



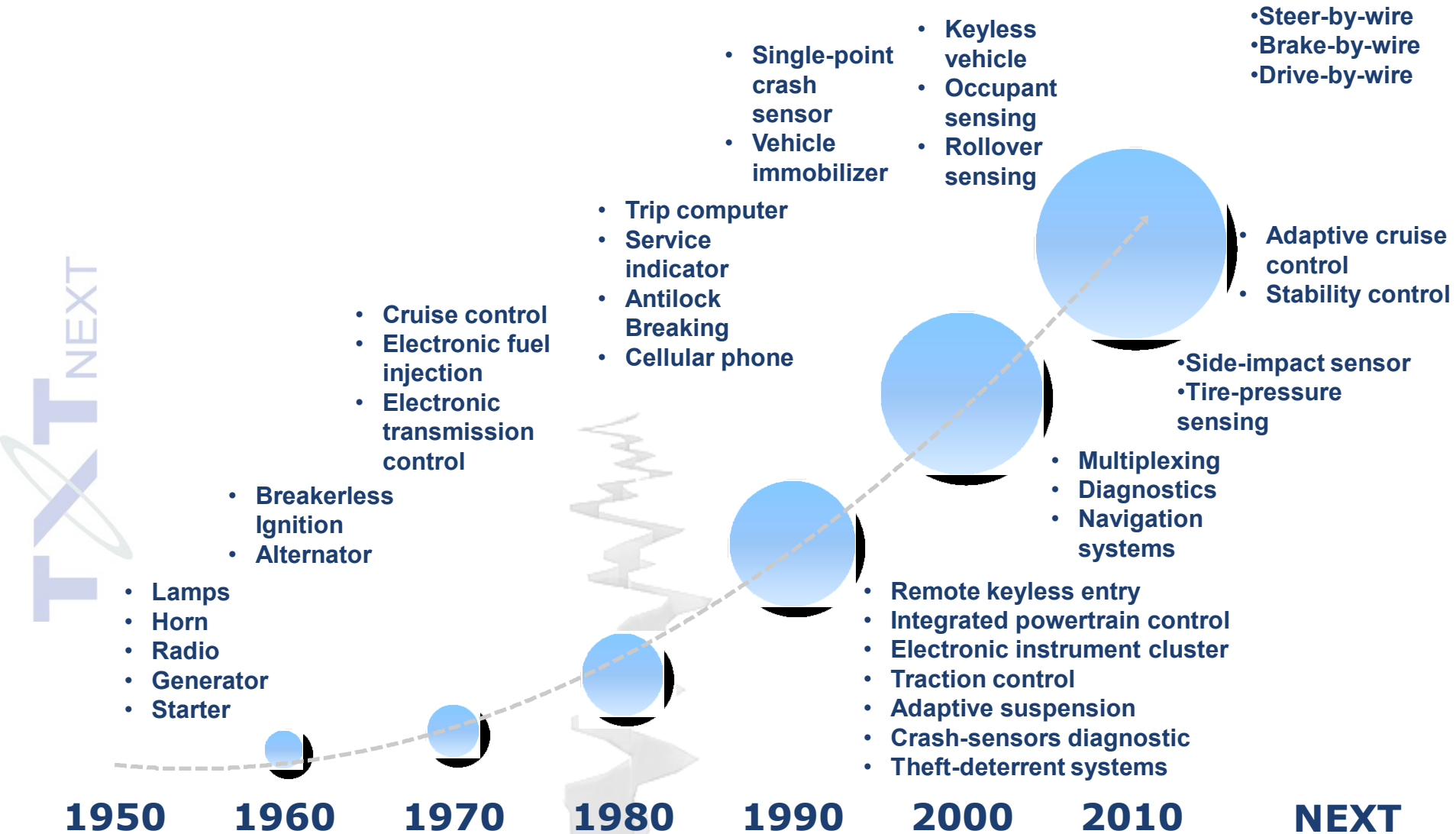
Improve your process,  
don't forget old lessons, to reach your safety goals.

