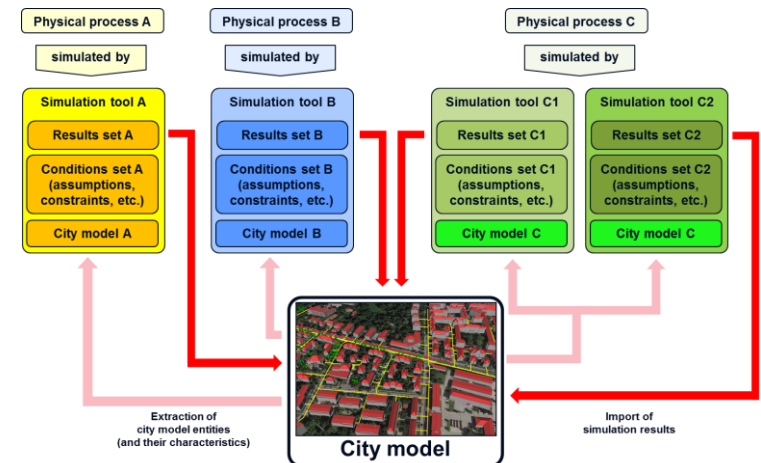


# Sneak preview of the Scenario ADE v. 0.2

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# Outlook

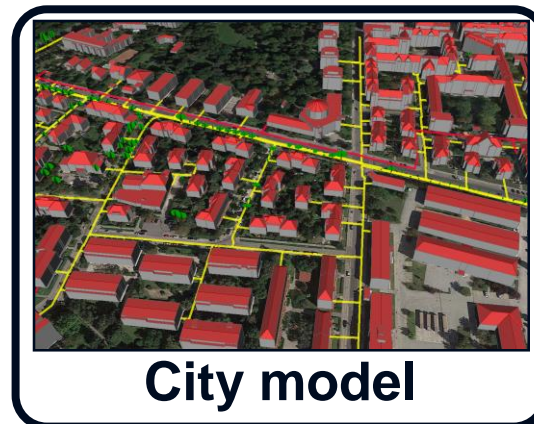
- Bridging 3D city modelling & simulation domains (reprise)
  - Refer to previous presentation of Edmund Widl on the "Simulation Package"
- The Scenario ADE
  - Definition and properties
  - UML Diagram
  - 3DCityDB
- Conclusions

# Real city



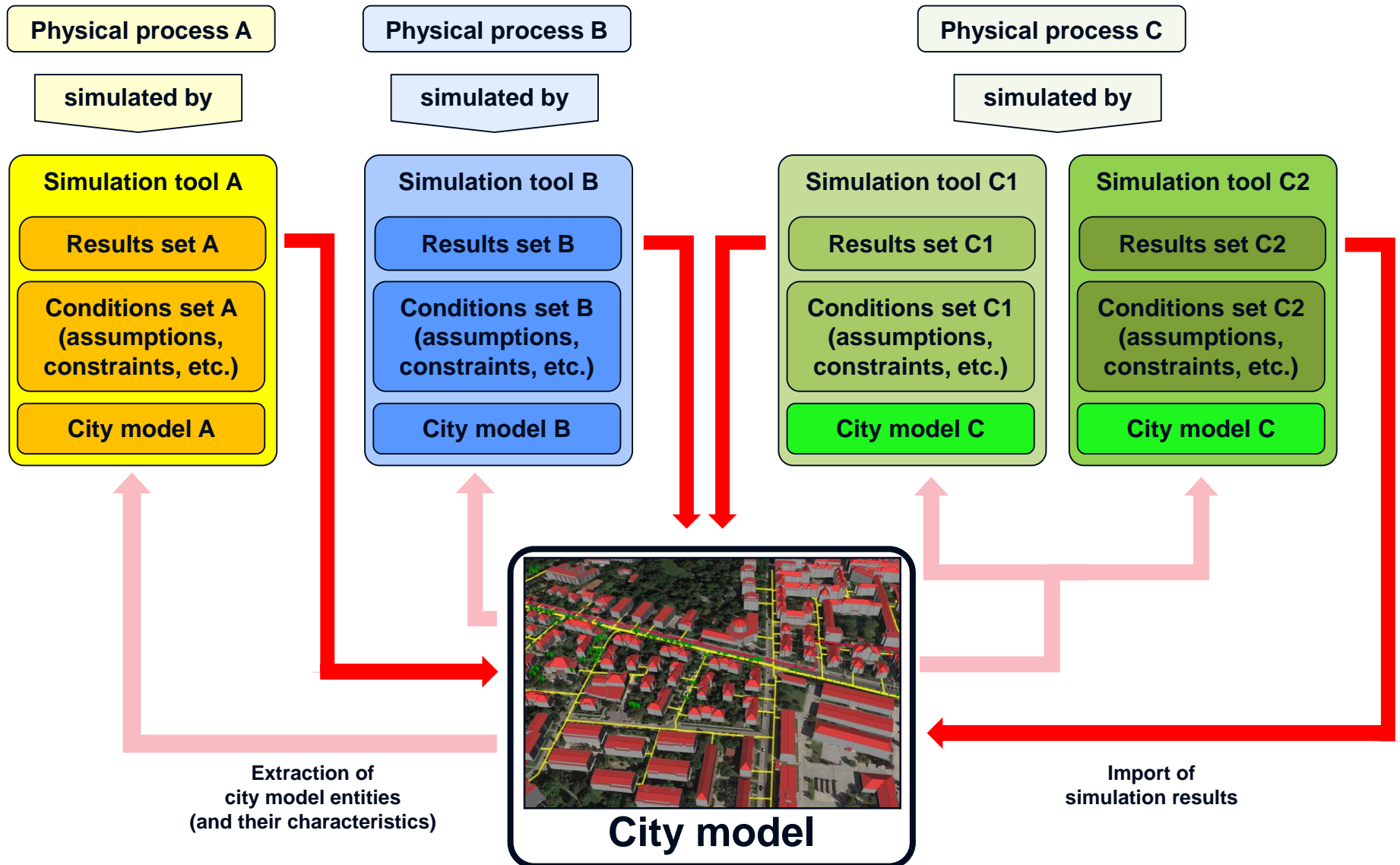
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# "Digital twin"



**City model**



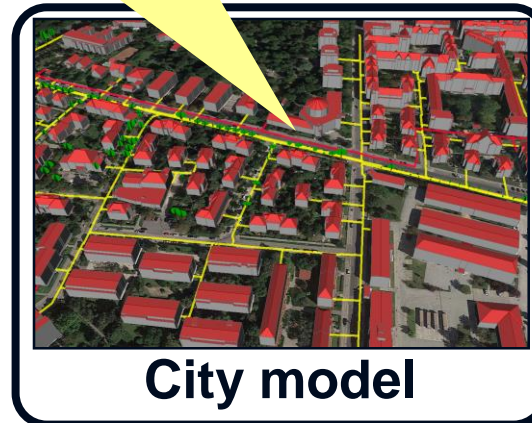


**PROBLEM:**

Which set of results is  
"better"?

