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Old and New Bits and Pieces of a CAMPaM Framework

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Overview

1. Some examples of (Multi-Formalism) Modelling
2. Domain-Specific (Visual) Modelling – DS(V)M
   - What/Why of DS(V)M (and DS(V)Ls) ?
3. Building DS(V)M Tools Effectively
   (a) Specifying **syntax** of DS(V)Ls:
      - **abstract** (**meta-modelling**)
      - **concrete** (visual)
   (b) Modelling Reactive Visual Modelling Environments
      - multi-formalism
      - nesting/scoping of behaviour
      - glue reactive behaviour, syntax check and layout
   (c) Specifying DS(V)L **semantics**: **transformations**

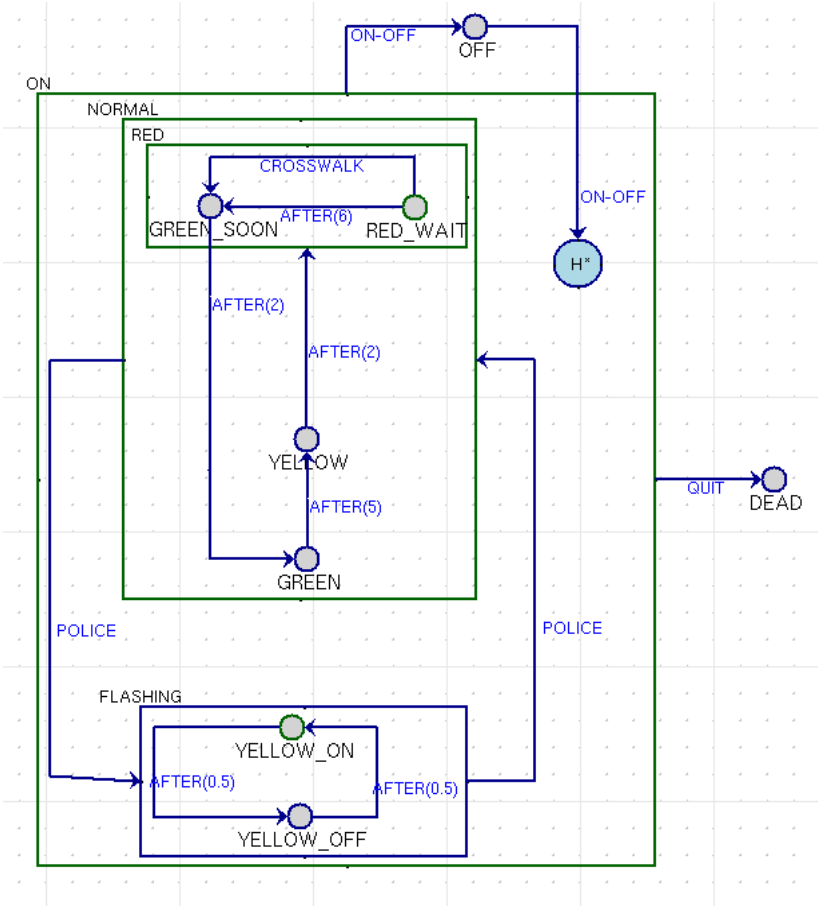
(d) Modelling (and executing) **transformations**: **graph rewriting**

4. DSVM examples
   - step-by-step, in a tool
   - Formalism Transformation uses
5. Semper Variabilis: dealing with evolution
6. Conclusions

Available Information,

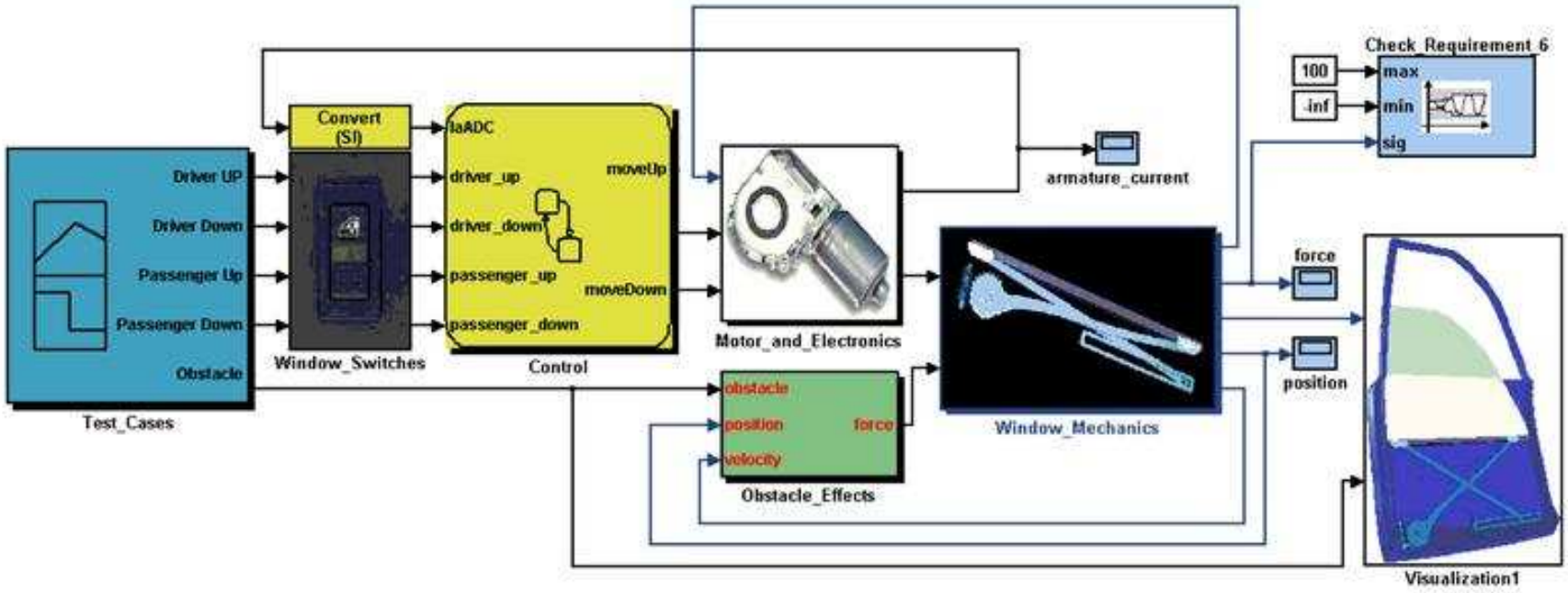
Questions to be Answered, . . .

$\Rightarrow$ Abstraction Level/Formalism



Need Multiple Formalisms: Power Window

The Model

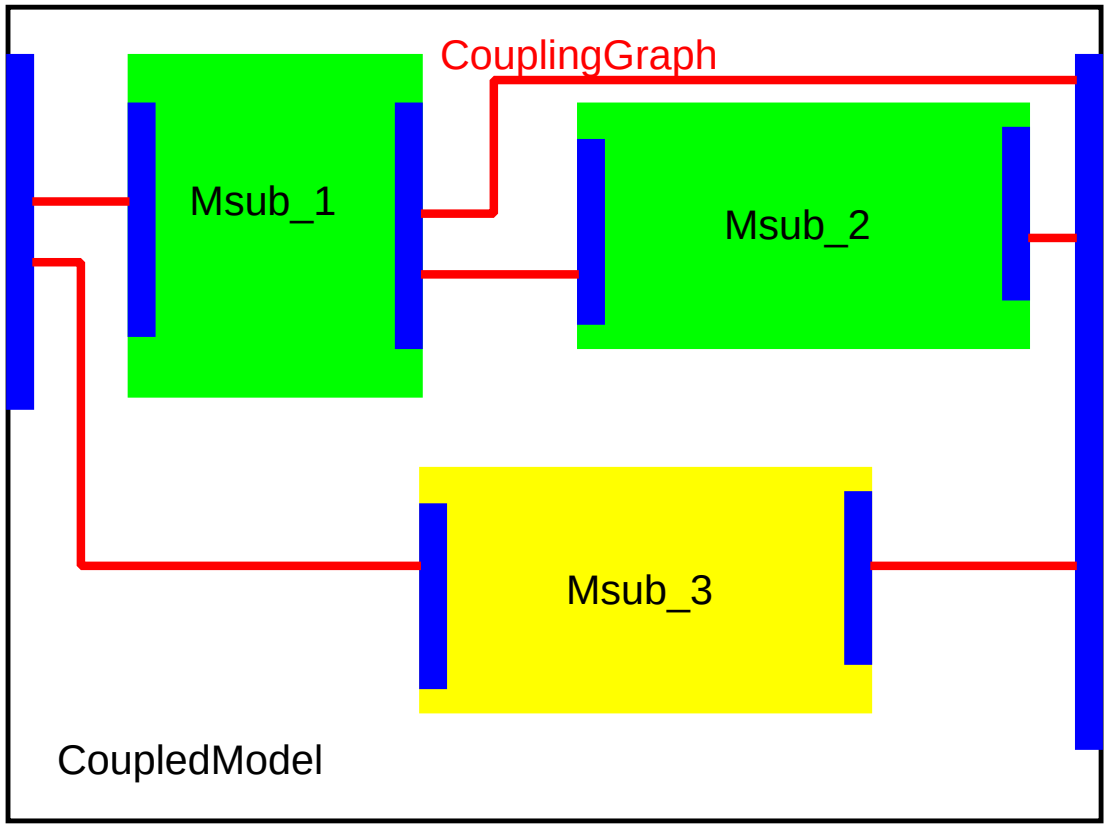


www.mathworks.com/products/demos/simulink/PowerWindow/html/PowerWindow1.html

Semantics of Coupled Models

- Super-formalism subsumes all formalisms
- Co-simulation (coupling resolved at trajectory level)
- Transform to common formalism

Multi-formalism coupled model: co-simulation



Co-simulation of multi-formalism coupled models

- Sub-models simulated with formalism-specific simulators.
- Interaction due to coupling is resolved at trajectory level.

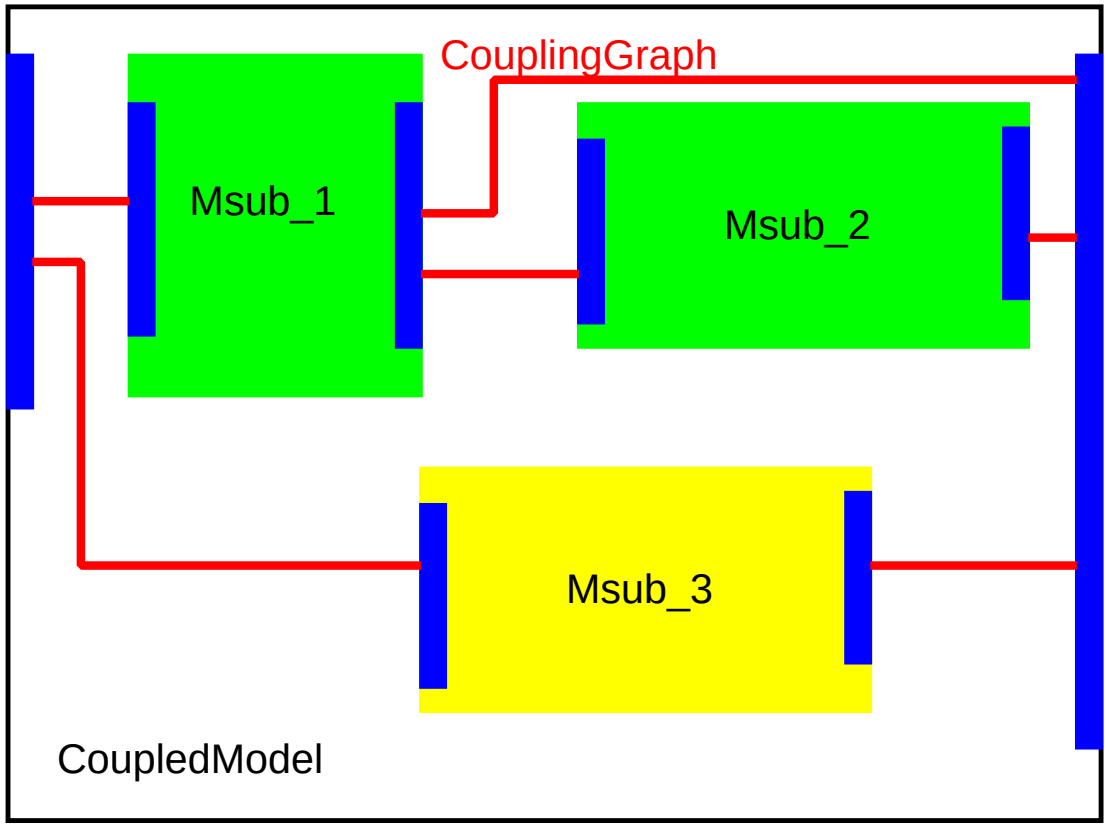
$\longrightarrow$ Loss of information.

$\longrightarrow$ Questions can *only* be answered at trajectory level.

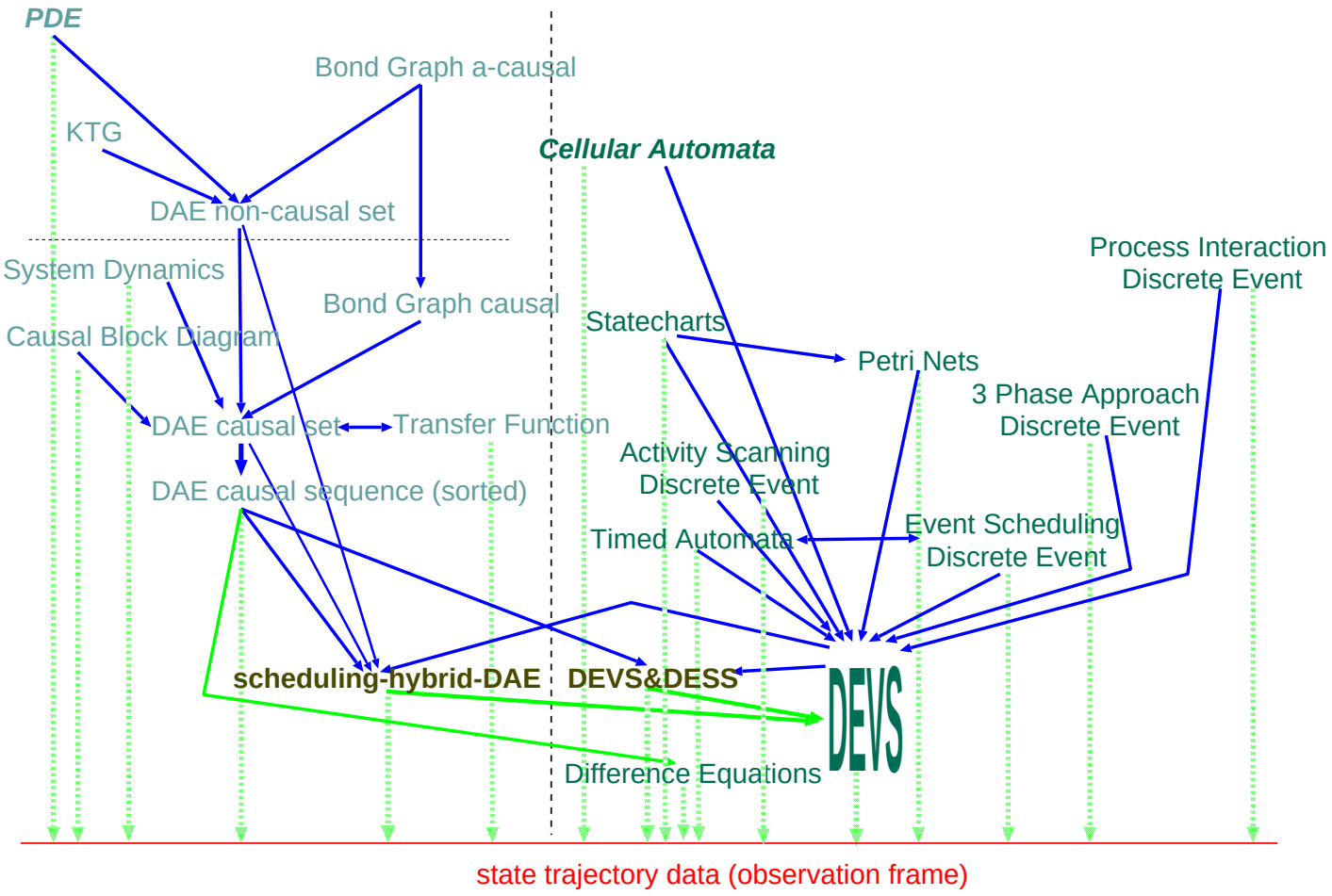
$\longrightarrow$ Speed and numerical accuracy problems
for continuous formalisms.

$\longrightarrow$ Meaningful for discrete-event formalisms (beware of legitimacy !).
Basis of the DoD High Level Architecture (HLA)
for simulator interoperability.

Multi-formalism coupled model: multi-formalism modelling



Formalism Transformation Graph



Multi-formalism modelling $\neq$ co-simulation

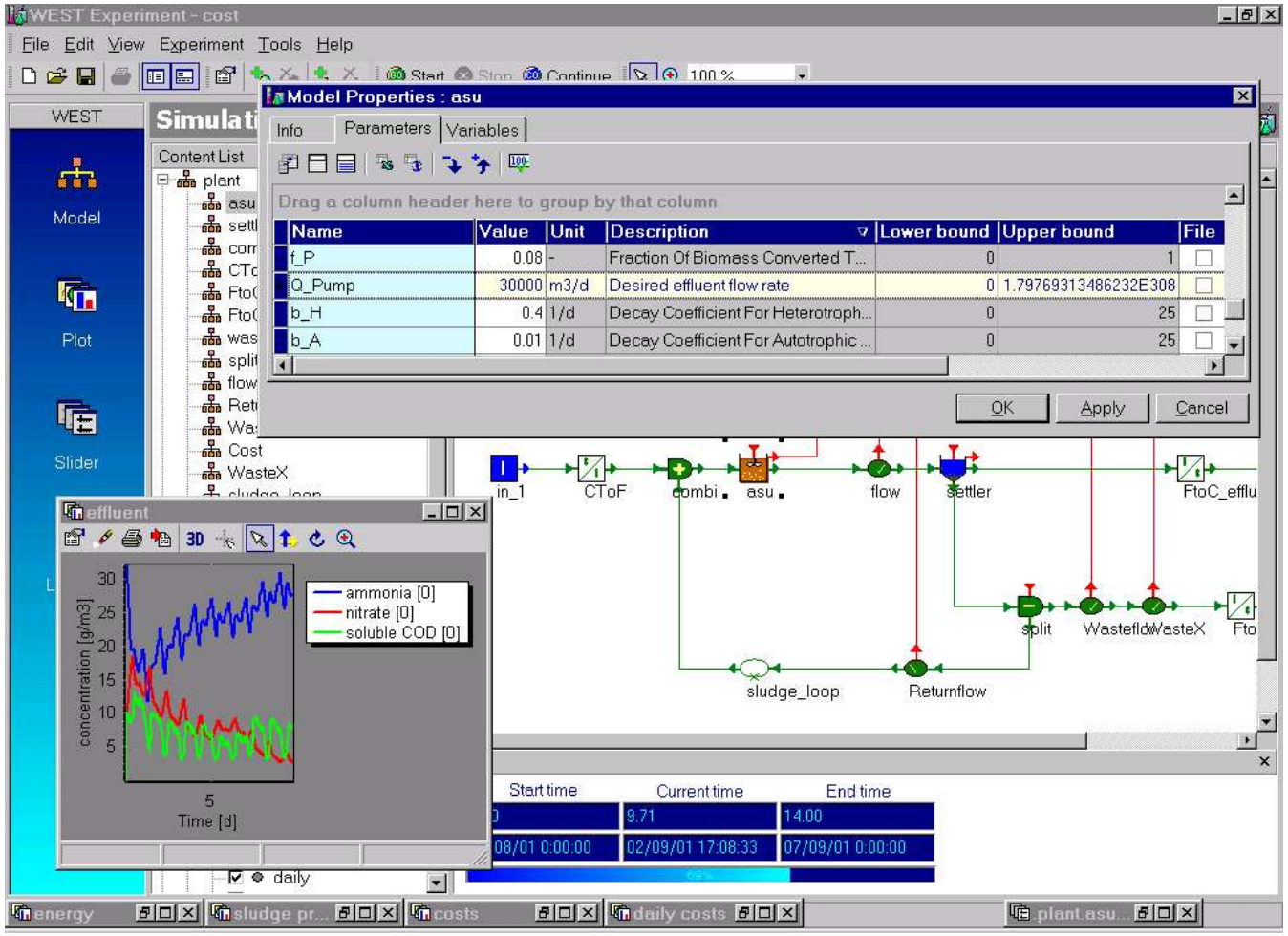
1. Start from a coupled multi-formalism model. Check consistency of this model (*e.g.*, whether causalites and types of connected ports match).
2. Cluster all formalisms described in the same formalism.
3. For each cluster, implement closure under coupling.
4. Look for the best common formalism in the Formalism Transformation Graph all the remaining different formalisms can be transformed to. Worst case: trajectory level (fallback to co-simulation).
5. Transform all the sub-models to the common formalism.
6. Implement closure under coupling of the common formalism.

Domain-Specific Modelling Example

NATO's Sarajevo WWTP

`www.nato.int/sfor/cimic/env-pro/waterpla.htm`

DS(V)M Environment



www.hemmis.com/products/west/

Why DS(V)M ?
(as opposed to General Purpose modelling)

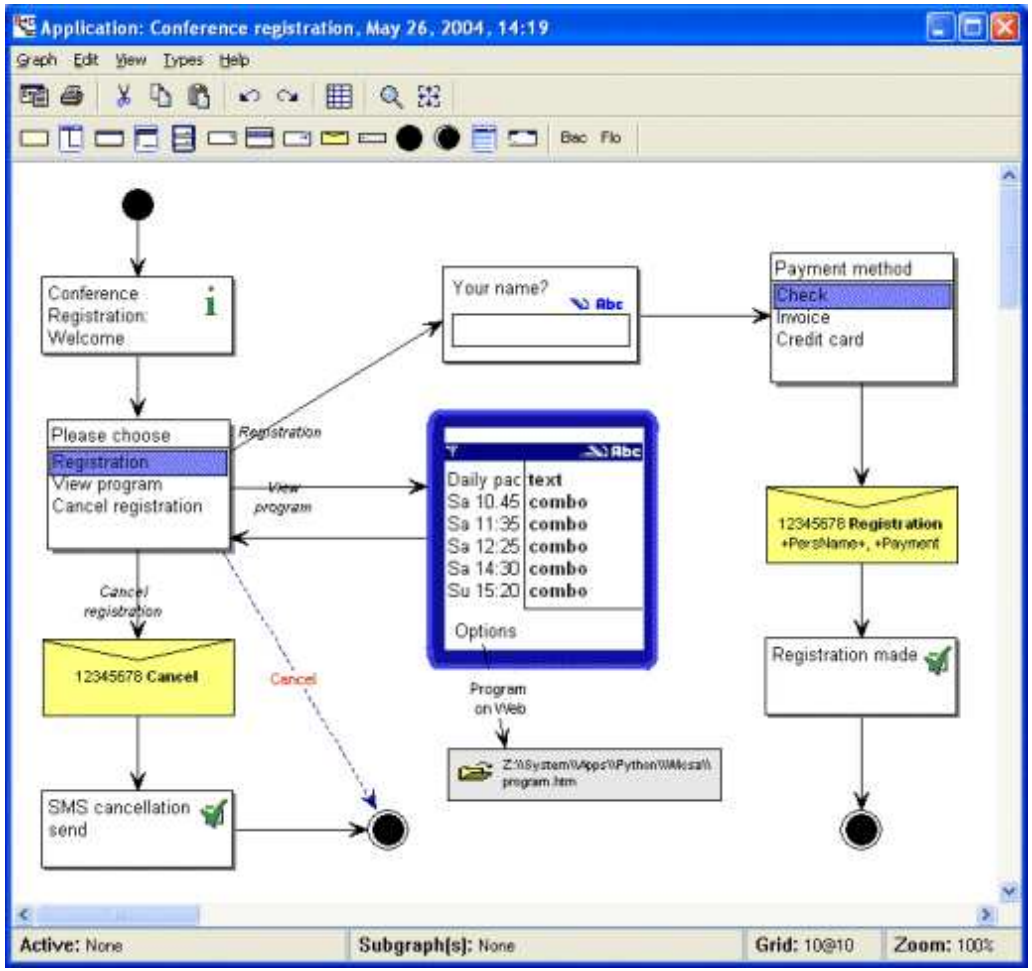
- **match the user's mental model** of the problem domain
- **maximally constrain** the user (to the problem at hand)
  $\Rightarrow$ easier to learn
  $\Rightarrow$ avoid errors
- **separate** domain-expert's work
  from analysis/transformation expert's work

Anecdotal evidence of 5 to 10 times speedup

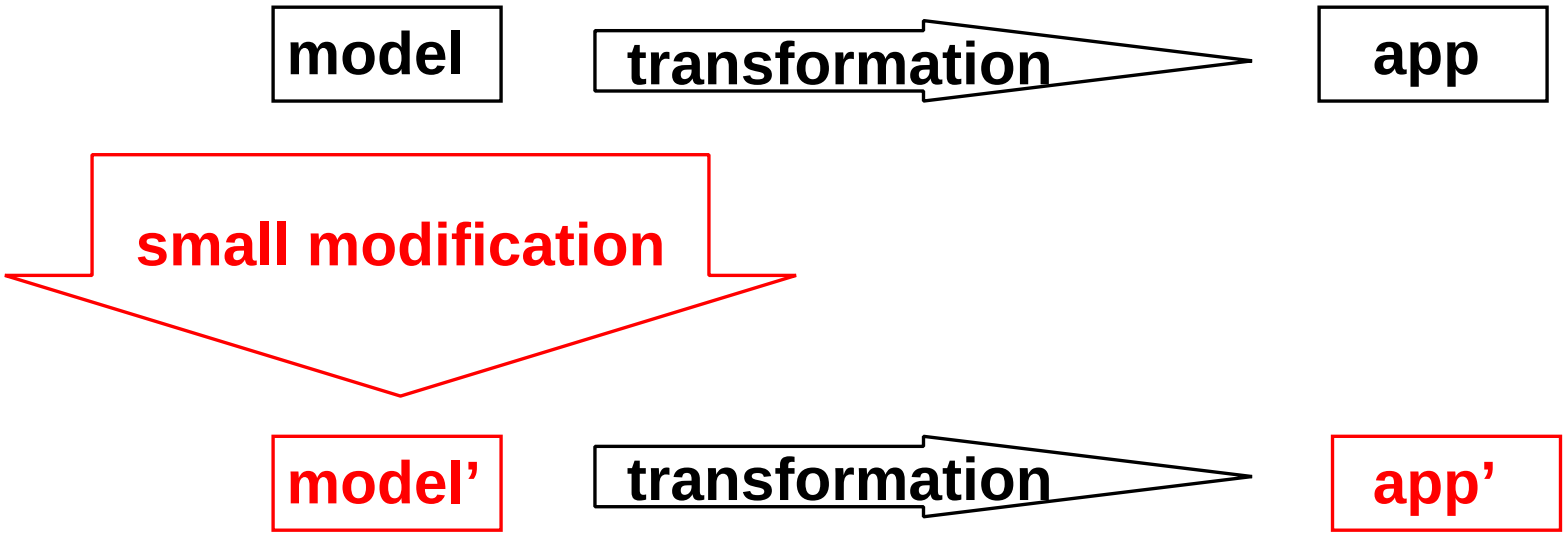
DS(V)M Example in Software Domain
smart phones, the application

MetaEdit+ (`www.metacase.com`)

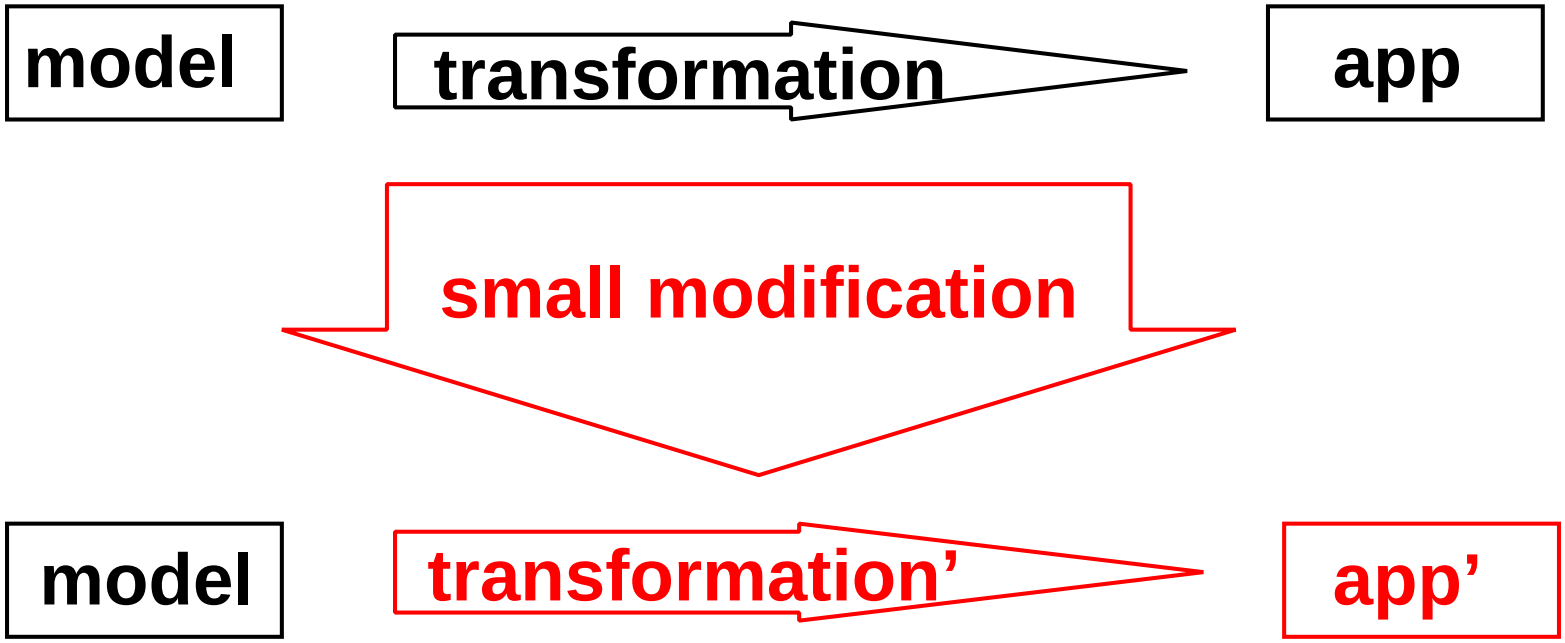
DS(V)M Example: smart phones, the Domain-Specific model



Model-Based Development: Modify the Model



Model-Based Development: Modify the Transformation



Divide and Conquer: Transformation may be multi-step

Usual advantages . . .

