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Coloured Petri Nets and CPN Tools

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Agenda

1. Means of Description

Coloured Petri
Nets

2. Method

Hierarchical and
modular nets &
(ProFunD Method)

Formal
Model

3. Tool

CPN Tools

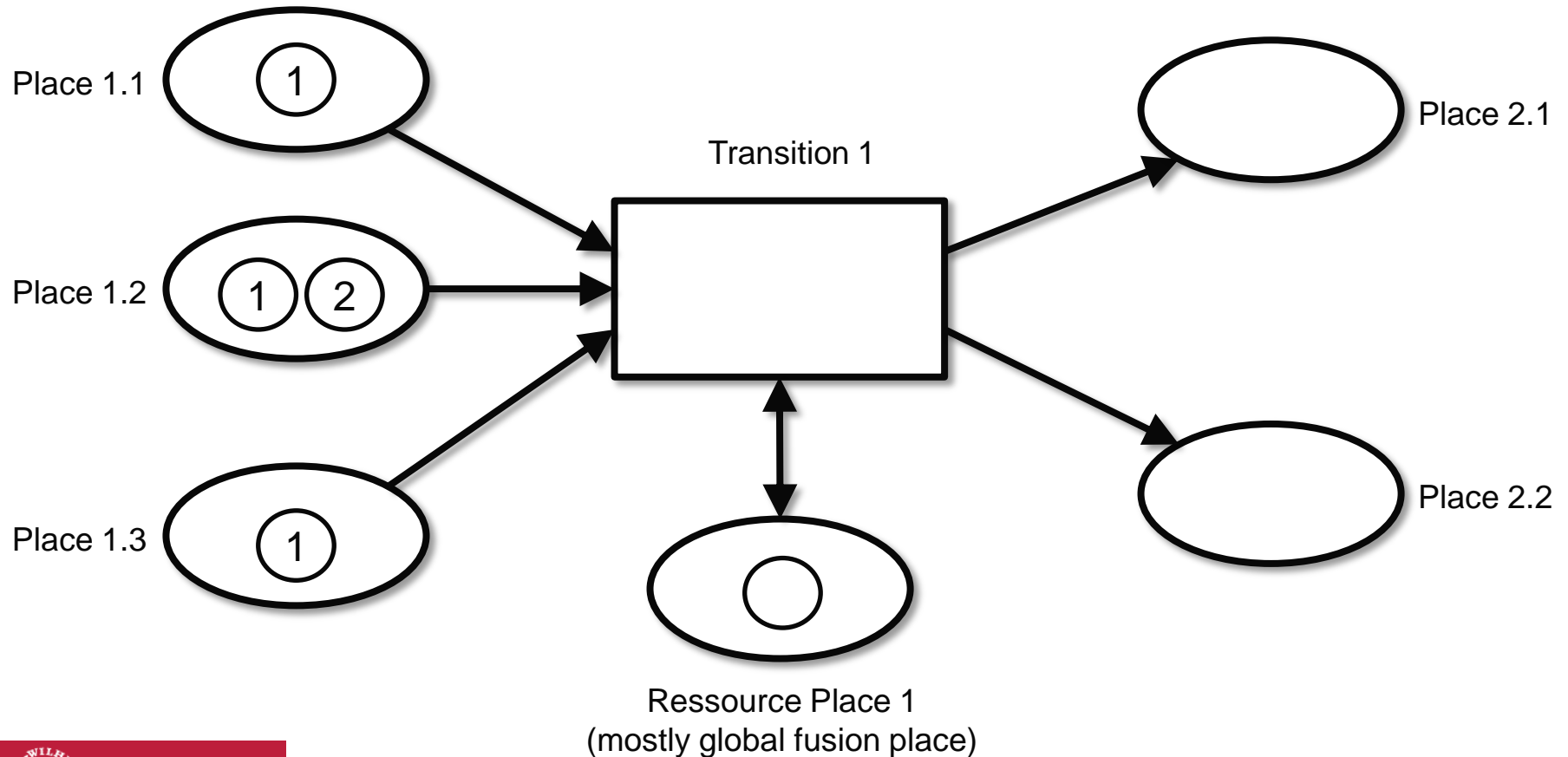
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Means of Description

