Invasive Software Composition

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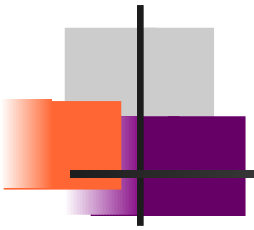

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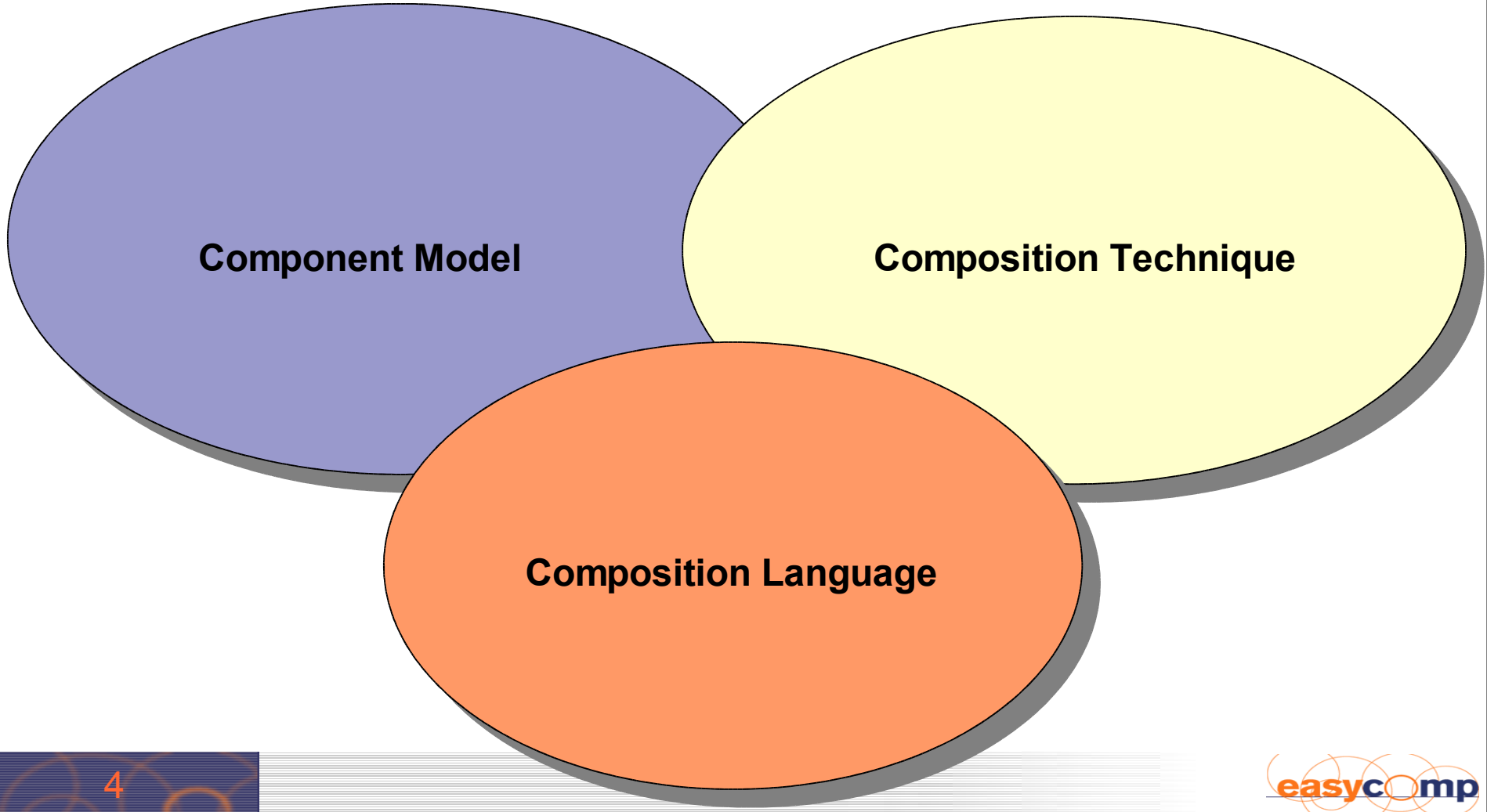
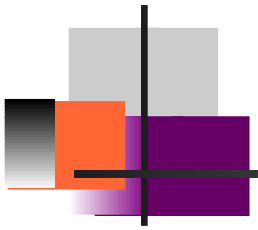
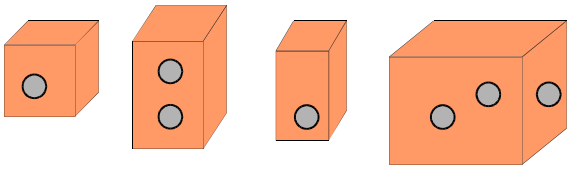




Historical Approaches to Components

Blackbox Composition



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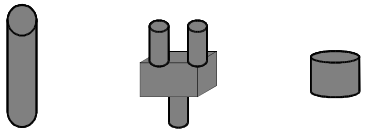

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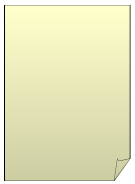
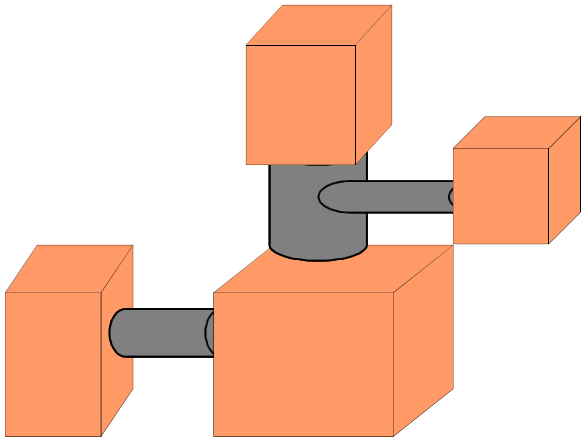
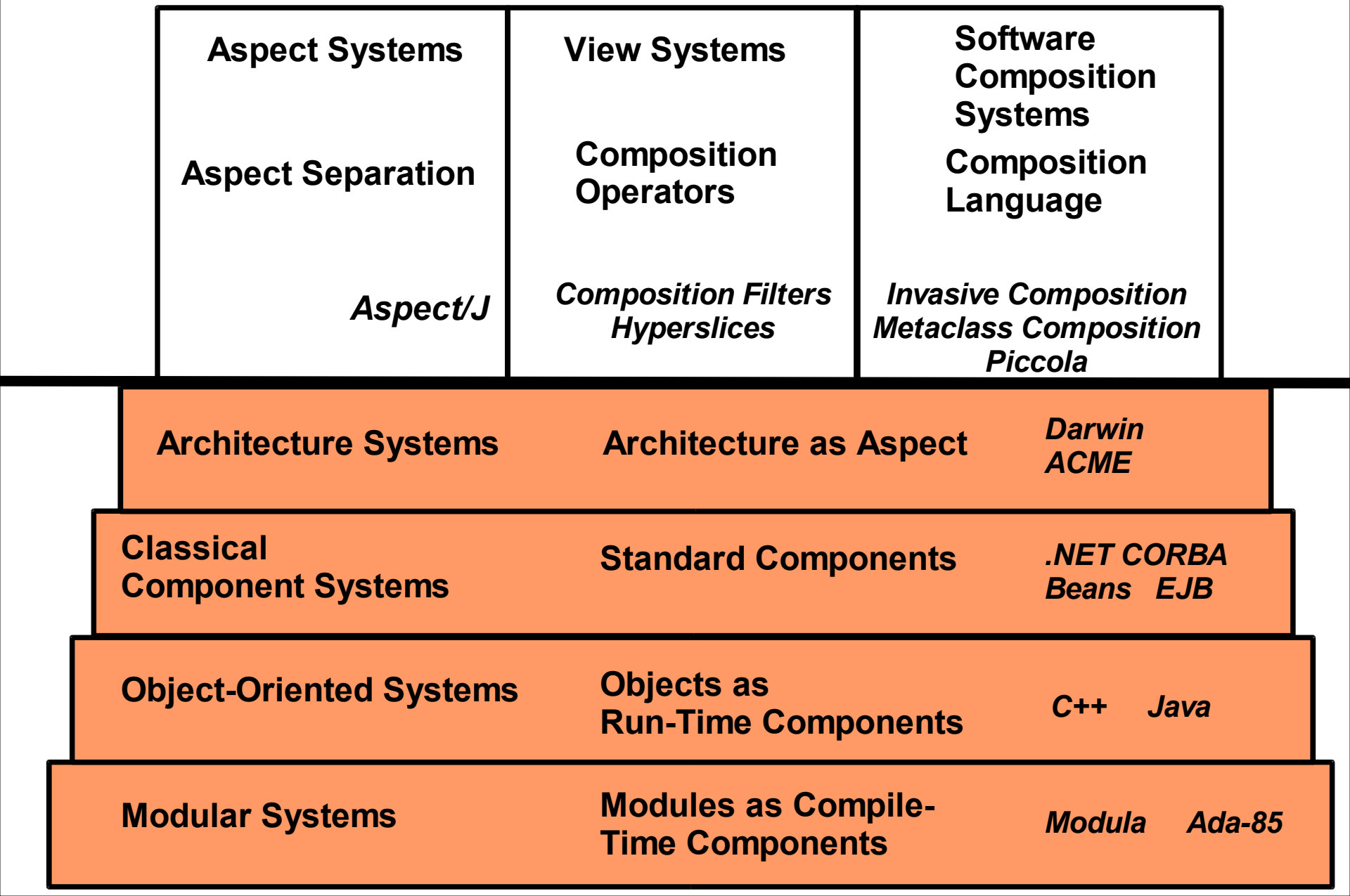