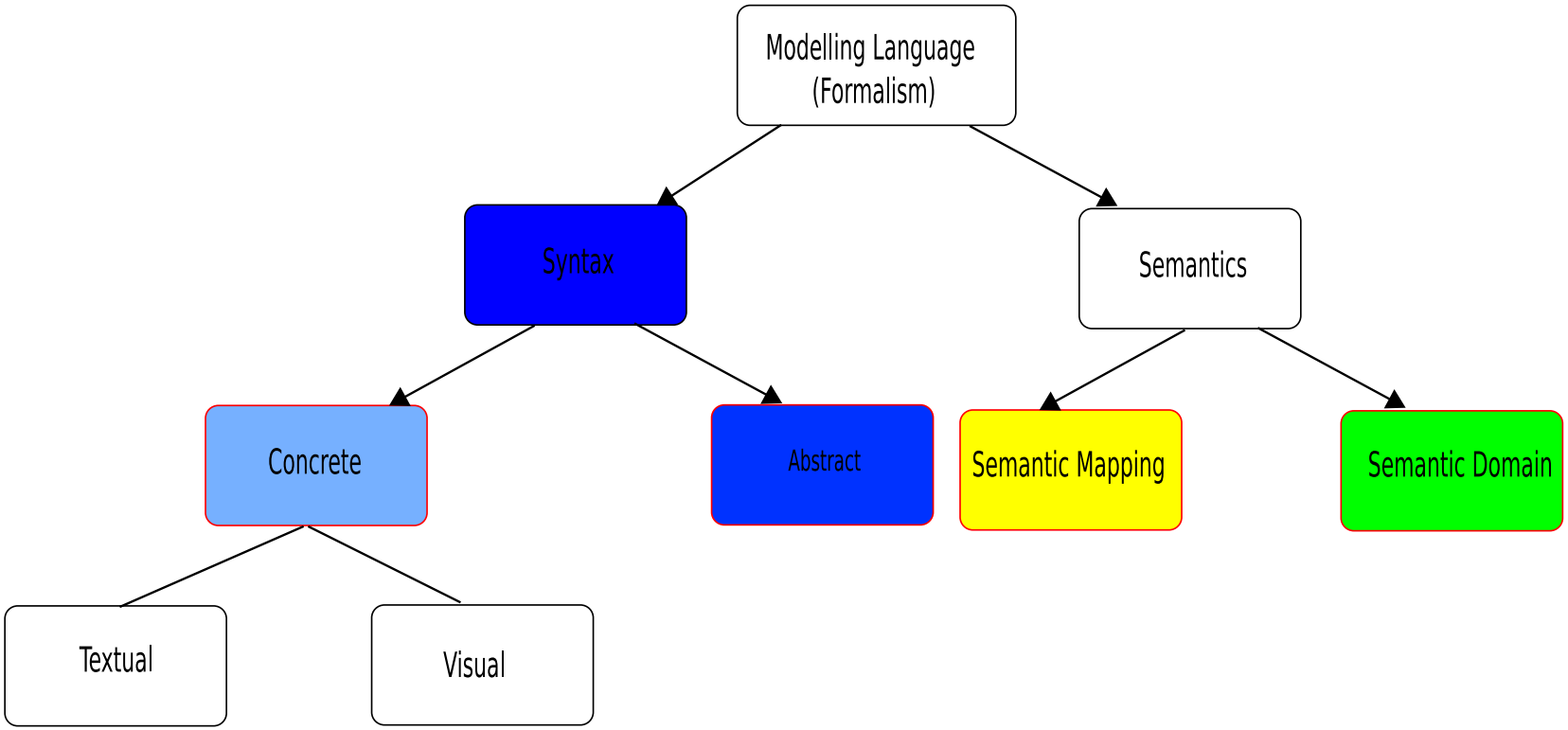
Building DS(V)M Tools Effectively . . .

- **development cost** of DS(V)M Tools may be prohibitive !
- we want to effectively (rapidly, correctly, re-usably, . . .)
  1. Specify DS(V)L **syntax**:
     - **abstract** $\Rightarrow$ **meta-modelling**
     - **concrete** (textual/visual)
  2. Modelling Reactive Visual Modelling Environments
     - multi-formalism
     - nesting/scoping of behaviour
     - glue reactive behaviour, syntax check and layout
  3. Specify DS(V)L **semantics**:
     transformation
  4. Model (and analyze and execute) model **transformations**:
     $\Rightarrow$ **graph rewriting**

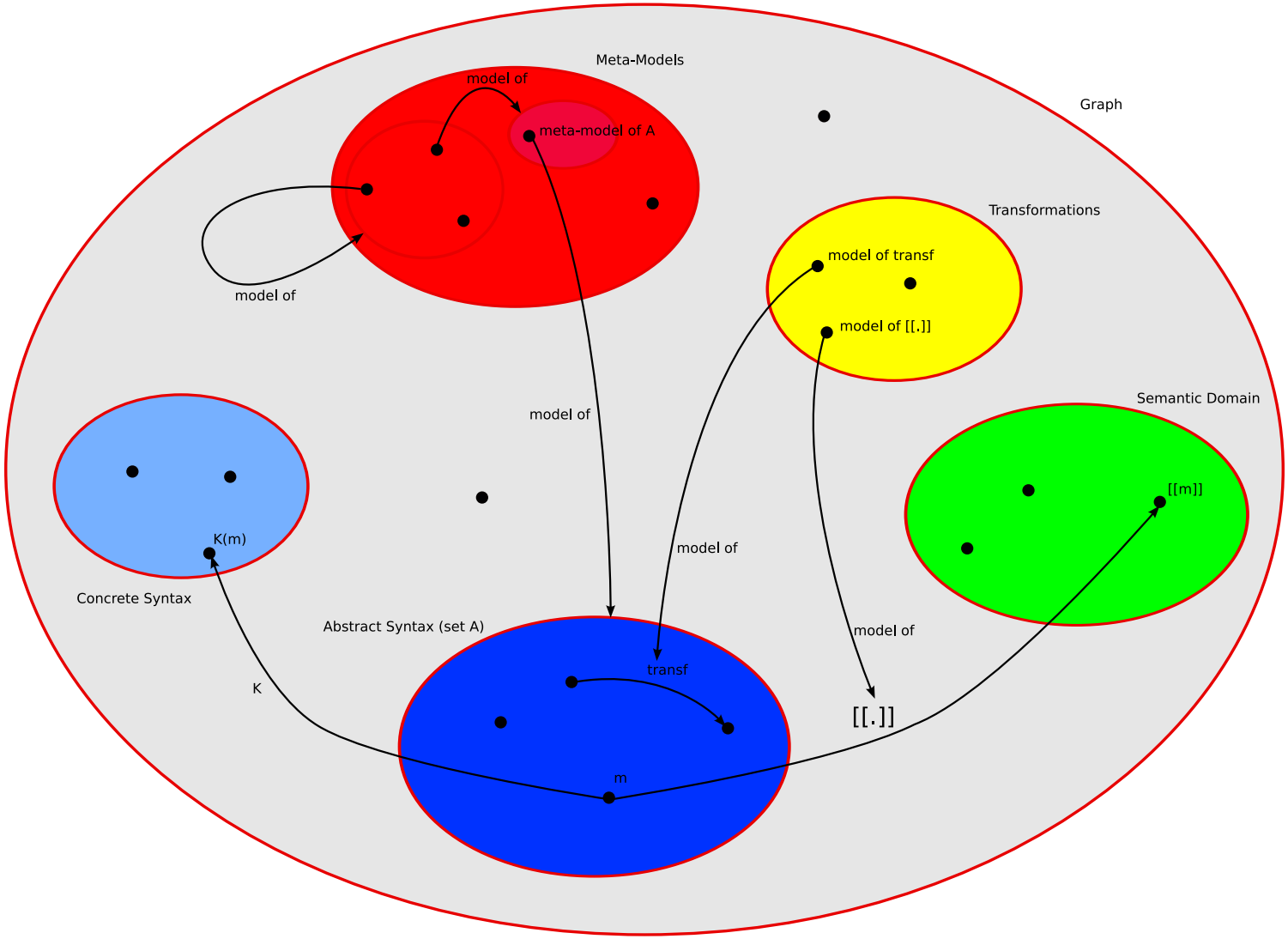
$\Rightarrow$ **model everything**

(in the most appropriate formalism,
at the appropriate level of abstraction)

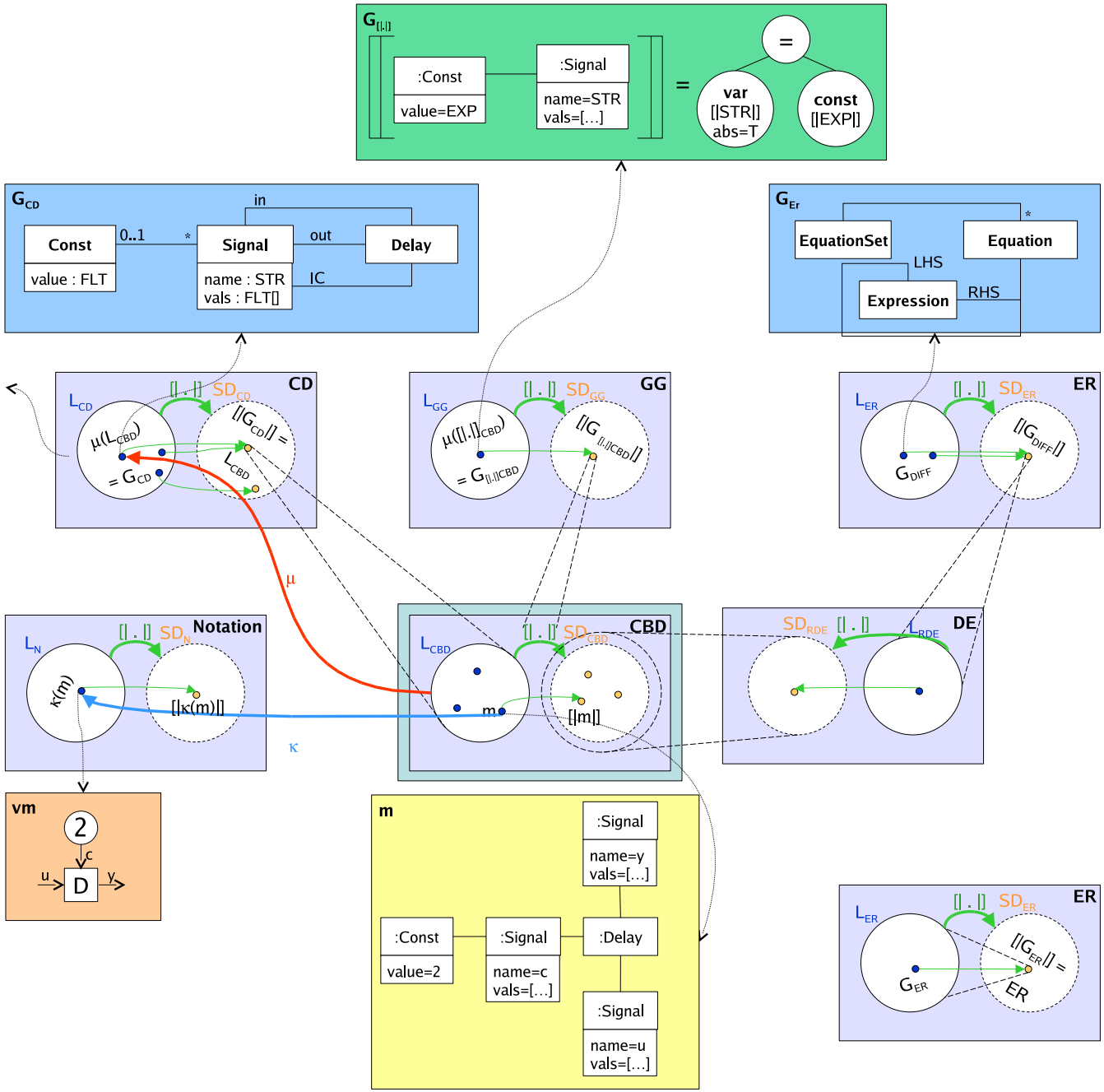
Dissecting a Modelling Language



Modelling Languages as Sets



Last year's (more complete) version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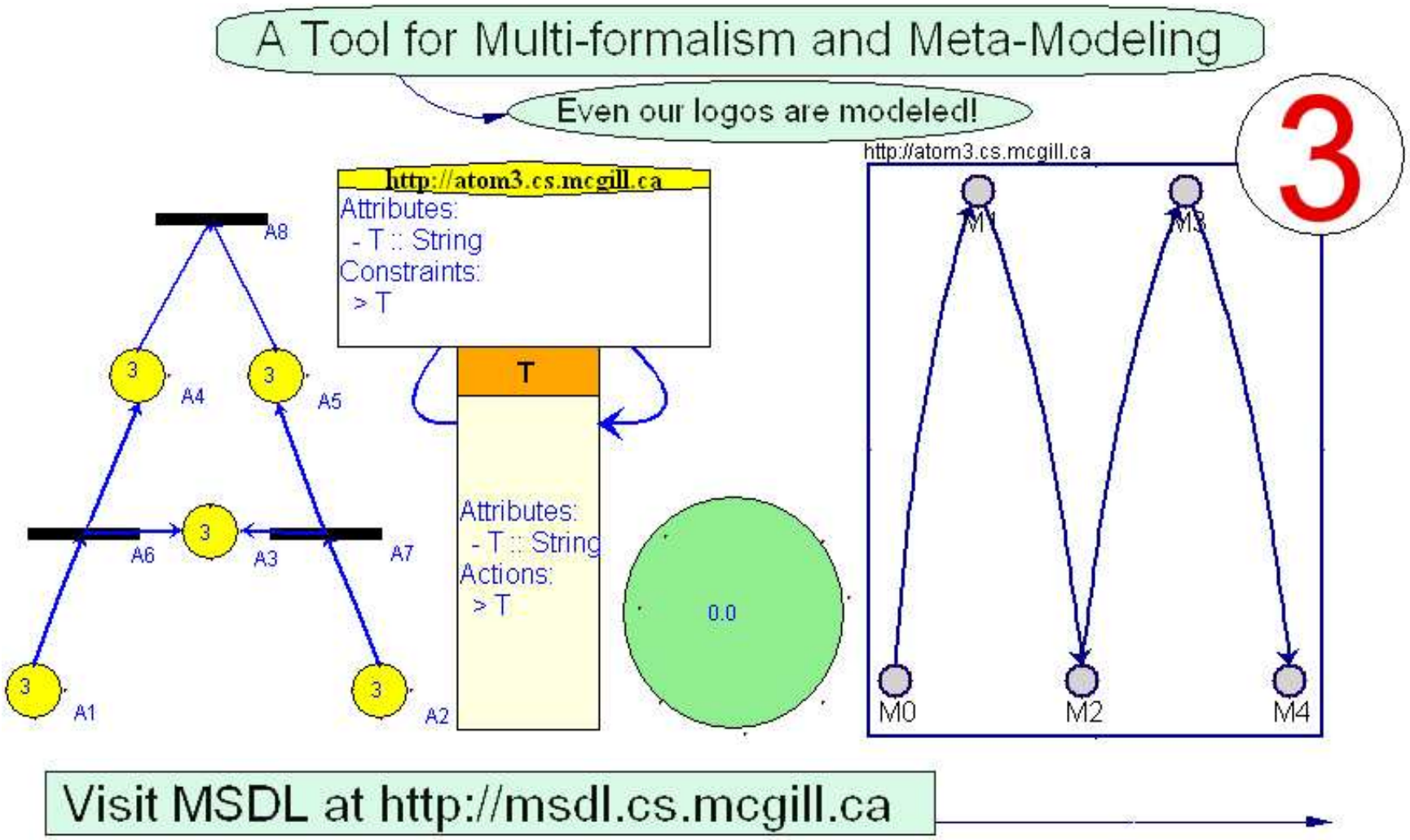
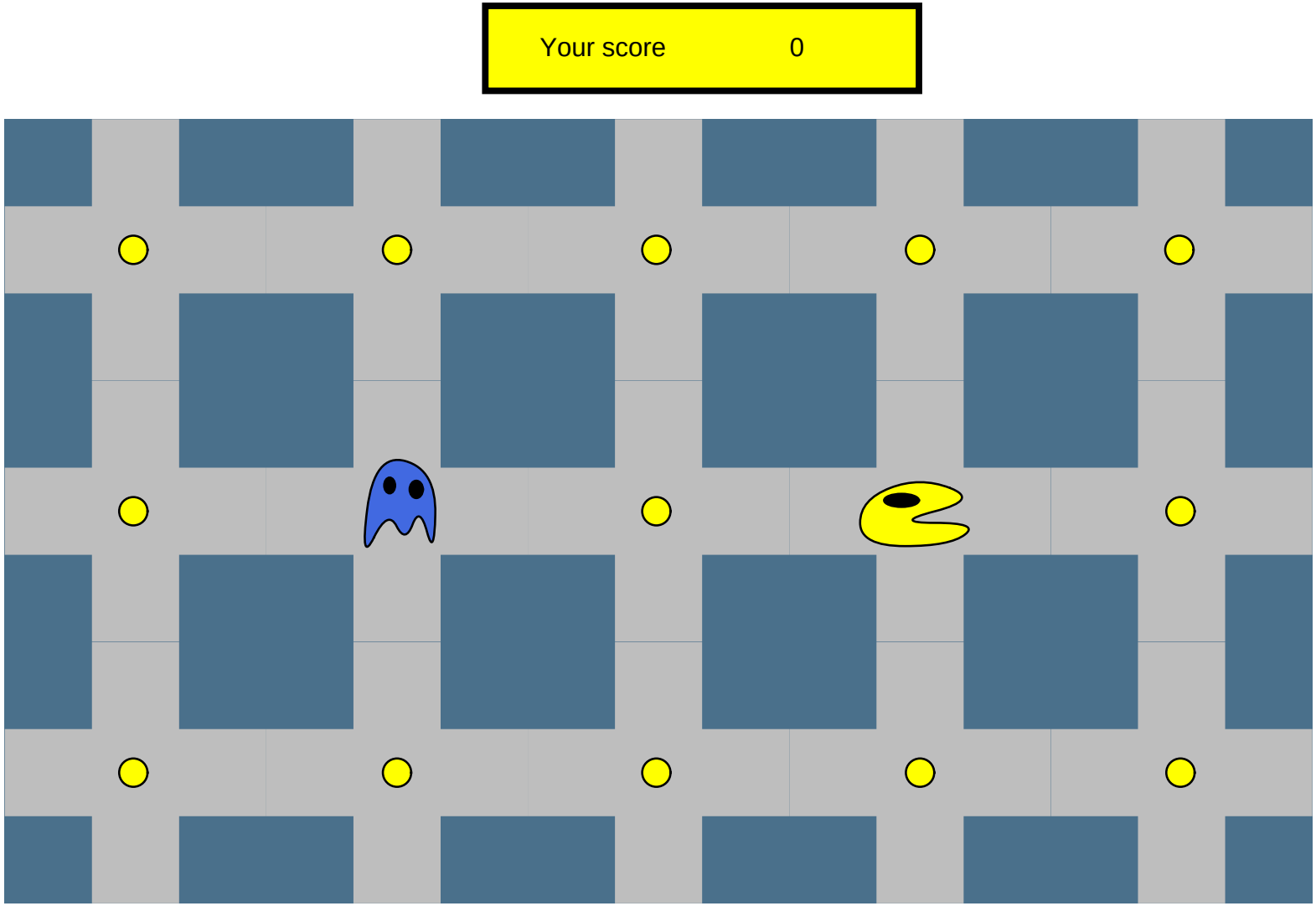
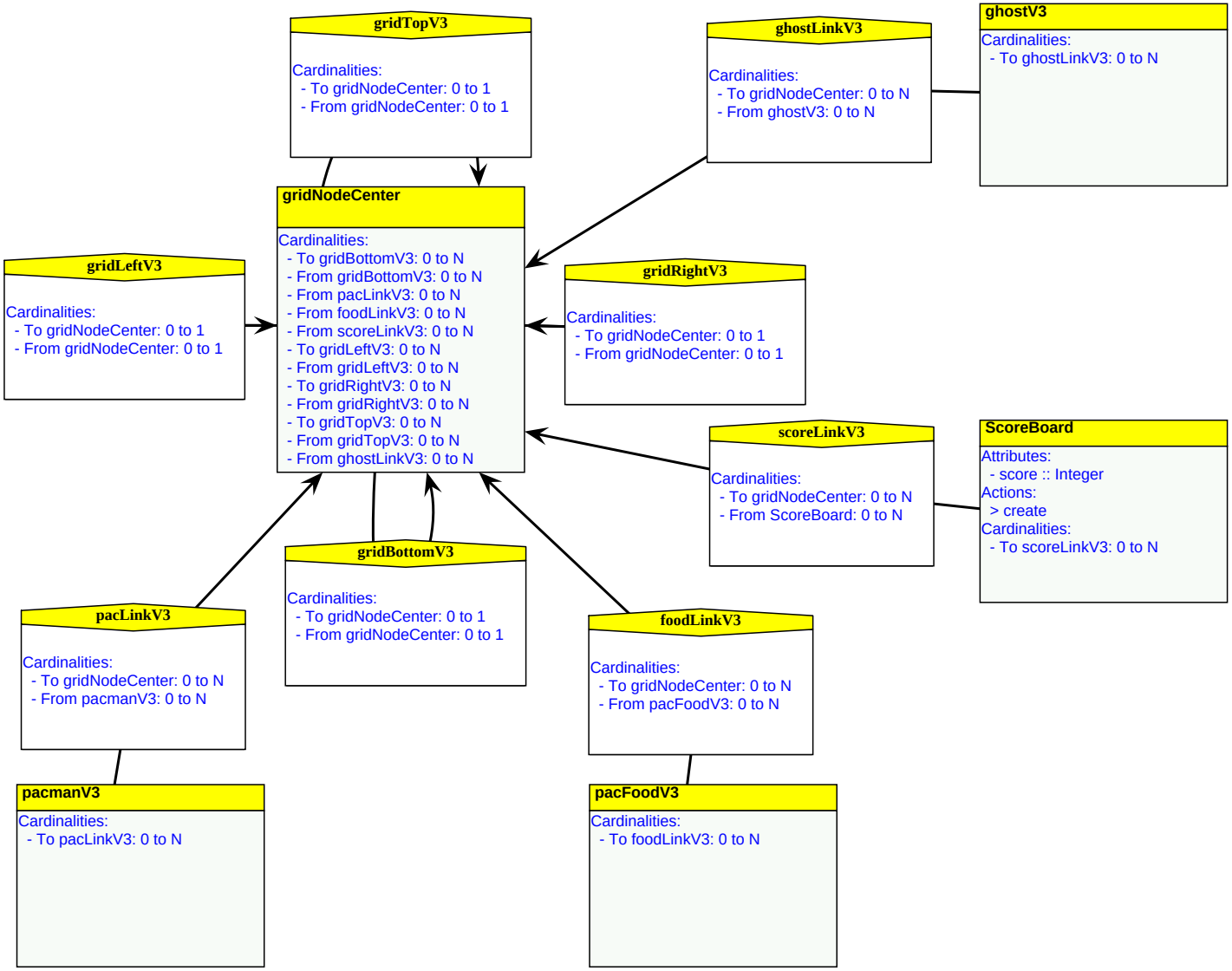
From now on: tool view using AToM^3



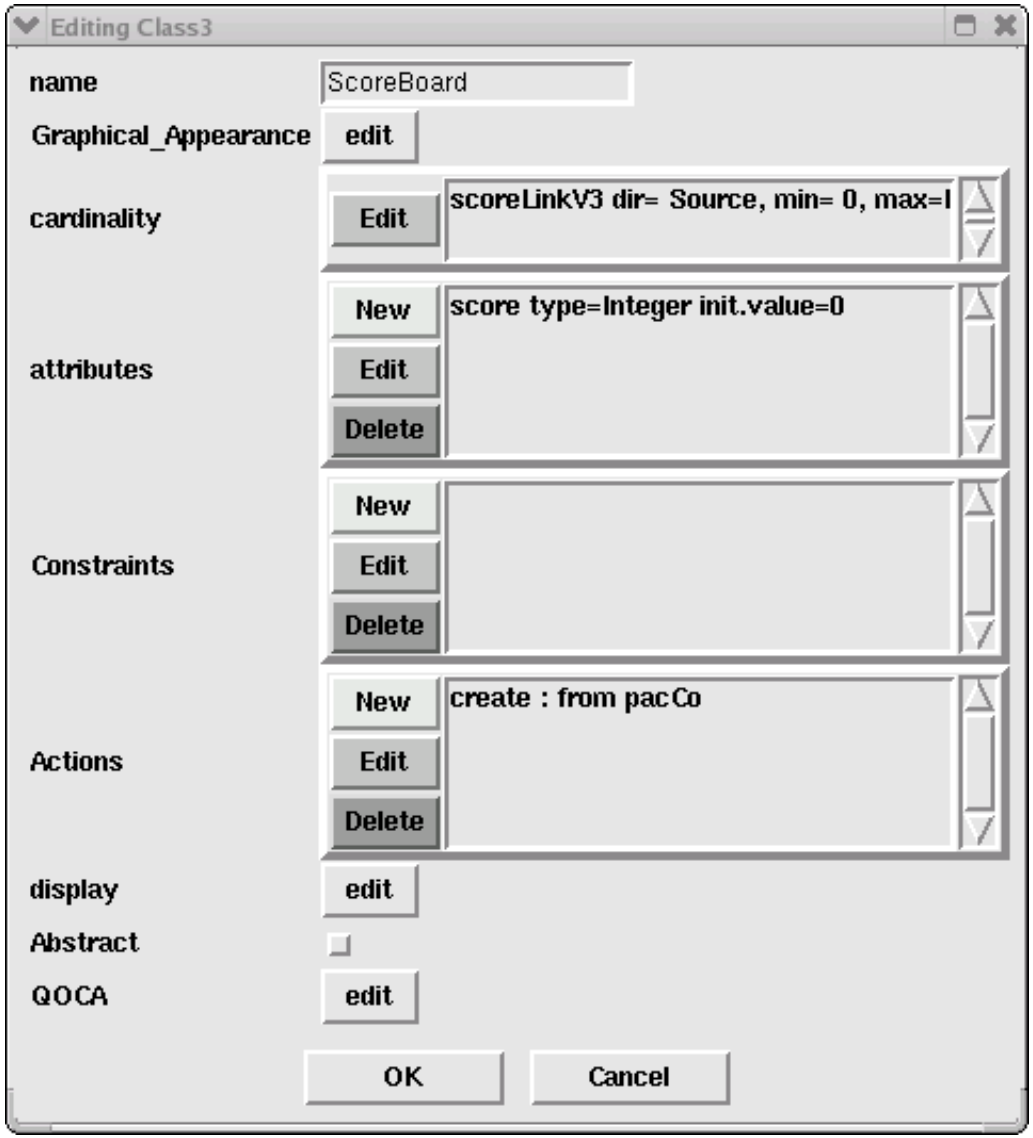
A model in the PacMan Formalism



Modelling Abstract Syntax (meta-model)



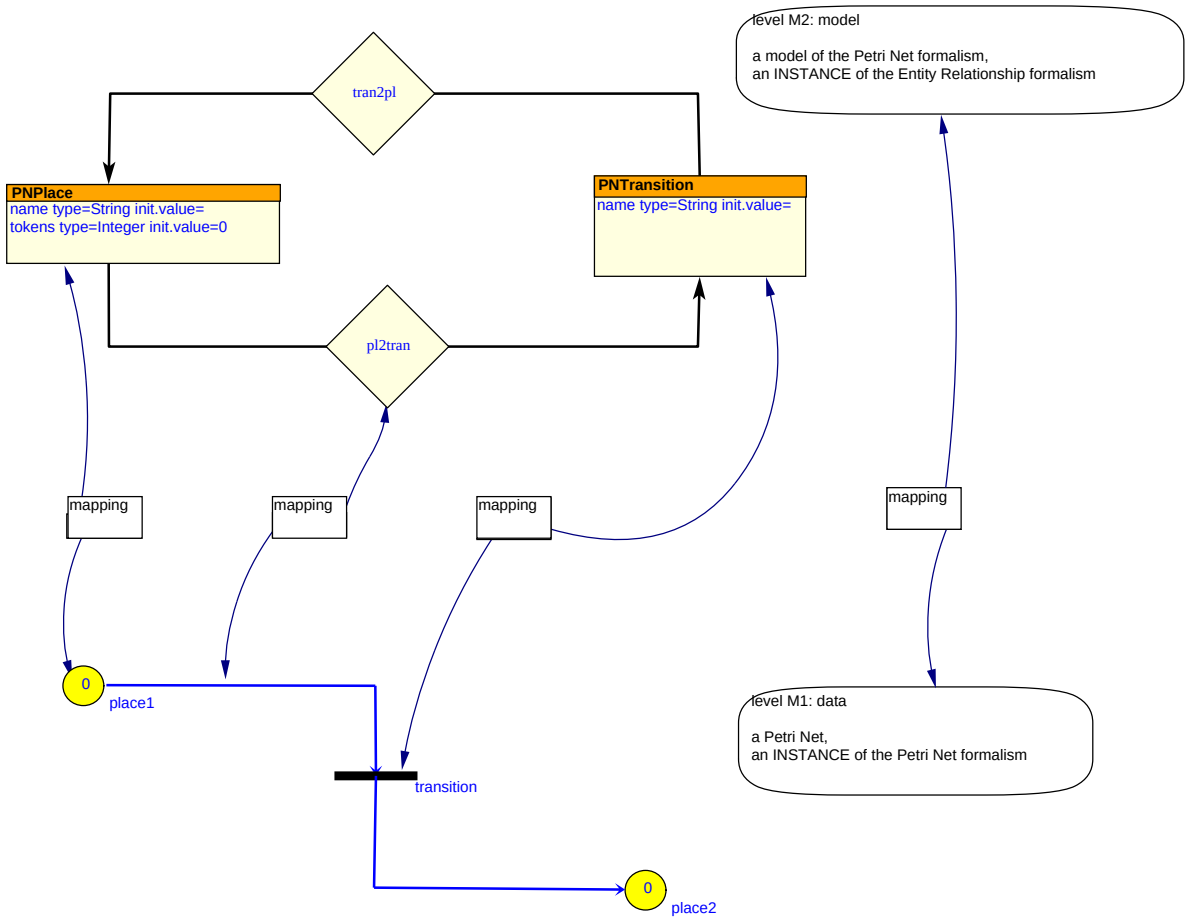
Modelling the Scoreboard Entity



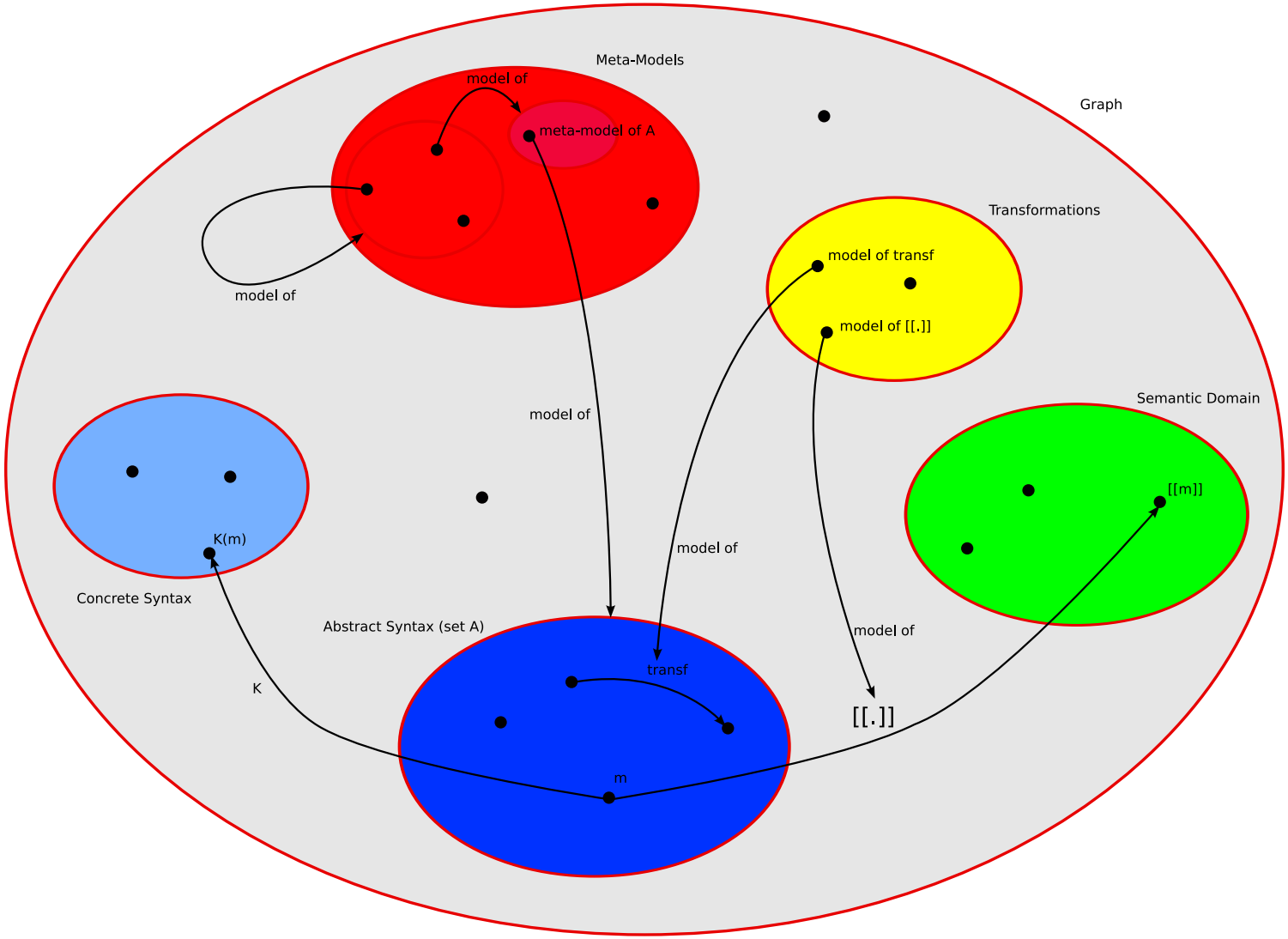
Synthesis of Code from this Design model

```
class ScoreBoard(ASGNode, ATOM3Type):

  def __init__(self, parent = None):
     ASGNode.__init__(self)
     ATOM3Type.__init__(self)
     self.graphClass_ = graph_ScoreBoard
     self.isGraphObjectVisual = True
     self.parent = parent
     self.score=ATOM3Integer(0)
     self.generatedAttributes = {'score': ('ATOM3Integer' ) }
     self.directEditing = [1]

  def clone(self):
     cloneObject = ScoreBoard( self.parent )
     for atr in self.realOrder:
        cloneObject.setAttrValue(atr, self.getAttrValue(atr).clone() )
     ASGNode.cloneActions(self, cloneObject)
     return cloneObject
```

