

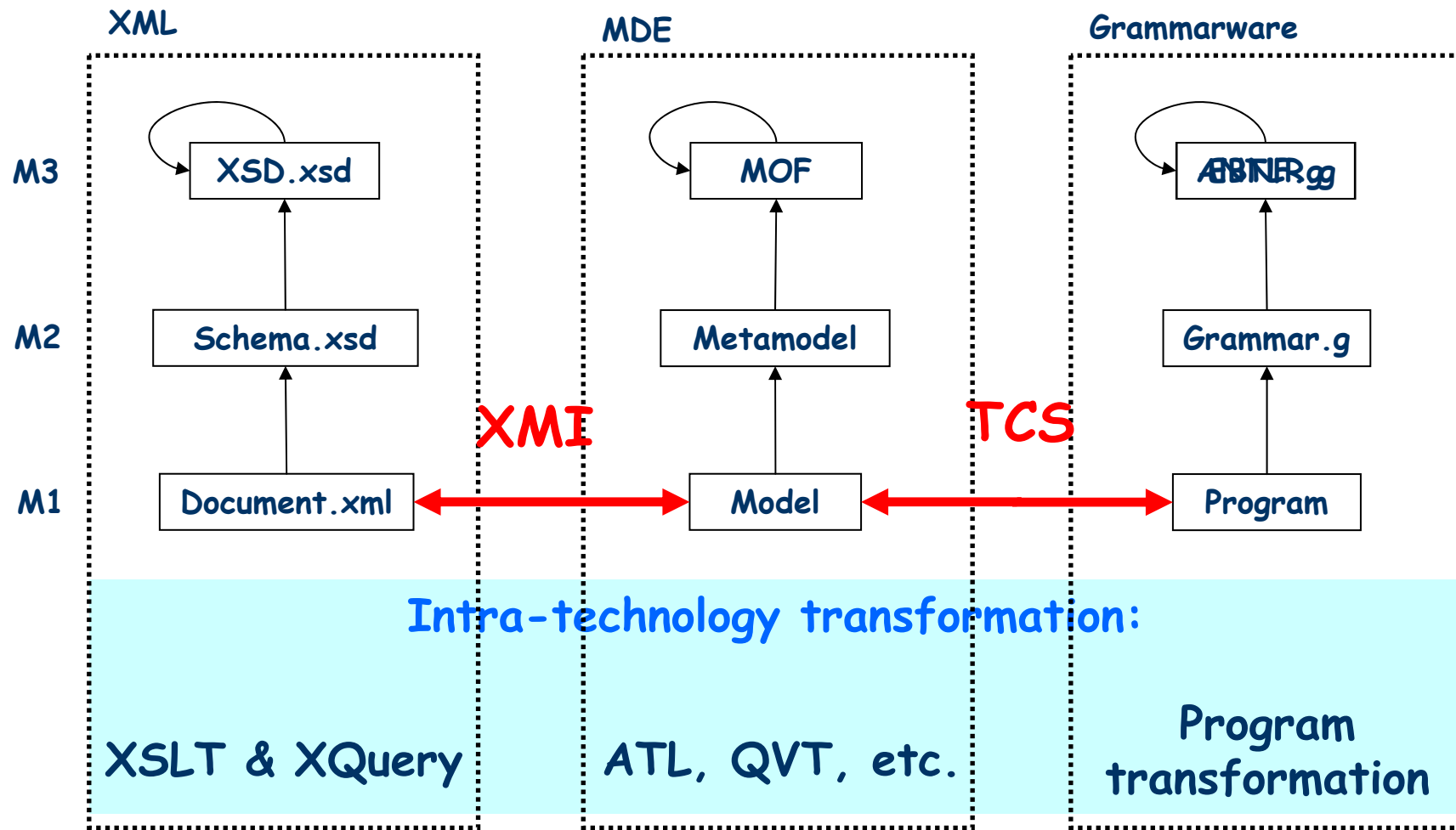
Textual Syntax Specification with TCS

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Reading about TCS

- Jouault, F., Bézivin, J., and Kurtev, I.: *TCS: a DSL for the Specification of Textual Concrete Syntaxes in Model Engineering*. In: *GPCE'06: Proceedings of the fifth international conference on Generative programming and Component Engineering*, Portland, Oregon, USA, pages 249–254. 2006.

