

SBML Level 3 Hierarchical Model Composition

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3 Submodels

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Modular Modeling of cellular systems



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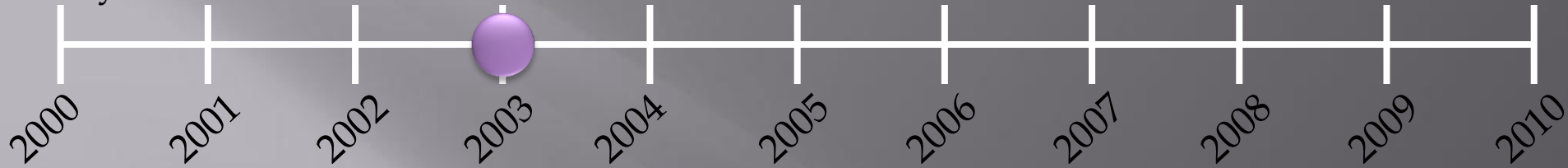
Proposal for an Extension of SBML towards level 2

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BioSpice MDL Model Composition and Libraries

This document describes a set of capabilities supporting the construction of models from components and the collection of those components in libraries. Since BioSpice is currently using SBML as the MDL, this presentation is slanted toward describing extensions to SBML.

Please note this is work in progress. A number of sections are incomplete and we are looking for feedback on the general approach being proposed.

Model Composition

Models of realistic systems will be large. We presume there will be recurrent structures within models of a given system and between models of different and possibly related



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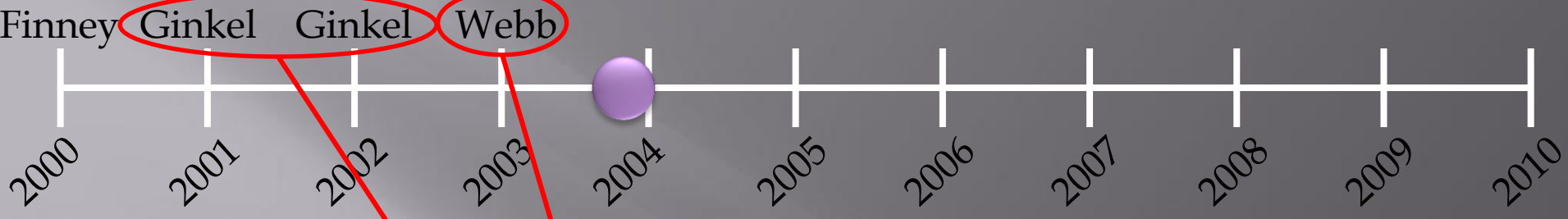
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- The (preliminary) Charter describes mission and ideas of this approach
- Here the members of the group are listed

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sbml-modular-talk-2.pdf	Modular Modeling in SBML (Martin Ginkel at 5th Workshop)	(309625 Bytes)
model-composition.pdf	Model Composition Proposal (Andrew Finney at 7th Workshop)	(156095 Bytes)

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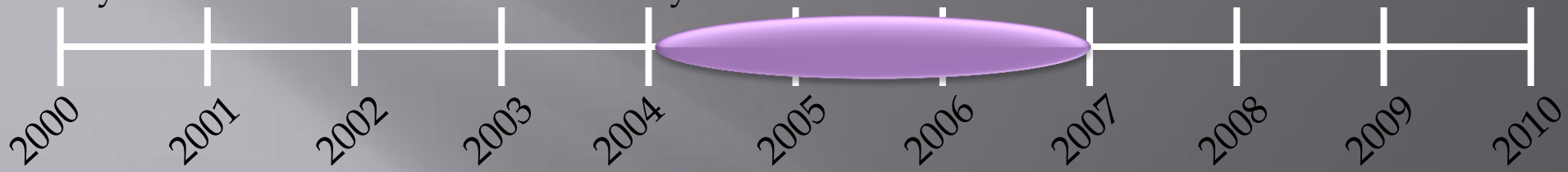
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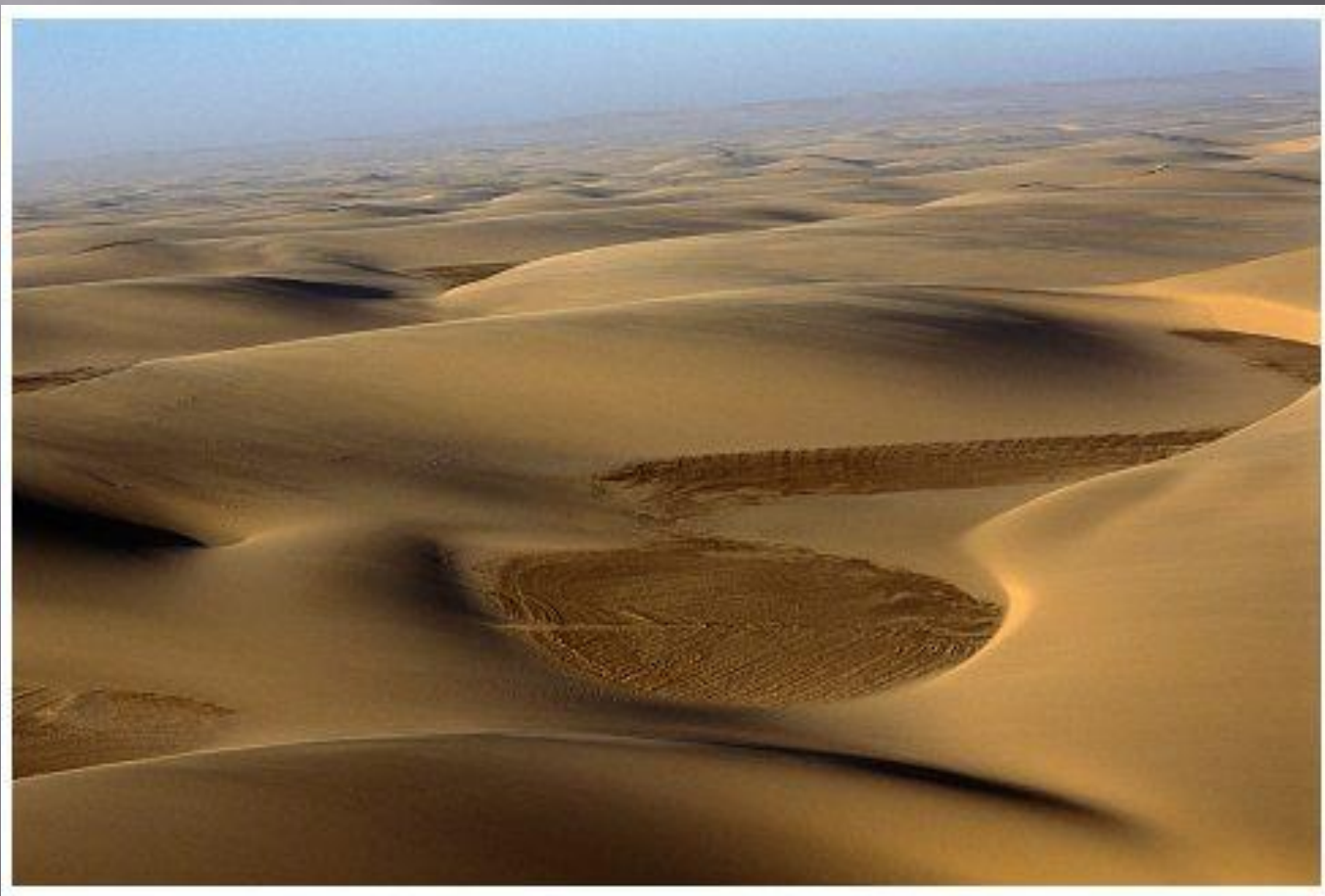
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The 5th SBML Hackathon

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Model composition refers to the ability to include models as submodels inside other models. This requires defining the interfaces between the models and protocols for connecting parts of models together. One of the anticipated extensions for SBML Level 3 is to support model composition.



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1. General Goals

- (UseCase? 1): Composing tool takes multiple traditional SBML, changes to the original models.
- (UseCase? 2): Modular modeling tool creates models from pre-ide other models. This ecting parts of support model
- (UseCase? 3): Analysis tools read and analyze (simulate, comp
- Important: Balance between complexity of storage format and
- General question: Is it useful/necessary to make composition solved in general)

2. Goals for Composition Extension

- Express multiple submodels or modules
- Express instantiation
- Create directed links

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Object Oriented Modeling in Promot

Motivation

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- Structured Models are very common in other simulation descriptions
- Examples: **Simulink**, Dymola, **Modelica**, gProms, **CellML**
- Technical simulations naturally reflect the modular structure of the modeled systems (and there are still doubts about modules in biology)
- Learn from the experiences of other simulation fields.
- Promot was originally developed for process engineering
- It uses object-oriented models, composed from modules

Introductory Example

2. Go

- EGF Model based on [Schoeberl 2002] implemented in Promot
- Model is constructed with modular structure, submodels are *designed to be composed*
- Modules for the major **specific functional networks** of the system
- Modules interact with their siblings by terminals (ports, interfaces)
- Modules are independently developed, tested and analyzed

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a) Explicit 'MustBeOverloaded' flag on ports

Currently ports (elements that are explicitly part of a model's interface) by default ca when the containing model is instantiated. Ports must have an additional flag 'MustBe r 2007 els. This that when true indicates that the port must be linked to. It is recommended that sim, f containing, at the top level, ports with 'MustBeOverloaded' true values is simulated. |

b) N to N links

(on links a 'from' reference overloads a 'to' reference) The syntax for links should be and one or more 'to' object references. A link with zero 'from' references deletes the more than one species or compartment 'from' references (otherwise you could split a link to nothing is not allowed)

c) Reaction overloading

Reaction links should be allowed. Reaction overloading differs from species overloads the reaction network bipartite graph the flattened model containing a link from one s combines the edges from both models incident to both species e.g. model1: s1 -> s2



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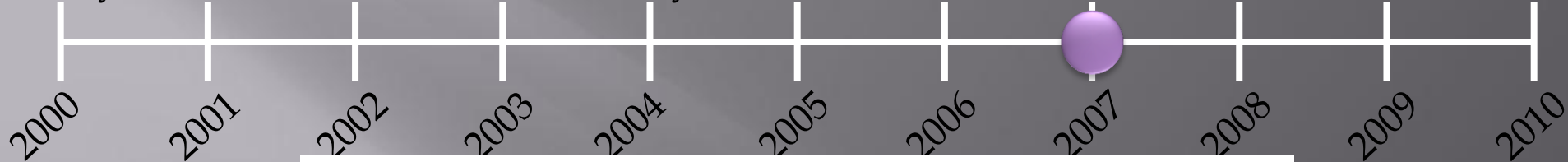
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 tool (e.g., libSBML) to unambiguously flatten an L3 "composed" mod
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 below as they are, in order to describe the space of possibilities, but
 model down to L2v3 is a desirable feature and should serve as a desi
 interpreted immediately and transparently by software tools that use
 adoption of the composition facility.

AF: This approach also simplifies the definition of some of the semar
 model (in L3) is valid if the flattened L2 model is valid. This is not to
 this way :).

[edit] Terminology

SBML **Inclusion**: Separating pieces of SBML into separate files
 and having a mechanism to include the external pieces into a
 given file.

