choosing the electric vehicle.

A: Analyze System Requirements

Capture and review system requirements – “WHAT? WHEN?”

- User Story: (“WHAT?”)
 - **As an** electric vehicle manufacturer,
 - **I want to** integrate DC charging stations with my EV charging system,
 - **So that** the vehicles can charge fast, safe and efficiently.
- Acceptance Criteria: (“WHEN IS IT GOOD ENOUGH?”)
 - **Given** the vehicle is plugged into a compatible DC fast charging station capable of up to 320kW,
 - **And** the battery temperature is between 10°C and 40°C,
 - **And** the State of Charge (SOC) is between 5 and 50%,
 - **When** the battery has been charging for at least 100ms,
 - **Then**, the charging power shall be at least 300 kW.



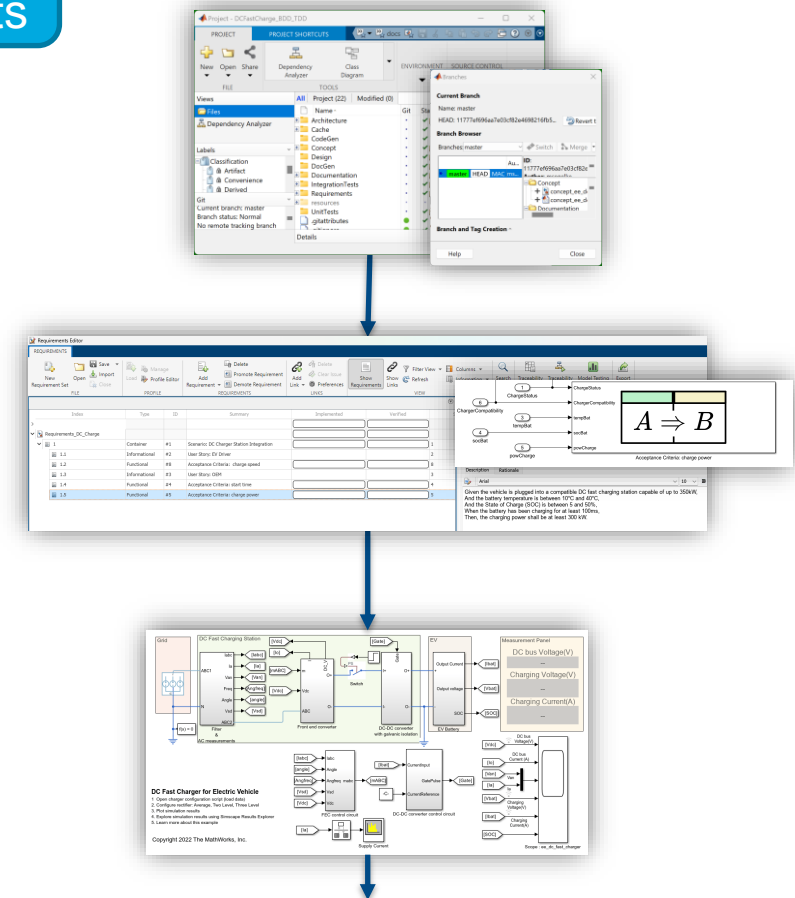
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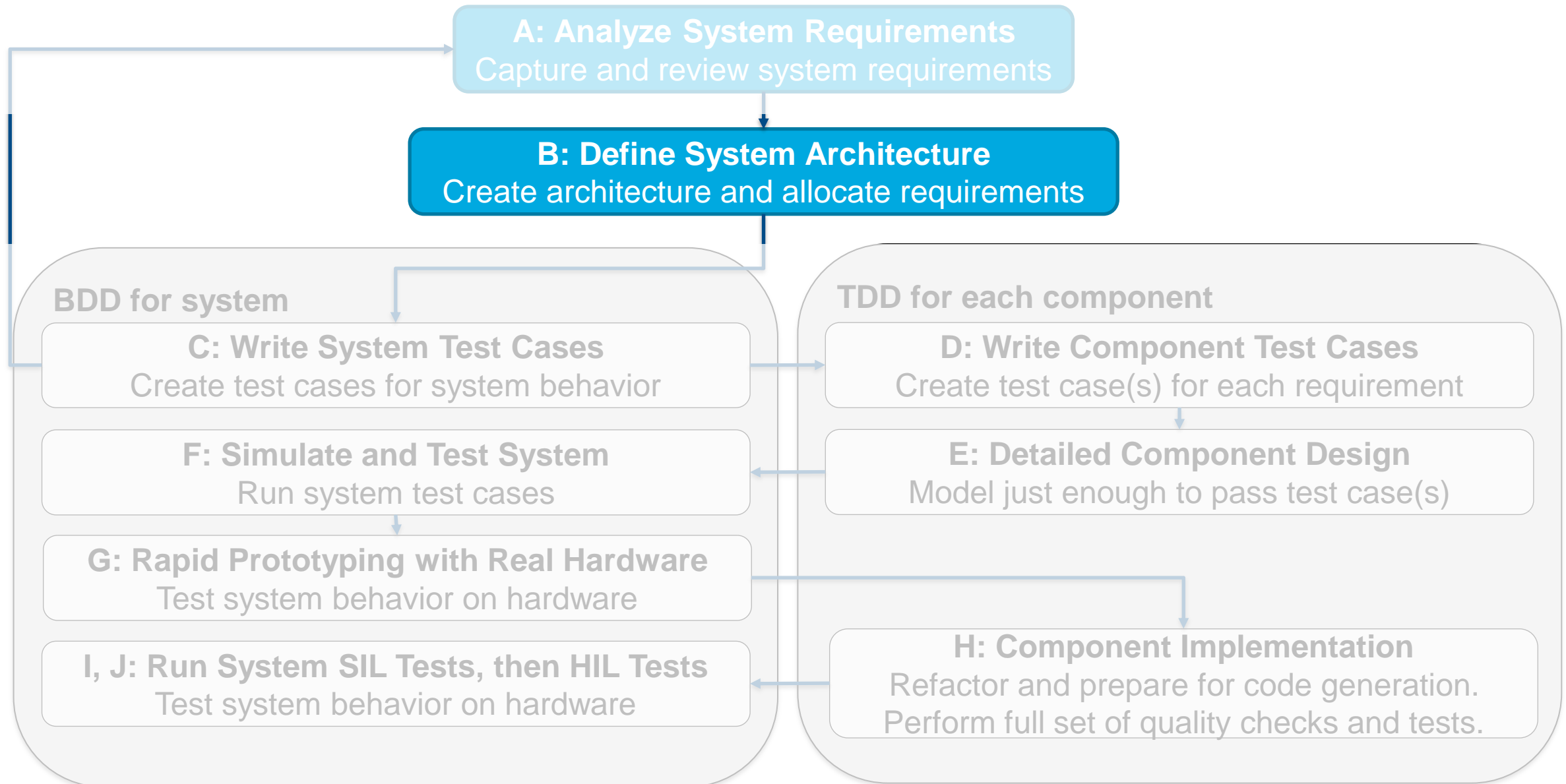
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Capture and review system requirements

