Model-based software development

Lecture IX.

Graph pattern matching,
Graph transformation

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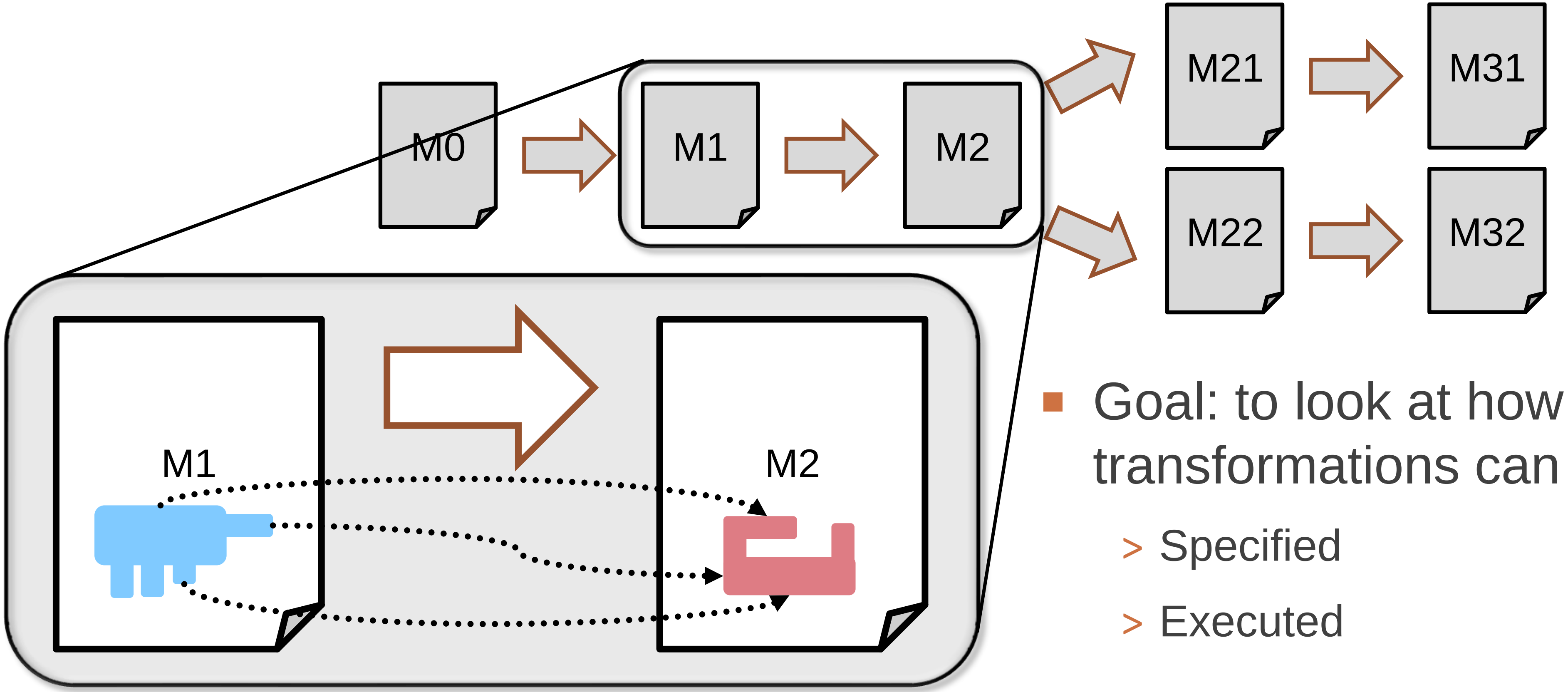
- **Definitions**
- **Graph pattern matching**
- **Model transformations**
- **Incremental transformations**
- **Design space exploration**

Motivation: Transformation of models

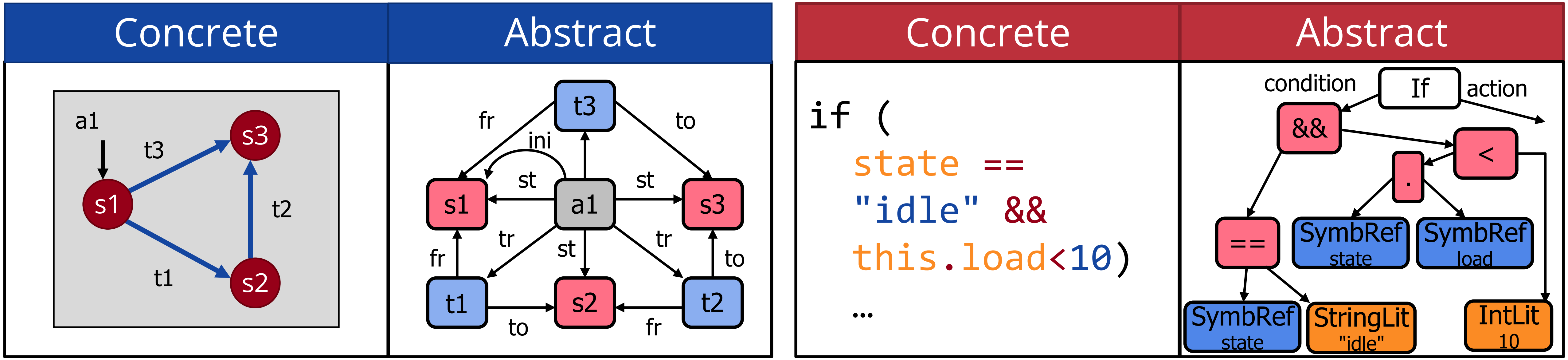
- **Model-based development:** Models as primary documents
- Developing models, automating model processing



- Goal: to look at how model transformations can be
  - Specified
  - Executed

Abstract syntax

- **How to modify the models?**
- **Idea:** modify the representation of models directly → **Abstract syntax**



- **Task:** method to modify graphs!

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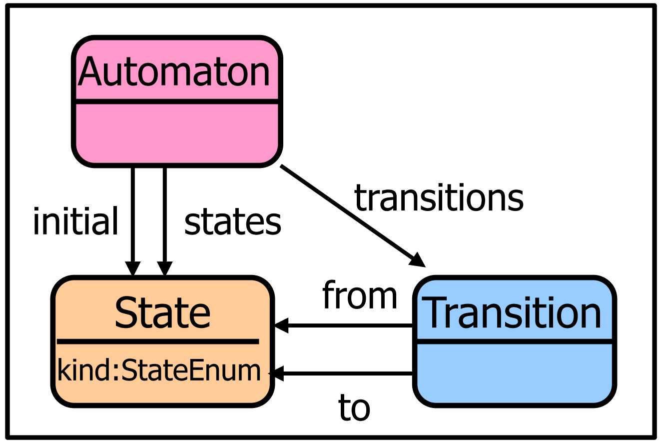
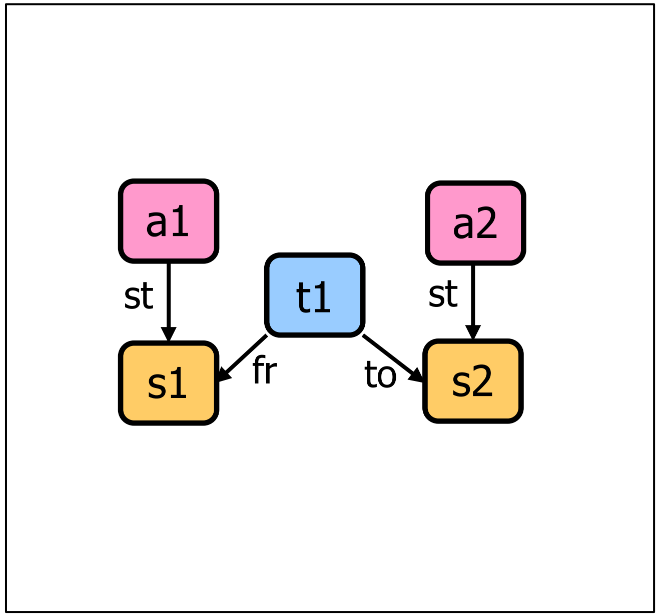
A simple example

Metamodel



Violation example



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  - Transition source & target states must be owned by same automaton
- Goal: to find violations...
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A more complex example

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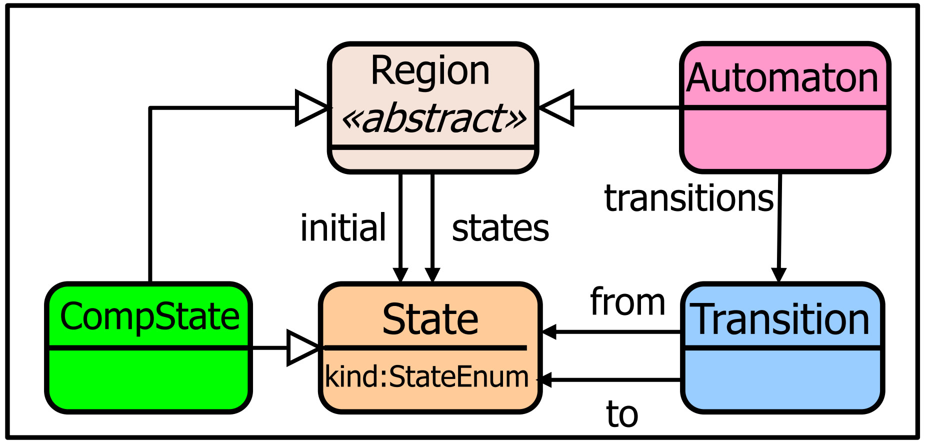

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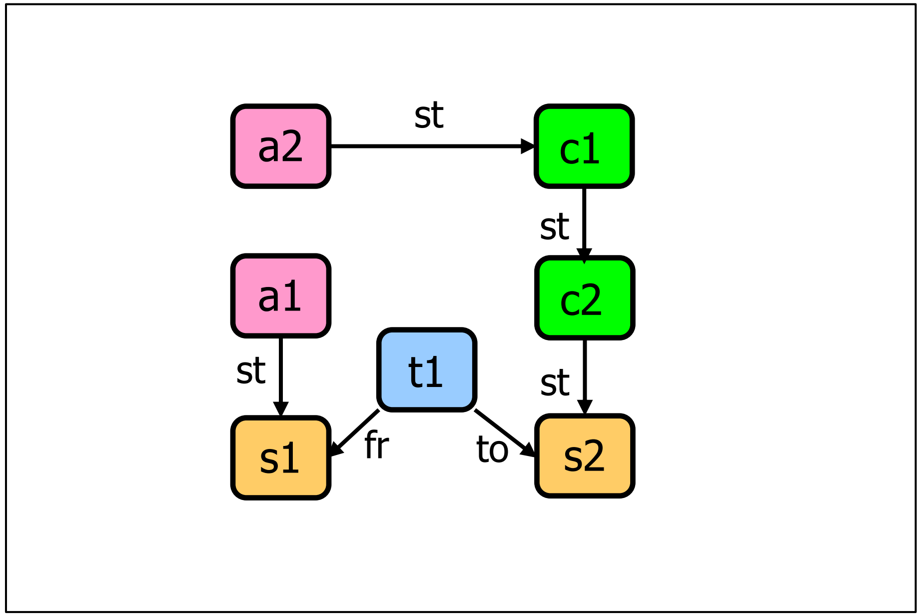

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Programmatic traversal vs. queries

- **Goal:** find constraint violations in model

Traverse model in general-purpose language

```
for (Automaton automaton : automatons) {
  for (Transition transition : automaton.getTransitions()) {
    State sourceState = transition.from;
    // which automaton defines this state?
    Automaton sourceAutomaton = null;
    for (Automaton candidate : automatons) {
      if (candidate.getStates().contains(sourceState)) {
        sourceAutomaton = candidate;
        break;
      }
    }
    // ... do the same for targetState, then
    if (sourceAutomaton != targetAutomaton)
      // report violation
  }
}
```

„simple example"

Programmatic traversal vs. queries

- Goal: find constraint violations in model
  - Traverse model in general-purpose language
  - Use a **Query DSL**
    - More concise
    - **Declarative** functional specification of the query
    - Freely interpreted by **query engine** (e.g. optimization)
    - Can be platform-independent
- Validation is just one use cases for **model queries**
  - Derived features
  - M2M/M2T Transformation, Simulation
  - …

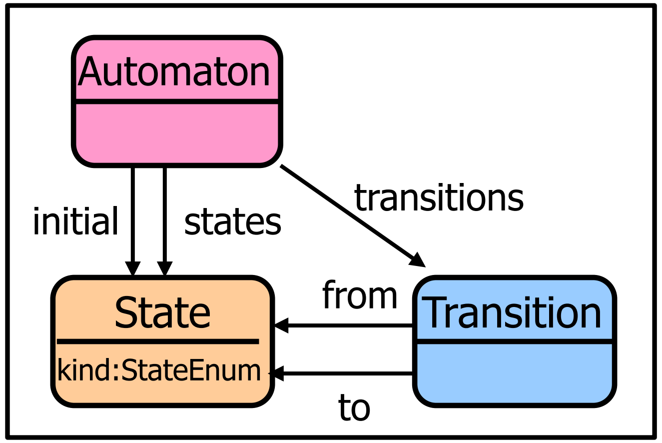
Query Language Styles

- SQL-like (relational algebra)
  - Example: EMF Query
  - ☺ Good for attribute restrictions
  - ☹ Not very concise for relationships (many joins)
- Functional style
  - Example: OCL
  - Somewhat declarative

```
context Transition inv:
  Automaton.allInstances()->forAll(a |
    a.states->includes(self.from) =
    a.states->includes(self.to)
  );
```

- Logic style
  - Domain relational calculus / graph patterns / Datalog
  - Even more declarative

Metamodel



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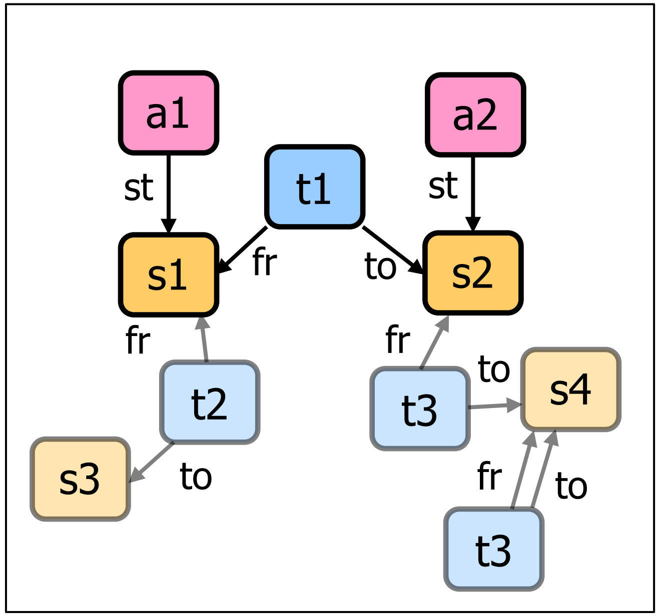

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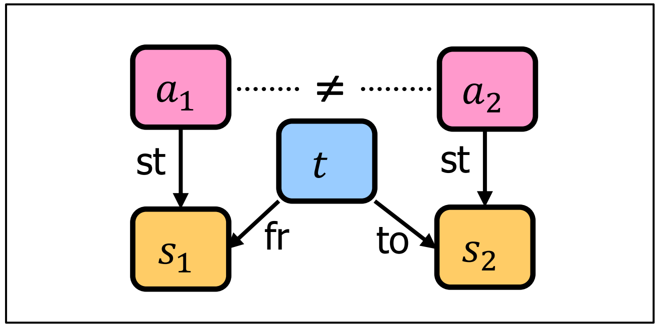
in formal logic (Domain Relational Calculus)

$$\{t \mid \exists s_1, s_2, a_1, a_2 : Transition(t) \land from(t, s_1) \land to(t, s_2) \land states(a_1, s_1) \land states(a_2, s_2) \land a_1 \neq a_2\}$$

```
violates(t):-
Transition(t),from(t,s1),to(t,s2),
states(a1,s1),states(a2,s2),a1=\=a2
```

Datalog-like query languages

Query engine



Pattern

Pattern matching

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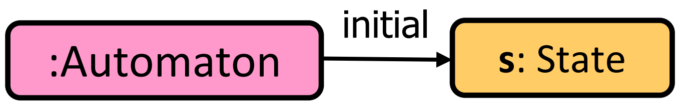