SBML **Model Composition**: *composing* a model from submodels.
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Hierarchical Model Composition (Hoops 2007)

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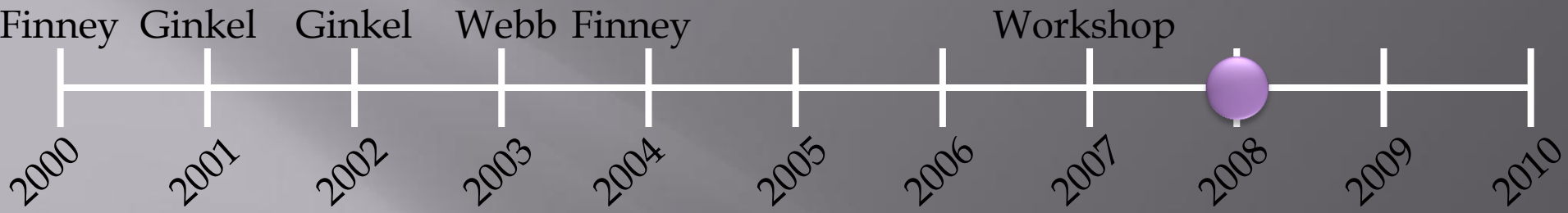
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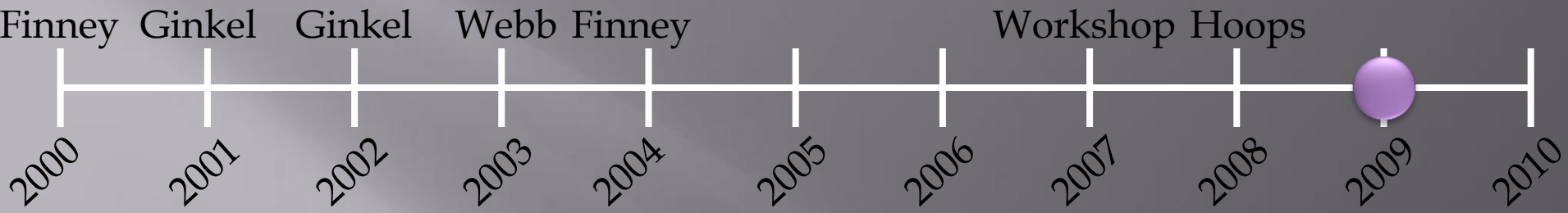
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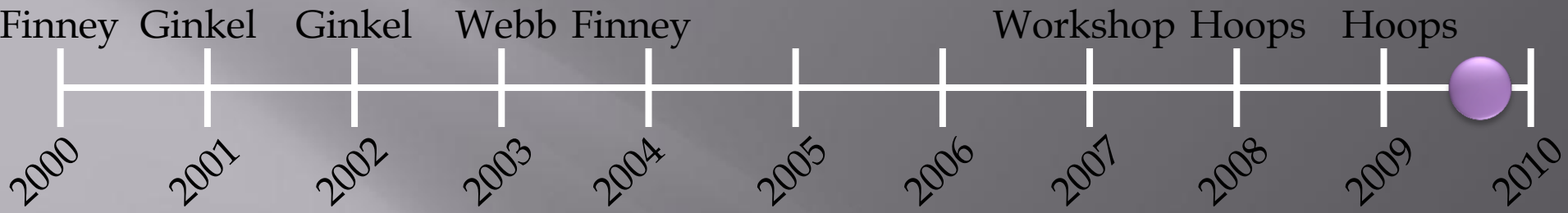
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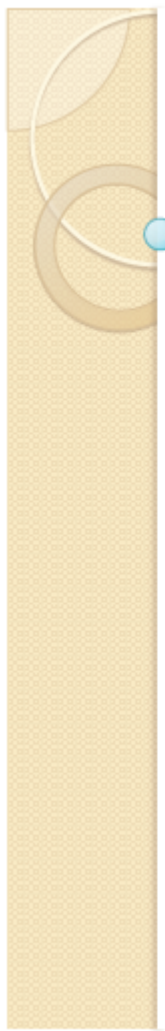
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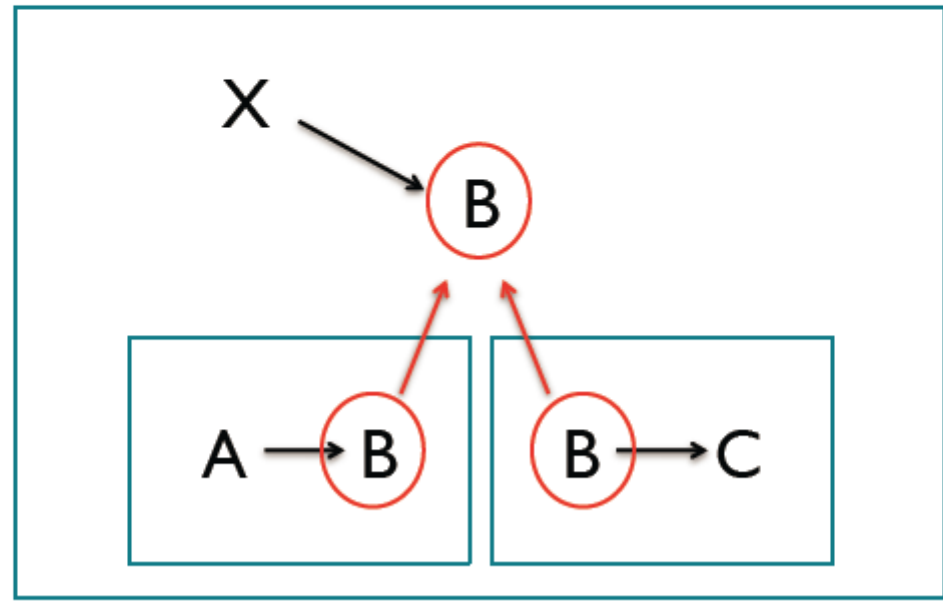


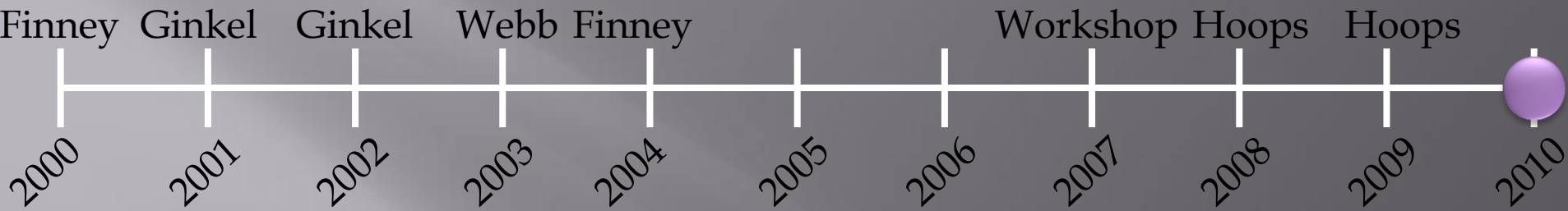
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Hierarchical Model Composition

'Replace'





1: Separate the concepts of 'replacement' and 'deletion' into parallel elements: ListOfReplacements/Replacement, and ListOfDeletions/Deletion

2: Annotate the Deletions with a list of conceptual replacements for those elements.

3. Let ConversionFactors be non-const; possibly make them required instead of optional.

4. Loosen reliance on xpointers by allowing ObjectRefs to reference by metaID and/or by increasing the number of elements with SIDs.

5. Separate model definitions from model instantiations.

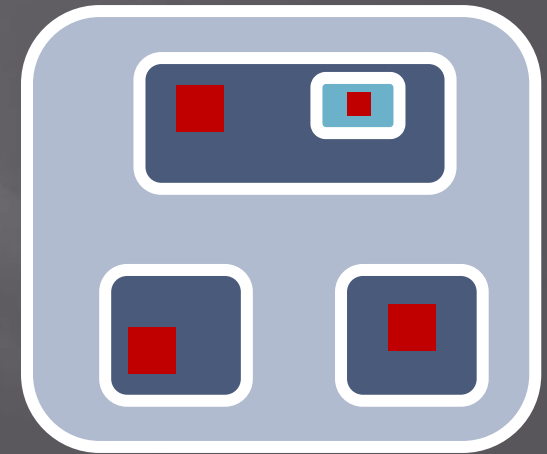
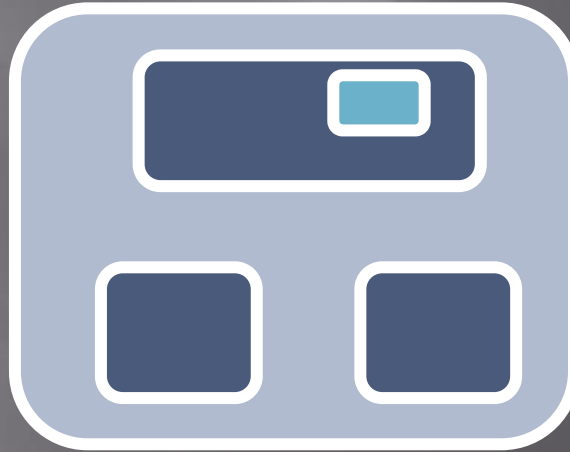
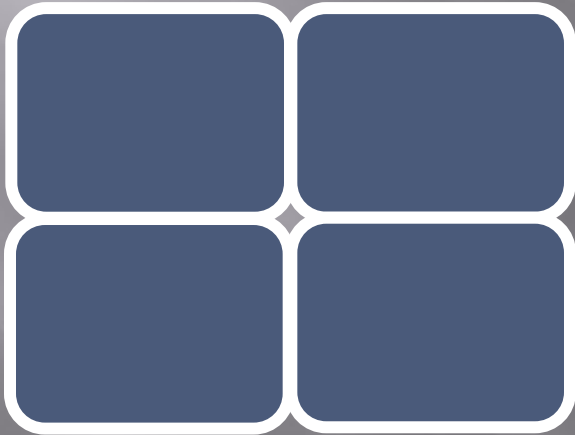
6. Turn 'Ports' into annotations. (this one is not my proposal, but a proposal 'from the floor', as it were).

7. The spec should be written in such a way as to explicitly accommodate packages in general, without needing to refer to particular packages.

