ASAM-MBFS: A Standardized Block Library as Enabler of Efficient Model Based Collaboration

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Motivation

- **Model-based design more and more used** for automotive function development

- Model-based development **supports efficient**
  - requirements engineering
  - handover of requirements & executable specifications
  - early validation
  - early generation of prototype control units

- **Re-use of base algorithms** via block libraries leads to strongly reduced development time

**But:** Many effective degrees of freedom for model design

⇒ **Problem potential in case of model exchange**
Challenges induced by model exchange

- **Executable models** linked to **different use cases** (concept, implementation, …)
- **Many requirements** for each single functional base element (represented by blocks)
- **No automotive block library** delivered by tool suppliers
- Development of **specific block libraries** driven by several companies adapted to **company-specific needs**

Model exchange means **exchange of different block libraries**

- Very time consuming
- Very error-prone
- Different forming could lead to misunderstandings
- 1 to 1 mapping not possible in general (e.g. due to functional details)

*Large overhead for model exchange due to integration and rework efforts caused by "model translation"*
Solution: automotive block library (ASAM-MBFS)

- Standardized block library *eases model exchange* and *reduces integration time*
- Improved *model comprehensibility*
- *Avoidance of misunderstandings*
- Reduction of *transfer efforts*

**ASAM** (Association for Standardization of Automation and Measuring Systems) as *right base* for establishing standardized block library

- *provides standards* for data models, interfaces and syntax specifications for a variety of applications (testing, evaluation, simulation, …)

- *has wide range of members*: OEMs, tier one suppliers, suppliers, universities, individuals

- **ASAM-MBFS** (Model Based Function Specification) as successor of former MSR-MEGMA working group already defined
Solution: automotive block library (ASAM-MBFS)

- Creation of **ASAM standard** discussed and agreed by **ASAM-MBFS working group**
- based on **MSR specification**
- considering **experiences** from existing library implementations in function development environments, such as
  - **SDA** (System Design Automation) by Continental's Powertrain division and
  - **ASD** (AUDI system design) by AUDI for Powertrain functionalities
- covering
  - **tool-independent specification** as enabler of model exchange across different modeling tools
- **Simulink based specification** and **reference implementation** based on Continental's MEGMA-related block library implementation – **driven by Continental and AUDI AG**
Solution: automotive block library (ASAM-MBFS)

Standardized block library as single source for the complete model based development process

Offline Simulation
Rapid Prototyping
Model Exchange
Functional Documentation
Production Code Generation

if (...) 
   x=x+1;
else 
   Y=y;
   ...

Executable Specification
Solution: automotive block library (ASAM-MBFS)

- The MBFS specification includes
  - general definitions valid for all blocks

- General recommendations for **port placement** for different port classifications
- All blocks represent **discrete time blocks**
- Clearly defined **block names**
- Variables/parameters classified as external interface variables, internal variables, internal constants, applicable parameters
Solution: automotive block library (ASAM-MBFS)

- The MBFS specification includes
  - detailed specifications of each single block

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- Simulation data types specified for all variables and parameters
- Optional variables explicitly defined
- Graphical representation of each block specified

- definitions for default setup of blocks, rounding function, reset functionality, …
Solution: automotive block library (ASAM-MBFS)

- The MBFS specification includes
  - test cases together with simulation results

![Diagram showing parameter input, control/reset input, and input/output relationship graphs.]
Solution: automotive block library (ASAM-MBFS)

**Successful applications**

- **ASAM-MBFS library used at Continental's and AUDI's Powertrain division** for modeling and simulating ECU functionalities

- **ASAM standard integral part** of model-based function development environments including simulation, testing, rapid prototyping, automatic production code generation, documentation

- **Exchange of models** using the same block library much more efficient – mapping and transformation of different block implementations not necessary anymore

- **Continental's and AUDI's Powertrain division** pushed further development of library for production code generation: standard allows to use same software routines independent of modeling or code generation tool used

- Model-based specifications and **documentations** of control algorithms show **very good comprehensibility** based on standardized graphical element
Further proceeding

ASAM-MBFS represents a **standard for model-based development** enabling a very efficient exchange of functional models and the comprehensibility of documentations.

Very important topics for the future:

- **maintenance** of standard and reference implementation
- **very close link** to up-to-date **tool releases**
- **direct support by tool suppliers** for ensuring high optimum efficiency for all steps in model-based function development process

Block **library to be provided by tool suppliers**

- could be **highly integrated** into tooling & would be available for all customers
- would further establish the standard block library as **common platform**

**Tool suppliers should take over the implementation of the ASAM standard and perform further refinements**