

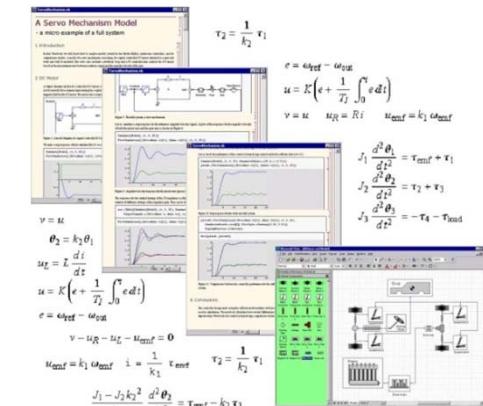
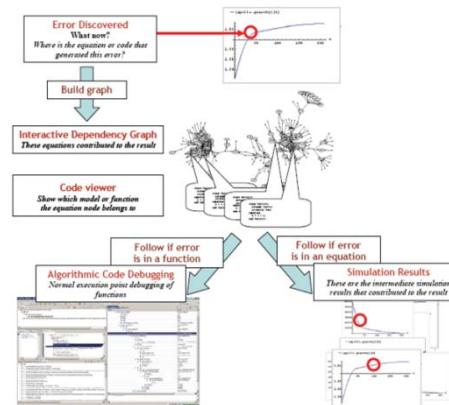
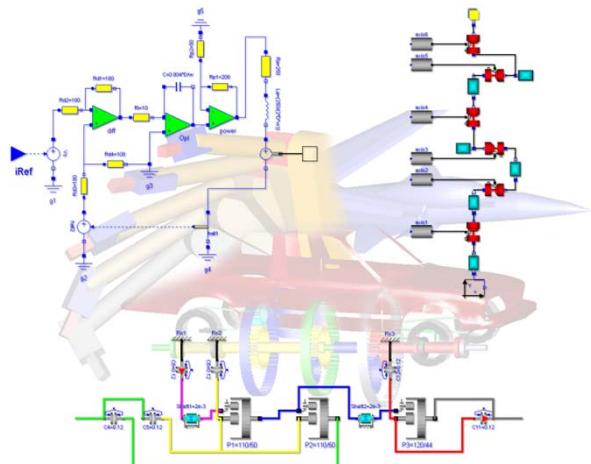
# Technical Overview of OpenModelica and its Development Environment

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# What is OpenModelica? (0)

[Developers \(81\)](#)

OpenModelica is ... *its developers*

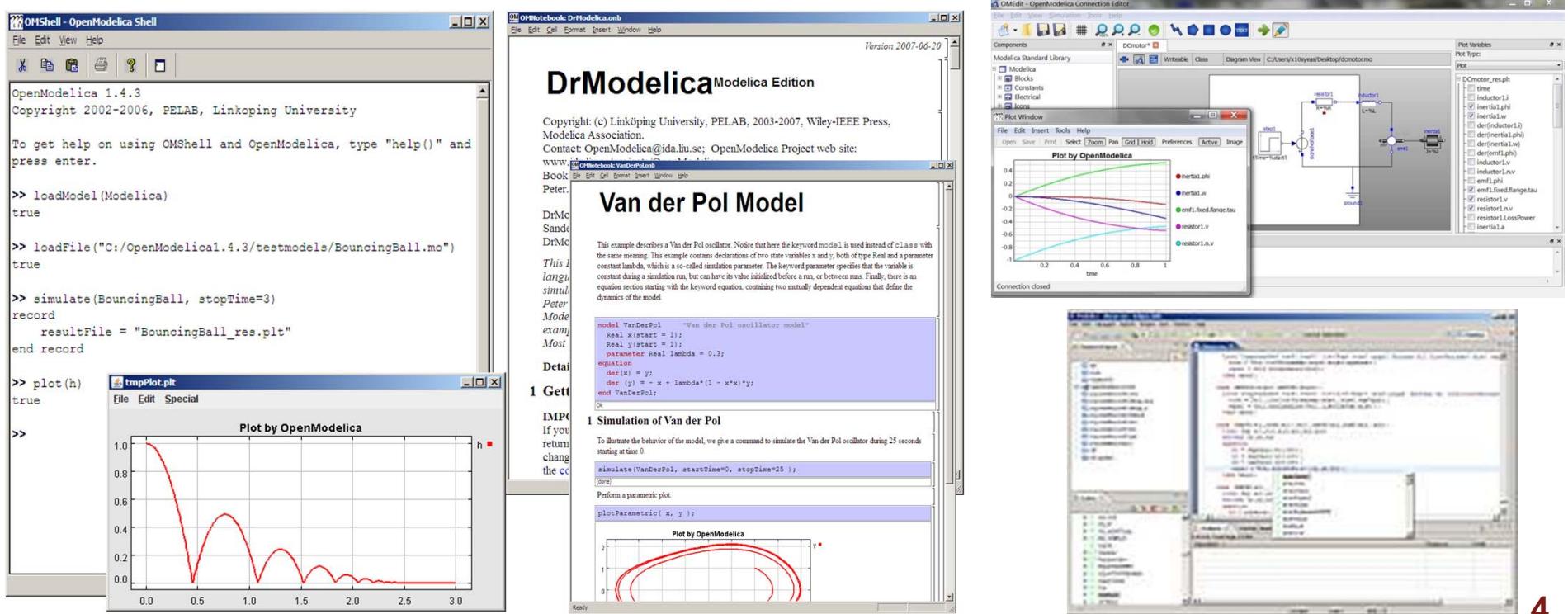
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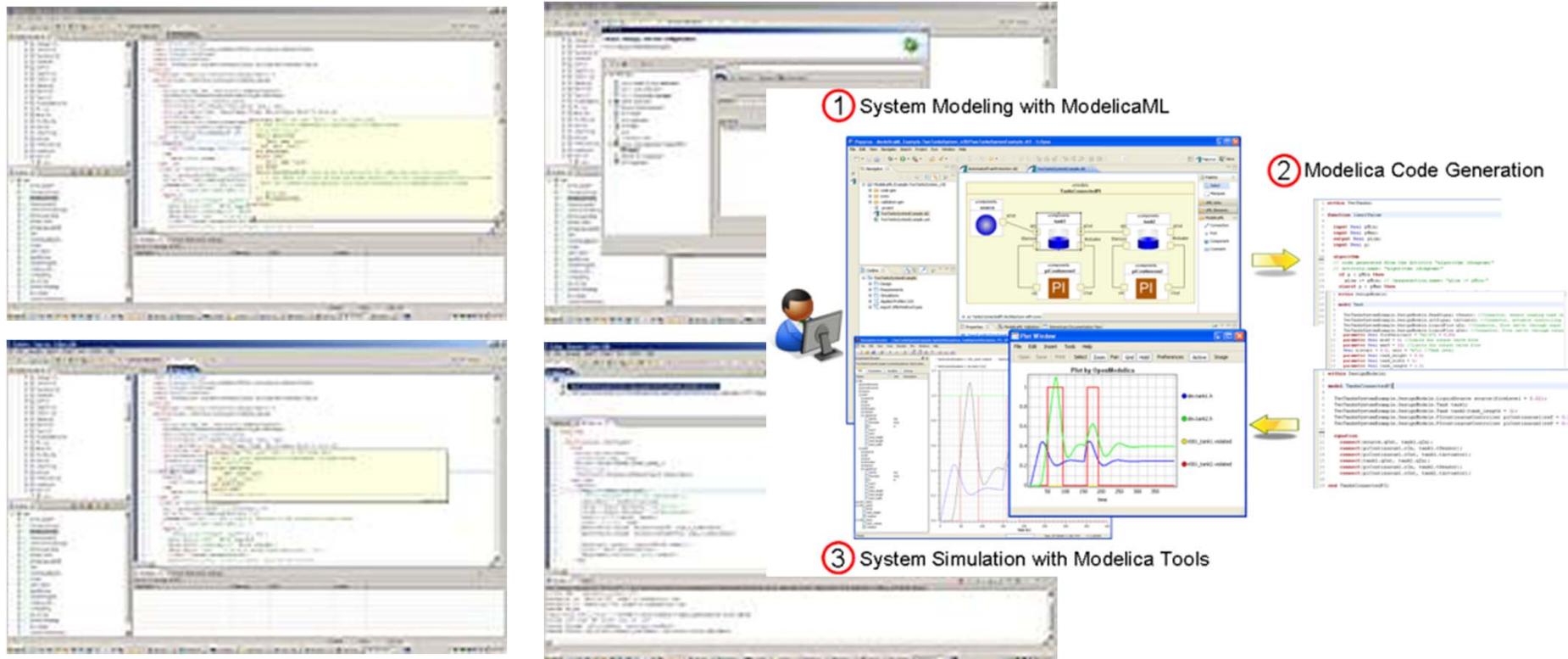
# What is OpenModelica? (I)

- Advanced Interactive Modelica compiler (OMC)
  - Supports MLS v. 3.1/MSL v. 3.2.1
- Basic and advanced environments for creating models
  - OMShell - an interactive command handler
  - OMNotebook - a literate programming notebook
  - OMEdit - Open Modelica Connection Editor
  - OMPlot - Open Modelica Plotting
  - OMOptim - Open Modelica Optimization Editor
  - MDT - an advanced textual environment in Eclipse



# What Is OpenModelica? (II)

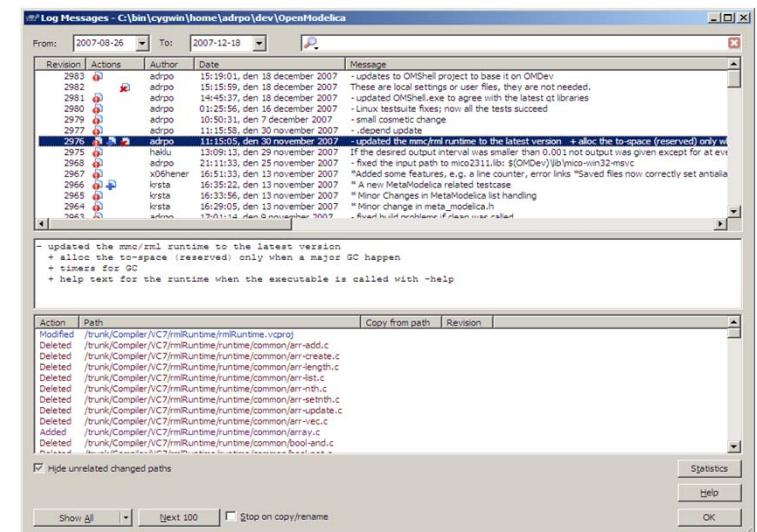
- Advanced Eclipse-based Development Environment
  - Modelica Development Tooling (MDT) - started in 2005
    - Code Assistance, Debugging, Outline & a lot more
    - *Used heavily for OpenModelica development*
    - Used in many OpenModelica Development Courses
  - ModelicaML UML/SysML integration



# What is OpenModelica? (III)

- Open-source community services
  - Website and Support Forum
  - Version-controlled source base
  - Trac with bug database
  - Development courses
  - Mailing lists

The screenshot shows the OpenModelica website at <http://www.openmodelica.org/>. The page features a large banner with the OpenModelica logo and a blue background image of a circuit board. The main navigation menu includes links for HOME, DEVELOPER, FORUM, DOWNLOAD, CONTACT US, WORKSHOP, and RESEARCH. A search bar is located at the top right. The left sidebar contains sections for 'Top information' (noting a new website launch), 'Registration' (with a note about spam), and 'Note' (about spam). The central content area has sections for 'Introduction', 'Latest news' (listing releases like 1.5.0 RC2 and 1.5.0 RC1), and 'Upcoming Events' (mentioning the OpenModelica Workshop 2010). There are also small images of simulation software interfaces.

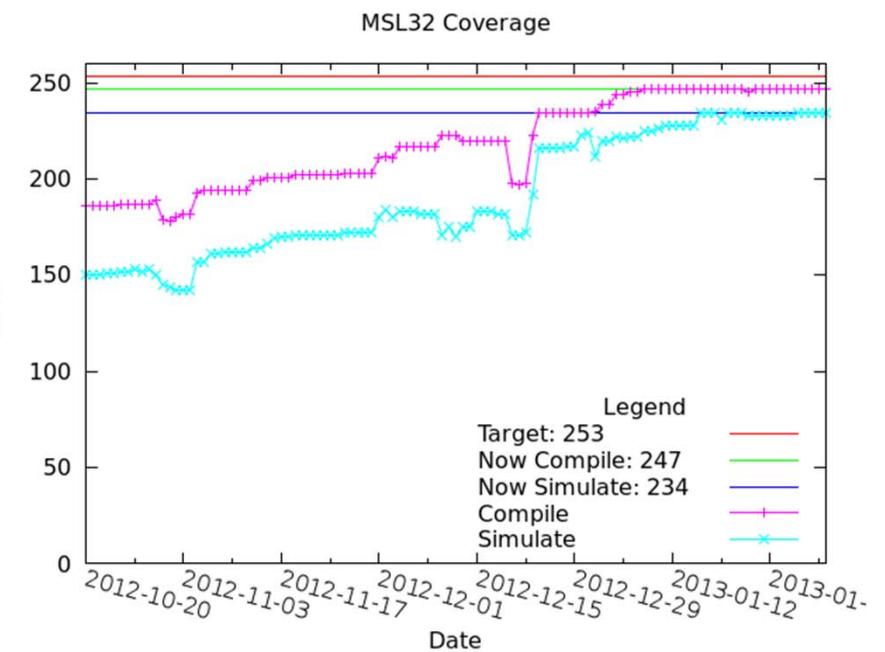


The screenshot shows the OpenModelica Trac project management interface at <https://trac.openmodelica.org/OpenModelica/wiki>. The page title is 'OpenModelica Project'. It displays the 'WikiStart' page with information about the project, including its purpose as an open-source modeling and simulation environment and its support by the Open Source Modelica Consortium (OSMC). It also shows a timeline of recent activity and a chart titled 'MSL32 Coverage' showing test coverage over time.

# What is OpenModelica? (IV)

- Open-source community services
  - Extensive testing (coverage & unit)
  - ~2500 tests ran on each commit via Hudson (3 test servers currently)
    - Linux (GCC & CLANG), Windows (MinGW GCC)
  - Automatic nightly builds for Window & Linux

The screenshot shows the Hudson CI dashboard at <https://test.openmodelica.org/hudson/>. The main navigation bar includes links for Admin, EU, Eclipse, Firma, Fiske, Dicts, Work, Weather, Media, Modelica, Mine, RML, Soft, bostad, Muli, Flore, and GCC. The left sidebar has sections for People, Build History, Project Relationship, Check File Fingerprint, Disk usage, Build Queue (empty), and Build Executor Status (Master 0/1, build.openmodelica.org 0/1, testone.openmodelica.org 0/1, testwin.openmodelica.org 1/1). The central area displays the 'Jobs Status' table with columns for S, W, Job, Last Success, Last Failure, and Last Duration. The table lists various OpenModelica jobs across different platforms. A legend at the bottom indicates icons for S (blue circle), M (yellow sun), and L (green cloud).



