Advanced Topics in Software Engineering (02265)

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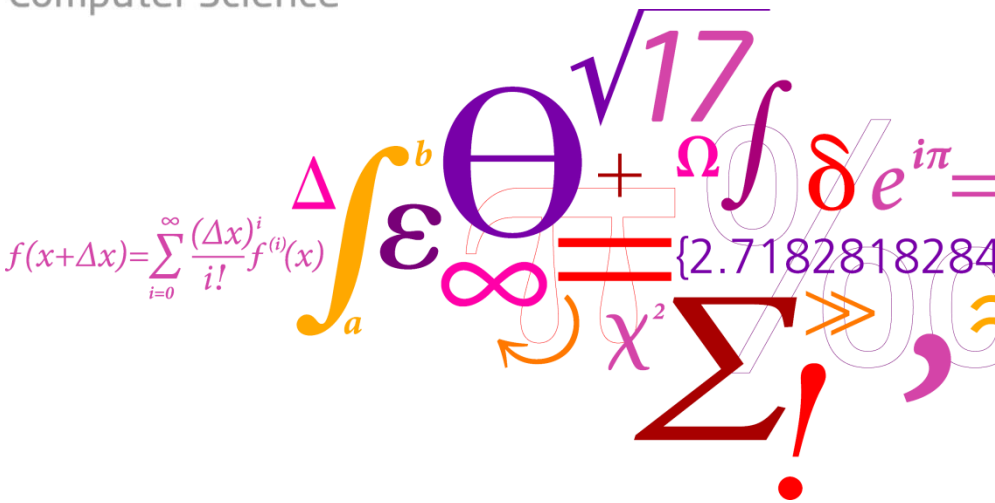

VII. Modelling Behaviour (cntd.)

Vision (reminder from L01)

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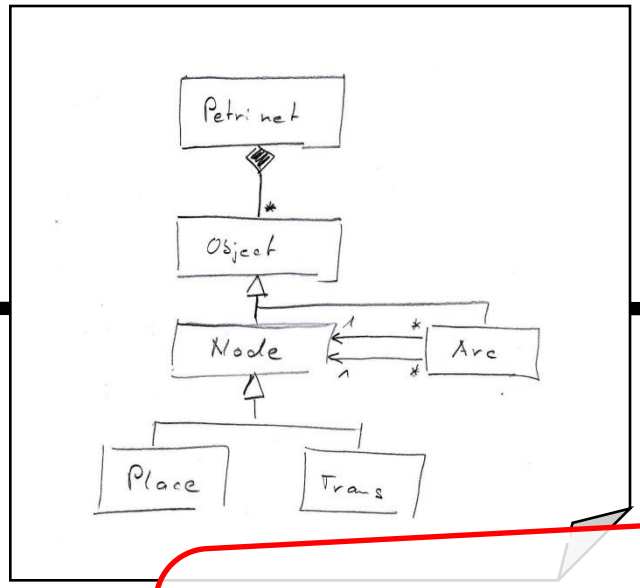

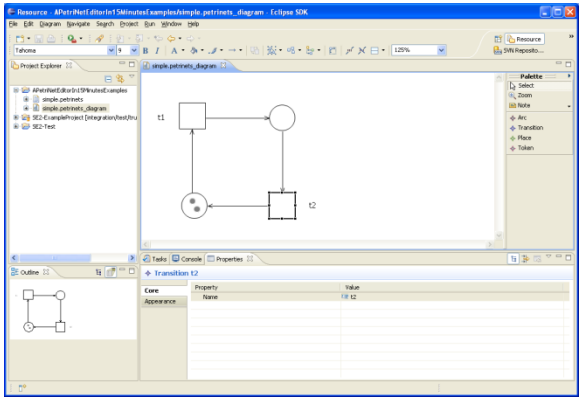

Exploit conceptual artefacts (and generate software from them).

Today (reminder from L01)

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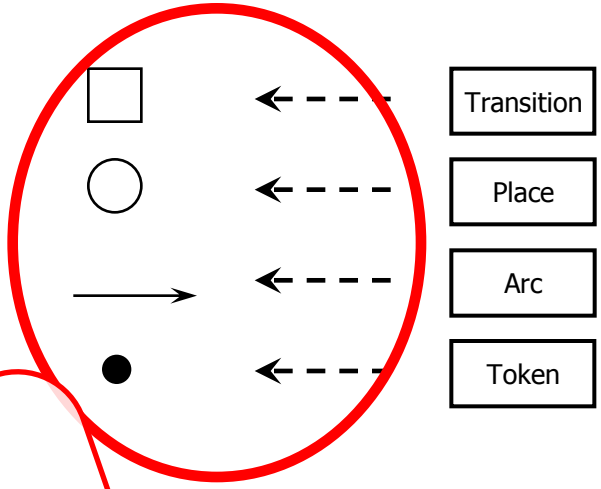
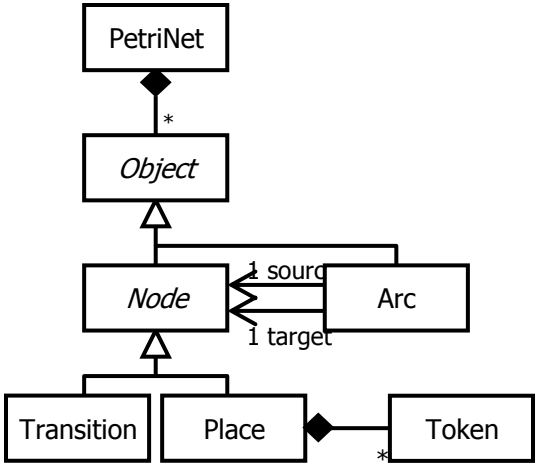
meta model



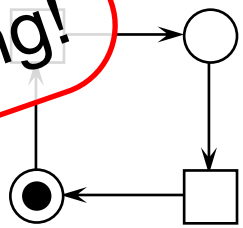


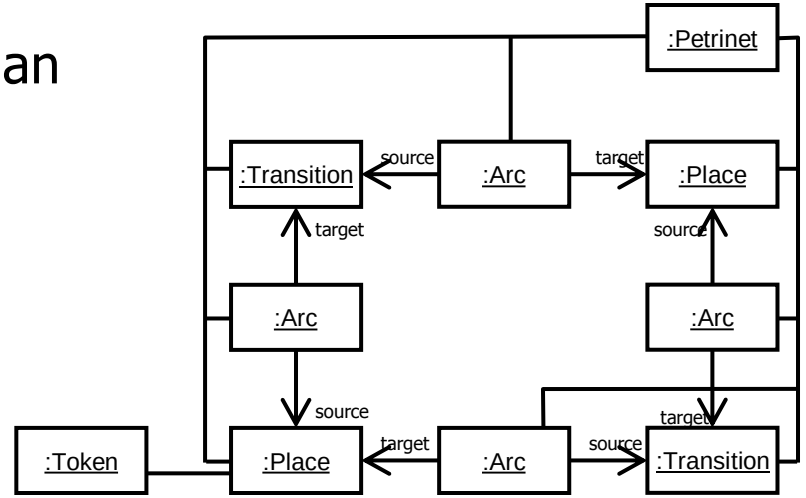
is instance of model!

A Petri net editor in 15 minutes!

GMF: Not kidding!

generate an editor





concrete syntax

abstract syntax

Benefits of Modelling (today)

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- Better Understanding
- Mapping of instances to XML syntax (XMI)
- Automatic Code Generation
  - API for creating, deleting and modifying model
  - Methods for loading and saving models (in XMI)
  - Standard mechanisms for keeping track of changes (observers)
  - Editors and GUIs

How about “real” functionality / behaviour?

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Motivation

- Given some object oriented software with (or without) explicit domain model

- Model behaviour on top of it – and make these models executable
- Model behaviour on a high level of abstraction (domain level)

→ Integrate behaviour models with structural models

→ Integrate different structural models (even from different technologies and without underlying models)

5.1 Example

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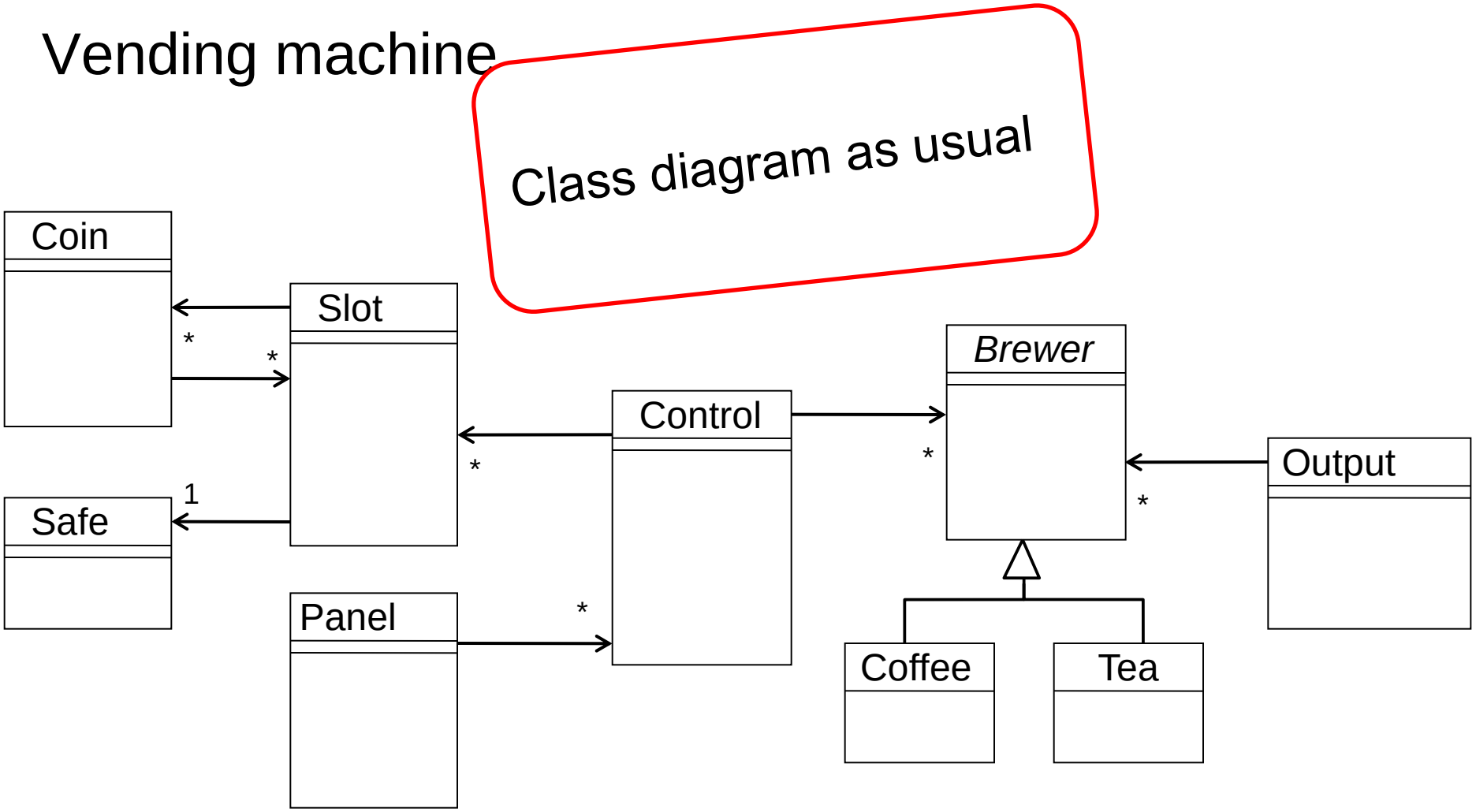
Vending machine



