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Class template – Primary Approach for the Flexible Dynamic Memory Allocation in the Hybrid Modelling Software Development

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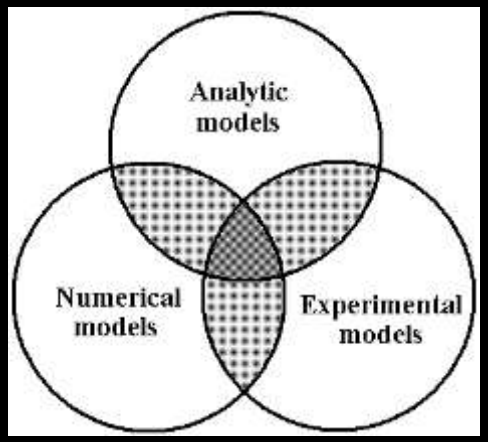
Introduction

Actual conditions

- Complex phenomena;
- Huge volume of data;
- Multi-disciplinary approaches;
- Inter-domains influences;



New modelling paradigm → hybrid approaches

- Hybrid mode = 'building blocks' deeply connected;
- 'Building block' = study: theoretical model or experimental study;
- Theoretical approaches: analytical, numerical, semi-numerical etc.;
- ***Paramount: connections between the 'building blocks'***;
- All the 'building blocks' are implemented as ***computer based solutions***;
- Connections = interfaces, i.e. ***computer based solutions***;

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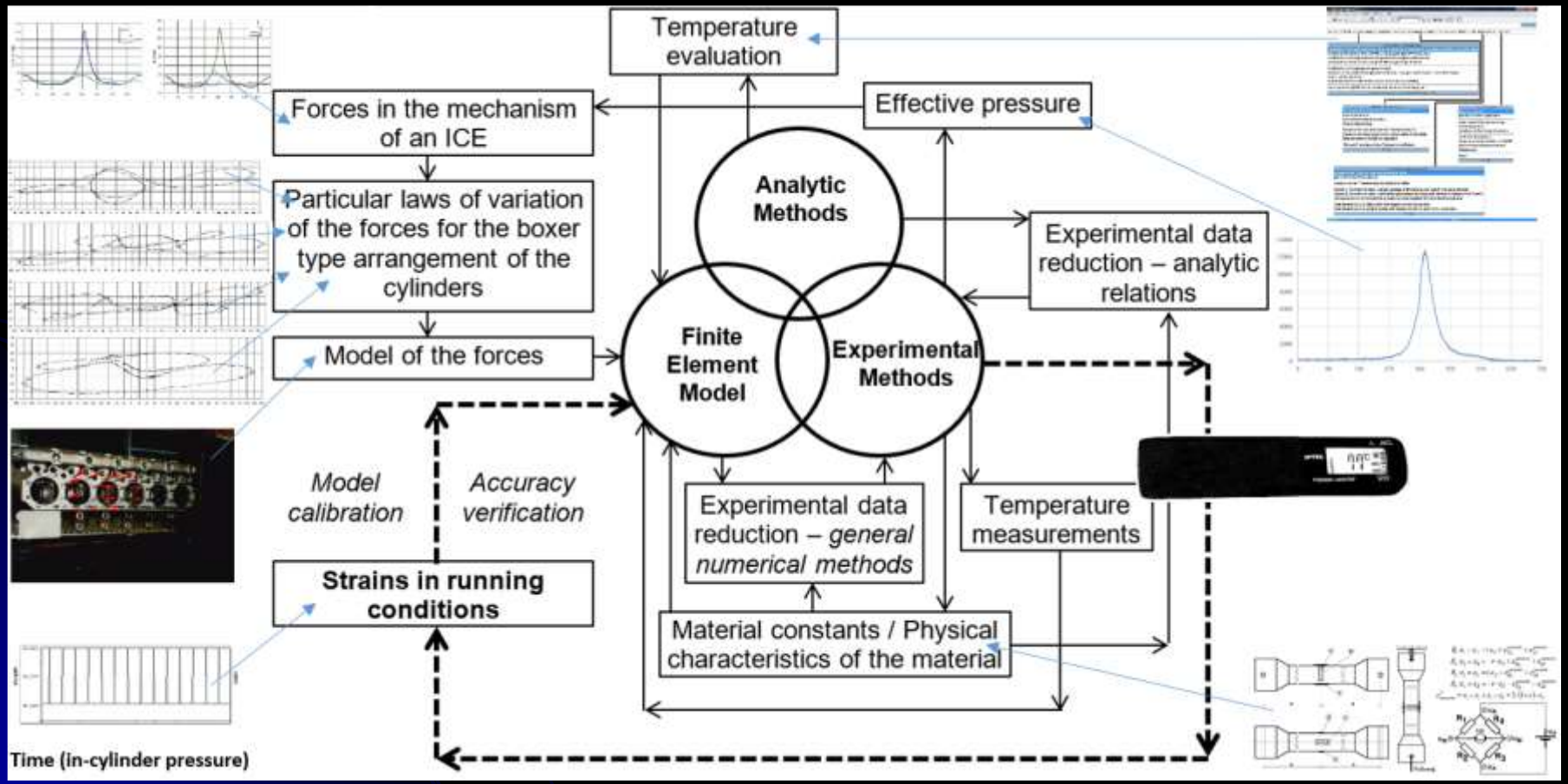
Example – Hybrid model

An ICE's Structural model of the cylinder block:

- 12B165 – A navy vessel ICE;
- Running conditions;
- Experimental study → SAE2000, Detroit, USA;
- PhD, 'Cum laude', 88 letters / 105 reviewers;



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Motivation

Key factor → *computer based solutions*!

