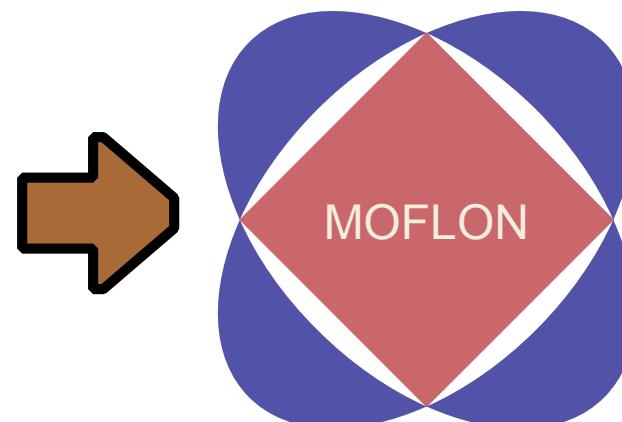


## 34. The Meta-CASE-Tool (e)MOFLON

### A Meta-CASE tool and a 1-TS-Software Factory

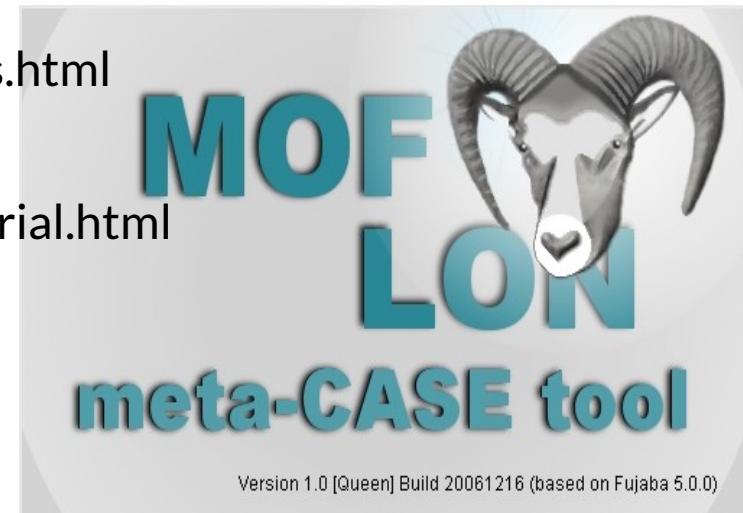
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- 1) MOFLON Meta-CASE-Werkzeug
- 2) Architecture
- 3) TGG



# Reading

- ▶ MOFLON Website <http://www.moflon.org>
- ▶ The Eclipse-Version of the tool is called eMOFLON
  - eMOFLON tutorial
  - <http://www.moflon.org/fileadmin/download/moflon-ide/eclipse-plugin/documents/release/eMoflonTutorial.pdf>
- ▶ A Comparison of ATL and Story-Driven Modeling (Fujaba-style GRS)
  - [http://www.es.tu-darmstadt.de/fileadmin/download/publications/spatzina/PP\\_AGTIVE\\_2011.pdf](http://www.es.tu-darmstadt.de/fileadmin/download/publications/spatzina/PP_AGTIVE_2011.pdf)
- ▶ MOFLON Training
  - <http://moflon.org/documentation/links.html>
- ▶ MOFLON Tutorial
  - <http://moflon.org/documentation/tutorial.html>



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## 34.1. eMOFLON Introduction

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Model-Driven Software Development in Technical Spaces (MOST)

- ▶ MOFLON is a Metamodelling Toolset (Meta-CASE tool) of TU Darmstadt, Fachgruppe Real-Time Systems, Prof. Andy Schürr
  - MOFLON uses OCL (logic) for the checking of wellformedness of all models
  - MOFLON is an extension of Fujaba offering graph rewriting [www.fujaba.de](http://www.fujaba.de)
  - MOFLON supports Triple Graph Grammars (TGG, see ST-II)
- ▶ eMOFLON supports the Technical Space of E(MOF)
  - OCL 2.0
  - JMI 1.4
  - XMI 2.1
- ▶ EMOFLON relies on metamodel composition of MOF, OCL and metamodel mappings between MOF, XML and Java

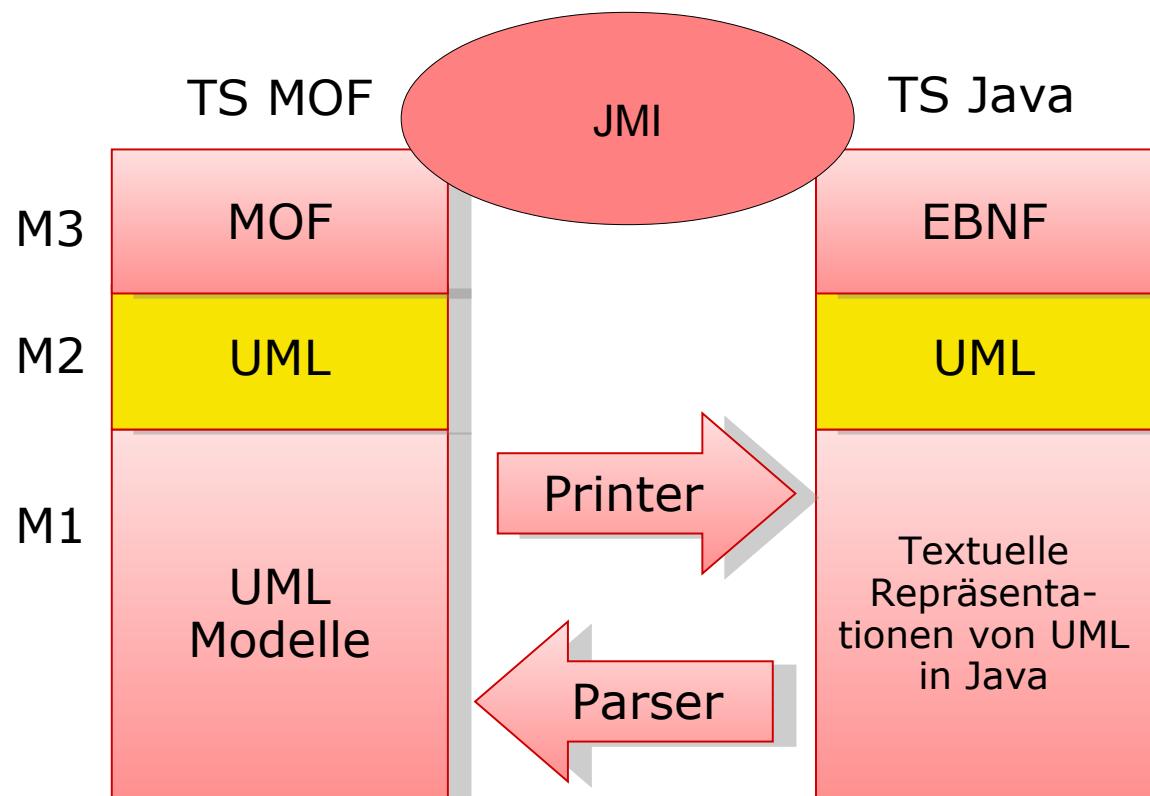


# Code Generation with JMI, transformative TS-Bridge for (E)MOF and Java for the Language UML

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Model-Driven Software Development in Technical Spaces (MOST)

- ▶ Java Metadata Interchange (JMI) is similar to XMI, a TS bridge between (E)MoF and Grammarware
- ▶ Only for UML available (language mapping)