Instance: object diagram

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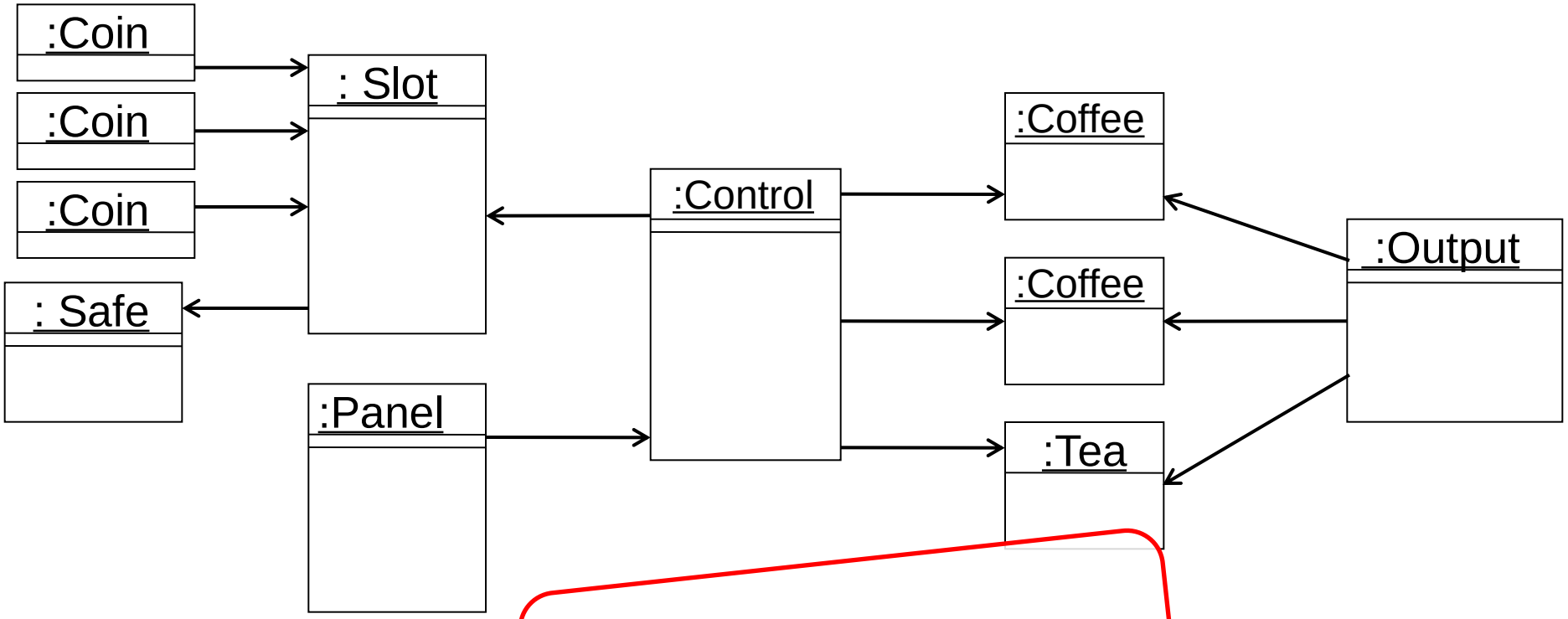

Object diagram as usual

Coordination Diagram

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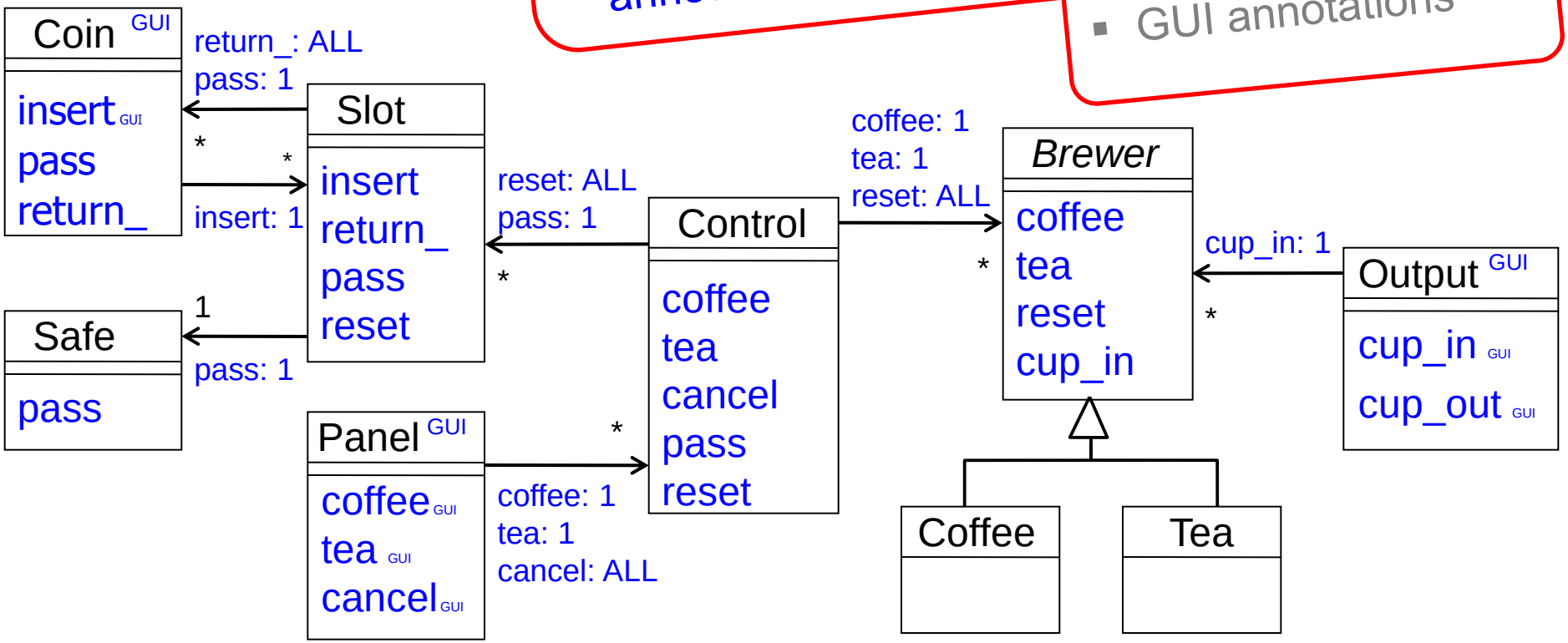
- We call objects elements now!

- Events (event types)
- Coordination references: event type + quantification annotation

- GUI annotations



... + Event declaration

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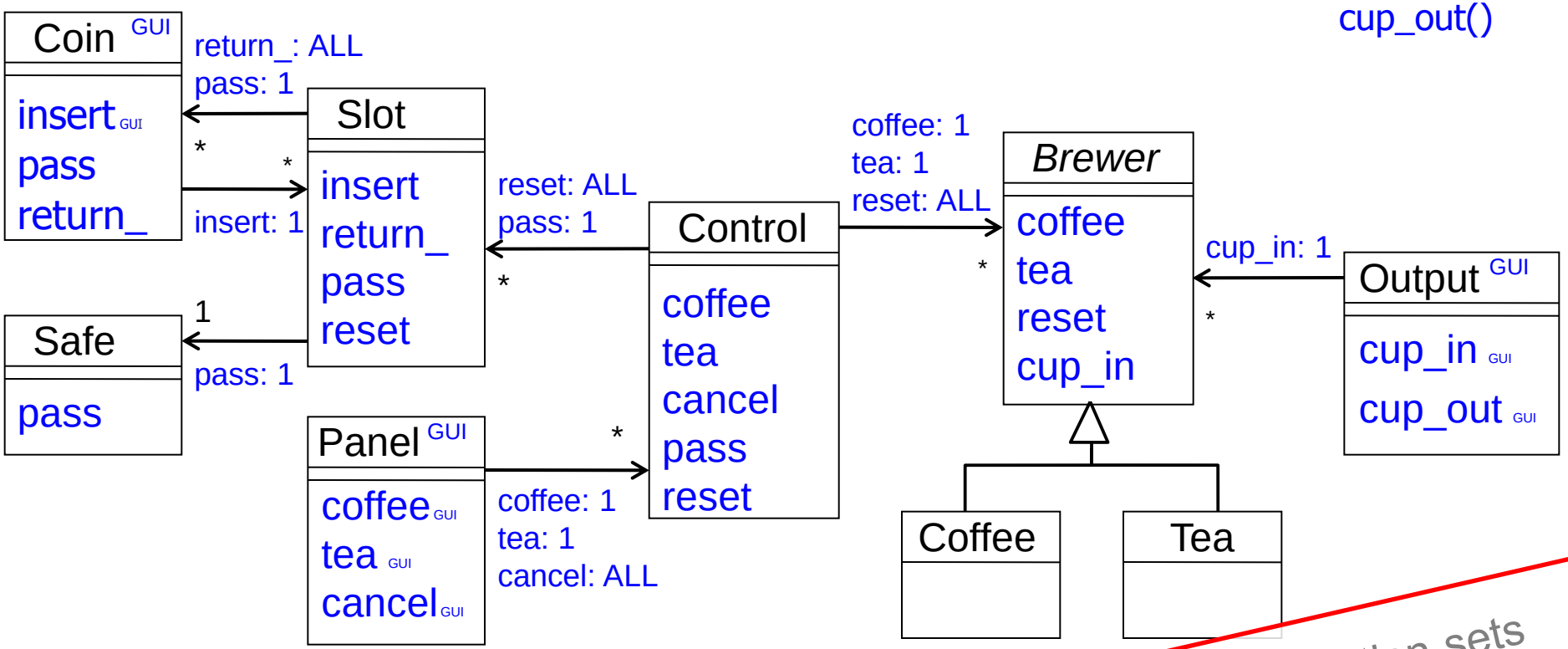
- Event (type) declaration
- Parameters

insert(Coin coin, Slot slot)
pass(Coin coin, Slot slot)
return(Slot slot)
reset_()

coffee()
tea()
cancel()

cup_in()
cup_out()