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# On-board automotive electronics history



# Lessons learned

Be quick, but **DON'T HURRY!**

Avoid **COWBOY** programming

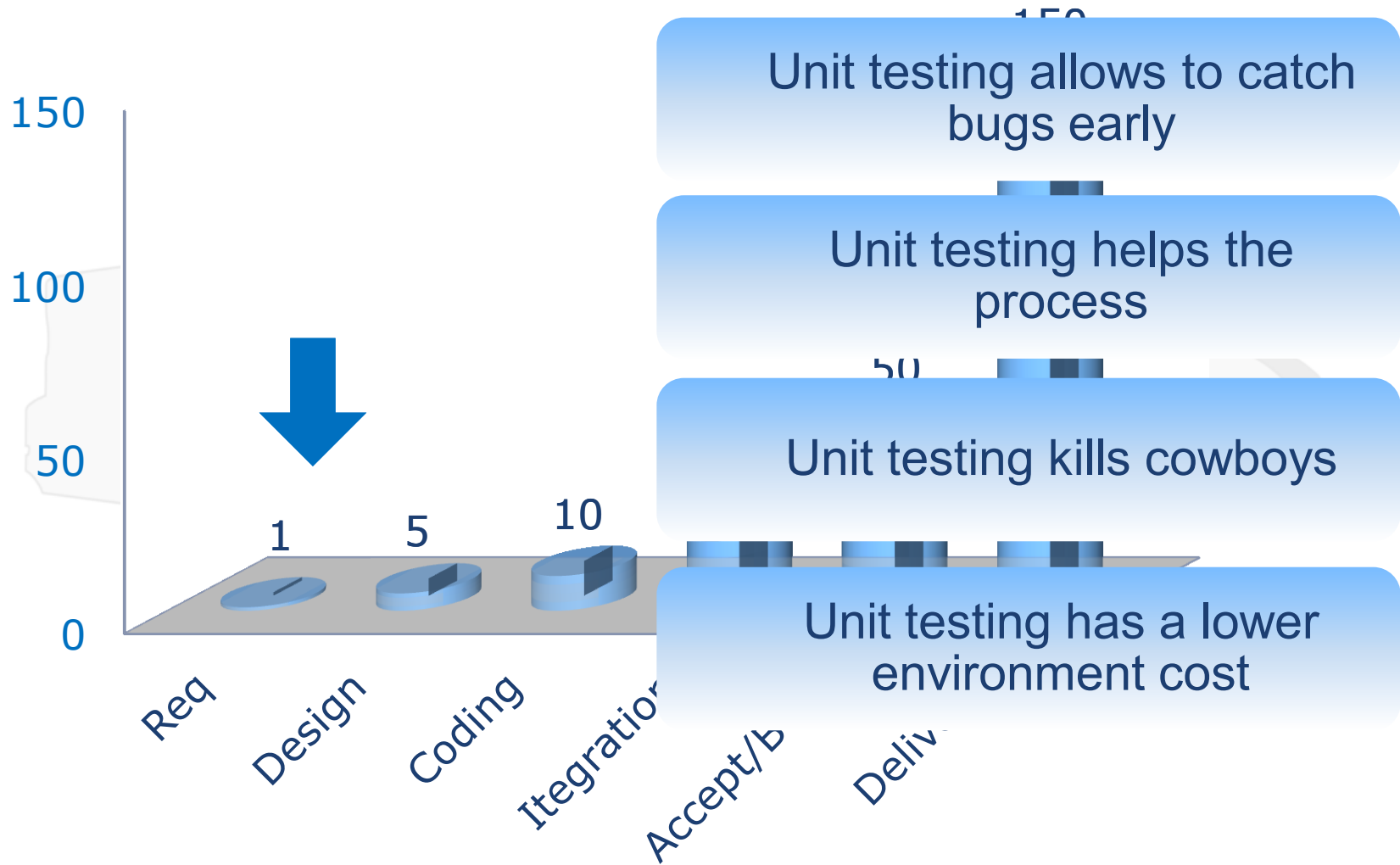
What is good for product is **GOOD FOR PROCESS**

