

COPE – Automating Model Migration in Response to Metamodel Evolution

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Disclaimer

COPE only supports the coupled evolution of **EMF**-based metamodels and models.



Installation

Requirements

- minimum Java 1.5

Download from USB Stick

- Eclipse 3.5 SR2 Modeling Tools for your platform (Win, Mac, Linux)
- Folder for COPE containing update site and workspaces

Install on your machine

- Unzip Eclipse 3.5 SR2 Modeling Tools
- Add to eclipse.ini: “-XX:MaxPermSize=256m”
- Start executable “eclipse” in the extracted eclipse folder
- Choose the “*metamodelerWorkspace*” as workspace location
- Install COPE from the update site (Help -> Install new Software ...)

Agenda

1. Introduction

- principles behind COPE

2. Guided Tool Usage

- simple example

3. Independent Tool Usage

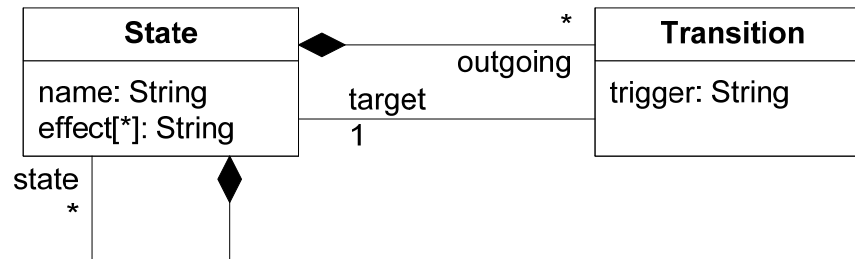
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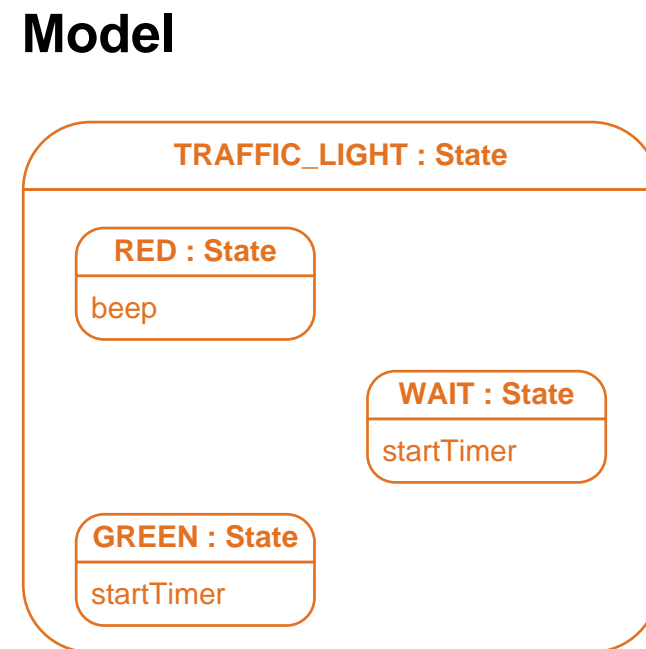
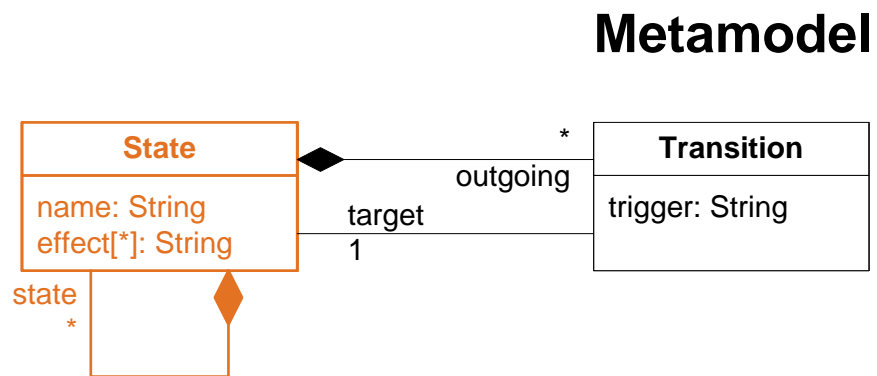
- questions and feedback

Problem – Running Example

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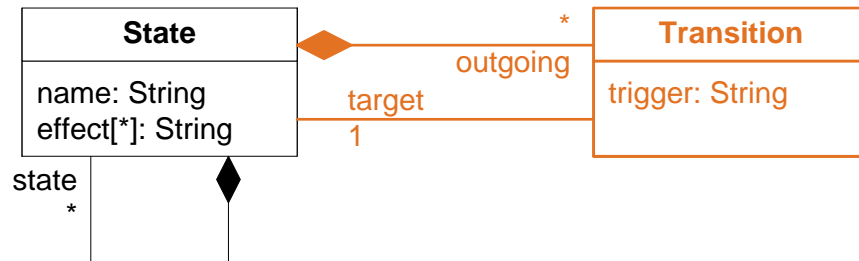


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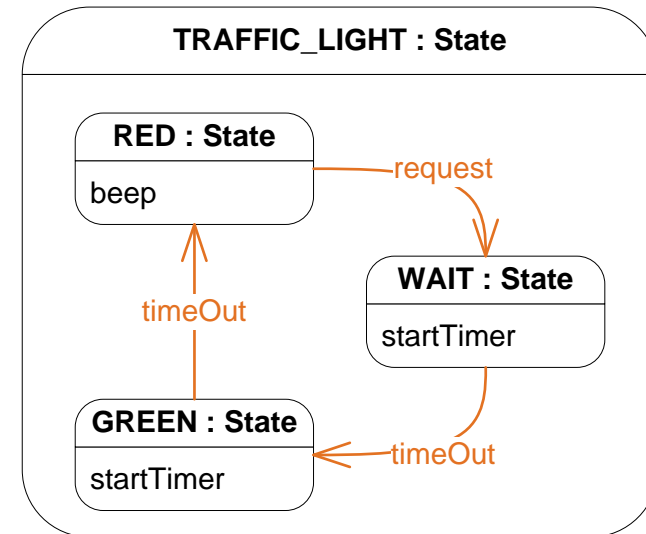


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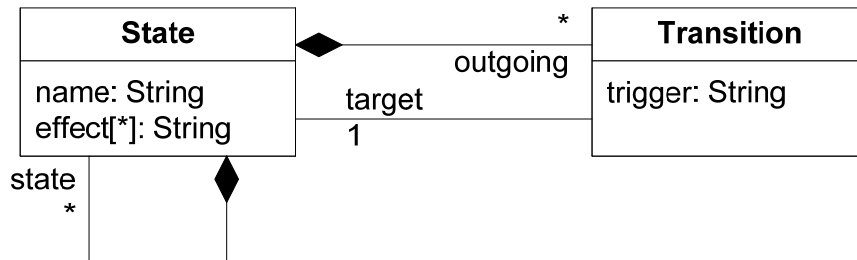


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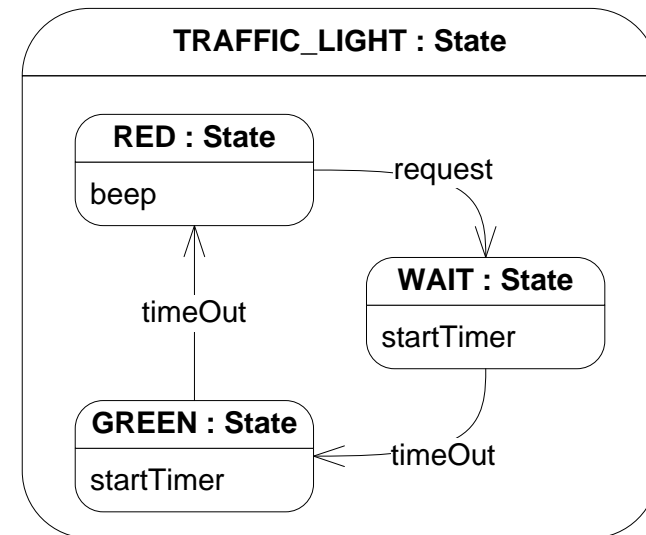


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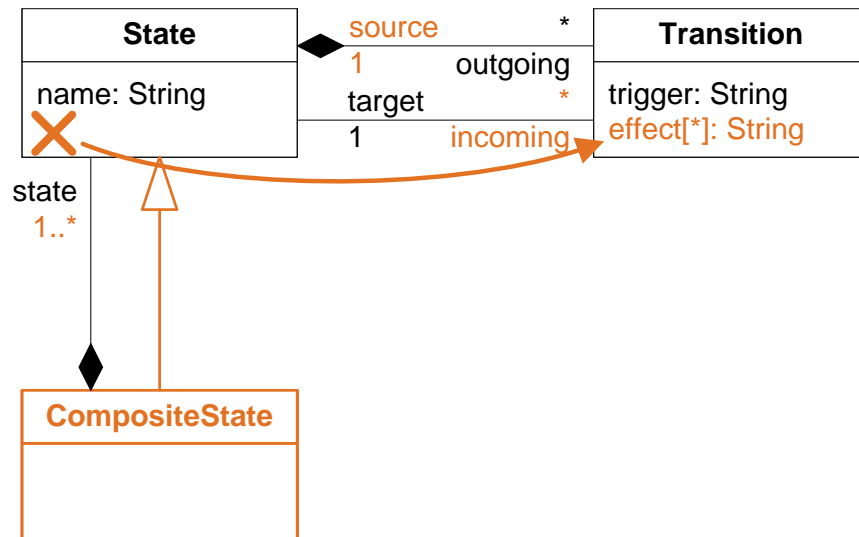


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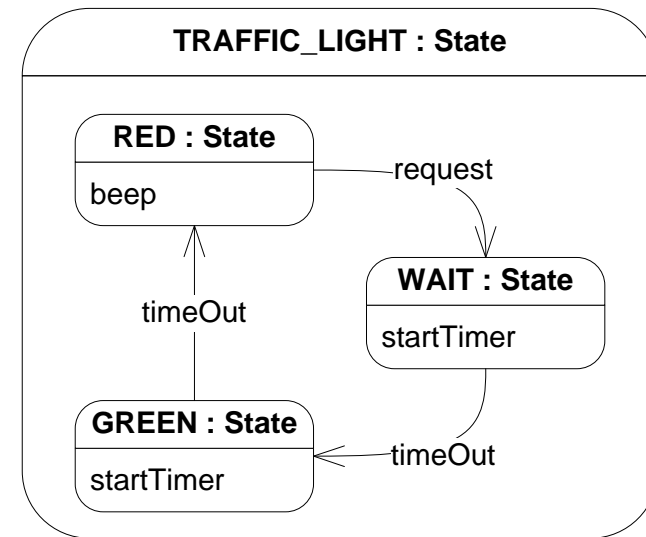