Composition recipe



Component-based applications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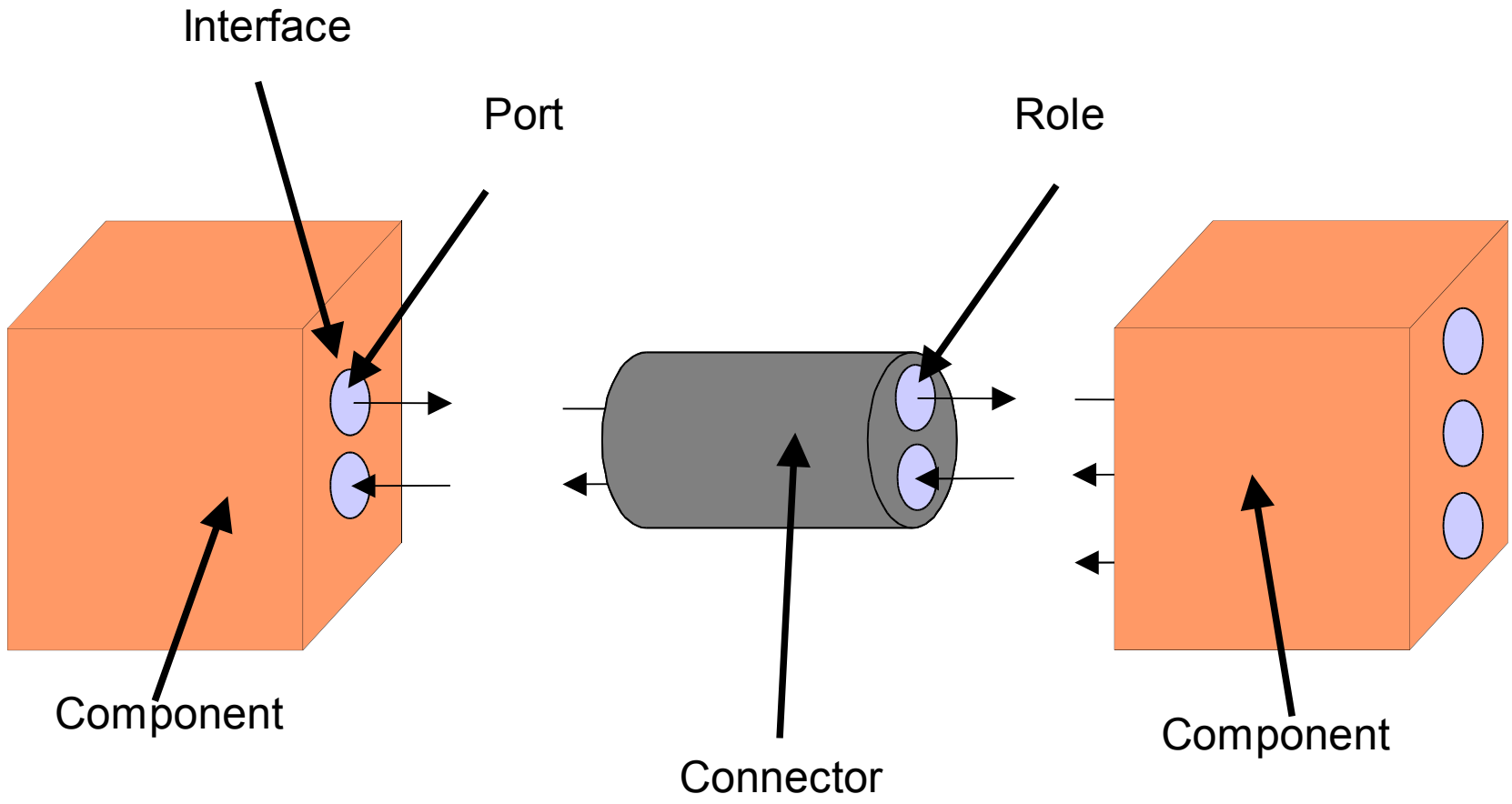
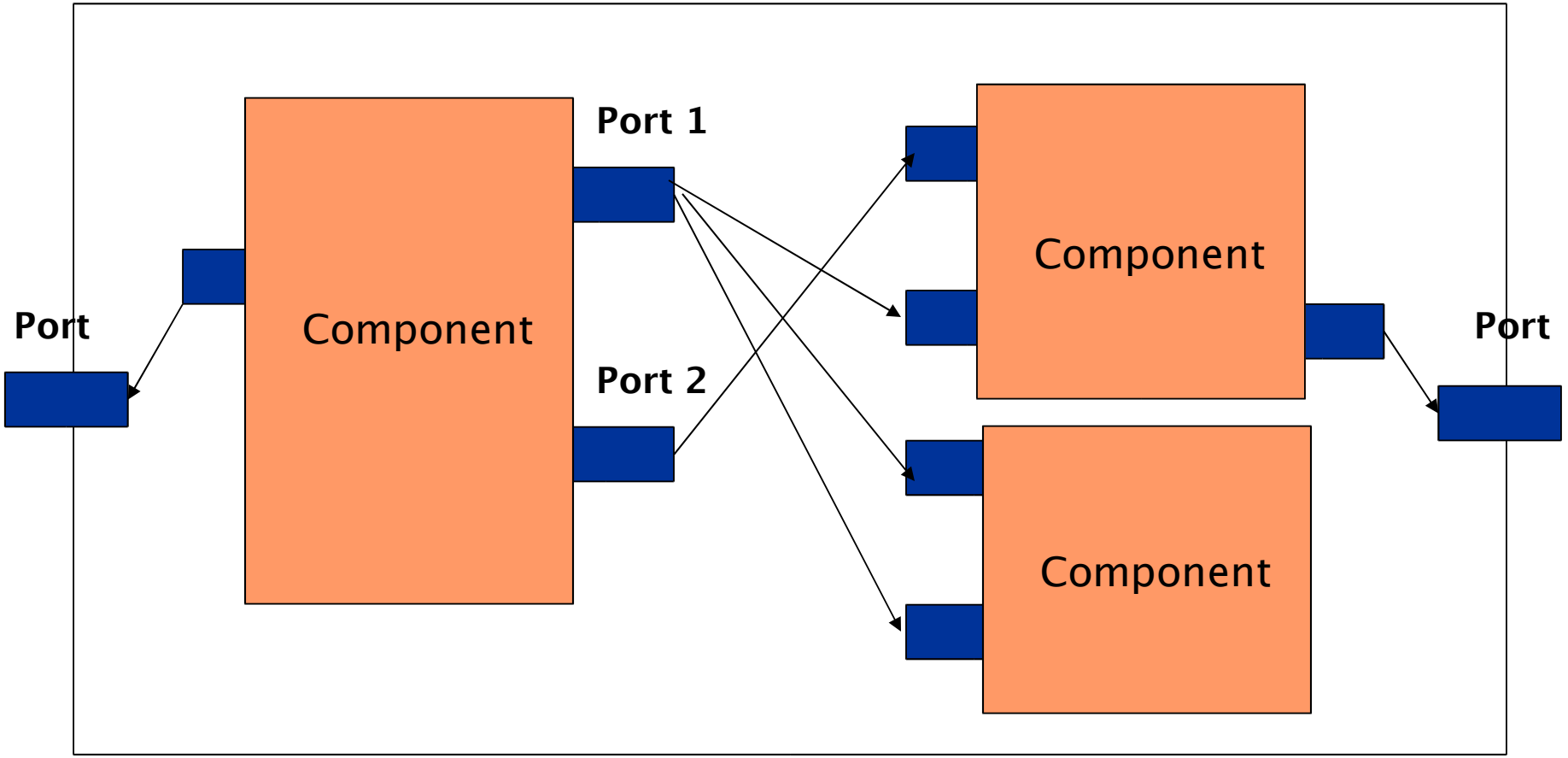
Most Advanced: Software Architecture Systems



