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THE ETSI TEST DESCRIPTION LANGUAGE (TDL)

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Where does TDL come from?

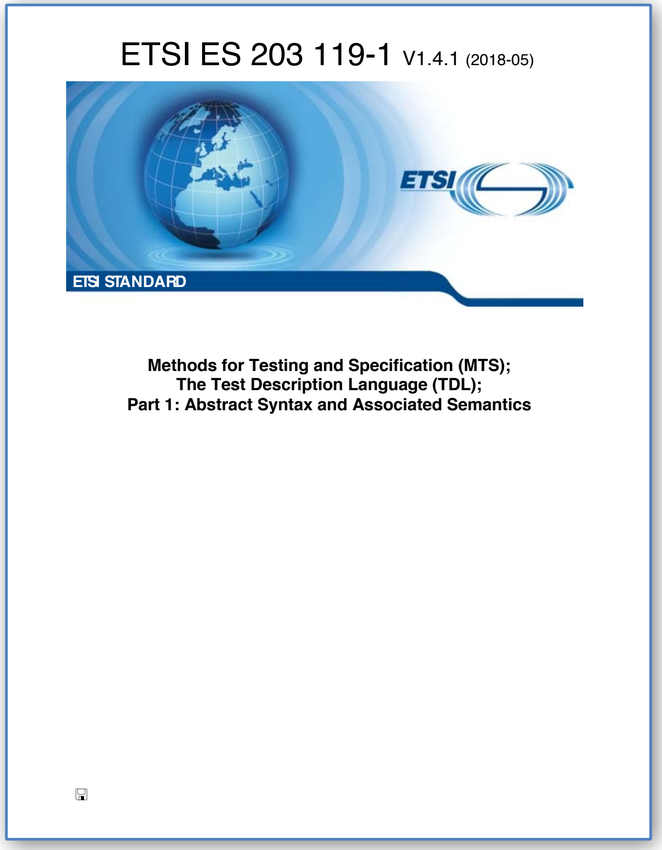
- European Telecommunication Standards Institute (ETSI)
  - develops standards and test specifications for ICT to facilitate interoperability
  - domains: fixed, mobile, radio, aeronautical, broadcast and internet technologies
- Technical Committee on Methods for Testing and Specification (TC MTS)
  - standardising test and specification methods and languages, guidelines, frameworks
  - Testing and Test Control Notation version 3 (TTCN-3)
  - Test Description Language (TDL)
- Centre for Testing and Interoperability (CTI)
  - evaluates test specification technologies
  - provides hands-on support and assistance to TCs and projects

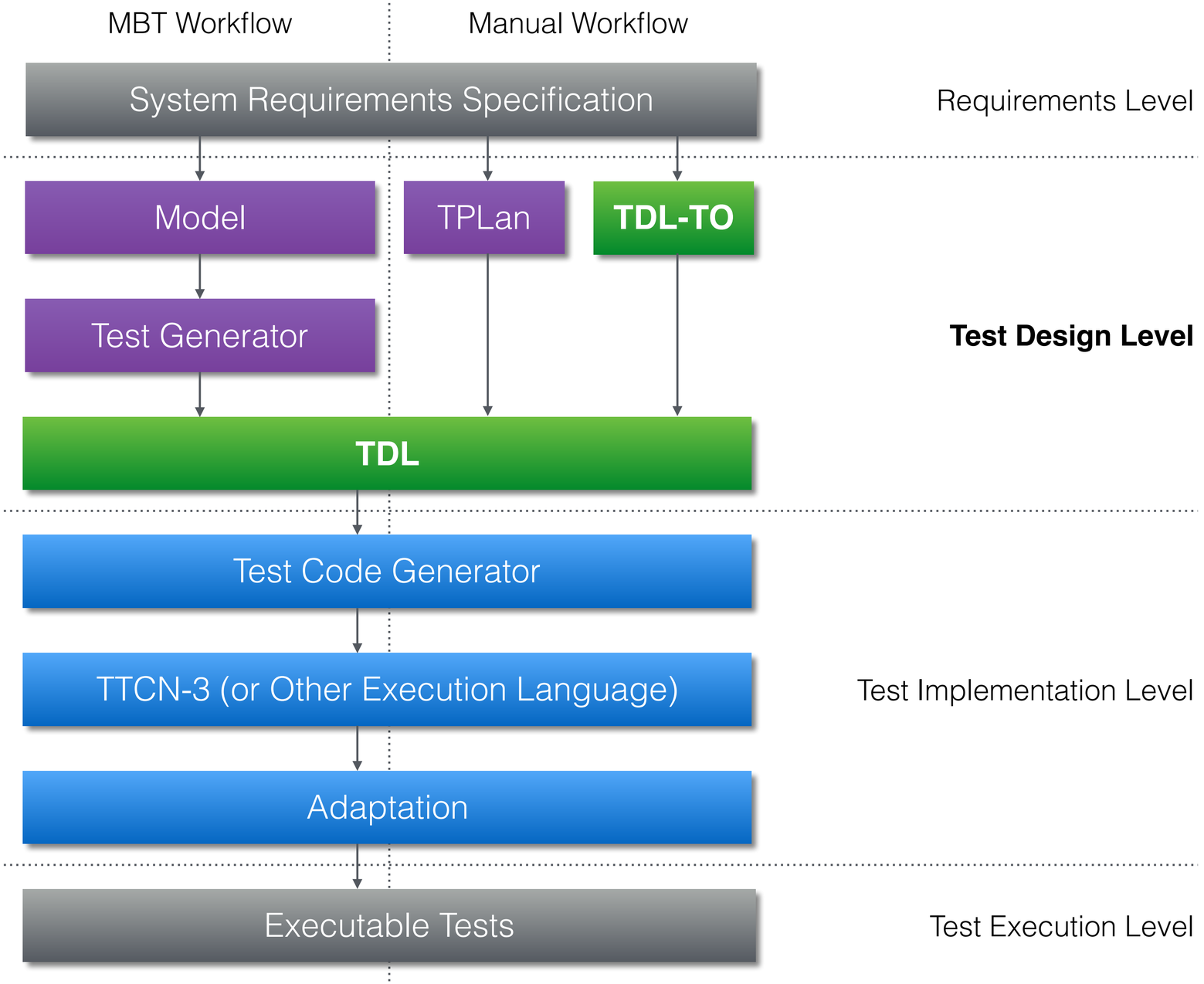
Where does TDL come from?

- **Agile**
  - support of test-driven / behaviour-driven development
  - derive scenario-based tests from user stories
  - address different stakeholders through multiple representations
- **Models**
  - describe test-related interfaces, configurations, behaviour, and data
  - generate of abstract tests from test specifications
  - integrate into model-driven software development processes
- **Automation**
  - common and frequently used test patterns
  - clearly defined execution semantics
  - generation of concrete (executable) tests from test specifications

What is TDL?

