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Semantic Modeling & Data Management

**MDM Project Outcome
5/04/05**

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Objectives

- **Explain MDM Project approach**
 - Why build a Semantic Model before Logical Model
 - How to exploit the Semantic Model
- **Learn from the experience**
 - Difficulties encountered
 - Best practices
- **Draw up the project outcome**
 - Benefits of Semantic Modelling
 - Benefits for the IS

- **The Approach**
 - The theoretical basis
 - Process
- **Semantic Modelling**
 - Principles & objectives
 - Illustration
 - Benefits
- **Semantic Model Transformation**
 - Logical Data Model
 - Service Oriented Architecture
- **The Plan**
 - The story of the Project
 - Continuing on post-MDM project



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The Approach	17pm – 17:15
Semantic Modelling	17:15 – 17:30
Semantic Model Transformation	17:30 – 17:45
The Plan	17:45 – 18pm



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Contents of Approach

- "Aspects" of the Enterprise System
 - Theoretical basis to the approach
- Principles & objectives of Semantic Modelling

The Enterprise System

Knowledge: the core business, notions...

Activity: business processes...

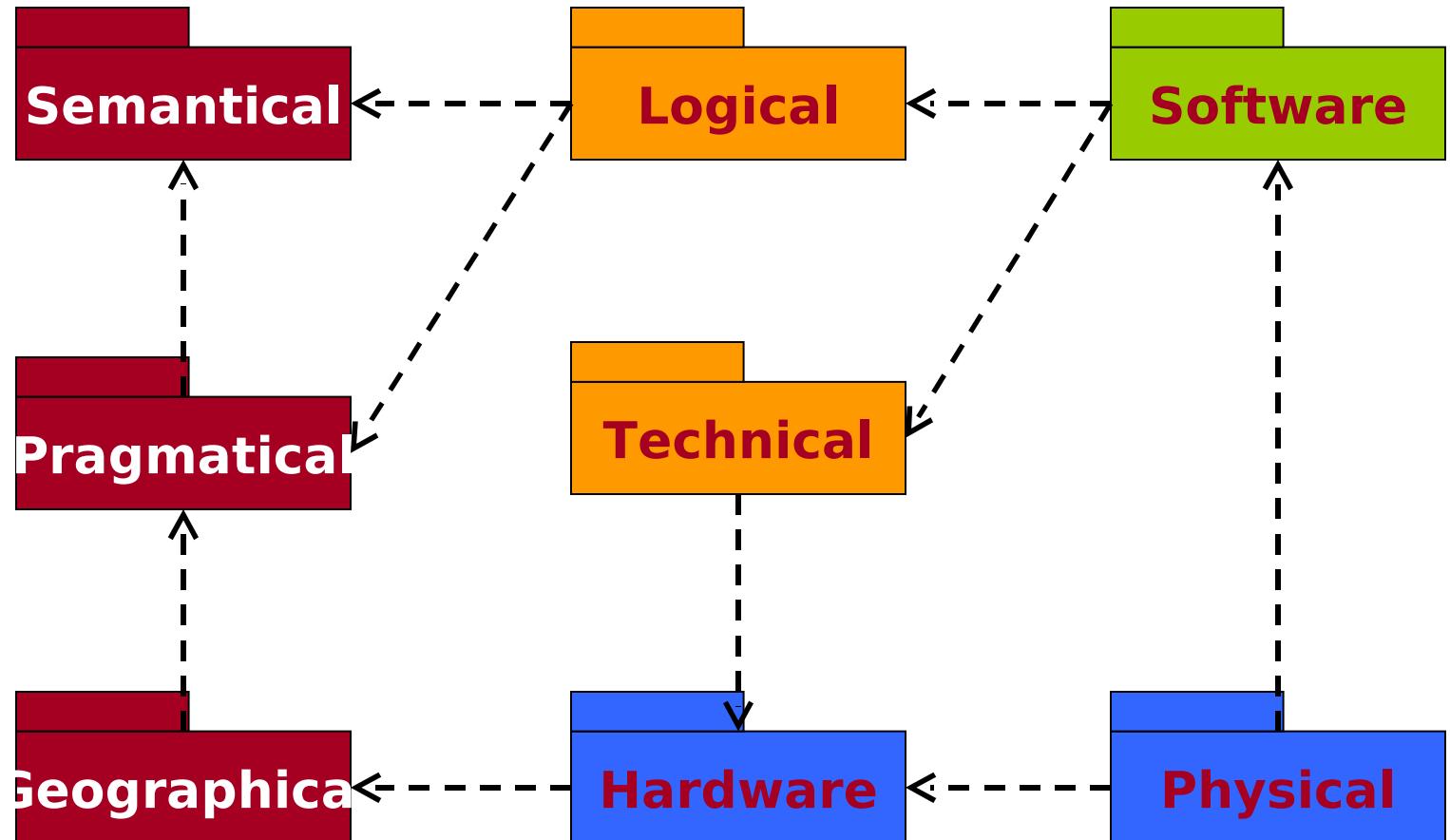
Software Tools

Equipment

*How to connect them?
How to optimise them?*

"Aspects" of the Enterprise System

The Approach

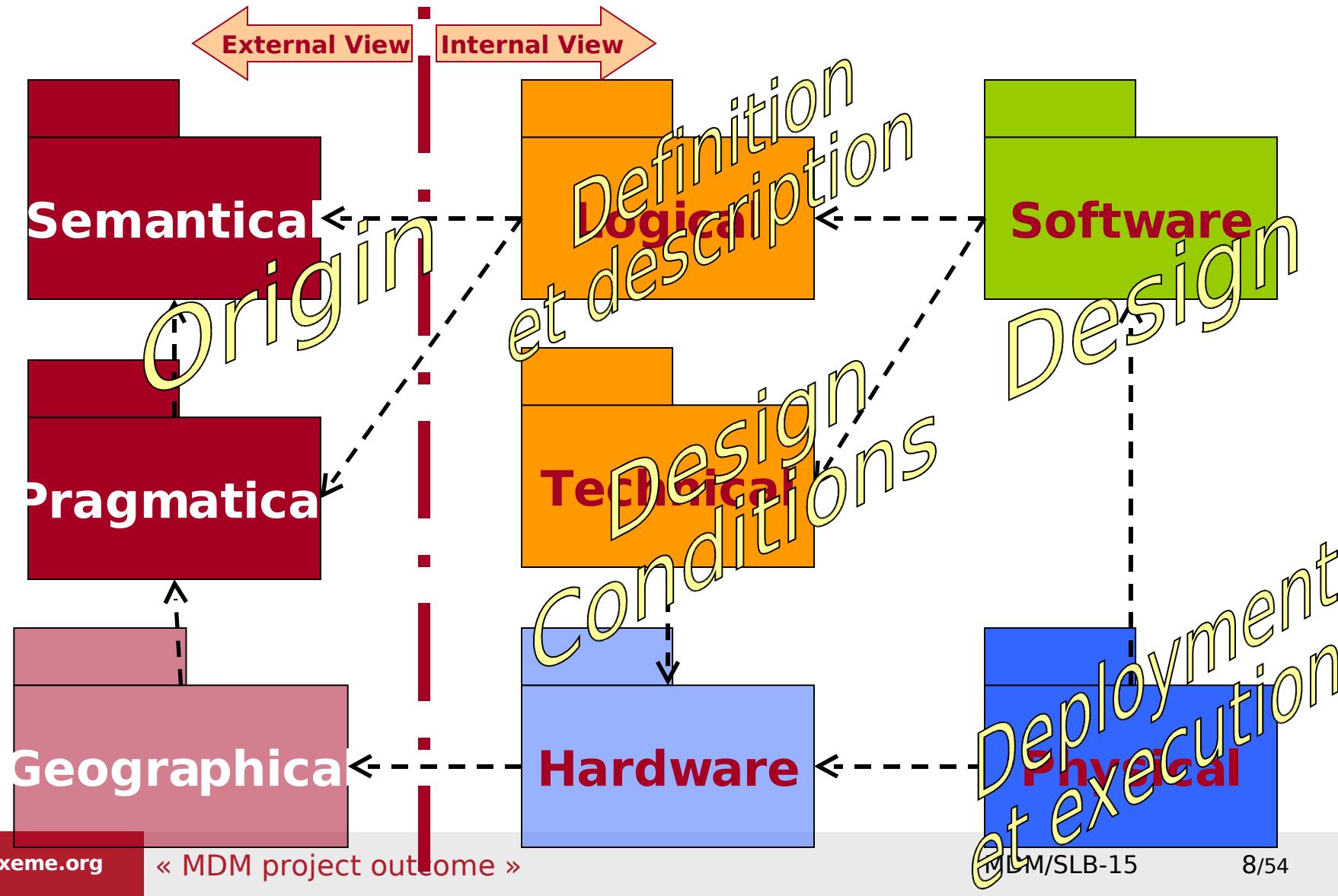


The Enterprise System Topology



The Service transformation

The Approach **Chain**





The MDM Project Context

- **A multiple aspect approach**
- **The MDM project respects the requirements:**
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 - Prepare for a Service Oriented Approach



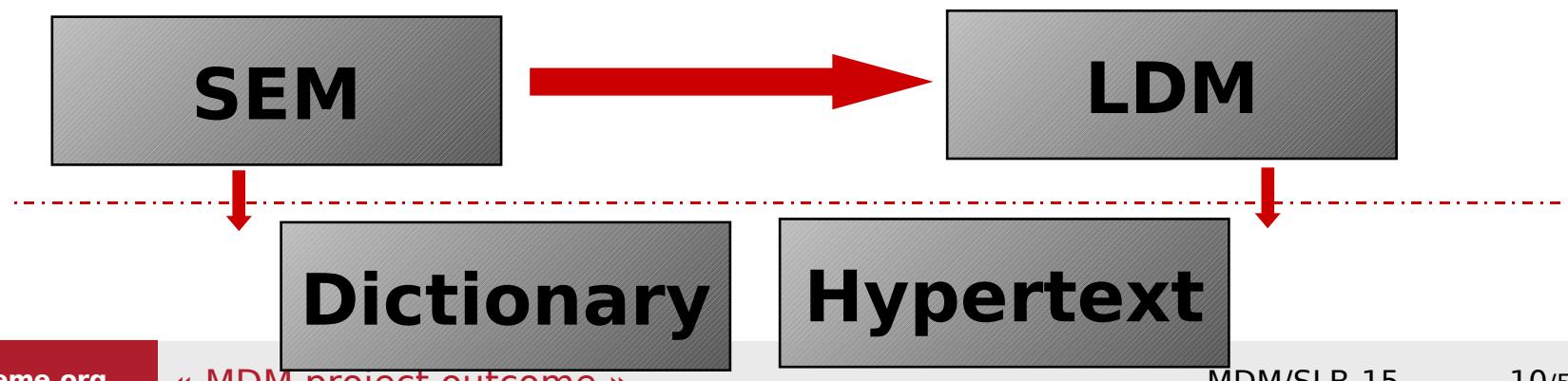
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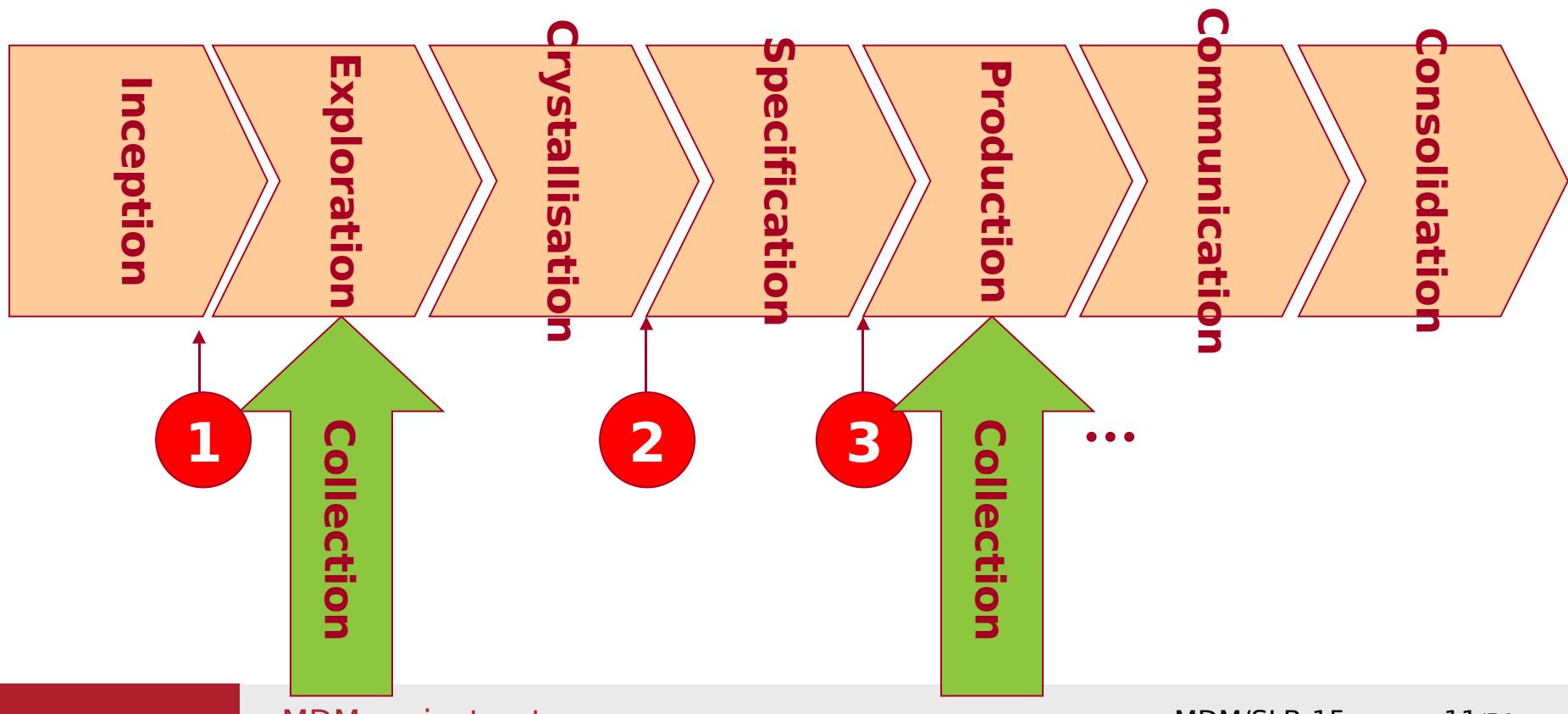
3. Other derived products

- To facilitate the use of the models





■ "Innovation" Approach



The Approach



Data Management project

Scope

Depth

Semantic Model

Logical Data Model

Technical architecture
Software

CORSO project

The Approach



Data Management project

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Exploration phase

Production phase

Crystallisation

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The Exploration Approach



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Semantic Model and Use Case

The Approach
View

- One of the representation inside the « Pragmatical » aspect
 - Functional approach
 - Local point of view





Method deliverables

- **User's Guide to Semantic Model**
 - MDS03-UserGuide.doc
- **Templates for the collected documentation**



- **Principles and objectives of semantic modelling**
- **Difference between classical and semantic modelling**
- **Illustration**
 - Genericity
 - Transfer order



