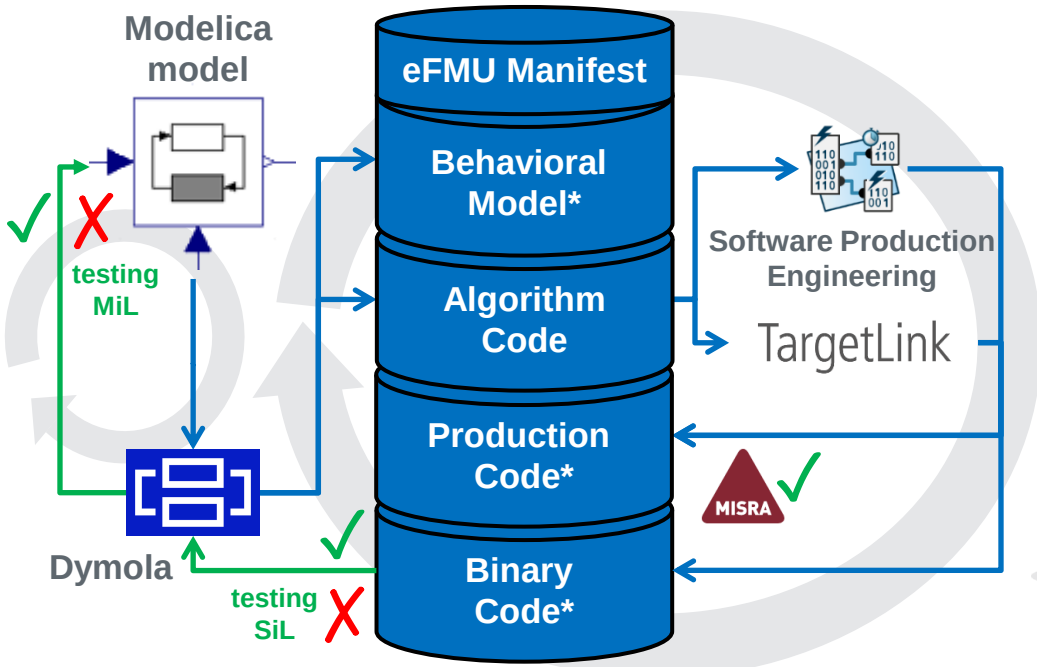

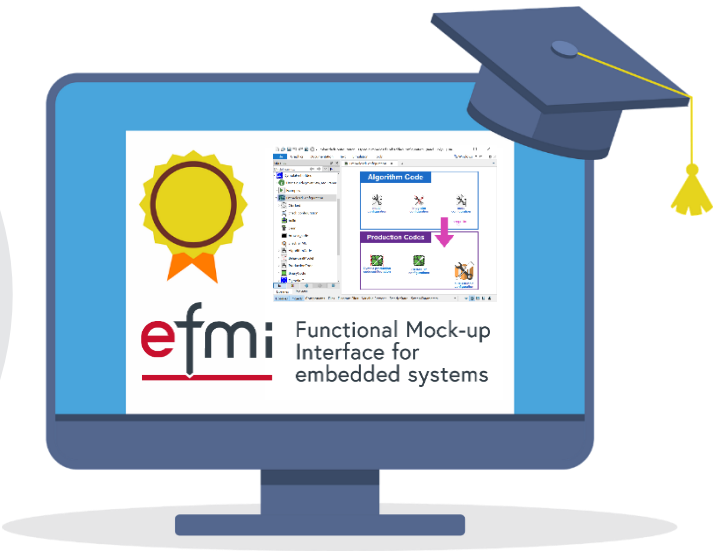

Part 1: eFMI® motivation and overview

eFMI®: A beginner's overview and hands-on
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eFMI® tutorial – Agenda

Part 1: eFMI® motivation and overview (40 min)

Part 2: Running use-case introduction (10 min)

Part 3: Hands-on in Dymola and Software Production Engineering (25 min)

Coffee break (30 min)

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Part 4: Advanced demonstrators (20 min)

Part 5 (industry case-study): eFMI based thermal management system (TMS) development for fuel cell electric vehicles (FCEV) (20 min)

Part 6: Outlook and conclusion (5 min)

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Functional Mock-up Interface for embedded systems

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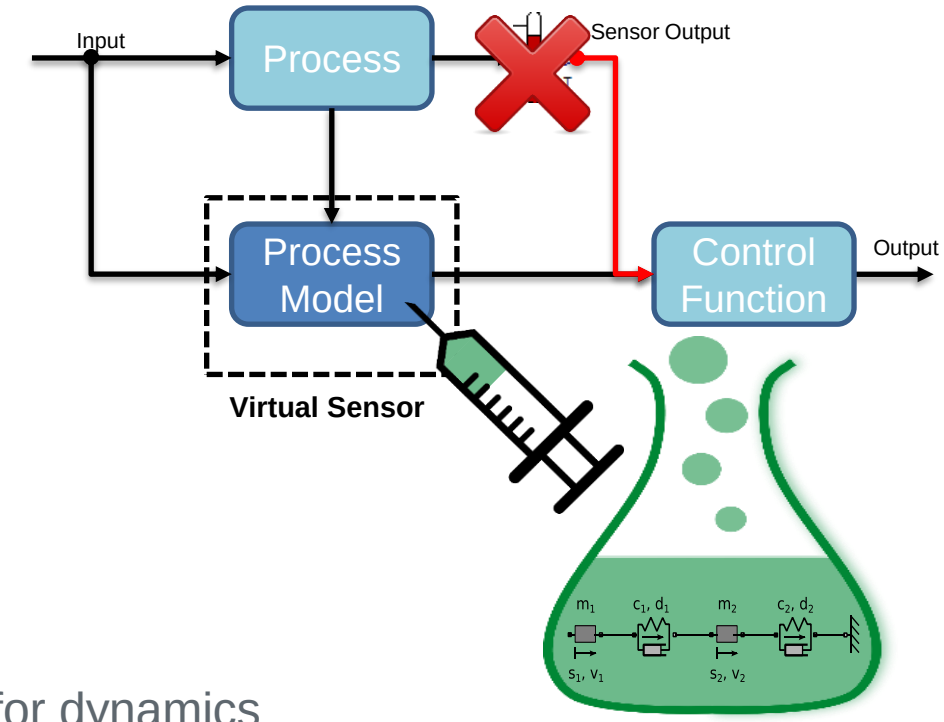
https://efmi-standard.org/

What is it all about?

eFMI motivation: Advanced control is challenging

Online physics models key technology for advanced (engine) control software:

- Virtual sensors, i.e., observers,
- Model-based diagnosis
- Inverse physical models as feed forward part of control structures
- Model predictive control



Physics model

Physics models:

- Typically described by differential equations, best suited for dynamics
- Complementary to data-based modeling, can be combined
- Reduced calibration effort due to physical parameters

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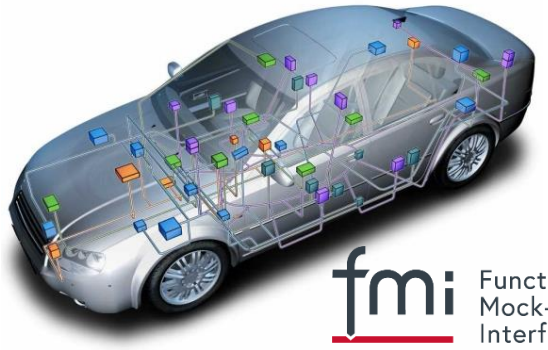
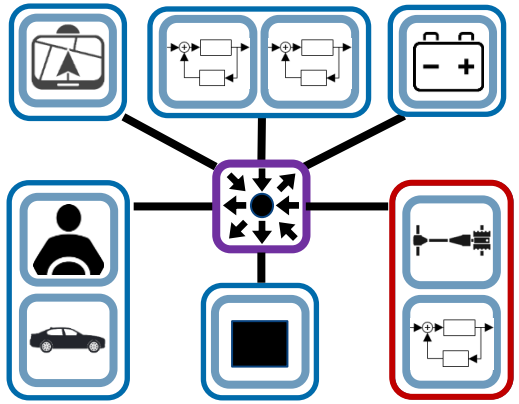
eFMI Standard: How it is different compared with FMI

Model-based systems engineering





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- Advanced operating strategies
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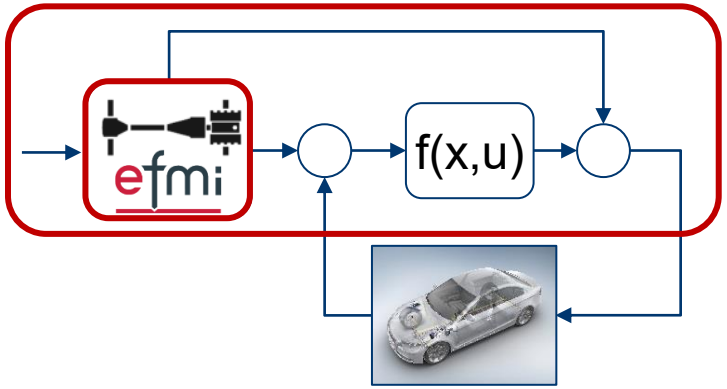

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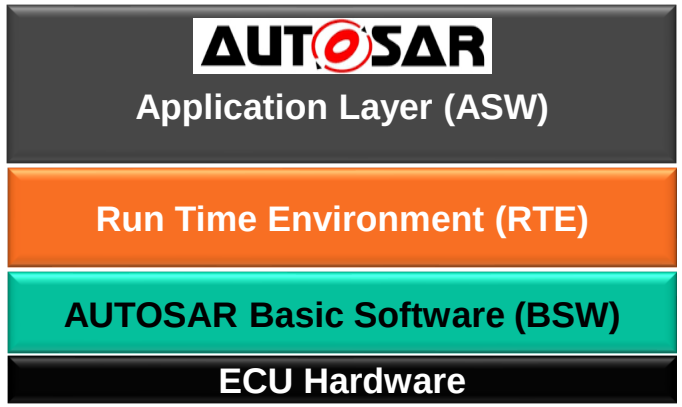

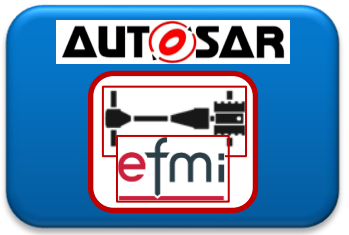

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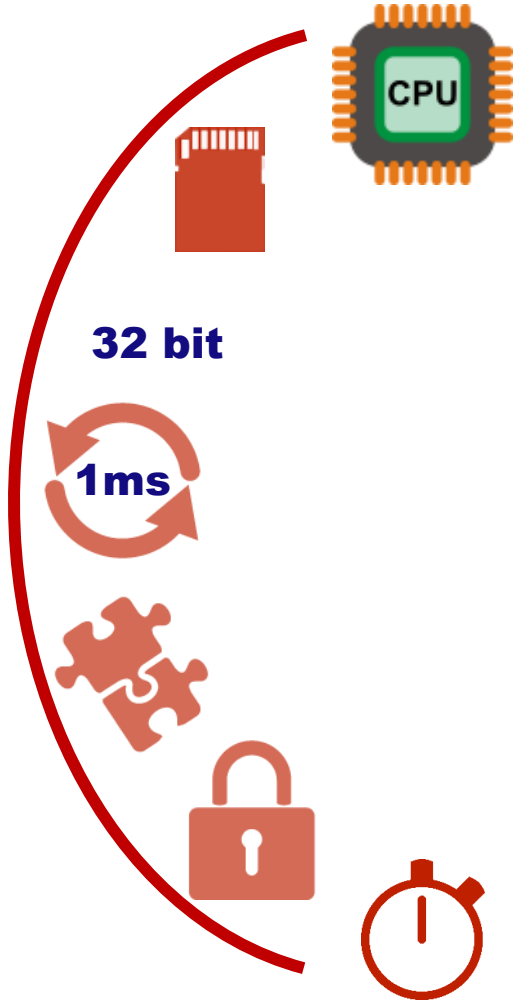
eFMI motivation: Embedded systems are challenging



- Limited computation power
- Limited memory
- Limited precision
- Limited sampling rate
- Static memory allocation
- Guaranteed execution time
- Inbound guarantees
- No exceptions guarantees

