

Technical Briefing: Modeling and Code Generation for Real-Time Systems using UML-RT and

Papyrus-RT

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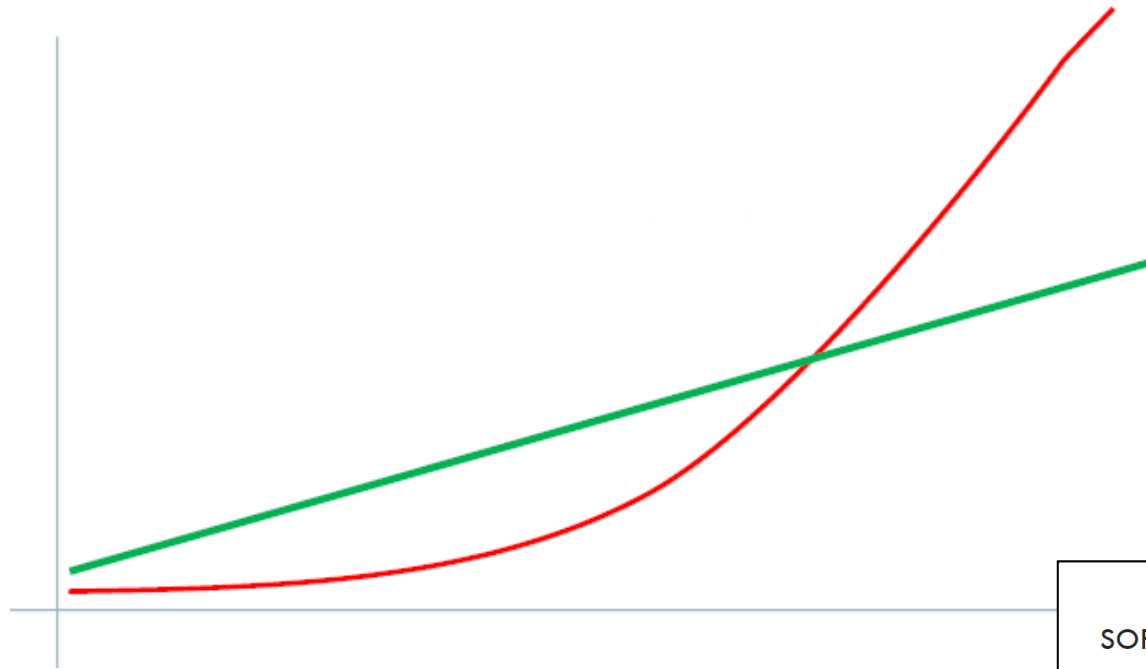
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49 Years Ago at 1st NATO SW Eng Conference



HW computing power ↑

⇒ Complexity of tasks SW asked to do ↑

⇒ Complexity of SW ↑

⇒ Existing SW development capabilities strained

⇒ **“Software crisis”**

SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

Report on a conference sponsored by the
NATO SCIENCE COMMITTEE
Garmisch, Germany, 7th to 11th October 1968

Chairman: Professor Dr. F. L. Bauer
Co-chairmen: Professor L. Bollet, Dr. H. J. Helms

Editors: Peter Naur and Brian Randell

January 1969

Since Then: LOTS of Progress

■ Hardware

- **Computing power** (2016 vs 1969) [Paul Ledak on quora.com]:
 - **Number of transistors:**
 - iPhone 6 = Apollo 11 GC x **180,000**
 - **Clock frequency:**
 - iPhone 6 = Apollo 11 GC x **32,000**
 - **Instructions per second:**
 - iPhone 6 = Apollo 11 GC x **80 million**
 - **Overall:**
 - iPhone 6 = Apollo 11 GC x **120 million**
- **Cost of 1 MB of memory** in US\$ [www.jcmit.com]:
 - Dec 2015 = 1957 / **100 billion**



▪ **Software engineering** **Since Then: LOTS of Progress**

- Information hiding via modularization, encapsulation, interfaces, MDE, ...

▪ **Pro**

Key general techniques:

▪ **Dat**

Abstraction, automation, and analysis

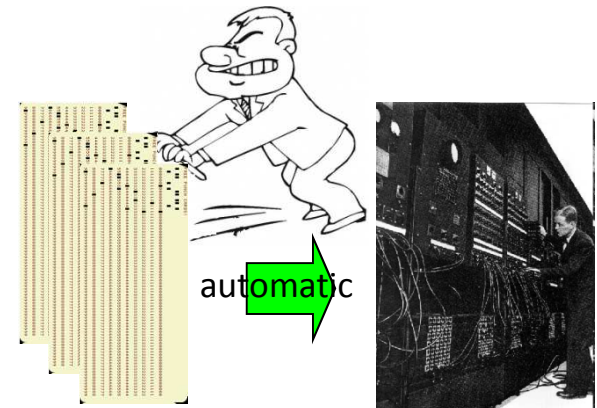
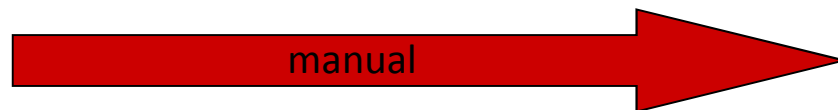
- Relational model, ...

▪ **Operating systems**

- Virtual memory, ...

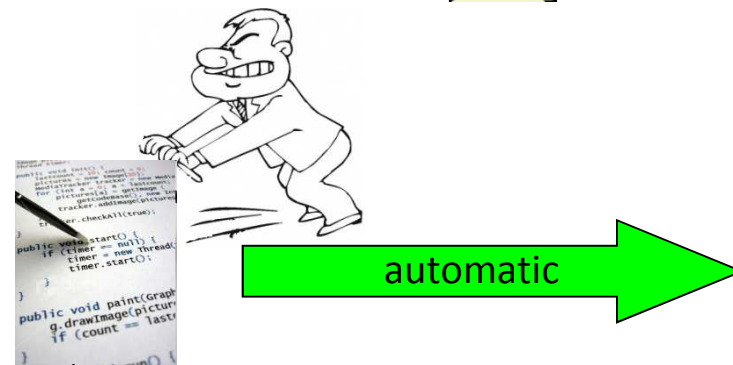
40 years ago

"The system shall do this, that, and the other thing"



Today

"The system shall do this, that, and the other thing"



Model-Driven Engineering (MDE)

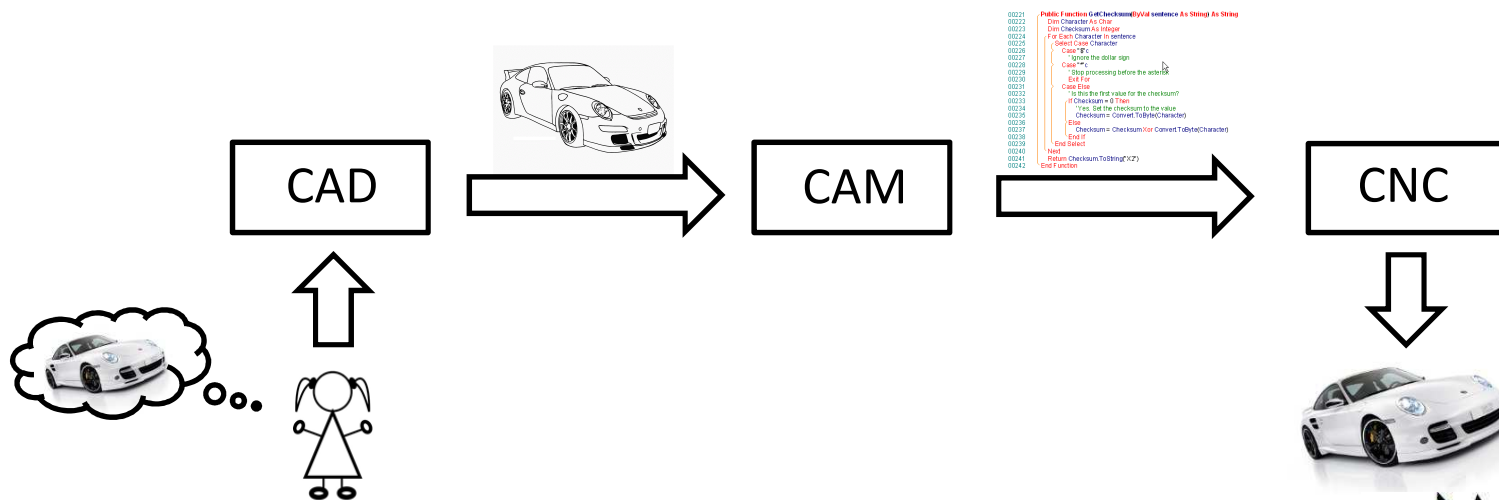
- Improve productivity, quality, and ability to handle complexity by
 - increasing level of **abstraction**
 - through use of 'models'
 - leveraging **automation**
 - e.g., via code generation from models, model transformation, ...
 - improving **analysis** capabilities
 - e.g., through constraint solving, simulation, state space exploration, ...

MDE = Abstraction + Automation + Analysis

- Inspired by use of models in engineering and science

Abstraction, Automation, and Analysis in Manufacturing

- Mechanical design till early 1970ties: paper drawings, ...
- Mechanical design from about 1972: CAD/CAM
 1. Create drawings w/ computer (CAD)
 2. Computer automatically generates milling/CNC programs (CAM)



⇒ much better analysis capabilities and productivity

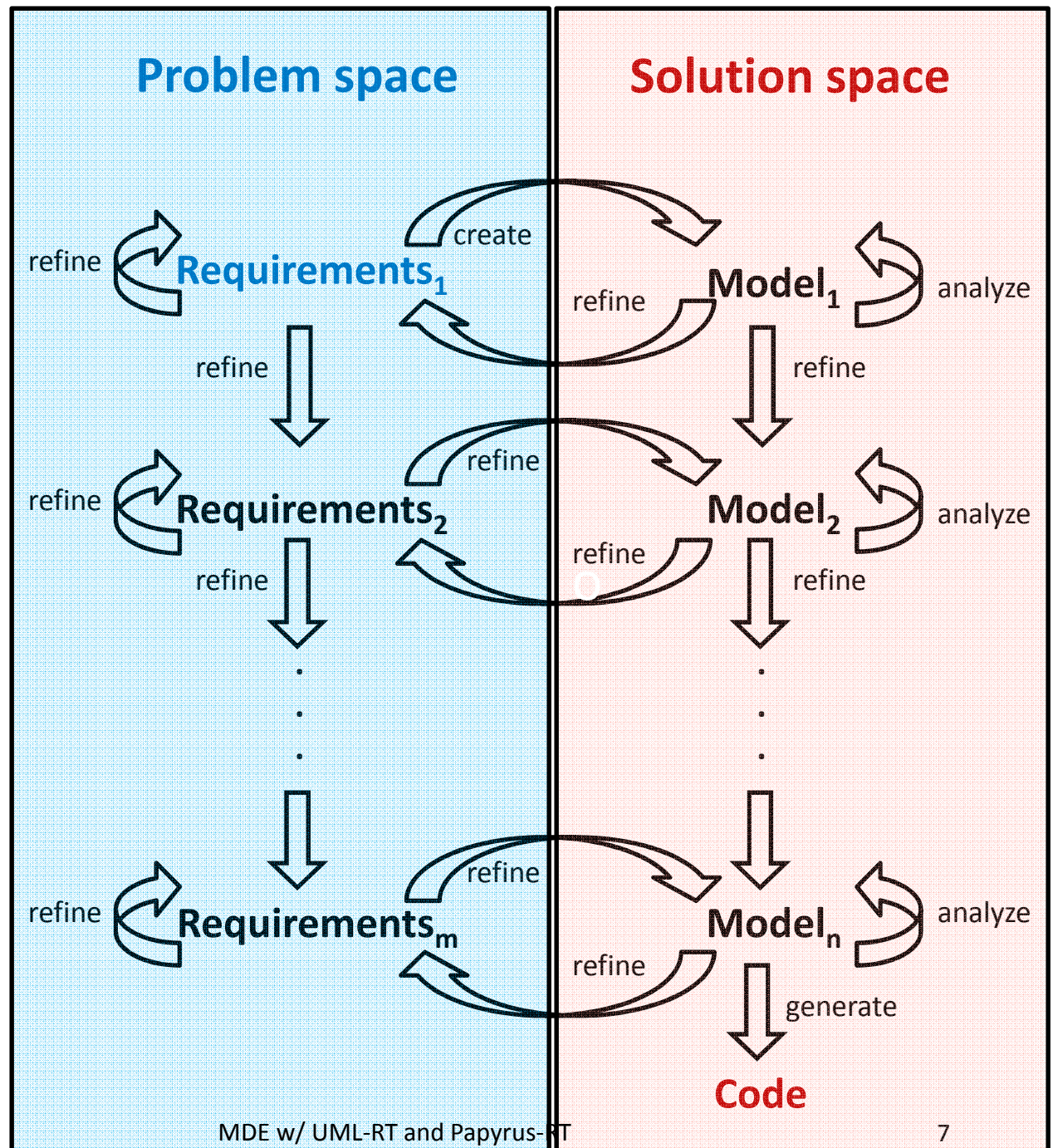
⇒ abstraction, automation, and analysis have revolutionized manufacturing

MDE Process

Elements in solution space exist in **same medium**: the computer

⇒ Model can evolve into system it is modeling!

⇒ fewer discontinuities



MDE for Embedded Systems: Context

■ Some vendors

- Mathworks: Stateflow/Simulink
- IBM: Rational RoseRT, Rational Rhapsody, RSA-RTE
- National Instruments: LabVIEW
- Esterel Technologies: SCADE
- IAR Systems: IAR Visual State

■ Some standards

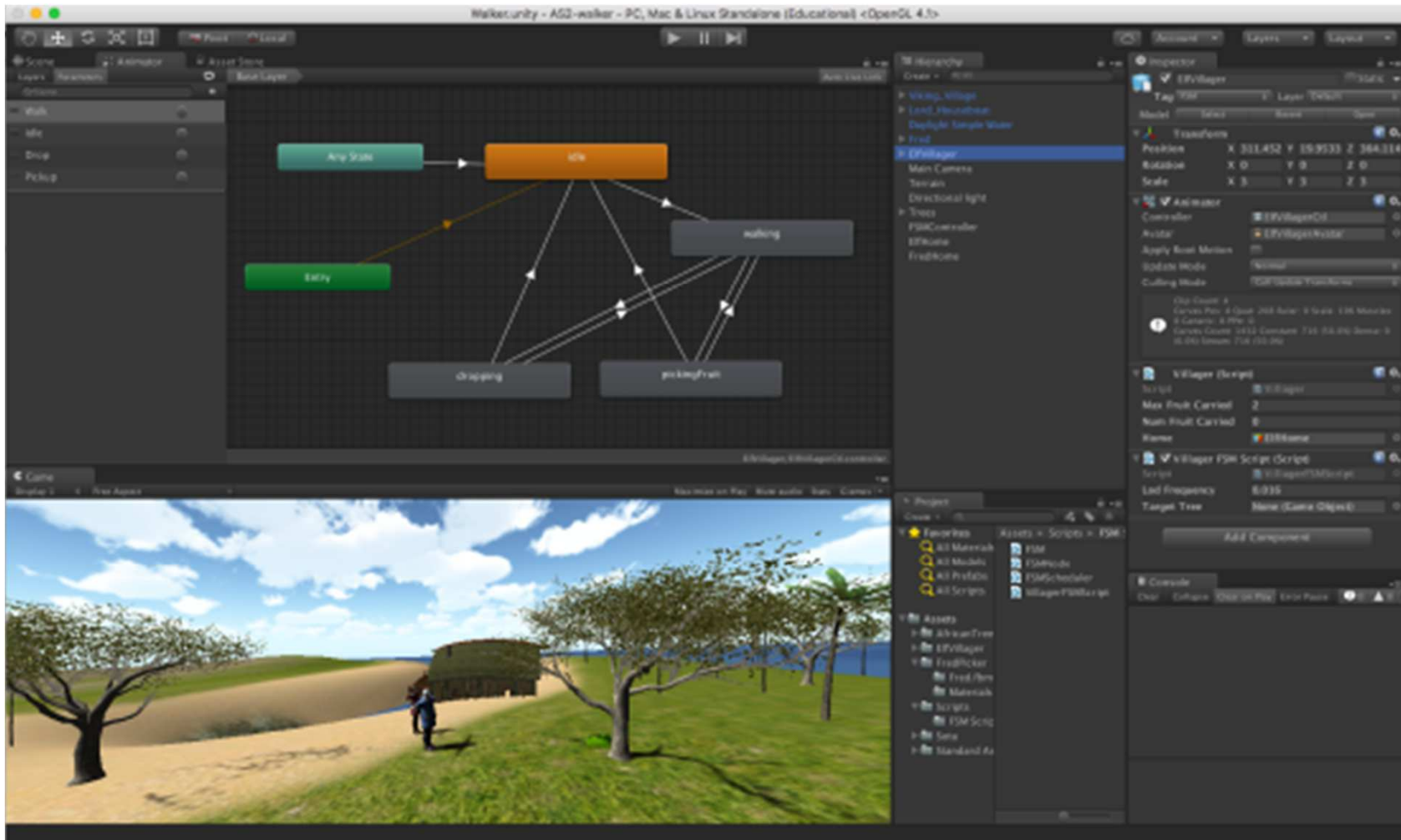
- DO-178C, DO-331

[Radio Technical Commission for Aeronautics (RTCA). DO-178C: Software Considerations in Airborne Systems and Equipment Certification. Jan 2012] [<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DO-178C>]

[Radio Technical Commission for Aeronautics (RTCA). [DO-331](#) "Model-Based Development and Verification Supplement to DO-178C and DO-278A"]

Even the Game Industry is Using MDE Now

[<http://docs.unity3d.com/Manual/Animator.html>]



Screenshot courtesy Nick Graham

MDE: Challenges, Opportunities

■ Challenges [1],[2]

- Technical: user experience, model analysis, ...
- Social: education/training, ...