Principles & Objectives

■ Format

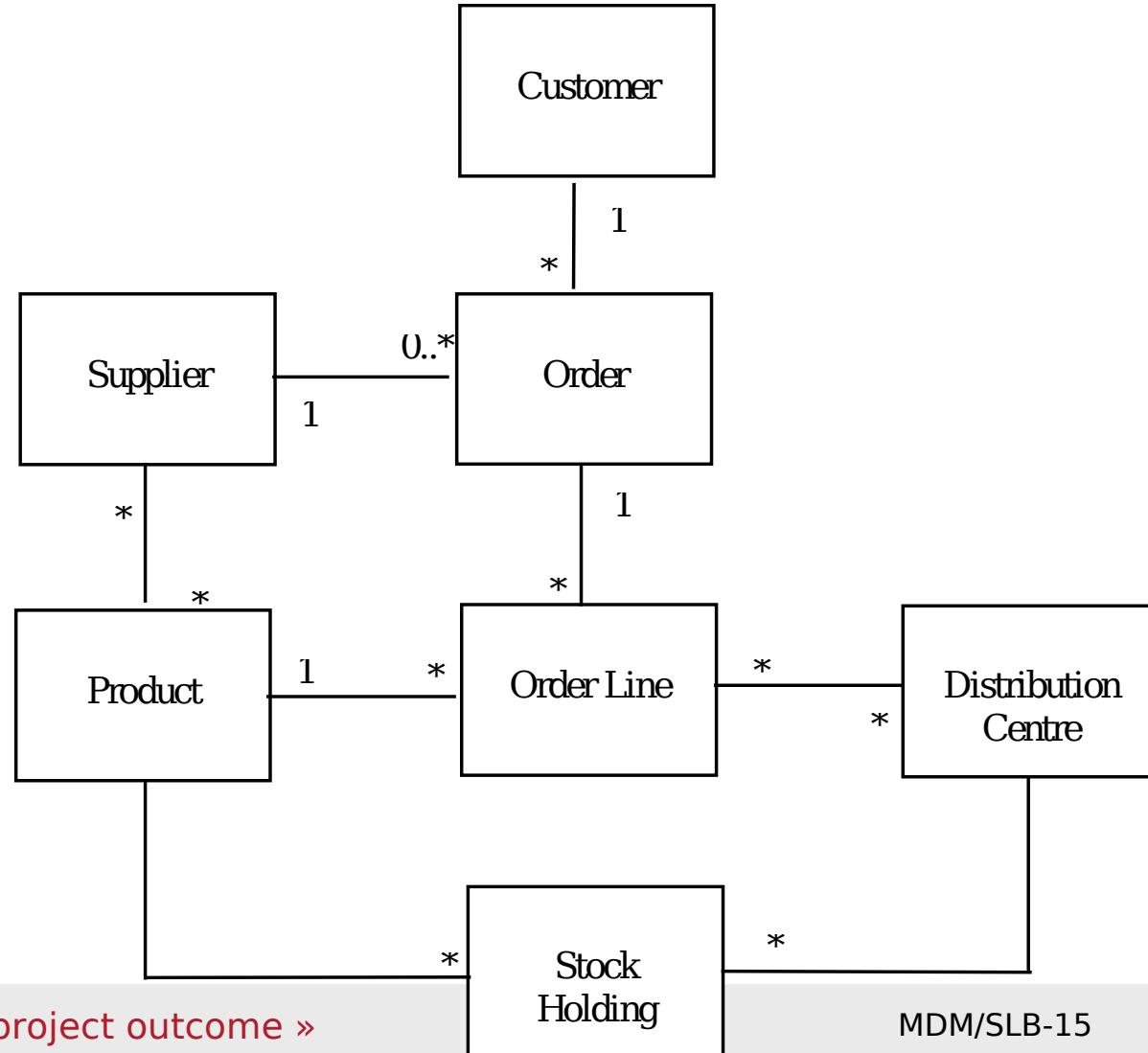
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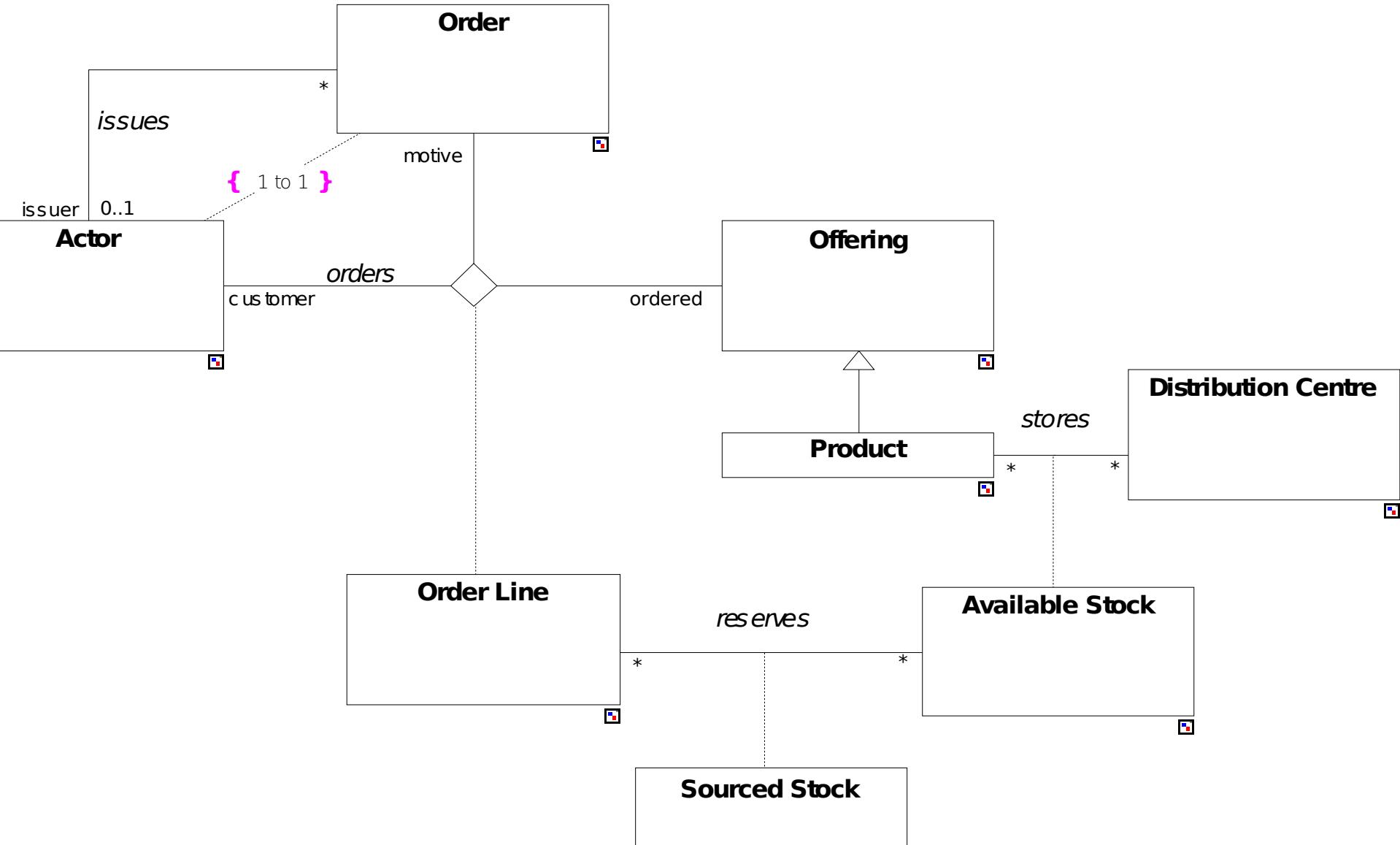


From classical data modelling





...towards Semantic Model





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Genericity (continued)

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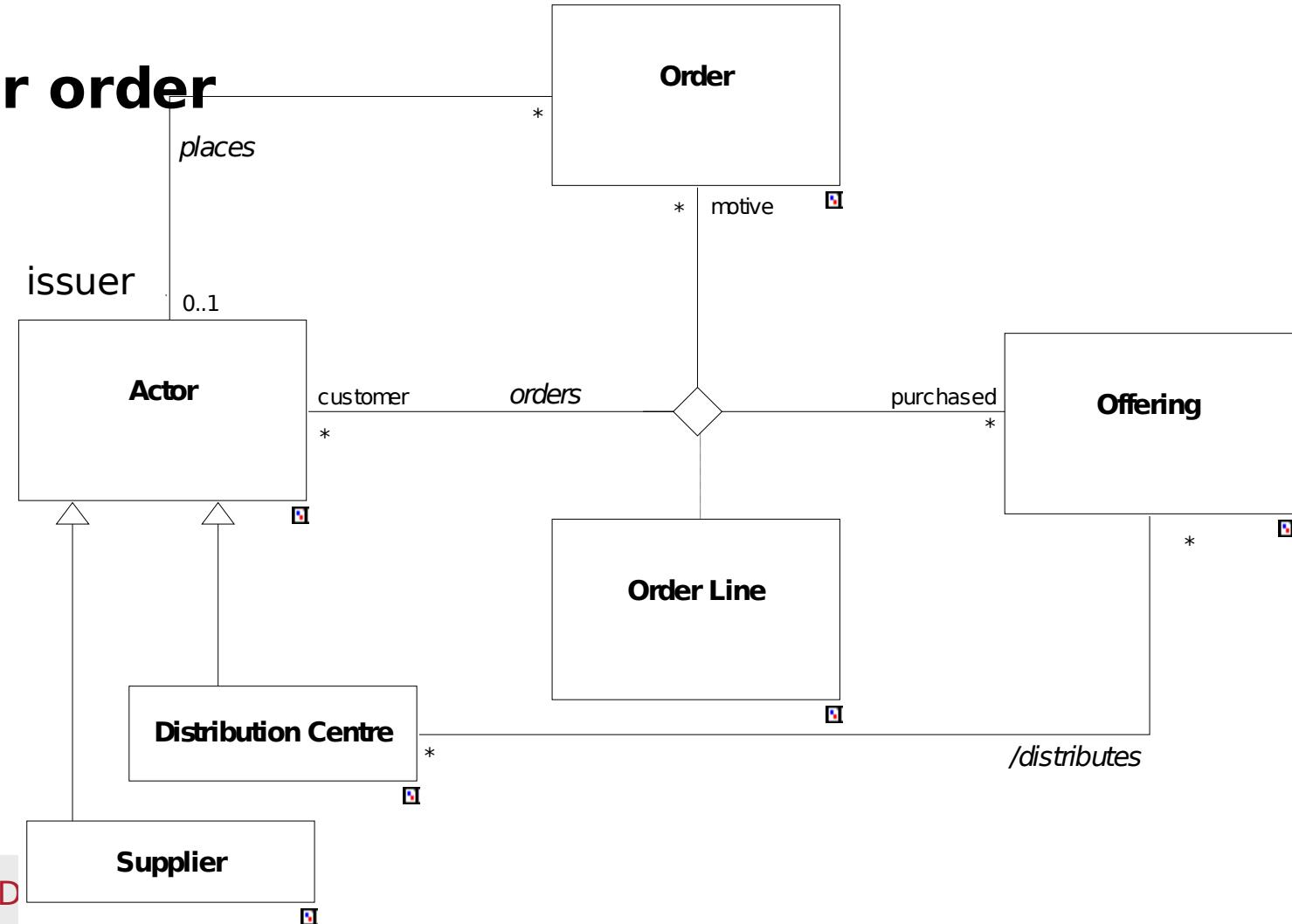
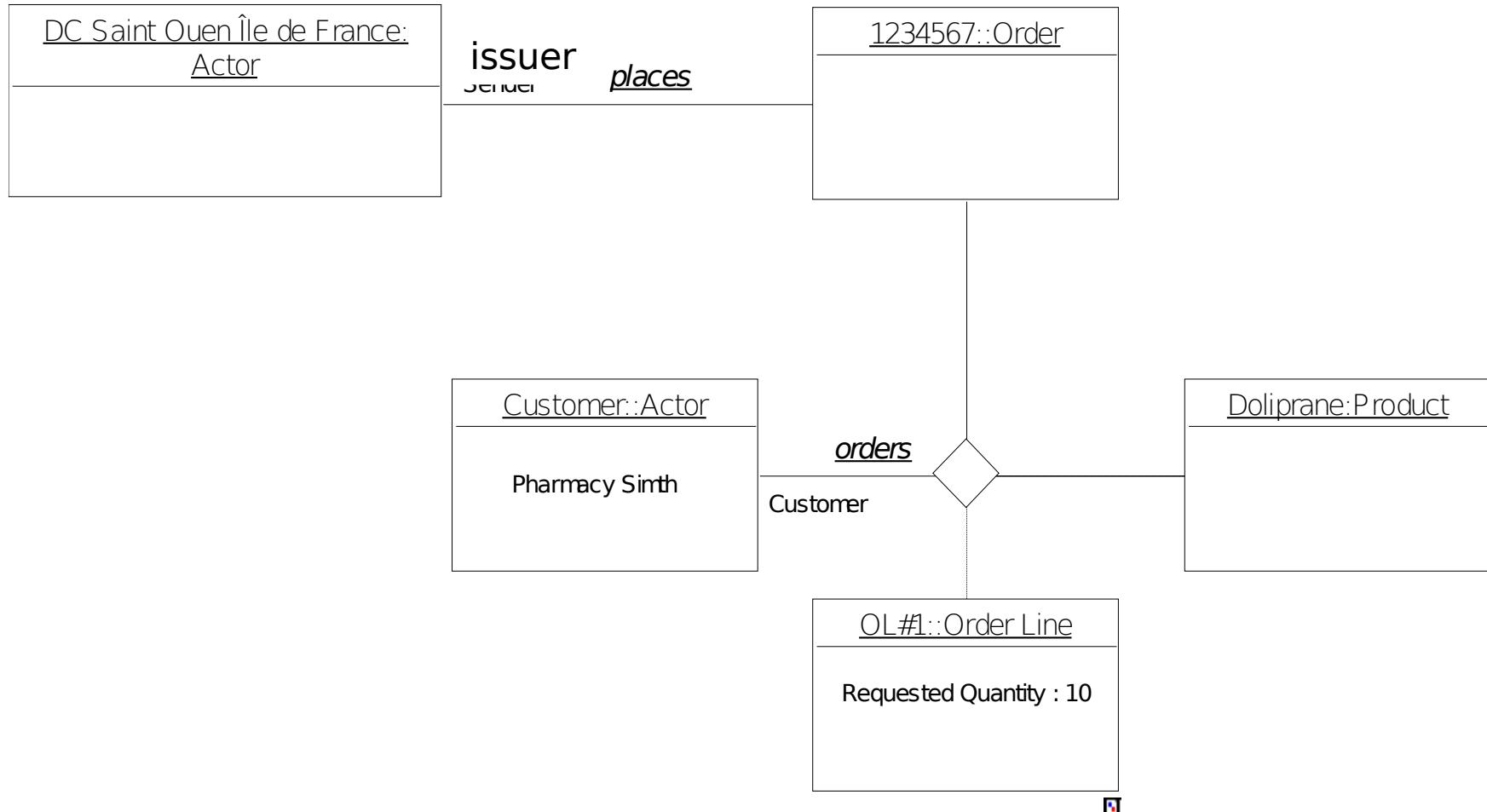




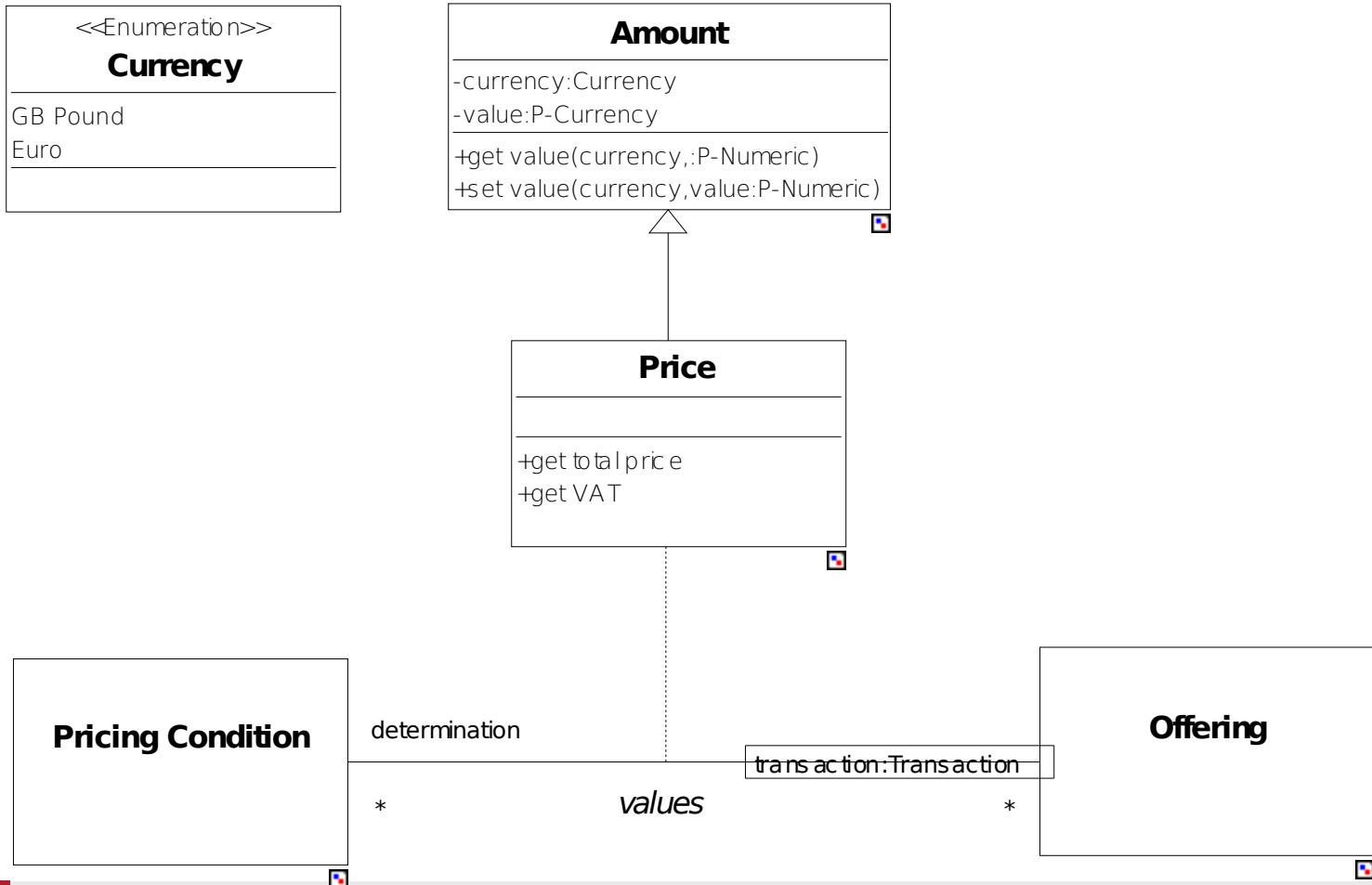
Illustration de l'architecte UML

instance pour chaque élément de la métacollec...
c'est la "statique"
le commentaire déroule le scénario...
(si on préfère, possible de compléter par un schéma dynamique - hors projet)





