



(SysML 2/SST) Semantics with a Little Math

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- Modeling Languages

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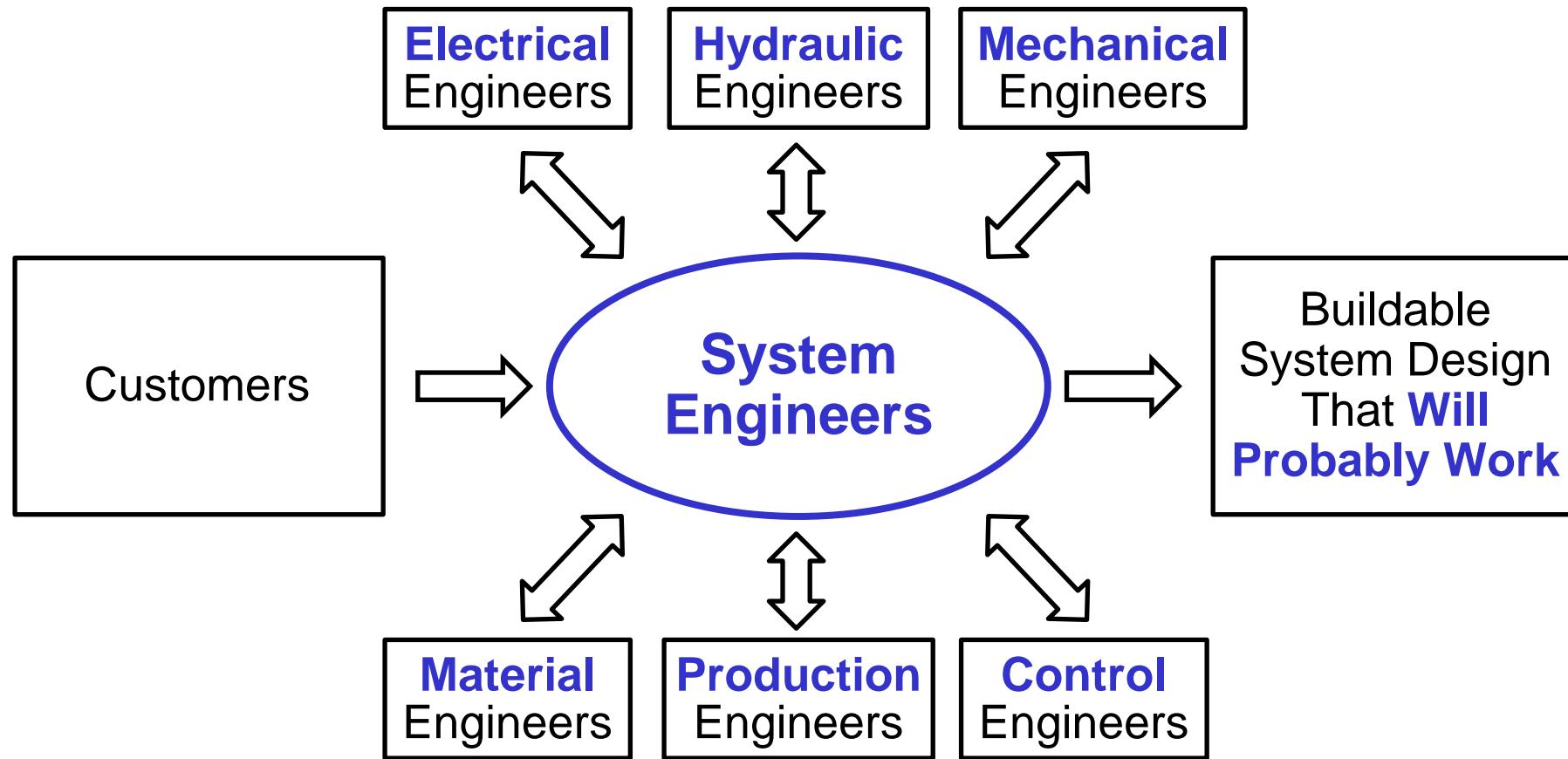
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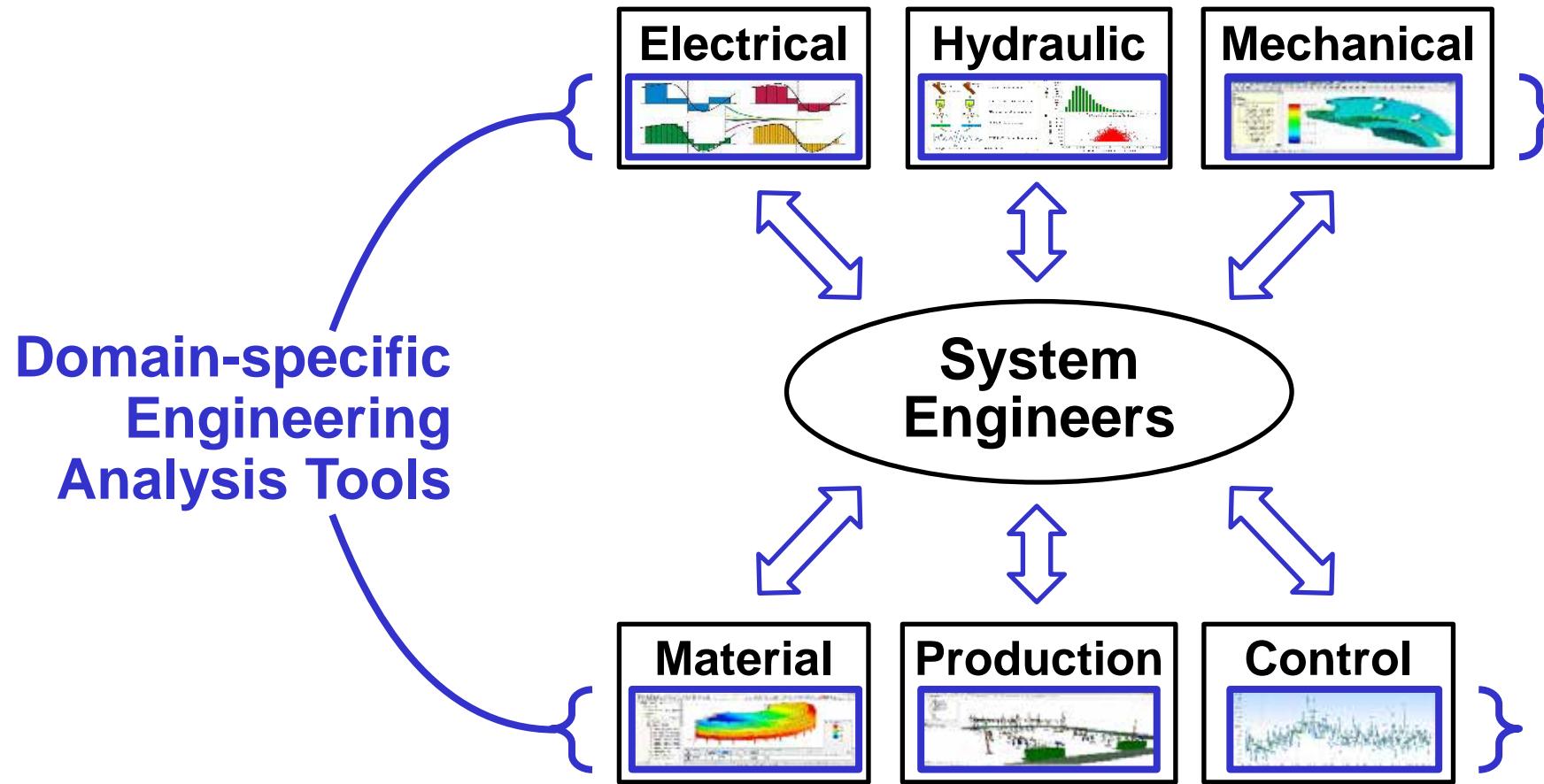
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System Engineers



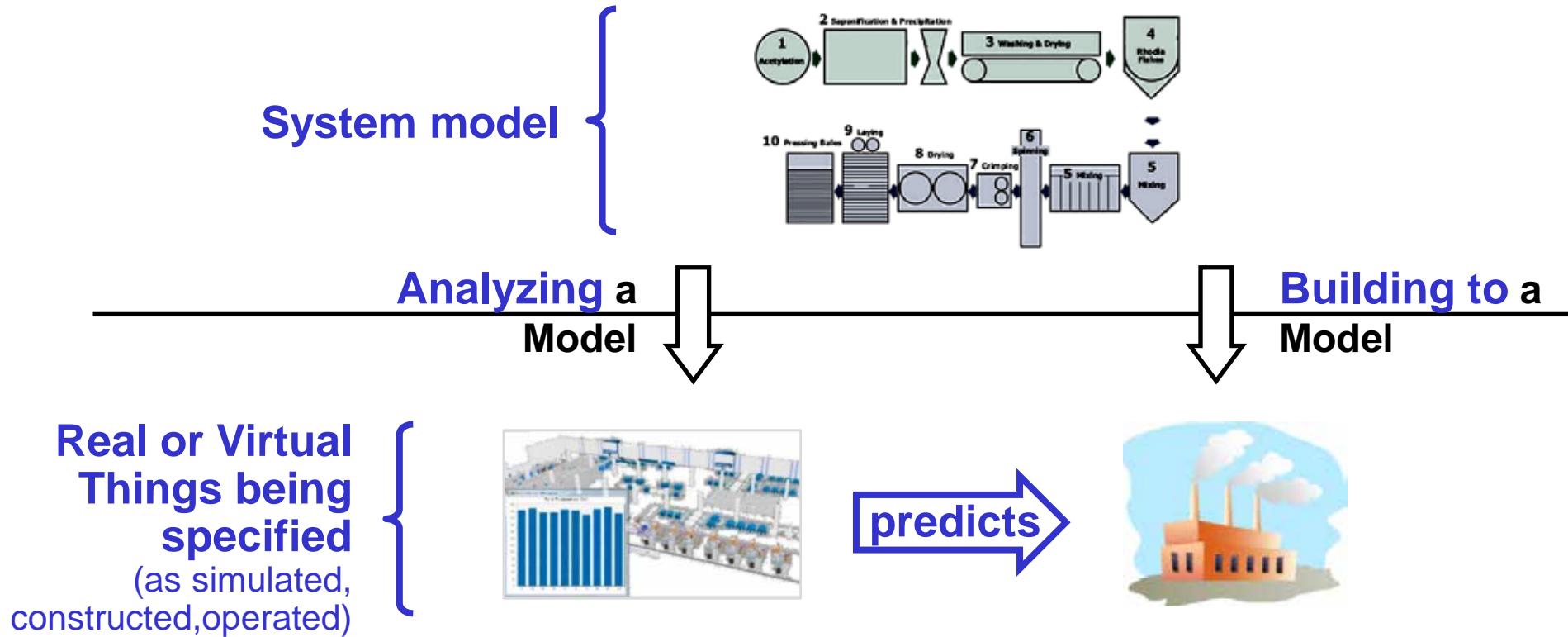
§ System engineers coordinate with **all the other** engineers
– To produce a manufacturable design that **will probably work**⁴

Getting to “Will Probably Work”



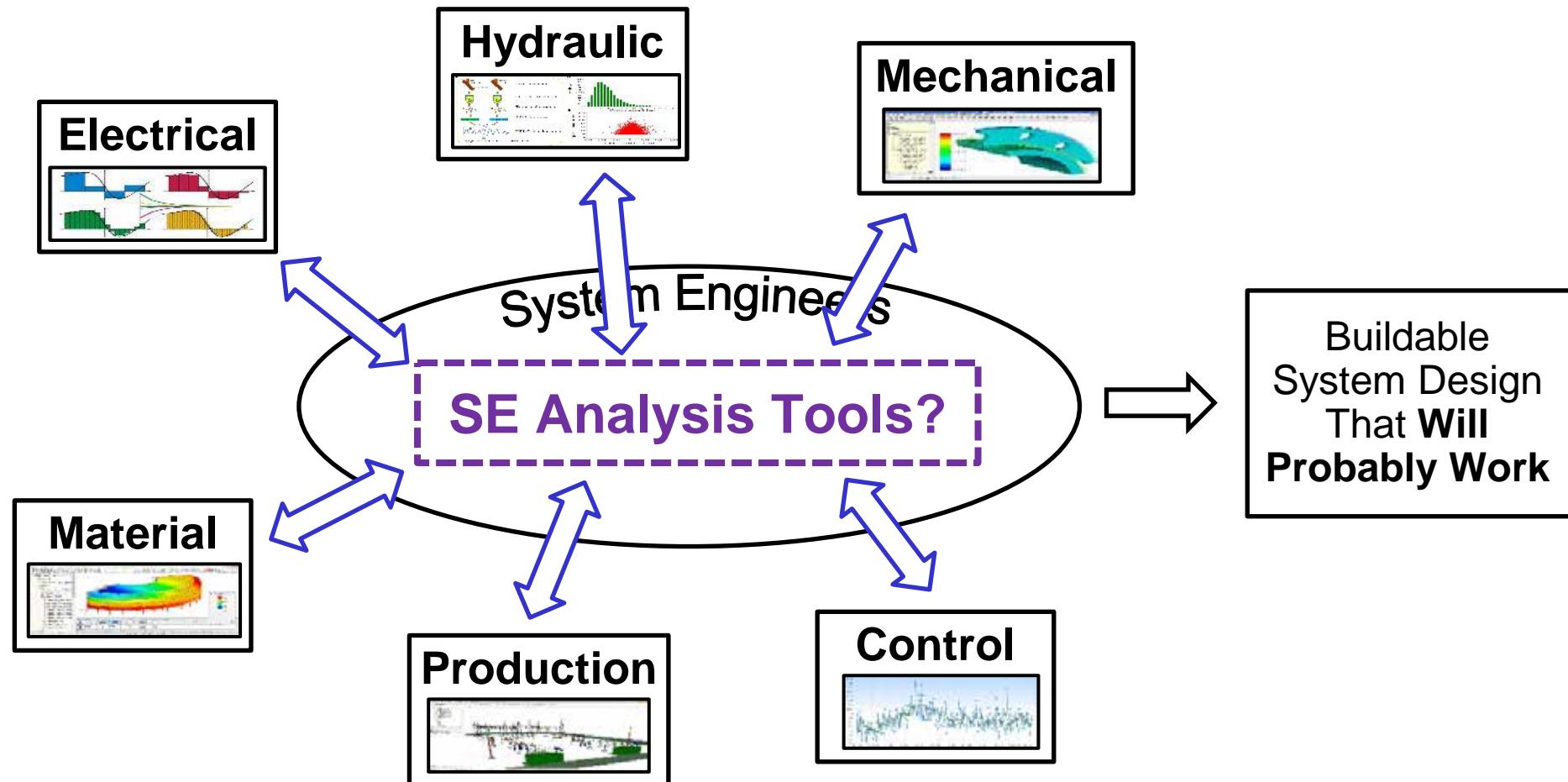
§ Domain engineers have mathematical tools for predicting how systems will behave.

Engineering Analysis



§ Analyzers “imitate in advance” how real systems will be constructed, operated, and behave.

SE and Engineering Analysis?



§ SEs need **their own analysis tools** to compare predicted behavior with domain engineers.

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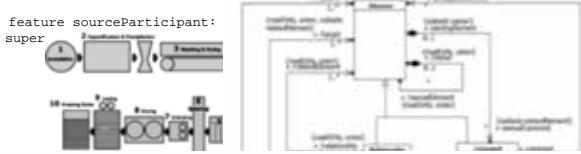
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Modeling

Language Developers (using example models)

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assoc BinaryLink specializes Link {  
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    end feature source: Anything  
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}
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What are they imagining
for system operation?

Modeling

Analysis

Language Developers

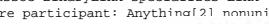
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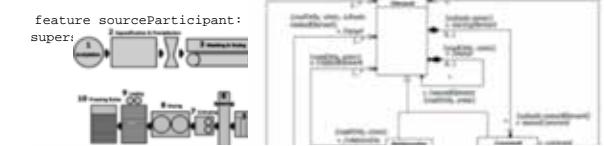


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Analysis Tool Builders

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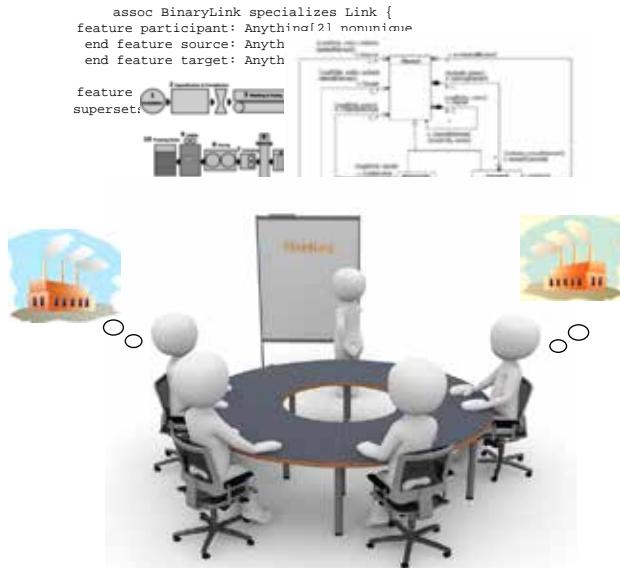
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Modeling

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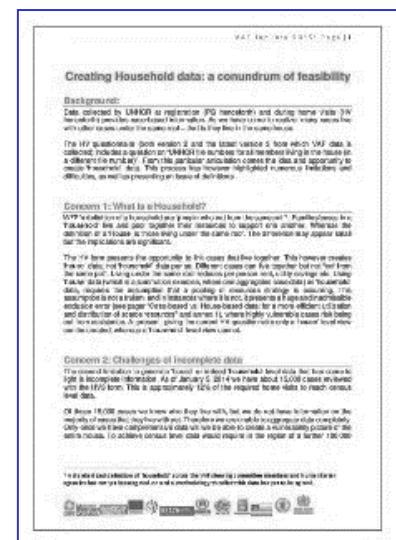
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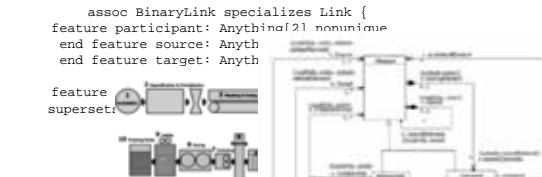


What is imagined for system operation?

Don't know each other
← Communicate only through a standards spec →

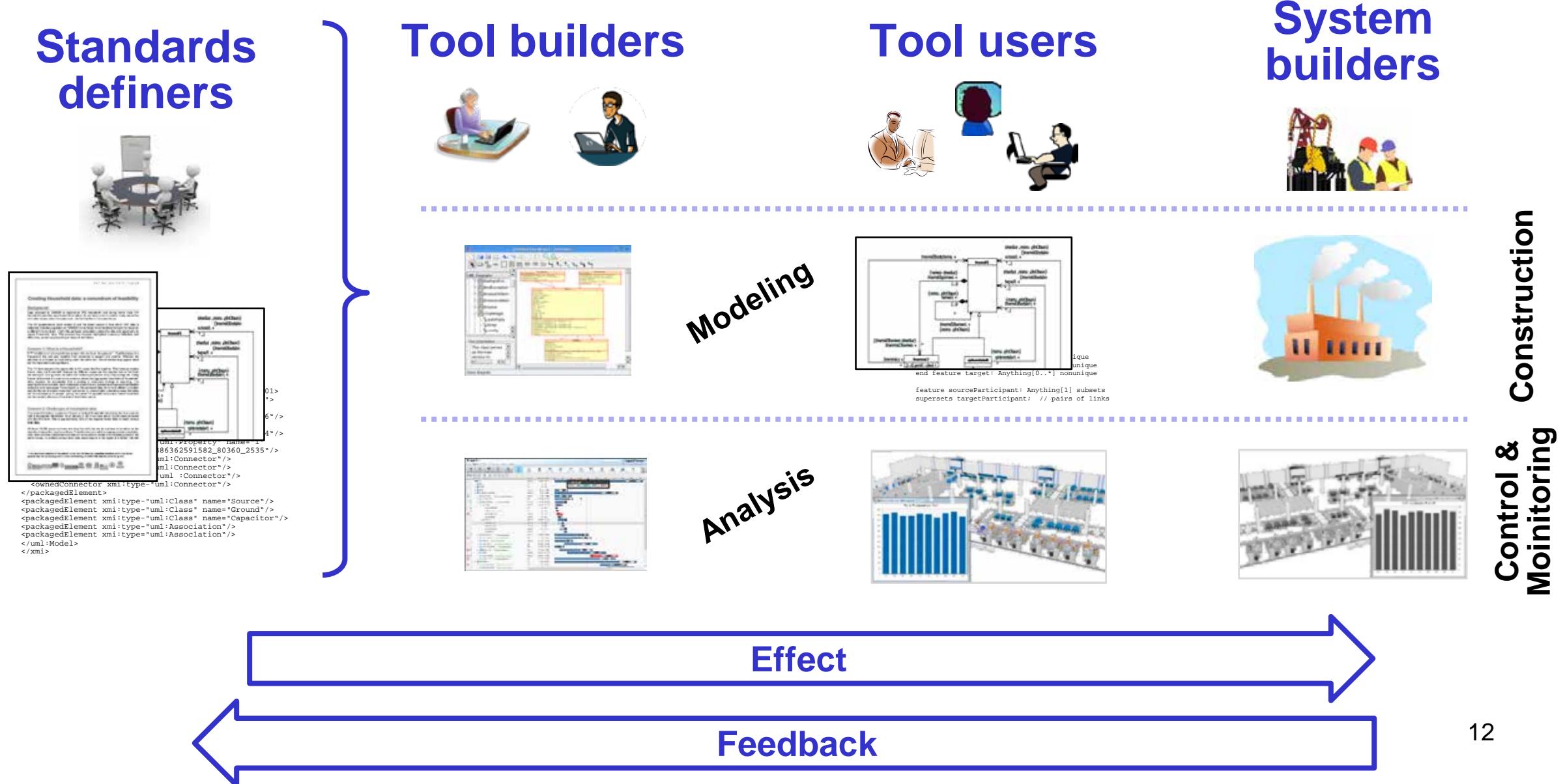


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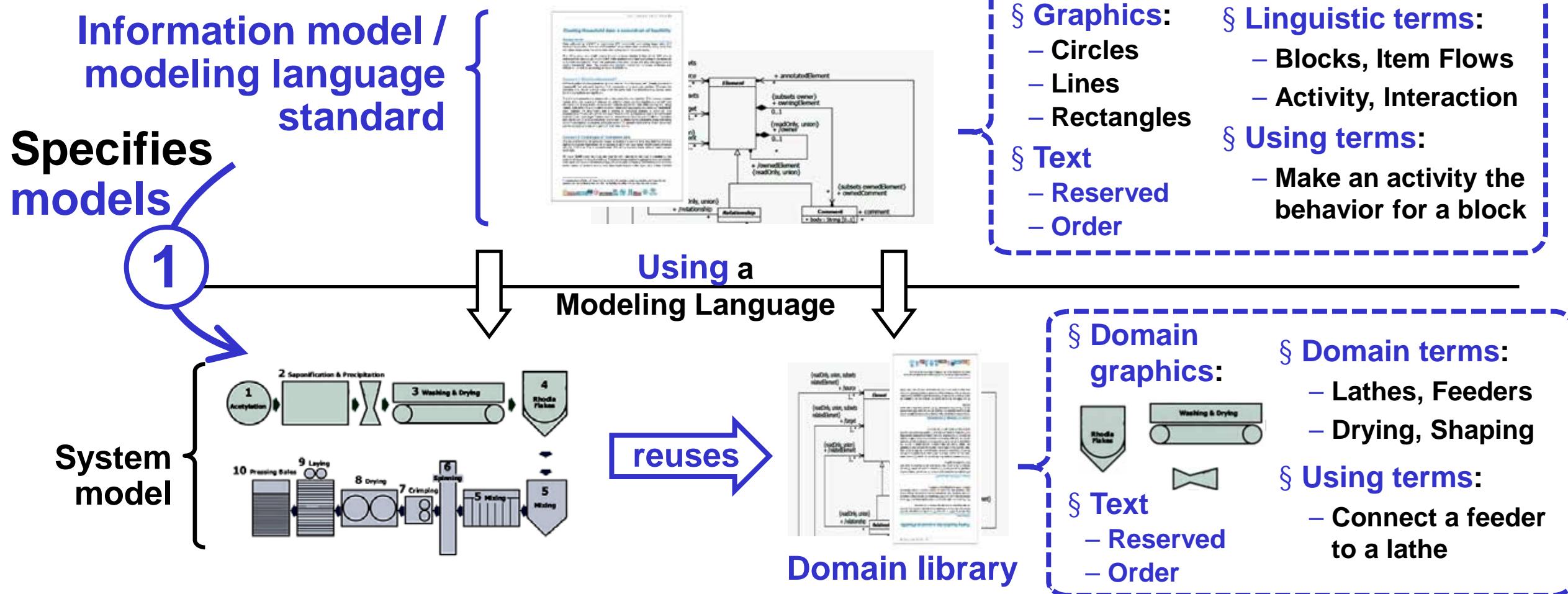