Context



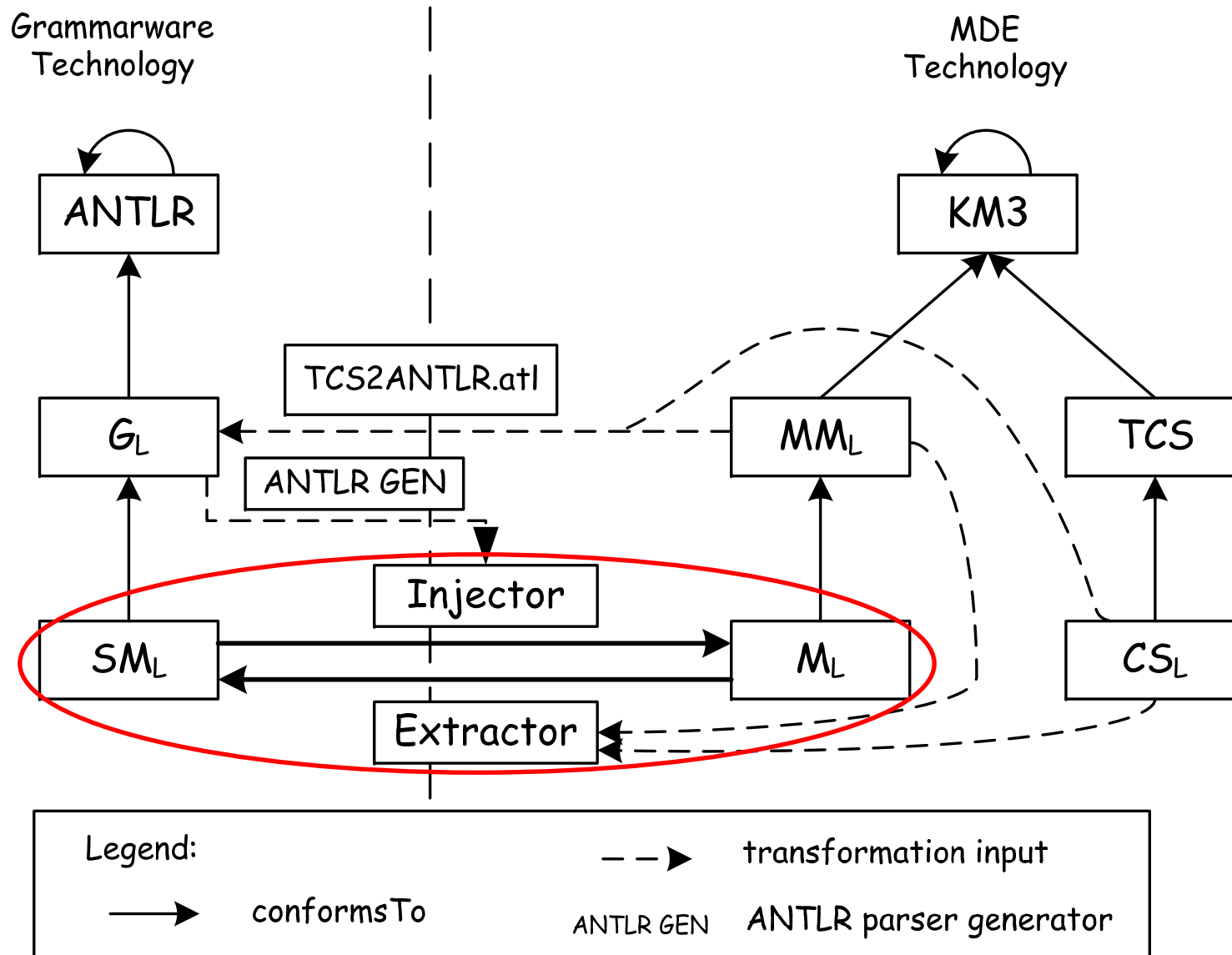
→ conformsTo

↔ Inter-technology transformation

TCS Overview

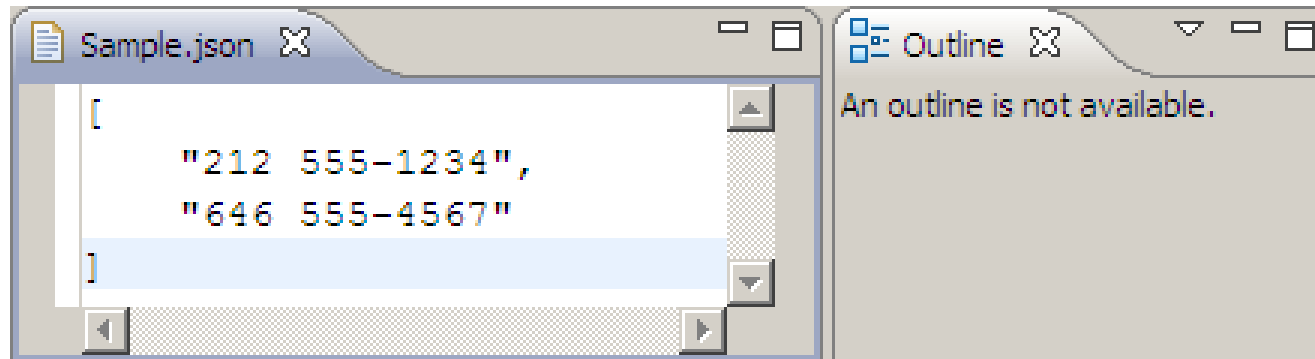
- Declaratively specify textual concrete syntaxes for metamodels:
 - Customizable/user-friendly,
 - Without repeating what is in the metamodels,
- Automatically parse programs into models:
 - Keep tracing information (e.g. line number),
- Automatically serialize models into programs:
 - Pretty printing (automatic indentation),
- Provide a featured editor.

TCS Overview: Megamodel

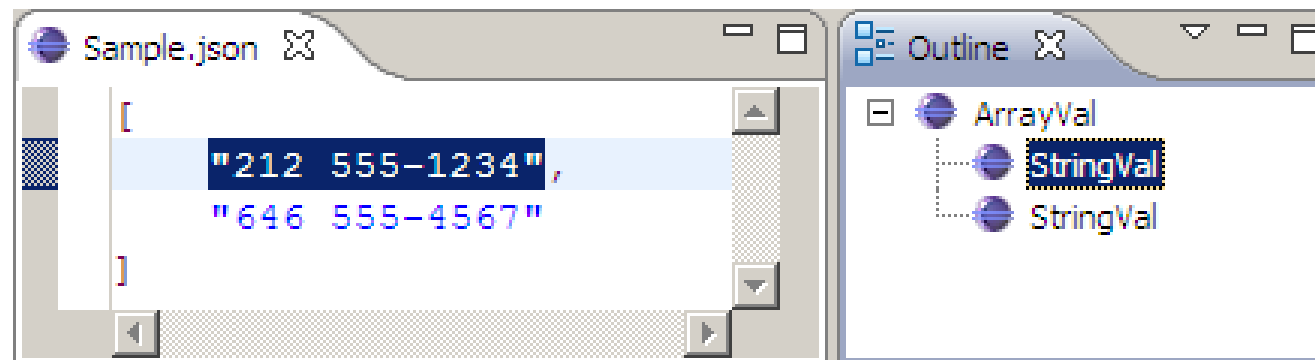


Example: JSON (JavaScript Object Notation)

