

Tom Gilb – Quantifying Music

Dominic Robinson – The Beard Heuristic

Jim Hague – Setting up an ACCU local group

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Erik Schlyter – Teenage Mutant Niinja Turtles Pattern

Diomidis Spinellis – name !shame: Rational Naming

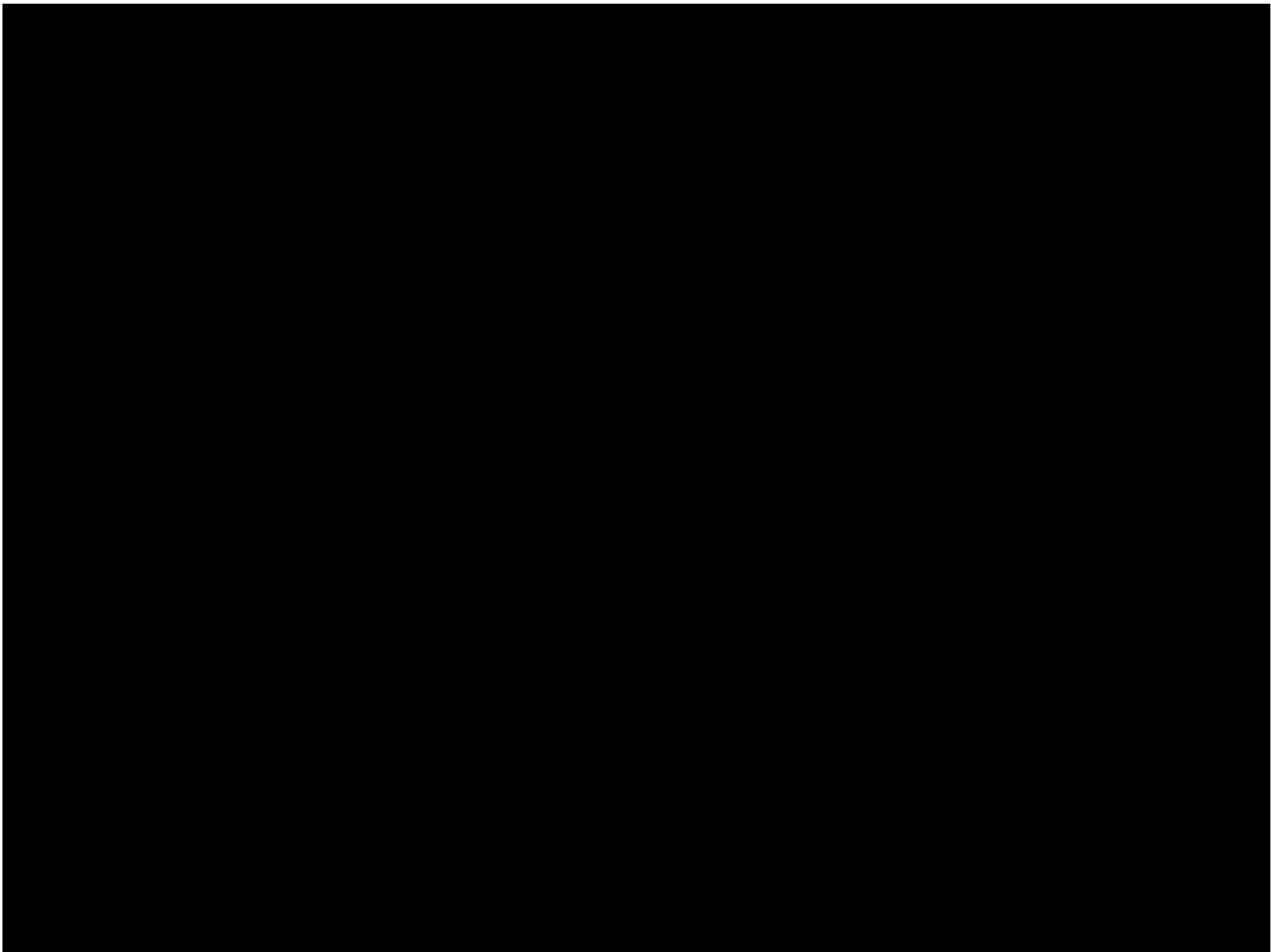
Anders Schau Knatten – AUTOMATE ALL THE THINGS

Andy Balaam – Implementing Tail-call Optimisation in C++

Klaus Marquardt – Learning From School

Ed Sykes & Raj Singh – Posse Programming

Bernhard Merkle – I Use A Dead Language



I use a
dead language...

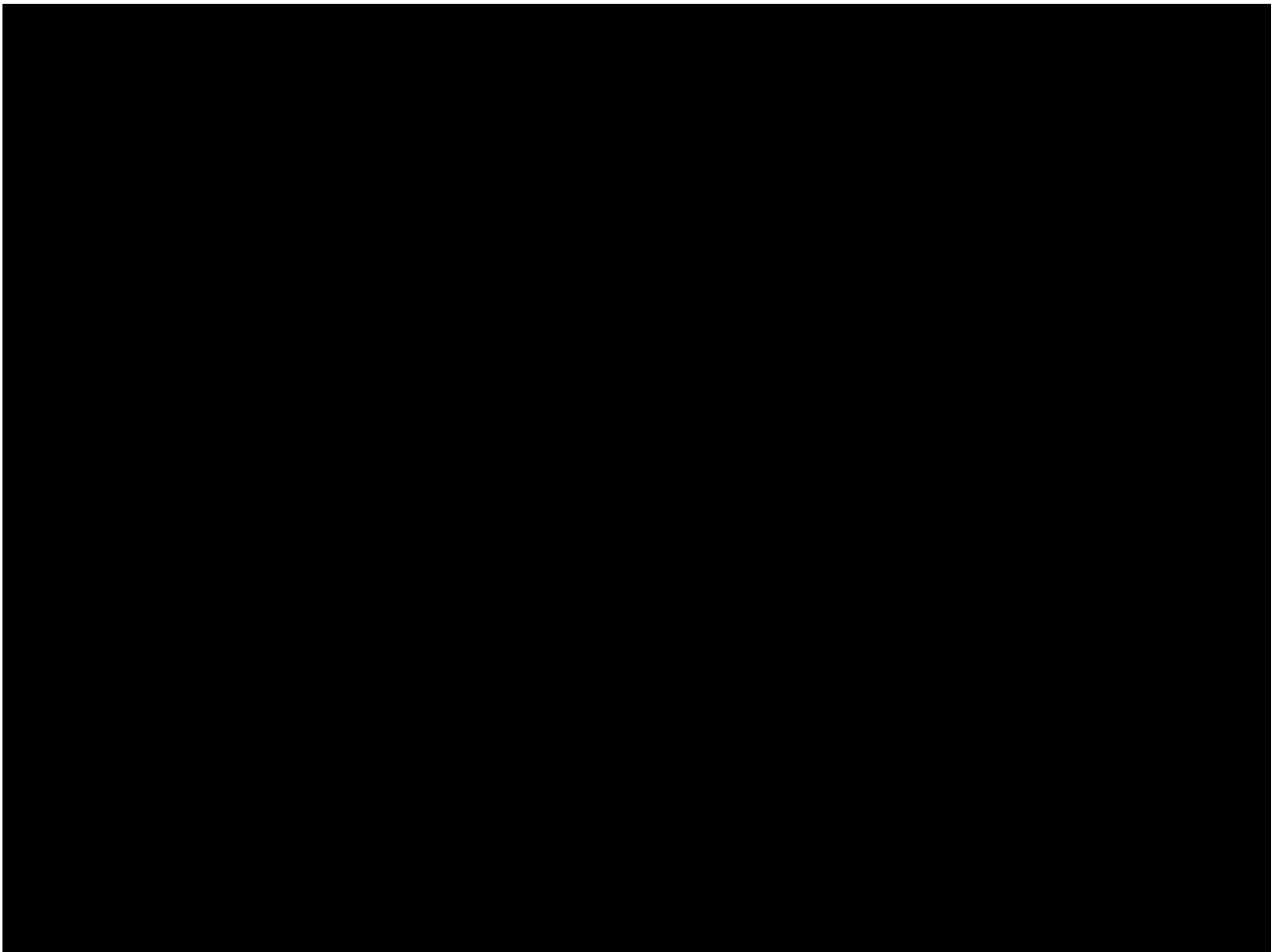
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ACCU 2012

Lightning ~~talk~~

Disclaimer:

- I do embedded development and still feel the metal



embedded
software
development
is hard... ;-(

I work for
SICK
sensors

I work for
SICK
sensors

YOU: "Eh...???" (!@#\$ ^)'

SICK Sensors...