Parameter: s

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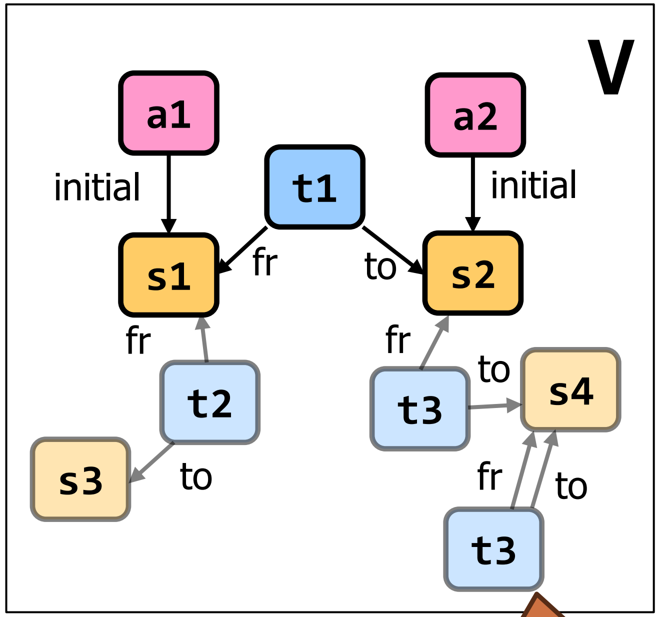
Example model



Model elements

$\rightarrow$

Matches

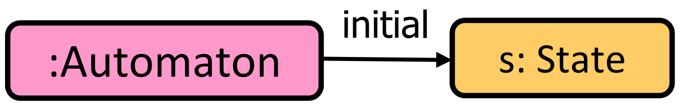
s
s1
s2

Parameter: s

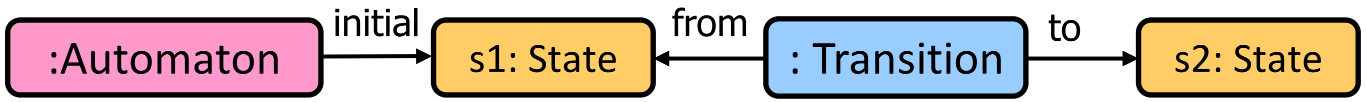
Model elements

Examples

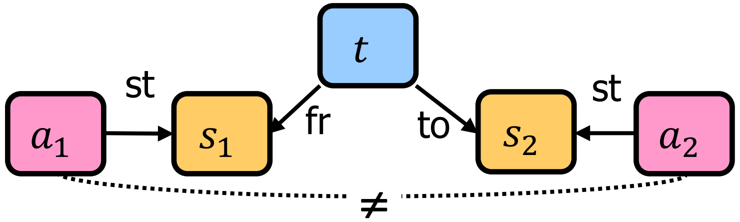
- **Simple example:** Initial states in the model



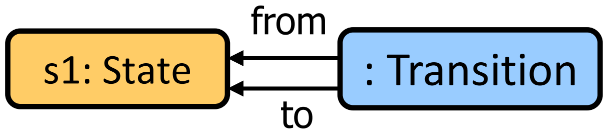
- **Chain (∧):** Second states in the model

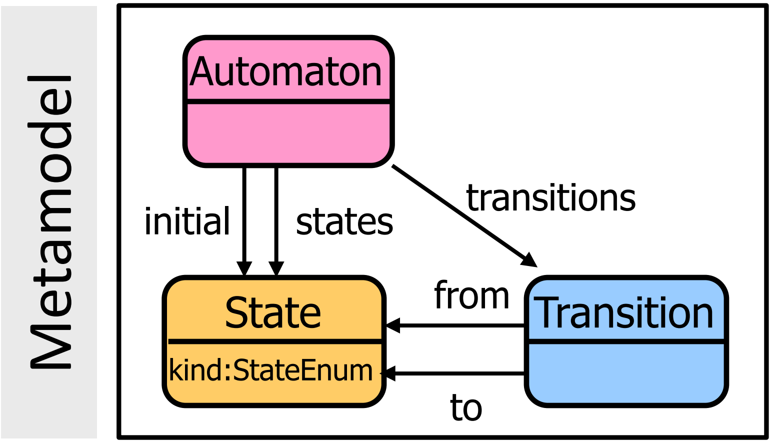


- ≠ **:** Transition across automata



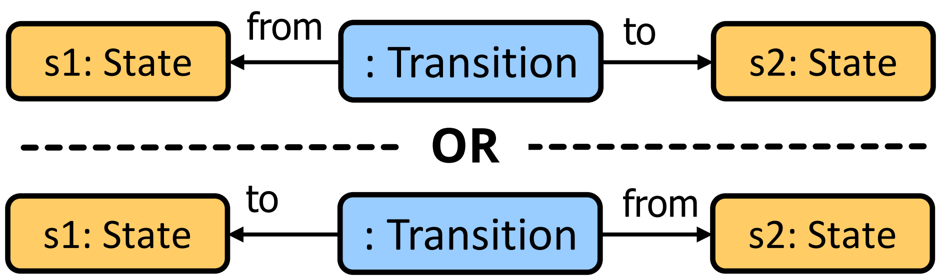
- =: Loop edge

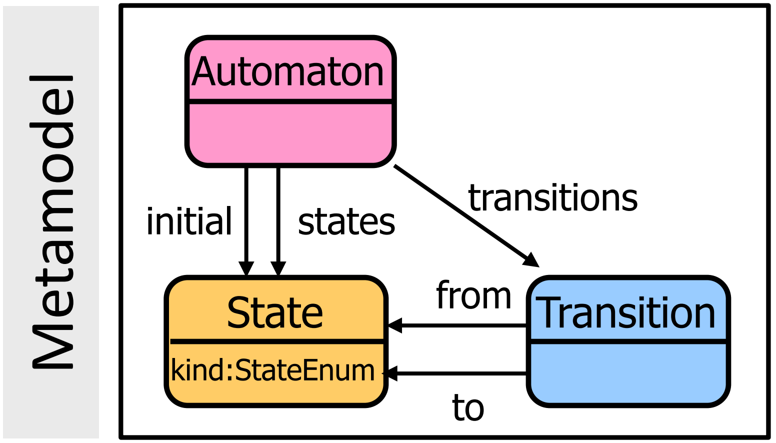




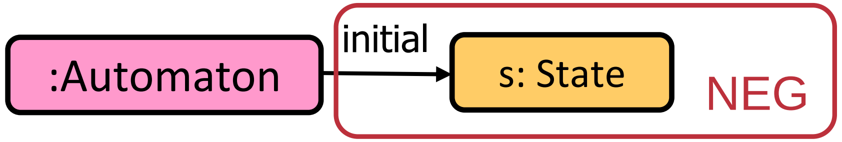
Examples 2

- (V): Two states are connected

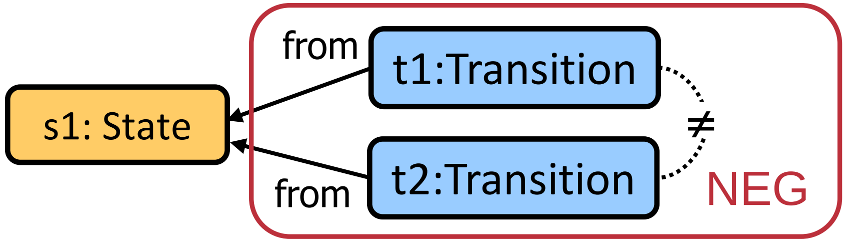




- (¬, Negative Application Condition):
  - > automaton without initial state



  - > a state from whose initial state no two transactions leave (deterministic)



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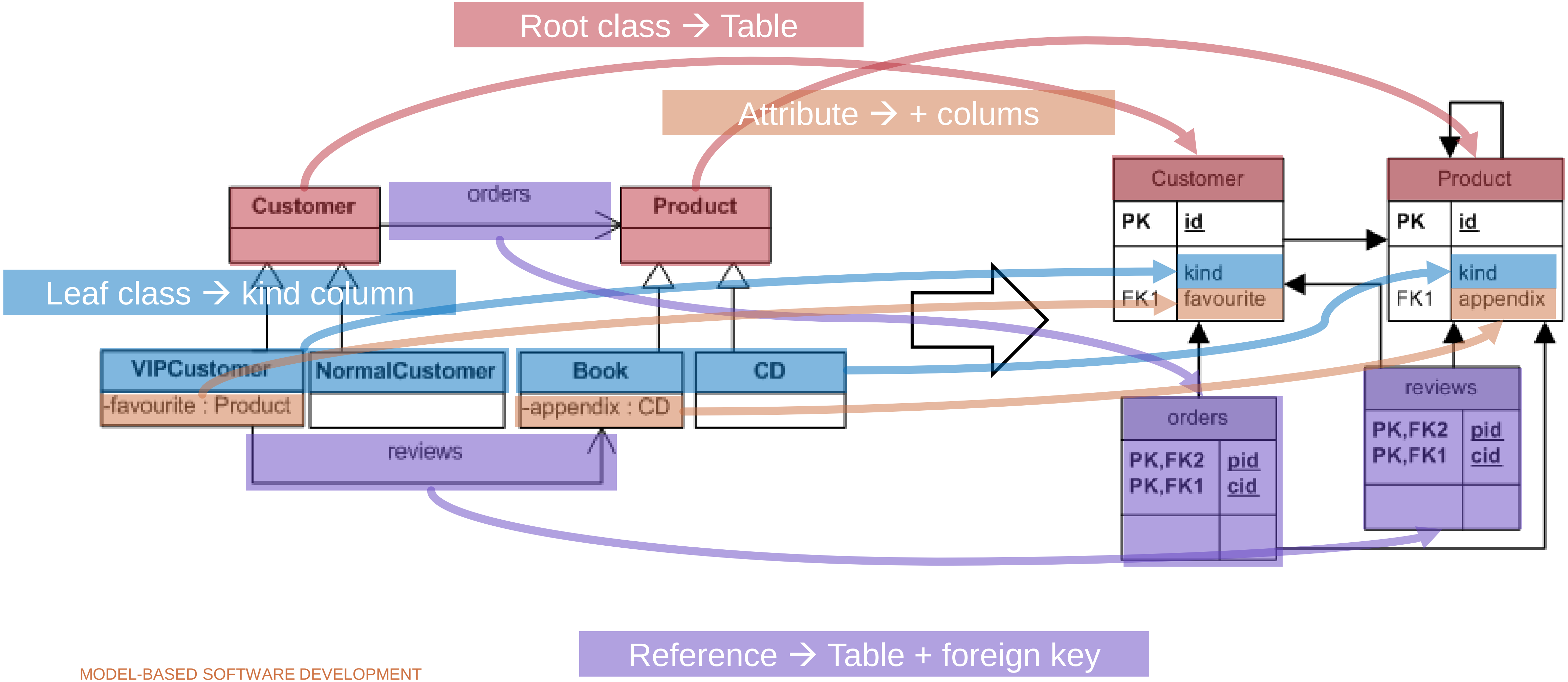
Example Transformation

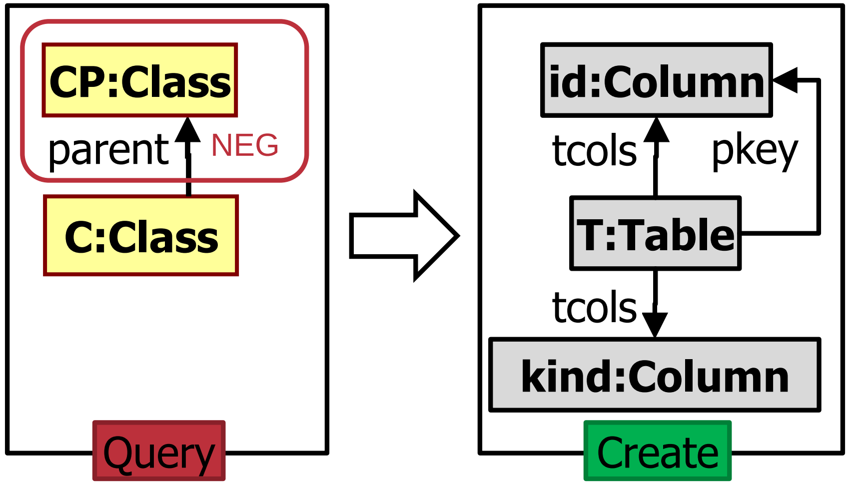
- Typical example: map a class diagram to database tables!



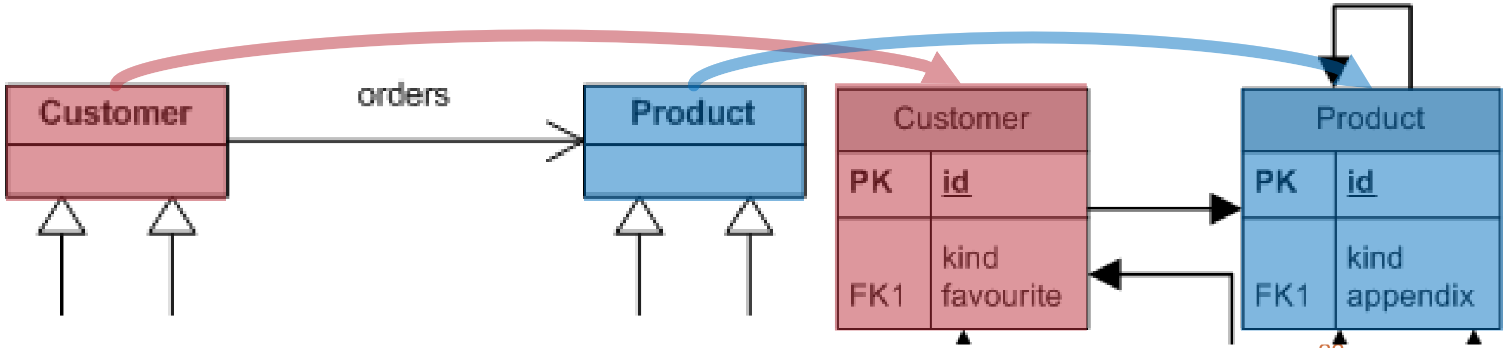
Example Transformation

- How would we solve the problem of creating tables representing root classes?

