## Modeling pilot project at Ericsson Expert Analytics





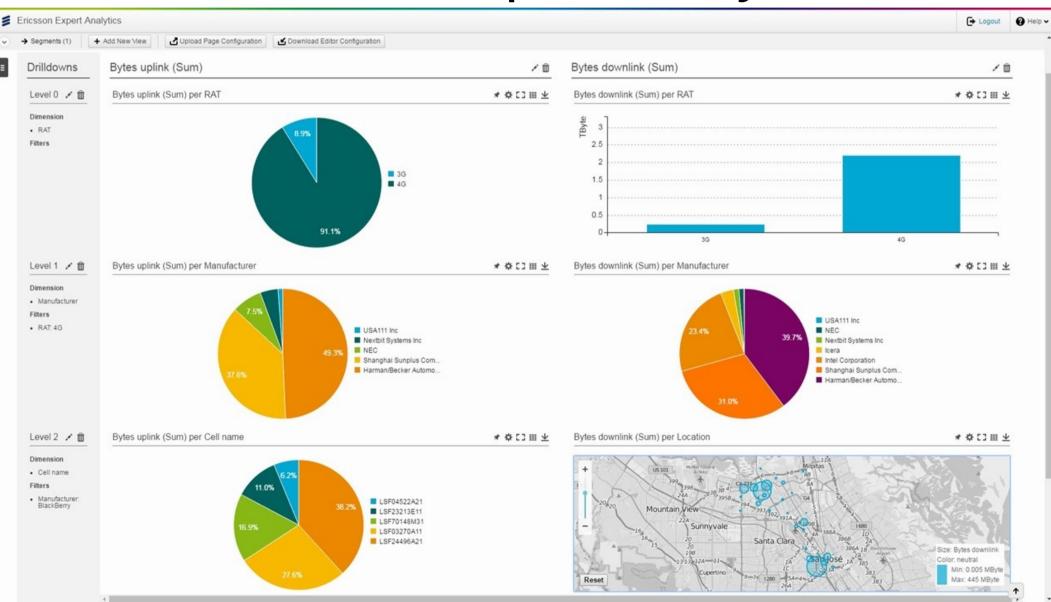


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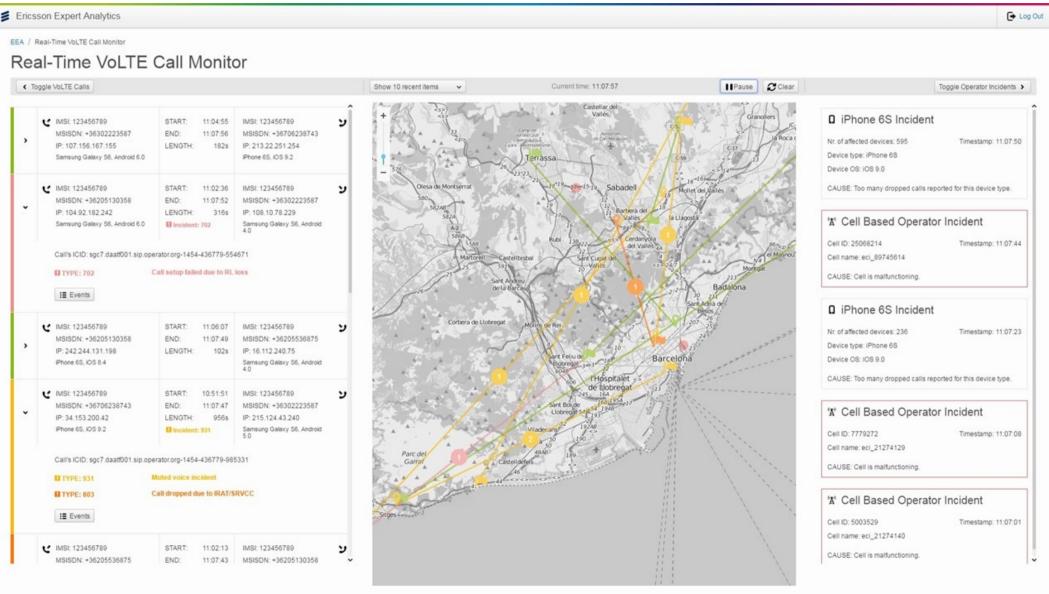
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## Target platform of the pilot project

the ark platform



#### ARK is a set of *libraries*

for creating complex use-cases built from very different components working together via cloud-scale data models