- Specialized hardware

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- SW architectures

- Rules & regulations

Motor **I**ndustry **S**oftware **R**eliability **A**ssociation

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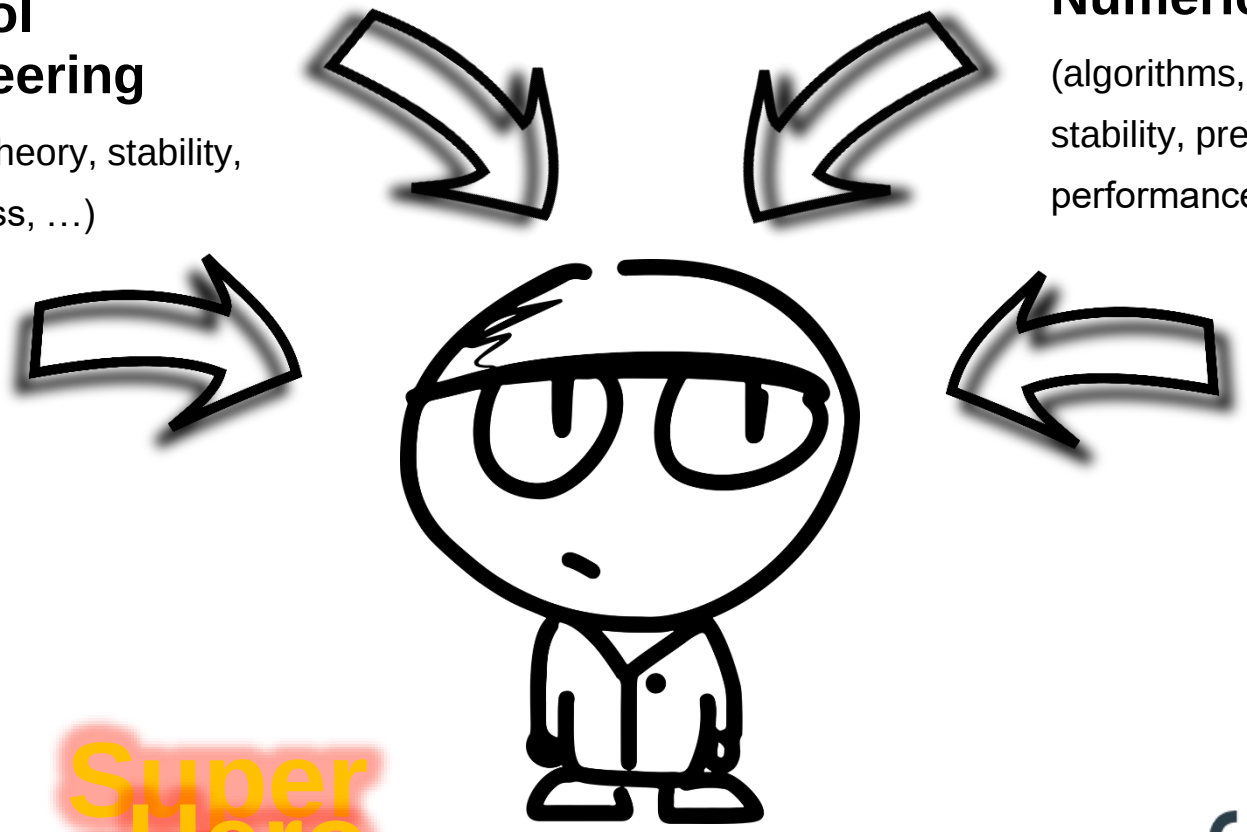
eFMI motivation: Multi-domain collaboration is challenging

Control engineering

(system theory, stability, robustness, …)

Numerics

(algorithms, complexity, stability, precision, realtime performance…)



Physics modeling

(domain knowledge, physical principles & phenomena, system dynamics, model validation, …)

ECU software

(MISRA, ASIL, MSR, AUTOSAR, …)

Super Hero

Function developer

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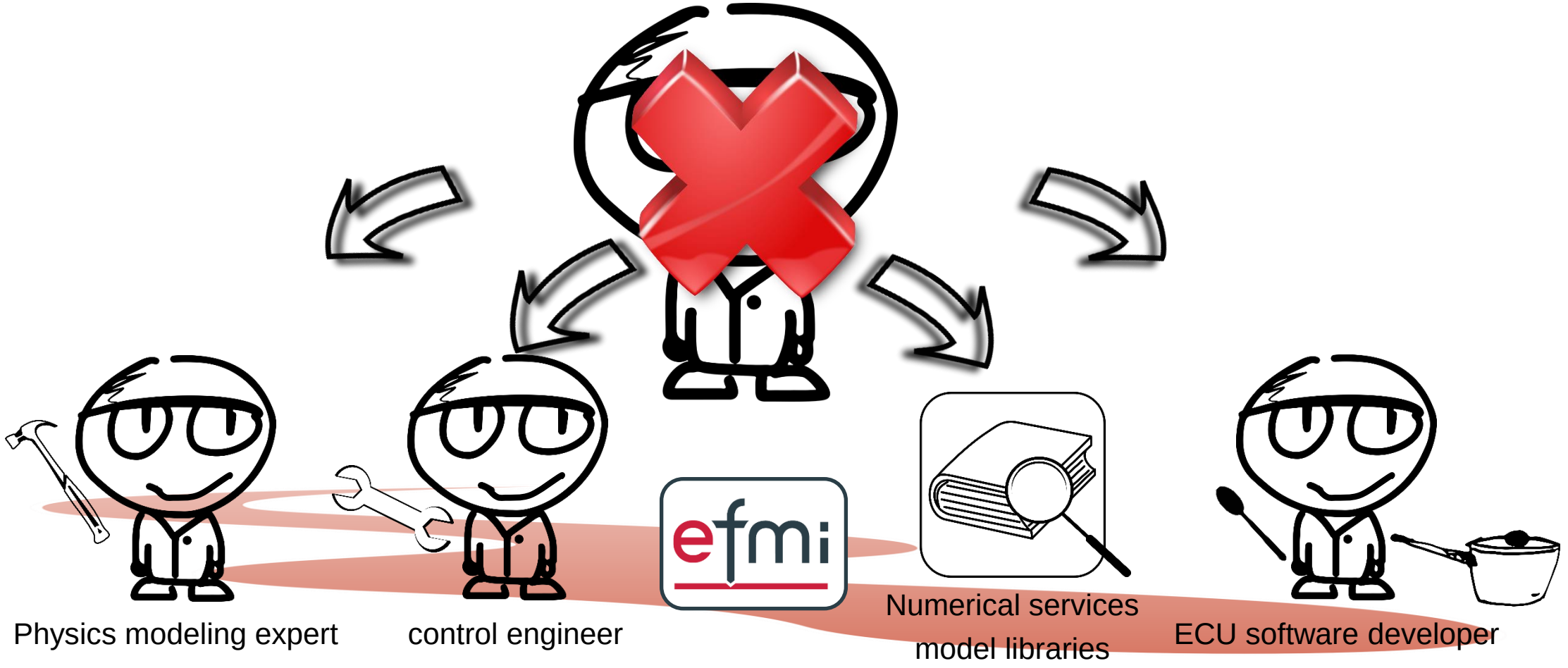
eFMI solution: Domain experts with dedicated tools…



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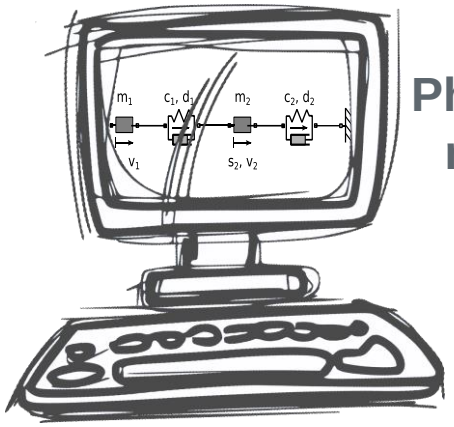
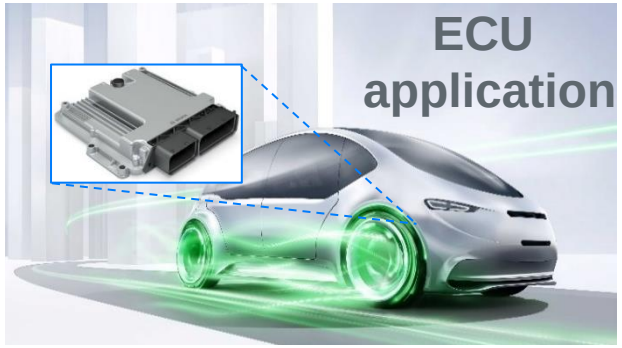


Physical model

Production code



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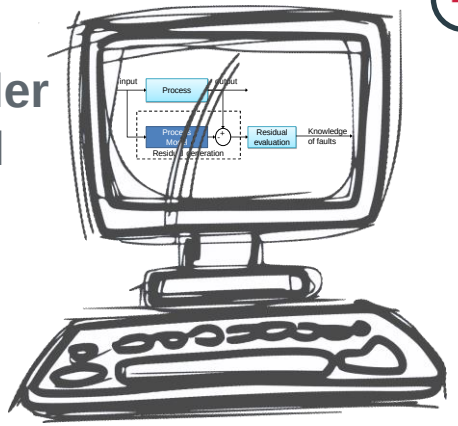
Controller model



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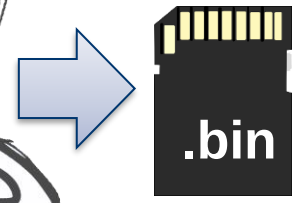

eFMI solution: …defined by a common standard

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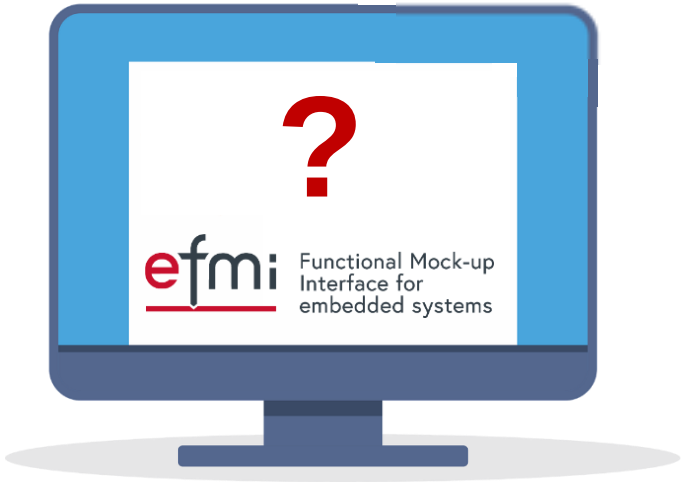
Open standard for model-driven development of advanced control functions for safety-critical and real-time targets.

Ok, eFMI is about bringing physics simulations to safety-critical real-time targets!



But what *is* the eFMI Standard?

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eFMI Standard: Mission

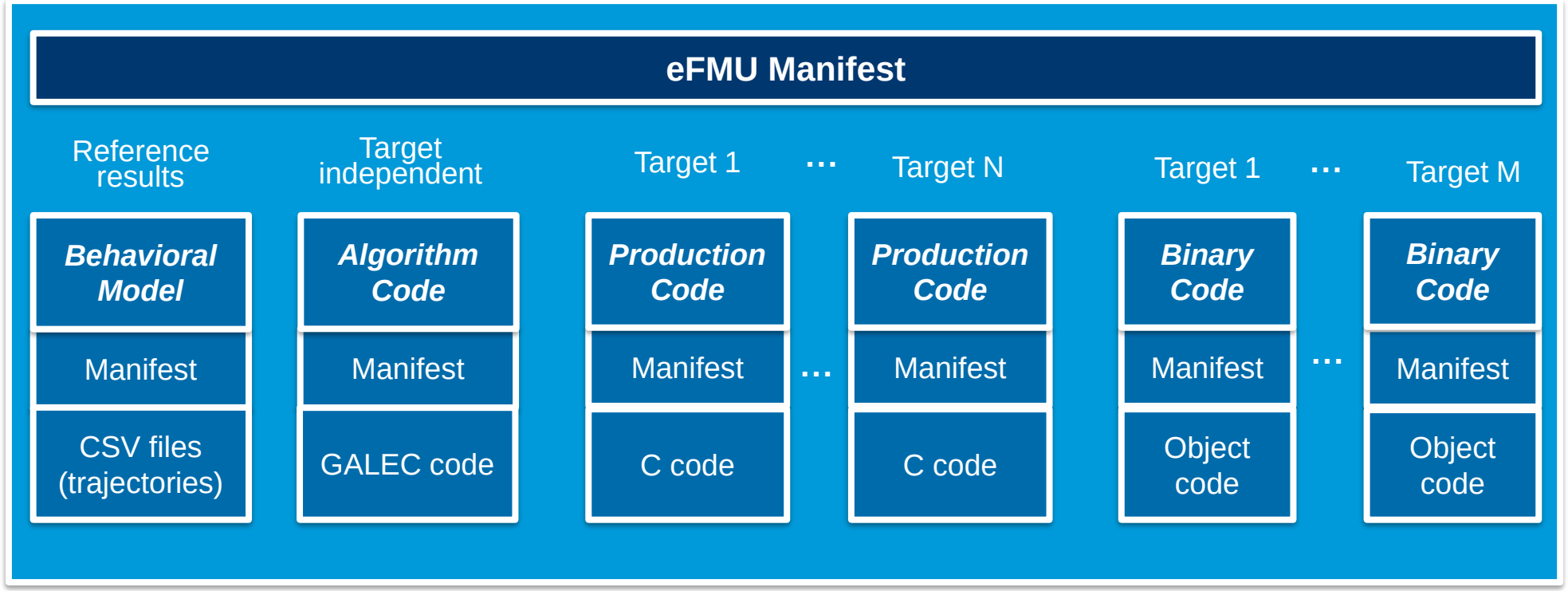
New standard enabling the application of (physics) models in embedded software:

- Workspace for step-wise development and refinement
  (from first high-level algorithmic solution to an embedded implementation on a dedicated target environment)
- Cover the development concerns of implementation, testing, and integration

eFMUs model representations support:

- *Behavioral Model* container: Behavior / reference results for testing.
- *Algorithm Code* container: Target-independent bounded algorithmic solution based on *GALEC*
  (new programming language for safety-critical, real-time suited, fix-rate sampled algorithms)
- *Production Code* container: C implementations, tailored and optimized for target environment requirements
- *Binary Code* container: Binary distributions and their „build-recipes“, ready for embedded system integration

eFMI Standard: Container architecture



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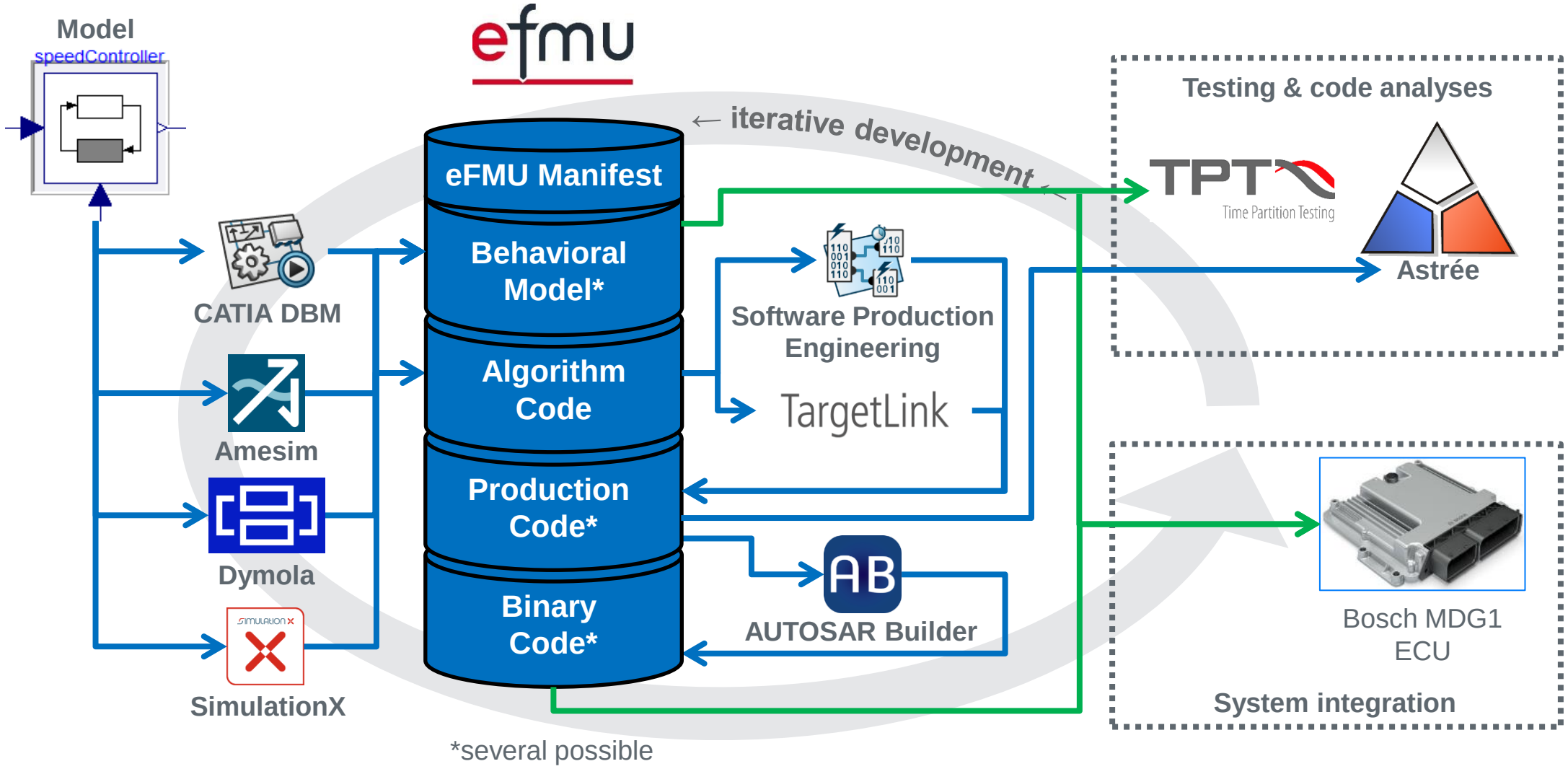
eFMI Standard: Toolchain & workflow



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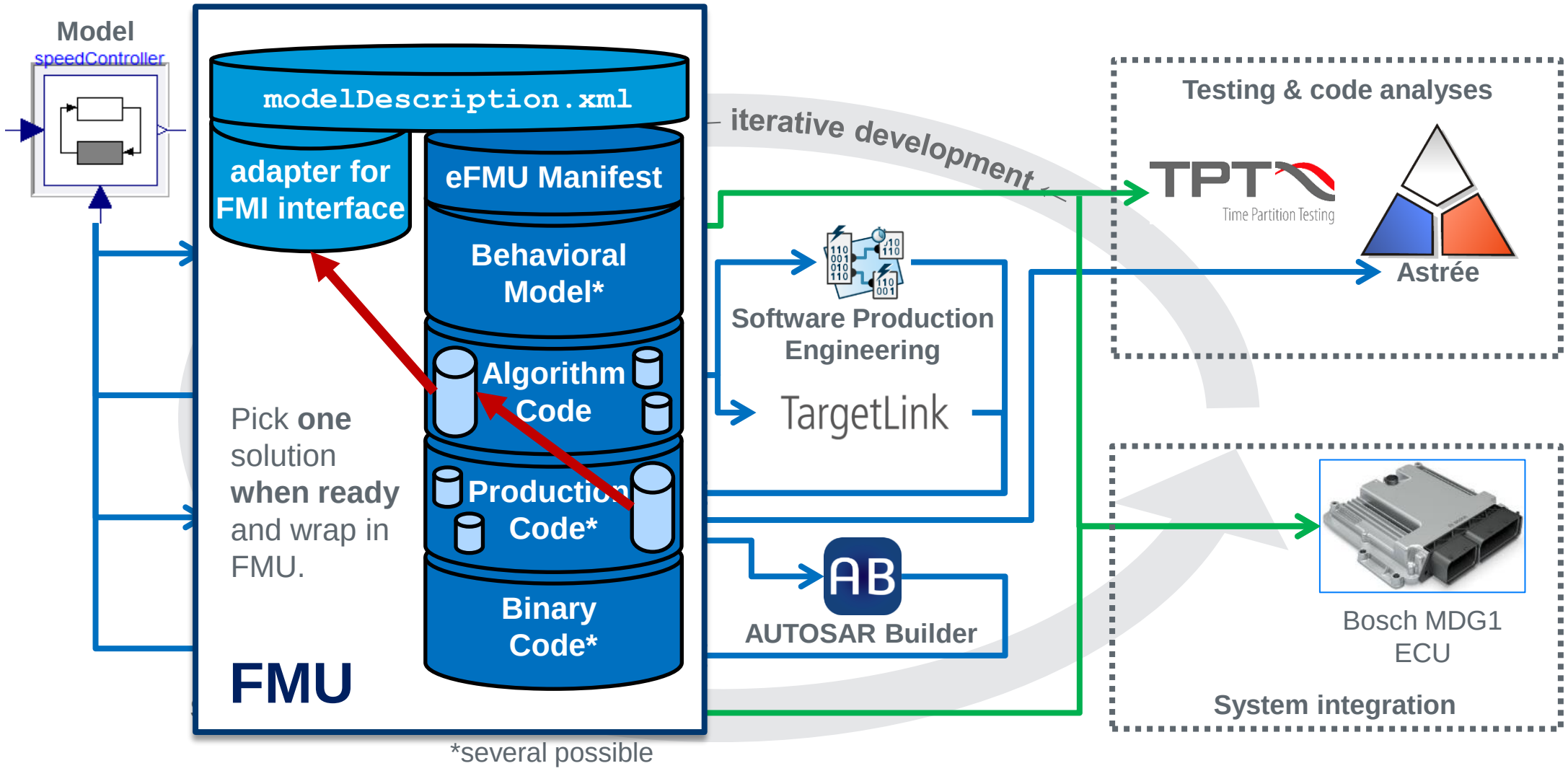

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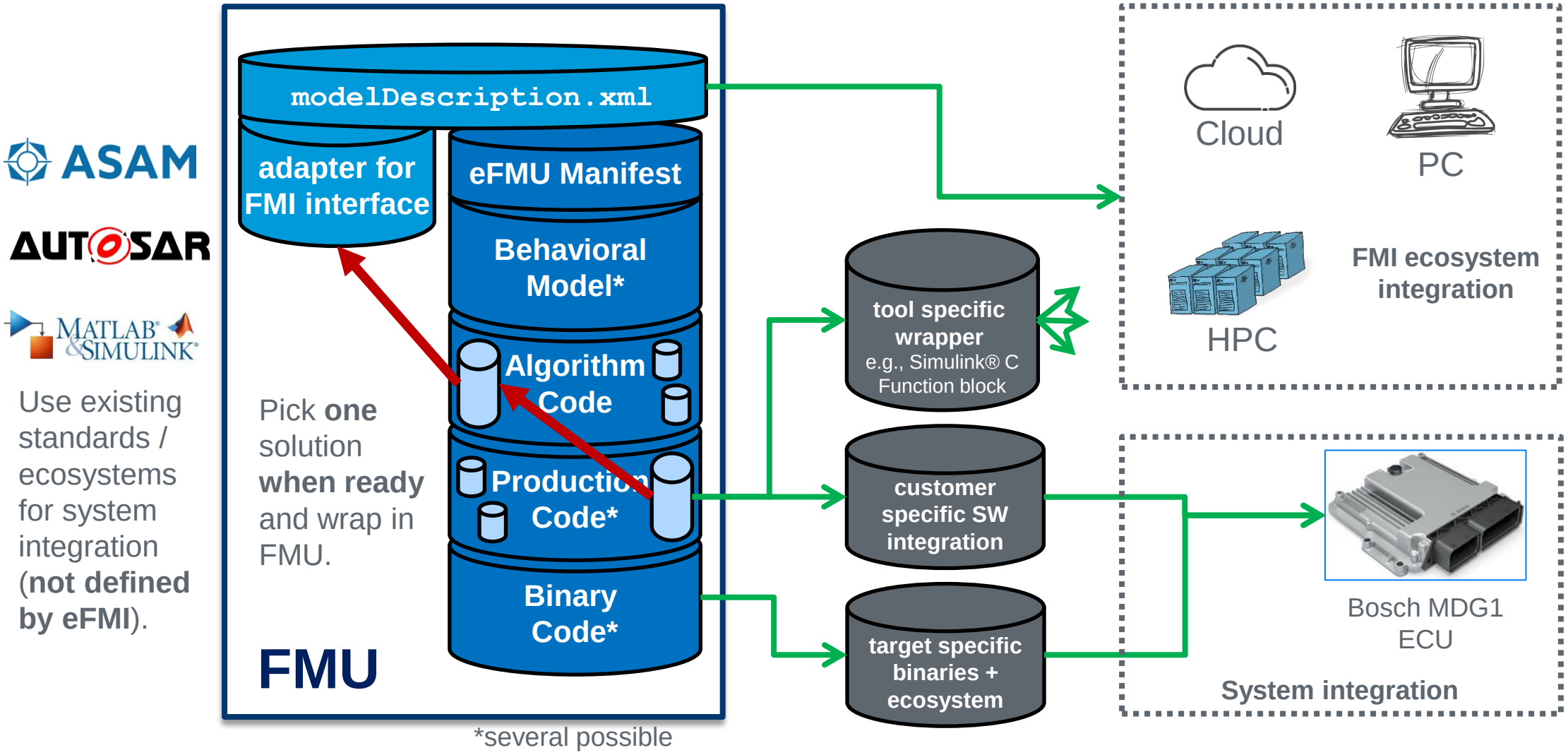

Ok, the eFMI Standard defines model representations capturing embedded software development stages, leaving finding solutions to expert tools!

But how does the eFMI Standard enable an automatized toolchain satisfying functional, safety-critical and real-time objectives?

