

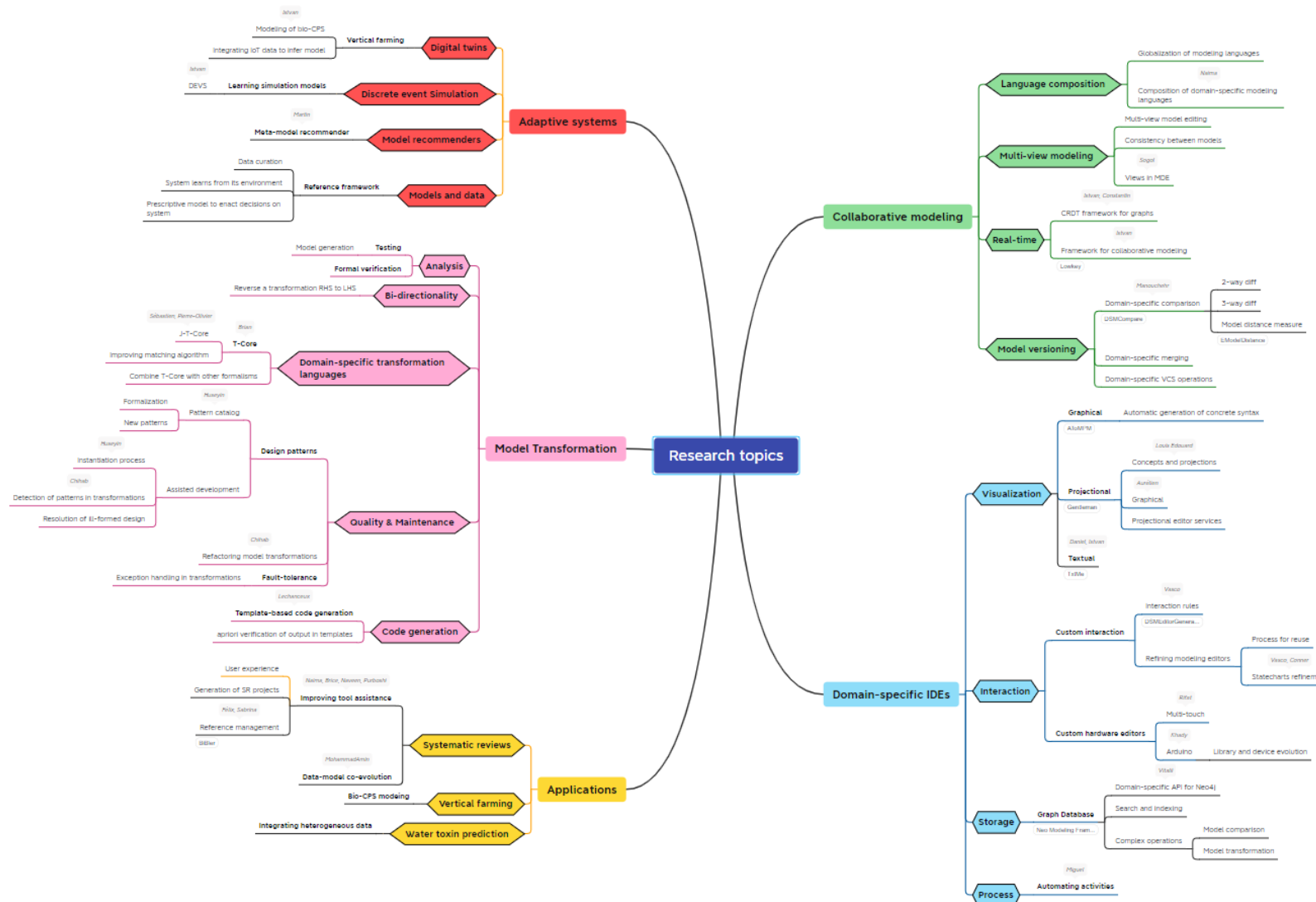
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# Overview of our research in software modeling and simulation

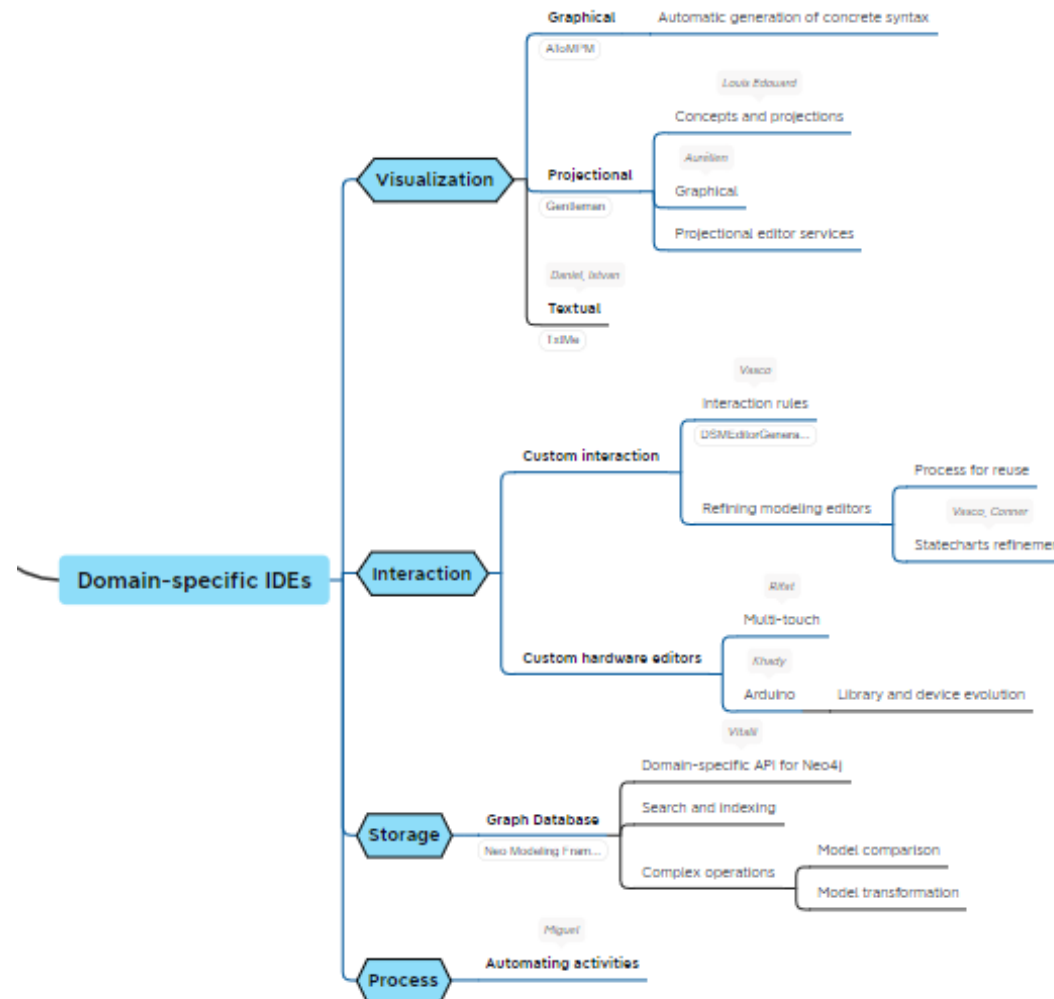
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# Domain-specific IDEs – Editors

