Foundations of Model Transformation

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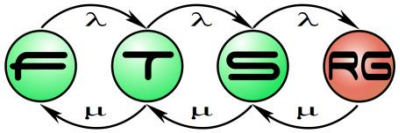
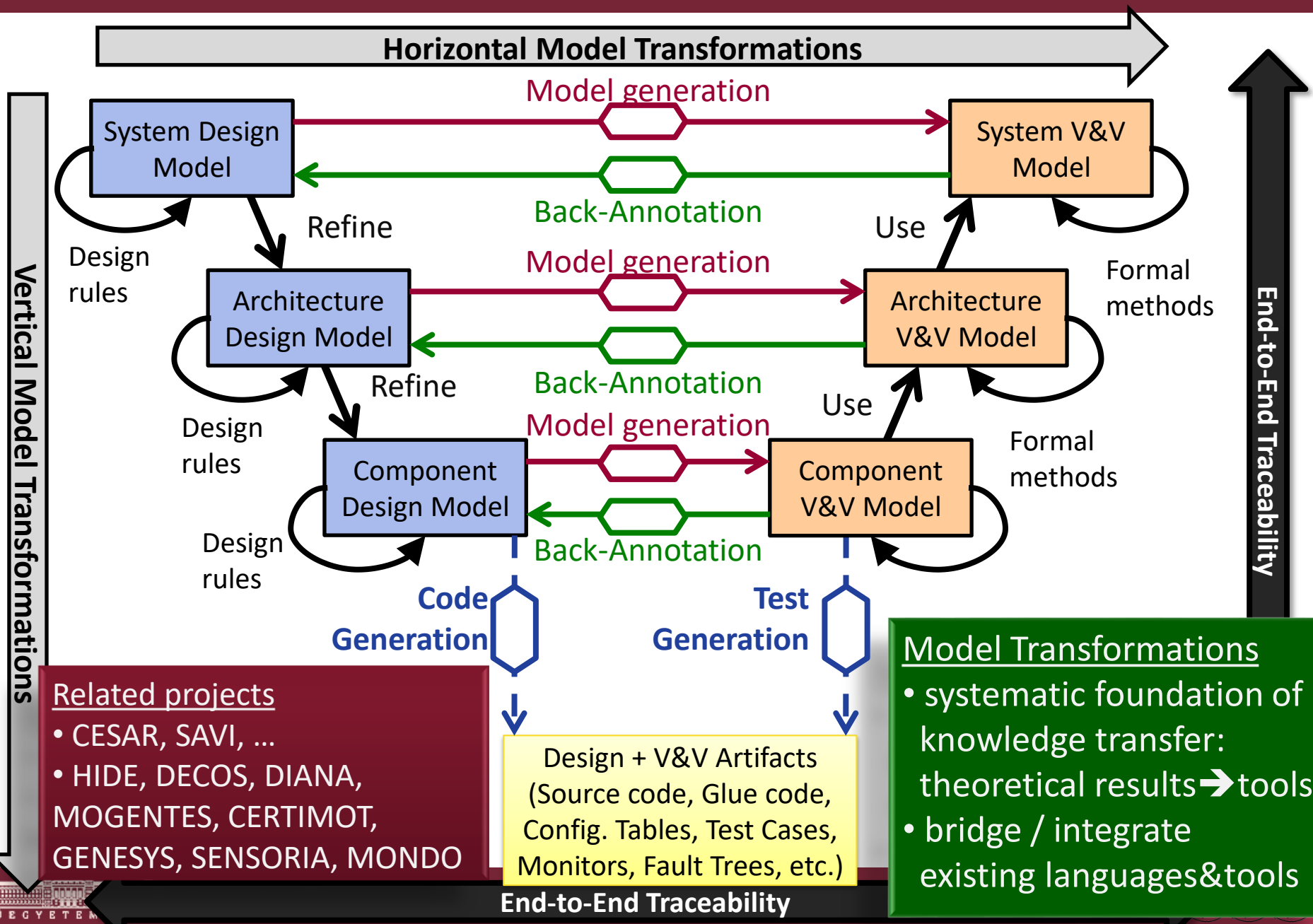
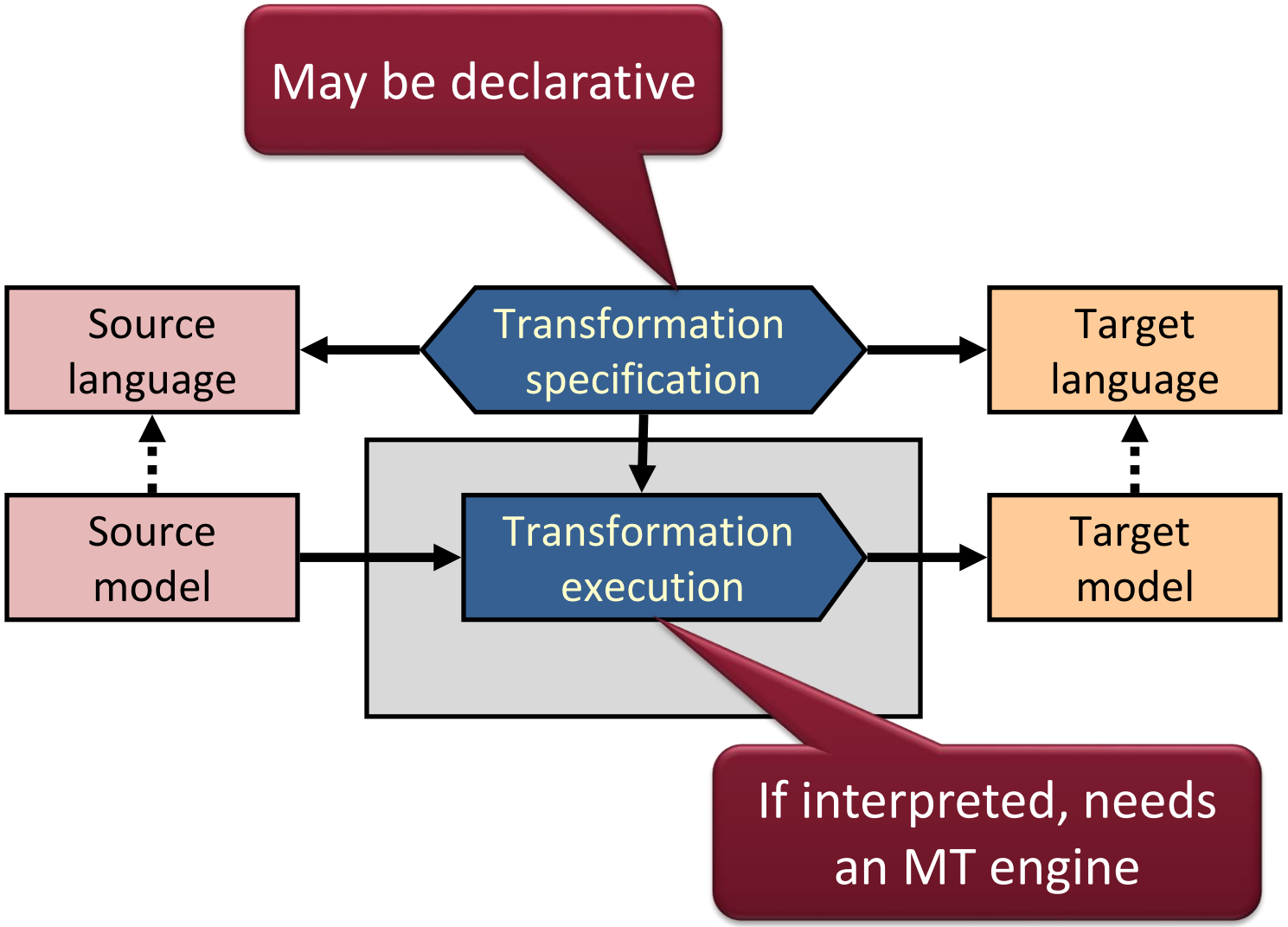


Models and Transformations in Critical Systems



Definition of Model Transformation

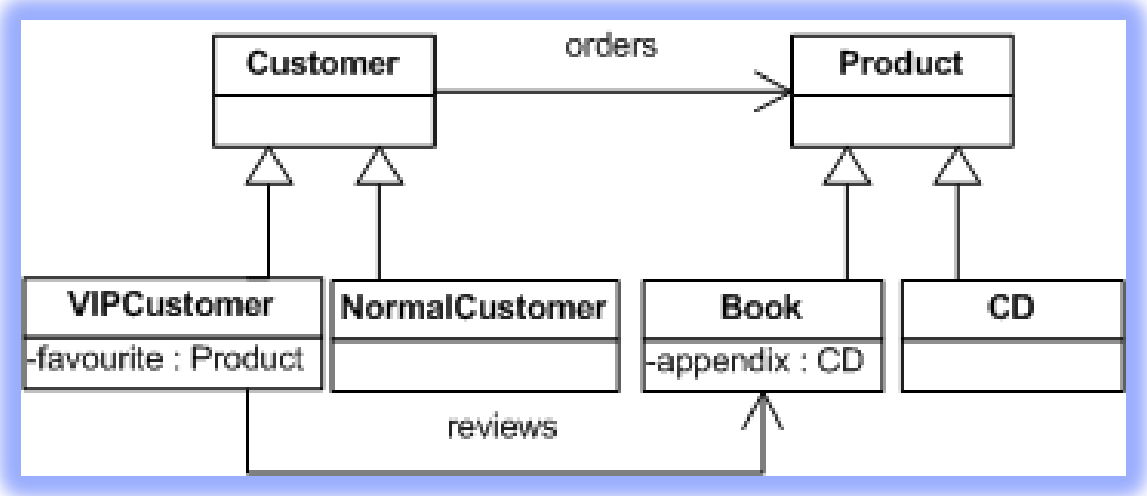


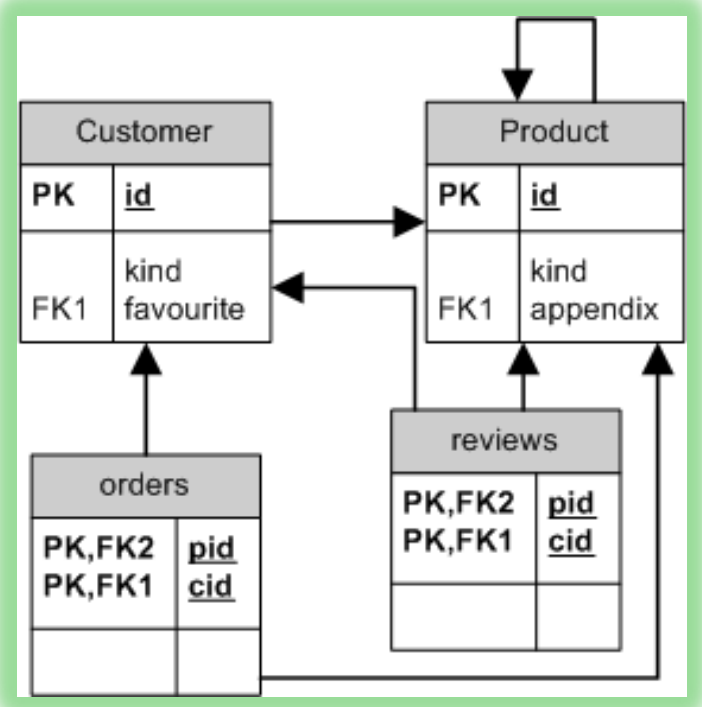
Motivating Example

Object Relational Schema mapping

Example: Object-relational mapping

- Important as:
  - Model transformation benchmark
  - Most widely used industrial model transformation (pl. Hibernate, EJB, CDO)
- Objective:
  - **Input**: UML class diagram
  - **Output** Relational database schema





Several alternative ORM strategies, we'll use one

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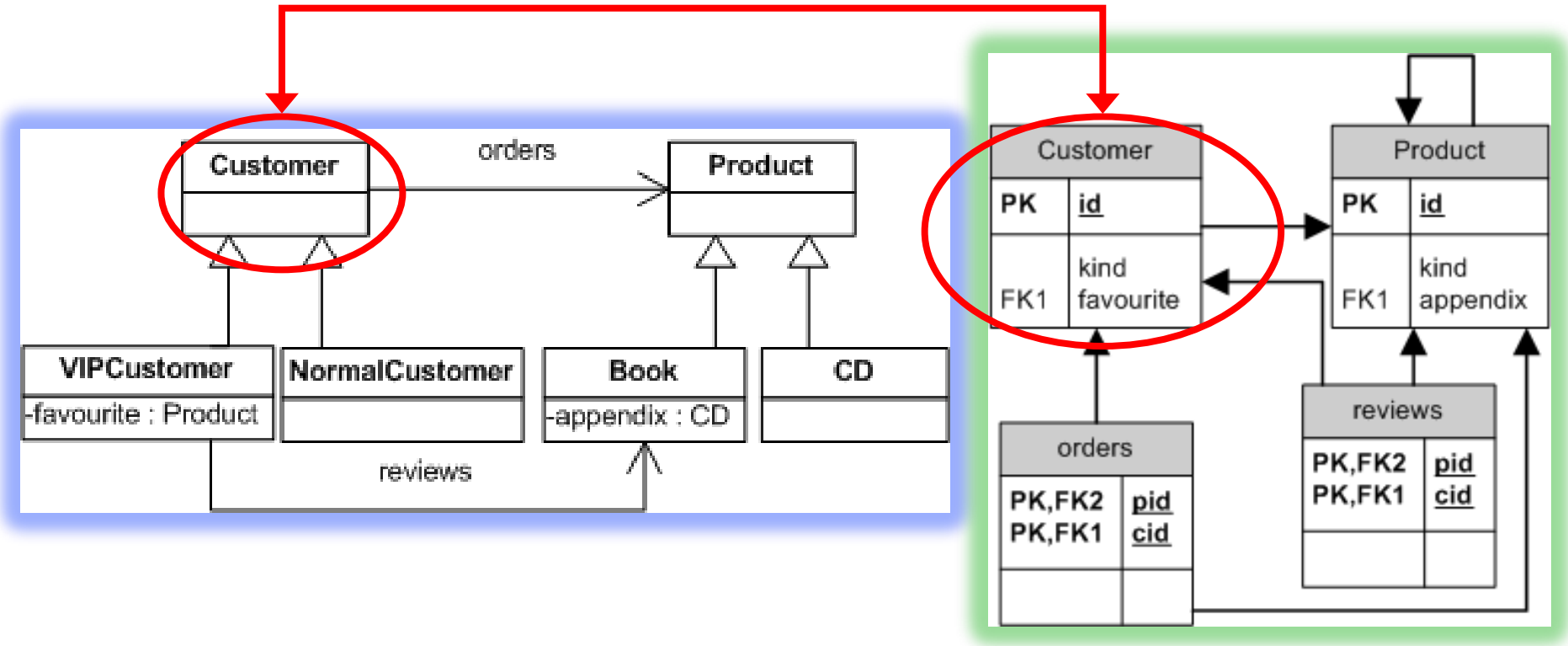

Topmost (generalization) classes ➔ Database table + 2 column:

- Unique identifier (primary key),
- type definition

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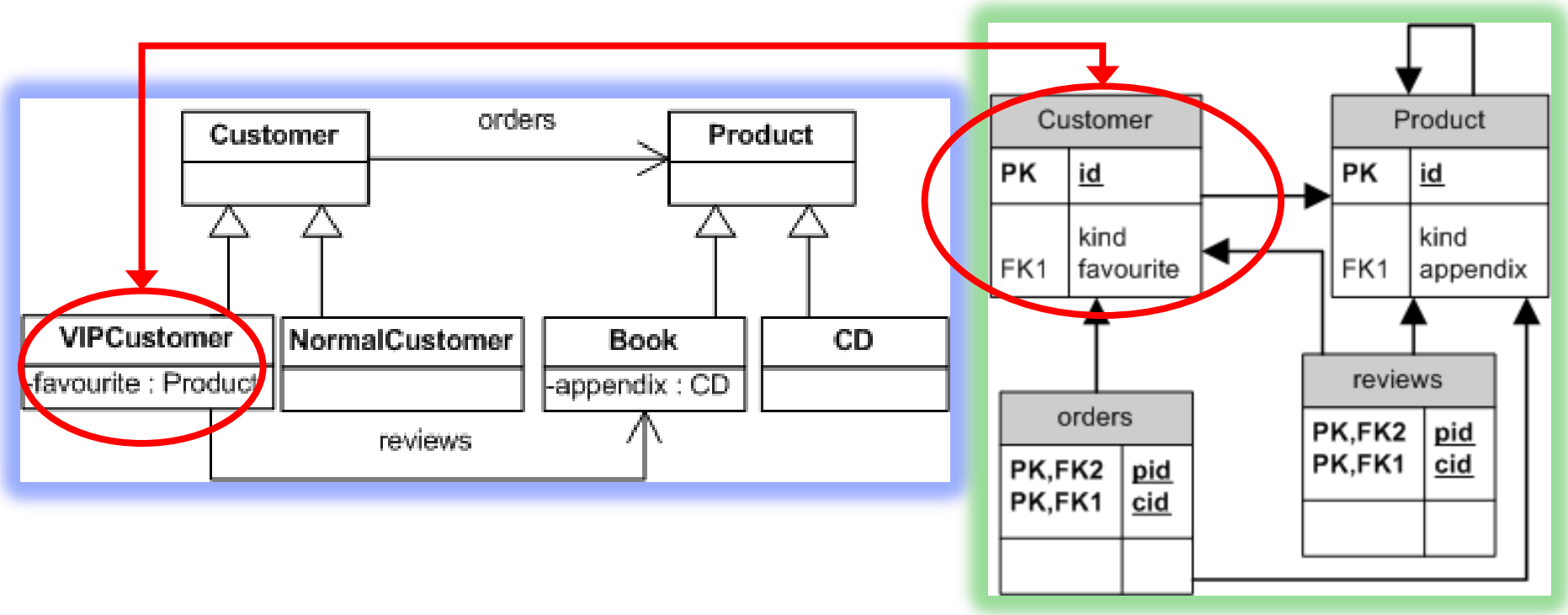

Subclasses ➔ Store instances in the same table as the root class

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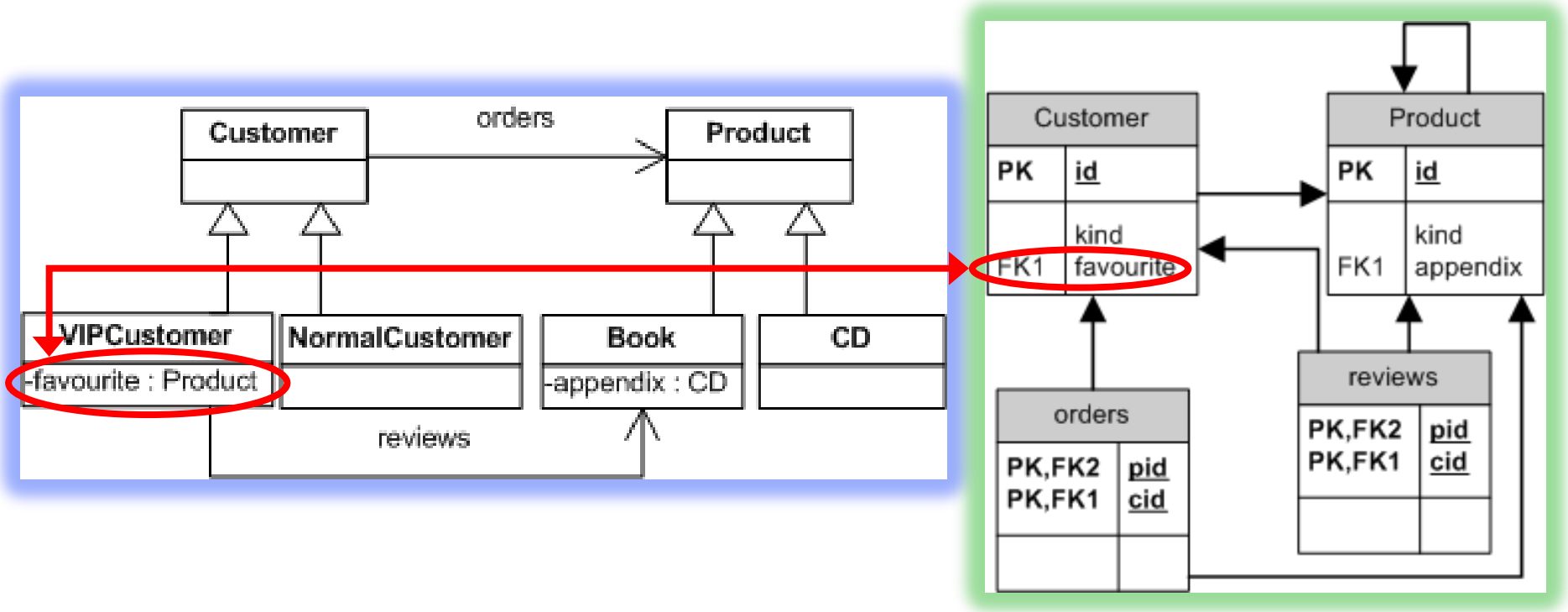

Class attributes ➔ Column of the table

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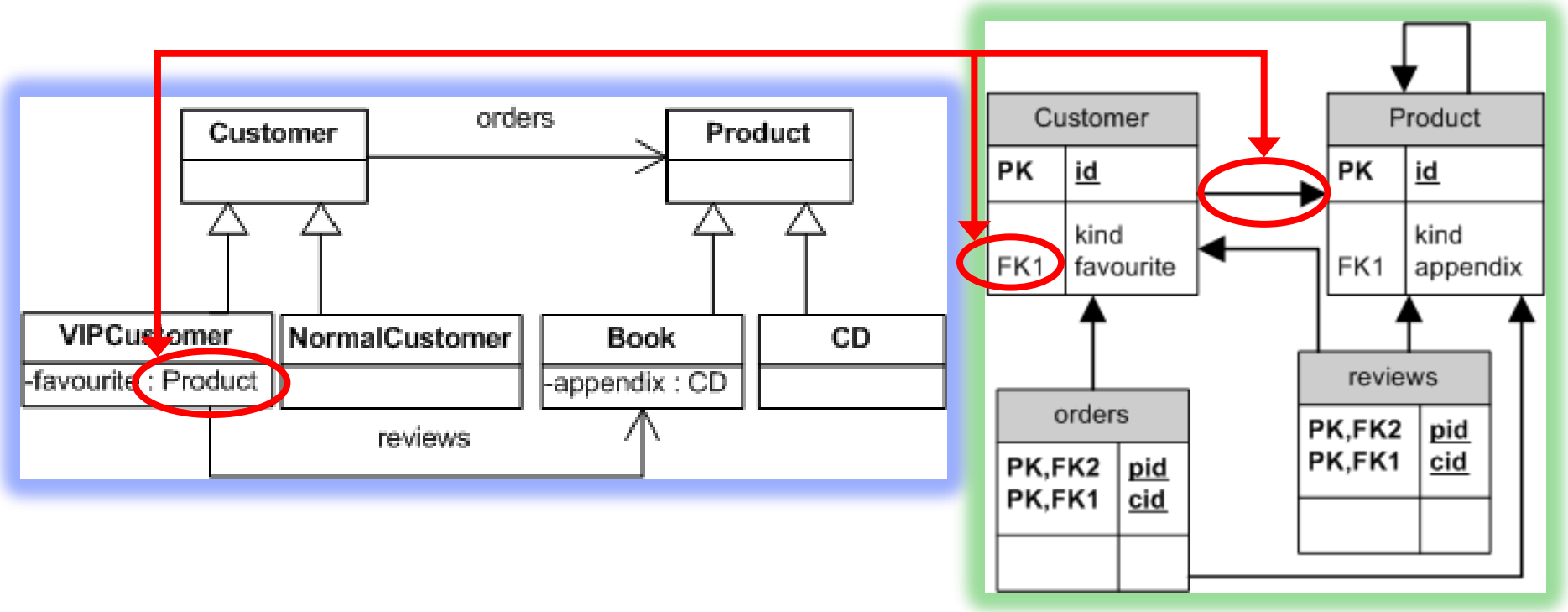

Type of the attributes ➔ foreign key

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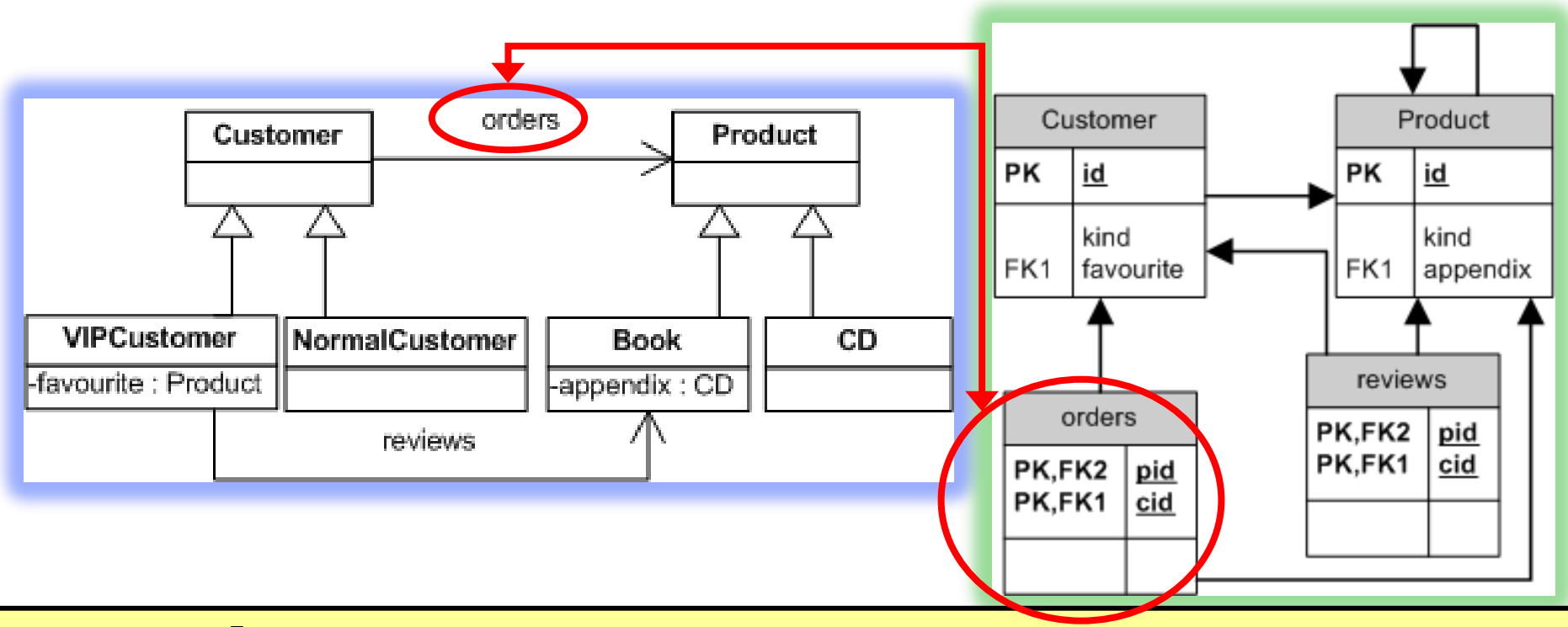
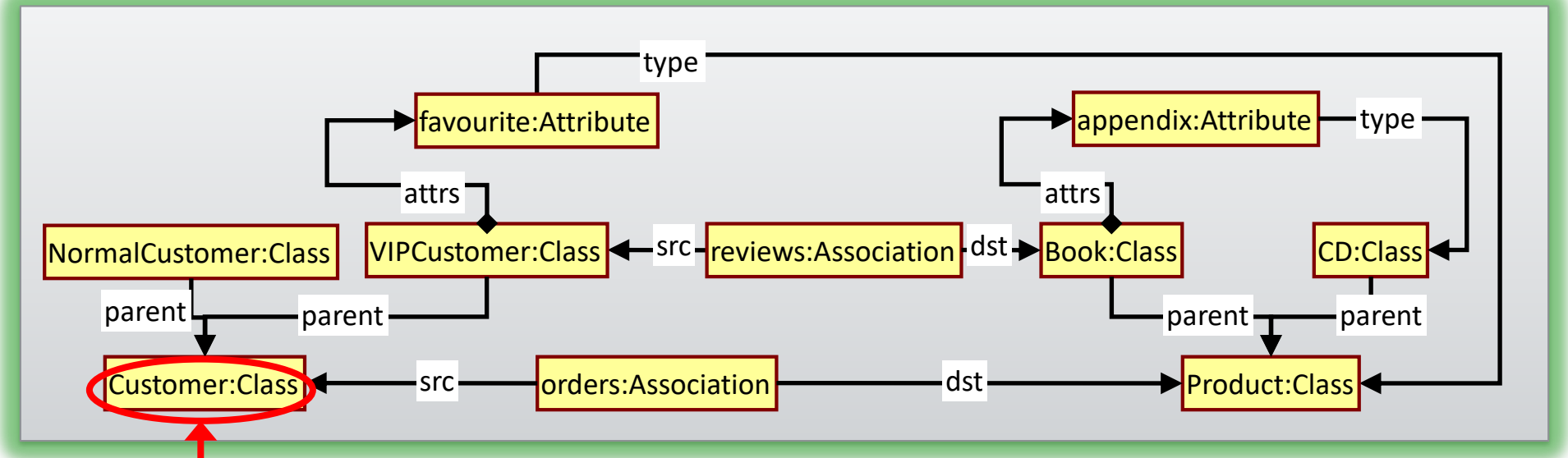
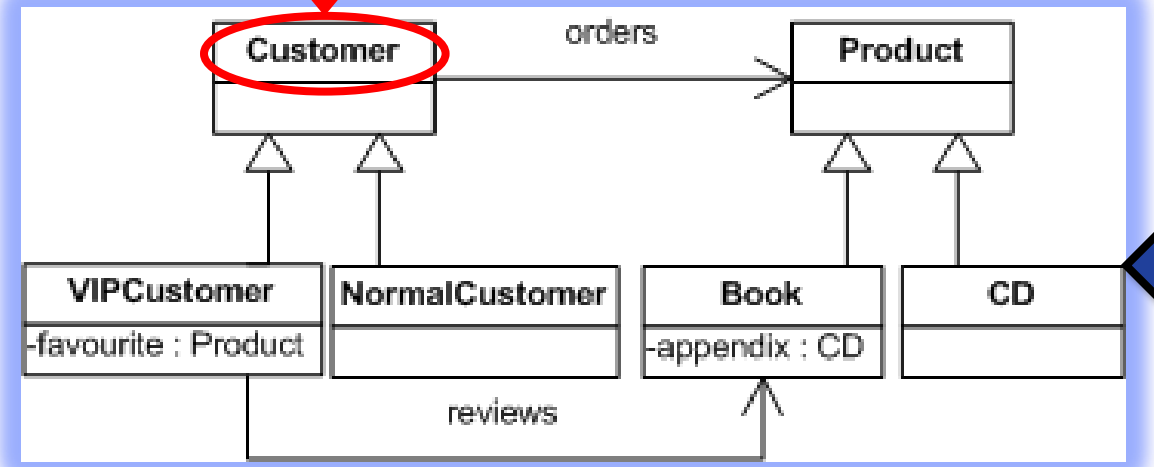


Association ➔ A table with two columns

- source and target identifiers
- foreign keys (for consistency)

Language structure (UML)





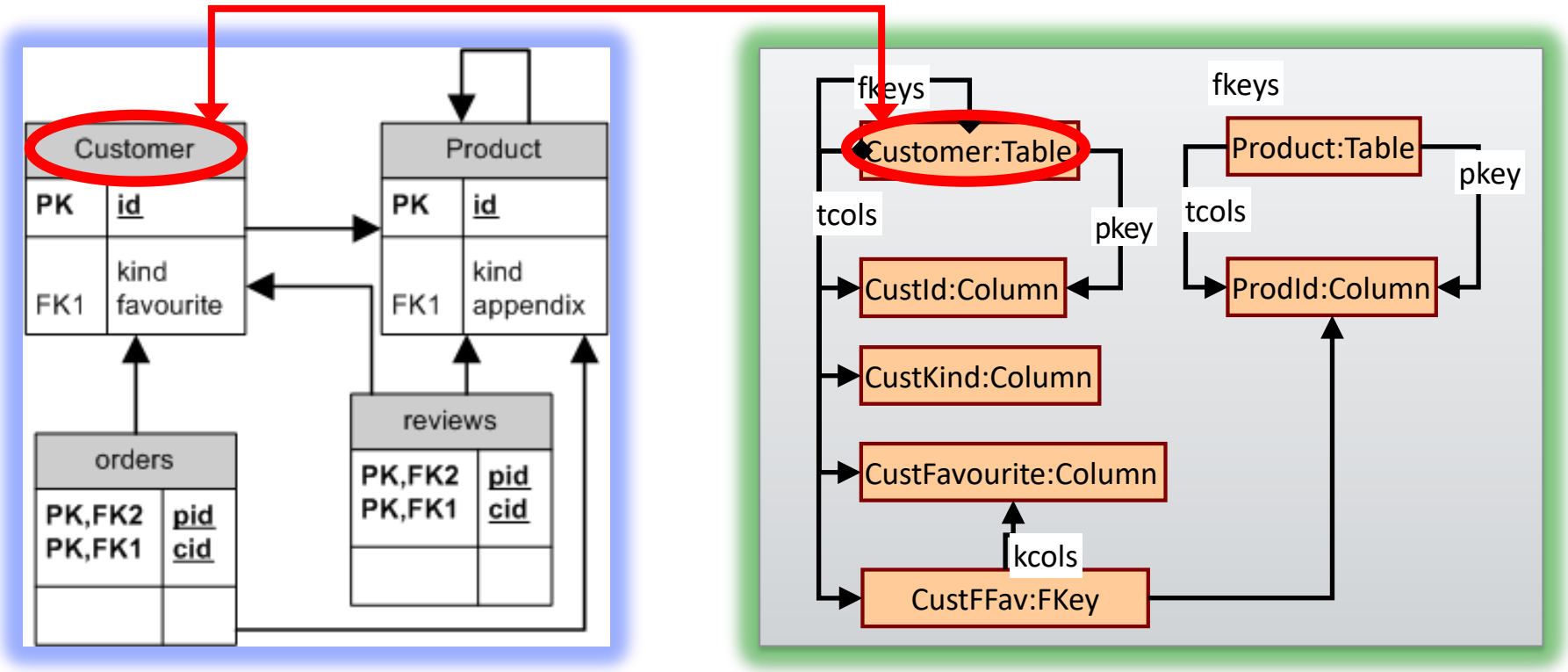
Abstract syntax

- Graph based model representation
- Machine readable

Concrete syntax

- Visual/textual representation
- Human readable

Language structure (RDB Schema)