Be skeptical about **SILVER BULLETS**

Eliminate errors **EARLY**

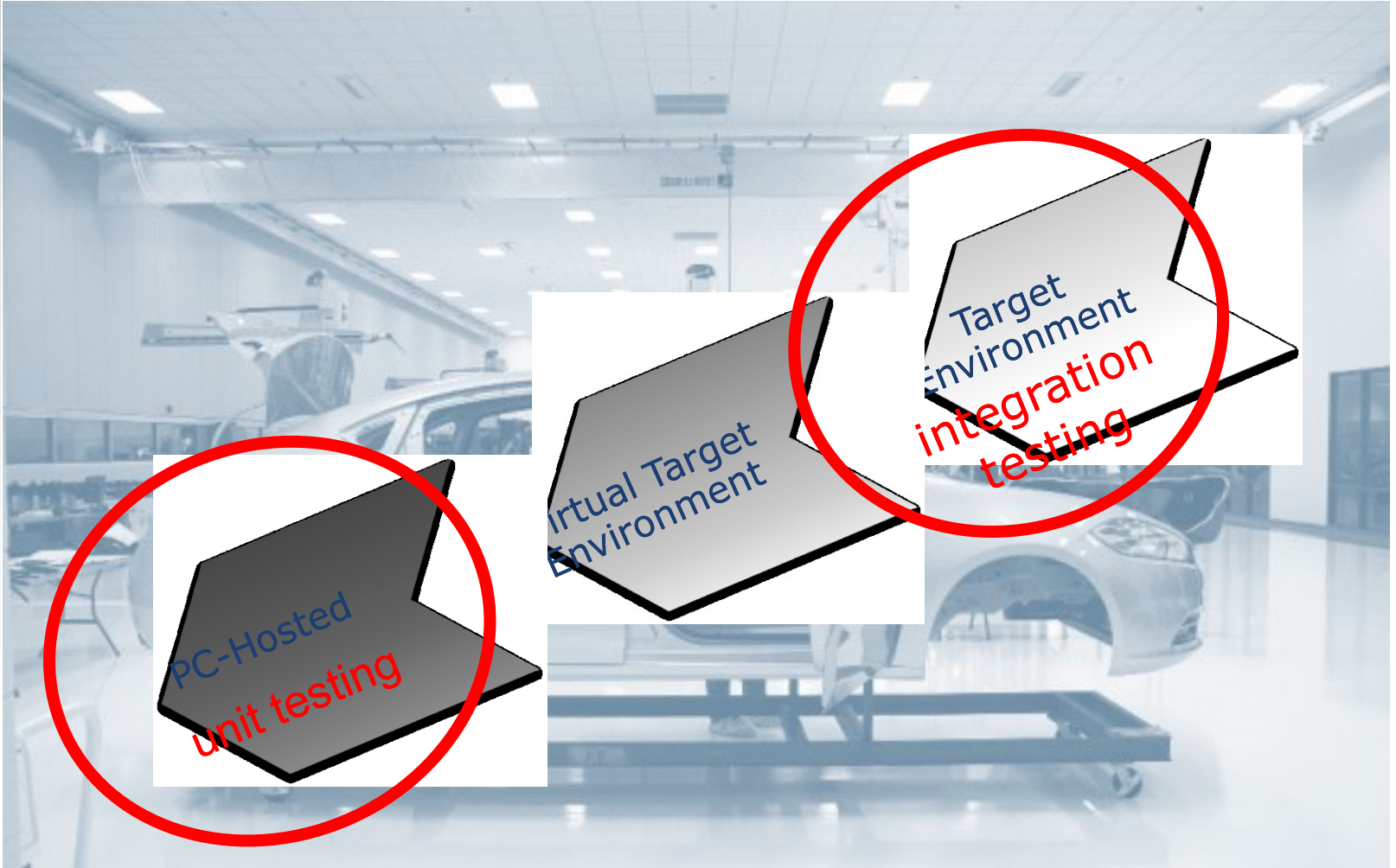
... From **BARRY W. BOEHM**  
One of the fathers of software engineering

# Focus on unit testing



# Test environment costs

Compliance



Cost

**Requirement-based testing at unit level is central to ISO 26262 compliance, as it is highly recommended for all ASIL levels.**

*Table 10 - Methods for software unit testing*

**The standard also makes provisions for testing based on the structure of the code.**

*Table 12 - Structural coverage metrics at the software unit level*


**ISO 26262 strongly recommends the usage of code coverage as a metric to measure whether sufficient testing has been performed on a given unit.**