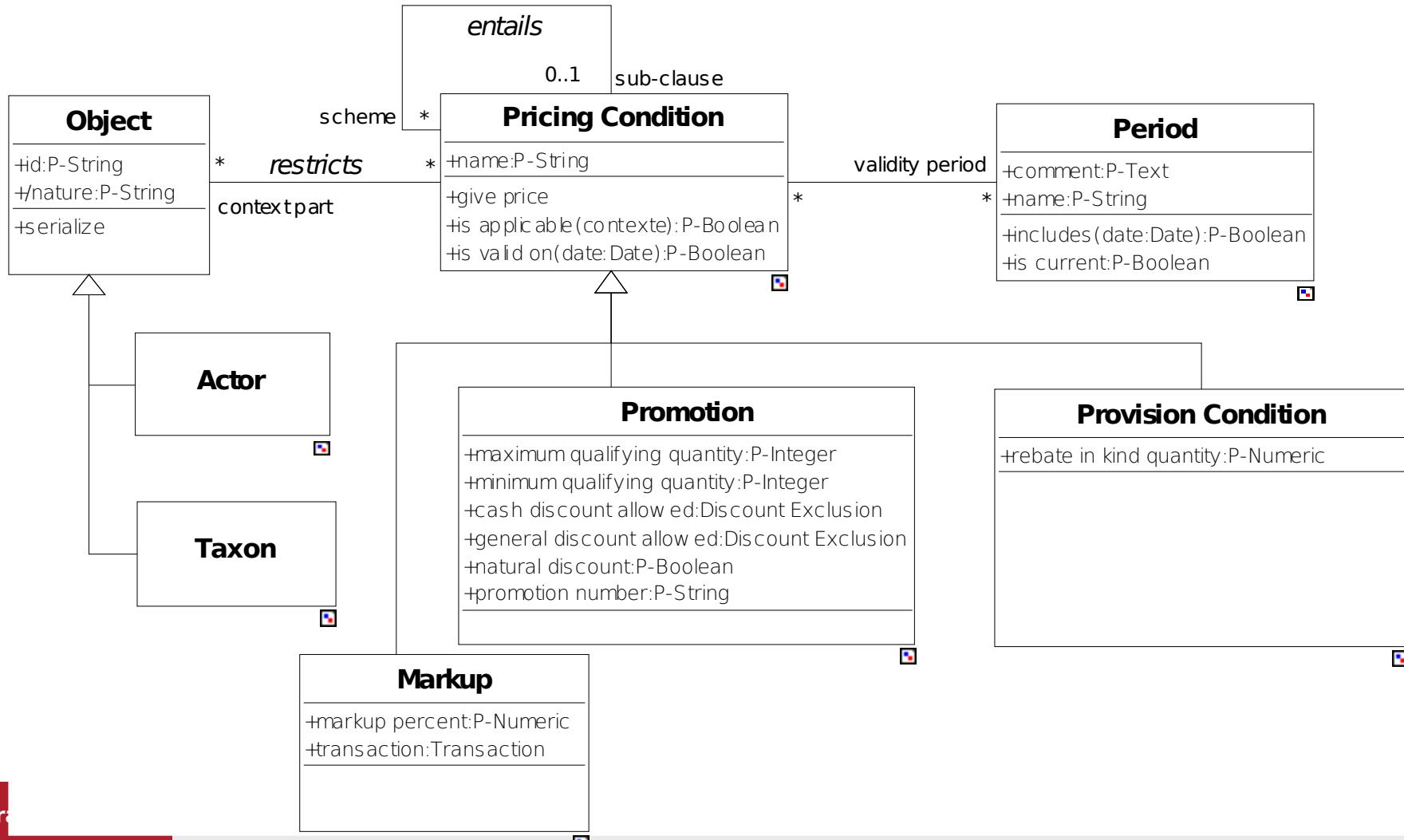
Pricing: the only way to Semantic Modelling record a price





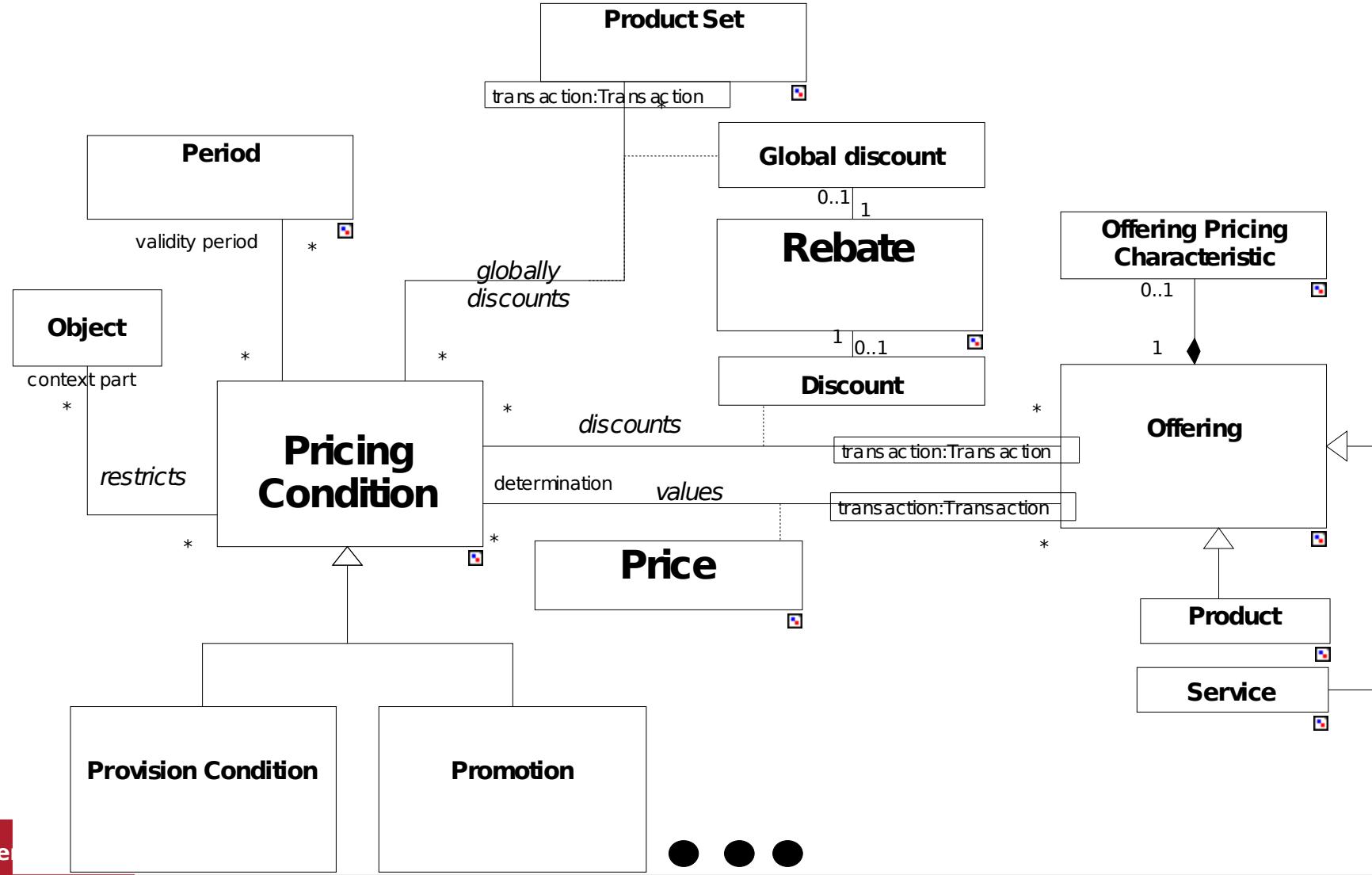
How to express pricing conditions

Semantic Model in





Pricing: demand solution





- **Goal of semantic modelling**
 - Capture the very meaning of the business
 - Help the convergence
- **Characteristics of semantic models**
 - Expressiveness
 - Genericity
 - Adaptability
- **Object-oriented approach versus functional approach**
 - The case of pricing



Highlights of the UML approach

■ Object-oriented philosophy

- Versus data-oriented approach
 - A condition for restoring the meaning
- The model shows some operations as sample
- The state machine expresses the dynamic

■ The quest for genericity

- Provide the more of services with the less of terms

■ Separation of concerns

- The “abstraction levels”
- Get rid off the technical concerns (for a while)
- Focus on the essential core

■ Modelling rules



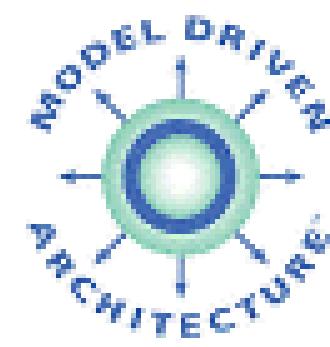
- **Standard notation**
 - UML (*Unified Modelling Language*)
- **The diagrams we used**
 - Class diagram
 - Object diagram
 - State diagram
- **Pre-modelling**
 - The data dictionary
 - The traceability
 - Reference to the collected documents





Semantic Content Transformation

- **The logical aspect and the service oriented architecture**
 - Principles and methods
 - Services and data
 - Layers
 - Transformation
- **The by-products of the semantic model**
 - The Logical Data Model
 - Other possible transformations





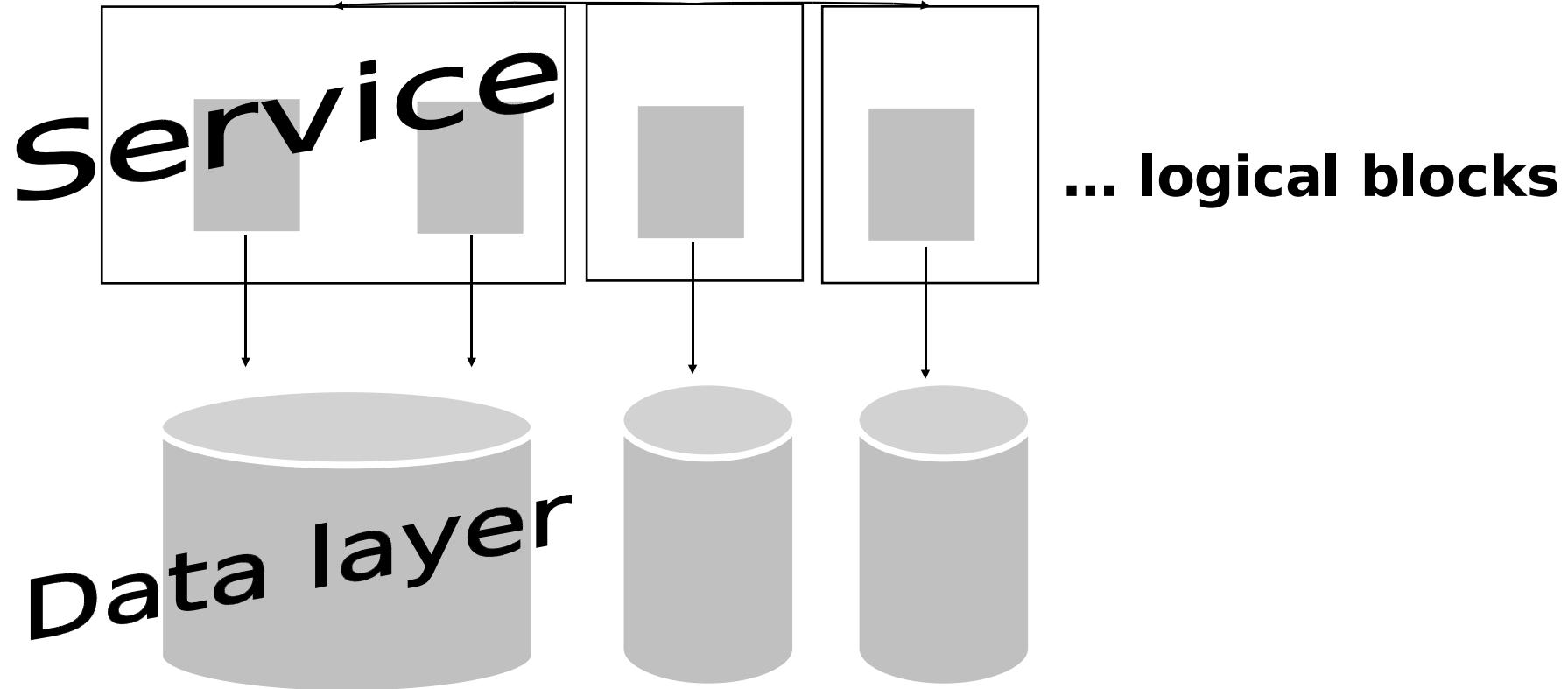
Semantic Model Transformation

Service Oriented Architecture

- 1. The Service layer masks the Data layer principles**
- 3. The Services are ordered in the logical architecture**
- 5. Conception of Services follows on from Urbanisation decisions**
- 7. Services and data derive from model of the upper abstract level**
- 9. The transformation from an aspect to an other**



Semantic Model ~~Decapsulation~~ Encapsulation



The service layer hides the data layer



Semantic Model Structuring

- **The Services are ordered in the logical architecture**
 - Several levels of composition