- Work in a structured way:
 - Create a MATLAB Project
 - Use Version Control, e.g., GIT that is integrated with MATLAB Project
 - Create a Requirement Set
 - Create a Requirements Model
 - Create Virtual Prototype Model
 - Do systematic analysis



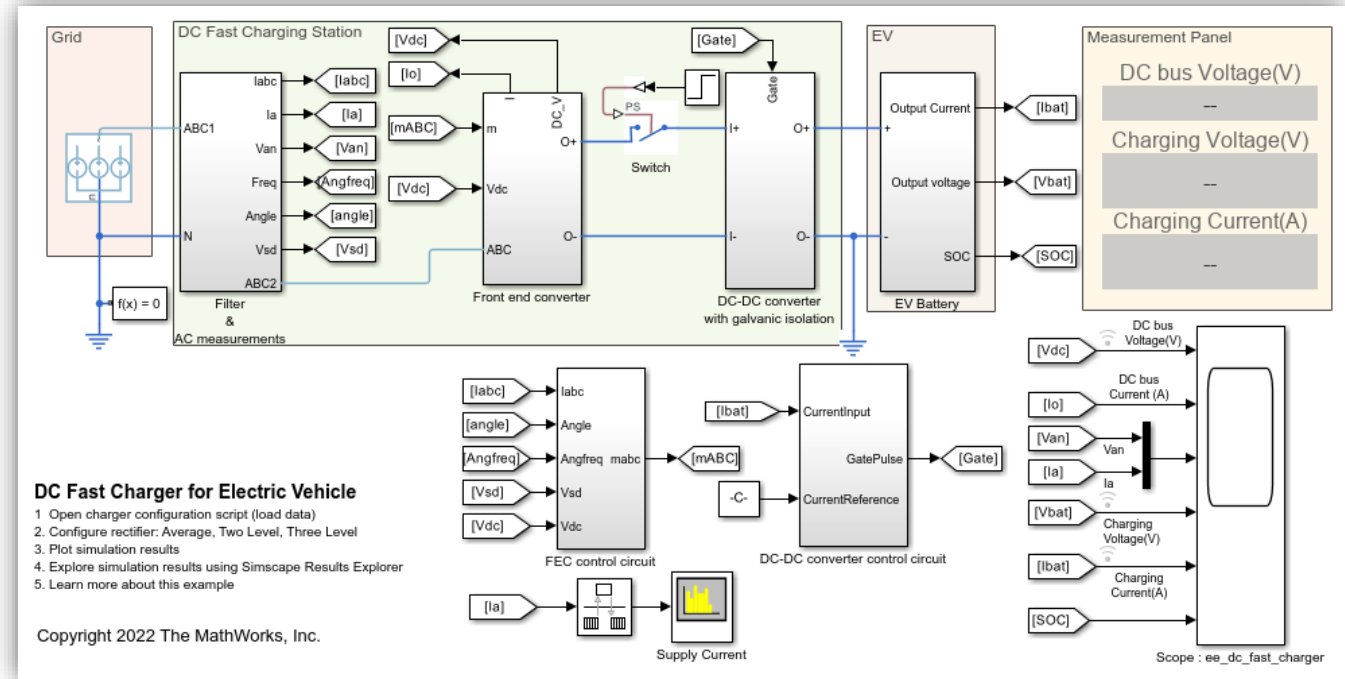
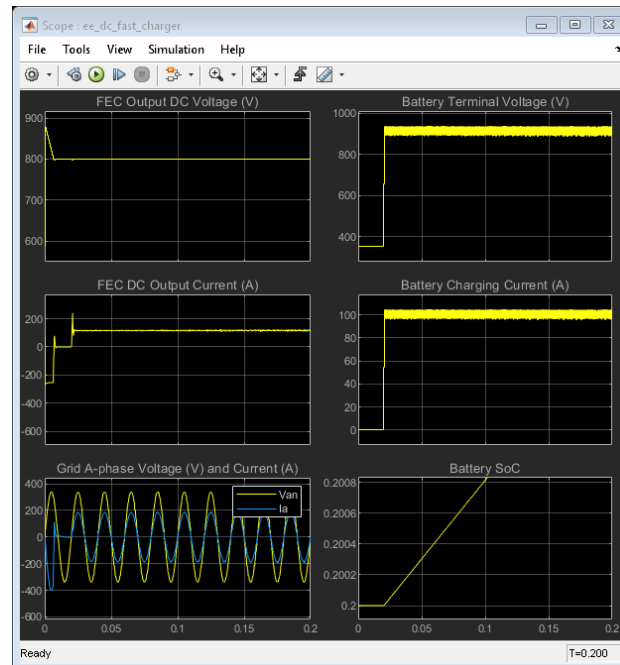
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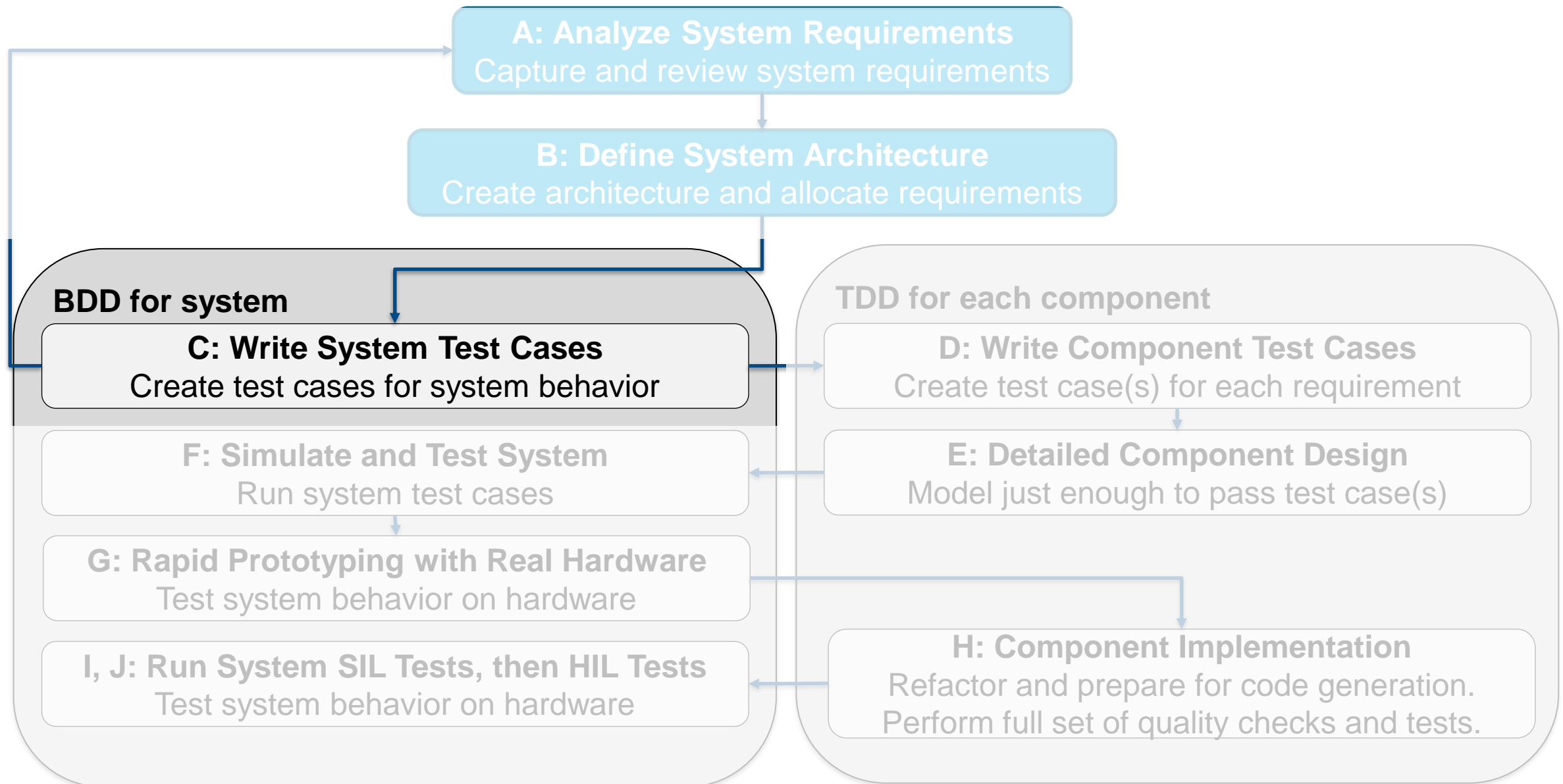
B: Define System Architecture

