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# SmaCQA: from Business Models to Smart Contracts



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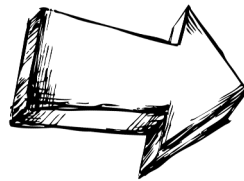
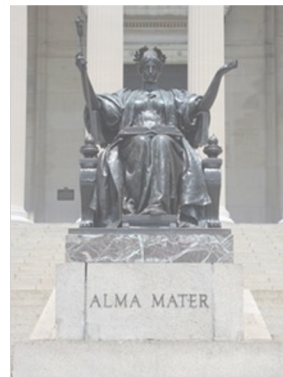
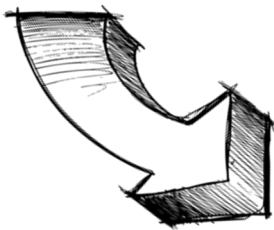
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## The beginning

- Ingeniería Aeronáutica - UCM
- Ingeniería Técnica en Telecomunicaciones - UPM
- Ciencias Ambientales - URJC
- Ingeniería Informática - URJC
- IBERIA - Viva Tours



# The speaker



## My life at @URJC

- Ingeniería Informática - 2004
- Master en Tecnologías de la Información y Sistemas Informáticos – 2005
- Diploma de Estudios Avanzados - 2006
- Doctorado en Informática y Modelización Matemática – 2009
  
- Profesor Ayudante – 2005 – 2009
- Profesor Ayudante Doctor – 2009 – 2010
- Profesor Titular de Universidad Interino – 2010 - 2014
- Profesor Contratado Doctor – 2014 - 2018
- Profesor Titular de Universidad – 2018 - 2023
- Catedrático de Universidad – 2023 ...



# The speaker

## My life at @URJC – Management Duties

- Head of the BsC in Services Engineering
- Head of the MsC in Information Systems Engineering
- Head of the SE, Informations Systems and Service Engineering at the PhD Program on TIC

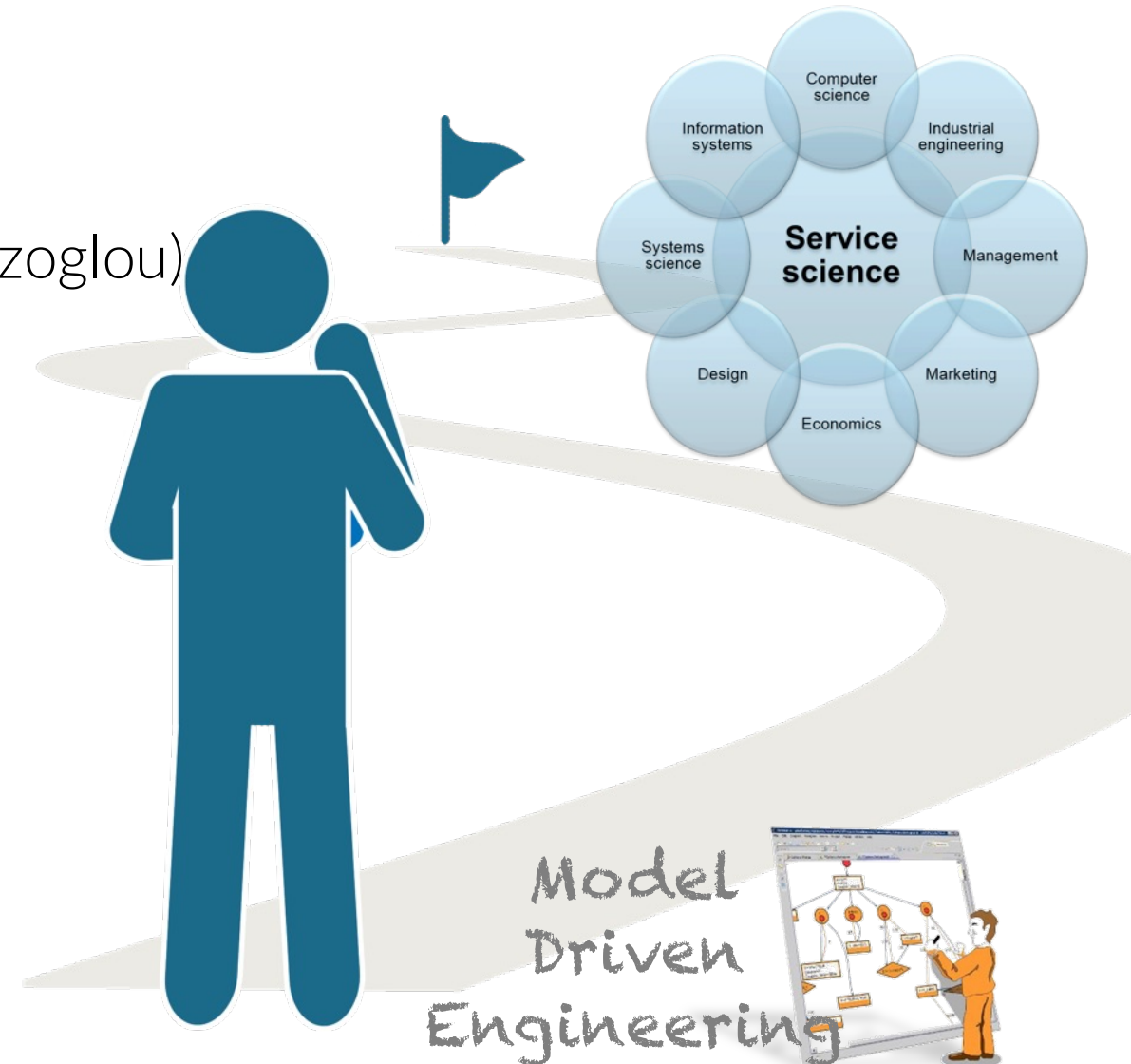
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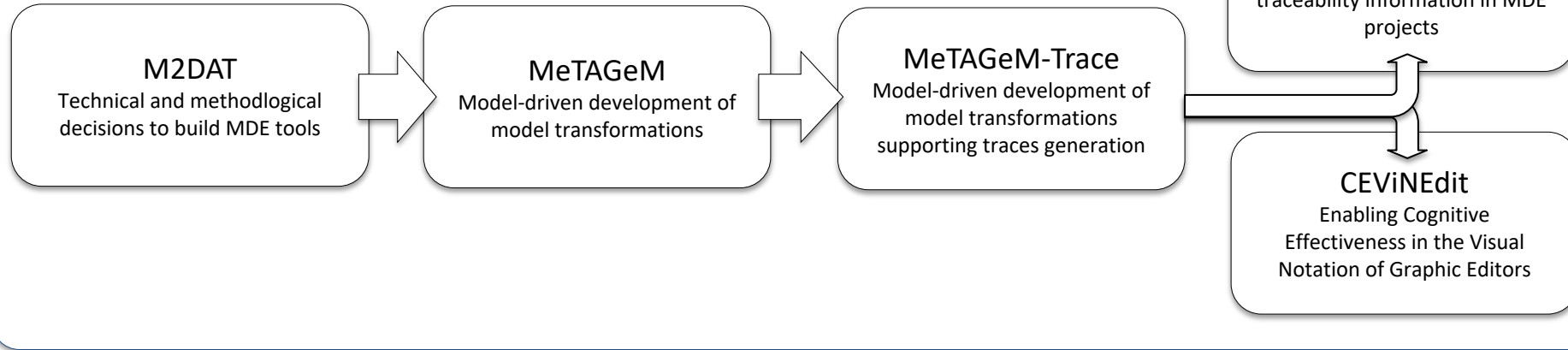
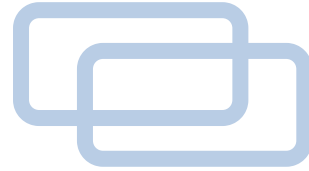
## My life as a researcher

- Pre-doc at U. Nantes (Jean Bézivin)
- Post-doc at Tilburg University (Mike Papazoglou)
- 2 Sexenios / 1 Transferencia
- 5 Docentia
- 7 Tesis Doctorales en los últimos 10 años
- 24 artículos JCR – 25 congresos CORE
- IP proyectos MINECO
- Investigador H2020
- ...

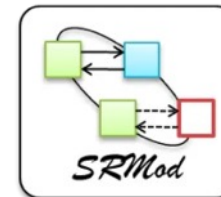


# The speaker

## From MDE Tooling ...



## ... to MDE-based tooling



# Agenda



- 1 Motivation
- 2 Technological Solution (1.0)
- 3 Technological Solution (2.0)
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# Blockchain

***THE BIGGEST INVENTION SINCE  
THE EMERGENCE OF THE  
INTERNET!!***



<https://www.healthnewsreview.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/iStock-487078483.jpg>



## What is a Blockchain?

- A distributed DB + Encryption + Immutability + stored procedures (smart contracts)
  - A list (chain) of groups (blocks) of transactions
  - Like traditional DDBBs, they can be used for anything a DB is used.

## How does it work?

- Interested subjects add transactions to the pool
- Nodes verify and add them to some block on the ledger
- Ledger is replicated among distributed nodes
- Eventual consistency
  - Absence of centralized control: all nodes achieve consensus about the ledger's content
- Append-only data structure
  - May add transactions – Nearly impossible to change data



## Why so much hype?

- Digitalization
  - Goods and services become immaterial
  - Music ⇒ Immaterial nature + low costs of data transfer
  - Benefit from the advantages of p2p systems



## Disintermediation

- A tool for achieving and maintaining integrity in purely distributed p2p systems ...  
... that consists of an unknown number of peers with unknown reliability and trustworthiness



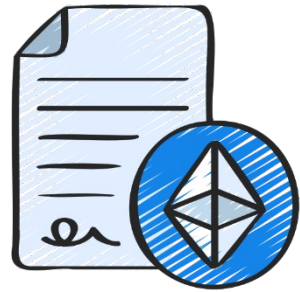
### Ownership and Witnesses

- Having one witness is good, but having many independent witnesses is the key.
- Instead of one ledger, a p2p system of ledgers ...

## Computer programs

- Executes **autonomously** the clauses collected in it when the conditions are satisfied
  - DTL as a DDBB
  - Smart (*Submissive*) Contracts as triggers or microservices where the business logic transacting with that data lives
- Blockchain technology “Sets in stone” the agreement

Szabo, N. (1996). Smart contracts: building blocks for digital markets. *EXTROPY: The Journal of Transhumanist Thought*, (16), 18, 2.



1. Conditions are programmed
2. Implied parties sign the conditions (program)
3. Contract is *placed* into a blockchain so no one could modify it



- Programs does not leave space to different interpretations ⇔ **Disambiguation**
- No need of a trusted third-party ⇔ **Disintermediation** | ⚡ Transaction Costs
- Data Storage (future disputes) ⇔ **Inmutability**
- Public ⇔ **Transparency**
- Automatic execution ⇔ **Time-saving**

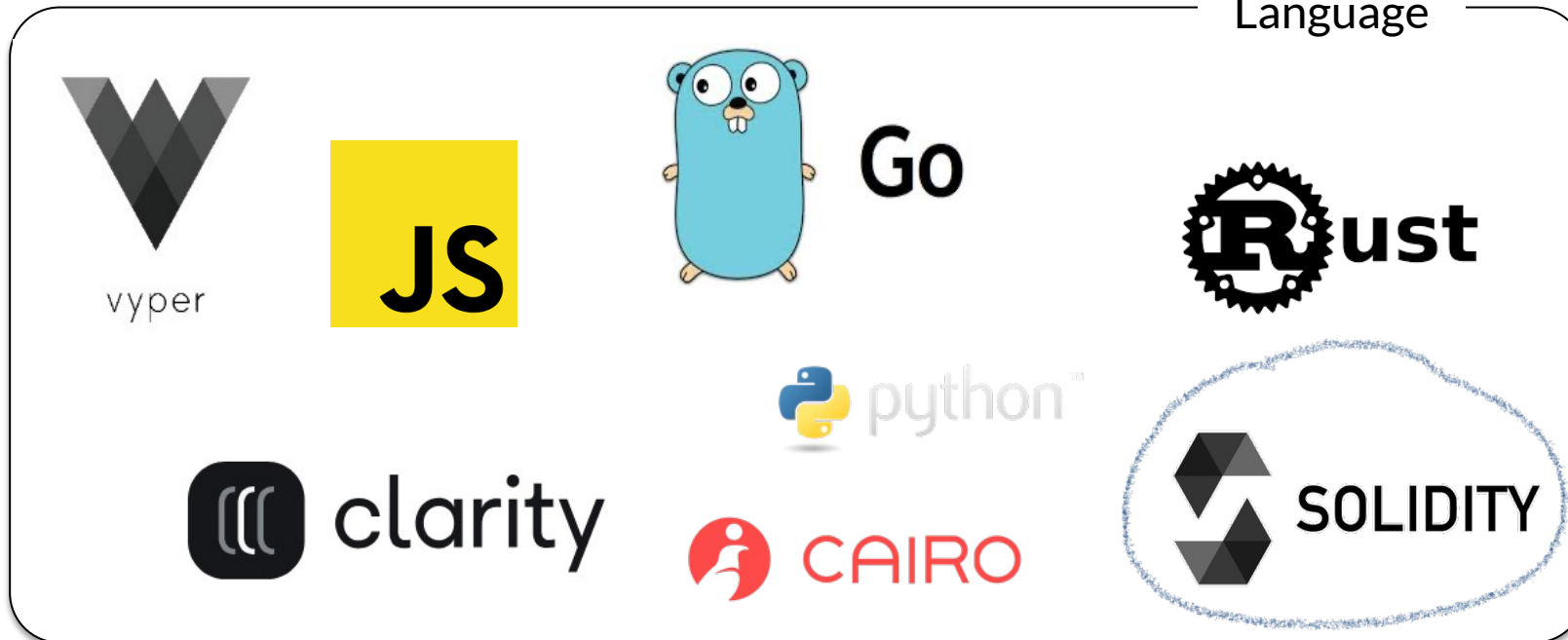
VS Conventional Contracts

# Smart Contracts

Ecosystem



Language



Libraries & Interfaces
Global variables
Events / Modifiers
Contract signature ( <i>is</i> )
Constructor
Functions

Similar to a Class in any OOP



# Dealing with Smart Contracts | Issues



## Learning Curve

- Alharby, M., Aldweesh, A., & van Moorsel, A. (2018). Blockchain-based smart contracts: A systematic mapping study of academic research (2018). In *Proceedings of the 2018 International Conference on Cloud Computing, Big Data and Blockchain*.

## Security Issues

- Mavridou, A., & Laszka, A. (2018, February). Designing secure ethereum smart contracts: A finite state machine based approach. In *International Conference on Financial Cryptography and Data Security* (pp. 523-540). Springer, Berlin, Heidelberg.

## IT – Business Gap

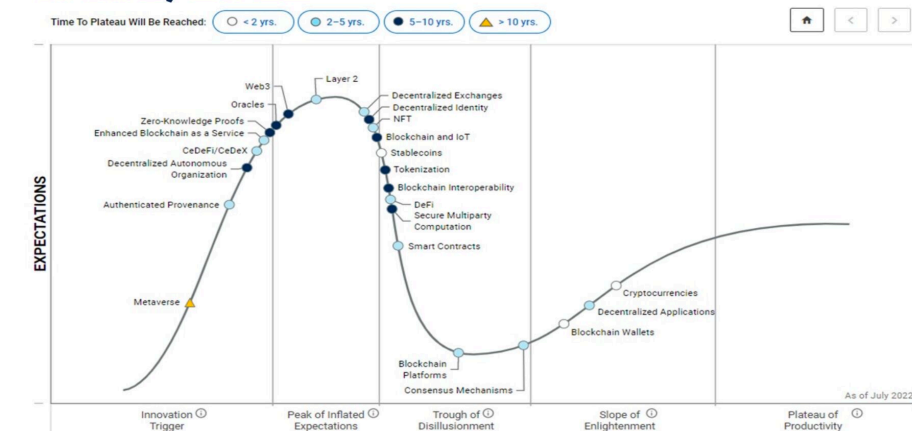
- Mik, E. (2017). Smart contracts: terminology, technical limitations and real world complexity. *Law, Innovation and Technology*, 9(2), 269-300.
- Bosu, A., Iqbal, A., Shahriyar, R., & Chakraborty, P. (2019). Understanding the motivations, challenges and needs of blockchain software developers: A survey. *Empirical Software Engineering*, 24(4), 2636-2673.

“In other words, they're code that does what it's been programmed to do.