*Par. 9.4.5*


**The goal is clearly intended to be 100% coverage based on the coverage criteria selected.**

*Table 12 - Structural coverage metrics at the software unit level*

# ISO 26262-6 and DO-178B convergence



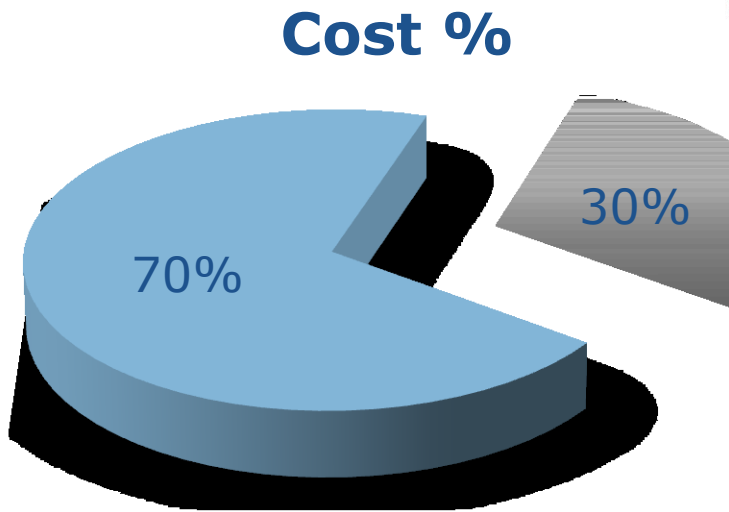
Looking at ISO 26262-6 we discovered a strict convergence to the aerospace DO-178B.



