

Using Graph Transformation and (M)ILP to solve the IHTC 2024



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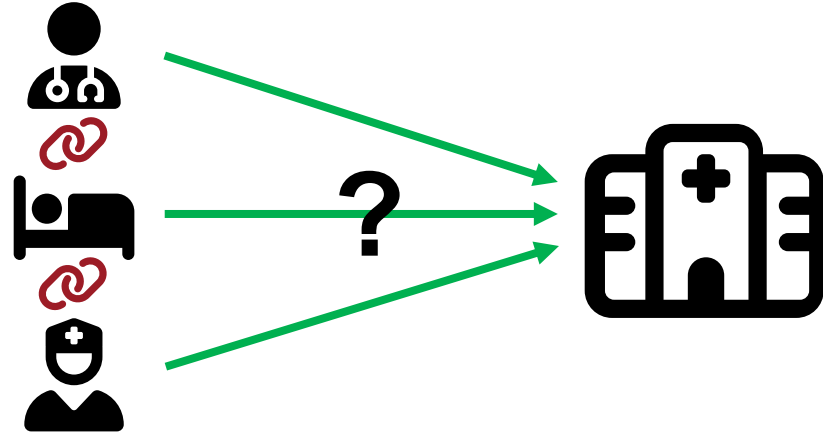
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IHTC 2024 (a quick summary)

- Integrated **H**ealthcare **T**imetabling **C**ompetition **2024**
- Integrated combinatorial optimisation problem in the hospital context

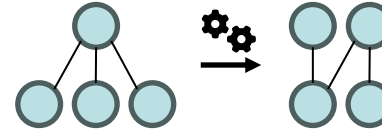
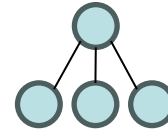
1. Surgical case planning
2. Patient admission scheduling
3. Nurse-to-room assignment



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Our Motivation

- We work on ...
 - Model-Driven Software Engineering
 - Models as Graphs
 - Graph Transformation & Optimization of Graphs



We want to solve
the challenge
using our
methods & tools.

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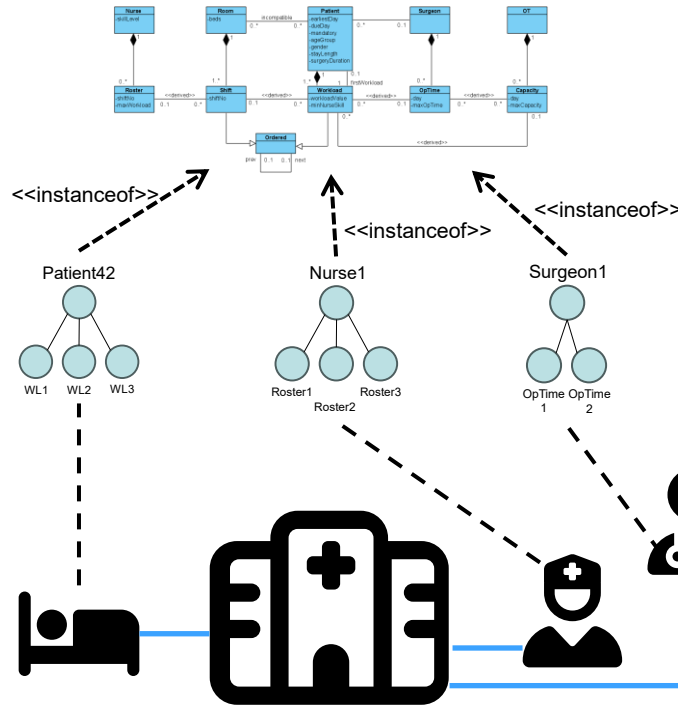
Layers in Model-Driven Software Engineering