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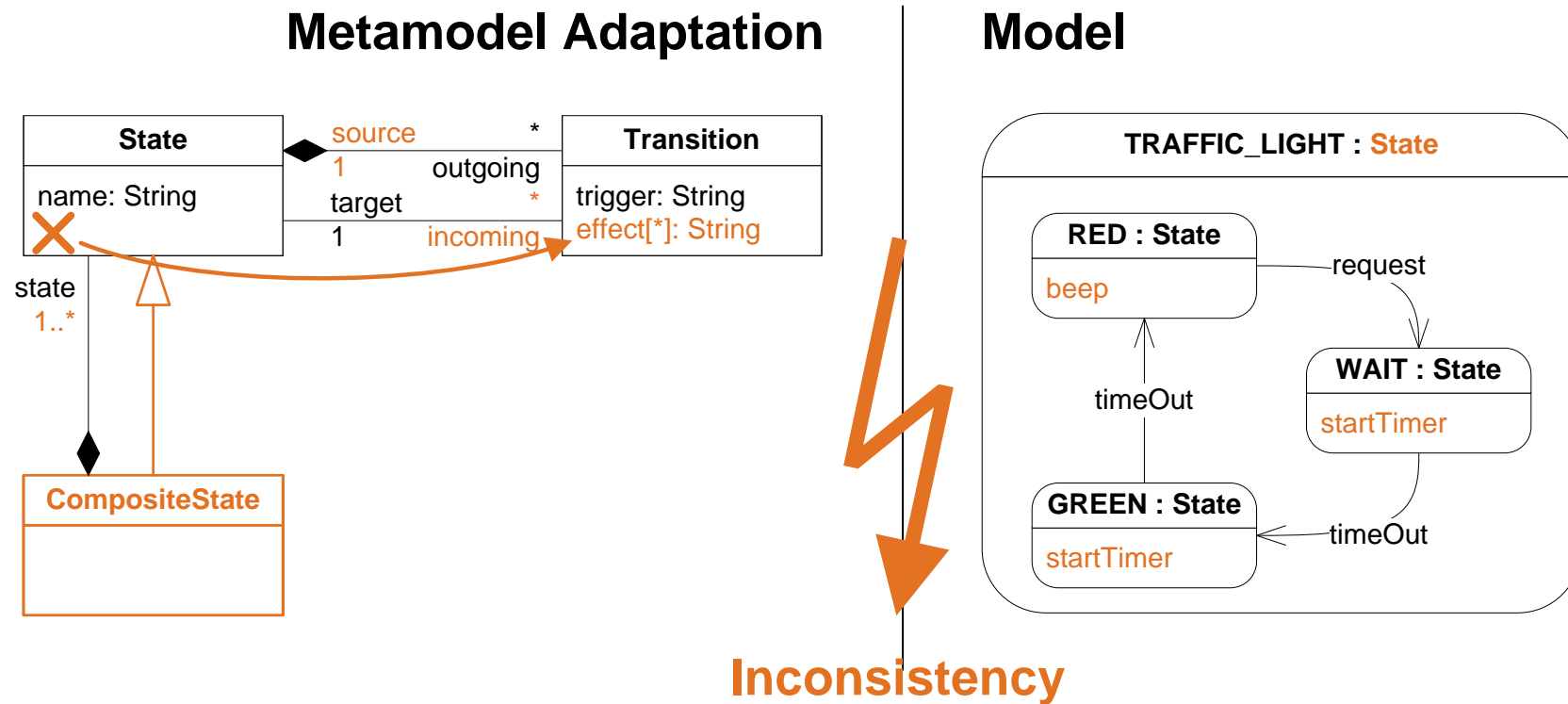
Metamodel Adaptation



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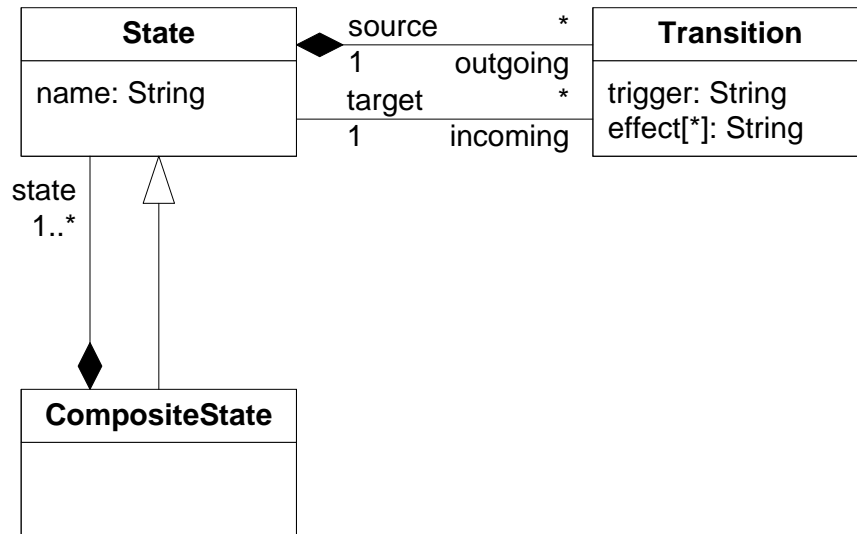


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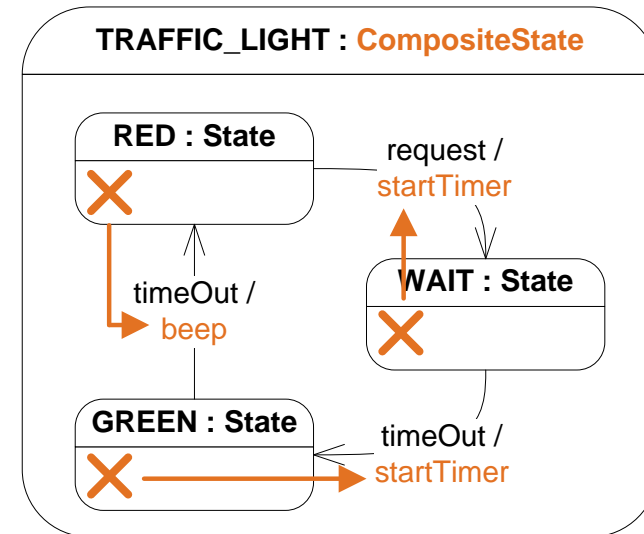


Problem – Model Migration

Metamodel



Model Migration

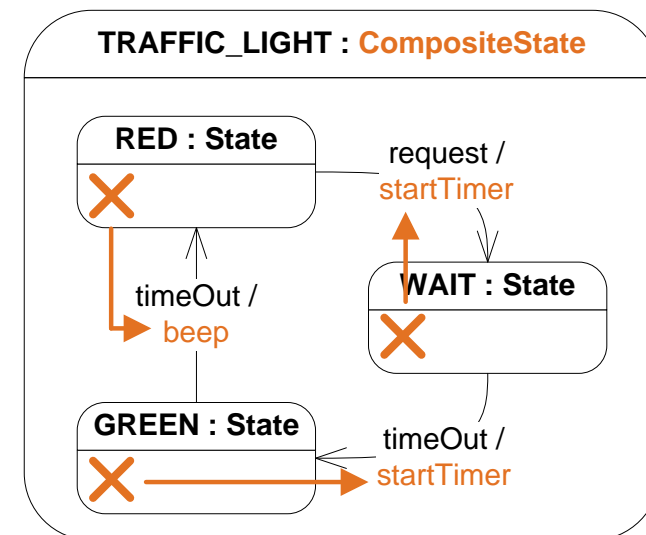


Problem – Model Migration

Manual Migration

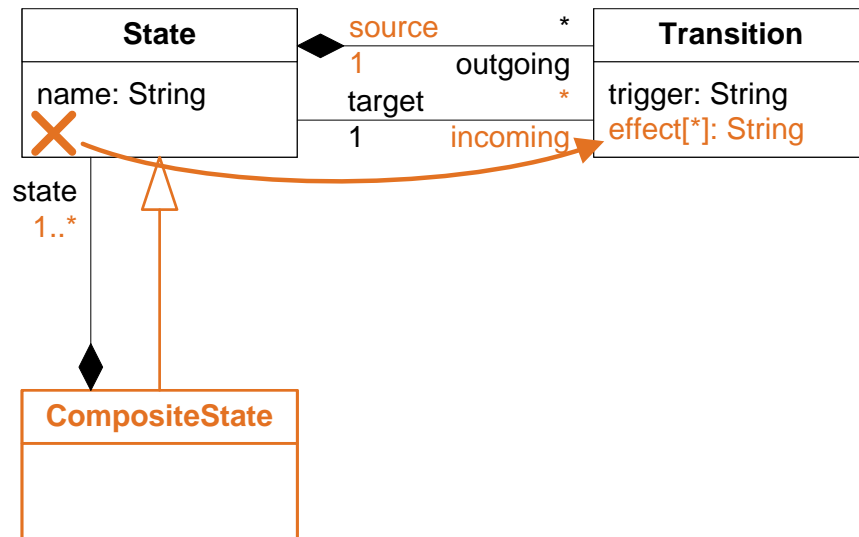
- tedious
 - error-prone
- ⇒ Tool support required

Model Migration

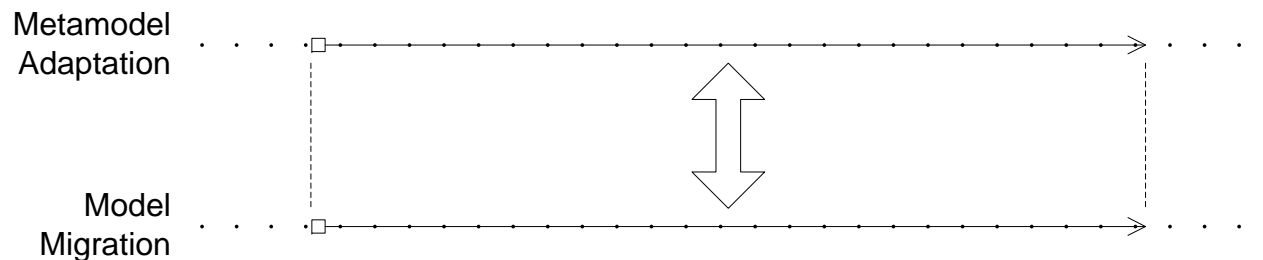
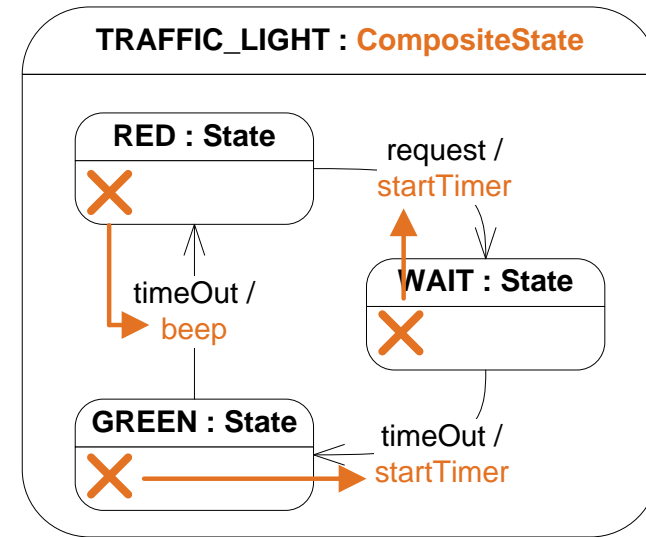


Problem – Coupled Evolution

Metamodel Adaptation



Model Migration



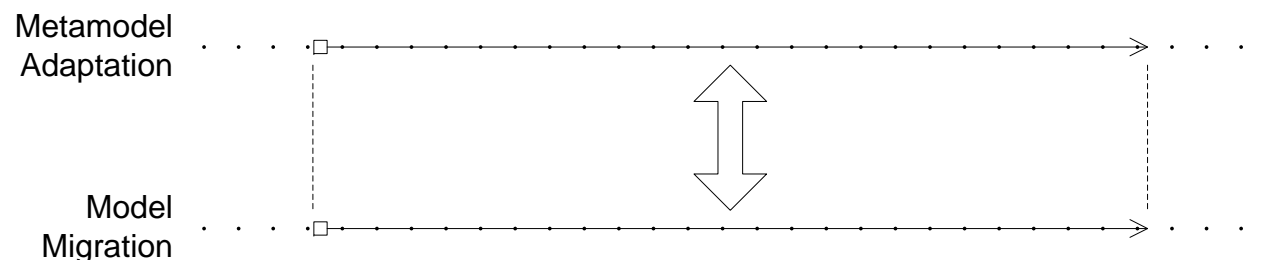
Solution – Operation-based Coupled Evolution