: Industrial Sensors



: Advanced Industrial Sensors



: Encoder



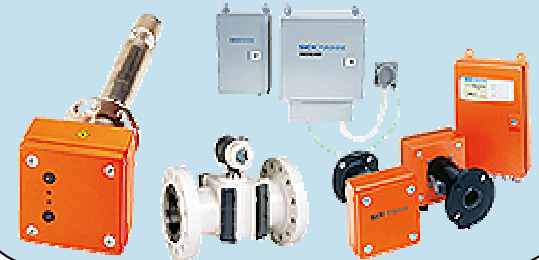
: Industrial Safety Systems



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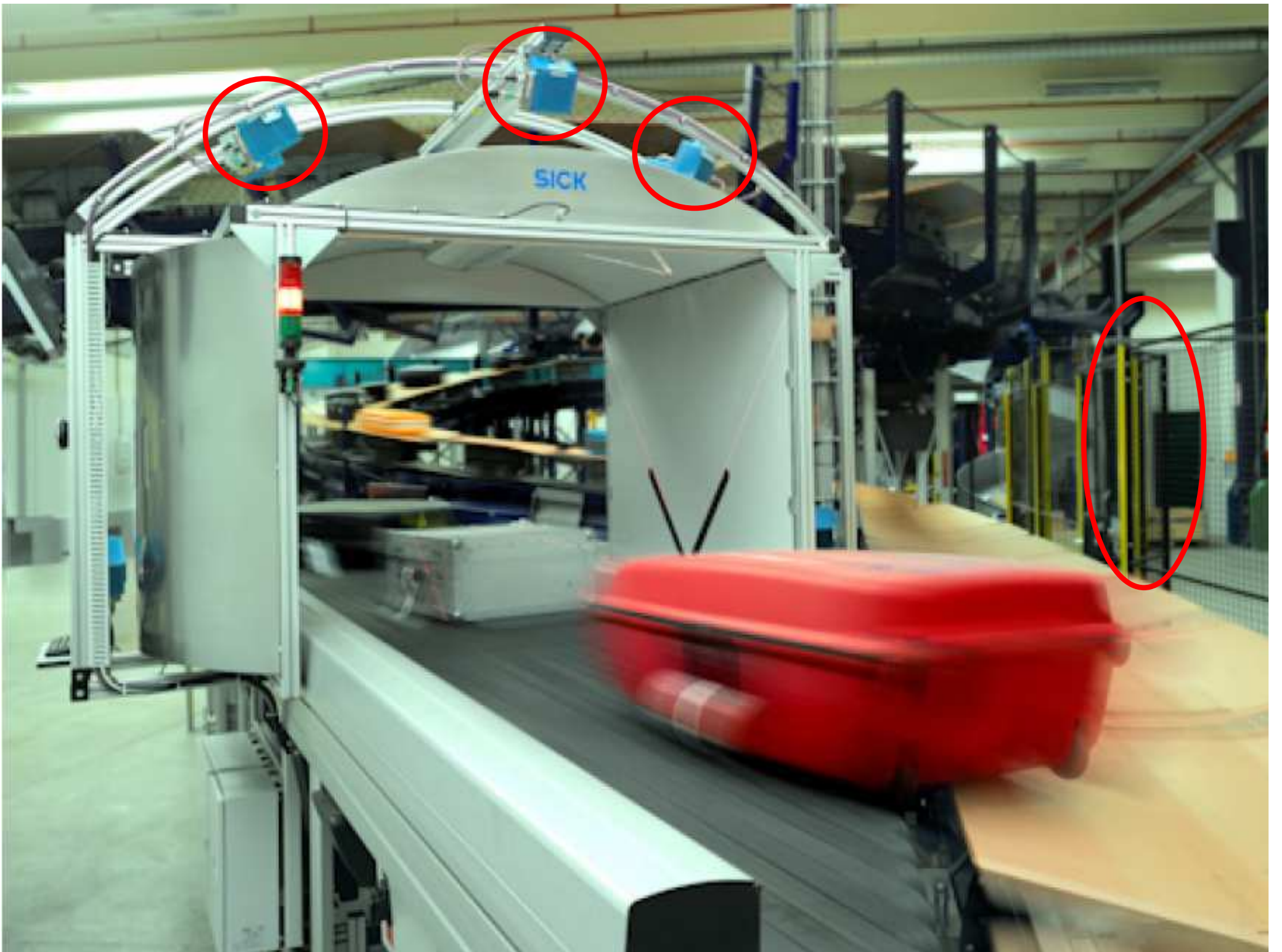


: Analyzers & Process Instrumentation









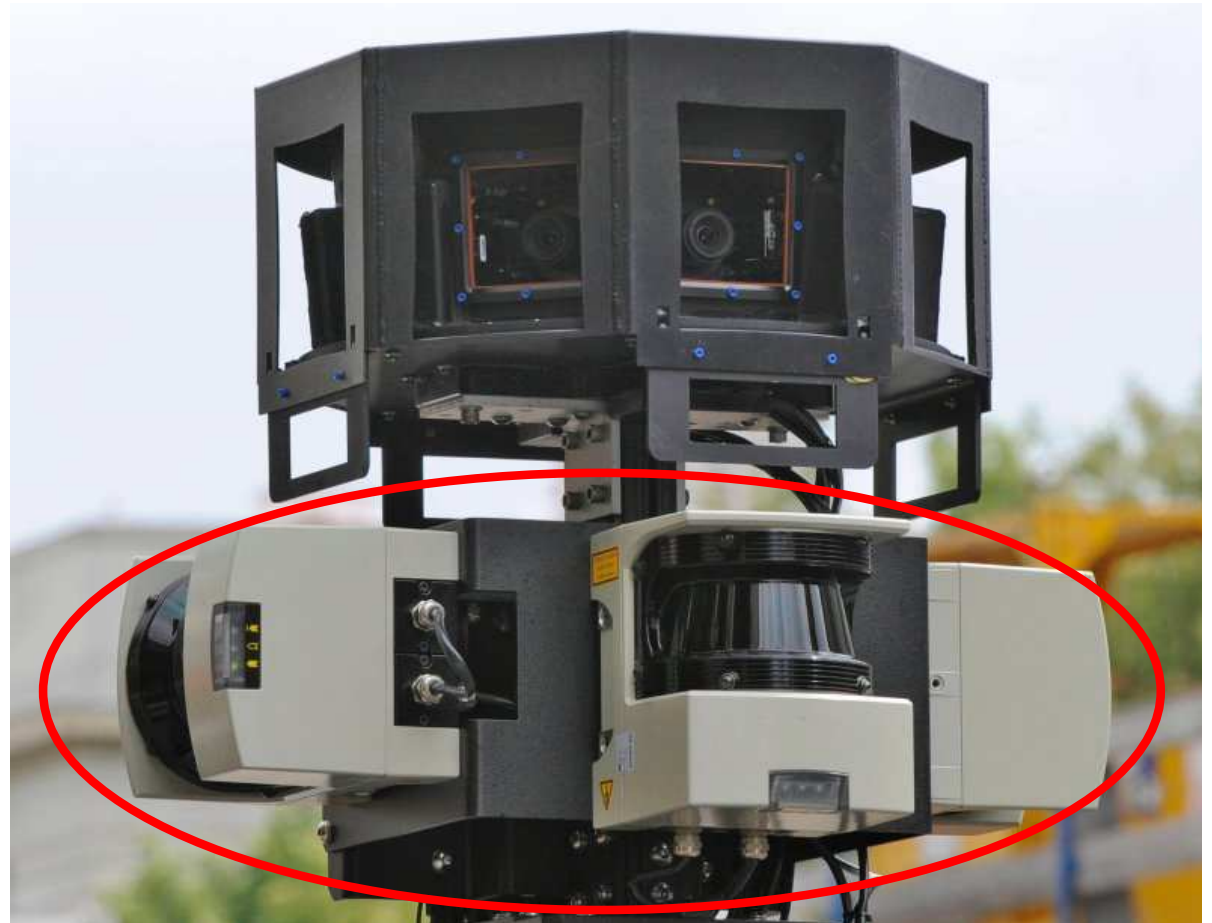
DARPA: Urban/Grand Challenge

SICK



Google Street View

SICK





New Inn Hall Street / Saint Michael's Street, Oxford, United Kingdom
Adresse ist nur annähernd genau



Darbys

St Peter's College



embedded
software
development

is still hard...