If the **business rules** ... have been defined badly and/or the programmer doesn't do a good job, the result is going to be a mess, and, even if programmed correctly, a smart contract isn't smart – it just functions as **designed.**”

What's a smart contract (and how does it work)?  
*Computer World*, Jul 29 (2019)

## Gartner Hype Cycle for Blockchain and Web3, 2022



# Dealing with Smart Contracts | Issues

Hard to understand and deal with for business professionals

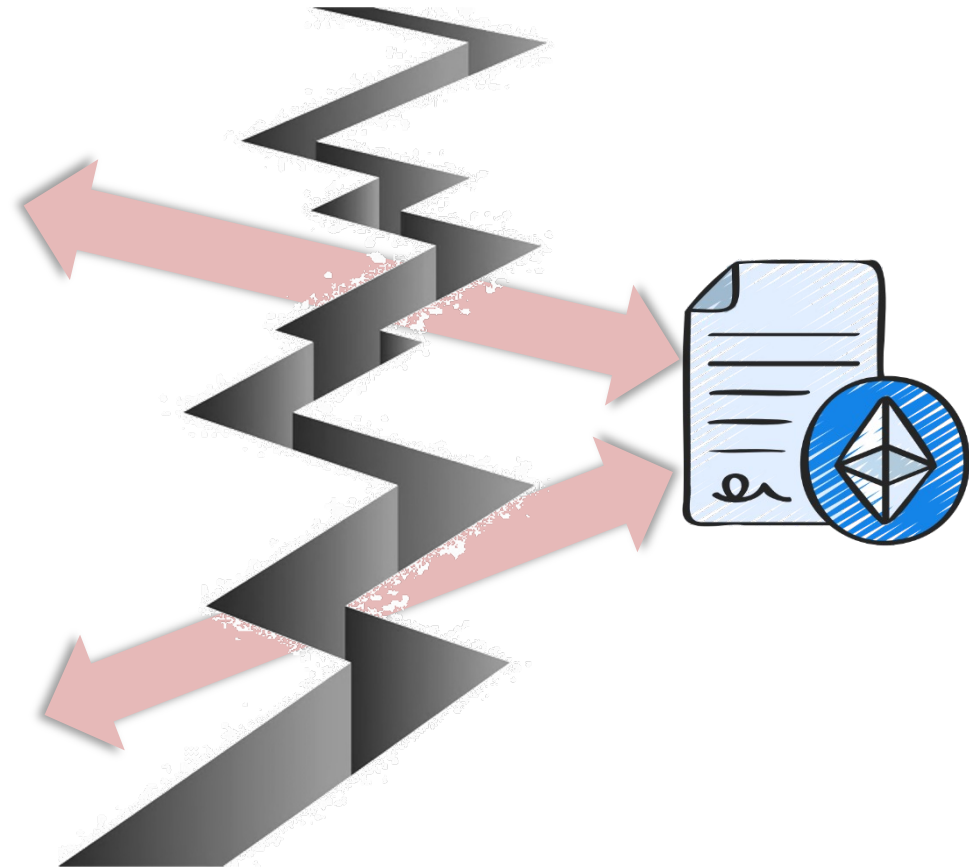


Business Professionals

Essential + Accidental Complexity for Developers



IT Professionals



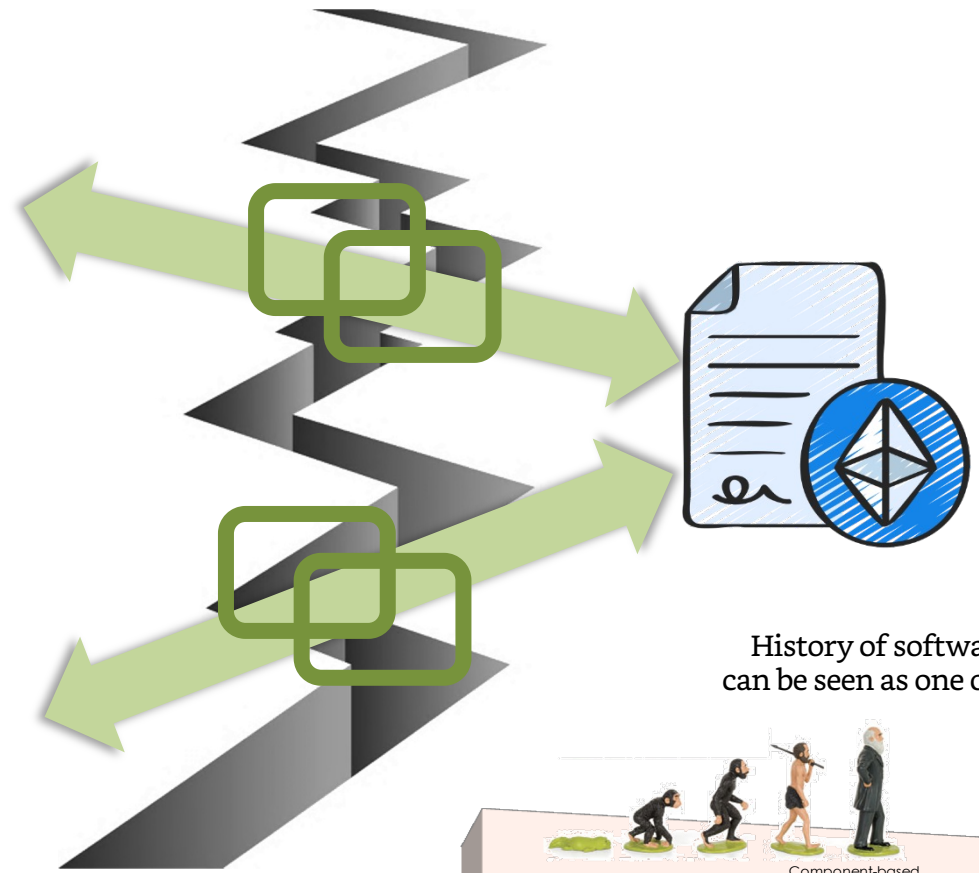
## Democratize Smart Contract creation & management



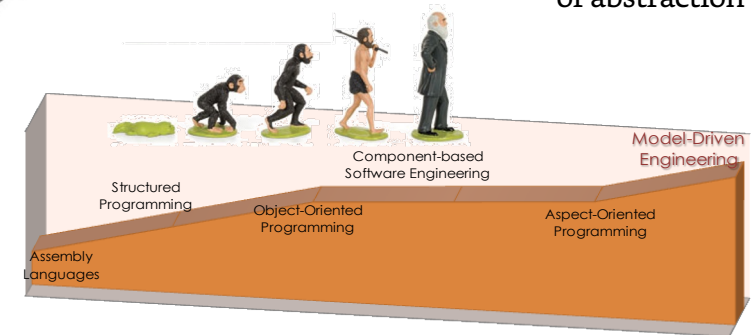
Business Professionals



IT Professionals



History of software engineering can be seen as one of raising levels of abstraction



# Taking the most from Models

## Simplify Smart Contract coding

- Auto-completion
- Syntactical validation
- QuickFixes
- Auto-documentation

## Promote reliability and security

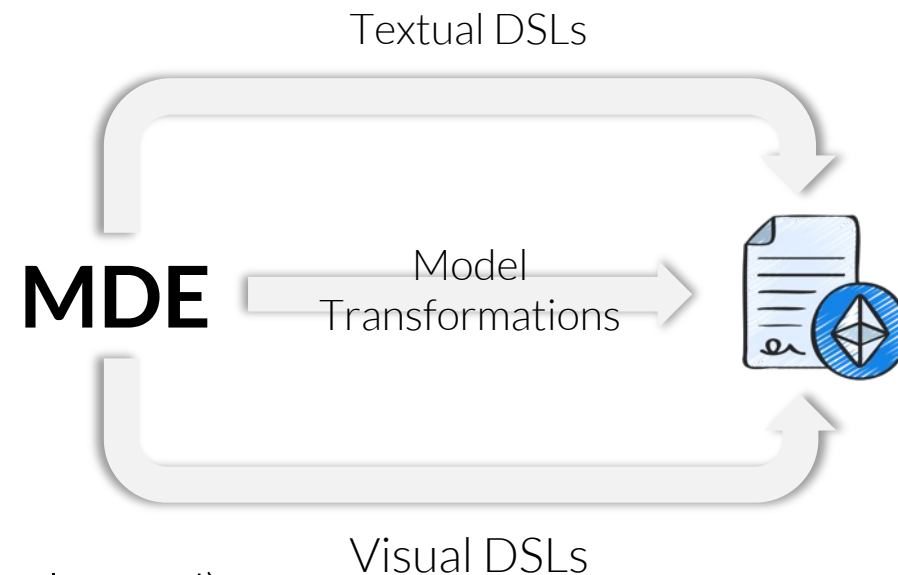
- Generating template code (analyzed and tested code is only used)
- Good practices & risk patterns

## Simplify Smart Contract development

- Visual editors

## Close the gap between business professionals and developers

- Development of technological bridges



Model-driven engineering uses models as the primary source of information, abstracting the complexity of the system facilitating its specification, design, implementation, and verification.



# Dealing with Smart Contract issues



## Model-based proposals to deal with Smart Contracts

<i>Proposal</i>	<i>Approach</i>	<i>HL Concrete Syntax</i>	<i>LL Concrete Syntax</i>	<i>Assistance</i>	<i>Generation SC code</i>
Caterpillar [18]	Model Transformation	Yes (BPMN 2.0)	No	No	Solidity (Partial)
Lorikeet [19]	Model Transformation	Yes (BPMN 2.0*)	No	No	Solidity (Partial)
YAWL [20]	Model Transformation	Yes (BPMN, YAWL)	No	No	Solidity (Partial)
FSolidM [21]	Model Transformation	Yes (FSM)	No	No	Solidity (Partial)
UML Proposal [22]	Model Transformation	Yes (UML statechart)	No	No	Solidity (Partial)
LATTE [23]	Model Transformation	No	Yes (Form-Template)	Yes	Solidity (Partial)
Char-RNN Proposal [24]	Model Transformation	Yes (Blockly)	No	No	Solidity (Partial)
IContractMl [25]	Model Transformation	Own visual	No	No	Multi (Partial)
DasContract [26]	Model Transformation	Yes (BPMN, DEMO, DMN, Blockly)	No	No	Solidity (Partial)
ADICO [27]	Textual DSL	Yes (Natural language)	No	No	Solidity (Partial)
CML [28]	Textual DSL	Yes (Natural language)	No	No	Solidity (Partial)
Jabuti [29]	Textual DSL	Yes (Natural language)	No	No	Not specified
Marlowe-Meadow [30]	Textual/Visual DSL	Yes (Natural language, Blockly)	No	Yes	Plutus (Total)
SmaCoNat [31]	Textual DSL	Yes (Natural language)	No	Yes	No
SPESC [32]	Textual DSL	Yes (Natural language)	No	No	Solidity (Partial)
Symboleo(2SC) [33, 34]	Textual DSL	Yes (Natural language)	No	No	HyperLedger Fabric (Partial)
<b>SmaC</b>	<b>Textual DSL</b>	<b>Yes (Tree-like + Potential Add-ins)</b>	<b>Yes (Solidity)</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Solidity (Complete)</b>



Integrating Smart Contracts into the Modeling Paradigm to Harness the Potential of Models. Gómez-Macias, D., Pérez-Blanco, F.J., Granada, D. Vara, J.M. *Software & Systems Modeling*, 2024 (Accepted for publication)

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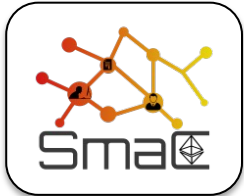
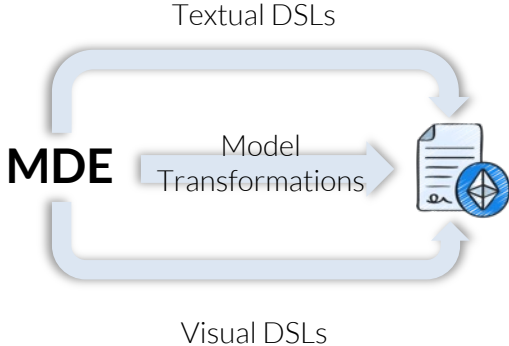
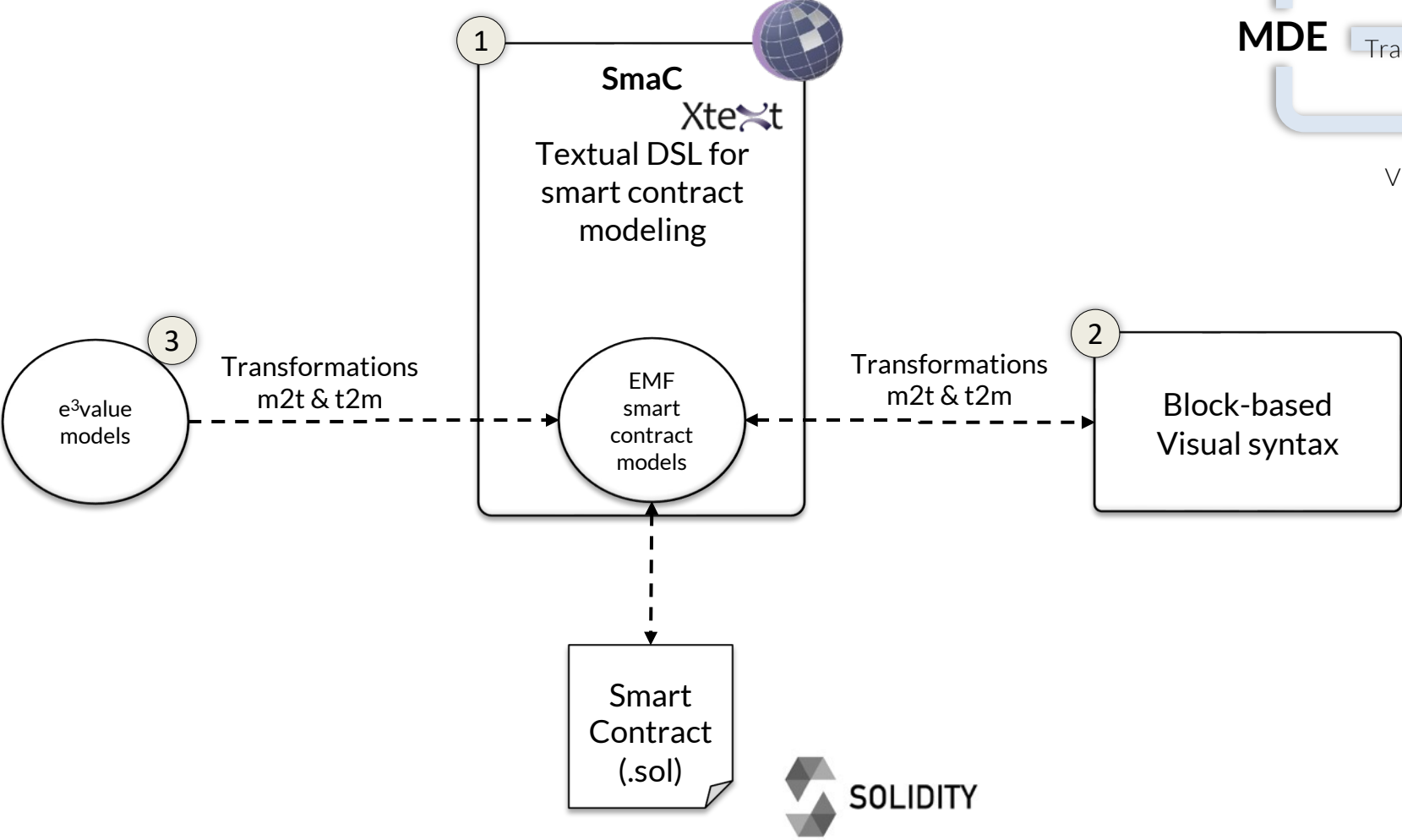
SmaC | SmaCly | Approaching domain experts

3 Technological Solution (2.0)

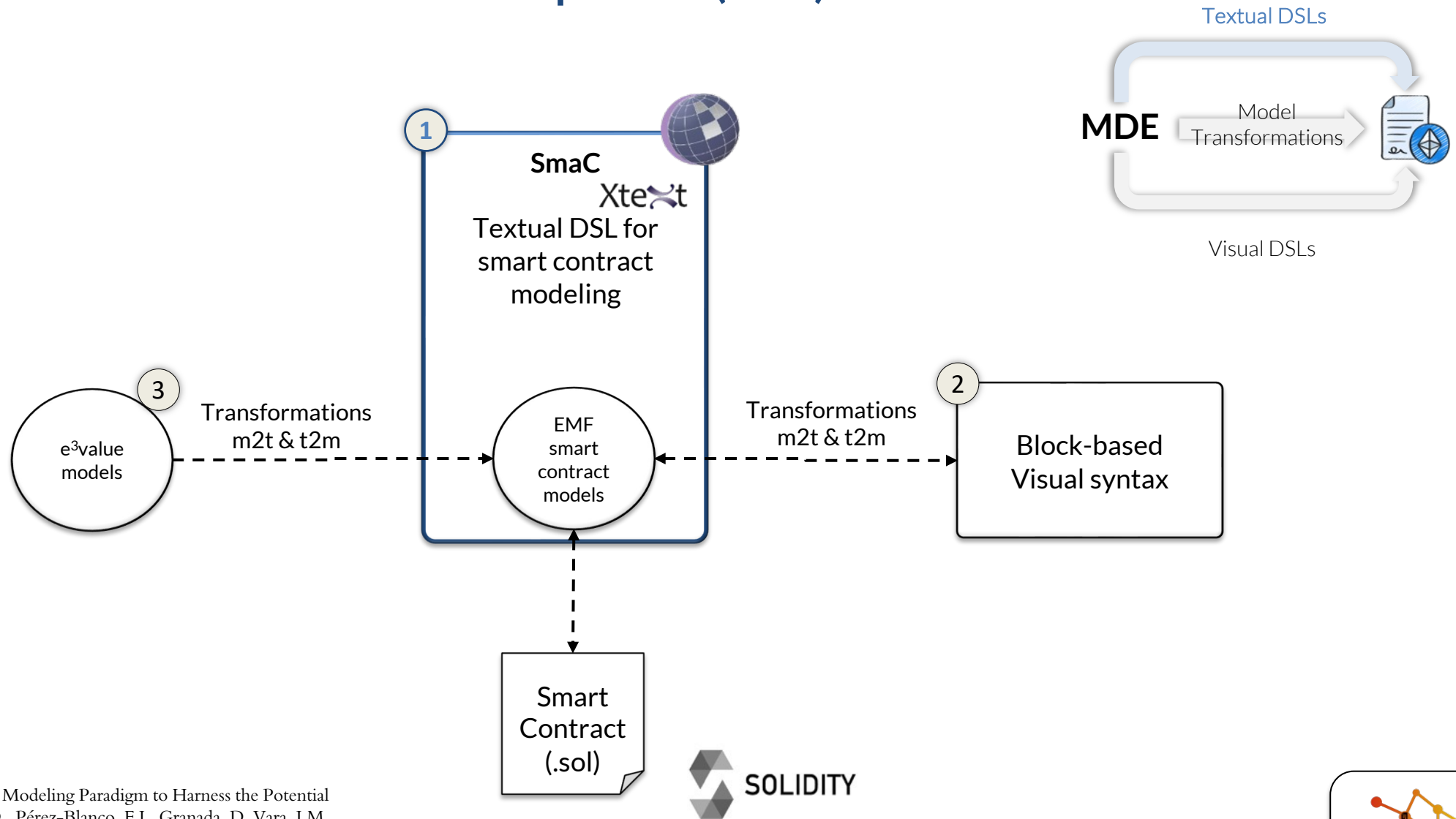
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# Research Proposal (1.0)



# Research Proposal (1.0) - SmaC

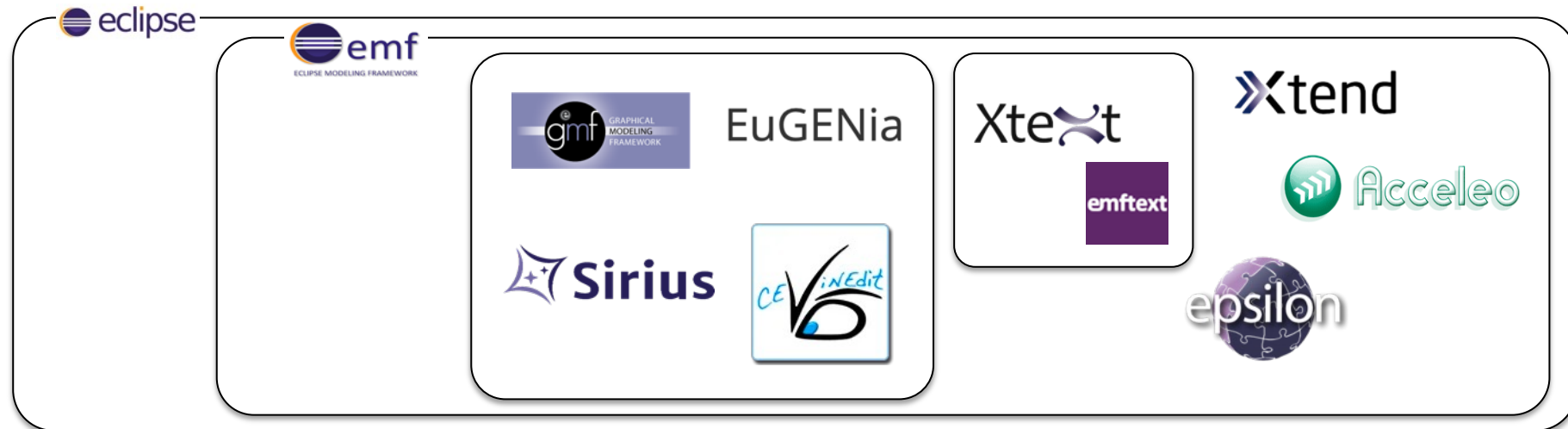


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## What is Xtext?