Storing "just" the results  
may not be enough!

Extraction of  
city model entities  
(and their characteristics)



Physical process C

simulated by

Simulation tool C1

Results set C1

Conditions set C1  
(assumptions,  
constraints, etc.)

City model C

Simulation tool C2

Results set C2

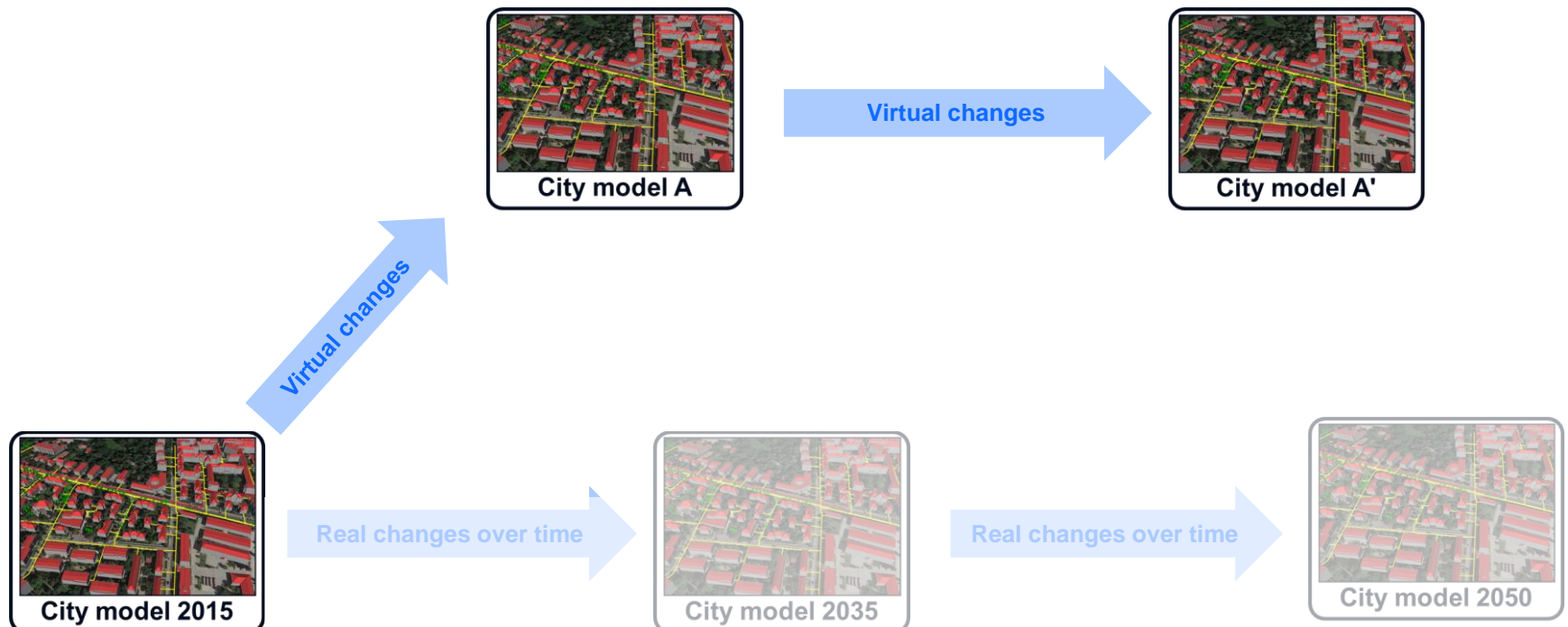
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City model C

Import of  
simulation results

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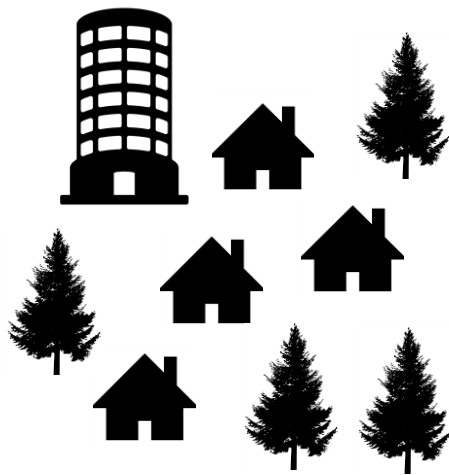
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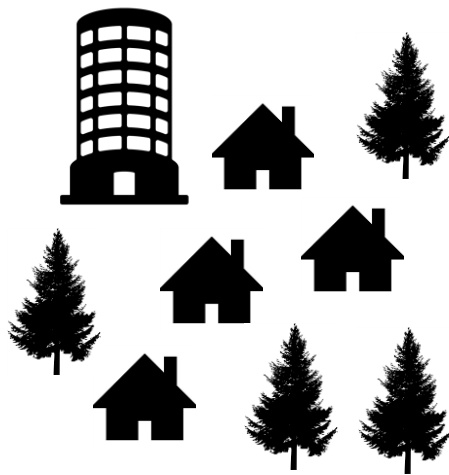
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City model A



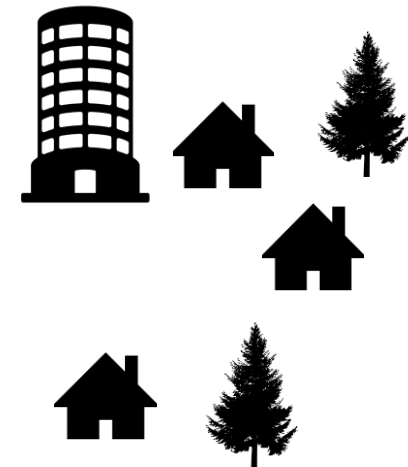
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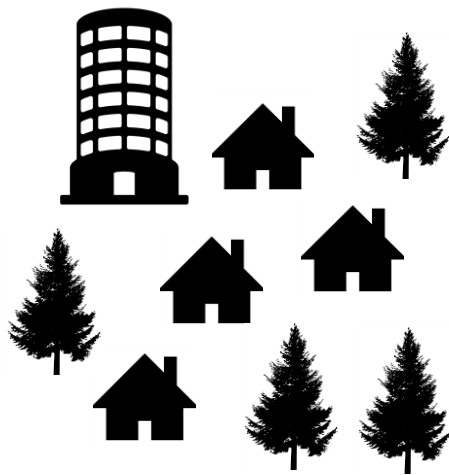