1. Query the root classes
   (class that has no ancestor)
2. Create the tables and with them the necessary columns
3. Repeat as long as we can

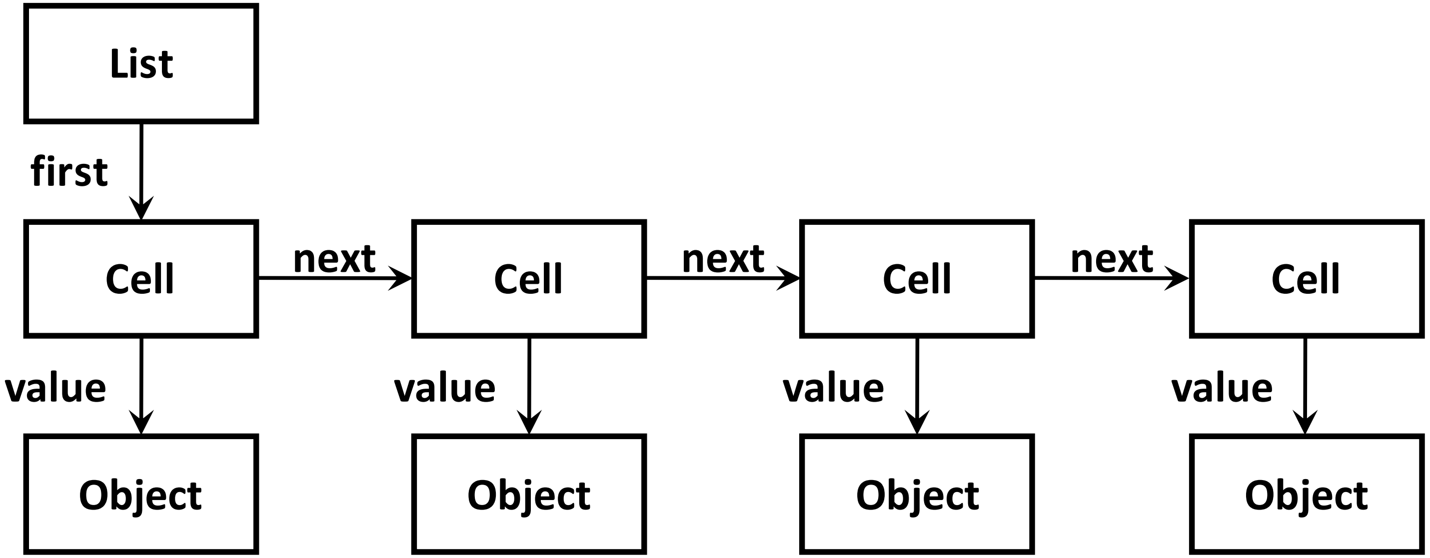


- Goal: To formulate the whole transformation with similar rules



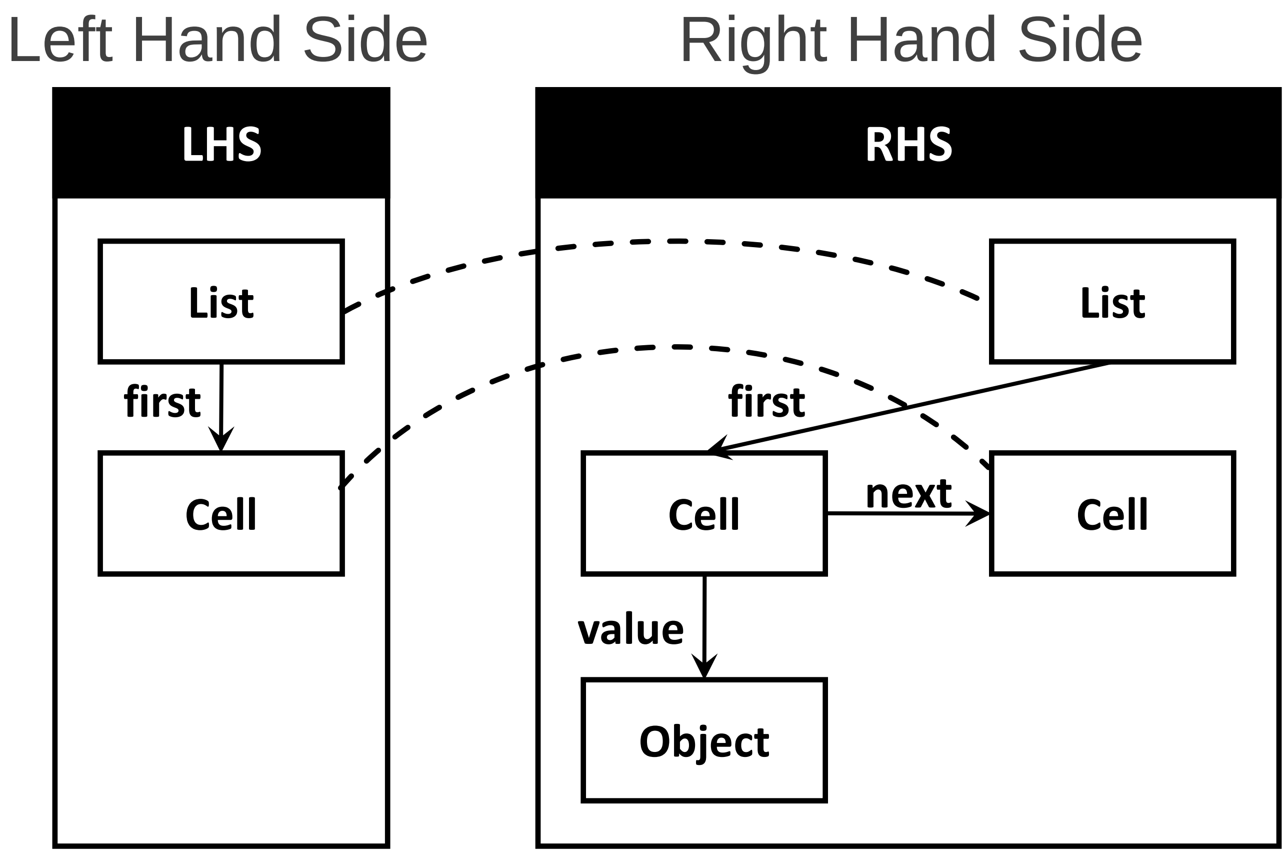
Graph transformation

- Model = Labelled Graph



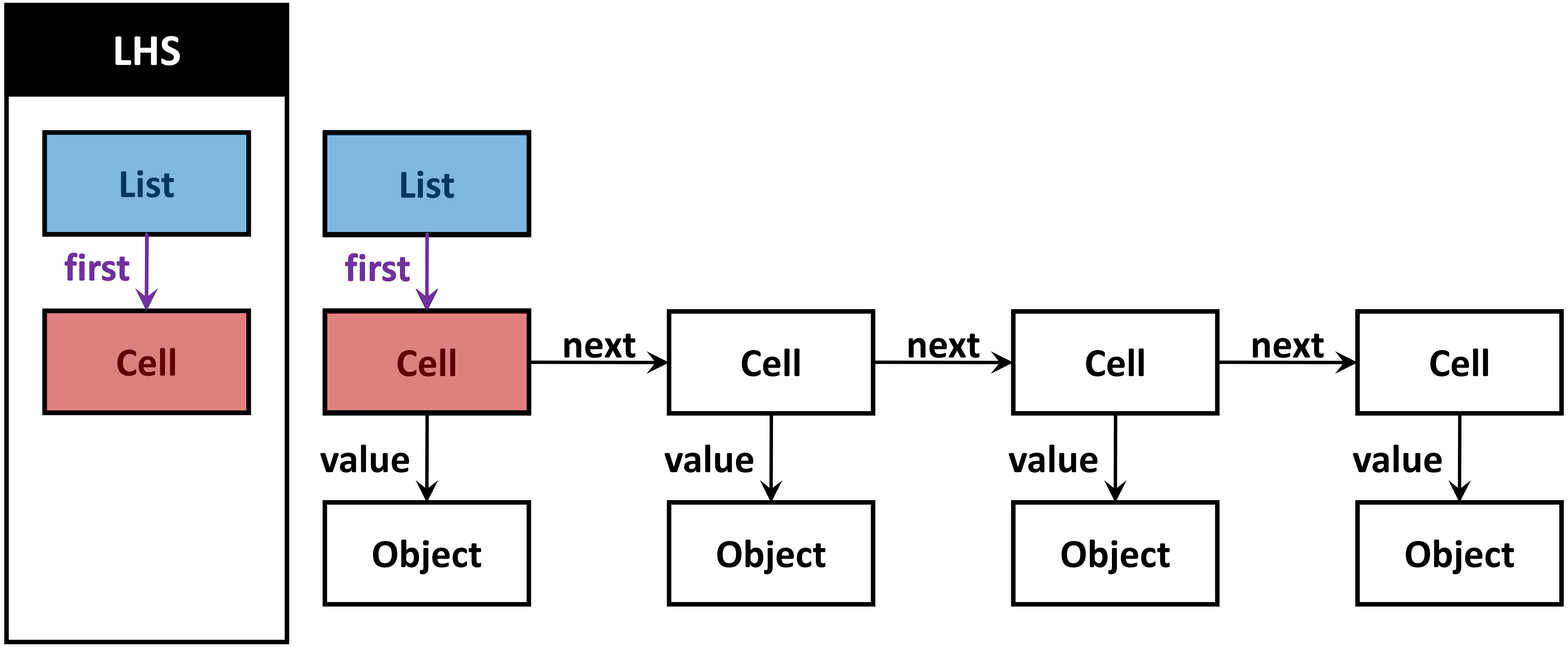
Graph Transformation rule

- Graph rewriting rule, defined with two graphs



Graph Transformation: Pattern matching

- **Matching:** find the subgraphs containing LHS in the source graph



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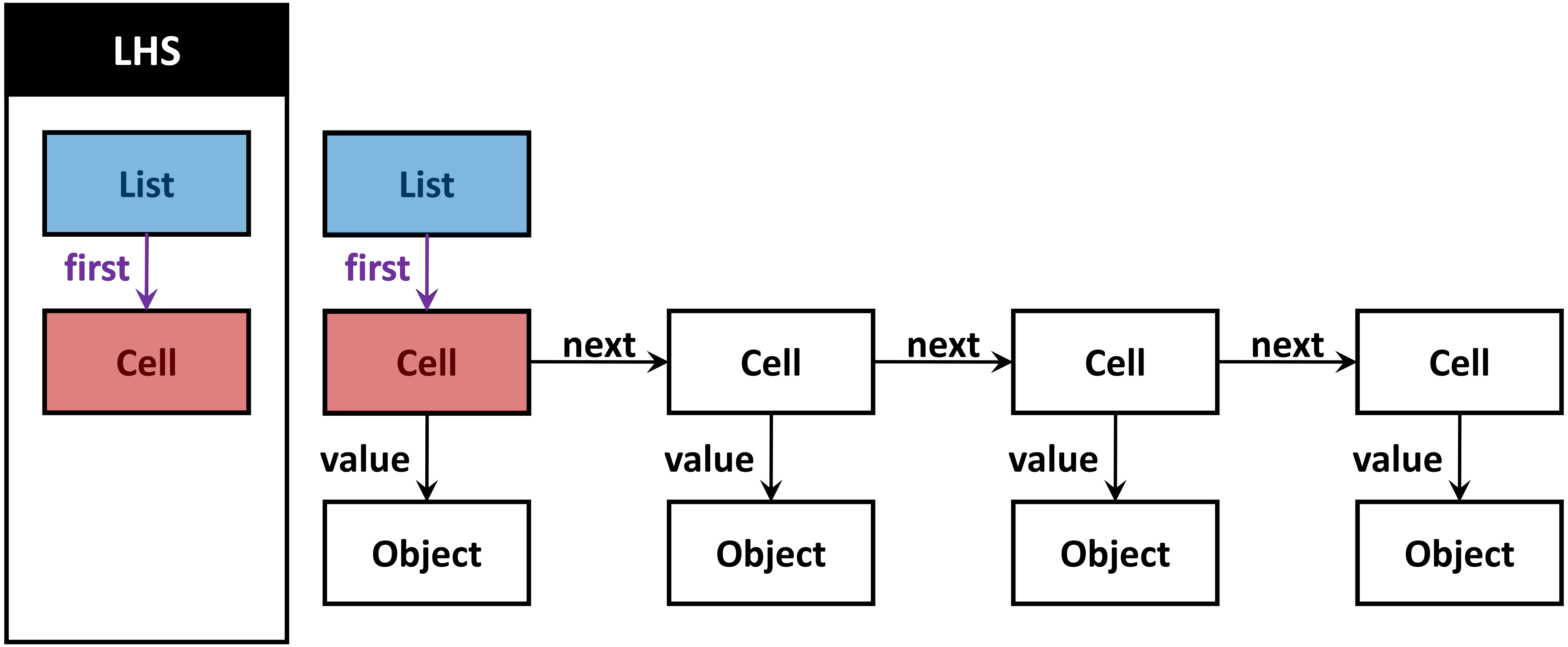
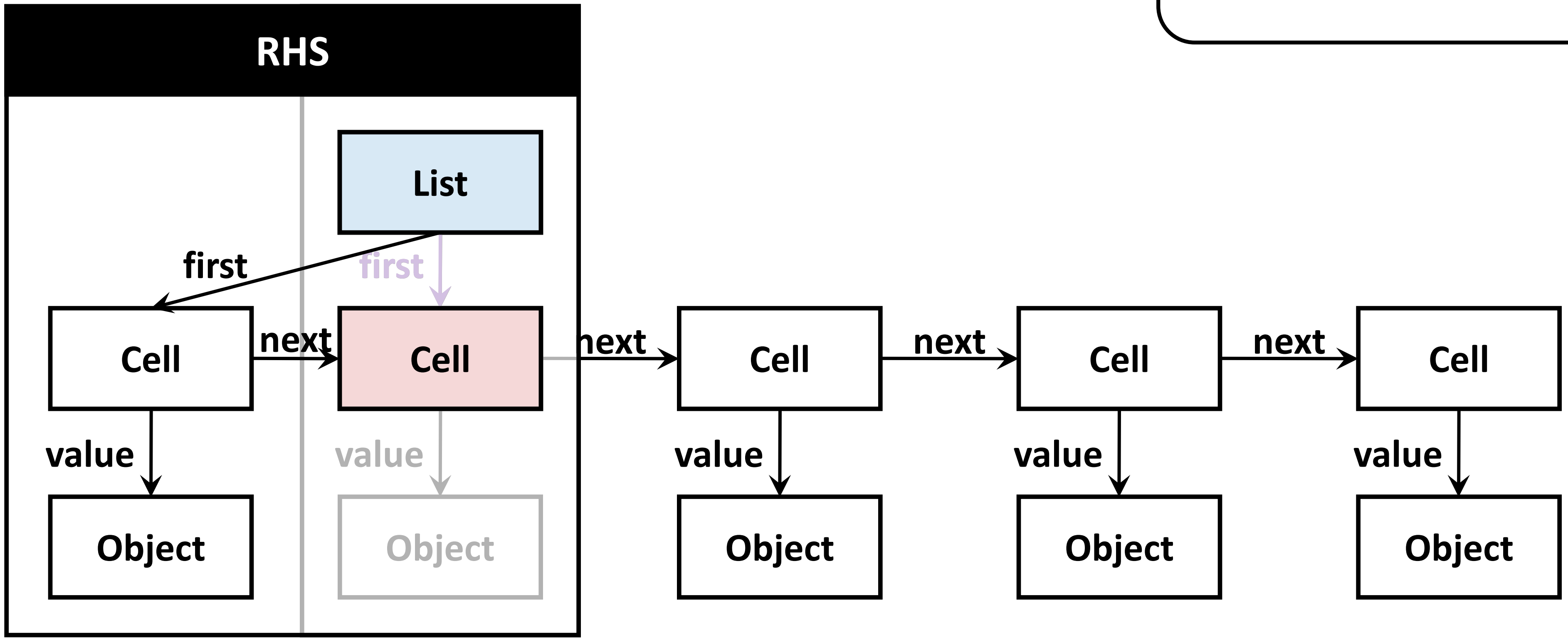


Graph Transformation: Execution of rewriting

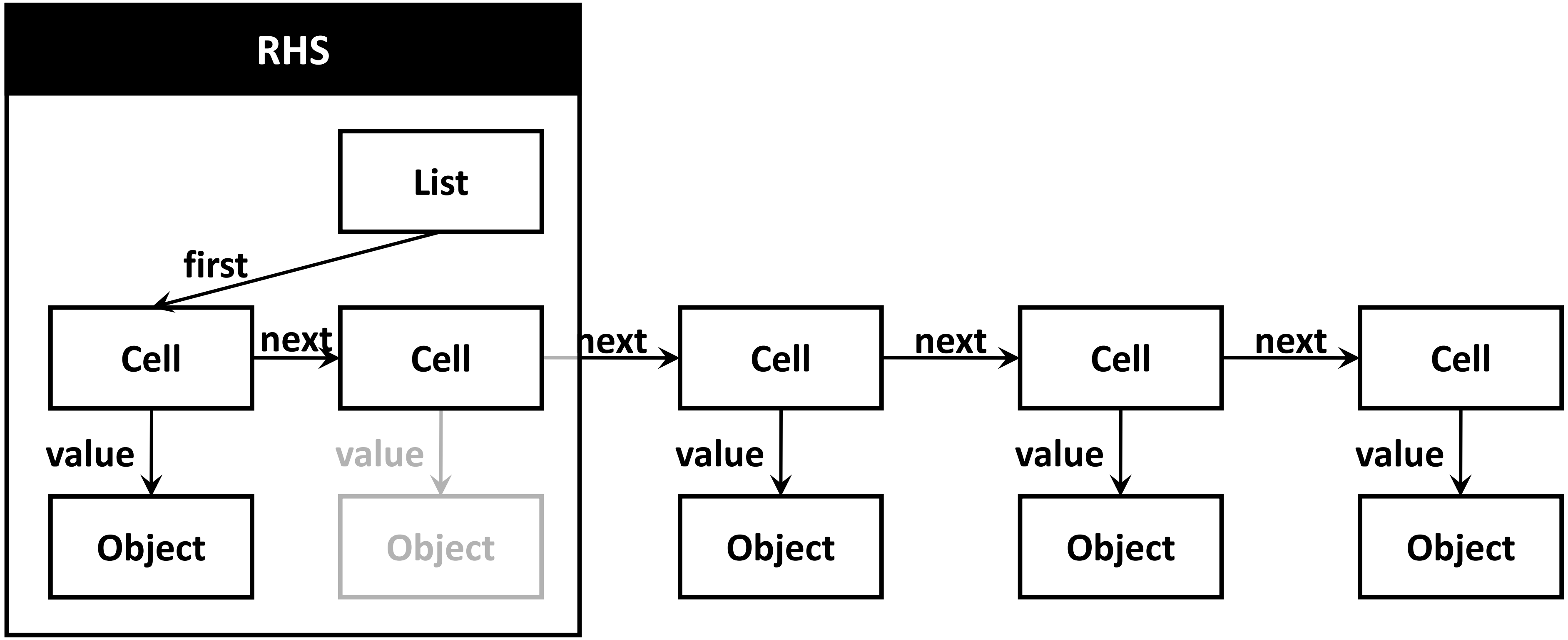
- Rewriting the graph by the match: replace LHS with RHS.