# What is OpenModelica? (V)

- An incubator platform for research
  - 5 PhDs since 2004 (Debugging, Parallelization, PDEs Extensions)
  - 25 Master's theses since 2004
  - Both the students and the project benefit
- Master theses at PELAB 2006-2013
  - Refactoring/Parsing and Language extensions
  - UML/SysML view of Modelica code
  - 2D and 3D visualization tools
  - Static and runtime debugging tools
  - Advanced code generation and parallelization of simulation code
  - Bootstrapping and Java Interface
  - Function pointers
  - NVIDIA for Cuda and OpenCL parallel simulation
  - OMEdit - Modelica Connection Editor
  - OMWeb - server based Modelica simulation for teaching
- External Master theses
  - Model based diagnostics at ISY (Dep. Of Electrical Engineering)
  - Monte-Carlo simulation of Satellite Separation Systems at SAAB
  - Interactive Simulations (EADS)
  - Additional Solvers + Event handling (FH-Bielefeld)
  - EADS - ModelicaML
- A Base for commercial and open source products
  - MathCore AB, Bosch Rexroth, InterCAX (MagicDraw SysML), VTT, Equa, Evonik

# OpenModelica Roadmap - Past

1997 - started as a master thesis

2003 - first usable internal version

2004 - first external version: OpenModelica 1.1

2005 - more development: OpenModelica 1.3.1

2006 - major milestone

- Translated the whole compiler to MetaModelica
- Integrated Development Environment for the compiler
- OpenModelica website started
- Moved the code repository to Subversion management
- Extended the OpenModelica environment with new tools
- 4 versions released during the year
- External people start using OpenModelica
  - ~ 200 downloads/month
  - first development course at INRIA

# OpenModelica Roadmap - Past

## 2007 - continued development and community involvement

- Improvement in website, support and documentation
- Answered ~1000 questions on the forum
- Portability is highly improved, ported to 4 platforms
  - Linux, Mac, Solaris, Windows (version 1.4.3)
- Improvement of the compiler development tools in Eclipse
- OpenModelica Community starts to react
  - contribute code & report bugs & request enhancements & participate in answering questions in the OpenModelica forum
  - participate at courses and workshops
- New server acquired for better community services
- Increased usage: ~600 downloads/month
- Open Modelica Consortium created in December 4
  - 4 months of work
  - 9 organizations as members already (3 Universities, 6 Companies)
  - discussions are ongoing with other 6 companies

# OpenModelica Roadmap - Past

## 2008 - Further work on the compiler

- Release 1.4.4 and 1.4.5
  - Linux, Mac, Solaris, Windows
- New Solver Interface
- Refactoring
- Dynamic loading of functions
- Merging of MathCore front-end code
- 744 commits in Subversion
- Other things I don't remember

# OpenModelica Roadmap - Past

## 2009

- Work mainly happened in OSMC (partially on a non-public branch)
- **Front-end**
  - Refactoring (OSMC)
  - Enumerations (OSMC)
  - Java Interface and Bootstrapping (Martin Sjölund)
  - MultiBody flattening (OSMC)
  - Constraint connection graph breaking (VTT + OSMC)
  - Support for Modelica 3.x and 3.x annotations (OSMC)
- **Back-end**
  - Tearing in the back-end (Jens Frenkel)
  - Template Code Generation and CSharp backend (Pavol Privitzer, Charles University Prague)
  - Interactive Simulations (EADS)
  - C++ Code generation (Bosch Rexroth)
  - Java Interface and Bootstrapping (Martin Sjölund)
  - Additional Solvers + Events (Willi Braun, FH-Bielefeld)
- **General**
  - New ModelicaML + SysML prototype (EADS)
  - 1144 commits in subversion (Since 2009 to February 8, 2010)
  - Bug fixes (OSMC)
  - Release 1.5.0 and 1.5.0-RC\_X (Linux, Mac, Solaris, Windows)
- **More things I don't remember**

# OpenModelica Roadmap - Past

## 2010 - 2011

- Support for Modelica Standard Library 3.1 (Media & Fluid in works)
- Front-end
  - MultiBody flattening (OSMC)
  - Support for Modelica 3.x and 3.x annotations (OSMC)
  - Performance Enhancements
  - Stream connectors
  - Media & Fluid work is on the way
- Back-end
  - Back-end redesign (Jens, Willi, Martin, Per, Adrian, Kristian, Filippo)
  - Tearing in the back-end (Jens Frenkel)
  - Template Code Generation and CSharp backend (Pavol Privitzer, Charles University Prague)
  - Interactive Simulations (EADS)
  - C++ Code generation (Bosch Rexroth)
  - Additional Solvers + Events + Linearization (Willi Braun, FH-Bielefeld)
- General
  - OMEdit - new connection editor
  - Bootstrapping OMC (90% finished)
  - 2550 commits in subversion from 2010 to Feb. 7, 2011 (double than 2009-2010)
  - Bug fixes ~300+ (OSMC)
  - Release 1.6.0 (Linux, Mac, Windows)
  - Downloads Windows (~16434) , Linux (~8301), Mac (~2816)
- More things I don't remember

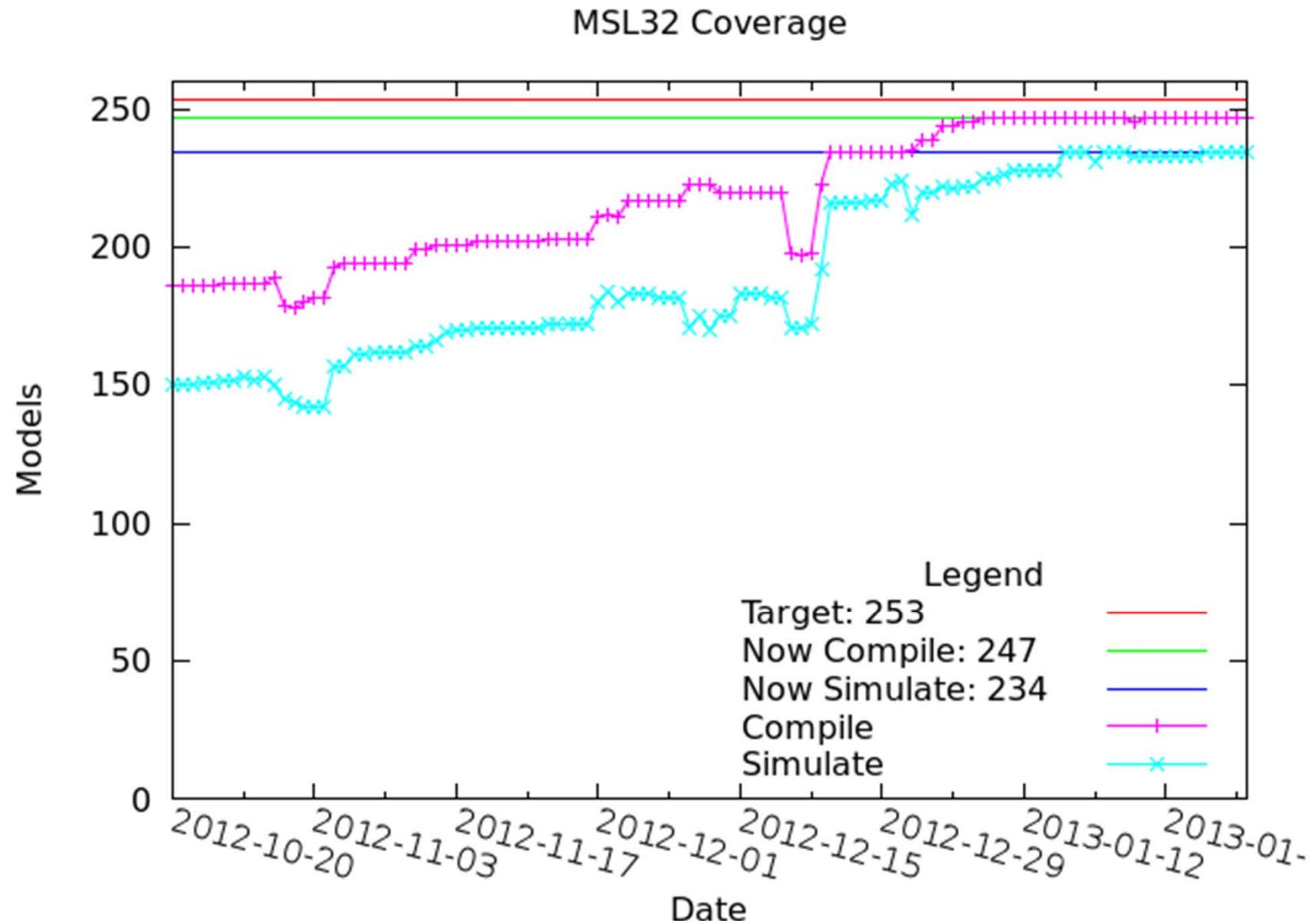
# OpenModelica Roadmap – Past & Present

2012 - 2013

- Support for Modelica Standard Library 3.2.1 including Media & Fluid
- Front-end
  - Performance Enhancements
  - Media & Fluid work
  - Operator overloading
  - New instantiation module started
- Back-end
  - Modular back-end with more optimization modules (Jens, Willi, Martin)
  - New simulation runtime redesign (Willi, Lennart, Jens, Martin, Adrian)
  - C++ Code generation (Bosch Rexroth)
  - FMI export & import
  - Initialization, Jacobians (Lennart Lochel, Willi Braun, FH-Bielefeld)
  - Support for parallelization (Martin)
  - Parallel extensions in functions
- General
  - Uncertainties support (OpenTURNS connection & Data reconciliation)
  - MDT GDB debugging based on GDB and the bootstrapped compiler
  - OMEdit - improvements
  - Bootstrapping OMC (100% finished) using Boehm GC
  - 3909 commits in subversion from 2012 to Feb. 4, 2013
  - 2000 forum posts (questions and answers)
  - Bug fixes ~247+ (OSMC)
  - Release 1.9.0 (Linux, Mac, Windows)
  - Downloads Windows (~45307), Linux (~15543), Mac (~5367)
- More things I don't remember

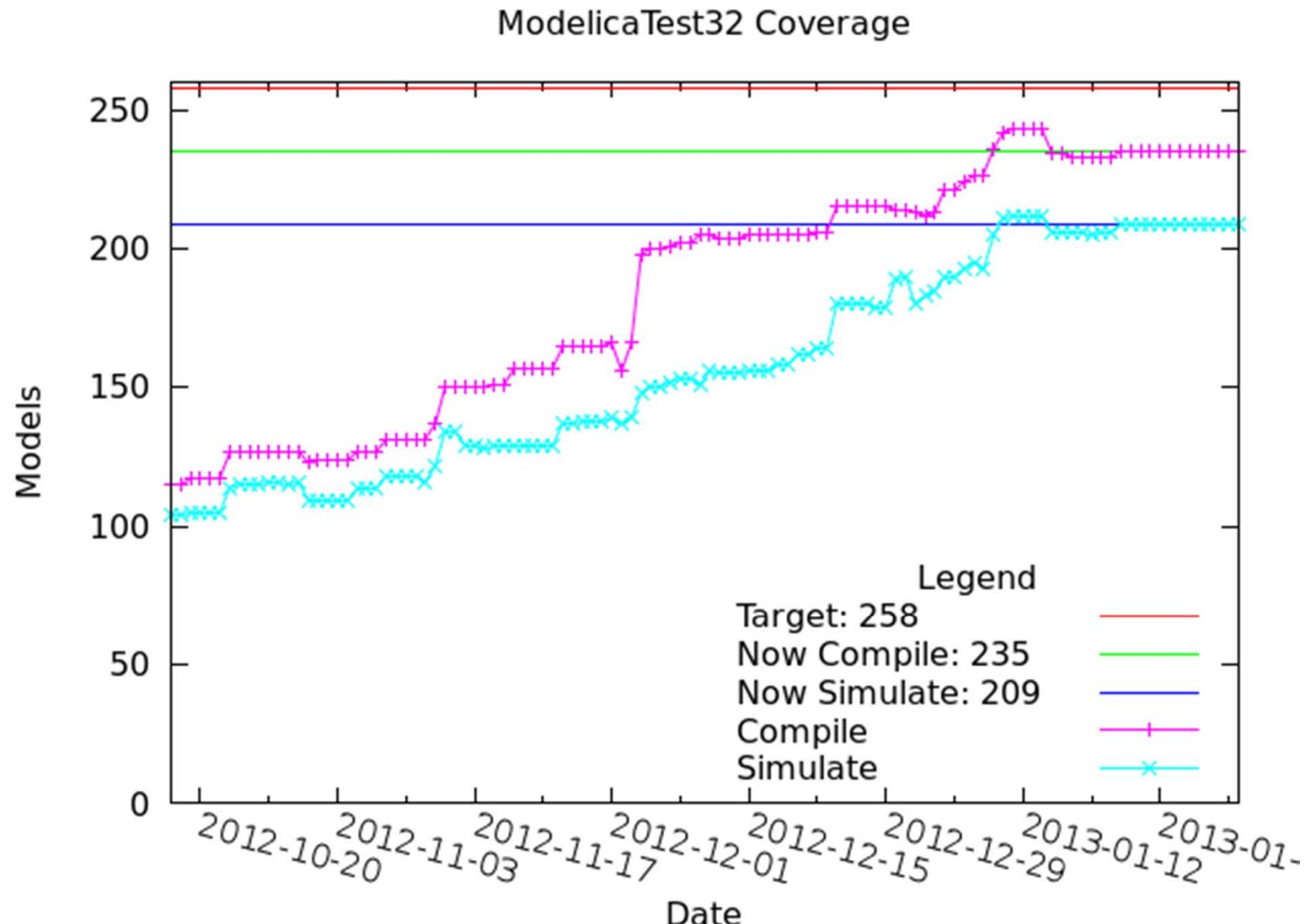
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- 2013-02-03 r15047 - total 253 - build 247 (97%) - sim 234 (92%)



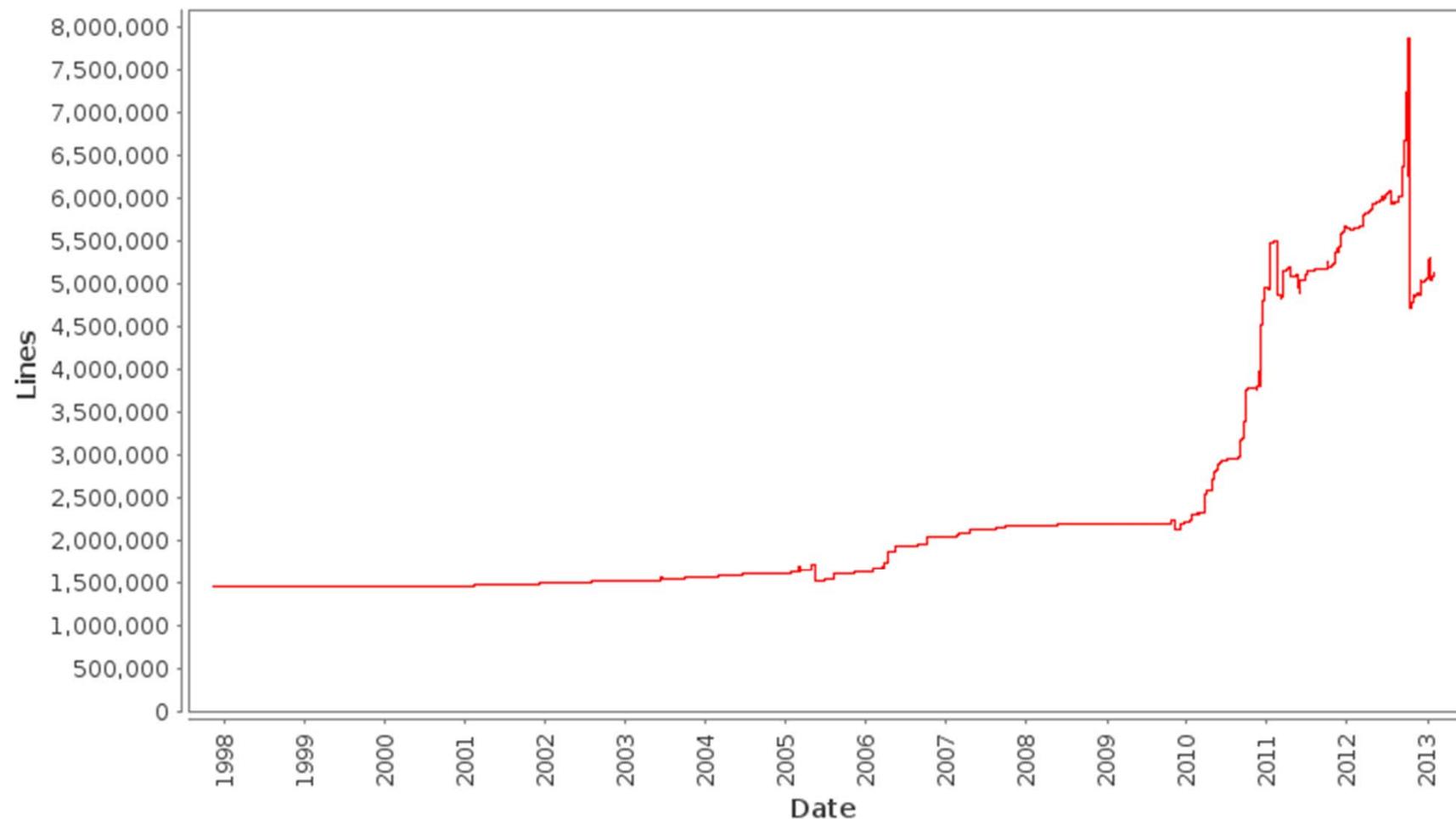
# OpenModelica Testing (II)