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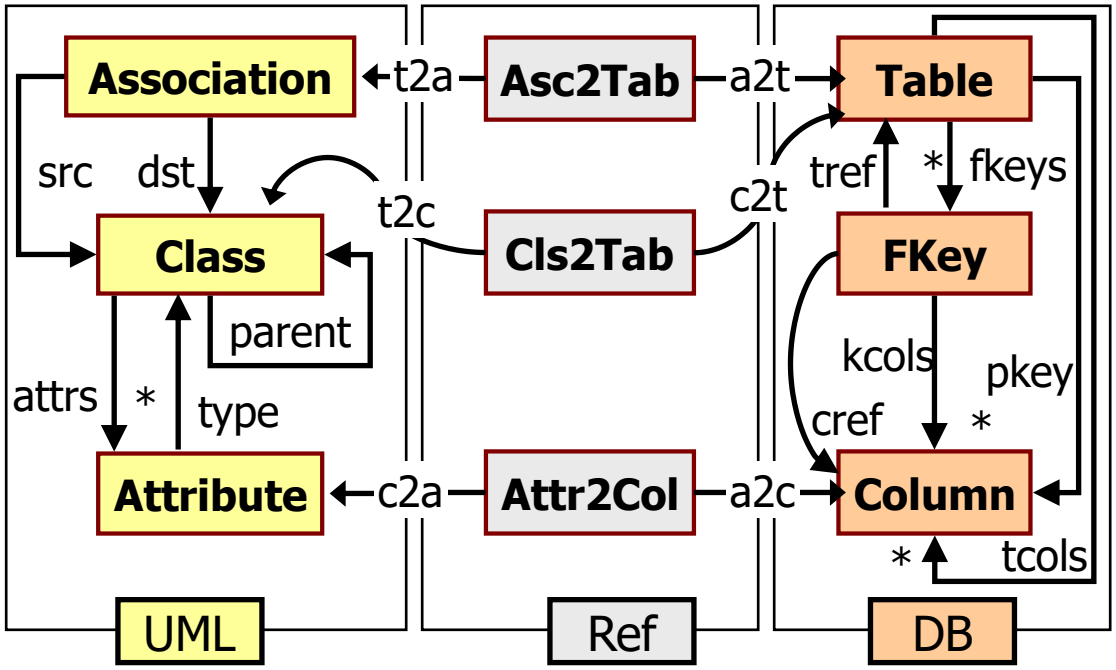
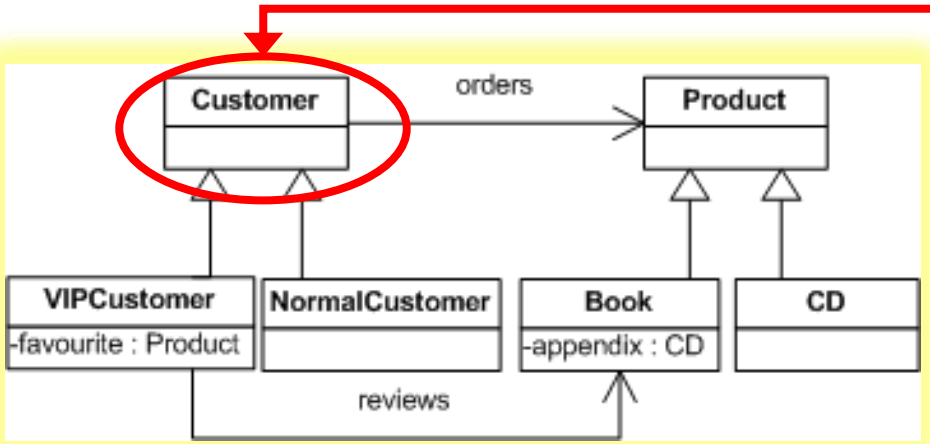
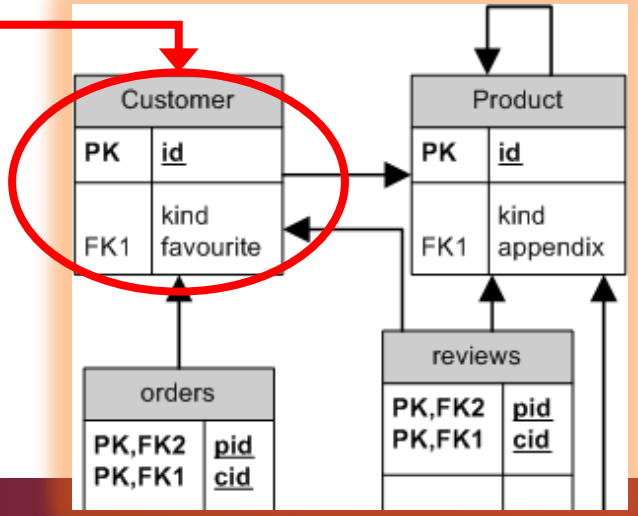
Abstract syntax

Metamodel of the O-R mapping



- Source, Target metamodels
- **Correspondence / traceability metamodel:**
  - For saving correspondence between source and target
  - Many use cases, see later





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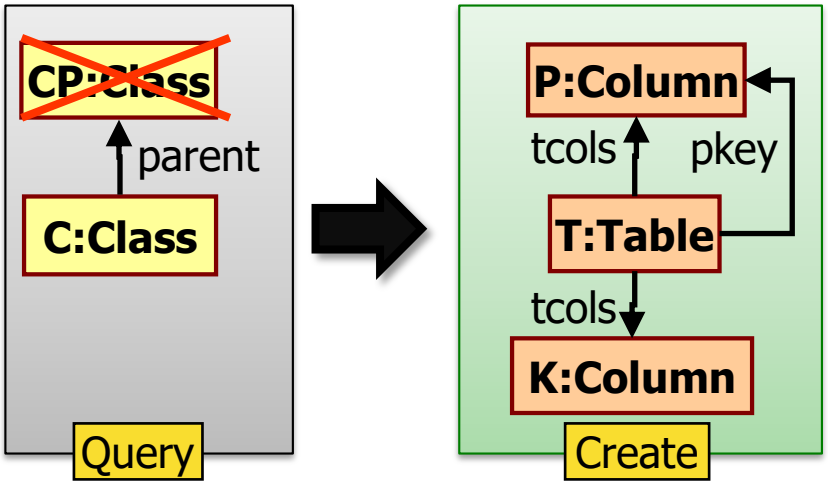

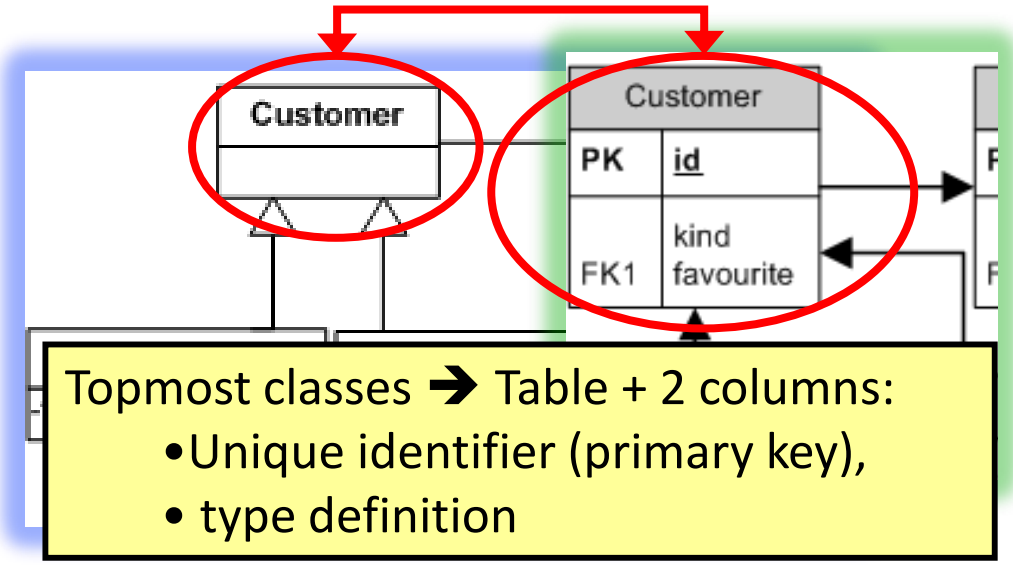

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     - Classes without superclass

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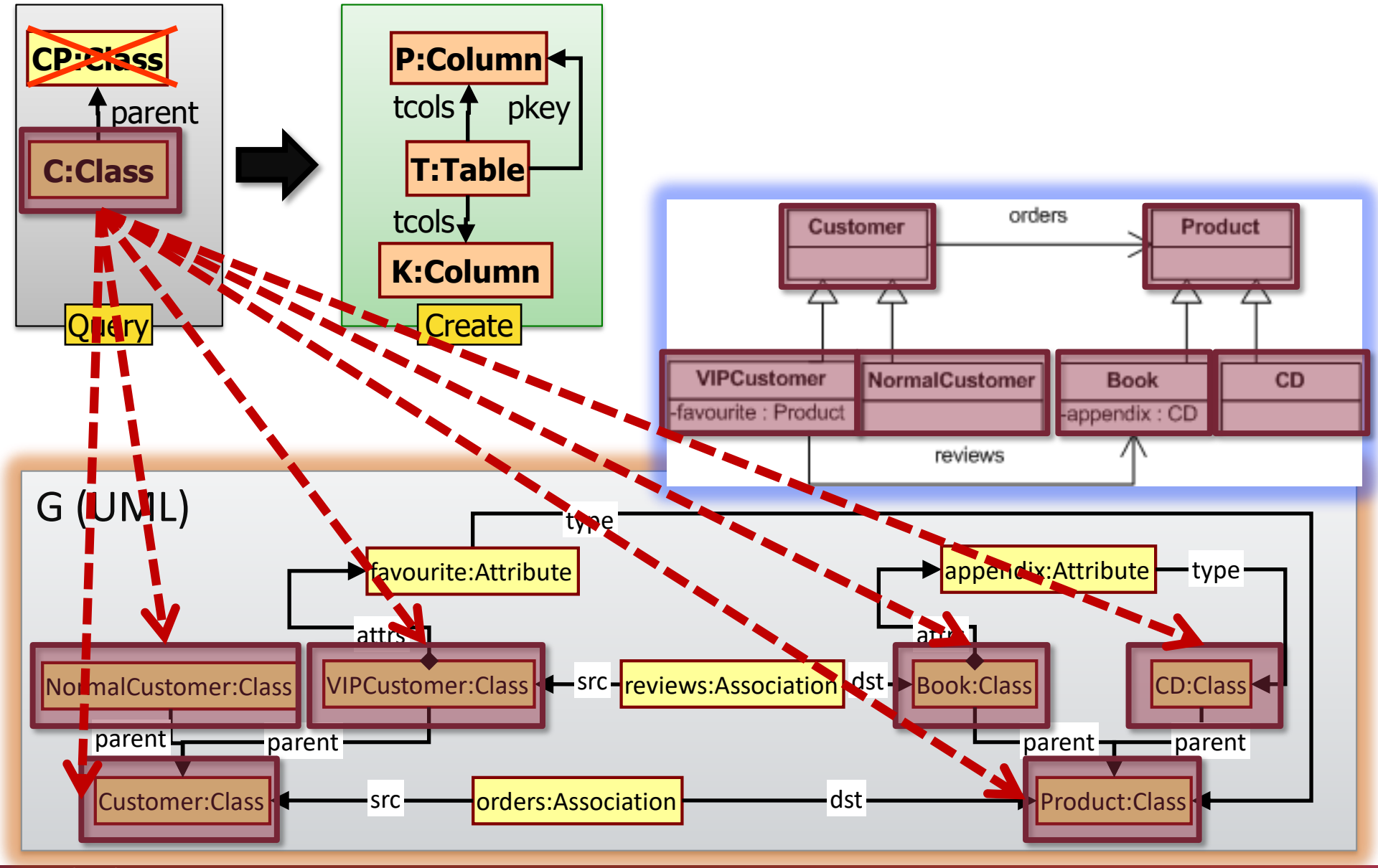

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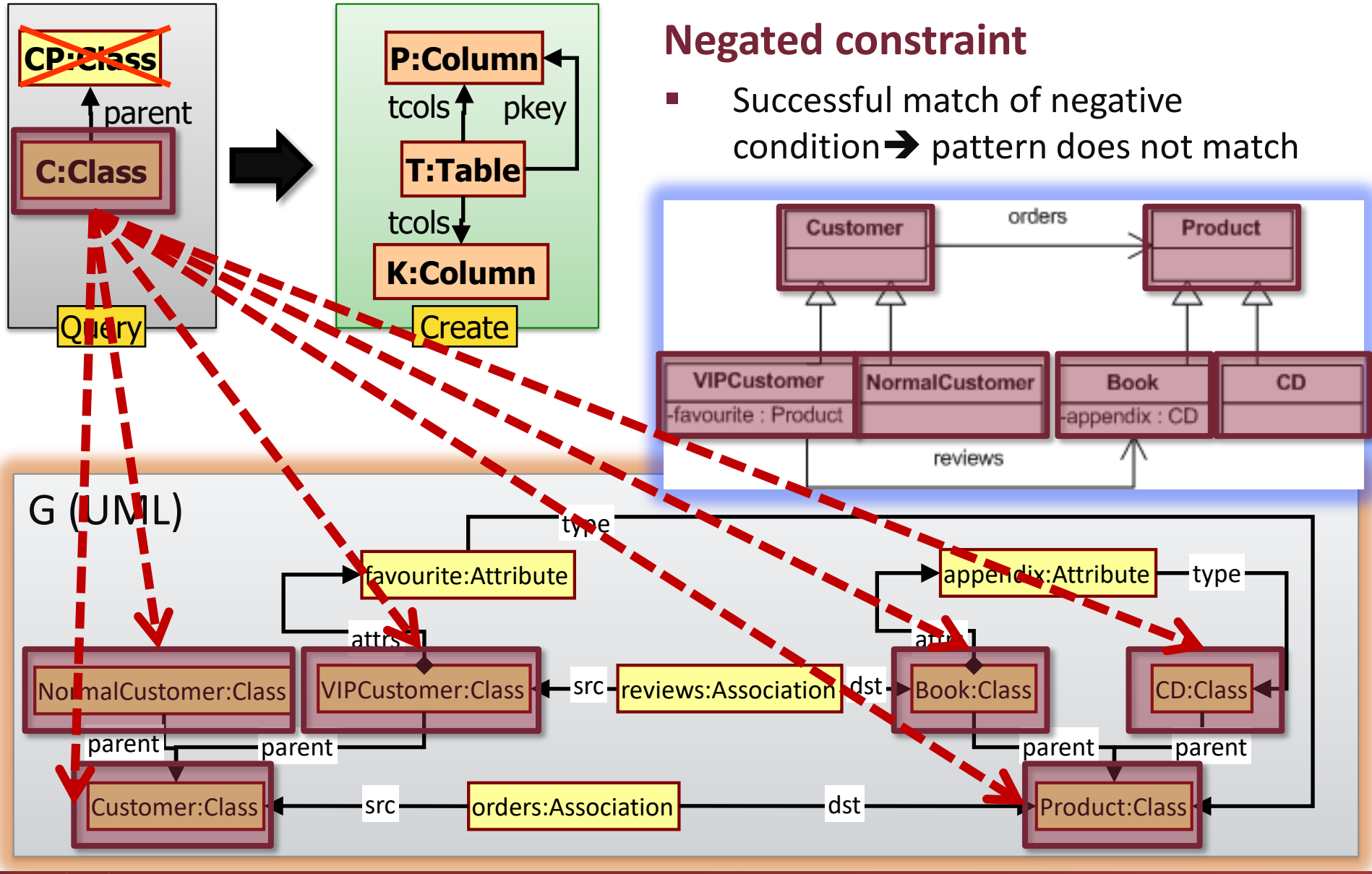

Negated constraint

- Successful match of negative condition ➔ pattern does not match

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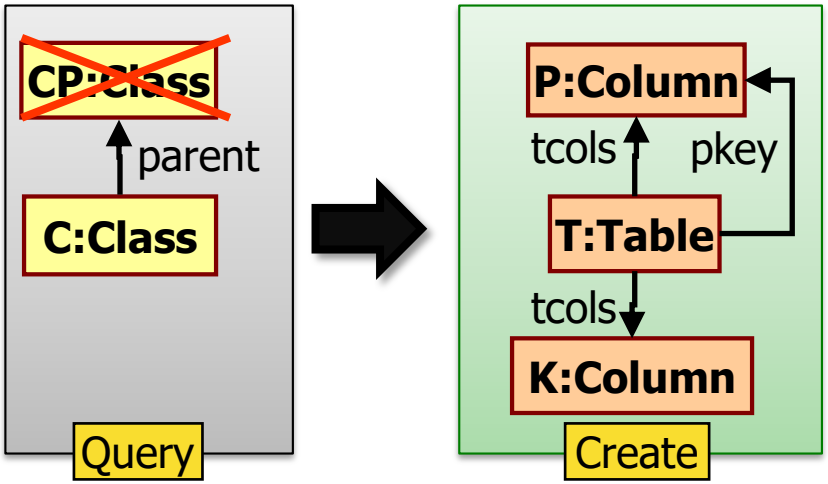

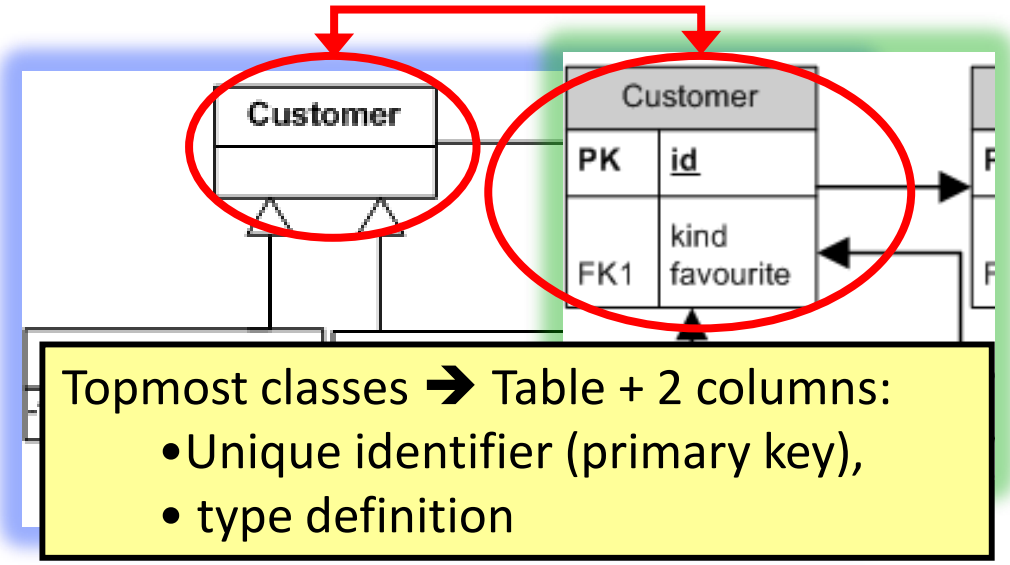

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     - Table with primary key and type columns
     - Something is missing…

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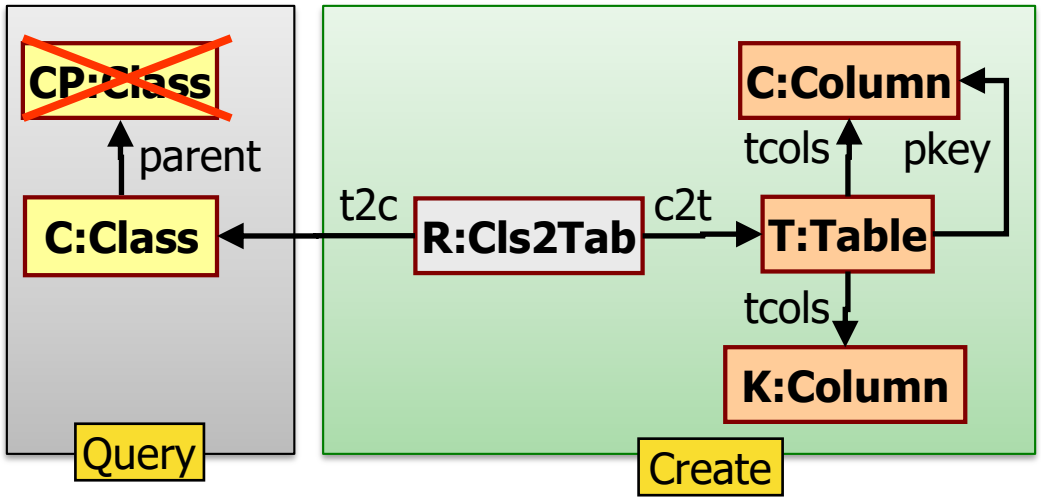

What will we use it for?

- How to execute?
  1) Evaluate **model query** on source model, find **matches**
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  2) For each match, create new model elements
     - Table with primary key and type columns
     - **Correspondence** (traceability) between table and class

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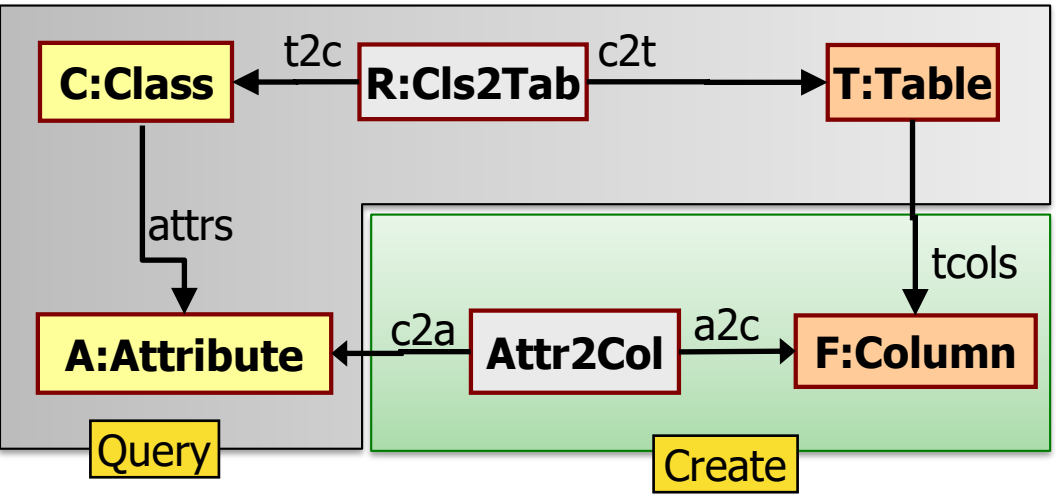

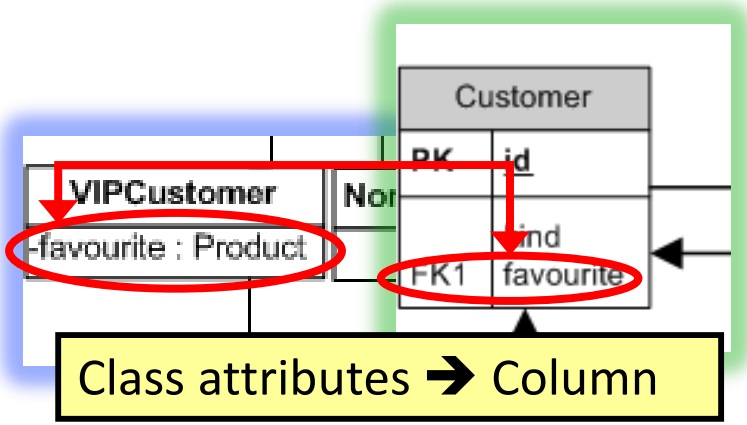

- Which table should the column belong to?
  - Build on previous steps, using correspondence
- Apply the same idea for the rest:
  - Associate subclass to table of parent class
  - Map associations, map types of attributes, etc.

Chaining and Traceability of Model Transformations

Code Generation by Model Transformations

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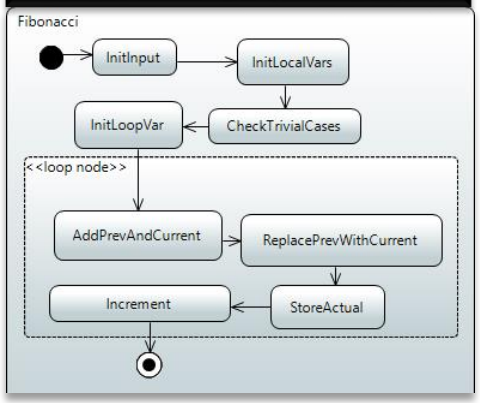

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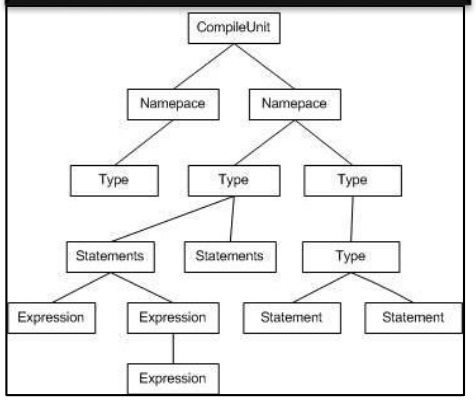

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Model-to-Model (M2M) Transformation

- SRC: In-memory model (objects)
- TRG: In-memory model (objects)

Model-to-Text (M2T) Transformation

- SRC: In-memory model (objects)
- TRG: Textual code (string)

Chaining of Model Transformations

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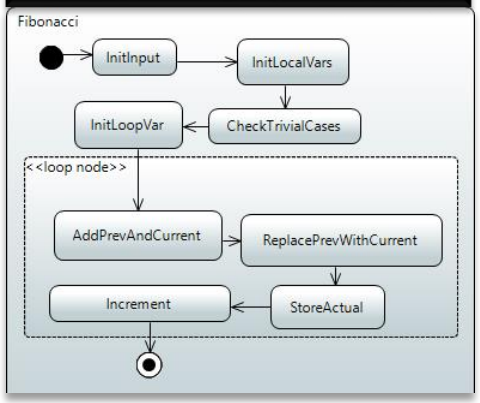

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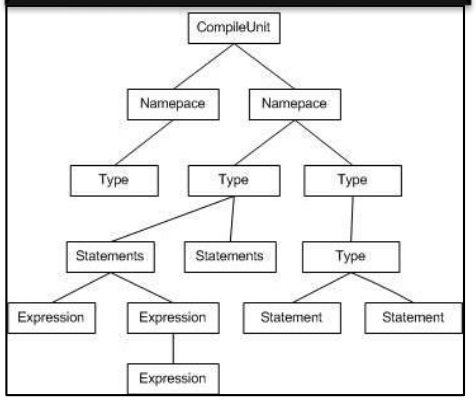

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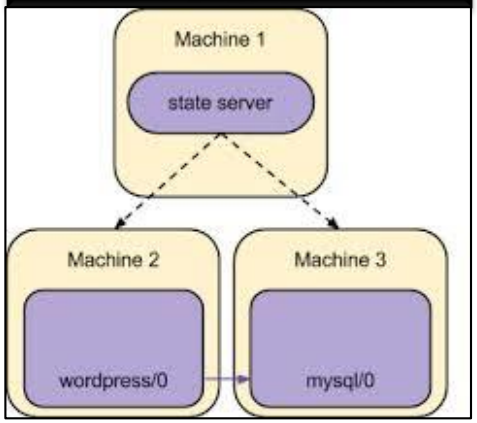

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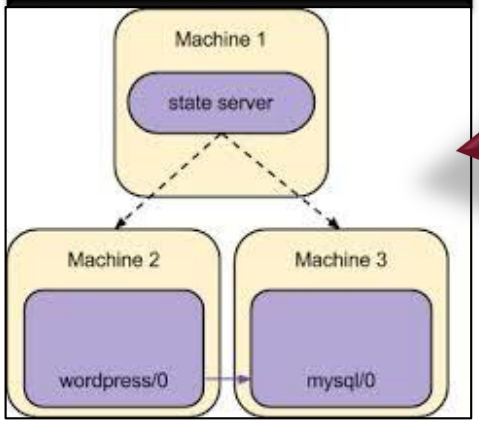

Goal:

- Reduce abstraction gap by „divide and conquer”
- Intermediate models
- Chain of model transformations

Model Transformation Flows / Chains

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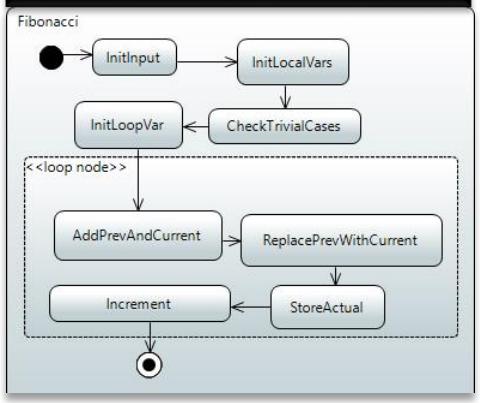

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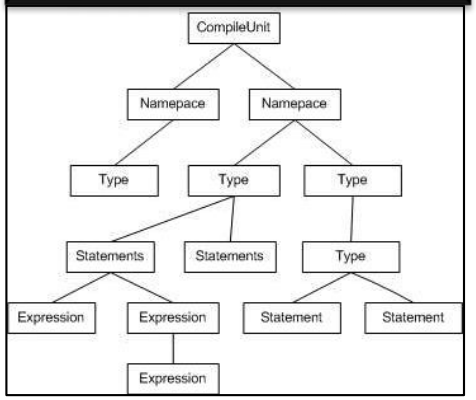

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Joint optimization steps

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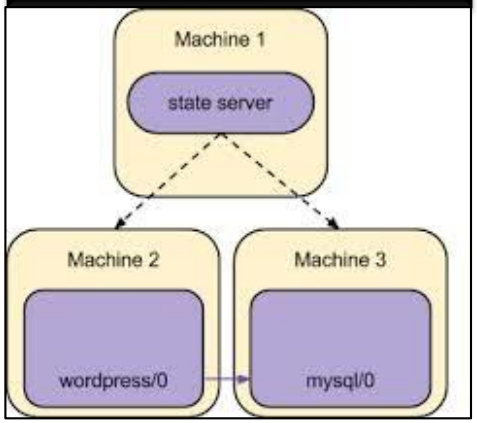

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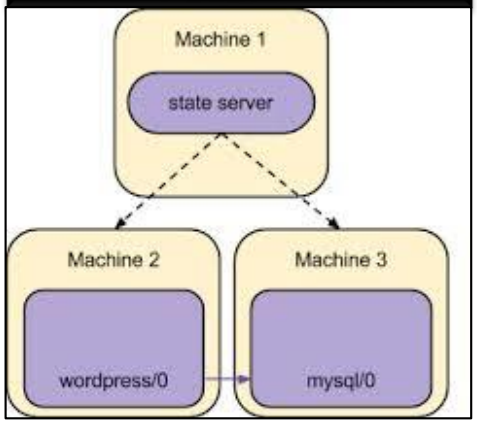

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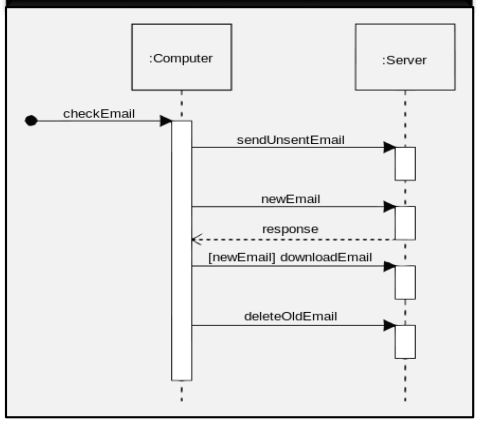
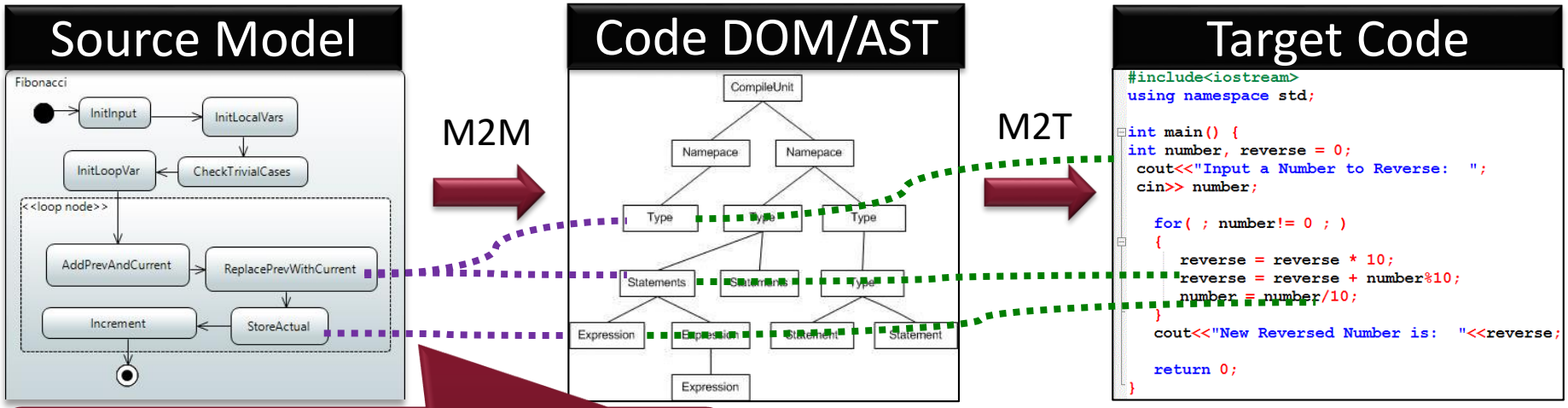


Traceability in Model Transformations



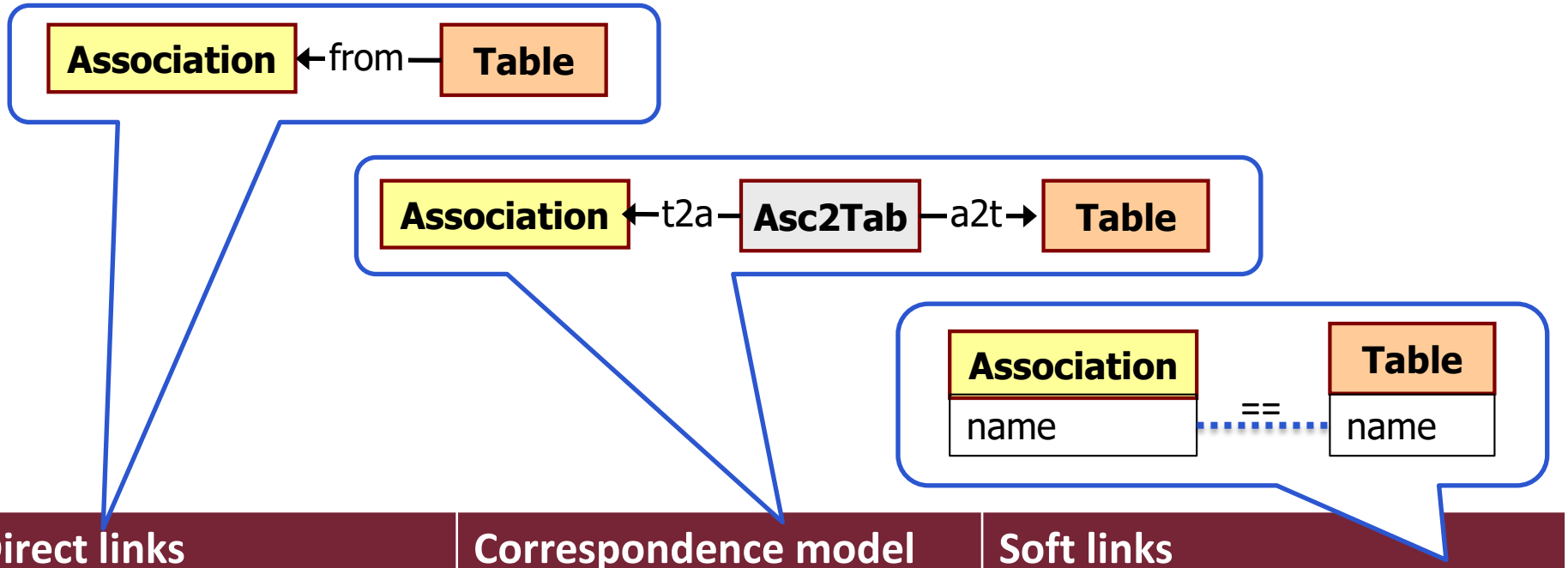
Traceability / correspondence links:

- Connect SRC and TRG models

Objectives:

- Make transformation specification easier
- Support end-to-end traceability
- Improve incrementality (see later)

Forms of Traceability



Direct links	Correspondence model	Soft links
Cross-reference between SRC↔TRG	Stored in separate metamodel & model	Match by id / qualified name using model query / index
Intrusive: must extend meta & instance models	Complex, large overhead	Requires unique identifier; limited expressiveness (tells which one, not why)

Rule-based Transformations

Model Transformation Specification

- Imperative with direct model manipulation
  - Quick&easy for simple batch transformations
  - But what if we need…
    - Incrementality?
    - Bidirectionality?
- **Rule-based declarative**
  - *Graph Transformation* based
  - Hybrid: query + imperative action (VIATRA etc.)
  - „Relational” (QVT-R, TGG, ATL, etc.)
  - „Explicit”

Rule-based MT core idea

- Unit: **MT rule**

For each occurrence of…	…transform it like this
Root class in inheritance hierarchy	Create entity table with default columns
Attribute of class	Add columns to table of class
Association between classes	Create switch with foreign key columns
PRECONDITION **Declarative Model Query**	**ACTION** **May be imperative**

- This is just the core idea, many variants
  - We'll discuss two formalisms later (VIATRA, GT)

Inversion of Control (**IoC**)

