Henshin: A Model Transformation Language and its Use for Search-Based Model Optimisation in MDEOptimiser

Part 1

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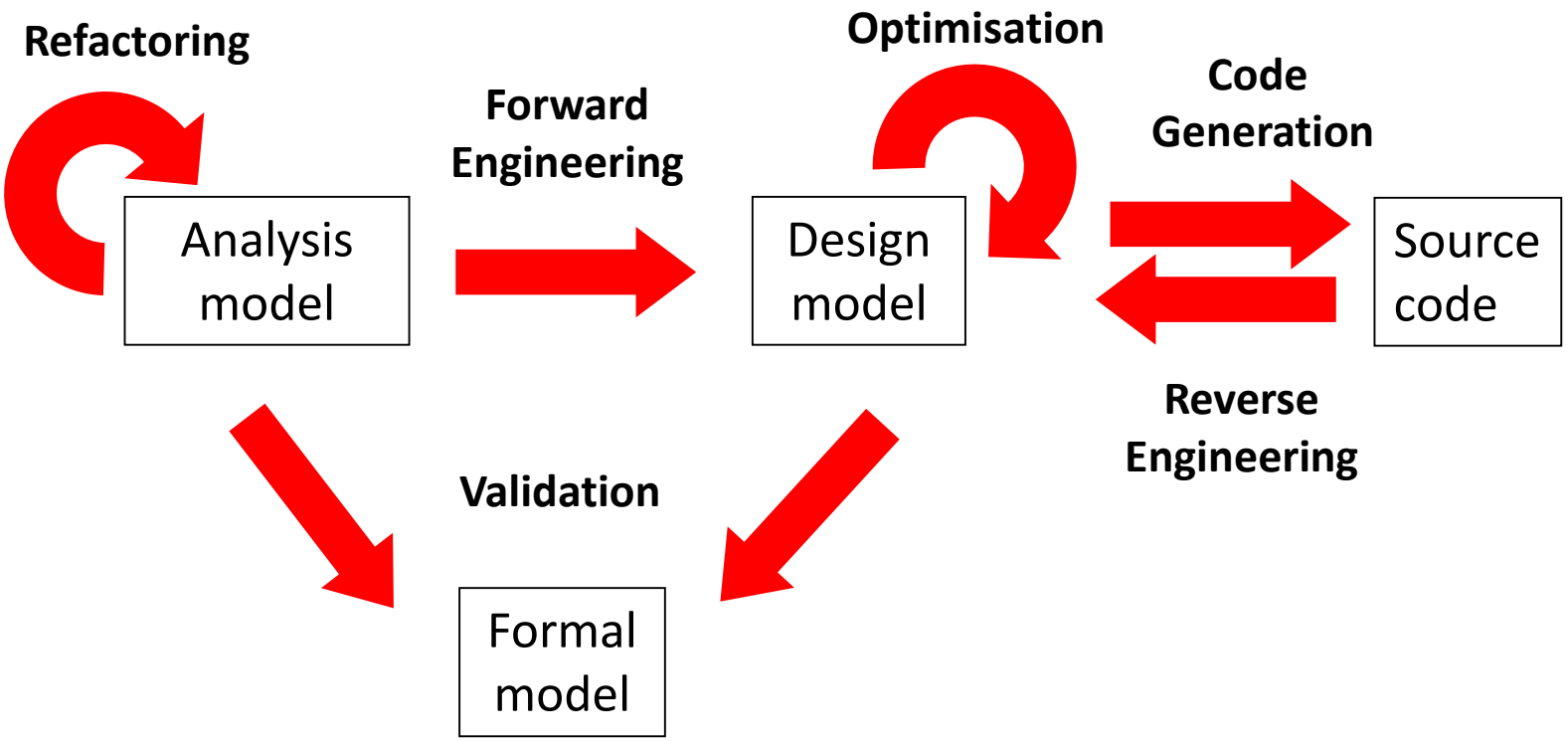
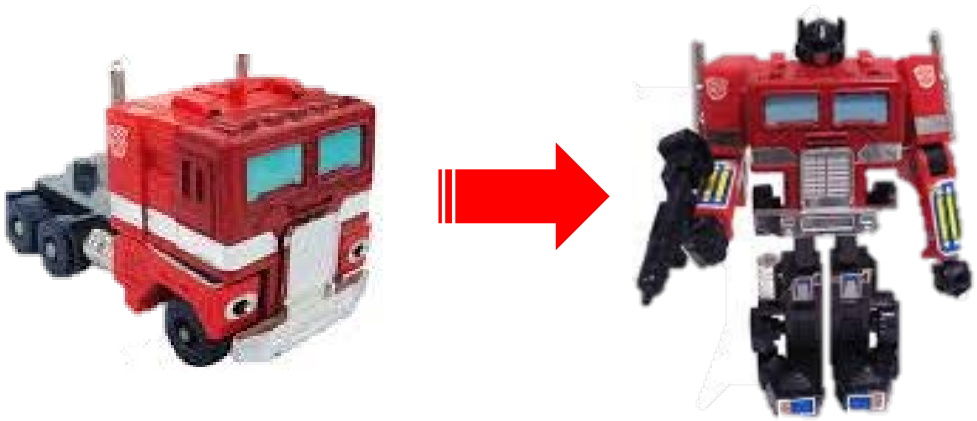
Model-driven software engineering: Transformations everywhere



Henshin

- Intuitive model transformation language with graphical syntax
- Supports various kinds of transformations
- Based on graph transformation theory
  - Rule-based
  - Expressive: advanced concepts



Henshin: Japanese for *Transformation*

Overview

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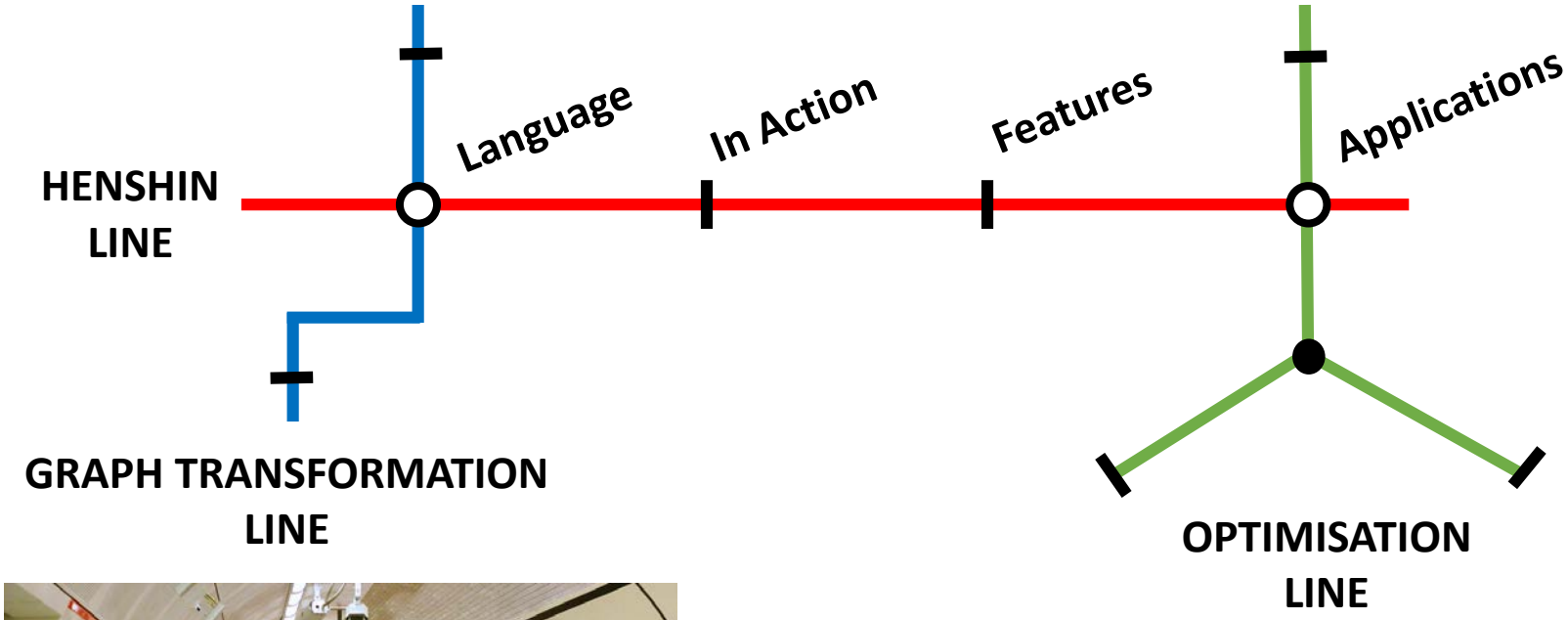

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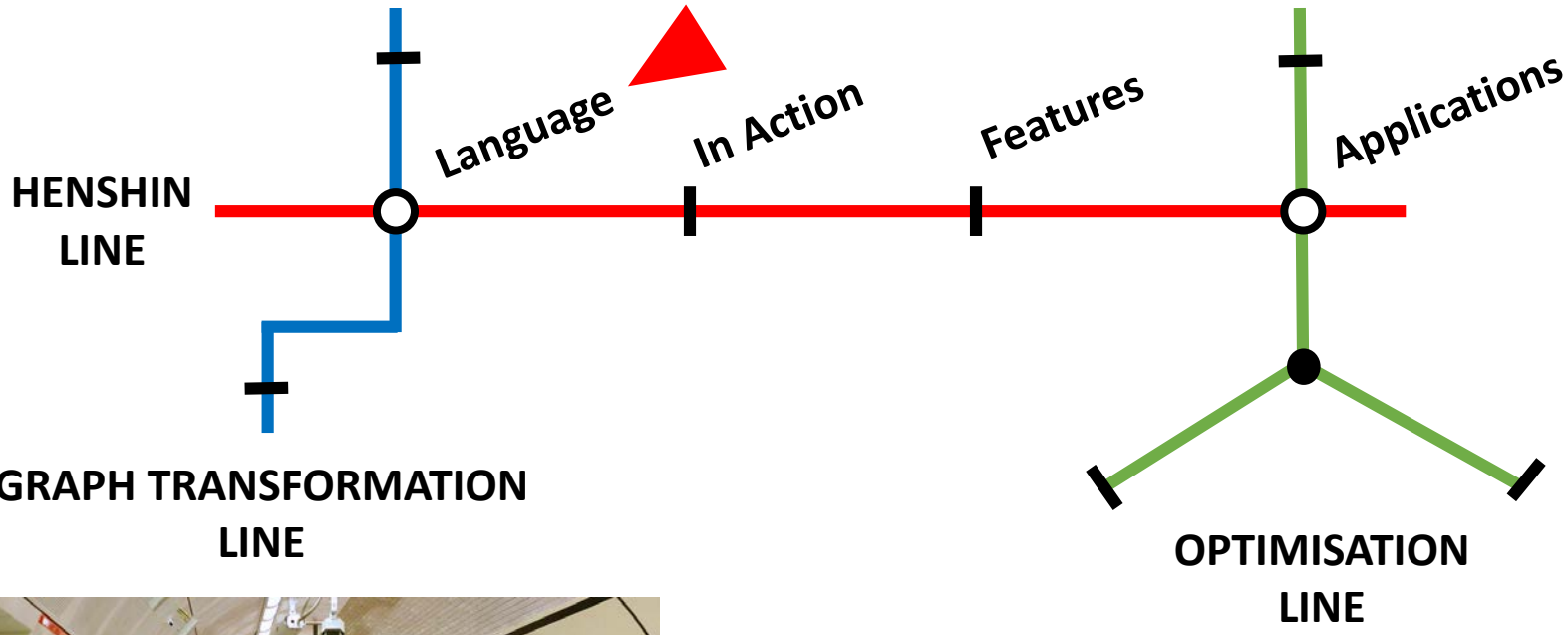
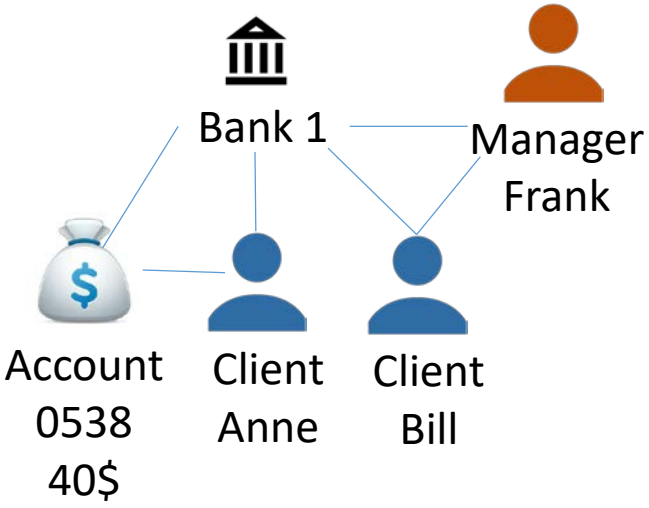


Language: Running example

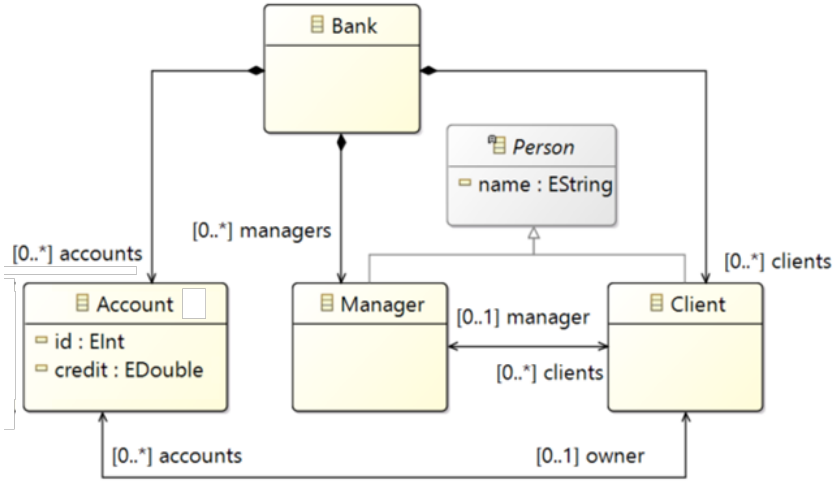
Specify banking processes to analyse and simulate them

1. Create an account
2. Transfer money
3. Delete an account
4. Batch-delete accounts

Example model

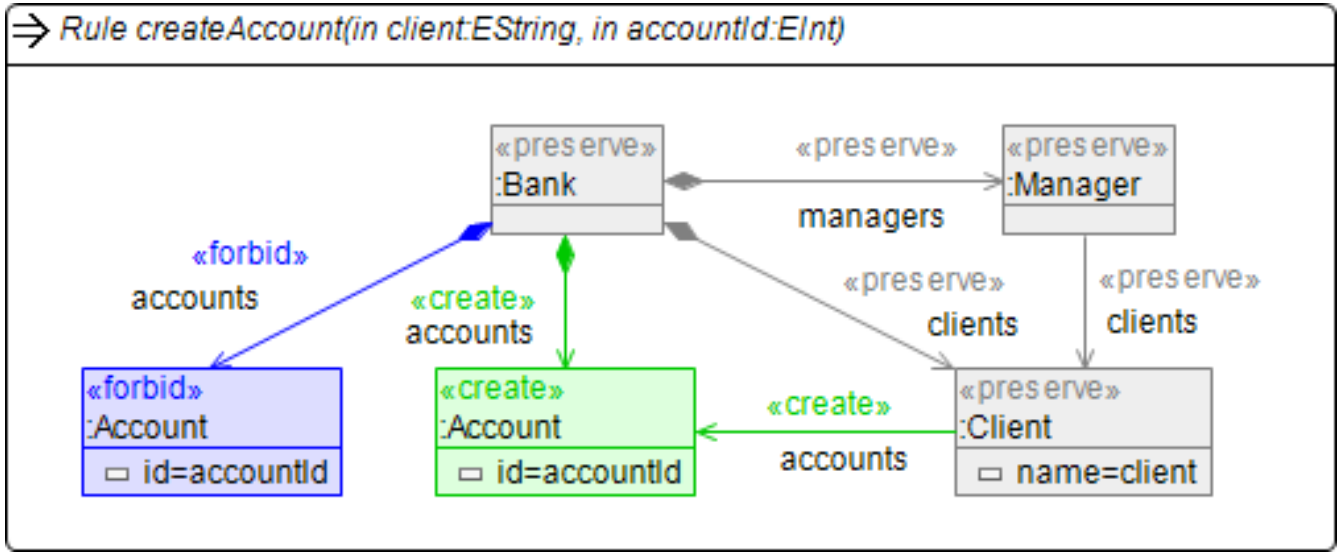


Example meta-model (in EMF)



Graph-transformation-based language
Example 1: createAccount

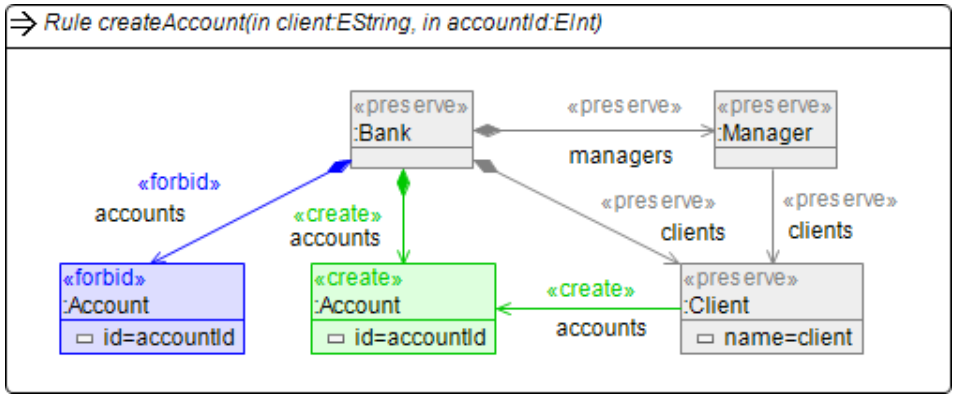
Example rule



create	Newly created by rule
delete	Removed by rule
preserve	Context for creations and deletions
forbid	Prevents rule from being applied
require	Additional required parts
parameters	Data passed into and from rule (in, out, inout)

Example 1: Create an account

Example application of rule



with parameter values

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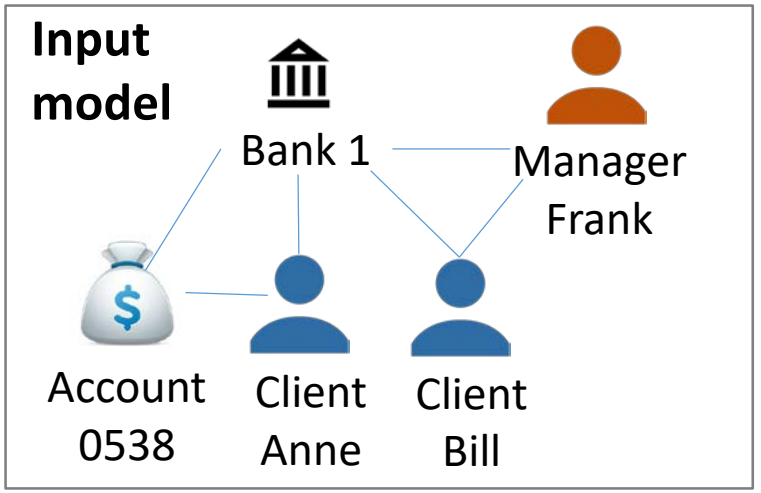
accountID = **0539**



Output model

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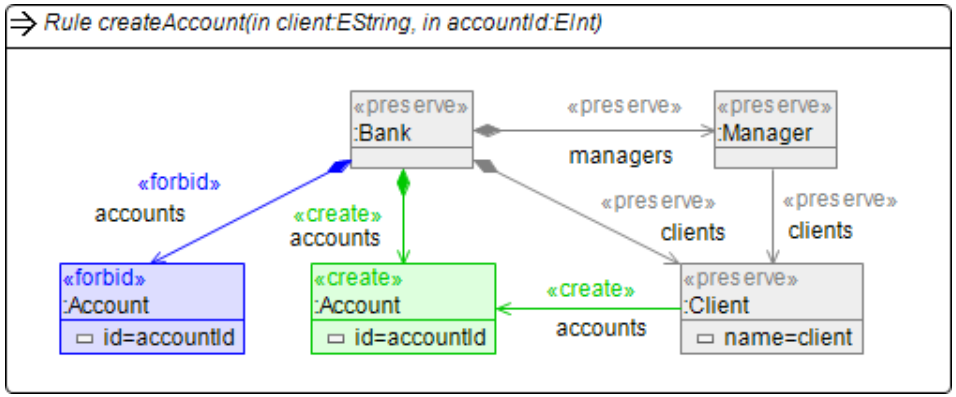

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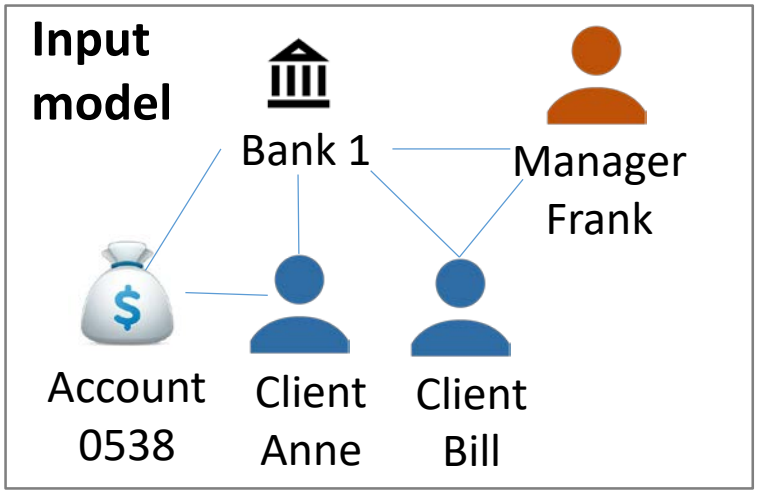

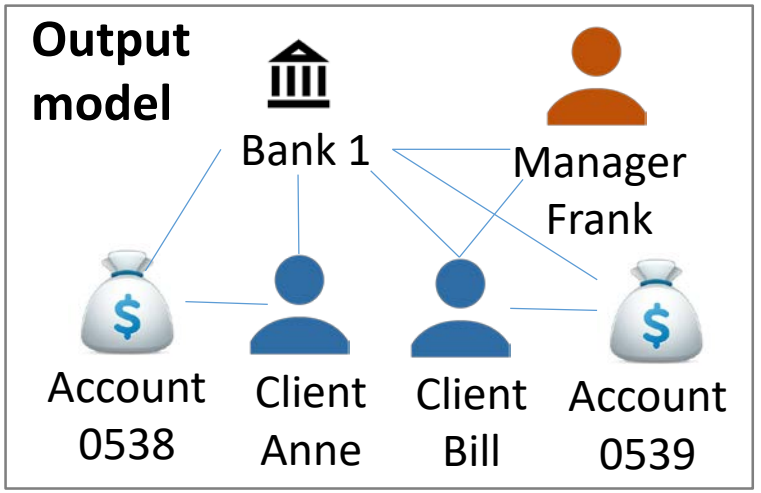

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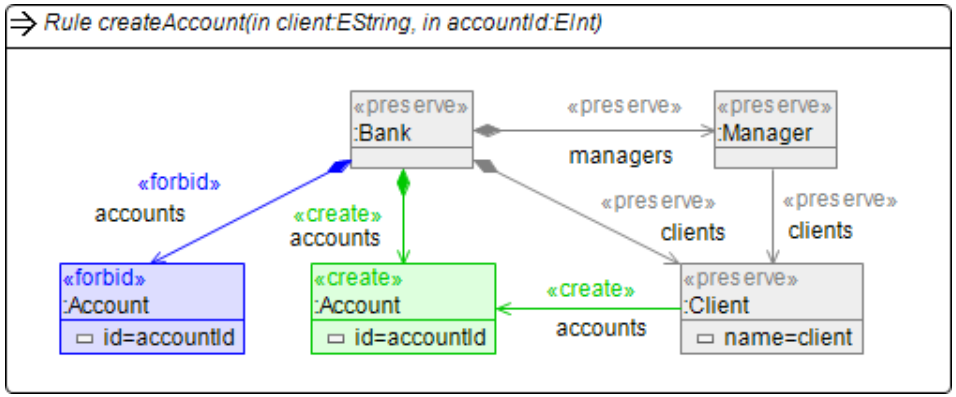

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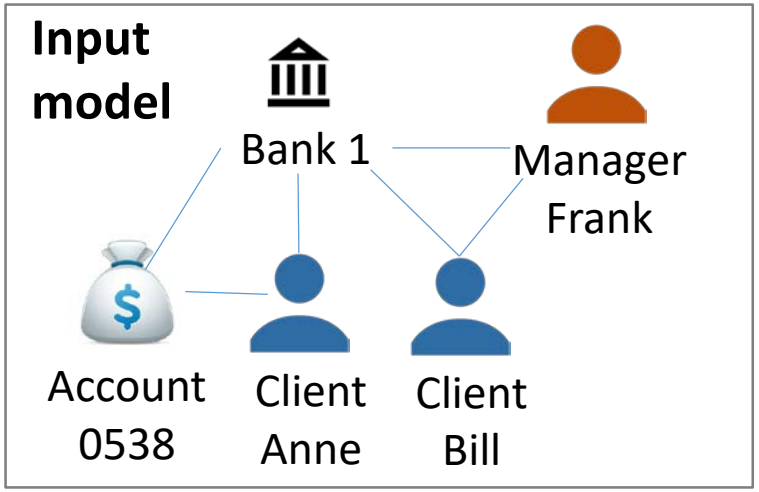

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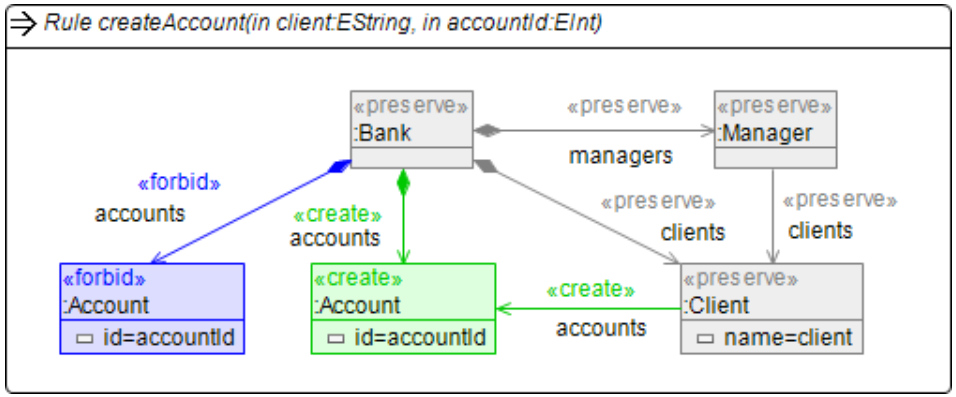

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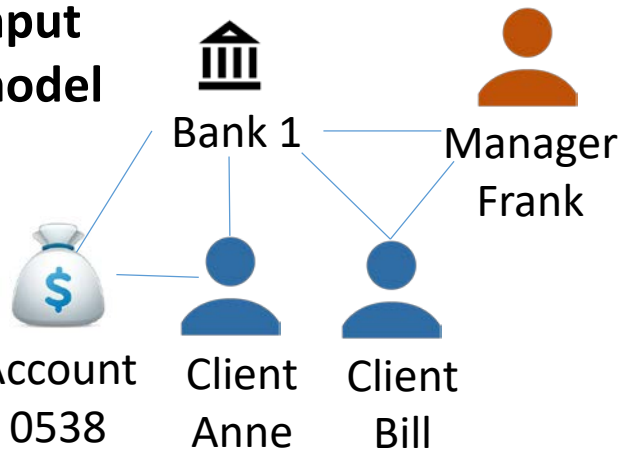

Output model

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Example 2: Transfer money

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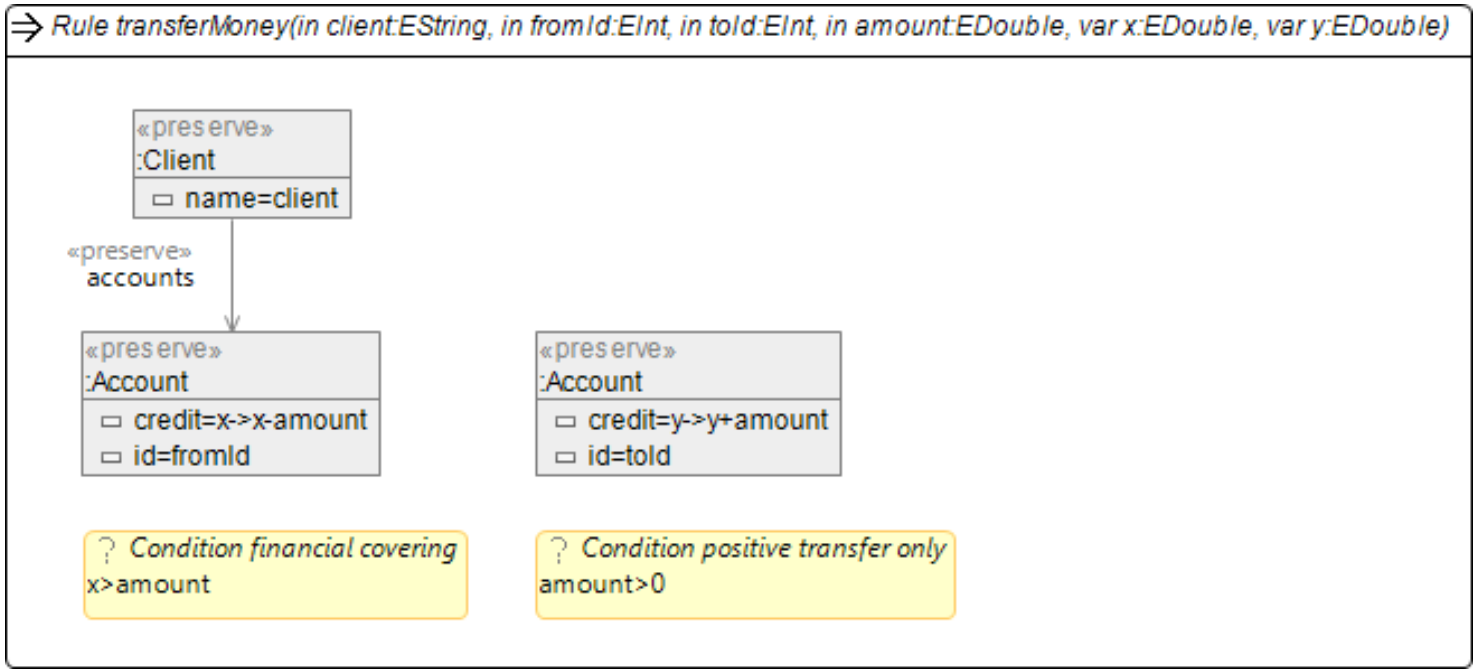

Variables (var keyword) used inside rules to propagate values
Attribute manipulated using parameters, variables and ->
Conditions can restrict rule applications