- Test Description Language
  - Design, documentation, and representation of formalised test descriptions
  - Scenario-based approach
- Standardised at ETSI by TC MTS
  - STF 454 (2013)
  - STF 476 (2014)
  - STF 492 (2015-2016)
  - STF 522 (2017)

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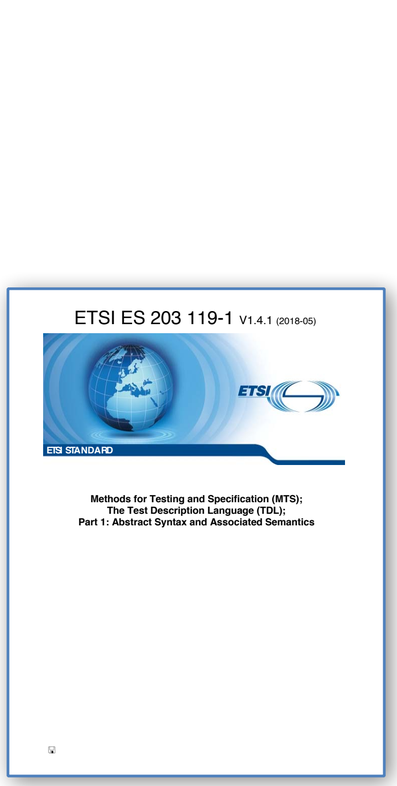

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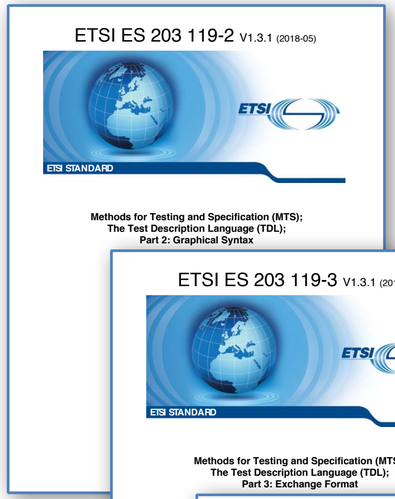

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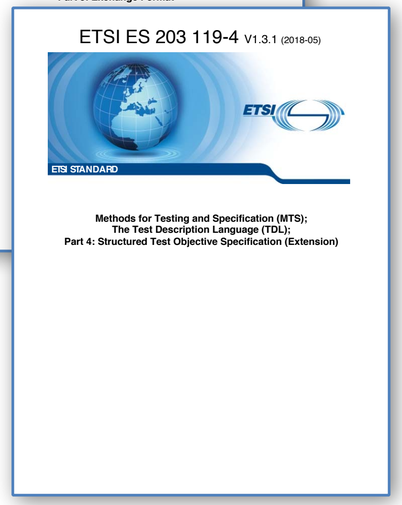

Part 4: TO
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Part 5:
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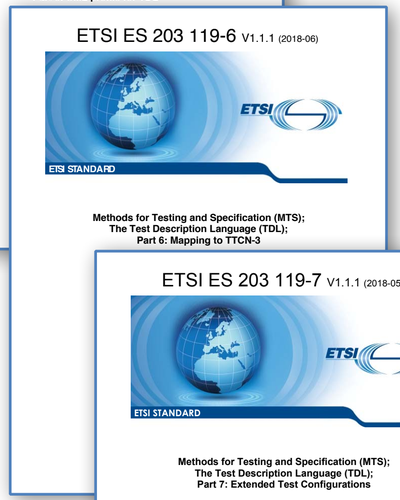
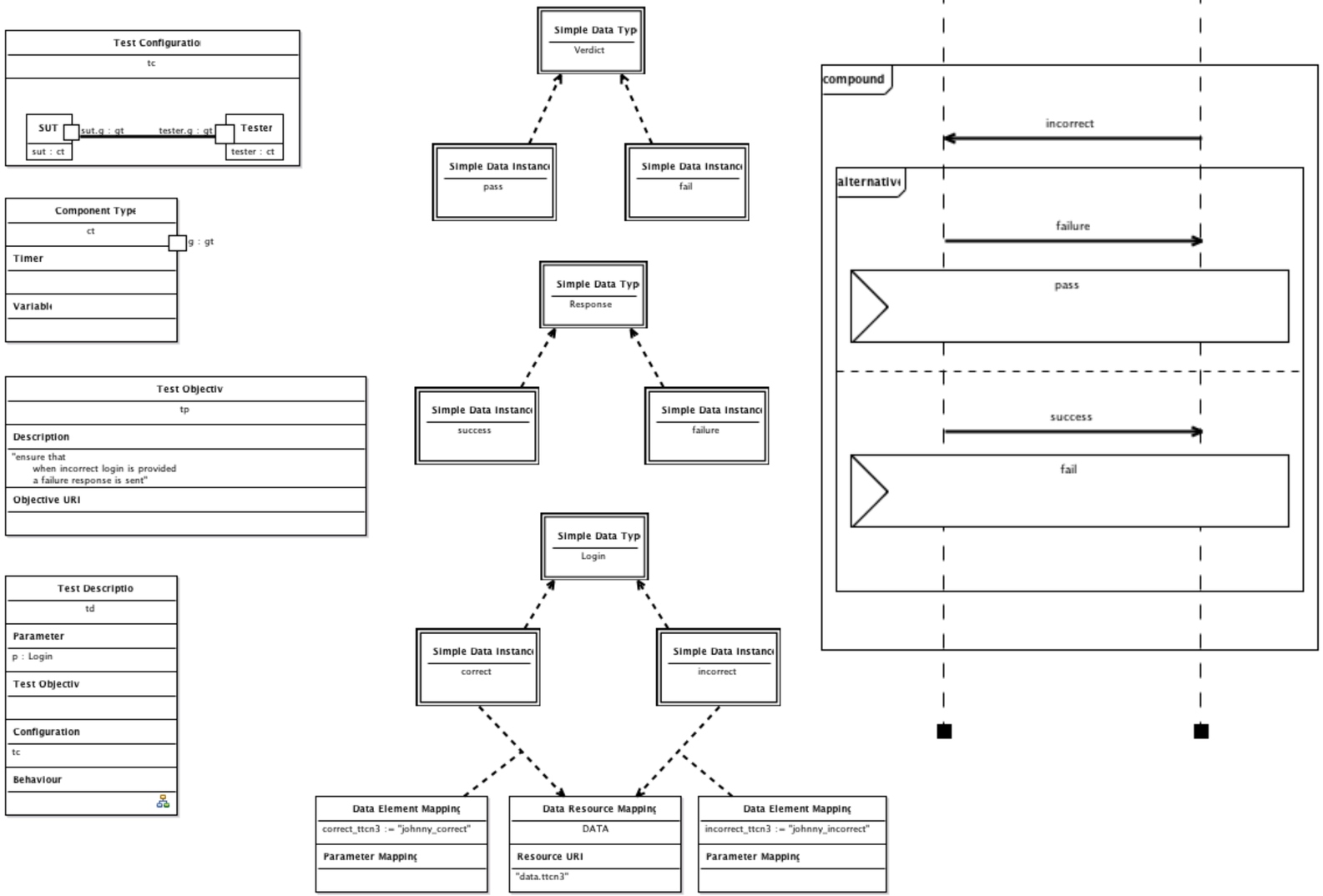


Part 6:
Mapping
to TTCN-3

Part 7:
Extended
Test Configurations

What is TDL?