Concept phase: use virtual prototypes to gain better understanding

- Use a virtual prototypes
- Get started quickly making use of reference examples, e.g.,
- [DC Fast Charger for Electric Vehicle](#)



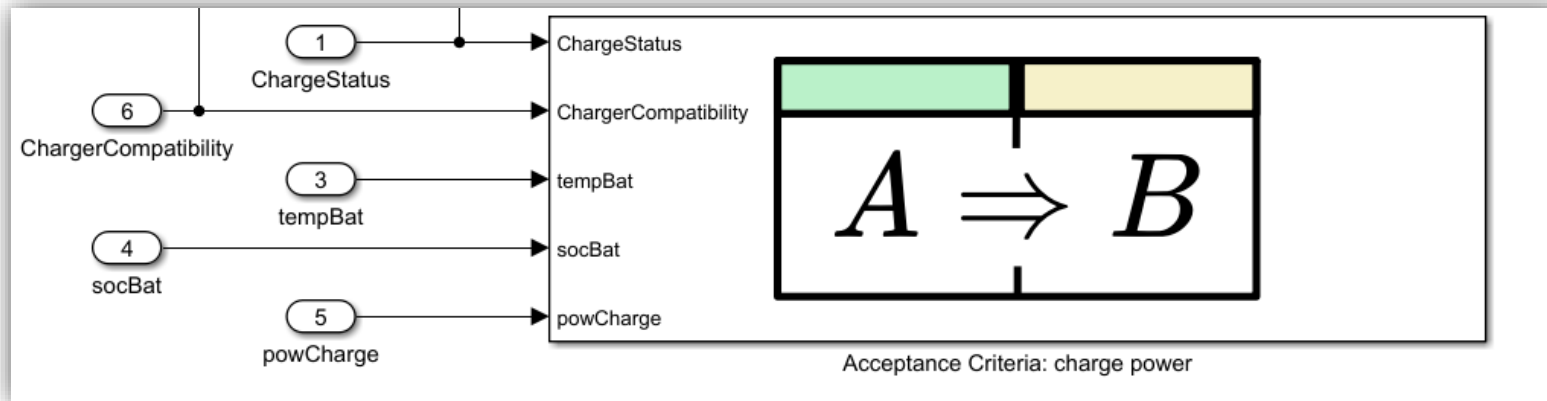
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C: Write System Test Cases

Create test cases for system behavior: Formalize Requirements

- Test-Case: System Under Test + Input Stimuli (Scenario) + Assessments
- Formalize requirements (acceptance criteria) == Assessments
- Use, for example, a “Requirements Table” in Simulink



Requirements		Assumptions					
Index	Summary	Precondition				Duration	Postcondition
		ChargerCompatibility	socBat	tempBat	ChargeStatus		powCharge
1	Acceptance Criteria: charge power	CCT_Compatible	[5,50]	[10,40]	CST_Charging	0.1	> 300

A: Analyze System Requirements

Analyze Requirements for Complete and Consistency

- Requirements Tables assist you to analyze for completeness and consistency using advanced formal methods

Analysis Results

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Block: Requirements_Model_DC_Charge/Variant Subsystem/Using Requirements Tables/Acceptance Criteria: charge power

Inconsistency Issues

No inconsistency issues found.

Incompleteness Issues

Incompleteness 1: 'powCharge' is not specified for the following inputs:

Time	0-0.09	0.1
Step	1-10	11
ChargeStatus	ChargeStatus_Type.CST_Charging	ChargeStatus_Type.CST_Charging
ChargerCompatibility	ChargerCompatibility_Type.CCT_Compatible	ChargerCompatibility_Type.CCT_Compatible
tempBat	41	-
socBat	-	-

