A Foundation for Inconsistency Management in Model-Based Systems Engineering

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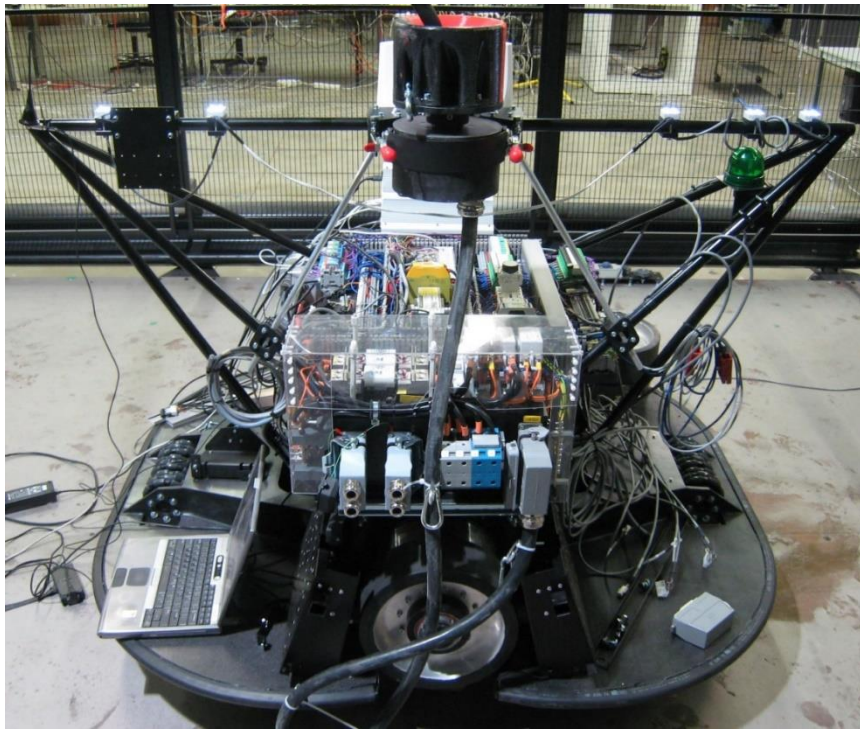

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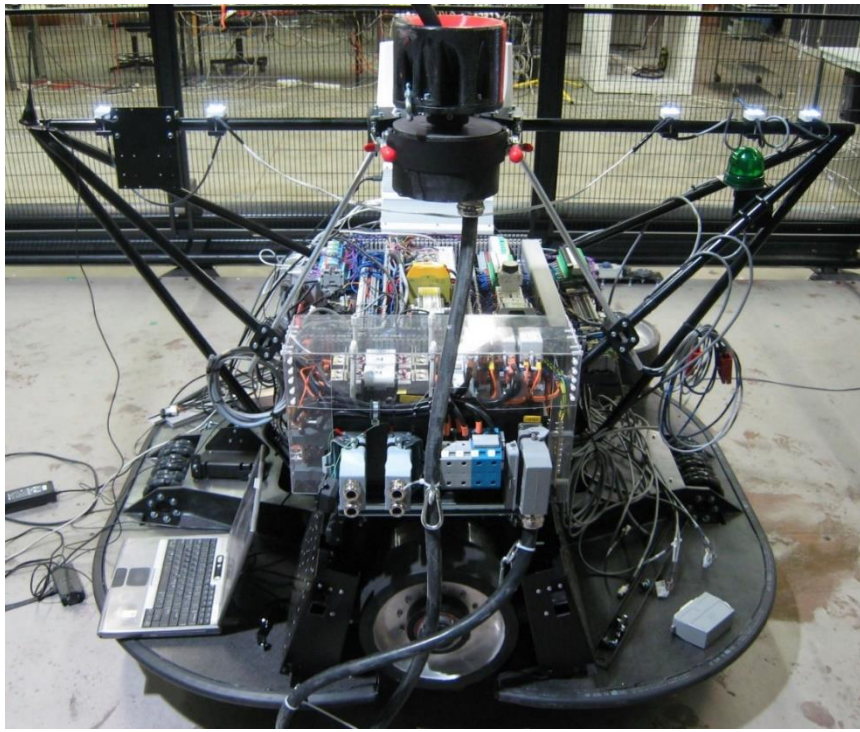

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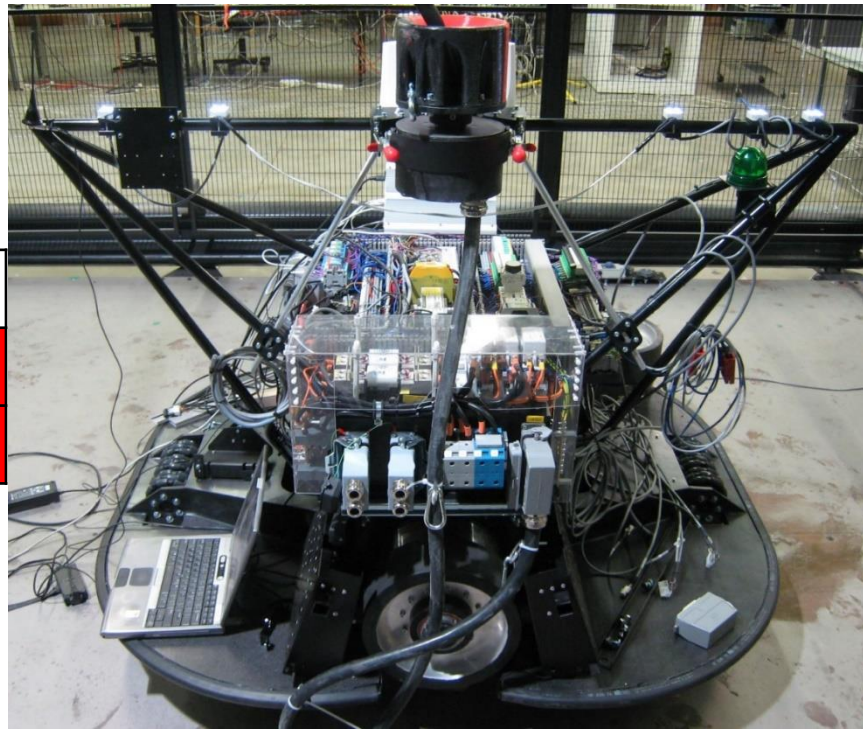

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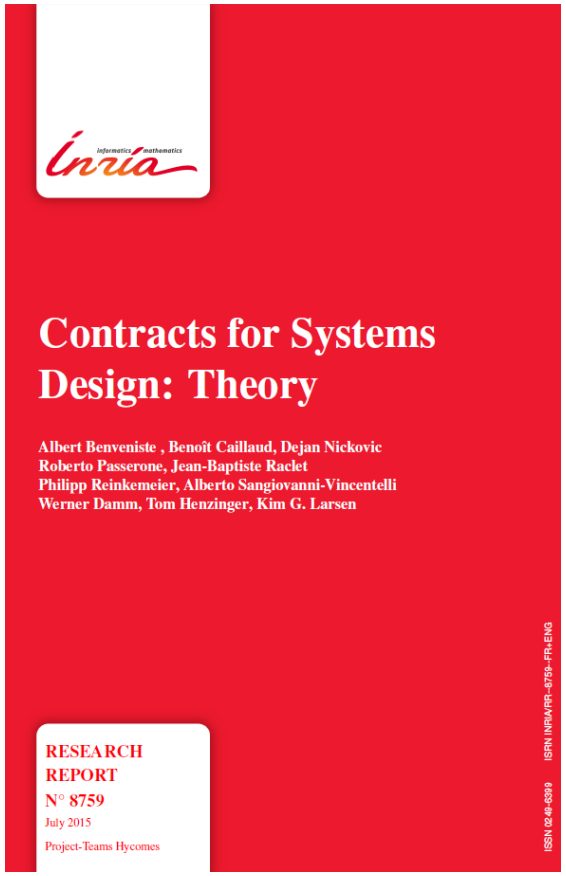

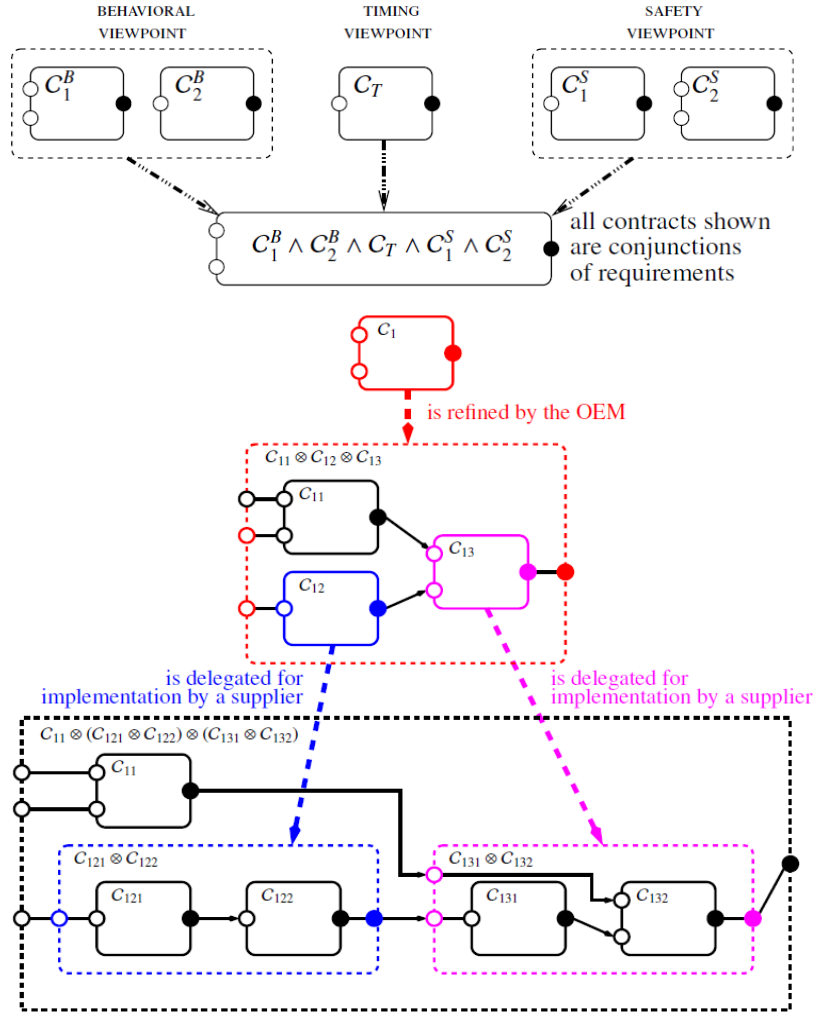

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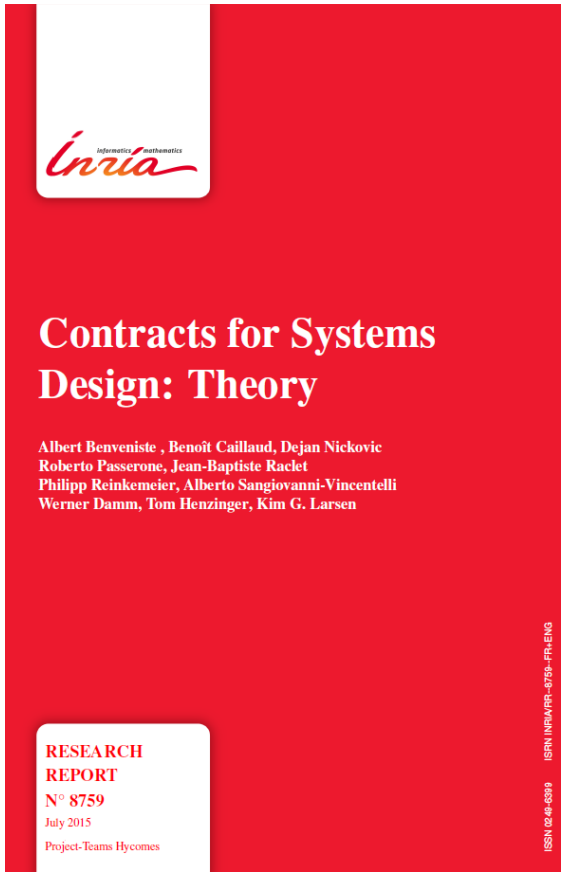

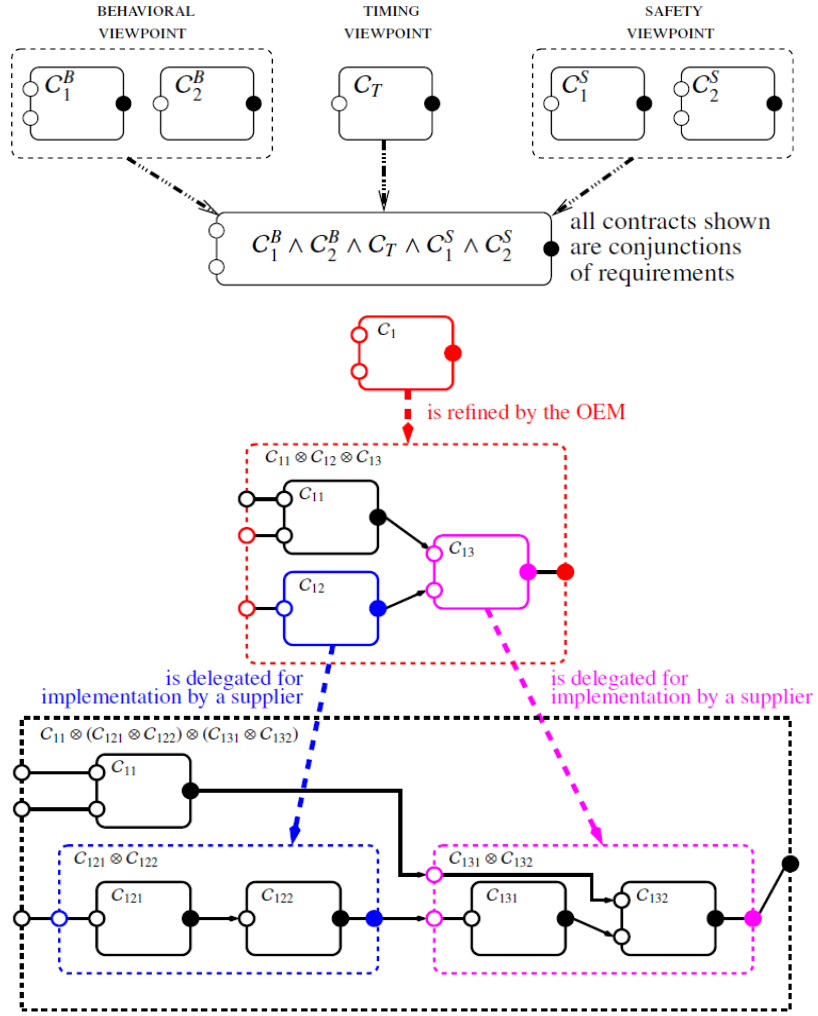

Parallel branches give rise to inconsistencies!

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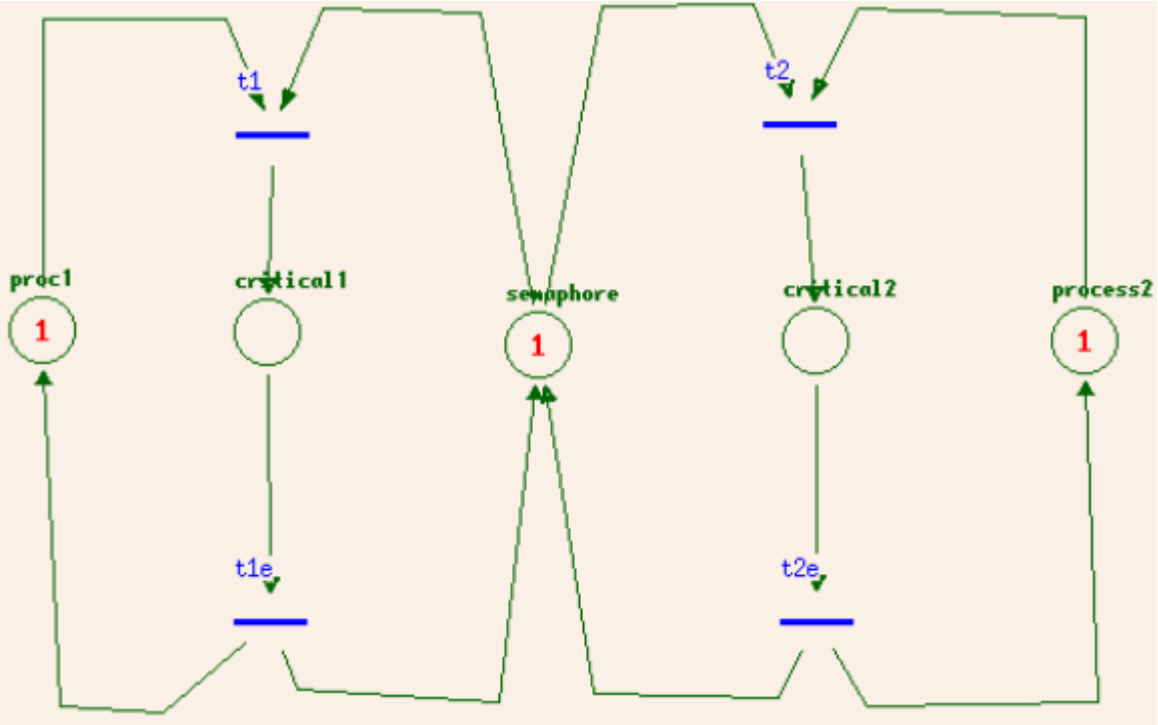

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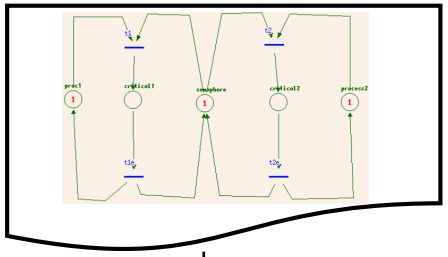

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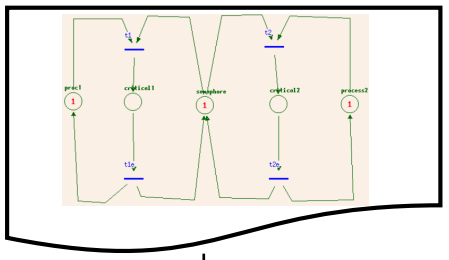

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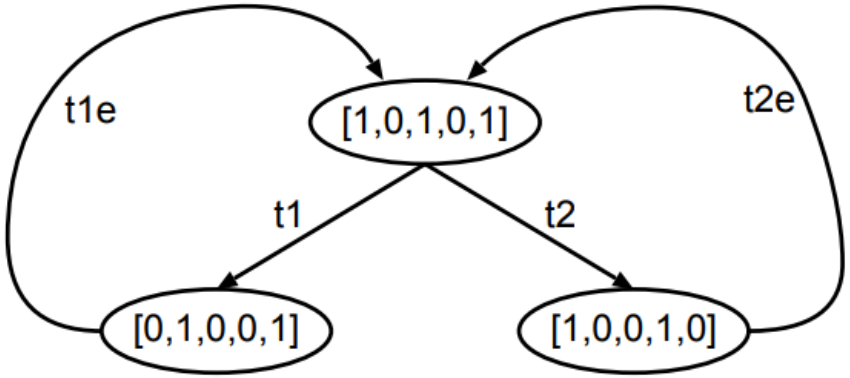

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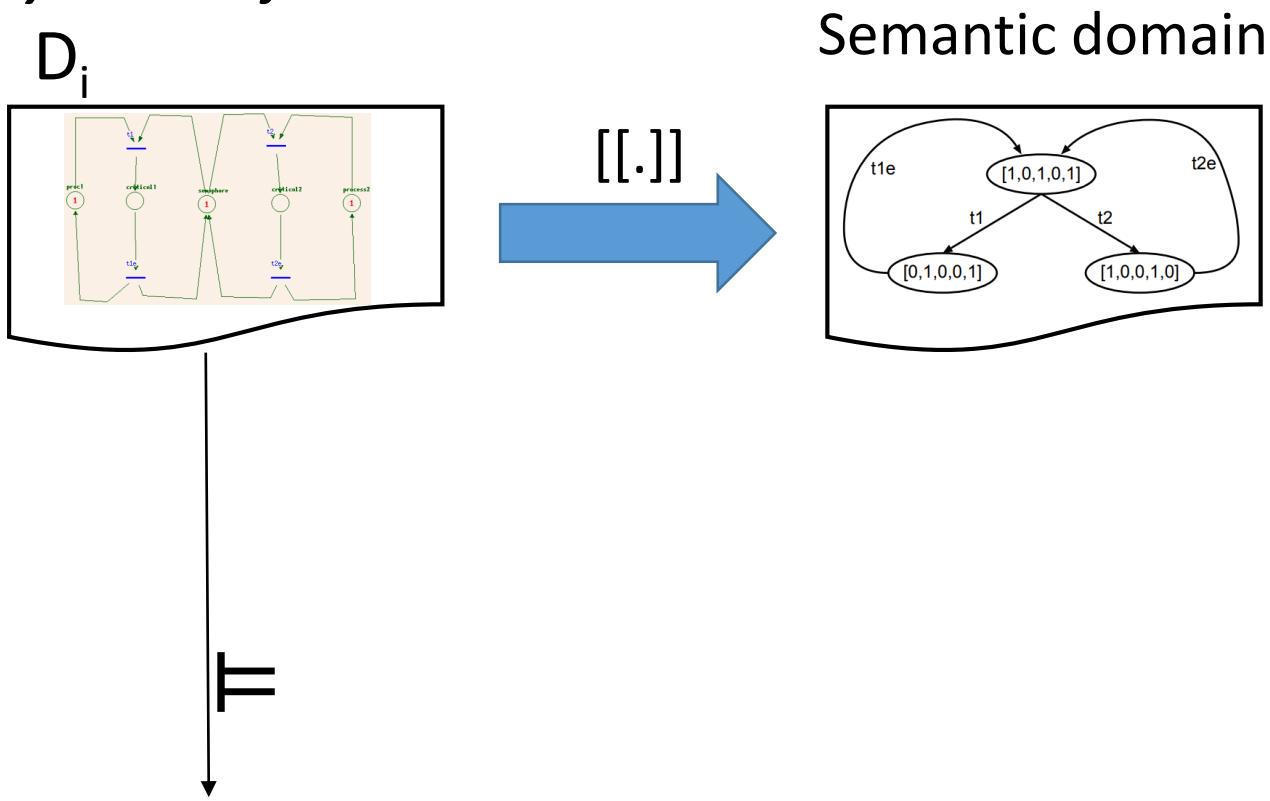