- TDL main ingredients
  - Test data
  - Test configuration
  - Test behaviour
  - Test objectives
  - Time

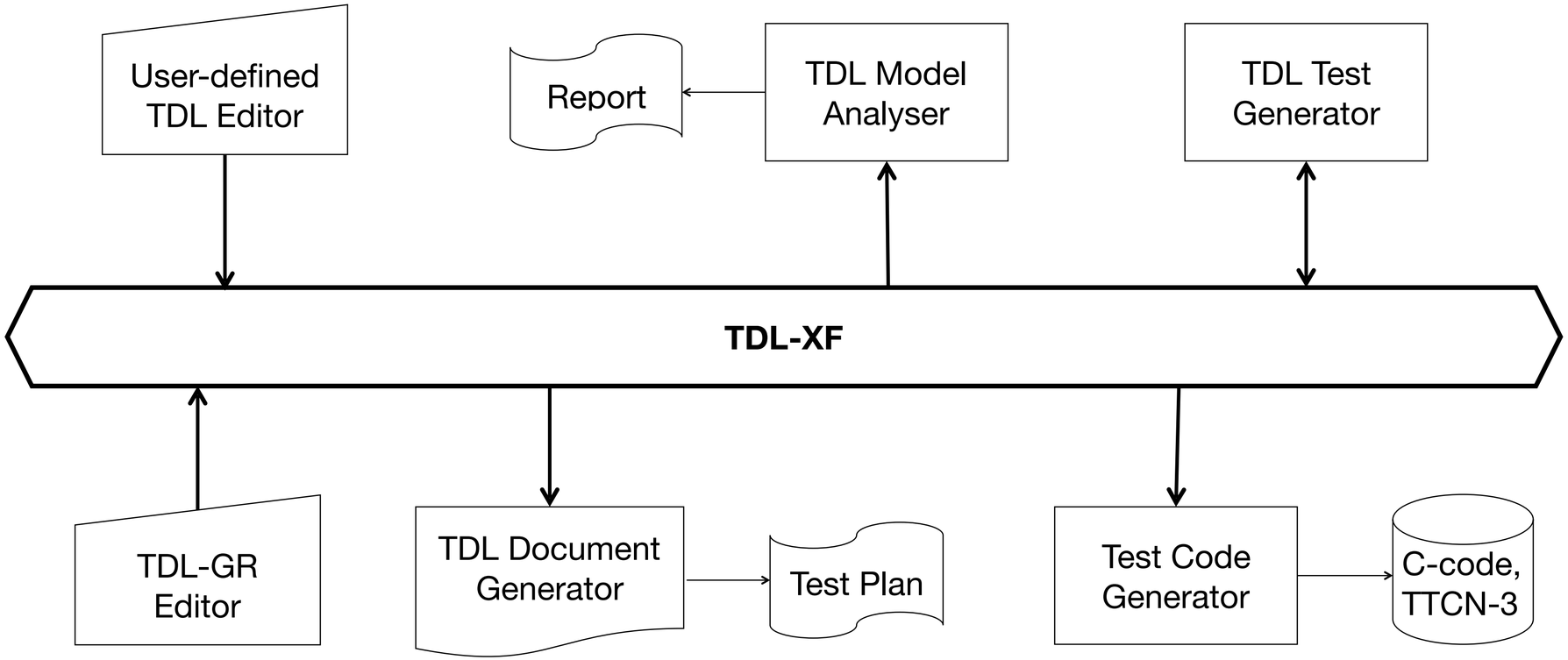


Structured Test Objectives with TDL-TO

- Requirements to be tested
- Behaviour-driven approach
- Prose syntax

TP Id	TP/GEONW/FDV/BAH/BV/01
Test Objective	Check defined values of default Gn parameters in the basic header
Reference	
PICS Selection	PICS_F1
Initial Conditions	
Given	`with { the IUT entity being in the initial state }`
Expected Behaviour	
When / **Then**	`ensure that{ when { the IUT entity is requested to send a "GUC packet" } then { the IUT entity sends a "GUC packet" containing BasicHeader containing "version field" indicating value "itsGnProtocolVersion MIB parameter" , "RHL field" indicating value "itsGnDefaultHopLimit MIB parameter" ; ; } }`
Final Conditions	

TDL Pipelines



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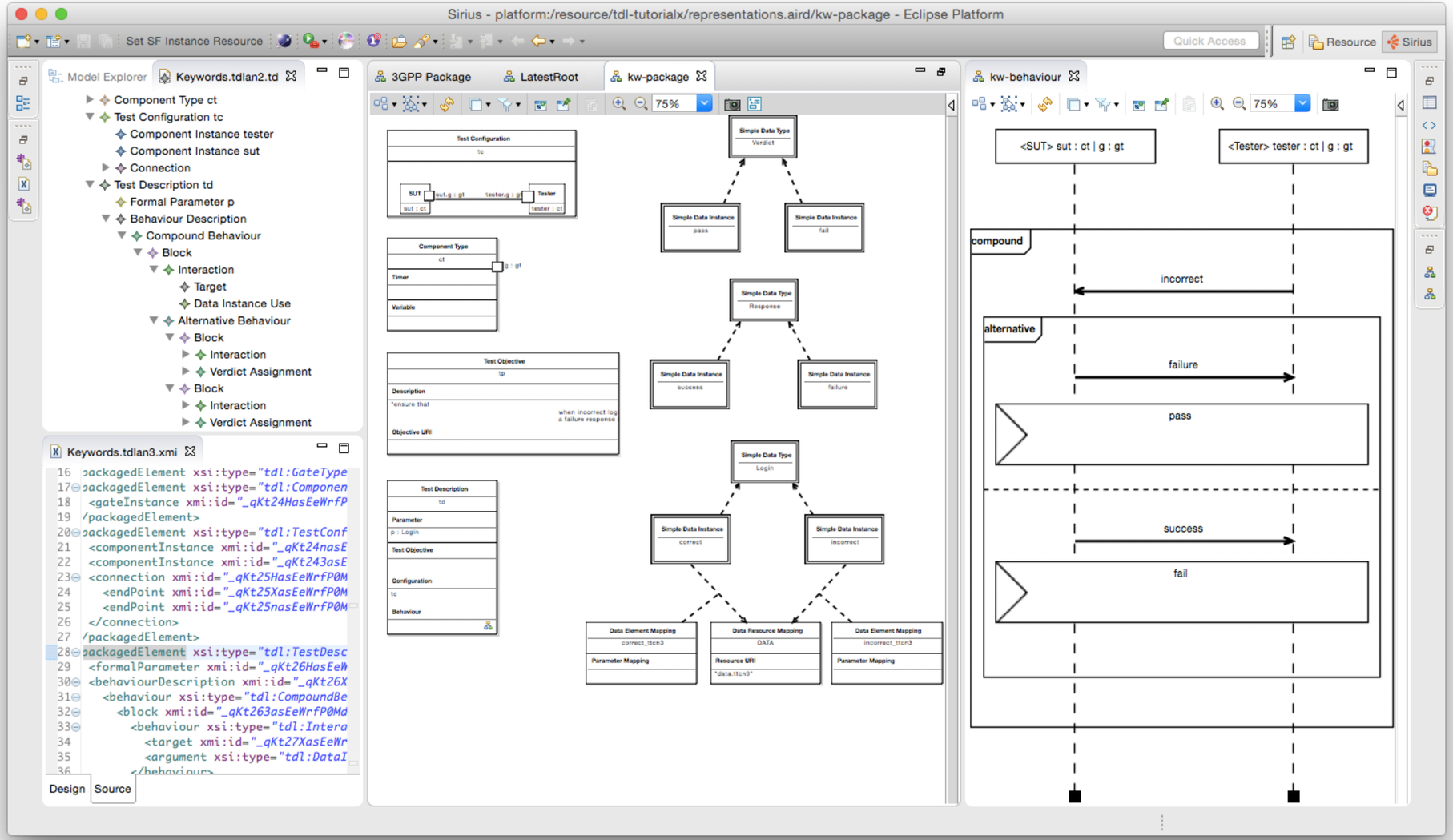