Computers are used for distinct studies:

- Analytical approaches → original software;
- General numerical methods → original & commercial software;
- Dedicated numerical methods (FEM) → original & commercial software;
- Semi-numerical methods → original & commercial software;
- Dedicated algorithms & solvers → original & commercial software;
- Decisional problems → original software.

Computers are used to connect the studies:

- Based on the Application Program Interfaces → original software;
- Interfaces (CSV, JSON, original) → original software;
- Data integration → original software;
- Knowledge acquisition (using knowledge based systems) → original software;

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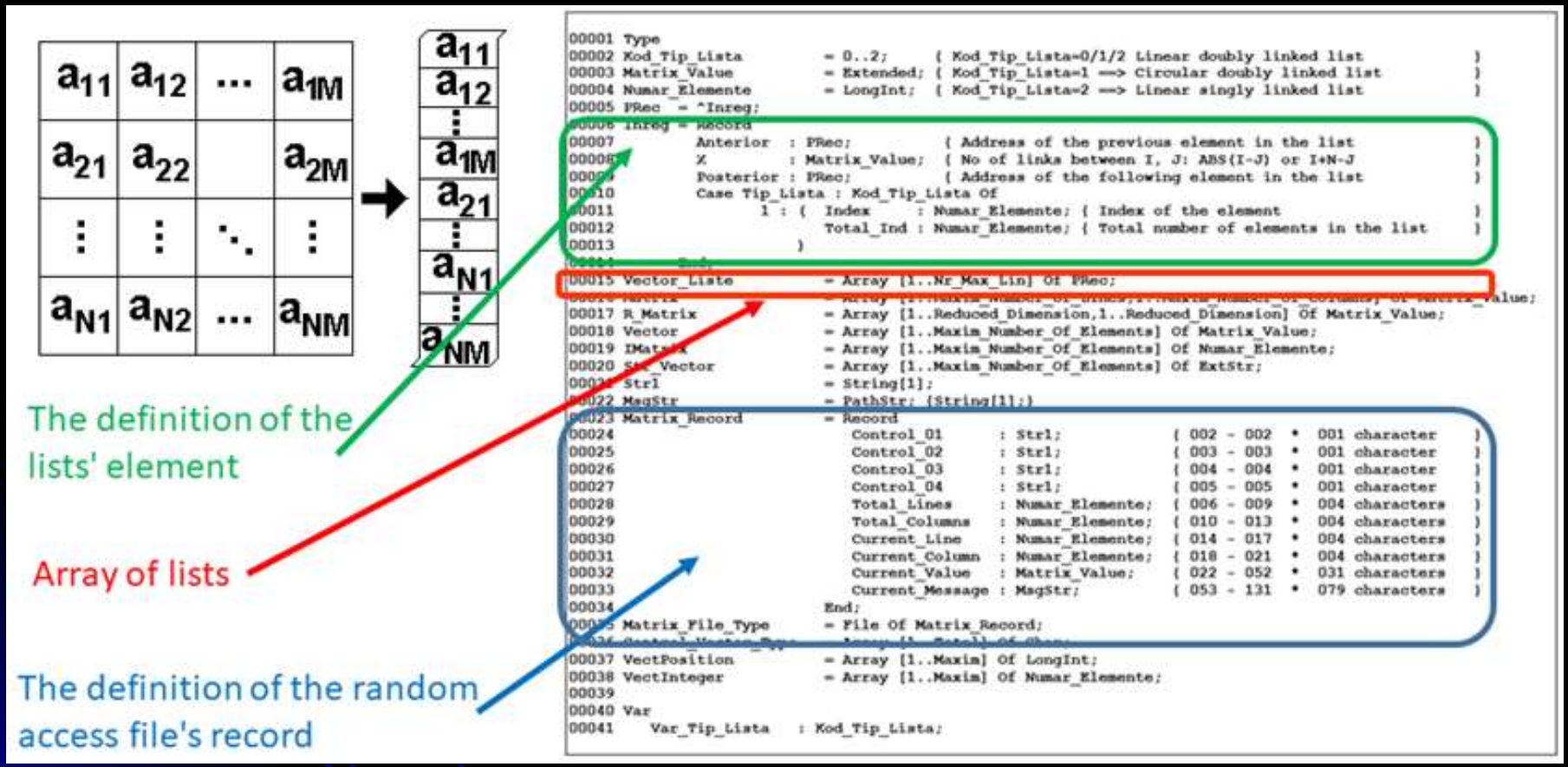
Methodology - Stages

Level 1 – data structures for mathematical methods



- Matrix methods are ubiquitous in science;
- Large matrices → finer discretization → higher accuracy;

