NECSIS: The Cross-Cutting Project

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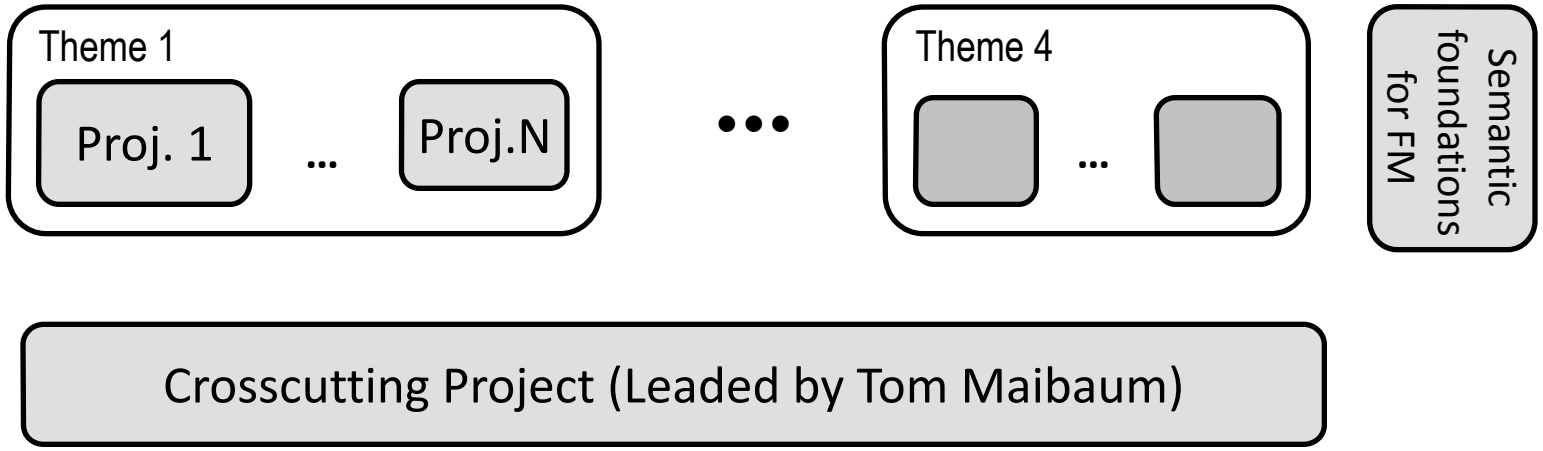
NECSIS Structure



- Unified conceptual framework for model management (MMt)
- Unification of terminology and notation
- Common design and reasoning patterns

- To distill
- To suggest

CC Results

- Usage of the results by the NECSIS participants :(
  - Unknown and unusual math based on mappings
  - Unknown terminology and notation
  - **No tool support**
  - **Tutorial are needed**
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- A sound theory of MMt based on math
  - Classification of MMt tasks
  - Notation and terminology
- Spec/Structural design patterns
  - **Normal** vs. **radical** design
    - book *What Engineers Know and How they Know It, 1990* by Walter Vincenti
- Reasoning techniques (in progress)

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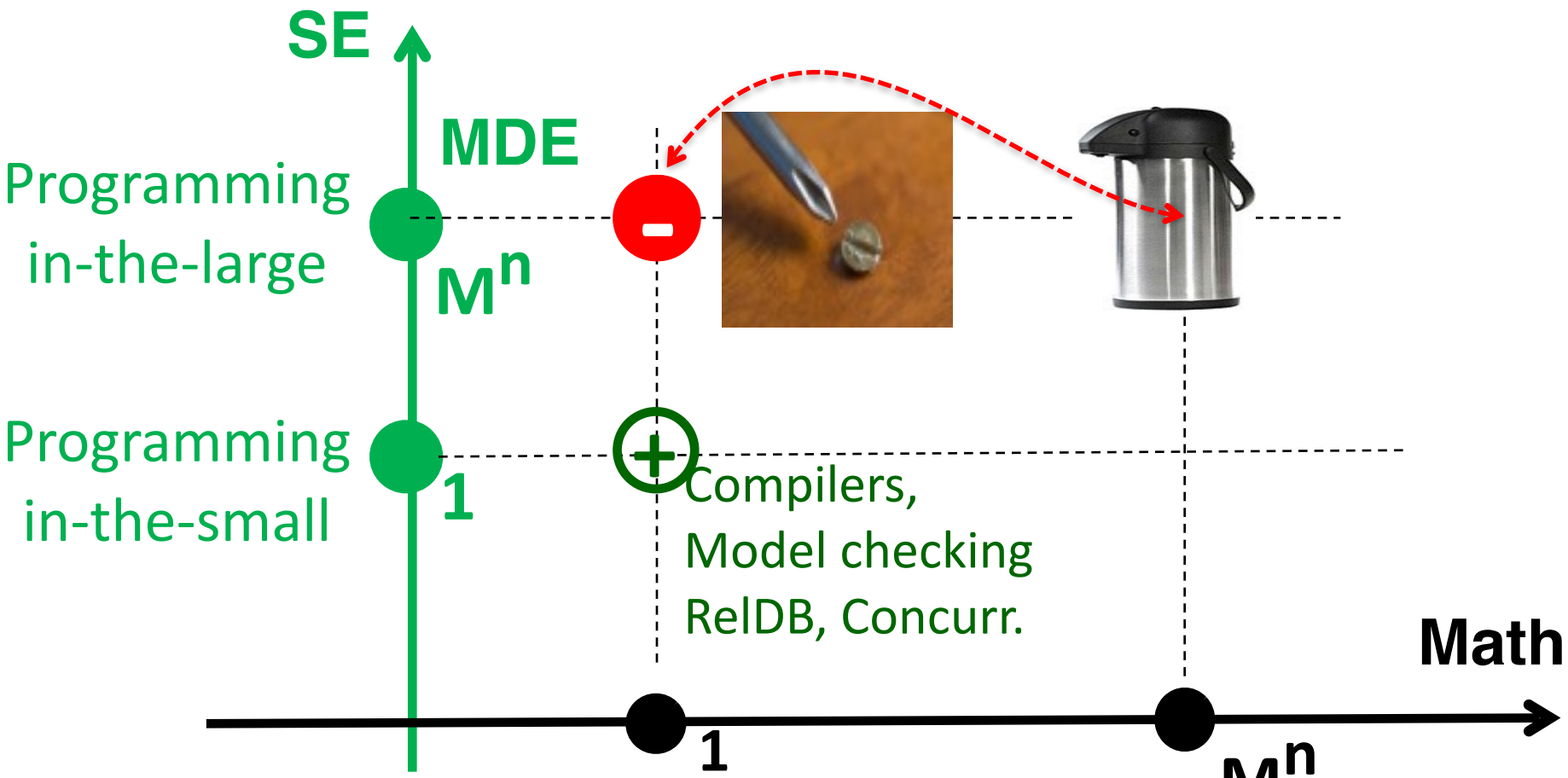

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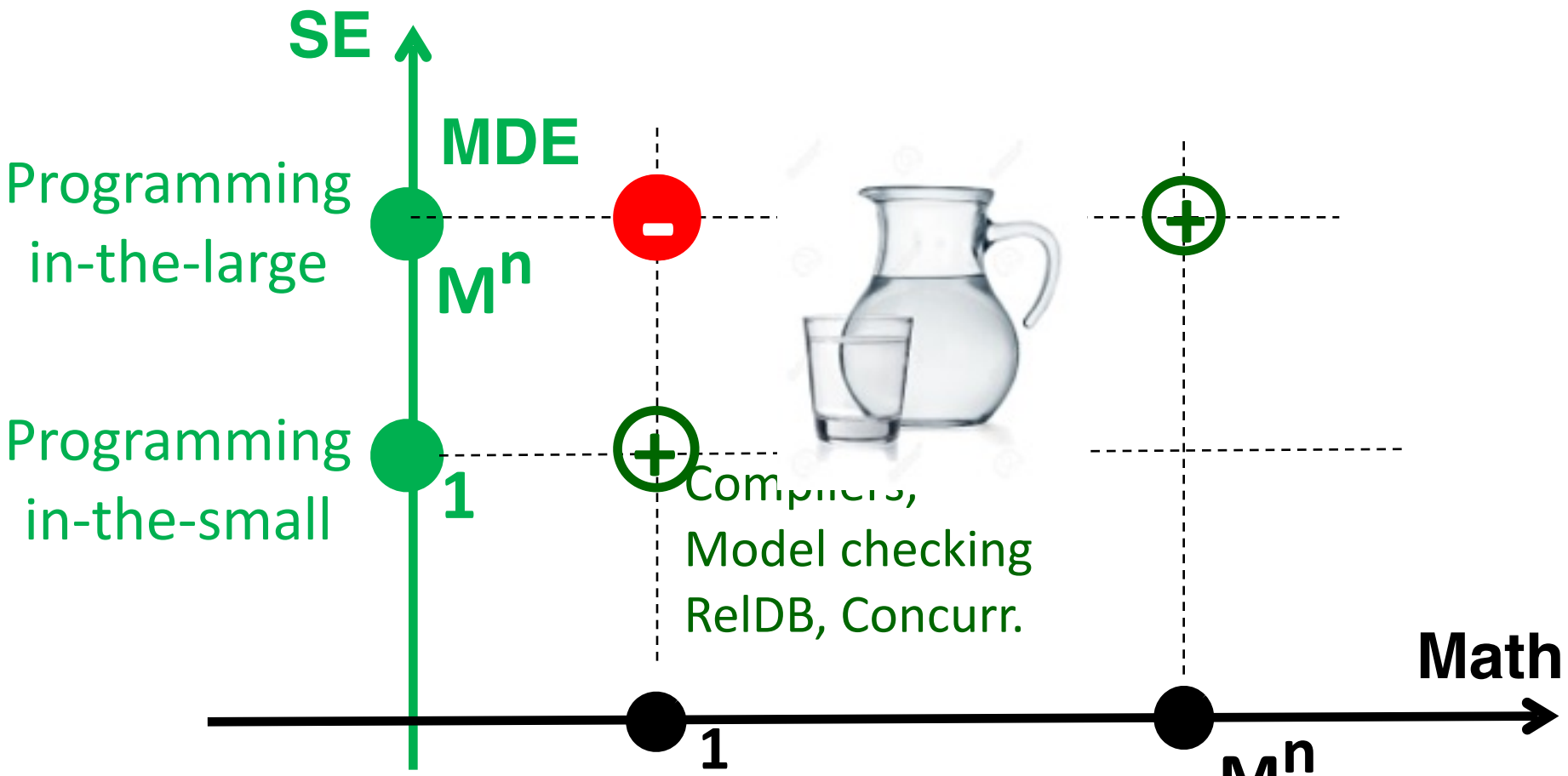

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Content

- Specification patterns for model management (40 min)
  - Model merge (Beh. modeling: choice) (15 min)
  - Model join/meet (Beh. modeling: concurrency) (5 min)
  - **Relational algebra for source-to-target MT (15 min)**
- Incremental BX and their taxonomy (0 min b/c of the upcoming NECSIS webinar on Mar 20)
- Foundations of feature modeling (8-10 min)*

*) Does not use category theory :)

Specification Patterns for Model Management

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MDE adoption in industry

- The MDE idea is great but it may not fully fulfill its promise. Why?
- Tools may be a (big) issue.
- Why are tools not good?
- Jon Whittle's Studies (published at **ICSE, Models**)
  - Width: 19 interviews with 19 MDE practitioners from 18 companies
  - Depth: 10 interviews with Eriksson AB + 10 interviews with Volvo Cars

Quotes from Whitlle's papers

- "We do not have a fine-grained way of knowing **which** MDE tools are appropriate **for which** jobs."
- "There is also a clear gap in the way that vendors **market** their tools and their real **capabilities**."
- *"And suddenly the tool doesn't do something expected and it's a nightmare for them."* [a direct quote from an interview]

Miscommunication

Whittle's Studies: some results

- Forty Issues preventing MDE adoption, and the miscommunication
  - Technical defi… DE tools (17/4),
  - Inter… (13/3),
  - Ext… (5/3),
  - Soci… rol) (5/2)
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- *"Define t… eaning of words and you will avoid much discord"* (René Descartes)

- Model merge
- Model sync
- Incremental model transf.
- Model refactoring
- ….

Specification patterns for MMt

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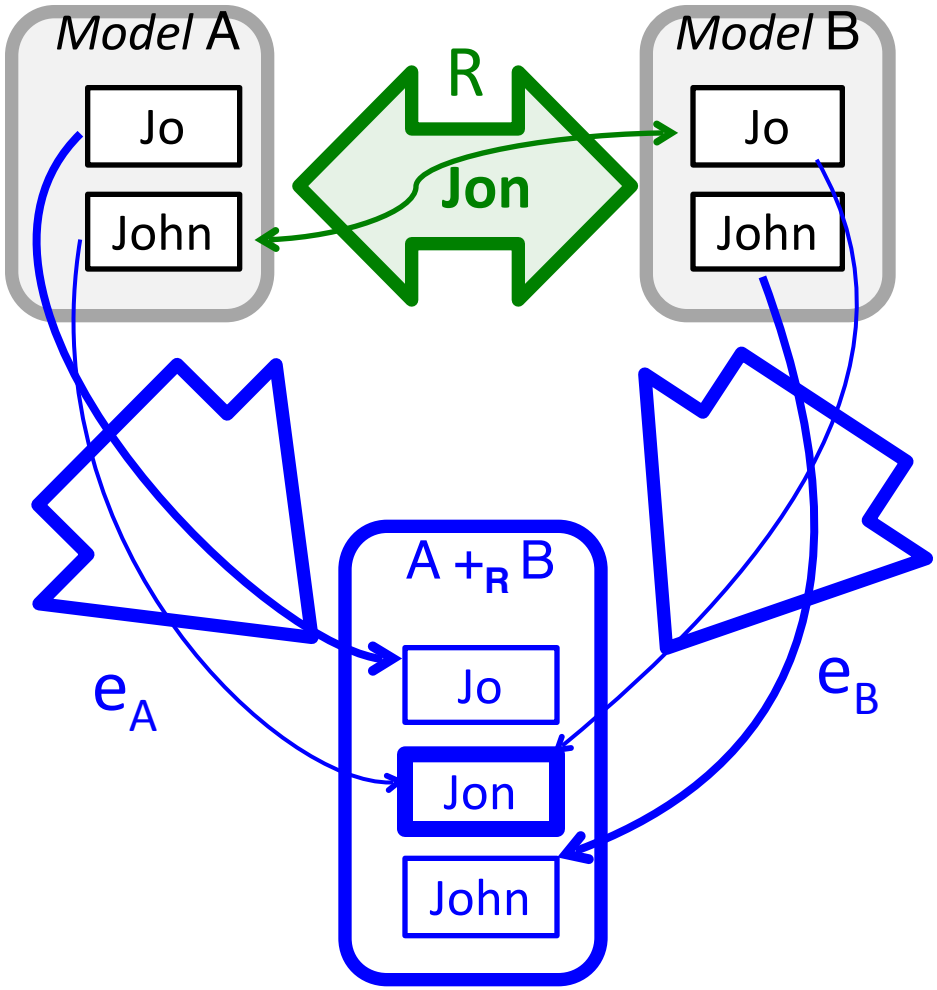
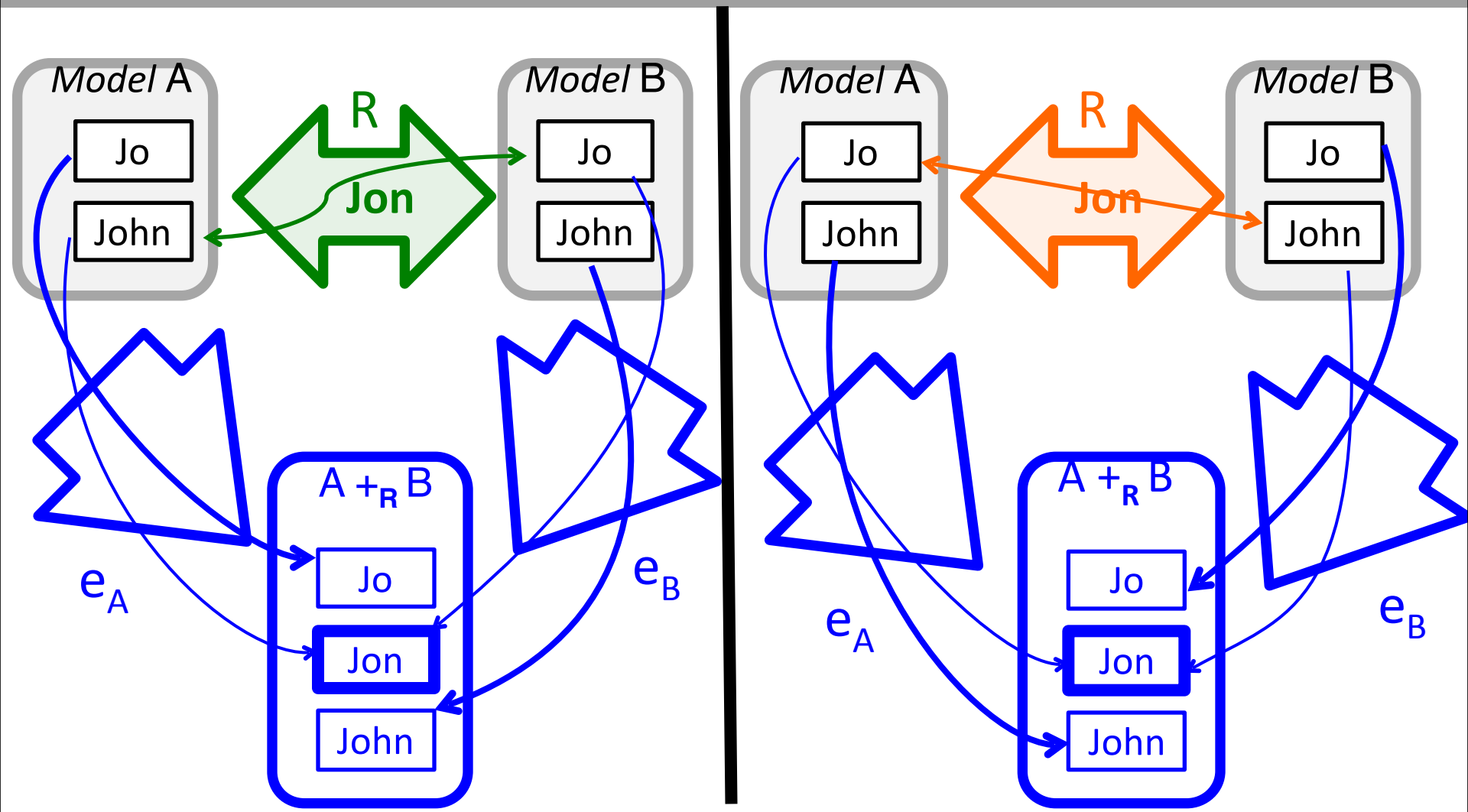
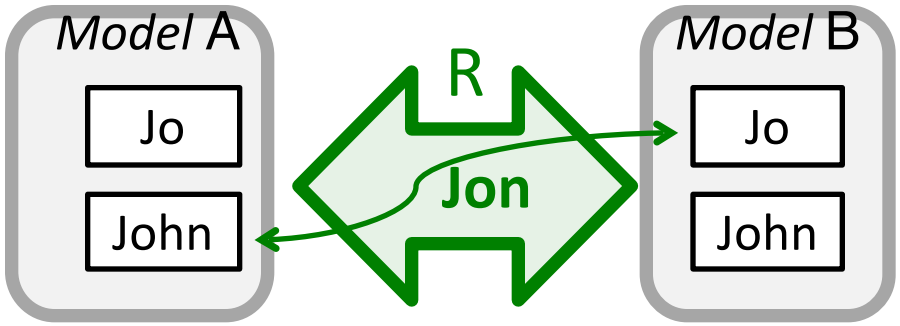
Model Merge after Match