COPE: Language and Tool to specify the Coupled Evolution

- Metamodel Adaptation
- Reconciling Model Migration

Main benefits

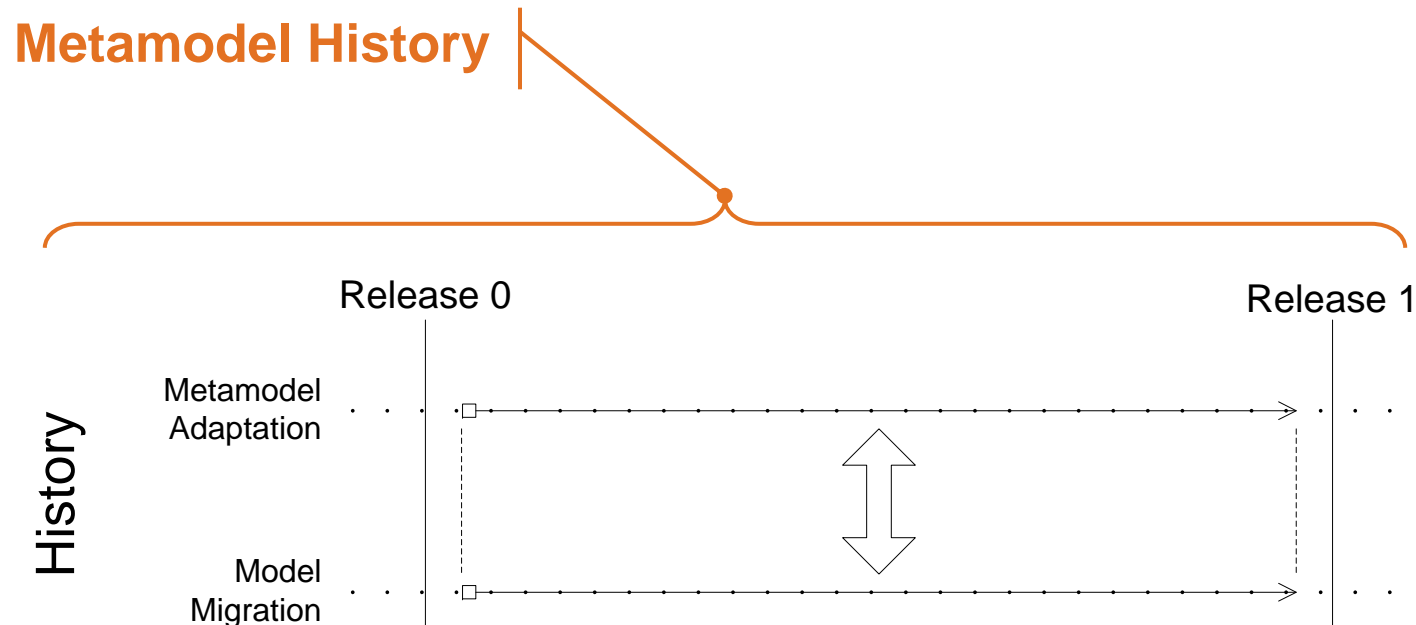
- Preserving the intended Model Migration
- Automating Model Migration as far as possible



Solution – 1st Principle: Recording the Coupled Evolution

Explicit Metamodel History

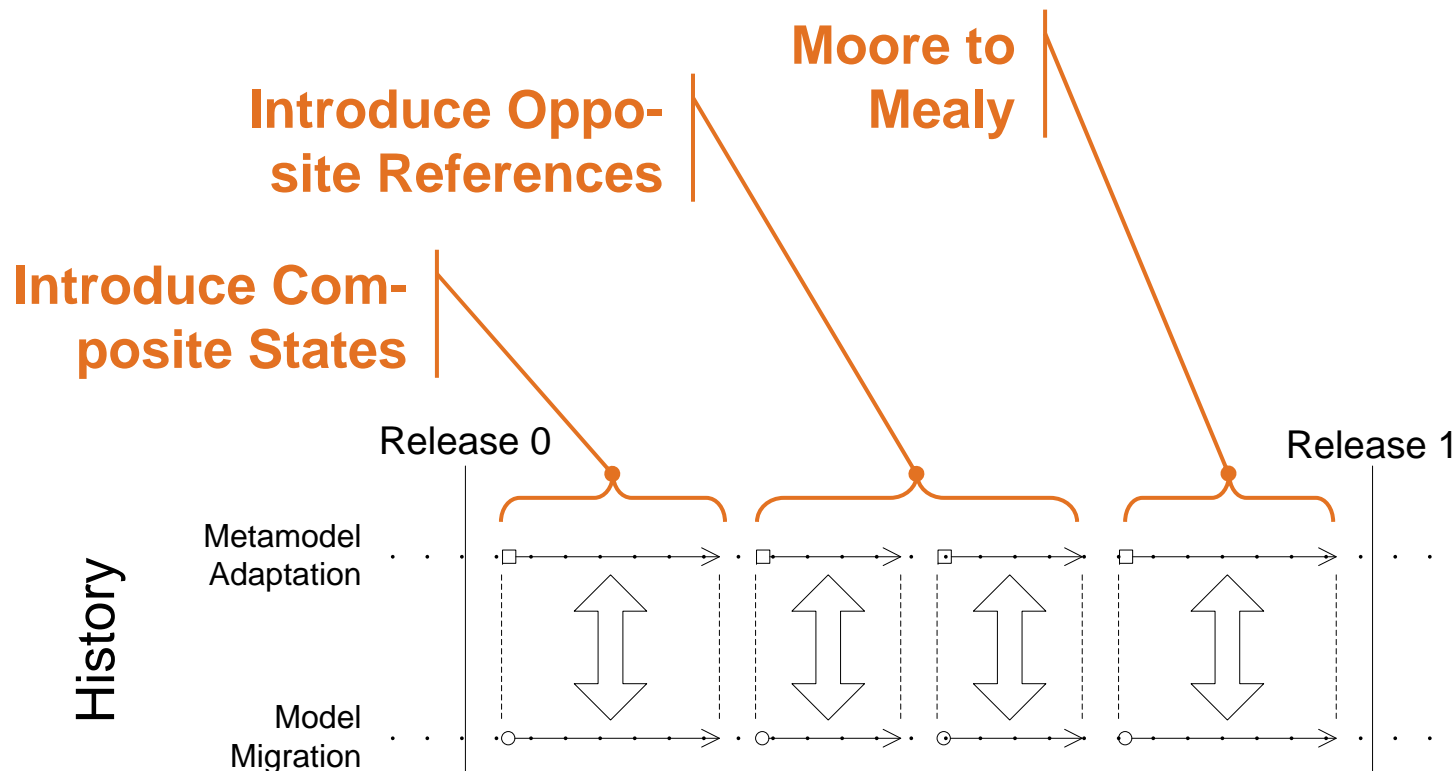
- Recording the intended Model Migration together with the Metamodel Adaptation
- Migration of models not under control of the metamodel developers



Solution – 2nd Principle: Incremental Coupled Evolution

Modularization of Coupled Evolution into Coupled Operations

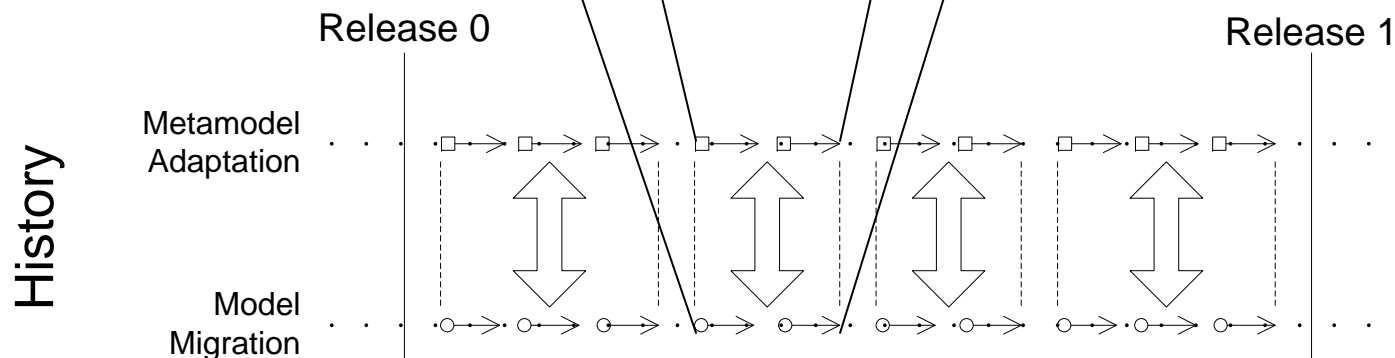
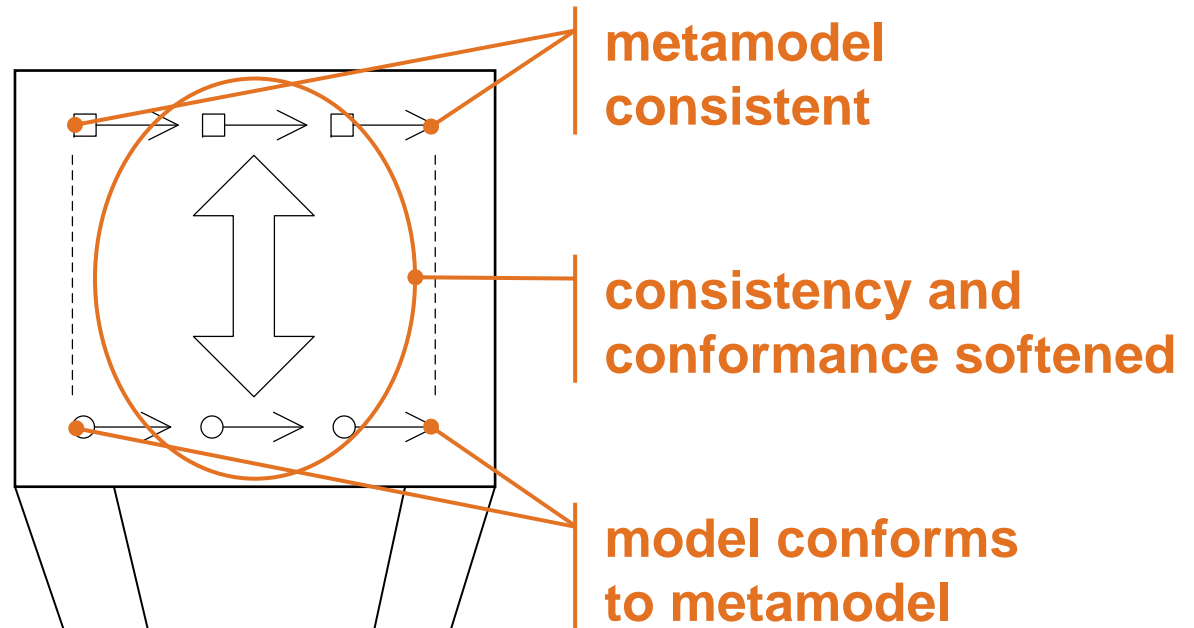
- Support for typical evolution process
- Scalability through divide and conquer