8. Function Definitions must only apply to the model they are a member of. Do we want a more general list as well?

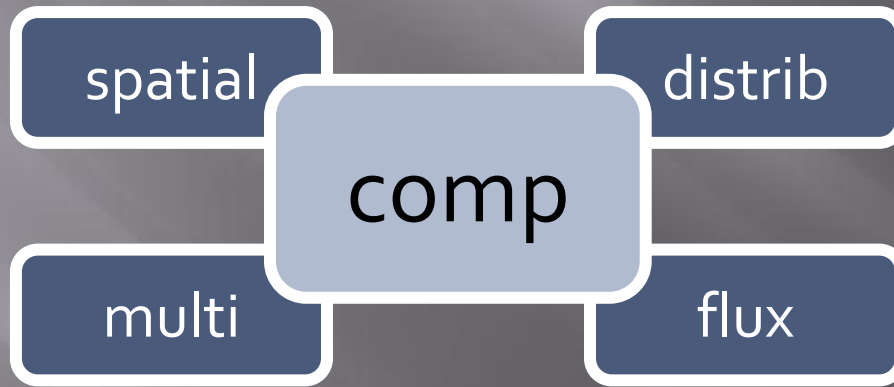
Design Goals

- ▣ Aggregation, Composition, or Black Box



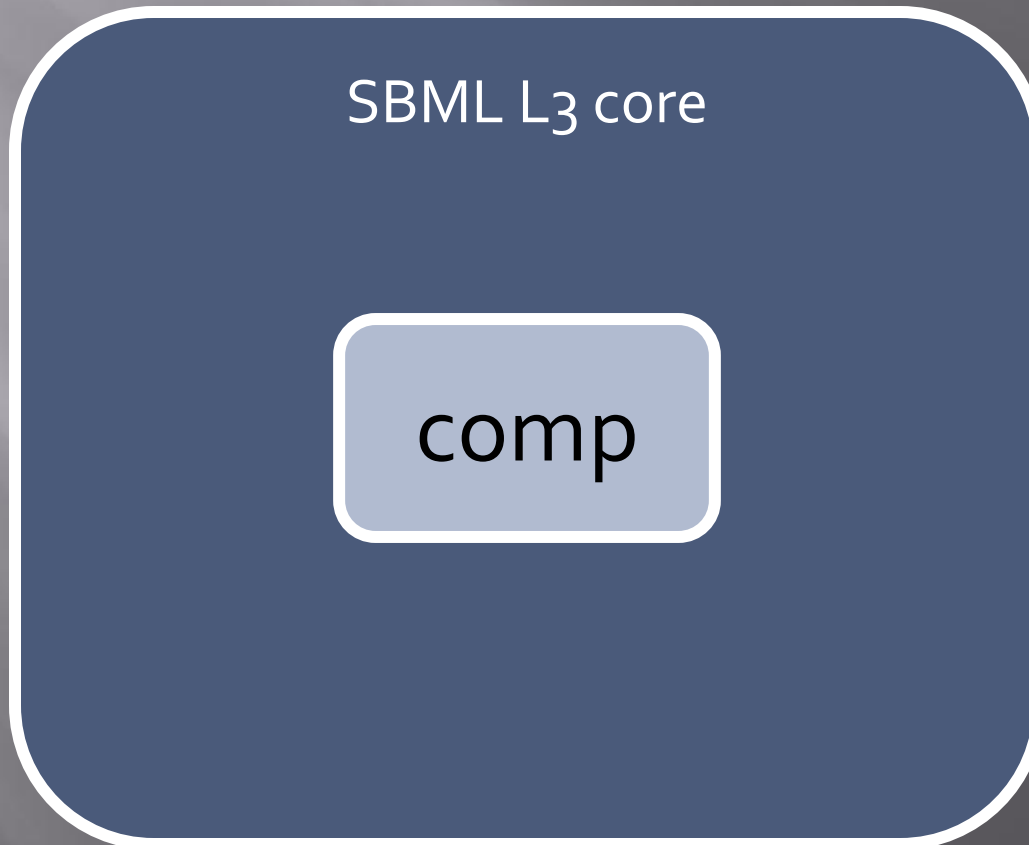
Design Goals

- ▣ Interact cleanly with other packages



Design Goals

- ▣ Core still valid without comp constructs



Design Goals

- Ignore verbosity of model, but don't over-complicate

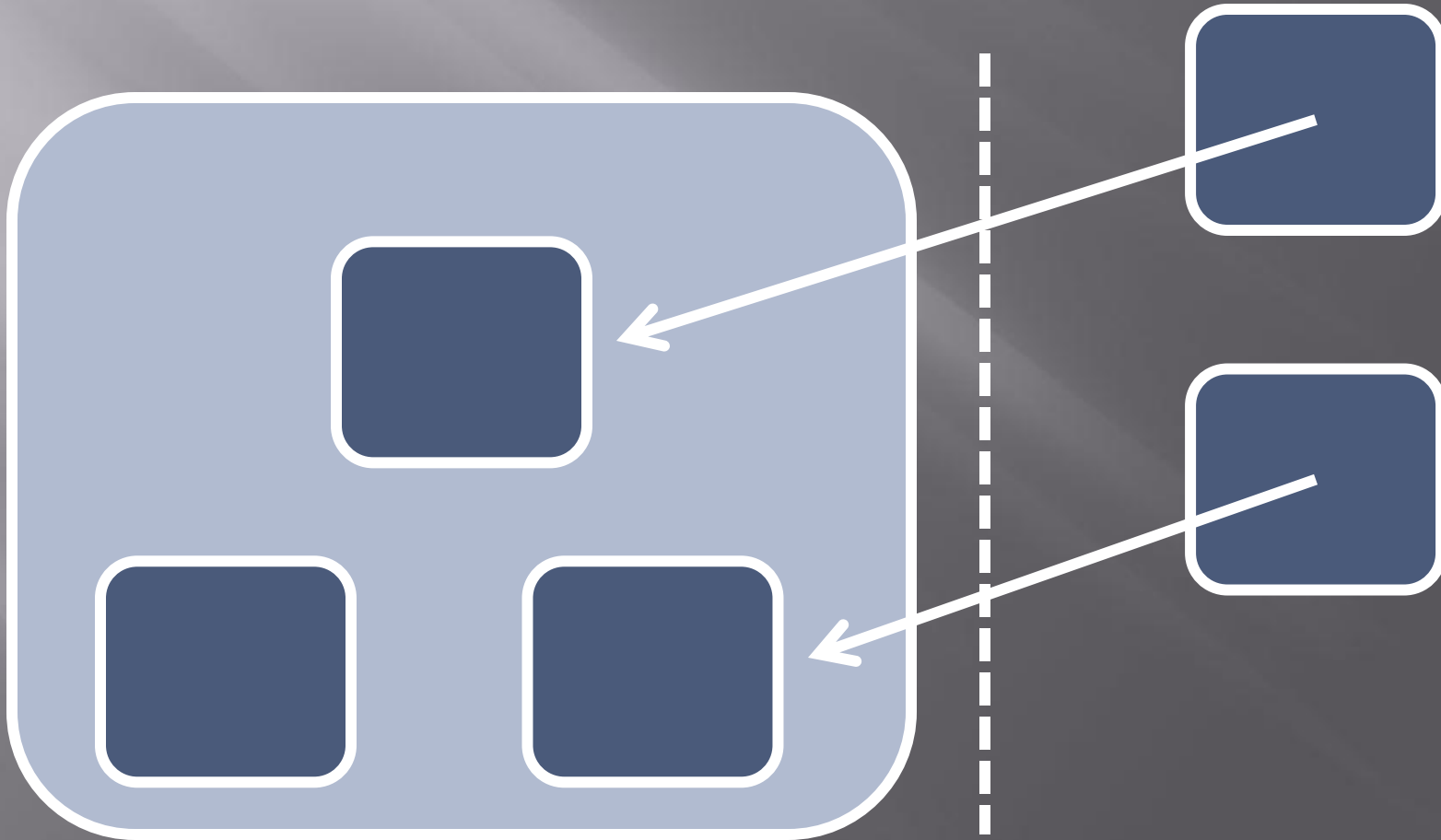
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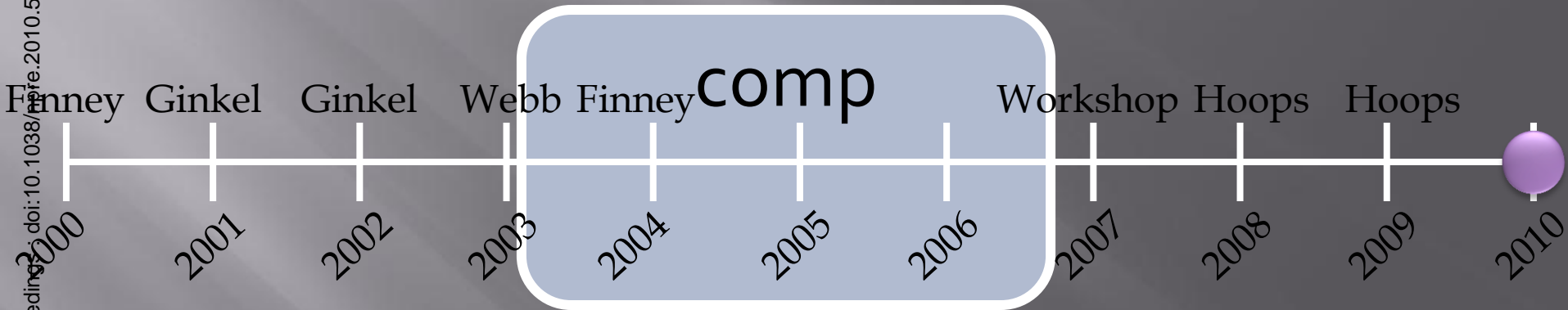
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- ▣ Allow modular access by reference