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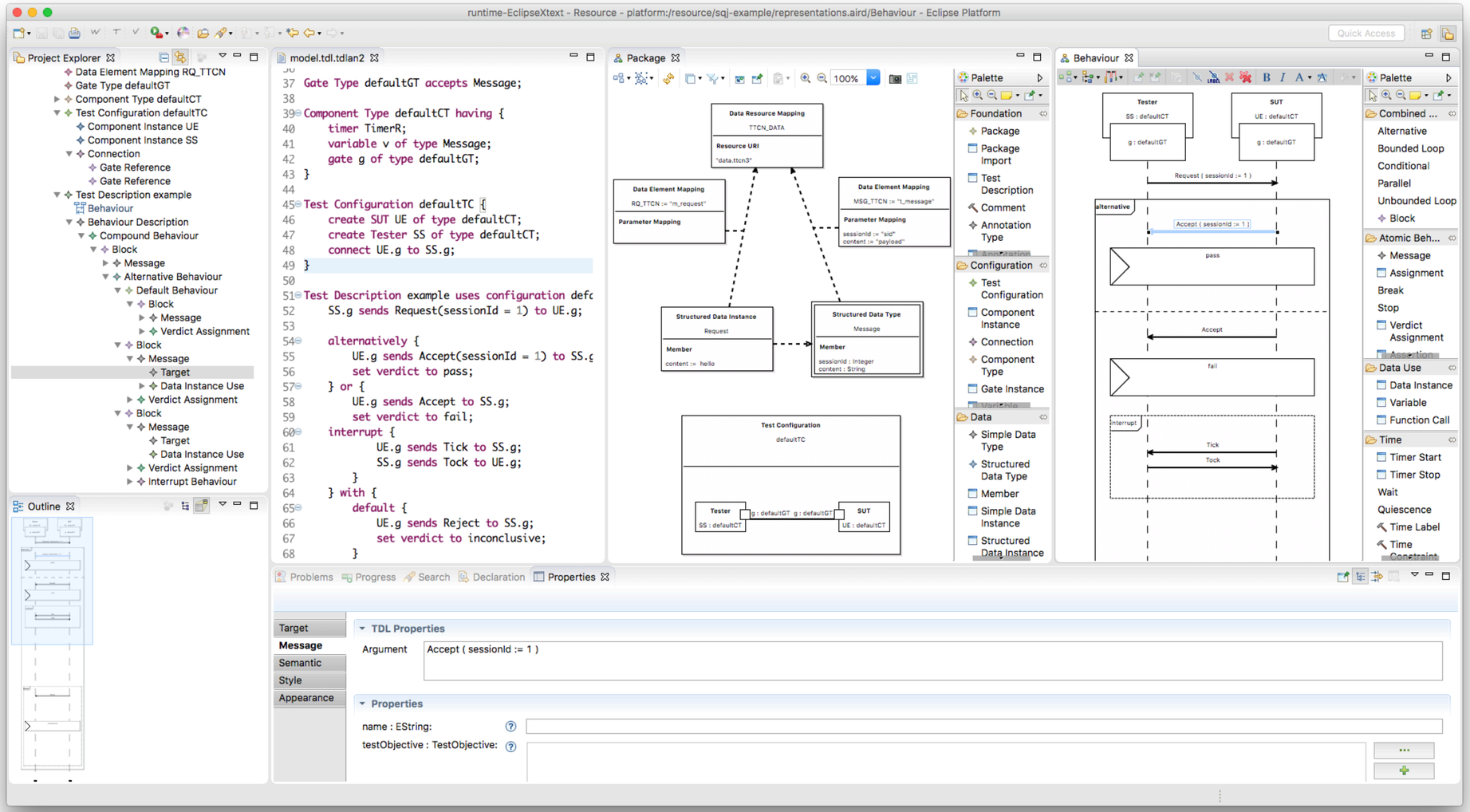

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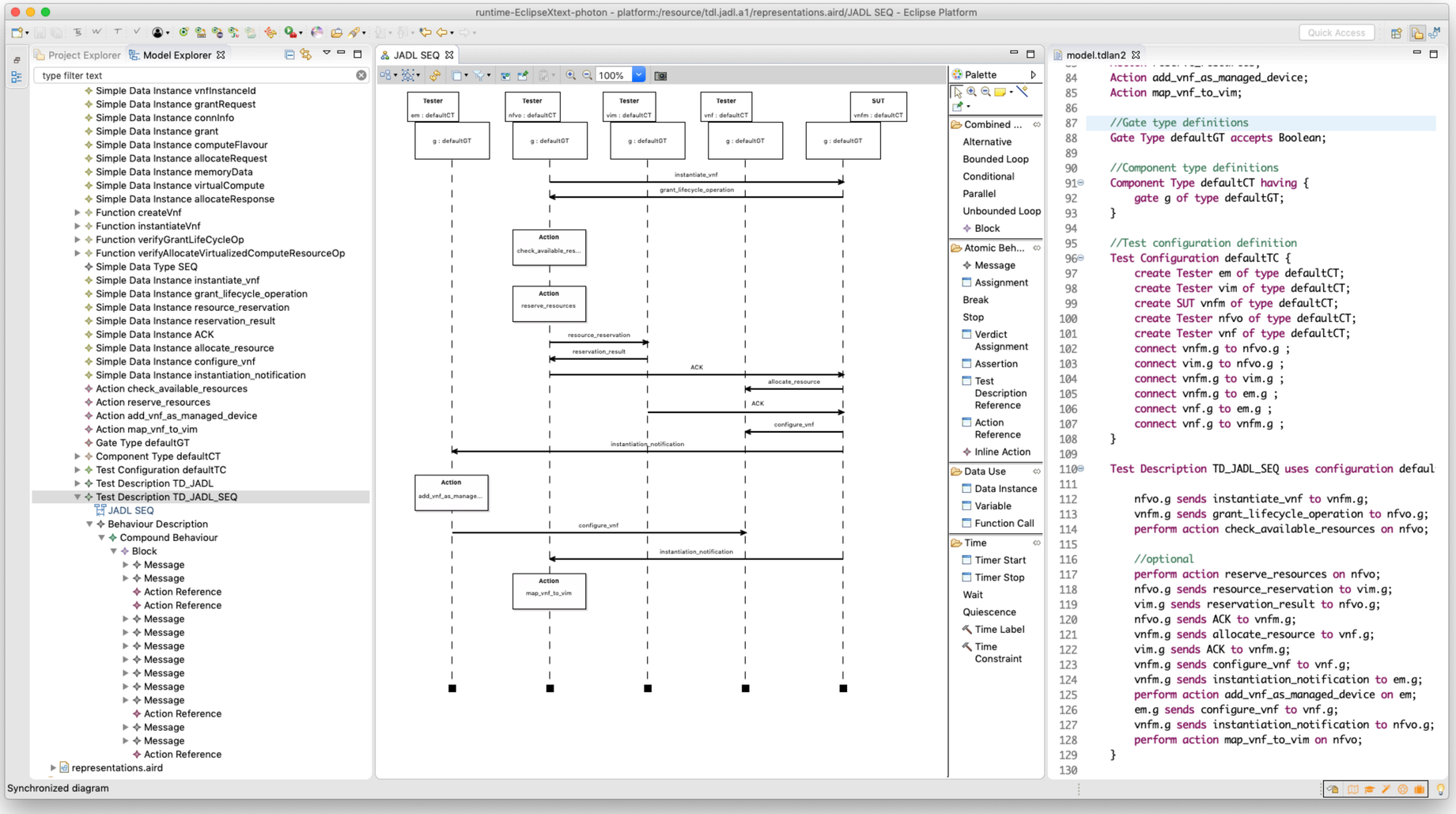