;-)

Challenges:

Abstraction
without
Runtime Cost

C considered
unsafe

(High Level)
Program
Annotations

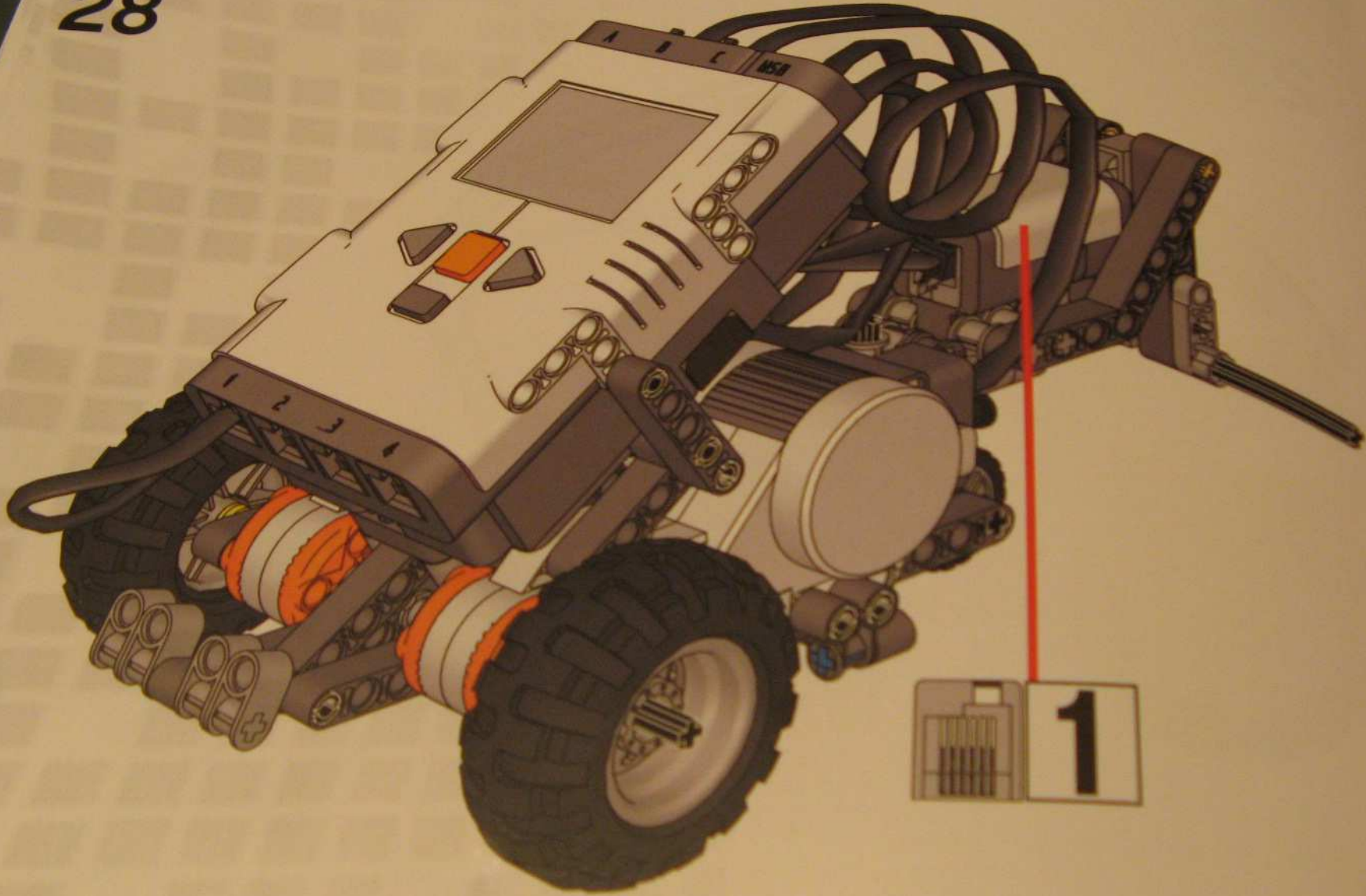
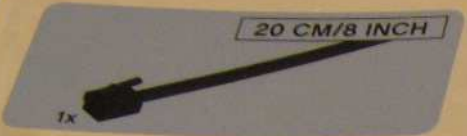
Static Checks
+
Verification

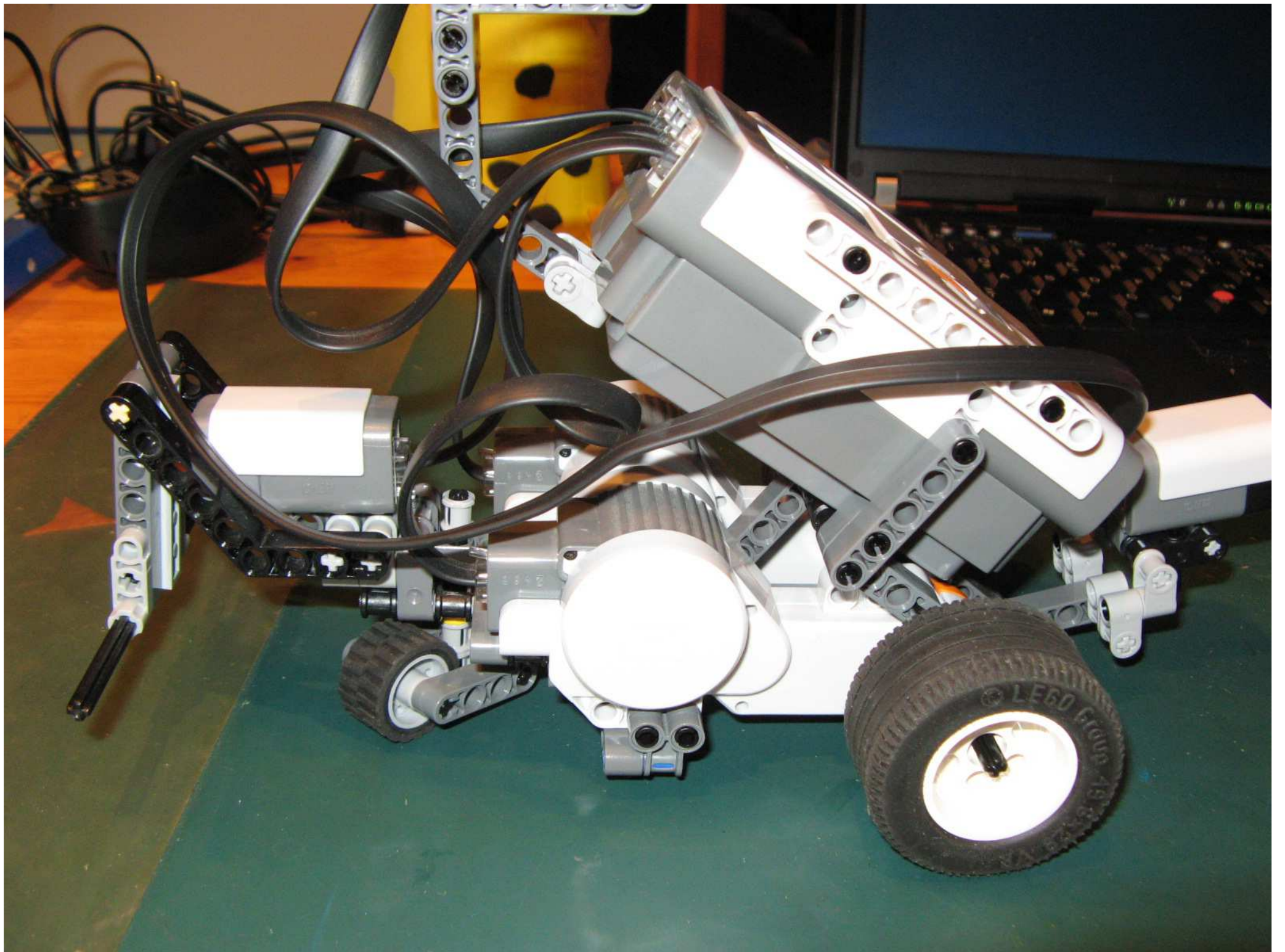
Product Lines Support

(variants without `#ifdef`)

but lets
have some
fun...