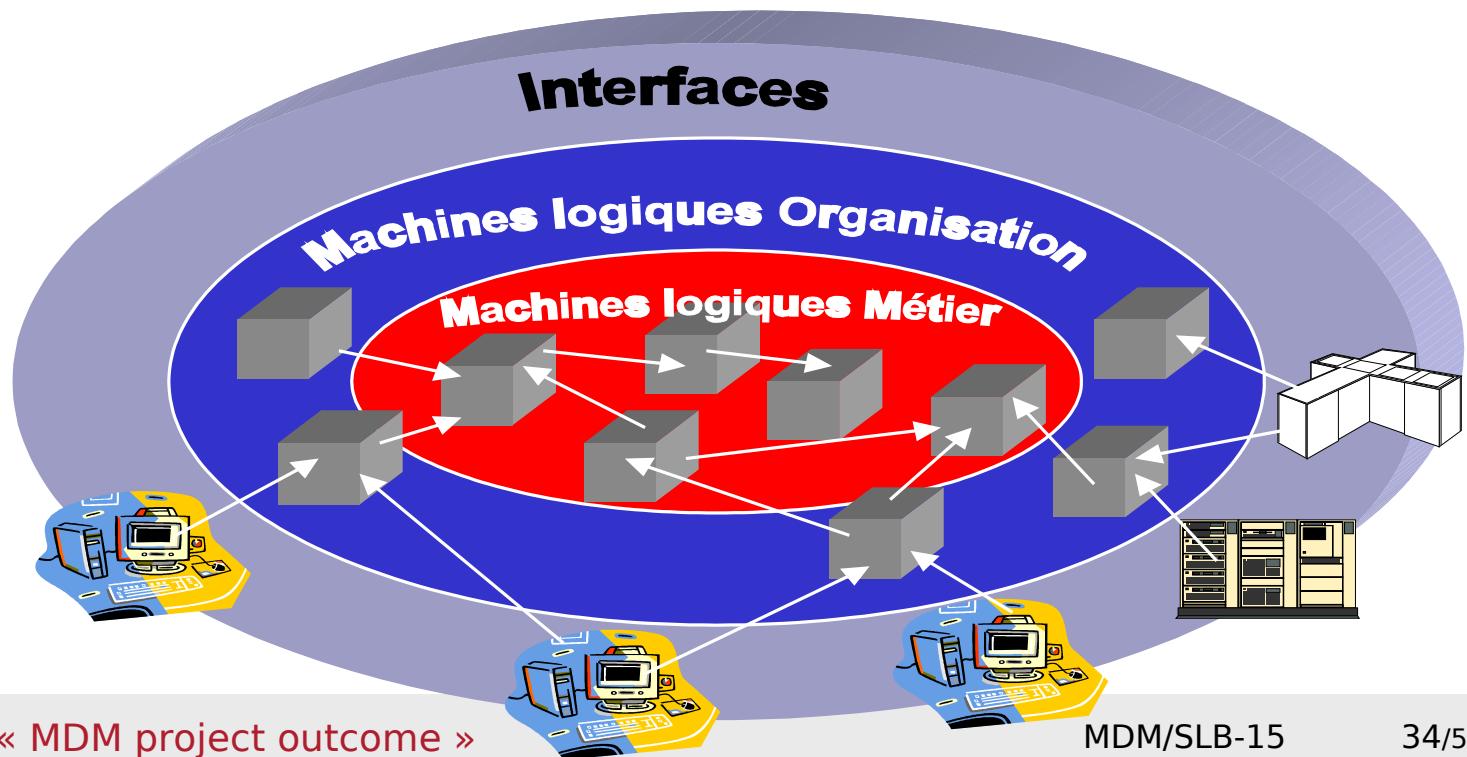




Semantic Layering the System

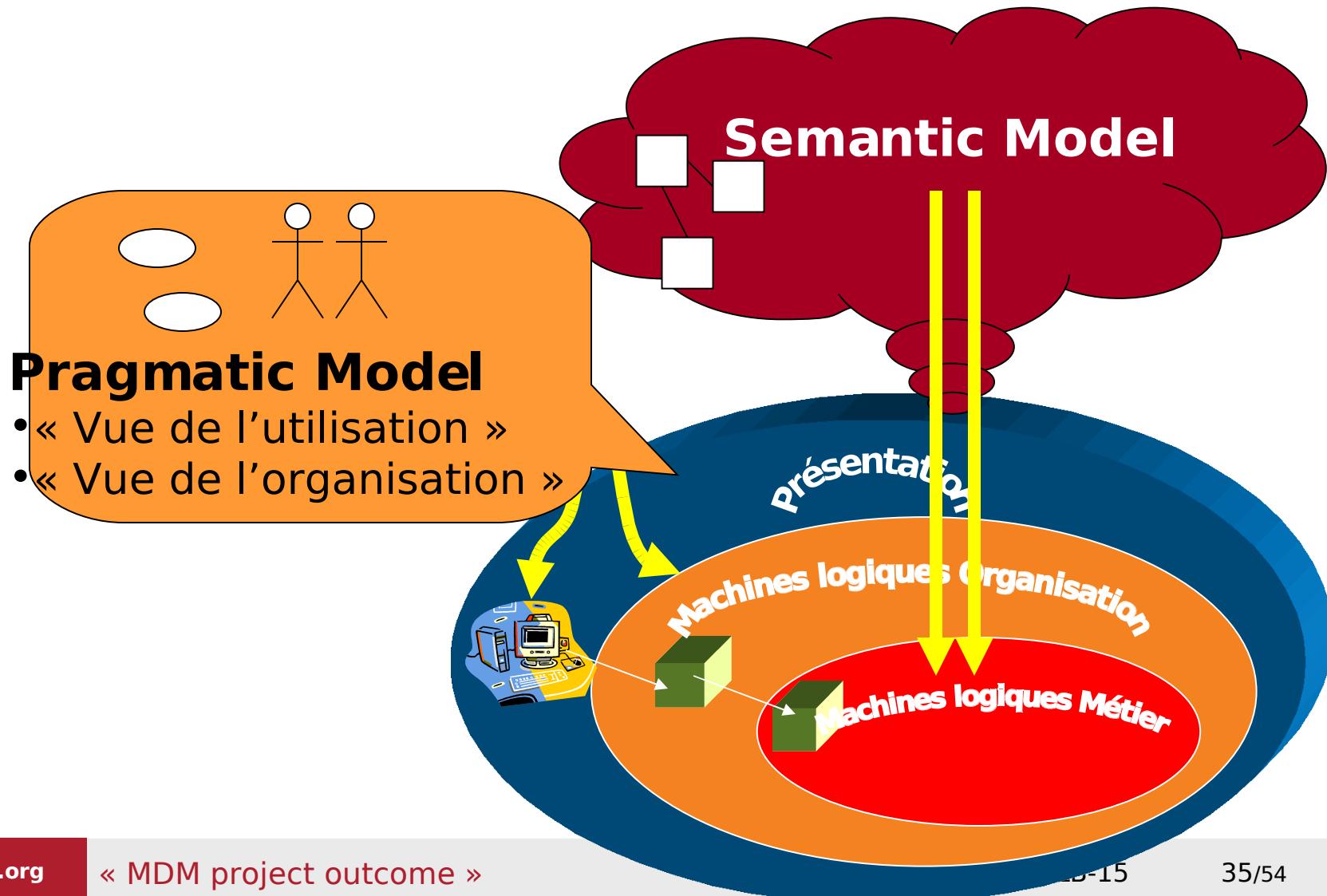
- **At a logical level**

- Not to be confused with the technical architecture model





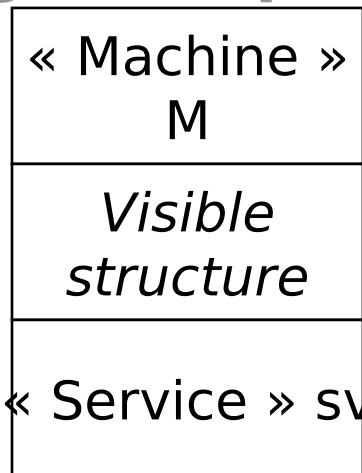
Semantics of Model Transformation





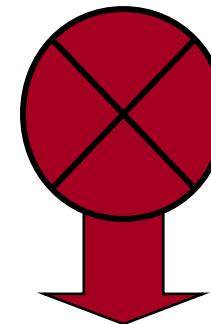
Semantic Transformation (Machine to IT)

Logical Aspect

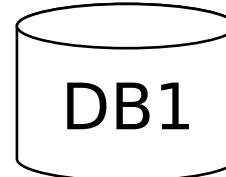


Technical Aspect

- A1: Java, Oracle...
- A2: RPG, DB2...
- Etc.
- + development rules



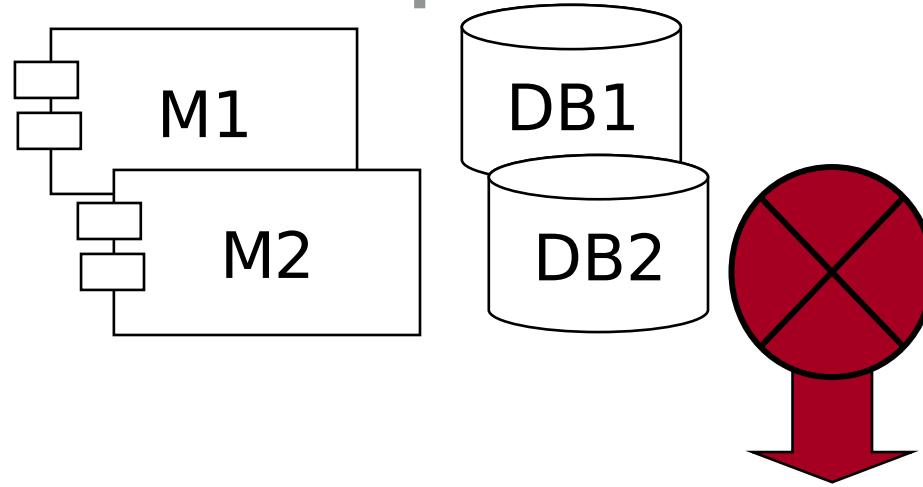
Software Aspect



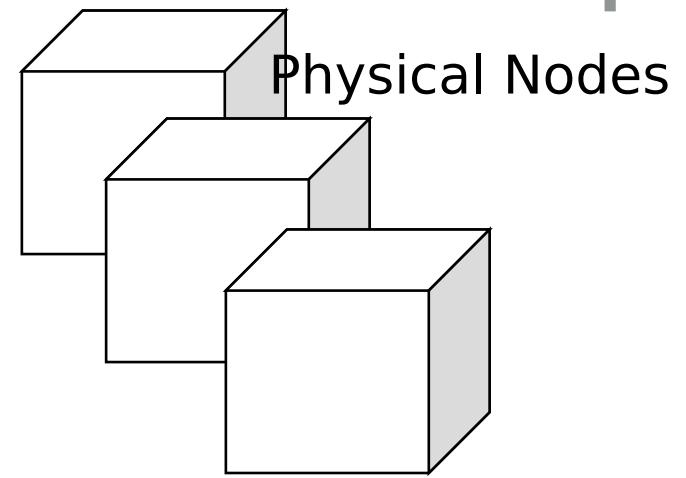


Semantic Model to Transformation Chain (Z)

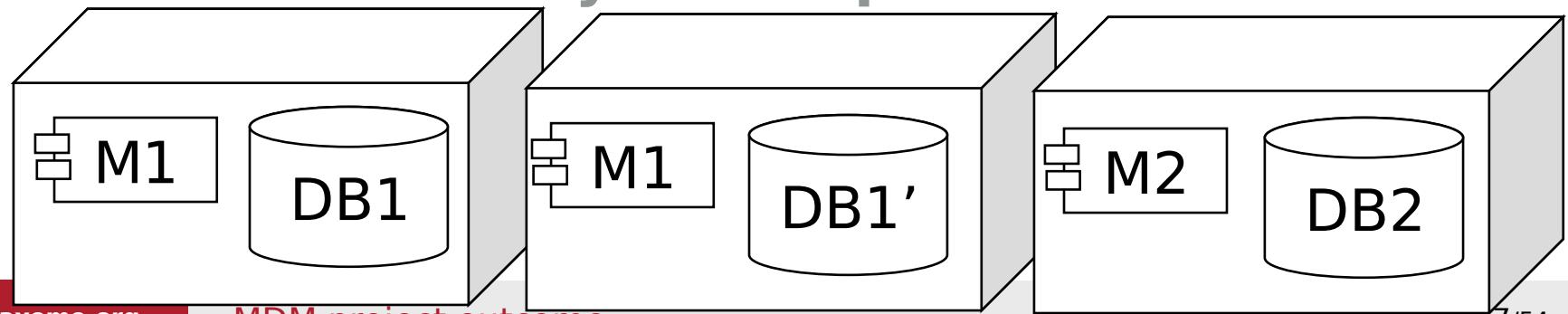
Software Aspect



Hardware Aspect

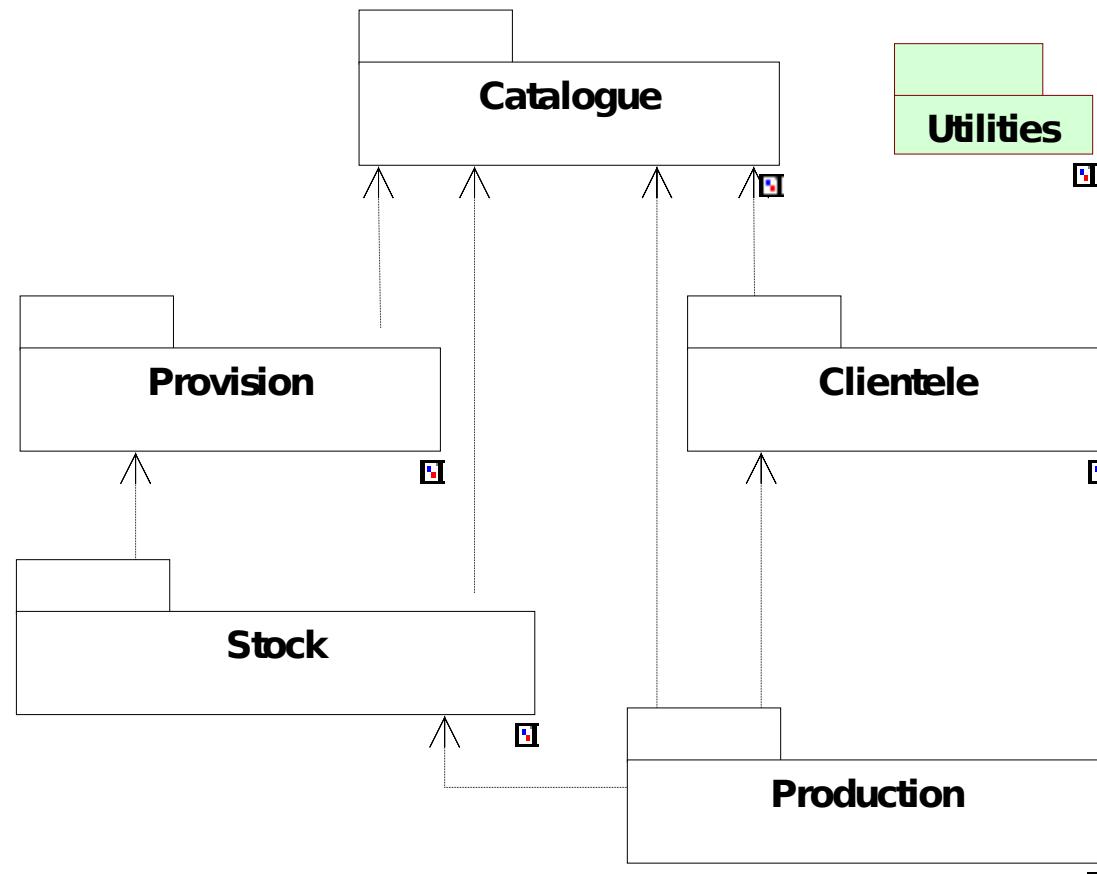


Physical Aspect





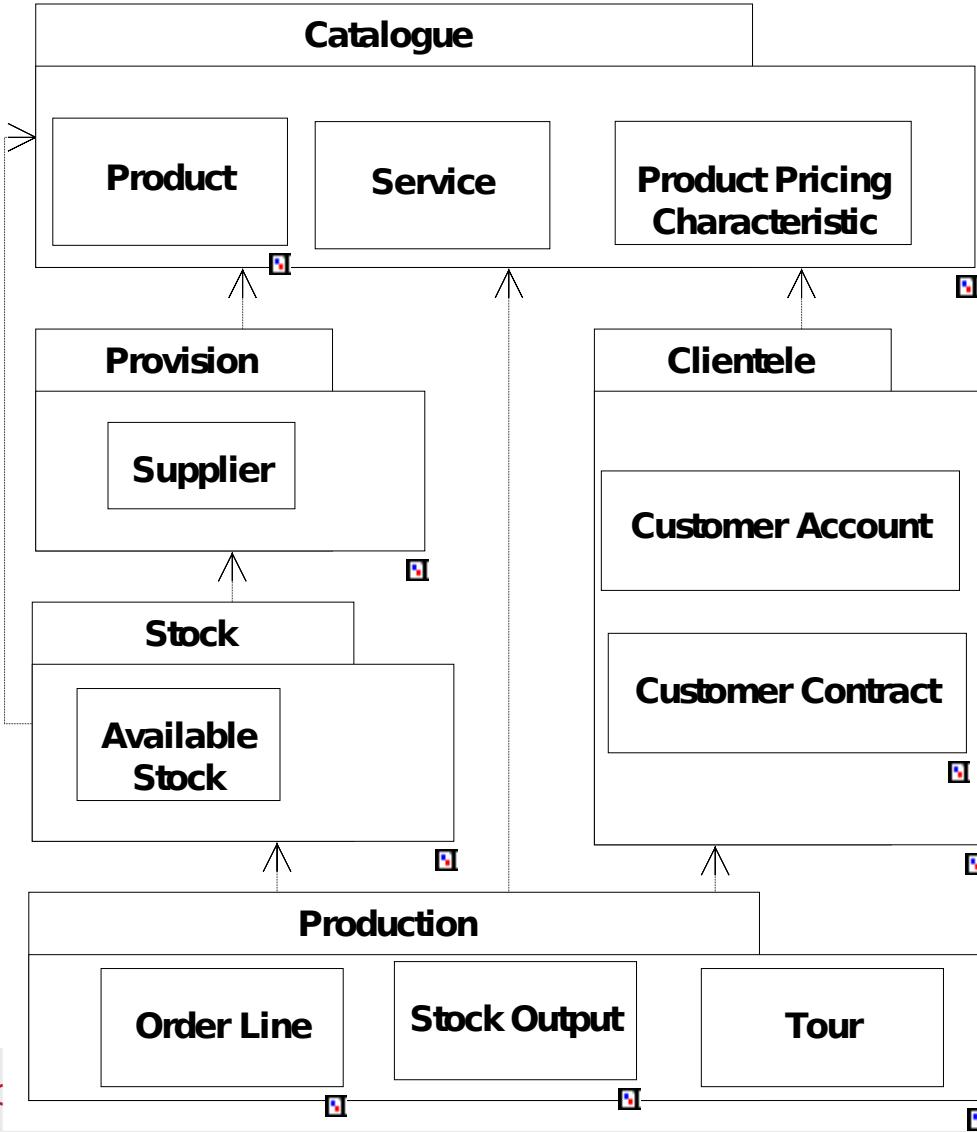
Segment Architectures for Graph





Logical Architecture Graph

Semantic Model Transformation (detailed)





