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Toolkit in Open-Source for Critical Application & Systems Development

Using model transformation technologies to implement a state machine simulator

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Topcased model simulation keypoints

What is simulated ?

State machine defined behavioural specifications :

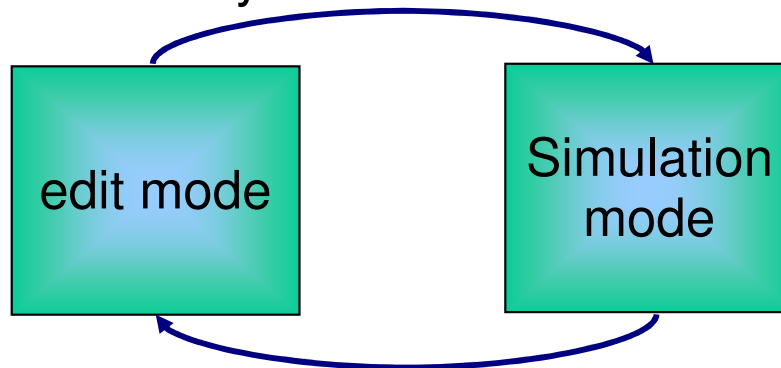
- UML StateMachine
- SAM Automaton
- potentially other DSM

GUI features

- same aspect as in edition mode
- added dynamic informations
- control console

Close to the model

simulation by "model-execution"



Control features

- INPUT:
 - interactive Mode
 - scenario in input
- OUTPUT:
 - model trace
 - scenario



Expected benefits of the simulation

- Enable model debugging
 - ▶ Early error detection (bad connection or trigger, wrong OCL expression)
- Help designer and architect:
 - ▶ Enable them to check interactively semantic of the model
- Dynamic graphical demonstrator
 - ▶ For presentation purpose, visualization capabilities
- For verification at the specification/design stage
 - ▶ Verification of the model against its specification (with scenarii form the use-cases)
 - ▶ Non-regression scenarii (by replaying reference scenarii)



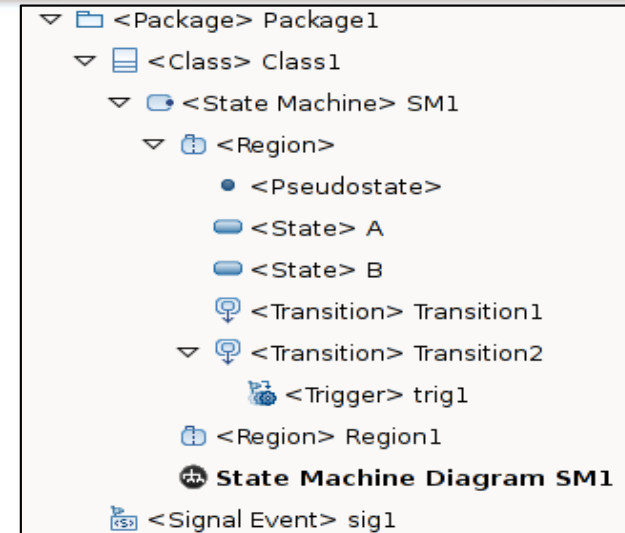
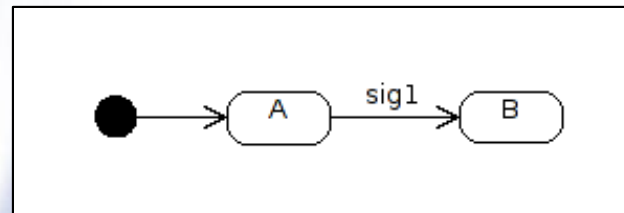
Design of the tools

- Main principles
 - ▶ Reuse of the model editor
 - Preserve initial disposition
 - ▶ Genericity
 - Topcased simulation targetq UML/SysML and DSM
 - Generic components
 - Specific components
 - ▶ "Full model" approach
 - Model execution
 - Dynamic model / metamodel
 - Scenario model / metamodel
 - M2M transformations



The Dynamic Model & the Dynamic Metamodel

- The Static definition of a StateMachine and its associated model



- Dynamic "informations" to add for a dynamic execution
 - current state
 - fireables transitions