- Without TCS:



- With TCS:



Example: excerpt from the definition of JSON (in KM3 and TCS)

Metamodel excerpt:

```
abstract class Value extends LocatedElement {}
class StringVal extends Value {
  attribute value : String;
}
class ArrayVal extends Value {
  reference elements[*] ordered container : Value;
}
```

Excerpt of corresponding TCS model:

```
template Value main abstract;
template StringVal
  : value{as = stringSymbol}
  ;

template ArrayVal
  : "[" elements{separator = ","} "]"
  ;
```

Excerpt of generated grammar:

```
value : stringVal | arrayVal;
stringVal : STRING;
arrayVal : LSQUARE (value (COMA value)*)?
RSQUARE;
```

Example: excerpt from the definition of KM3 (in KM3 and TCS)

Metamodel excerpt:

```
abstract class ModelElement {
  attribute name : String;
  reference "package" : Package oppositeOf contents;
}
```

```
class Package extends ModelElement {
  reference contents[*] ordered container : ModelElement oppositeOf "package";
}
```

Excerpt of corresponding TCS model:

```
template ModelElement abstract;

template Package main context
  : "package" name "{"
    contents
  : "}"
  ;
```

Excerpt of generated grammar:

```
modelElement : package_ ;
package_ : "package" identifier LCURLY
  (modelElement ( modelElement )* |)
RCURLY ;
```


Discussion

- There is little redundancy between the metamodel and the TCS:
 - The links between metamodel and TCS elements are done by name (e.g. Class & Template, properties, etc.),
 - The (primitive) type of the **name** attribute is known from the metamodel whereas its position in the text is known from the TCS,
 - The (complex) type and multiplicity of the **contents** reference are known from the metamodel whereas its position in the text is known from the TCS.
- Structural elements are defined in the metamodel.
- Syntax elements are defined in TCS:
 - Keywords as alpha-numeric strings between double quotes,
 - Symbols as non-alpha-numeric strings between double quotes.

More constructs: conditionals, symbol table handling

- Metamodel excerpt:

```
abstract class ModelElement {
    attribute name : String;
}
```

```
class Class extends Classifier {
    attribute isAbstract : Boolean;
    reference supertypes[*] : Class;
    reference structuralFeatures[*] ordered container : StructuralFeature
                                                oppositeOf owner;
}
```

- Corresponding TCS excerpt:

```
template Classifier abstract addToContext;
```

```
template Class context
:   (isAbstract ? "abstract") "class" name
    (isDefined(supertypes) ?
        "extends" supertypes{refersTo = name, separator = ",", autoCreate = never}
    )
    "{"
        structuralFeatures
    "}"
;
```

More constructs: remarks

- TCS handles the symbol table:
 - Elements are marked as being contexts using the "context" keyword,
 - Elements are added in the current context using the "addToContext" keyword,
 - Elements are referred to by the value of one of their properties using the "refersTo" keyword.
- Conditional elements:
 - Using the value of Boolean properties (e.g. **isAbstract** here),
 - Testing the value of a property (not shown yet),
 - Testing whether a property is set for multiplicities 0-n, $1 \leq n$ (e.g. **supertypes** here).
- Miscellaneous:
 - Separators can be specified for multi-valued properties (e.g. **supertypes** here).

Advanced constructs: operators, function templates

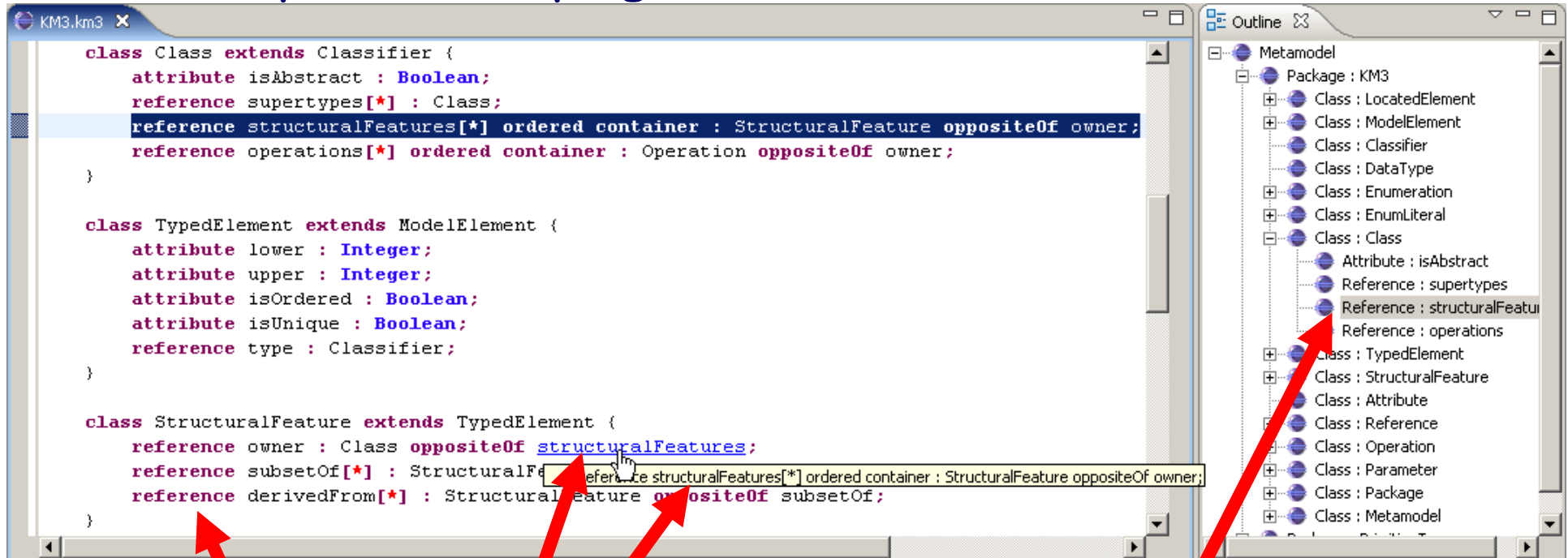
- TCS can also deal with operators:
 - Operators and their priorities are first defined,
 - operatorTemplates specify their usage,
 - The notation can be chosen:
 - Infix: $1 + x * 4$
 - RPN: $(+ 1 (* x 4))$
- More complex symbol table handling can be performed:
 - Context importation (e.g. to deal with class inheritance),
 - Search for a target element in another context than the current one using the "lookIn" keyword (see the Reference template later in this presentation).
- Functions can be defined to factorize code (see later in this presentation).