Remove Feature



City model B

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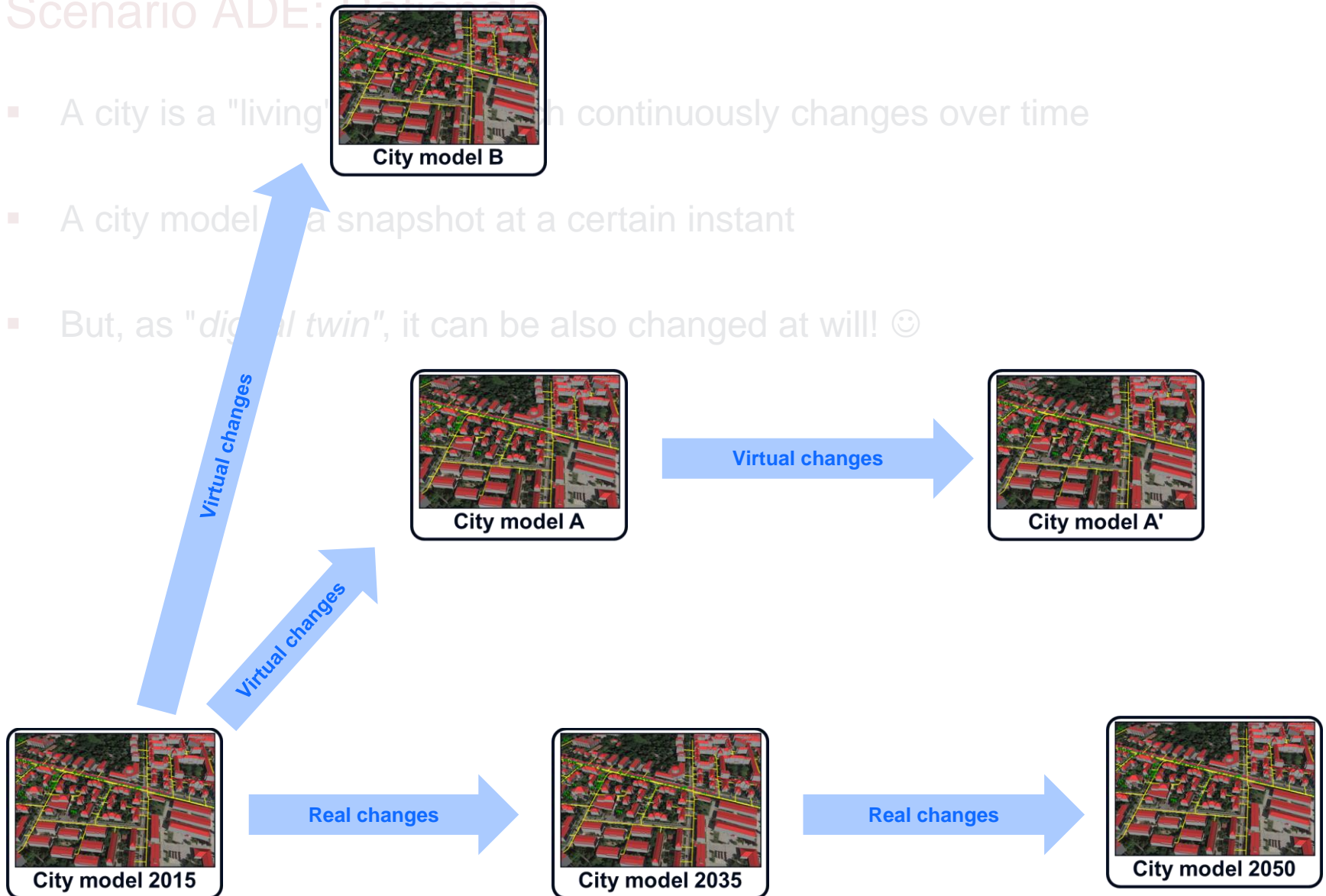
Change Feature  
Attribute