M2: Metamodel



M1: Model

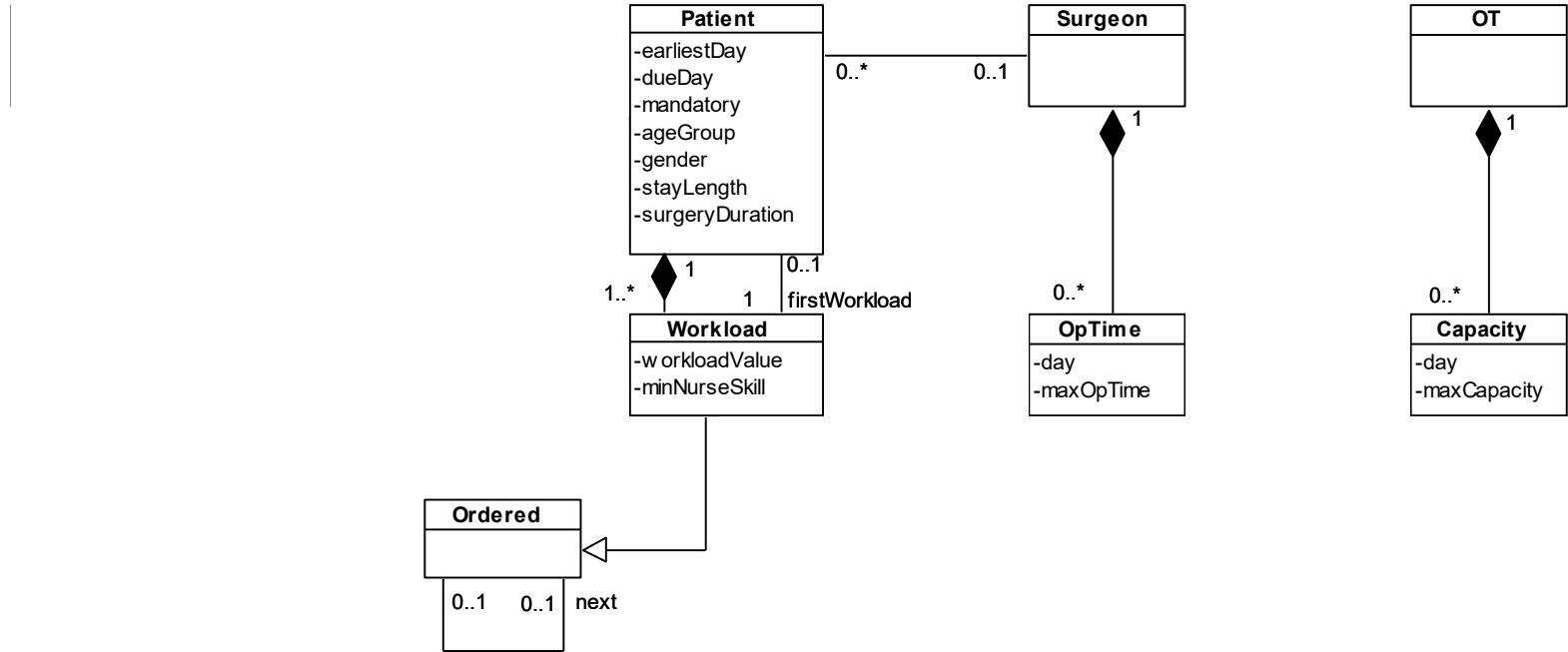
M0: Real-world entities



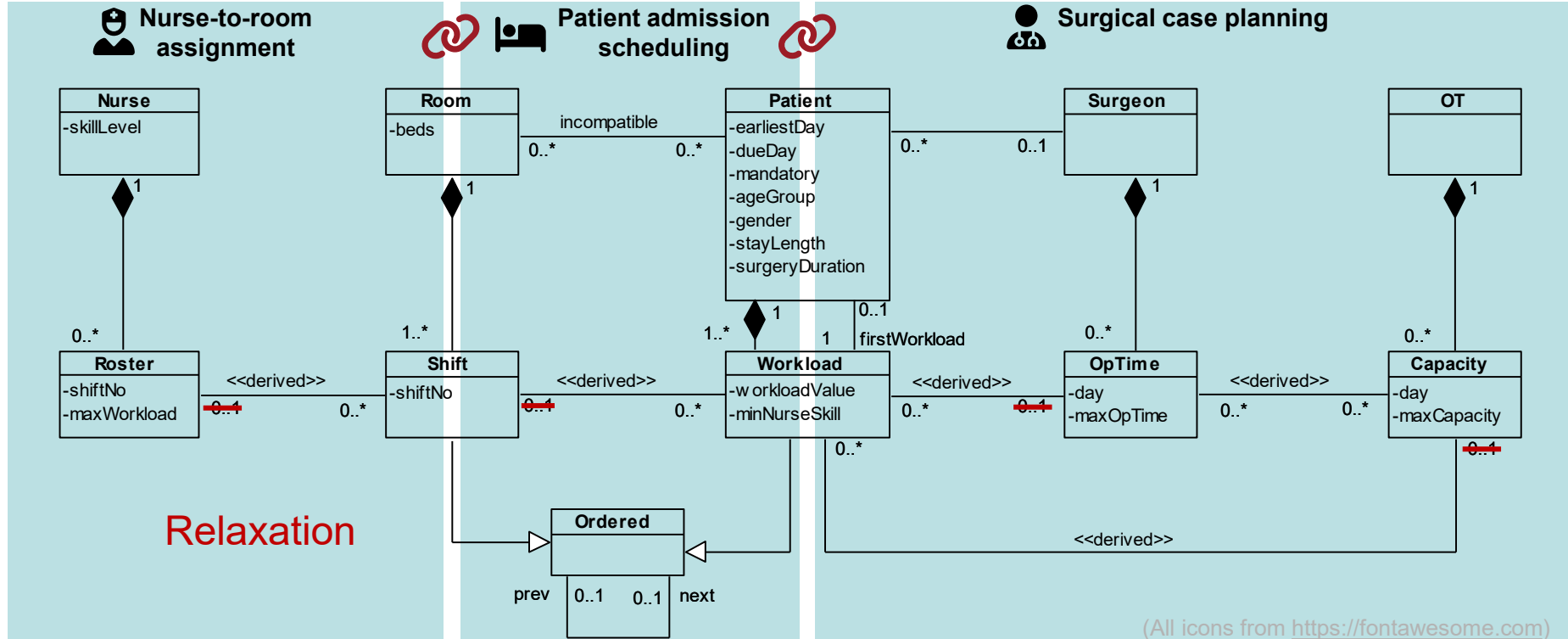
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A (simplified) Metamodel for the IHTC 2024