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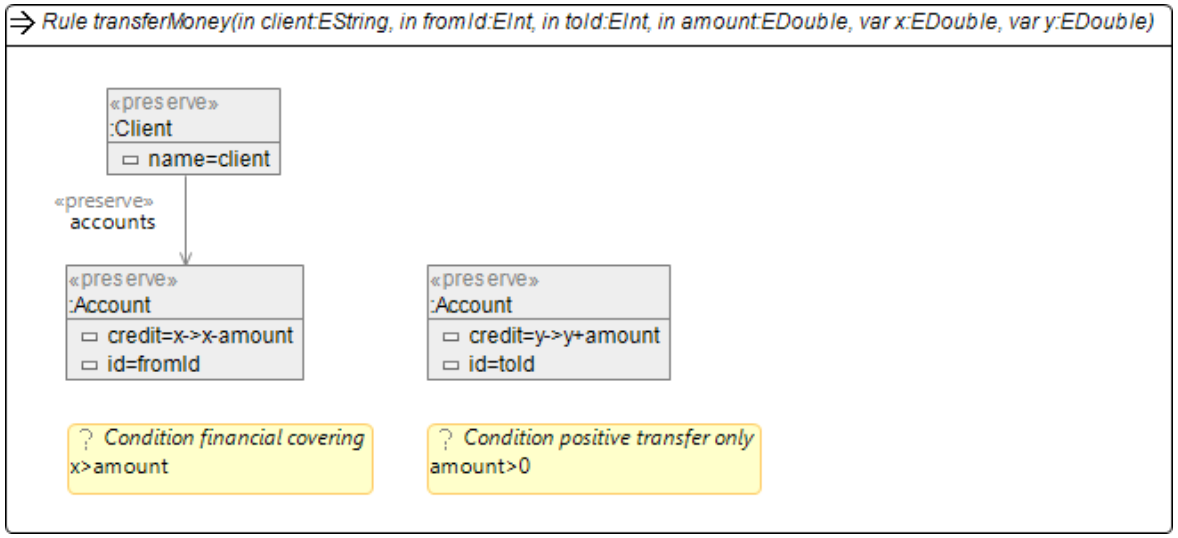

with parameters

client = **“Anne“**

fromID = **0538**

toID = **0539**

amount = **10**

variables:

set automatically

on rule application

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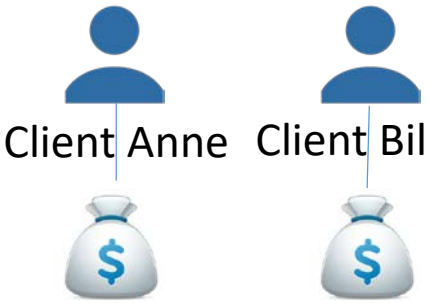

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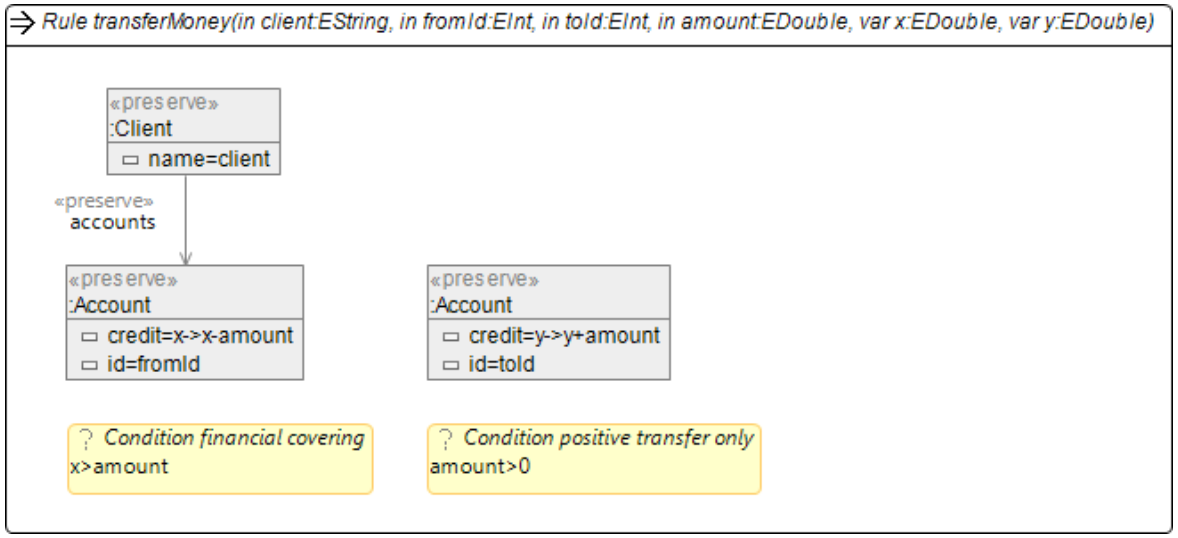

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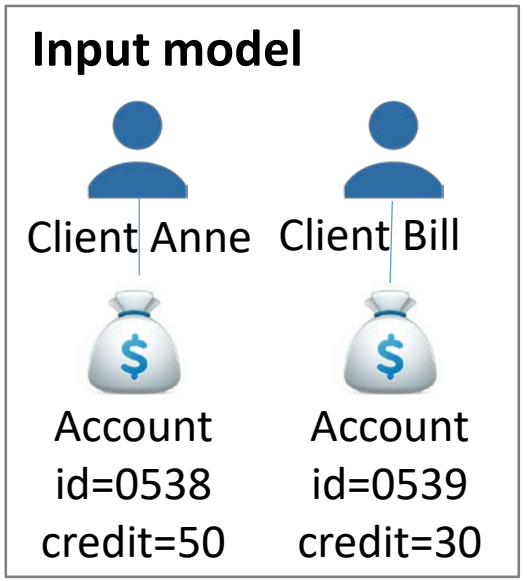

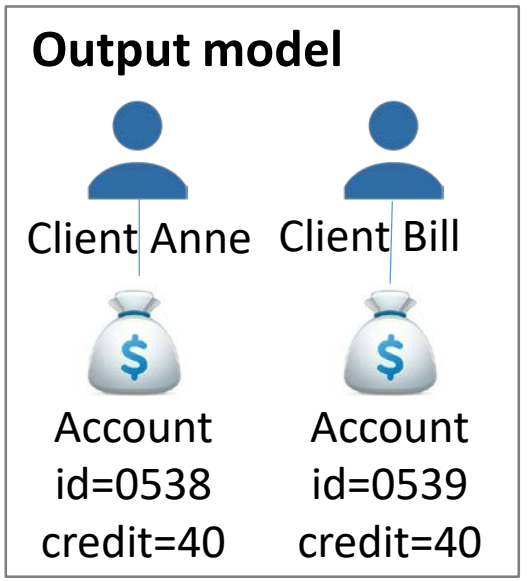

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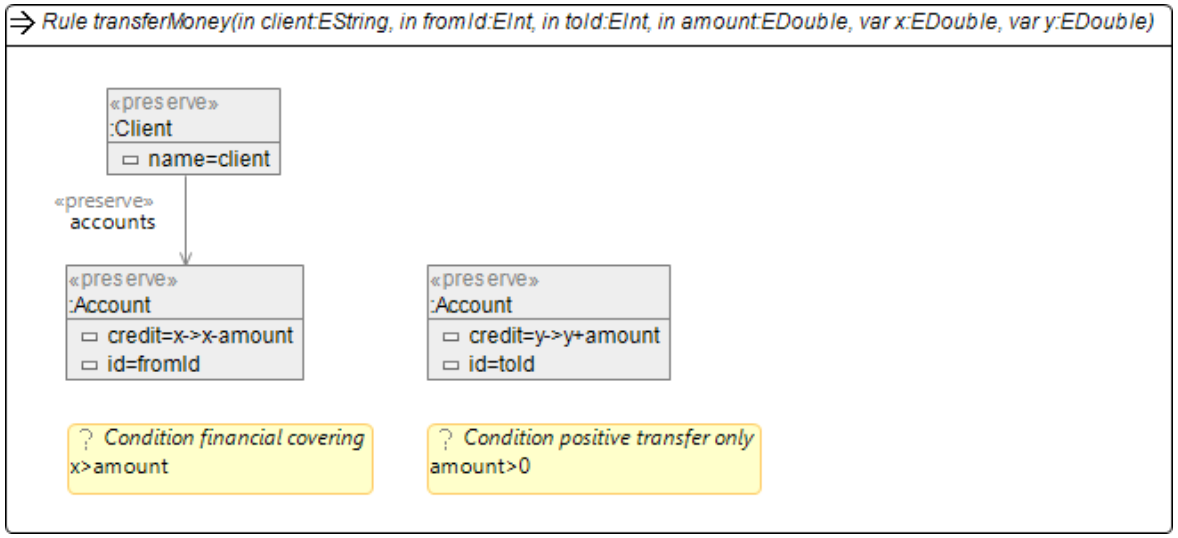

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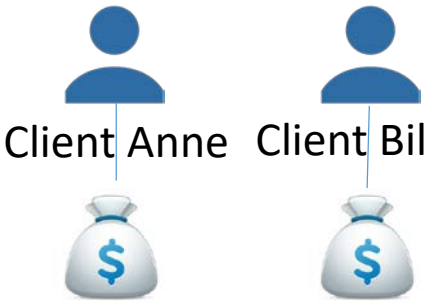

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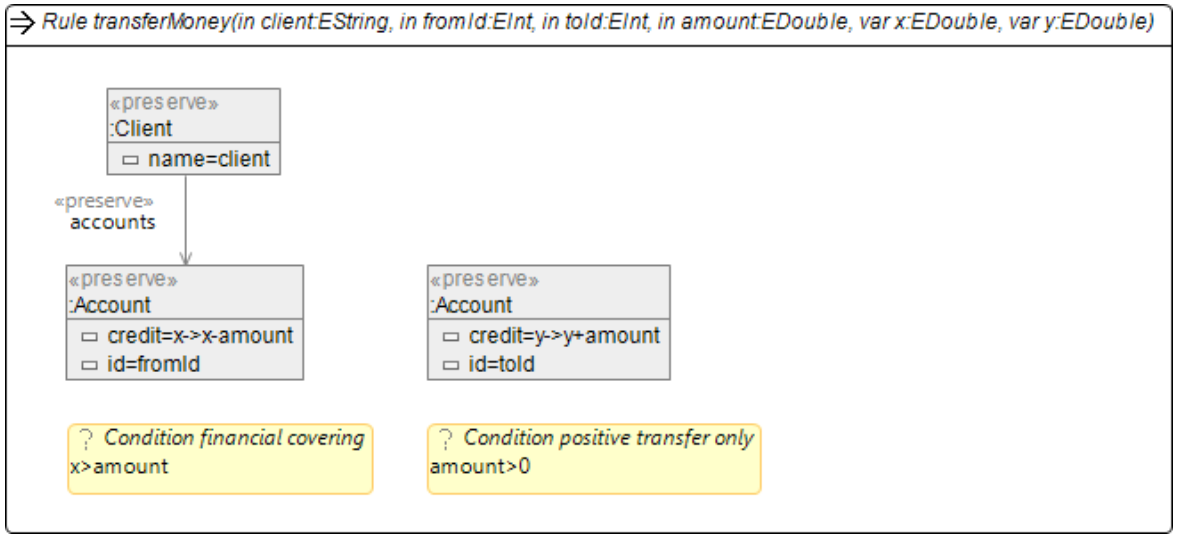

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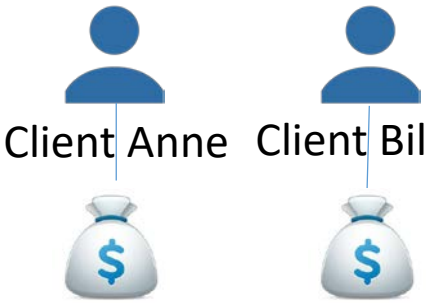

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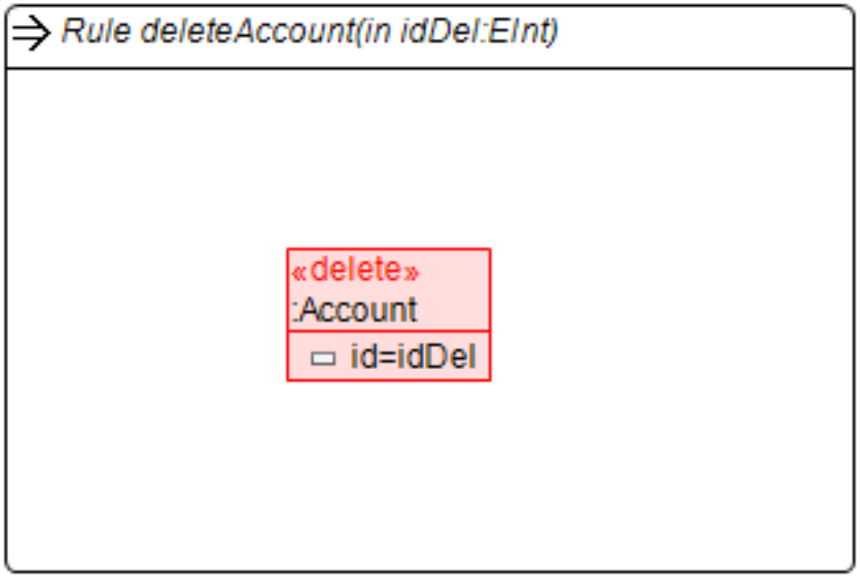

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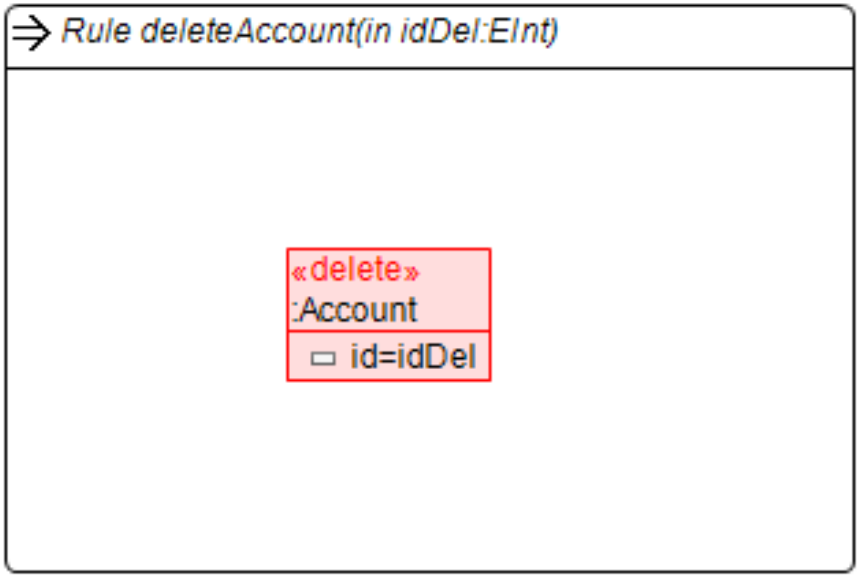

Want to delete an account which is given by its ID.

Is this rule sufficient?

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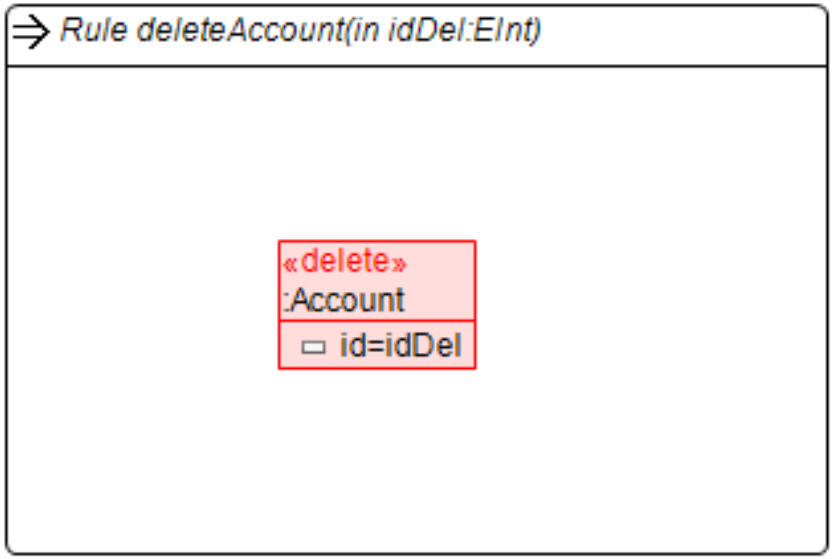

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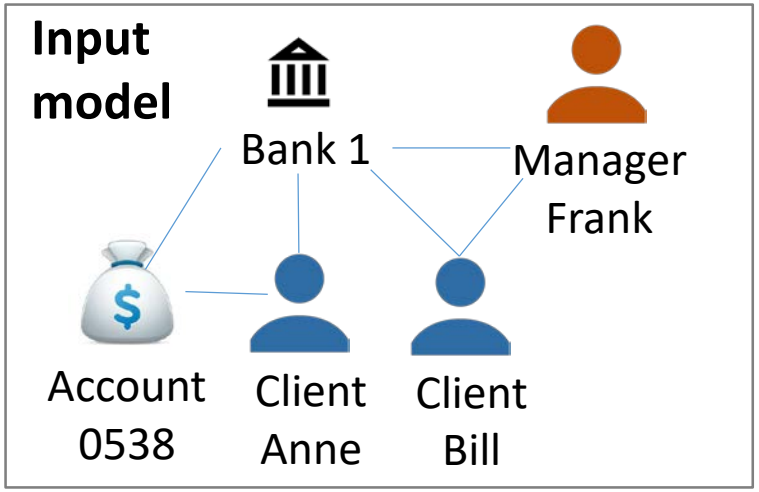

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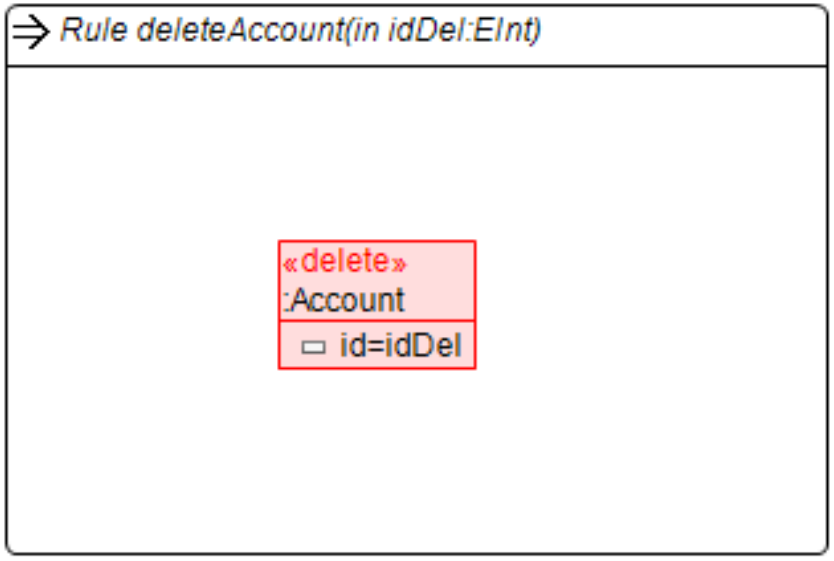

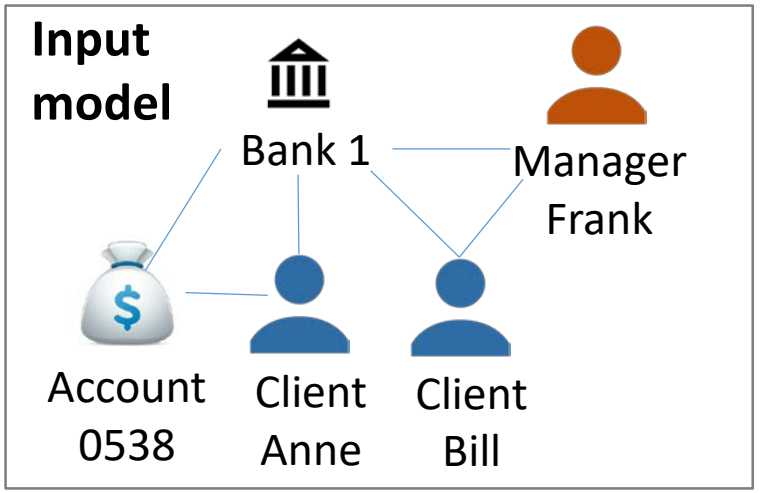

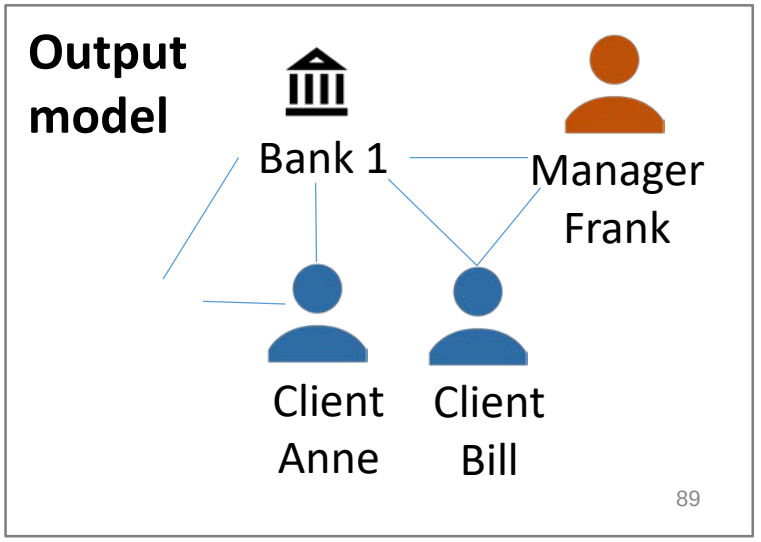

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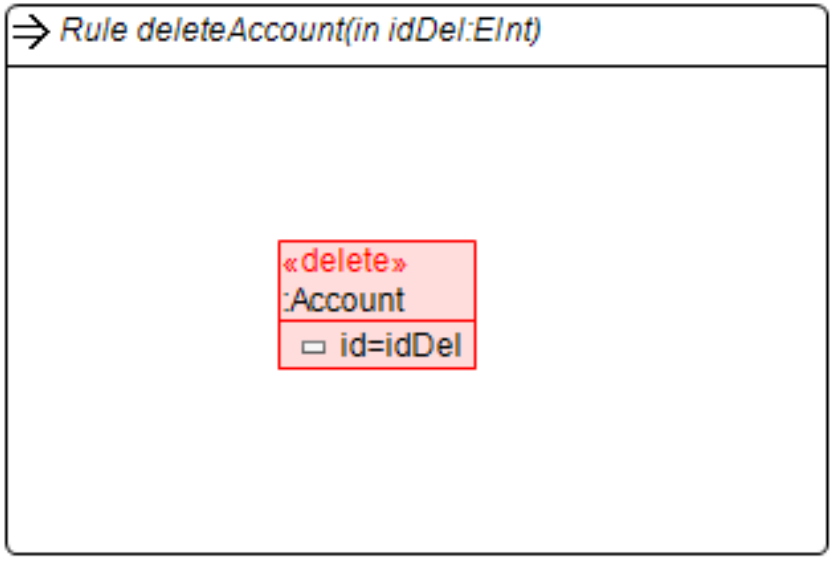

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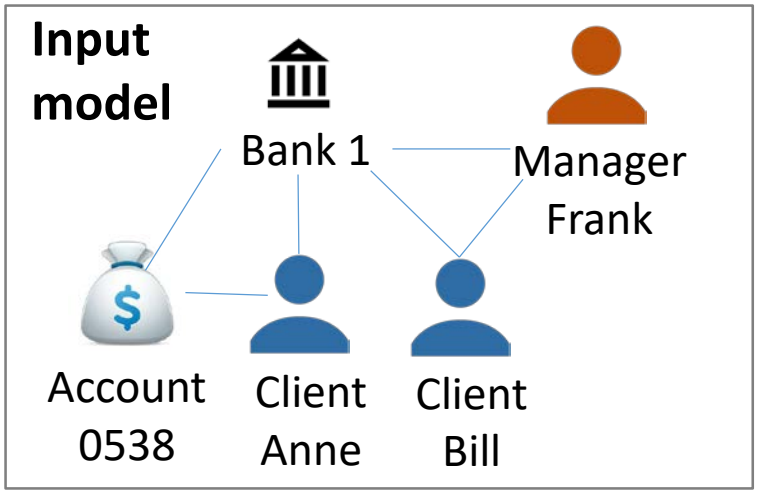

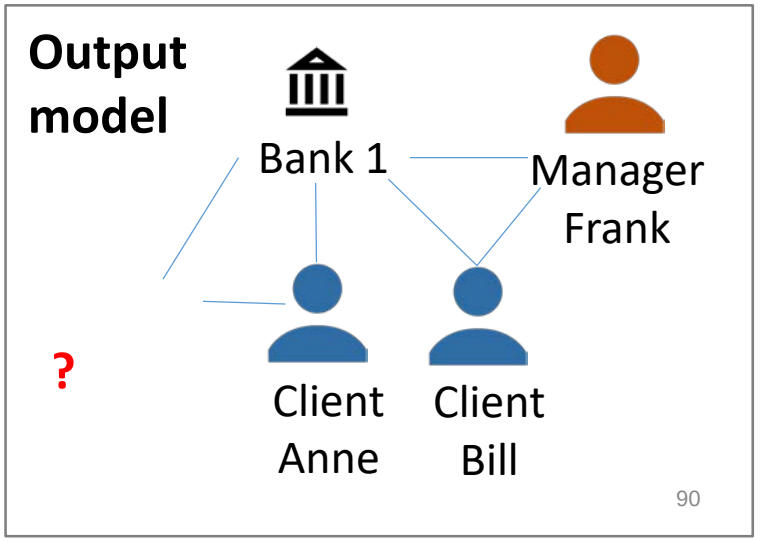

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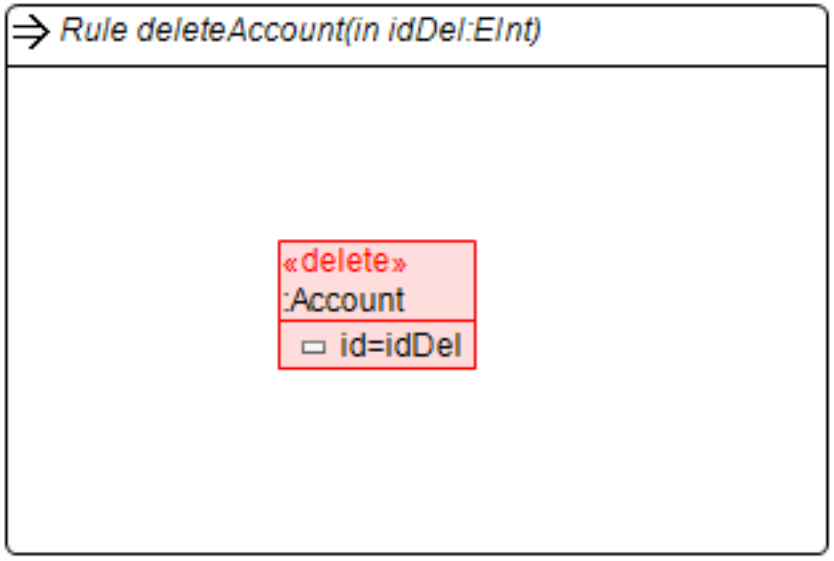

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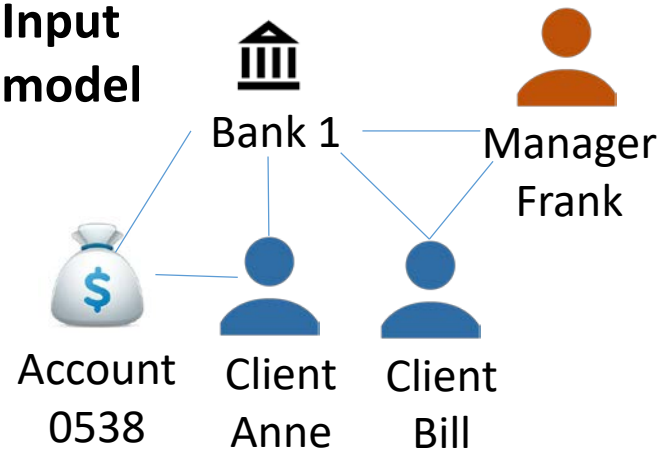

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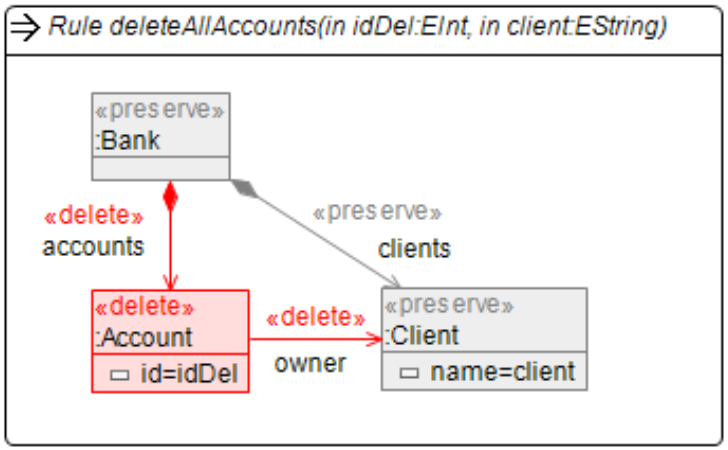

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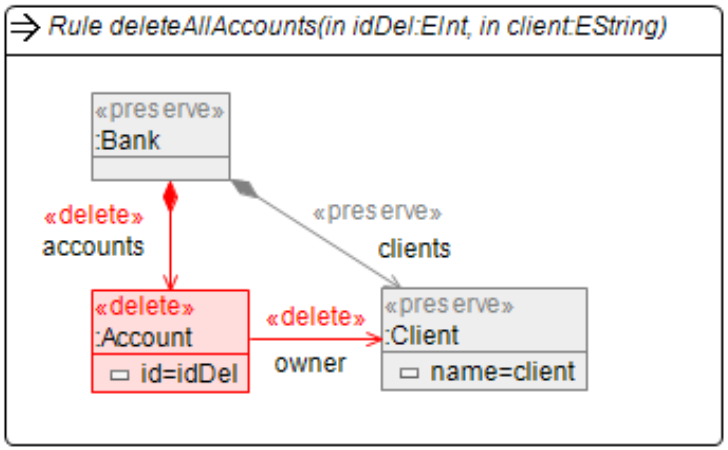

Deletion: When deleting a model element, need to specify all references from and to that element as deleted, too. (**Dangling Condition**)

Example 4: Batch-delete accounts

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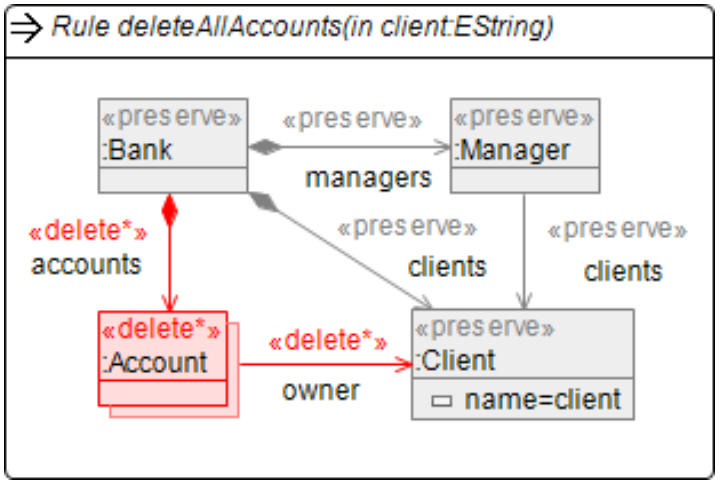

