

# Managing Feature Models

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# Learning Feature Models with



(a.k.a implementing the introductory  
example)

# FAMILIAR

(FeAture Model script Language for manipulation and Automatic Reasoning)

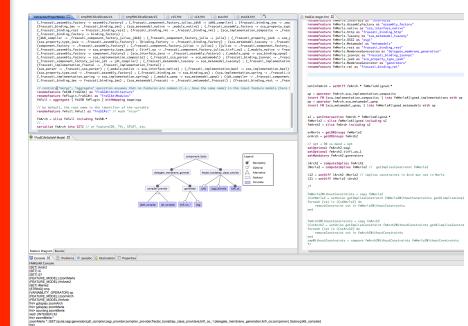
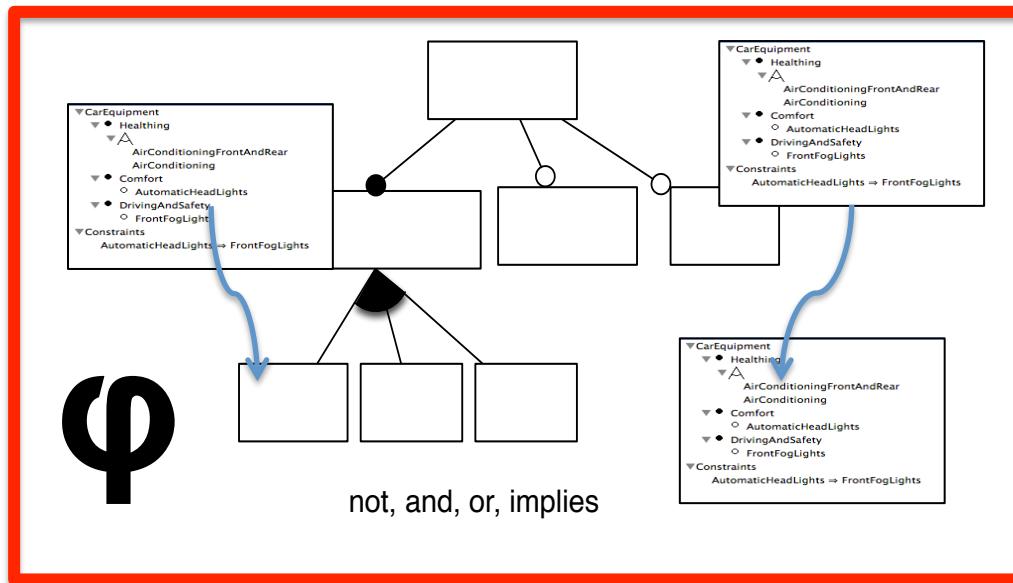
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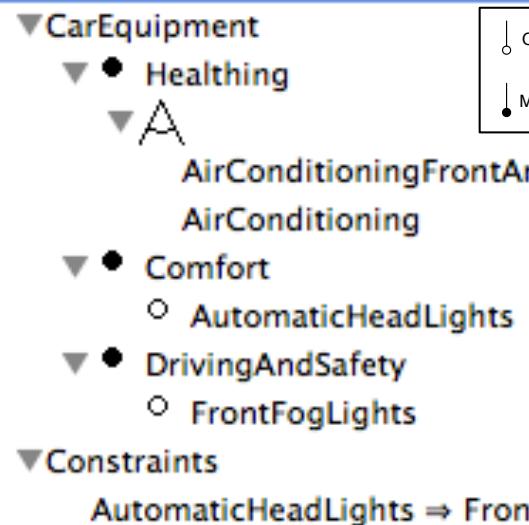


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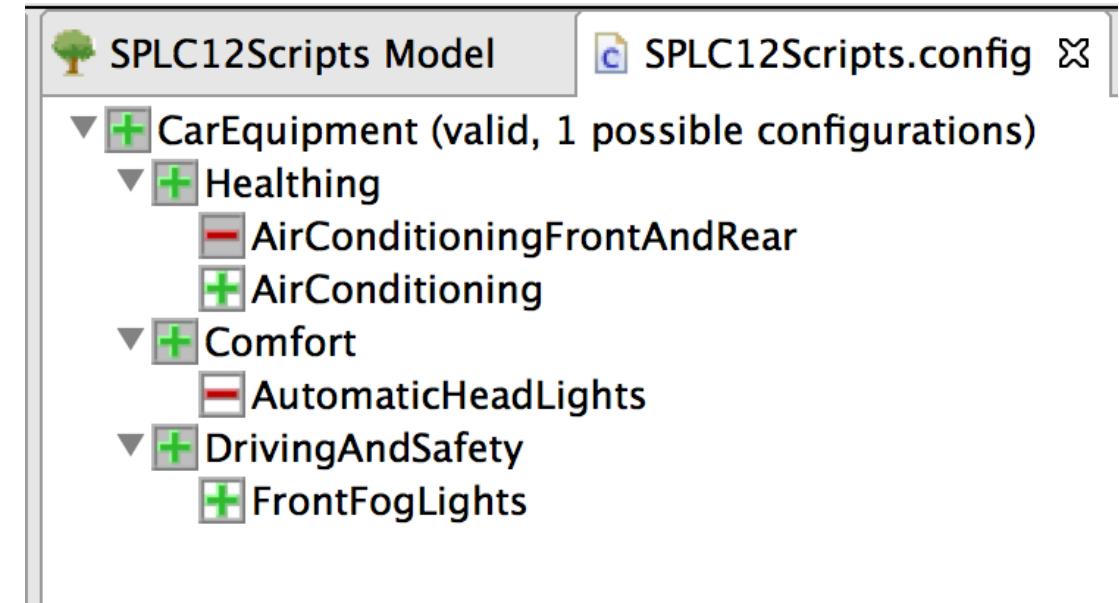
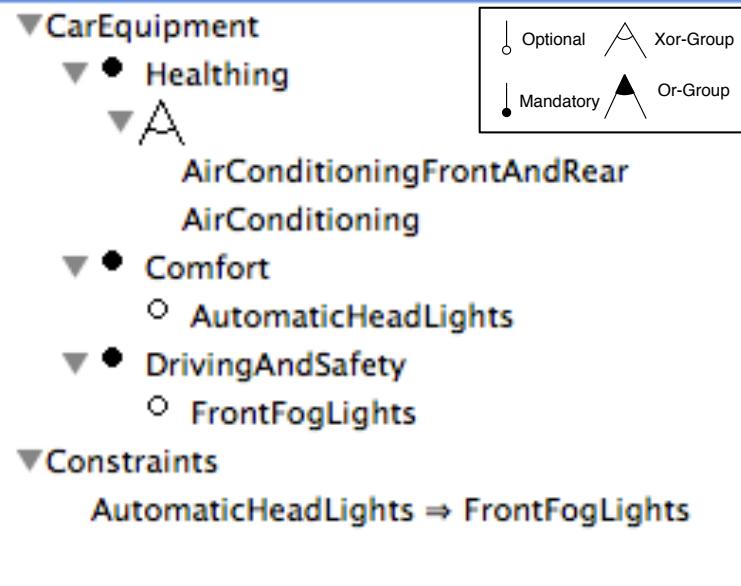
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                         DrivingAndSafety : [FrontFogLights] ; // optional
                         Comfort : [AutomaticHeadLights] ; // optional
                         // cross-tree constraints
                         AutomaticHeadLights -> FrontFogLights ; )

```

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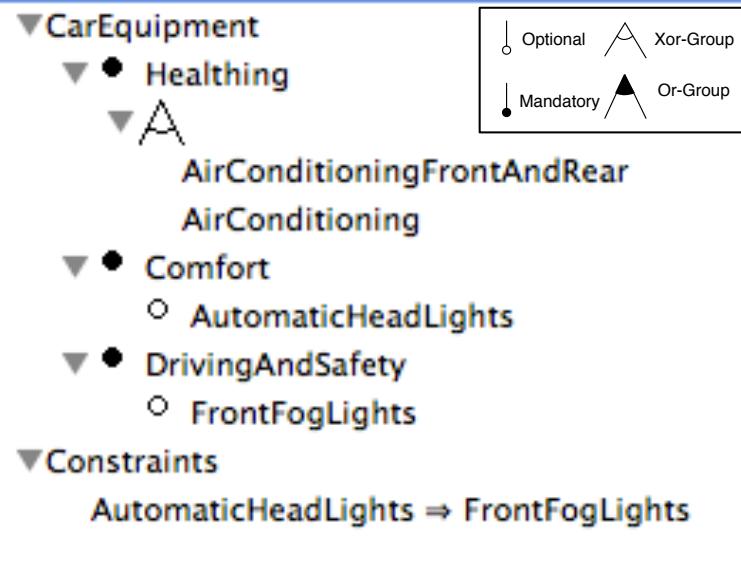
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FAMILIAR (for FeAture Model scrIpt Language for manIpulation and Automatic Reasoning) version 1.1 (beta)
http://familiar-project.github.com/
fml> ls
(FEATURE_MODEL) fmCarEquipment
fml>

```

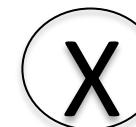


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                      // cross-tree constraints
                      AutomaticHeadLights -> FrontFogLights ; )
```

```
fml> c1 = configuration fmlCarEquipment
c1: (CONFIGURATION) selected: [Healthing, CarEquipment, DrivingAndSafety, Comfort]           deselected: []
fml> select AirConditioning FrontFogLights in c1
res2: (BOOLEAN) true
fml> deselect AutomaticHeadLights in c1
res3: (BOOLEAN) true
fml> selectedF c1
res4: (SET) {Comfort;CarEquipment;Healthing;AirConditioning;DrivingAndSafety;FrontFogLights}
```



{CarEquipment, Comfort,  
DrivingAndSafety,  
Healthing}



{AirConditioning, FrontFogLights}  
 {AutomaticHeadLights, AirConditioning,  
FrontFogLights}  
 {AutomaticHeadLights, FrontFogLights,  
AirConditioningFrontAndRear}  
 {AirConditioningFrontAndRear}  
 {AirConditioning}  
 {AirConditioningFrontAndRear, FrontFogLights}

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```

```
fml> co = cores fmCarEquipment
co: (SET) {CarEquipment;Healthing;DrivingAndSafety;Comfort}
fml> fmCarEquipment.* 
res6: (SET) {DrivingAndSafety;AirConditioningFrontAndRear;Comfort;Healthing;FrontFogLights;AirConditioning;AutomaticHeadLights;CarEquipment}
fml> setDiff fmCarEquipment.* co
res7: (SET) {AutomaticHeadLights;FrontFogLights;AirConditioning;AirConditioningFrontAndRear}
fml>
res1: (DOUBLE) 6.0
```

```
// carEquipTuto.fml
fmCarEquipment = FM ("carEquip.fxml")

c1 = configuration fmCarEquipment
select AirConditioning FrontFogLights in c1
deselect AutomaticHeadLights in c1
s0 = selectedF c1

s1 = configs fmCarEquipment // configuration set
n1 = size s1
n2 = counting fmCarEquipment // efficient way, se
assert (n2 eq n1)

co = cores fmCarEquipment // features necessarily
vp = setDiff fmCarEquipment.* co
//
```



Much more than that!

Let us have a deeper look

# FAMILIAR

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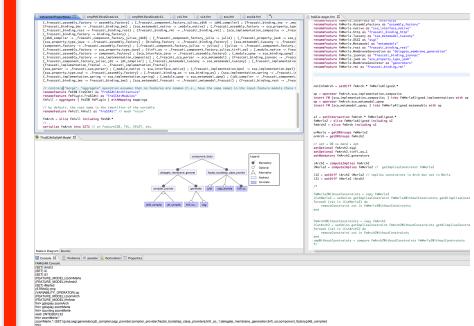
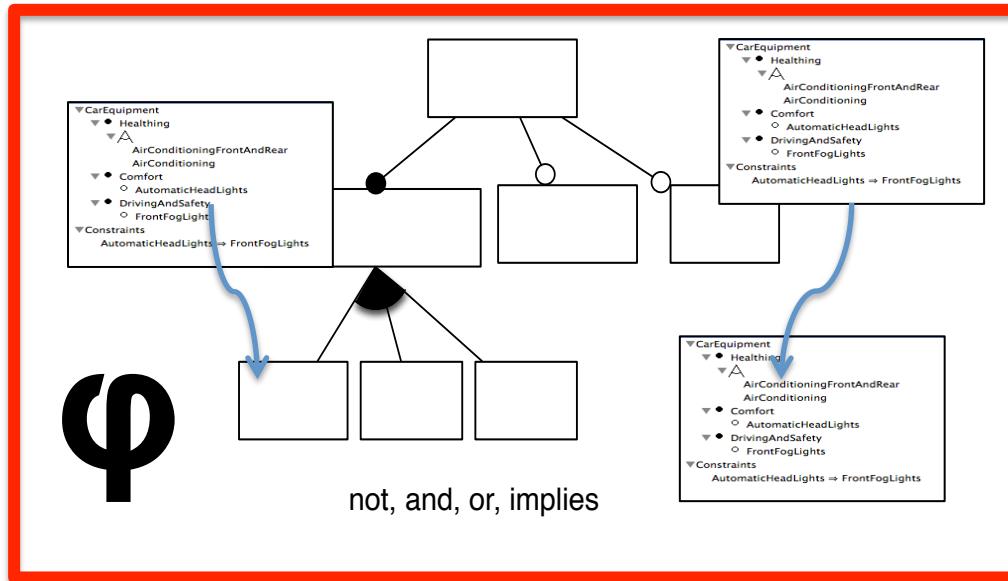
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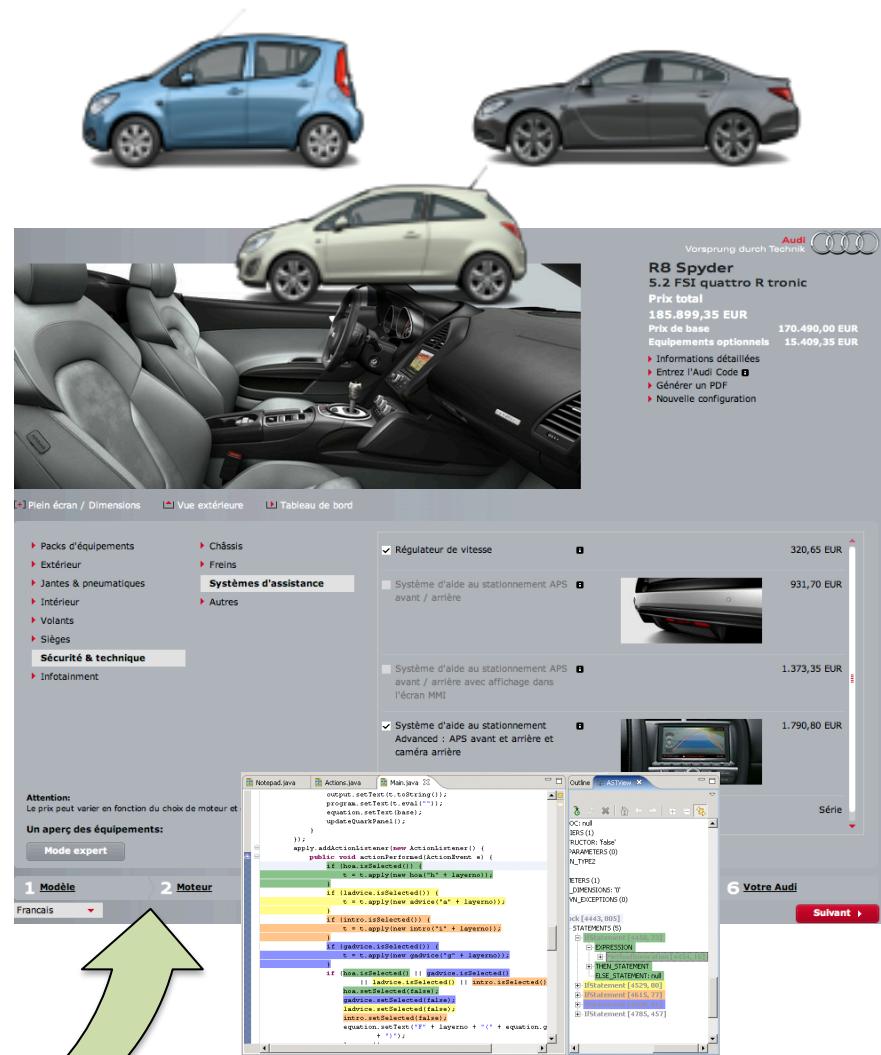
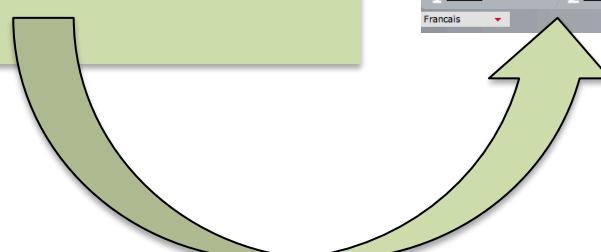


importing, exporting, composing, decomposing, editing, configuring,  
reverse engineering, computing "diffs", refactoring, testing,  
and reasoning about (multiple) variability models

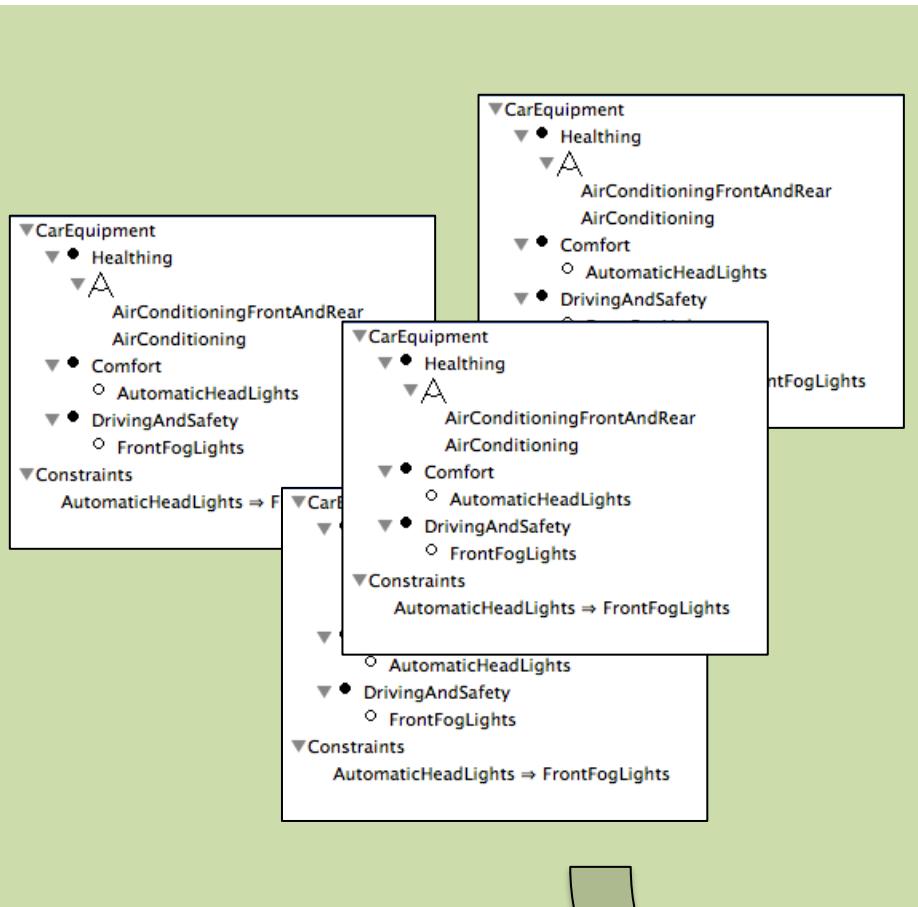
# #1 Automated Analysis

The diagram shows a UML Class Diagram with the following elements:

- CarEquipment** (Class):
  - Healthing** (Attribute):
    - A** (Value)
    - AirConditioningFrontAndRear**
    - AirConditioning**
  - Comfort** (Attribute):
    - AutomaticHeadLights**
  - DrivingAndSafety** (Attribute):
    - FrontFogLights**
- Constraints**:
  - AutomaticHeadLights**  $\Rightarrow$  **FrontFogLights**

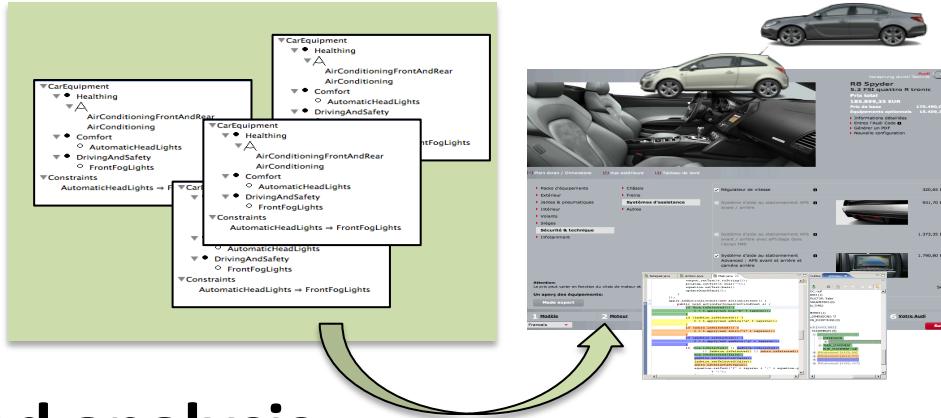


# #2 Multiple Feature Models





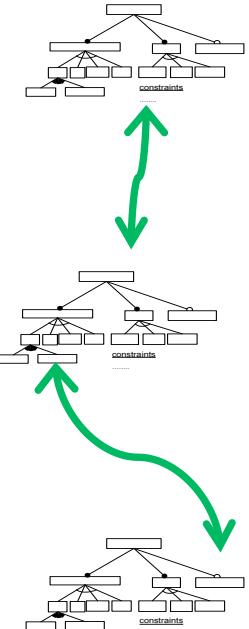
# Two Key Requirements



- **#1 Automated analysis**
  - Aka support to better understand and play with your feature model (TVL model)

Automated analysis of feature models 20 years later:  
A literature review<sup>☆</sup>

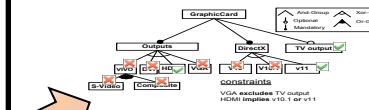
David Benavides \*, Sergio Segura, Antonio Ruiz-Cortés
- **#2 Managing multiple feature models**
  - Composing / Decomposing / Diff and Reasoning about their relationships
  - Combining these operators



Interoperability

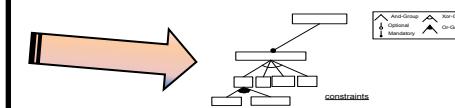
```
// foo.fml
fm1 = FM ("foo1.tvl")
fm2 = FM ("foo2.m")
fm3 = merge intersection { fm1 fm2 }
c3 = counting fm3
renameFeature fm3.TV as "OutputTV"
fm5 = aggregate { fm3 FM ("foo4.xml") }
assert (isValid fm5)
fm6 = slice fm5 including fm5.TV.*
export fm6
```

Language facilities

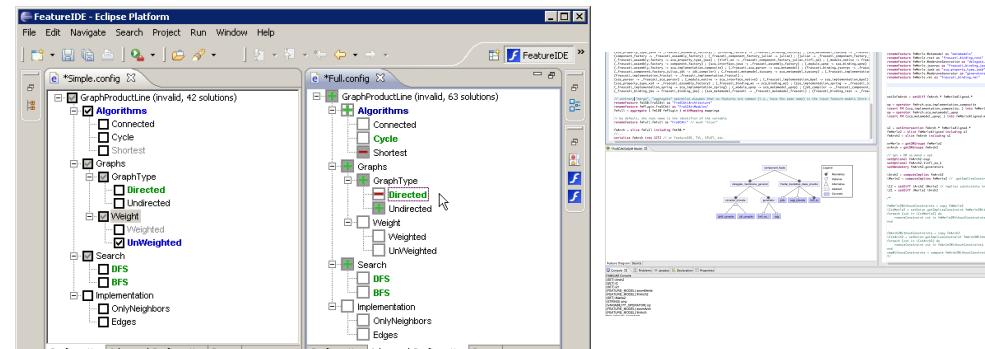


VGA excludes TV output  
HDMI implies v10.1 or v11

True/False  
8759  
"OutputTV", "TV"



Environment