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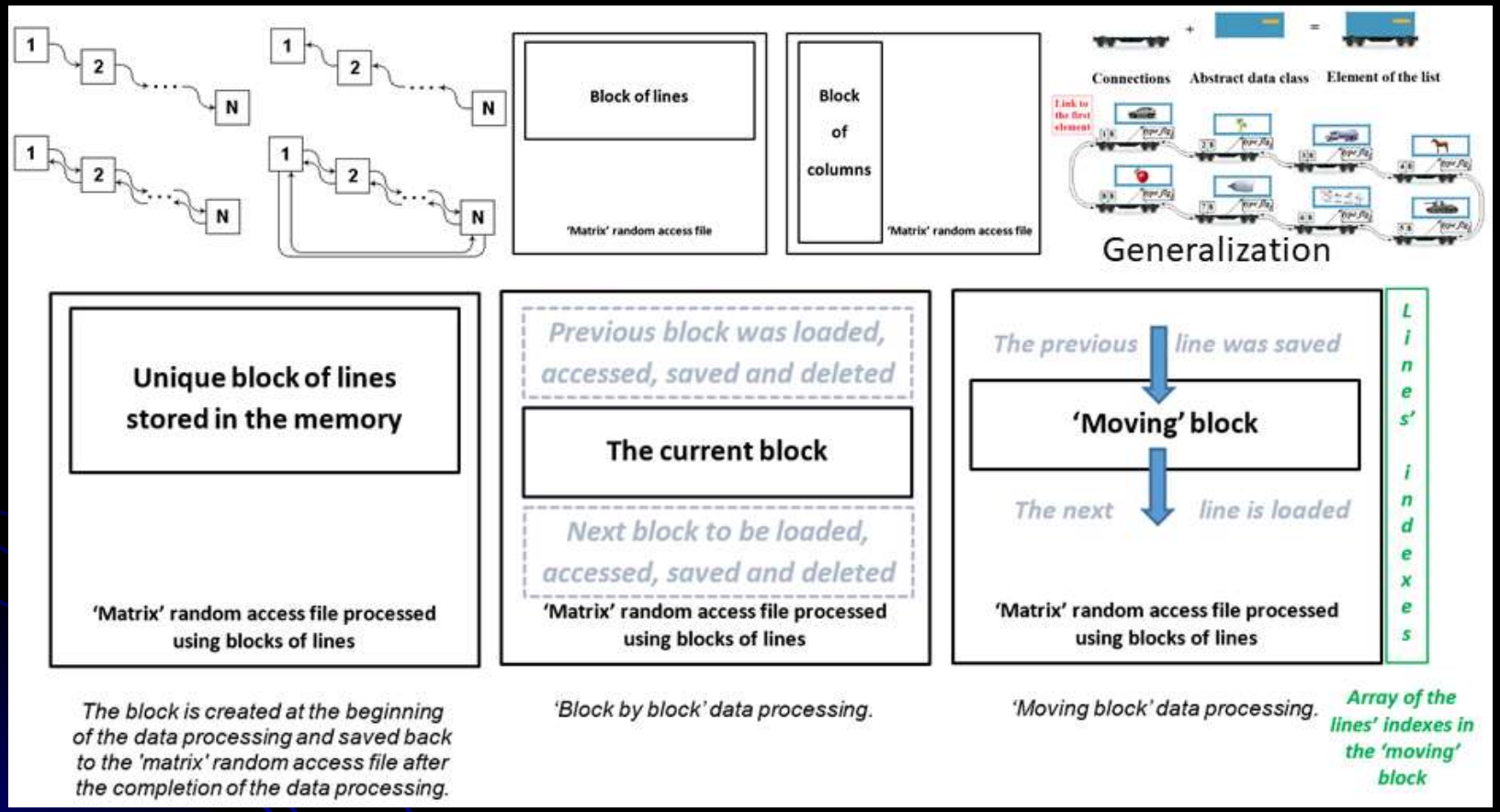
Level 2 – optimizations →

Methodology - Stages

Level 2 – optimization: access time minimization



- Data structures for dynamical memory allocation;
- Vector of doubly linked lists for matrices' block processing;