- 2013-02-03 r15047 - total 258 - build 235 (91%) - sim 209 (81%)



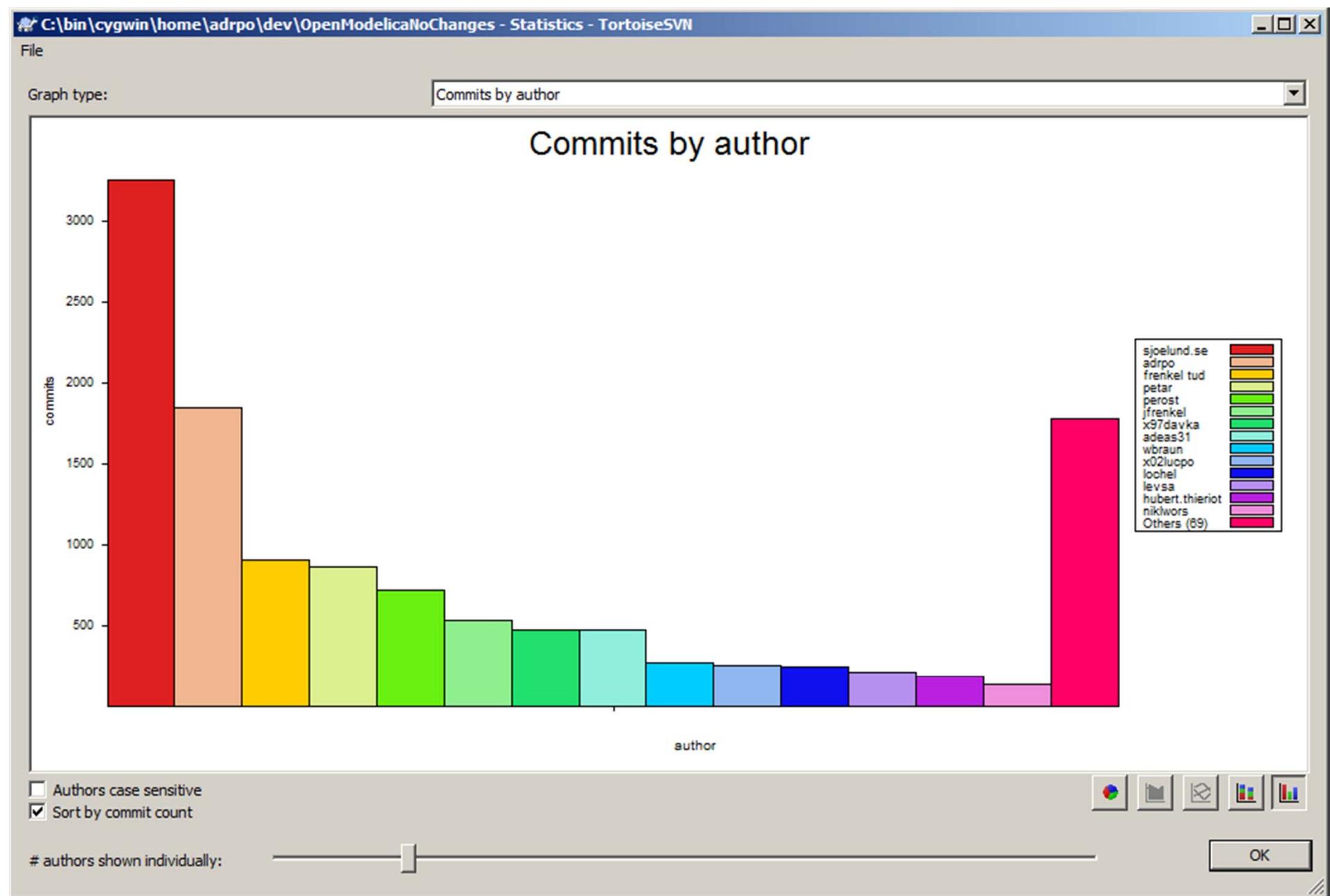
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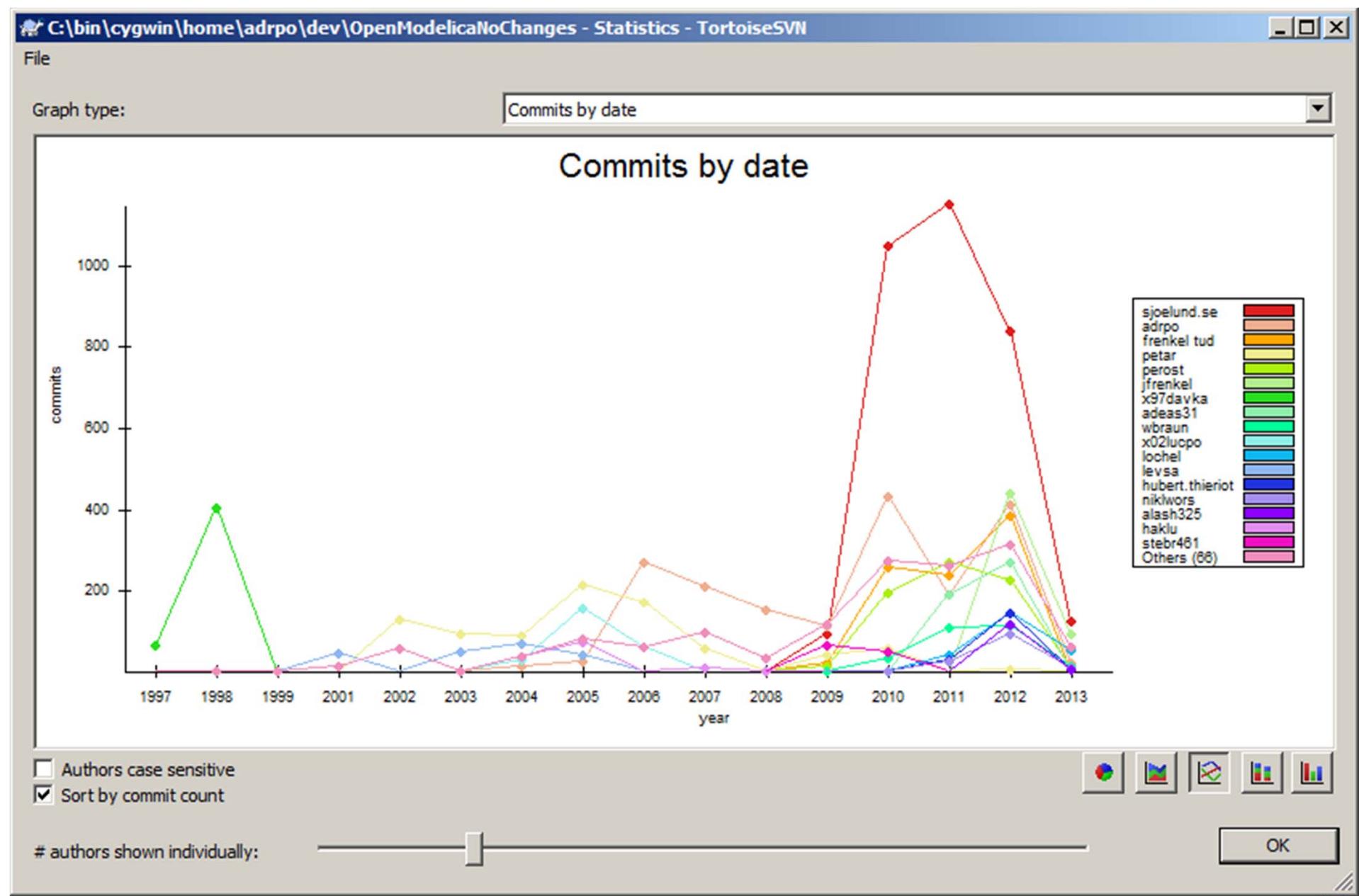


- Mature code base ([http://build.openmodelica.org/omc/statsvn\\_trunk/](http://build.openmodelica.org/omc/statsvn_trunk/))
- ~ 4500K lines of code and tests, steady increase

# OpenModelica Statistics (II)



# OpenModelica Statistics (III)



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# OMShell & OMNotebook

## Demo?

The screenshot displays three windows of the OpenModelica environment:

- OMShell - OpenModelica Shell**: A terminal window showing the command-line interface. It includes a toolbar with icons for file operations, a menu bar with File, Edit, View, Help, and a text area with the following content:

```
OpenModelica 1.4.3
Copyright 2002-2006, PELAB, Linkoping University

To get help on using OMShell and OpenModelica, type "help()" and
press enter.

>> loadModel(Modelica)
true

>> loadFile("C:/OpenModelica1.4.3/testmodels/BouncingBall.mo")
true

>> simulate(BouncingBall, stopTime=3)
record
    resultFile = "BouncingBall_res=plt"
end record

>> plot(h)
true

>>
```

A small window titled "tmpPlot=plt" is overlaid on the bottom left, showing a plot titled "Plot by OpenModelica" of a damped oscillation.
- OM OMNotebook DrModelica.onb**: A notebook window titled "DrModelica Modelica Edition". It shows a "Van der Pol Model" example. The text area contains:

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**1 Getting Started**

**IMPORTANT:**  
If you end a command  
returned in an output  
change the direction  
the cd() command

model VanDerPol "Van der Pol oscillator model"
Real x(start = 1);
Real y(start = 1);
parameter Real lambda = 0.3;
equation
der(x) = y;
der(y) = - x + lambda\*(1 - x\*x)\*y;
end VanDerPol;

Ok

1 Simulation of Van der Pol

To illustrate the behavior of the model, we give a command to simulate the Van der Pol oscillator during 25 seconds starting at time 0.

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simulate(VanDerPol, startTime=0, stopTime=25);
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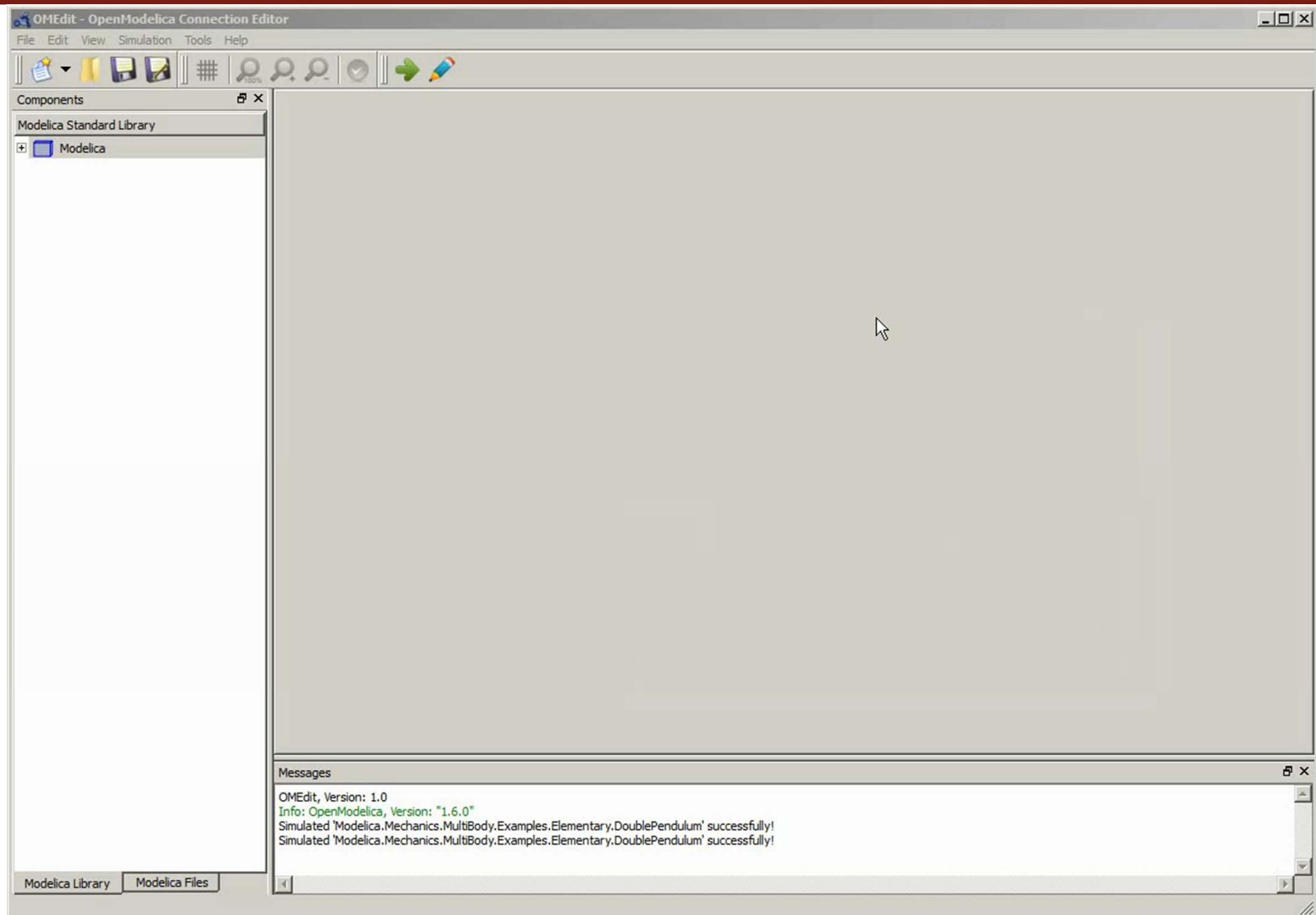
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Perform a parametric plot:

```
plotParametric( x, y );
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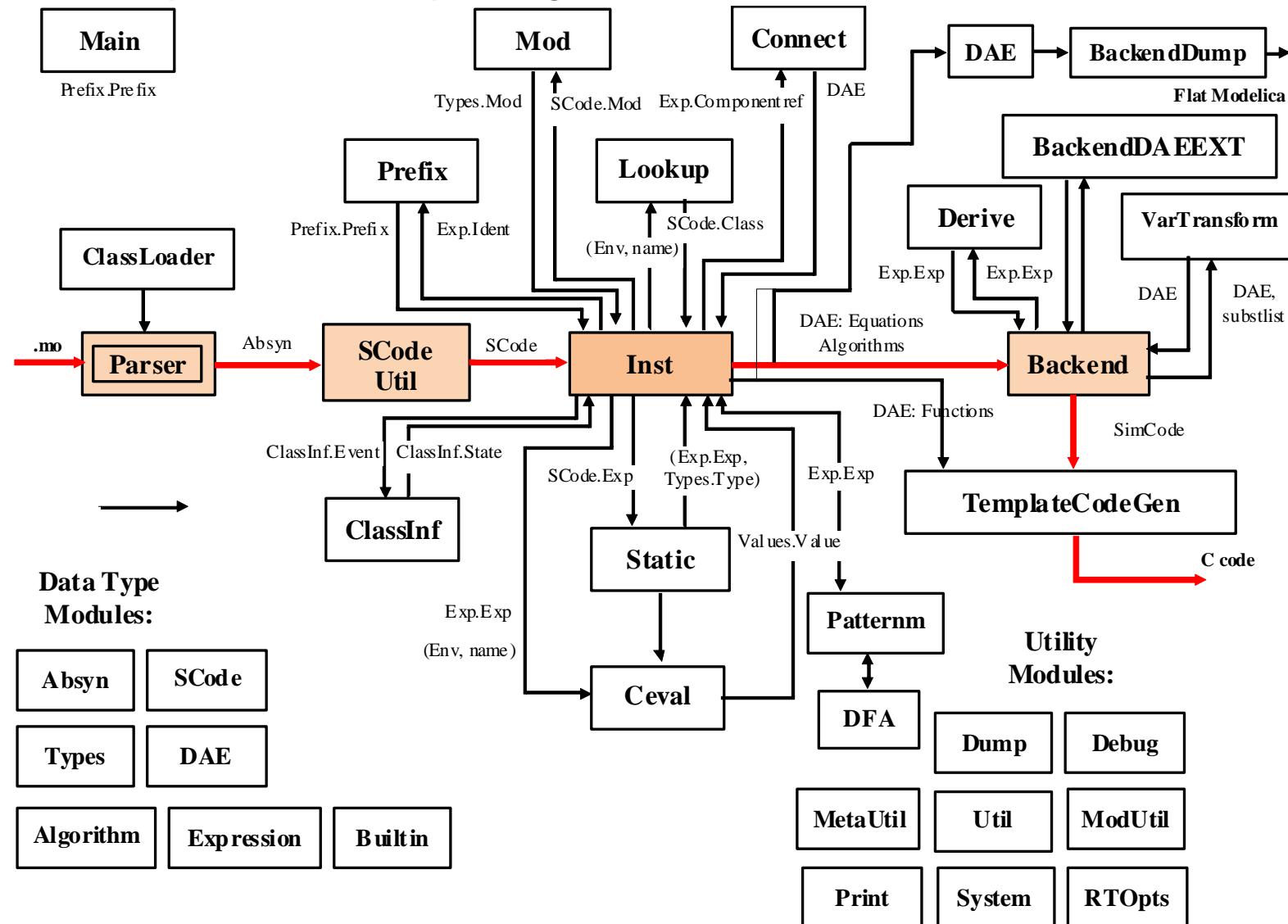
A plot titled "Plot by OpenModelica" shows a family of closed trajectories for the Van der Pol oscillator.

# OMEdit - Demo? Maybe a movie!



# The OMC Compiler

- Implemented mainly in MetaModelica and C/C++
- The compiler has 230 packages



# Modelica->AST->SCode->DAE->C Code