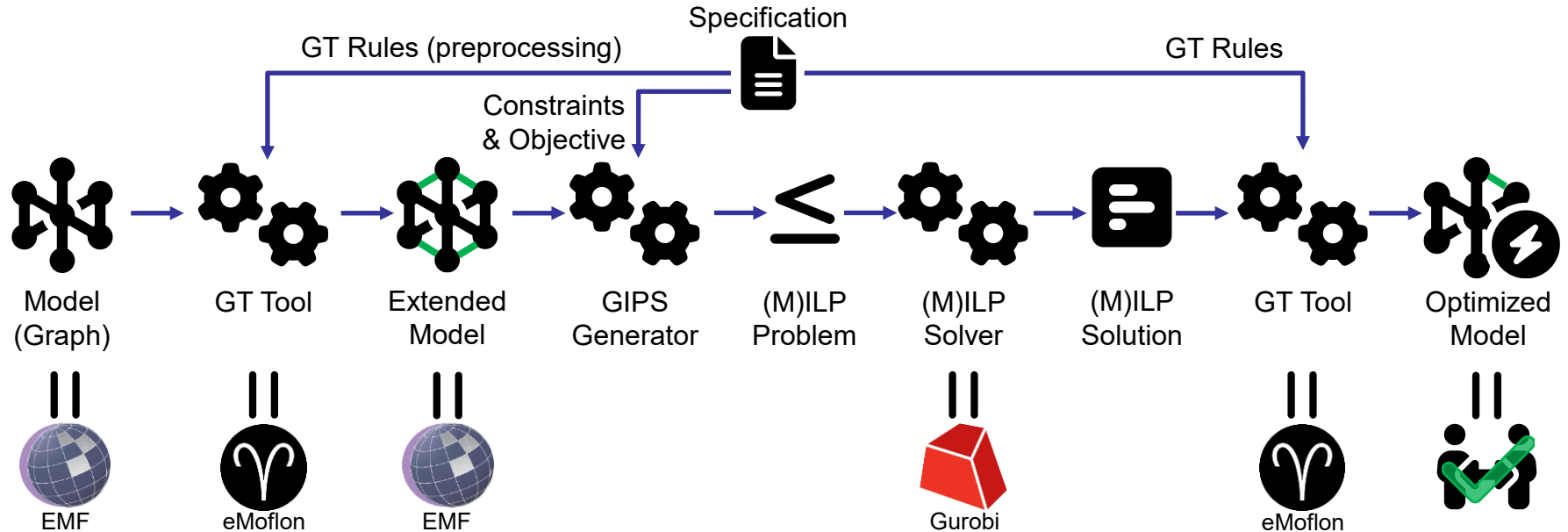


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The Graph-based (M)ILP Problem Specification Approach → GIPS

- GIPS Framework contains a domain-specific language **GIPSL**



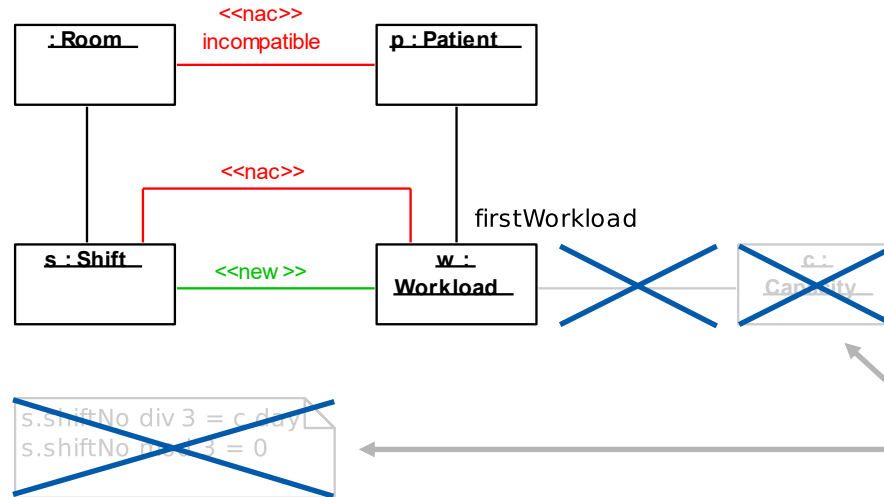
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Preprocessing a Problem Instance (initial)

- Example: Assign a patient to a potential room

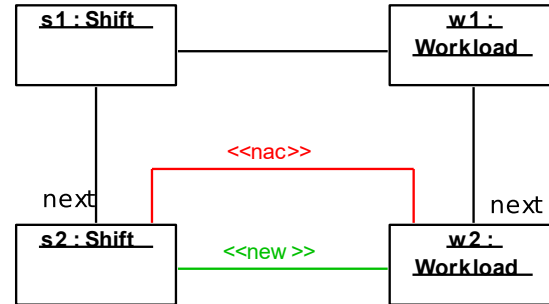
assignPatientToRoom



Preprocessing a Problem Instance (Extension)