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Modeling Language Lifecycle



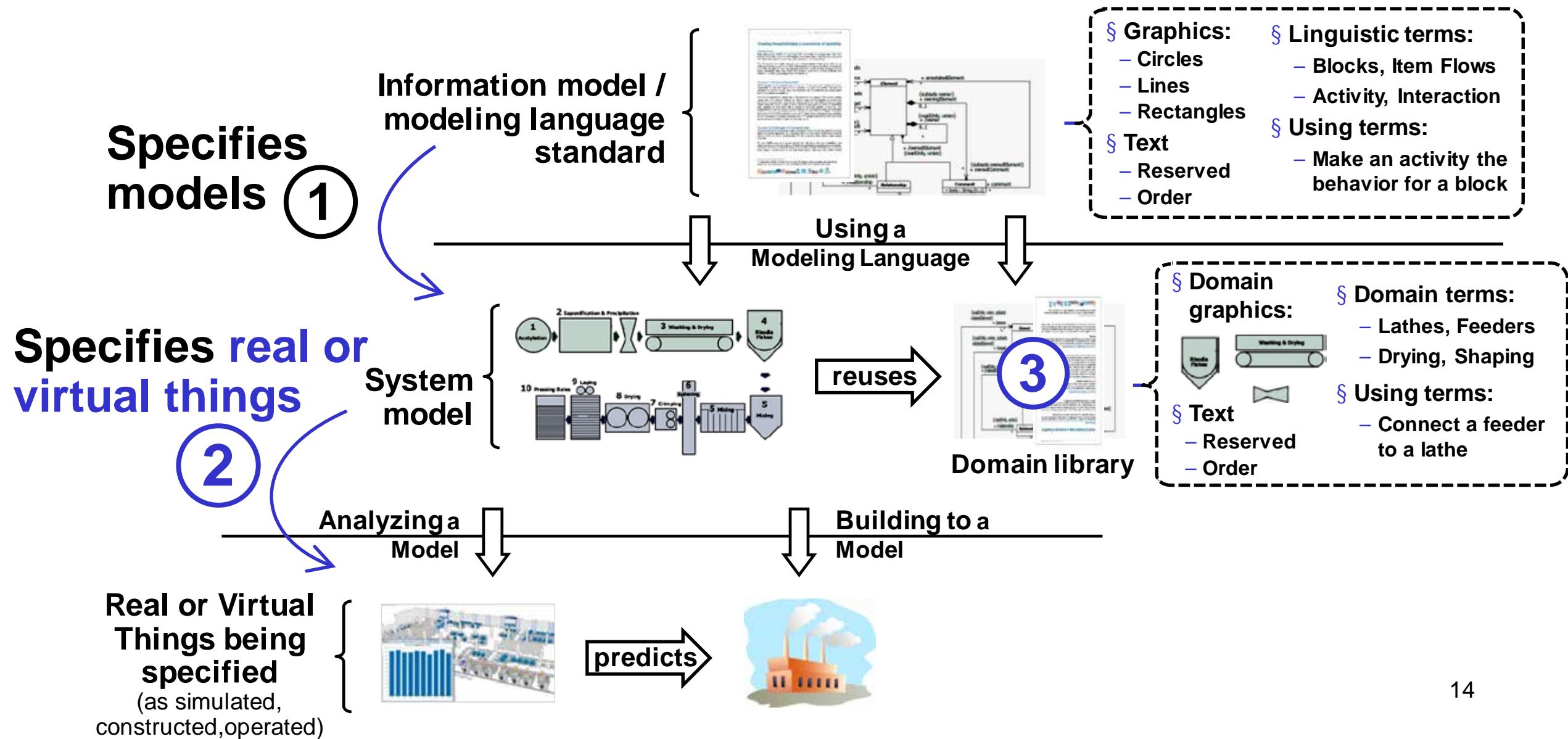
Modeling Languages, Part 1



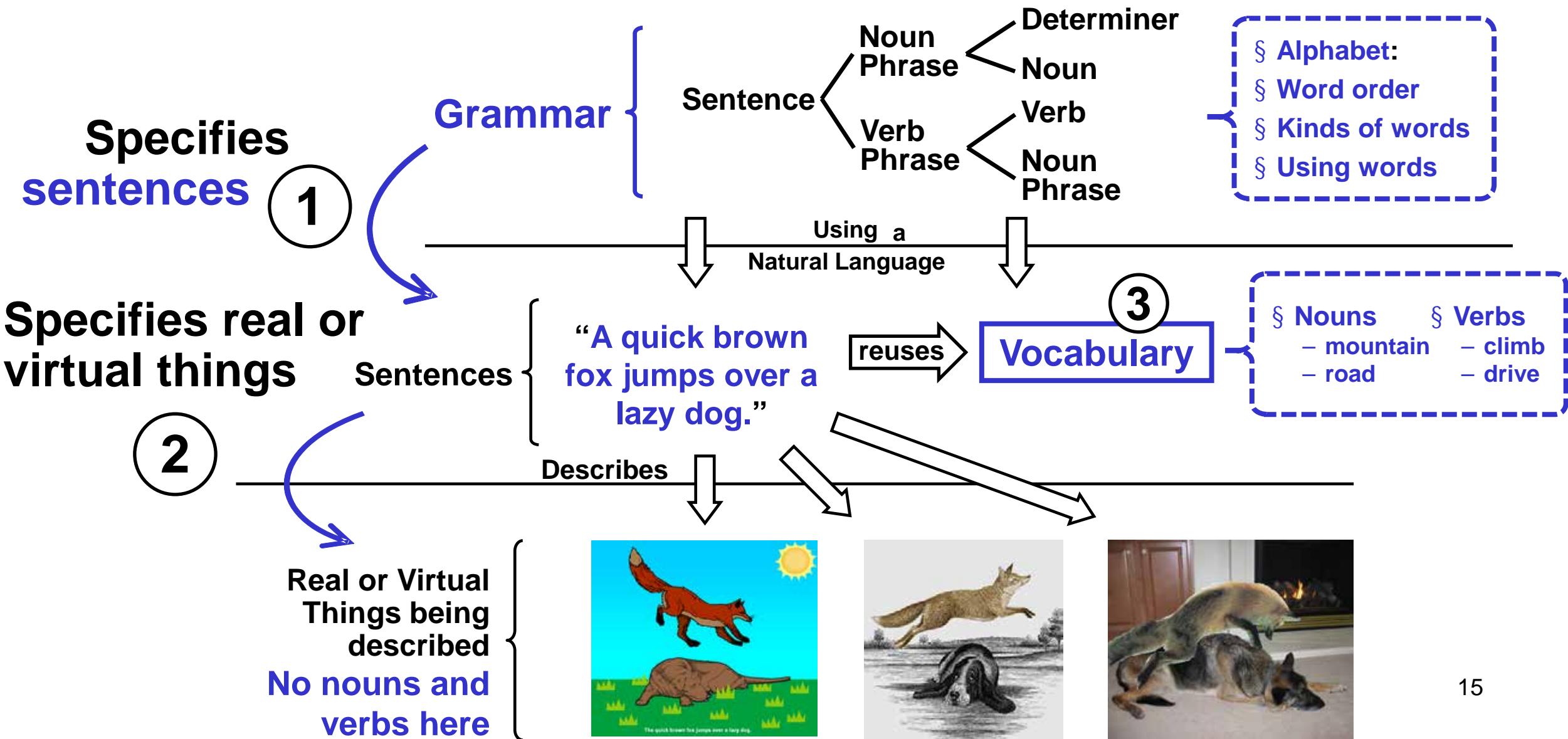
§ Modeling tools follow a language standard

- Often using (standard) model **libraries**

Modeling Languages, Parts 2 & 3



Example: Natural Language

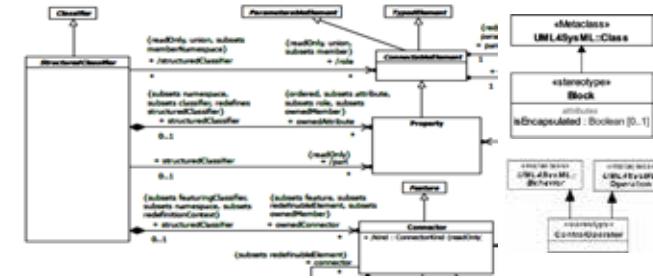


Example: SysML/UML

UML Metamodel
/ SysML stereotypes

Specifies
SysML
models

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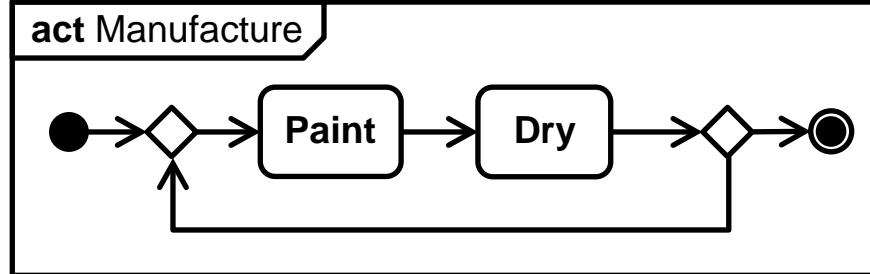


§ Blocks
§ Activities
§ Actions
§ Control Flow

Specifies real
or virtual
things

2

System
Model

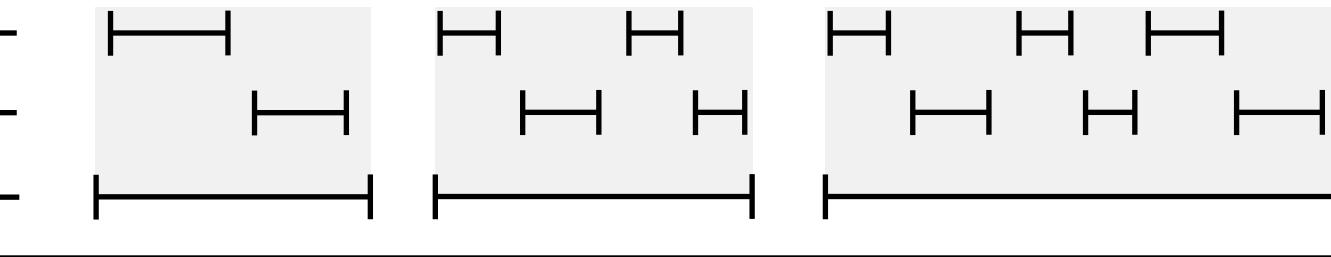


reuses

3
§ Behaviors
- Paint
- Dry
Domain library

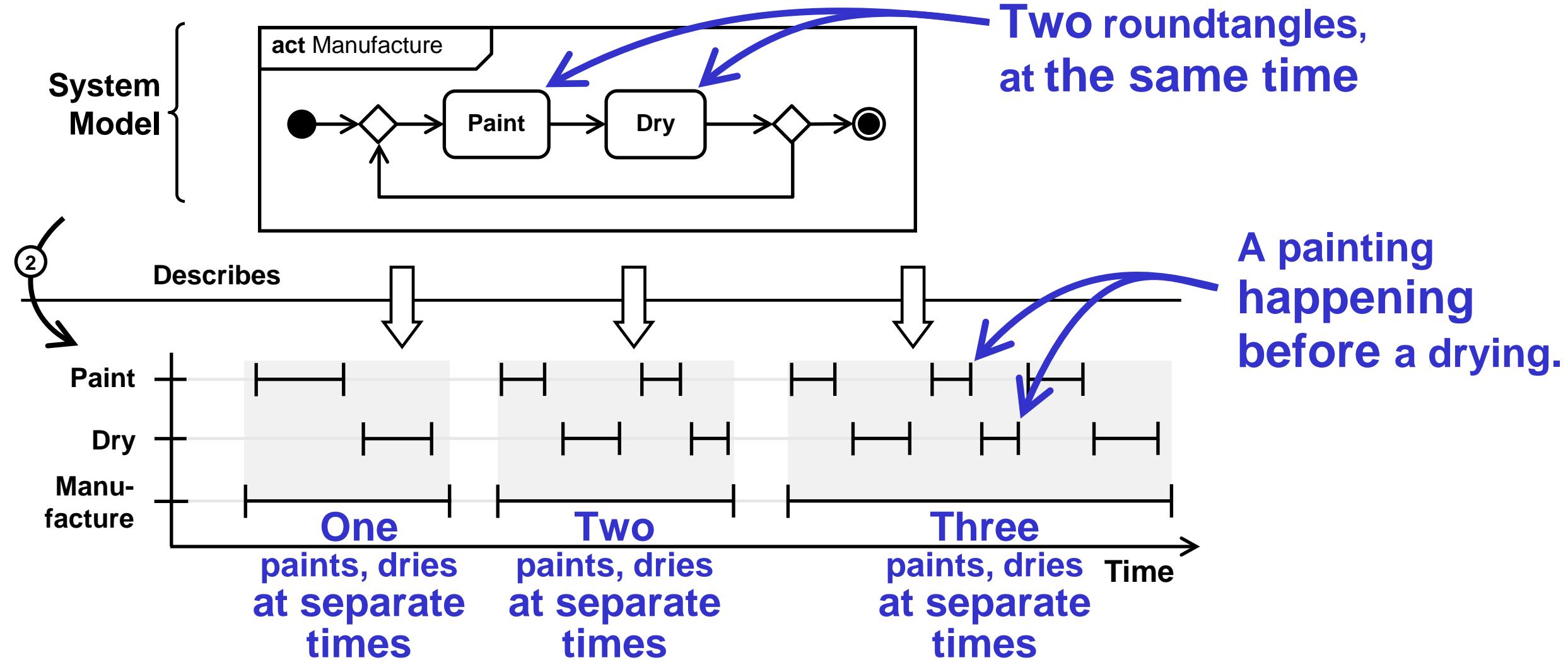
Real or Virtual
Things being
described
No blocks and
flows here

Paint
Dry
Manufacture



Time¹⁶

Models ≠ Things Being Modeled



§ Models are not in time (compare to model versioning)

No Blocks on the Tarmac

Where are
the **blocks**?
Item flows?

OMGer



Pilot

The “L” Word

- § “Language”
- § Usually interpreted as = vocabulary
 - Spoken/written words, eg, “plane”, “bonjour”, etc.
- § In software/OMG circles = reserved words
 - Words defined in standard, eg, “block”, “if then”, etc.
 - Reserved = can only be used as specified.
 - Not vocabulary in the usual sense.
- § Formal language theory
 - Coming up!

A Map is not the Territory



Contour lines
(constant elevation)

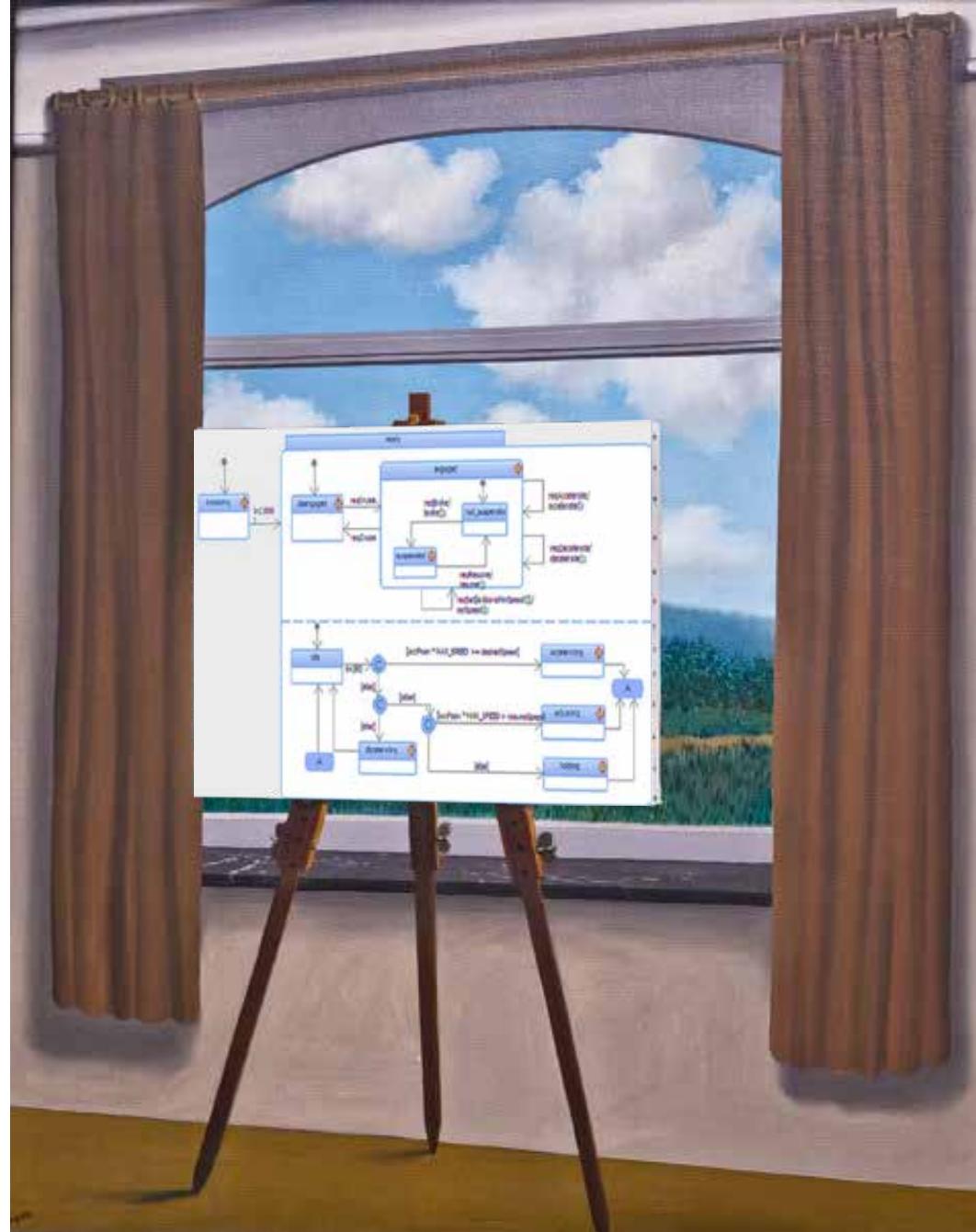


No contour lines

Magritte



Magritte at OMG



If You Don't Get This ...

- § ... it's OK!
- § Only a small number of computer folks do
 - They write compilers for programming languages
- § It's capital equipment
 - For producing useful analysis software
- § But the rest of this presentation might be confusing
 - and it might not be clear why systems engineering languages can't succeed without it, because ...
 - ... SEs won't be able to interact with domain-specific engineers, who all use analysis tools.

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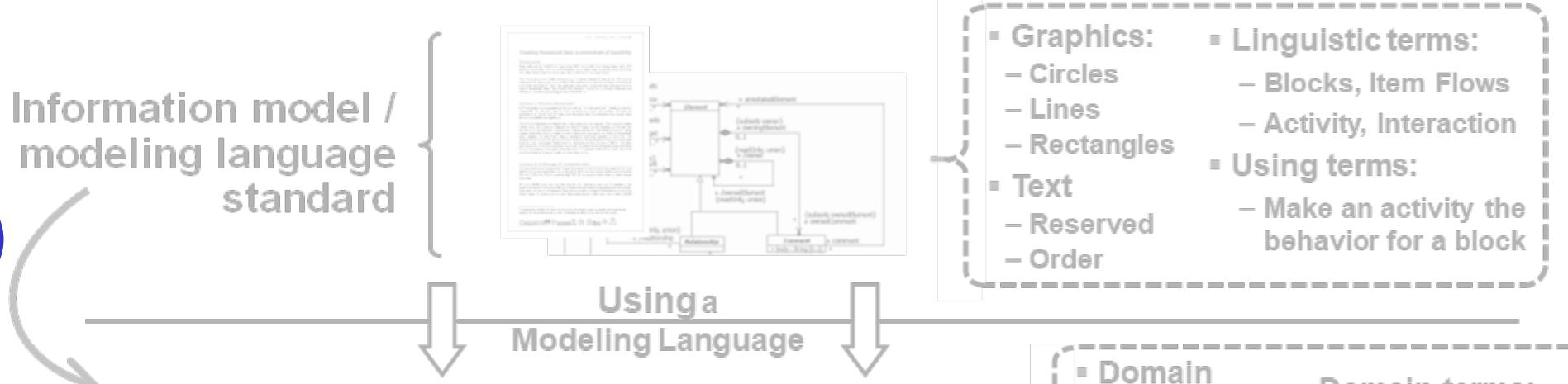
Technical Terms for Parts 1 & 2

Syntax
specifies
models

1

Semantics
specifies real
or virtual
things

2



Real or Virtual
Things being
specified
(as simulated,
constructed,operated)



predicts



Graphics:
– Circles
– Lines
– Rectangles
Text
– Reserved
– Order

Linguistic terms:
– Blocks, Item Flows
– Activity, Interaction

Using terms:
– Make an activity the behavior for a block

Domain graphics:
– Lathes, Feeders
– Drying, Shaping

Text
– Reserved
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Domain terms:
– Lathes, Feeders
– Drying, Shaping

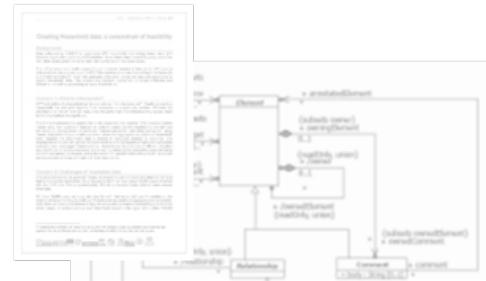
Using terms:
– Connect a feeder to a lathe

Inverse Terms for Parts 1 & 2

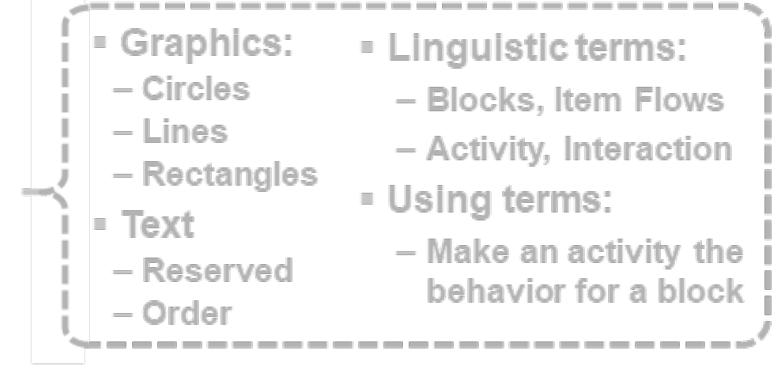
Models conform to syntax (or not)

1

Information model / modeling language standard



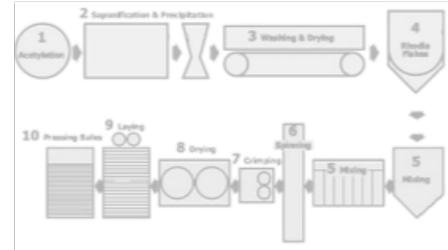
Using a Modeling Language



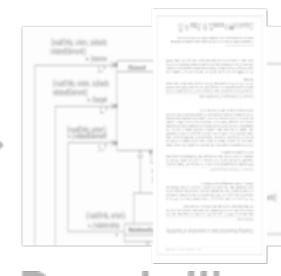
Real or virtual things conform to semantics (or not)

2

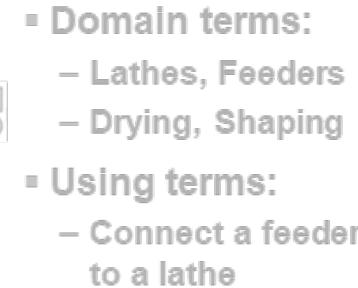
System model



reuses



Domain library



Real or Virtual Things being specified (as simulated, constructed, operated)



predicts

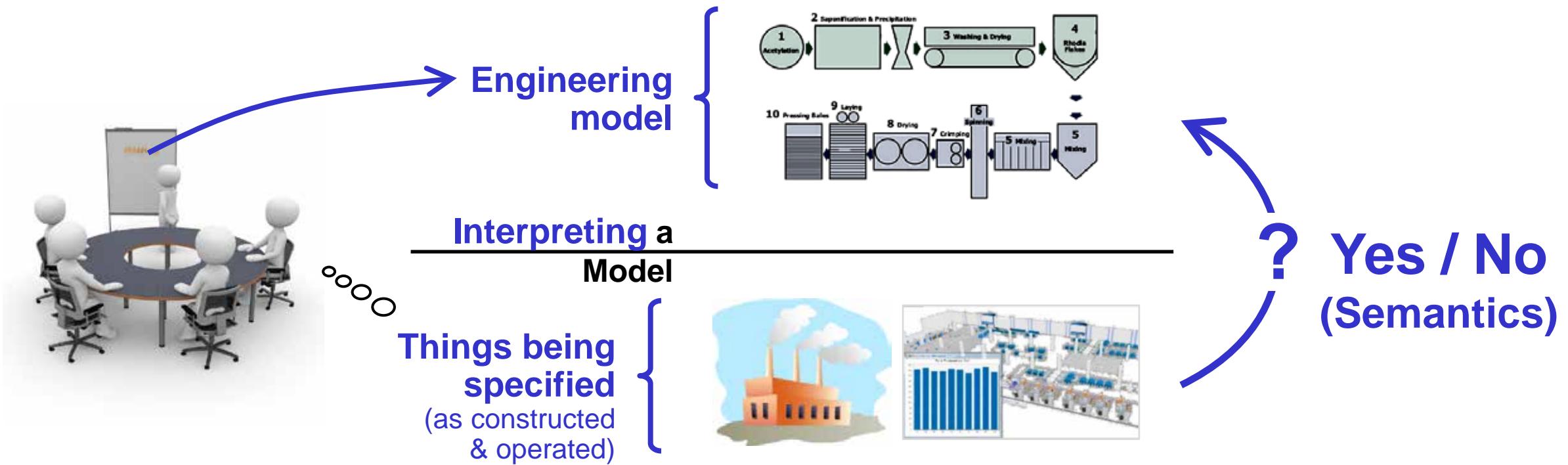


§ Conformance is a yes/no question.

The (second) “S” Word

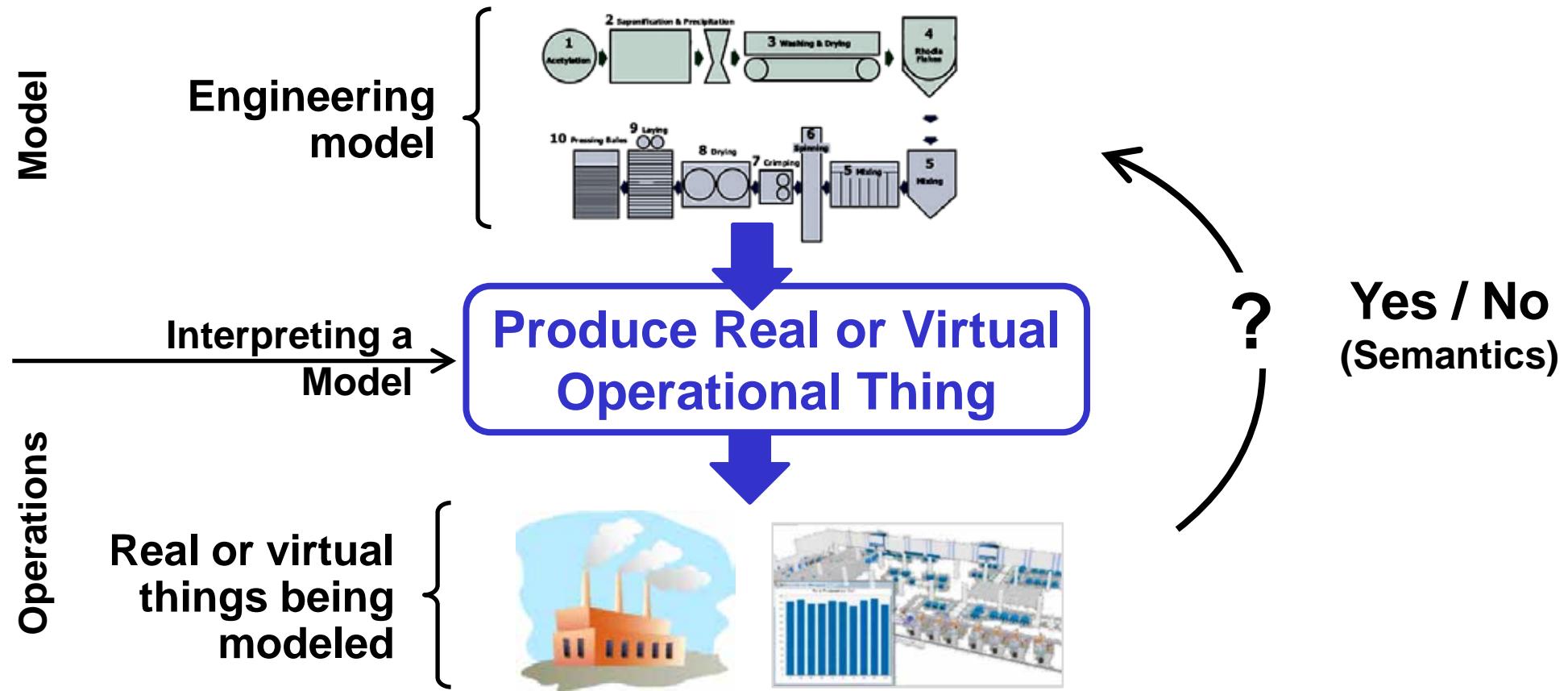
- § One meaning used here: how to tell when ...
 - § a real or virtual thing (as constructed and operated) ...
 - § “follows” (conforms to) a model ...
 - § ... written in a particular language.
- § “How to tell” =
 - procedure resulting in true or false when applied to real or virtual thing/operation.
 - Based on conditions that must be met by operated thing.
- § Compare to
 - Application vocabulary (lathes, drills, etc).
 - Model development methods (requirements, designs).