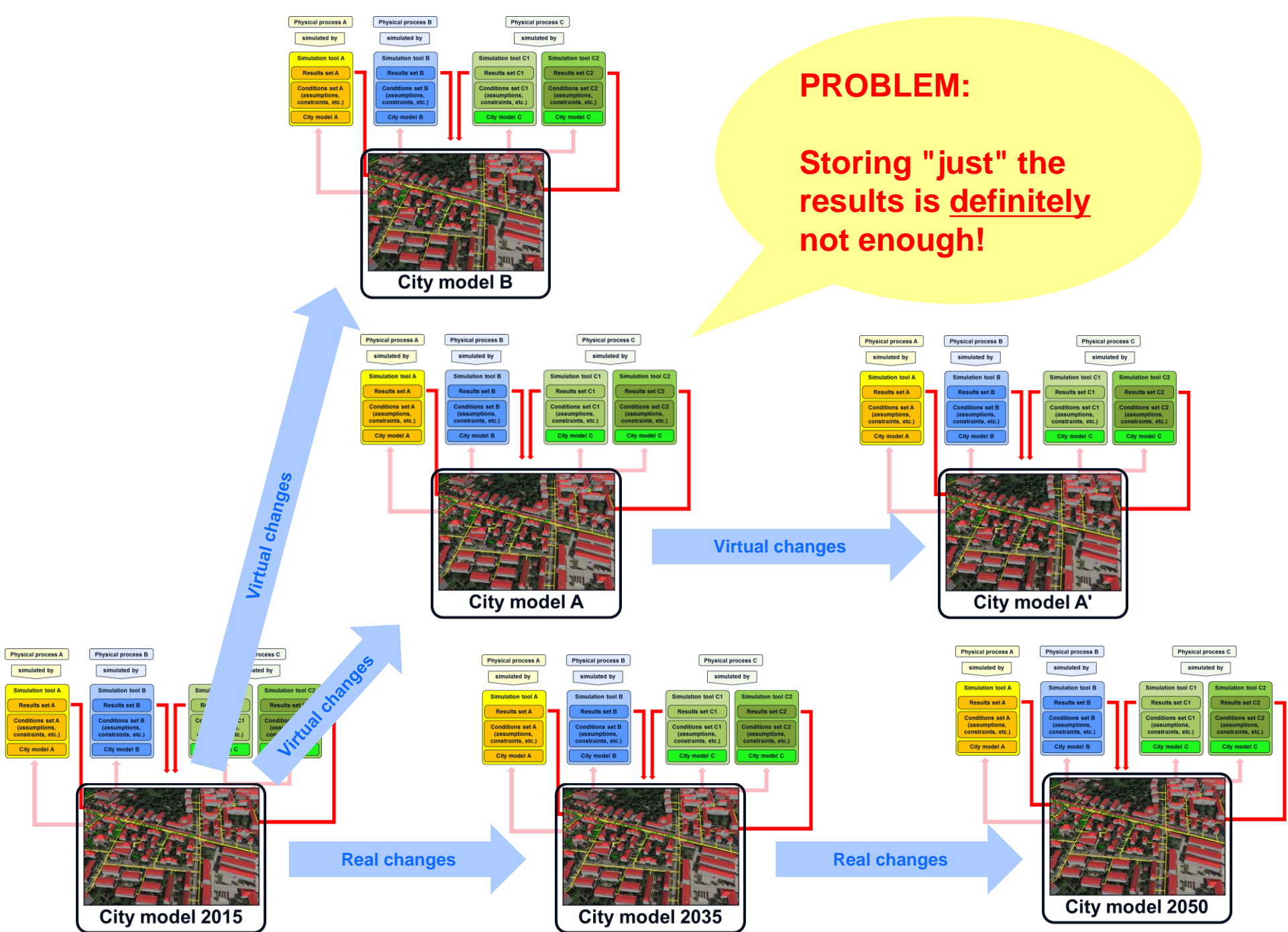


City model C

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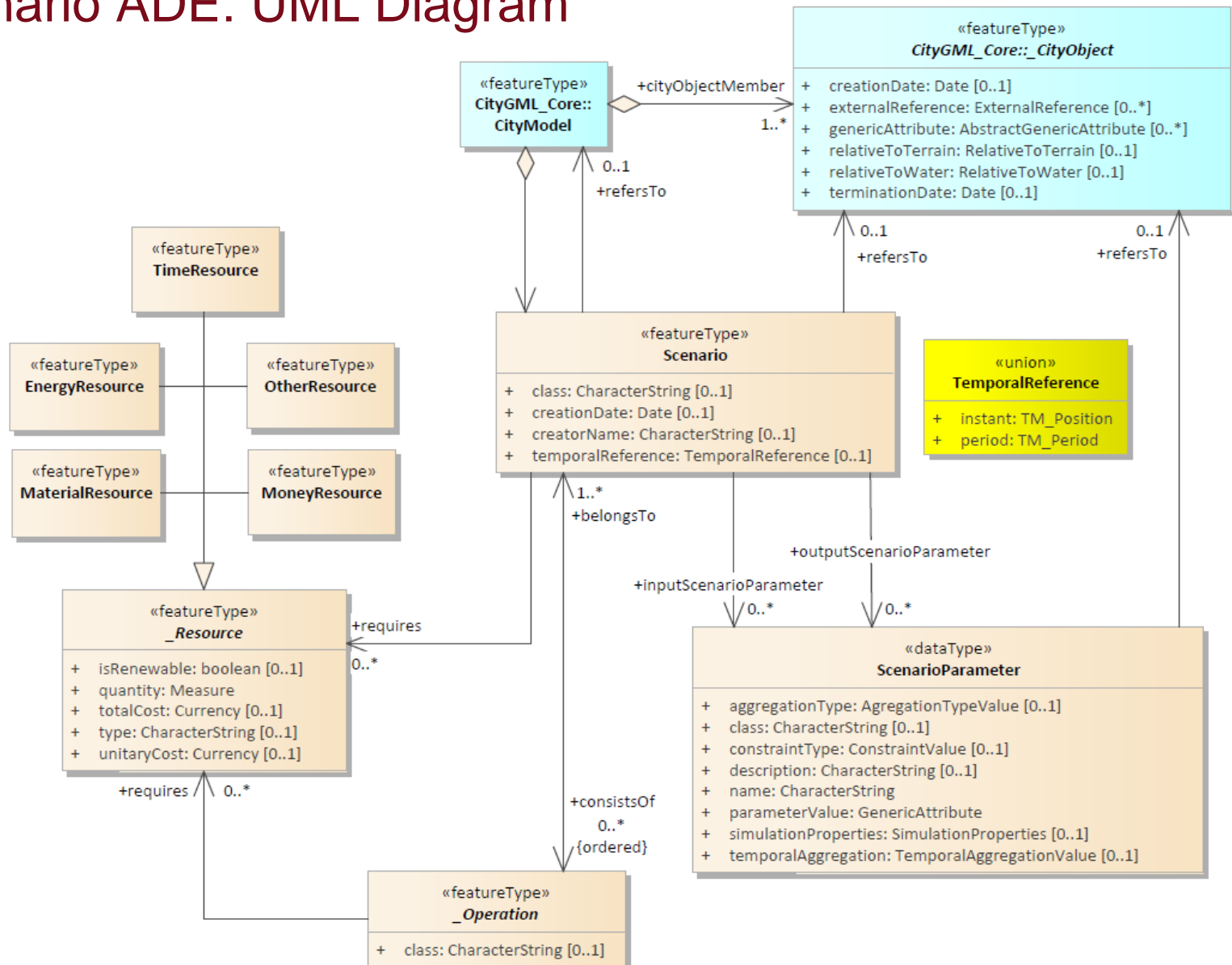
## (Some) related work

- Chaturvedi K. et al. (2015), **“Managing versions and history within semantic 3D city mode for the next generation of CityGML”**
  - Oriented at CityGML 3.0
  - A rather profound change/addition to the current CityGML model
  - <http://mediatum.ub.tum.de/doc/1276238/1276238.pdf>
- Sindram M. (PhD in preparation) **“Modeling of Urban Planning Actions by Complex Transactions on Semantic 3D City Models”**
  - Work in progress paper (2014):  
[http://www.iemss.org/sites/iemss2014/papers/iemss2014\\_submission\\_225.pdf](http://www.iemss.org/sites/iemss2014/papers/iemss2014_submission_225.pdf)
- Benner J. (2017) **“Proposal to Store Energy Simulation results / inputs in the Energy ADE”** (Presentation at Energy ADE Workshop)
  - <http://en.wiki.energy.sig3d.org/images/upload/KIT-Proposals-EnergyADE.pdf>
- Several **bilateral discussions** with colleagues
  - IF any, then home-made, specific solutions
  - No detailed information, documentation, code, etc.

