

# Reverse Engineering Product Lines



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# Lesson Overview

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- ▶ Motivation for Reverse Engineering Software Product Lines
  - Basic ideas and examples
  
- ▶ Four main challenges
  - Reverse Engineering feature models
  - Traceability
  - Safe composition and feature oriented refactoring
  - Maintenance and Evolution

# And Software Product Lines?

- ▶ **Software Product Line**
  - A set of similar software systems distinguished by the set of features they implement.
- ▶ **Feature**
  - Increment in program functionality

**Fact: software products are marketed by features**

# Software Marketed by Features – Example

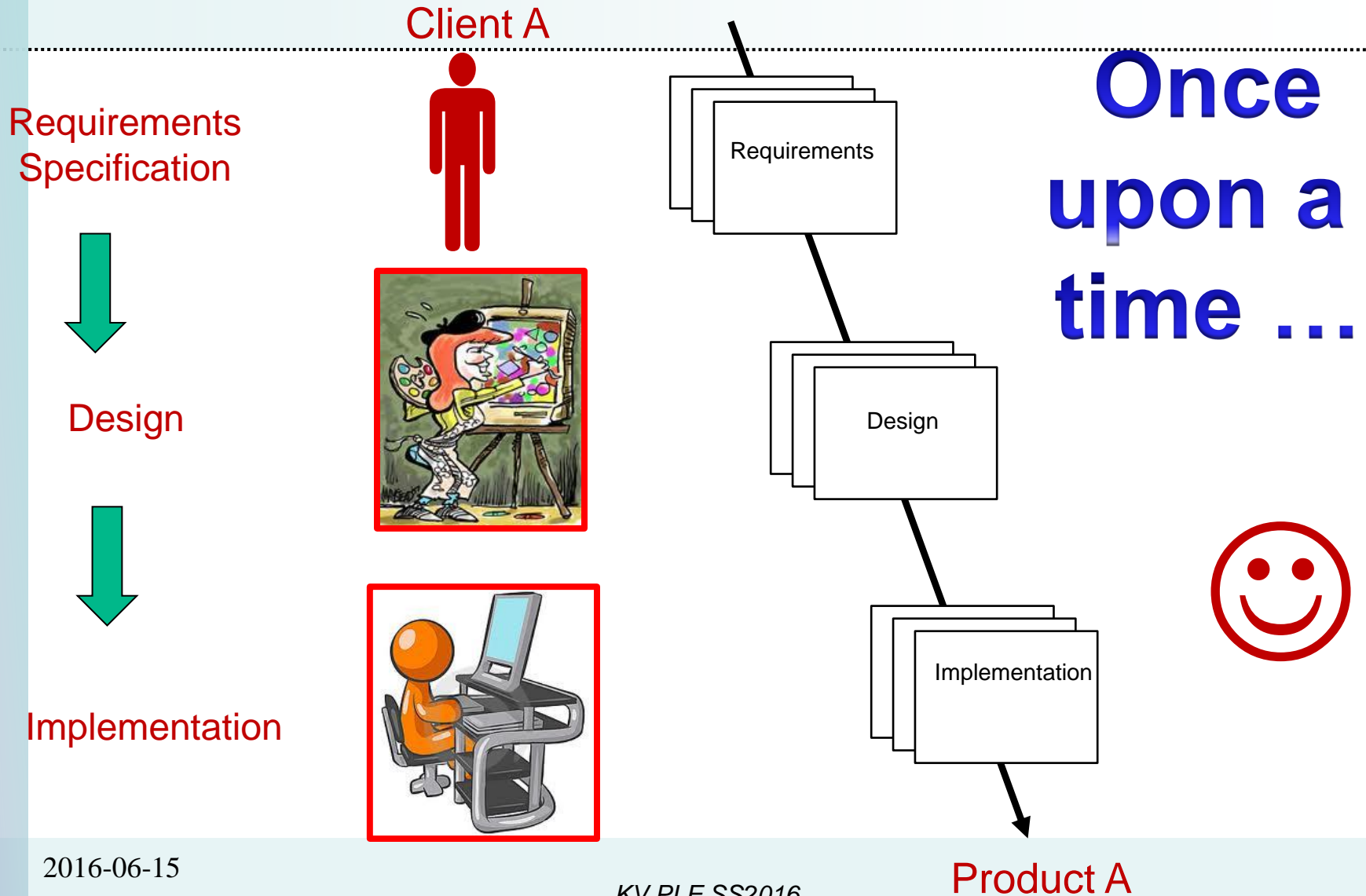
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	Edition				
UML support	Personal	Standard	Professional	Architect	Enterprise
<a href="#">Support for UML 2.4.1 metamodel and notation.</a>	+	+	+	+	+
Support for UML 2 metamodel and notation.	+	+	+	+	+
Import of UML 1.4 metamodel.	+	+	+	+	+
Class diagram - includes Package and Objects diagrams.	+	+	+	+	+
Composite structure diagram.	+	+	+	+	+
Use Case diagram.	+	+	+	+	+

# How are they built?

Business Process Modeling Notation support 1.x <sup>***</sup>	Personal	Standard	Professional	Architect	Enterprise
Support for Business Process Modeling Notation 1.x (BPMN).		+	+	+	+
Business Process Modeling Notation (BPMN) export to BPEL 1.1 (BEA flavor).				+	+
Business Process Modeling Notation support 2.0	Personal	Standard	Professional	Architect	Enterprise
Support for Business Process Modeling Notation 2.0 (BPMN).		++	++	++	++
UML extensions (profiles and diagrams)	Personal	Standard	Professional	Architect	Enterprise
<a href="#">Generic numbering mechanism in DSL models.</a>		+	+	+	+
WSDL profile and diagram.				+	+
XML schema profile and diagram.				+	+
CORBA IDL profile and diagram.				+	+
Database structure profile and diagram: Generic DDL and Oracle DDL diagram				+	+
Web Application Extensions (WAE) profile and diagram.		+	+	+	+
Content diagram.		+	+	+	+

# A tale of success...

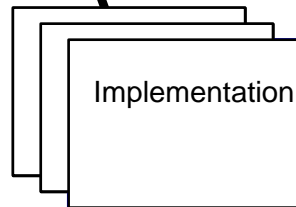
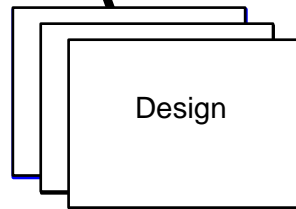
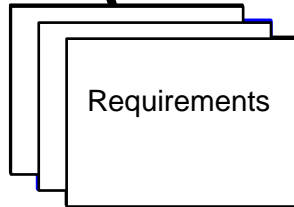


# A second client came in ... Then ... with similar requests ...

Client A



Client B



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Product A

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Product B<sup>6</sup>

A third client came in ...  
Then ... with similar requests ...

Client C

**Clone and Own**

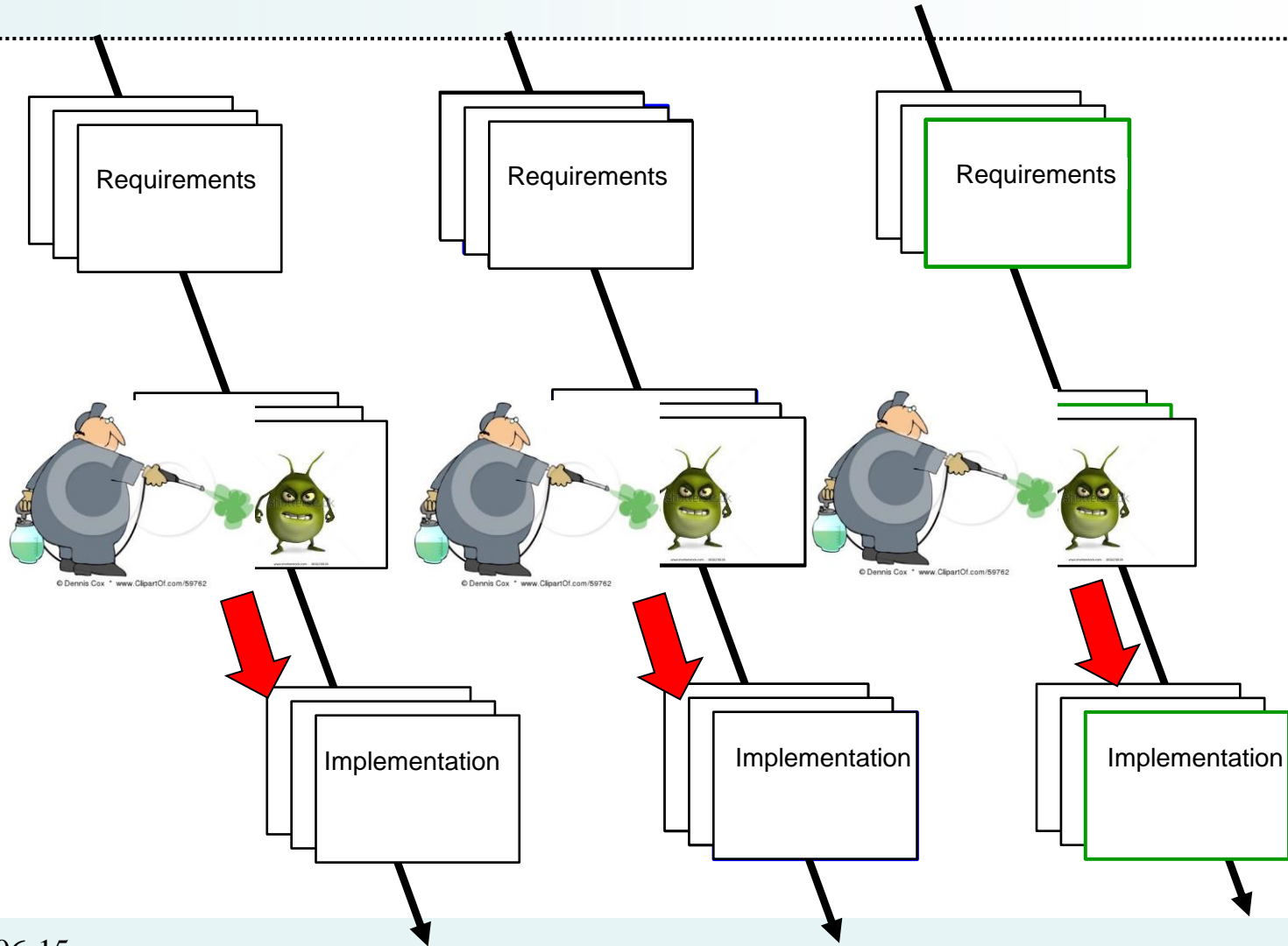
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Product A