LHS\RHS → Delete
RHS\LHS → Insert
RHS∩LHS → Leave it



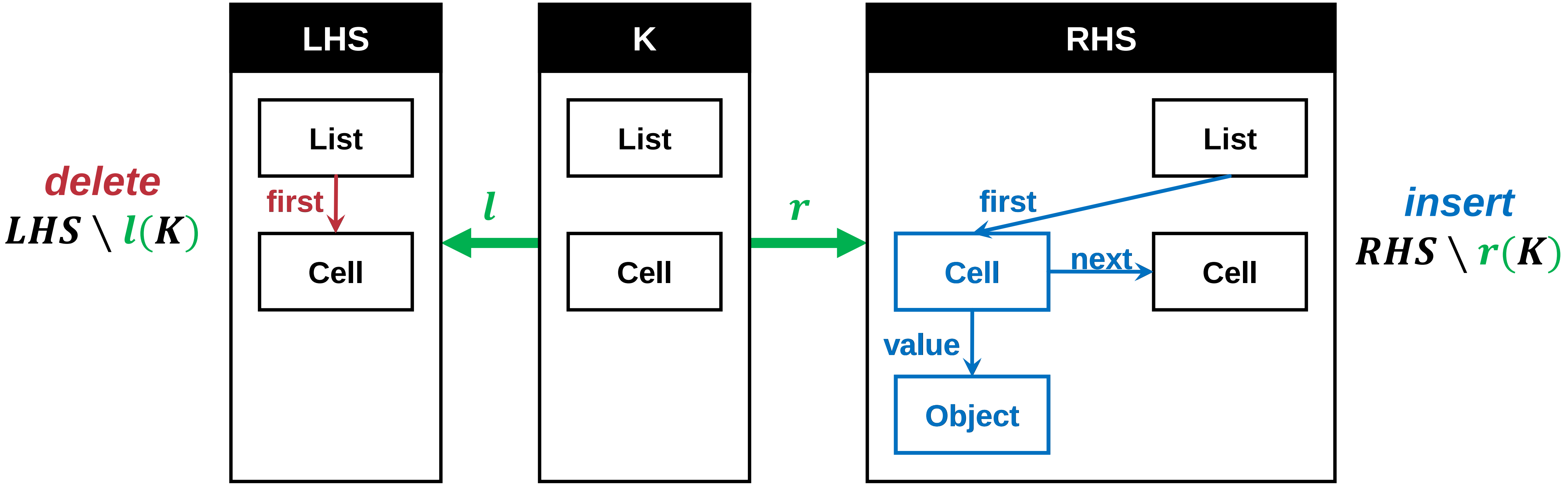
Graph Transformation: Execution of rewriting

- We get a new graph

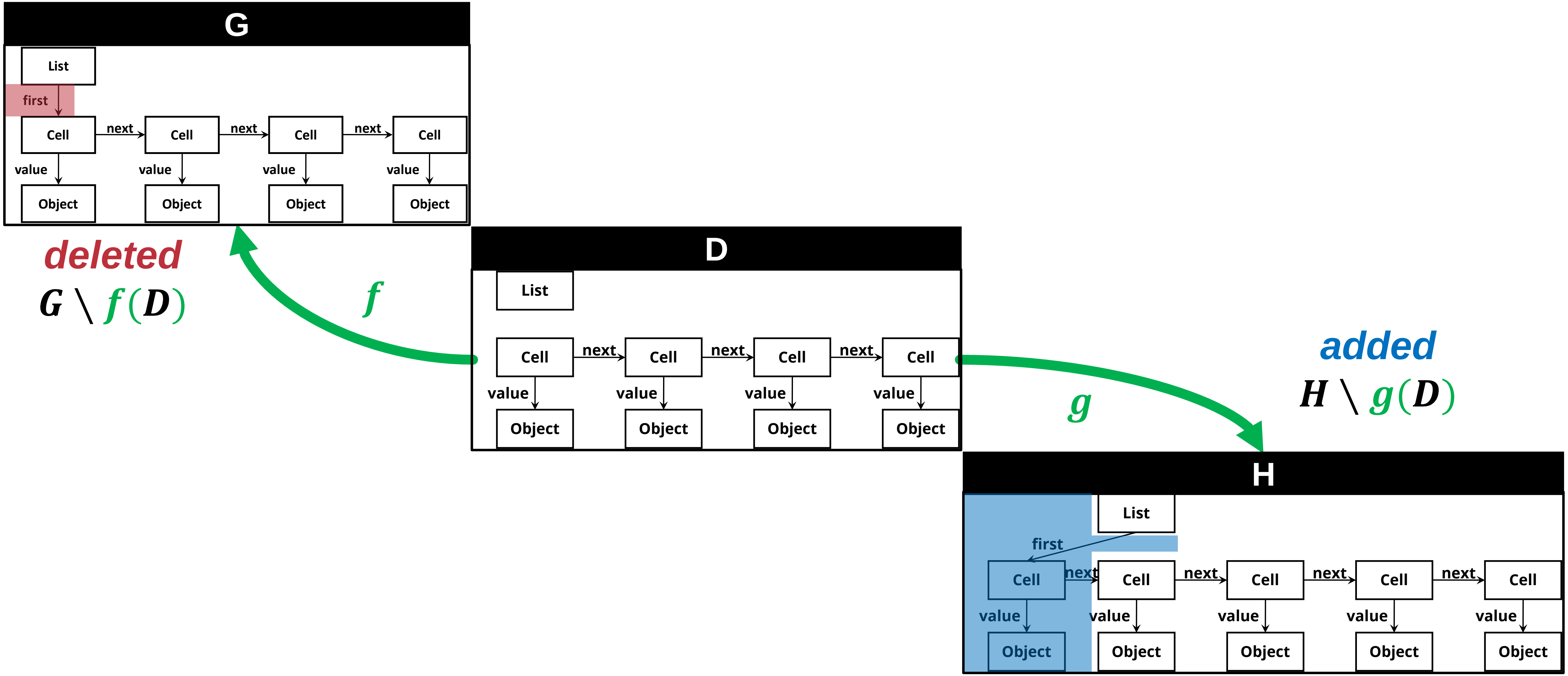


Anatomy of graph transformation

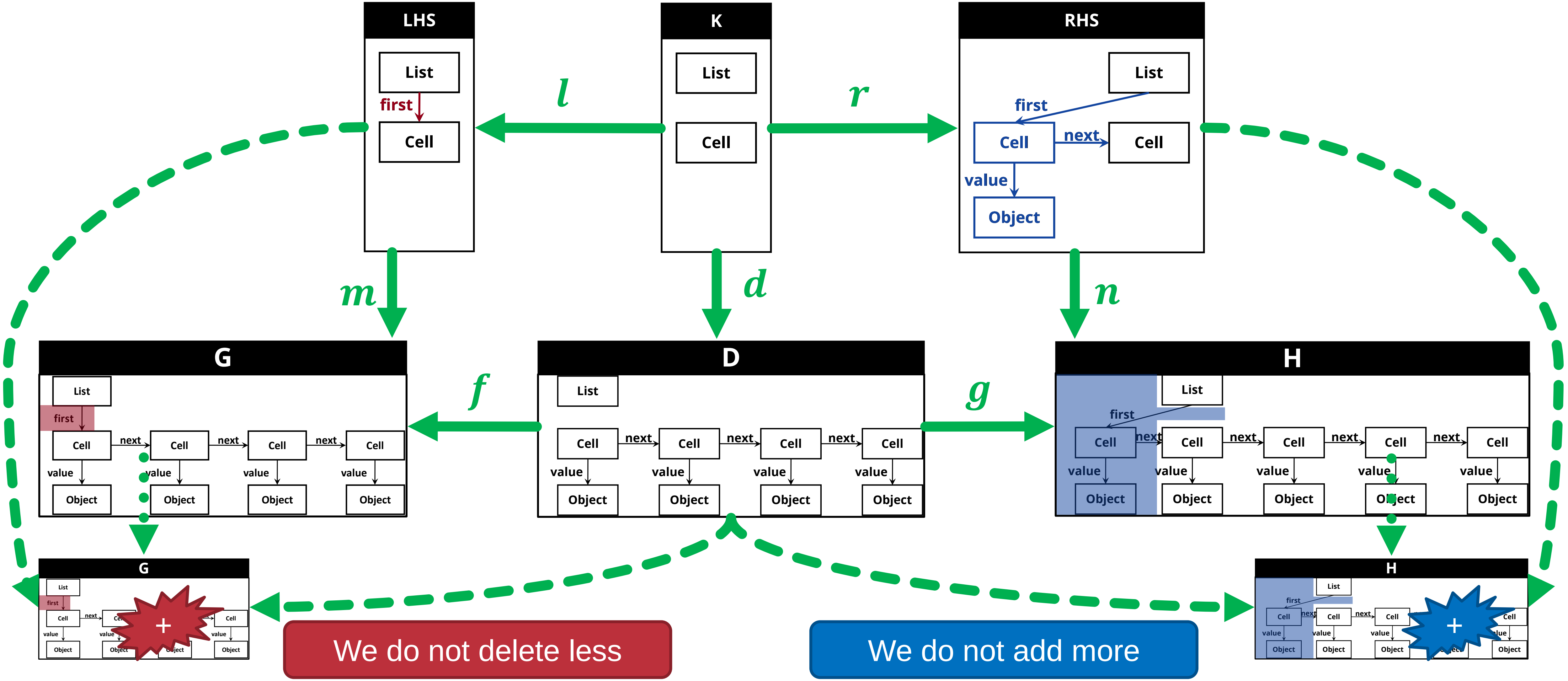
- Let us examine which graph can be matched to which graph during the transformation.



Anatomy of transformed models



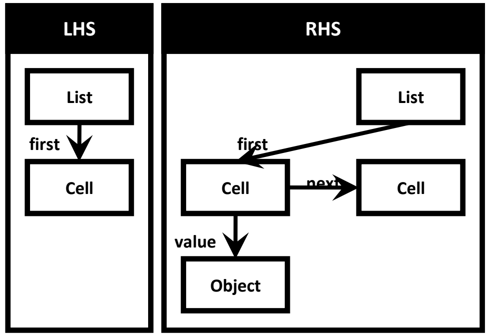
Complete anatomy



Graph Transformation

- Formulating rules for rewriting models
- Extending grammar rules

List → List,Cell **vs**

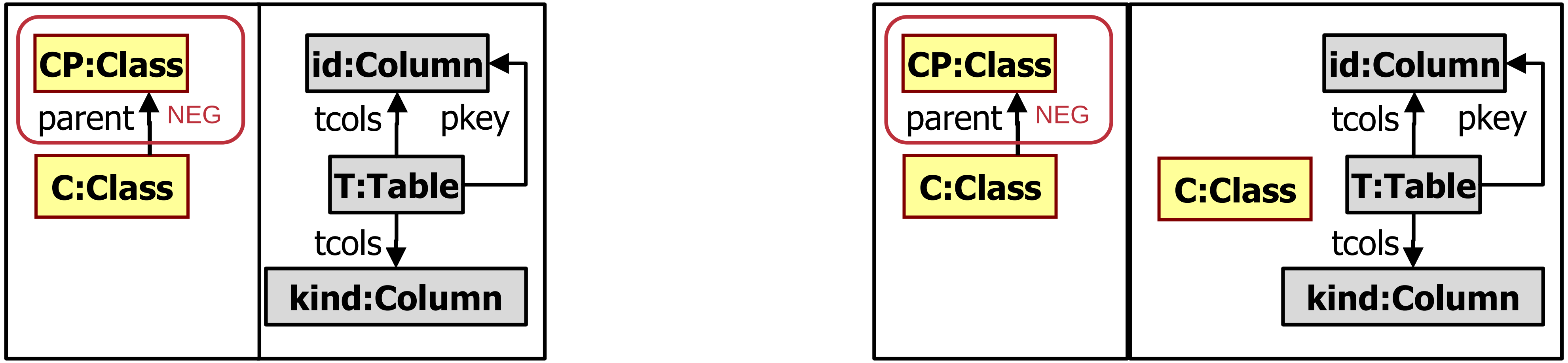


- Clear but mathematically precise formalism

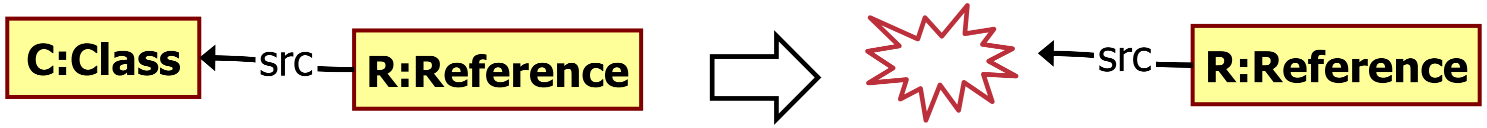
  (Termination, Ordering, Confluence, …)
- Tool support (see previous practice)

“Dangling edge” problem

- Mapping of ancestor classes (with and without deletion)



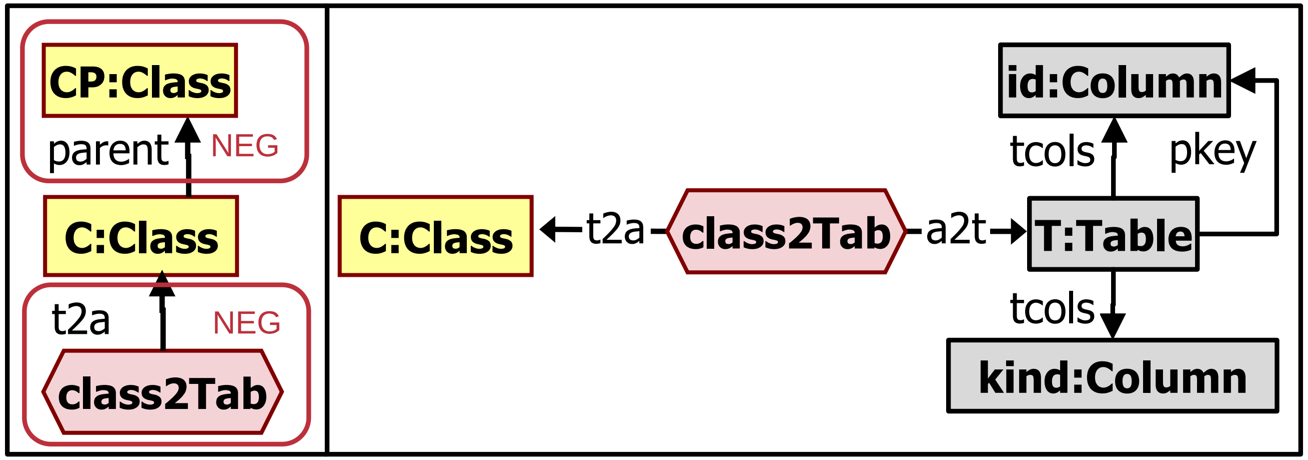
- What happens if we delete an element that still has an edge pointing to it?