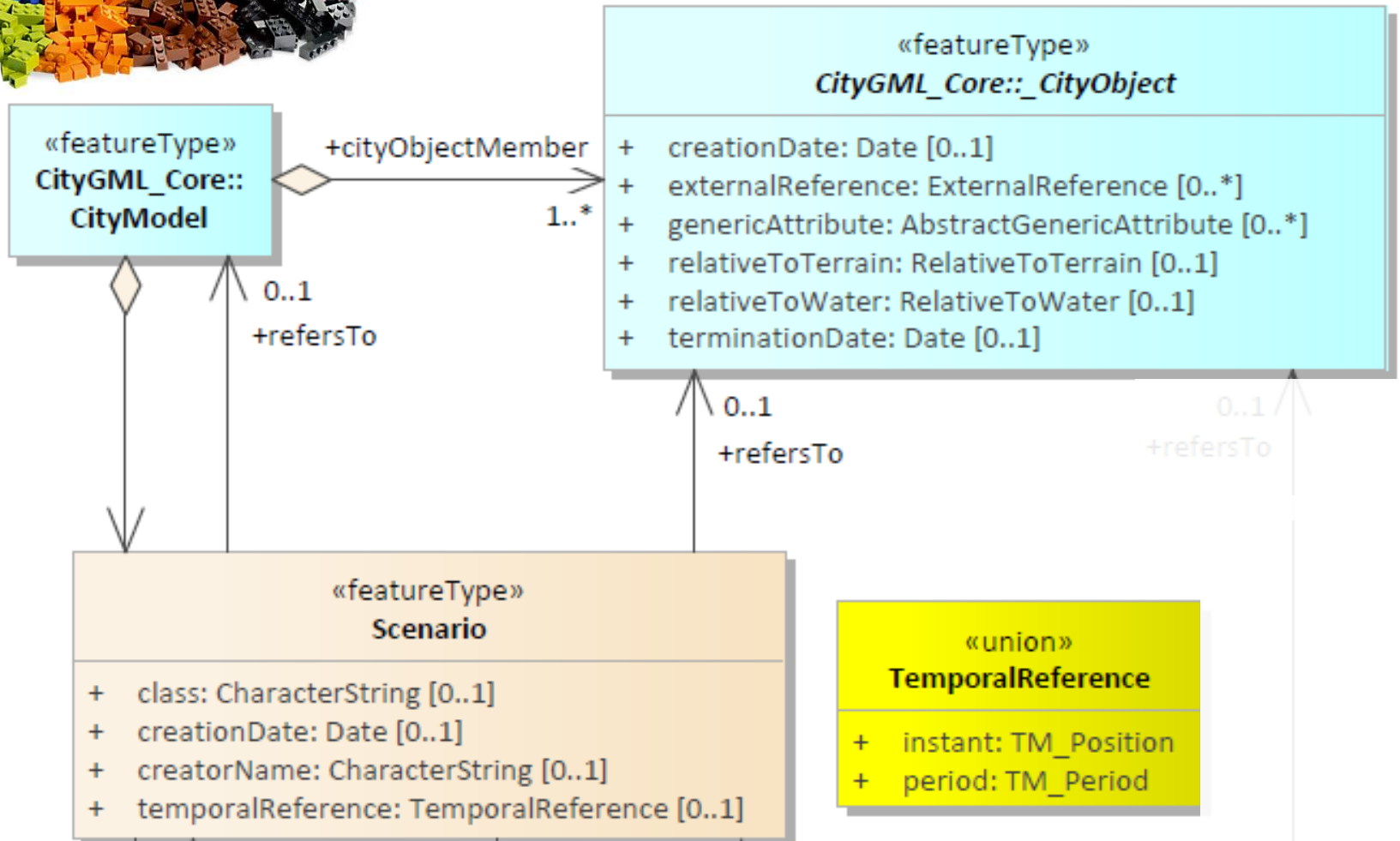
## Scenario ADE: Rationale

- In the Scenario ADE, a **scenario** is defined as a unique combination of:
  - A **city model** (a building, a district, ..., the whole city)
    - Information about how the city model (virtual or real) was obtained
      - Description of changes from city model A to city model B
  - A **simulation tool/model** characterised by a set of conditions:
    - Specific assumptions
    - Specific constraints
  - The set of **results**, (KPIs, time series, ...)
    - possibly having different spatial and temporal resolutions
    - possibly linked to specific entities (CityObjects)
  - A scenario is the **connection** point between the Simulation Package and the/a city model.