■ Opportunities

- Emerging eco-system: open source, standards, forums, repositories, ...
- Abstraction, automation, and analysis will continue to be key [3]



...

Safety Security

More integration More functionality



[1] Selic. What will it take? A view on adoption of model-based methods in practice. Software and Systems Modeling (SoSyM) 11(4):513-526. October 2012.

[2] Whittle, Hutchinson, Rouncefield. The state of practice in model-driven engineering. IEEE Software 31 (3), 79-85. 2014.

[3] Dingel. Complexity is the Only Constant: Trends in Computing and their Relevance to Model Driven Engineering. Proceedings ICGT'16. LNCS 9761:79-85. 2016.

Goal of TB

■ Inform

- Intro to MD with UML-RT and Papyrus-RT
- Pointers to resources, related work, etc

■ Inspire

- We need more abstraction, automation, analysis!
- UML-RT

- small, cohesive set of concepts

“UML-RT has features which appeal to the formalist, but some are severely underused by practitioners. The primary reason is undoubtedly that there is nothing within the Rose RealTime toolset that can take advantage of the extra information, relegating it instead to a documentary role” [4]

- successful track record, but work needed on, e.g.,

- static analysis, user experience, deployment, interpretation, testing, verification, simulation, ...



[4] Whittaker, Goldsmith, Macolini, Teitelbaum, "Model Checking UML-RT Protocols", *Proc. Workshop Formal Design Techniques for Real-Time UML*, 2000-Nov.

Overview

1. MDE	(10 mins)	(10 slides)
2. Overview	(1 min)	(1 slide)
3. Papyrus-RT	(5 mins)	(3 slides)
4. UML-RT: Part I	(25 mins)	(24 slides)
• Core concepts		
5. Demo I	(10 mins)	
6. Hands on session	(10 mins)	
7. UML-RT: Part II	(15 mins)	(14 slides)
• More advanced concepts		
8. Demo II	(10 mins)	
9. Conclusion	(5 min)	(3 slides)

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Papyrus-RT: Overview



- **Papyrus for Real-Time** industrial-grade, complete modeling environment for the development of complex, software intensive, real-time, embedded, cyber-physical systems.
- Part of **PolarSys**

- Eclipse Working Group
- Open source for embedded systems



- **Building on**

- Eclipse Modeling Framework (EMF), Xtext, Papyrus



- **History**

- 2015: V0.7.0
- March 2017: v0.9
- Fall 2017: v1.0



[\[https://wiki.eclipse.org/Papyrus-RT\]](https://wiki.eclipse.org/Papyrus-RT)

Papyrus-RT: Installation

- Easiest: as RCP
- From web:
 - [\[https://eclipse.org/papyrus-rt/content/download.php\]](https://eclipse.org/papyrus-rt/content/download.php)
 - Download RCP for your platform
 - Extract downloaded file into a folder of your choice
- From USB stick:
 - In 'Papyrus-RT' folder:
 - Archive: Copy/paste, unpack
 - In 'Models' folder:
 - Models: Import in Papyrus-RT
 - In 'Doc' folder:
 - Installation instructions

Papyrus-RT: Use

■ Tutorials

- [<https://wiki.eclipse.org/Papyrus-RT/User#Tutorials>]

■ 2 parts

1. Editing, building the model, generate code
2. Compiling and running generated code

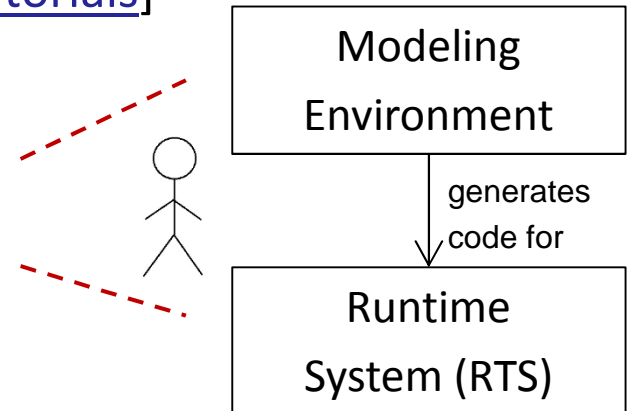
- Linux: easy

- [https://wiki.eclipse.org/Papyrus-RT/User/User_Guide/Getting_Started#Execute_the_model]

- macOS: use VirtualBox/Vagrant

- Windows: use Cygwin, or VirtualBox/Vagrant

- [https://wiki.eclipse.org/Papyrus-RT/User_Guide/Vagrant_Setup]



Modeling Languages

- AADL**
 - Embedded, real-time
- UML**
- UML MARTE**
 - Embedded, real-time

Modelica

- Physical systems
- Equation-based

Simulink

- Continuous control, DSP
- time-triggered dataflow

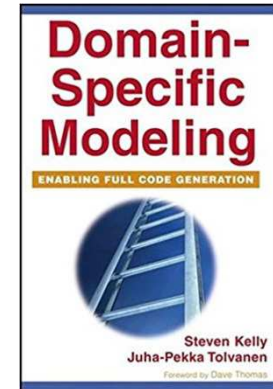
Stateflow

- Reactive systems
 - Discrete control
 - State-machine-based
- ## Lustre/SCADE
- Embedded real-time
 - Synchronous dataflow

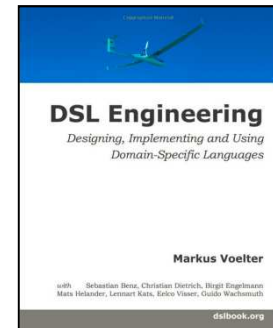
UML-RT

- Embedded, real-time
- State-machine-based

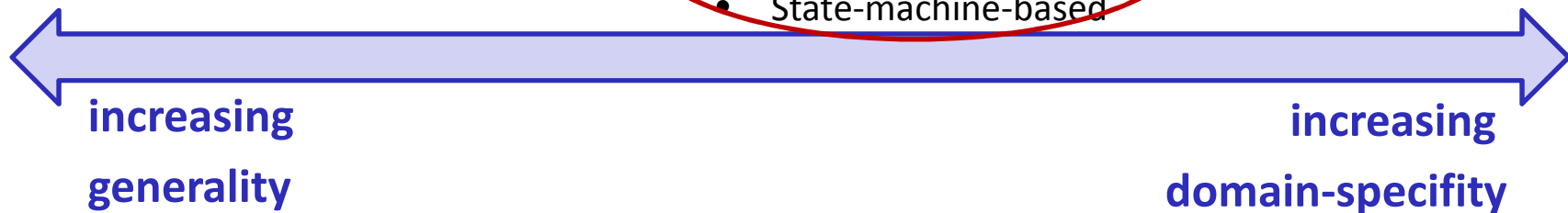
Examples in



[Kelly, Tolvanen 2008]

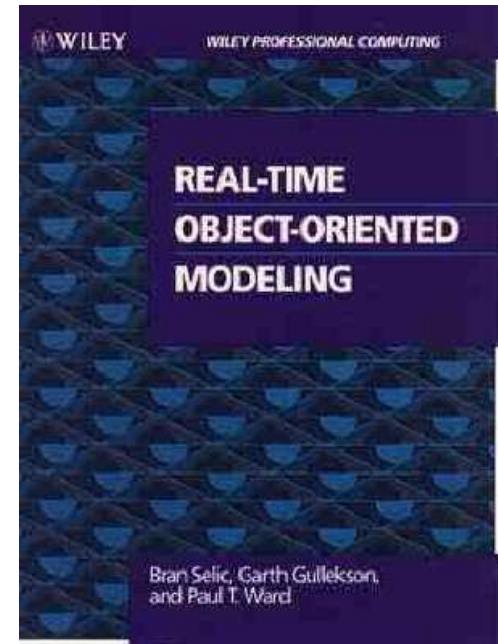


[Voelter 2013]



UML-RT: History

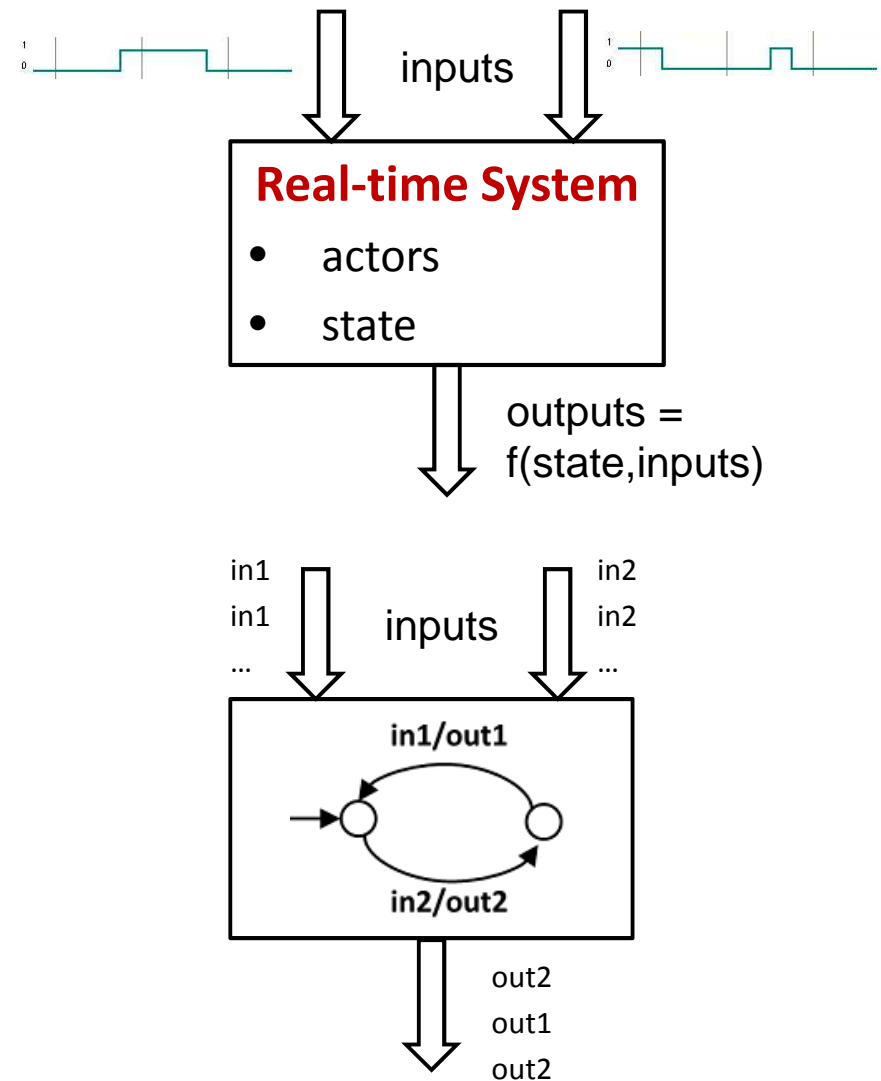
- Real-time OO Modeling (ROOM)
 - ObjecTime, early 1990 ties
- Major influence on UML 2
 - E.g., StructuredClassifier
- “RT subset of UML”
- Tools
 - ObjecTime Developer
 - IBM Rational RoseRT
 - IBM RSA-RTE
 - Eclipse Papyrus-RT



[Selic, Gullekson, Ward.
*Real-Time Object-Oriented
Modelling*. Wiley. 1994]

UML-RT: Characteristics

- **Domain-specific**
 - Embedded systems with soft real-time constraints
- **Graphical**, but textual syntax exists
- **Small, cohesive set of concepts**
- **Strong encapsulation**
 - Actors (active objects)
 - Explicit interfaces
 - Message-based communication
- **Event-driven execution**
 - State machines



UML-RT Part I

- Core concepts

- Structural modeling
- Behavioural modeling

UML-RT: Core Concepts (1)

■ Types

- Capsules (active classes)
 - Capsule instances (parts)
- Passive classes (data classes)
 - Objects
- Protocols
- Enumerations

■ Structure

- Attributes
- Ports
- Connectors

■ Behaviour

- Messages (events)
- State machines

■ Grouping

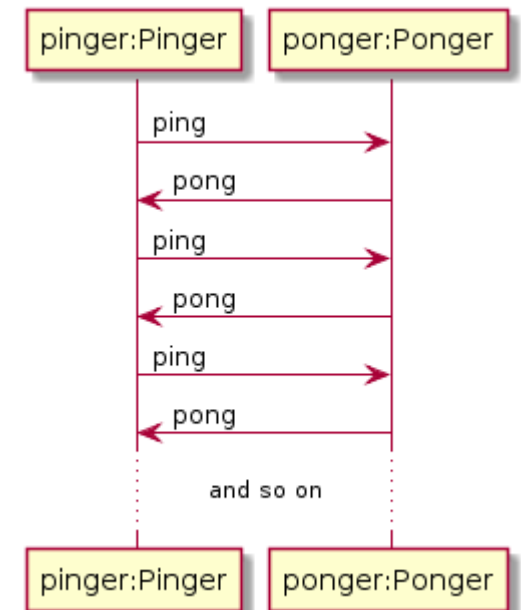
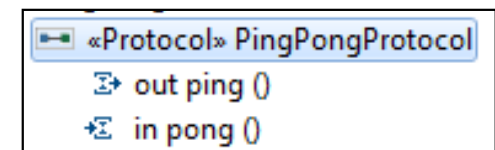
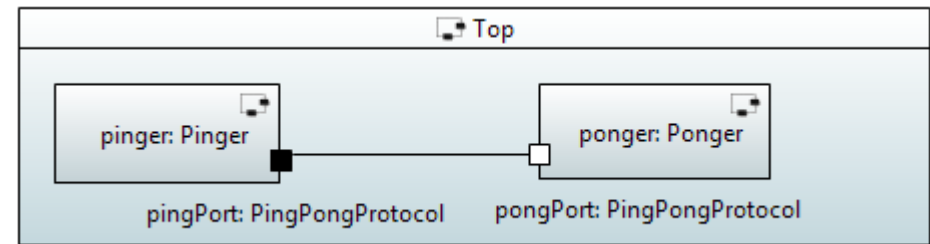
- Package

■ Relationship

- Generalization
- Associations

UML-RT: Core Concepts (2)