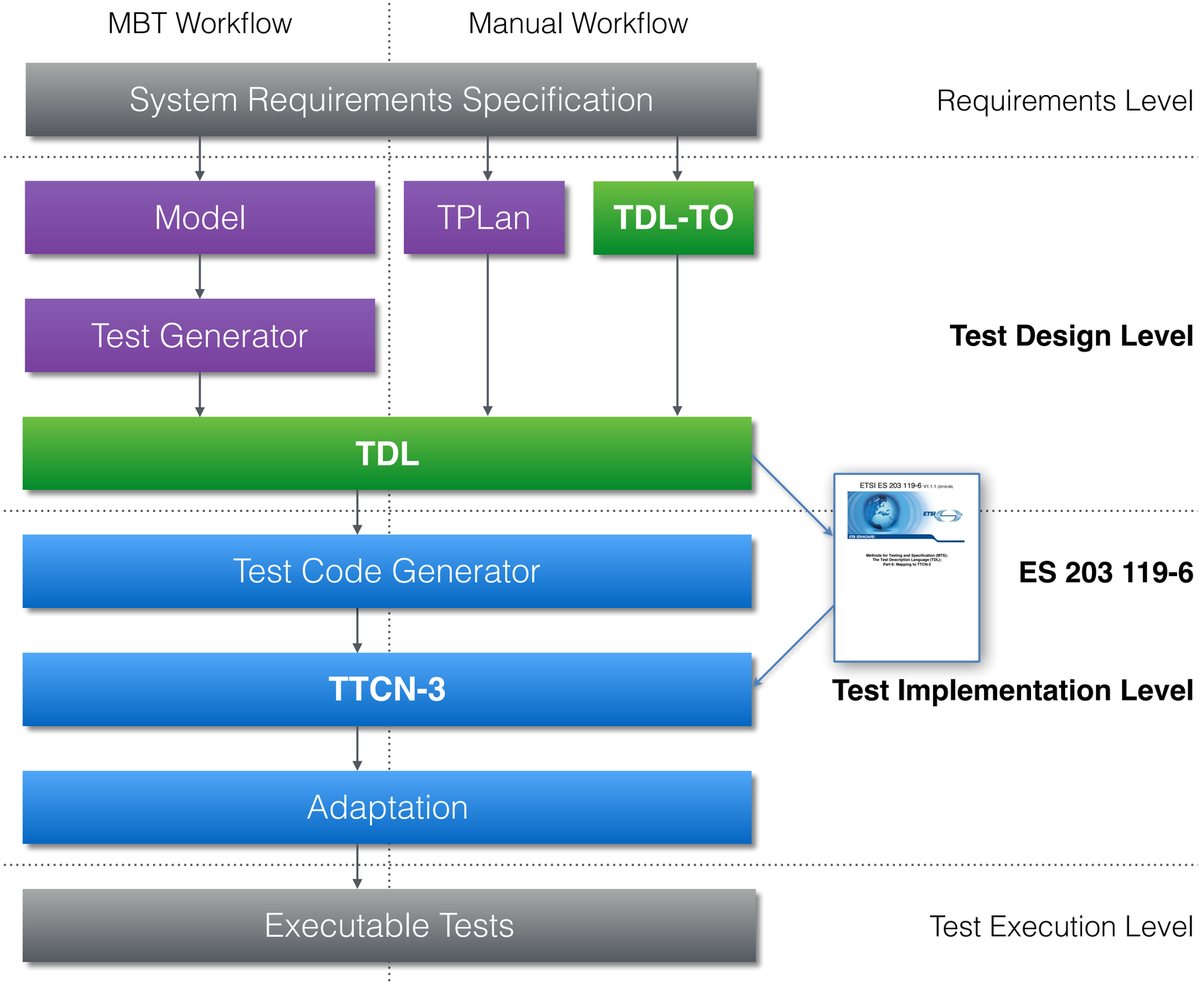
Mapping TDL to TTCN-3

- Test Description Language
  - Design, documentation, representation of formalised test descriptions
  - Scenario-based approach

- Testing and Test Control Notation
  - Specification and implementation of all kinds of black-box tests
  - Component-based approach

Mapping TDL to TTCN-3

- Establish a connection between TDL and TTCN-3
  - generation of executable tests from test descriptions
  - standardised, ensuring compatibility and consistency
  - re-use existing tools and frameworks for test execution
  - re-use existing TTCN-3 assets (data, behaviour)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Methods for Testing and Specification (MTS);
The Test Description Language (TDL);
Part 6: Mapping to TTCN-3
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Executable Tests
Test Execution Level

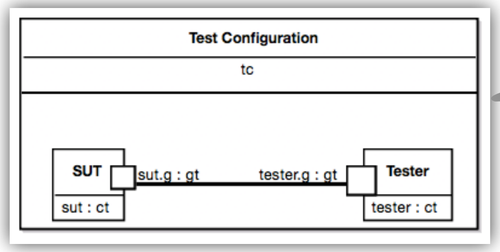
Mapping TDL to TTCN-3

```
Gate Type gt accepts Login, Response;

Component Type ct having {
      gate g of type gt;
}

Test Configuration tc {
      create Tester tester of type ct;
      create SUT sut of type ct;
      connect tester.g to sut.g;
}
```

Xtext



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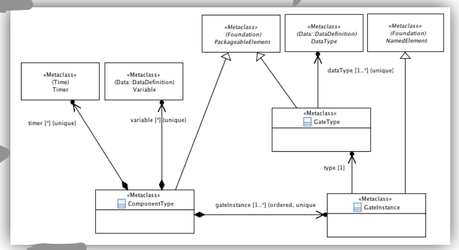