Checking Semantics



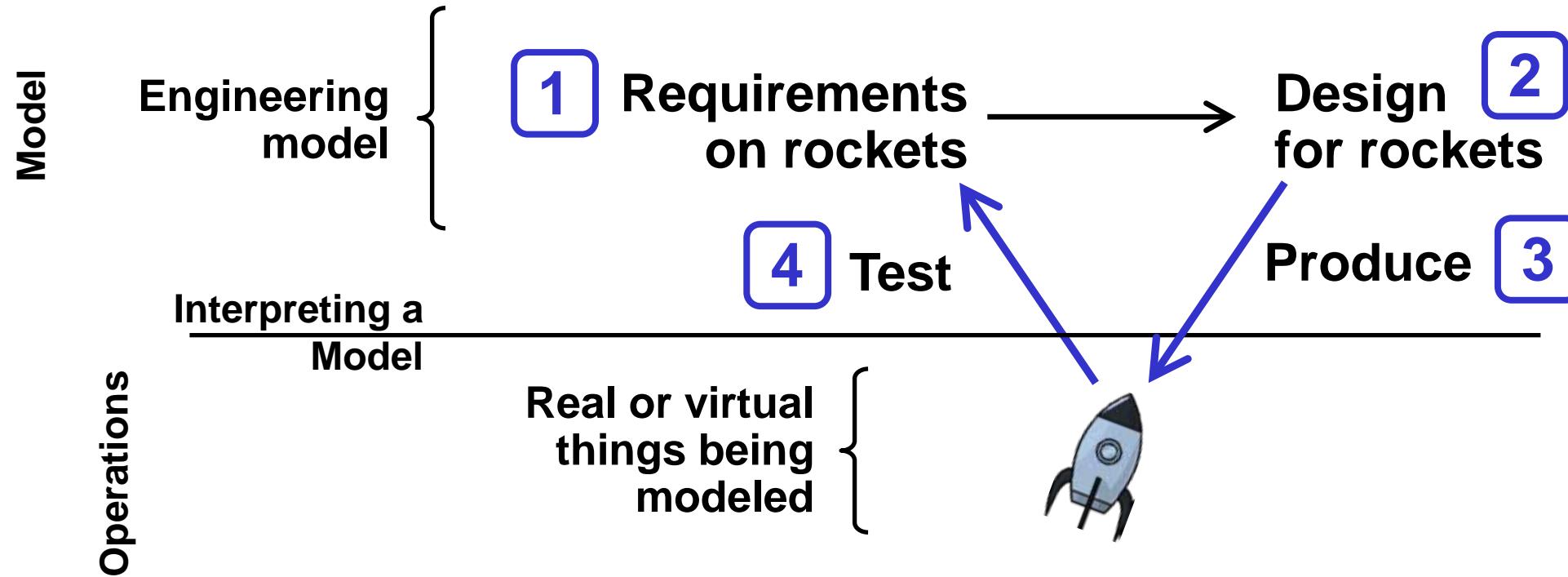
- § How do we know whether real or virtual things built & operated to a model **follow the model?**
- § = **Semantics** (a boolean check)

Producing Real/Virtual Things from Models



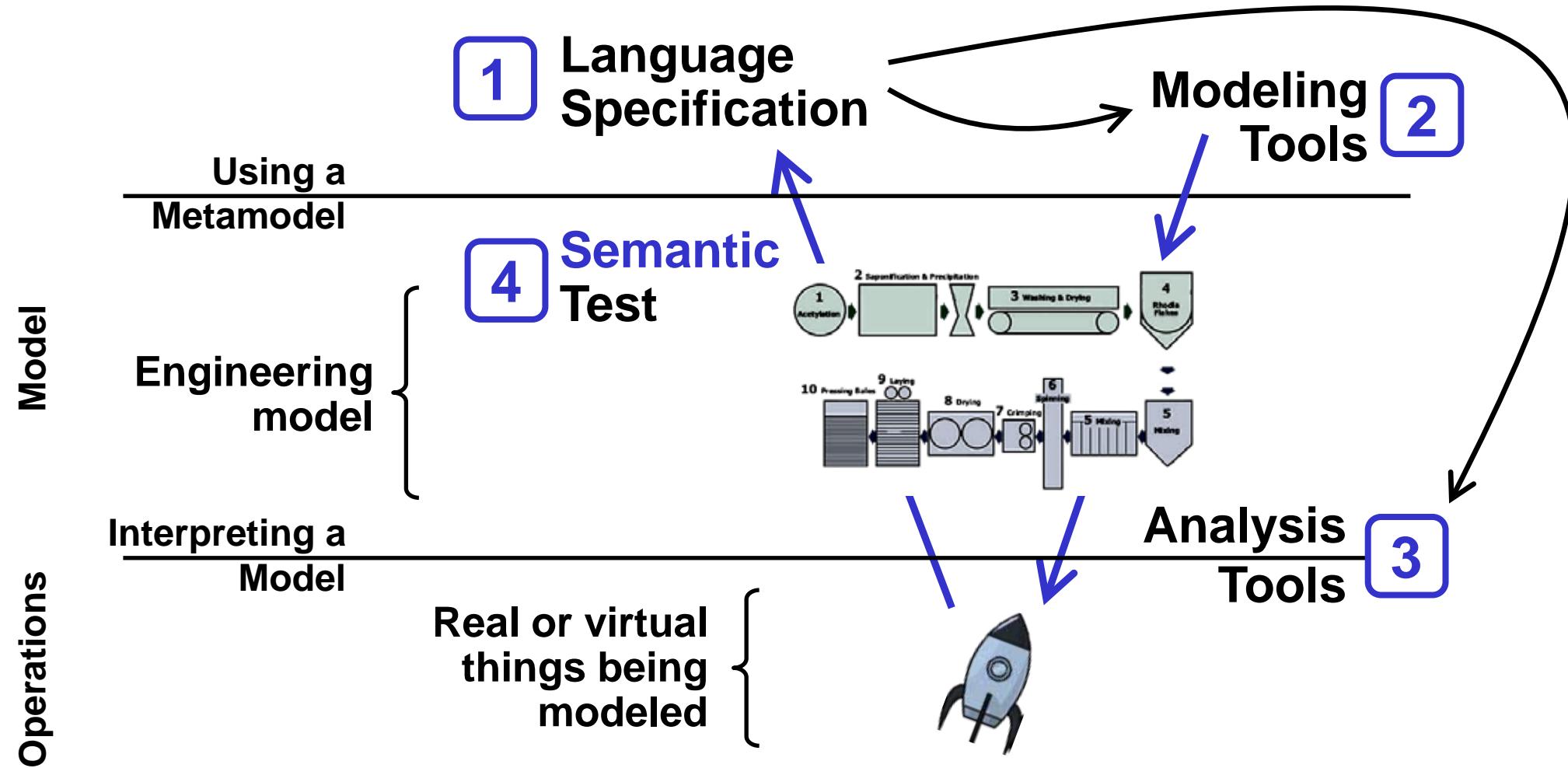
§ Producing real/virtual things is difficult.
– Checking these things (using semantics) is easy.

SE: Requirements, Designs, Tests



§ Do real/virtual systems meet requirements when built and operated according to a design?

Language Specs & Implementations



§ Do analysis tools “meet” the language spec?

Systems Engineering for Languages

§ SE involves multiple kinds of specifications:

- Intended effects of a language (requirements \leftrightarrow semantics)
- How models bring about effects (designs \leftrightarrow analysis tools)
- Testing whether real/virtual systems have the required effects when built/operated per a model (tests \leftrightarrow semantic checking).

Systems Engineering	Modeling Languages
Requirements	Semantics
Designs	Analysis Tools
Tests	Semantic Checking

SST: Standardize Checking, Not Production

- § **Many ways** to create and analyze models based on a standard language
 - Many ways to design a system to meet requirements
- § **OMG doesn't specify** how to create models
 - Just how to interchange and access them (syntax/API).
- § **It shouldn't specify** how to analyze them either
 - Just how to tell **when results are correct** (semantic check).

Technical Term: Inference

See Section 3.1 (Intro to Reasoning) in Bock, et al, "Evaluating Reasoning Systems," NIST 7310 <https://www.nist.gov/publications/evaluating-reasoning-systems>

- § **Produce real or virtual things from models = inference**
 - **Execution**
 - Incremental creation, usually deterministic and time ordered.
 - **Simulation**
 - Less deterministic execution.
 - Aggregate measures of probable executions.
 - **Reasoning**
 - Search based directly on semantics.
- § **Inference procedures are evaluated by whether results**
 - § **Always pass semantic check (soundness).**
 - § **Include everything that can pass it (completeness).**
 - § **Can be produced (how) quickly (complexity).**

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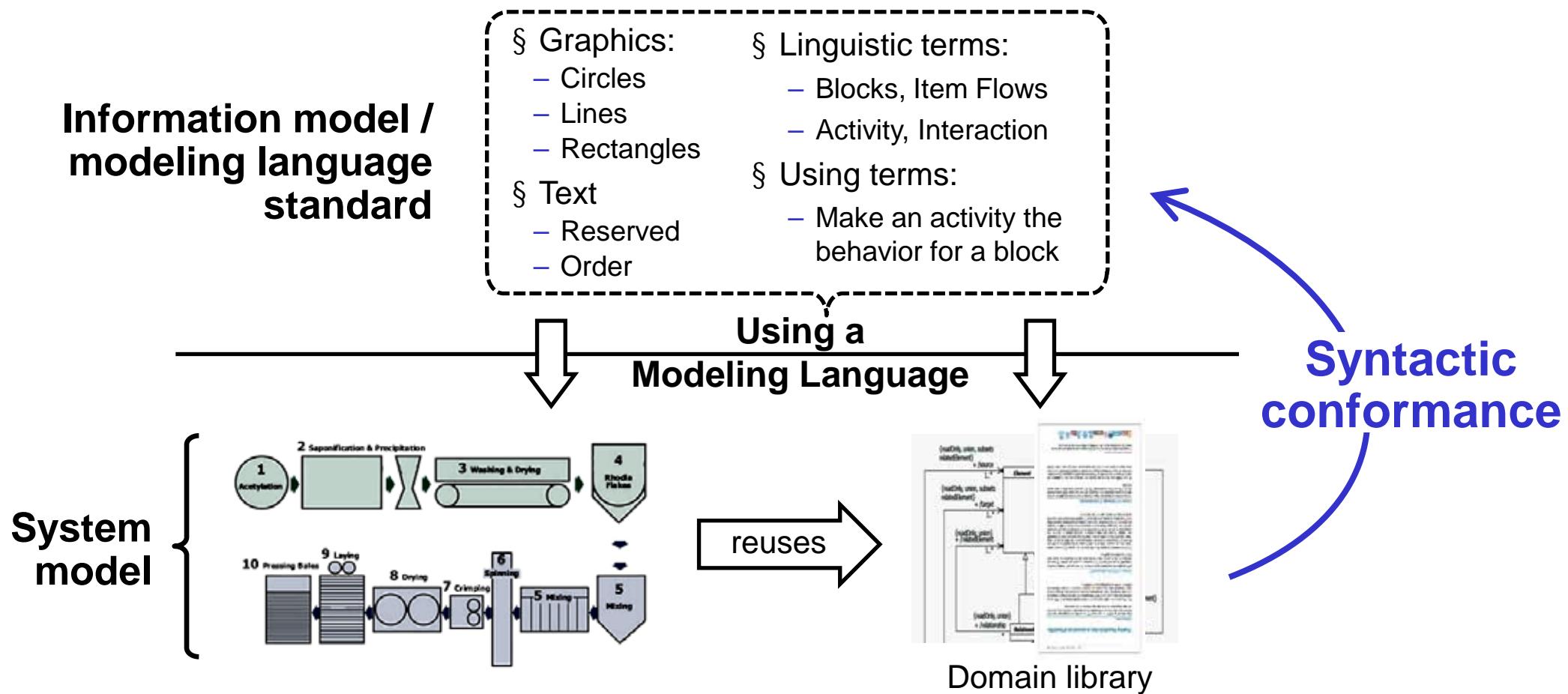
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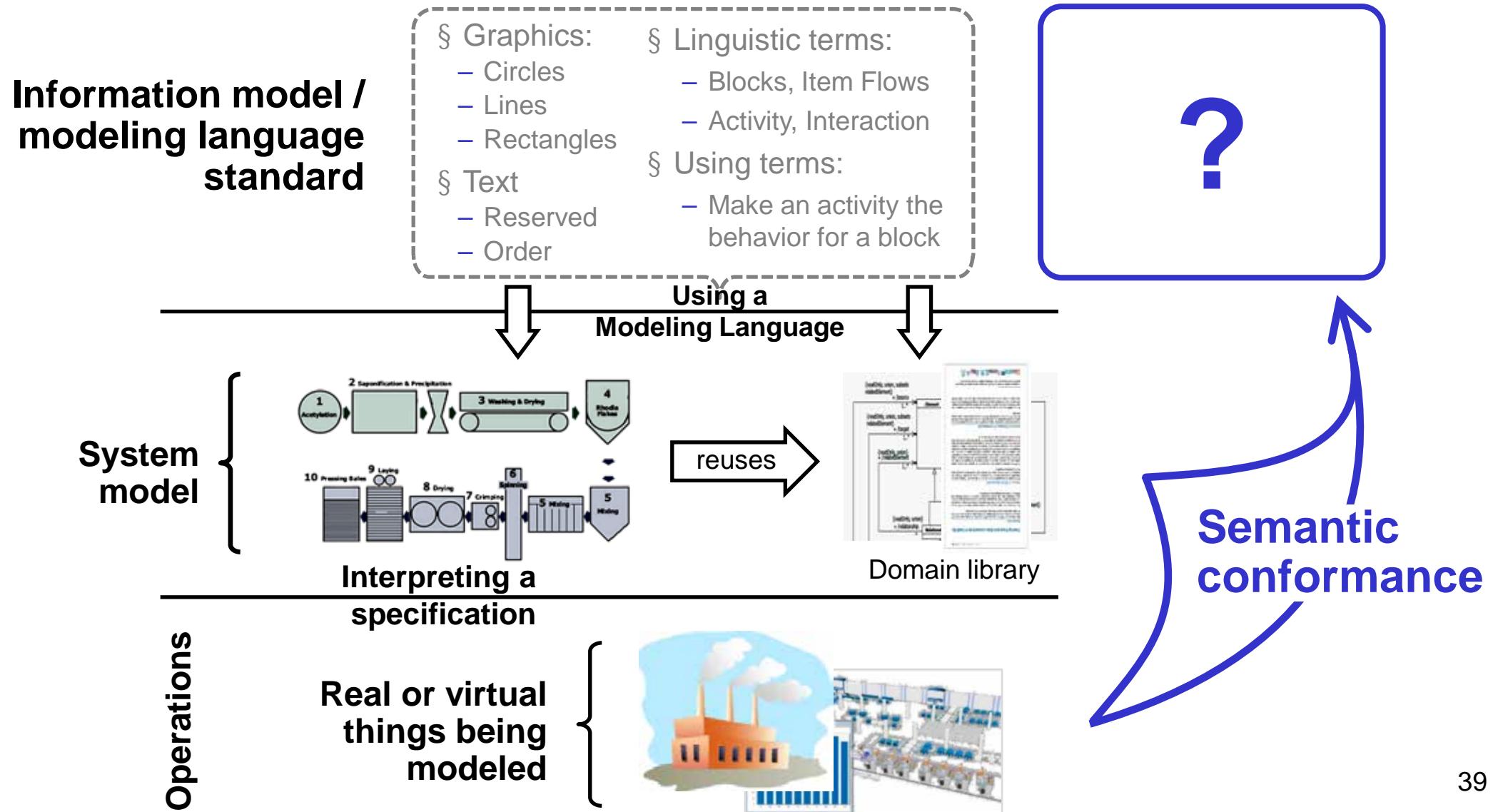


§ Typical “instance checking”

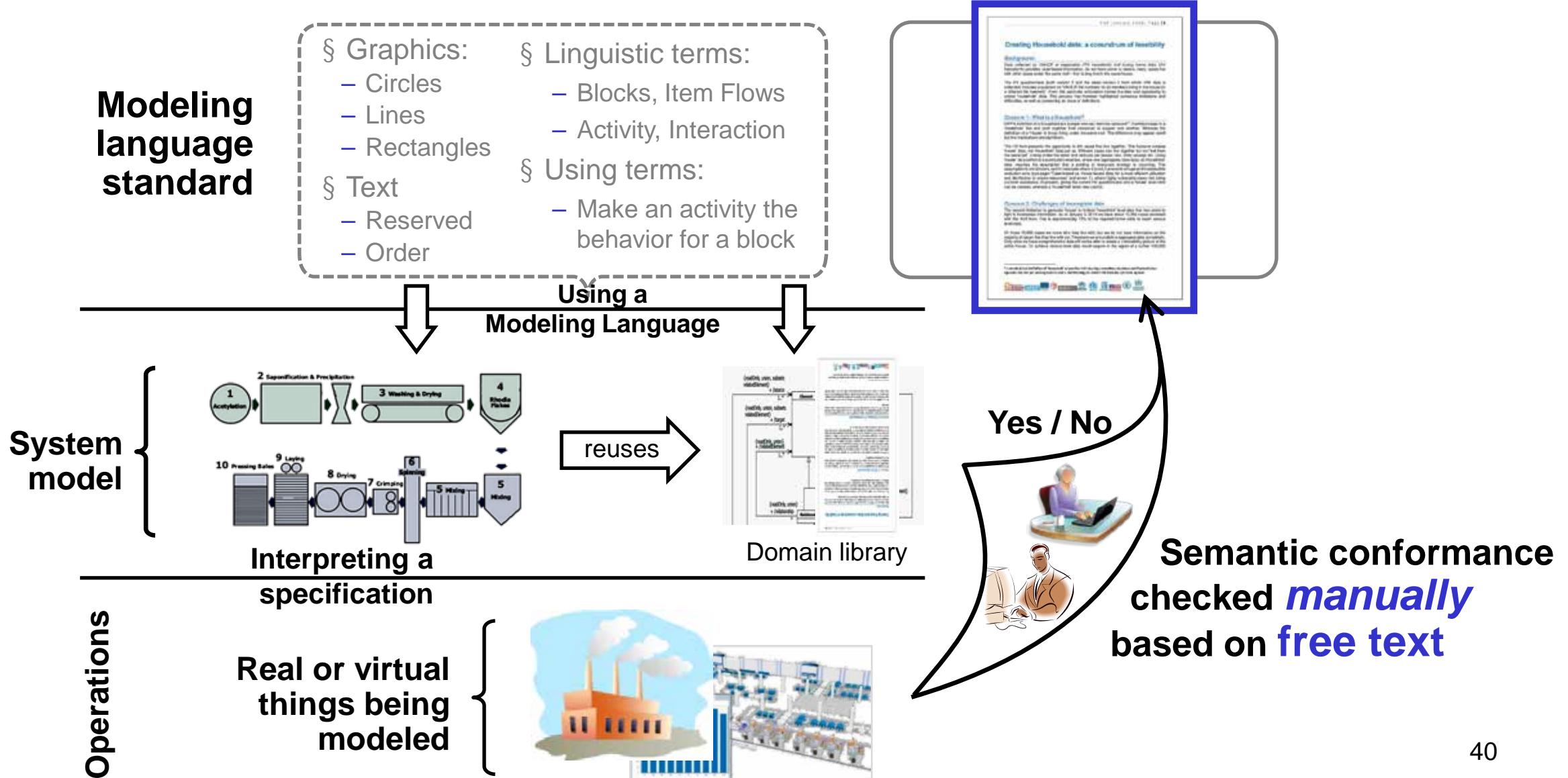
— between **metamodel and model**

— specified in the usual way (classes, properties, constraints)³⁸

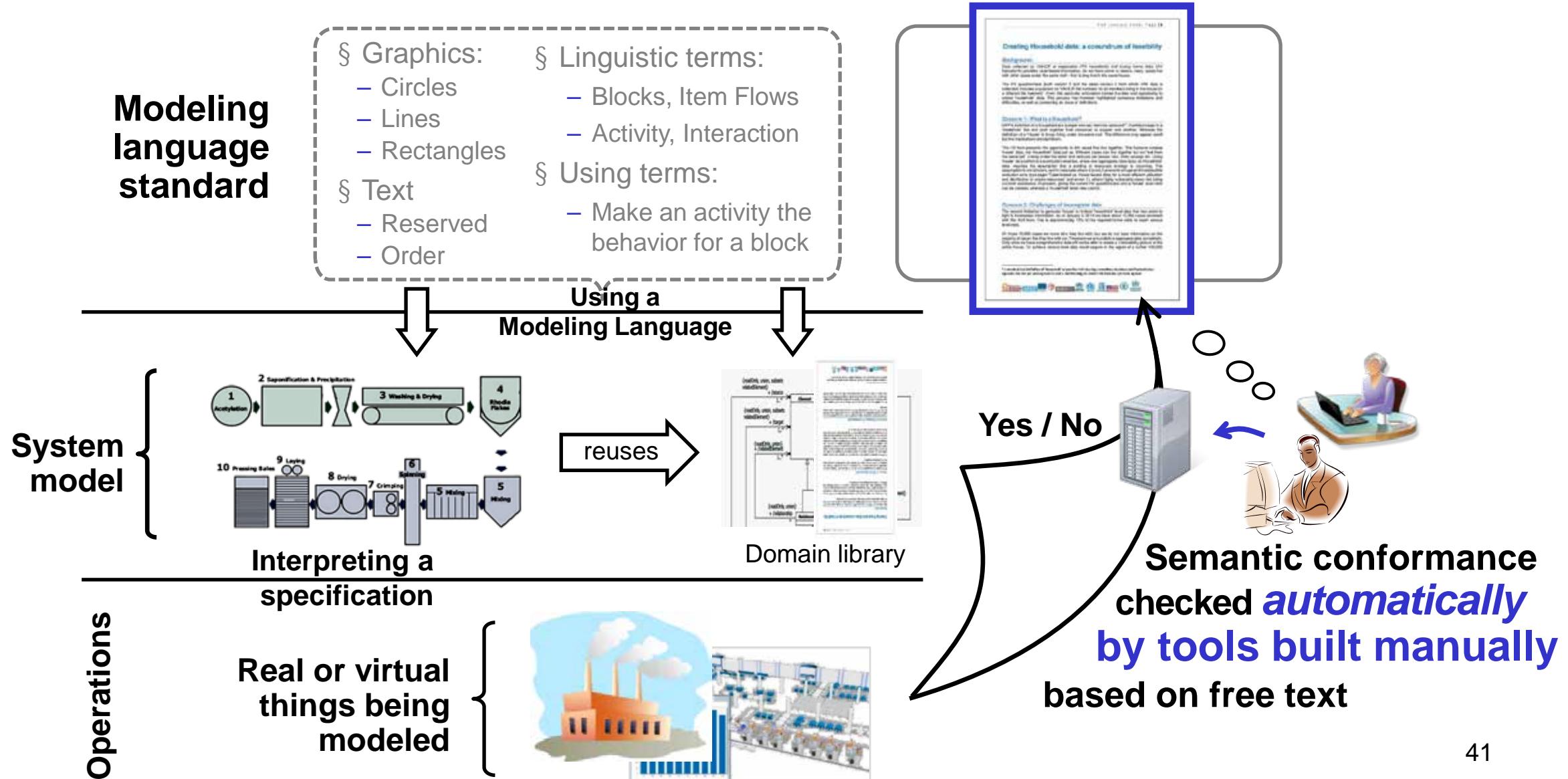
Standardizing Conformance, Semantic ?