- Framework for textual DSLs development
- Xtend (Java-like) for the development of validations, quickfixes, etc.
- Ecore metamodel automatically generated from the grammar.



# Develop a textual language using Xtext(I)

## How to develop a textual language?

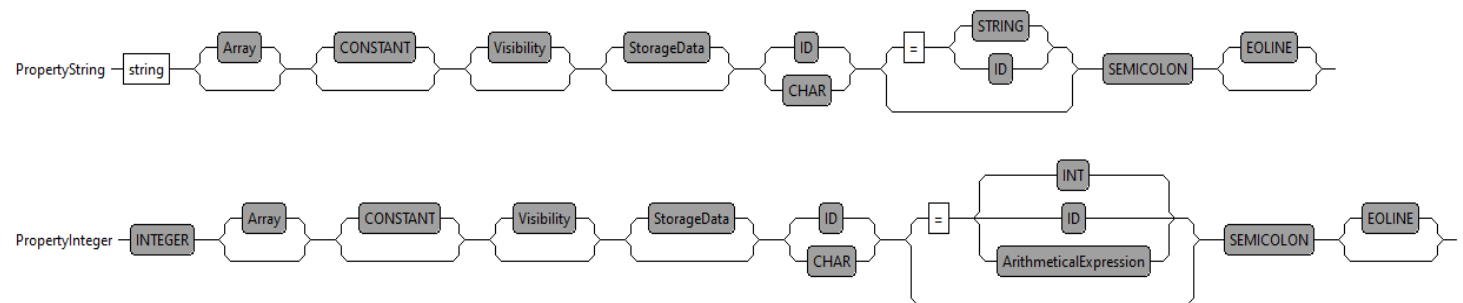
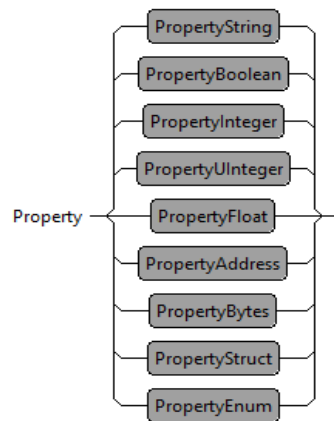
### 1. Write the grammar

a) Define the terminals.

```
terminal SEMICOLON returns ecore::EChar:
    ;
terminal DOT returns ecore::EChar:
    .;
```

b) Define the rules.

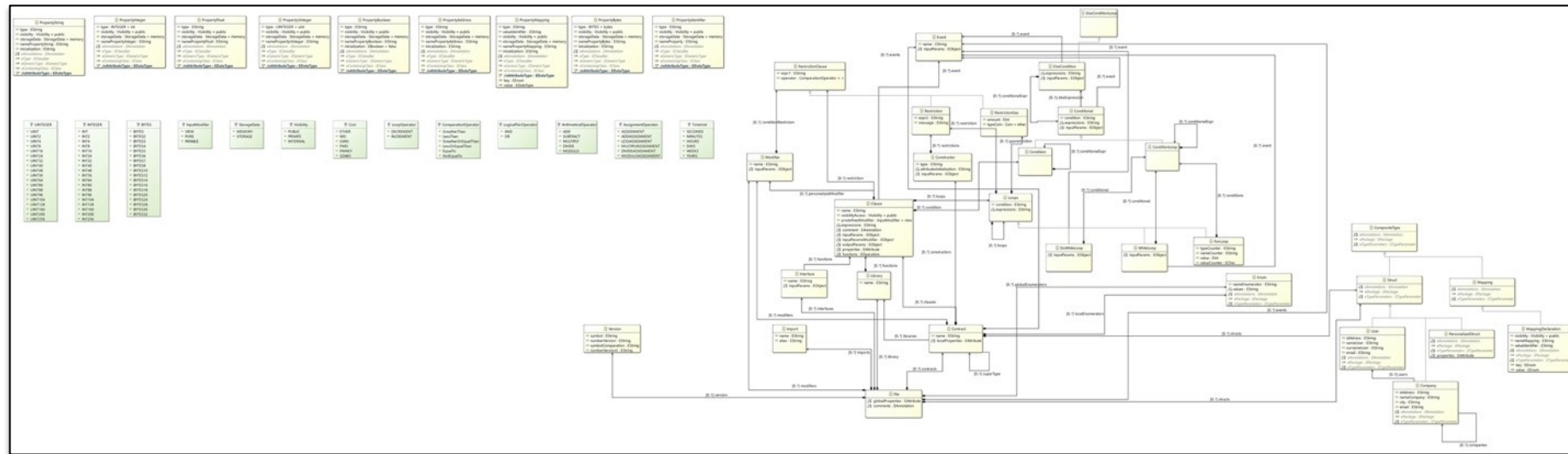
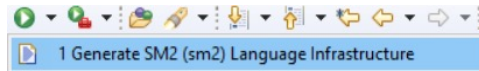
```
Property returns ecore::EAttribute:
    PropertyString|PropertyBoolean|PropertyInteger|PropertyUInteger|PropertyFloat|PropertyAddress|PropertyBytes|PropertyStruct|PropertyEnum
;
PropertyString:
    type= "string" Array? CONSTANT? visibility = Visibility? (storageData = StorageData)? (namePropertyString = ID|CHAR) ('=' initialization = (STRING|ID))? SEMICOLON EOLINE?
;
PropertyInteger:
    type = INTEGER Array? CONSTANT? visibility = Visibility? (storageData = StorageData)? (namePropertyInteger = ID|CHAR) ('=' (INT|ID|ArithmeticalExpression))? SEMICOLON EOLINE?
;
```



# Develop a textual language using Xtext(II)

## How to develop a textual language?

3. Generate language artifacts.



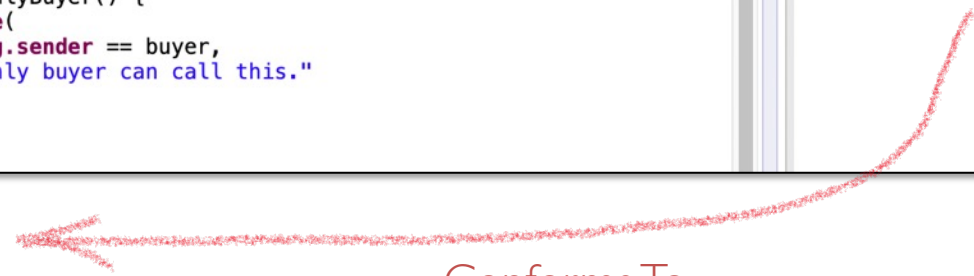
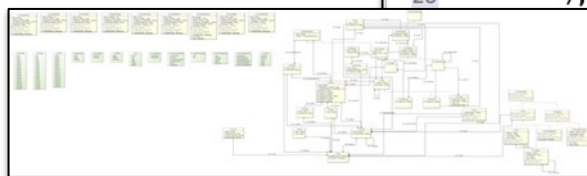


# Develop a textual language using Xtext(II)

## How to develop a textual language?

4. Run the Generated Eclipse plug-in.

```
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1 pragma solidity >=0.4.22 <0.6.0;
2
3 contract Purchase {
4     uint public val;
5     address payable public seller;
6     address payable public buyer;
7     enum State { Created, Locked, Inactive }
8     State public state;
9
10    // Ensure that `msg.value` is an even number.
11    // Division will truncate if it is an odd number.
12    // Check via multiplication that it wasn't an odd number.
13    constructor() public payable {
14        seller = msg.sender;
15        val = msg.value / 2;
16        require((2 * val) == msg.value, "Value has to be even.");
17    }
18
19    modifier condition(bool _condition) {
20        require(_condition);
21    }
22
23
24    modifier onlyBuyer() {
25        require(
26            msg.sender == buyer,
27            "Only buyer can call this."
28        );
29    }
30 }
```



Conforms To

# Develop a textual language using Xtext(II)



## How to develop a textual language?

5. [Generate Code Generator - Xtend]
6. [Unit Testing]
7. [Creating Custom Validation Rules]

```
@Check
def checkContractStartsWithCapital(Contract imports) {
    if (!Character.isUpperCase(imports.name.charAt(0))) {
        error('Contract's name should start with a capital',
            SM2Package.Literals.CONTRACT__NAME,
            INVALID_NAME)
    }
}
```

Including  
quickfixes

```
@Fix(SM2Validator.INVALID_NAME)
def capitalizeName(Issue issue, IssueResolutionAcceptor acceptor) {
    acceptor.accept(issue, 'Capitalize name', 'Capitalize the name.', 'upcase.png') [
        context |
        val.xtextDocument = context.xtextDocument
        val.firstLetter =.xtextDocument.get(issue.offset, 1)
       .xtextDocument.replace(issue.offset, 1, firstLetter.toUpperCase)
    ]
}
```



# SmaC – a textual DSL for Smart Contract modeling



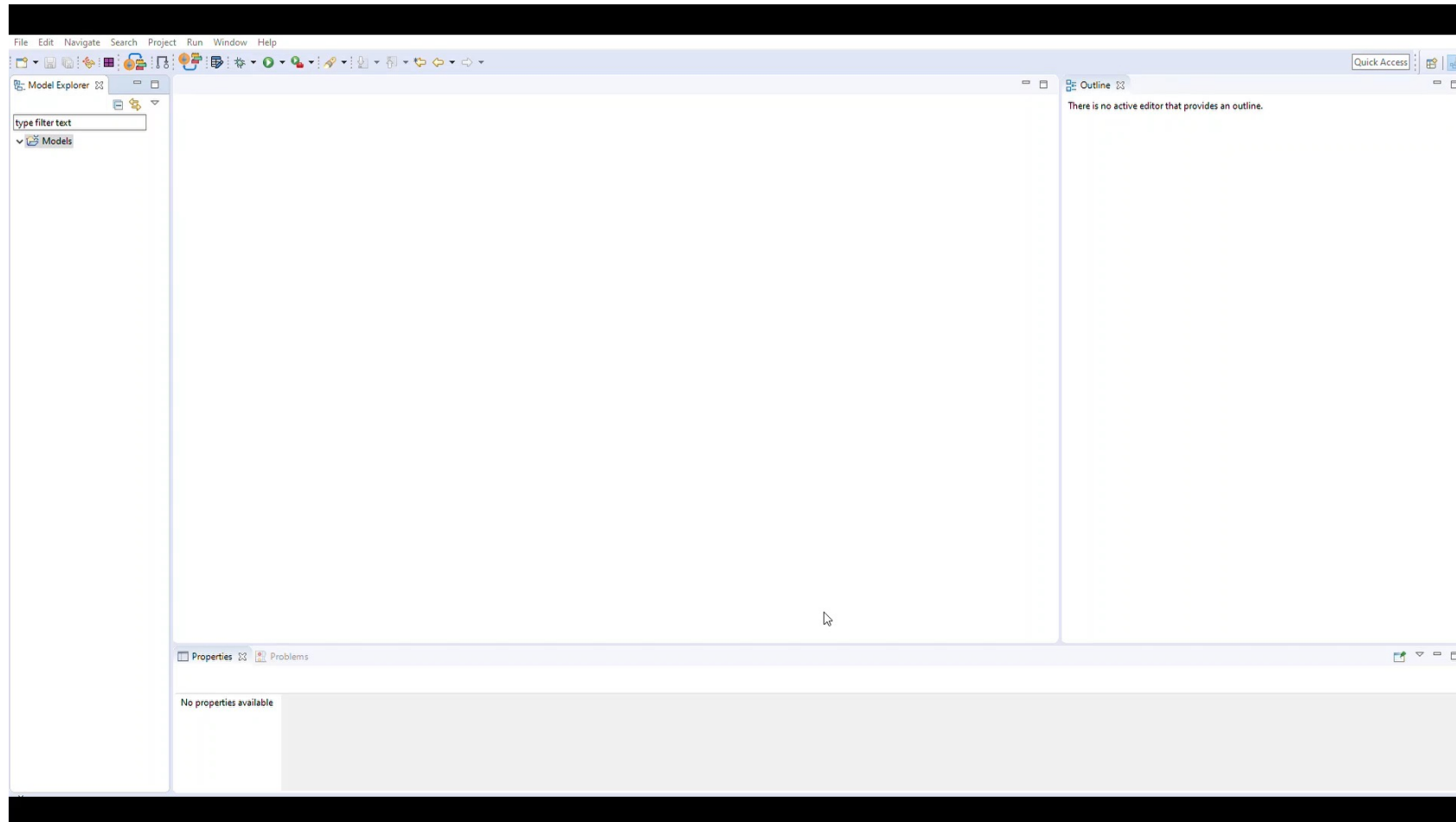
## Features

- Coding Solidity Smart Contracts ⇔ Smart Contract model
- Predefined data types: User & Company
- Facilities
  - Code completion
  - Syntax highlighting
  - Element tag description
  - Documentation
- Validation and quickfixes
- Structural pattern

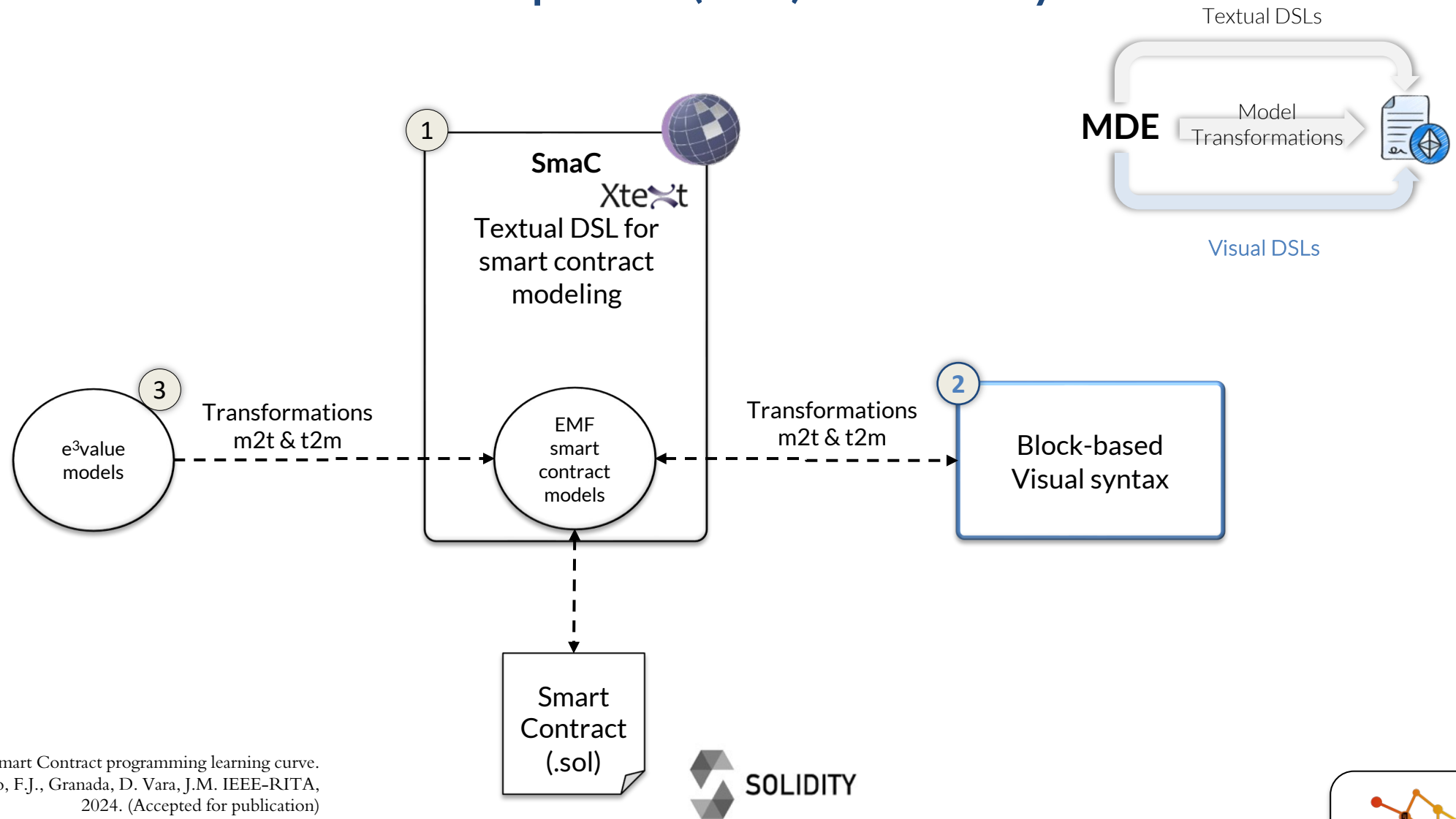
# SmaC – a textual DSL for Smart Contract modeling



## SmaC in action



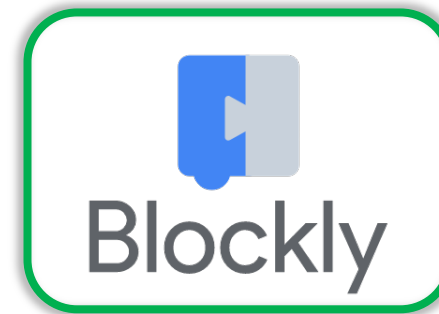
# Research Proposal (1.0) - SmaCly



A block-based web IDE to ease the Smart Contract programming learning curve.  
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# SmaCly – a block-based VDSL for Smart Contracts



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Block shape definition

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Block Factory    Block Exporter    Workspace Factory

Block Library

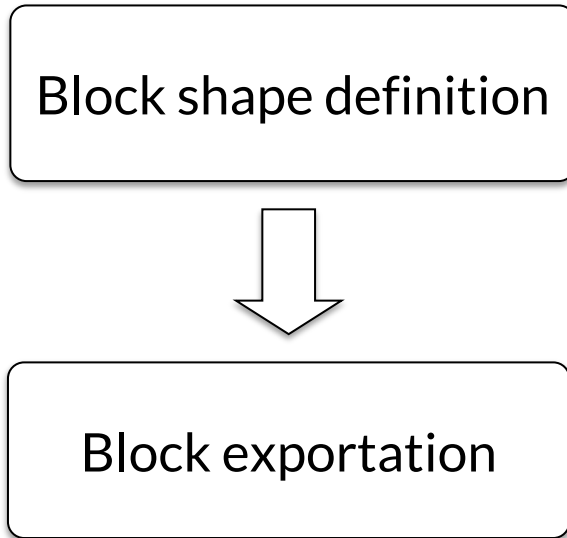
Input  
Field  
Type  
Colour

Block Definition: JavaScript

```
Blockly.Blocks['event'] = {
  init: function() {
    this.appendValueInput("inputparams")
      .setCheck(null)
      .appendField("Event")
      .appendField(new Blockly.FieldTextInput("Insert here event's name"), "name");
    this.setInputsInline(false);
    this.setPreviousStatement(true, null);
    this.setNextStatement(true, null);
    this.setColour(60);
    this.setTooltip("");
    this.setHelpUrl("");
  }
}
```



# SmaCly – a block-based VDSL for Smart Contracts



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Block Factory   Block Exporter   Workspace Factory

First, select blocks from your block library by clicking on them. Then, use the Export Settings form to download starter code for selected blocks.