Product B

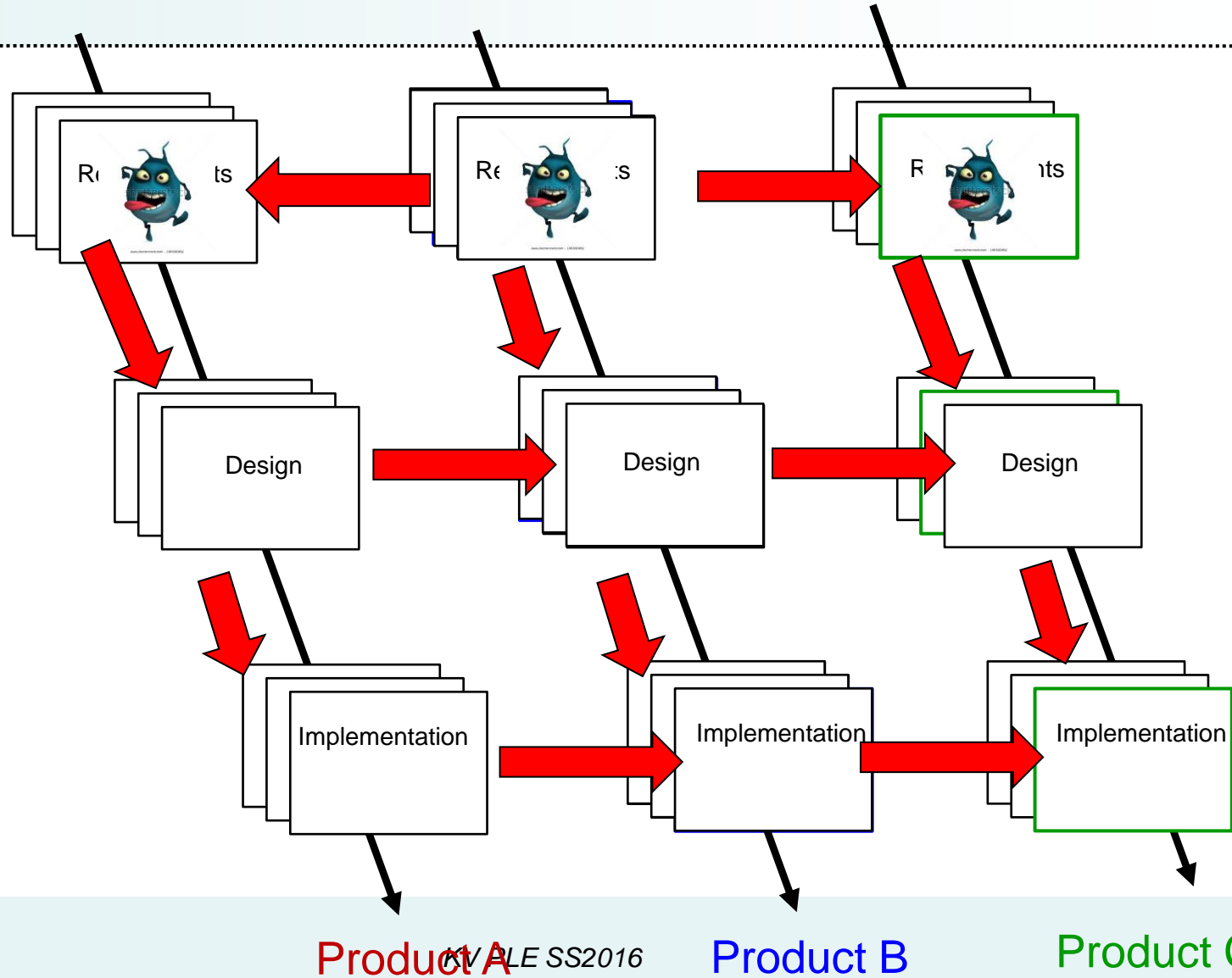
Product C

# Then problems arise ...



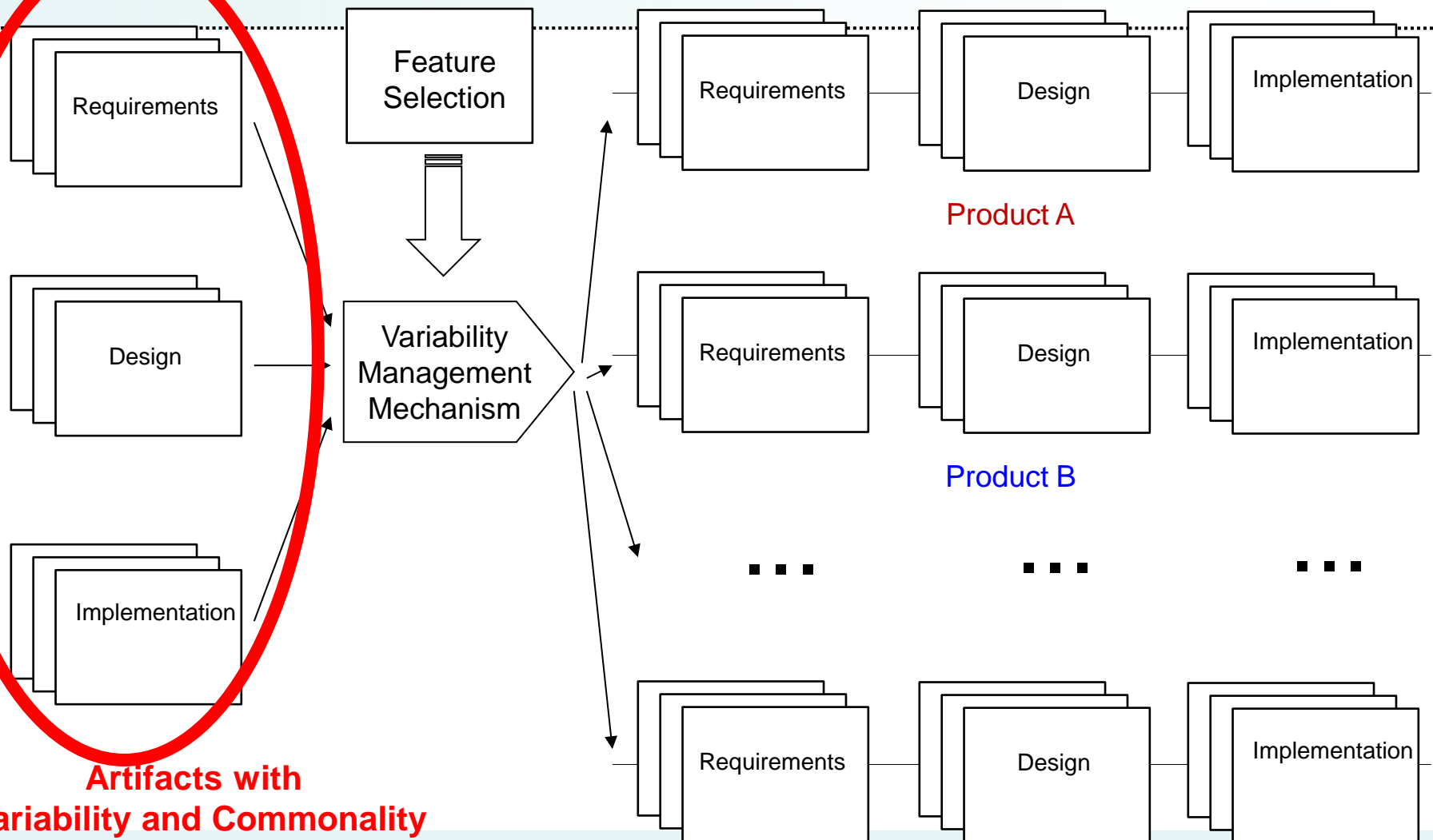


# It gets even worse ...



# Software Product Line Approach

Product B



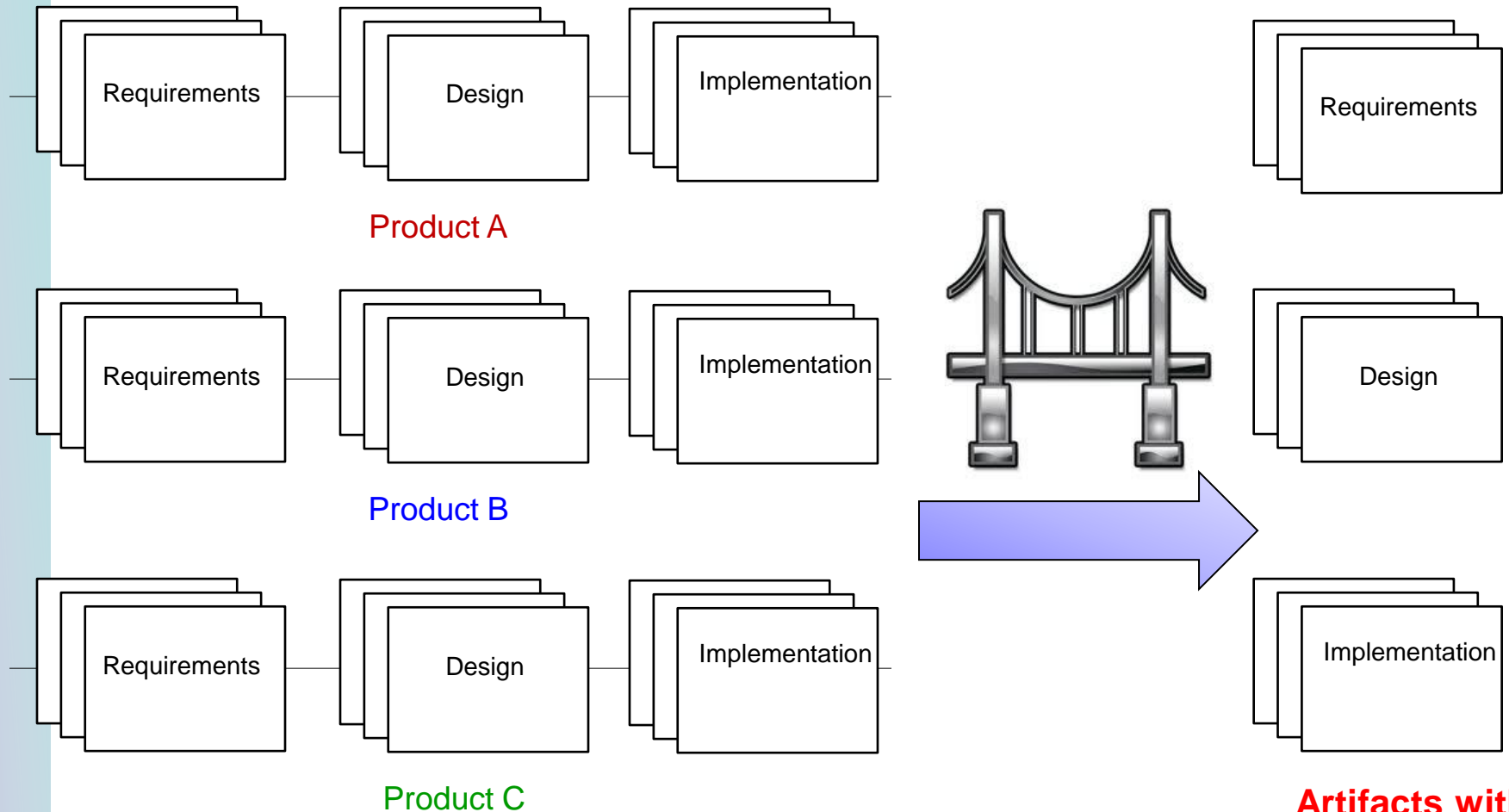
**Artifacts with  
Variability and Commonality**

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Product N

# Reverse Engineering Variability



# VARiability In safety-critical Embedded Systems Project

## VARIES Consortium



23 Partners

7 Countries

Belgium, United Kingdom,  
Norway, Finland, Denmark,  
Germany, Spain

Large Industries

Barco, Spicer, Autronica,  
Metso, Berner & Mattner,  
TÜV Süd

SMEs

Softkinetic Sensors, Macq,  
Mobisoft, HiQ, Pure-Systems,  
Hi-Iberia, Atego

Research Institutes

Sirris, FMTC, VTT, Imdea,  
Technalia, Fraunhofer, Vlerick,  
Sintef, IT University

**START**

May 2012

**DURATION**

36 months

**TOTAL INVESTMENT**

13.2 M€



# SEARCH-BASED SOFTWARE ENGINEERING (SBSE) – REMINDER

# Search-Based Software Engineering (SBSE)

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- ▶ **Search-Based Software Engineering** focuses on the application of search-based optimization techniques to problems in software engineering [Harman10]
- ▶ Typical techniques are:
  - Basic searches, e.g. hill-climbing, simulated annealing
  - Techniques based on evolutionary computation

# Hill Climbing Illustration

- ▶ Looks at a neighborhood of SampleSize states and selects the one with best fitness
- ▶ Main problem
  - Can get stuck in a local maxima

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## Algorithm 1 Steepest Ascent Hill Climbing

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```

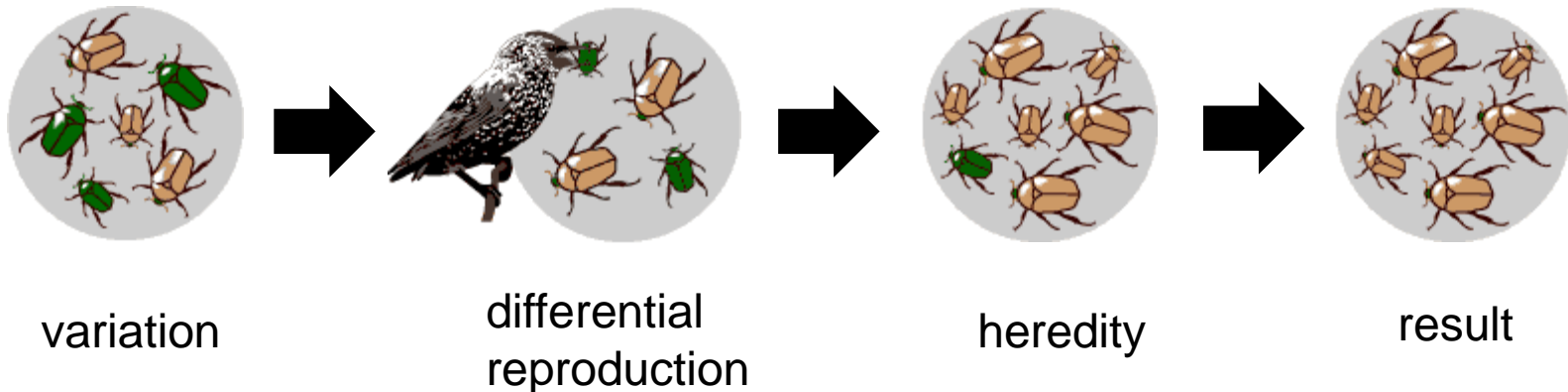
1:  $X \leftarrow$  random initial state
2:  $I \leftarrow 0$ 
3:  $Best \leftarrow X$ 
4: while ( $I < MaxIter$ )  $\wedge$  ( $evaluate(Best) \neq BestFitness$ ) do
5:    $S \leftarrow 0$ 
6:   while  $S < SampleSize$  do
7:      $X' \leftarrow move(Best)$ 
8:     if  $evaluate(X')$  better than  $evaluate(X)$  then
9:        $X \leftarrow X'$ 
10:    end if
11:     $S \leftarrow S + 1$ 
12:  end while
13:  if  $evaluate(X)$  better than  $evaluate(Best)$  then
14:     $Best \leftarrow X$ 
15:  end if
16:   $I \leftarrow I + 1$ 
17: end while
18: return  $Best$ 

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# Basic Ideas [Eiben03]

- Darwinian evolution:
  - Given an environment able to host a limited number of individuals
  - Basic instinct of individuals is to reproduce
  - **Natural Selection** favours those that can compete for the available resources more effectively
    - a.k.a. survival of the fittest





# Individuals, Mutation and Populations

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- ▶ Phenotypic traits
  - Behavioural and physical features of an individual that affect the response to the environment → **fitness**
- ▶ Mutations
  - Random variations on the phenotypic traits
  - Can be accumulated to new combinations of traits
- ▶ Population
  - Consist on a number of individuals
  - After time passes, because of reproduction and mutation the population changes

# Evolutionary Computation

## ▶ Evolutionary Computation

- Includes several stochastic search methods which computationally simulate the natural evolutionary process

## ▶ Example techniques

- Genetic algorithms
  - Individuals are typically represented as binary strings, commonly used in numerical optimization problems
- Genetic programming
  - Individuals encode programs typically represented as tree-structures whose fitness function evaluate how well the programs execute a computational task

# Evolutionary Computation Illustration

- ▶ Randomly creates an initial population
- ▶ Evaluates the initial population
- ▶ At each generation
  1. select the individuals with best fitness
  2. mutate their characteristics
  3. re-evaluate them

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## Algorithm 1 Basic Evolutionary Algorithm