```
// Parse the file and get an AST back
ast = Parse.parse(modelicaFile);

// Elaborate the file
scode = SCode.elaborate(ast);

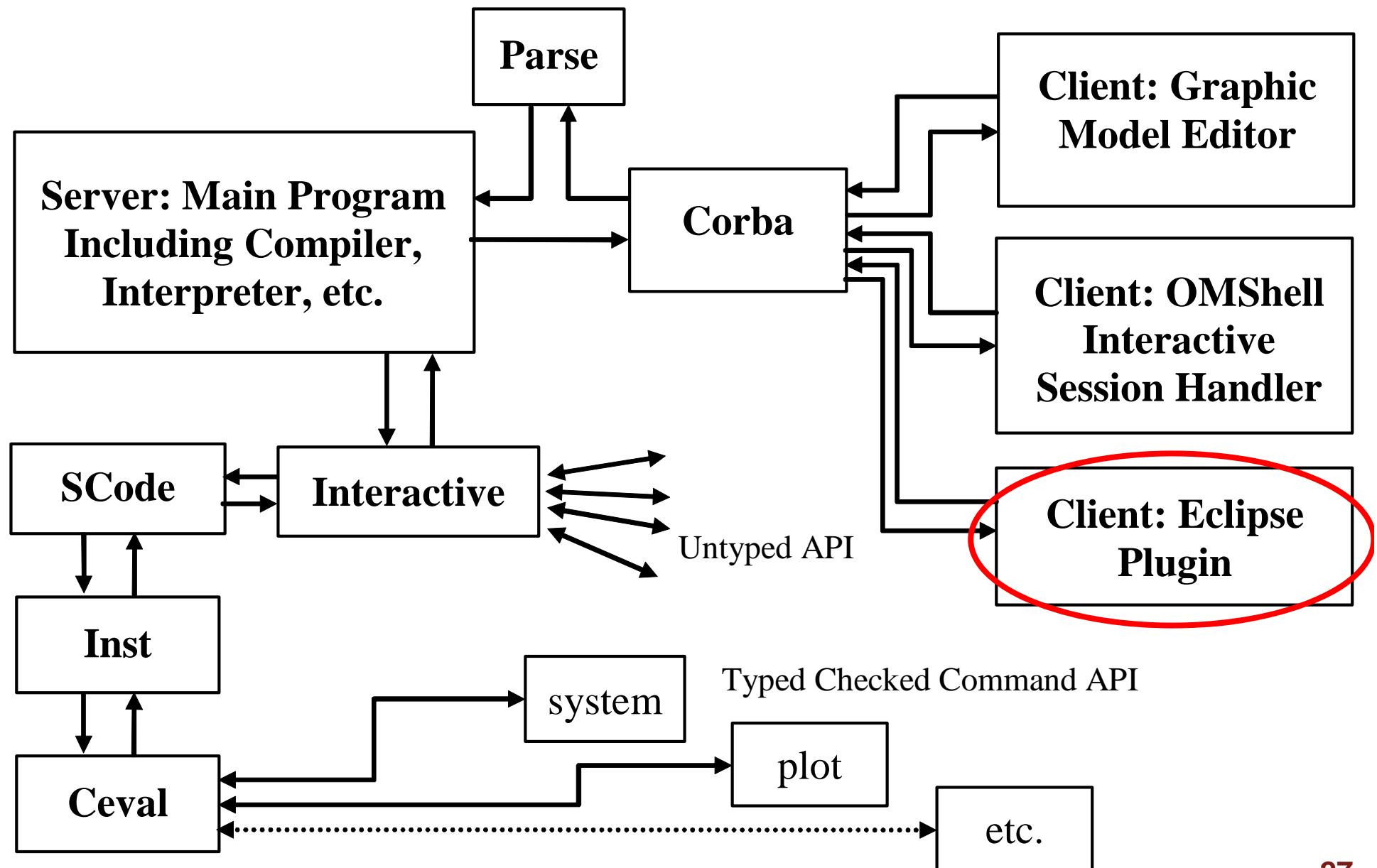
// flatten the simplified code
(cache, dae1) = Inst.instantiate(Env.emptyCache, scode);

// Call the function that optimizes the DAE
optimizeDae(scode, ast, dae, dae, lastClassName);
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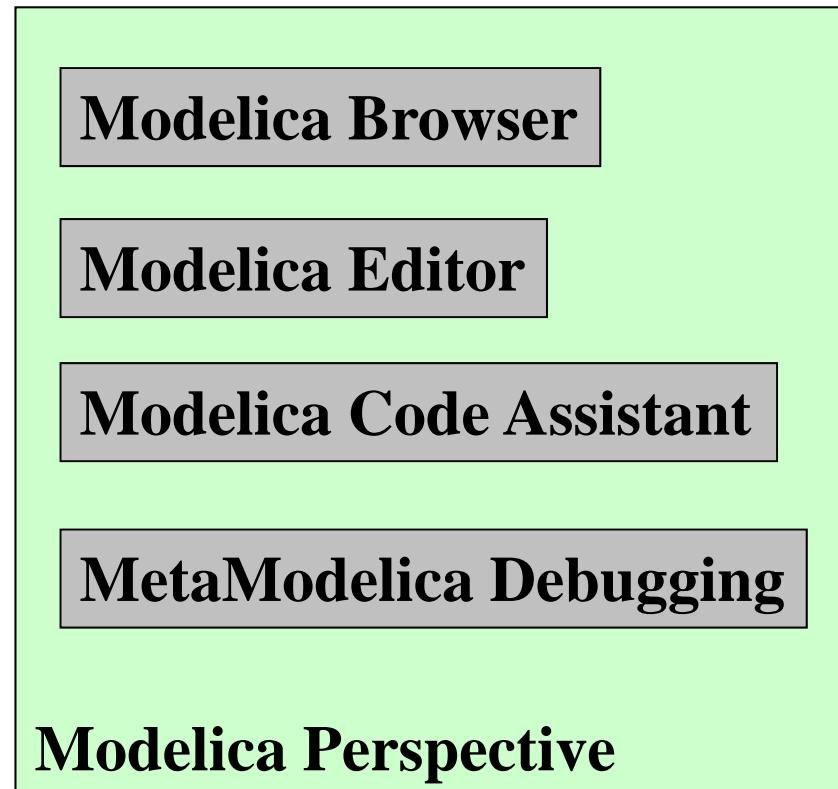
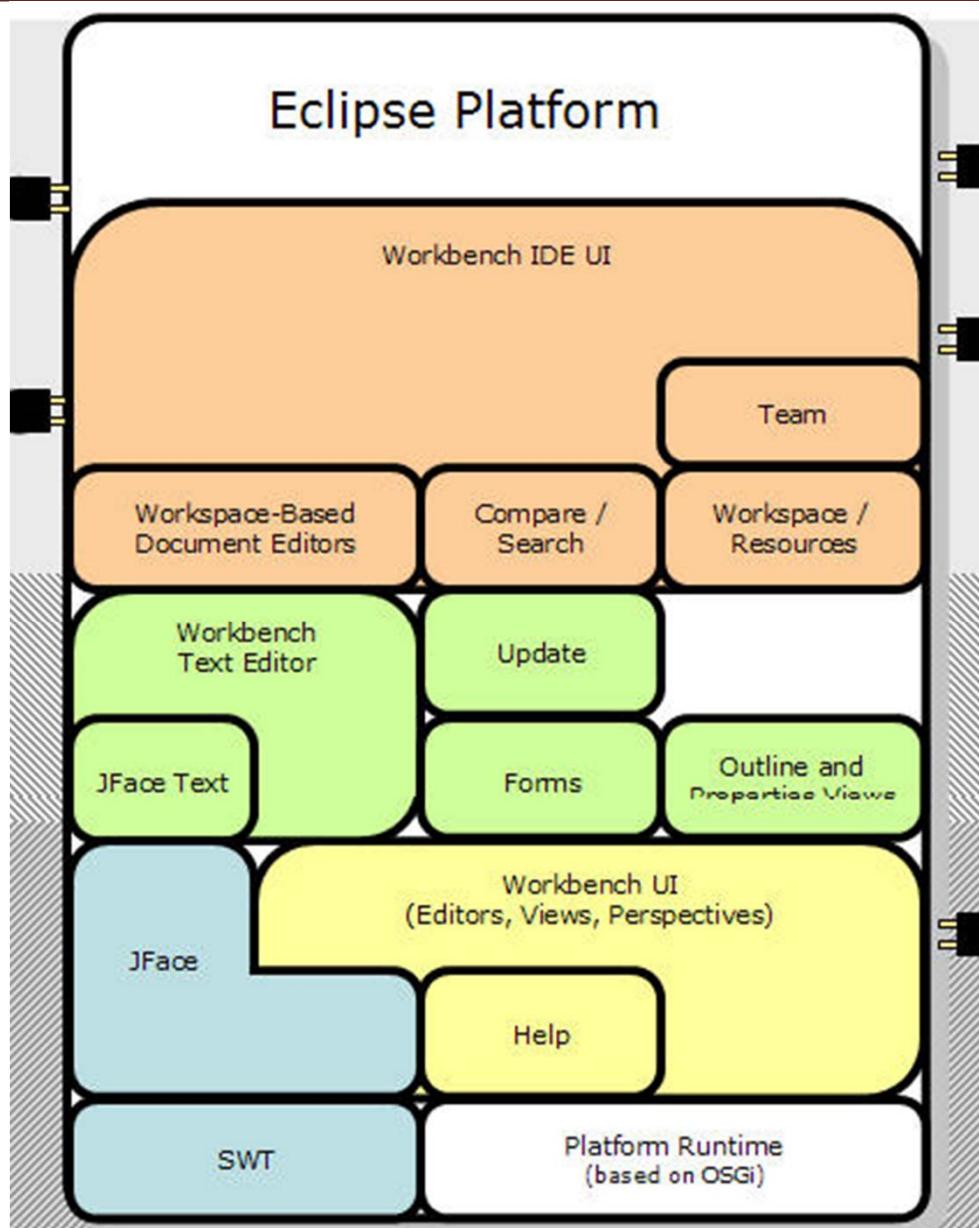
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- OMC
  - Implemented mainly in MetaModelica and C/C++
- Modelica
  - classes, models, records, functions, packages
  - behavior is defined by equations or/and functions
  - equations
    - differential algebraic equations and conditional equations
- MetaModelica extensions
  - local equations
  - pattern equations
  - match expressions
  - high-level data structures: lists, tuples, option and uniontypes

