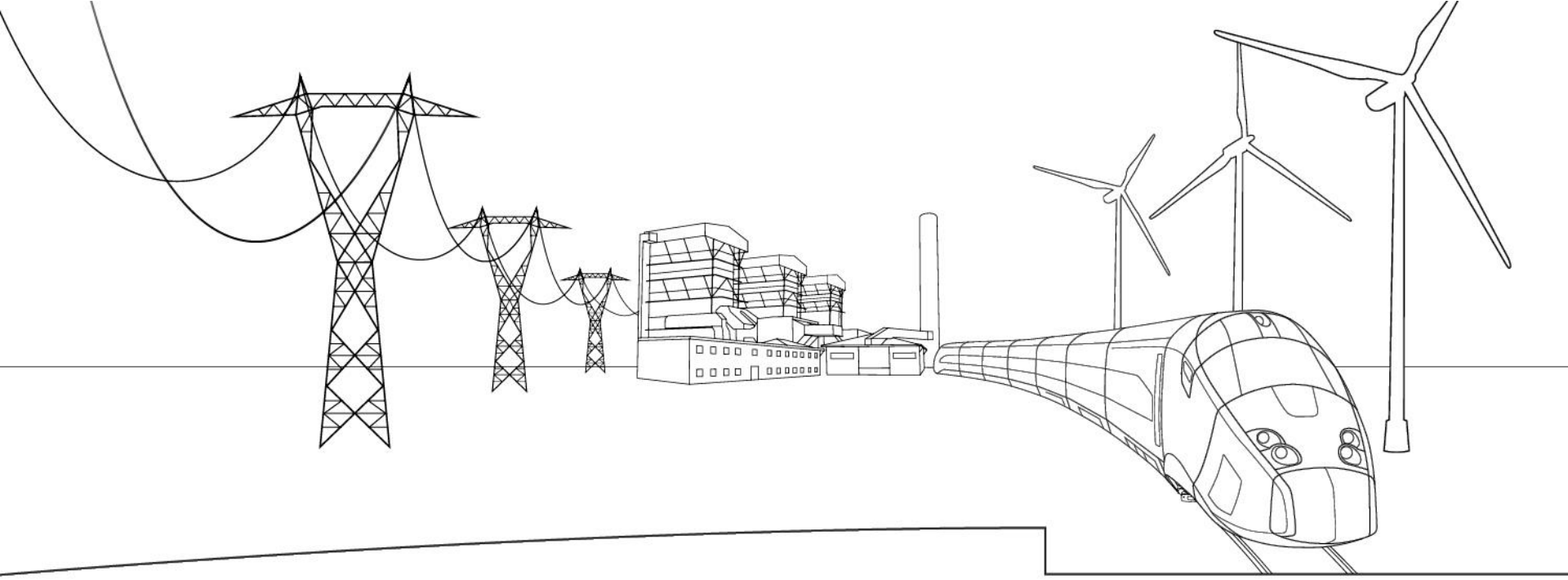

New modelling approach to construct Test model for railway embedded systems

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Infrastructure, signalling, services and maintenance





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Full Maintenance Management

Spare parts management

Renovation

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Signaling systems are safety critical

Ruled by Cenelec Norm:

- Excerpt:
  - "*The Assessor shall assess* […] *that the validation responds correctly to safety issues derived from the System Safety Requirements Specification.*"
  - "[…] *Verify the evidences* […] *appropriate set of techniques* […] *for the intended development*"

= A big bunch of work !

Platform, Concurrent Engineering, rework…….

The whole assessment cannot be redone each time: Impact analysis is done

Deterministic test case generation must be applied to cope with the objectives and constraints

