Simulation Testing with Simulant

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Example-Based Tests (EBT)

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EBT

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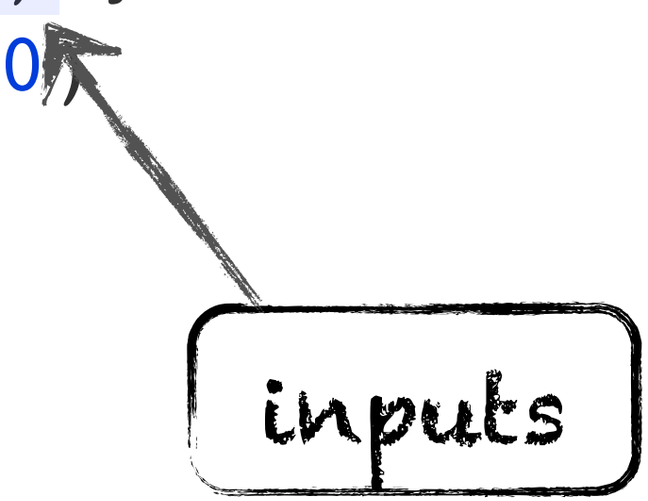

EBT

execution

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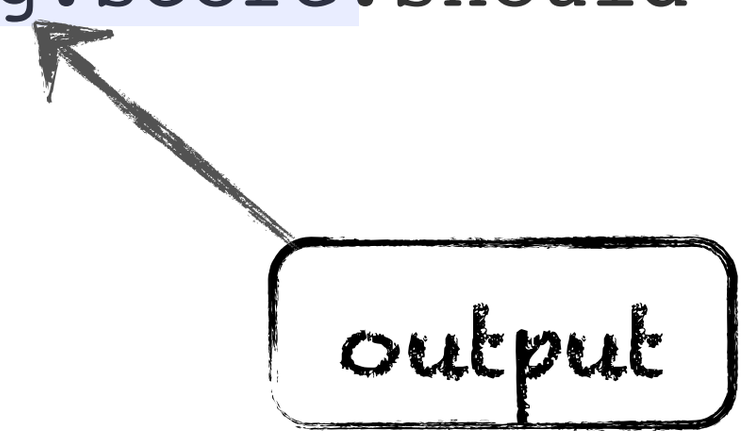

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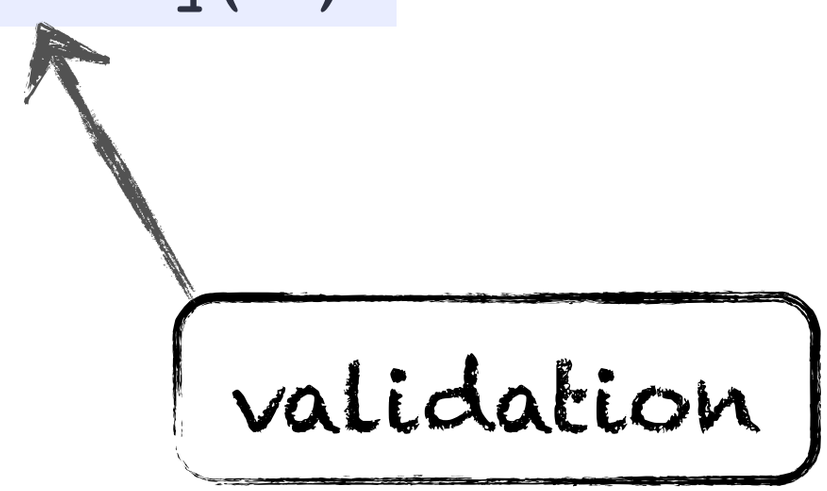

EBT

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no setup...

