



MODELING OF COMPLEX AUTOMATION SYSTEMS USING COLORED STATE CHARTS

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Motivation

State Charts:



many similar objects

→ many elements

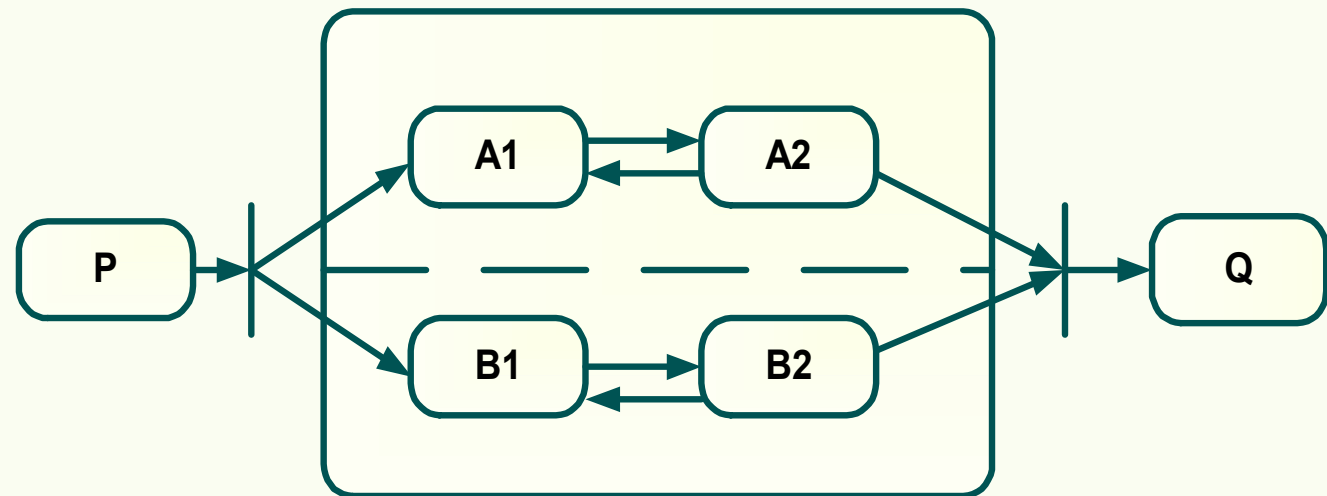
**→ very large and
disturbing diagrams**

Extending State Charts:

- ✓ **Reducing complexity**
- ✓ **Partly introducing the well established concept of High Level Petri Nets**
- ✓ **Compact representation of similar parallel processes or objects**

State Charts

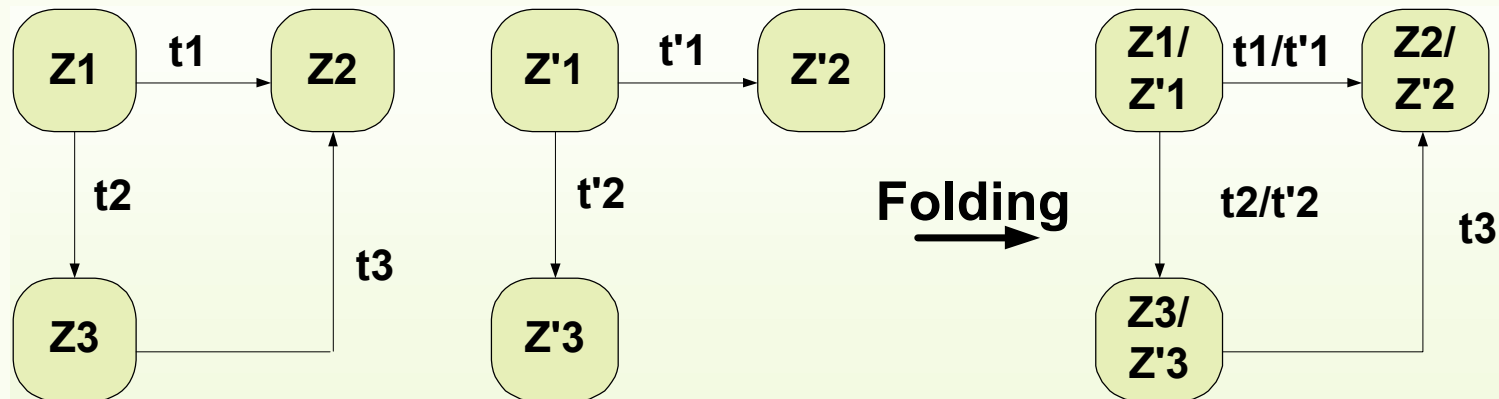
- Graphical language for processes and sequences
- Usable even in early stages of system development
- Formally defined, textual description available