Architecture can be exchanged independently of components

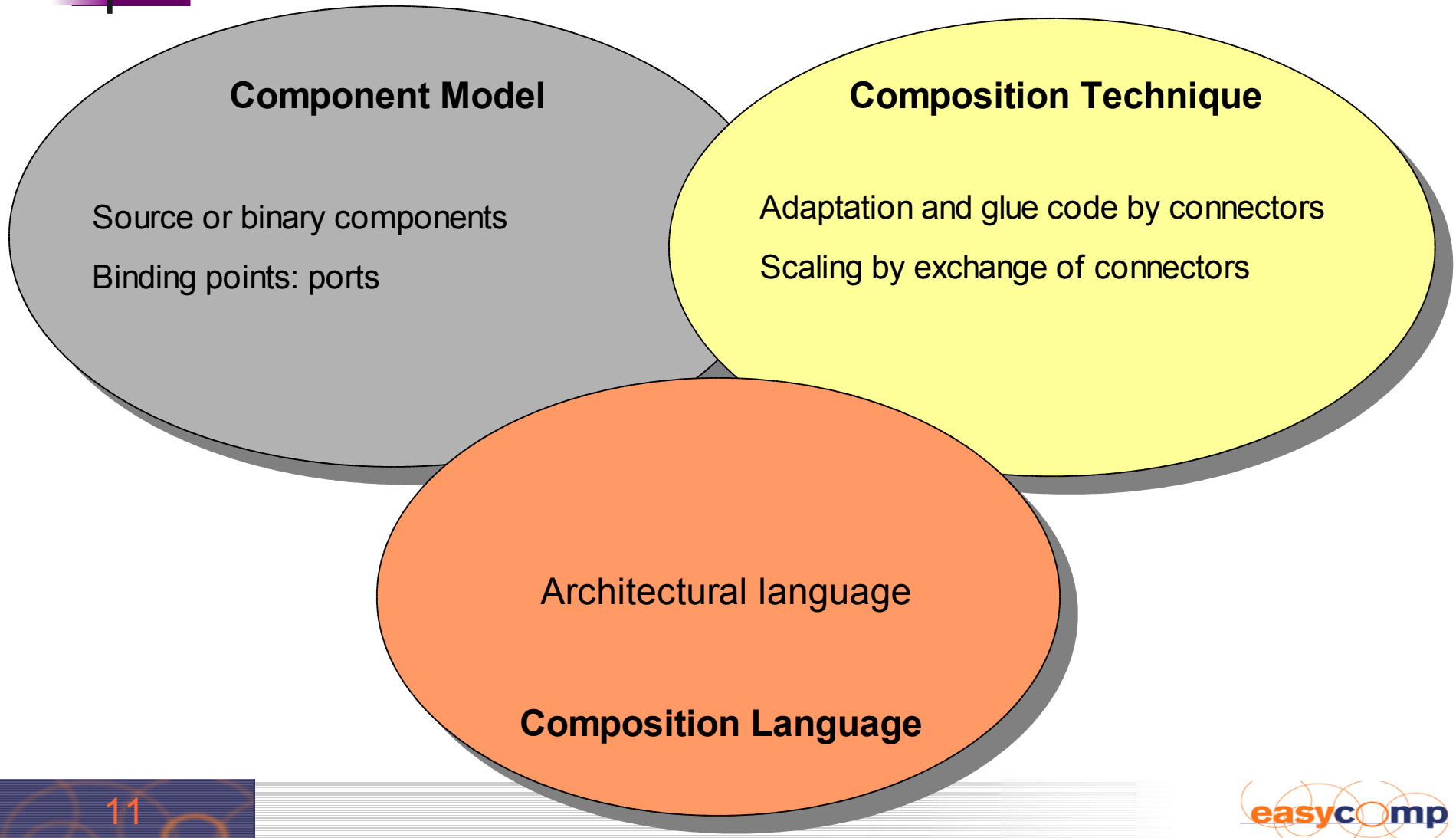
Reuse of components and architectures is fundamentally improved

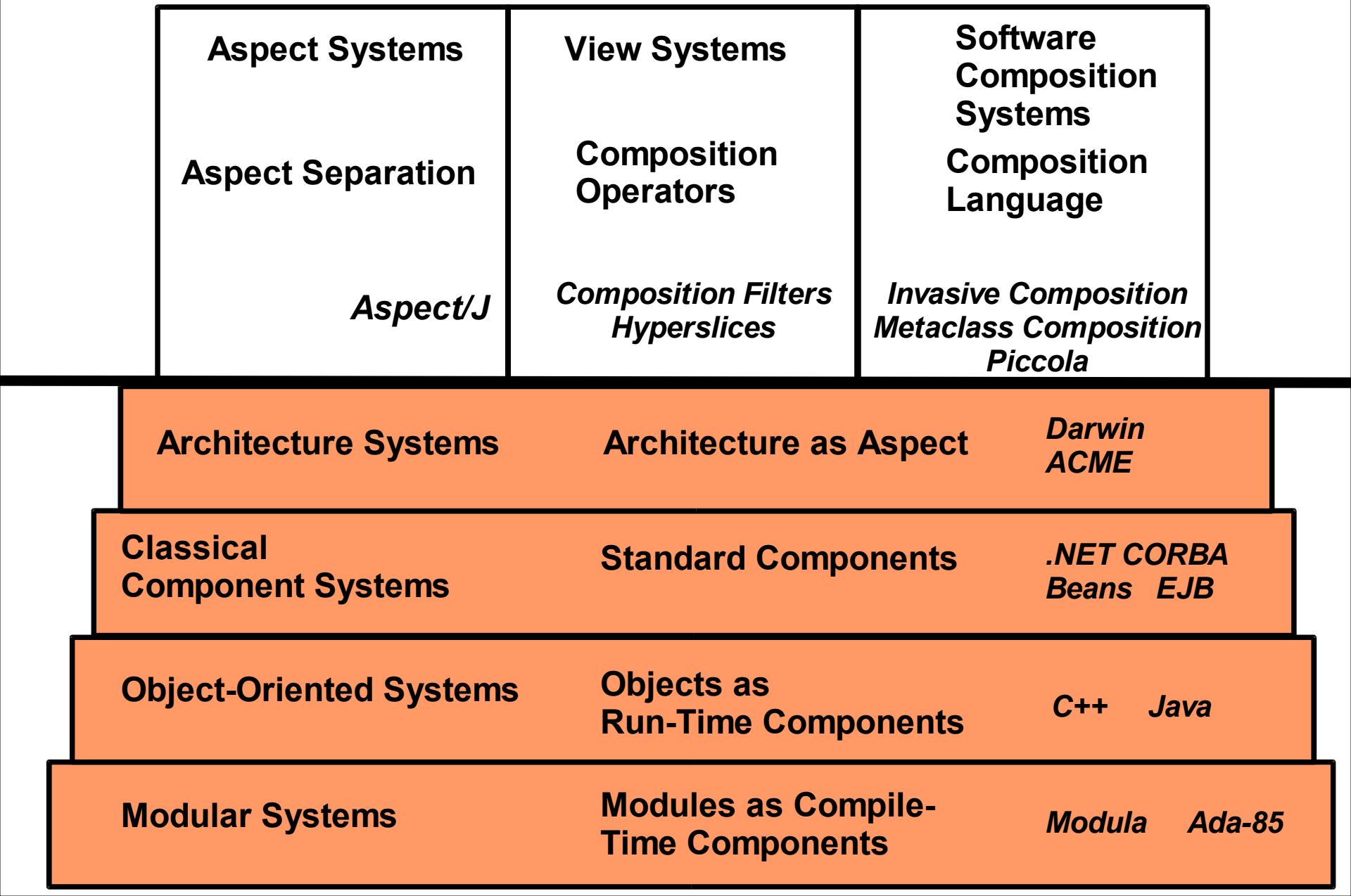


Architecture Systems

- ACME (Garlan, CMU)
- Darwin (Kramer, Magee, Imperial College)
- Unicon (Shaw, CMU)
- CoSy (ACE b.V., Amsterdam, commercialized for compilers of embedded systems, http://www.ace.nl)

Architecture Systems as Composition Systems

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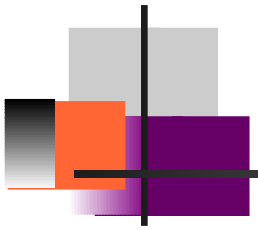

Graybox Component Models

The Essence of the Last 5 Years

- **Aspect-oriented Programming**
- **View-based Programming**

Component Integration

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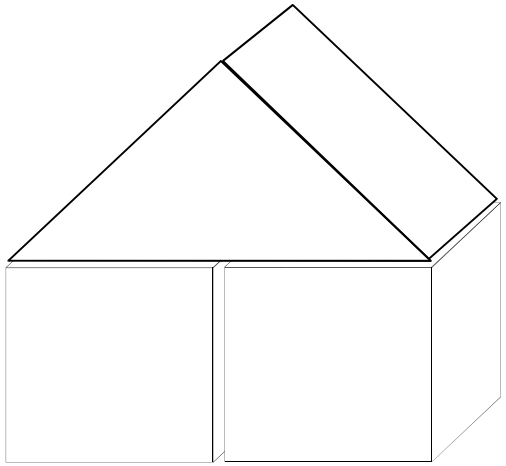

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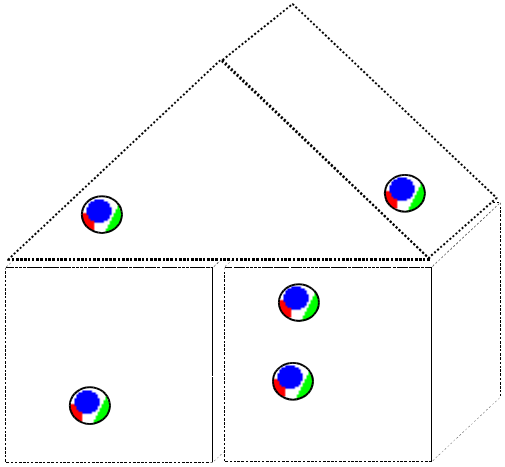
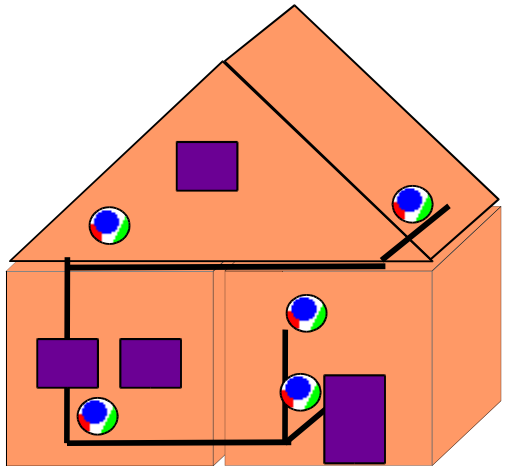
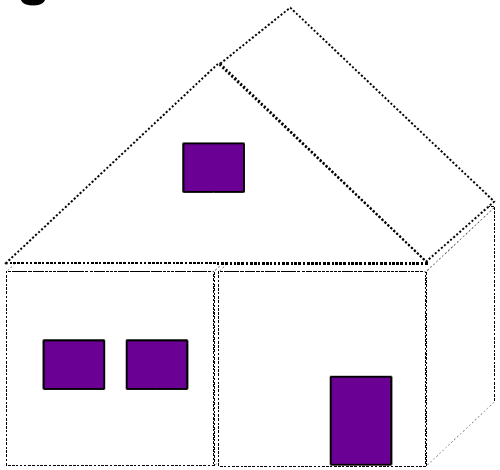