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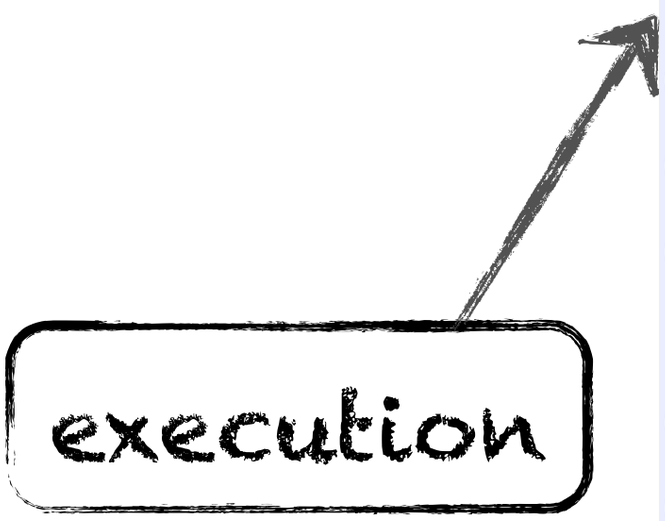

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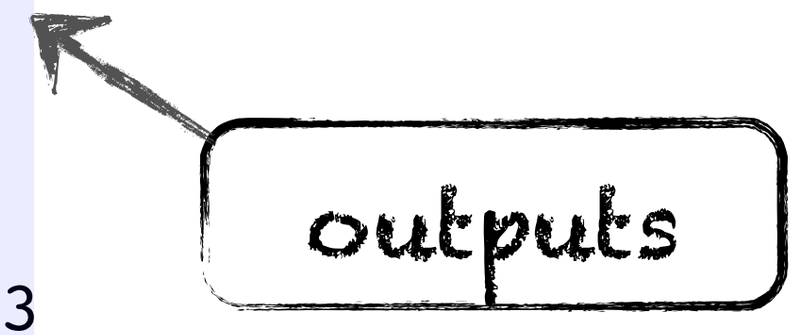

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validation

EBT in the Wild

Scales: Unit, Functional, Acceptance

Styles: Test-After, TDD, BDD

Common Idioms: Fixtures, Stubs, Mocks

Deconstructing EBT

Inputs

Execution

Outputs

Validation

Simulation

Model

Outputs

Execution

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Outputs

kinds of agents
interactions as distributions
stored in a database

Execution

Inputs

Validation

Simulation

Model

Outputs

agents
time-stamped action stream
stored in a database

Inputs

Validation

Simulation

Model

Outputs

Execution

driver program
coordinated through a database
maps actions to processes

Inpu ion

Simulation

Model

Outputs

system storage
logs
metrics
... put in all in a database!