- Resolving „dangling edges”: Delete edges / Undo transformation

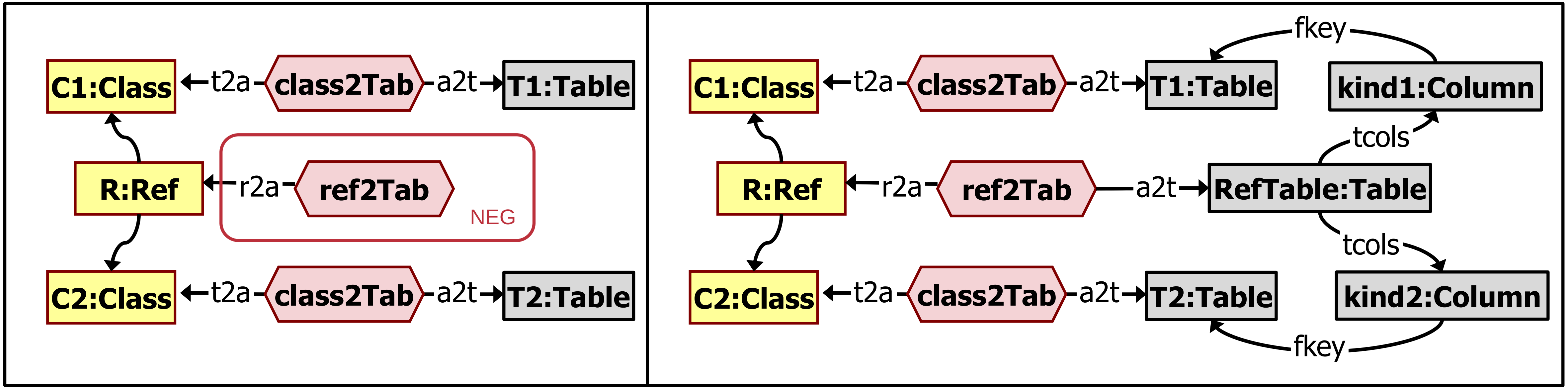
Examples

- Mapping of ancestor classes with traceability :
  - *Find an ancestor class*
  - *that has not yet been mapped,*
  - *then map it.*



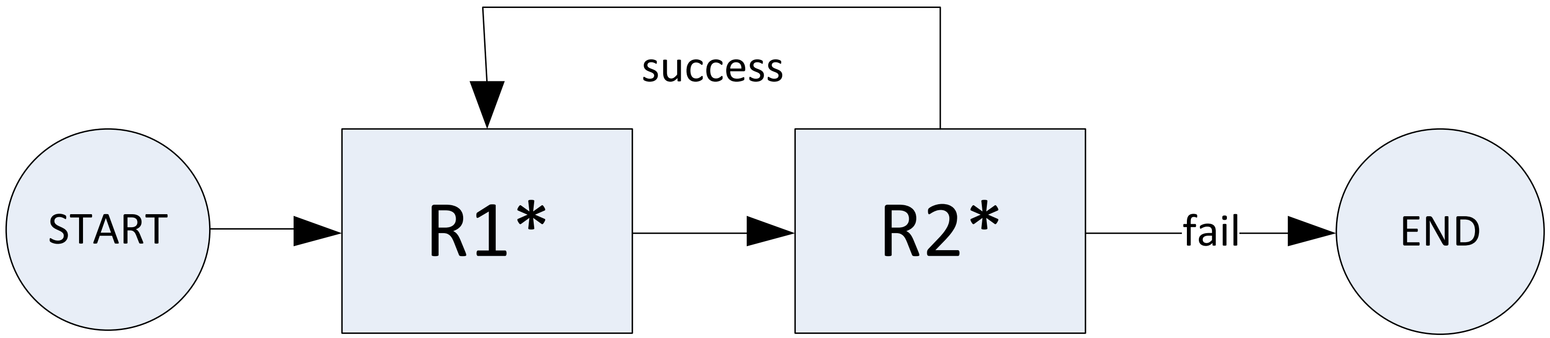
Examples

- Mapping references

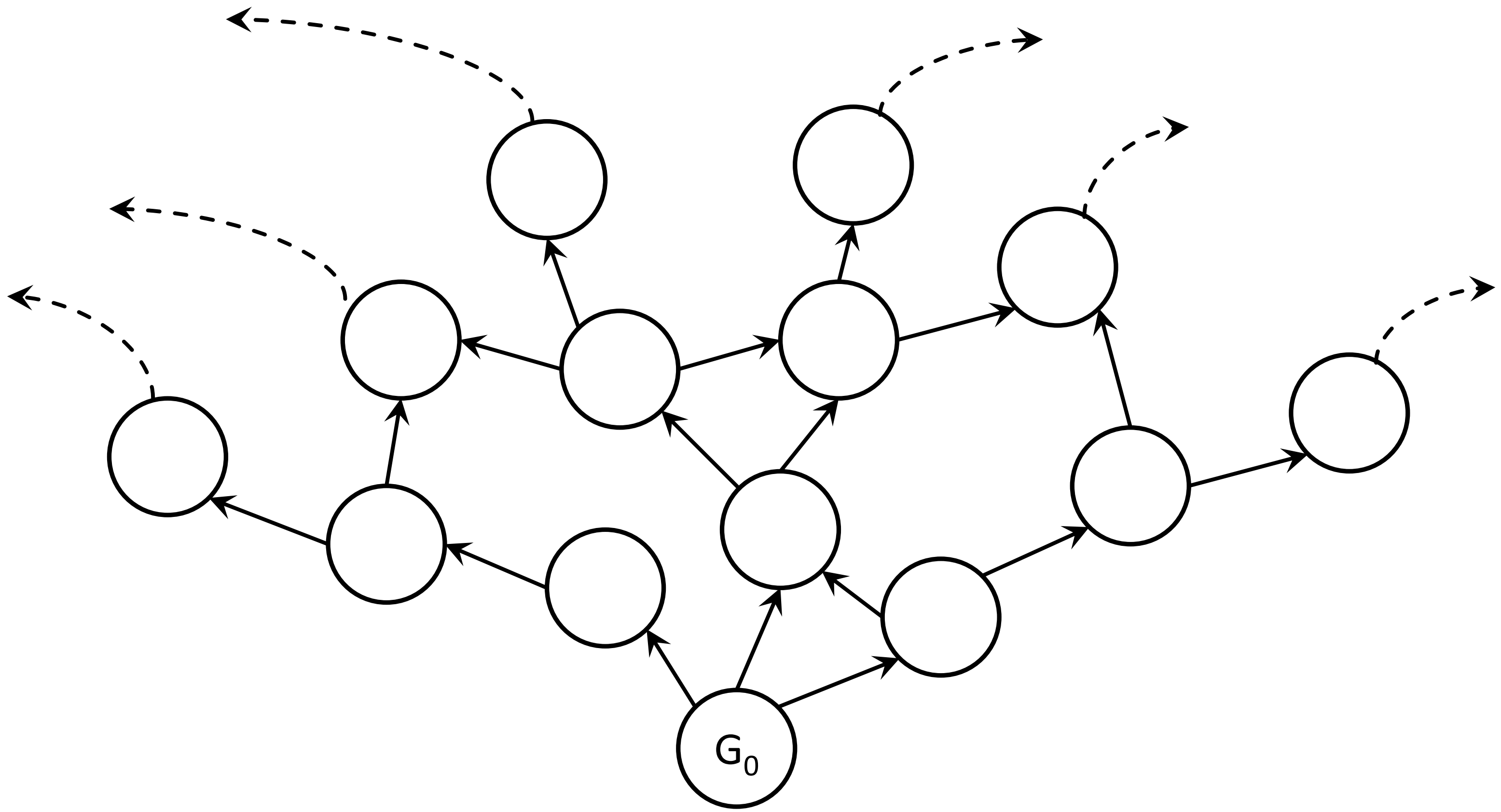


Control mechanisms

- In what order should the rules be executed?
- Multiple options, see previous lecture.
- But for example:
  - > Fire arbitrary transformations as long as possible (~ default)
  - > Fire all possible transformations once
  - > control graph (explicit control)



State Space



Initial Graph + GT rules → **(Tipically infinite)** State Space

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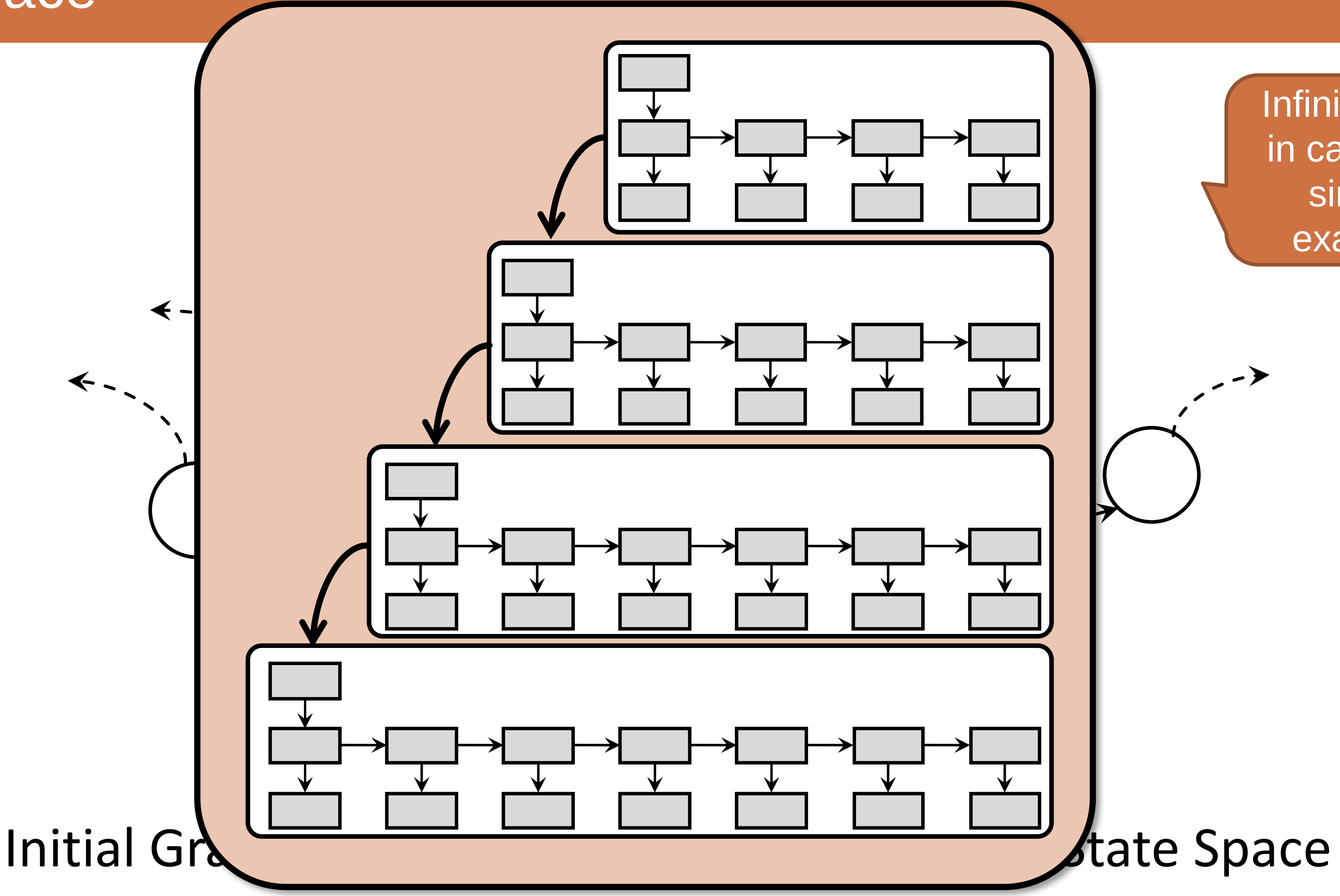

Infinite even in case of a simple example

Types of model transformations

- By number of inputs and outputs
  (In-place vs out-place)
- By the language
  (Endogenous vs exogenous)
- By the direction
  (unidirectional vs bidirectional)

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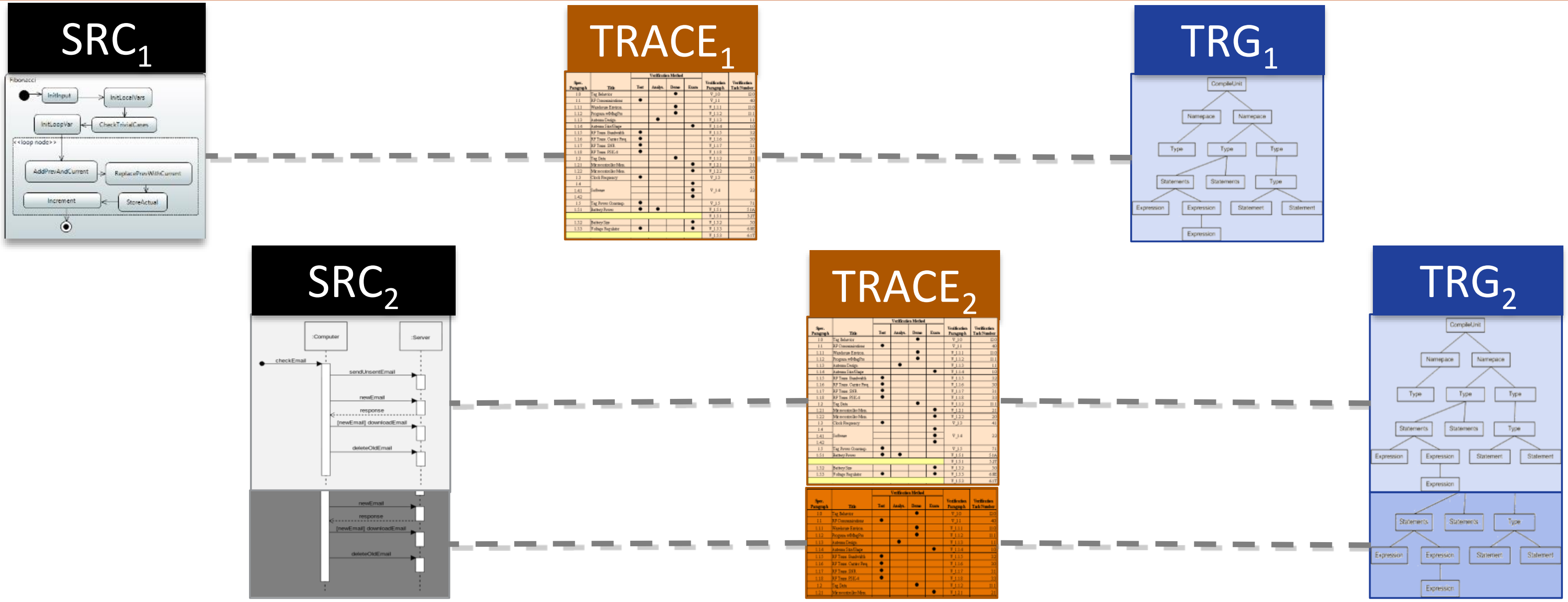
No Incrementality: Batch Transformations