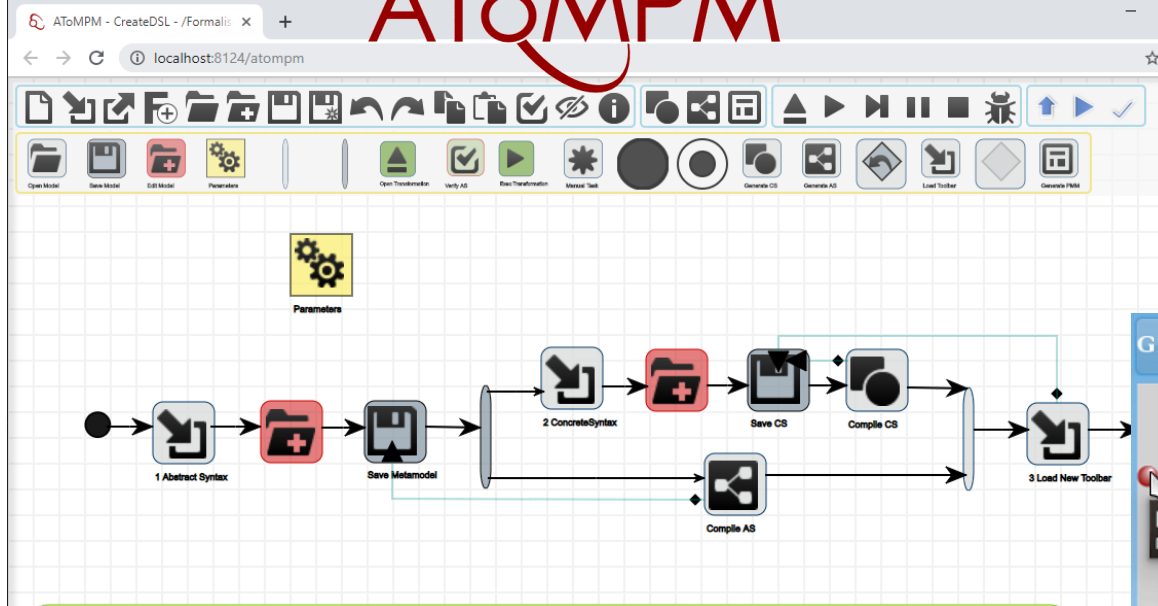
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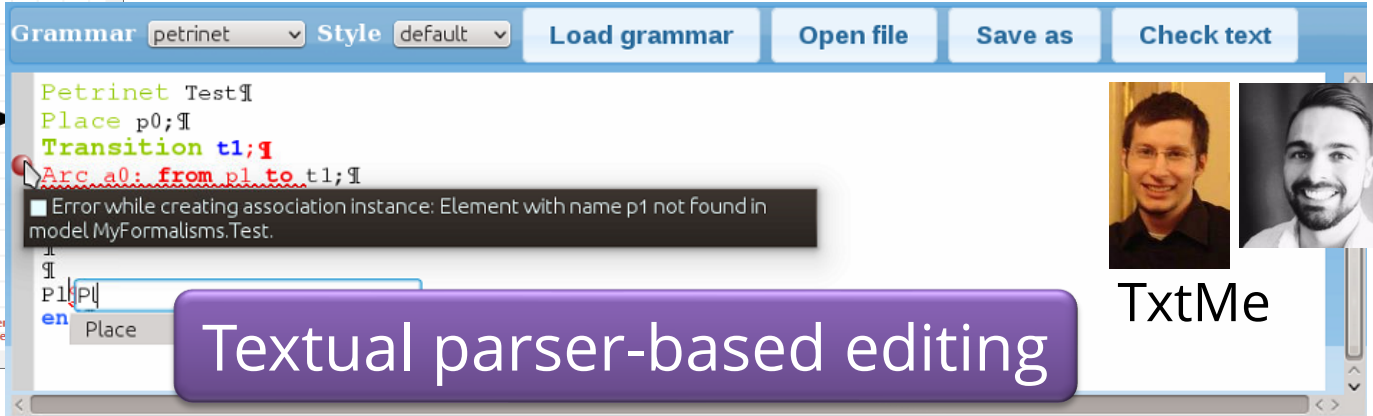
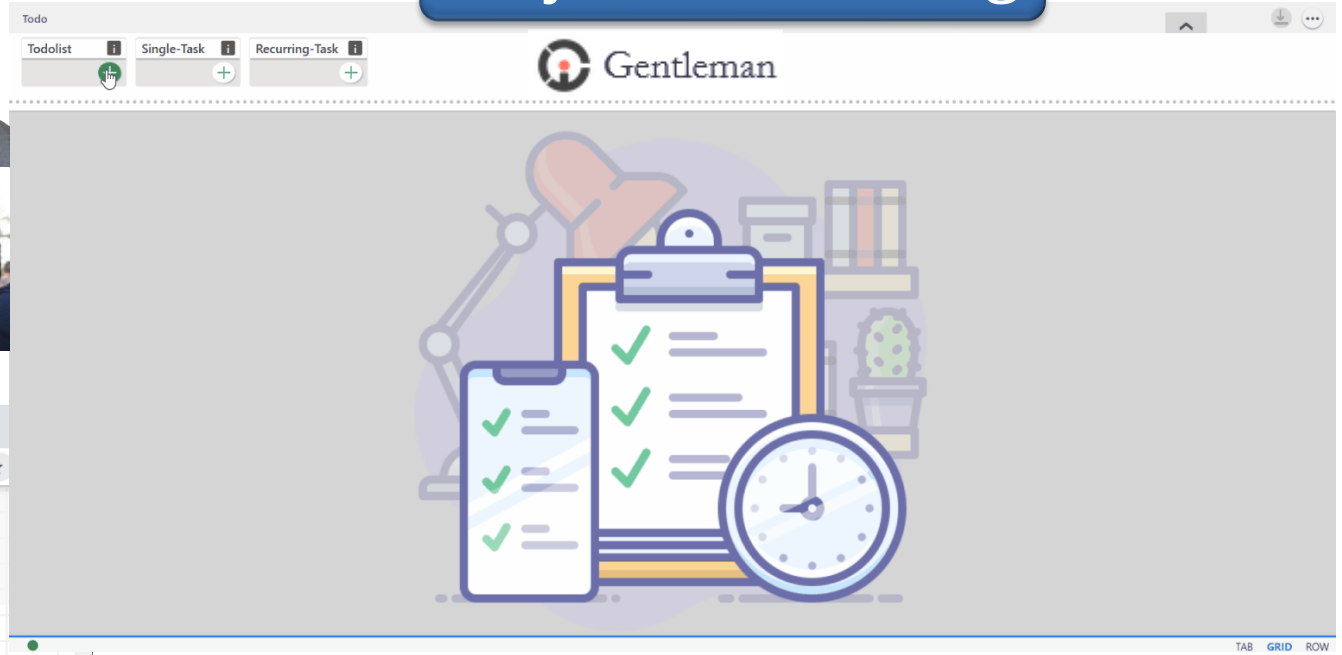
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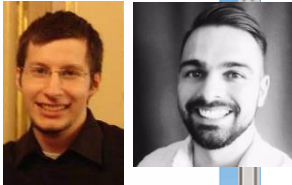
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Graphical syntax-directed editing

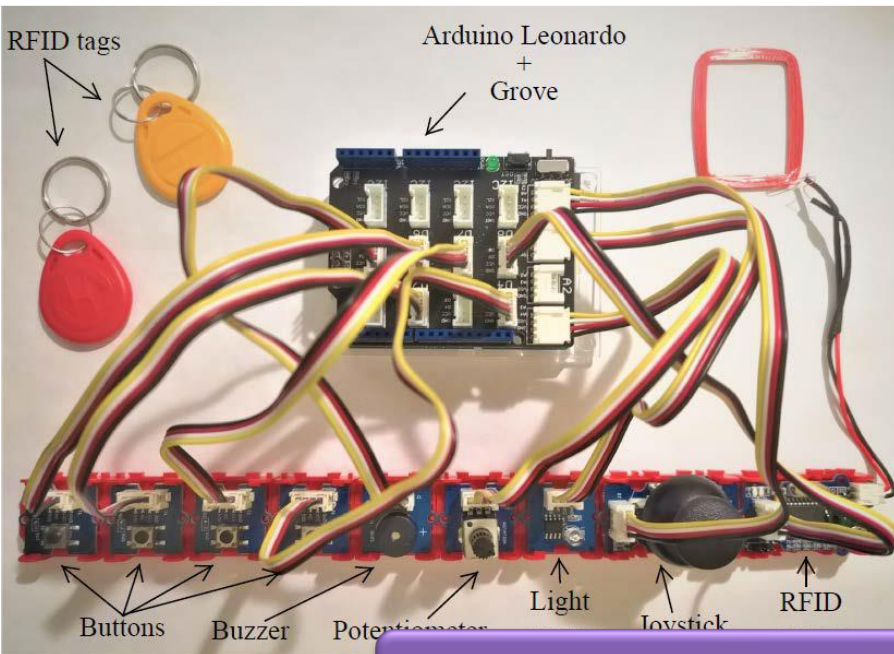


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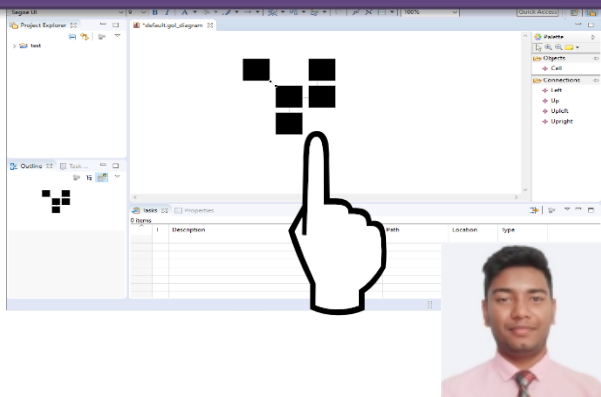
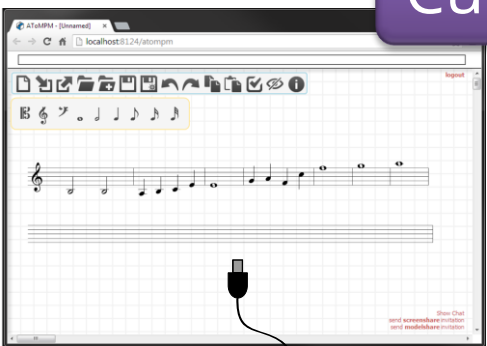


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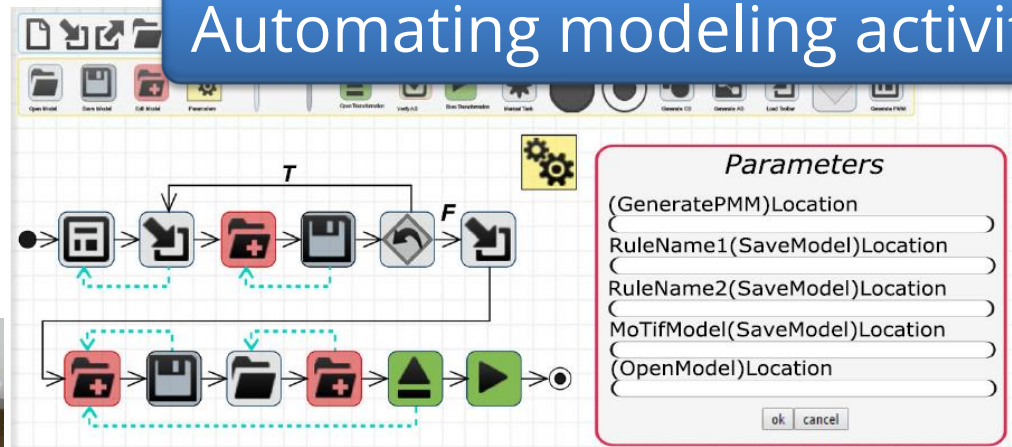
# Domain-specific IDEs – Interaction



