- Modeling Workbench
  - Notation: The notation of the modeling language.
    - **Textual:** The modeler edits the model through text.
      - **Symbols:** The modeler can use symbols such as mathematical notations.
    - **Graphical:** The modeler edits the metamodel through different graphical representations such as diagrams.
    - **Tabular:** The modeler edits the metamodel through a table.
    - **Tree:** The language designer edits the metamodel through a tree editor.
    - **Block:** The modeler edits the metamodel through a block representation like Blockly.
    - **Form:** The modeler edits the metamodel through a form representation.
  - Semantics: Features concerning the model semantics
    - **Translational:** Compilation to a program expressed in another language.
      - **M2T:** Compilation from a model of the developed language to the text of another language.
      - **M2M:** Compilation from a model of the developed language to the model of another language.
    - Interpretative: Direct execution by the host language without prior translation.
  - Editor: Available modeling workbench's editor features.
    - **Editing mode:** How the metamodels are edited.
      - **Free-form:** The modeler freely edits the persisted model.
      - Representation: The modeler edits a representation of the model and both are persisted. The representation does not necessarily have a fixed layout.
      - **Projectional:** The modeler edits a projection of the persisted model in a fixed layout.
    - Syntactic services: Model workbenches syntactic services.
      - Highlighting: Visually distinguishes syntax elements of metamodels in the editor using colors and styles to improve readability.
      - Outline: Displays a structured, hierarchical view of a metamodel's components to aid navigation.
      - Folding: Allows collapsing and expanding sections of metamodels based on structural elements to improve focus and readability.
      - **Syntactic completion:** Suggests possible completions for metamodel elements based on syntax rules.
      - **Diff:** Compares different versions of a metamodel, highlighting added, removed, or modified parts.
      - **Auto-formatting:** Automatically adjusts indentation, spacing, layout, and structure according to predefined style rules.
    - Semantic services: model workbenches semantic services.

- Reference resolution: Identifies and links metamodel elements to their declarations or definitions.
- **Semantic completion:** Provides context-aware suggestions by analyzing the meaning of metamodel parts.
- Refactoring: Supports automated metamodel transformations (e.g., renaming, extracting parts) to improve maintainability without altering functionality.
- Error marking: Detects and highlights syntactic or semantic issues in the metamodel, often with tooltips explaining the problem.
- Quick fixes: Suggests and applies automated solutions for detected issues.
- **Origin tracking:** Keep track of metamodel's elements during the different transformation steps. Useful for error displays.
- **Live translation:** Capability to use the designed model during its development.

## ■ Views:

- **Debugger:** A dedicated view for debugging, e.g., buttons for setting breakpoints, going into, forward.
- Call Hierarchy: A dedicated view for seeing the hierarchy of past calls, similar to method call hierarchy in IDEs for GPLs
- Model Hierarchy: A view for observing inheritance trees of hierarchical models. Similar to class hierarchy view in OO GPLs
- **Viewpoint management**: How the different models are presented to the modeler.
  - **Multi-views:** Capability to propose different viewpoints over the whole modeling workbench.
  - **Blended modeling:** Capability to propose different notations for a single model.
- Validation: Features concerning the validation of a model made with the developed language.
  - **Syntactic check:** Validation of the structure of the model (syntaxes).
  - Naming: Name binding
  - **Types**: Type systems
  - **Formal verification:** Capability to prove parts of the model definitions, through a compilation to Coq for instance.
  - **Data Flow Analysis:** Analysis for data flow within models, e.g., to detect cyclic dependencies or deadlocks.
  - **Test model generation:** Capability to generate models conform to a language definition, allowing the modeler to have first examples.
- **Testing:** Features to help the modeler verify their models.
  - **Model debugging:** The modeling workbench provides a debugger to debug some model definition concerns.
    - Omniscient debugging: Capability of a debugger to go backward in addition to forward.
  - **Model testing:** The modeling workbench provides ways to unit-test models.

- Collaboration: Features specific to the collaboration between different modelers.
  - Live collaboration: Collaboration at the same moment in time.
    - **Strategy:** How the live collaboration is done inside the modeling workbench.
      - Optimistic: Model designers can edit the same model or even the same element at the same time. Requires modification merge strategy.
      - Pessimistic: Editing an element causes it and possibly its related items to be locked.
    - Collaboration architecture: In technical terms, how the collaboration is done among the different modelers clients.
      - Distributed: Each client is independent and can work offline. The data are exchanged among the different clients (e.g., Git or CRDT).
      - Centralized: A central server is required to manage and control the collaboration (e.g., SVN).
  - **Versioning:** The modeling workbench proposes an integrated way to version developed languages.
- Architecture: Features concerning the architecture of the modeling workbench.
  - **Platform:** On which kind of platform does the modeling workbench run?
    - Desktop: The backend and frontend of the language workbench cannot be uncoupled and are both directly executed on the language designer device.
    - Cloud-native: The backend and frontend of the language workbench are uncoupled and may be executed on different devices.
  - **Modular:** The modeling workbench is thought to be extended, proposing APIs.