Analyze Table

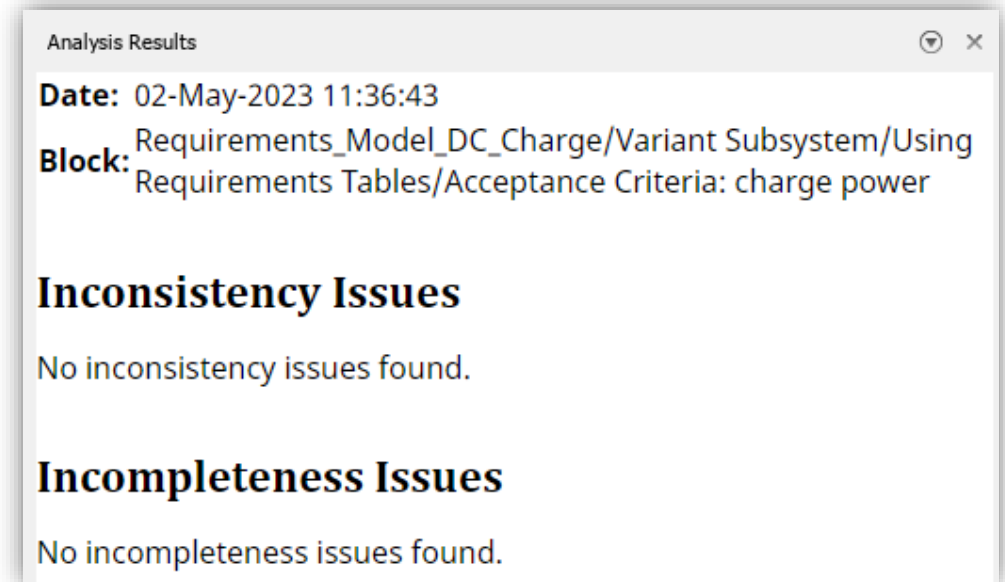
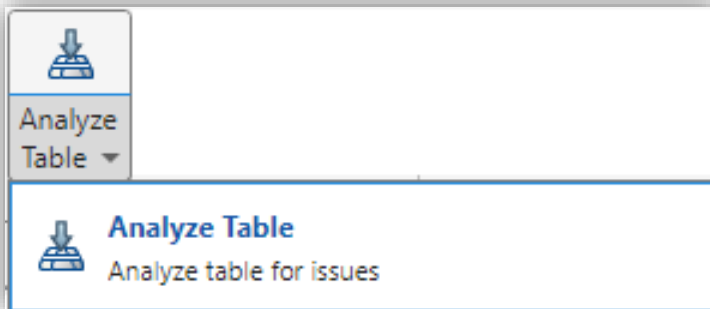
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Analyze table for issues

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- Requirements Table needs to be complete to be used in simulation as Assessments