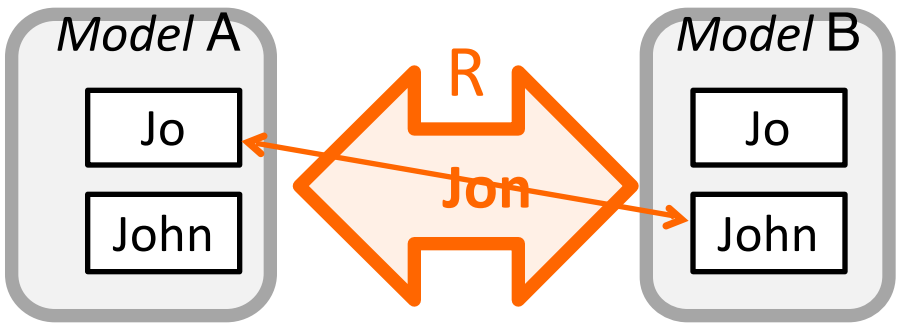


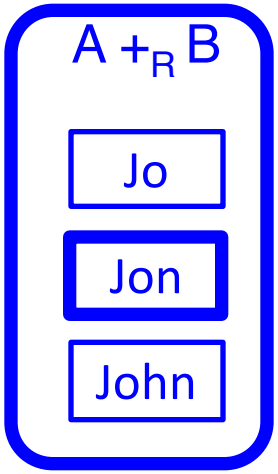
Model Merge with Green/Orange Match

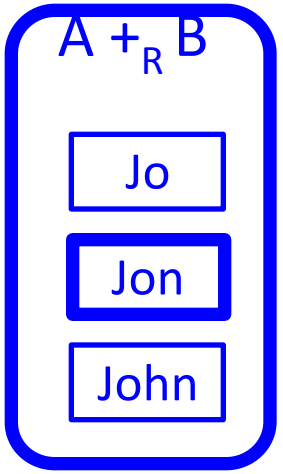


Merge without mappings









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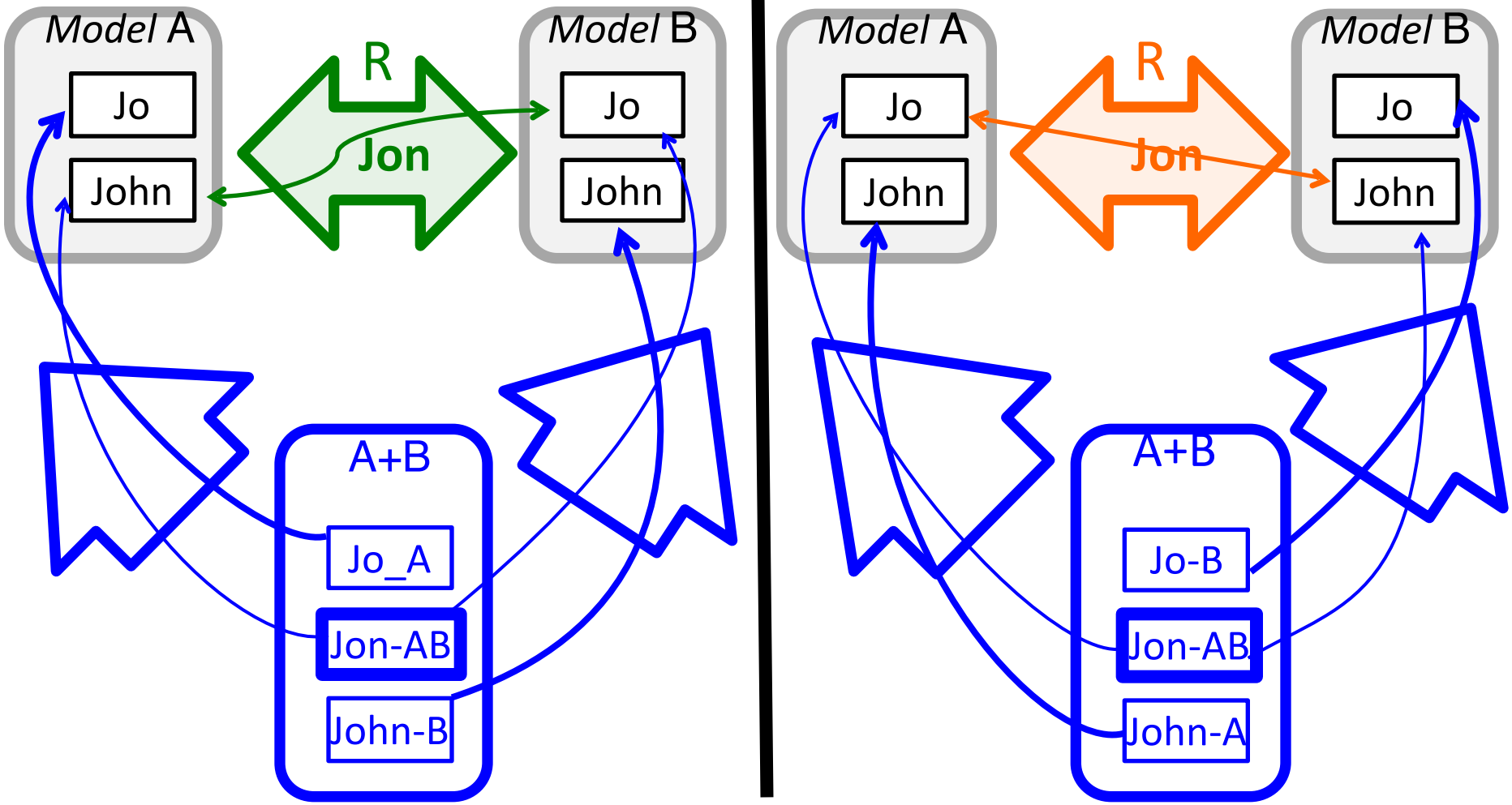
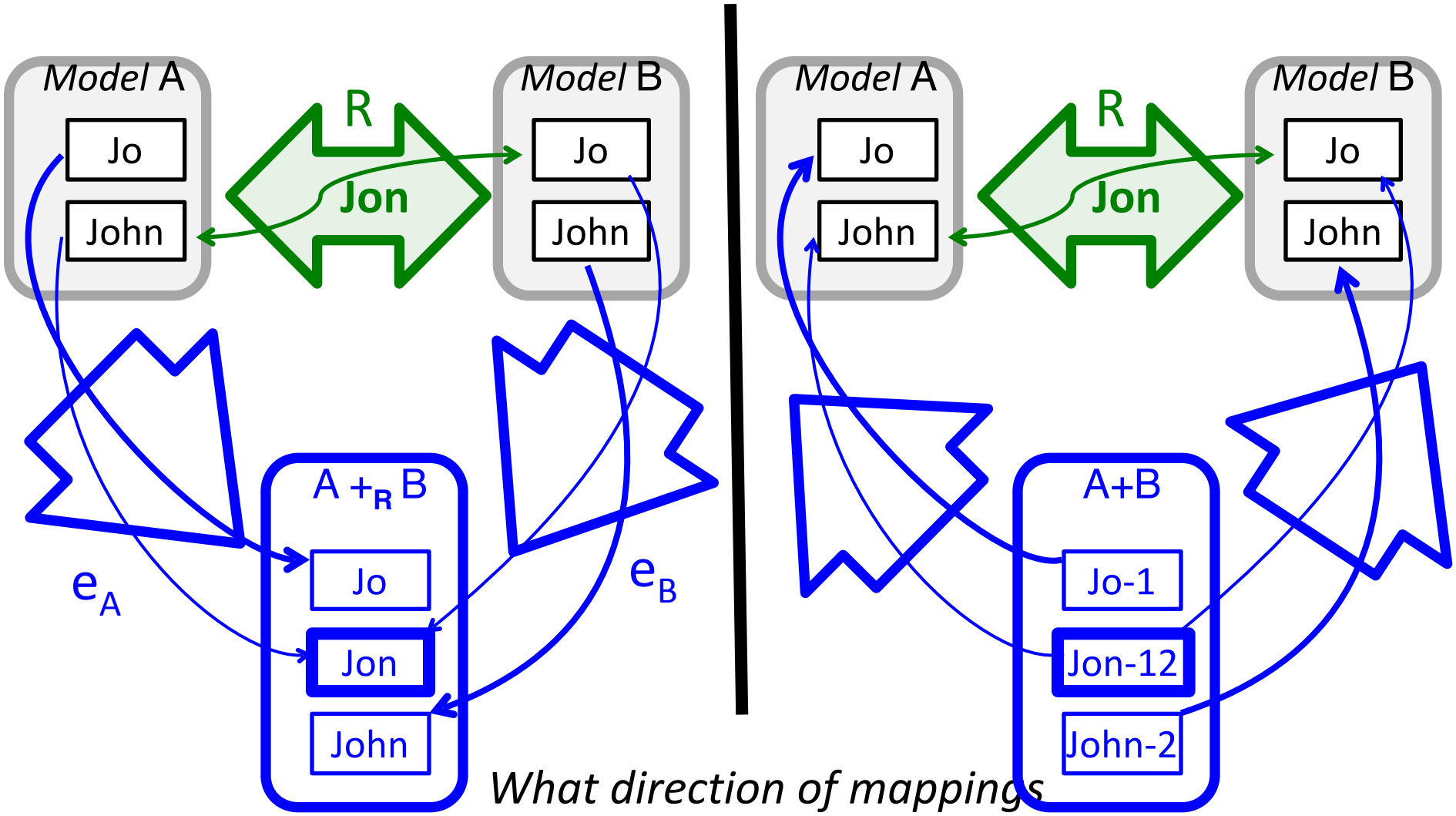
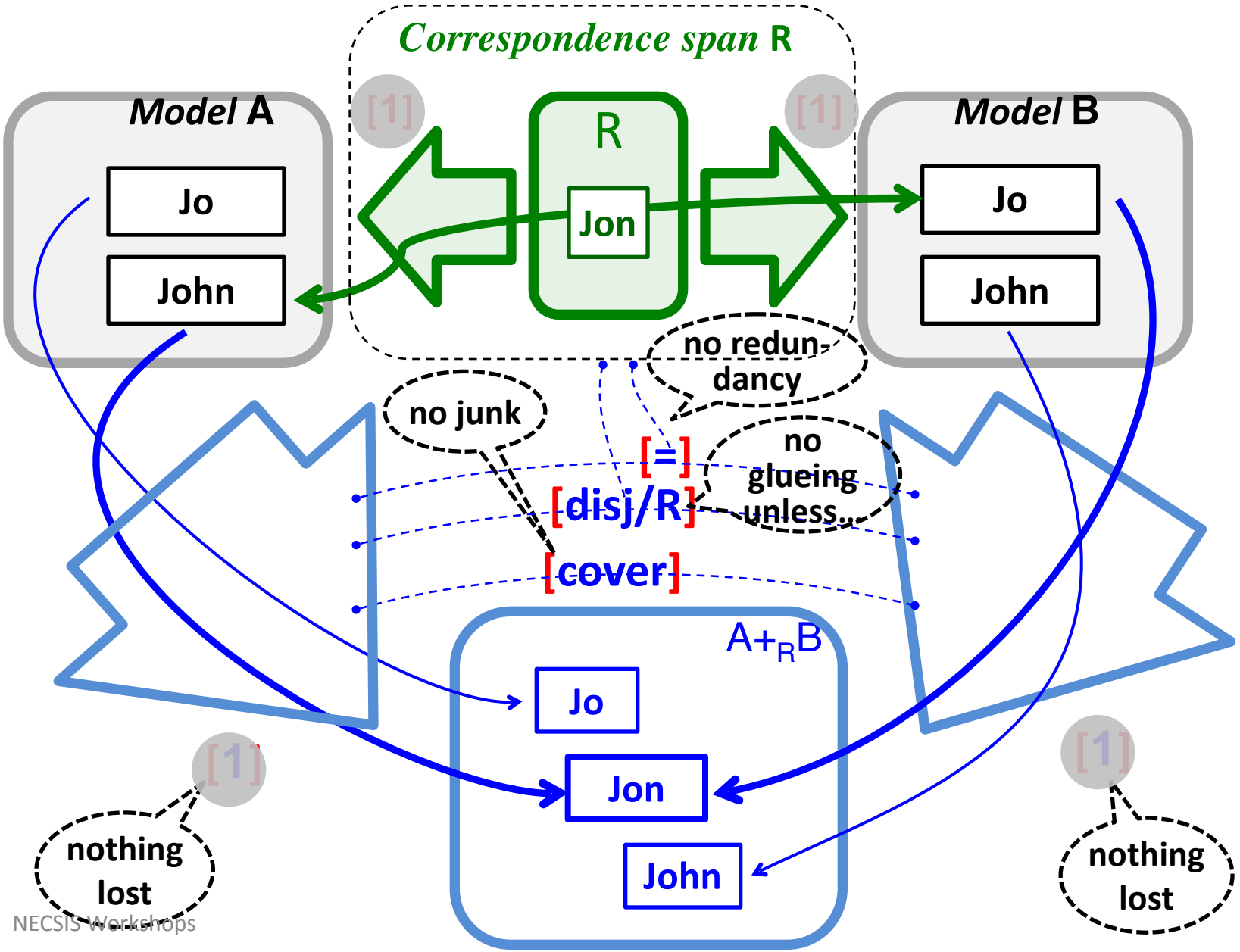


Merge via colimit vs. Merge with annotations

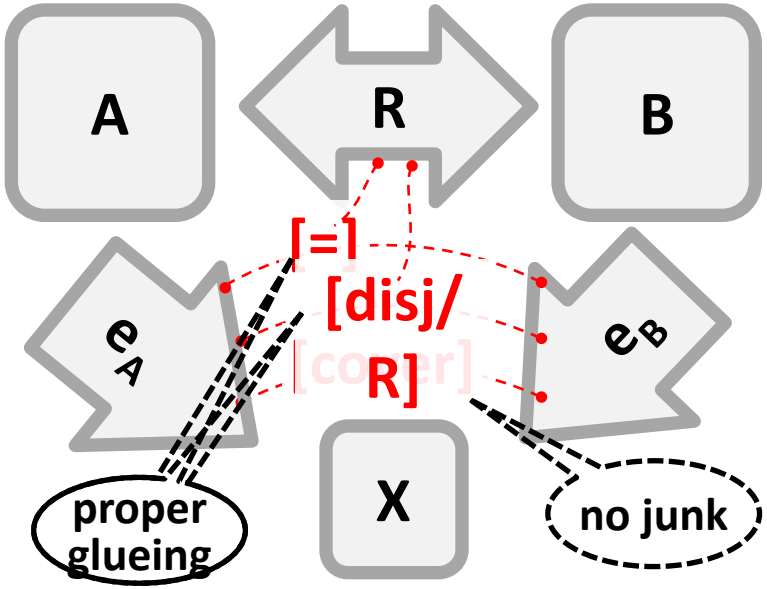


What direction of mappings e_A, e_B is "right"?