Methods, Tools and Metrics look very similar

# From avionic experience

TXT  
NEXT



Control your process



Speed up the integration phase



Save up to 30%



# Skills at unit testing

***Awareness of the  
applicative field***

***Good  
programming  
skills***

***Tools knowledge***

***Proven experience  
in testing***

# Unit test phase process

## TEST ENVIRONMENT DESCRIPTION

- Scaffolding composition

## TEST DESIGN

- Test execution description

## TEST TRACEABILITY

- Trace test sequences Vs. software design and requirements

## TEST SEQUENCE

- Versioned test sequence with verification vectors

## TEST RESULT

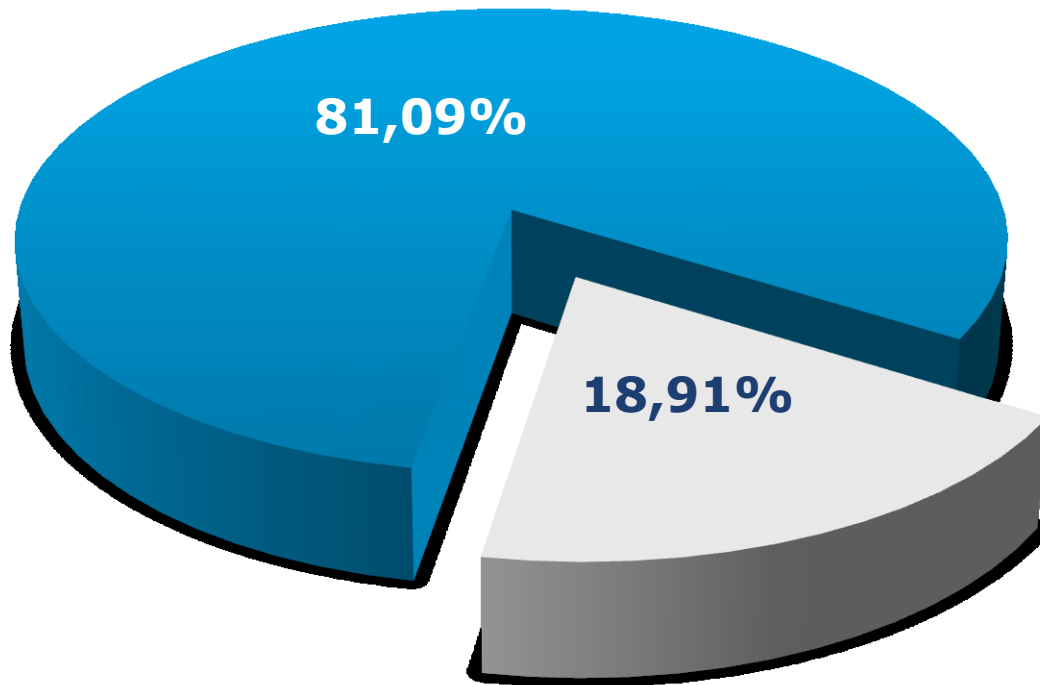
- Execution records and results

## TEST COVERAGE RESULT

- Test coverage reports and explanations



# Unit testing metrics: successful test sequences

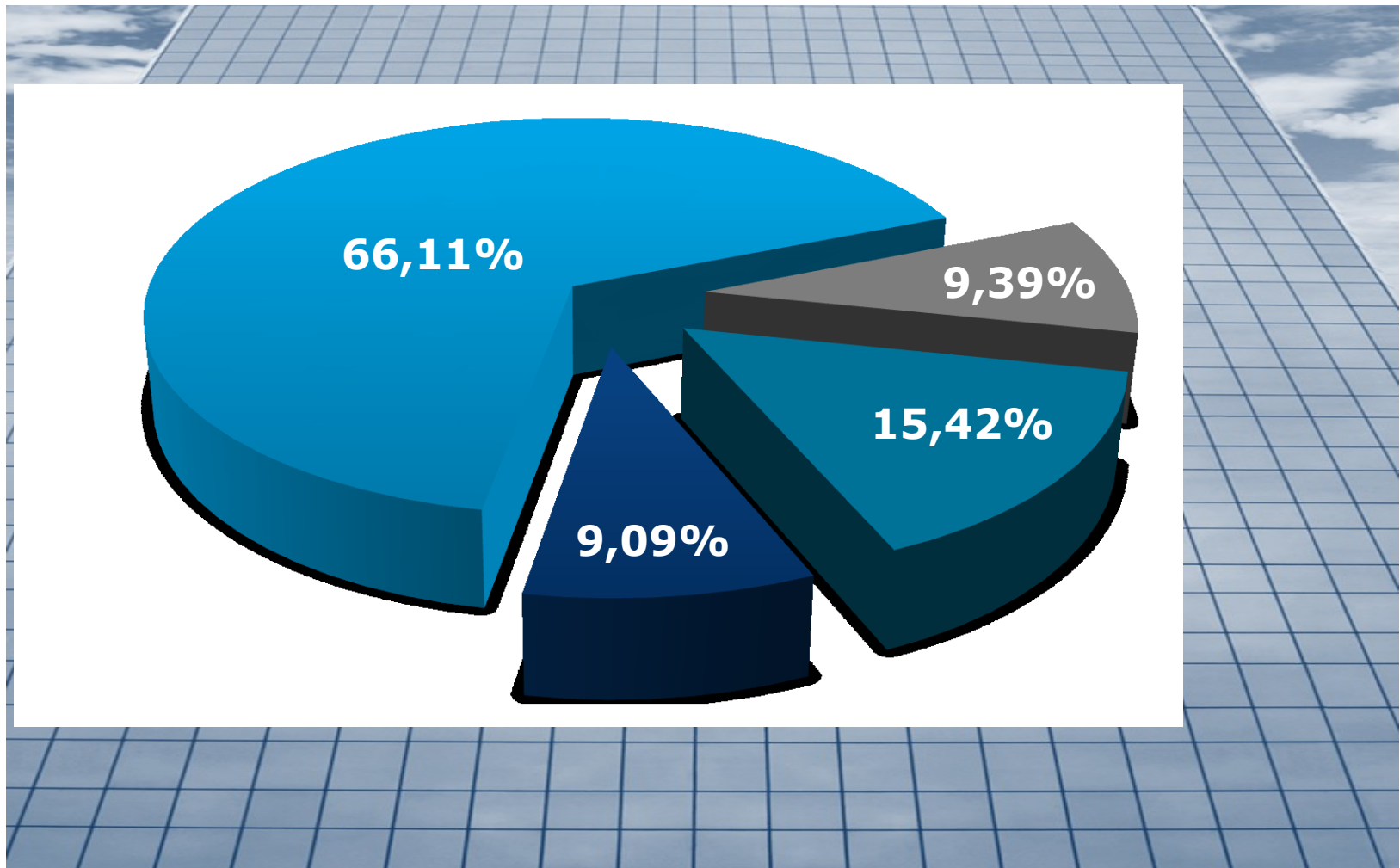