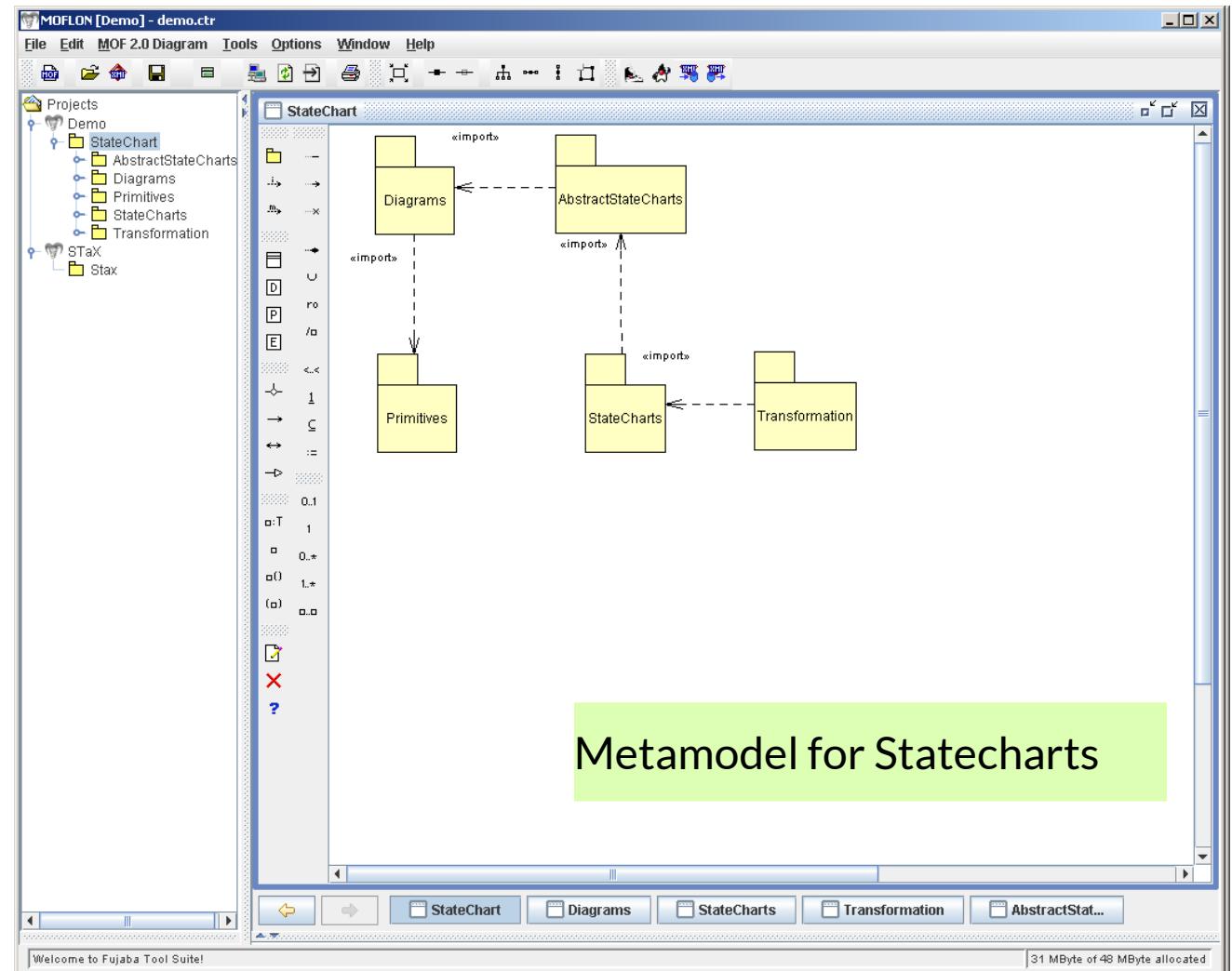


# MOFLON Example 1: Metamodel for Statecharts: Development Process

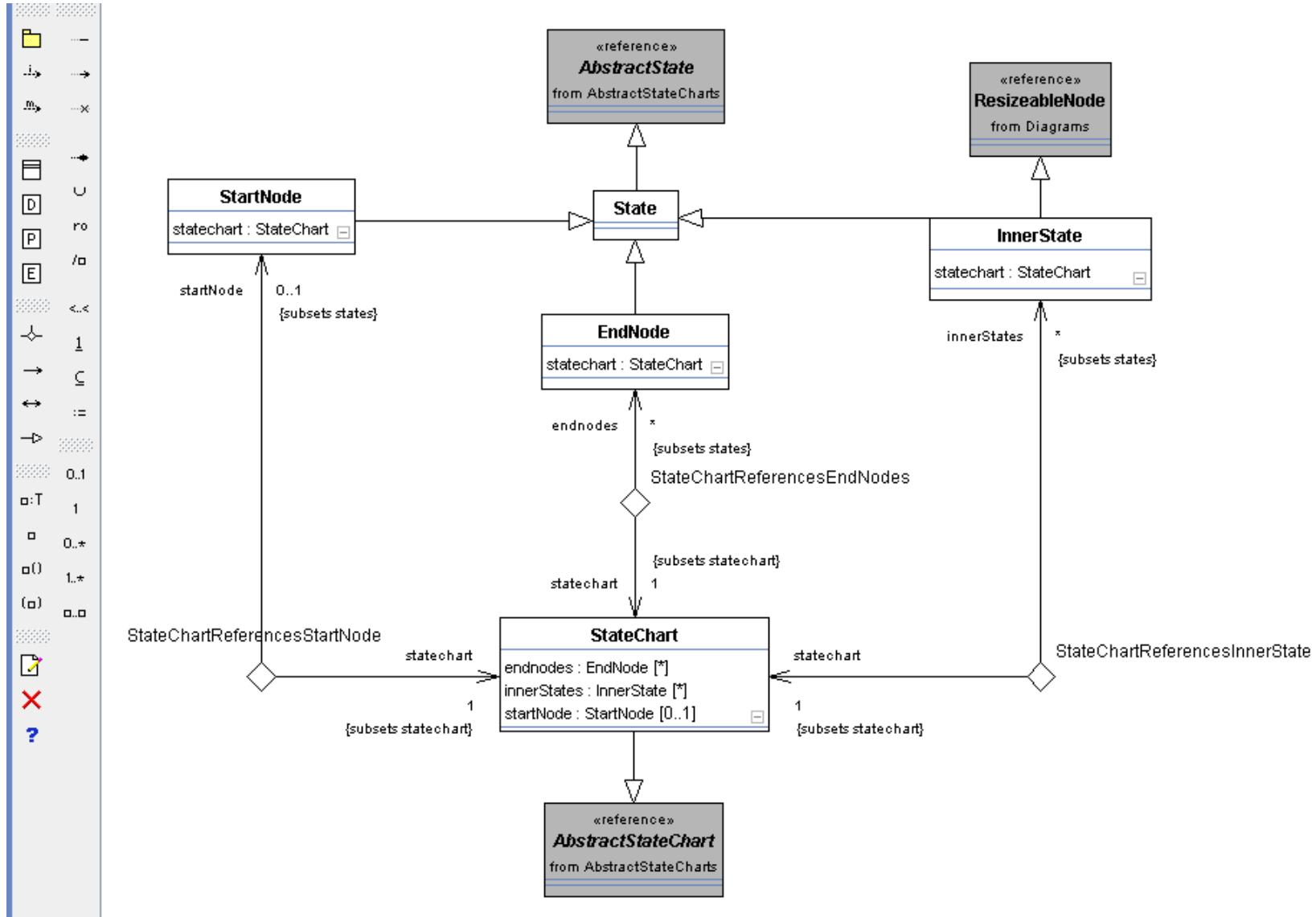
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Model-Driven Software Development in Technical Spaces (MOST)

- 1) Create metamodel
- 2) Generate Code (Generate repository with constraint-checker) with the JMI interfaces



# Example: 1.a) Metamodel for Statecharts

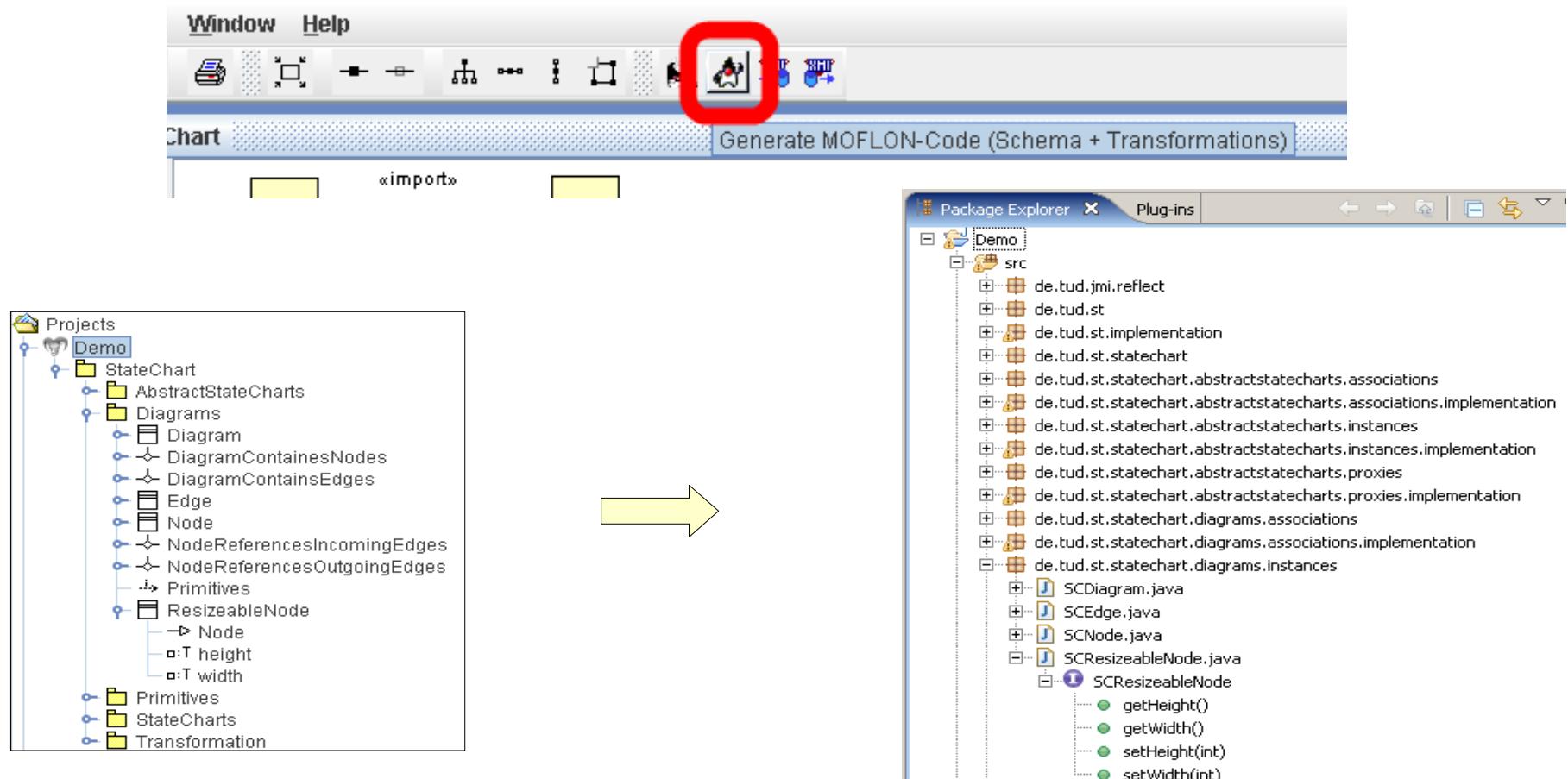


# Example: 1.b) Code Generation from Statechart-Metamodel

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Model-Driven Software Development in Technical Spaces (MOST)

- ▶ Uses JMI interfaces for the repository (metamodel-driven repository)
  - Codegenerator uses String template engine Velocity and XSLT-1.1 XML transformation
- ▶ Generates code for all Methods modeled as Story-diagrams (from Fujaba)



# Example: 1.b) Codegeneration from Metamodel for Statecharts

## Per (E)MOF Package

- Java Package ·  de.tud.st.statechart
- Interface ·  SCStateChartPackage.java
- Implementation ·  SCStateChartPackageImpl.java

## Per Metaclass

- Interface ·  SCNode.java
- Implementation ·  SCNodeImpl.java
- Proxy Interface ·  SCNodeClass.java
- Proxy Implementation ·  SCNodeClassImpl.java

## Per Association

- Interface ·  SCDiagramContainsEdges.java
- Implementation ·  SCDiagramContainsEdgesImpl.java

# Example: 1.c) How to Use Statechart Models in the Generated Repository

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Model-Driven Software Development in Technical Spaces (MOST)

- ▶ Initialize root package

```
SCStateChartPackage root = new SCStateChartPackageImpl();
```

- ▶ Find Proxy of repository

```
root.getSCDiagramsPackage().getSCNode();
```

- ▶ Generate nodes (model elements) via Proxy. All interfaces are typed by metaclasses

```
SCNode node = root.getSCDiagramsPackage().getSCNode().createSCNode();
```