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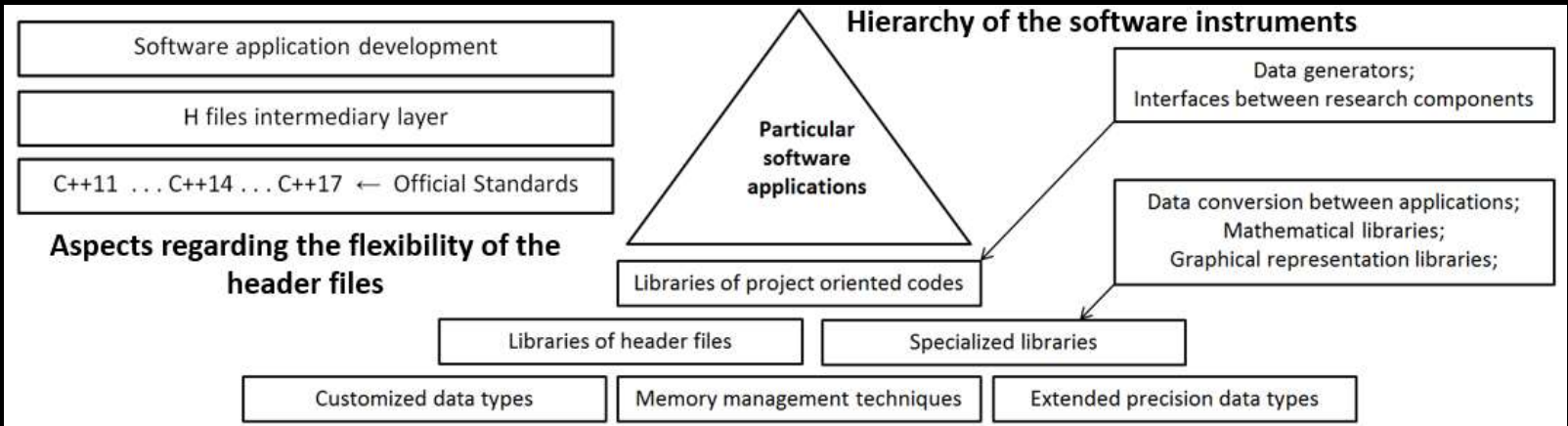
Level 3 – library of header files; rapid development →

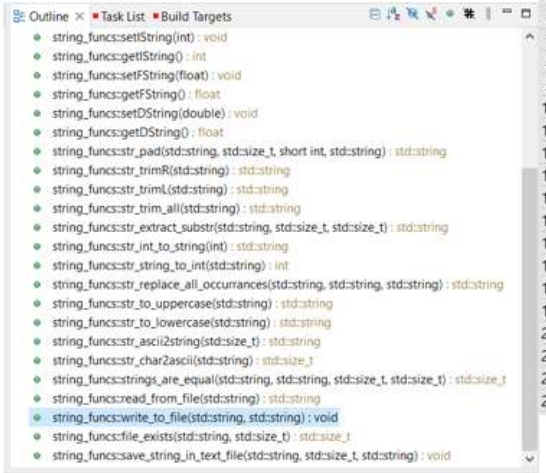
Methodology - Stages

Level 3 – library of header files; rapid development



New: class oriented programming

string_funcs class



	A	B	C
1	ascii2string_char.h	get_external_exe_name_from_full_path.h	removeCharacters.h
2	basic_types.h	integer2string.h	removeSpaces.h
3	cancel.h	integer2string_and_pad.h	replace_all_occurrances.h
4	char_asterix_2_string.h	is_alphabetic.h	replace_extension_of_a_file.h
5	circular_segment_geometrical_characteristics.h	list_array_of_strings_in_a_text_file.h	save_string_in_text_file.h
6	create_folder.h	load_cfg.h	select_a_file.h
7	create_folder_using_OS_cmd.h	load_csv_file.h	select_multiple_files.h
8	create_parameters_computer_code.h	load_csv_of_strings.h	spline_CSV_ARRAY_give_values.h
9	current_date2string.h	load_csv_of_strings_across_multiple_lines.h	spline_derivative_give_values.h
10	current_time2string.h	load_parameters.h	spline_give_values.h
11	display_CSV_ARRAY.h	load_parameters77.h	spline_integrals.h
12	domains_basic_types.h	messagebox_info.h	string2flag_type.h
13	domains_create_AutoCAD_script_files.h	messagebox_yes_no.h	string2index_type.h
14	domains_geometrical_characteristics_of_a_domain.h	no_of_occurances.h	string2integer.h
15	domains_report_info_4_a_set_of_domains.h	pause.h	string2real.h
16	extract_filename_without_extension.h	polygon_09_v.h	strings_are_equal.h
17	file_exists.h	polygon_csv_array.h	string_char2ascii.h
18	folder_exists.h	real2asciiStr.h	to_lowercase.h
19	from_OS_path_2_system_command_path.h	real2integer.h	to_uppercase.h
20	generate_generator.h	real2string.h	trim.h
21	get_current_folder_separator.h	real2string_and_pad.h	trim_left.h
22	get_current_path.h	reals_are_equal.h	trim_right.h
23	get_exe_path.h	real_abs.h	verify_parameters.h

Library of header files in C++

- header files are used as 'building blocks';
- reusability is paramount;
- OCTAVE may be connected with C++;
- API of the CAD/CAE commercial software;