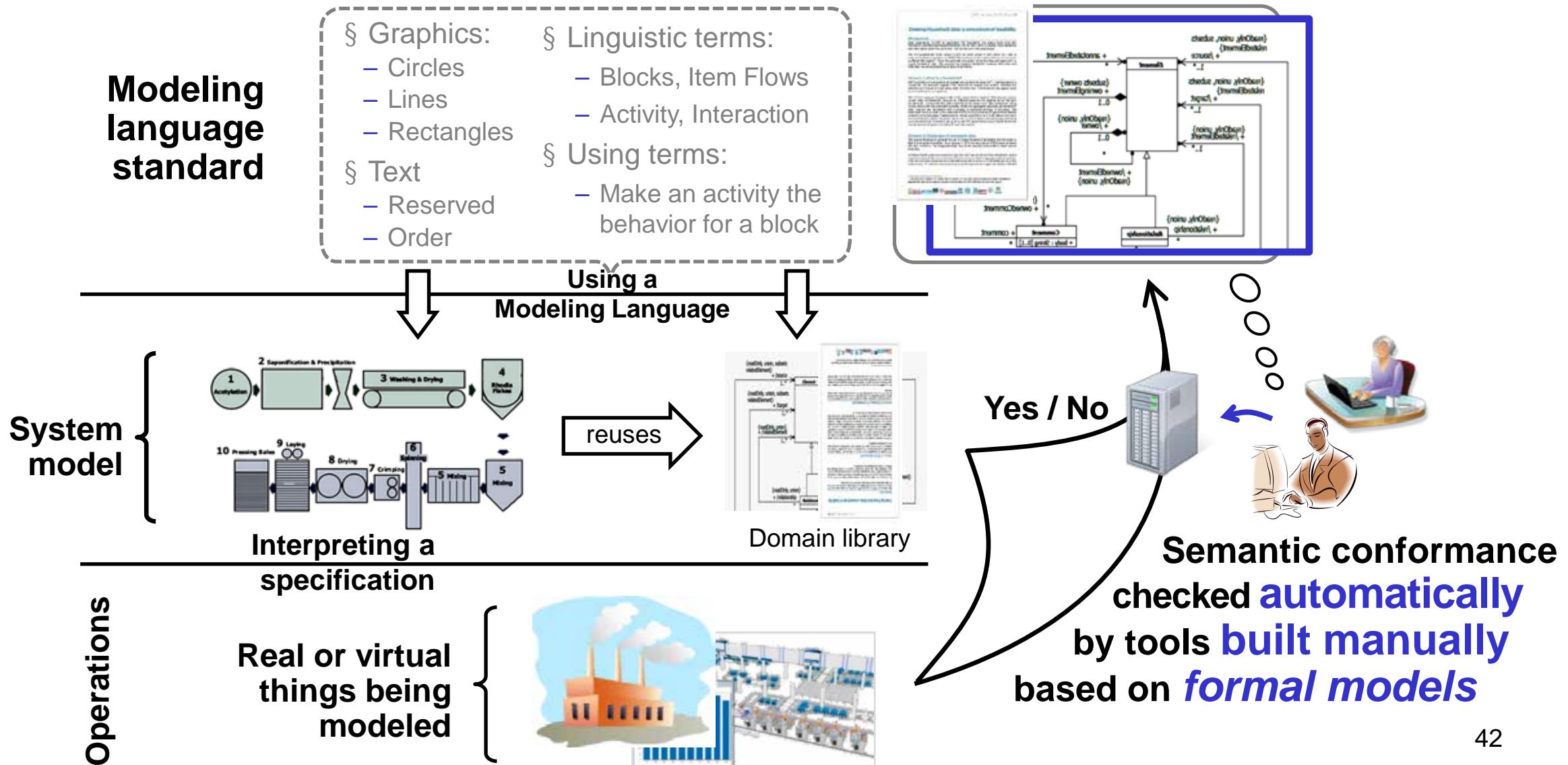
Checking Semantic Conformance, Manual



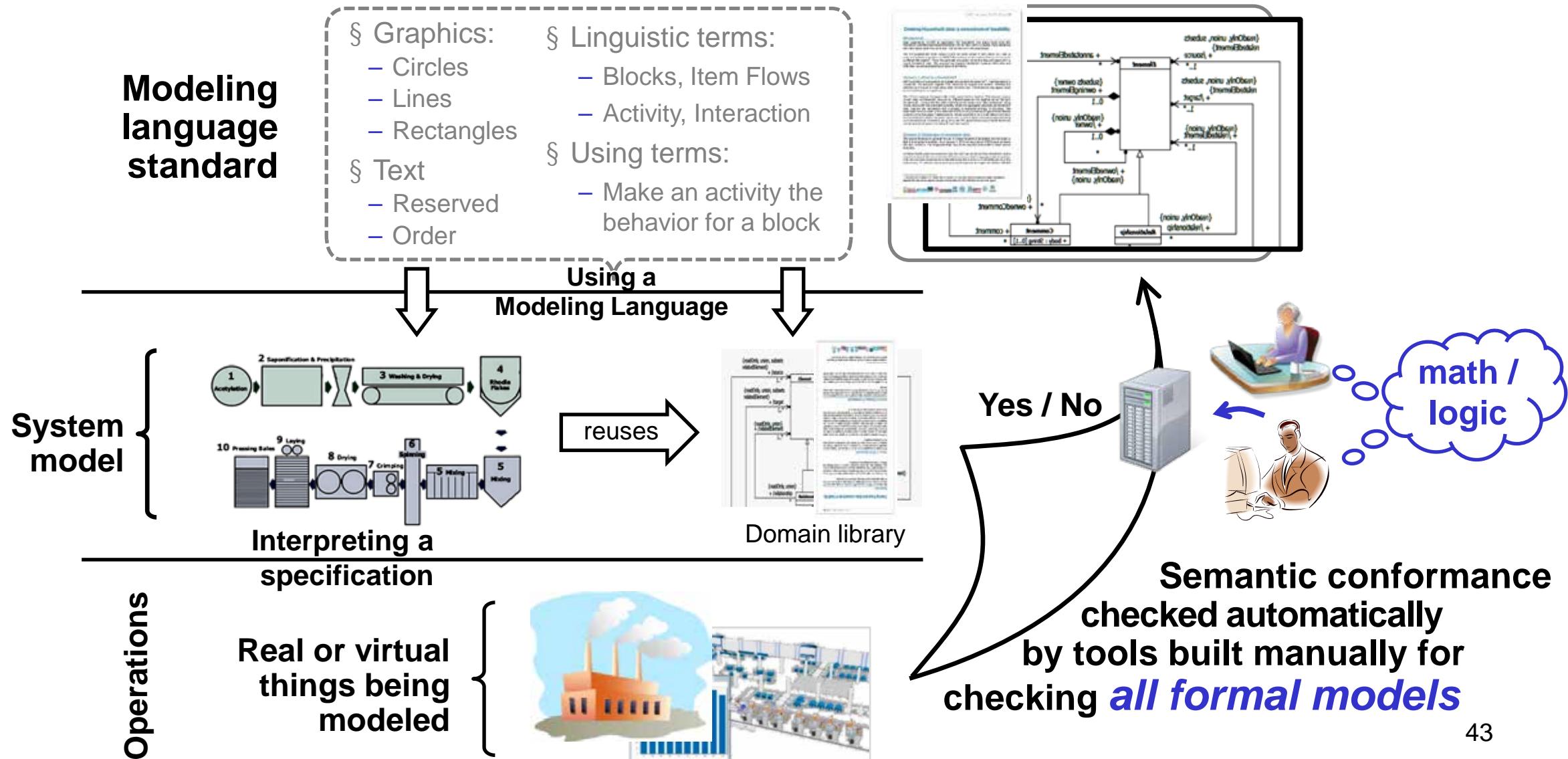
Checking Semantic Conformance, Autoish



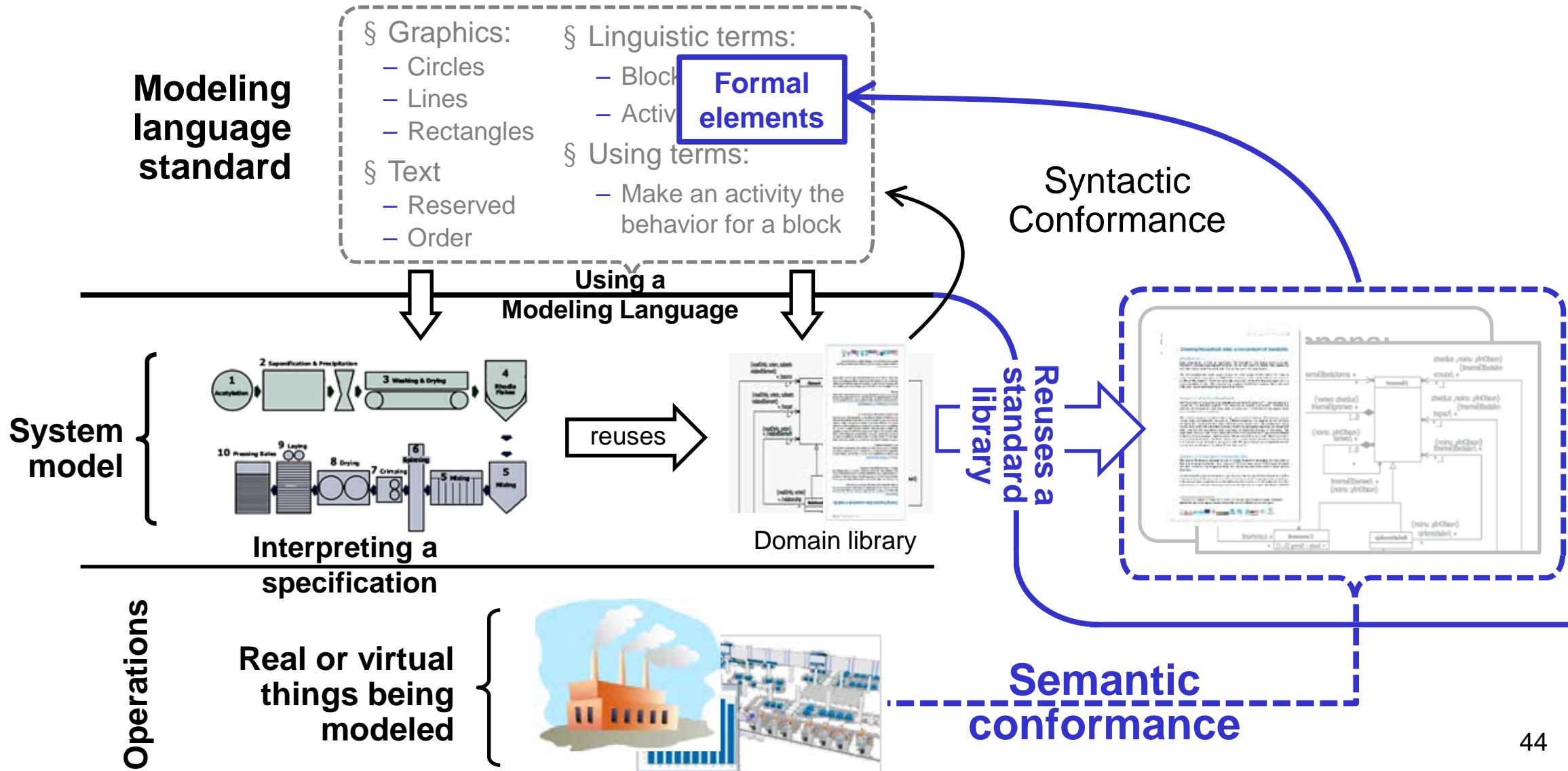
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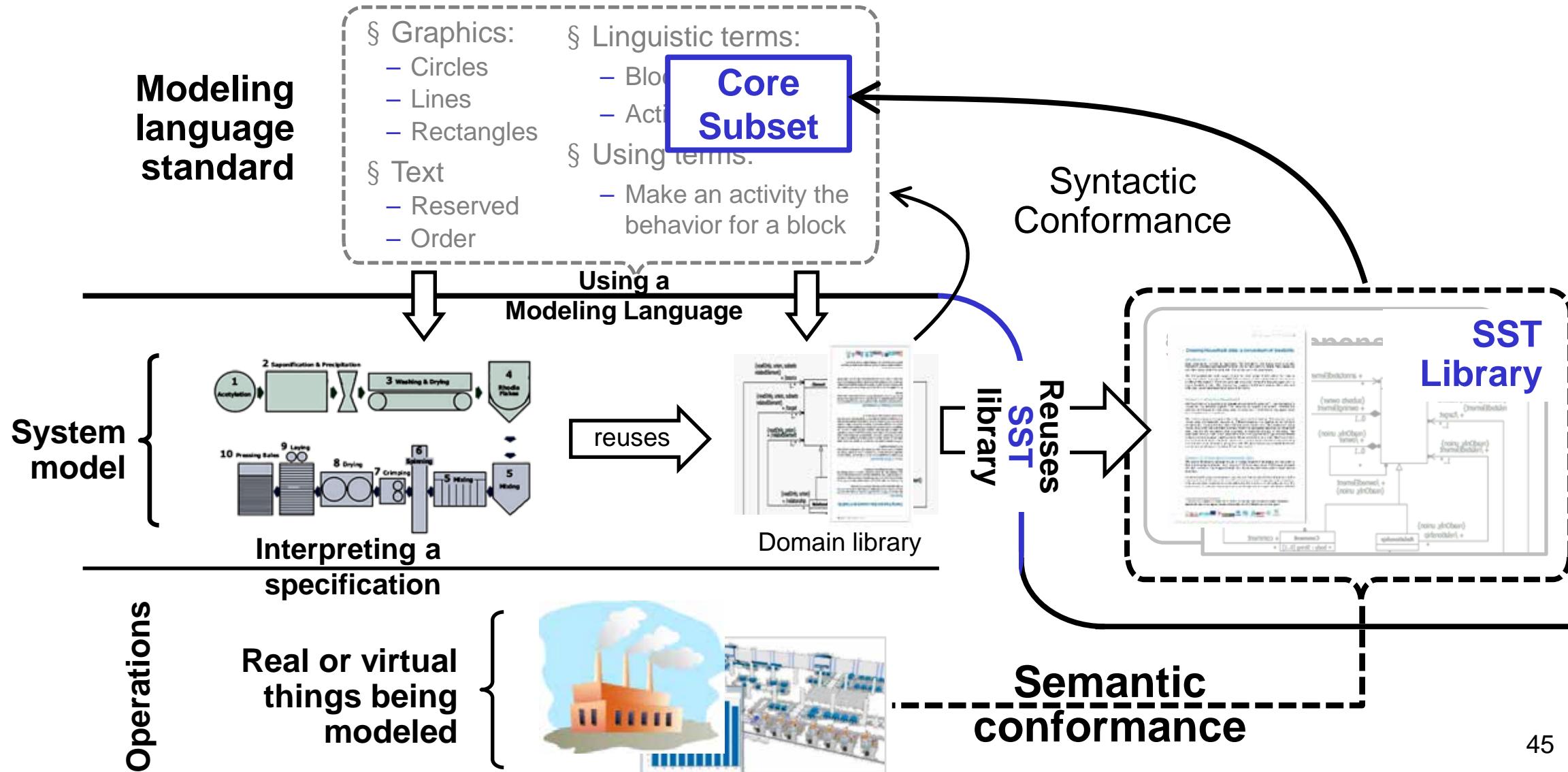
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Standard Semantic Models



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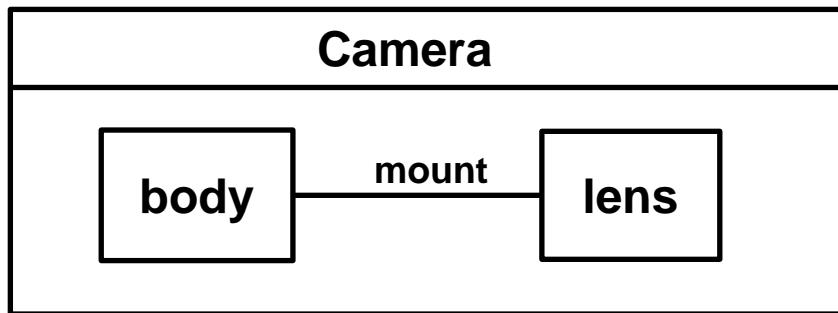
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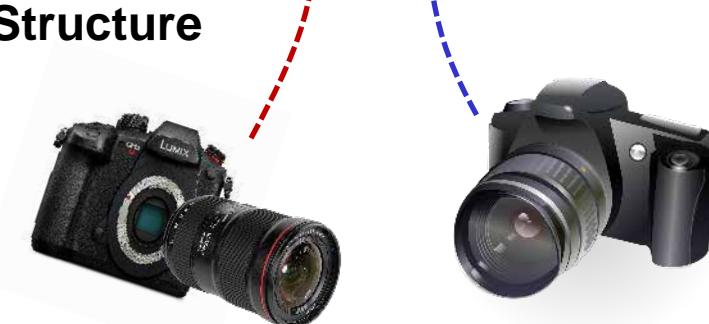
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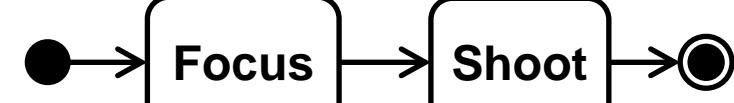
Model
(M1)



Things
Being
Modeled
(M0)



TakePicture

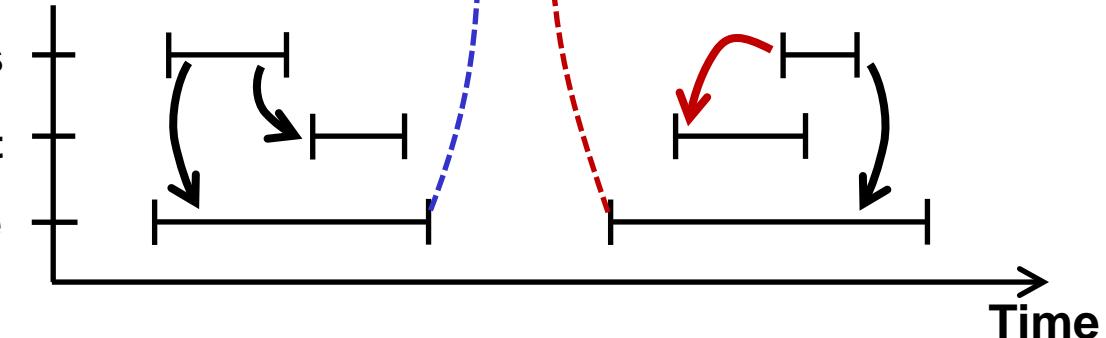


Behavior

Focus

Shoot

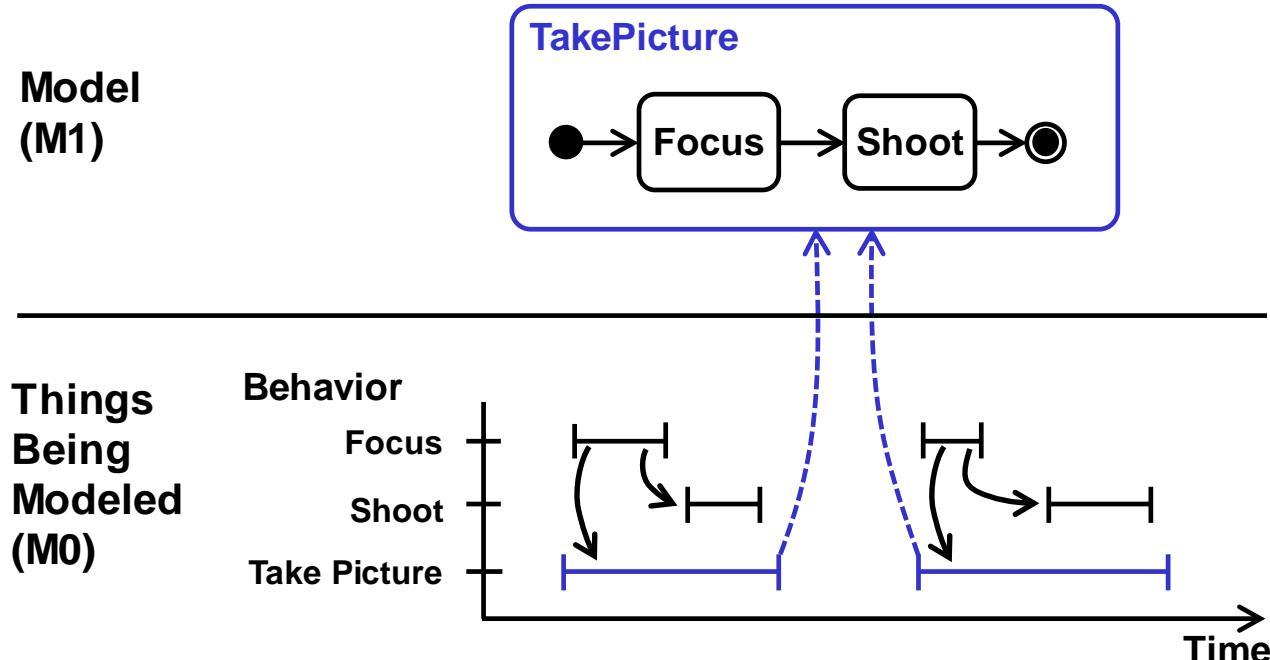
Take Picture



§ Things (structural and behavioral) that do/not conform to (are/not classified by) their models

Classification Synonyms

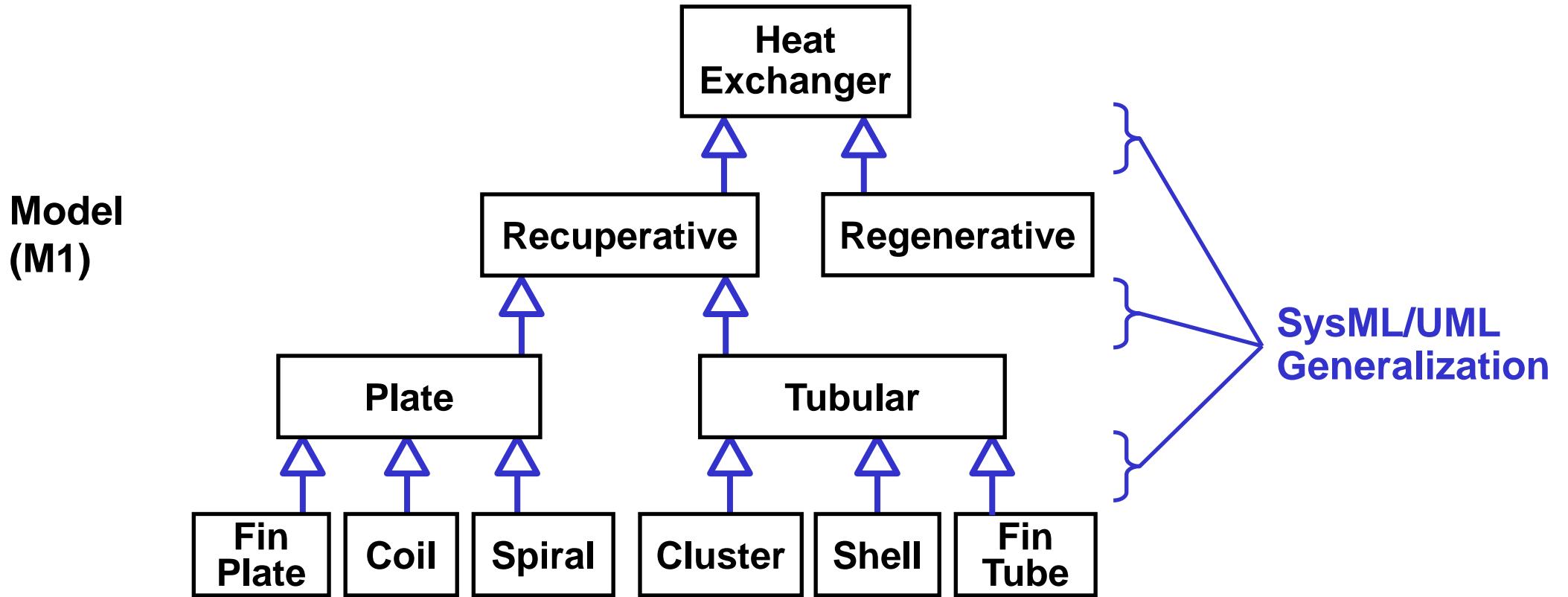
Classified by
Modeled by
Specified by
Conforms to
Follows
Satisfies (logically)



Not quite: “Instance of” (in the OO sense)

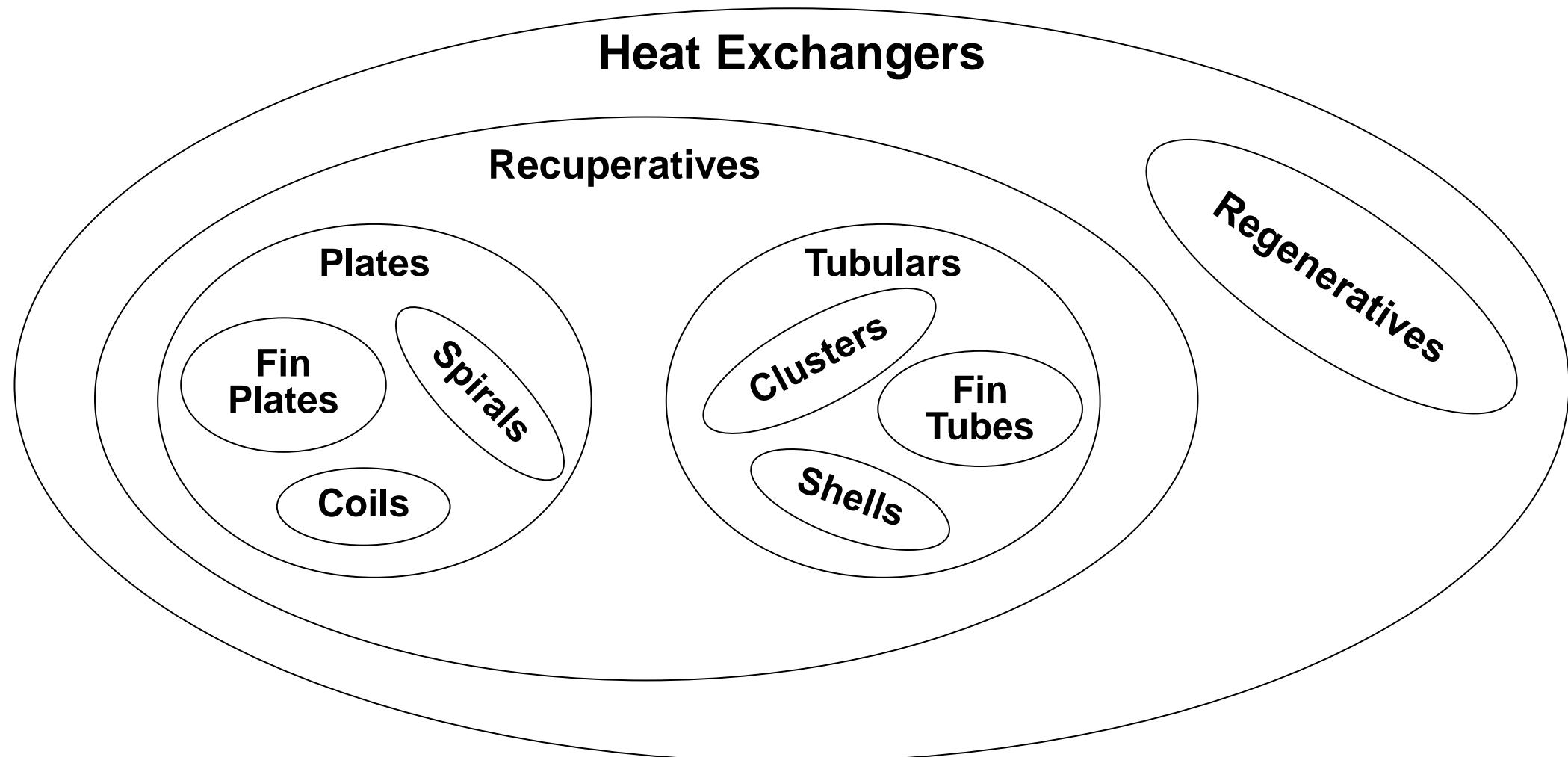
Not *at all* : “Execution of” (MES/software sense)

Taxonomies



- § “Sub”classification ...
- § ...of real or virtual things.

Venn Diagrams



§ **More accessible notation for taxonomies**
– but less scalable.

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Informal Semantics

UML/SysML Generalization

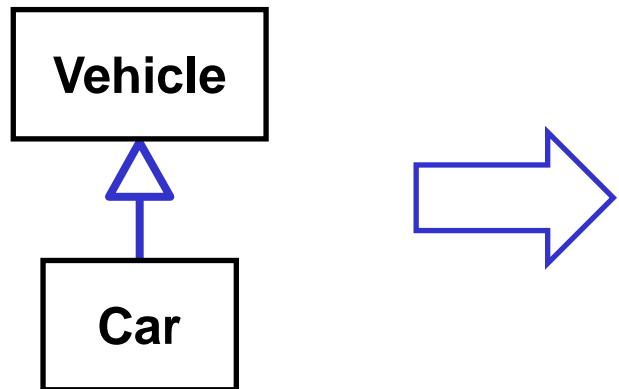
From UML 2.5 Specification:

9.9.7 Generalization [Class]

9.9.7.1 Description

“Each instance of the specific classifier is also an instance of the general classifier”

A Generalization is a taxonomic relationship between a more general Classifier and a more specific Classifier. Each instance of the specific Classifier is also an instance of the general Classifier. The specific Classifier inherits the features of the more general Classifier. A Generalization is owned by the specific Classifier.



“Every instance of Car is an instance of Vehicle”

iow

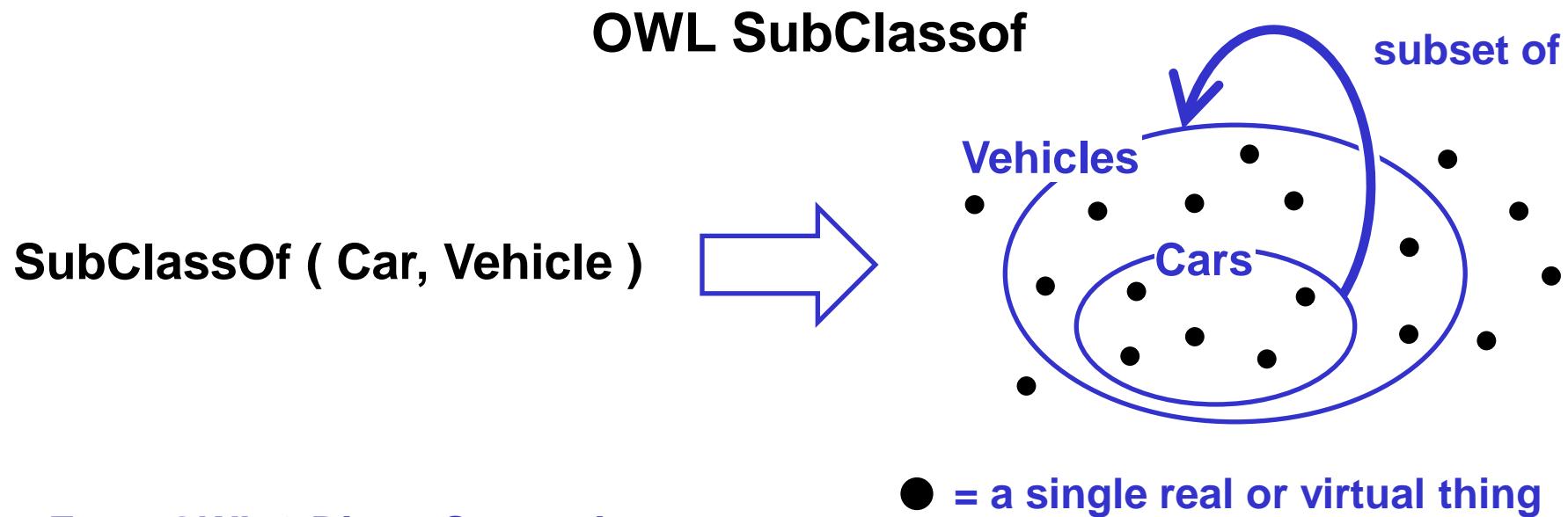
“Every Car is a Vehicle”

iow

“Cars are vehicles”

How can this be specified more precisely?