Subjects for the Logical Model

- **Logical / Technical discussions**
 - Examples
 - Transaction management
 - Error management
 - Event management
- **Regarding the modelling of the Logical Model**
 - Object identification
 - Keeping history traces
 - Data reconciling



Subject identification (IMI)

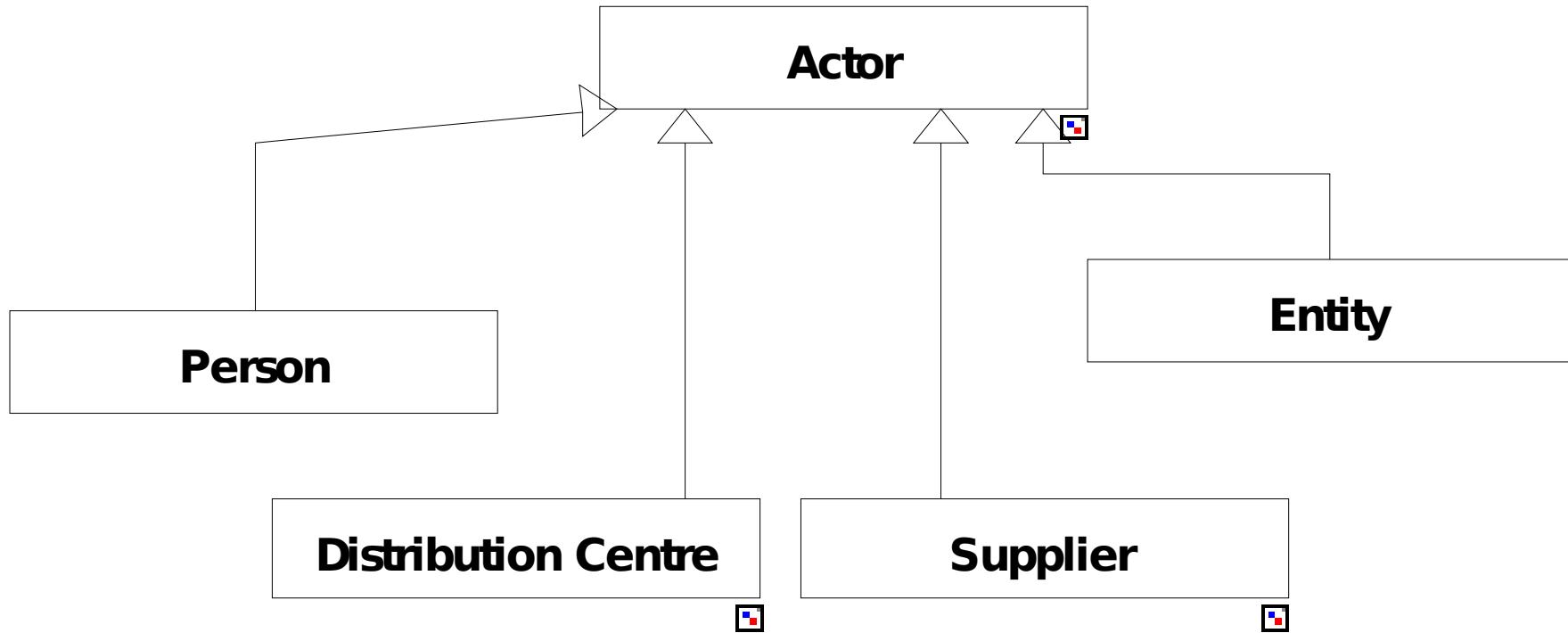
■ The problem

- A unique system for all countries
- A unique system for the classes inside the same inheritance tree



Subject identification (2/3)

- An example





Object identification (3/3)

■ The solution

- A universal system for object identification
 - Valid for all countries
- This is a question for the logical design
 - Unless it receives a technical answer



Keeping history traces (1/2)

▪ On many concepts

- Creation date, update date and so on
- User responsible for the action

Order Acquisition

+acquisition start time:P-Time
+acquisition end time:P-Time
+employee id:P-Numeric
+employee name:P-String
+employee short name :P-String
+employee title:P-String
+terminal id:P-String





Keeping history traces (2/2)

- **It is not relevant in the semantic model**
 - Risk of overloading the core model
- **Another issue for the logical design**



Semantic Data Modeling (1/2)

■ The problem

- Existing data in different structures
- Must converge to the future and unified system
 - Either feeding the future system
 - Or providing it with information as requested



Semantic Data Mechanisms (2/2)

- **Two options**
 - Conversion
 - Transforming data, migrating to the new database
 - One-shot, on a project-time basis
 - Reconciliation
 - Thanks to EAI possibilities
 - On a run-time basis
- **This is part of the logical/technical discussion**
 - It can be decided by parts
 - It must be set in the urbanisation roadmap



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Contents of Chapter 4

- **Milestones**
- **Collected documents**
- **Continuing on post-MDM project**
 - Consolidation
 - Possible works to be done



Availability of Modelling Tool Document collection	Beginning of January Deadline: 7/01/05 Collection stopped: 7/02/05 Difficulties respecting perimeter
1st Workshop	14/01/05
Data dictionary delivery	2/02/05
v2 Semantic Model delivery	11/02/05
2nd Workshop	16-17/02/05
v3 Semantic Model delivery	22/02/05
Logical Data Model delivery	7/03/05



Collected documentation towards Semantic Model

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Fields

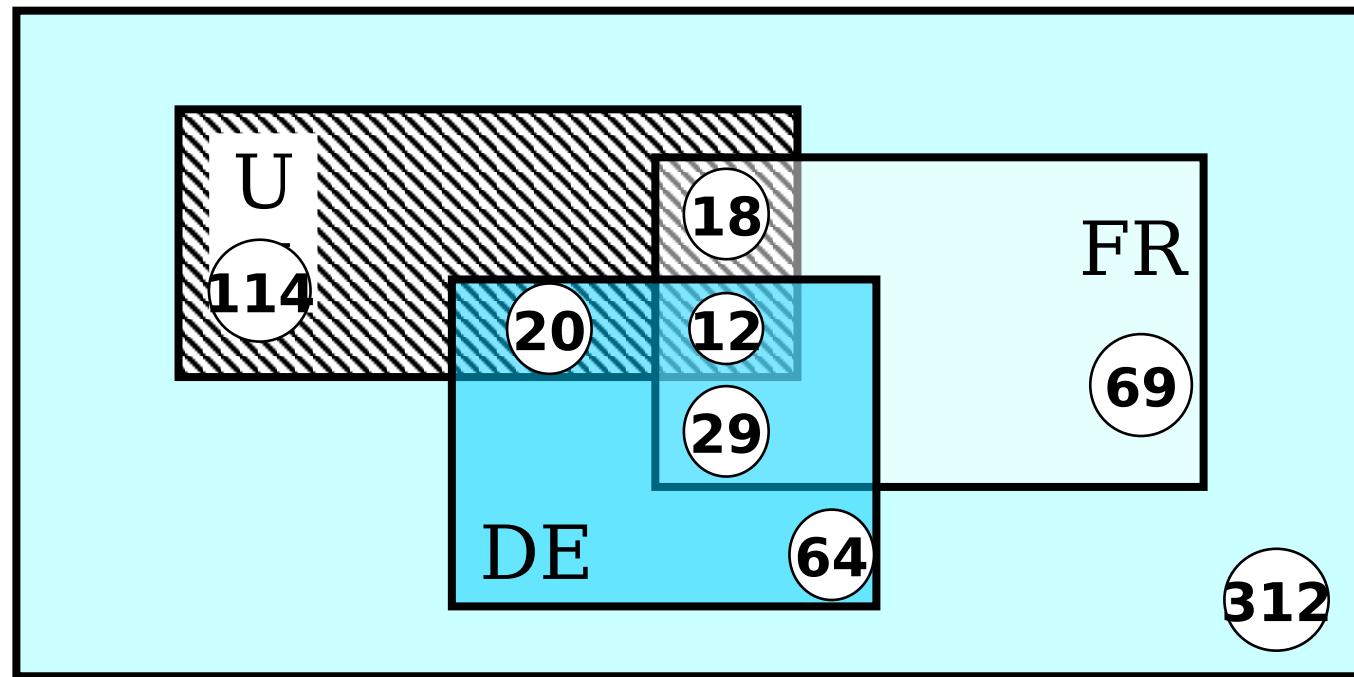
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- The accuracy of the collected documents has been poor
 - See ‘metric.xls’ file for details



Convergence Metrics

- The Semantic Model attributes



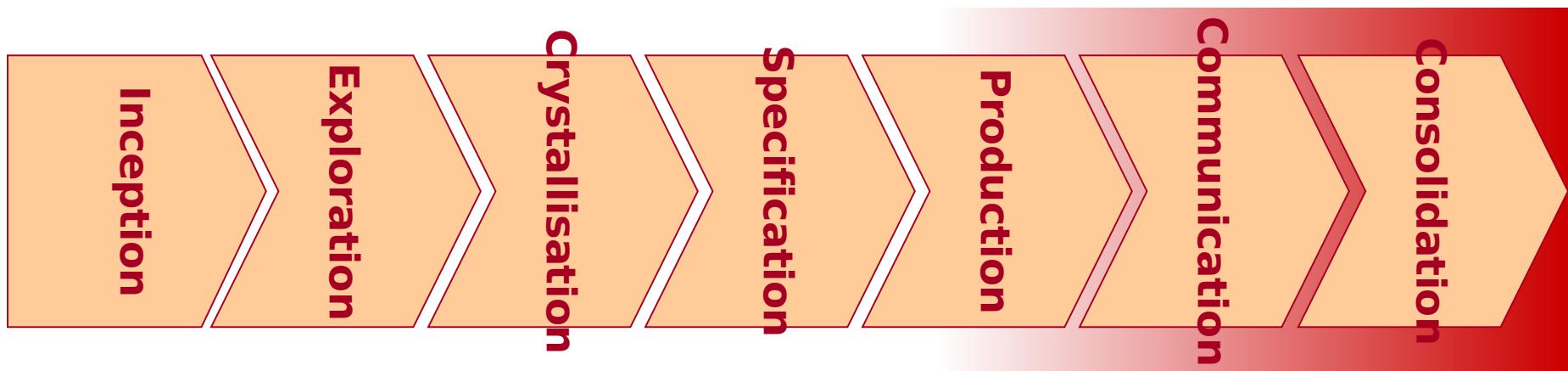


Continuing on post-MDM

The Plan project

■ Explaining and maintaining the semantic model

- The MDM project ends with the delivery of the logical data model
- It can carry on with the « Consolidation phase »
 - Change process on SEM and LDM





- **On the semantic model**
 - Complete the State machines
 - States & Transitions
 - Identification of all the Operations
 - Before deriving the services
 - Complete & improve upon comments
 - More explanations
- **From the use case description**
 - Bridge the Use Case View and the SEM
 - By means of connections to the relevant modelling elements
 - By means of new diagrams
 - Structure the Use Case View
 - By eliminating redundancy



Conclusion

- **Outcome of the MDM project**

- Benefits of Semantic Modelling
 - Convergence
 - Simplification
- A start for the business repository
- Benefits for the IS
 - A source for deriving the services in SOA

- **Planning, means and budget**

- Kept on track
- Absolute need for a UML tool

- **Difficulties**

- Tools
- Cultural change
- State of the input documentation
- Scope



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Benefits other than the Logical Data Model.



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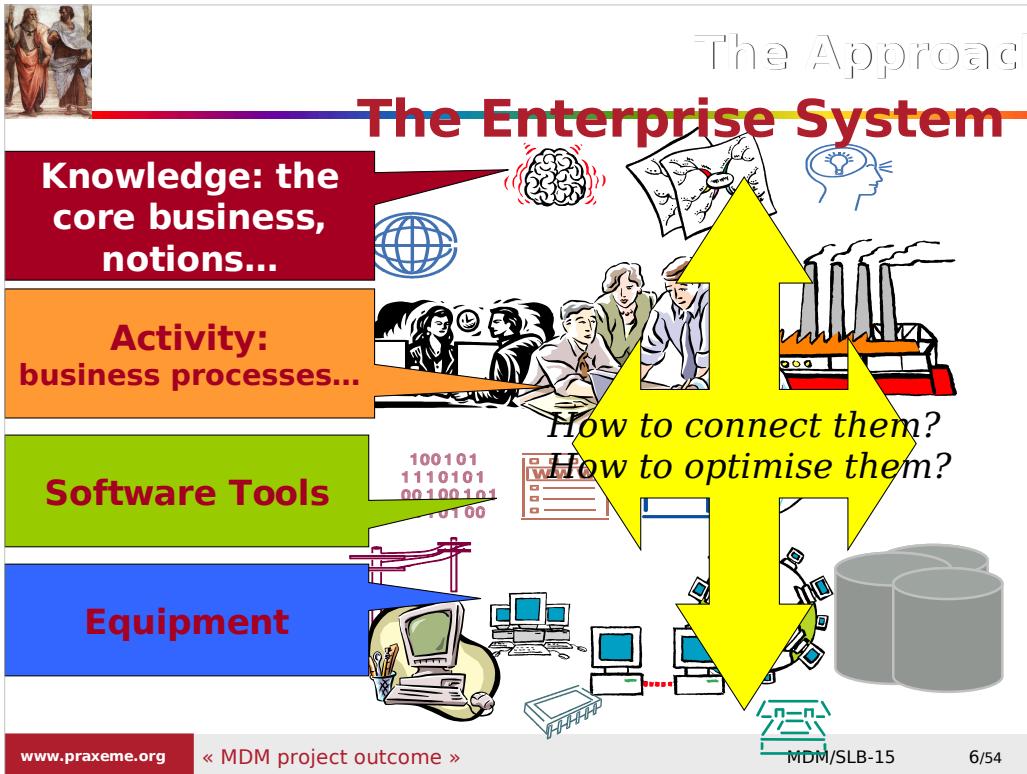


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Le Système Entreprise

Les éditeurs d'outils d'optimisation ou de mesure d'infrastructure façonnent un discours qui cherche à « remonter » leur offre vers l'aspect processus. En filigrane, le destinataire doit comprendre qu'optimiser l'infrastructure c'est optimiser les processus !

Cette attitude, aux motivations évidentes, conduit à relier les différents plans de la réalité des entreprises.

Ce schéma vise le même objectif.

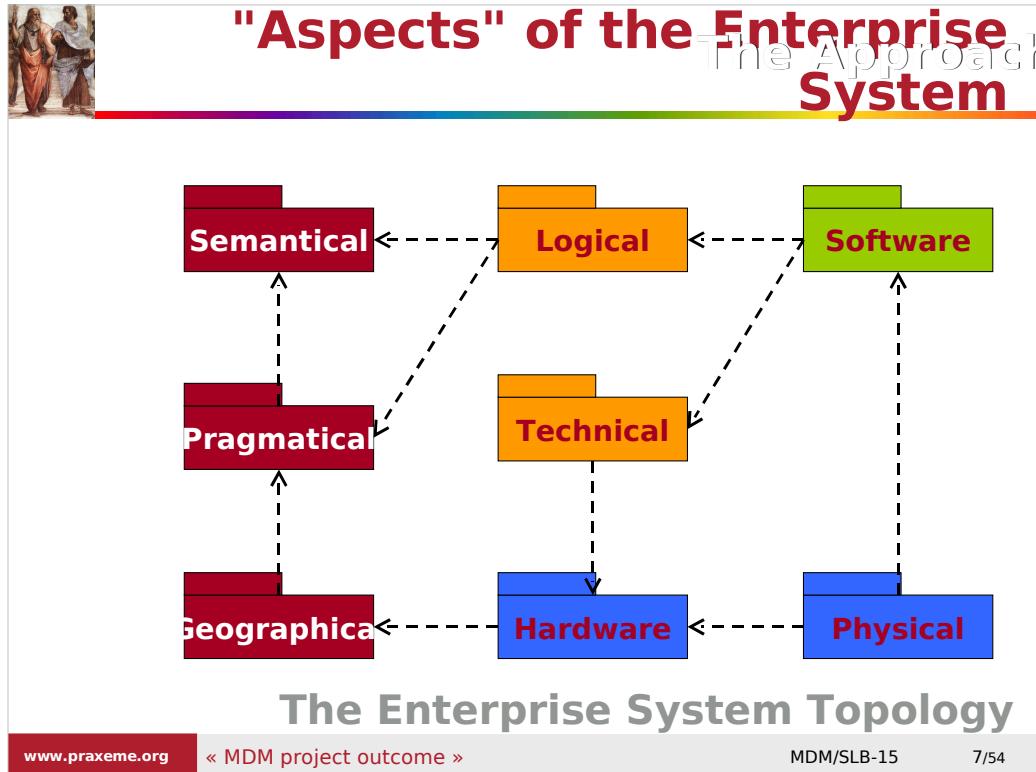
Il constitue une 1ère approche, intuitive du « Système Entreprise », sur lequel nous voulons agir.