■ Pass

■ Fail

Source: TXT avionic software

# Unit testing metrics: error type



■ Coding Error

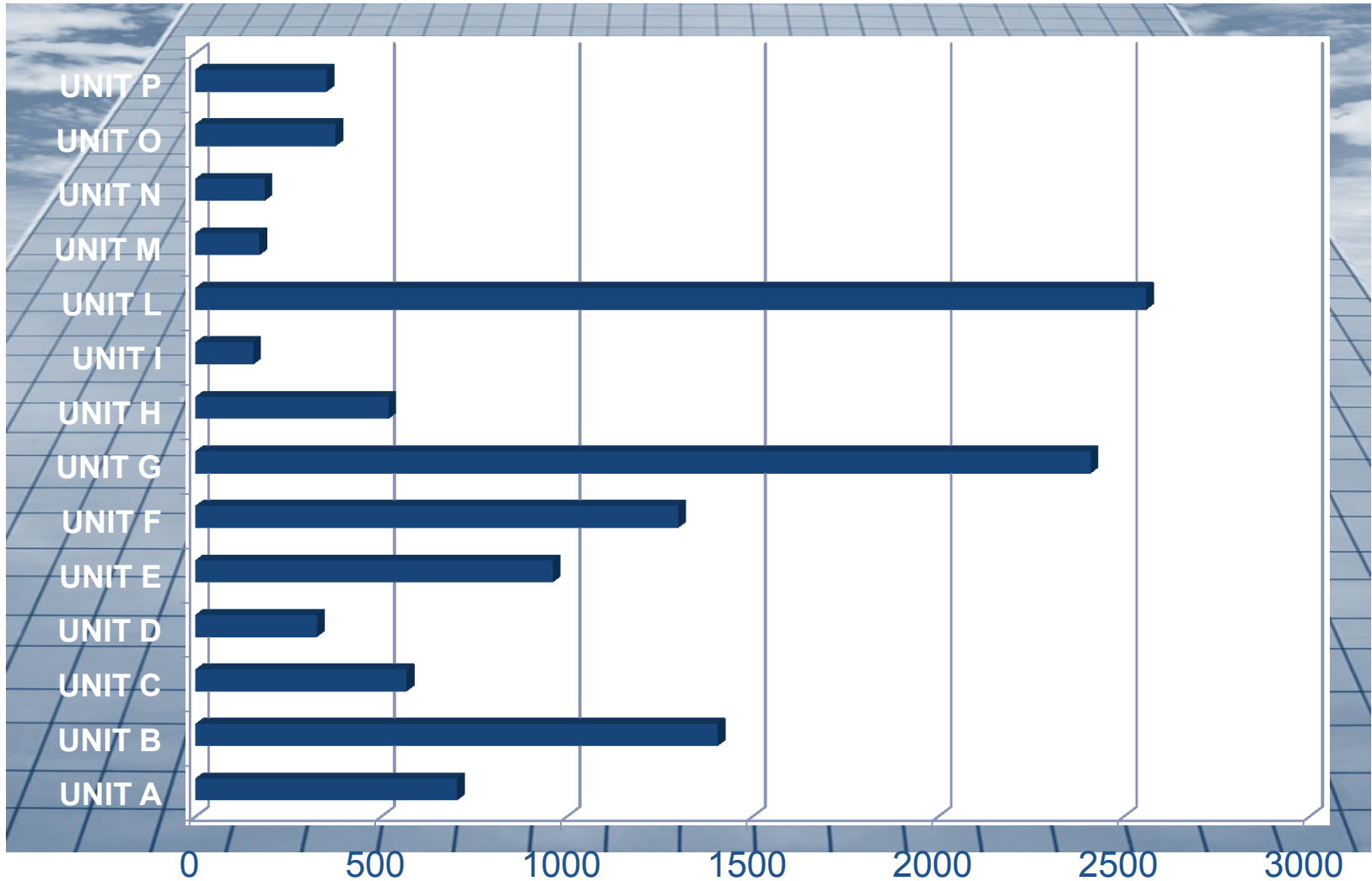
■ Design Error

■ Specification Error

■ Other

Source: TXT avionic software

# Unit testing metrics: SLOC/BUG



Source: TXT avionic software

# What's more in unit testing

## Documentation

- Automatic test execution
- Automatic document generation

## Coverage

- White box testing
- Coverage analysis

## Traceability

- Complete traceability

## Impact analysis

- From coverage code impact figure



# Conclusions

Unit testing is highly recommended from ISO 26262

Corrective actions, for bugs found in unit testing phase, have a lower cost

Unit testing decreases time and risk for integration phase

The effort of unit testing can help the whole process providing metrics and measures

Unit testing is reusable