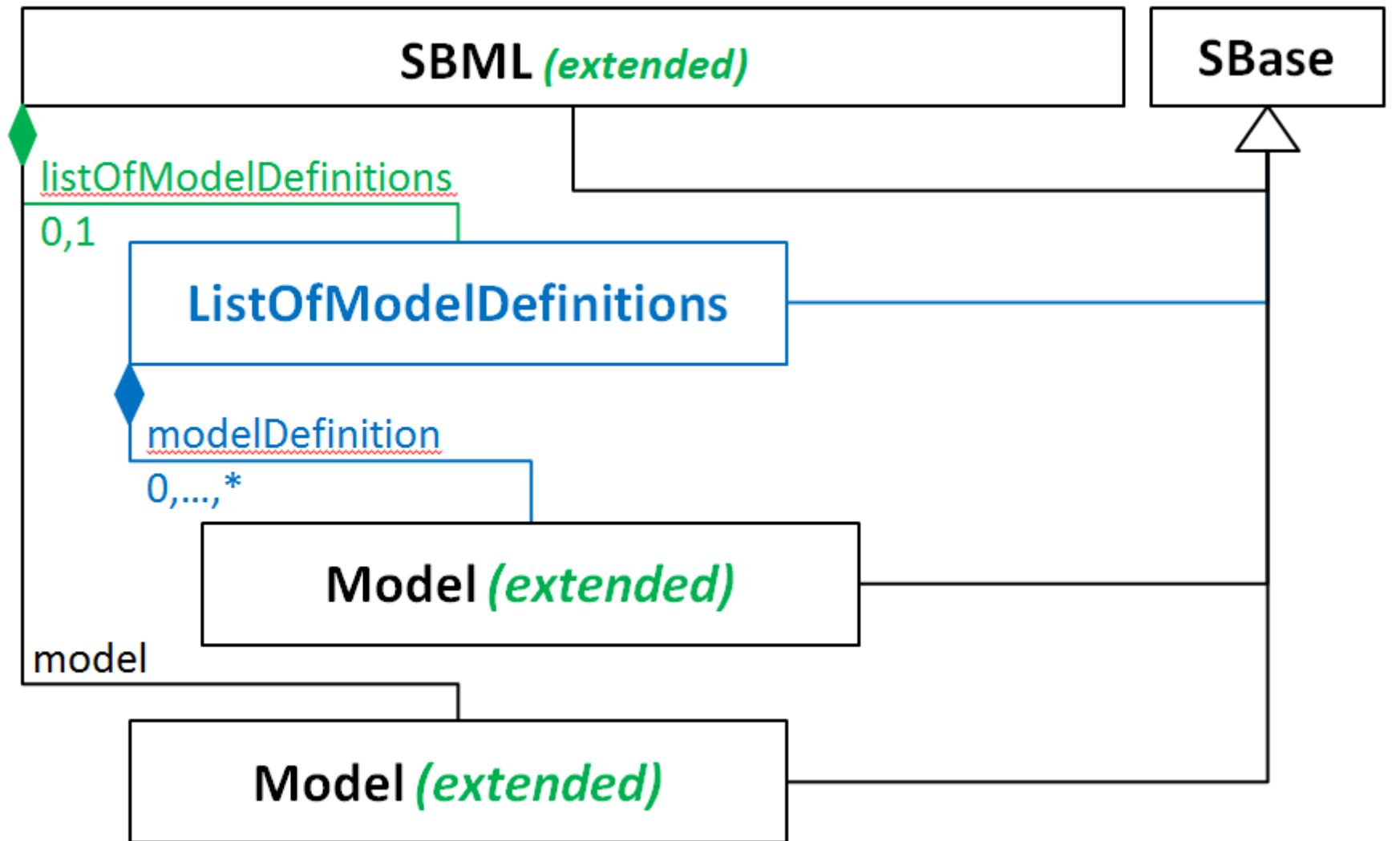


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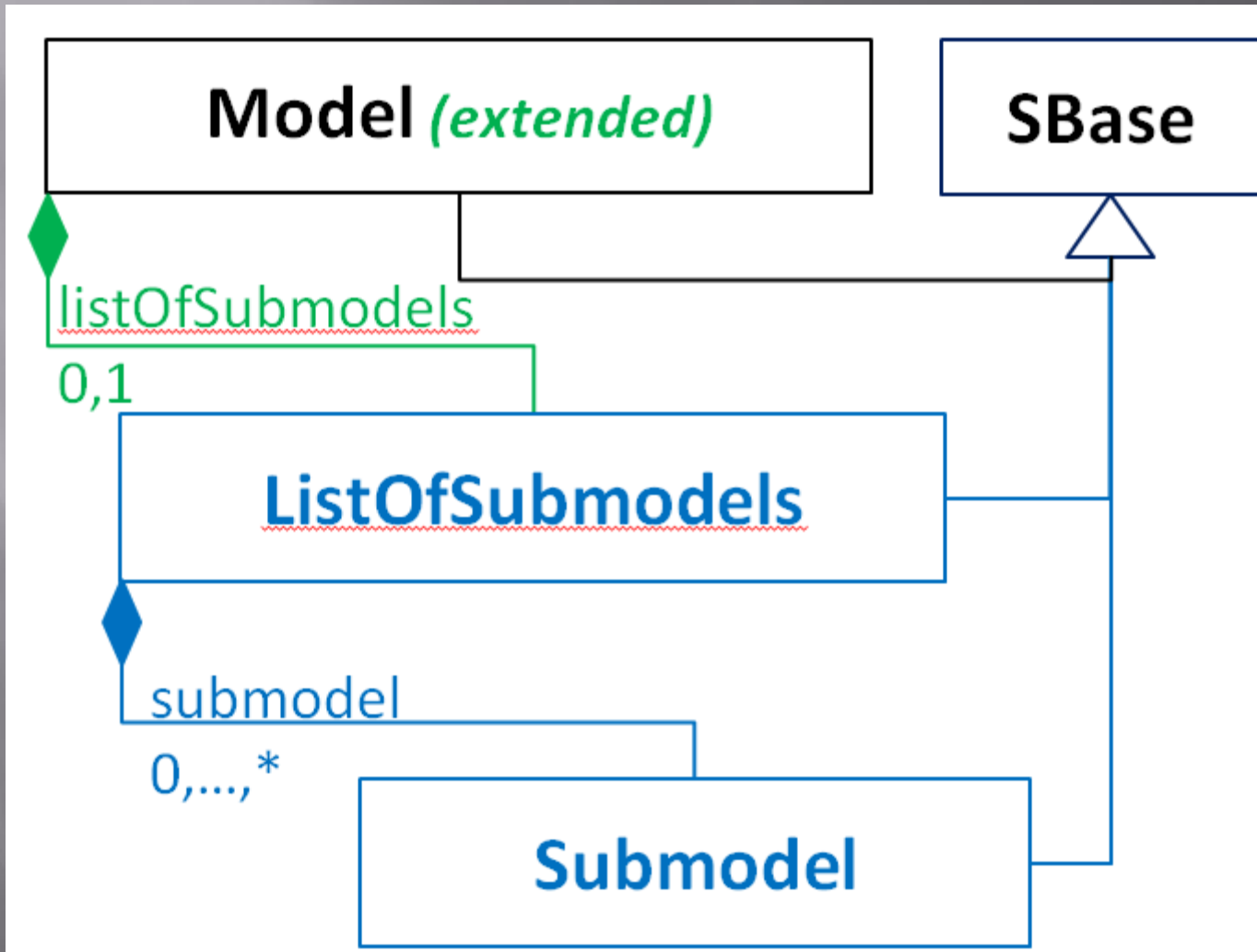
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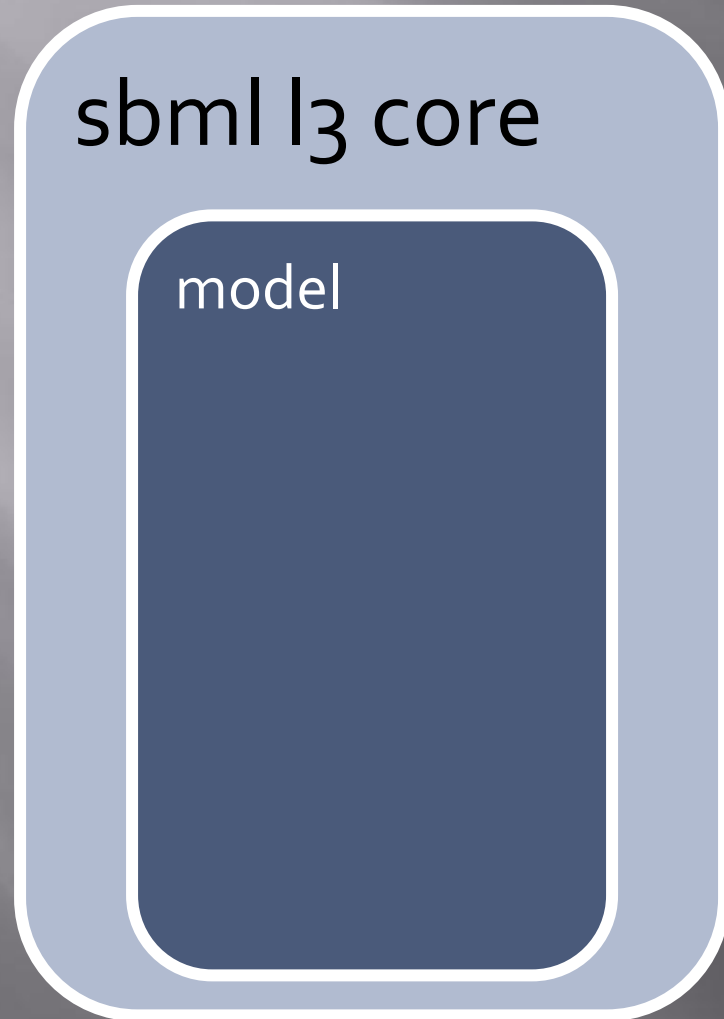
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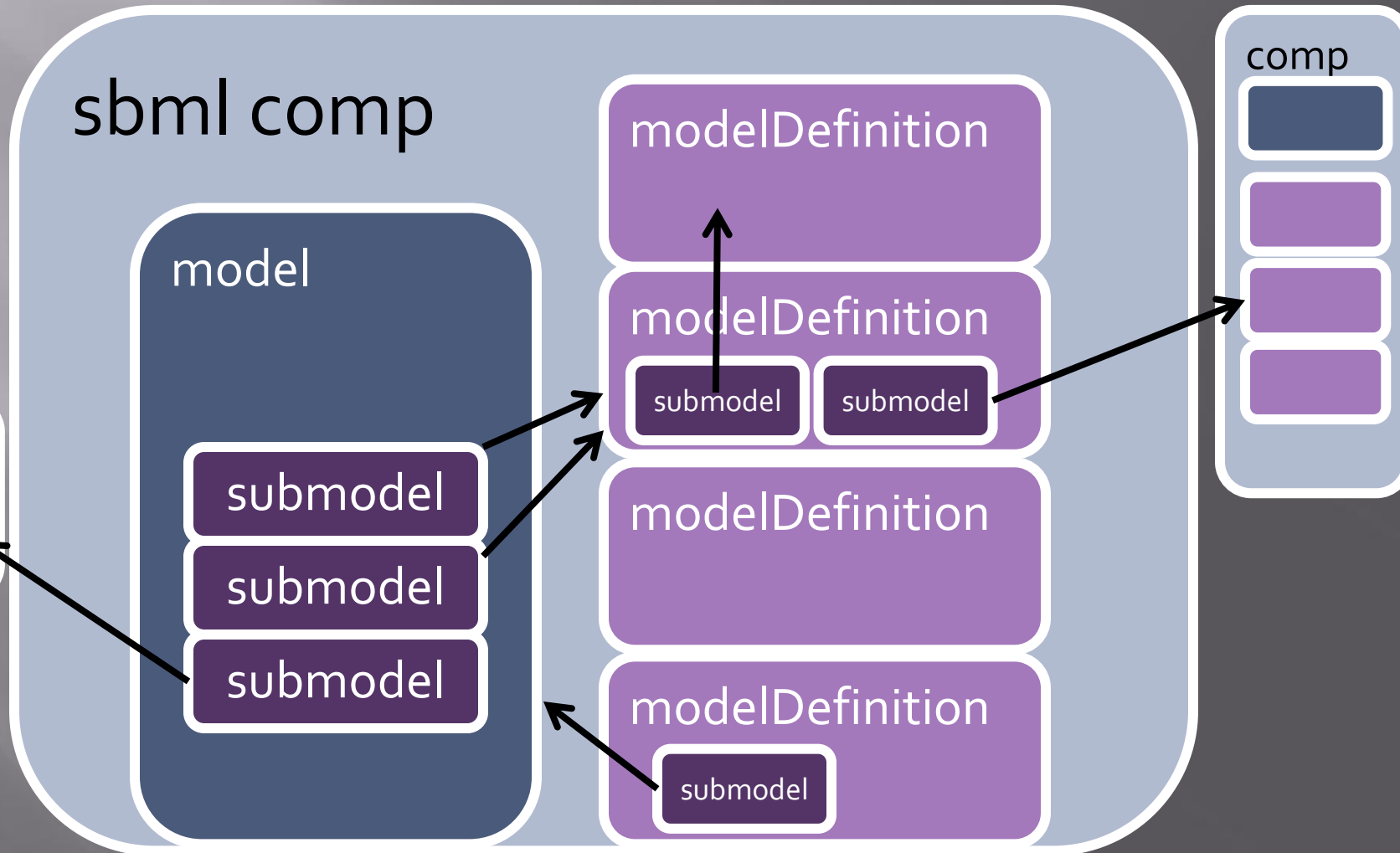
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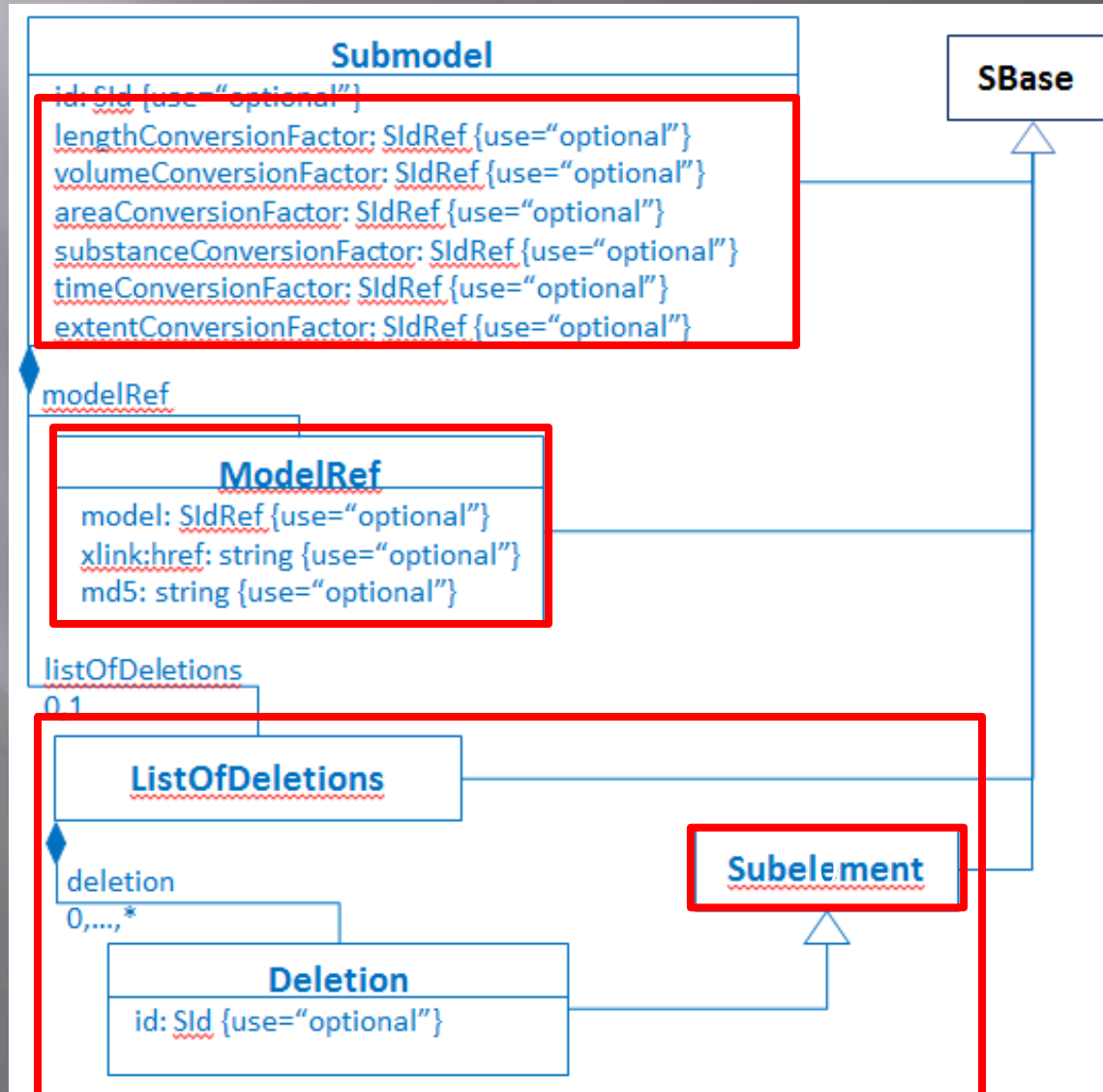
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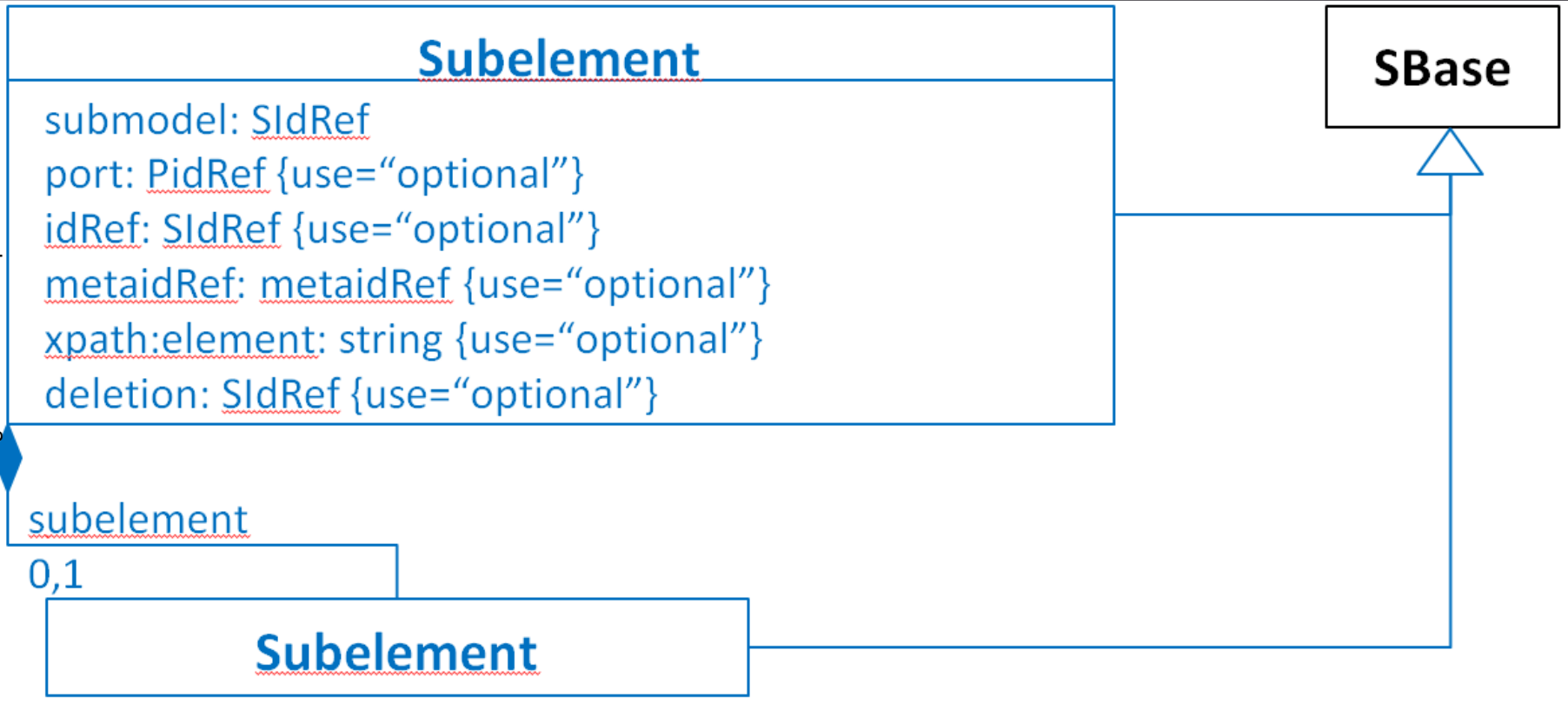