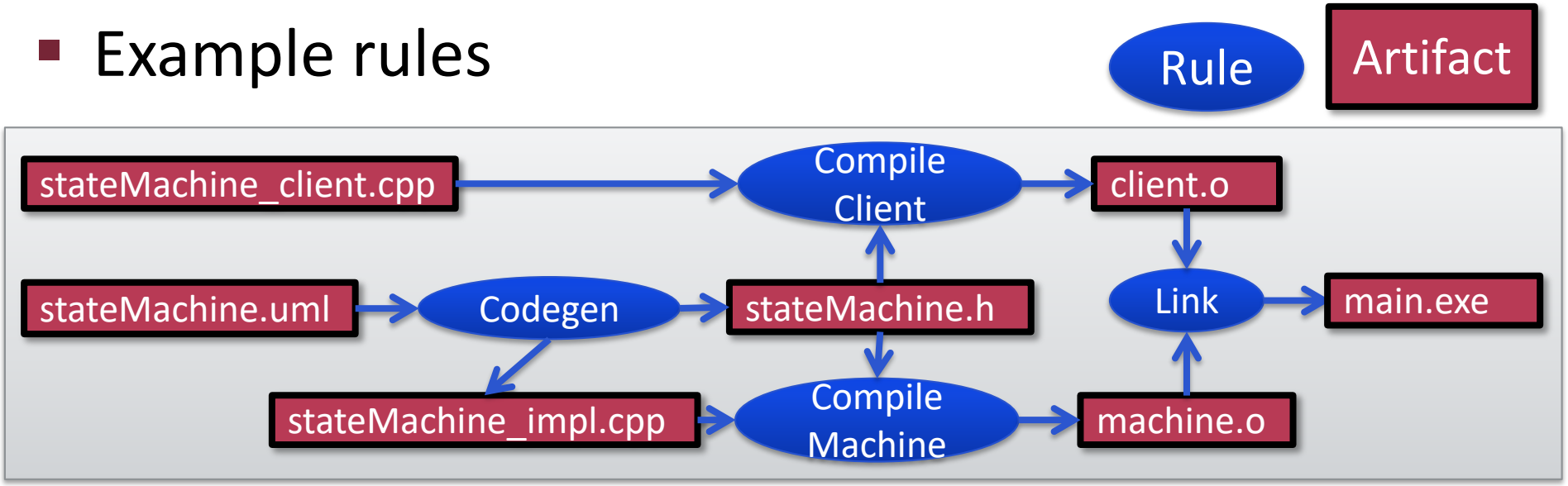
- Declarative rule execution
  - **Transformation engine** interprets preconditions
  - Rules are **fired** by engine when&where enabled
- Several variants
  - „As long as possible” / „fire why possible” semantics
    - Iterate while there are **rule activations**
    - Select one activation (**conflict resolution**), fire it
  - „Fire all current” semantics
    - Select all *current* activations, fire them all, stop
  - Arbitrary control flow

Rule-based Systems

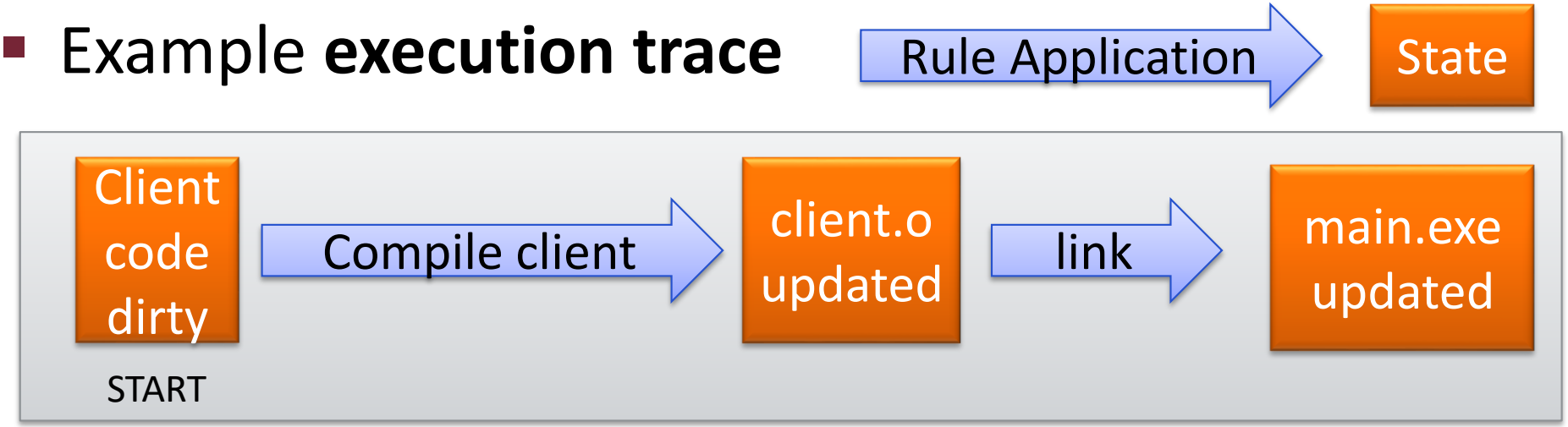
- Where have I seen rule-based systems?
  - **Model transformations** We are interested in this
  - Build scripts (MAKEFILE, Maven, etc.) Easy example
    - Rule: build this artifact *like this* (action) when those others are ready and dirty (precondition)
  - Business rule & expert systems (Jboss Drools, etc.)
  - Context-free grammars (see Textual Syntax Lecture)
  - CSS
  - …
- There are some vague commonalities

Build Script Example

- Example rules



- Example **execution trace**



Common Rule-based Problems

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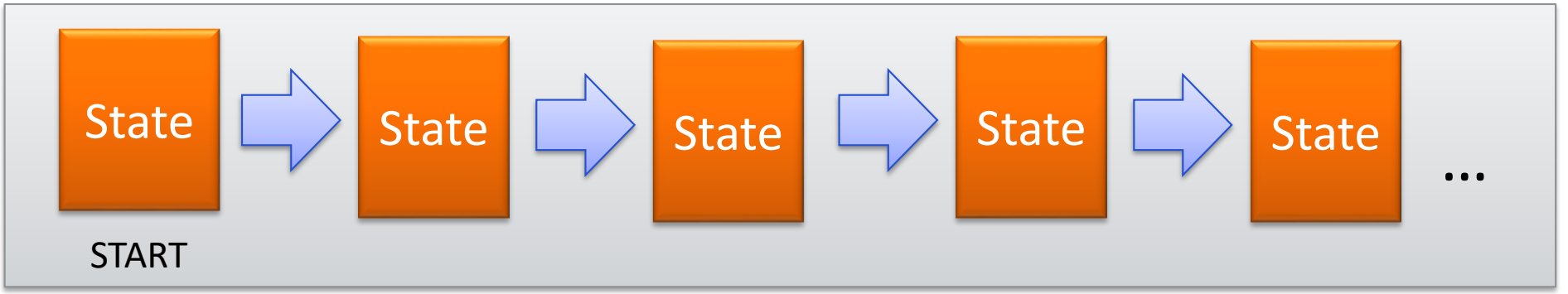
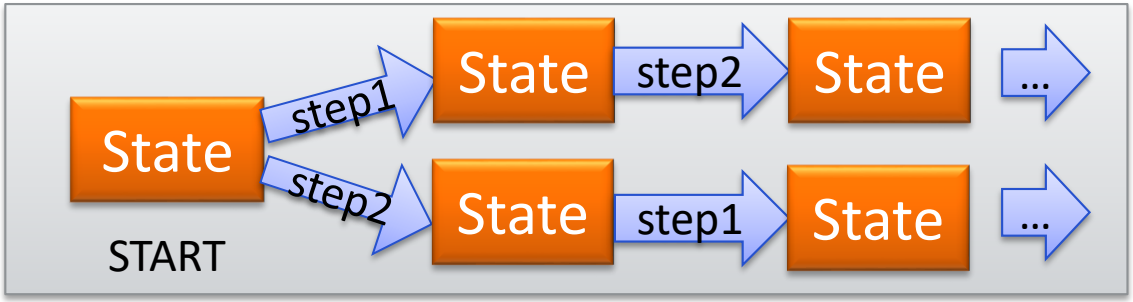


  - Vital to ensure!
  - Non-terminating examples
    - Makefile: a build step overwrites (re-dirties) one of its inputs
    - MT rule creates new object, has to be xformed by same rule
    - MT Rule1 creates element, Rule2 deletes it, Rule 1 again, …
  - No systematic way to guarantee, requires thought

Common Rule-based Problems

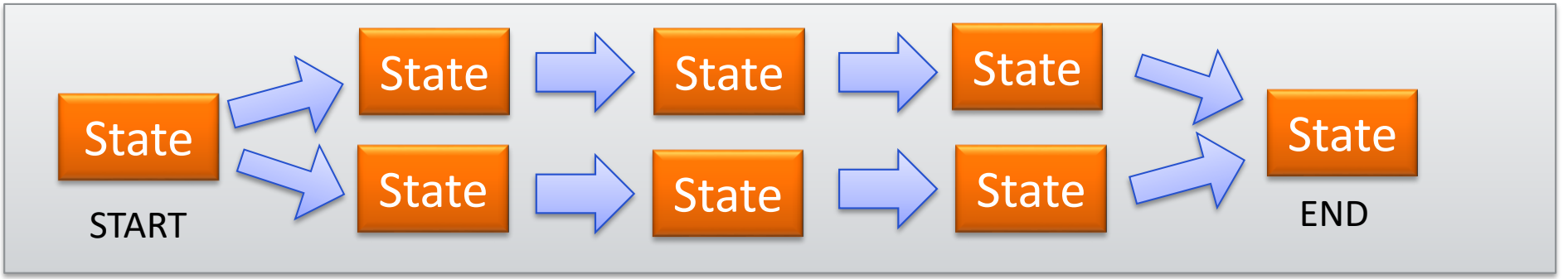
- Problem 2: **Ordering of steps** (rule applications)



  - May be required for correctness
    - MT example: transform attribute only after relevant class
  - In other cases, only performance is impacted
    - Makefile: if client is built before dirty .uml, must rebuild
  - How to manage?
    - Smart engine (limited applicability, works for Makefile)
    - Express in precondition (attribute rule requires class)
    - **Rule priorities** (execute class rules before attribute rules)

Common Rule-based Problems

- Problem 3: **Confluence**

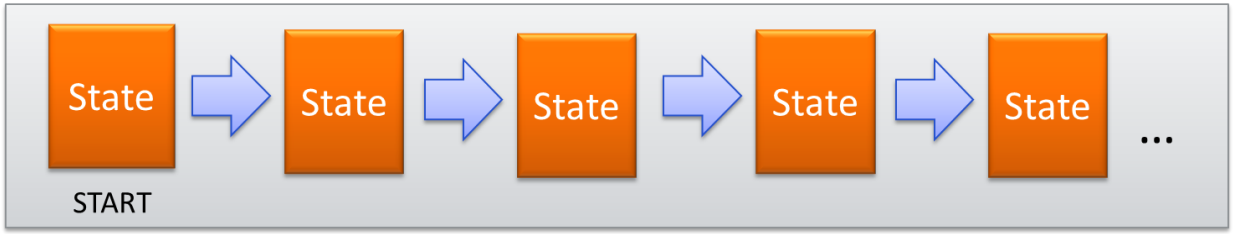


  - Final state must be determined by start state
    - No matter the internal choices (which rule to apply now?)
    - Confluence is important; full determinism is optional
  - Examples
    - ORM: Which root class to transform first? Doesn't matter.
    - Makefile: Which dirty file to recompile first? Doesn't matter.
  - No systematic way to guarantee, requires thought

Graph Transformation (GT) Rules

The Motivation for GT

- Writing correct rule-based MTs may be hard
  - Termination



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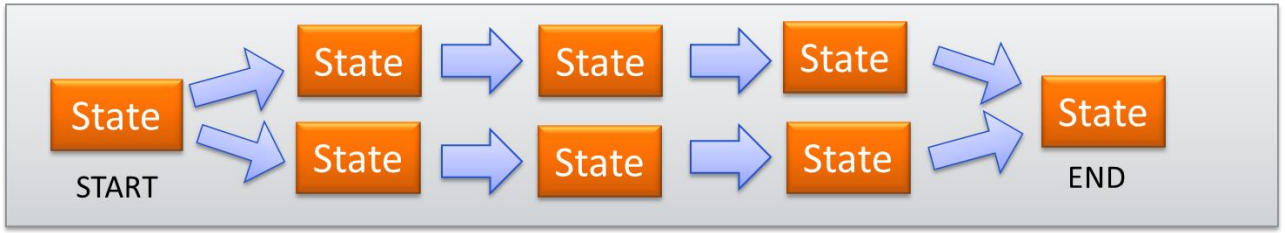

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  - …to represent MT rules…
  - …and reason about them

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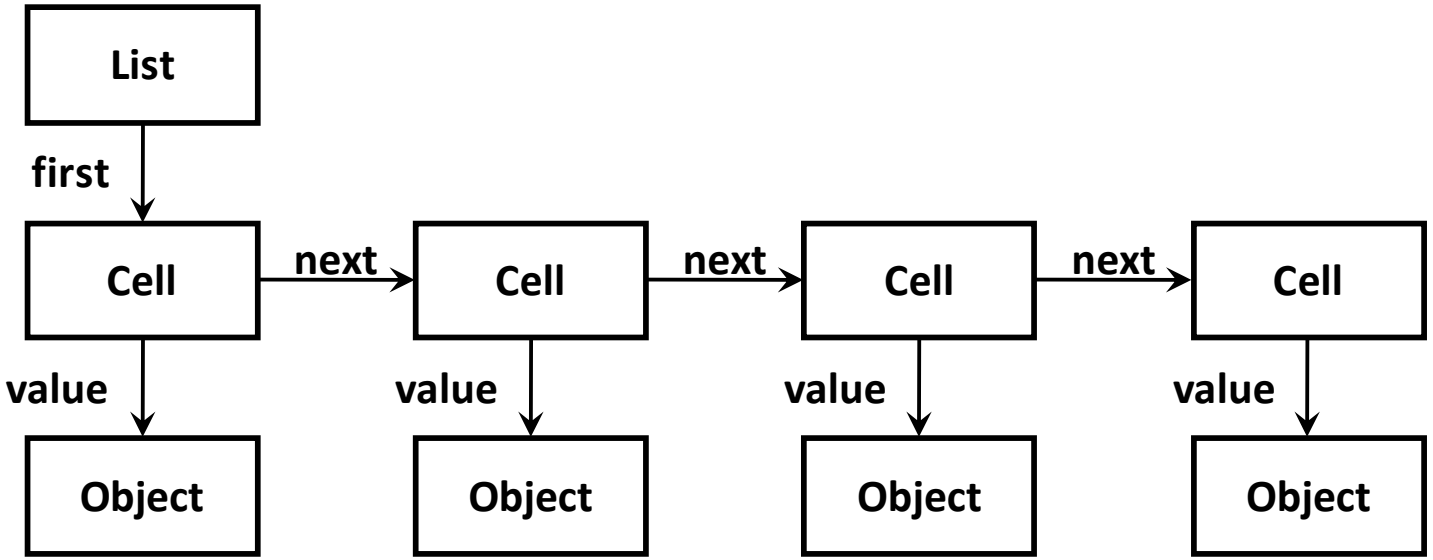

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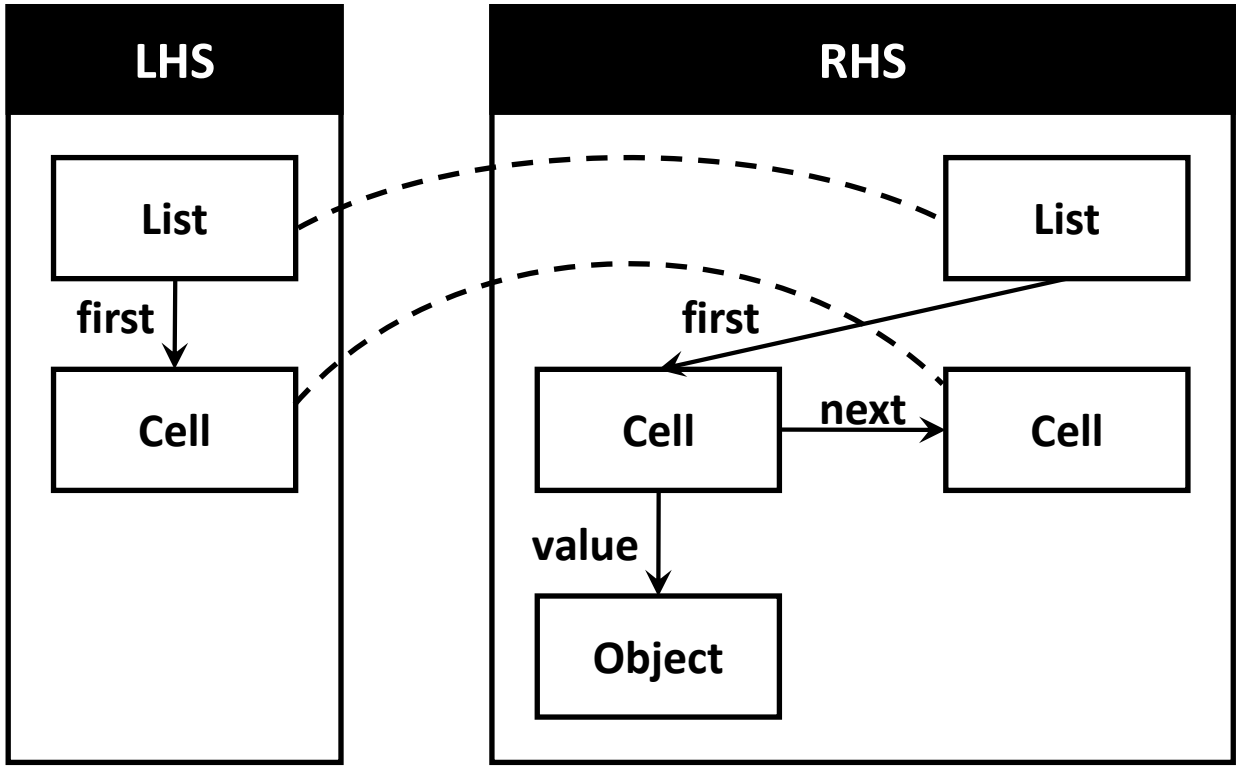

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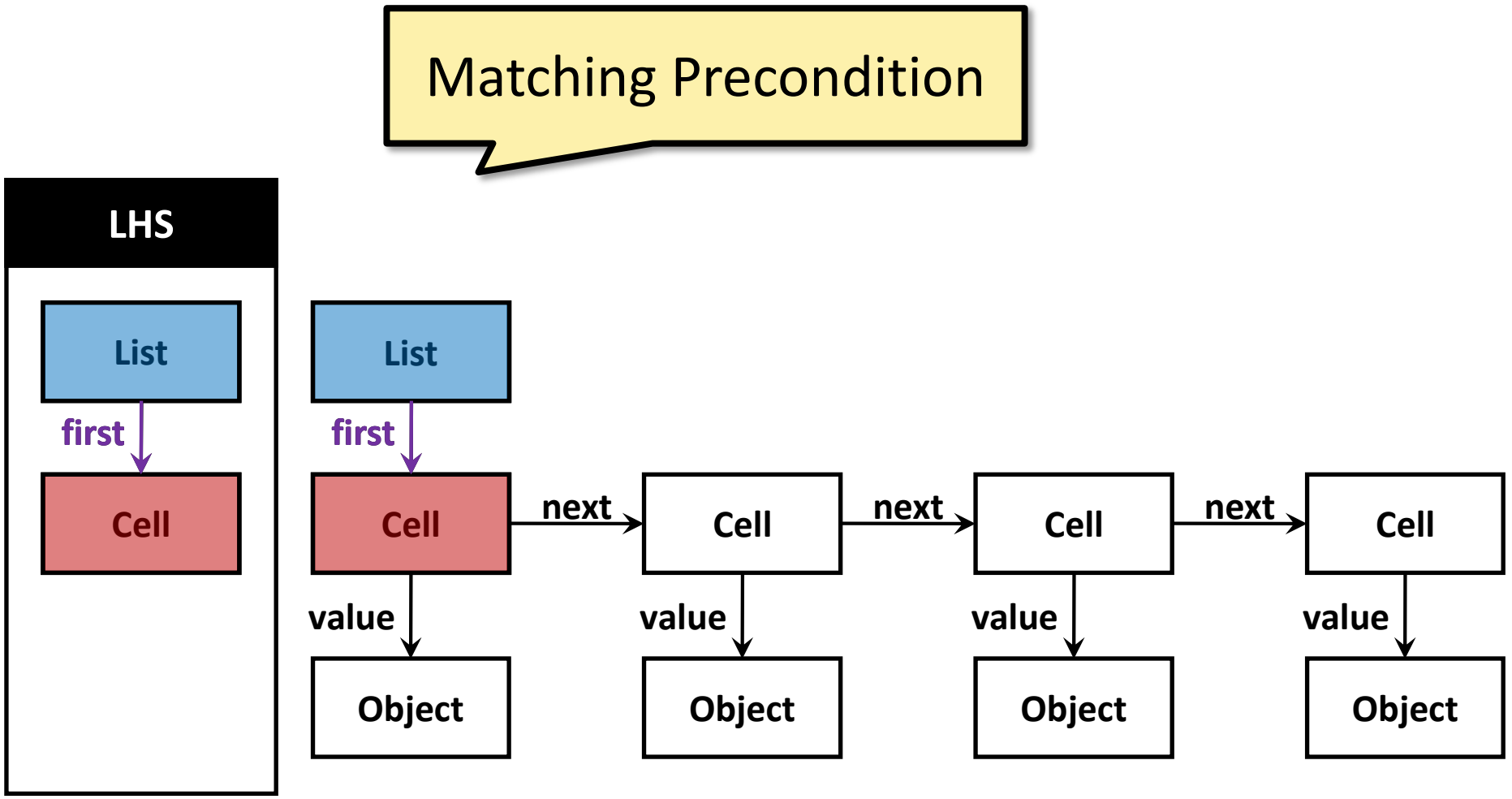

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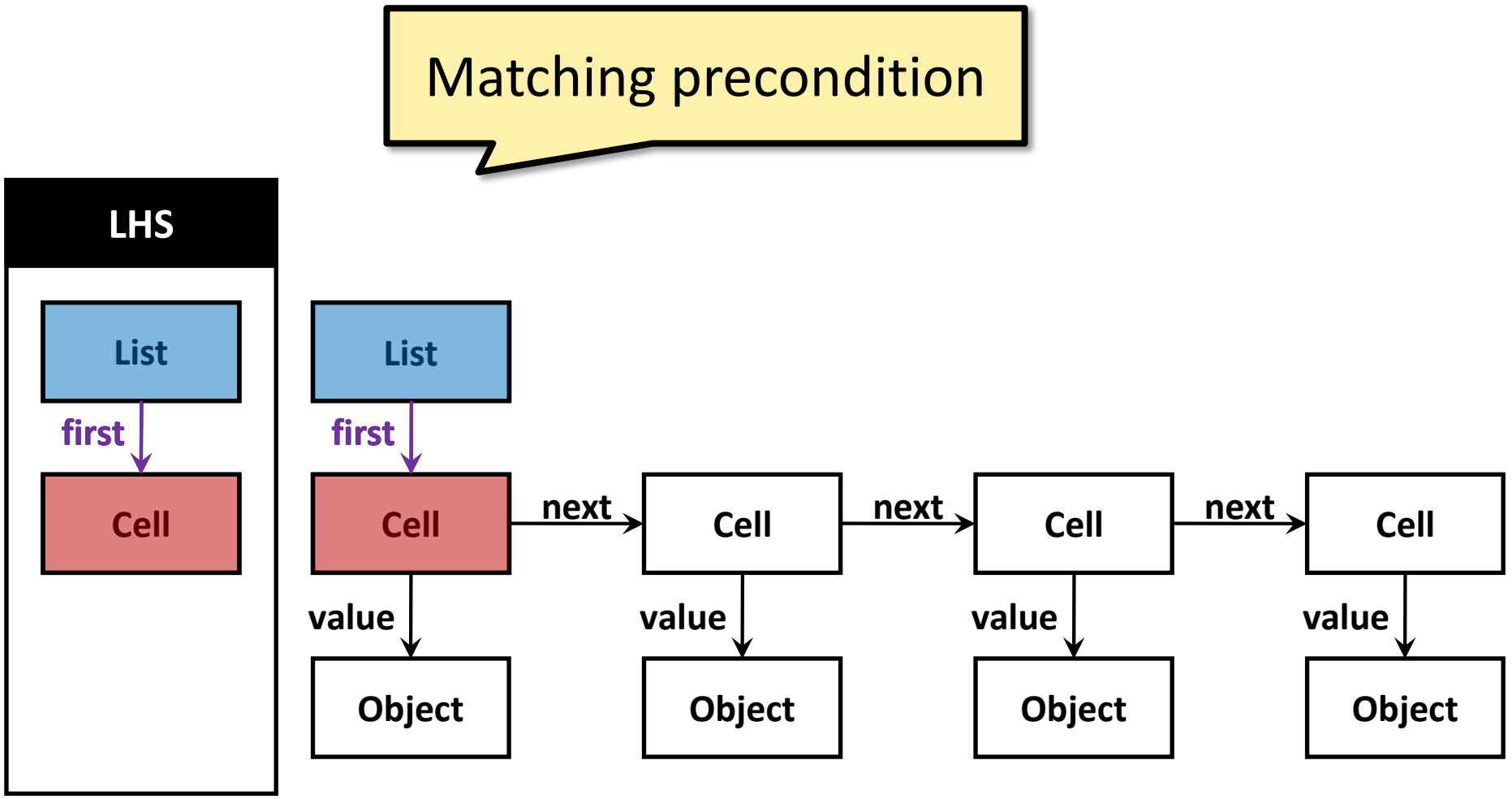

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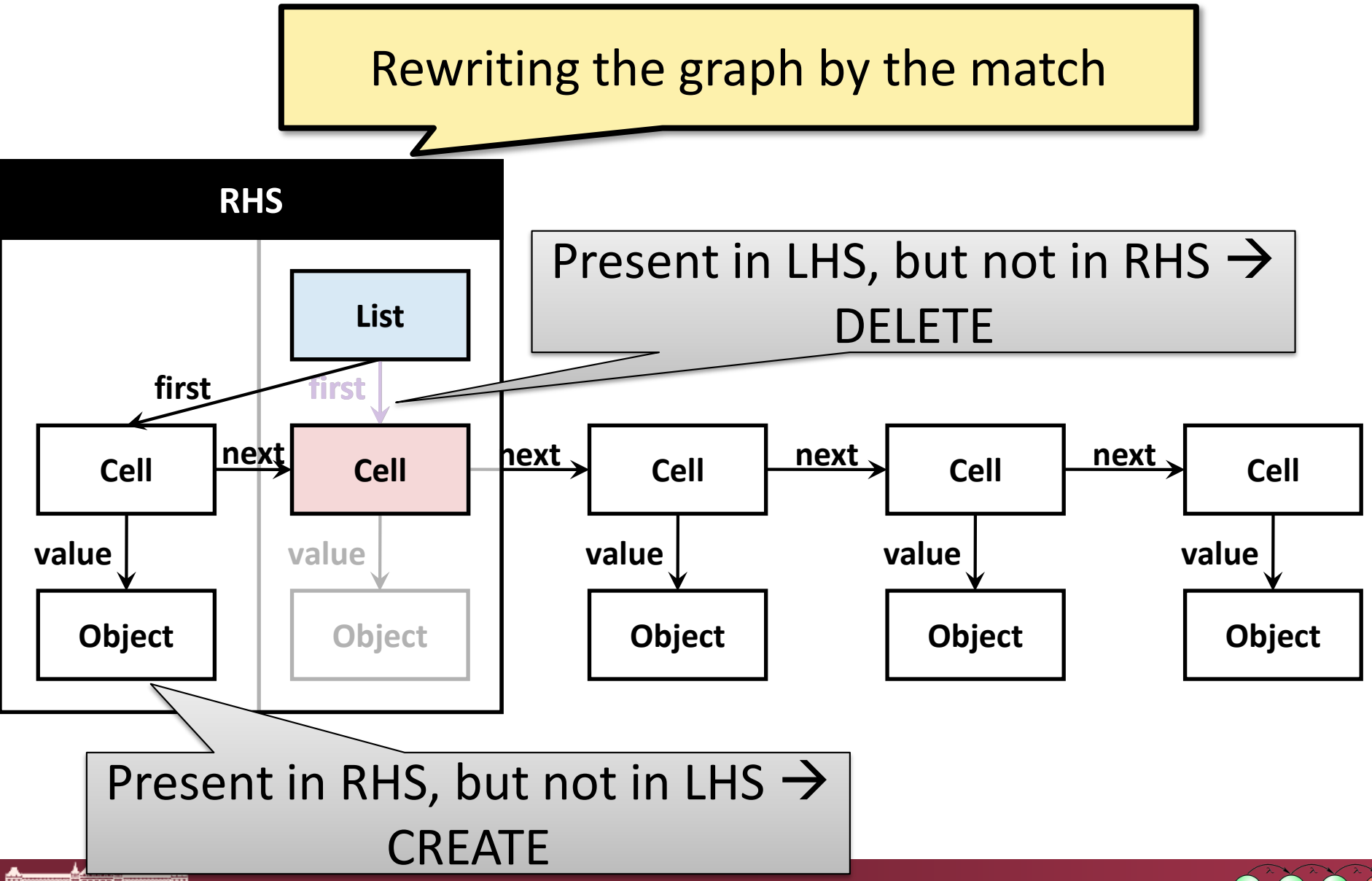

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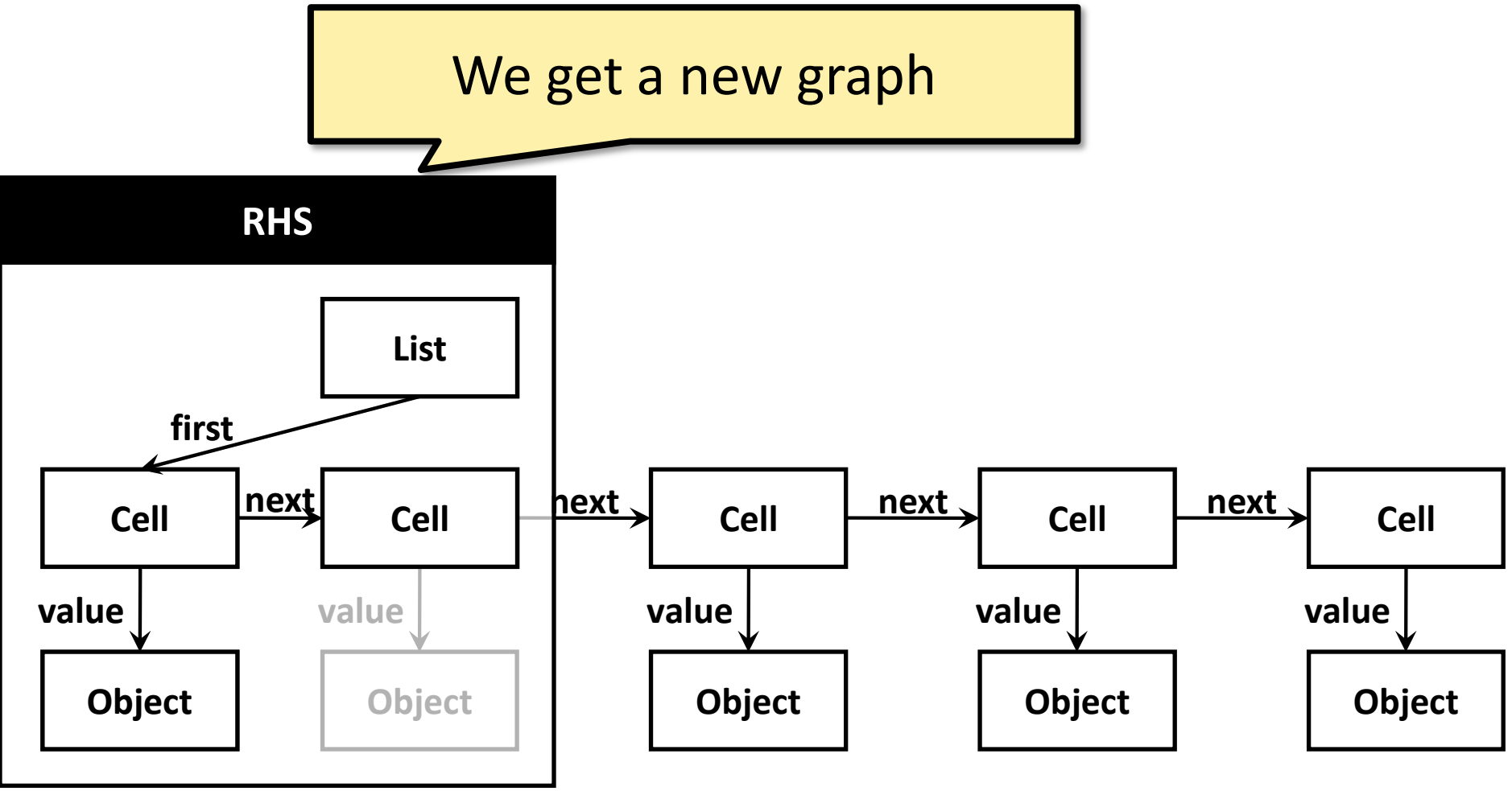

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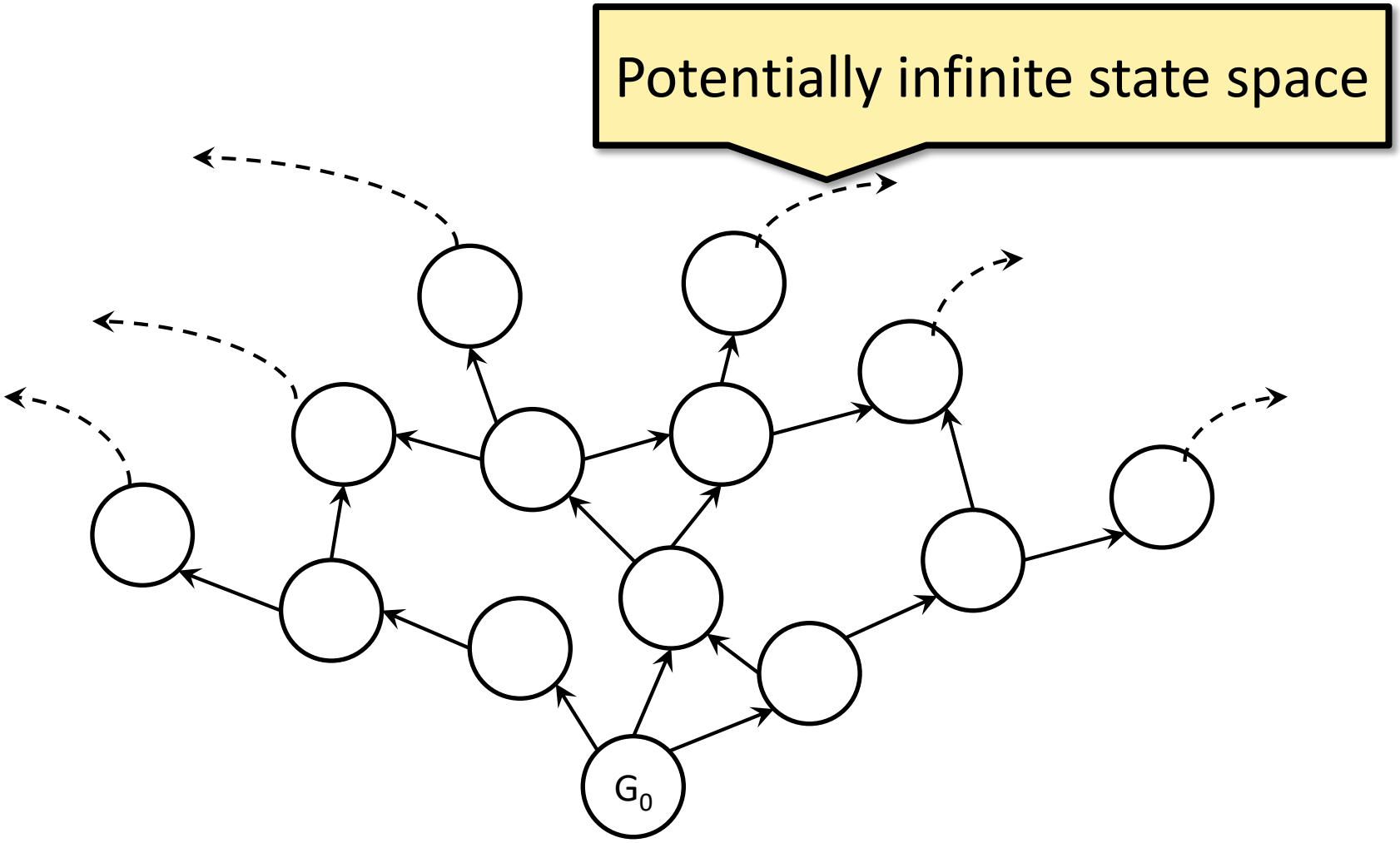