**Block Selector**

Select   Clear Selected

Event

event

**Export Settings**

Currently Selected:

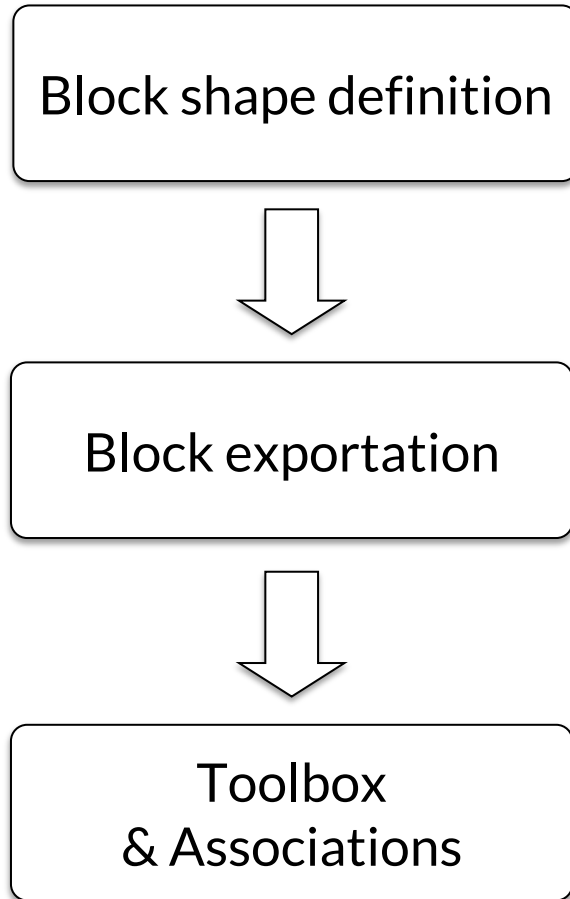
Block Definition(s)

Format: JavaScript

File Name:



# SmaCly – a block-based VDSL for Smart Contracts



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Block Factory   Block Exporter   **Workspace Factory**

Import Custom Blocks   Load to Edit   Export   Clear

### Edit

Drag blocks into the workspace to configure the toolbox in your custom workspace.

**Toolbox**   **Workspace**

- Logic
- Loops
- Math
- Text
- Lists
- Colour
- Variables
- Functions
- Block Library

Your categories:

- Event

+   -   ↑

Edit Category...

Make Shadow

### Preview

This is what your custom workspace will look like.

Event   Event | Insert here event's name



## Features

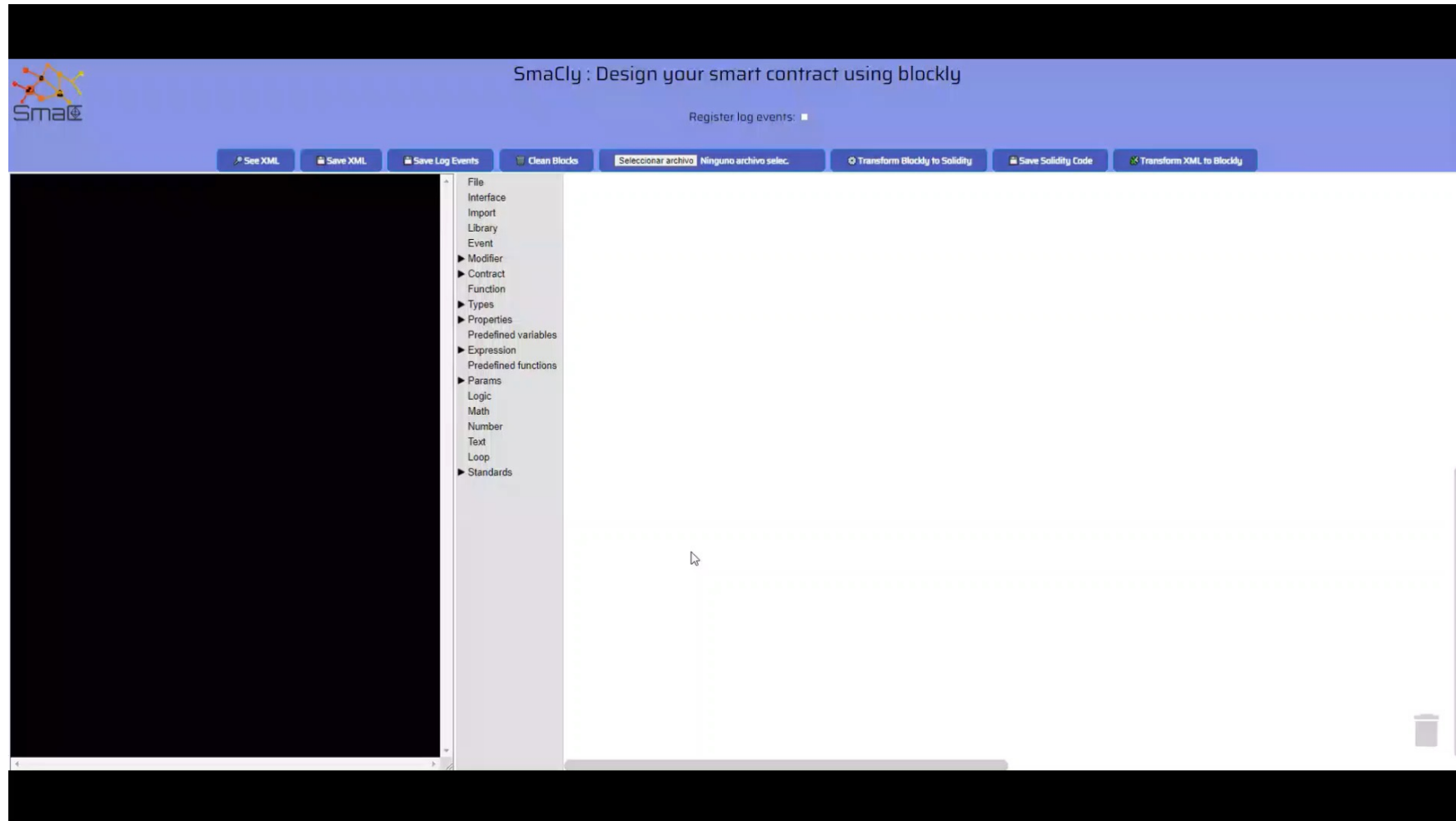
- Visual programming of Solidity Smart contracts
- Predefined data types: User & Company
- Facilities: model element description and documentation
- Predefined templates (Fungible & Non fungible tokens)
- Inherits SmaC's structural pattern
- Import and export mechanisms (models, running-code, XML formats)

SmaCly supports the creation of models based on the abstract syntax defined for SmaC

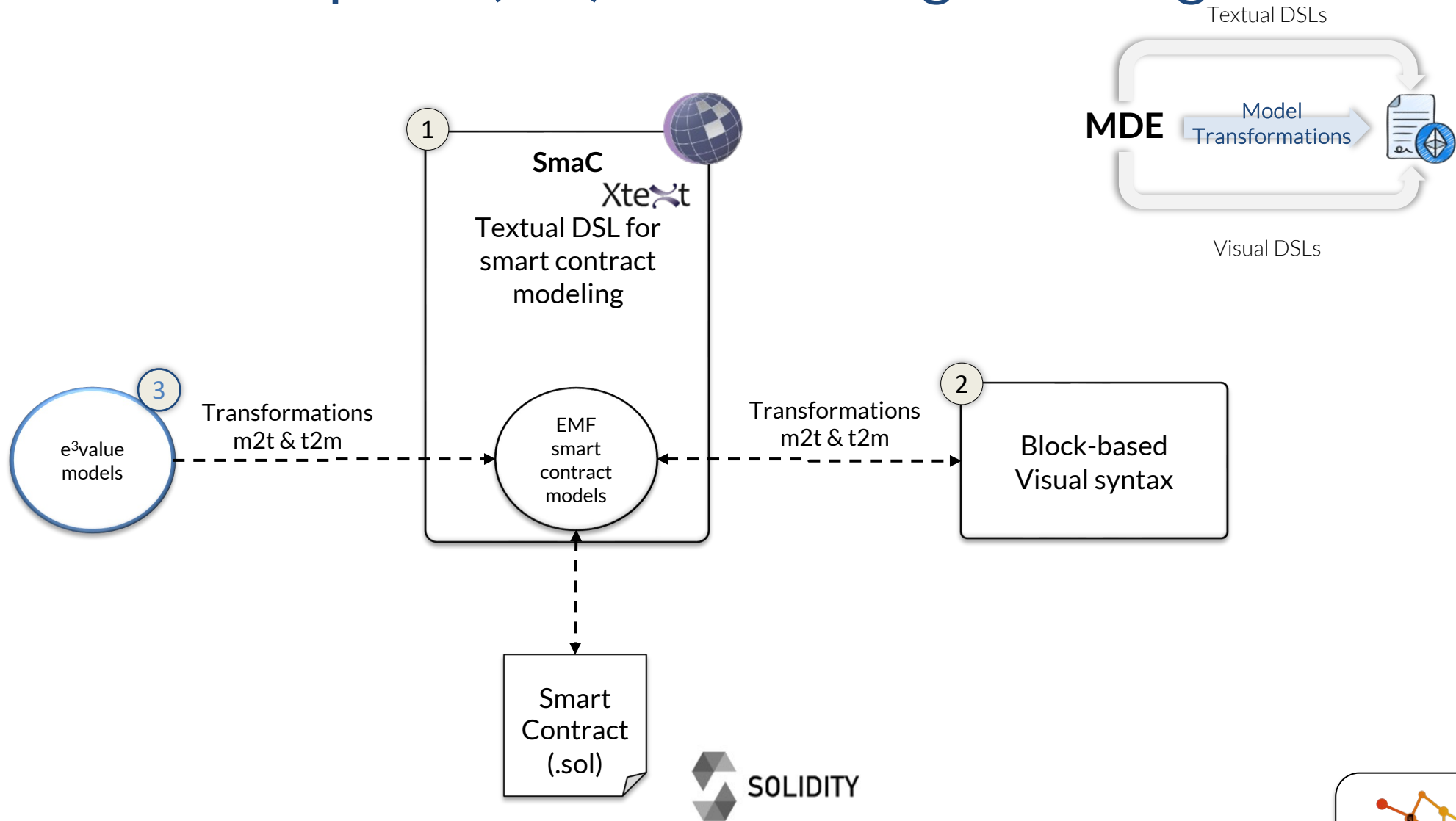
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## SmaCly in action



# Research Proposal (1.0) – Technological Bridges



# Business (Process) Modeling

**Canvas**

**e<sup>3</sup>value**



**Service  
Blueprint**

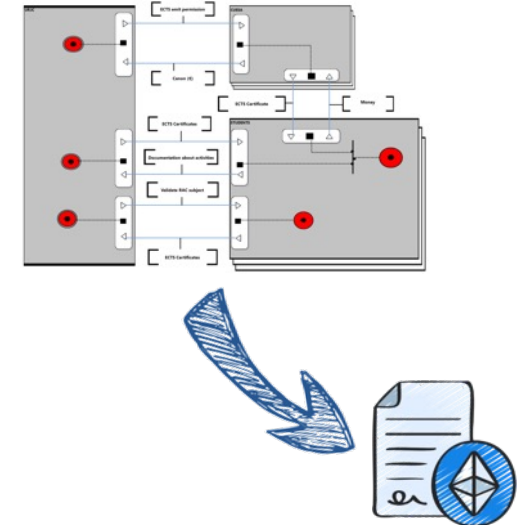
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**BPMN**

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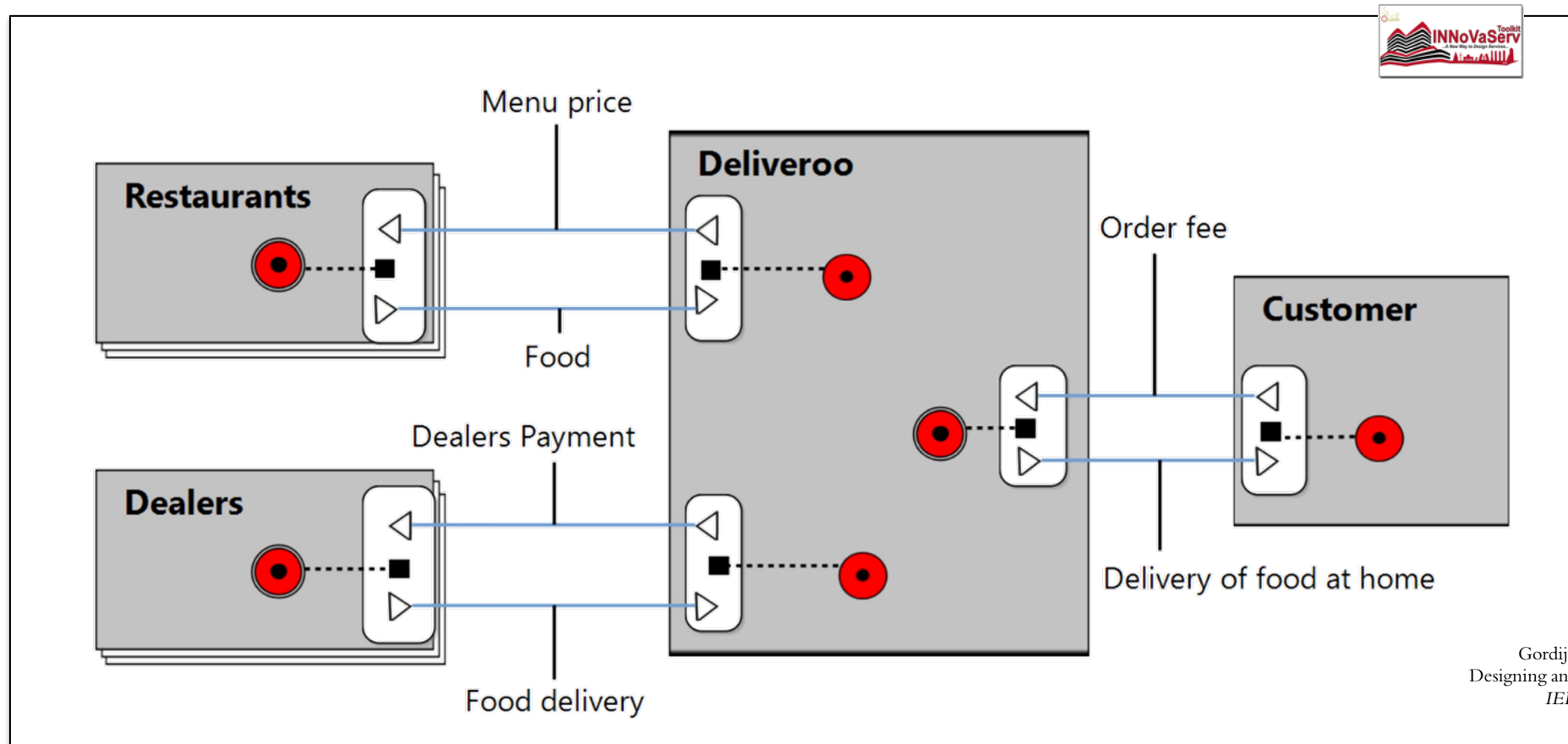
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## Business modeling notation

- Focused on representing the value interchanges between the different actors involved in the provision of a service.