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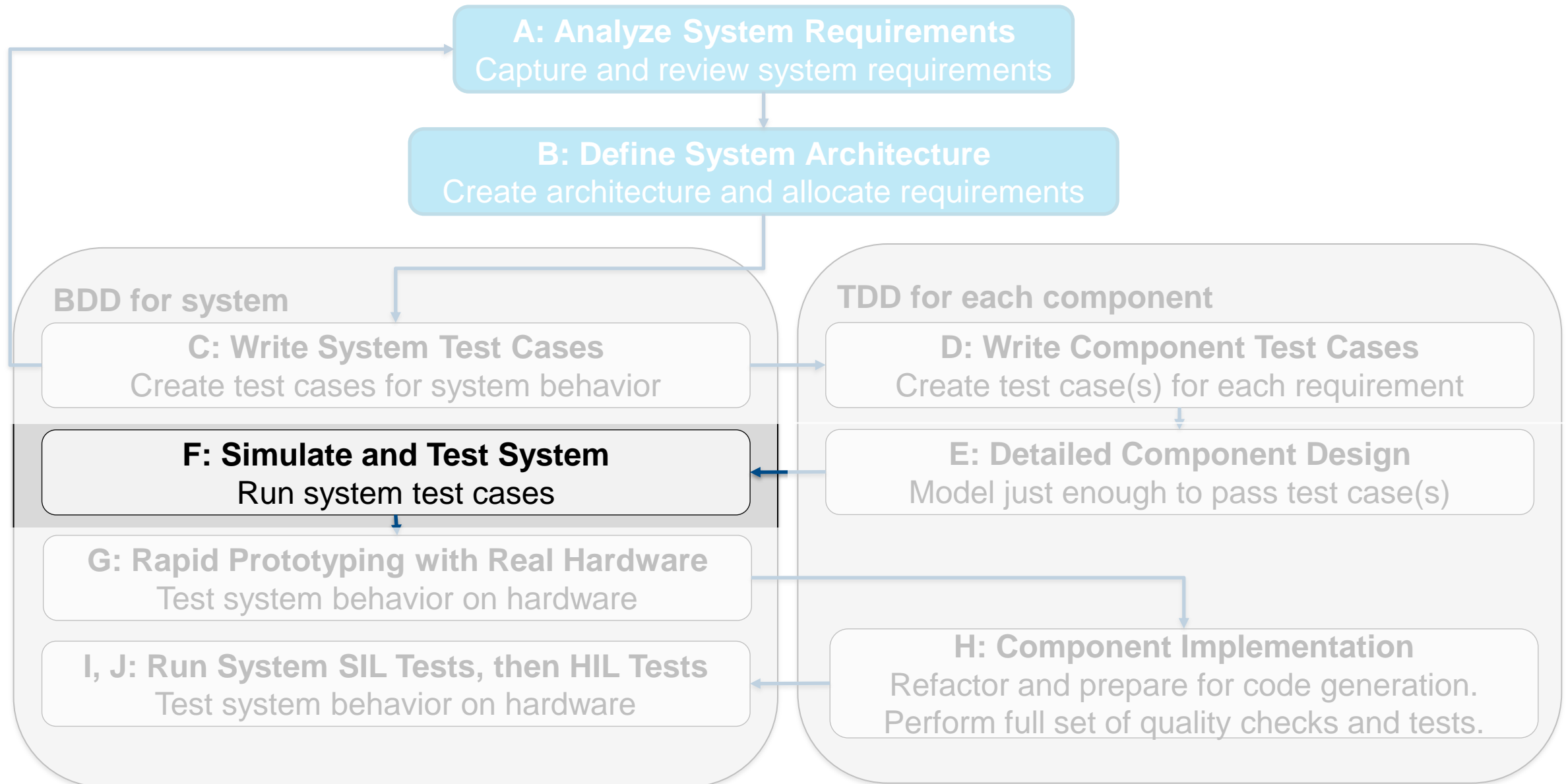
C: Write System Test Cases

Check that Assessments **FAIL** as expected

The screenshot displays the Simulink environment for a test case. The main workspace shows a block diagram with inputs like 'ChargeStatus_Type.CST_Charging', 'ChargePlug_Type.CPT_Plugged', 'tempBat', 'socBat', 'powCharge', and 'ChargerCompatibility_Type.CCT_Compatible'. The 'Run' button and 'Data Inspector' are highlighted with green boxes. The 'Data Inspector' window is open, showing a table of test results for 'Run 2: Test_Requirements[Current]'. The table lists four test cases, with 'R:1 (Acceptance Criteria: charge power)' checked and marked as failed. A graph to the right of the table shows the results for 'R:1 (Acceptance Criteria: charge power)', with red vertical lines indicating failure points between 0.10 and 0.18 seconds.