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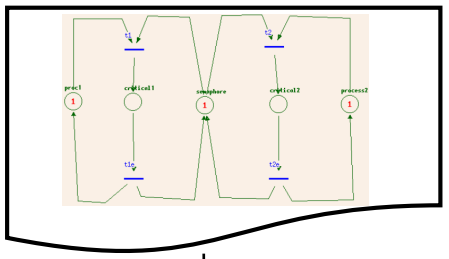

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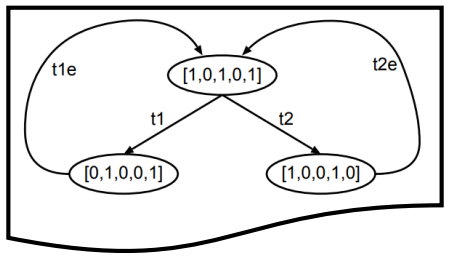

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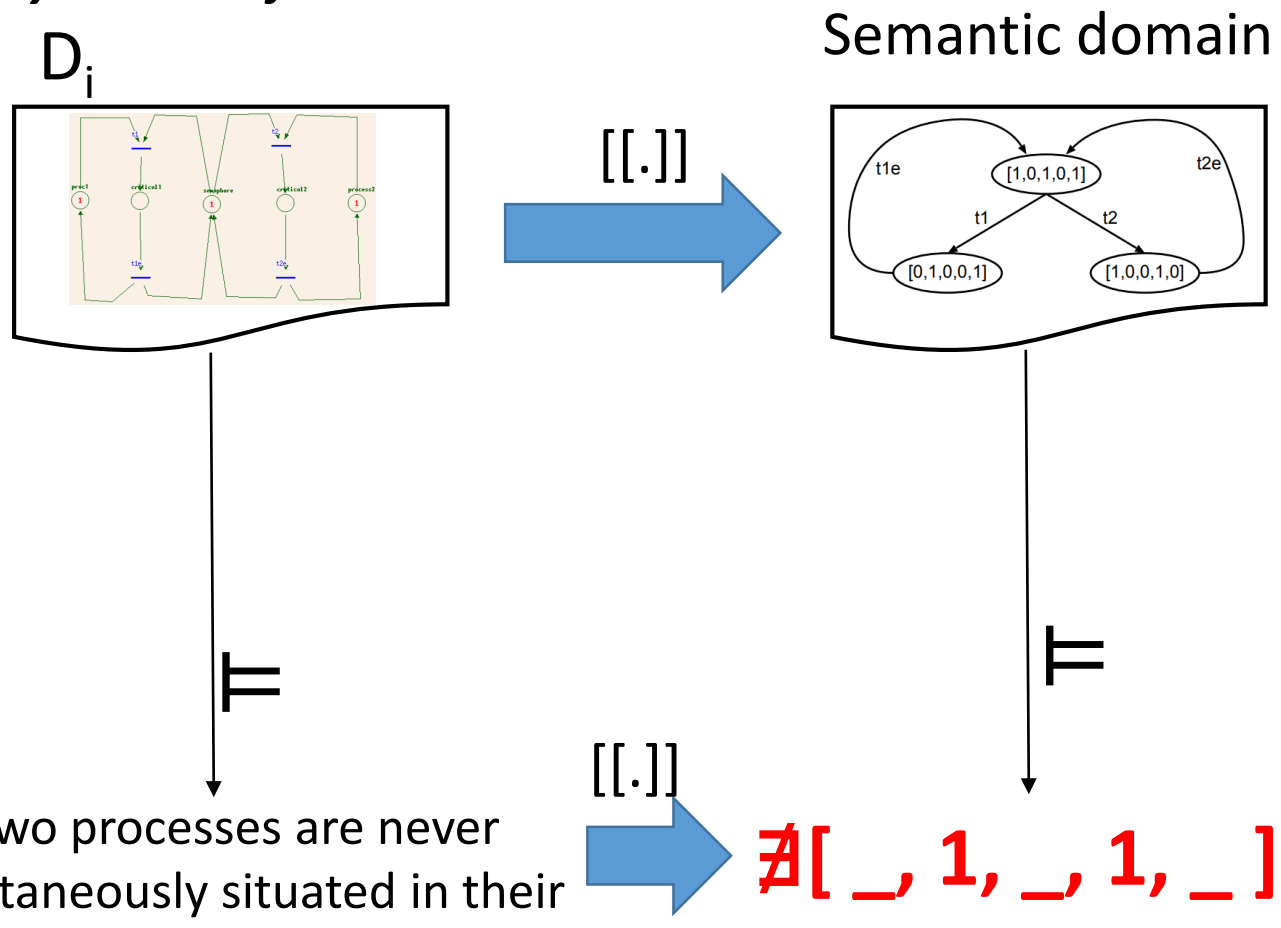

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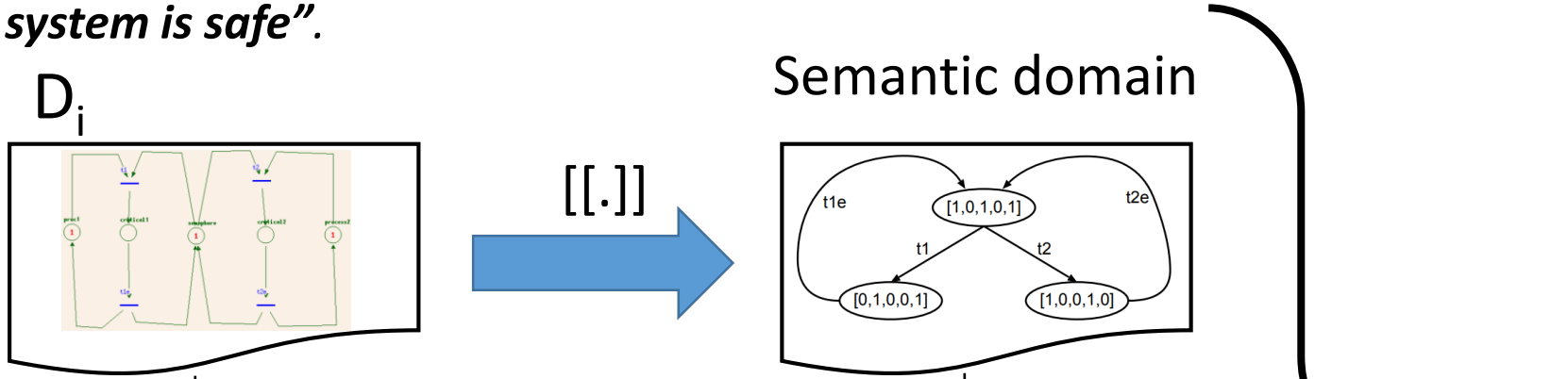

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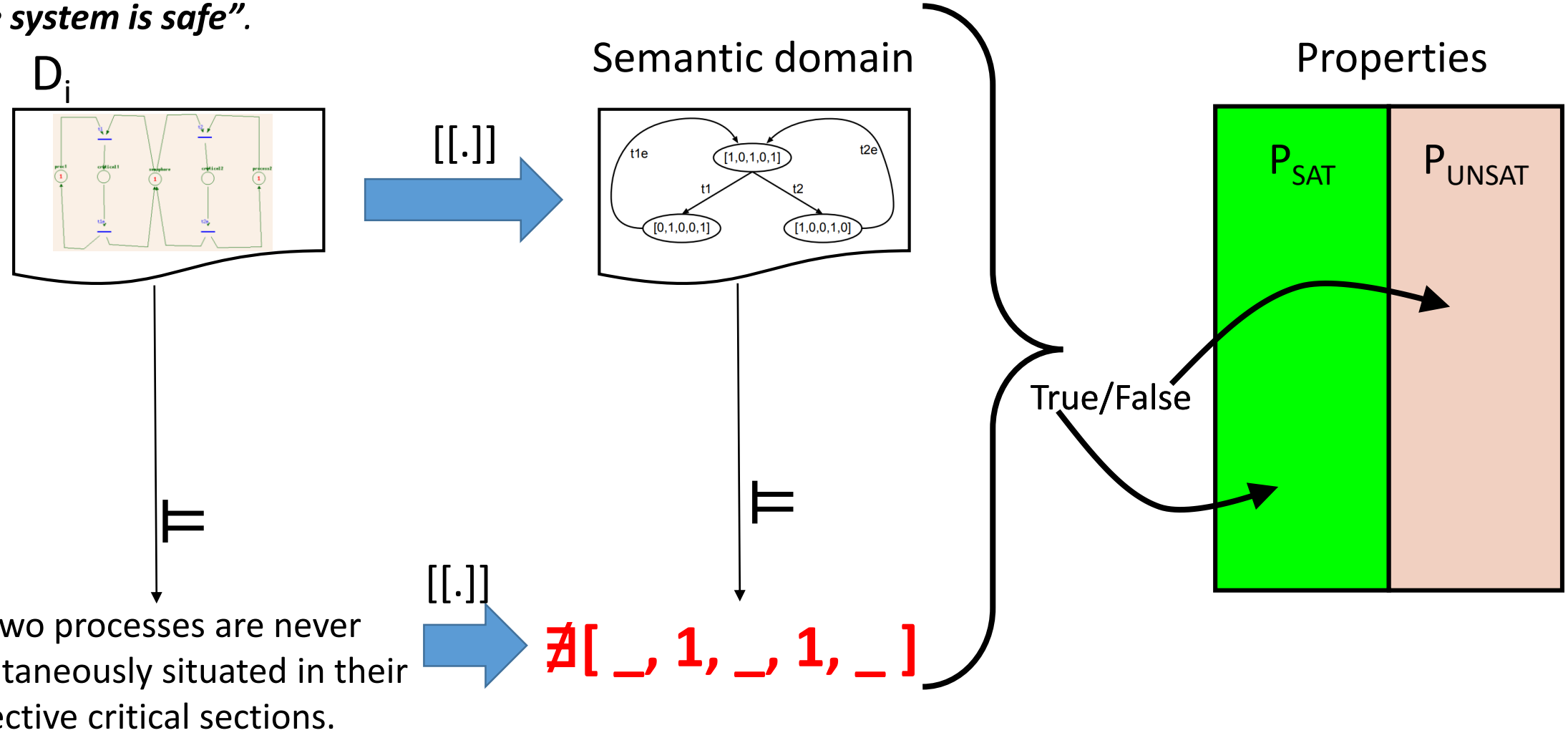

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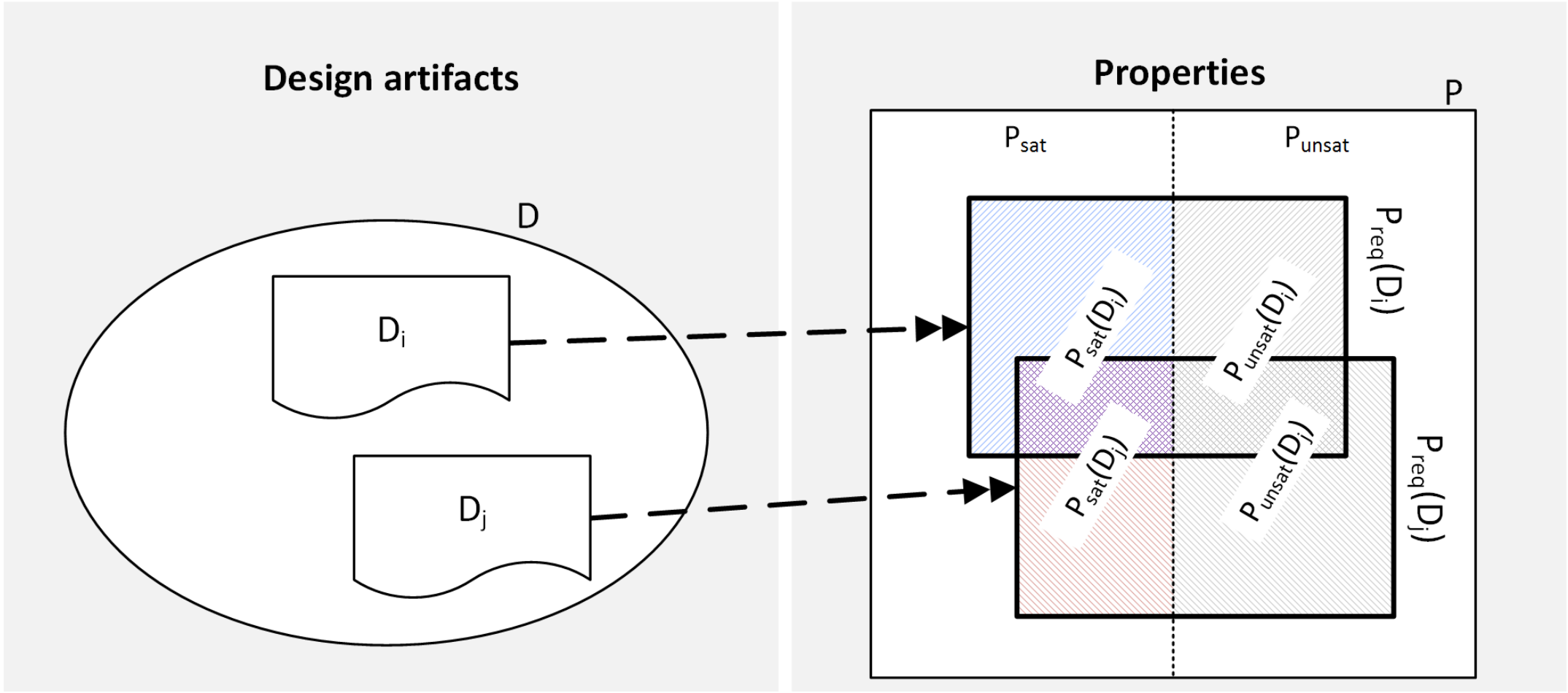

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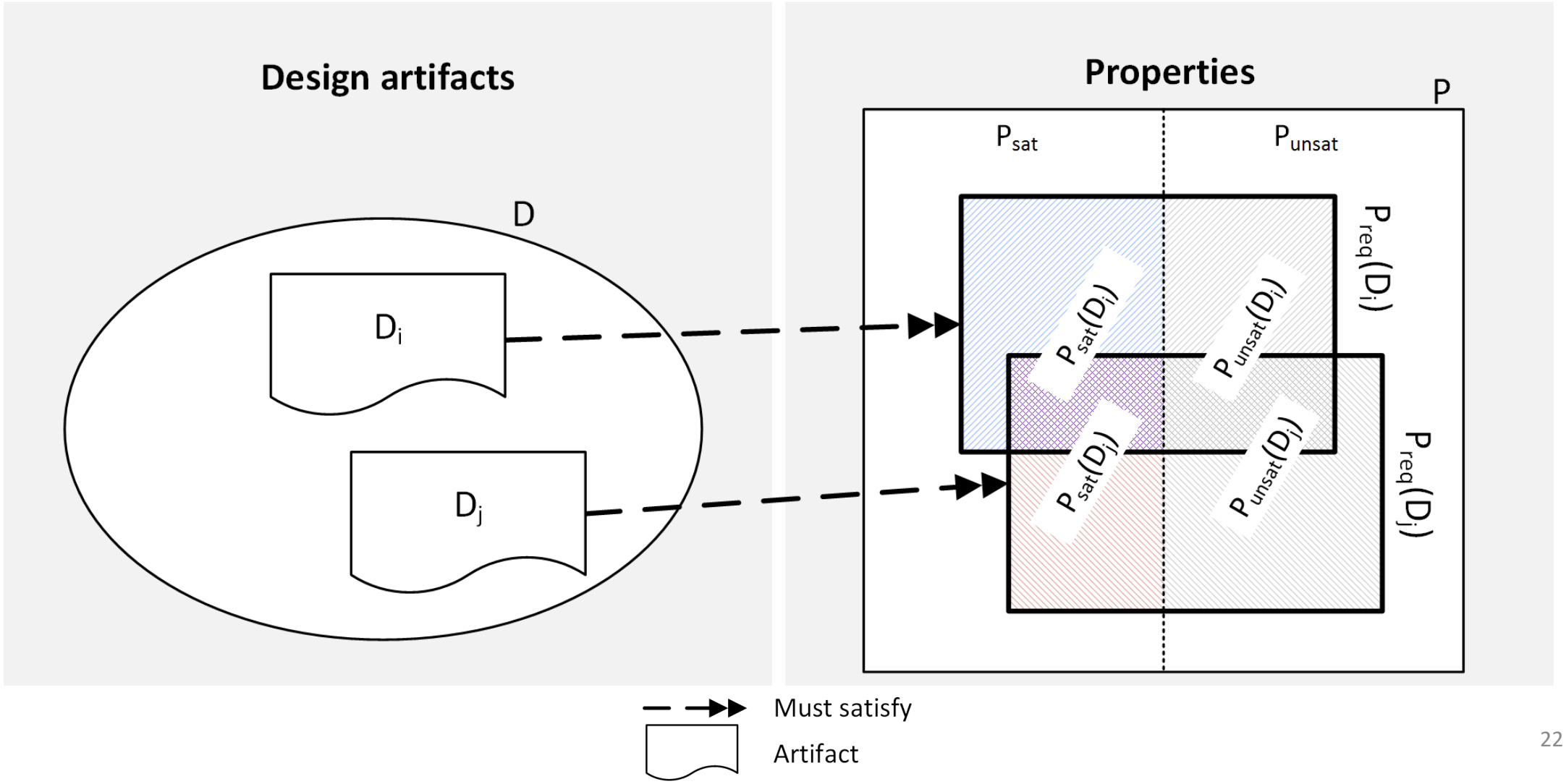

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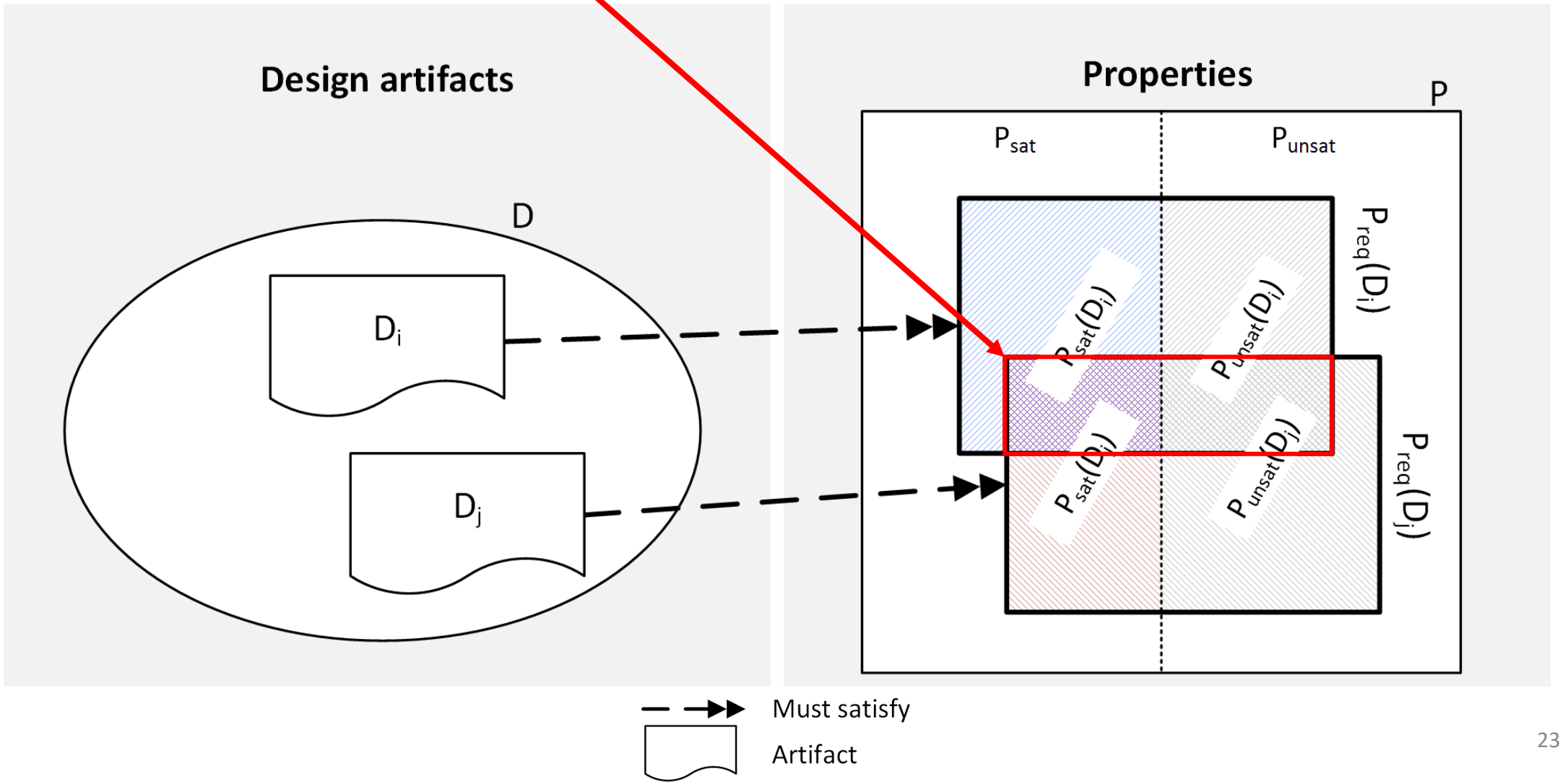