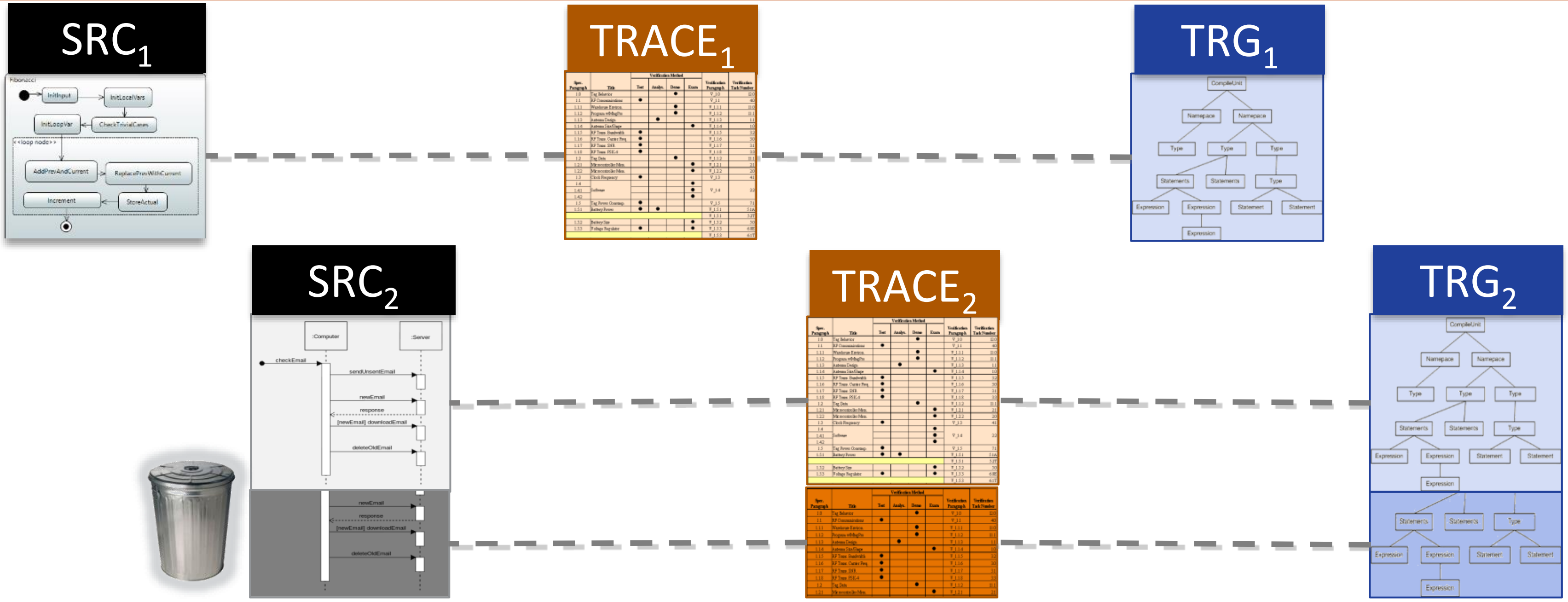


1. First transformation

2. Source model changes

3. Re-execute from scratch for all source models

Dirty Incrementality



Pros:
- Large-step incrementality
- Avoids continuous execution

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

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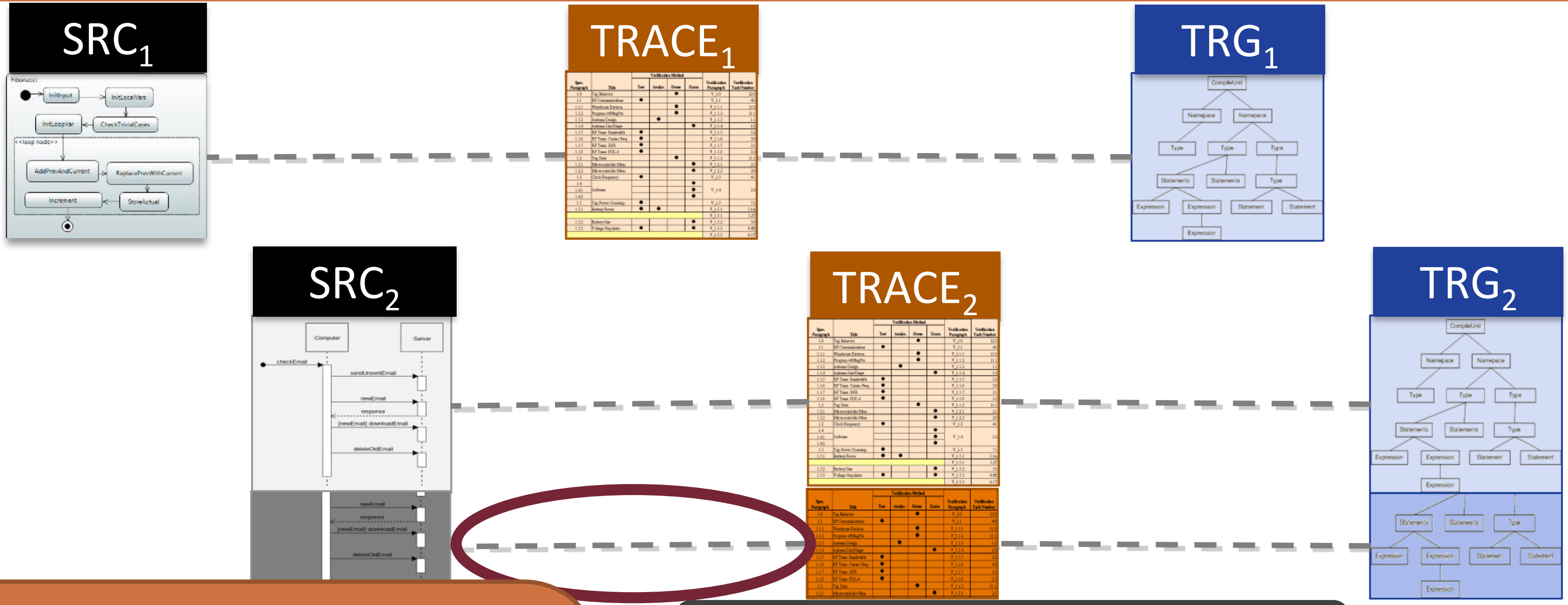
Incrementality by Traceability

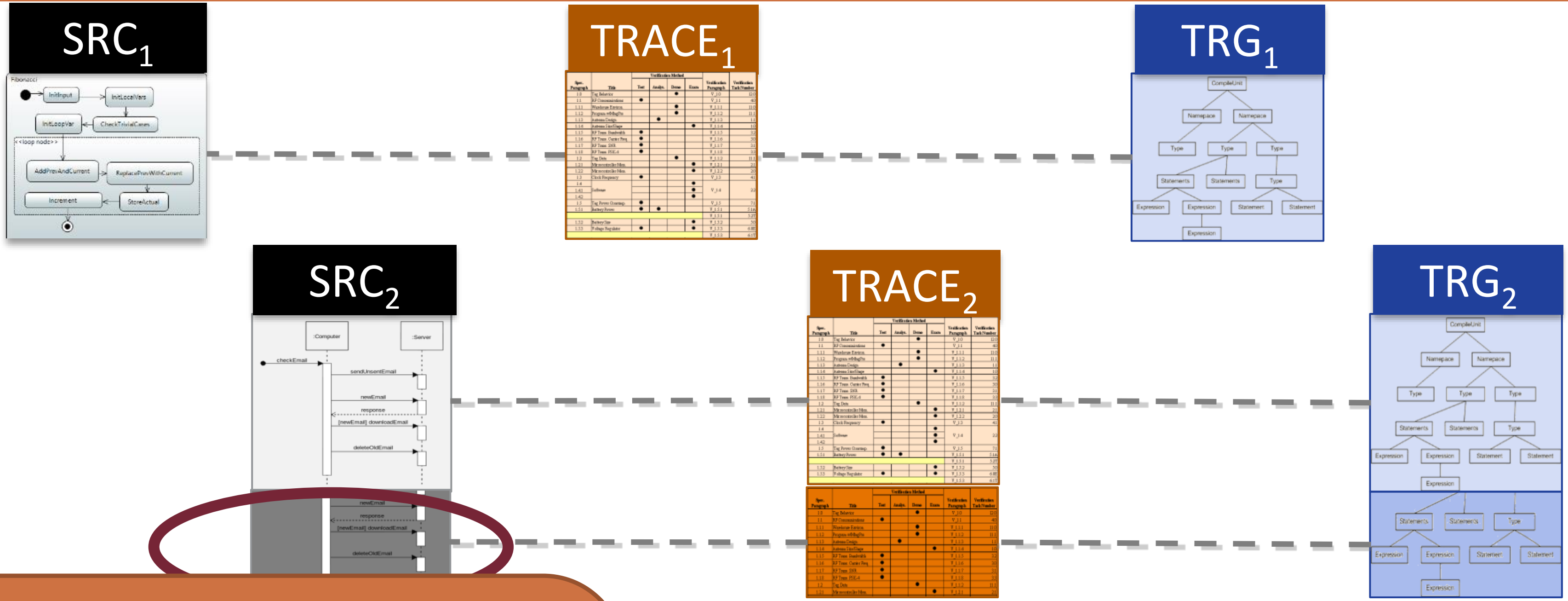


Pros:
- Small-step incrementality
- Better performance

Cons:
- Highly depends on traceability links
- Smart matcher needed

1. First transformation
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:

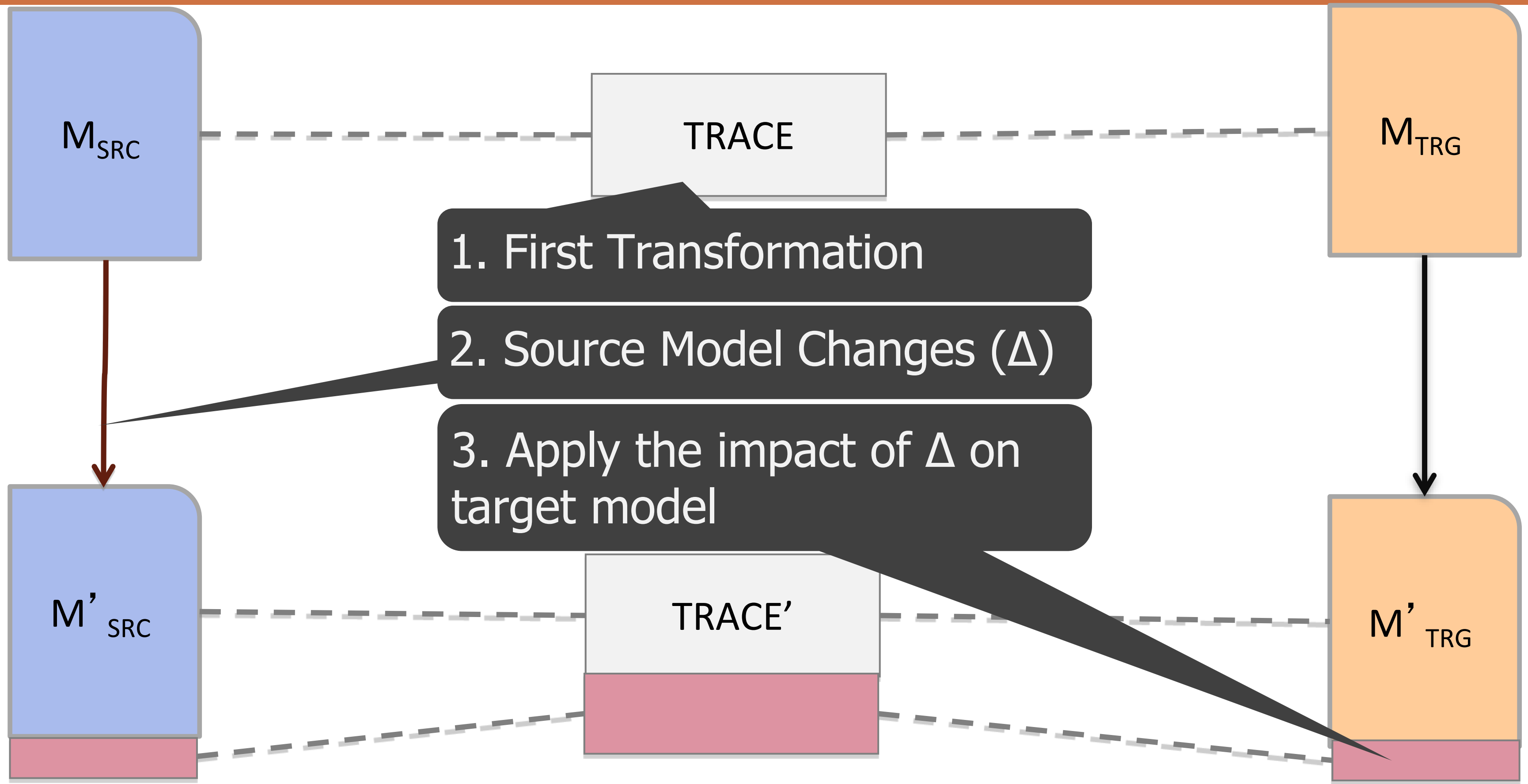
- Language-level restrictions
- Must "listen" live

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

Incremental Forward Transformation

- Goals: reuse computations
  - **Target Incrementality**
    - …by reusing the unchanged parts of the target model
    - Unchanged model elements does not need to be modified
    - Anything derived from the unchanged part does not need to be regenerated (e.g., code)
    - Change does not propagate further
  - **Source Incrementality**
    - … by ignoring the unchanged parts of the source model
    - Incremental pattern matchers.

Incremental Forward Transformation Setup

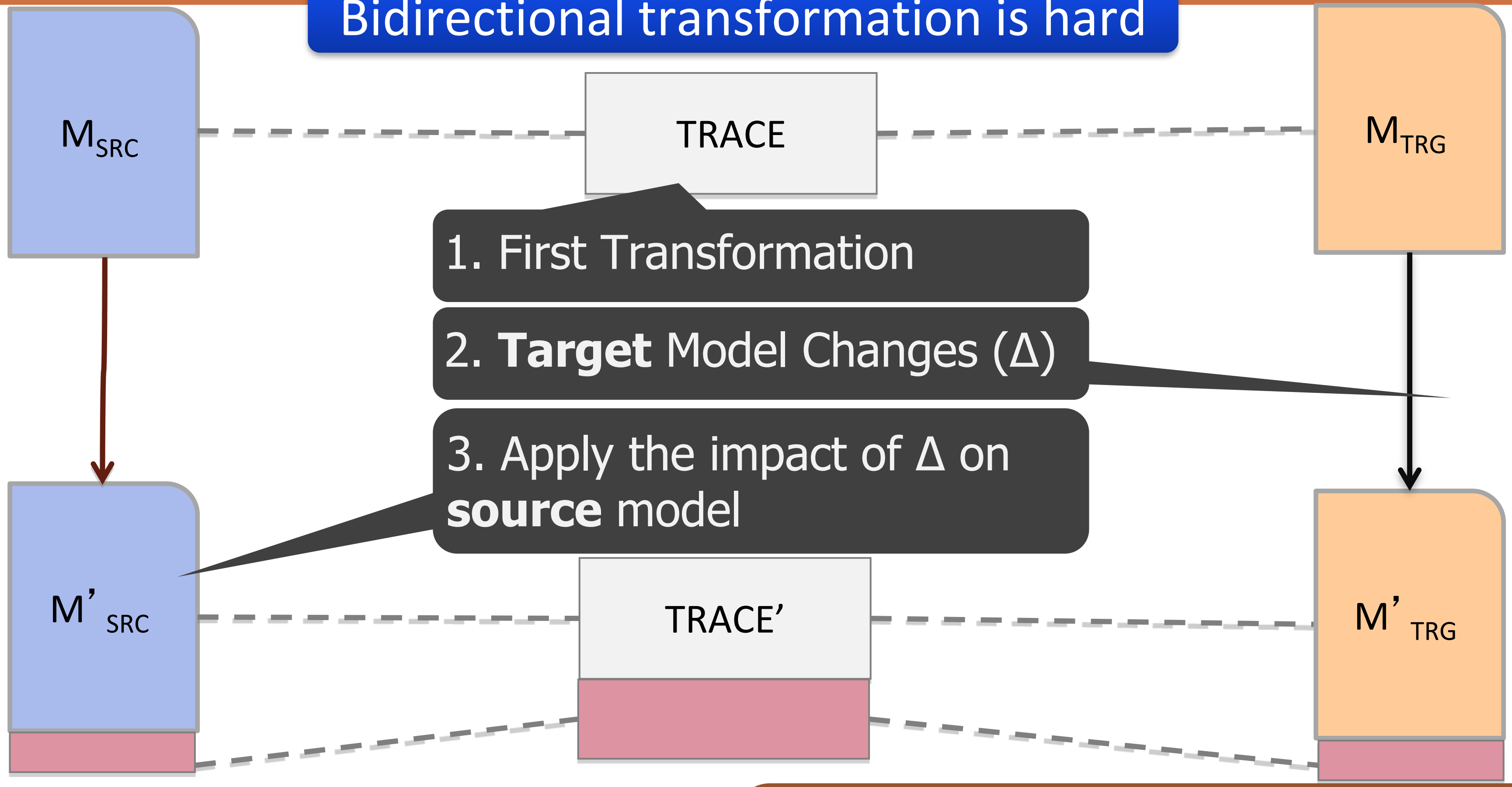


Typical Scenarios:

- Incremental Transformation for
- Tool integration

Incremental backward transformation?