Mathematical Semantics



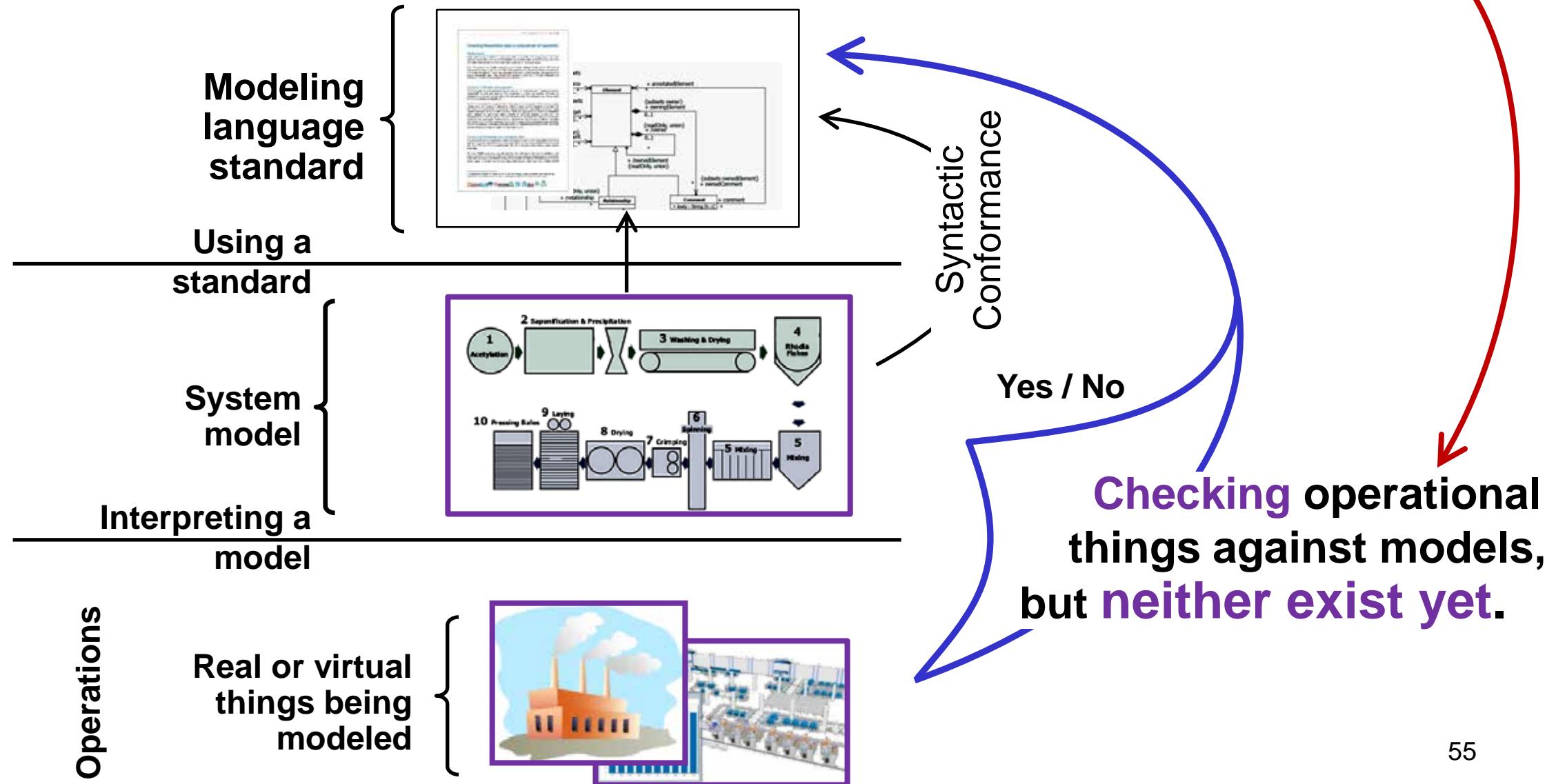
From OWL 2 Direct Semantics:

2.3 Satisfaction in an Interpretation	Axiom	Condition
An axiom or an ontology is <i>satisfiable</i> .		
2.3.1 Class Expression Axioms		
Satisfaction of OWL 2 class expression axioms in <i>I</i> is defined as shown in Table 5.		
Table 5. Satisfaction of Class Expression Axioms in an Interpretation		
Axiom		Condition
SubClassOf(<i>CE</i> ₁ <i>CE</i> ₂)		$(CE_1)^c \subseteq (CE_2)^c$

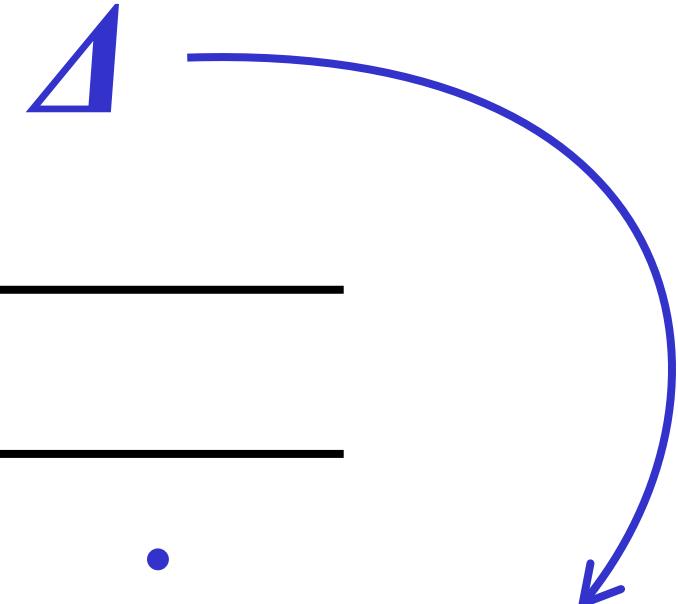
SST and OWL

- § **Most of SST semantics is equivalent to OWL.**
 - Emulated its style and notation.
 - Exceptions covered in the next section.
- § **This section covers SST as it overlaps OWL**
 - uses some SST terms ...
 - ... with OWL semantics and notation conventions.
- § **Next section updates semantics to SST.**

Standardizing Semantic Conformance?



Universe



Metamodel

Using a
metamodel

Model

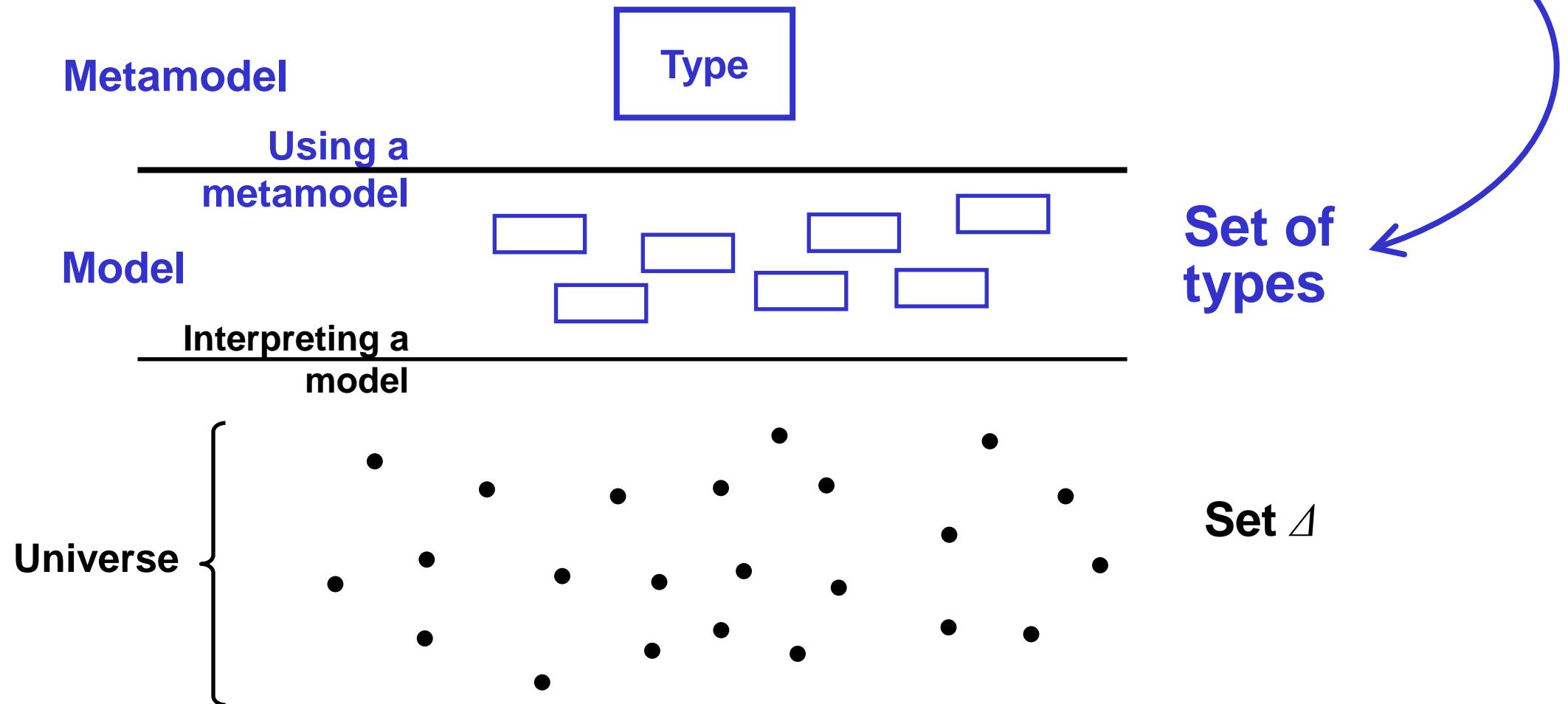
Interpreting a
model

All things
(virtual, real,
imagined, never
existed ...)

Set

- § Everything, anything, no restrictions, don't know anything about them, how many, etc.
- § For interpreting models.

Vocabulary, Types

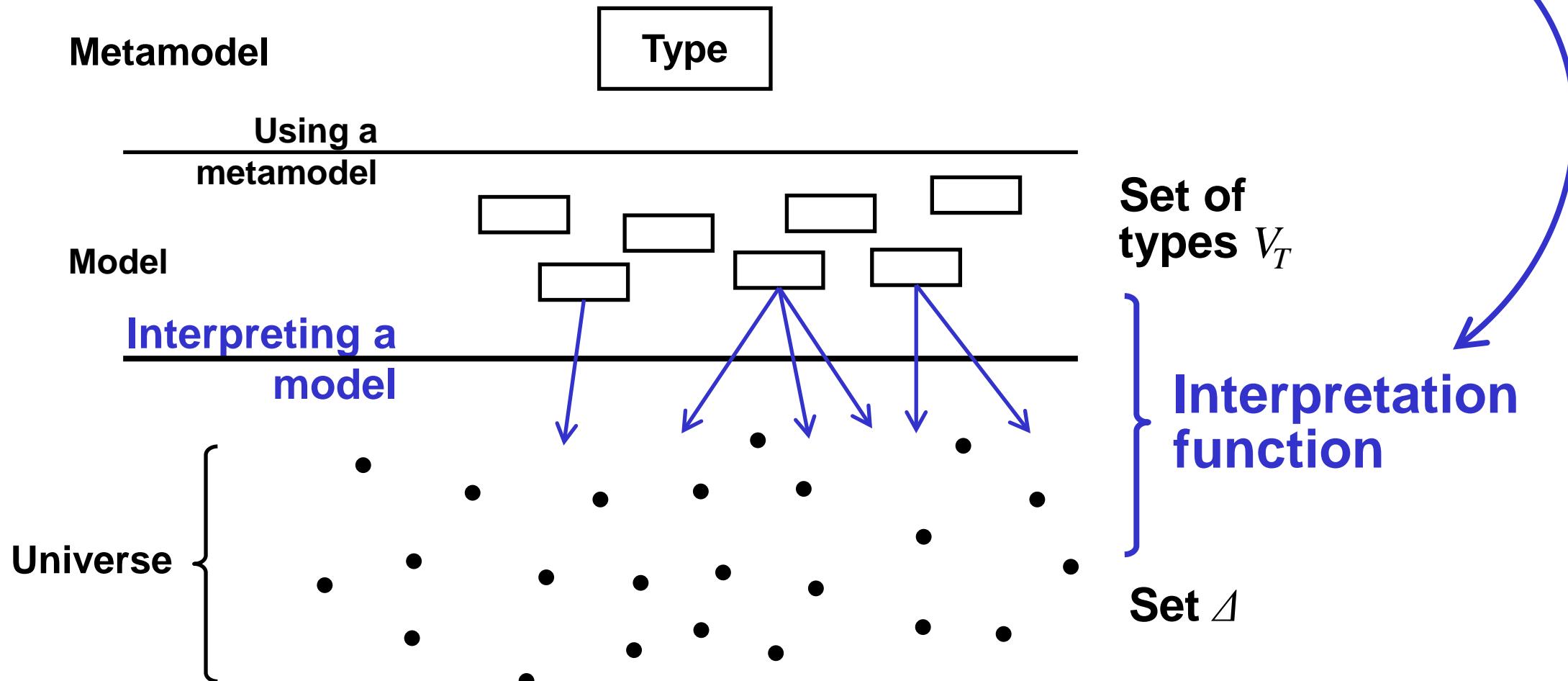


§ Beginning of syntax for **model** elements.

– At least for elements affecting real & virtual things.

Interpretation

$(\in V_T)^T$



§ Links model elements to (mathematical structures made up of) things in the universe.

7.3.1.2 Mathematical Preliminaries

The following are model theoretic terms, explained in terms of this specification:

- *Vocabulary*: Model elements conforming to abstract syntax and additional restrictions given in this subclause.
- *Universe*: All (real or virtual) things the vocabulary could possibly be about.
- *Interpretation*: The relationship between vocabulary and mathematical structures made of elements of the universe.

The *semantics* of KerML are restrictions on the interpretation relationship, given in this subclause and the Semantics subclauses. This subclause also defines the above terms for KerML. They are used by the mathematical semantics in the rest of the specification.

A vocabulary $V = (V_T, V_C, V_F)$ is a 3-tuple where:

- V_T is a set of types (model elements classified by Type, see [7.3.2.3](#)).
- $V_C \subseteq V_T$ is a set of classifiers (model elements classified by Classifier, see [7.3.3.3](#)), including at least *Base::Anything* from KerML model library, see [8.2](#).
- $V_F \subseteq V_T$ is a set of features (model elements classified by Feature, see [7.3.4.3](#)), including at least *Base::things* from the KerML model library (see [8.2](#)).
- $V_T = V_C \cup V_F$

An interpretation $I = (\mathcal{A}, \cdot^T)$ for V is a 2-tuple where:

- \mathcal{A} is a non-empty set (*universe*), and
- \cdot^T is an (*interpretation*) function relating elements of the vocabulary to sets of sequences of elements of the universe. It has domain V_T and co-domain that is the power set of S , where

$$S = \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{Z}^+} \mathcal{A}^i$$

S is the set of all n-ary Cartesian products of \mathcal{A} with itself, including 1-products, but not 0-products, which are called *sequences*. The Semantics subclauses give other restrictions on the interpretation function.

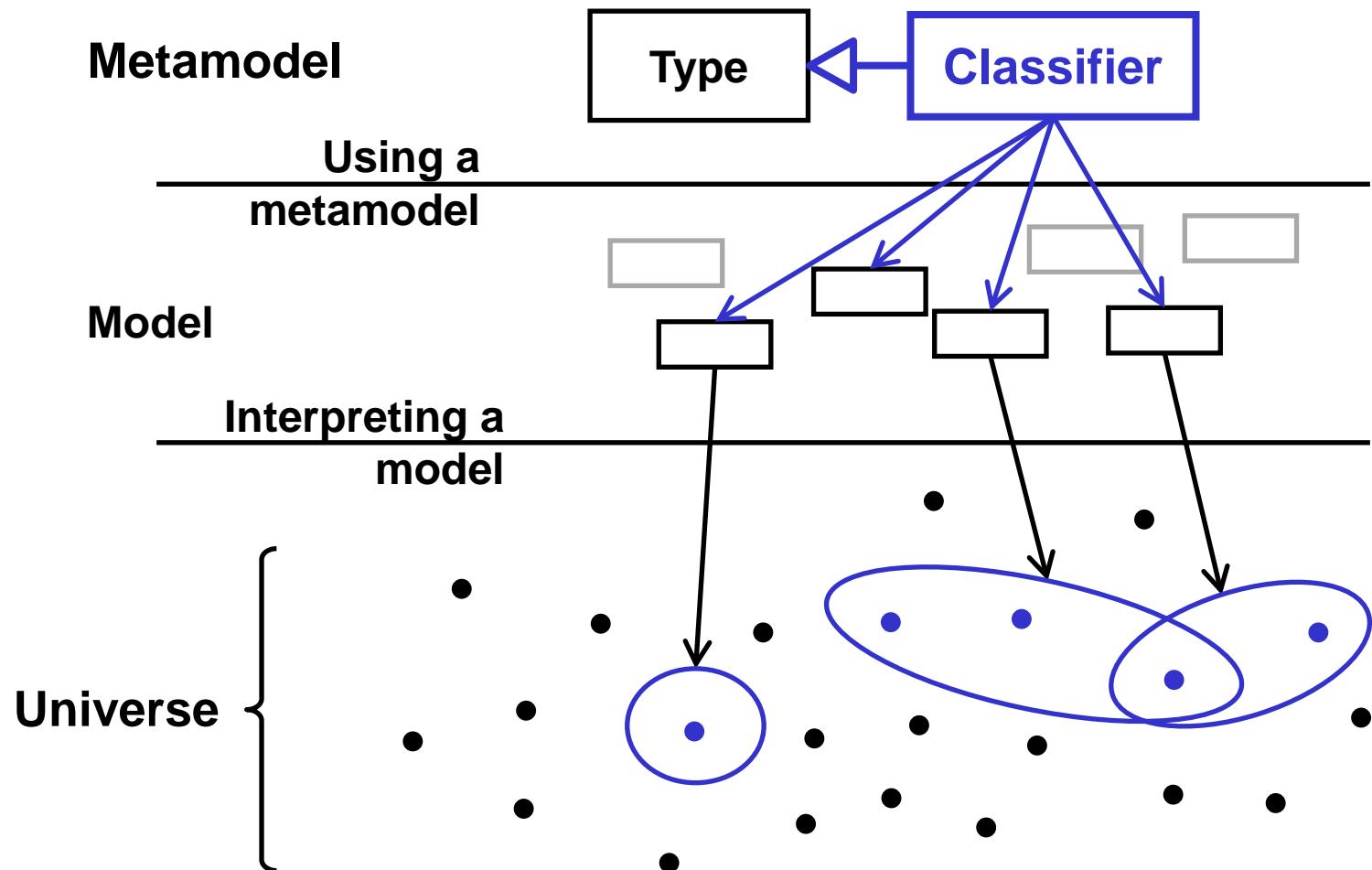
The phrase *result of interpreting* a model (vocabulary) element refers to sequences paired with the element by \cdot^T . This specification also refers to this as the *interpretation* of the model element, for short.

Mini-Glossary

Vocabulary

Interpretation

Interpretation, Classifiers



$$V_C \subseteq V_T$$

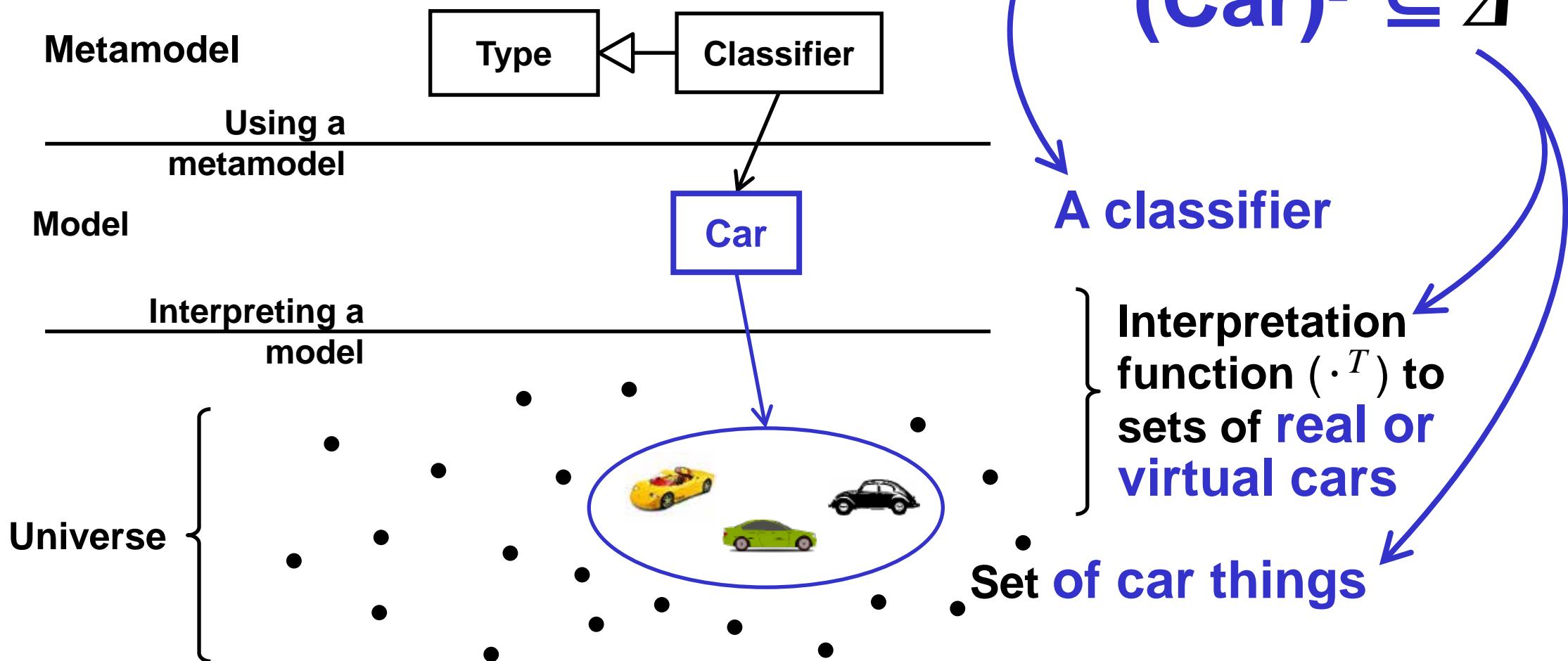
Set of classifiers

Interpretation function (\cdot^T) to sets of things

Set Δ

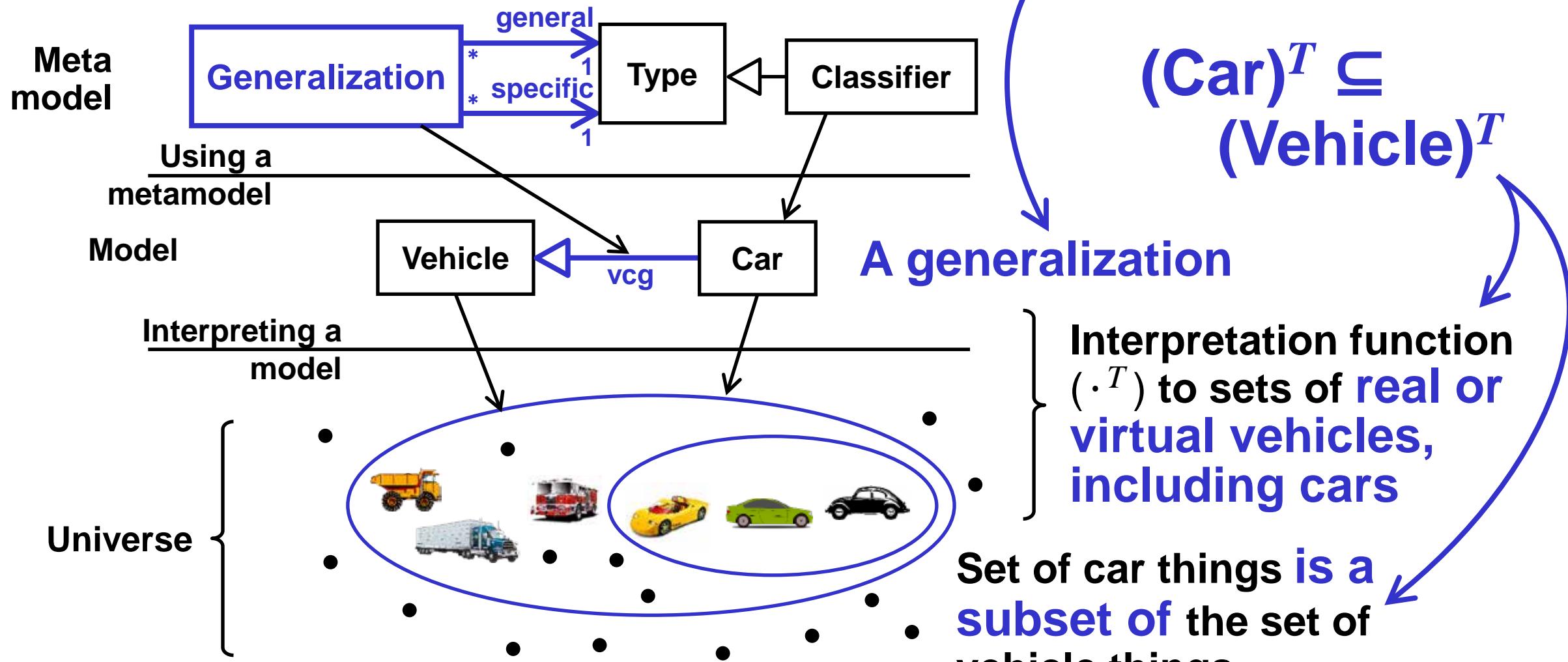
§ Classifiers are interpreted as sets of things in the universe.
– (the sets are not in the universe)

Interpretation, Classifiers, Example



§ Car is interpreted as a set of real or virtual things.

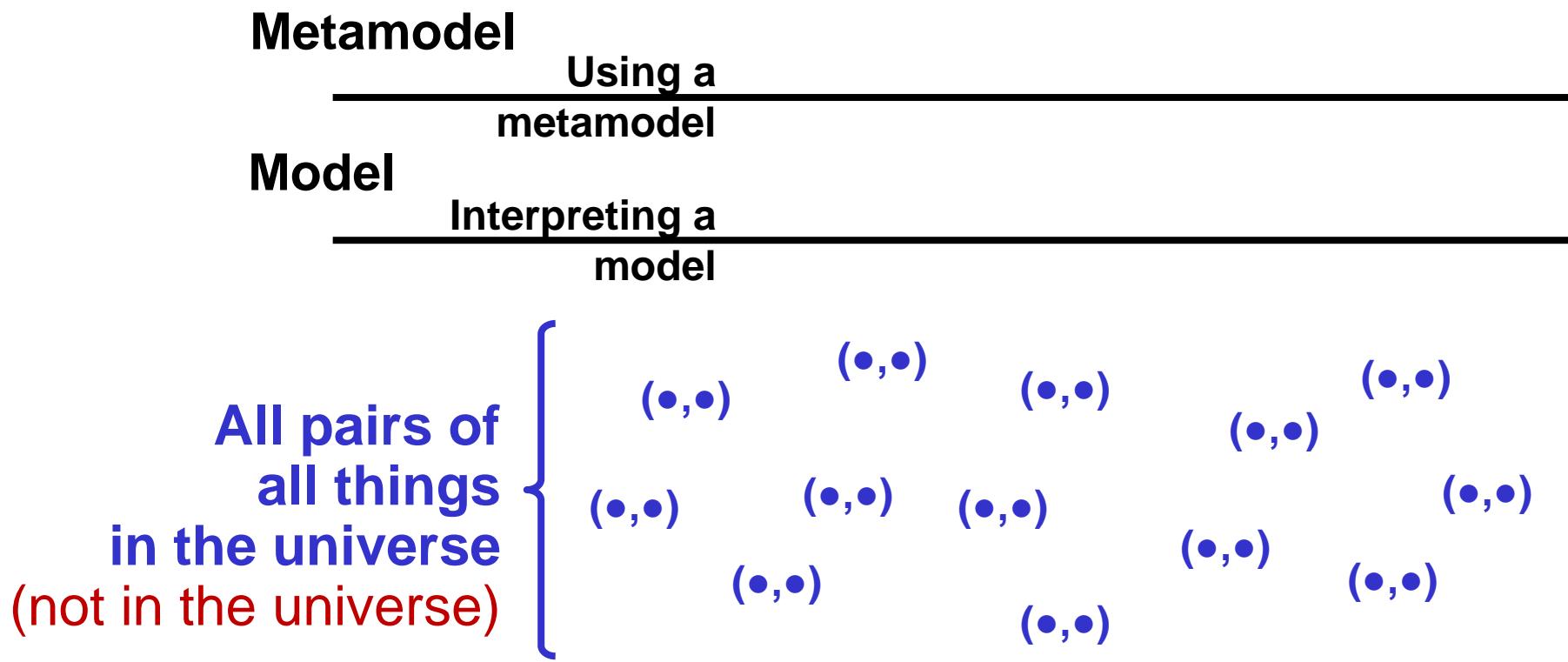
Interpretation, Generalization Classifier



§ Car's interpretation is a subset of Vehicle's.