```
fm1 = FM("foo.tvl")
fm2 = FM ("foo.m")
fm3 = FM ("foo.xmi")
fm4 = FM (A : B ....)
```

## Interoperability

serialize fm4 into SPLOT  
serialize fm1 into featureide

isValid  
compare

counting

configs

cores

deads

configuration

select  
deselect  
asFM

merge  
diff  
intersection  
sunion

insert

aggregate  
extract

map  
unmap  
slicing

renameFeature  
removeFeature  
accessors  
copy

setOptional  
setMandatory  
setAlternatives  
setOr

fm1.\*    fm1.B  
iterator/conditional  
assertion

## Editing

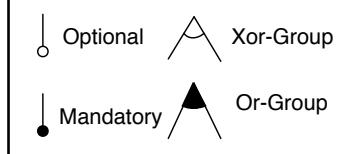
modular mechanisms

restricted set of types

## Language Facilities

helloworld.fml

# Hello World



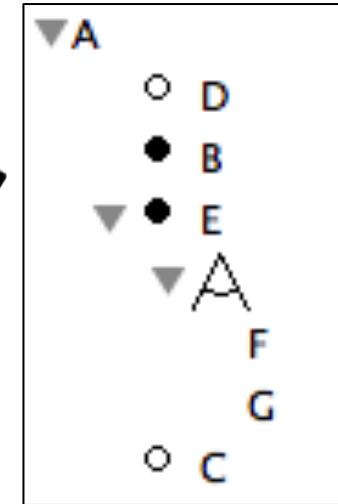
```
fml = FM ("foo1.tvl")
```

```
s = "hello world"
```

```
c = counting fml
```

```
n = size fml.*
```

```
println s
```



```
MacBook-Pro-de-Mathieu-2:FXML-scripts macher$ java -jar -Xmx1024M ../FML-0.9.9.6.jar helloworld.fml
hello world
```

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fml> ls

(DOUBLE) c

(FEATURE\_MODEL) fml

(INTEGER) n

(STRING) s

fml> █

# Typed language

- Domain-specific types
    - Feature Model,
    - Configuration,
    - Feature,
    - Constraint
  - Other types include
    - Set
    - String
    - Boolean,
    - Enum,
    - Integer and Real.
  - A set of operations, called **operators**, are defined for a given type.
- ```

fm1 = FM ("fool.tvl")
ft1 = root fm1
ft2 = fm1.B
fts = fm1.*
n = size fts
n2 = cores fm1

cf = configuration fm1
select B in cf
deselect C in cf

cst1 = constraint (B -> !C)
addConstraint cst1 to fm1

```

# Typed language

```
fm1 = FM ("foo1.tvl")
```

```
ft1 = root fm1
```

```
ft2 = fm1.B
```

```
fts = fm1.*
```

```
n = size fts
```

```
n2 = cores fm1
```

```
cf = configuration fm1
```

```
select B in cf
```

```
deselect C in cf
```

```
cst1 = constraint (B -> !C)
```

```
addConstraint cst1 to fm1
```

```
fml> ls
(FEATURE_MODEL) fm1
(SET) fts
(FEATURE) ft2
(CONSTRAINT) cst1
(INTEGER) n
(CONFIGURATION) cf
(SET) n2
(FEATURE) ft1
```

# Typed language

```

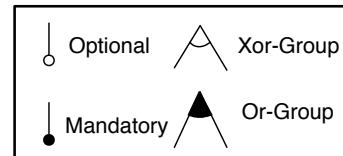
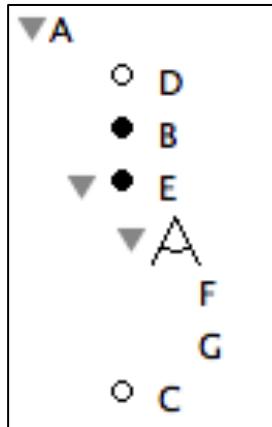
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ft1 = root fml1
ft2 = fml1.B
fts = fml1.*
n = size fts
n2 = cores fml1

cf = configuration fml1
select B in cf
deselect C in cf

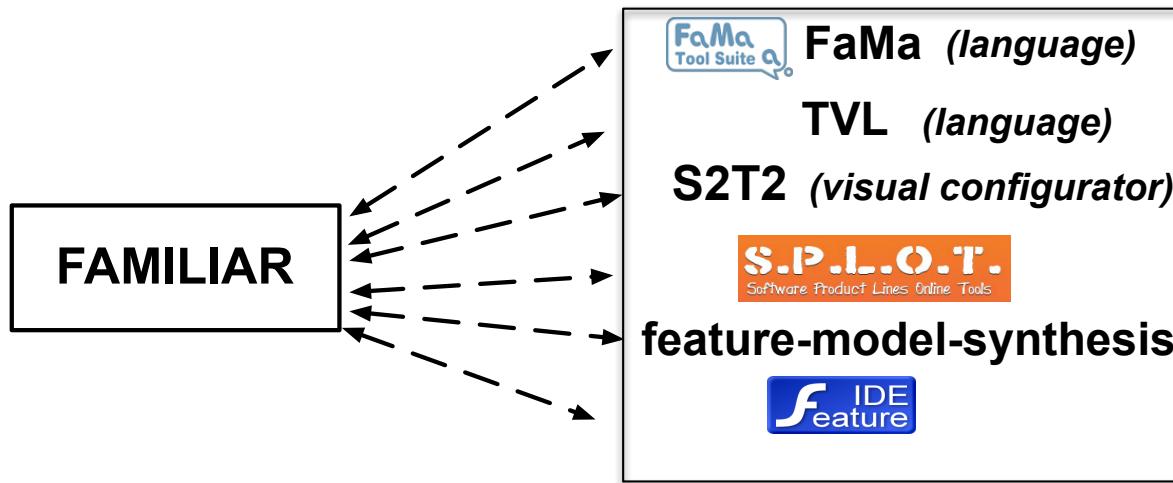
cst1 = constraint (B -> !C)
addConstraint cst1 to fml1
    
```

```

fml> ft1
ft1: (FEATURE) A
fml> ft2
ft2: (FEATURE) B
fml> fts
fts: (SET) {G;E;D;F;C;A;B}
fml> n
n: (INTEGER) 7
fml> n2
n2: (SET) {E;A;B}
fml> cf
cf: (CONFIGURATION) selected: [E, A, B]           deselected: [C]
fml> cst1
cst1: (CONSTRAINT) (B -> !C)
fml> fml1
fml1: (FEATURE_MODEL) A: [D] B E [C] ;
E: (F|G) ;
(B -> !C);
    
```



# Importing/Exporting feature models



Internal notation or by “filename extensions”

```
fml = FM ("foo1.tvl")
```

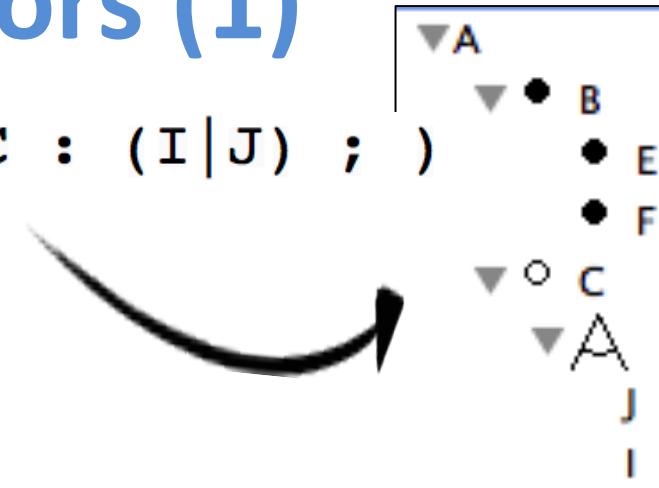
```
fm2 = FM (A : [B] [C] D ; )
```

```
fm3 = FM ("foo2.m")
```

```
serialize fm2 into SPLOT // export
```

# Feature Accessors (1)

```
fml = FM (A : B [C] ; B : E F ; C : (I|J) ; )
```



```
r1 = root fml
```

```
s = children r1
```

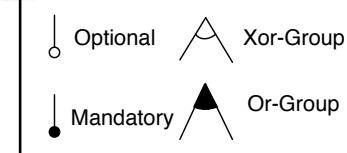
```
s1 = children fml.A
```

**assert (s eq s1) // equality of the two sets**

```
ft1 = parent fml.F
```

```
str1 = name ft1
```

```
ft2 = parent F // parent fml.F
```

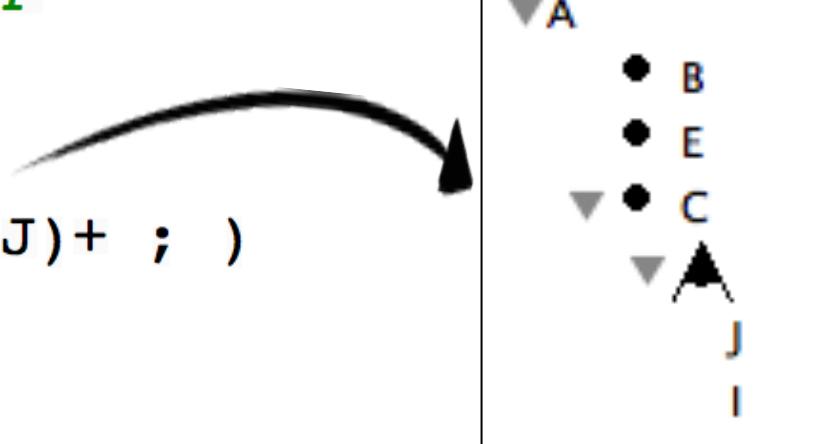


**// another FM**

```
fm2 = FM (A : B C E ; C : (I|J)+ ; )
```

```
ft3 = fm2.B
```

**ft4 = name B // ambiguity**



# Other constructs

```
fml1 = FM (A: B [C] D; D : (E|F)+; F : (I|J|K); E : [Z]; )
fml1bis = copy fml1 // save the original version
```

```
renameFeature fml1.B as "Bbis"
s1 = fml1.* // set of features of fml1
foreach (ft1 in s1) do
    println ft1
end
```

```
acher-scr: FML-scripts macher$ java -jar -Xmx1024M ../FML-0.9.9.5.jar ftAccessors2.fml
Bbis
```

D

E

A

Z

I

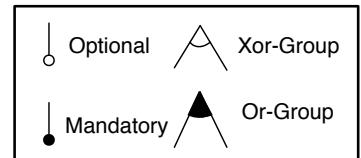
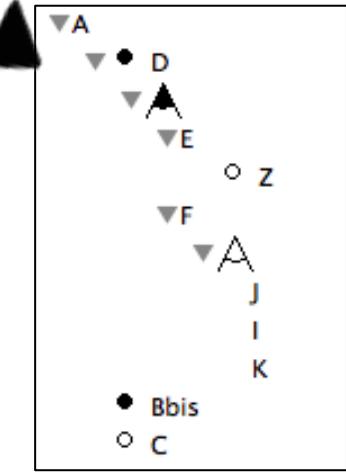
C

J

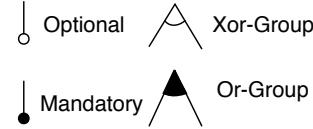
K

F

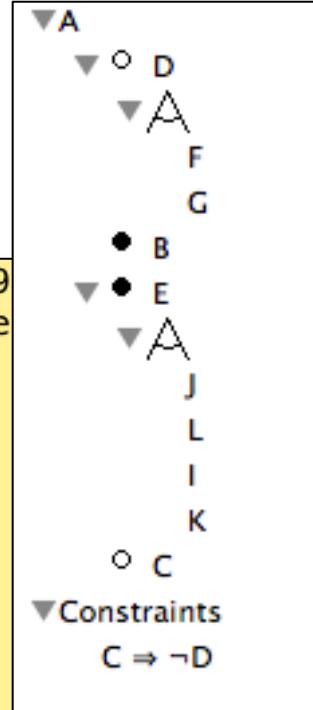
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fml> exit
Bye, FAMILIAR user!



# Configuration



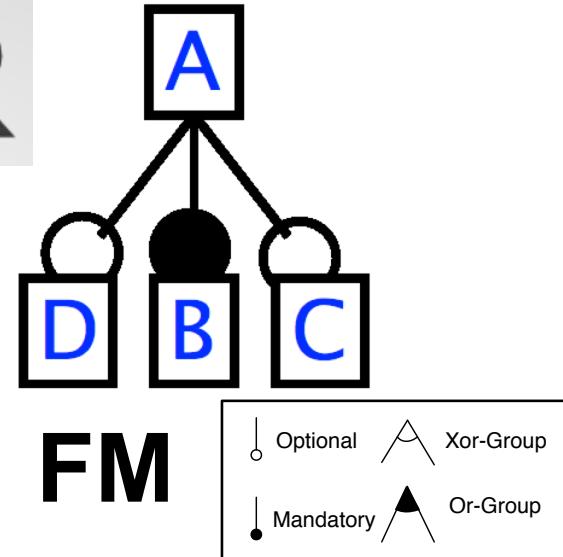
```
fml1 = FM (A: B [C] [D] E; D : (F|G) ; E : (I|J|K|L) ; C -> !D ; )
c1 = configuration fml1
select C in c1
scl = selectedF c1 // accessories
cFM1 = asFM c1 // configuration and FM: back!
```



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fml> cFM1
cFM1: (FEATURE_MODEL) A: B E C ;
E: (J|L|I|K) ;
E;
A;
B;
C;
fml> fml1
fm1: (FEATURE_MODEL) A: [D] B E [C] ;
D: (F|G) ;
E: (J|L|I|K) ;
(C -> !D);
```

$A \wedge$   
 $A \Leftrightarrow B \wedge$   
 $C \Rightarrow A \wedge$   
 $D \Rightarrow A$

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```

fm1bis = FM ("foo3.dimacs")
fm1bisbis = FM ("foo3.constraints")

```

```

fml> c1 = cores fm1
fml> s1c1: (SET) {B;A}
s1: (SET) {A;B}
fml> c1bis = cores fm1bis
fml> compare fm1 fm1bis
s1bis: (SET) {A;B;D}
res7: (STRING) REFACTORING
fml> compare fm1bis fm1bisbis
s1bis: (SET) {A;B;D}
res8: (STRING) REFACTORING
fml> c1 eq c1bisbis
res3: (BOOLEAN) true
fml> s1res6: (BOOLEAN) true
res4: (BOOLEAN) true

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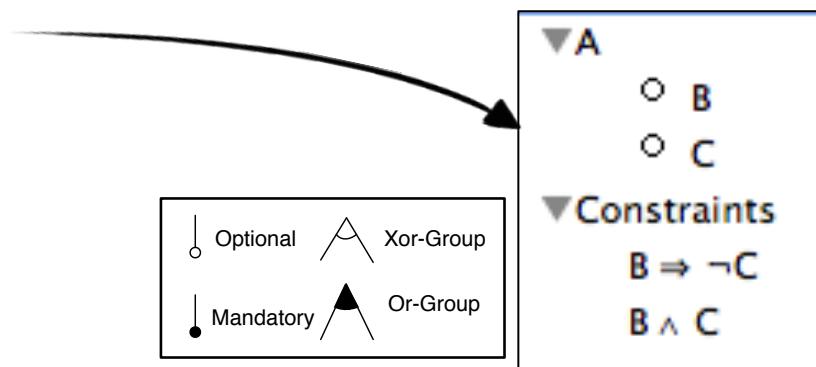
```

fml> fm1 = FM ("output/fm1.tvl")
root A {
    group [ 3..3 ] {
        opt D {
            },
            B {
            },
        opt C {
            }
    }
}
fm1: (FEATURE_MODEL) A: [D] B [C] ;

```

# Operations for Feature Models (1)

```
fm1 = FM (A : [B] [C] ; B -> !C ; B and C ; )
b1 = isValid fm1
```



```
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fml> ls
(FEATURE_MODEL) fm1
(BOOLEAN) b1
fml> b1
b1: (BOOLEAN) false
fml> configs fm1
res0: (SET) {}
```



# Operations for Feature Models (2)

```

1 fm1 = FM (W : P (T|U); P : (R|S)+ ; T : [V] [A] ; R -> !V ; S -> U ; R -> A ; )
2 b1 = isValid fm1
3 s1 = configs fm1
4 c1 = counting fm1
5 dfm1 = deads fm1
6 println "cores: ", cores fm1
7 fo1 = falseOptionals fm1

```

```

acher-scr:FML-scripts macher$ java -jar -Xmx1024
cores: {P;W}

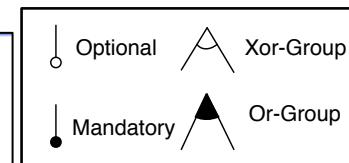
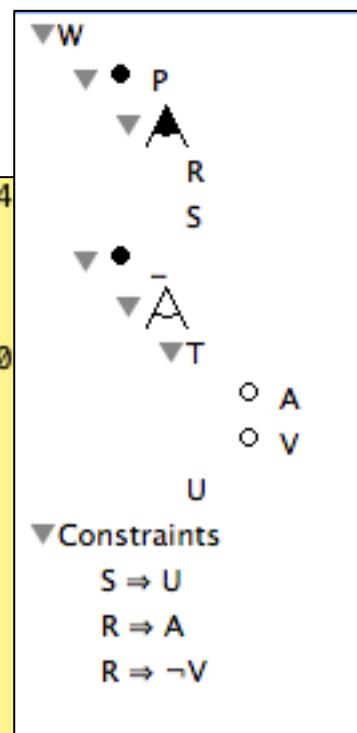
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```

fml> ls
(SET) fo1
(SET) dfm1
(SET) s1
(DOUBLE) c1
(BOOLEAN) b1
(FEATURE_MODEL) fm1
fml> c1
c1: (DOUBLE) 2.0
fml> fo1
fo1: (SET) {A}
fml> dfm1
dfm1: (SET) {V}

```



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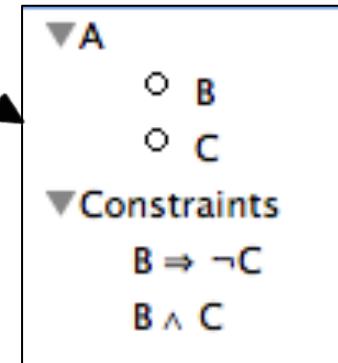
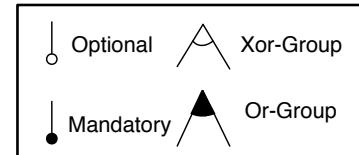
# Operations for Feature Models (3)

```

fm1 = FM (A : [B] [C] ; B -> !C ; B and C ; )
b1 = isValid fm1

csts1 = constraints fm1
foreach (cst in csts1) do
    println "removing constraint... ", cst
    removeConstraint cst in fm1
    c = counting fm1
    println "now the number of valid configurations is... ", c
end