Merge via Colimit and Constraints



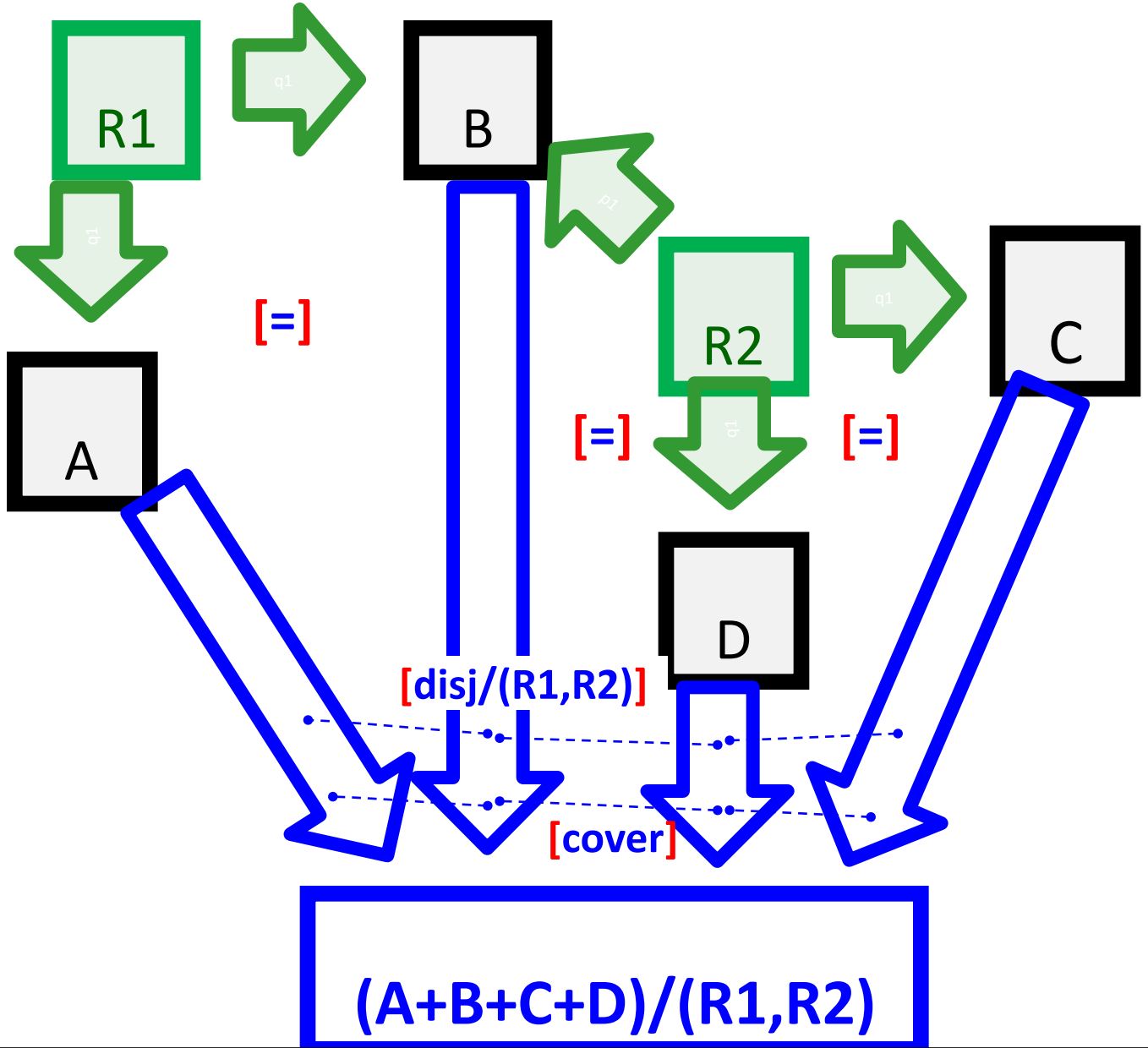
A great theorem of set merge



- **Theorem.** For any sets A,B and a corr. span R, there is one and only one (up to iso) set X together with maps e_A, e_B satisfying the three constraints.
- Hence, operation $X = A +_R B$

- **Thesis (a la Church-Turing).** Any intuitive definition of set merge amounts to the formal operation $A +_R B$.
- **$$$ Question:** Can the theorem, and the thesis, be generalized for richer structures: graphs, attributed graphs, Petri nets, models for a given metamodel?

N-ary merge



Four colors of model merge

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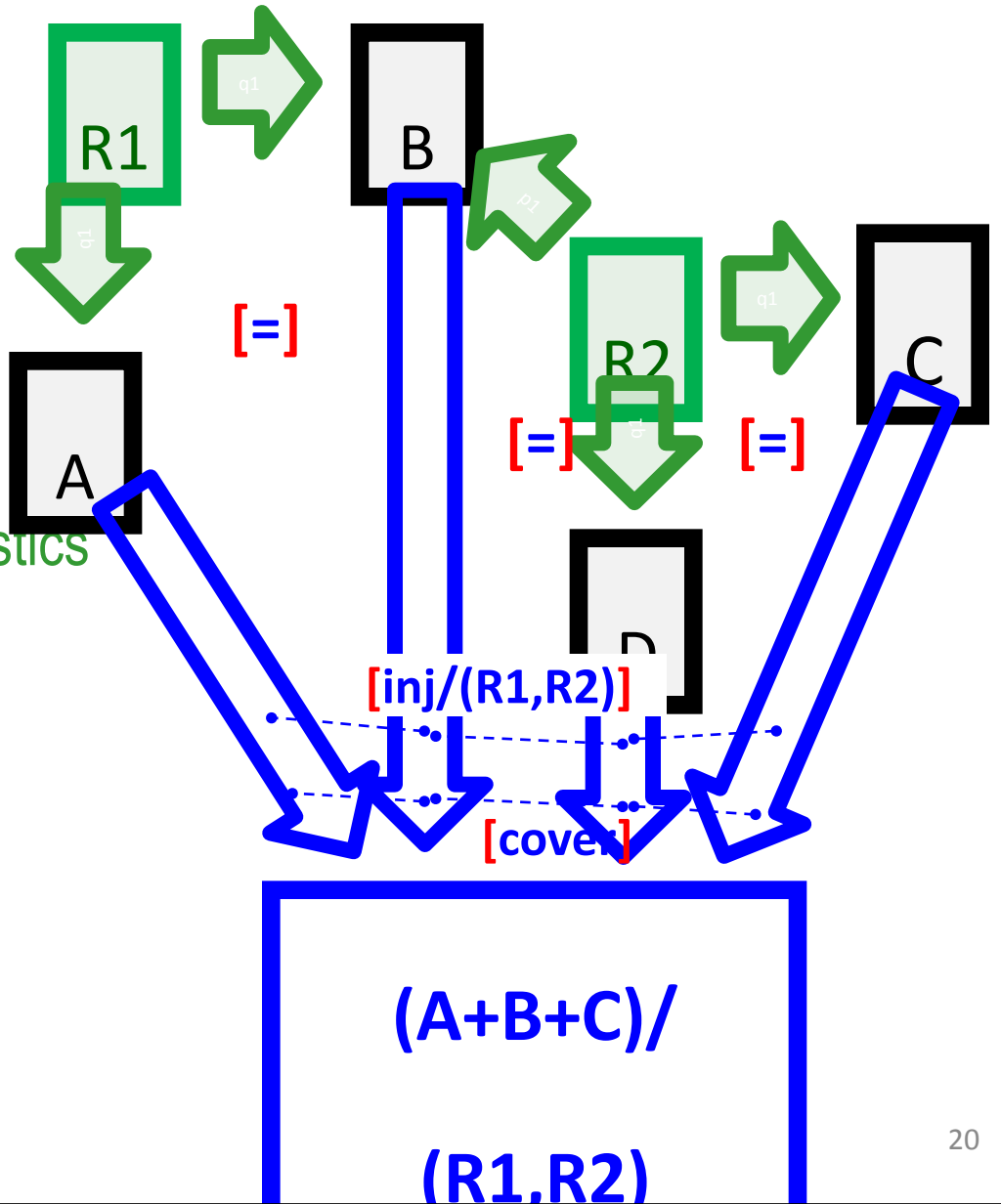

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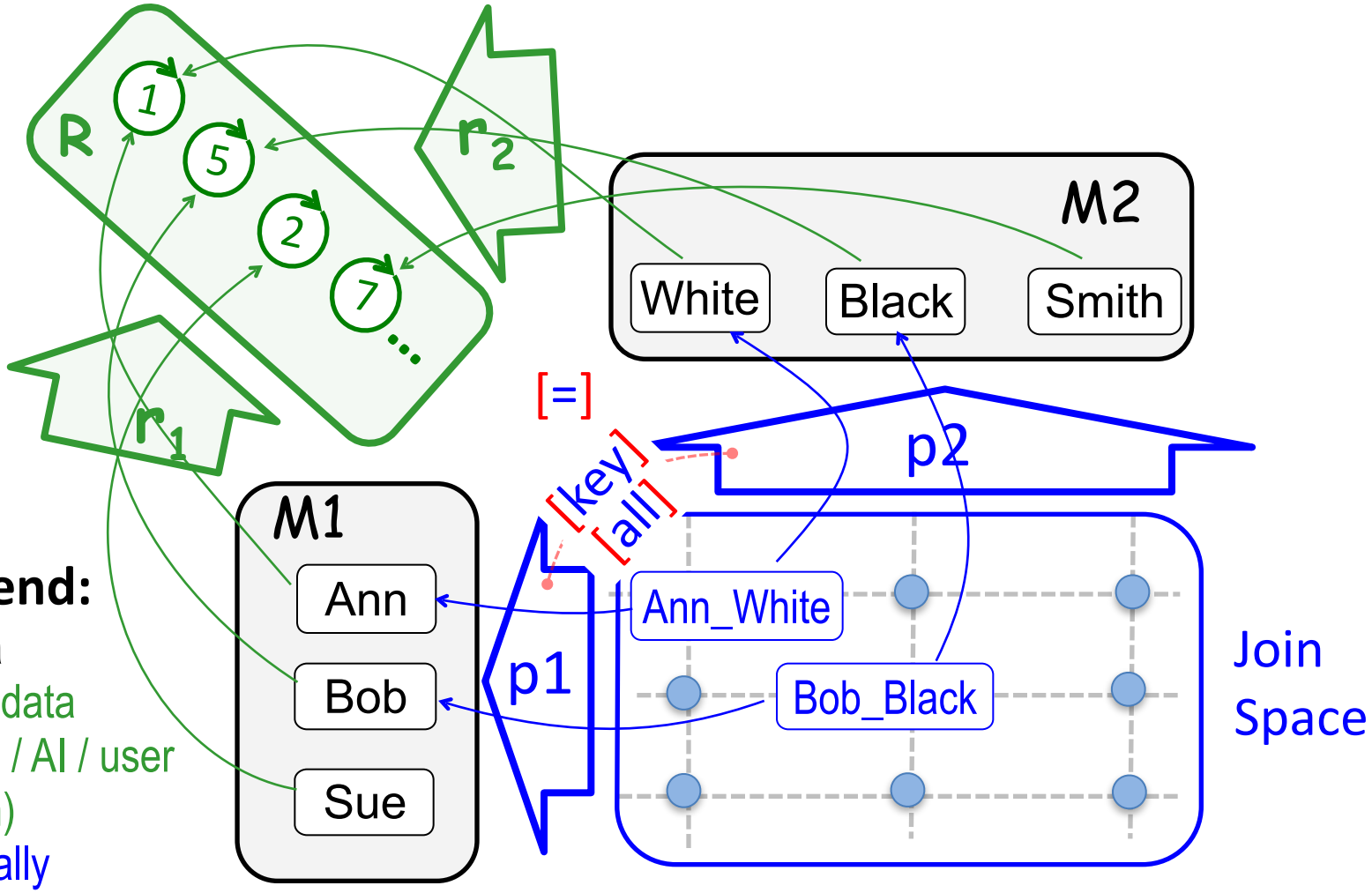

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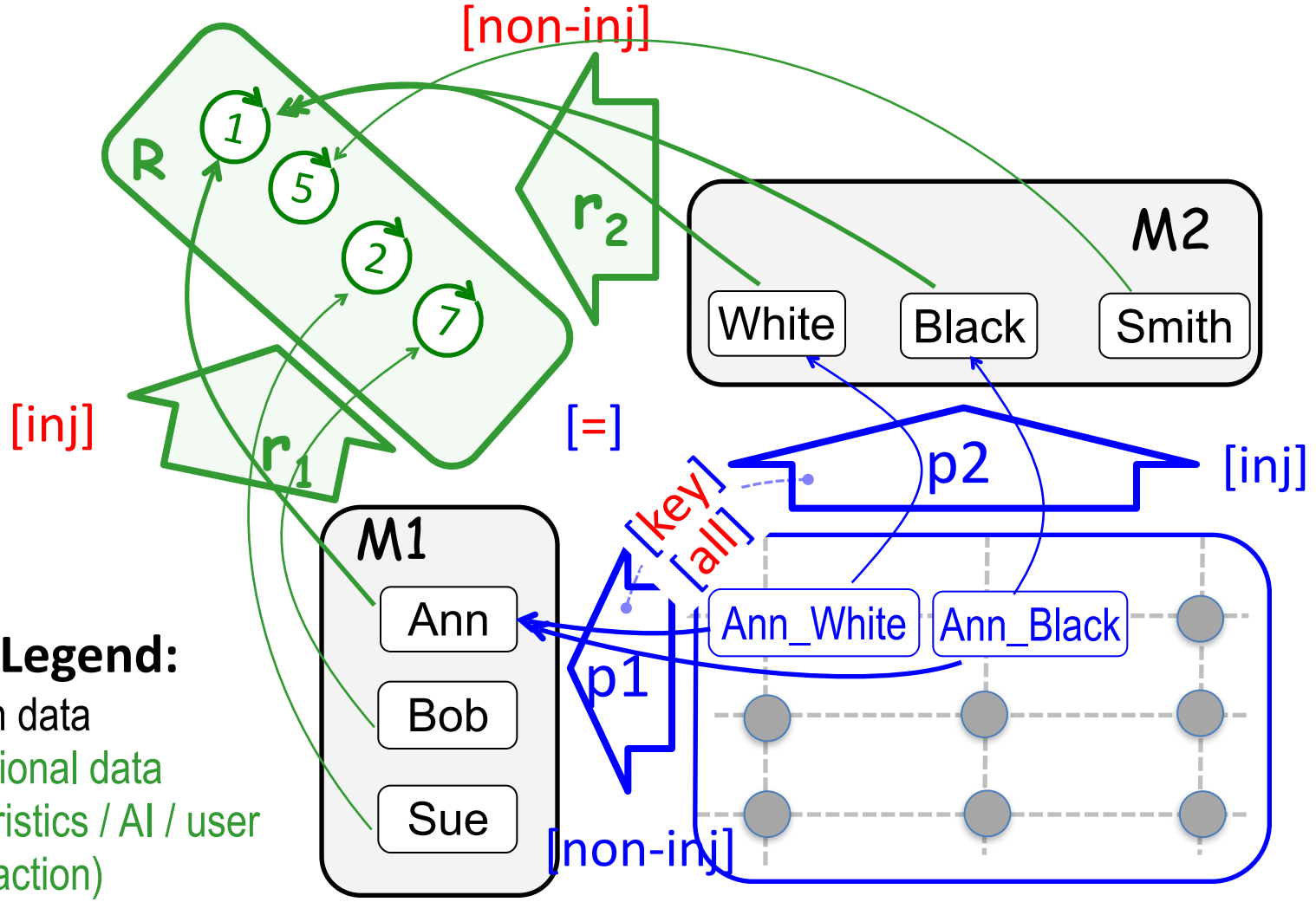

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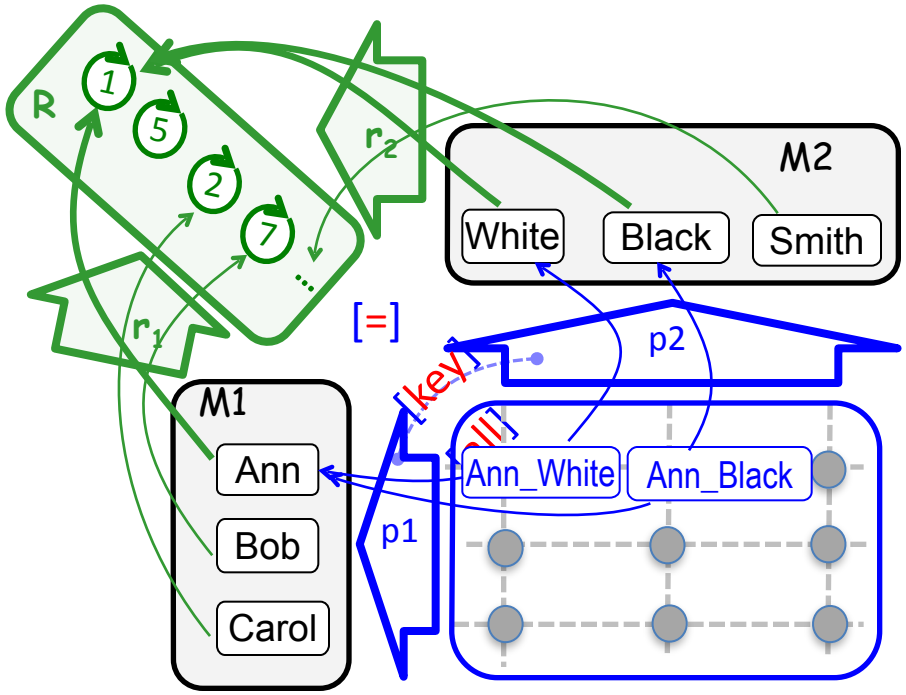
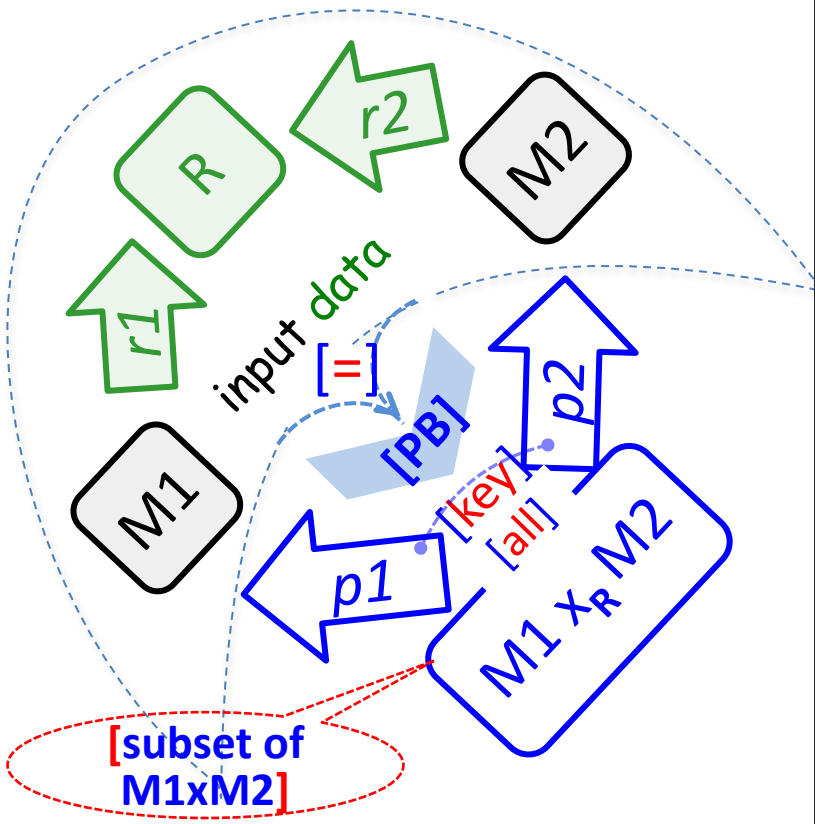
Abstraction: Synchronization as Pullback