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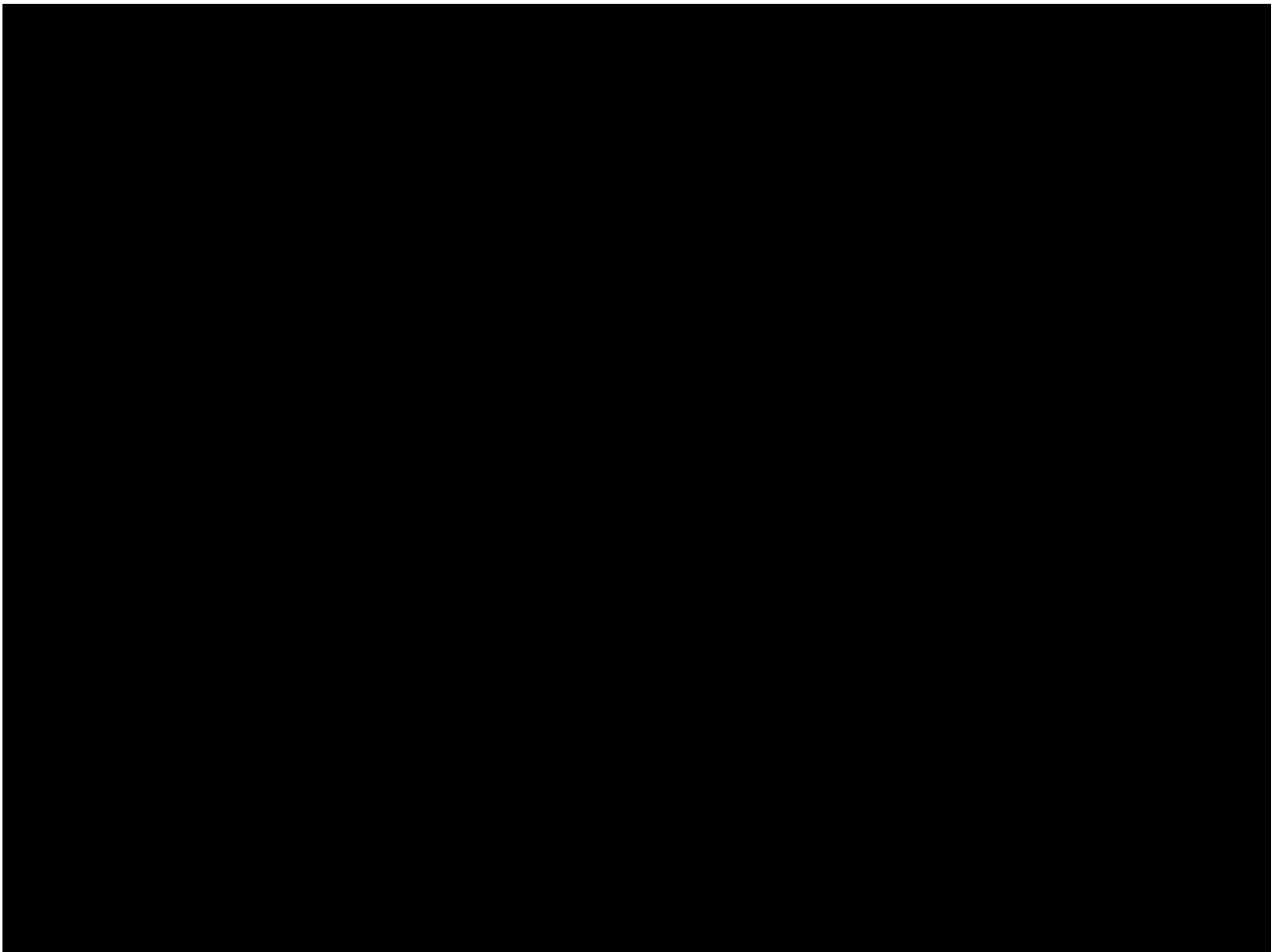




I have
stolen the
NXT robot
from...



(my son)...



What if...

What if...

you could change
languages

What if...

you could change
languages

like you can
change programs?

What if...

What if...

you could

use

the DSL

YOU want ?

What if...

you could

use

the DSL

YOU want ?

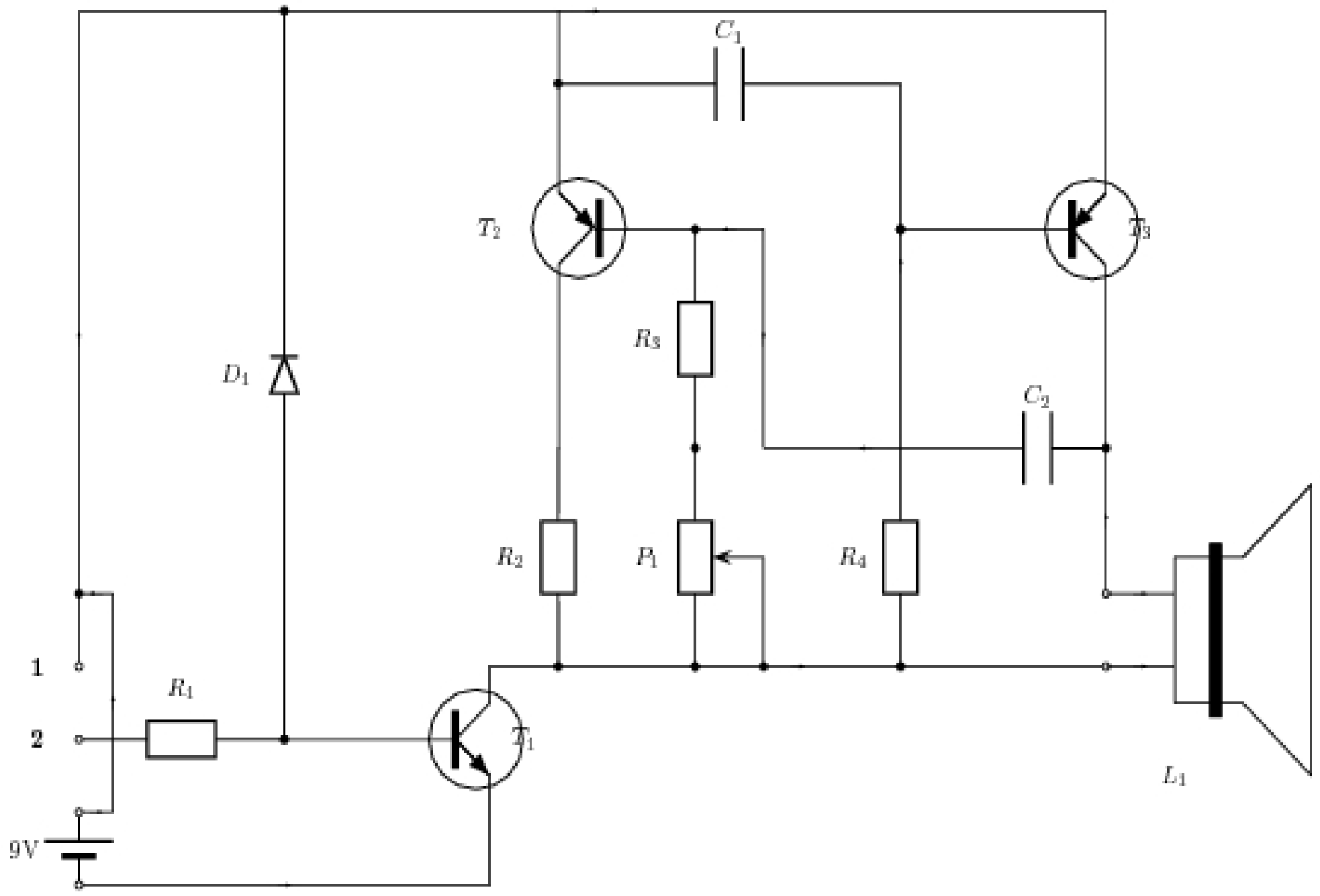
(within your GPL)

```
SELECT firstname, lastName from  
employee where age = 42;
```



```
SELECT firstname, lastName from  
employee where age = 42;
```

```
([+-]?[0-9]*) | ([A-Z][a-z]+)
```



Siciliana

First system of musical notation for 'Siciliana'. The piece is in 12/8 time and B-flat major. The right hand features a melody with dotted rhythms and a trill. The left hand provides a bass line with fingerings 6, 6, 4, #, #, 6, 6, 6, 4, 3.