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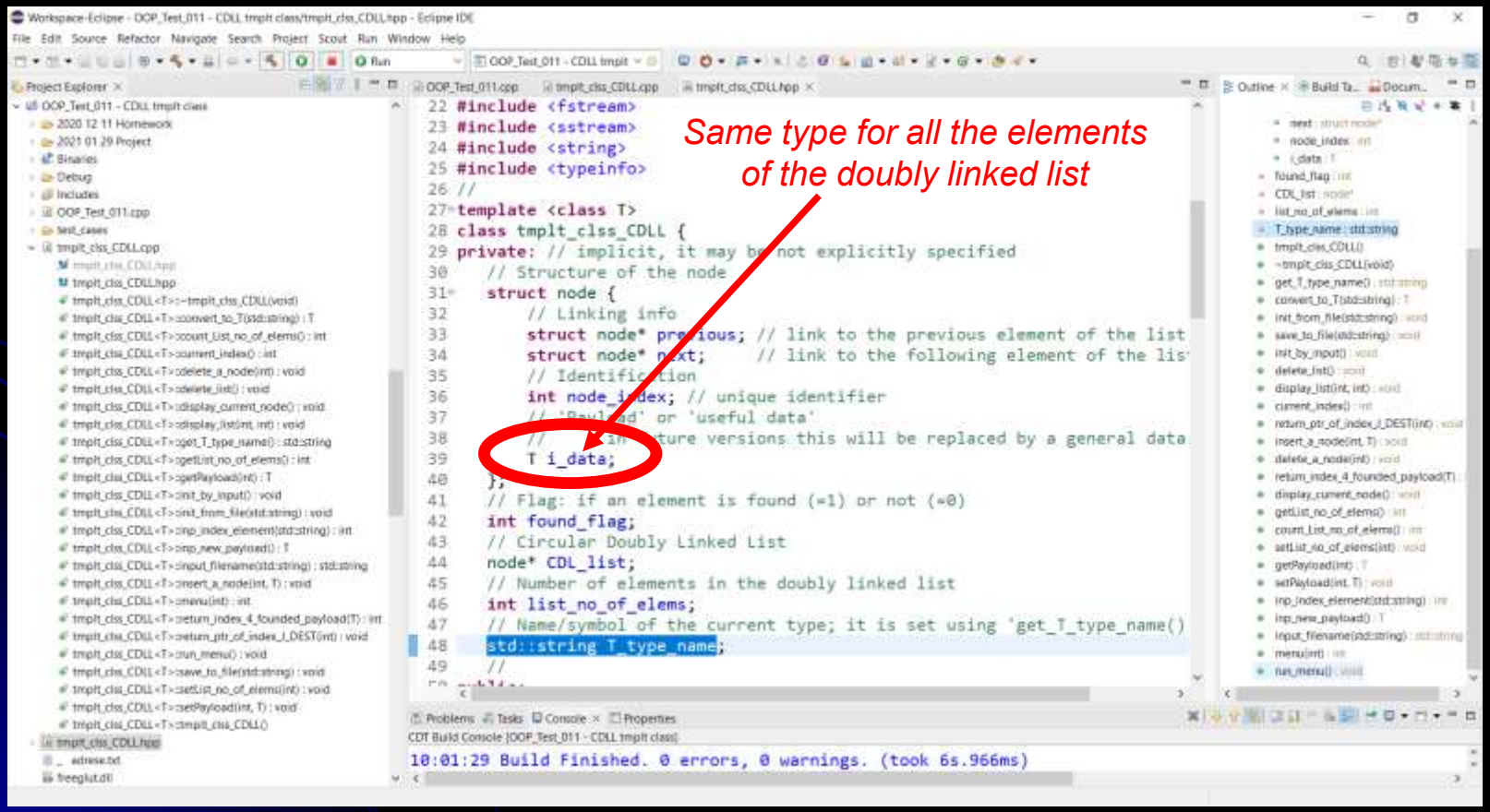
According to these trends, new developments →

Results

Template classes' oriented development

- Classes: functions in *old* header files are included in *dedicated* classes;
- Template classes: types are 'generic' ← high reusability;



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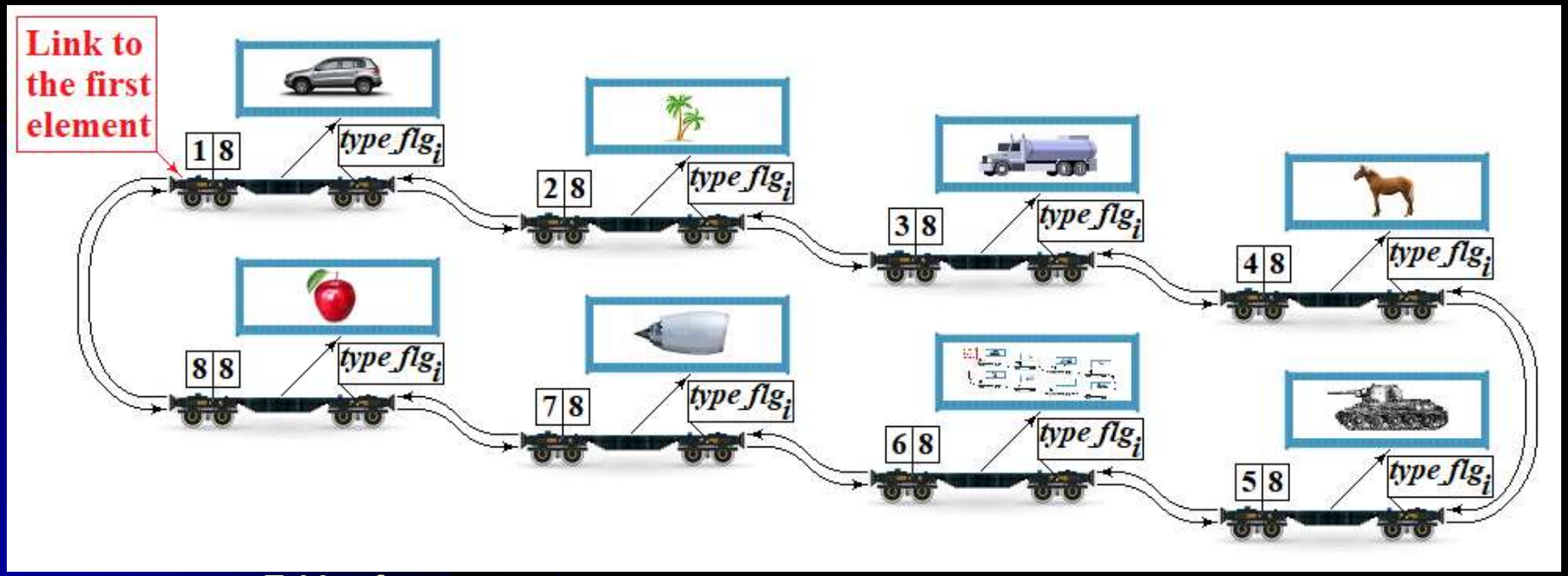
Eclipse environment