For-all operator: multi-rule (*)

Semantics:

1. apply kernel rule (part without *) once
2. apply multi-rule **as often as possible** at the given place in the input model

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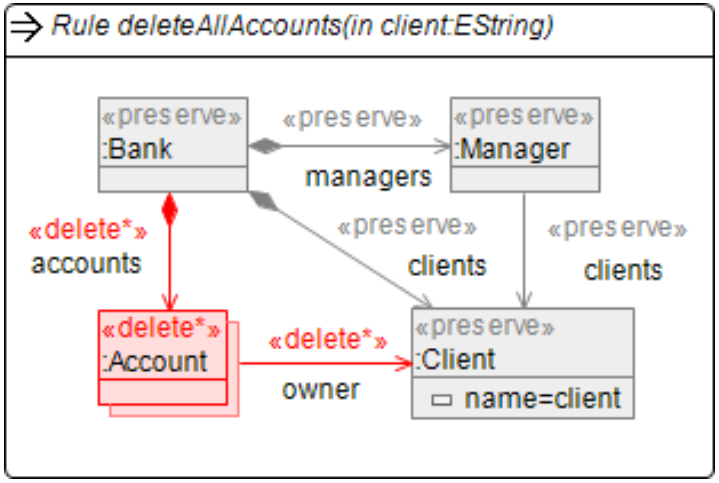

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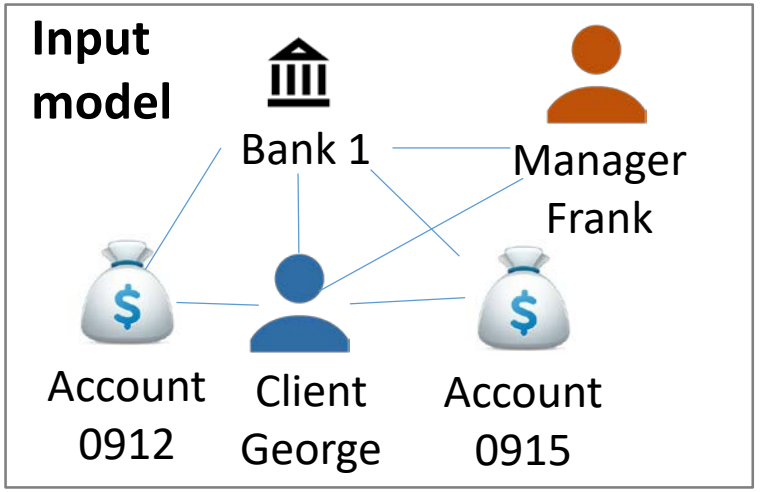

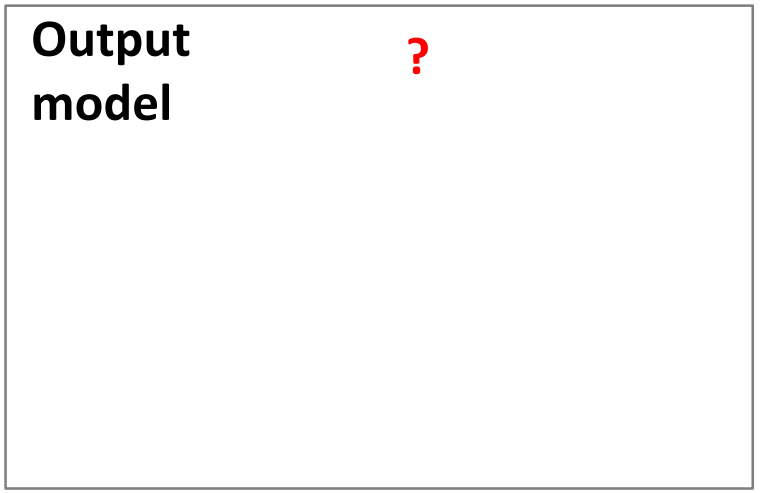

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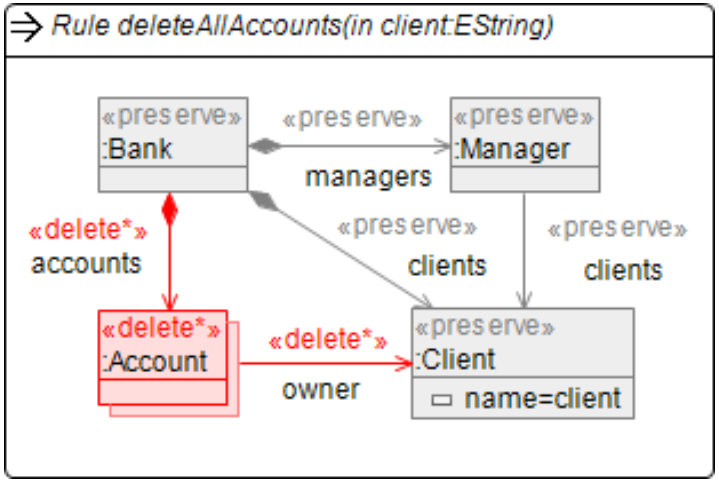

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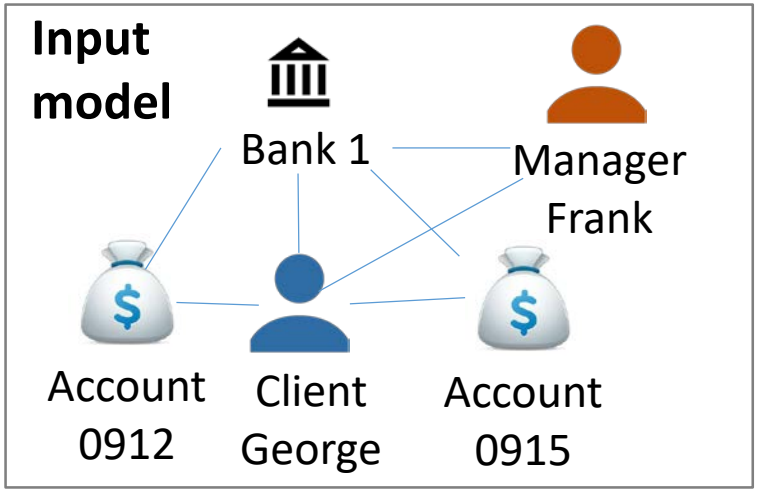

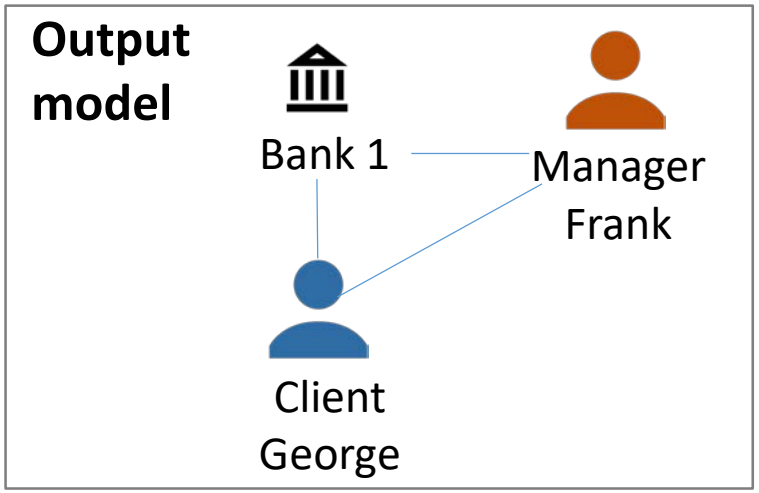

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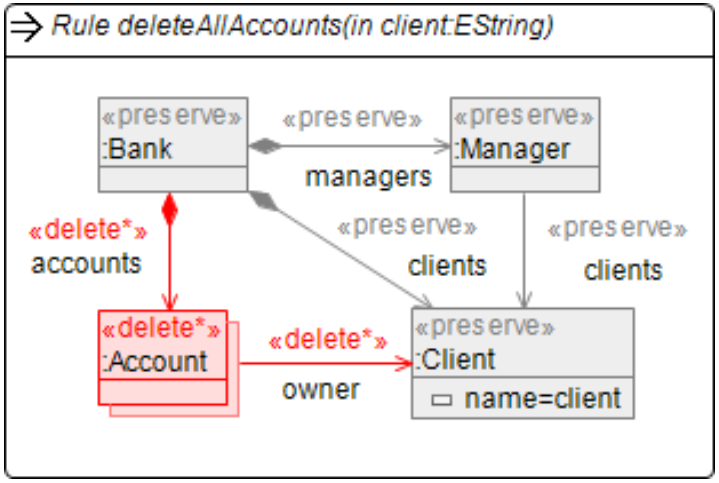

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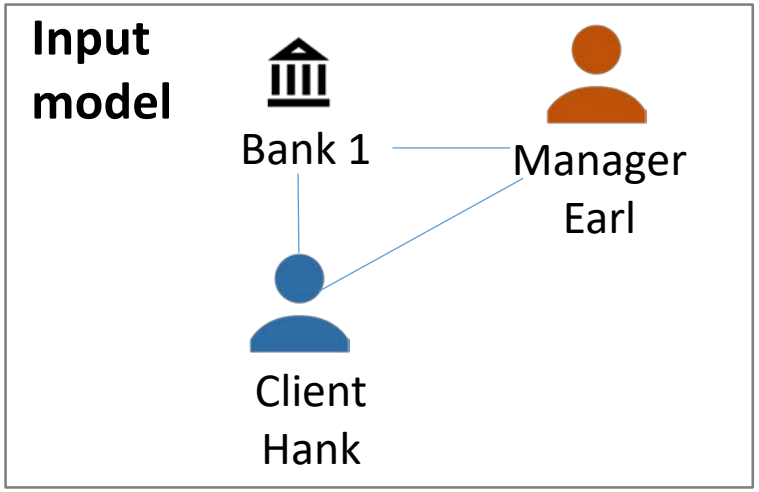

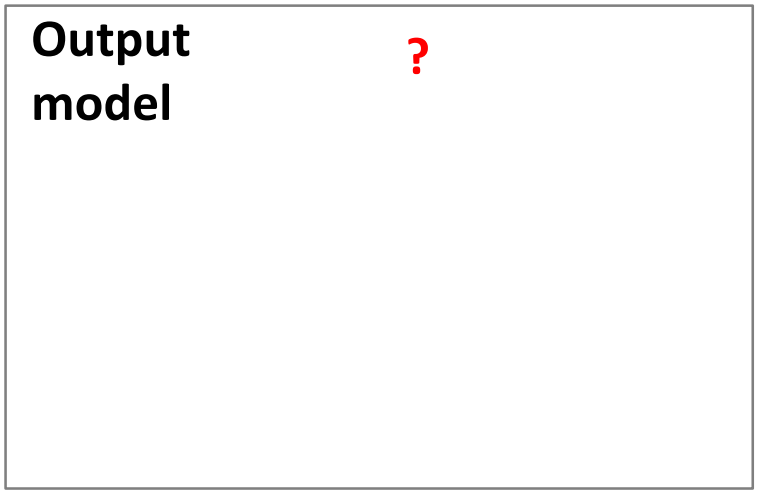

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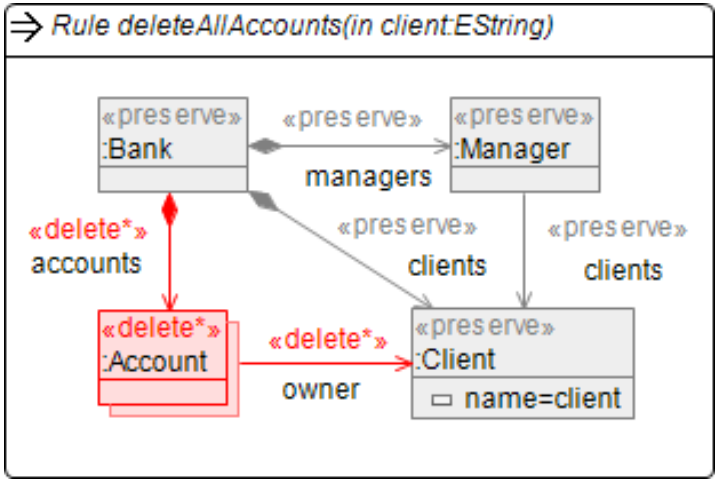

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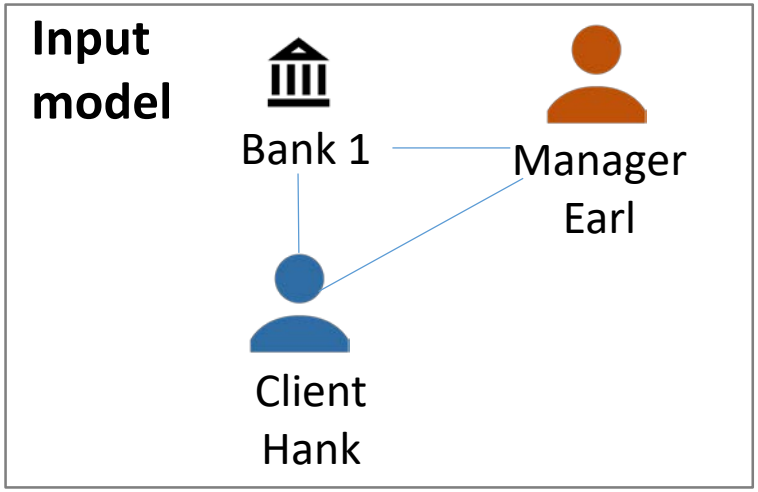

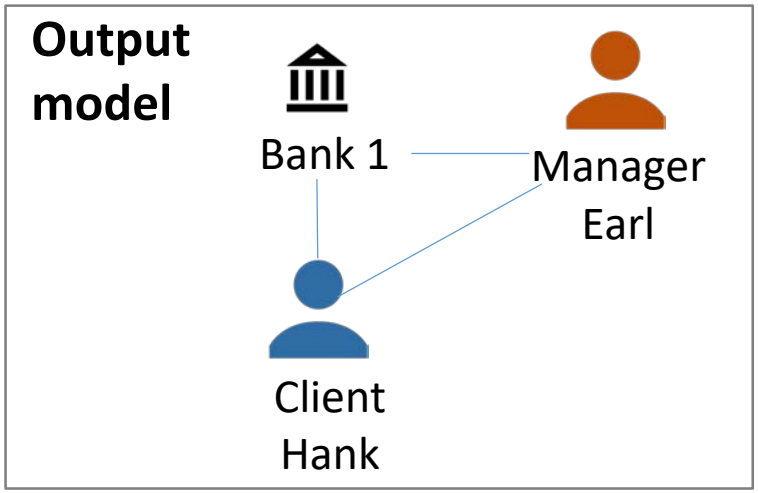

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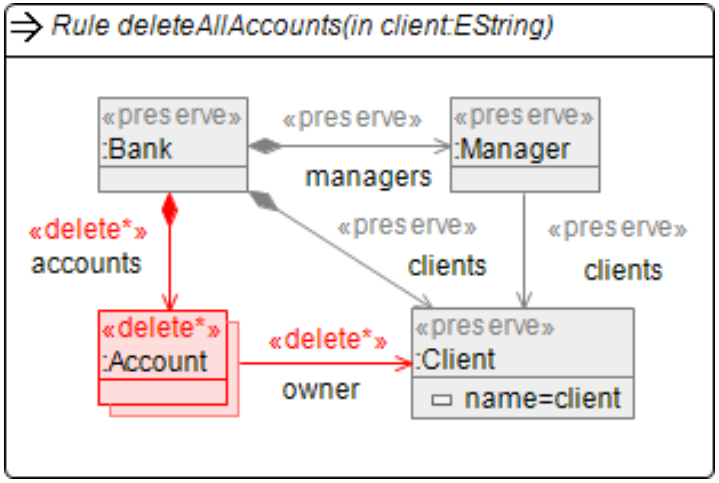

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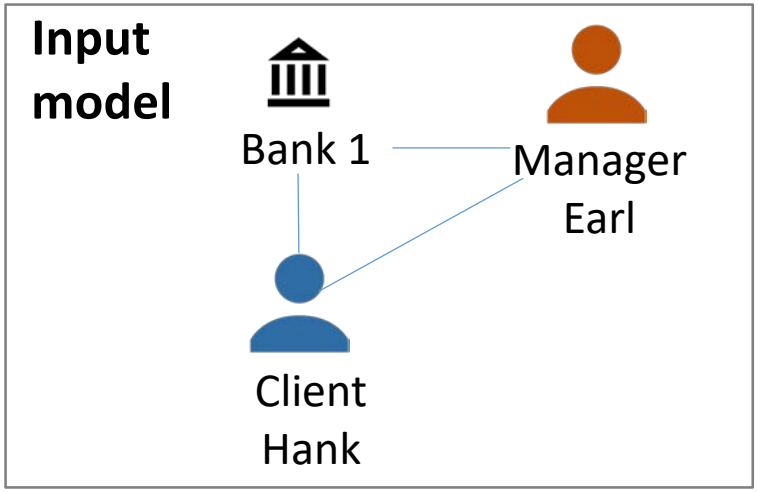
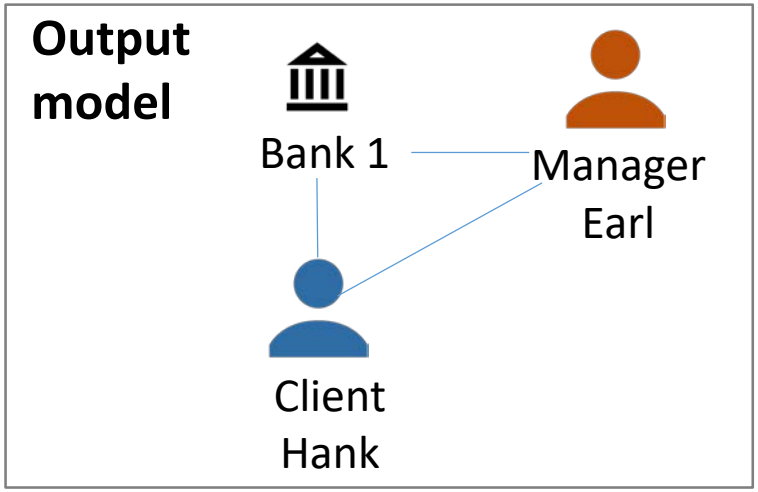


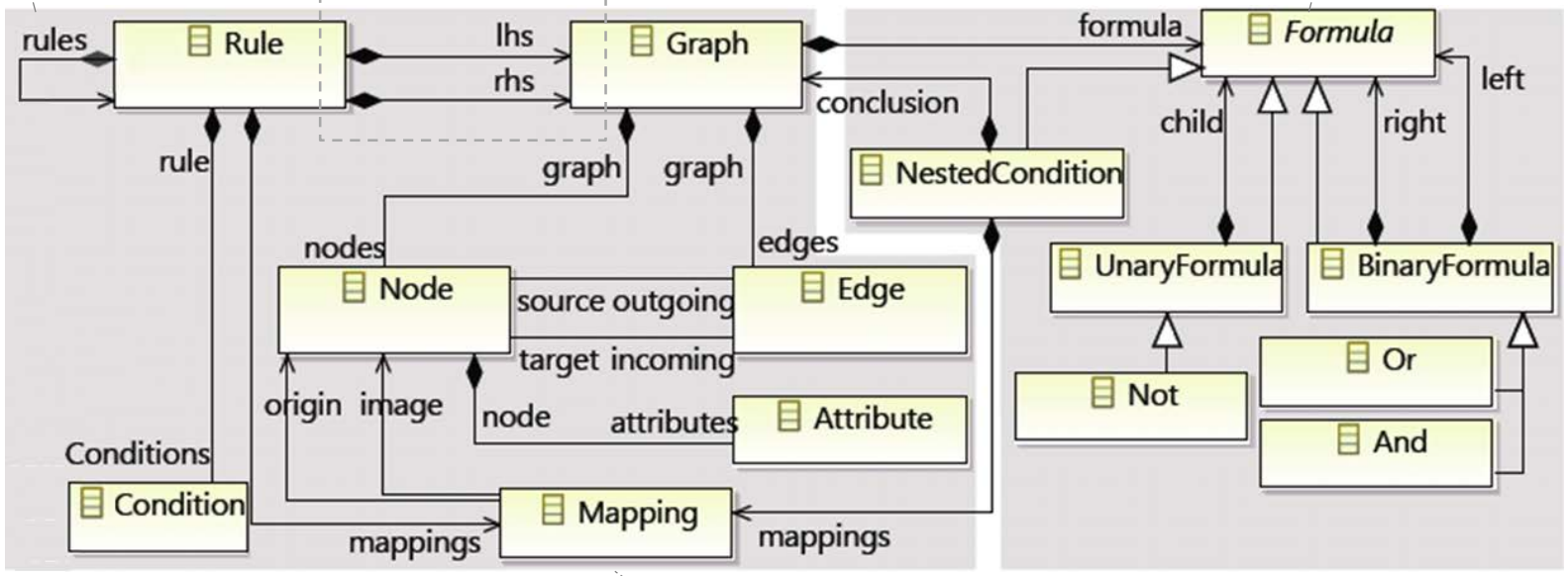


Language definition: meta-model excerpt

Multi-rules

LHS and RHS

Can link **negative** and **positive** application conditions using boolean formulas



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Language definition: illustration

Abstract syntax: Based on left-hand side and right-hand side

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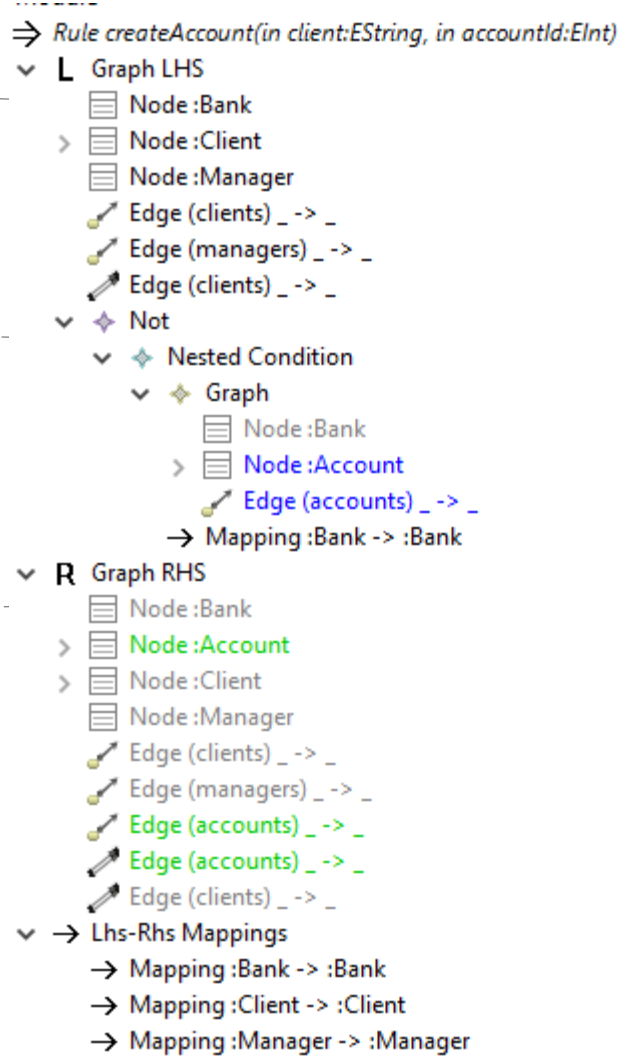
Negative application condition

Right-hand side (RHS):
Created + Preserved elements

Mappings



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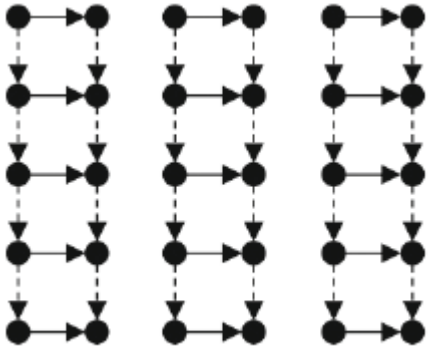

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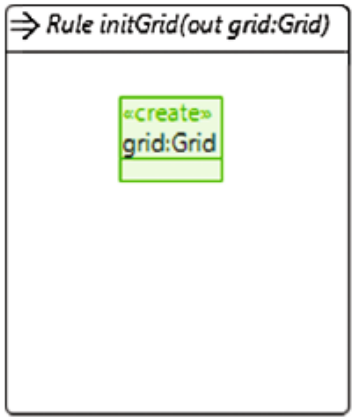

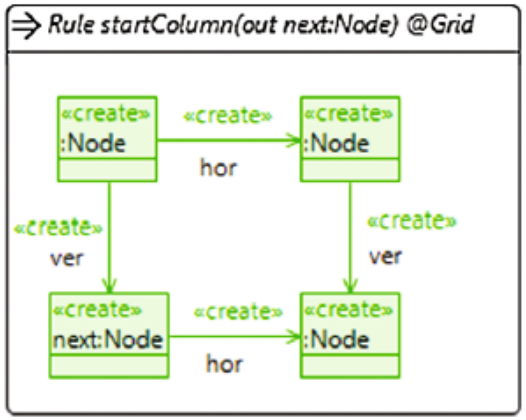

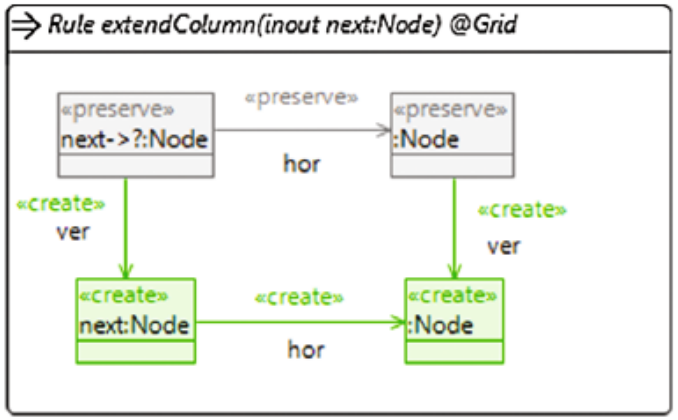

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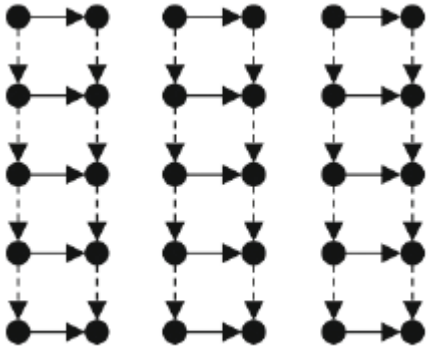

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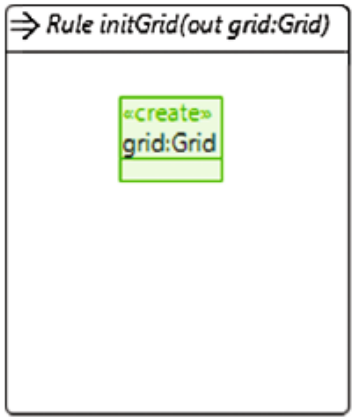

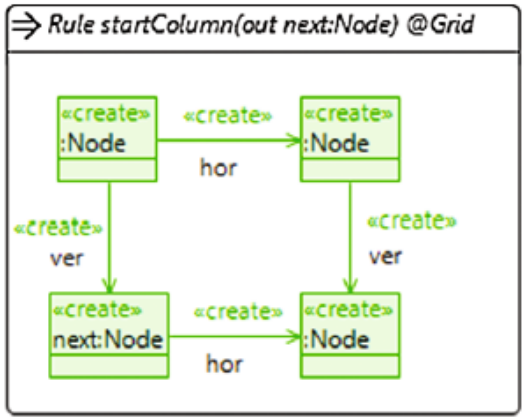

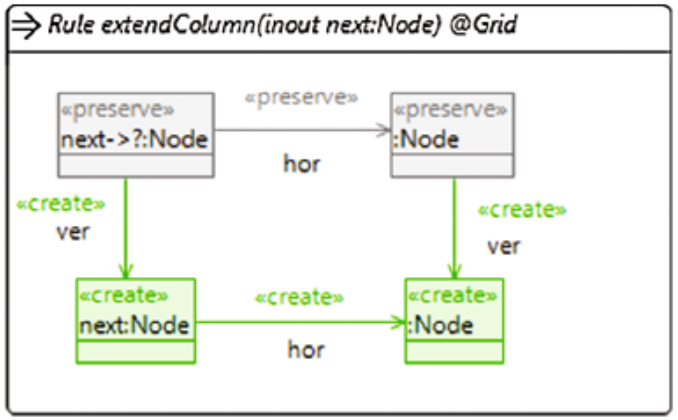

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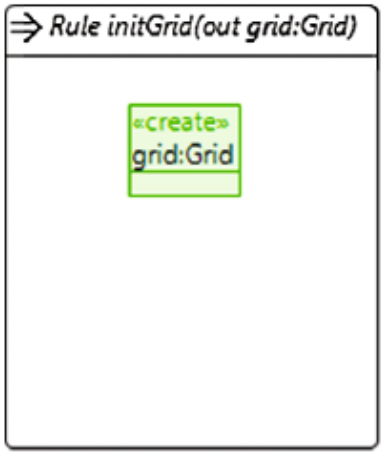

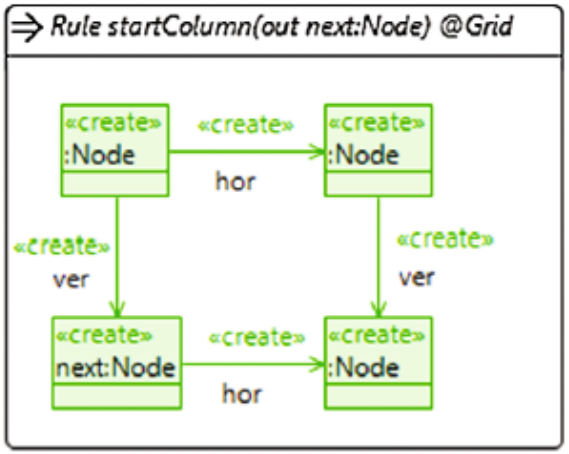

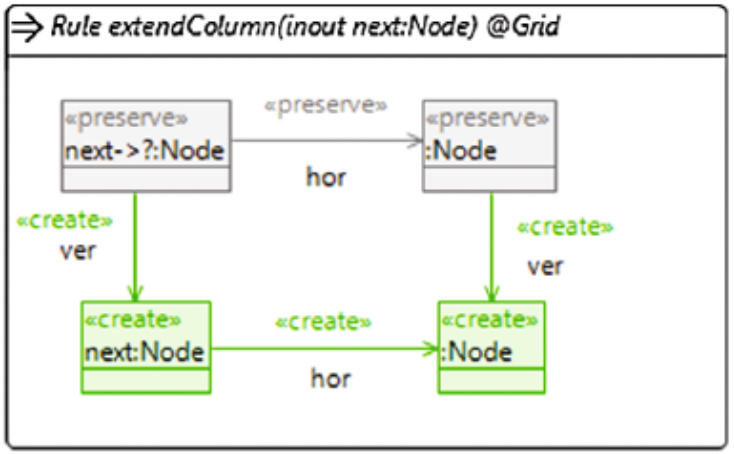

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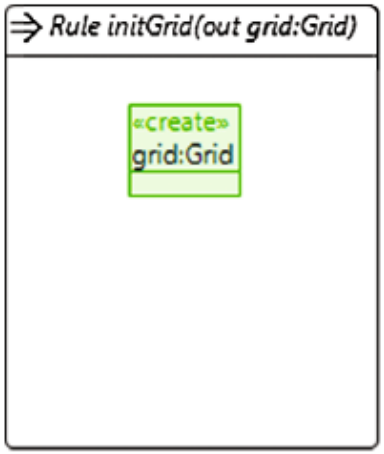