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```
<packagedElement xsi:type="tdl:ComponentType"
                 xmi:id="_qKt233asEeWrfP0MdfQNpg"
                 name="ct">
  <gateInstance xmi:id="_qKt24HasEeWrfP0MdfQNpg"
                name="g"
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</packagedElement>
```

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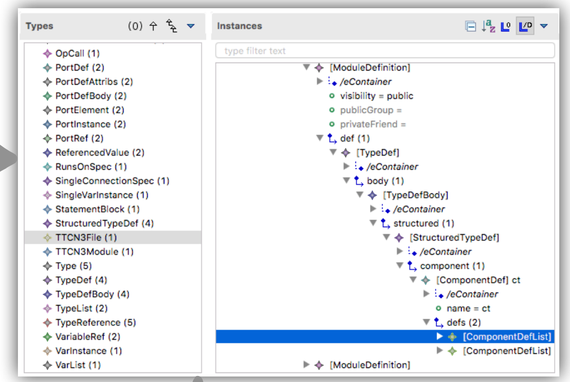

Xtext

```
type port gt_to_map message {
  //port type for SUT-Tester connections
  inout Login, Response
}

type port gt_to_connect message {
  //port type for Tester-Tester connections
  inout Login, Response
}

type component MTC_CT {
  //component type for MTC
  //variable for the PTC(s)
  var ct TESTER_tester;
}

type component ct {
  port gt_to_map g_to_map;
  port gt_to_connect g_to_connect;
}