Une 2ème approche, plus systématique, est formulée par la Topologie du Système entreprise (voir plus loin).

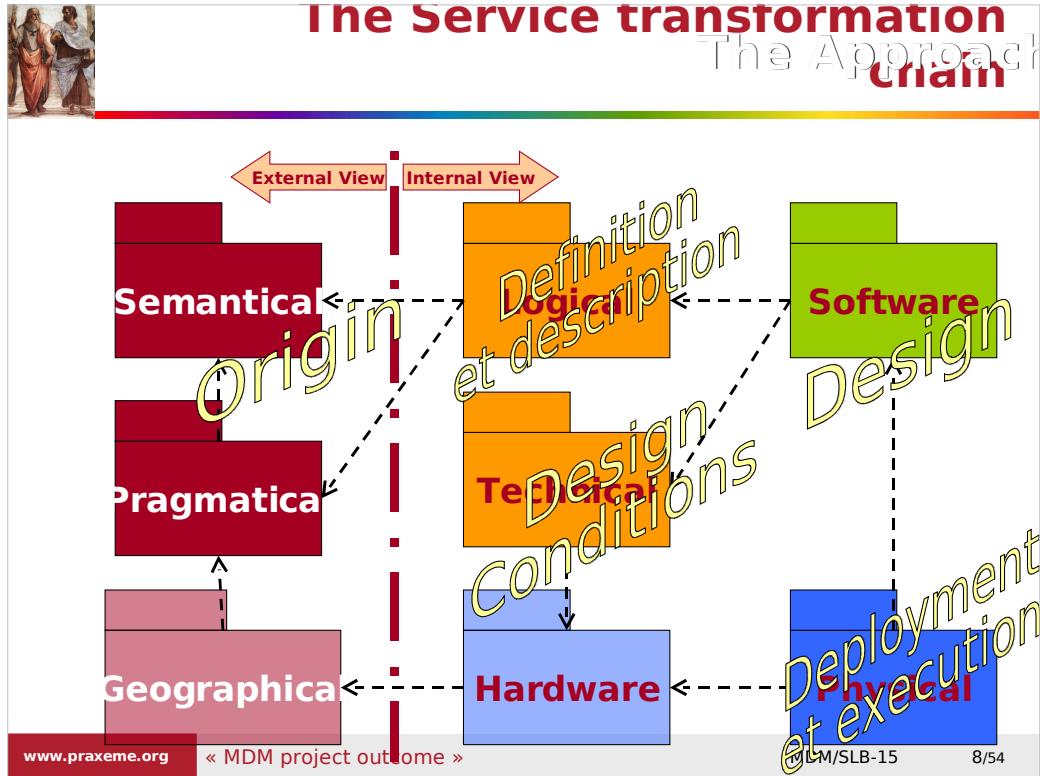
Dans une 3ème approche, l'analyse détaillée des aspects permet de distribuer les objets et notions sur les aspects.

Le souci est de relier les différents éléments d'information et les décisions, à travers tous les aspects : de la connaissance métier à l'infrastructure matérielle, en passant par les processus et la localisation.

Cette clarification des aspects constituant le Système entreprise est un préalable à l'action. On ne saurait optimiser sans connaître l'objet entreprise dans toutes ses dimensions.



Animation de la topologie : point de départ = « Aspect Logiciel »





The MDM Approach

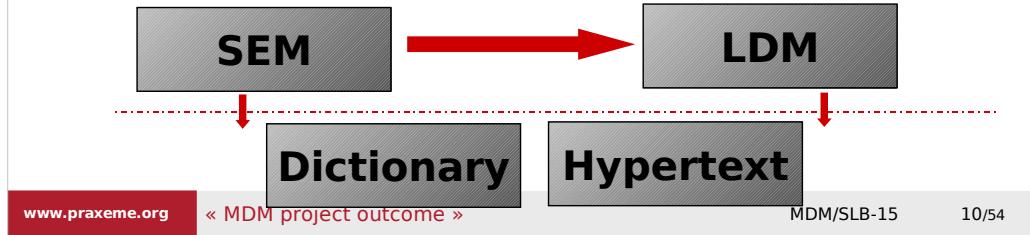
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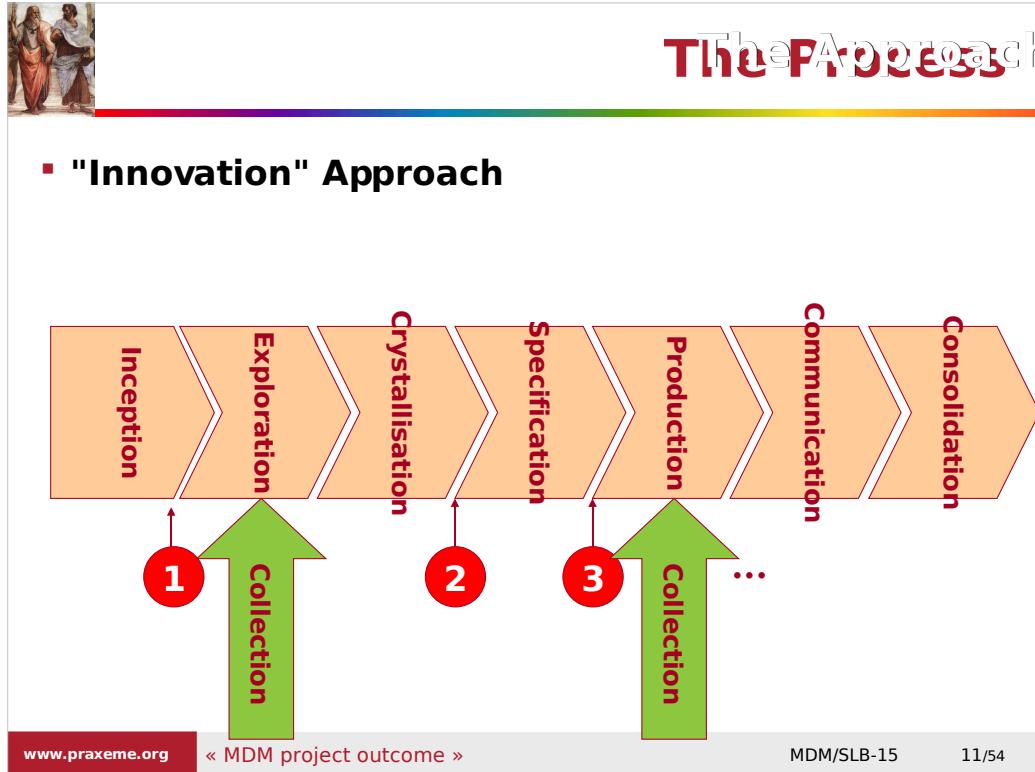
Le produit final est le Modèle Logique des Données du domaine étudié

Critère de délimitation : besoins du projet CORSO

MLD : format entités-relations (modèle relationnel)

Sa production passe par un produit intermédiaire : le Modèle Sémantique

Des produits dérivés augmentent l'exploitabilité



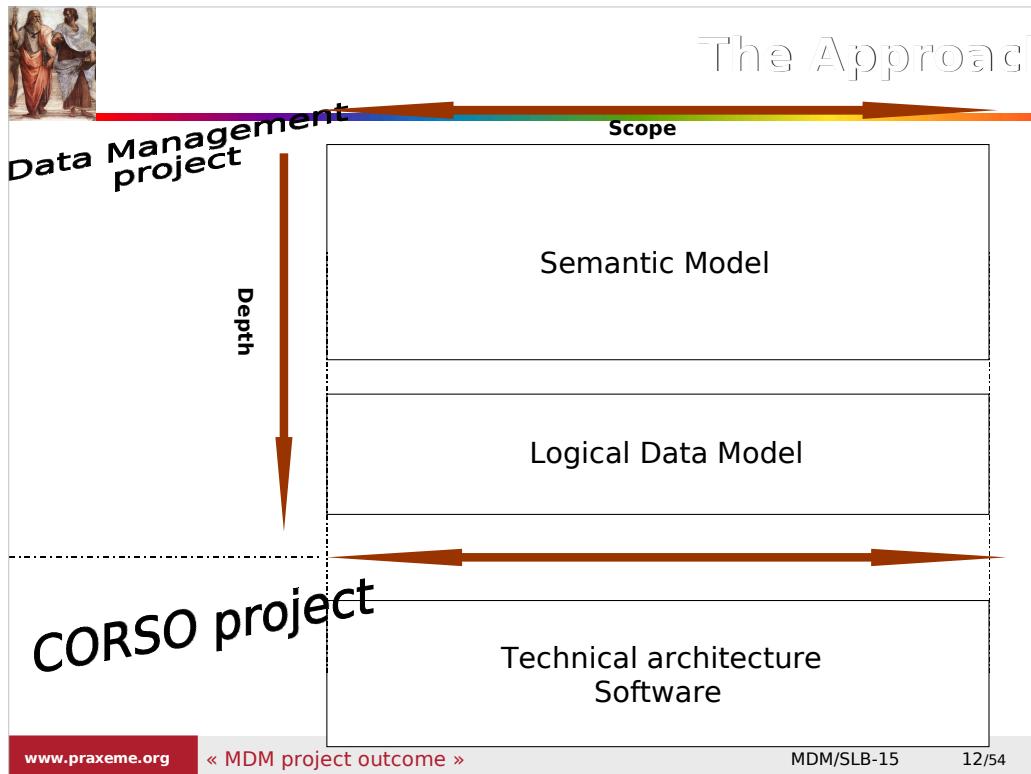
La démarche « Innovation »

Pour tenir compte du contexte

Réduction progressive de l'incertitude

Phasage fondé sur la logique de l'action

Plutôt que celle du produit



1st message:

The scope of the Data Management project is strictly the scope of the Corso project.

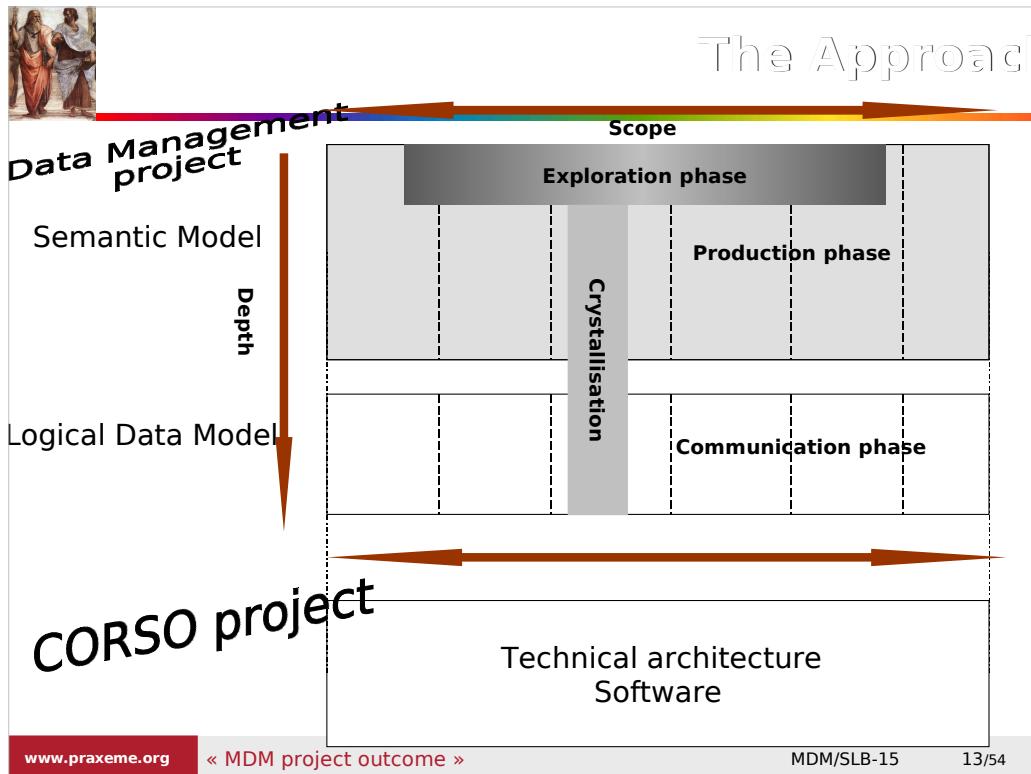
That's the relevance criteria for the information to be collected.

2nd message :

The building of the data model will proceed in two steps.

Firstly, an intermediate product will capture the meaning and constraints related to the business concepts. That is the Semantic Model.

Secondly, the Semantic Model will be transformed into a Logical Data Model.



Message 1:

The studied field is broken down into domains of objects. The structure will be discussed later.

Normally, the logical model matches the semantic structure: that's an assurance of quality and easy evolution.

Message 2:

During the Exploration phase, we intend to cover a great part of the field, let us say 80%, but with a tiny depth (20%).

The Crystallisation phase is meant to elaborate and demonstrate the detailed operational process and the kind of products you can expect. So, like a prototype, the coverage is narrow but digs deeply.

The whole field will be covered during the Production phase.

The Semantic model will result of this work, delivered by domain along the phase, then consolidated before delivery.

Message 3:

The Logical Data Model will derive from the Semantic Model. It will be produced by the Communication phase, as other derived products.



Exploration Then Approach

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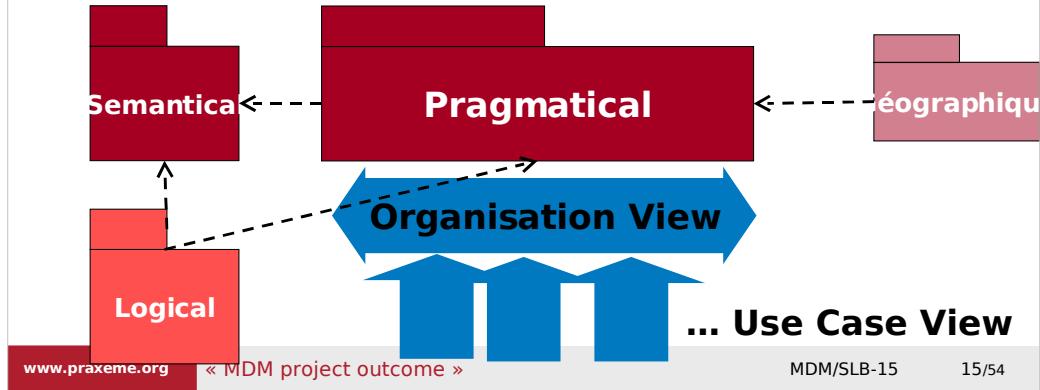
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Semantic Model and Use Case View

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Functional not object-oriented

Local not global



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Principles of Semantic Object Modelling

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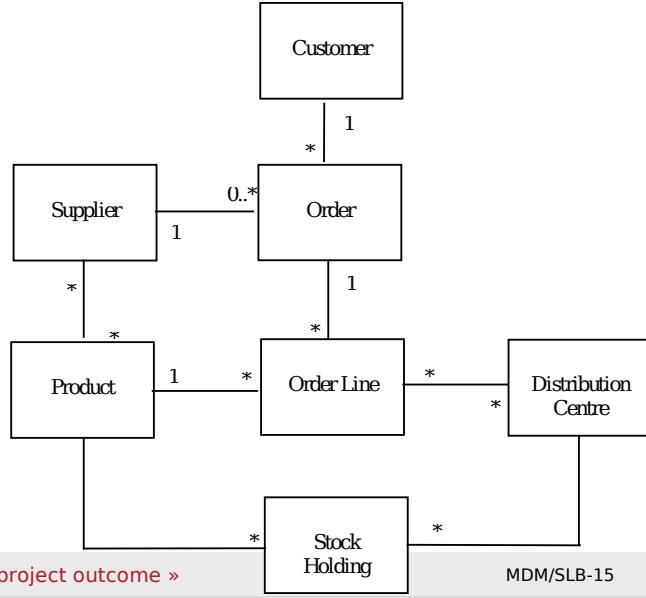
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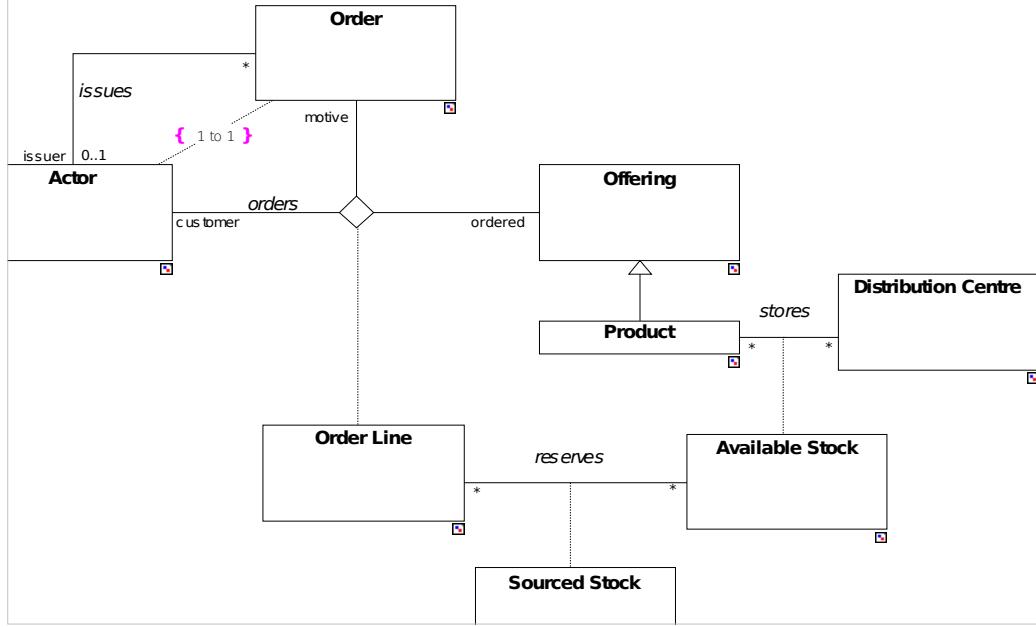
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- A given actor can act in many ways
 - Both as customer and supplier
 - As a worker...
 - A supplier or a DC can order products