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eFMI Standard: Container architecture & traceability

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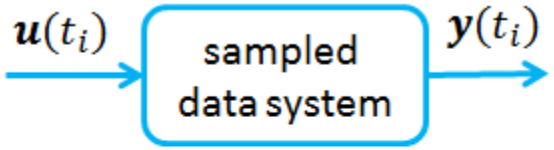

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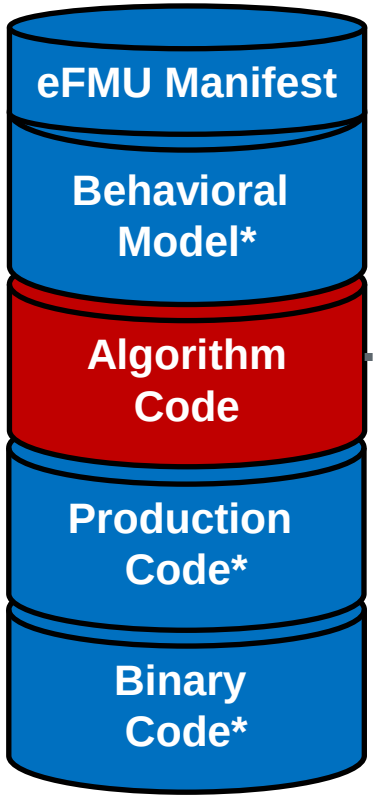

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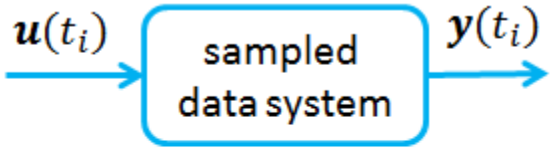

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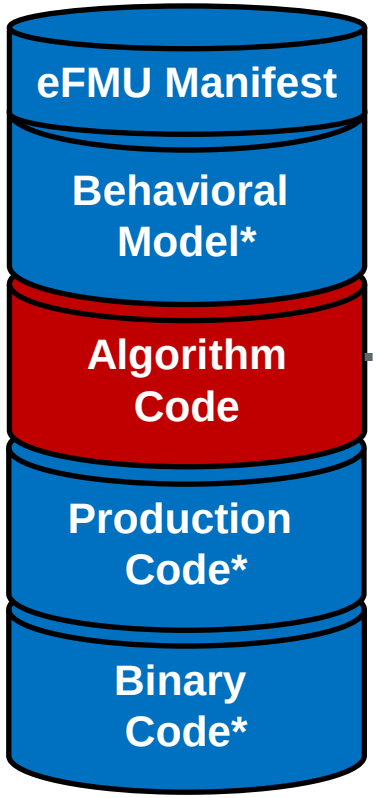

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Common interface, with well-defined life-cycle semantic:

- (default) initialization
- sampling
- recalibration
- reinitialization

⇒ Defines valid system integration scenarios.

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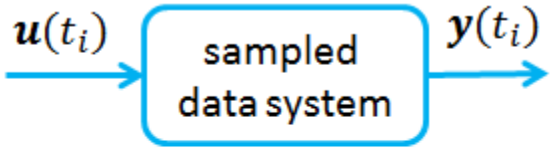

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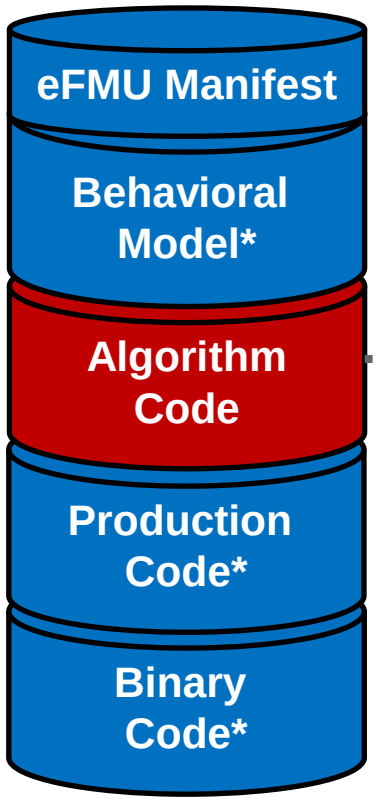

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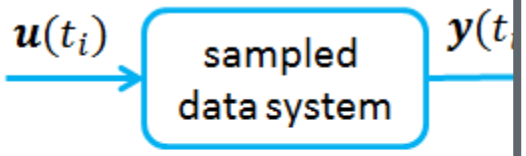

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Starting point of further code generation: *GALEC* program generated by modeling tool.

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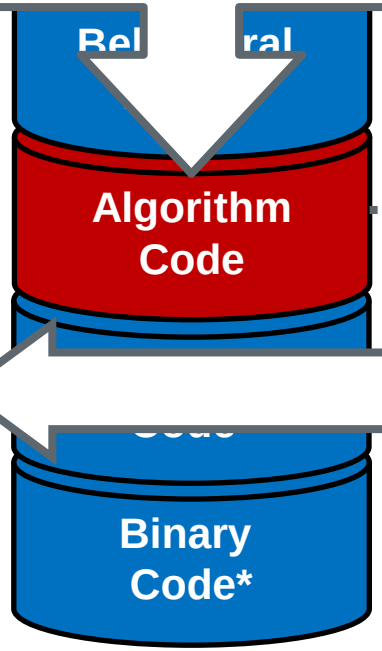

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Implicit language guarantees guard further eFMI tooling.

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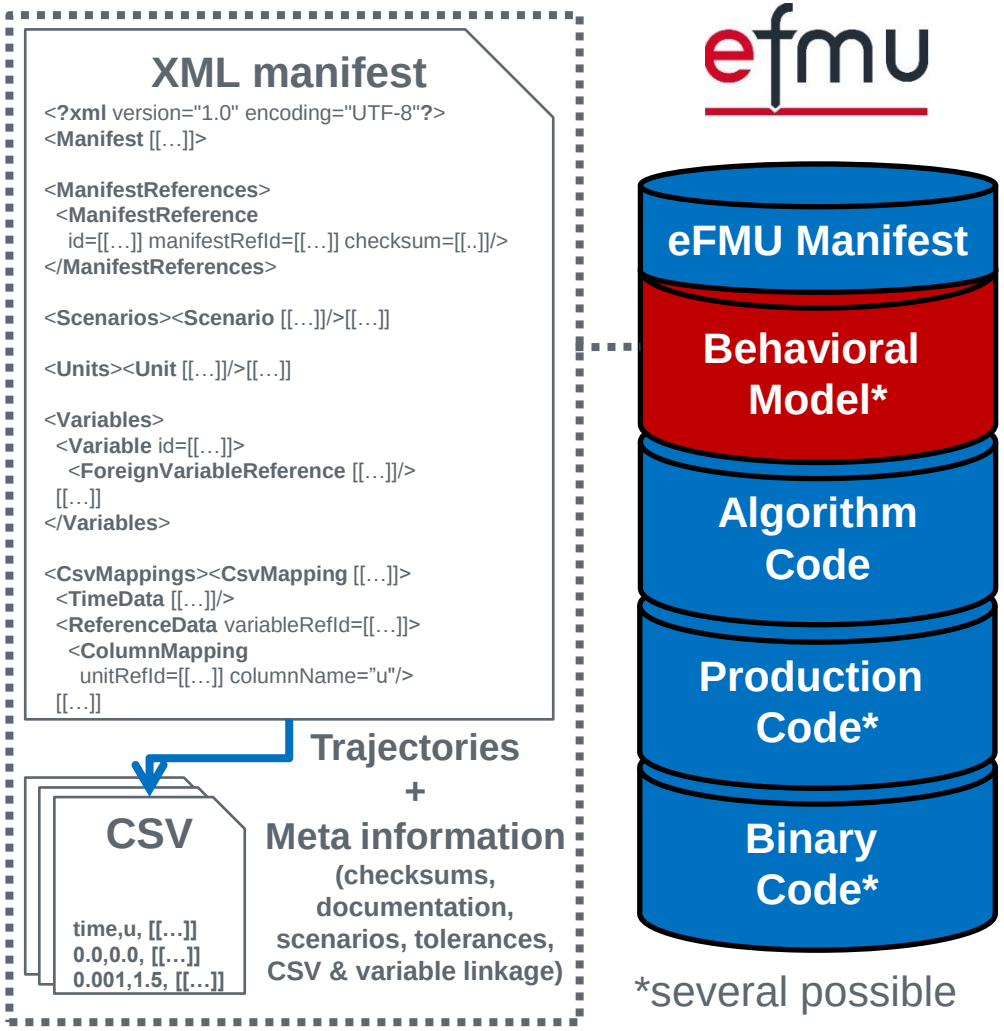

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Behavioral Model features:

- Documentation & test scenarios in manifest
- Well-defined units and types
- Well-defined mapping of each variable's dimensions to individual reference-trajectory (CSV column)
- Three types of tolerances, with well-defined interpretation:
  - absolute
  - relative
  - explicit upper and lower bound trajectories
- Two types of trajectories w.r.t. time:
  - equidistant (with well-defined restrictions on time trajectory tolerances)
  - variable (with well-defined interpolation)
- CSV reference trajectories strictly follow RFC 4180 (only "," as separator, not ";"; only CRLF line-endings) with further restrictions:
  - no quoting, no additional whitespace
  - GALEC syntax for numbers
  - strictly monotone time trajectory

⇒ Unique interpretation

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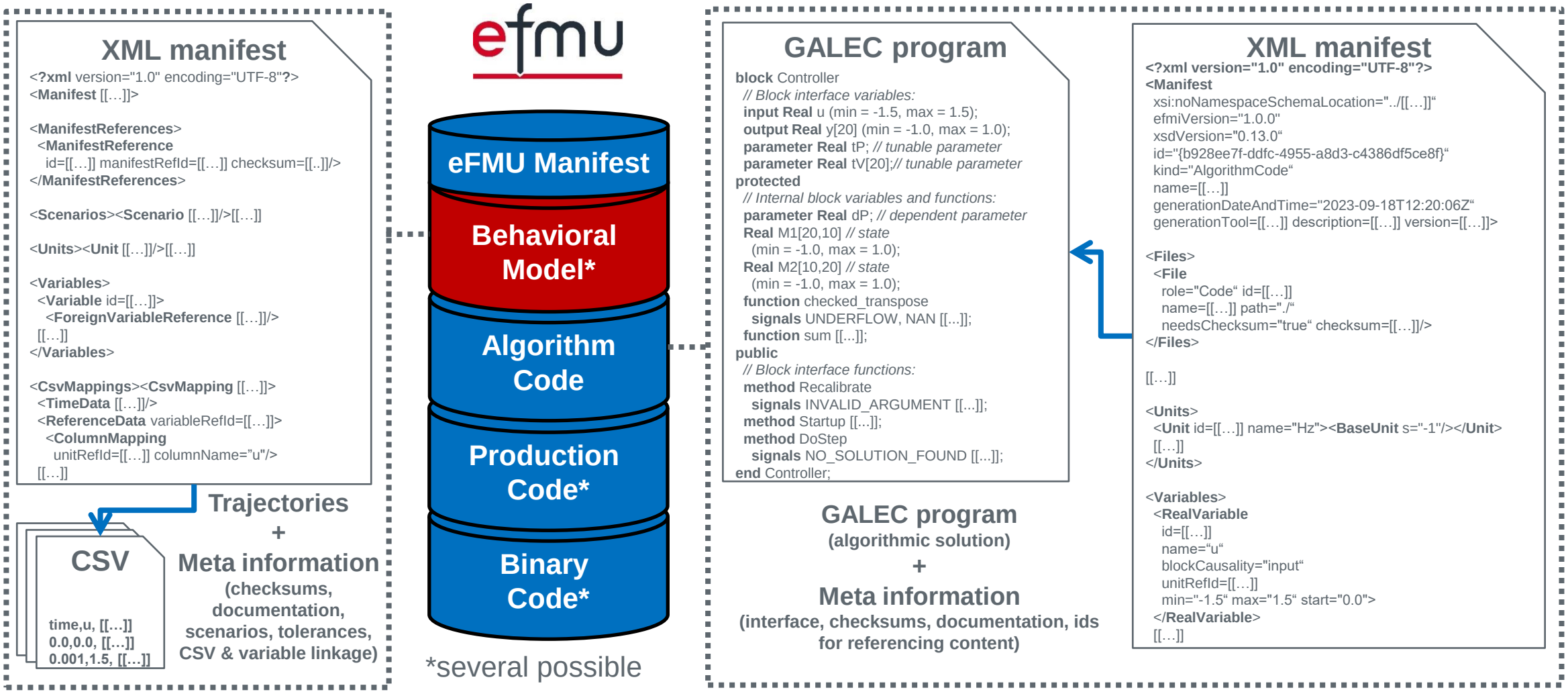