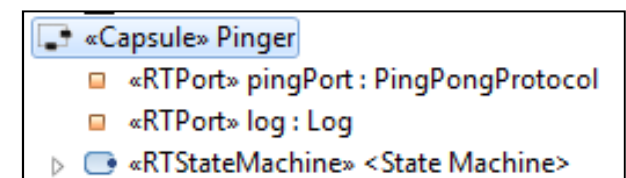
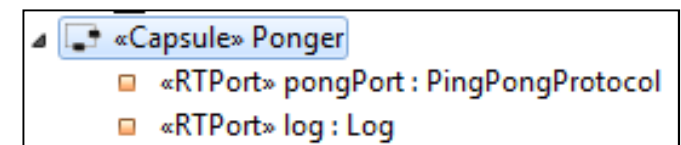
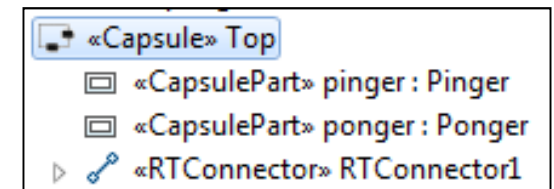
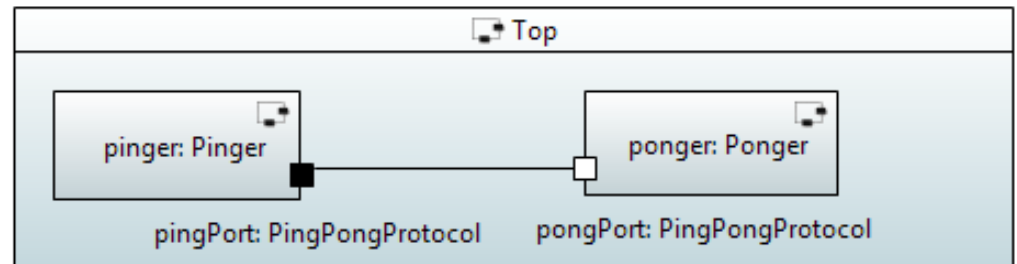
- **Model**
 - Collection of **capsule** definitions
 - 'Top' capsule containing collection of **capsule** instances (parts)
- **Capsules**
 - May contain
 - **Attributes, ports, or other capsule instances (parts)**
 - Behaviour defined by **state machine**
- **Ports**
 - Typed over **protocol** defining **input and output messages**
- **State machine**
 - **Transition** triggered by incoming messages
 - **Action code** can contain send statements that send messages over certain ports



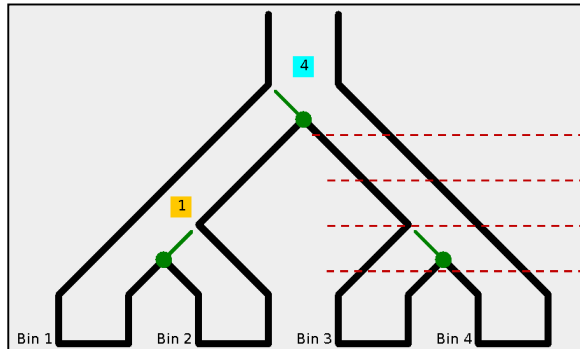
Capsules (1)

- Kind of **active class**
 - Attributes, operations
 - Own, independent flow of control (logical thread)
- May also contain
 - **Ports** over which messages can be sent and received
 - **Parts** (instances of other capsules) and **connectors**
- Creation, use of instances **tightly controlled**
 - Created by runtime system (RTS)
 - Cannot be passed around
 - Stored in attribute of another capsule (**part**)
 - Information flow only via messages sent to ports

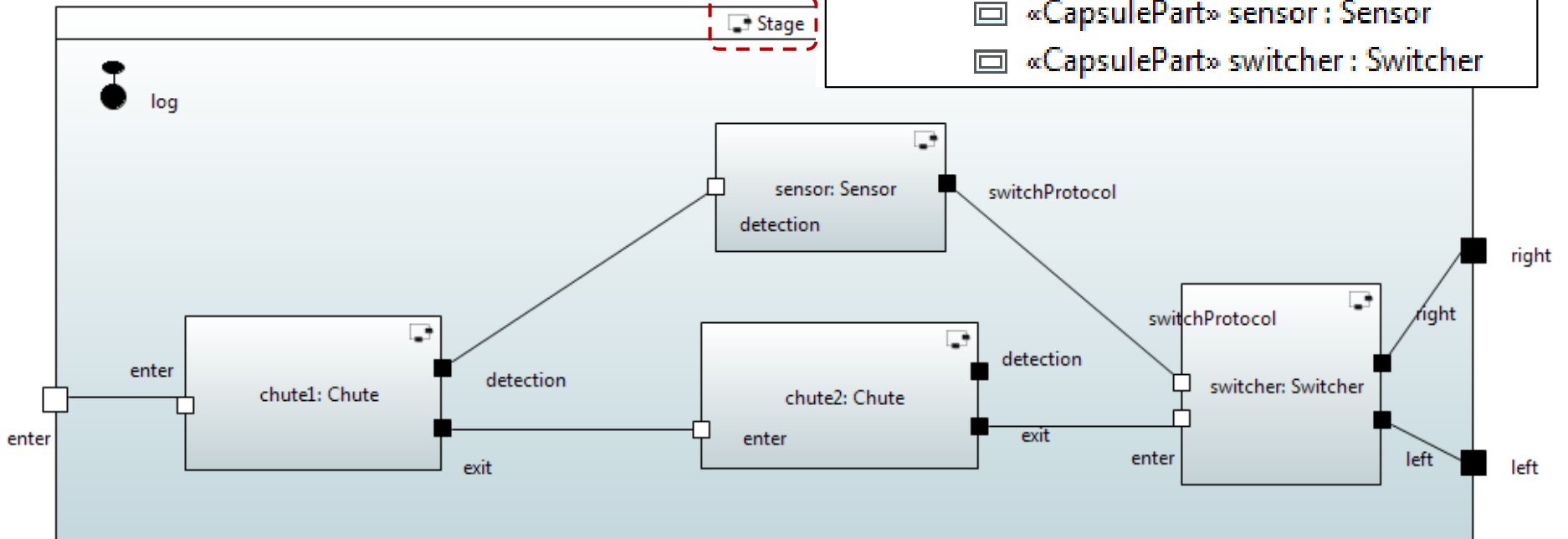
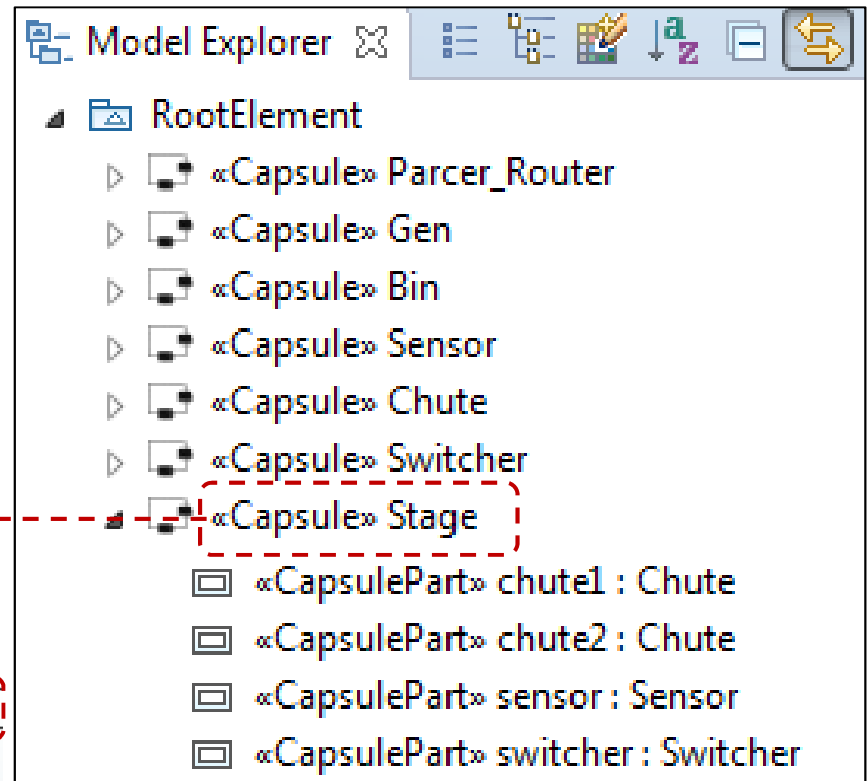
⇒ **better concurrency control and encapsulation**
- Behaviour defined by **state machine**



Example: Capsules and Capsule Parts

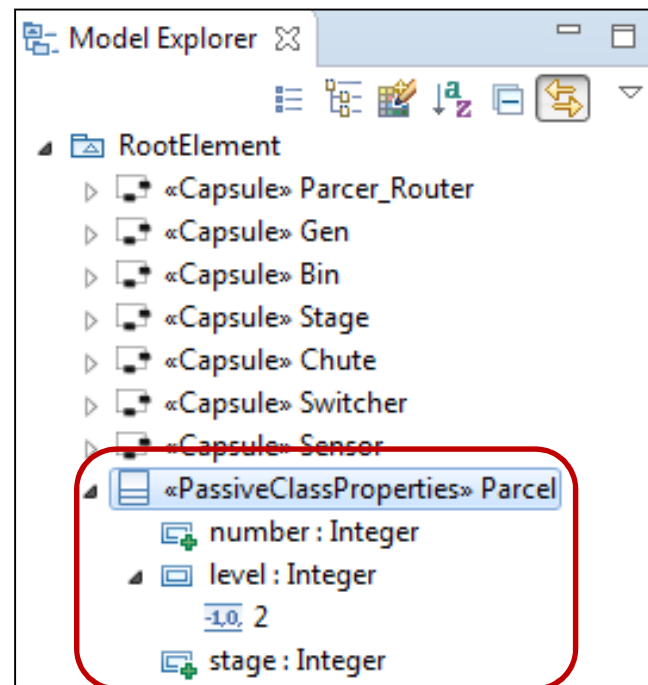


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chute2
switcher



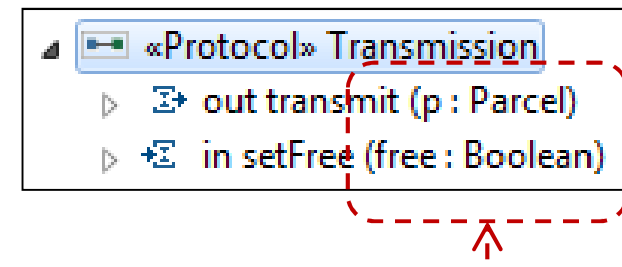
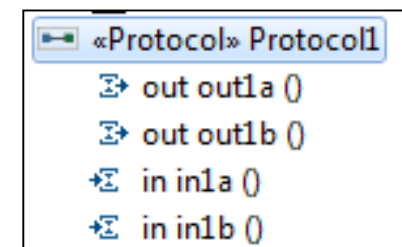
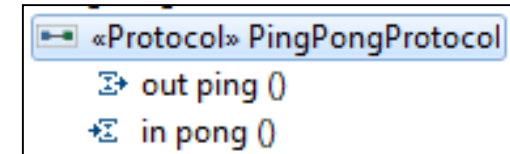
Passive Classes/Data Classes

- Similar to **regular classes**
- Do not have independent flow of control
- Behaviour defined through operations
- Used to **define data structures** and **operations** on them



Protocols

- Provide types for ports
- Define
 - **Input messages**
 - Services **provided** by capsule owning port
 - **Output messages**
 - Services **required** by capsule owning port
 - **Input/output messages**
- Messages can carry **data**



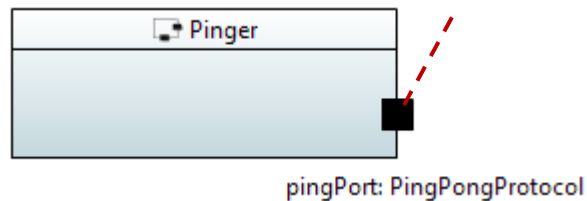
Ports

- “Boundary objects” owned by capsule
- Typed over a protocol P
- Have ‘**send**’ operation
 - `portName.msg(arg1, ..., argn).send()`
- Can be

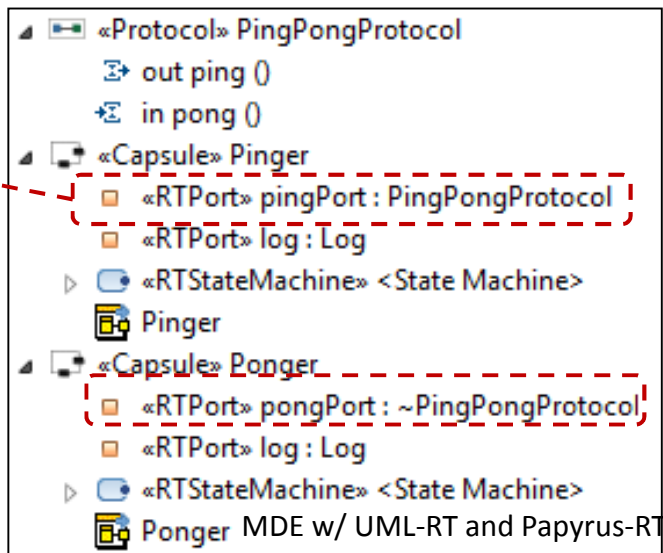
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- Direction of messages is as declared in protocol
- **Notation:**

- textual: P
- graphical: ■



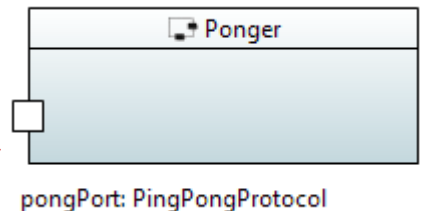
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- **conjugated**

- Direction of messages declared in protocol is reversed
- **Notation**

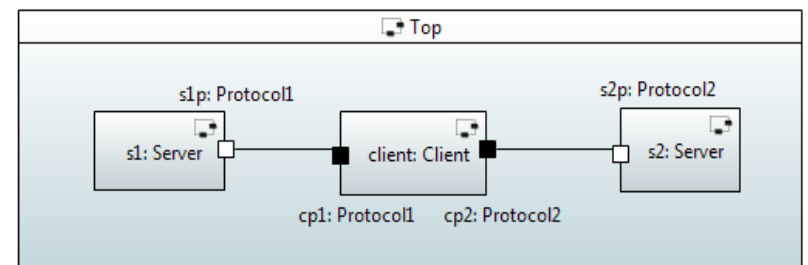
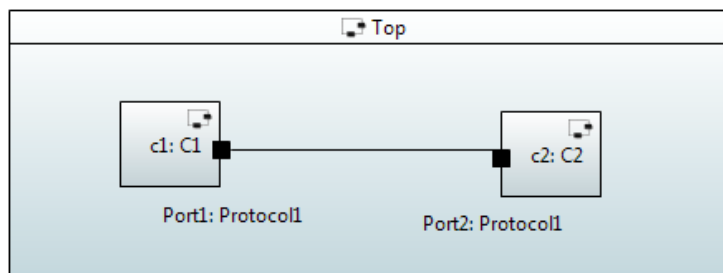
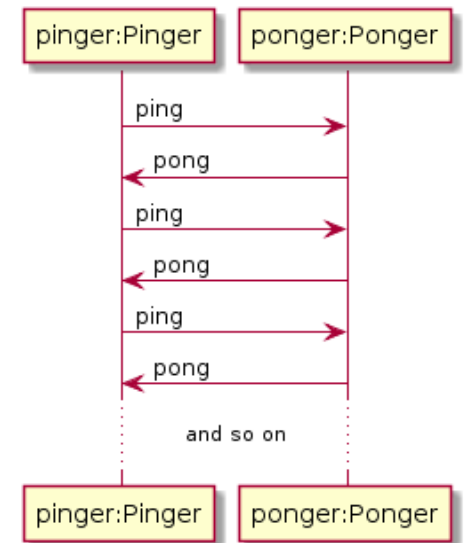
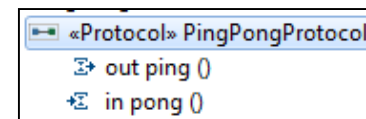
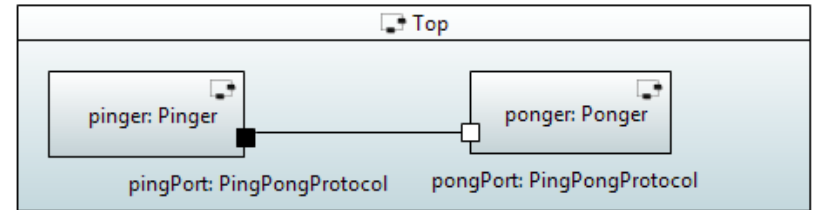
- textual: ~P
- graphical: □



conjugated

Connectors

- Connect **two ports**
- Ports must be **compatible**
 - Both are instances of **same protocol**
 - Either (asymmetric)
 - one is **'base'** (i.e., not 'conjugated')
 - typically owned by 'client'
 - and the other is **'conjugated'**
 - typically owned by 'server'
 - Or (symmetric)
 - only InOut messages