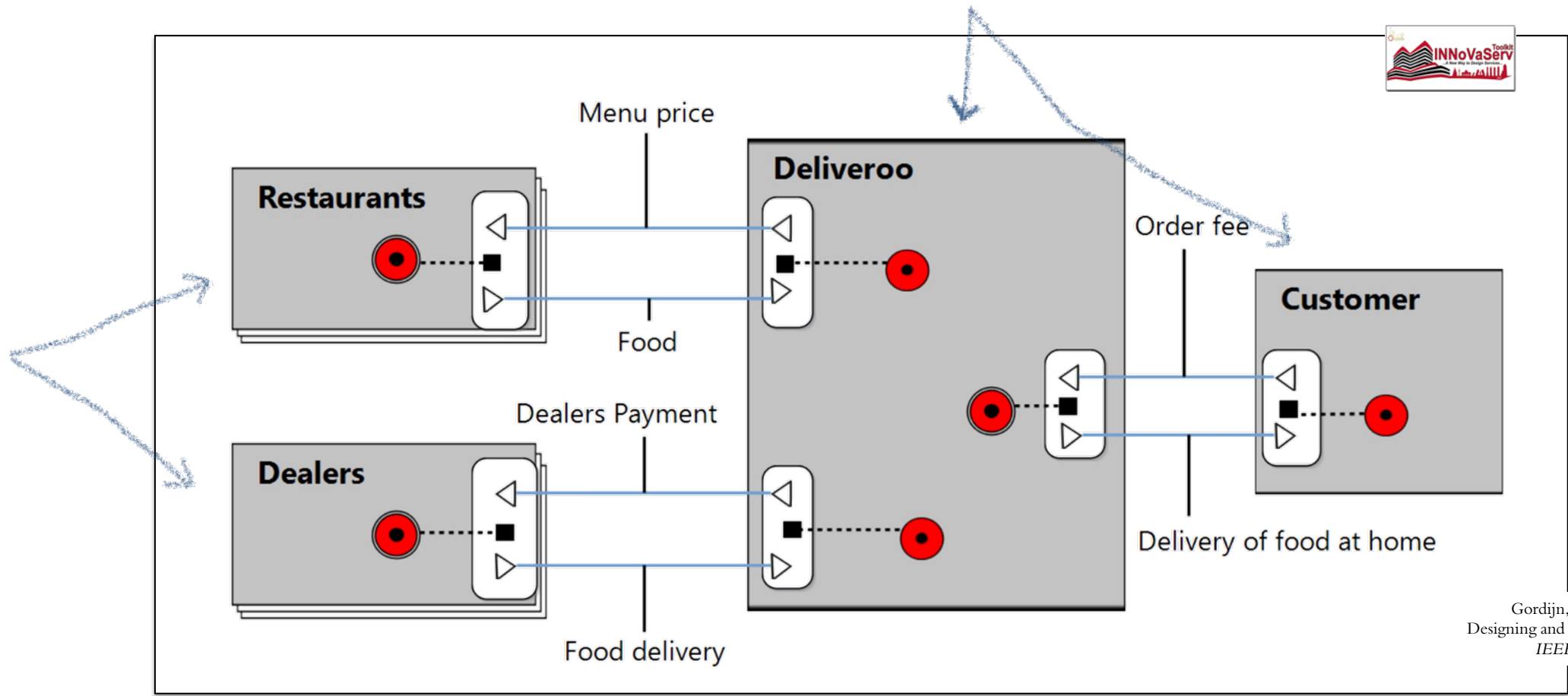


Gordijn, J., & Akkermans, H. (2001).  
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# e<sup>3</sup>value in a nutshell

## Actors / Market Segments

- An entity that carries out value activities that allow him/her/it to increase ... profit or utility



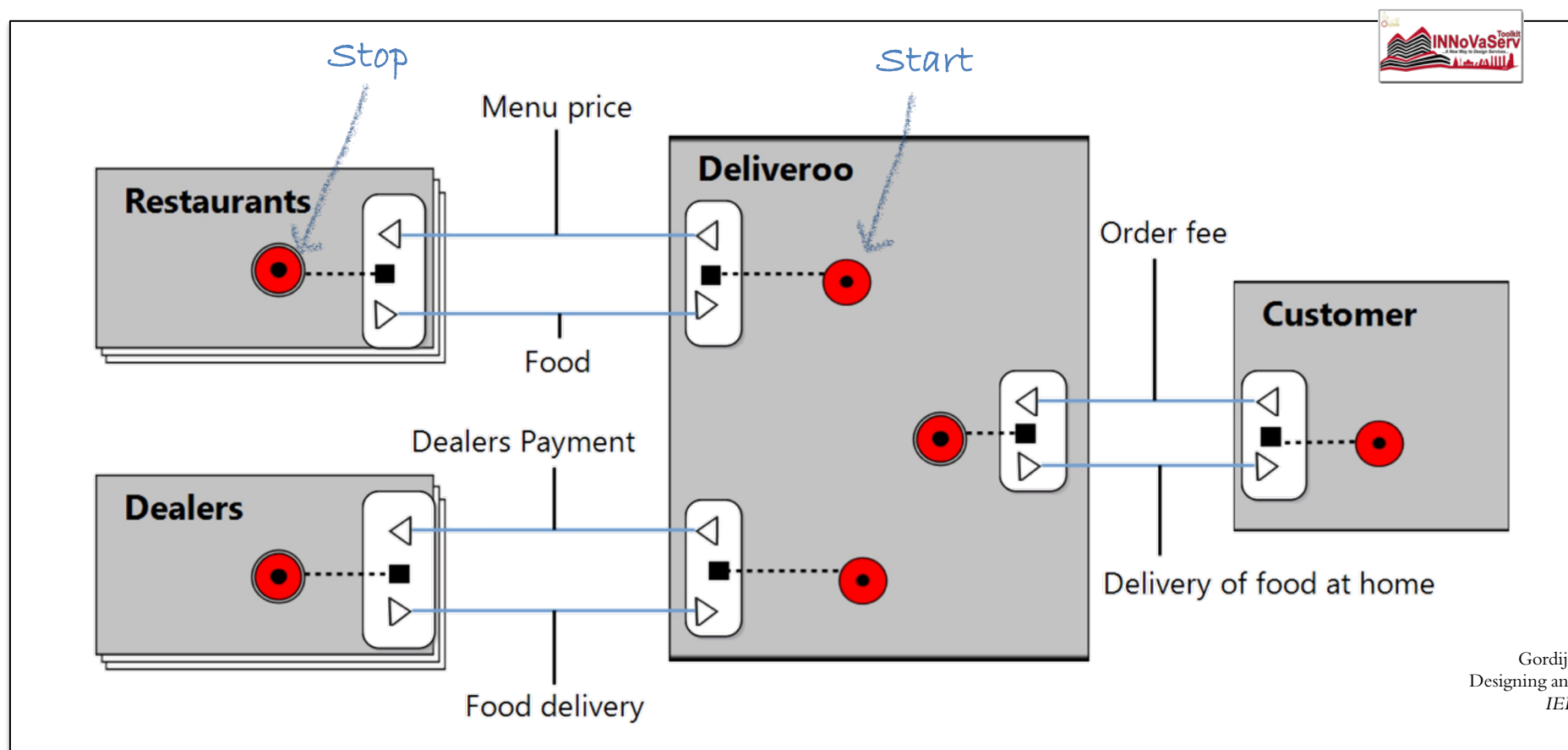
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# e<sup>3</sup>value in a nutshell

## Stimulus

- Events caused by an actor, trigger come value exchange.
- Two types: Start stimulus (User Need) y Stop stimulus Border Item.

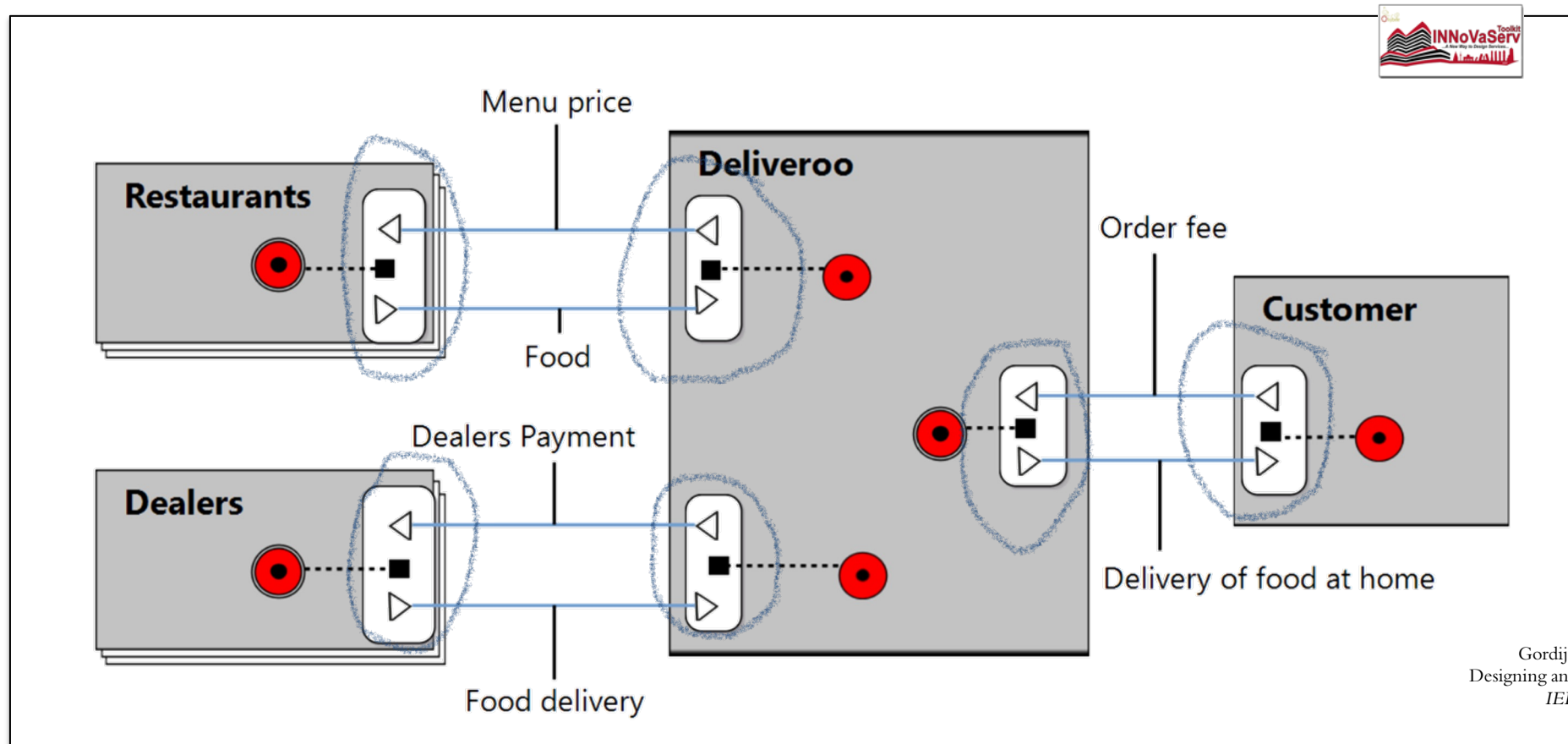


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# e<sup>3</sup>value in a nutshell

## Value Interface

- Group the ports through which the actor is willing to make value interchanges
- A form of representation of economic reciprocity of value between actors

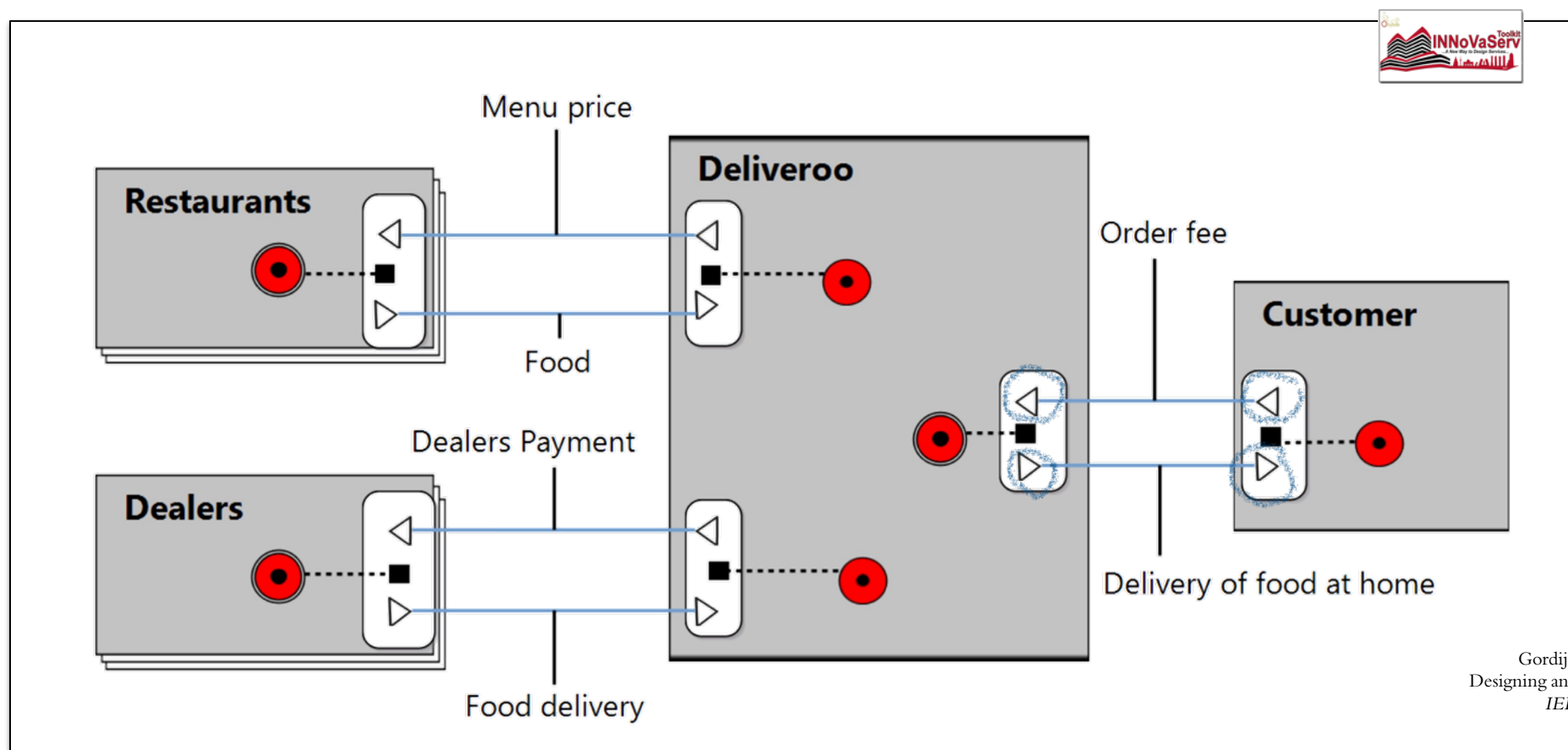


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# e<sup>3</sup>value in a nutshell

## Value Ports

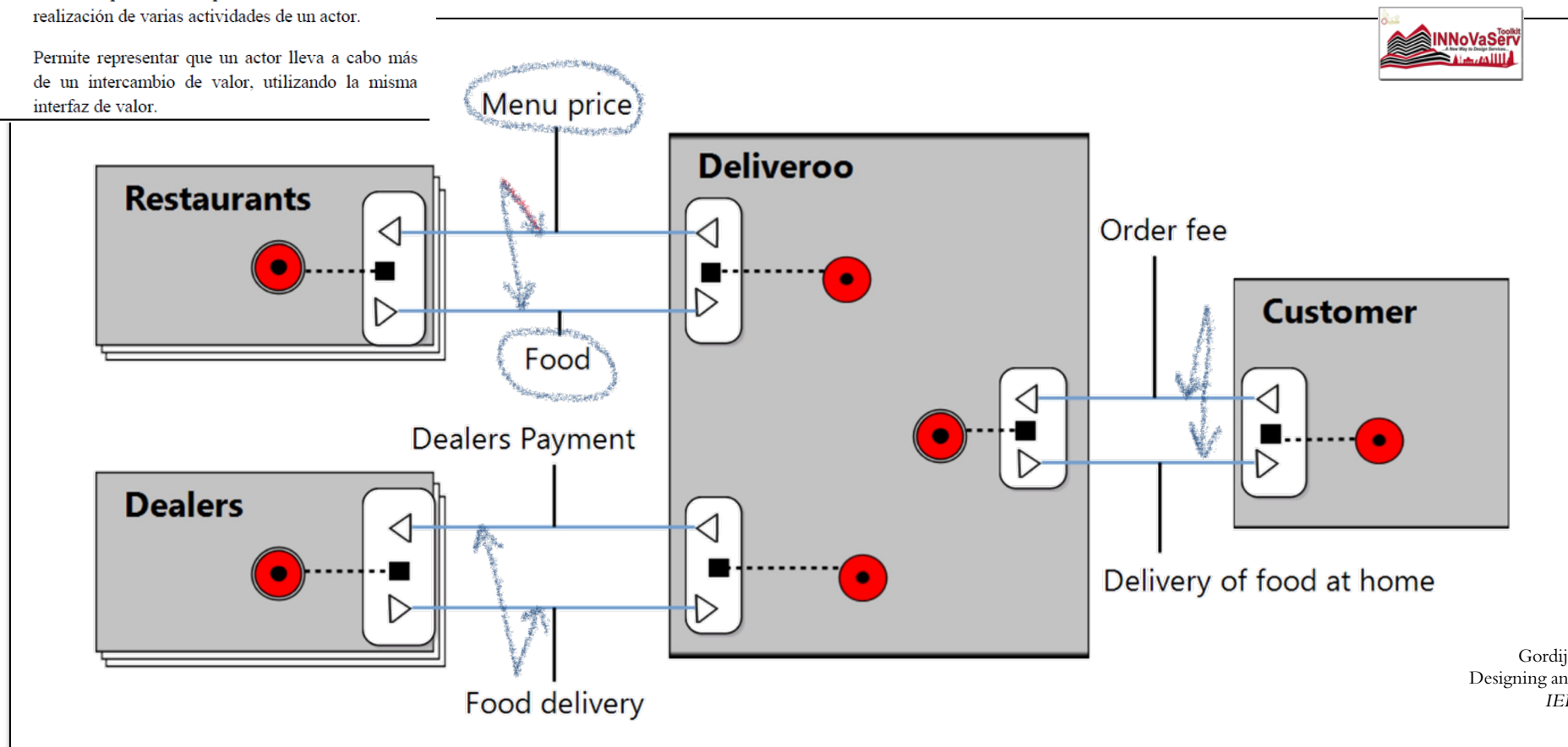
- Used by an actor to request **value objects** to or from its environment (directional)