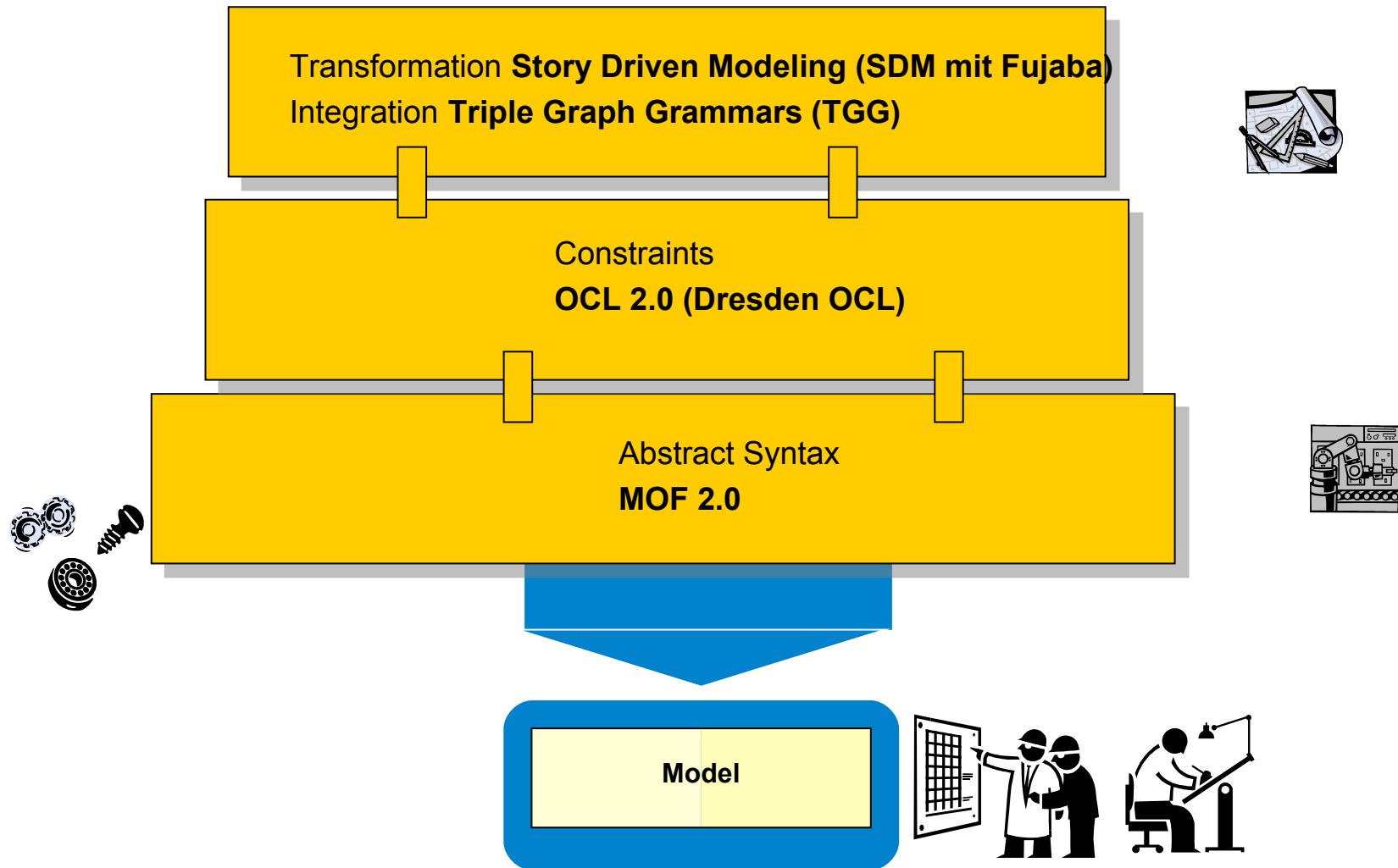
## 34.2. The Metamodeling Architecture of MetaCASE Tool MOFLON

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# Metamodel Architecture of MOFLON

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Model-Driven Software Development in Technical Spaces (MOST)



# MOFLON MetaCASE – Main Features

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Model-Driven Software Development in Technical Spaces (MOST)

- ▶ MOF2.0 editor (draw metamodels that comply to MOF2.0 standard)  
→ build Domain Specific Languages (DSLs)
  - based on the CASE-tool framework Fujaba
  - possibility to extend MOFLON by own plugins
- ▶ interoperability (import / export)
- ▶ transform metamodel instances with model transformations (SDM, TGG)
- ▶ generate code (JMI-compliant) from DSLs
- ▶ instantiate models of the DSL (= repositories)
- ▶ basic editing support for generated repositories

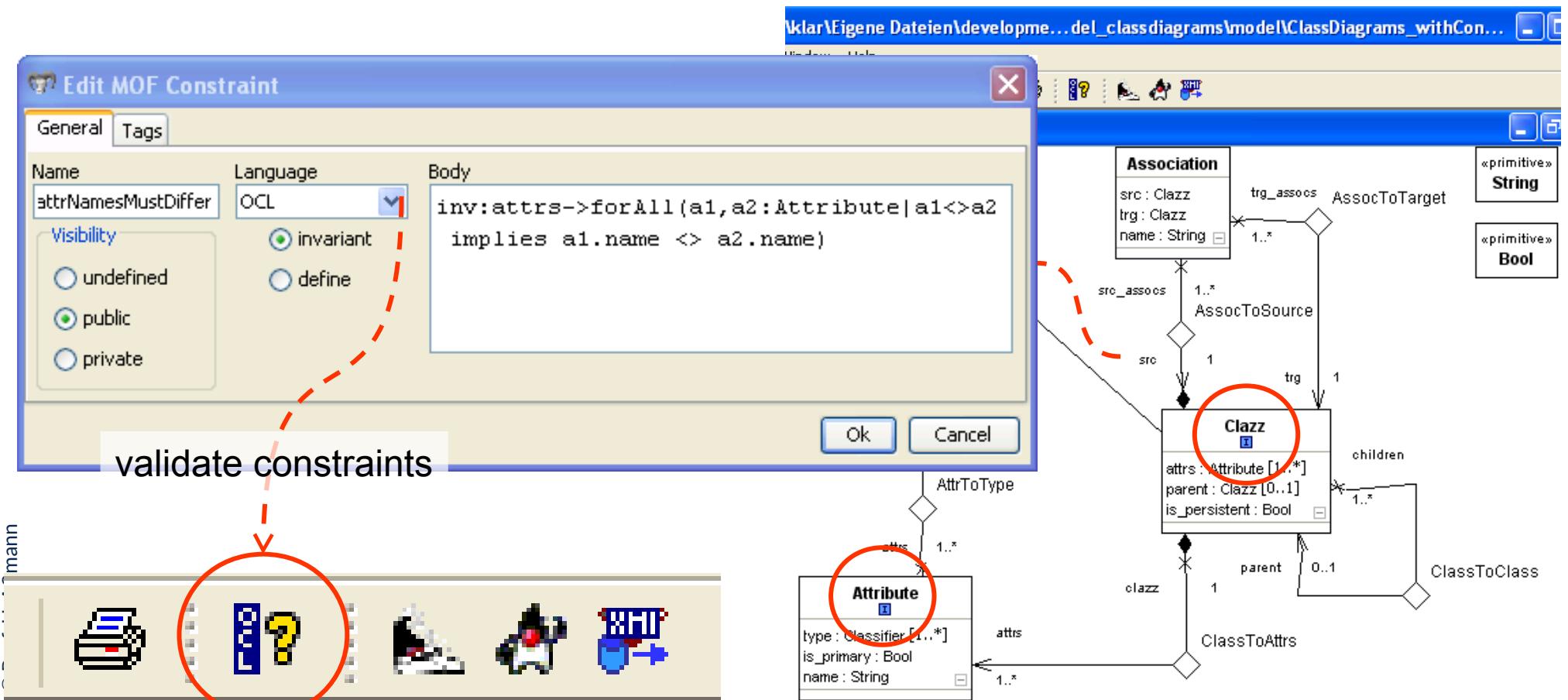


# (OCL) Constraints in MOFLON – MOF Editor

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Model-Driven Software Development in Technical Spaces (MOST)

- ▶ MOF allows to add constraints to every MOF element
- ▶ MOFLON has an underlying MOF metamodel repository
- MOFLON MOF editor may add constraints to elements

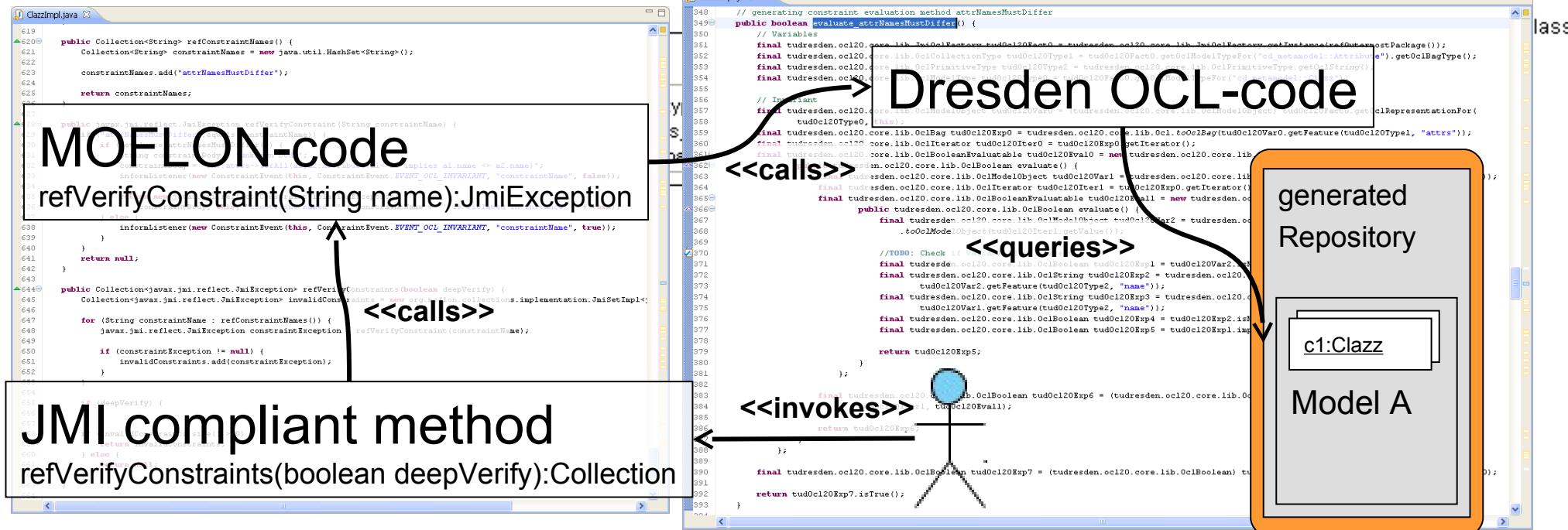
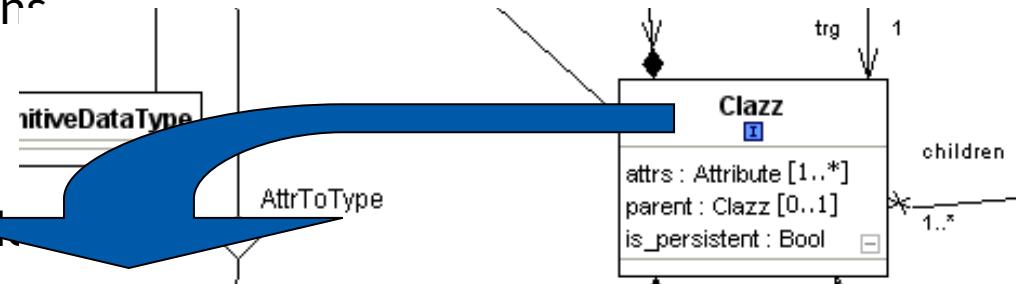