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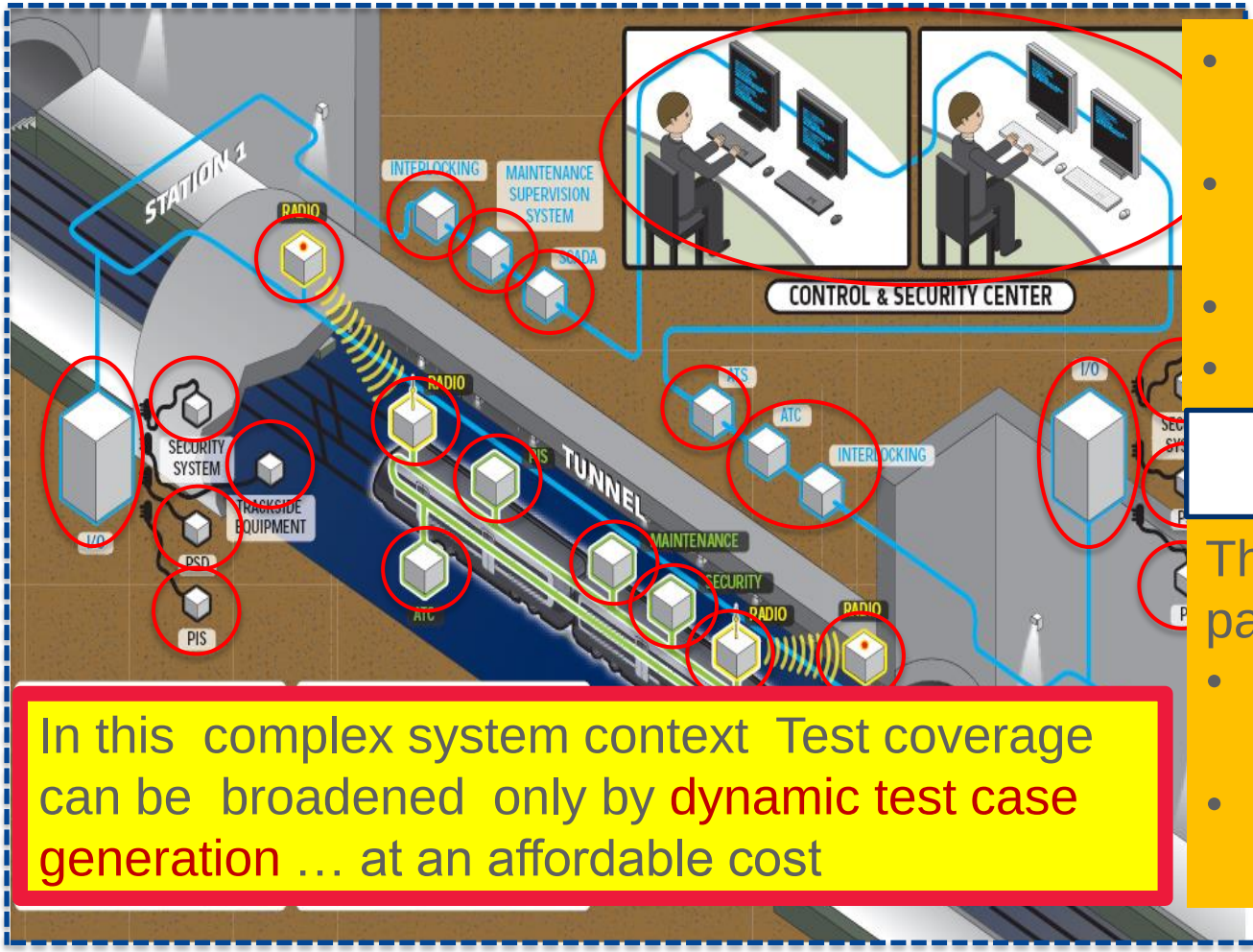
Signalling system are complex



- Specific exploitation rules
- Local or national signaling rules
- Specific topology
- Specific Rolling Stock

This is Thousands of parameters

- Defining the system behavior
- Characterizing the environment

In this complex system context Test coverage can be broadened only by dynamic test case generation … at an affordable cost