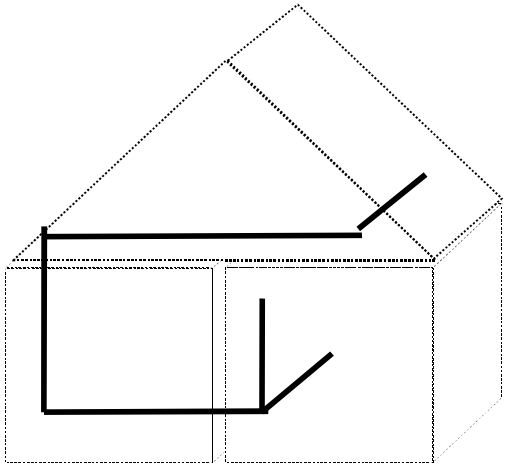


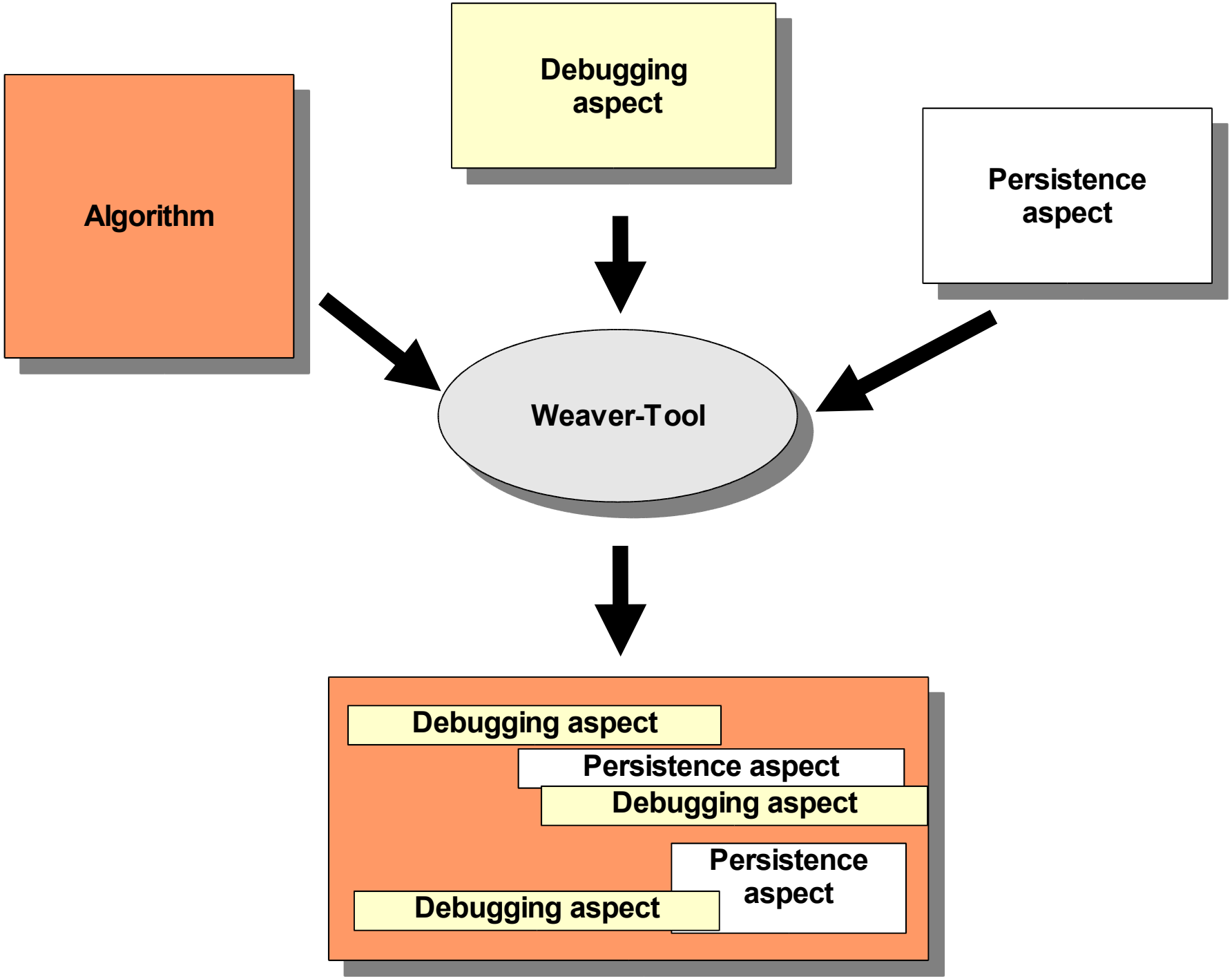
Integrated House

Light Plan



Pipe Plan

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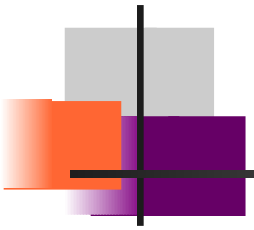


Aspect Systems

- Aspect languages
  - Every aspect in a separate language
  - Domain specific
  - Weaver must be build (is a compiler, much effort)
- Script based Weavers
  - The weaver interprets a specific script or aspect program
  - This introduces the aspect into the core

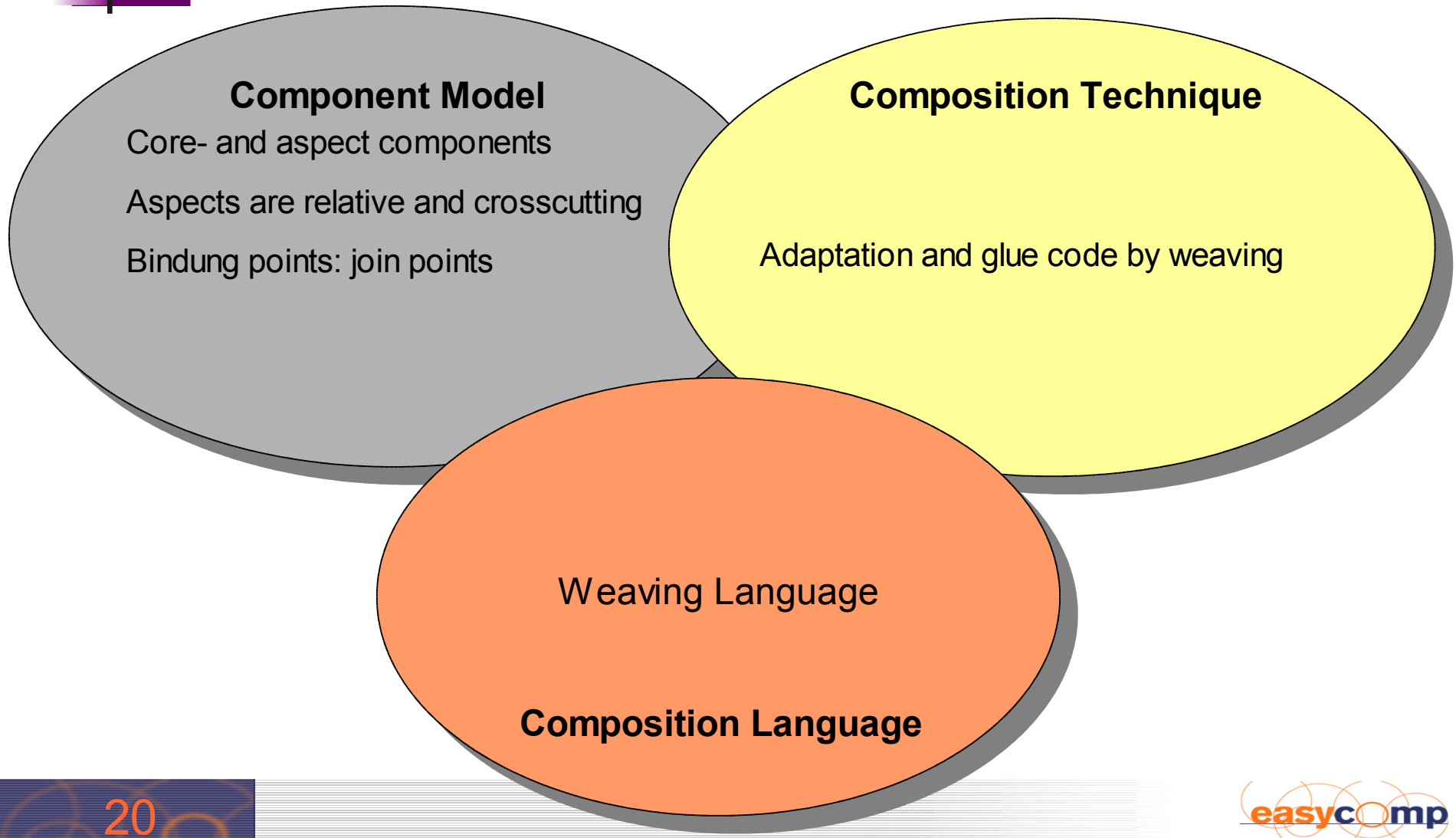
Example: Inject/J injectj.fzi.de

- Script based weaver (T. Genssler)
  - More powerful composition language than Aspect/J
- Based on explicit static metaprogramming
  - Navigations on classes and methods of the core
  - Pattern matching
  - Weaving in code at arbitrary places
- Builds on Java RECODER http://recoder.sf.net
- Useful for
  - Automated refactorings
  - Compositions
  - Generative Programming

Inject/J

```
script BeforeAfterExample {
        // Only visit classes in package Testpackage
       foreach class 'Testpackage.*' <=c> do {
              // In this class, visit all methods with no parameters
             foreach method '*()' <=m> do {
                    // Now insert in some debug code in the method body...
                   before ${
                      System.out.println("Entering <m.signature> in class <c.name>");
                   }$;
                   after ${
                      System.out.println("Leaving ..");
                   }$;
             }
       }
}
```