```



```

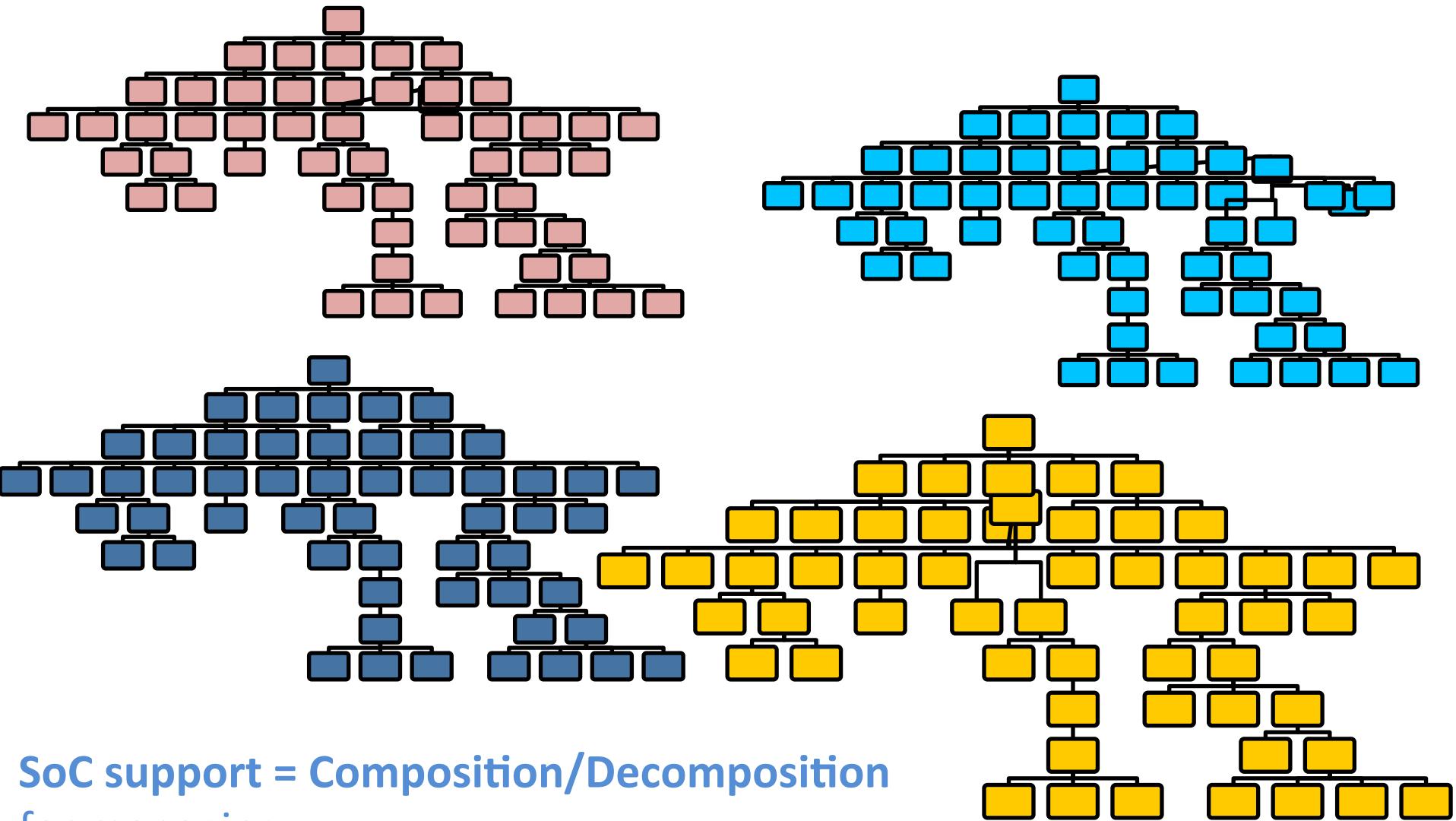
MacBook-Pro-de-Mathieu-2:FXML-scripts macher$ java -jar -Xmx1024M ../FML-0.9.9.5.jar operatorsFM3.fxml
removing constraint... (B & C)

now the number of valid configurations is... 3.0

removing constraint... (B -> !C)

now the number of valid configurations is... 4.0

```



**SoC support = Composition/Decomposition  
for managing  
large, complex and multiple  
feature models**

FORM 1998, Tun et al. 2009 (SPLC), Hartmann 2008 (SPLC), Lee et al. 2010, Czarnecki 2005, Reiser et al. 2007 (RE journal), Hartmann et al. 2009 (SPLC), Thuem et al. 2009 (ICSE), Classen et al. 2009 (SPLC), Mendonca et al. 2010 (SCP), Dunghana et al. 2010, Hubaux et al. 2011 (SoSyM), Zaid et al. 2010 (ER), She et al., 2011 (ICSE), etc.

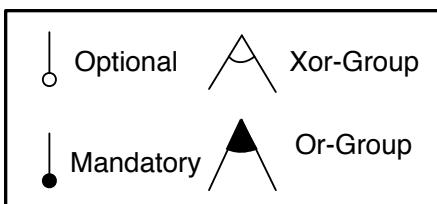
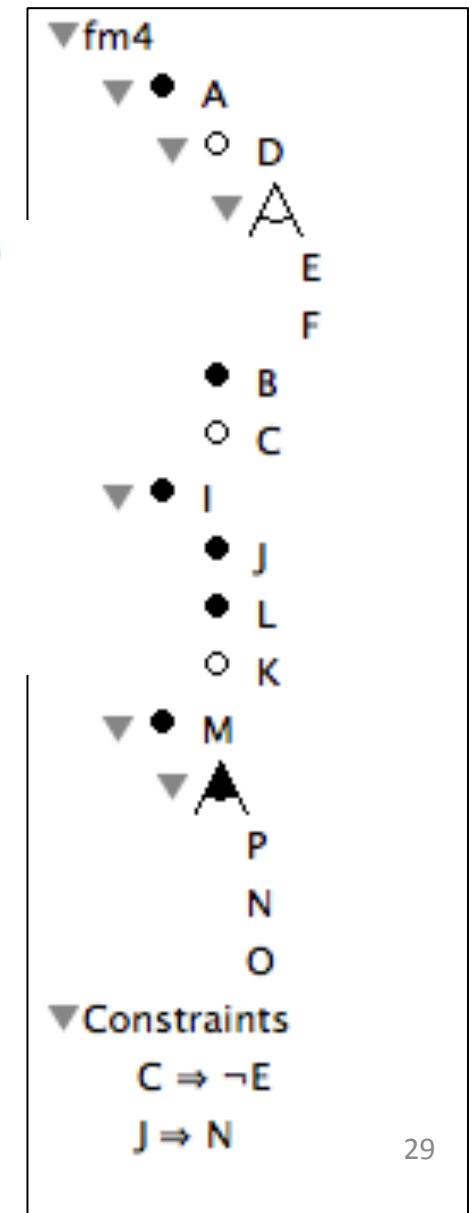
# Composing Feature Models (1)

```

fm1 = FM (A : B [C] [D] ; D : (E|F) ; C -> !E; )
fm2 = FM (I : J [K] L ; )
fm3 = FM (M : (N|O|P)+ ; )
cst = constraints (J implies N ; )

// equivalent to aggregate { fm1 fm2 fm3 }
fm4 = aggregate fm* withMapping cst

```



# Composing Feature Models (2)

```

fm1 = FM (A : B [C] [D] ; D : (E|F) ; C -> !E; )
fm2 = FM (I : J [K] L ; )
fm3 = FM (M : (N|O|P)+ ; )
cst = constraints (J implies C ; )

// equivalent to aggregate { fm1 fm2 fm3 }
fm4 = aggregate fm* withMapping cst

// composition sometimes leads to "anomalies"
dfm4 = deads fm4

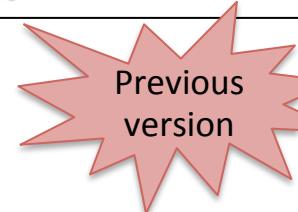
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```

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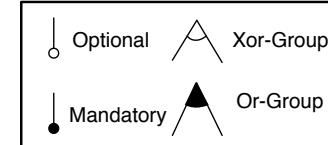
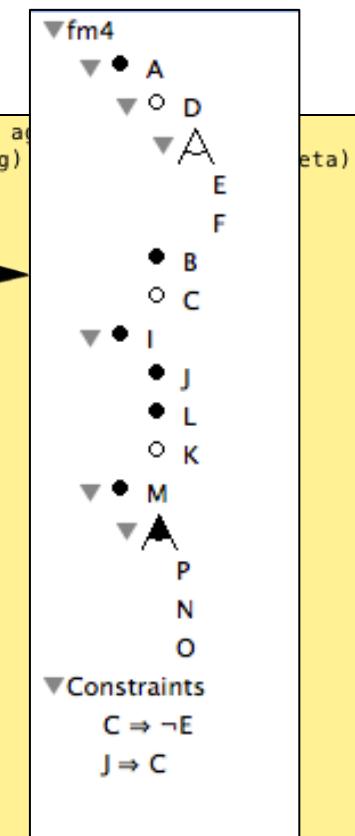
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fm4 = aggregate fm* withMapping cst

```

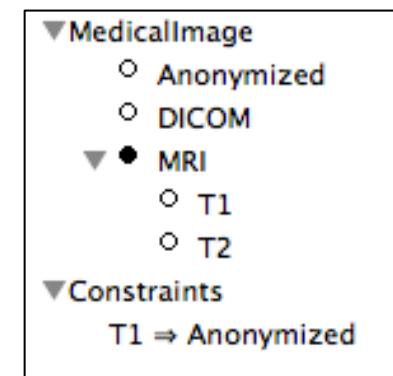
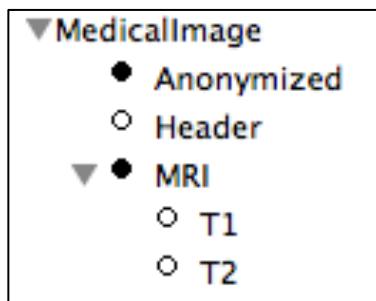
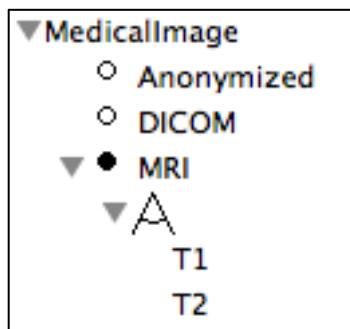


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 FAMILIAR (for Feature Model Script Language for manipulation and Automatic Reasoning)  
 University of Nice Sophia Antipolis, UMR CNRS 6070, I3S Laboratory  
<https://nyx.unice.fr/projects/familiar/>

fml> cores fm4  
 res0: {SET} {C;fm4;A;J;I;B;L;M}  
 fml> falseOptionals fm4  
 res1: {SET} {F;C}  
 fml> operator fm4.C  
 res2: (VARIABILITY\_OPERATOR) OPTIONAL  
 fml> operator fm4.F  
 res3: (VARIABILITY\_OPERATOR) ALTERNATIVE  
 fml> sibling fm4.F  
 res4: {SET} {E}  
 fml> deads fm4  
 res5: {SET} {E}  
 fml> operator fm4.E  
 res6: (VARIABILITY\_OPERATOR) ALTERNATIVE  
 fml> fm4  
 fm4: (FEATURE\_MODEL) fm4: A I M ;  
 A: [D] B [C] ;  
 I: J L [K] ;  
 M: (P|N|O)+ ;  
 D: (E|F) ;  
 (C -> !E);  
 (J -> C);  
 C -> !E;



# Composing Feature Models (3)



```
fmsupp1 = FM (MedicalImage : [Anonymized] MRI [DICOM] ; MRI : (T1|T2) ; )
fmsupp2 = FM (MedicalImage : Anonymized MRI [Header] ; MRI : [T1] [T2] ; )
fmsupp3 = FM (MedicalImage : [Anonymized] MRI [DICOM] ; MRI : [T1] [T2] ; T1 -> Anonymized; )

s1 = configs fmsupp1
s2 = configs fmsupp2
s3 = configs fmsupp3

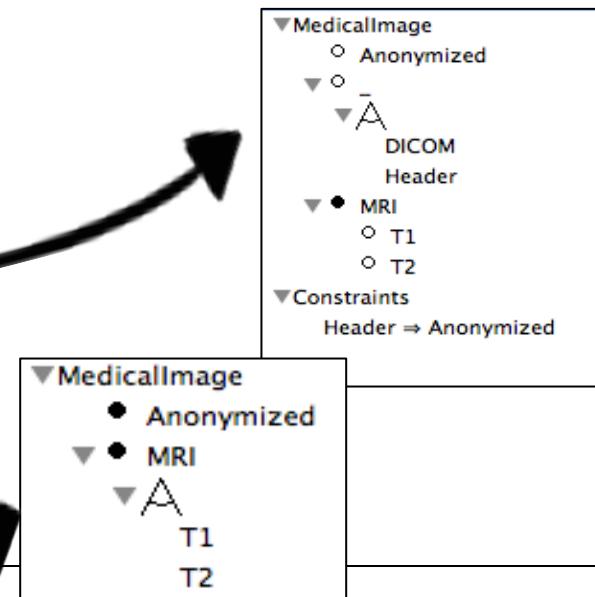
s123 = setUnion s3 setUnion s1 s2

fmSupp = merge sunion fmsupp*

assert (size s123 eq counting fmSupp)

fmCommon = merge intersection { fmsupp1 fmsupp2 }
sC = configs fmCommon
sC2 = setIntersection s1 s2
```

The diagram illustrates the composition process. It starts with three separate feature models (fmsupp1, fmsupp2, fmsupp3) shown in boxes. These are combined using the 'merge sunion' operation to produce fmSupp. This result is then intersected with fmCommon using the 'setIntersection' operation to produce sC2. Arrows indicate the flow of data from the individual models through their composition and intersection to the final result.



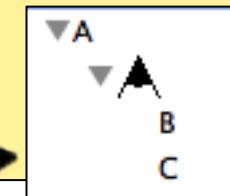
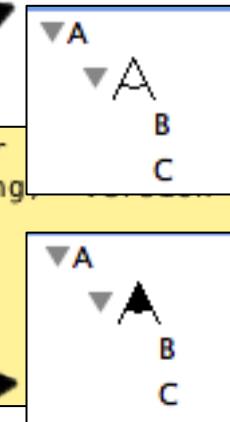
# Comparing Feature Models

```
fm0 = FM (A: (B|C) ; )
```

```
fm1 = FM (A: (B|C)+ ; )
```

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<https://nyx.unice.fr/projects/familiar/>  
fml> cmp23  
cmp23: (STRING) REFACTORYING  
fm1>~~

```
assert (cmp10 eq GENERALIZATION)
```



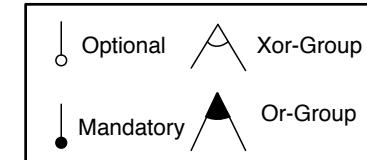
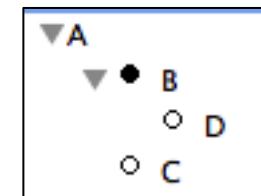
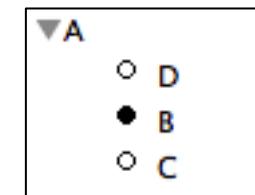
*// example taken from Automated Analysis of Feature Models*

```
fm2 = FM (A: B [C] [D]; )
```

```
fm3 = FM (A: B [C]; B : [D]; )
```

```
cmp23 = compare fm2 fm3
```

|                     | No Products Added | Products Added |
|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| No Products Deleted | Refactoring       | Generalization |
| Products Deleted    | Specialization    | Arbitrary Edit |

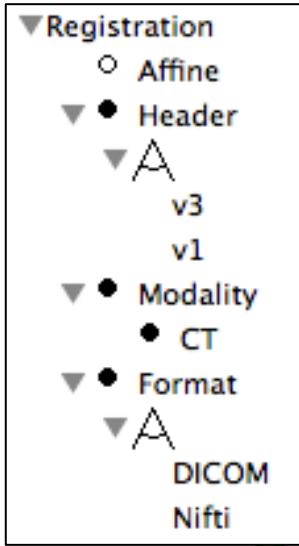


see also Thuem, Kastner and Batory, ICSE'09

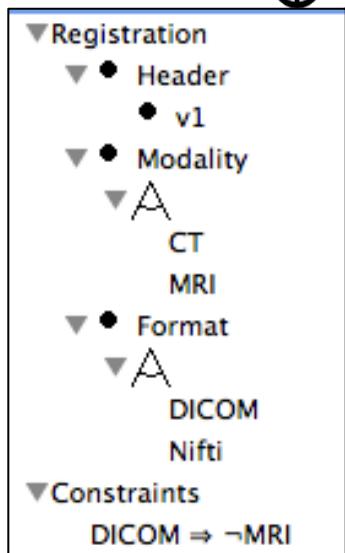
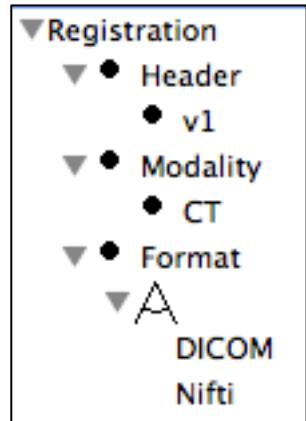
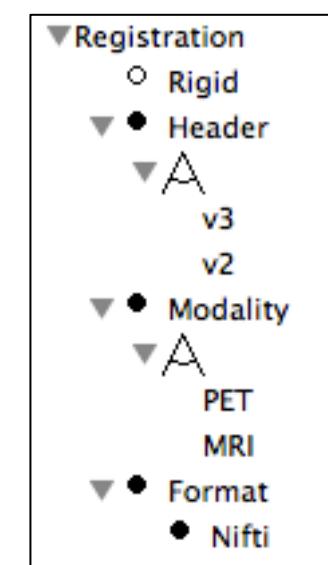
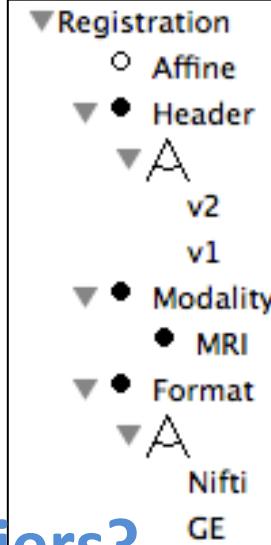


Combining operators:  
an example

# Merge Intersection: Available Suppliers



Suppliers?  
Products?



A customer  
has some  
requirements



# In FAMILIAR

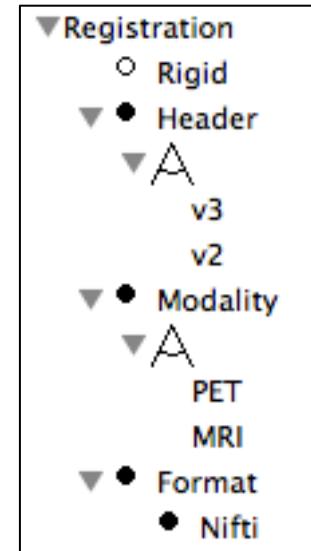
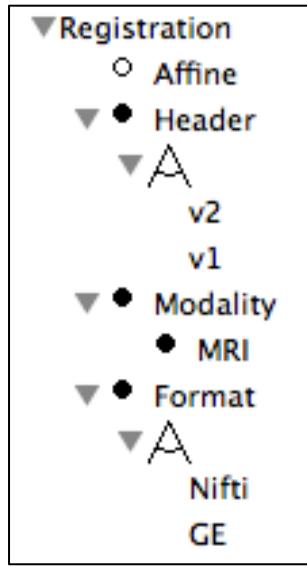
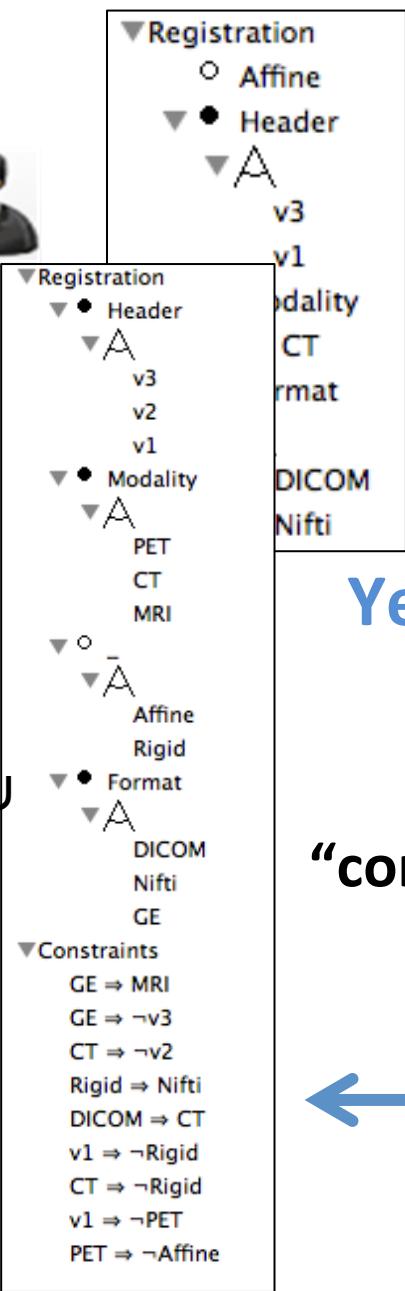
```
REGsupp1 = FM (Registration : Header Format Modality [Affine] ;
                  Header : (v1|v3);
                  Format : (DICOM|Nifti) ;
                  Modality : CT; )

REGsupp2 = FM (Registration : Header [Affine] Format Modality ;
                  Header : (v1|v2);
```

```
MacBook-Pro-de-Mathieu-2:FML-scripts macher$ java -jar -Xmx1024M ..../FML-0.9.9.6.jar suppliersExample0.fml
FAMILIAR (for FeAture Model scriPt Language for manIpulation and Automatic Reasoning) version 0.9.9.6 (beta)
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https://nyx.unice.fr/projects/familiar/
fml> ls
(FEATURE_MODEL) REGsupp3
(FEATURE_MODEL) REGsupp2p
(FEATURE_MODEL) REGrequired
(FEATURE_MODEL) REGsupp3p
(FEATURE_MODEL) REGsupp1p
(FEATURE_MODEL) REGsupp2
(FEATURE_MODEL) REGsupp1
fml> REGsupp3p
REGsupp3p: (FEATURE_MODEL) False
fml> REGsupp1p
REGsupp1p: (FEATURE_MODEL) Registration: Header Modality Format ;
Header: v1 ;
Modality: CT ;
Format: (DICOM|Nifti) ;
```

```
REGsupp1p = merge intersection { REGrequired REGsupp1 }
REGsupp2p = merge intersection { REGrequired REGsupp2 }
REGsupp3p = merge intersection { REGrequired REGsupp3 }
```

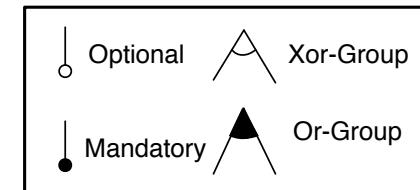
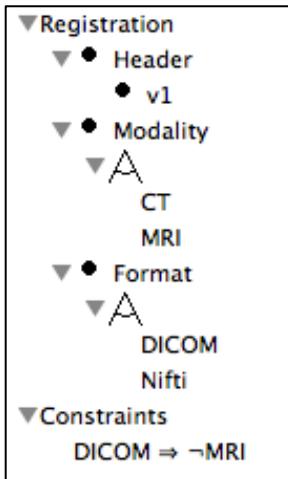
# Merge Union: Availability Checking



Yes!