Our concrete example → Categorical abstraction





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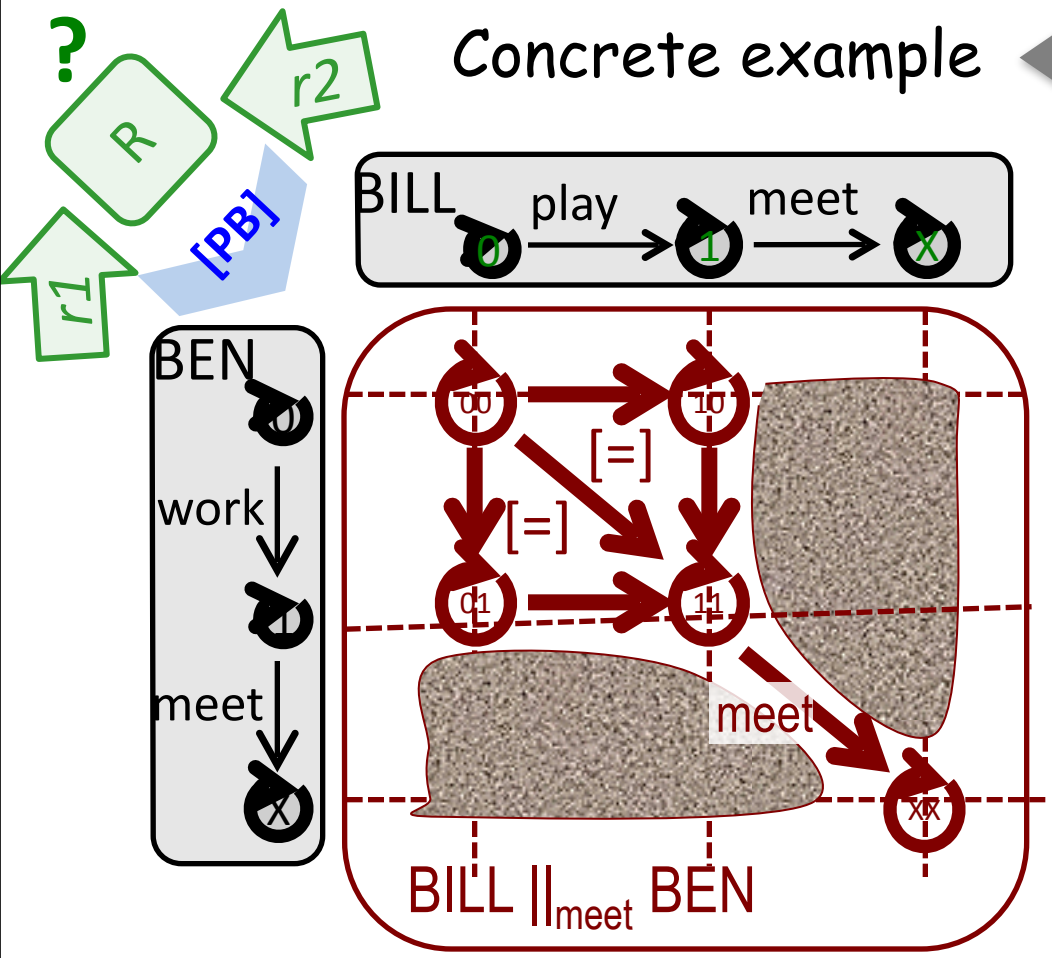
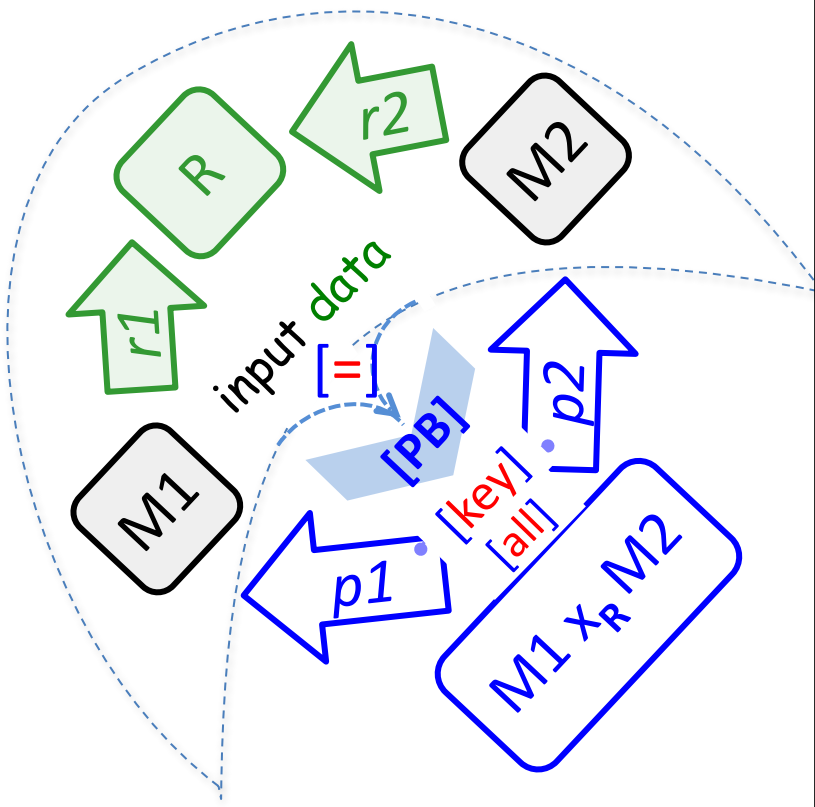
Instantiation: Parallel composition as Pullback



Concrete example ⟸ Categorical pattern



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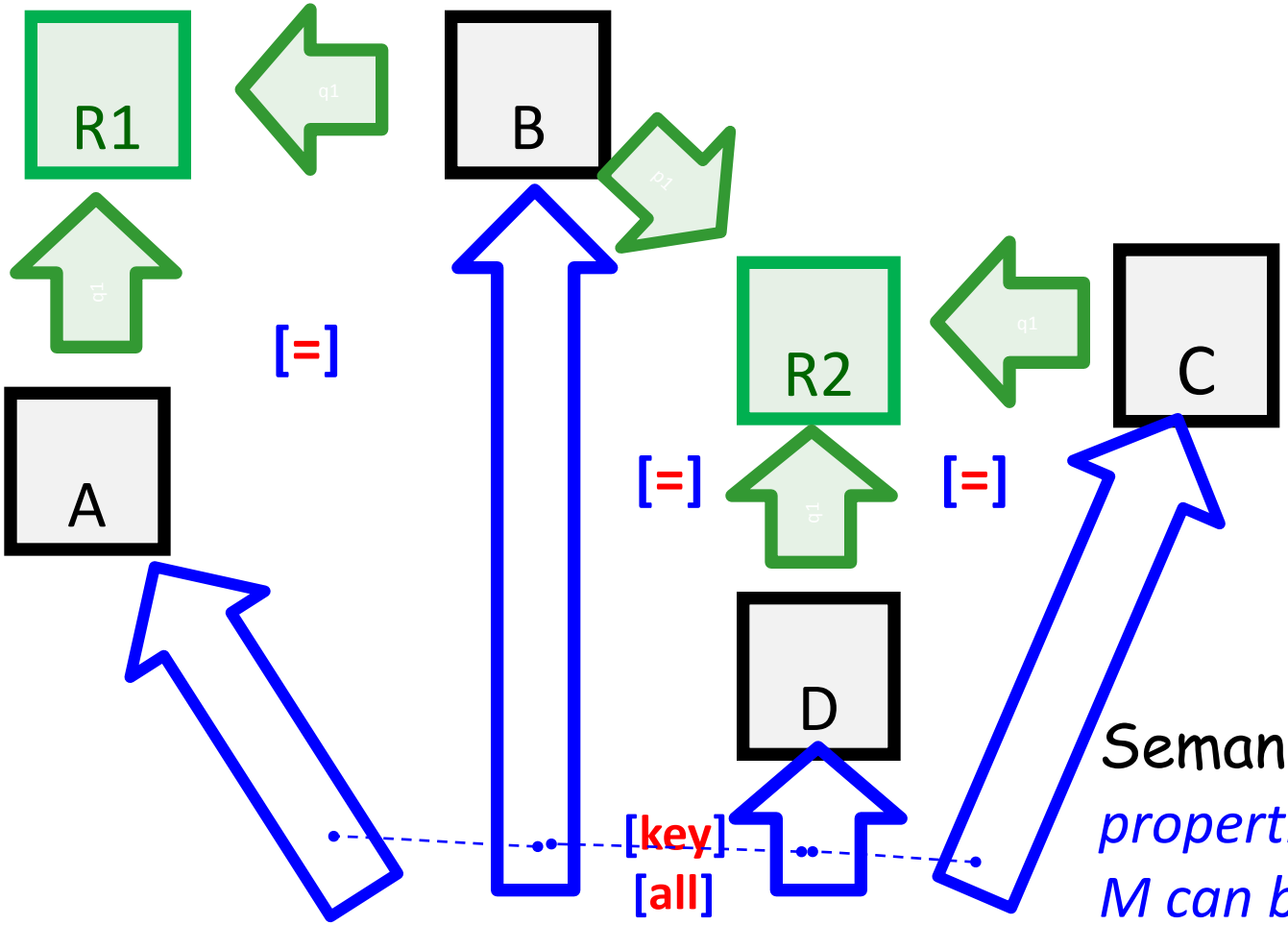

Semantics. *LTL/CTL properties of the process M can be derived from LTL/CTL properties of the components A,B,.. and their sync.*

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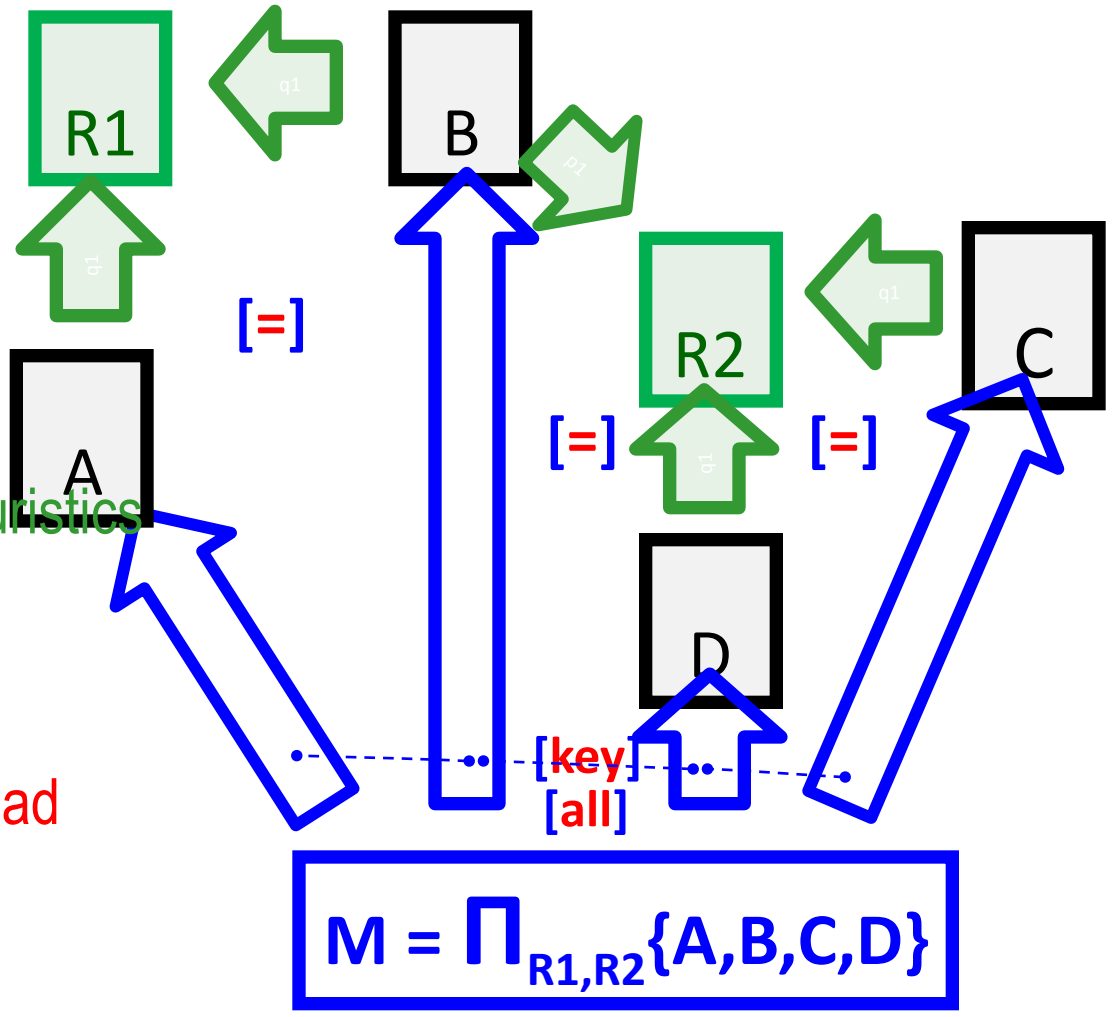
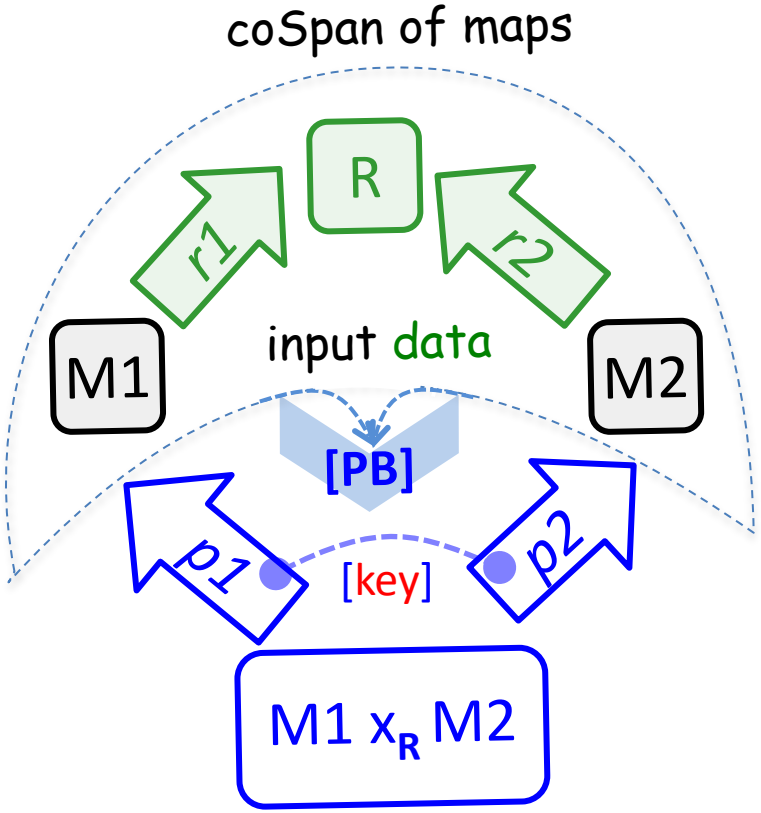
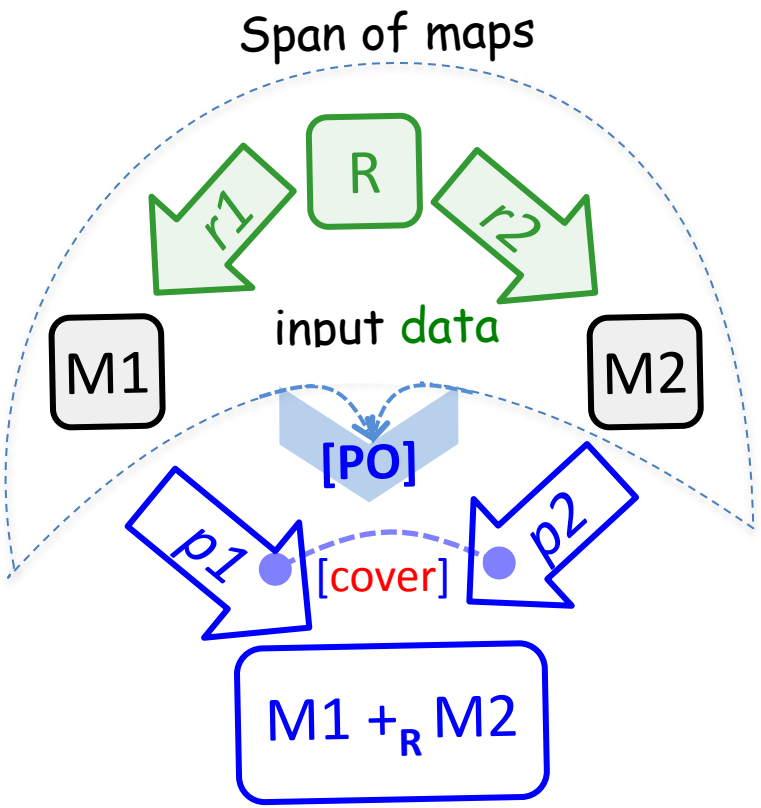


Duality of join and merge (Pullback vs. Pushout)





$M1 \times_R M2 := \{(e1,e2) @ M1xM2:$

$r1(e1) = r2(e2) \}$

AND-composition/Concurr.