Ports: External, Internal, Relay

External behaviour

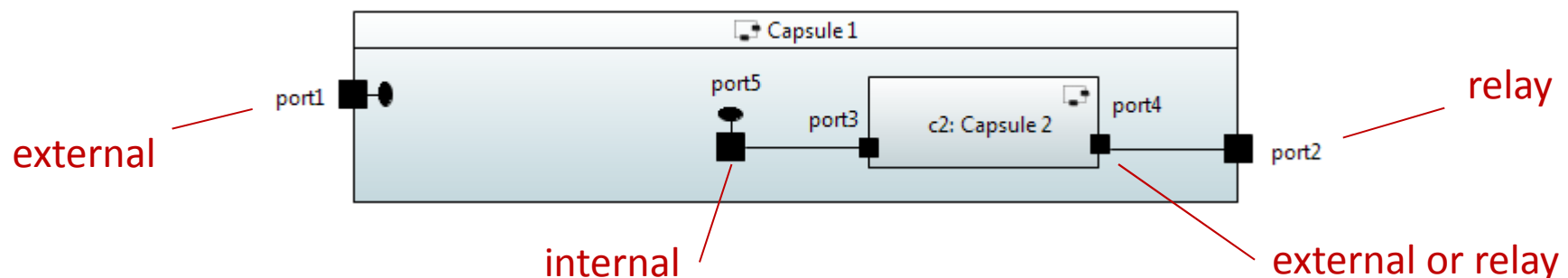
- Provides (part of) **externally visible functionality** (isService=true)
- Incoming messages passed on to state machine (isBehaviour=true)
- Must be connected (isWired=true)

Internal behaviour

- As above, but **not externally visible** (isService=false)
- Connect state machine with a capsule part

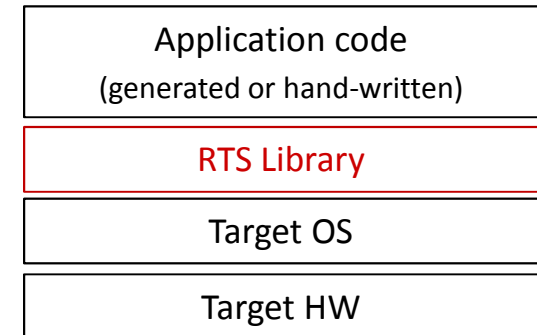
Relay

- Pass external messages to and from capsule parts



Ports: System

- Connects capsule to **Runtime System (RTS)** library via corresponding system protocol
- Provides access to RTS services such as



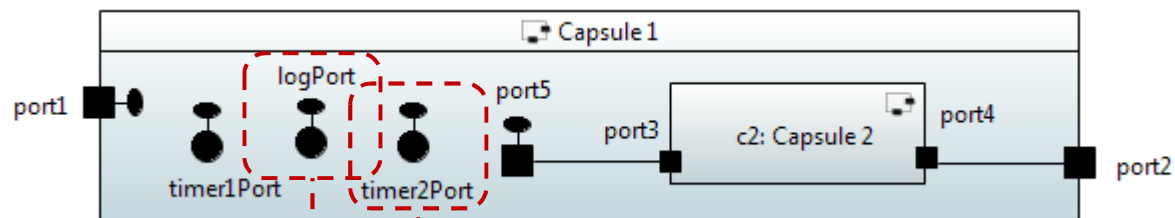
- **Timing:** setting timers, time out message

- `timer2Port.informIn(UMLRTTimespec(10, 0));`
// set timer that will expire in 10 secs and 0 nanosecs
- When timer expires, 'timeout' message will be sent over `timer2Port`

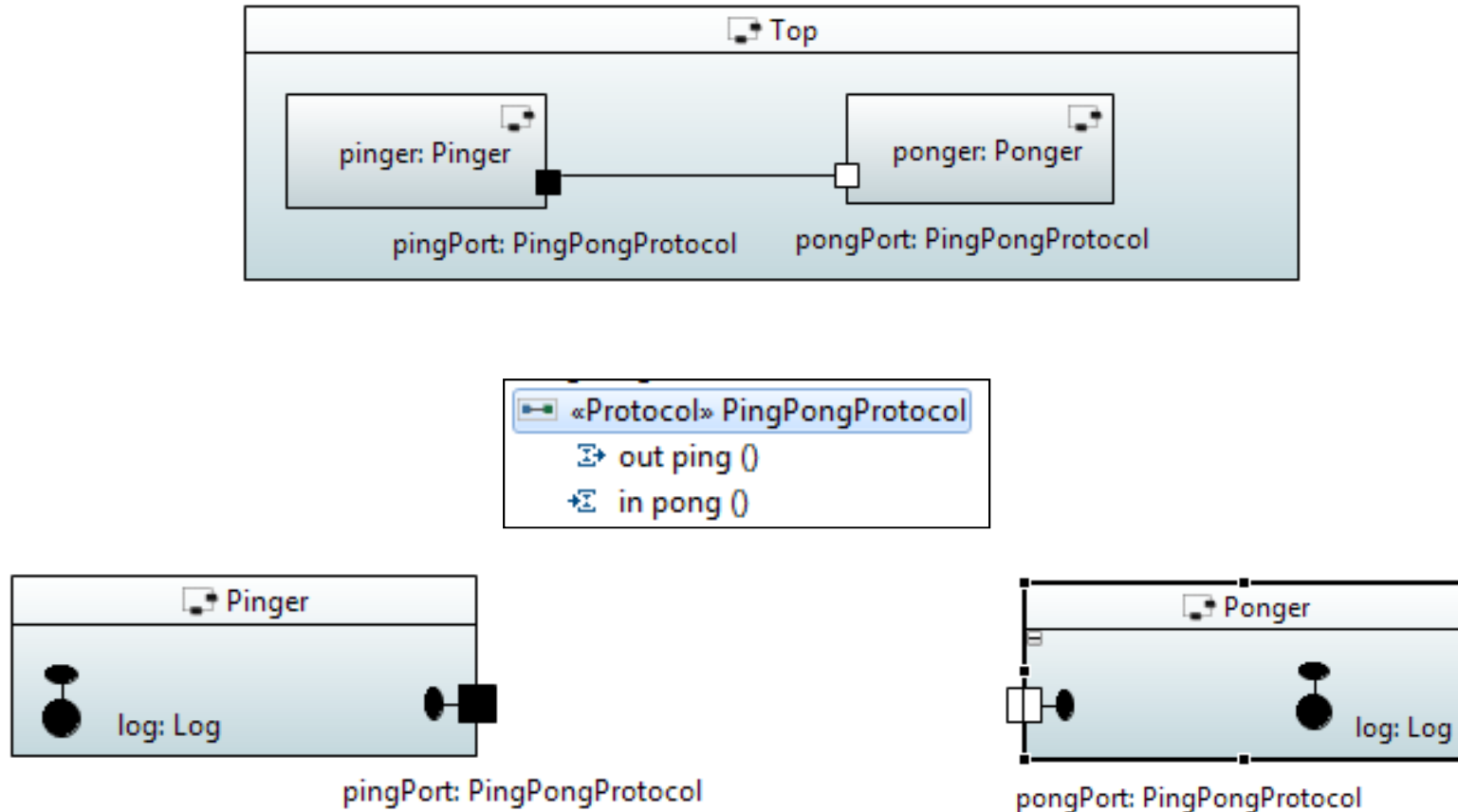
- **Log:** sending text to console

- `logPort.log("Ready to self-destruct")`

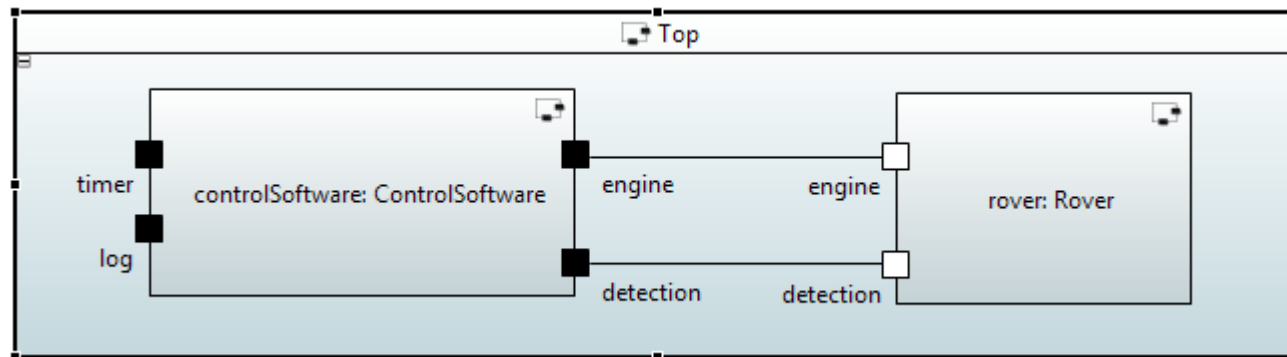
- **Frame:** incarnate, destroy capsule instances



Example: PingPong



Example: Rover

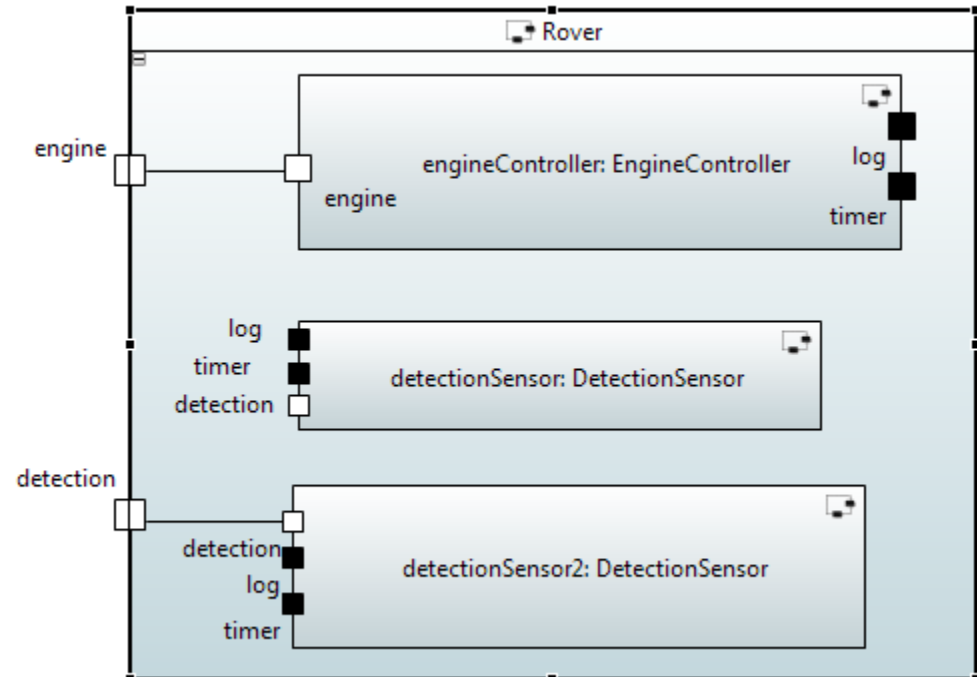


«Protocol» Engine

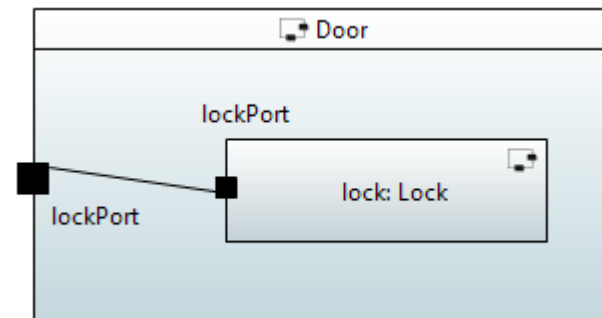
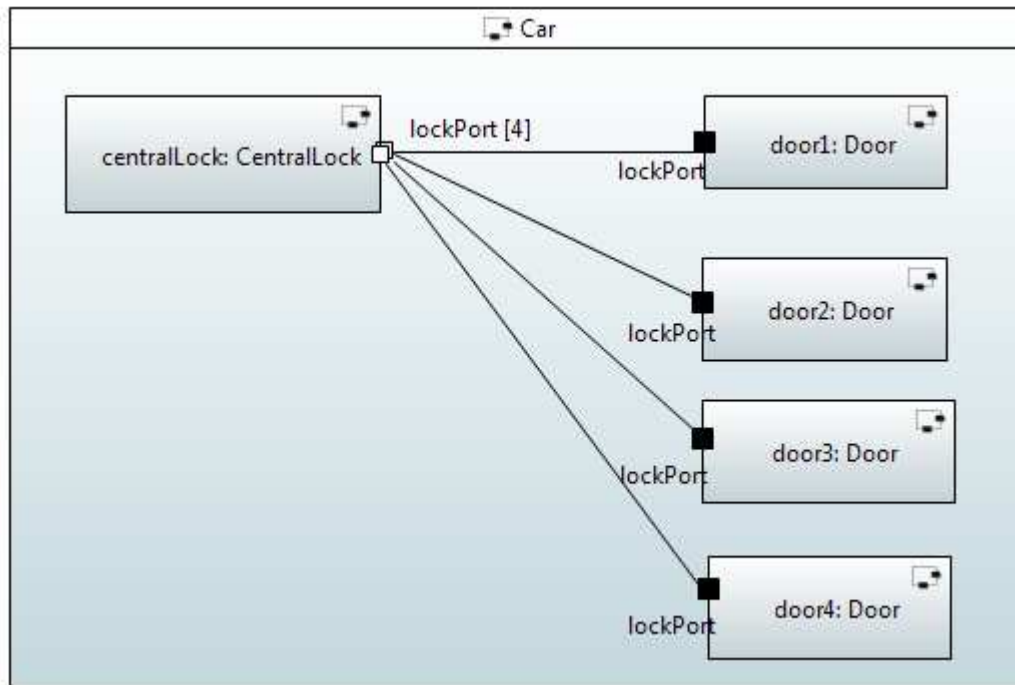
- out moveForward ()
- out moveBackwards ()
- out turnLeft (angle : Integer)
- out turnRight (angle : Integer)
- out stop ()
- in turnedLeft ()
- in turnedRight ()
- in stopped ()

«Protocol» Detection

- out startDetection ()
- out stopDetection ()
- in obstacleDetected (distance : Real)

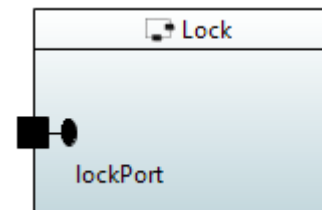


Example: Door Lock System



lockPort [4]

- ▶ «Protocol» Locking
 - ▶ out lockStatus (locked : Boolean)
 - ▶ in lock ()
 - ▶ in unlock ()



- ▶ «Capsule, CapsuleProperties» CentralLock
 - ▶ «RTPort» lockPort : ~Locking [4..4]
 - ▶ «RTPort» startupTimer : Timing
 - ▶ tmpInt : Integer
 - ▶ locksCount : Integer
 - ▶ centralLockSM
 - ▶ CentralLock
 - ▶ Diagram centralLockSM

UML-RT Part I

- Core concepts
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 - Behavioural modeling