- Coordination sets (not discussed here)

Interactions

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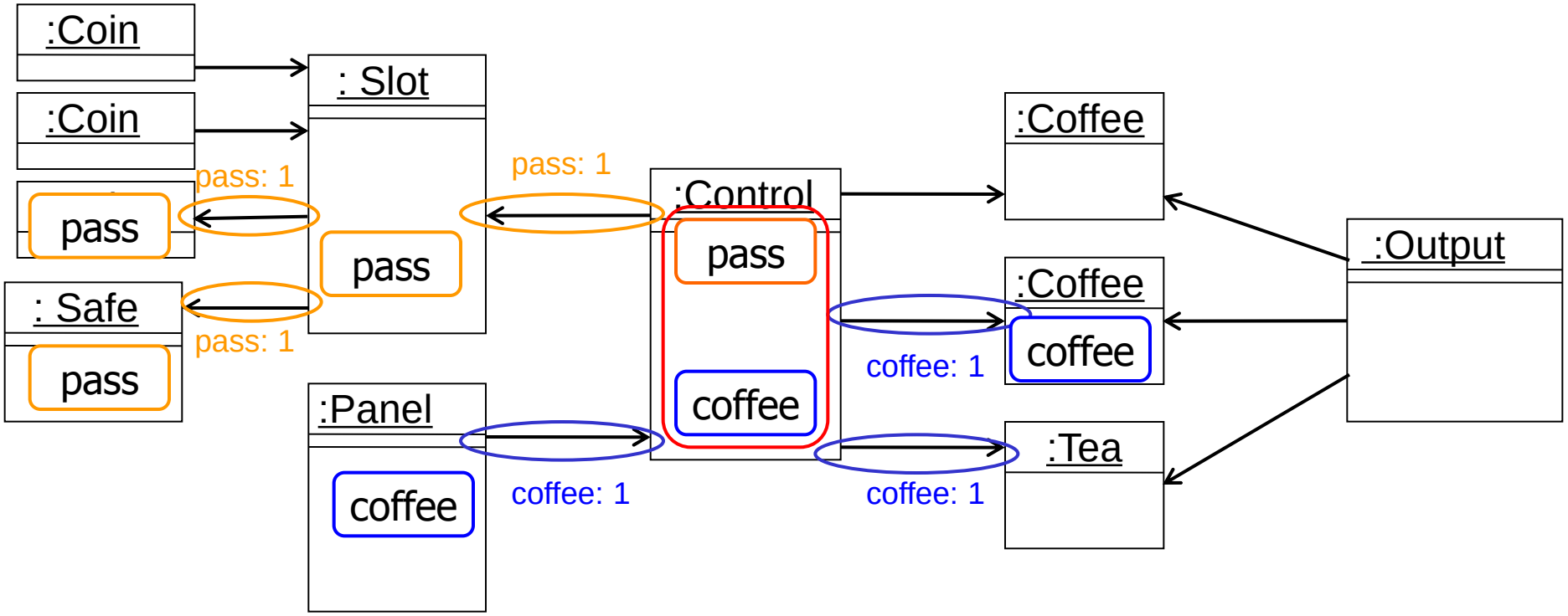

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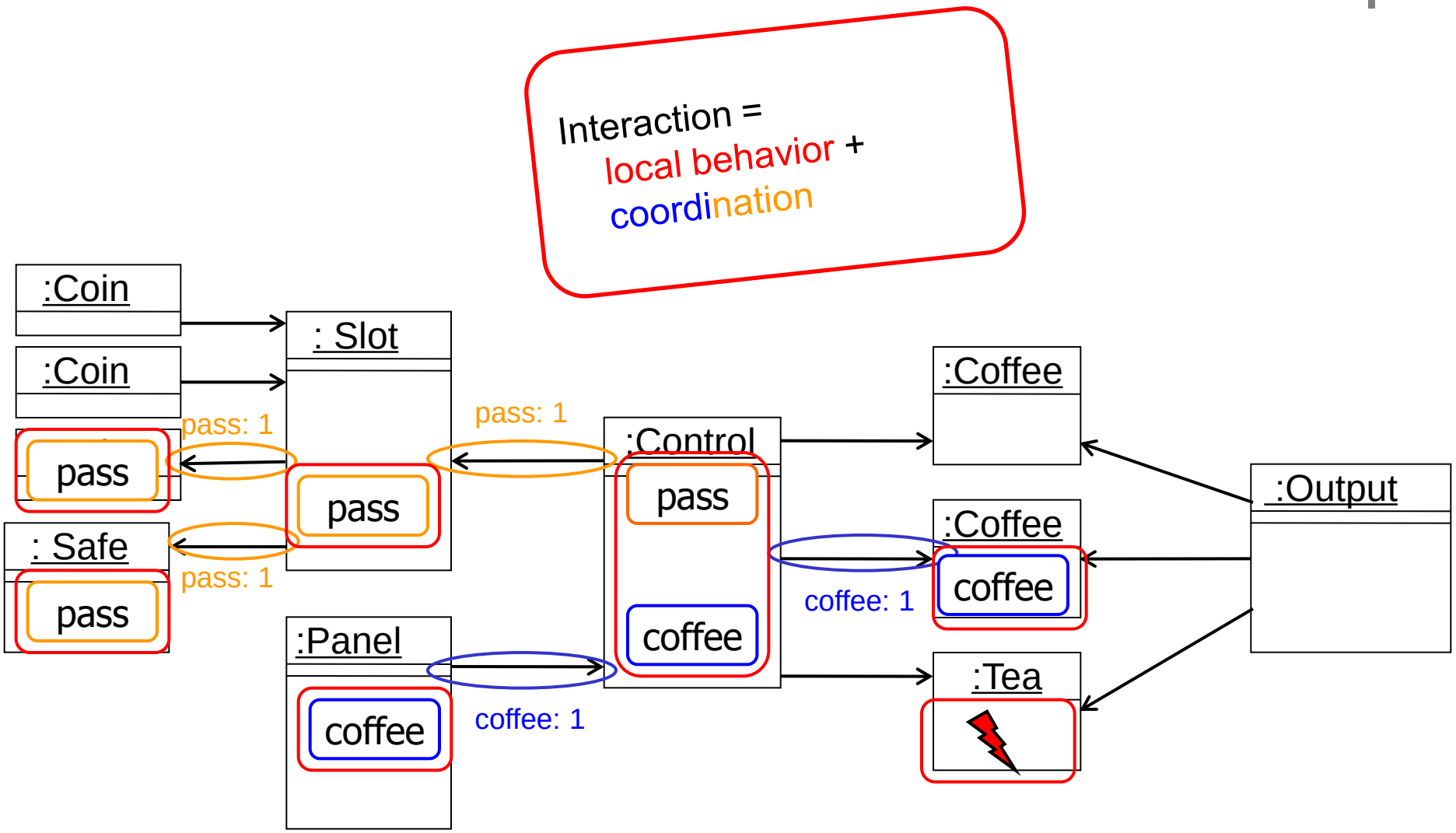

Another Interaction

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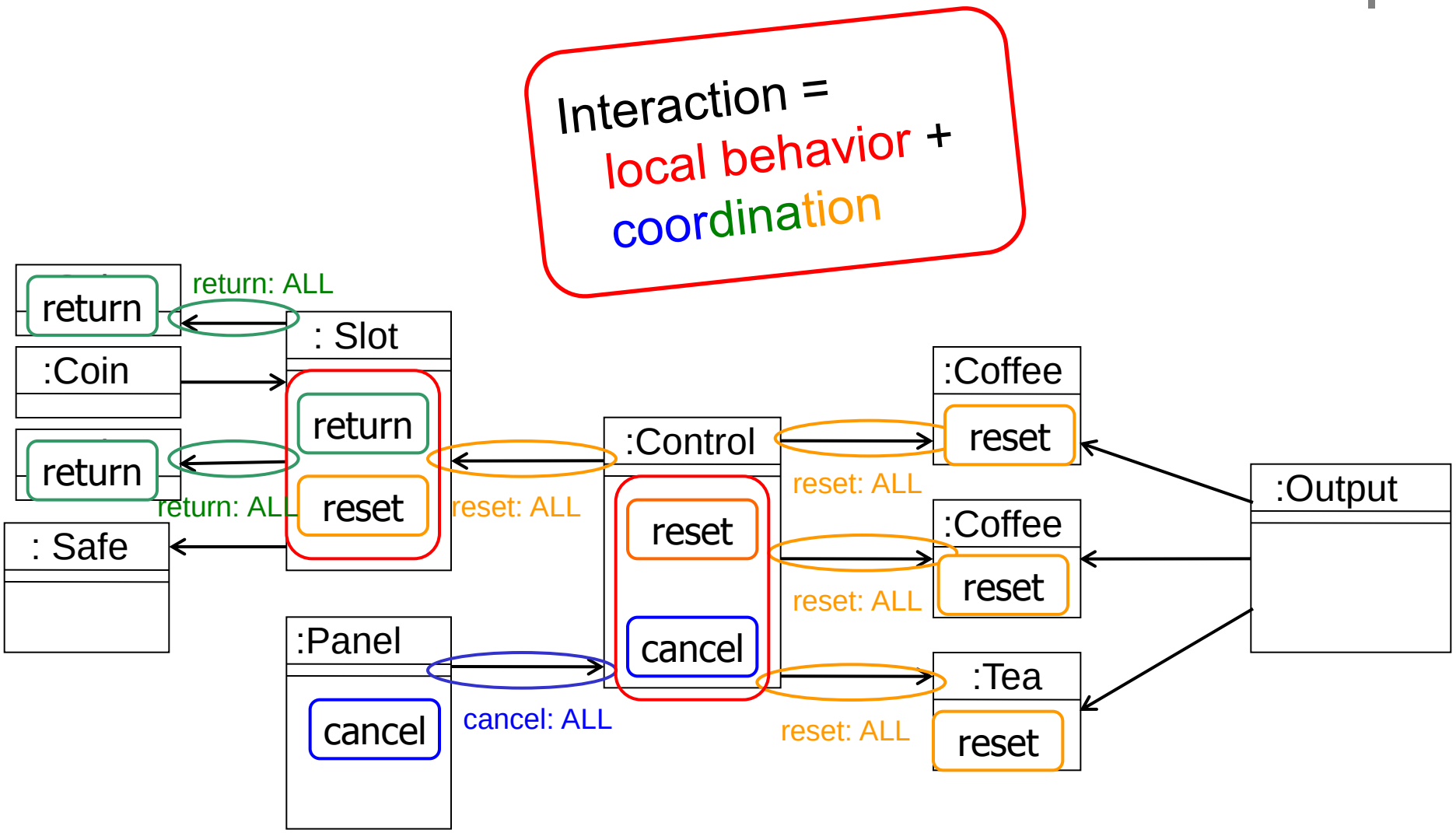