Petri Nets

Petri Nets are bipartite graphs with places and transitions

- Firing of transition changes status of states

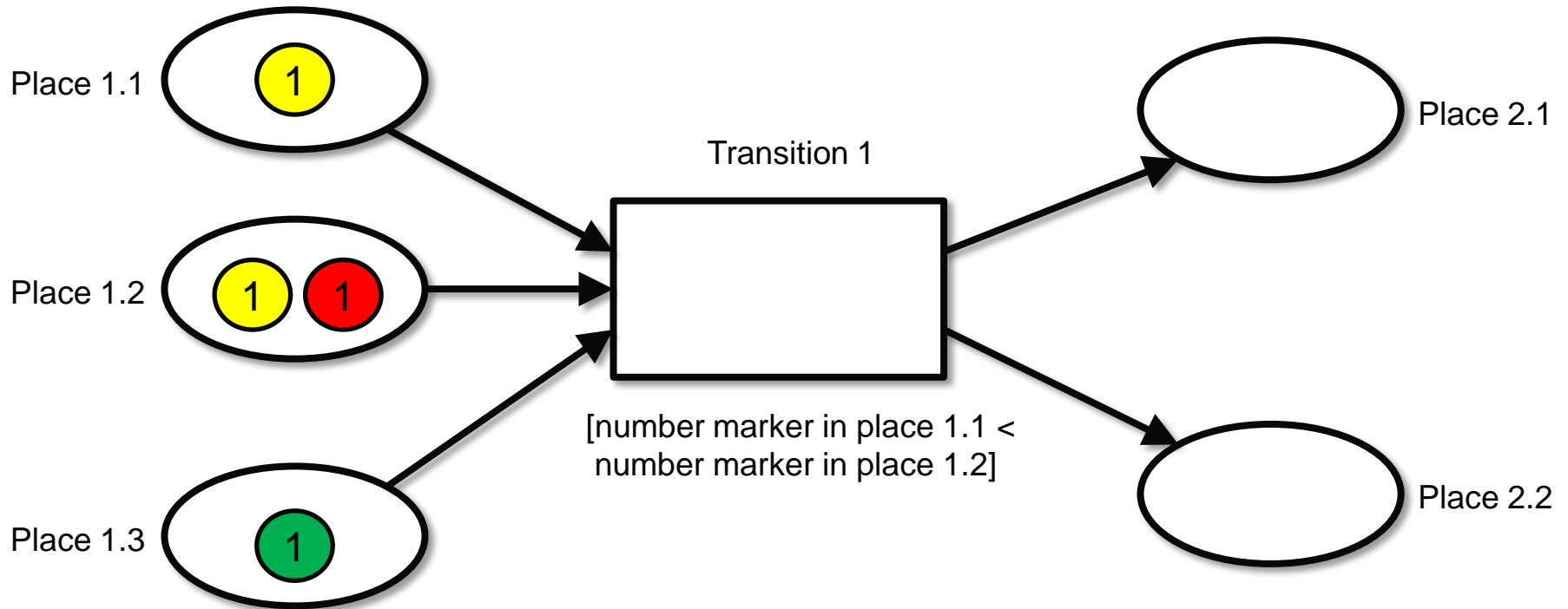


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Coloured Petri Nets