Custom hardware for editors



Automating modeling activities



```
InteractionRule StartPlay
Condition {
  focus Interface playModelButton {}
}
--- press -->
Effect {
  Interface light {value = "running"}
  Operation runGoL {}
  Interface playModelButton {value = "active"}
}
```

```
InteractionRule TurnLightOff
Condition {
  focus Interface lightButton {}
}
--- press -->
Effect {
  Interface light {
    value = "off"
  }
}
```

```
InteractionRule EndPlay
Condition {
  Interface playModelButton {value = "active"}
}
--- _finish -->
Effect {
  Interface light {value = "fi..."}
  Interface playModelButton {value = "active"}
}
```

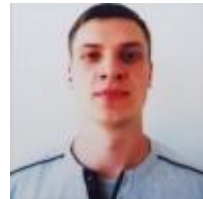
Custom interactions

```
InteractionRule CreateCell
Condition { focus Canvas {} } --- select --> Effect { Lang Cell {op = add} }
```

```
InteractionRule RemoveCell
Condition { focus Lang Cell {} } --- select --> Effect { Lang Cell {op = rem} }
```

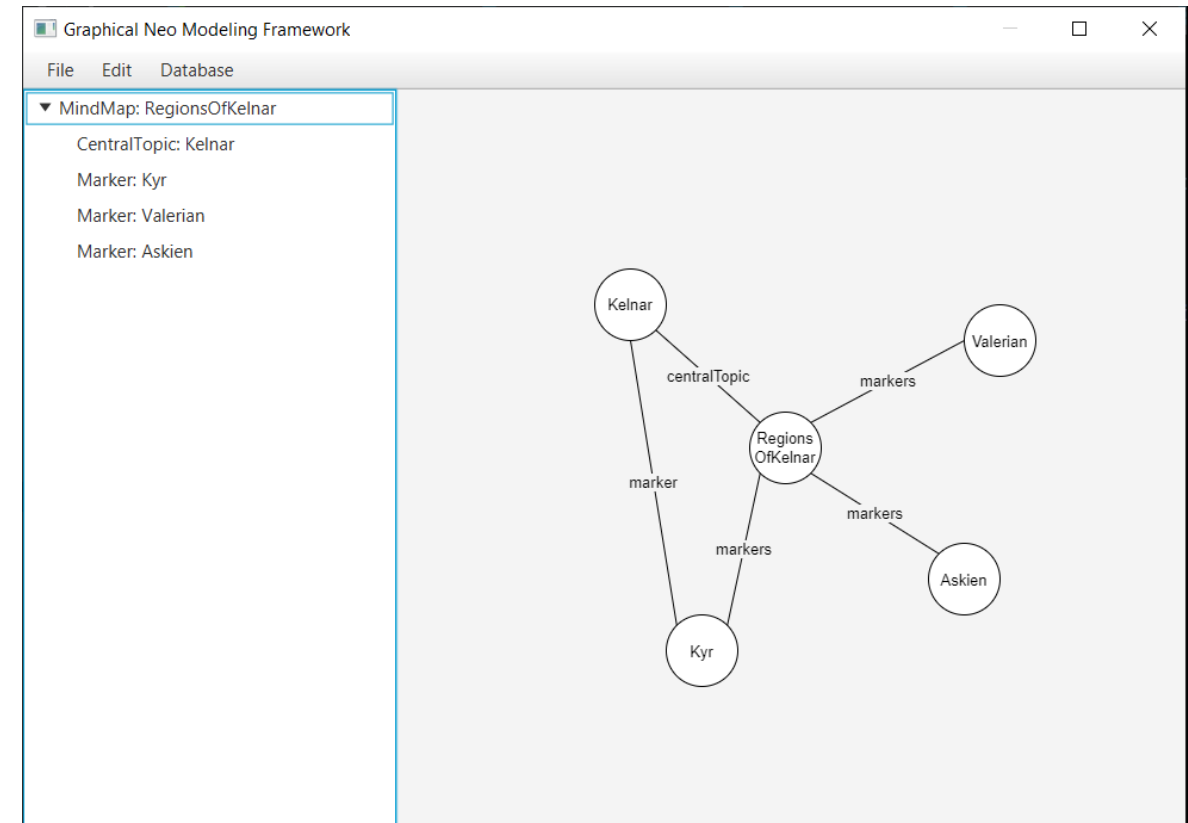
# Domain-specific IDEs – Storage

- Storing models in graph databases
- NeoModelingFramework

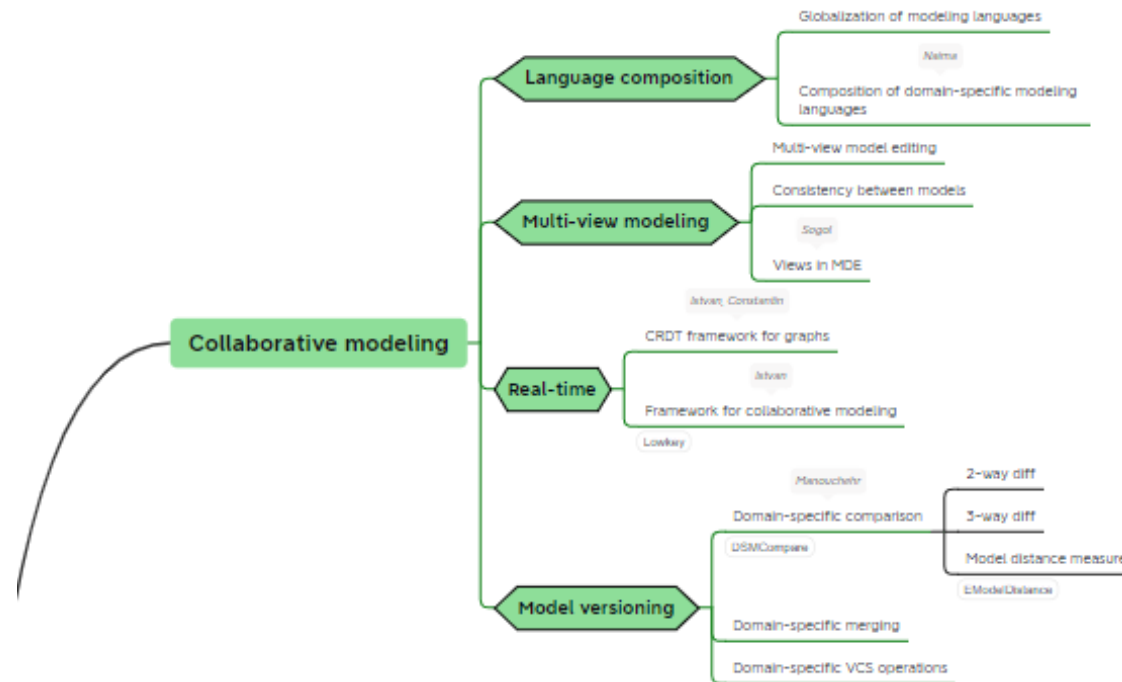


```
1 val manager = GrafModelManager(dbUri, username, password)
2 val graph = manager.createGraph()
3 graph.setName("G1")
4 val v0 = graph.addVertices(VertexType.CompositeVertex) as CompositeVertex
5 val v1 = v0.addSub_vertices(VertexType.Vertex)
6 val v2 = v0.addSub_vertices(VertexType.Vertex)
7 v0.setDefault_vertex(v1)
8 manager.saveChanges()
9 manager.close()
```

Domain-specific API

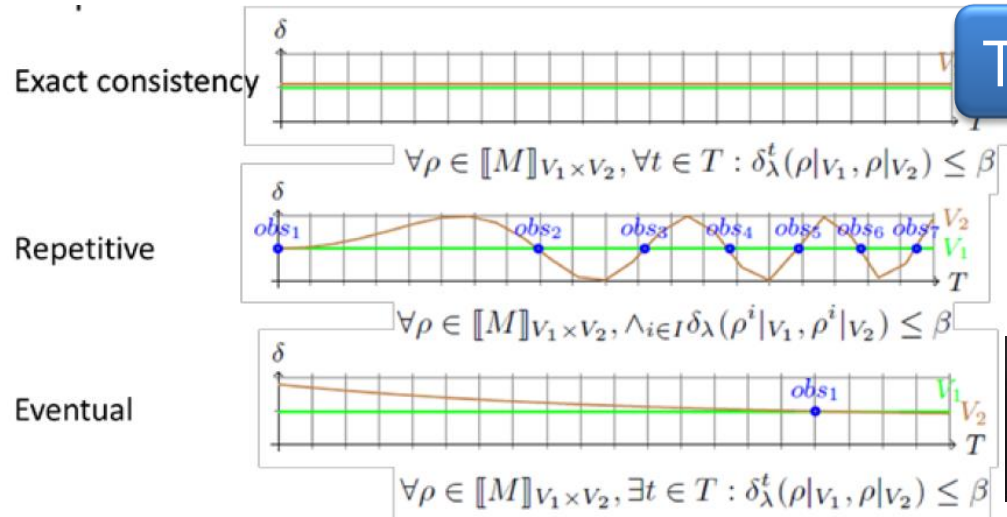


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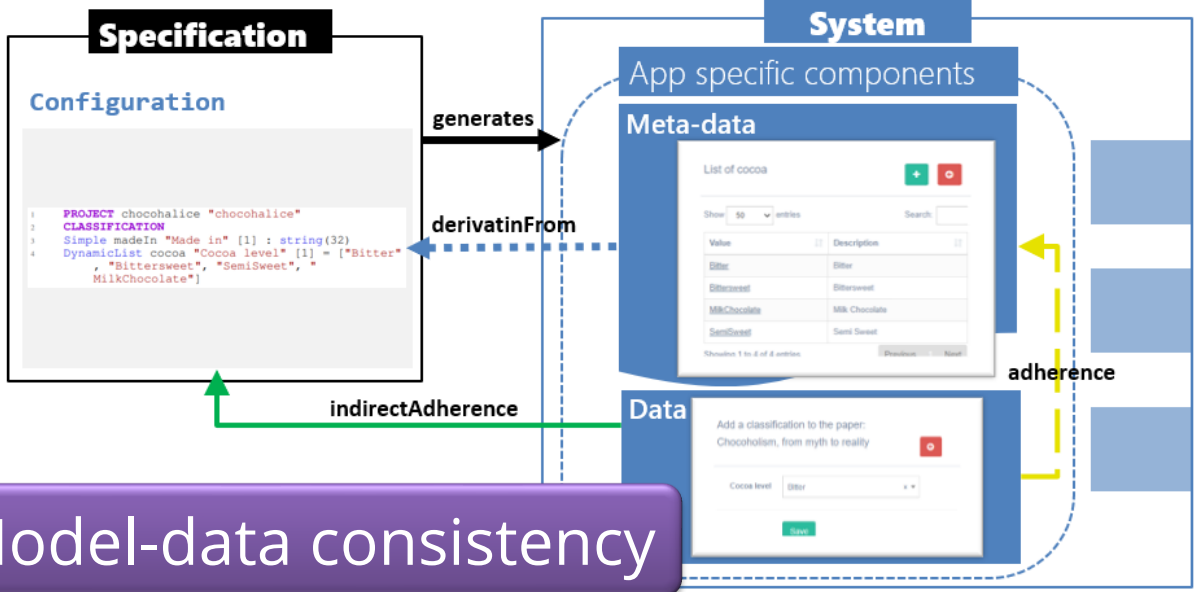