Bidirectional transformation is hard



Some related work:
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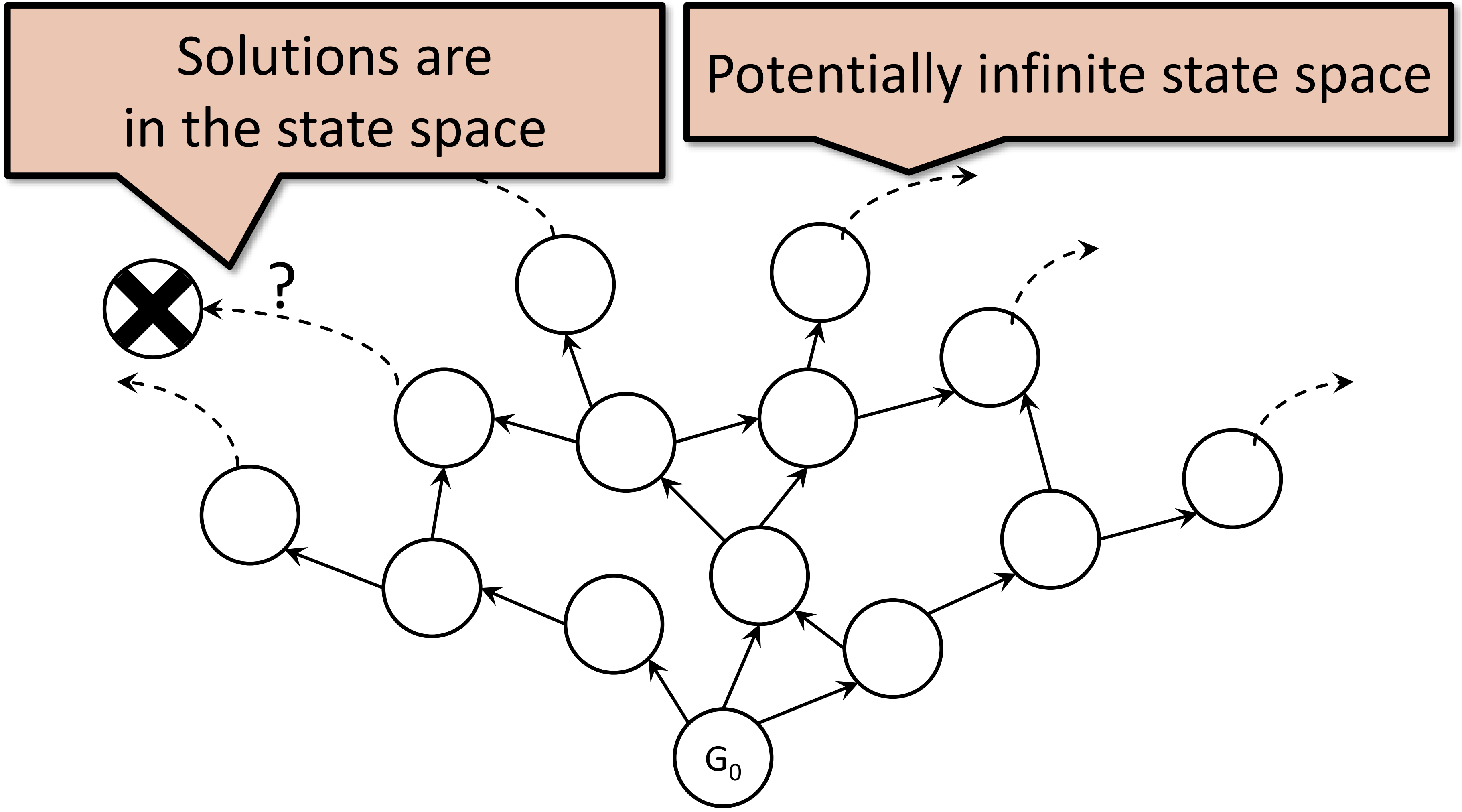
Revisit: state space of GT system



Initial Graph + GT rules → State Space

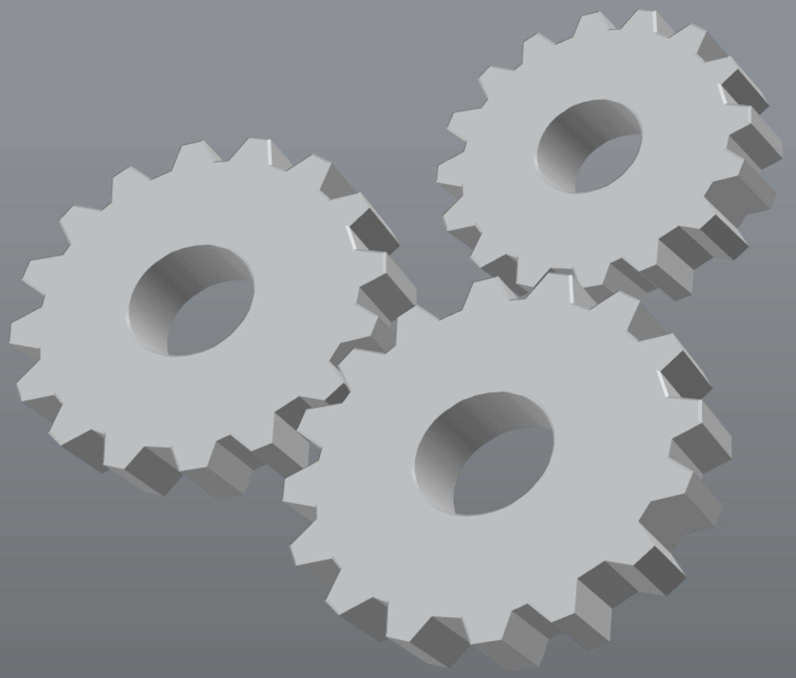
Design Space Exploration

Goals

Global Constraints

Operations

Initial Design



Design Space Exploration

Design Alternative 1

Design Alternative 2

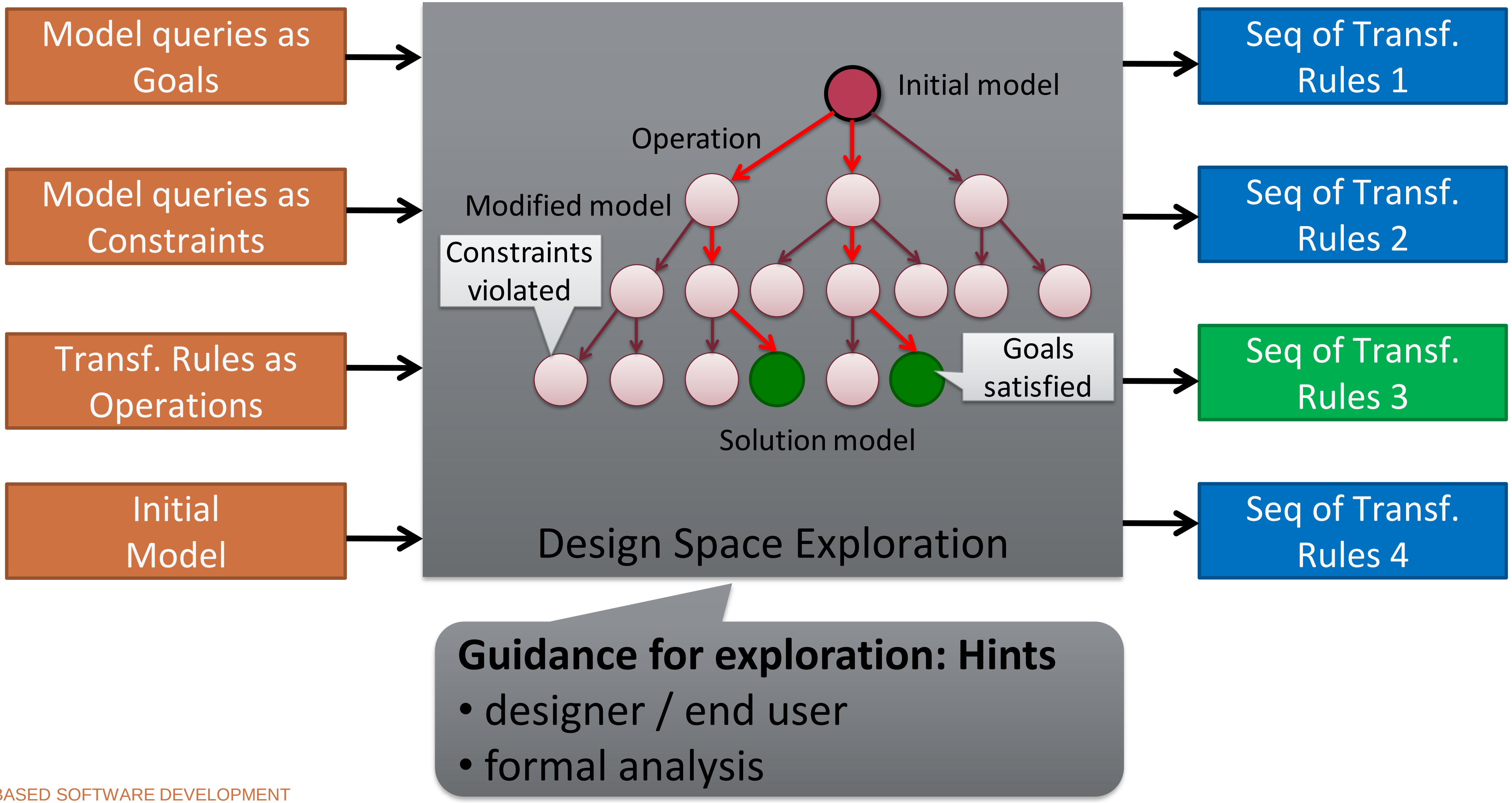
Design Alternative 3

Design Alternative 4

Special state space exploration

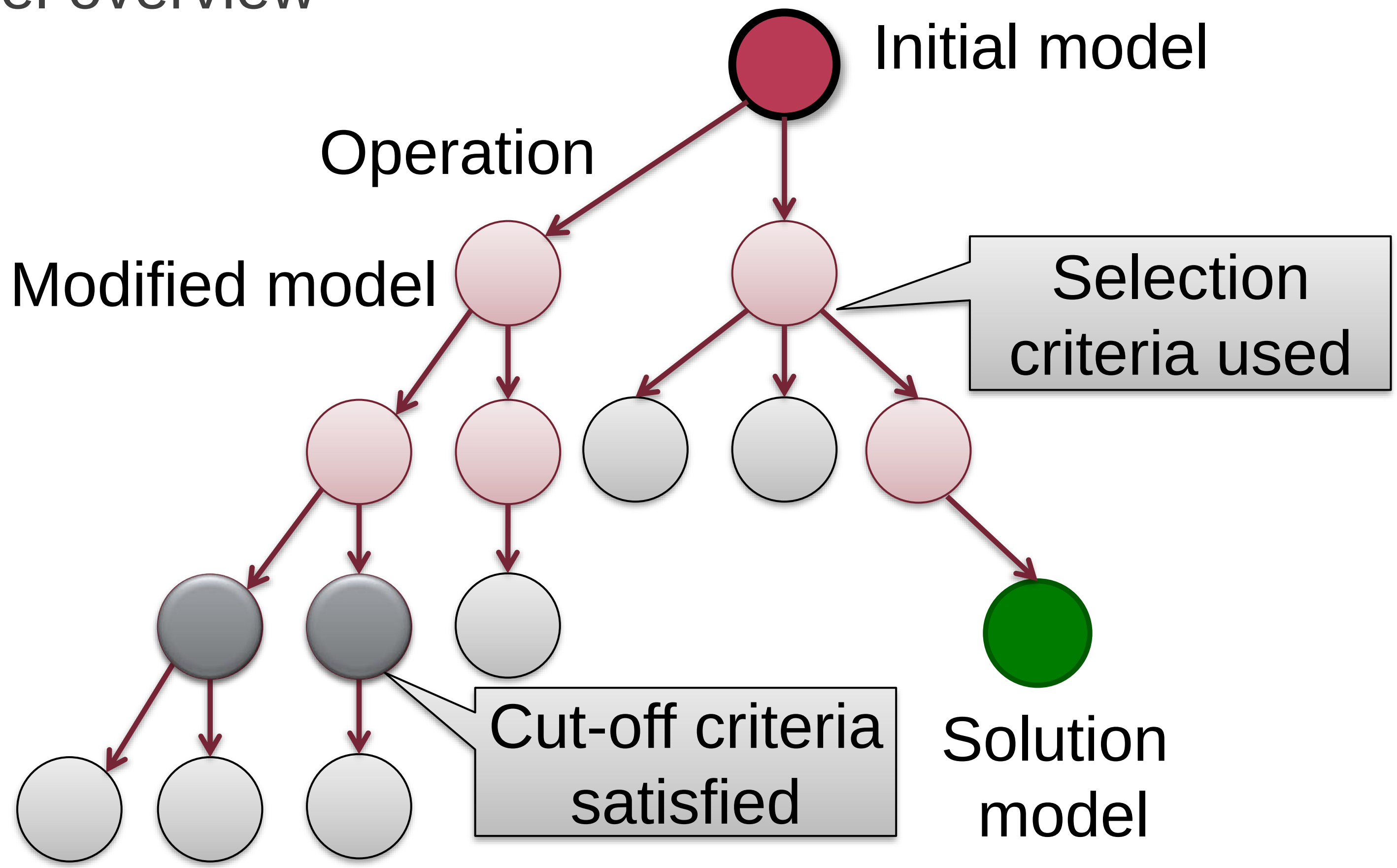
- potentially infinite state space
- „dense” solution space