Validation

Simulation

Model

Outputs

database queries
may be probabilistic

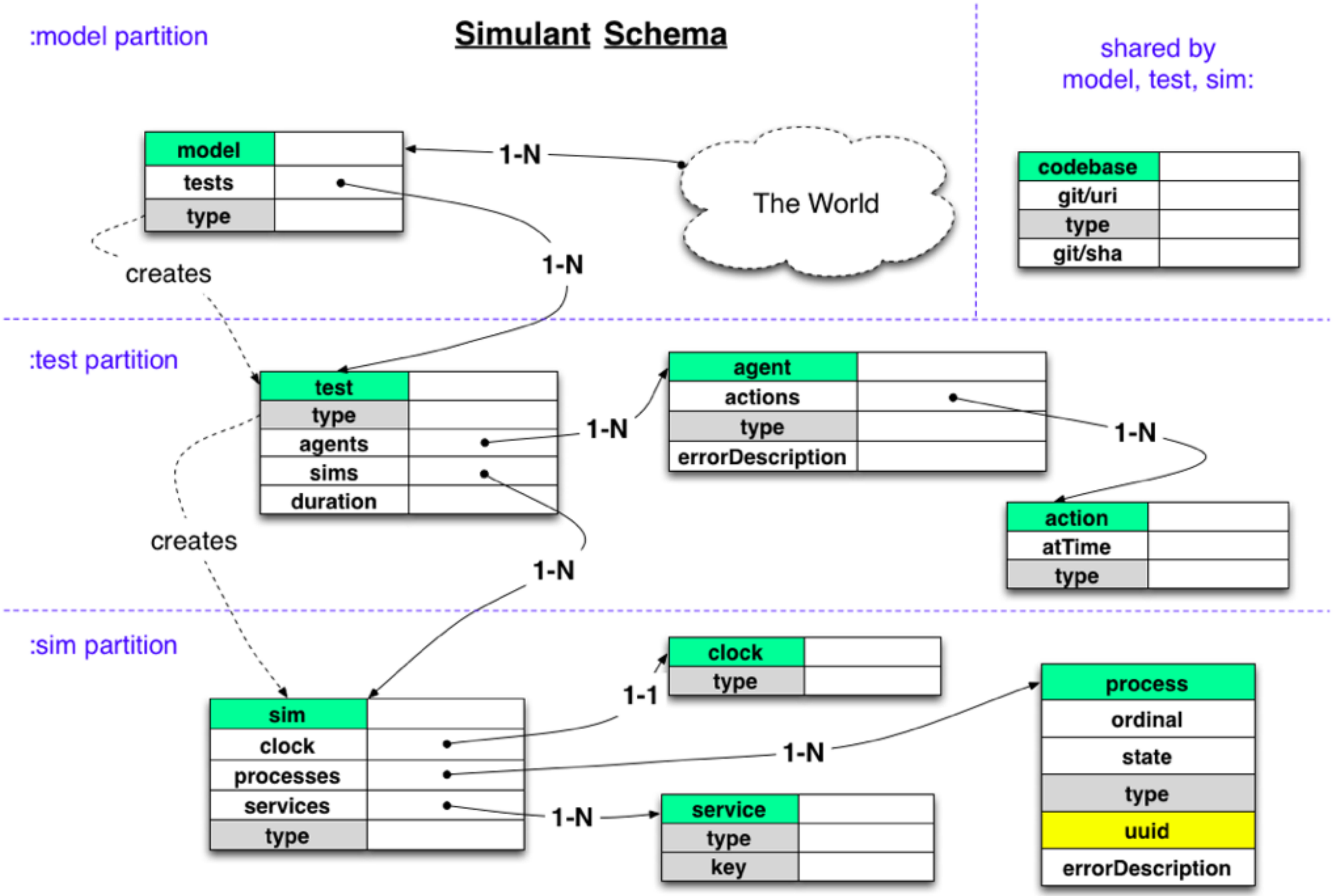
Inputs

Validation

Simulant

Datomic

Simulant Schema



Models

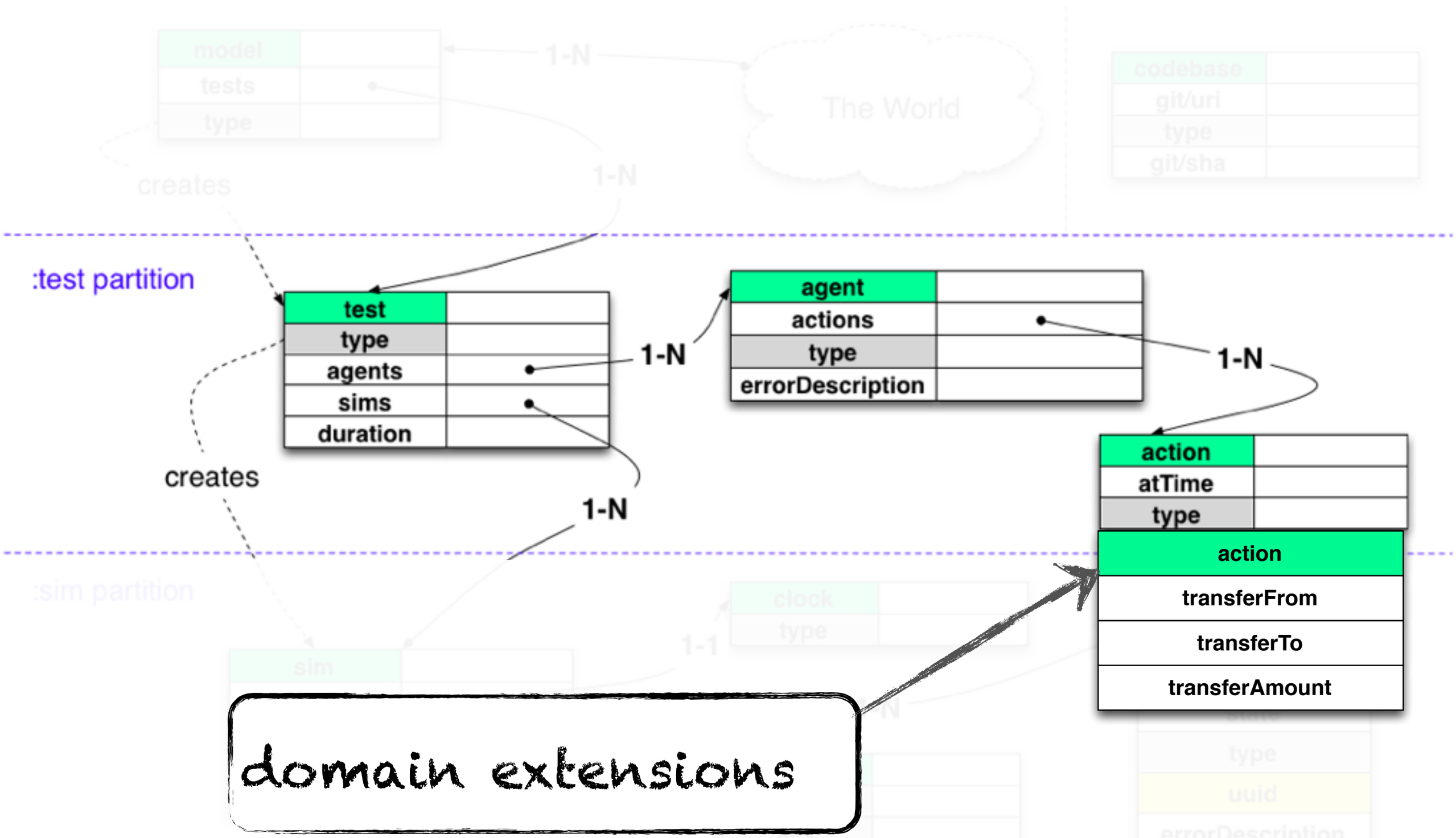
model	
tests	
type	

model
traderCount
initialBalance
meanTradeAmount
meanHoursBetweenTrades

few generic attributes

extended by domain

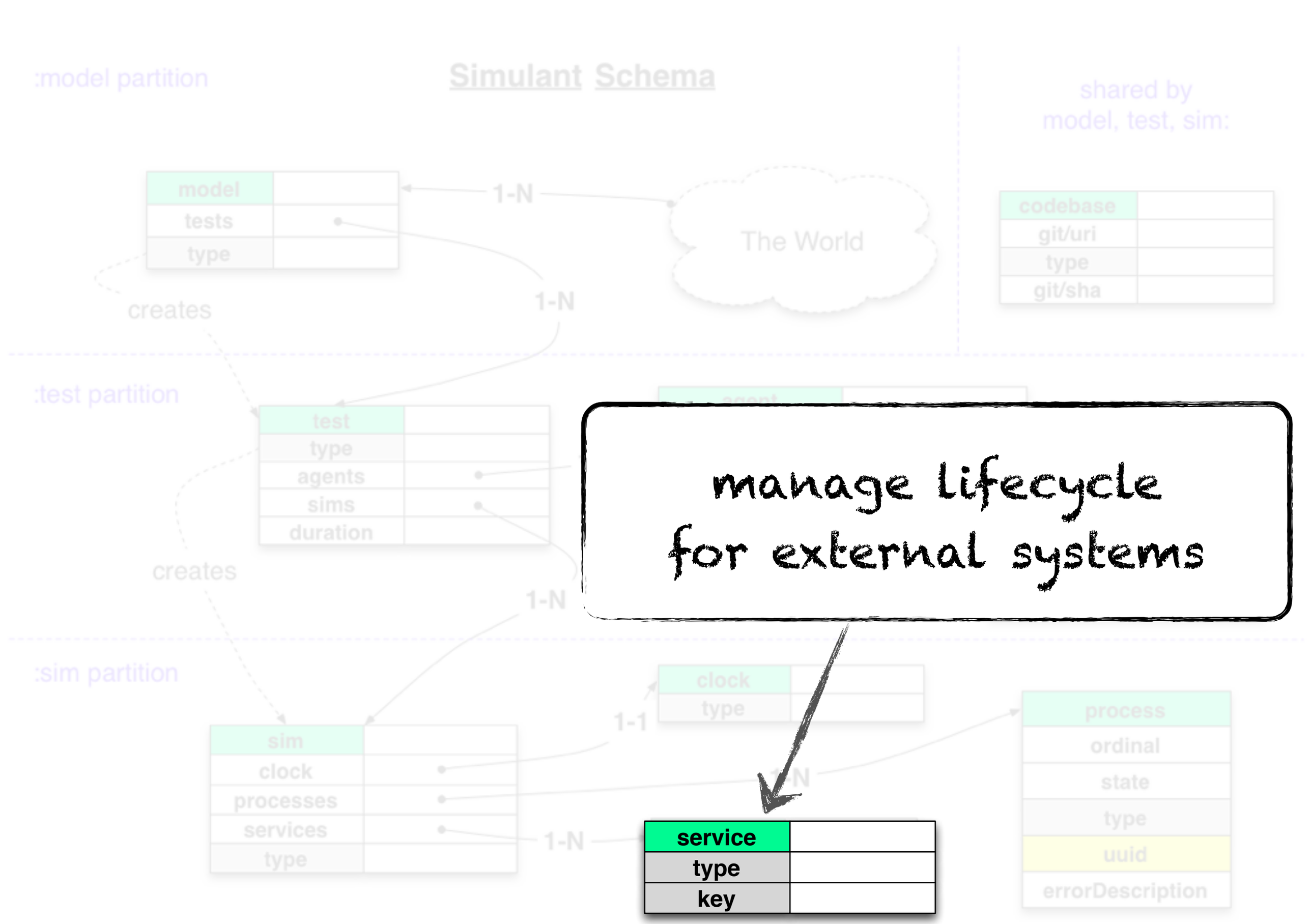
Activity

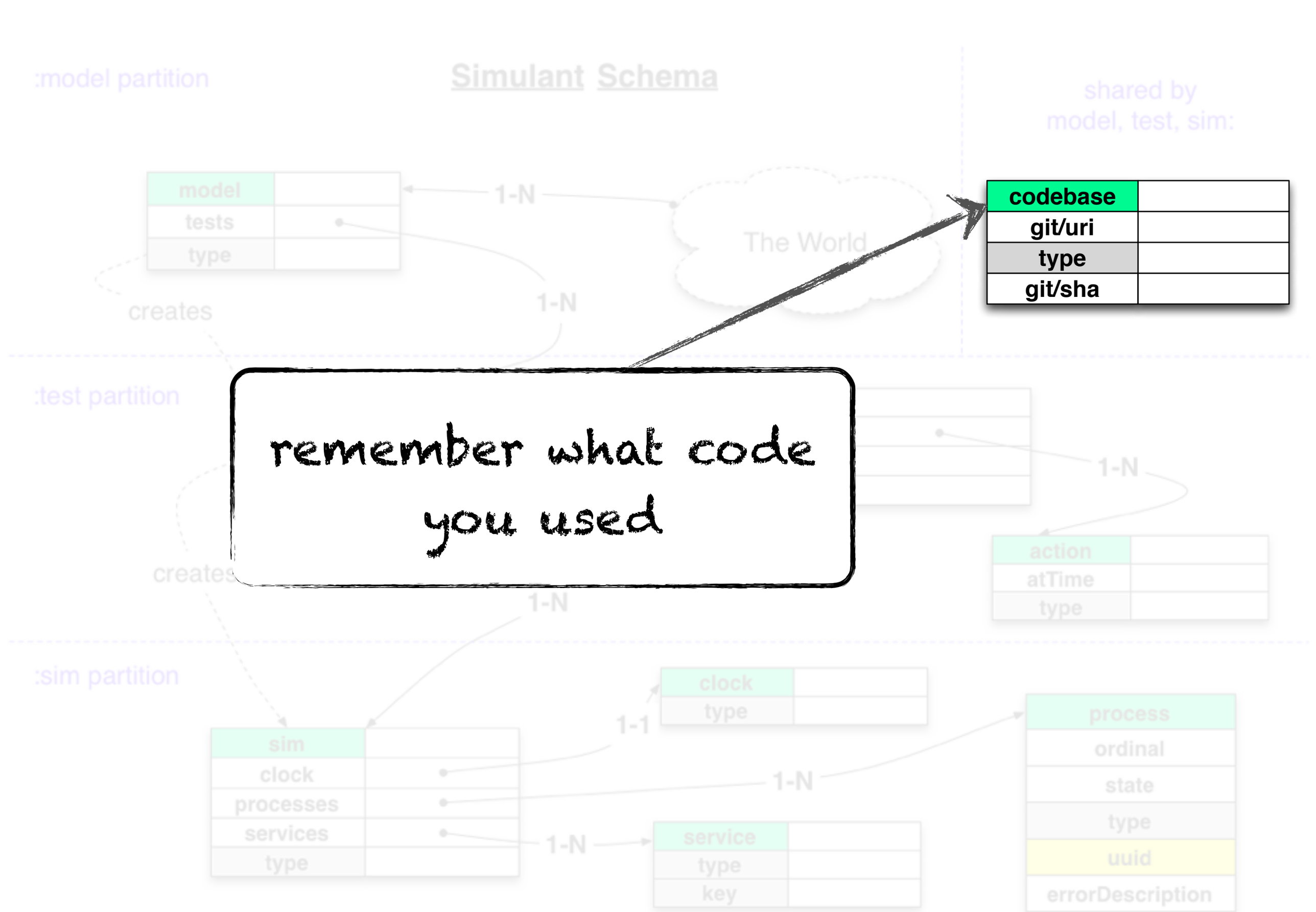

:test partition
test
type
agents
sims
duration
1-N
agent
actions
type
errorDescription
1-N
creates
1-N
action
atTime
type
action