Second system of musical notation. The right hand continues the melodic line with slurs and trills. The left hand accompaniment includes fingerings 7, 6, 6, #, 6, 6, 6, 6, 4, #, 5, 6, 5, 6, 6, 4, 5, 6, 6.

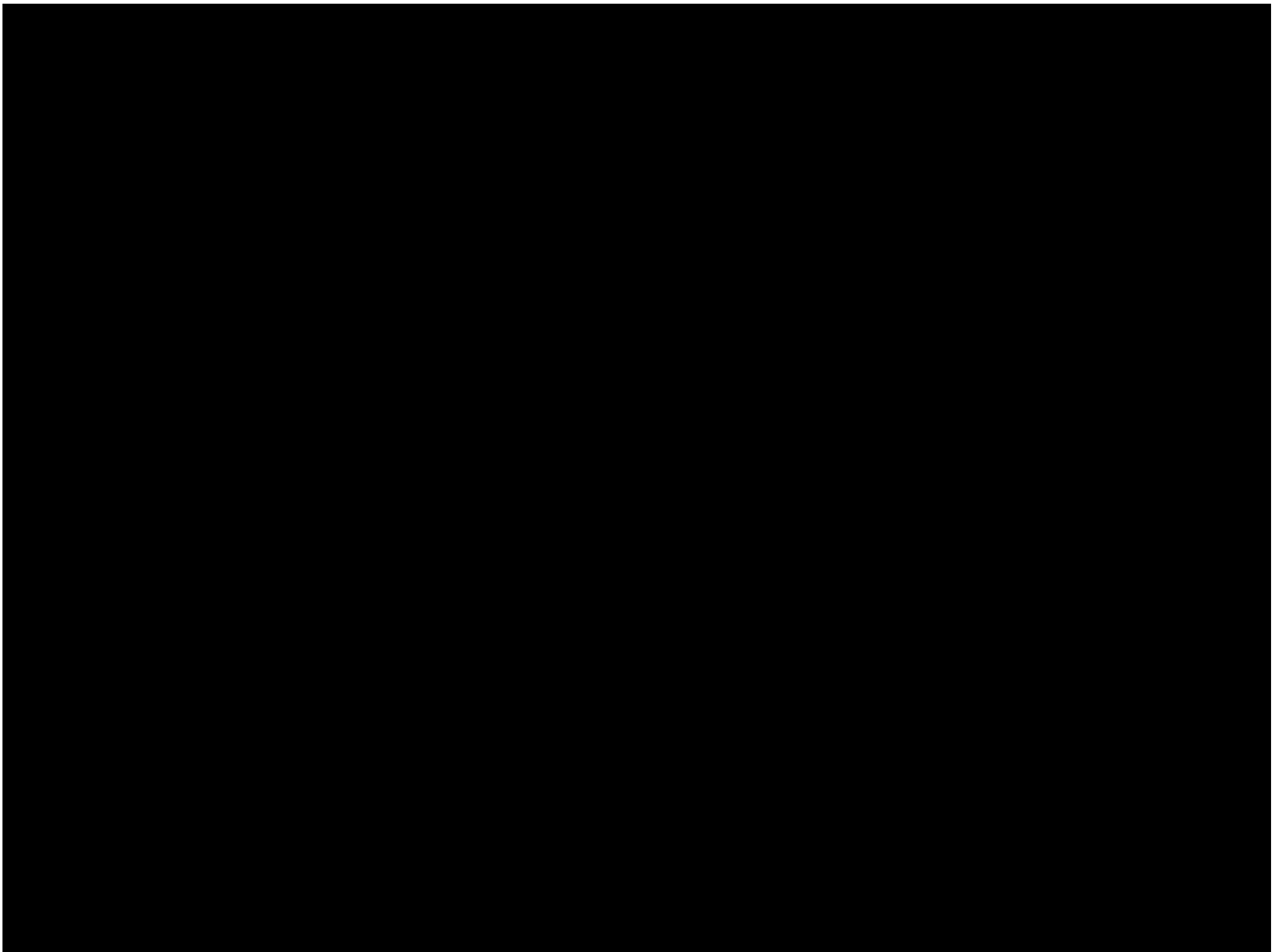
Third system of musical notation. The right hand features a trill (tr.) and a fermata. The left hand accompaniment includes fingerings 5, 6, 6, #, 4, 3, 6, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, #, 6.

Fourth system of musical notation, concluding the piece. The right hand ends with a trill (tr.) and a fermata. The left hand accompaniment includes fingerings 6, 6, 6, 6, 5, 6, 7, 6, 4, 3, 4, #, 7, 6, #.

What if...

What if...

you could
build
the DSL
YOU want ?



mbeddr C
Approach

An extensible C
with support for
embedded
development

SDK for building
your own
Language
Extensions!

Build with open source

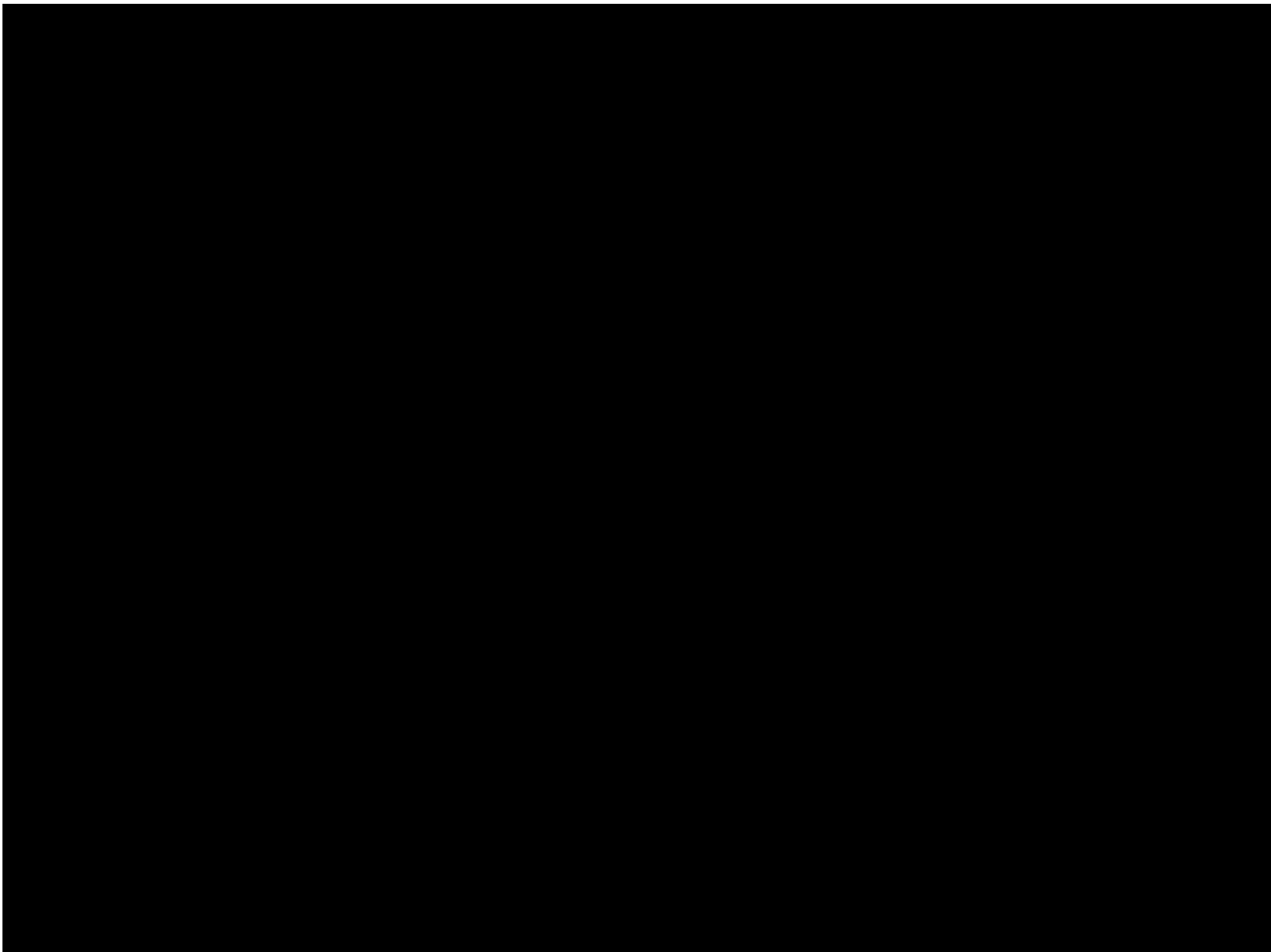


JetBrains

MPS

Open Source

Language Workbench





Incremental Extension

of **C**

c

(cleaned-up)

removed bad stuff..

```
module Calculator from cdesignpaper.helloWorld imports nothing {  
  
    exported int8_t add(int8_t x, int8_t y) {  
        return x + y;  
    }  
  
    exported int8_t multiply(int8_t x, int8_t y) {  
        return x * y;  
    }  
}
```