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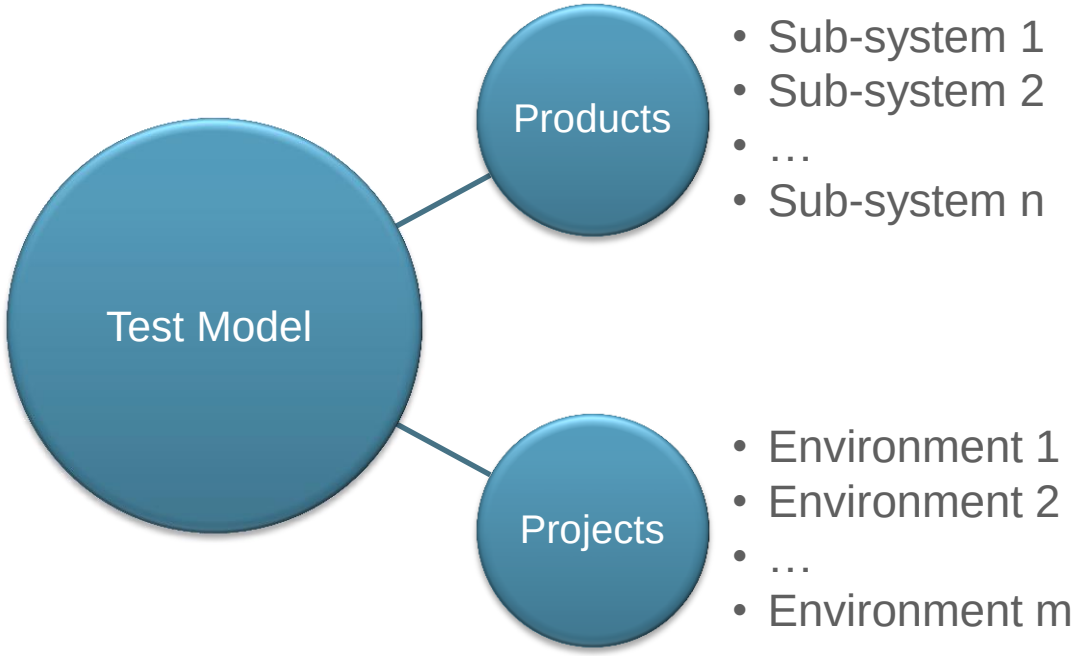
Proposed Methodology : Modularity

Re-use of models

- **Capitalize environments and sub-system models**
- **Combine them regarding the validation phase**

- **Products validation**: Combine sub-system model with a stochastic environment model.
  - Validate the product regarding a wide range of randomly generated environment.

- **Projects validation**: Combine sub-system model with static environment models (one per project).
  - Consolidate the product regarding a specific topology



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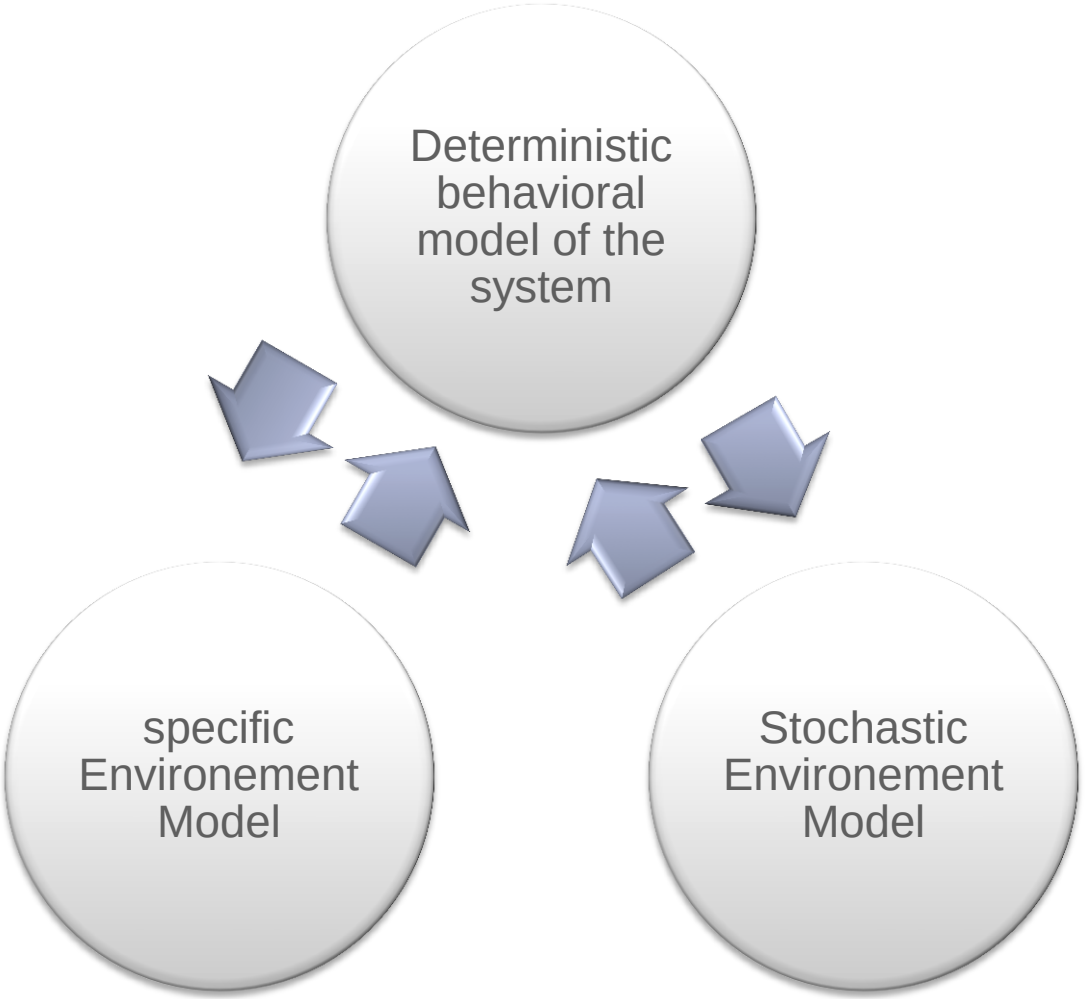
Proposed Methodology : Handle complexity and safety