Colored State Charts

„Folding“

Matching states of similar content and structure



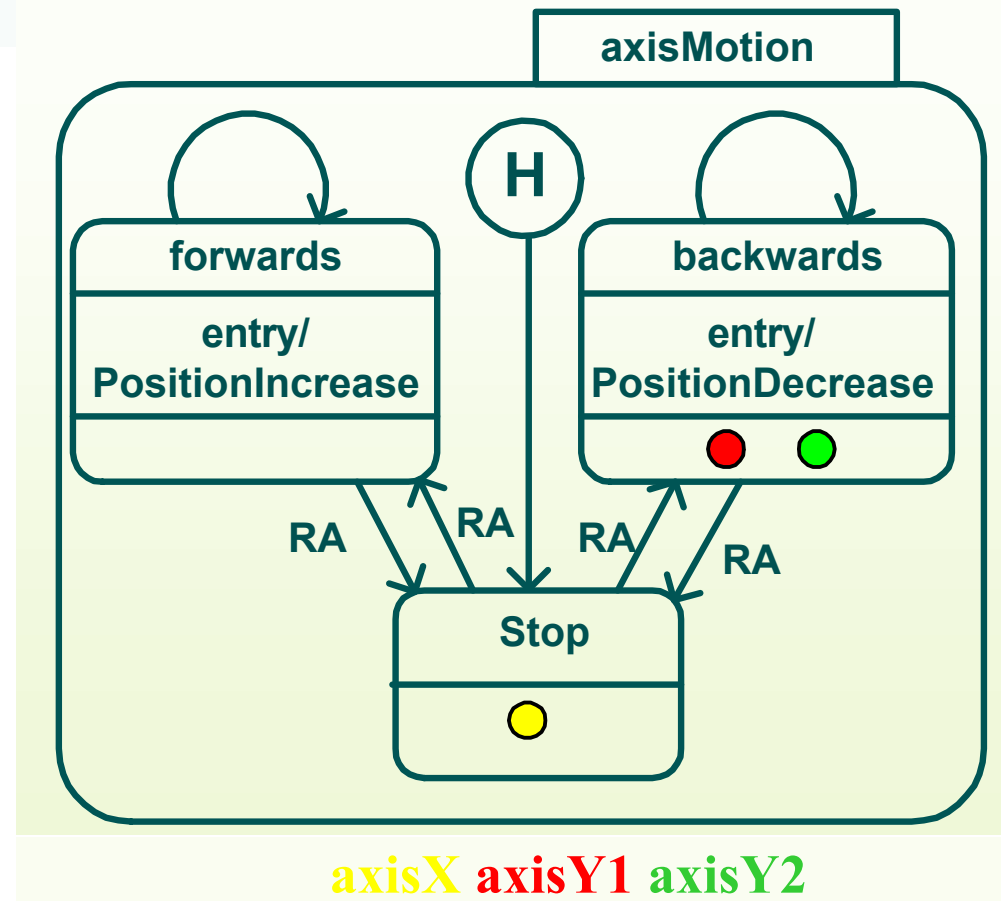
- some subclasses
- a class and it's subclasses
- some objects of just one class
- some objects of several subclasses