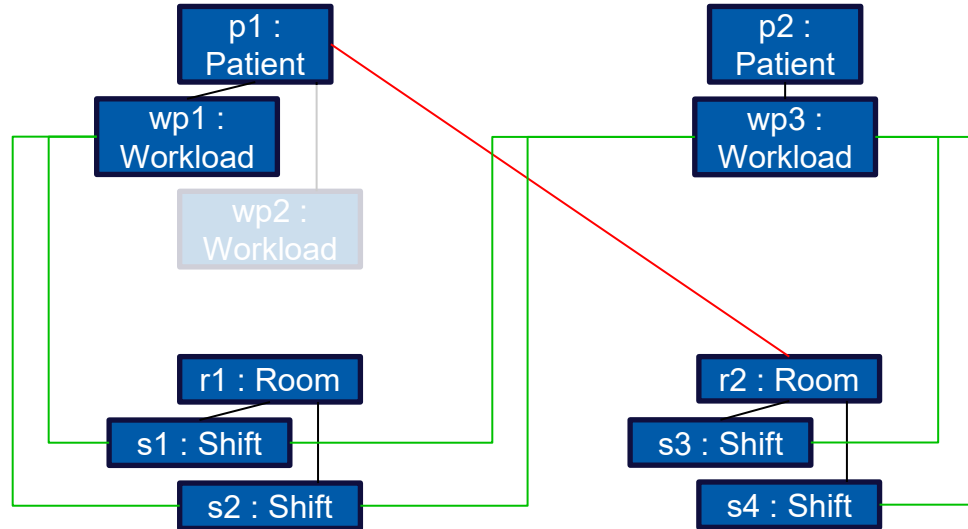
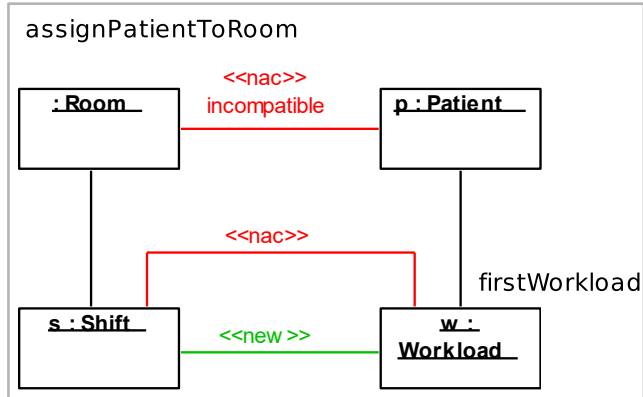
- Example: Extend a patient's stay in a potential room

extendPatientStay



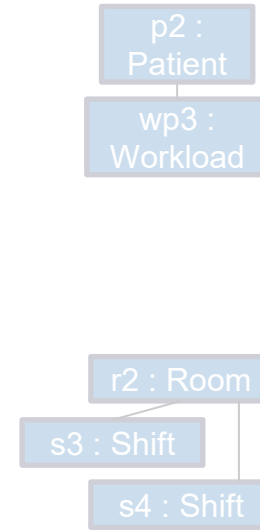
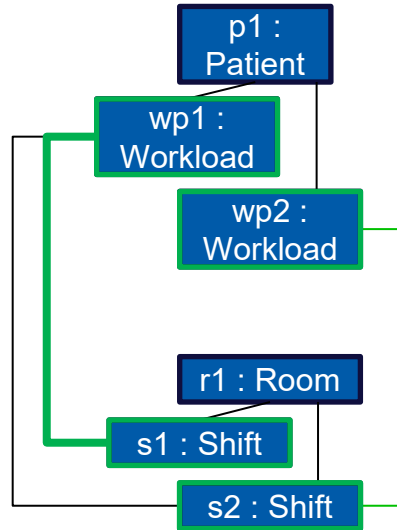
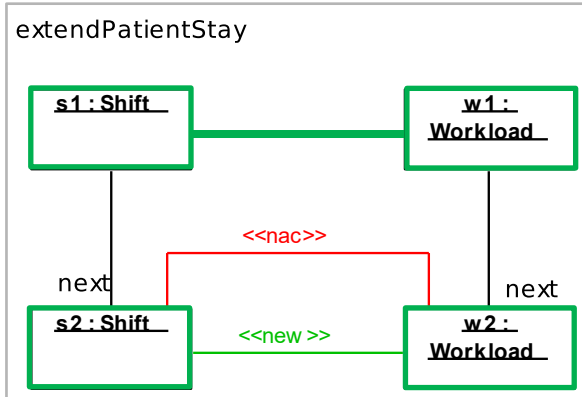
Preprocessing a Problem Instance (Application)

- Simplified example: Assign a patient to a potential room






Preprocessing a Problem Instance (Application)

- Simplified example: Extend a patient's stay in a potential room



Preprocessing a Problem Instance (Result)