Pairs of (Things in the Universe)

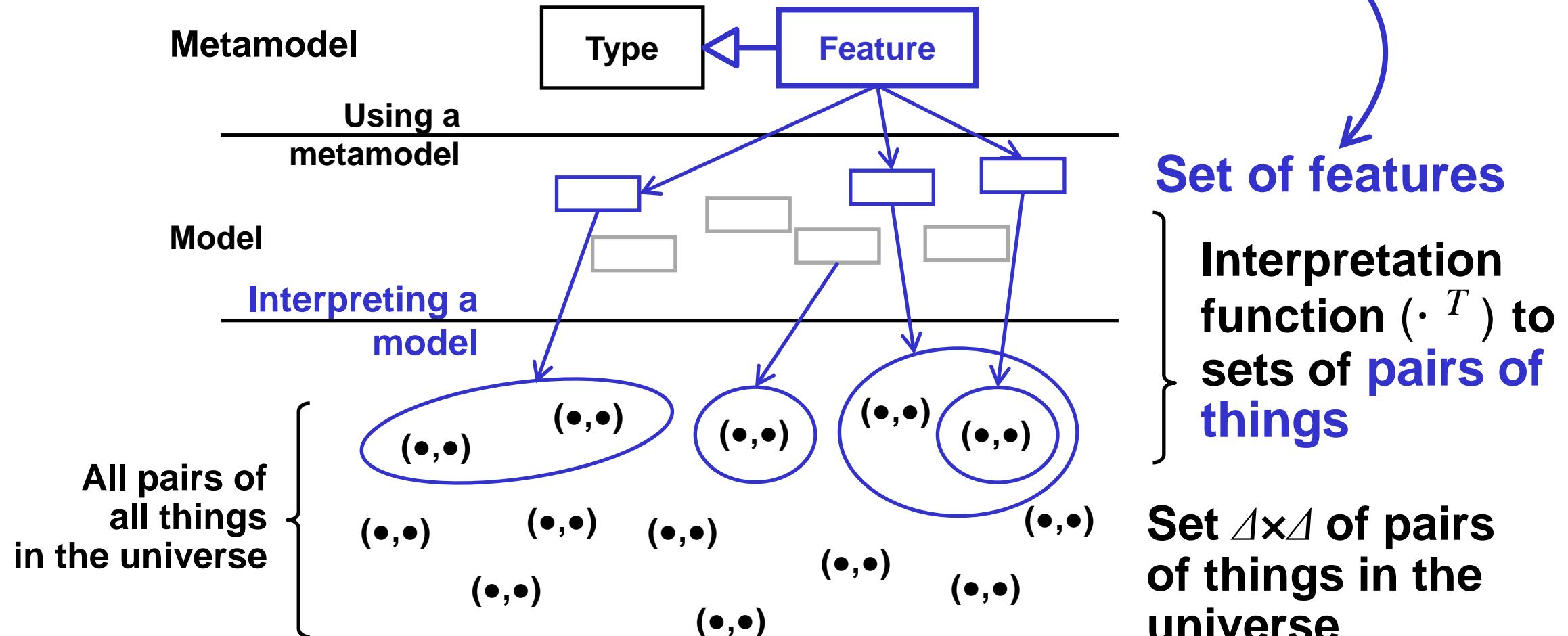
$\Delta \times \Delta$



Set of pairs

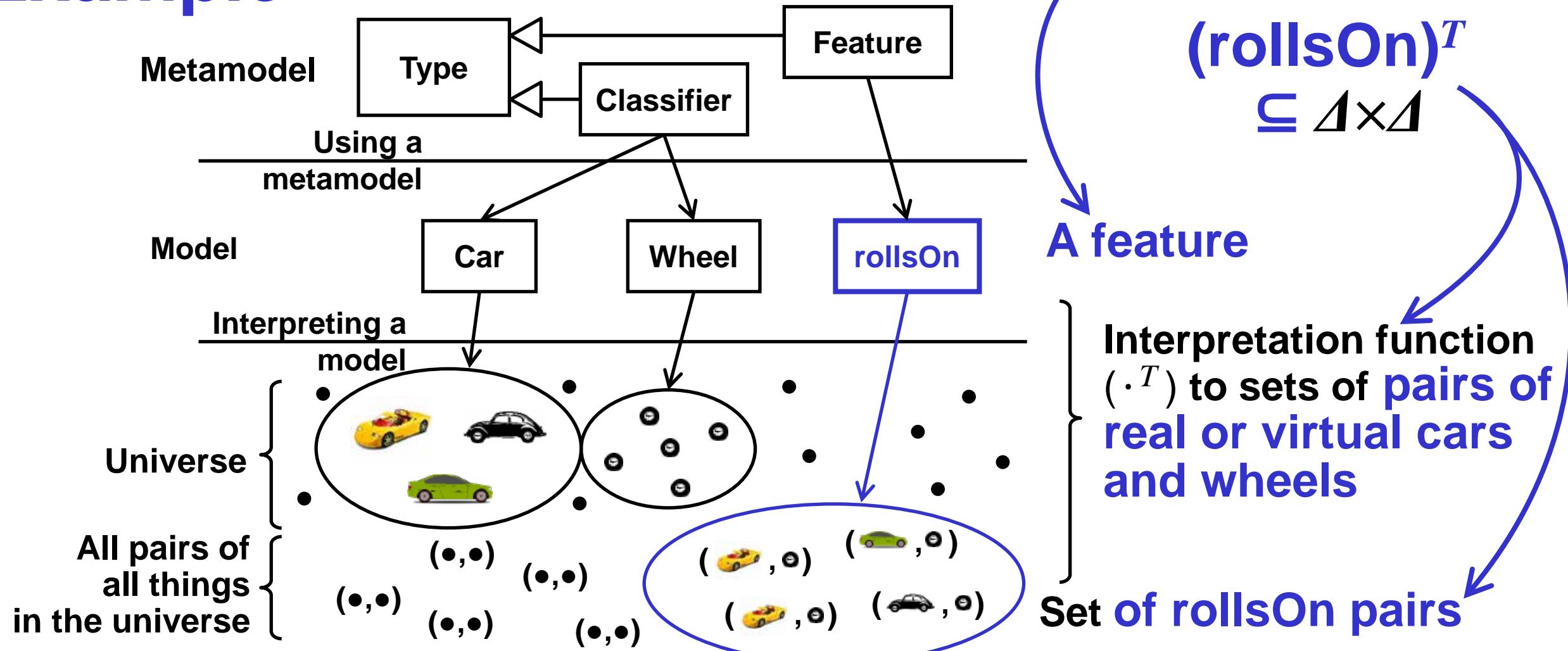
- § Every pair of anything, no restrictions on pairing, don't know anything about the pairings, etc.
- § For interpreting **relationships** between things.

Interpretation, Features



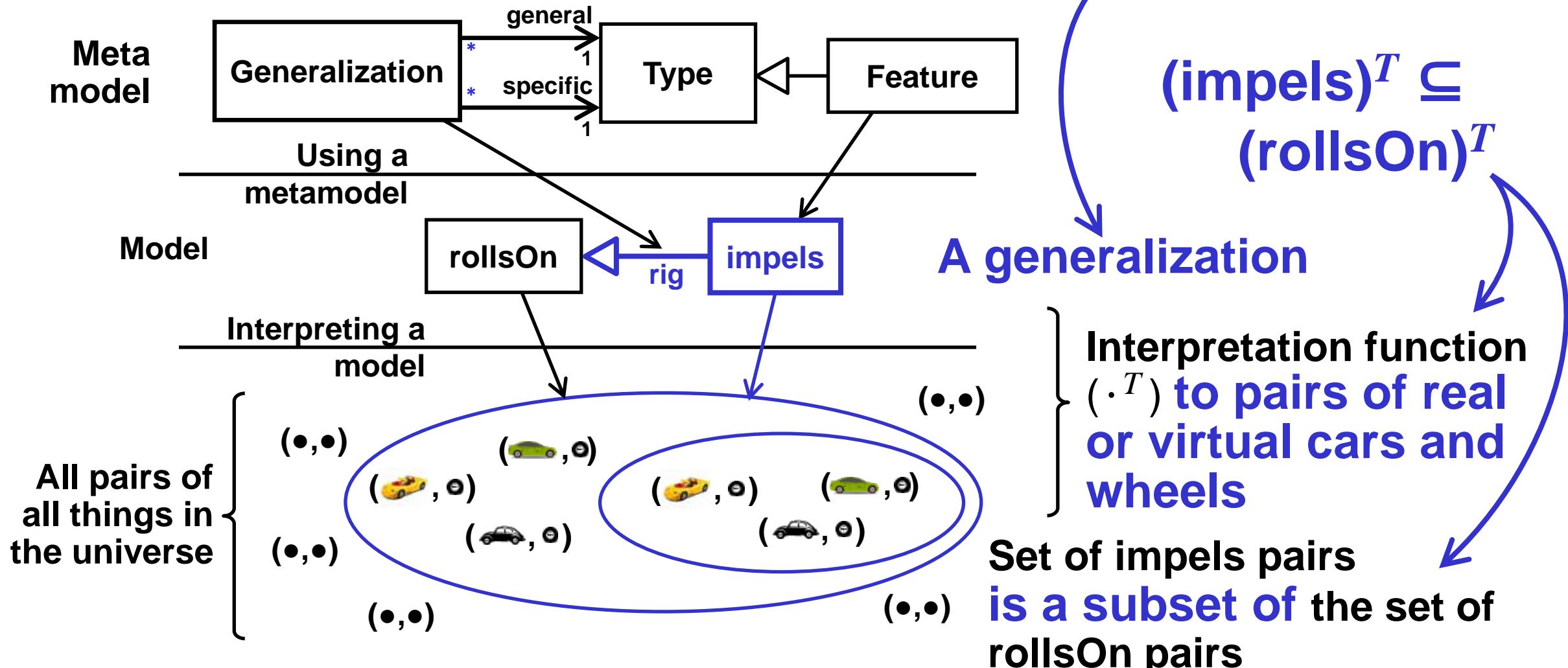
§ Features are interpreted as sets of pairs of things in the universe.

Interpretation, Features, Example



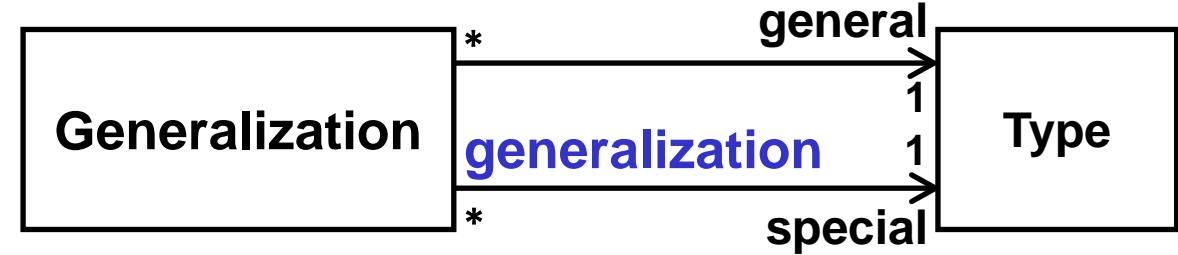
§ rollsOn is interpreted as sets of pairs of real or virtual cars and wheels.

Interpretation, Generalization Feature



§ impel's interpretation is a subset of rollsOn's.

Generalization Math



Variables

Statement that must be true

\forall : For all possible values of the variables

$$\forall t_g, t_s \in V_T \quad t_g \in t_s.\text{generalization.general} \Rightarrow (t_s)^T \subseteq (t_g)^T$$

Variable values
must be types
(from a model)

special type
general type

if then

how model
constraints
real or virtual
things

7.3.2 Types 7.3.2.4 Semantics

1. All sequences in the interpretation of a Type are in the interpretations of its generalizing Types.

§ Generalization = subsetting interpretations

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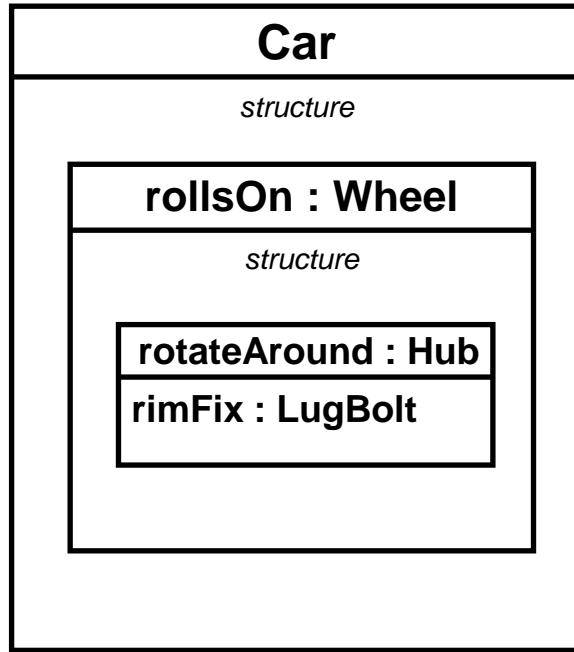
- The “S” Words
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§ The “O” Word

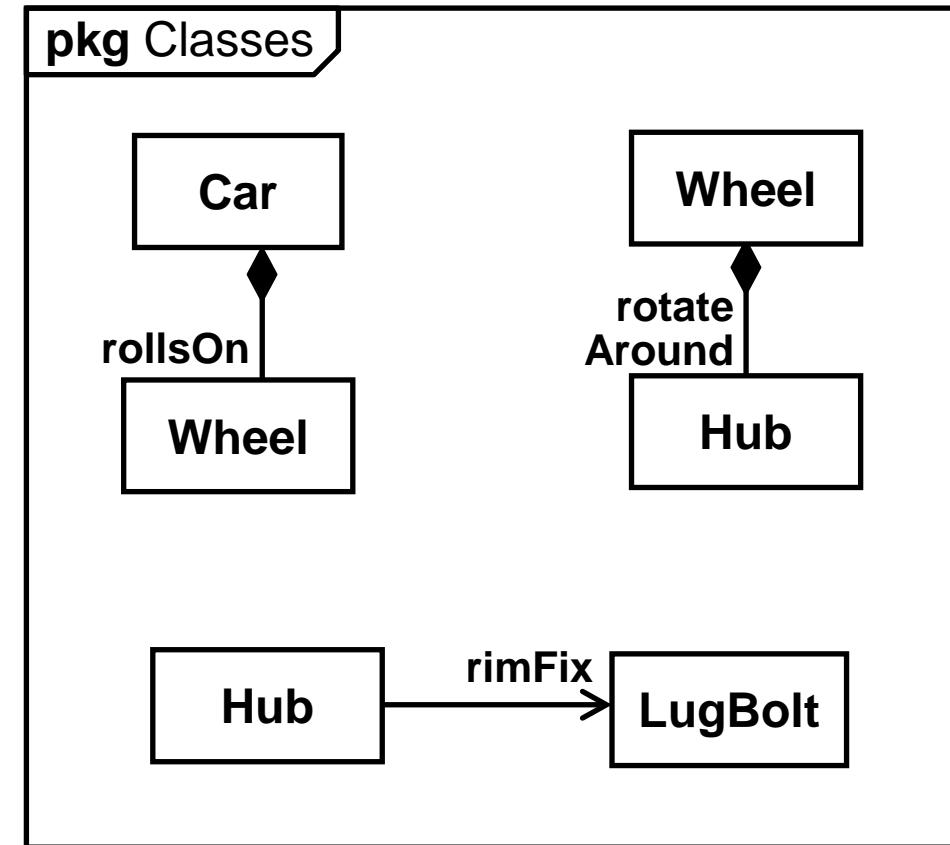
§ Summary

Visual Nesting ≠ Class/Property Modeling

Model



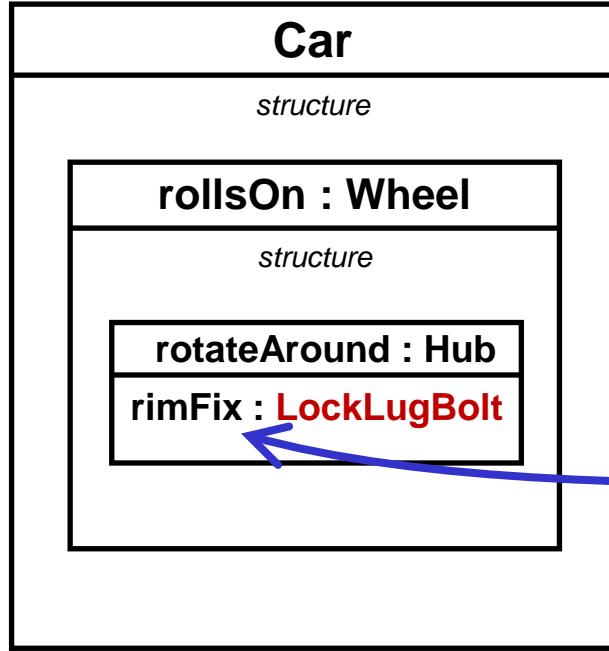
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§ Structure diagrams same as class diagrams
– as far as visual nesting goes.

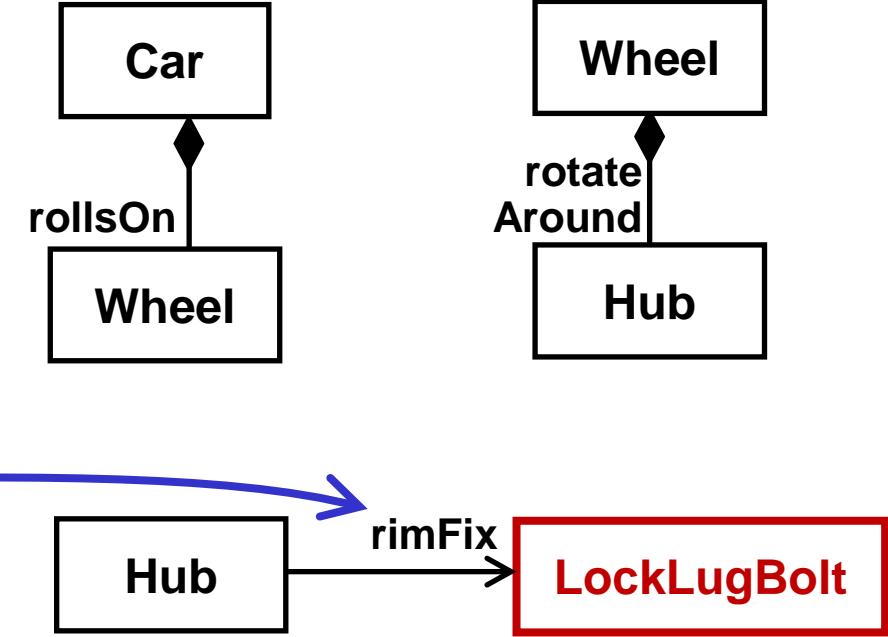
Visual Nesting ≠ Class/Property Modeling

Model



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Two views of same
model element

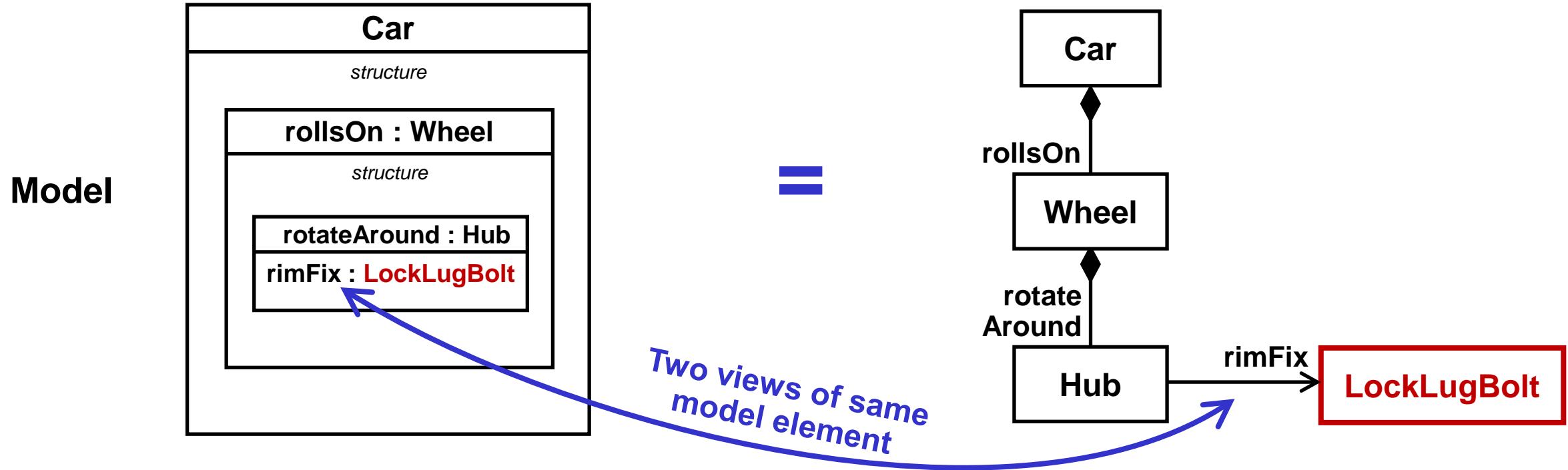


§ Don't want

- All hubs to use lock lugbolts.
- All wheels to have hubs with lock lugbolts.

§ Just the hubs in wheels that are in cars.

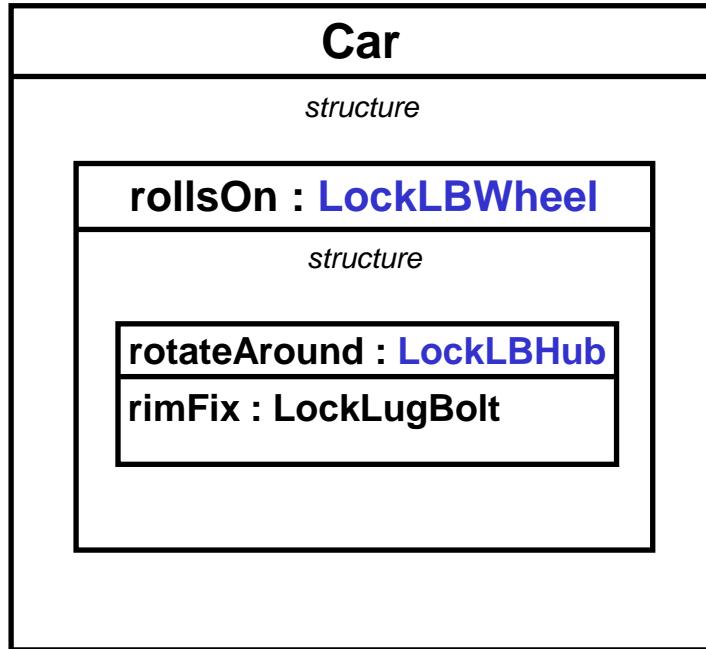
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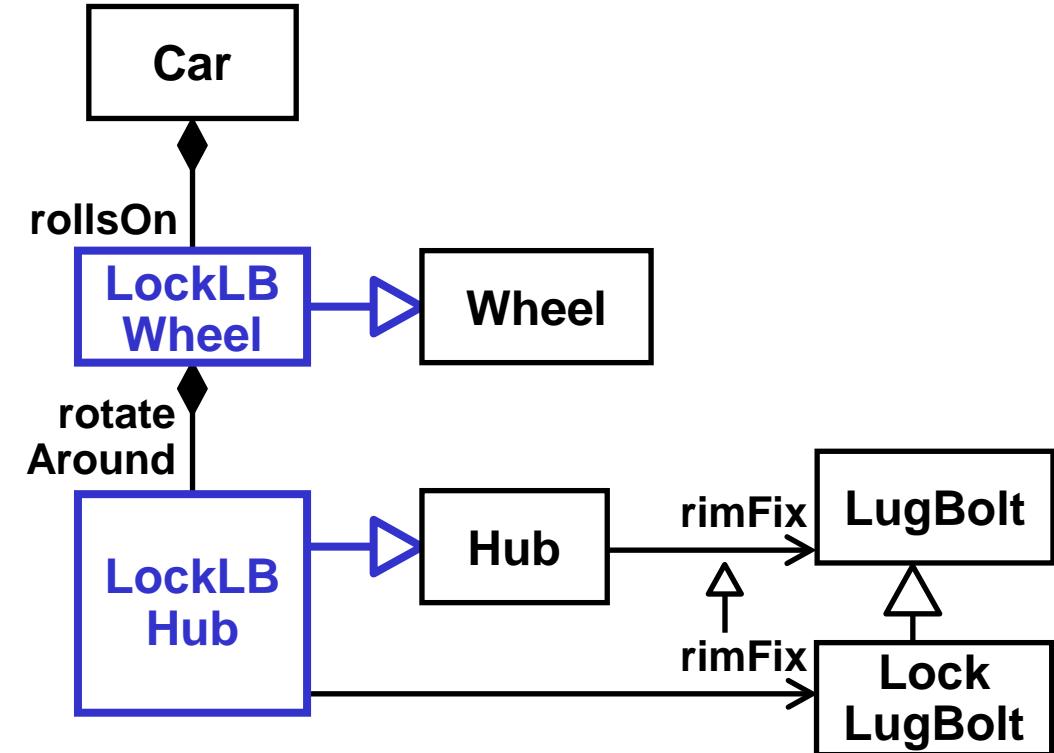
§ Doesn't matter how class diagrams are drawn

Visual Nesting ≠ Class/Property Modeling

Model

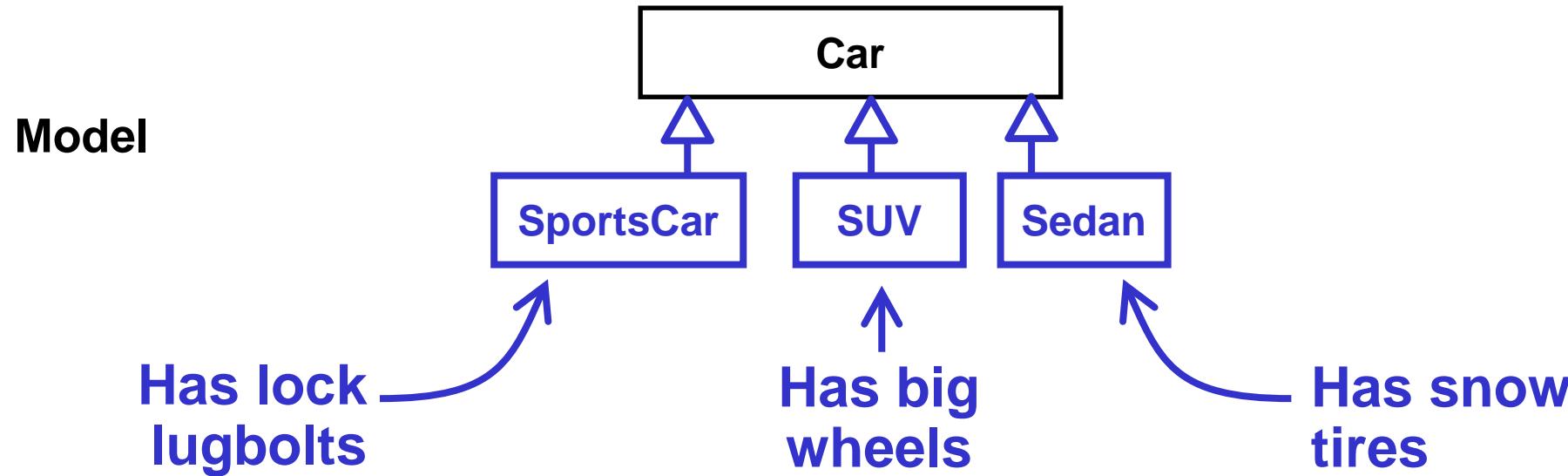


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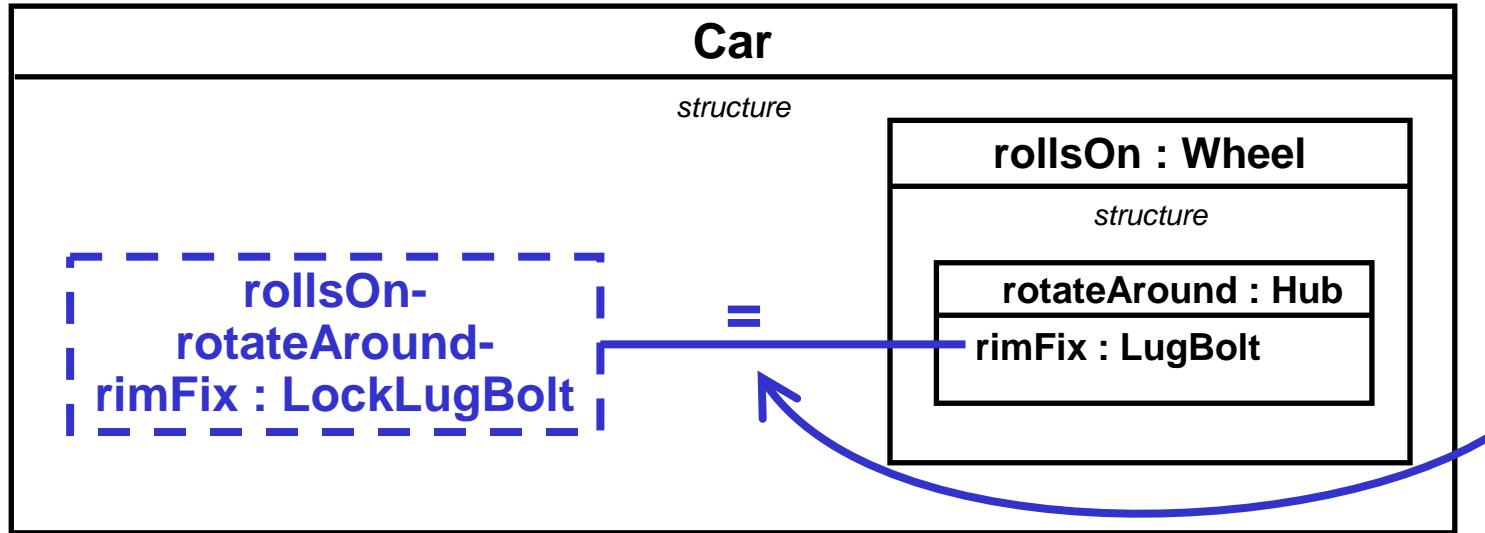
§ Need new specialized classes **all the way down the chain of properties.**

Variation Modeling



§ Need classes all the way down for all variants.