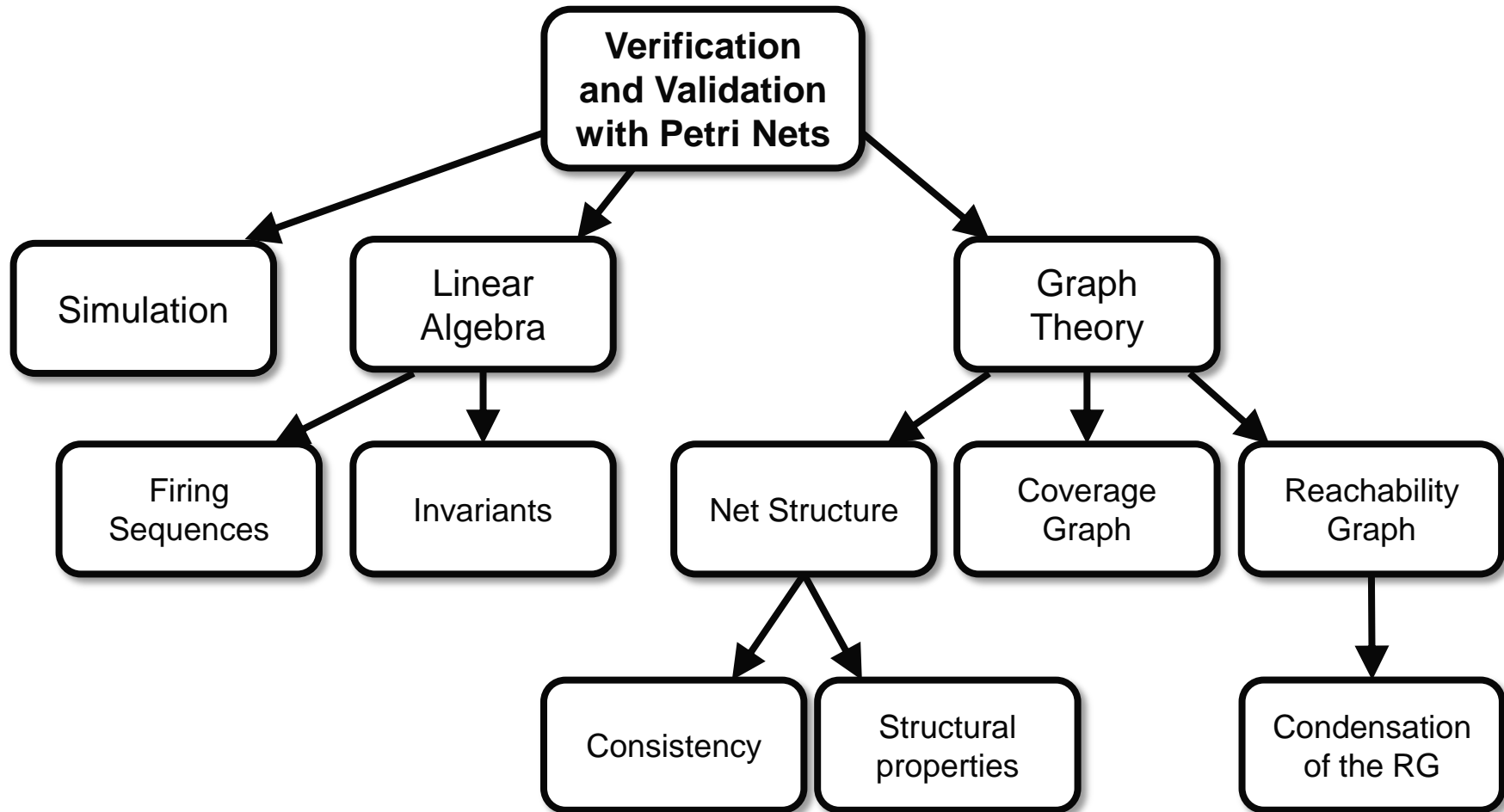
Variation of Petri Nets

- Colour sets are a space convolution used to reduce size of net



Means of Description

Analysis of Petri Nets