- Use stubs
- Run simulation
- View results
- Check that Assessment **FAILS**

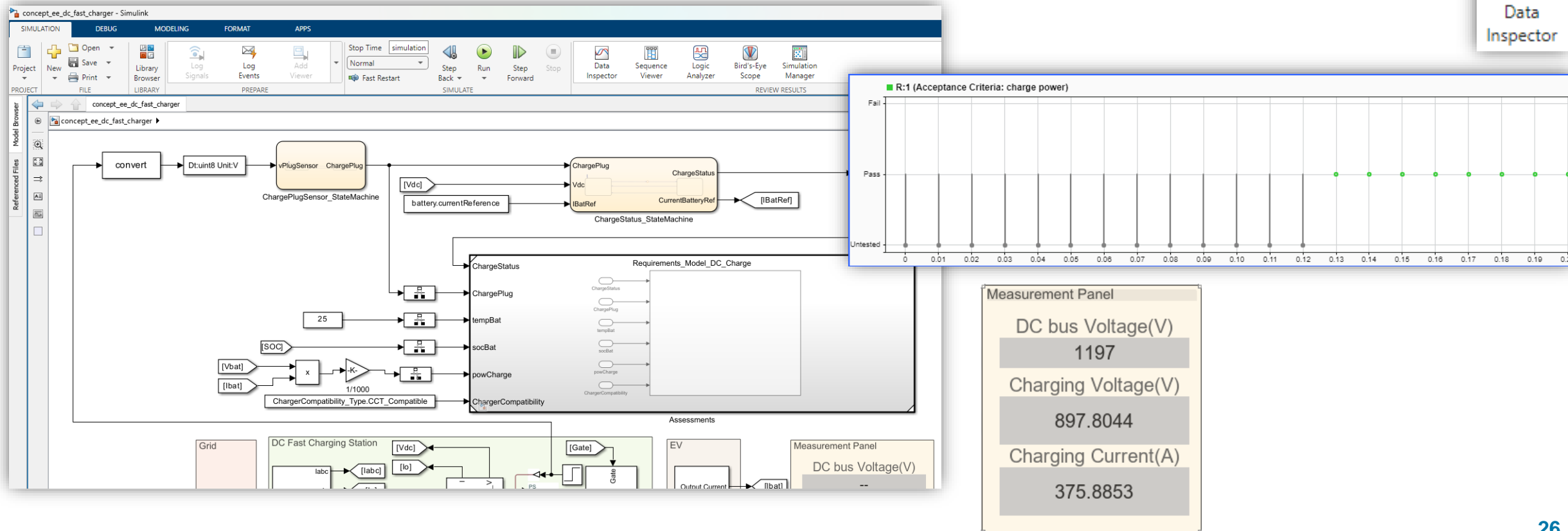
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F: Simulate and Test System

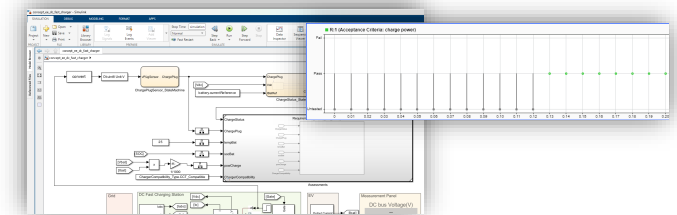
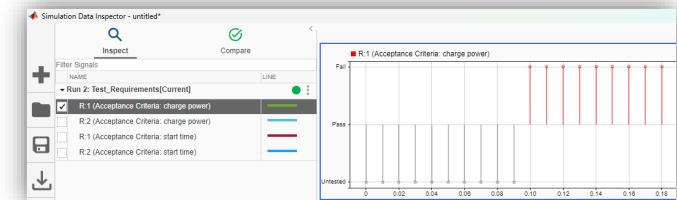
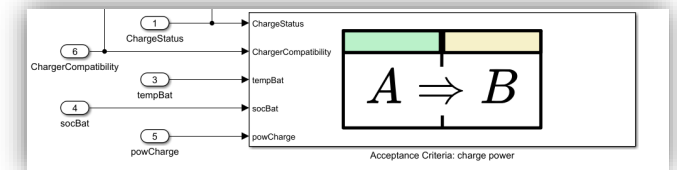
Run system test cases, Check that Assessments pass as expected

- Add mocking logic and stubs to virtual prototype
- Run Simulation including Assessments, view results



Conclusions

- Model-Based Design fits very well with BDD and TDD
- Refine requirements – make them complete, consistent, correct, testable
- Follow test first approach – Use test-cases, catching missing or wrong functionality
- Use virtual prototypes and test-benches to validate requirements
- Avoid unnecessary work – Gain confidence in requirements, architecture, and designs before implementation



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