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        return x * y;  
    }  
}
```

```
module HelloWorld from cdesignpaper.helloWorld imports Calculator {  
  
    int32_t main(int32_t argc, int8_t*[ ] argv) {  
        return add(2, 2) + multiply(10, 2);  
    }  
}
```


Binary literals in C++11 ?
(after years)

Binary literals in C++11 ?
(after years)

Supported in mbeddr C
(2 hours to implement...)

```
module Numbers from test.ex.core.strangennumbers
```

```
int32_t main(string[ ] args) {  
    return test testHex, testBinary;  
}
```

```
main (function)
```

```
exported test case testHex {  
    int8_t x = hex<1>;  
    int8_t y = hex<a>;  
    assert(0) x + y == hex<b>;  
}
```

```
testHex(test case)
```

```
exported test case testOctal {  
    int8_t x = oct<7>;  
    int8_t y = oct<1>;  
    assert(0) x + y == oct<10>;  
}
```

```
testOctal(test case)
```

```
exported test case testBinary {  
    int8_t x = bin<1001>;  
    int8_t y = bin<1>;  
    assert(0) x + y == 10;  
}
```

```
testBinary(test case)
```



Native Support for Unit Testing

```
module UnitTestDemo from cdesignpaper.unittest imports nothing {

  int32_t main(int32_t argc, int8_t*[ ] argv) {
    return test testMultiply;
  }

  exported test case testMultiply {
    assert(0) times2(21) == 42;
    if ( 1 > 2 ) {
      fail(1);
    }

  }

  int8_t times2(int8_t a) {
    return 2 * a;
  }
}
```

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}
```


Native Support
for Unit Testing
and Logging

```
module ARealHelloWorld from cdesignpaper.helloWorld imports nothing {

  message list HelloWorldMessages {
    INFO hello(string name) active: Hello World
    ERROR wrongNumberOfArguments(int8_t expected, int8_t actual) active: Wrong number of Arguments
  }

  int32_t main(int32_t argc, int8_t*[ ] argv) {
    report(0) HelloWorldMessages.wrongNumberOfArguments(1, argc) {
      if ( argc != 1 ) {
        report;
        return 1;
      } if
    };
    report(0) HelloWorldMessages.hello(argv[0]) on/if;
    return 0;
  } main (function)
}
```

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}
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        report;  
        return 1;  
      } if  
    };  
    report(0) HelloWorldMessages.hello(argv[0]) on/if;  
    return 0;  
  } main (function)  
}
```



Incremental Extension

of

C

Physical Units

Without
Template
meta
programming
Hell !!!

Unit Declarations

derived unit $\mathbf{N} = \mathbf{kg\ m\ s^{-2}}$ for force

derived unit $\mathbf{Pa} = \mathbf{N\ m^{-2}}$ for pressure

derived unit $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{m\ s^{-1}}$ for velocity

derived unit $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{m\ s^{-2}}$ for acceleration

convertible unit \mathbf{F} for temperature

convertible unit \mathbf{C} for temperature

Conversion Rules

conversion $\mathbf{F} \square \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{val} * 9 / 5 + 32$

conversion $\mathbf{C} \square \mathbf{F} = (\mathbf{val} - 32) * 5 / 9$

And
error messages
at
EDITING time !


```

void testBasicUnits() {
    int8_t/N/ n = 3 N;

    int8_t/N/ n3 = 3 kg m s-2 ;
    int8_t/N/ n4 = 3 N * 4s / 3s;
    int8_t/N m/ n5 = n4 * 3 m;

    int8_t/cd/ aLuminousIntensity = 0cd;
    int8_t/m/ length;
    int8_t/s/ time;

    int8_t/m s-1 / speed = length / time;

    int8_t/v/ thisShouldNotWork = <node length + time has err

```

Incremental Extension

of



State Machines

Physical Units

State Machines
as
first class
concepts

```
statemachine Counter {
  in start() <no binding>
    step(int[0..10] size) <no binding>
  out someEvent(int[0..100] x, boolean b) => handle_someEvent
    resetted() => resetted
  vars int[0..100] currentVal = 0
    int[0..100] LIMIT = 10
  states (initial = initialState)
    state initialState {
      on start [ ] -> countState { send someEvent(100, true && false || true); }
    }
    state countState {
      on step [currentVal + size > LIMIT] -> initialState { send resetted(); }
      on step [currentVal + size <= LIMIT] -> countState { currentVal = currentVal + size; }
      on start [ ] -> initialState { }
    }
  }
} end statemachine
```

State Machines
+
Model Checking

verifiable

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statemachine Counter {  
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    resetted() => resetted  
  vars int[0..100] currentVal = 0  
    int[0..100] LIMIT = 10  
  states (initial = initialState)  
    state initialState {  
      on sta  
    }  
  state co  
    on ste  
    on ste  
    on sta  
  }  
} end statem
```

Property	Status	Trace Size
State 'initialState' can be reached	SUCCESS	
State 'countState' can be reached	SUCCESS	
Variable 'currentVal' is always between its defi...	SUCCESS	
Variable 'LIMIT' is always between its defined ...	SUCCESS	
State 'initialState' has deterministic transitions	SUCCESS	
State 'countState' has deterministic transitions	SUCCESS	
Transition 0 of state 'initialState' is not dead	SUCCESS	
Transition 0 of state 'countState' is not dead	SUCCESS	
Transition 1 of state 'countState' is not dead	SUCCESS	
Transition 2 of state 'countState' is not dead	SUCCESS	
Condition 'currentVal == 8' can be true	FAIL	4

Incremental Extension

of **C** Components

State Machines
Physical Units

Components
Interfaces


```
exported c/s interface Orienter on contract error MultibotMessages.prePostconditionFailed {
  int16_t heading()
  post(0) result >= 0 && result <= 359
  void orientTowards(int16_t heading, uint8_t speed, DIRECTION dir)
  pre(0) heading >= 0 && heading <= 359
}
```

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  void orientTowards(int16_t heading, uint8_t speed, DIRECTION dir)  
  pre(0) heading >= 0 && heading <= 359  
}
```

Components Interfaces with Contracts !