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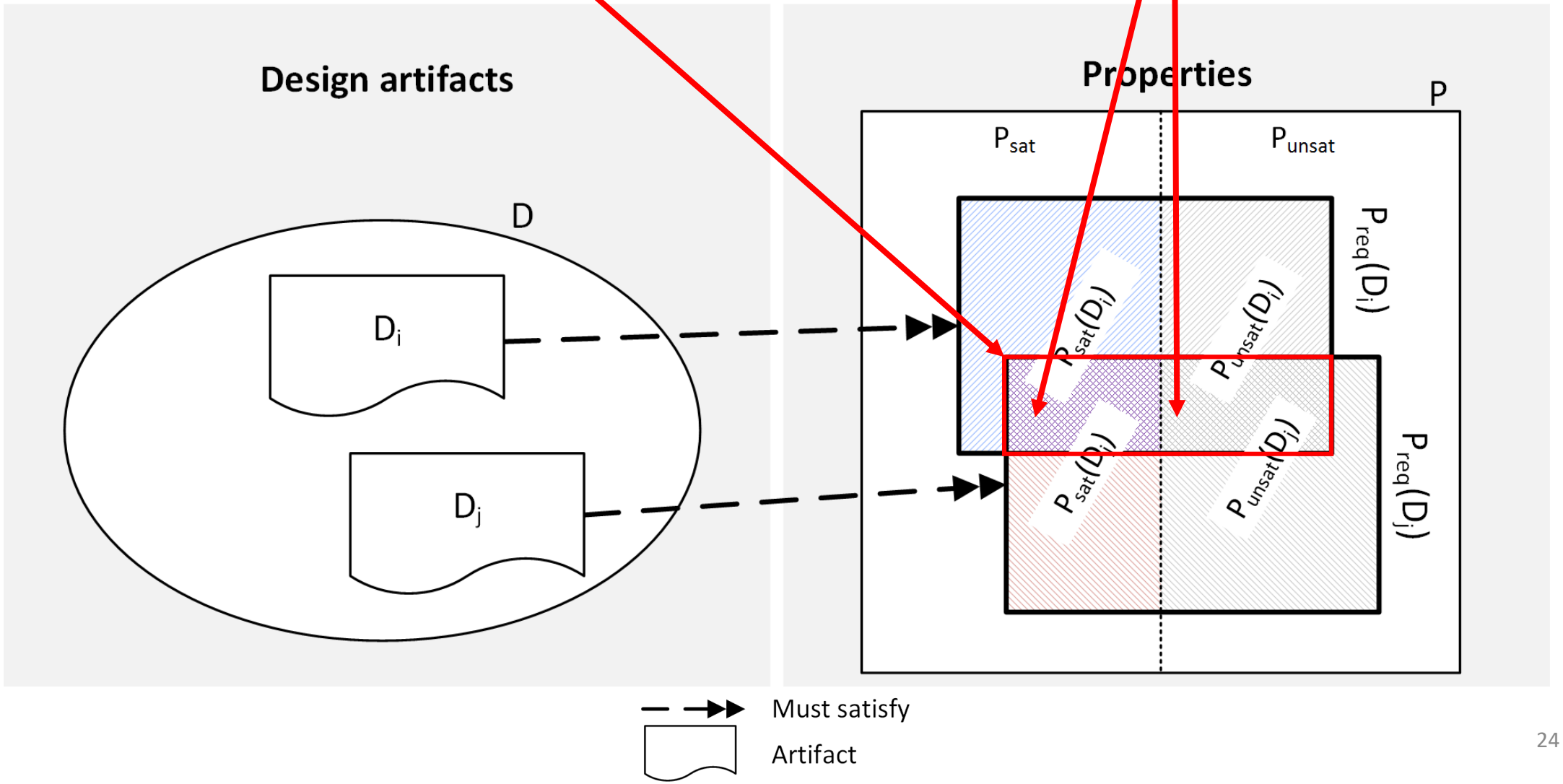

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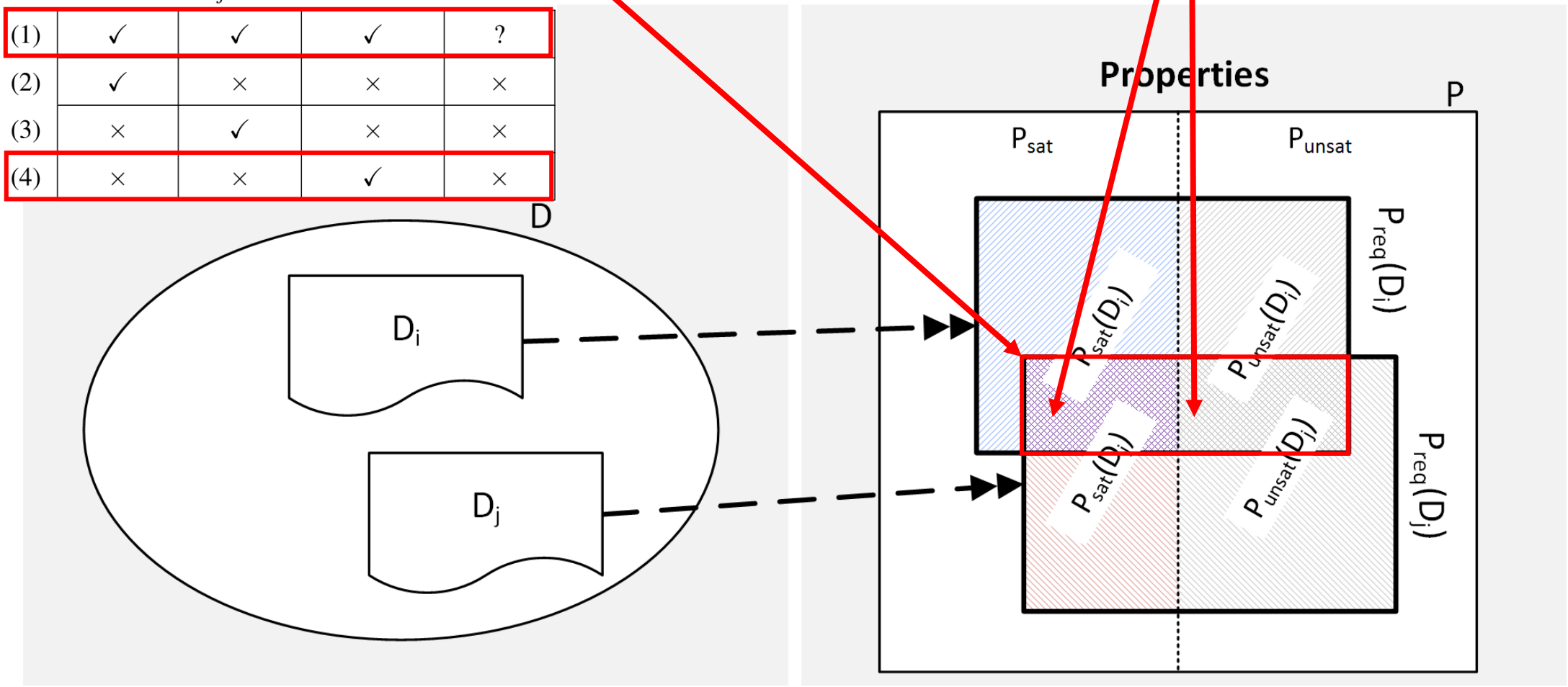

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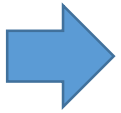

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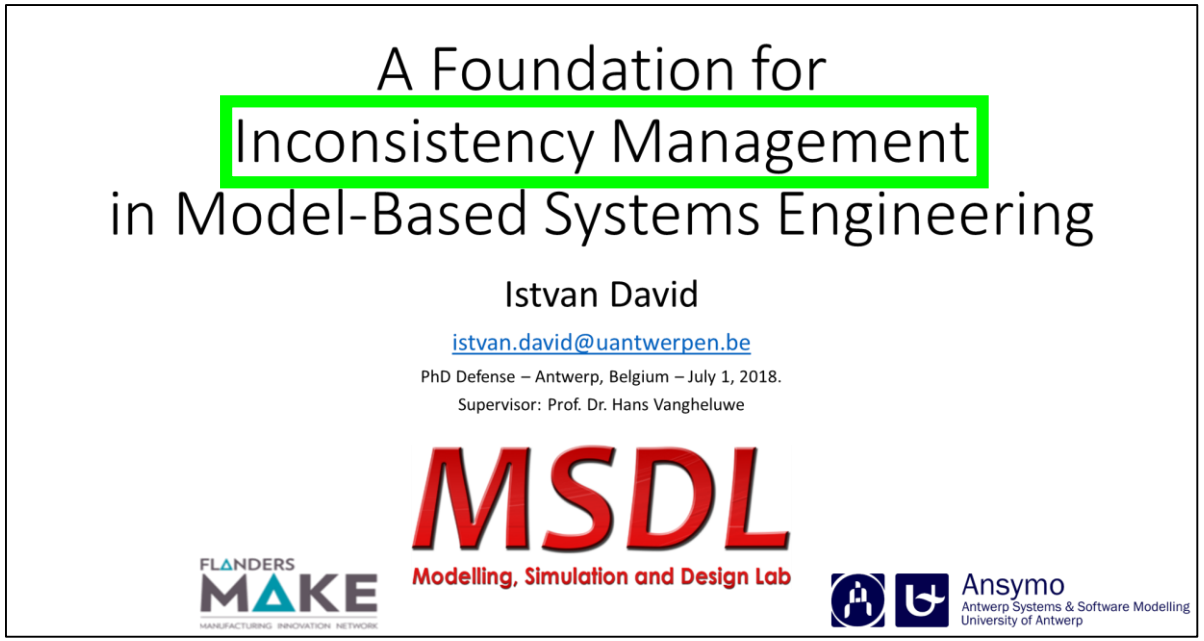

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When to initiate?
What scope?
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Characteri-zation → **De…** → **Resolution** → Analysis

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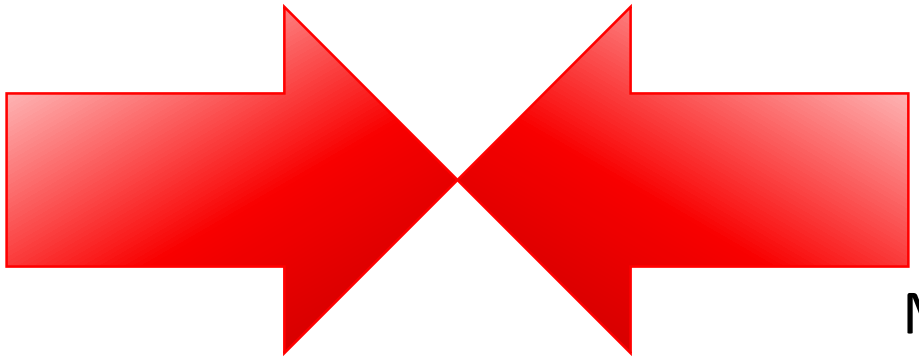

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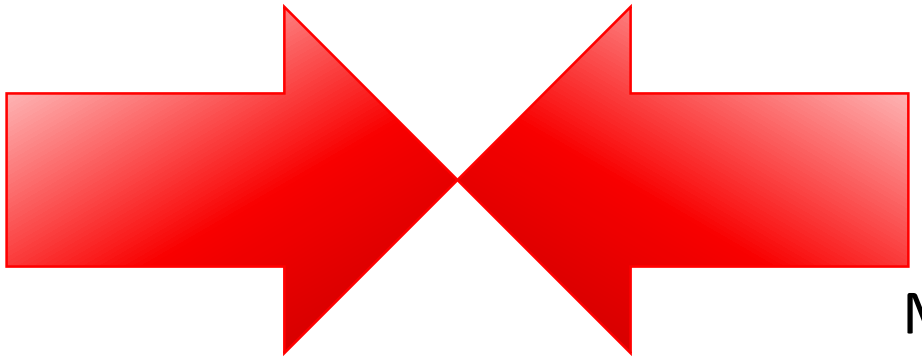

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Partially ordered set of activities,

manipulating artifacts (models)

Activity: manual vs automated

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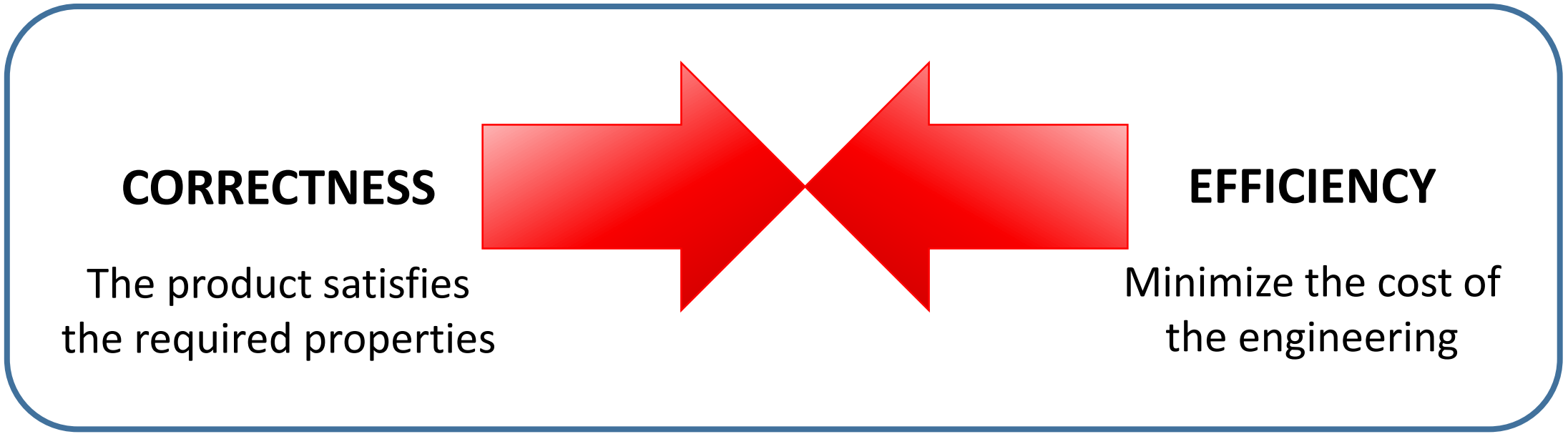

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Optimize so that (i) a correct product is delivered; and (ii) the process is as efficient as possible.

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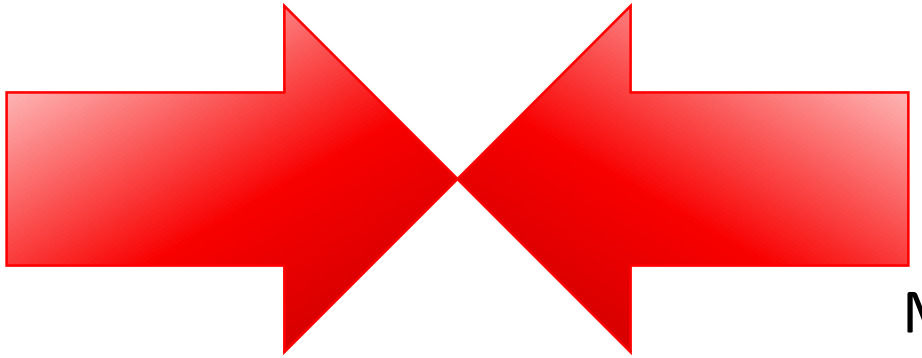

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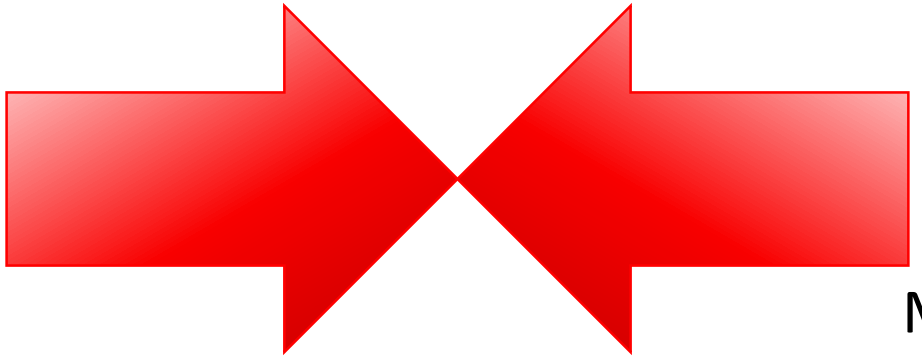

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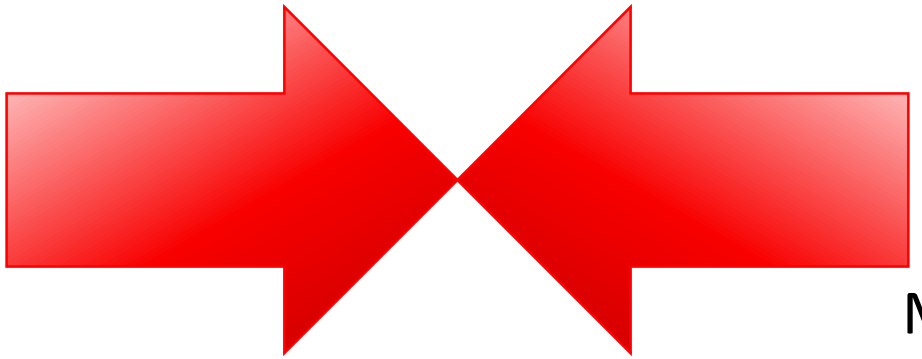

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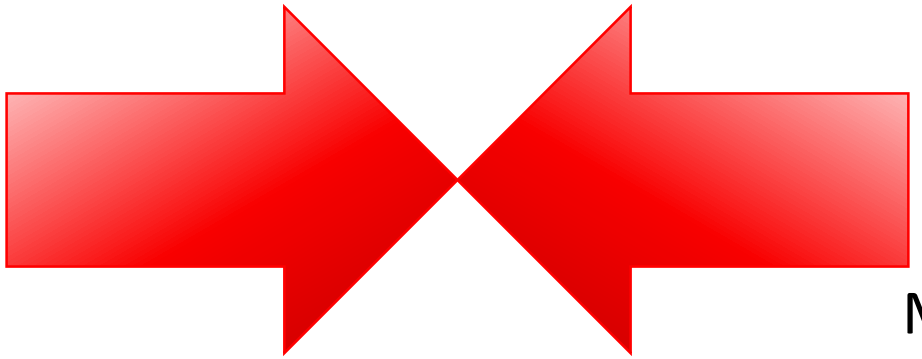

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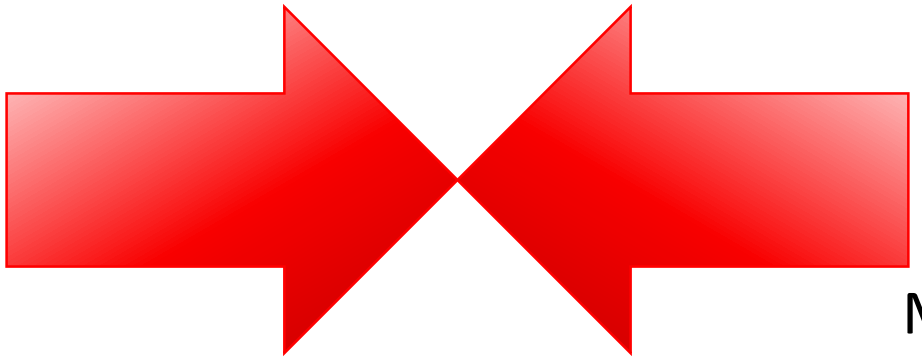

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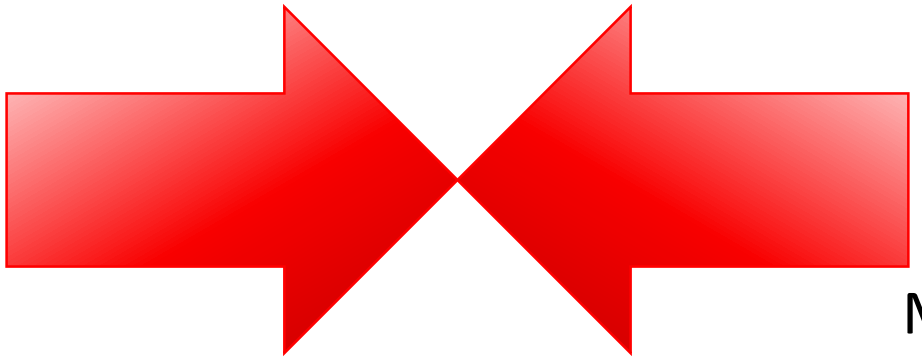