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```
1:  $t \leftarrow 0$ 
2: initialize  $P(t)$ 
3: evaluate  $P(t)$ 
4: while not termination – condition do
5:    $t \leftarrow t + 1$ 
6:   select  $P(t)$  from  $P(t - 1)$ 
7:   mutate  $P(t)$ 
8:   evaluate  $P(t)$ 
9: end while
```

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# CHALLENGES IN RAISING A SOFTWARE FAMILY

# Four Core Challenges

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1. Know your family members
  - Reverse engineering feature models
2. Know the family members whereabouts
  - Traceability Feature-Artifact
3. Identify boundaries and enforce them
  - Safe composition and feature refactoring
4. Cope with growing pains
  - Evolution and Maintenance

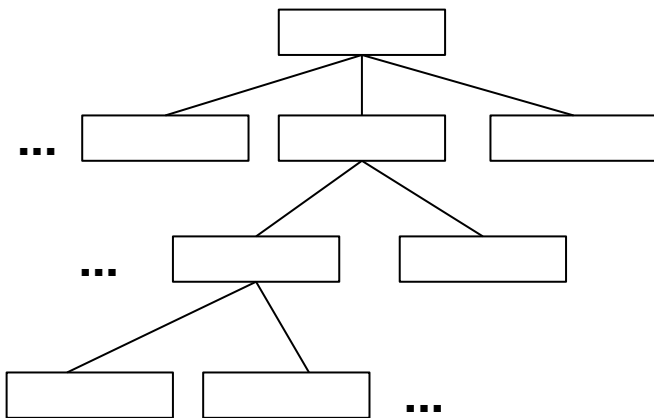
# **CHALLENGE 1.**

## **KNOW YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS**

# Big Picture

- Goal: Model all the products of a SPL and their features

Feature Model



Reverse  
Engineering



**non trivial**

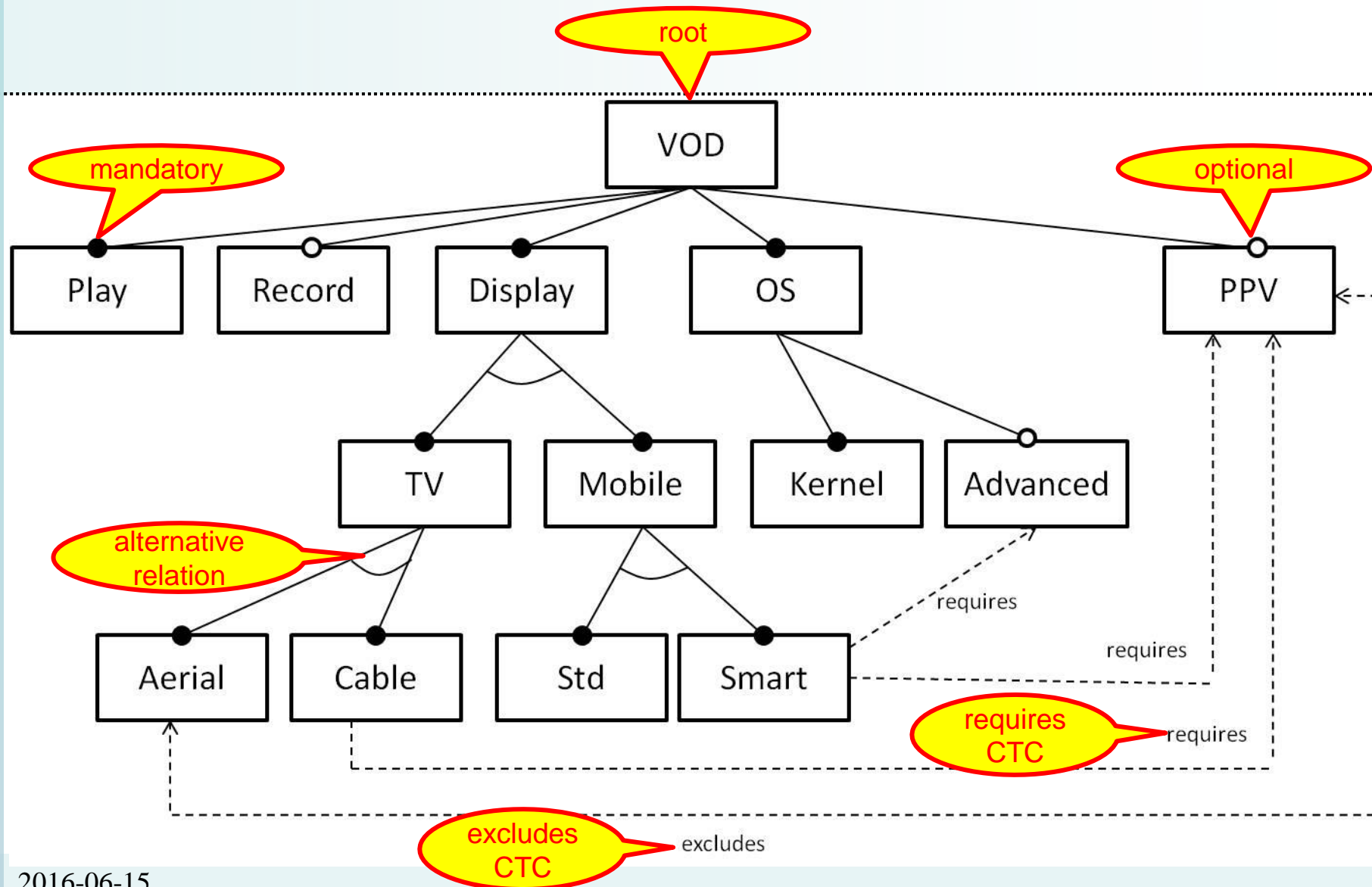
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**non unique**

Feature Sets

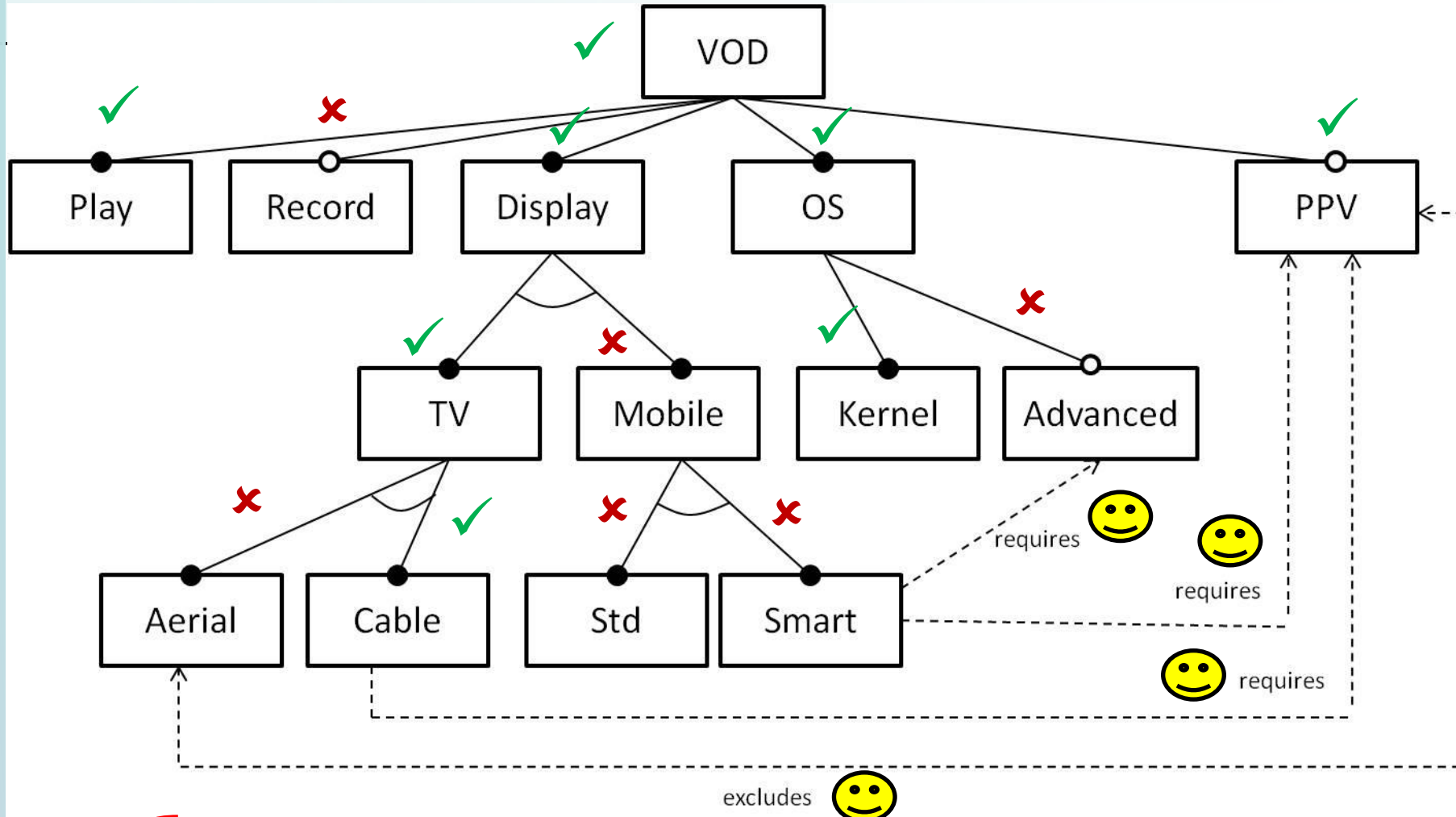
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...	...	...	...	...
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# Feature Model – Notation Example





# Feature Set Example



feature

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**Selected** {VOD, Play, Display, OS, TV, Cable, Kernel, PPV}

**Not Selected** {Record, Mobile, Aerial, Std, Smart, Advanced}

# Running Example -- Feature Set Table

FSet	VOD	Play	Rec	Disp	OS	TV	Mob	Sm	Std	Ker	Adv	Aer	Cab	PPV
FS1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓			✓	✓
FS2	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓				✓			✓	✓
FS3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓		✓		
FS4	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓				✓		✓		
FS5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓				✓
FS6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓				
FS7	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓				
FSS	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓				✓
FS9	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓		✓	✓
FS10	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓				✓	✓		✓	✓
FS11	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓		
FS12	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓		