# (OCL) Constraints in MOFLON – Generated Implementations

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Model-Driven Software Development in Technical Spaces (MOST)

- ▶ MOFLON generates metamodel-based repositories (Java/JMI)
  - ▶ MOFLON uses Dresden OCL to add constraint code to generated implementations
    - invariants (inv)
    - derived attributes (derive)
    - helper variables/functions (d)



```
ClazzImpl.java X
619
620  public Collection<String> refConstraintNames() {
621      Collection<String> constraintNames = new java.util.HashSet<String>();
622
623      constraintNames.add("attrNamesMustDiffer");
624
625      return constraintNames;
626  }
627
628  public javax.jmi.reflect.JmiException refVerifyConstraint(String constraintName) {
629      if ("attrNamesMustDiffer".equals(constraintName)) {
630          if (!evaluate_attrNamesMustDiffer()) {
631              String constraintBody = "unknown body";
632              constraintBody = "inv:attrs->forAll(al,a2:Attribute|al<>a2 implies al.name <> a2.name)";
633              informListener(new ConstraintEvent(this, ConstraintEvent.EVENT_OCL_INVARIANT, "constraintName", false));
634
635              return new javax.jmi.reflect.ConstraintViolationException(
636                  constraintBody, this, "constraint named '" + constraintName + "' is violated in instance: " + this);
637          } else {
638              informListener(new ConstraintEvent(this, ConstraintEvent.EVENT_OCL_INVARIANT, "constraintName", true));
639          }
640      }
641      return null;
642  }
643
644  public Collection<javax.jmi.reflect.JmiException> refVerifyConstraints(boolean deepVerify) {
645      Collection<javax.jmi.reflect.JmiException> invalidConstraints = new org.moflon.collections.implementation.JmiSetImpl<;
646
647      for (String constraintName : refConstraintNames()) {
648          javax.jmi.reflect.JmiException constraintException = refVerifyConstraint(constraintName);
649
650          if (constraintException != null) {
651              invalidConstraints.add(constraintException);
652          }
653      }
654
655      if (deepVerify) {
656      }
657
658      if (invalidConstraints.size() > 0) {
659          return invalidConstraints;
660      } else {
661          return null;
662      }
663  }
664 }
```

JMI compliant  
method

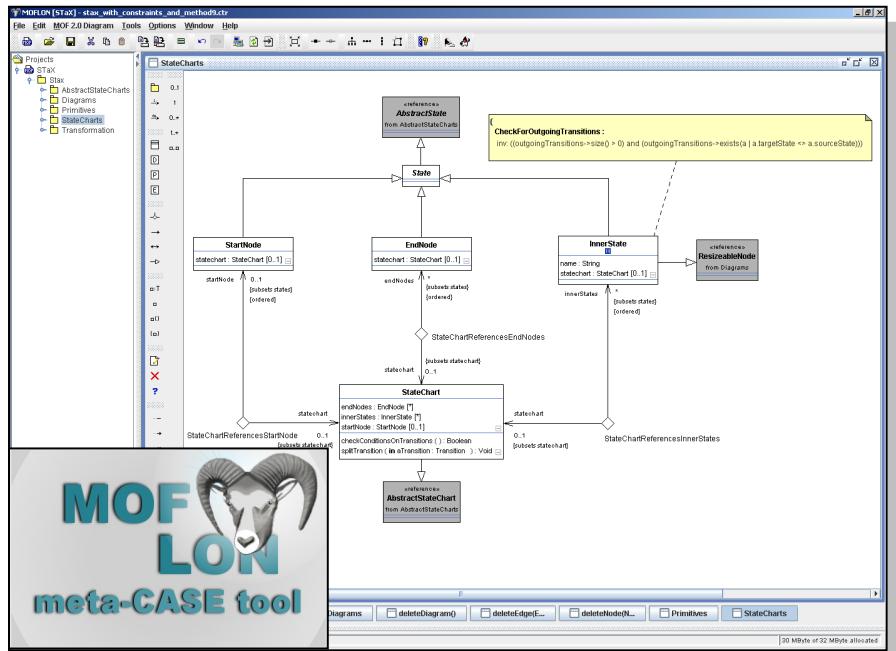
```
ClazzImpl.java X
348 // generating constraint evaluation method attrNamesMustDiffer
349 public boolean evaluate_attrNamesMustDiffer() {
350     // Variables
351     final tudresden.ocl20.core.lib.JmiOclFactory tudOcl20Fact0 = tudresden.ocl20.core.lib.JmiOclFactory.getInstance(refOutermostPackage());
352     final tudresden.ocl20.core.lib.OclCollectionType tudOcl20Type1 = tudOcl20Fact0.getOclModelTypeFor("cd_metamodel::Attribute").getOclBagType();
353     final tudresden.ocl20.core.lib.OclPrimitiveType tudOcl20Type2 = tudresden.ocl20.core.lib.OclPrimitiveType.getOclString();
354     final tudresden.ocl20.core.lib.OclModelType tudOcl20Type0 = tudOcl20Fact0.getOclModelTypeFor("cd_metamodel::Clazz");
355
356     // Invariant
357     final tudresden.ocl20.core.lib.OclModelObject tudOcl20Var0 = (tudresden.ocl20.core.lib.OclModelObject) tudOcl20Fact0.getOclRepresentationFor(
358         tudOcl20Type0, this);
359     final tudresden.ocl20.core.lib.OclBag tudOcl20Exp0 = tudresden.ocl20.core.lib.Ocl.toOclBag(tudOcl20Var0.getFeature(tudOcl20Type1, "attrs"));
360     final tudresden.ocl20.core.lib.OclIterator tudOcl20Iter0 = tudOcl20Exp0.getIterator();
361     final tudresden.ocl20.core.lib.OclBooleanEvaluable tudOcl20Eval0 = new tudresden.ocl20.core.lib.OclBooleanEvaluable() {
362         public tudresden.ocl20.core.lib.OclBoolean evaluate() {
363             final tudresden.ocl20.core.lib.OclModelObject tudOcl20Var1 = tudresden.ocl20.core.lib.Ocl.toOclModelObject(tudOcl20Iter0.getValue());
364             final tudresden.ocl20.core.lib.OclIterator tudOcl20Iter1 = tudOcl20Exp0.getIterator();
365             final tudresden.ocl20.core.lib.OclBooleanEvaluable tudOcl20Eval1 = new tudresden.ocl20.core.lib.OclBooleanEvaluable() {
366                 public tudresden.ocl20.core.lib.OclBoolean evaluate() {
367                     final tudresden.ocl20.core.lib.OclModelObject tudOcl20Var2 = tudresden.ocl20.core.lib.Ocl
368                         .toOclModelObject(tudOcl20Iter1.getValue());
369
370                     //TODO: Check if VariableId is correct
371                     final tudresden.ocl20.core.lib.OclBoolean tudOcl20Exp1 = tudOcl20Var2.isNotEqualTo(tudOcl20Var1);
372                     final tudresden.ocl20.core.lib.OclString tudOcl20Exp2 = tudresden.ocl20.core.lib.Ocl.toOclString(
373                         tudOcl20Var2.getFeature(tudOcl20Type2, "name"));
374                     final tudresden.ocl20.core.lib.OclString tudOcl20Exp3 = tudresden.ocl20.core.lib.Ocl.toOclString(
375                         tudOcl20Var1.getFeature(tudOcl20Type2, "name"));
376                     final tudresden.ocl20.core.lib.OclBoolean tudOcl20Exp4 = tudOcl20Exp2.isNotEqualTo(tudOcl20Exp3);
377                     final tudresden.ocl20.core.lib.OclBoolean tudOcl20Exp5 = tudOcl20Exp1.implies(tudOcl20Exp4);
378
379                     return tudOcl20Exp5;
380                 }
381             };
382         };
383         final tudresden.ocl20.core.lib.OclBoolean tudOcl20Exp6 = (tudresden.ocl20.core.lib.OclBoolean) tudOcl20Exp0.forAll(
384             tudOcl20Iter1, tudOcl20Eval1);
385
386         return tudOcl20Exp6;
387     };
388
389     final tudresden.ocl20.core.lib.OclBoolean tudOcl20Exp7 = (tudresden.ocl20.core.lib.OclBoolean) tudOcl20Exp0.forAll(tudOcl20Iter0, tudOcl20Eval0);
390
391     return tudOcl20Exp7.isTrue();
392 }
393 }
```