transferFrom
transferTo
transferAmount
domain extensions

Clock

change the speed of time during a sim

clock	
type	


:model partition
Simulant Schema
shared by
model, test, sim:
model
tests
type
1-N
The World
codebase
git/uri
type
git/sha
creates
1-N
:test partition
test
type
agents
sims
duration
creates
1-N
:sim partition
clock
type
1-1
sim
clock
processes
services
type
1-N
1-N
process
ordinal
state
type
uuid
errorDescription
manage lifecycle
for external systems
service
type
key



remember what code you used

Demo

Datalog

Query Anatomy

```
q([:find ...
   :in ...
   :where ...],
   input1,
   ...
   inputN);
```

Query Anatomy

constraints

```
q([:find ...
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   :where ...],
   input1,
   ...
   inputN);
```

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inputs

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q([:find ...
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```

names for inputs

Query Anatomy

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q([:find ...
   :in ...
   :where ...],
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   ...
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```

variables to return

Variables

?customer

?product

?orderId

?email

Constants

```
:email
42
"john"
:order/id
#inst "2012-02-29"
```

Extensible Reader

```
:email
42

"john"
:order/id

#inst "2012-02-29"
```

Example Database

entity	attribute	value
42	:email	jdoe@example.com
43	:email	jane@example.com
42	:orders	107
42	:orders	141

Data Pattern

Constrains the results returned,
binds variables

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[?customer :email ?email]
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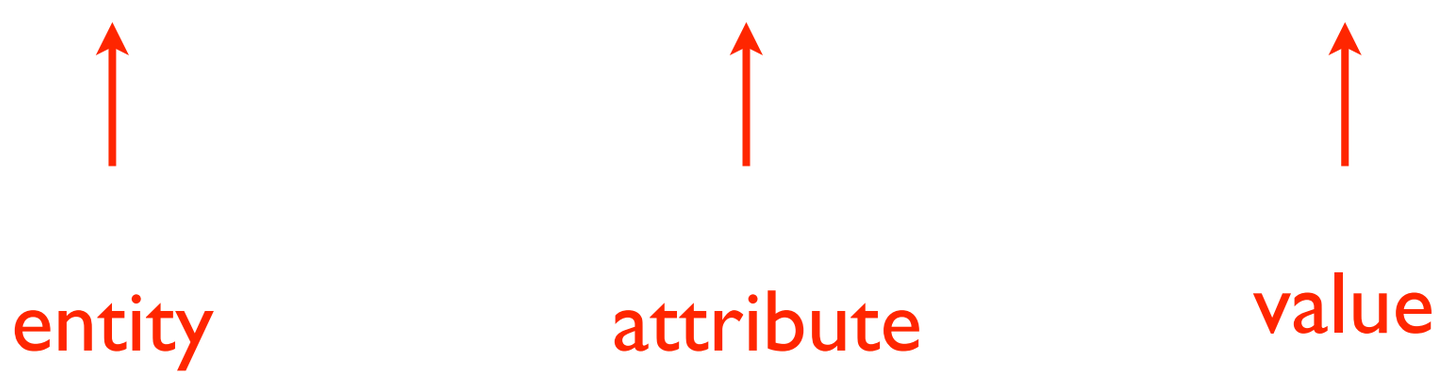