# Scenario ADE: UML Diagram







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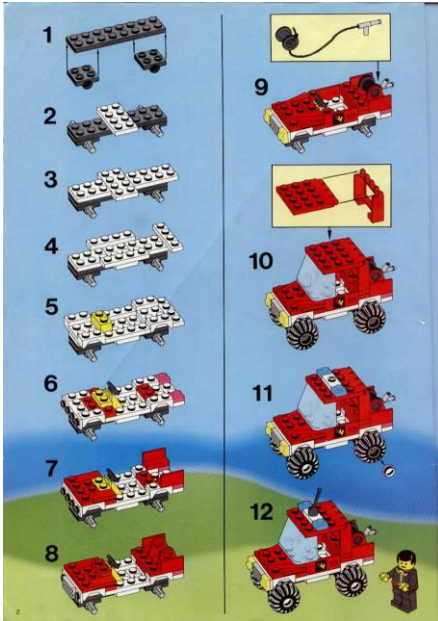
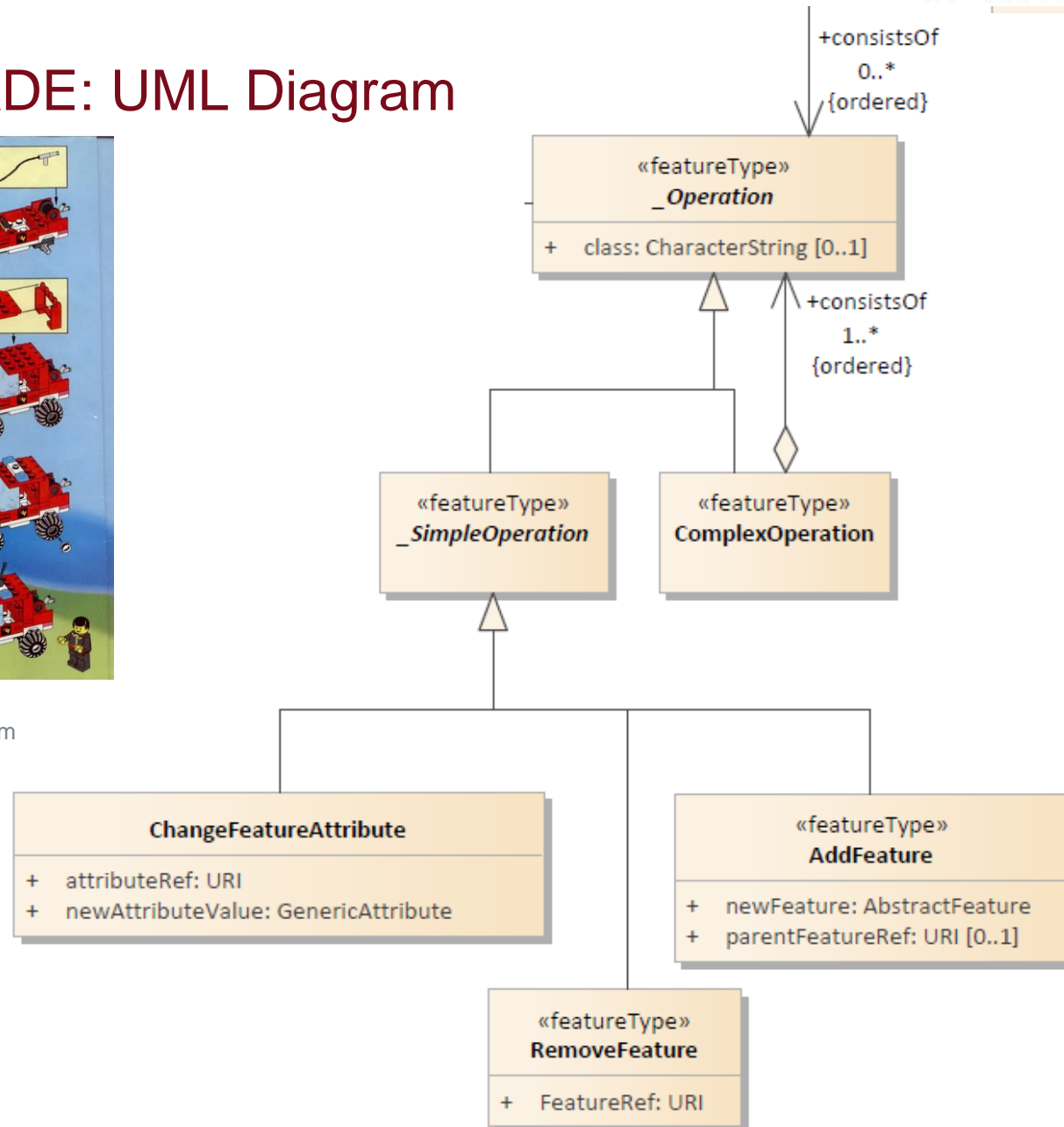
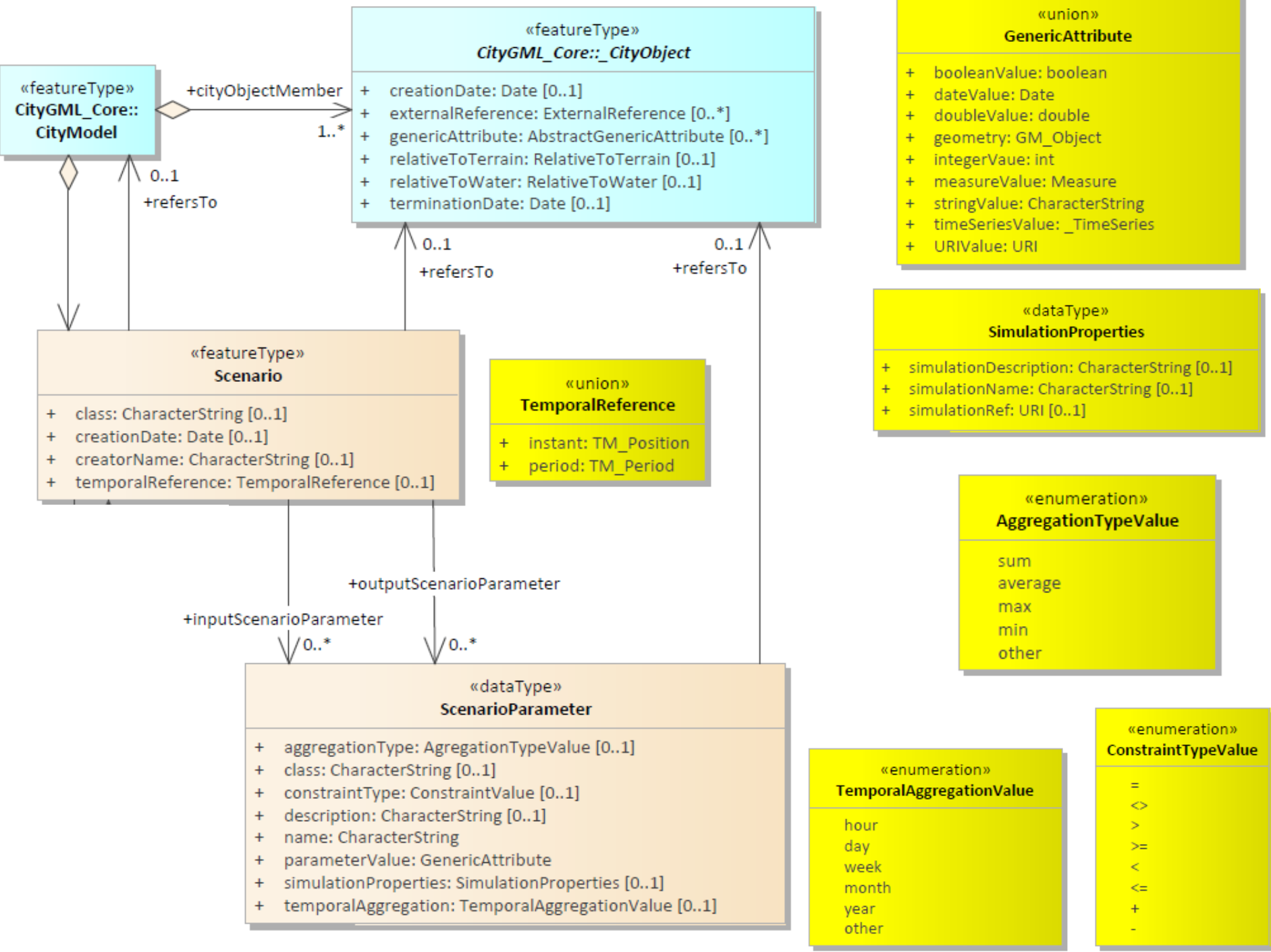
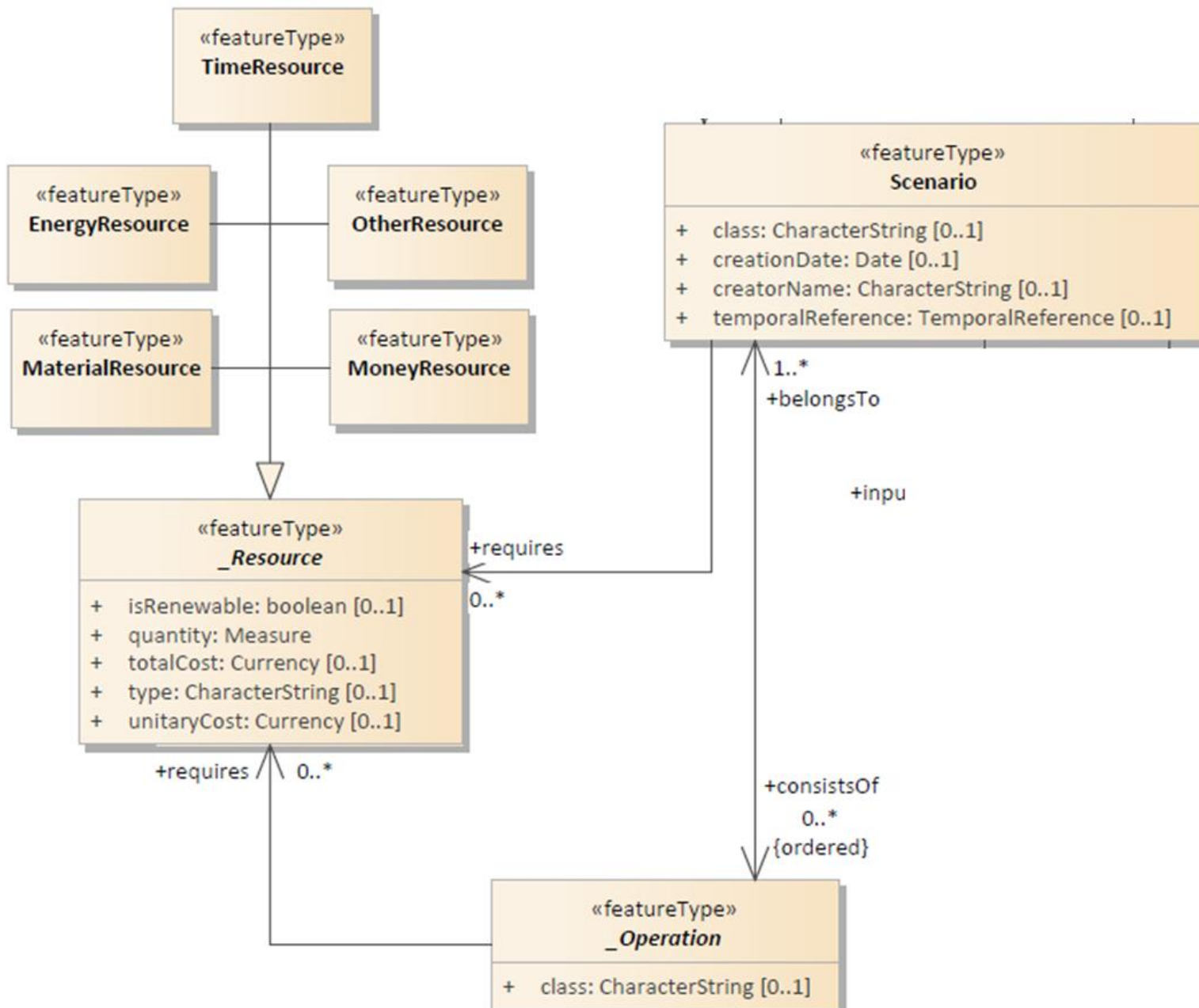
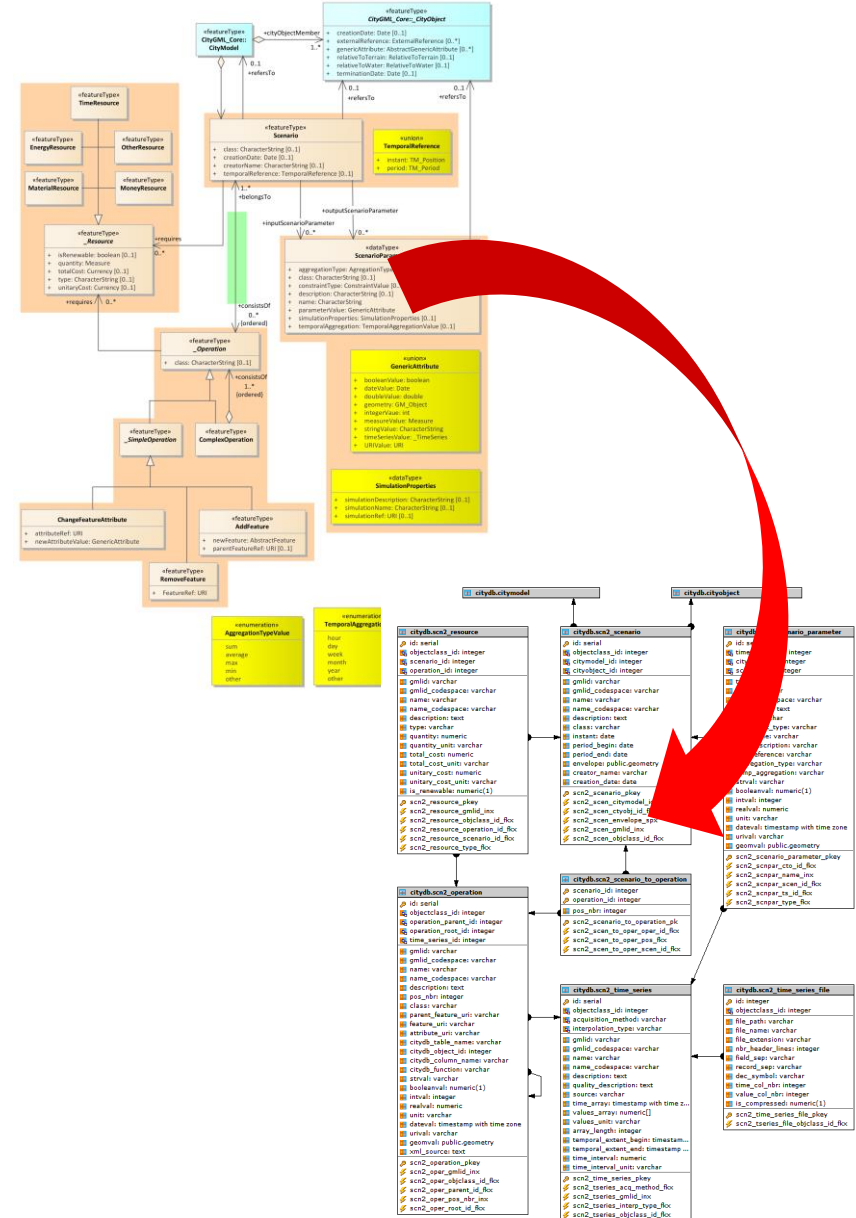