Colored State Charts

- Example represents three objects from one parental class

- There are complex states, events, transitions

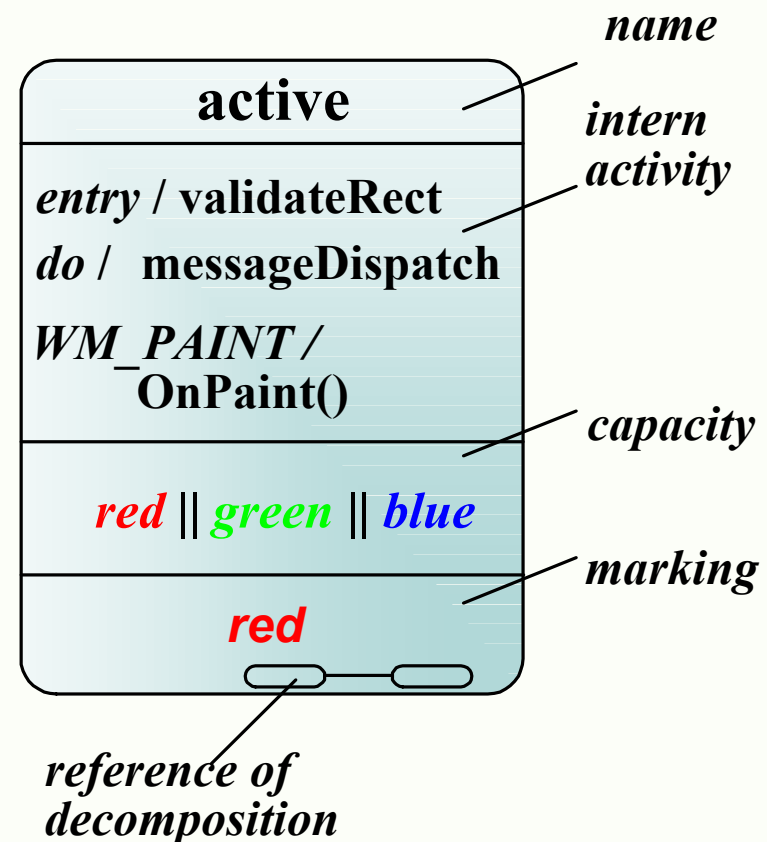
- Activities with time interval properties are available