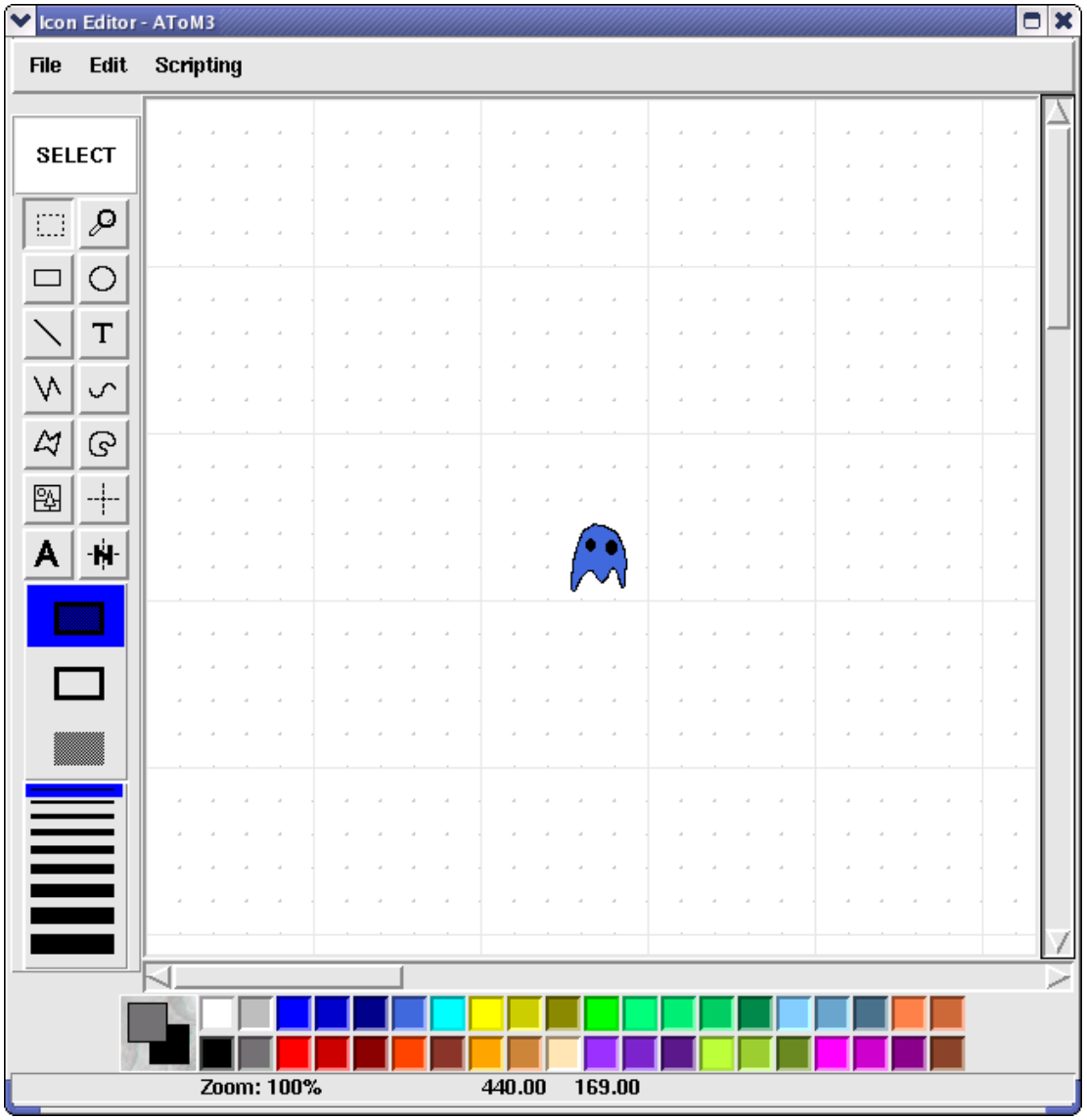
Meta-modelling: model-instance morphism or . . .



Meta-meta-. . . : Meta-circularity



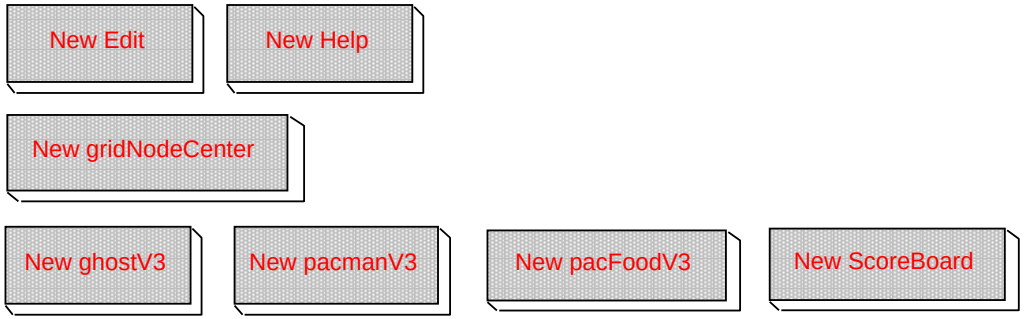
Modelling Ghost Concrete Visual Syntax



PacFoodLink Concrete Visual Syntax

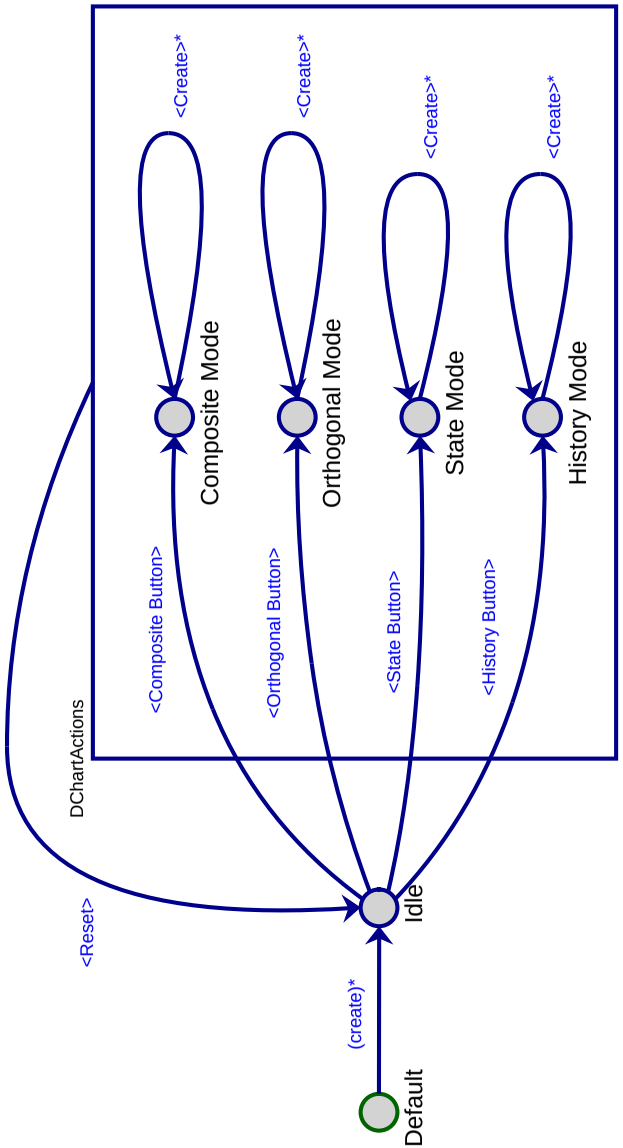
```
# Get n1, n2 end-points of the link
n1 = self.in_connections_[0]
n2 = self.out_connections_[0]

# g1 and g2 are the graphEntity visual objects
g0 = self.graphObject_   # the link
g1 = n1.graphObject_     # first end-point
g2 = n2.graphObject_     # second end-poing

# Get the high level constraint helper and solver
from Qoca.atom3constraints.OffsetConstraints
     import OffsetConstraints
oc = OffsetConstraints(self.parent.qocaSolver)

# The constraints
oc.CenterX((g1, g2, g0))
oc.CenterY((g1, g2, g0))
oc.resolve()
```

Synthesize + Customize Buttons model

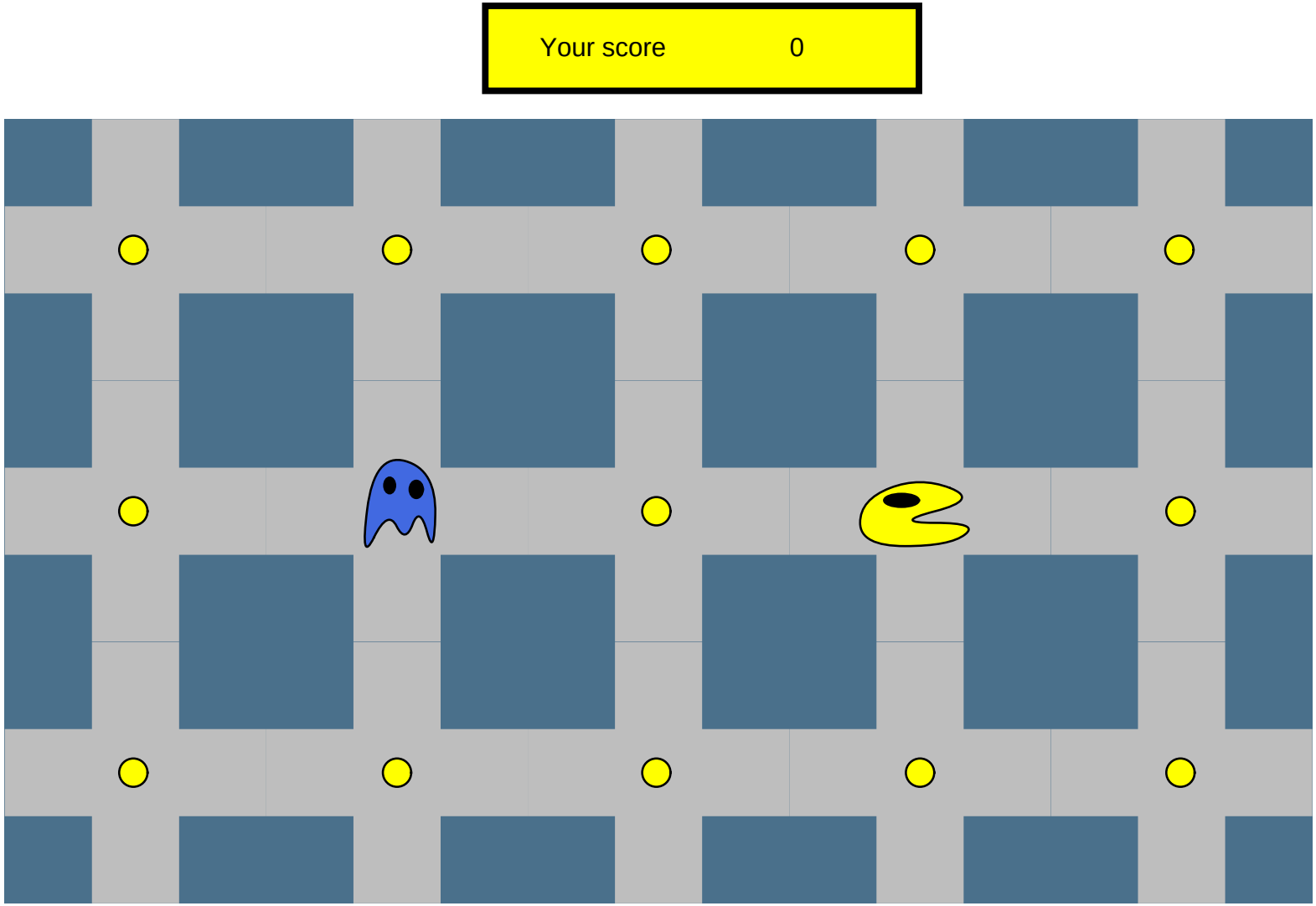


Note: create *vs.* execute

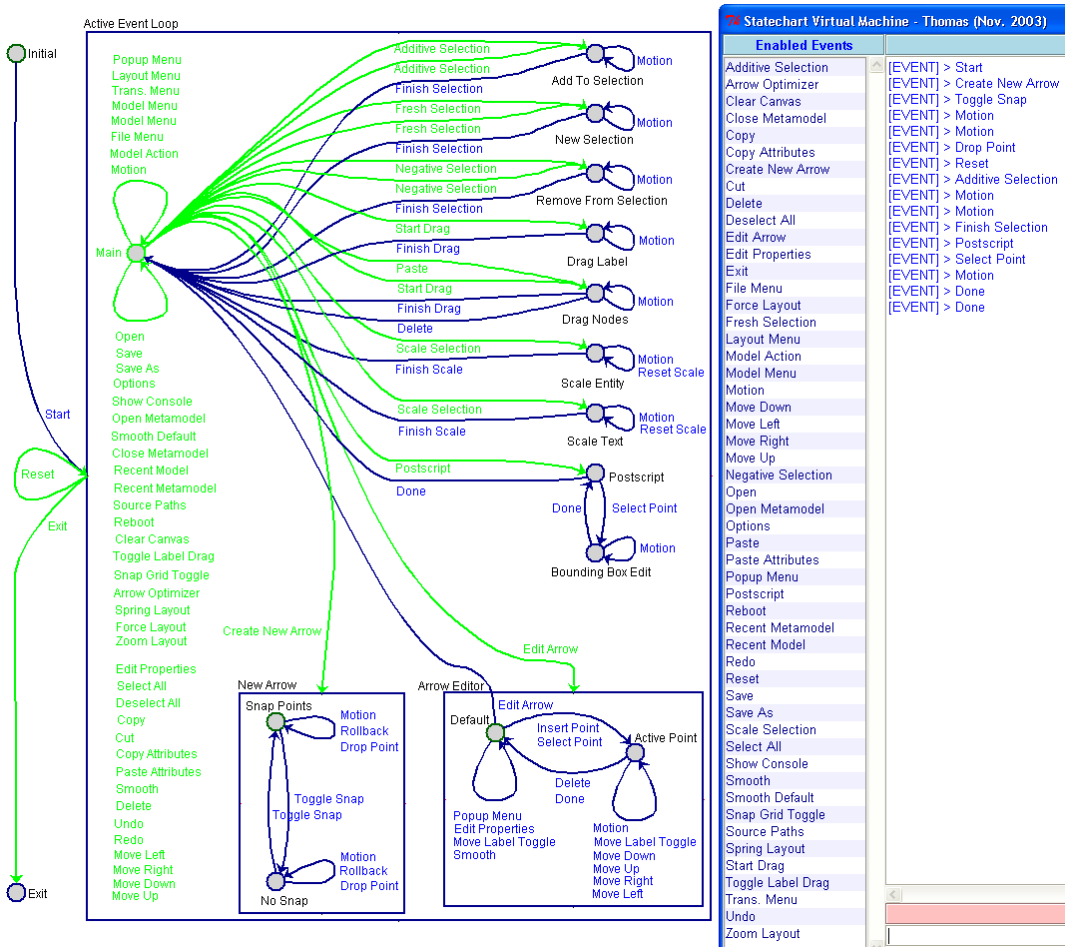
Buttons behaviour model



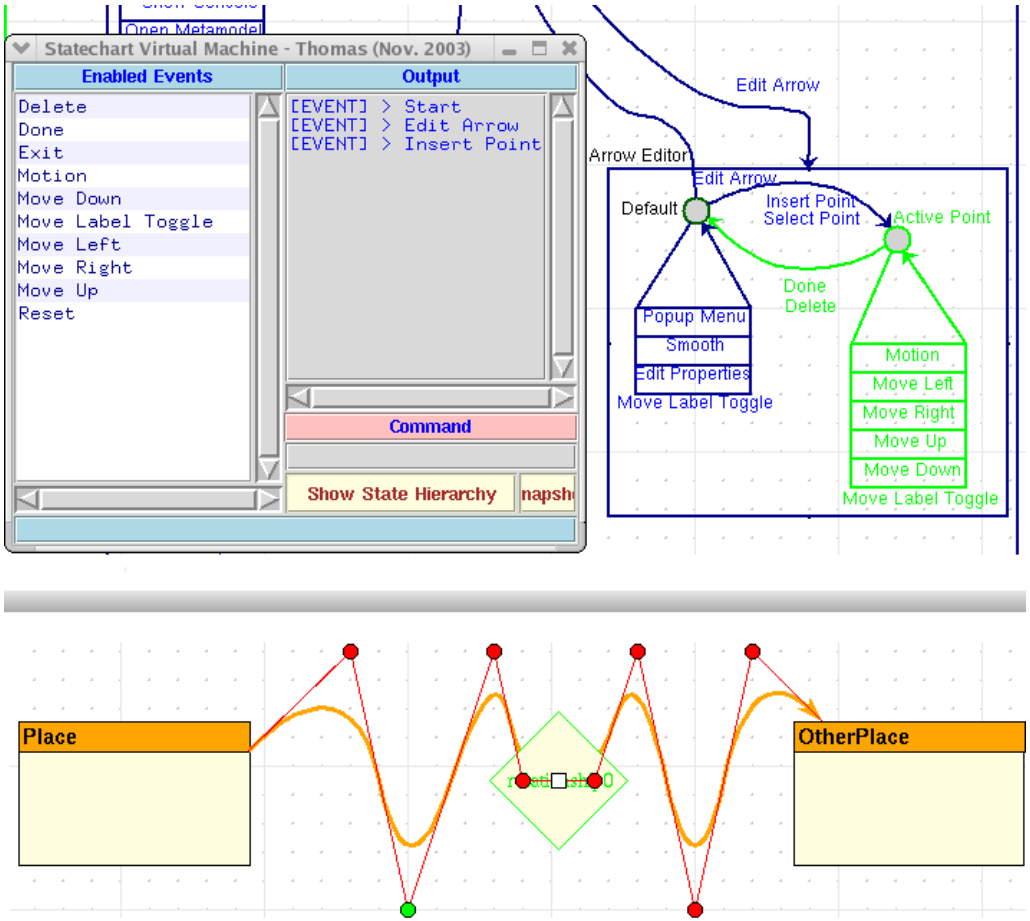
Can now build valid PacMan models ?



Model the GUI's Complete Reactive Behaviour ! in the Statechart formalism



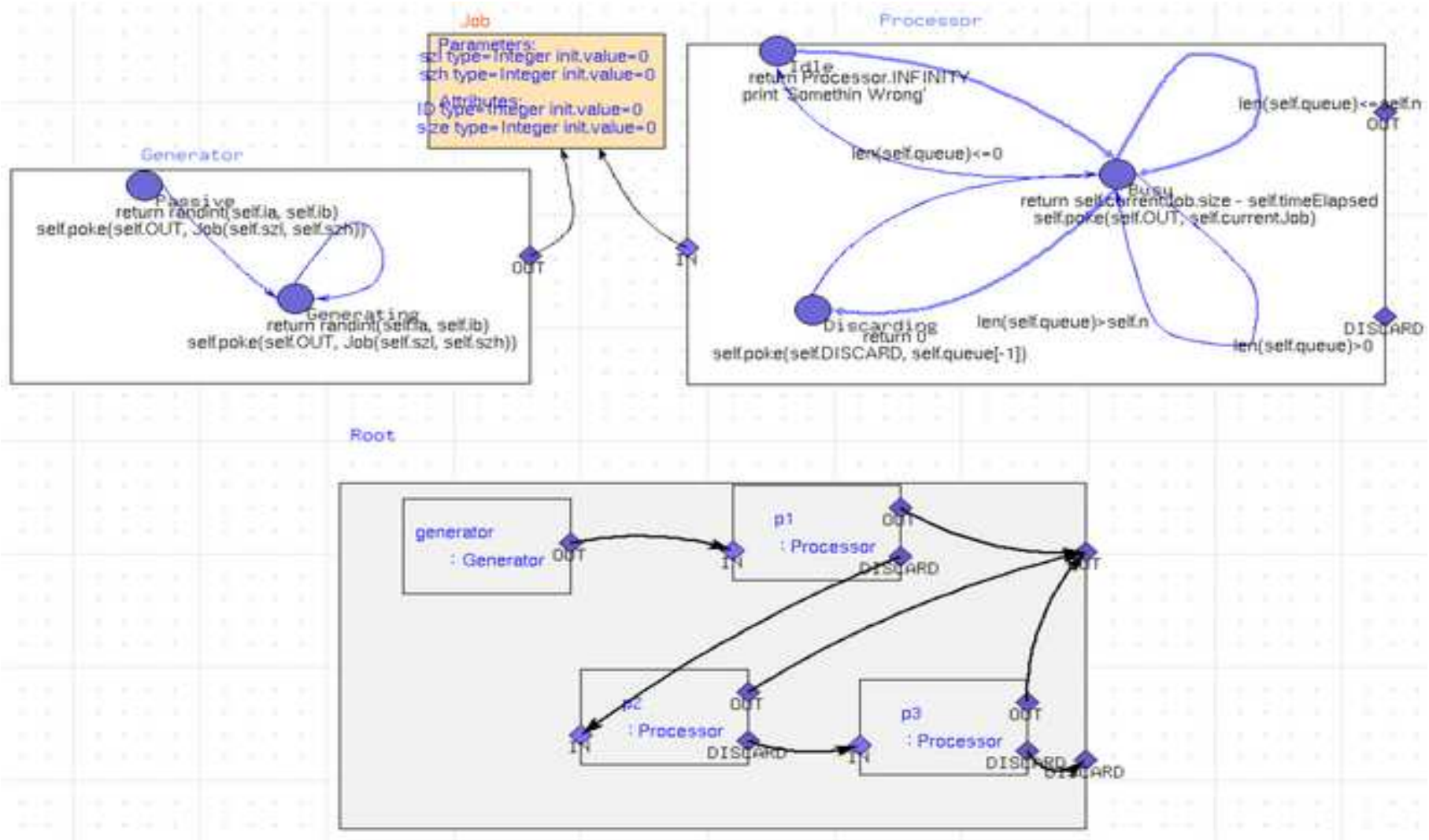
The GUI's reactive behaviour in action



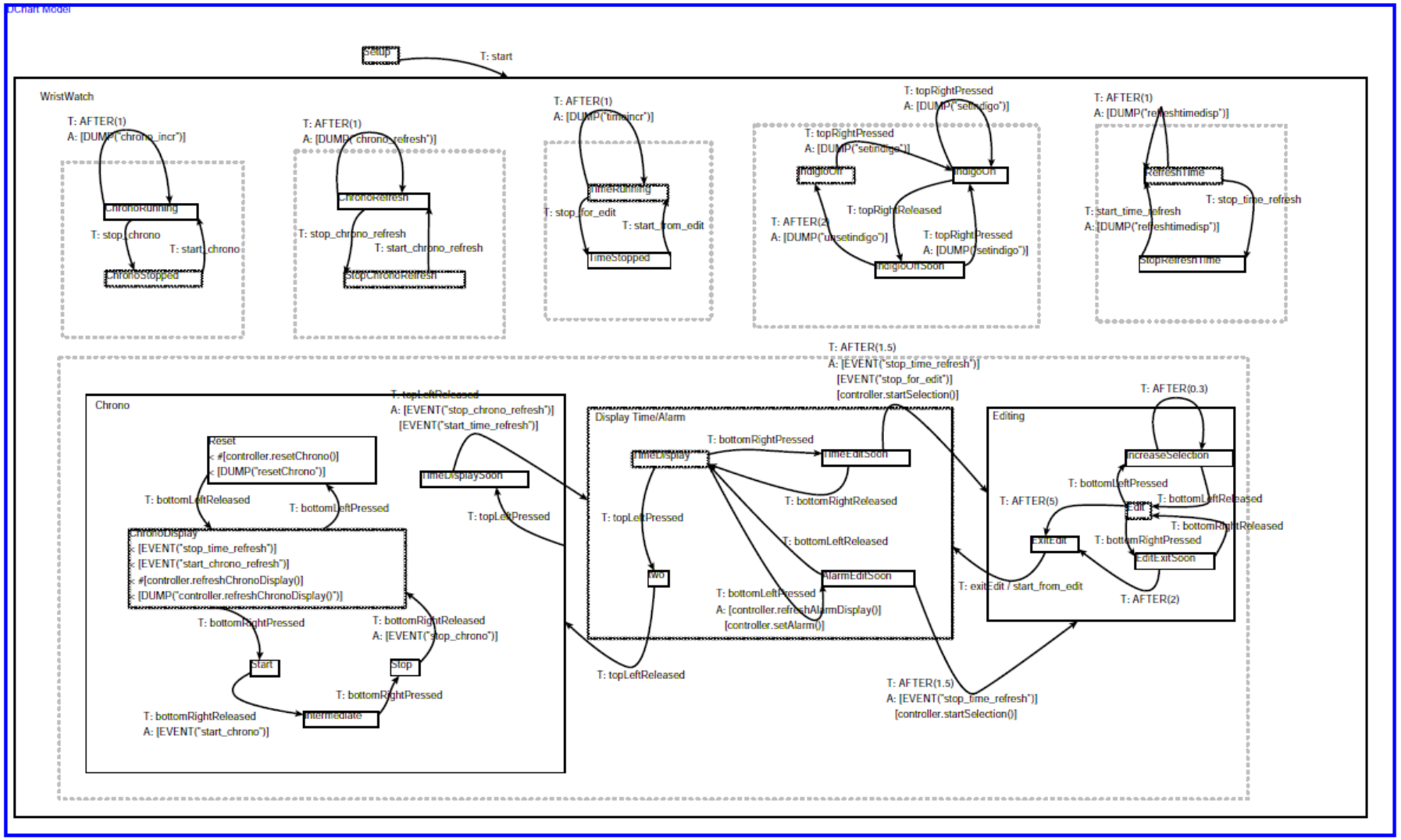
challenge: what is the *optimal* formalism to specify GUI reactive behaviour ?

Optimal formalism: need more modularity !