Combine Determinism and Randomness

- Why deterministic generation?
  - ✓ Safety critical systems: safety function reacts deterministically relatively to a safety issue
  - ✓ Operational behavior: given a context the system always acts as intended by the operator
  - ✓ Deterministic generation: minimize the impact on safety assessment regarding changes and iterations.
- Why random generation?
  - ✓ Support the exponential combination of parameters specific to signalling system
  - ✓ Generate randomly operational contexts to stimulate the SUT and then to detect a maximum number of errors

Target generic or specific systems



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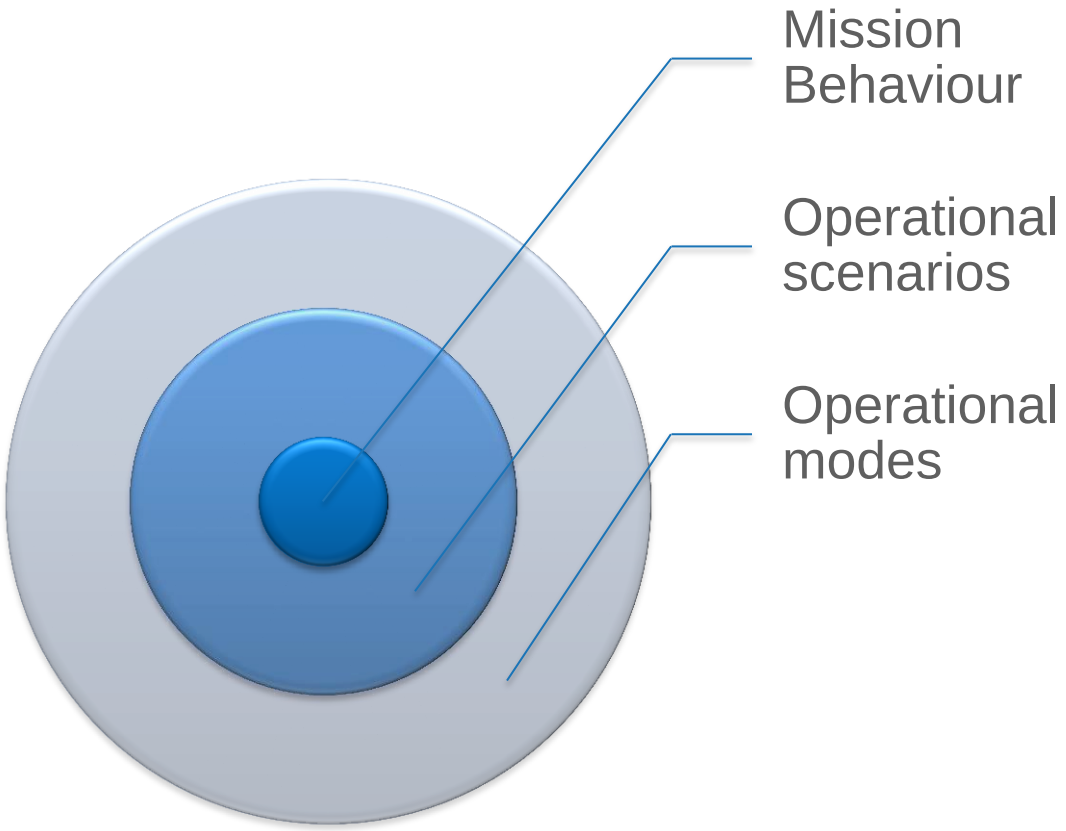
Proposed Methodology : Operational first

Test Model

- For the environement:
  - What are the operational contexts?
- For the System:
  - What are the operational modes?
  - What are the operational scenarios for each operational mode?
  - How it will behave according to each oparational context and to each operational mode?