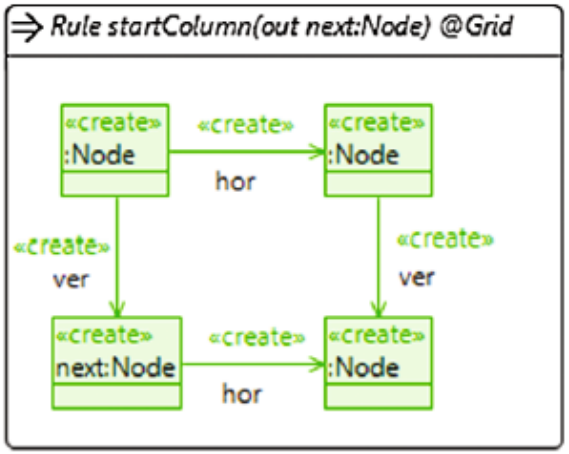

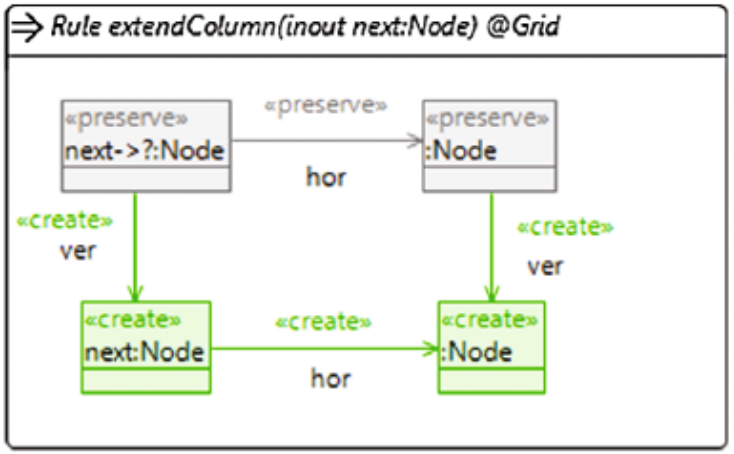

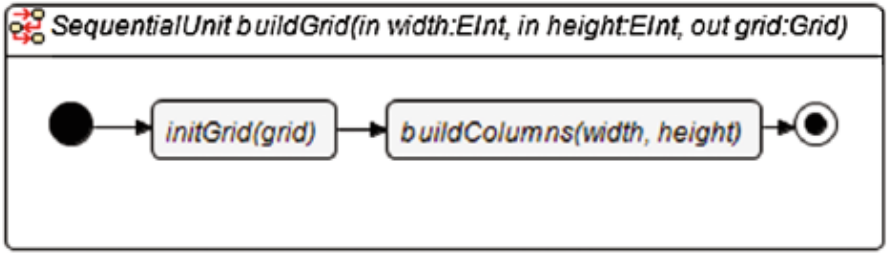

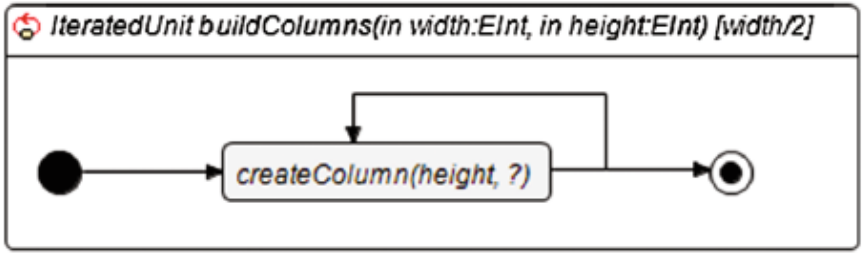

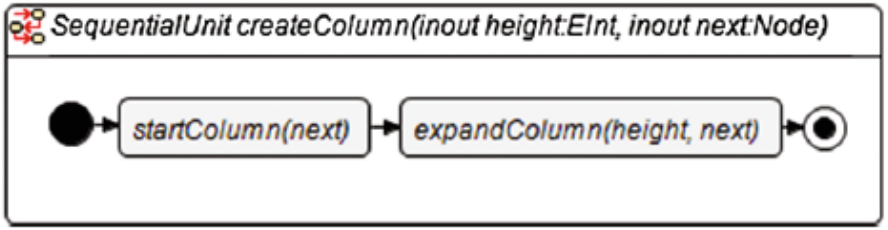

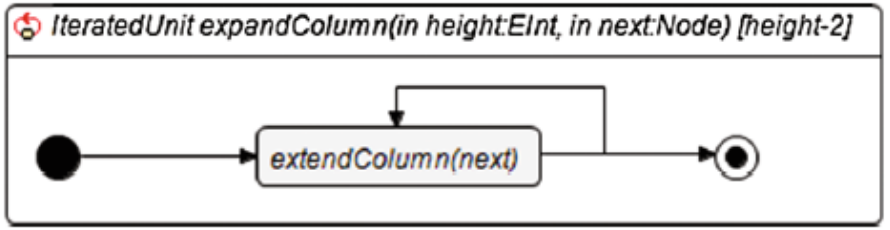

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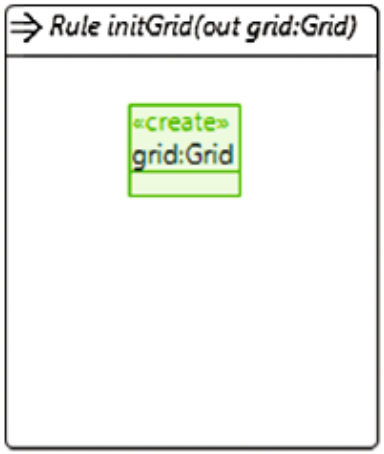

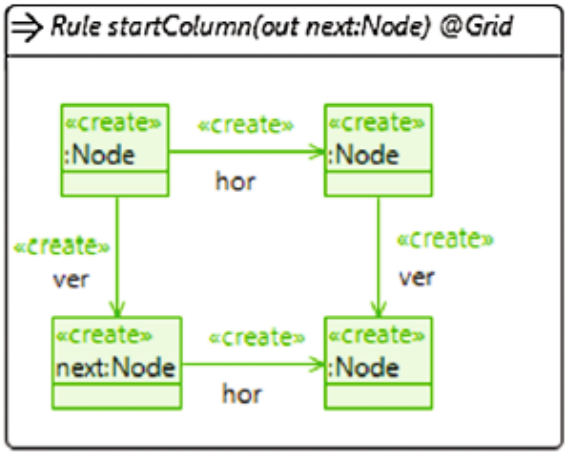

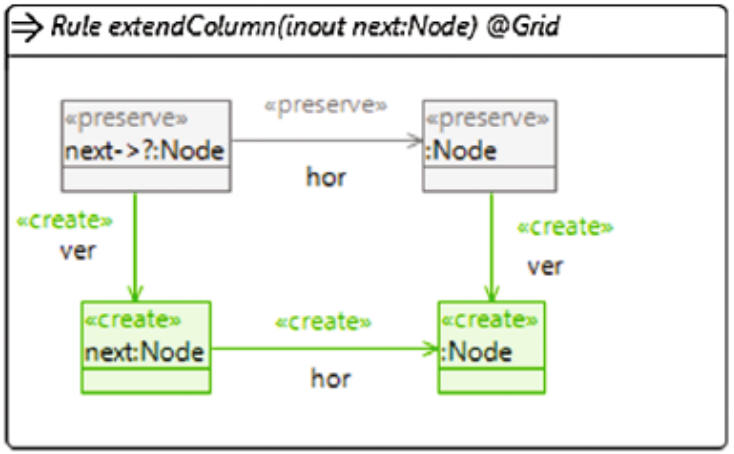

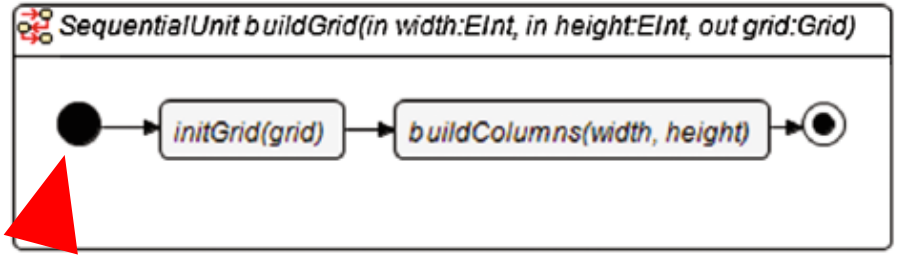

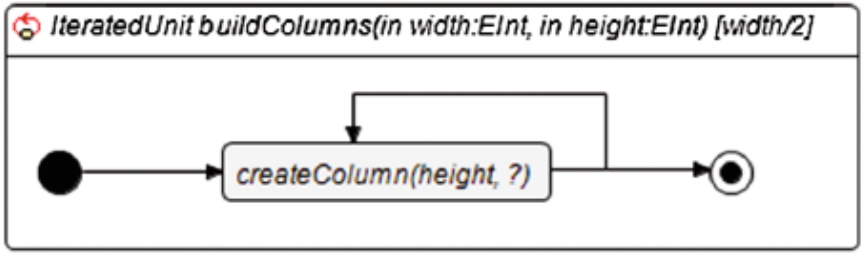

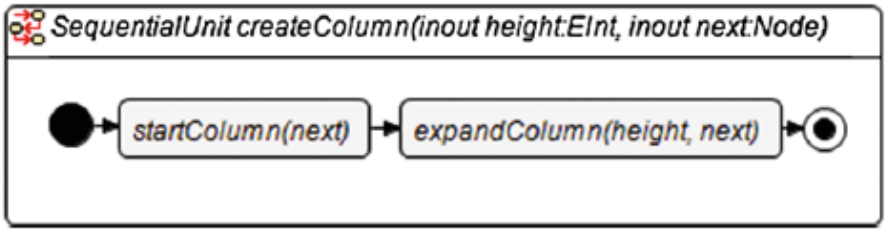

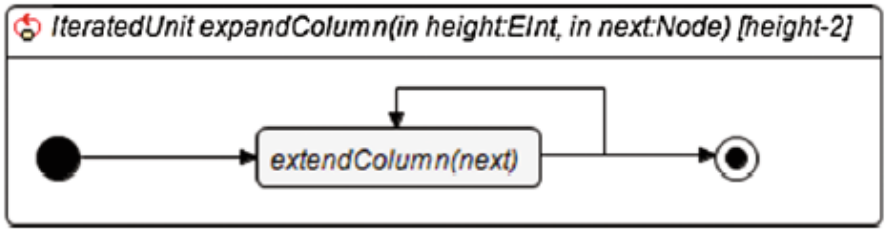

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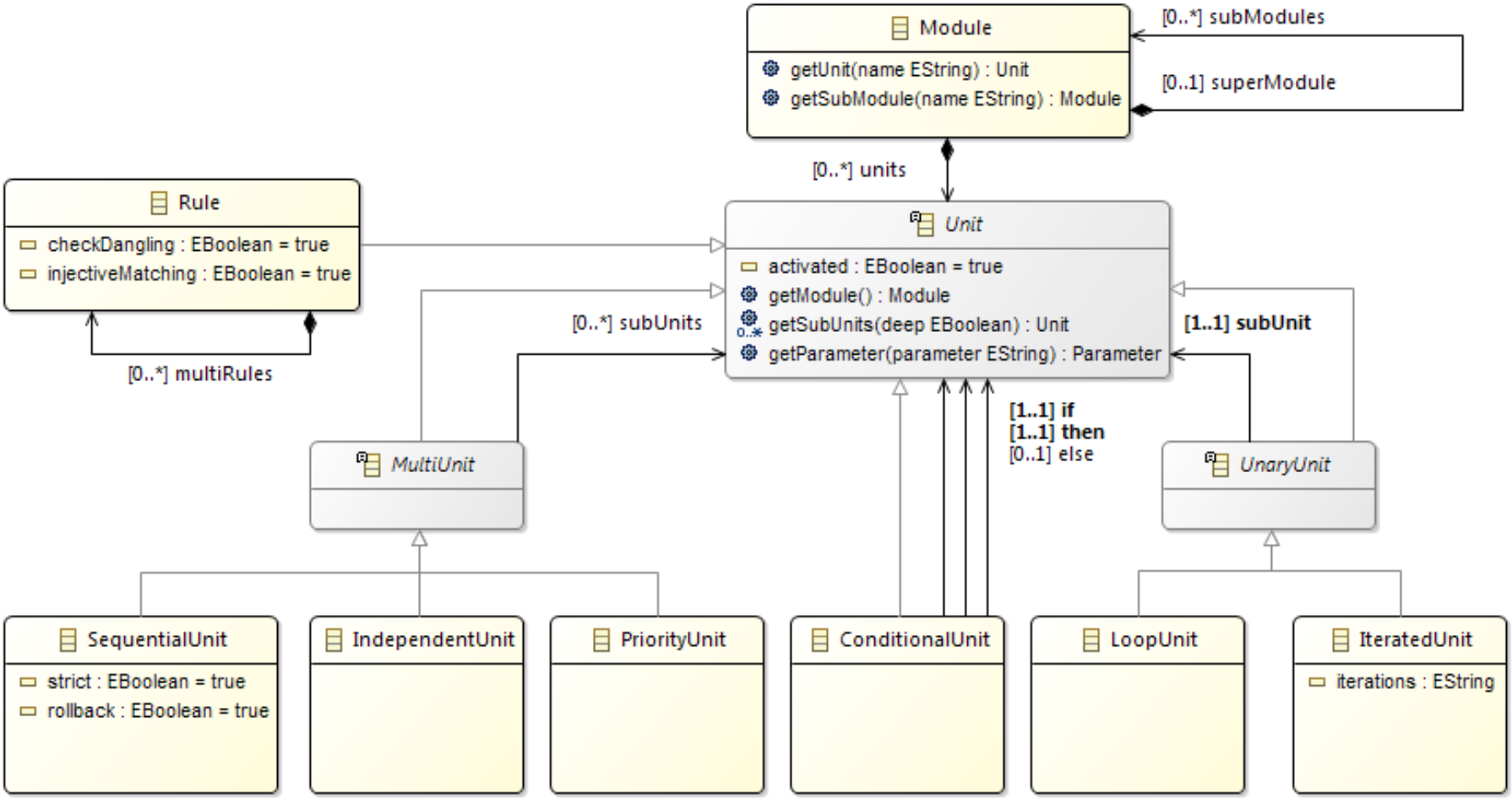
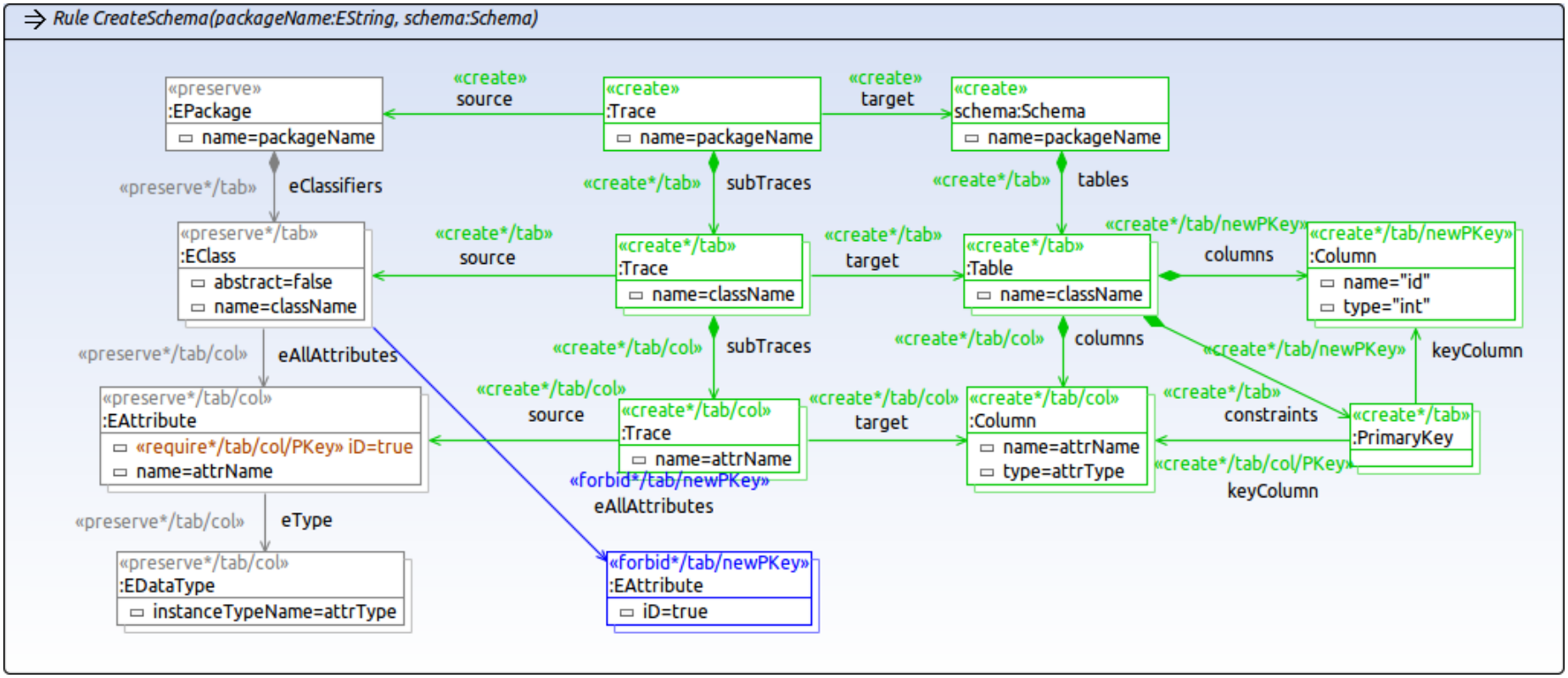


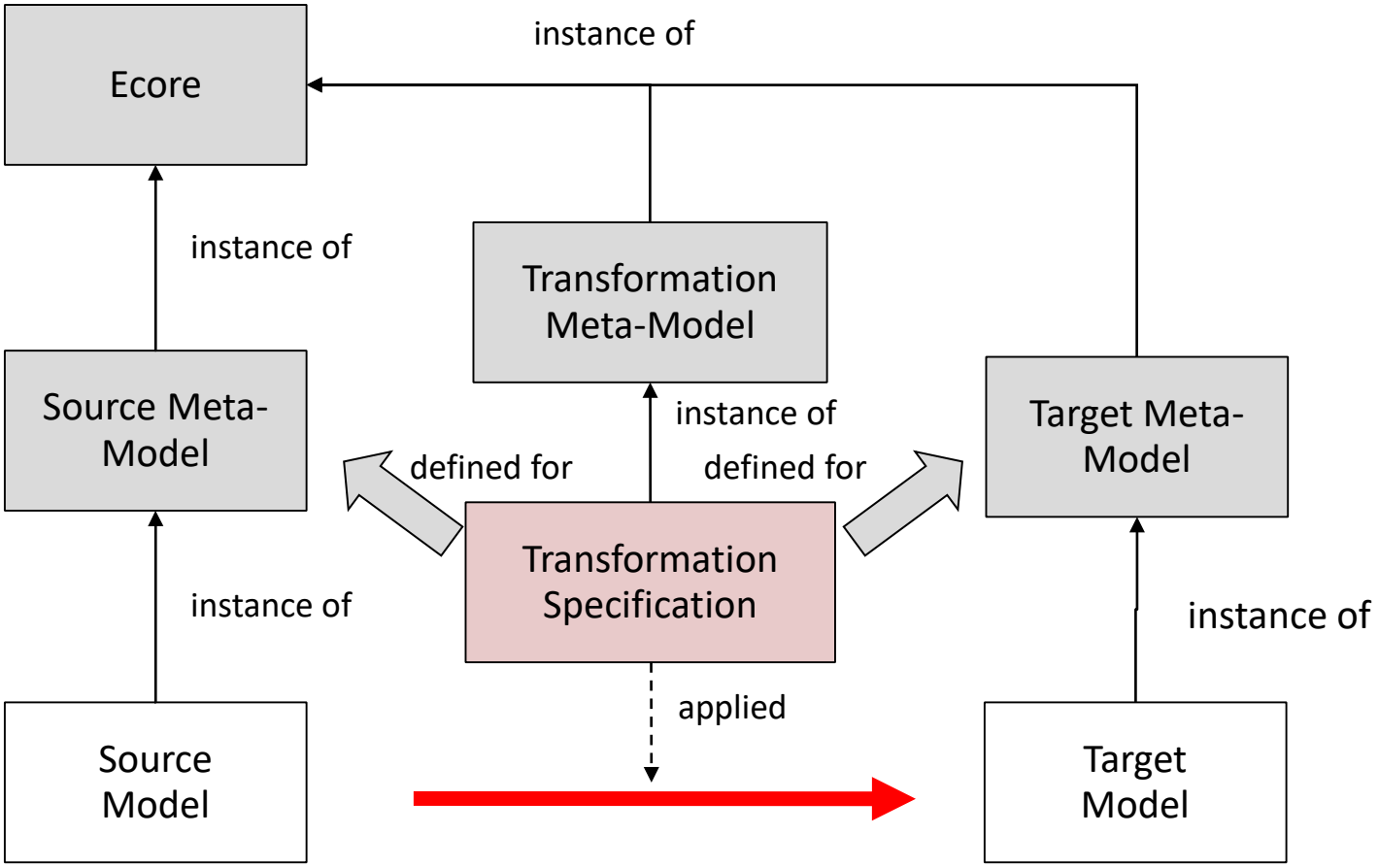
Exogenous transformations (model translation)

Metamodel → Relational database schema

Henshin Trace meta-model
- Establishes traceability
- Supports containment of traces



Big picture: Model transformations based on the Eclipse Modeling Framework (EMF)



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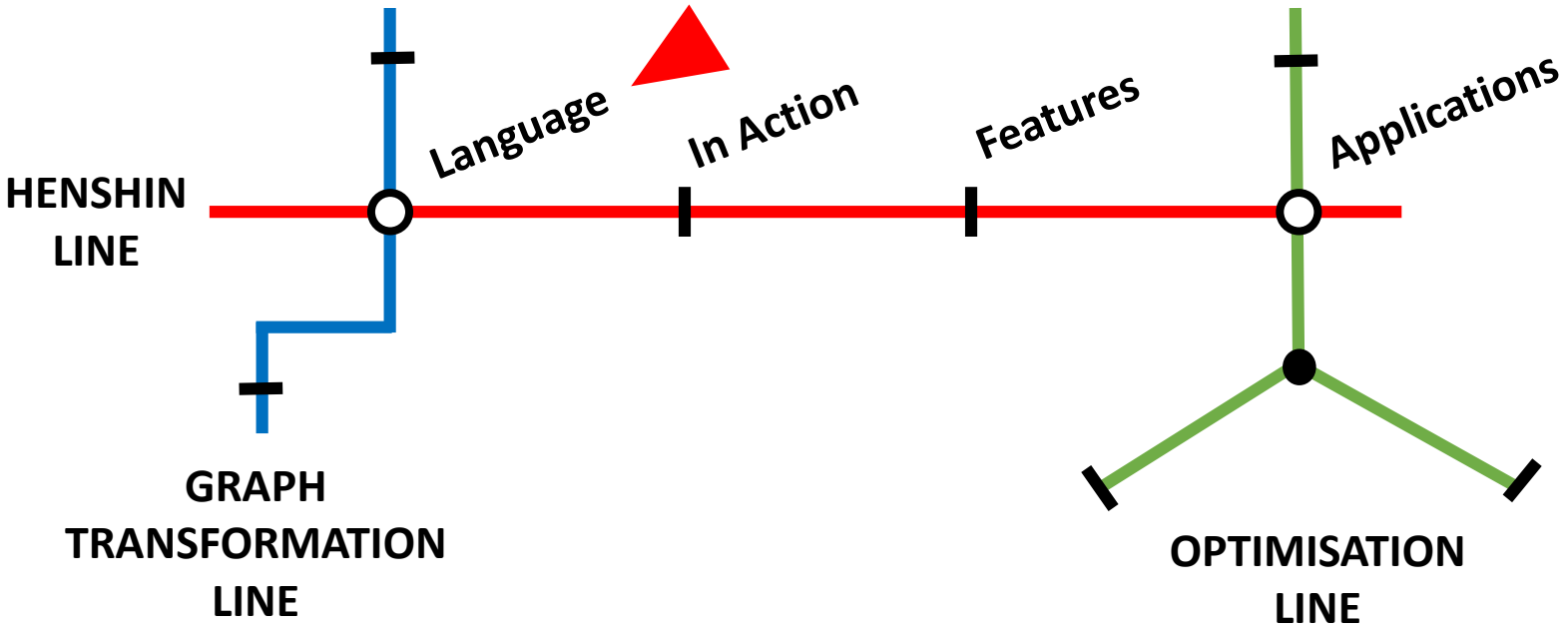

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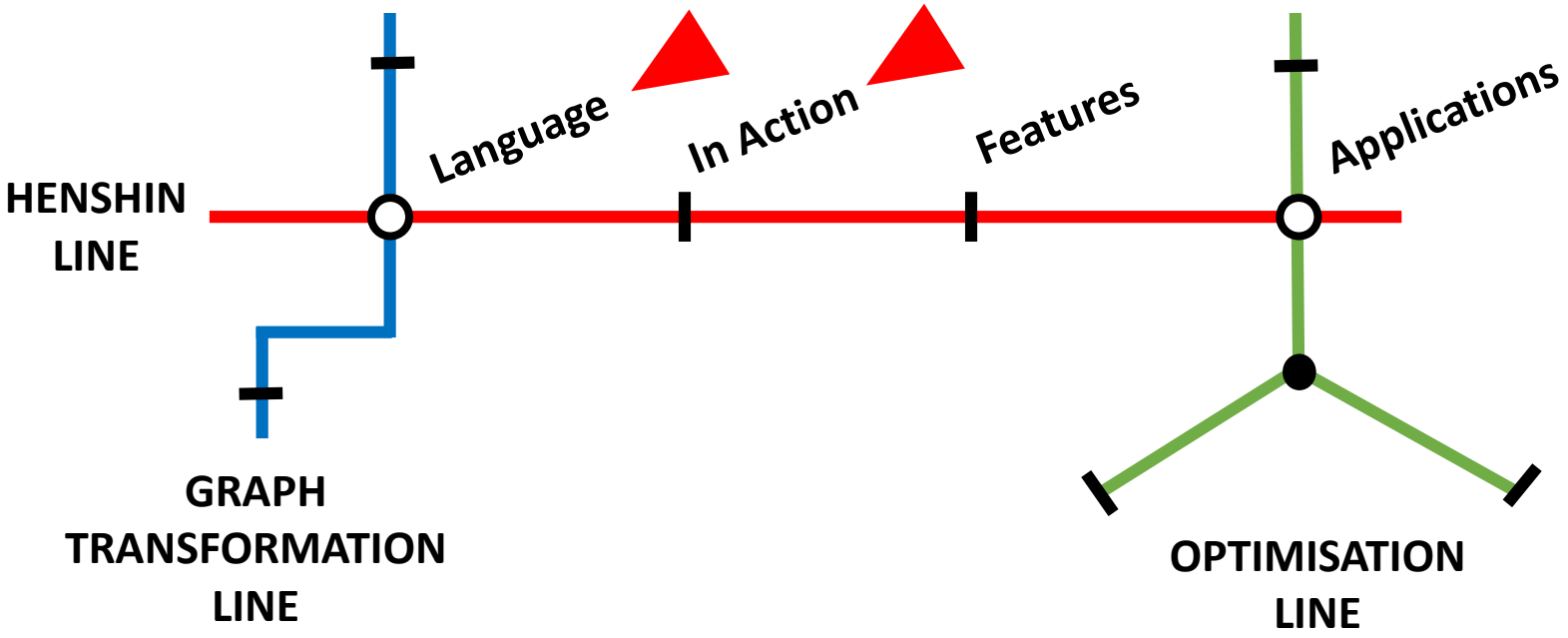

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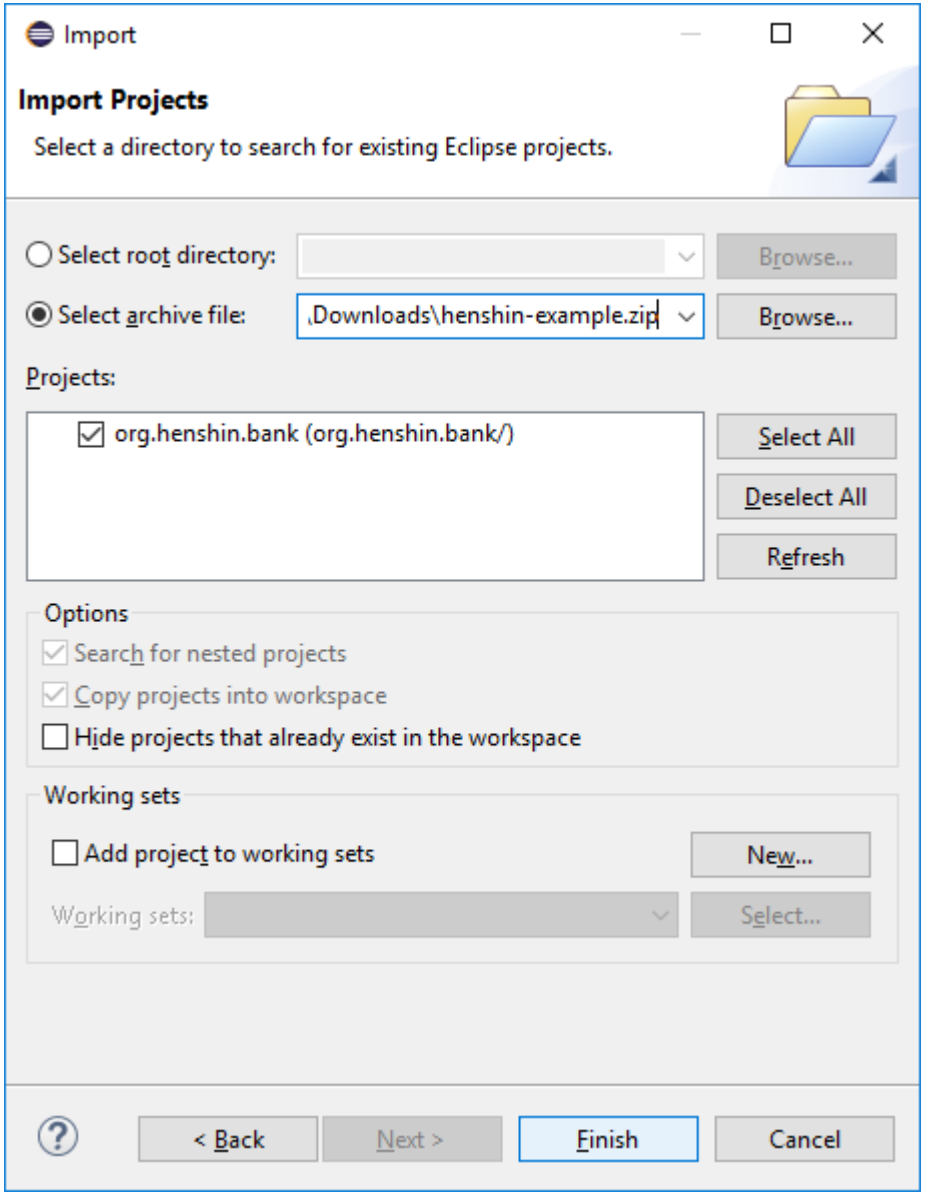
Import project

- In Eclipse, do *File* → *Import…* → *General* → *Existing Projects Into Workspace* → *Next*
- Do *Select Archive File* → Choose **henshin-example.zip**
- The dialog should now look like the image to the right
- Click *Finish*
- The project *org.henshin.bank* should appear in the Package Explorer



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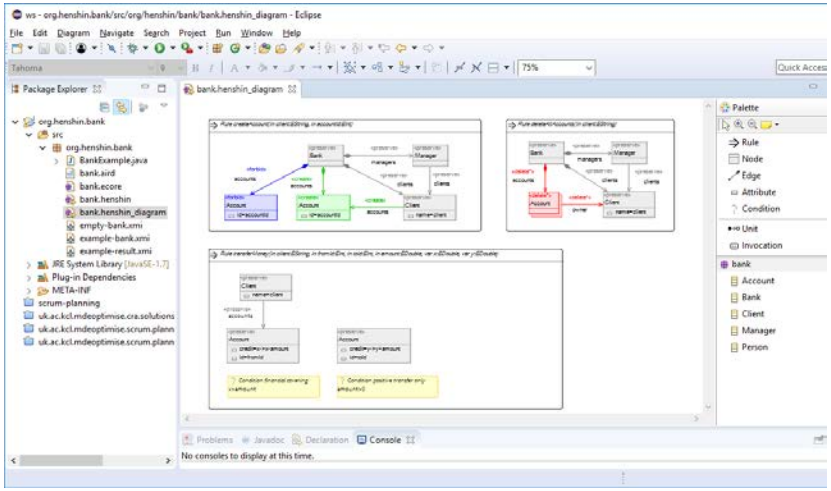
View rules (and related files)

- In the Package Explorer, inspect the imported project: Navigate tofolder **src/org.henshin.bank**.