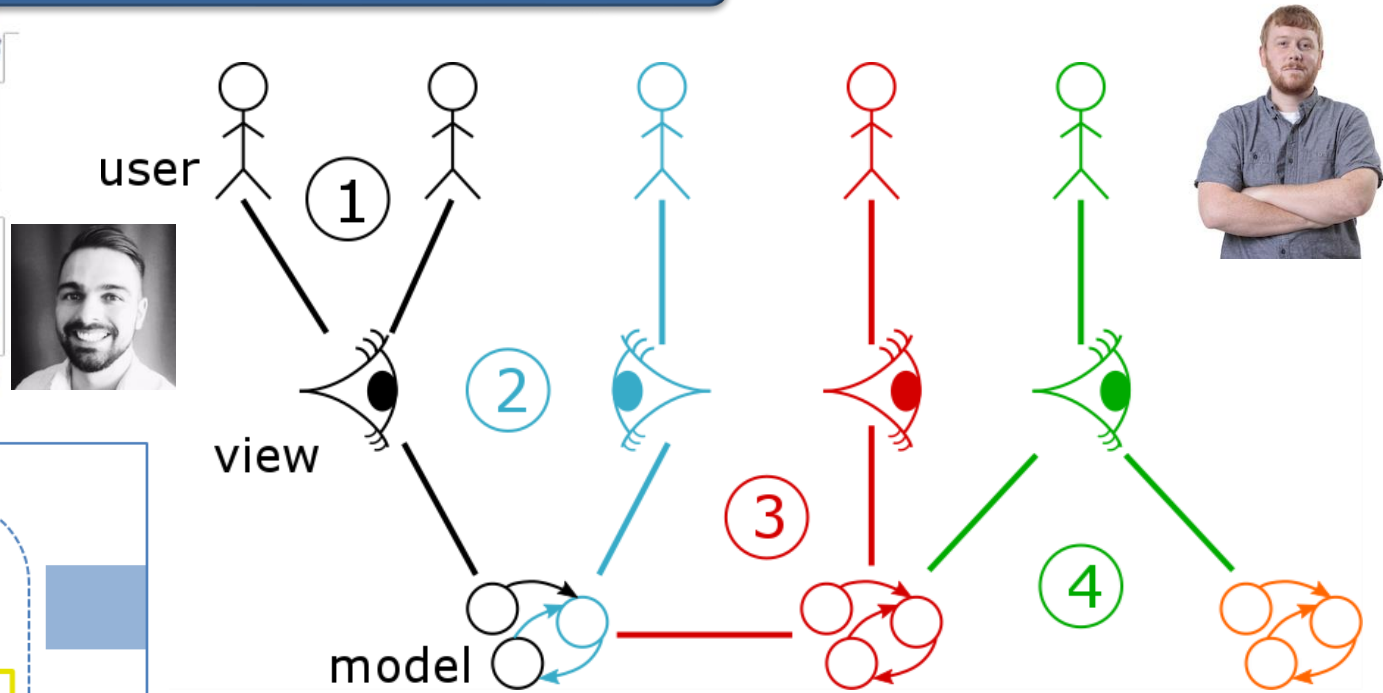
# Collaborative modeling – Multi-view consistency



Tolerating inconsistency

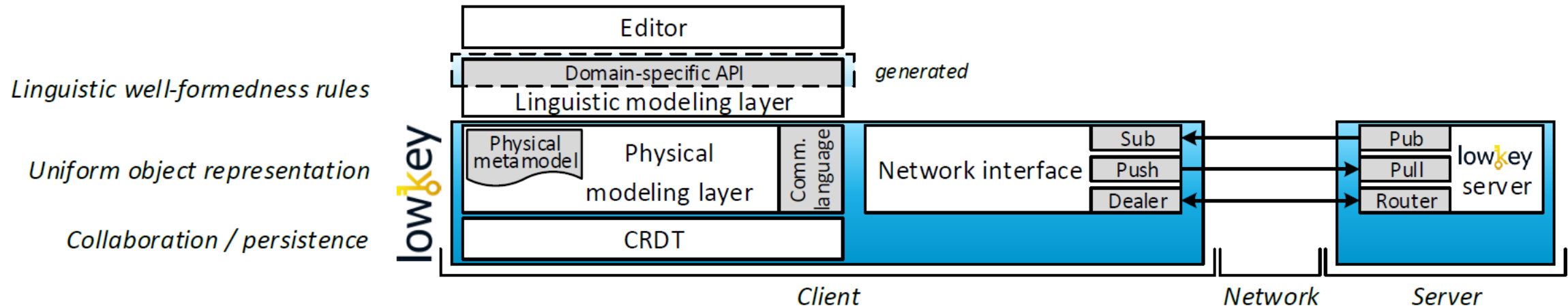


Model-data consistency



Multi-view modeling

# Collaborative modeling – Real-time collaboration



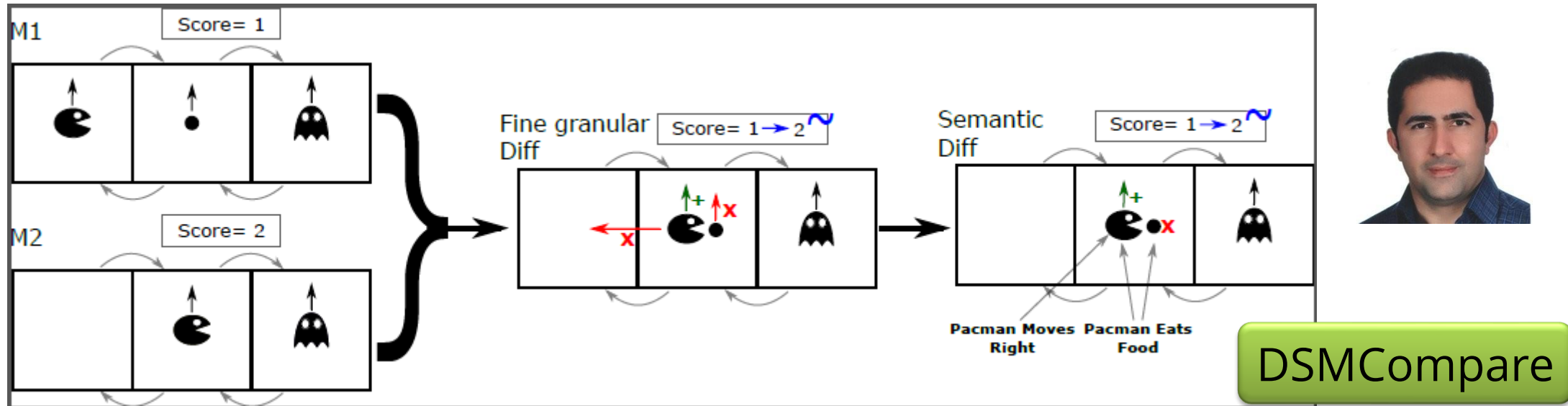
CollabServer

CRDT

lowkey



# Collaborative modeling – Model versioning



DSMCompare

Move  $\Delta_M(G_1, G_2) = \sum_{m_1 \in Mov_1, m_2 \in Mov_2} \delta_M(m_1, p(m_2)), \text{ where } l(m_1) = l(m_2)$