#### ARK is an execution environment

for submitting mixed applications













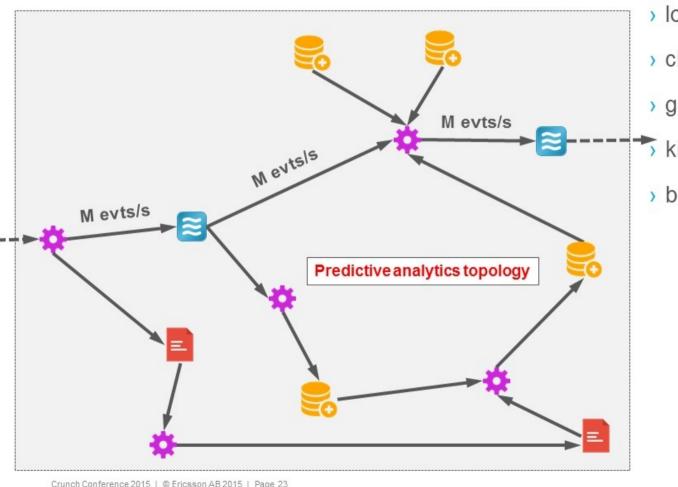
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## Target platform of the pilot project

#### building apps





- > loosely coupled compute modules
- > choose the best language for the task!
- grow a hierarchy of data models
- kind of "microservices" architecture
- but with ultrafast & scalable data exch.

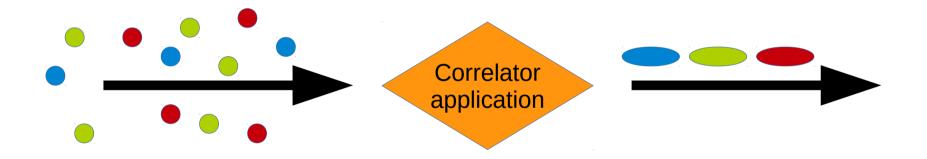


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# Scope of the pilot project: "Call Correlator" application

Call events are collected, grouped by call and aggregated

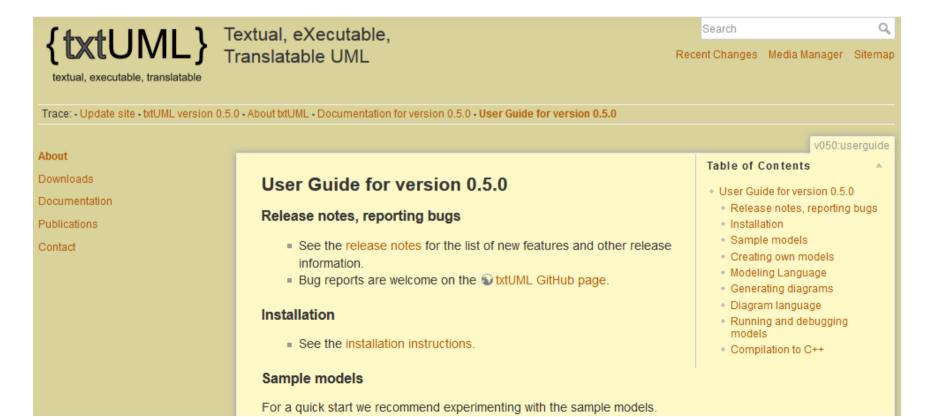


 Call details are analyzed by further components to check problem conditions and calculate KPIs

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#### txtUML

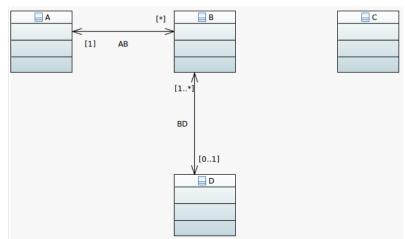
- Textual, executable, translatable UML
- Developed @ ELTE University, Budapest
- Open source: https://github.com/ELTE-Soft/txtUML
- Documentation, downloads: http://txtuml.inf.elte.hu

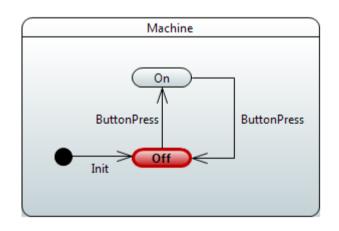


#### txtUML

- Textual modeling language
  - DSL syntax
  - Java API syntax

- Generated UML diagrams in Papyrus
- Execution and debugging
- Model compiler generating C++

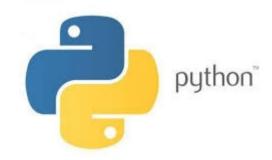




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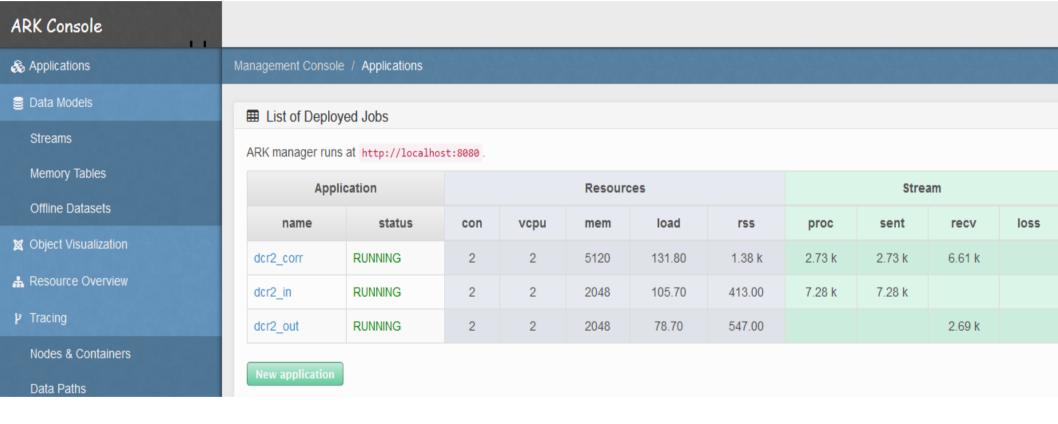
### Motivation