- Have a look at the files, including the meta-model **bank.ecore,** its visualization **bank.aird** and example models like **example-bank.xmi** (without visualization).

- Open **bank.henshin_diagram**. The example rules are now shown in Henshin‘s graphical editor. You can use this editor to modify and edit rules.



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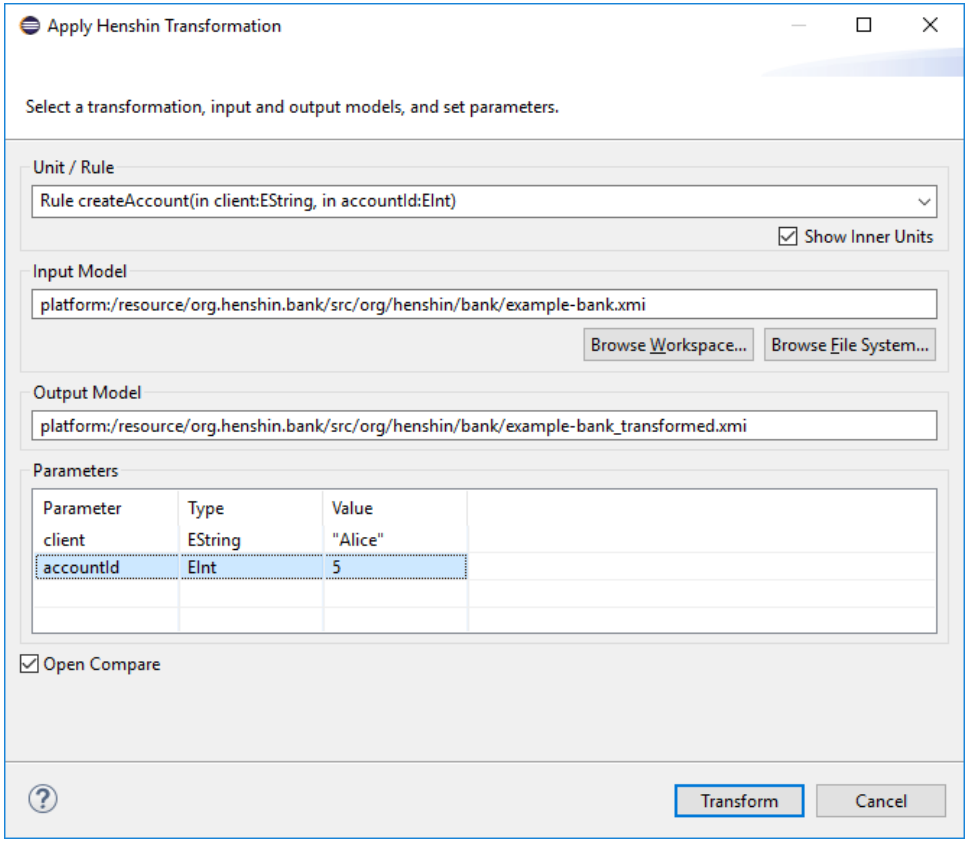
Apply rules using the Interpreter Wizard

To apply the rule **createAccount** to the model **example-bank.xmi**:

- In Package Explorer, right-click on *bank.henshin -> Henshin -> Apply transformation*
- In the dialog, use *Browse Workspace…* to select *example-bank.xmi*
- Use the suggested output model, and enter parameter values *“Alice“* and *5* (see figure)
- Click on *Transform*



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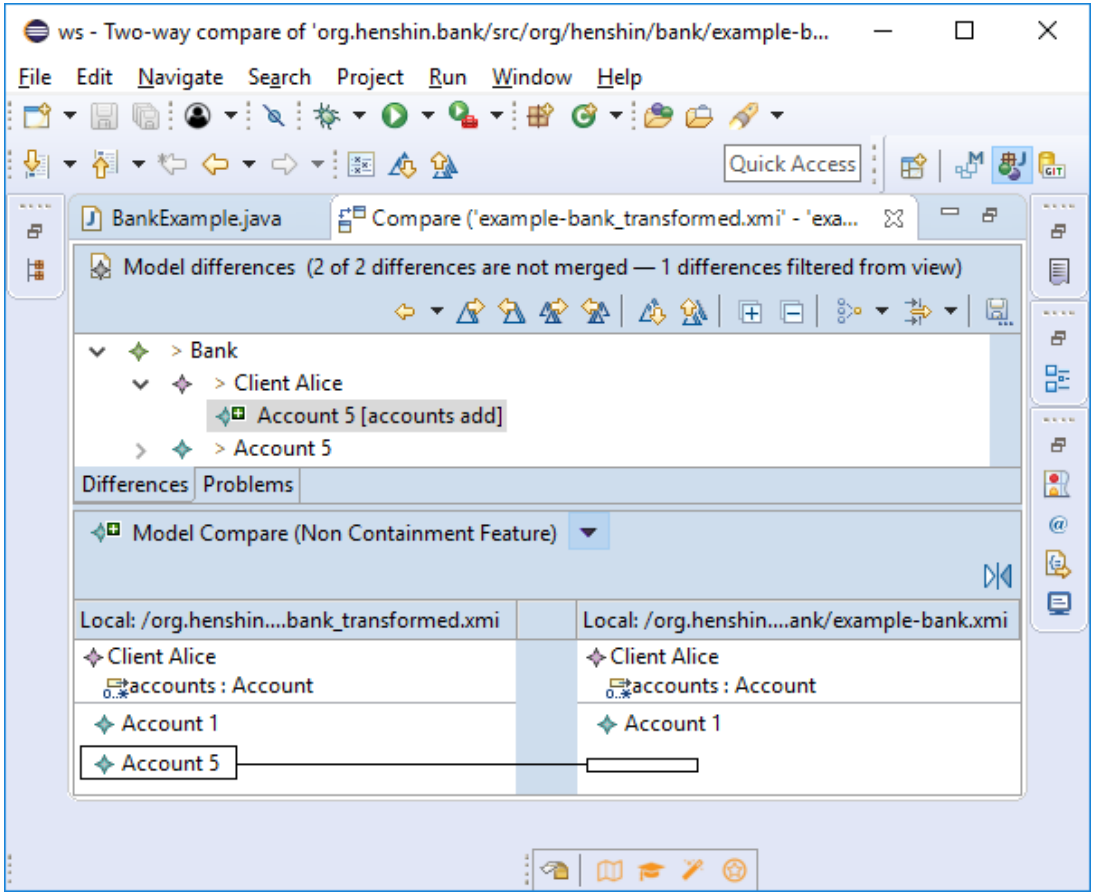
- The result is saved to example-bank_transformed.xmi
- A Compare viewer opens automatically, allowing us to see the changes performed to the model.



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Execute rules from Java, using Interpreter API

Problem: Want to automate the application of rules - for example, when developing some refactoring tool on top of Henshin

Solution: The Interpreter API. Usage example in *BankExample.java*:

```
// Create a resource set with a base directory:
HenshinResourceSet resourceSet = new HenshinResourceSet(path);

// Load the module:
Module module = resourceSet.getModule("bank.henshin", false);

// Load the example model into an EGraph:
EGraph graph = new EGraphImpl(resourceSet.getResource("example-bank.xmi"));

// Create an engine and a rule application:
Engine engine = new EngineImpl();
UnitApplication createAccountApp = new UnitApplicationImpl(engine);
createAccountApp.setEGraph(graph);

// Creating a new account for Alice...
createAccountApp.setUnit(module.getUnit("createAccount"));
createAccountApp.setParameterValue("client", "Alice");
createAccountApp.setParameterValue("accountId", 5);
if (!createAccountApp.execute(null)) {
    throw new RuntimeException("Error creating account for Alice");
}
```

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Roll your own rule

Task 1: *PayLongtimeBonus*: Add 10$ to an account whose ID is lower than 5

Task 2: *FireUnproductiveManager*: Delete from a given bank a manager who is not assigned to any customers

Hints:

- To **create a parameter or variable** in a rule, double-click the rule‘s title bar and change the list after the rule name (in round brackets)
- To **change the action of an element** (e.g. from preserve to delete), double-click on the action in the graphical editor, and type in the new action

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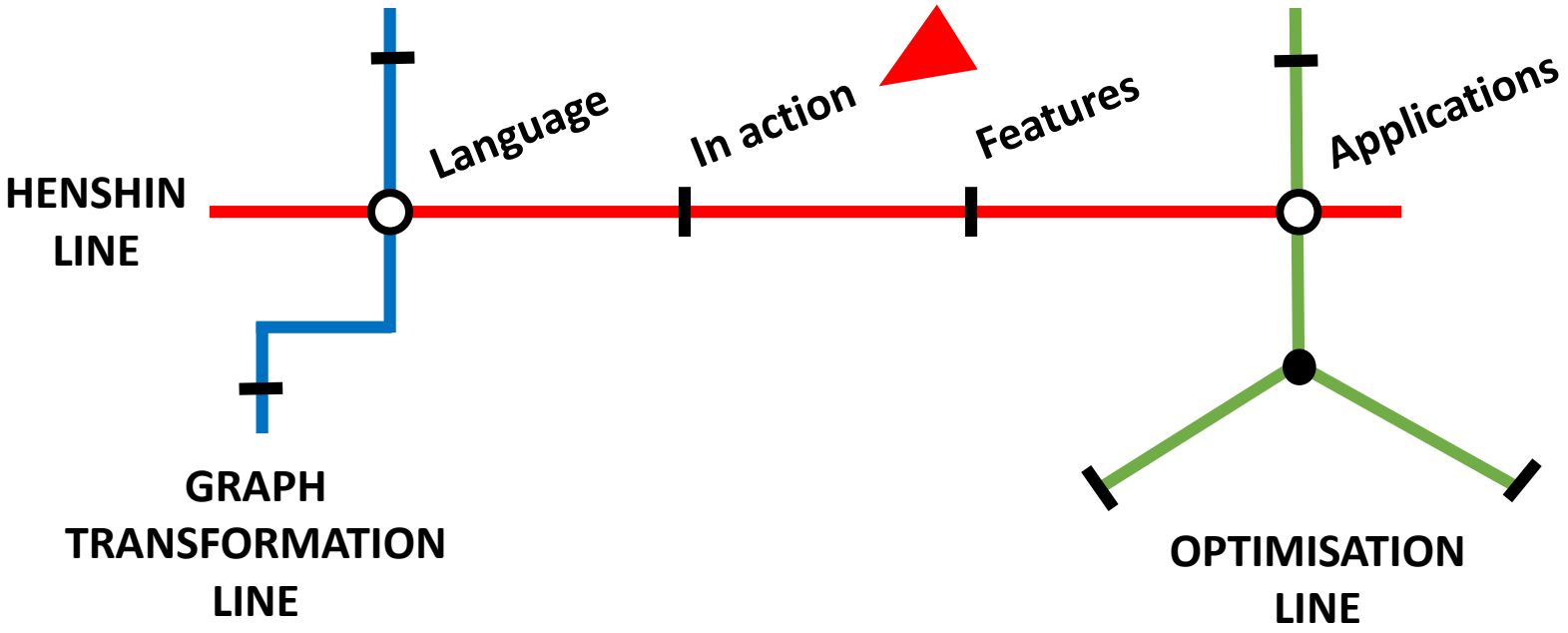

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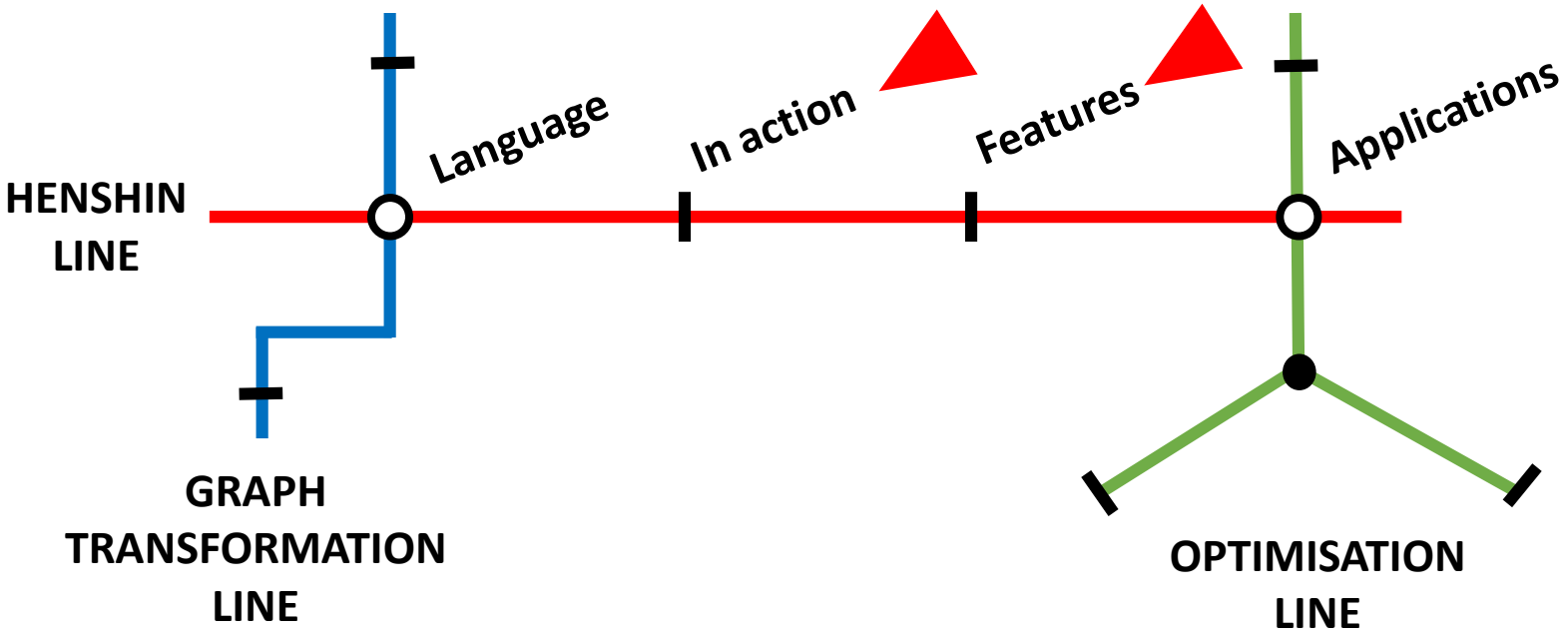

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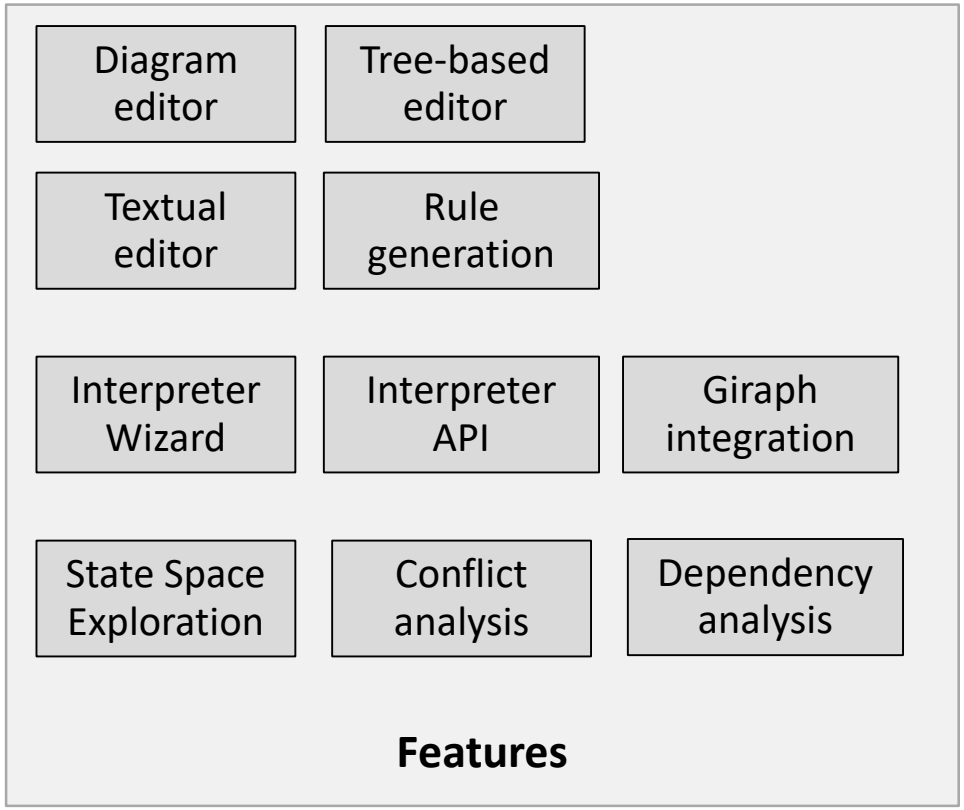

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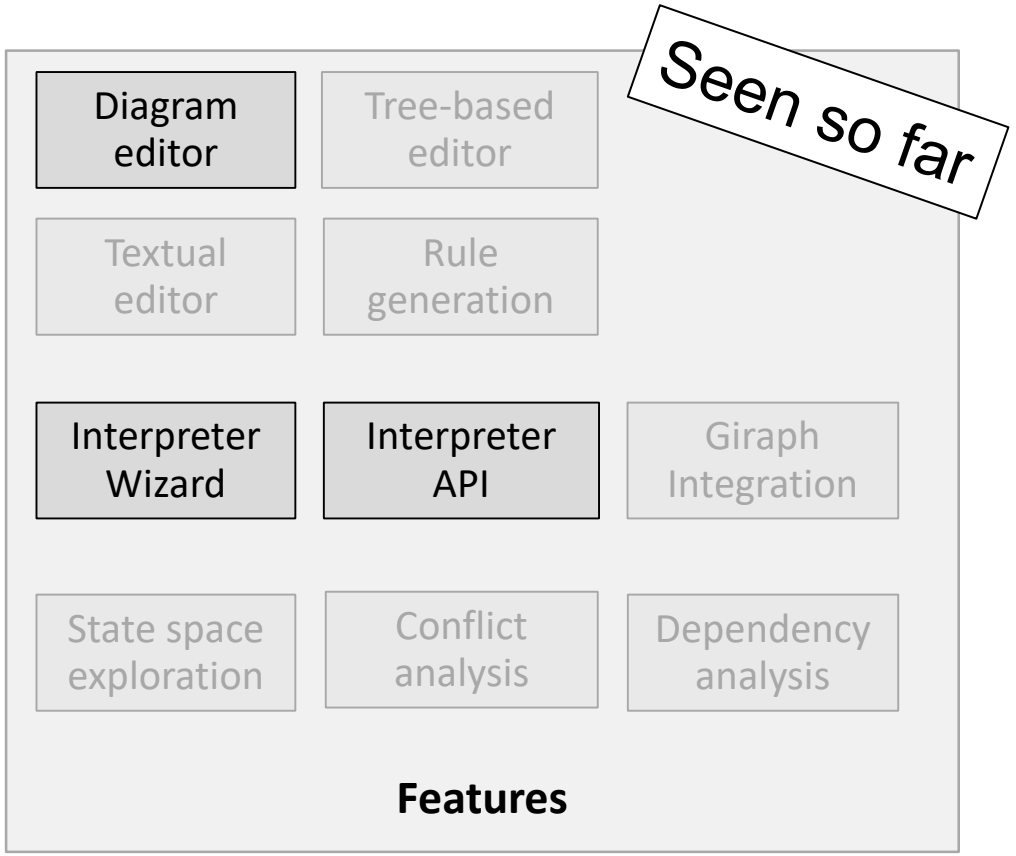

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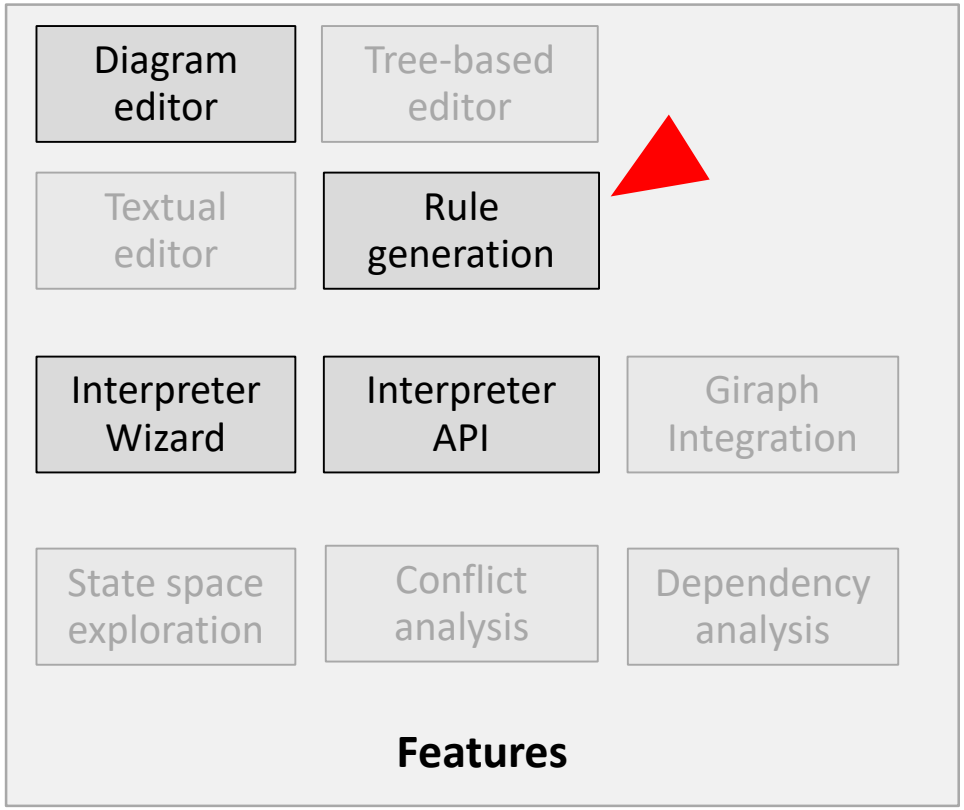
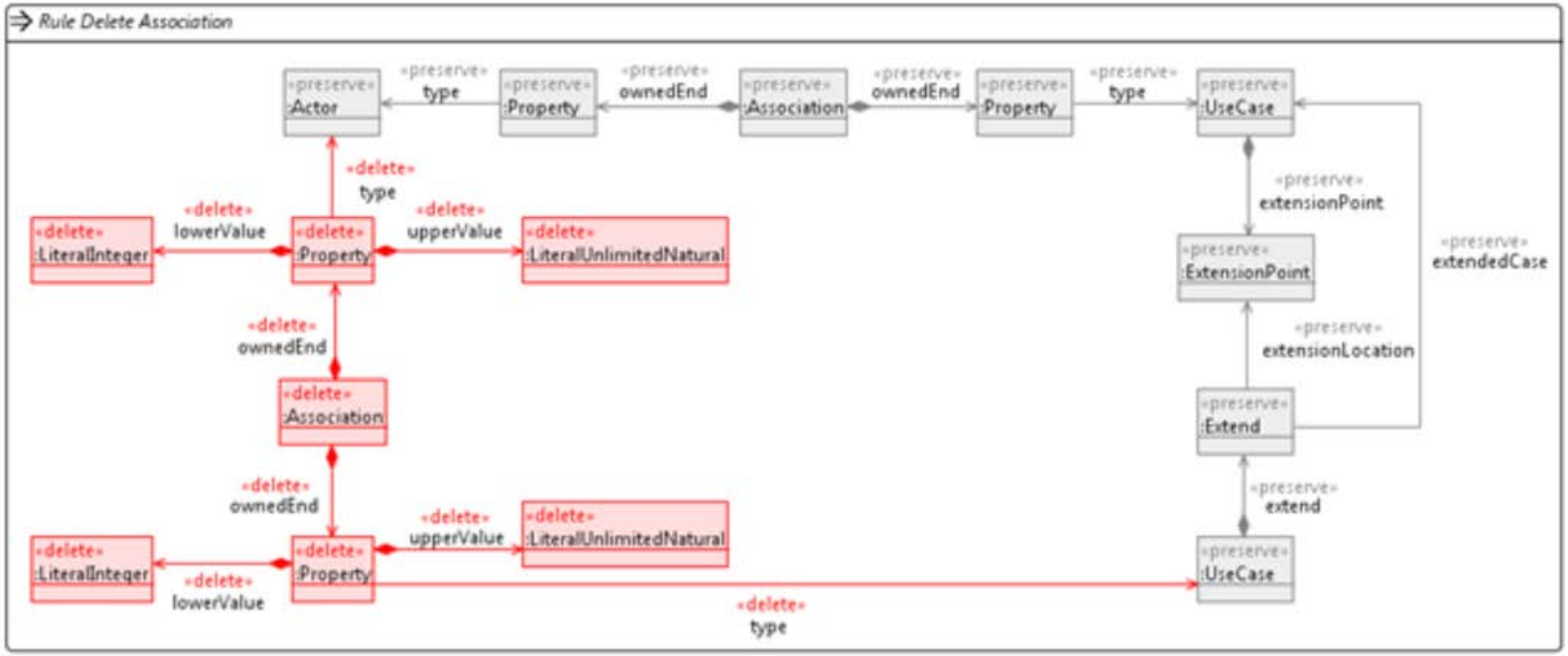
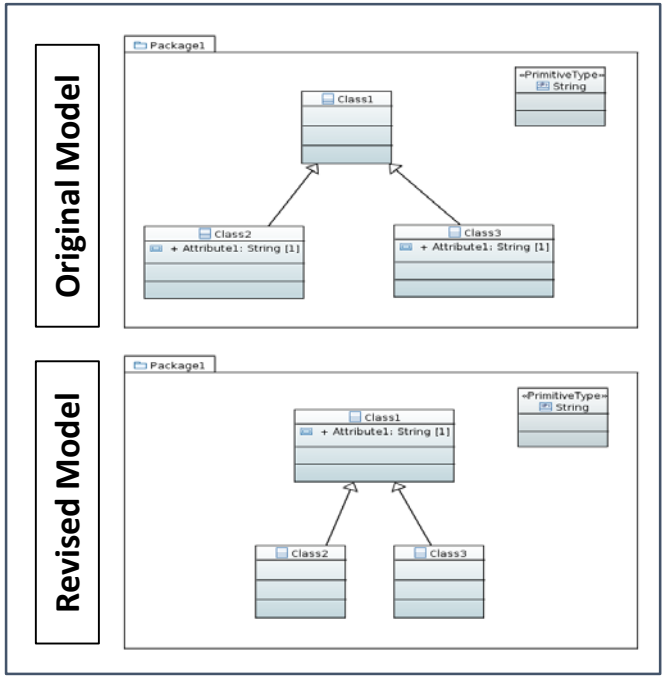


Problem: defining complex rules takes effort

Deleting an association in a UML model



Solution: generate rules from examples



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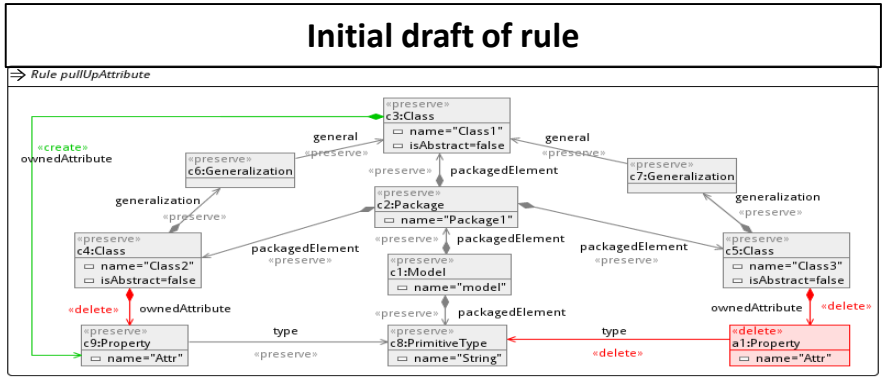

- Use familiar graphical editors to define model pair: original-revised
- Uses model comparison to identify identical elements
- First draft of rule: may need to add parameters, NACs etc.