Colored State Charts

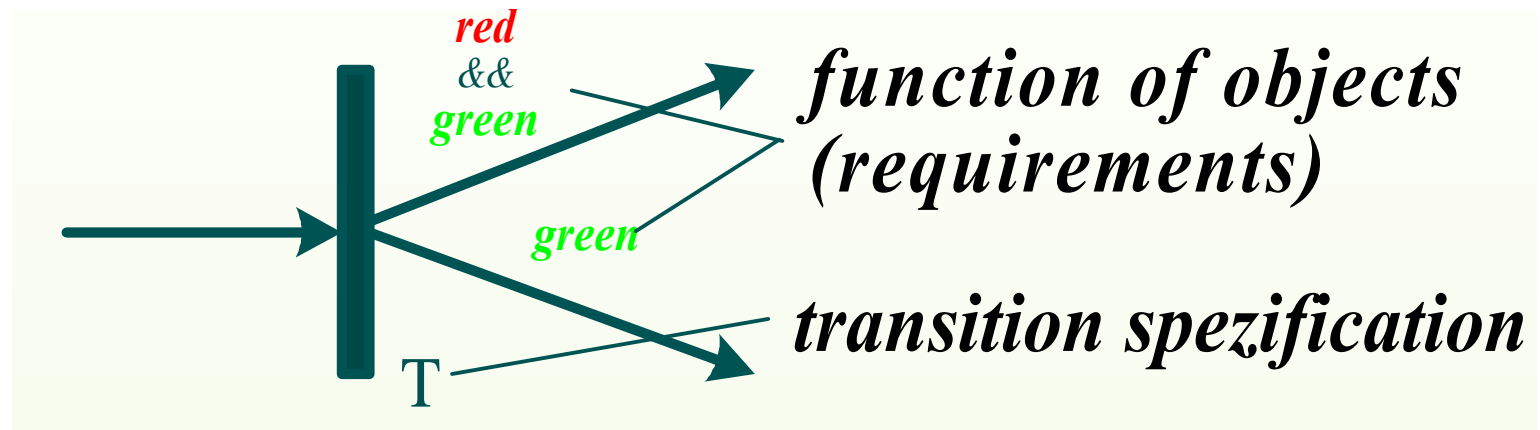
State

- Folded from several local states
- Complex capacity
- Current marking

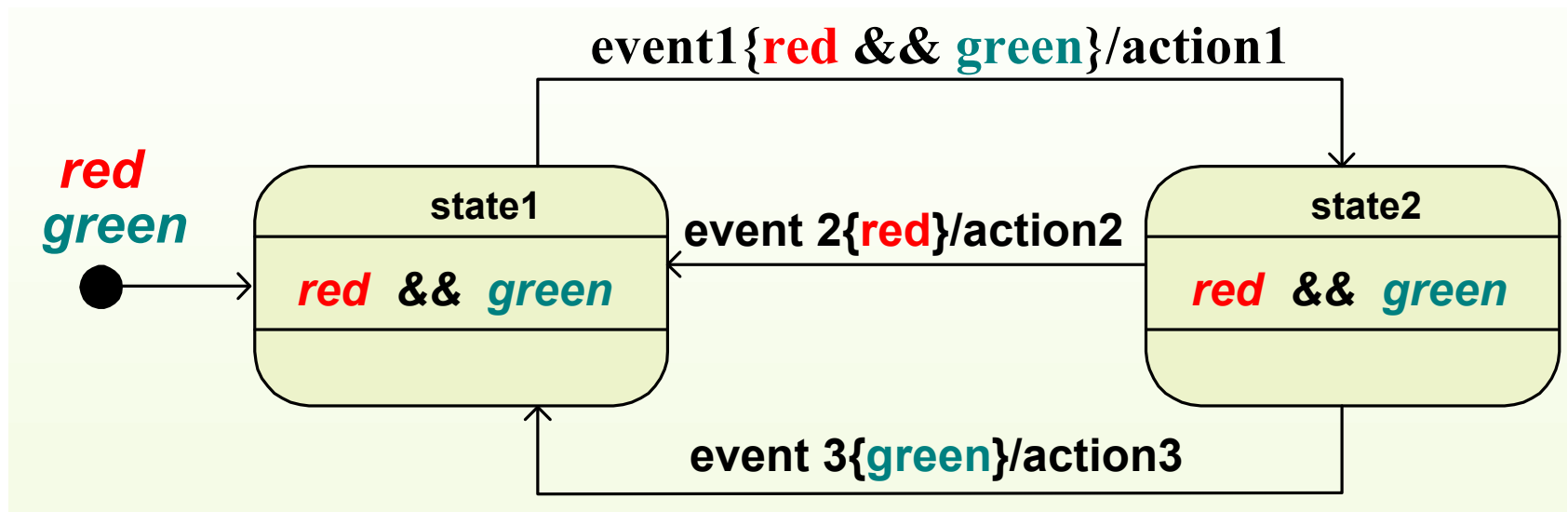


Colored State Charts

Transitions



Colored State Charts



- Colored states
- Complex transitions