```

exported component OrienterImpl extends nothing {
  ports:
    provides Orienter orienter
    requires EcRobot_Compass compass
    requires EcRobot_Motor motorLeft
    requires EcRobot_Motor motorRight
  contents:
    field int16_t[5] headingBuffer

    void orienter_orientTowards(int16_t heading, uint8_t speed, DIRECTION dir) <-
      op orienter.orientTowards {
        int16_t currentDir = compass.heading();
        if ( dir == COUNTERCLOCKWISE ) {
          motorLeft.set_speed(-1 * ((int8_t) speed));
          motorRight.set_speed(((int8_t) speed));
          while ( currentDir != heading ) { currentDir = compass.heading(); } while
        } else {
          motorLeft.set_speed(((int8_t) speed));
          motorRight.set_speed(-1 * ((int8_t) speed));
          while ( currentDir != heading ) { currentDir = compass.heading(); } while
        } if
        motorLeft.stop();
        motorRight.stop();
      }

    int16_t orienter_heading() <- op orienter.heading {
      return compass.heading();
    }
}

```

Interface + Implementation

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          motorRight.set_speed(-1 * ((int8_t) speed));
          while ( currentDir != heading ) { currentDir = compass.heading(); } while
        } if
        motorLeft.stop();
        motorRight.stop();
      }

    int16_t orienter_heading() <- op orienter.heading {
      return compass.heading();
    }
}
```



Incremental Extension

of **C** Components
Productlines
State Machines
Physical Units

Product Line
Variability

Define
a
feature model

```
feature model DeploymentConfiguration
```

```
  root ? {
```

```
    logging
```

```
    test
```

```
    valueTest [int8_t value]
```

```
  }
```



```
feature model DeploymentConfiguration
  root ? {
    logging
    test
    valueTest [int8_t value]
  }
```

Example Feature Model:

- logging
- testing
- a value

2 Productlines:

```
feature model DeploymentConfiguration
```

```
  root ? {  
    logging
```

```
    test
```

```
    valueTest [value = 42]
```

```
  }
```

```
configuration model Debug configures DeploymentConfiguration
```

```
  root {
```

```
    logging
```

```
    test
```

```
    valueTest [value = 42]
```

```
  }
```

```
configuration model Production configures DeploymentConfiguration
```

```
  root {
```

```
    << ... >>
```

```
  }
```

- Debug

- Production

```
feature model DeploymentConfiguration
```

```
  root ? {  
    logging  
    test  
    valueTest [int8_t value]  
  }
```

```
configuration model Debug configures DeploymentConfiguration
```

```
  root {  
    logging  
    test  
    valueTest [value = 42]  
  }
```

```
configuration model Production configures DeploymentConfiguration
```

```
  root {  
    << ... >>  
  }
```

Variability from FM: DeploymentConfiguration

Rendering Mode: product line

```
module ApplicationModule from test.ex.cc.fm imports SensorModule {  
  {logging}  
  message list messages {  
    INFO beginningMain() active: entering main function  
    INFO exitingMain() active: exitingMainFunction  
  }  
  
  exported test case testVar {  
    {logging}  
    report(0) messages.beginningMain() on/if;  
    int8_t x = getSensorValue(1) replace if {test} with 42;  
    {logging}  
    report(1) messages.exitingMain() on/if;  
    assert(2) x == 10 replace if {test} with 42;  
    {valueTest}  
    int8_t vv = value;  
    {valueTest}  
    assert(3) vv == 42;  
    int8_t ww = 22 replace if {valueTest} with 12 + value;  
    {!valueTest}  
    assert(4) ww == 22;  
    {valueTest}  
    assert(5) ww == 54;  
  } testVar(test case)  
  
  int32_t main(int32_t argc, string[ ] args) {  
    return test testVar;  
  } main (function)  
}
```

```
feature model DeploymentConfiguration  
root ? {  
  logging  
  test  
  valueTest [int8_t value]  
}  
  
configuration model Debug configures DeploymentConfiguration  
root {  
  logging  
  test  
  valueTest [value = 42]  
}  
  
configuration model Production configures DeploymentConfiguration  
root {  
  << ... >>  
}
```

Variability from FM: DeploymentConfiguration

Rendering Mode: variant rendering config: Debug

```
module ApplicationModule from test.ex.cc.fm imports {

  message list messages {
    INFO beginningMain() active: entering main function
    INFO exitingMain() active: exitingMainFunction
  }

  exported test case testVar {
    report(0) messages.beginningMain() on/if;
    int8_t x = 42;
    report(1) messages.exitingMain() on/if;
    assert(2) x == 42;
    int8_t vv = value (variant Debug);
    assert(3) vv == 42;
    int8_t ww = 12 + value (variant Debug);
    assert(5) ww == 54;
  } testVar(test case)

  int32_t main(int32_t argc, string[ ] args) {
    return test testVar;
  } main (function)
}
```

```
feature model DeploymentConfiguration
  root ? {
    logging
    test
    valueTest [int8_t value]
  }

configuration model Debug configures DeploymentConfiguration
  root {
    logging
    test
    valueTest [value = 42]
  }

configuration model Production configures DeploymentConfiguration
  root {
    << ... >>
  }
```

Debug FM

Variability from FM: DeploymentConfiguration
Rendering Mode: variant rendering config: Production

```
module ApplicationModule from test.ex.cc imports SensorModule {
```

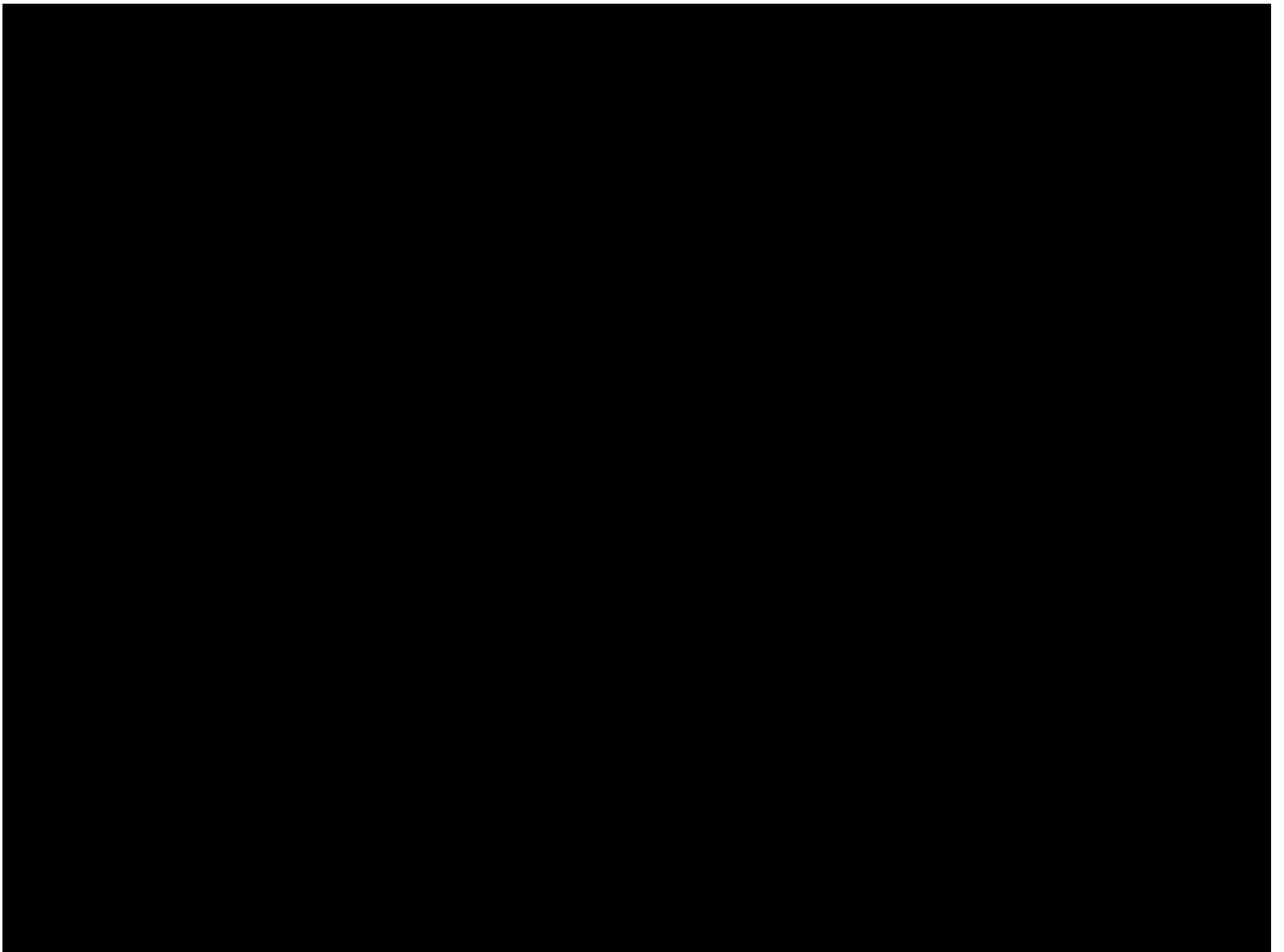
```
  exported test case testVar {  
    int8_t x = getSensorValue(1);  
    assert(2) x == 10;  
    int8_t ww = 22;  
    assert(4) ww == 22;  
  } testVar(test case)
```

```
  int32_t main(int32_t argc, string[ ] args) {  
    return test testVar;  
  } main (function)
```

```
}
```