Can suppliers provide *all* products?

“compare”



# In FAMILIAR

```
REGsuppl = FM (Registration : Header Format Modality [Affine] ;
                Header : (v1|v3);
                Format : (DICOM|Nifti) ;
                Modality : CT; )

REGsupp2 = FM (Registration : Header [Affine] Format Modality ;
                Header : (v1|v2);
                Format : (Nifti|GE) ;
                Modality : MRI; )

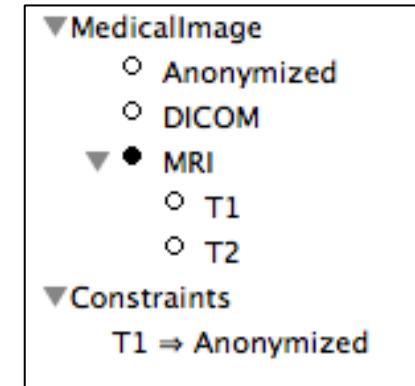
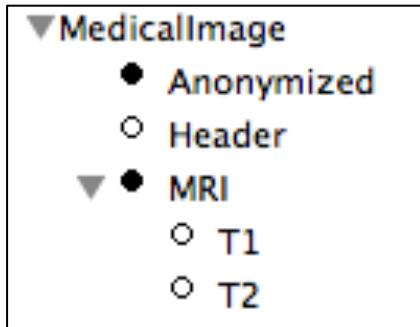
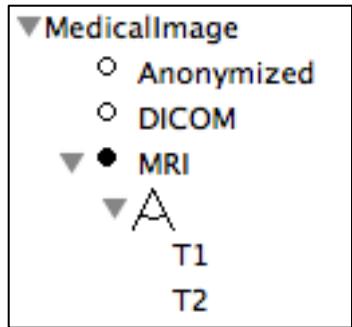
REGsupp3 = FM (Registration : Header [Rigid] Format Modality ;
                Header : (v2|v3) ;
                Format : Nifti ;
                Modality : (MRI|PET); )

REGrequired = FM (Registration : Header Format Modality ;
                  Header : v1 ; //v3;
                  Format : (DICOM|Nifti) ;
                  Modality: (MRI|CT);
                  !DICOM or !MRI;
                  )

REGmspl = merge sunion REGsupp*           // merge all FMs whose variable identifier starts w.

cmp = compare REGrequired REGmspl
//missingSPL = merge diff { REGrequired REGmspl }
```

# Merging operation: implementation issues



```

fmsupp1 = FM (MedicalImage : [Anonymized] MRI [DICOM] ; MRI : (T1|T2) ; )
fmsupp2 = FM (MedicalImage : Anonymized MRI [Header] ; MRI : [T1] [T2] ; )
fmsupp3 = FM (MedicalImage : [Anonymized] MRI [DICOM] ; MRI : [T1] [T2] ; T1 -> Anonymized; )
  
```

*// computing the union of sets of configurations like this is COSTLY*

```

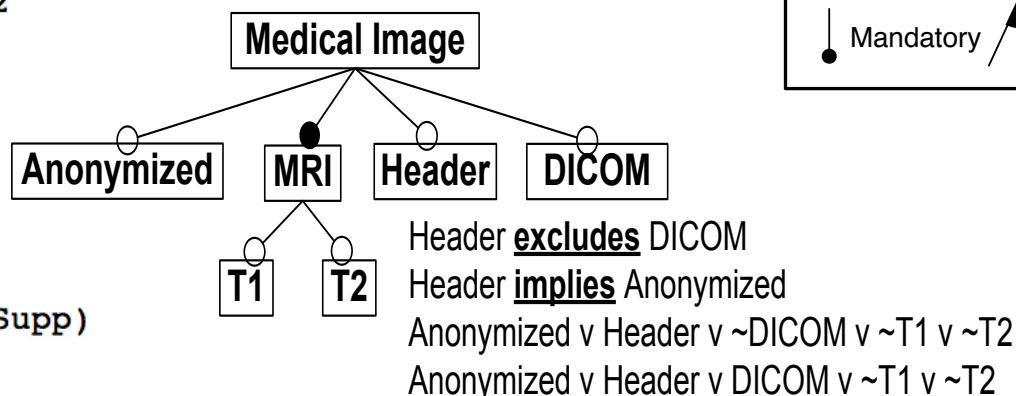
s1 = configs fmsupp1
s2 = configs fmsupp2
s3 = configs fmsupp3

s123 = setUnion s3 setUnion s1 s2
  
```

*// you WONT scale  
//...*

```

fmSupp = merge sunion fmsupp*
assert (size s123 eq counting fmSupp)
  
```



# Merging operation: semantic issues (2)

$s_0 = \{$

{MI, MA, F, CT, Nifti},

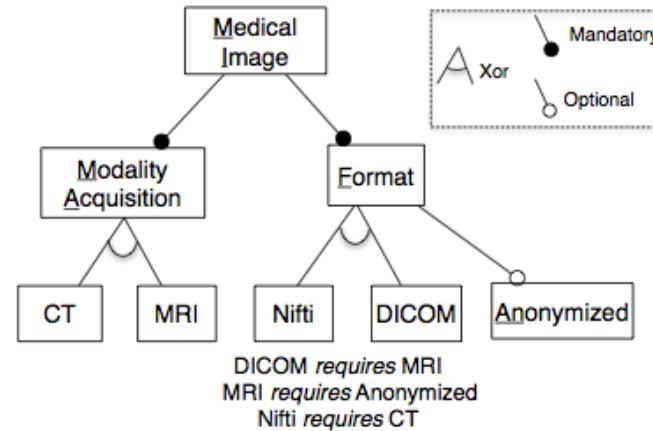
{MI, MA, F, CT, Nifti, AN},

{MI, MA, F, DICOM, MRI, AN}

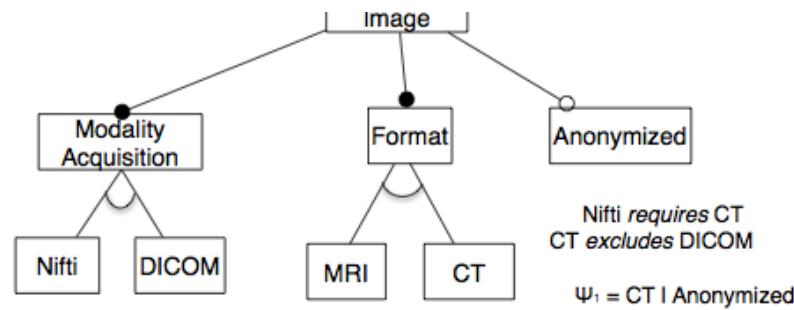
Union }

Intersection

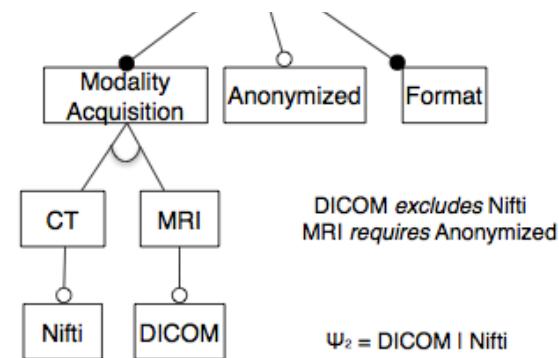
Diff



**How to synthesise a feature model that represents the union of input sets of configurations?**



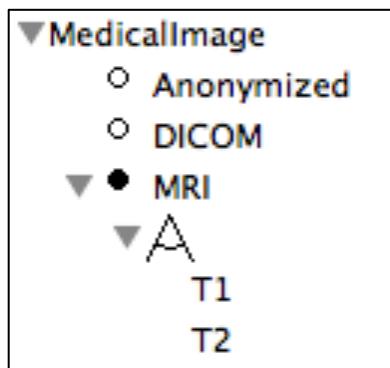
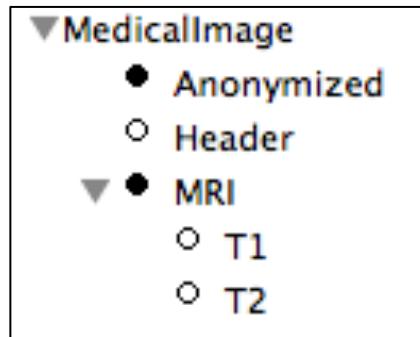
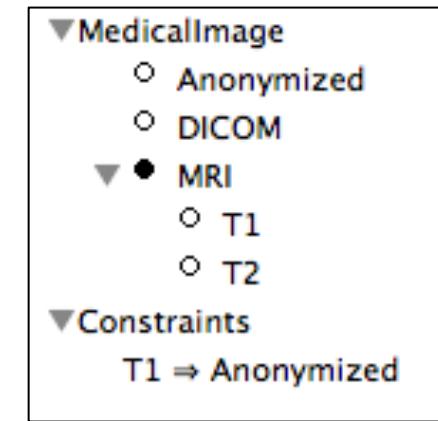
(c)  $fm_1$



(d)  $fm_2$

Fig. 2: For a given set of configurations, three possible yet different FMs ( $s_0 = \llbracket fm_0 \rrbracket = \llbracket fm_1 \rrbracket = \llbracket fm_2 \rrbracket$ )

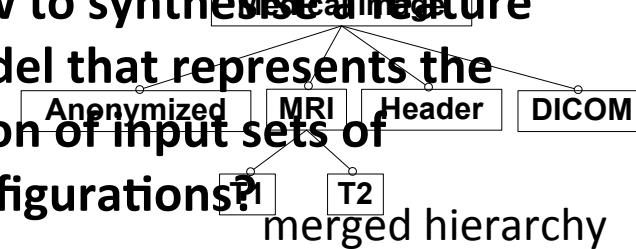
# Merging operation: algorithm


 $\Phi_1$ 

 $\Phi_2$ 

 $\Phi_3$ 
 $\Phi_{123}$ 

merged propositional formula

 $+$ 

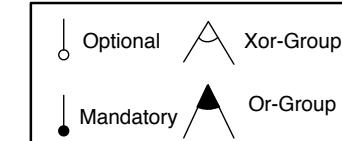
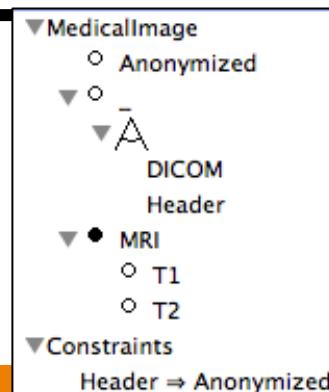
How to synthesise a feature model that represents the union of input sets of configurations?



merged hierarchy

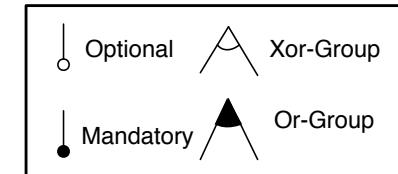
Set mandatory features  
Detect Xor and Or-groups  
Compute “implies/excludes” constraints

see also [Czarnecki SPLC'07 or SPLC'12]



# Merging operation: back to hierarchy

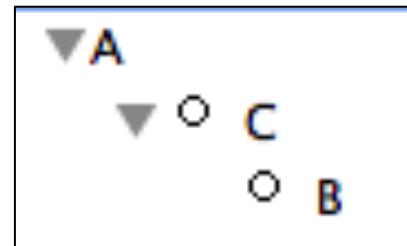
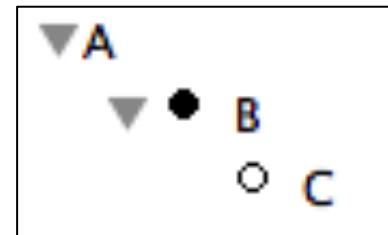
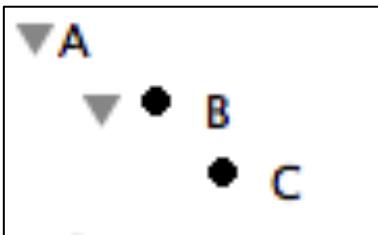
**fm1** = **FM** (A : B ; B : C ; )



**fm2** = **FM** (A : B ; B : [C] ; )

**fm3** = **FM** (A : [C] ; C : [B] ; )

**fm4** = **merge sunion** { fm1 fm2 fm3 }



> configs fm4  
res12: (SET) {{C;A};{A;B};{A};{A;B;C}}



# Related Works

- Well-defined semantics
- Guarantee semantics properties by construction
- More compact feature models than reference-based techniques [Schobbens et al., 2007], [Hartmann et al., 2007]
  - Easier to understand
  - Easier to analyze (e.g., compare with another)
- Applicable to any propositional feature models
  - Full support of propositional constraints
  - Different hierarchies [Van Den Broek et al., SPLC'2010/2012]
- Syntactical strategies fail [Alves et al., 2006], [Segura et al., 2007]



Another application of  
composing feature models

(purpose: automated synthesis of feature models)

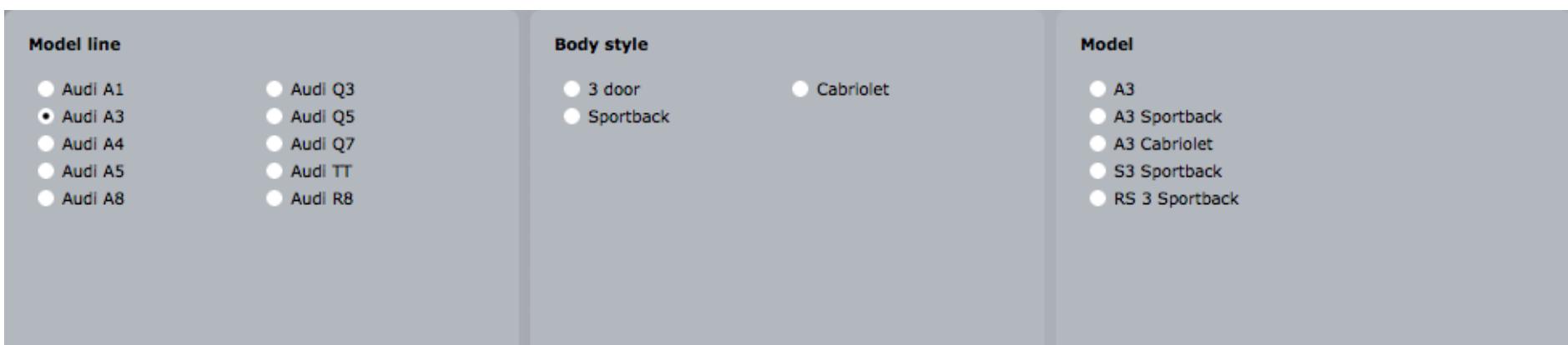
# Problem: multiple „car models“

The image shows a screenshot of an Audi website. At the top, there are three rows of Audi cars: Row 1 has A1 (red), A3 (black), and A4 (silver); Row 2 has A5 (dark grey), A8 (black), Q3 (black), and Q5 (silver); Row 3 has Q7 (black), TT (silver), and R8 (black). The Audi logo and slogan "Vorsprung durch Technik" are in the top right. Below the cars, there's a search bar with "Enter Audi Code" and a "Model line" dropdown menu. The "Model line" section is expanded, showing:

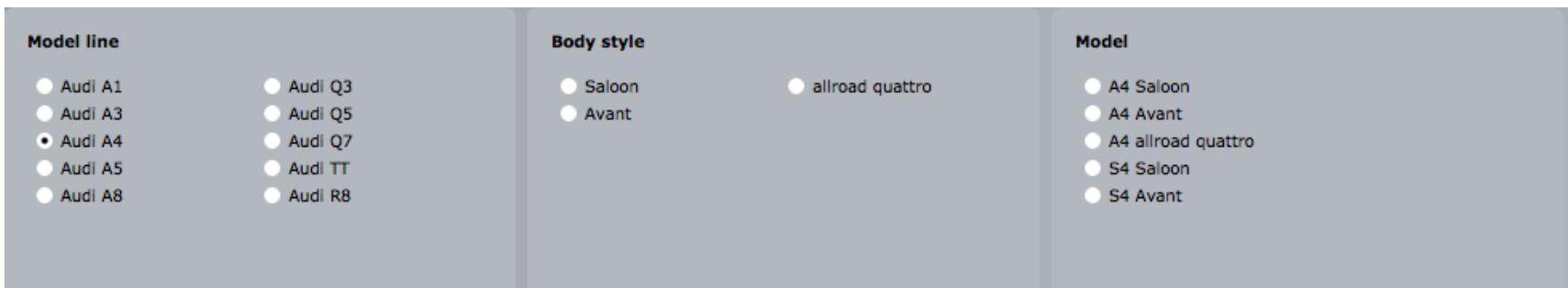
| Model line | Body style | Model   |
|------------|------------|---------|
| Audi A1    |            | Audi Q3 |
| Audi A3    |            | Audi Q5 |
| Audi A4    |            | Audi Q7 |
| Audi A5    |            | Audi TT |
| Audi A8    |            | Audi R8 |

At the bottom, a navigation bar shows steps 1 through 6: Model, Engine, Exterior, Interior, Equipment, and Your Audi. A "Next >" button is at the bottom right.

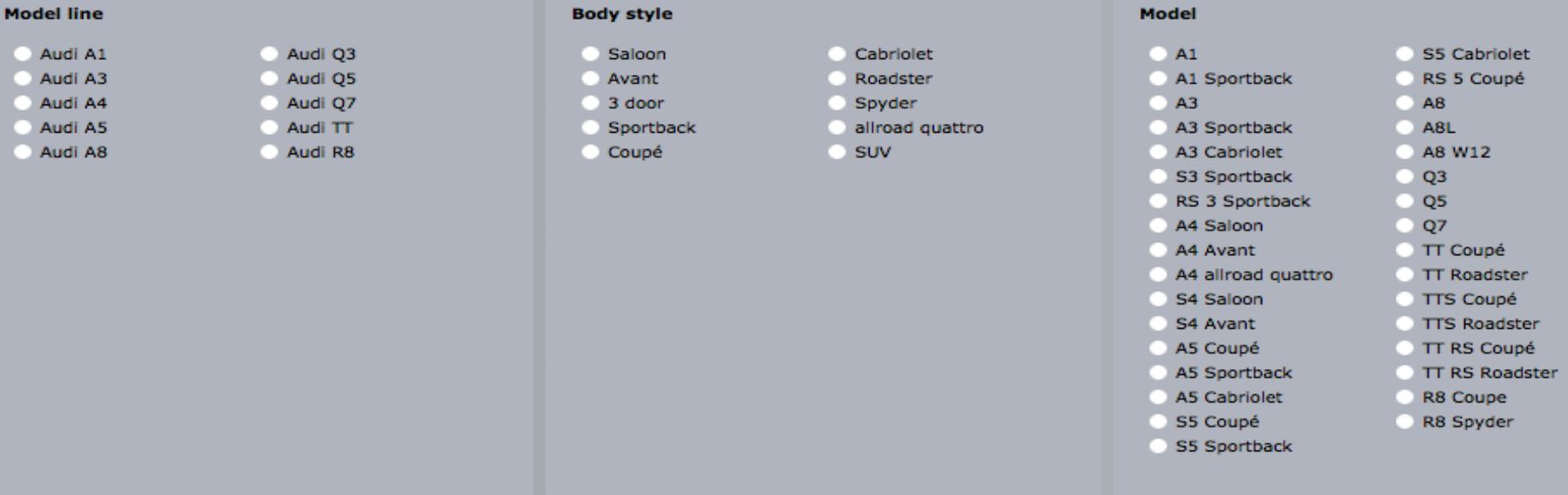
# Problem: multiple „car models“



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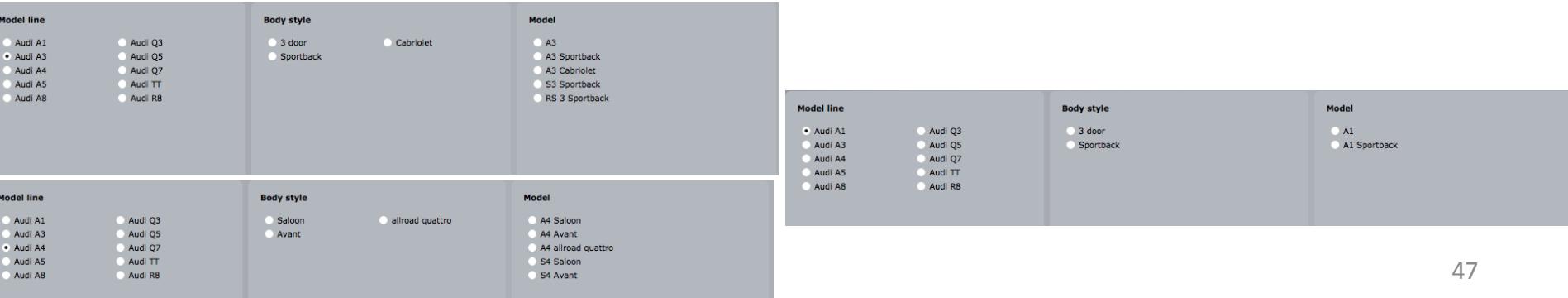
# Problem: multiple „car models“