Example with nesting: DEVS



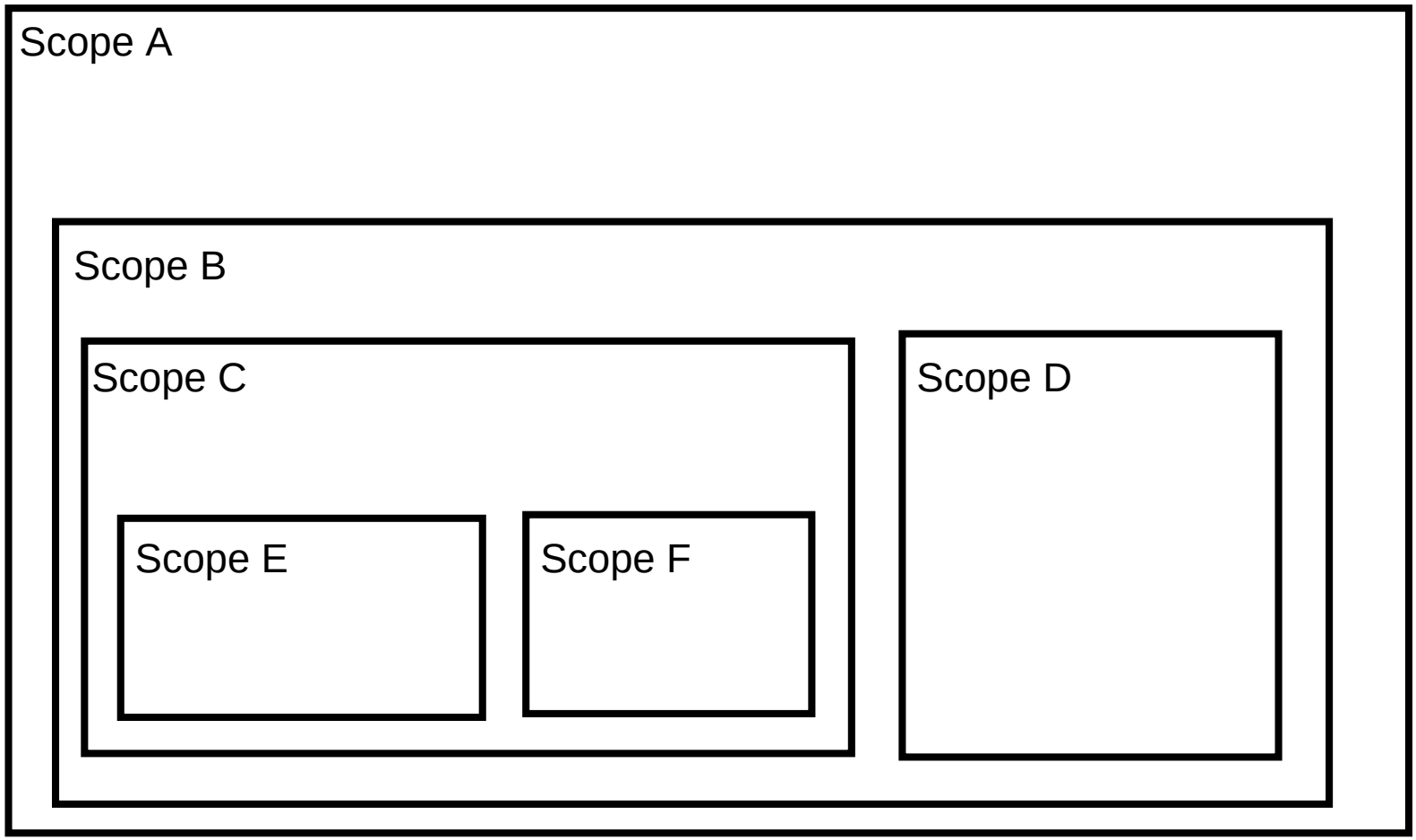
Example with nesting: DCharts



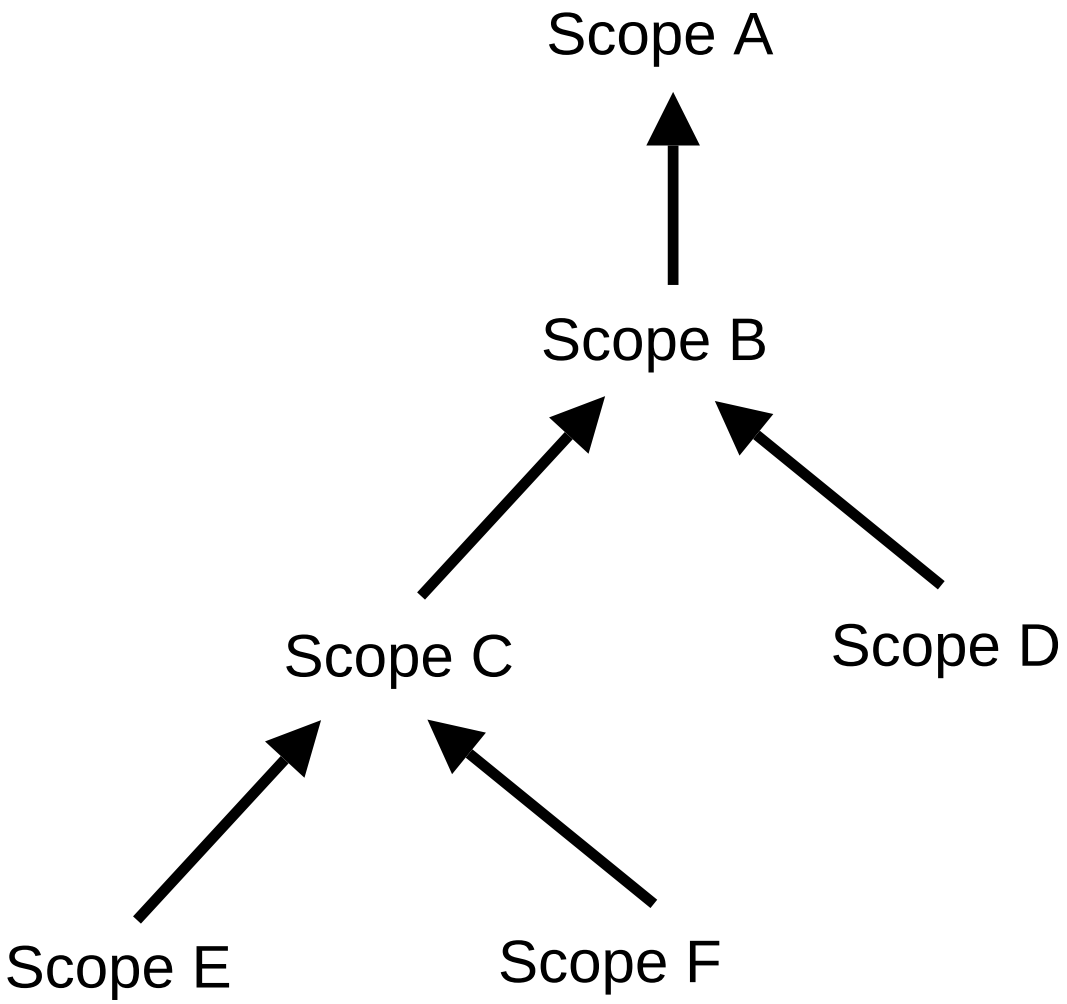
Modelling Reactive Visual Modelling Environments

- multi-formalism, encapsulated
- nesting/scoping
- glue reactive behaviour, syntax check, and layout

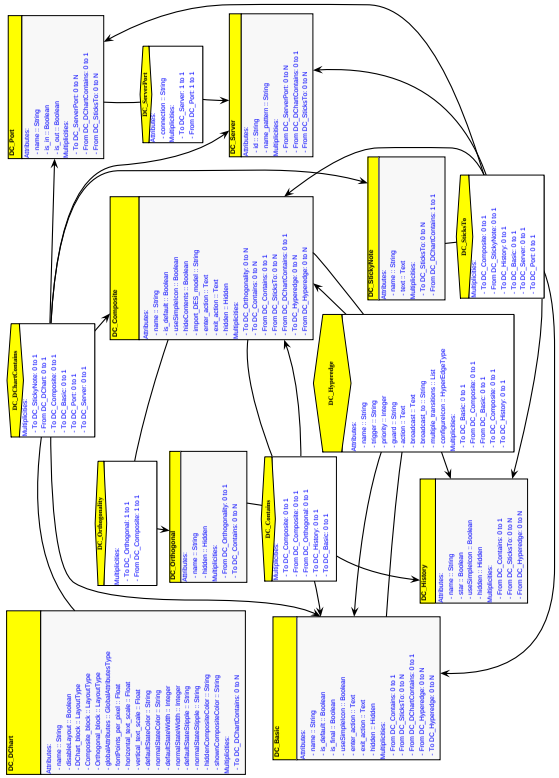
Scope Hierarchy



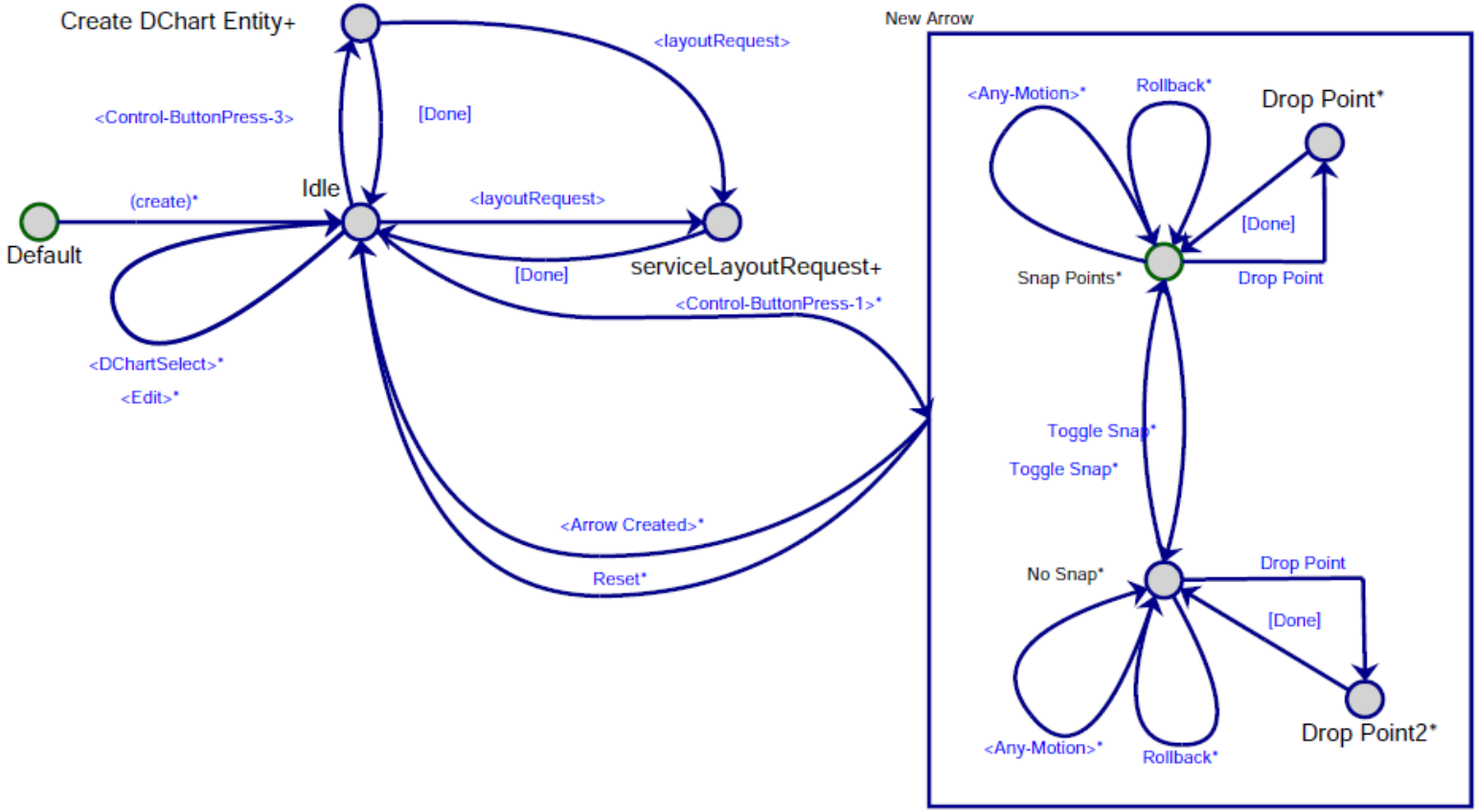
Nested Event Propagation



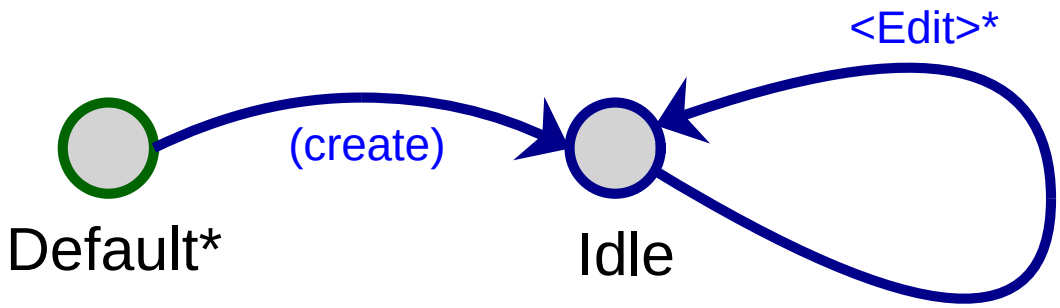
DCharts meta-model in Class Diagrams



Overall DChart Modelling Environment Behaviour



“DChart Transition” Behaviour



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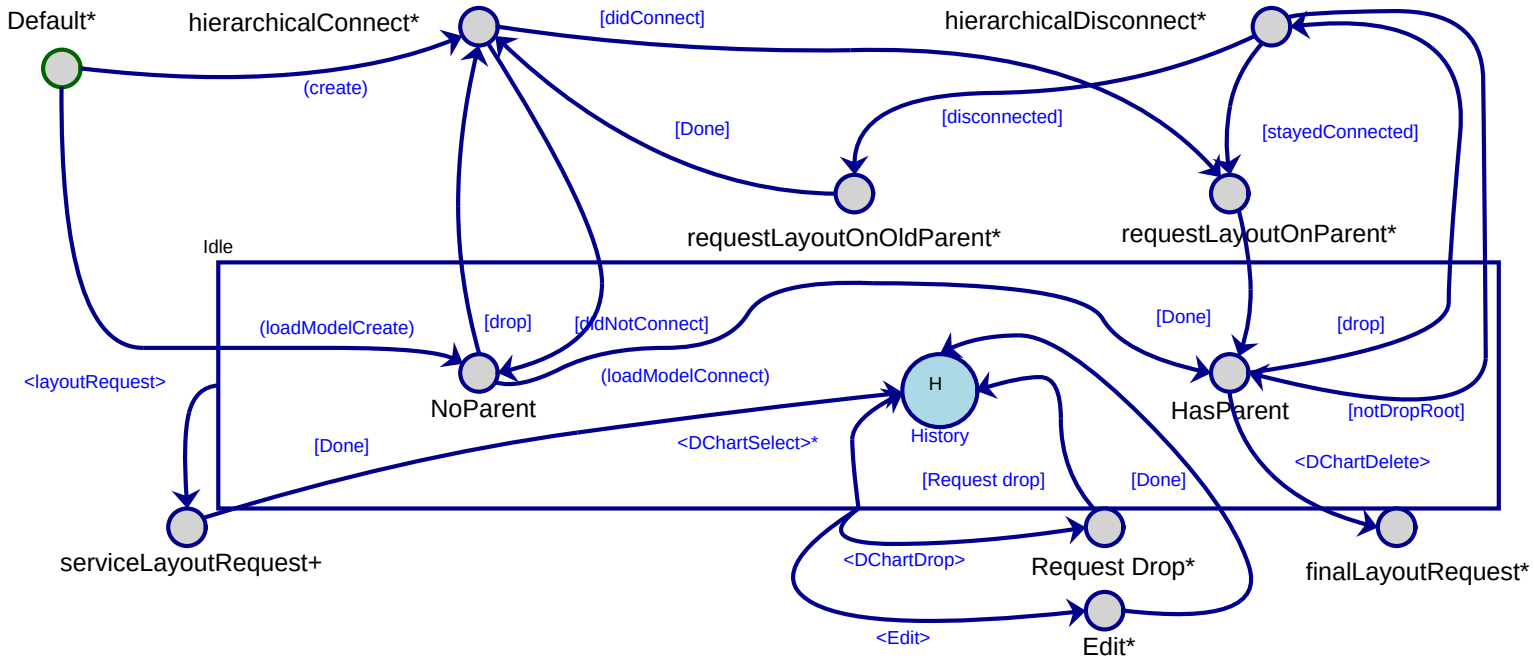
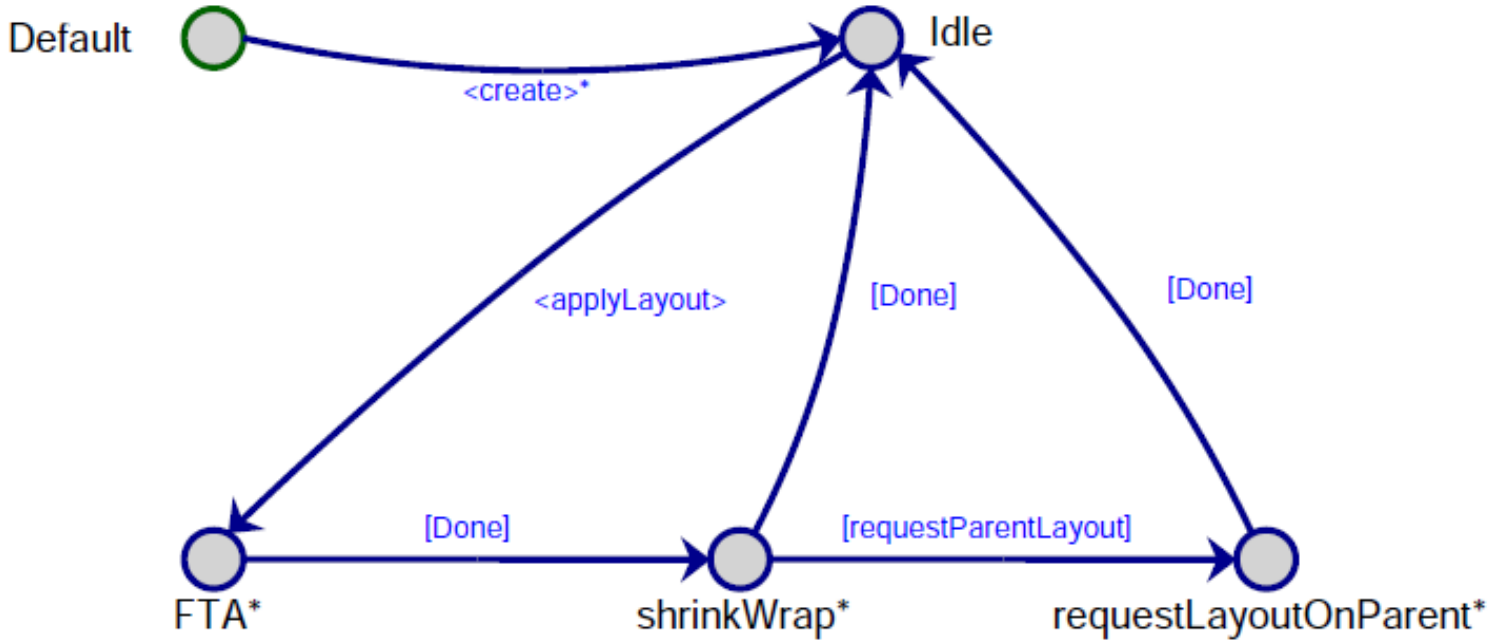


"DCharts (Force Transfer) Layout" Behaviour



Graph Grammars to Specify Model Transformations

Rationale:

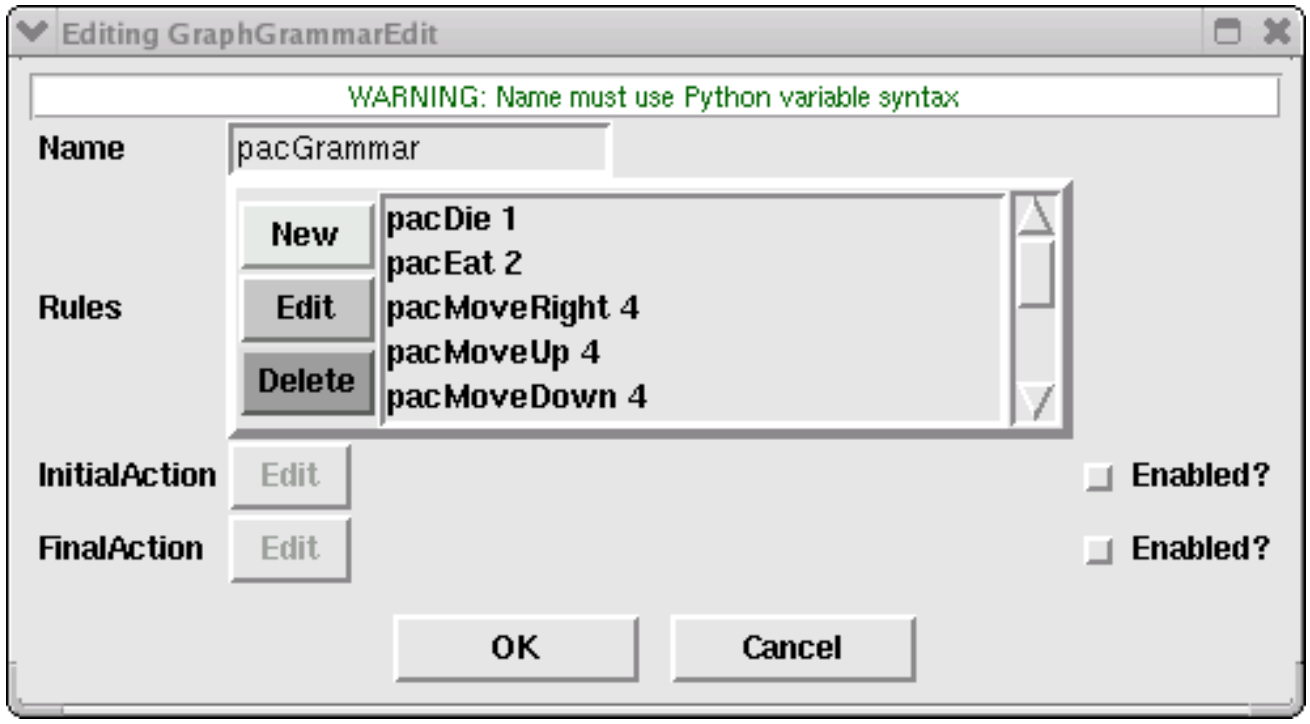
Models are often graph-like $\Rightarrow$ natural to express model transformation by means of graph transformation models.

Ehrig, H., G. Engels, H.-J. Kreowski, and G. Rozenberg.
Handbook of graph grammars and computing by graph transformation.
1999. World Scientific.

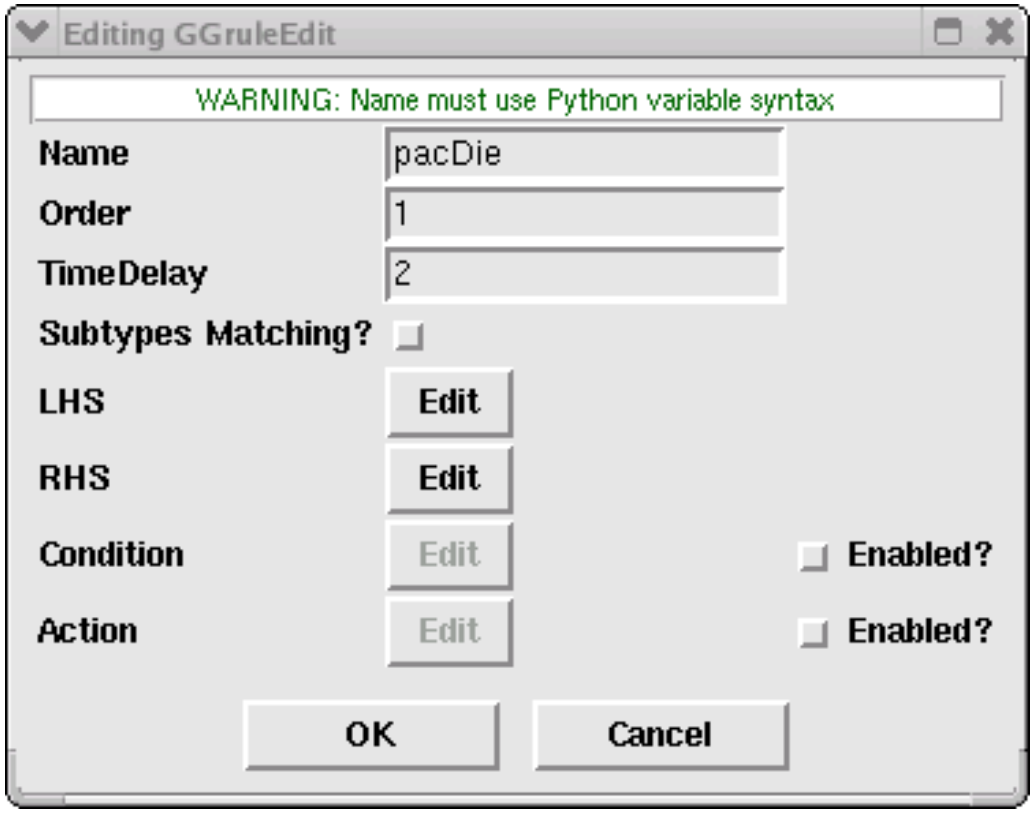
Tools:

GME/GReAT, PROGRES, AGG, AToM^3, Fujaba, GROOVE, ...
First two used (and Fujaba) in large industrial applications.

Model Operational Semantics using GG



PacMan Die rule



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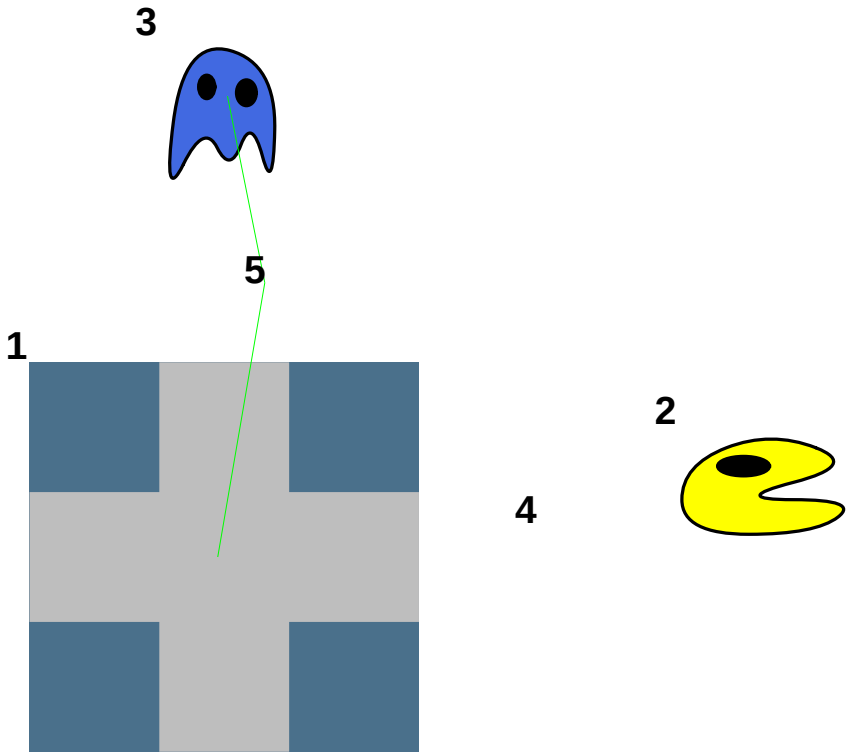

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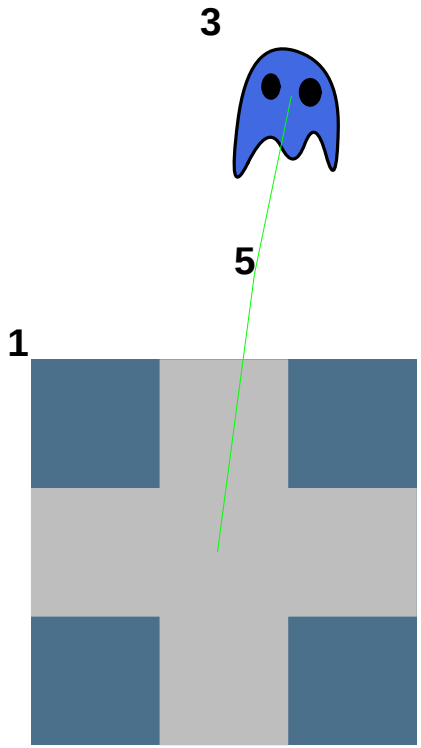
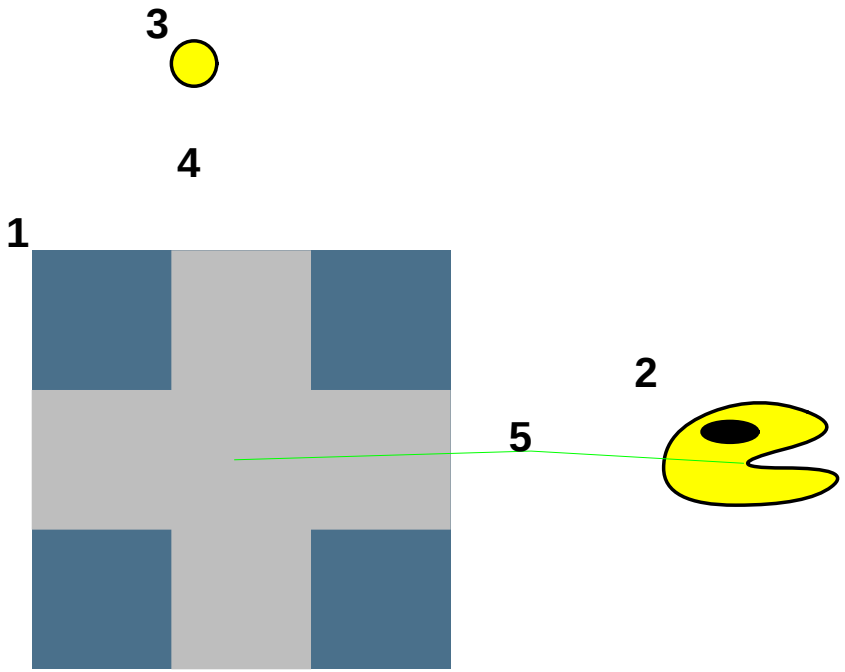


PacMan Eat rule LHS



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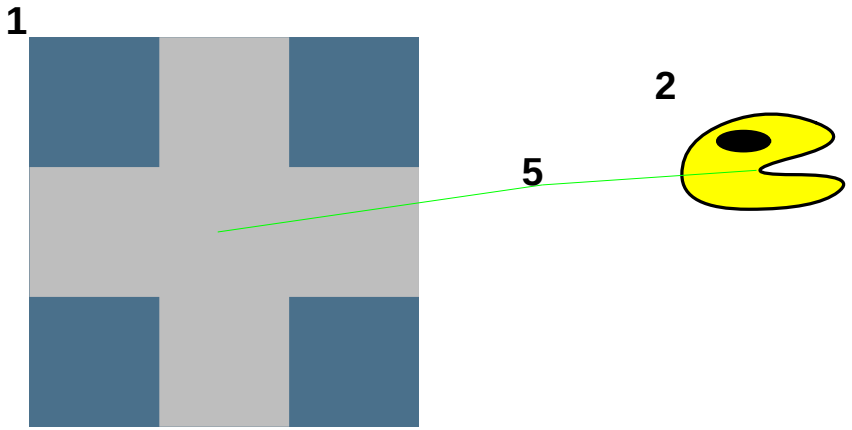