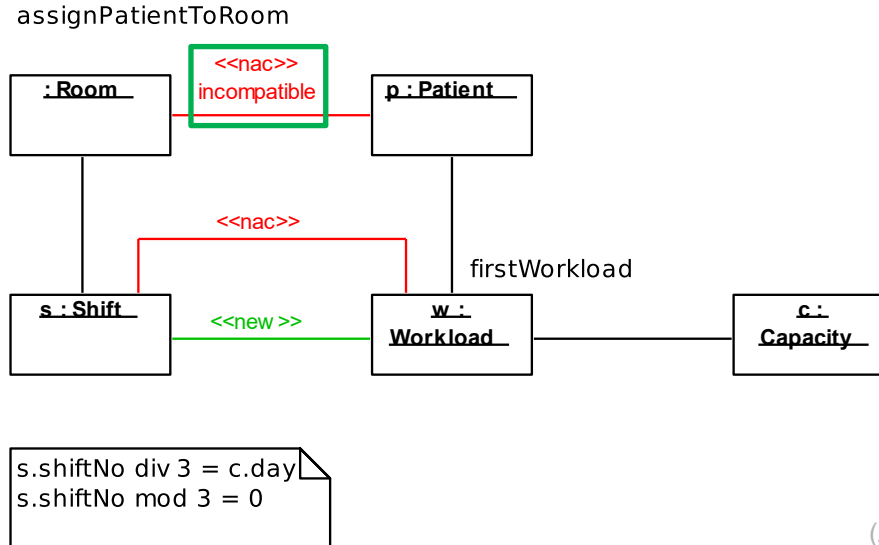
- The **Extended Model** contains all possible assignment edges
 - ... for patients to rooms 
 - ... for surgeons to OTs & patients to OTs 
 - ... for nurses to rooms 

? How to select the optimal assignment edges?

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Constraint H2 (fulfilled by a GT Rule)

- “Patients cannot be assigned to incompatible rooms.”
 - Already enforced by the GT rule



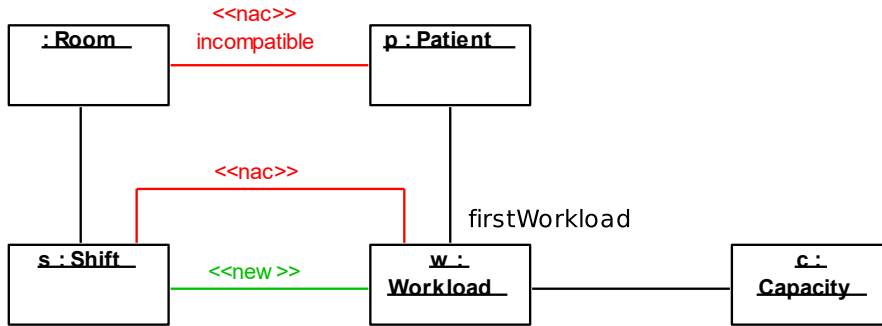
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Constraint (fulfilled by a GT Rule)

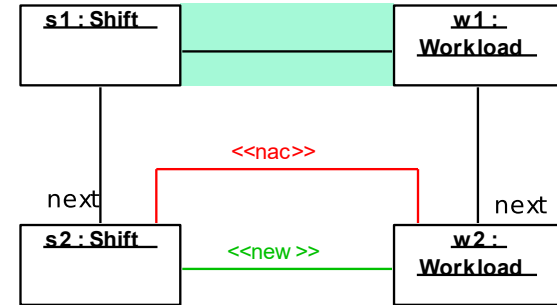
- “A patient is assigned to the same room during all shifts.”
- Already enforced by the GT rule(s) ✓