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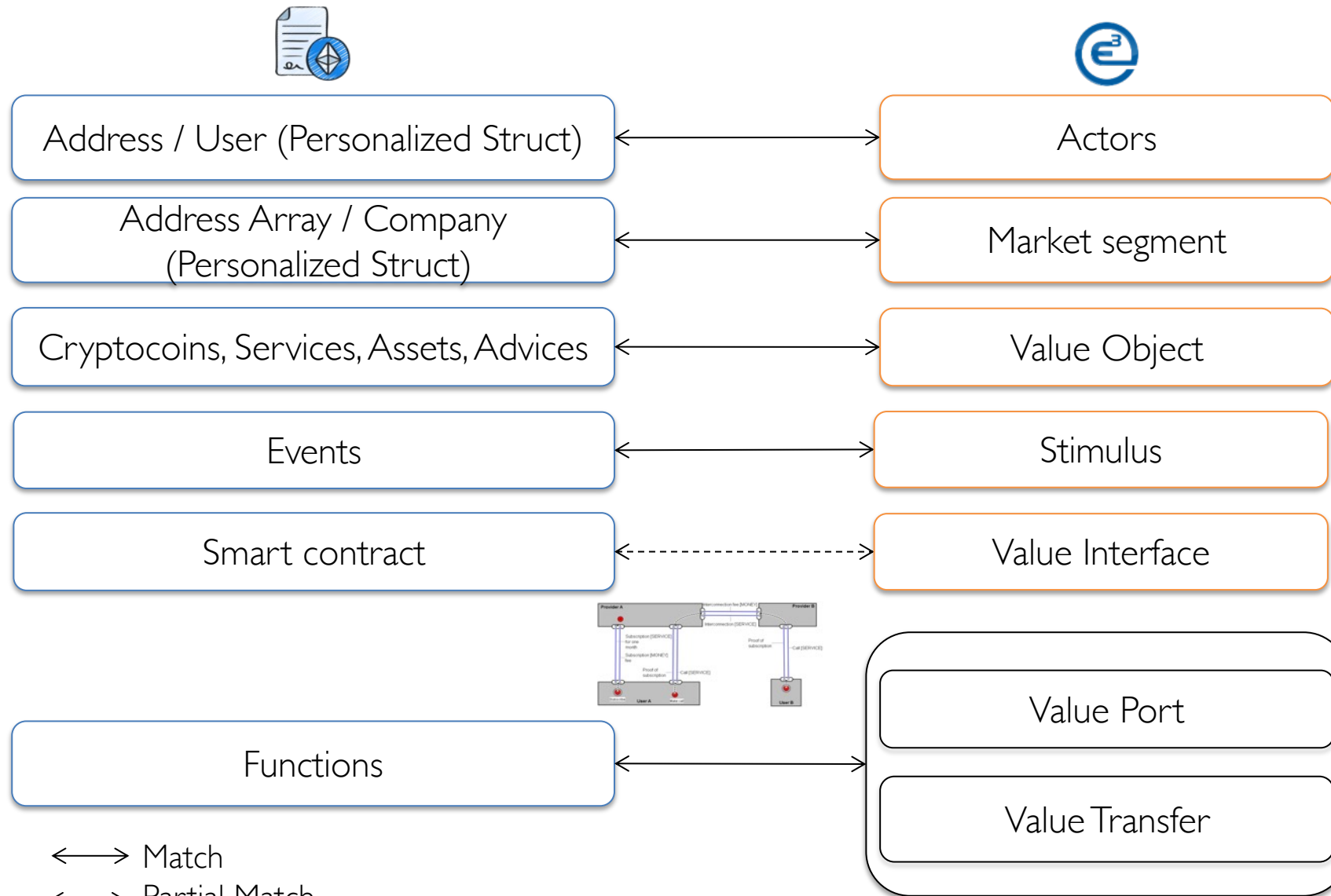
Elemento	Representación	Descripción
Intercambio de valor		Representa los canales a través de los que se lleva a cabo un intercambio de objetos de valor.
Objeto de valor		Representa los bienes, productos o servicios intercambiados.
Conexión		Permiten enlazar los diferentes elementos contenidos en los actores.
Dependencia AND		Permite representar el operador booleano AND cuando se combinan varias actividades en un actor.
Dependencia OR		Permite representar el operador booleano OR en la realización de varias actividades de un actor.
Implosión / Explosión		Permite representar que un actor lleva a cabo más de un intercambio de valor, utilizando la misma interfaz de valor.



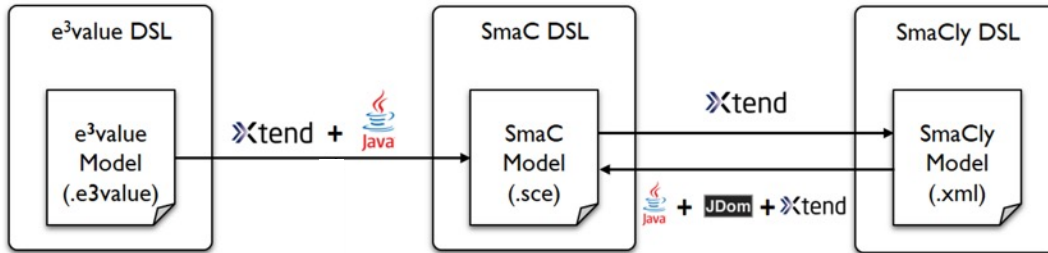
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# Correspondences Analysis



# Model Weaving for correspondences visualization



The screenshot shows an IDE interface with three panels displaying model transformation results:

- Left Panel:** `platform:/resource/SmaC/SmaC.model`
  - File
  - Version
  - Contract Purchase
    - Enum State
    - Property UInteger val
    - Property Address seller
    - Property Address buyer
    - Constructor public payable
    - Modifier condition
    - Modifier onlyBuyer
    - Modifier onlySeller
    - Modifier inState
    - Event Aborted
    - Event PurchaseConfirmed
    - Event ItemReceived
    - Clause abort
    - Clause confirmPurchase
    - Clause confirmReceived

- Middle Panel:** `platform:/resource/transformations.traceMetamodel`
- Trace Model
  - Source Model SmaC
  - Target Model e3valueModel
  - Trace Link Address-Actor
  - Trace Link Address-Actor
  - Trace Link Event-Start stimulus
  - Trace Link Event-Start stimulus
  - Trace Link Event-Start stimulus
  - Trace Link Contract-Value Interface
  - Trace Link Clause-Value Ports&ValueExchange
  - Trace Link Clause-Value Ports&ValueExchange
  - Trace Link Clause-Value Ports&ValueExchange
  - Trace Link Contract-ValueInterfaces
- Right Panel:** `platform:/resource/SmaC/e3valueModel.e3value`
- Resource Set
  - Diagram
    - Model
      - Value Object Purchase advice
      - Value Object Badge
      - Value Object Abort advice
      - Value Object Item
      - Elementary Actor Buyer
        - Start Stimulus
        - Start Stimulus
        - End Stimulus
        - Value Interface
        - Value Interface
        - Value Interface
      - Elementary Actor Seller
        - End Stimulus
        - End Stimulus
        - Start Stimulus
        - Value Interface
        - Responsibility Element
          - Value Port In SOUTH
        - Value Interface

At the bottom, a table shows the properties of the selected element:

Property	Value
Name	Address-Actor
Operation Type	Transform

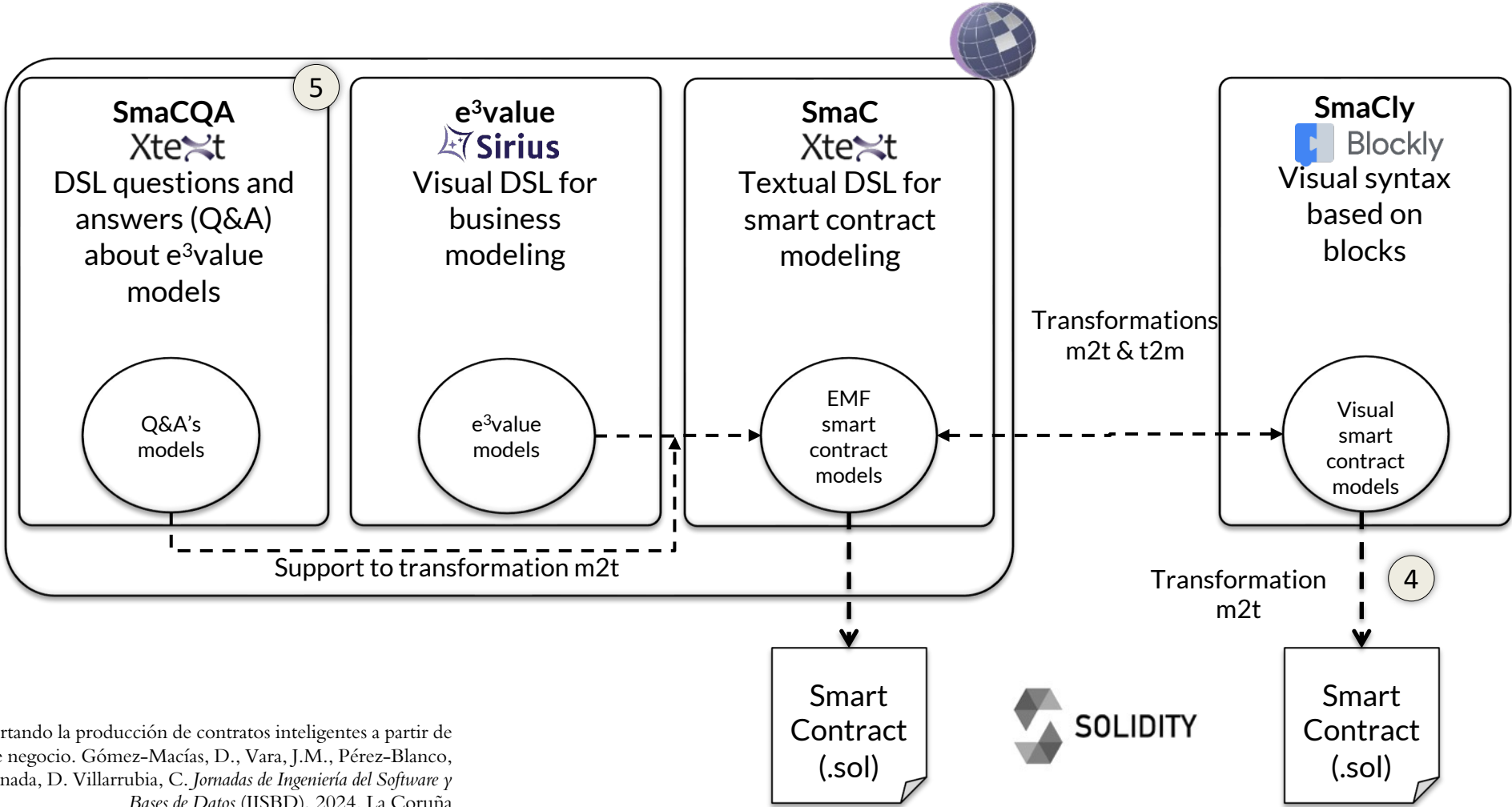
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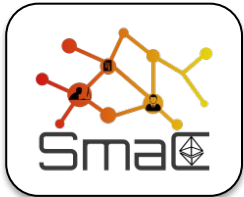
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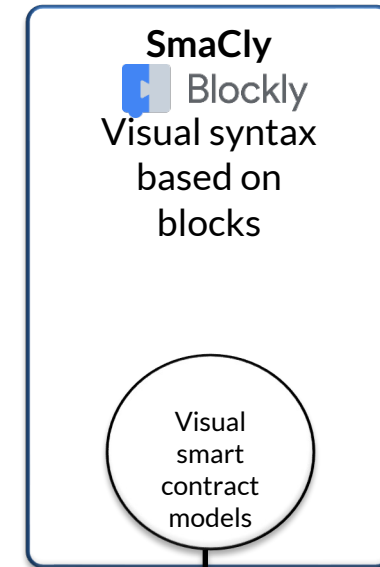
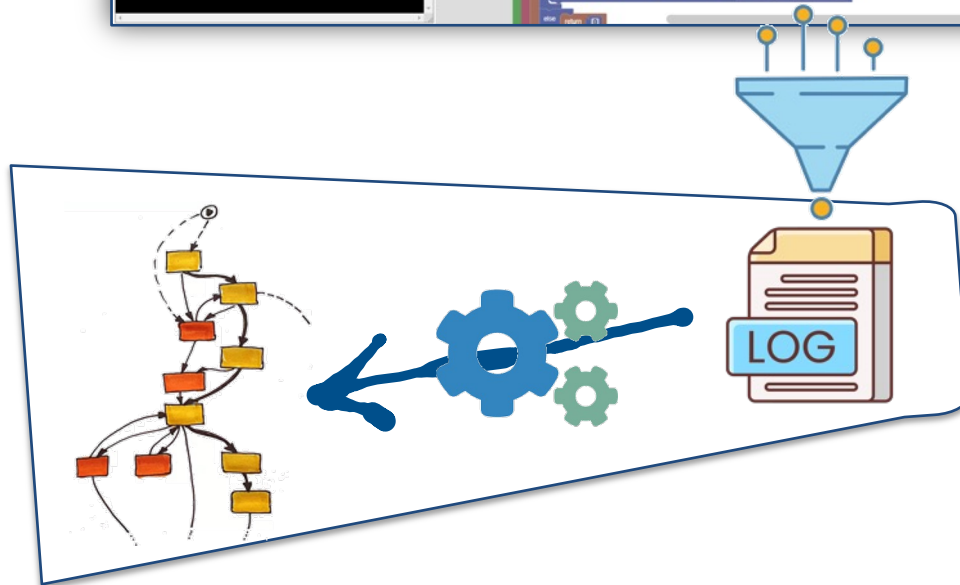
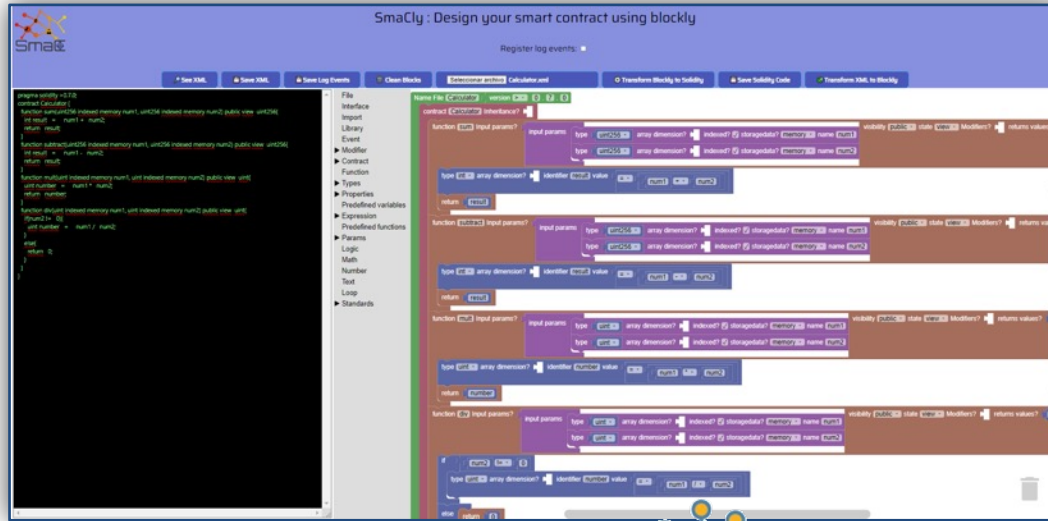
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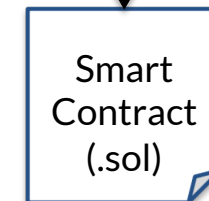
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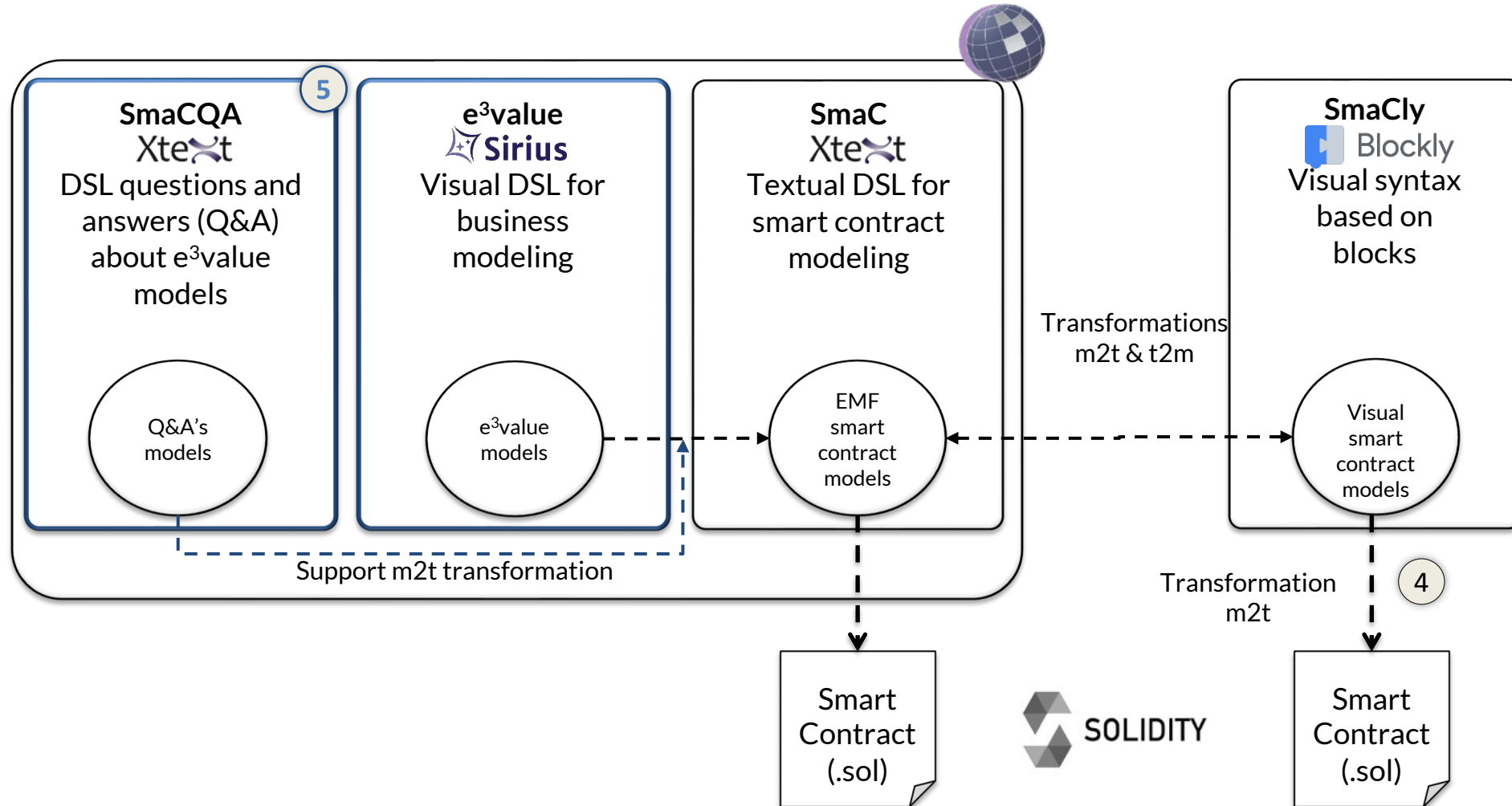
# Research Proposal (2.0) – SmaCly Addons