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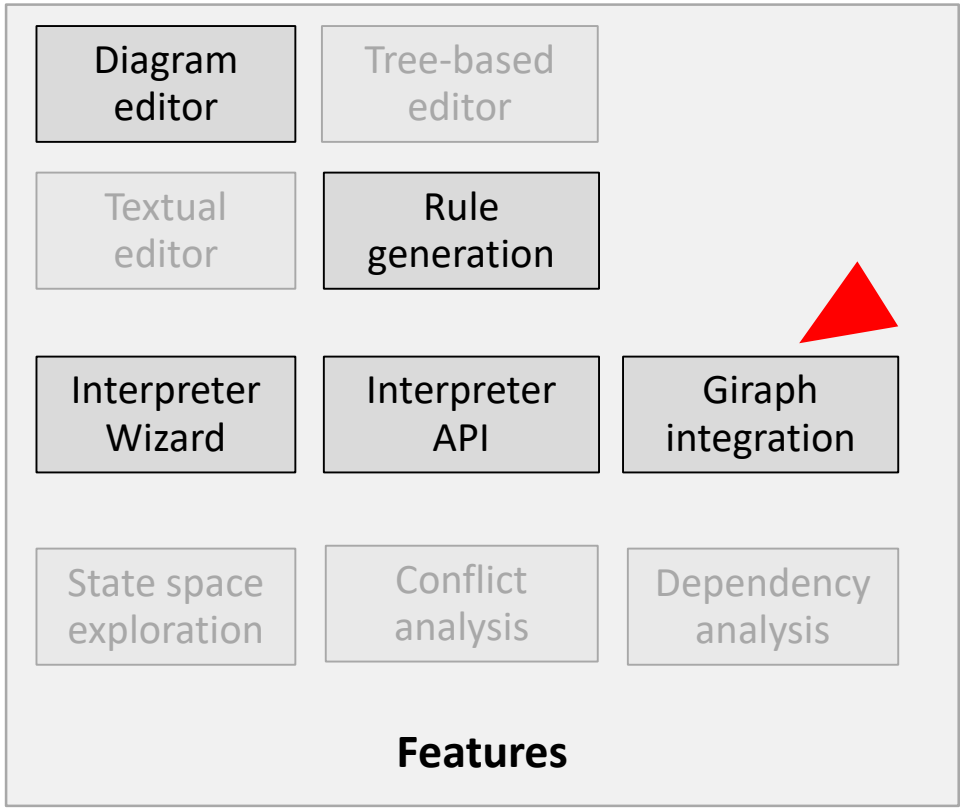
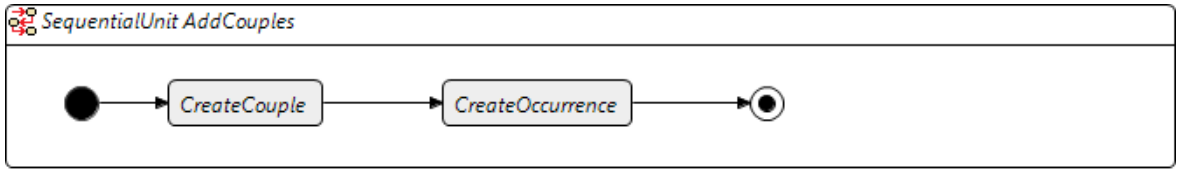
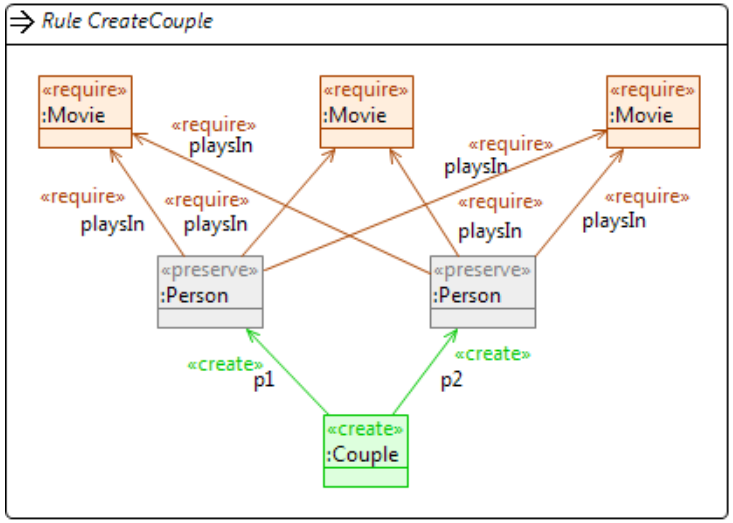
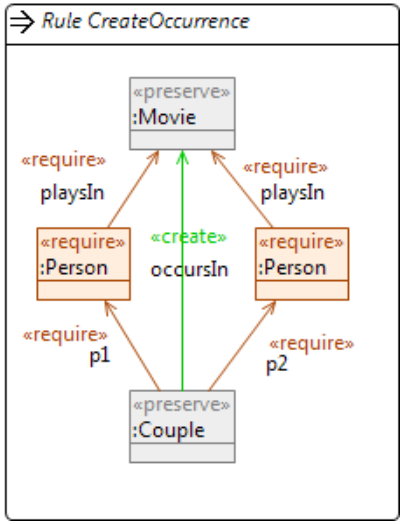


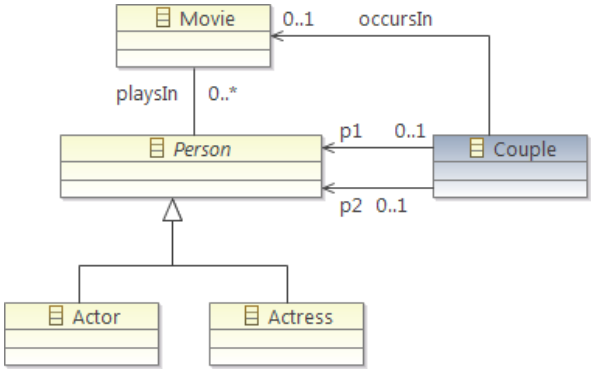
Problem: EMF does not scale to large models

Solution: Massive parallel model transformation with Giraph









Scales to IMDB data
924054 movies
1777656 male actors
980396 actresses

- Code generation for Apache Giraph
- Massive parallel execution
- Scales to millions of nodes and edges

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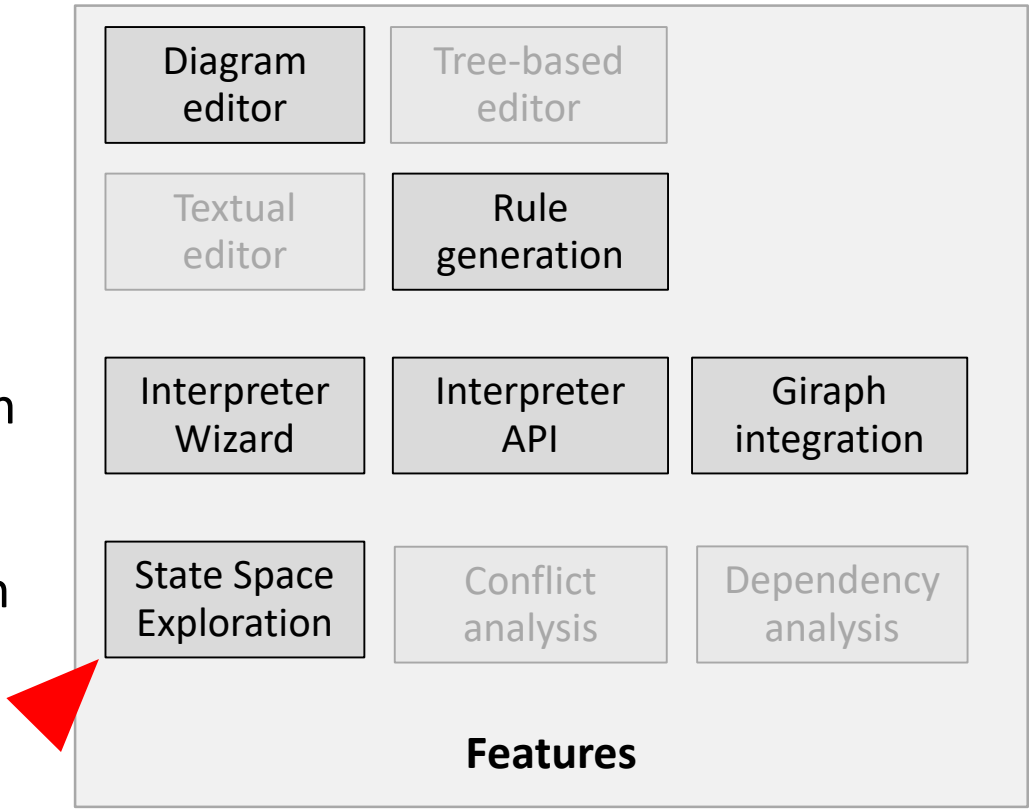

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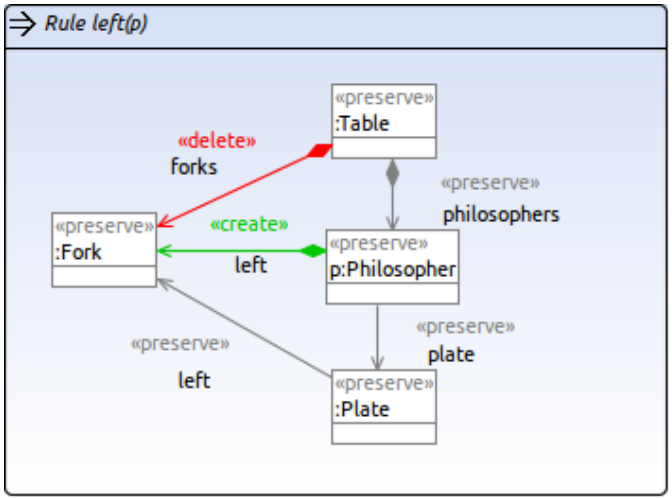

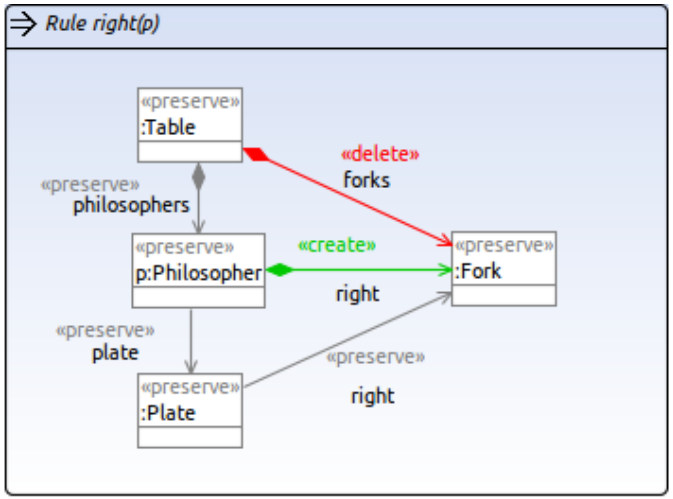

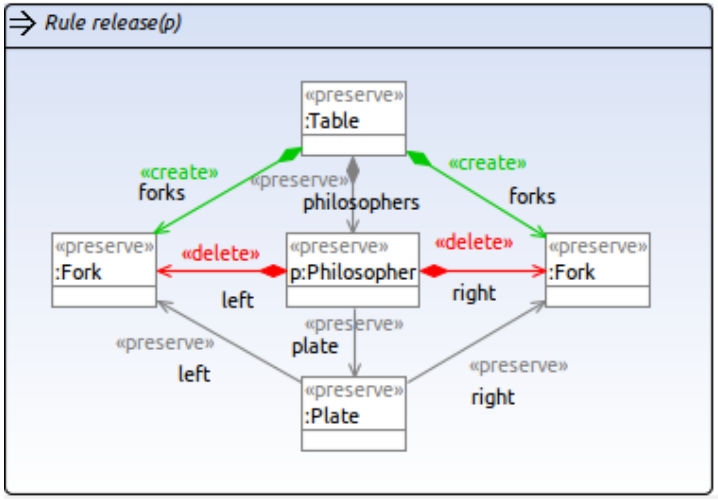

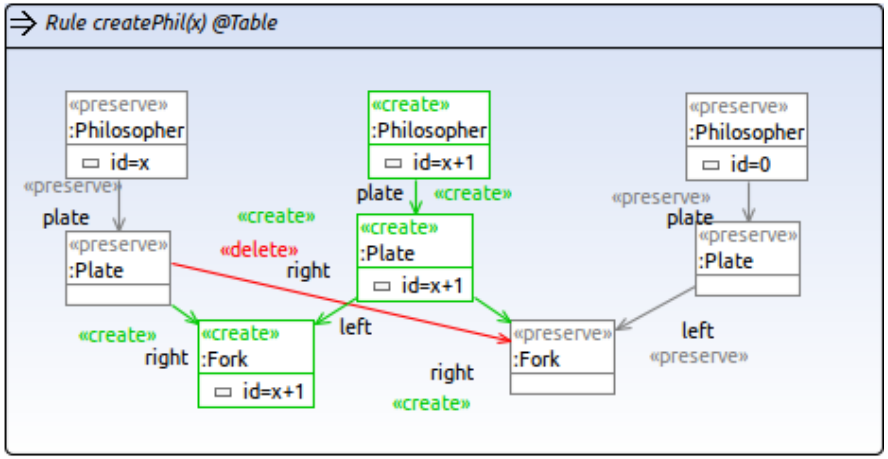

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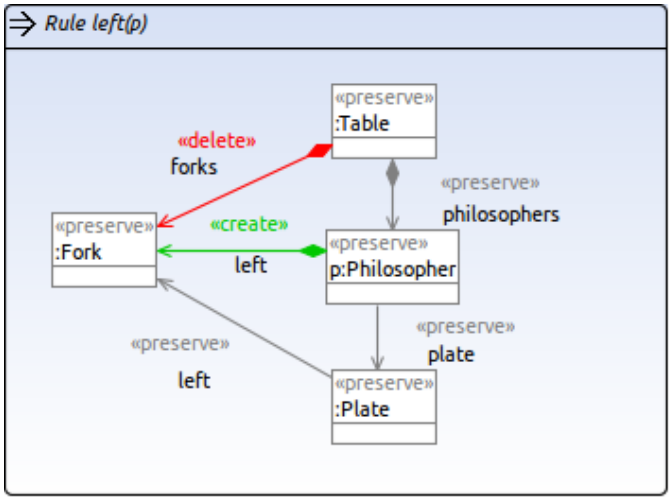

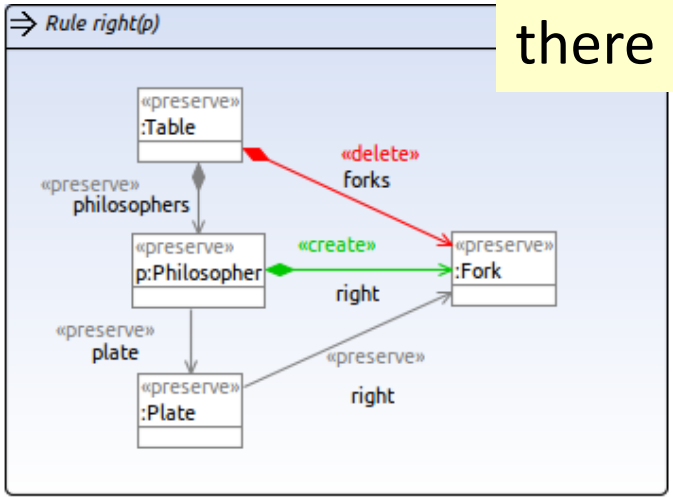

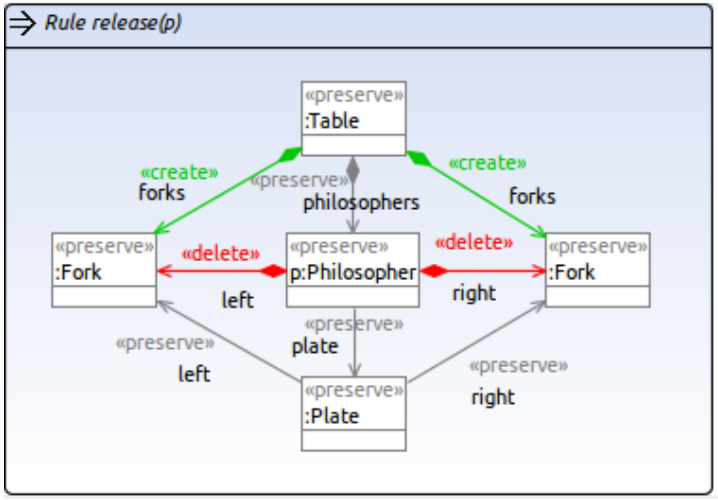

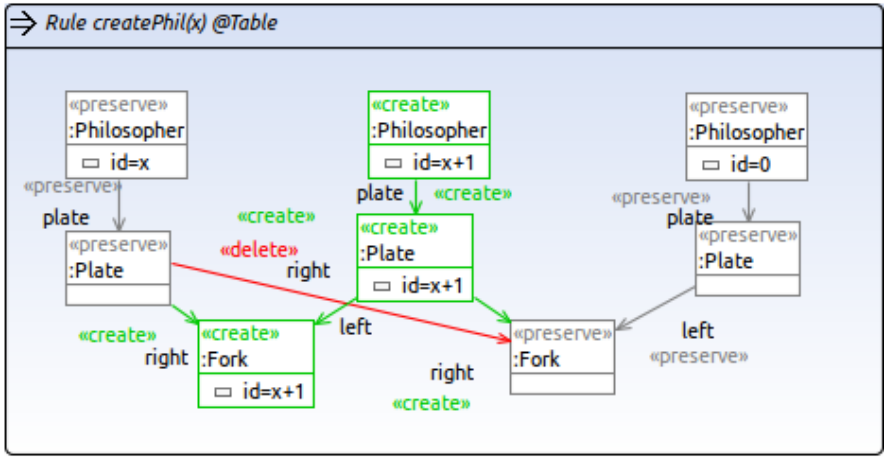

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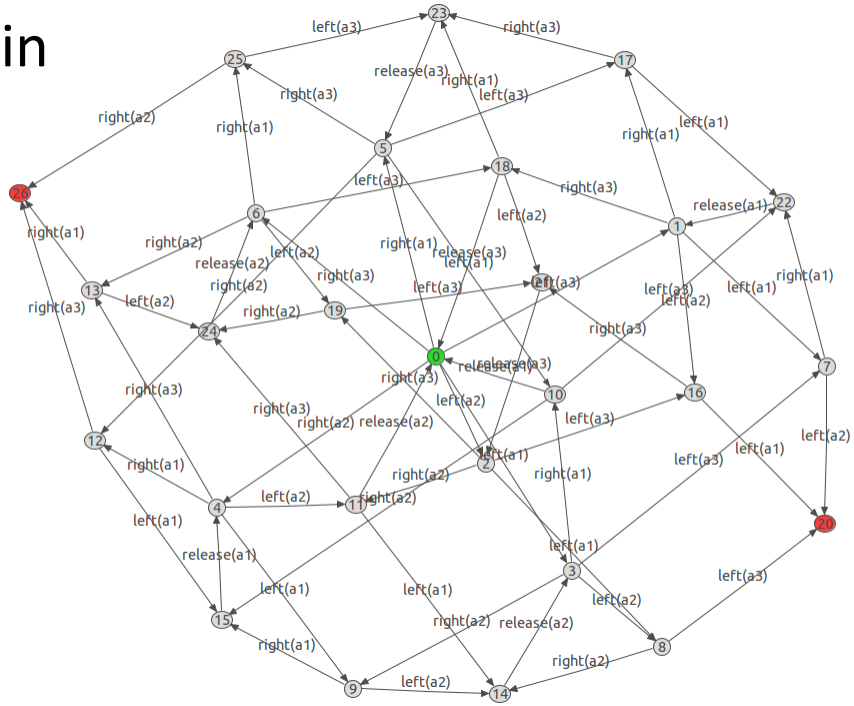

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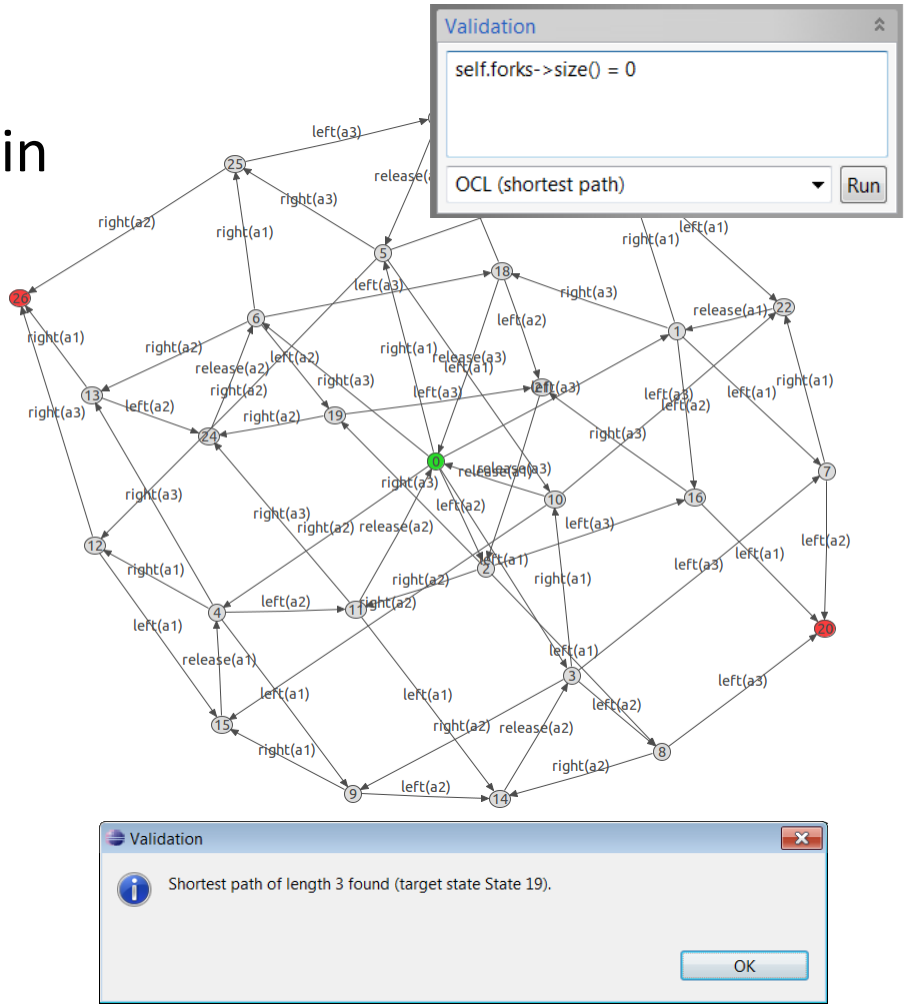

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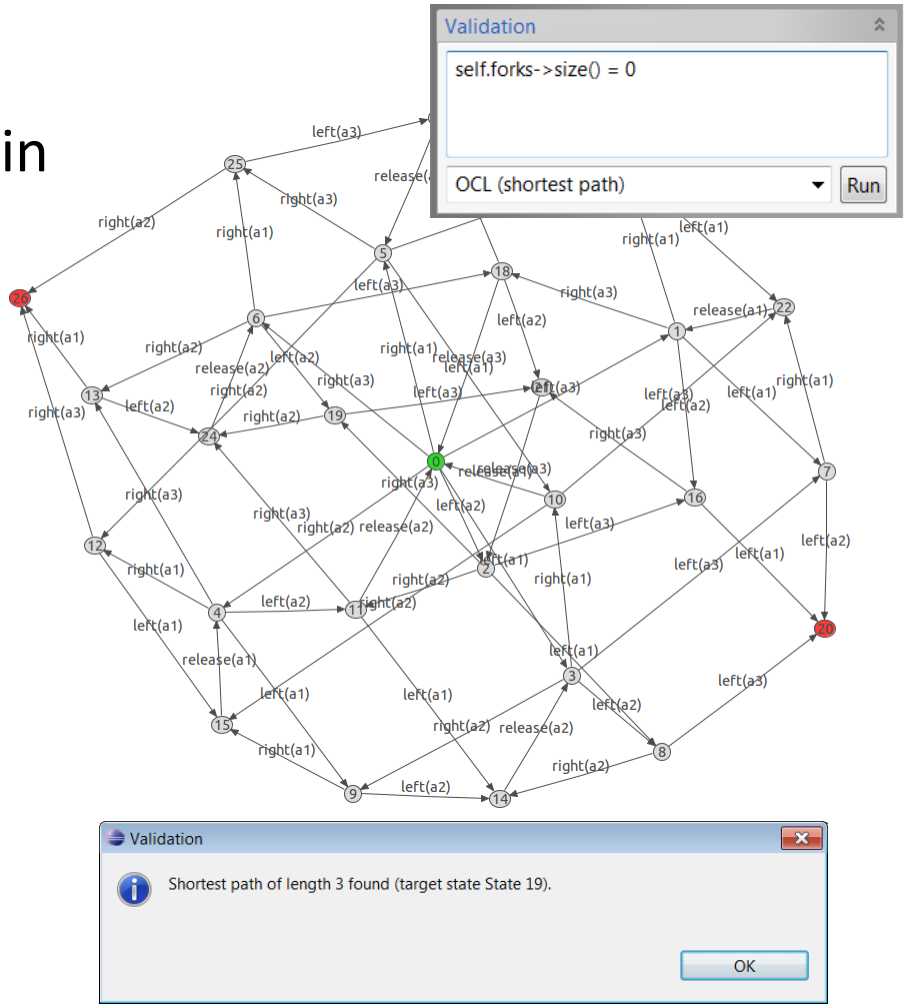

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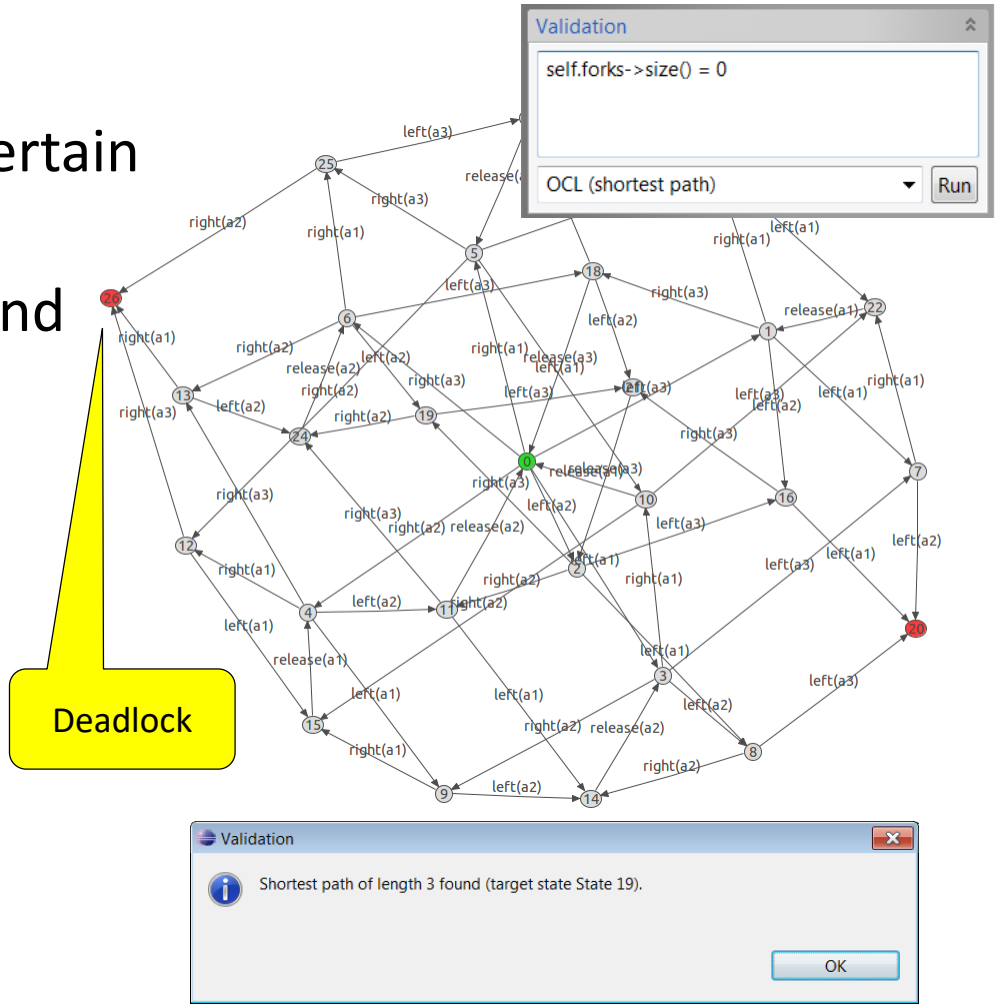

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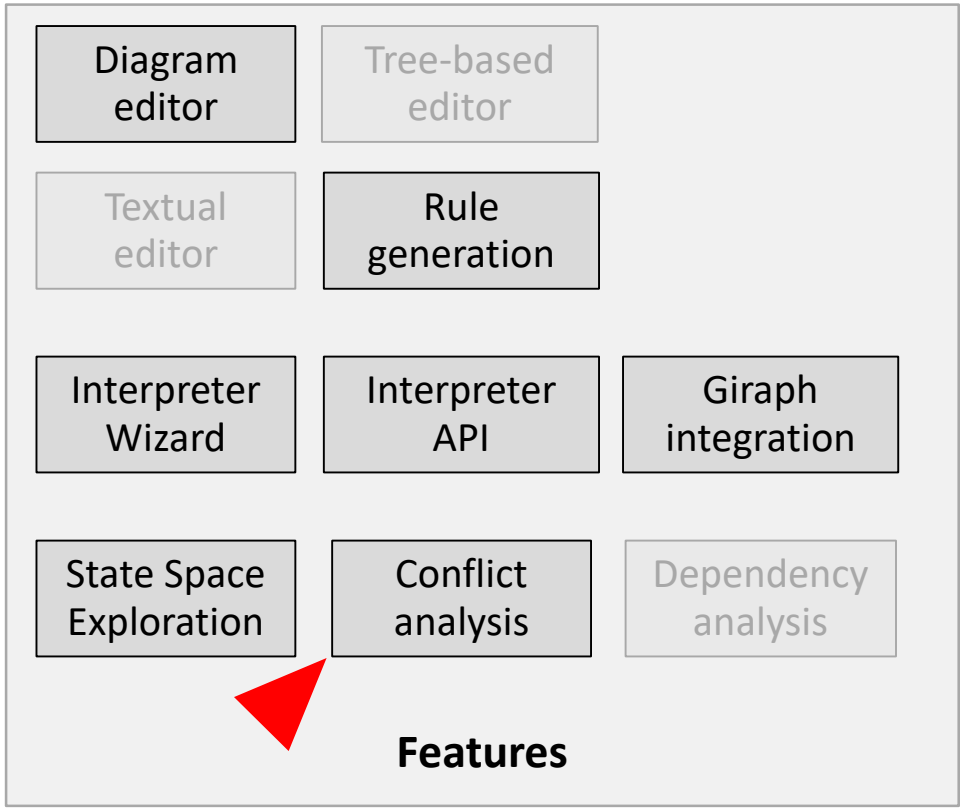