Aspect Systems As Composition Systems



Invasive Software Composition - A Fragment-Based Composition Technique

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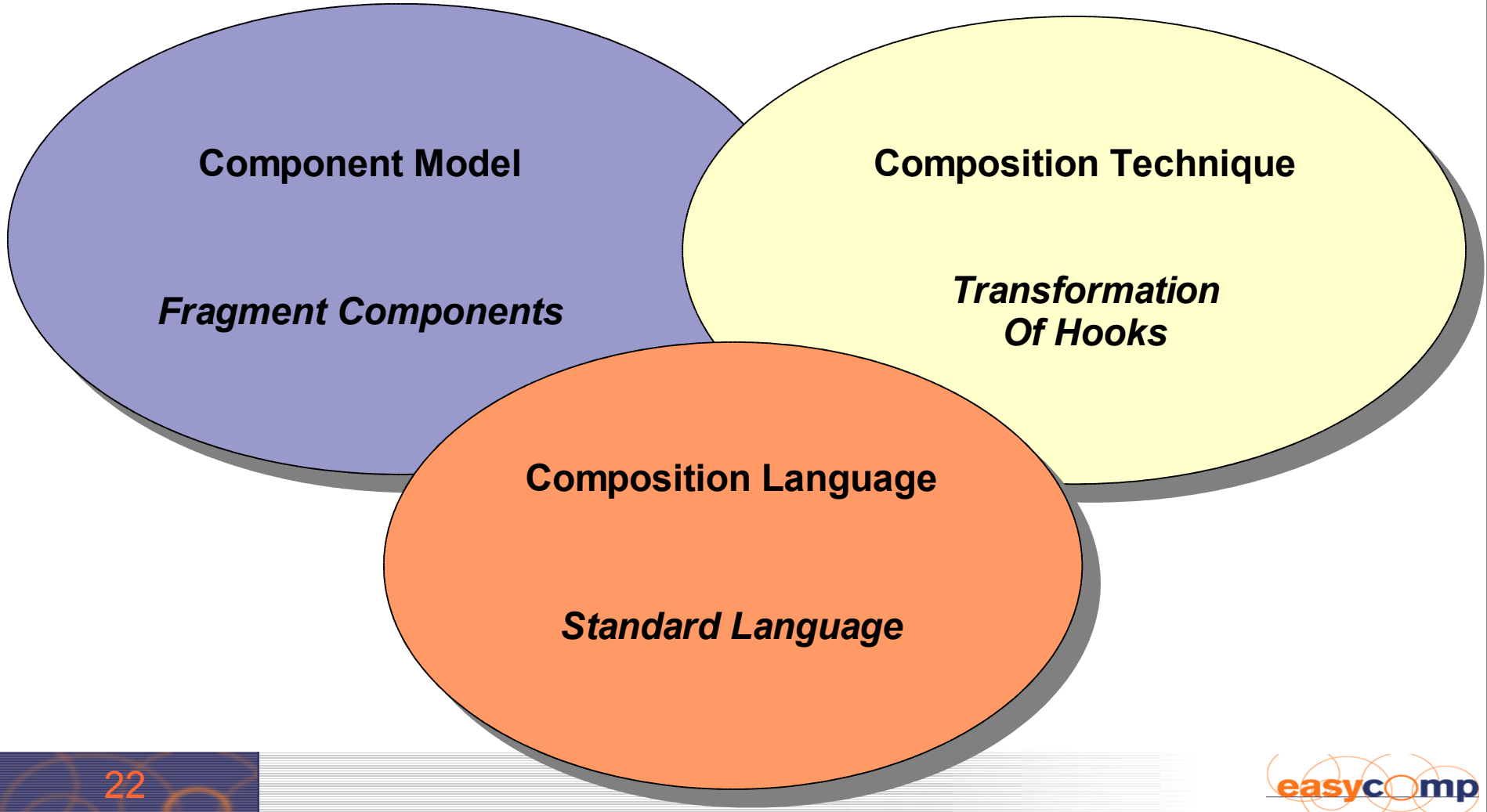
Invasive Composition

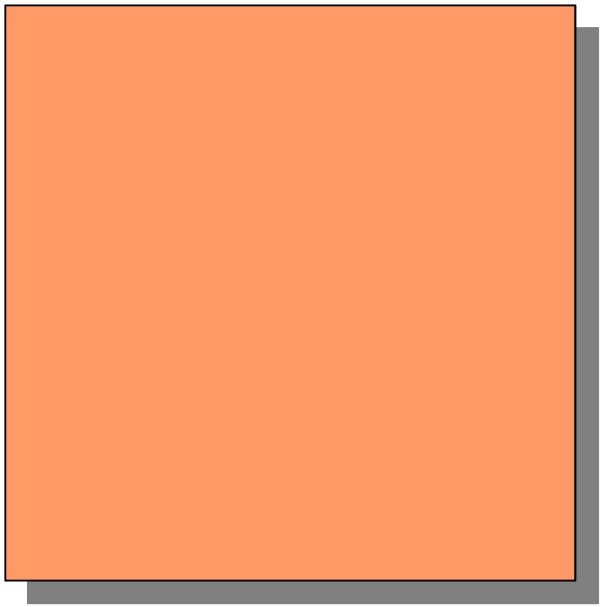


Invasive Composition

Invasive composition
adapts and extends
components
at hooks
by transformation

The Component Model of Invasive Composition

- **The component is a *fragment container (fragment box)***
  - a set of fragments/tag elements
- **Uniform representation of**
  - a software component
  - a class, a package, a method
  - an aspect
  - a meta description
  - a composition program



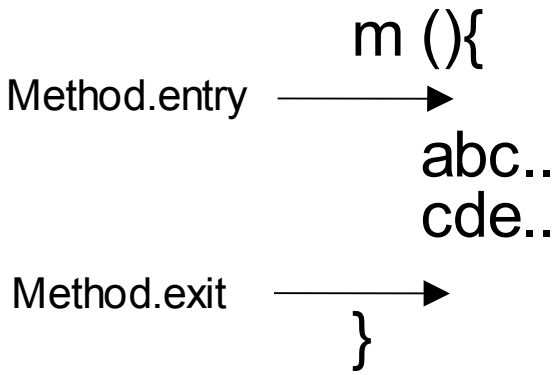
Fragment Components Have Hooks

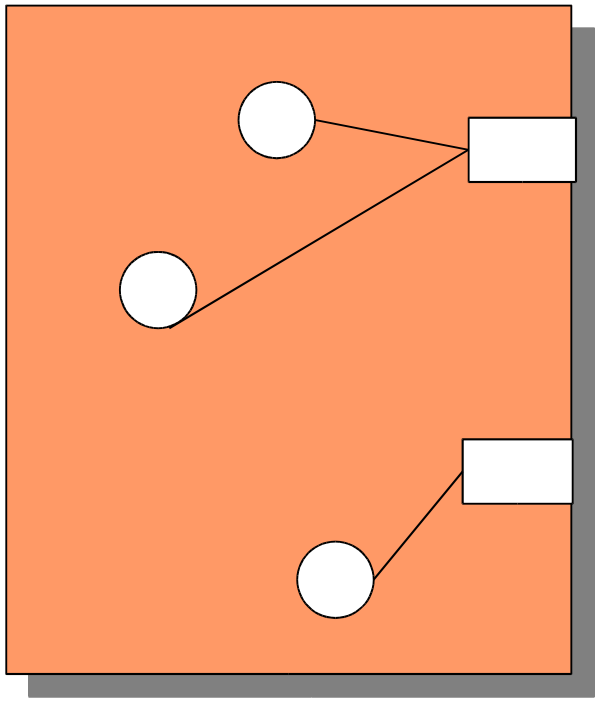
Hooks are variation points of a component:
fragments or positions,
which are subject to change

- **Software variation points**
  - method entries/exits
  - generic parameters

Implicit Hooks In Software

- Example Method Entry/Exit

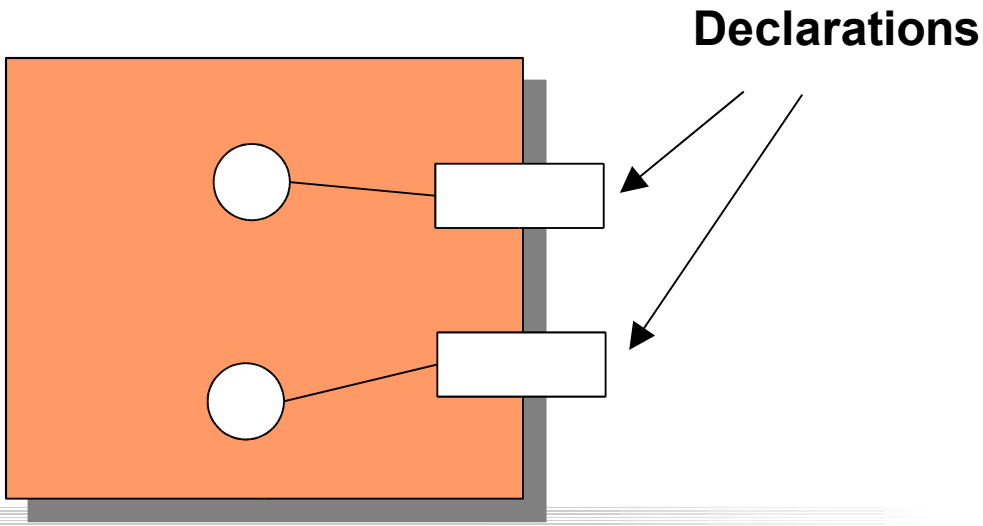




Given by the programming language

Declared Hooks

Declared Hooks are declared by the box writer as variables in the hook's tags.