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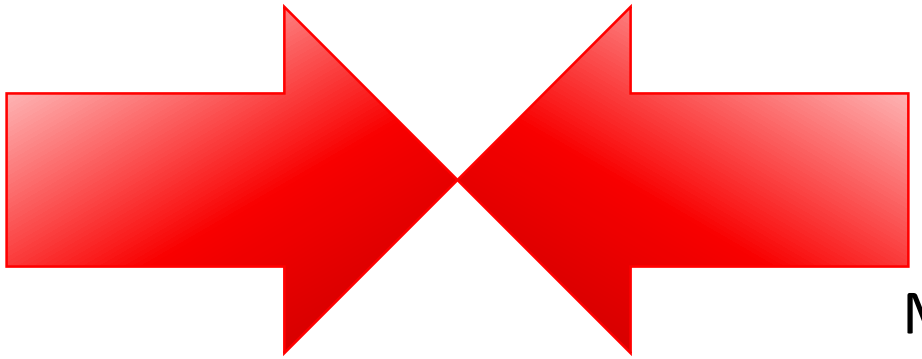

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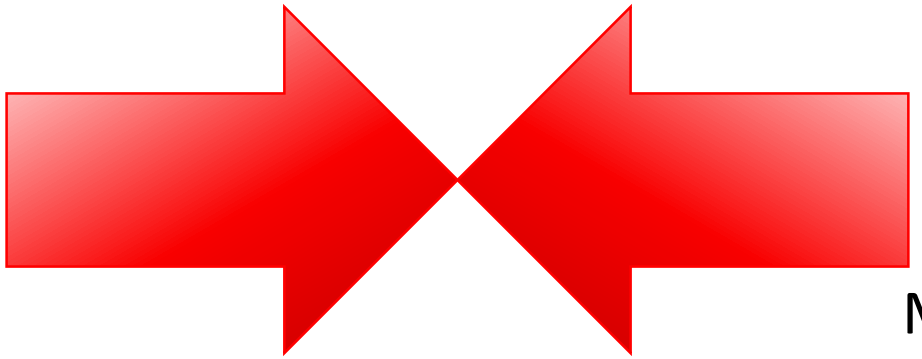

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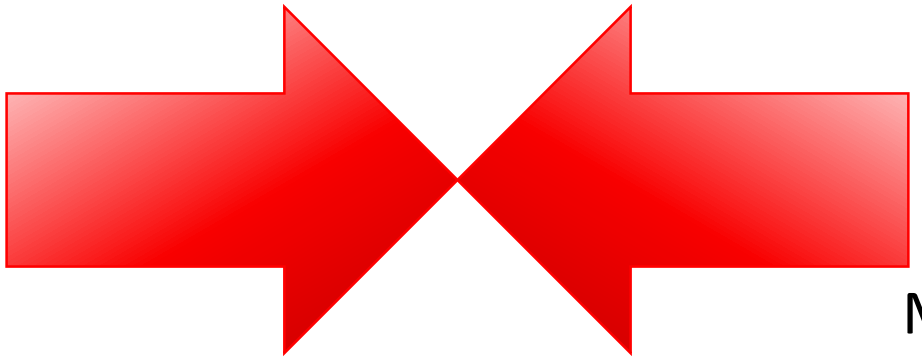

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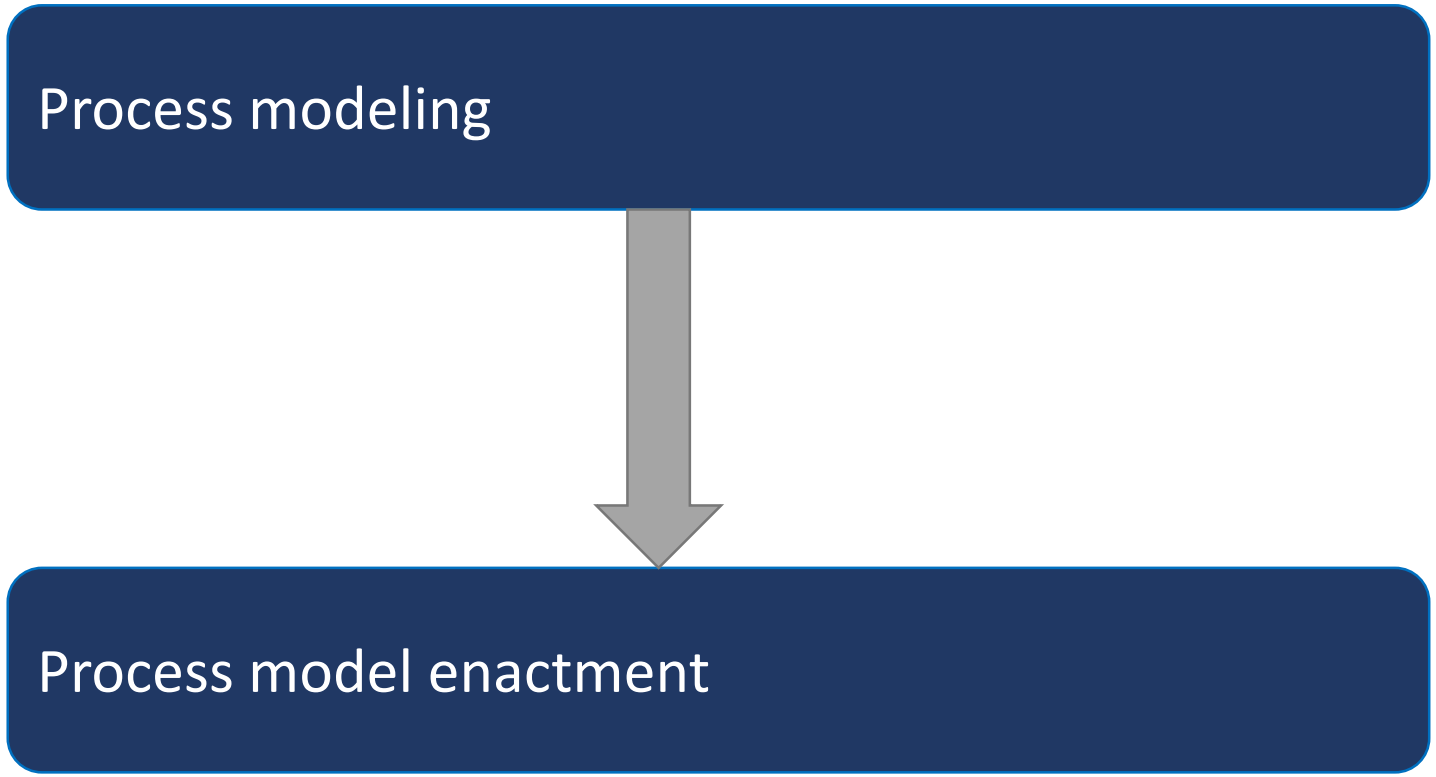

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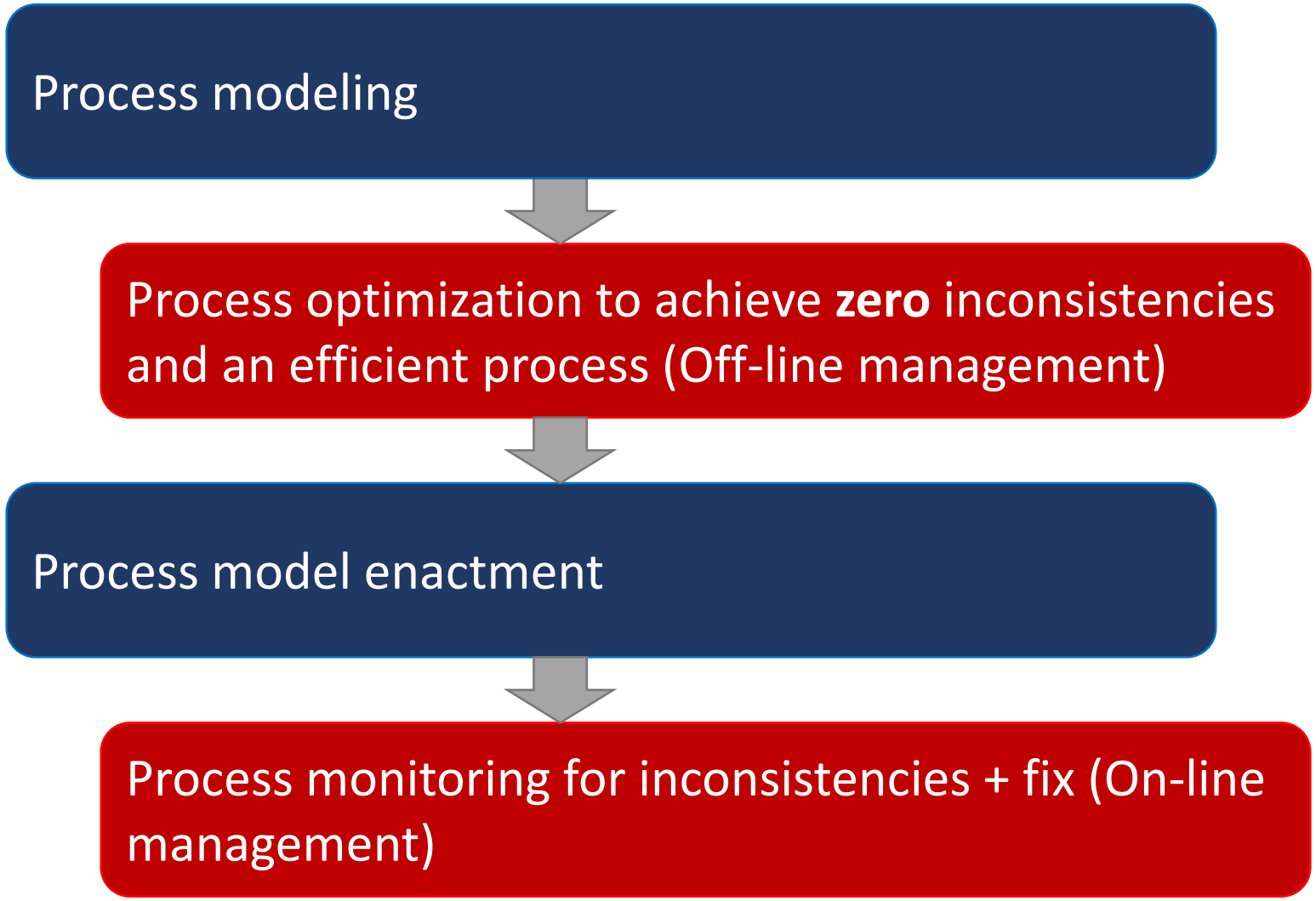
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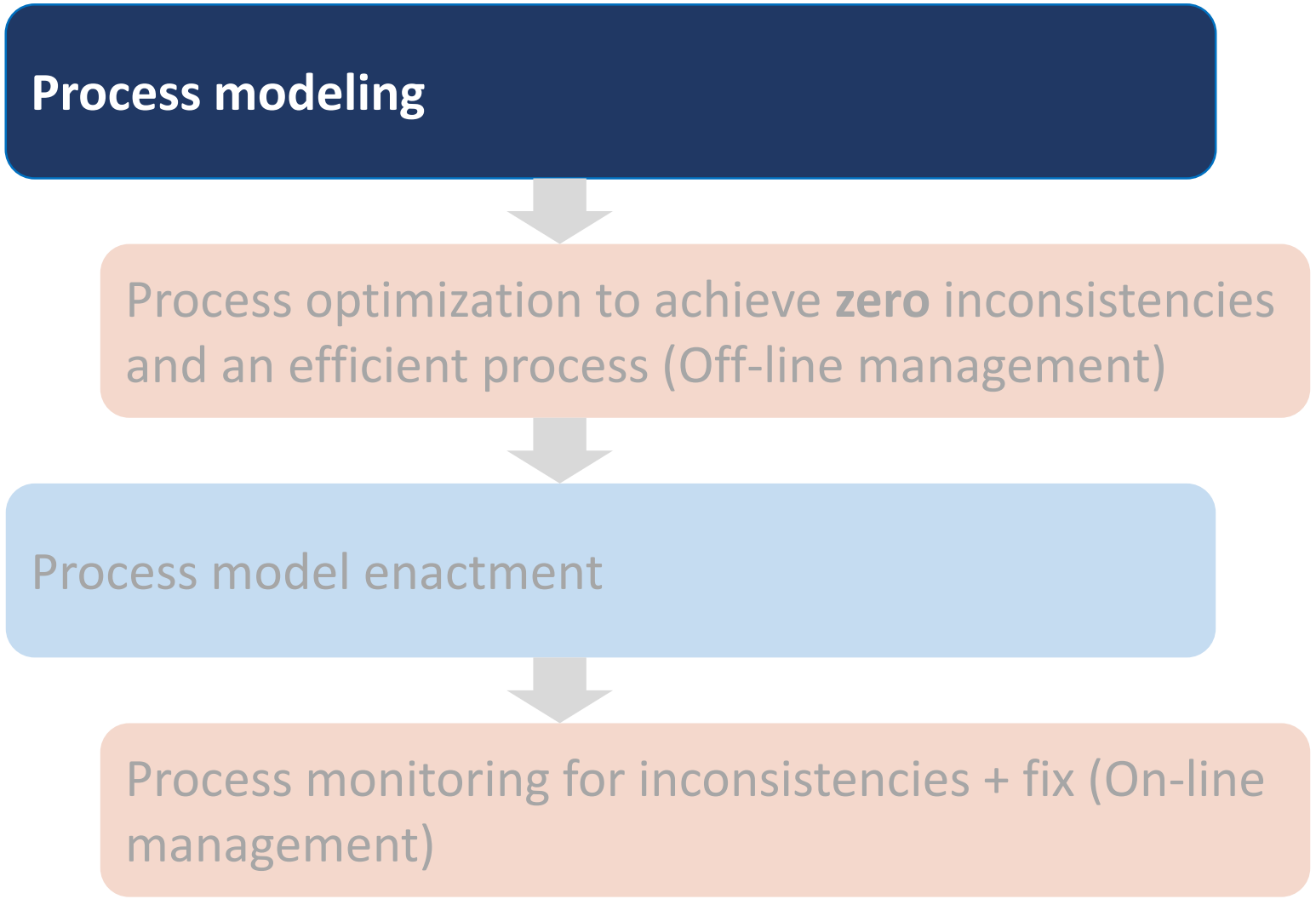
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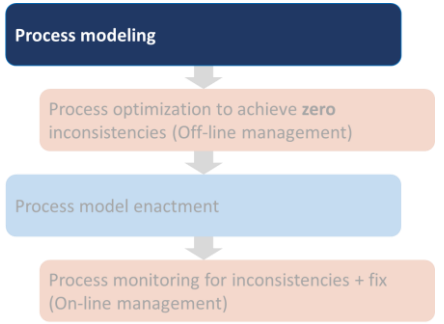

Process modeling

- Built on the *Formalism Transformation Graph + Process Model* (FTG+PM) framework
- Modified to be able to capture relevant system information for inconsistency management purposes
  - Still conform to the original FTG+PM specification
- Constructed an advanced modeling tool
  - Eclipse-based
  - Various modeling interfaces (graphical and table-based)

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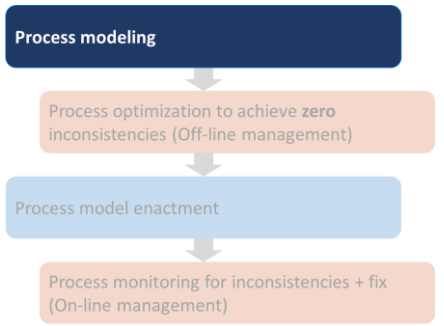

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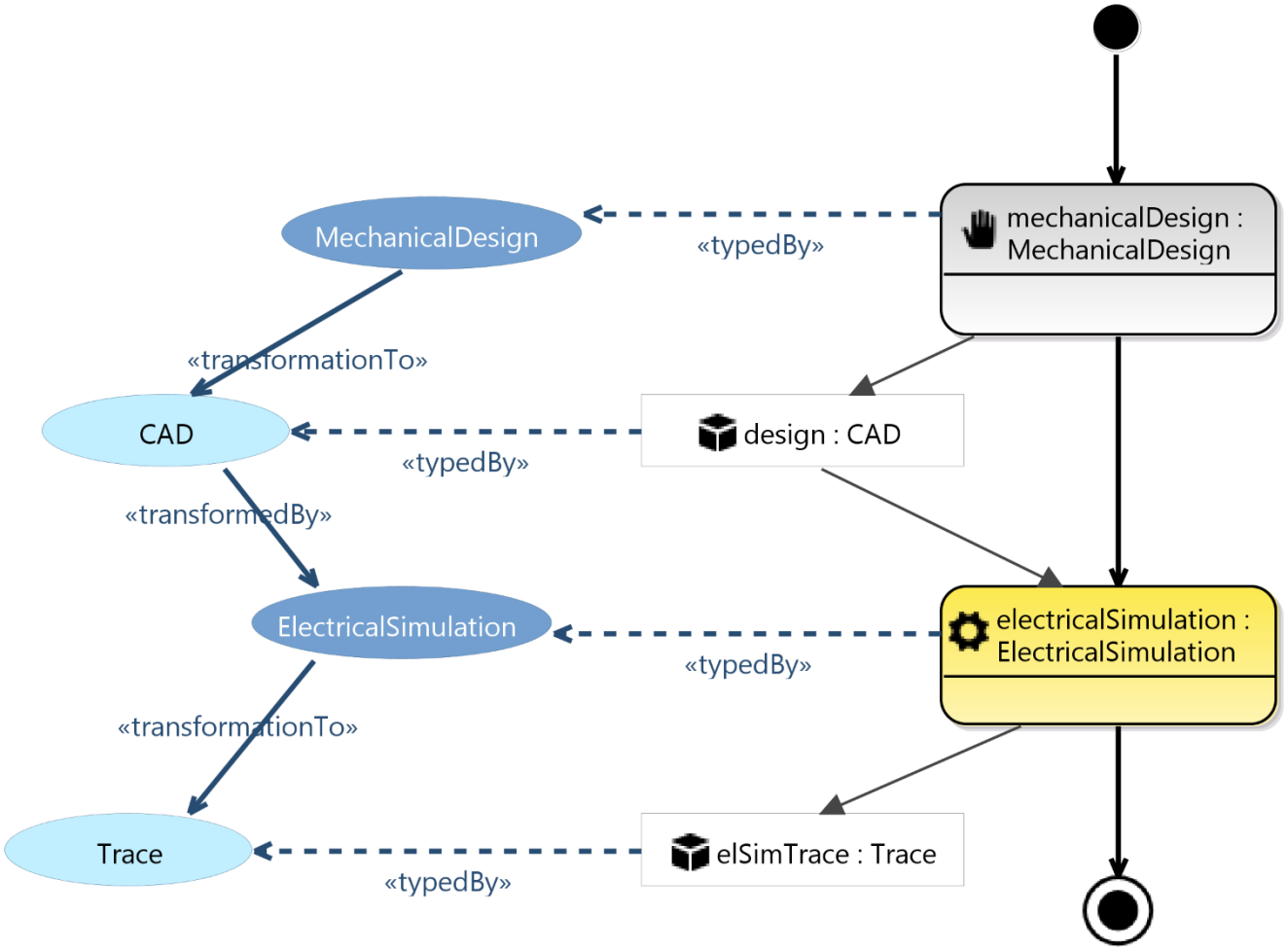

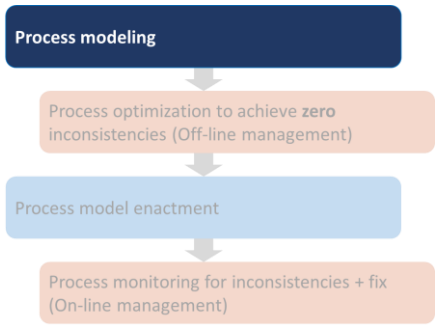

Process modeling

FTG

PM

System characteristics

MechanicalDesign

«typedBy»

mechanicalDesign : MechanicalDesign

modify

BatteryMass

«transformationTo»

CAD

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design : CAD

REL L2

«transformedBy»

ElectricalSimulation

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electricalSimulation : ElectricalSimulation

modify

BatteryCapacity

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elSimTrace : Trace

L1: influence graph
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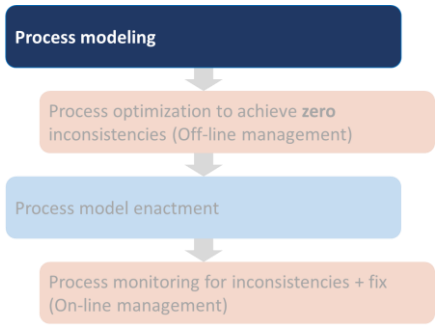

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System attribute (conceptually: an extra artifact in the FTG+PM)