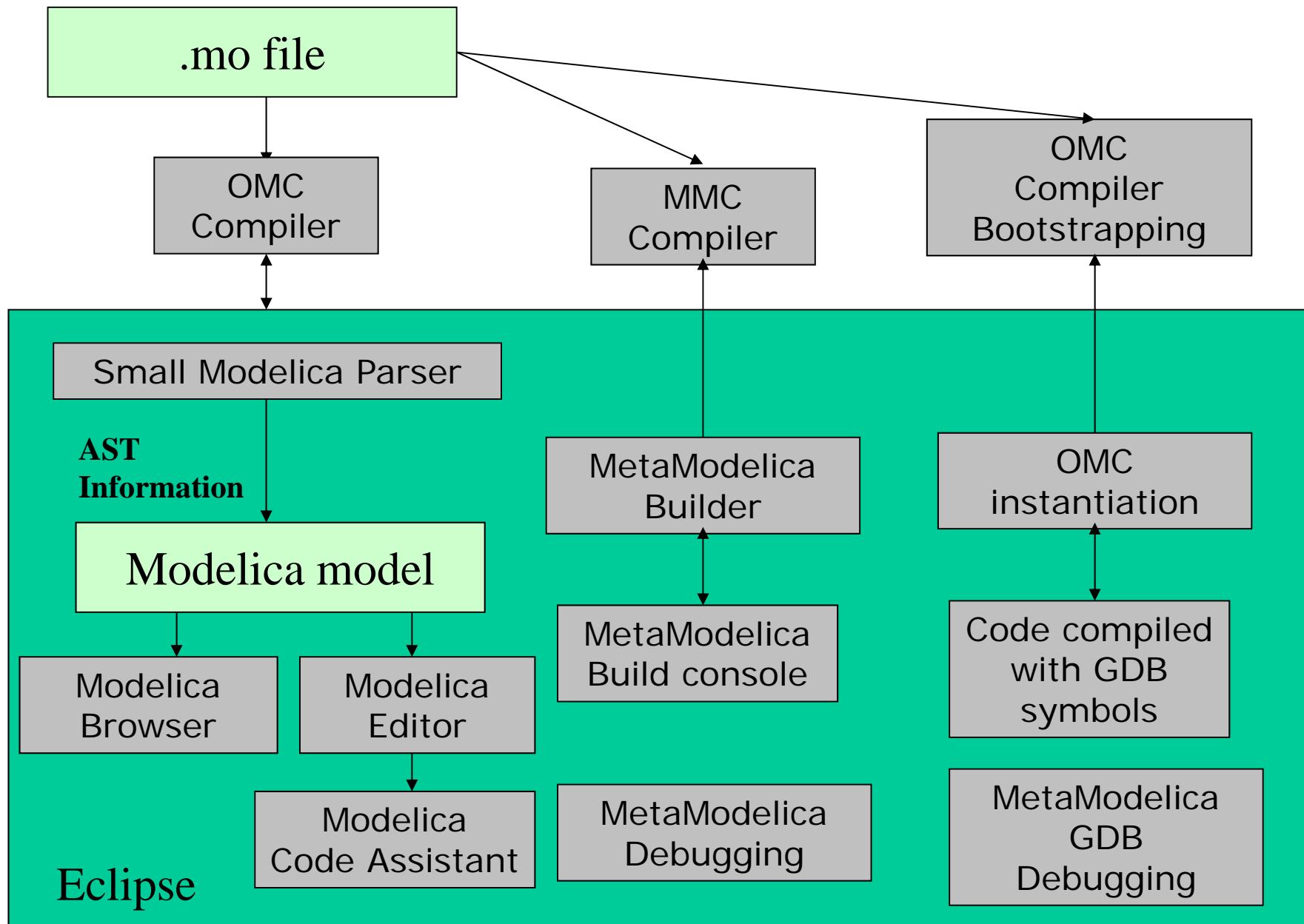
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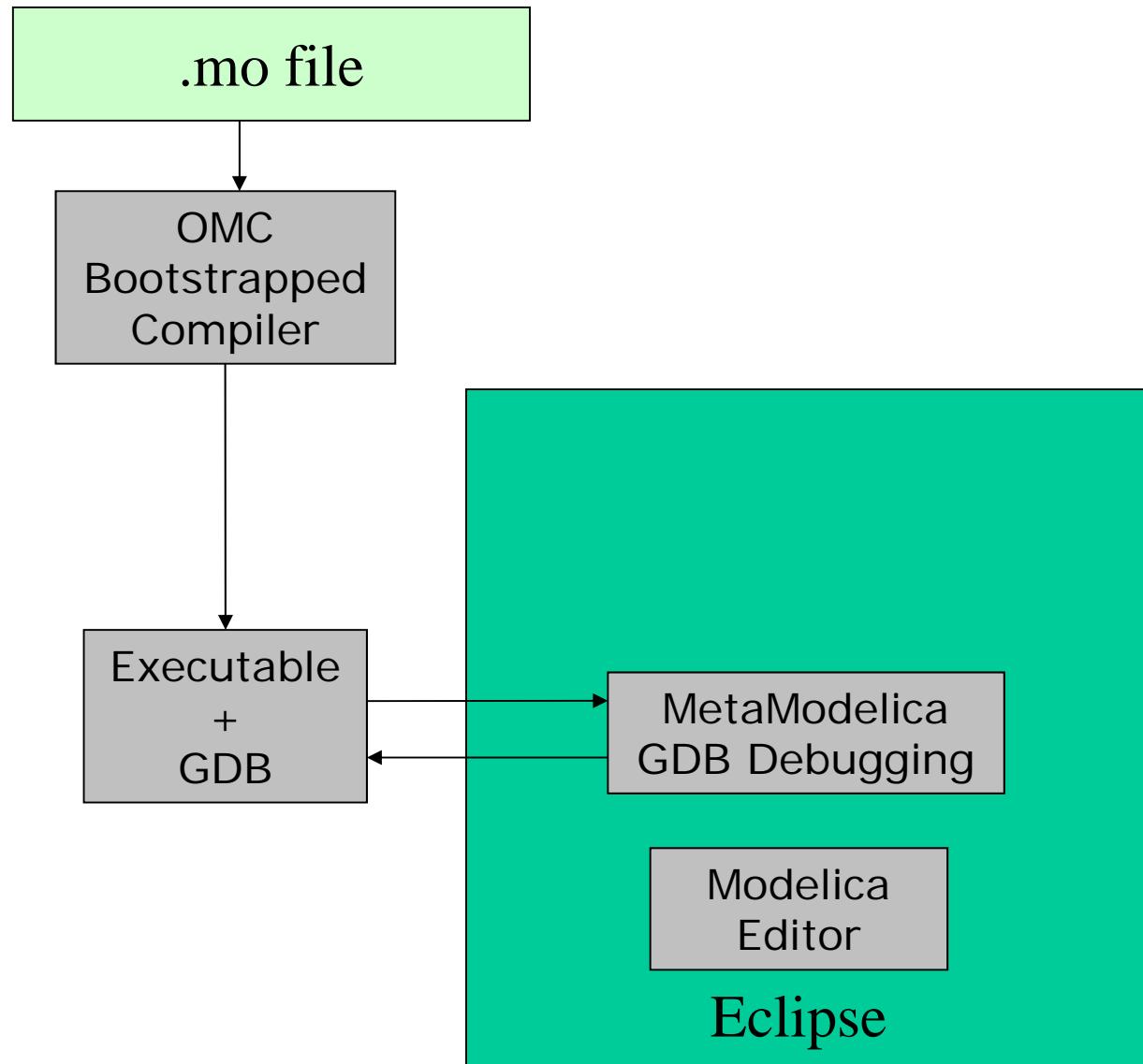
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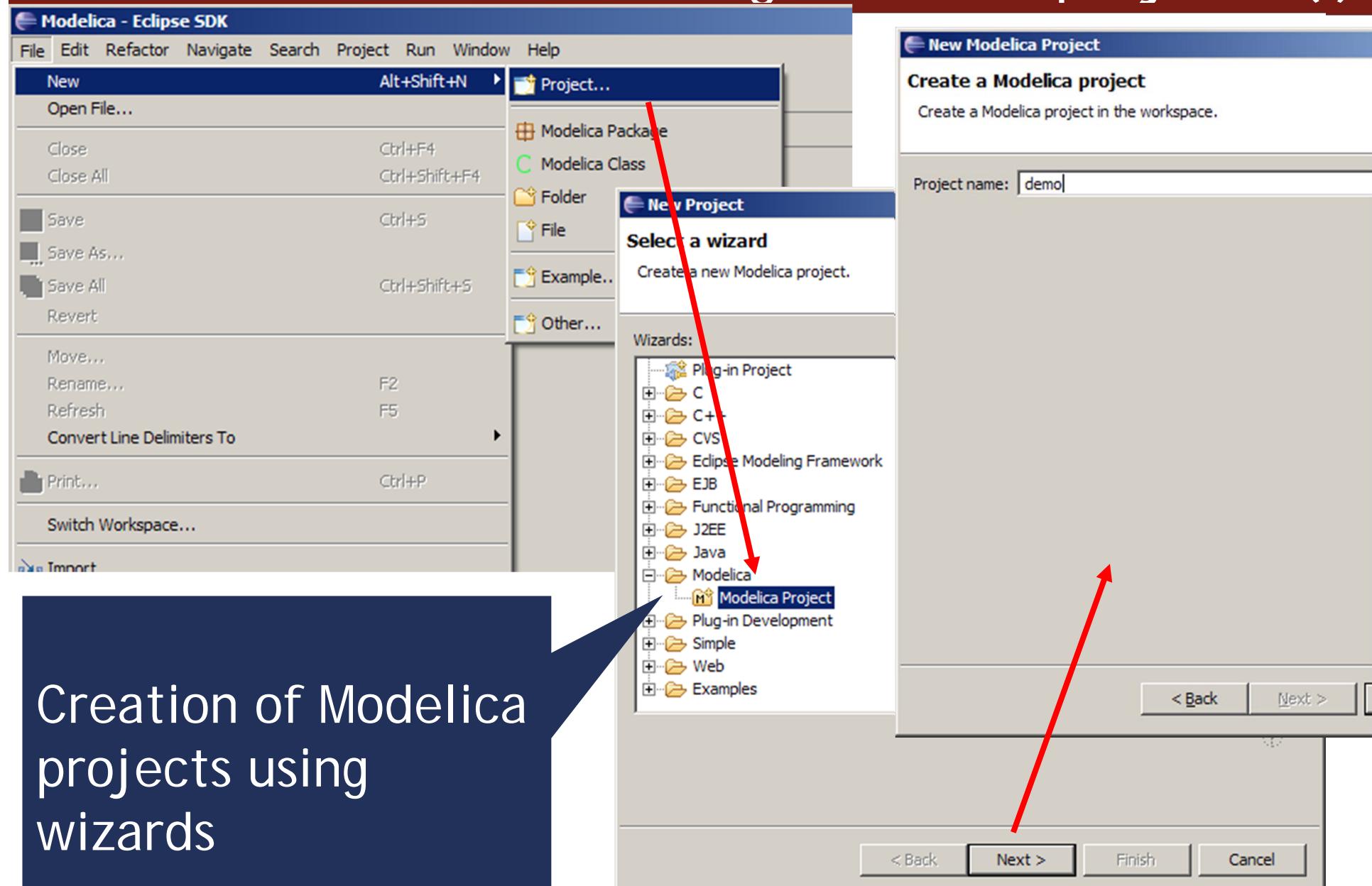
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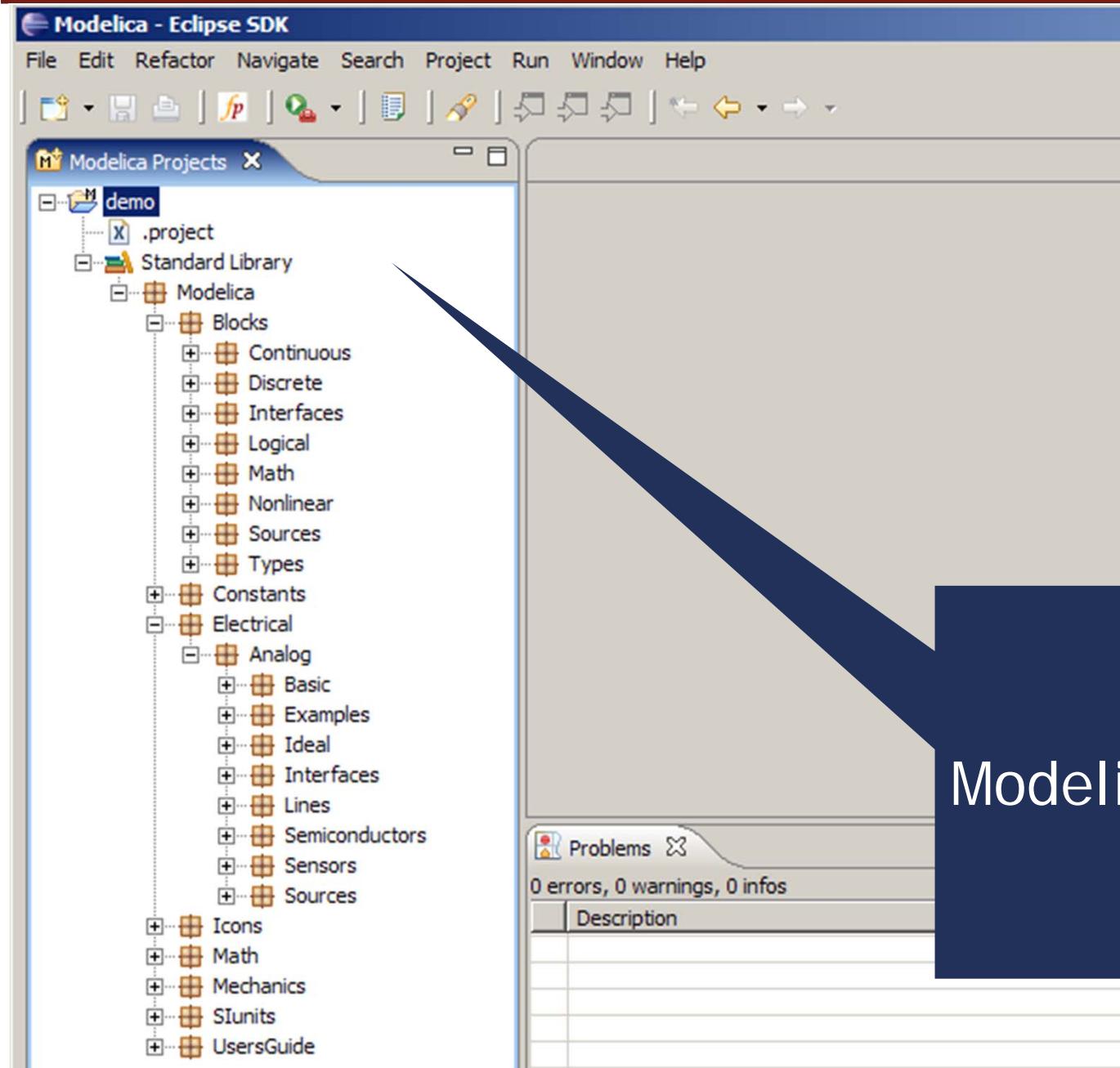
# The MDT Eclipse Environment (III)



# Creating Modelica projects (I)

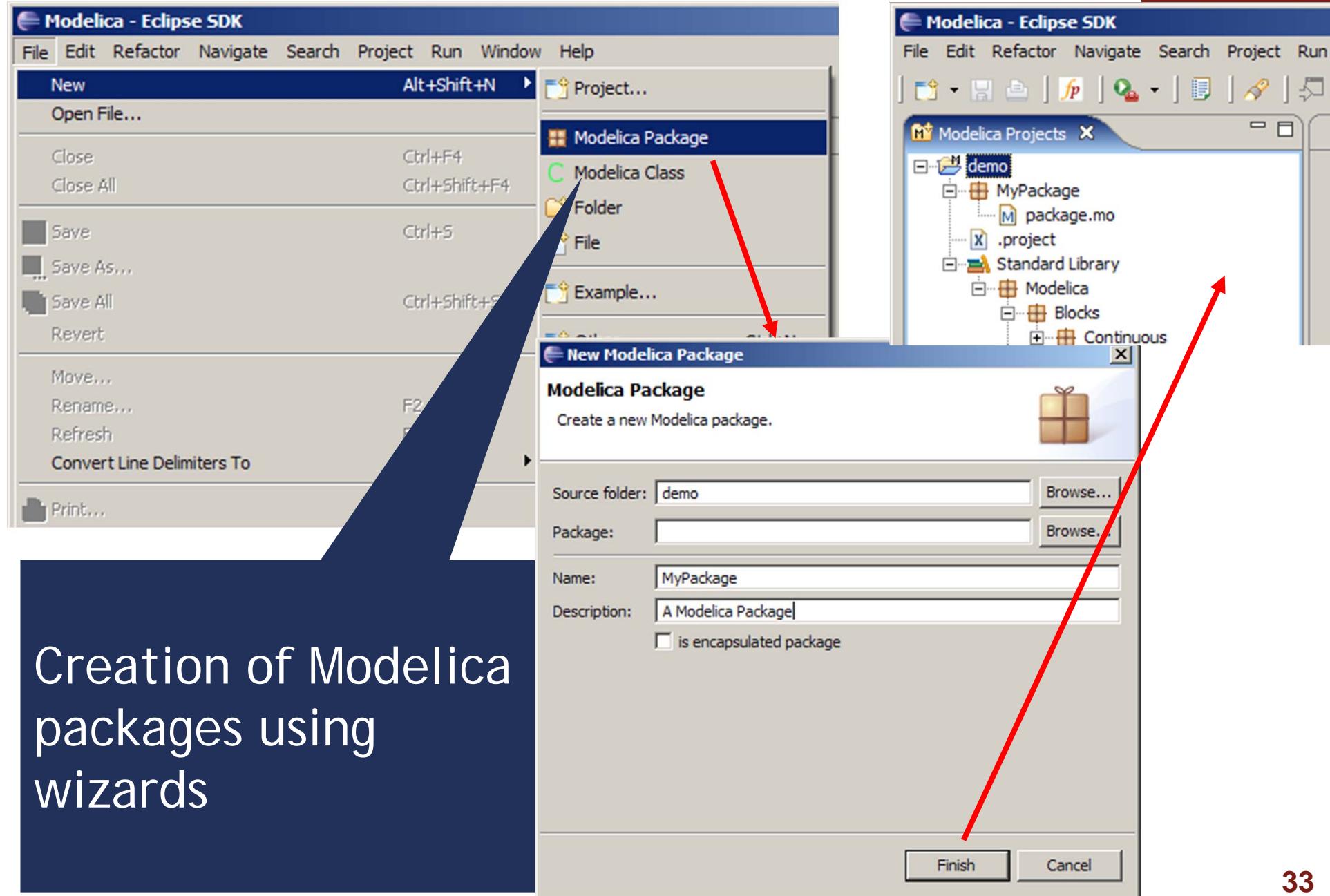


# Creating Modelica projects (II)



Modelica project

# Creating Modelica packages



# Creating Modelica classes

The screenshot shows the Eclipse Modelica SDK interface. On the left, the 'Modelica Projects' view displays a project named 'demo' containing a package named 'MyPackage'. A context menu is open over 'MyPackage', with 'New' selected, followed by 'Modelica Class'. This action opens a 'New Modelica Class' dialog box in the center. The dialog box contains fields for 'Source folder' (set to 'demo/MyPackage'), 'Package' (set to 'MyPackage'), 'Name' (set to 'MyClass'), and 'Restriction' (set to 'model'). Under 'Modifiers', there are three checkboxes: 'include initial equation block', 'is partial class', and 'have external body', none of which are checked. At the bottom right of the dialog are 'Finish' and 'Cancel' buttons. Red arrows point from the 'New' and 'Modelica Class' menu items in the context menu to their respective counterparts in the dialog box. Another red arrow points from the 'Finish' button in the dialog to the code editor on the right.