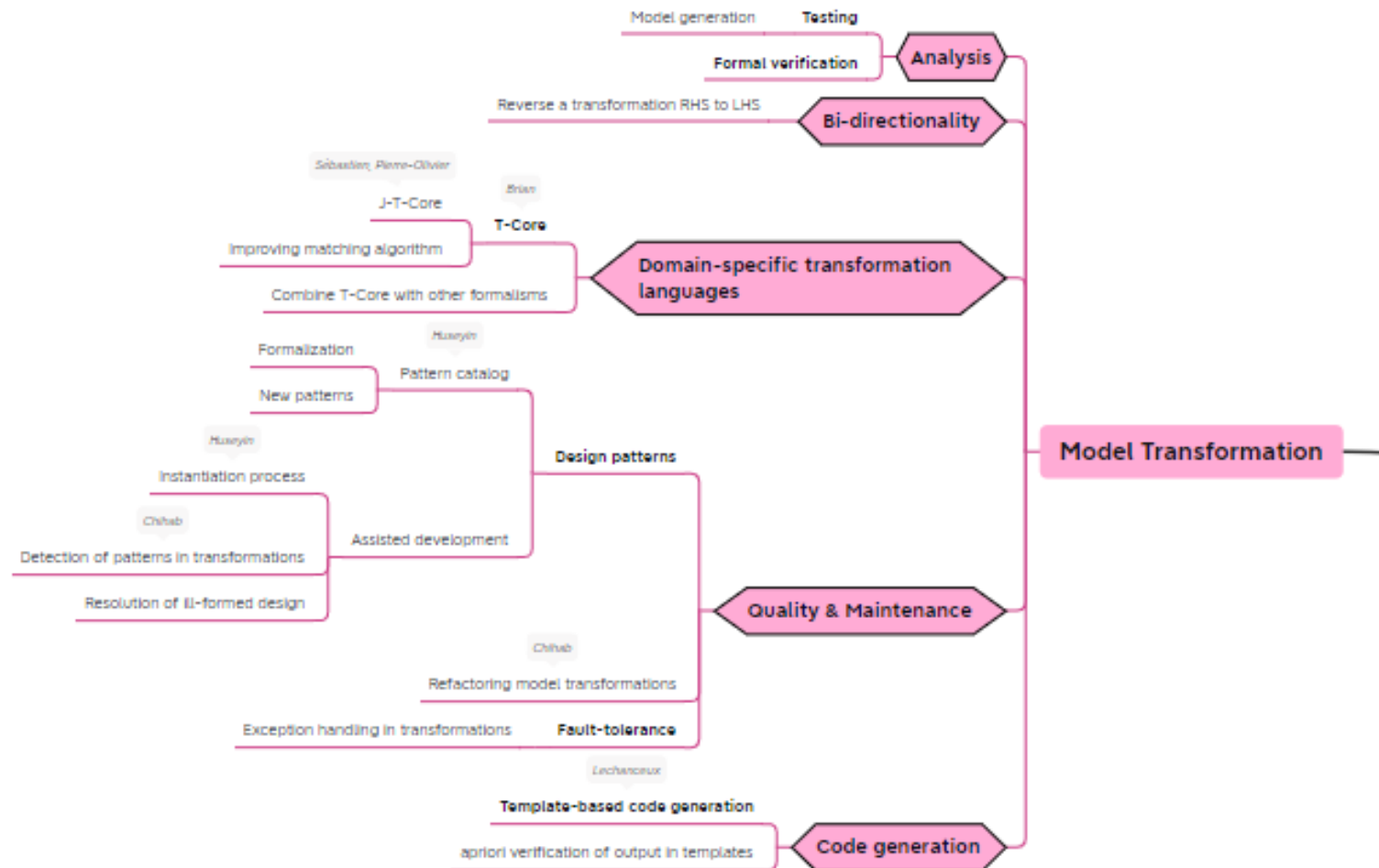
Element  $\Delta_E(G_1, G_2) = \frac{|\{v_1 \in V_1 | \nexists v_2 \in V_2, l(v_2) = l(v_1)\}| + |\{v_2 \in V_2 | \nexists v_1 \in V_1, l(v_1) = l(v_2)\}|}{|V_1| + |V_2|}$

Value  $\delta_V(v, x) = \begin{cases} |a(v_1, x)| & \text{if } a(v, x) = 0 \\ |a(v, x) - a(v_1, x)|/a(v, x) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$



Domain-specific distance

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# Model transformation – Domain-specific transformation languages

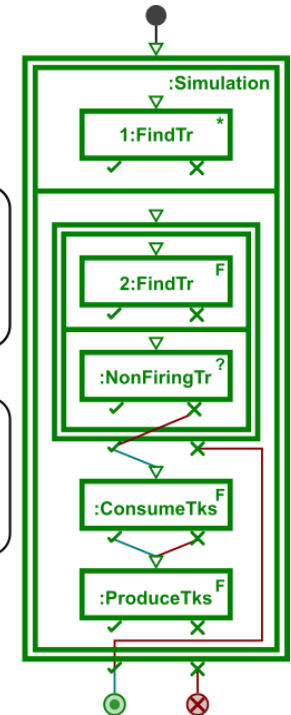
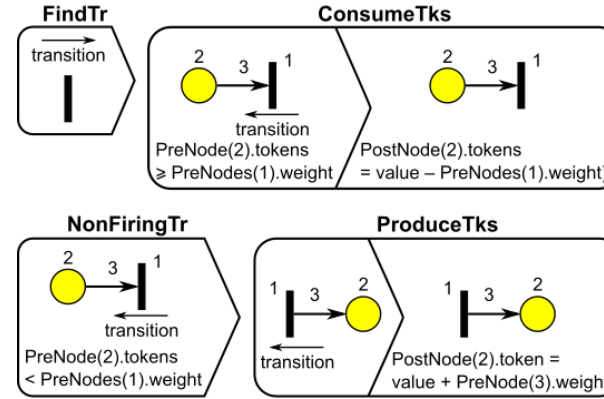
```

class ARule(Composer):
    def __init__(self, LHS, RHS):
        super(ARule, self).__init__()
        self.M = Matcher(condition=LHS, max=1)
        self.I = Iterator(max_iterations=1)
        self.W = Rewriter(condition=RHS)
    def packet_in(self, packet):
        self.is_success = False
        packet = self.M.packet_in(packet)
        if not self.M.is_success: return packet
        packet = self.I.packet_in(packet)
        if not self.I.is_success: return packet
        packet = self.W.packet_in(packet)
        if not self.W.is_success: return packet
        self.is_success = True
        return packet
    
```

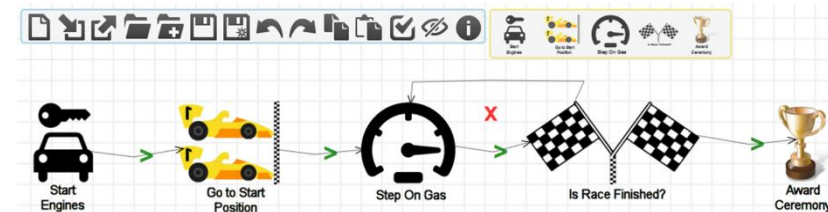
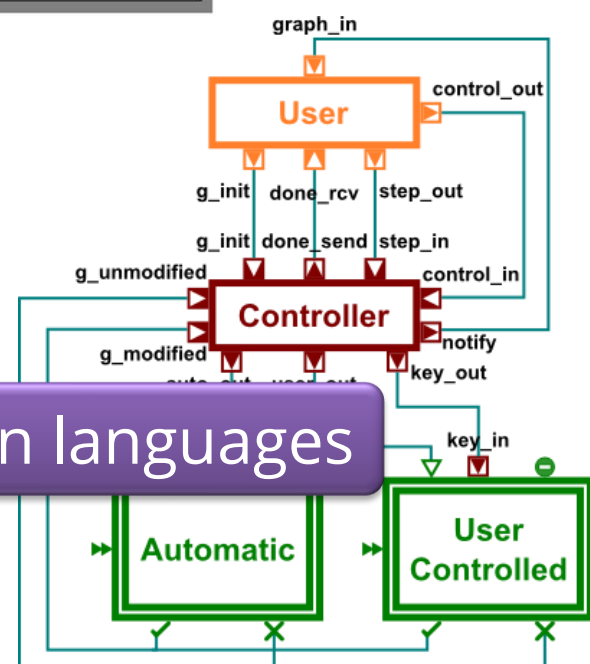
T-Core