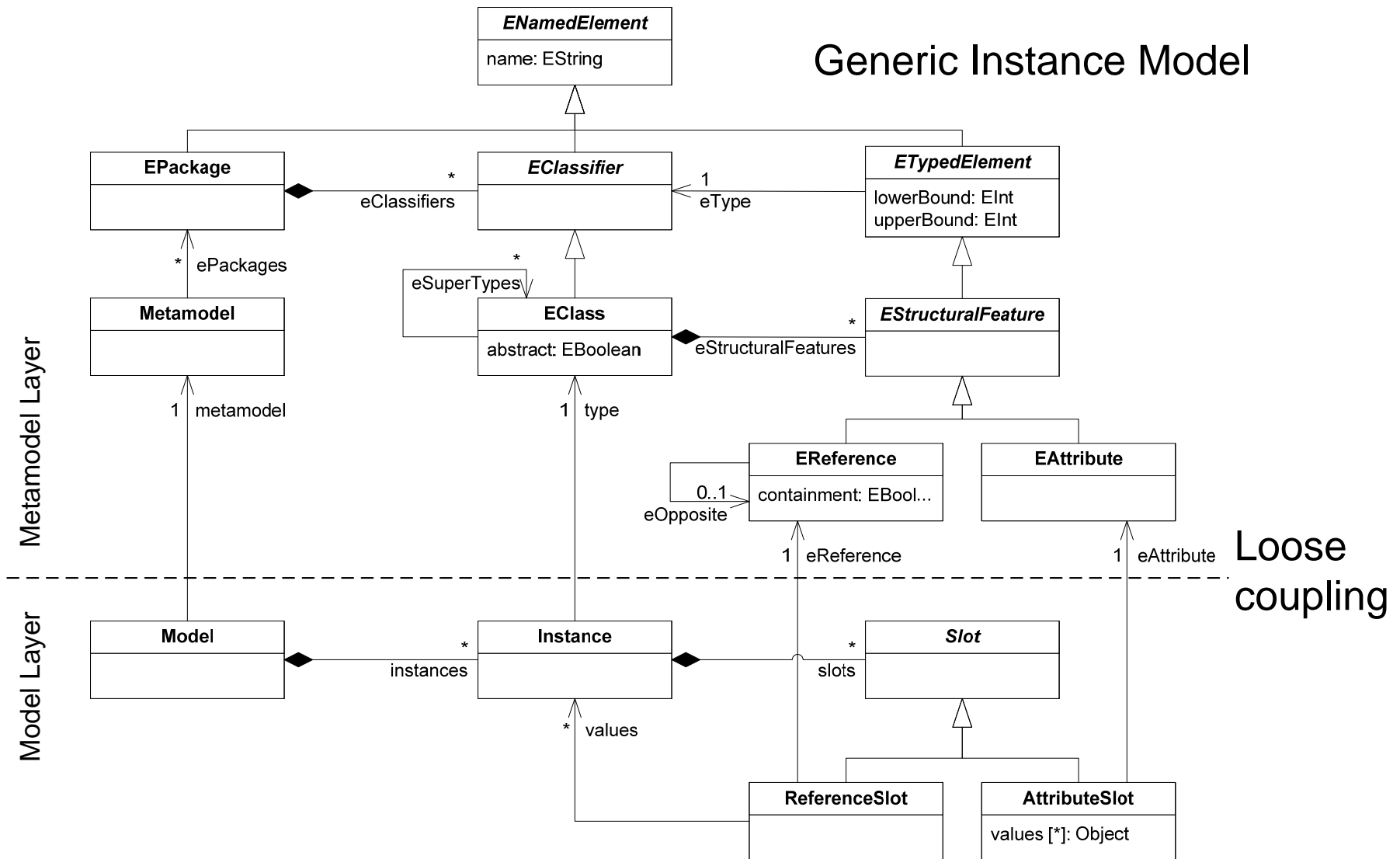
Solution – 3rd Principle: Specifying only the Difference

Coupled Operation:
change primitives for

- metamodel adaptation
- model migration embedded into a scripting language



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Primitives for Model Migration

- **querying**
 - «class».instances / allInstances
 - «instance».get(«feature») / «instance».«featureName»
 - «instance».getInverse(«reference»)
- **modification**
 - «class».newInstance() / «instance».delete()
 - «instance».migrate(«class»)
 - «instance».set(«feature», «value») / «instance».«featureName» = «value»
 - «instance».unset(«feature»)

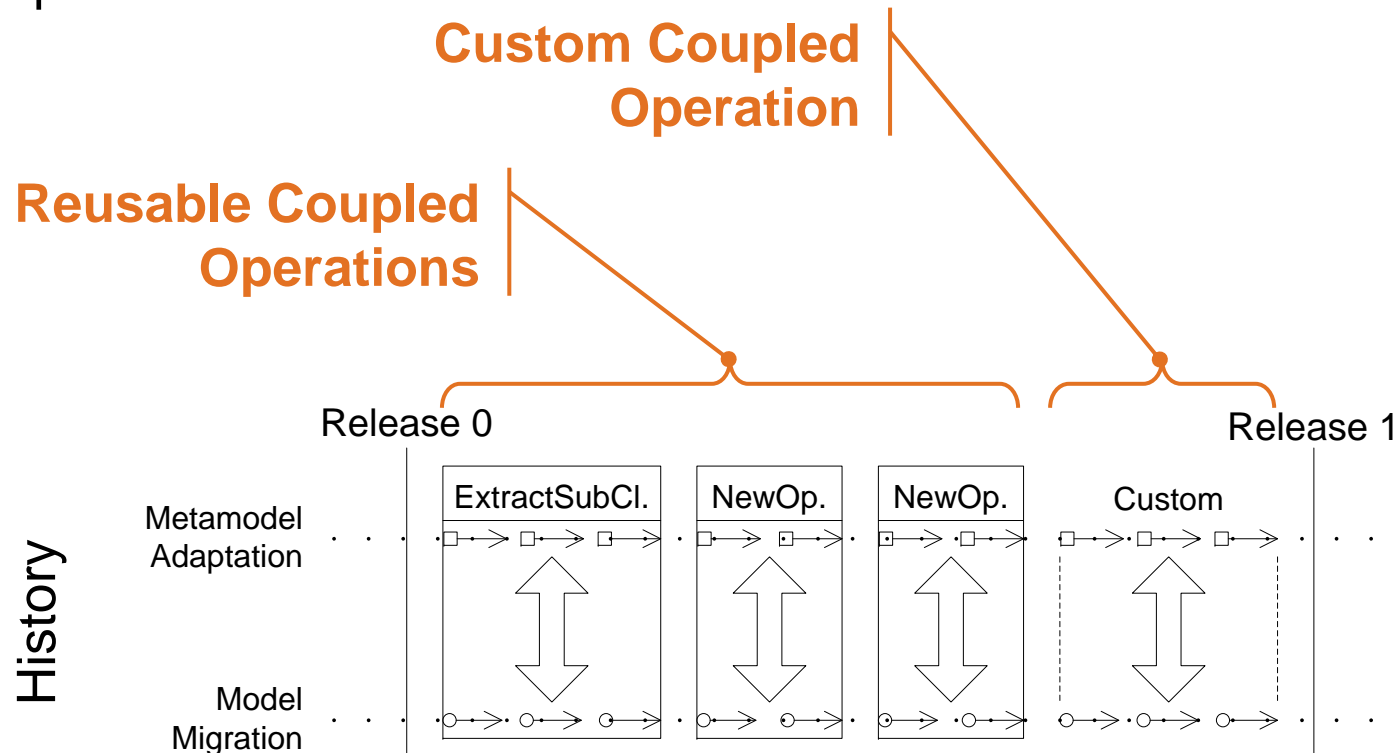
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<http://cope.in.tum.de/pmwiki.php?n=Primitives.Main>

Solution – 4th Principle: Reuse and Expressiveness

Requirements for Coupled Evolution [Models 2008]

- Reuse of recurring migrations \Rightarrow Reusable Coupled Operation
- Expressiveness for complex migrations \Rightarrow Custom Coupled Operation



Solution – 4th Principle: Reuse and Expressiveness

Library of Reusable Coupled Operations (68)

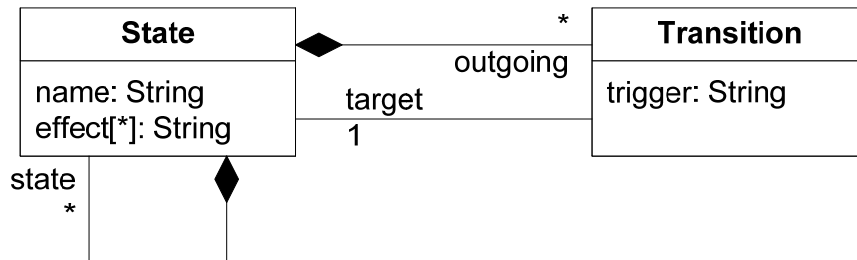
- **Structural** Primitives (12): Create / Delete Metamodel Elements
- **Non-Structural** Primitives (9): Modify Metamodel Elements
- **Specialization / Generalization** Operations (9): Specialize / Generalize Metamodel Elements
- **Inheritance** Operations (11): Move Along Inheritance Hierarchy
- **Delegation** Operations (11): Move Along Association Structure
- **Replacement** Operations (9): Switch between equivalent Metamodel Elements
- **Merge / Split** Operations (7): Merge / Split Metamodel Elements of the same Type

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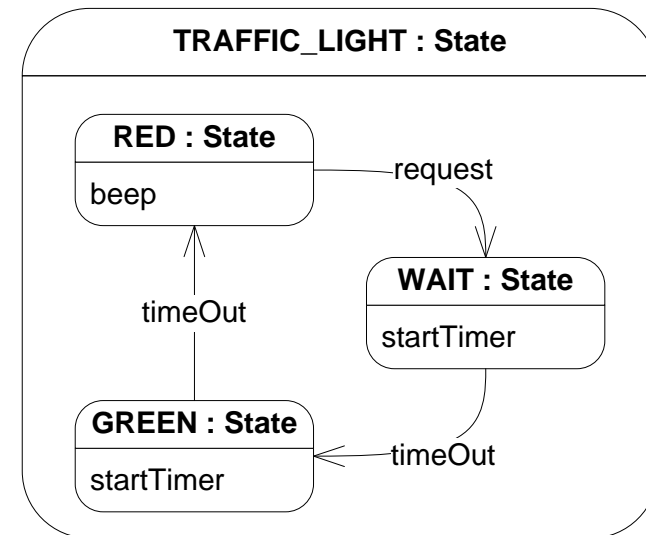
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Solution – Running Example

Metamodel



Model



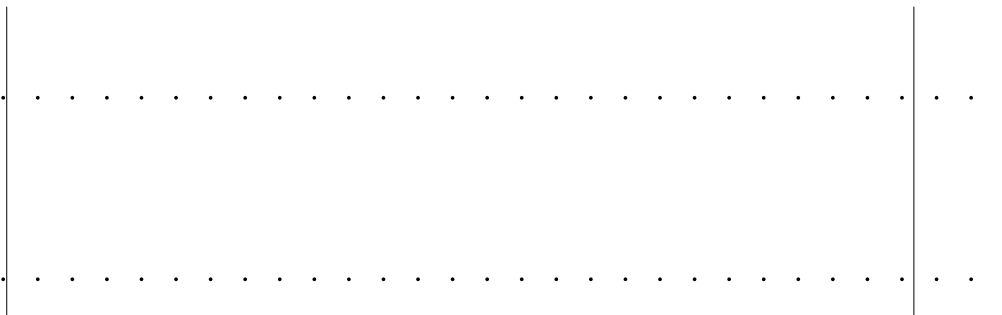
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Release 1