Modelica - Eclipse SDK

File Edit Refactor Navigate Search Project Run Window Help

Modelica Projects X

demo

New

Modelica Package

Modelica Class

Build Project Refresh Open Project Close Project

Go Home Go Back Go Into Team

Modelica Projects X

demo

MyPackage

MyClass.mo

MyClass

package.mo

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Standard Library

Modelica

Blocks

Continuous

Discrete

MyClass.mo X

within MyPackage;

model MyClass

equation

end MyClass;

New Modelica Class

Modelica Class

Create a new Modelica class.

Source folder: demo/MyPackage

Package: MyPackage

Name: MyClass

Restriction: model

Modifiers:

include initial equation block

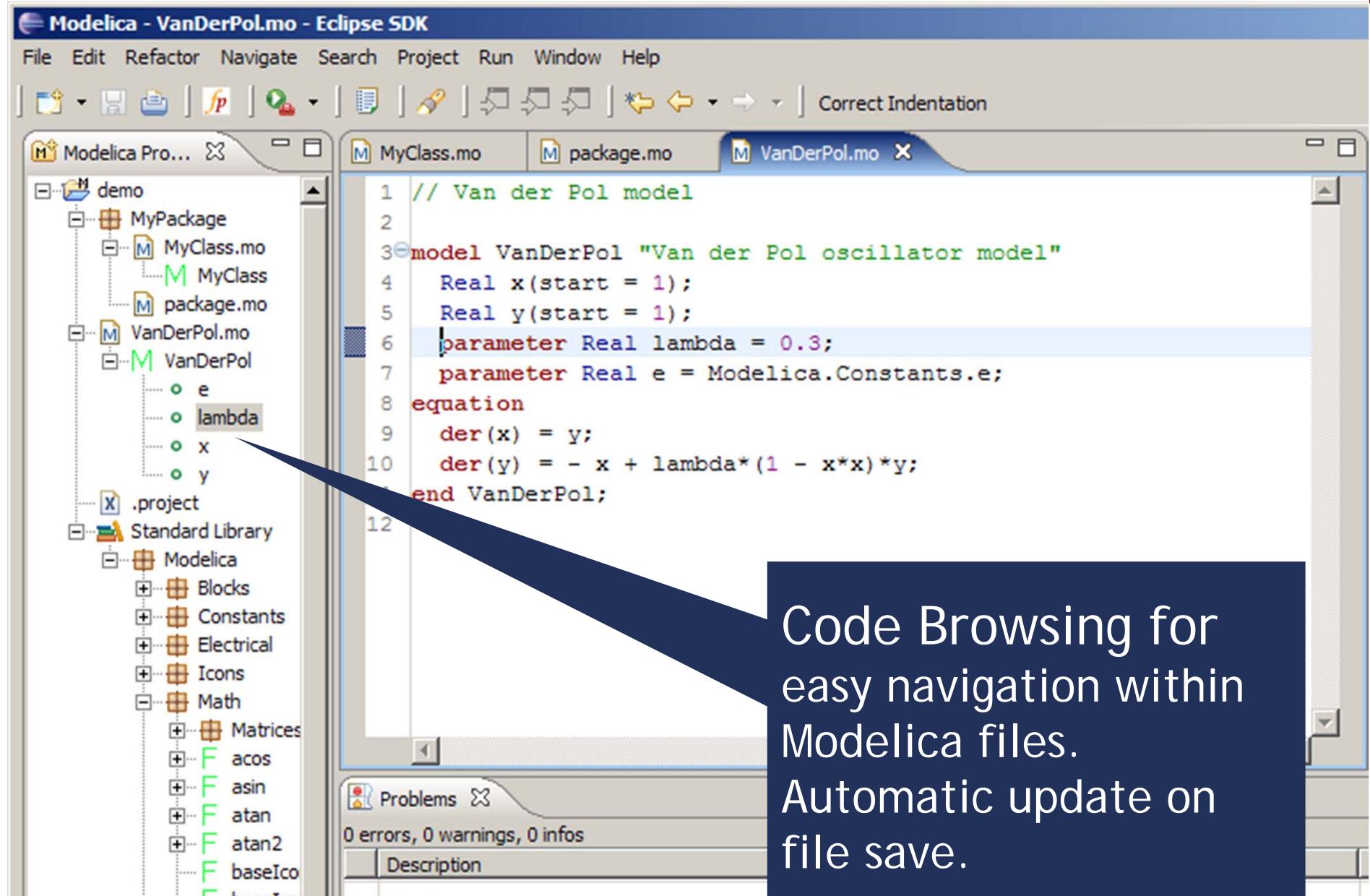
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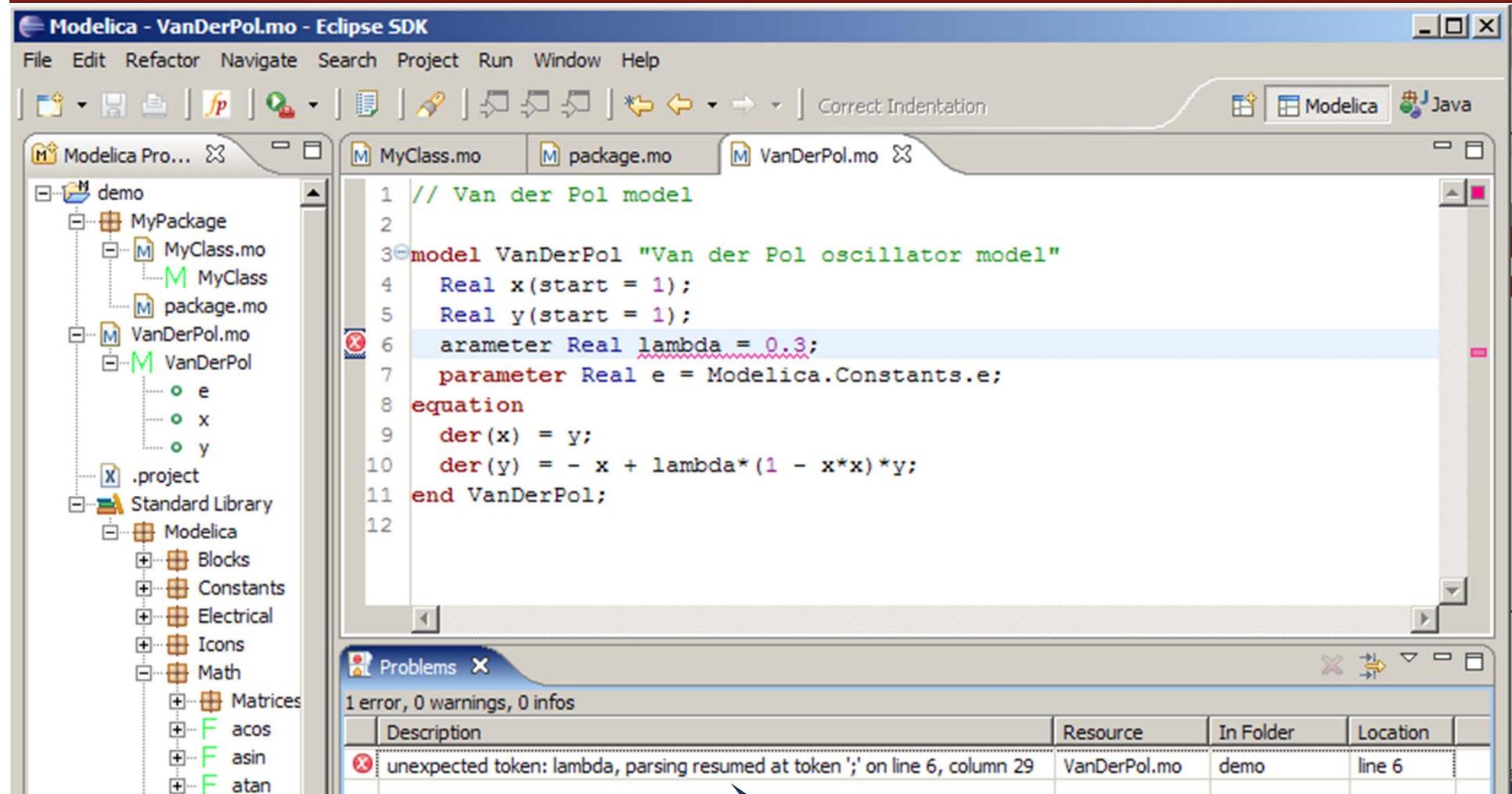
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Creation of Modelica classes, models, etc, using wizards

# Code browsing

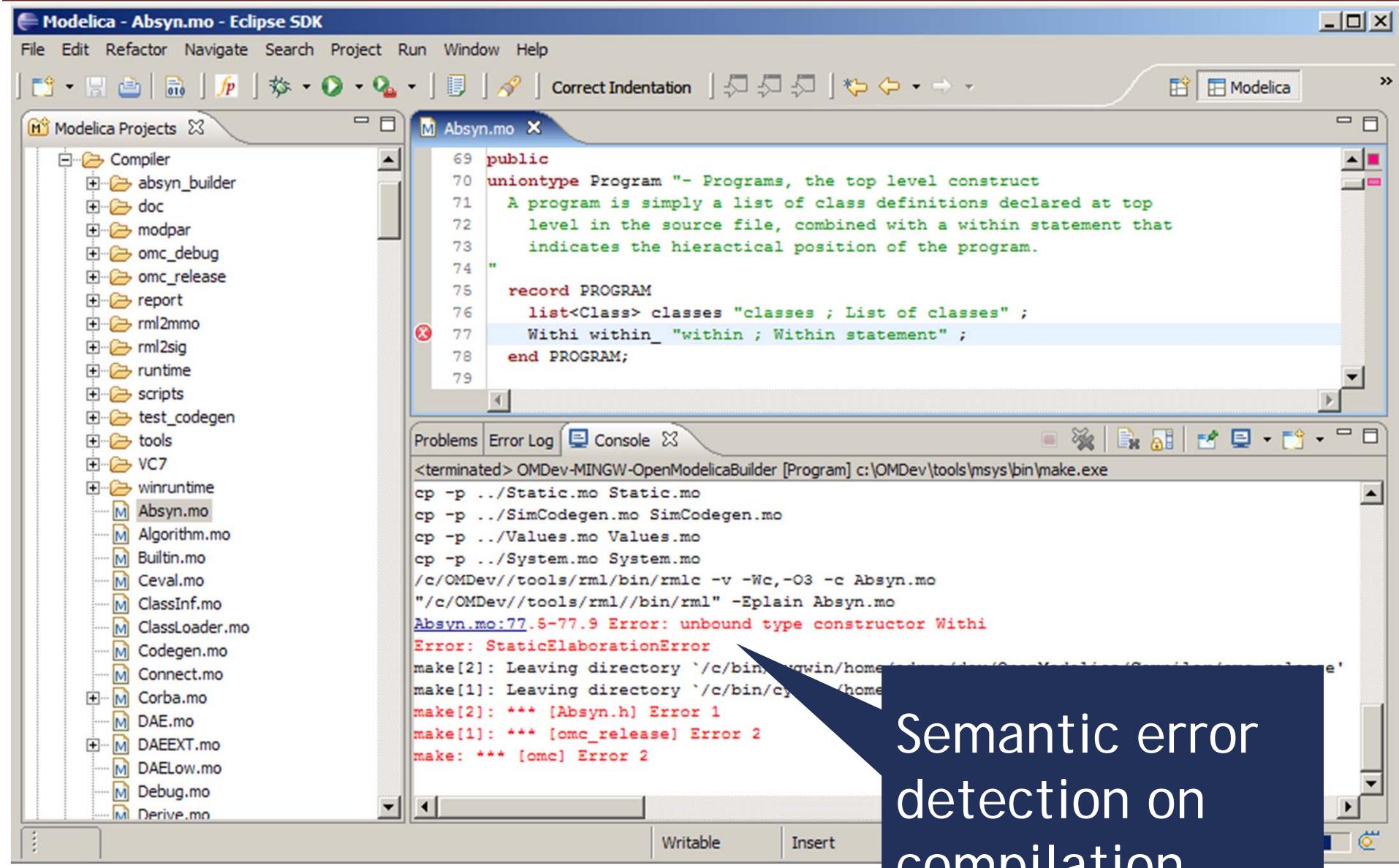


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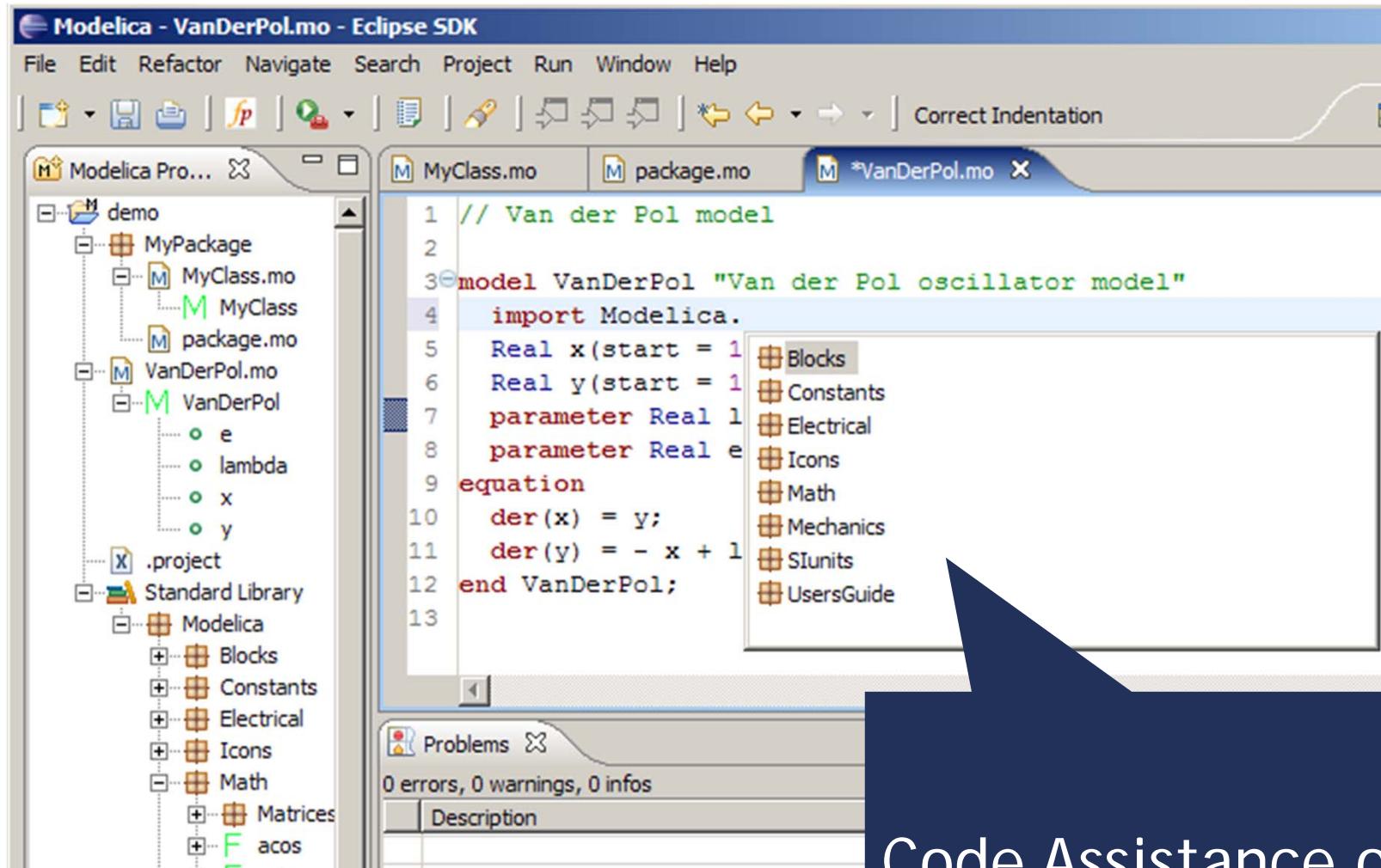