Local behaviour: Coffee

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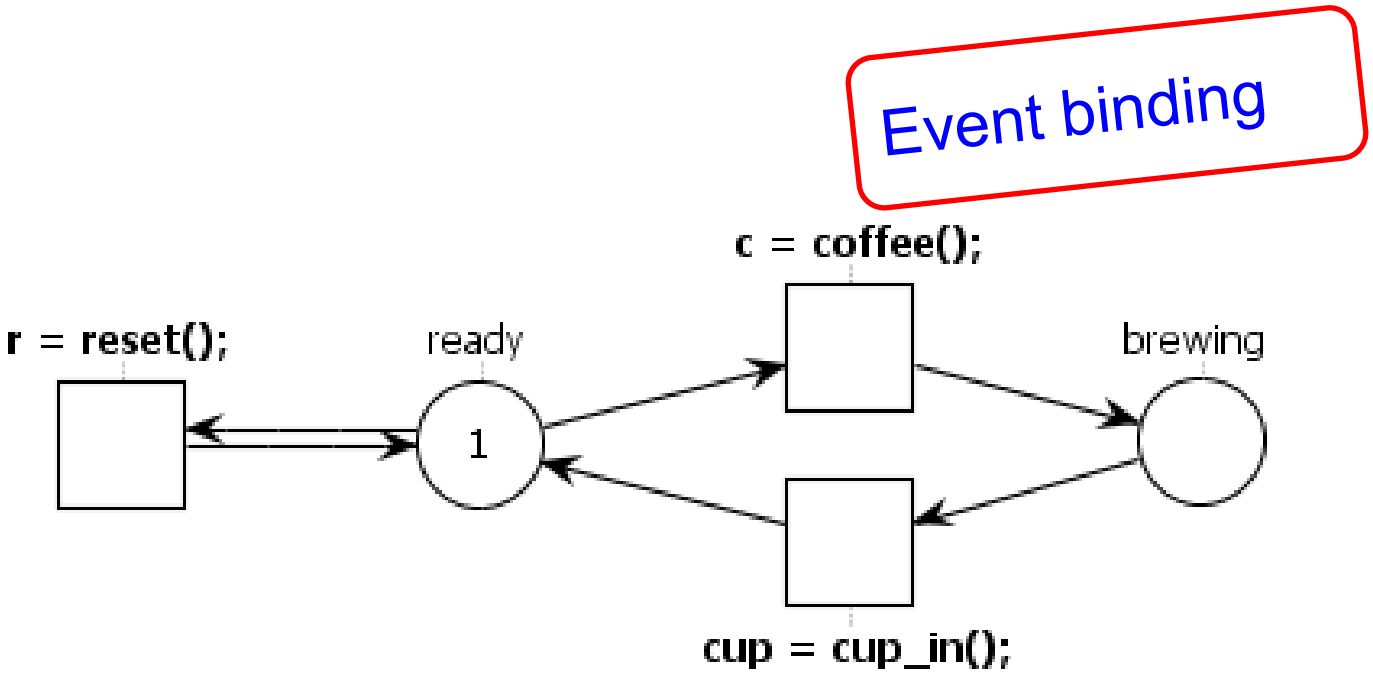

Local behaviour: Coin

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import dk.dtu.imm.se.ecno.engine.ExecutionEngine;

final ExecutionEngine engine = ExecutionEngine.getInstance();
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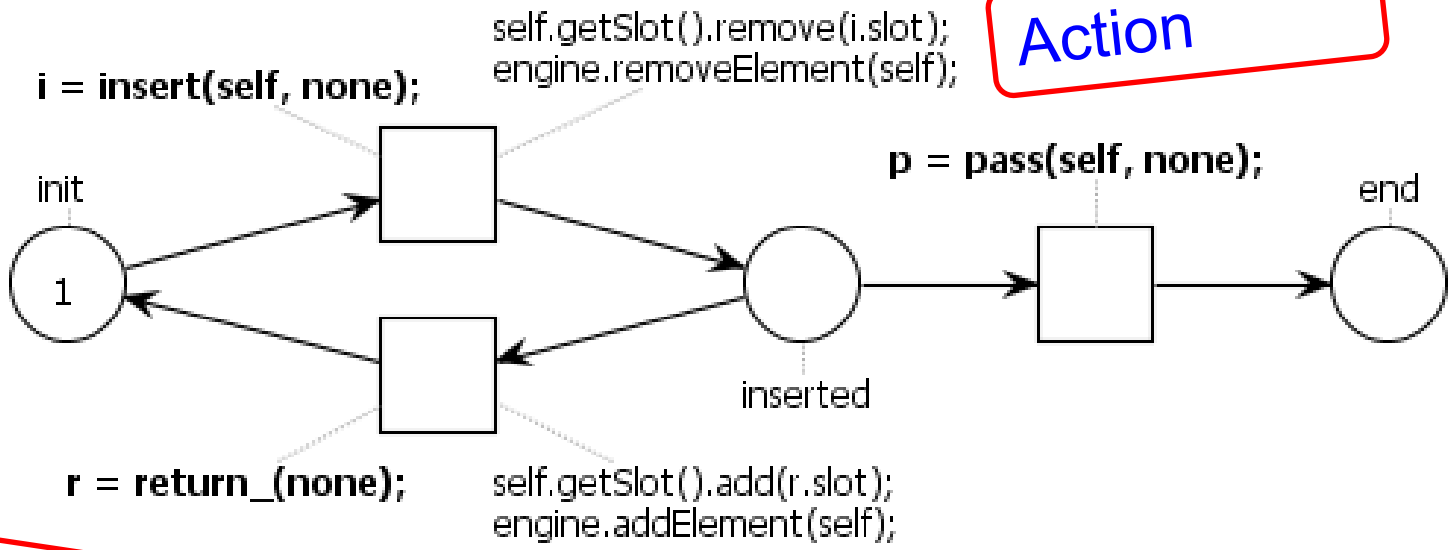
Attribute declaration (here constants)

Action



- Event binding
- Parameter assignment

Local behaviour: Control

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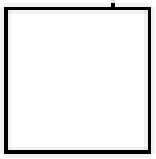
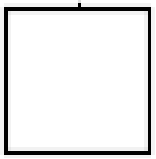
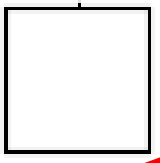
p = pass(none,none); c = coffee();

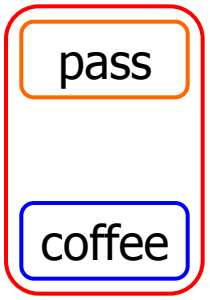


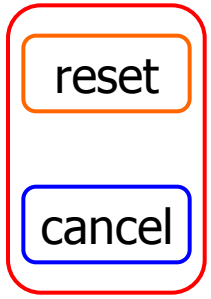
p = pass(none,none); t = tea();



c = cancel(); r = reset();







- Event binding with multiple event types!