History

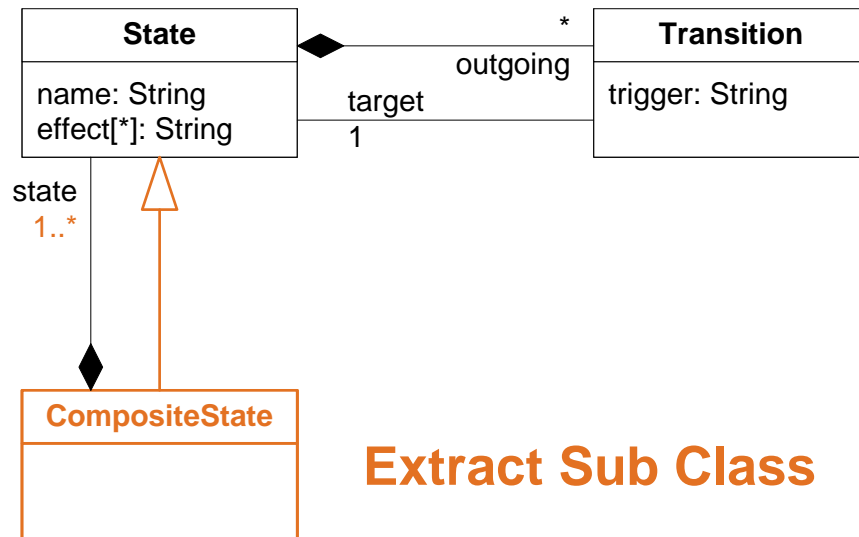
Metamodel
Adaptation

Model
Migration



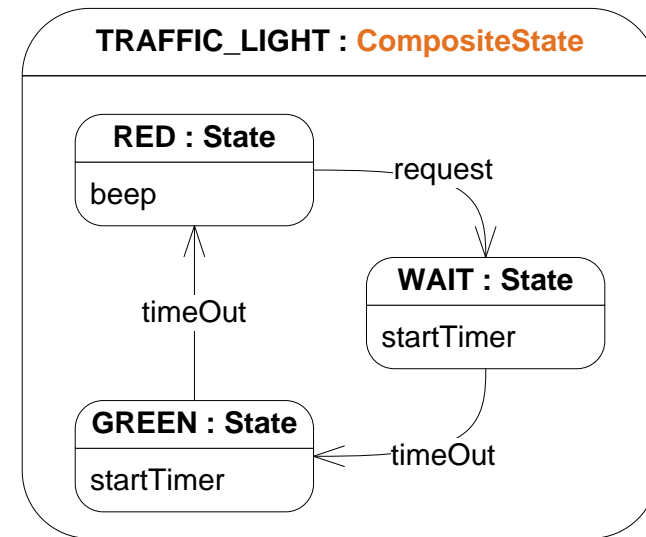
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Metamodel Adaptation



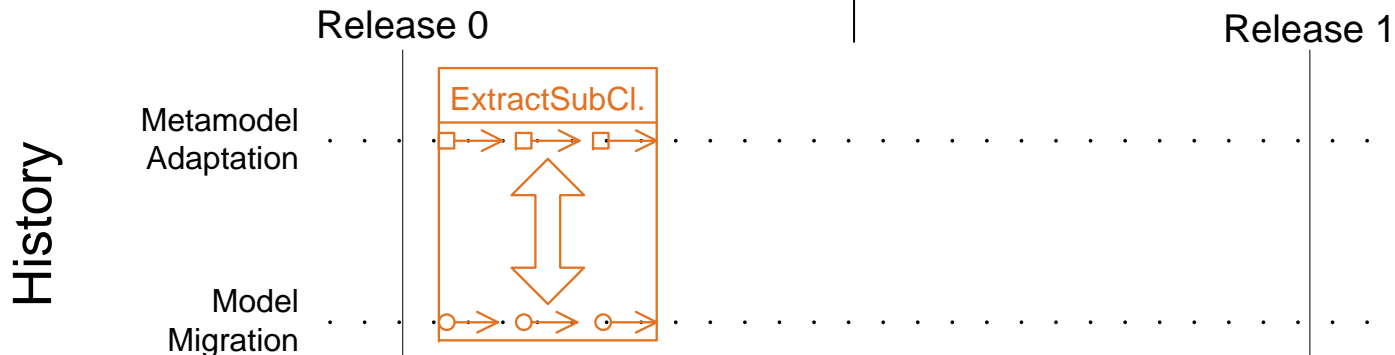
Extract Sub Class

Model Migration

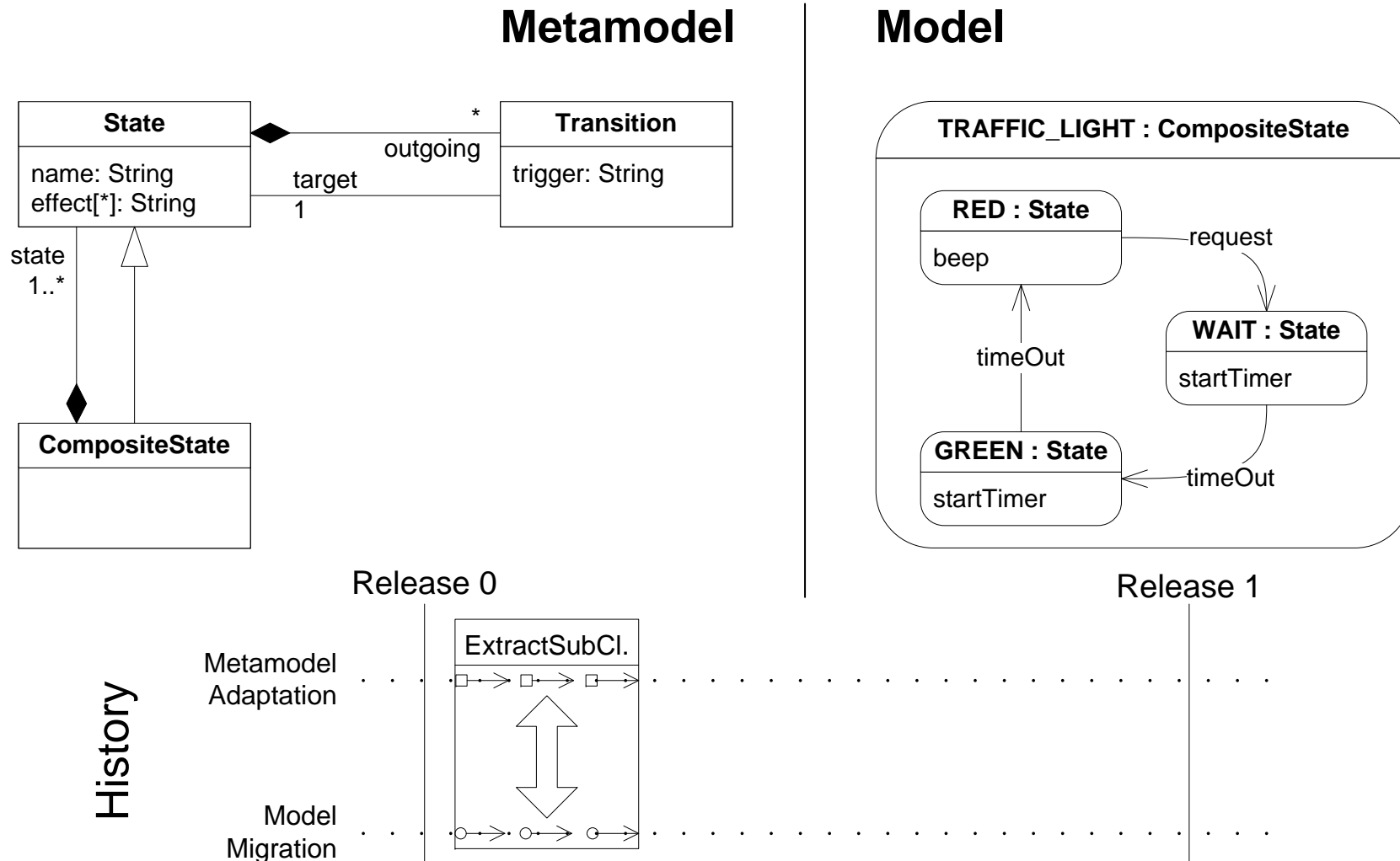


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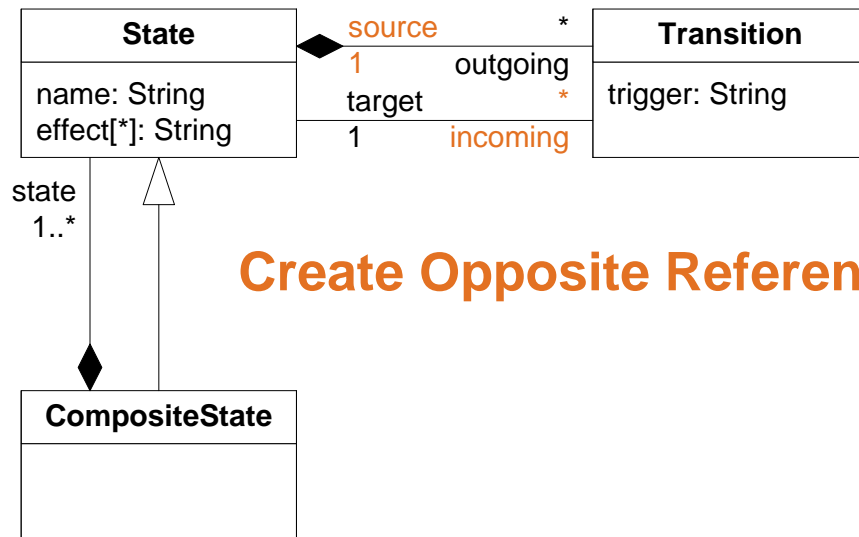


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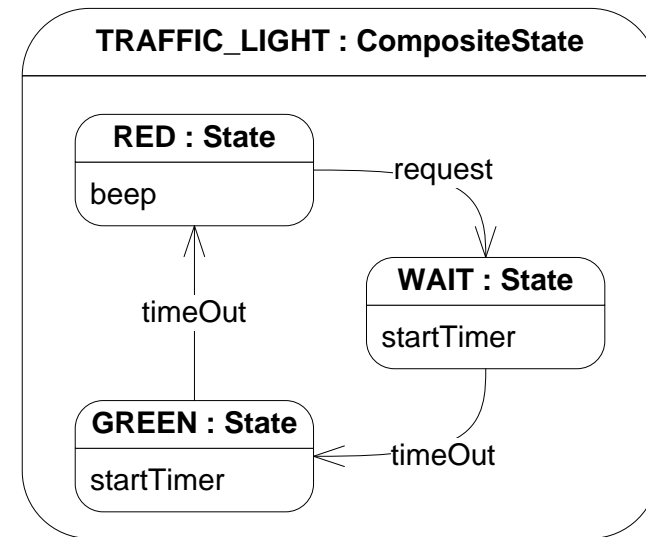
Solution – Introduce Opposite References