Results

Why not a general solution?

- General solution: each element may have a distinct type;
- Template solution is not so general ← however why is it preferable?;
- SWOT analysis?
- Example 1: coordinates ← geometry, design, FEM, calculus domain;
- Example 2: identifiers ← graph theory, element definition (FEM);



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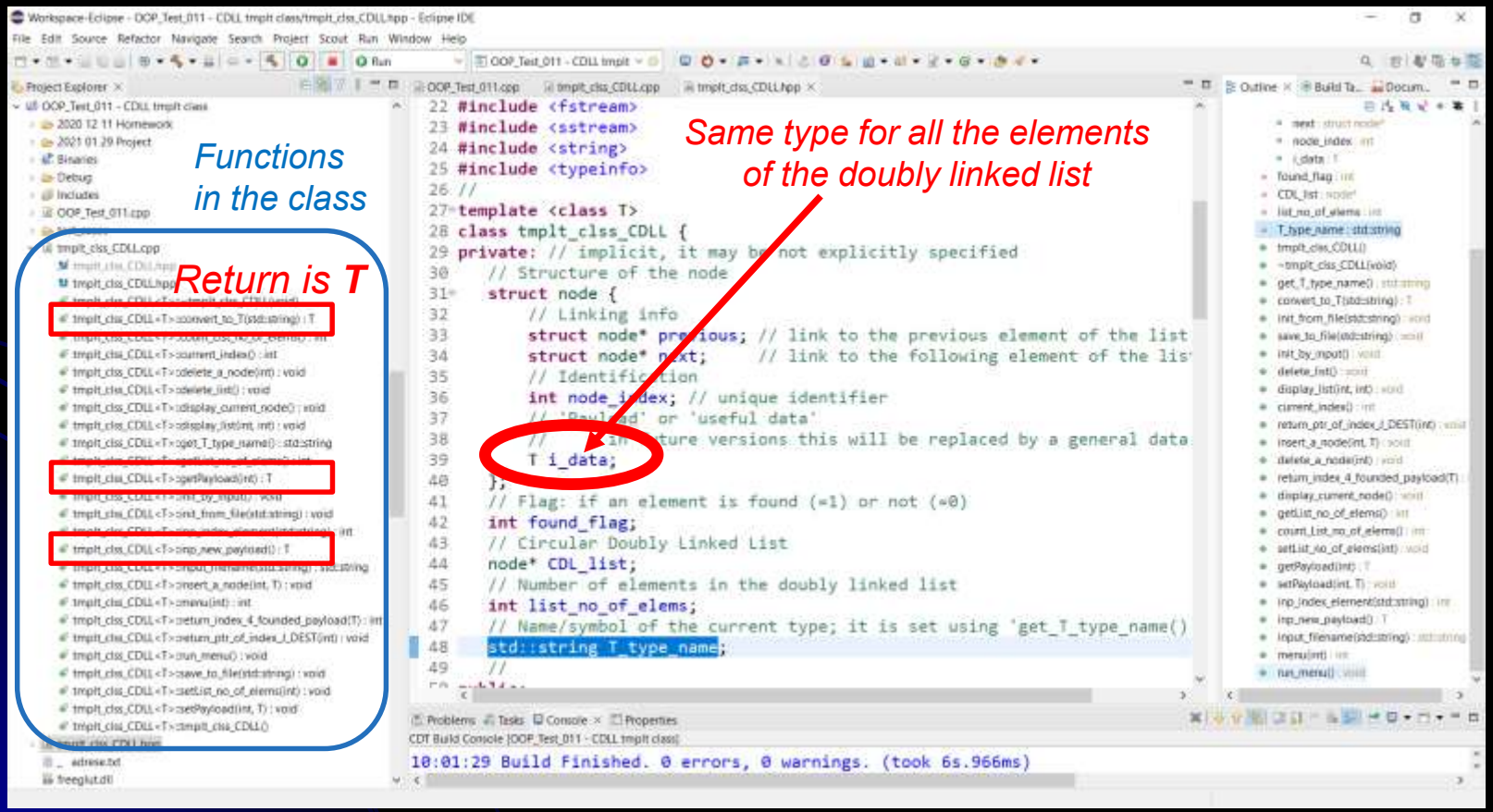
Results