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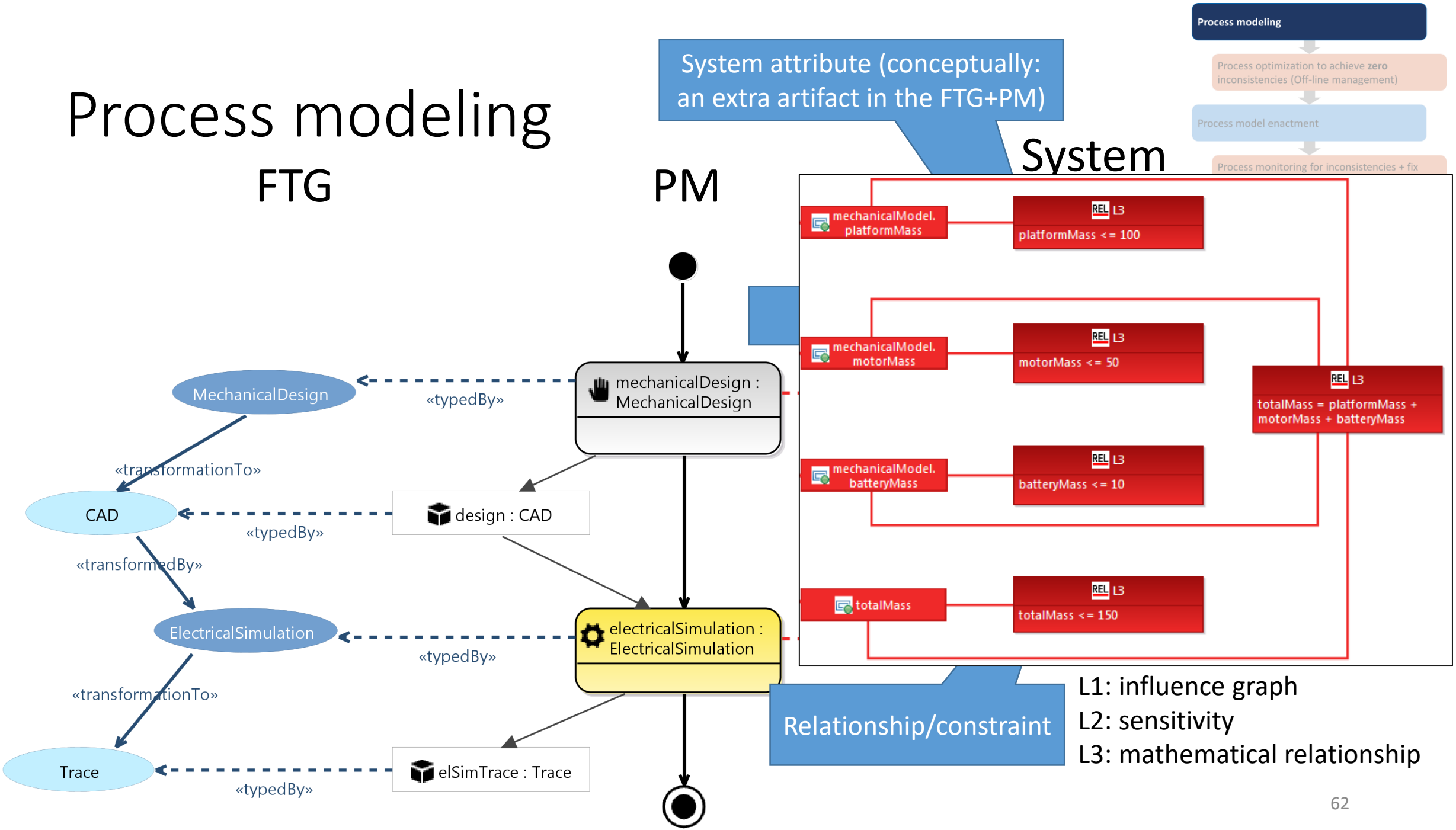

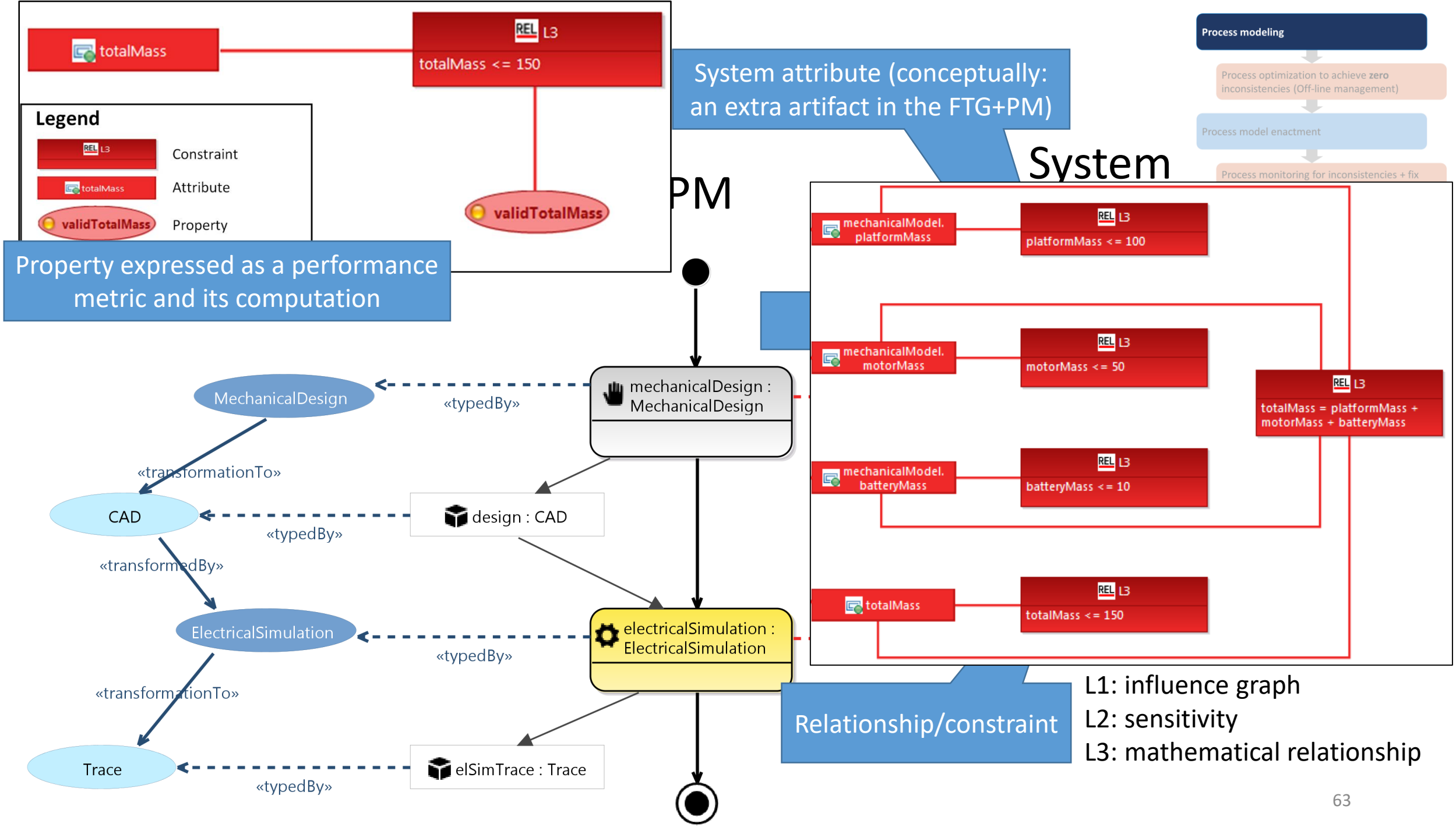
totalMass
REL L3
totalMass <= 150
validTotalMass
Legend
Constraint
Attribute
Property
Property expressed as a performance metric and its computation
System attribute (conceptually: an extra artifact in the FTG+PM)
PM
System
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mechanicalModel. platformMass
platformMass <= 100
mechanicalModel. motorMass
motorMass <= 50
mechanicalModel. batteryMass
batteryMass <= 10
totalMass = platformMass + motorMass + batteryMass
totalMass
totalMass <= 150
MechanicalDesign
«typedBy»
mechanicalDesign : MechanicalDesign
«transformationTo»
CAD
design : CAD
«transformedBy»
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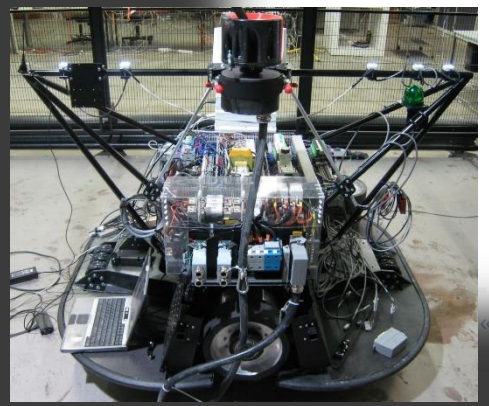

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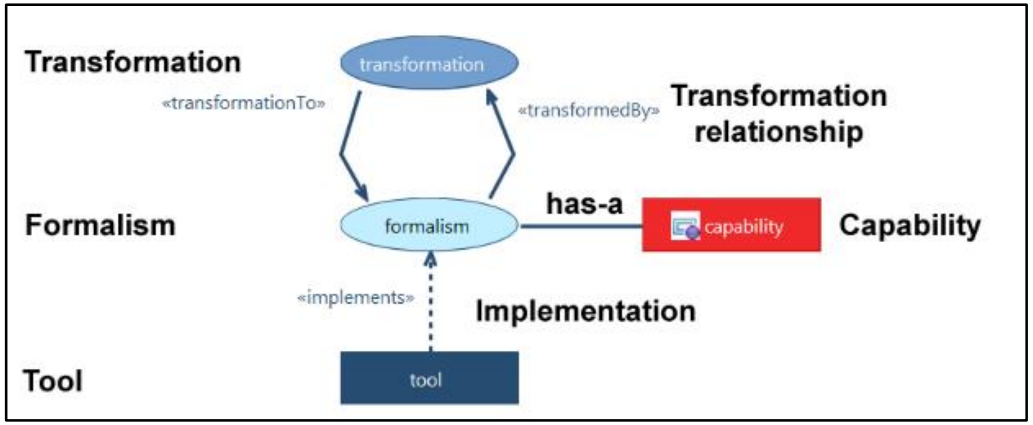

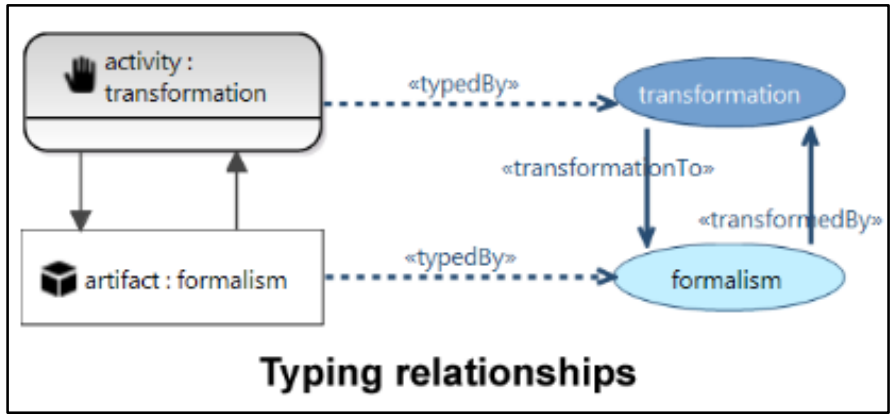

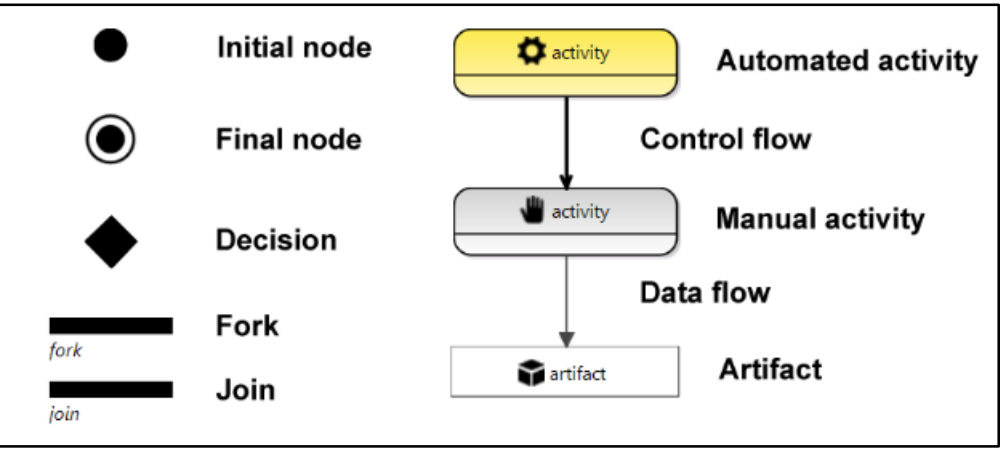

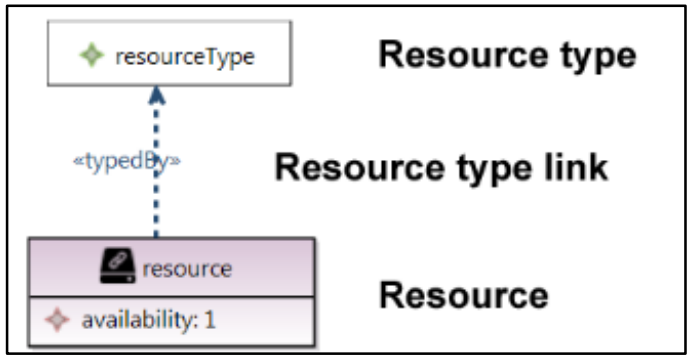

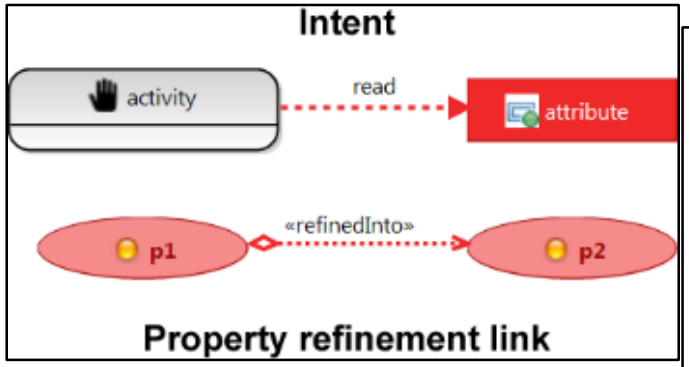

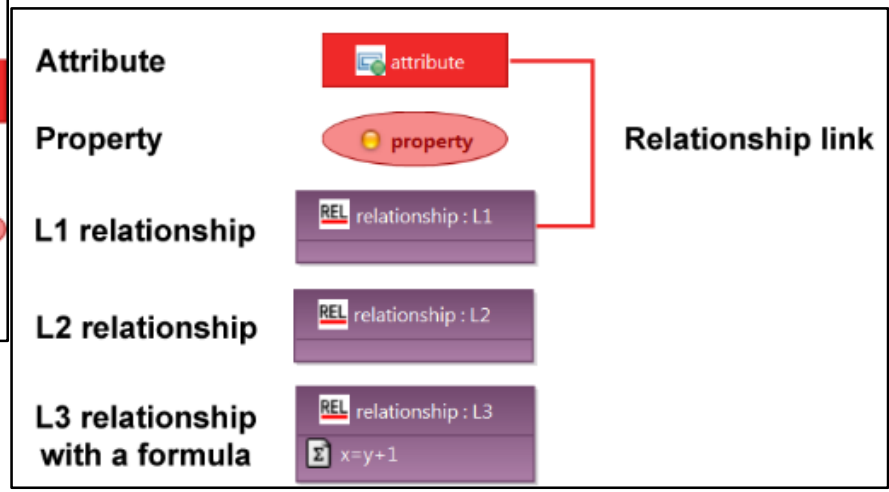

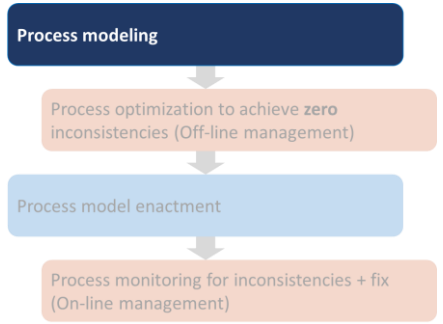

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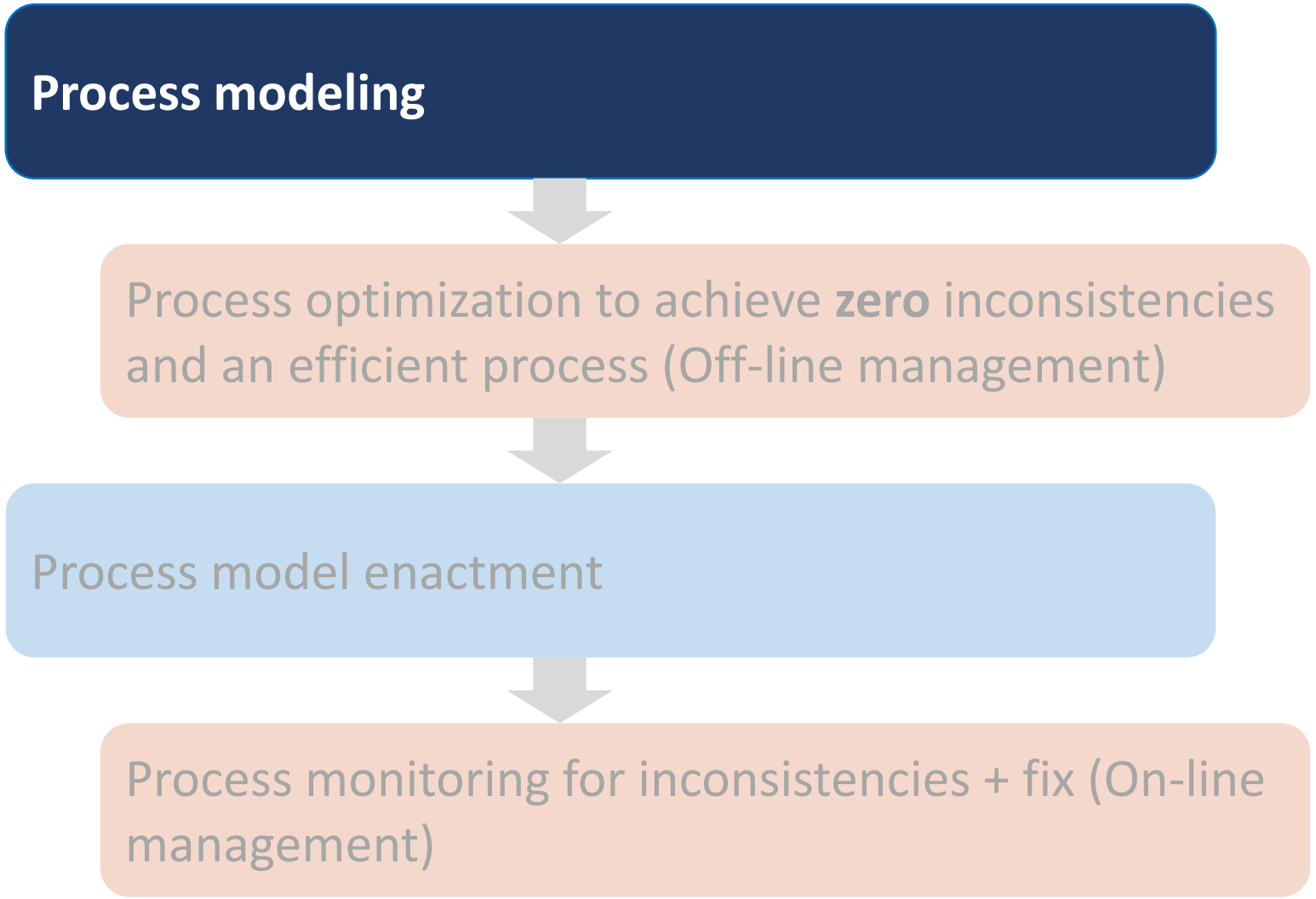
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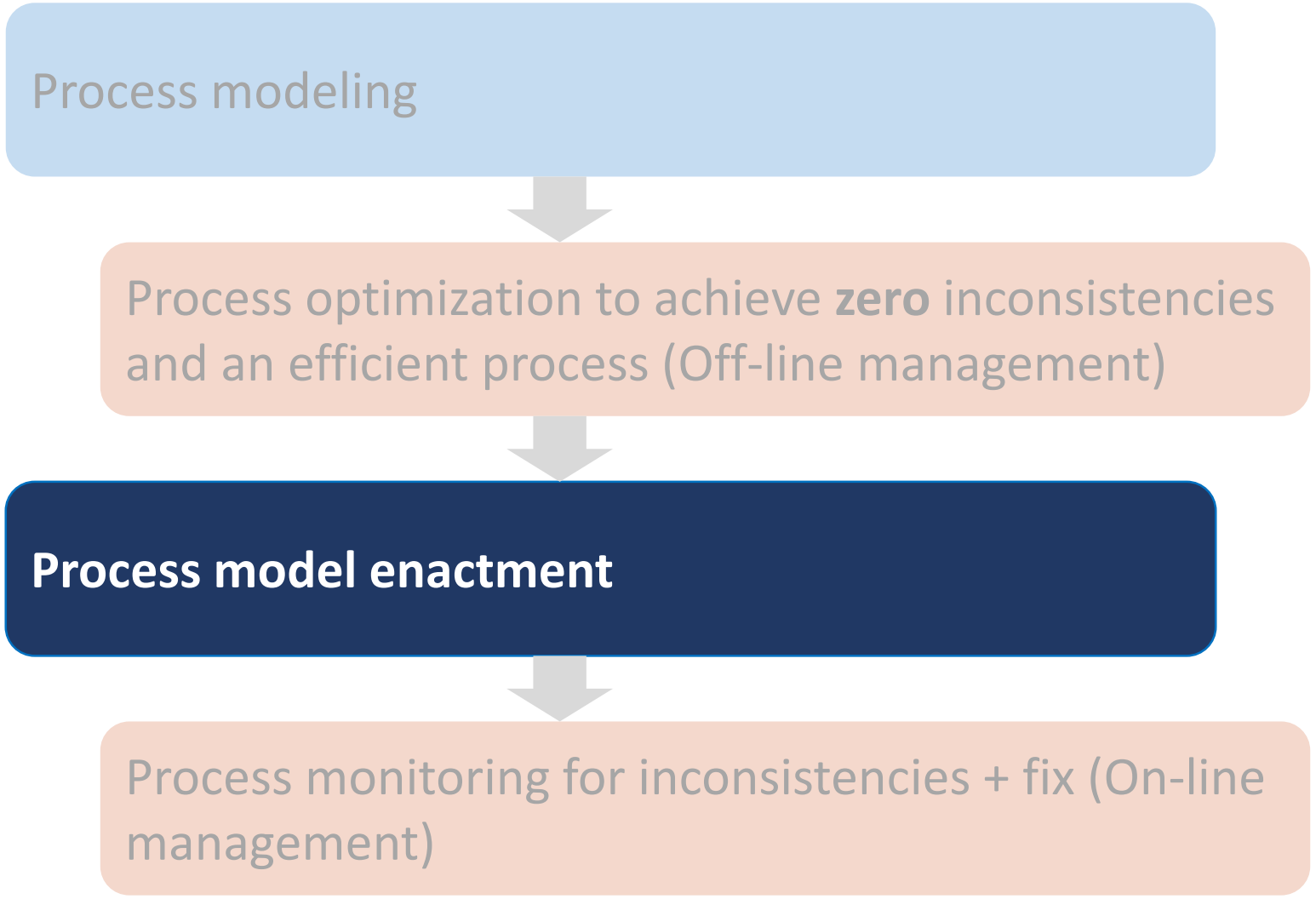
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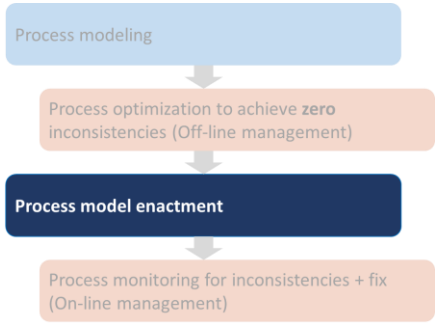