MoTif



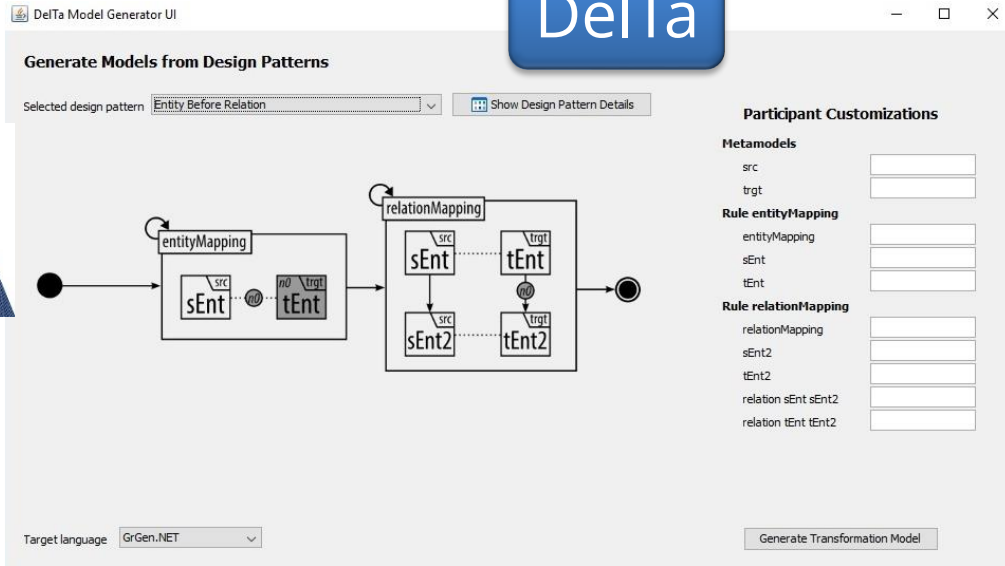
Custom transformation languages



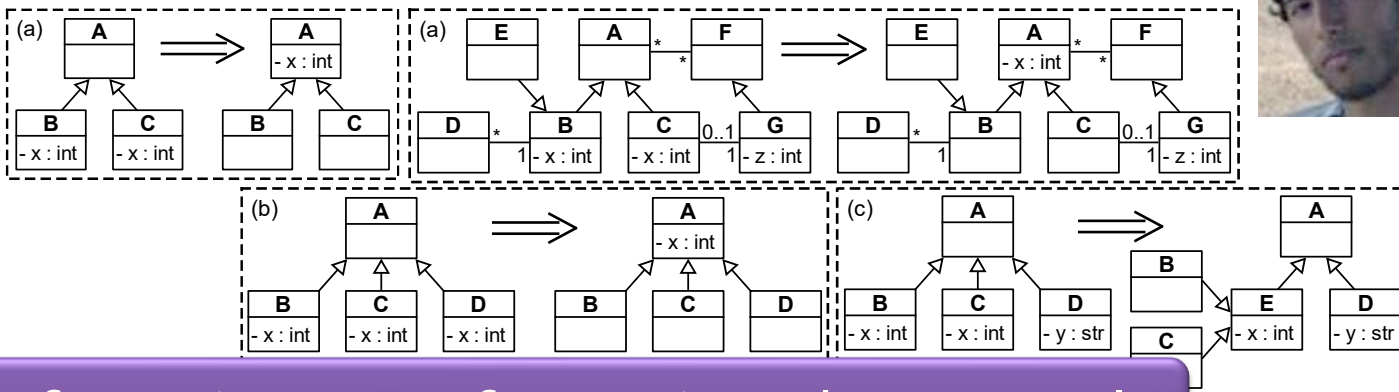
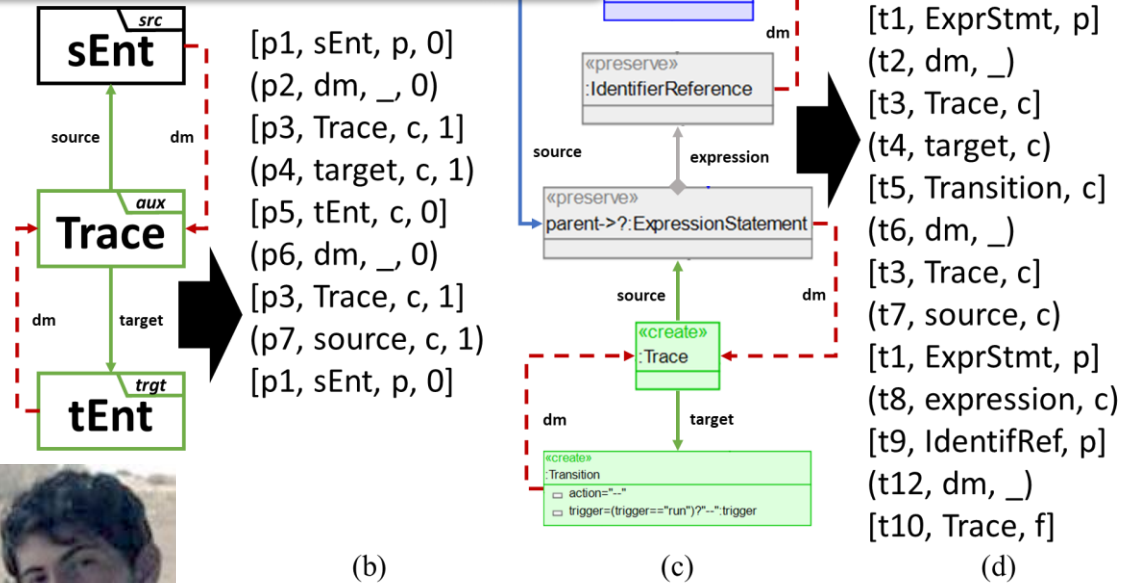
Higher-order transformations

# Model transformation – Design patterns

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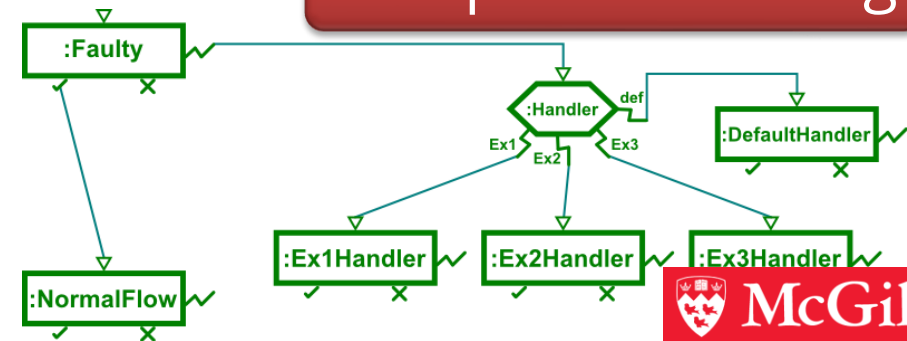


## Detection of variants



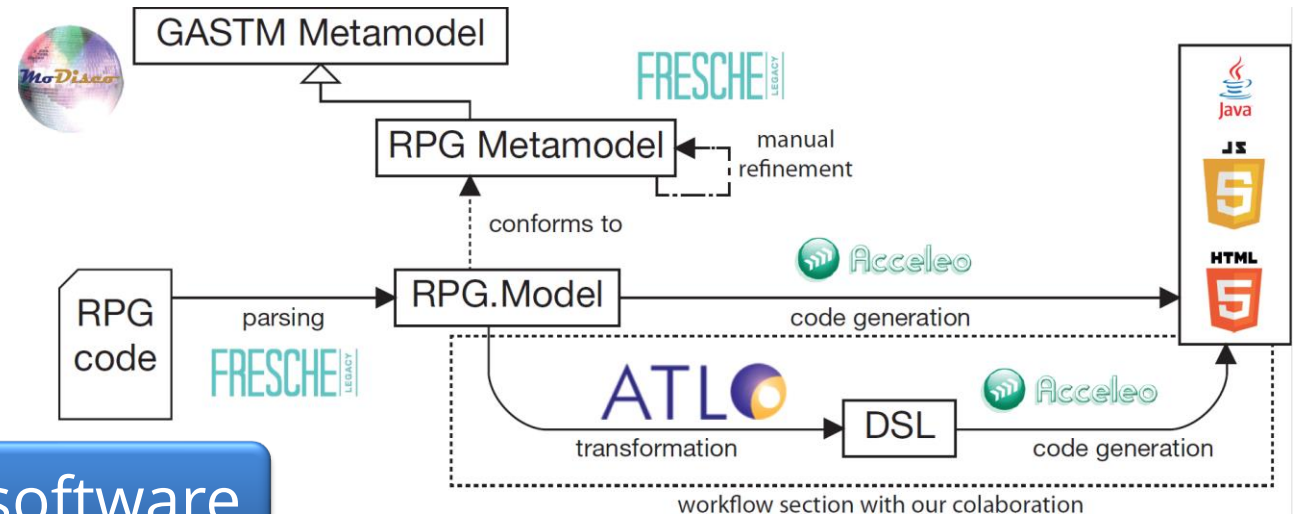
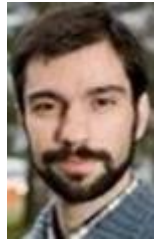
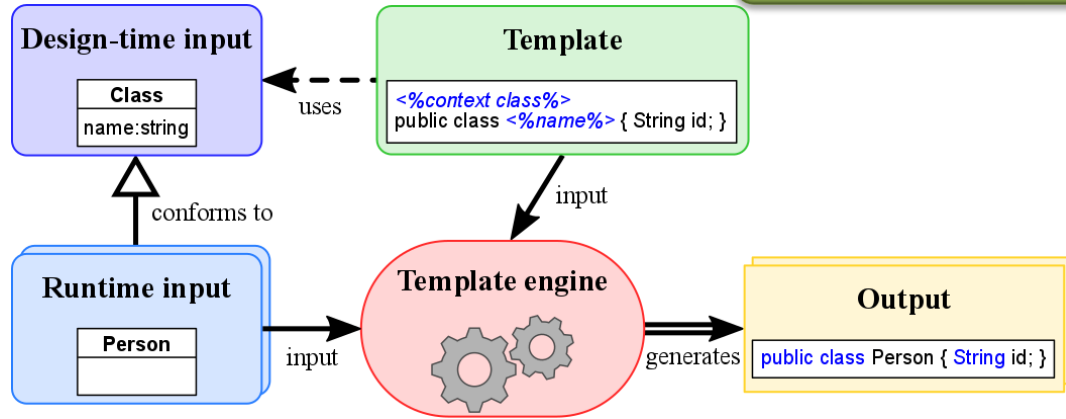
## Refactoring transformations by-example

## Exception handling



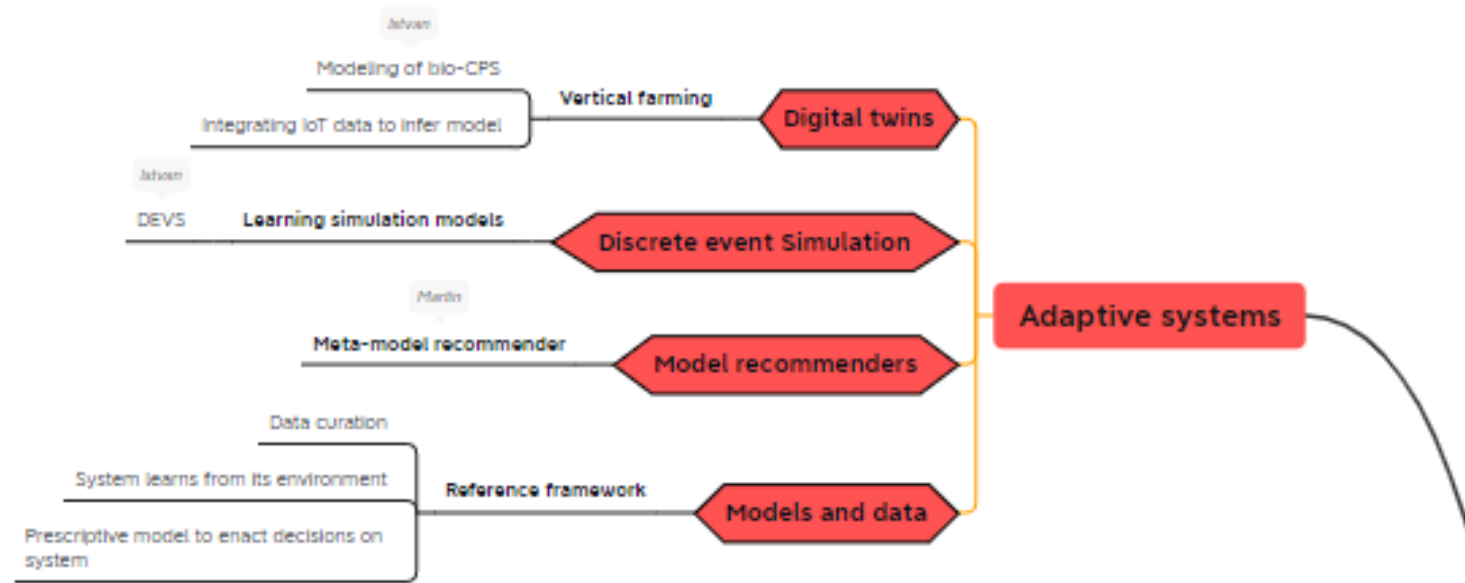
# Model transformation – Code generation