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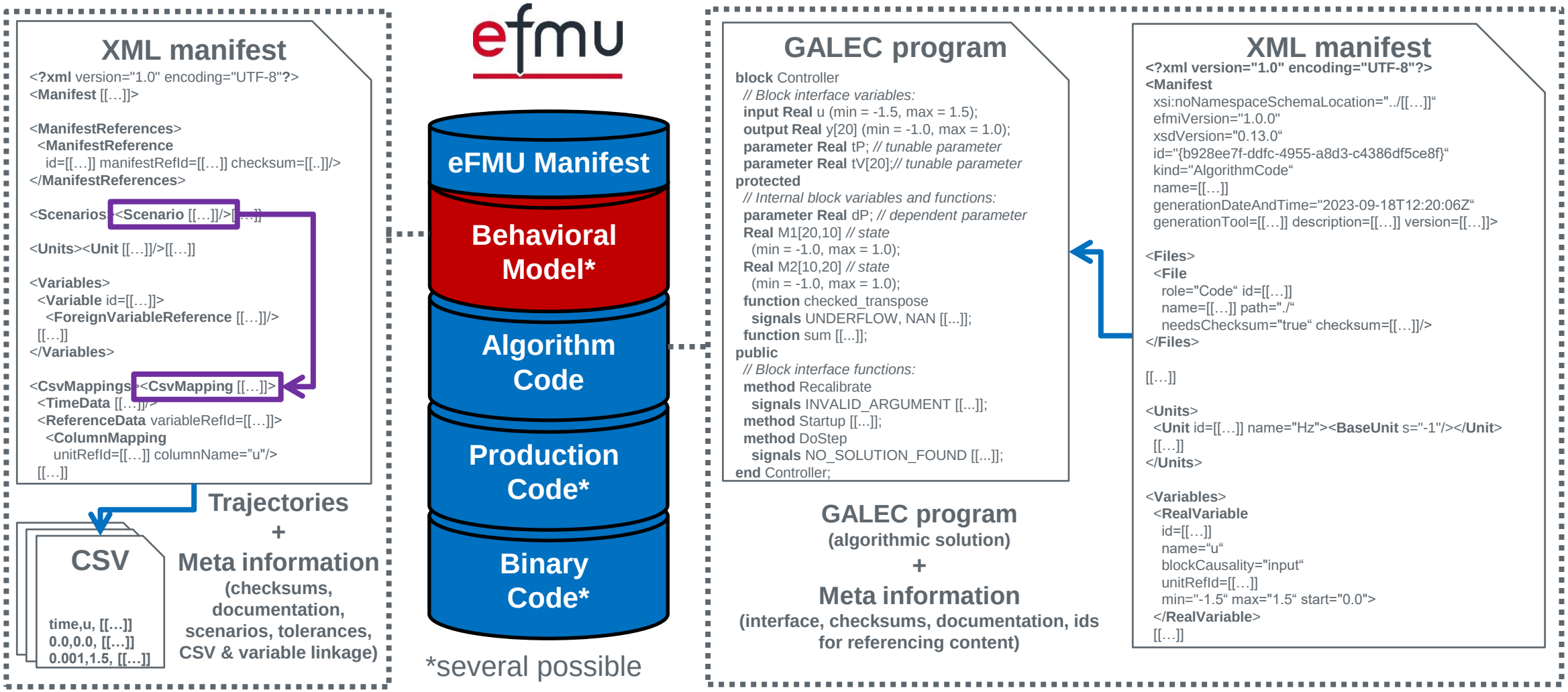

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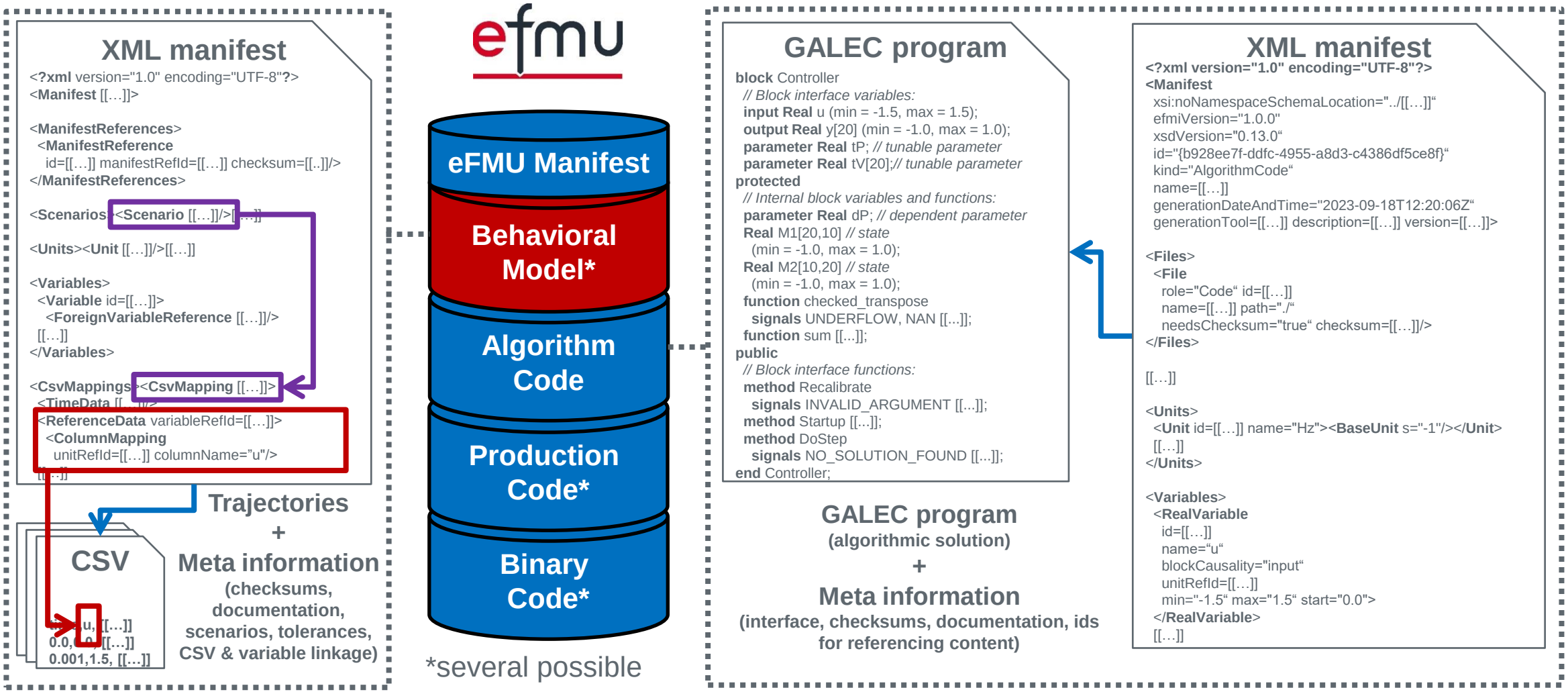

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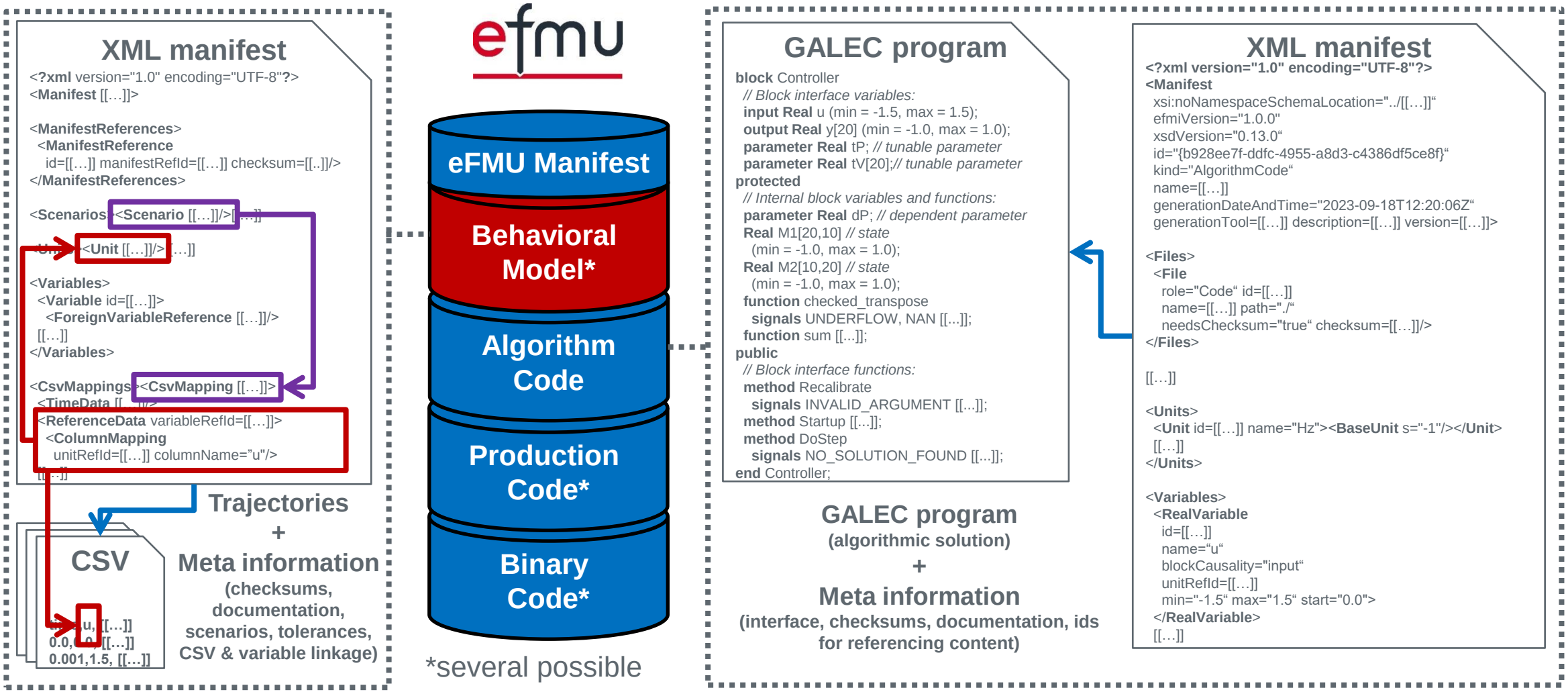

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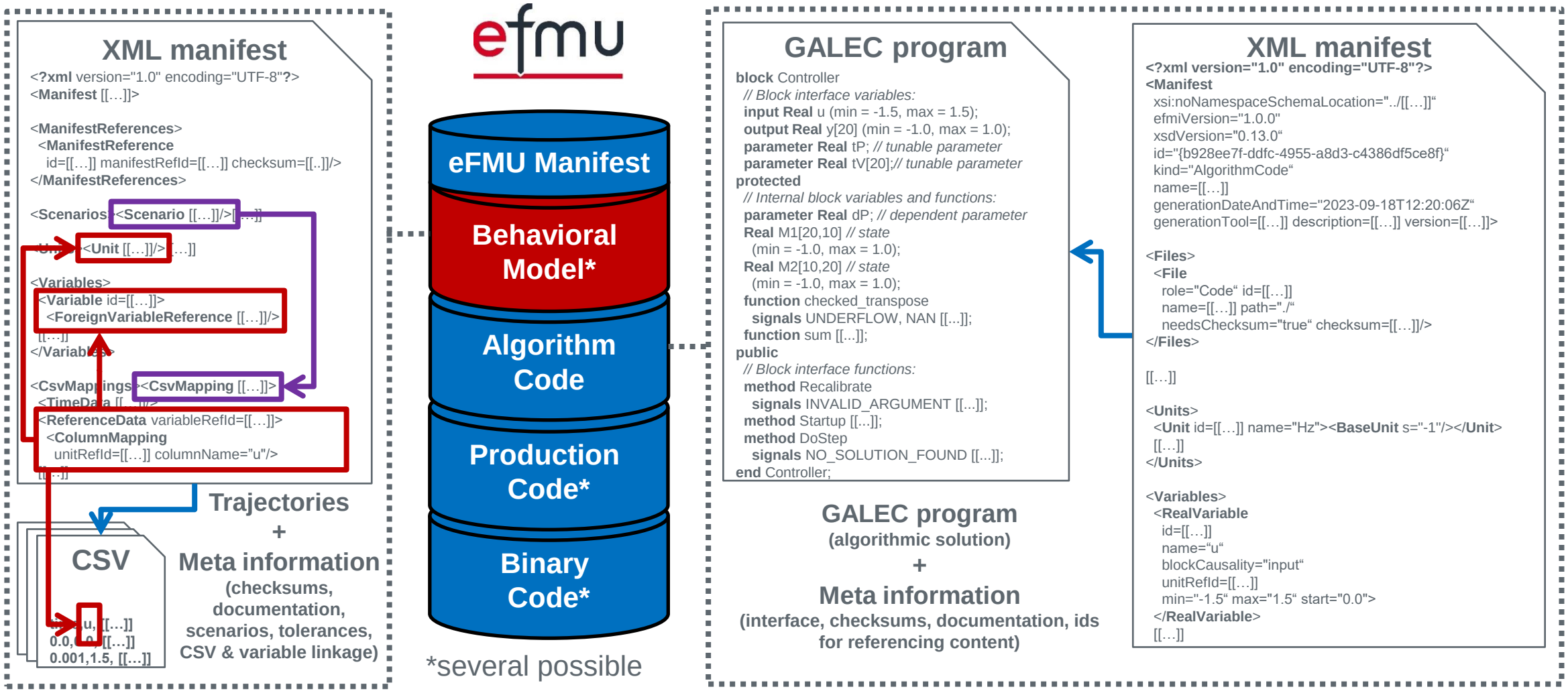