#1 – top-down: specify constraints (e.g., excludes) of all model lines upfront

## Two modeling approaches

#2 – bottom-up: elaborate a feature model for each model line and merge them



# #1 top-down

## Model line

- Audi A1
- Audi A3
- Audi A4
- Audi A5**
- Audi Q3
- Audi Q5
- Audi Q7
- Audi TT

```
Modelline {
group oneof {
  AudiA1 {
    AudiA1 -> (A1 || A1Sportback);
    AudiA1 -> (Door3 || Sportback);
  },
  AudiA3 {
    AudiA3 -> (A3 || A3Sportback || A3Cabriolet || S3 || S3Sportback || RS3Sportback);
    AudiA3 -> (Door3 || Sportback || Cabriolet);
  },
  AudiA4 {
    AudiA4 -> (A4Saloon || A4Avant || A4AllroadQuattro || S4Saloon || S4Avant);
    AudiA4 -> (Saloon || Avant || AllroadQuattro);
  },
  AudiA5 {
    AudiA5 -> (A5Coupe || A5Sportback || A5Cabriolet || S5Coupe || S5Sportback || S5Cabriolet || RSSCoupe);
    AudiA5 -> (Sportback || Coupe || Cabriolet);
  },
  AudiA6 {
    AudiA6 -> (A6Saloon || A6Avant);
    AudiA6 -> (Saloon || Avant);
  },
}
```

## Body style

- Saloon
- Avant
- 3 door
- Sportback
- Cabriolet
- Roadster
- Spyder
- allroad quattro
- SUV

## Model

- A1
- A1 Sportback
- A3
- A3 Sportback
- A3 Cabriolet
- S3 Sportback
- RS 3 Sportback
- A4 Saloon
- A4 Avant
- A4 allroad quattro
- S4 Saloon
- S4 Avant
- A5 Coupé
- A5 Sportback
- A5 Cabriolet
- S5 Coupé
- S5 Sportback
- S5 Cabriolet
- RS 5 Coupé
- A8
- A8L
- A8 W12
- Q3
- Q5
- Q7
- TT Coupé
- TT Roadster
- TTS Coupé
- TTS Roadster
- TT RS Coupé
- TT RS Roadster
- R8 Coupe
- R8 Spyder

## BodyStyle {

```
group oneof {
  Saloon
  {
    Saloon -> (A4Saloon || S4Saloon || A6Saloon || A8 || A8L || A8W12);
  },
  Avant
  {
    Avant -> (A4Avant || S4Avant || A6Avant);
  },
  Door3
  {
    Door3 -> (A1 || A3 || S3);
  },
  Sportback
  {
    Sportback -> (A1Sportback || A3Sportback || S3Sportback || RS3Sportback || A5Sportback || S5Sportback || A7Sportback);
  },
  Coupe
  {
    Coupe -> (A5Coupe || S5Coupe || RSSCoupe || TTCCoupe || TTSCoupe || TTRSCoupe || R8Coupe);
  },
}
```

## Model line

- Audi A1
- Audi A3**
- Audi A4
- Audi A5
- Audi A6
- Audi Q3
- Audi Q5
- Audi Q7
- Audi TT
- Audi R8

## Body style

- 3 door
- Sportback
- Cabriolet
- Saloon
- Avant
- A4 Saloon
- A4 Avant
- A4 allroad quattro
- S4 Saloon
- S4 Avant

## Model

## Model line

- Audi A1
- Audi A3
- Audi A4**
- Audi A5
- Audi A8
- Audi Q3
- Audi Q5
- Audi Q7
- Audi TT
- Audi R8

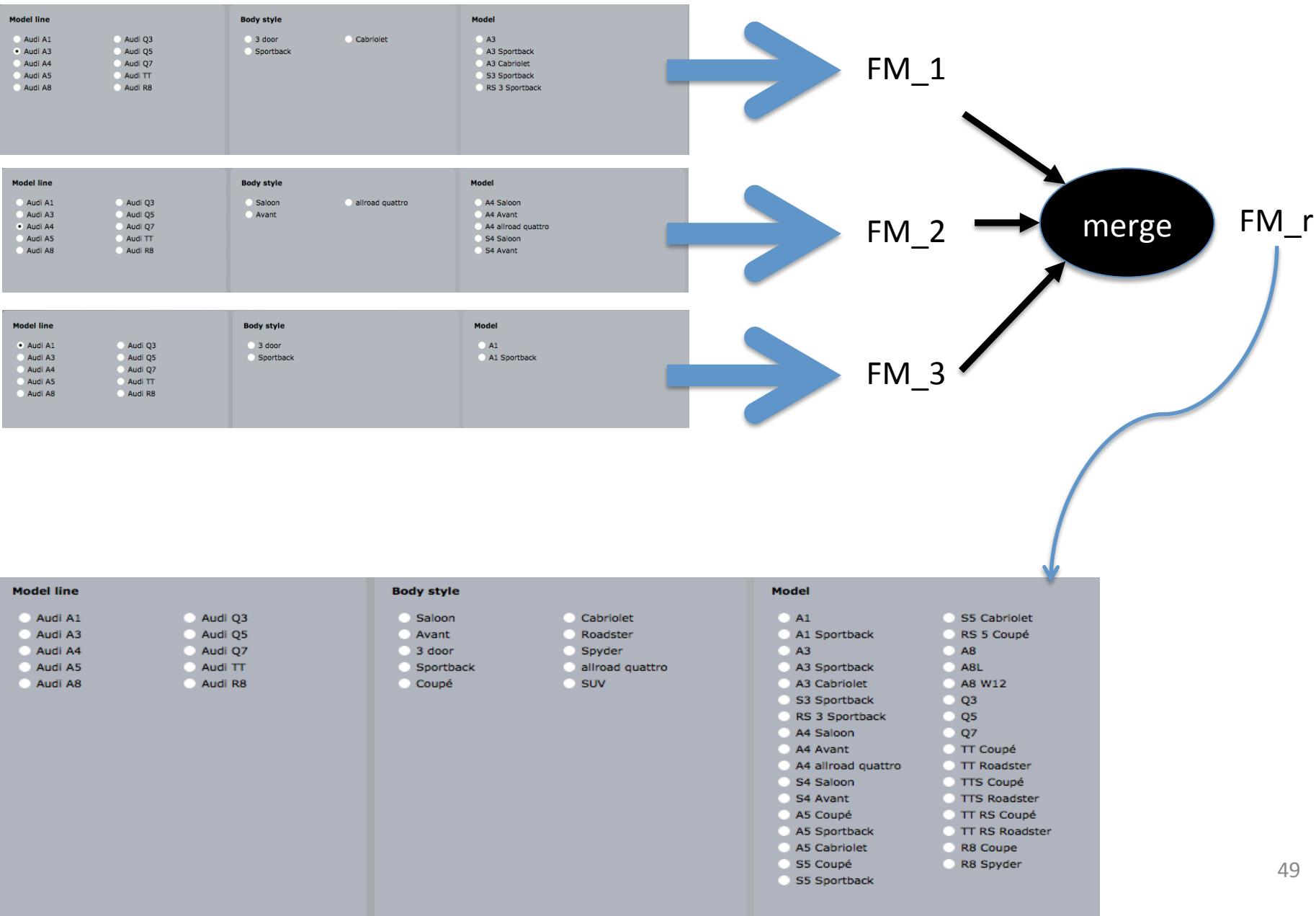
## Body style

- Saloon
- Avant
- allroad quattro
- 3 door
- Sportback
- A1
- A1 Sportback

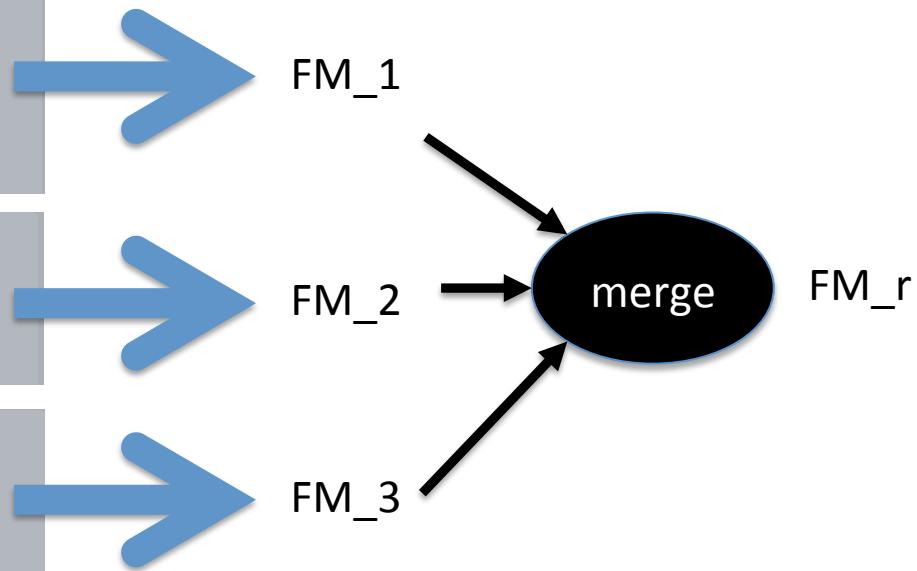
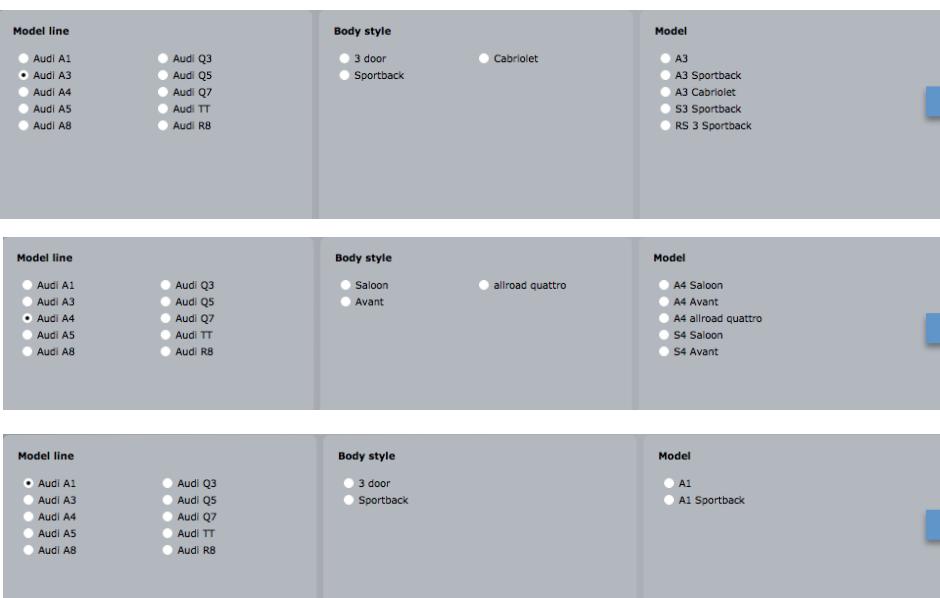
## Model line

- Audi A1**
- Audi A3
- Audi A4
- Audi A5
- Audi A8
- Audi Q3
- Audi Q5
- Audi Q7
- Audi TT
- Audi R8

# #1 bottom-up



## #1 bottom-up (FAMILIAR)



```
a fml> fmAudiS = merge sunion { fm1 fm2 fm3 }
a fmAudiS: (FEATURE_MODEL) Audi: ModelLine BodyStyle ;
F ModelLine: (A1|A4|A3) ;
L BodyStyle: (Saloon|Door3)? (Cabriolet|AllroadQuattro)? (Sportback|Avant)? ;
f (A4 -> !Sportback);
f (A1 -> !Avant);
M (A1 -> !Saloon);
E (A3 -> !Saloon);
f (A4 -> !Cabriolet);
N (A1 -> !AllroadQuattro);
E (A1 -> !Cabriolet);
f (A4 -> !Door3);
f (A3 -> !Avant);
M (A3 -> !AllroadQuattro);
```

9.9.4 (beta)



# Decomposition support

(and its combination with other operators)

# Building “views” of a feature model

```

not Audi car
group all{
    ModelLine;
    Model;
    ModelType;
    Model;
    Exterior;
    Interior;
    Equipment;
}
3

ModelLine {
    group all{
        AudiA1 {
            AudiA1 {
                AudiA1 -> Q1 || AllSportsback || A3Cabriolet || S3 || S3Sportback || RS3Sportback;
                AudiA1 -> Q3 || Sportback || Cabriolet;
            }
            AudiA1
        }
        AudiA3 {
            AudiA3 -> Q2 || AllSportsback || A3Cabriolet || S3 || S3Sportback || RS3Sportback;
            AudiA3 -> Q3 || Sportback || Cabriolet;
        }
        AudiA4 {
            AudiA4 -> A4Allroad || A4Avant || AllroadExecutive || S4Saloon || S4Avant;
            AudiA4 -> Q5Crossover || Avant || AllroadExecutive;
        }
        AudiA4
        AudiA5 {
            AudiA5 -> Q5Crossover || AllSportsback || A5Cabriolet || S5Coupé || S5Sportback || S5Cabriolet || RS5Coupé;
            AudiA5 -> Q5Coupé || Coupé || Cabriolet;
        }
        AudiA6 {
            AudiA6 -> Q6 || Allroad || A6Avant;
            AudiA6 -> C6 || Avant;
        }
        AudiA7 {
            AudiA7 -> Q7 || AllSportsback;
            AudiA7 -> C7 || Coupé;
        }
        AudiA8 {
            AudiA8 -> A8 || All || A8W12;
            AudiA8 -> C8 || Cabriolet;
        }
        AudiQ3 {
            AudiQ3 -> Q3;
            AudiQ3 -> Q4;
        }
        AudiQ5 {
            AudiQ5 -> Q5 || QV5;
            AudiQ5 -> Q5Cabriolet || TFSportback || TFSaloon || TFSportback;
            AudiQ5 -> Q5Crossover || TFSaloon;
            AudiQ5 -> Q5SUV;
            AudiQ5 -> Q5Sportback;
        }
        AudiQ7 {
            AudiQ7 -> Q7 || Allroad;
            AudiQ7 -> Q7Crossover;
        }
        AudiQ8 {
            AudiQ8 -> Q8 || RSQ8;
            AudiQ8 -> C8 || Spyder;
        }
    }
}

bodyStyle {
    group all{
        Coupé {
            Coupé -> (A3Saloon || S4Saloon || A6Saloon || A8 || A8 || A8W12);
        }
        Avant {
            Avant -> (A4Avant || S4Avant || A6Avant);
        }
        Cabriolet {
            Cabriolet -> (A3Cabriolet || A5Cabriolet || S5Cabriolet);
        }
        Rodester {
            Rodester -> (TFSRoadster || TFSaloon || TFSportback);
        }
        Spyder {
            Spyder -> (C8 || Spyder);
        }
    }
}

Door3 -> (A3 || A3 || S3);
Sportback {
    Sportback -> (A3Sportback || AllSportsback || S3Sportback || RS3Sportback || AllSportsback || RS3Sportback);
}
Coupé {
    Coupé -> C8Coupé || S5Coupé || TTGoupe || TTSCoupe || TRSCoupe || R8Coupé;
}
Cabriolet {
    Cabriolet -> (A3Cabriolet || A5Cabriolet || S5Cabriolet);
}
Rodester {
    Rodester -> (TFSRoadster || TFSaloon || TFSportback);
}
Spyder {
}

```

Vorsprung durch Technik

Audi

The advertisement displays several Audi models in a row:

- A1
- A3
- A4
- A8
- Q3
- Q5
- Q7
- TT
- R8

**55 Cabriolet**

**RS 5 Coupé**

**A8**

**ABL**

**A8 W12**

**Q3**

**Q5**

**Q7**

**TT Coupé**

**TT Roadster**

**TTS Coupé**

**TTS Roadster**

**TT RS Coupé**

**TT RS Roadster**

**R8 Coupé**

**R8 Spyder**

**1 Model**   **2 Engine**   **3 Exterior**   **4 Interior**   **5 Equipment**   **6 Your Audi**

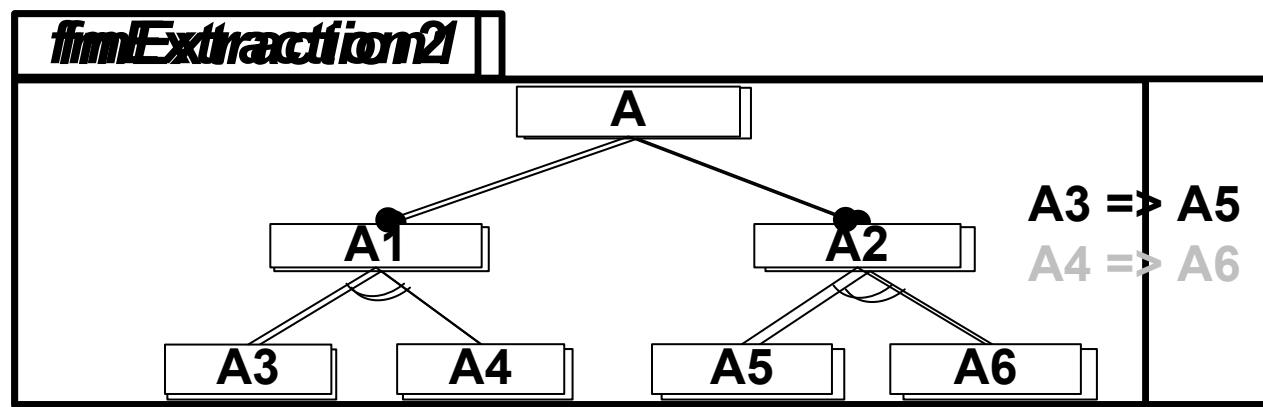
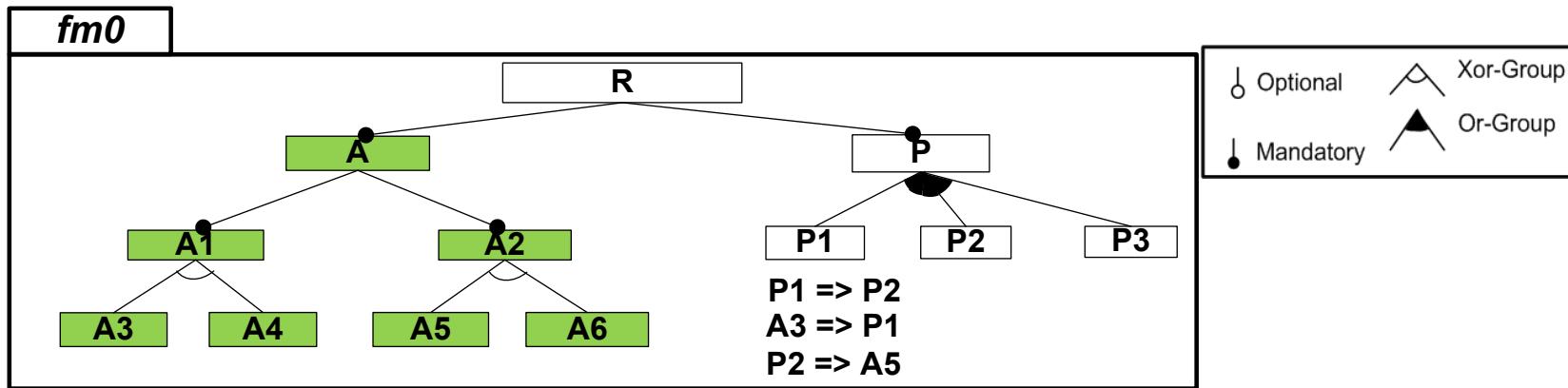
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# Building “views” of a feature model

- Problem: given a feature model, how to decompose it into smaller feature models?
- Semantics?
  - What’s the hierarchy
  - What’s the set of configurations?

# A first try

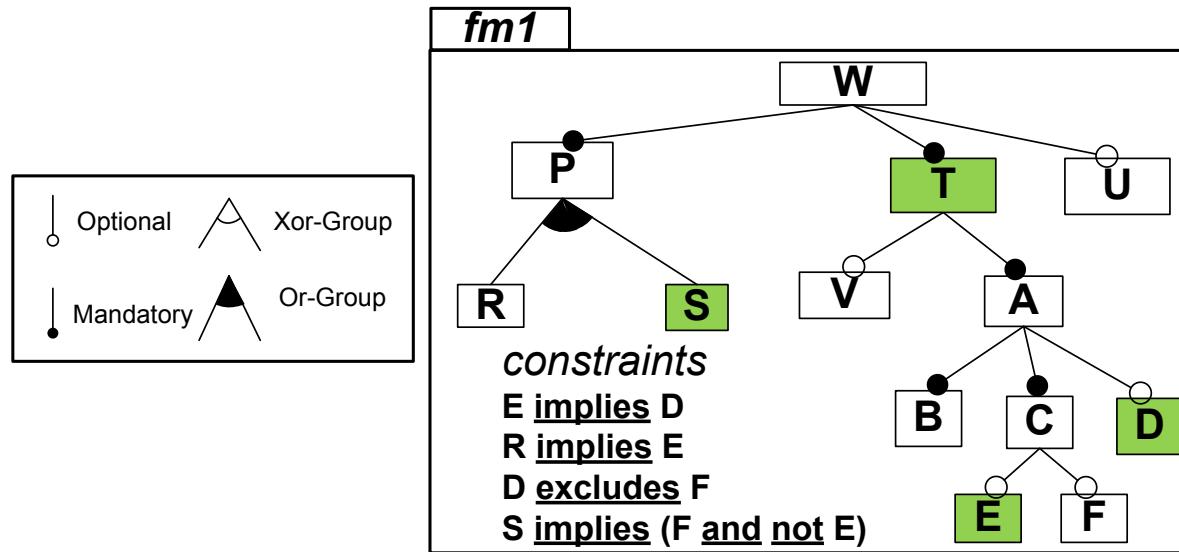


Problem: You can select **A3** without **A5**

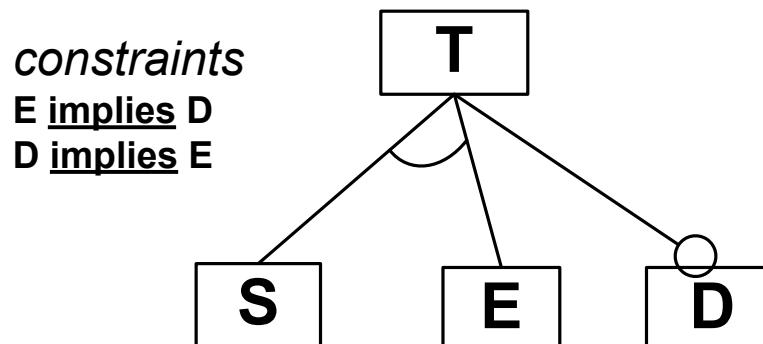
Hierarchy and Configuration matter!