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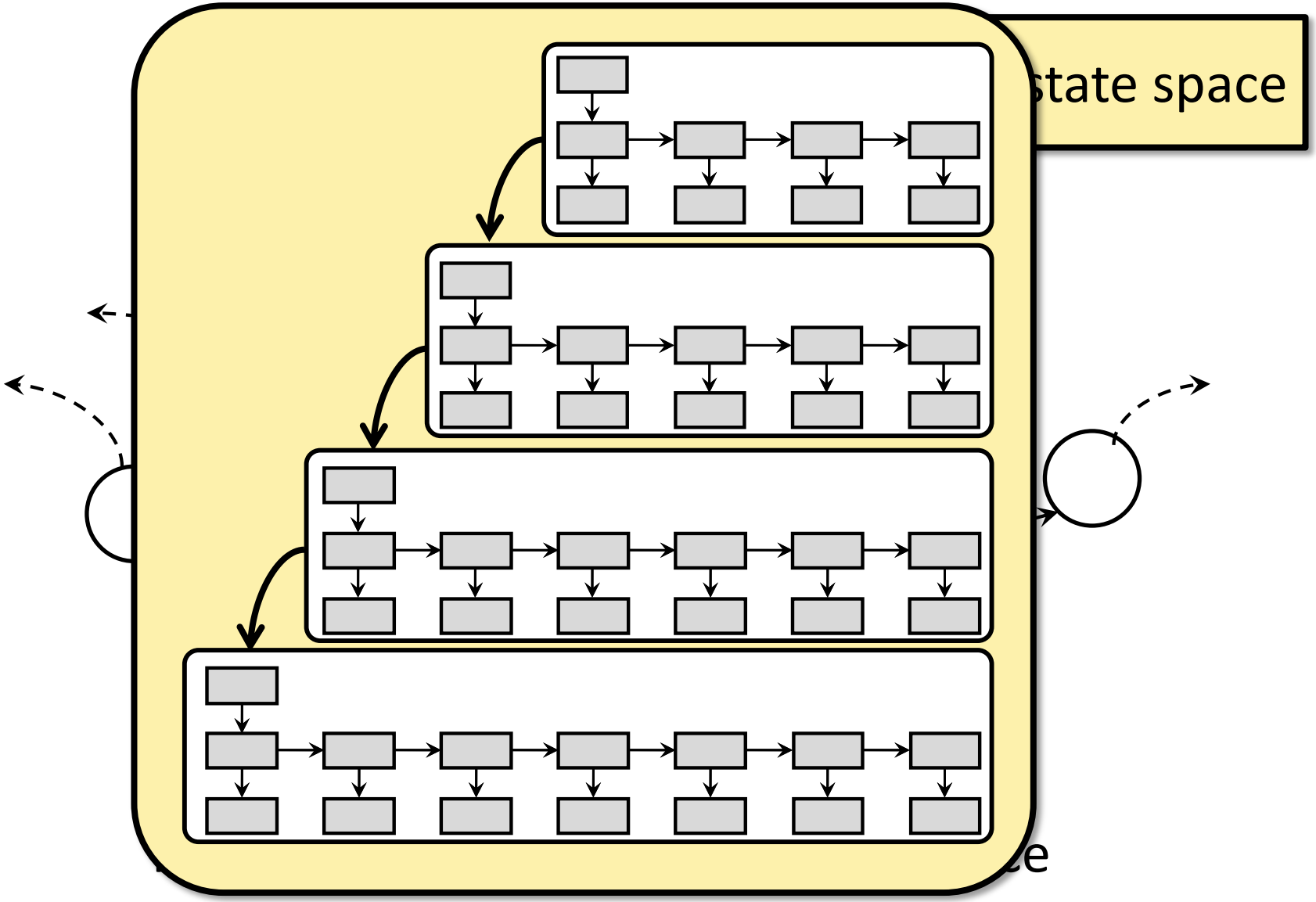

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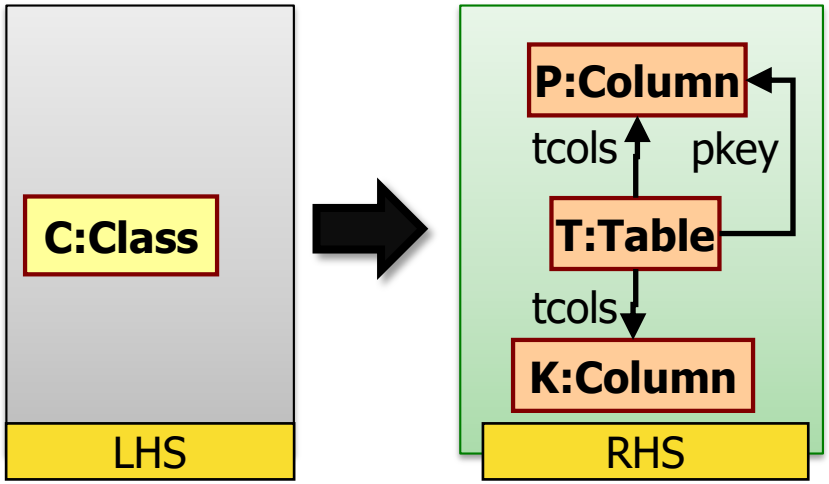

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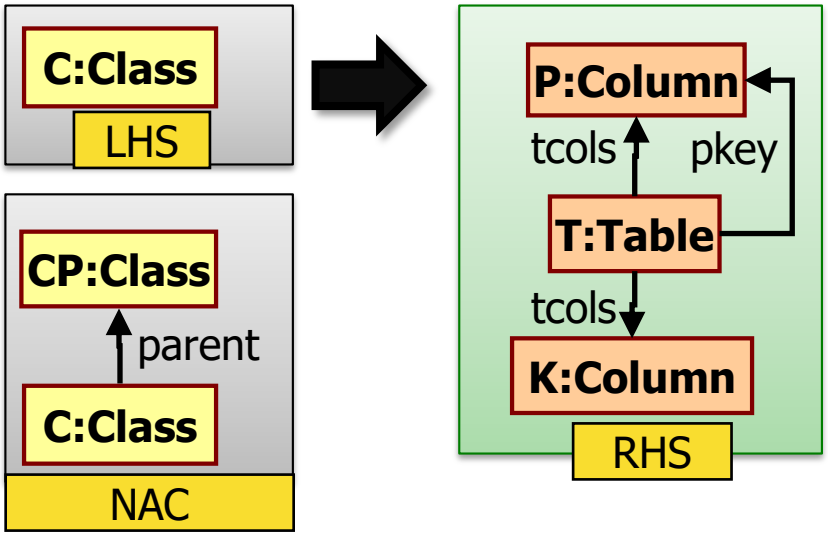

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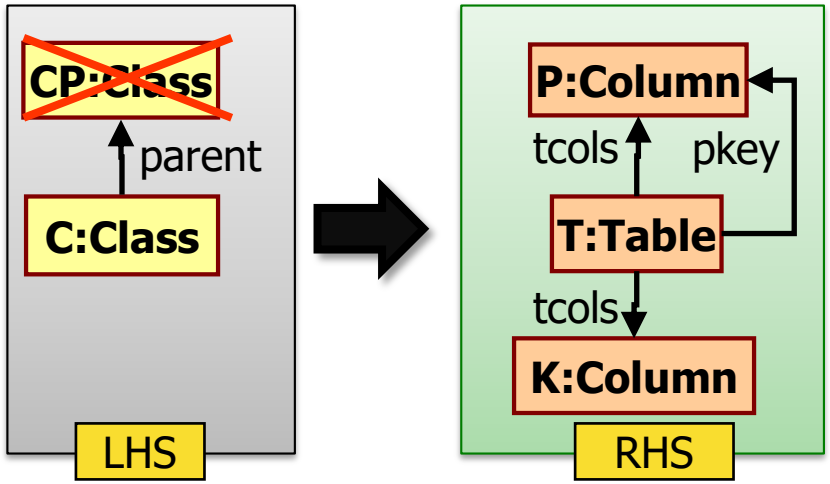

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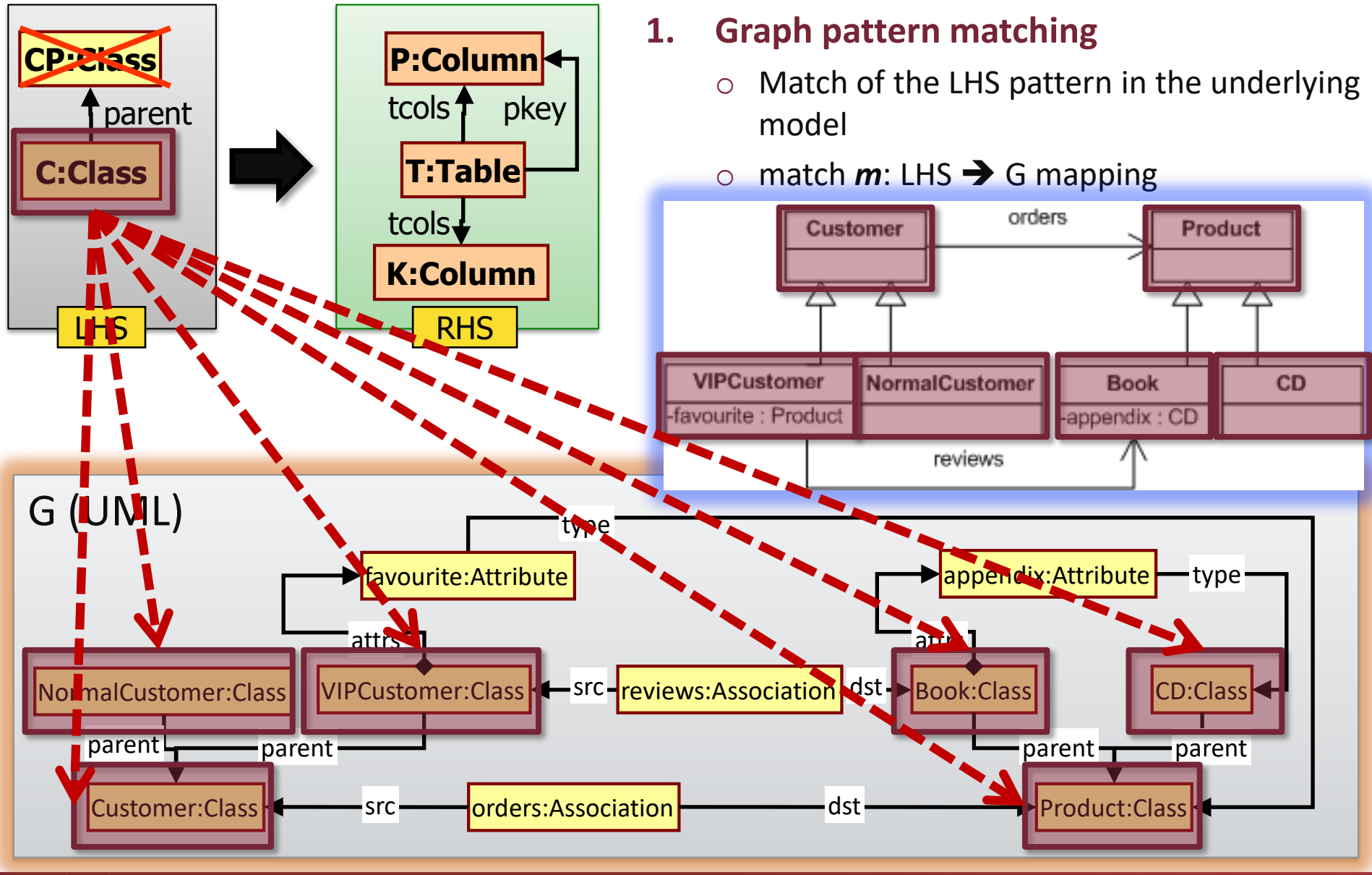

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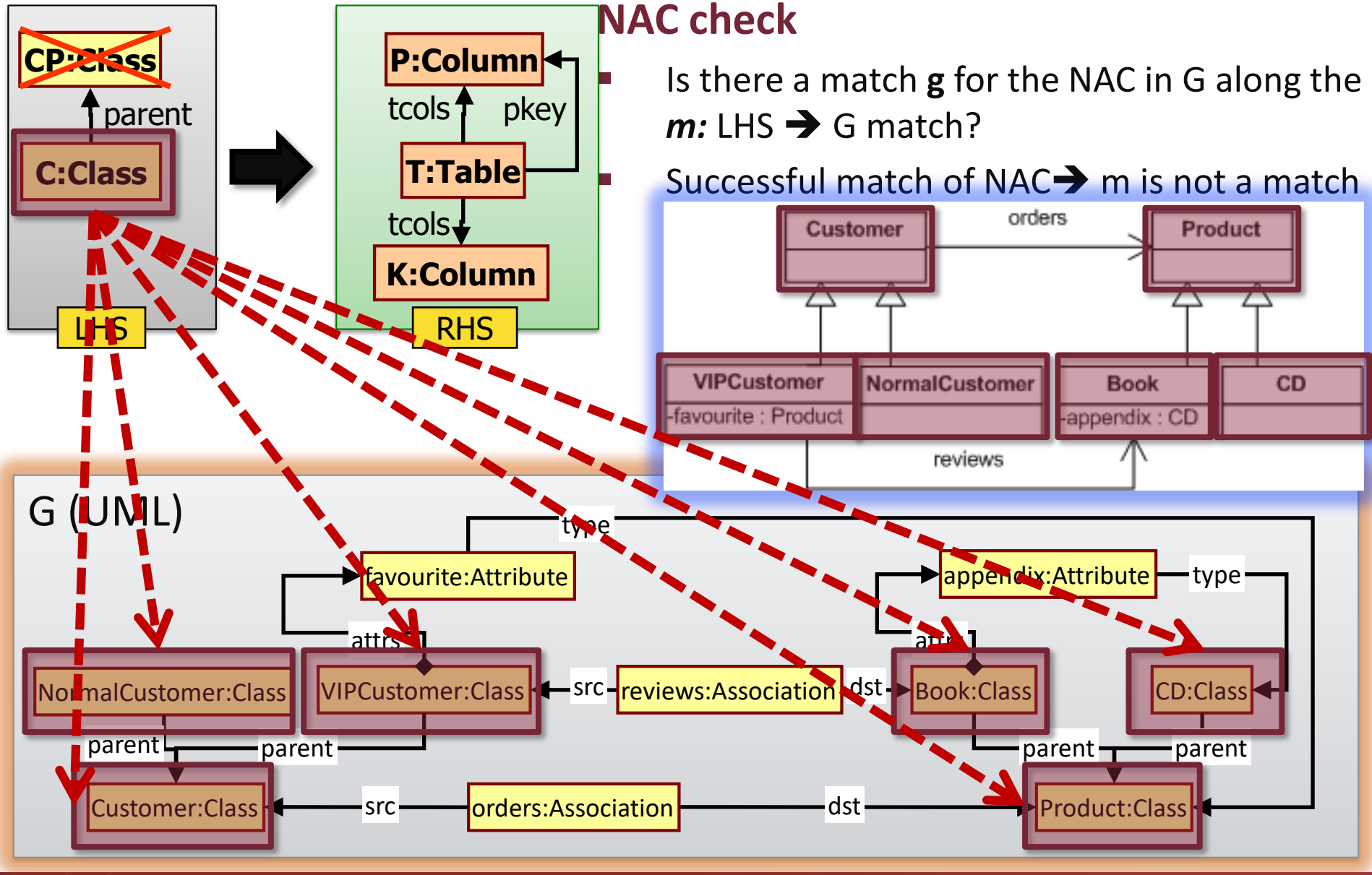

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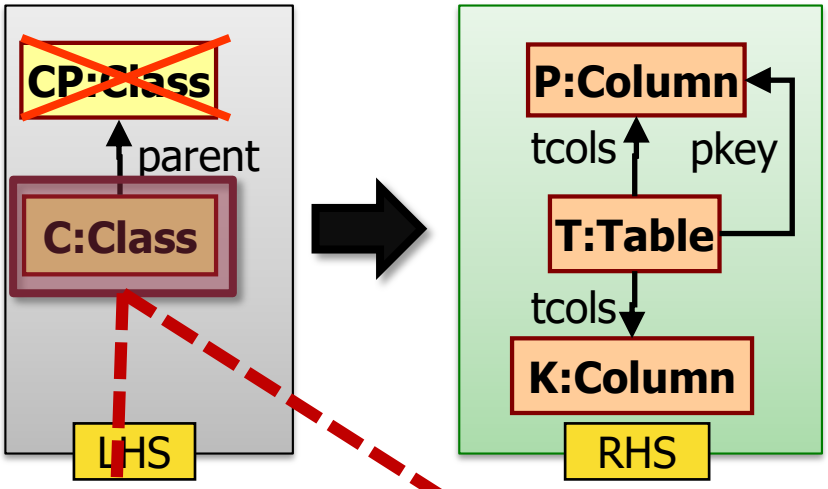

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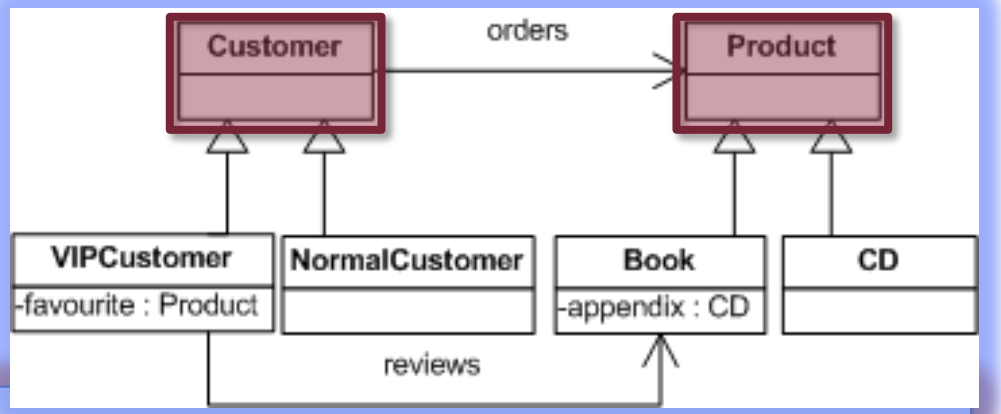
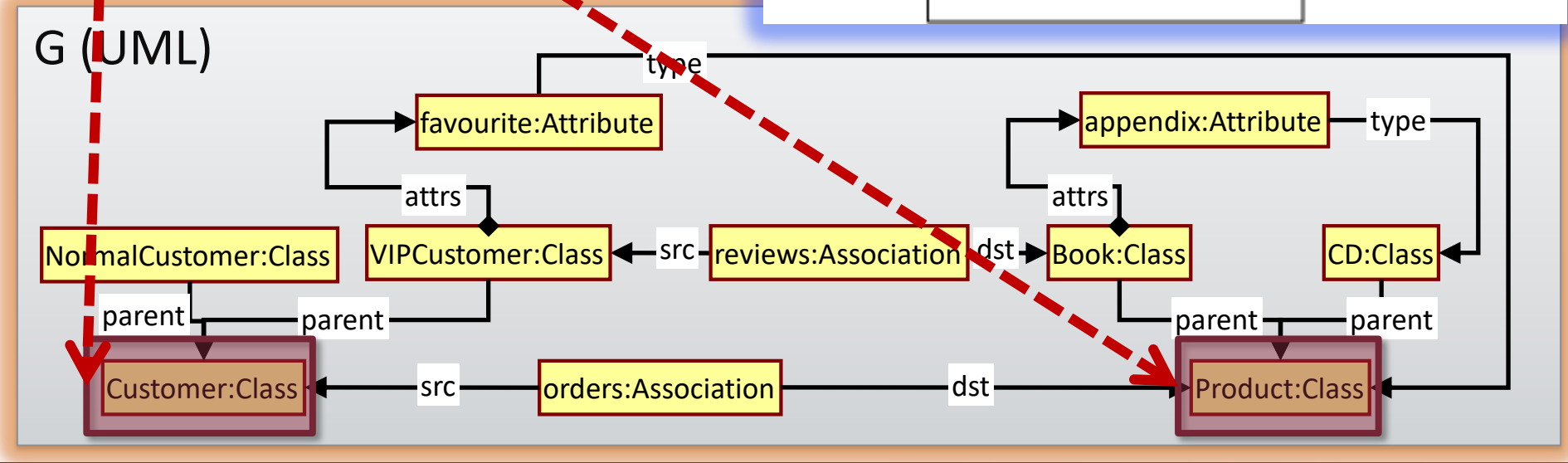
- Random selection of a match (if more than one)
- No match➔ rule fails





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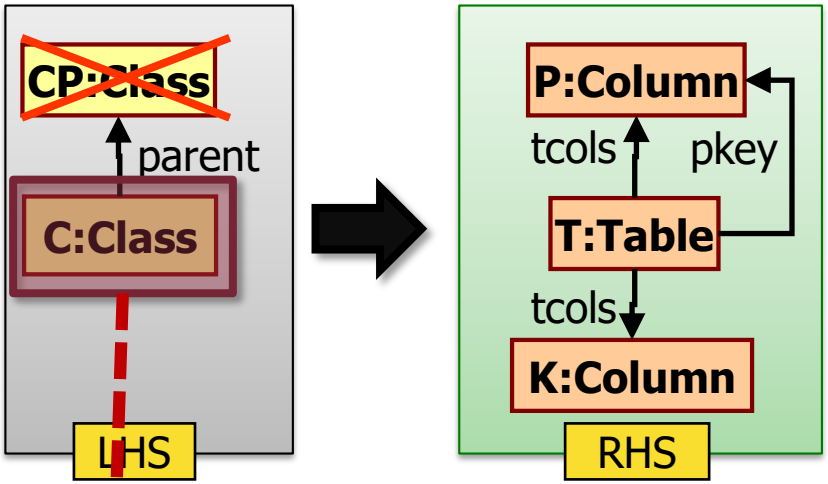
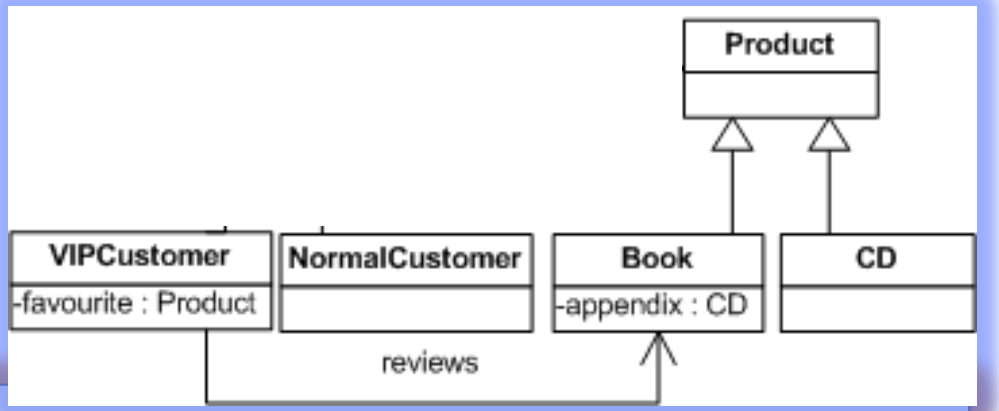
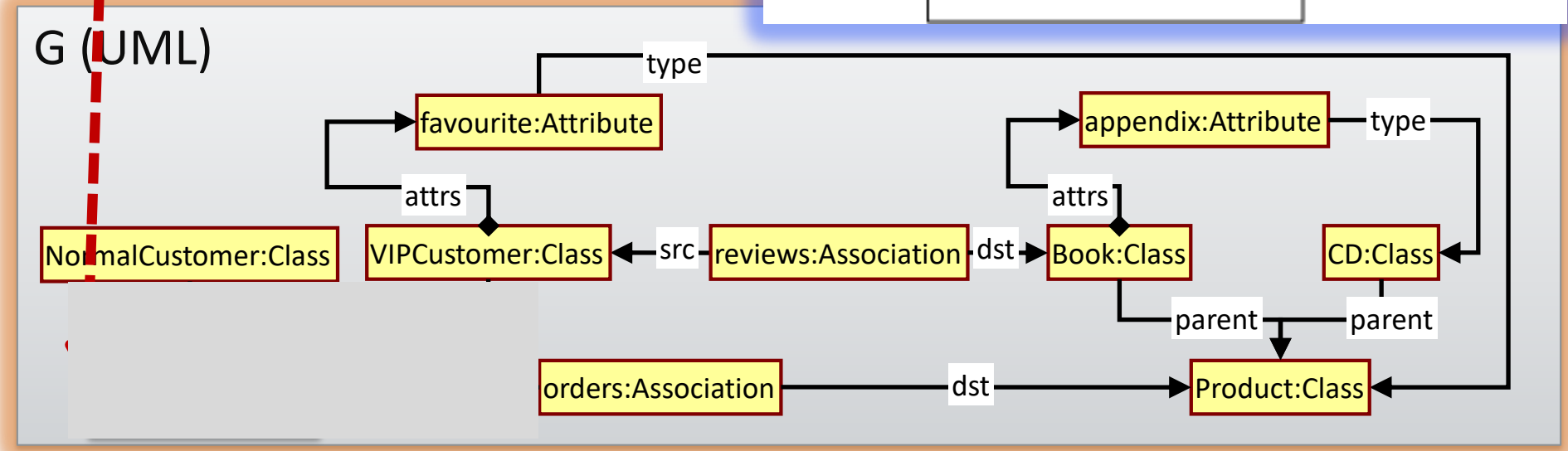


4. Deletion

- Deletion of LHS \ RHS from G
- In LHS yes, in RHS no





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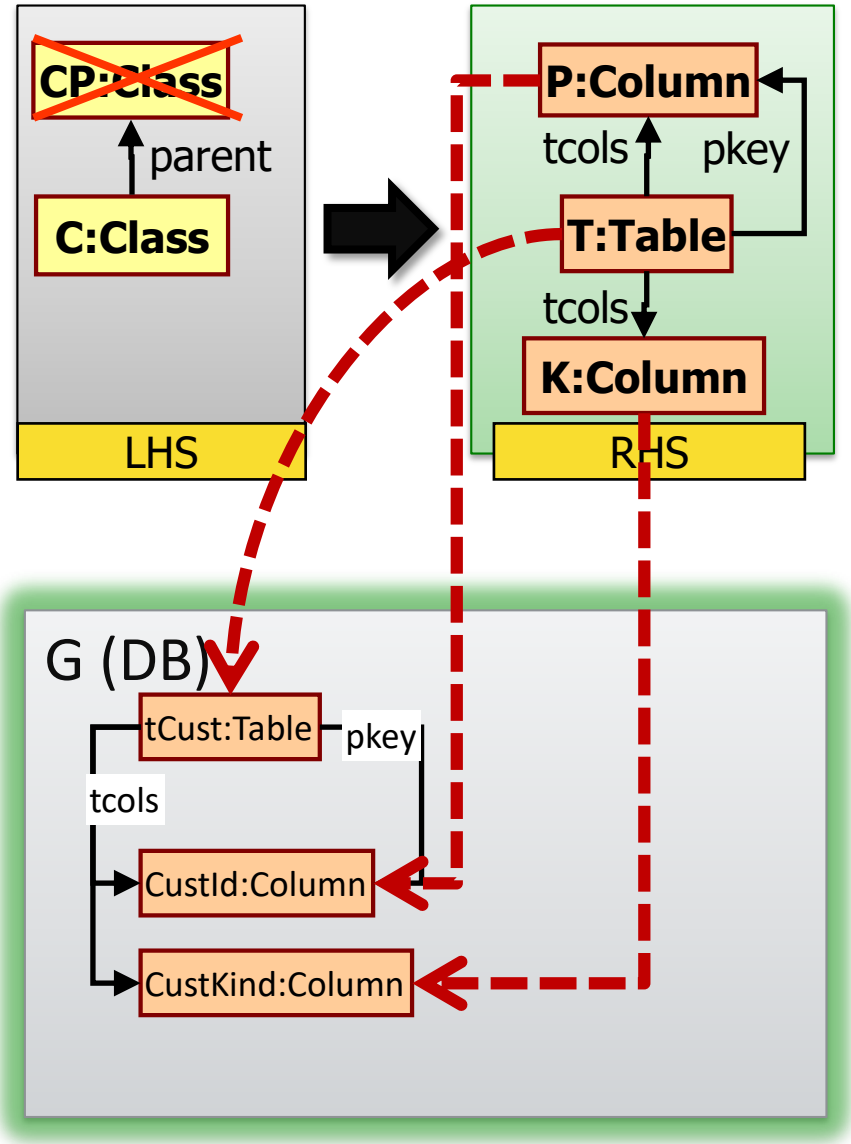

5. Creation (and binding)

- Creation of RHS \ LHS in G with their corresponding relations
- Output:
  a „match” (image) of RHS in G

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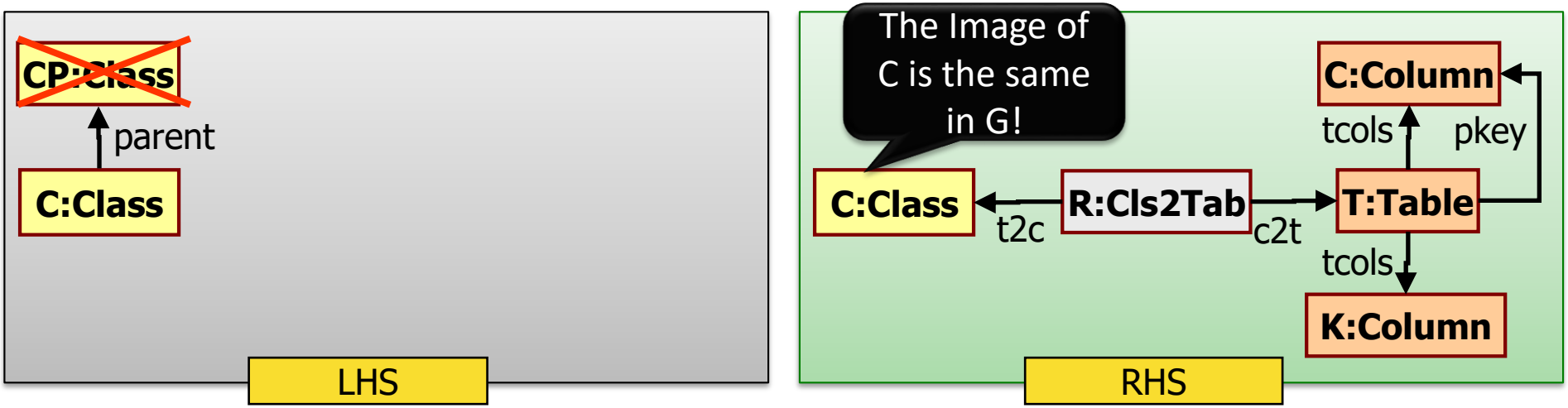
Typical problems…

1) Saving the source model, traceability



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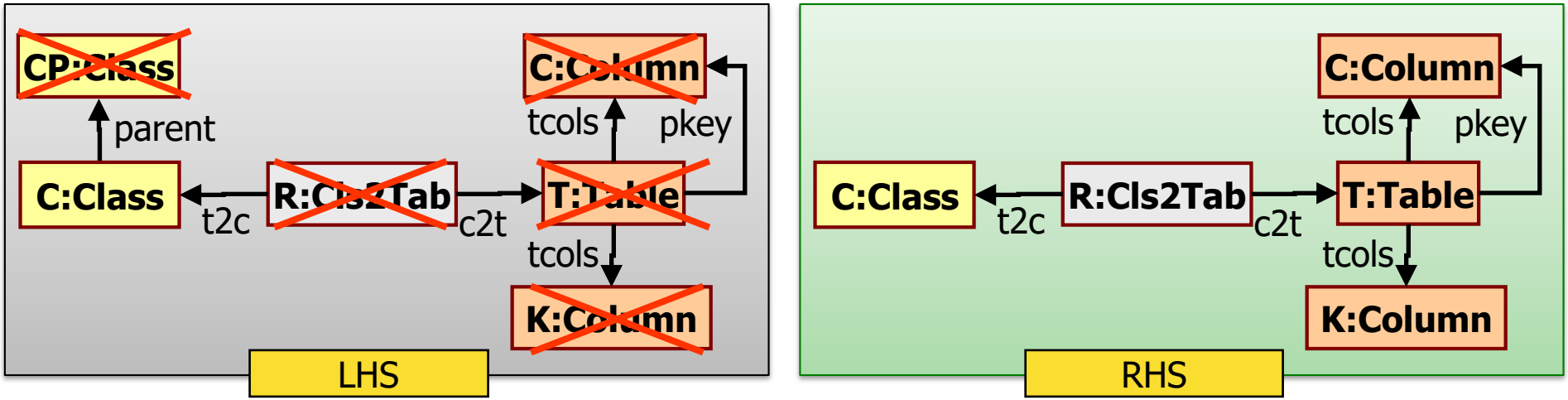

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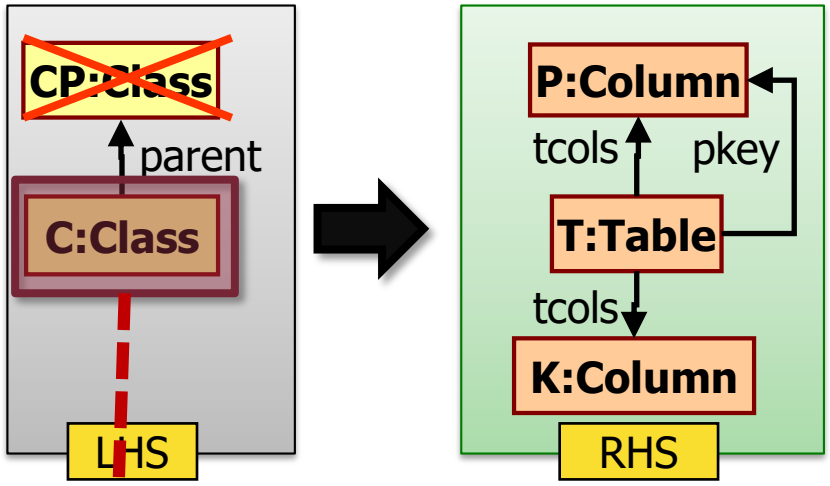

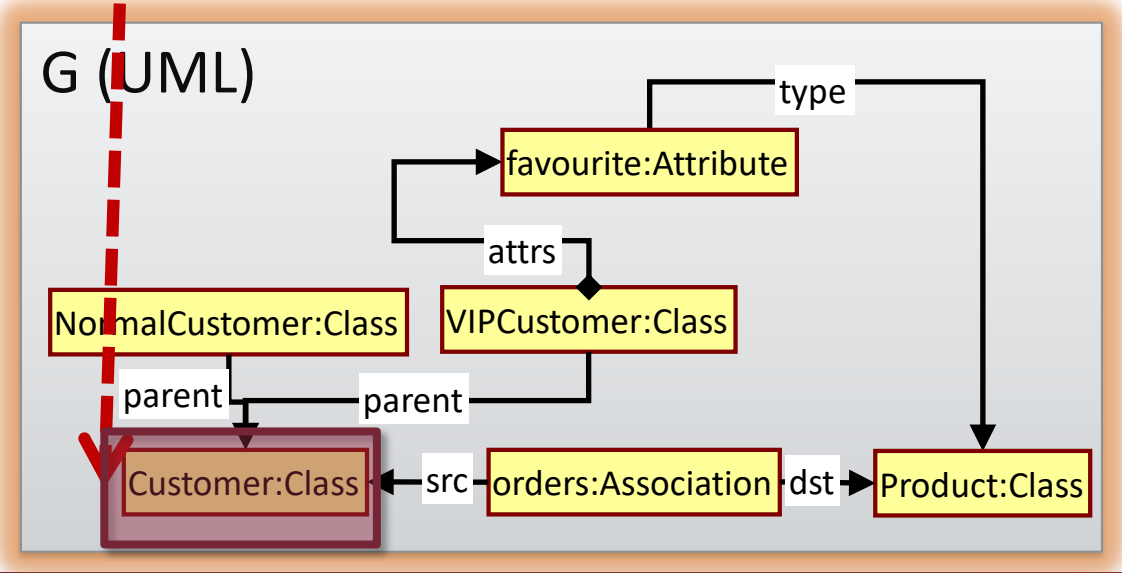

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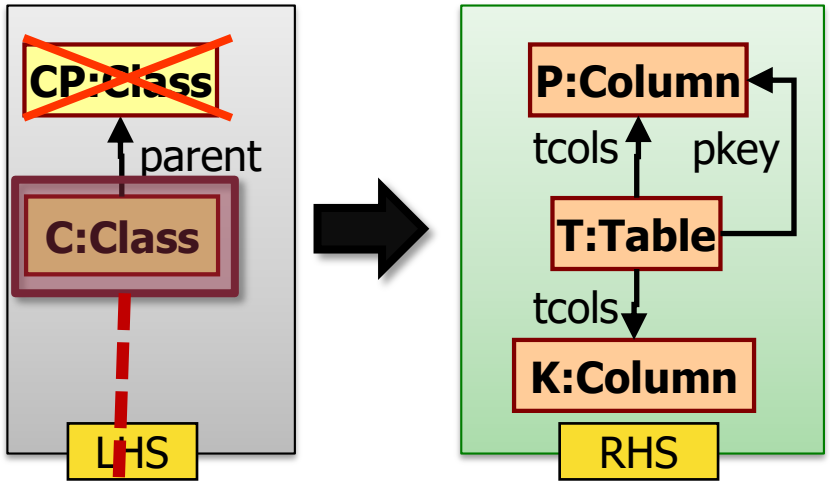