State Machines

States

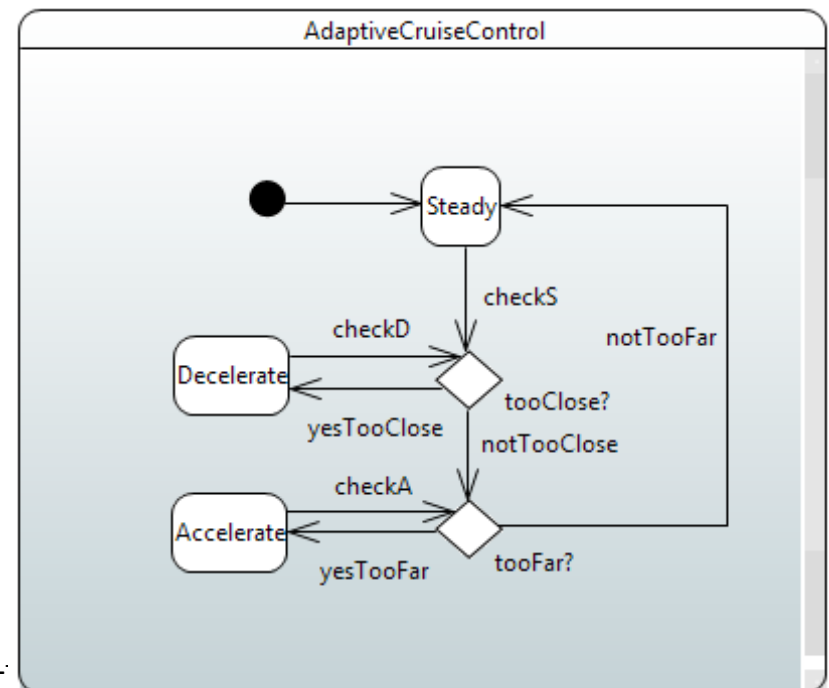
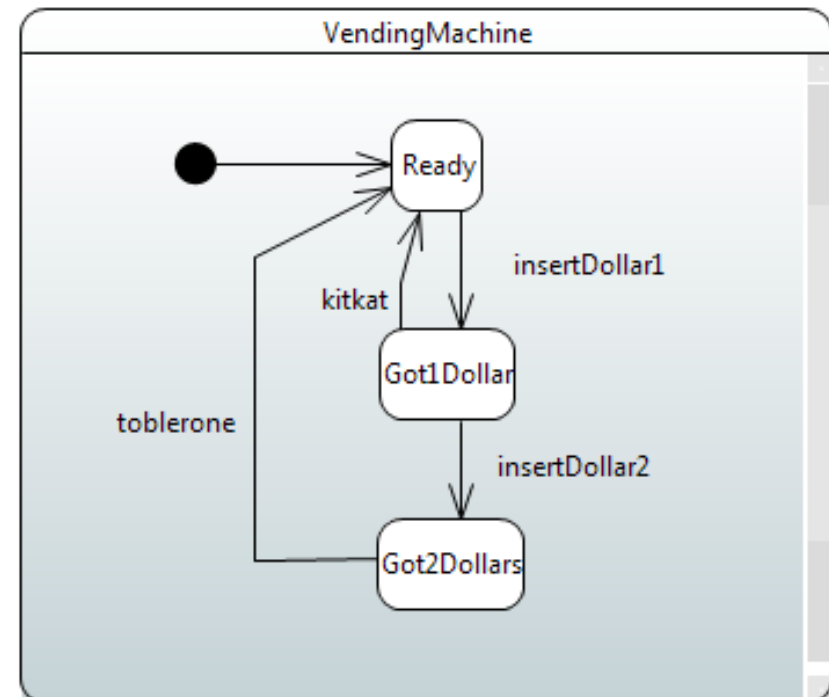
- Capture relevant aspects of history of object
- Determine how object can respond to incoming messages
- May have **invariants** associated with them

Pseudo states

- Don't belong to description of lifetime of object
 - ⇒ object cannot be 'in' a pseudo state
- Helper constructs to define complex state changes

Transitions

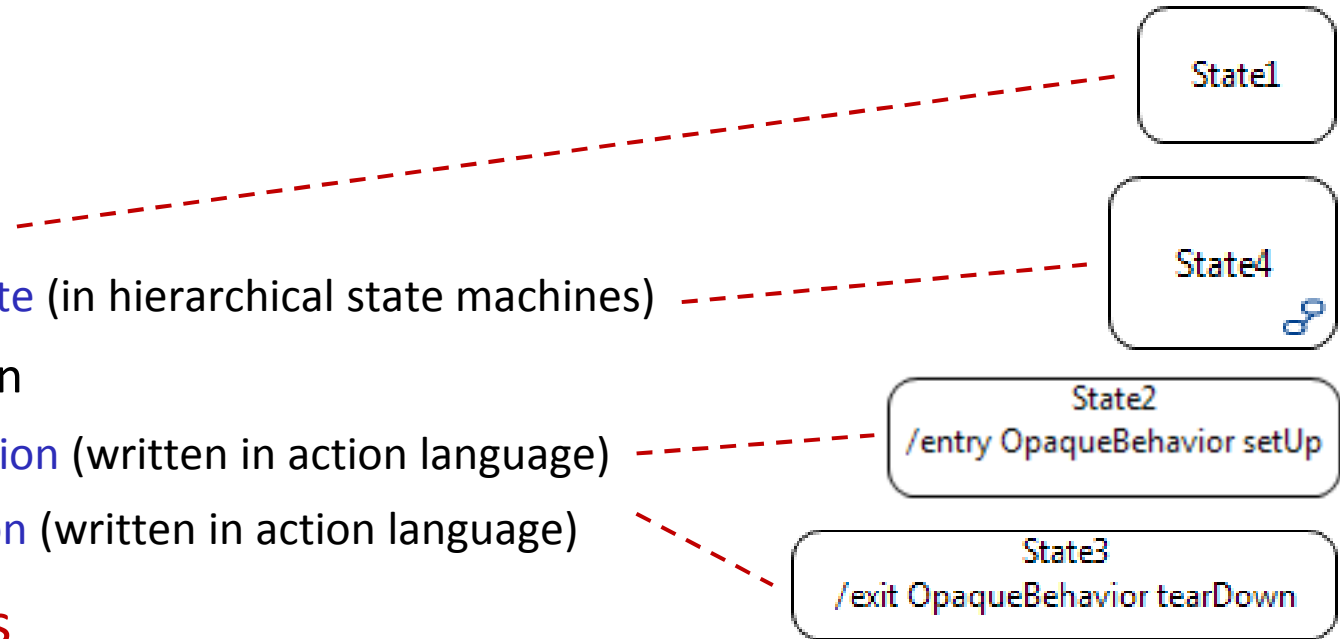
- Describe how object can move from one state to next in response to message input



States and Pseudo States

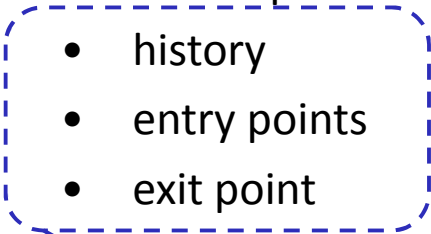
States

- Kinds:
 - Basic
 - Composite (in hierarchical state machines)
- May contain
 - Entry action (written in action language)
 - Exit action (written in action language)

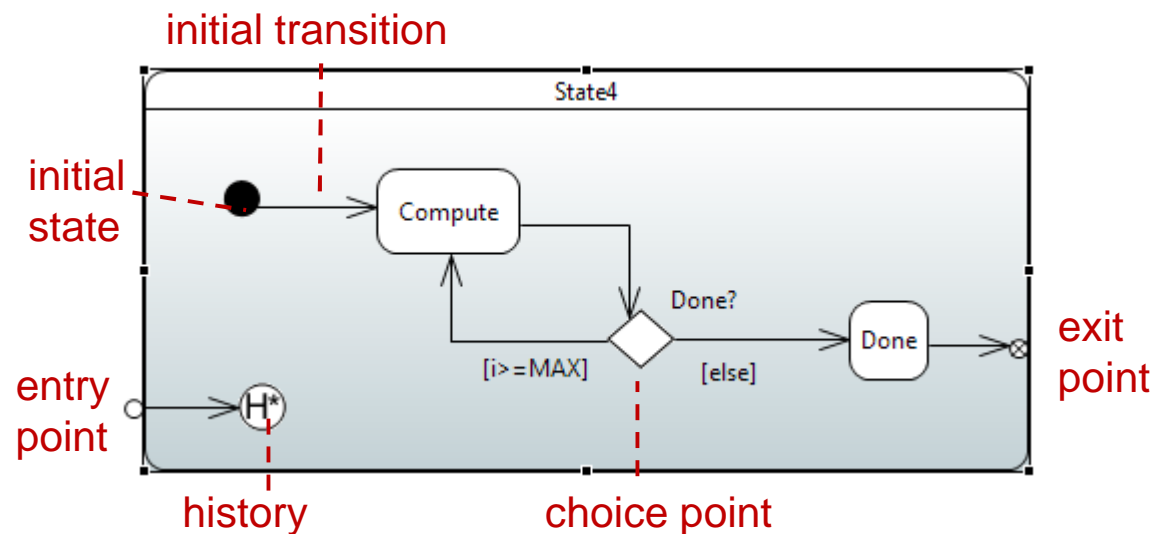


Pseudo states

- Initial
- choice point
- history
- entry points
- exit point

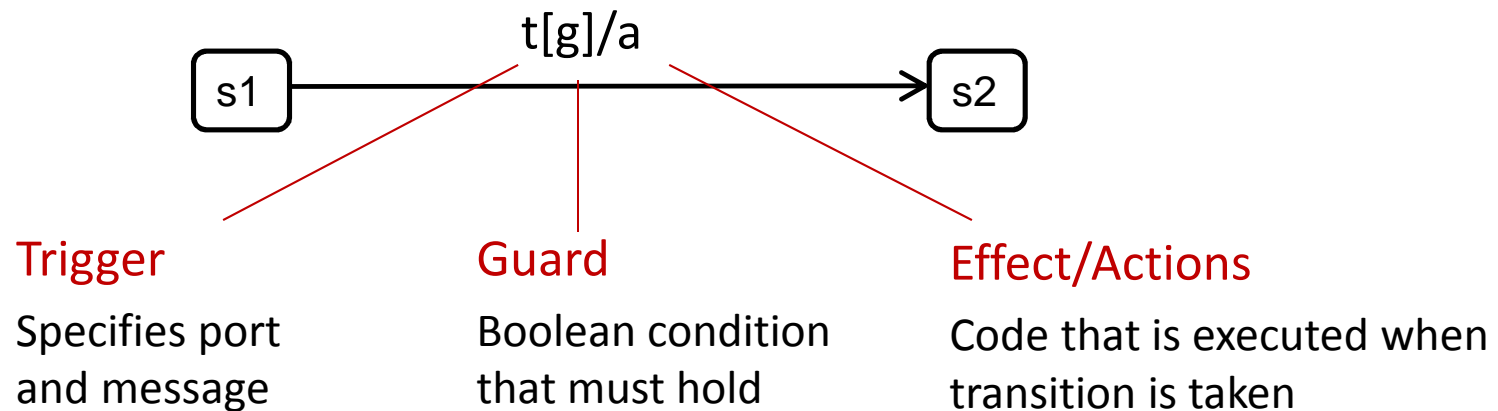


in composite states only



Transitions

- Kinds:
 - Basic
 - Group (in hierarchical state machines)
- Consists of
 - Triggers
 - Transitions out of pseudo states (initial, choice) don't have triggers
 - Transitions out of non-pseudo state should have at least one trigger
 - Guards (optional, written in action language)
 - Effect/Actions (optional, written in action language)

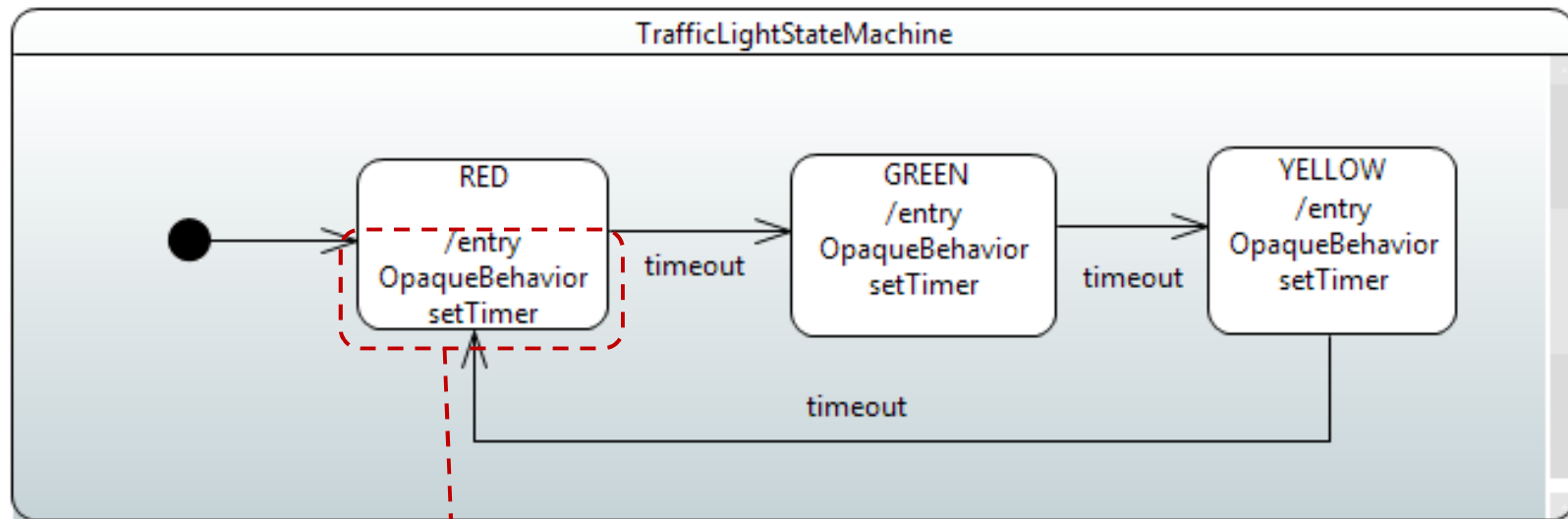


Action Language

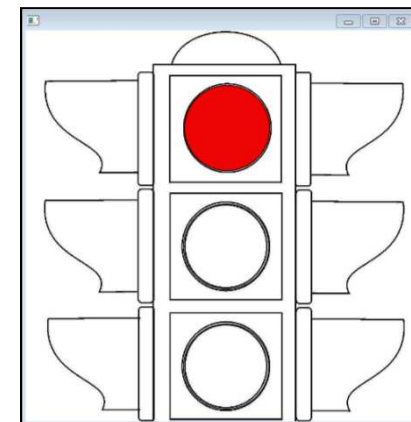
- Language used in
 - guards to express Boolean expressions
 - entry action, exit action, transition effects to read and update attribute values, send messages
 - Typically: C/C++, Java
- ⇒ State machines are a **hybrid notation** combining
- graphical notation for state machines and
 - textual notation for source code in actions
- ⇒ UML and UML-RT State Machines
- different from, e.g., Finite Automata
 - closer to '**extended hierarchical communicating state machines**' [5]

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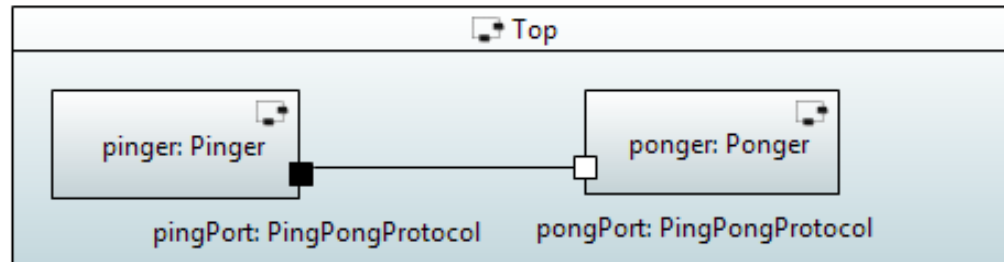
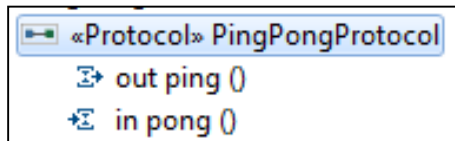
Example: Action Code, Timers, Logging