Transformation m2t 4



# Research Proposal (2.0) – SmaCQA

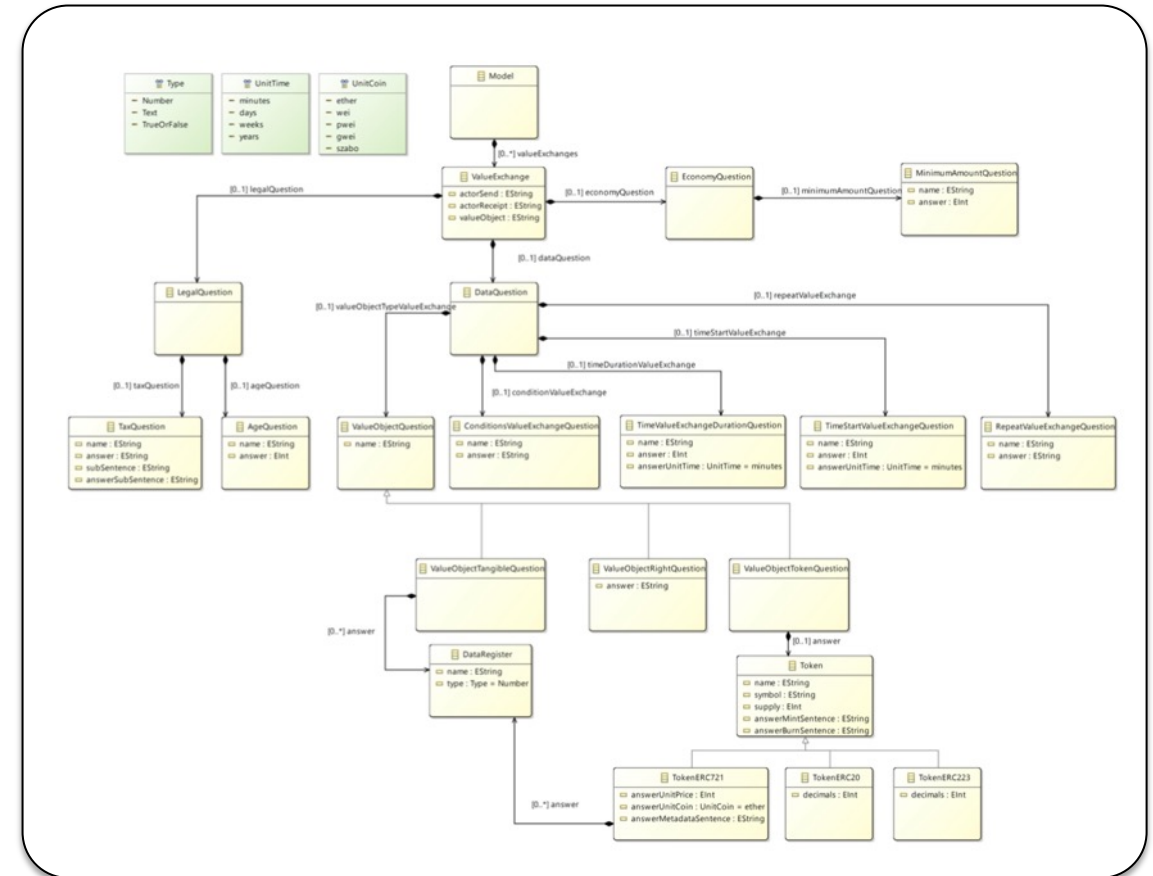


# SmaCQA – a textual DSL for data gathering



## Features

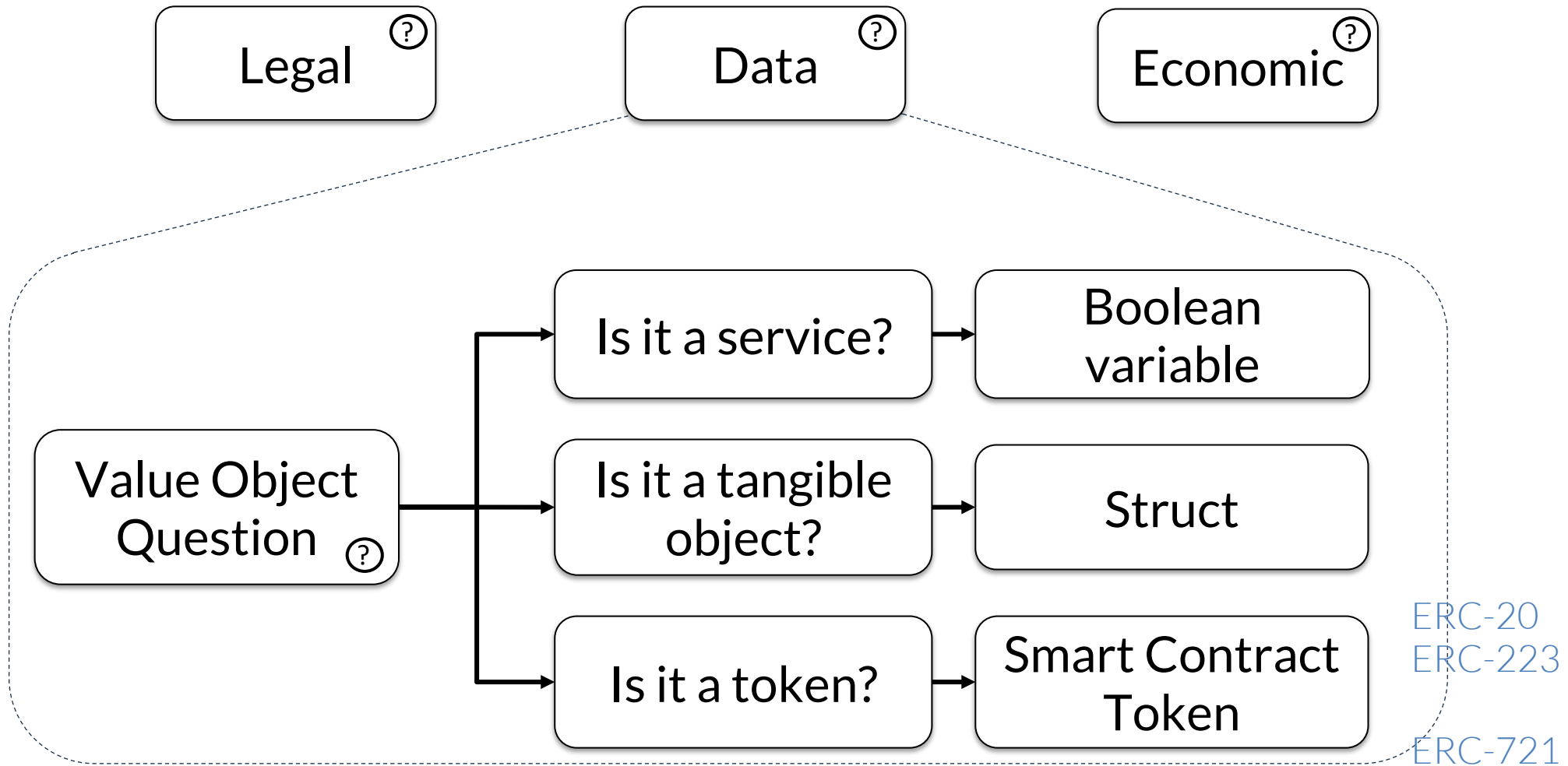
- Additional information for e3value2SmaC mapping
- Facilities:
  - Syntax highlighting
  - Element tag description
  - Documentation
- High level design ~ Comprehension
- Validation and quickfix
- HTML Export



# SmaCQA – questions supported



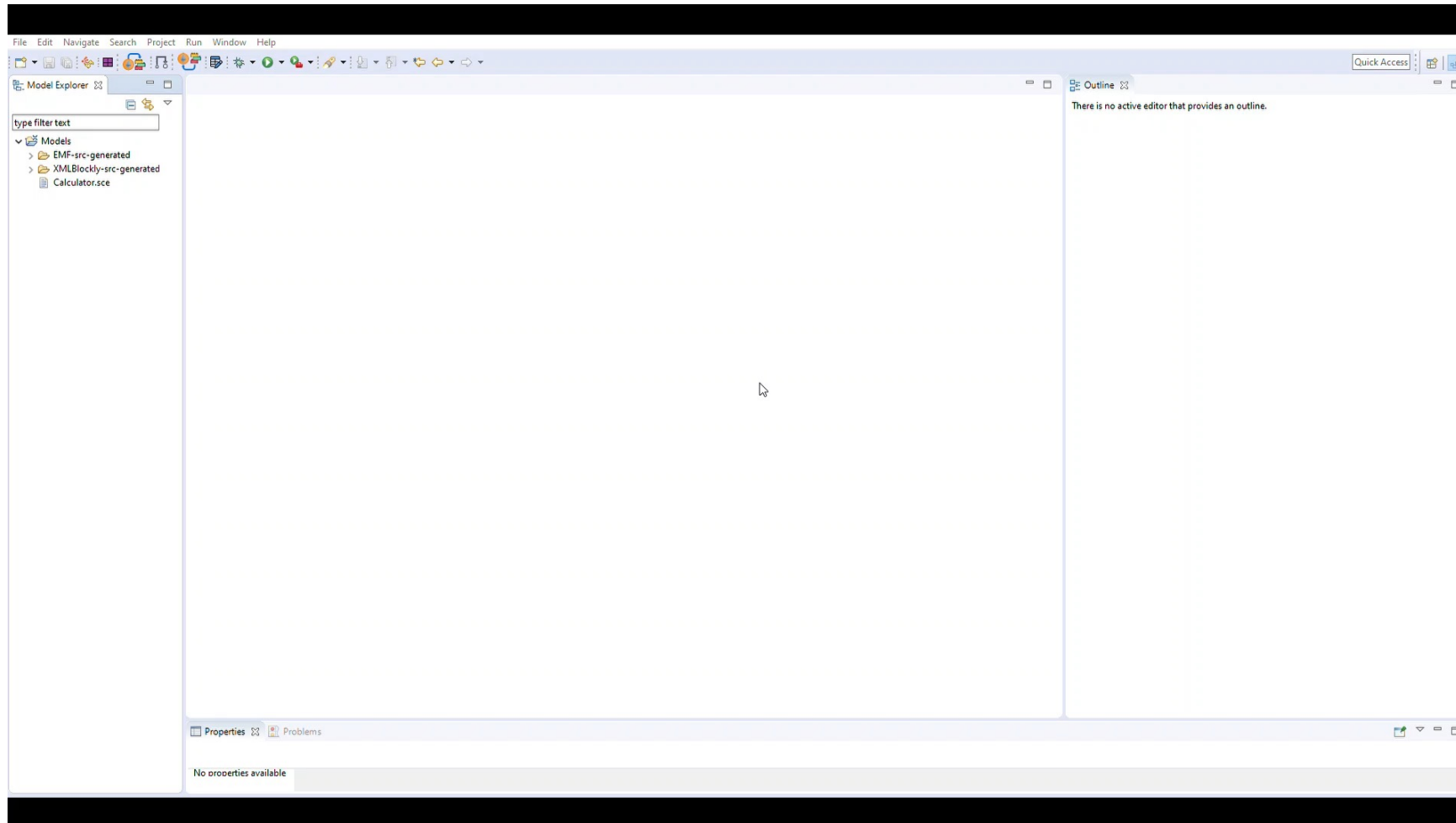
## Supported questions



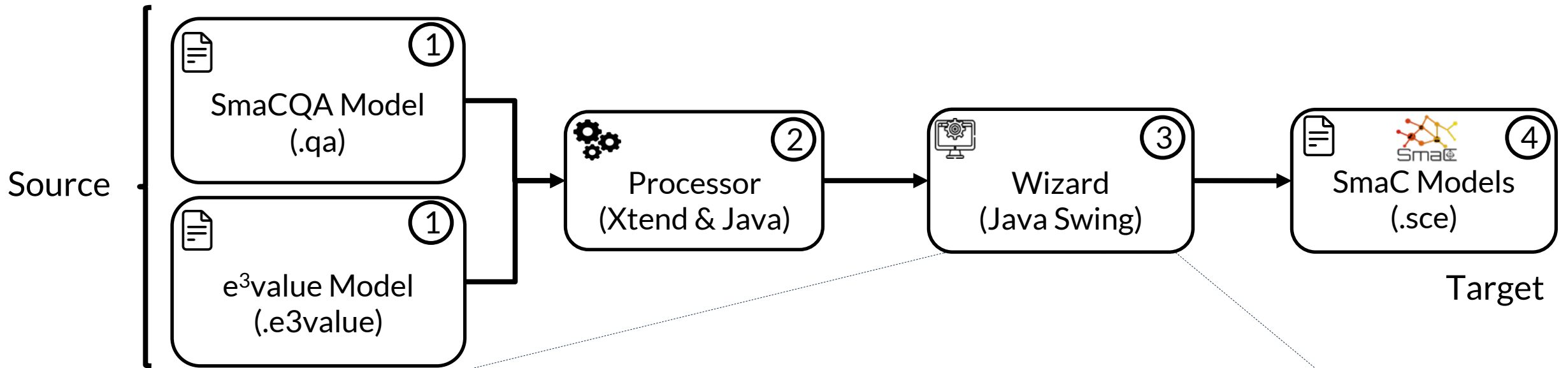
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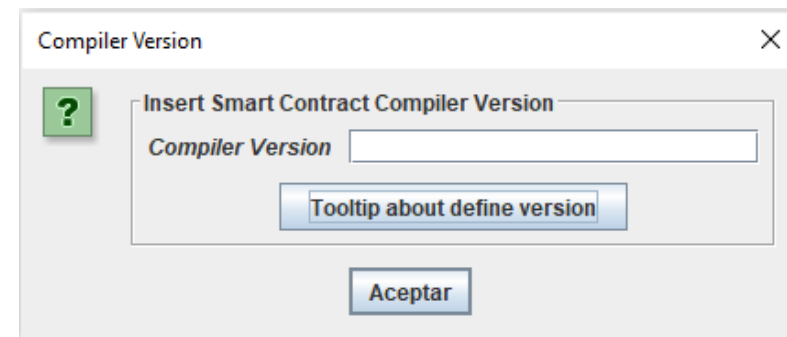
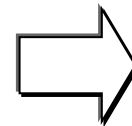
## SmaCQA in action



# From e<sup>3</sup>value to SmaC models with SmaCQA



- **Compiler version**
- Contract's name
- Inclusion of more information on actors
- Function's name, modifiers,
- Events



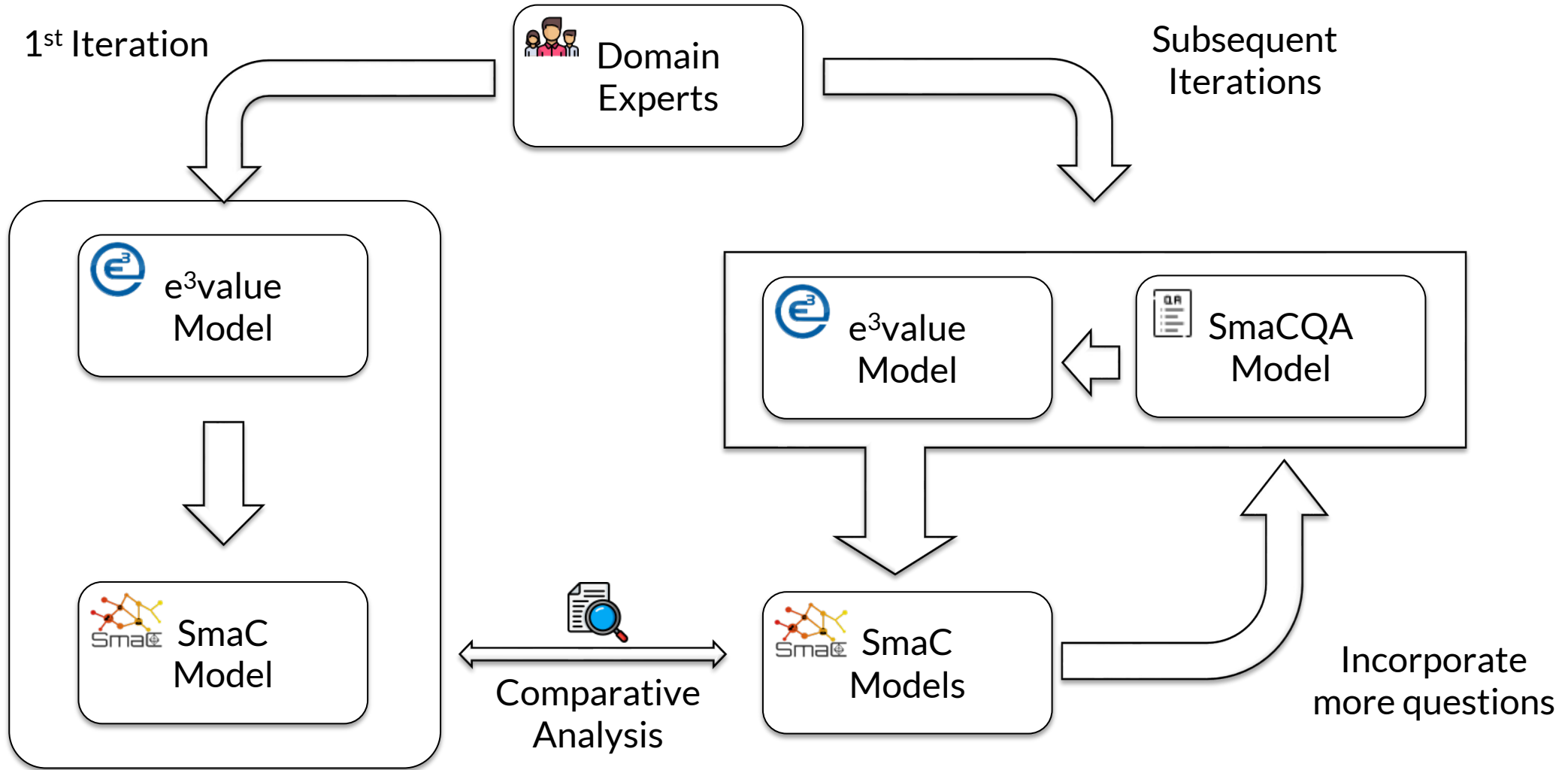
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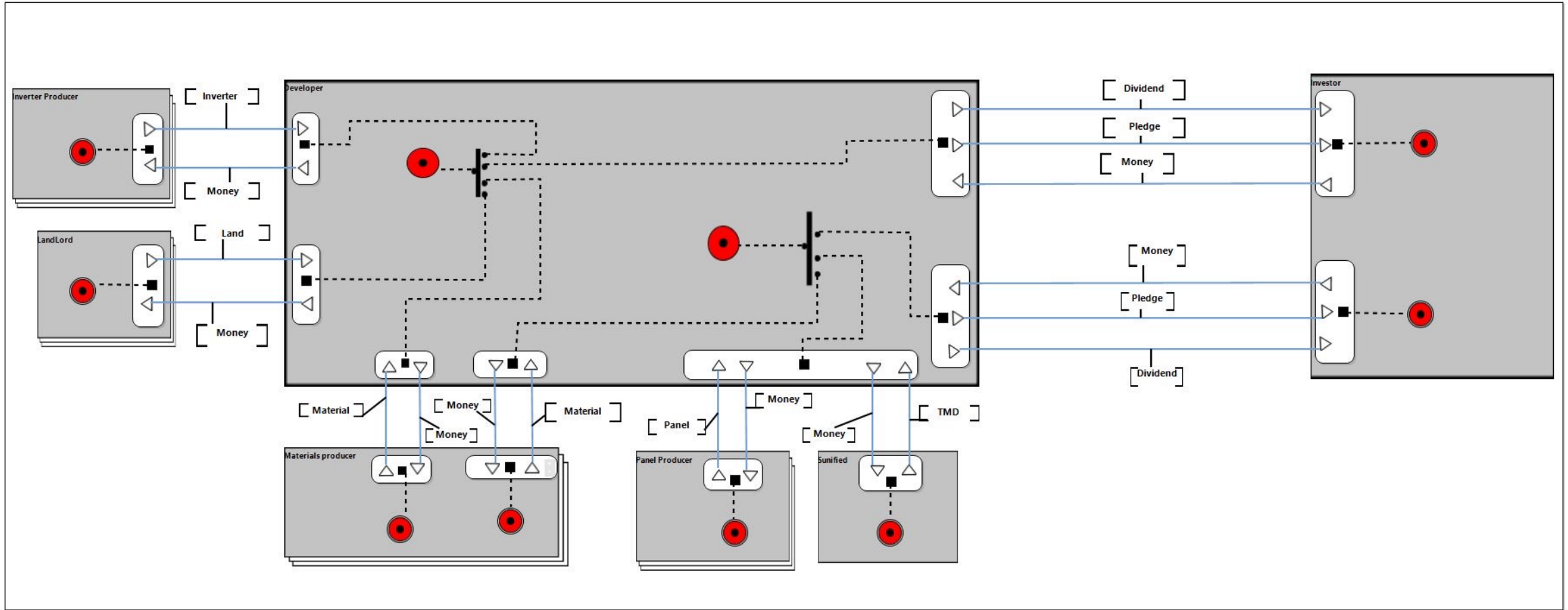
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# Evaluation Protocol