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scoreBoard = None
scoreBoards = atom3i.ASGroot.listNodes['ScoreBoard']
if (not scoreBoards):
  return
else:
  scoreBoard = scoreBoards[0]
  scoreVal = scoreBoard.score.getValue()
  scoreBoard.score.setValue(scoreVal+1)
  scoreBoard.graphObject_.ModifyAttribute('score',scoreVal+1)
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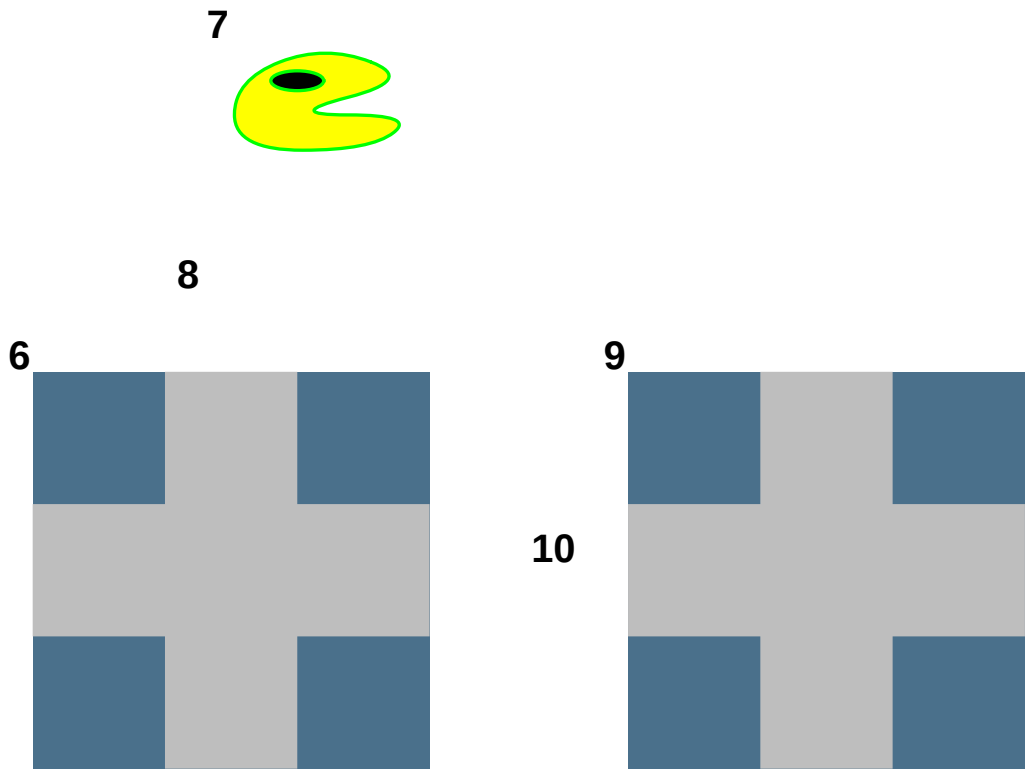
PacMan Move rule LHS



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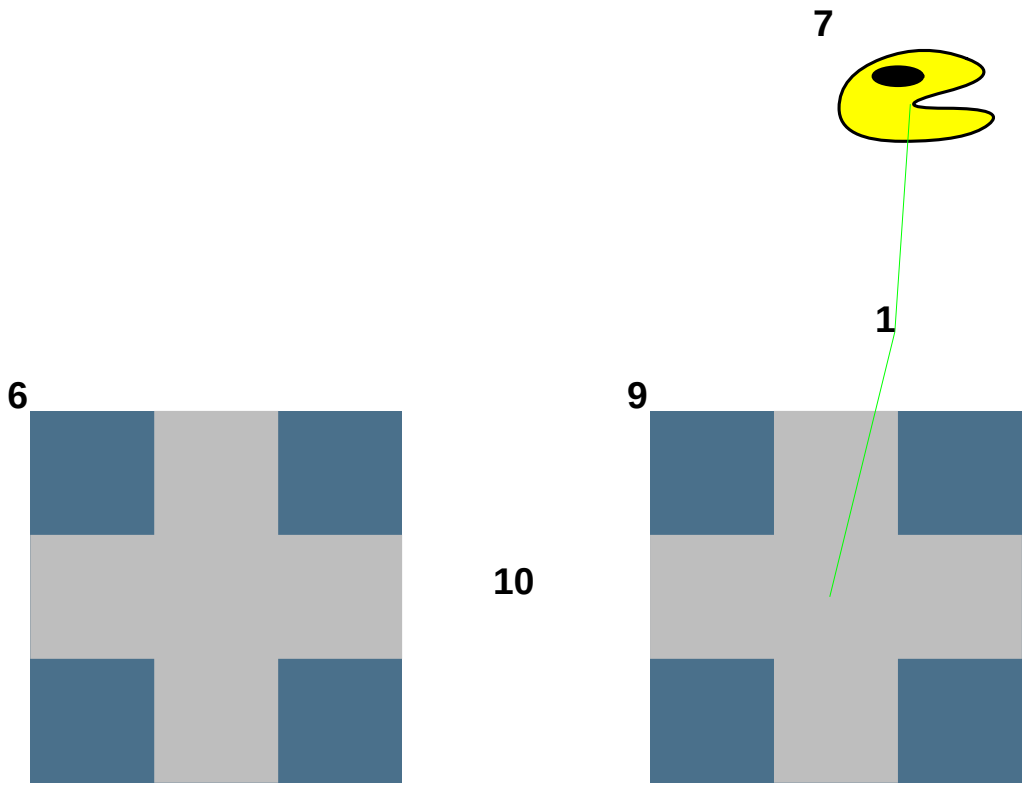


Specifying/Executing Transformations using Graph Grammars

(+) Models are often Graph-like

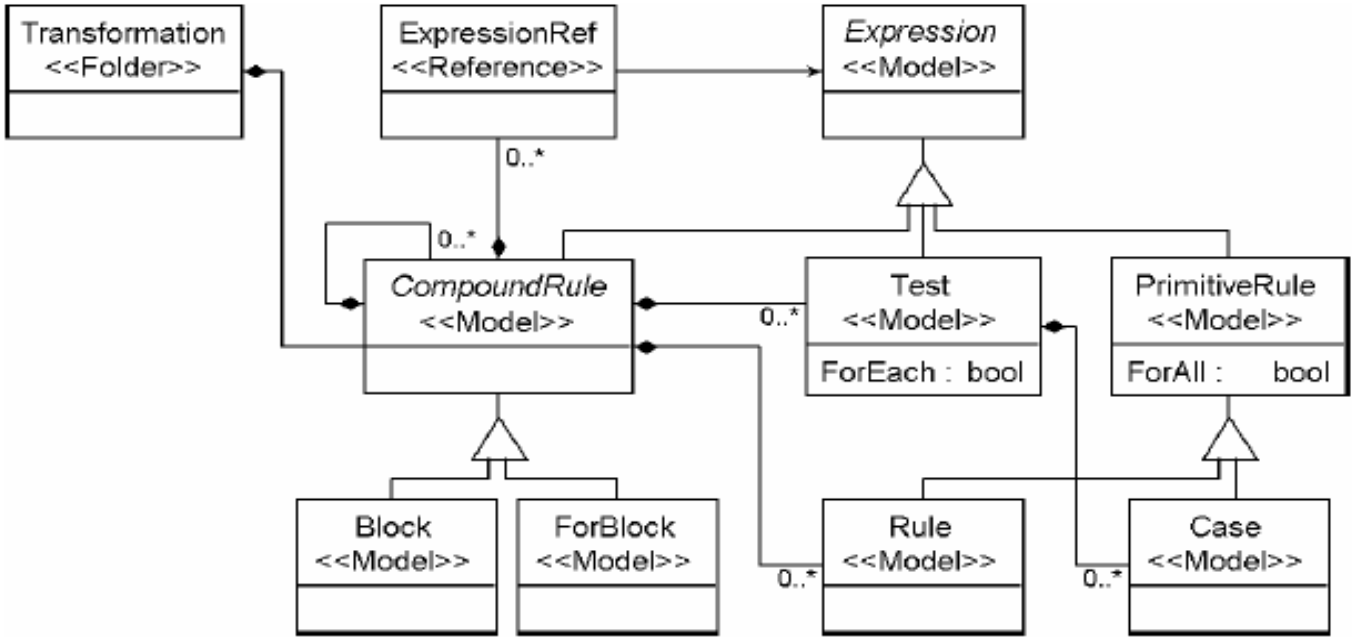
(+) Visual specification (documentation)
For insight/debugging: execution + visual display
For performance: execution on data structures in memory

(+) Little or no programming knowledge required (allows understanding/modification by domain-experts)

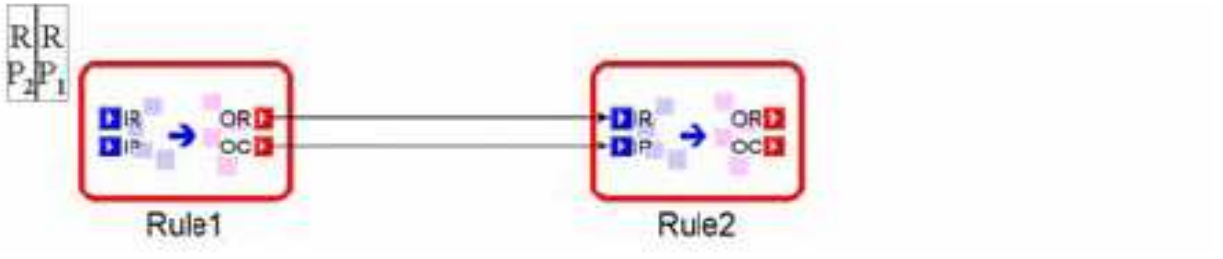
(-) Does it scale up ?
Yes, need to use modular GGs (*e.g.*, GReAT, PROGRES)

(-) Performance is bad ! (due to sub-graph matching)
But sometimes no alternative
– model transformation for graph-like models
– don't want to code matching yourself
But give (domain-specific) hints to kernel (Marc Provost's thesis)
But use as specification for manual implementation
– executable specification = reference implementation
– automatic generation of unit tests

Modular Graph Rewriting: Control Structures



GReAT Control Structures: Sequence



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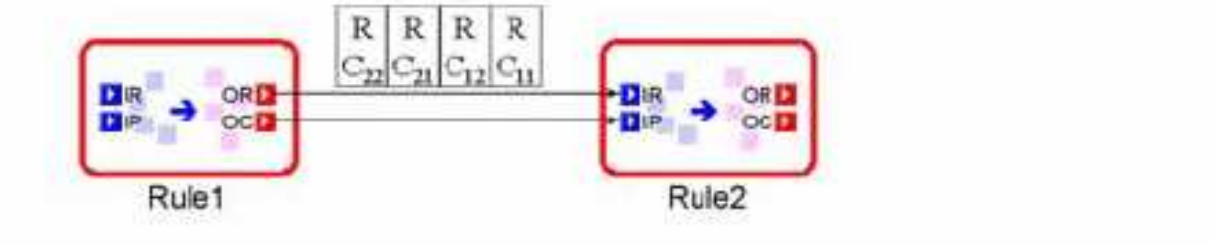

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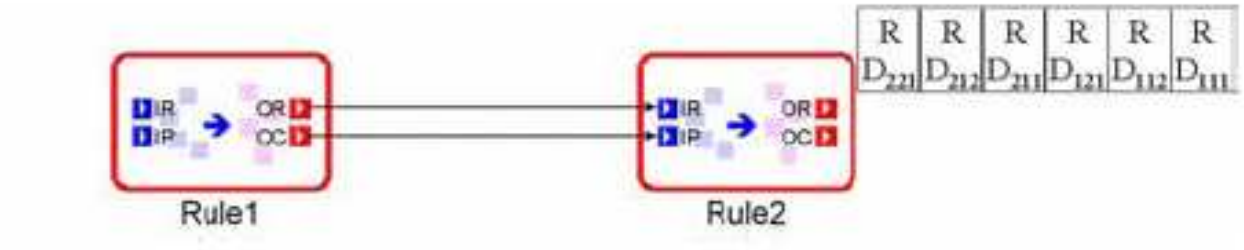

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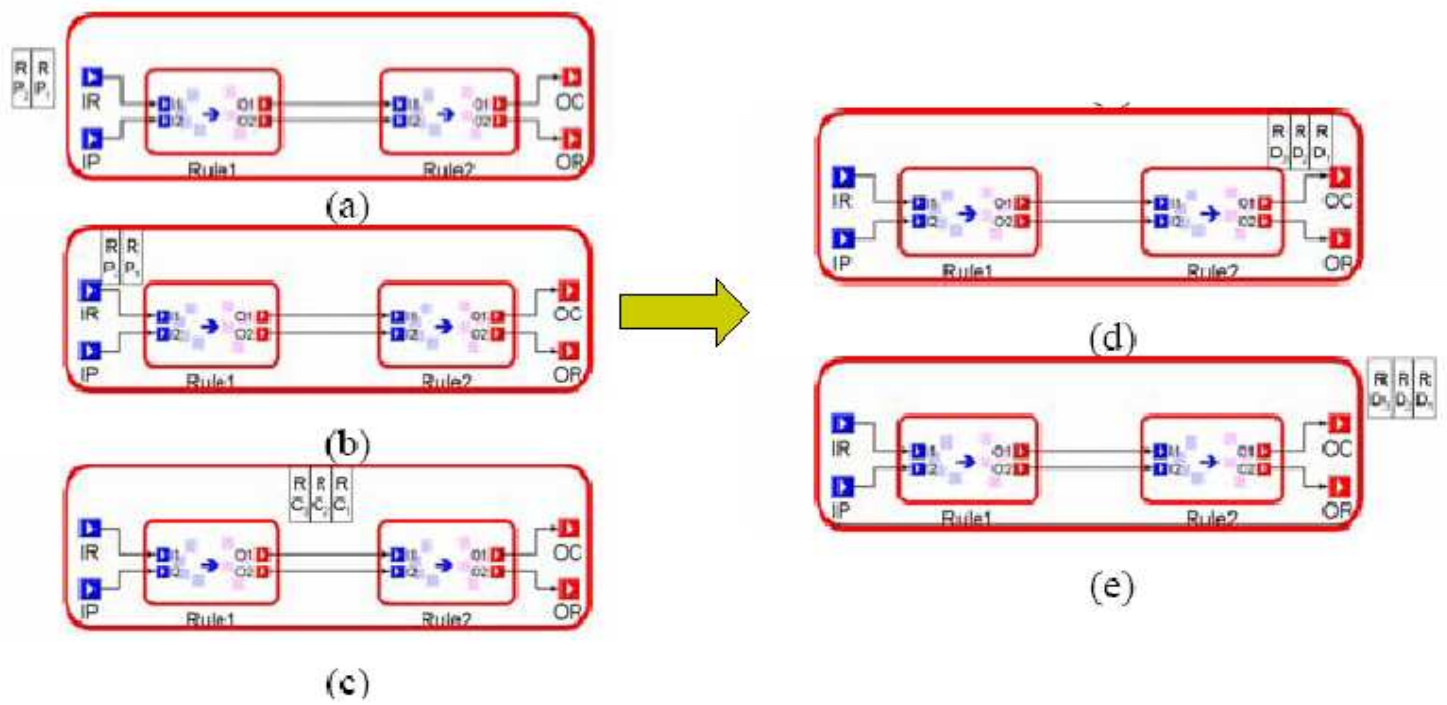
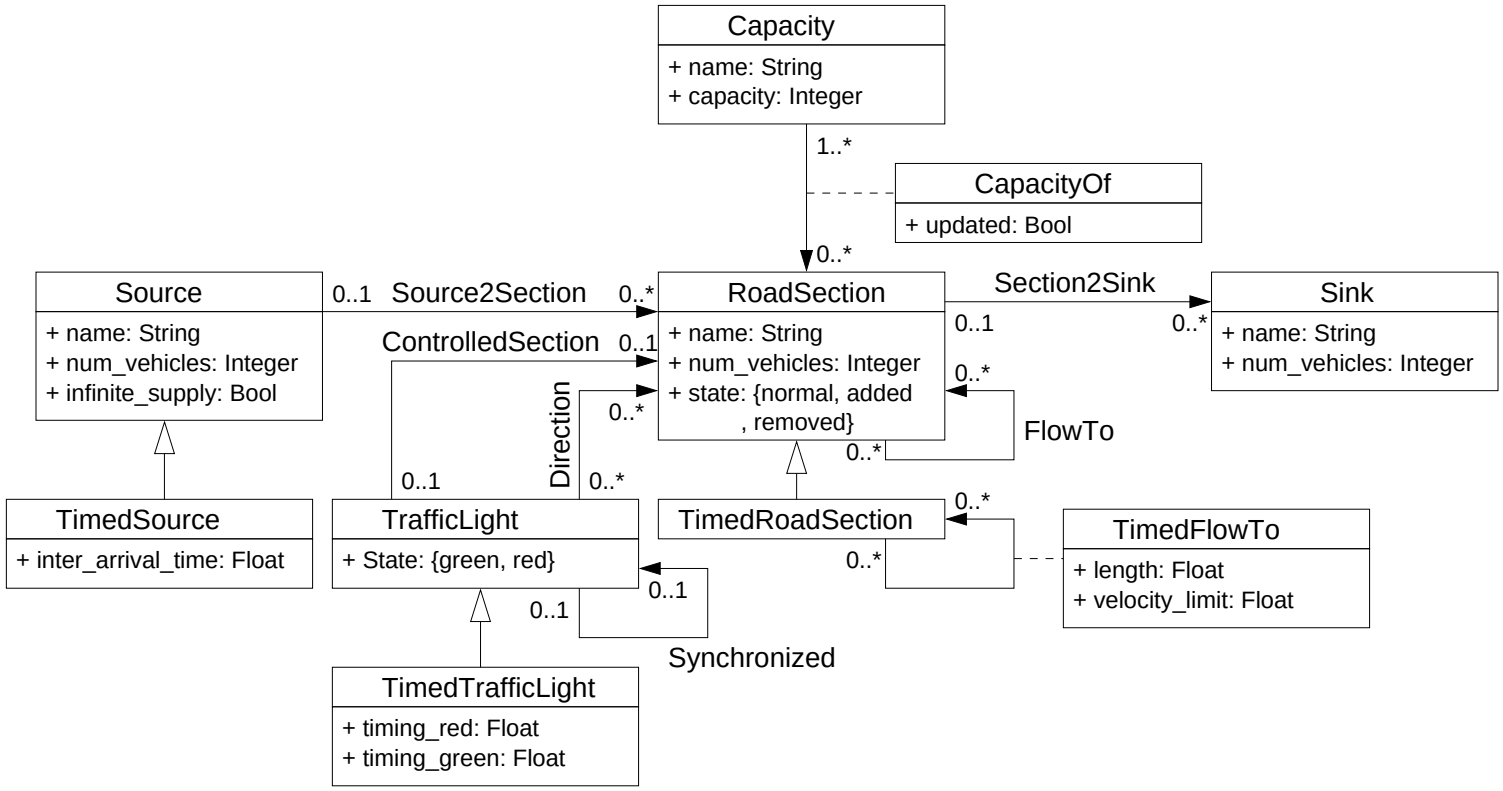


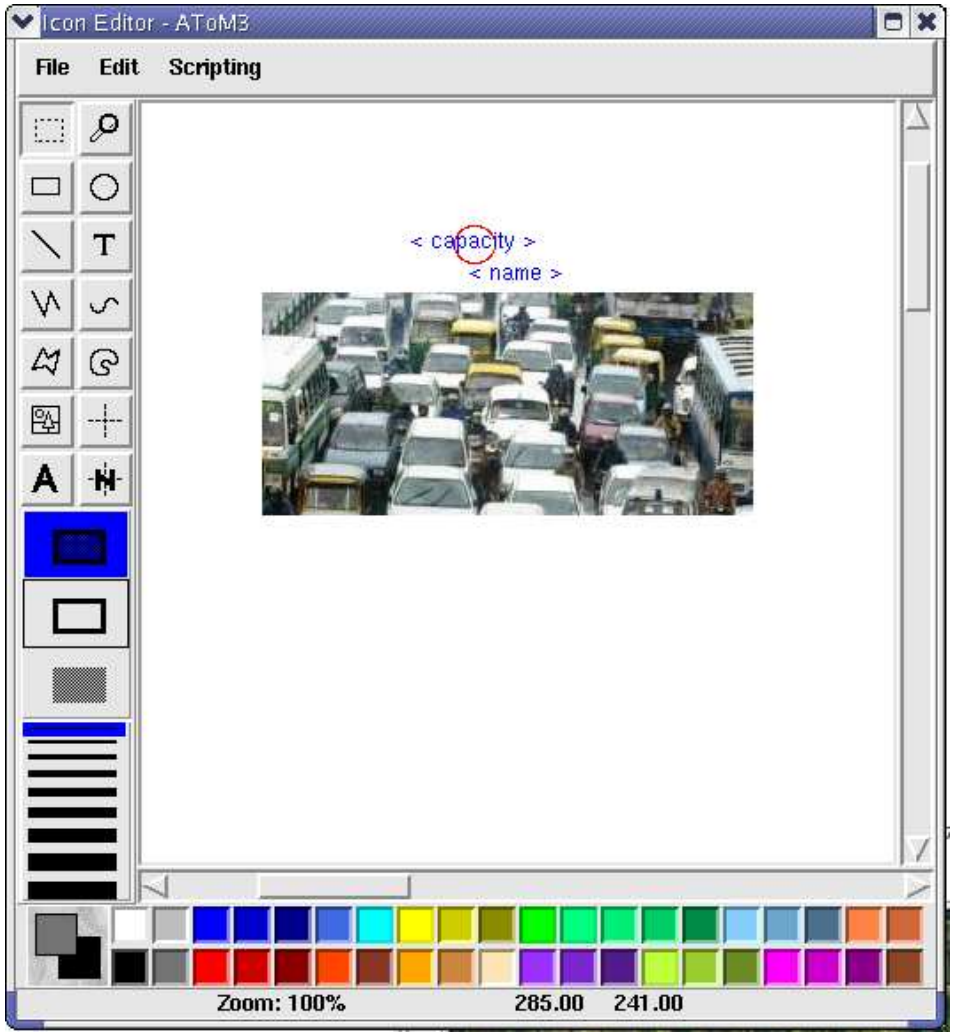
Current work:
use DEVS as control framework

Formalism Transformation Example: Model/Analyze/Simulate Traffic Networks

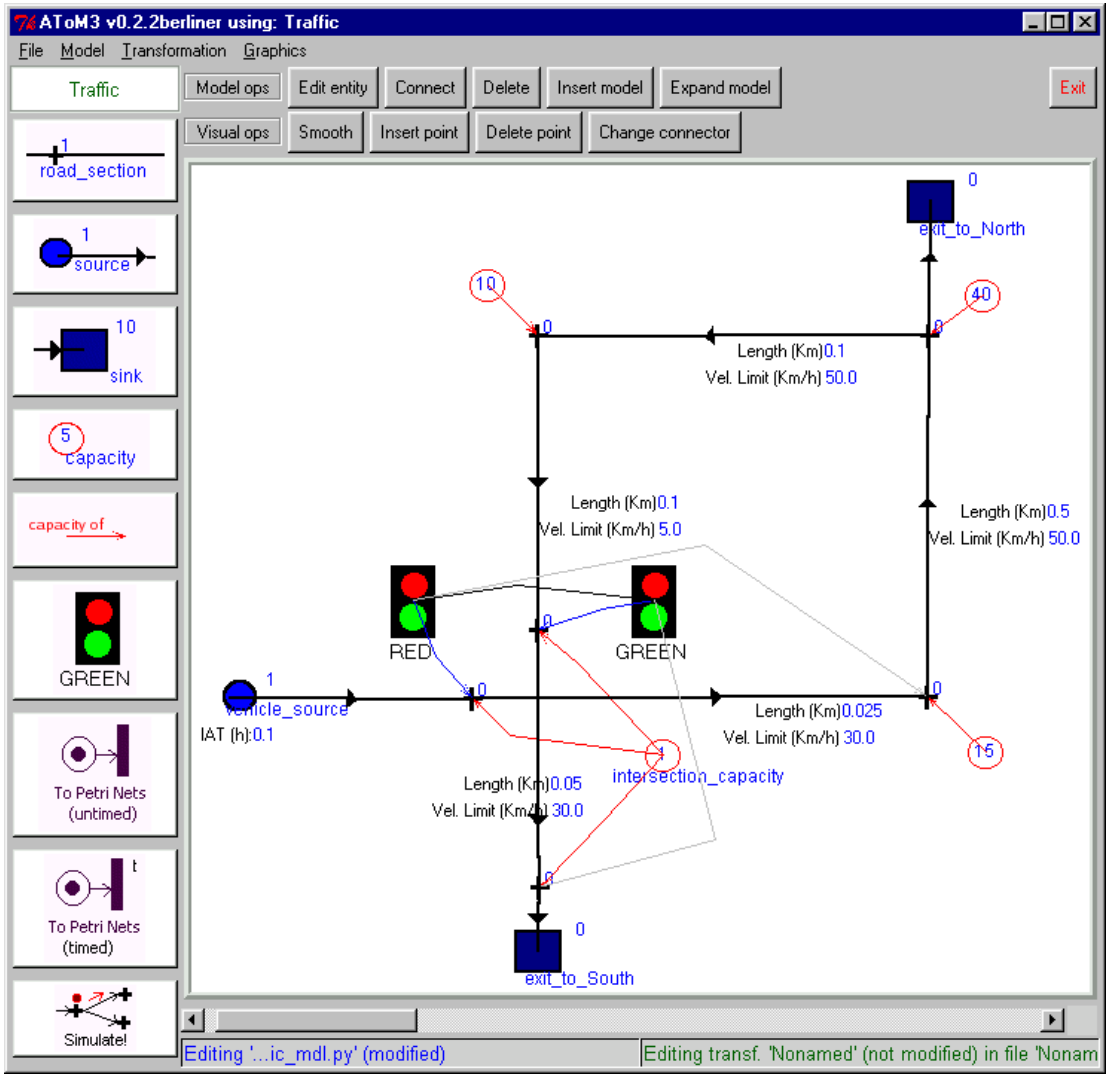
Un-timed and timed Traffic meta-model (a UML Class Diagram)



Traffic Concrete Syntax (the Capacity Entity)



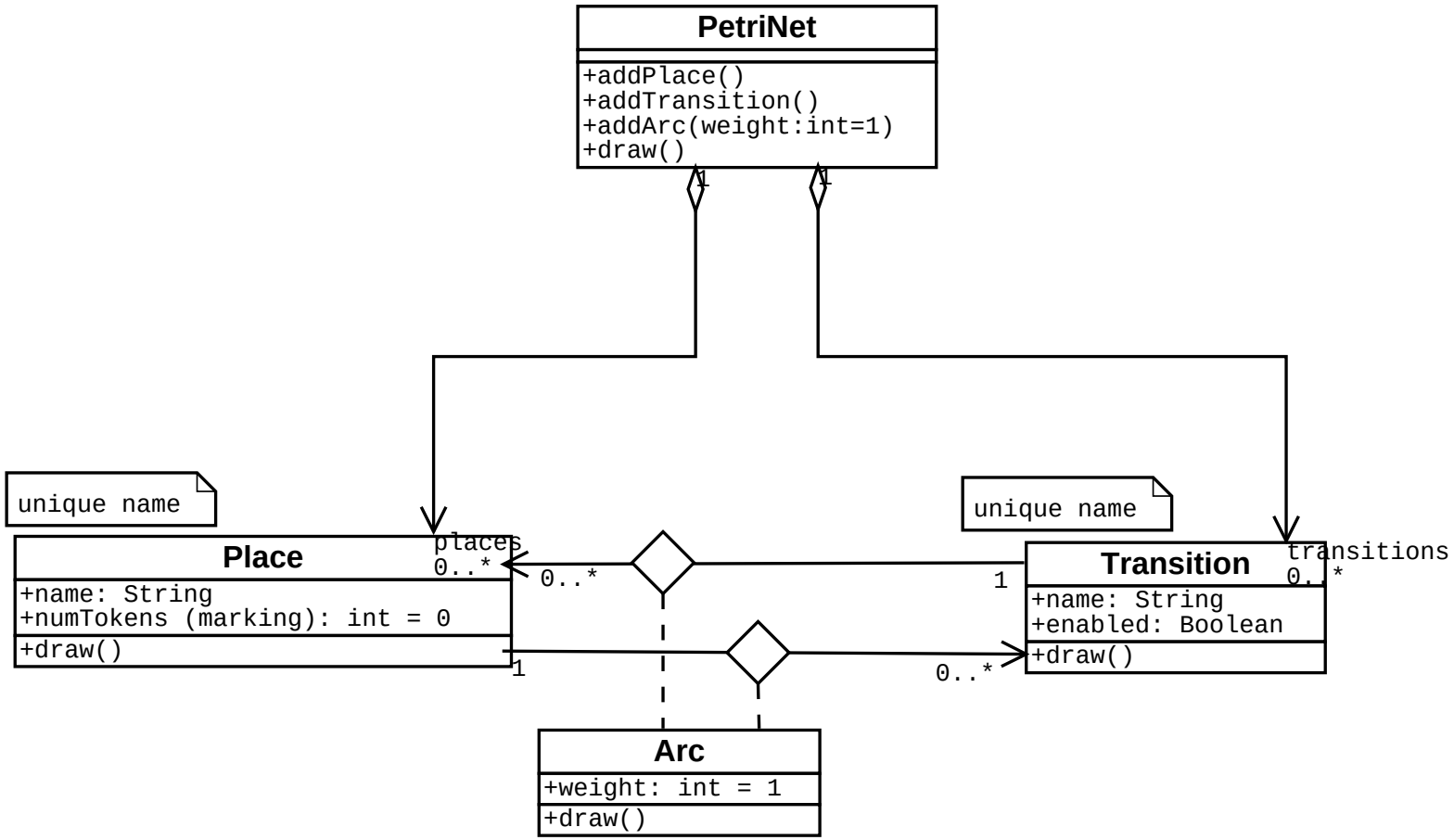
Synthesized Traffic Visual Modelling Environment



Modelling Traffic's Semantics

- choices: timed, un-timed, . . . (level of abstraction)
- **denotational**: map onto known formalism (TTPN, PN)
  . . . good for analysis purposes
- **operational**: procedure to execute/simulate model
  . . . may act as a reference implementation
- note: need to **prove** consistency between denotational and operational semantics if both are given !