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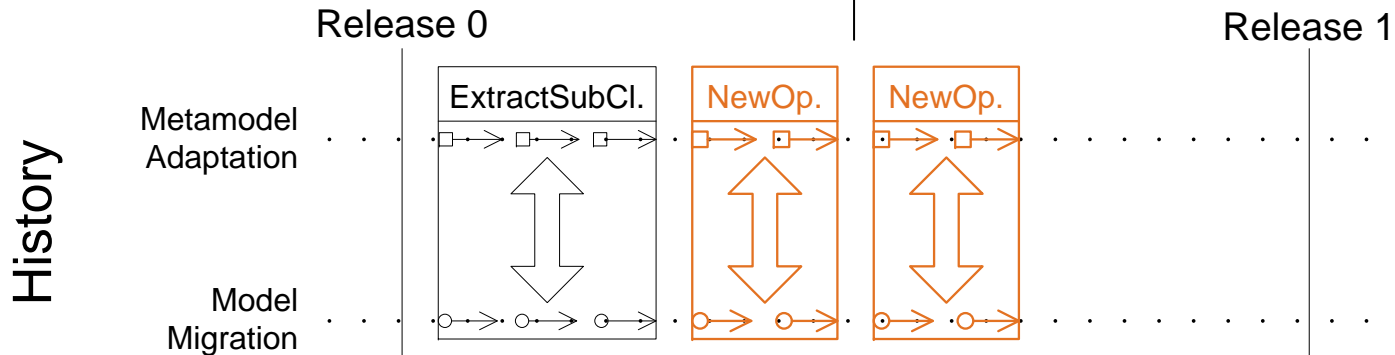
Create Opposite Reference

Model Migration

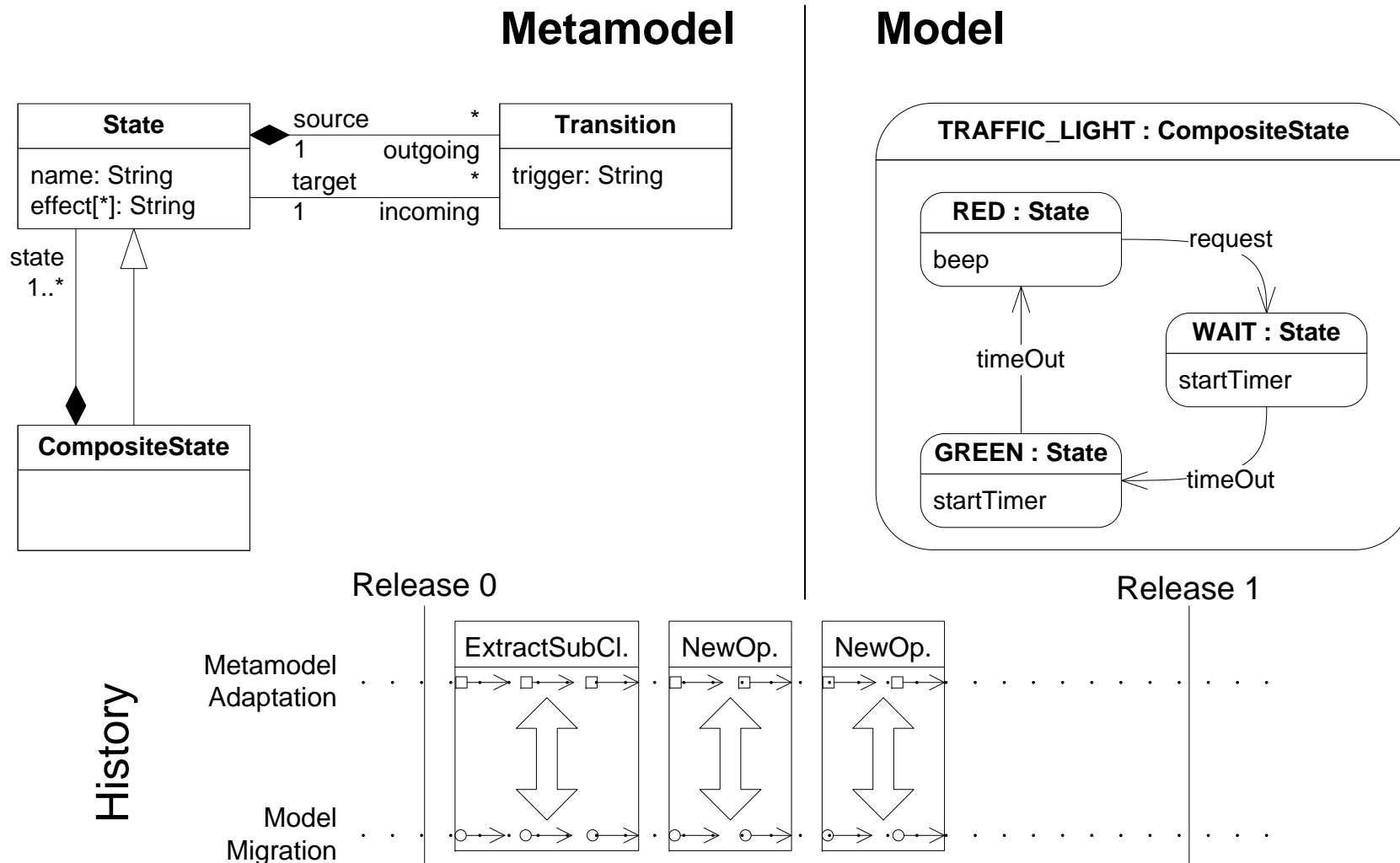


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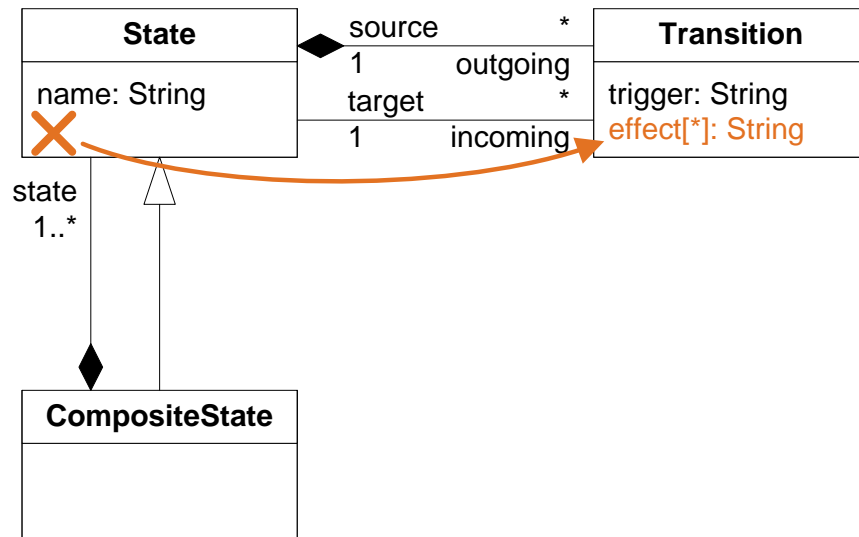


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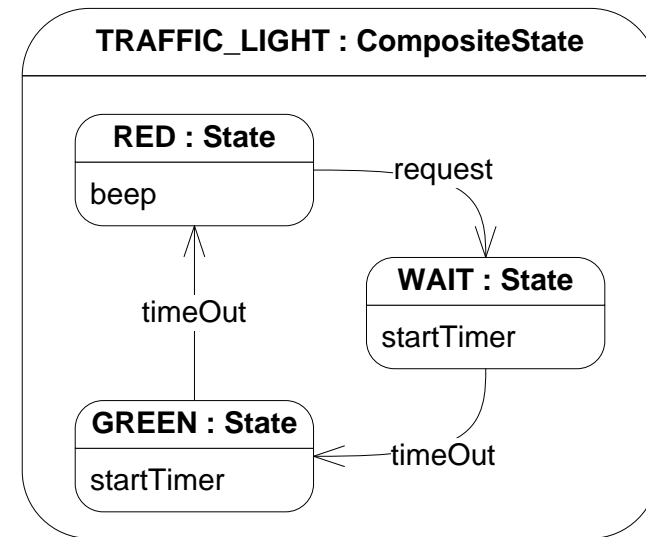