assignPatientToRoom



$s.\text{shiftNo} \div 3 = c.\text{day}$
 $s.\text{shiftNo} \bmod 3 = 0$

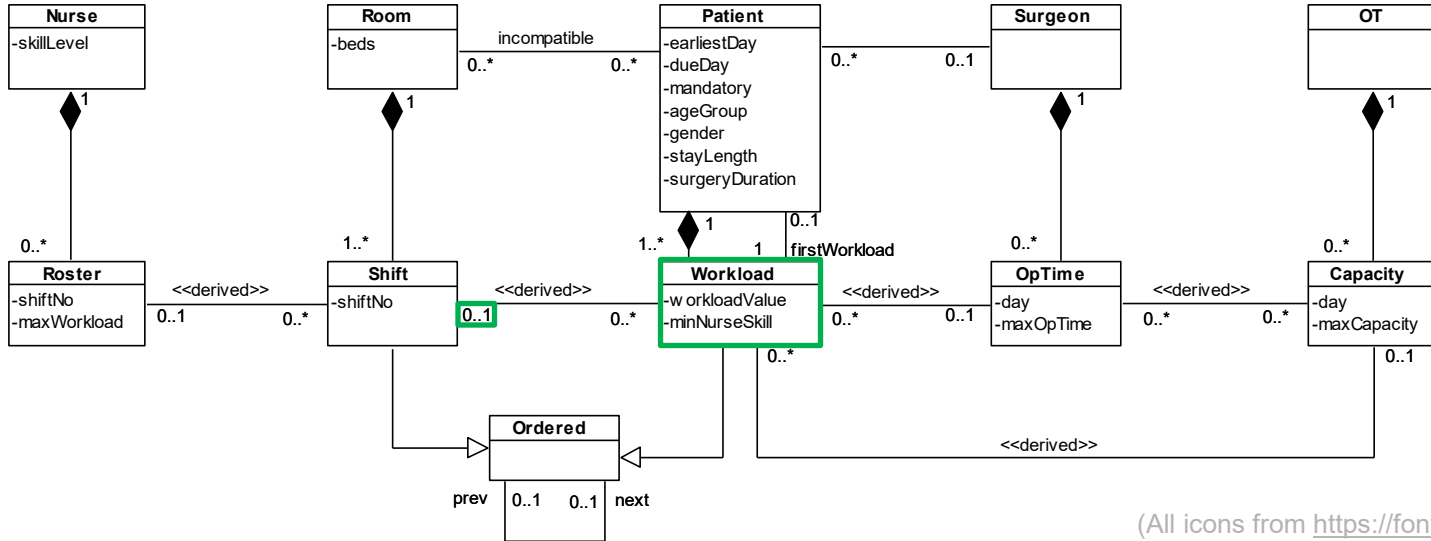
extendPatientStay



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Constraint (fulfilled by the Metamodel)

- “A patient is assigned to at most one room in each shift.”
 - Already enforced by the (non-relaxed) metamodel. ✓



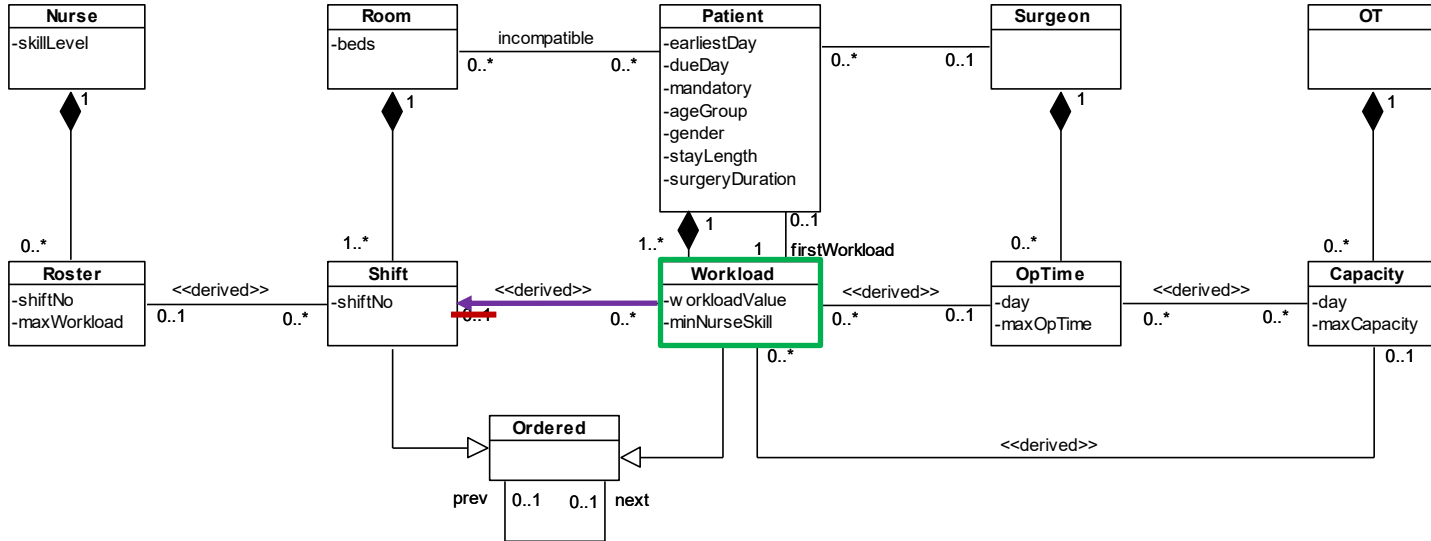
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Constraint (relaxed Metamodel)

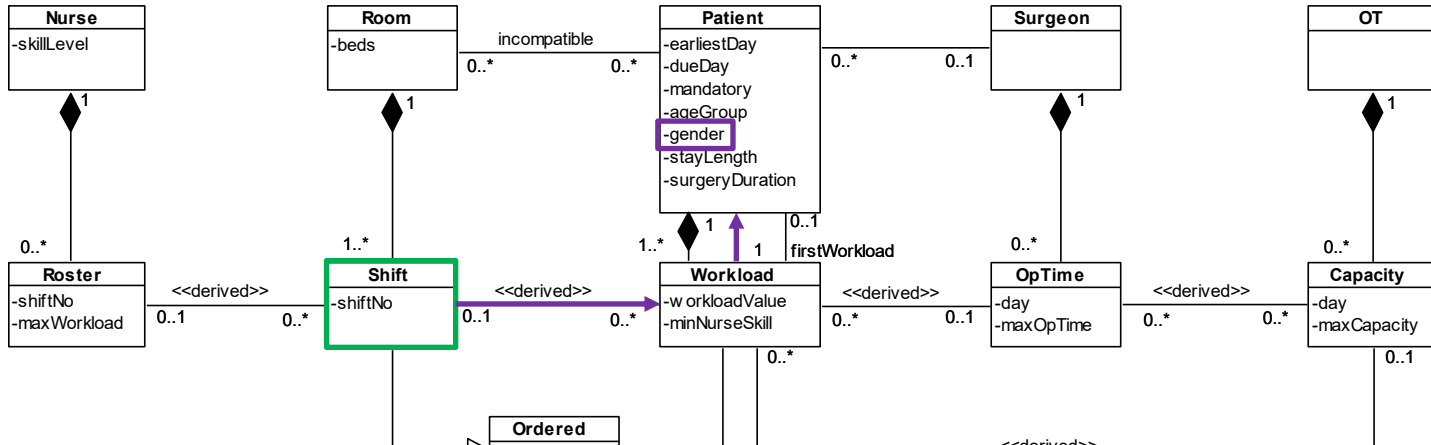
- “A patient is assigned to at most one room in each shift.”
 - context **Workload** inv: shift->size() <= 1