Place-Transition Petri Net Abstract Syntax (UML Class Diagram formalism)



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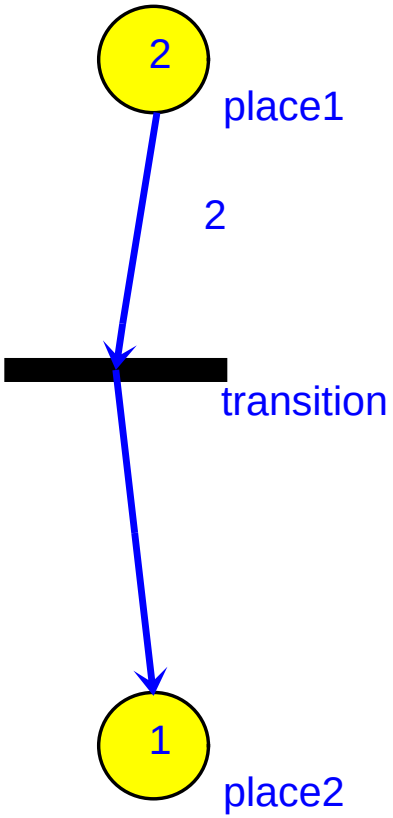


Petri Net Behaviour

State Transition Function f of marked Petri net (P, T, A, w, x_0)

$$f : \mathbb{N}^n \times T \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^n$$

is defined for transition $t_j \in T$ if and only if

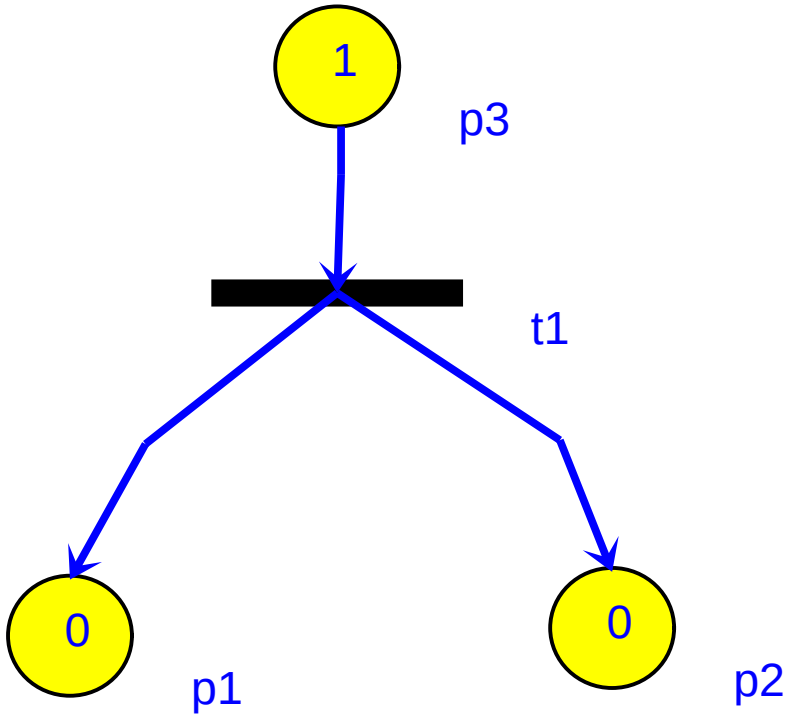
$$x(p_i) \geq w(p_i, t_j), \forall p_i \in I(t_j)$$

If $f(\mathbf{x}, t_j)$ is defined, set $\mathbf{x}' = f(\mathbf{x}, t_j)$ where

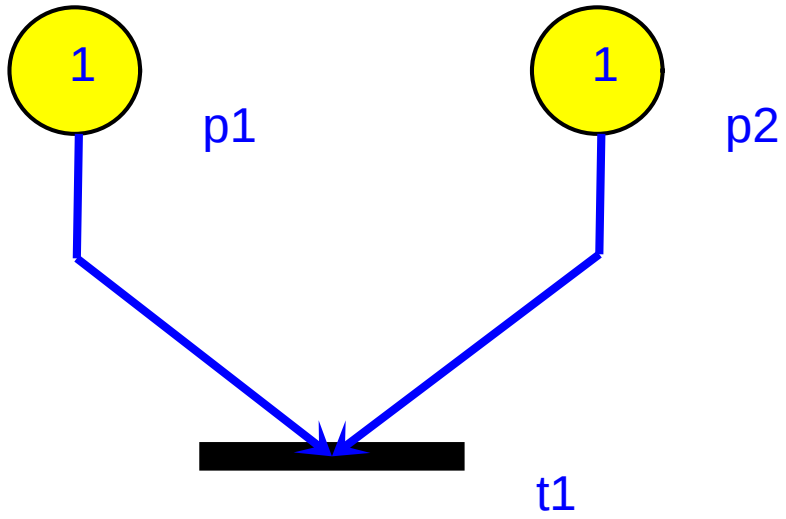
$$x'(p_i) = x(p_i) - w(p_i, t_j) + w(t_j, p_i)$$

- State transition function f based on *structure* of Petri net
- Number of tokens *need not be conserved* (but can)

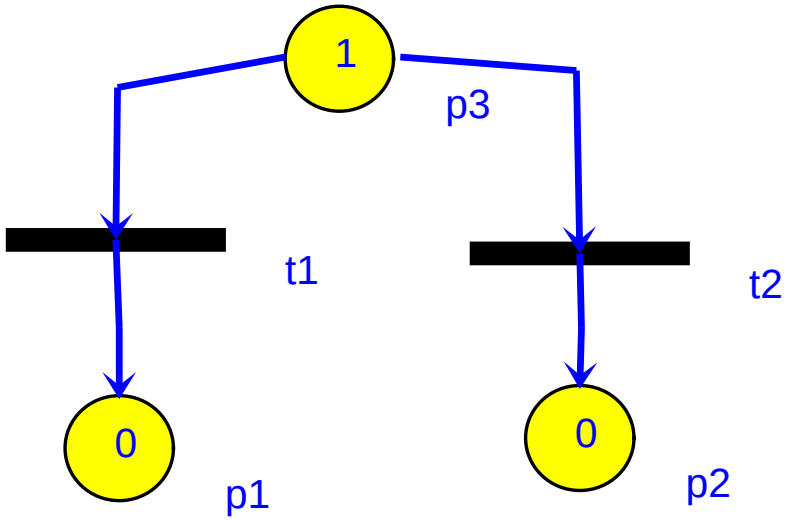
Behaviour: Fork



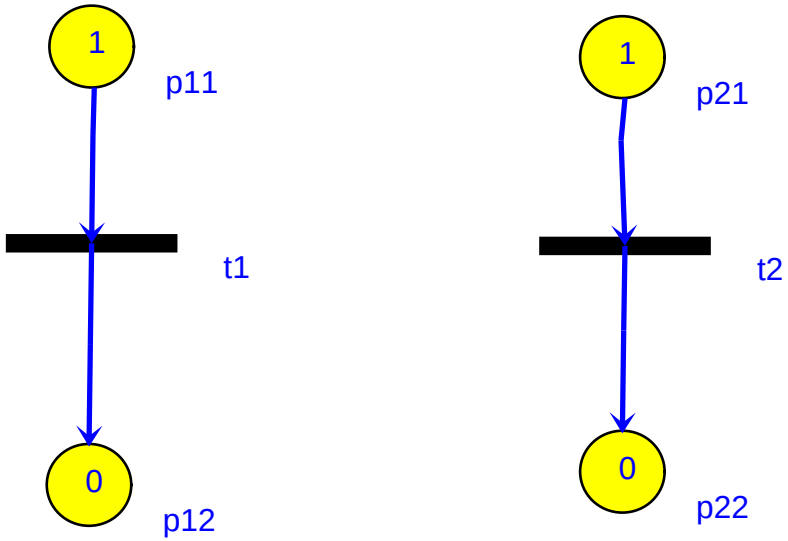
Behaviour: Join



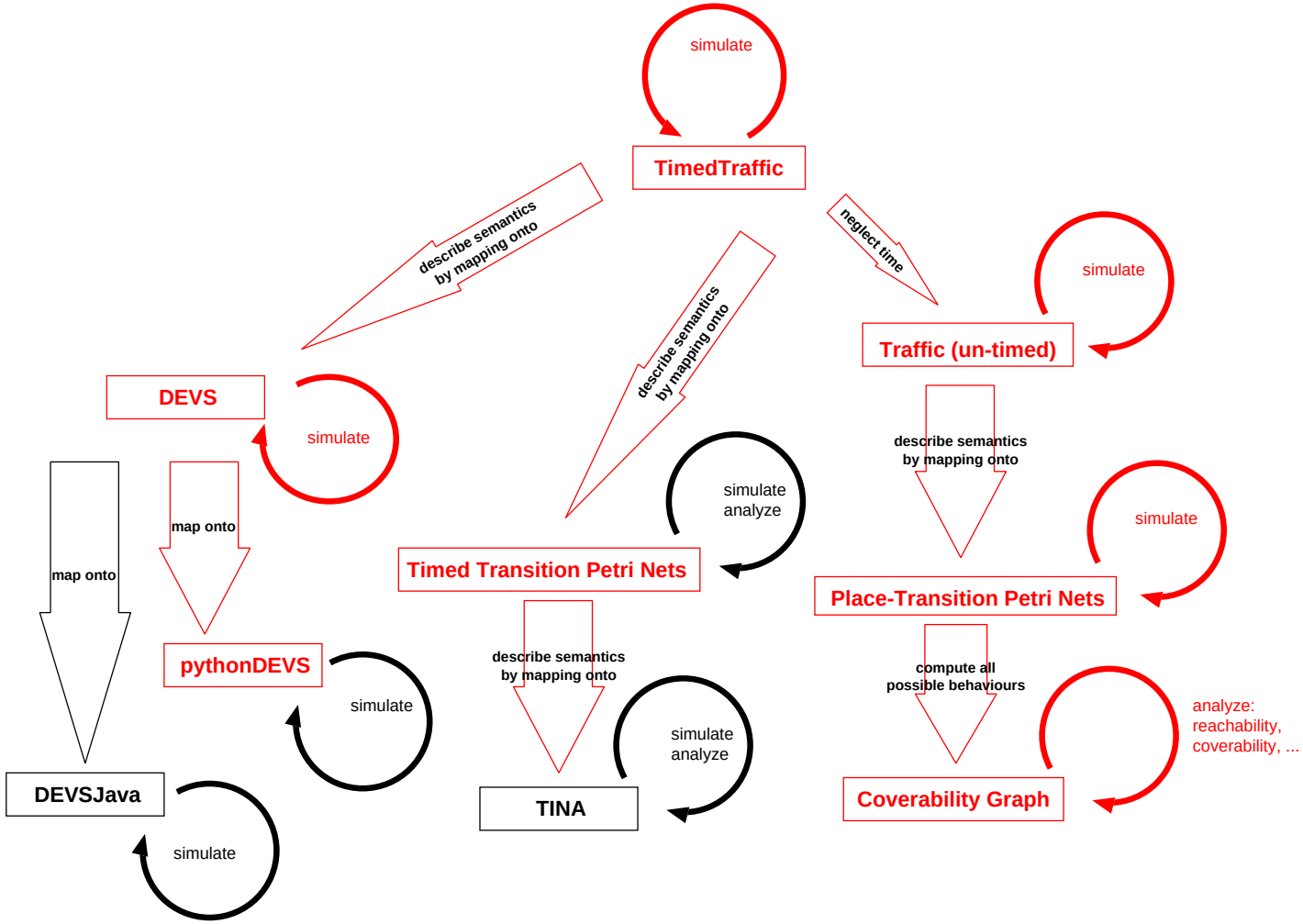
Behaviour: Conflict, choice, decision



Behaviour: Concurrency



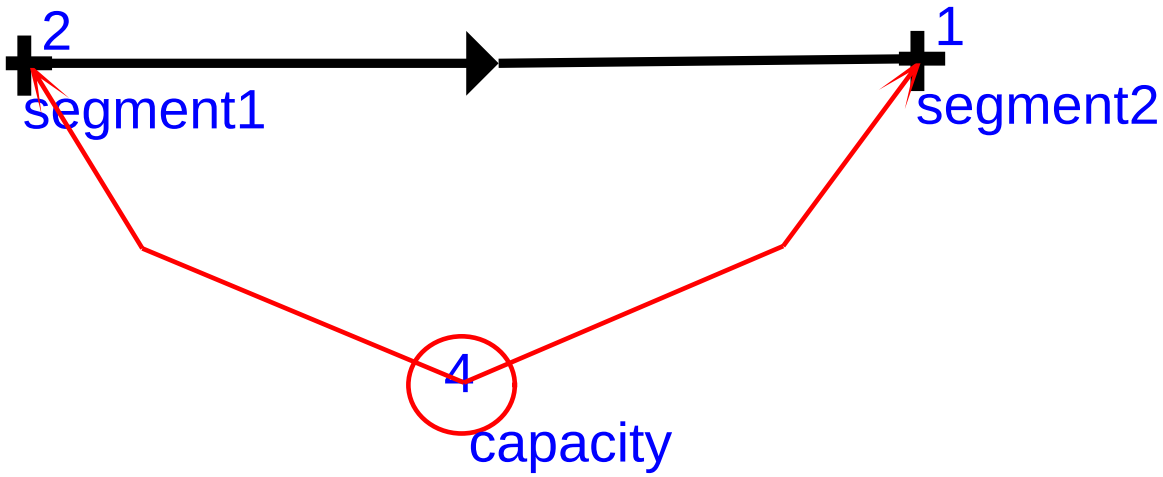
The Big Picture: Transformations



Traffic's (un-timed) semantics in terms of Petri Nets

- need a meta-model of **Traffic** (shown before)
- need a meta-model of **Petri Net**s (shown before)
- need a meta-model of **Generic Graph** (glue)
- need a model of the mapping: **Traffic** $\Rightarrow$ **Petri Net**

A very simple Traffic model



Traffic to Petri Net Graph Grammar rules

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INITIAL ACTION:
for node in graph.listNodes["RoadSection"]:
 node.vehiclesPNPlaceGenerated=False
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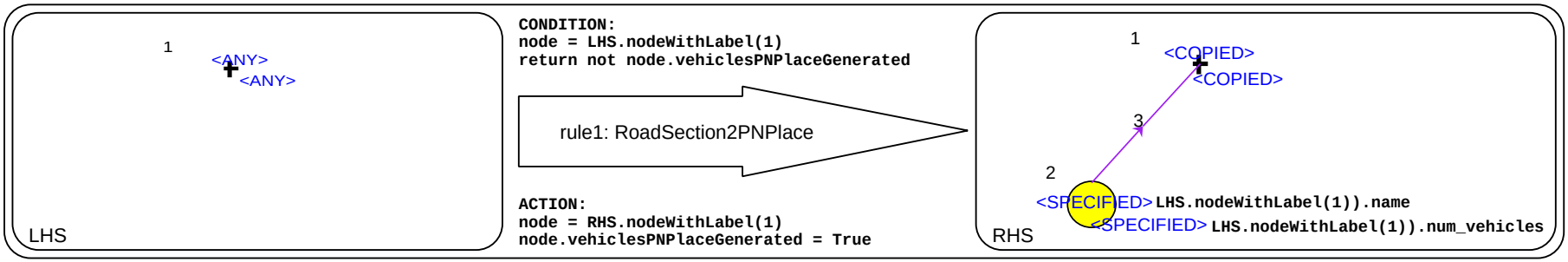
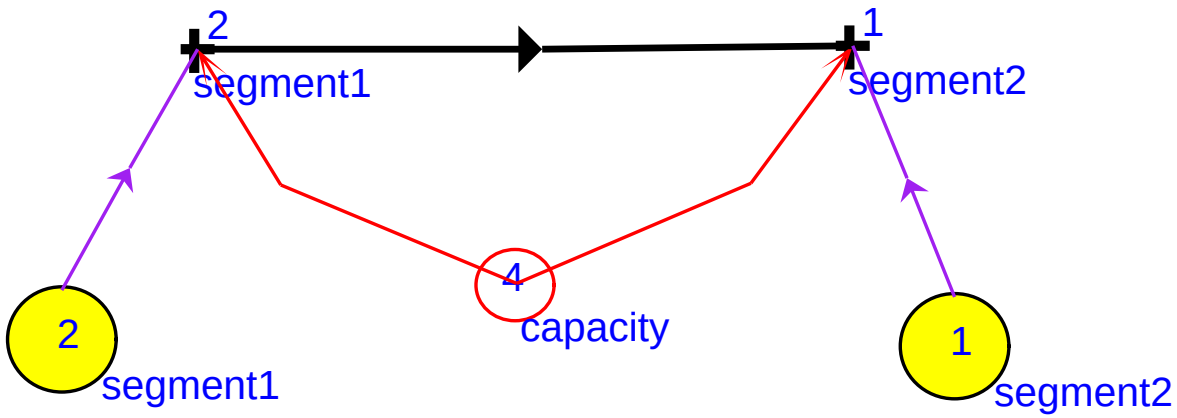
Traffic to Petri Net Graph Grammar rules



Road Sections converted to Petri Net Places



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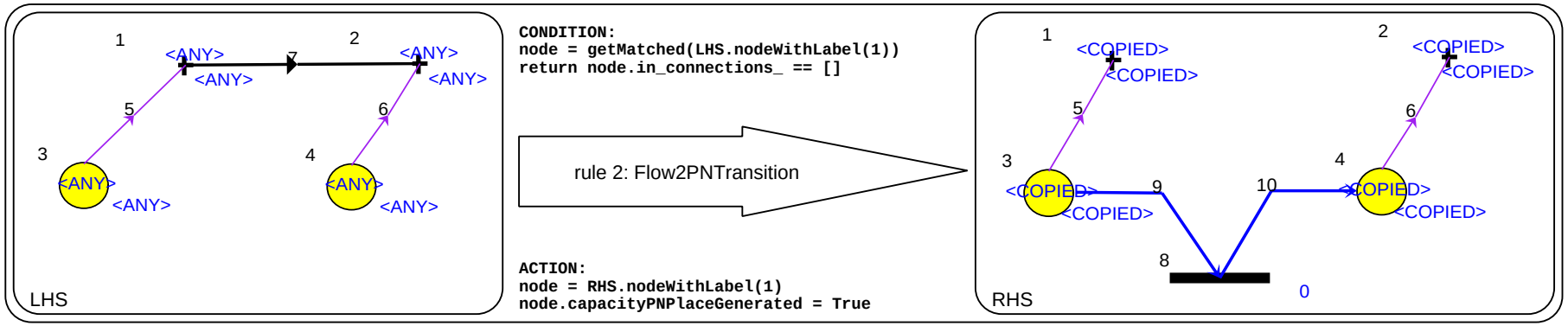
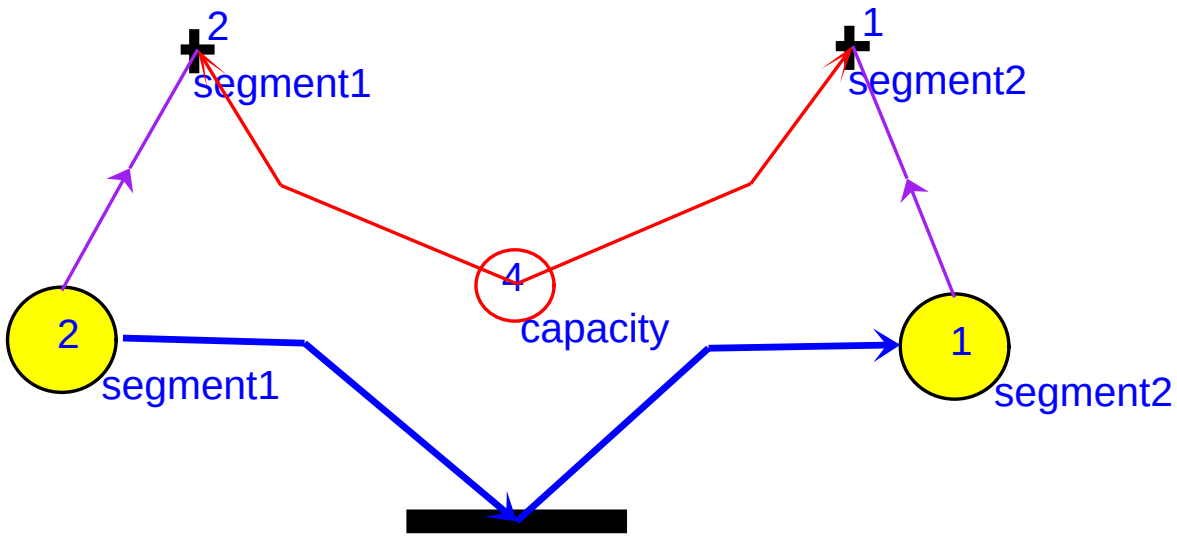


Traffic Flow to Petri Net Transitions



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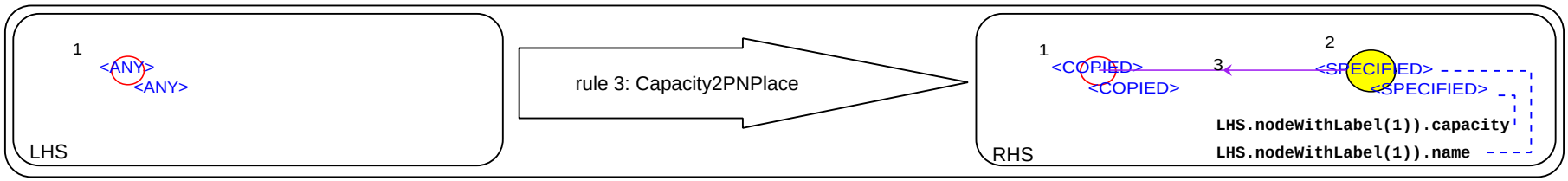
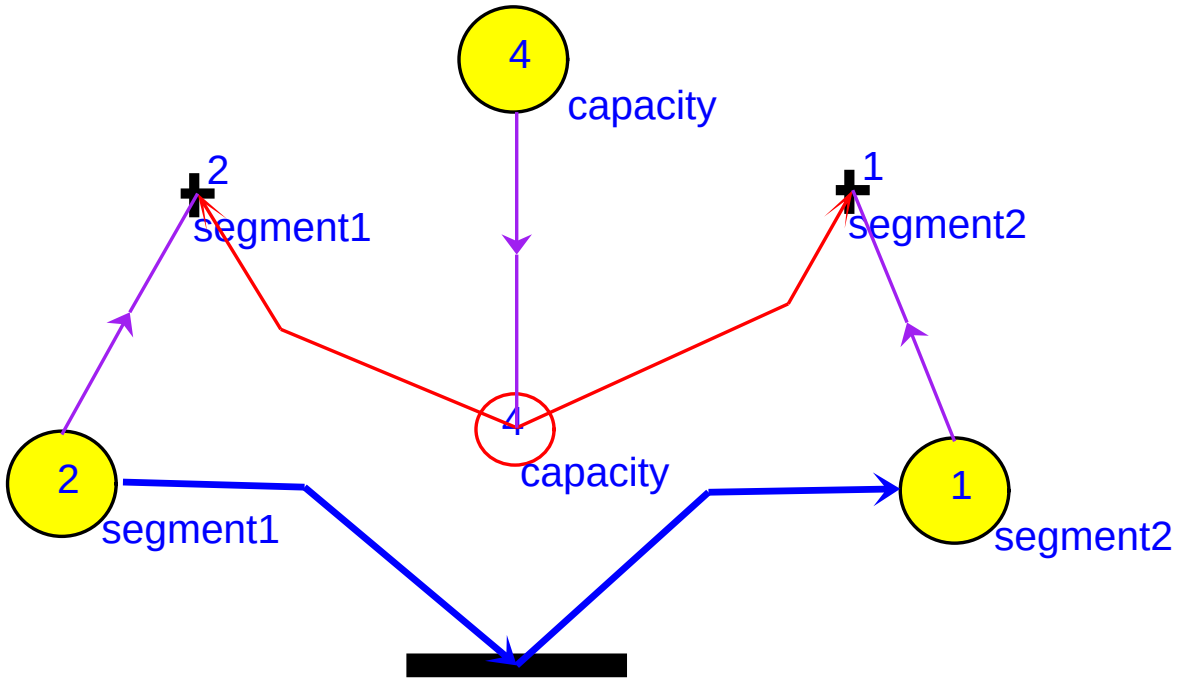


Traffic Capacity to Petri Net Place



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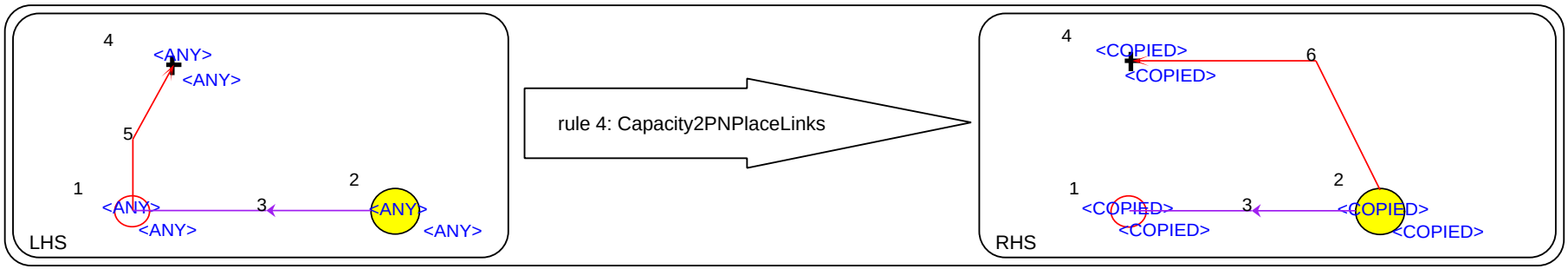
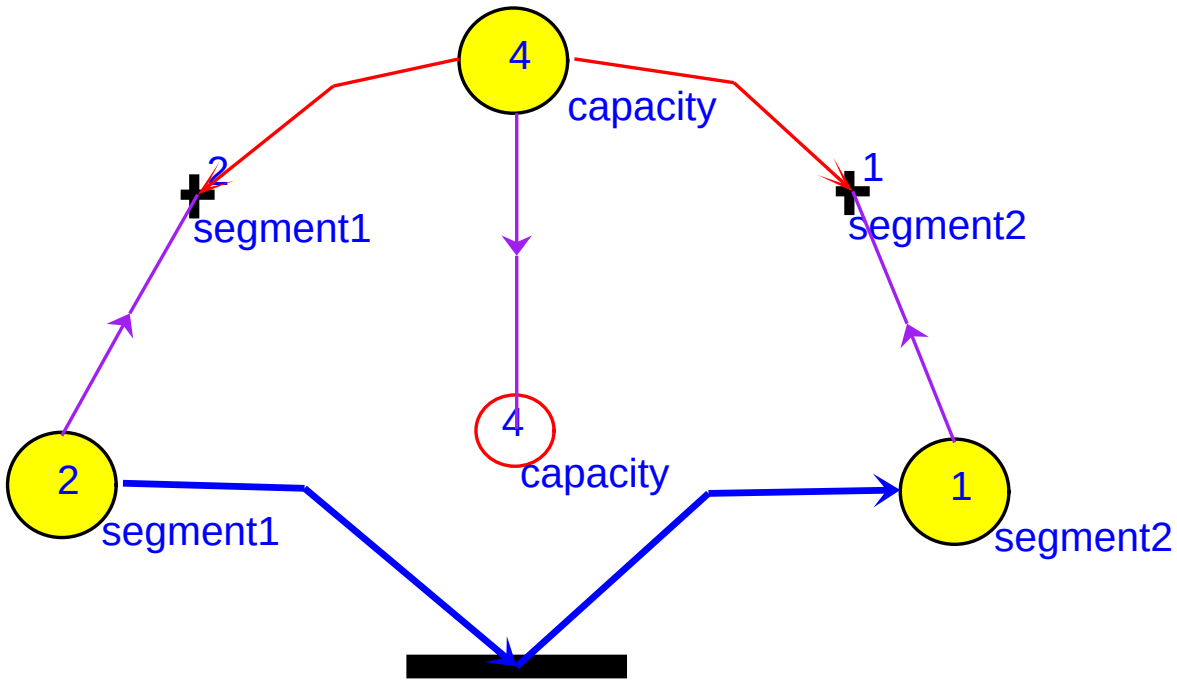
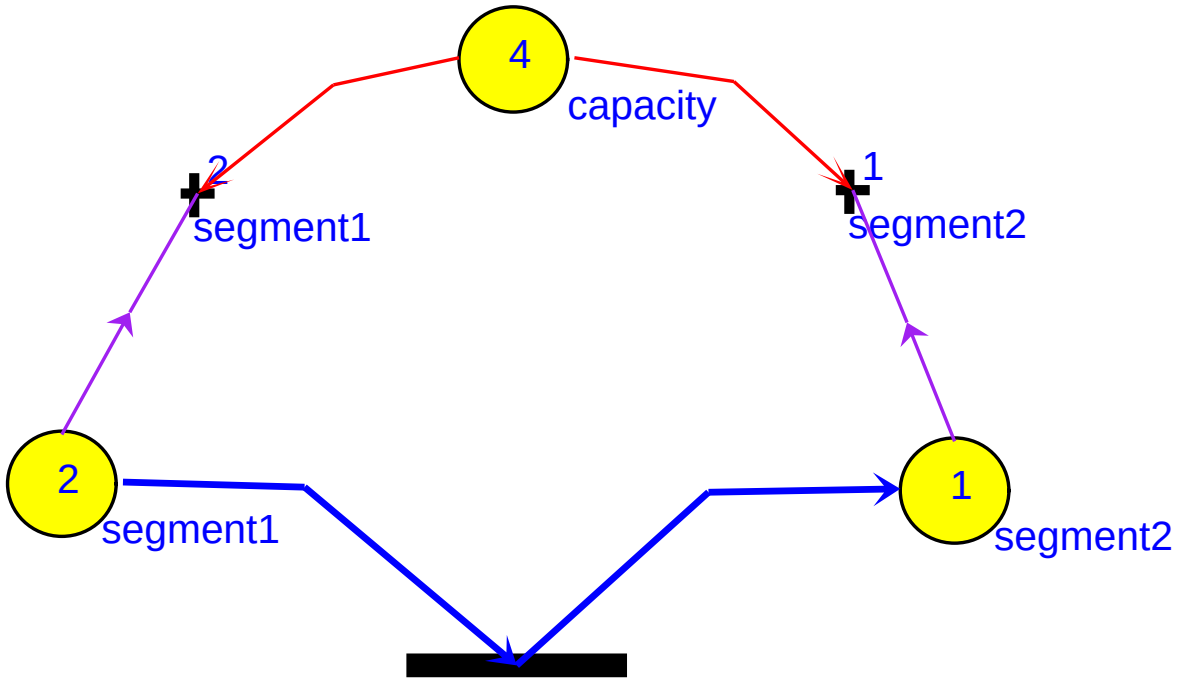


Traffic Capacity to Petri Net Place (links)



Traffic to Petri Net Graph Grammar rules

Traffic Capacity to Petri Net Place cleanup



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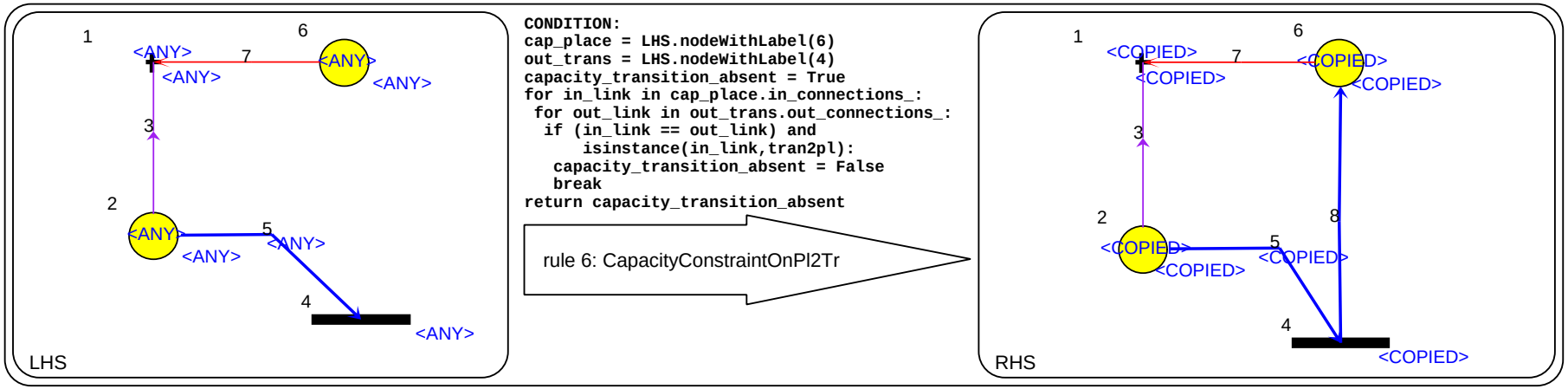