Some technical info and, of course, more questions

- Functions in header files and fields of the classes;
- Input/output variables of T type ← how to handle ‘generic’ types;



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T type identification →

Results

Type identification using a ‘common use’ compiler

- Function (programming ‘trick’) used to identify a ‘generic’ type . . .

```
44 // Get the type of T
45 template <class T>
46 std::string tmplt_clss_CDLL<T>::get_T_type_name() {
47    // Out: out_str_type
48    std::string out_str_type;
49    // Get the type name in an explicit way
50    std::string tmp_str_type = typeid(this->CDL_list->i_data).name();
51    std::cout<<"- - - - - -> Current symbol is '"<<tmp_str_type<<"'!\n";
52    out_str_type="UNKNOWN!";
53    if (!tmp_str_type.compare("NSt7__cxx1112basic_stringIcSt11char_traitsIcESaIcEEE")) {
54       out_str_type="string";
55    }
56    if (!tmp_str_type.compare("b")) { out_str_type="bool";  }
57    if (!tmp_str_type.compare("c")) { out_str_type="char";  }
58    if (!tmp_str_type.compare("i")) { out_str_type="int";   }
59    if (!tmp_str_type.compare("j")) { out_str_type="size_t";}
60    if (!tmp_str_type.compare("l")) { out_str_type="long";  }
61    if (!tmp_str_type.compare("m")) { out_str_type="unsigned long";      }
62    if (!tmp_str_type.compare("x")) { out_str_type="long long";          }
63    if (!tmp_str_type.compare("y")) { out_str_type="unsigned long long"; }
64    if (!tmp_str_type.compare("f")) { out_str_type="float"; }
65    if (!tmp_str_type.compare("d")) { out_str_type="double";}
66    if (!tmp_str_type.compare("e")) { out_str_type="long double";        }
67    std::cout<<"- - - - - -> Current type is '"<<out_str_type<<"'!\n";
68    return(out_str_type);
69 }
70 //
```

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T type conversion →

Results

T ‘generic’ type conversion

- Function (programming trick) used to convert a ‘generic’ type . . .
- Idea: convert ***T*** generic type to string & from string;
- Handling strings is paramount!
- Strings connect the data to the input/output (?*CSV*?) text files;

```
70 //
71 template <class T>
72 T tmplt_clss_CDLL<T>::convert_to_T (std::string str_data) {
73    T out_T;
74    std::stringstream ss(str_data);
75    if (!this->T_type_name.compare("string")) {
76       str_data=lib_str_funcs.str_replace_all_occurrances(str_data, " ", str_replacementChars);
77    }
78    ss << str_data;
79    ss >> out_T;
80    return(out_T);
81 } // End of 'convert_to_T'
82 //
```

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Operating the sample application →

Results

Operating the sample application

- Operations → test the generation of various ***T*** types of doubly lnkd lists;
- Operations used to operate the doubly lnkd lists ← common in all apps;

```
MENU: SELECT THE TYPE OF THE DOUBLY CONNECTED LIST:
   1. 'int' is the type of the 'payload'; input file: "inp_int.txt";
   2. 'float' is the type of the 'payload'; input file: "inp_float.txt";
   3. 'string' is the type of the 'payload'; input file: "inp_str.txt";
   4. Get out of the application.
 The selected option [1..4] is <-1>: 3
```

⇦ ***string***

```
Menu - operations with the current doubly linked circular list:
   1. insert a new element AFTER a given node of the list;
   2. delete an element AFTER a given node of the list;
   3. display the list from #1 upto nr_elems, on distinct lines;
   4. display the list from #1 upto nr_elems, on the same line;
   5. display the list starting from the current element, circular, on distinct lines;
   6. display the list starting from the current element, circular, on the same line;
   7. display the element located in position 'i';
   8. find the element which contains 'payload';
   9. modify an element of the list;
  10. interactive creation of the doubly linked list;
  11. load from the file the doubly linked list;
  12. save in a file the doubly linked list;
  13. delete the doubly linked list;
  14. get out of this menu.

  ----> Tip:  The first operation is the creation of the list, options 10 or 11!! <----

 The selected option [1..14] is <-1>: 11

You selected option #11!


Input the name of the file from which the elements of the list are loaded: inp_str_CSV.csv

'display_list' -> display the current list
   node 1 contains the info 'Melvin KAMINSKY,EGOT,"Brooklyn, New York City, USA"';
   node 2 contains the info 'Alfred Joseph HITCHCOCK,Several Awards,"Leytonstone, Essex, England"';
   node 3 contains the info 'George Orson WELLES,Several Awards,"Kenosha, Wisconsin, USA"';
   node 4 contains the info 'Michael CACOYANIS,Several Awards,"Limassol, British Cyprus"';
   node 5 contains the info 'Vasilis GEORGIADIS,Golden Globe Awards,"Dardanelles, Ottoman Empire"';
```