Generated  
Code  
from  
Dresden OCL

# Result of MOFLON Example 1 – Statechart Editor (STaX)

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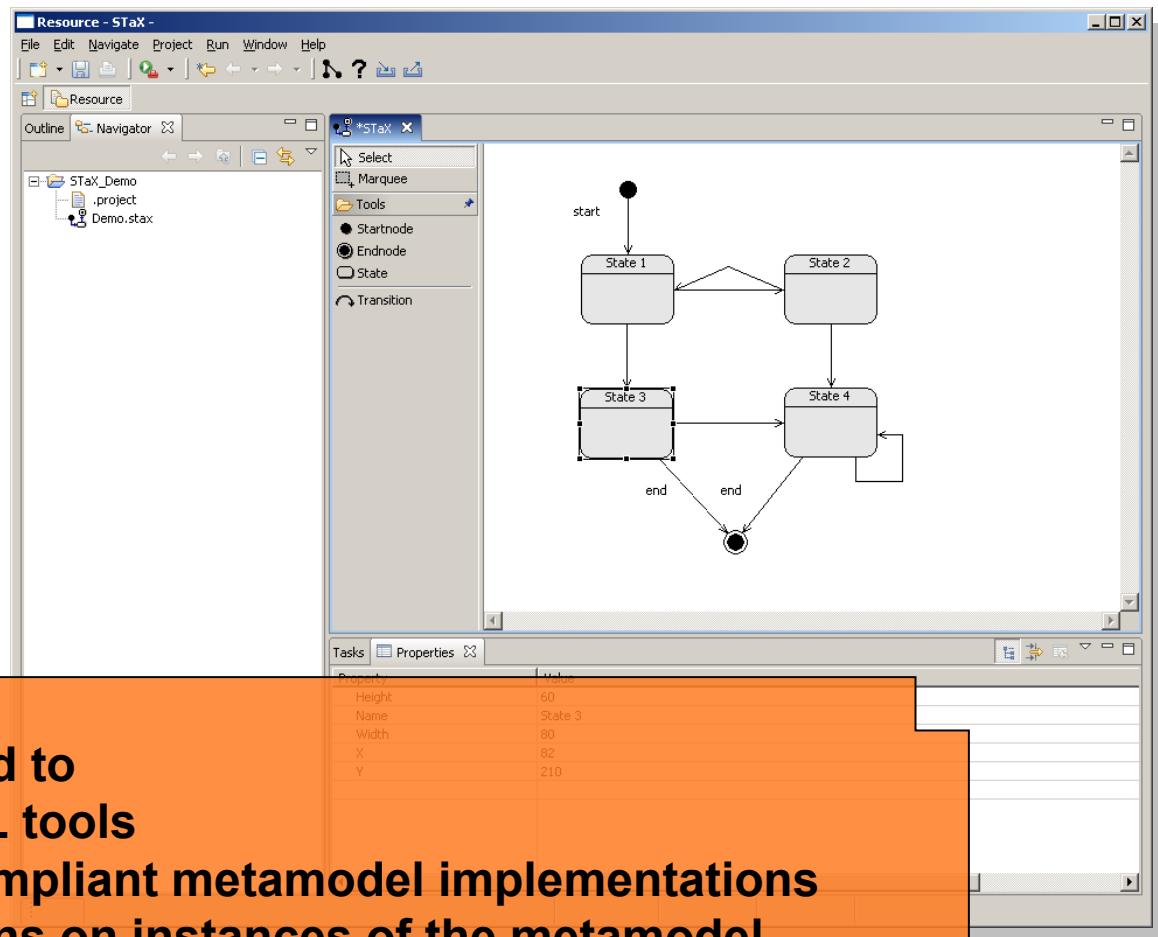
Model-Driven Software Development in Technical Spaces (MOST)



- MOFLON is mainly used to**
- integrate existing DSL tools
  - generate standard compliant metamodel implementations
  - specify transformations on instances of the metamodel

**Editor:**

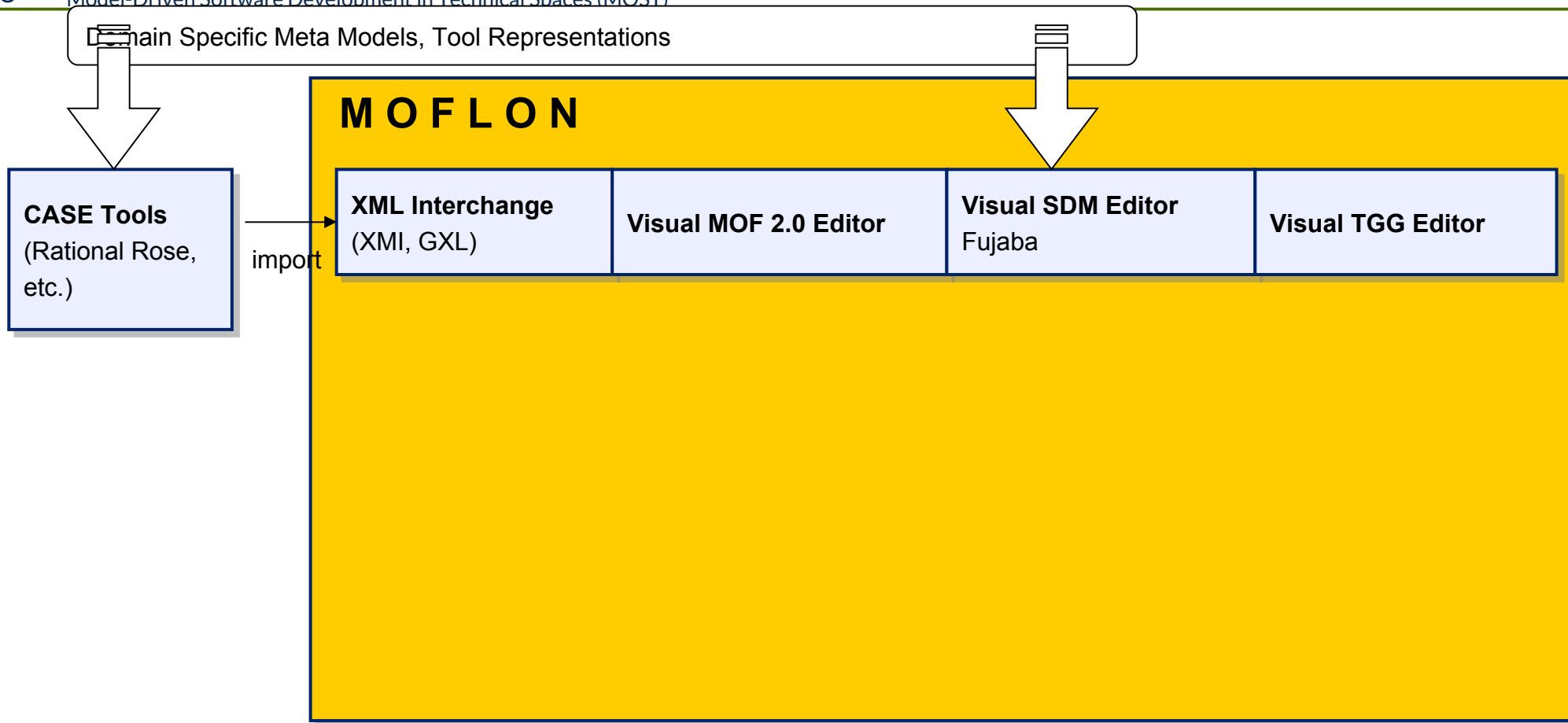
- data structure (MOFLON repository)
- GUI (GEF)



### 34.3.3 MOFLON - Architecture

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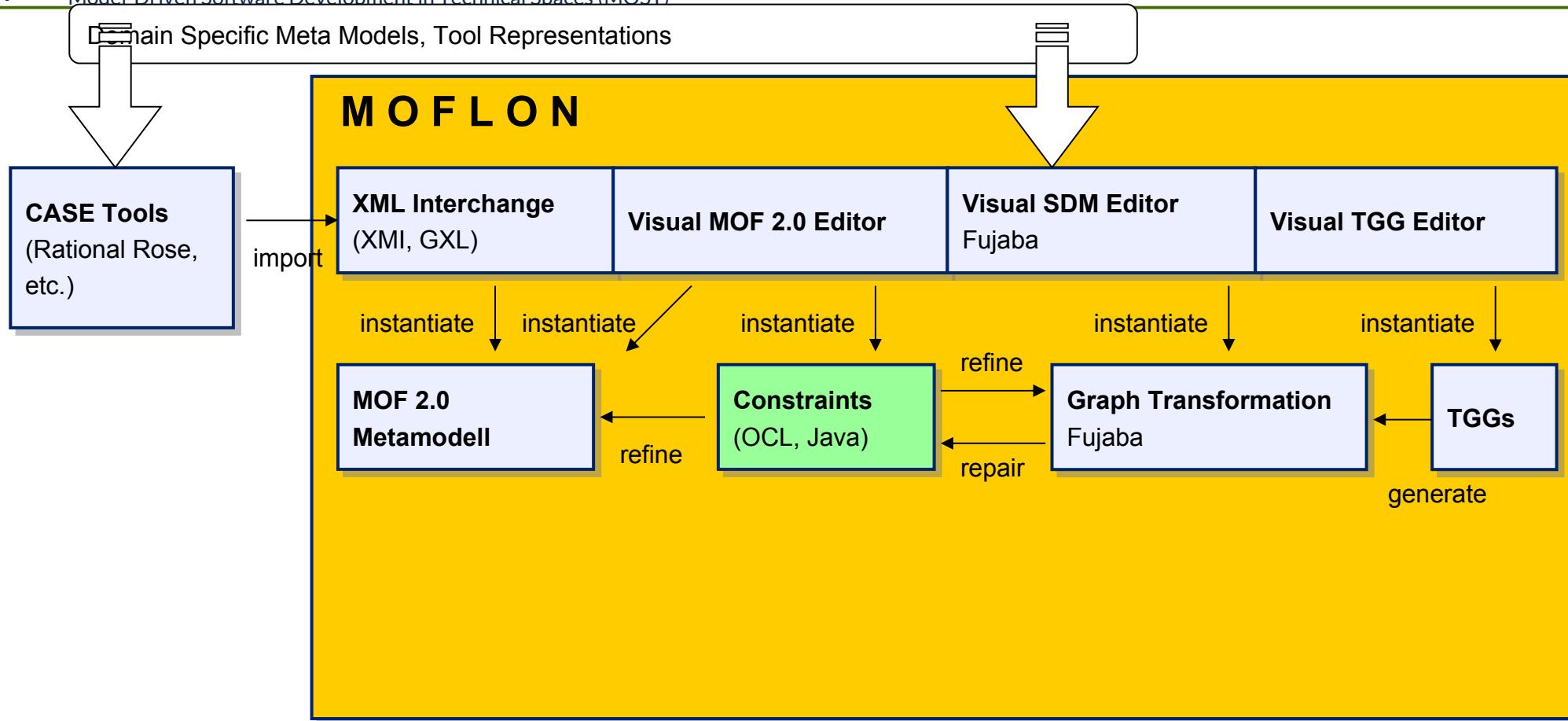
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# MOFLON - Architecture