Other features

- Pretty printing actually needs more than the syntax:
 - Indentation blocks can be defined,
 - Specific separators can be used (new line, blank, tab, etc.).
- Program-to-model traceability is provided:
 - The location attribute of each generated element is set with:
 - Line and column numbers of beginning,
 - Line and column numbers of ending,
 - Comments may be kept (and serialized back).
- Textual Generic Editor...

Textual Generic Editor for Eclipse

- Eclipse editor plugin:



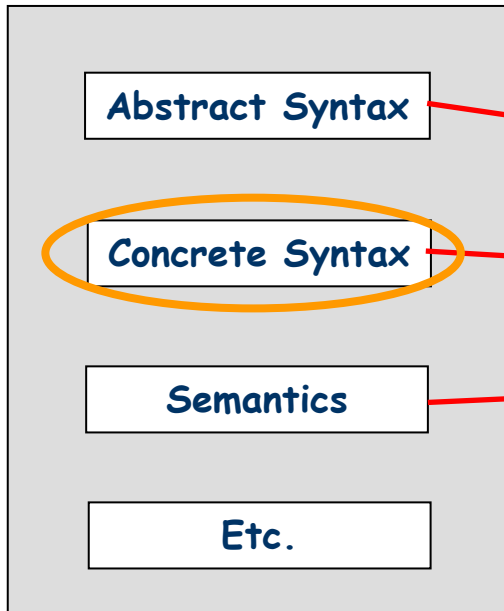
- Hyperlinks
- Text hovers
- Syntax highlighting
- Outline with bidirectional synchronization

Textual Generic Editor for Eclipse

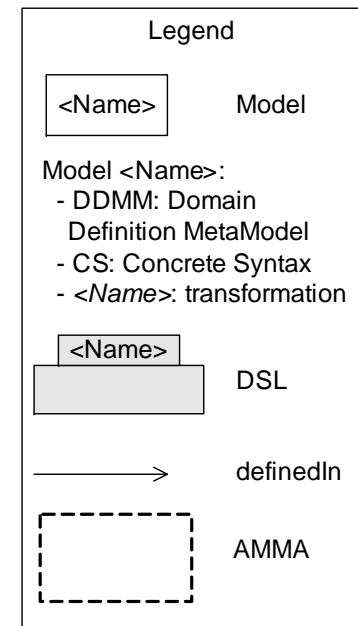
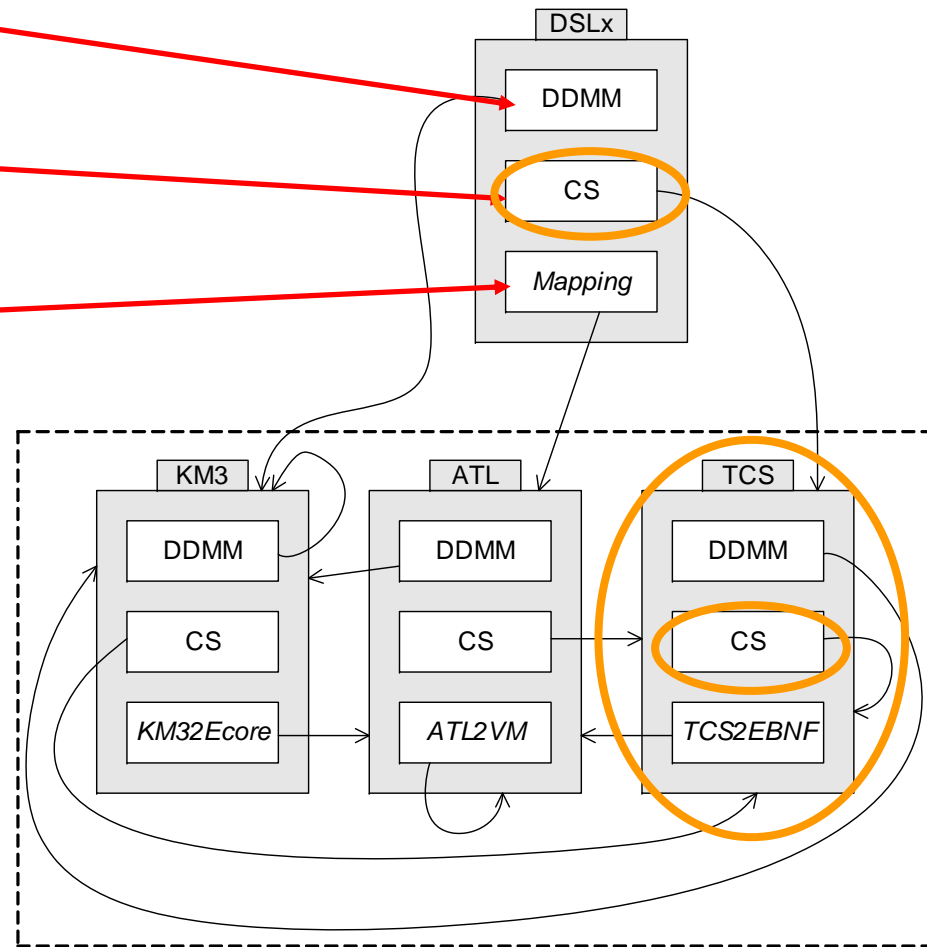
- Language definition is an EMF model specifying:
 - Comment blocks,
 - Keywords list,
 - Highlighting format (font and color),
 - Can be generated by *TCS2Editor.atl*.
- Outline definition is an EMF model specifying:
 - Nodes to display,
 - Label format,
 - Can be generated by *KM32Outline.atl*.
- Uses TCS-generated parser:
 - To populate the outline,
 - To provide text hovers and hyperlinks.