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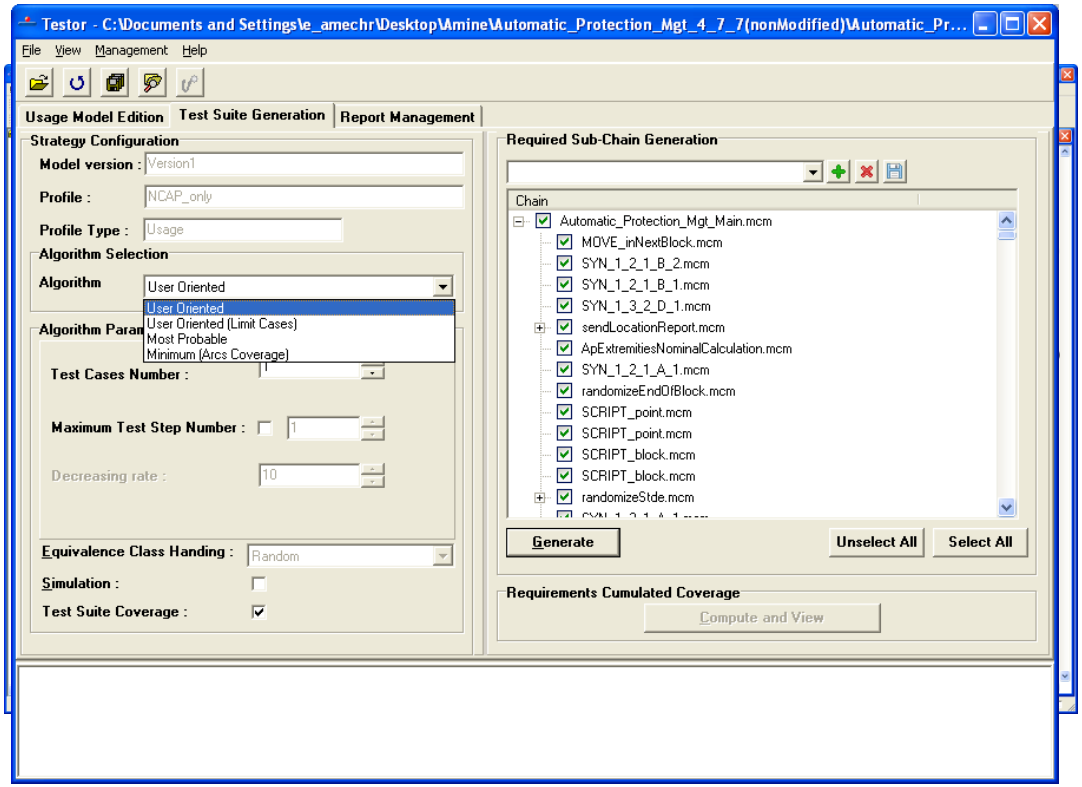
Implementation within MBT framework

MaTeLo implementation

- Each Level of the Modelling Diagram is represented in MaTeLo with an hierarchical level (Sub-chains)
- The operational scanarios are modelled using the concept of « conditions »
- Missions behavior include Scilab functions & Expected Results
- Radom generation is performed using Radom Algorithms proposed within MaTeLo



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Results and tool limitations

Structuring Methodology →
- ✓ Share a common understanding of validation model
- ✓ Minimise modelling errors
- ✓ Facilitate impact analysis

Stochastic model of environment →
- ✓ Increase test coverage at product validation phase
- ✓ Avoid a maximum of iteration during projects

Deterministic models →
- ✓ Cover safety and operational scenario
- ✓ Validate sub-system on a specific environment

Modularity →
- ✓ Facilitate re-use
- ✓ Save time, reduce cost

Model Construction →
- ○ Consume Effort & Time

Tool Limitation →
- ○ Combining Random and deterministic approaches is not well integrated in tools
- ○ Covering paths does not apply covering safety and operational objectives