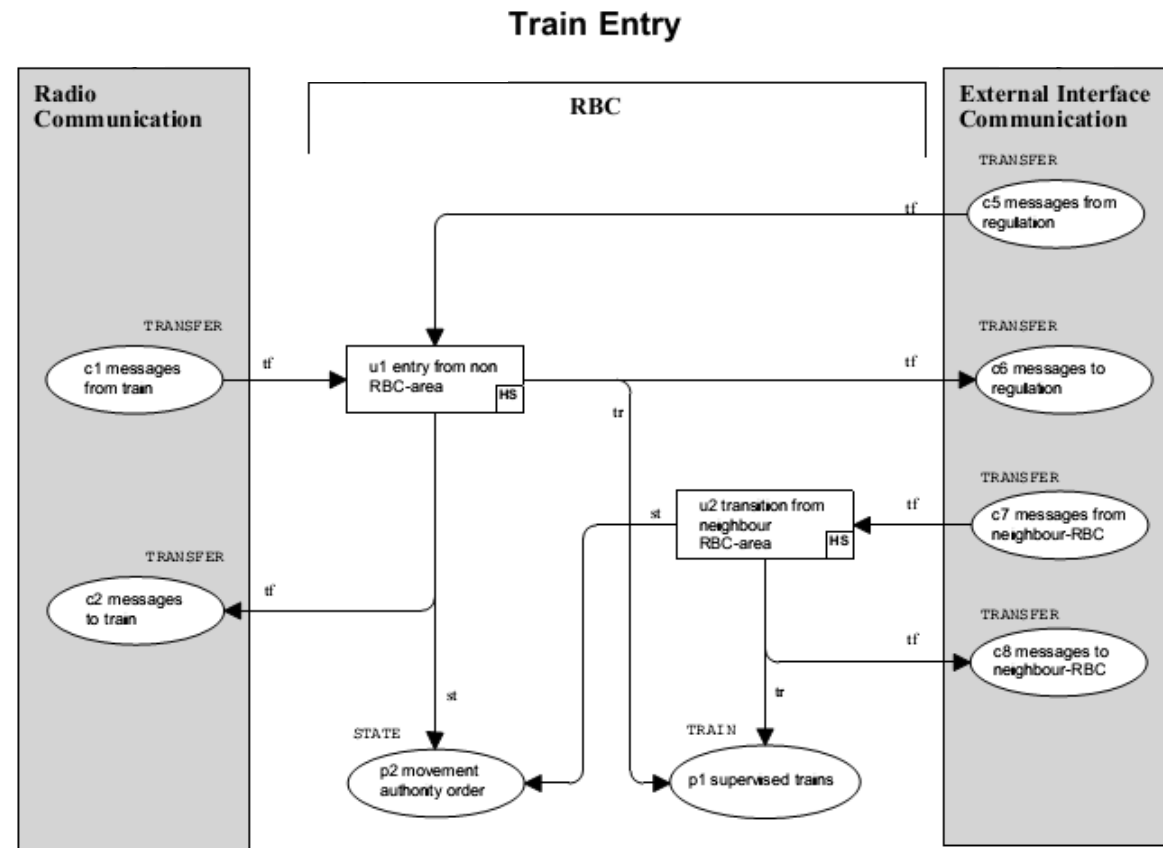


Method

Hierarchical and Modular Nets

3 Types of nets have been used for the modelling

1. Process Nets – Operation Logic and Interfaces



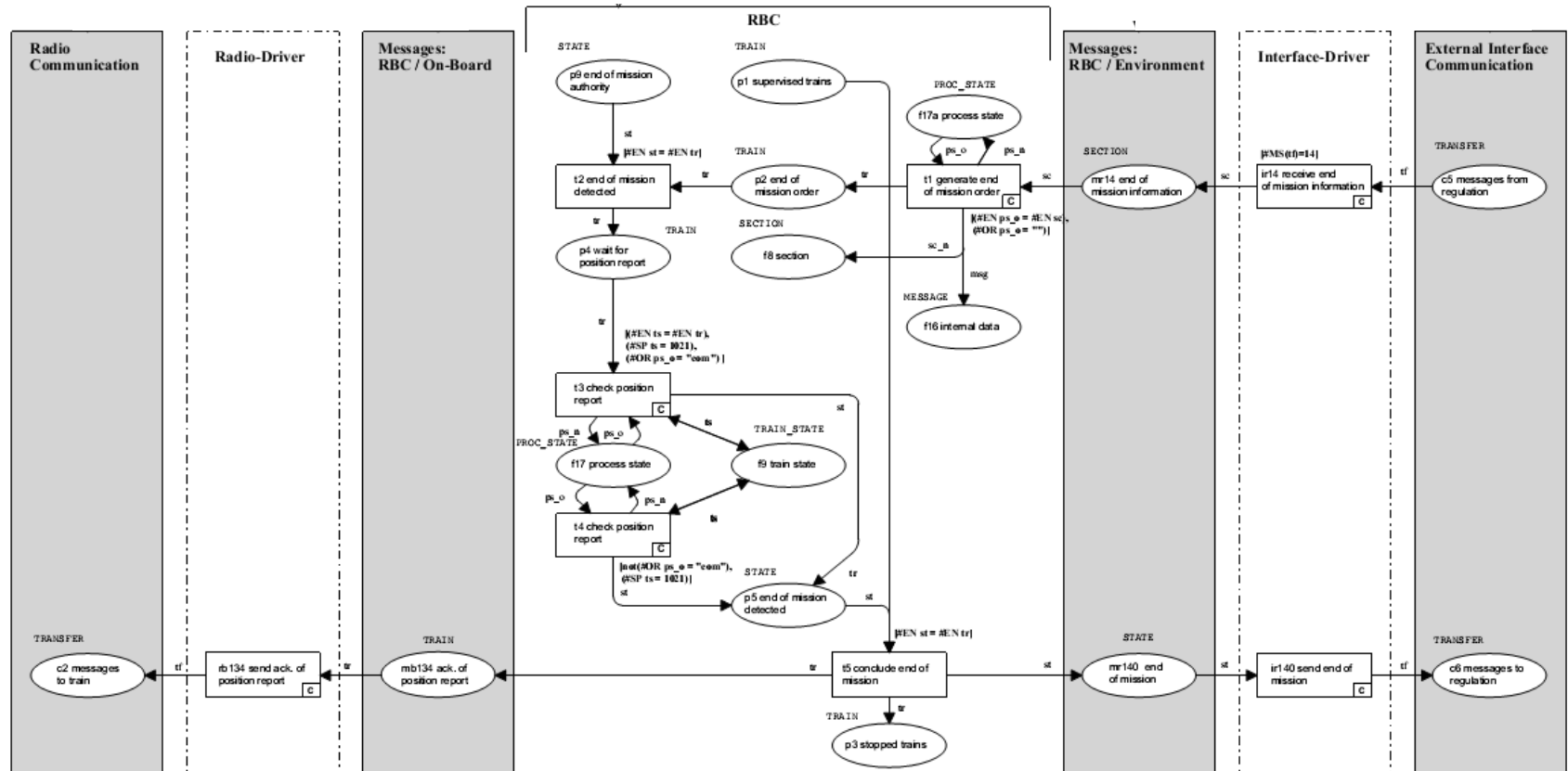
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Hierarchical and Modular Nets

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2. Scenario Nets - include Sending and Receiving Logic