# Business Model – Solar Farm



# Business Model – Solidity concepts correspondence



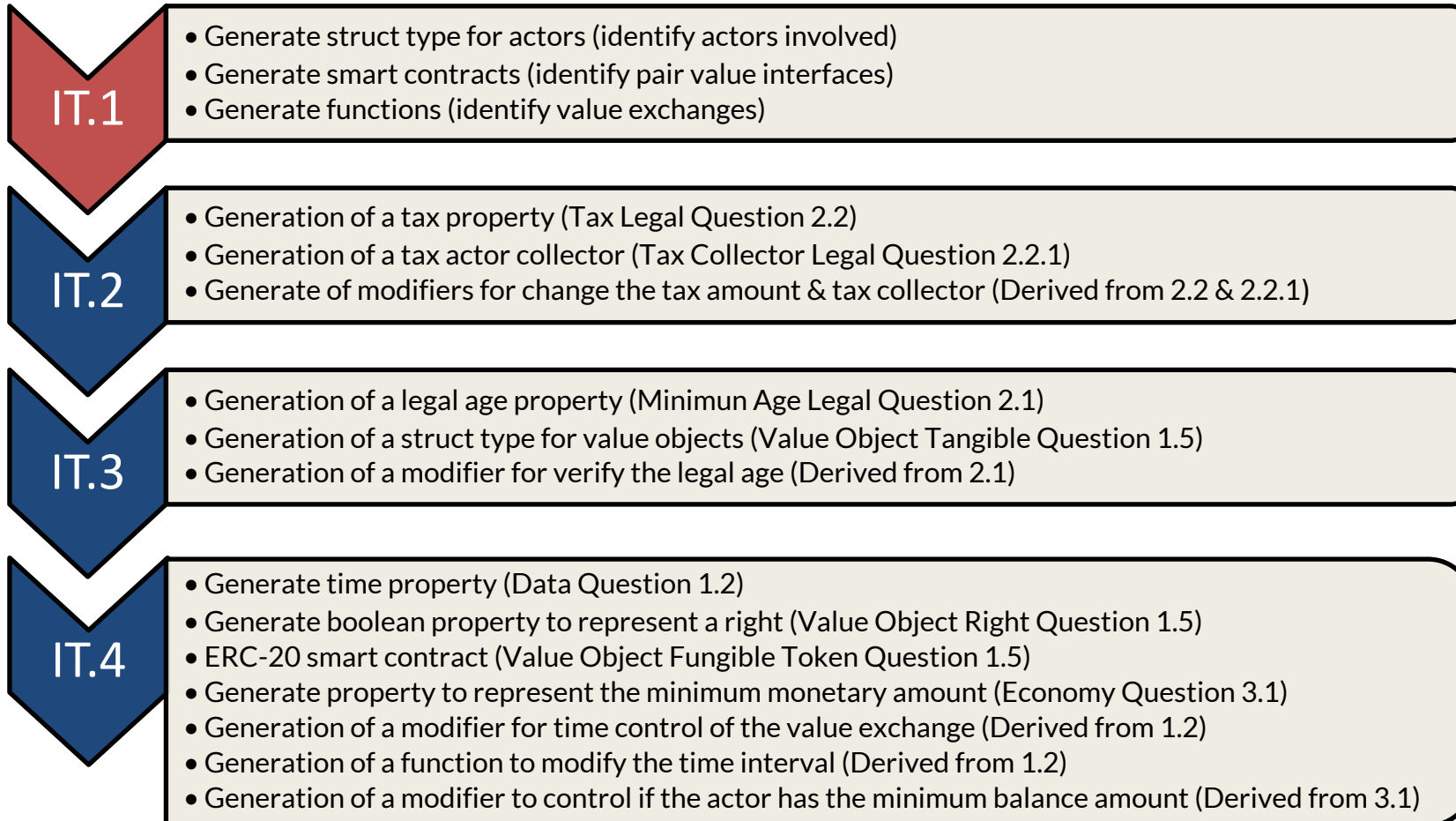
<i>Entidad</i>	<i>Elemento e<sup>3</sup> value</i>	<i>Elemento Solidity</i>
Landlord	Market Segment	Tipo Actor o Company
Inverter producer	Market Segment	Tipo Actor o Company
Materials producer	Market Segment	Tipo Actor o Company
Panel producer	Market Segment	Tipo Company
Sunified	Actor	Tipo Company
Developer	Actor	Tipo User
Investor	Actor	Tipo User
Money	Value Object	Unidad monetaria Ether
Land	Value Object	No contemplado
Dividend	Value Object	Unidad monetaria Ether
Pledge	Value Object	No contemplado
Panel	Value Object	No contemplado
Material	Value Object	No contemplado
Material	Value Object	No contemplado
TMD	Value Object	No contemplado
-	Par Value Interface (Landlord-Developer)	Clase Contract
-	Par Value Interface (Inverter Producer-Developer)	Clase Contract
-	Par Value Interface (Materials Producer-Developer) X2	Clase Contract
-	Par Value Interface (Panel Producer-Sunified-Developer)	Clase Contract
-	Par Value Interface (Investor-Developer)	Clase Contract

# Results & Main findings



## Code generation improvements

Iteration	#SmaCQA Questions (Total)	#LOC Solidity (Total)	SmaCQA Model Elements
1	0 (No SmaCQA)	178	smart contract(s), structs, variables & functions
2	18	397	variables, modifiers & functions
3	35	518	Struct data type
4	42	540 + 327 (Smart Contract token)	Token (Smart Contract), functions & variables



## Conclusions

- Limitations of e<sup>3</sup>value
- SmaCQA increases completiveness
- Complete fungible token model
- SmaCQA to be tested in different domains

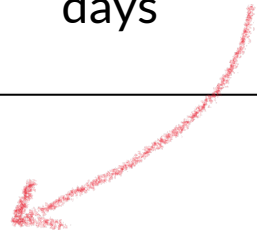


# A closer look

Value Exchange must  
be completed in 3  
days

```

159 @==== Value Exchange ====
160 The exchange of value in which Developer sends/grants Investor the following object of value Dividend
161 has the following associated questions and answers:
162 ----- 1.Data Questions: -----
163 @1.2 If the exchange of value could only take place after a certain time. What would this be?(indicated in minutes,days,weeks or years)
164 answer = 3 unitTime = days
165 @1.4 Are the same conditions always maintained when exchanging value?
166 answer = yes
167 @1.5 Is the object of value a right that can be reflected as active or inactive?
168 answer = yes
169 ----- 3.Economy Questions: -----
170 @3.1 Which would be the minimum amount if necessary in this exchange?
171 answer = 1 ether
172 ===== Completion of the question process for this value exchange =====
  
```



Model gathers some more data  
regarding different element types  
(before they are to be used=, such as  
modifiers, numeric variables, etc.

# A closer look

## ERC-20 Specification

```

133@ ***** Value Exchange *****
134 The exchange of value in which Developer sends/grants Investor the following object of value Pledge
135 has the following associated questions and answers:
136 ----- 1.Data Questions: -----
137@1.2 If the exchange of value could only take place after a certain time. What would this be?(indicated in minutes,
138 answer = 3 unitTime = days
139@1.4 Are the same conditions always maintained when exchanging value?
140 answer = yes
141@1.5 If the object of value traded on the value exchange is a digital token. What are the properties of said token?
142 Data Declaration Token ERC20:
143 Token ERC20 name: Energy_Pledge Token ERC20 Symbol: ENY Token ERC20 decimals: 18 Token ERC20 supply: 100000000
144 1.5.1 Is it possible to increase the total supply once it is already in circulation (mint more)? answer = yes
145 1.5.2 Is it possible to remove a certain amount of token from circulation (burn token)? answer = yes
146 End Data Declaration Token ERC20
147 ----- Completion of the question process for this value exchange -----

```

— SmaCQA specification ERC-20 smart contract  
— EMF view ERC-20 Smart Contract  
— Initialization values in ERC-20 smart contract from SmaCQA specification

- Name
- Symbol
- Decimals
- Supply
- Possibility to mint more?
- Possibility to burn specify amount?

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# Recap

## Blockchain networks providing a computational platform

- Trust-less | Immutability | Transparency
- Disambiguation + Disintermediation

## Smart Contracts as the way to explode such infrastructure

- IT – Strategy gap
- Essential + Accidental Complexity ⇔ Tooling needed

Models to the rescue



Raise the level of abstraction at which  
Smart Contracts are developed /designed

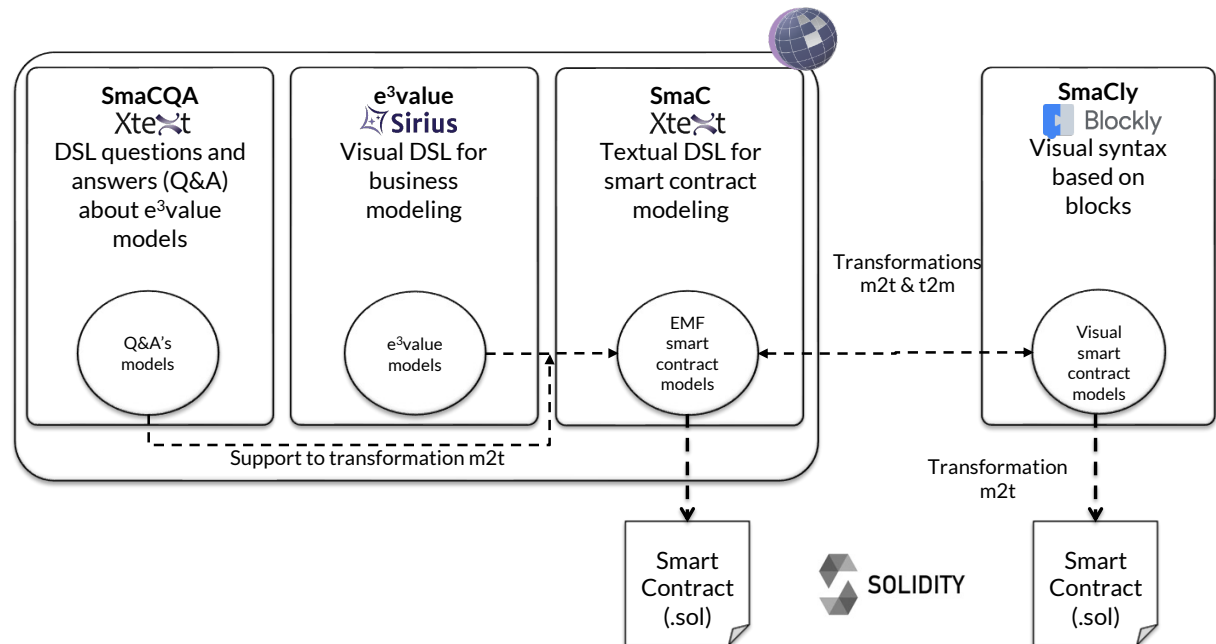
**SMART CONTRACTS DEMOCRATIZATION**



# Recap

## Building a model-based toolkit for the development of smart contracts

- **SmaC** – a textual DSL to bring contracts to the realm of models
- **SmaCly** – a visual DSL to enable graphical development of contracts
  - Code completion, contextual assist, development pattern, syntax and semantic checking, etc. ... for each DSL
  - Integration
- Mappings to shorten the distance with domain experts
- **SmaCQA** – a textual DSL to improve contract generation from business models



# Road ahead – Steps been taken



## SmaC

- SmaC2e<sup>3</sup>value mapping
- Automatic deployment of modelled contracts
- Move SmaC to the Web (SmaCly is already a Web IDE)

## SmaCly

- CEP-based mining of developers work

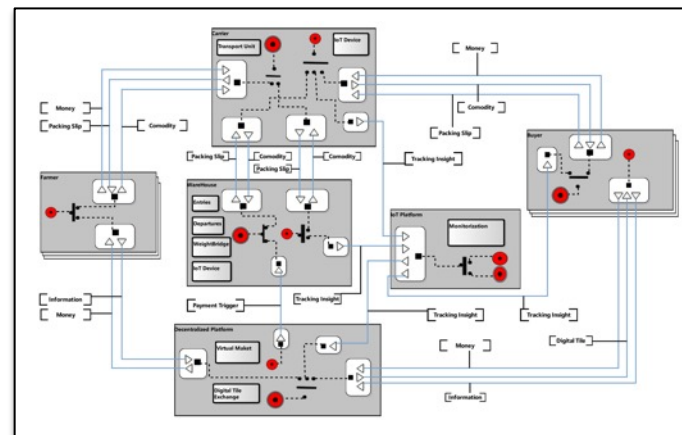
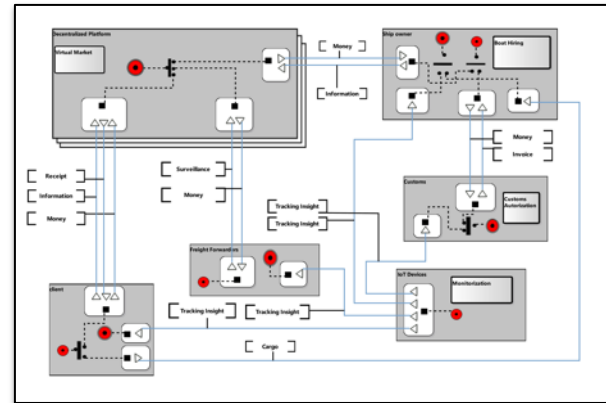
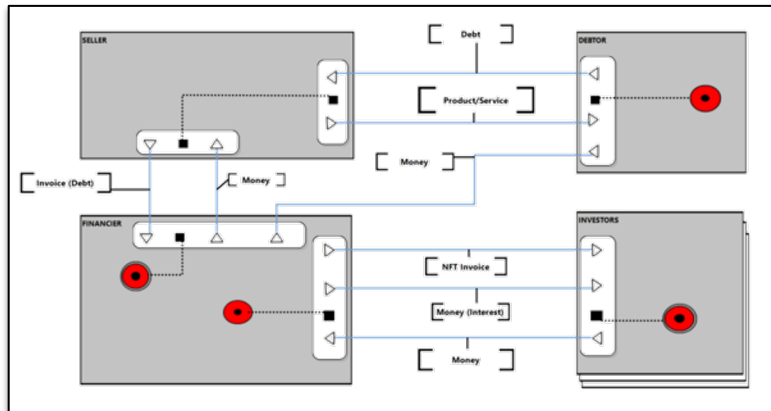
## SmaCQA

- Visual syntax
- Test SmaCQA in different domains to expand the set of supported questions

# Road ahead – Steps been taken

## SmaCQA

- Test SmaCQA in different domains to expand the set of supported questions
  - Factoring (investment mechanism)
  - Supply Chain



Former SmaCQA	
#Categories	3
#Questions	23

Current SmaCQA	
#Categories	6
#Questions	75

# Visit our *playground*

## SmaC repo on GitHub

<https://github.com/The4Fantastics/SmaC>

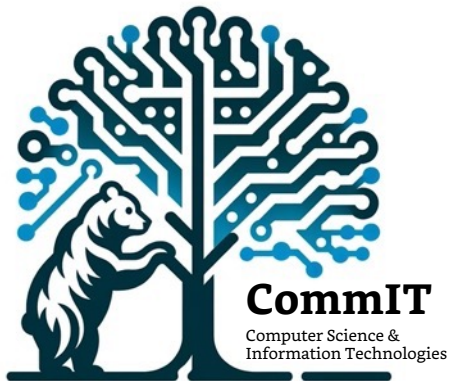
The screenshot shows the GitHub repository for SmaC. At the top, it indicates the repository is public and has 323 commits. The file structure is as follows:

File/Folder	Last Commit	Time Ago
Example Models	Add files via upload	last year
Images	Add files via upload	4 months ago
Plugins	e3value	last year
SmaCQA	Add files via upload	last year
SmaCly	Update README.md	last year
Videos	Add files via upload	4 months ago
Guide.pdf	Add files via upload	last year
README.md	Update README.md	4 months ago
SmaC.zip	SmaC_V.3.0	7 months ago

The README section contains the following text:

**SmaC**

- Technological framework to facilitate the development of smart contracts. SmaC is a textual DSL that supports the coding of smart contracts with Solidity. These contracts can be injected to EMF models and then subject to any model-based processing task. In relation to some of the challenges of coding smart contracts, SmaC presents a series of advantages detailed below:
  - SmaC establishes a structural pattern for the coding of a smart contract. The specified smart contract is therefore made more readable and understandable by the developer



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