Conversion into High Level Petri Nets

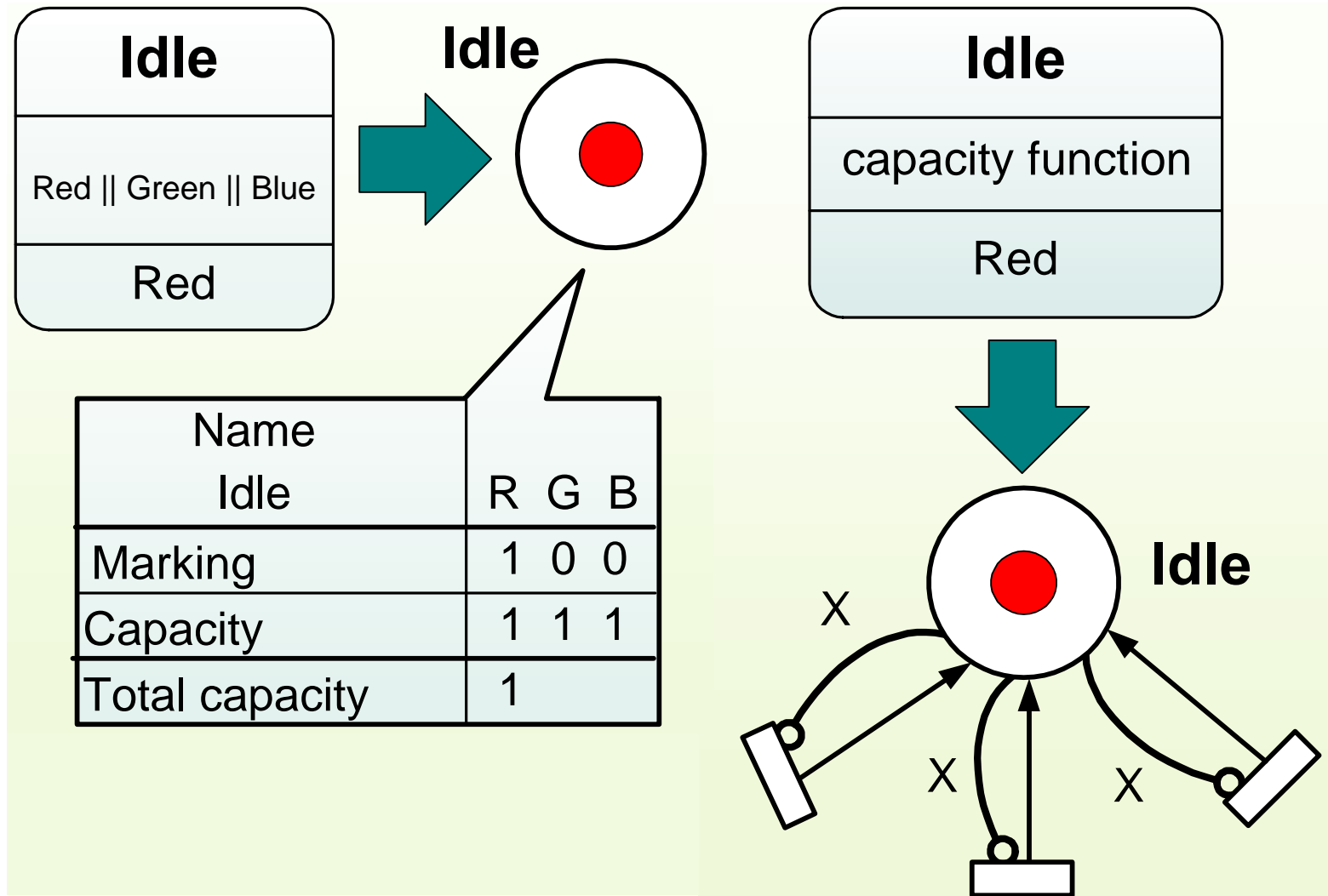
Transformation of the structure:

- ✓ decomposition into single modules
- ✓ transformation using existing algorithms
- ✓ "coloring" the net
- ✓ transformation of color dependencies
- ✓ transformation of state capacities