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timer.informIn(UMLRTTimespec(5,0));  
log.log("Switched to red");
```

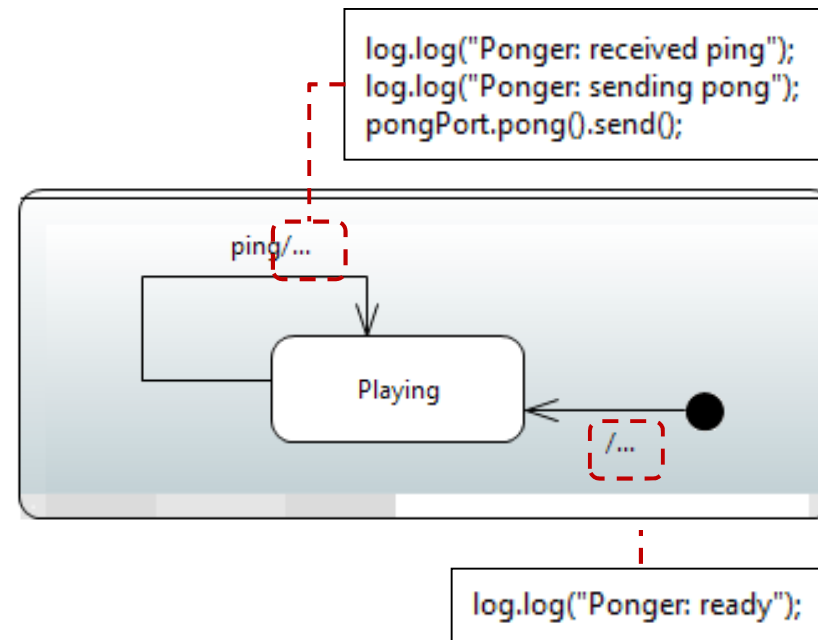
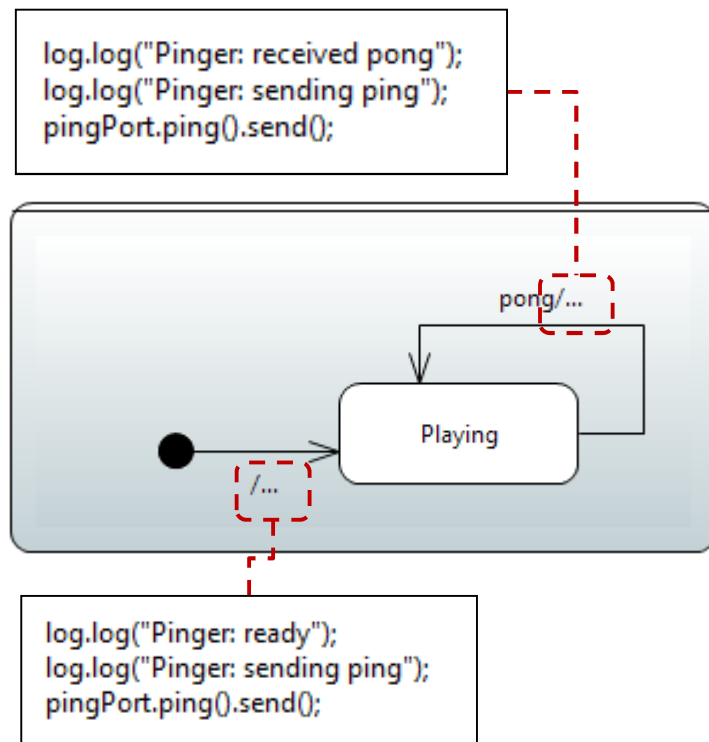


Example: Ping Pong

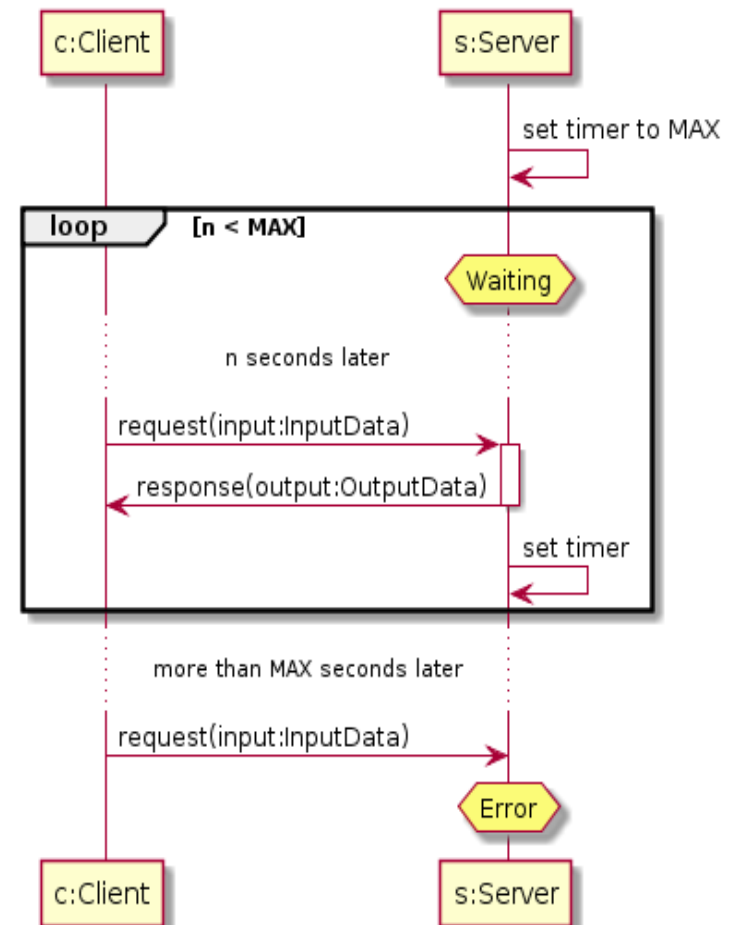
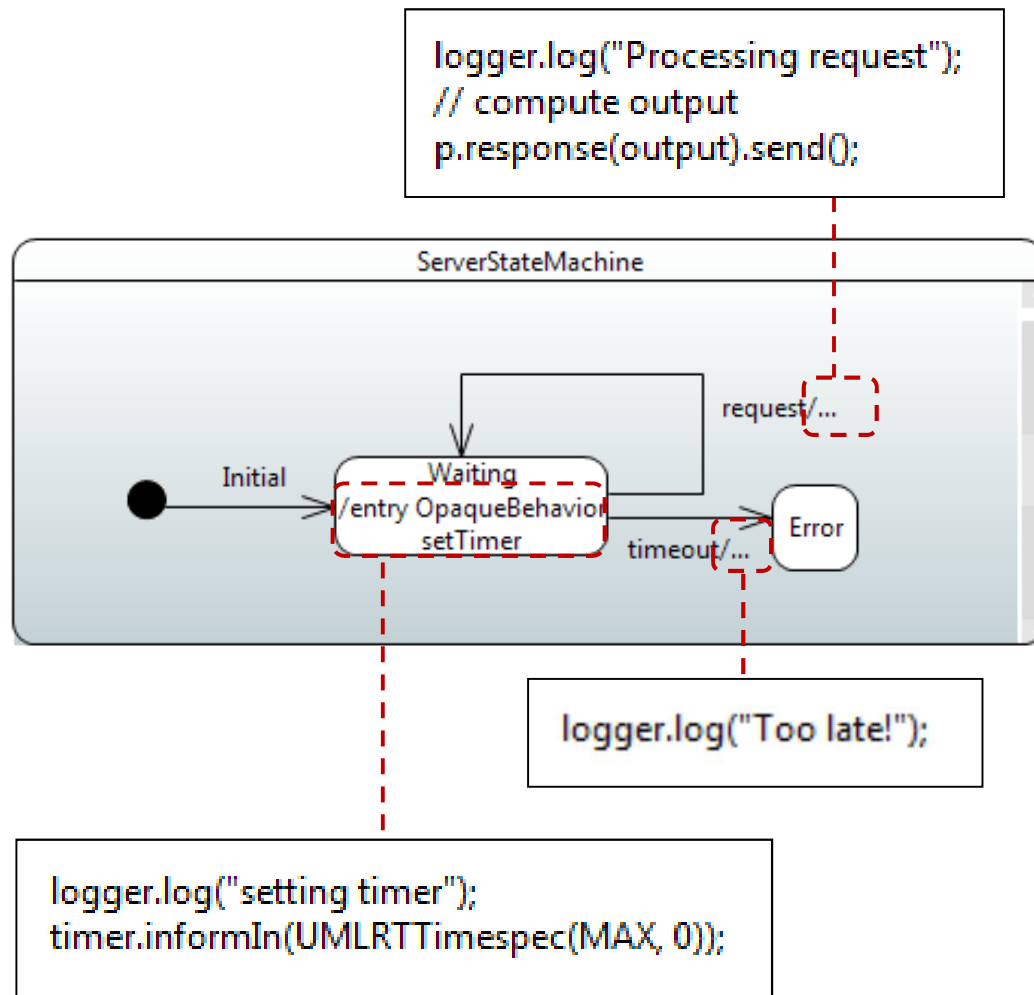


```

$ ./TopMain.exe
Controller "DefaultCon
Pinger: ready
Pinger: sending ping
Ponger: ready
Ponger: received ping
Ponger: sending pong
Pinger: received pong
Pinger: sending ping
Ponger: received ping
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Example: Timers



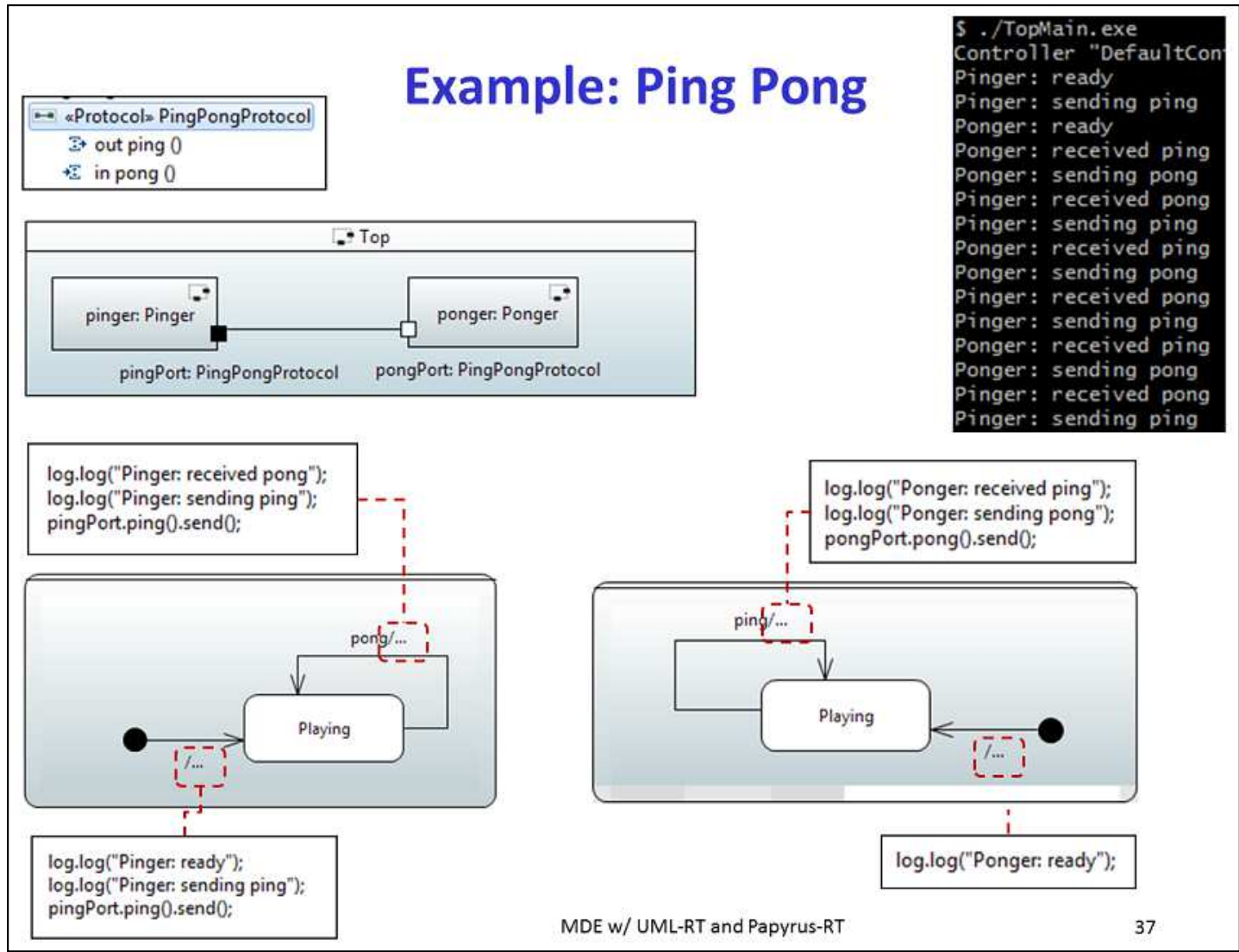
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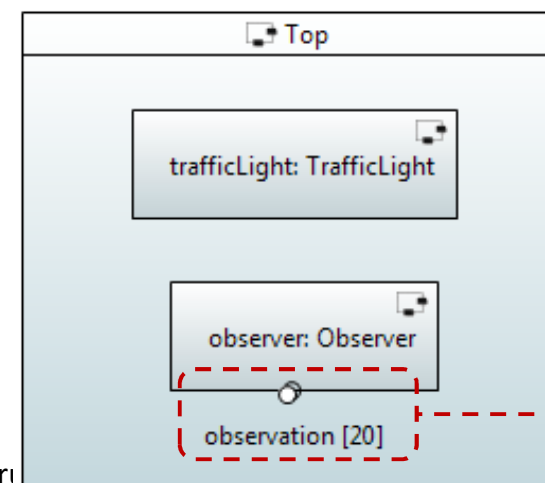
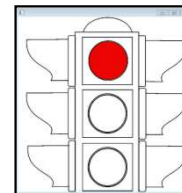
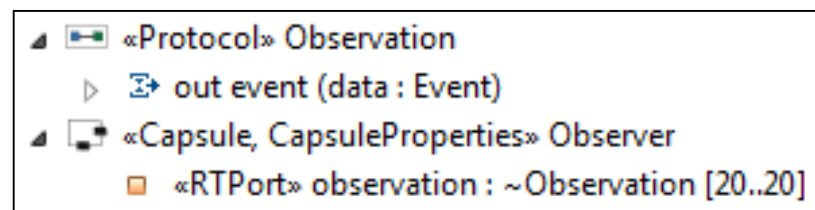
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UML-RT Part II

- More on ports
- More on state machines

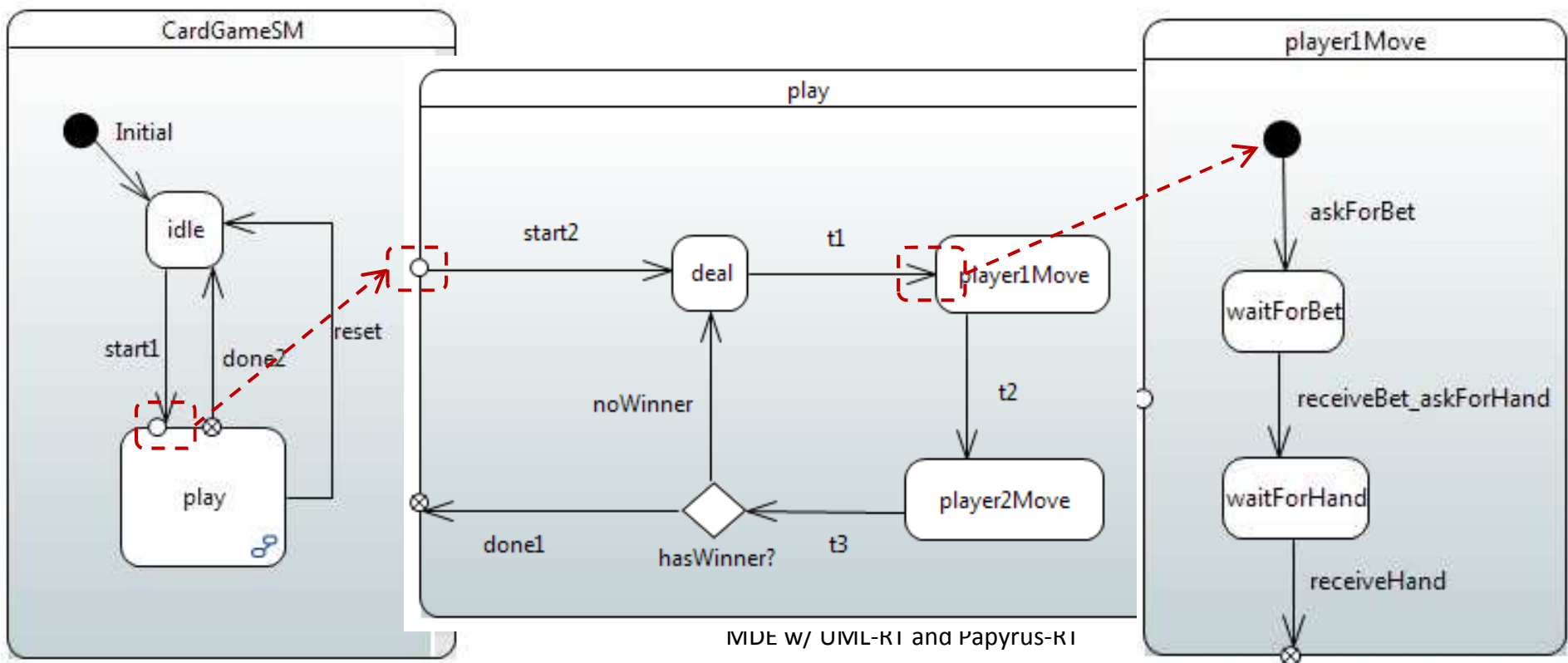
Ports: SPP and SAP

- So far, only **wired ports**
 - Connected automatically when instances are created
- **Unwired ports**
 - Connected at run-time
 - Publish/subscribe
 - Port on publisher: **Service Provision Point (SPP)**
 - Port on subscriber: **Service Access Point (SAP)**
 - Register with RTS using unique service name (manually or automatic)