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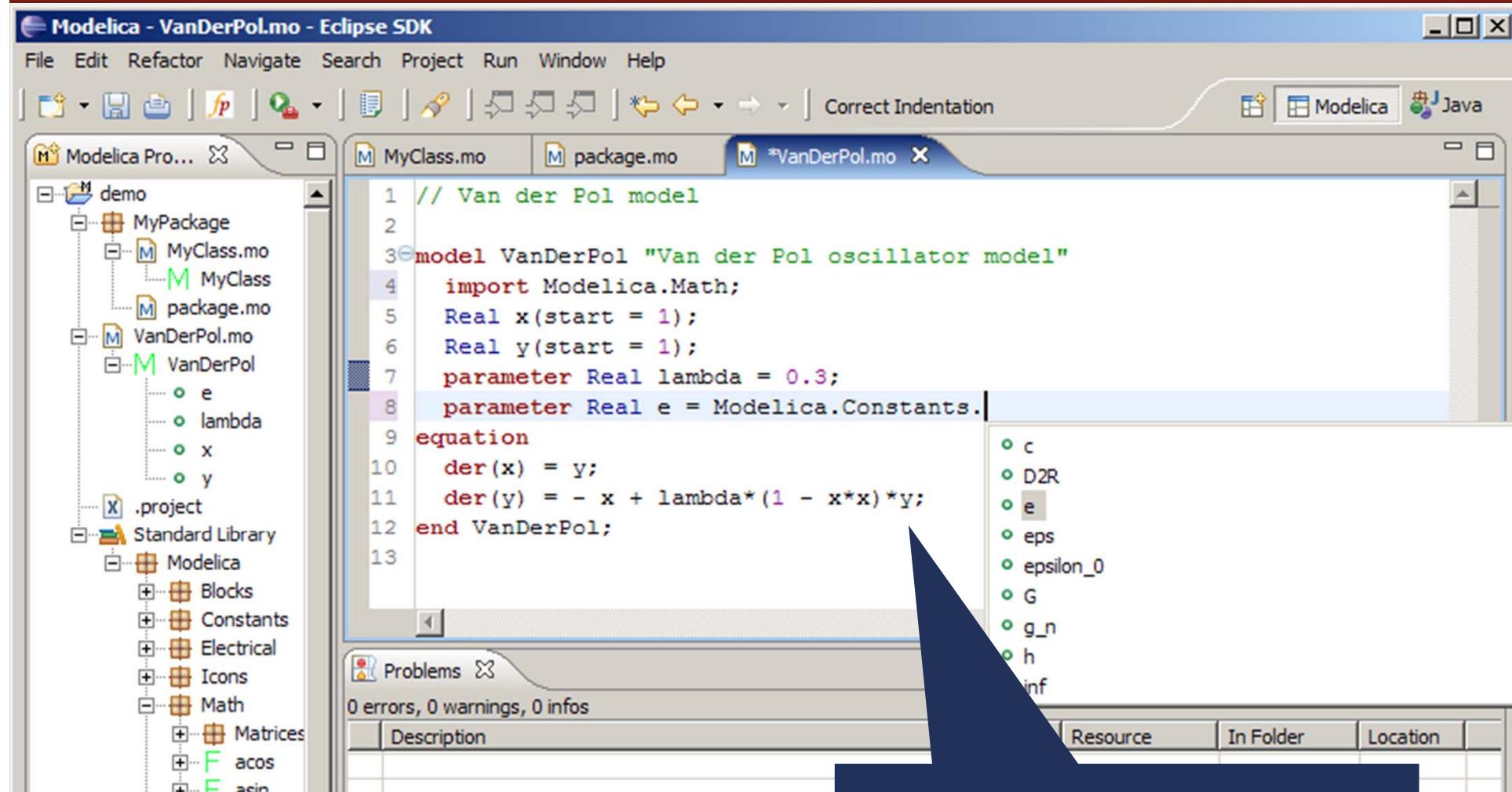


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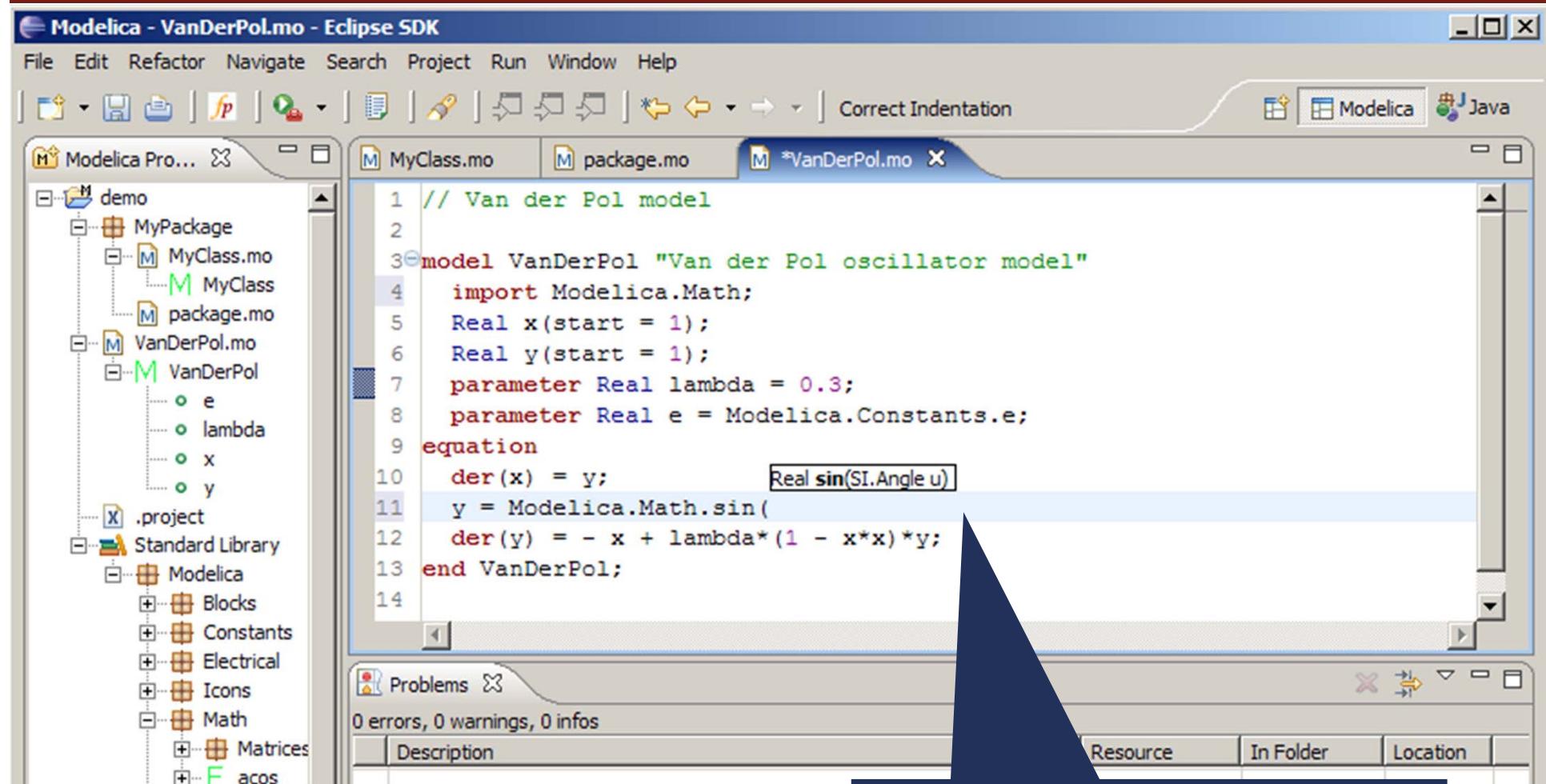
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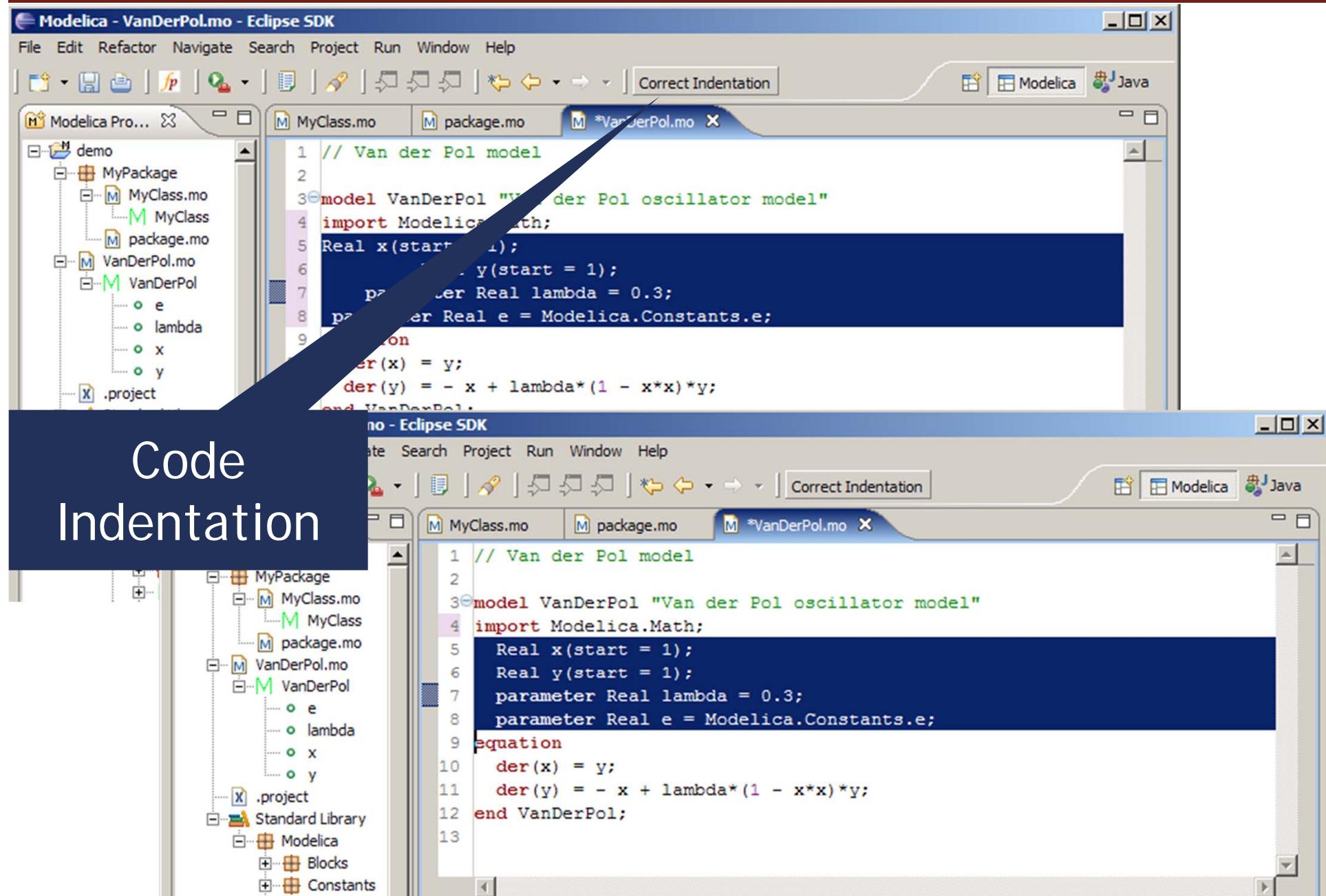
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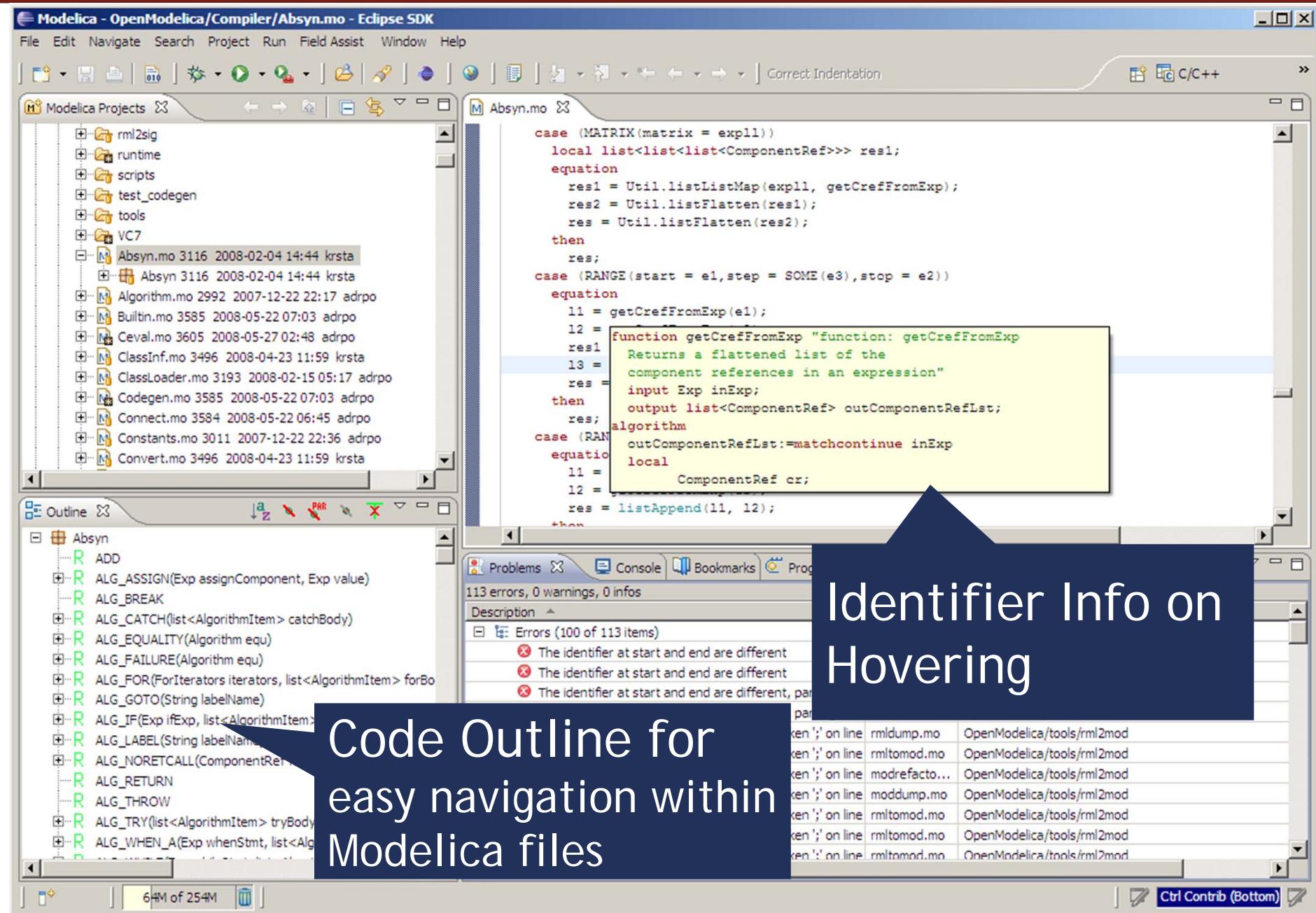