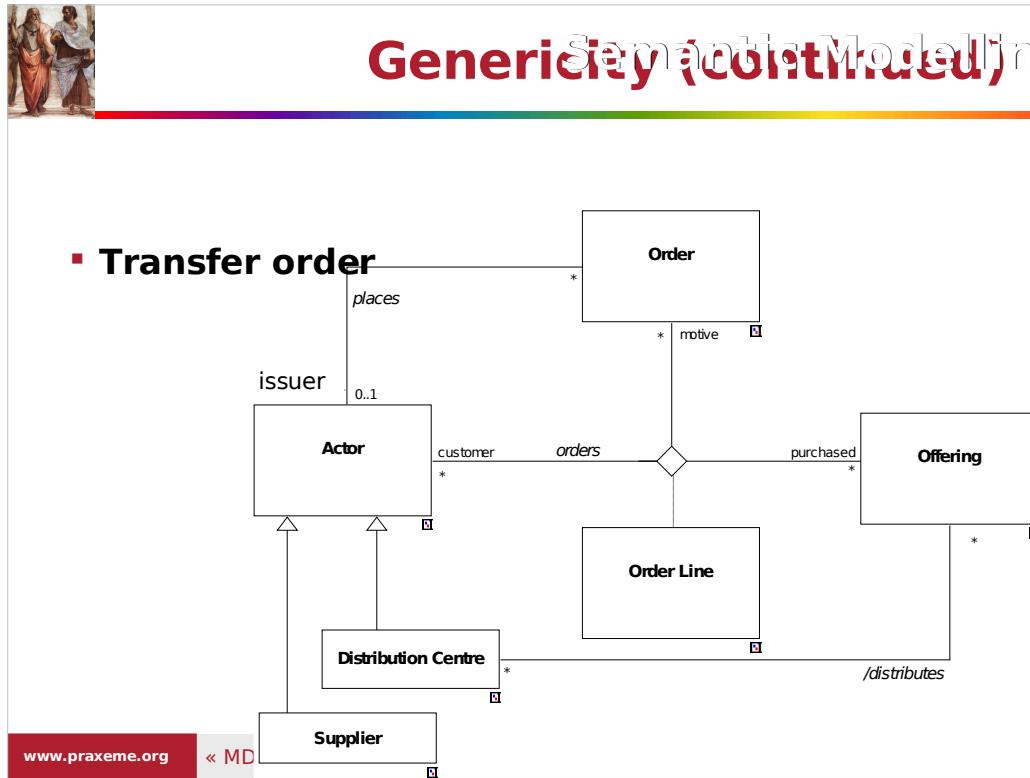
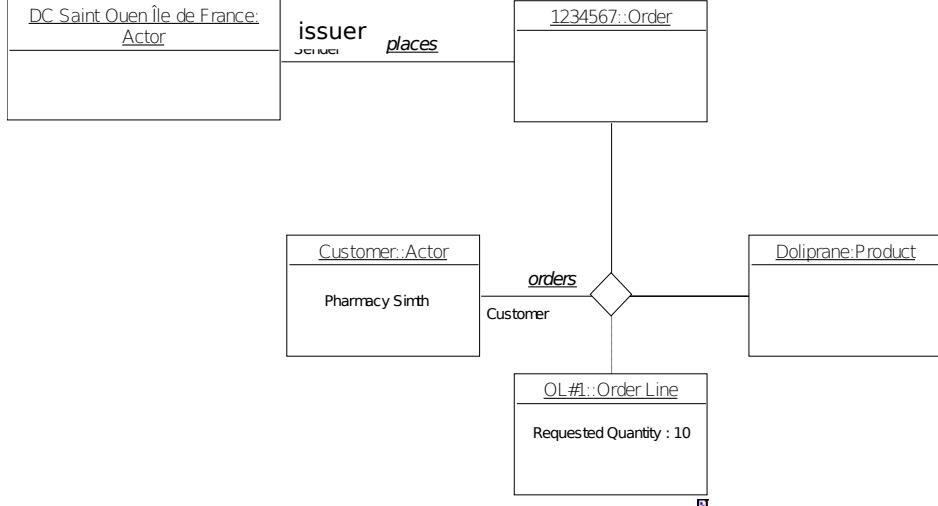




Illustration d'un scénario Modellin

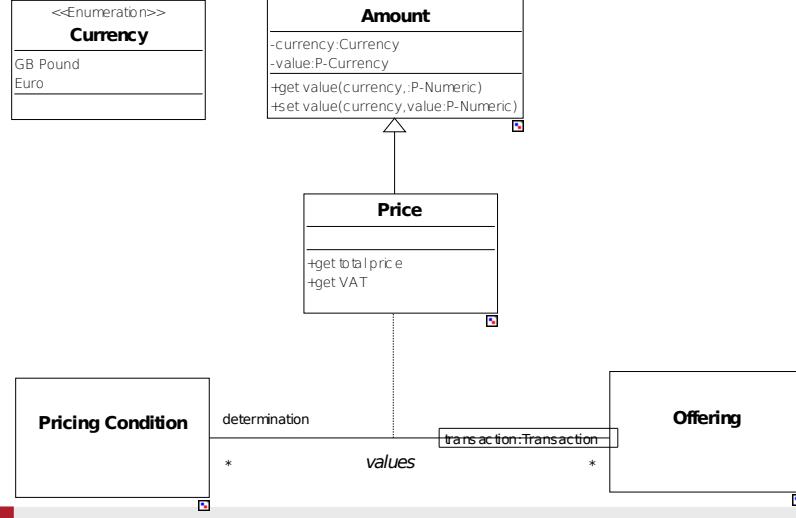
instance de scénario
c'est la "statique"
le commentaire déroule le scénario...

(si on préfère, possible de compléter par un schéma dynamique - hors projet)





Pricing: the only way to Semantic Modelling record a price

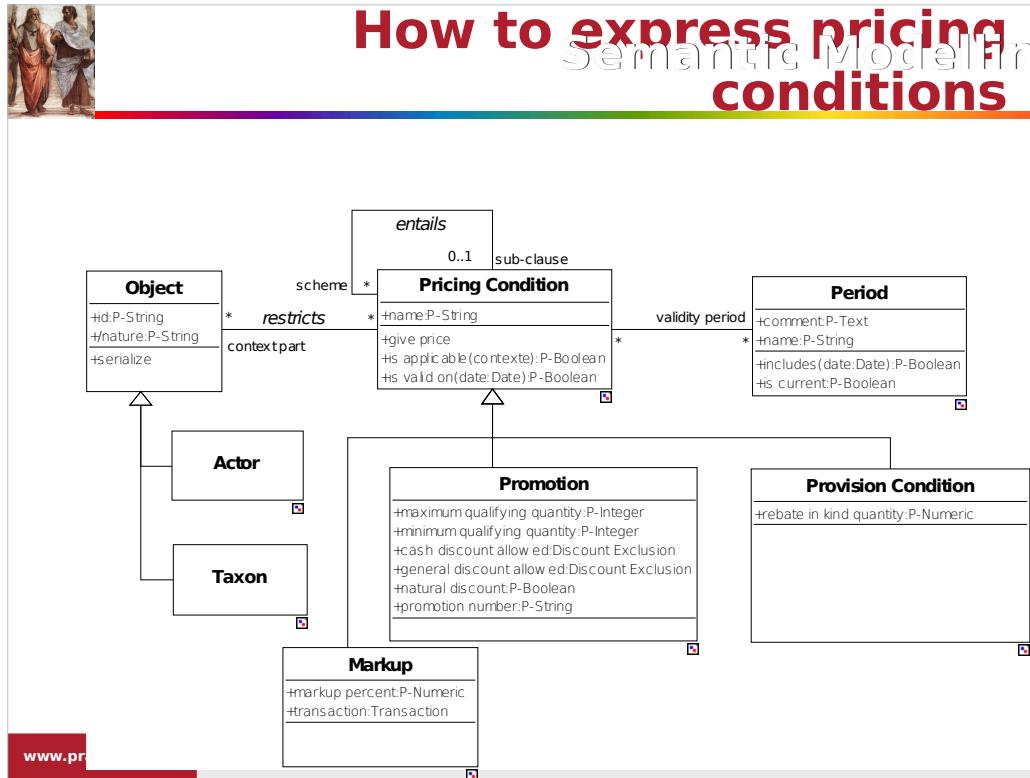


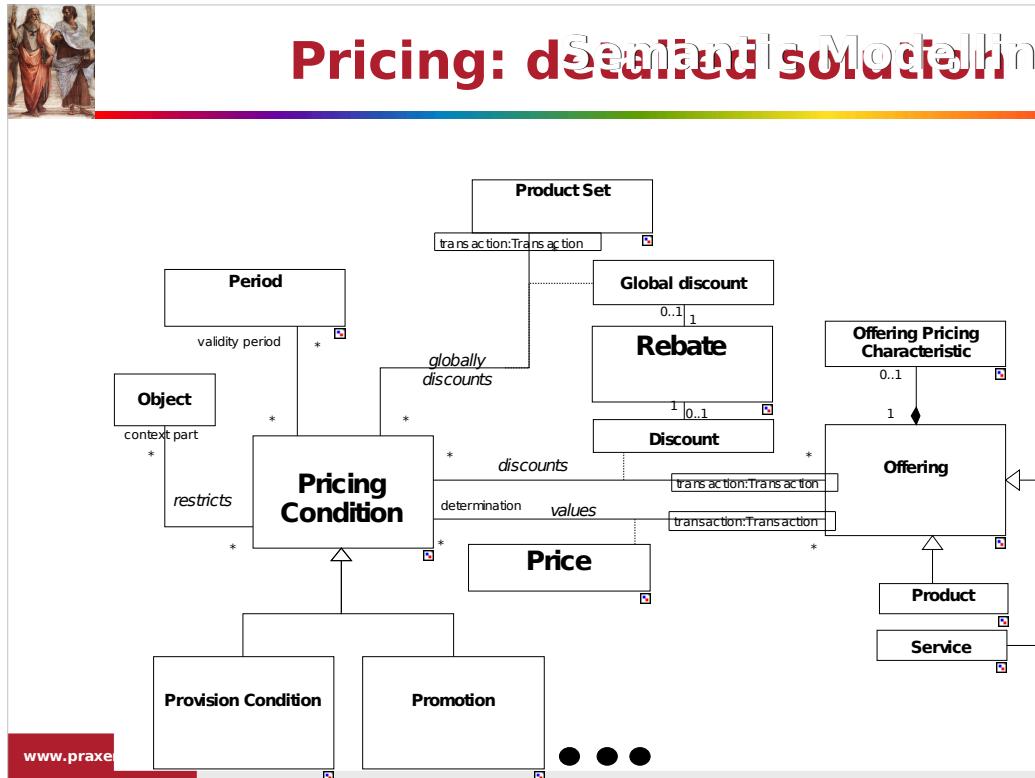
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« MDM project outcome »

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- **Goal of semantic modelling**
 - Capture the very meaning of the business
 - Help the convergence
- **Characteristics of semantic models**
 - Expressiveness
 - Genericity
 - Adaptability
- **Object-oriented approach versus functional approach**
 - The case of pricing

Case of pricing : plutôt que de développer une fonction “gestion du catalogue” (prix de vente) puis une fonction pour l’approvisionnement (prix à l’achat)

➔ Même solution (du moins pour le cœur du système)



Highlights of Object Modelling

- **Object-oriented philosophy**
 - Versus data-oriented approach
 - A condition for restoring the meaning
 - The model shows some operations as sample
 - The state machine expresses the dynamic
- **The quest for genericity**
 - Provide the more of services with the less of terms
- **Separation of concerns**
 - The “abstraction levels”
 - Get rid off the technical concerns (for a while)
 - Focus on the essential core
- **Modelling rules**

Rendre le maximum de services avec le minimum de concepts

Se concentrer sur l'essentiel pour exprimer le métier



Modelling Models

- **Standard notation**

- UML (*Unified Modelling Language*)



- **The diagrams we used**

- Class diagram
 - Object diagram
 - State diagram

- **Pre-modelling**

- The data dictionary
 - The traceability
 - Reference to the collected documents



- **The logical aspect and the service oriented architecture**
 - Principles and methods
 - Services and data
 - Layers
 - Transformation
- **The by-products of the semantic model**
 - The Logical Data Model
 - Other possible transformations

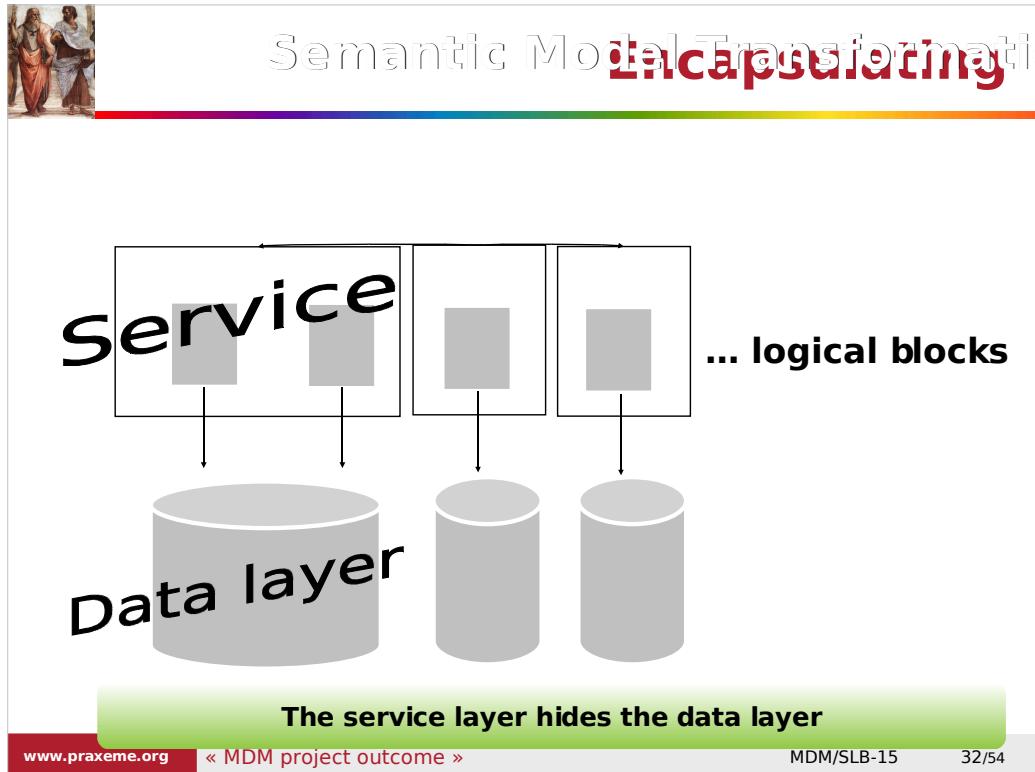




Semantic Model Transformati

~~Service Oriented Architecture~~

- 1.The Service layer masks the Data layer principles**
- 3.The Services are ordered in the logical architecture**
- 5.Conception of Services follows on from Urbanisation decisions**
- 7.Services and data derive from model of the upper abstract level**
- 9.The transformation from an aspect to an other**





Semantic Model Transformation

- **The Services are ordered in the logical architecture**
 - Several levels of composition