Solution – Moore to Mealy

Metamodel Adaptation

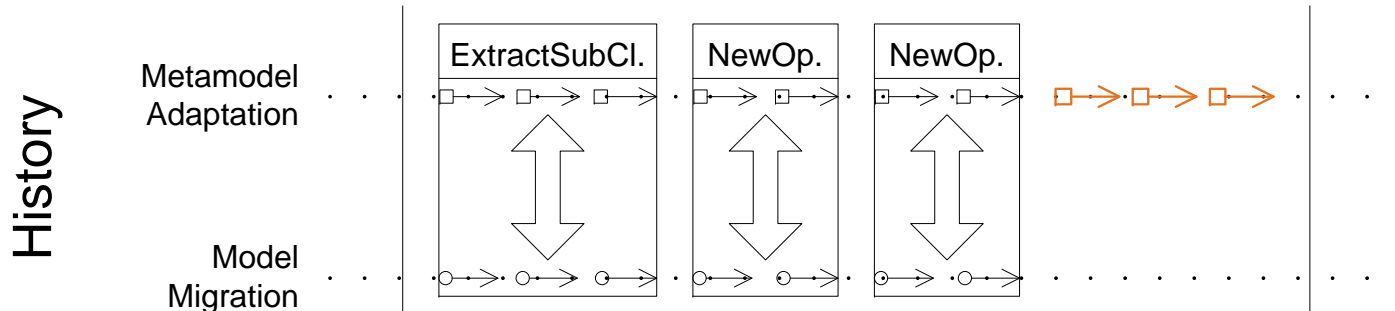


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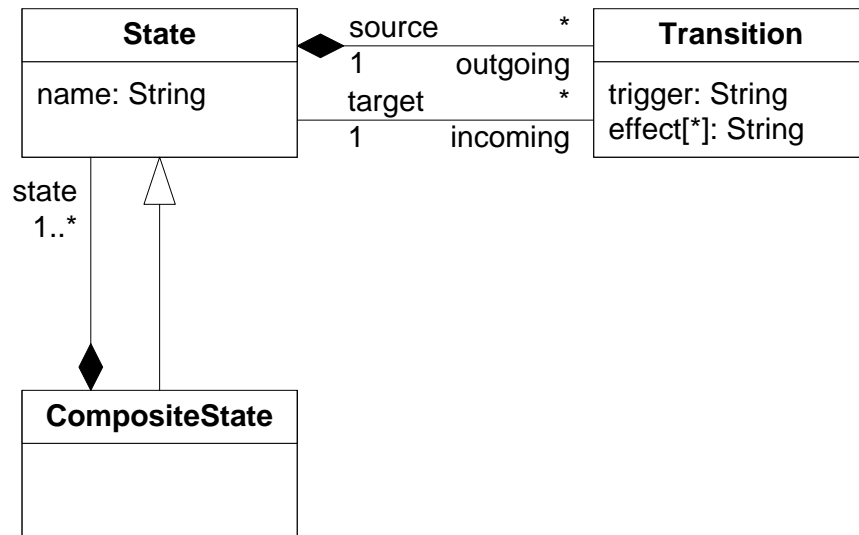
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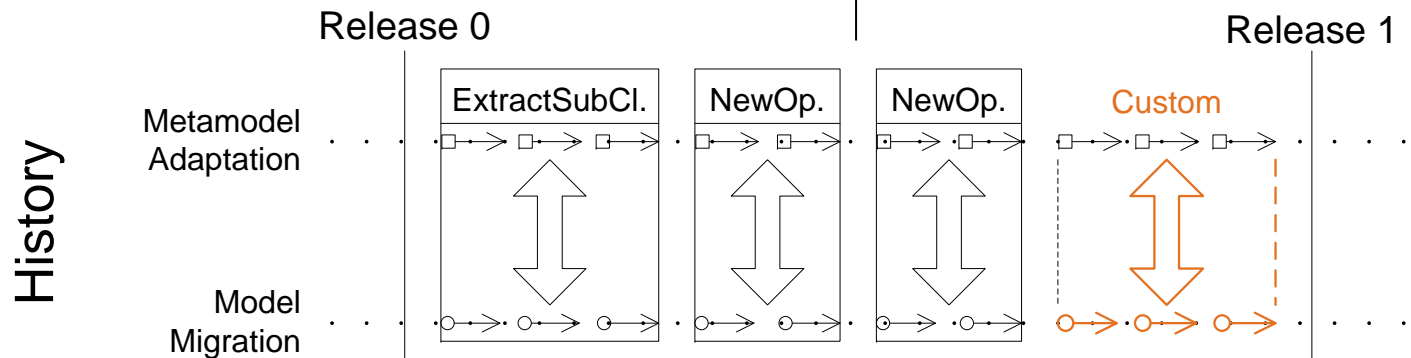
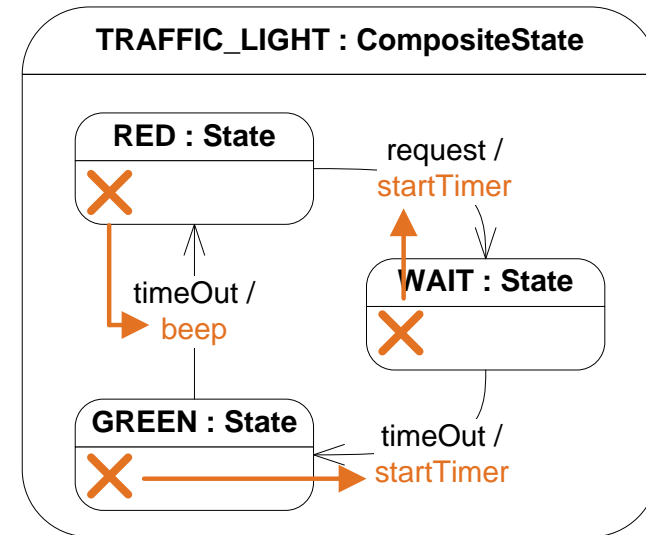


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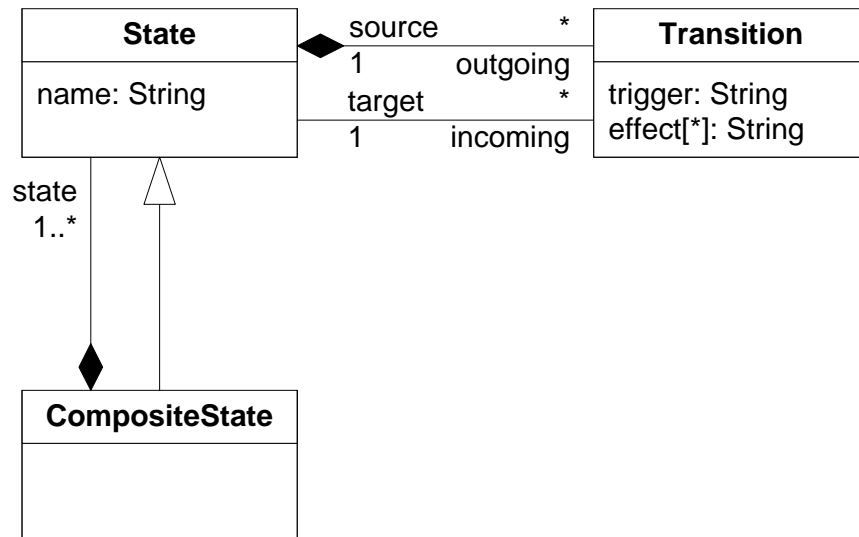


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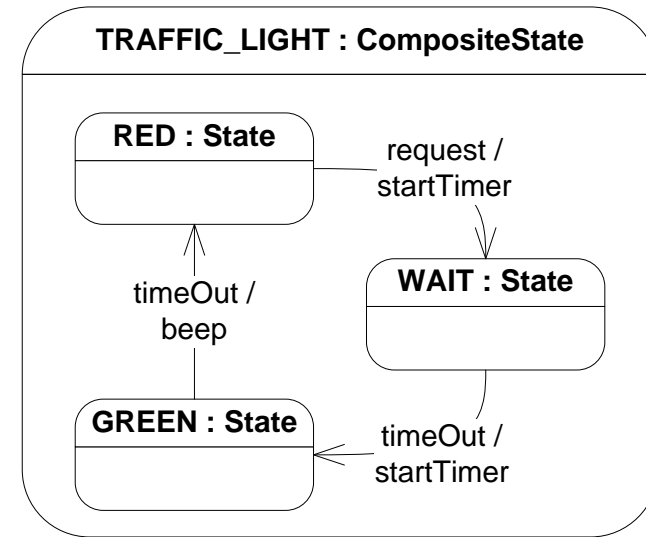


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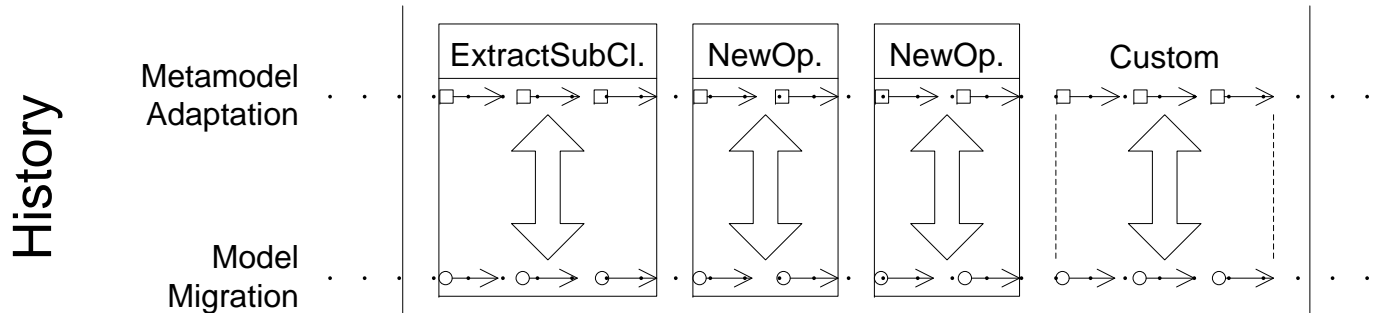


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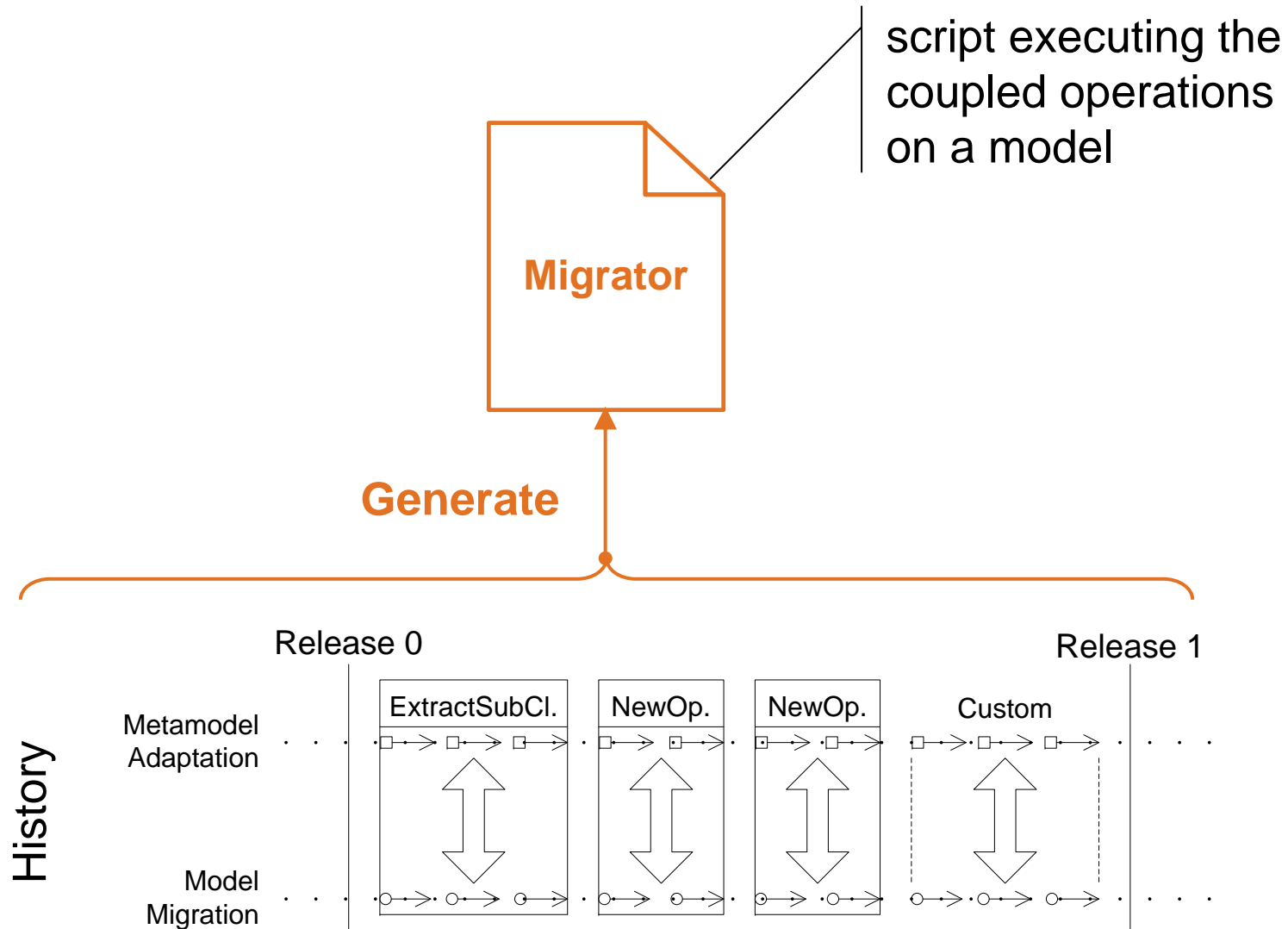