Representing DSLs as sets of coordinated models: the role of TCS

A DSL



The AMMA platform



Summary

- Modeling using a DSL can be done textually.
 - Specifying a bidirectional mapping between a metamodel and a textual syntax is possible and rather straightforward using TCS.
 - TCS has been used for several DSLs: KM3, TCS, ATL, ACG, AM3, Editor, SQLDDL, etc.
 - Eclipse-based textual editor (TGE) for "free".
- This is how the KM3 editor works.

Demonstration: JSON

- Information from:
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/JSON>
- JSON's basic types are
 - Number (integer, real, or floating point)
 - String (double-quoted Unicode with backslash escapement)
 - Boolean (true and false)
 - Array (an ordered sequence of values, comma-separated and enclosed in square brackets)
 - Object (collection of key/value pairs, comma-separated and enclosed in curly brackets)
 - null

Demonstration: JSON

- Information from:
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/JSON>

- Sample:

```
{  
  "firstName": "John",  
  "lastName": "Smith",  
  "address": {  
    "streetAddress": "21 2nd Street",  
    "city": "New York",  
    "state": "NY",  
    "postalCode": 10021  
  },  
  "phoneNumbers": [  
    "212 555-1234",  
    "646 555-4567"  
  ]  
}
```

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- Lexical Consideration
- Separators
- Conditionals
- Functions
- Expressions
 - Using grammars
 - Using KM3 and TCS
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Lexical Considerations

- TCS makes the following assumption about the syntax:
 - Non-significant blanks (space, tabulation, newline)
 - Case-sensitive (keywords and identifiers)
- The default lexer provides:
 - Integers: $[0-9]^+$
 - Floats: $[0-9]^+ \text{'.'} [0-9]^+$
 - Strings: between single quotes
 - Identifiers:
 - Simple form: $[\text{ALPHA}][\text{ALPHA}|\text{DIGIT}]^*$
 - Quoted form: any string between double quotes
 - The quoted form is especially useful to overcome collision between an identifier and a keyword

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Multivalued properties - without separator

- KM3 excerpt:

```
class List {  
    attribute values[*] : Integer;  
}
```

- TCS excerpt:

```
template List  
    :    "{ " values " } "  
    ;
```

- Example:

```
{1 2 3 4}
```


Multivalued properties - with separator

- KM3 excerpt:

```
class List {  
    attribute values[*] : Integer;  
}
```

- TCS excerpt:

```
template List  
    :    "{ " values{separator = ", " } " } "  
    ;
```

- Example:

```
{1, 2, 3, 4}
```

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Conditionals

- Purpose: choice between two alternatives depending on property values
- Syntax:
(*<condition>*? *<then>* [*:* *<else>*])
- The *<condition>* can test:
 - A Boolean property
 - The presence of a value for a multivalued (i.e., [n-m] with $m > 1$) or an optional (i.e., [0-1]) property
 - The value of an Integer property
 - A conjunction (with the **and** keyword) of these
- The *<then>* part is mandatory (but can be empty)
- The *<else>* part is optional

Using Conditionals - Boolean Properties Examples

- Different keywords depending on the value
 - KM3 excerpt
`attribute isLeft : Boolean;`
 - TCS excerpt
`(isLeft ? "left" : "right")`
→ The value of the property corresponds to an alternative between two different sequences of syntactic elements
- Keyword if *true*, nothing if *false*
 - KM3 excerpt
`attribute isAbstract : Boolean;`
 - TCS excerpt
`(isAbstract ? "abstract")`
→ The value of the property corresponds to the presence or absence of syntactic elements (e.g., a keyword)

Using Conditionals - Optional Property Examples

- KM3 excerpt

```
reference supertype[0-1] : Class;
```

- TCS excerpt

```
(isDefined(supertype) ? "extends" supertype)
```

→ This enables having keywords or symbols only if there is a value to represent

! The property must be used in the *<then>* part

Using Conditionals - Integer Property Example

- KM3 excerpt

```
attribute upper : Integer;
```

- TCS excerpt

```
(upper = -1 ? "*" : upper)
```

→ This enables specific representation of special values

! The property must be used in the *<else>* part but not in the *<then>* part

Advanced Usage of Conditionals: KM3 Multiplicities (simplified)