Object
Constraint
Language



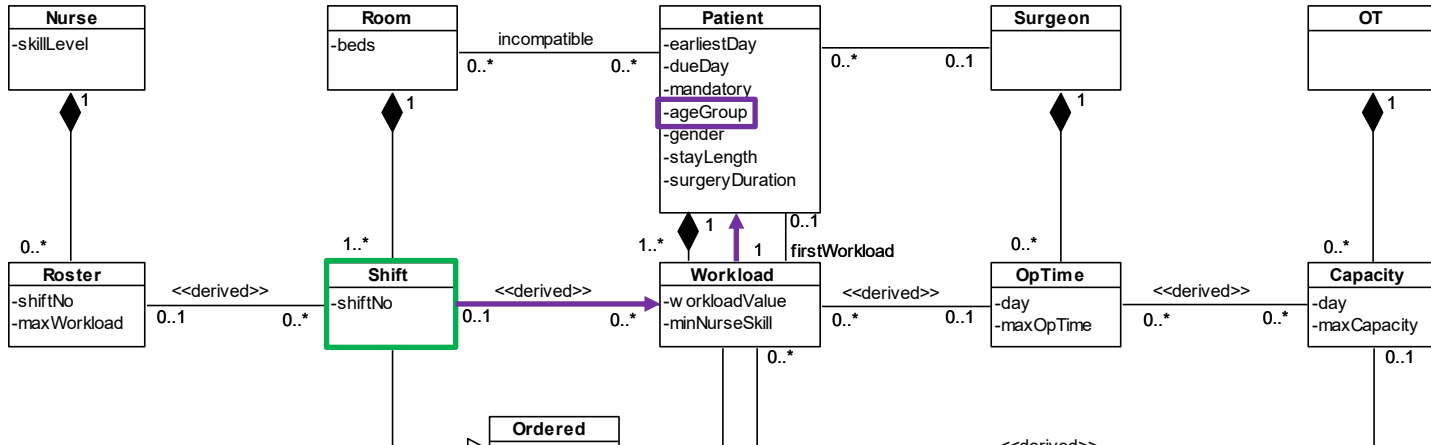
Constraint H1 (for the Solver)

- “No gender mix of patients in one room (in a given shift).”
 - context **Shift** inv:
`workload.patient.gender->asSet()->size() <= 1`



Constraint S1 (for the Solver)

- “Maximum difference of age groups in one room should be minimized.”
 - context **Shift** min: let ages = workload.patient.ageGroup in if ages->isEmpty() then 0 else (ages->max() - ages->min())



Submitted Solution – Our Steps

- Informal problem description (PDF)
- Metamodel + JSON import/export
- We derived the OCL constraints.
- We manually translated the OCL constraints to the GIPSL specification.
 - ... hopefully automated in the future!

```
// [...]
// Mapping that is true if gender `g` is contained in room `r` on day `d`
mapping roomDayGender to dayRoomGender;

// H1: No gender mix per room
constraint with dayRoomTuple {
  mappings.roomDayGender->filter(
    element.nodes.r == context.nodes.r & element.nodes.d ==
    context.nodes.d)->sum(element.value)
  <= 1
}

constraint with roomDayGender {
  [mappings.roomDayPatientLoad->filter(
    element.nodes.d == context.nodes.d
    & element.nodes.r == context.nodes.r
    & element.nodes.p.gender == context.nodes.g.name
  )->sum(element.value)
  + patterns.occupantRoomDay->filter(
    element.nodes.d == context.nodes.d
    & element.nodes.r == context.nodes.r
    & element.nodes.o.gender == context.nodes.g.name
  )->sum(1)
  >= 1]
  => [context.value == 1]
}
// [...]
```