Data Pattern

Constrains the results returned,
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constant

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Data Pattern

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variable variable

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[?customer :email ?email]
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[?customer :email ?email]
```

Constants Anywhere

"Find a particular customer's email"

```
[42 :email ?email]
```

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```
[42 :email ?email]
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Variables Anywhere

"What attributes does
customer 42 have?

```
[42 ?attribute]
```

entity	attribute	value
42	:email	jdoe@example.com
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```
[42 ?attribute]
```

Variables Anywhere

"What attributes and values does customer 42 have?

```
[42 ?attribute ?value]
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[42 ?attribute ?value]
```

Where Clause

data
pattern

```
[:find ?customer
 :where [?customer :email]]
```

Find Clause

variable to return

```
[:find ?customer
 :where [?customer :email]]
```

Implicit Join

"Find all the customers who have placed orders."

```
[:find ?customer
 :where [?customer :email]
        [?customer :orders]]
```

API

```
import static datomic.Peer.q;

q("[:find ?customer
  :where [?customer :id]
         [?customer :orders]]",
      db);
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Input(s)

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In Clause

Names inputs so you can refer to them elsewhere in the query

```
:in $database ?email
```

Parameterized Query

"Find a customer by email."

```
q([:find ?customer
   :in $database ?email
   :where [$database ?customer :email ?email]],
   db,
   "jdoe@example.com");
```

First Input

"Find a customer by email."

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Second Input

"Find a customer by email."

```
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```

Verbose?

"Find a customer by email."

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Shortest Name Possible

"Find a customer by email."

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Elide $ in Where

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```

no need to
specify $

Predicates

Functional constraints that can appear in a :where clause

```
[(< 50 ?price)]
```

Adding a Predicate

"Find the expensive items"

```
[:find ?item
 :where [?item :item/price ?price]
        [(< 50 ?price)]]
```

Functions

Take bound variables as inputs
and bind variables with output

```
[(shipping ?zip ?weight) ?cost]
```

Function Args

```
[(shipping ?zip ?weight) ?cost]
```

bound inputs

Function Returns

```
[(shipping ?zip ?weight) ?cost]
```

bind return values

Calling a Function

"Find me the customer/product combinations where the shipping cost dominates the product cost."

```
[:find ?customer ?product
 :where [?customer :shipAddress ?addr]
        [?addr :zip ?zip]
        [?product :product/weight ?weight]
        [?product :product/price ?price]
        [(Shipping/estimate ?zip ?weight) ?shipCost]
        [(<= ?price ?shipCost)]]
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Calling a Function

"Find me the customer/product combinations where the shipping cost dominates the product cost."

navigate from customer to zip

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        [?product :product/weight ?weight]
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get product facts needed *during query*

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Calling a Function

"Find me the customer/product combinations where the shipping cost dominates the product cost."

call web service
to bind shipCost

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constrain price

Calling a Function

"Find me the customer/product combinations where the shipping cost dominates the product cost."

return customer, product pairs

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Demo

Clojure Wins

700 LOC

Multimethods

Seqs

Laziness

Agents

Datomic Wins

Open schema

Datalog

Time model

Functional

Multi-db queries

Datomic

Adopting Simulation

Test any target system

Don’t throw our your example-based tests

Comfort with the model comes in ~1 week

Simulation requires time and thought

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