(limit)

$M1 +_R M2 := (M1 \cup M2) / R$

OR-composition/Choice

(colimit)

Benefits of Merge & Join as Colimit (PO) & Limit (PB)

- Intelligent working with names
- Multi-ary complex merge & match are captured
- Separation of concerns (***Blue*** vs. ***Green***)
- Mathematical machinery to prove properties
  - PB is relational join. Hence, relational techniques can be applied
- Traceability mappings are always there

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Towards Relational Algebra for Model Translations (just started)

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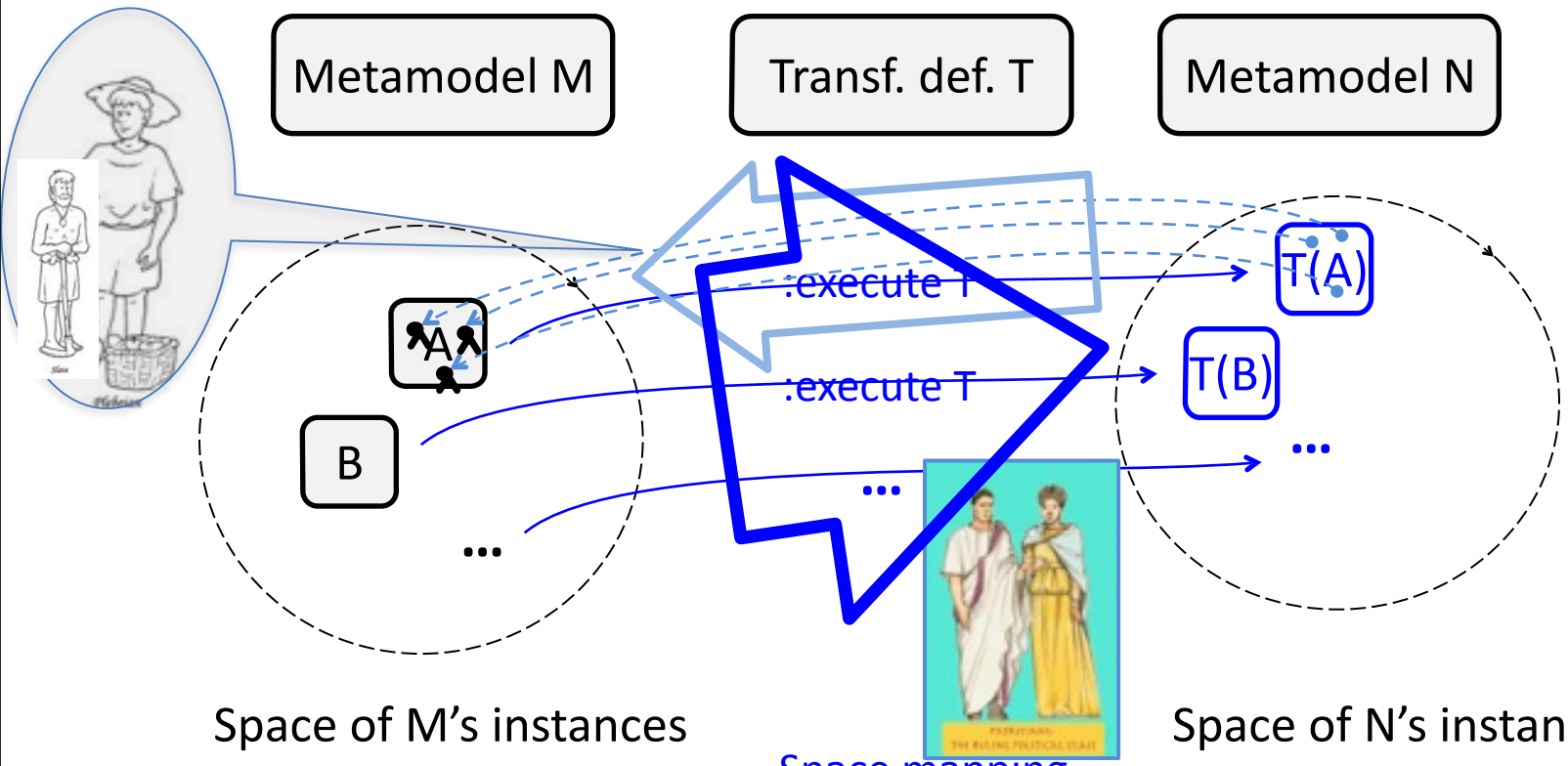
Source-to-target model transf.



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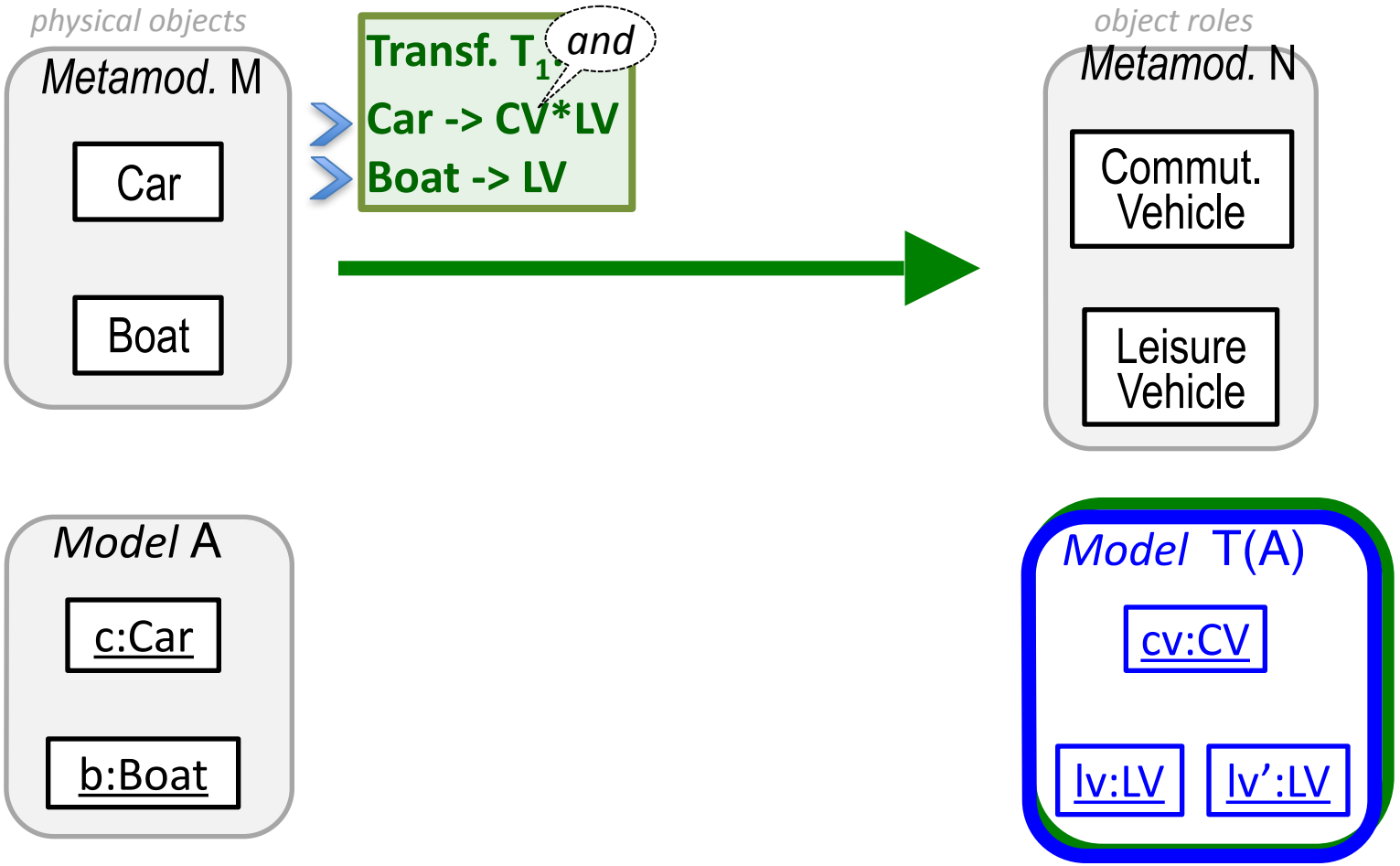

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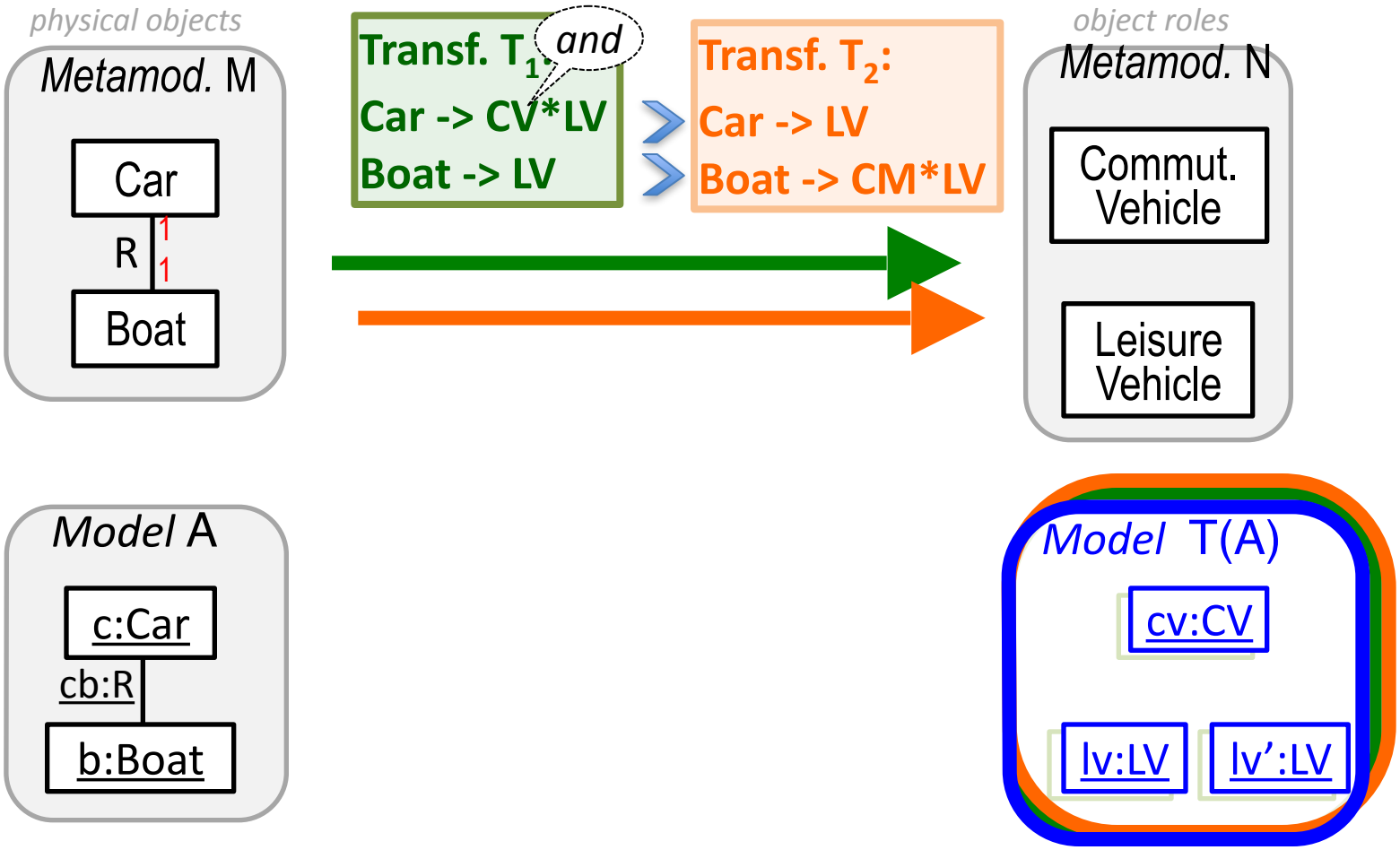
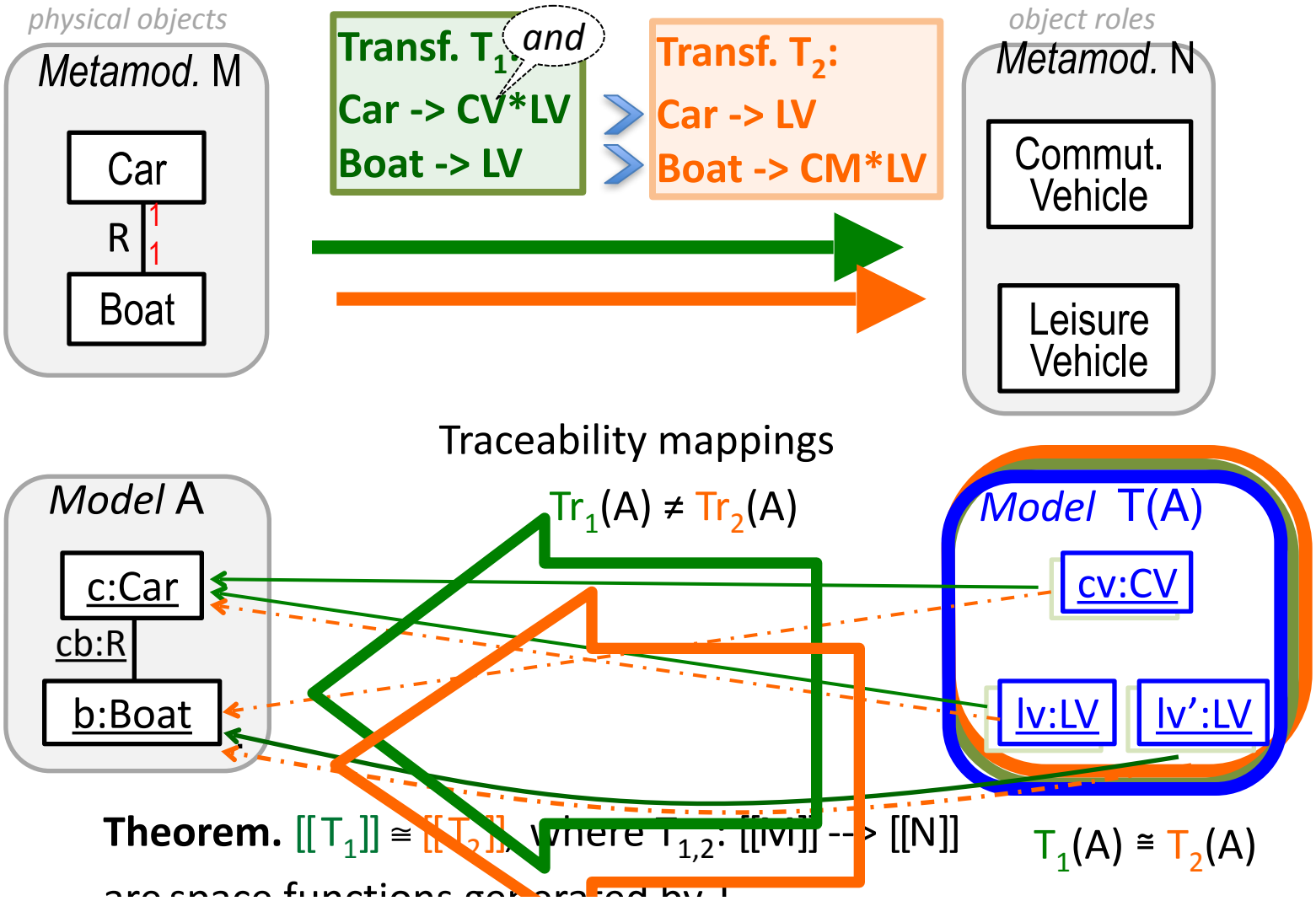


Theorem. $[[T_1]] \cong [[T_2]]$, where $[[T_{1,2}]]: [[M]] \dashrightarrow [[N]]$ $\quad T_1(A) \cong T_2(A)$ are space functions generated by $T_{1,2}$

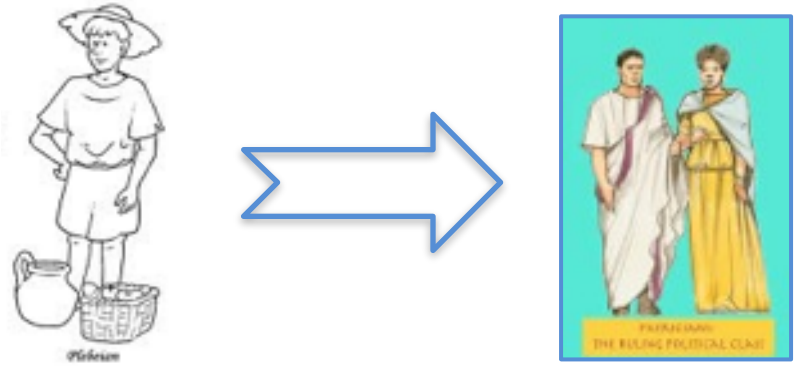
Model translation **with** traceability mappings



Theorem. $[[T_1]] \neq [[T_2]]$, where $T_{1,2}$: [[M]] --> ([[N]] **x Map([[N]] ,[[M]])**)
are two-valued (instance x map) functions generated by $T_{1,2}$

Summary 1: Mappings

- Traceability mappings are a **semantic** rather than just **technological** component of MTs
- Provide several **benefits**:
  - hold **useful info** about MTs
    - carry basic Boolean operations
  - help to **understand** MTs
- Should be treated as first-class citizens



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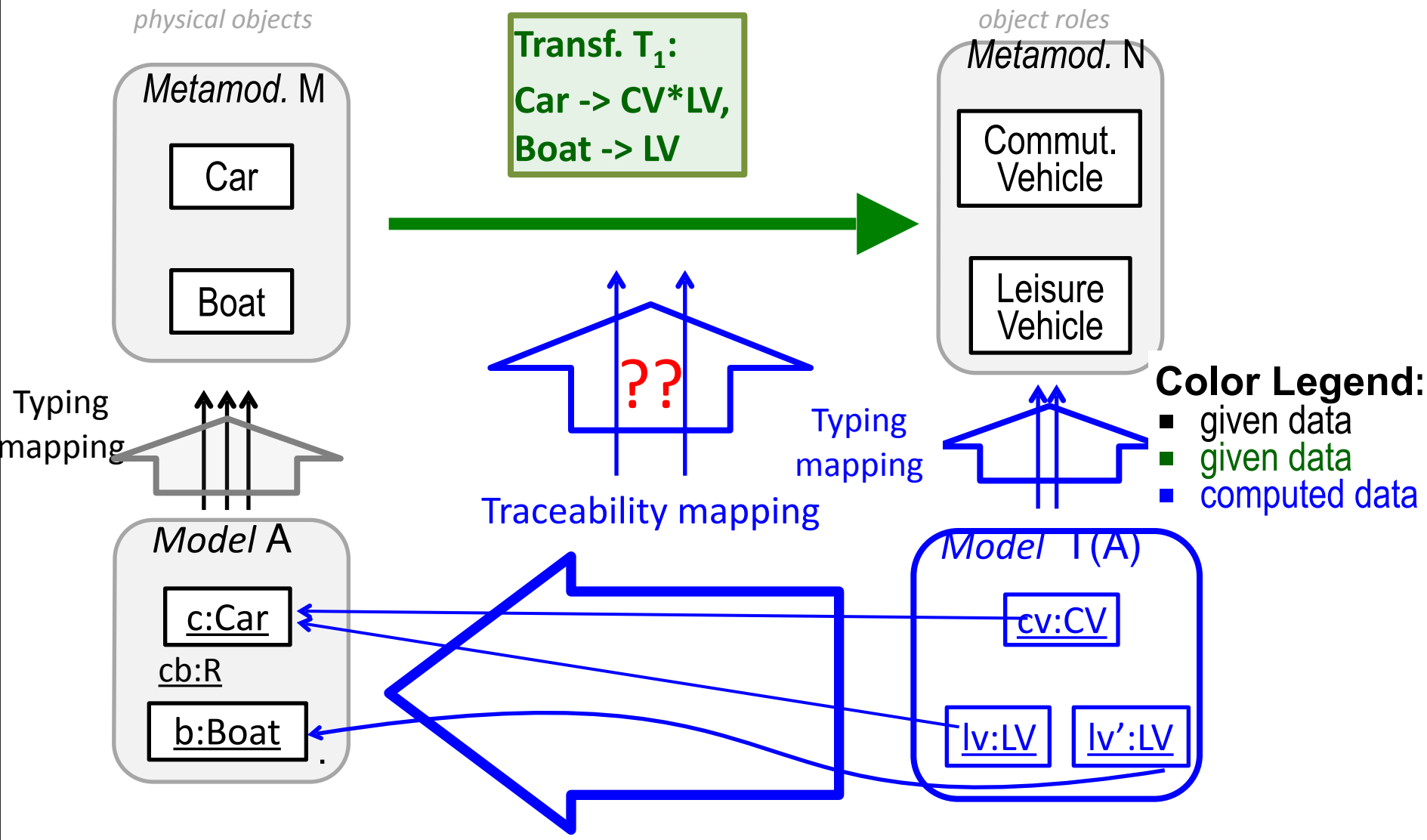