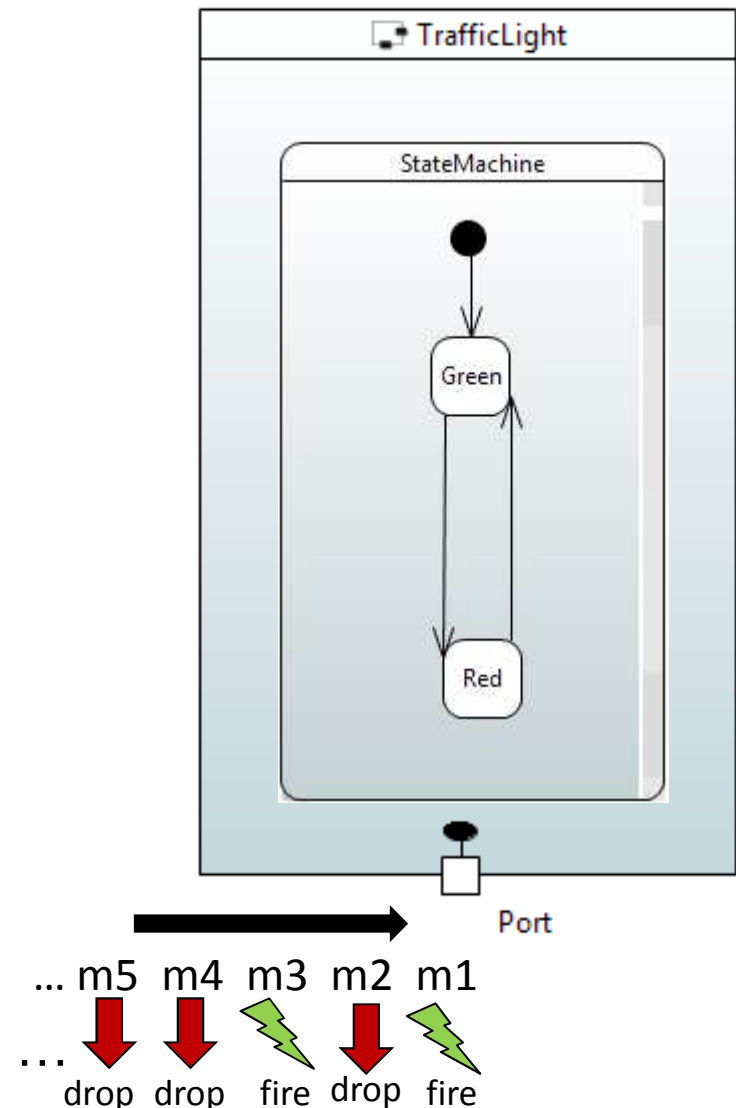
State Configuration

- States can be **active**: flow of control resides at state
- If a substate is active, its containing superstate is, too
- **State configuration**: list of active states
- **Stable state configuration**: no pseudo states and ends in basic state
- **Example**: <'play', 'player1Move', 'waitForHand'>



Transition Execution

1. Machine in **stable state configuration**
2. Message m1 has arrived and is **dispatched**
3. If dispatching enables no transition, m1 is **'dropped'**
4. If dispatching **enables** transition t,
 - source state of t active,
 - message matches trigger of t, and
 - guard evaluates to 'true'
5. then transition t **executed**
 - a. execute exit action of source state of t (if any)
 - b. execute action code of t (if any)
 - c. execute entry code of target state of t (if any)
6. If target of t is pseudo state
 - a. continue by choosing and executing outgoing transition (i.e., goto 5.)
7. Machine in **stable state configuration**



Run-to-Completion

- The event processing of state machines follows 'run-to-completion' semantics
- Dispatching of message triggers execution of possibly entire **chain of transitions** (Steps 5 and 6 on previous slide)
- Execution lasts until stable state configuration has been reached (last state in transition chain not a pseudo state)
- **During transition execution, no other message will be dispatched**

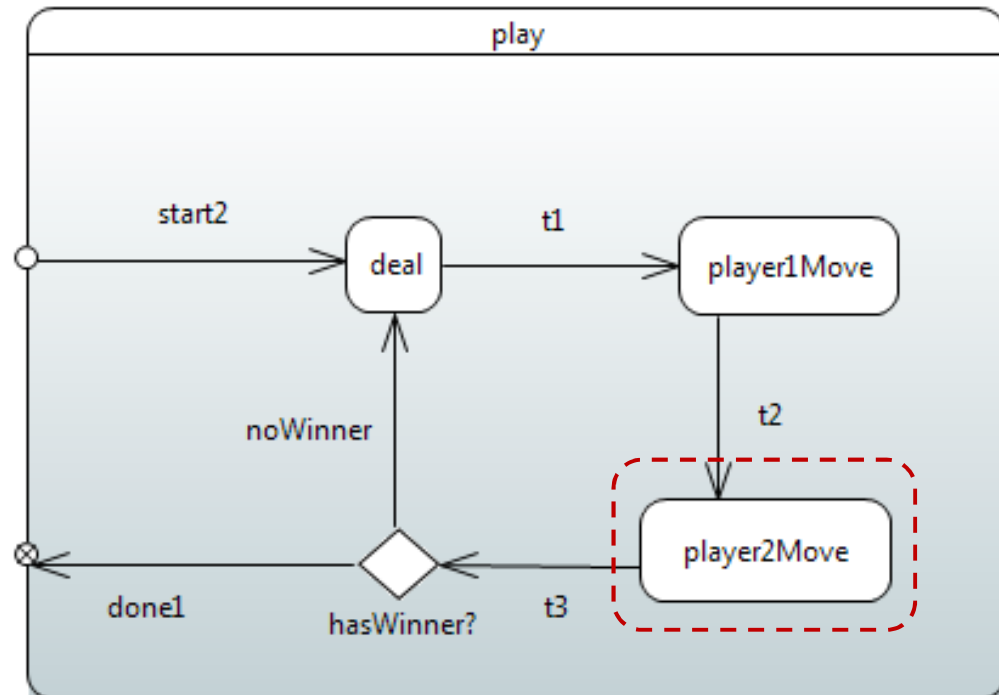
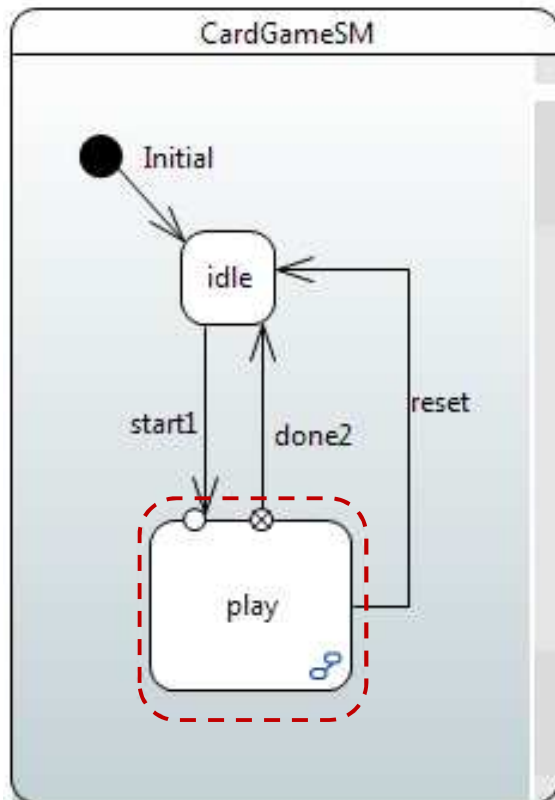
⇒ better concurrency control

Group Transitions

- Source state is **composite**

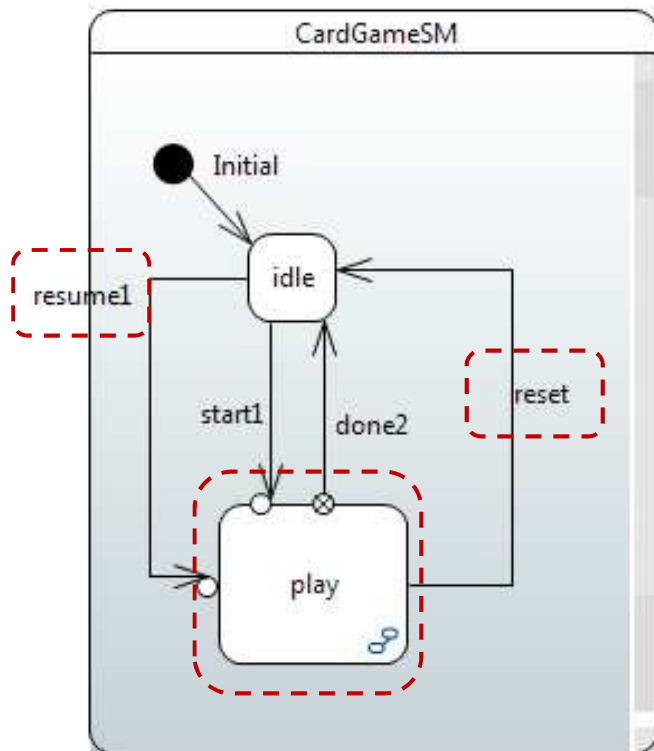
- Example:**

- Start configuration <'play', 'player2Move'>
- Execute transition 'reset':
 - exit code 'player2Move', exit code 'play', effect 'reset', entry code 'idle'
- End configuration <'idle'>

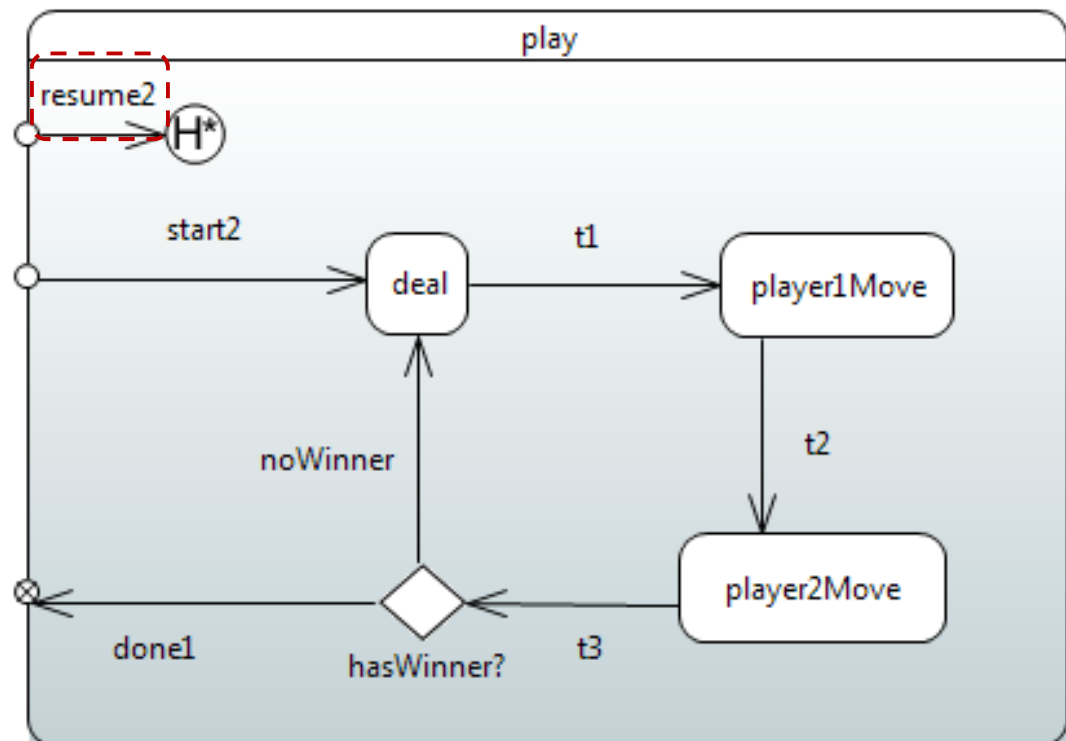


History

- Re-establish full state configuration that was active when containing state was active most recently
- **Example:** from $\langle \text{'play'}, s \rangle$ to $\langle \text{'play'}, s \rangle$ with 'reset' 'resume1'



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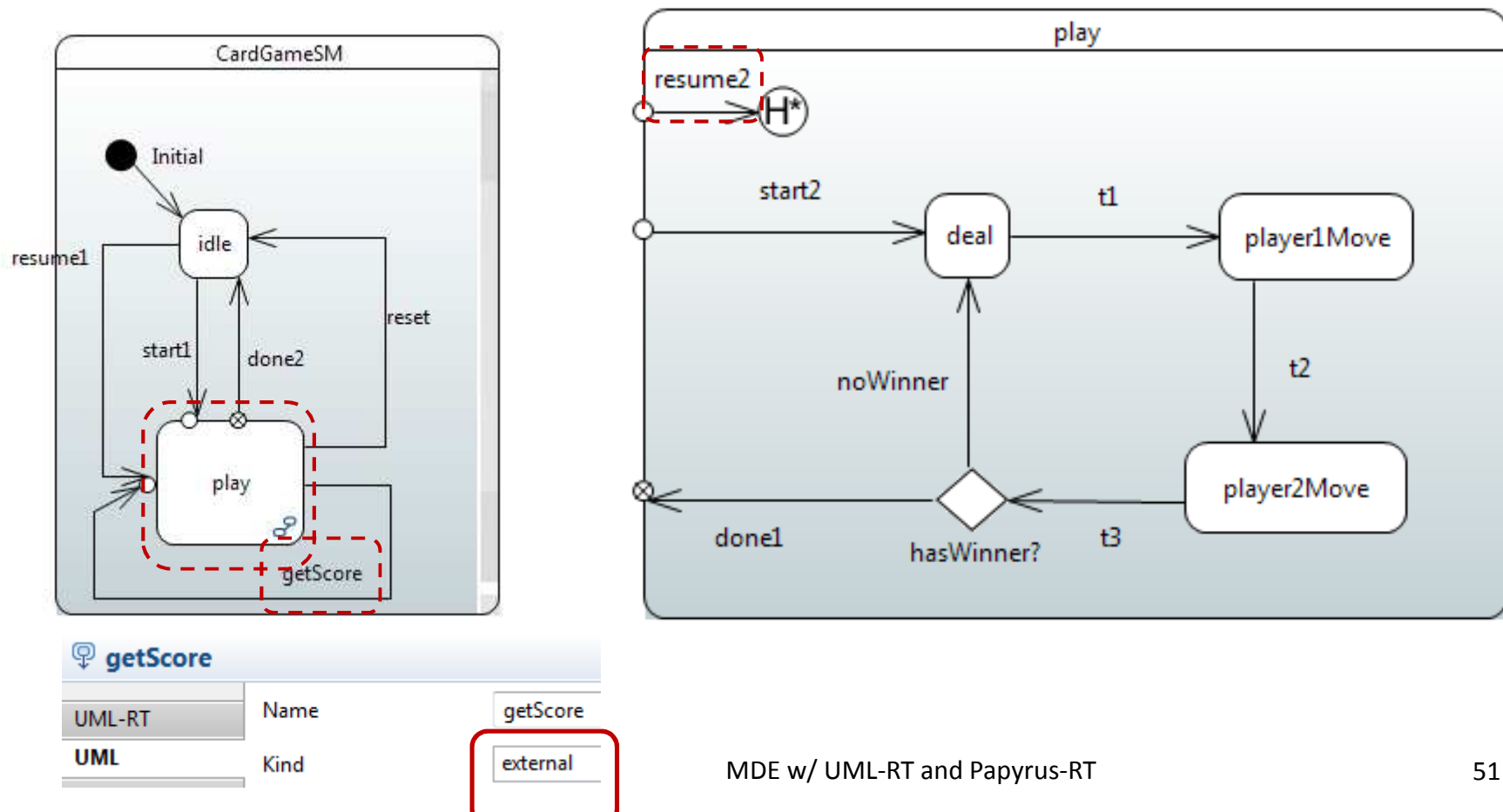