SysML 1.x Bound References



Binding means end property values are the same.
Restrictions on one apply to the other.

§ Bind new top-level property to nested one.

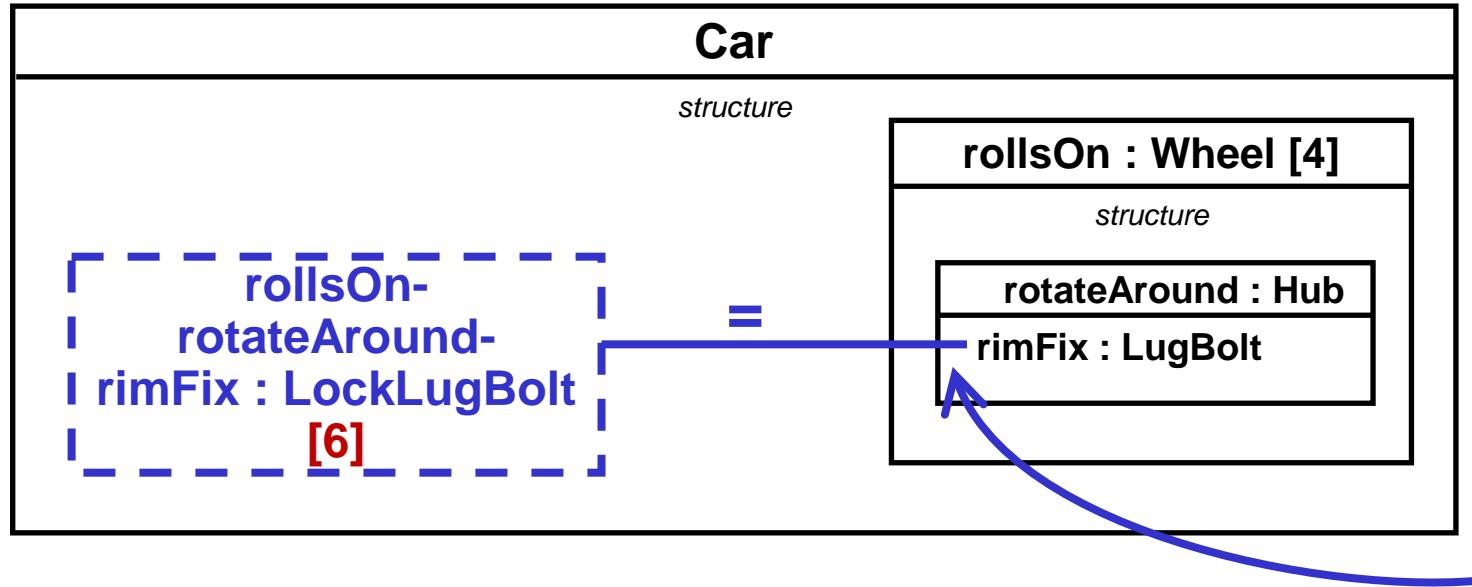
- Restrict top-level property

§ Pro: No new classes needed.

§ Cons:

- Restrictions on nested elements are at top-level.
- Multiplicity restrictions count over all nested values.

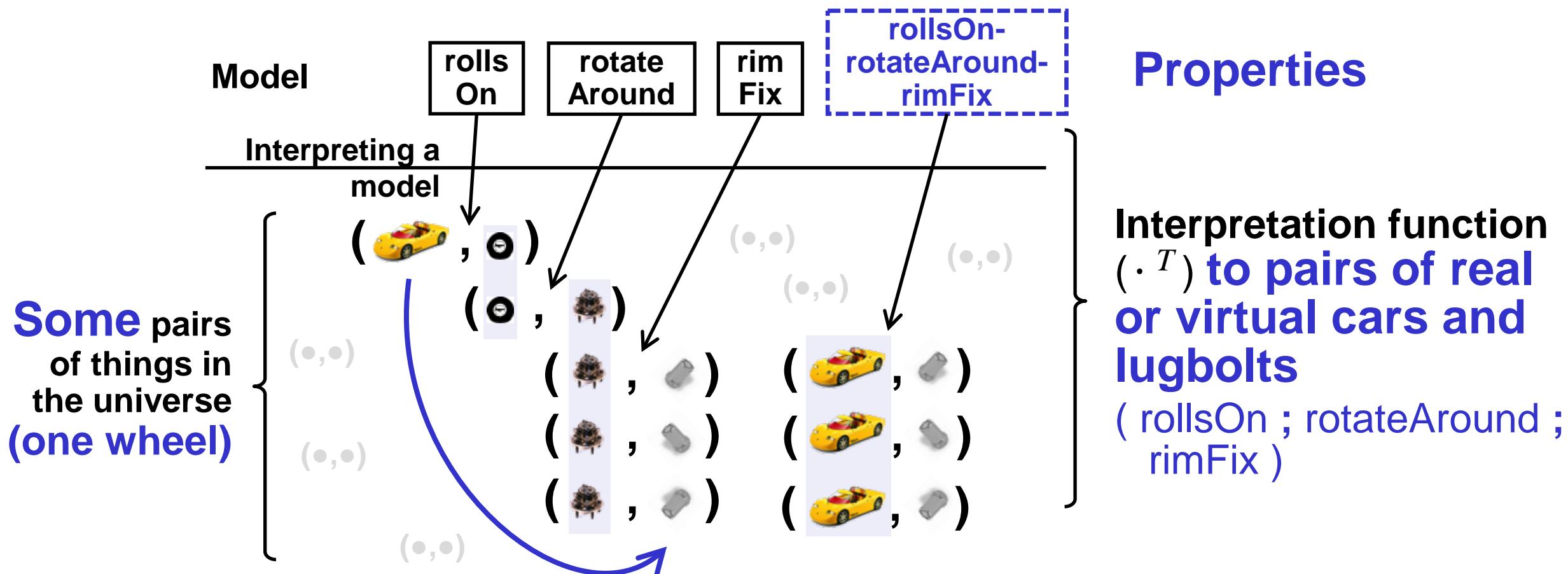
SysML 1.x Property Paths, Multiplicity



Nested connector end
has property path:
(rollsOn, rotateAround, rimFix)

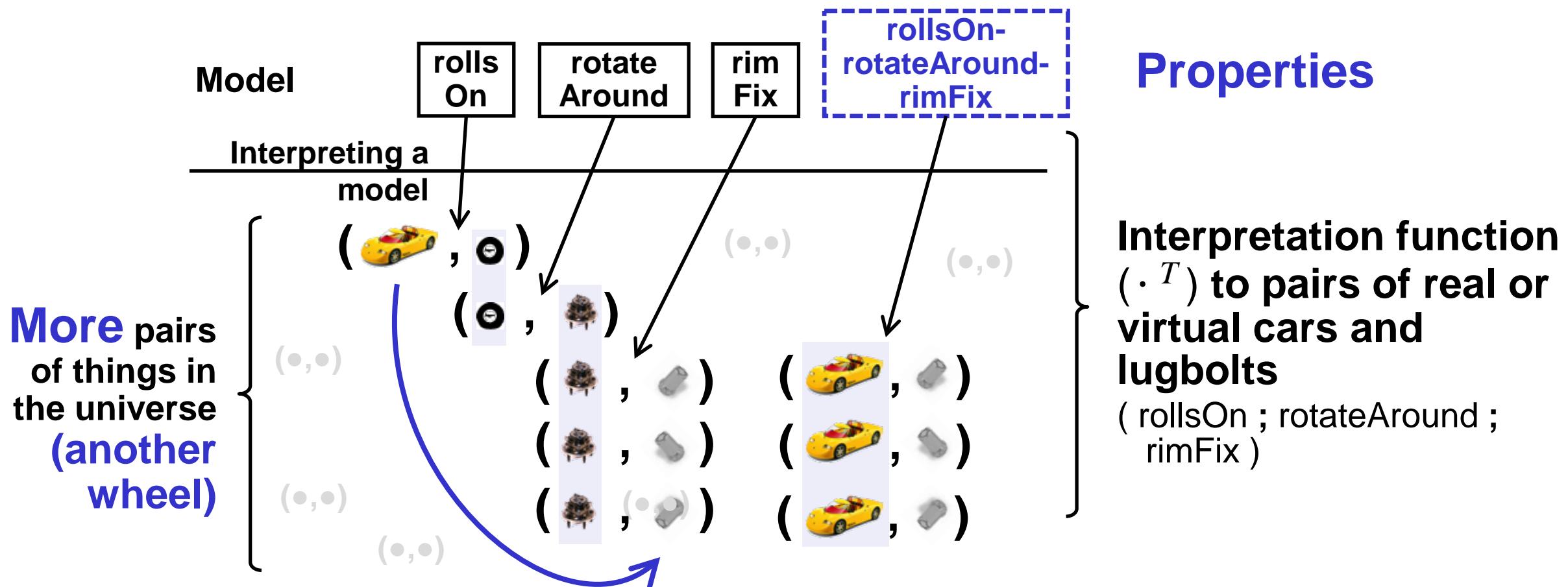
- § Bound values are found by “navigation” from each car.
 - Right end would be **all lugbolts** of hubs on **all wheels**.
- § **Don’t want** multiplicity on bound reference to count all LBs.
 - Just the ones **on each wheel**.

SysML 1.x PropertyPaths, Interpretation



§ Bound reference links cars to their lugbolts
– It can restrict type of lugbolt.

SysML 1.x PropertyPaths, Interpretation

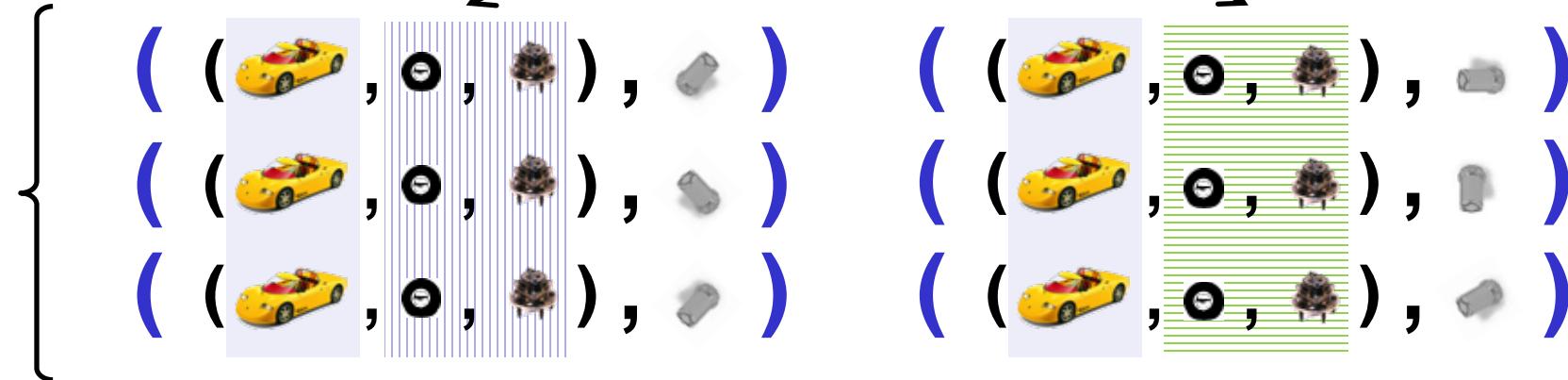
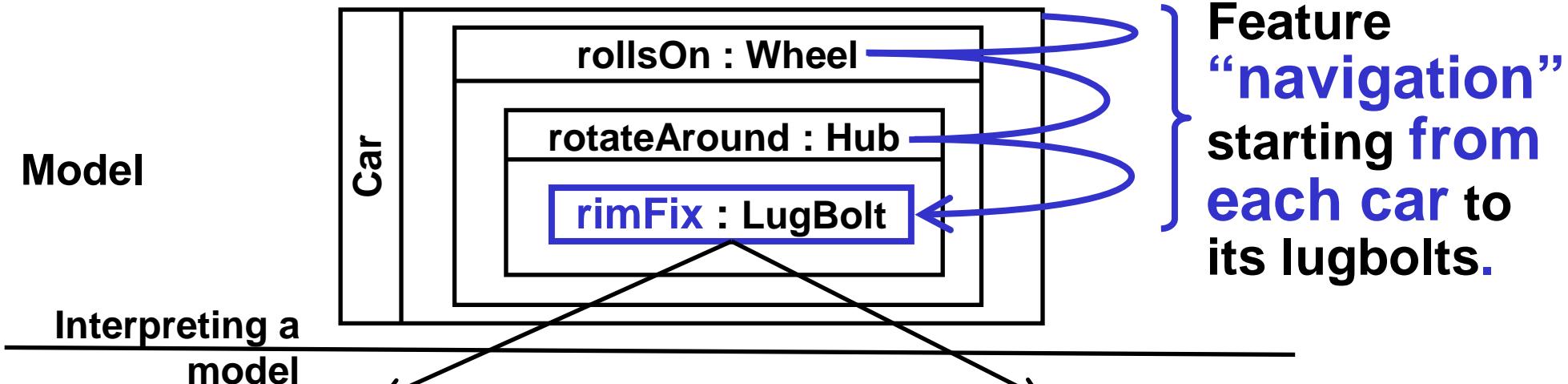


§ Bound reference links cars to **all** their lugbolts

- Restrictions apply **to all hubs of all wheels**.
- Maybe OK for type, but probably **not for multiplicity**.

“Nested” Features, Interpretation

Pairing things with sequences of things in the universe (two wheels)

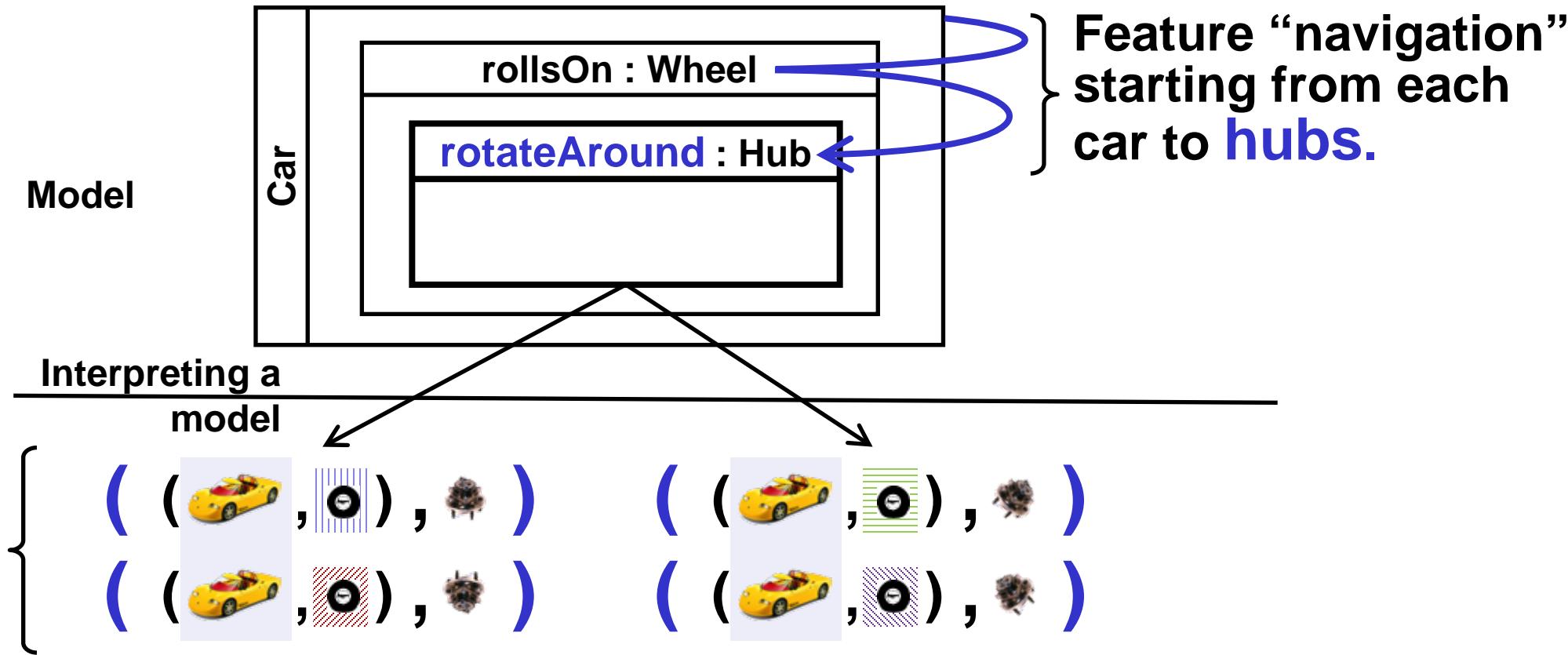


§ Lugbolts paired with sequences of “navigations” to each.

- Restrictions apply to each hub separately.
- Works for types and multiplicity.

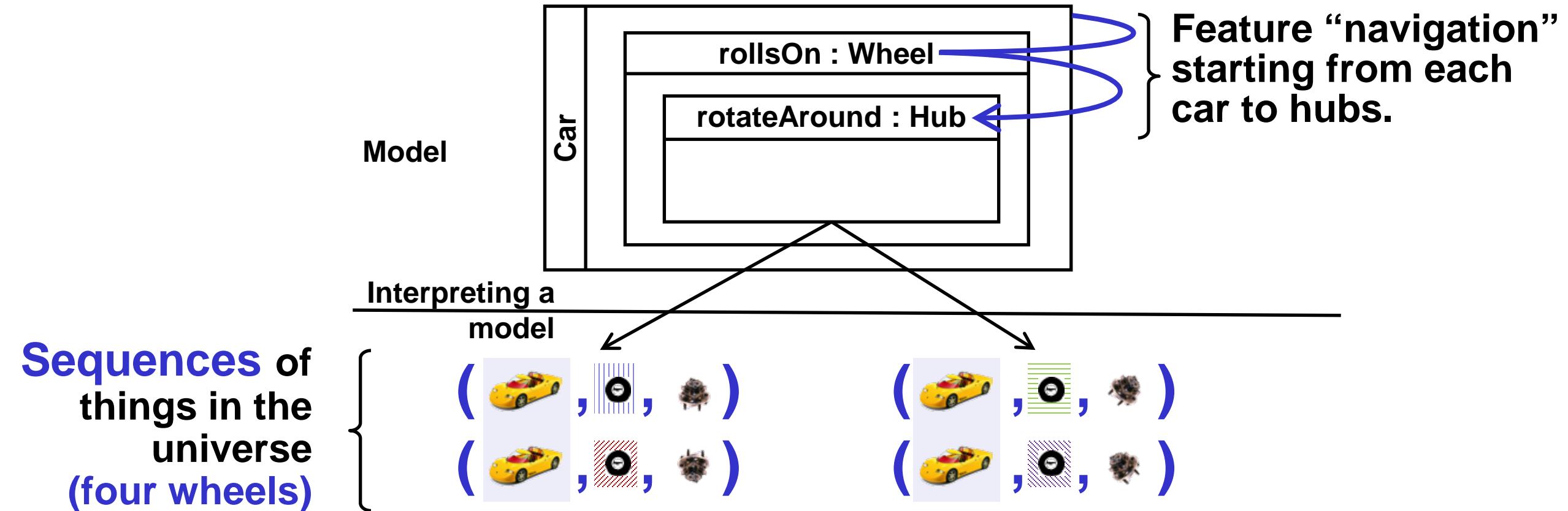
Less “Nested” Features, Interpretation

Pairing things with pairs of things in the universe (two wheels)



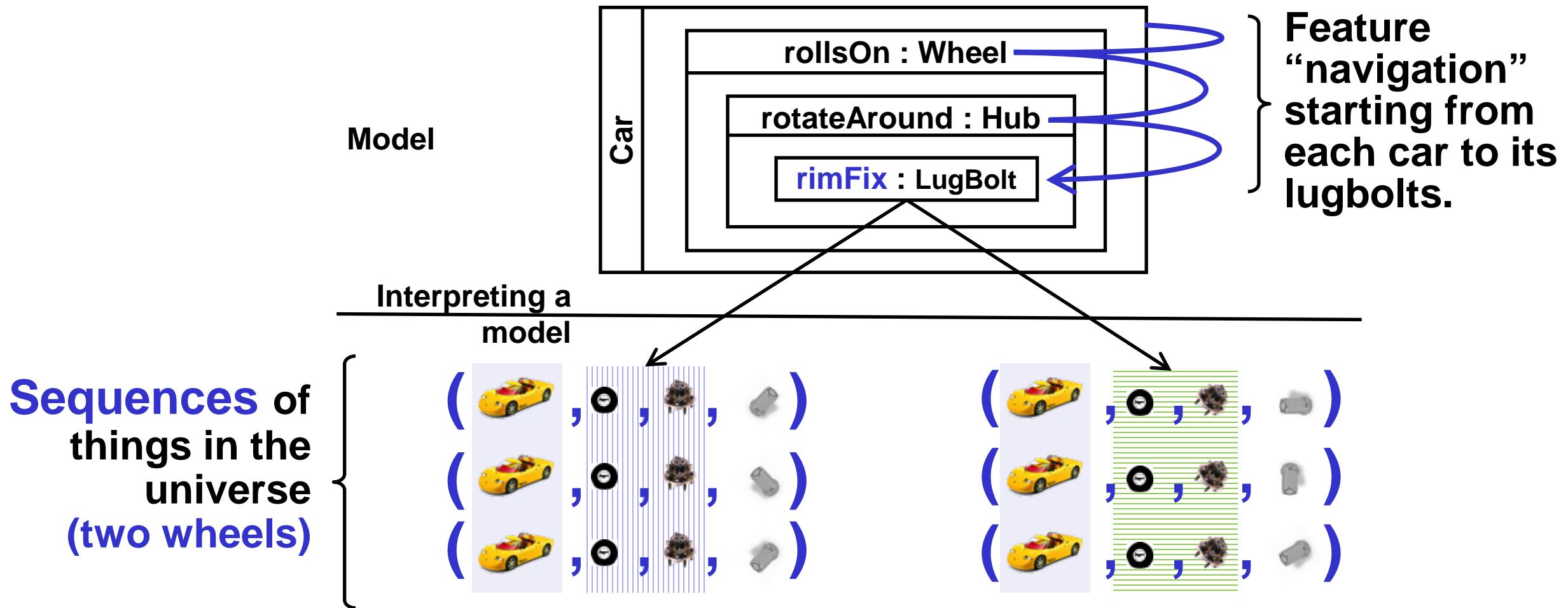
§ Hubs paired with sequences “navigating” to each.

SysML 2 Less “Nested” Features, Interpretation



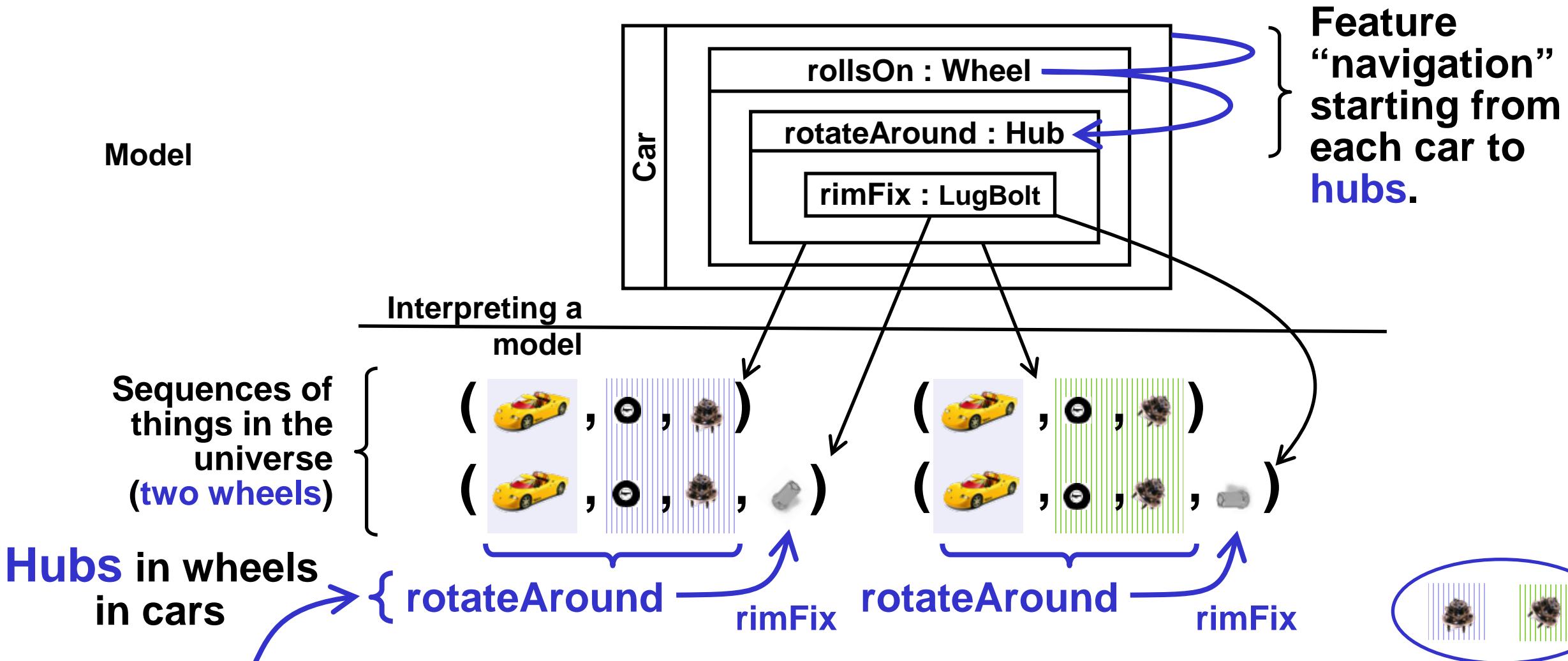
§ Hubs at end of sequences “navigating” to them.
– No nested pairs.