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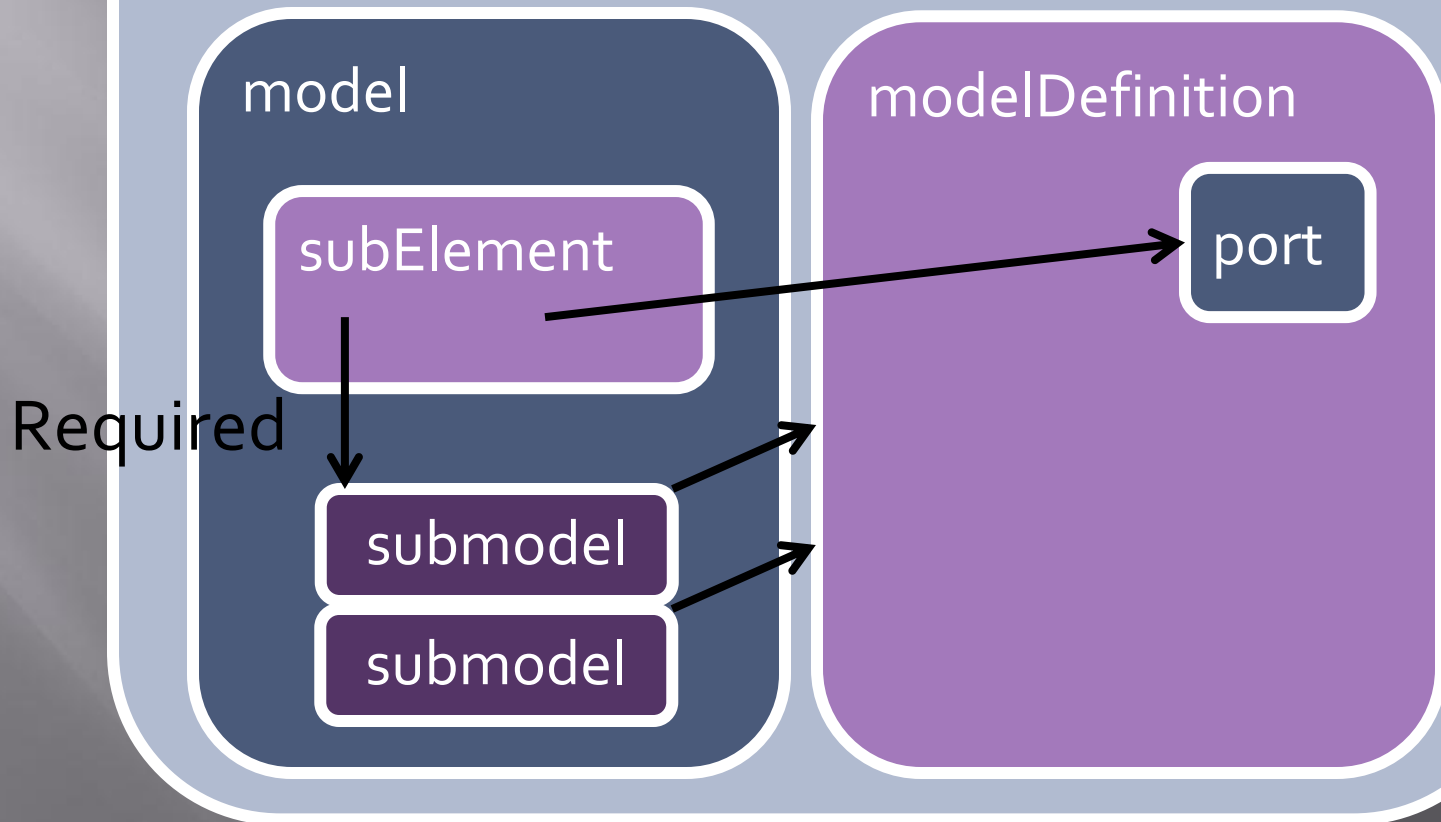
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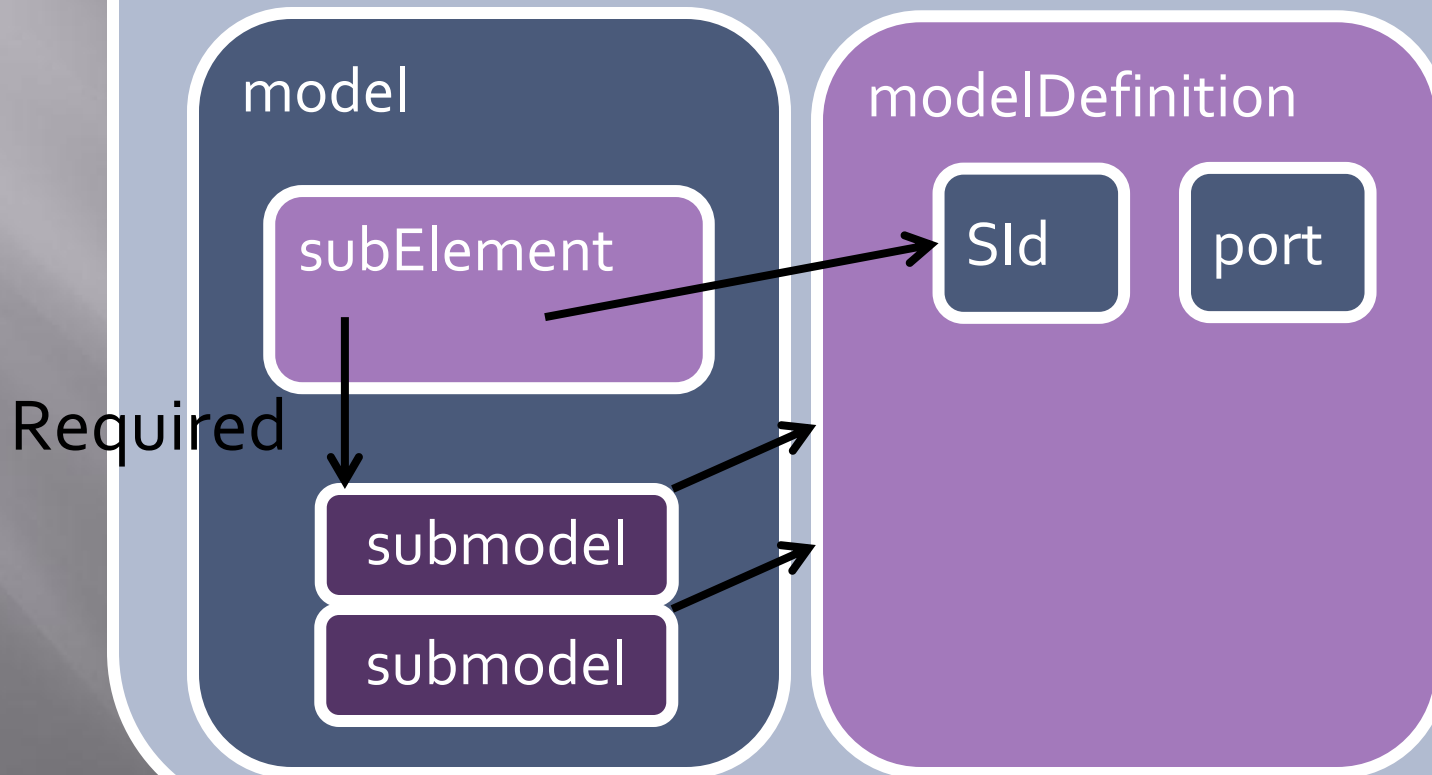
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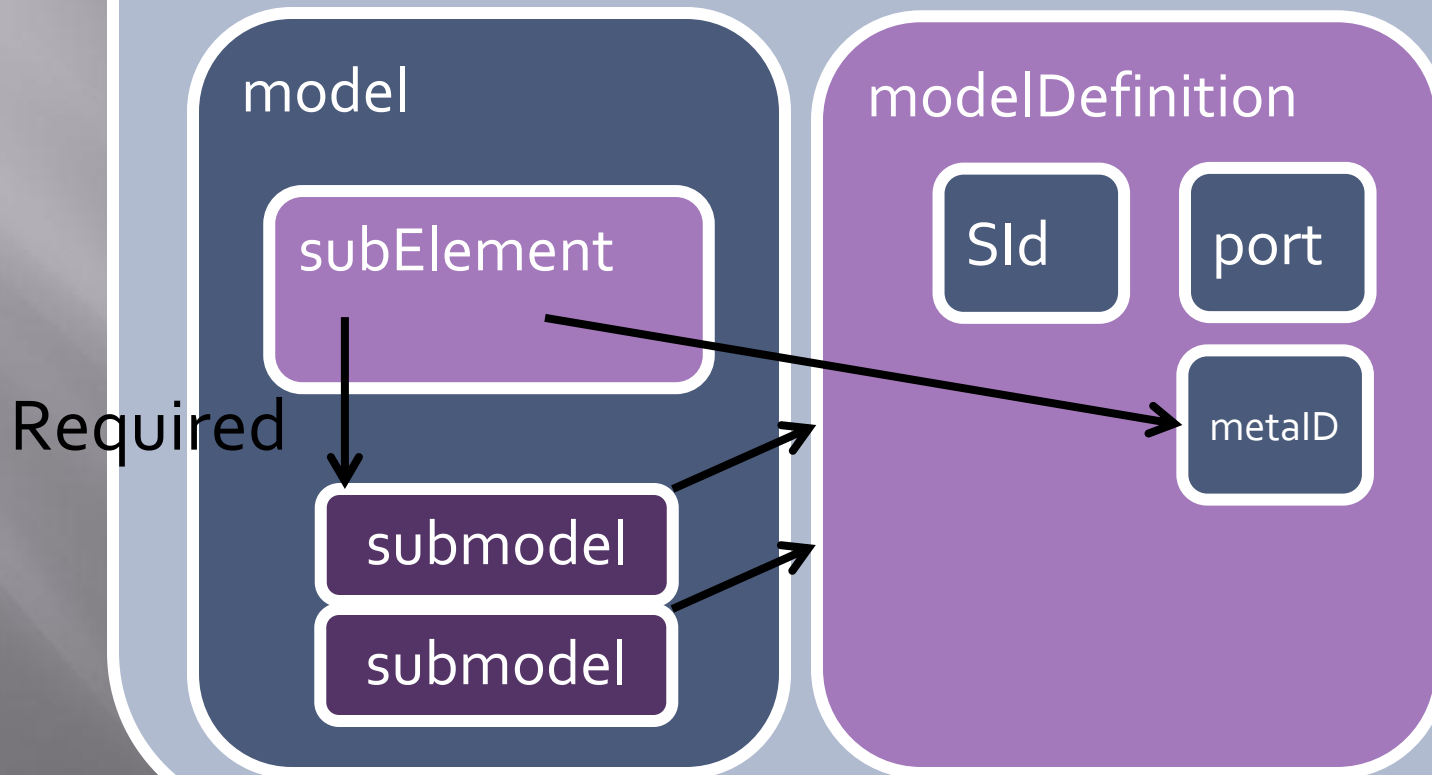