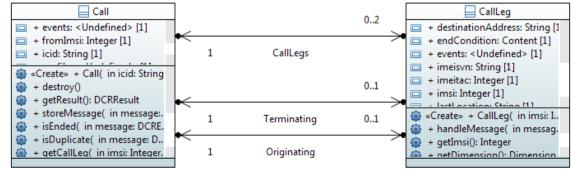
- Original implementation is in Python
  - Excellent for prototyping
  - Hard to understand and maintain

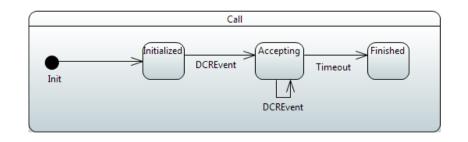


- Questions:
  - Can real EEA applications be modeled?
  - Can they run on the Ark platform?
  - Can modeling improve maintainability?
  - Runtime performance?

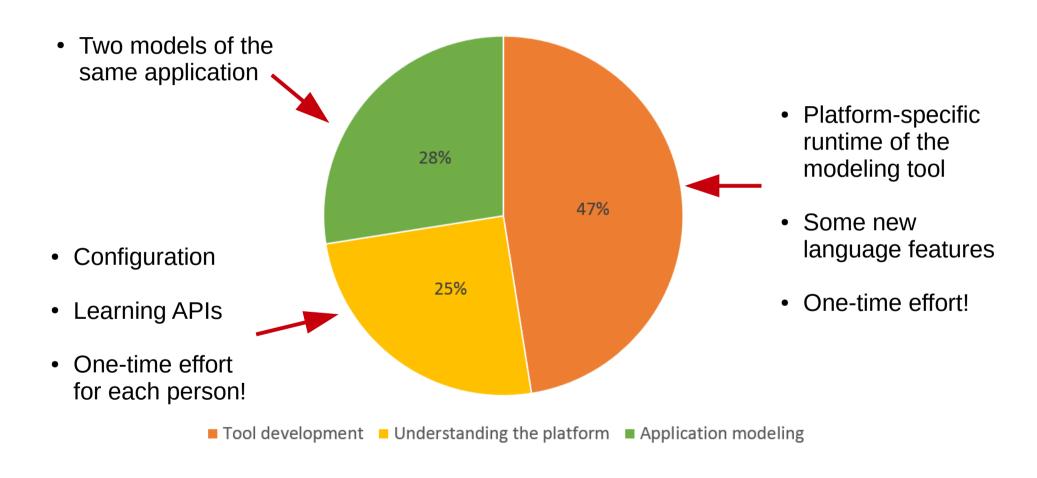
# Result: Modeled application runs on the Ark platform







### Effort: 2.5 + 0.5 man-months



## Comparison

	Legacy solution	Modeling solution
Language	Python	txtUML model (94%) and Java (6%)
Runtime	Python interpreters on top of Ark	JVMs on top of Ark
Debugging	Analysis of the logs and traces of the deployed application	Eclipse debugger and state machine animation on local machine
Deployment	Process boundaries are hard-coded	Process boundaries are configurable
Code size	495 lines	624 lines (!)
Performance	Initial measurements show similar message processing rates, detailed measurements to come.	

## Challenges

- Ark supports Java7, while the original model runtime used Java 8
- Platform and language specific optimizations make the legacy implementation hard to understand
- Python and Java interfaces to the used memory database support different capabilities
- Need for stateless applications
- Technology hook-in:
  - Can be minimized by switching txtUML's pure Java API
  - The tool is open source

## Advantages

- Platform-independent model
  - Higher abstraction level, easier to understand
  - Inter-process communication, serialization are not visible in the model
- Process boundaries are configurable
- Generated UML diagrams help maintenance
- Testing and debugging in local IDE is possible
- Typed interfaces
  - Instead of dynamic Python dictionaries

## Questions revisited

- Can real EEA applications be modeled?
  - Yes!
- Can they run on the Ark platform?
  - Yes!
- Can modeling improve maintainability?
  - Seems so.
- Runtime performance?
  - Seems OK, more measurements to come.

## Next steps

- Performance measurements with real data
- Formal presentation of the result to engineers and management at Ericsson Expert Analytics



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#### **More information:**

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