Code Assistance on  
function calls

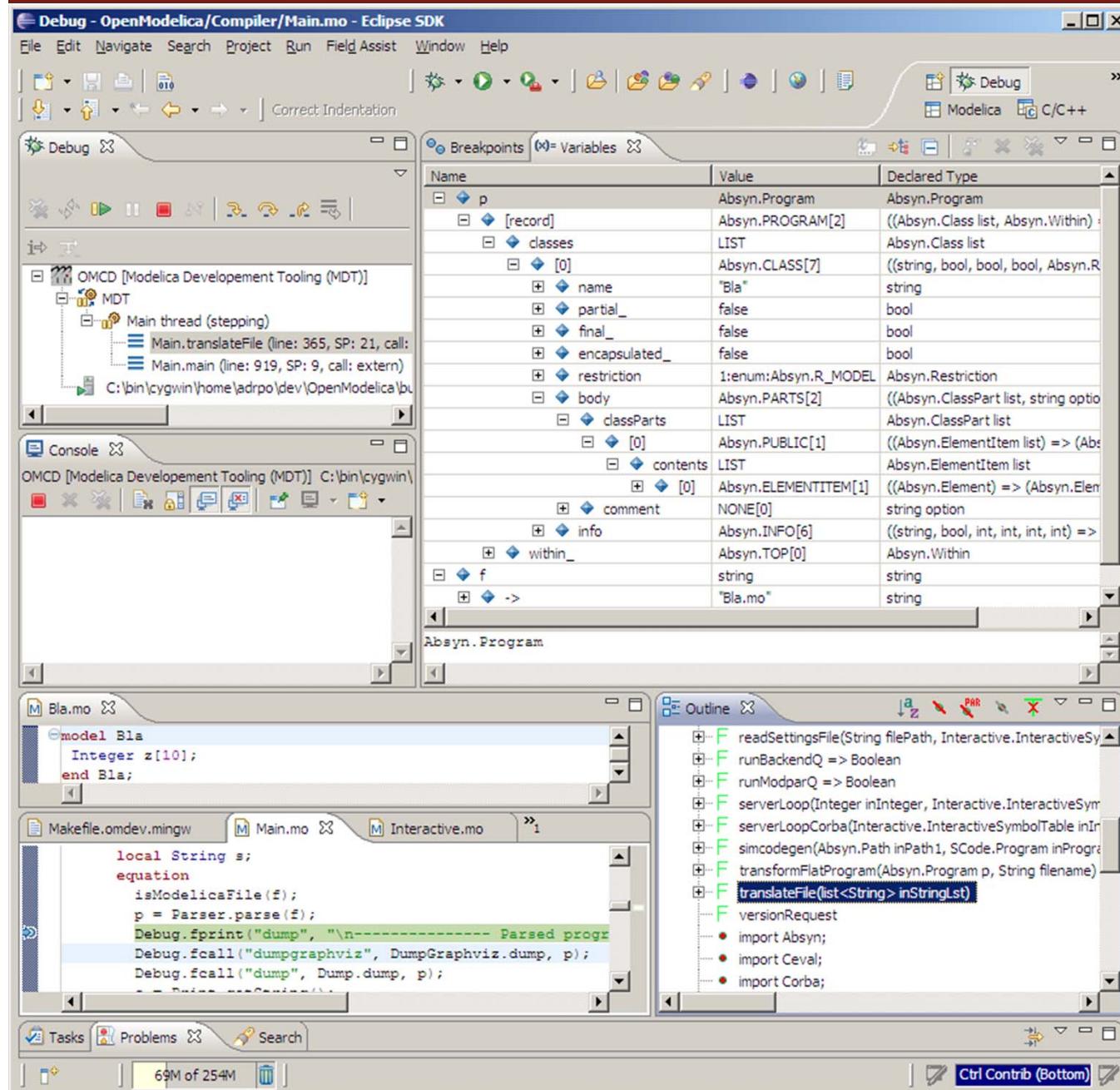
# Code indentation



# Code Outline and Hovering Info



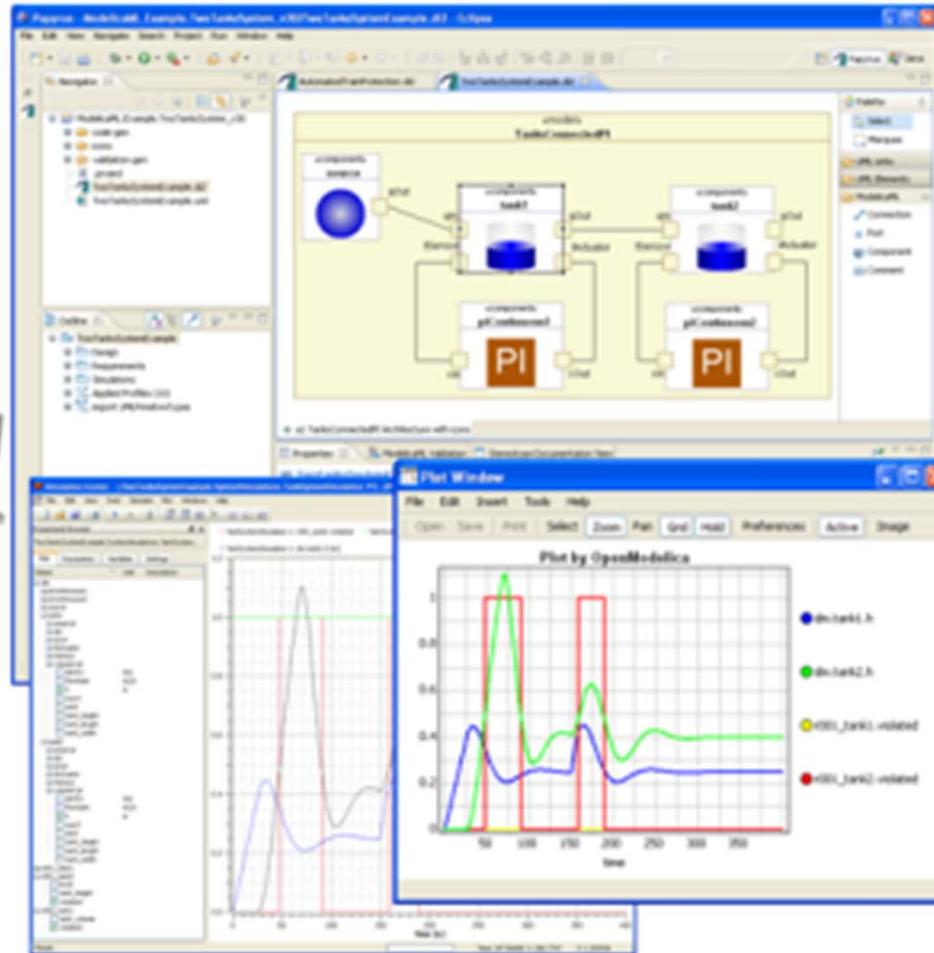
# Eclipse Debugging Environment



- Type information for all variables
- Browsing of complex data structures
- Two Debuggers
  - Code instrumentation
  - GDB based

# Eclipse environment for ModelicaML

## 1 System Modeling with ModelicaML



## 2 Modelica Code Generation

```
modelica TwoTanks
  ...
  functions LocalFunction
    ...
  end LocalFunction;
  ...
  model TwoTanks
    ...
    parameters Real tank1_level := 0.4;
    ...
    equations
      ...
      tank1_level = tank1_level + ...;
      ...
  end TwoTanks;
  ...
end TwoTanksSystem;
```

A screenshot of a code editor showing generated Modelica code. The code defines a package 'TwoTanksSystem' containing a function 'LocalFunction' and a model 'TwoTanks'. The model 'TwoTanks' has parameters for tank levels and equations for their dynamics. The code is annotated with comments explaining the generation process from the ModelicaML model.

## 3 System Simulation with Modelica Tools

- Tutorial tomorrow at ModProd 2013!

- OpenModelica
  - What is OpenModelica?
  - The past and present
- OpenModelica Technical Overview
  - OMC, OMShell, OMNotebook
- OpenModelica Development Environment
  - MetaModelica
  - The Eclipse Environment
- OpenModelica Latest Developments (2012-2013)

# Latest Developments (2012-2013)

2012 - 2013 - Most focus on MSL 3.2.1 support & performance

- Support for Modelica Standard Library 3.2.1 (97% build/92% simulate)
- Front-end
  - New instantiation module (Lookup, Flattening, Connection Handling)
  - Preliminary support for Fluid via the new instantiation module
- Back-end & Simulation Runtime
  - Index Reduction, Matching, Tearing, Dynamic State Selection
  - Initialization, Symbolic Initialization, New methods
  - New NLS solvers, NLS solvers, better event handling, inline solvers
  - Parallelization & Debugging
  - FMI support
  - Several Simulation Runtimes (C, C++, C#, Java, XML, Adevs, QSS, FMU)
- General
  - Uncertainties support (OpenTURNS connection & Data reconciliation)
  - OMEdit - improvements
  - Bootstrapping OMC (100% finished) using Boehm GC
  - 3909 commits in subversion from 2012 to Feb. 4, 2013
  - Bug fixes ~247+ (OSMC)
  - Release 1.9.0 (Linux, Mac, Windows)

Media & Fluid is supported since November 2012

- *Continued work to improve the stability and performance*
- The most evil Library is Media ...  
and its evil father is Fluid ☺
- Everything in the Modelica Language Specification is used
  - partial functions in partial packages
  - full packages in partial packages used via the fully qualified path
  - redeclare replaceable model extends x
  - functions using redeclare replaceable function extends used to set constants in partial packages
  - redeclared components that have no replaceable
  - replaceable and redeclare base classes
  - constants with no bindings that \*have\* to be used in instantiation
  - constant records with components that have no binding
  - large depth of replaceable chains
  - package extension via dot notation on the way to types
- ... and then some more that is not even specified

# OMC Bootstrapping Status

- The bootstrapped OpenModelica
  - Works and can run the full testsuite
  - Supports very fast debugging via GDB
  - Fully supports Modelica and several new MetaModelica constructs that will make compiler development much easier and modular
  - Comparable in speed with the MMC based one
  - Code generation is much more user friendly (readable)
  - The Boehm Garbage Collector (GC) was integrated
  - Further work is still needed to support native GC

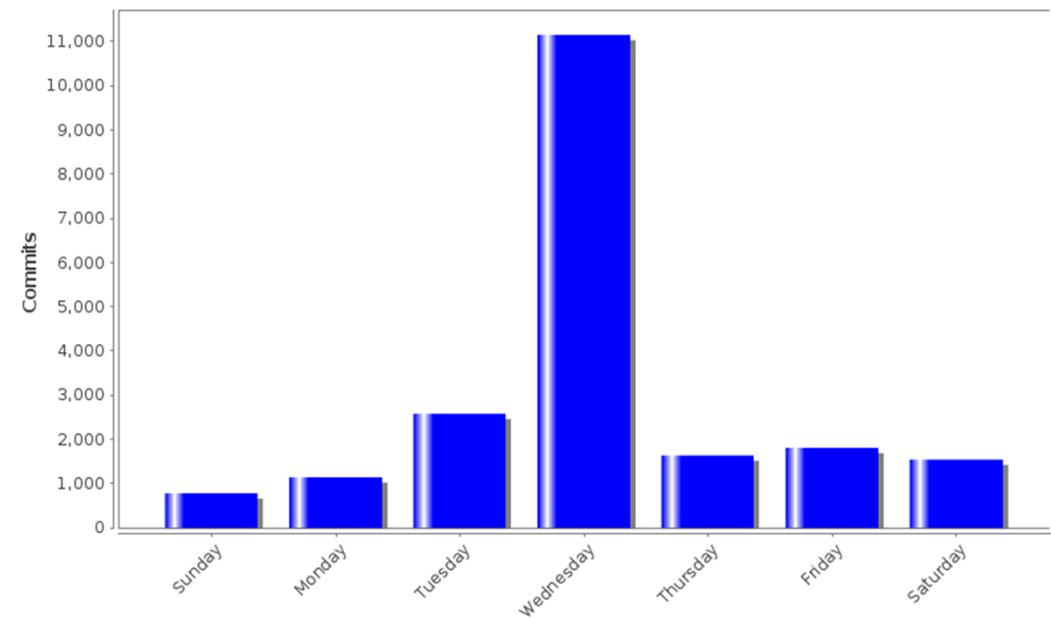
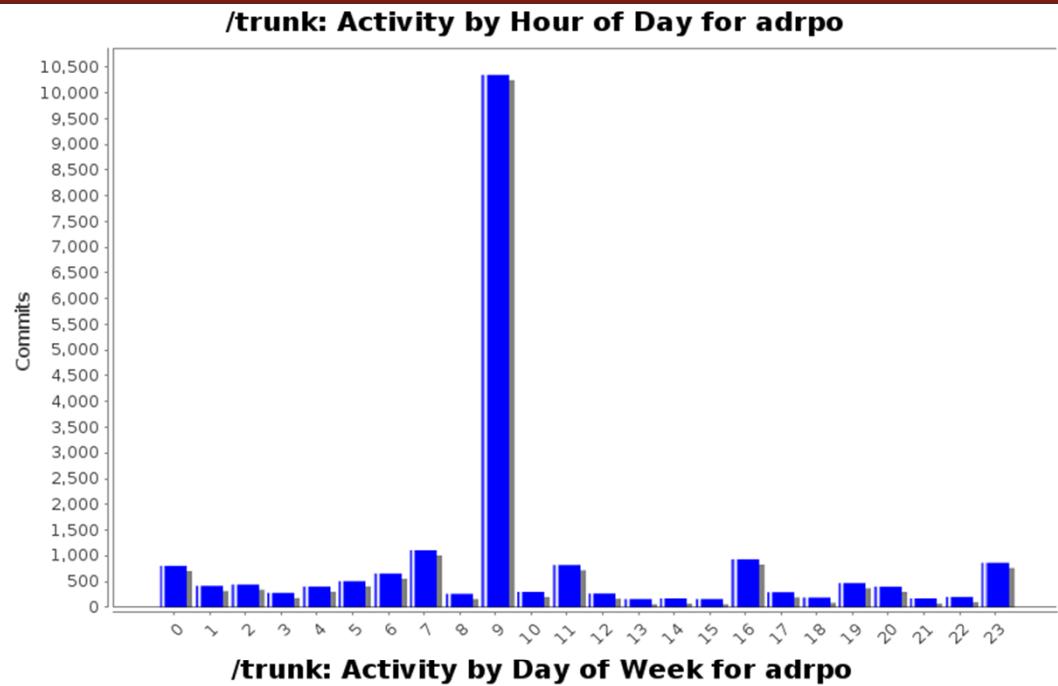
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**OpenModelica Project**  
<http://www.OpenModelica.org>

# Funny Facts (I)

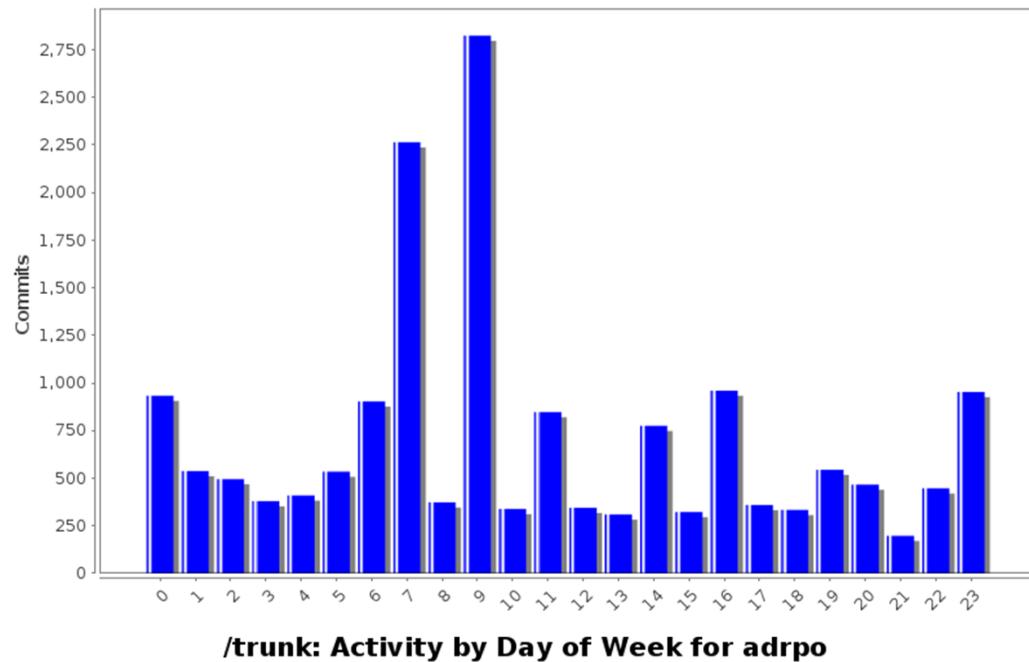
- 2011-2012
- adrpo is most productive Wednesdays at 9 o'clock!
- at least 7-8 times more productive ☺
- can I take holidays in the other days?



# Funny Facts (II)

- Things changed 2012-2013
- Gaussian distribution
- More work, more distribution

/trunk: Activity by Hour of Day for adrpo



/trunk: Activity by Day of Week for adrpo