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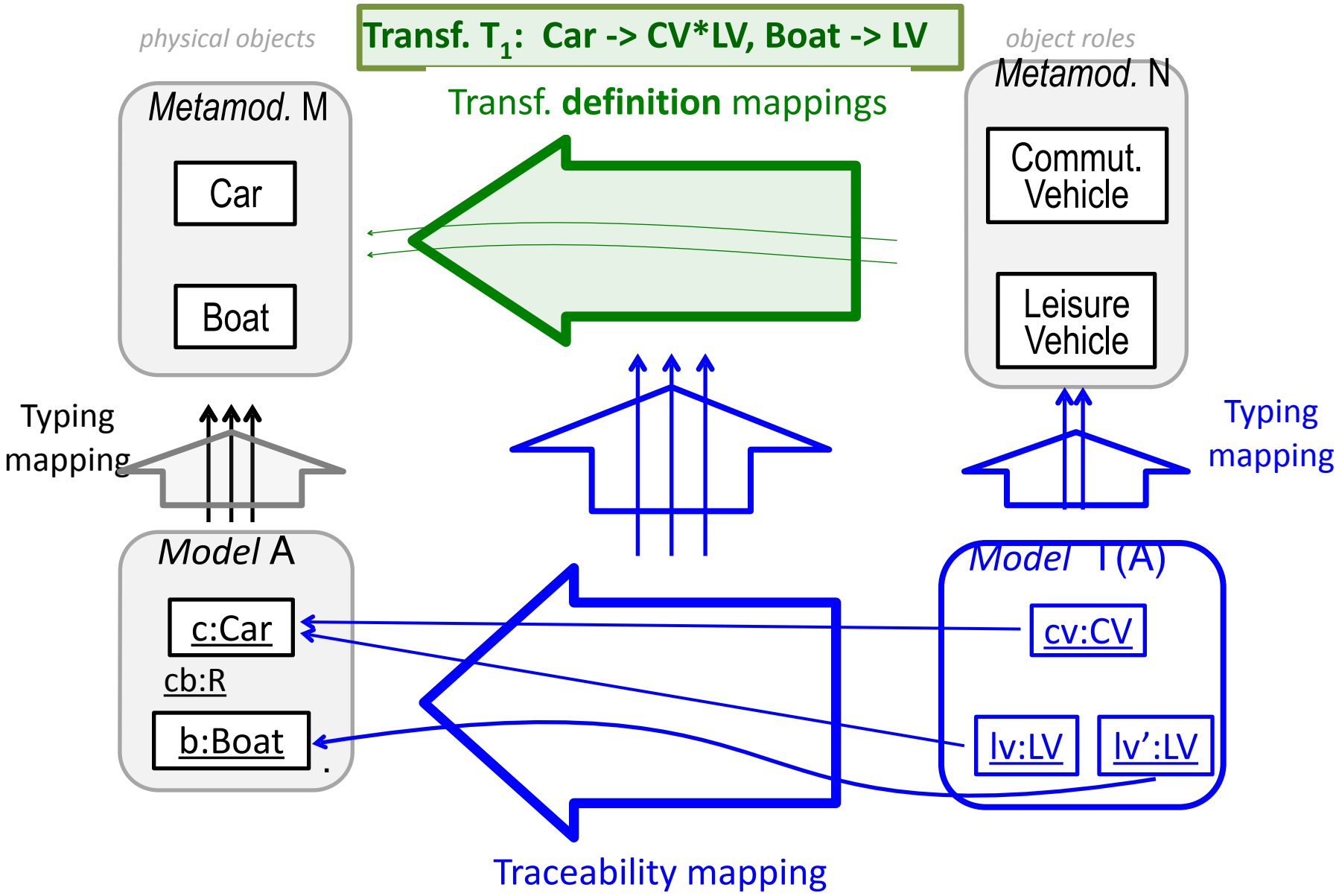

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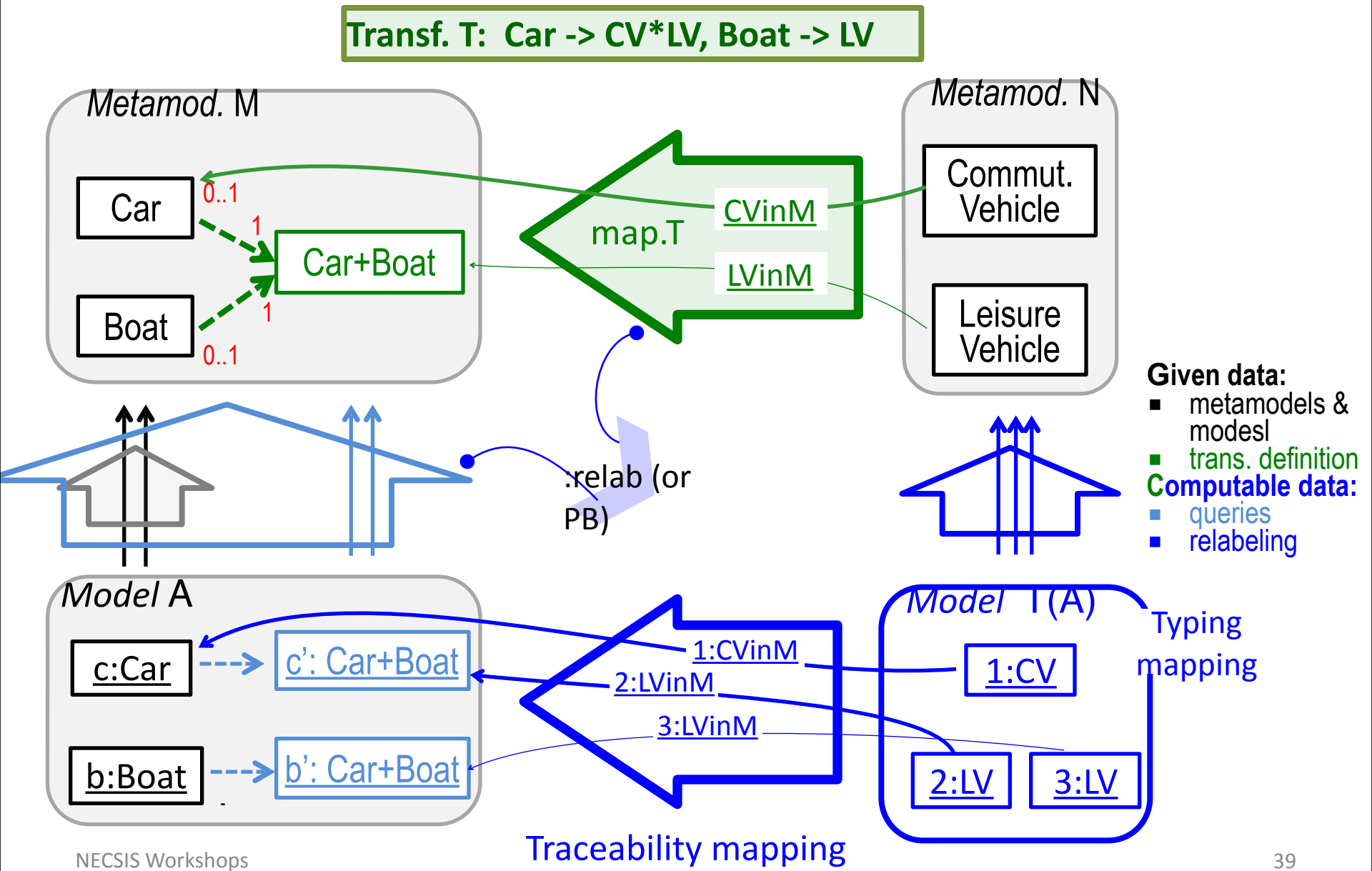

Algebra and reuse

Definitions

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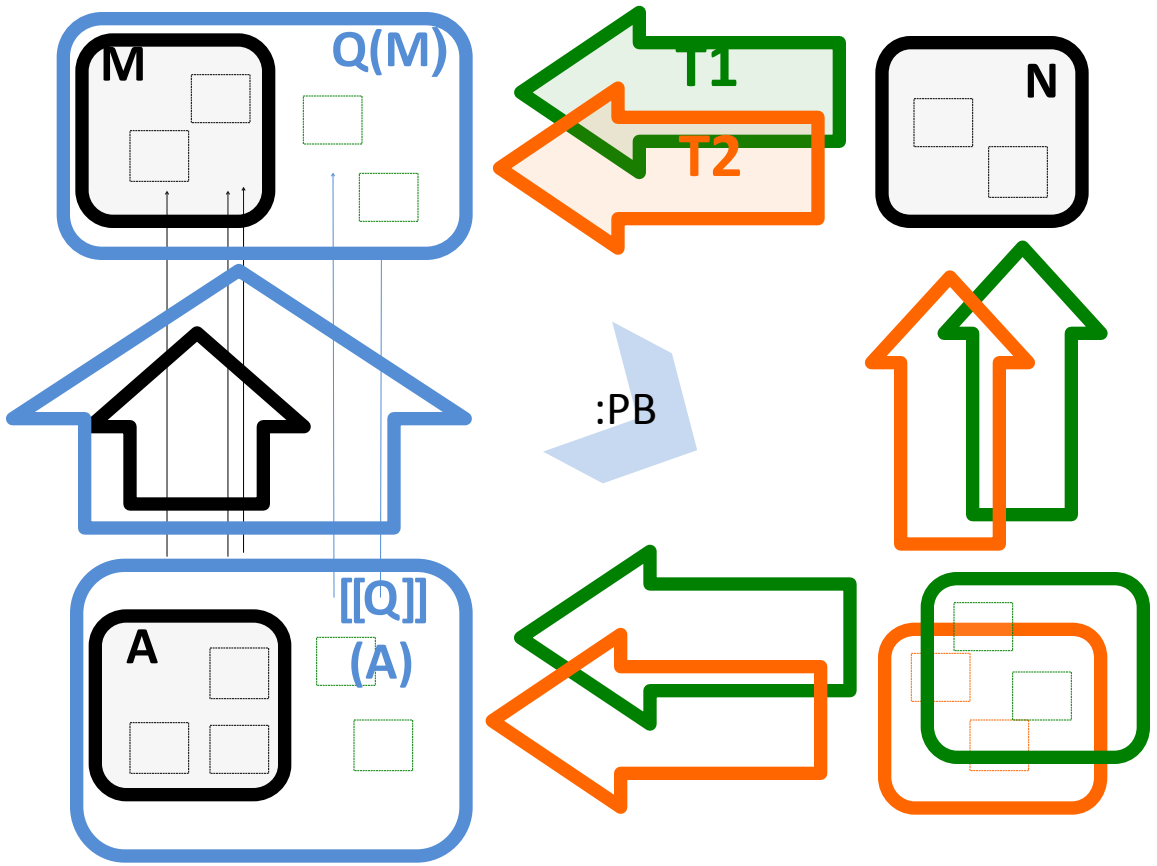
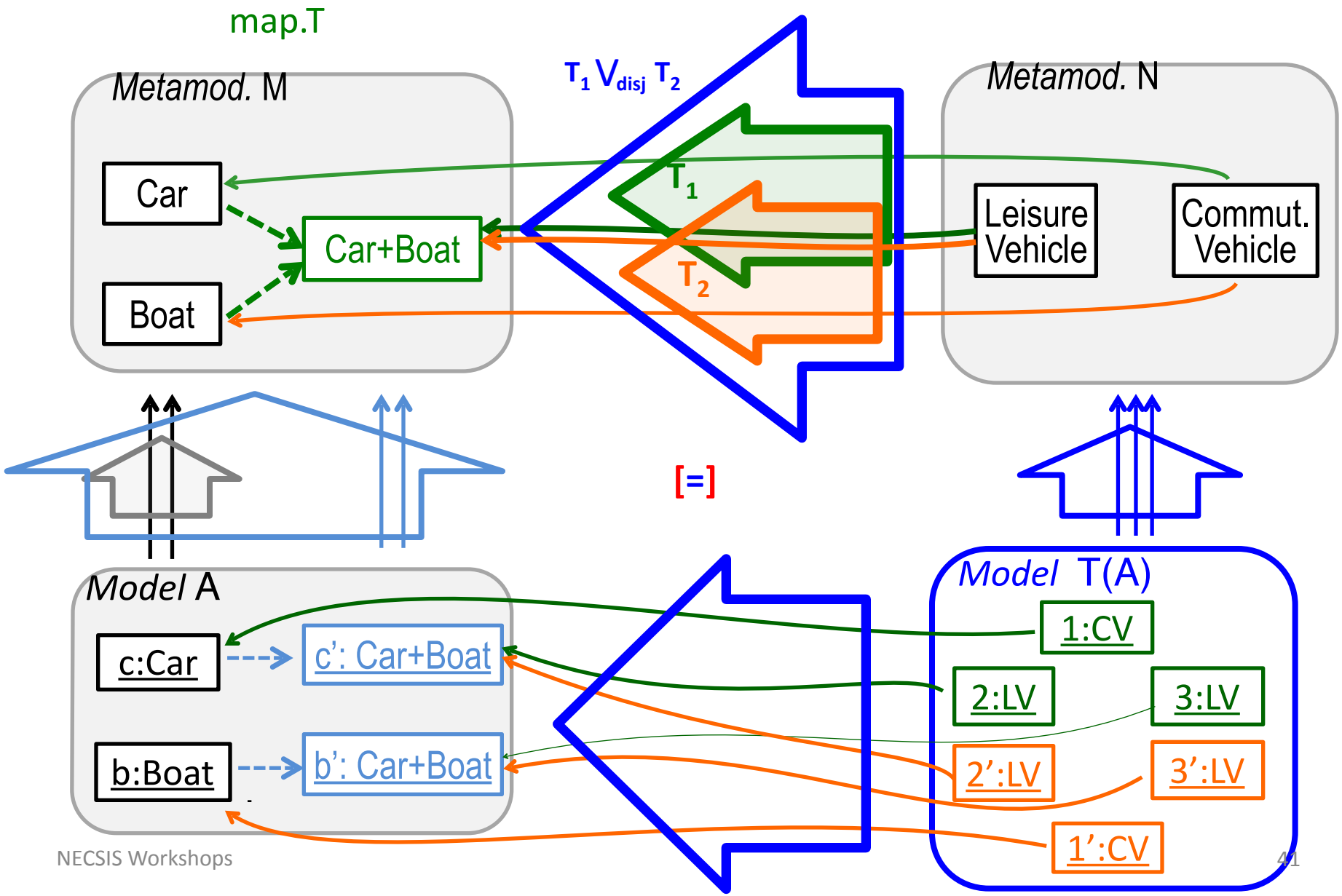
Instances



Relabeling as “pulling Q(M) back” **(pullback)**

Algebra of MTs: T_1 V_{disj} T_2



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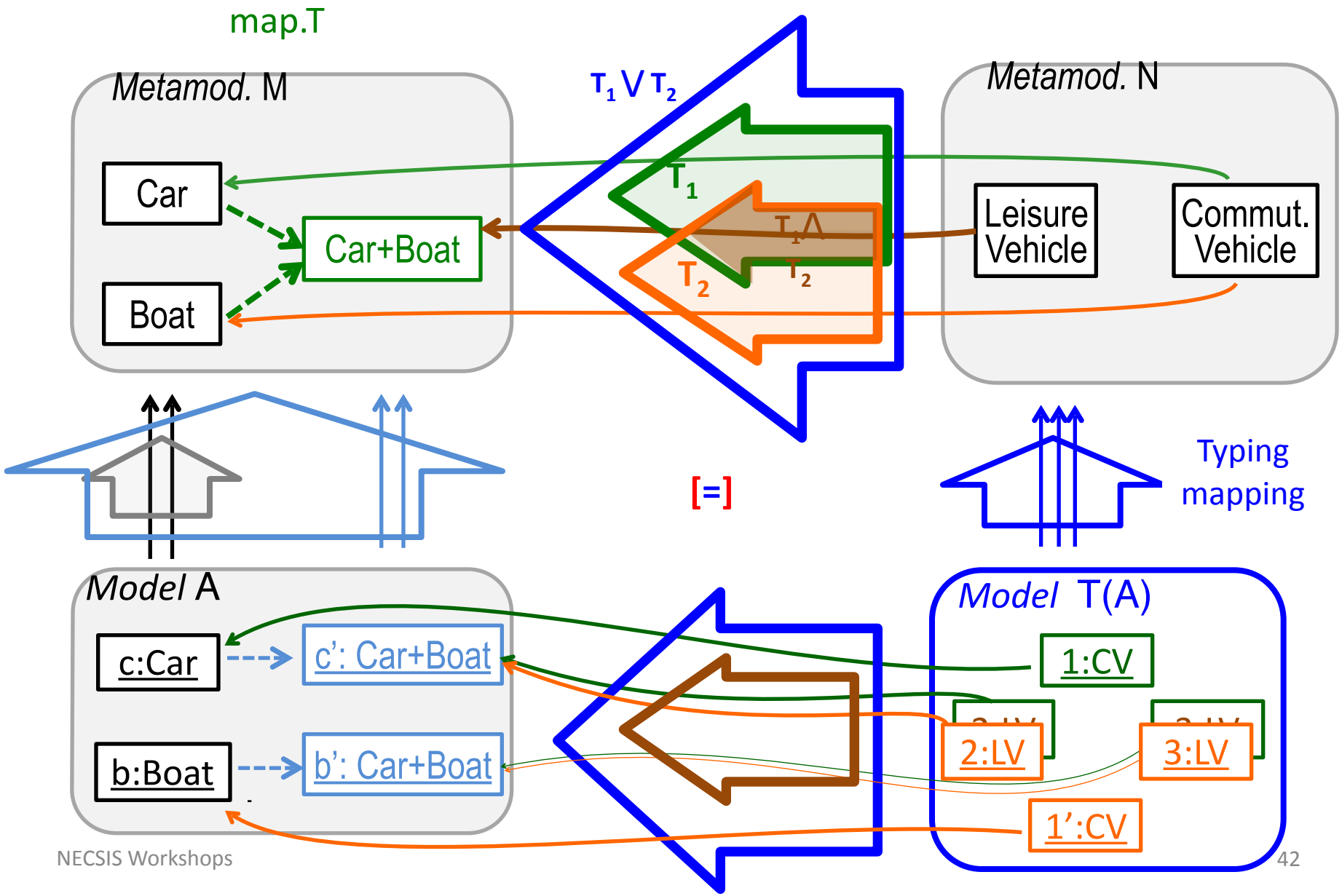