Model Driven Guided Design Space Exploration

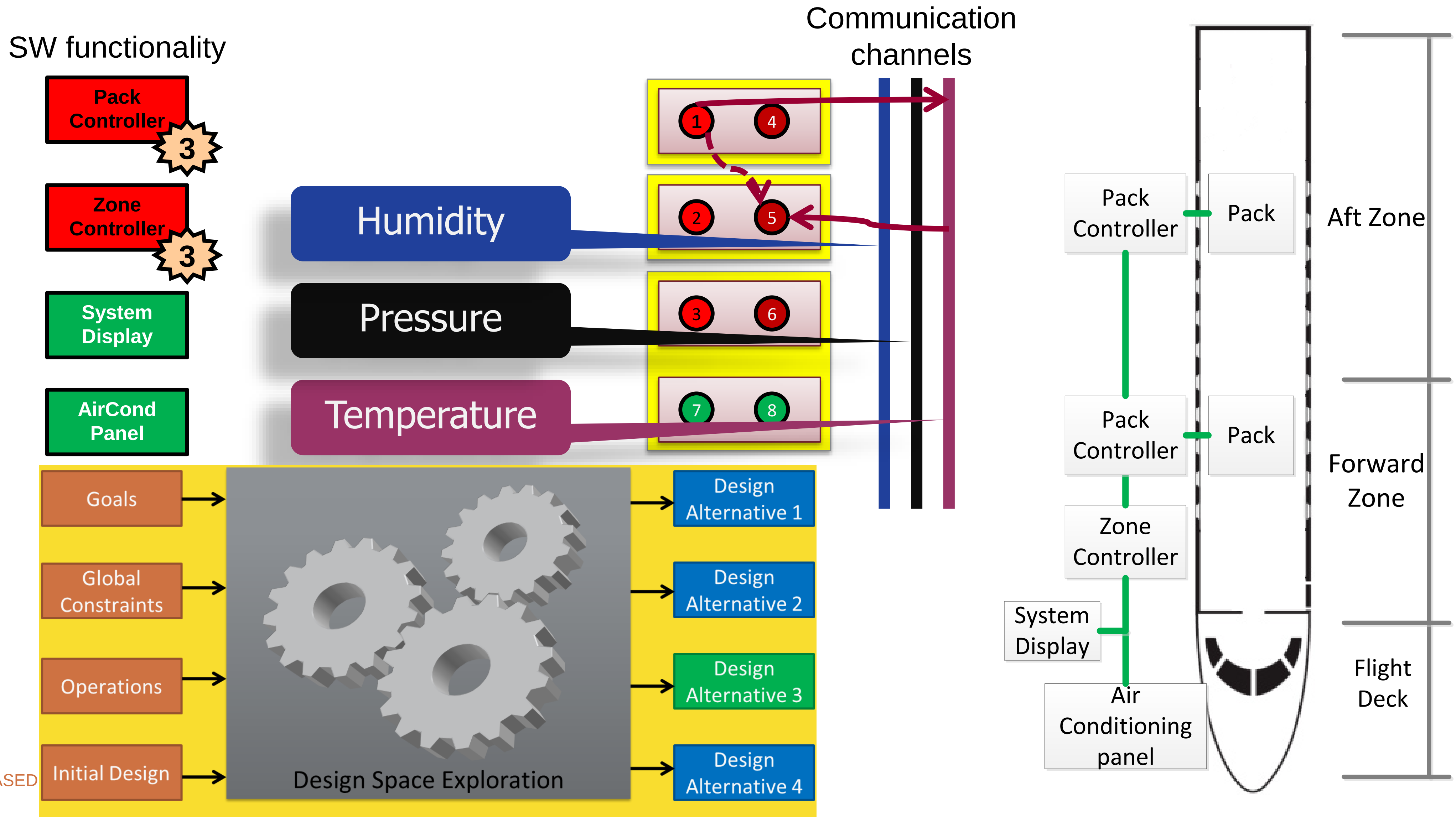


Guided Design Space Exploration

- High-level overview

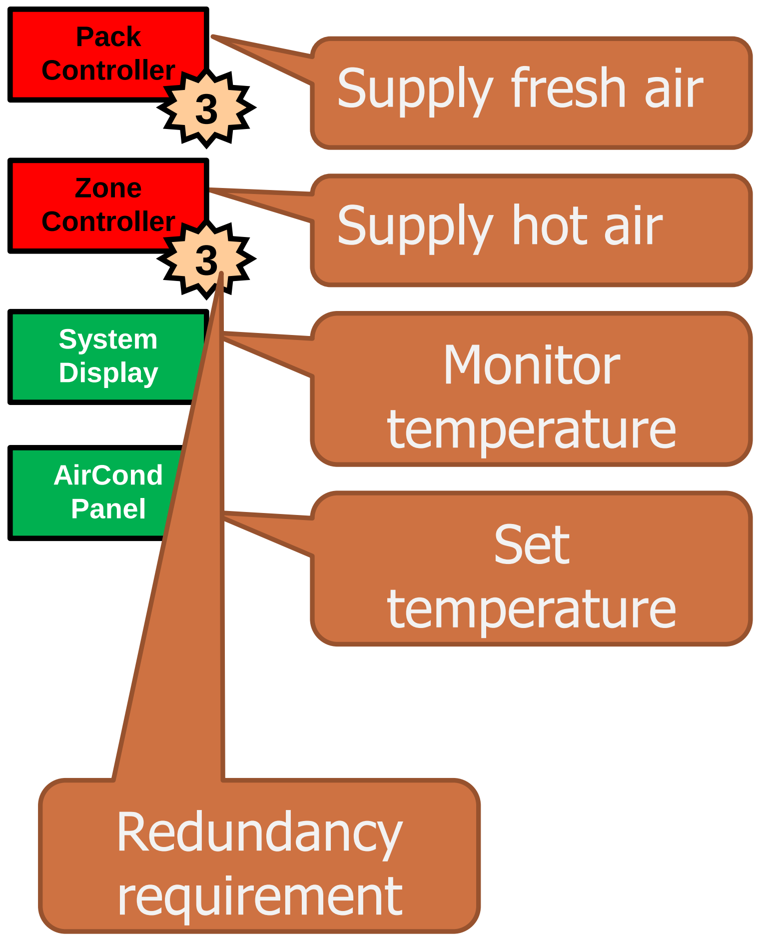


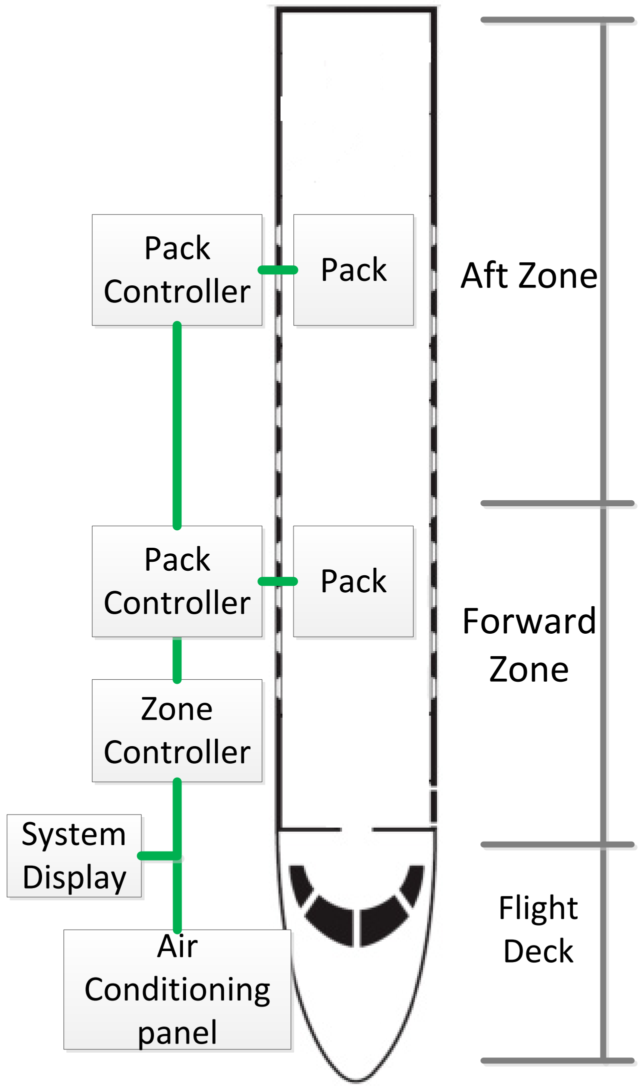
Design Space Exploration for IMA Configuration Design



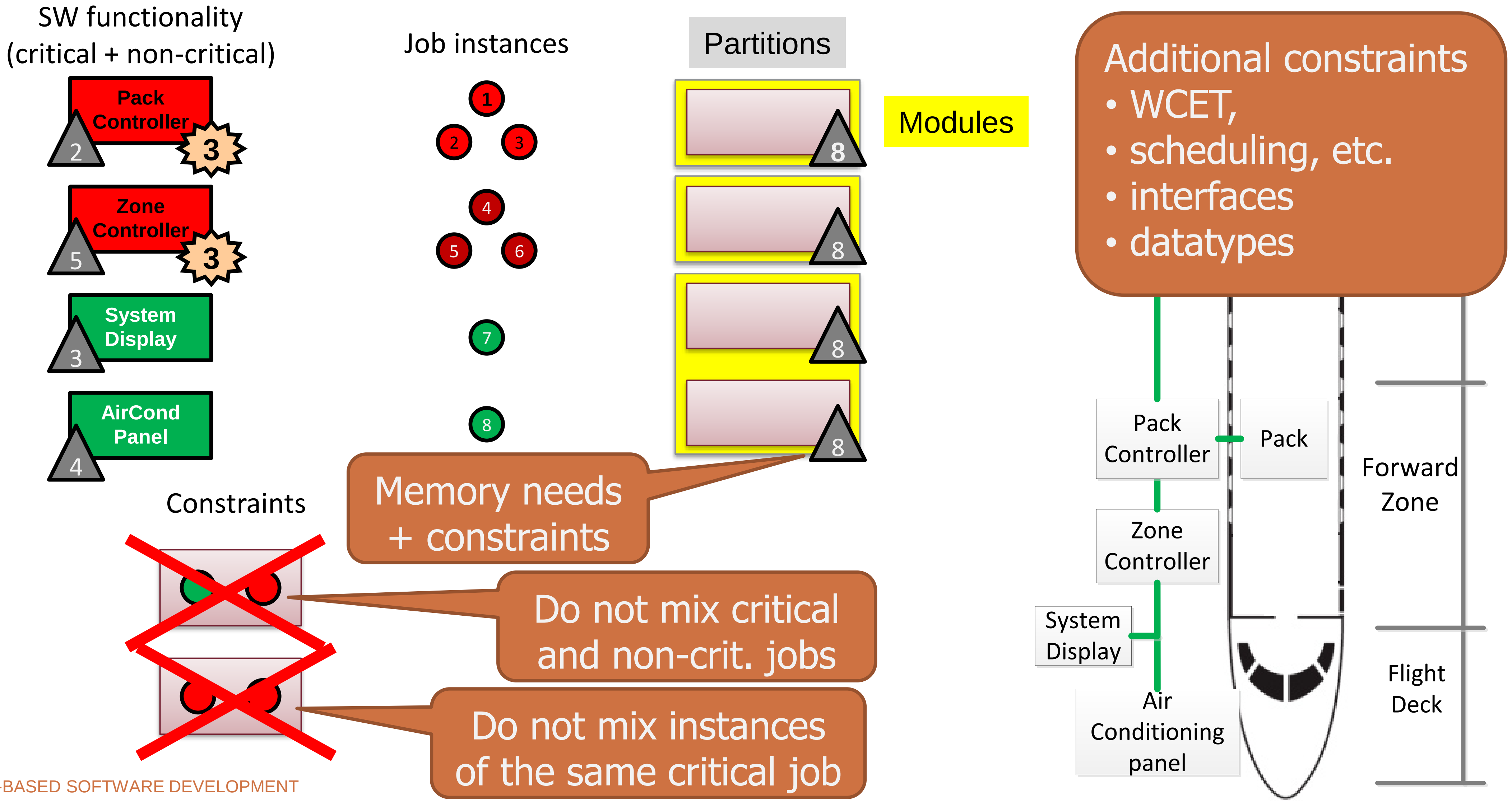
Designing ARINC653 configurations

SW functionality
(critical + non-critical)





Job instances, Partitions, Modules



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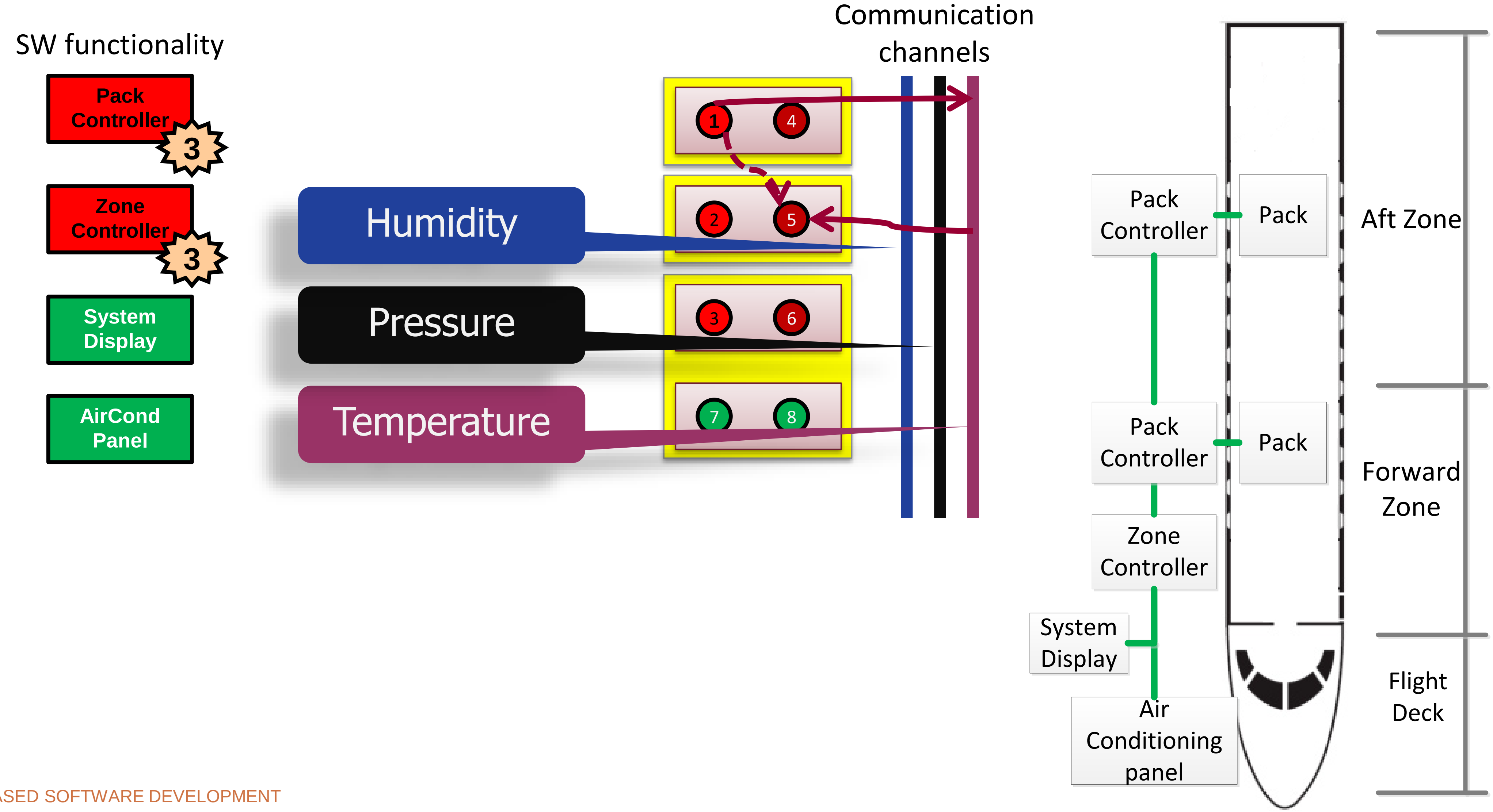

Graph pattern matching, Graph transformation

Definitions

Graph pattern matching

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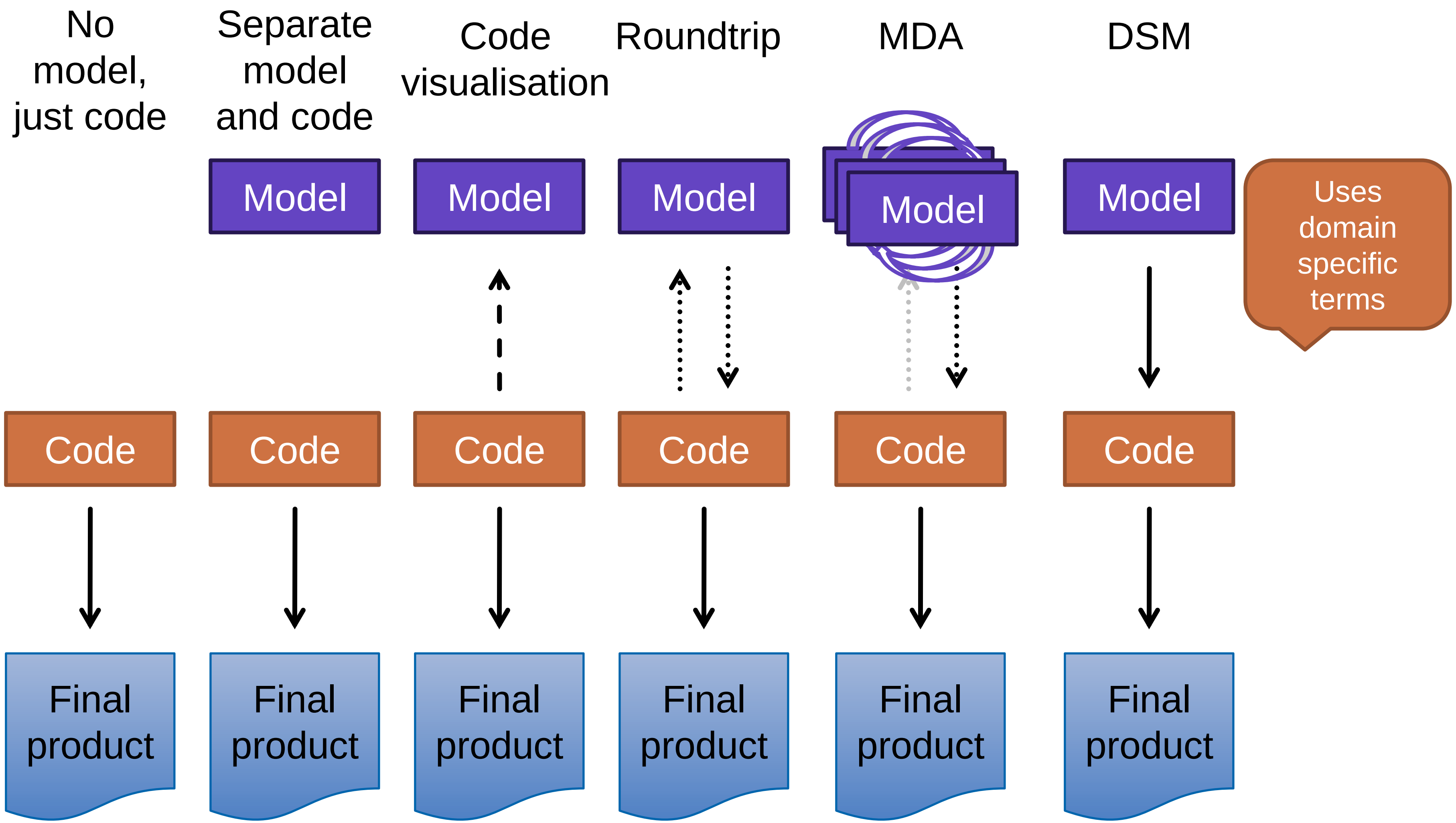
Incremental transzformations

Design space exploration

How do we use models?



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