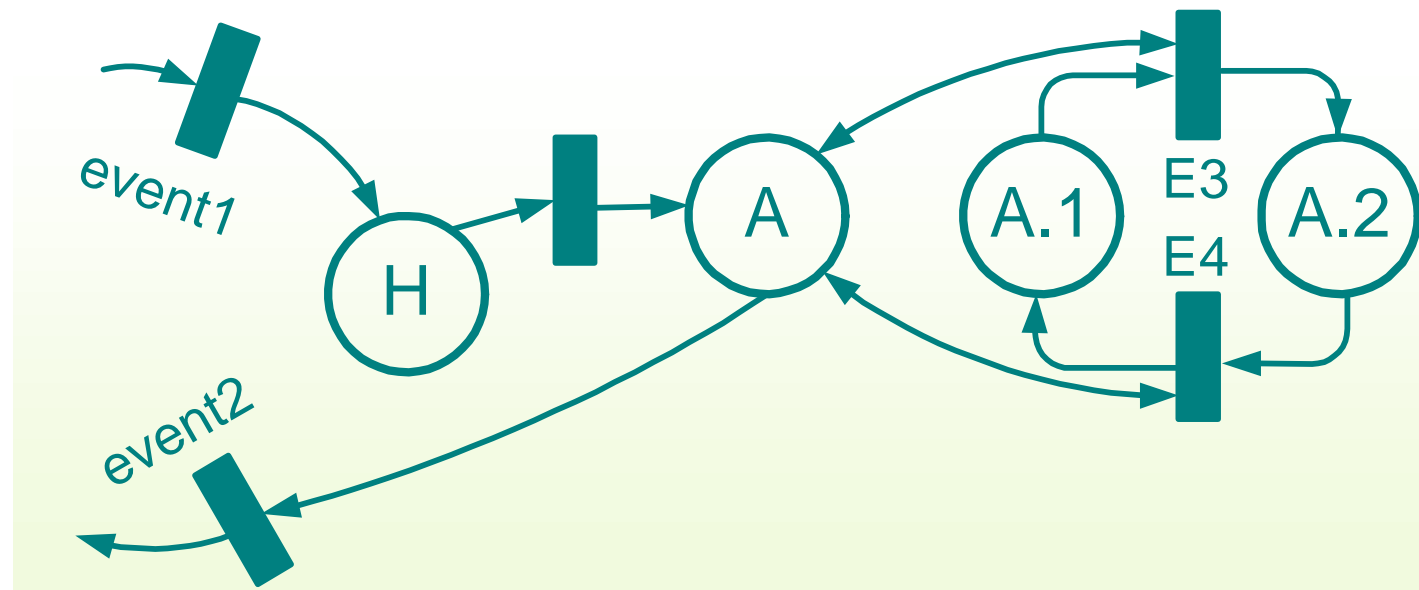
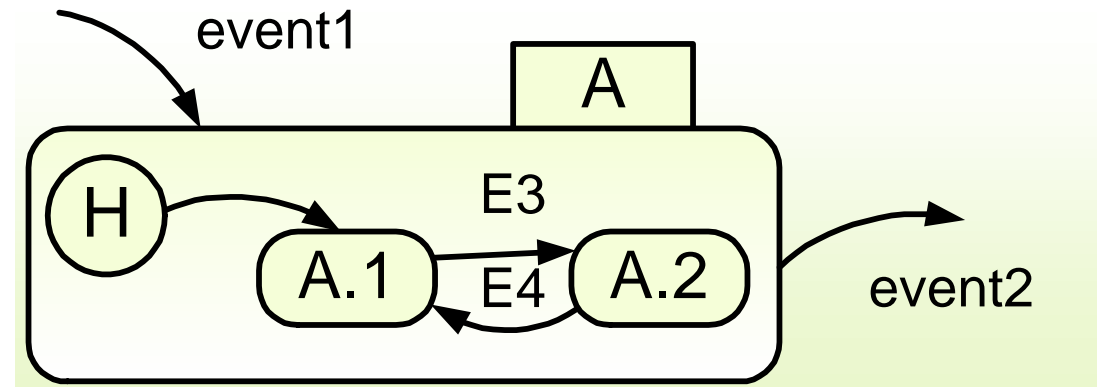
Key aspects of the transformation are:

- ✓ transformation of the place capacity,
- ✓ definition of the firing modes for transitions,
- ✓ transformation of hierarchical structures,
- ✓ transformation of time events and timed transitions