End of Mission



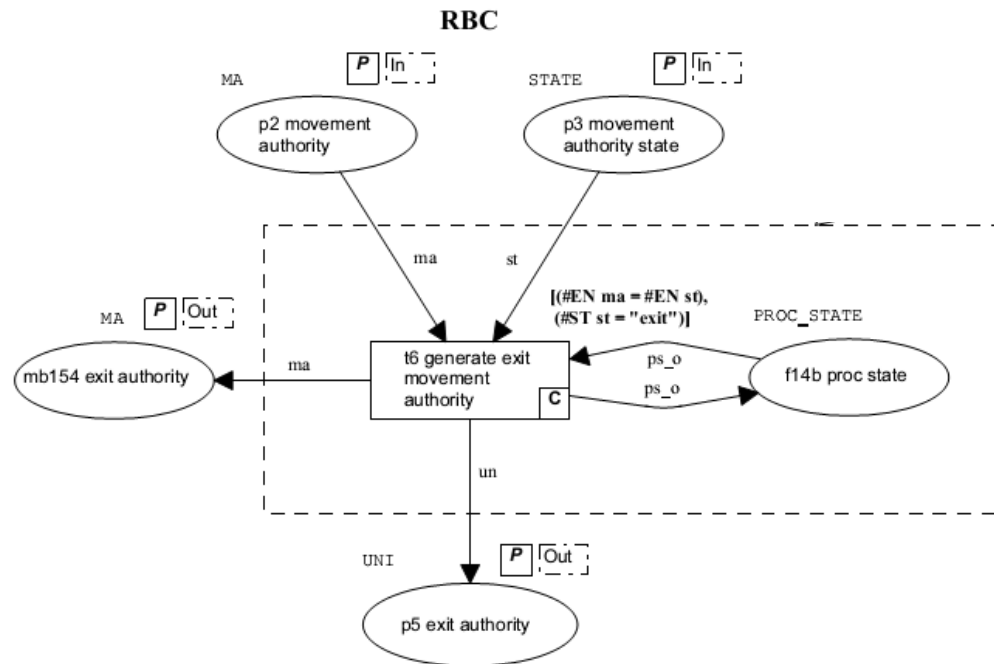
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Hierarchical and Modular Nets

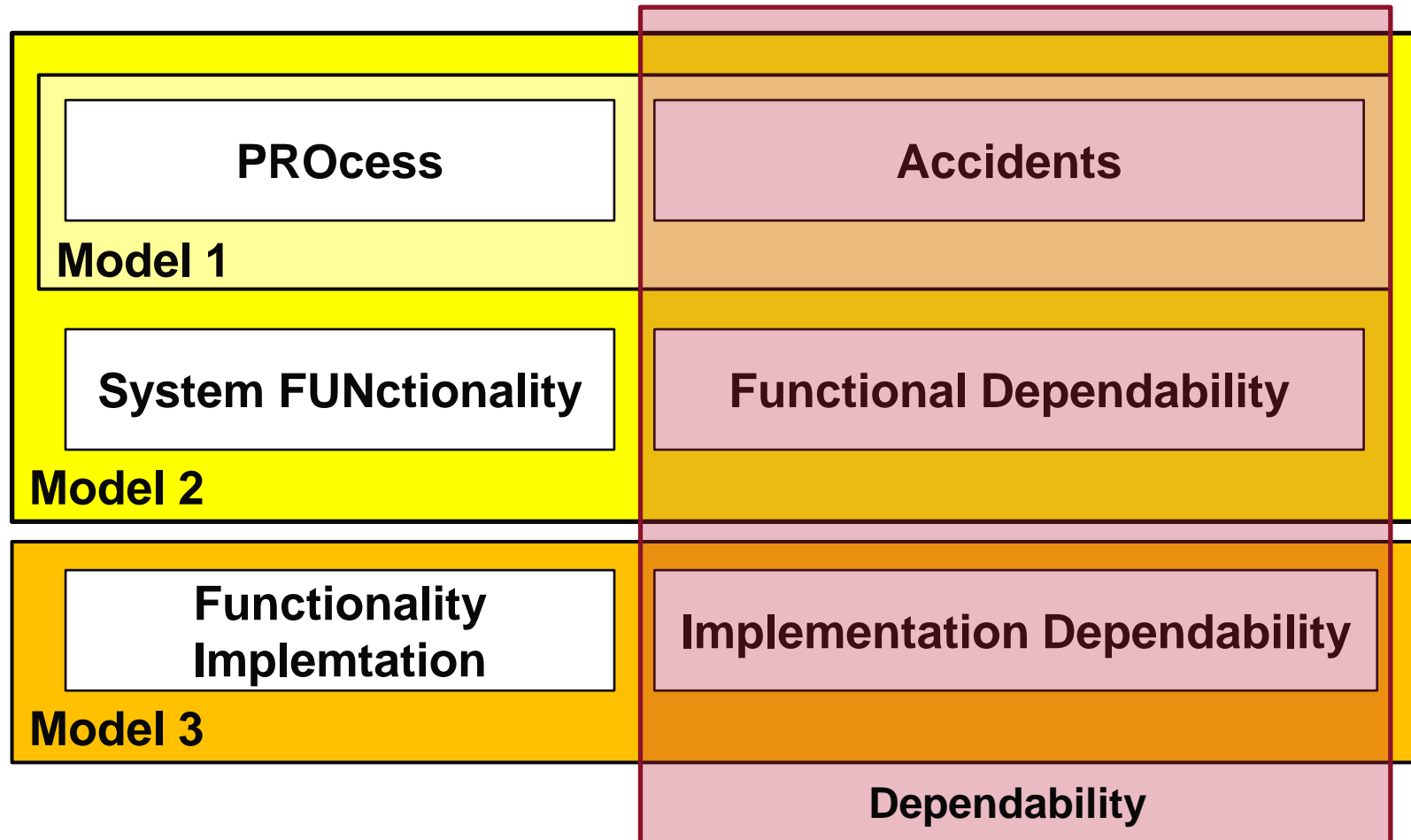
3 Types of nets have been used for the modelling