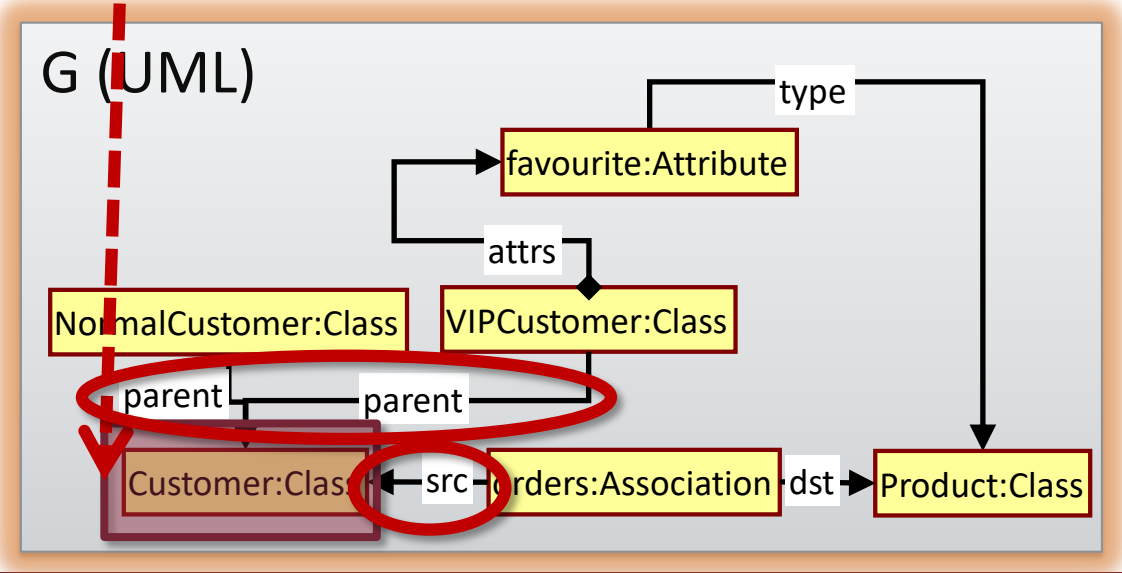

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- **Conservative approach**
  - Rule cannot be applied if it would yield dangling edge
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    - Helps verification
  - **Con**:
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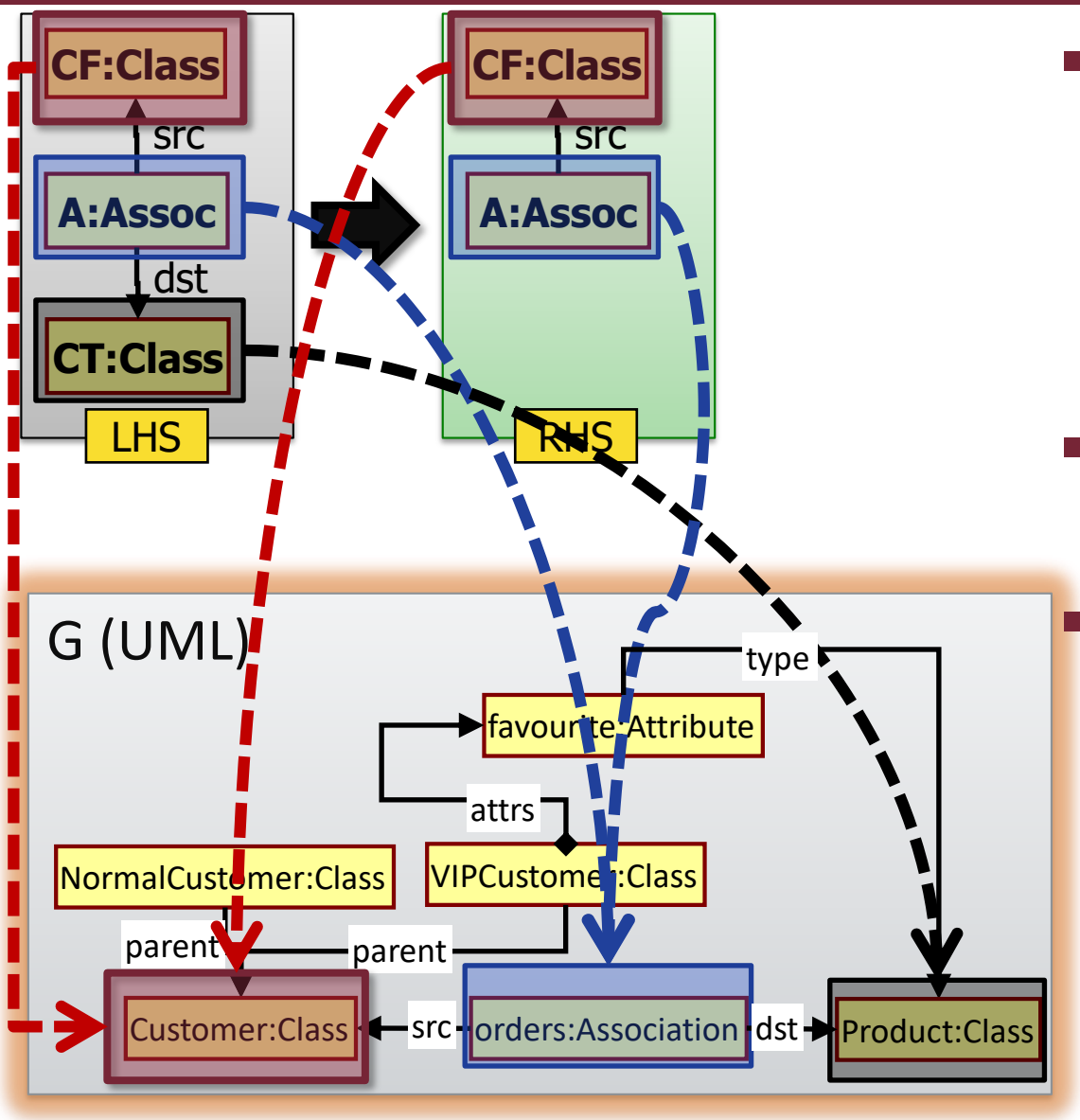
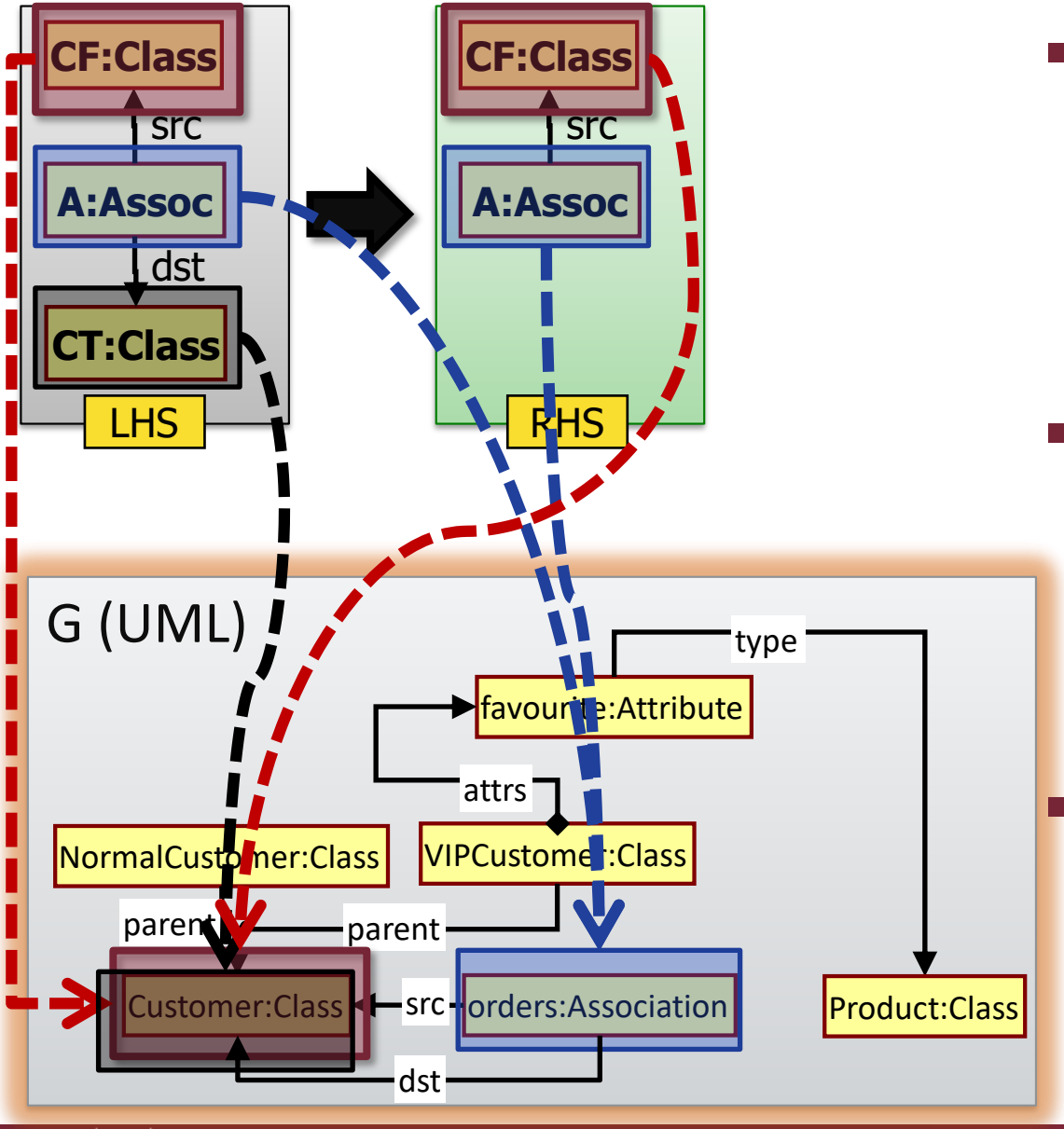
    - Meaningful for engineers? (not mathematicians)

Semantics: Injective matching



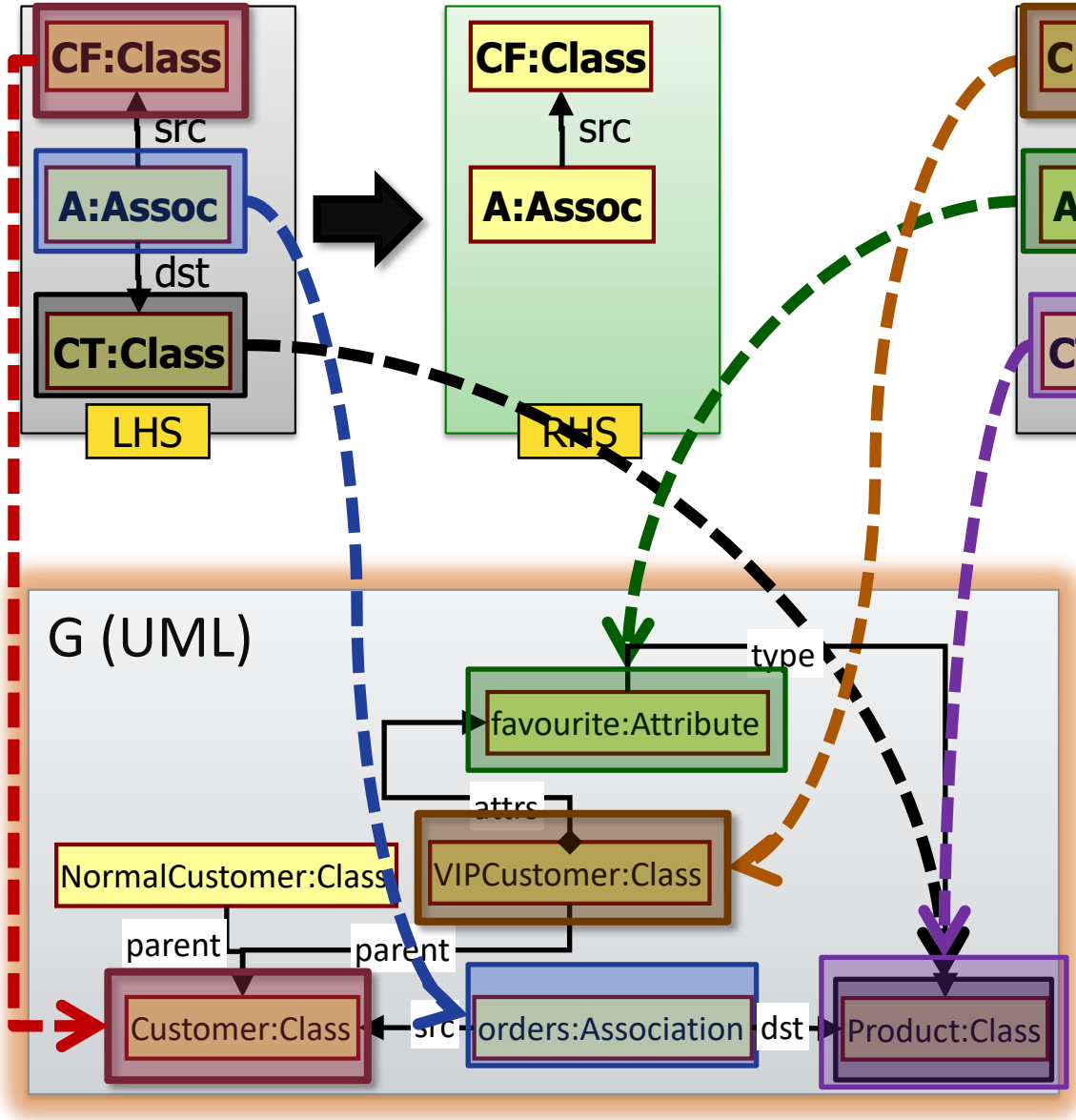
- **Injective matching („kisajátító”)**
  - For all nodes in the LHS➔ separate nodes are matched in G
- **Pro**:
  - Intuitive for engineers
- **Con**:
  - Verbose specification of rules
    (many alternate subrules)

Semantics: Non-injective matching



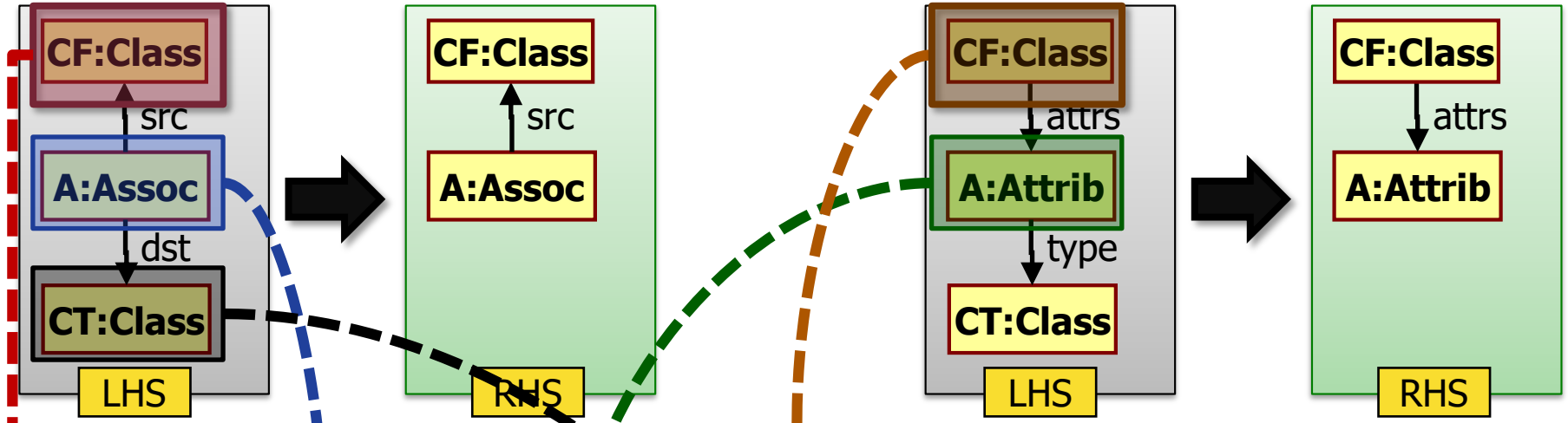
- **Non-Injective matching („közösködő”)**
  - Multiple nodes in LHS ➔ the same node can be matched in G
- **Con**:
  - Contradictionary specification for a node
    - For **CF** : keep it
    - For **CT** : delete
- **Solution**:
  - Nodes to be deleted in LHS are matched with injective semantics

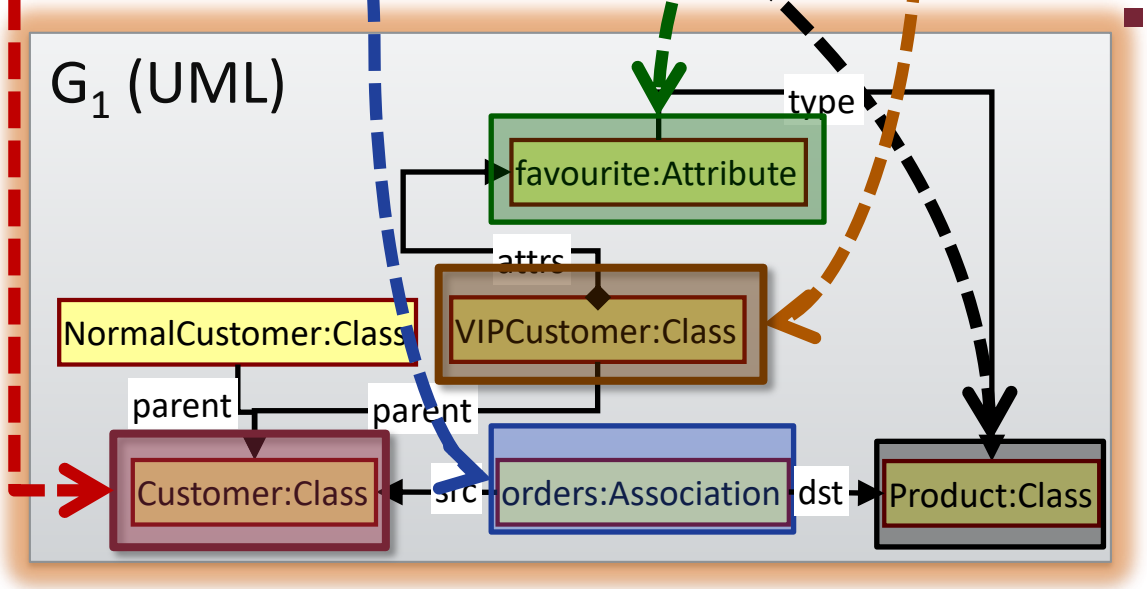
Conflict / Parallel independence



- **Parallel independence** (between two rule applications)
  - Neither prevents the application of the other
- **Conflict** (between two rule apps)
  - If they are not parallel independent
- **Parallel independence** (between two rules)
  - Any two of their rule application are parallel independent

Sequential independence





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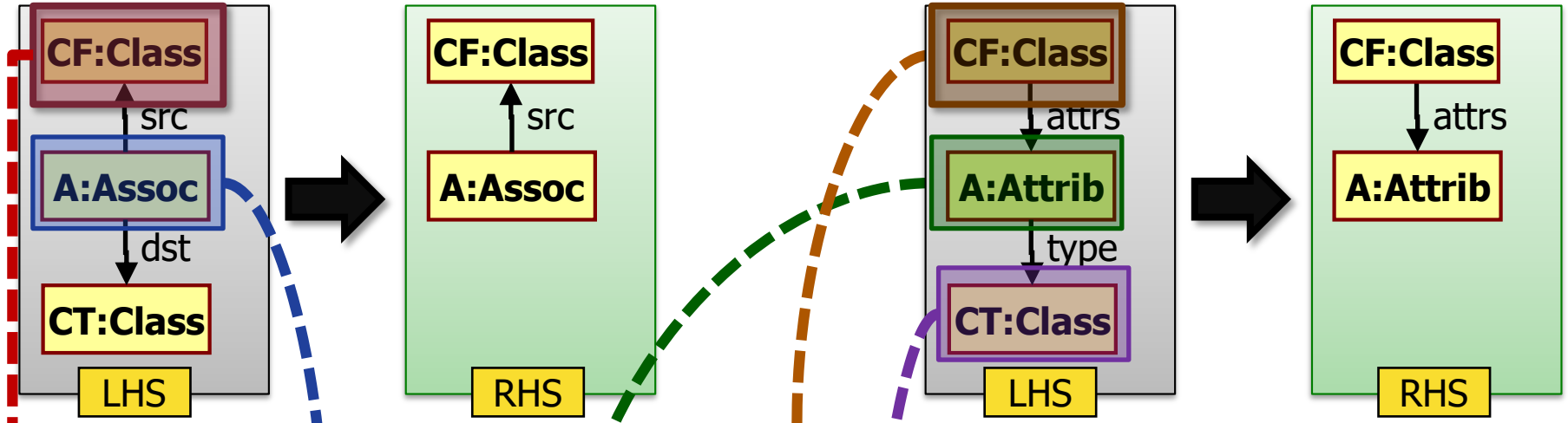

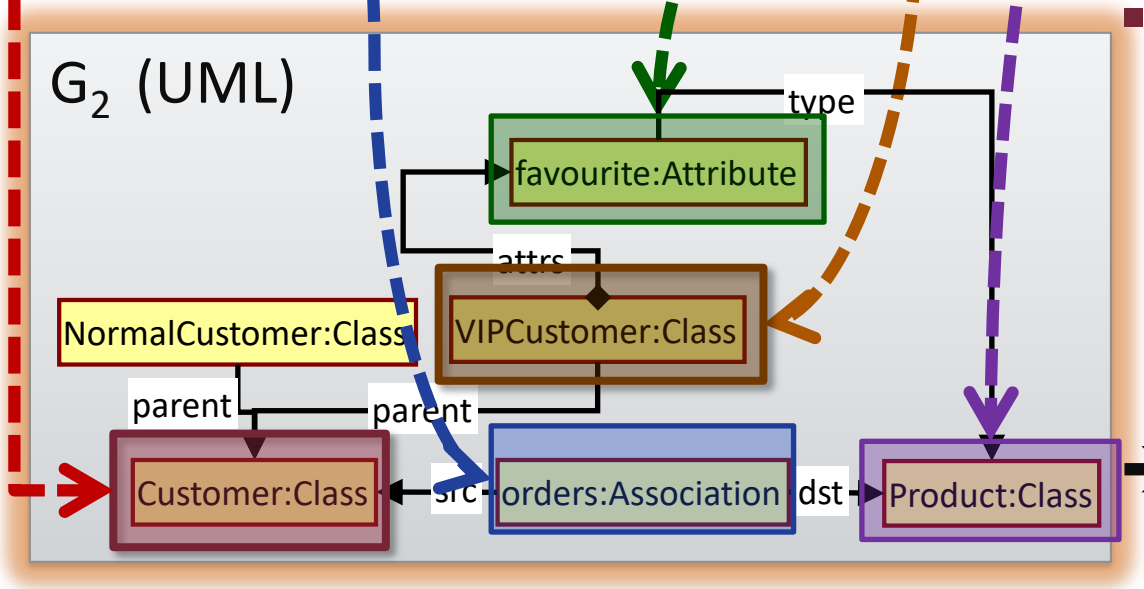

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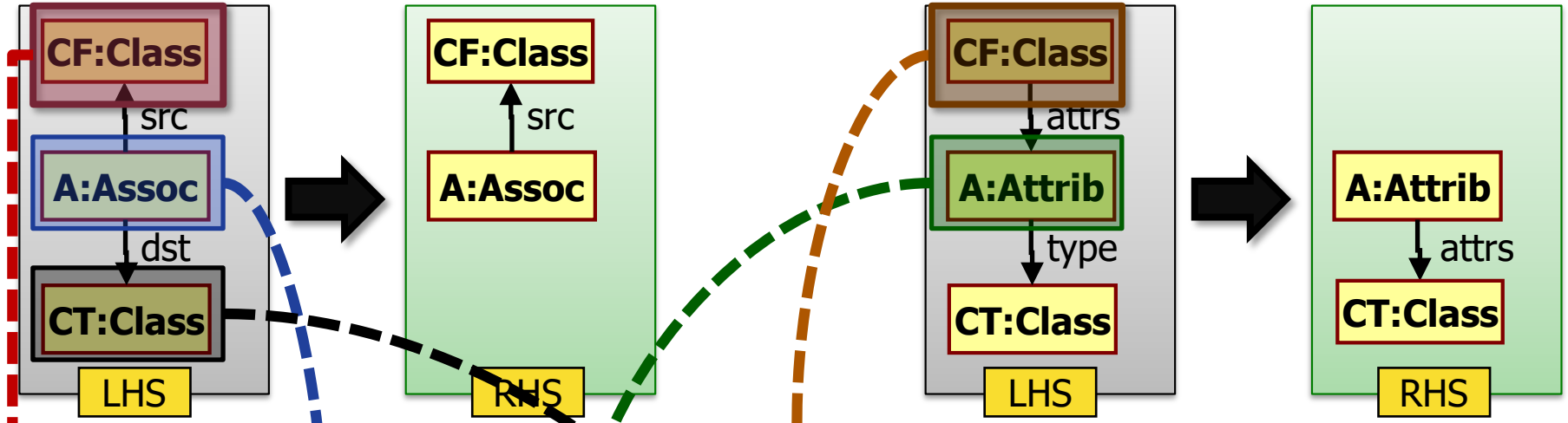

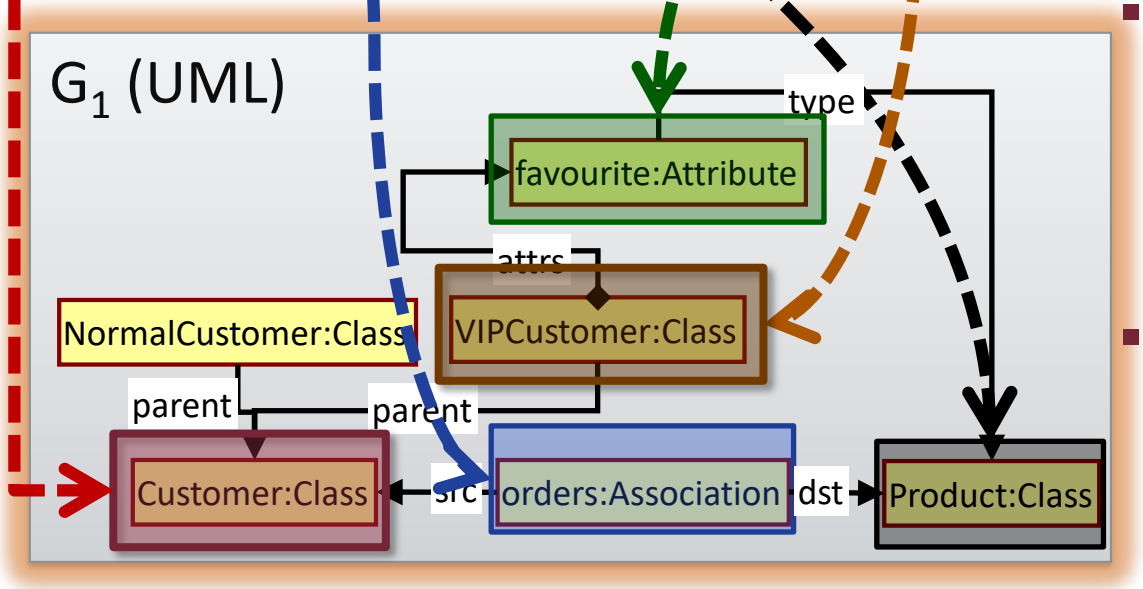

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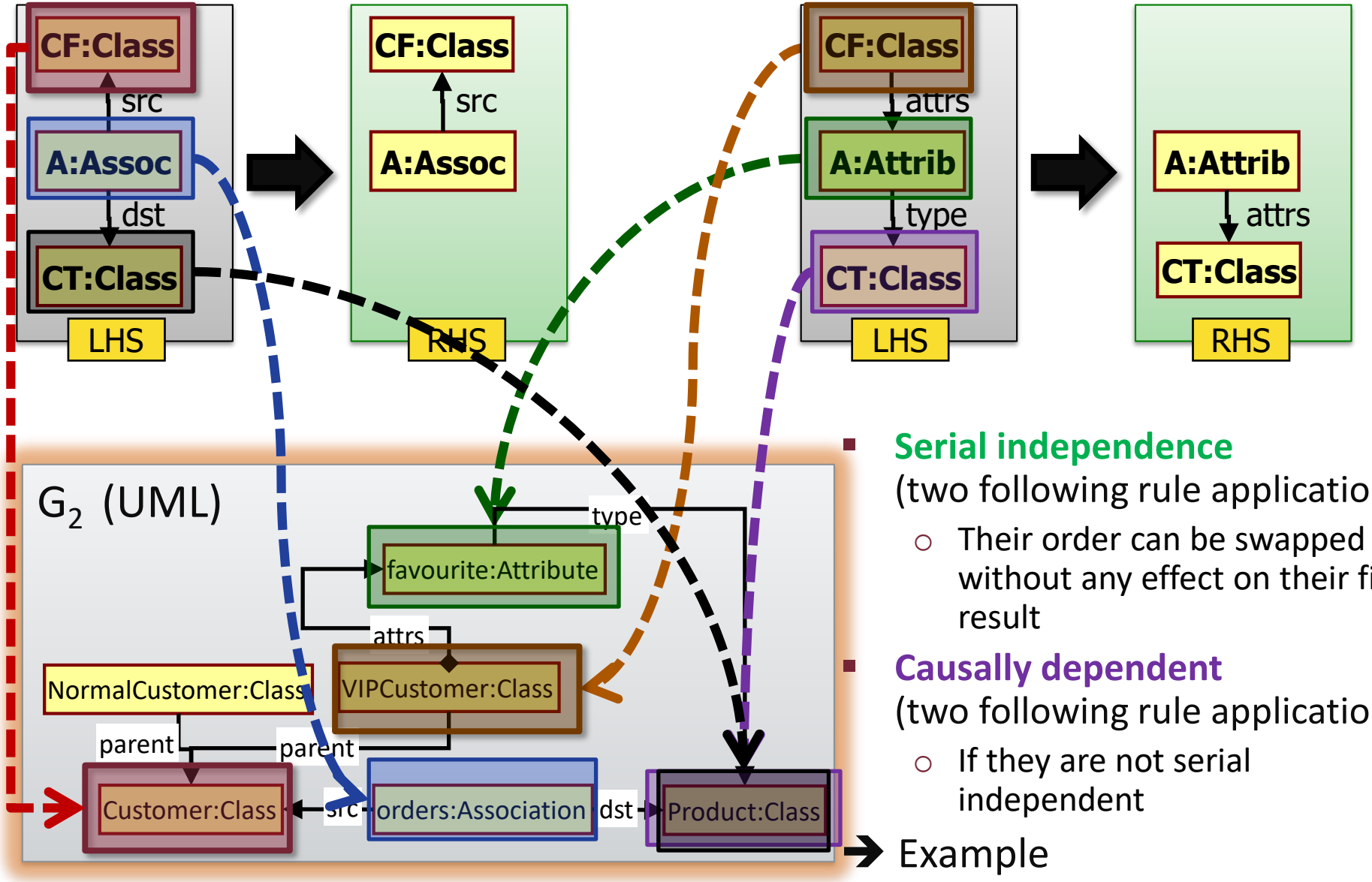

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Summary

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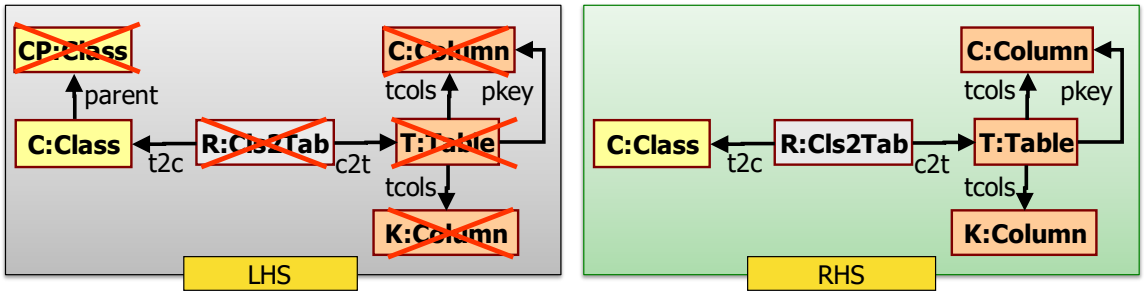
  - Rule and pattern based formal specification
  - Querying and manipulating graph based models
  - Intuitive graph based specification
- **Structure**
  - LHS graph pattern: precondition
  - RHS graph pattern: postcondition
  - NAC: negative condition
- **Rule application**
  - Graph pattern matching
  - Deletition + Creation
  - Dangling edges and injectivity
  - Affect of multiple rule application (conflicts and causality)



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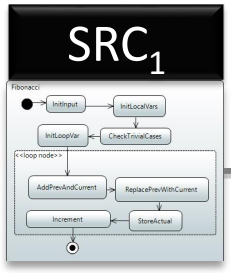

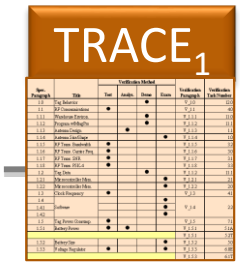

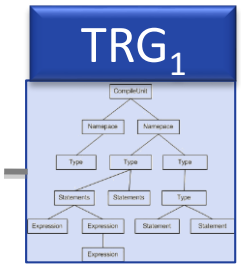

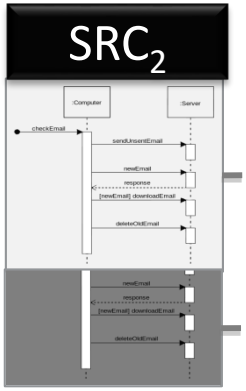

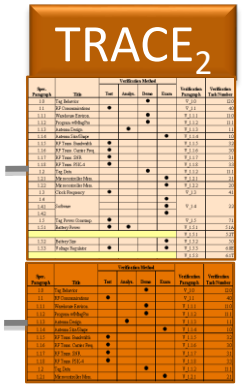

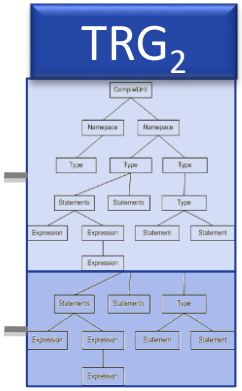

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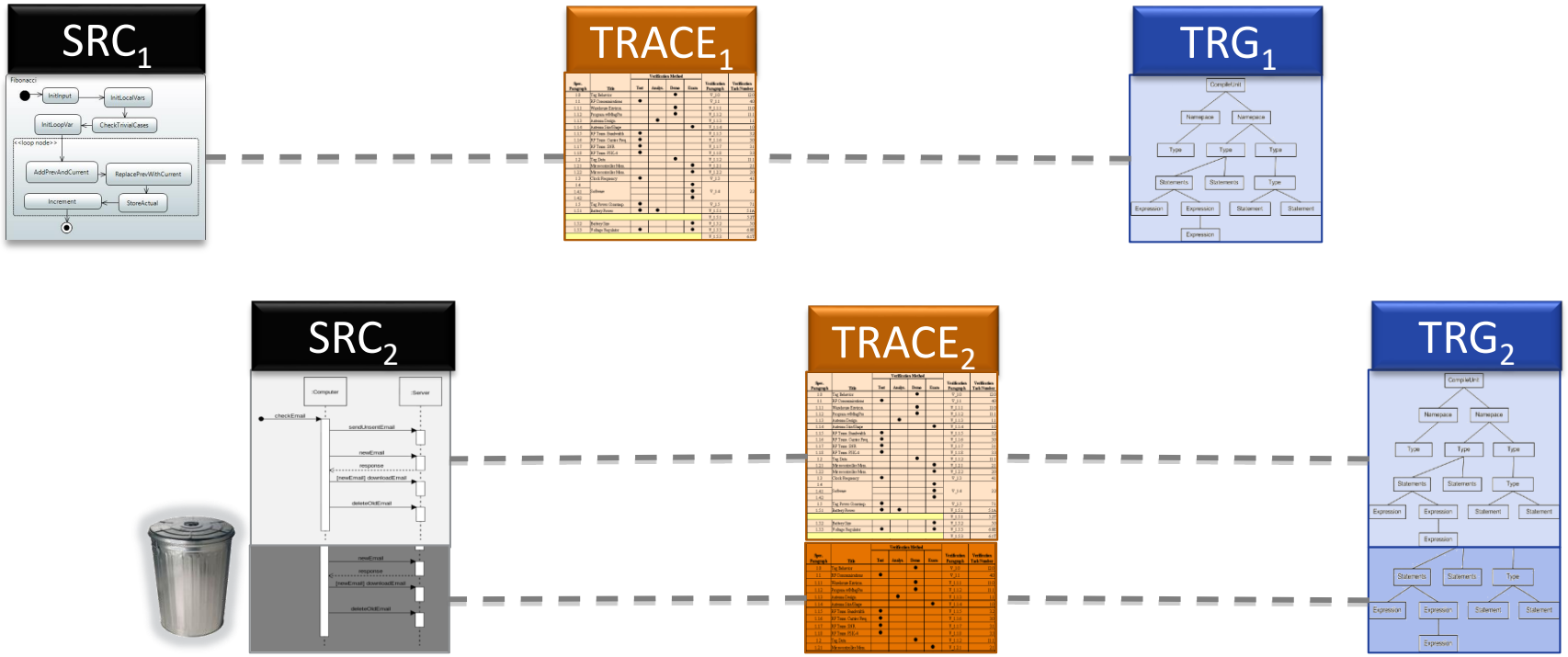
2. Source model changes
3. Re-execute from scratch for all source models

Dirty Incrementality



Pros:

- Large-step incrementality
- Avoids continuous exec.