function tc() runs on MTC_CT {
  // Test Configuration tc, mappings, connections
  TESTER_tester := ct.create;
  map (TESTER_tester:g_to_map,system:g_to_map);
}
```

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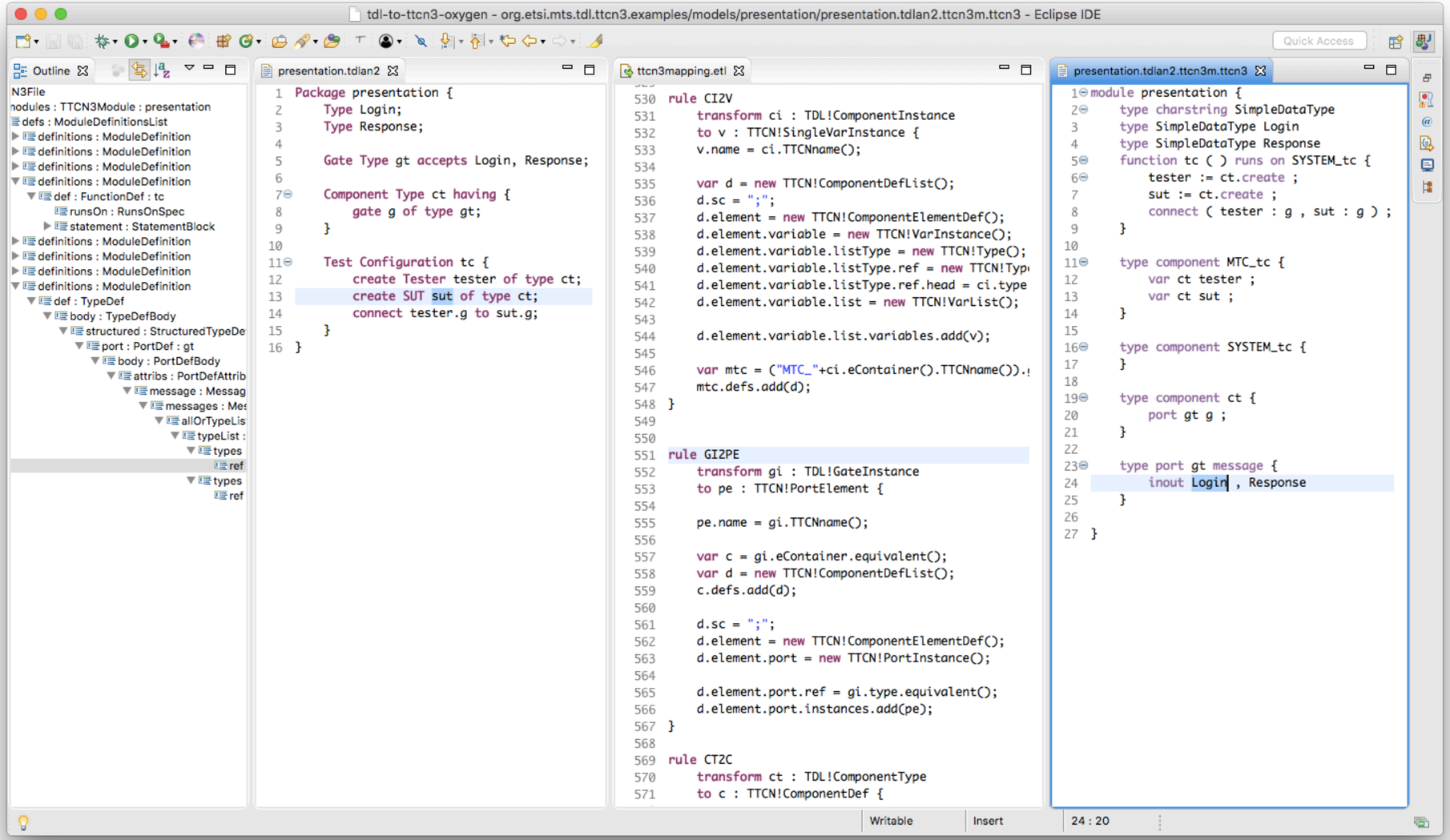

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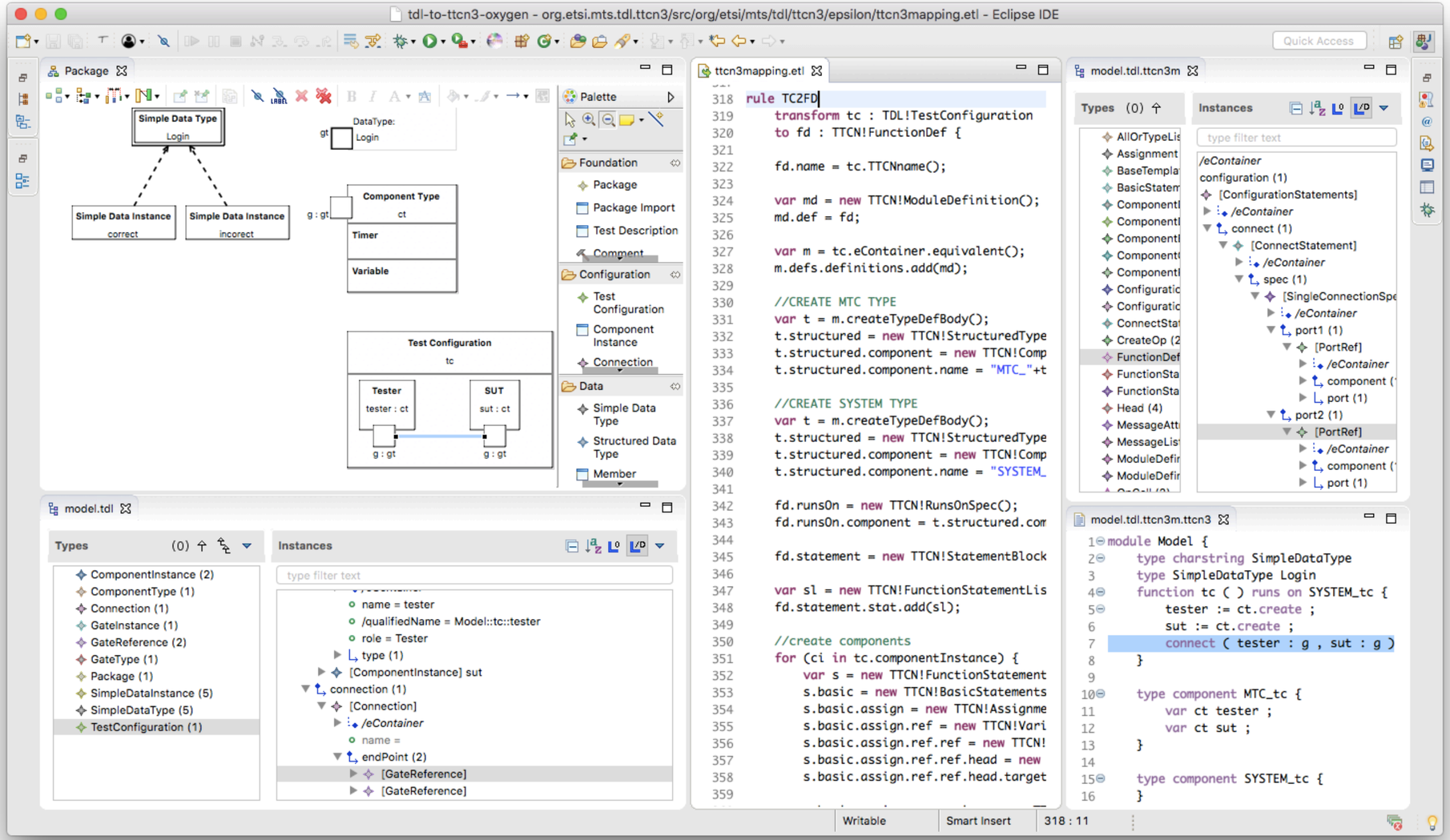

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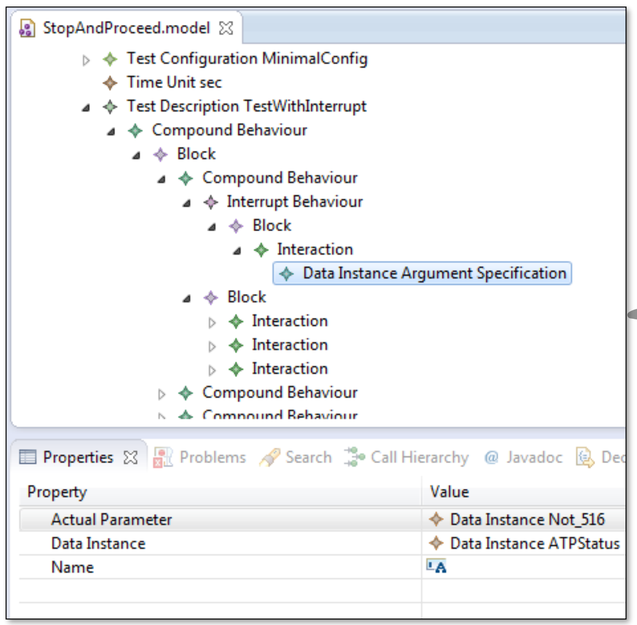
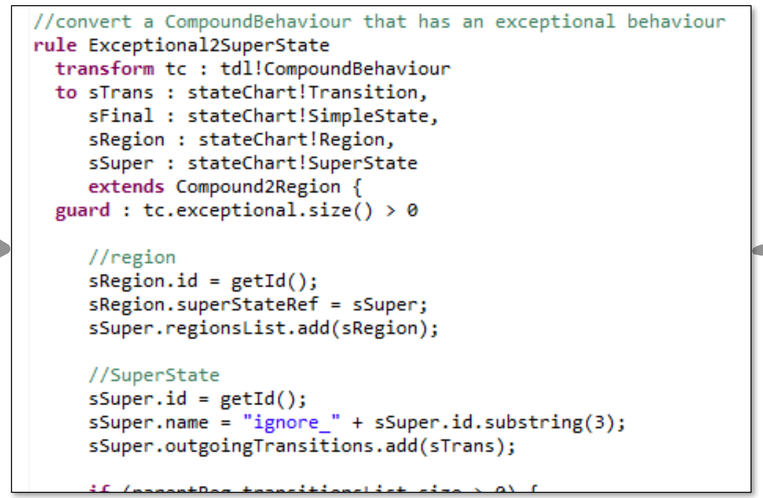
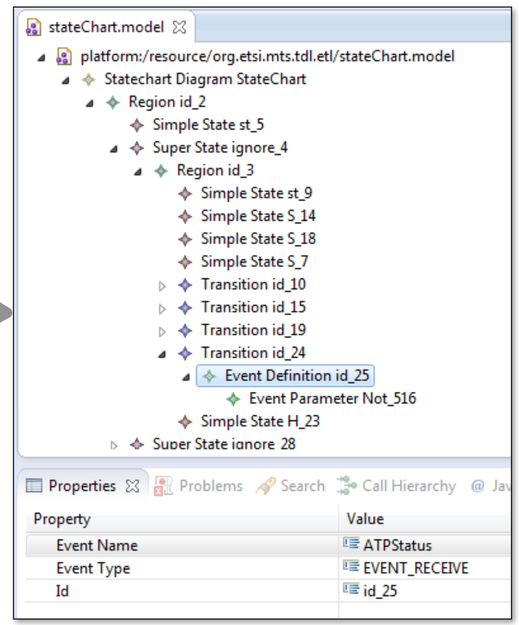


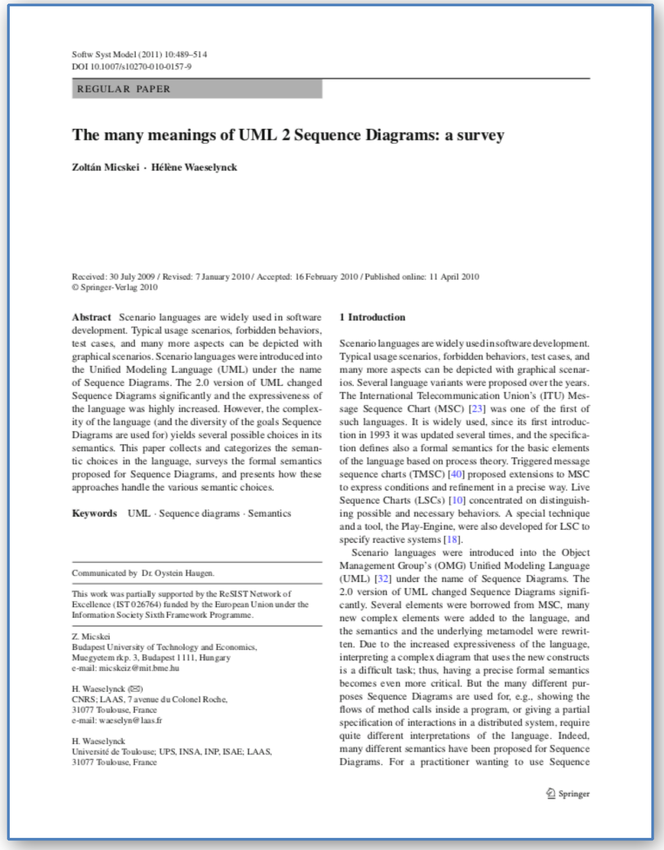