Local behaviour: Slot

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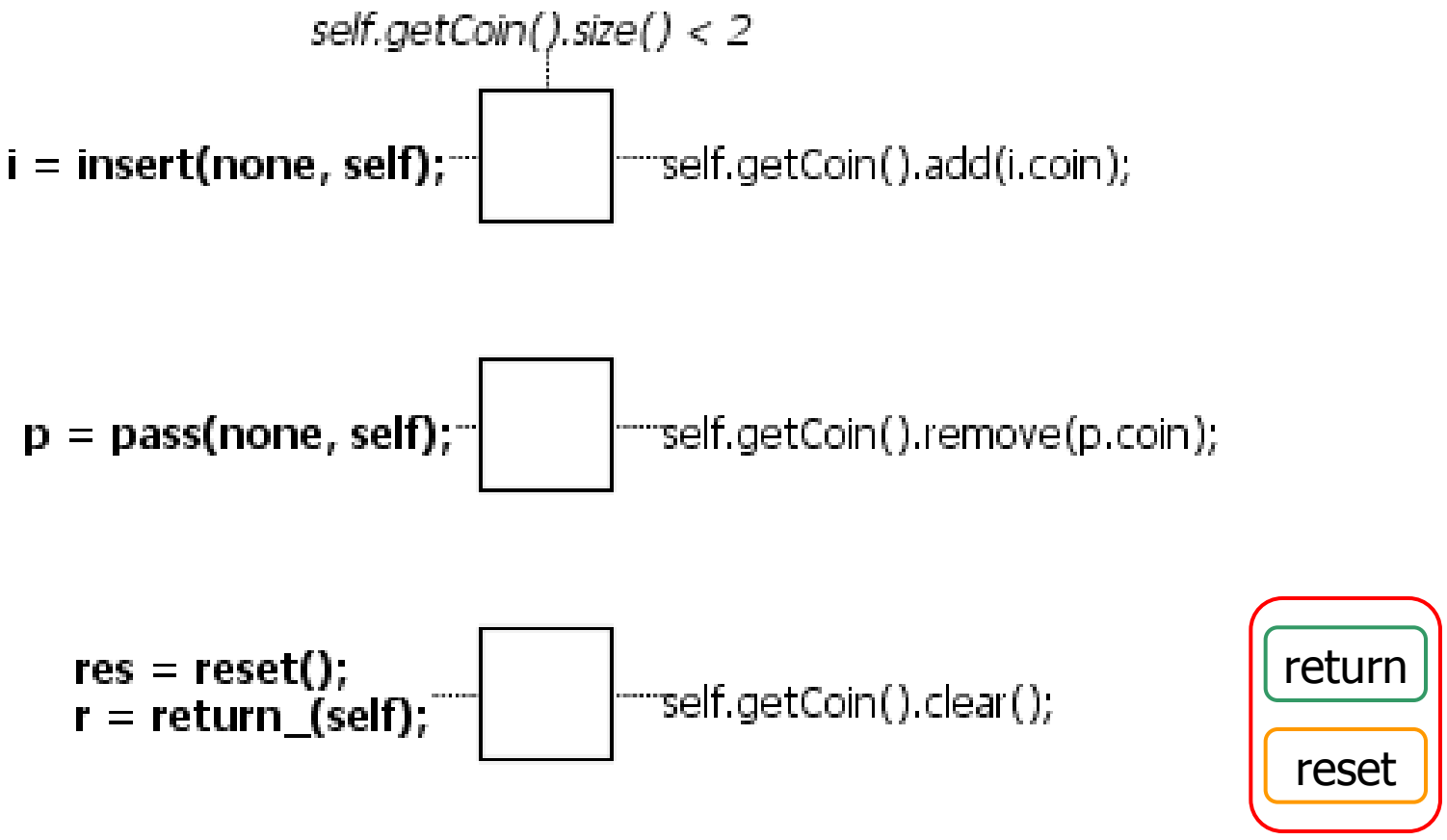

Interactions

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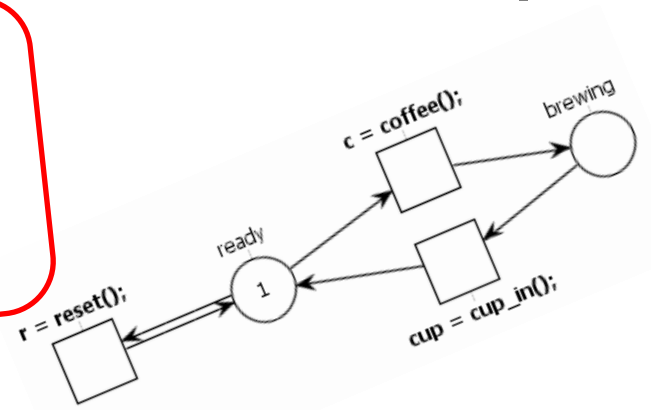
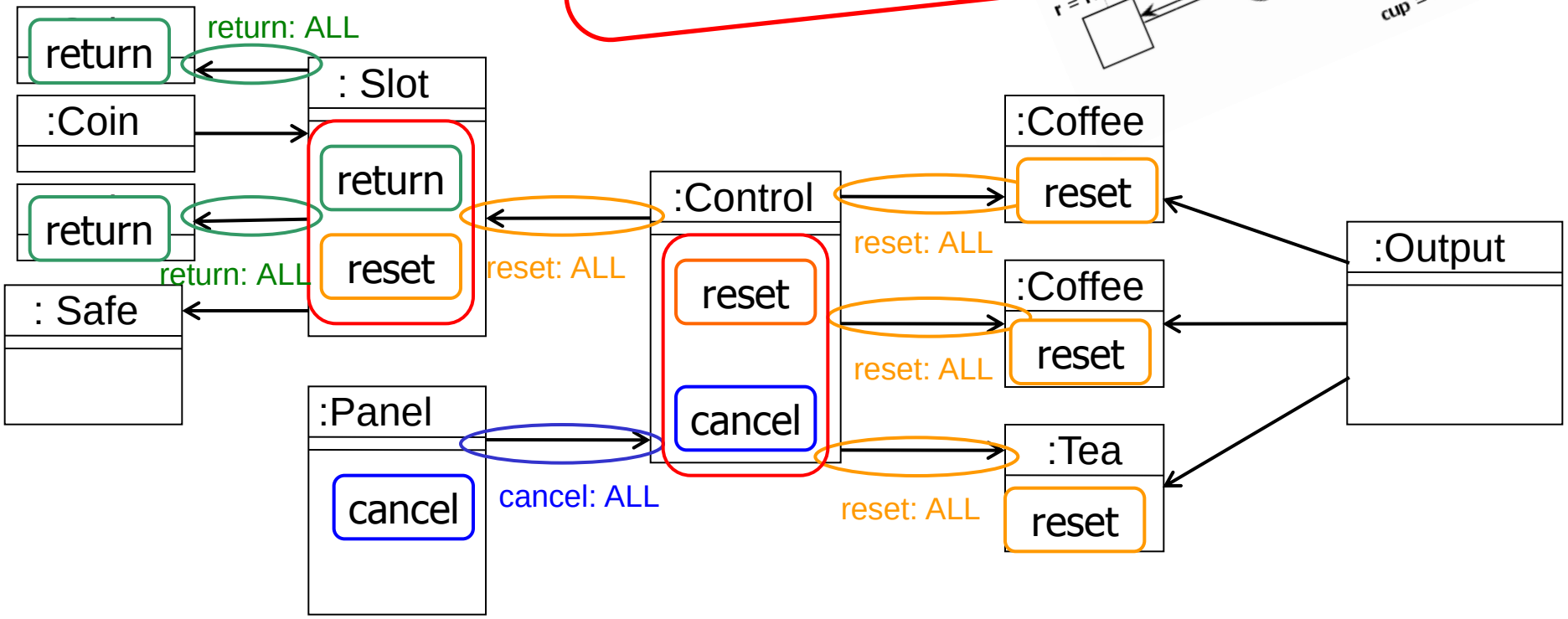
Interaction =
local behavior +
coordination





5.2 ECNO: Basic Concepts

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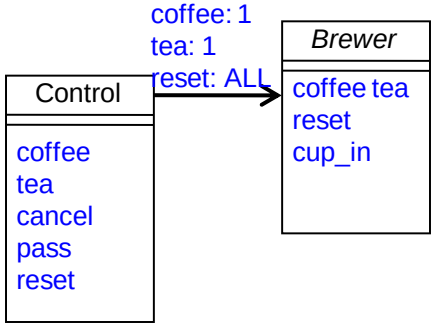
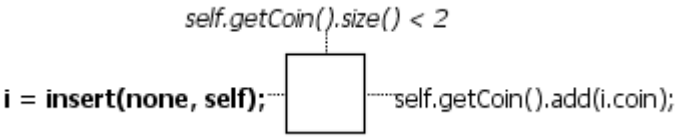
- ElementTypes (Classes)
- EventTypes with
  - parameters

insert(Coin coin, Slot slot)

- Global Behaviour: Coordination annotations for references
  - Event type
  - Quantification (1 or ALL)



- Local behaviour: ECNO nets
  - Event binding (with parameter assignment)
  - Condition
  - Action



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Parameter passing is different from classical method invocations!

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Interactions can span many elements; which depends on the current situation. Circles are possible.

- Local behaviour: Or something else
  - Event binding (with parameter assignment)
  - Condition
  - Action

ECNO nets are but one way of modelling local behaviour.

5.3 Extensions

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ECNO with its basic concepts has some limitations, which makes modelling things **in an adequate way** a bit painful.

- Right now, for one event type we need to consider all coordination annotations for that event type starting from the element.

  Sometimes, we just want to follow either one or another or a subset together.

Limitations (cntd.)

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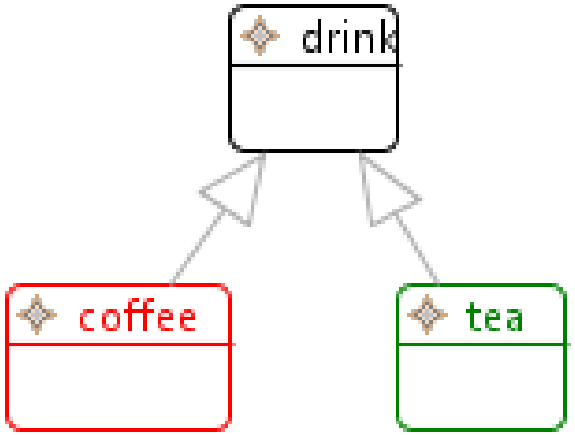
- Sometimes, we want to extend event types later



”Nicer Vendingmachine”