FS13	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓			✓
FS14	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓			
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FS17	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓			✓
FS18	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓			✓

# Our contributions

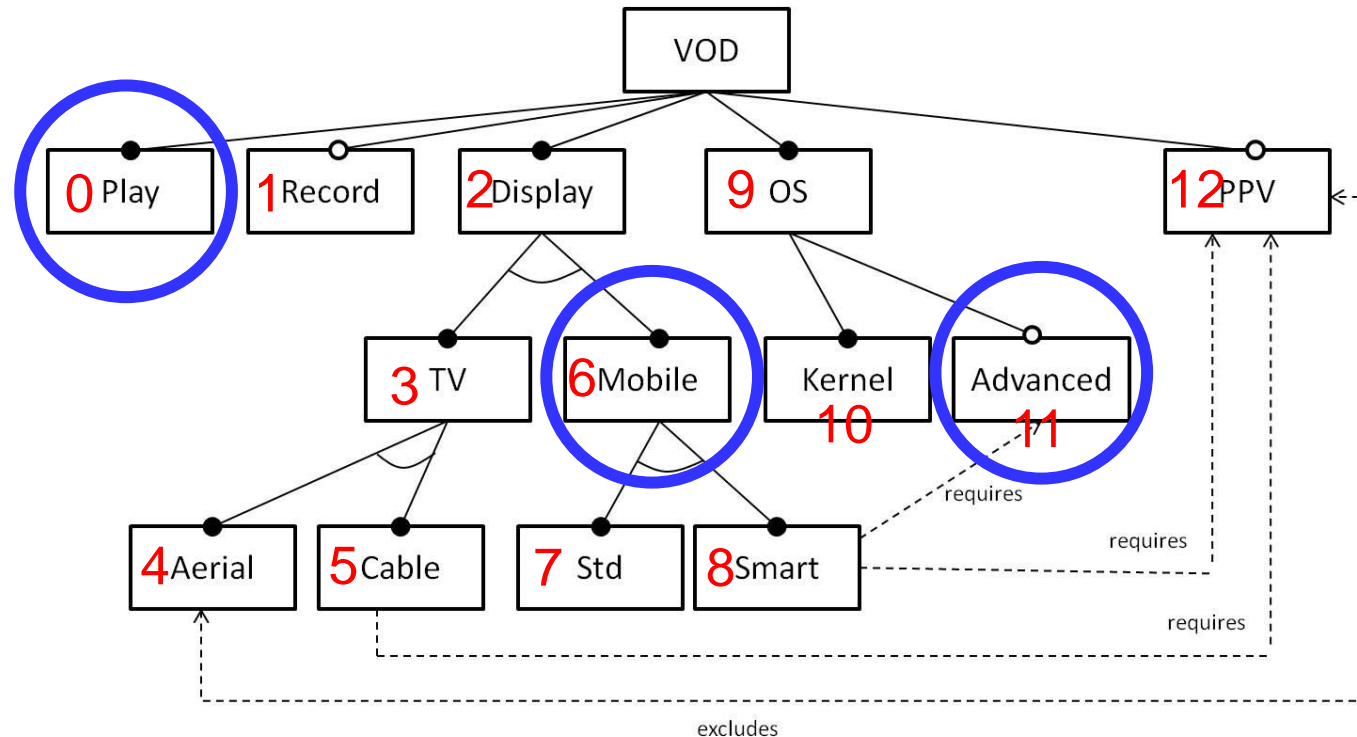
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- ▶ An ad hoc algorithm [WCRE11, FASE2013]
  - Provides *one* feature model solution with arbitrary feature hierarchy
- ▶ Search-based approach based on genetic algorithm [SBSE12]
  - Can provide more than one solution alternatives

# Feature Model Encoding (1)

- ▶ First part encodes the structure of the feature model
- ▶ Each chromosome is a tuple  $\langle PR, CN \rangle$ 
  - **PR** relation with parent
    - **M** – mandatory
    - **Op** – optional
    - **Alt** – alternative relation
    - **Or** – or relation
  - **CN** denotes the number of children
- ▶ A Depth-First Traversal determines the tuple order
  - Starting from the root of FM tree
  - The root is not encoded

# Structural Encoding Example

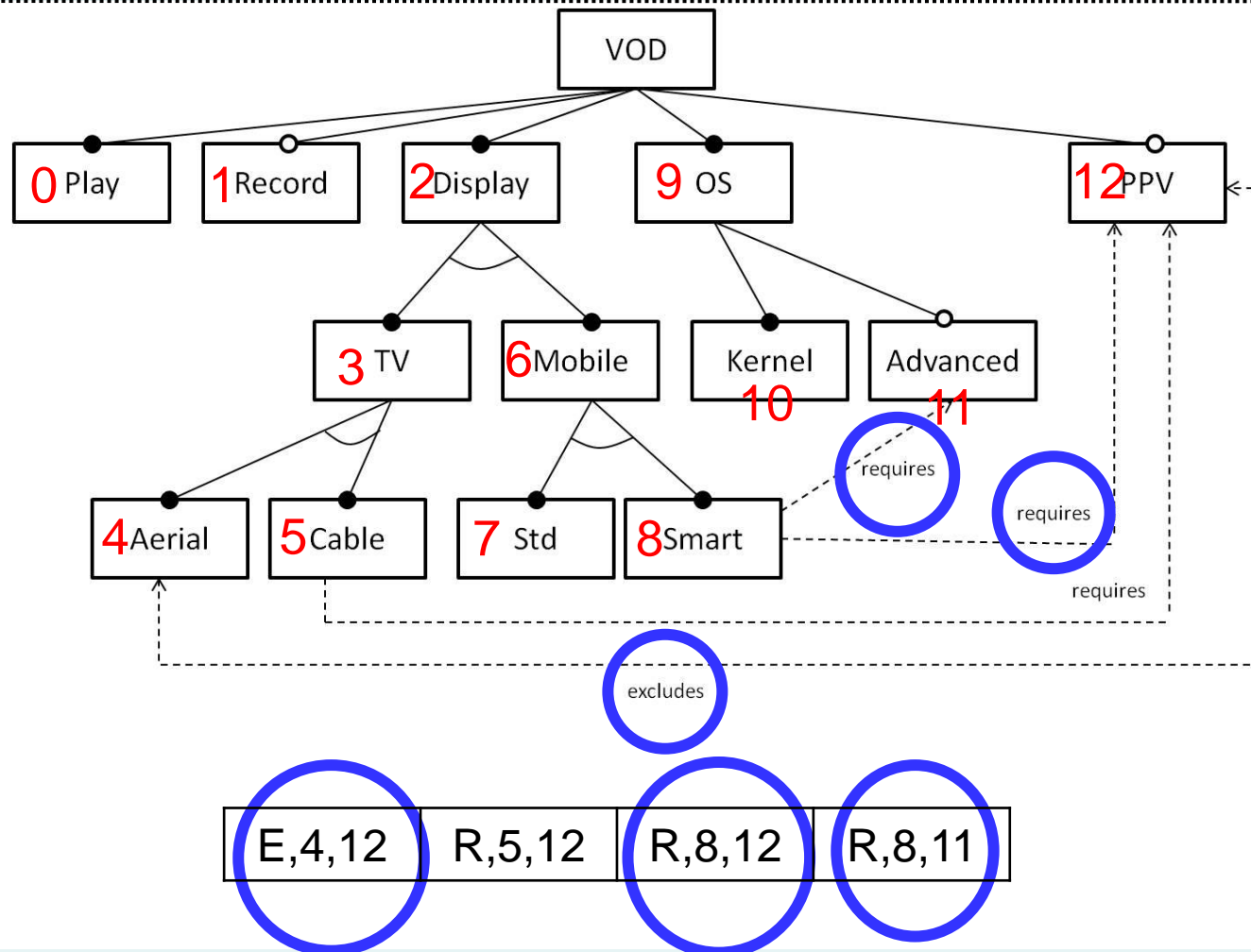


0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
M,0	Op,0	M,2	Alt,2	Alt,0	Alt,0	Alt,2	Alt,0	Alt,0	M,2	M,0	Op,0	Op,0

# Feature Model Encoding (2)

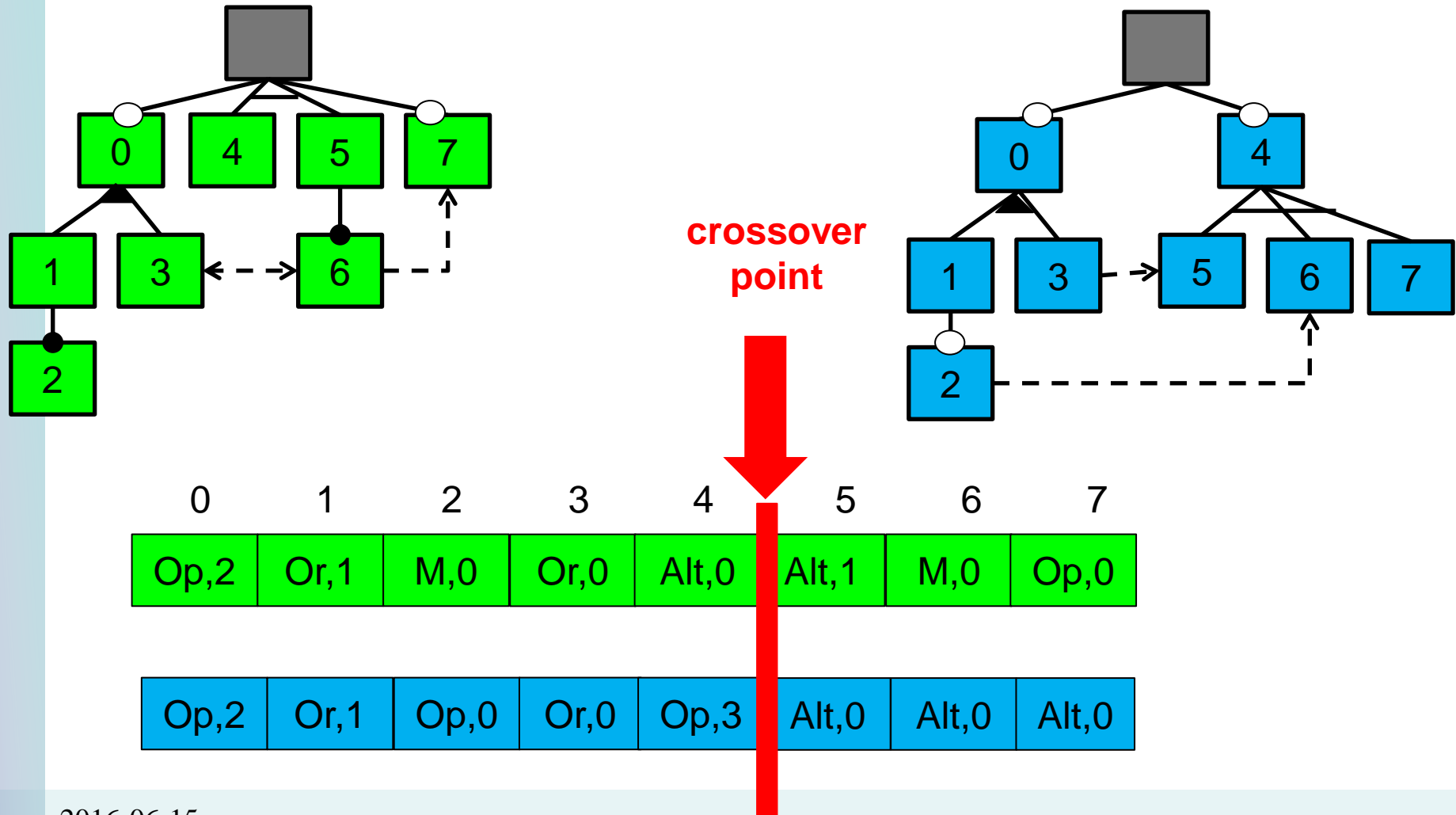
- ▶ Second part encodes the Cross-Tree Constraints
- ▶ Each chromosome is a tuple  $\langle TC, O, D \rangle$ 
  - **TC** – type of constraint
    - **R** – requires
    - **E** – excludes
  - **O** – origin feature denoted with DFT value
  - **D** – destination feature denoted with DFT value

# CTC Encoding Example



# Crossover — One point

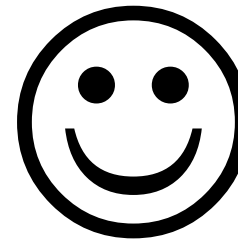
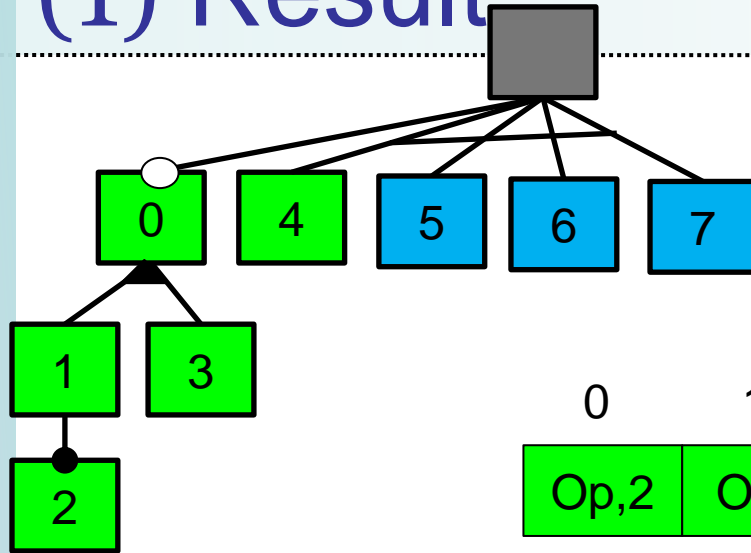
## (1) Feature Diagram



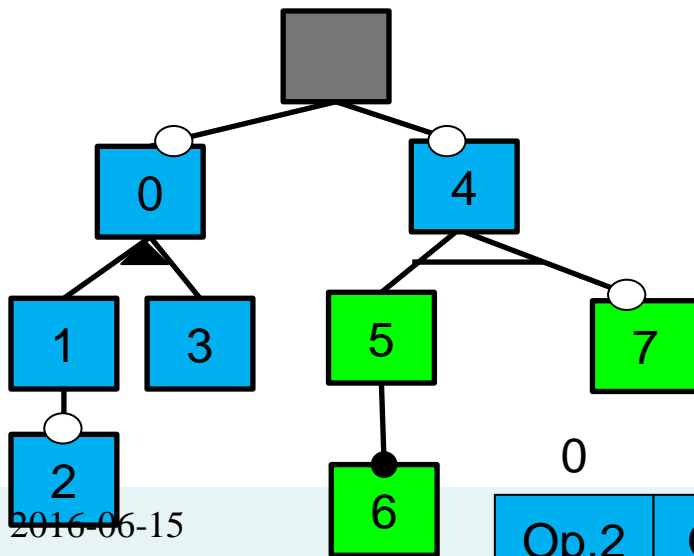


# Crossover — One point

## (1) Result



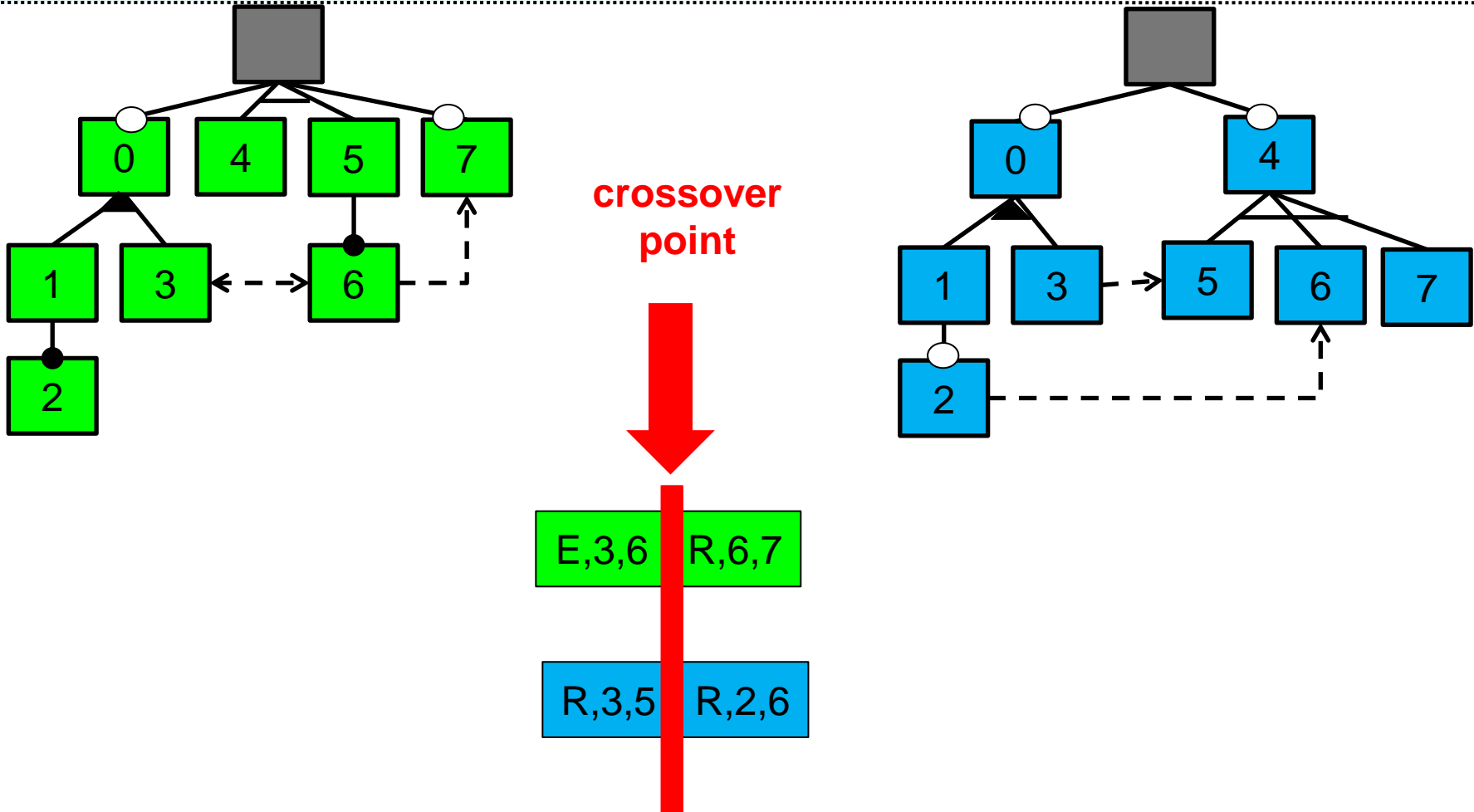
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Op,2	Or,1	M,0	Or,0	Alt,0	Alt,0	Alt,0	Alt,0



0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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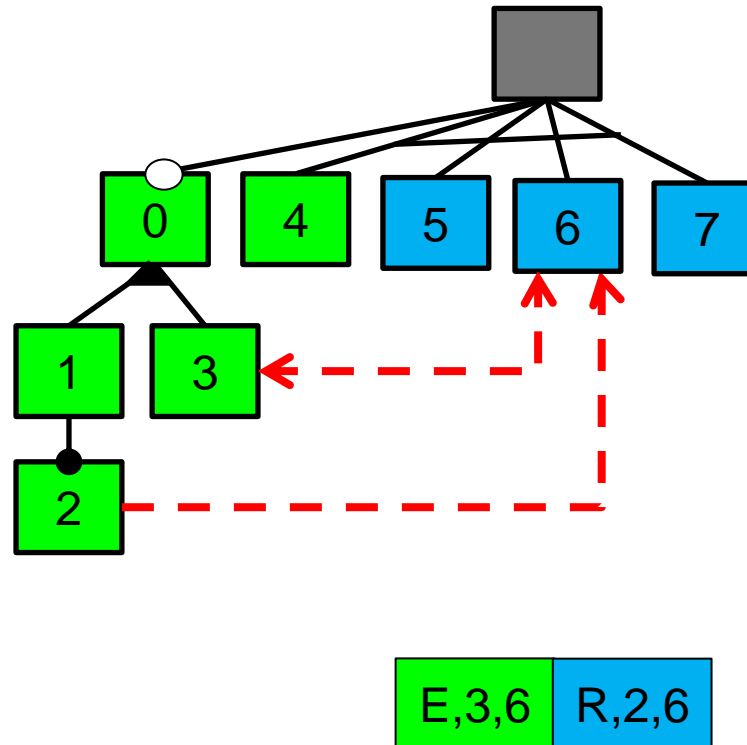
# Crossover — One point

## (2) Cross-Tree Constraints



# Crossover — One point

## (2) Result



# Mutation Operators

- ▶ Four operators applied with a configurable probability
  - **Operator 1.** Changes randomly a relation between two features from one kind to any other kind. For example, from mandatory (M) to optional (Op) or from Op to Alternative (Alt).