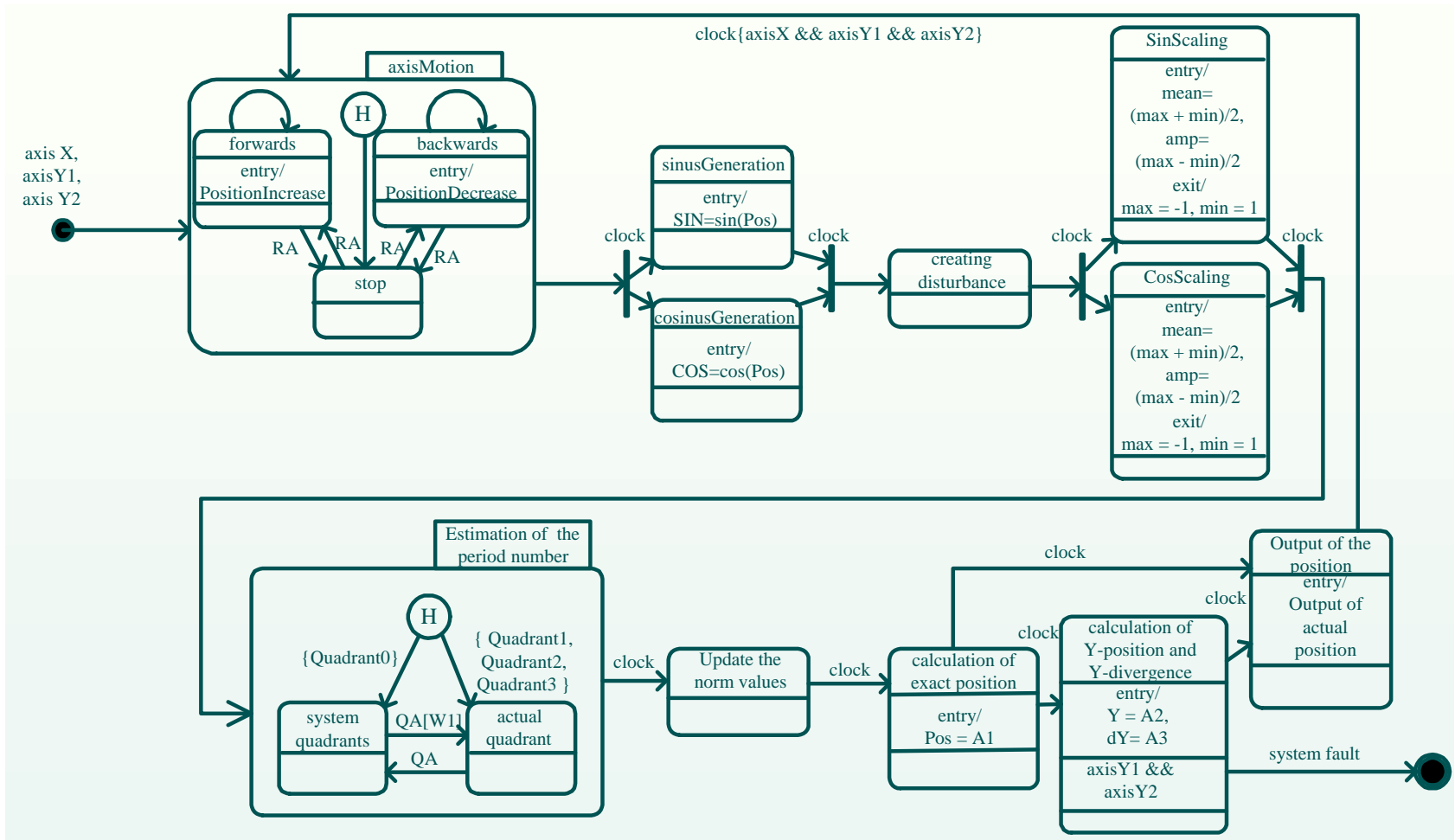
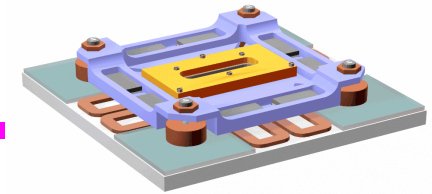
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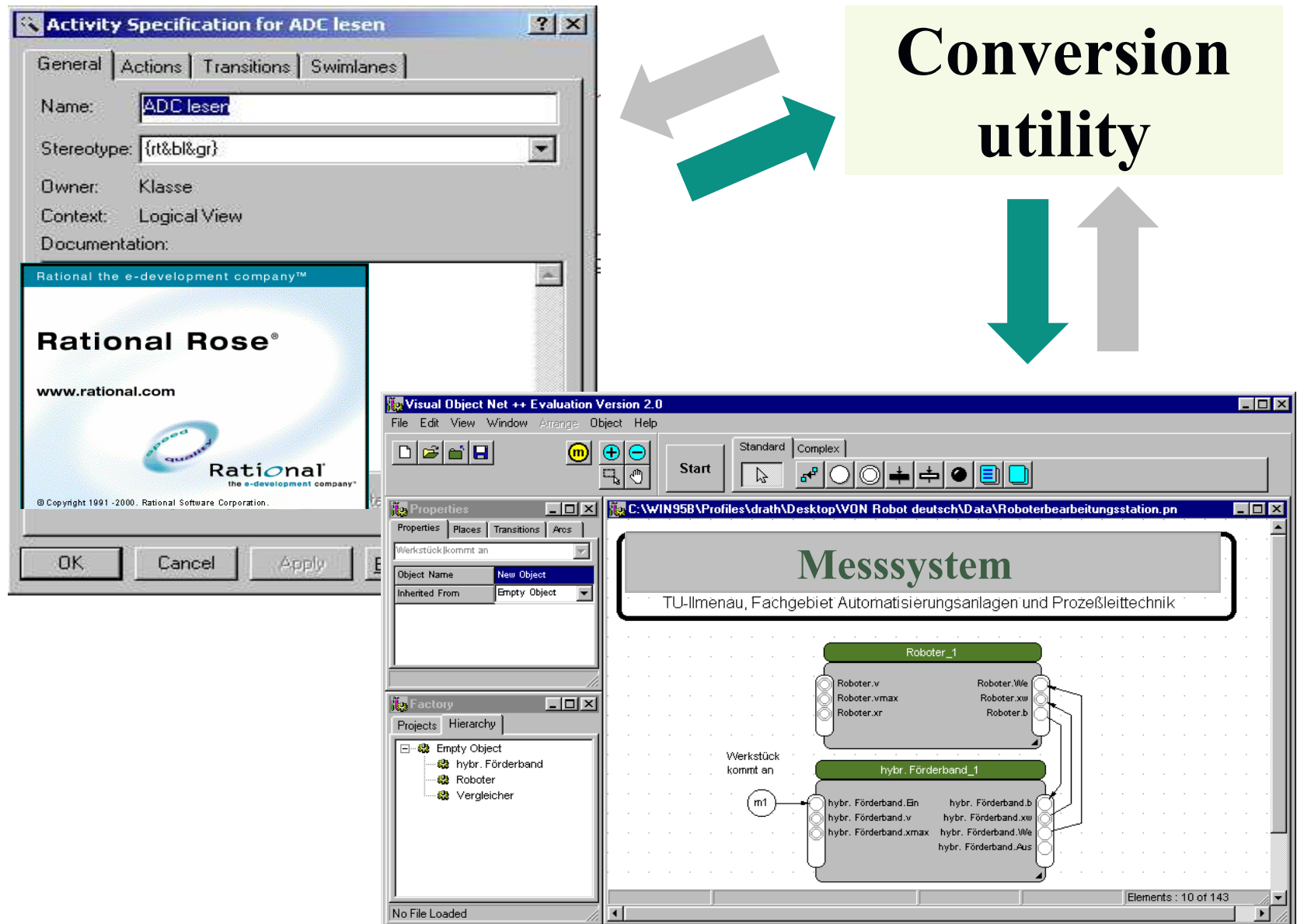
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Example Model



Tool Development and Adaption



Conclusion und Perspectives

- **Compact and clear representation**
- **Formally defined description**
- **Available methods for analysis and transformation based on the Petri Net notation**
- **Available editors for colored diagrams**
- **Easy-to-use conversion utility**