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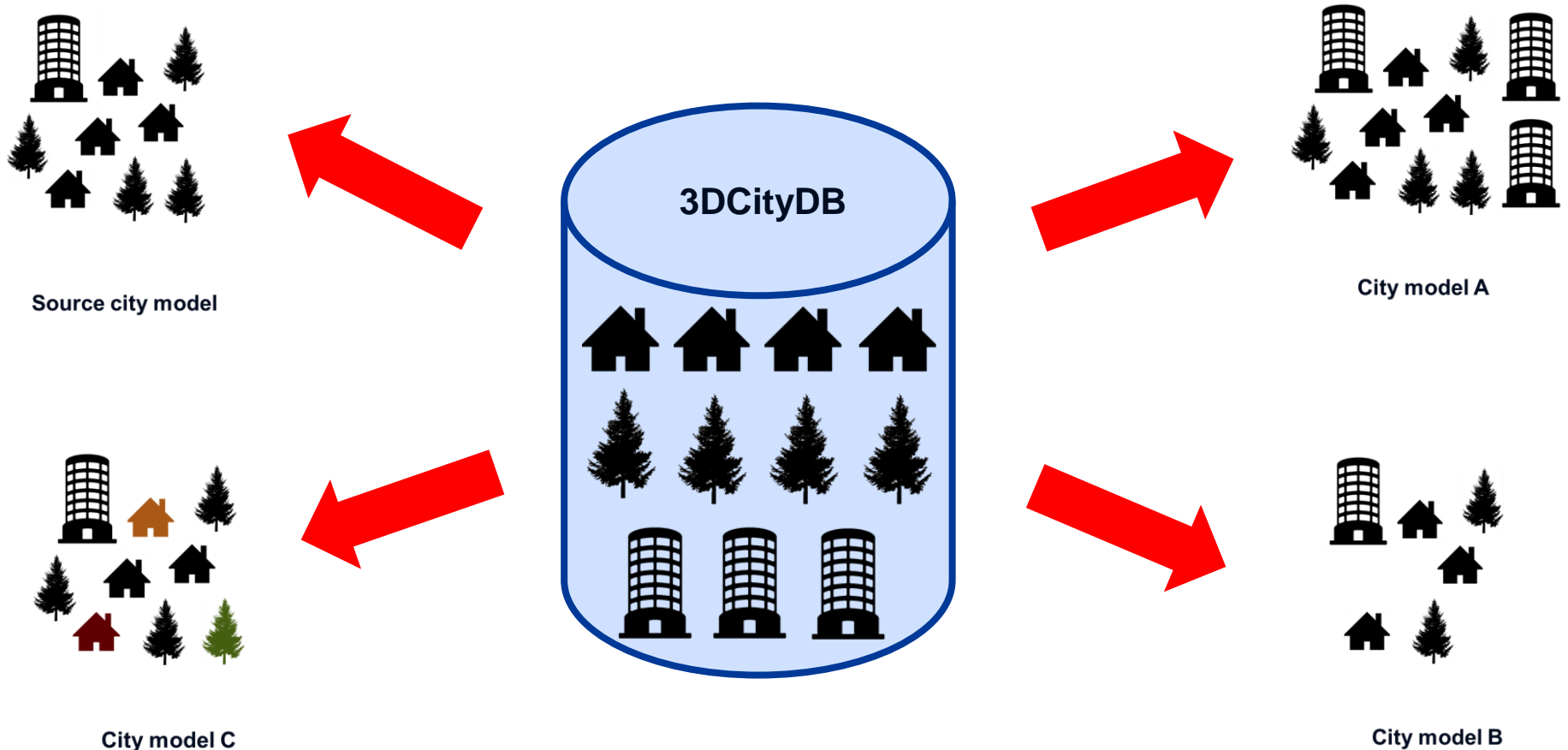






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- The **GOOD NEWS:**
  - The 3DCityDB already has tables allowing it
    - CITYMODEL table
    - CITYOBJECT\_MEMBER table
  - Currently unused (for a number of reasons) by the Importer/Exporter, but they can be used by interacting directly with the 3DCityDB
  
- **BUT:**
  - The Importer/Exporter tools does not support handling of multiple city models in the same database instance
  - Some workarounds are necessary to import and export (e.g. *"ab"using* a bit the concept of CityObjectGroup)



## Conclusions

- The current Scenario ADE (v. 0.2!!)
  - gives a (relatively simple and lightweight) answer to the general need of scenario management within virtual city models
  - Contributes to bridging the "city modelling" and "simulation" worlds
    - The link is the Scenario, not the CityModel itself
    - It allows for documentation of "how a city model was obtained"
  - It is compatible with the current CityGML 2.0
  - It exploits already existing objects of the 3DCityDB
    - Already implemented for the 3DCityDB
    - BUT some limitations in terms of Importer/Exporter
  - Already being used and tested within project IntegrCiTy
  - Is still work in progress: Nothing is set in stone!
    - Are you interested at deeper look?
    - Willing to use it? Willing to contribute?
    - Interested in finding resources to "push" the changes also to the Importer/Exporter?

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