# Slicing Operator

**slicing criterion** : an arbitrary set of features, relevant for a feature model user

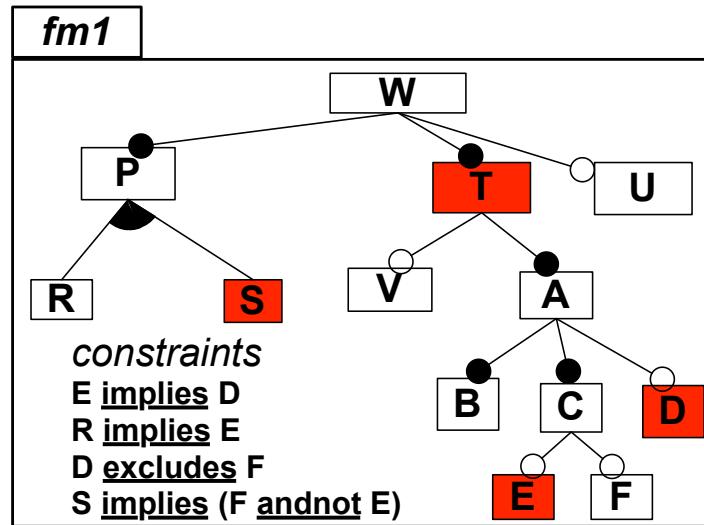
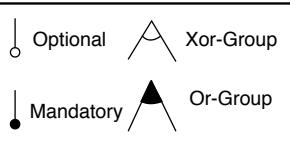


**slice** : a new feature model, representing a projected set of configurations



# Slicing operator: going into details

## projected set of configurations

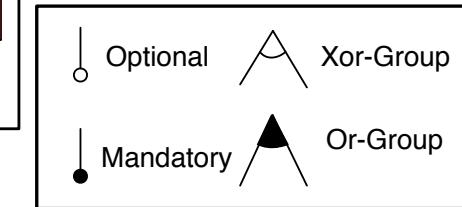
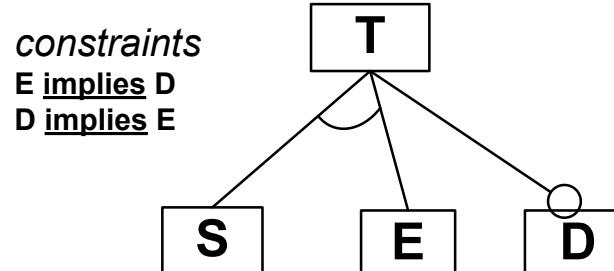
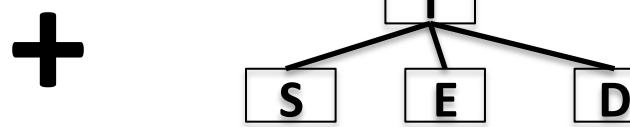
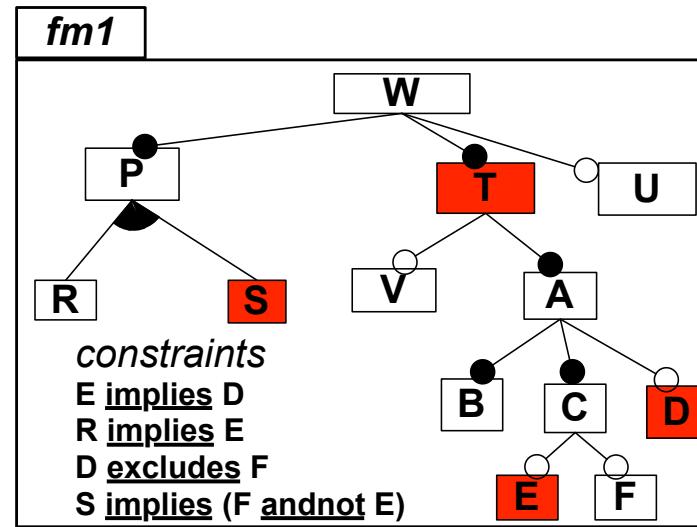
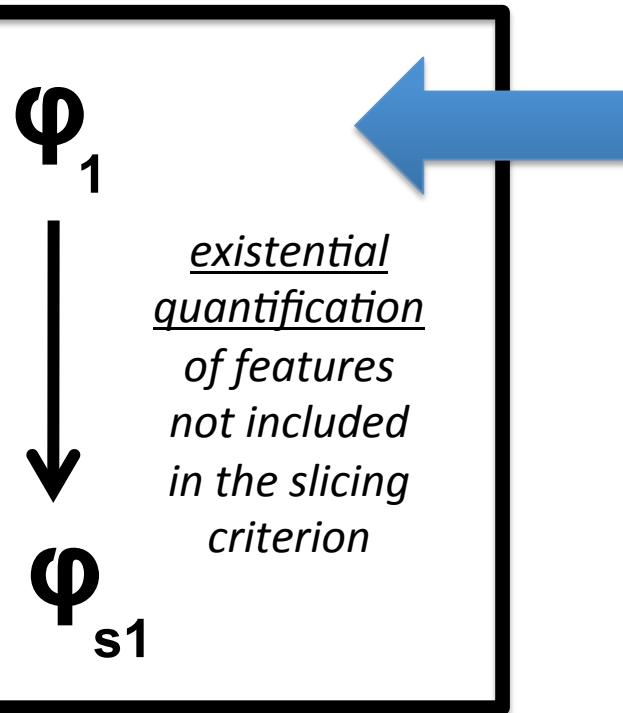


```
fm1 != {  
  {A,B,C,D,E,R,T,U,V},  
  {A,B,C,E,P,S,T,U,V},  
  {A,B,C,D,E,R,T,U,V},  
  {A,B,C,E,P,S,T,U,V},  
  {A,B,C,E,P,S,T,U,V},  
  {A,B,C,E,P,S,T,U,V},  
  {A,B,C,D,E,R,T,U,V},  
}
```

```
fm1p = {  
  {D,E,T},  
  {S,T},  
  {B,E,T},  
  {S,T},  
  {S,T},  
  {S,T},  
  {D,E,T}  
}
```

# Slicing operator: going into details

## synthesizing the corresponding feature model



```
fm1p = {  
{D,E,T},  
{S,T}  
}
```

# Slicing operator with FAMILIAR (1)

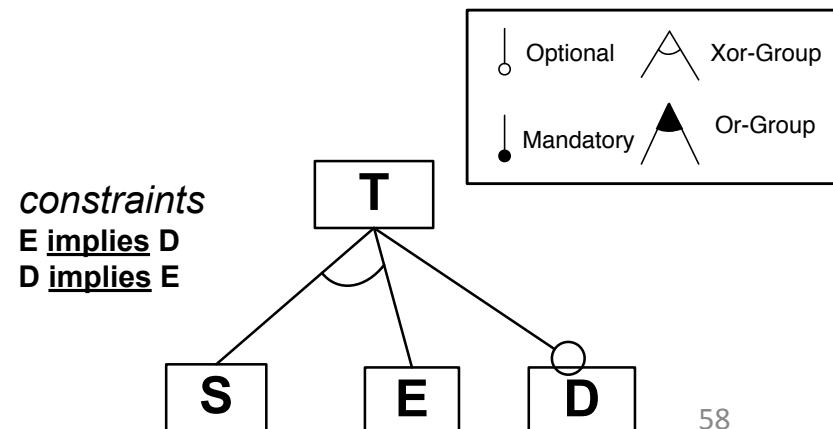
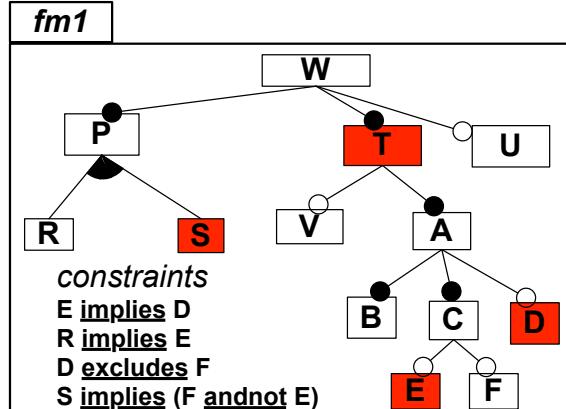
```

fm1 = FM (W : P T [U] ; T : [V] A ;
           A : B C [D] ;
           C : [E] [F] ;
           P : (R|S)+ ;
           E implies D ; R implies E ;
           S implies (F and !E) ; D implies !F ; )

fm2 = slice fm1 including { S T E D }
fm2bis = slice fm1 excluding { W P R V A B C F U }

cmp = compare fm2 fm2bis
assert (cmp eq REFACTORING)

```



# Slicing with FAMILIAR (2)

```

fm1 = FM (W : P T [U] ; T : [V] A ;
           A : B C [D] ;
           C : [E] [F] ;
           P : (R|S)+ ;
           E implies D ; R implies E ;
           S implies (F and !E) ; D implies !F ; )

fm2 = slice fm1 including fm1.A.* ++ { fm1.A }

fm3 = slice fm1 including fm1.P.* ++ { fm1.P }
//fm3bis = slice fm1 including { fm1.P fm1.R fm1.S } // equivalent to fm3

fm4 = slice fm1 including { fm1.E fm1.D fm1.F }

fts5 = { fm1.P fm1.W } ++ fm1.P.*
fm5 = slice fm1 including fts5

```



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customers, product  
management*

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**OPTIONS**

> COMFORT

Central storage console & armrest between seats £50.00

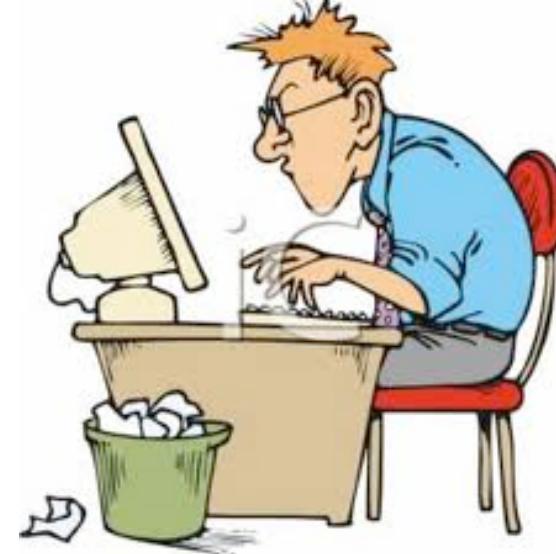
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Electric door mirrors £0.00

> SAFETY & SECURITY

ESC (Electronic Stability Control) with traction and understeer control £200.00

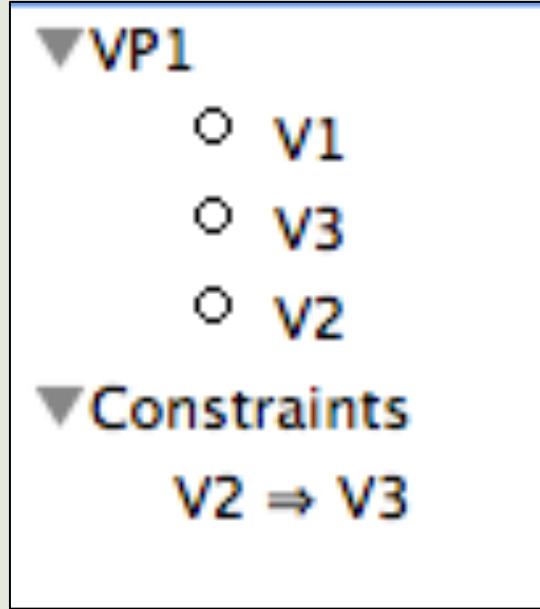
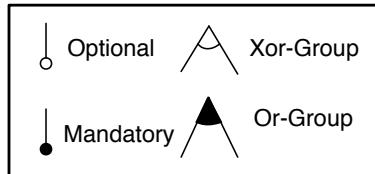
A small image of a silver Renault Kangoo van is shown on the right.



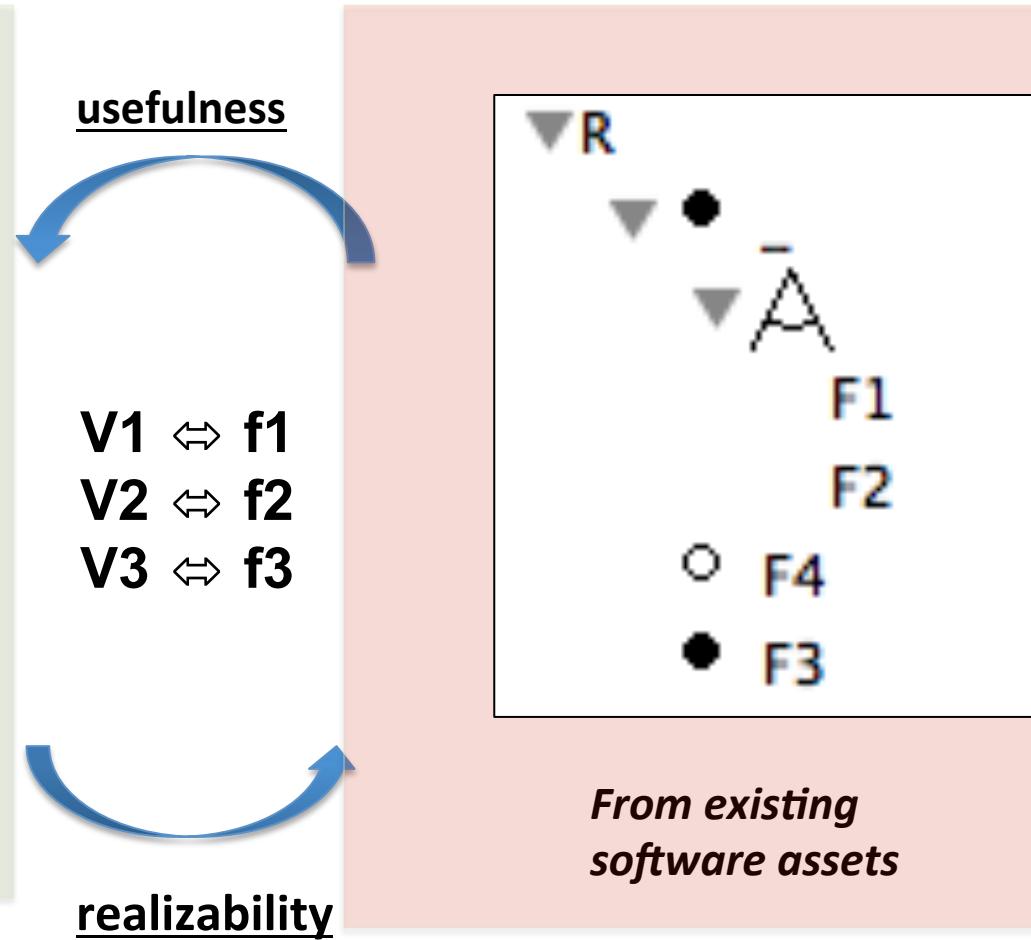
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assets (technical variability)*

```
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program.setText(t.eval("a"));
equation.setText(base);
updateQuarkPanel();
}

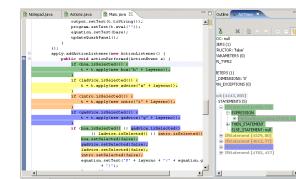
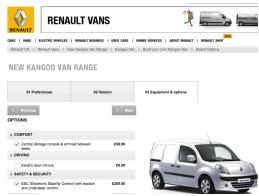
apply.addActionListener(new ActionListener() {
    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
        if (hoa.isSelected()) {
            t = t.apply(new Hoa("n" + layerno));
        }
        if (ladvice.isSelected()) {
            t = t.apply(new ladvice("a" + layerno));
        }
        if (intro.isSelected()) {
            t = t.apply(new intro("i" + layerno));
        }
        if (gadvice.isSelected()) {
            t = t.apply(new gadvice("g" + layerno));
        }
        if ((hoa.isSelected() || gadvice.isSelected() || ladvice.isSelected() || intro.isSelected())
                && !advise.isSelected() || gadvice.isSelected() && ladvice.isSelected()
                && !intro.isSelected() || gadvice.isSelected() && !ladvice.isSelected()
                && !intro.isSelected() || ladvice.isSelected() && !gadvice.isSelected()
                && !intro.isSelected() || intro.isSelected() && !gadvice.isSelected()
                && !ladvice.isSelected() || gadvice.isSelected() && !intro.isSelected()
                && !ladvice.isSelected())) {
            hoa.setSelected(false);
            gadvice.setSelected(false);
            ladvice.setSelected(false);
            intro.setSelected(false);
            advise.setSelected(true);
            equation.setText("a" + layerno + " * " + equation.g
                + ")");
        }
    }
});
```



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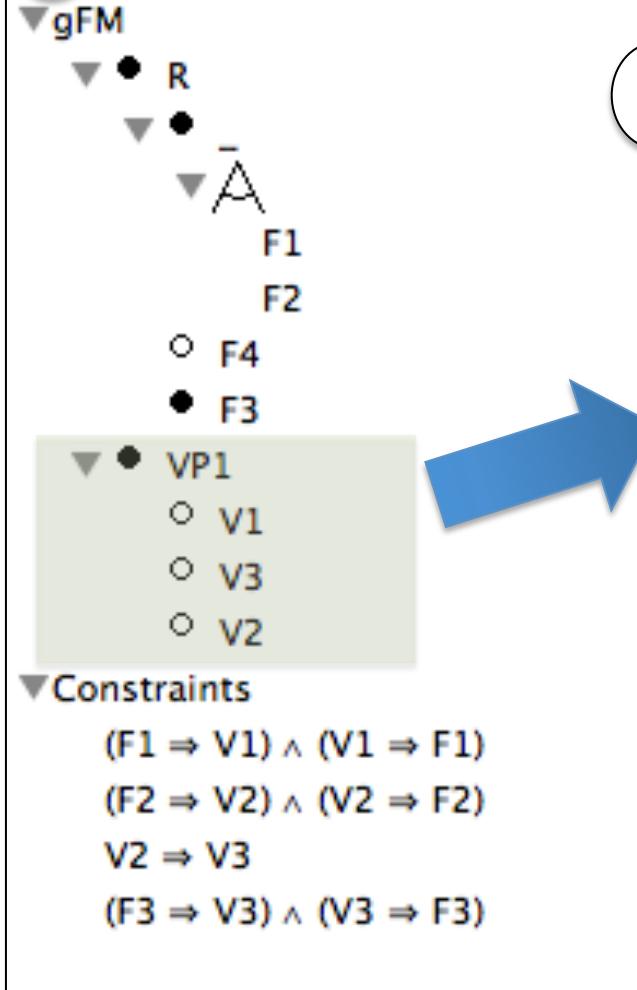


*From existing  
software assets*



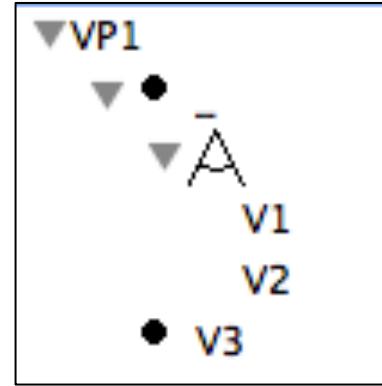
# Realizability checking

## 1 aggregate



2

slice (“realizable part”)



3

compare

$\varphi$

$\{\{V1, V3, V2, VP1\},$   
 $\{V1, VP1\},$   
 $\{V3, VP1\},$   
 $\{VP1\}\}$

4 merge diff  
("unrealizable products")

# With FAMILIAR

```
/*
 * Metzger et al. 2007, RE'07
 * Disambiguating the .....
 * Figure 1, Section 3
 */
```

```
fmSoftware = FM (R : (F1|F2) F3 [F4] ; )
```

```
MacBook-Pro-de-Mathieu-2:FML-scripts macher$ java -jar -Xmx1024M ../FML-0.9.9.6.jar realizability.fml
FAMILIAR (for FeAture Model scrIpt Language for manIpulation and Automatic Reasoning) version 0.9.9.6
University of Nice Sophia Antipolis, UMR CNRS 6070, I3S Laboratory
https://nyx.unice.fr/projects/familiar/
fml> ls
(FEATURE_MODEL) gFM
(FEATURE_MODEL) fmSoftware
(FEATURE_MODEL) fmPLDiff
(FEATURE_MODEL) fmPLPrime
(FEATURE_MODEL) fmPL
(SET) xLink
fml> configs fmPLDiff
res1: (SET) {{VP1;V1};{VP1;V3};{VP1};{V3;V1;VP1;V2}}
fml>
```