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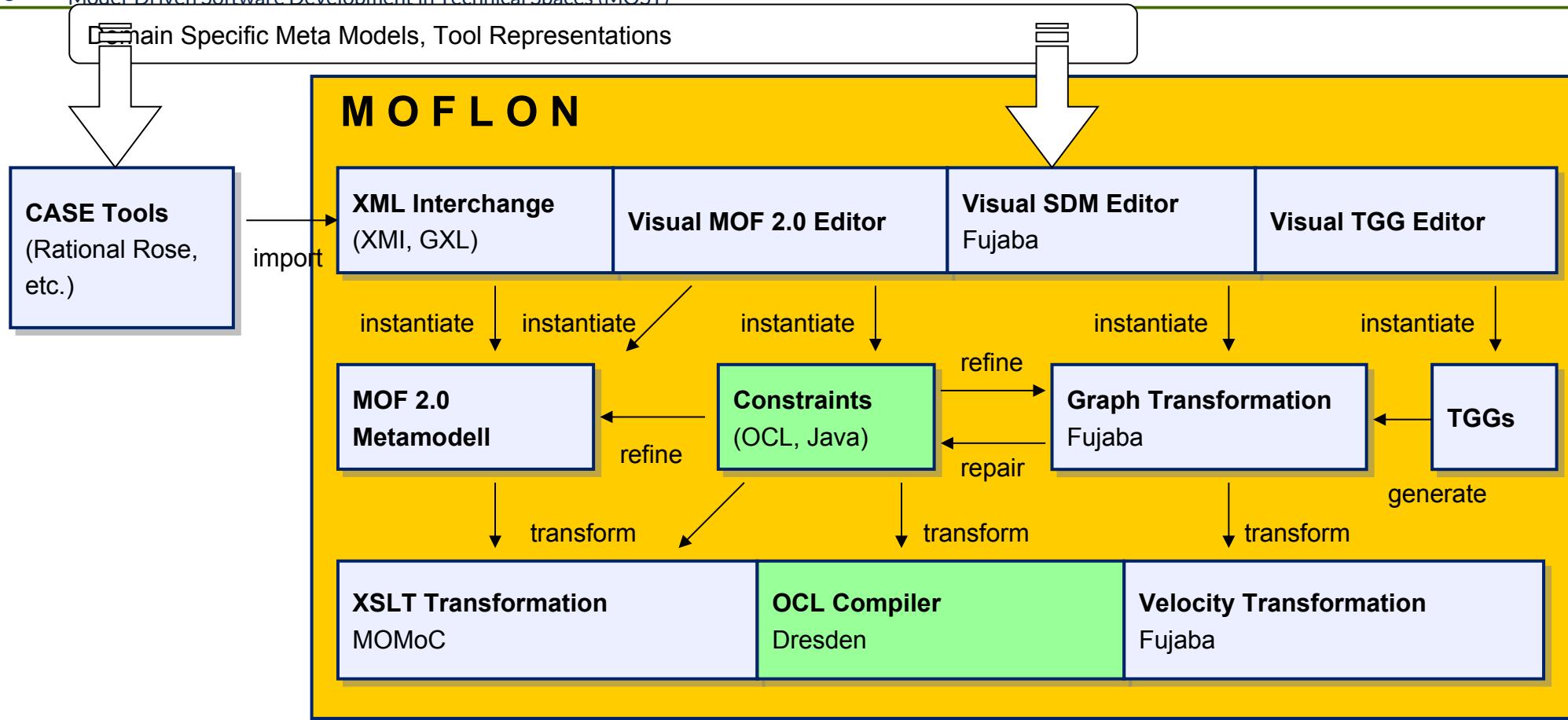
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Main Specific Meta Models, Tool Representations

## MOFLON

CASE Tools  
(Rational Rose,  
etc.)

import

XML Interchange  
(XMI, GXL)

Visual MOF 2.0 Editor

Visual SDM Editor  
Fujaba

Visual TGG Editor

MOF 2.0  
Metamodell

Constraints  
(OCL, Java)

Graph Transformation  
Fujaba

TGGs

Model Analysis,  
Model Transformation,  
Model Integration,  
etc.

XSLT Transformation  
MOMoC

OCL Compiler  
Dresden

Velocity Transformation  
Fujaba

Java Representation  
(JMI)

XML Representation  
(XMI)

Tailored  
Interfaces

Reflective  
Interfaces

MOF 2.0  
Instances

Event  
Notification

Constraint  
Checking

Repair  
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repair

generate

transform

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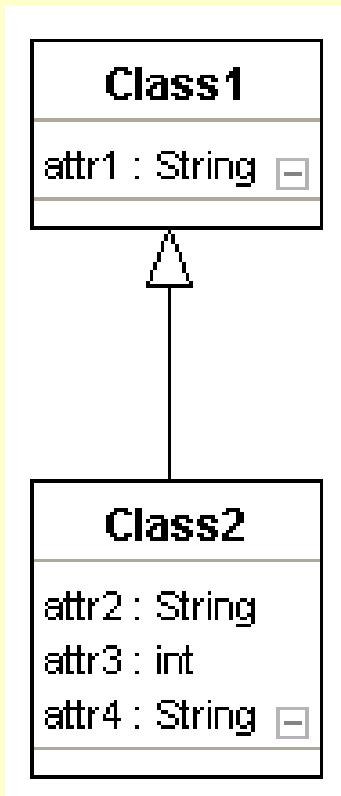
## 34.3. Triple Graph Grammars in MOFLON

### 34.3.1 Example 2: Integration with TGG – Object-Relational Mapping (ORM) from Class Diagrams to Database Schema

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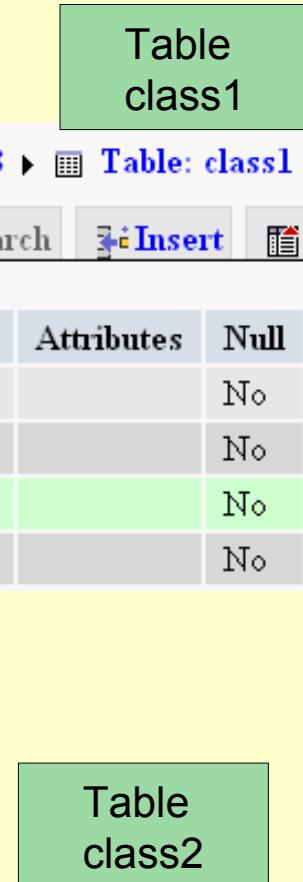
domain specific language,  
e.g. Class Diagrams



domain specific language,  
e.g. Database Schemata

A screenshot of a database management system interface. The top bar shows "Server: localhost > Database: icgt2008 > Table: class1". Below the bar are tabs for "Browse", "Structure", "SQL", "Search", "Insert", and "Delete". The "Structure" tab is selected, displaying a table with the following data:

	Field	Type	Collation	Attributes	Null
<input type="checkbox"/>	attr1	varchar(1024)	latin1_general_ci		No
<input type="checkbox"/>	attr2	varchar(1024)	latin1_general_ci		No
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	attr3	int(11)			No
<input type="checkbox"/>	attr4	varchar(1024)	latin1_general_ci		No

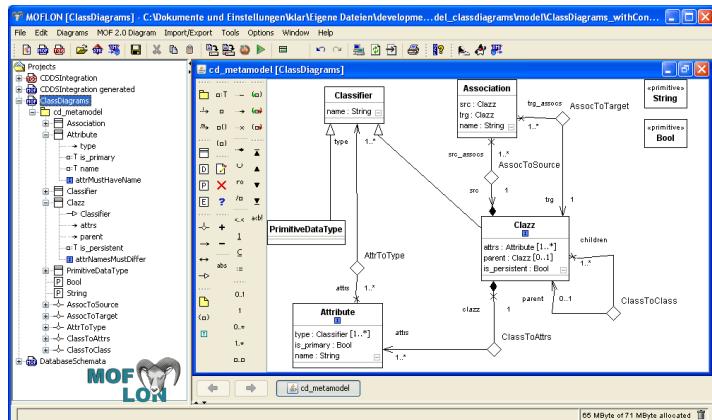


# Example 2: Tool Integration Scenario TiE-CDDS: (ClassDiagrams / DatabaseSchema)

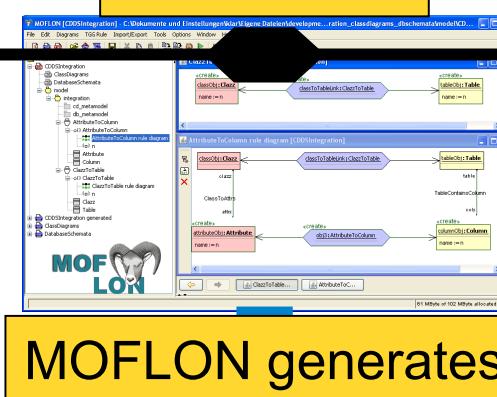
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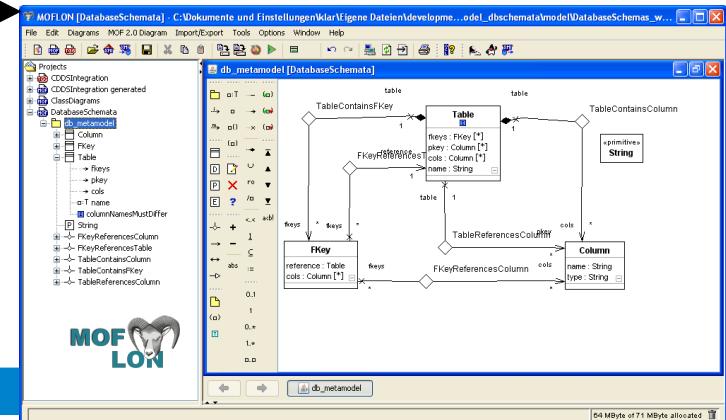
Class Diagrams Metamodel