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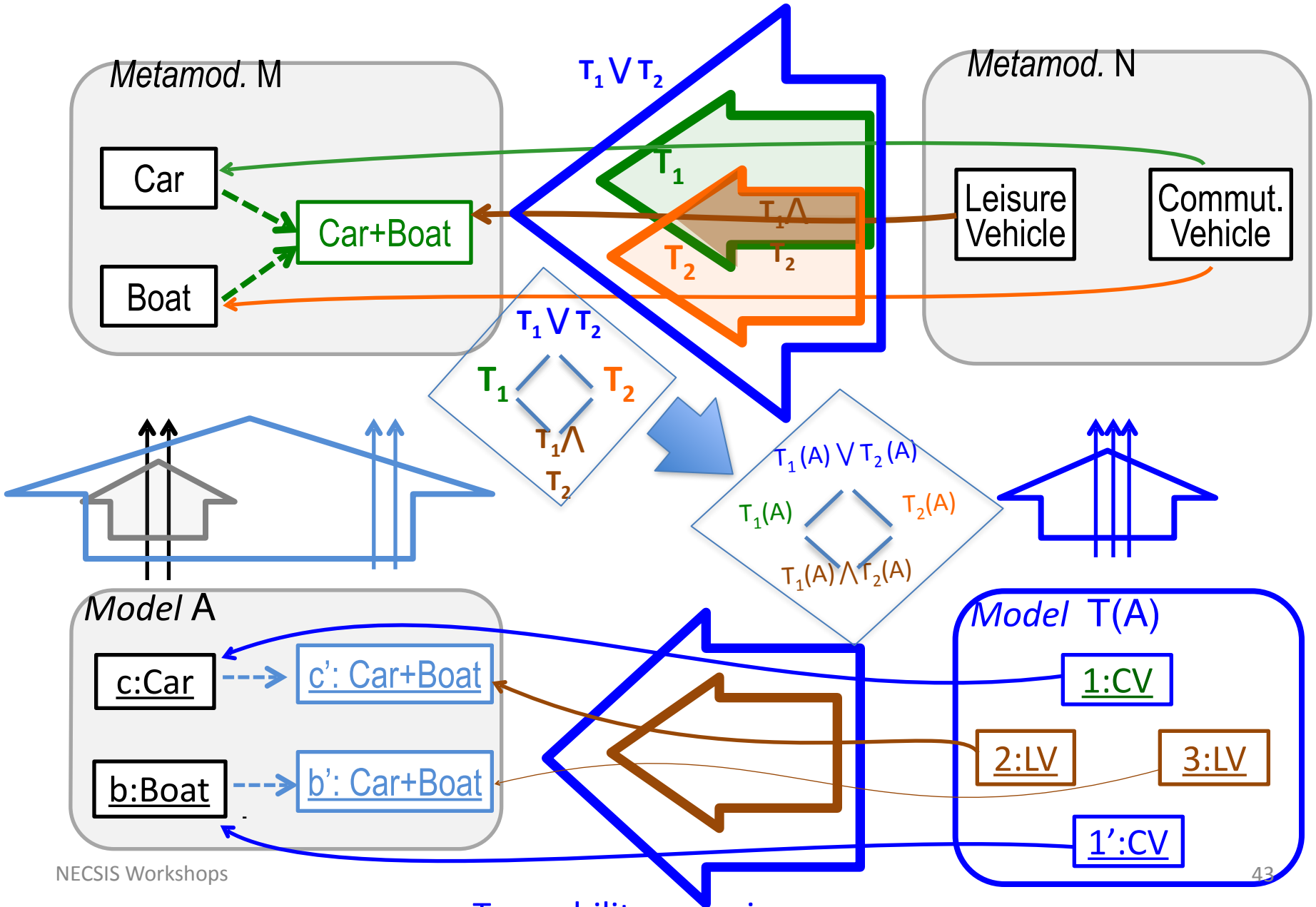
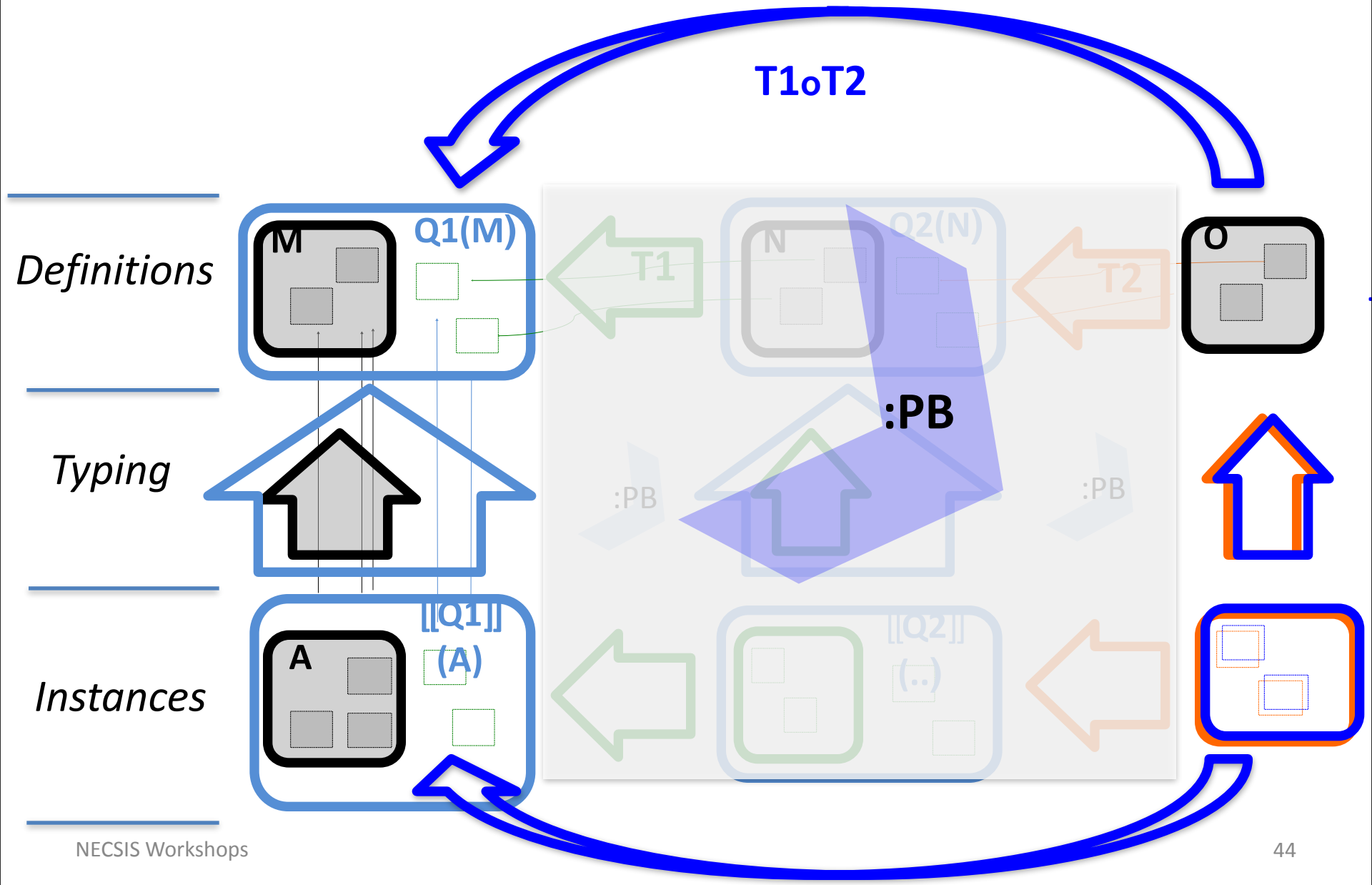


Algebra of MTs. Chaining (seq. composition)



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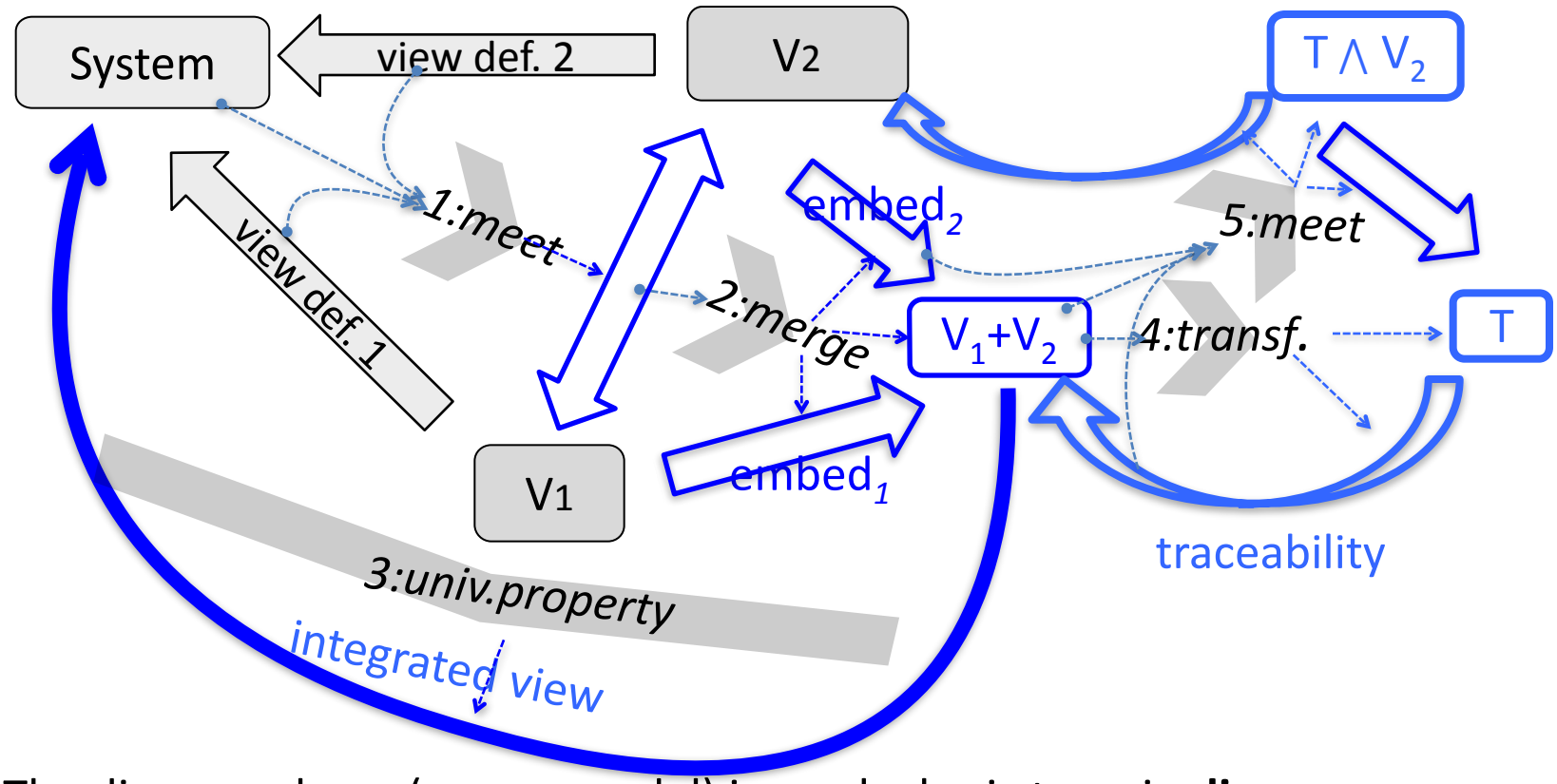

- The diagram above (a megamodel) is an algebraic term in **diagram algebra**
  -- **continuity** is to be respected**!**
- Can be executed
- Allow term rewriting (based on laws), hence, optimization

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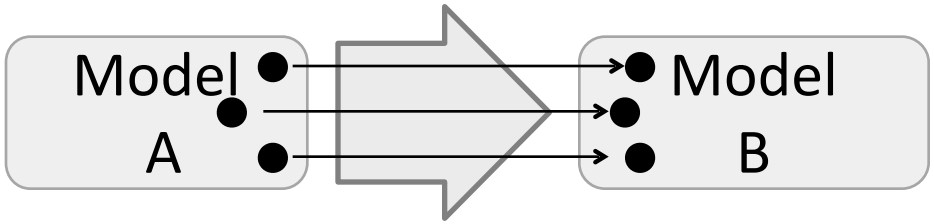
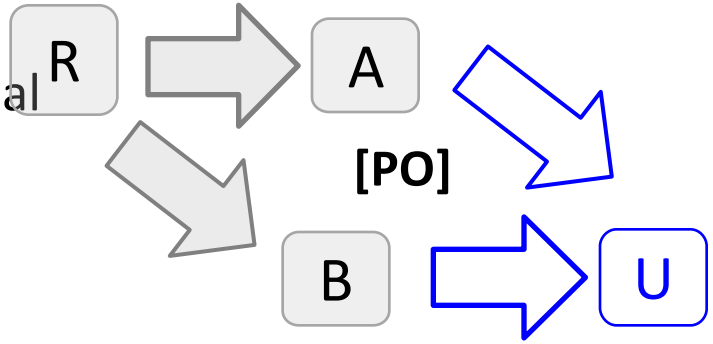
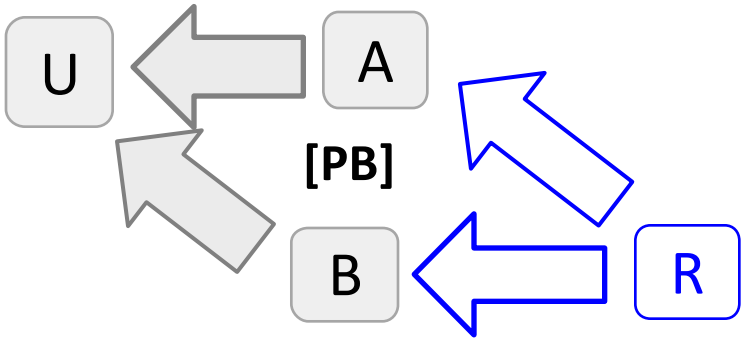


- Mappings are **sets** of links
- Mappings are **directed** entities
  - composable

  - can be assembled in diagrams with special properties (arrow patterns)



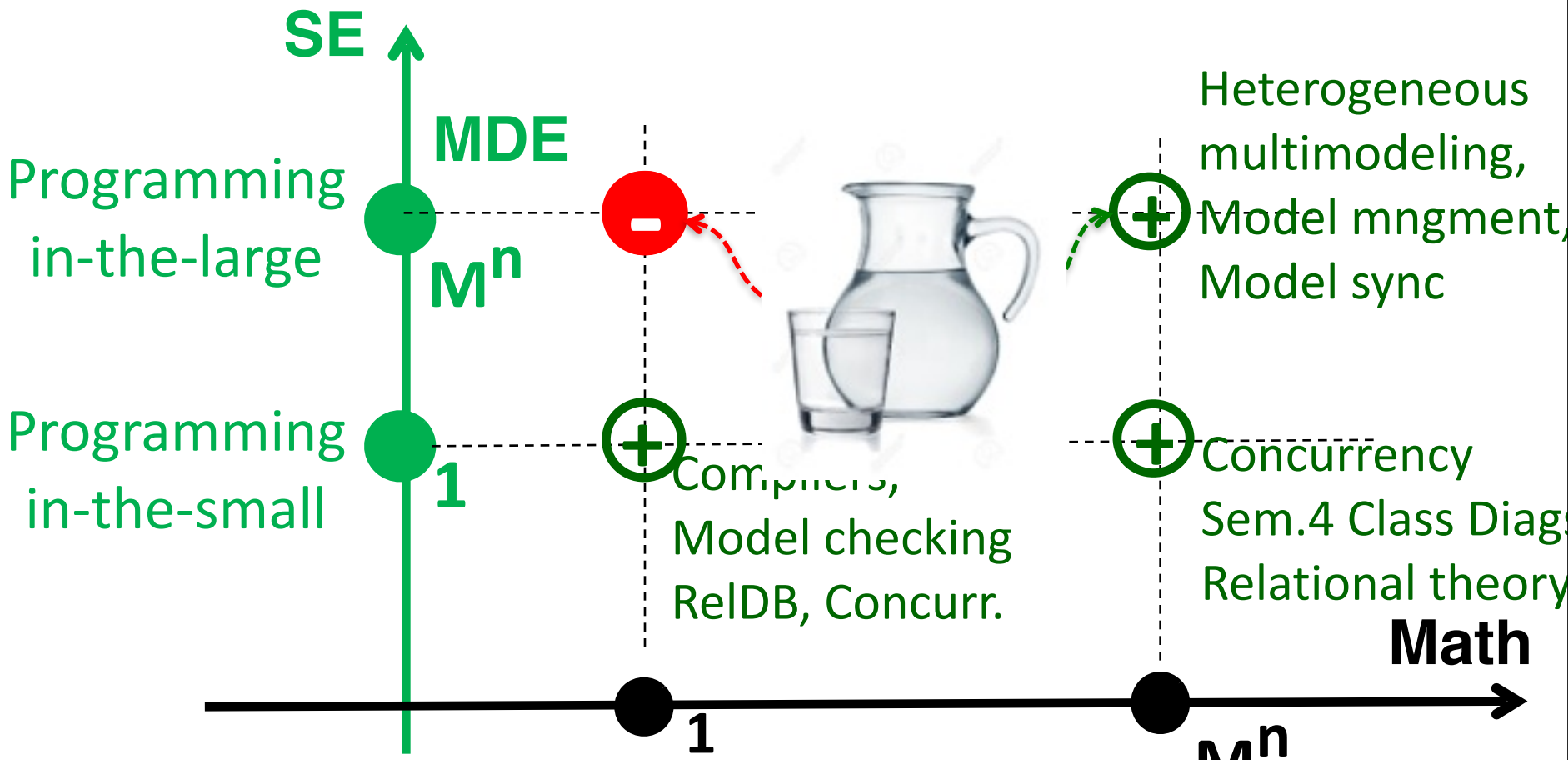


Mapping Management

- Model Management ≈ Mapping Management
- Mapping Management needs
  - conceptual framework
  - terminological framework
  - reasonable notation
  - reasoning techniques
  - culture of building and manipulating mappings