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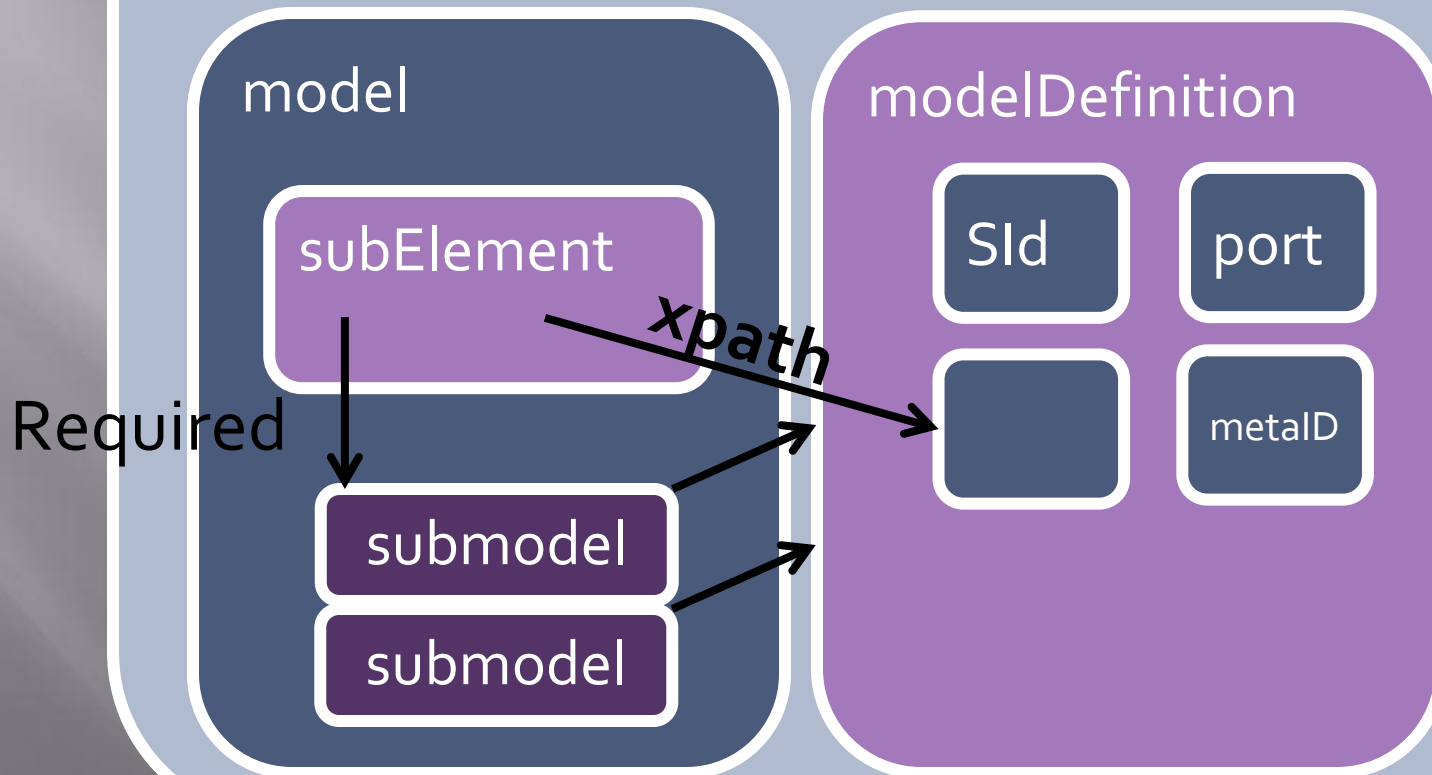
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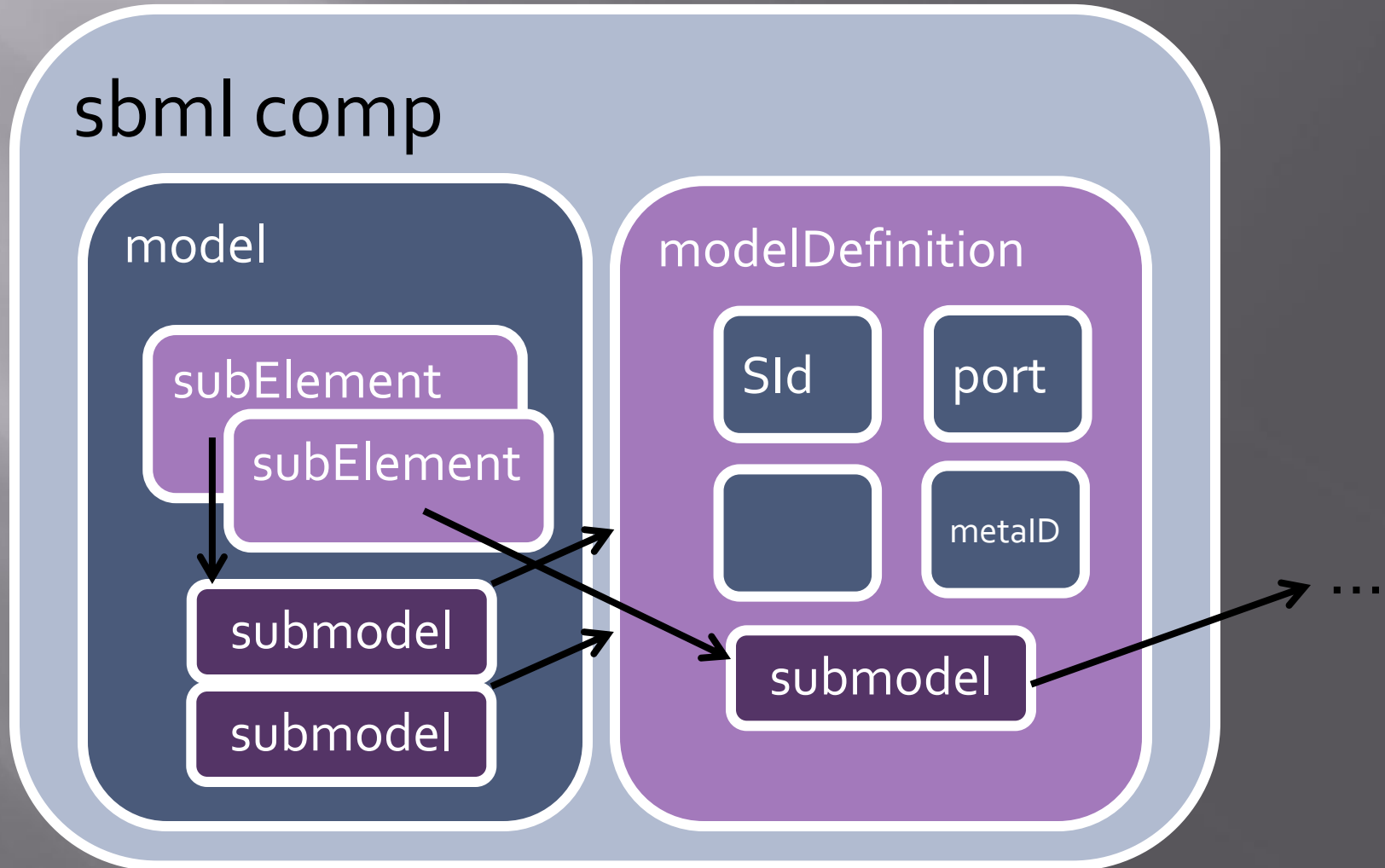
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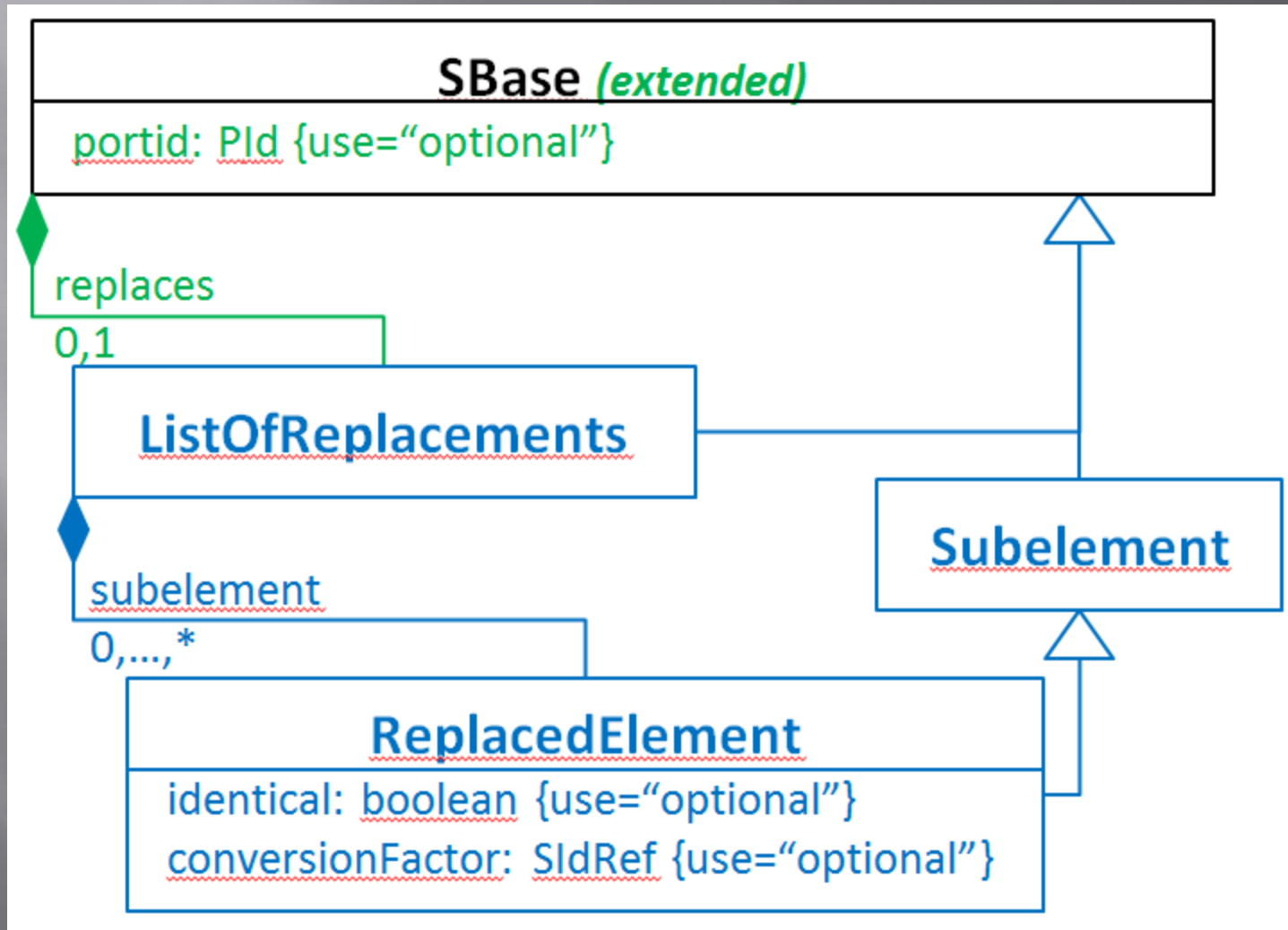