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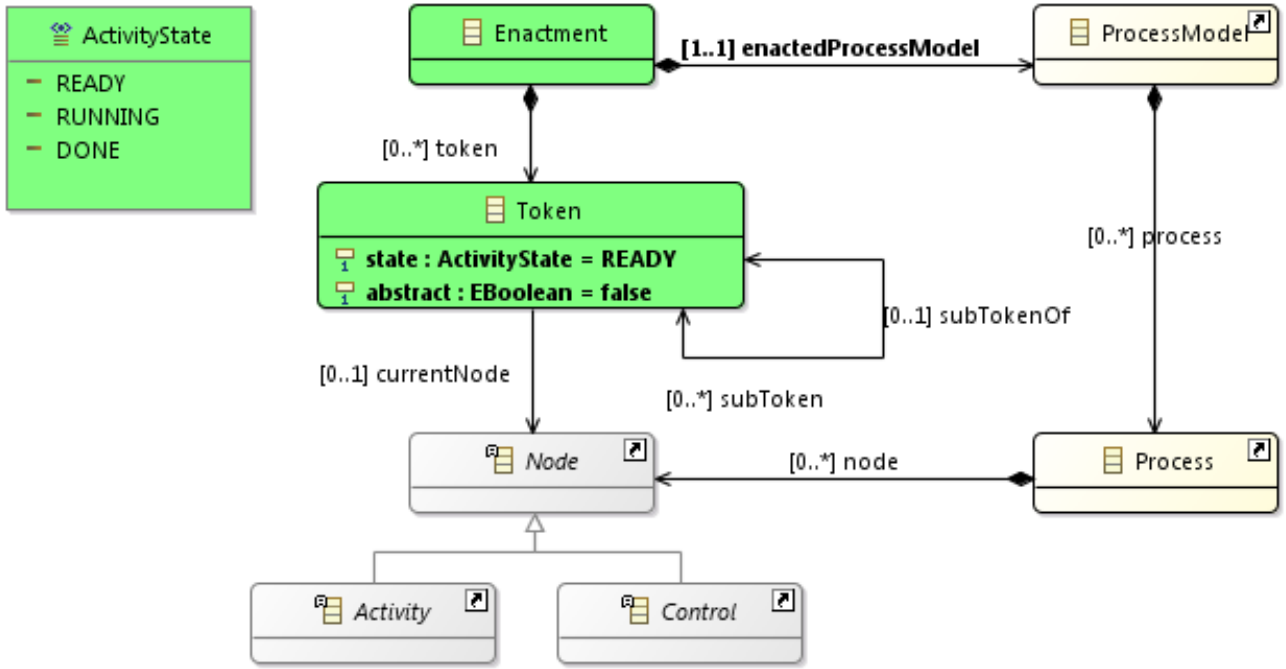

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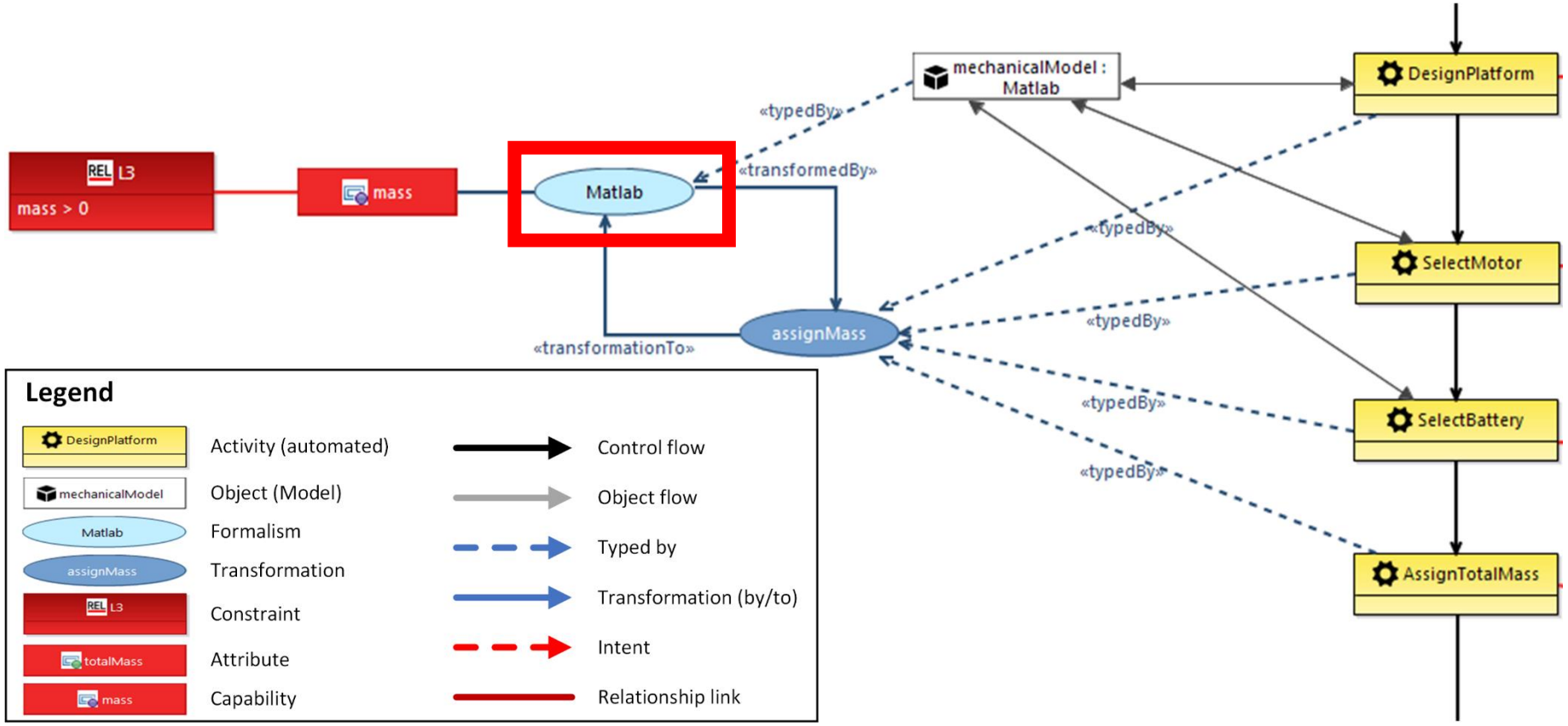

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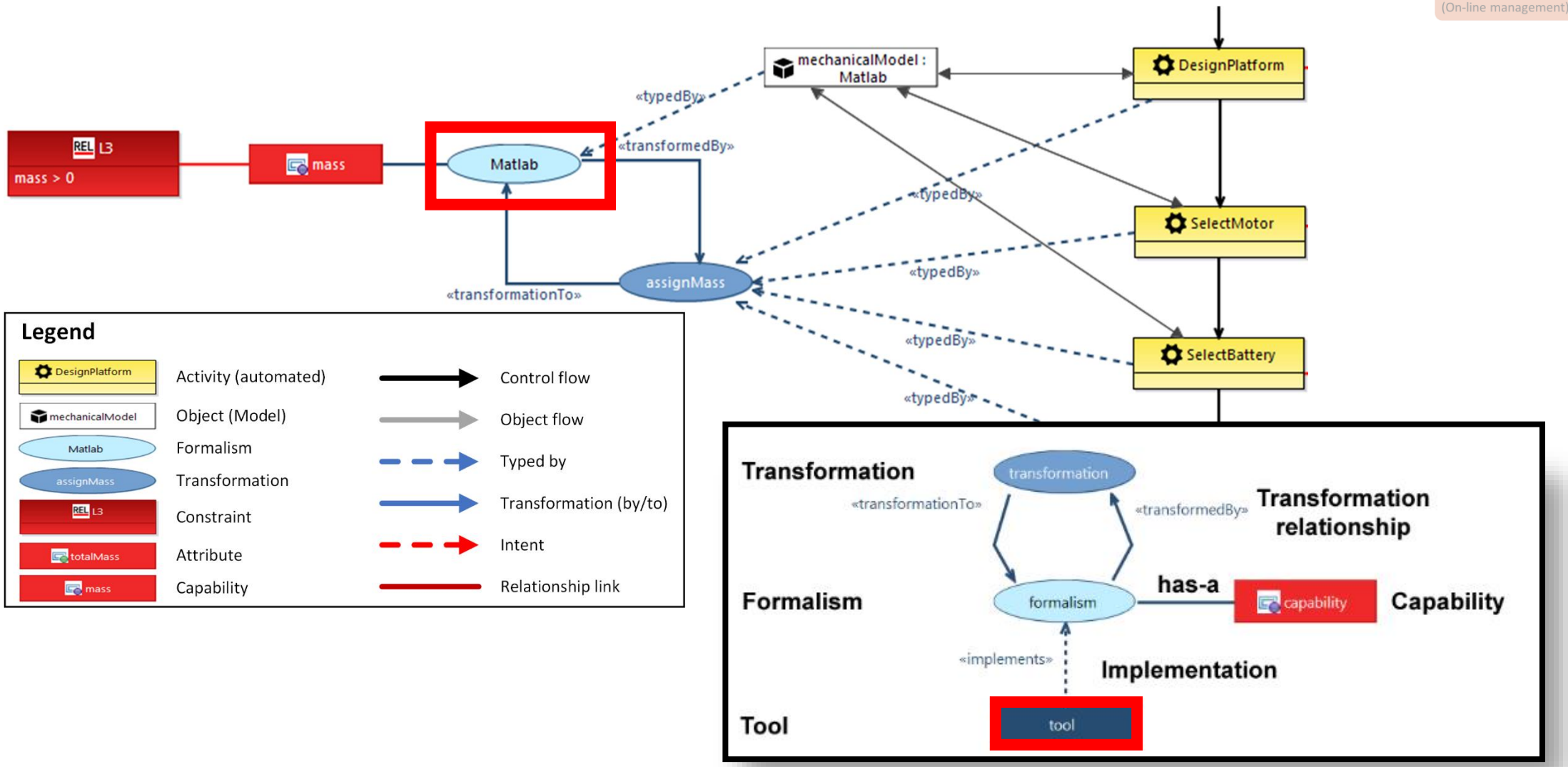

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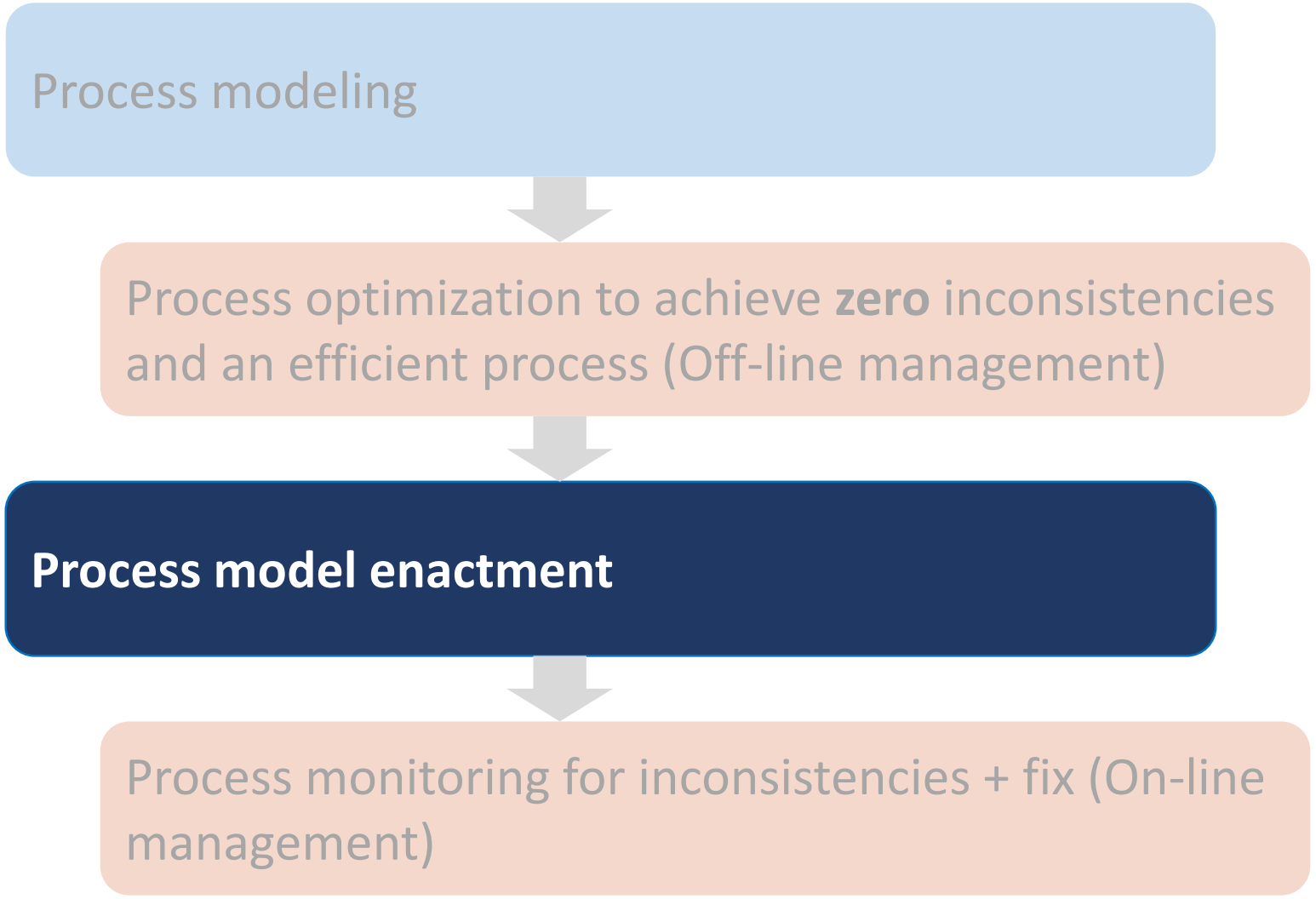
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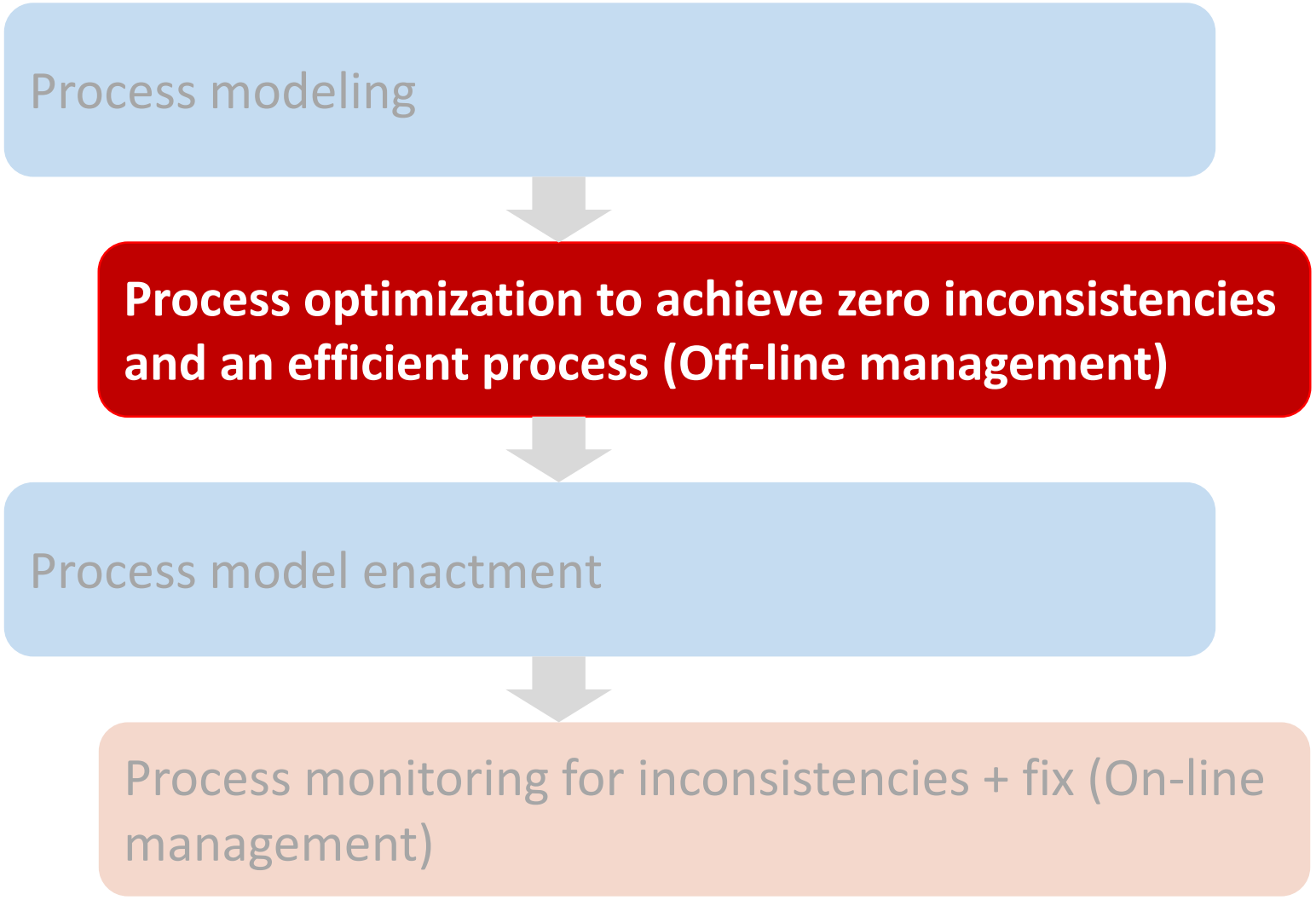
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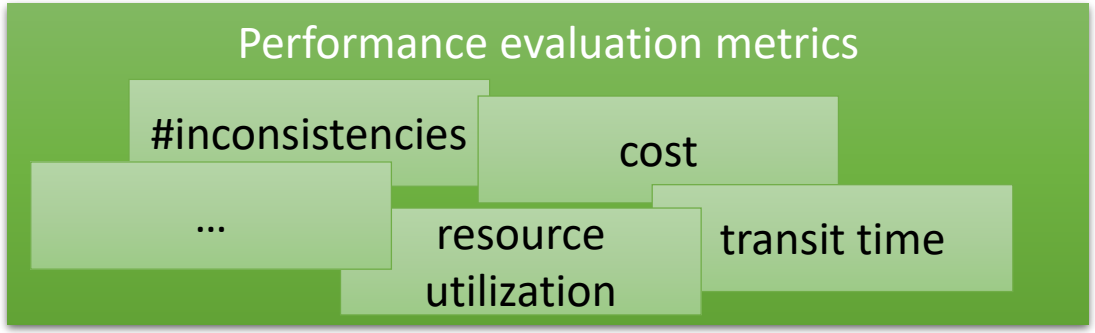