- **Function Nets** – detailed Modelling of a Transition

Send Exit Movement Authority



ProFunD



Tool

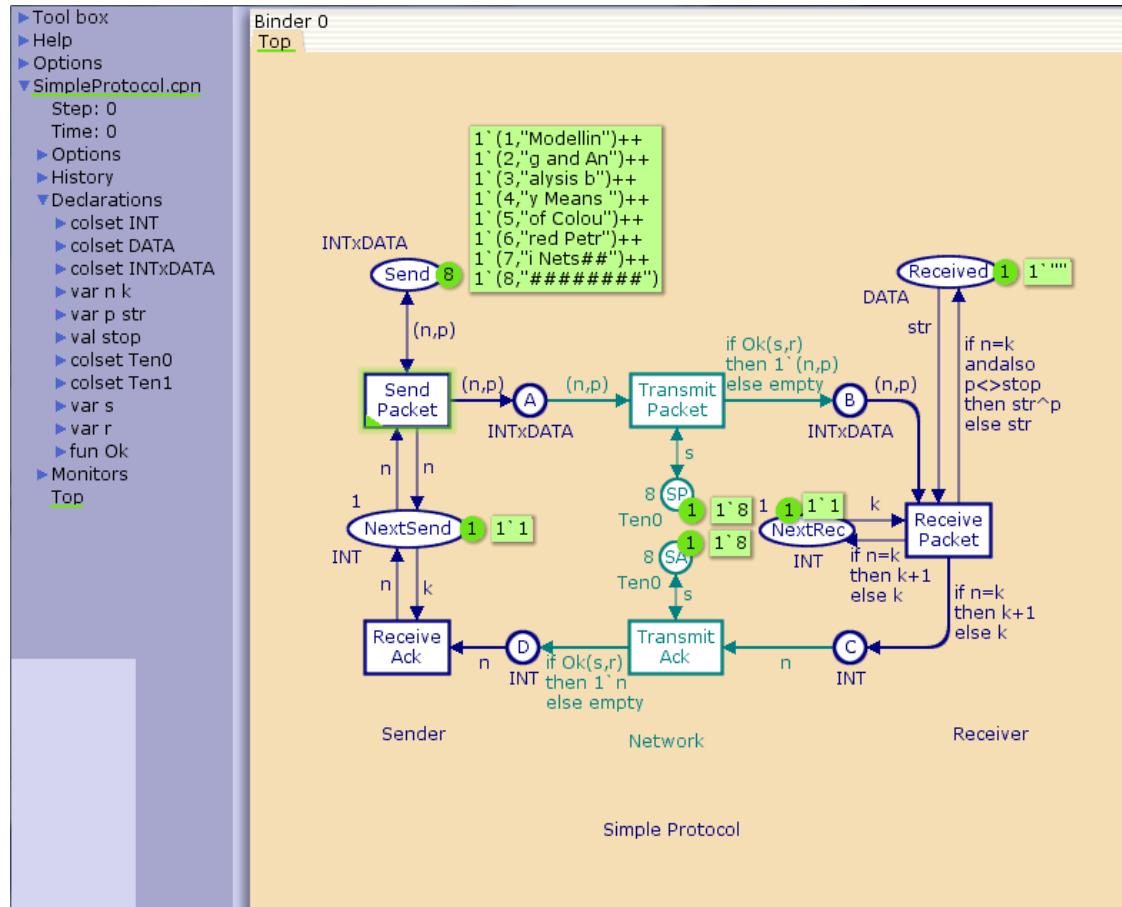
CPN Tools (Latest Version 3.4.0 from June 2012)