- Hence the current tooling
- Mathematics of mappings = Category theory

Math for the modern SE



Legend:
1 – building **one** structure/ module is an issue
M – many: **composition** is the main issue
M^n – many of many

Content

- Specification patterns for model management (18-20 min)
  - Model merge (Beh. modeling: choice) (15 min)
  - Model match (Beh. modeling: concurrency) (5 min)
  - Relational algebra for source-to-target MT (22 min)
- Incremental BX and their taxonomy (0 min b/c of the upcoming NECSIS webinar on Mar 20)
- Foundations of feature modeling (8-10 min)*

*) Does not use category theory :)

Modeling Product Lines with Kripke Structures, Modal Logic and Formal Languages

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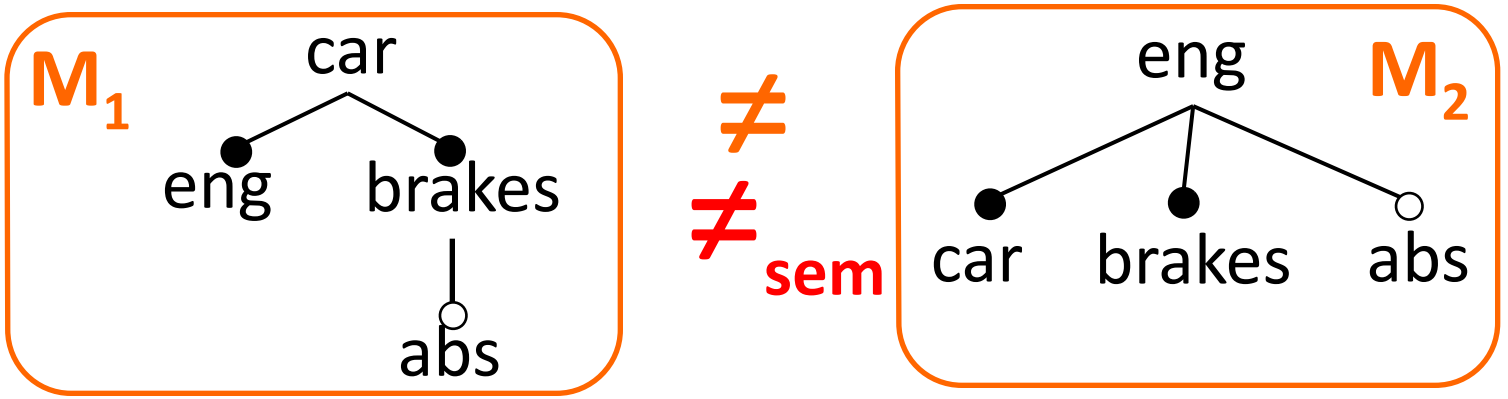
What's (if anything) wrong with Boolean semantics



Boolean semantics

P1 = {car, eng, brakes}
P2 = P1 U {abs}
PL (M$_1$) = {P1, P2}

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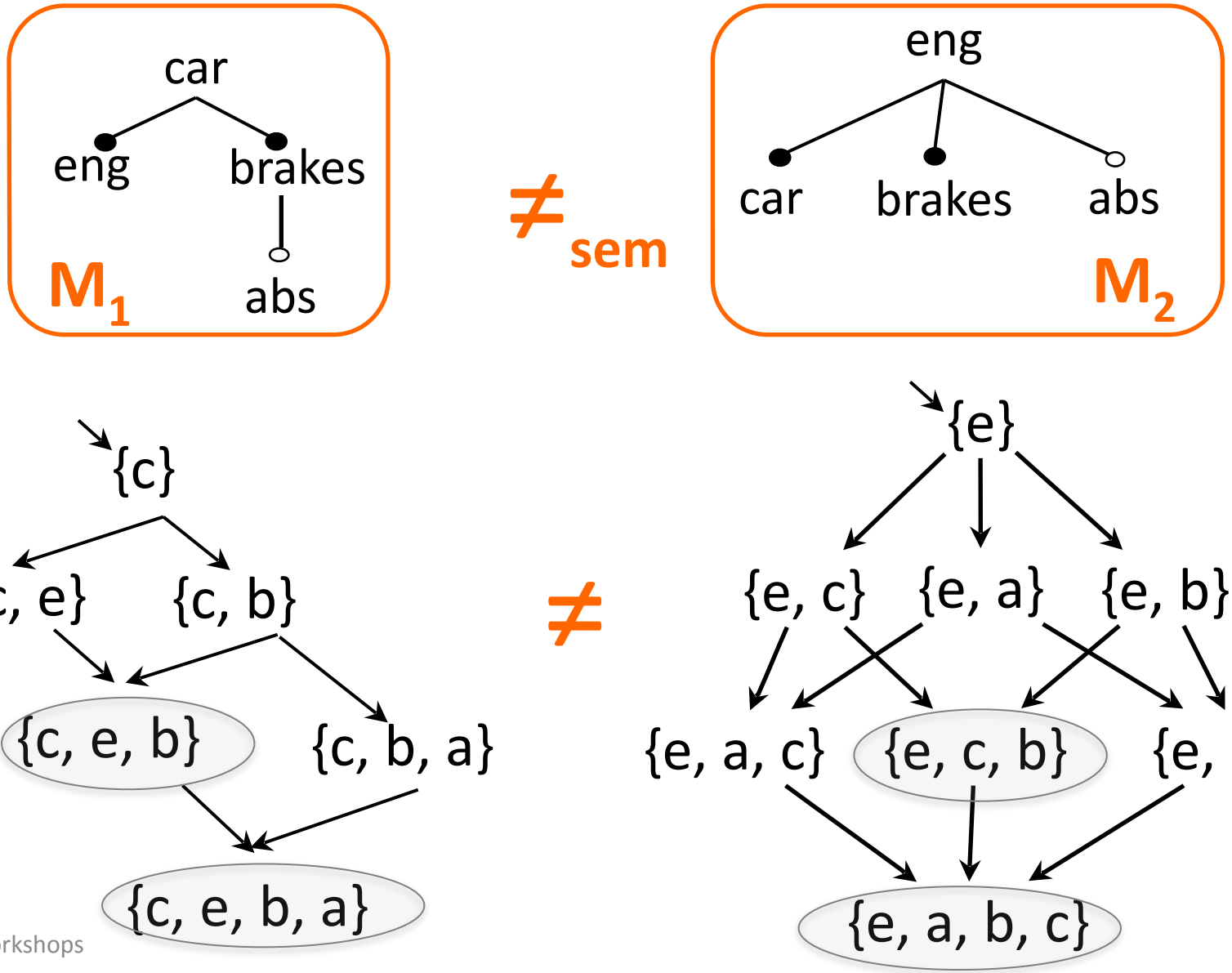
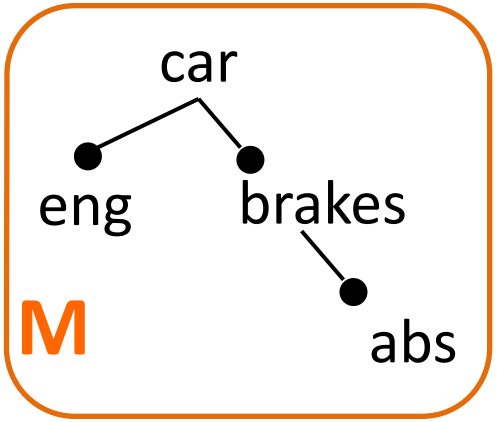
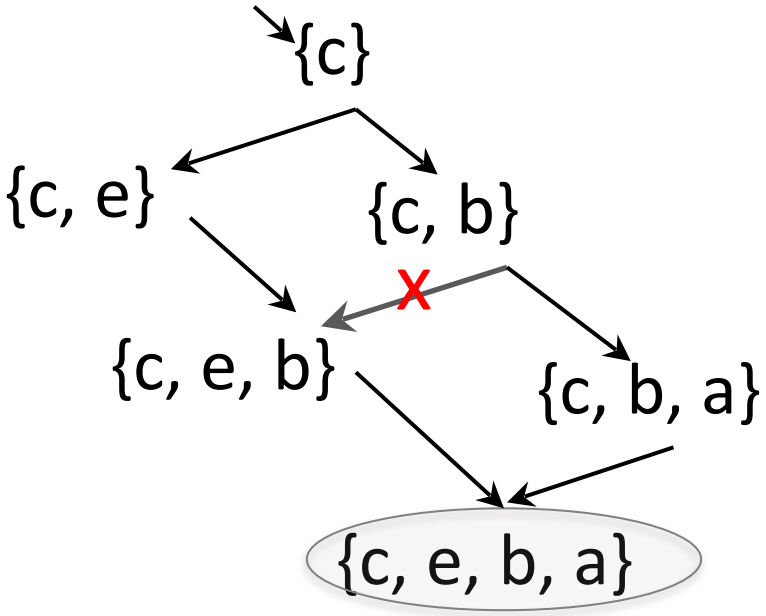
P1 = {eng, car, brakes}
P2 = P1 U {abs}
PL (M$_2$) = {P1, P2}

FMs and their PPL semantics



Instantiate to completion (I2C)





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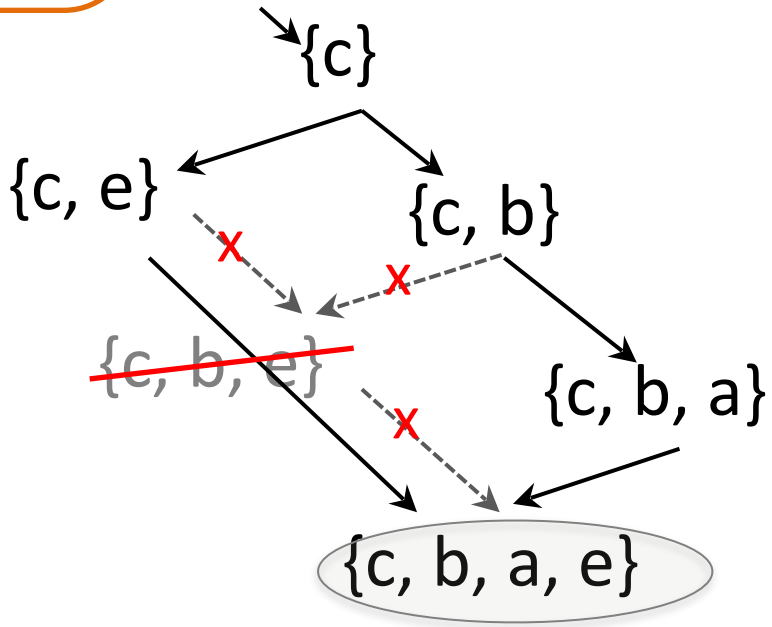
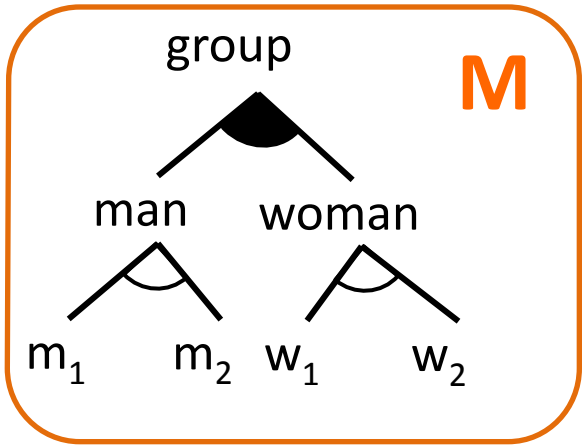
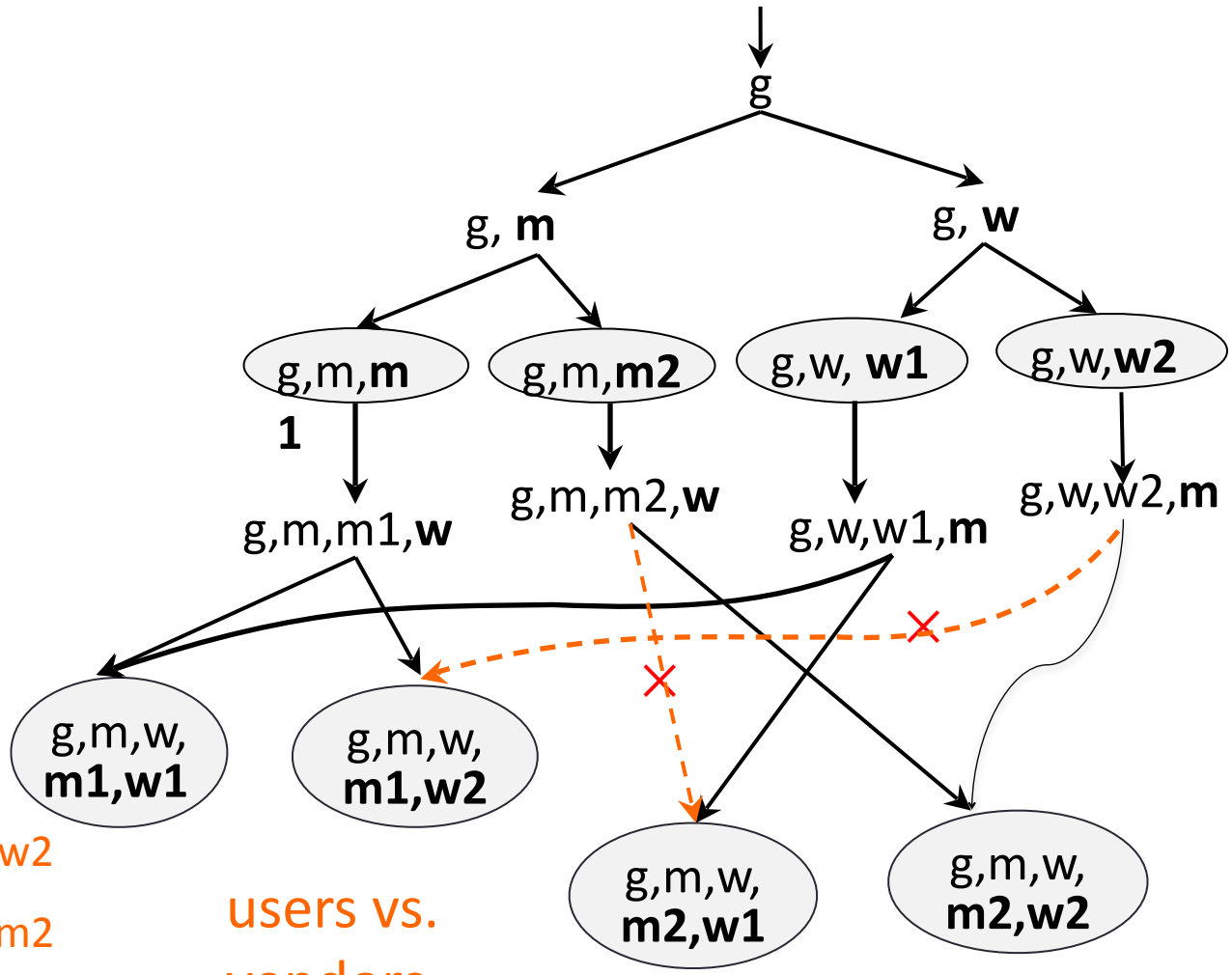


Strong I2C

Logic and semantics: fCTL and fKS





K |= **!** --> w ⋁ m

K |= w --> **AX** (w1 ⋁ w2)

K |= (m2 ⋀ w ⋀ ~w1) --> **AX** w2

K |= (w2 ⋀ m ⋀ ~m1) --> **AX** m2

users vs. vendors

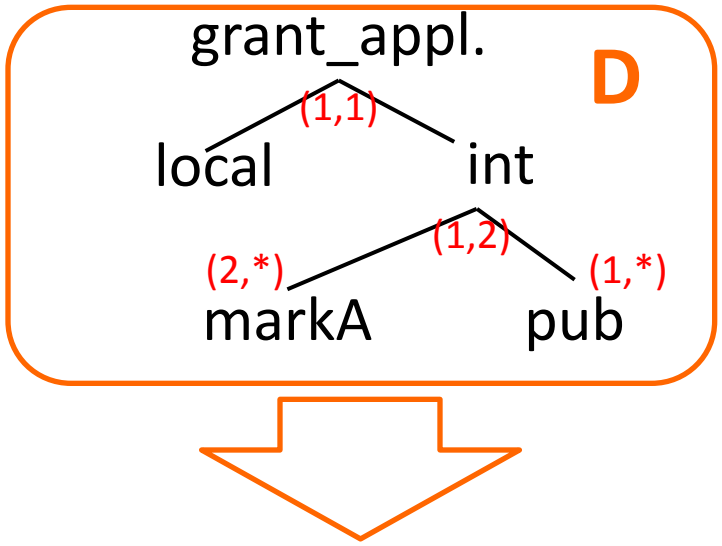
Results

- Any fm M (with all CCConstraints) can be translated into an fCTL theory Φ(M)
- Th.1 (soundness): PL(M) |= Φ(M)
- Th.2 (completeness): K |= Φ(M) iff K = PL(M)
  - analysis of FMs => analysis of Φ(M)s
  - => model checking
- Feature modeling ≈ Event-based behavior modeling (in progress)

FM and Formal Languages

FM with cardinalities, cFM

M = (D, C)



R_{appl} = local +R_{int} , where

R_{int} = int.(R_A + R_p + R_A.R_p + R_p.R_A)

R_A = markA^2.markA*

R_{pub} = pub.pub*

R(D)

Regular Expressions

- A product is a set of strings, a PL is the union of products (a language)
- Algorithm D ---> R(D)
  - PL(D) = Lang R(D)
  - Preserves the hierarchy in D
- C ---> Lang(C)
  - Lang(M) = Lang(R(D)) ∩ Lang(C)
  - A hierarchy of cFM classes (Chomsky)
- FM analysis => FL analysis
  - Off-the-shelf tools
  - Some analysis operations are **not** decidable in all classes of cFMs

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