  - **Operator 2.** Changes the number of children CN, to a number selected from 0 to a maximum branching factor parameter set up.
  - **Operator 3.** Changes the type of cross-tree constraint, from excludes to requires and vice versa.
  - **Operator 4.** Changes either the origin or destination feature (with equal probability) of a cross-tree constraint.
- ▶ Validity checks
  - Identification and repair of infeasible feature models
  - E.g. A CTC does not have the same origin and destination values.

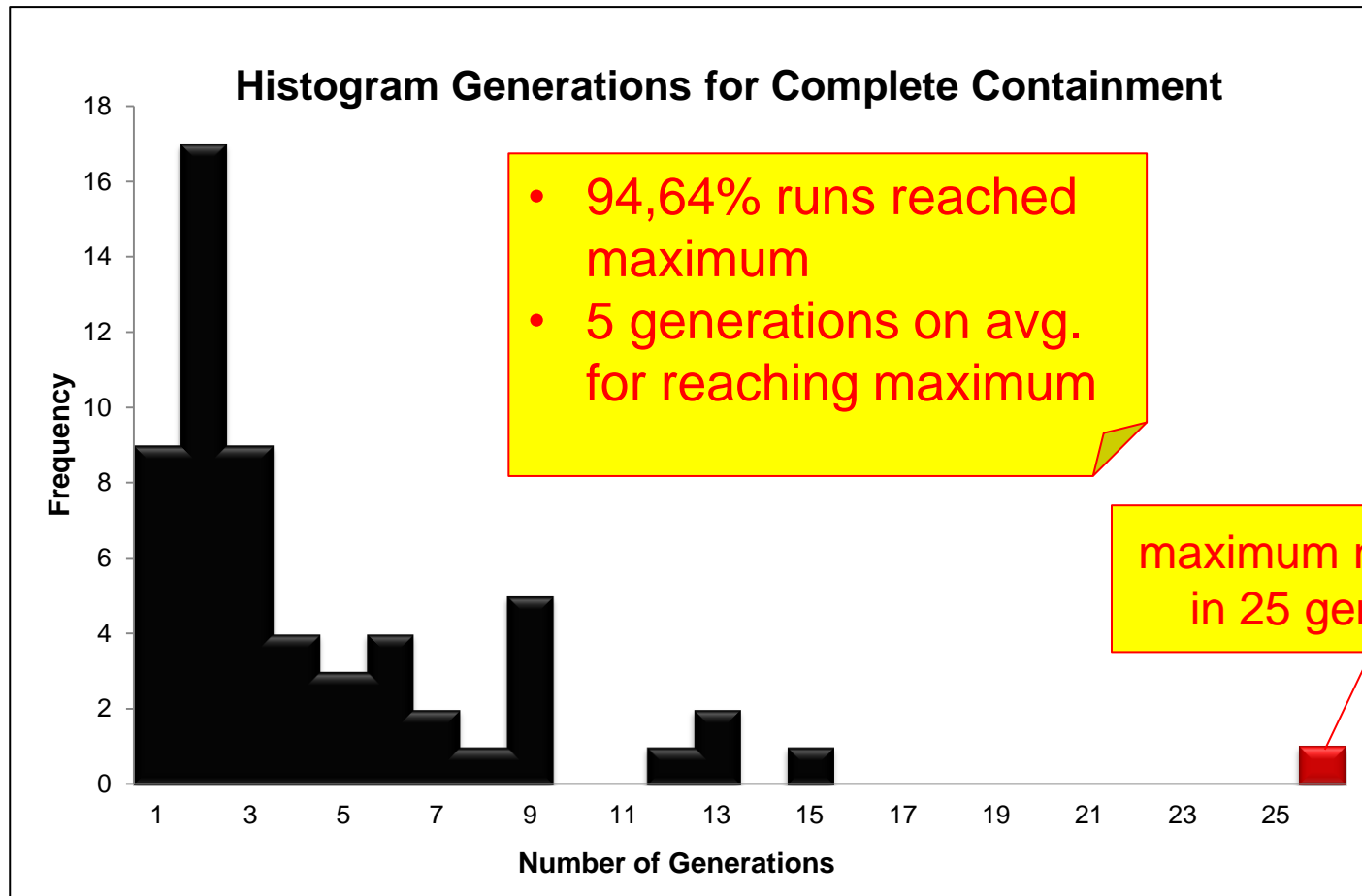
# Evaluation Overview

$$FFRelaxed(sfs, fm) = containedFSets(sfs, fm)$$

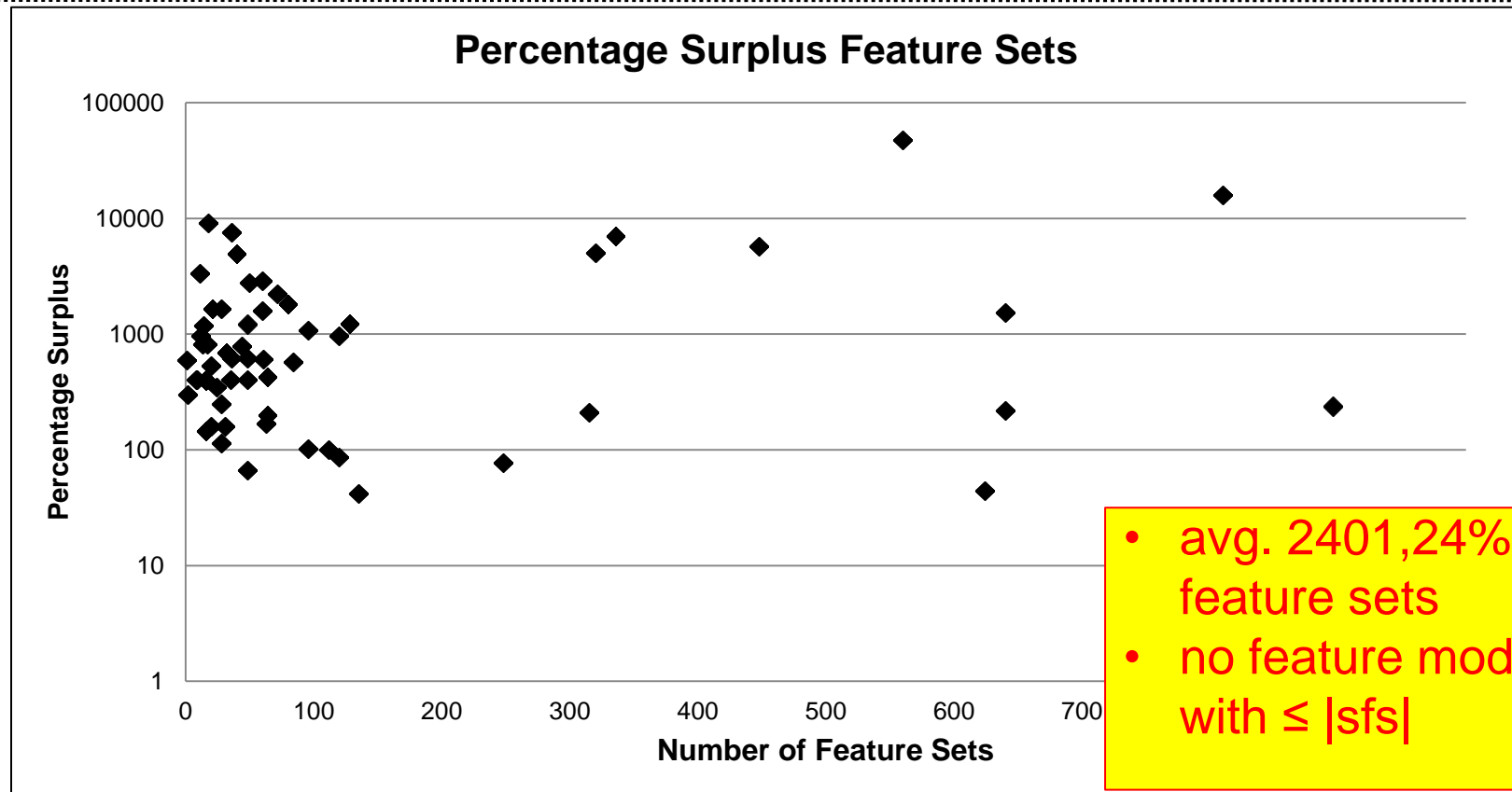
- ▶ Case studies
  - ▶ 59 feature models from SPLOT repository
  - ▶ No. products 1...896
  - ▶ No. features 9 ... 27
- ▶ Executions
  - ▶ 10 runs for each feature model
  - ▶ 16 cores at 2.40 GHz, 25GB RAM, Cent OS, Java 1.6

Parameter	Value
Selection strategy	Roulette-wheel
Crossover strategy	One-point
Crossover probability	0.7
Mutation probability	0.01
Initial population size	100
Infeasible individuals	Replace
Maximum generations	25

# FFRelaxed Results (1)



# FFRelaxed Results (2)



$$\text{Surplus}(sfs, fm) = \frac{\text{products}(fm) - |sfs|}{|sfs|} \times 100$$

# Open questions

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- ▶ Non-binary feature property combinations
  - Not only yes/no but other real values, e.g. non-functional properties
- ▶ Effective use of domain knowledge to structure the feature hierarchy
  - For example based on ontologies
- ▶ More expressive feature model representations and operators
  - Genetic programming, variability-aware operators



# **CHALLENGE 2. KNOW THE FAMILY MEMBERS WHEREABOUTS**

# Big Picture

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- ▶ Goal:
  - Compute traces between features and the realization artifacts
  
- ▶ Our contribution
  - Basic algorithm to incrementally trace features and feature interactions to artifact fragments [SPLC13]

# First Variant Example – V1 (LINE)

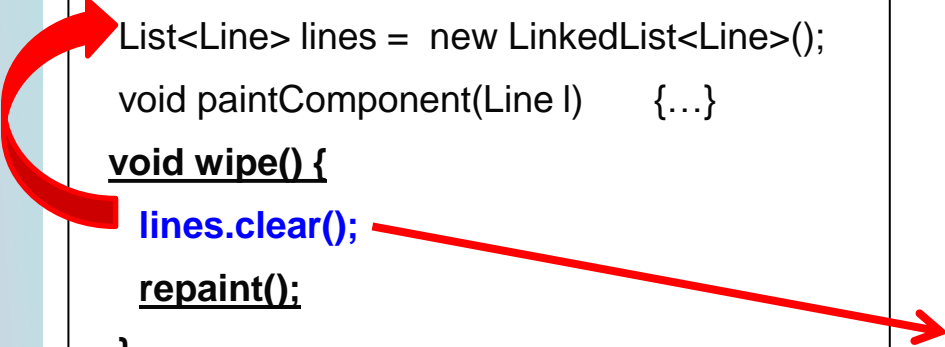
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class Line {  
    Point startPoint, endPoint;  
    Line(Point start) {...}  
    void paint(Graphics g) { ... }  
    void setEnd(Point end) {...}  
}  
  
class Canvas {  
    List<Line> lines = new LinkedList<Line>();  
    void paintComponent(Line l) { ... }  
}
```