## Template-based code generation



## Modernization of legacy software

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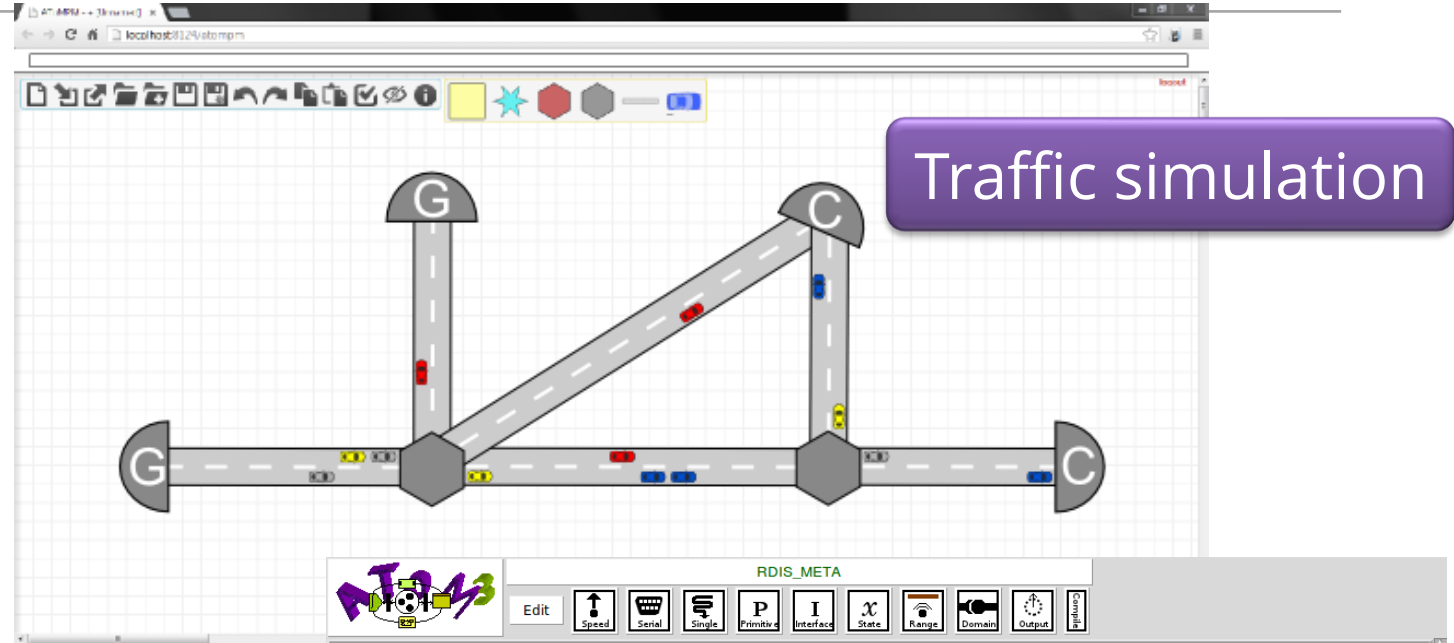
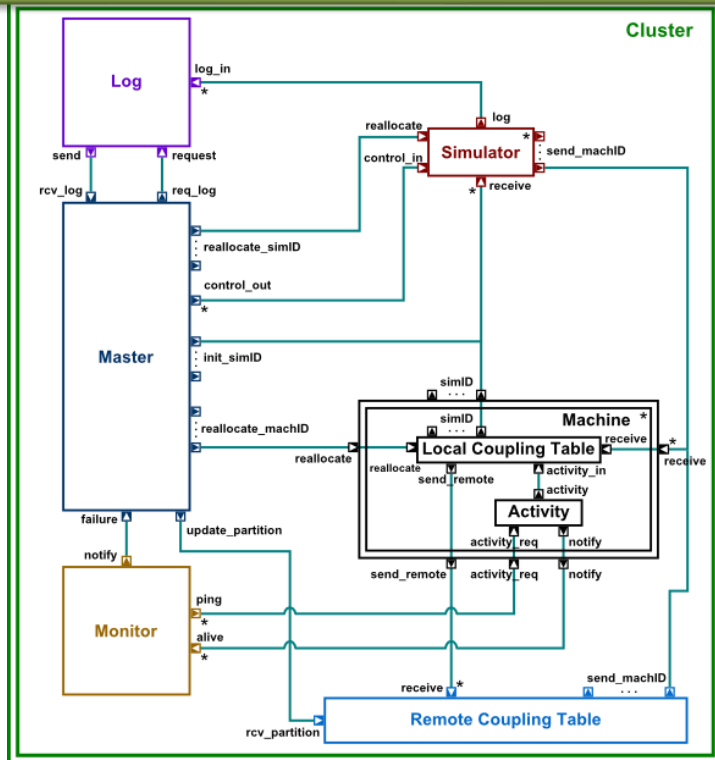