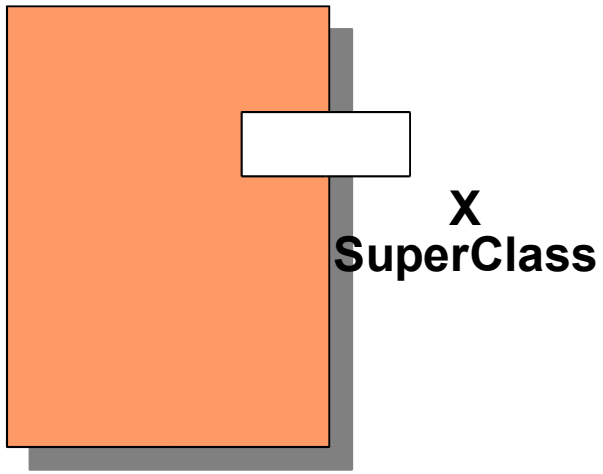
Declaration of Hooks

- **Language extensions with new keywords**
- **Markup Tags**
- **Standardized Names (Hungarian Notation)**
- **Comment Tags**

```
<superclasshook> X </superclasshook>

class Set extends genericXSuperClass {  }

class Set  /* @superClass */
```



The Composition Technique of Invasive Composition

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A composer transforms unbound to bound hooks

***composer*: box with hooks --> box with tags**

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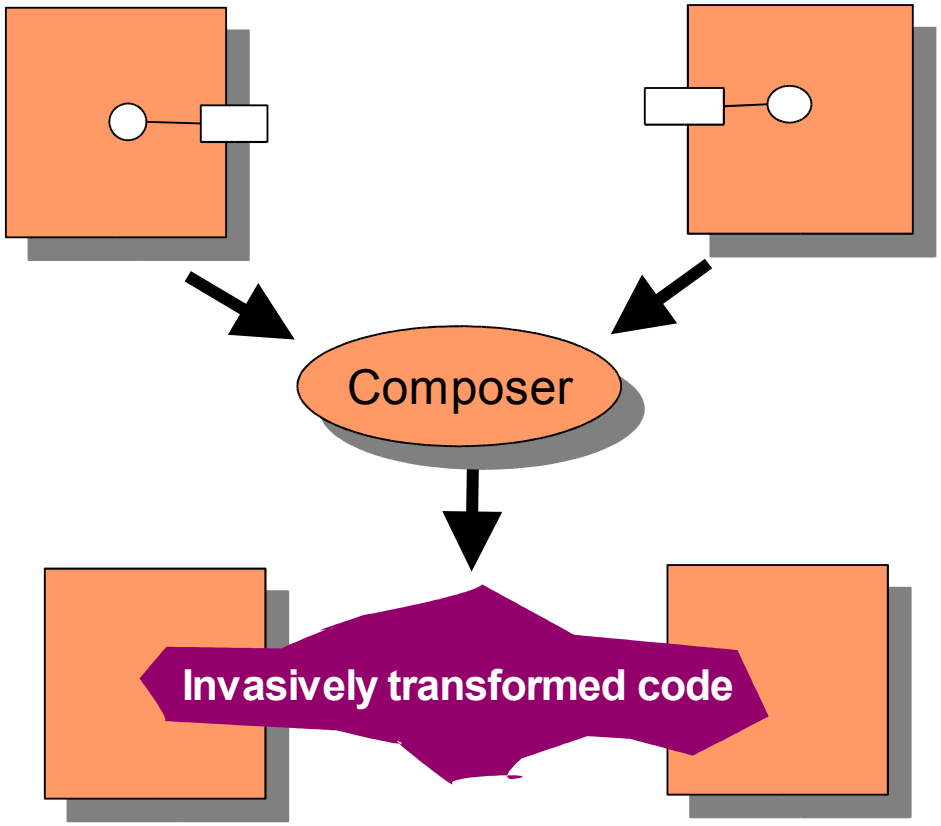
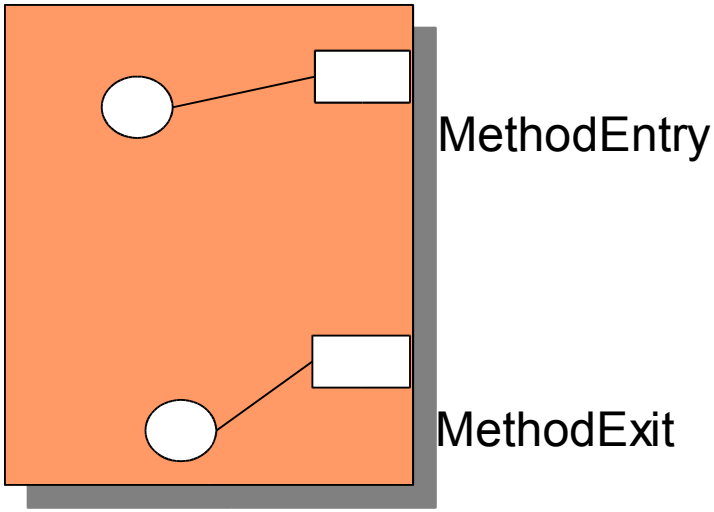
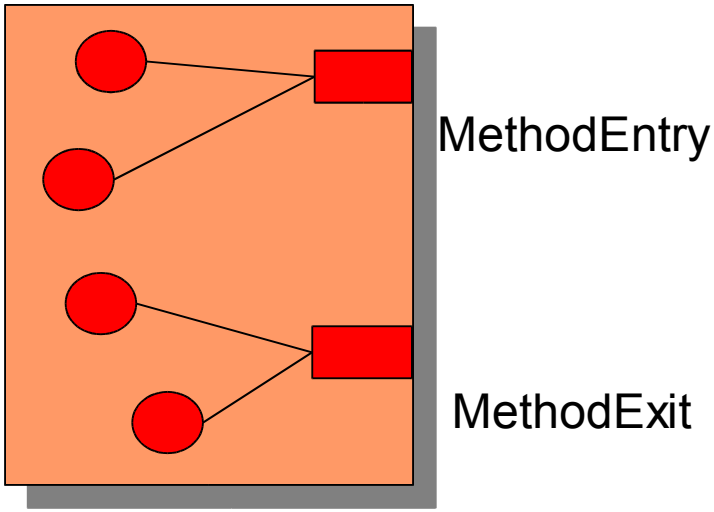


Static Metaprogram

Transformer Generator

Uniform for declared and implicit hooks






```
m (){

    abc..
    cde..

}
```

```
m (){
    print("enter m");
    abc..
    cde..
    print("exit m");
}
```

```
component.findHook(„MethodEntry“).extend(“print(\”enter m\”);”);

component.findHook(„MethodExit“).extend(“print(\”exit m\”);”);
```

The Composition Language of Invasive Composition

- **For combination of the basic composition operations**
- ***Composition programs result***
- **Using standard languages**
  - XML itself
  - Java
- **Enables us to describe large systems**

Composition program size	1
System size	10

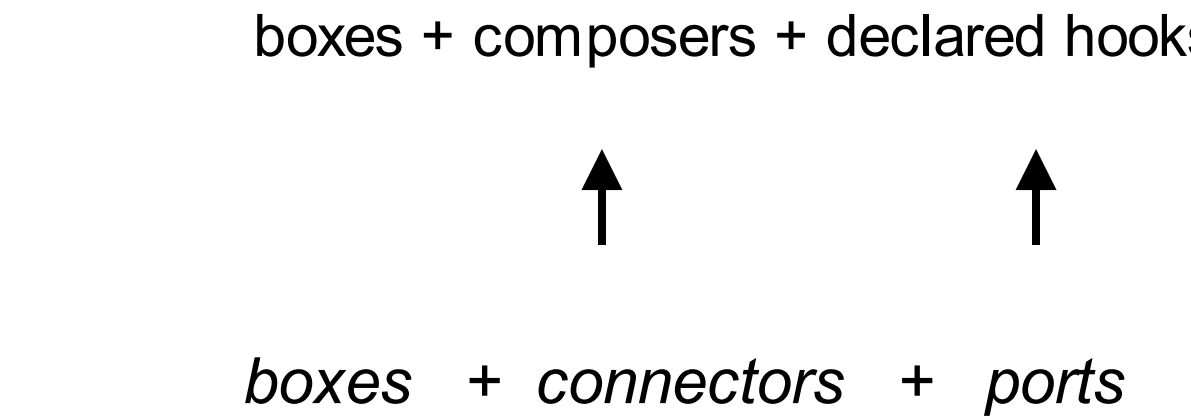
What Can You Do With Invasive Composition?