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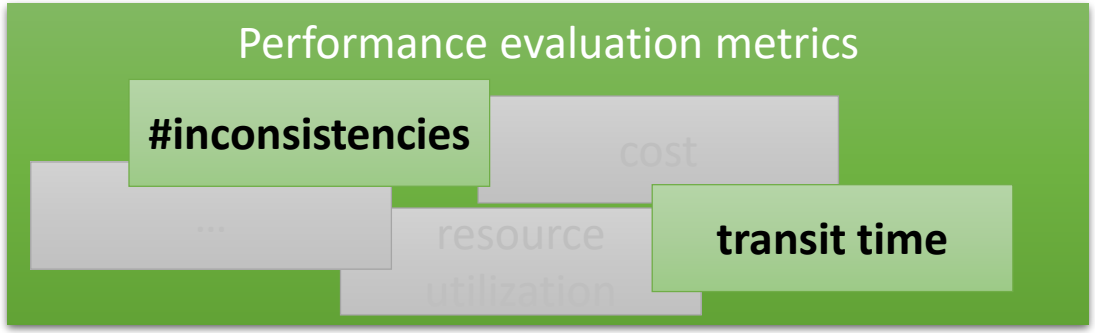

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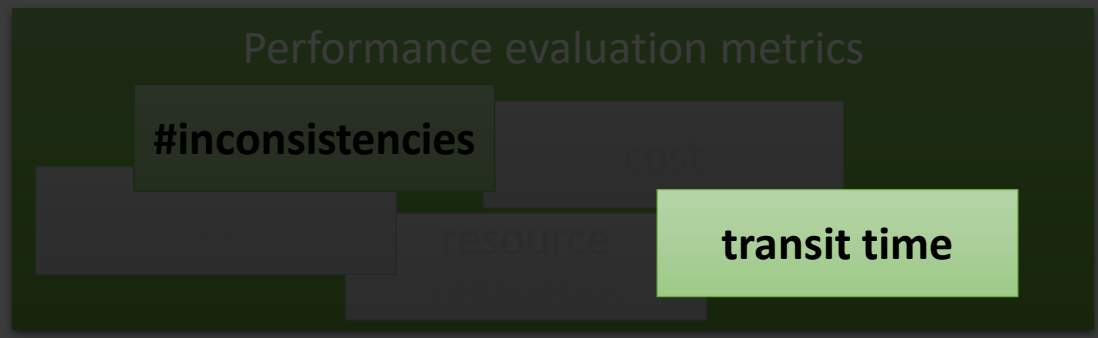

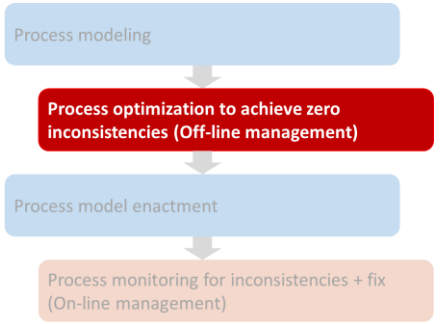

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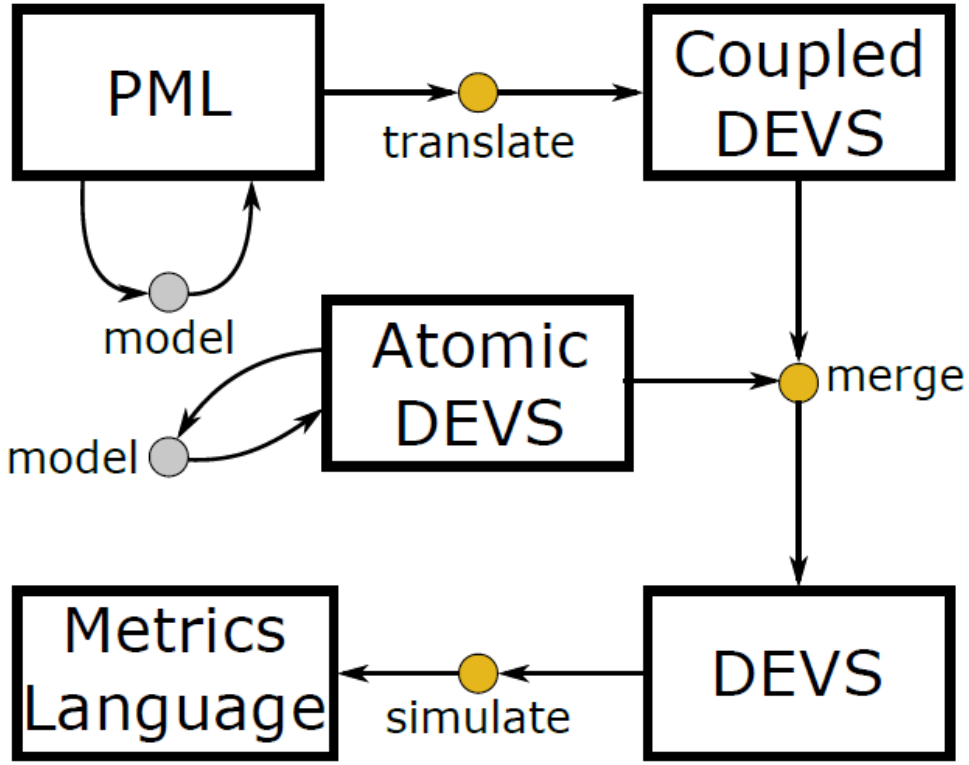

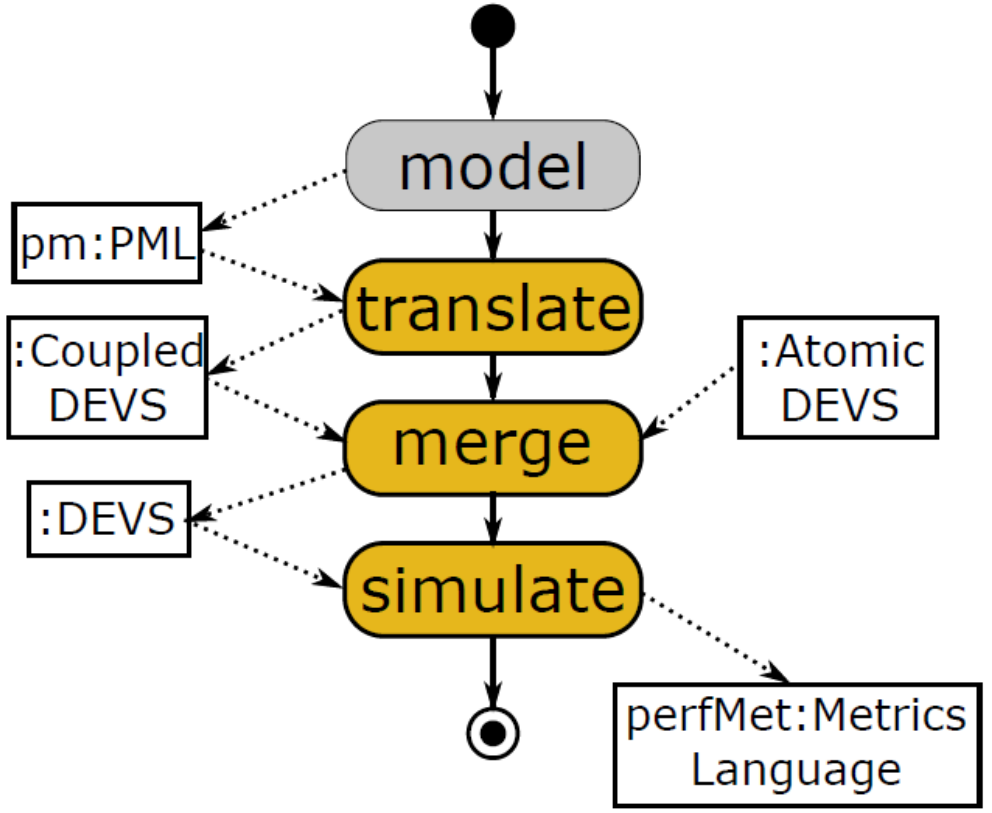

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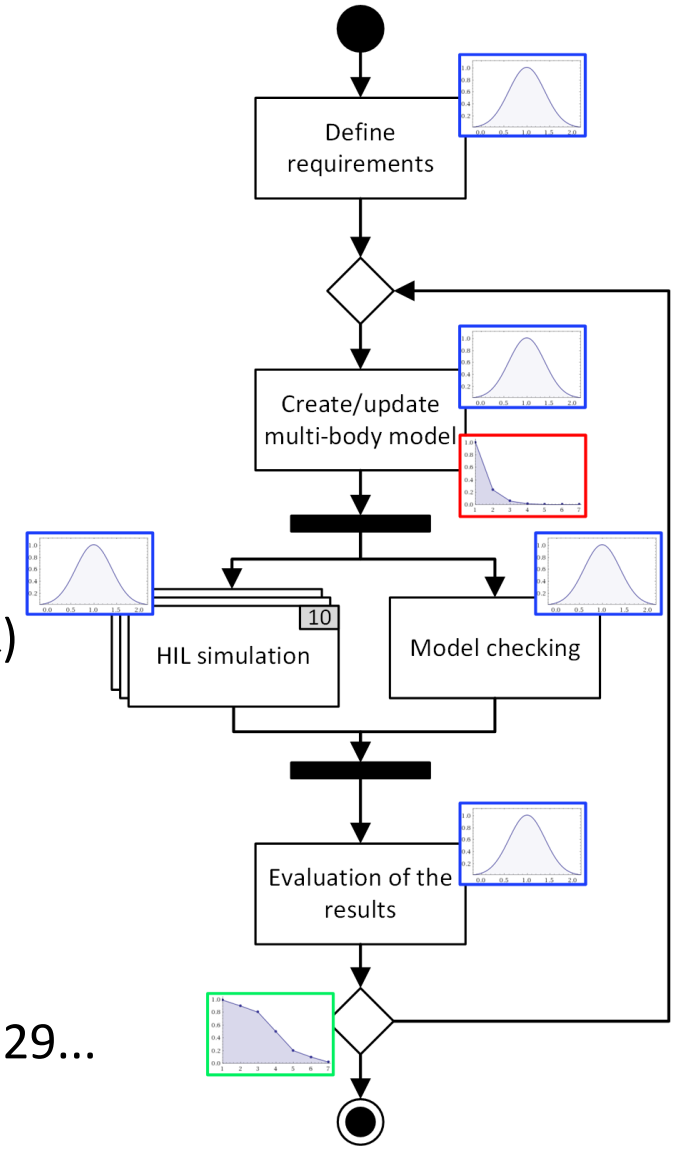
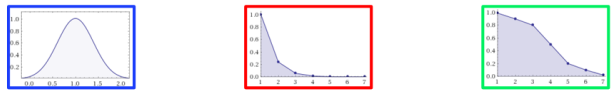
Calibration

- Activity execution time
  - Rule
    - Gaussian distribution
    - 80% of the estimations within the 20% error range: t(a)=N(μ, 0.15625μ)
- Execution time evolution
  - Rule
    - $e^{-1/0.7i}$ (i: iteration)
  - Resulting values
    - 1.0, 0.2397, 0.05743, 0.01376, 0.00329...
- Decision function
  - Manually set
  - 0.99, 0.9, 0.8, 0.5, 0.2, 0.1





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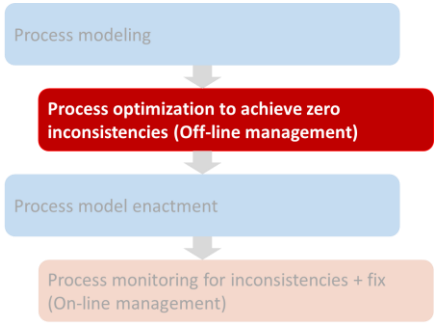

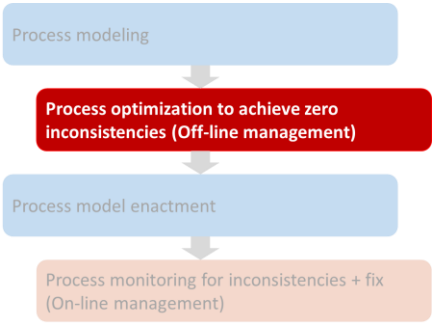

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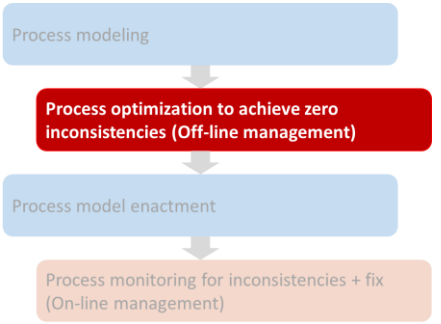

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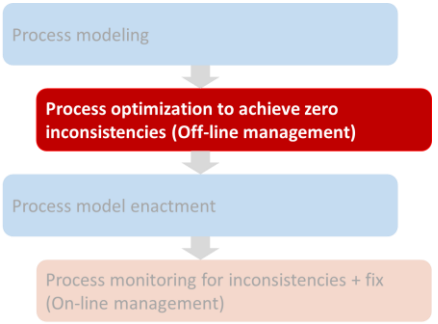

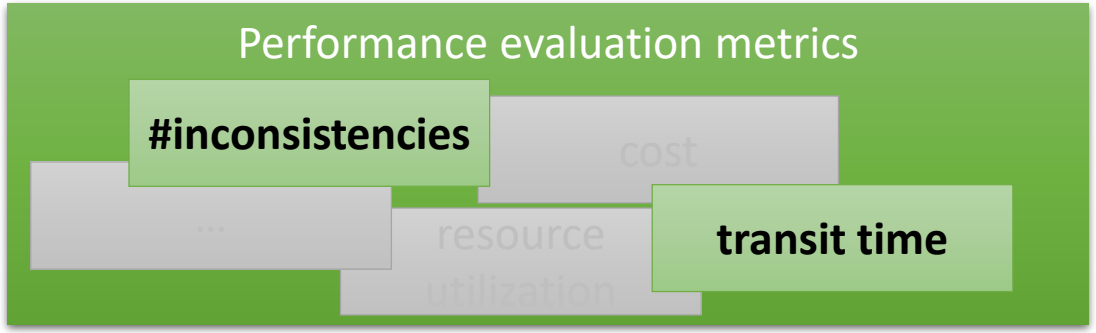

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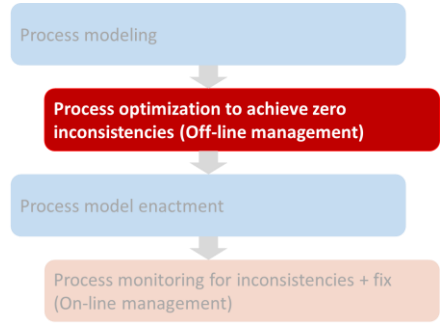

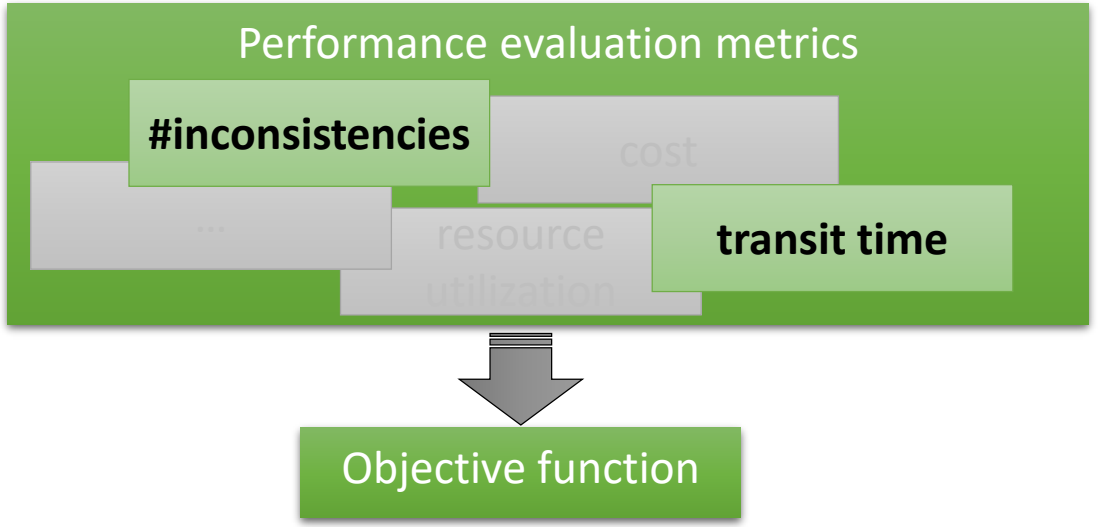

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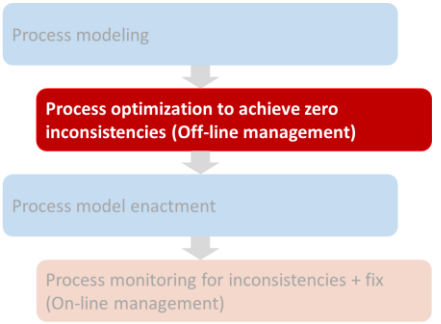

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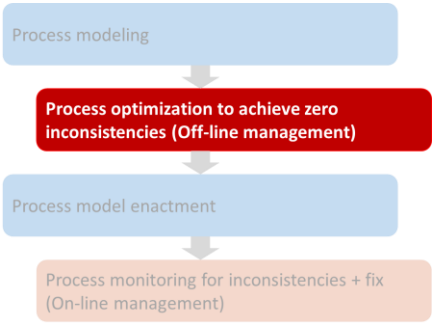

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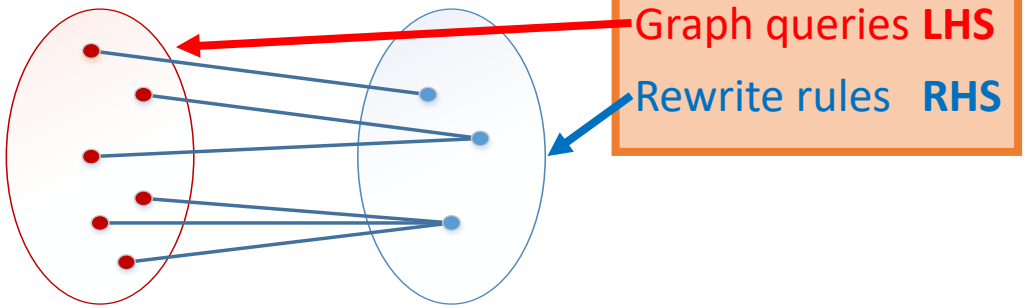

Applying an inconsistency management rule
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executing a model transformation

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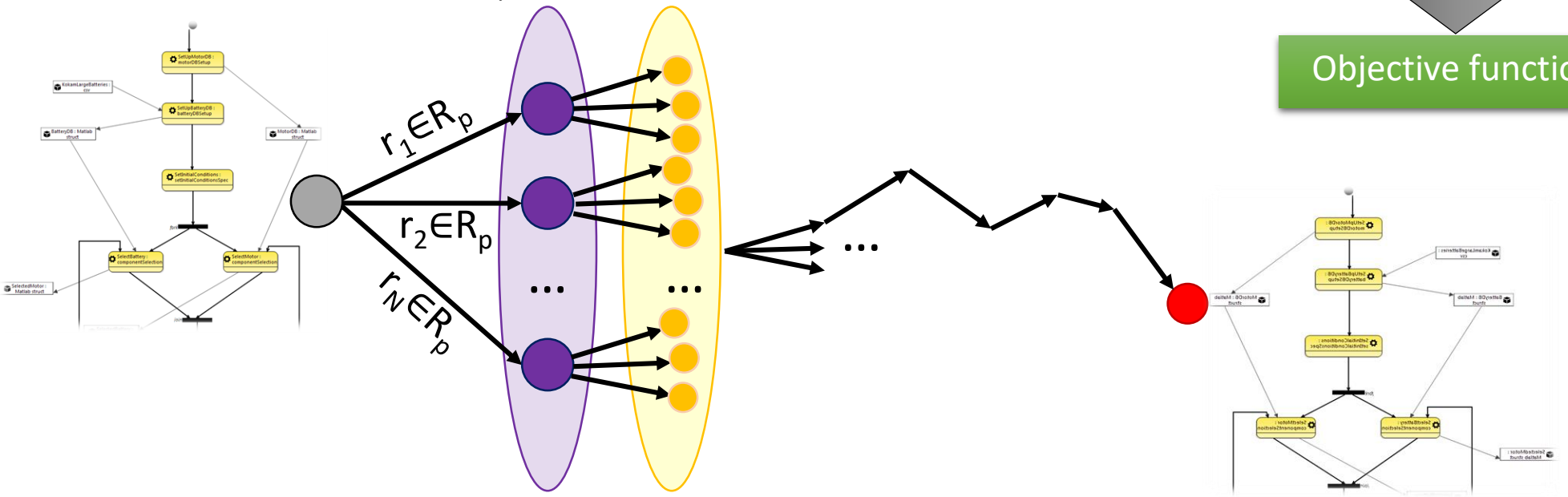