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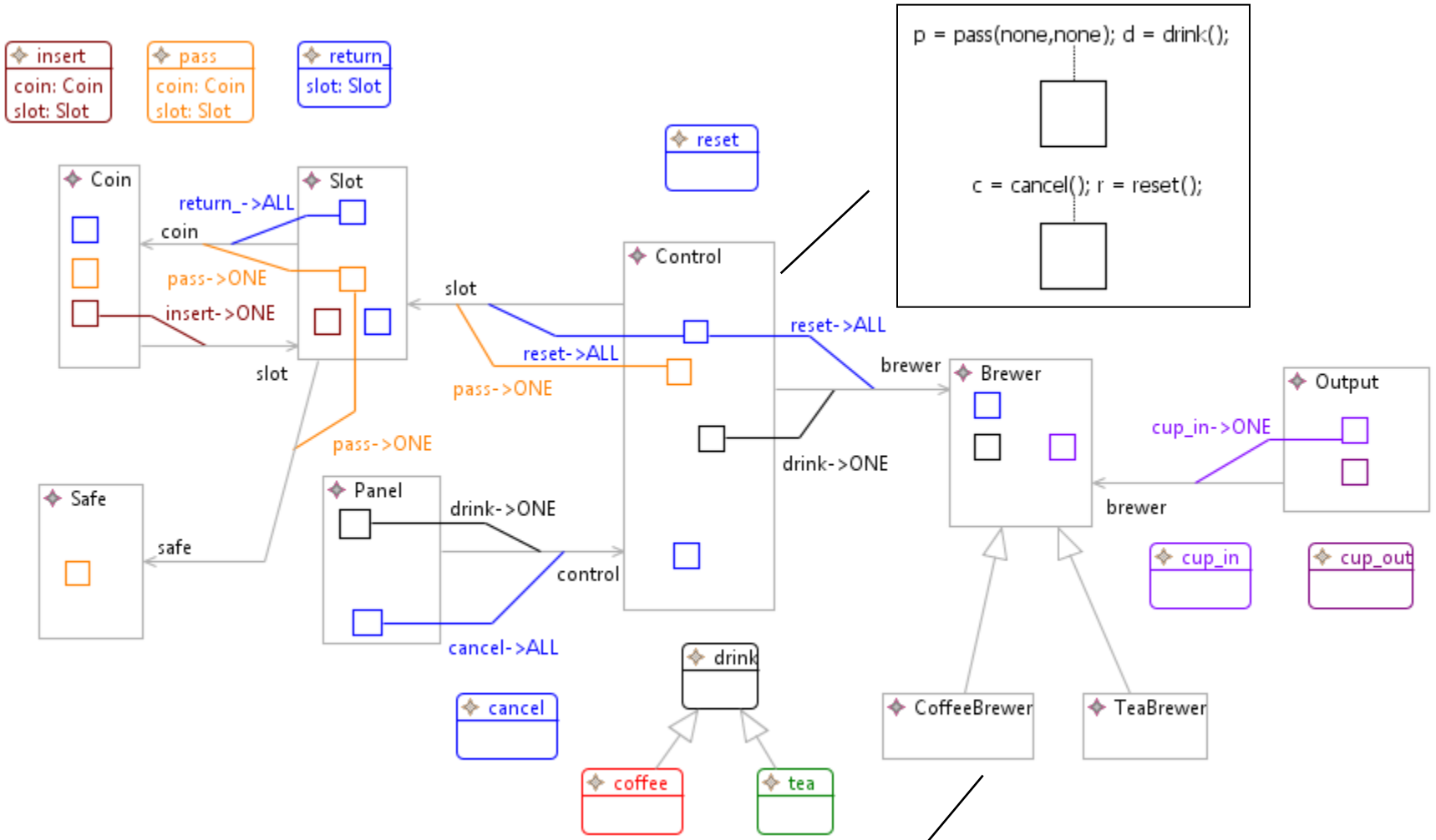

Event Inheritance

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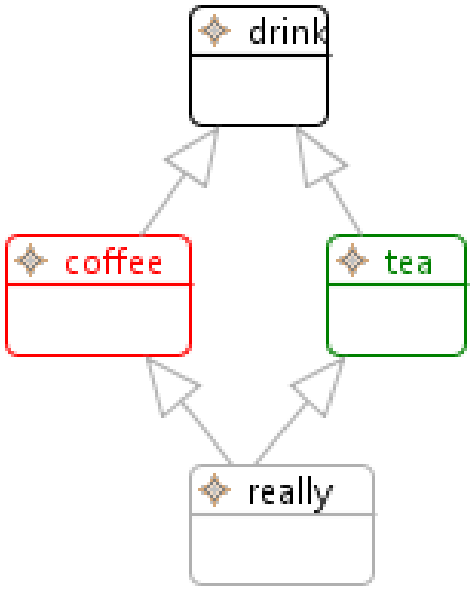
Question: Would we like to have multiple inheritance on event types?

Problems:

- We could never be sure that two event types that were meant to be different are different!
- We would not know which event type an instance of subtype would represent!



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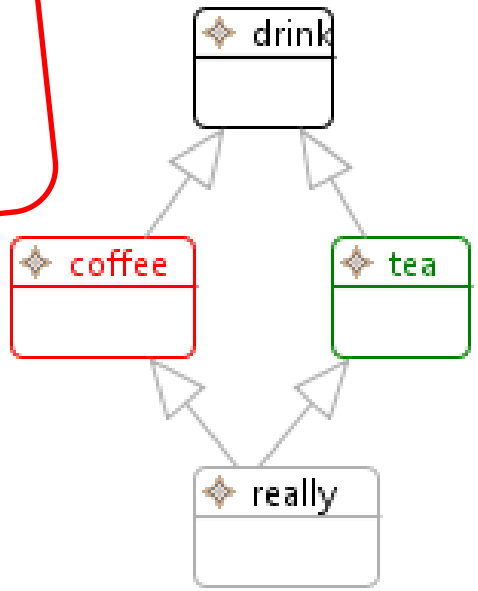

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We also do not introduce a top-level event type (like Object in Java) from which all inherit. Why?

Behaviour inheritance

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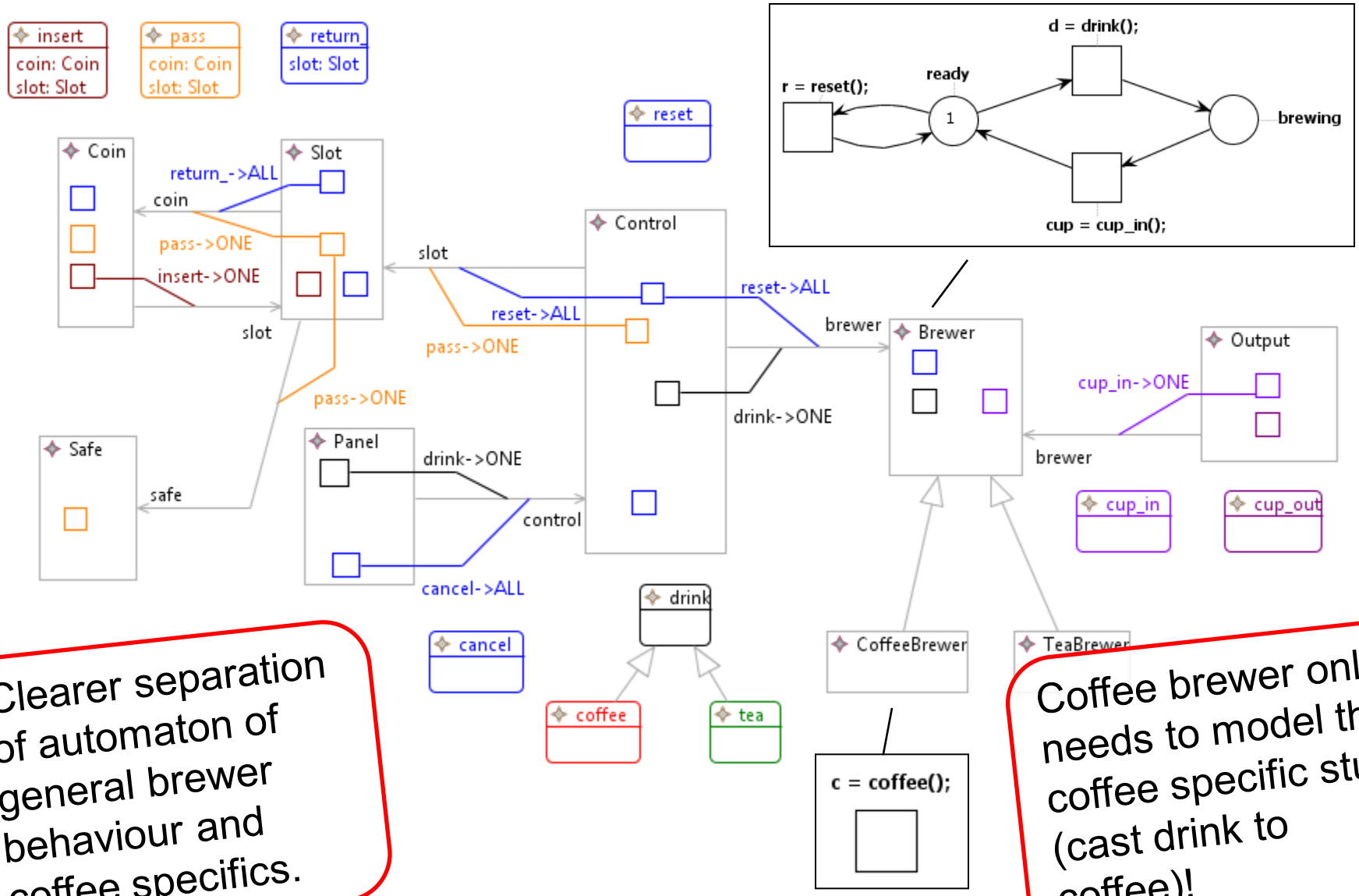

Clearer separation of automaton of general brewer behaviour and coffee specifics.

Coffee brewer only needs to model the coffee specific stuff (cast drink to coffee)!

Behaviour inheritance

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- Every level in the element type hierarchy of an element can have a behaviour. These behaviours will be synchronized, and jointly executed.

- Only if the behaviour on all levels can participate (has a choice) for an event, the element can participate in this event.

5.4 Another example: Petri nets

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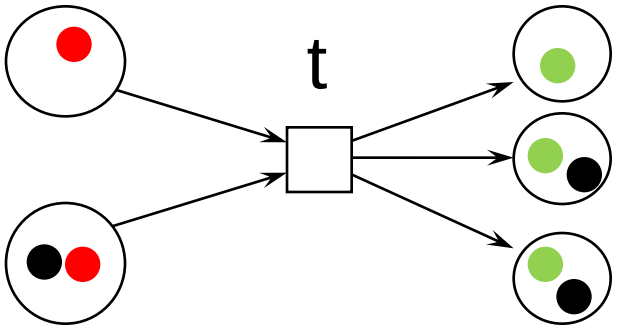

How can we model that behaviour in ECNO nets?