Atomic and Compound Composition Operators

- bind hook (parameterization)
  - generalized generic program elements
- rename component, rename hook
- remove value from hook (unbind)
- extend
  - extend in different semantic versions
  - Inheritance
  - view-based programming
  - intrusive data functors
- connect (bind hook 1 and 2)
- distribute
  - aspect weaving

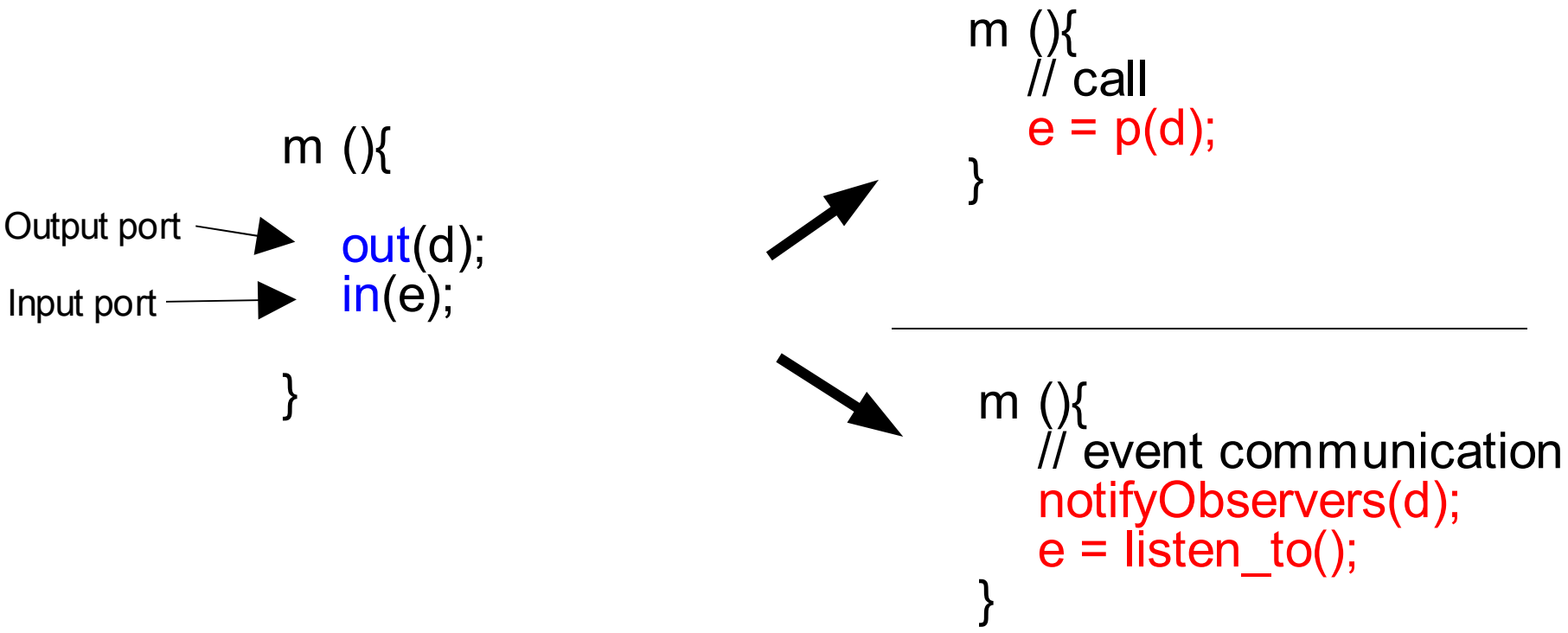
Basic Composition Algebra

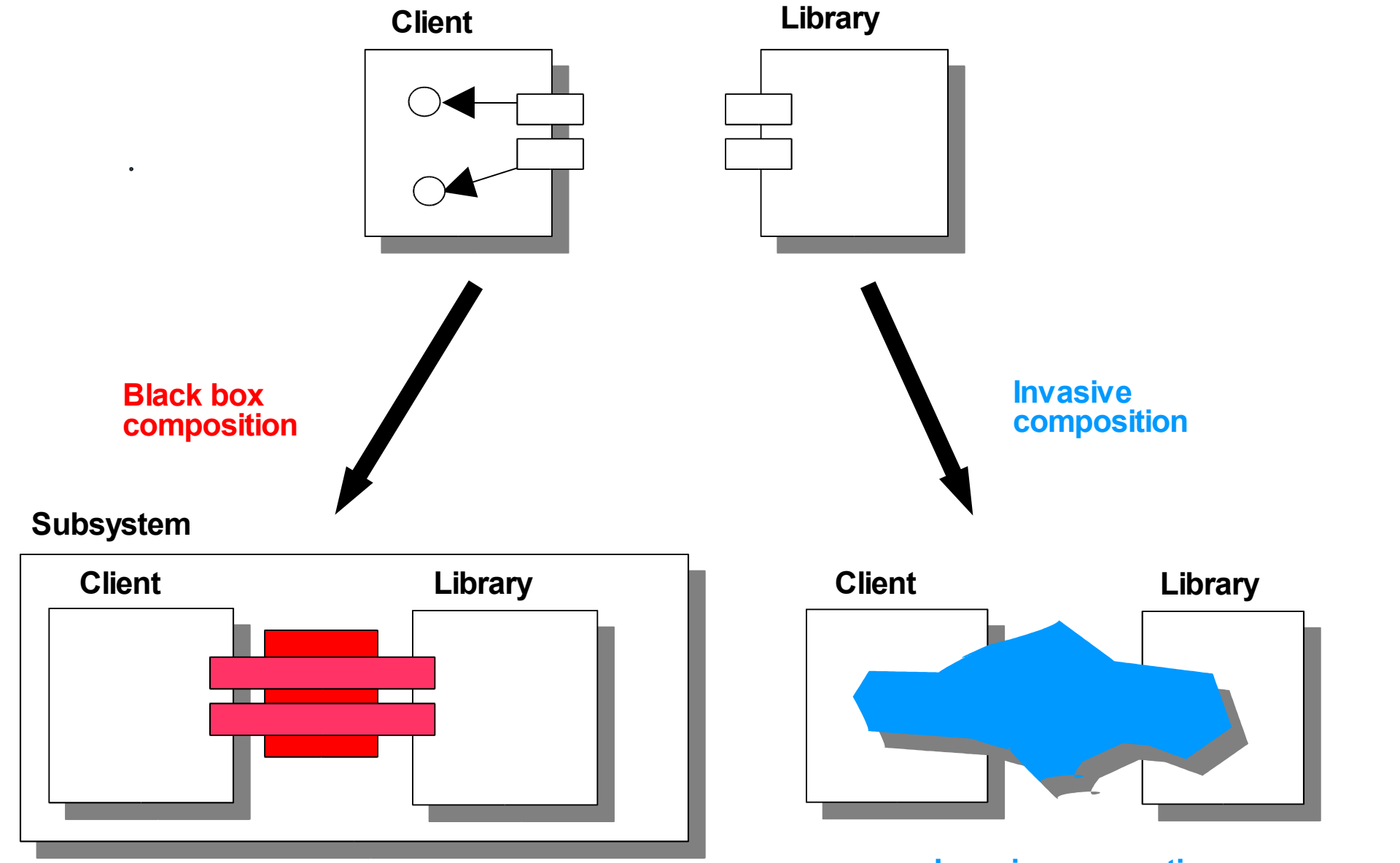
Composers Generalize Connectors (ADL Component Model)



Hooks for Communications (Ports)

Can be declared by calls to standard methods (as in Linda)

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Black box connection with glue code
Invasive connection

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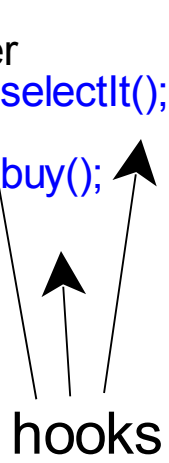
Invasive Connection with CORBA

```
import Library;

public class Client {
  public order(String serverName)
  {
    // Get the seller
    Library library
              = getLibrary();

    // Order
    library.selectIt();

    library.buy();
  }
}
```



hooks

```
import org.omg.CORBA.*
import Library;

public class Client extends CORBA.client {
  public order(String name) {
    // Initialize CORBA Broker
    ORB orb = ORB.init(args,new Properties());
    // Get the seller
   Library farAway =
          orb.string_to_object(name);

    // Order
    farAway.schaueNach();
    farAway.order();
  }
}
```

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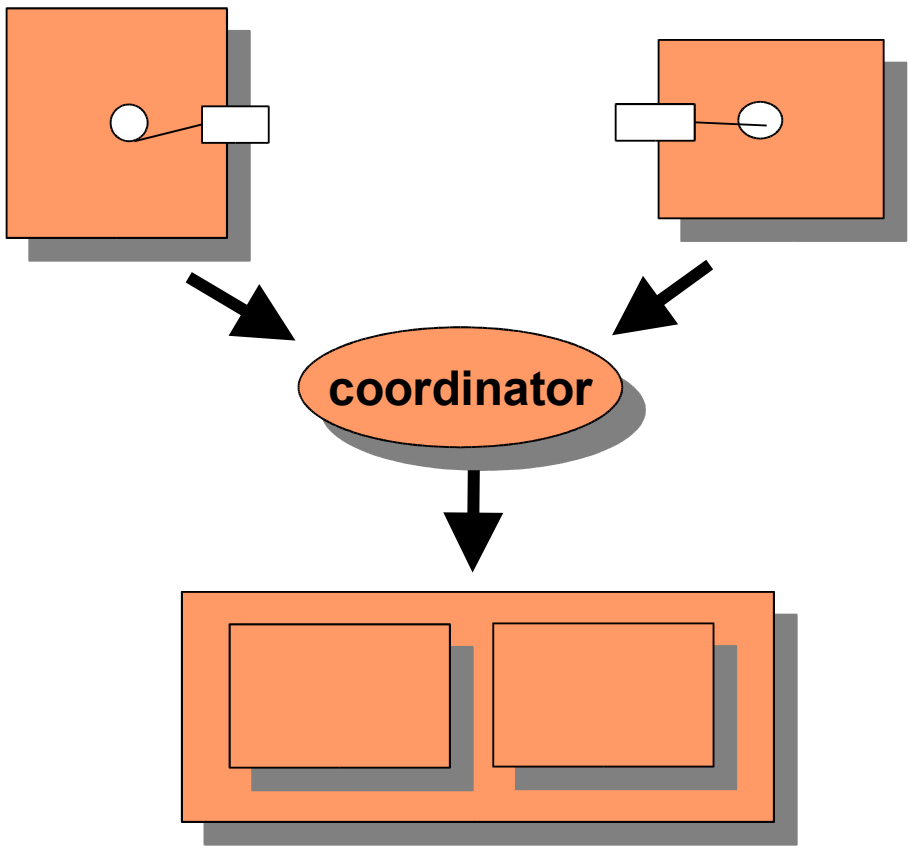
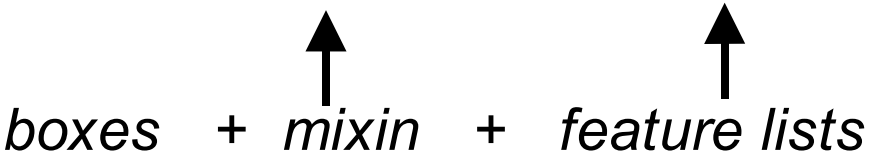
Composers Can Be Used For Skeletons (Coordinator)