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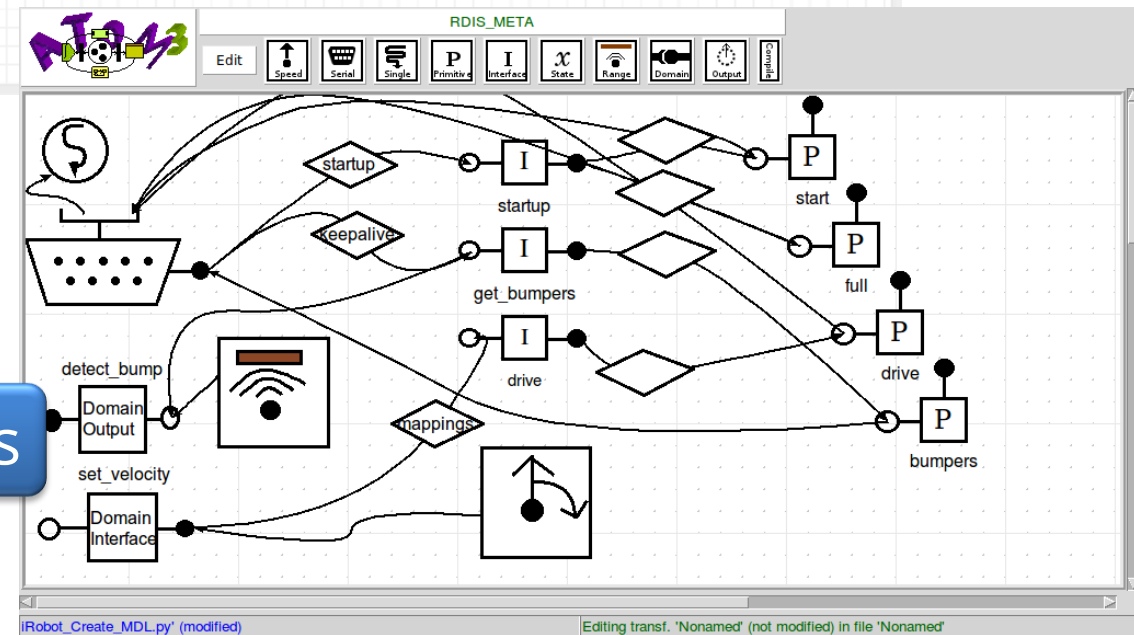
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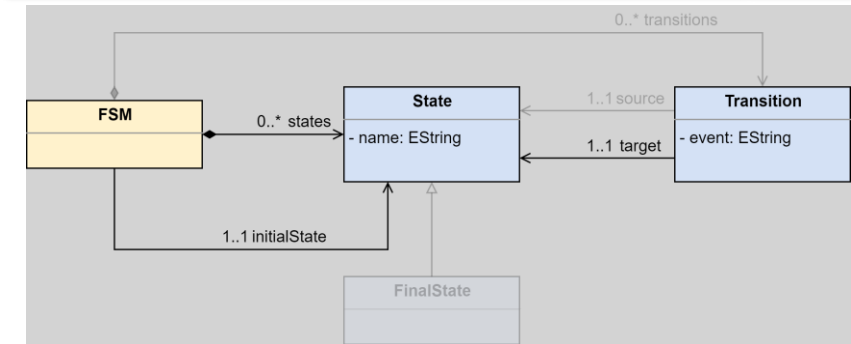
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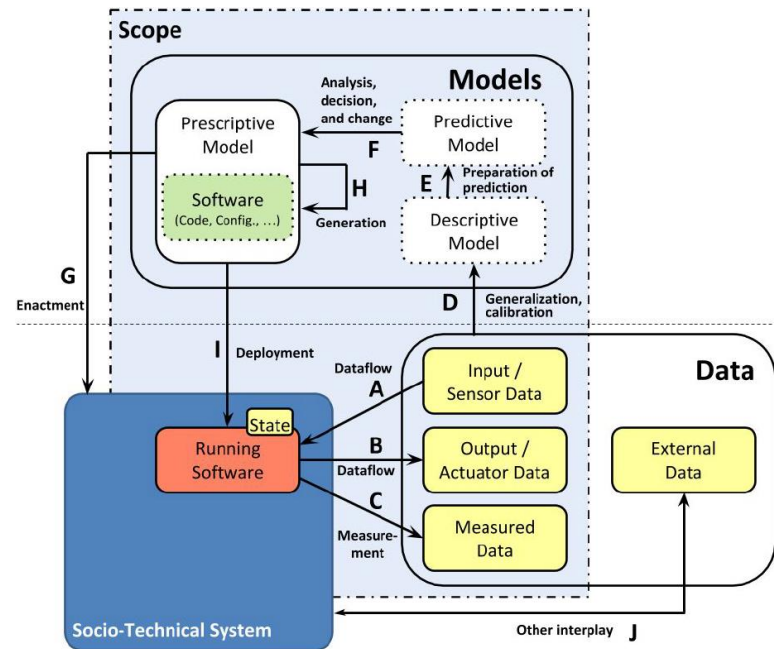
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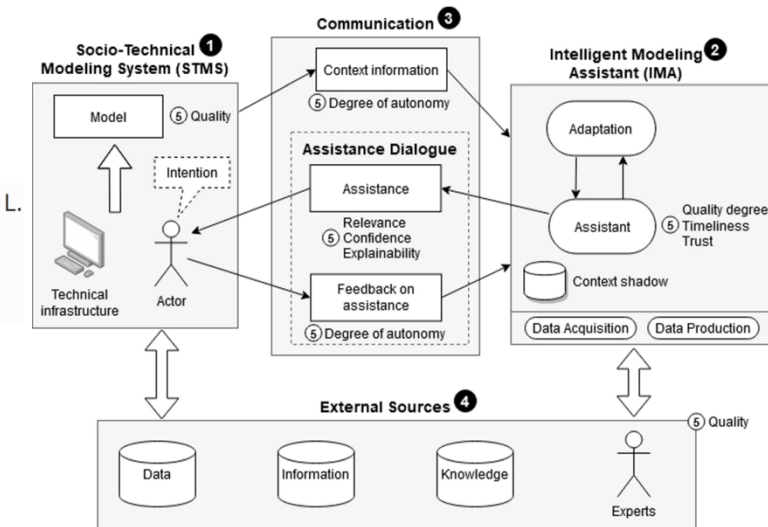
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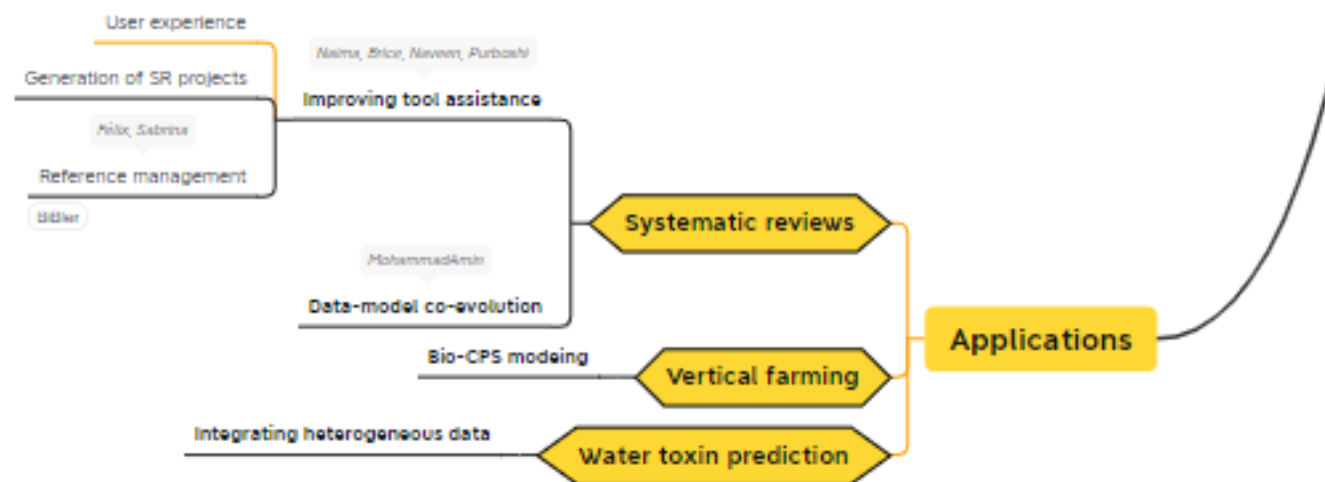
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## Models and data reference framework

## Intelligent modeling assistance

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# Systematic reviews

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ReLiS transformation configuration window. It shows the transformation name "Screening", the transformation language "Xtext", and the scope "Oulpace". The window also displays the abstract of the paper "Towards generic semi-automatic transformation process in MDA" and a decision section with "Include" and "Excluded" buttons.

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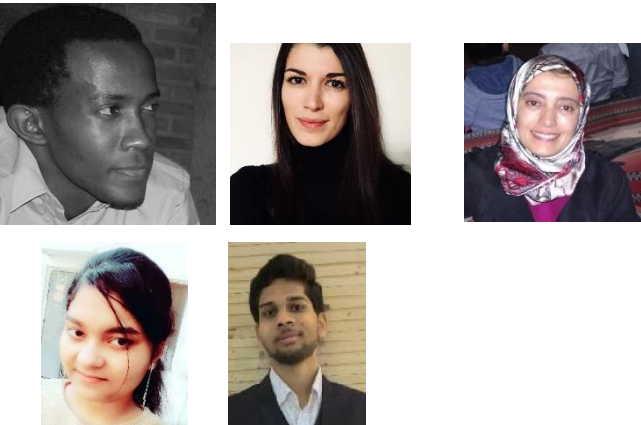
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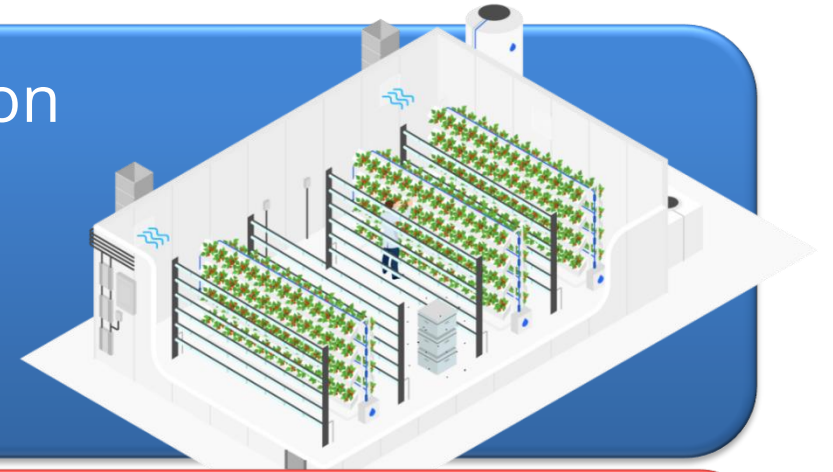
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# Upcoming projects

Bio-Cyber-Physical System modeling and simulation

*Vertical farming*



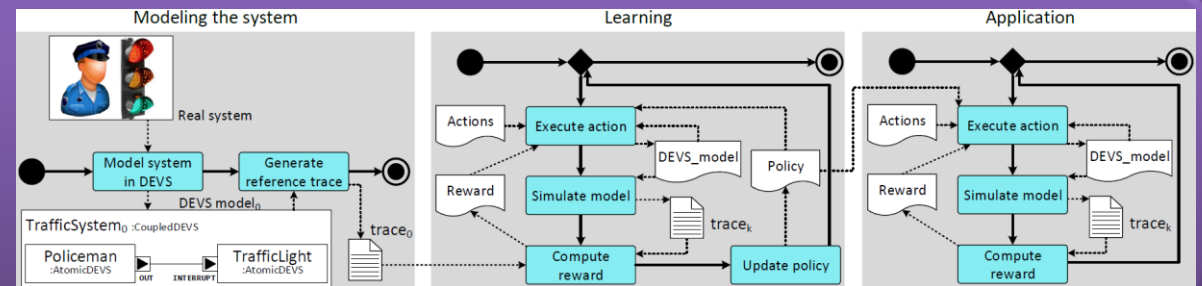
Integration of heterogeneous data for AI model validation

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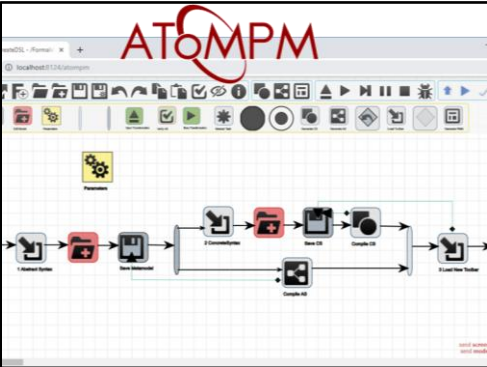


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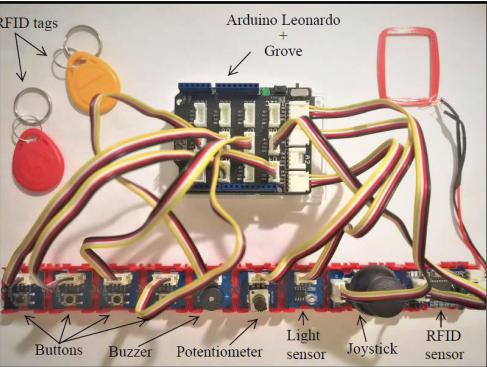
*Digital twins*



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ddVertices(VertexType.CompositeVertex)
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