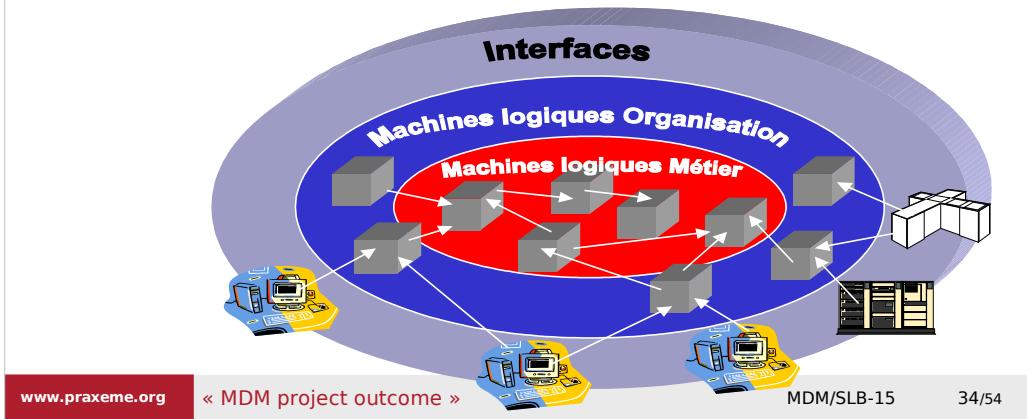


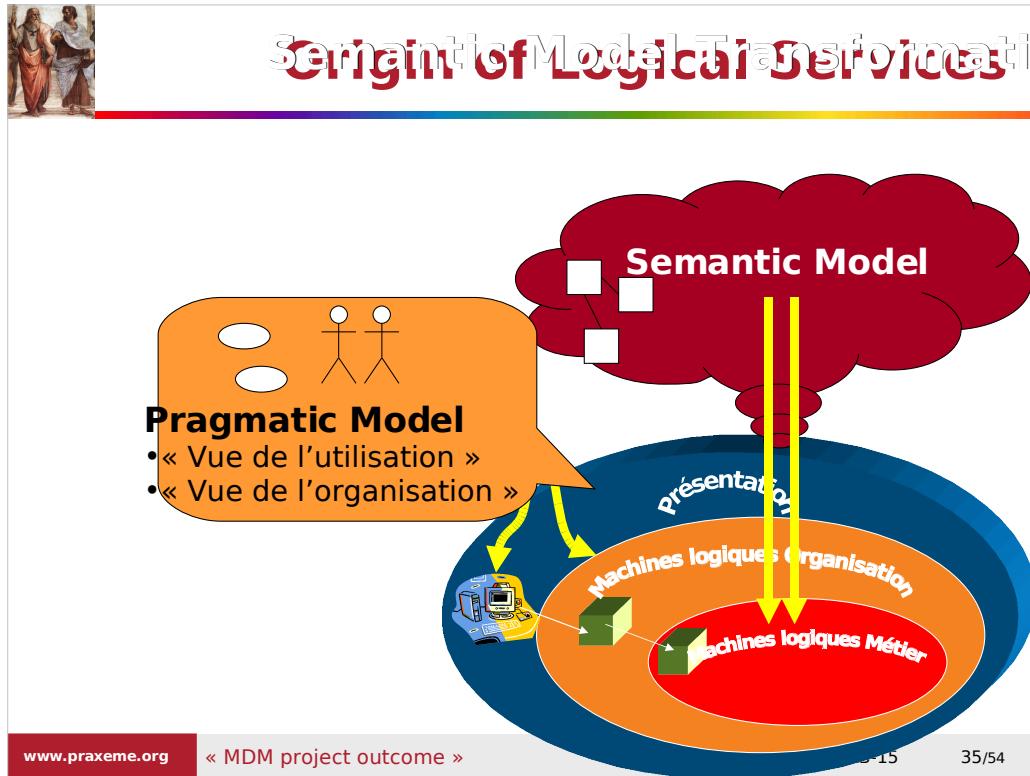


Semantic Layer Model Transformation

- At a logical level

- Not to be confused with the technical architecture model

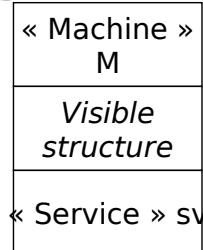






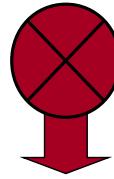
Semantic Model Transformation

Logical Aspect



Technical Aspect

- A1: Java, Oracle...
- A2: RPG, DB2...
- Etc.
- + development rules



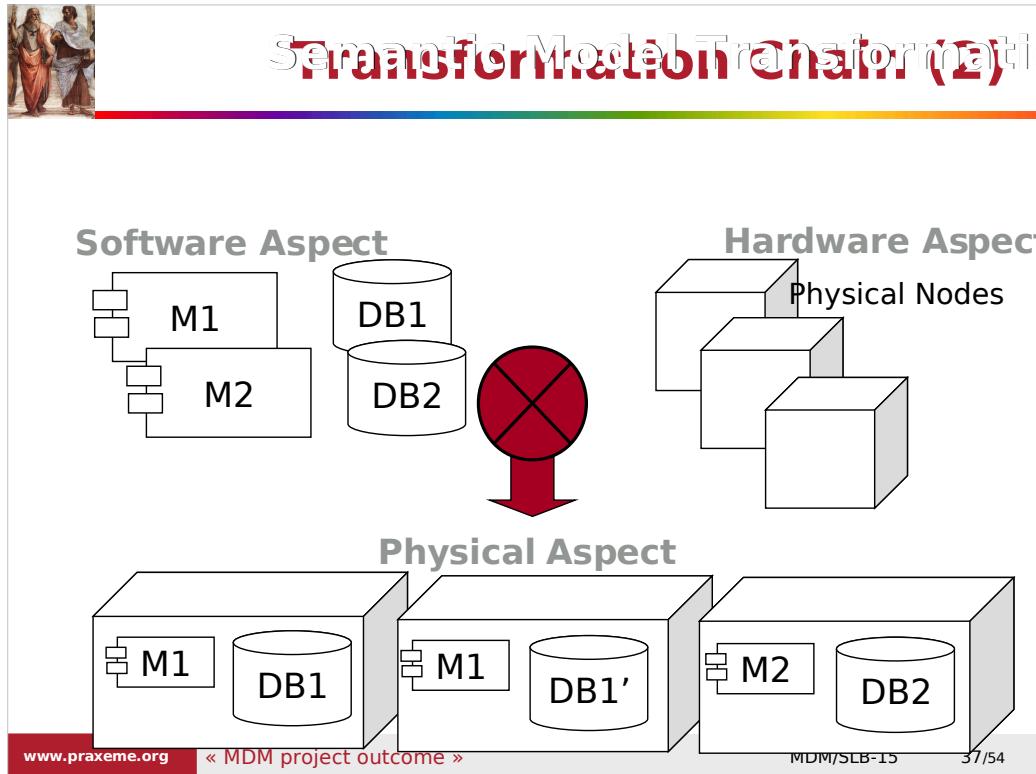
Software Aspect



Règles de développement :

Une ML → une classe Java ou un programme AS/400.

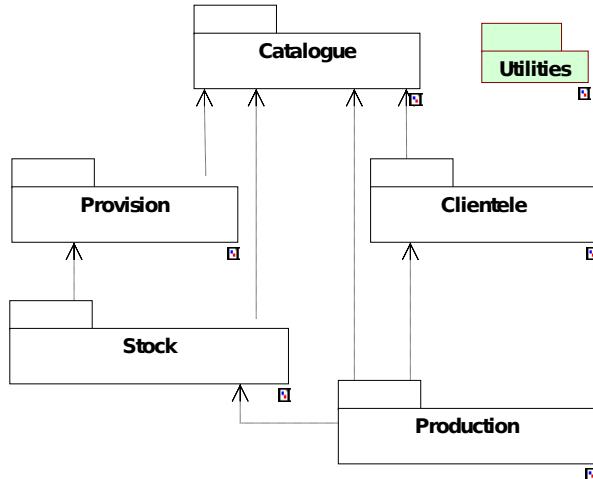
Un sv → une méthode... + référencement dans le Broker

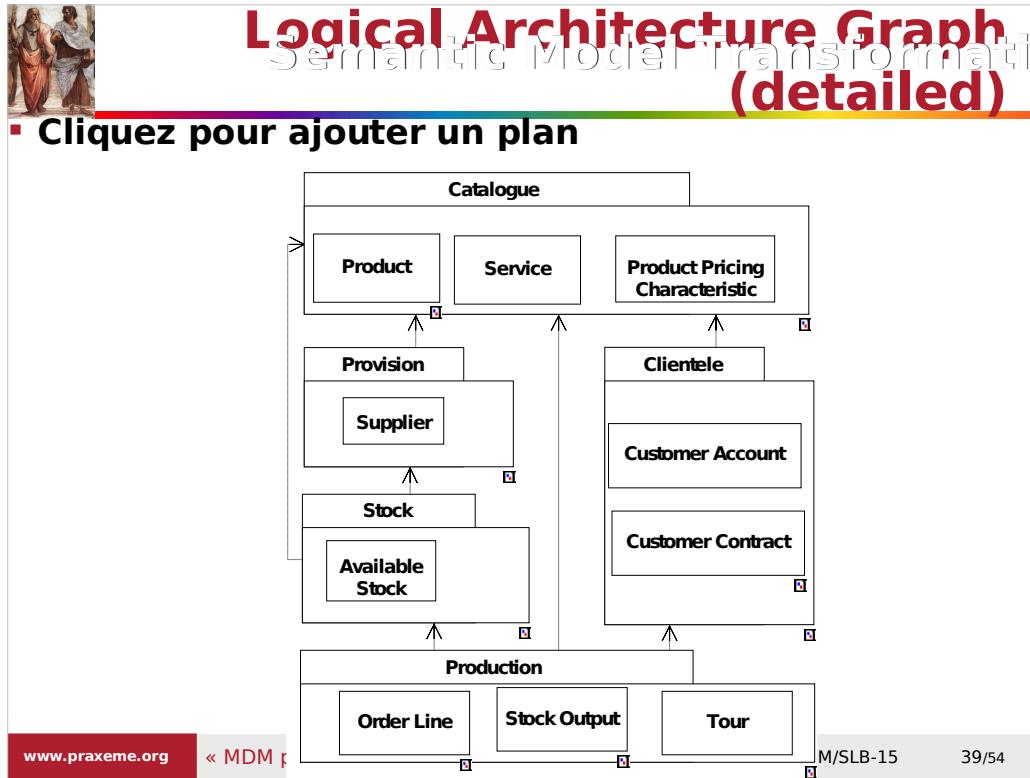




Logement de Modèle Transformati

■ Cliquez pour ajouter un plan







Subjunctive Model Transformation

- **Logical / Technical discussions**

- Examples
 - Transaction management
 - Error management
 - Event management

- **Regarding the modelling of the Logical Model**

- Object identification
- Keeping history traces
- Data reconciling



Subject to Model Curation (IMB)

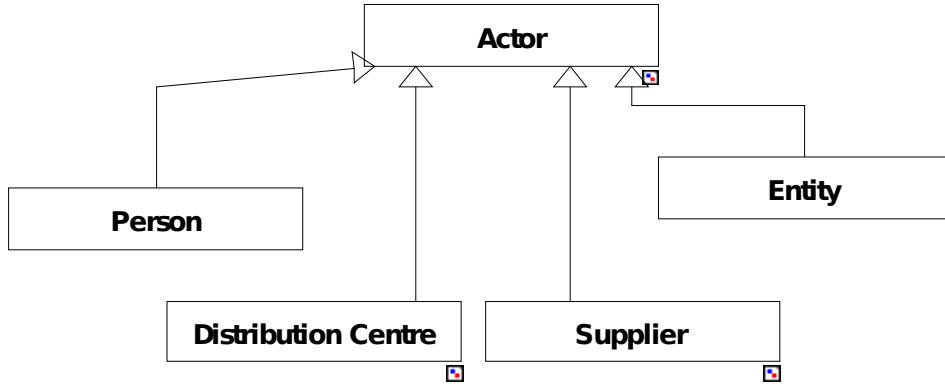
▪ The problem

- A unique system for all countries
- A unique system for the classes inside the same inheritance tree



Subject Model Categories (2/3)

- An example





Subject Identification (MDM)

▪ The solution

- A universal system for object identification
 - Valid for all countries
- This is a question for the logical design
 - Unless it receives a technical answer



Keeping the History Transformed

- **On many concepts**

- Creation date, update date and so on
- User responsible for the action

Order Acquisition

+acquisition start time:P-Time
+acquisition end time:P-Time
+employee id:P-Numeric
+employee name:P-String
+employee short name:P-String
+employee title:P-String
+terminal id:P-String



Keeping the History Transformed

- **It is not relevant in the semantic model**
 - Risk of overloading the core model
- **Another issue for the logical design**



Semantic Data Model Transformation

▪ The problem

- Existing data in different structures
- Must converge to the future and unified system
 - Either feeding the future system
 - Or providing it with information as requested



Semantic Data Model Transformation

- **Two options**

- Conversion
 - Transforming data, migrating to the new database
 - One-shot, on a project-time basis

- Reconciliation

- Thanks to EAI possibilities
 - On a run-time basis

- **This is part of the logical/technical discussion**

- It can be decided by parts
- It must be set in the urbanisation roadmap



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Contents of The Plan

- **Milestones**
- **Collected documents**
- **Continuing on post-MDM project**
 - Consolidation
 - Possible works to be done



Milestones Plan

Availability of Modelling Tool	Beginning of January
Document collection	Deadline: 7/01/05 Collection stopped: 7/02/05 Difficulties respecting perimeter
1st Workshop	14/01/05
Data dictionary delivery	2/02/05
v2 Semantic Model delivery	11/02/05
2nd Workshop	16-17/02/05
v3 Semantic Model delivery	22/02/05
Logical Data Model delivery	7/03/05

WS1: making aware of the approach and information needs



Collected documentation towards Semantic Model

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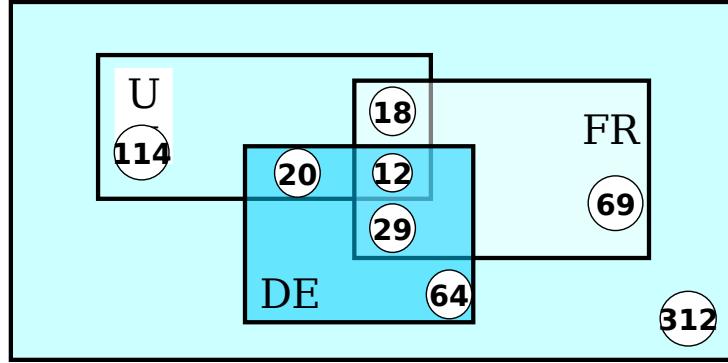
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- Collected documentation towards Semantic Model
 - The accuracy of the collected documents has been poor
 - See 'metric.xls' file for details



Convergence MeterPlan

▪ The Semantic Model attributes



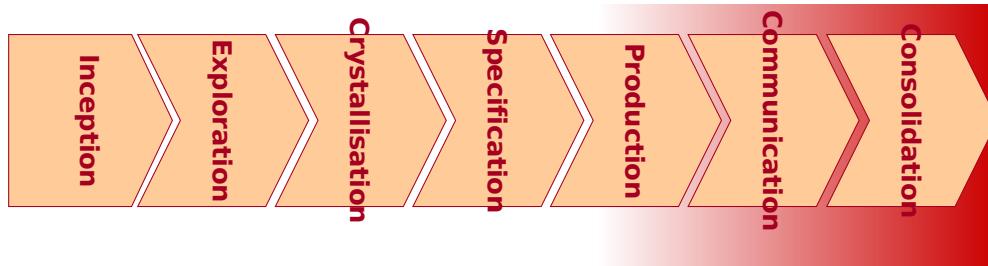


Continuing on post-MDM project

The Plan

▪ Explaining and maintaining the semantic model

- The MDM project ends with the delivery of the logical data model
- It can carry on with the « Consolidation phase »
 - Change process on SEM and LDM



Acting as the custodians of the semantic model (with JPP proposal



- **On the semantic model**

- Complete the State machines
 - States & Transitions
- Identification of all the Operations
 - Before deriving the services
- Complete & improve upon comments
 - More explanations

- **From the use case description**

- Bridge the Use Case View and the SEM
 - By means of connections to the relevant modelling elements
 - By means of new diagrams
- Structure the Use Case View
 - By eliminating redundancy



Conclusion

- **Outcome of the MDM project**
 - Benefits of Semantic Modelling
 - Convergence
 - Simplification
 - A start for the business repository
 - Benefits for the IS
 - A source for deriving the services in SOA
- **Planning, means and budget**
 - Kept on track
 - Absolute need for a UML tool
- **Difficulties**
 - Tools
 - Cultural change
 - State of the input documentation
 - Scope