- Definition of *lower* and *upper* in KM3:

```
attribute lower : Integer;
```

```
attribute upper : Integer;
```

- Representation of *lower* and *upper* in TCS:

```
(lower = 1 and upper = 1 ?
```

```
  -- nothing
```

```
:(lower = 0 and upper = -1 ?
```

```
  "[ " "*" " ]"
```

```
:(upper = -1 ?
```

```
  "[ lower "-" "*" " ]"
```

```
:
```

```
  "[ lower "-" upper " ]"
```

```
)))
```

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Functions

- Purpose: reuse parts of concrete syntax specification
- Syntax:
 - Definition:

```
function <name>(<type>
      :      <body>
      ;
```
 - Call:

```
$<name>
```
- *<name>* is used to call the function
- *<type>* specifies the Class for which calling the function is valid (and therefore the properties that can be used in *<body>*)
- *<body>* defines a textual representation

Functions - Example

- KM3 *StructuralFeature* (simplified)

```

abstract class StructuralFeature {
    attribute name : String;
    attribute lower : Integer;
    attribute upper : Integer;
} -- Both Attribute and Reference extend StructuralFeature.
class Attribute extends StructuralFeature {}
class Reference extends StructuralFeature {}

```

- Corresponding TCS excerpt:

```

template Attribute
    :      "attribute" name $multiplicity
    ;
template Reference
    :      "reference" name $multiplicity
    ;
function multiplicity(StructuralFeature) -- We must specify the
    :      "[" lower "-" upper "]" -- type for which it works.
    ; -- The representation of multiplicity is factorized.

```

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Representing Expressions - introducing *Calc*

- Let us consider *Calc*: a simple expression language with addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, negation, and exponentiation
- The abstract syntax of *Calc* can be represented as the following grammar:

expression ::=

```
expression '+' expression
| expression '-' expression
| expression '*' expression
| expression '/' expression
| '-' expression
| expression '^' expression
| '(' expression ')
| INTEGER
```

- This grammar cannot be used to parse *Calc* sentences because it is ambiguous: different derivations can be constructed for the same sentence
- Ambiguities in expressions are generally solved by introducing operator priority (or precedence) and associativity

Operator priority and associativity in *Calc*

Category	Operators	Associativity	Examples
Exponentiation	\wedge	right	$x \wedge y \wedge z = x \wedge (y \wedge z)$
Unary negation	$-$	right	$--x = -(-x)$
Multiplicative	$*$ $/$	left	$x * y * z = (x * y) * z$ $x / y / z = (x / y) / z$
Additive	$+$ $-$	left	$x + y + z = (x + y) + z$ $x - y - z = (x - y) - z$

increasing
priority

$$\begin{aligned}
 x + y * z &= x + (y * z) \\
 x * y \wedge z &= x * (y \wedge z) \\
 - x \wedge y &= -(x \wedge y)
 \end{aligned}$$

Note: This table corresponds to what is commonly used in math.

Designing a grammar that can parse *Calc* sentences

- The solution depends on:
 - The class of grammars (e.g., LL, LR)
 - The actual technology (i.e., parser generator), which may add some constraints or offer additional possibilities
- Usually, it is necessary to rewrite the grammar:
 - One production rule per priority
 - Specific constructs depending on the associativity
- Sometimes, it is possible to declaratively specify priority and associativity (e.g., with Yacc)
- Extra work is generally necessary to construct Abstract Syntax Trees (ASTs)
 - Because the additional production rules often introduce unwanted nodes

Calc with LALR(1) parsers (e.g., Yacc) - expanded version

```
expression ::= additive
additive ::= multiplicative
           | additive '+' multiplicative
           | additive '-' multiplicative
           /* left recursion is used for left associativity */
multiplicative ::= unaryNegation
                | multiplicative '*' unaryNegation
                | multiplicative '/' unaryNegation
unaryNegation ::= exponentiation
                | '-' unaryNegation
exponentiation ::= primaryExpression
                | primaryExpression '^' exponentiation
                /* right recursion is used for right associativity */
primaryExpression ::= INTEGER | '(' expression ')'
```

Calc with LALR(1) parsers (e.g., Yacc) - automatic version

/ operators are listed in increasing priority order */*

%left '+' '-'

%left '*' '/'

%right NEG

%right '^'

expression ::=

```
    expression '+' expression
| expression '-' expression
| expression '*' expression
| expression '/' expression
| '-' expression %prec NEG
| expression '^' expression
| '(' expression ')'
| INTEGER
```


Calc with LL(k) parsers (e.g., ANTLR)

expression ::= additive

additive ::= multiplicative (('+' | '-') multiplicative) *

/ repetition is used for left associativity */*

multiplicative ::= unaryNegation (('*' | '/') unaryNegation)*

unaryNegation ::= exponentiation

| '-' unaryNegation

exponentiation ::= primaryExp ('^' exponentiation)?