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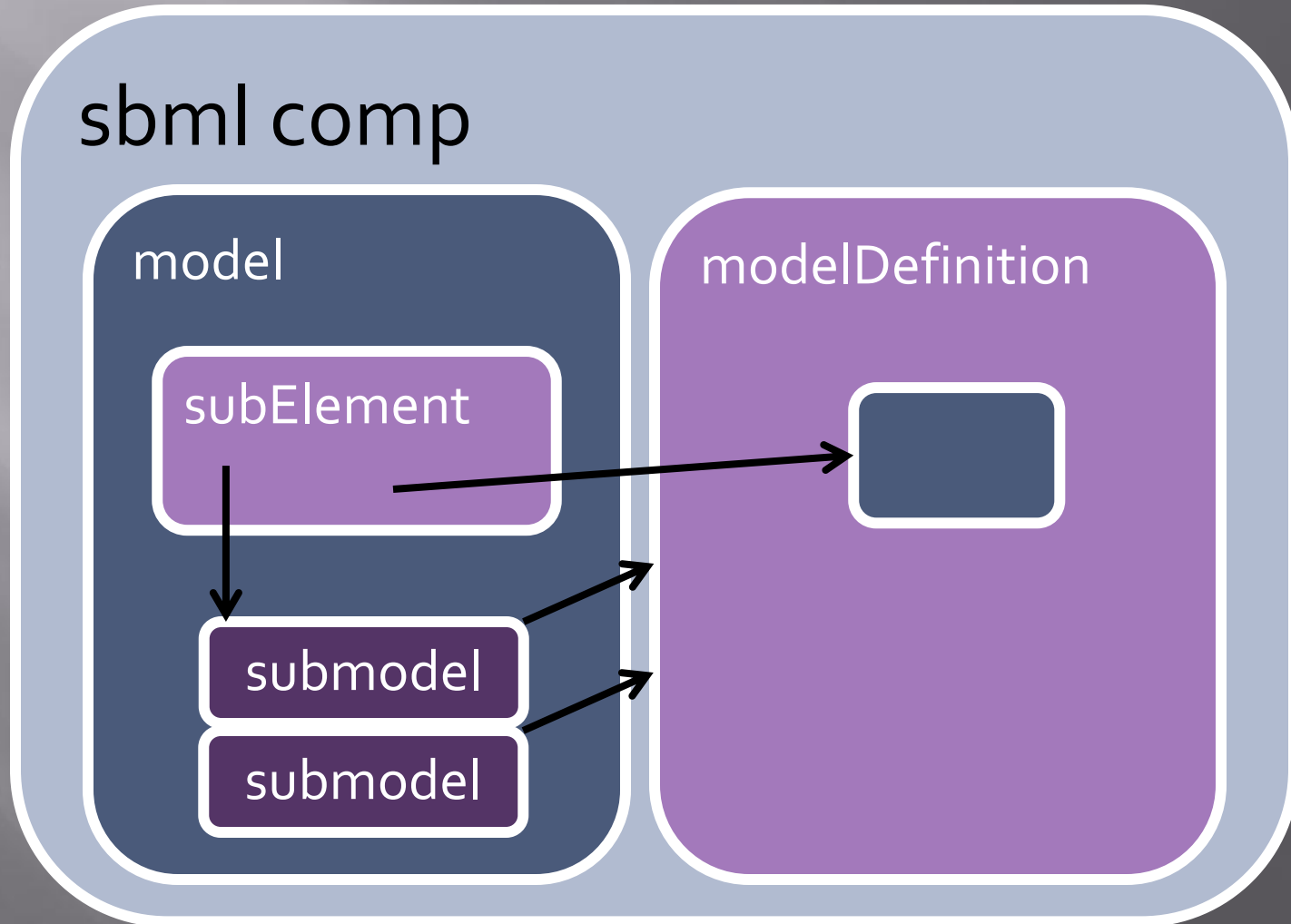
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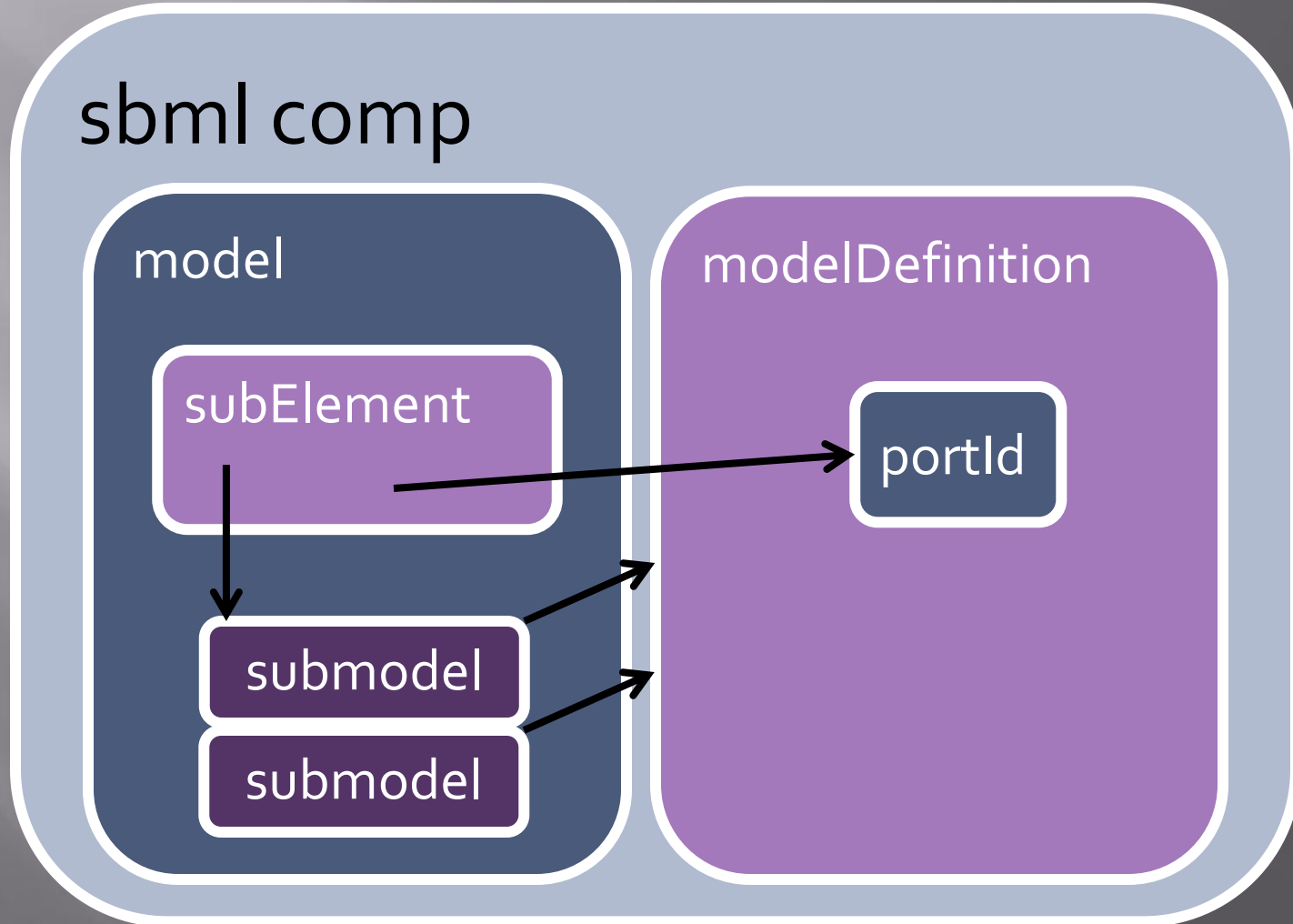
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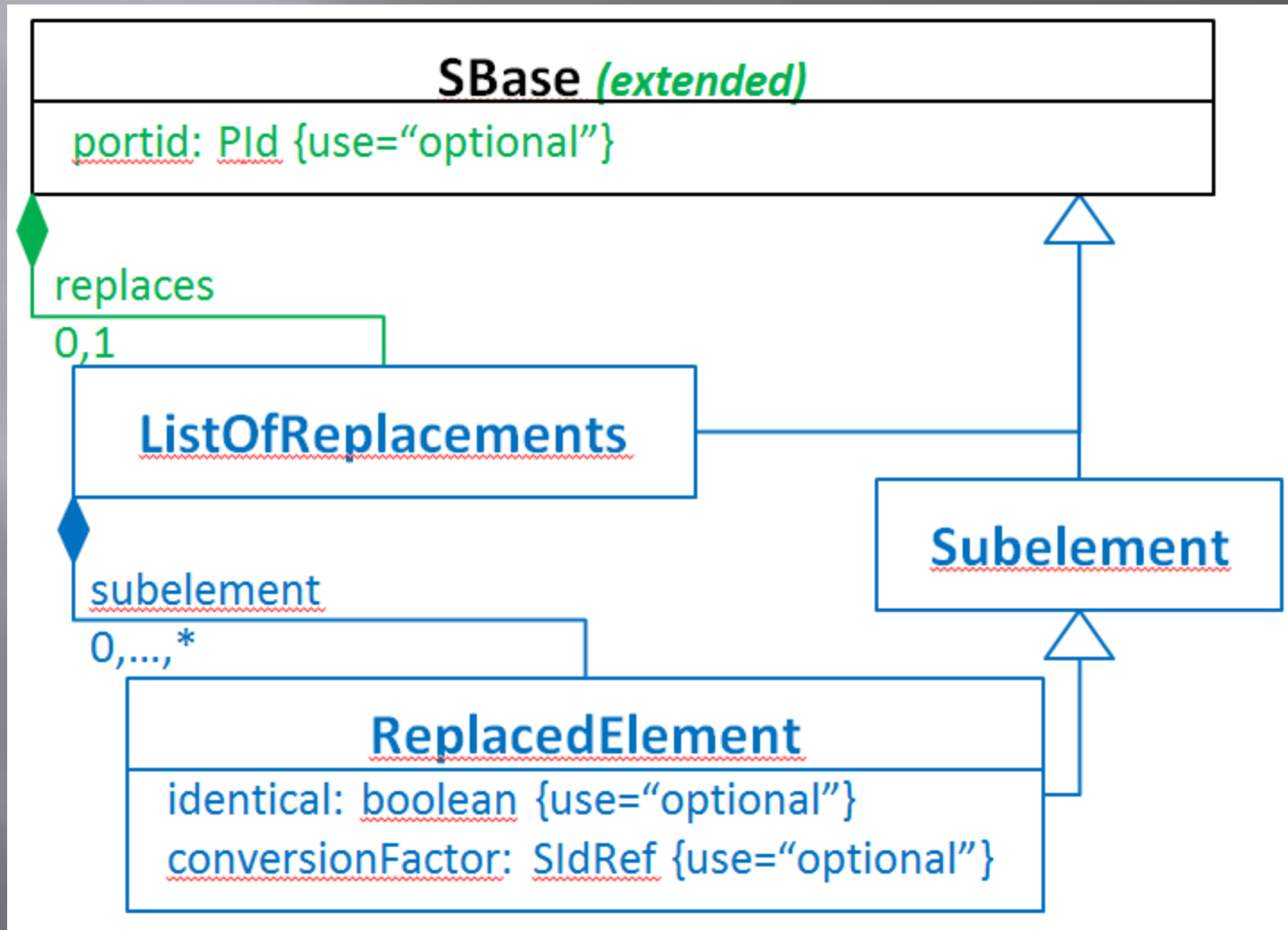
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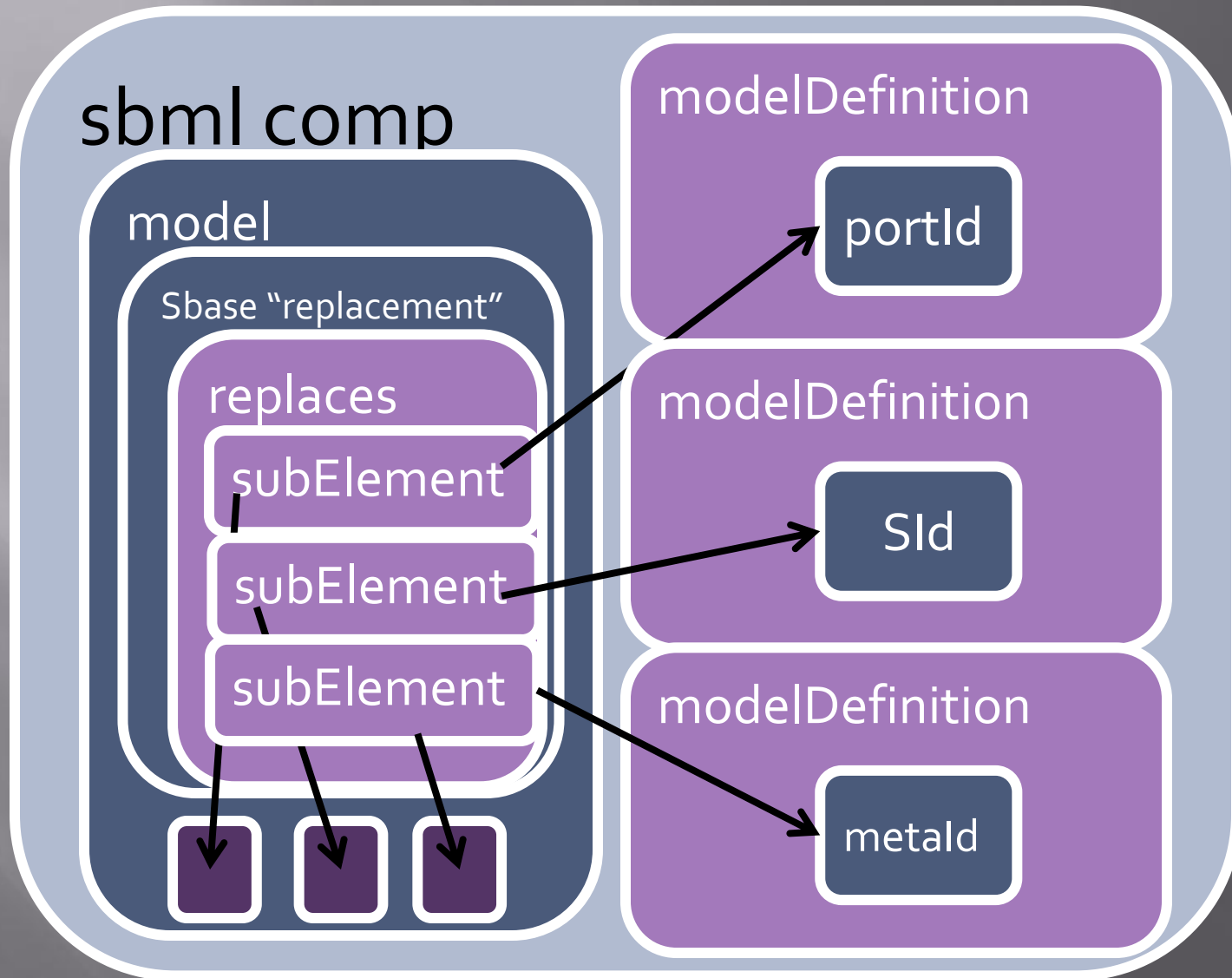
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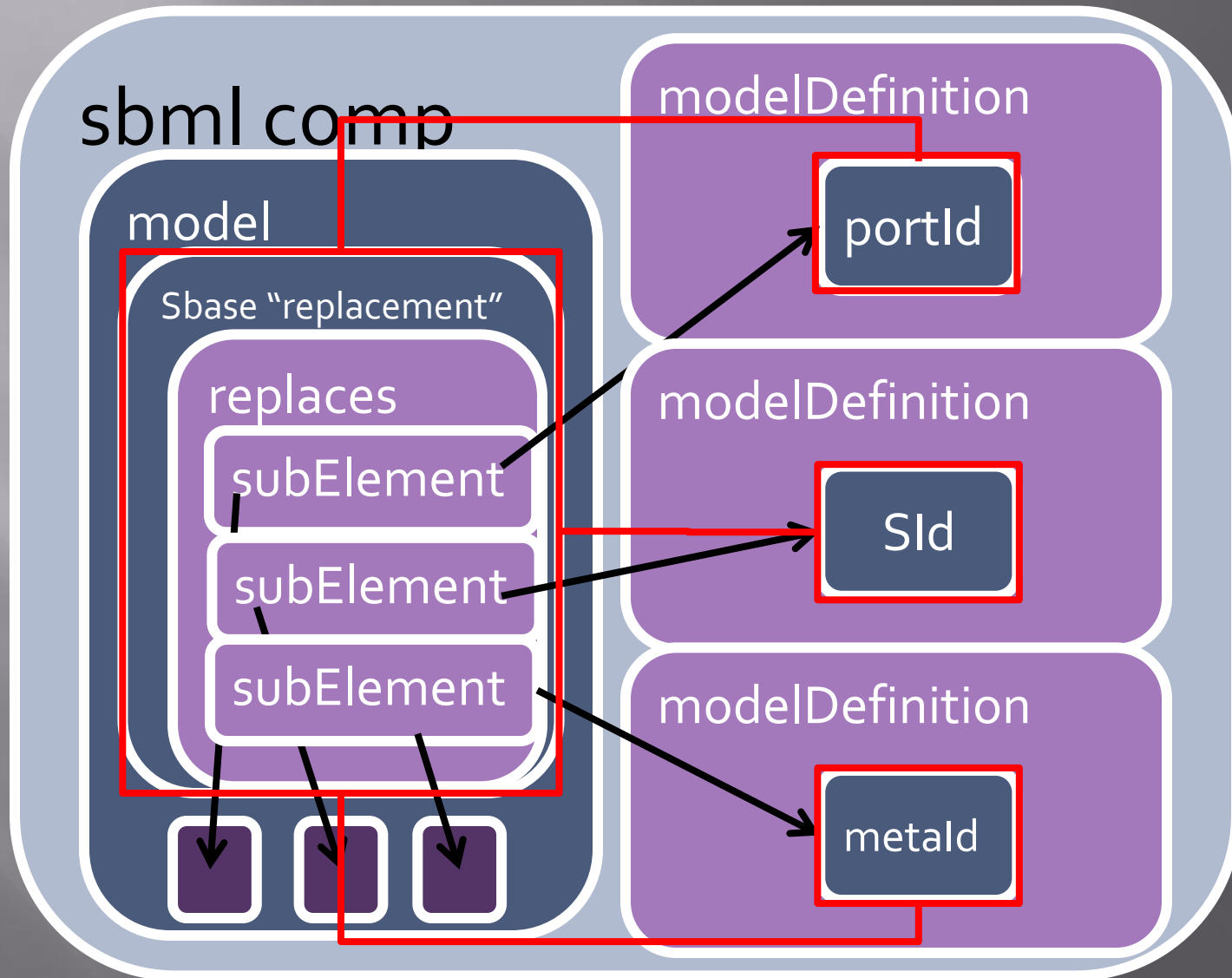
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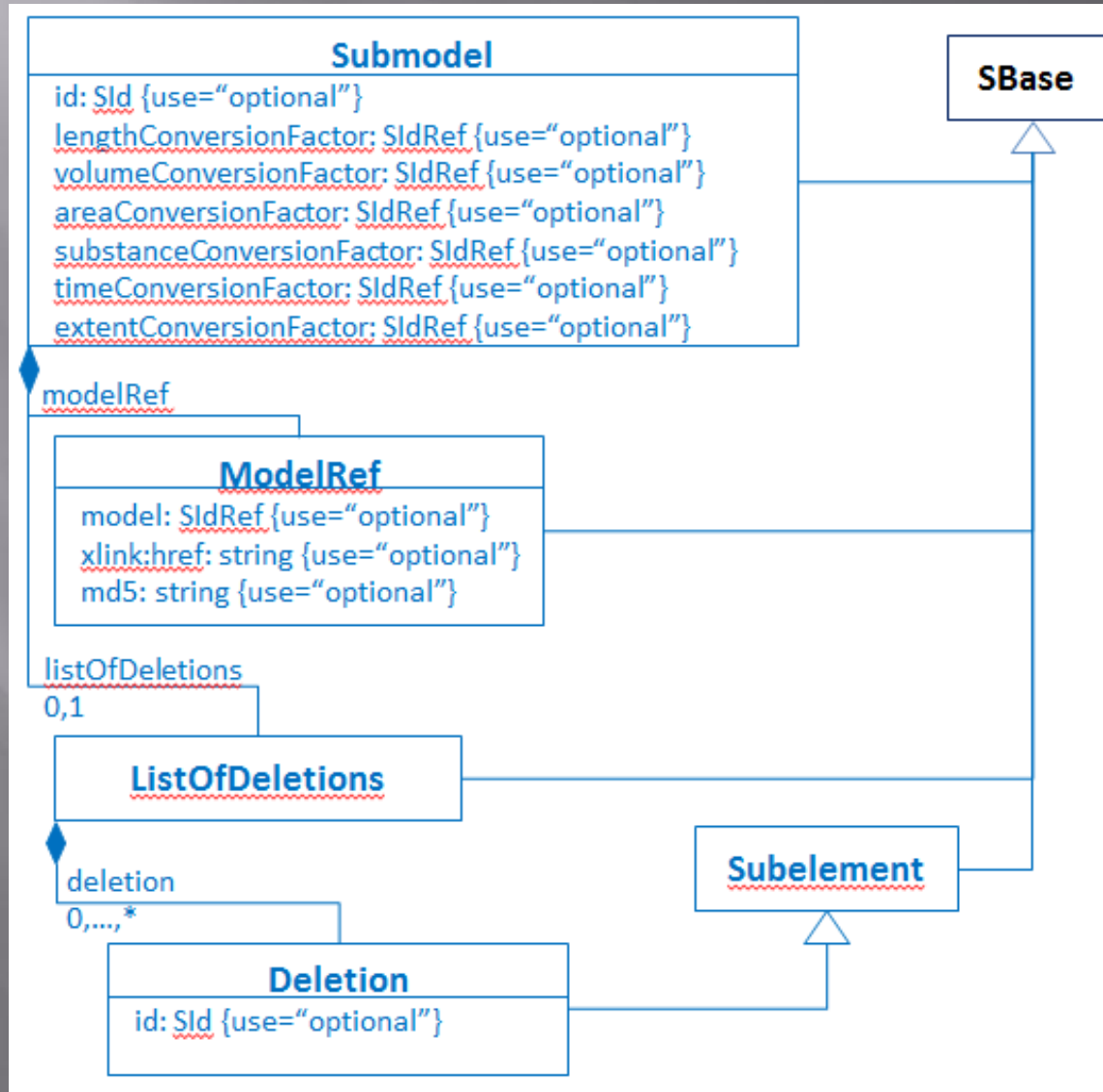
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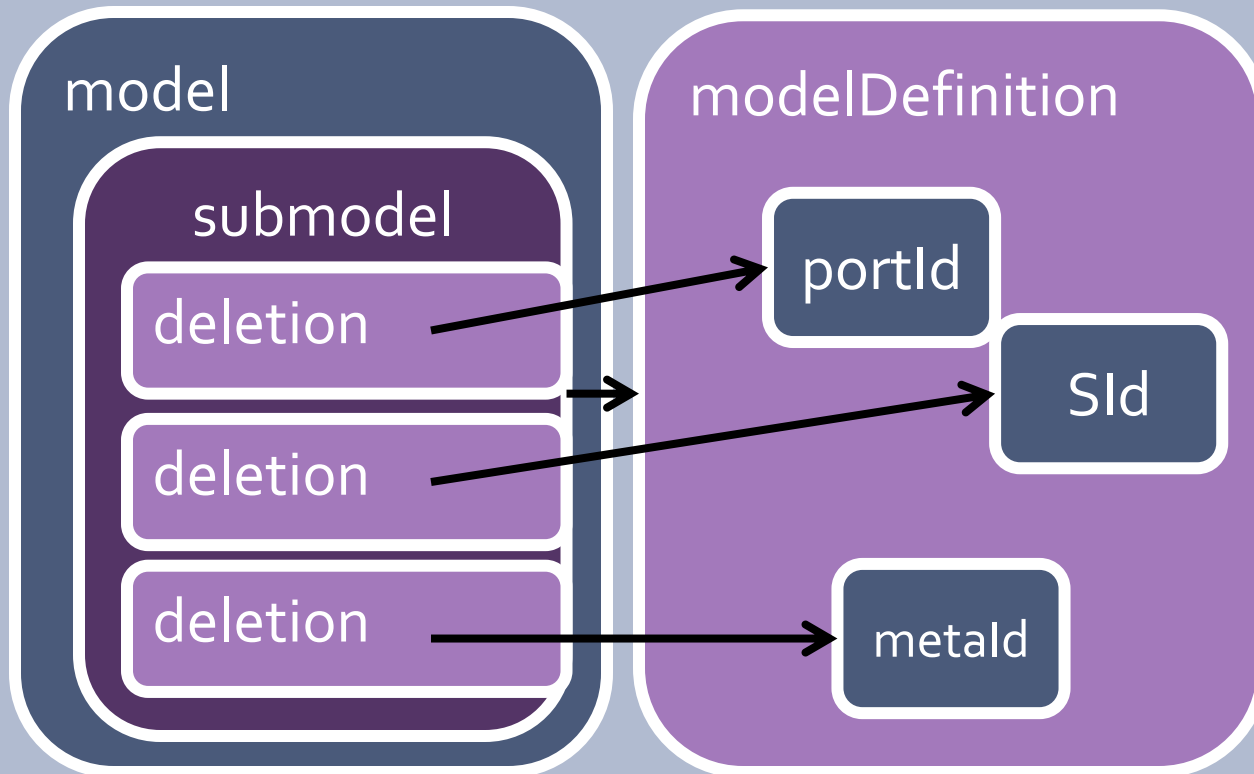
- ▣ Any old reference to a replaced element's SId now refers to the new element.
- ▣ Any old reference to a replaced element's metaId now refers to the new element.
- ▣ All old math must use conversionFactors from Replacement elements, if defined, or the Submodel's conversionFactors, if defined and relevant.
- ▣ If flagged 'identical=true', the replacing element must be identical to what it replaces.

Deletions revisited



Deletions Revisited

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Validation

- ▣ Determine if the deletion/replacement rules can be followed.
- ▣ Determine if following the rules results in a valid 'flat' model.
- ▣ That's it! (no type checking!)

conversionFactors

- ▣ If a conversionFactor is defined for a replacement, that takes precedence.
- ▣ If not, relevant conversionFactors are applied to **all** remaining subelements in the submodel.

What does 'relevant conversionFactor' mean?

- ▣ If an element has a unit type, it can be converted by the corresponding conversionFactor.
- ▣ Example: A compartment with spatialDimension=3 : areaConversionFactor
- ▣ Example 2: A species with 'hasOnlySubstanceUnits=true in a 3D comp: substanceConversionFactor/areaConversionFactor
- ▣ Species that replace species with different values for 'hasOnlySubstanceUnits' use the value of compartment in their conversion.

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