Advanced topics

# Revisiting Merge: Aggregate + Slice

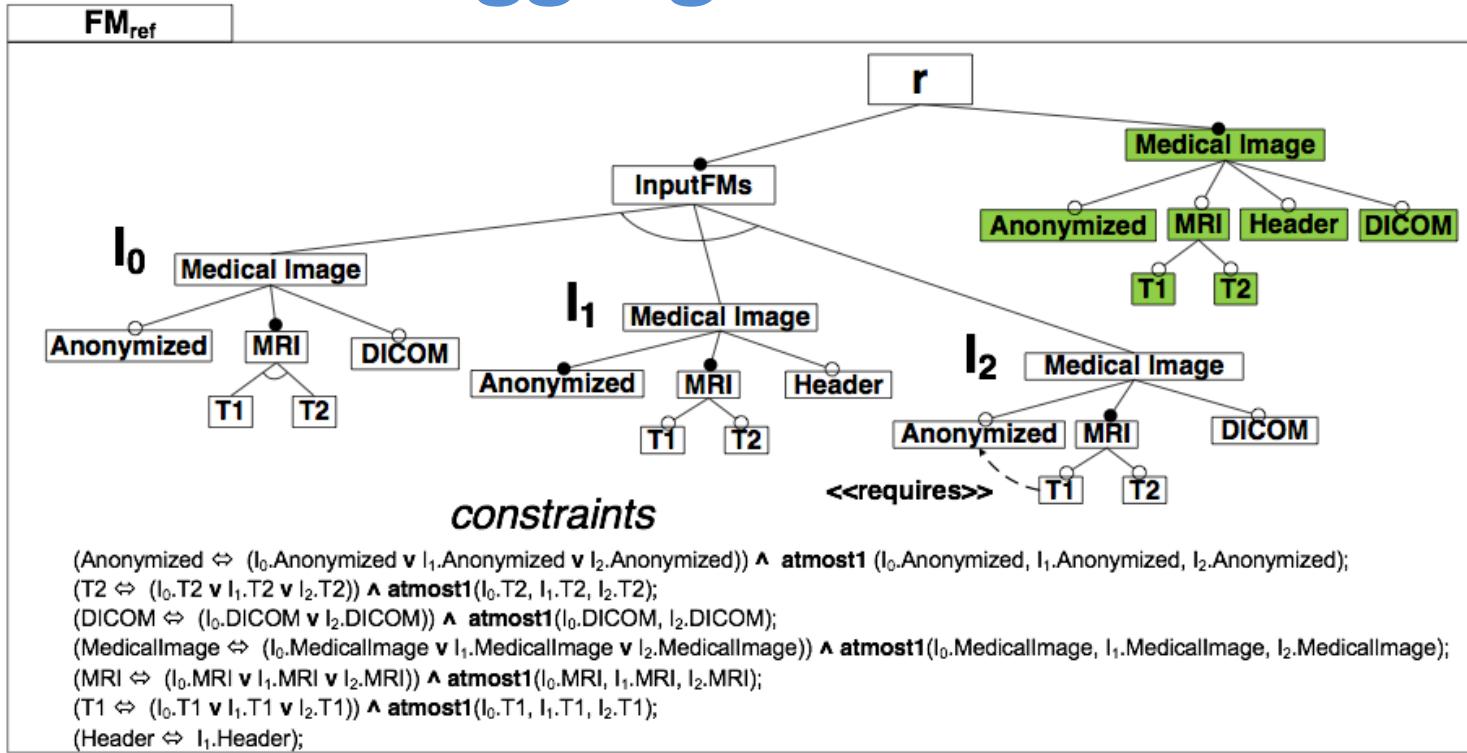
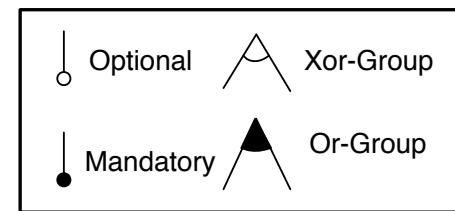
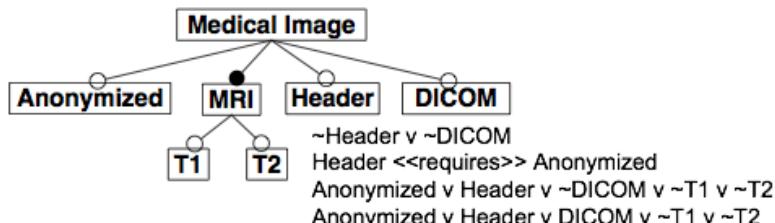


Figure 7.10: Merge of three feature models,  $I_0$ ,  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  using the slicing operator

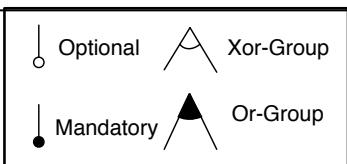


# Revisiting Aggregate, Merge and Slice:

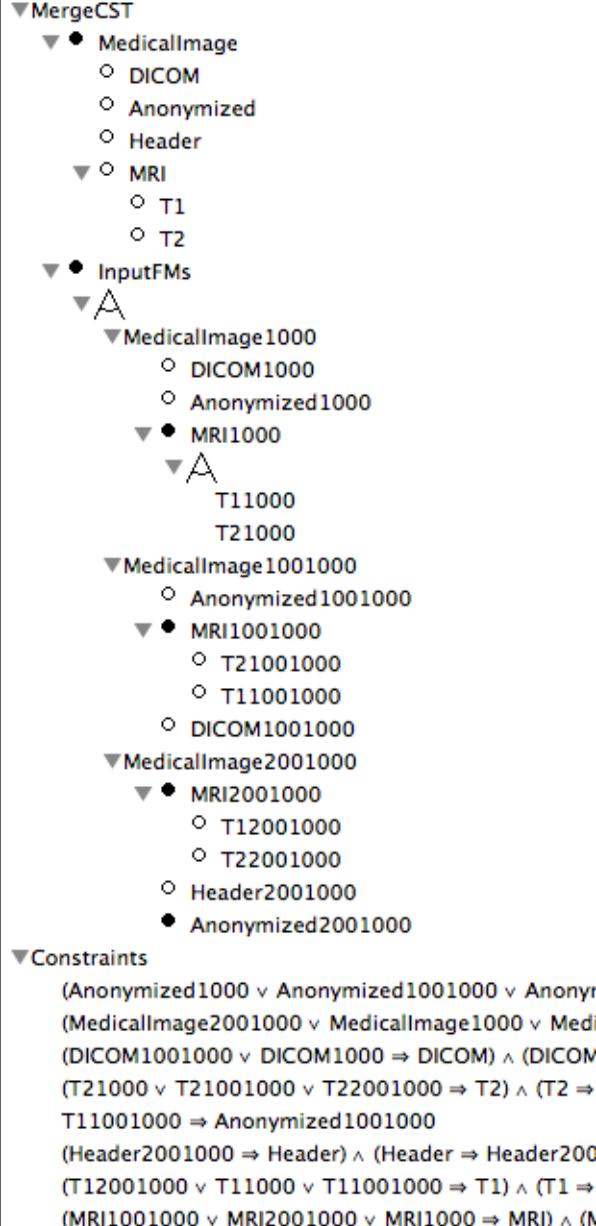
```
fmsupp1 = FM (MedicalImage : [Anonymized] MRI [DICOM] ; MRI : (T1
fmsupp2 = FM (MedicalImage : Anonymized MRI [Header] ; MRI : [T1]
fmsupp3 = FM (MedicalImage : [Anonymized] MRI [DICOM] ; MRI : [T1]

fmSupp = merge sunion fmsupp*
fmSuppAgg = aggregateMerge sunion fmsupp*

fmSuppAggSlice = slice fmSuppAgg including fmSupp.*
```



```
fml> compare fmSuppAggSlice fmSupp
res4: (STRING) REFACTORING
```



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# Composing your Compositions of Variability Models

This document presents:

- a comprehensive tutorial on feature model composition, showing the equivalence of various operators and mechanisms offered by the FAMILIAR language
- numerous examples (toy examples or based on the revisit of existing works)

The associated FAMILIAR scripts are located in the [git repository](#) of the FAMILIAR scripts' repository.

There is an [appendix section](#) at the end of the document that demonstrates FAMILIAR sessions when executing the scripts.

Our ultimate goal is to provide solutions that fulfill the various needs of variability model composition.

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```
A ^  
A ⇔ B ^  
C => A ^  
D => A
```

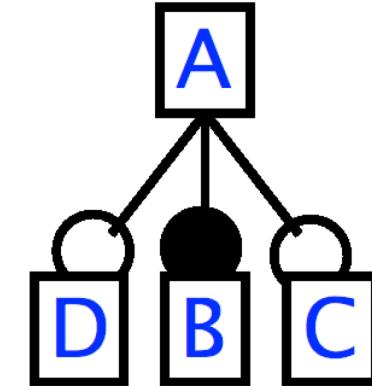
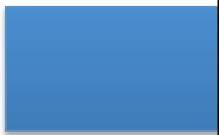
## Feature Model Synthesis Problem

[Czarnecki et al., SPLC'07]

[She et al., ICSE'11]

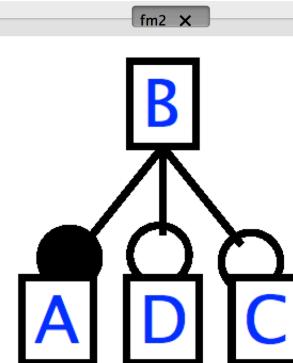
[Andersen et al., SPLC'12]

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FM

```
fm2 = FM (B : A [C] [D] ; )  
fm3 = FM (B : A ; A : [C] [D] ; )  
fm4 = FM (A : B [D] ; B : [C] ; )  
fm5 = FM (A : B [C] ; B : [D] ; )  
  
b12 = compare fm1 fm2  
b13 = compare fm1 fm3  
b14 = compare fm1 fm4  
b15 = compare fm1 fm5  
assert (b12 eq REFACTORING)
```



fm2 x

fm3 x

fm4 x

fm5 x

fm1 x

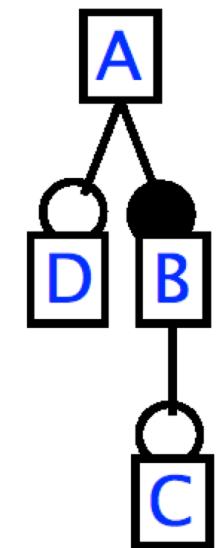
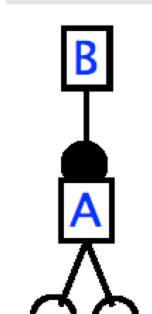
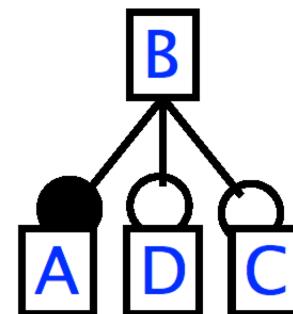
fm2 x

fm3 x

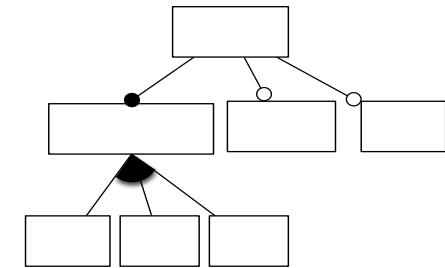
fm4 x

fm5 x

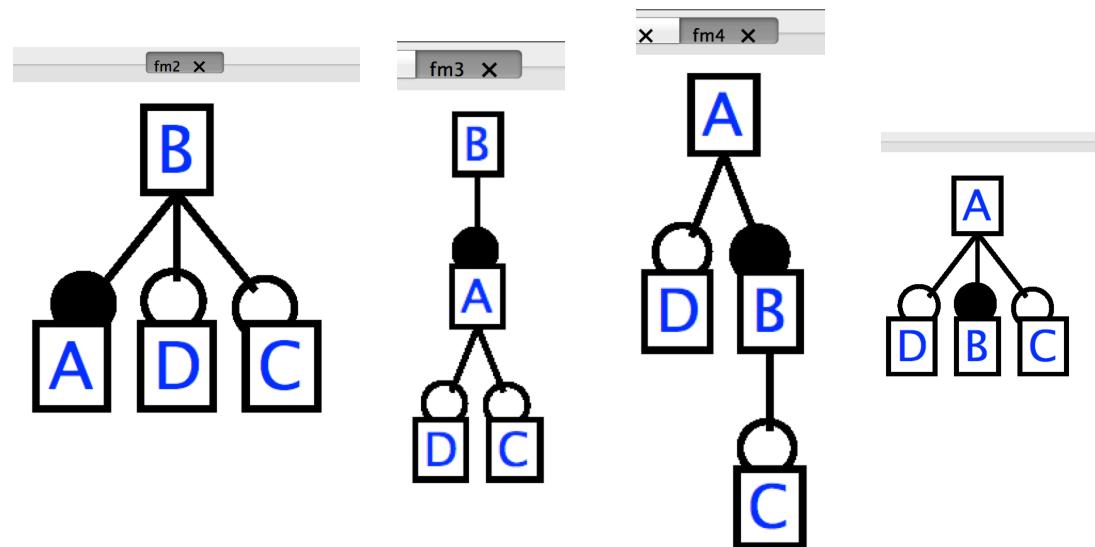
fm1 x



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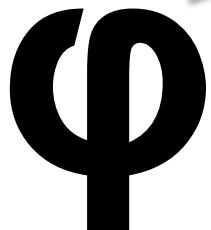
« How to synthesise an  
accurate (w.r.t. the set of constraints/configurations)  
meaningful (maintainable by a user), and  
unique  
feature model? »



# FAMILIAR

```
fm1 = FM (A : B [C] [D] ; )
fm1bis = FM ("foo3.dimacs")
fm1bisbis = FM ("foo3.constraints")

fm2 = ksynthesis fm1bis with hierarchy= A : B C D ;
fm3 = ksynthesis fm1bisbis with hierarchy= B : A ; A : C D ;
```



(SAT solvers or  
Binary Decision Diagrams)

The knowledge can be:

- inconsistent (e.g., root feature specified is not possible)
- consistent and incomplete (i.e., synthesis algorithm needs additional information)
- consistent, « partial » (e.g., not all the hierarchy is specified) and actually complete

# #1 Reverse Engineering Scenarios

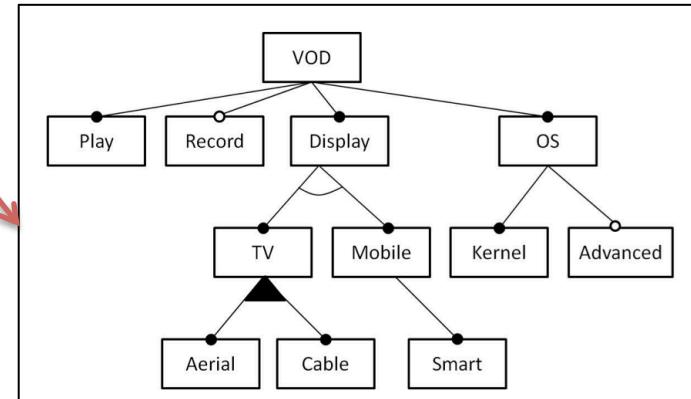
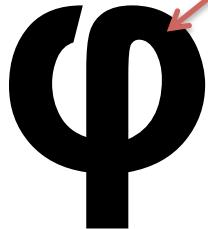
- [Haslinger et al., WCRE'11], [Acher et al., VaMoS'12]

| P   | V | P | R | D | O | T | M | S | K | Ad | Ae | C |
|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|---|
| P1  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |   |   | ✓ | ✓  | ✓  |   |
| P2  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |   |   | ✓ |    | ✓  |   |
| P3  | ✓ | ✓ |   | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |   |   | ✓ | ✓  | ✓  |   |
| P4  | ✓ | ✓ |   | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |   |   | ✓ |    | ✓  |   |
| P5  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |   | ✓ | ✓  | ✓  | ✓ |
| P6  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |   | ✓ | ✓  |    | ✓ |
| P7  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |   | ✓ |    | ✓  | ✓ |
| P8  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |   | ✓ |    |    | ✓ |
| P9  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |   | ✓ | ✓  | ✓  | ✓ |
| P10 | ✓ | ✓ |   | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |   | ✓ | ✓  |    | ✓ |
| P11 | ✓ | ✓ |   | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |   |   | ✓ |    | ✓  | ✓ |
| P12 | ✓ | ✓ |   | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |   |   | ✓ |    |    | ✓ |
| P13 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |   | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  |    |   |
| P14 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |   | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |    |    |   |
| P15 | ✓ | ✓ |   | ✓ | ✓ |   | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  |    |   |
| P16 | ✓ | ✓ |   | ✓ | ✓ |   | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |    |    |   |

```
// from product descriptions to feature models
// typically something generated by VariCell (see VaMoS'12 paper or the dedicated web page)
fm_1 = FM (VOD: R Ae T D P Ad K V O ; )
fm_2 = FM (VOD: R Ae T D P K V O ; )
fm_3 = FM (VOD: Ae T D P Ad K V O ; )
fm_4 = FM (VOD: T Ae D P V K O ; )
fm_5 = FM (VOD: R T Ae D P Ad K V O C ; )
fm_6 = FM (VOD: R T D P Ad V K O C ; )
fm_7 = FM (VOD: R T Ae D P V K O C ; )
fm_8 = FM (VOD: R T D P K V O C ; )
fm_9 = FM (VOD: Ae T D P Ad V K O C ; )
fm_10 = FM (VOD: T D P Ad K V O C ; )
fm_11 = FM (VOD: Ae T D P V K O C ; )
fm_12 = FM (VOD: T D P K V O C ; )
fm_13 = FM (VOD: R S D P Ad V K O M ; )
fm_14 = FM (VOD: R S D P K V O M ; )
fm_15 = FM (VOD: S D P Ad V K O M ; )
fm_16 = FM (VOD: S D P V K O M ; )

// fmR represents the union of configurations/products
// characterized by fm_1, fm_2, ..., fm_16
fmR := merge sunion fm_*
```

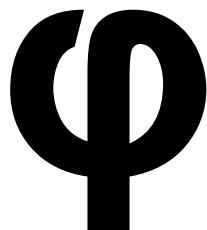
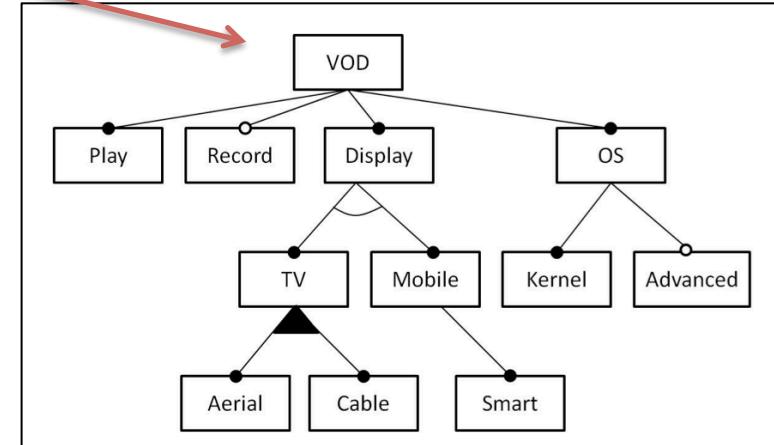
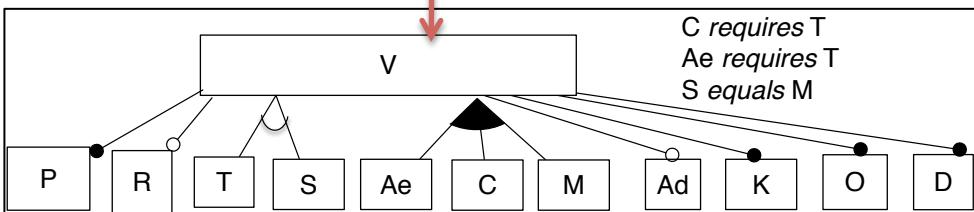
fmR2 = ksynthesis fmR with hierarchy= VOD : V P R D O ; O : K Ad ; D : T M ; T : Ae C ; M : S ;



# #2 Refactoring

- [Alves et al., GPCE'06], [Thuem et al., ICSE'09]

```
// refactoring!
fmR2 = ksynthesis fmR with hierarchy= VOD : V P R D O ; O : K Ad ; D : T M ; T : Ae C ; M : S ;
```



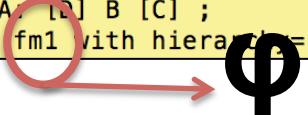
```
fml> compare fmR fmR2
res0: (STRING) REFACTORING
```

# #3 Re-Engineering Feature Models of repository



- For each FM we execute the following FAMILIAR script...