With CPN Tools Coloured Petri Nets can be

- **edited**
- **simulated**
- **analysed**

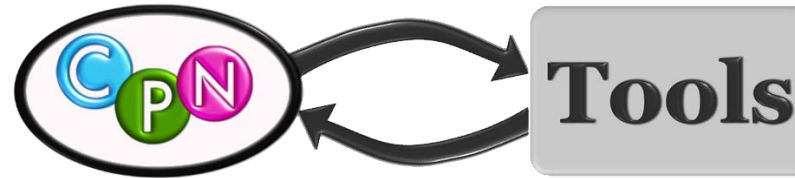
The tools feature

- incremental syntax checking (during modelling)
- code generation (during modelling)
- simulator for untimed and timed nets
- state space analysis



Tool

CPN Tools License



- Originally developed by the CPN Group at Aarhus University
- Today handled by the AIS group from Eindhoven University of Technology

Licensing

- GUI - GNU General Public License version 2
- Simulator - GNU General Public License version 2 and a 4-clause BSD license
- Access/CPN - GNU Lesser General Public License version 2.1
(CPN Tools is currently in process of releasing the source)

CPN Tools uses the CPN ML language (extension of Standard ML).

Access/CPN allows interaction with Eclipse.

Documentation can be found on **cpntools.org** and the tool can be downloaded

Conclusion

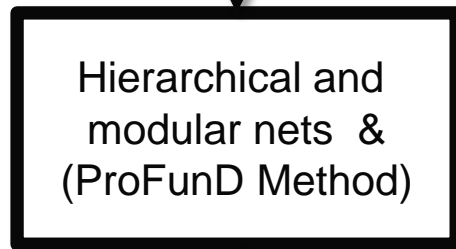
Independence between Method and Means of Description

1. Means of Description



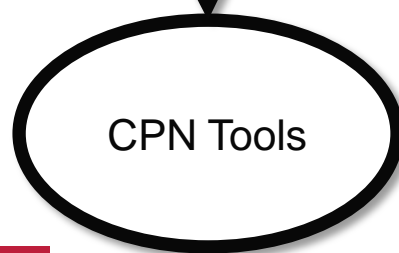
- Coloured Petri Nets are suited to model ETCS
- Analysis of Petri Nets is can be used to proof functionality

2. Method



- Hierarchical and modular modelling is mandatory
- Dependability has to be modelled to allow a model-based safety analysis
- ProFunD can be used for most means of description

3. Tool



- CPN Tools are a mature tool, providing most needed functionalities



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