/ right recursion is used for right associativity */*

primaryExp ::= INTEGER | '(' expression ')'

Using KM3 and TCS to represent *Calc*

- The abstract syntax is specified as a KM3 metamodel
 - This defines the structure of the abstract syntax,
 - With few constraints with respect to the concrete syntax
- A projector enables the translation to and from the Grammarware technical space
 - Translates programs into models
 - Translates models into programs
- TCS is this projector, with the following features:
 - Customizable syntax: you can often use the syntax you would have specified with a grammar
 - Bidirectional: a single TCS model is enough for both directions (i.e., program-to-model, and model-to-program)

Representing Expressions - a metamodel for *Calc*

```
abstract class Expression {}

class IntegerExp extends Expression {
    attribute value : Integer;
}

abstract class OperatorCallExp extends Expression {
    attribute opName : String;
}

class BinaryOperatorCallExp extends OperatorCallExp {
    reference left container : Expression;
    reference right container : Expression;
}

class UnaryOperatorCallExp extends OperatorCallExp {
    reference operand container : Expression;
}
```

Priority and associativity with TCS

```
operators {
  priority 0, right {          -- highest priority
    opExp = caret, 2;
  } -- ^ operator name
  priority 1, right {         -- right associative
    opMinus1 = minus, 1;
  } -- ^ operator symbol
  priority 2 { -- left associative (by default)
    opStar = star, 2;
    opSlash = slash, 2;
  } -- ^ operator arity
  priority 3 {
    opPlus = plus, 2;
    opMinus2 = minus, 2;
  }
}
```

Priority and associativity with TCS (alternative encoding)

```
operators {
  priority 0, right {          -- highest priority
    opExp = "^", 2;
  }
  priority 1, right {
    opMinus1 = "-", 1;
  }                            -- ^ operator symbol
  priority 2 {
    opStar = "*", 2;
    opSlash = "/", 2;
  }
  priority 3 {
    opPlus = "+", 2;
    opMinus2 = "-", 2;
  }
}
```

Concrete syntax of *Calc* elements with TCS

```
template Expression abstract operator;
    -- The root of the expressions inheritance hierarchy
    -- must be declared « operator ».
```

```
template IntegerExp
    : value
    ;
```

```
operatorTemplate BinaryOperatorCallExp(operators =
    opStar opSlash
    opPlus opMinus2
    opExp,      -- source identifies the first operand
    source = 'left', storeOpTo = opName,
    storeRightTo = 'right');
-- storeRightTo identifies the second operand
operatorTemplate UnaryOperatorCallExp(operators =
    opMinus1,
    source = operand, storeOpTo = opName);
-- storeOpTo identifies operator (a String property)
```

Additional considerations about operators

- Some expressions require special handling
 - The generated grammar makes use of recursion to encode priority and associativity → TCS needs to know about other uses of recursion
- Use operators if you have left recursion (i.e., an expression on the left)
 - Example: 1.toString()

```
operatorTemplate OperationCallExp
  (operators = opPoint, source = 'source')
  :      operationName "(" ")"
  ;
```

- Use **nonPrimary** if you have right recursion (i.e., an expression on the right)

```
template LetExp nonPrimary
  :      "let" varName "=" value "in" in
  ;
```

Calc with LL(k) parsers (e.g., ANTLR) - handling `nonPrimary`

`expression ::= additive`

`| nonPrimary /* if we have nonPrimary expressions */`

`additive ::= multiplicative (('+' | '-') multiplicative) *`

`/* repetition is used for left associativity */`

`multiplicative ::= unaryNegation (('*' | '/') unaryNegation)*`

`unaryNegation ::= exponentiation`

`| '-' unaryNegation`

`exponentiation ::= primaryExp ('^' exponentiation)?`

`/* right recursion is used for right associativity */`

`primaryExp ::= INTEGER | '(' expression ')'`

`nonPrimary ::= 'let' IDENT '=' expression 'in' expression`

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Pretty Printing

- Purpose: customize the output of the model-to-program translation
- Only blanks are customizable → this generally does not impact the syntax (i.e., the grammar)
- There are three pretty printing constructs in TCS:
 - **Blocks**: used to specify indentation
 - **Special symbols** can have specific **options for spaces**
 - **Custom separators** to force specific handling of blanks at specific places

Pretty Printing: without Blocks

- KM3 excerpt:

```
class List {  
    attribute values[*] : Integer;  
}
```

- TCS excerpt:

```
template List  
    :    "{" values "}"  
    ;
```

- Sample output:

```
{1 2 3 4}
```

Pretty Printing: with Blocks

- KM3 excerpt:

```
class List {  
    attribute values[*] : Integer;  
}
```

- TCS excerpt:

```
template List  
    :      "{ [ values ] }"  
    ; -- [] defines an indentation block
```

- Sample output:

```
{  
  1  
  2  
  3  
  4  
}
```

Pretty Printing: with Blocks, and Options

- KM3 excerpt:

```
class List {  
    attribute values[*] : Integer;  
}
```

- TCS excerpt:

```
template List  
:      "{" [ values ] {indentIncr = 0} }"  
;-- indentIncr specifies the indentation increment
```

- Sample output:

```
{  
1  
2  
3  
4  
}
```

Pretty Printing: Special Symbols and Spaces

- By default, no blanks are inserted

```
symbols {  
  coma          = " , " ;  
  lparen        = " ( " ;  
  rparen        = " ) " ;  
  semi          = " ; " ;  
  colon         = " : " ;  
  -- operator symbols  
  minus         = " - " ;  
  star          = " * " ;  
  slash         = " / " ;  
  plus          = " + " ;  
  caret         = " ^ " ;  
}
```

Example: 1+(2*3)(5),6

Pretty Printing: Special Symbols and Spaces

- Each symbol can specify how to serialize spaces before it is printed:
 - `leftSpace` to force a space beforeOR
 - `leftNone` to prevent having a space before (even if the previous symbol has `rightSpace`, see below)
- Each symbol can specify how to serialize spaces after it is printed:
 - `rightSpace` to force a space after
 - `rightNone` to prevent having a space after (even if the next symbol has `leftSpace`)