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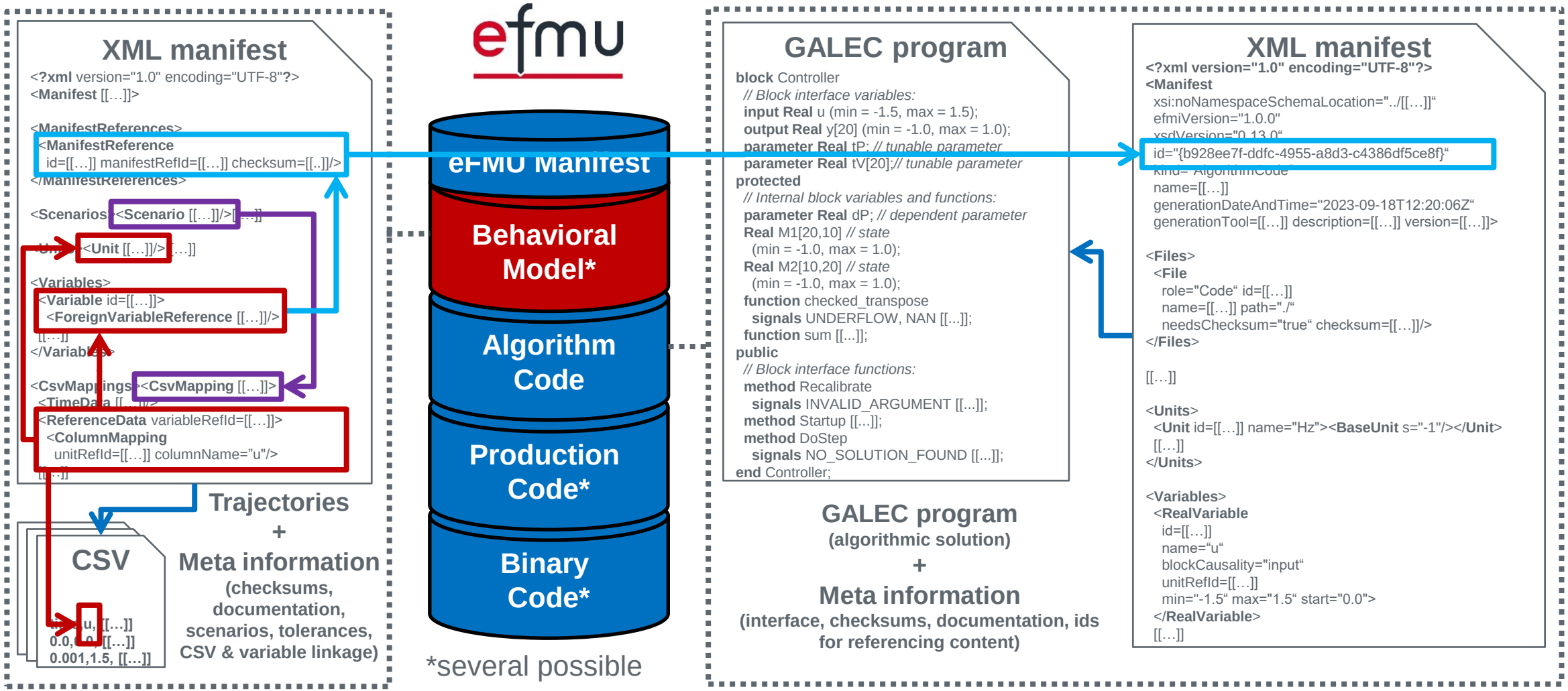

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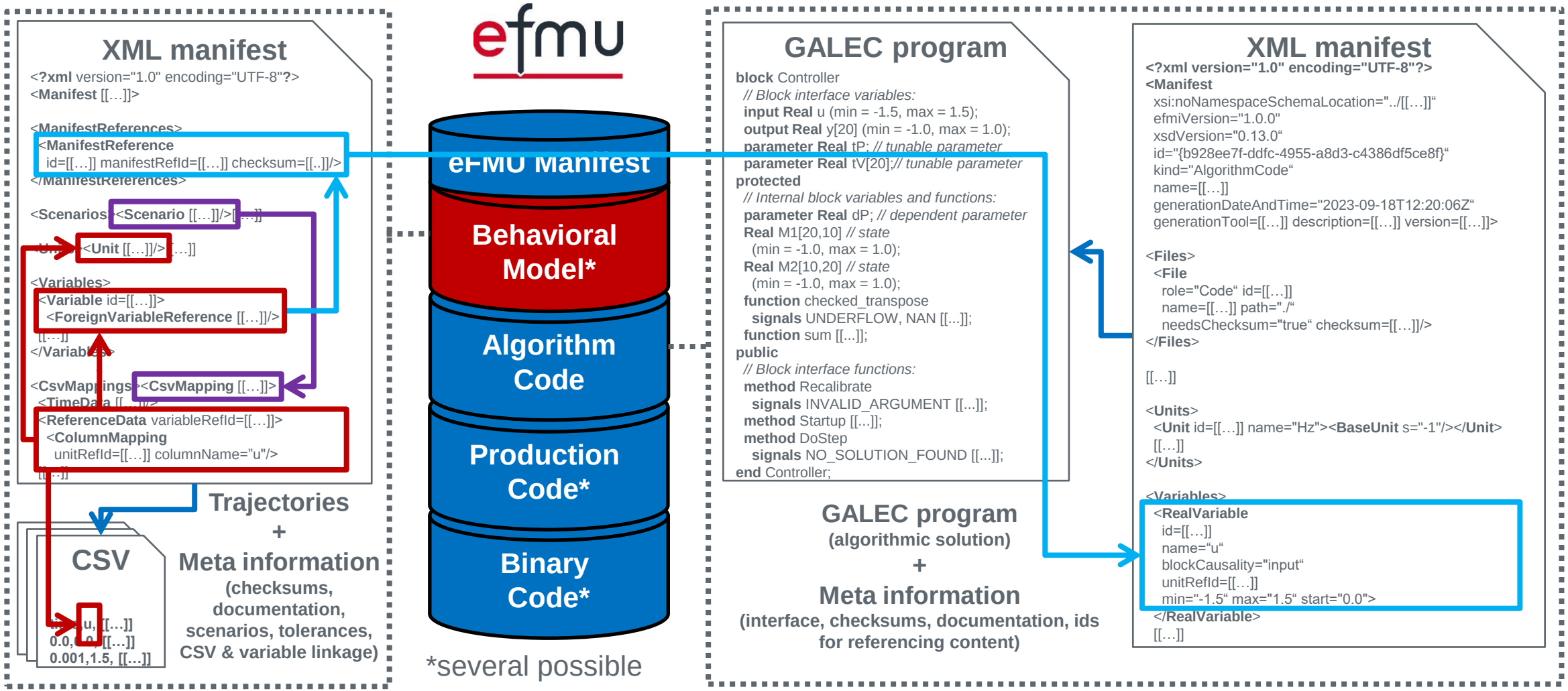

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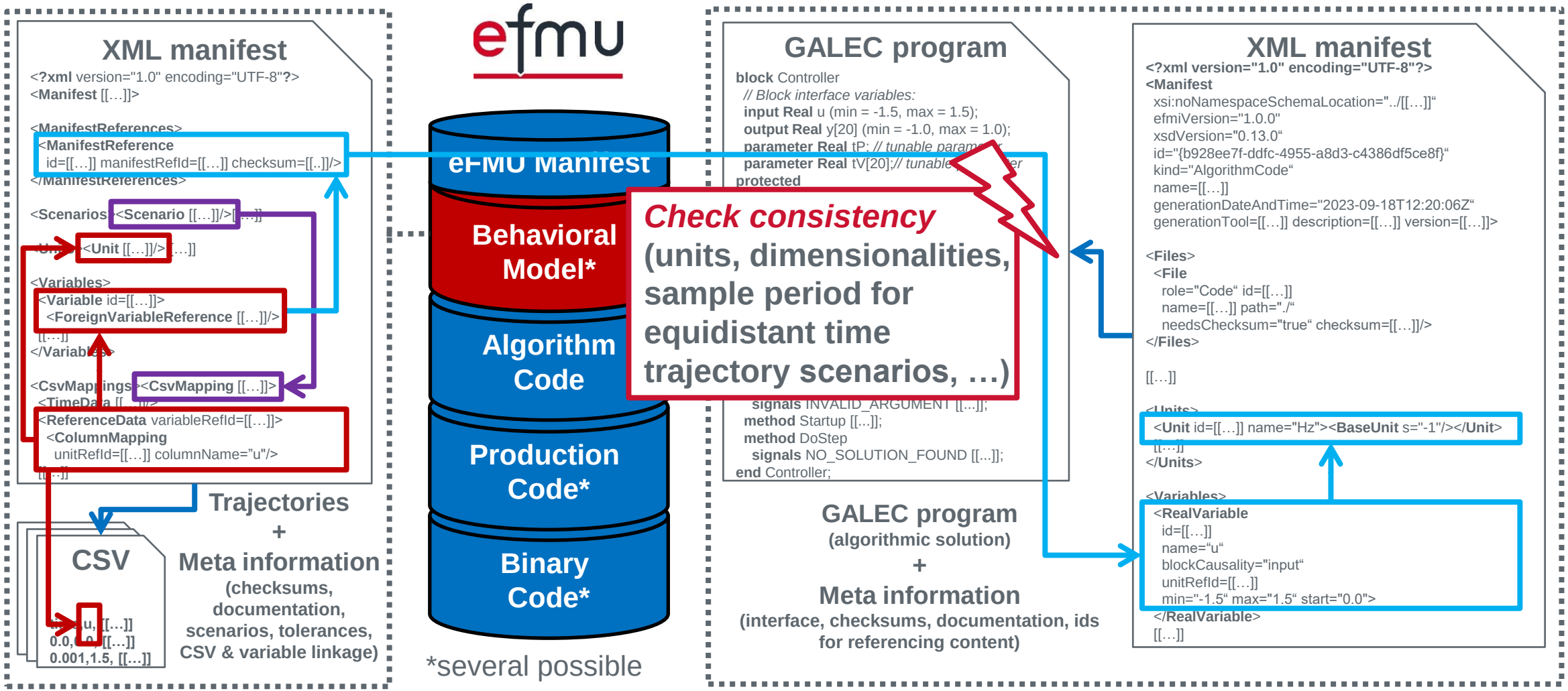

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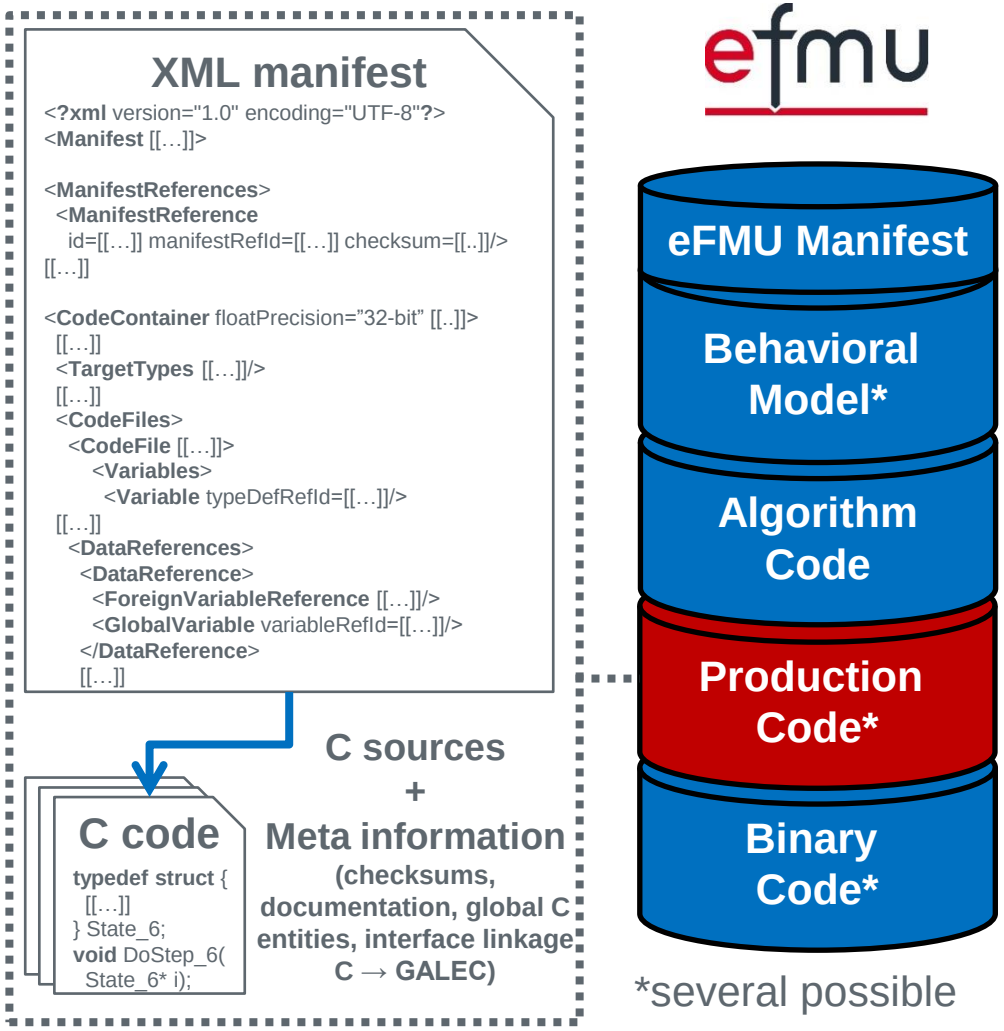

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Production Code container features:

- Documentation of C sources, dependencies, global entities & interface in manifest
- C data layout & interface not standardized
  ⇒ Enables target environment tailoring
- Links C code to variables and functions of Algorithm Code manifest
  ⇒ Links implementation to GALEC block interface & life-cycle
  ⇒ Documents how to system integrate the production code