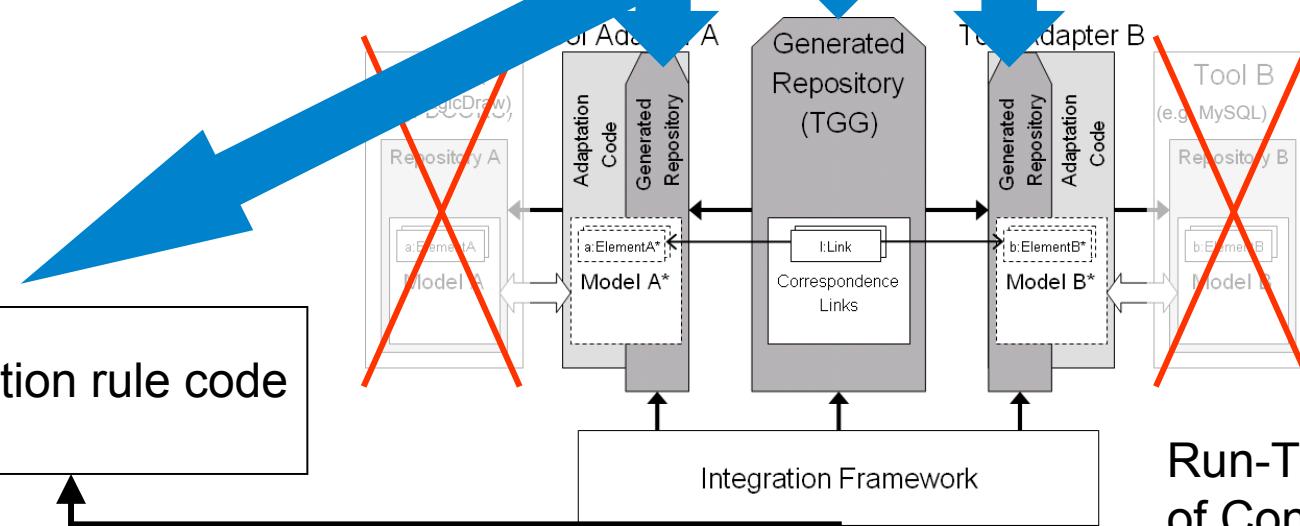
TGGs relate



Database Schemata Metamodel



MOFLON generates

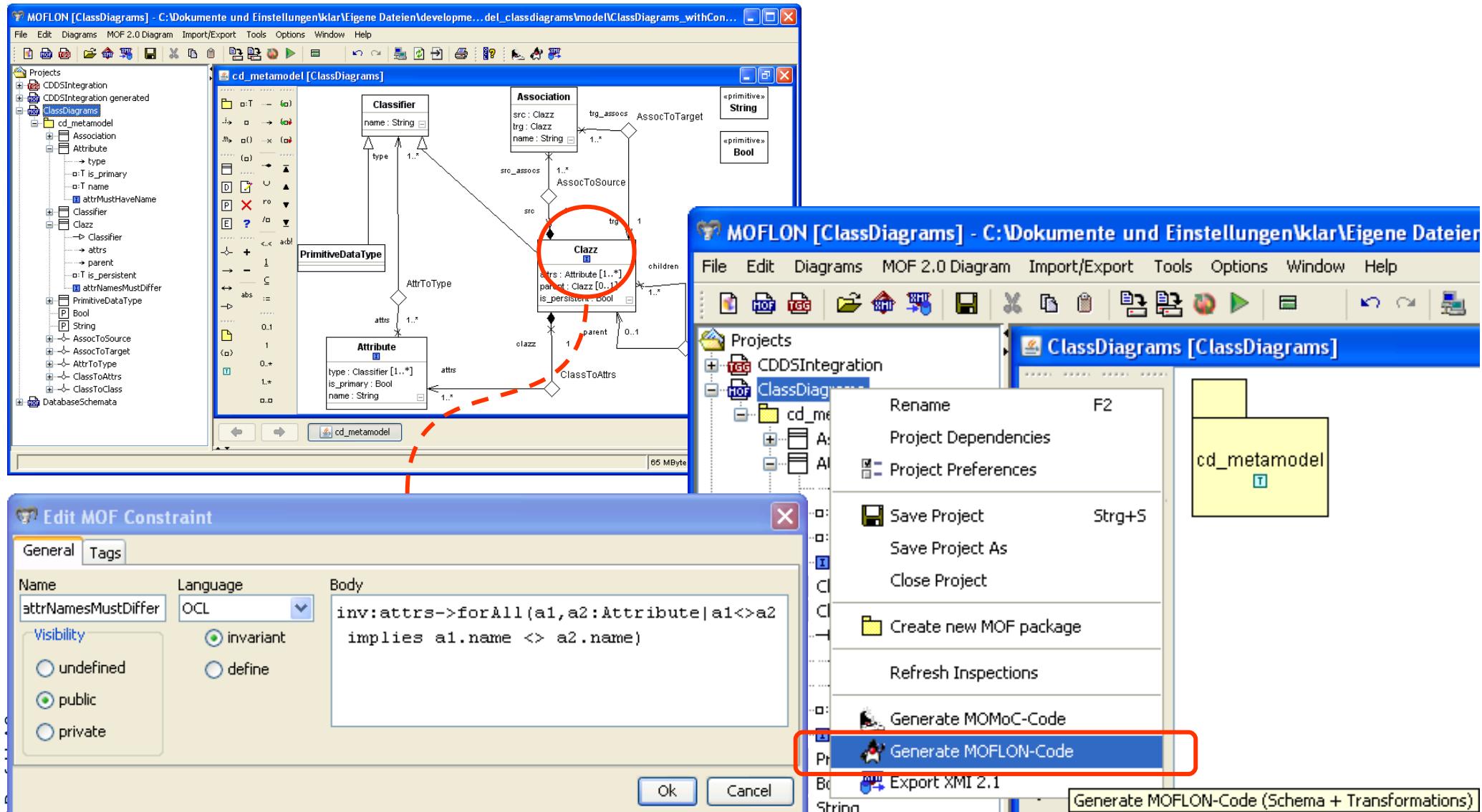


# TiE-CDDS – Constraints in Class Diagrams (1)

## Generate Code from MOF model (CD metamodel)

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# TiE-CDDS – Constraints in Class Diagrams (2)

## Integration Framework

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Model-Driven Software Development in Technical Spaces (MOST)

The screenshot shows the TiE Integration Framework interface. At the top, there are two tabs: "load CD metamodel" and "load CD model". Below these are sections for "Tool Adapter", "Source Domain", "Target Domain", and "Link Domain". A "Configuration File" dropdown is also present. The "load CD model" tab is active, showing a "Model" section with "cd\_model.xmi" selected. A red box highlights the "cd\_model.xmi" file and the "Merge" button. A "Constraint Validation" dialog box is open, containing an error message with an exclamation mark icon. The message states:

- source domain model does not fulfill its constraints:
- constraint named 'attrNamesMustDiffer' is violated in instance: Customer: inv:attrs->forAll(a1,a2:Attribute|a1<>a2 implies a1.name <> a2.name)
- constraint named 'attrMustHaveName' is violated in instance: : inv:name.size()>0
- association 'cd\_metamodel.ClazzToAttrs', memberEnd 'attrs': size of links is out of bounds in context 'Order:cd\_metamodel.Clazz': should be [1,unbounded] but is 0: inv: attrs->size()>=1 and attrs->size()<=unbounded

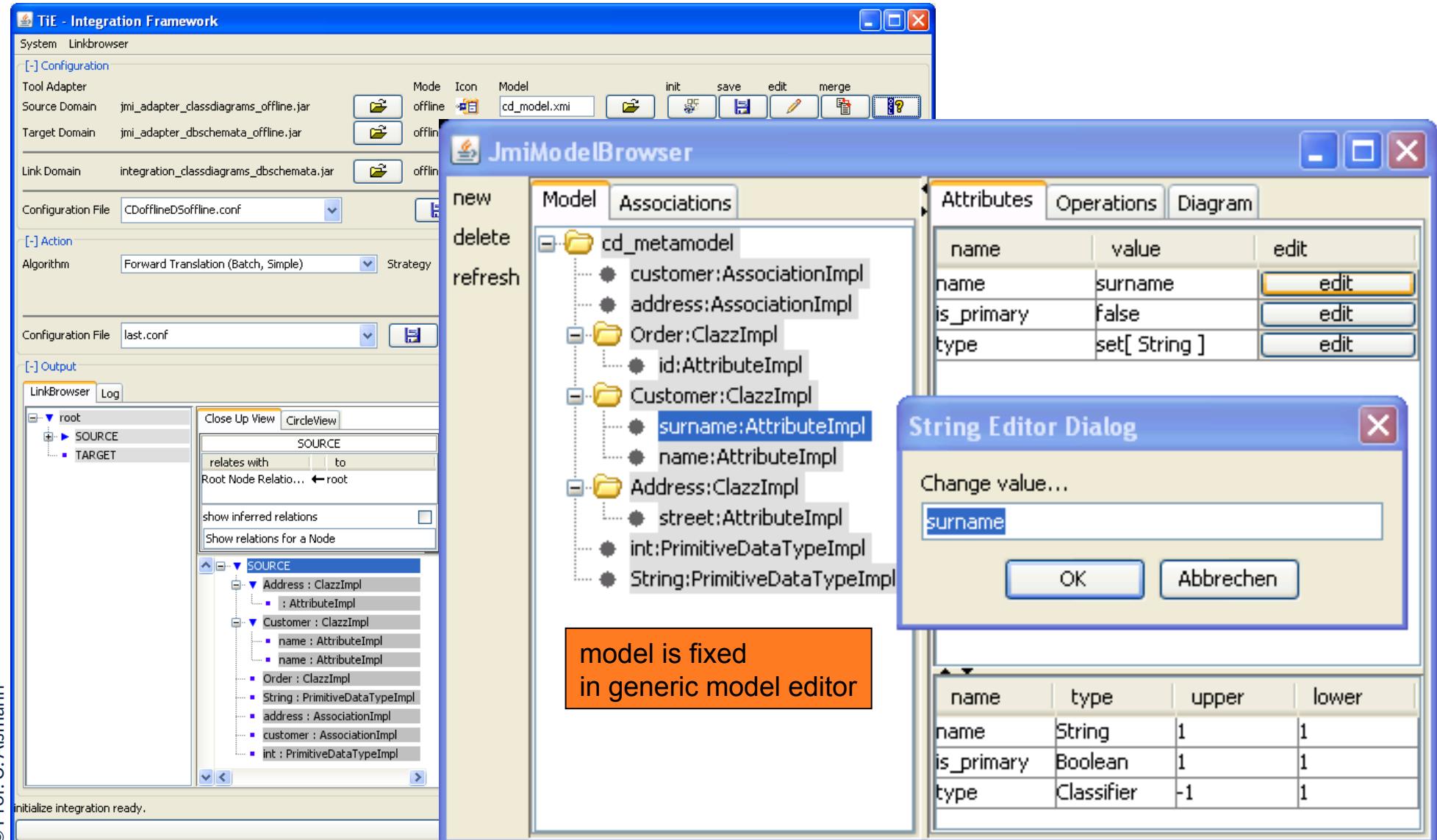
An "OK" button is at the bottom of the dialog. In the bottom left, there's a "SOURCE" and "TARGET" browser. The "SOURCE" browser has a red box around its tree view, which lists classes like Address, Customer, Order, String, etc., each with attributes and associations. A blue arrow points from this browser to a callout box labeled "model violates constraints:" which lists three violations. Another callout box below says "visualization of classdiagrams model (here: source domain)".