SysML 2 “Nested” Features, Interpretation



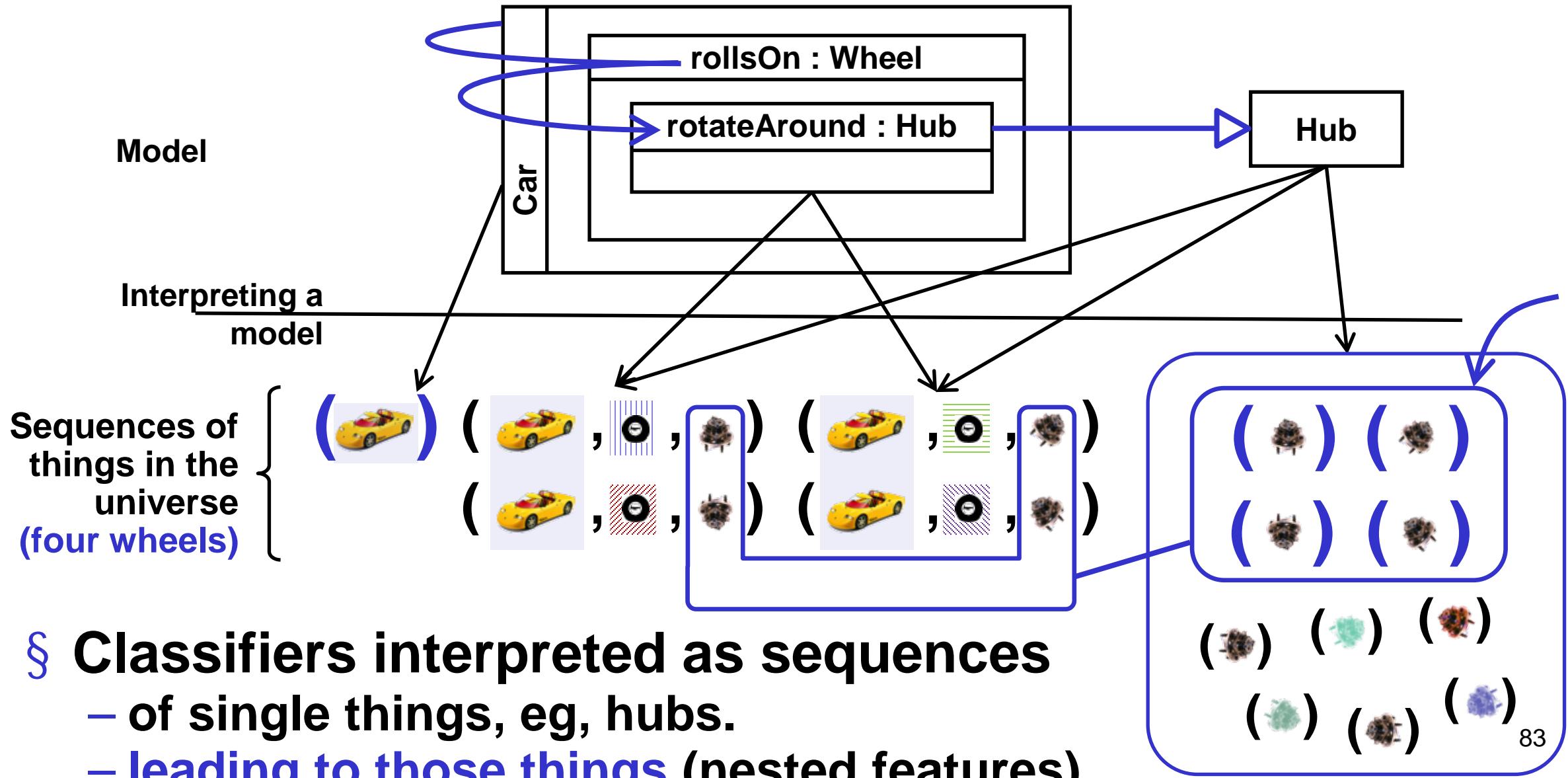
§ Lugbolts at end of sequences “navigating” to them.

SysML 2 “Features as Classifiers” ?

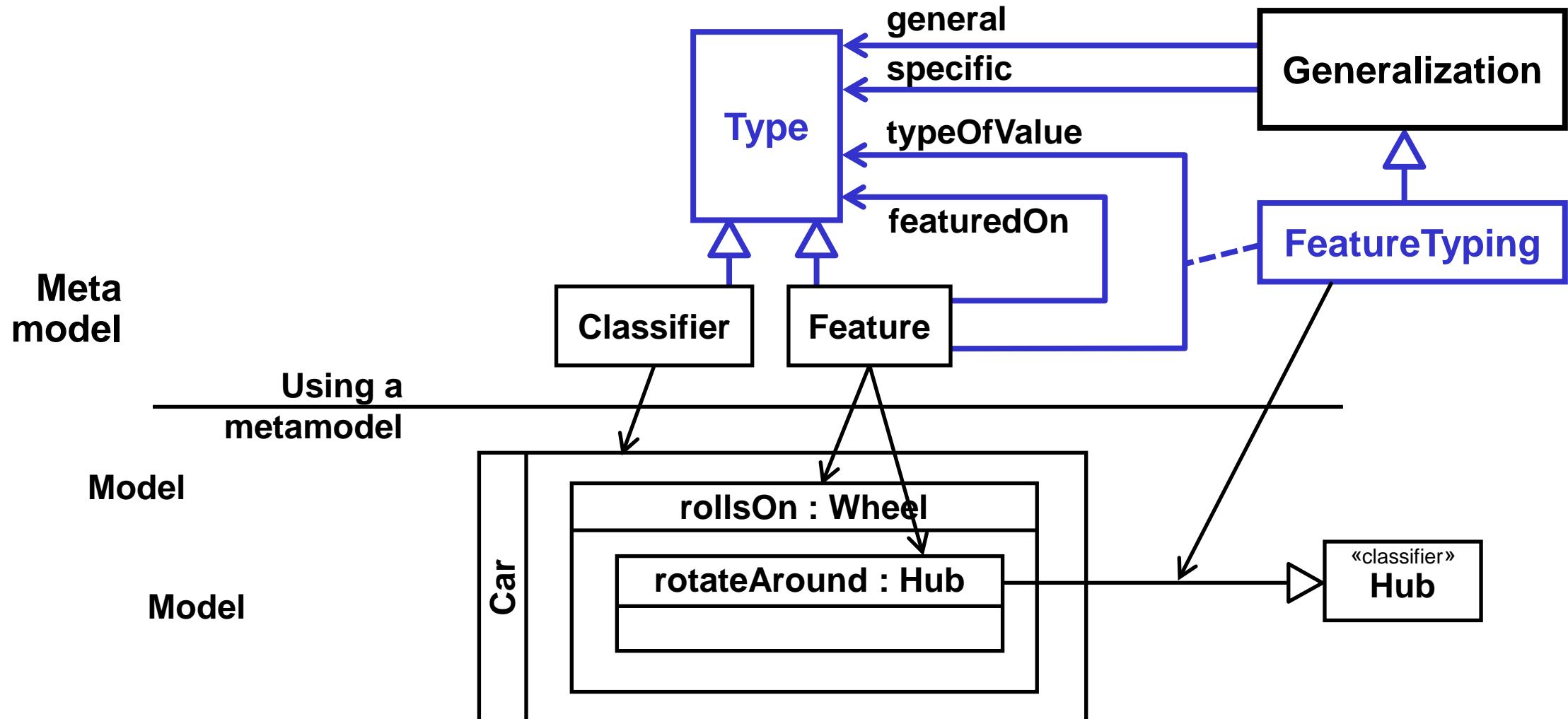


§ Nested rotateAround sequences identify a subset of hubs
— ... without additional classes.

SysML 2 “Features as Classifiers” ?



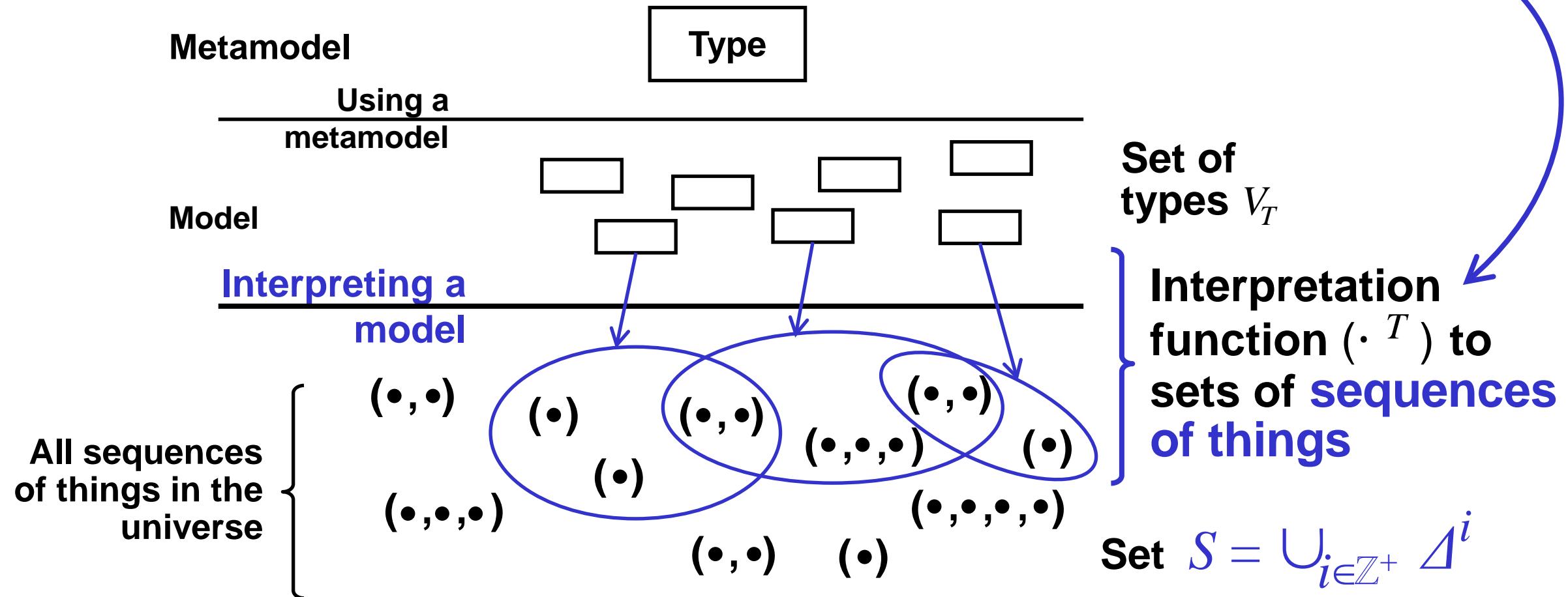
SysML 2 Features, Classifiers as Types



- § **Metamodel** : **Feature**, **Classifier** are **disjoint**
- § **Model** : **Features, Classifiers are not.**

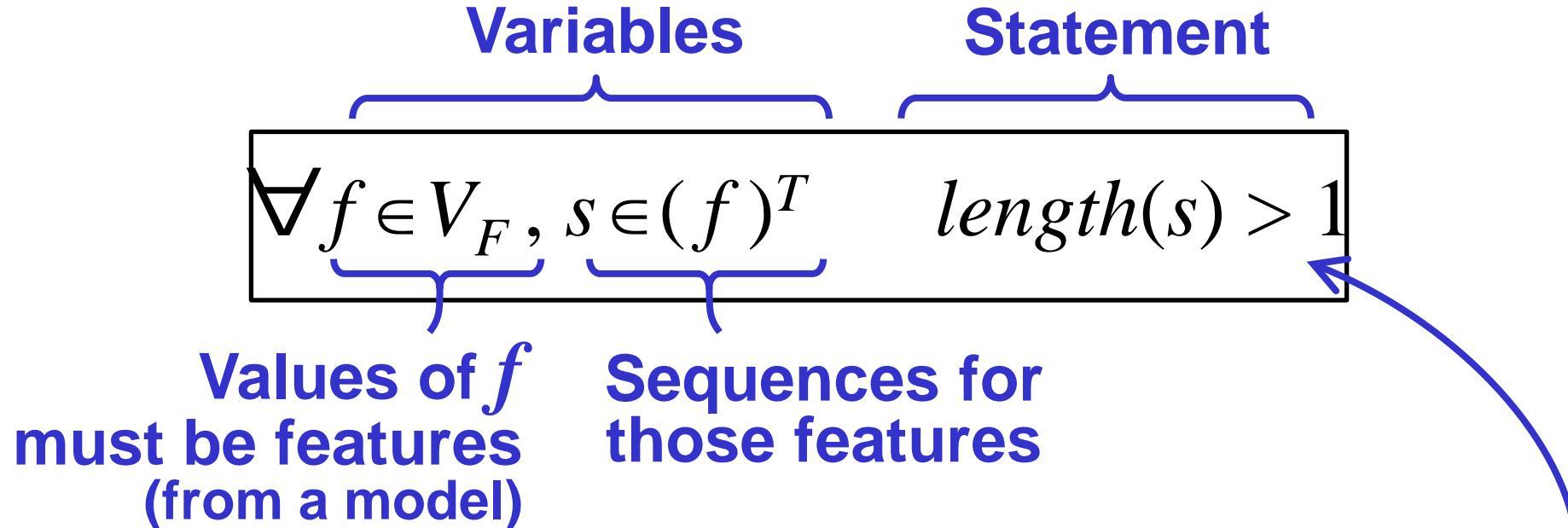
SysML 2 Interpretation

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§ Links model elements to sets of **sequences** of things in the universe.

Sequence Interpretation, Features



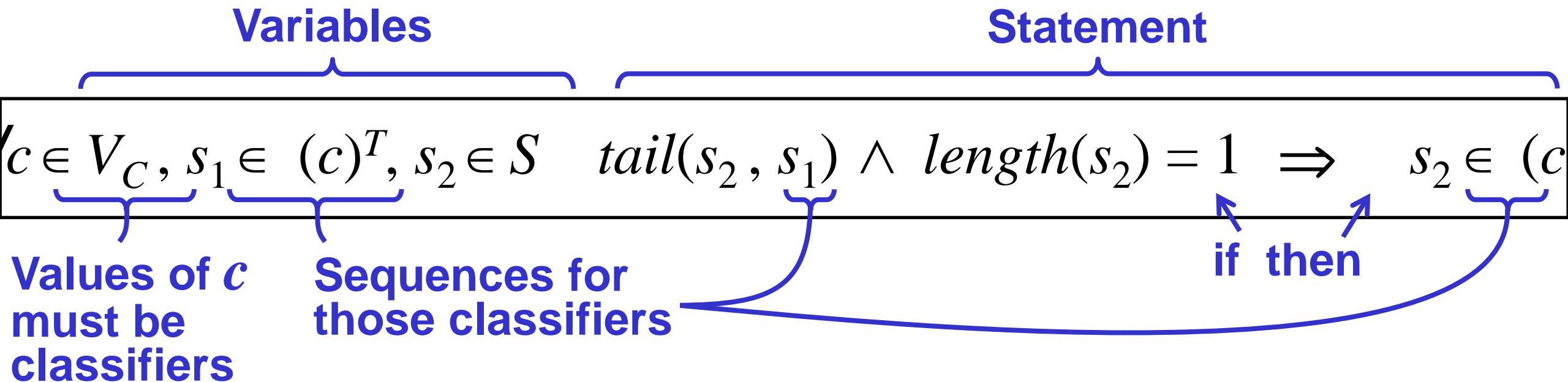
7.3.4 Features 7.3.4.4 Semantics

1. The interpretations of features must have length greater than one.

§ Feature sequences are longer than one.

- They relate (“lead”/“navigate” from/to) things in the universe.⁸⁶

Sequence Interpretation, Classifiers



7.3.3 Classifiers 7.3.3.4 Semantics

1. If the interpretation of a Classifier includes a sequence, it also includes the 1-tail of that sequence.

§ **Classifier sequences longer than one (= feature sequences) imply the ending 1-sequence is included.**

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The “O” Word

- § **Has many meanings**
 - Can spend more time defining it than doing it.
- § **Two meanings used in this presentation:**
 1. Start with the **things being modeled** (real, desired, imagined, simulated, etc).
 2. **Group (classify) those things by their commonalities.**

OWL (Web Ontology Language)

§ Interchange standard for a kind of description logic (DL).

- Arrived at after decades of (early, not statistical) AI research
 - Formalizing commonly needed information/knowledge
- Started without logic (eg, “semantic nets”)
- Eventually reduced to **named FOL patterns**
 - **OWL = SROIQ^(D)**

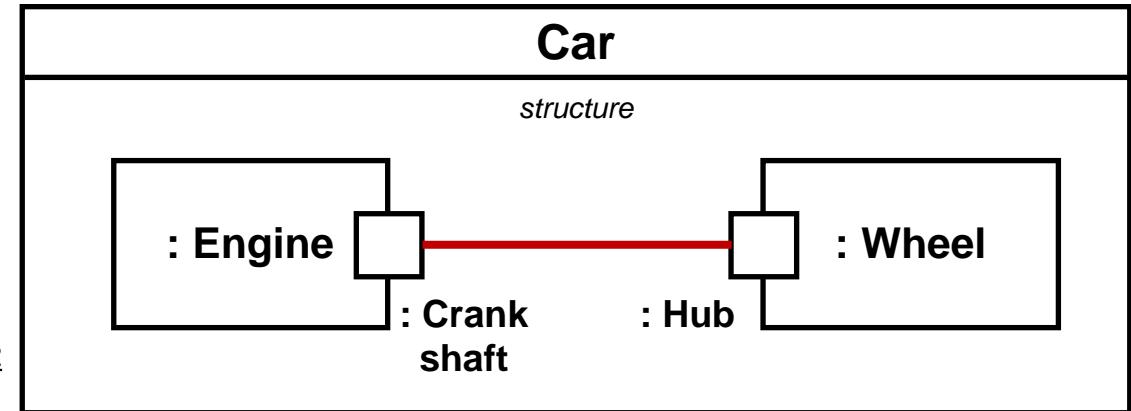
§ DL letters

- **I = Inverse properties** $\forall x, y \ p_I(x, y) \Leftrightarrow p_2(y, x)$
- **S includes**
 - Concept intersection $\forall x \ c_1(x) \Leftrightarrow c_2(x) \wedge c_3(x)$
 - Transitive roles $\forall x, y, z \ p(x, y) \wedge p(y, z) \Rightarrow p(x, z)$

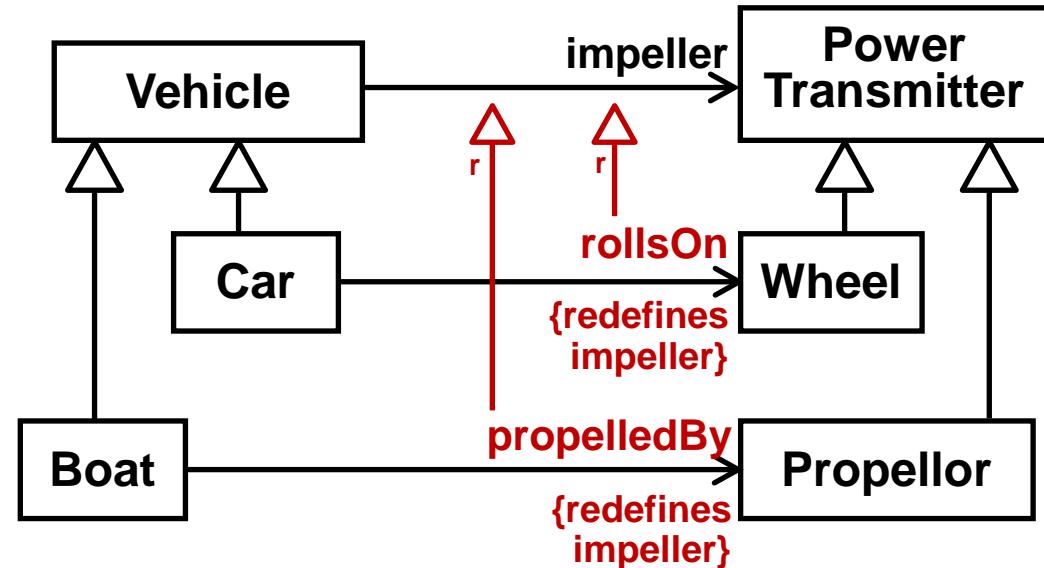
UML/SysML1 Outside SROIQ/OWL

§ Connectors between ports and other nested properties.

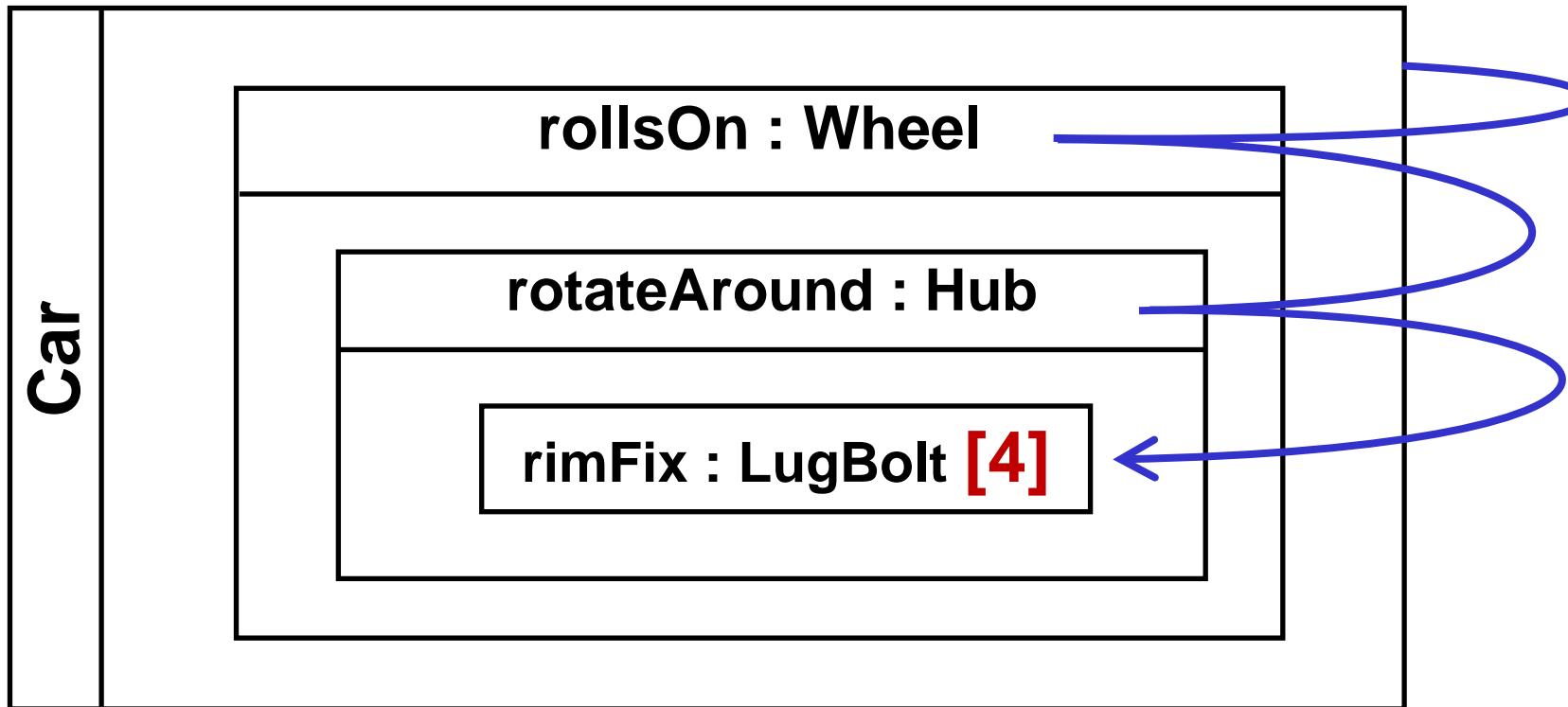
<https://www.nist.gov/publications/reasoning-manufacturing-part-part-examples-owl-2>



§ Property redefinition that “changes” the name.



SST Outside SROIQ/OWL



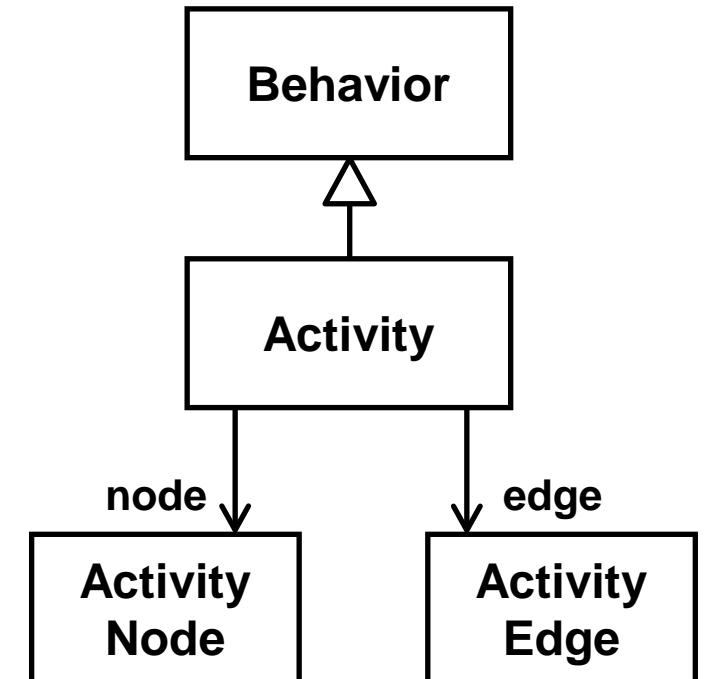
- § **Redefinition of **multiplicity** on nested features.**
 - Can't restrict number of lugbolts **on each hub**.
 - Can redefine multiplicity (and type) for **all lugbolts**.

OWL ≠ “S” (or “O”)

```
Declaration( Class( Behavior ) )  
Declaration( Class( Activity ) )  
Declaration( Class( ActivityNode ) )  
Declaration( Class( ActivityEdge ) )  
Declaration( ObjectProperty( node ) )  
Declaration( ObjectProperty( edge ) )
```

```
SubClassOf( Activity Behavior )  
ObjectPropertyDomain ( node Activity )  
ObjectPropertyRange ( node ActivityNode )  
ObjectPropertyDomain ( edge Activity )  
ObjectPropertyRange ( edge ActivityEdge )
```

OWL



UML Metamodel (M2)

§ Is this UML semantics?

- No, it's **syntax specified in an “S/O” language**.

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Summary, SE and Analysis

- § **System engineers interact with domain engineers**
 - who regularly use mathematical **tools** to predict system behavior.
 - SEs need these tools also to **check domain analysis** results.
- § **Language designers and analysis tool builders have**
 - **expectations** for system construction / operation ...
 - ... coordinated through a **standards specifications**.

Summary, Syntax & Semantics

- § Syntax specifies **models**
- § Semantics + models specify **real or virtual things**
 - Enables **checking** those things against the model.
 - Conformance (checking) = **classification** (yes/no).
- § Specifying semantics
 - Constraints that (kinds of) model elements place on classifying (pairs of) things in a hypothetical **universe**.

Summary, SysML 2

§ Semantic framework, motivation

- Classifying **sequences** of things in a hypothetical universe ...
- ... to model subsets of things reached by feature “**navigation**” ...
- ... **without** additional classes. Facilitates variation modeling.

§ Features and Classifiers

- **Features** interpreted as sequences **longer than one**.
- **Classifiers** interpreted as sequences of **exactly one thing** + ...
 - ... all feature sequences **ending in those things**.
- Enables features to be “**classifiers**” for other (“**nested**”) features.
- **Kinds of feature values (typing)** = **Generalization**

Other Information

§ OWL 2 Direct Semantics

- <https://www.w3.org/TR/owl2-direct-semantics/>

§ Introduction to Reasoning

- Section 3.1 in Bock, et al, “Evaluating Reasoning Systems,” NISTIR 7310 <https://www.nist.gov/publications/evaluating-reasoning-systems>

§ SysML 1.4 Variant WG Archive

- http://www.omg.org/members/sysml-rtf-wiki/doku.php?id=rtf4:groups:variant:variants_modeling
- Scroll down for literature and presentations.
- Discussion deck: <http://tinyurl.com/ybxlc2wy>
 - Bound references on slides 12-44.