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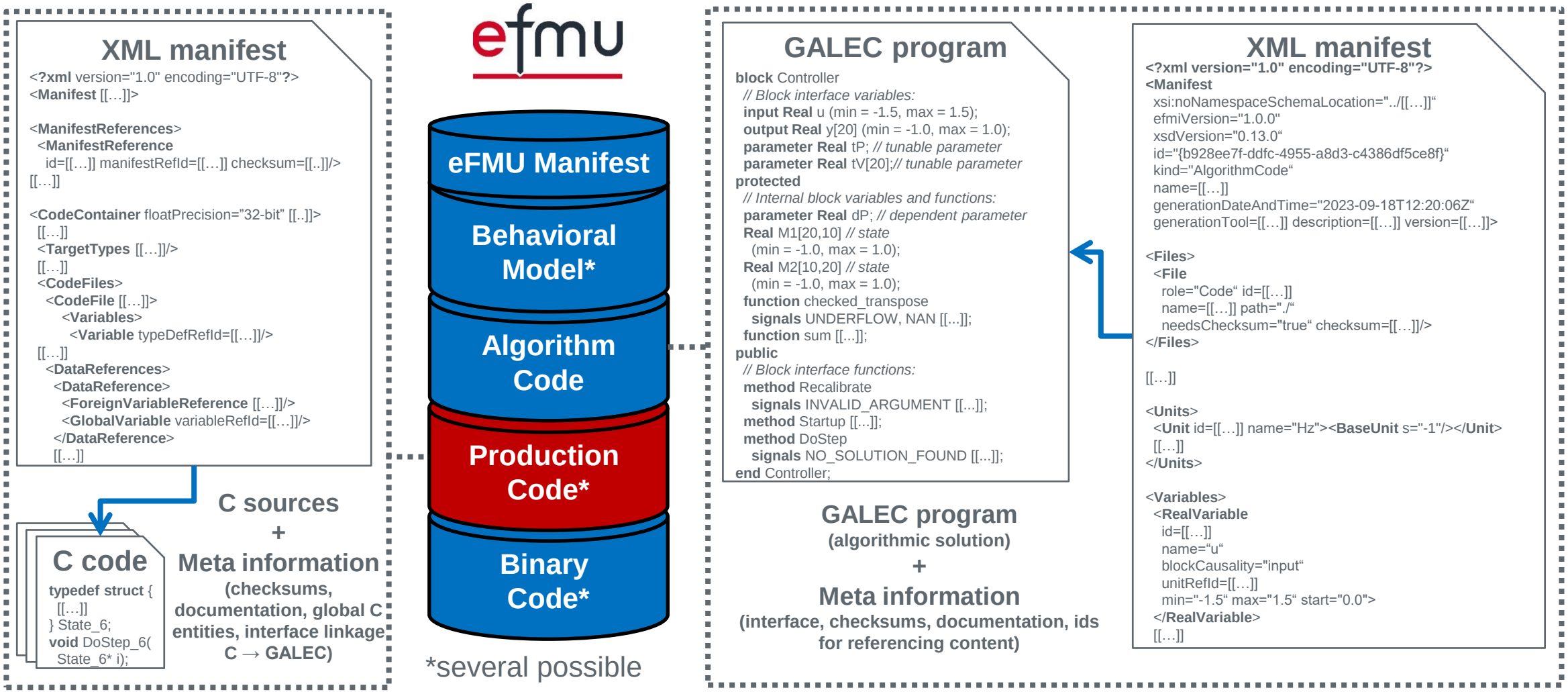

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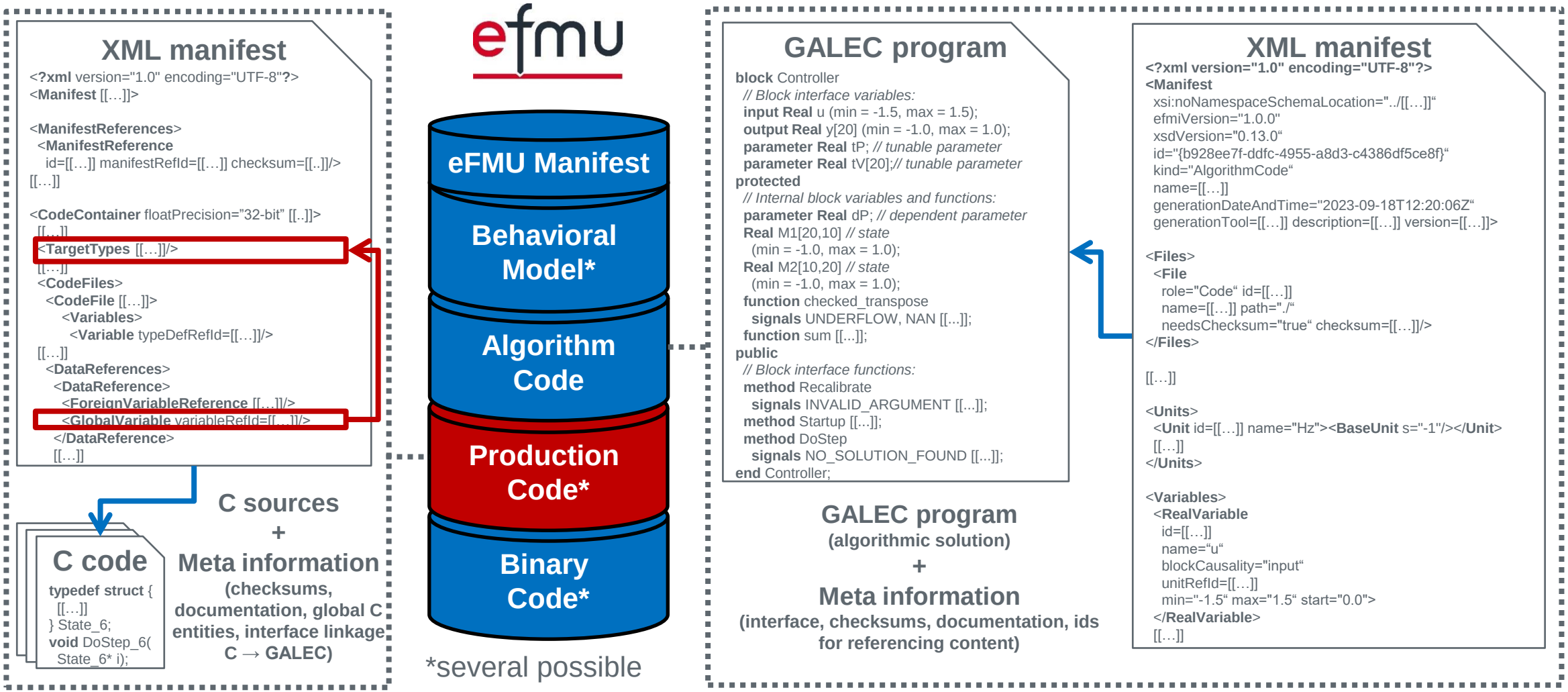

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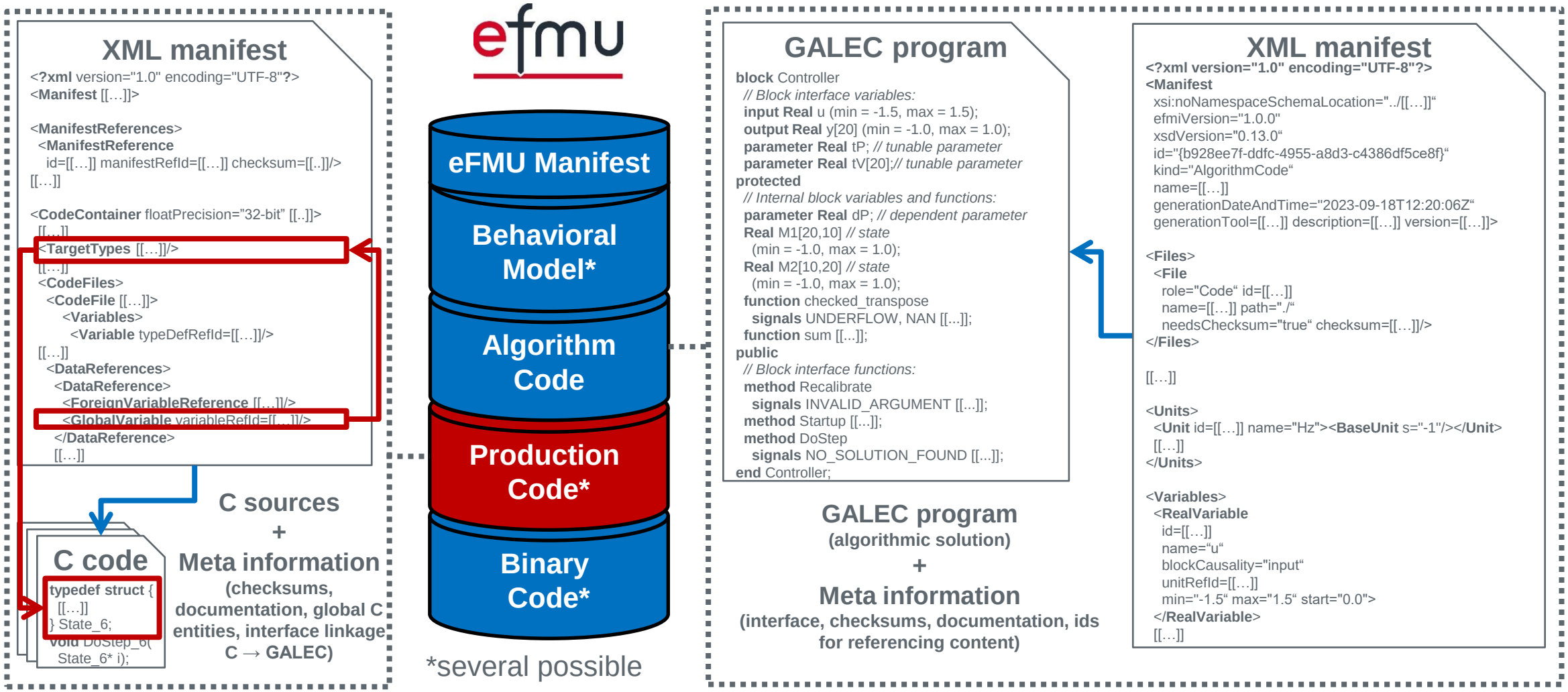

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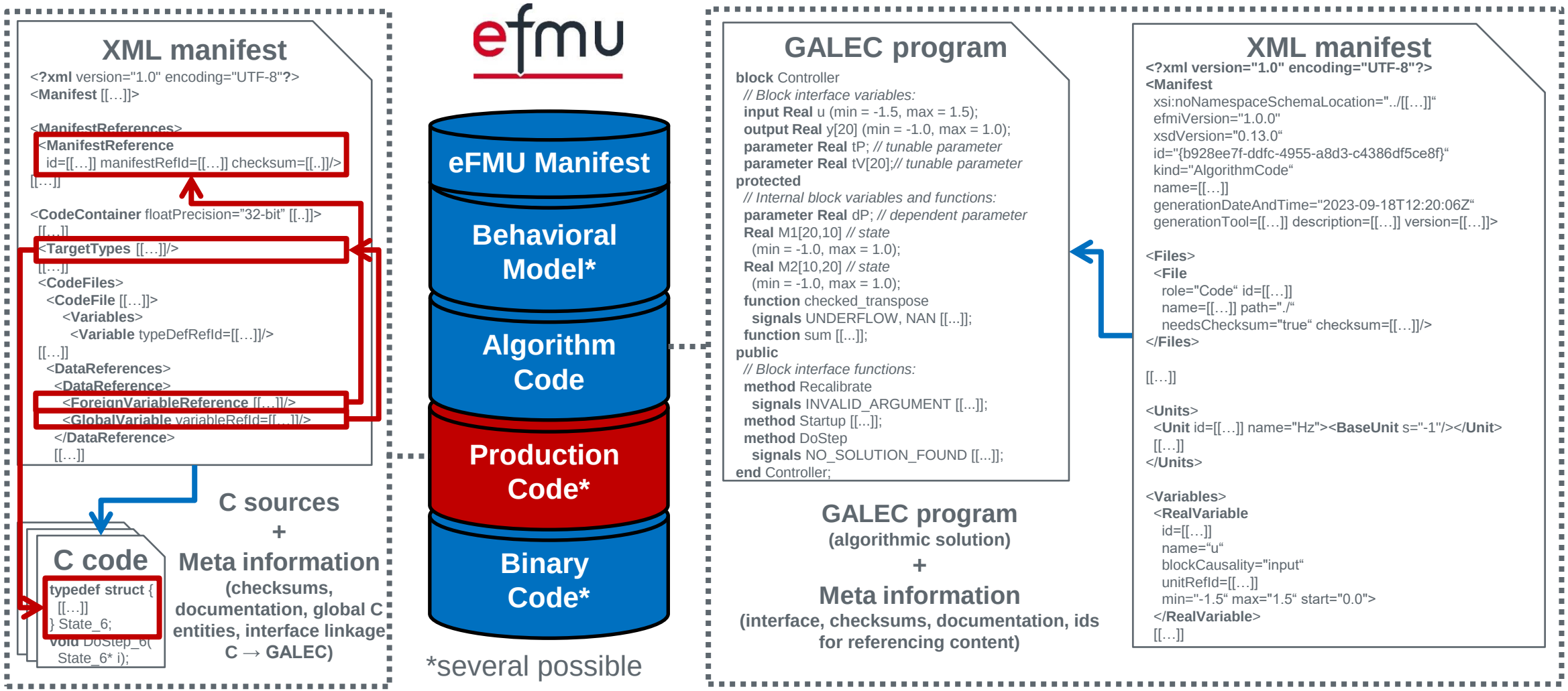