	Variant V1
c1	Point Line.startPoint
c2	Point Line.endPoint
c3	Line.Line(Point)
c4	void Line.paint(Graphics)
c5	void Line.setEnd(Point)
c6	List Canvas.lines
c7	void Canvas.paintComponent(Line)

# Second Variant Example – V2 (LINE, WIPE)

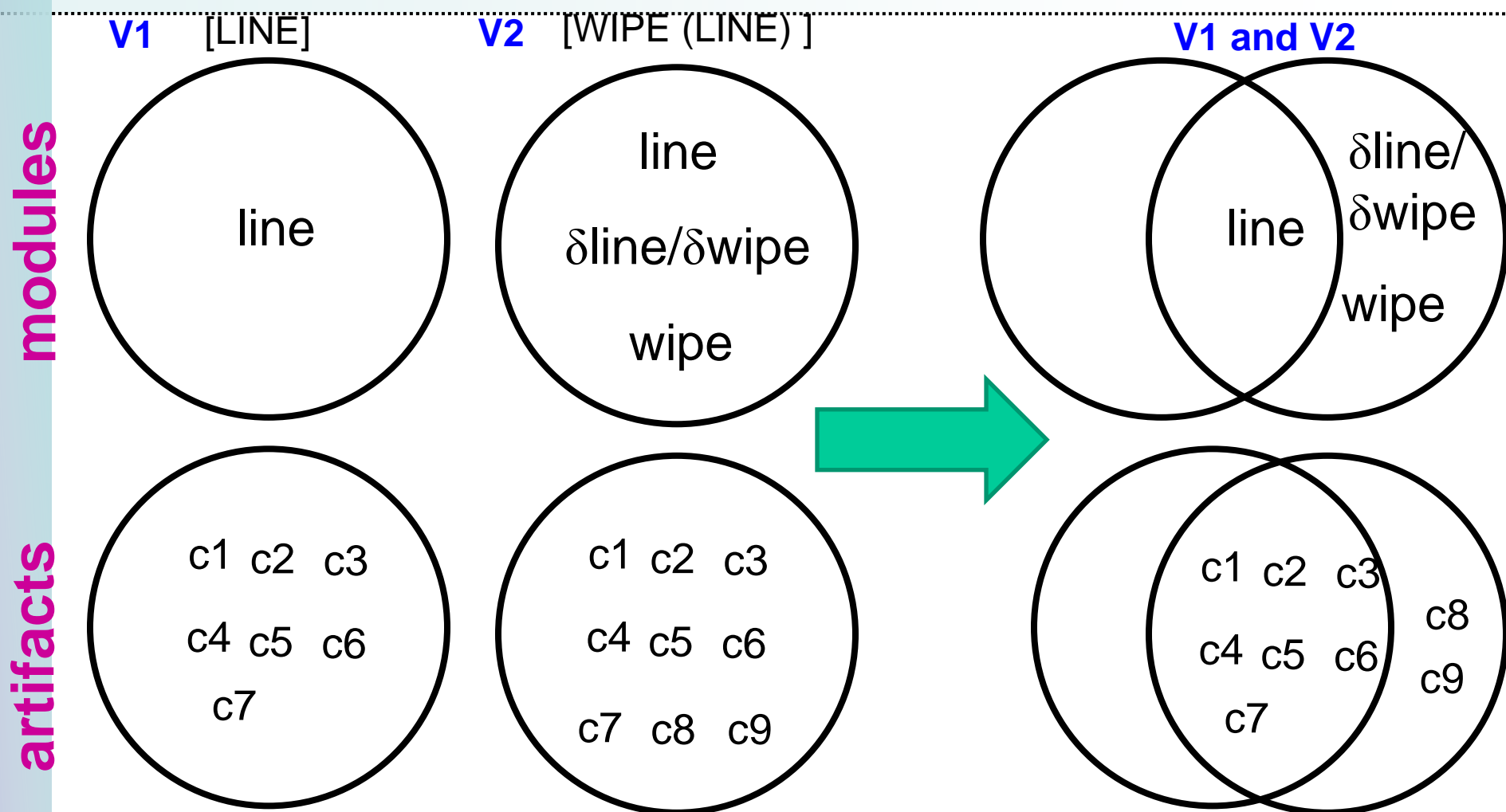
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    Point startPoint, endPoint;
    Line(Point start) {...}
    void paint(Graphics g) {...}
    void setEnd(Point end) {...}
}

class Canvas {
    List<Line> lines = new LinkedList<Line>();
    void paintComponent(Line l) {...}
    void wipe() {
        lines.clear();
    repaint();
    }
}
```



	Variant V2
c1	Point Line.startPoint
c2	Point Line.endPoint
c3	Line.Line(Point)
c4	void Line.paint(Graphics)
c5	void Line.setEnd(Point)
c6	List Canvas.lines
c7	void Canvas.paintComponent(Line)
c8	void Canvas.wipe()
c9	lines.clear()

# First Traceability Refinement



# Third Variant Example – V3 (RECT)

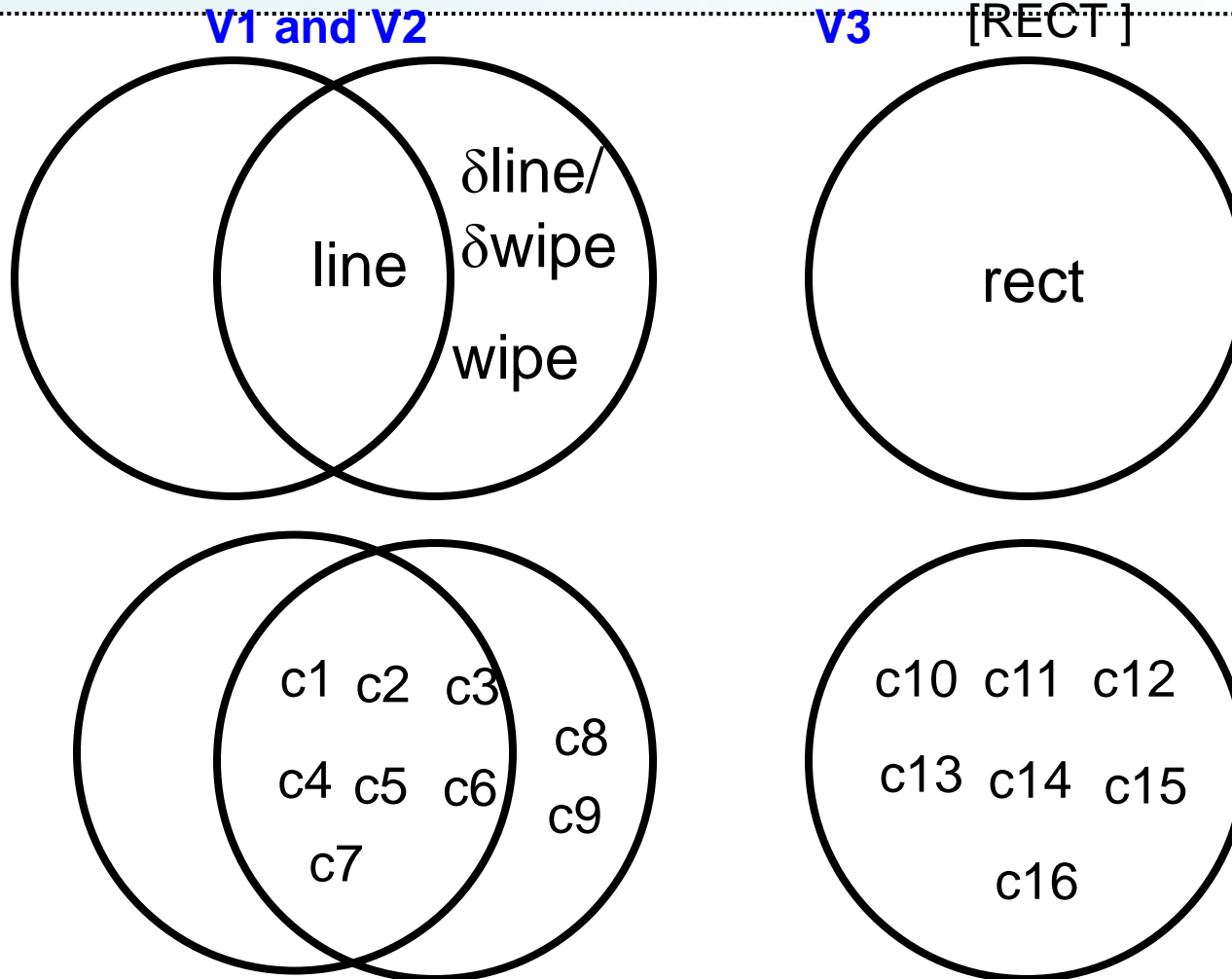
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class Rectangle {  
    Point upperPoint, lowerPoint;  
    Rectangle(Point x, Point y) { ... }  
    void paint(Graphics g) { ... }  
    void setEnd(Point x) { ... }  
}  
class Canvas {  
    List<Rectangle> rectangles = new  
    LinkedList<Rectangle>();  
    void paintComponent(Rectangle rect) { ... }  
}
```

	Variant V3
c10	Point Rectangle.upperPoint
c11	Point Rectangle.lowerPoint
c12	Rectangle.Rectangle(Point, Point)
c13	void Rectangle.paint(Graphics)
c14	void Rectangle.setEnd(Point)
c15	List Canvas.rectangles
c16	void Canvas.paintComponent(Rectangle)

# Second Traceability Refinement

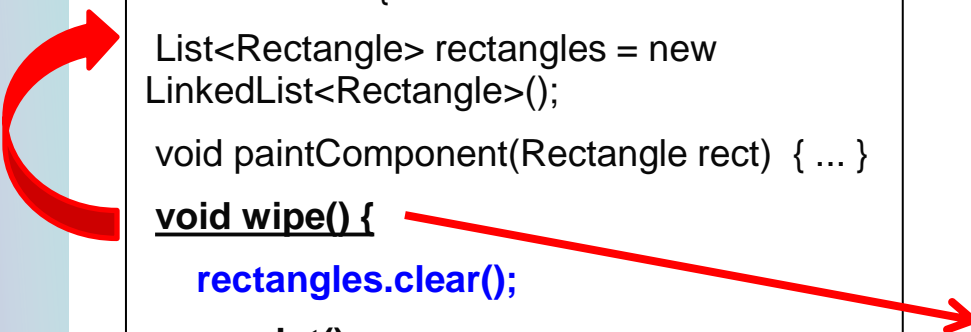
modules

artifacts



# Fourth Variant Example – V4 (RECT, WIPE)

```
class Rectangle {  
    Point upperPoint, lowerPoint;  
    Rectangle(Point x, Point y) { ... }  
    void paint(Graphics g) { ... }  
    void setEnd(Point x) { ... }  
}  
  
class Canvas {  
    List<Rectangle> rectangles = new  
    LinkedList<Rectangle>();  
    void paintComponent(Rectangle rect) { ... }  
    void wipe() {  
        rectangles.clear();  
        repaint();  
    }  
}
```