•the current state is "A"
•"sig1" is the only fireable transition

•the current state is "B"
•there is no fireable transition

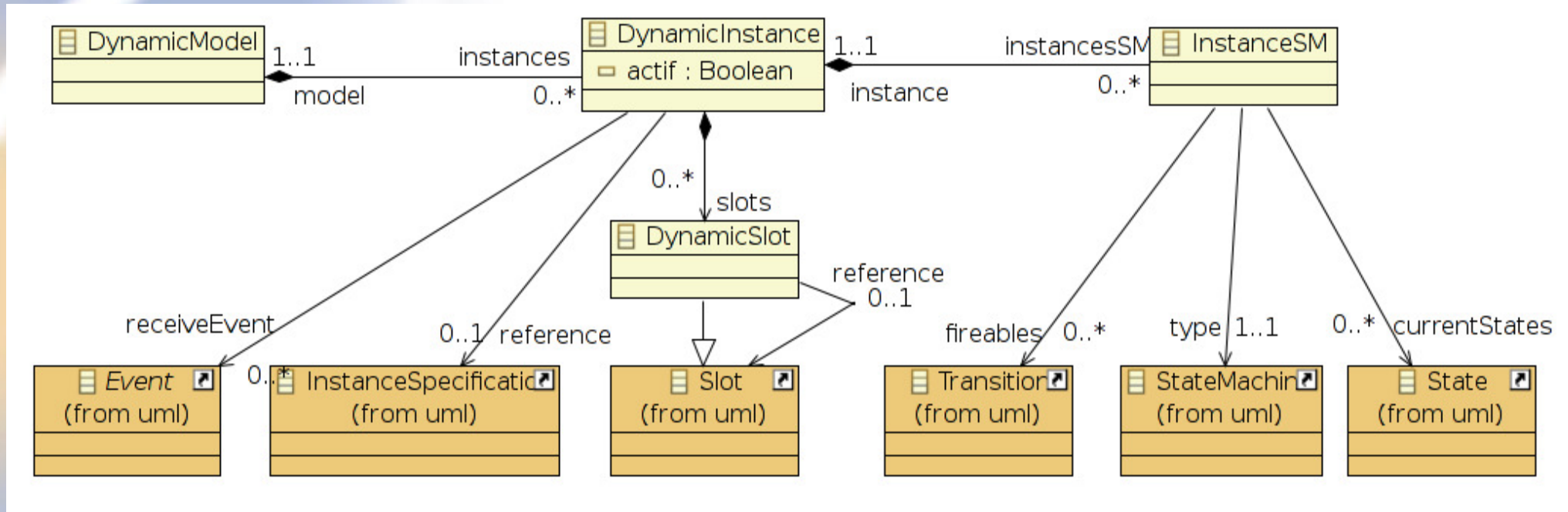


The Dynamic Model & Dynamic Metamodel

- The dynamic informations
 - ▶ current state
 - ▶ fireables transitions
- How to process them ?
 - ▶ in case of code generation : the state of the generated program
 - not our case
 - ▶ or in java variables of the tool
 - desynchronized with the spec. model
 - ▶ in a model
 - that refers the spec. model
 - to allow M2M techniques