Transition t **enabled**:
for ALL incoming Arcs a:
for ONE source Place p of Arc a:
find a token

fire Transition t:
for ALL incoming Arcs a:
for ONE source Place p of Arc a:
find a token and remove it

for ALL outgoing arcs a:
for ONE target Place p of Arc a:
add a new Token

Petri net: Class Diagram

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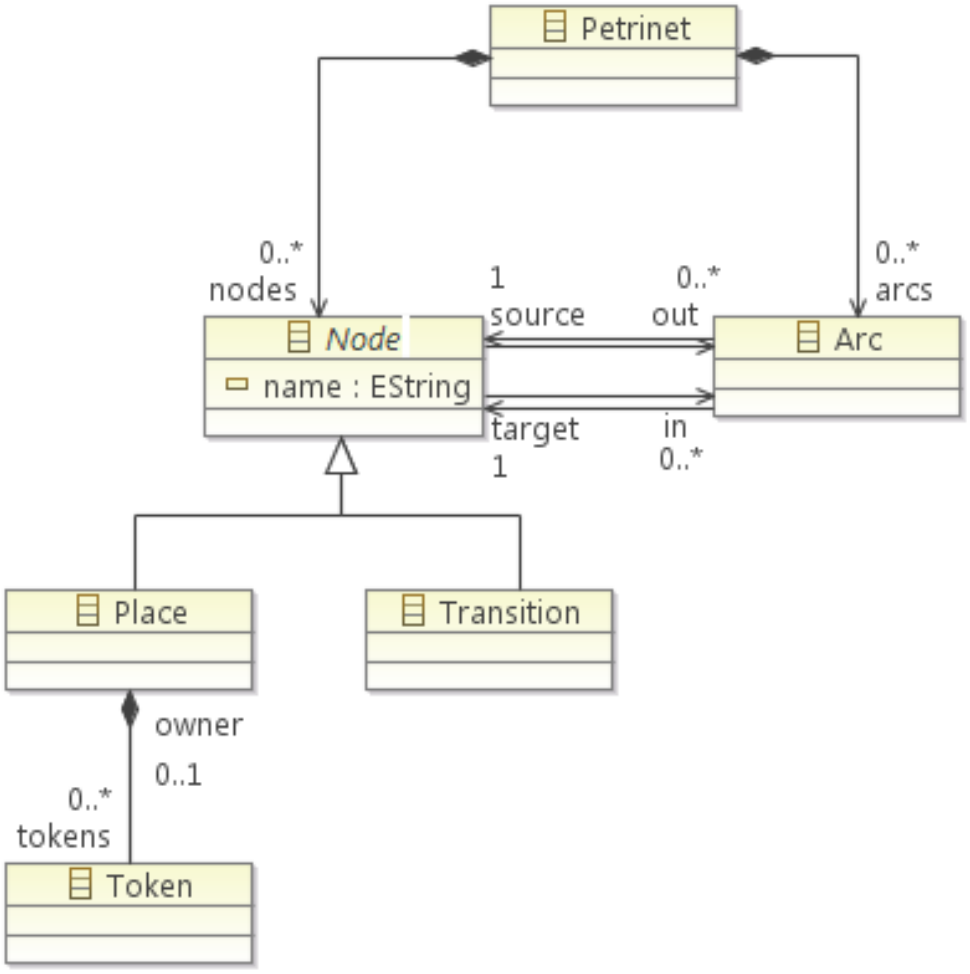

ECNO Semantics of PN

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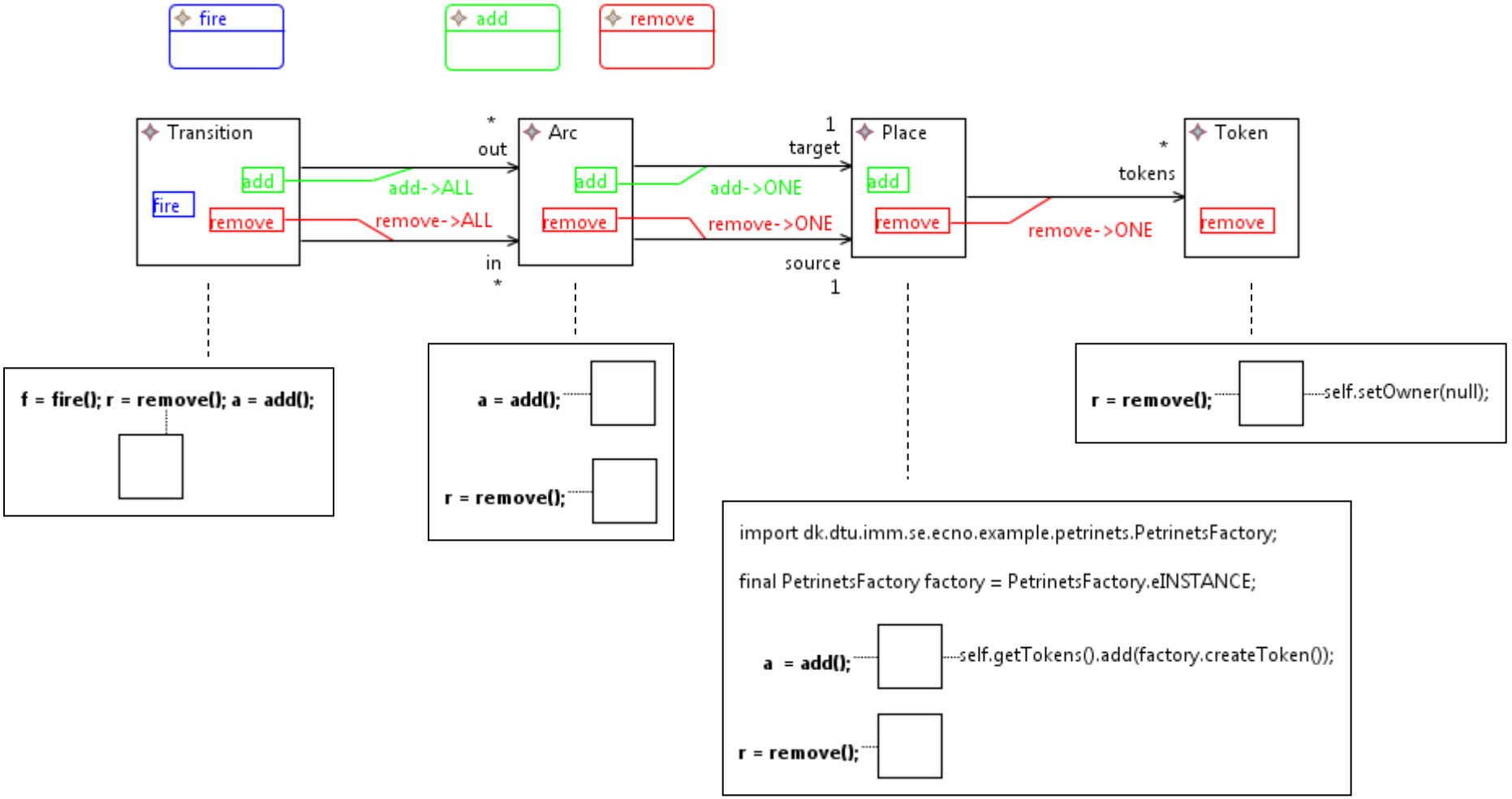

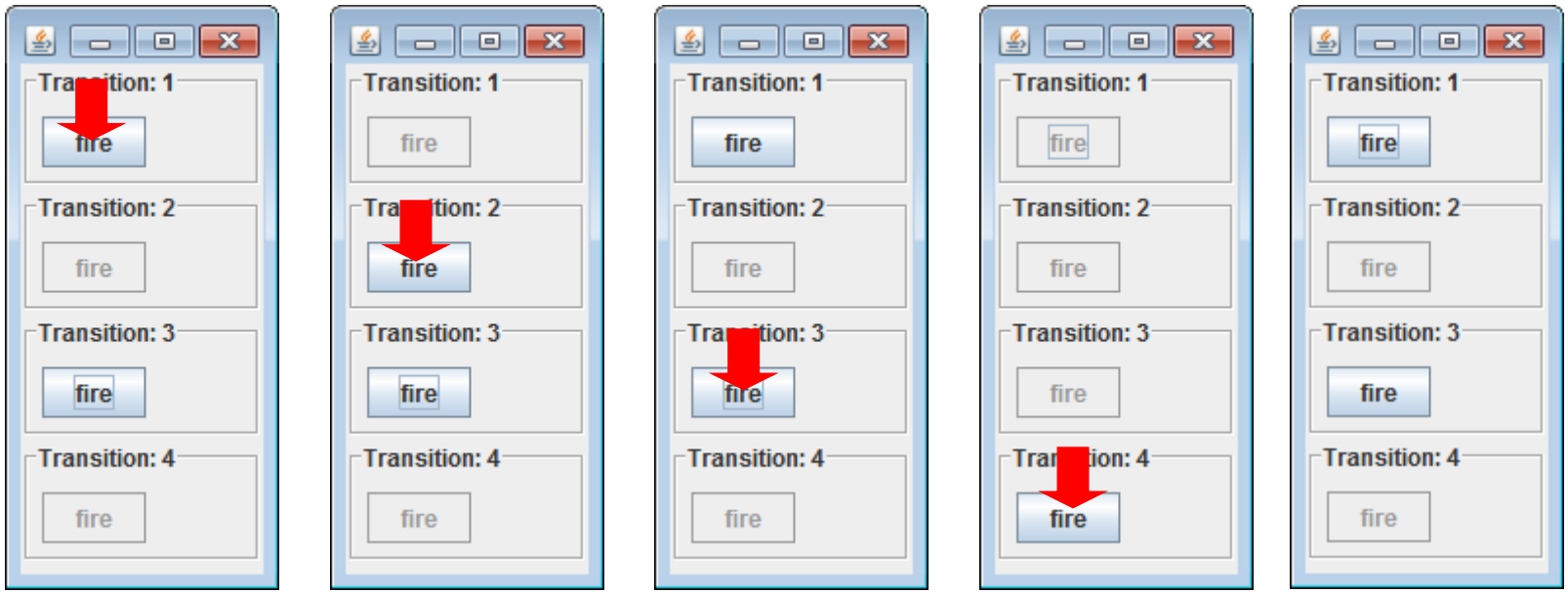

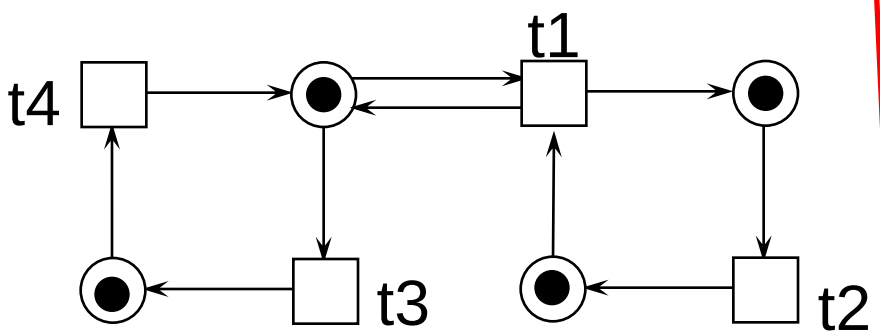

With the ECNO concepts as presented up to now, t1 would never be enabled! Why?