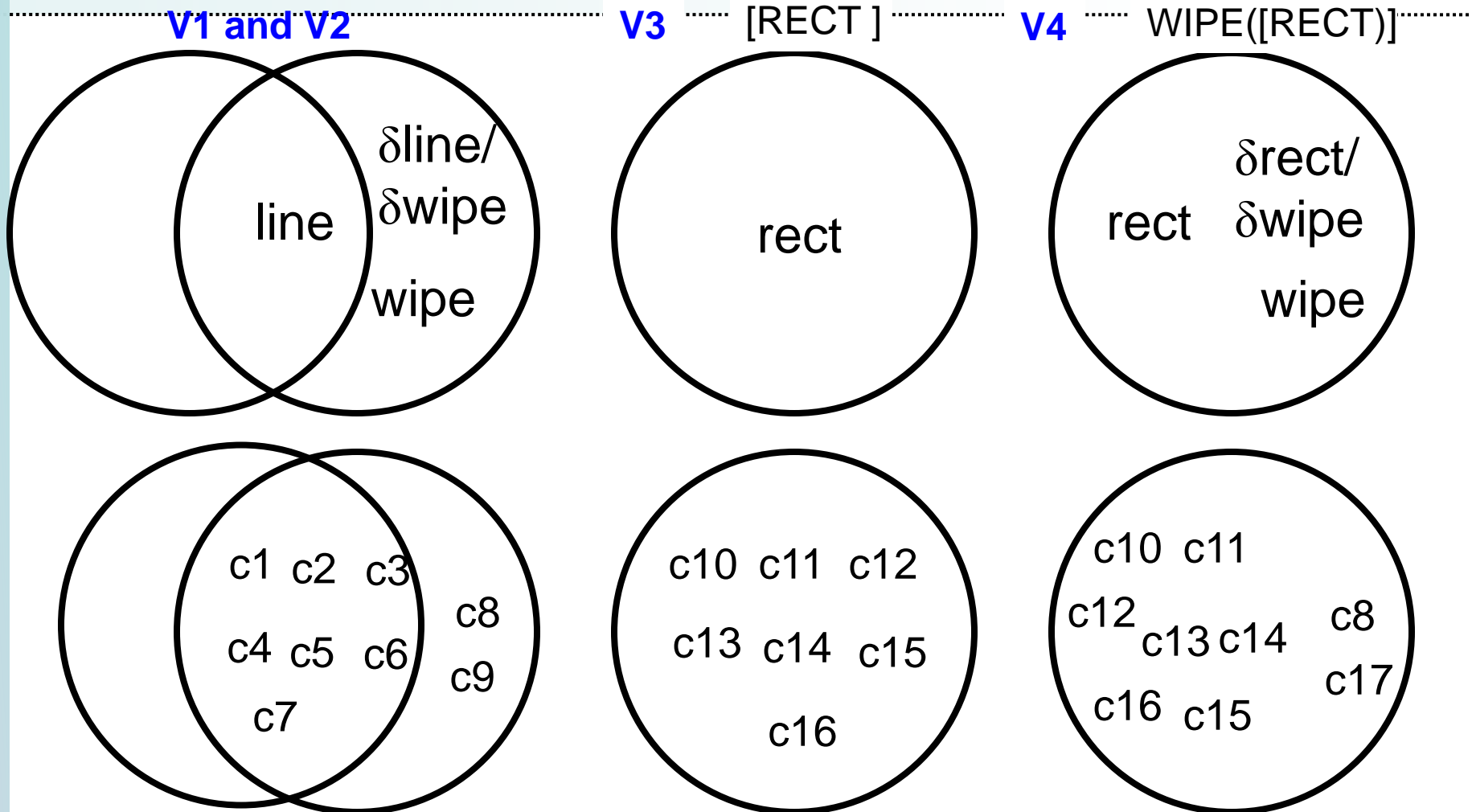


	Variant V4
c10	Point Rectangle.upperPoint
c11	Point Rectangle.lowerPoint
c12	Rectangle.Rectangle(Point, Point)
c13	void Rectangle.paint(Graphics)
c14	void Rectangle.setEnd(Point)
c15	List Canvas.rectangles
c16	void Canvas.paintComponent(Rectangle)
c8	void Canvas.wipe()
c17	rectangles.clear();

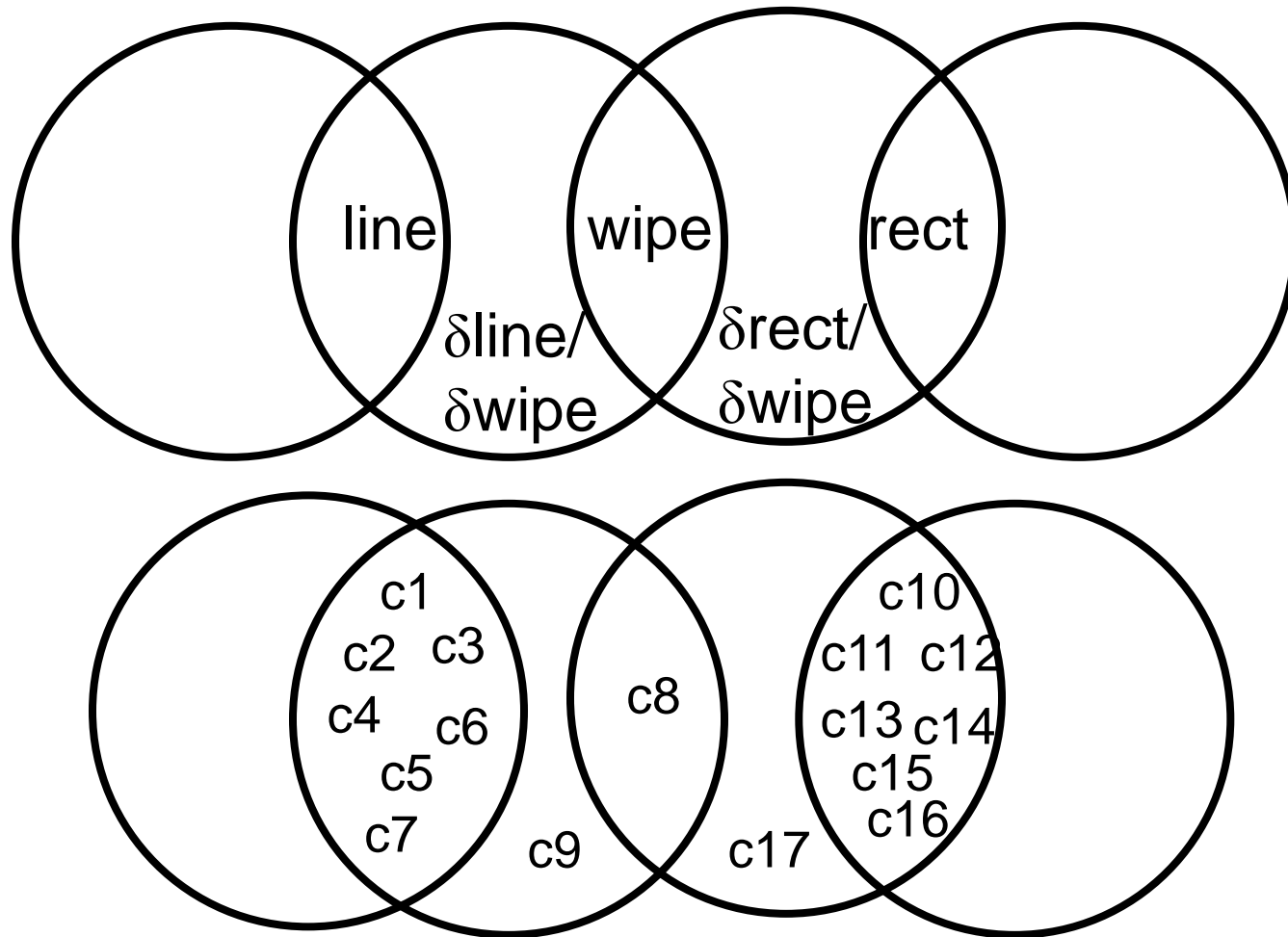


# Third Traceability Refinement (1)

modules  
artifacts



# Third Traceability Refinement (2)



# Evaluation Examples

	VOD	ArgoUML	MM
Mandatory Features	6	3	6
Optional Features	5	8	8
Number of Variants	32	256	7
Lines of Code	5.3K+	340K+	5K+
Classes	42	1915	50
Fields	392	4452	223
Methods	249	16676	422
Unique Code Pieces	641	21128	645
Correctness %	100	99.4	99.6

# Limitations

- Current evaluation
  - Based on synthesized variants from annotated programs
  - More „realistic“ and larger examples are being collected
- Coarse grain level – field, methods, basic interactions
  - Type 1 – clones
- Current implementation only for Java-based systems
  - Working on extensions for EMF-based representation
- Current algorithm does no exploit
  - Runtime information – execution traces
  - Development history
  - More advanced diffing and clone detection technologies

# **CHALLENGE 3. IDENTIFY BOUNDARIES AND ENFORCE THEM**

# Big Picture

► We want to answer the following questions:

1. How can we find if there is an error in a product?
  - For example, that we do not have references to non-existing elements?
2. What can we do if we find an error in a product?
  - Can we „fix“ it? How?

# Our contributions

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- ▶ Safe composition for multi-view models [ECMFA10, ICSR11]
  - Detection of inconsistency in models with variability
- ▶ Catalogue of Feature Oriented Refactoring patterns [SPLC11]
  - Patterns for moving code fragments across feature boundaries

# Safe Composition in MVM (1)

- ▶ **Multi-View Modeling (MVM)**
  - Common modeling practice
  - Use of multiple yet related views is advocated
  - Example: UML multiple views
- ▶ **Consistency checking**
  - Description and verification of semantic relationships among views
- ▶ **Challenge**
  - How to detect inconsistencies in MVM *with* variability?
- ▶ **Our approach**
  - **Safe composition** – programming languages
    - guarantee that *all* programs of a product line are type safe
  - *All models that can be composed in a product line are type safe*



# Safe Composition in MVM (2)



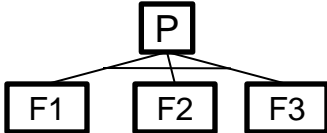
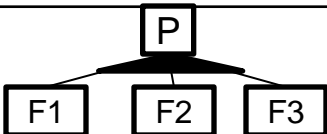
- ▶ Let  
 $PL_f$  domain constraints from the product line  
 $IMP_f$  an implementation constraint in MV models
- ▶ Using a SAT solver we can check if **one** propositional formula is satisfiable or not
- ▶ Our interest is verifying that **all** the product line members satisfy an implementation constraint

$$\neg ( PL_f \Rightarrow IMP_f )$$

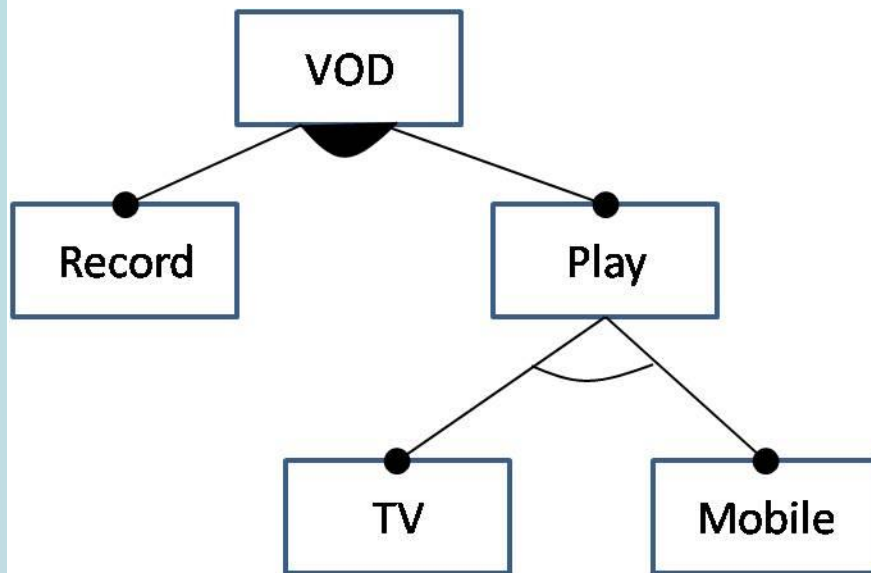
**Unsatisfiable** = there is no product that violates the constraint

**Satisfiable** = there is at least one product that violates the constraint

# Computing $PL_f$

Name	Diagram Notation	Propositional Logic
Mandatory		$P \Leftrightarrow C$
Optional		$C \Rightarrow P$
Alternative		$(F1 \Leftrightarrow (\neg F2 \wedge \neg F3 \wedge P)) \wedge$ $(F2 \Leftrightarrow (\neg F1 \wedge \neg F3 \wedge P)) \wedge$ $(F3 \Leftrightarrow (\neg F1 \wedge \neg F2 \wedge P))$
Or		$P \Leftrightarrow F1 \vee F2 \vee F3$
Requires	Cross feature arrow	$A \Rightarrow B$
Excludes	Cross feature arrow	$A \Rightarrow \neg B \equiv \neg(A \wedge B)$

# Example $PL_f$



$VOD \Leftrightarrow \text{true} \quad \wedge$

$VOD \Leftrightarrow \text{Record} \vee \text{Play} \quad \wedge$

$TV \Leftrightarrow \neg \text{Mobile} \wedge \text{Play} \quad \wedge$

$\text{Mobile} \Leftrightarrow \neg TV \wedge \text{Play}$

# How to compute $\text{IMP}_f$ ?

- ▶ In MVM consistency rules
  - Establish semantic relationships among elements
  - We regard them as implementation constraints
- ▶ We identified classes of rules depending on their consistency validation
- ▶ We create one  $\text{IMP}_f$  for each constraint instance that we need to check

# Requiring Rules

- ▶ Each constraint instance  $IMP_f$  is computed as follows

$$IMP_f \equiv F \Rightarrow \bigvee_{i=1..k} Freq_i$$

where

$F$  is the feature that requires another feature(s)

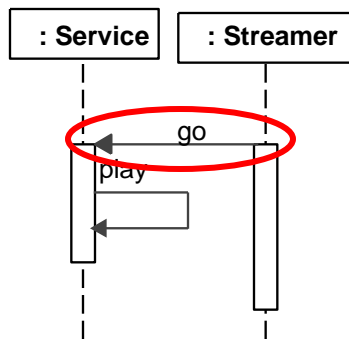
$Freq_i$  are the features that satisfy requirement of  $F$

- ▶ Considering  $PL_f$

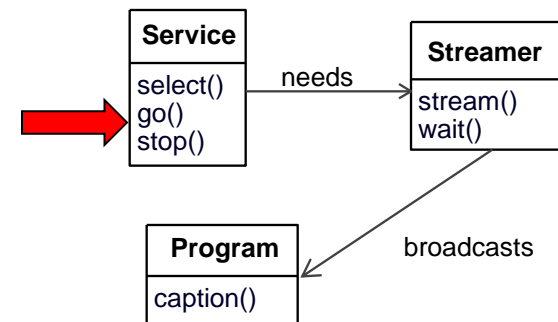
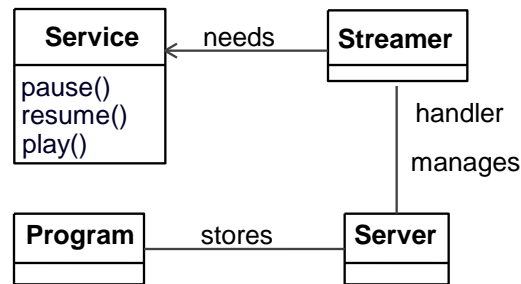
$$\neg(PL_f \Rightarrow IMP_f) \equiv PL_f \wedge F \bigwedge_{i=1..k} \neg Freq_i$$