```
//convert a CompoundBehaviour that has an exceptional behaviour
rule Exceptional2SuperState
  transform tc : tdl!CompoundBehaviour
  to sTrans : stateChart!Transition,
     sFinal : stateChart!SimpleState,
     sRegion : stateChart!Region,
     sSuper : stateChart!SuperState
     extends Compound2Region {
  guard : tc.exceptional.size() > 0

     //region
     sRegion.id = getId();
     sRegion.superStateRef = sSuper;
     sSuper.regionsList.add(sRegion);

     //SuperState
     sSuper.id = getId();
     sSuper.name = "ignore_" + sSuper.id.substring(3);
     sSuper.outgoingTransitions.add(sTrans);
```



Why not UML / UTP?

- Semantic fuzz of UML
  - different notations
  - different interpretations
- UML Testing Profile (UTP)
  - extension of UML to support (model-based) testing
  - wide scope of modelling notations inherited from UML
  - may still not capture all needs
  - further profiles needed, e.g. MARTE



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REGULAR PAPER

The many meanings of UML 2 Sequence Diagrams: a survey

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Abstract Scenario languages are widely used in software development. Typical usage scenarios, forbidden behaviors, test cases, and many more aspects can be depicted with graphical scenarios. Scenario languages were introduced into the Unified Modeling Language (UML) under the name of Sequence Diagrams. The 2.0 version of UML changed Sequence Diagrams significantly and the expressiveness of the language was highly increased. However, the complexity of the language (and the diversity of the goals Sequence Diagrams are used for) yields several possible choices in its semantics. This paper collects and categorizes the semantic choices in the language, surveys the formal semantics proposed for Sequence Diagrams, and presents how these approaches handle the various semantic choices.

Keywords UML · Sequence diagrams · Semantics

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1 Introduction

Scenario languages are widely used in software development. Typical usage scenarios, forbidden behaviors, test cases, and many more aspects can be depicted with graphical scenarios. Several language variants were proposed over the years. The International Telecommunication Union's (ITU) Message Sequence Chart (MSC) [23] was one of the first of such languages. It is widely used, since its first introduction in 1993 it was updated several times, and the specification defines also a formal semantics for the basic elements of the language based on process theory. Triggered message sequence charts (TMSC) [40] proposed extensions to MSC to express conditions and refinement in a precise way. Live Sequence Charts (LSCs) [10] concentrated on distinguishing possible and necessary behaviors. A special technique and a tool, the Play-Engine, were also developed for LSC to specify reactive systems [18].

Scenario languages were introduced into the Object Management Group's (OMG) Unified Modeling Language (UML) [32] under the name of Sequence Diagrams. The 2.0 version of UML changed Sequence Diagrams significantly. Several elements were borrowed from MSC, many new complex elements were added to the language, and the semantics and the underlying metamodel were rewritten. Due to the increased expressiveness of the language, interpreting a complex diagram that uses the new constructs is a difficult task; thus, having a precise formal semantics becomes even more critical. But the many different purposes Sequence Diagrams are used for, e.g., showing the flows of method calls inside a program, or giving a partial specification of interactions in a distributed system, require quite different interpretations of the language. Indeed, many different semantics have been proposed for Sequence Diagrams. For a practitioner wanting to use Sequence

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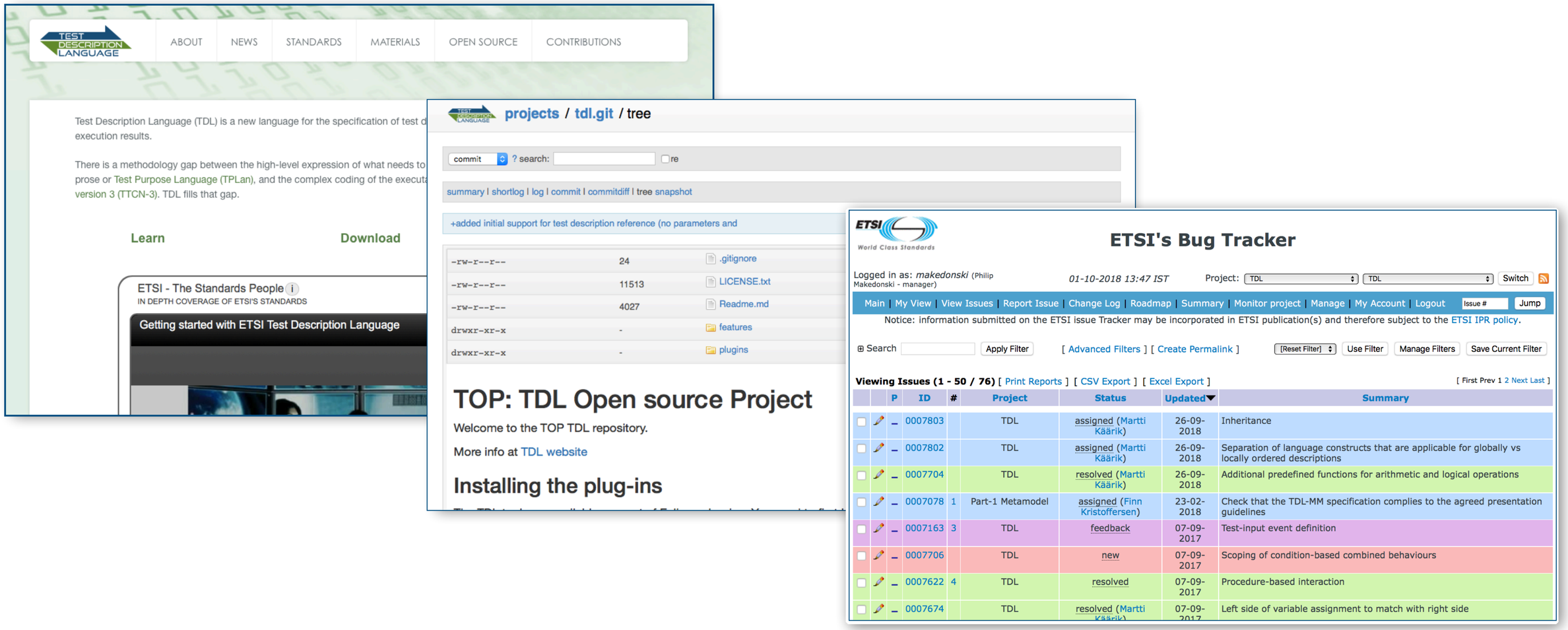
TDL so far…

- A standardised approach for the design of test descriptions
  - graphical, textual, and user-defined syntaxes, common exchange format
  - first extensions: test purposes with TDL-TO, extended test configurations
- Design-first approach
  - higher level test design before rushing towards detailed test code
  - facilitate better quality of tests and higher productivity in testing
- Harmonise and ease development of tools for scenario-based testing
  - editors mapped to TDL meta-model, e.g. graphical, textual
  - model-based re-usable back-end tools, e.g. code and documentation generators
  - Eclipse ecosystem enables quick and low-cost tool development

What would you like to see in TDL?



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