Command Prompt - "OOP_Test_011 - CDLL tmplt class.exe"

```
C:\E\Workspace-Eclipse\OOP_Test_011 - CDLL tmplt class\Debug>21/04/2022> 9:35:09.80>"OOP_Test_011 - CDLL

MENIU DE ALEGERE A TIPULUI DE lista circulara dublu inlantuita:
   1. 'int' este tipul 'payload'-ului; fisier de date: "inp_int.txt";
   2. 'float' este tipul 'payload'-ului; fisier de date: "inp_float.txt";
   3. 'string' este tipul 'payload'-ului; fisier de date: "inp_str.txt";
   4. Iesire din aplicatie.
 Optiunea aleasa [1..4] este <-1>: 1

Ati ales optiunea 1!
```

⇦ ***int***

```
Meniu operare lista circulara dublu inlantuita:
   1. inserare nou element DUPA un nod din lista;
   2. stergere element DUPA un nod din lista;
   3. afisare lista de la 1 la nr_elems, pe linii distincte;
   4. afisare lista de la 1 la nr_elems, pe aceeasi linie;
   5. afisare lista de la elementul curent, circular, pe linii distincte;
   6. afisare lista de la elementul curent, circular, pe aceeasi linie;
   7. afisare element din pozitia i;
   8. goseste element care contine 'payload';
   9. modificare element din lista;
  10. creare interactiva a listei circulare dublu inlantuita;
  11. citire din fisier lista circulara dublu inlantuita;
  12. scriere in fisier lista circulara dublu inlantuita;
  13. stergere lista circulara dublu inlantuita;
  14. Iesire din program.

  ----> Tip:  Prima operatie este cea de generare a listei, optiunile 10 sau 11!! <----

 Optiunea aleasa [1..14] este <-1>: 11

Ati ales optiunea 11!


Introduceti numele fisierului din care se citesc elementele listei: inp_int.txt
Citire 'payload' din fisierul "inp_int.txt":
   1. "111" ==> 111;
   2. "222" ==> 222;
   3. "333" ==> 333;
   4. "444" ==> 444;
   5. "555" ==> 555;
```

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Some *STL* solutions →

Results

Some Standard Template Library C++ solutions

- Solution used to store random values, testing the degree of randomness;
- ‘map’ = associative container; ‘ulli’ stands for ‘unsigned long long int’;

```
39  // Definition of the map<map::key_type,map::mapped_type>; map<unique_key,payload_data>
40  //   The largest size payload data type in C++ (beside GMP)
41  std::map<unsigned long long int, unsigned long long int> map_ulli;
42  std::map<unsigned long long int, unsigned long long int>::iterator iter_map_ulli; // iterator
```

- Solution used to store strings which symbolize points’ coordinates;
- Useful to compute the coefficients within the polynomial regression;

```
38  //
39  // Definition of the map<map::key_type,map::mapped_type>; map<unique_key,payload_data>
40  //   The largest size payload data type in C++ (beside GMP)
41  // This is a one-dimensional array of strings 'on steroids' --> map_1dim_string
42  typedef std::map<unsigned long long int, std::string> map_1dim_string;
43  typedef std::map<unsigned long long int, std::string>::iterator iter_map_1dim_string; // iterator
44  // This is a two-dimesional array of strings 'on steroids' --> map_2dim_string
45  // Remark:
46  //  a. with respect to a matrix, it may be considered either a vector of lines
47  //     or a vector of columns, depending on the way the map_2dim_string is
48  //     initialised, i.e. loaded with the elements of the matrix, either
49  //     along the lines i.e. line after line, or along columns, i.e column
50  //     after column;
51  //  b. calculi in GMP are performed locally, by converting the string element
52  //     of the matrix in the appropriate mpl_t type and then performing the
53  //     current calculus
54  typedef std::map<unsigned long long int, std::map<unsigned long long int, std::string>> map_2dim_string;
55  typedef std::map<unsigned long long int, std::map<unsigned long long int, std::string>>::iterator iter_map_2dim_string; // iterator
56  //
57  map_2dim_string map_2dim_string_csv_content; // The matrix of strings defined as a 2dim map
58
```

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Conclusion →

Conclusion

Usefulness

- Modeling complex phenomena requires advanced concepts & instruments;
- Data integration and knowledge acquisition require computer based original software;
- Hybrid research approaches use composite models with deeply integrated modules;
- Facile and rapid development of software components is paramount;
- Various software libraries: solvers, interfaces, RNGs, data persistency etc.;
- "Failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail" → software development strategy;
- Strategy is valuable, being confirmed over the past 38 years in many R&D projects;

Progresses in the last 3 years

- Header files approach → class based programming, i.e. (atomization → integration);
- Class templates based programming = generic programming;
- Standard Template Library in C++: containers, iterators, algorithms, functions;
- Collections in Java (not presented in this paper);

Accomplishments

- Modern know how in the development of new software components for hybrid models
- Updated libraries and new libraries based on the aforementioned progresses;
- New computer based models in data science;

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Questions?

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