MDE w/ UML-RT and Papyrus-RT

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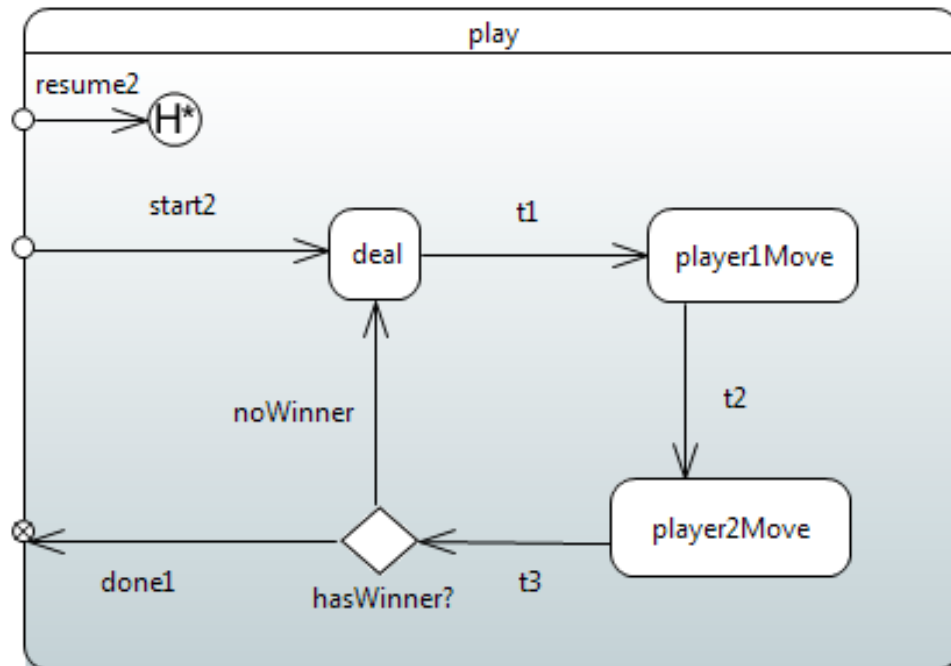
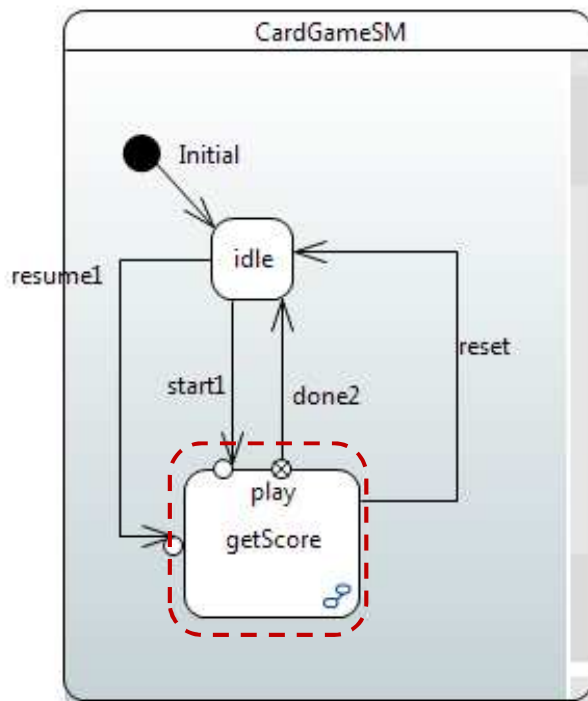
Self Transitions

- Source and target states are the same
- 2 kinds: external, internal
- **External**: source state (and all substates) exited and target state entered



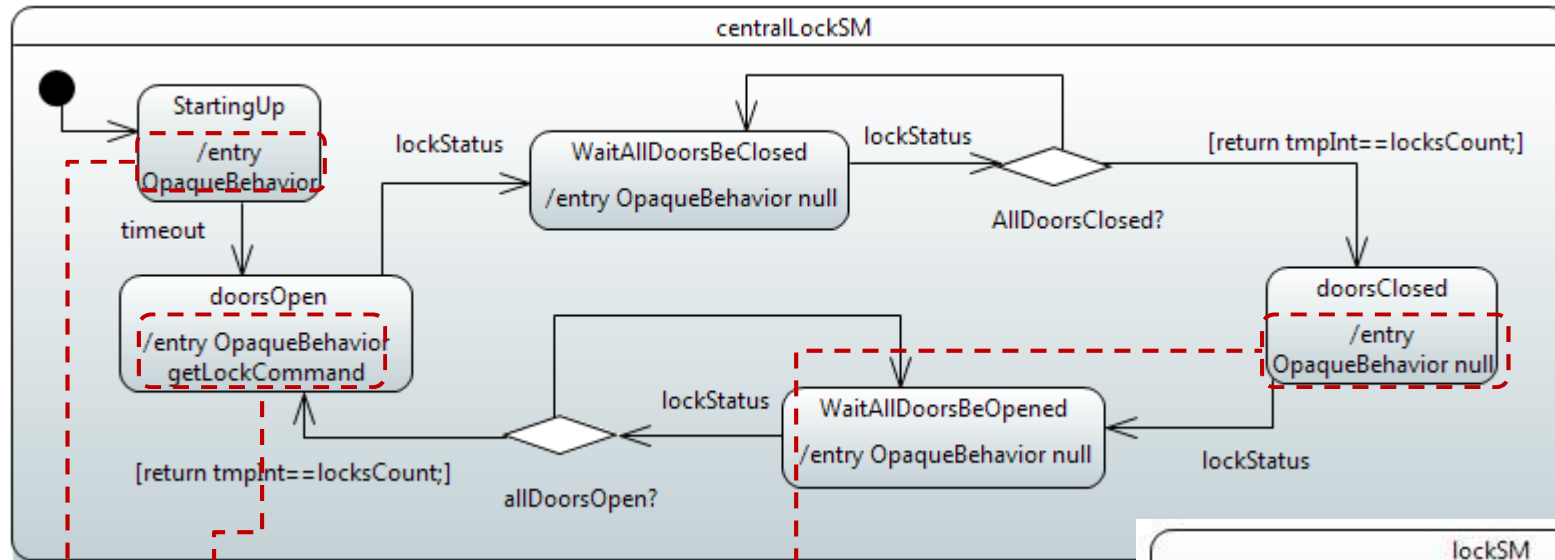
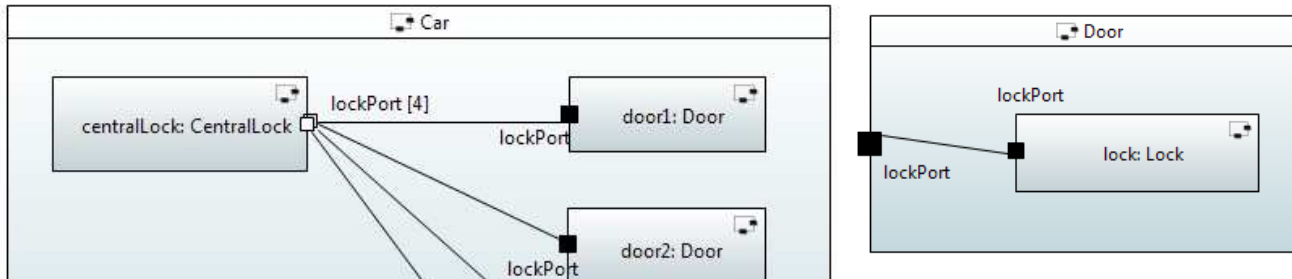
Self Transitions: Internal

- Source state (and all substates) remain active; no exit or entry actions executed



getScore	
Name	getScore
Kind	internal

Example: Door Lock

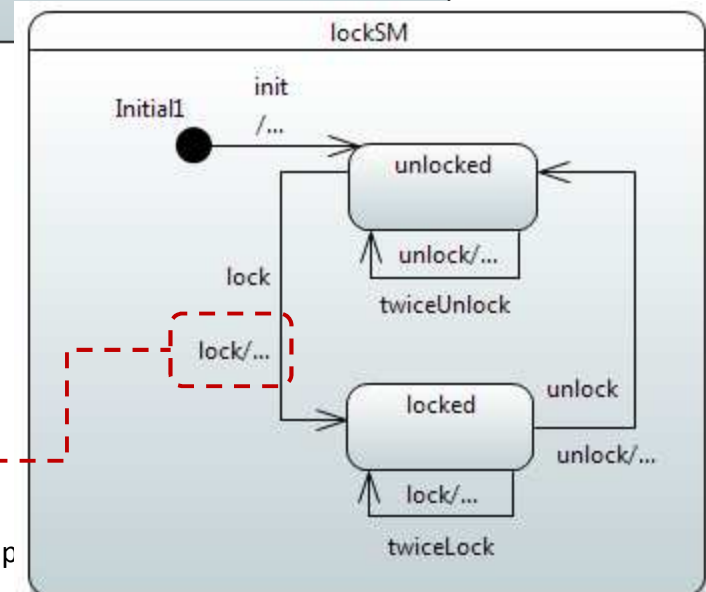


set timer

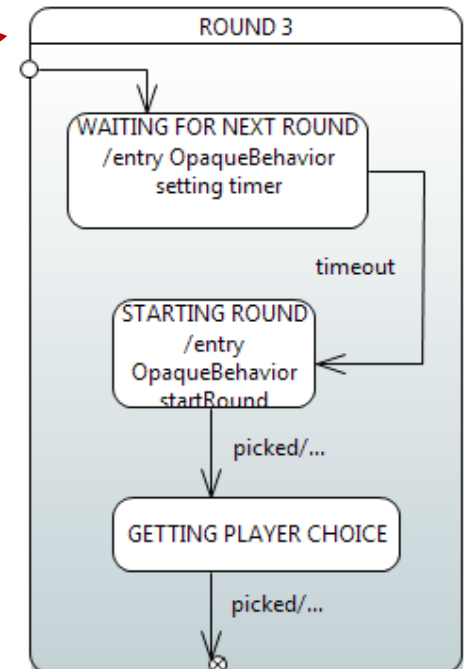
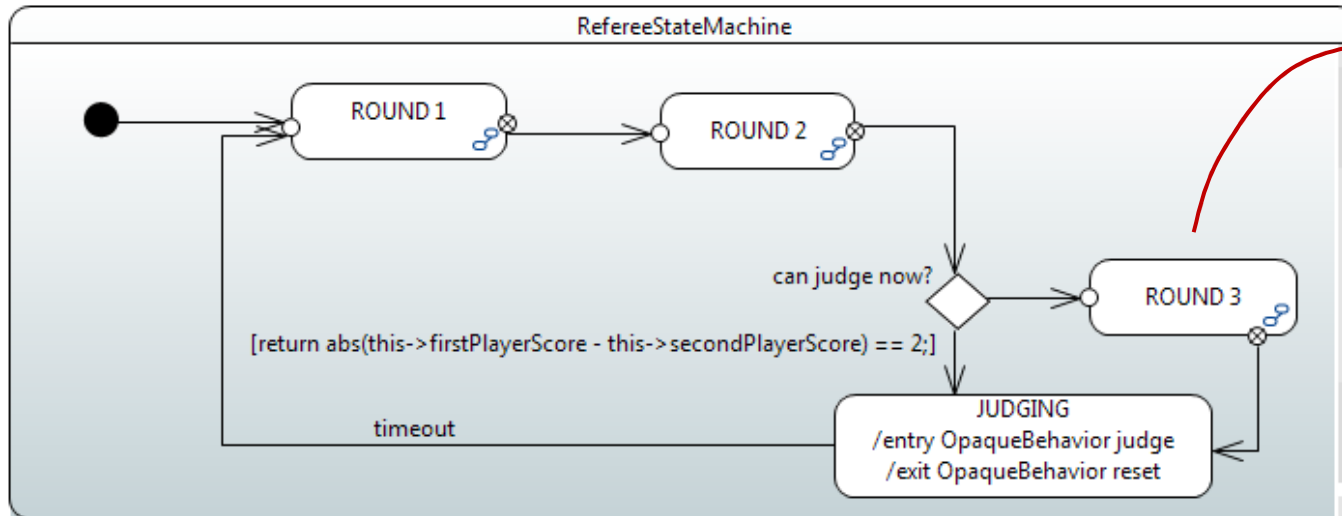
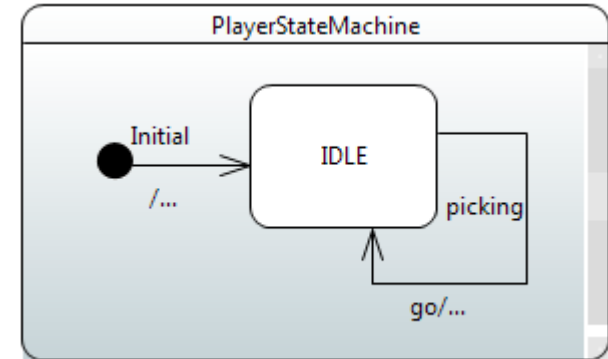
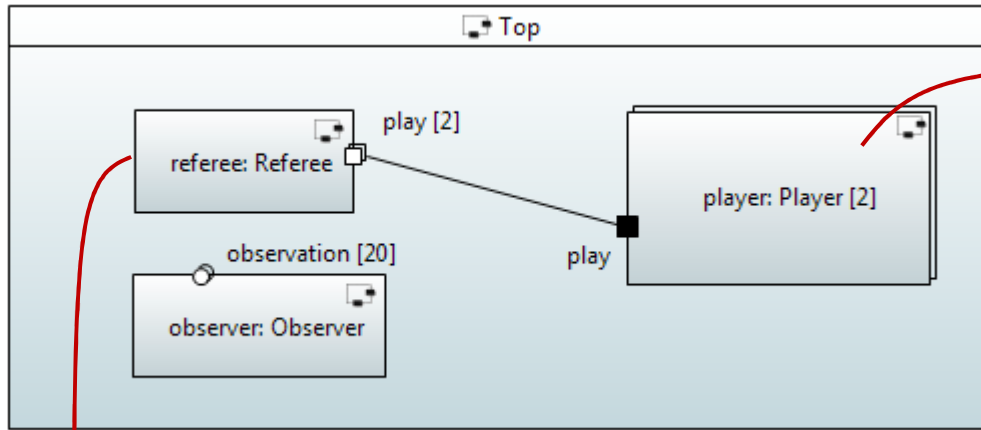
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"doors open";
"hit key to lock"
getchar();
lockPort.lock().send()
```

```
"doors locked";
"hit key to open"
getchar();
lockPort.unlock().send()
```

```
"lock"+i+"locked";
lockPort.lockStatus(true).send
```



Example: Rock/Paper/Scissors



Additional UML-RT Features

■ Structure

- Optional capsules
- Inheritance

■ Behaviour

- Junction pseudo state
- Defer/recall
- Synchronous communication
- Message priorities

Additional Papyrus-RT Capabilities

- **Generation of multi-threaded code**
 - Logical thread
 - = flow of control for capsule instance
 - Physical thread
 - Executes RTS controller
 - Oversees execution of all capsules assigned to physical thread
 - Generating single threaded code
 - 1 physical thread executing one controller executing all capsules
 - Generating multi threaded code
 - Several physical threads each executing their own controller
- **Graphical/textual hybrid modeling (prototype)**
 - Fully synchronized
- **Legacy model import**
- **Observer service**

Papyrus-RT: What's Missing?

- **Model-level analysis**
 - Model execution/interpretation
 - Debugging (ongoing)
 - Testing (ongoing)
 - Static analysis
- **Integration with external tools (ongoing)**
 - Animation, simulation (Unity)
- **Sequence diagram integration**
- **Graphical/textual hybrid modeling (ongoing)**
- **Action language (ongoing)**
- **User experience**
- **Deployment**

Conclusion

- **Intro to**
 - MDE
 - Abstraction, Automation, Analysis
 - Core techniques to deal with complexity
 - UML-RT
 - small, proven subset of UML for real-time systems
 - Papyrus-RT
 - open-source MDE tool w/ full code generation
- **Lots of opportunity to use, research, contribute**
- **More questions?**
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Resources and References

■ Links

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- Papyrus-RT: <https://eclipse.org/papyrus-rt>
 - Installation, tutorial, etc: <https://wiki.eclipse.org/Papyrus-RT/User>
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