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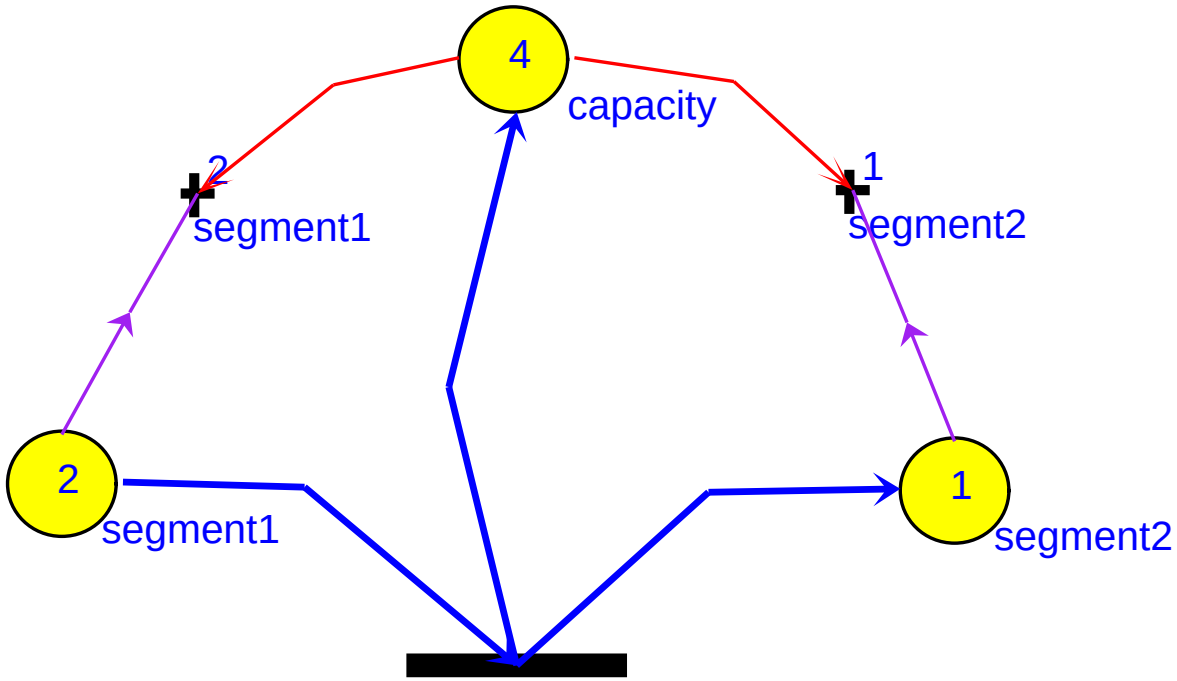

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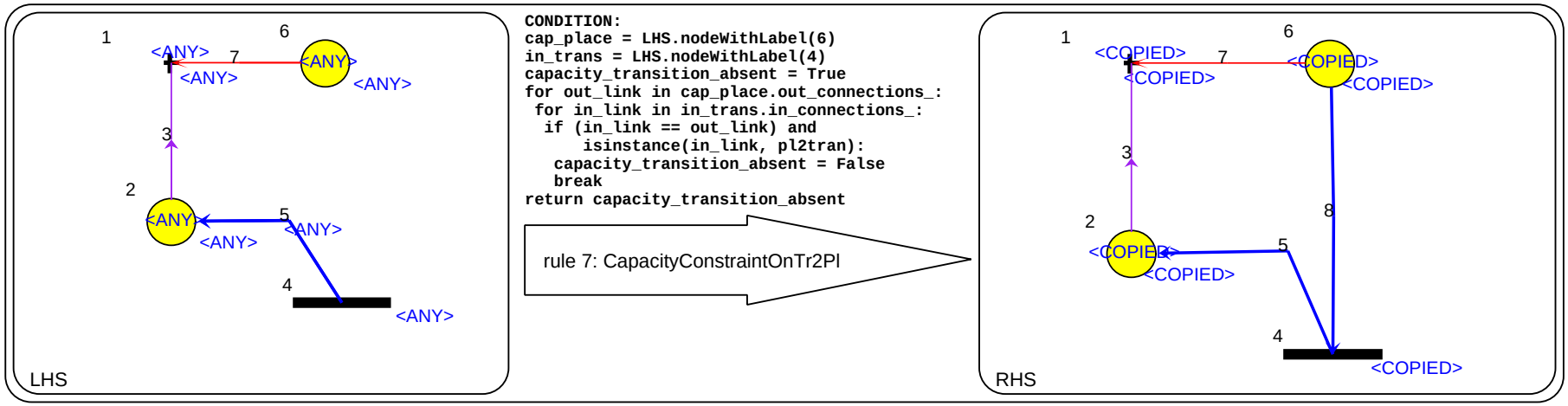

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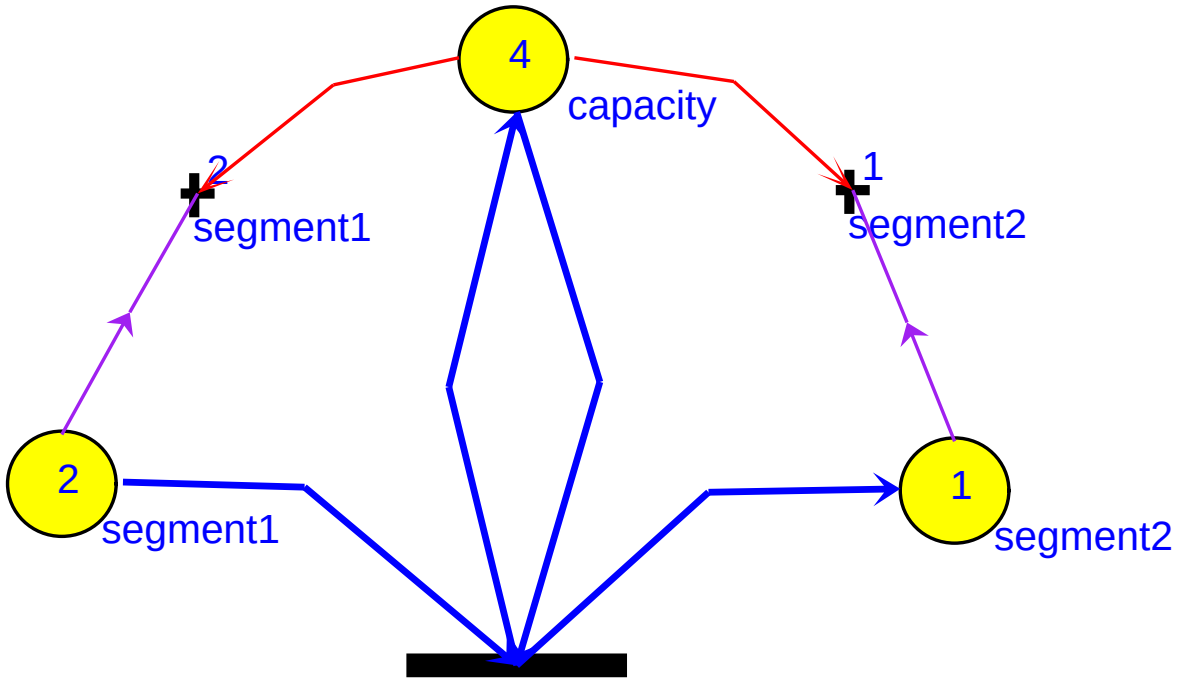

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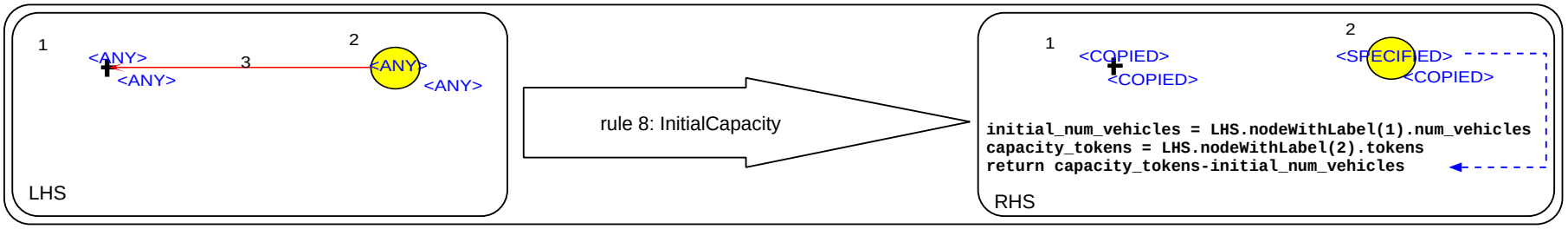
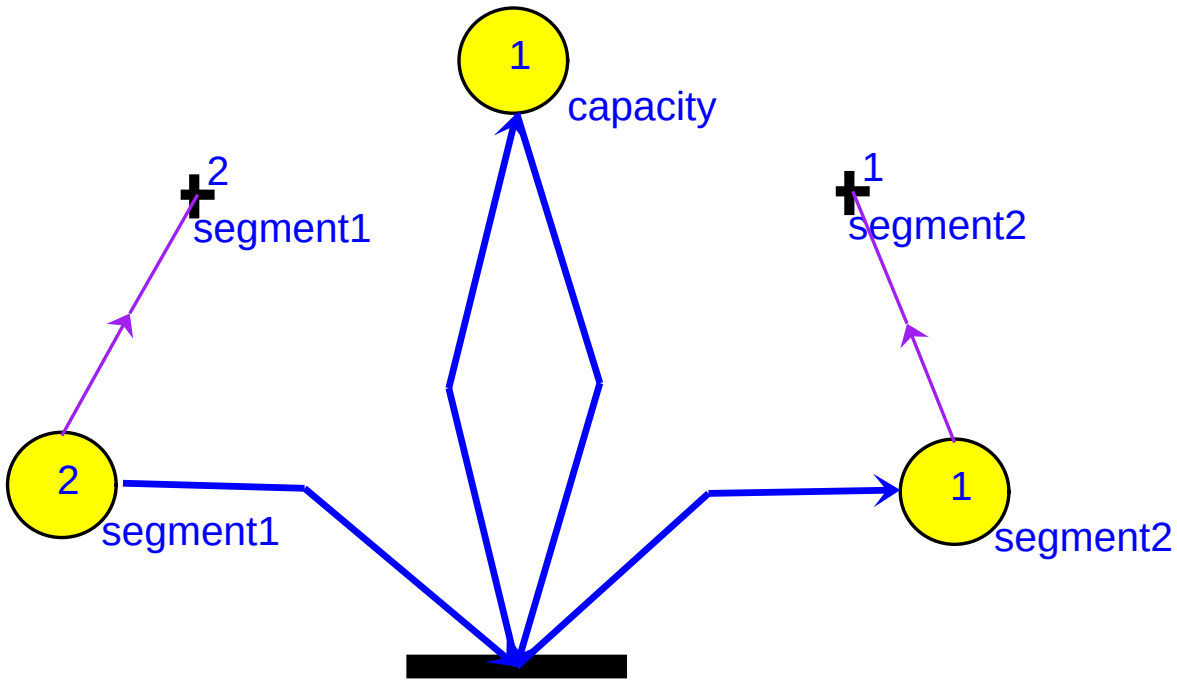


Model Initial Capacity (applied rule twice)



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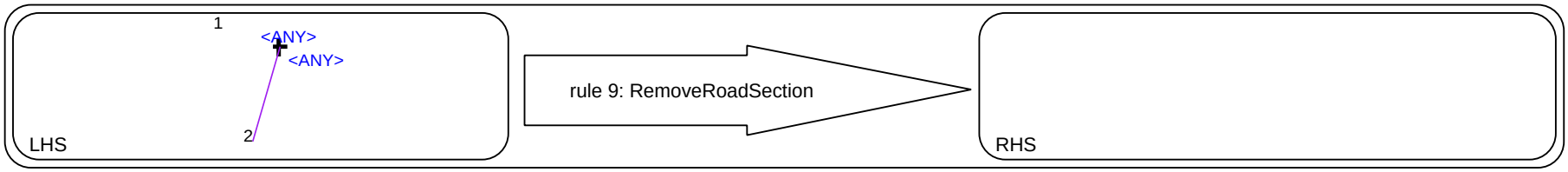
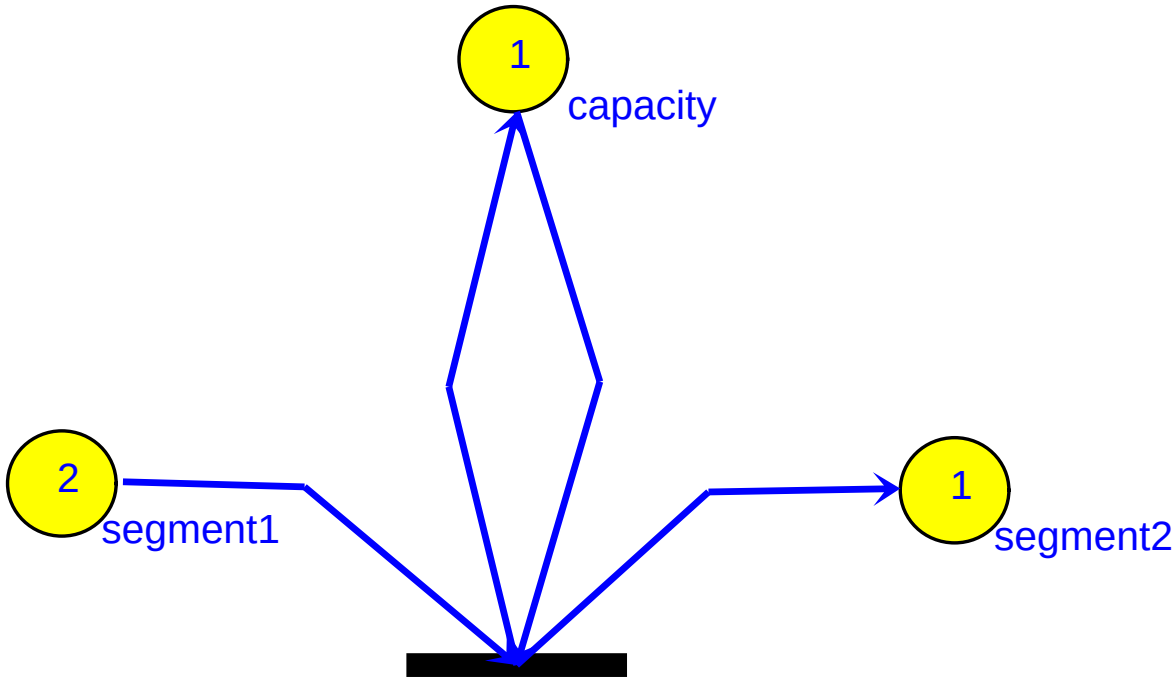


Removed Traffic Road Section, now only Petri Net



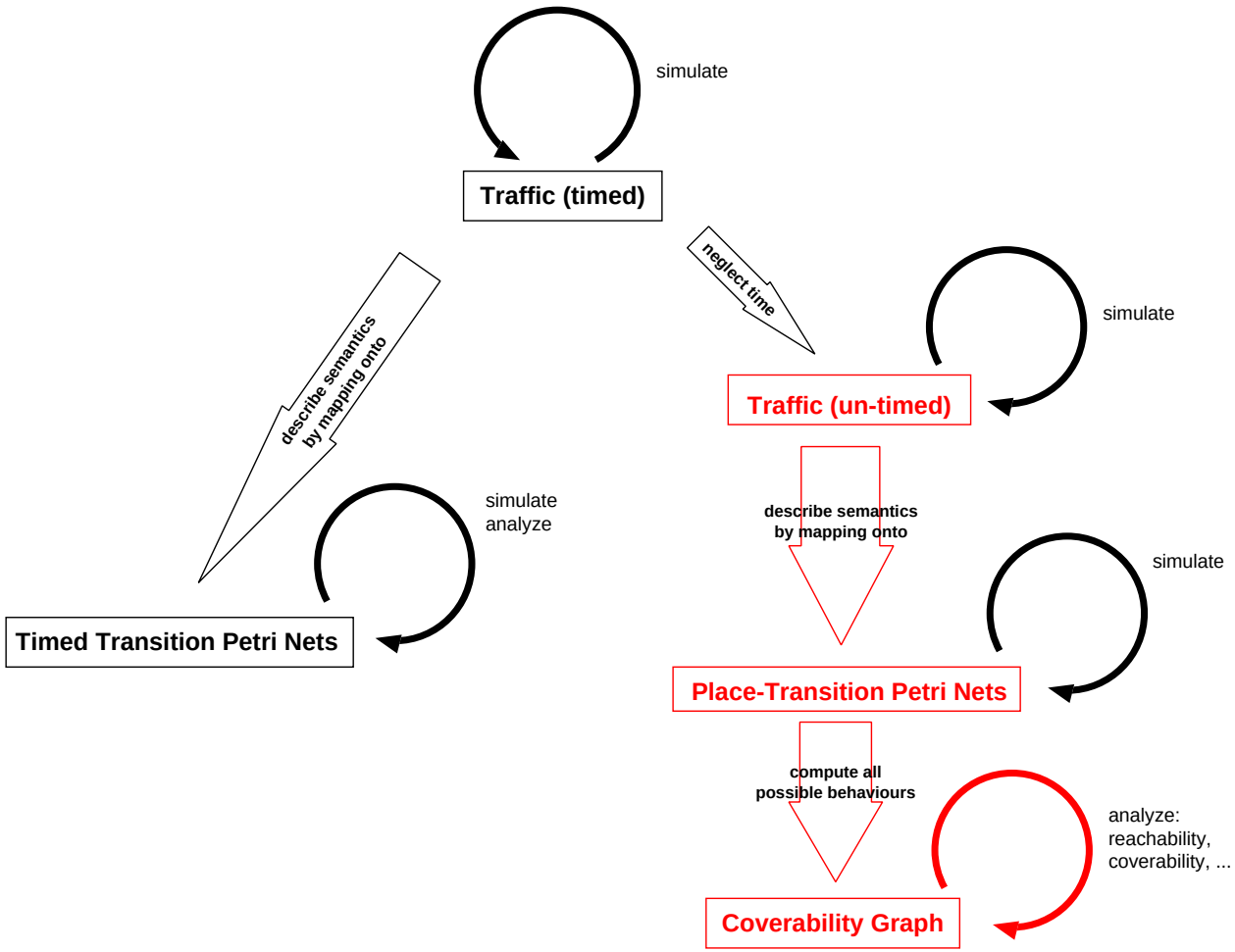
Static Analysis of the Transformation Model

The transformation specified by the Graph Grammar model must satisfy the following requirements:

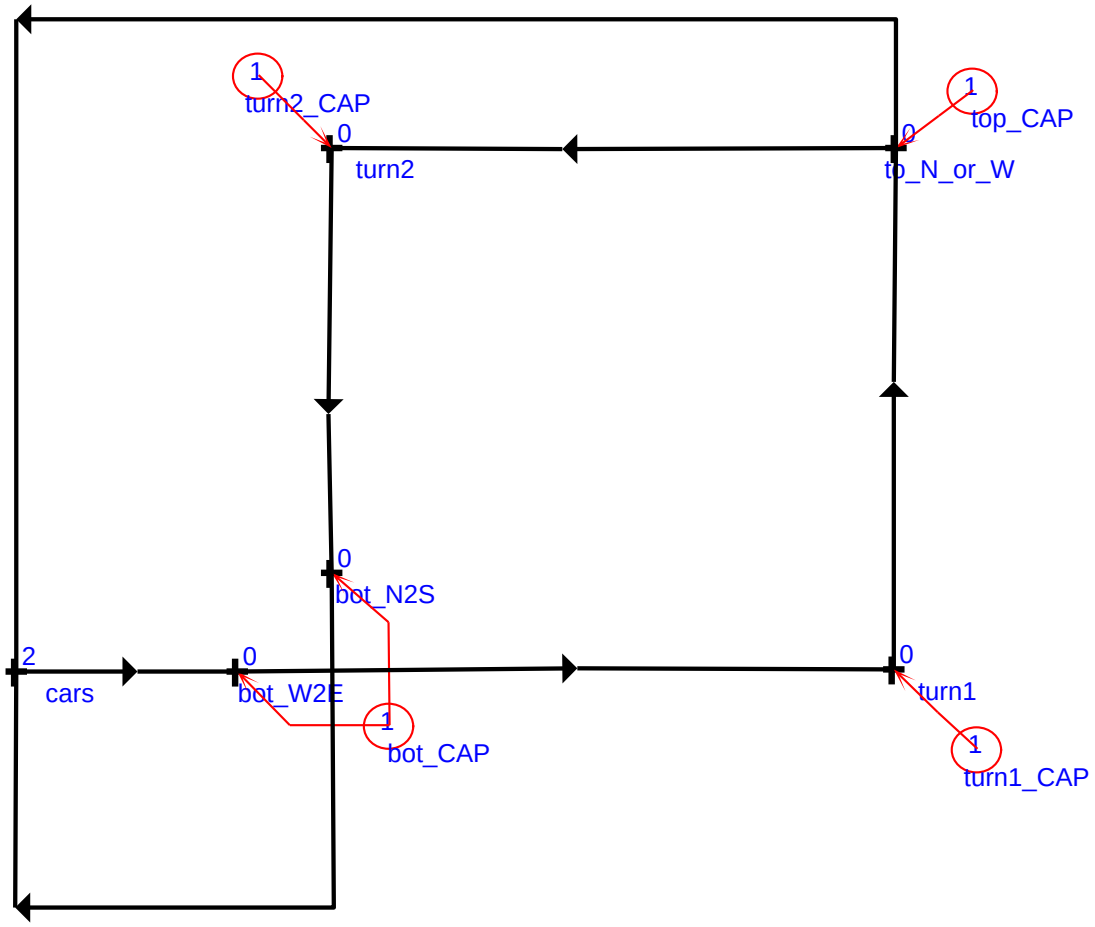
- **Termination:**
  the transformation process is *finite*
- **Convergence/Uniqueness:**
  the transformation results in a *single* target model
- **Syntactic Consistency:**
  the target model must be *exclusively* in the target formalism

These properties can often (but not always)
be **statically** checked/proved.

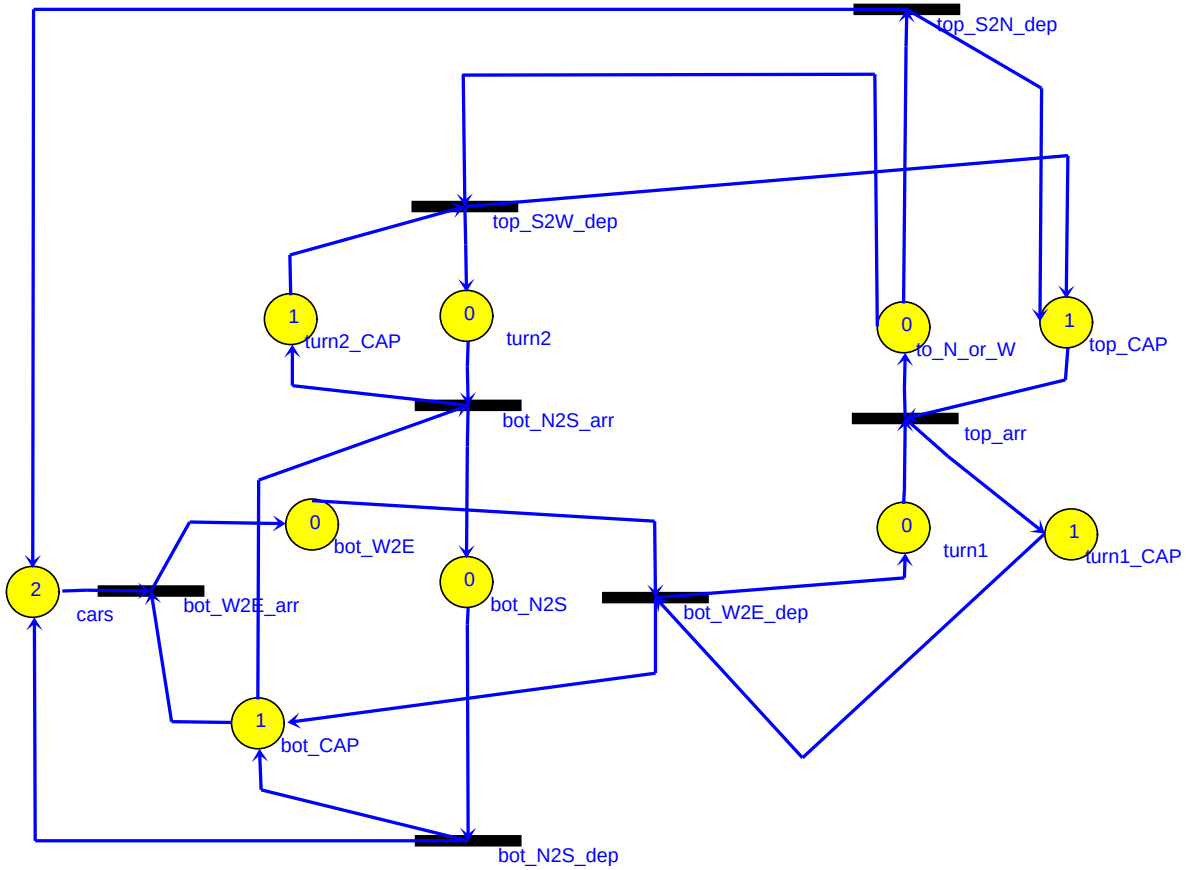
Un-timed Analysis



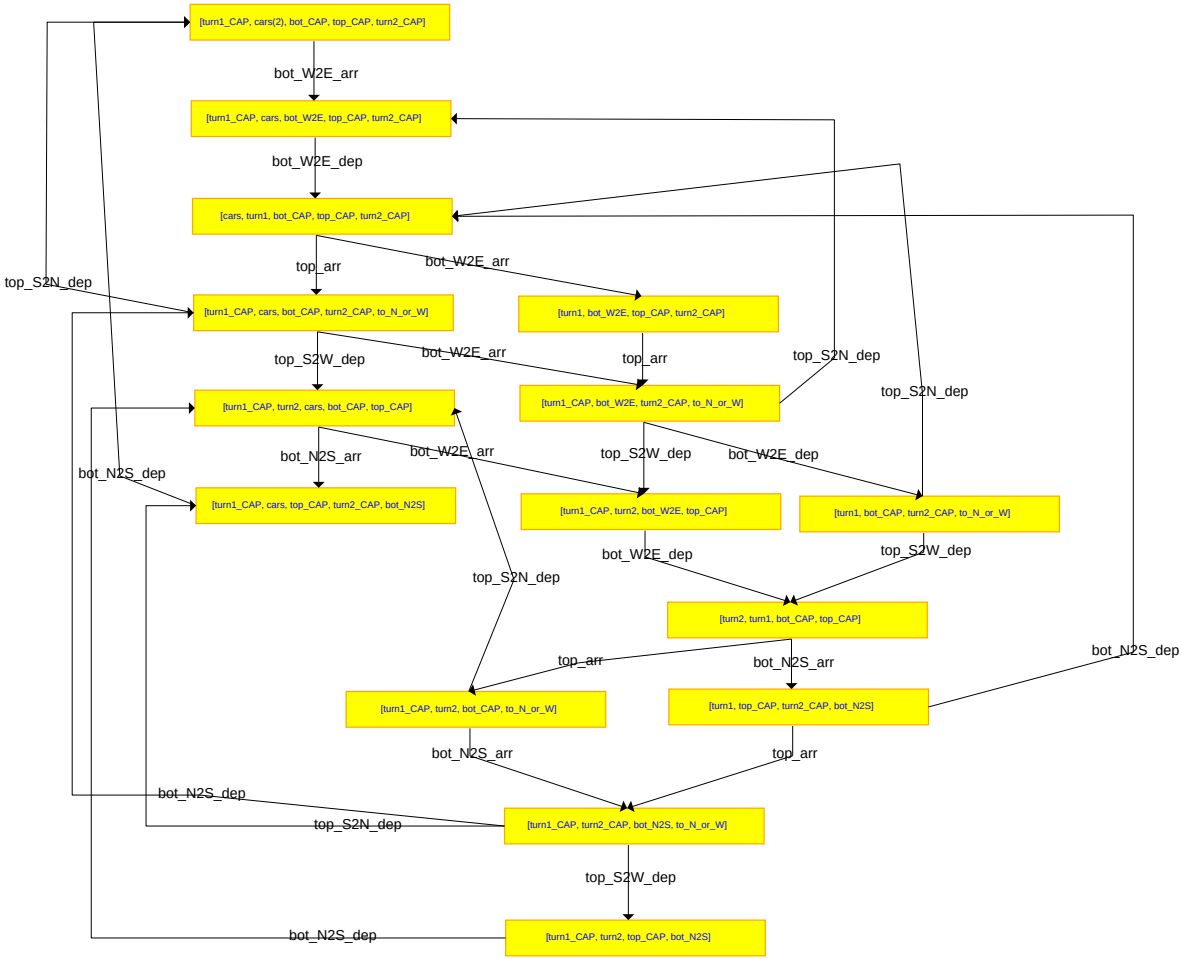
An un-timed Traffic model



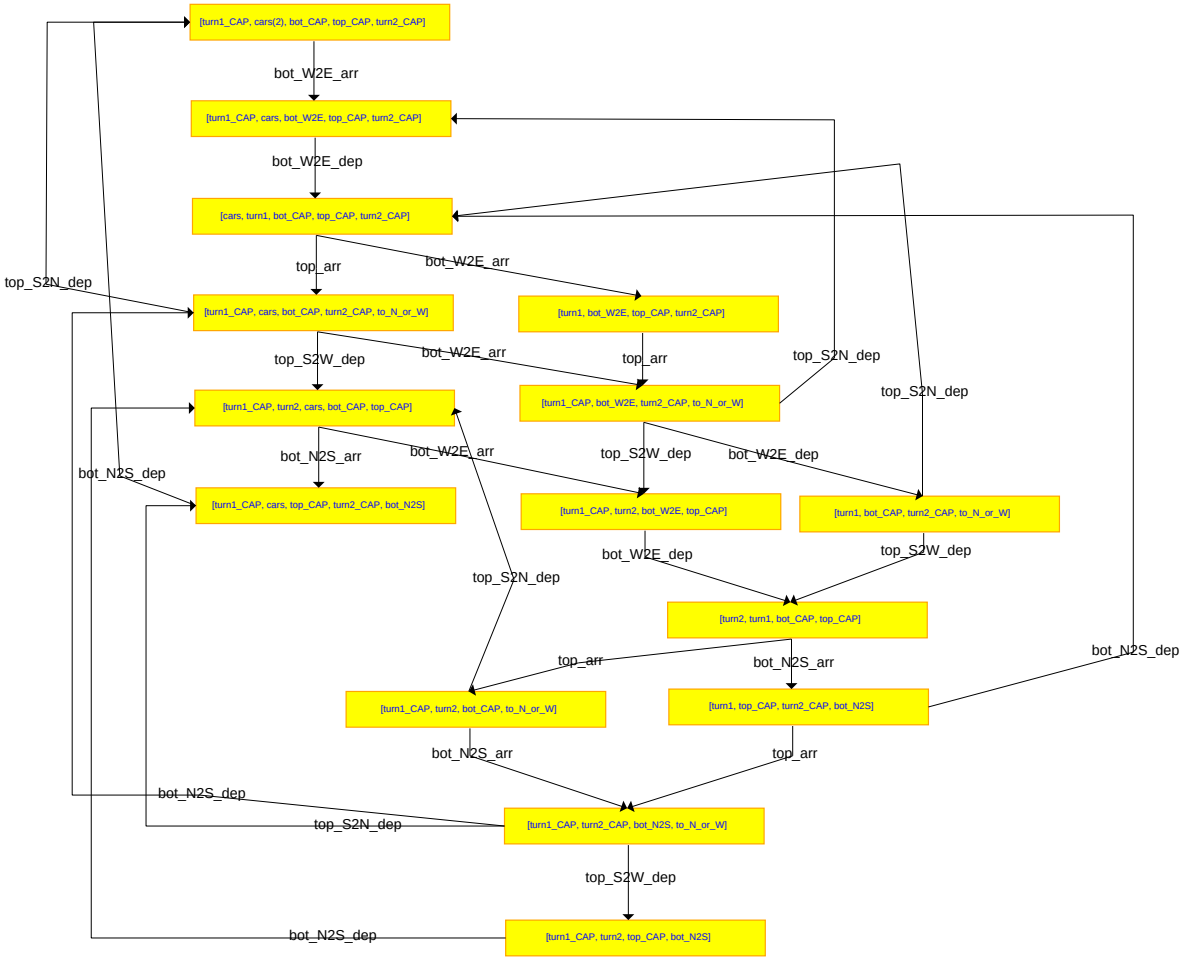
the Petri Net describing its behaviour obtained by Graph Rewriting