```
MacBook-Pro-de-Mathieu-3:FMLTestRepository macher1$ java -Xmx1024M -jar ..../FML-1.0.3.jar
FAMILIAR (for FeAture Model scrIpt Language for manIpulation and Automatic Reasoning) version 1.0.3 (beta)
University of Nice Sophia Antipolis, UMR CNRS 6070, I3S Laboratory
https://nyx.unice.fr/projects/familiar/
fml> fm1 = FM ("output/fm1.xml")
res0: (FEATURE_MODEL) A: [D] B [C] ;
fm1: (FEATURE_MODEL) A: [D] B [C] ;
fml> fm2 = ksynthesis fm1 with hierarchy fm1
```



- ... And we «compare» syntactically fm1 and fm2
  - semantical comparison is not needed: we know that they are refactoring by construction (good test case though ;-))
- Results:
  - 147 synthesised FMs (69 %) were exactly the same as input FMs ;
  - 40 synthesised FMs (19%) were corrections of input FMs ;
  - 24 synthesised FMs (12%) were different (knowledge needed)
    - another set of cross-tree constraints was synthesised.
    - feature group conflicts in six cases

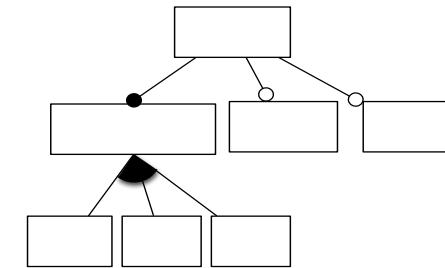
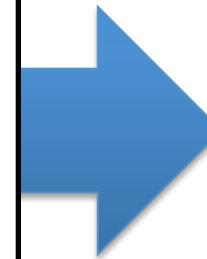
**Specification of the hierarchy is the main issue**

## #1 Breathing knowledge into feature model synthesis

formal specification (consistency and completeness)  
concrete syntax and tooling support

## #2 Practical applications

reverse engineering, refactoring/re-engineering of feature models



« Give me a formula  
and some knowledge,



**Automated support is highly  
needed (ongoing work)**

I will synthesise  
an accurate,  
meaningful,  
unique  
feature model »

# State-of-the-art support for assisting users:

<http://tinyurl.com/OntoFMEperiments>

The screenshot shows the FAMILIAR interface with several panels:

- File Script Display Console Reasoning Synthesis Help**: Top menu bar.
- Wiki** and **Wiki\_synthesis**: Tabs in the top-left corner.
- Parent selector**: A tree view of feature categories like Java, PHP, Local, Storage, MySQL, License, etc.
- Clusters**: A tree view of clusters. One cluster under "Cluster" is expanded to show sub-clusters like PostgreSQL and MySQL.
- Cliques**: A tree view of cliques. One clique under "Clique" is expanded to show sub-cliques like Storage, License, Wiki, Hosting, PostgreSQL, Proprietary License, MySQL, and Open Source.
- Synthesis menu**: A dropdown menu with options like "Similarity metric", "Clustering metric", "Define clustering threshold...", "Complete FM", and "Undo". It also lists various ontological heuristics:
  - Always zero
  - Random
  - Simmetrics (Smith Waterman)
  - Simmetrics (Levenshtein)
  - Wordnet (Wu & Palmer)
  - Wordnet (Path length)
  - Wikipedia Miner
  - Latent Semantic Analysis and Indexing
- Ontological Heuristics**: A large red text label above a hierarchical diagram.
- Diagram**: A hierarchical tree diagram showing relationships between Wiki, Hosting, License, Storage, Proprietary License, MySQL, and PostgreSQL.
- Annotations**:
  - "Clusters of conceptually similar features" is written in red text next to the Clusters panel.
  - "Logical clusters" is written in red text next to the Cliques panel.
  - "(interactive synthesis)" is written in red text next to the Ontological Heuristics diagram.

FAMILIAR (for FeAture Model script Language for manipulation and Automatic Reasoning) version 1.1 (beta)  
<http://familiar-project.github.com/>  
 fml> Wiki = FM("wiki.dimacs")  
 fml> ksynthesis --interactive Wiki  
 fml>

FAMILIAR console

# 300+ Products Comparison Matrices in Wikipedia

## Features [edit]

| Service name           | Automatic forwarding | E-mail client access <sup>14</sup>                                     | client E-mail for other server                  | Integration with IM service                                             | Domain Name customization                                                    | Interface script technique                                                | Virus scanning                                                 | Filters out emails with executable attachments | Custom "From:" Address                                                                                                      | Address modifiers (subaddressing)                                                                                                                                        | Server hosted public keyring (for encryption) | Shared key encryption |
|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| AOL Mail               | No                   | Yes (POP3, IMAP, SMTP)                                                 | Yes <sup>9</sup>                                | AOL Instant Messenger                                                   | No <sup>1</sup>                                                              | JavaScript/ Ajax                                                          | Yes (McAfee)                                                   | No                                             |                                                                                                                             | ?                                                                                                                                                                        | No                                            | No                    |
| Bigfoot Communications | Premium account only | Yes (POP3, IMAP, SMTP)                                                 | Yes (POP3 only)                                 | XMPP                                                                    | Yes                                                                          | HTML/ JavaScript/ CSS/Ajax                                                | Yes                                                            | ?                                              | Yes                                                                                                                         | ?                                                                                                                                                                        | No                                            | No                    |
| FastMail.FM            | Paid accounts only   | Yes (IMAP) <sup>7</sup>                                                | Paid accounts (POP3, Hotmail)                   | XMPP                                                                    | Enhanced and group (Business/ Family) accounts                               | HTML/ JavaScript/ CSS/Ajax (Optional user supplied custom css+JavaScript) | Paid accounts (ClamAV)                                         | Configurable with user filtering rules         | Yes<br>Editable while composing + saved personalities                                                                       | Yes<br>userid followed by "+" followed by tag available on all accounts; subdomain addressing (e.g. <tag>@<userid>.fastmail.fm) available on paid accounts <sup>15</sup> | No                                            | No                    |
| Gmail                  | Yes                  | Yes (POP3, IMAP)<br>SSL/TLS supported<br>SMTP restricted <sup>18</sup> | Yes (POP3 only)                                 | Google Talk <sup>beta</sup> (XMPP), AOL Instant Messenger               | Yes (Google Apps \$5.00 monthly/ \$50.00 annually)                           | HTML/ JavaScript/ Ajax <sup>2</sup>                                       | Yes                                                            | Yes, including .exe files in zip files         | Yes, limited.<br>Feature restricted to preconfigured addresses. Addresses not registered in advance with Gmail are blocked. | Yes<br>userid followed by "+" followed by tag                                                                                                                            | No                                            | No                    |
| GMX Mail               | No                   | Yes (POP3, IMAP <sup>17</sup> , SMTP)<br>SSL/TLS supported             | Yes (POP3 only)                                 | XMPP                                                                    | Yes                                                                          | HTML/ JavaScript/ Ajax                                                    | Yes (McAfee and Symantec)                                      | Yes, including .exe files in zip files         | Yes                                                                                                                         | No                                                                                                                                                                       | No                                            | No                    |
| Hushmail               | No                   | Extra cost <sup>8</sup>                                                | ?                                               | No                                                                      | \$1.99/\$3.99 monthly through Hushmail Business                              | Java or HTML                                                              | No but the text based email stops most viruses, PGP encryption | ?                                              | Yes, unlimited email aliases for Premium members                                                                            | ?                                                                                                                                                                        | Yes                                           | Yes                   |
| Mail.com               | No                   | Yes (POP3, IMAP, SMTP)<br>SSL/TLS supported                            | Yes (POP3 only)                                 | Google Talk (XMPP)                                                      | No                                                                           | HTML/ JavaScript/ Ajax <sup>2</sup>                                       | Yes                                                            | Yes, including .exe files in zip files         | Yes                                                                                                                         | No                                                                                                                                                                       | No                                            | No                    |
| Mail.ru                | Yes                  | Yes (POP3, IMAP)                                                       | Yes (POP3 only)                                 | custom                                                                  | Yes (Free, Mail.ru for Business <sup>19</sup> supports up to 5000 mailboxes) | HTML/ Ajax (Beta)                                                         | Yes (Kaspersky)                                                | ?                                              | Yes                                                                                                                         | ?                                                                                                                                                                        | No                                            | No                    |
| Outlook.com            | Yes                  | Partial (POP3, SMTP) <sup>3</sup>                                      | Yes (POP3 only)                                 | Windows Live Messenger, Google Hangouts, Facebook Chat                  | Yes <sup>4</sup>                                                             | HTML/ JavaScript/ CSS/Ajax                                                | Yes                                                            | Yes, including .exe files in zip files         | Yes                                                                                                                         | userid followed by "-" followed by tag <sup>[36]</sup>                                                                                                                   | No                                            | No                    |
| Rackspace              | Yes                  | Yes (POP3, IMAP)<br>SSL/TLS supported<br>SMTP restricted               | ?                                               | No                                                                      | Yes                                                                          | HTML/ JavaScript/ Ajax                                                    | Yes                                                            | Yes                                            | ?                                                                                                                           | No                                                                                                                                                                       | No                                            | No                    |
| rediff                 | No                   | Plus members only                                                      | ?                                               | Rediff Bol                                                              | Yes                                                                          | JavaScript/ Ajax <sup>2</sup>                                             | Yes                                                            | ?                                              | Yes                                                                                                                         | ?                                                                                                                                                                        | No                                            | No                    |
| Runbox                 | Yes                  | Yes (IMAP, POP, SMTP)<br>SSL/TLS supported                             | Yes (POP3, Hotmail, Gmail)<br>SSL/TLS supported | XMPP, Google Talk, AOL Instant Messenger, MSN, ICQ, IRC <sup>[37]</sup> | Yes                                                                          | HTML/ JavaScript/ CSS/Ajax                                                | Yes (ClamAV)                                                   | If discarded by virus scanner                  | Yes<br>Selectable while composing, saved identities                                                                         | Yes<br>userid followed by "+" or "-" followed by tag                                                                                                                     | No                                            | No                    |

« From Comparison Matrix to Variability Model: The Wikipedia Case Study »  
 Nicolas Sannier, Mathieu Acher, and Benoit Baudry (ASE'2013)

# From Products to Feature Models

| Identifier | License    | Language | Storage  | LicenseCostFee     | RSS | Unicode |
|------------|------------|----------|----------|--------------------|-----|---------|
| Confluence | Commercial | Java     | Database | US10               | Yes | Yes     |
| PBwiki     | Nolimit    | No       | No       | Yes                | Yes | No      |
| MoinMoin   | GPL        | Python   | Files    | No                 | Yes | Yes     |
| DokuWiki   | GPL2       | PHP      | Files    | No                 | Yes | Yes     |
| PmWiki     | GPL2       | PHP      | Files    | No                 | Yes | Yes     |
| DrupalWiki | GPL2       | PHP      | Database | Different Licences | Yes | Yes     |
| TWiki      | GPL        | Perl     | FileRCS  | Community          | Yes | Yes     |
| MediaWiki  | GPL        | PHP      | Database | No                 | Yes | Yes     |

```

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  <general>_> author: "General Information"
  <general>_> author: "DokuWiki is a read/write compliant, simple to use Wiki, mostly aimed at creating documentation of any kind. It is a
  system which makes sure the changes remain readable outside the Wiki and issues the creation of structured icons.
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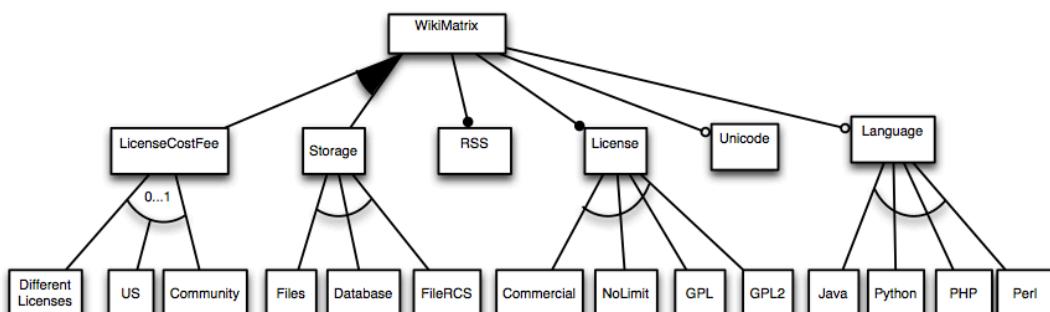
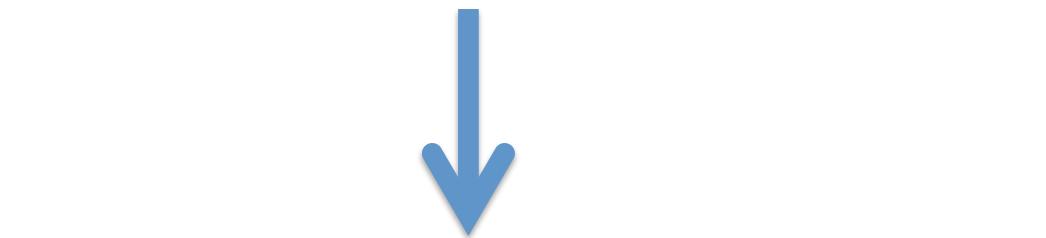
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PBWORKS



Confluence

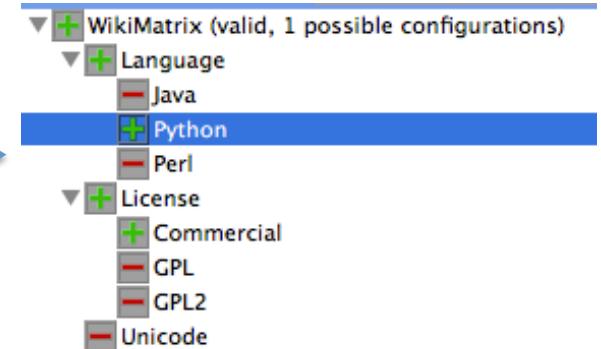
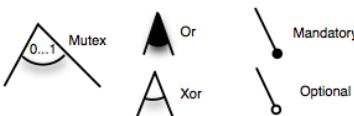


**BI** = Commercial <-> FileRCS  
 Community <-> FileRCS  
 FileRCS <-> Perl  
 Unicode <-> Language  
 US10 <-> Java

**I** = GPL2 >-> PHP  
 GPL >-> Storage

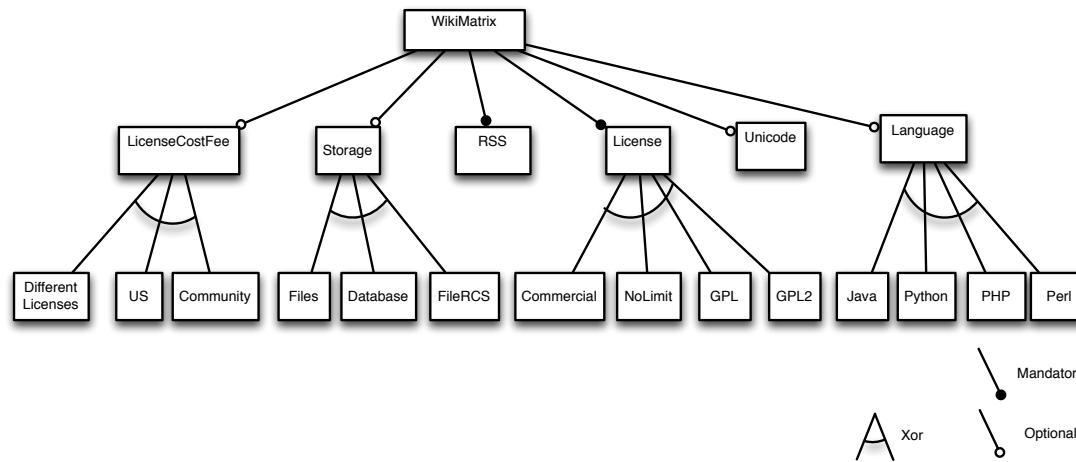
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 Database >-> ~Python  
 Nolimit >-> ~DifferentLicenses  
 Unicode >-> ~Nolimit  
 LicenseCostFee >-> ~Files

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# Manual extraction of a feature model from product description(s) is not possible

| Identifier | License    | Language | Storage  | LicenseCostFee     | RSS | Unicode |
|------------|------------|----------|----------|--------------------|-----|---------|
| Confluence | Commercial | Java     | Database | US10               | Yes | Yes     |
| PBwiki     | Nolimit    | No       | No       | Yes                | Yes | No      |
| MoinMoin   | GPL        | Python   | Files    | No                 | Yes | Yes     |
| DokuWiki   | GPL2       | PHP      | Files    | No                 | Yes | Yes     |
| PmWiki     | GPL2       | PHP      | Files    | No                 | Yes | Yes     |
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| MediaWiki  | GPL        | PHP      | Database | No                 | Yes | Yes     |



640 configurations  
(634 counter examples)

**Exact** set of configurations, each configuration corresponding to at least one product

# Automation

- Each product description is encoded as a feature model

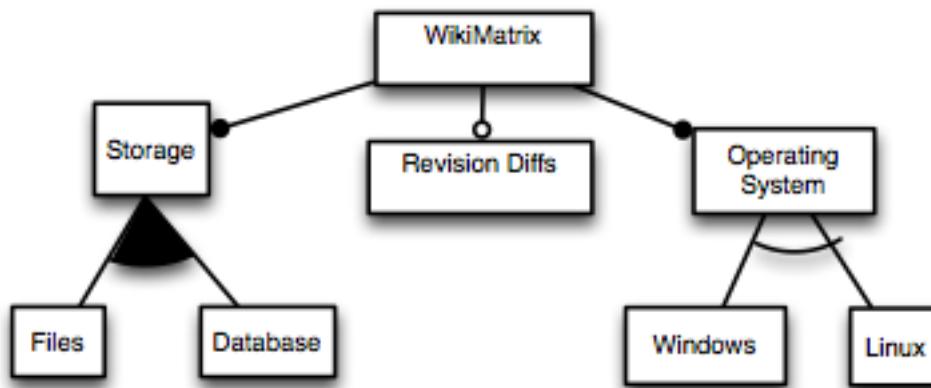
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|------------|------------|----------|----------|--------------------|-----|---------|-------|
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| PBwiki     | Nolimit    | No       | No       | Yes                | Yes | No      | → fm2 |
| MoinMoin   | GPL        | Python   | Files    | No                 | Yes | Yes     | → fm3 |
| DokuWiki   | GPL2       | PHP      | Files    | No                 | Yes | Yes     | → fm4 |
| PmWiki     | GPL2       | PHP      | Files    | No                 | Yes | Yes     | → fm5 |
| DrupalWiki | GPL2       | PHP      | Database | Different Licences | Yes | Yes     | → fm6 |
| TWiki      | GPL        | Perl     | FilesRCS | Community          | Yes | Yes     | → fm7 |
| MediaWiki  | GPL        | PHP      | Database | No                 | Yes | Yes     | → fm8 |

- Feature models {fm1, fm2,...,fm8} are merged

# Each product description is encoded as a feature model

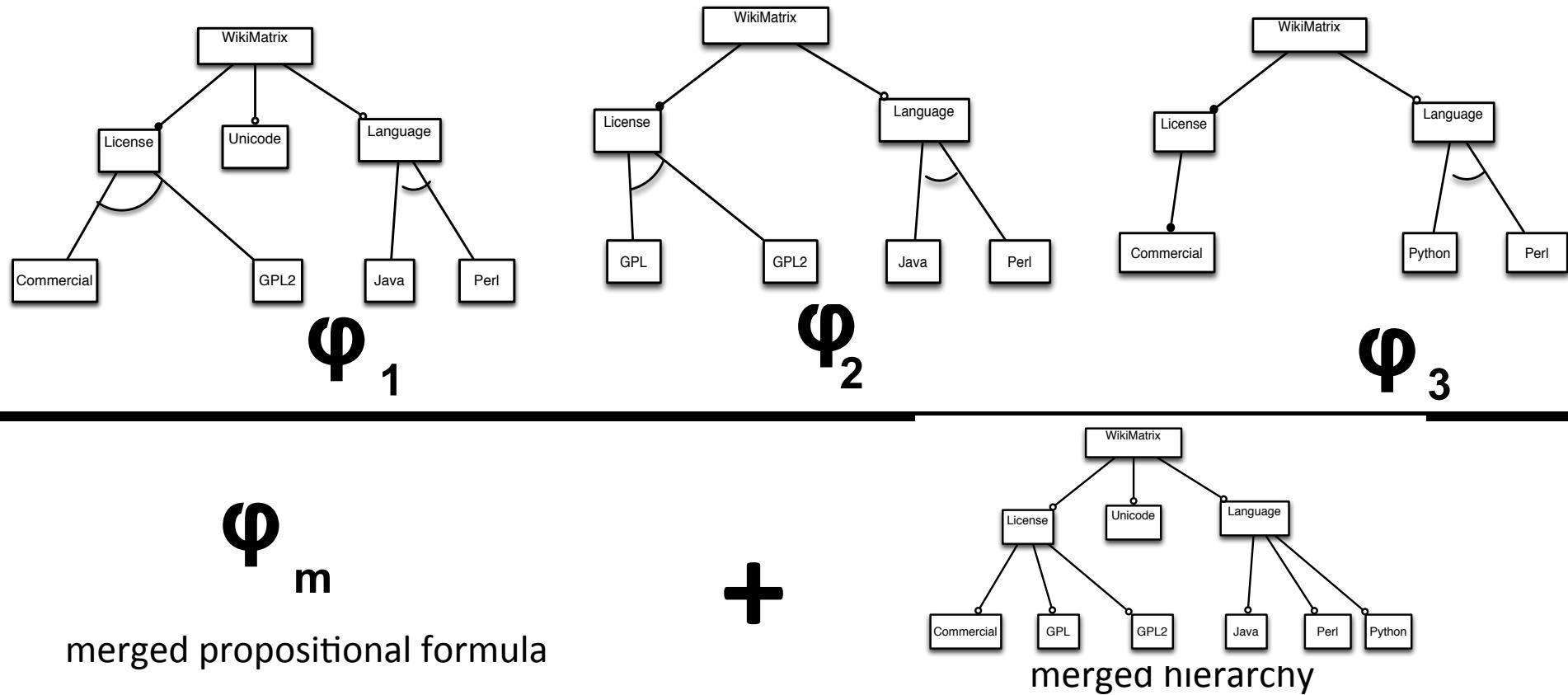
| ID      | Revision Diffs | Operating System | Storage          | Open |
|---------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------|
| ...     | ...            | ...              | ...              | ...  |
| FooWiki | Plugin         | Windows; Linux   | Files ; Database | No   |
| ...     | ...            | ...              | ...              | ...  |

(a) A wiki engine description

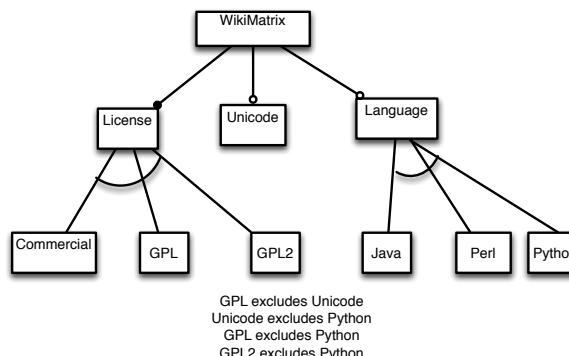


(b) Corresponding FM

# Merging of feature models



Set mandatory features  
 Detect Xor and Or-groups  
 Compute “implies/excludes”



# Feature models in the real

- SPLOT repository
  - more than 200 feature models reported from the literature (various domains)
- Linux feature model
  - worst case: more than 6300 features!
  - eCos, FreeBSD, BusyBox, etc.
- Automotive industry
  - thousands of features
- Wiki matrix
  - wiki engines: ~ 2000 features
- Reverse engineering procedures are emerging

(ongoing) **Comprehensive model-based  
product line support**

**Reverse engineering  
Automated Analysis  
Languages, API/DSLs**

**Evaluation** (European projects, long-term collaboration with Thales, open source systems)



# FAMILIAR