Pretty Printing: Special Symbols and Spaces

```
symbols {  
  coma          = ", " : leftNone, rightSpace;  
  lparen        = "(" ;  
  rparen        = ")" : leftNone, rightSpace;  
  semi          = ";" : leftNone, rightSpace;  
  colon         = ":" : leftSpace, rightSpace;  
  -- operator symbols  
  minus         = "-" : leftSpace, rightSpace;  
  star          = "*" : leftSpace, rightSpace;  
  slash        = "/" : leftSpace, rightSpace;  
  plus         = "+" : leftSpace, rightSpace;  
  caret        = "^" : leftSpace, rightSpace;  
}
```

Example: 1 + (2 * 3) (5), 6

PrettyPrinting: Custom Separators

- `<space>`: to force a space
- `<no_space>`: to prevent a space from being used
- `<newline>`: to force a new line
- `<tab>`: to force a tabulation

Additional remarks

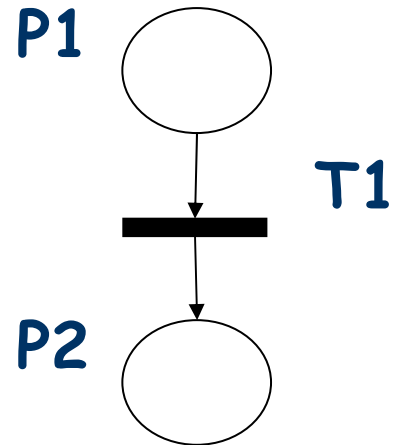
- Do not hesitate to have a look at the generated grammar to see how TCS works
 - how conditionals are encoded,
 - how operators and priorities are encoded,
 - etc.
- You can try different pretty printing options and compare the results.

Demonstration: Creating a Petri Net DSL

- Sample:

```
petrinet {  
  place P1;  
  place P2;  
  transition T1;  
  arcPT P1 -> T1;  
  arcTP T1 -> P2;  
}
```

a) Textual Syntax



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Separating contained elements

- KM3 excerpt:

```
class A {  
    reference bs[*] container : B;  
    reference cs[*] container : C;  
}  
class B {}  
class C {}
```

- TCS excerpt:

```
template A: "a" "{" bs cs "}";  
template B: "b";  
template C: "c";
```

- ➔ Pros: Getting contained *Bs* or *Cs* is as easy as navigating one reference.
- ➔ Cons: All *Bs* must appear before all *Cs* in the concrete syntax.

Separating contained elements: Example

- KM3 excerpt:

```
class PetriNet {  
    reference places[*] container : Place;  
    reference transitions[*] container : Transition;  
}  
class Place { attribute name : String; }  
class Transition { attribute name : String; }
```

Mixing contained elements

- KM3 excerpt:

```
class A {  
    reference borcs[*] container : BOrC;}  
abstract class BorC {}  
class B extends BorC {}  
class C extends BorC {}
```

- TCS excerpt:

```
template A: "a" "{" borcs "}";  
template BorC abstract;  
template B: "b";  
template C: "c";
```

→ Pros: *Bs* and *Cs* can appear in any order.

→ Cons:

- *BorC* may not capture any other common property of *B* and *C* except that they can syntactically appear intermixed in the concrete syntax.
- Navigation in models is more complex (need to check the type of elements in *borcs*).

Mixing contained elements: Example 1

- KM3 excerpt:

```
class PetriNet {  
    reference nodes[*] container : Node;  
}  
abstract class Node { attribute name : String; }  
class Place extends Node {}  
class Transition extends Node {}
```

→ Here, class *Node* is also used to define the *name* attribute.

Mixing contained elements: Example 2

- KM3 excerpt:

```
class PetriNet {  
    reference elements[*] container : Element;  
}  
abstract class Element {}  
class Place extends Element { attribute name : String; }  
class Transition extends Element { attribute name : String; }  
class Arc extends Element {}
```

→ Because *Arcs* do not have names in our example, class *Element* cannot be used to define the *name* attribute. Its only purpose is to enable mixing *Places*, *Transitions*, and *Arcs* in the concrete syntax.

Representing different kinds of elements (1/3)

- KM3 excerpt:

```
class Arc {  
    attribute isP2T : Boolean;  
    reference place : Place;  
    reference transition : Transition;  
}
```

- TCS excerpt:

```
template Arc: (isP2T ?  
    "arcPT" place{refersTo = name} "->" transition{refersTo = name} ";"  
:  
    "arcTP" transition{refersTo = name} "->" place{refersTo = name} ";"  
)  
;
```

Representing different kinds of elements (2/3)

- KM3 excerpt:

```
abstract class Arc {  
    reference place : Place;  
    reference transition : Transition;  
}  
class ArcPT extends Arc {}  
class ArcTP extends Arc {}
```

- TCS excerpt:

```
template Arc abstract;  
template ArcPT:  
    "arcPT" place{refersTo = name} "->" transition{refersTo = name} ";;"  
template ArcTP:  
    "arcTP" transition{refersTo = name} "->" place{refersTo = name} ";;"
```

Representing different kinds of elements (3/3)

- KM3 excerpt:

```
abstract class Arc {}  
class ArcPT extends Arc {  
    reference source : Place; reference target : Transition;  
}  
class ArcTP extends Arc {  
    reference source : Transition; reference target : Place;  
}
```

- TCS excerpt:

```
template Arc abstract;  
template ArcPT:  
    "arcPT" source{refersTo = name} "->" target{refersTo = name} ";;"  
template ArcTP:  
    "arcTP" source{refersTo = name} "->" target{refersTo = name} ";;"
```

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- Thanks

- Questions?

- Comments?