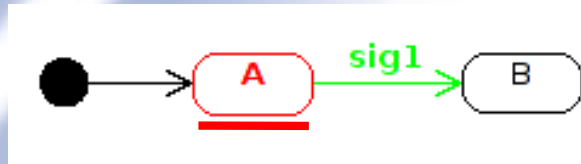


The UML Dynamic Metamodel

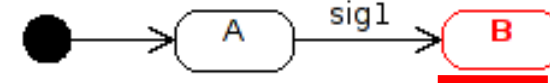




The dynamic model in action



sig1 →



- the current state is "A"
- "sig1" is the only fireable transition

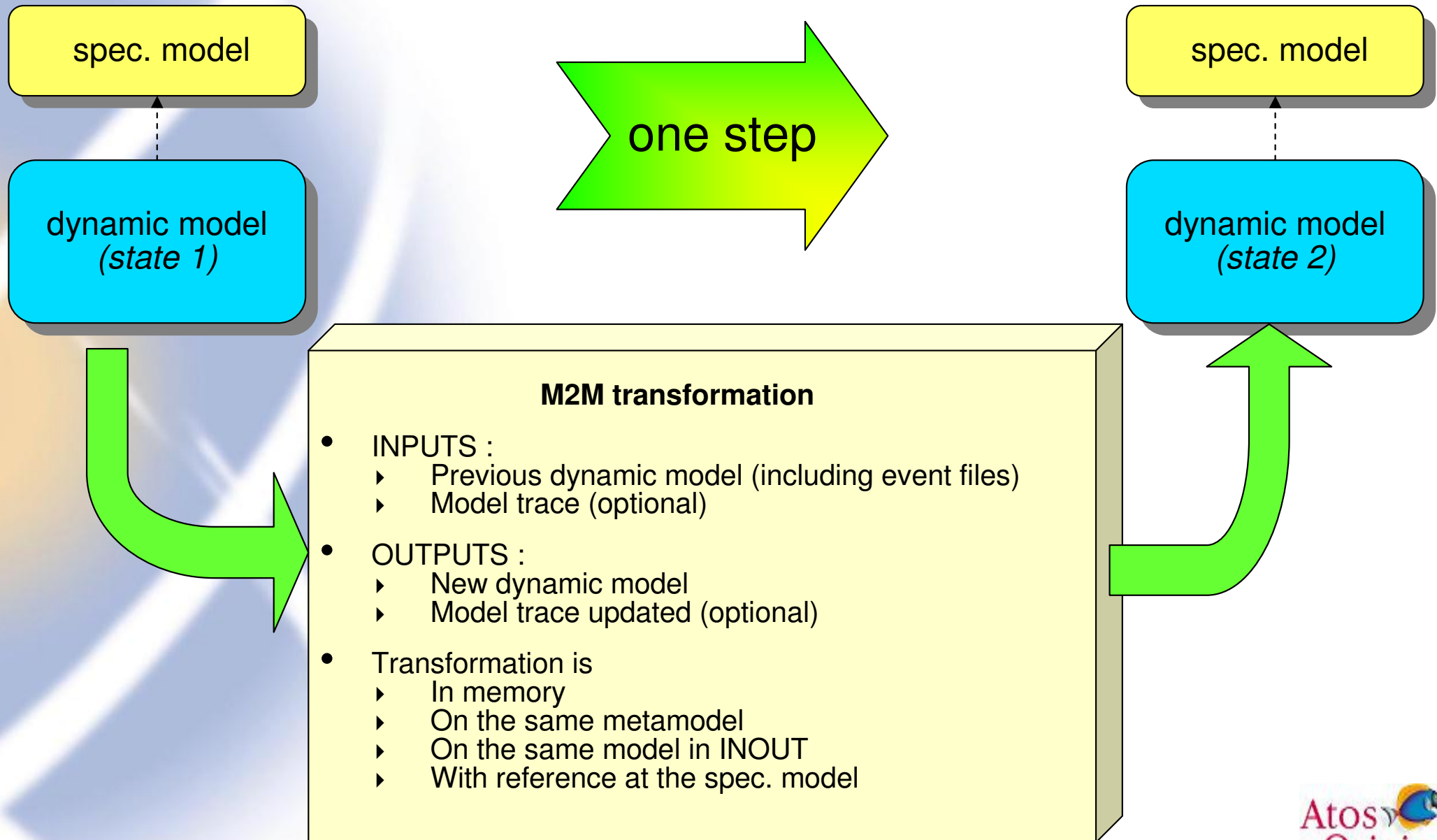
- the current state is "B"
- there is no fireable transition

```
Dynamic Model
└─ Dynamic Instance true
    └─ Instance SM
        Current States <State> A
        Fireables <Transition> Transition?
        Type <State Machine> SM1
```

```
Dynamic Model
└─ Dynamic Instance true
    └─ Instance SM
        Current States <State> B
        Fireables
        Type <State Machine> SM1
```



Using M2M transformations





Example of a smartQVT implementation

```
--mapping on InstanceSM : actualisation of
currentStates and deduction of fireables
transitions
mapping inout
umldynamic::InstanceSM::InstanceSM2InstanceS
M(in pInjectSimEvent:InjectSimEvent) {

var IEvent := pInjectSimEvent.event;

var IFutureTransition :Sequence(Transition)
:=currentState->collect(c | c.outgoing);

IFutureTransition:= IFutureTransition
->select(t | (self->collect(i |
i.instance))->possibleTransitionGuard(t)
->first());

var InewcurrentState : Sequence(State)
:=( IFutureTransition
->select(t | t.trigger->exists(tri|
tri.event.name=IEvent.name)))
->collect(t2 | t2.target)[State];
.../...
```

```
--oldCurrentState : olds currents states
var oldCurrentState : Set(State) :=
currentState
->select(s | s.outgoing
->exists(t | InewcurrentState
->exists(ns | ns = t.target)))[State];
.../...

InewcurrentState += currentState->select(s |
not(oldCurrentState.include(s)));

--affect the news currents states and calculate the
fireables of them
currentStates := InewcurrentState;

fireables := currentStates->collect(s |
s.outgoing);

fireables +=((currentStates->collect(s1 |
s1.container))->collect(r | r.state))
->collect(s2 | s2.outgoing);
}
```



Conclusion

- Technical
 - ▶ Effective and fast integration with other components
 - ▶ QVT is a high level language, with easier maintenance
 - ▶ Performances are the same as Java
- Methodology
 - ▶ Good separation with other modules
 - ▶ But QVT spec. should be reread for semantic definitions
 - ▶ M2M best solution for tools dealing with models



Links

- UML
<http://www.uml.org/>
- SysML
<http://www.omg.sysml.org/>
- smartQVT
<http://smartqvt.elibel.tm.fr/>
- Topcased
<http://www.topcased.org/>
- Topcased Simulation Project
<http://gforge.enseeiht.fr/projects/topcased-ms/>



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