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    test  
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  }  
  
configuration model Debug configures DeploymentConfiguration  
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    logging  
    test  
    valueTest [value = 42]  
  }  
  
configuration model Production configures DeploymentConfiguration  
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    << ... >>  
  }
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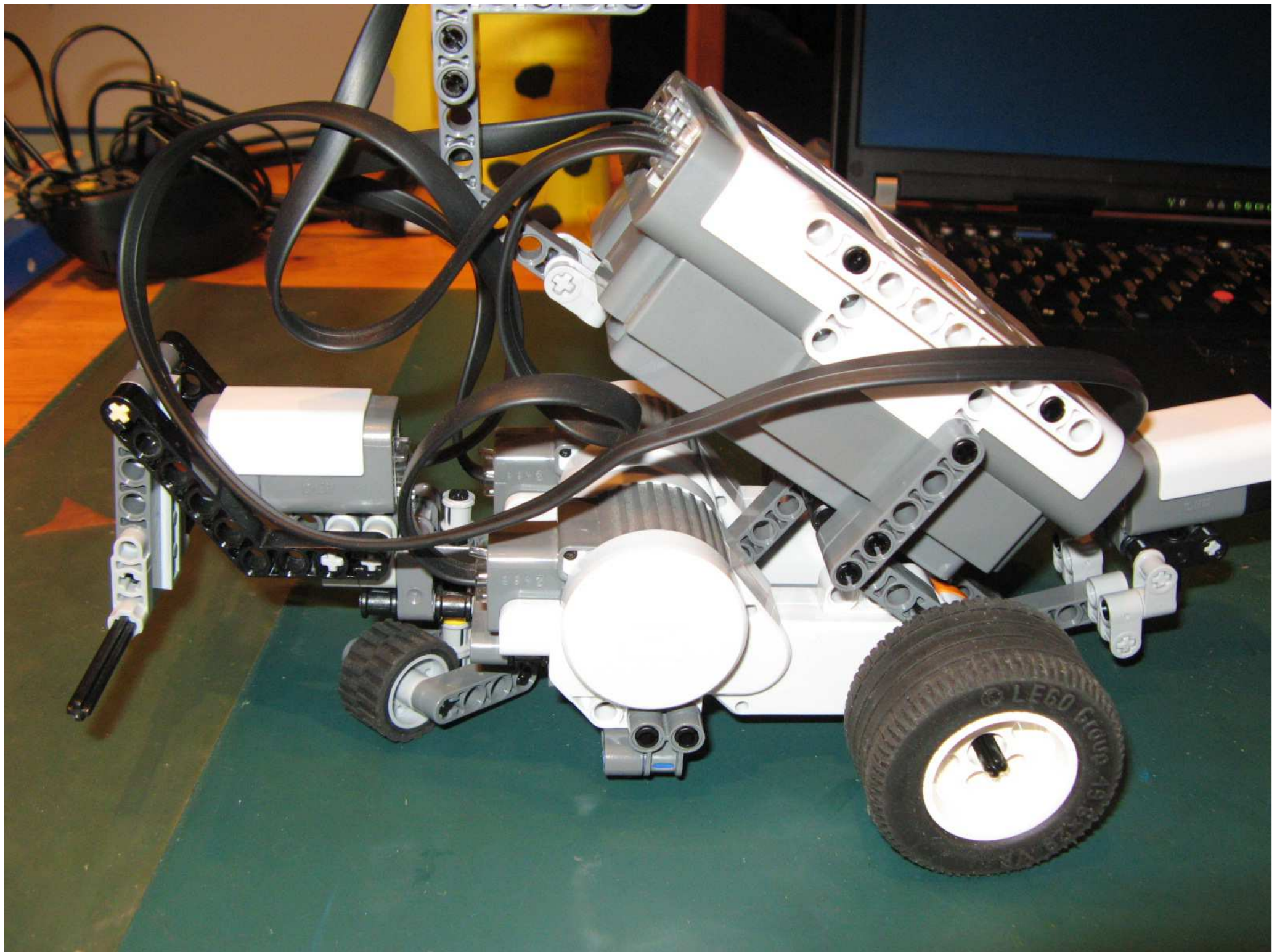
Production FM



Status
and
Availability

<http://mbeddr.com>

It runs on
Lego/NXT with
OSEK RTOS



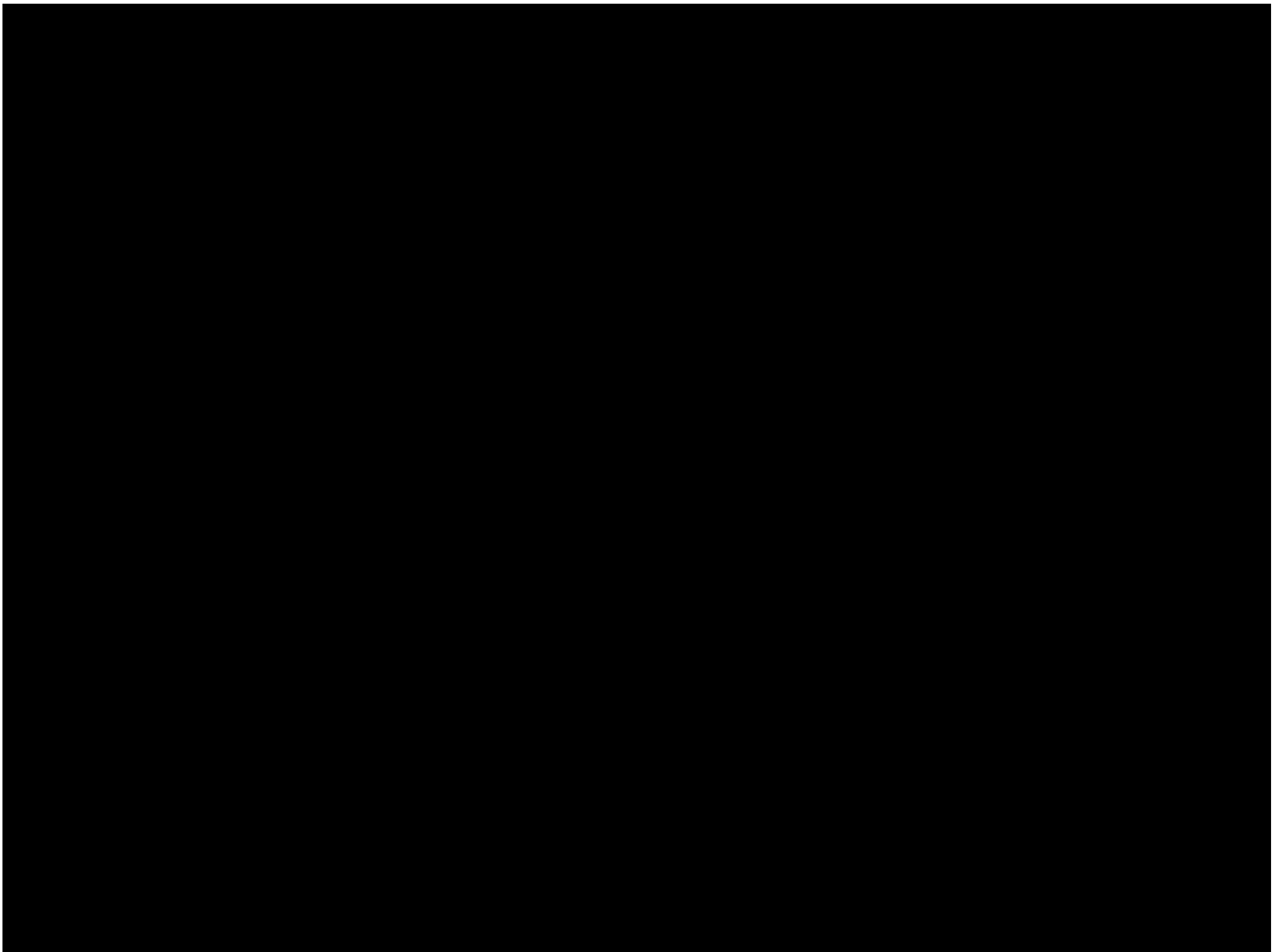
and on our
first sensors...

C is not
dead !

U don't

C it

But it's
still there...



Thank you !