Resulting (example) LP file

```
// [...]  
// Mapping that is true if gender `g` is contained in room `r` on day `d`  
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  <= 1  
}  
  
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    element.nodes.d == context.nodes.d  
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  )->sum(1)  
  >= 1]  
  => [context.value == 1]  
}  
// [...]
```



```
Subject To  
DisjunctMappingConstraint0OnroomDayGender_0:  
- roomDayGender#6->DisjunctMappingConstraint0OnroomDayGender_symbolic1#1  
+ roomDayGender#6->DisjunctMappingConstraint0OnroomDayGender_symbolic0#17  
>= 0  
DisjunctMappingConstraint0OnroomDayGender_1:  
- roomDayGender#5->DisjunctMappingConstraint0OnroomDayGender_symbolic1#2  
+ roomDayGender#5->DisjunctMappingConstraint0OnroomDayGender_symbolic0#18  
>= 0  
DisjunctMappingConstraint0OnroomDayGender_2:  
- roomDayGender#2->DisjunctMappingConstraint0OnroomDayGender_symbolic1#4  
+ roomDayGender#2->DisjunctMappingConstraint0OnroomDayGender_symbolic0#20  
>= 0  
DisjunctMappingConstraint0OnroomDayGender_3:  
- roomDayGender#1->DisjunctMappingConstraint0OnroomDayGender_symbolic1#5  
+ roomDayGender#1->DisjunctMappingConstraint0OnroomDayGender_symbolic0#21  
>= 0  
DisjunctMappingConstraint0OnroomDayGender_4:  
- roomDayGender#0->DisjunctMappingConstraint0OnroomDayGender_symbolic1#0  
+ roomDayGender#0->DisjunctMappingConstraint0OnroomDayGender_symbolic0#16  
>= 0  
DisjunctMappingConstraint0OnroomDayGender_5:  
- roomDayGender#7->DisjunctMappingConstraint0OnroomDayGender_symbolic1#3  
+ roomDayGender#7->DisjunctMappingConstraint0OnroomDayGender_symbolic0#19  
>= 0  
DisjunctMappingConstraint0OnroomDayGender_6:  
- roomDayGender#3->DisjunctMappingConstraint0OnroomDayGender_symbolic1#7  
+ roomDayGender#3->DisjunctMappingConstraint0OnroomDayGender_symbolic0#23  
>= 0
```

Conclusion and Future Work

- ~2 weeks of rapid prototyping.
- We solved all instances in 10 min.
- We were unable to specify all (soft) constraints.
 - Because of the (implementation) time limit 😞
 - Because of the runtime requirement (10 min. time limit) 😞
- Finish the prototype implementation.
- Evaluate all hidden instances.
- Performance tuning.
- Write a paper about our solution 😊

Thank you for your attention.



Any questions?

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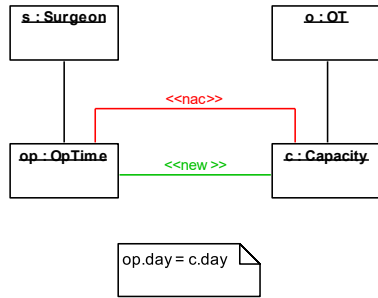


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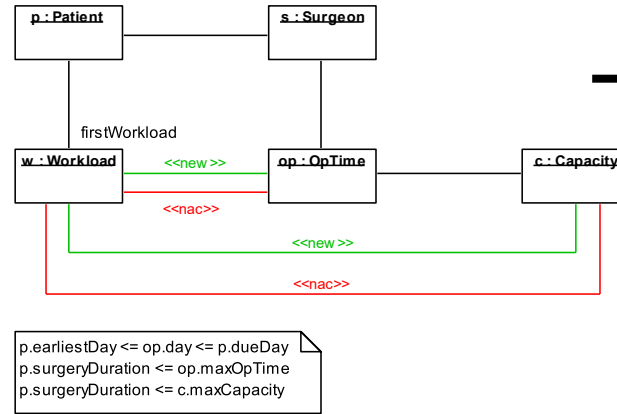
- `set->max() := set->iterate(element:Integer; result: Integer=0 | if element > result then element else result)`
- `set->min() := set->iterate(element:Integer; result: Integer=maxInt | if element < result then element else result)`
- `diff(x,y) := if x > y then x-y else 0`

Backup Slide: GT Rule Dependencies

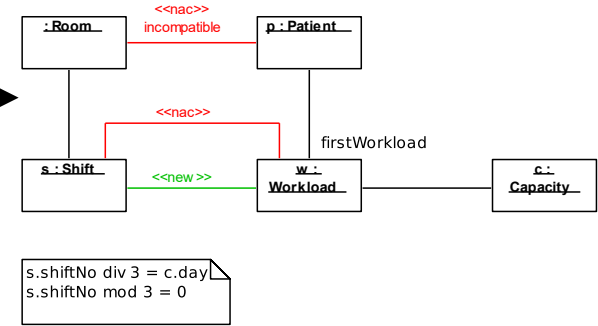
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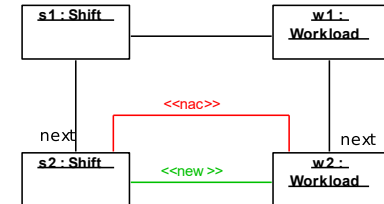
fixOperationDay



assignPatientToRoom



extendPatientStay



Backup Slide: GIPSL Specification vs. LP File

File	Lines of Code (LoC)
GIPSL spec. (hard constraints only)	337
GIPSL spec. (complete)	374
LP file (to solve <code>test01.json</code>)	34.833

Backup Slide: Pipeline Approach