ECNO: Student projects

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- ACI**D**: Run ECNO on top of a data base (hibernate for persisting the current state)

- **PDE support**:
  - Debugging ECNO models
    - visualize enabled and not-enabled interactions
    - formulate conditions / create break points
  - Better integration with Java

- **DSL for GUI** of ECNO application:
  (cf. project 3 → larger project (e.f WFMS))

ECNO: Student projects

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- Theory:
  - **formalisation** of ECNO semantics and verification
  - formalisation of ECNO semantics in ECNO itself (which concepts are needed for that)
- Methodology:
  - Larger examples
  - Best practices: make good use of the features
  - ECNO for which kinds of systems
  - ...
- ...

VIII. Summary and Outlook

Overview

- Modelling
  - OCL
  - Automata
  - Petri nets
  - BPM (concepts only)
- Meta-modelling (MOF)
  - self-referential
  - self-describing (M3)
- Transformation & synchronisation of models
  - M2T (JET, Codegeneration)
  - M2M (TGG & QVT)
- DSLs (Domain Specific Languages)

Works nicely for structure; but not so nicely for behaviour yet!

The Meta Object Facility (MOF)

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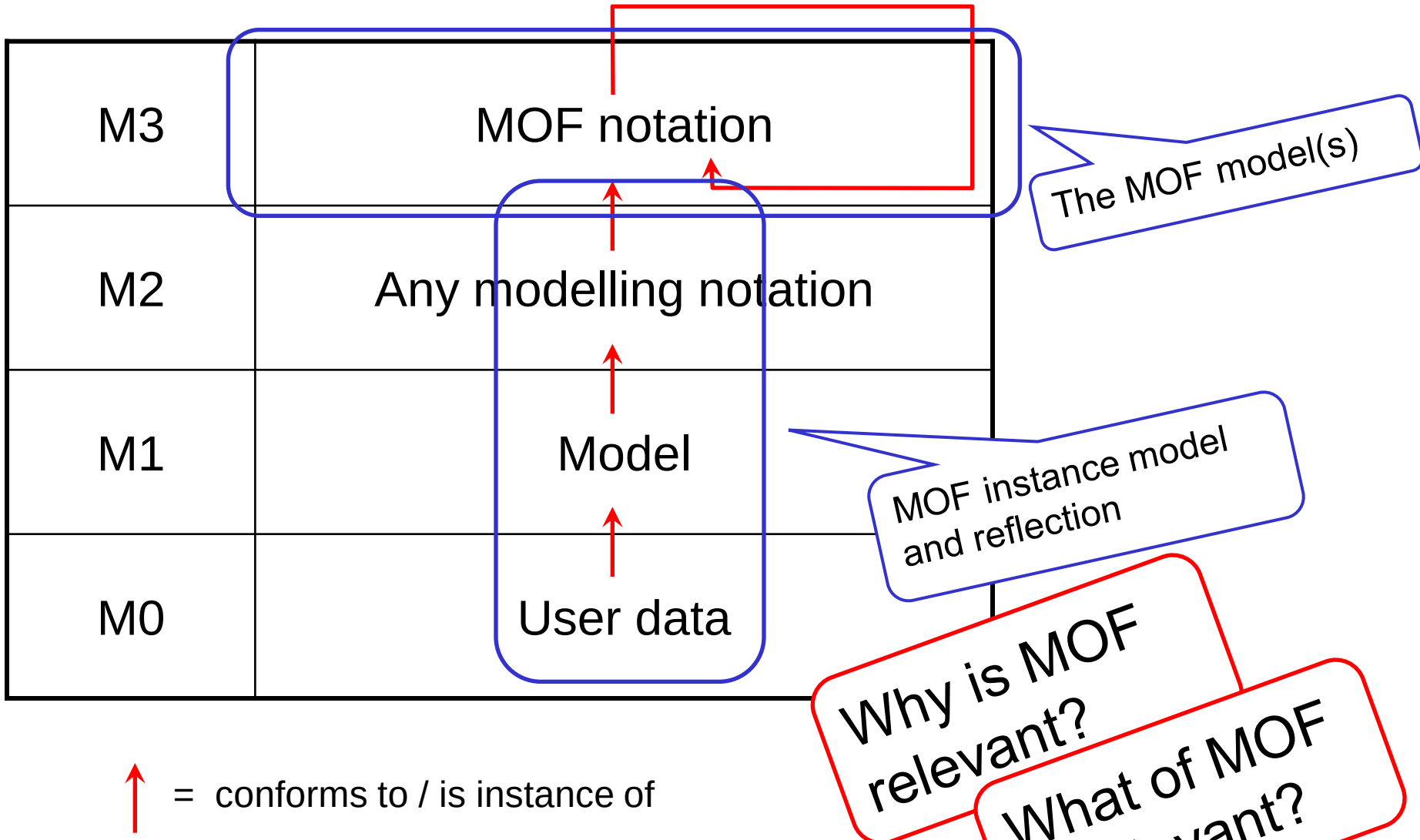

Meta-levels

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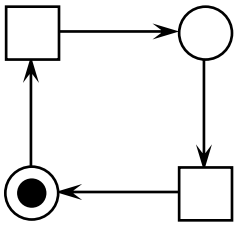

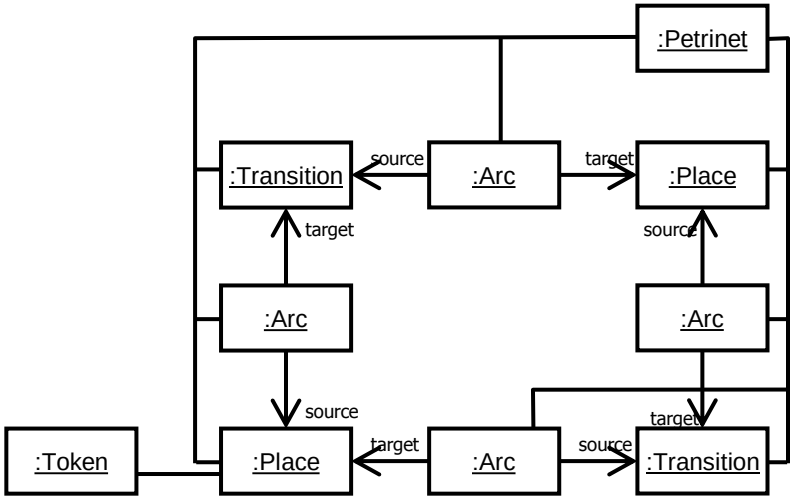

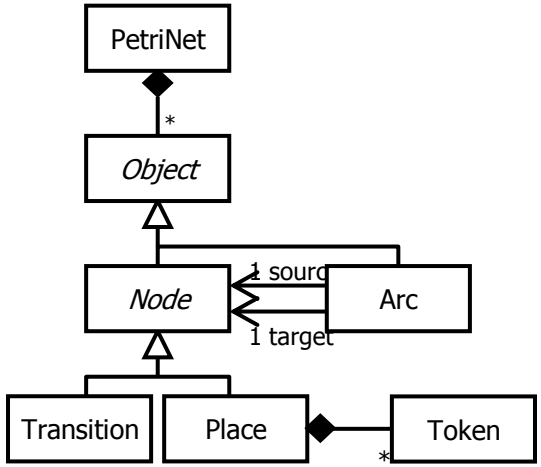

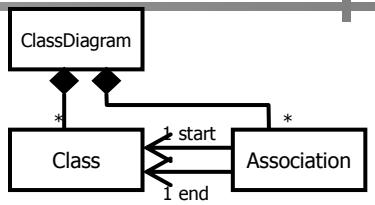

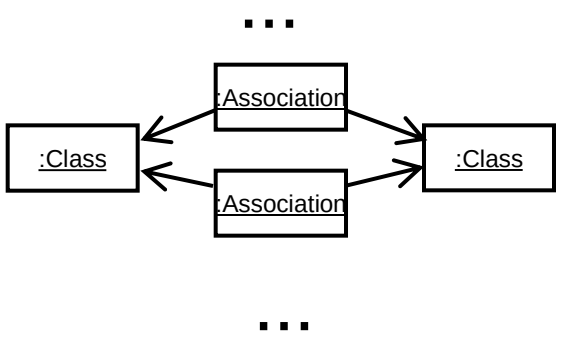

Meta modelling

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- understanding and clarifying concepts and making them explicy (independently of concrete syntax)
- building tools that support Model-based Software Engineering (MBSE)

On the model as well as on the meta modelling level!

- bootstrapping: developing tools in their own technology (ultimate litmus test)

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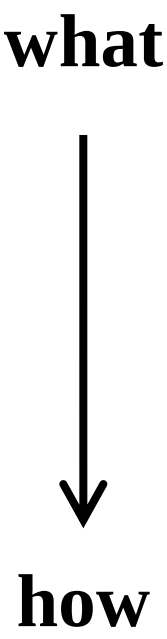
Use models on different levels of detail and granularity for modelling software and generating software out of them

- CIM: Computation Independent Model (conceptual)
- PIM: Platform Independet Model (technical but not platform specific)
- PSM: Platform Specific Model



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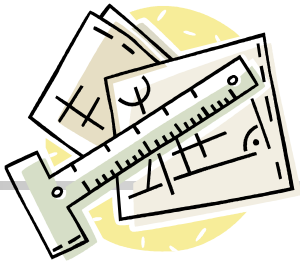

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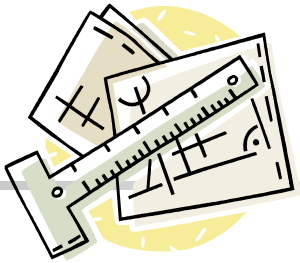

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Strictly speaking, only the first one is MDA (that's why I often use the term MBSE)

Two approaches:

- Transformation CIM → PIM → PSM → Code
- Incremental CIM + PIM + PSM → Code

Discuss: Pro and Cons

Domain model

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”Domain model” vs. ”Software model”

- A ”software model”, in a sense, models the ”how” of the software
- A ”domain model” models the ”what”

BTW:
What is a DSL?

How far can we come with domain models for making software?