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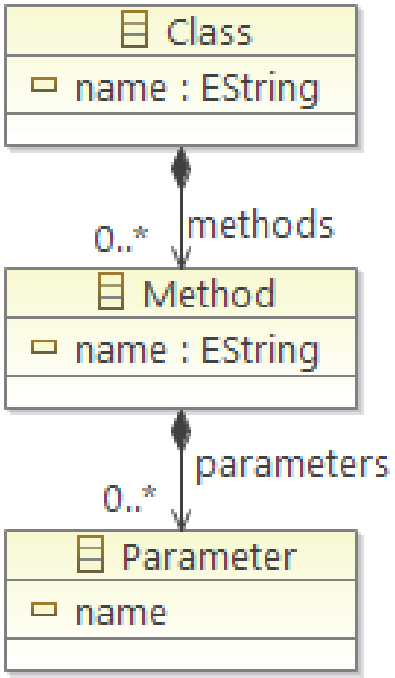

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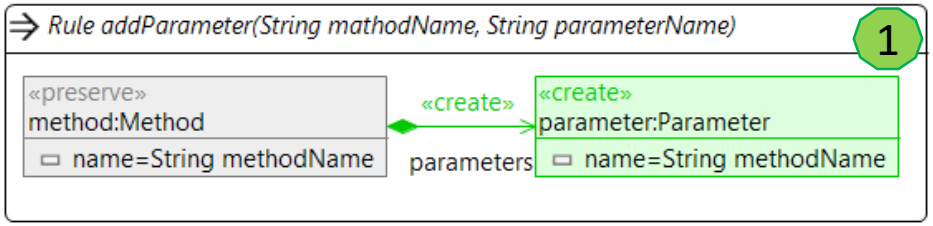

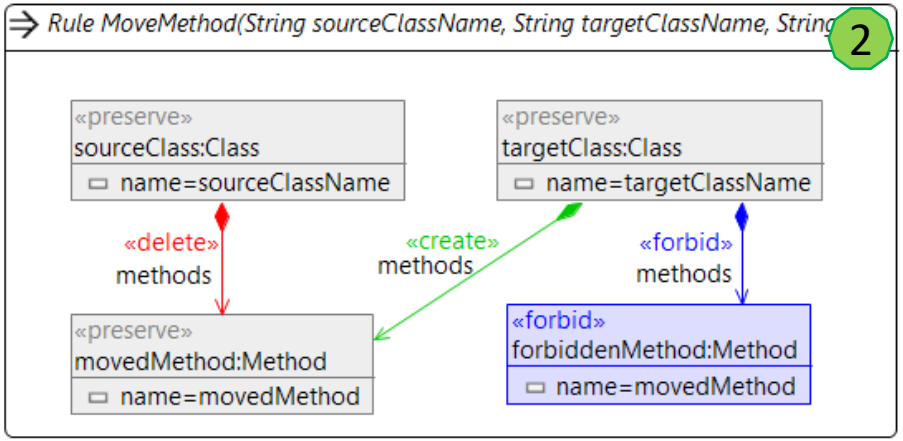

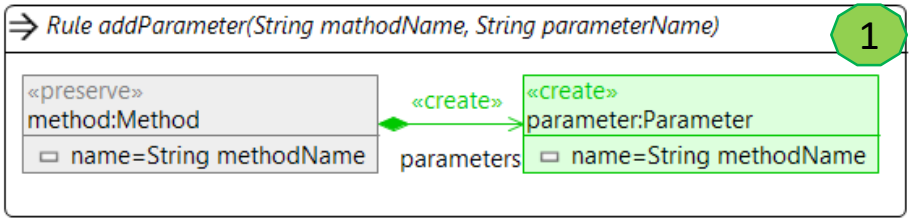
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name=String methodName
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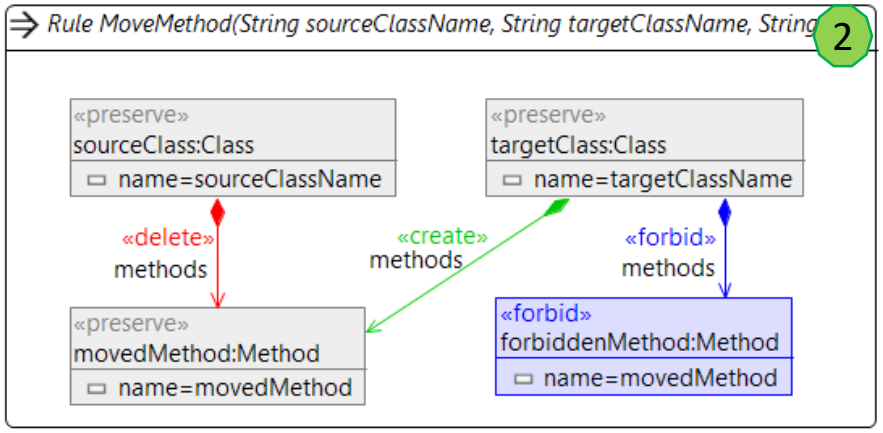
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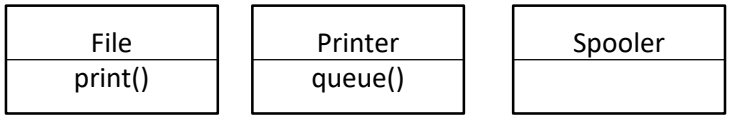
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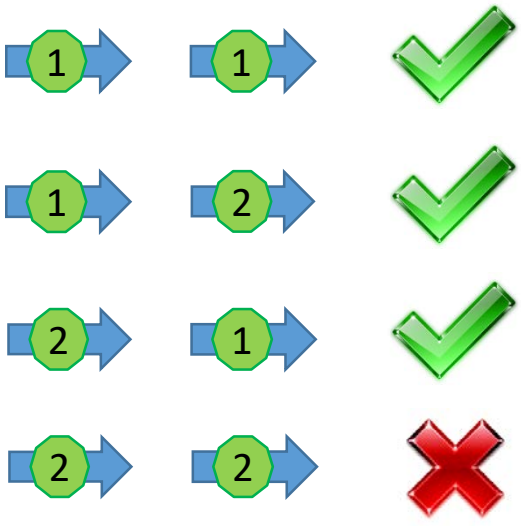
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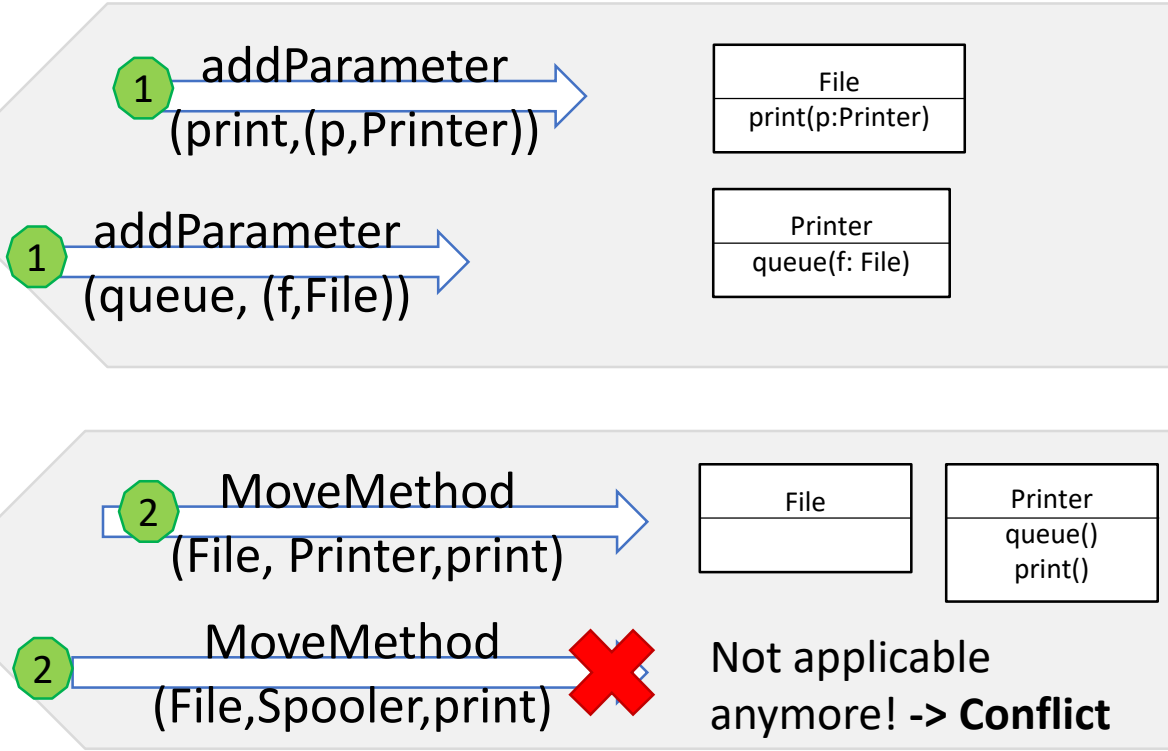
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Printer
queue(f: File)
2
MoveMethod
(File, Printer,print)
2
MoveMethod
(File,Spooler,print)
File
Printer
queue()
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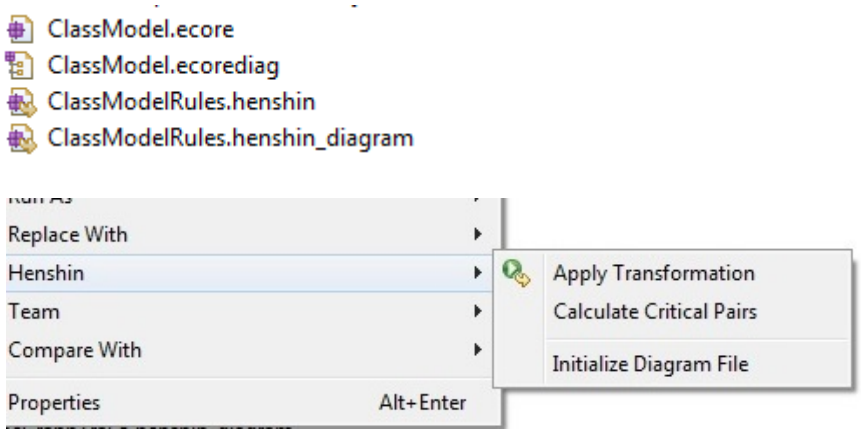
Not applicable
anymore! -> Conflict

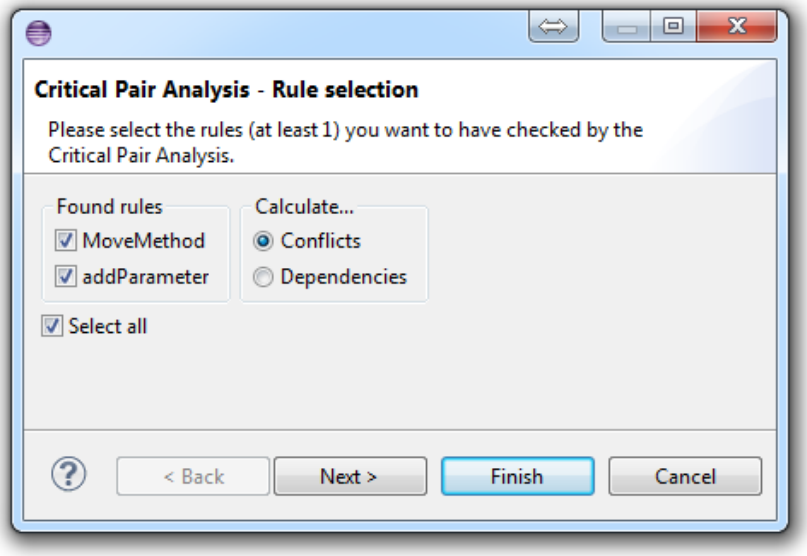
Conflict and dependency analysis

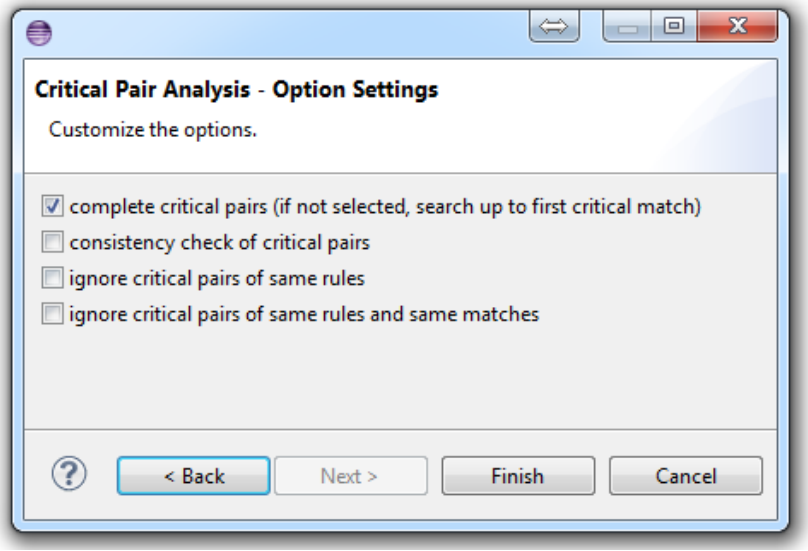
1. Input: meta-model + rules

2. Context menu ->
 Calculate Critical Pairs

3. Rule selection + options







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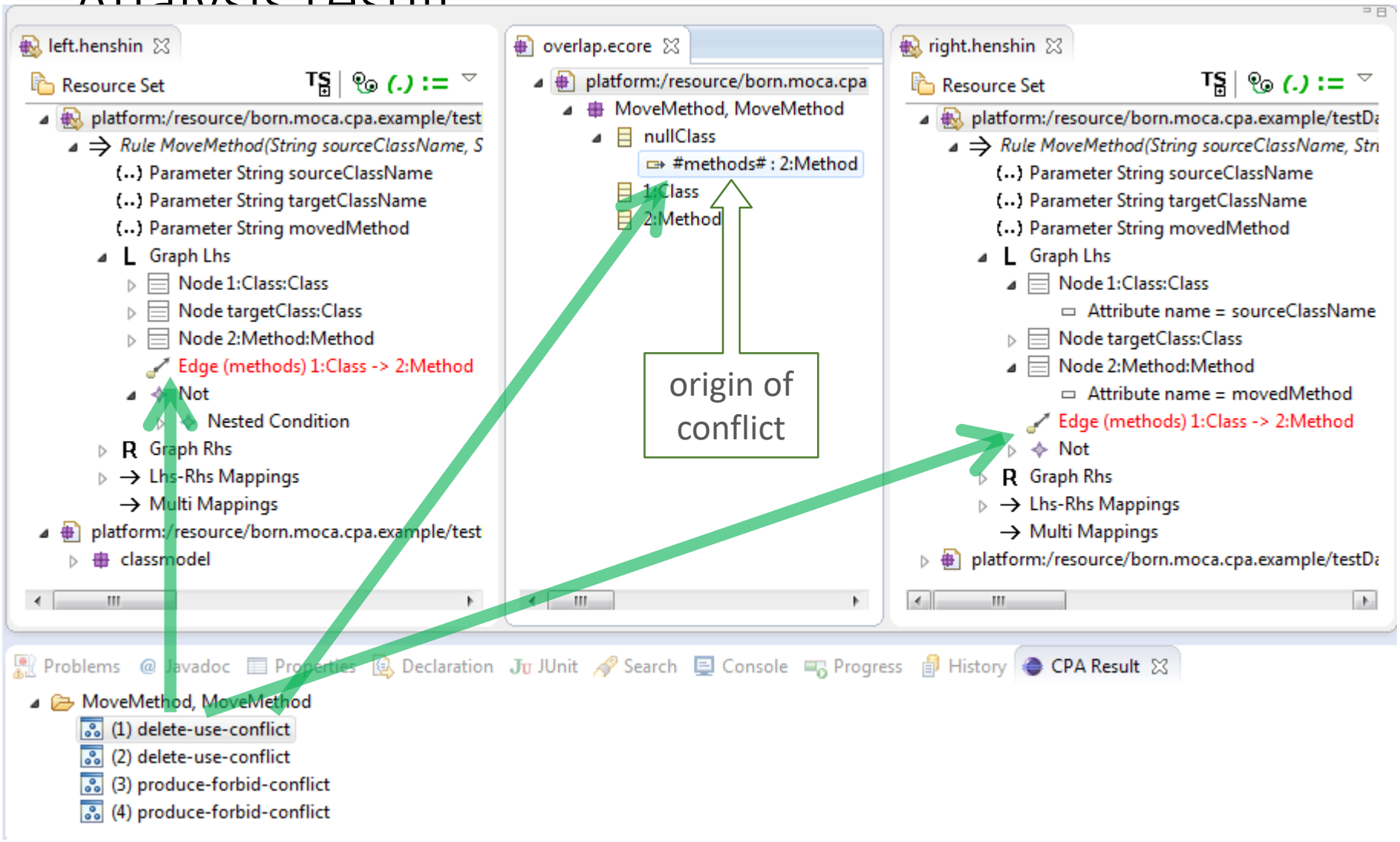

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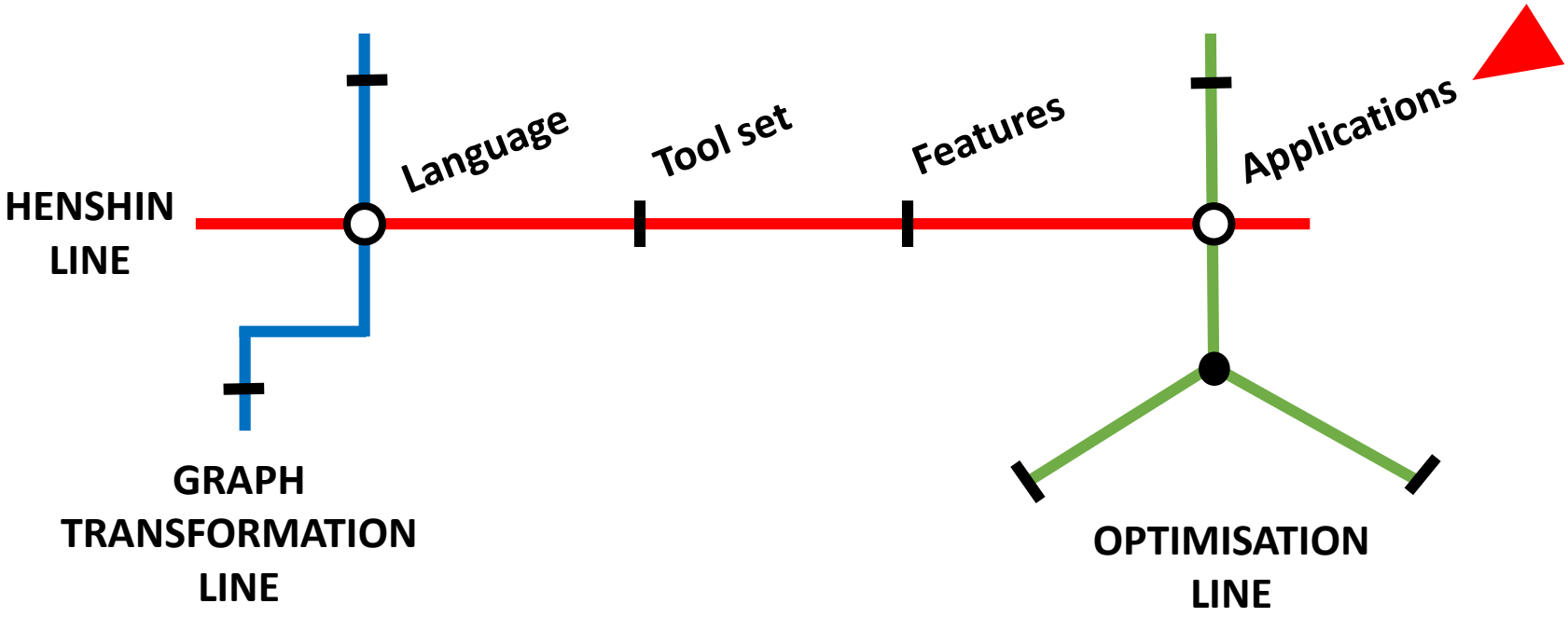

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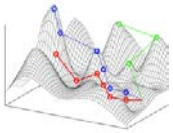
Applications

Can do many things with Henshin

- Model uncertainty
- Model-based security
- Model versioning
- Search-based model optimisation
- …



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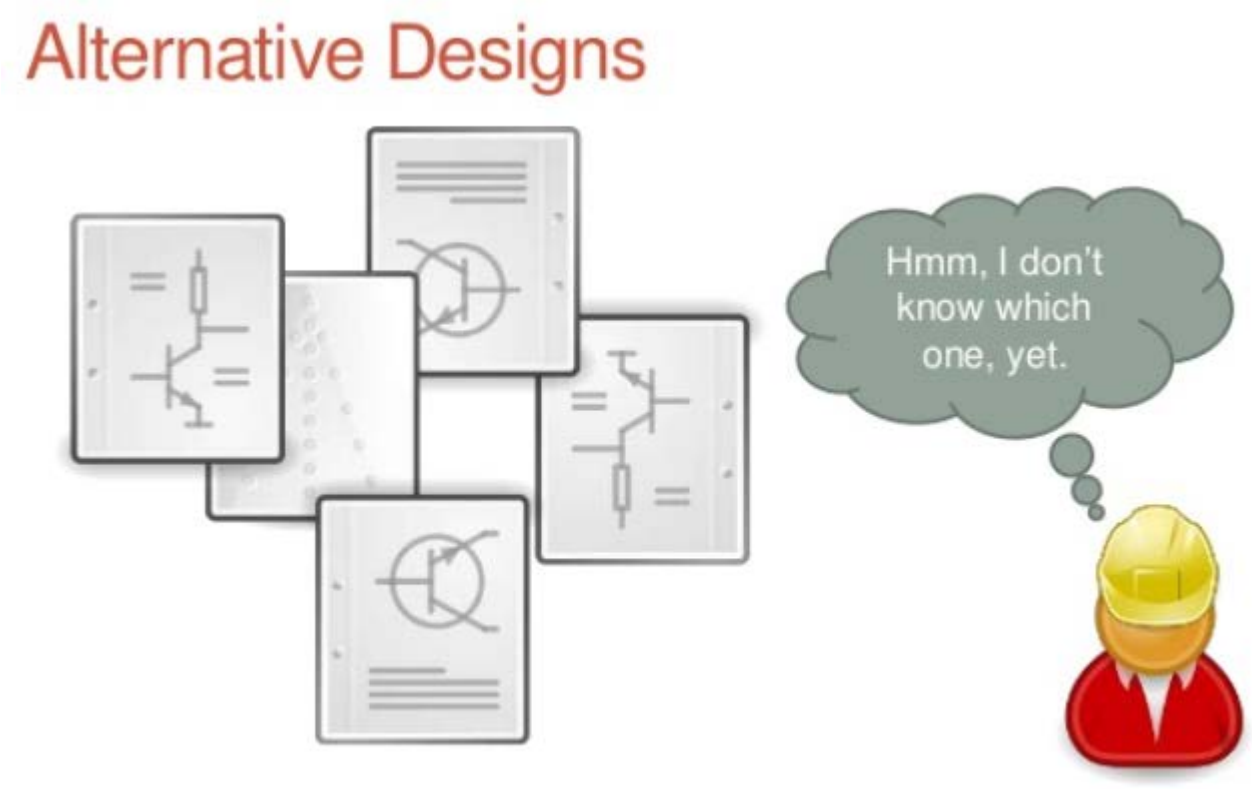

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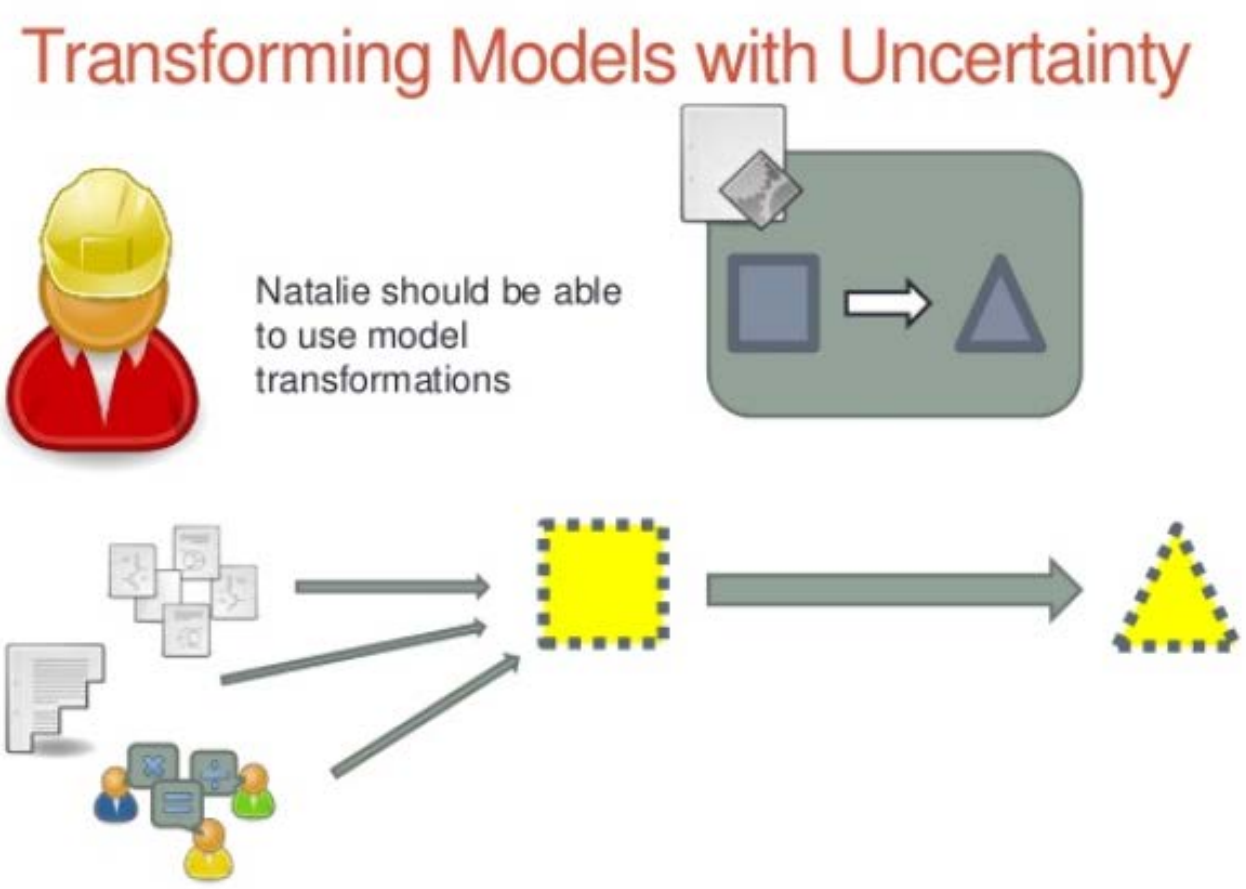

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Tool Support

- Reuse partial model implementation in MMTF (Eclipse / EMF)

- Algorithm implementation
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     - Henshin and the Z3 SMT solver
  2. *Transform the graph*
     - Henshin
  3. *Transform the formula*
     - Java (Z3 input strings)

Henshin emf

Z3

MMTF

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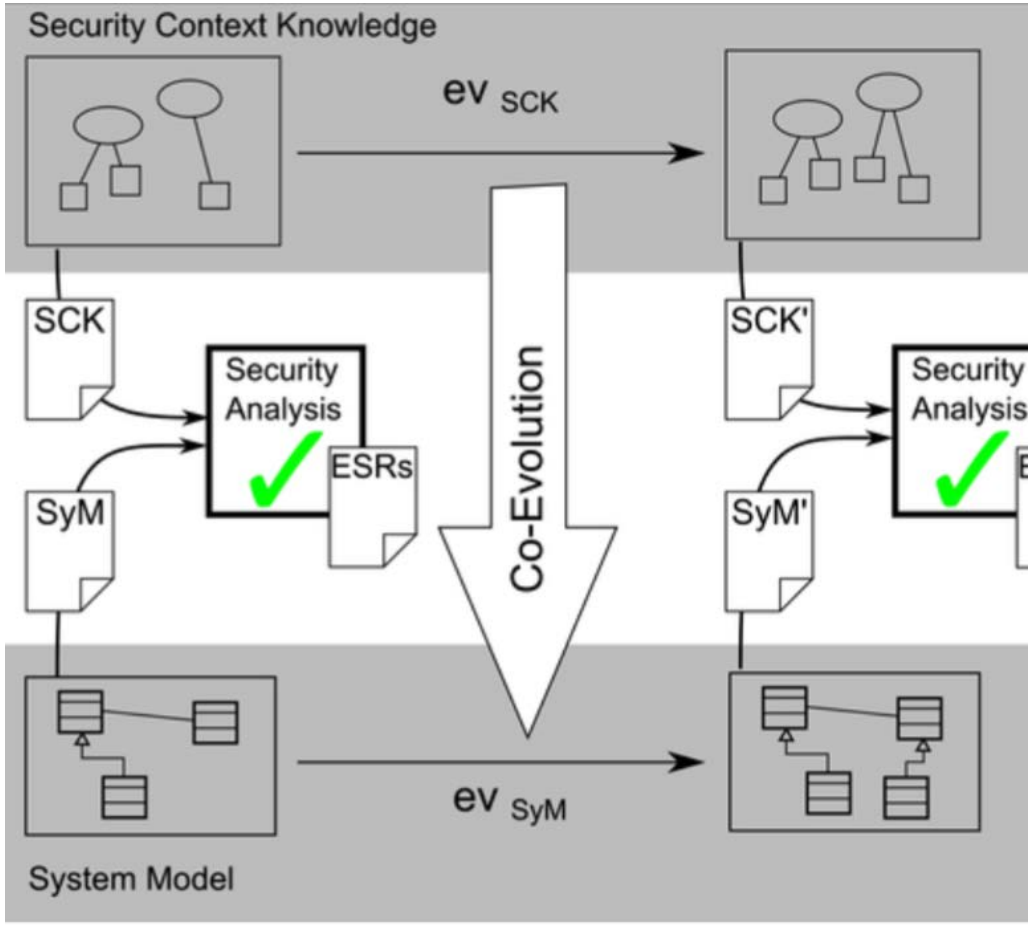
Security Engineering: keep system design aligned with security knowledge



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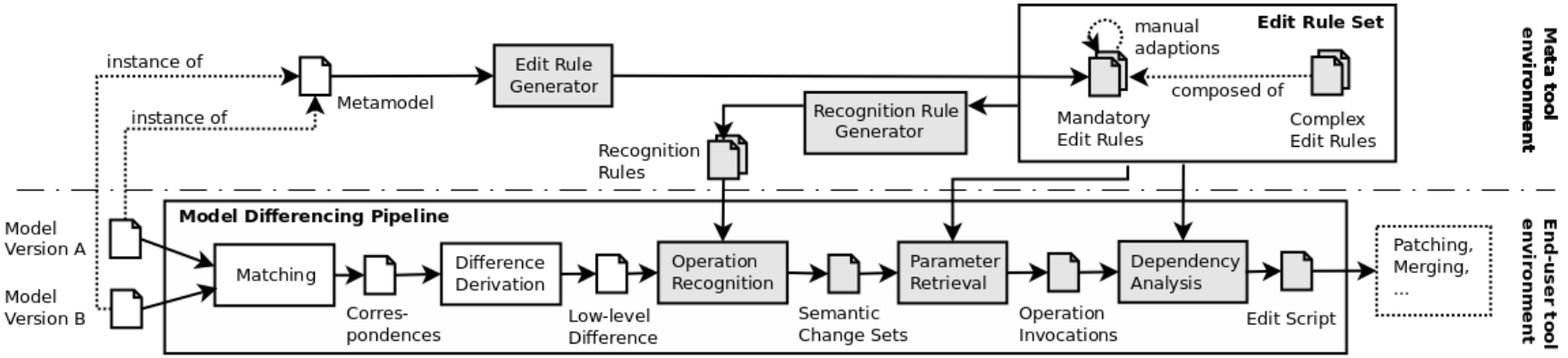