# Requiring Rule Example

- R5. Message action must be defined as an operation in receiver's class



Feature Play



Feature VOD

$$\text{IMP}_f \equiv \text{Play} \Rightarrow \text{VOD}$$

$$\neg (\text{PL}_f \Rightarrow \text{IMP}_f) \rightarrow \text{SAT} \rightarrow \text{false} \quad \checkmark$$

VOD  $\Leftrightarrow$  true  $\wedge$

VOD  $\Leftrightarrow$  Record  $\vee$  Play  $\wedge$

TV  $\Leftrightarrow$   $\neg$ Mobile  $\wedge$  Play  $\wedge$

Mobile  $\Leftrightarrow$   $\neg$ TV  $\wedge$  Play

Variable assignments that yield true signal the faulty feature combinations

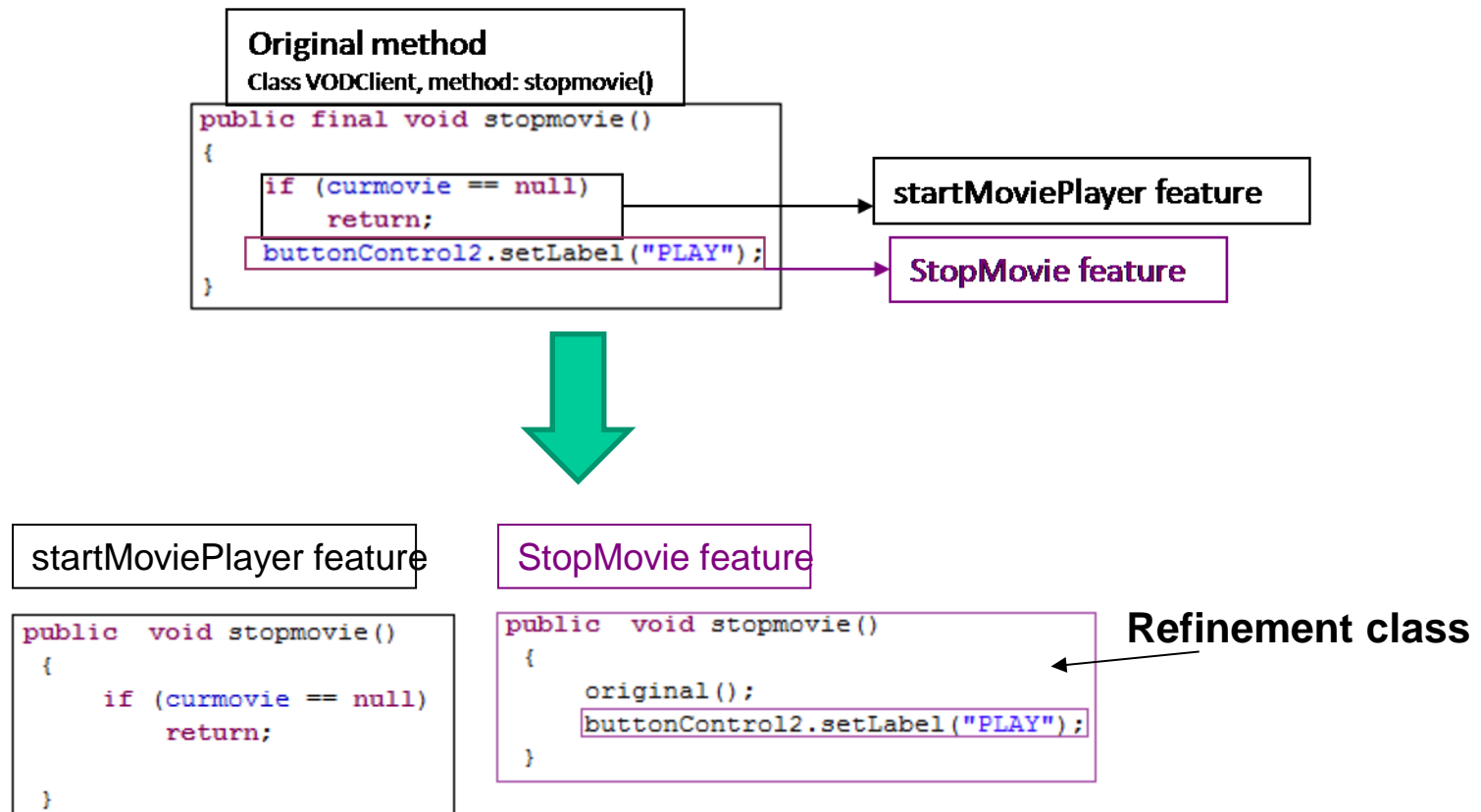
# Feature Oriented Refactoring Patterns

- ▶ We created two SPLs from two existing single programs by taking them apart into features
  - Starting with list of requirements, each describing a feature
  - Target features modularized with FOSD

Num.	Level	Name of refactoring
1	Method	<b>Addition at the end of the method</b>
2	Method	Addition anywhere with a hook method
3	Method	Addition at the beginning of the method
4	Method	Overwrite method
5	Method	Move entire method
6	Attribute	Move field
7	Attribute	Remove access declaration
8	Class	Move entire class

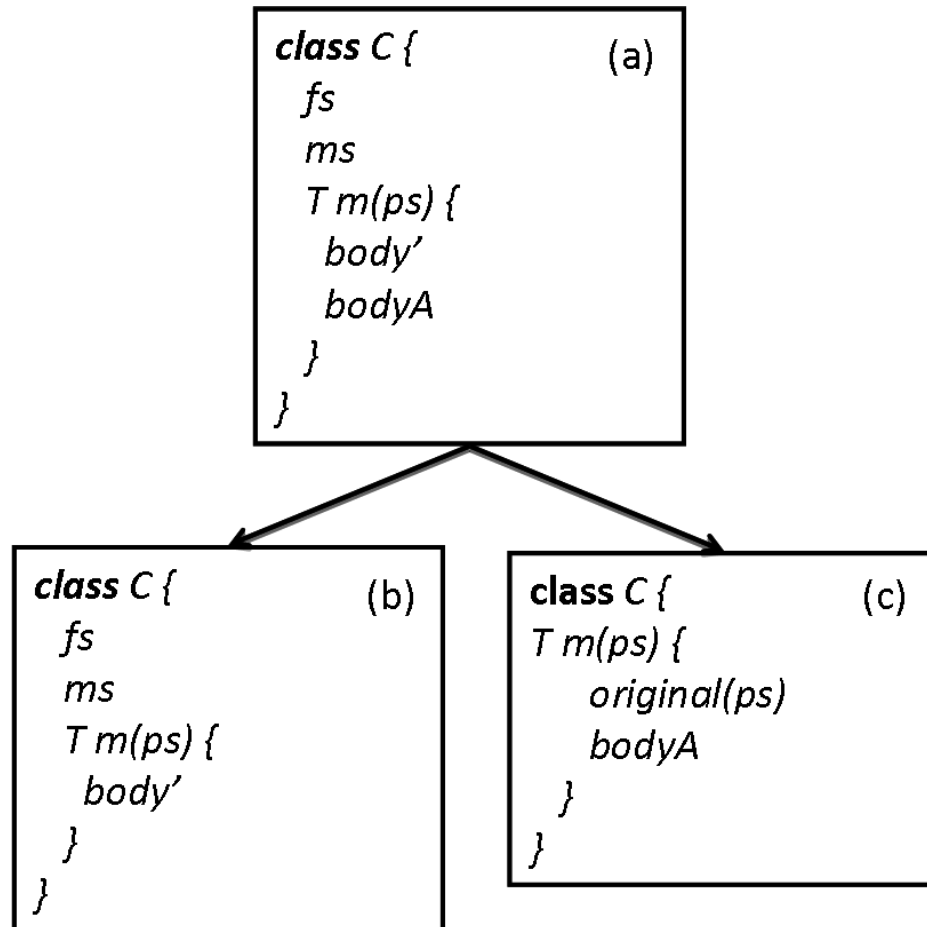
# Pattern Example

## ▸ Refactoring at end of the method





# Pattern Example Overview



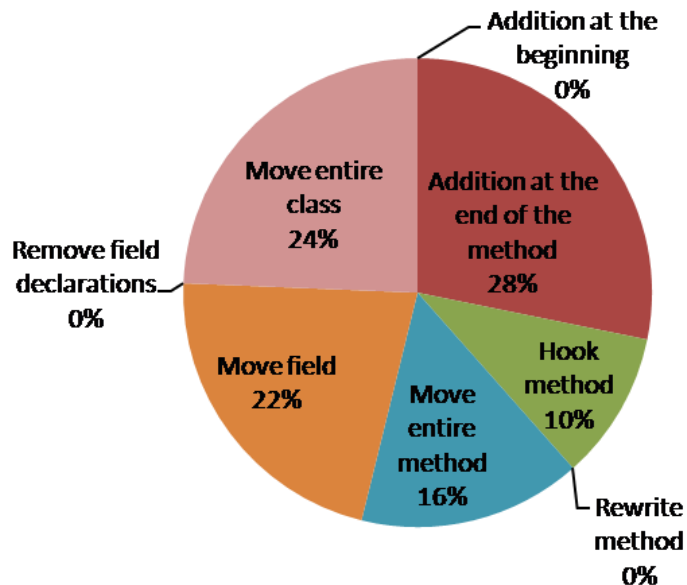
## Constraints

- bodyA cannot use variables defined by body'
- bodyA uses variable in ps if not modified by body'

# Summary of Case Studies

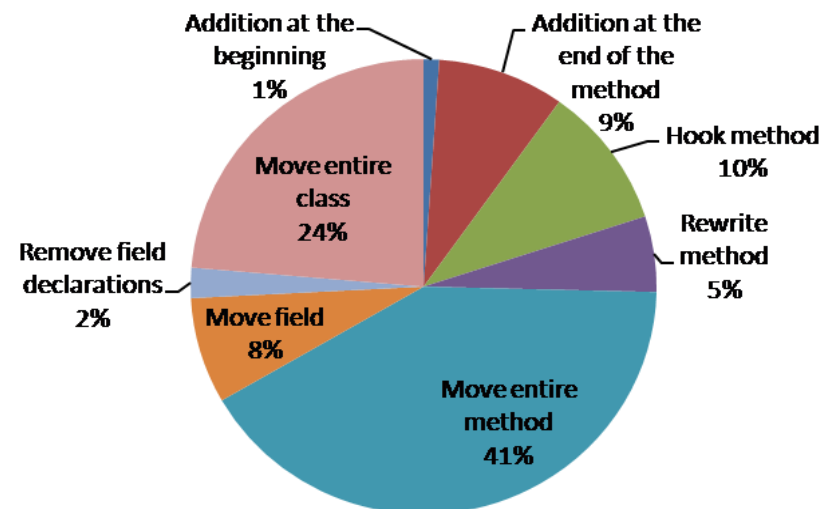
## VOD Player

- 3.6 KLOC, 15 features, 42 classes



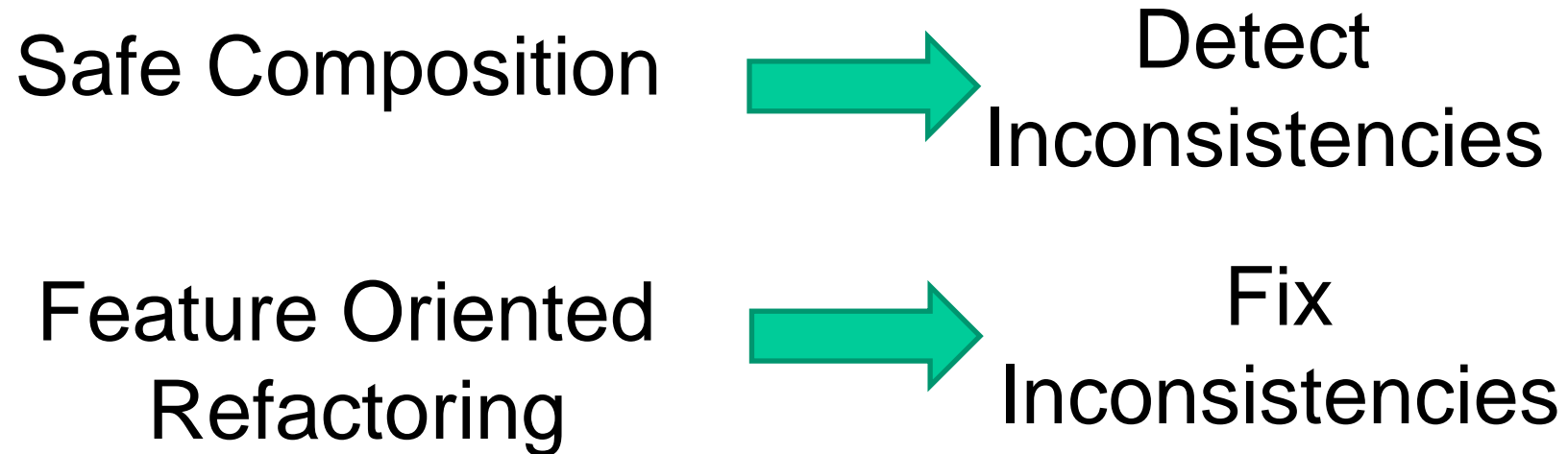
## Gantt Chart

- 41 KLOC, 16 features, 43 packages



# Making the connection with SBSE ...

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## Open Question:

**Can we leverage work from refactoring + SBSE?**

# **CHALLENGE 4.**

## **COPE WITH GROWING PAINS**

# Big Picture – Two Important Issues

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- ▶ Evolution scenarios
  - Features are added, deleted, or their relationships changed in a feature model
  - Realizing artifacts change – feature renovation
  - Challenge:
    - How to cope with the co-evolution of variability and its realization?
- ▶ Maintenance activities
  - Software Testing

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