# TiE-CDDS – Constraints in Class Diagrams (3)

## Model Browser

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Model-Driven Software Development in Technical Spaces (MOST)



# TiE-CDDS – Constraints in Class Diagrams (4)

## Integration Framework

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Model-Driven Software Development in Technical Spaces (MOST)

The screenshot shows the TiE - Integration Framework interface. In the top left, there's a configuration panel with tabs for Configuration, Action, and Output. The Action tab is active, showing settings for Forward Translation (Batch, Simple) with Strategy set to Unsorted Simple and Log Level set to WARN. An orange callout box to the right says "translation process may start now...".

In the bottom right, a large blue modal window titled "Constraint Validation" displays a message: "source domain model fulfills its constraints". It features a large blue info icon and an "Ok" button.

The main workspace on the left shows a LinkBrowser view with a tree structure under "root". The "SOURCE" node is expanded, showing classes like Address, Customer, and Order, each with their attributes (e.g., street, name, surname, id, String, address, customer). A "TARGET" node is also present. A "Close Up View" tab is open, showing relations between nodes.

At the bottom, a status bar says "initialize source ready." and "GC".

# TiE-CDDS – Constraints in Class Diagrams (5)

## Forward Translation to DB representation

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Model-Driven Software Development in Technical Spaces (MOST)

**TiE - Integration Framework**

System Linkbrowser

[ - ] Configuration

Tool Adapter

Source Domain	jmi_adapter_classdiagrams_offline.jar	Mode	Icon	Model
		offline	Folder	cd_model.xmi
Target Domain	jmi_adapter_dbschemas_offline.jar	unknown	Folder	ds_empty.xmi

Link Domain integration\_classdiagrams\_dbschemas.jar Mode unknown Model cdds\_empty.xmi

Configuration File CDofflineDSoffline.conf

[ - ] Action

Algorithm Forward Translation (Batch, Simple) Strategy Unsorted Simple

Configuration File last.conf

[ - ] Output

LinkBrowser Log

Close Up View CircleView

relates with | to

show inferred relations

Show relations for a Node

TARGET

root  
↳ SOURCE  
↳ TARGET

SOURCE  
Address : ClazzImpl  
street : AttributeImpl  
Customer : ClazzImpl  
name : AttributeImpl  
surname : AttributeImpl  
Order : ClazzImpl  
id : AttributeImpl  
String : PrimitiveDataTypeImpl  
address : AssociationImpl  
customer : AssociationImpl

initialize source ready.

GC

**TiE - Integration Framework**

System Linkbrowser

[ - ] Configuration

Tool Adapter

Source Domain	jmi_adapter_classdiagrams_offline.jar	Mode	Icon	Model	init	save	edit	merge
		offline	Folder	cd_model.xmi	Folder	Folder	Folder	Folder
Target Domain	jmi_adapter_dbschemas_offline.jar	unknown	Folder	2414.xmi	Folder	Folder	Folder	Folder

Link Domain integration\_classdiagrams\_dbschemas.jar Mode offline Model 2414.xmi init save edit merge

Configuration File CDofflineDSoffline.conf

[ - ] Action

Algorithm Forward Translation (Batch, Simple) Strategy Unsorted Simple Log Level WARN

Configuration File last.conf

[ - ] Output

LinkBrowser Log

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Show relations for a Node

root  
↳ SOURCE  
↳ TARGET

SOURCE  
Address : ClazzImpl  
street : AttributeImpl  
Customer : ClazzImpl  
name : AttributeImpl  
surname : AttributeImpl  
Order : ClazzImpl  
id : AttributeImpl  
String : PrimitiveDataTypeImpl  
address : AssociationImpl  
customer : AssociationImpl

TARGET  
Address : TableImpl  
street : ColumnImpl  
Customer : TableImpl  
name : ColumnImpl  
surname : ColumnImpl  
Order : TableImpl  
id : ColumnImpl

perform operation ready.

GC

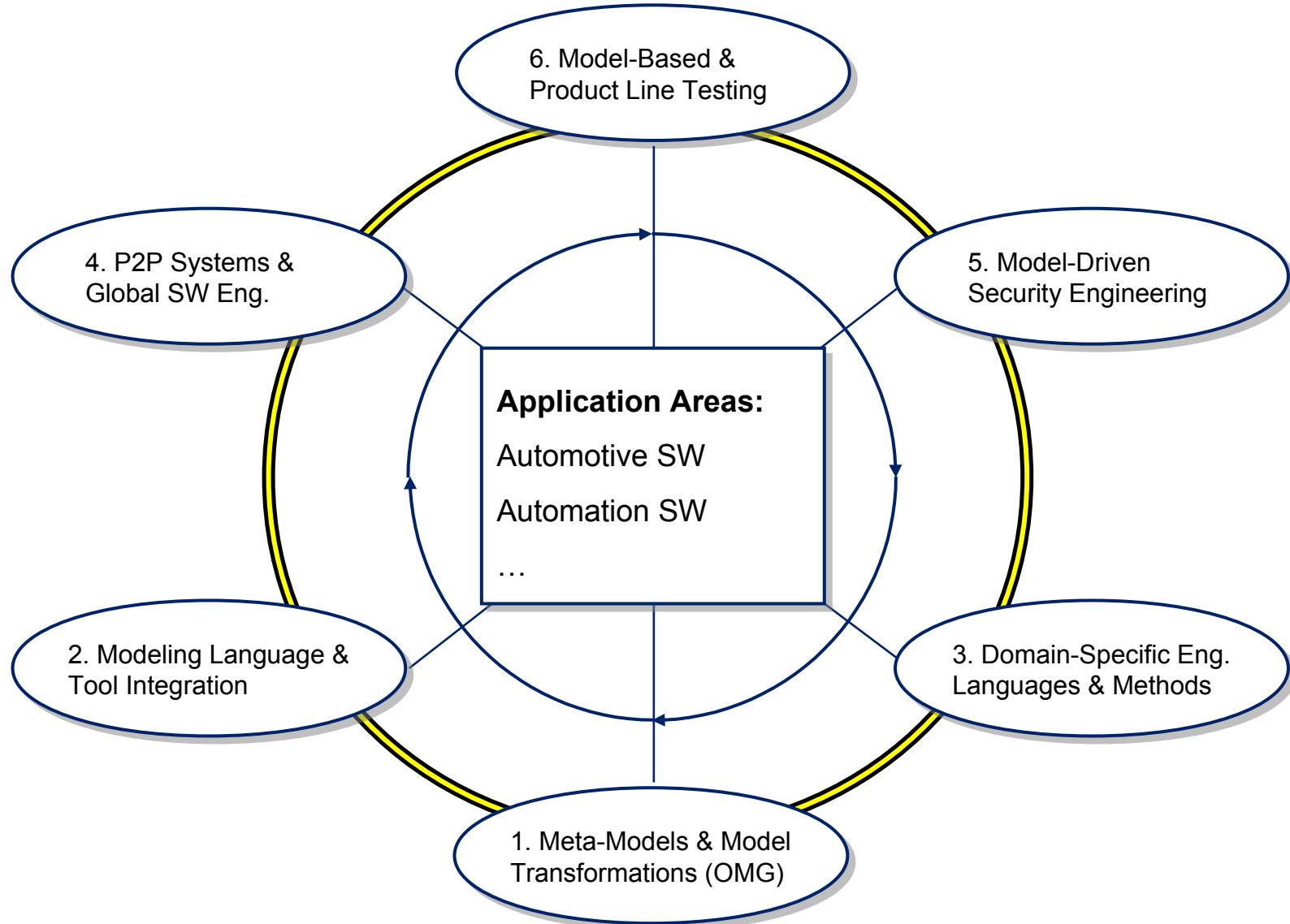
# MOFLON is Bootstrapped

- ▶ TU Darmstadt bootstraps the MOFLON MOF Metamodel periodically
  - Since 2013, ported to EMOF
- Bootstrap has important advantages:
  - If more OCL constraints are added to the (e)MOF metamodel
  - Regenerate MOFLON MOF implementation
  - Activate the extended constraint checking in MOFLON (model verification, model consistency checking, model wellformedness)

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# Related Approaches

standards	approaches based on graph-/modeltransformation	classic meta-CASE approaches	text based approaches
MOF, OCL, QVT MOFLON	Progress & TGG Fujaba & TGG	GME & GReAT EMF & Tekkat ATOM <sup>3</sup> MetaEdit+	Microsoft DSL EMF & GMF Pounamu EBNF & TXL DiagGen
Abstract syntax	+	+	+
Concrete syntax	--	--	+
Static semantics	+	+	o
Dynamic semantics	+	+	+
Model analysis	+	+	o
Model transformation	+	+	o
Model integration	+	+	o
Acceptability	+	o	o
Scaleability	+	--	--
Tool availability	--	o	+
Expressiveness	+	o	o

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# The End

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**Thank you for your attention...**