Cons:

- Complex MT can be slow
- Cleanup (after an error)?
- Chaining?

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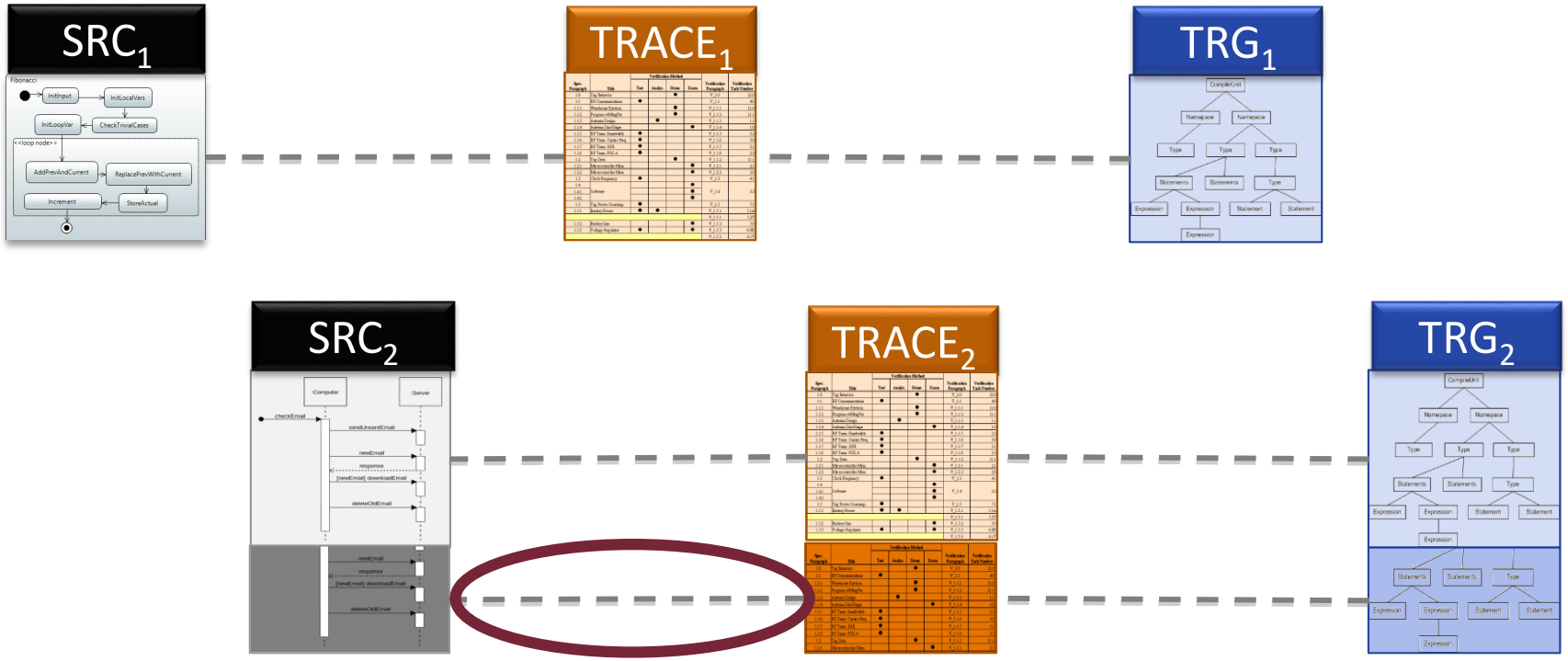
Incrementality by Traceability



Pros:

- Small-step incrementality
- Better performance

Cons:

- Highly depends on traceability links
- Smart matcher needed

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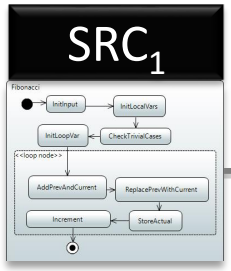
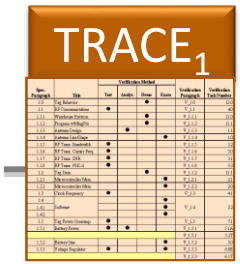
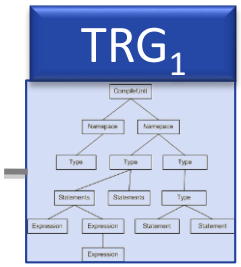
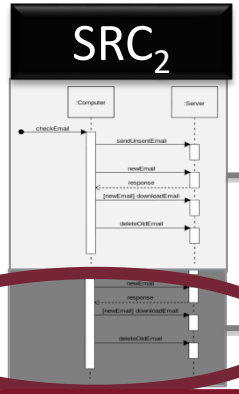
2. Source model changes
3. Detect missing trace links
4. Re-execute MT only for untraceable elements

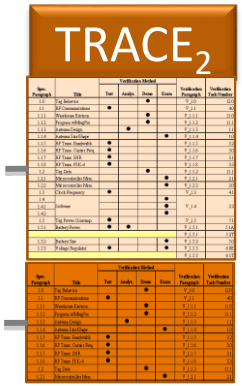
Event Driven Transformations

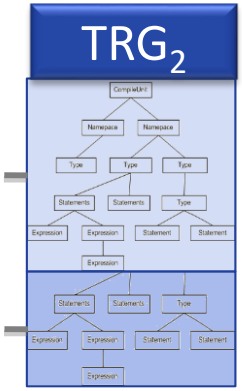












Pros:

- Refined context: driven by changes of query result set
- Chaining
- Avoids continuous comp.

Cons:

- Language-level restrictions
- Must “listen” live

1. First transformation
2. Source model changes
3. Process change notification
4. Propagate change

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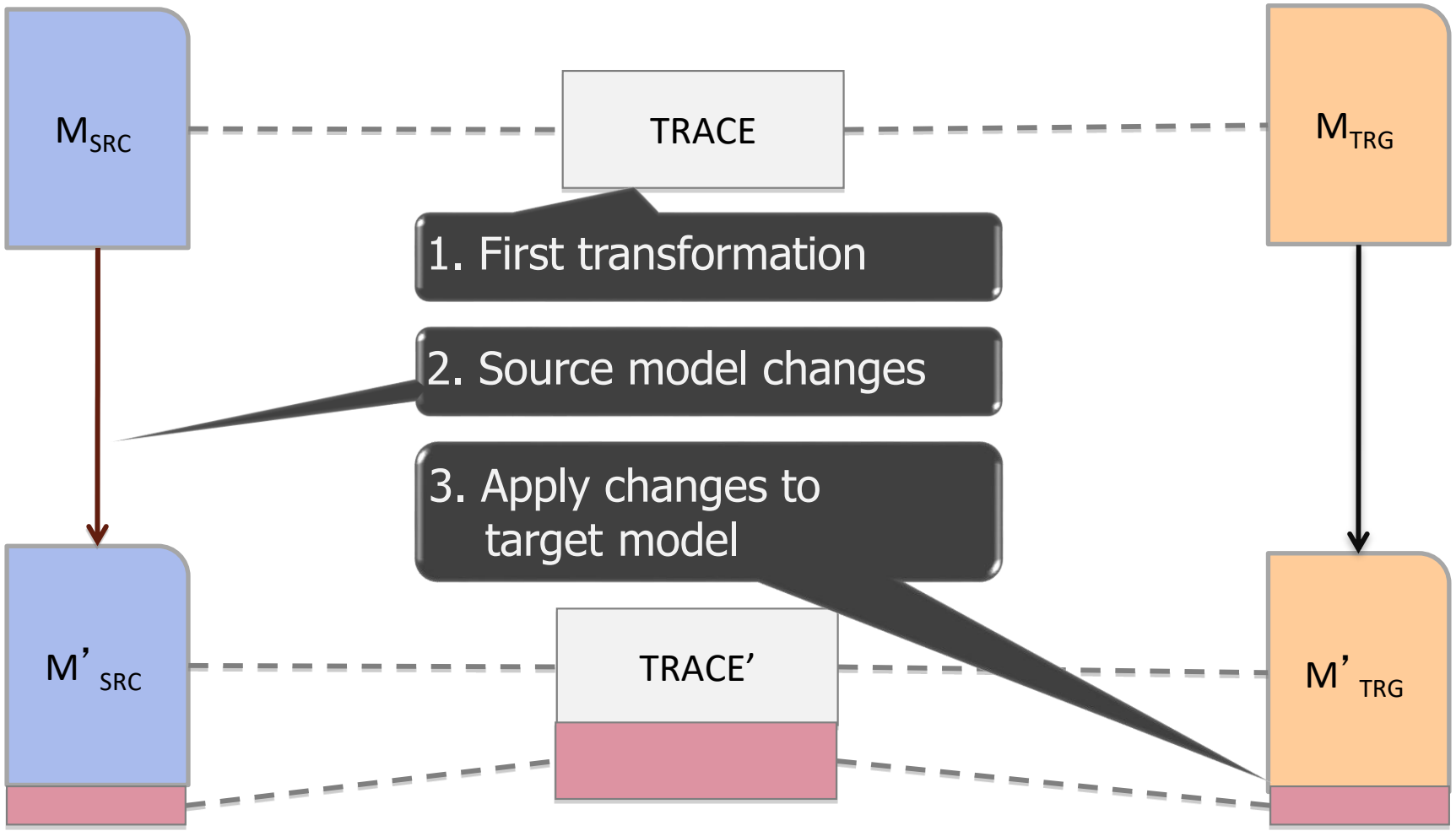
Aspects of Incrementality

- Goals: to save work by…
  - **Target Incrementality**
    - …reusing unchanged parts of the target
    - Further benefits
      - Existing links to unchanged parts preserved
      - Existing analysis on unchanged parts preserved
      - Does not propagate along transformation chains
  - **Source Incrementality**
    - …ignoring unchanged parts of the source
    - Use incremental model query!

Incremental Forward Transformation

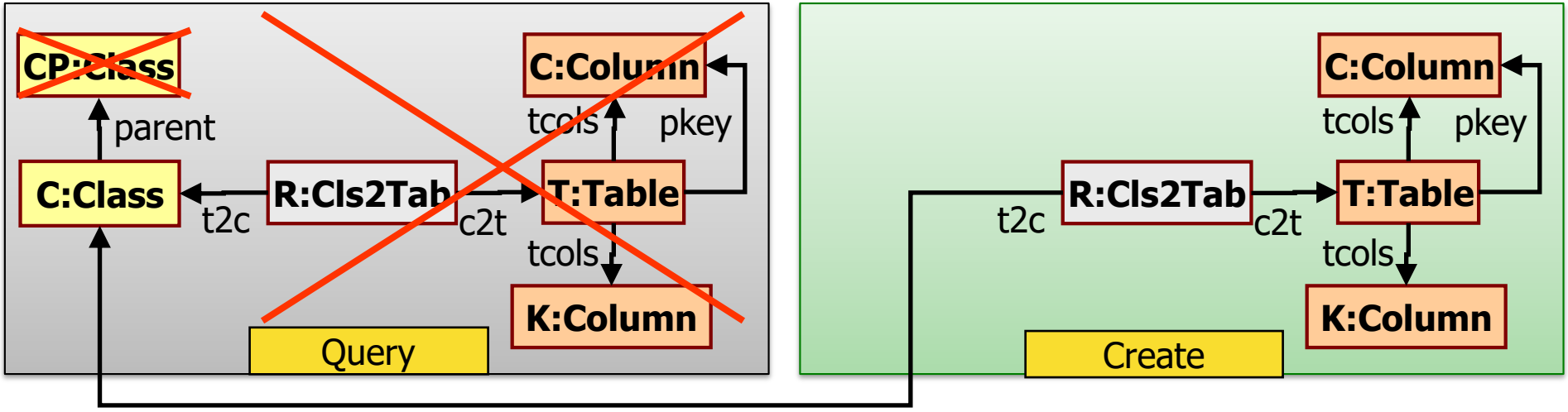


Practical application scenarios:

- Incremental model synchronization
- Tool integration

Revisit Motivating Example

- Map new, unmapped root classes to tables



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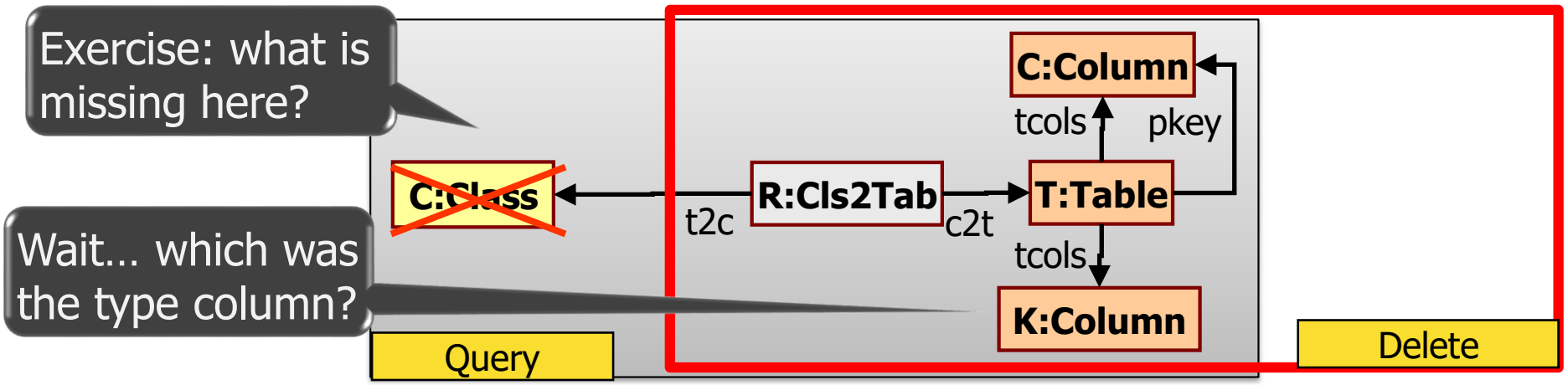

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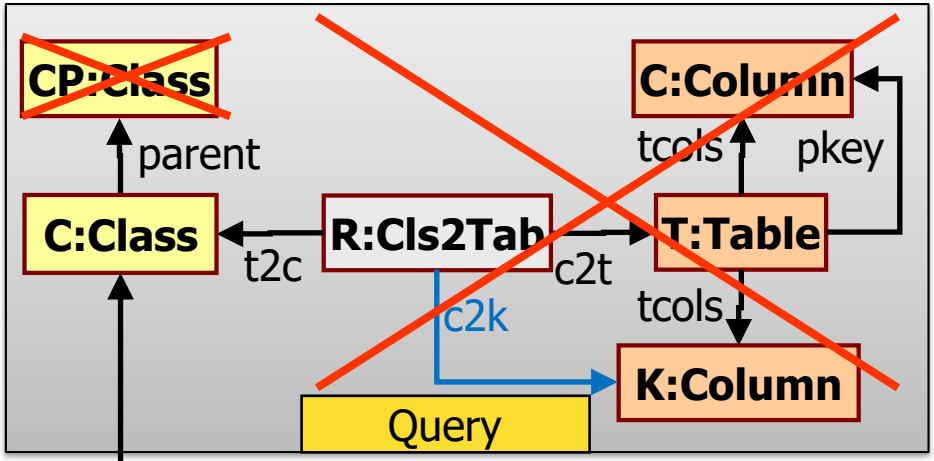

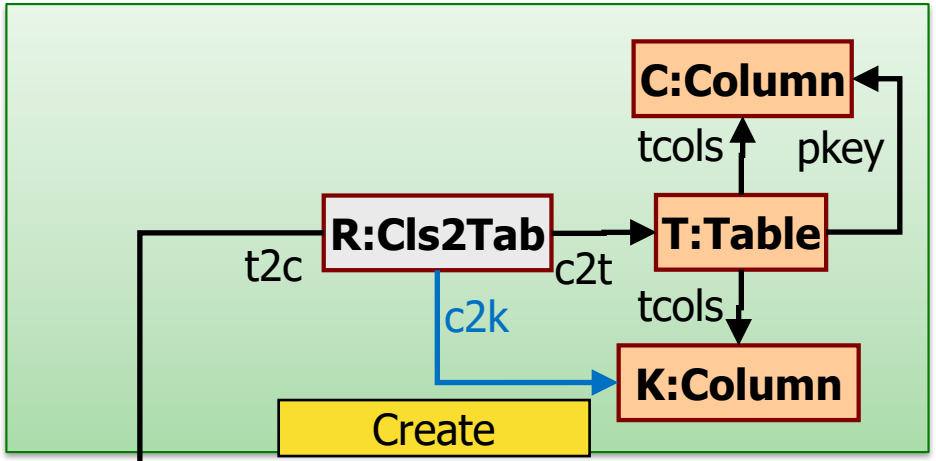

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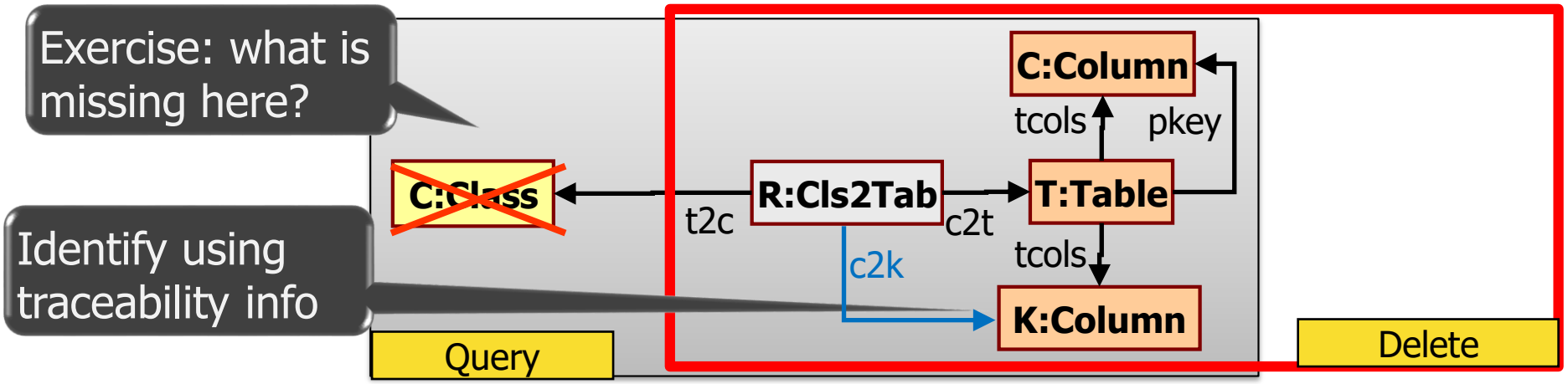
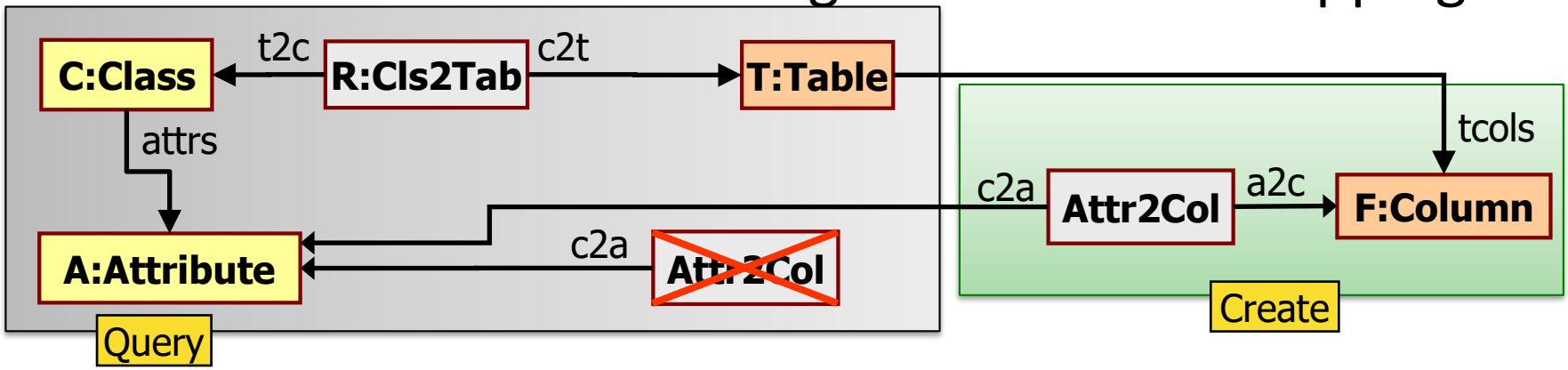


Revisit Motivating Example 2

- Map new, unmapped attributes to columns…
  - …in context of an existing class-to-table mapping



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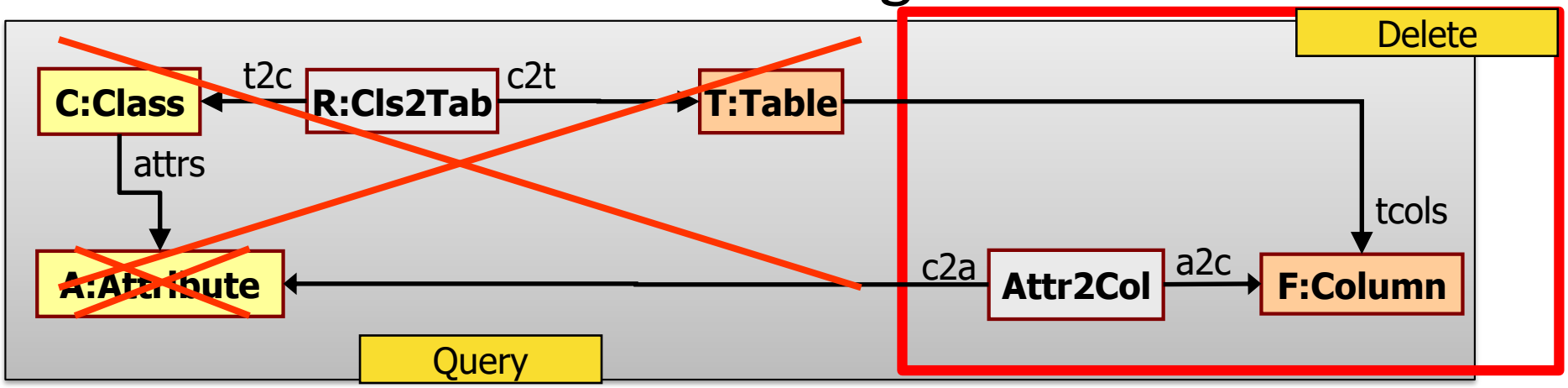
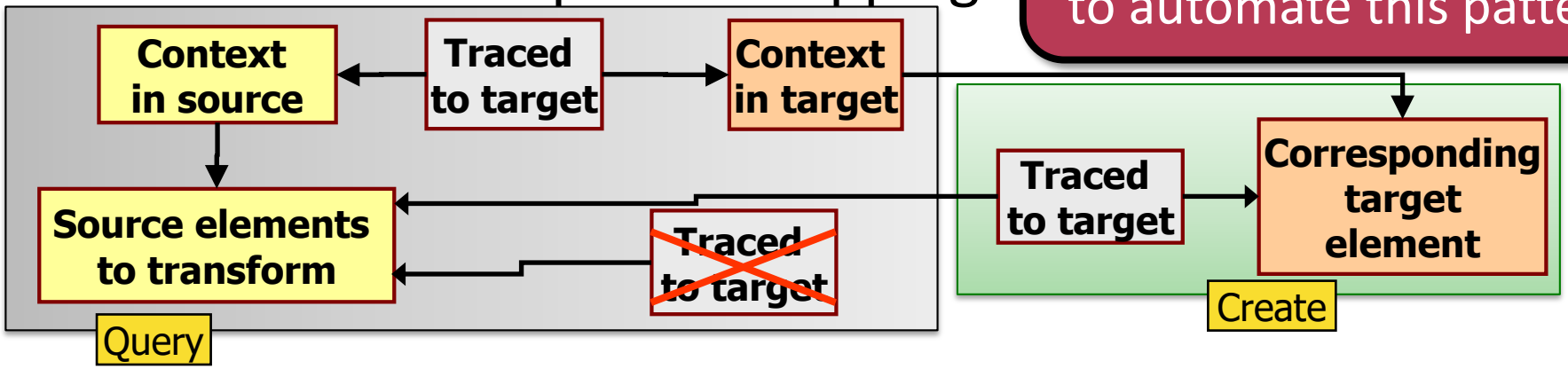


Common pattern for incremental rules

- Map new source elements to t
  - …in context of parent mappings

TGG, QVT, etc.:
very high-level languages
to automate this pattern



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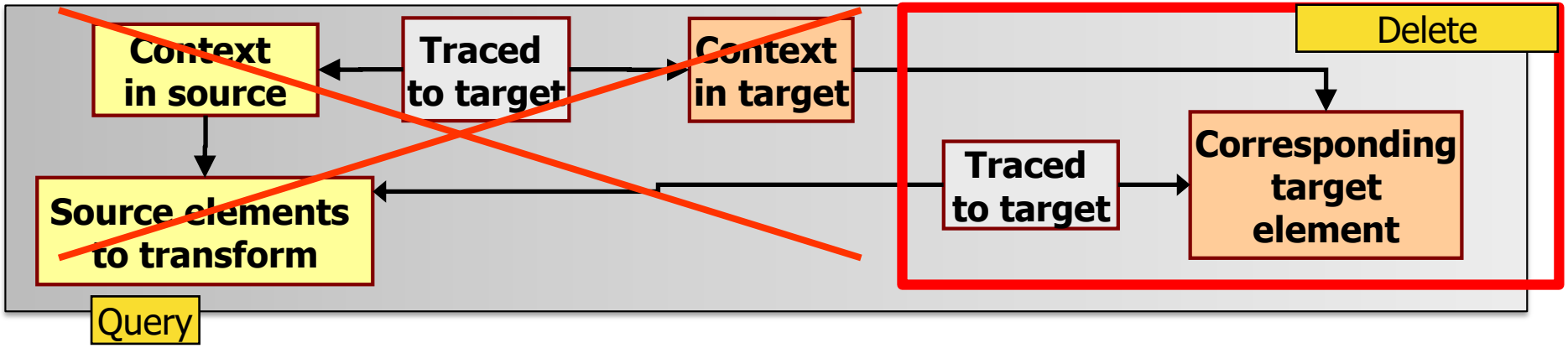
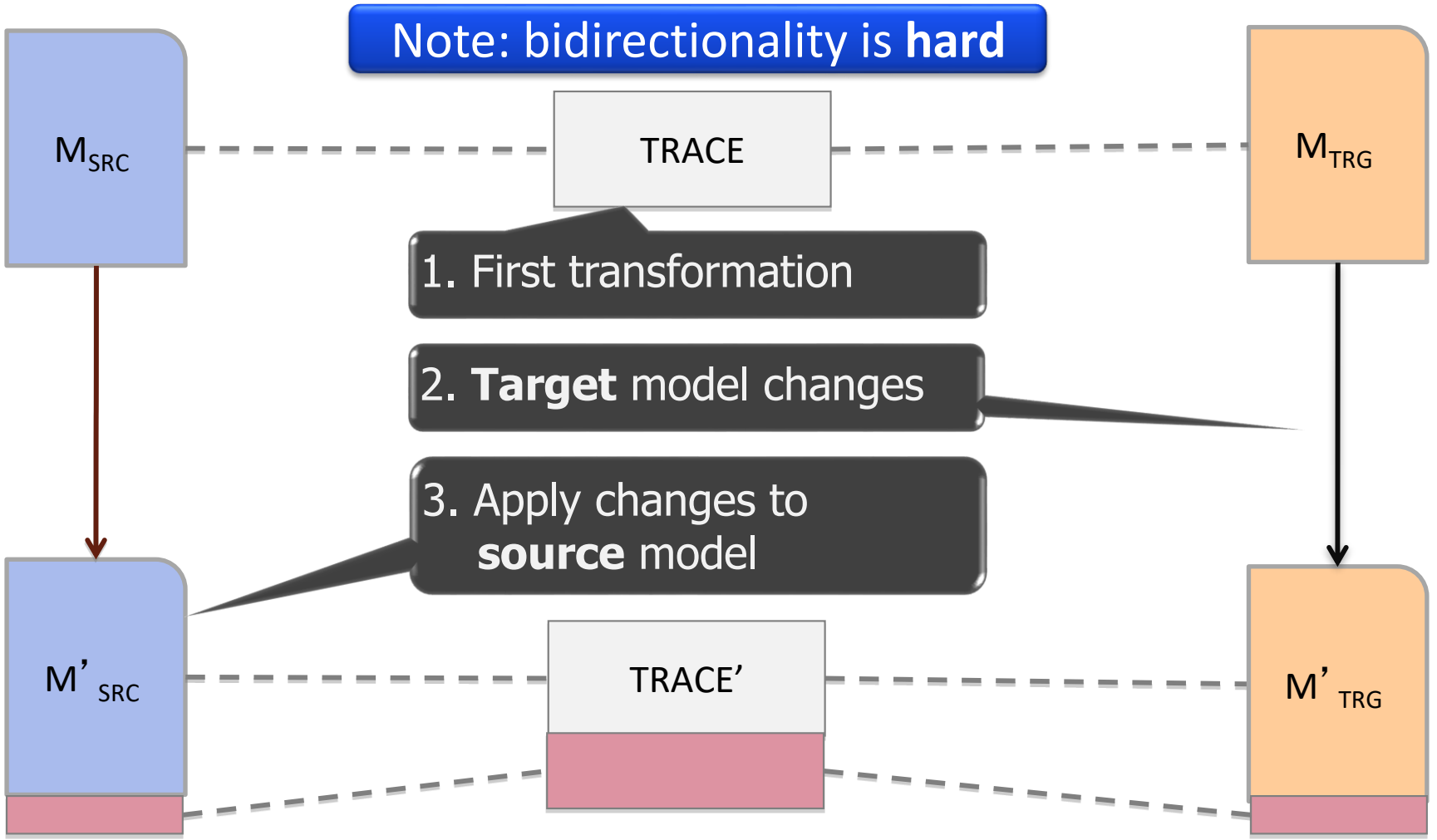


Common pattern for incremental rules

- Challenge in incrementality:
  - What if context is removed before?
  - E.g. Table deleted before its columns
- Solutions
  - Rule ordering
    - Priorities
    - Extra application conditions
  - Deletion rule graceful / tolerant of missing context
  - Context deletion rule removes dependent elements

Incremental Backward Transformation



Extra challenge if not hard enough:
SRC→TRG specified
TRG→SRC inferred

Recent Approaches:
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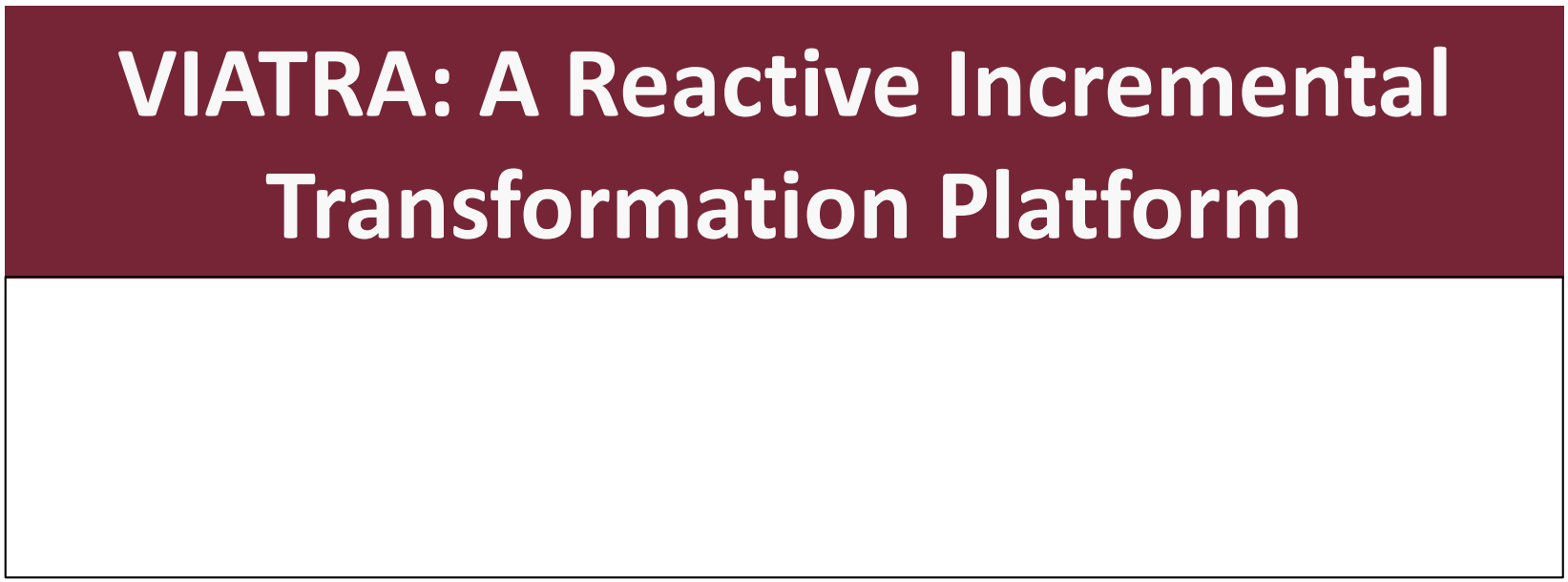
VIATRA: A Reactive Incremental Transformation Platform



Reactive Event Driven Transformations

What has changed?

Observed events

Controlled events

VIATRA: Reactive Transformation Engine

Actions

When to react?