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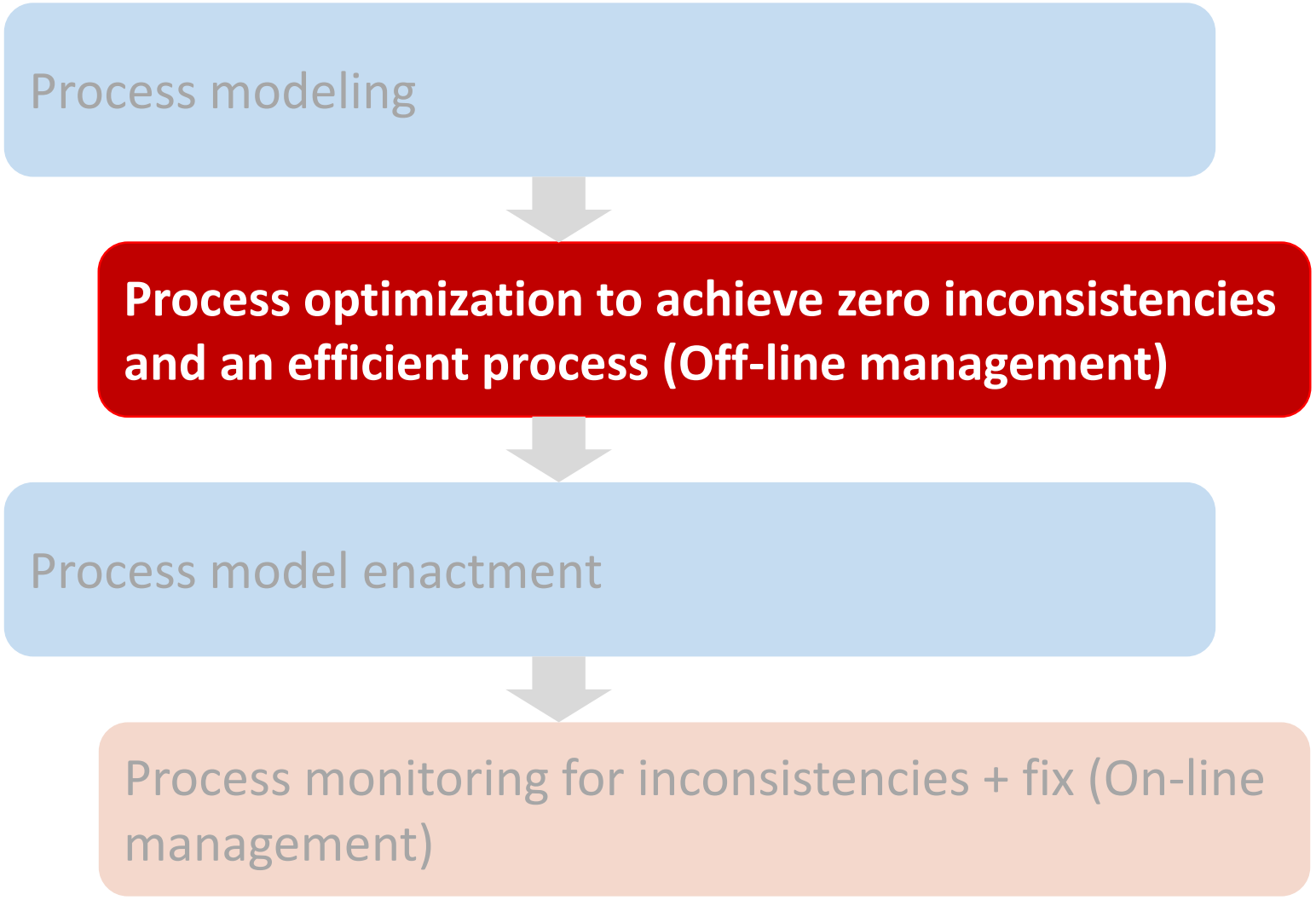
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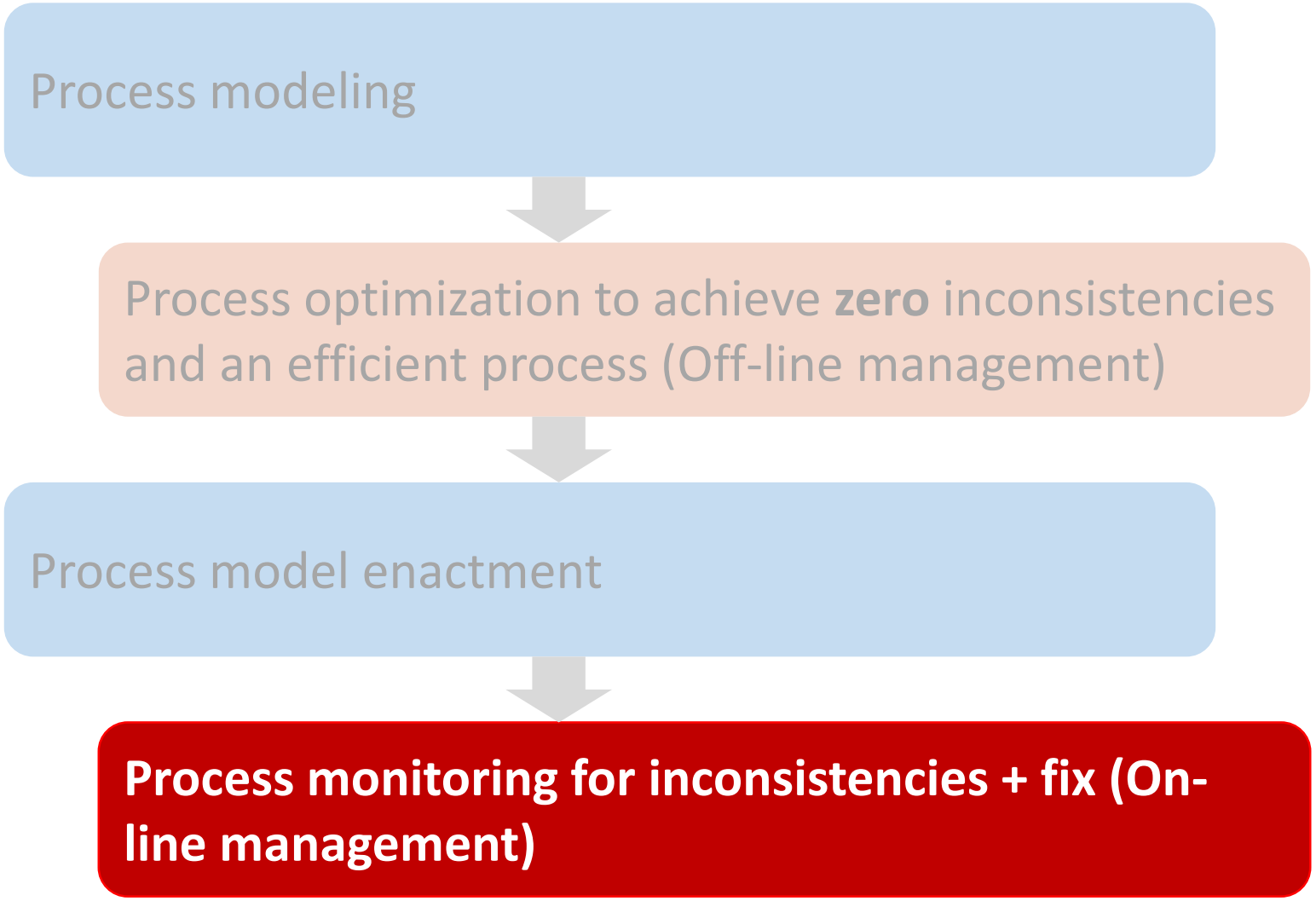
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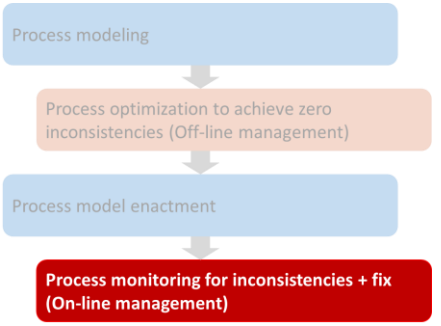

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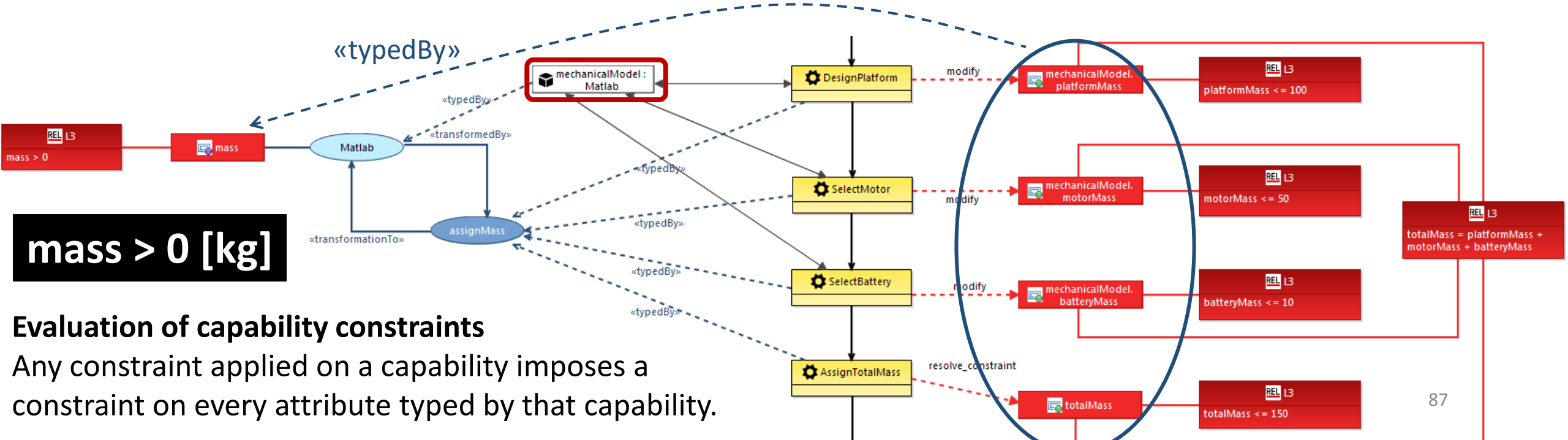

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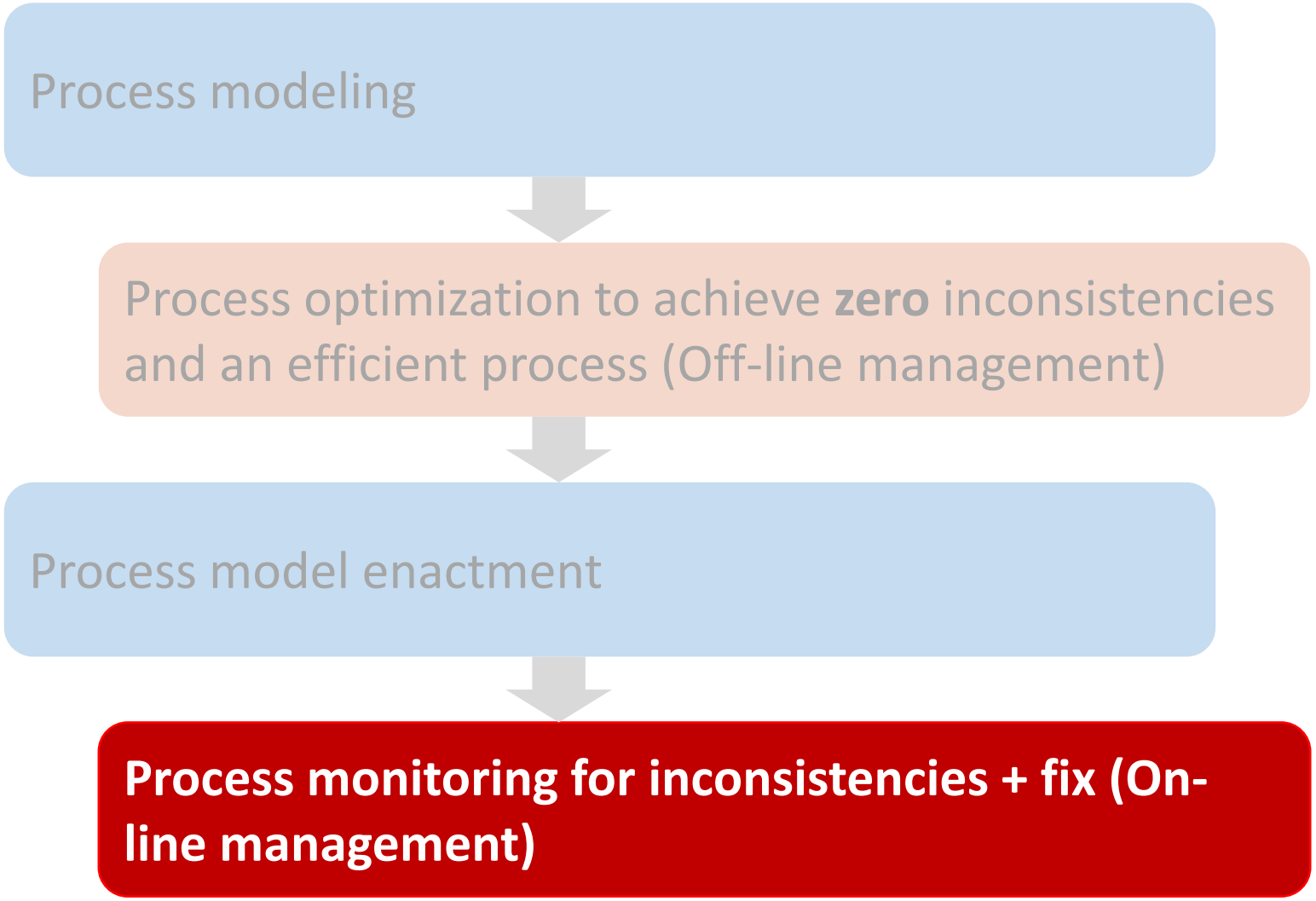
Evaluation of capability constraints

Any constraint applied on a capability imposes a constraint on every attribute typed by that capability.

Approach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Inconsistency Management

Theory/Foundations | Formalism | Additional enablers

Contributions

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- Contribution 2: A revised **definition of model (in)consistency**, in order to support the management of semantic inconsistencies.
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- Contribution 5: **Enactment of the optimized process** by the means of explicit model transformations.
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- Contribution 8: **External service integration** in processes under enactment, by explicit transformations over SCCD models.

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Potential future directions

- Extending the scope to Tolerance and Analysis

- Explicit reasoning about the trade-off between Prevention and Detect-and-Resolve
- Extending the scope of the technique over the entire engineering process

- Enactment by DEVS
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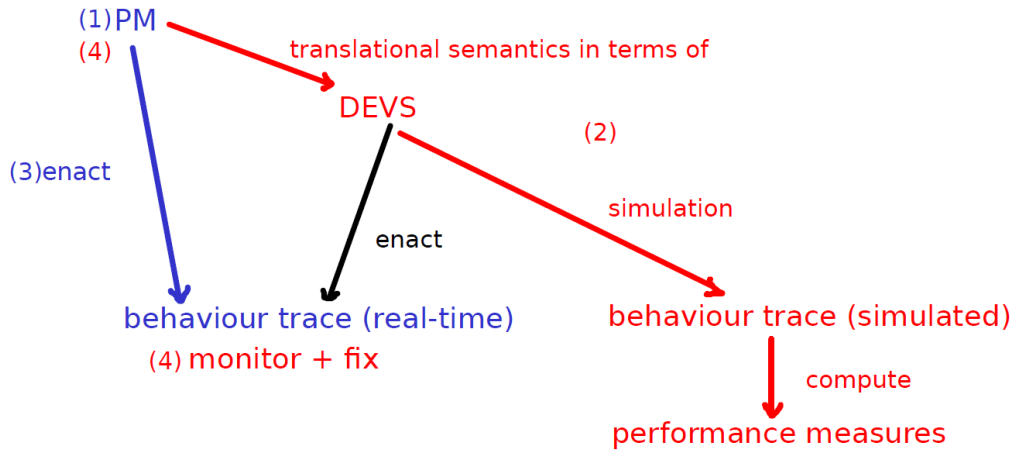

Conclusions

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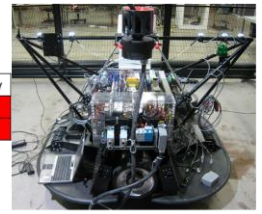
Steam engine

	Number	Heterogeneity
Components	<	≪
Concerns	<	≪



Automated Guided Vehicle (AGV)

COMPLEXITY

The design artifacts D_i and D_j are said to be consistent w.r.t. the set of properties $P' \subseteq P \equiv P_{req}(D_i) \bigcap P_{req}(D_j)$ iff $\forall p \in P' : D_i \models p \Leftrightarrow D_j \models p$.

(In?)consistency

	$D_i \models P'$	$D_j \models P'$	Consistent	Correct
(1)	✓	✓	✓	?
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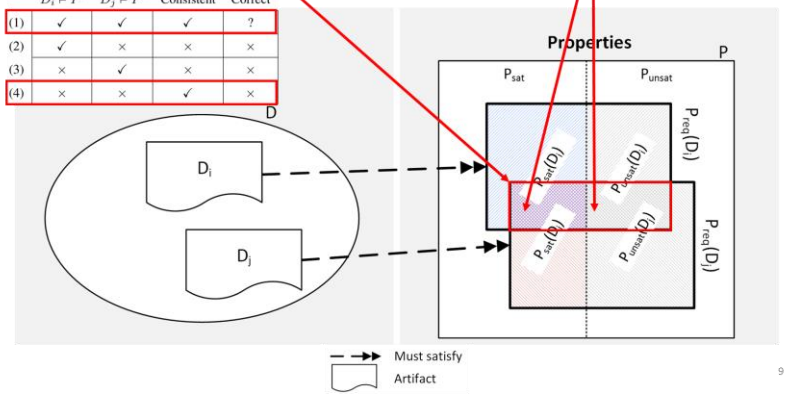
(3)	×	✓	×	×
(4)	×	×	✓	×



$inconsistent(D_i, D_j) \Rightarrow incorrect(D)$

PROCESS

CORRECTNESS

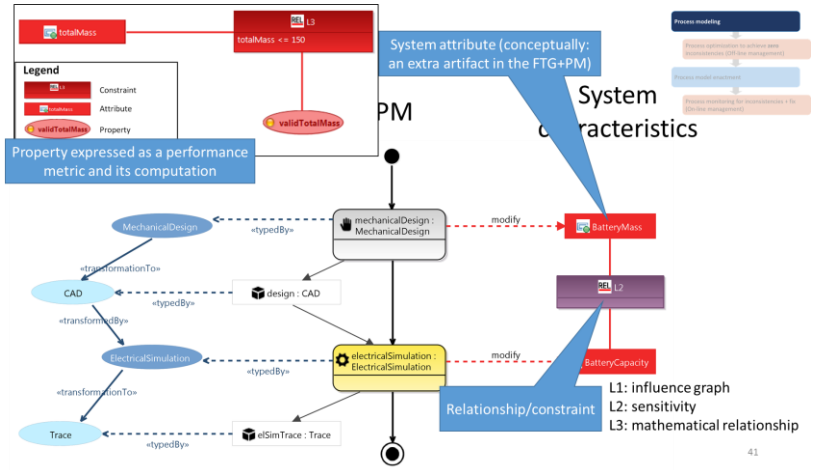
The product satisfies the required properties

EFFICIENCY

Minimize the cost of the engineering

MODEL (IN)CONSISTENCY

Heuristic (Romanycia and Pelletier). Any device, be it a program, rule, piece of knowledge, etc., which one is not entirely confident will be useful in providing a practical solution, but which one has reason to believe will be useful, and which is added to a problem-solving system in expectation that on average the performance will improve.



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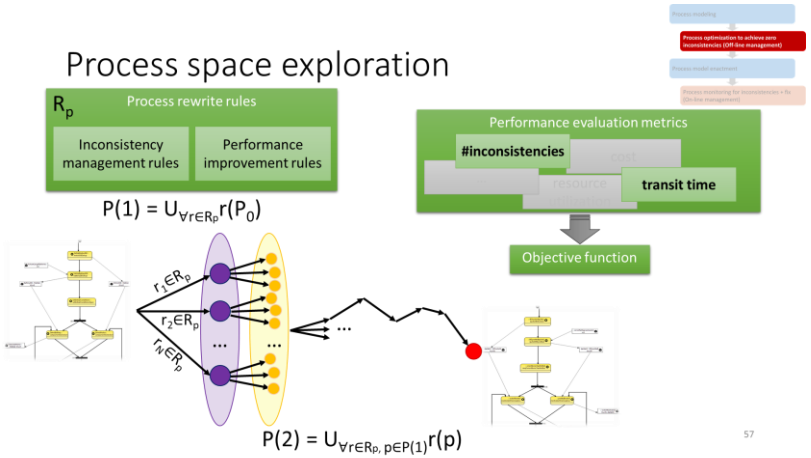

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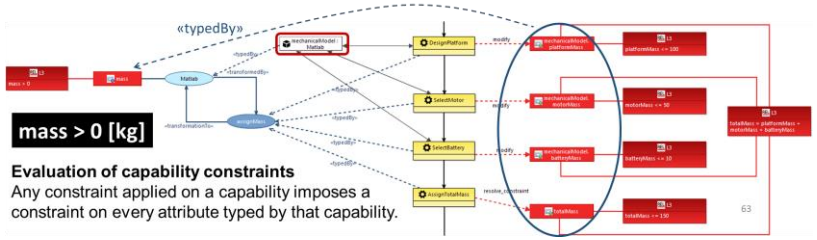

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