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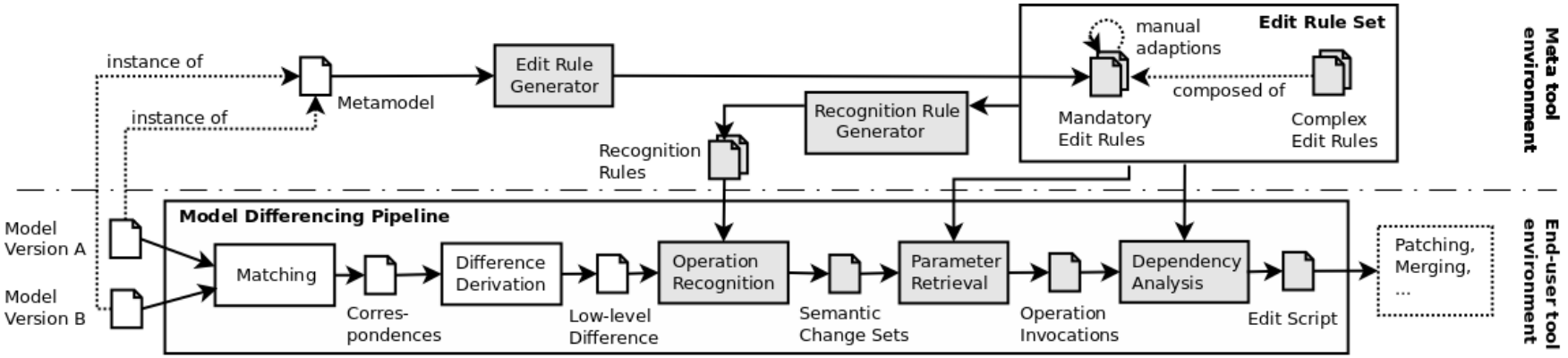

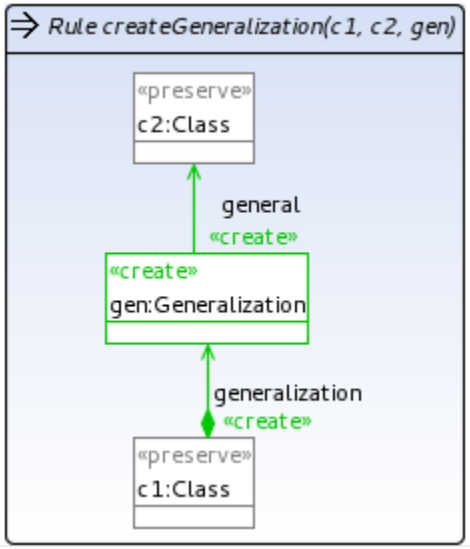

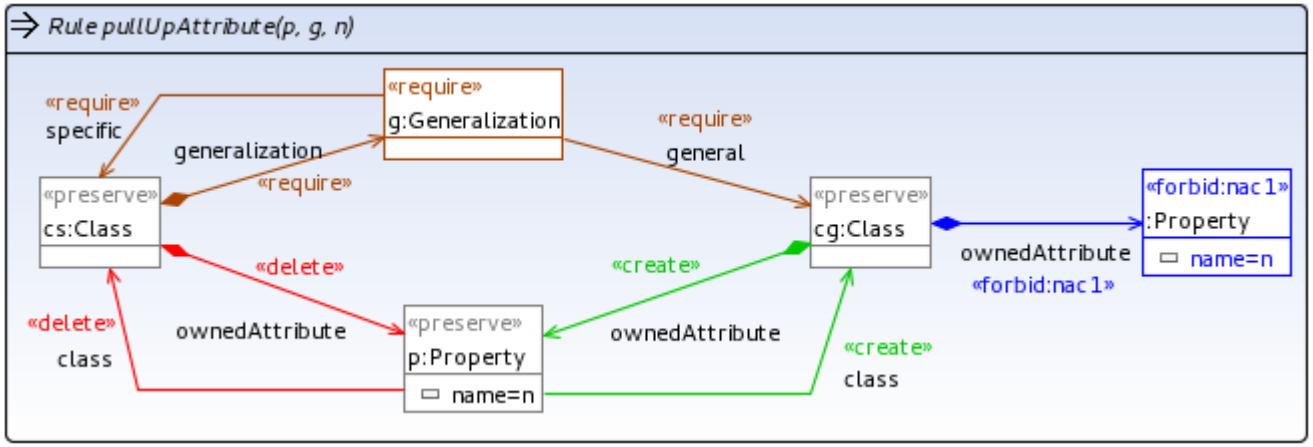

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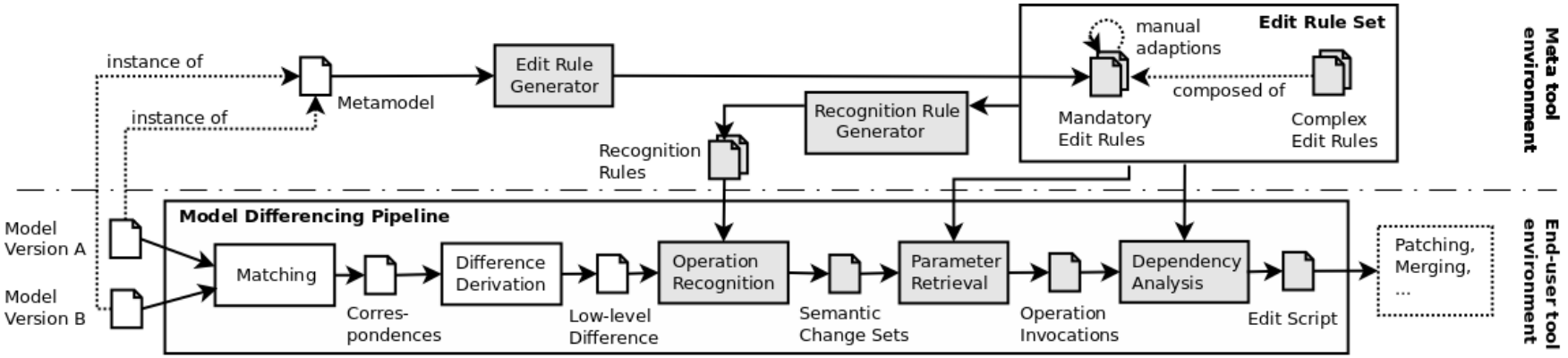

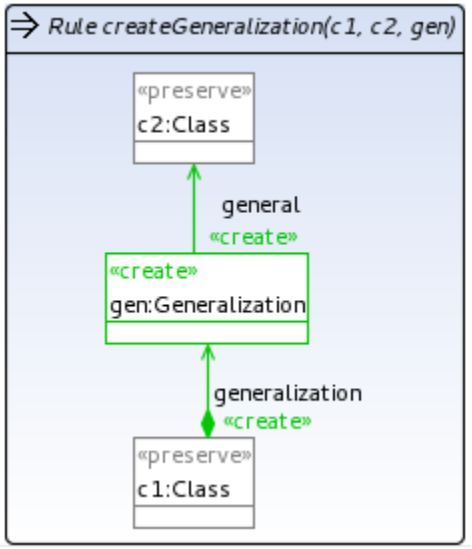

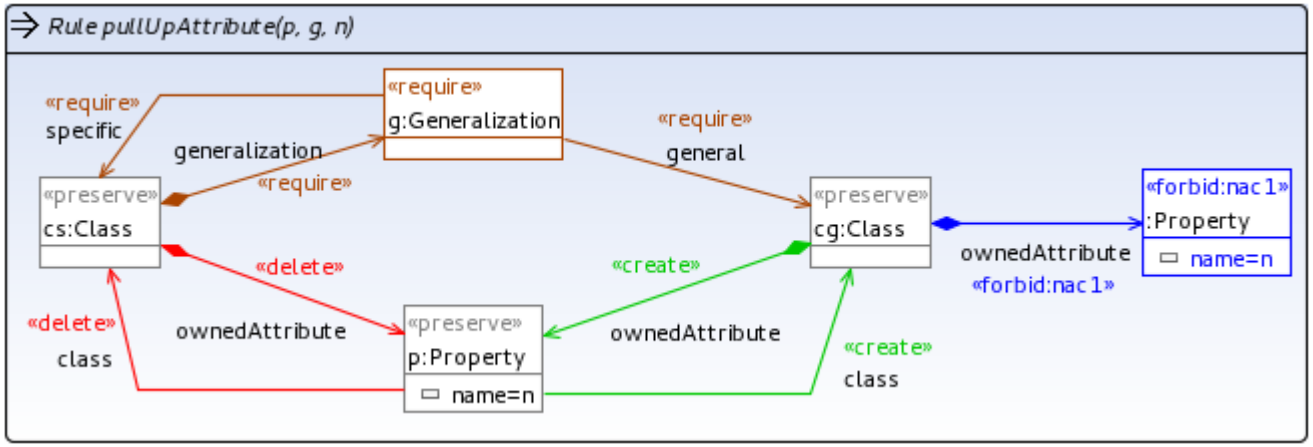

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Optimization problems in software engineering

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Part 2 of this tutorial

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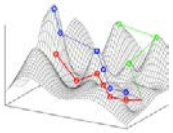
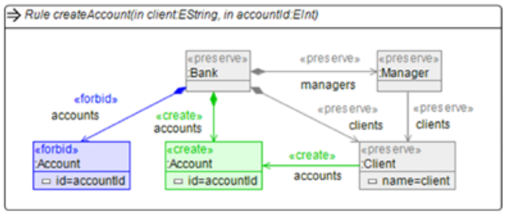


Summary of Part 1

Graph-transformation-based language
Example 1: createAccount

Example rule



create	Newly created by rule
delete	Removed by rule
preserve	Context for creations and deletions
forbid	Prevents rule from being applied
parameters	Data passed into and from rule (in, out, inout)

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Features: What would you like to do today?

- Define a transformation: Diagram editor, Tree-based editor, Textual editor, Rule generation
- Execute a transformation: Interpreter Wizard, Interpreter API, Giraph integration
- Analyse a transformation: State Space Exploration, Conflict analysis, Dependency analysis

Features

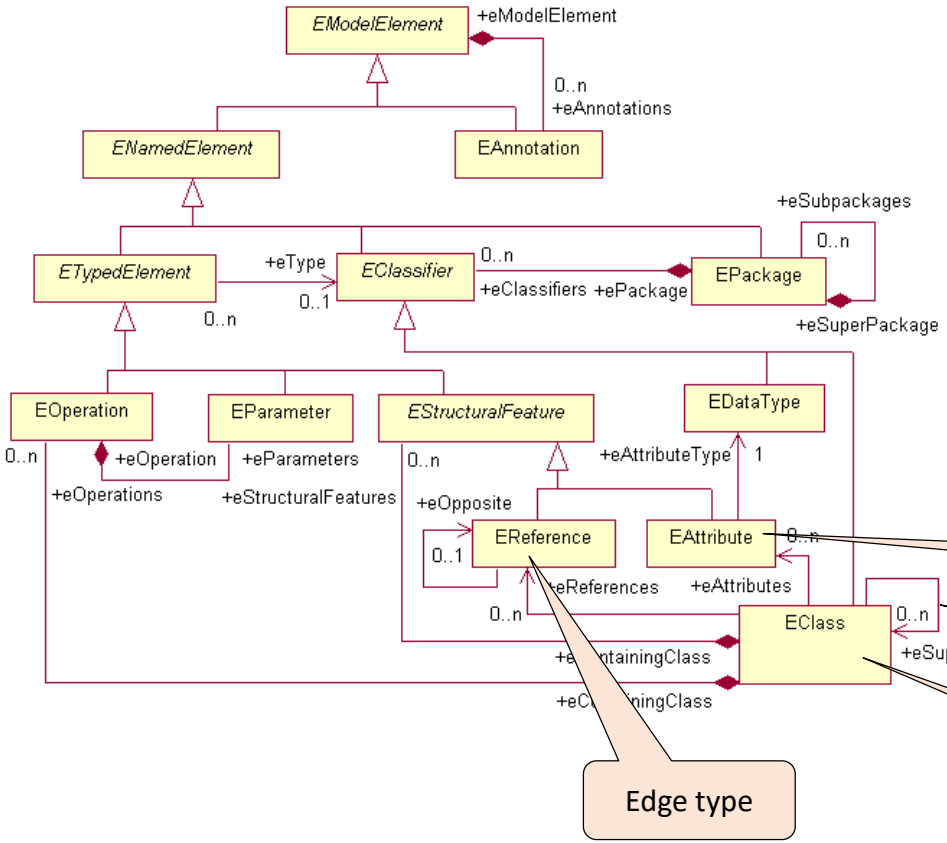
Henshin emf

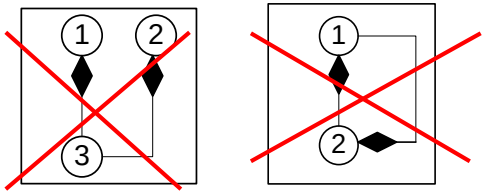
Further information:
www.eclipse.org/henshin

Backup material

Model instances as graphs

- typed attributed graphs
  - with node type inheritance
  - Containment constraints





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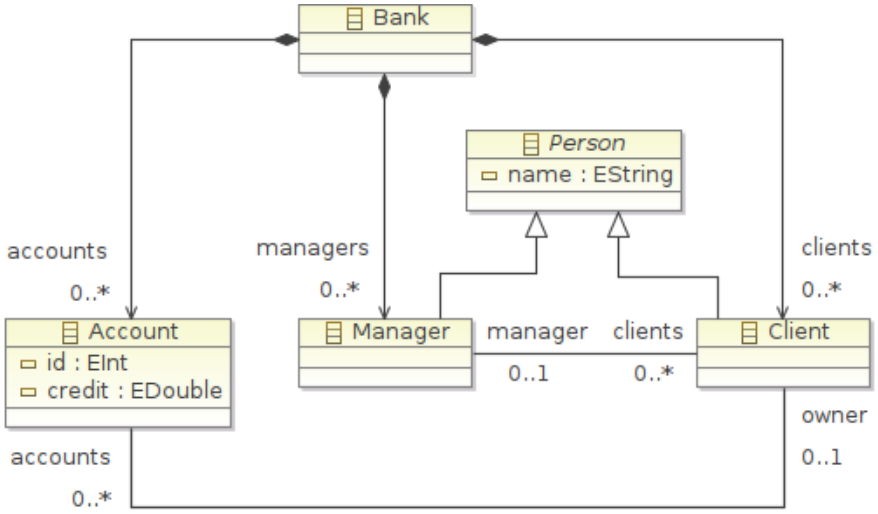

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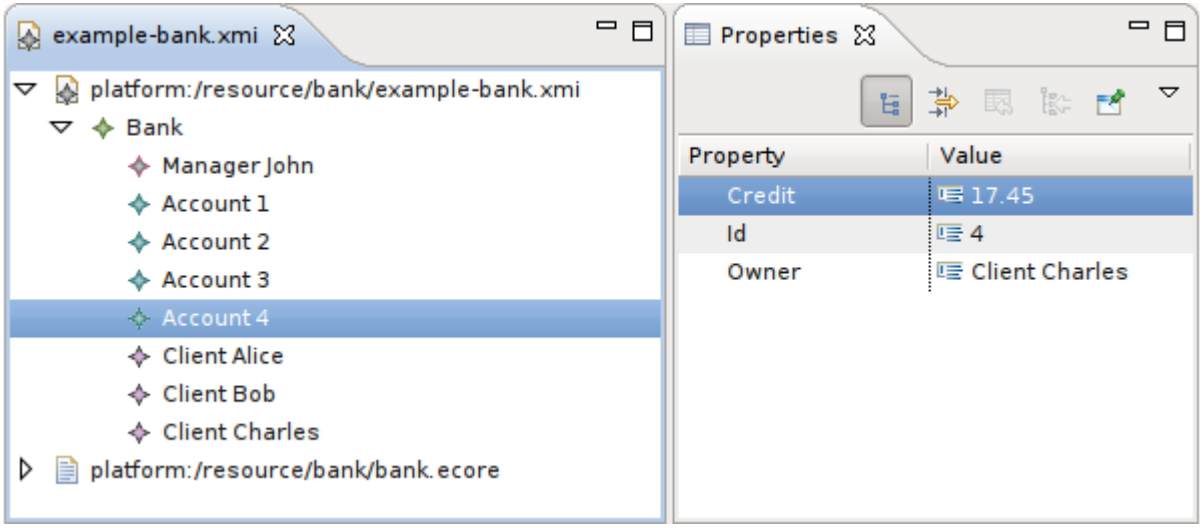

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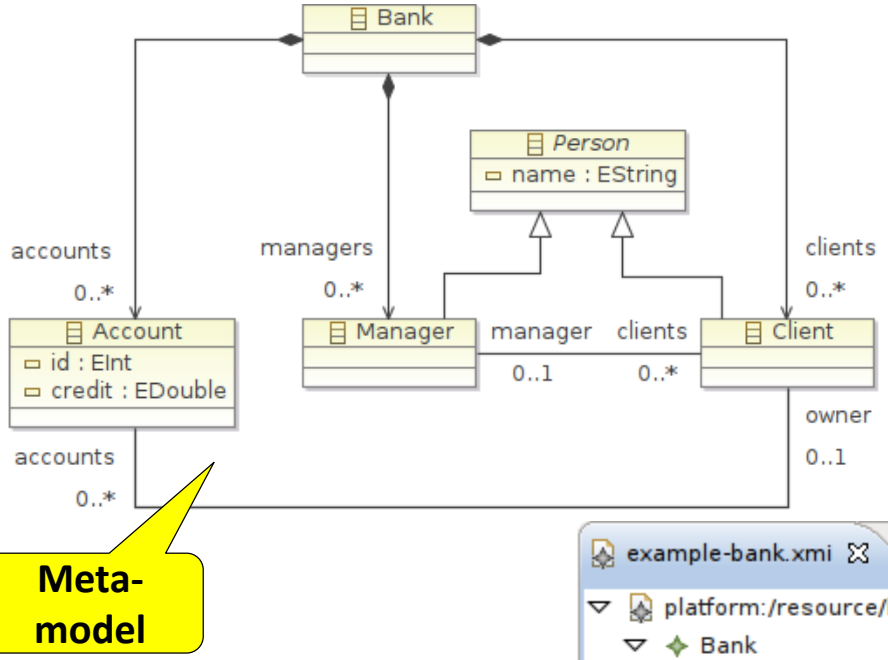

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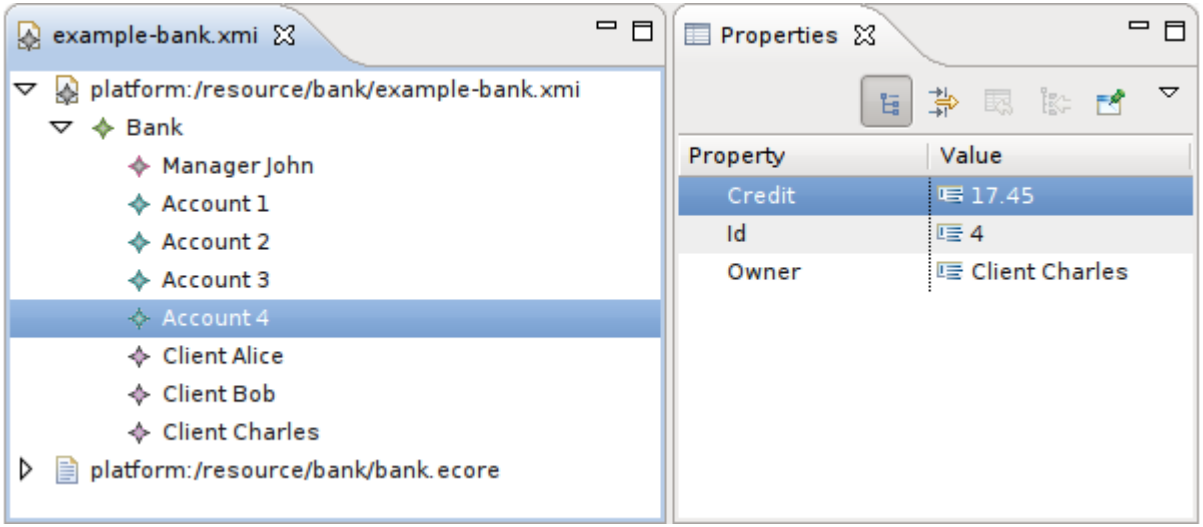

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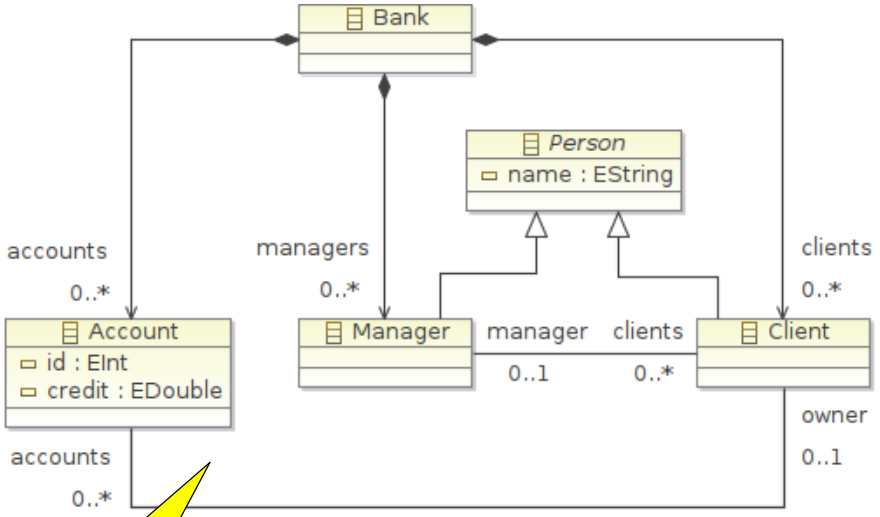

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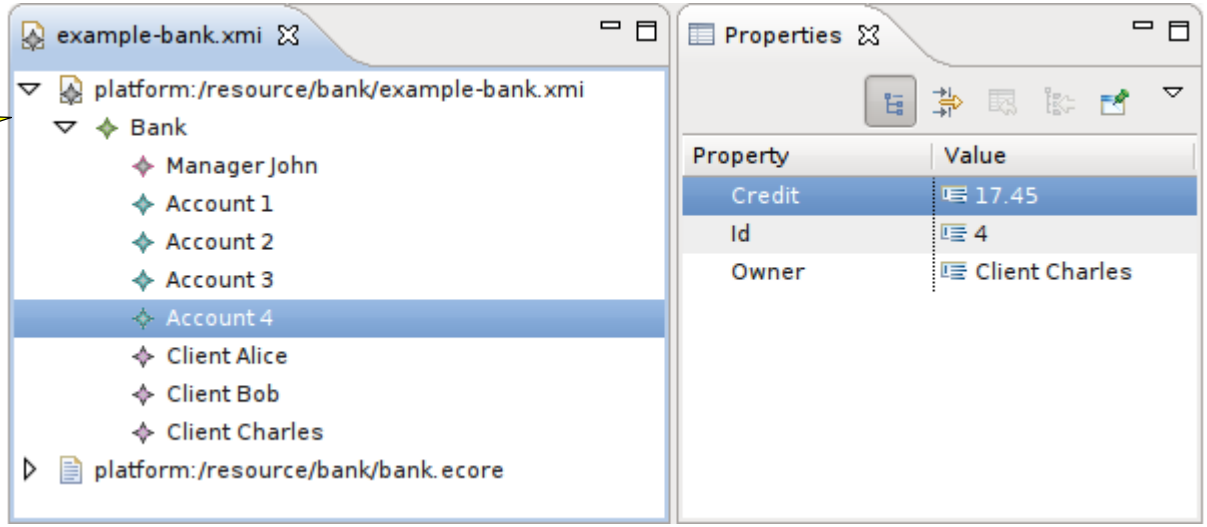

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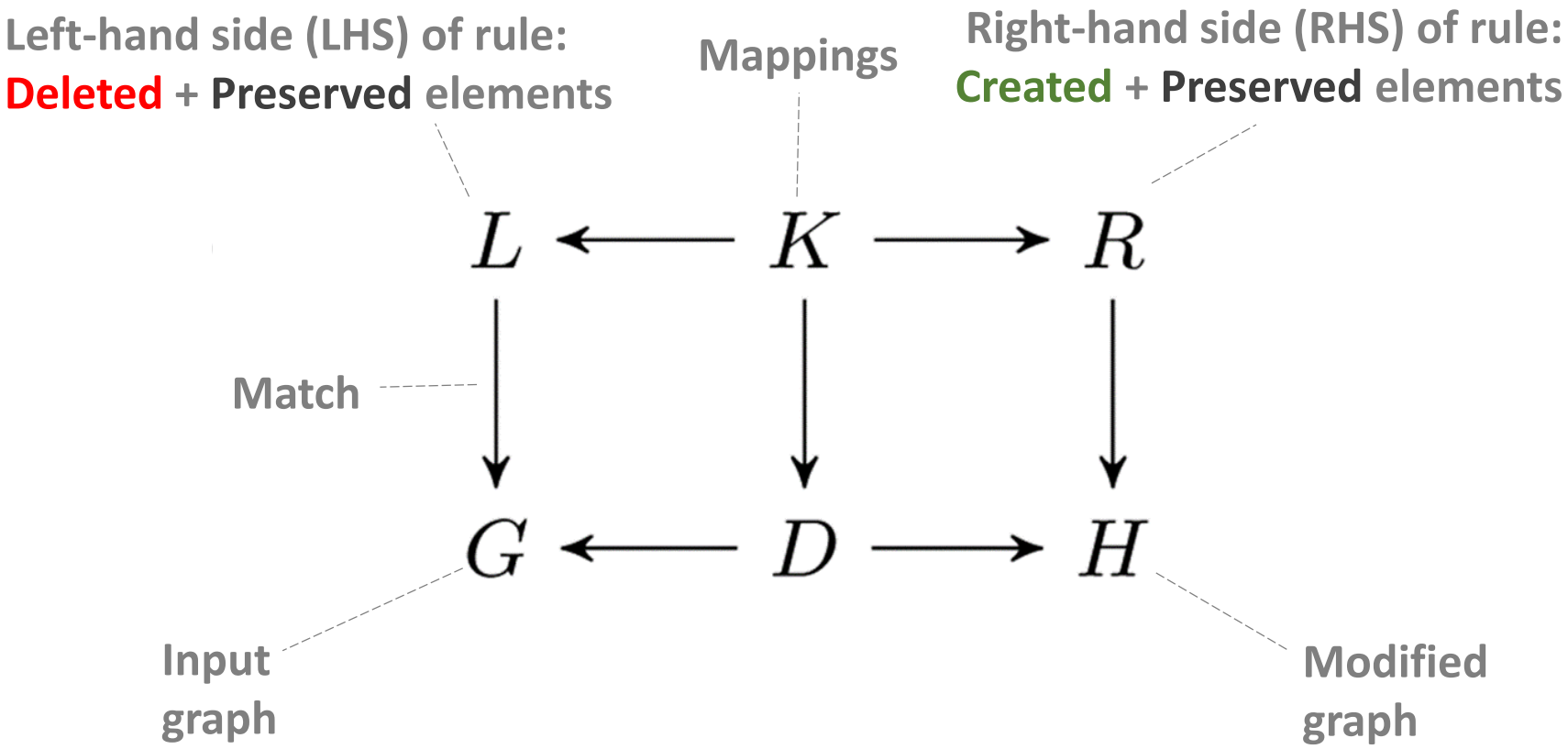

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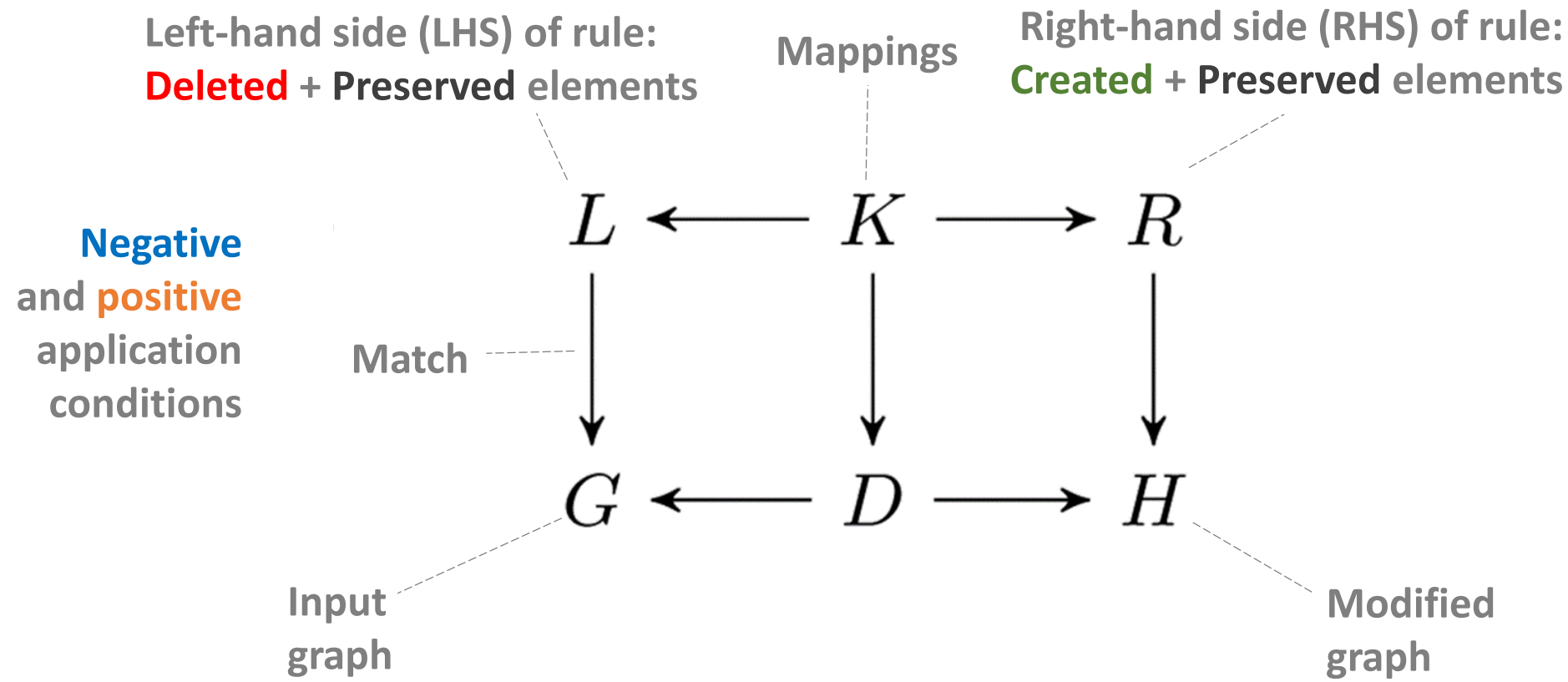

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