Perform in consistent state

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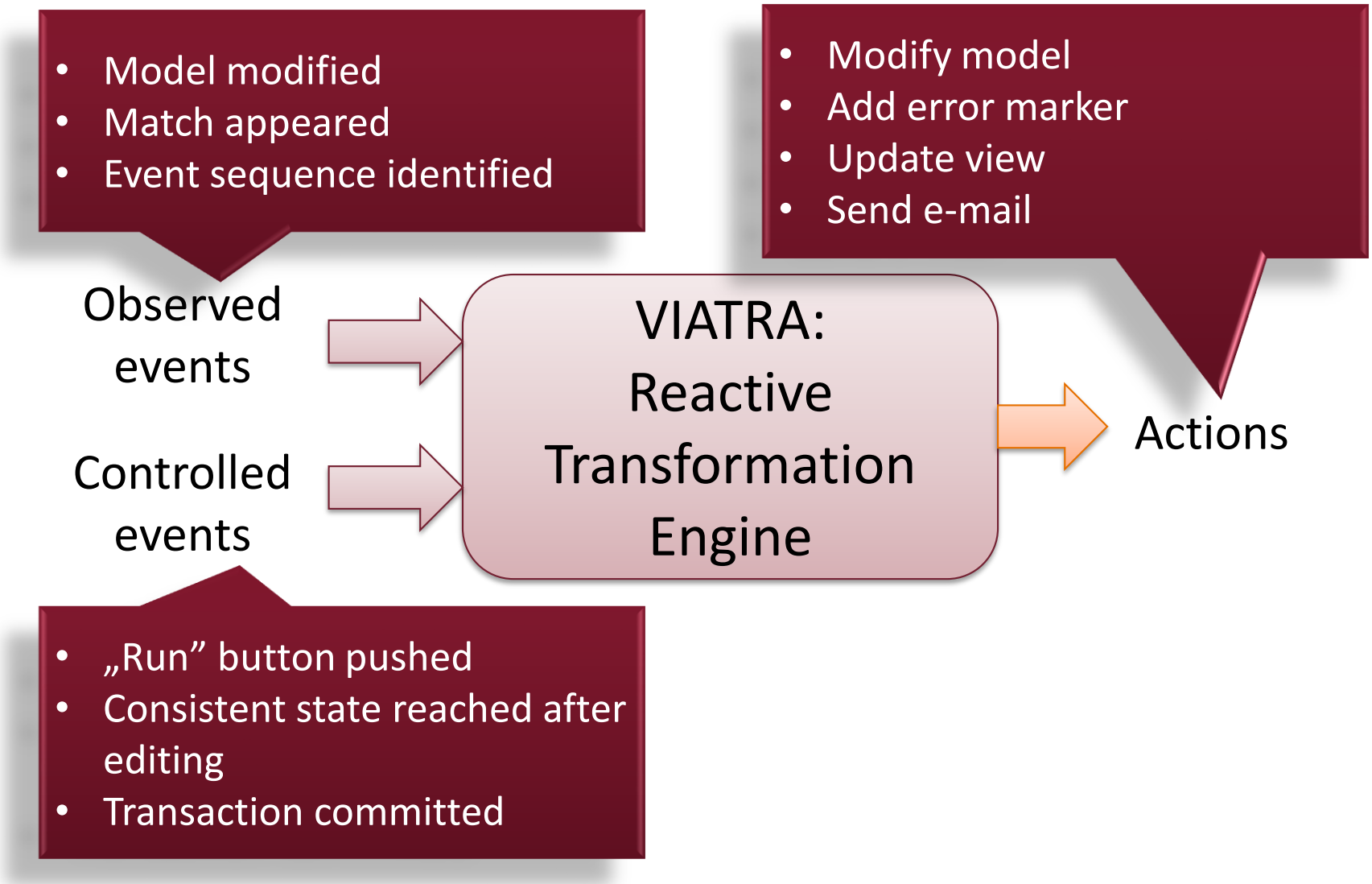

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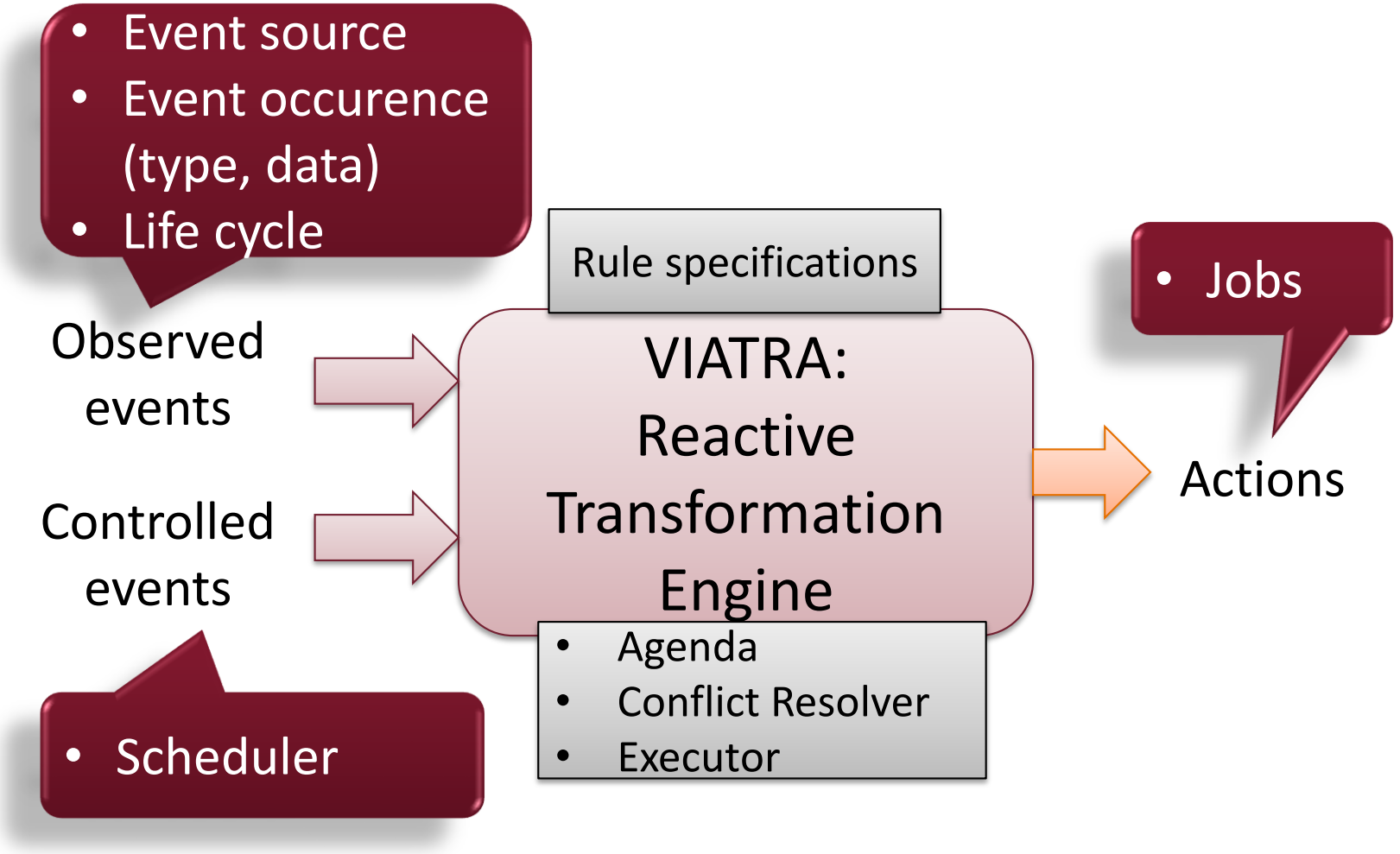

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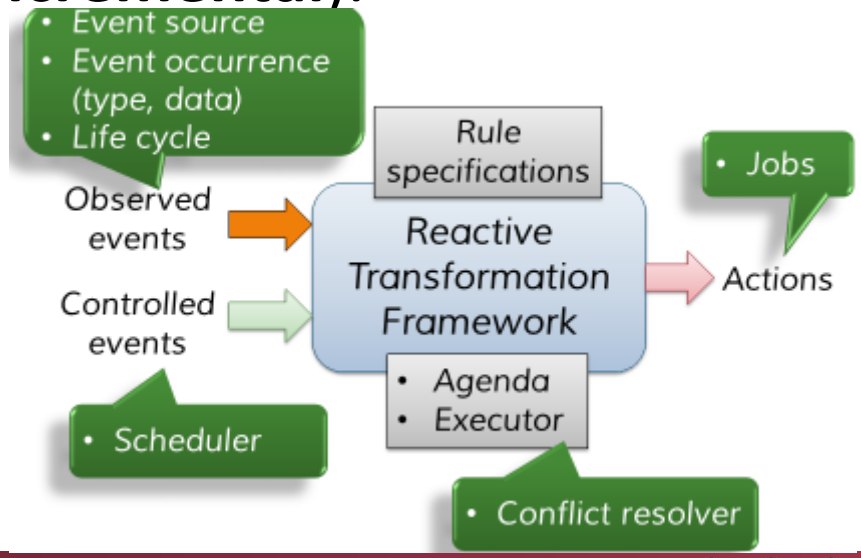

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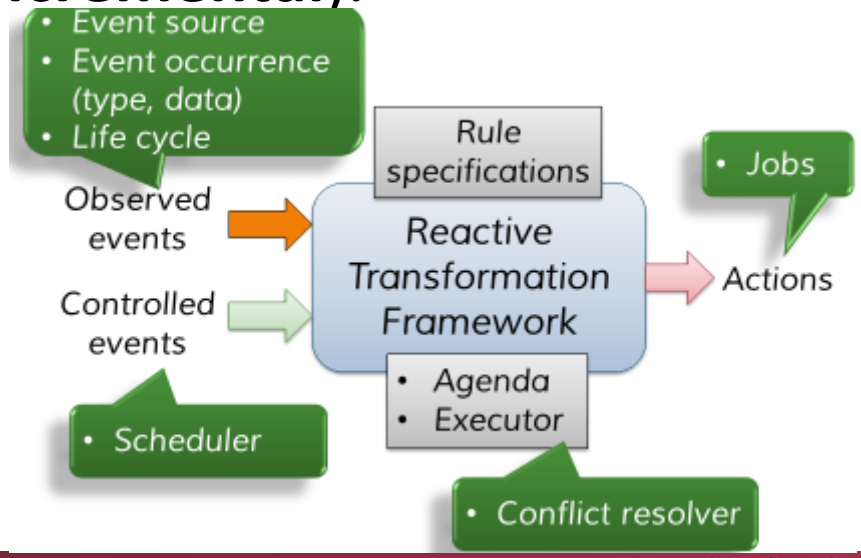

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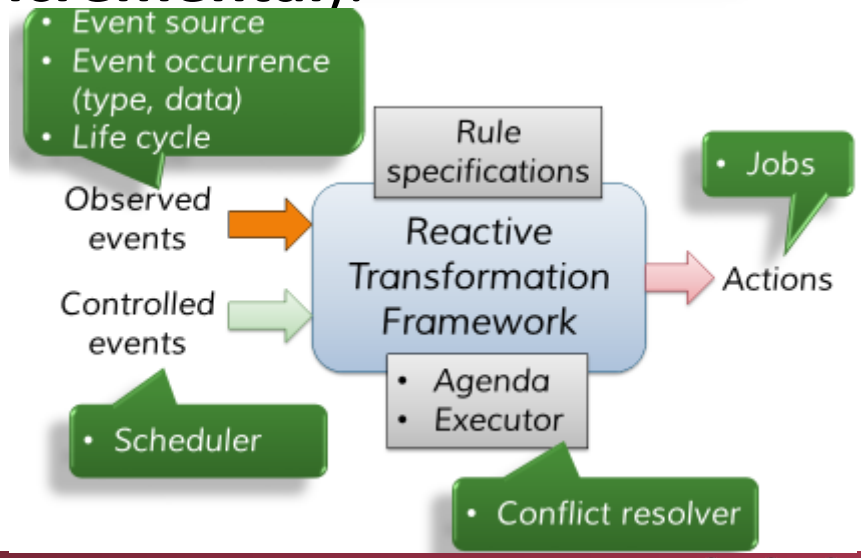

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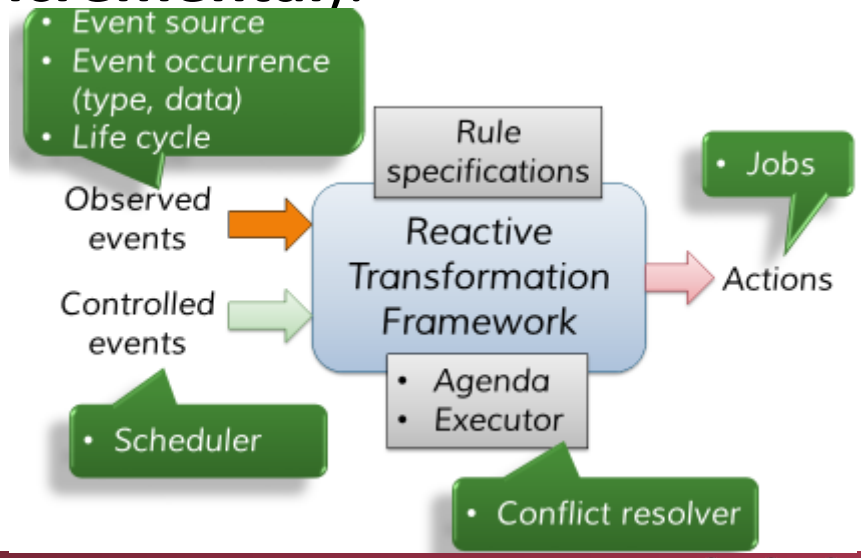

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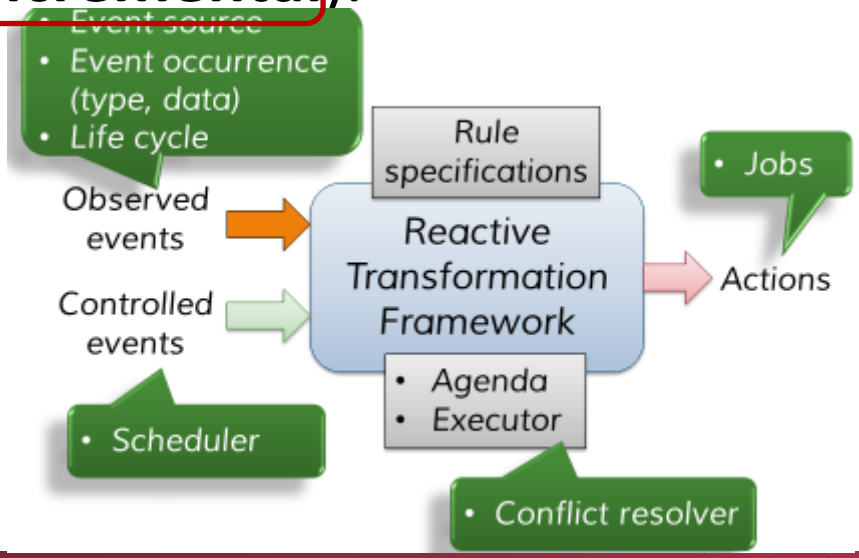

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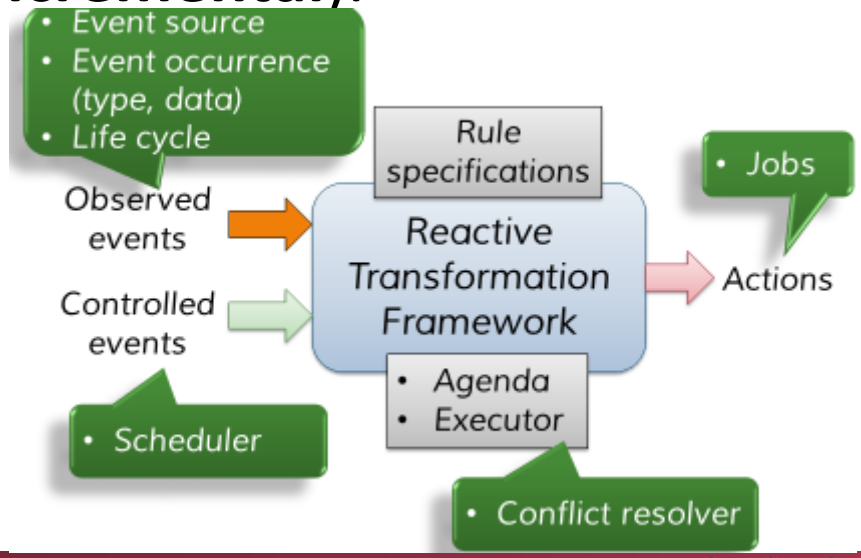

Activation Lifecycles

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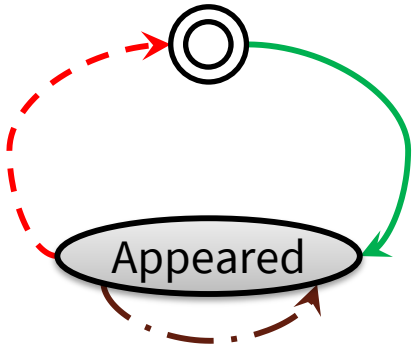
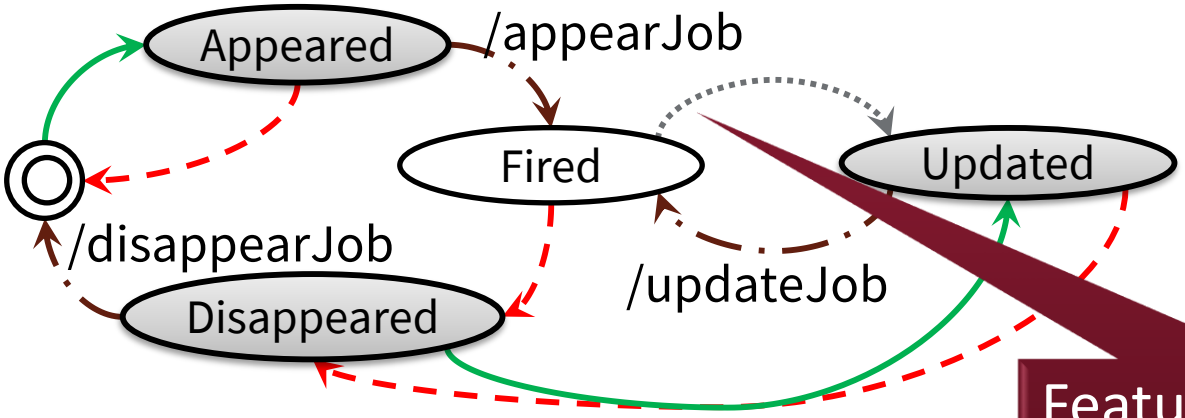


- Event-driven transformation



Phases

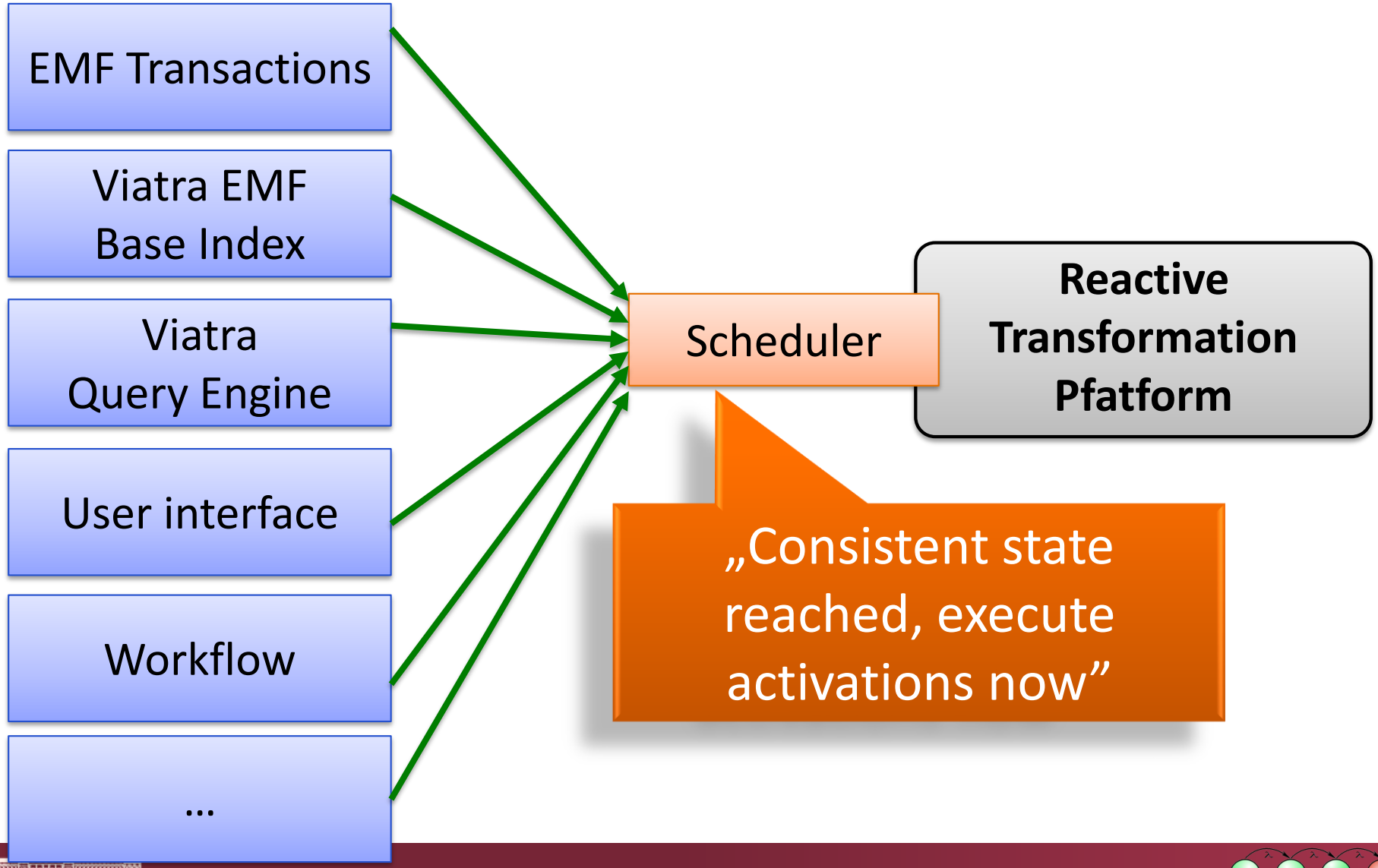
- Enabled
- Disabled
- Initial

Transitions

- Appear
- Update
- Disappear
- Fire

Feature of event data object has changed

Scheduling


EMF Transactions
Viatra EMF Base Index
Viatra Query Engine
User interface
Workflow
...
Scheduler
Reactive Transformation Pfatform
„Consistent state reached, execute activations now”

Conflict Resolution

- Multiple actions available
  - Activations of different rules
  - Different activations in the same rule
    - Different matches of the precondition pattern
- Which activation to execute next?
- Conflict resolver can be selected
  - Global conflict set: deals with all rules
  - Scoped conflict set: selected rules
  - Customizable resolution strategy: e.g. priority-based

VIATRA: Overview of Features

- **Reactive MT Platform**
  - **MT Language**:
    - Internal DSL over Xtend
    - Transformation API
  - **MT Engine**:
    - Event-driven virtual machine
    - Batch + Incremental MTs
    - Control flow library
    - Compiles to Java
    - Debugger
    - High performance
  - Integrations:
    - EMF, Viatra Query, Xtend, EMF-UML, …

Design Space Exploration

- Explore design model candidates
- Satisfying multiple criteria
- Rule based exploration
- Optimization

Complex Event Processing

- Detect complex event sequences
- Rule based reaction
- Xtext based language

Model Obfuscator

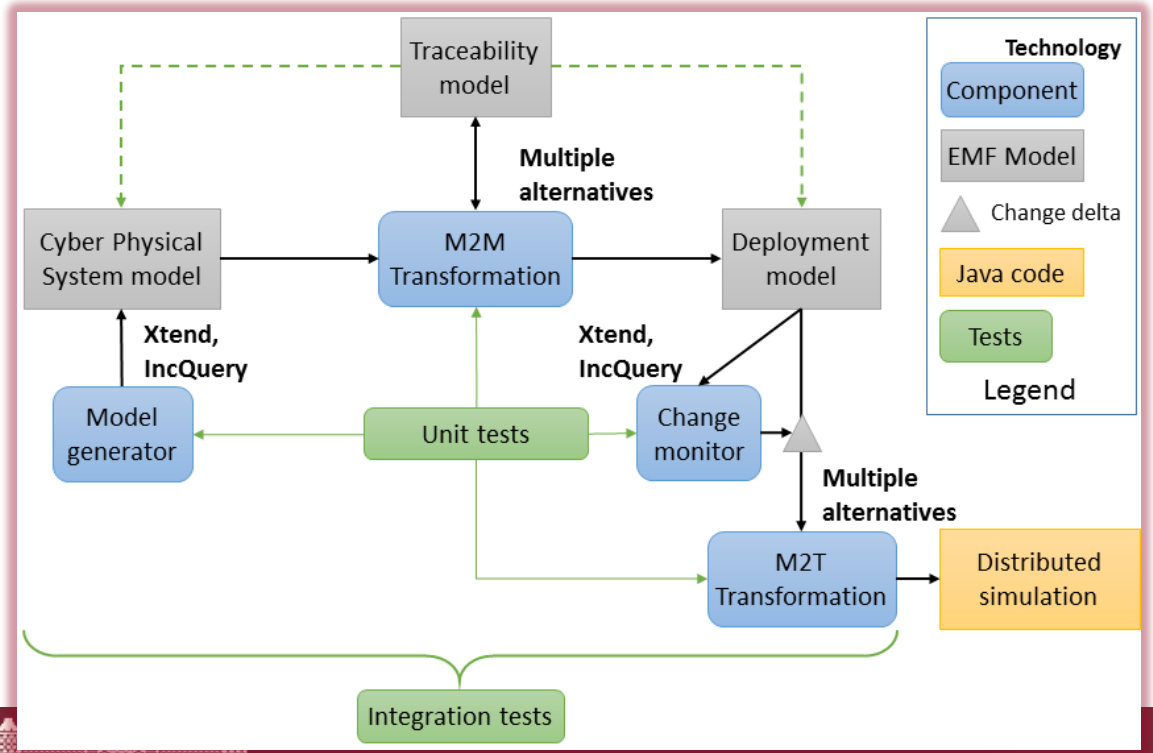
- Remove sensitive information from confidential models
- Original model ➔ Obfuscated model

Performance benchmarks

https://github.com/viatra/viatra-cps-benchmark

CPS Reallocation Benchmark

- Benchmark setup
  - Rule-based redeployment for cloud-based CPS
    - Model generator + Unit tests
    - M2M + M2T transformations



- Different target architecture / platform
  - Industrial (Low-Synch)
  - Client-Server
  - Publish-Subscribe

Test Scenario

- Different transformation variants
  - Batch
    - Xtend (2 versions)
    - IncQuery+Xtend
  - Incremental
    - Dirty (2 approaches)
    - Explicit traceability
    - Query-driven
    - Change-driven (VIATRA-EVM)
- Executions
  - First transformation execution
  - Small modification + (re)execution
- Environment
  - New machine with 16 GB RAM
- Parameters
  - 10 GB Heap
  - Maximum 10 minutes execution times for complete chain

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				5	762	1 535	**2 384**	**4 891**
				72	1 522	3 056	**4 750**	**10 725**
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Trace model's size similar to target model

Benchmark results

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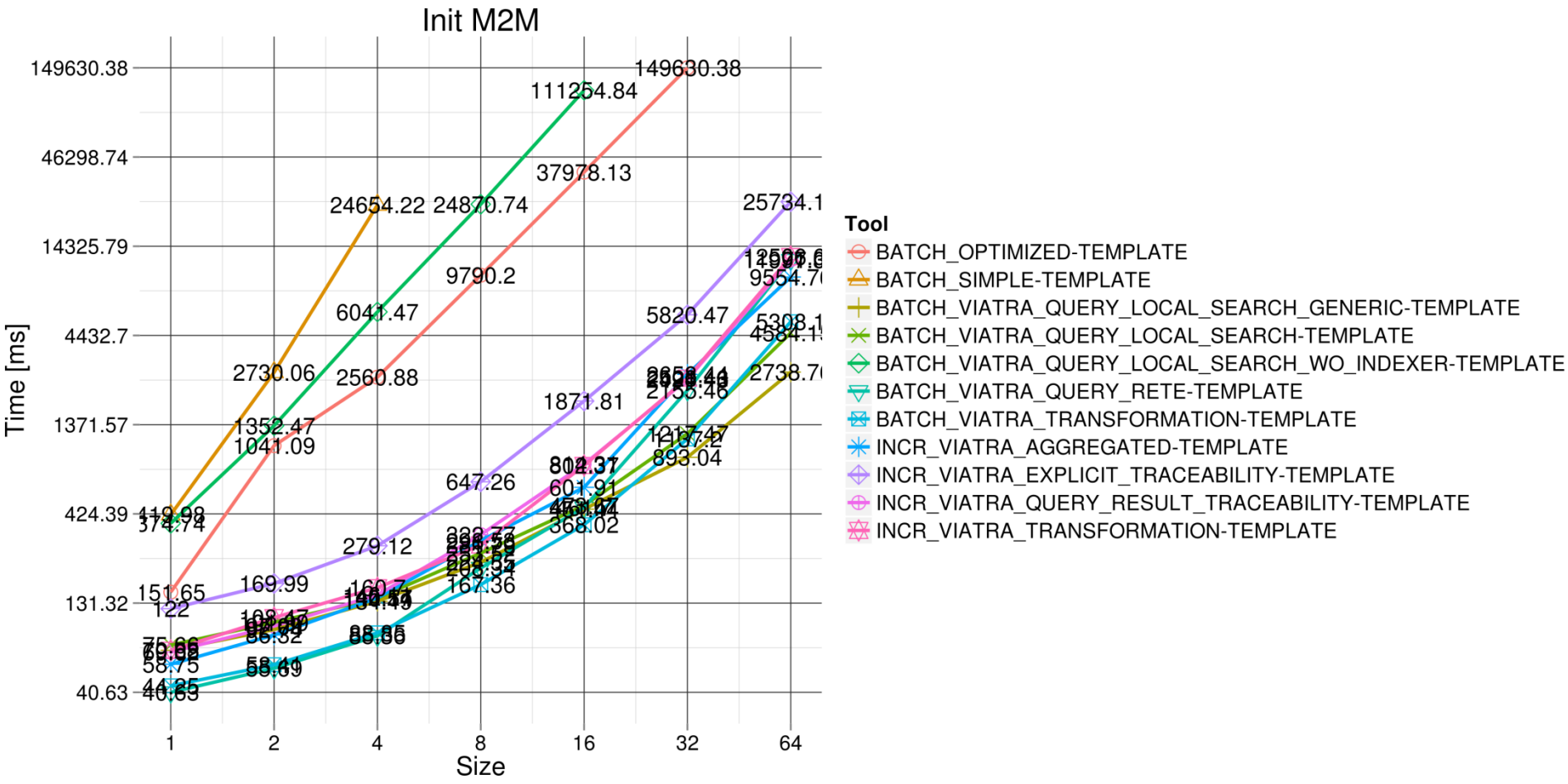

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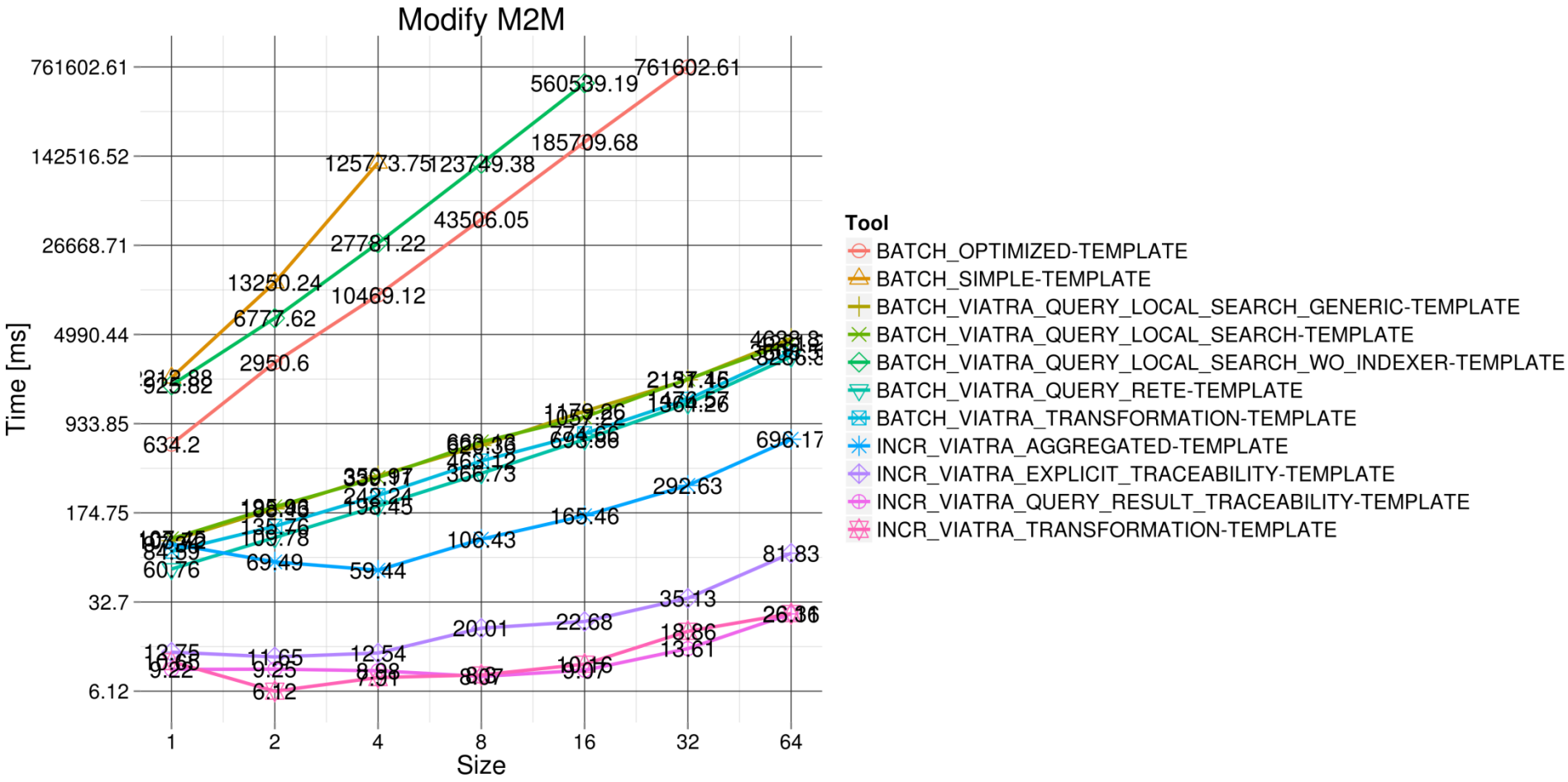