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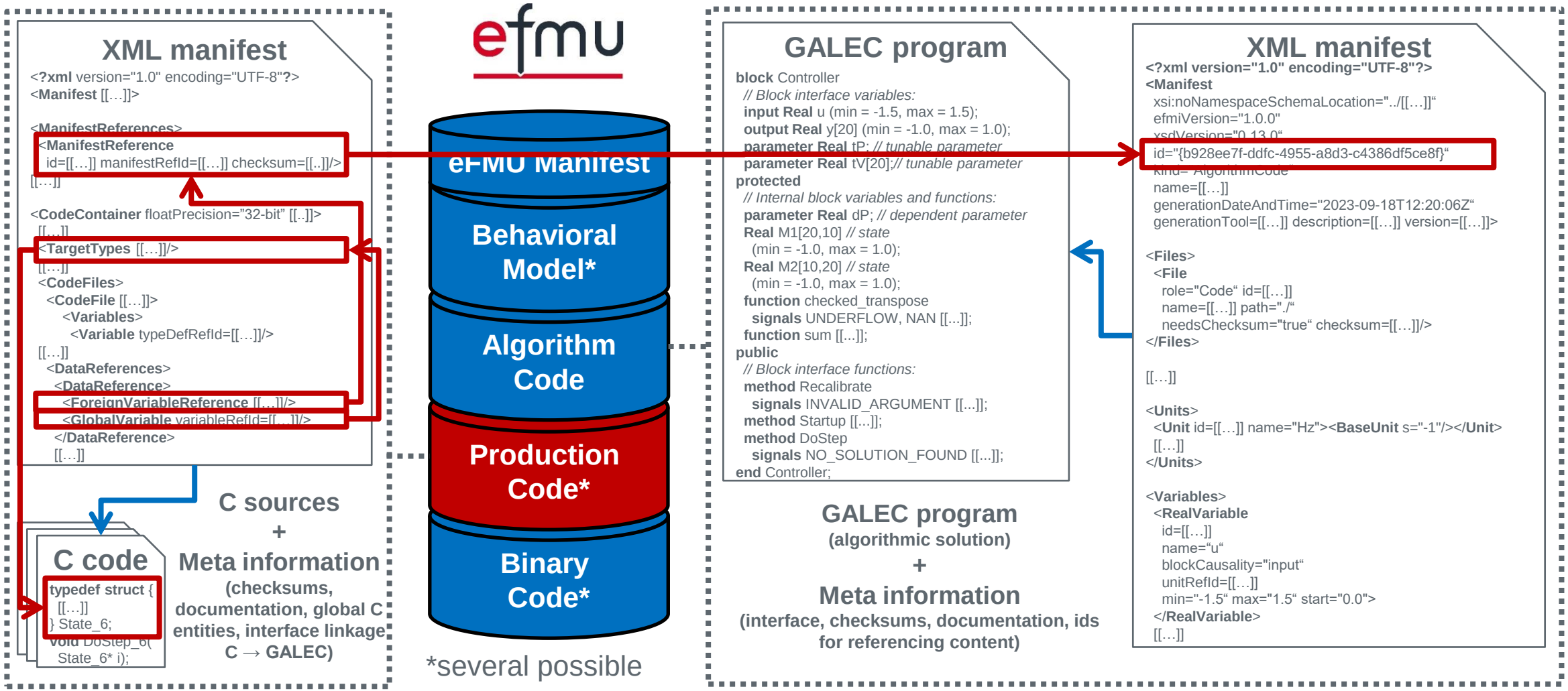

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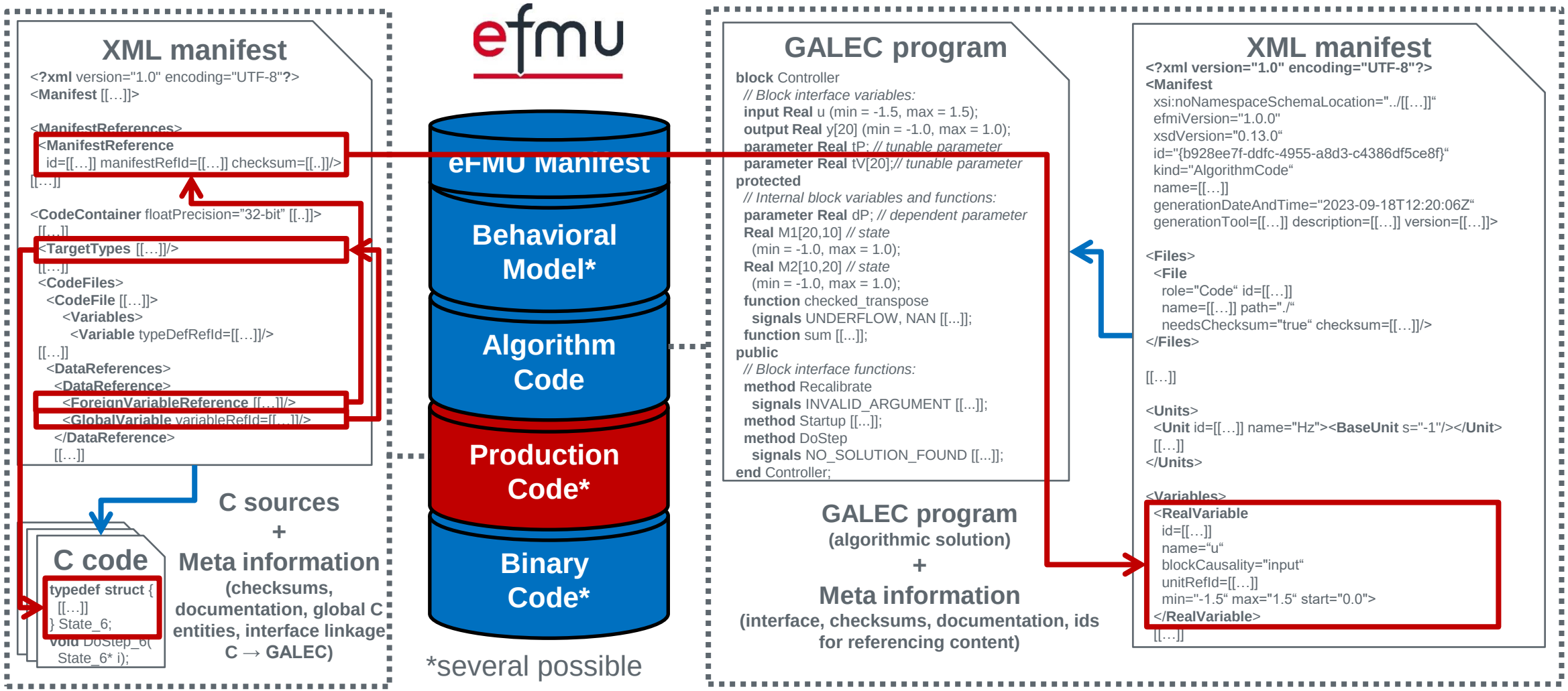

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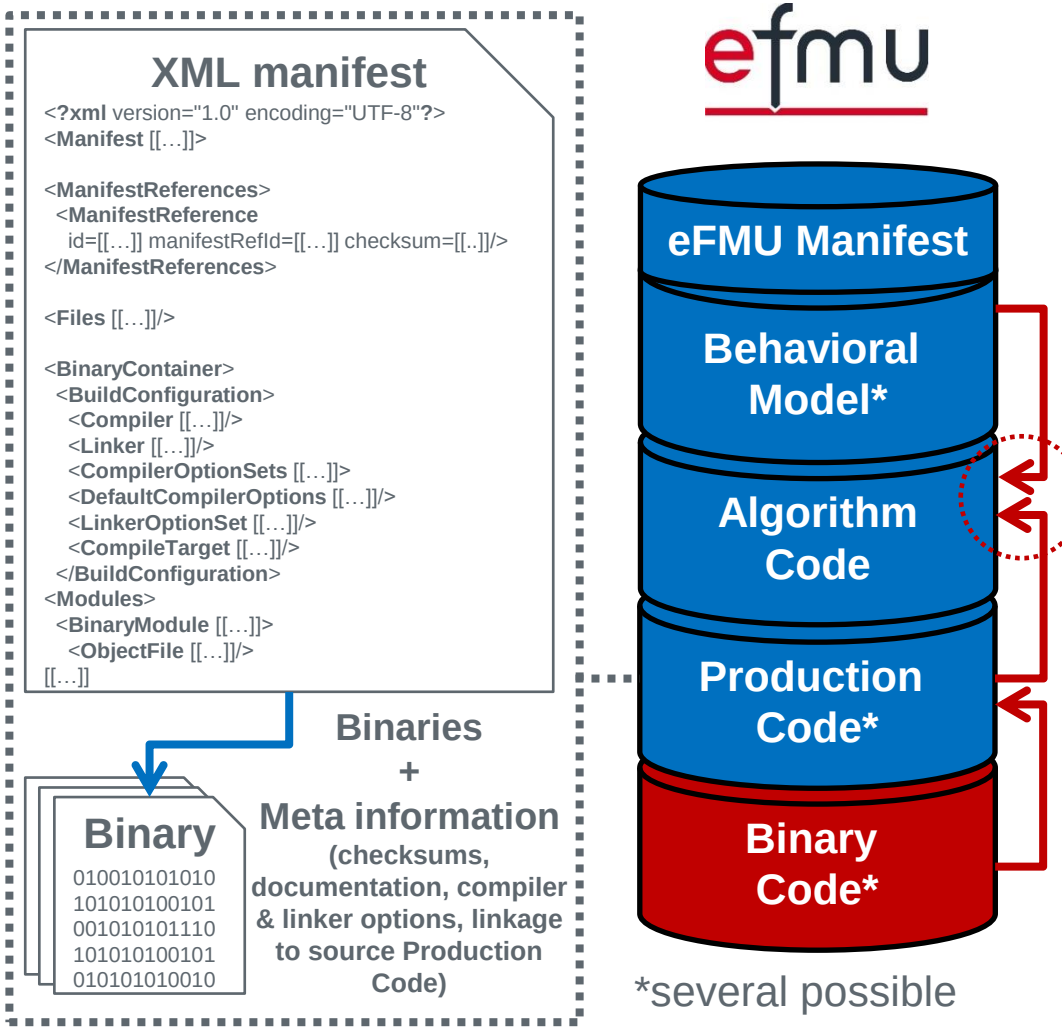

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Binary Code container features:

- Documentation of binaries & how they are build
  - used compiler & linker and their options
- Links to source Production Code container

To conduct tests:

- Match Behavioral Model with Production Code containers (via indirect linking)
- Use production code → GALEC interface linking for setup (i.e., for system integration in test environment)

eFMI Standard: Summary

The open standard for model-driven development of advanced control functions for safety-critical and real-time targets:

- Container architecture with well-defined model representations
  - Abstraction levels from expected behavior to binary code, from implementation to system-integration & testing

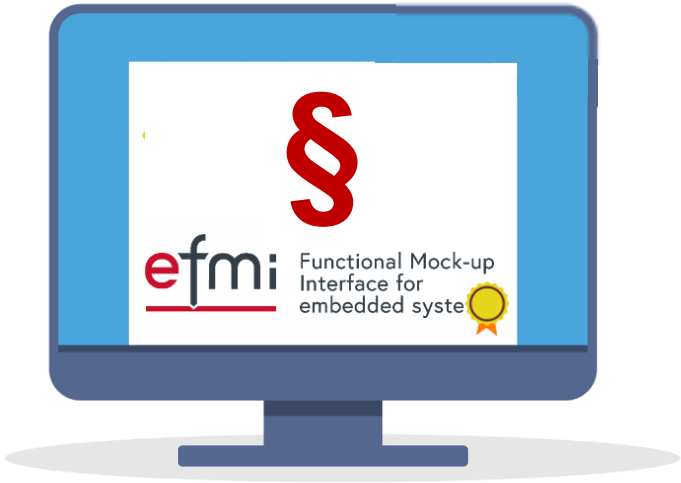
  ⇒ Enable collaboration of development stakeholders with different backgrounds, view-points & tooling (physics modeling, control engineering, embedded software development, etc)
  - Traceability & checksums

  ⇒ Enable detection of stale artefacts, toolchain automatization & code review
- GALEC with safety & real-time guarantees

  ⇒ Once algorithmic solution is found (not trivial modeling tool task), eFMI ”conveys” it to the embedded target (not trivial target environment tailoring & optimization task)
- Simple standard (only “what” has to be provided, not “how was it achieved”; no optional features)

  ⇒ The “Magic” is in the tools which are expert in their domain

Congratulations, you got the basics of the eFMI Standard!



Now let’s move on to some practice.

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Part 4: Advanced demonstrators (20 min)

Part 5 (industry case-study): eFMI based thermal management system (TMS) development for fuel cell electric vehicles (FCEV) (20 min)

Part 6: Outlook and conclusion (5 min)

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