Analysis: Coverability Graph of the Petri Net



Liveness Analysis



Conservation Analysis

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1.0 x[turn1_CAP] + 1.0 x[turn1] = 1.0

1.0 x[cars] + 1.0 x[bot_W2E] + 1.0 x[turn1] +
1.0 x[to_N_or_W] + 1.0 x[turn2] + 1.0 x[bot_N2S] = 2.0

1.0 x[top_CAP] + 1.0 x[to_N_or_W] = 1.0

1.0 x[turn2_CAP] + 1.0 x[turn2] = 1.0

1.0 x[bot_CAP] + 1.0 x[bot_W2E] + 1.0 x[bot_N2S] = 1.0
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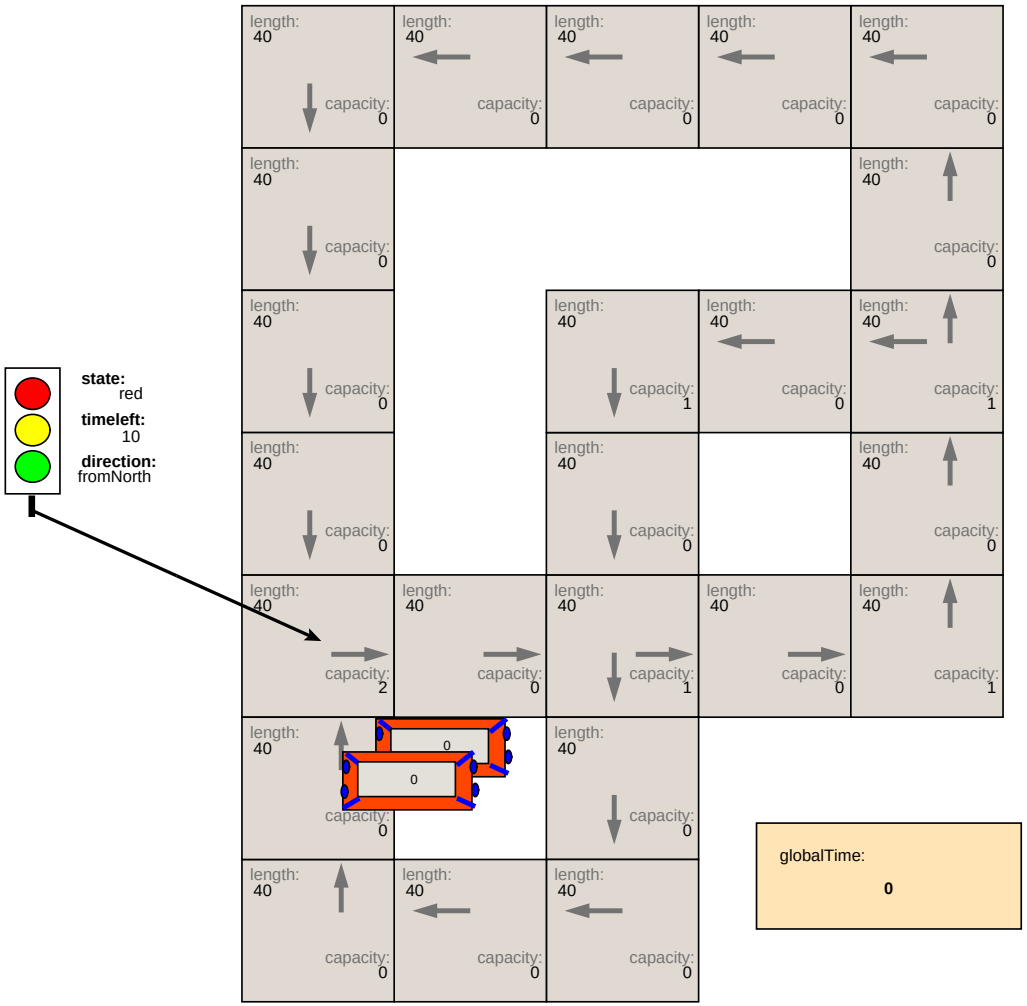
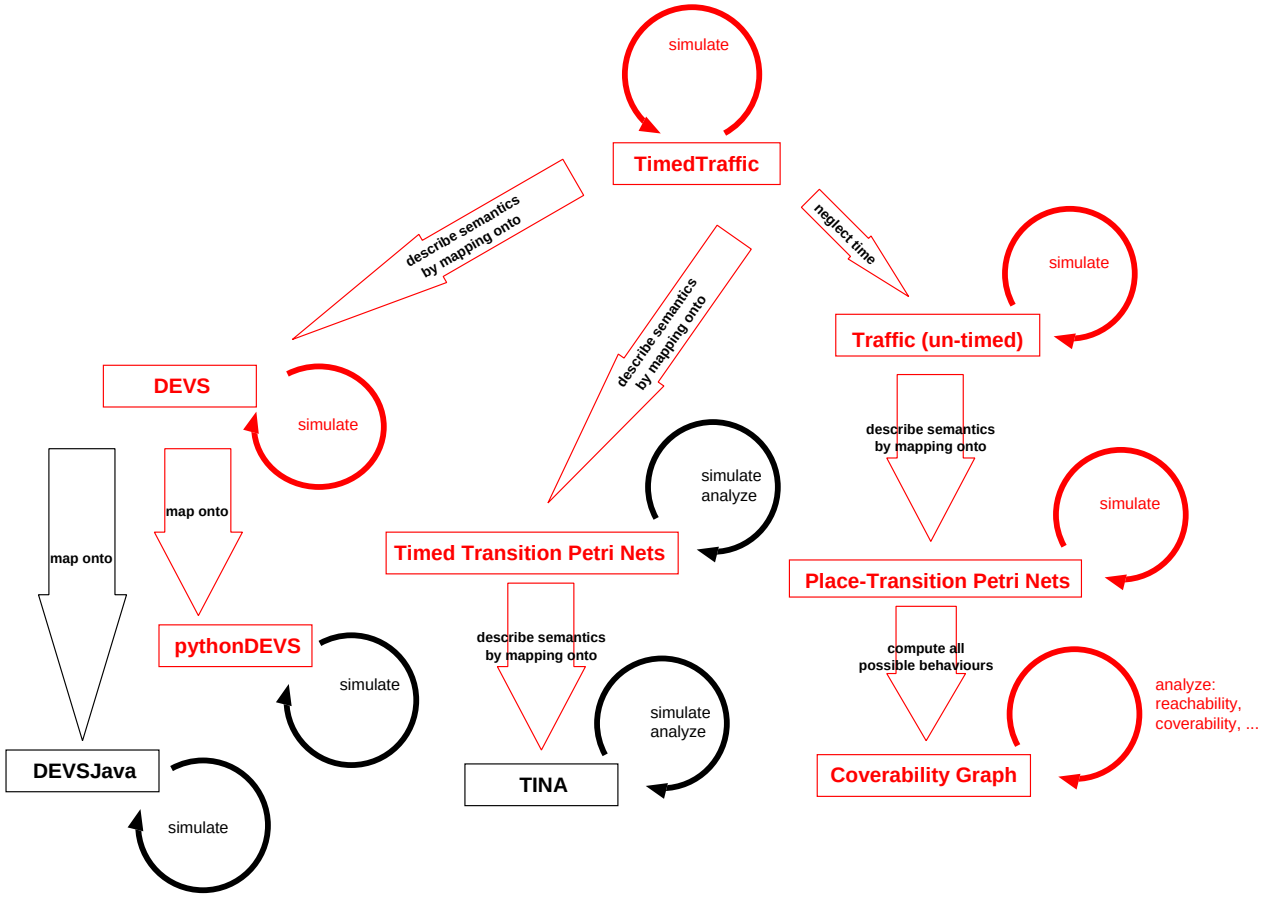
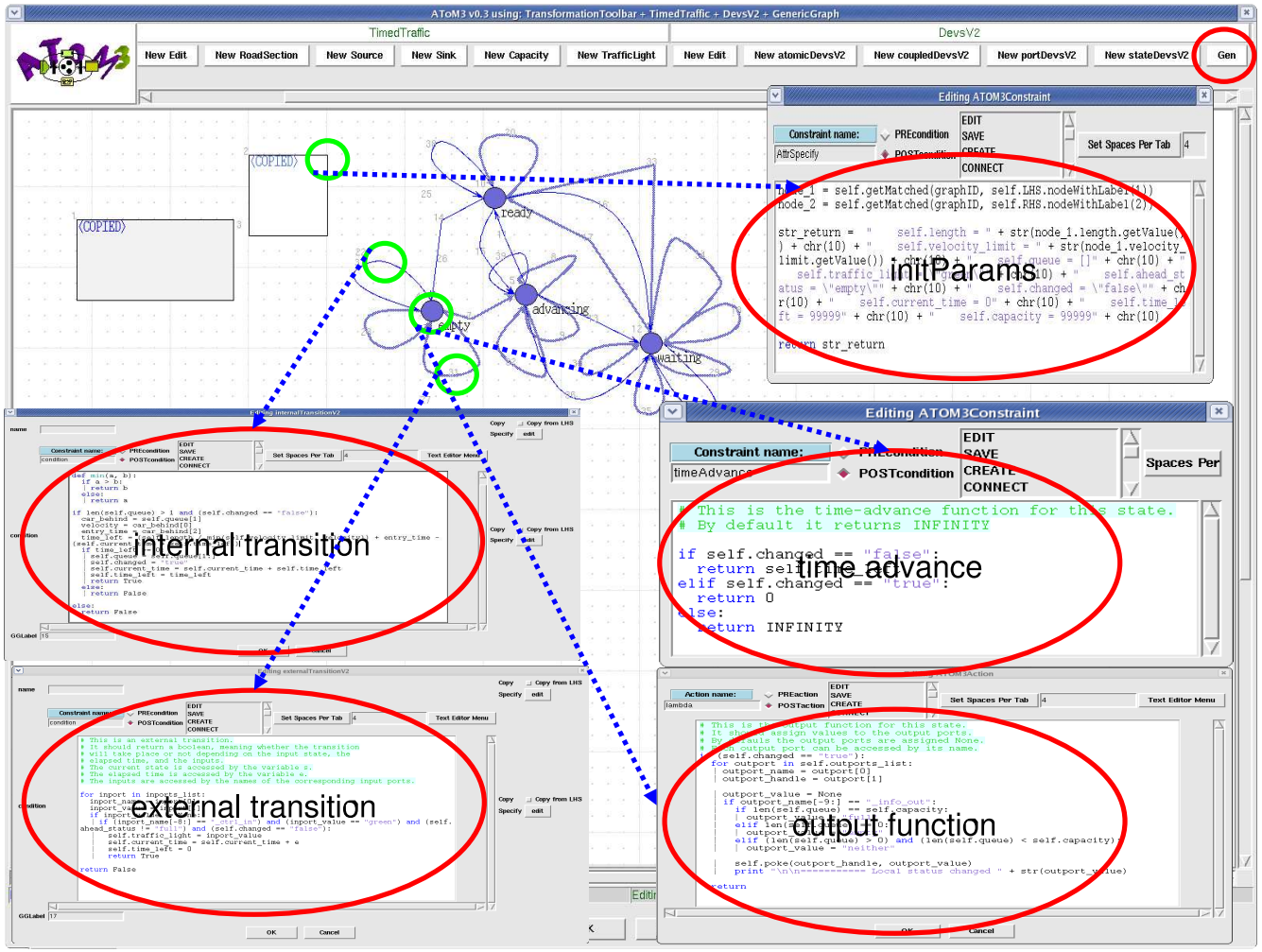
Timed Traffic Network



Mapping onto DEVS for Simulation (performance Analysis)



Timed Traffic mapped onto a DEVS model



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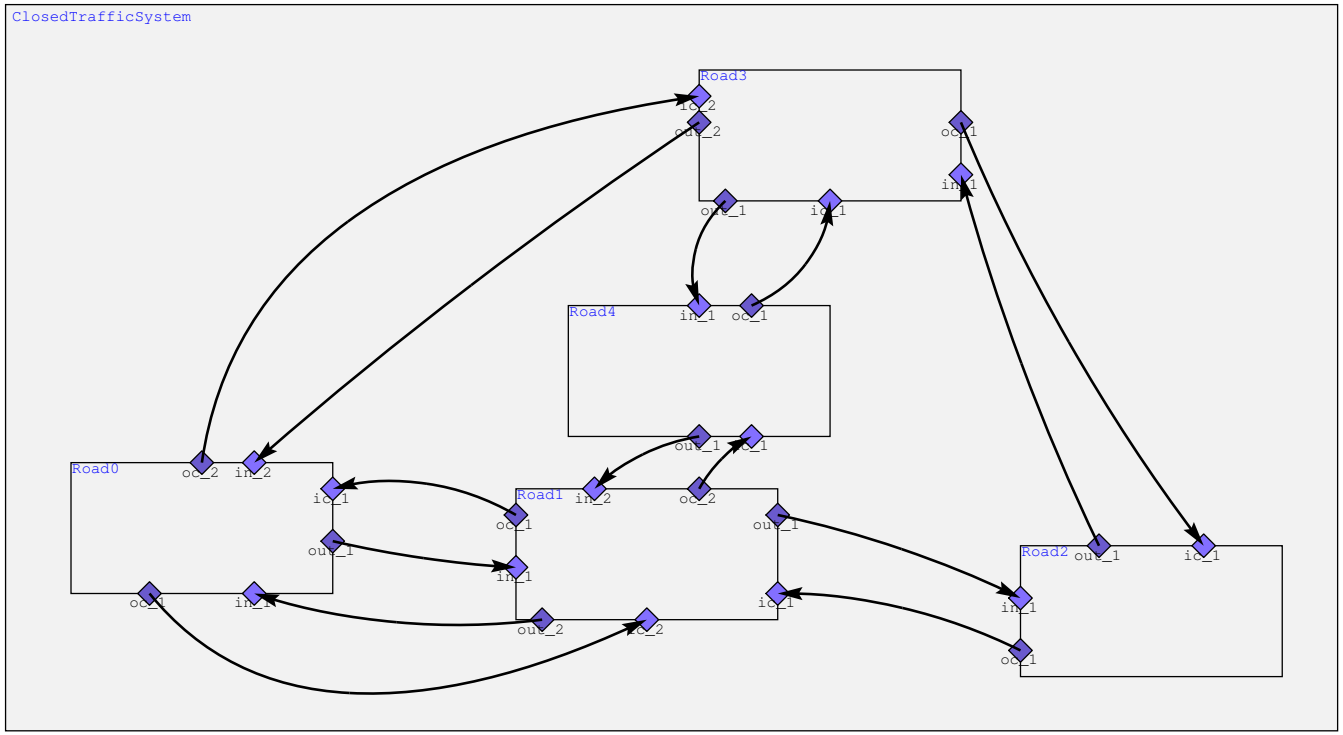
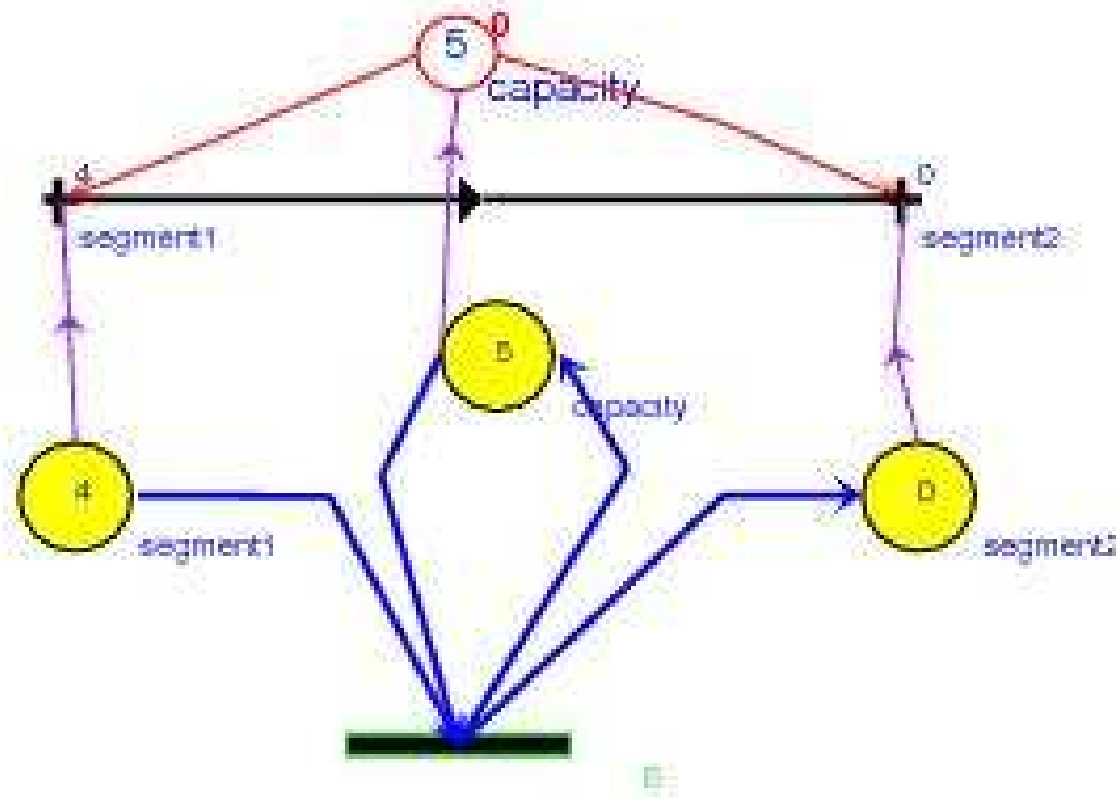


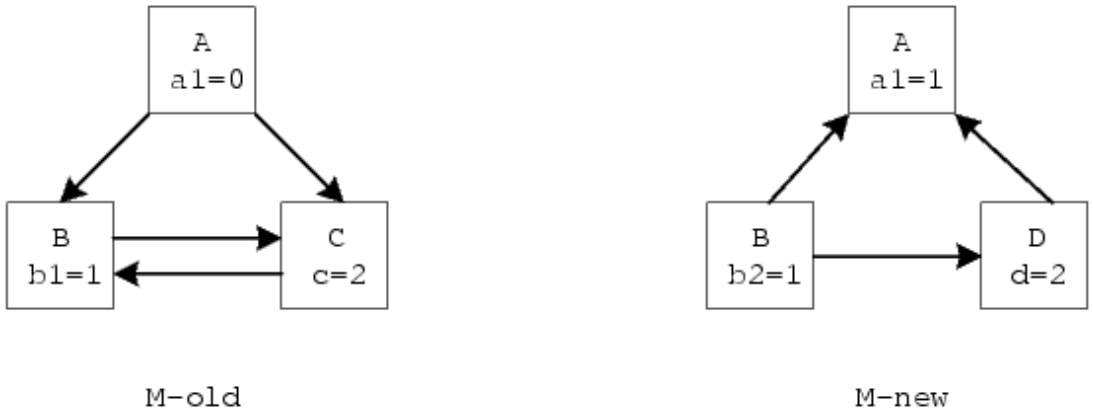
Semper Variabilis: Model Evolution

- model evolution
- meta-model evolution
- semantics evolution

Model Evolution poor man's approach: Backward Links

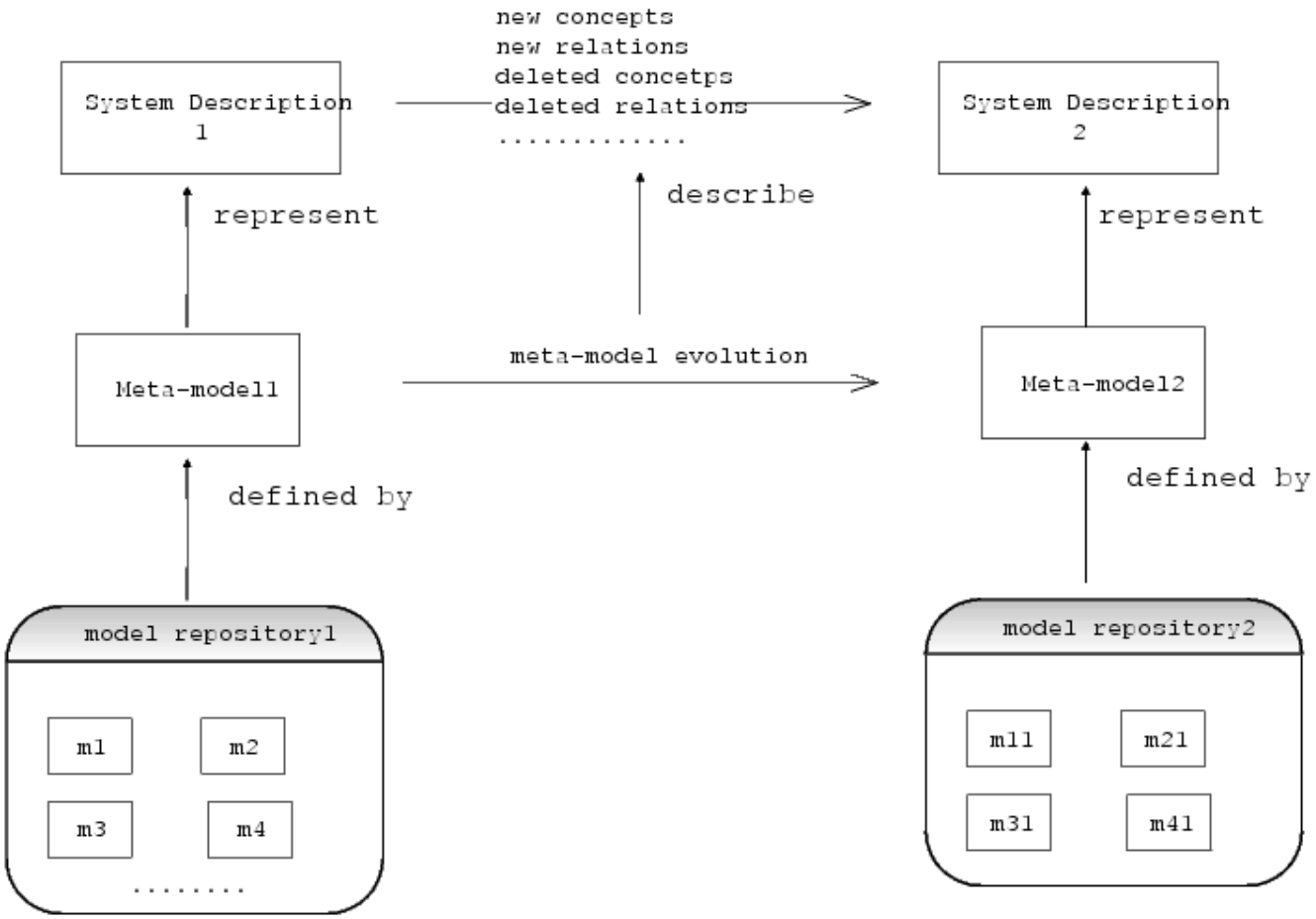


Model Evolution (Version Control): need Model Comparison

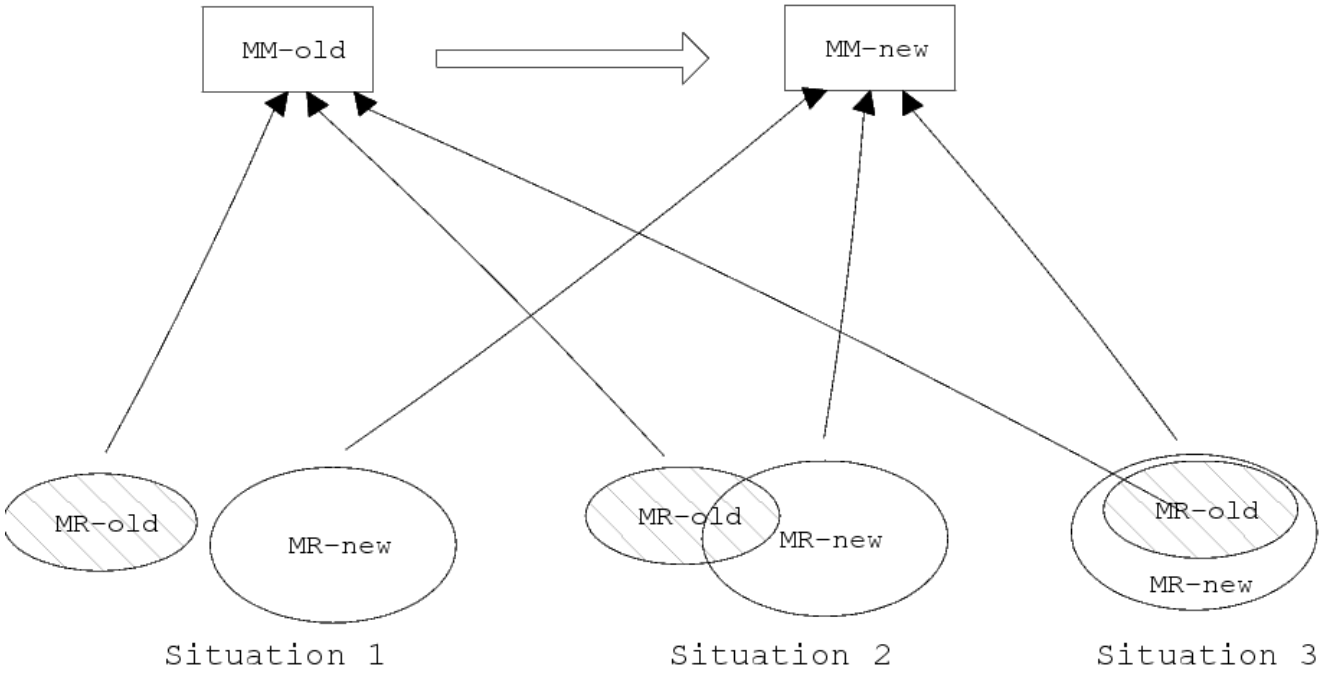


express difference as sequence of creation, removal, attribute change

Meta-model evolution



Cases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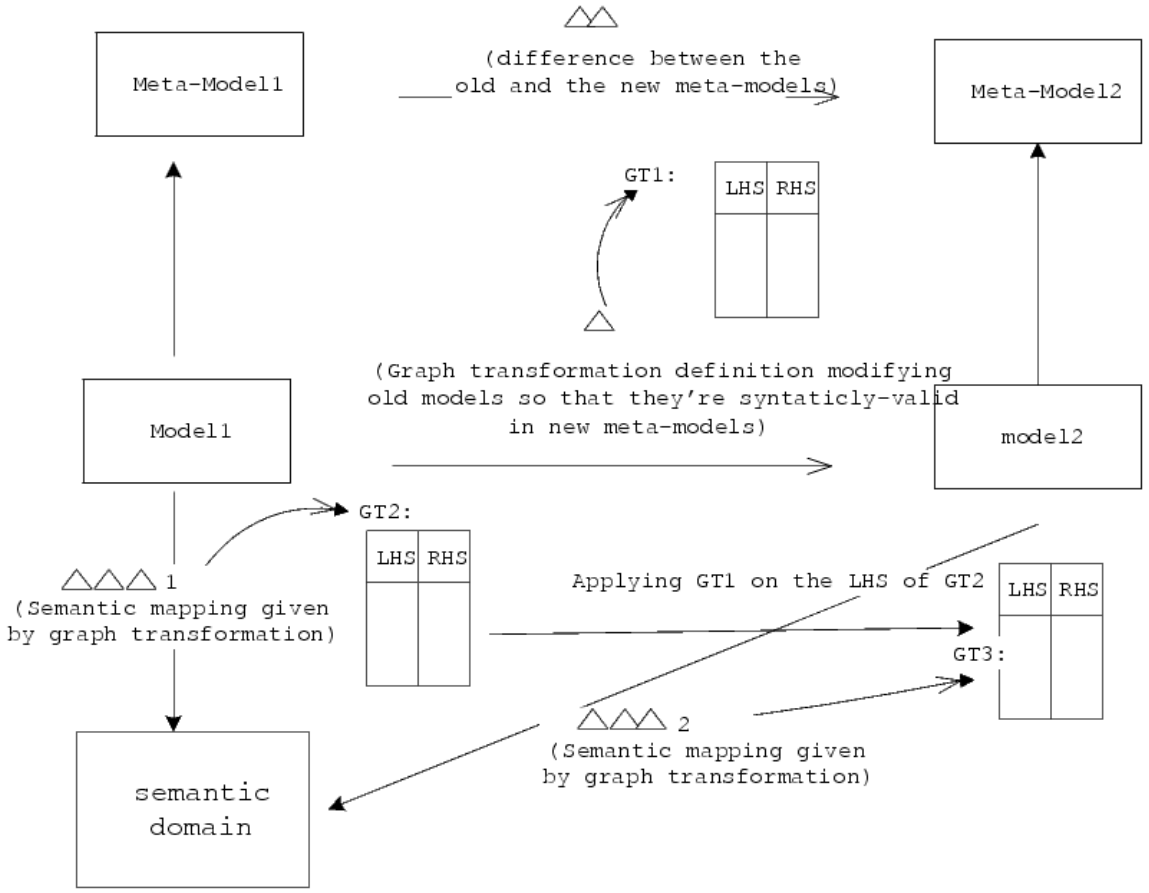
Situation 1
Situation 2
Situation 3

Semantics evolution



Conclusions

model everything !