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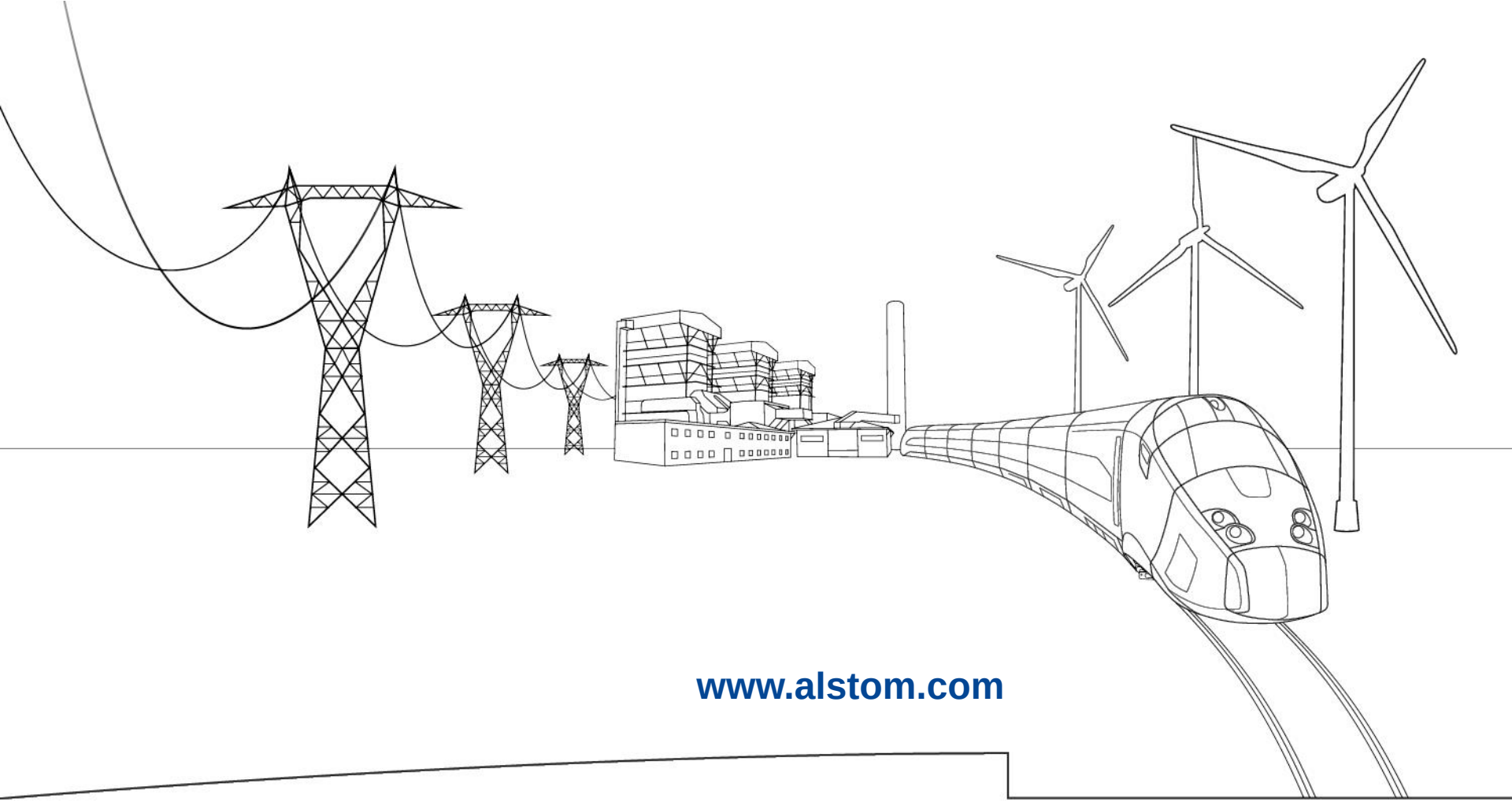
Ongoing Developpements

Large test base versus precise test objectives: how to?

- Deciding whenever a generated test base covers precise safety and operational objectives is a hard problem.
- **Idea**: Formalise operational use case, equivalence classes, boundaries constraints, dysfunctional scenario… as formal statements and then model check your test base.
- **Advantages:**
  - Powerful modal logic to formalise dynamic scenario
  - Not intrusive, keep your behavioural model simple
  - Discriminate test cases regarding objectives (and not path of your model)
- Tools: MaTeLo for TCG and Artimon (CEA) for analysis



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