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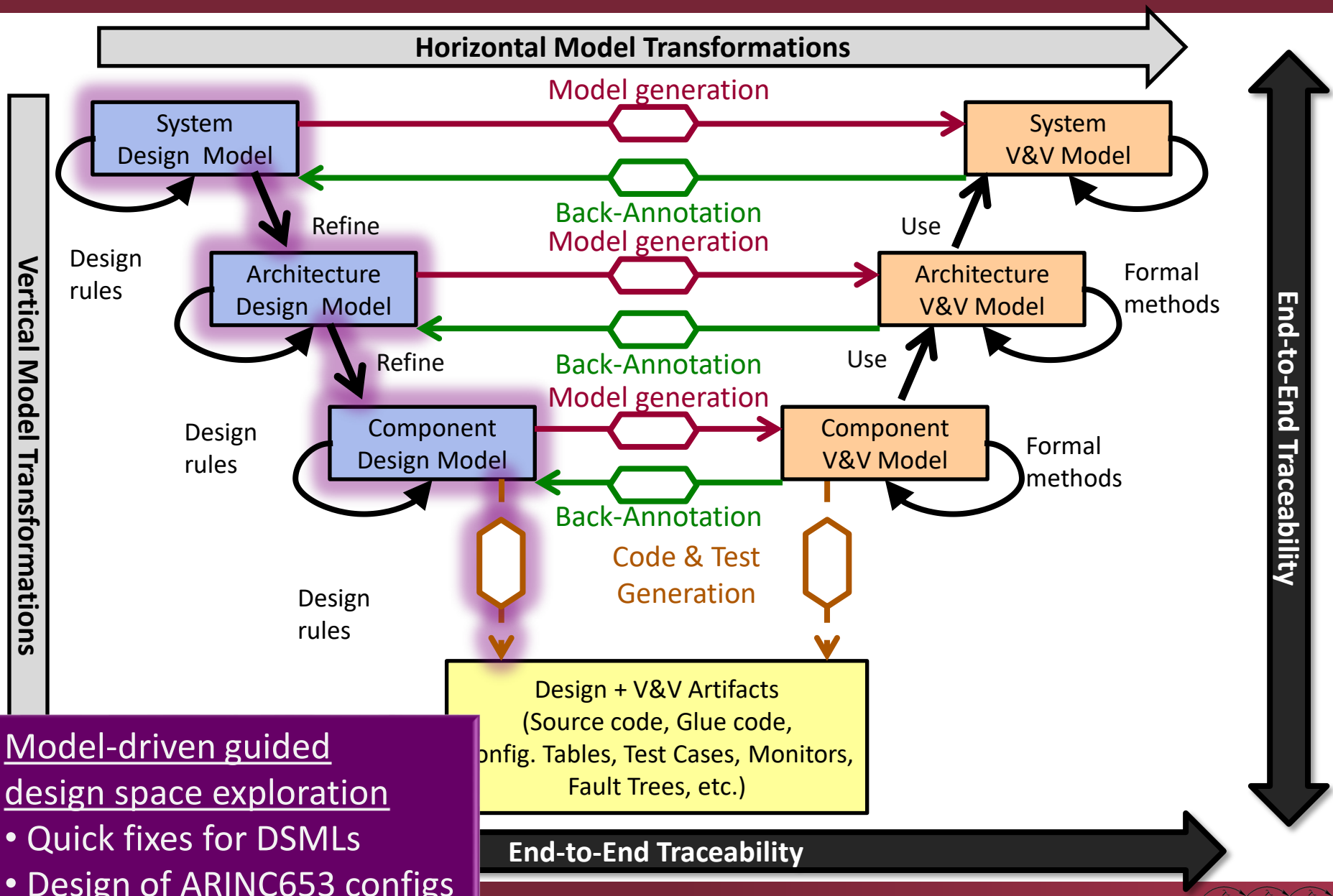
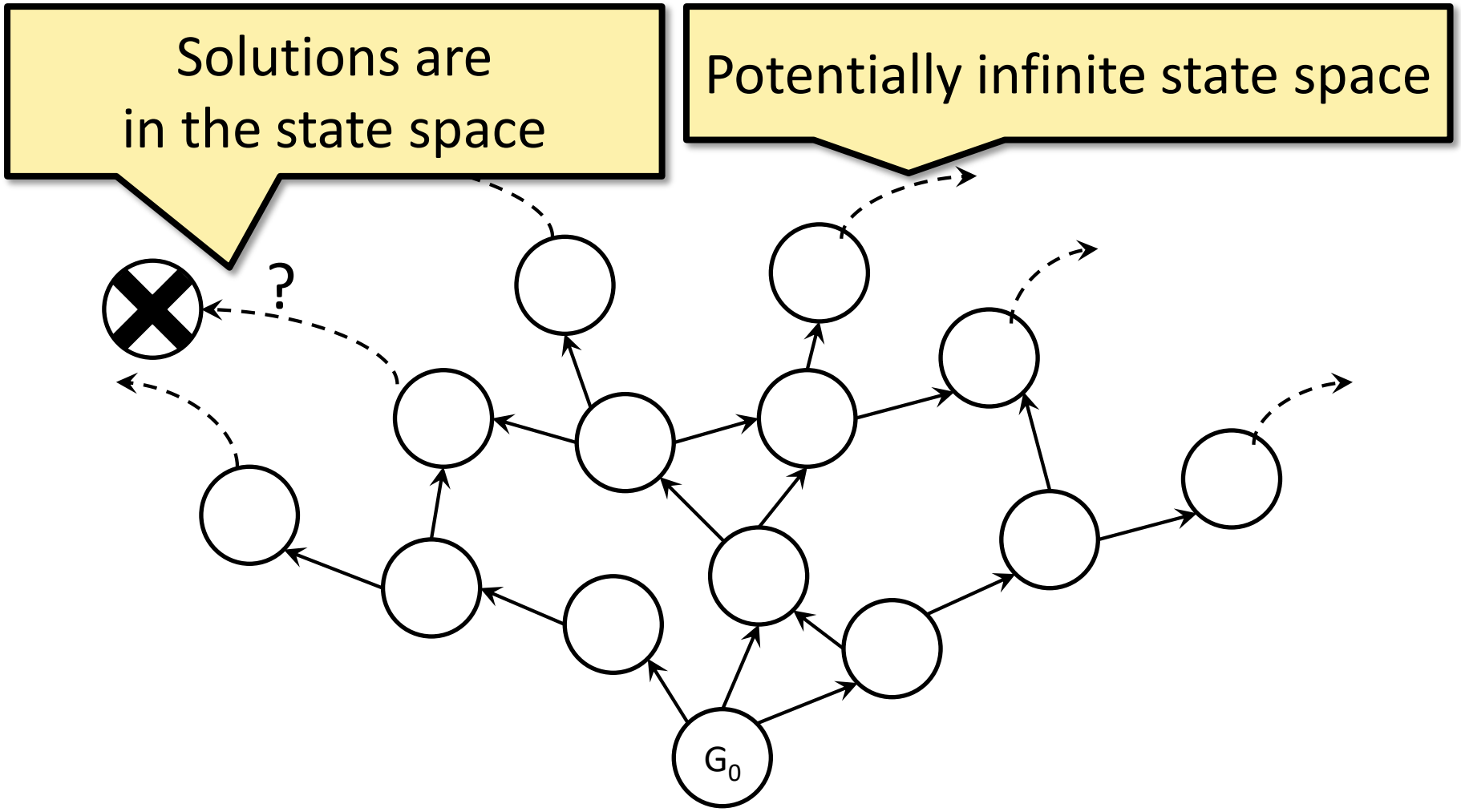


Model-driven guided design space exploration

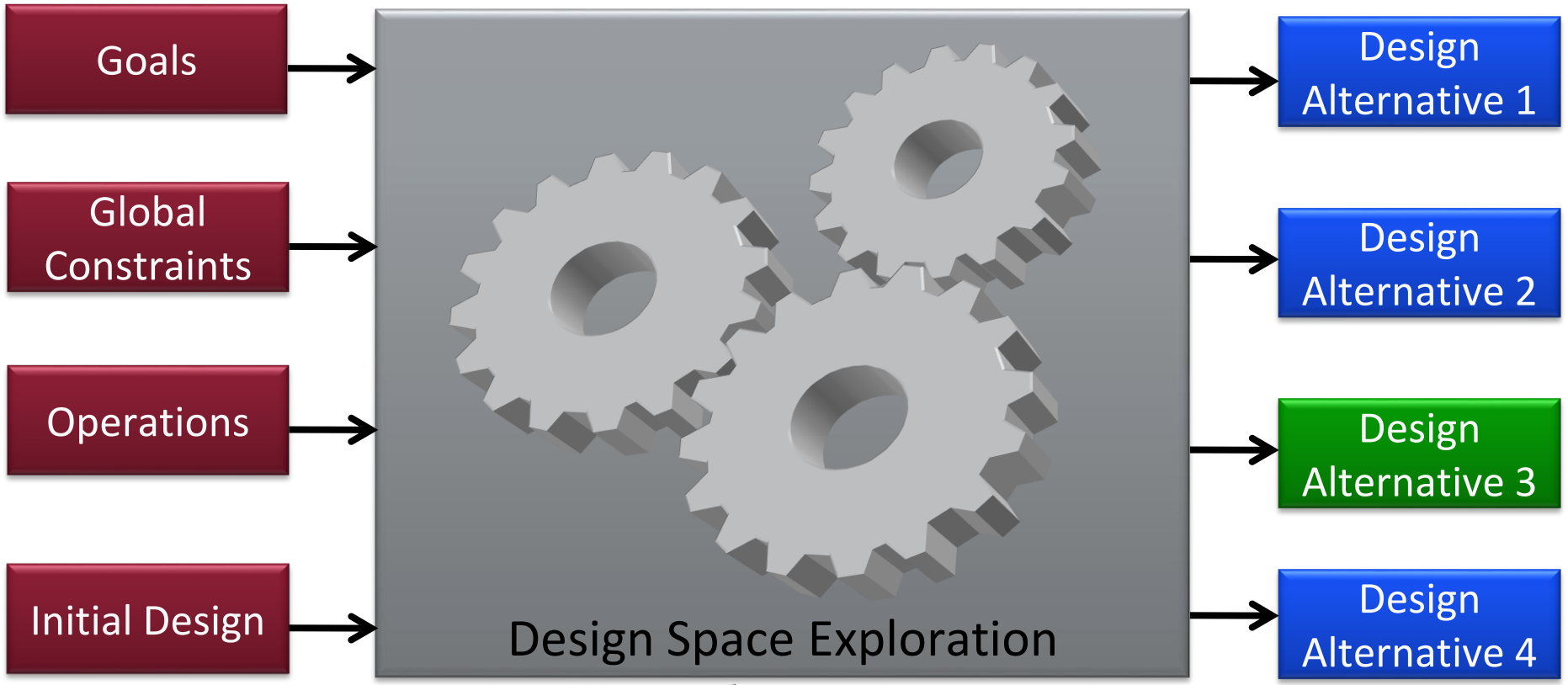
- Quick fixes for DSMLs
- Design of ARINC653 configs

Revisit: state space of GT system



Initial Graph + GT rules → State Space

Design Space Exploration



Special state space exploration

- potentially infinite state space
- „dense” solution space

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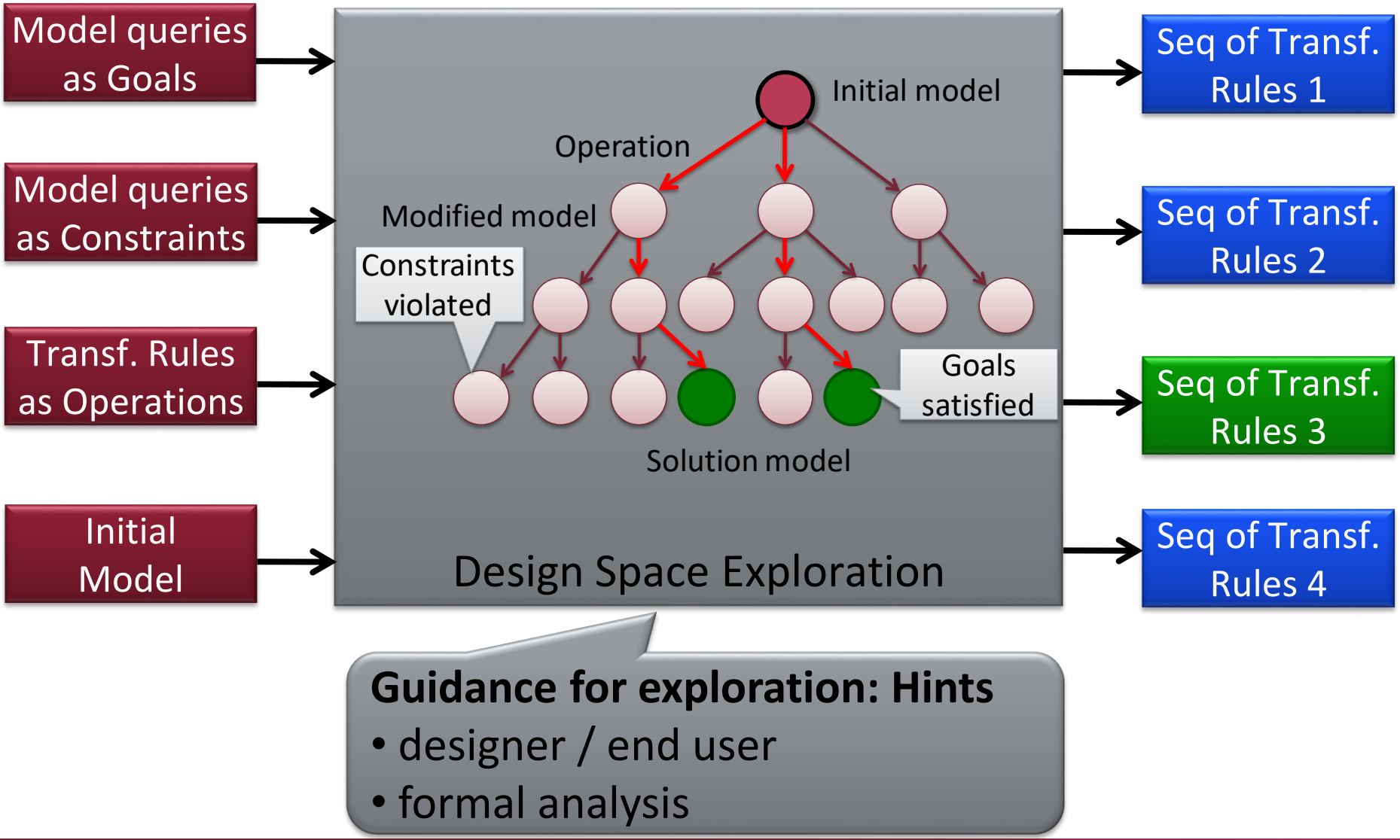

Guided Design Space Exploration

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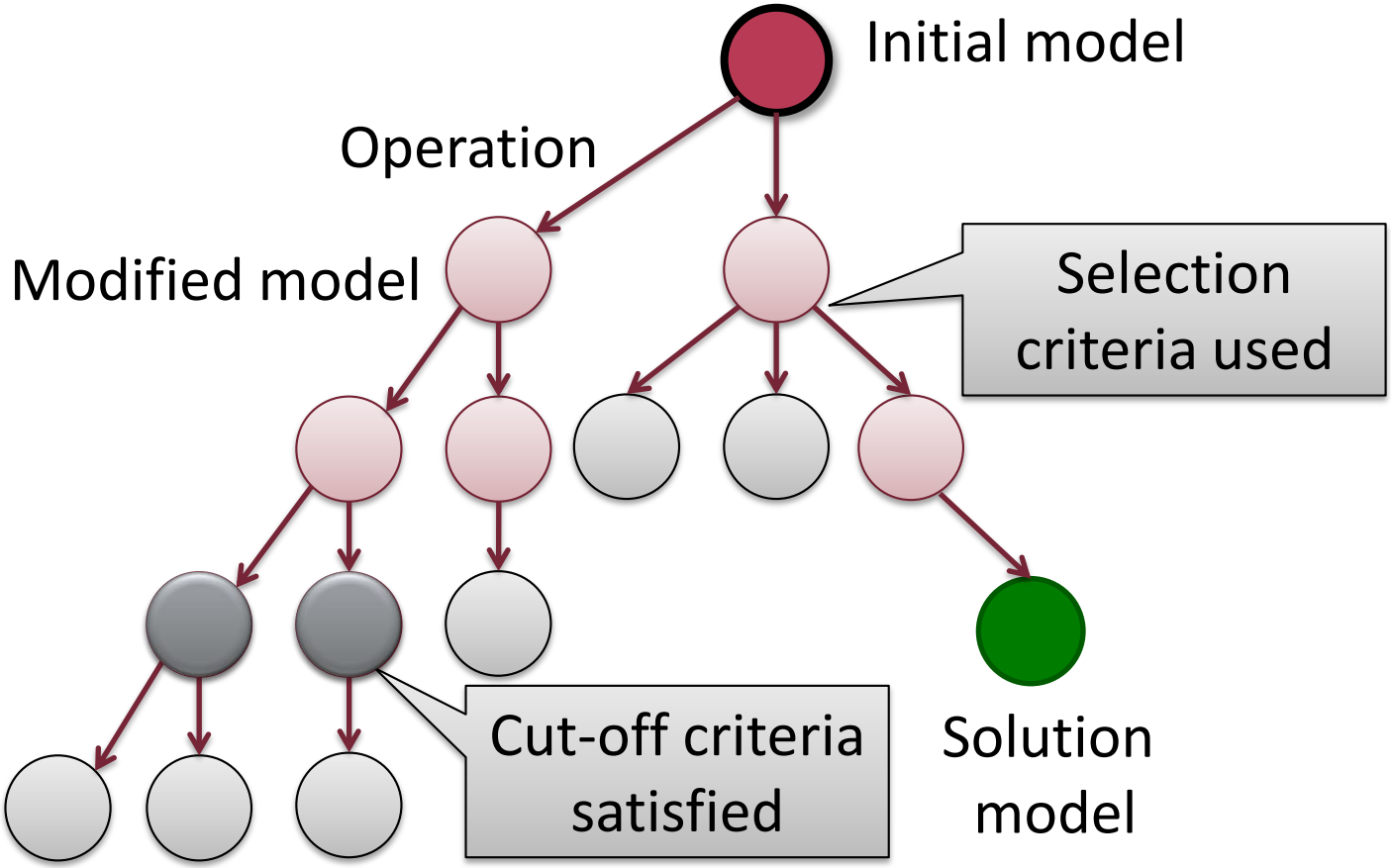

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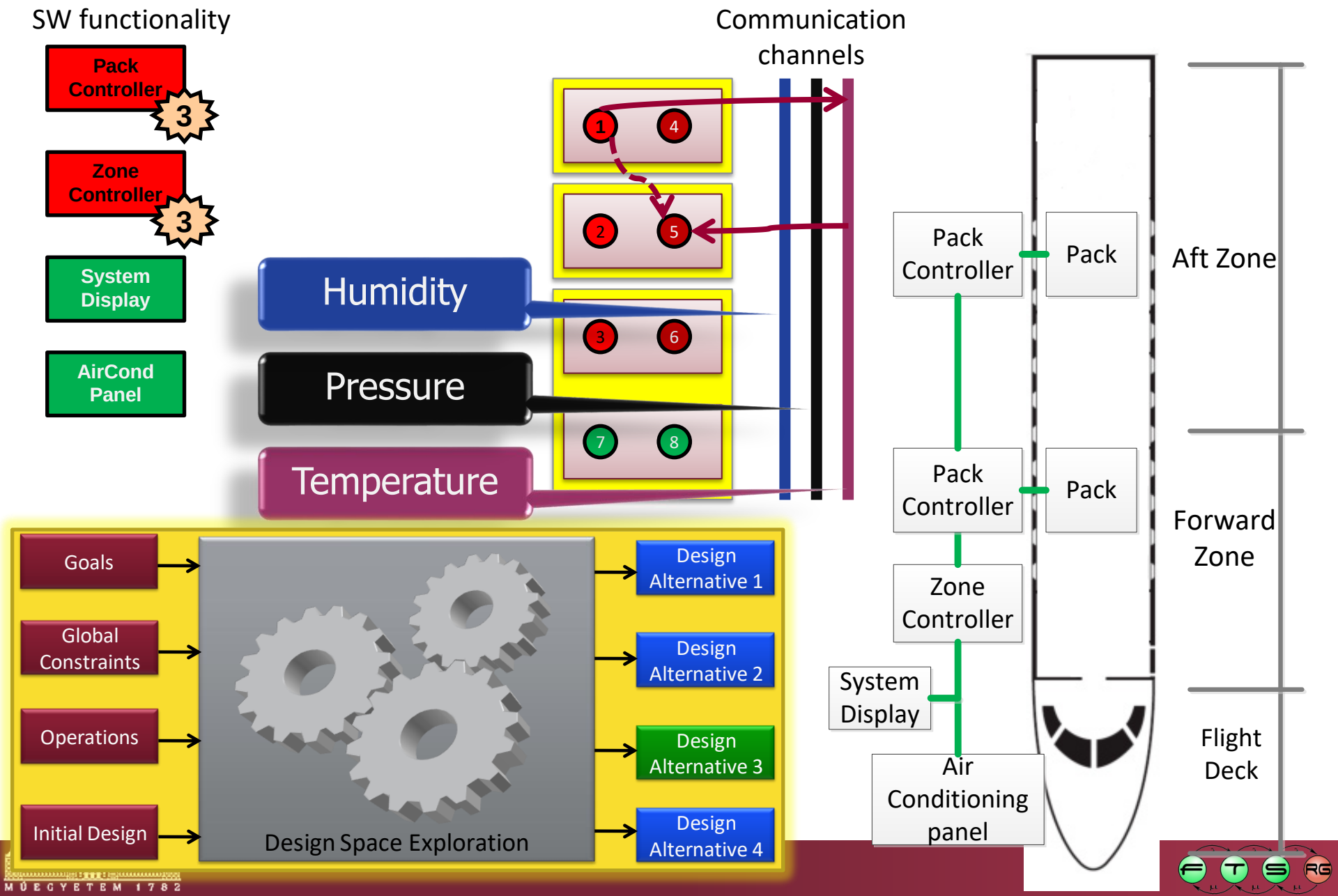

Designing ARINC653 configurations

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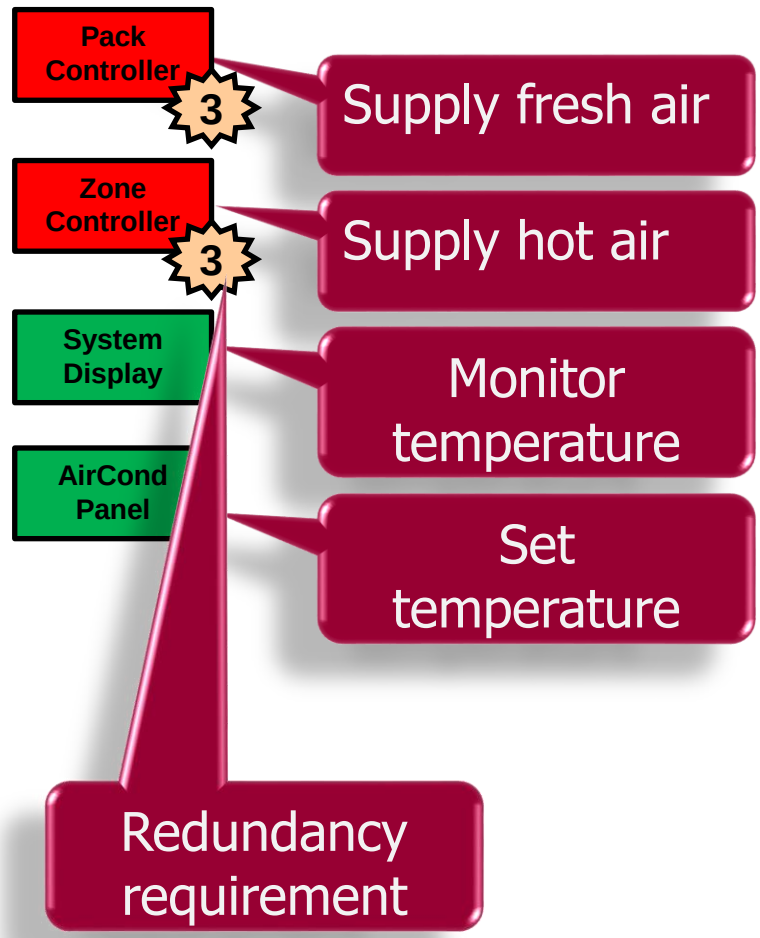
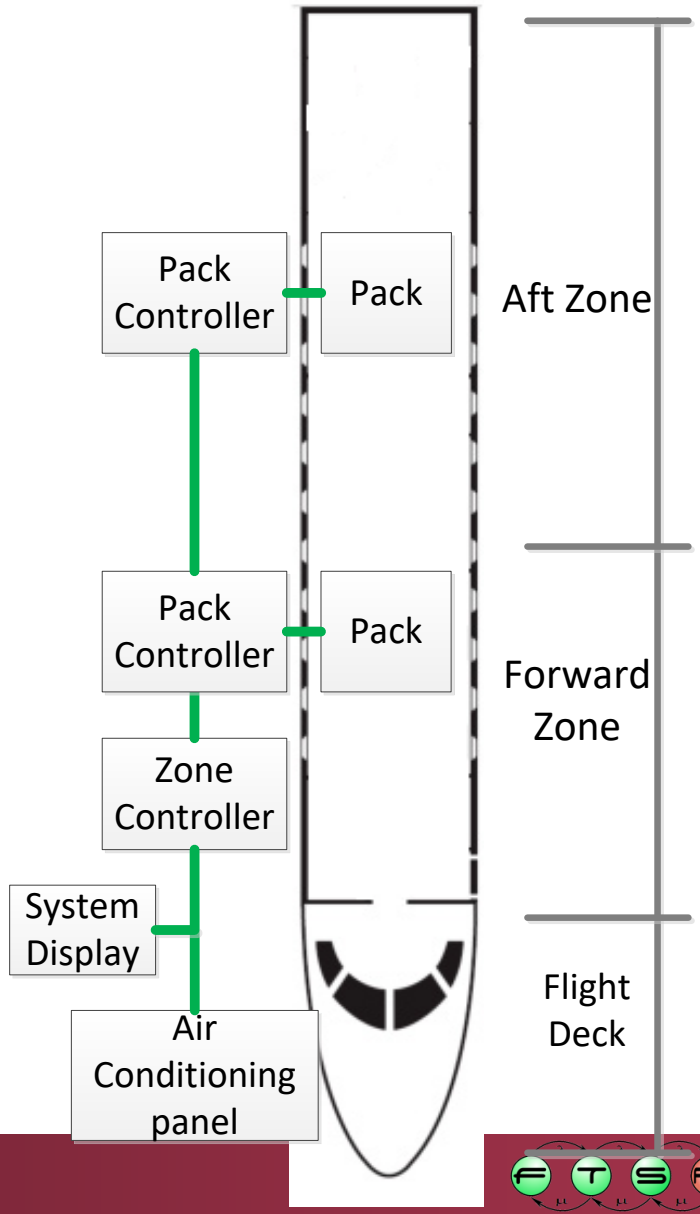
(critical + non-critical)





Job instances, Partitions, Modules

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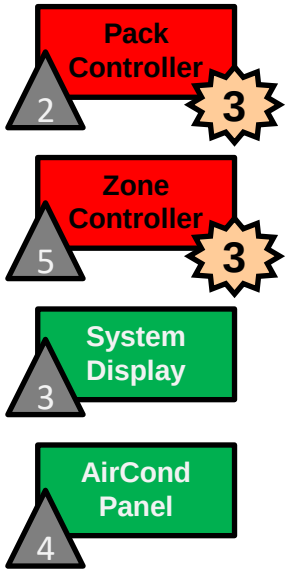
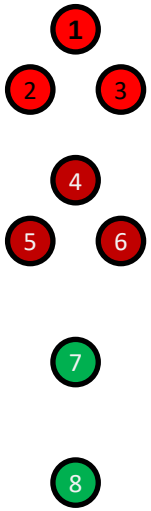
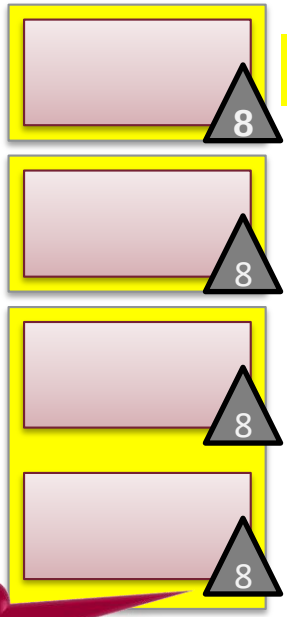


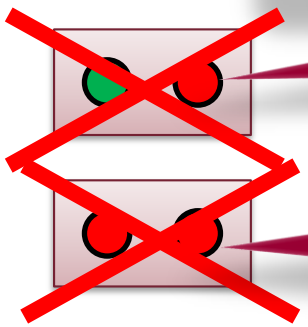




Additional constraints
- WCET,
- scheduling, etc.
- interfaces
- datatypes

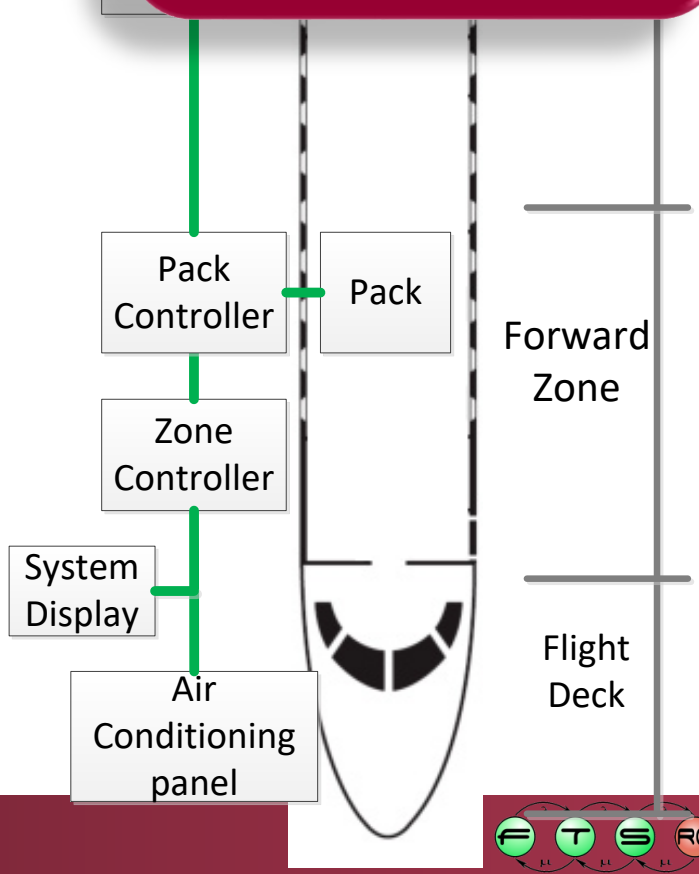
Memory needs + constraints

Constraints

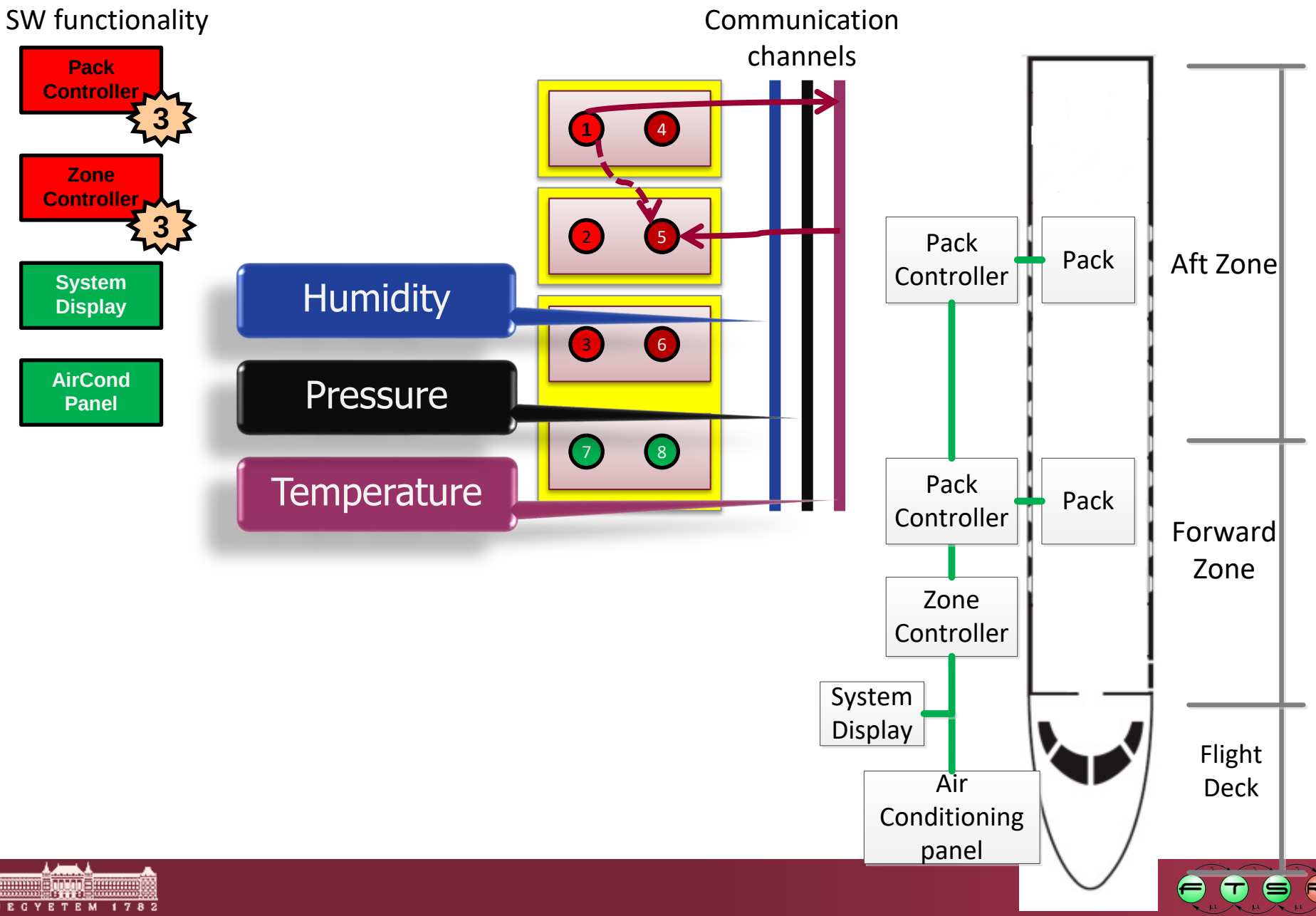


Do not mix critical and non-crit. jobs

Do not mix instances of the same critical job

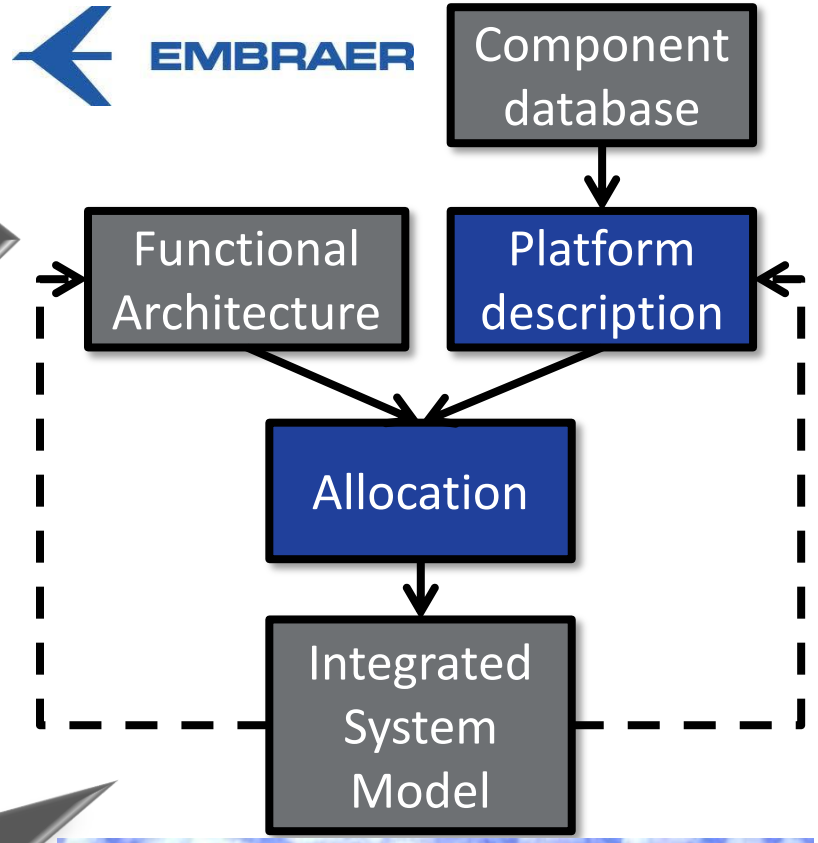


Allocating communication channels



Model Driven Development of IMA Configs

Inputs:
- Platform Independent Model (PIM) (functional + nonfunc. reqs; Simulink)
- Platform Description Model (PDM) for ARINC 653 (DSML)



Output:
- Integrated system model
- Ready for simulation
- End-to-end traceability

Model Driven Development of IMA Configs

Model transformation chains:
- Designer-guided manual steps
- Automated steps
  - design space exploration
  - optimization
  - code generators
- Continuous validation of design rules