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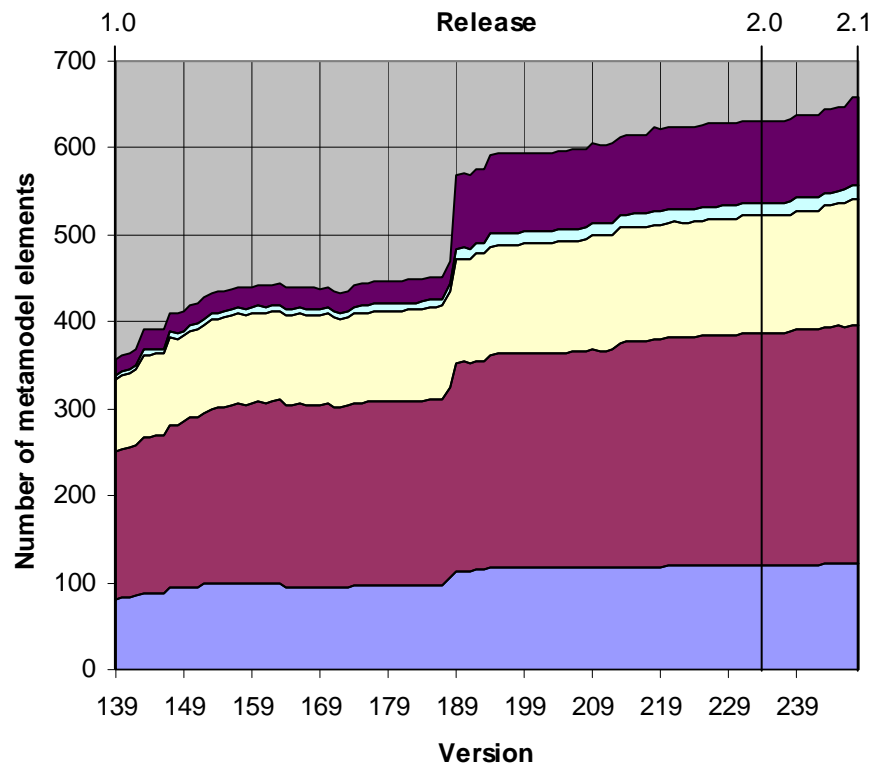


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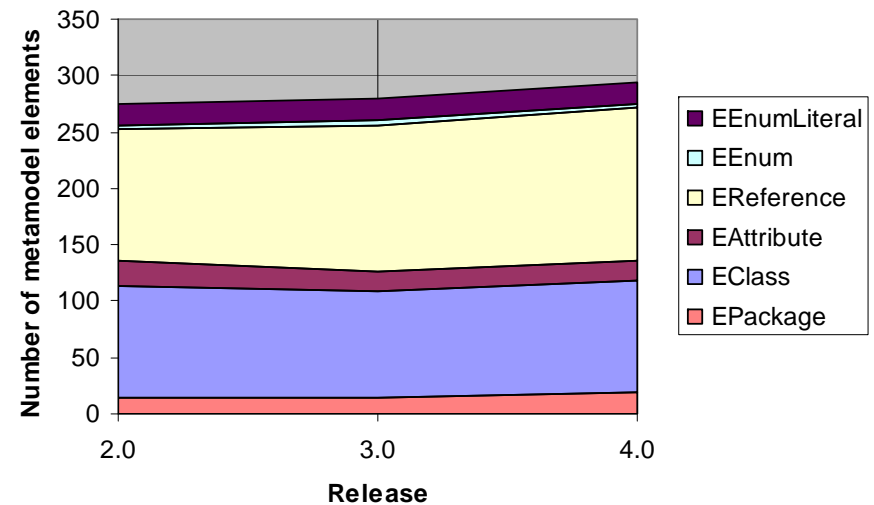


Case Study: Reverse Engineering of Metamodel History

GMF Generator Model (Graphical Modeling Framework)

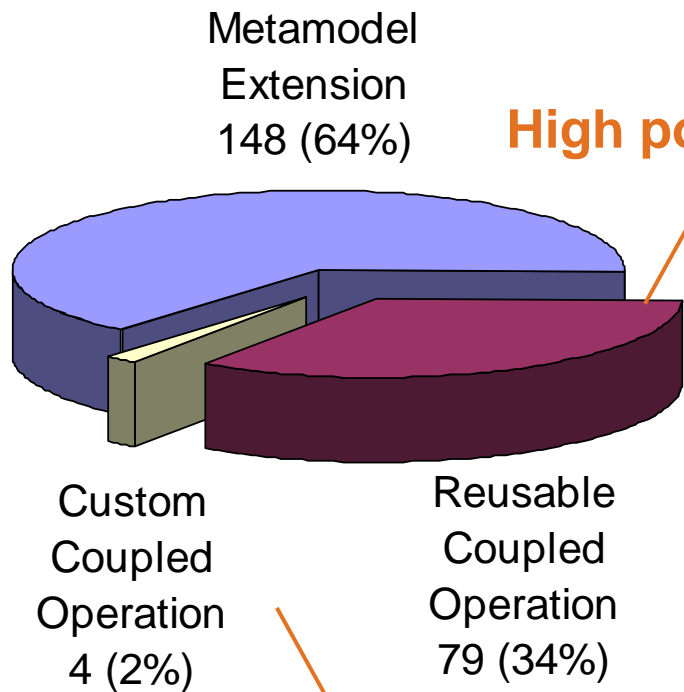


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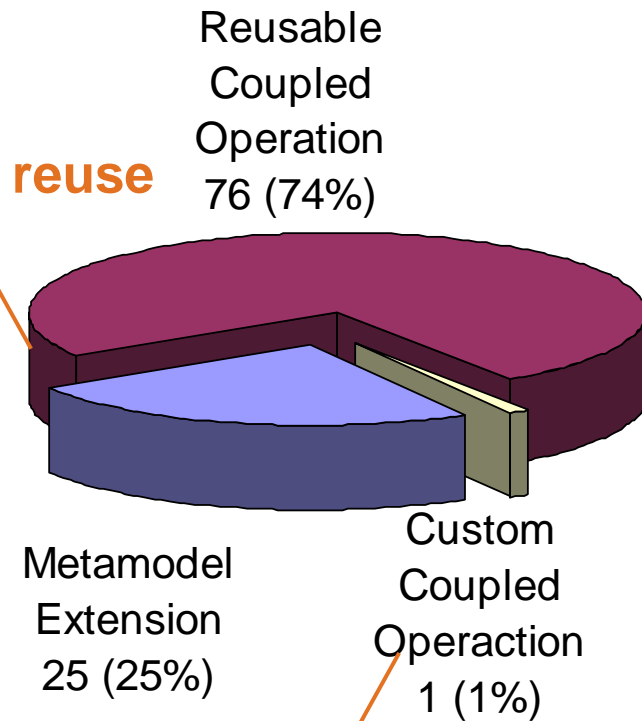


Case Study: Results

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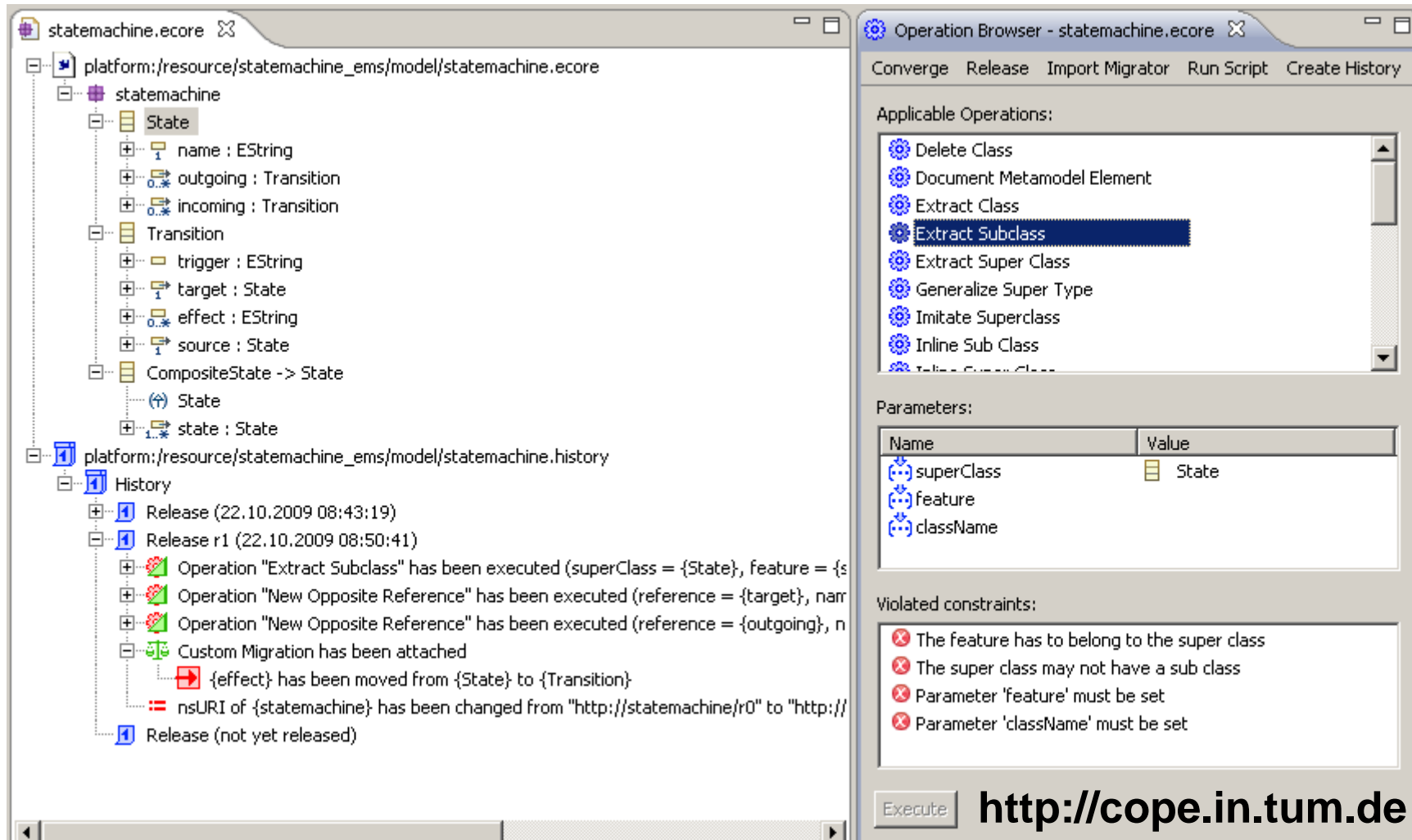
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High potential for reuse

Expressiveness required for a few changes

Seamless Integration into EMF Metamodel Editor



The screenshot displays the EMF Metamodel Editor interface. The left pane shows the metamodel structure for 'statemachine.ecore', including classes like 'State', 'Transition', and 'CompositeState'. The right pane, titled 'Operation Browser', lists applicable operations such as 'Extract Subclass', which is currently selected. Below the list, a 'Parameters' table is visible:

| Name | Value |
|------------|-------|
| superClass | State |
| feature | |
| className | |

Below the parameters table, a 'Violated constraints' section lists several errors:

- The feature has to belong to the super class
- The super class may not have a sub class
- Parameter 'feature' must be set
- Parameter 'className' must be set

At the bottom of the Operation Browser, there is an 'Execute' button and the URL <http://cope.in.tum.de>.

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Guided Tool Usage

- **Recording** the Coupled Evolution
 - Reusable Coupled Operations
 - Custom Coupled Operation
 - Migrator Generation
- **Inspecting** the Coupled Evolution
 - Reconstruction
 - History Differencing
- **Refactoring** the Coupled Evolution
 - Undoing Changes
 - Replacing Changes
 - Reordering Changes
- **Recovering** the Coupled Evolution
 - Metamodel Convergence

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Possible Tasks

Easy: Petrinet example

- no custom coupled operation

Medium: Filesystem example

- few reusable coupled operations
- 1 custom coupled operation

Difficult: UML Activities example

- many reusable coupled operations
- 1 custom coupled operation

Alternative: Evolve your own metamodel

What to do

1. Choose a task
2. Reconstruct the first release of the task using the history in the workspace
3. Create a history and apply the operations to converge to the second release
4. Test the migration on the provided model

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Conclusion

Benefits of COPE

- Preserve the intended Model Migration
- Automate Model Migration as far as possible

Ongoing Work

- Make COPE available through EMFT project Edapt
- Find contributors for EMFT project Edapt

Future Work

- Specify Model Migration in Java
- Separate history for each Metamodel