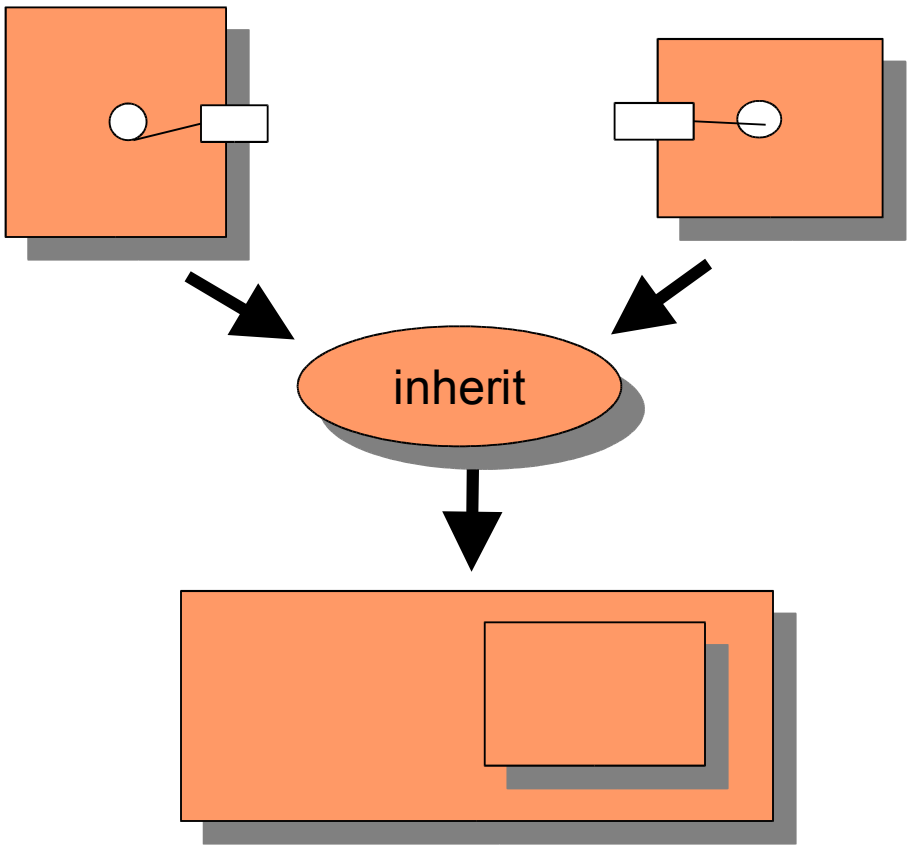
- Instead of functions or modules, skeletons can be defined over fragment components
- CoSy coordination schemes (ACE compiler component framework www.ace.nl)
  - Compose basic components with coordinating operators

Composers Generalize Inheritance Operators (Classes as Components)

boxes + composers + declared hooks

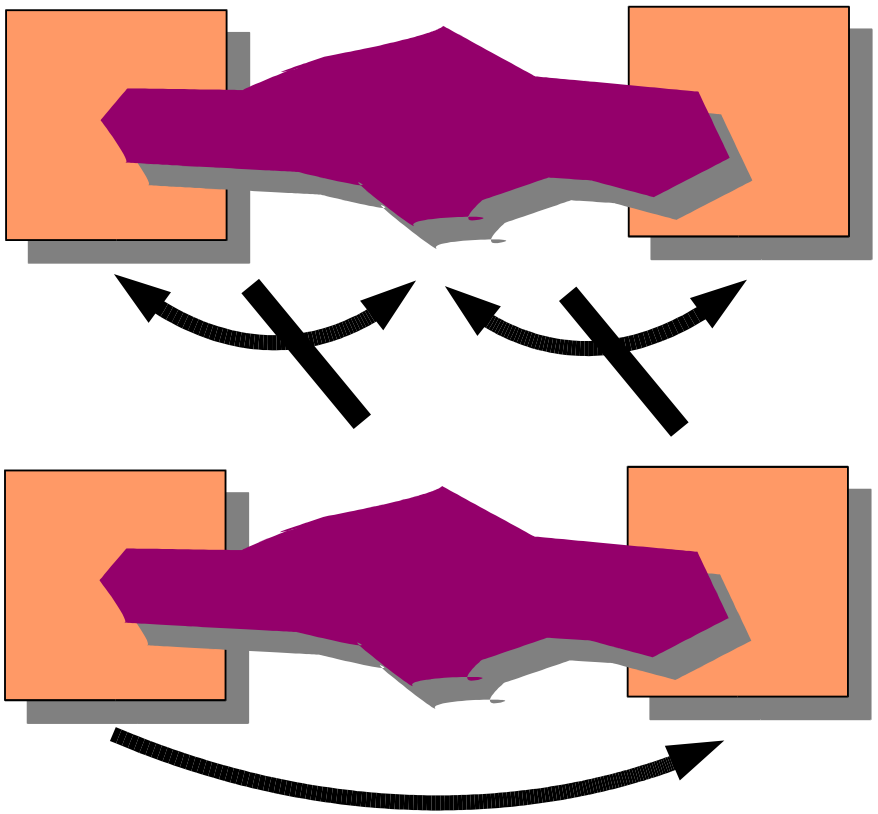


Composers Can Be Used For Inheritance



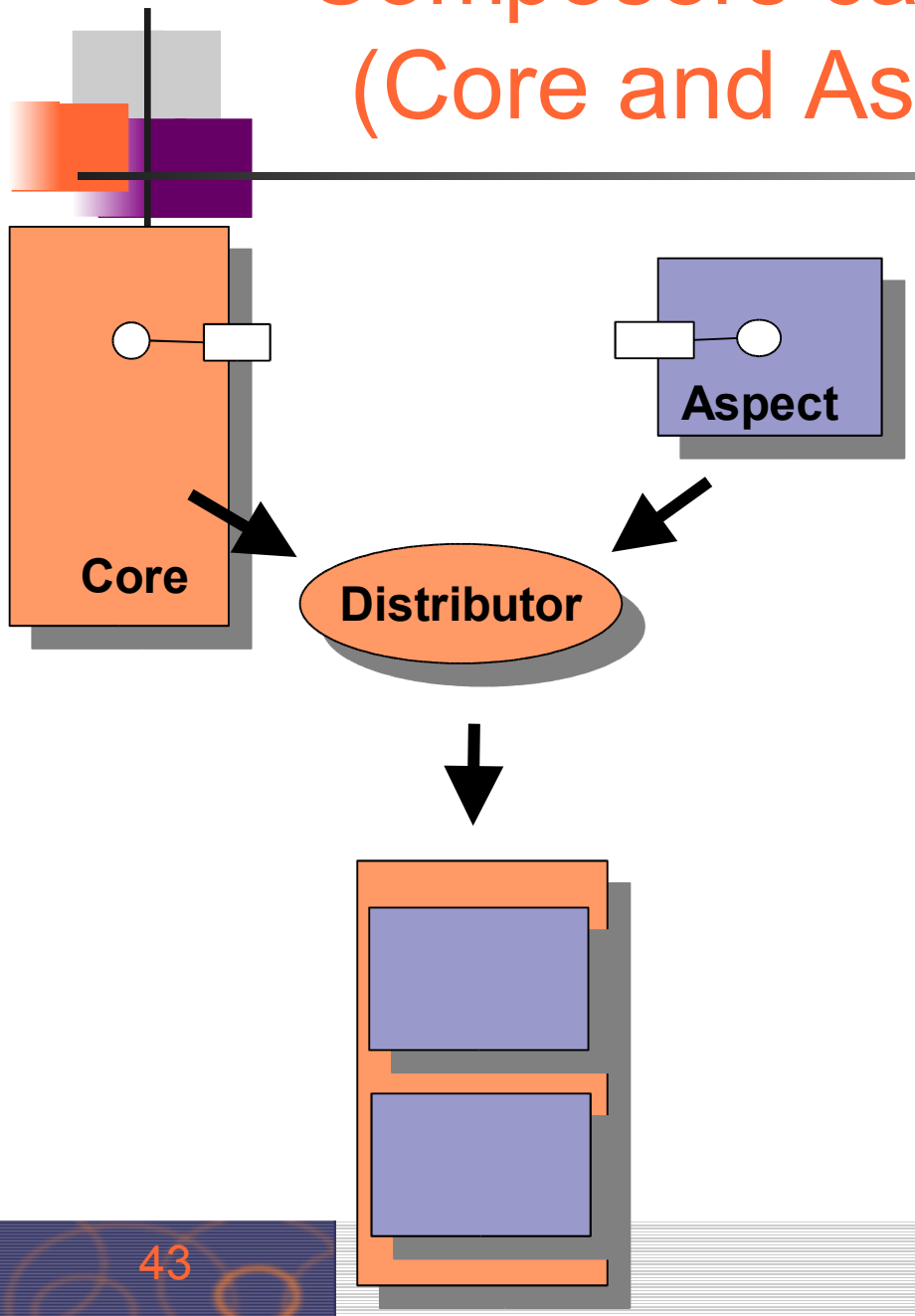
- **Extension can be used for inheritance (mixins)**
- **inheritance :=**
  - copy first super document
  - extend with second super document

Sound Extensions (Views That Do Not Destroy Contracts)



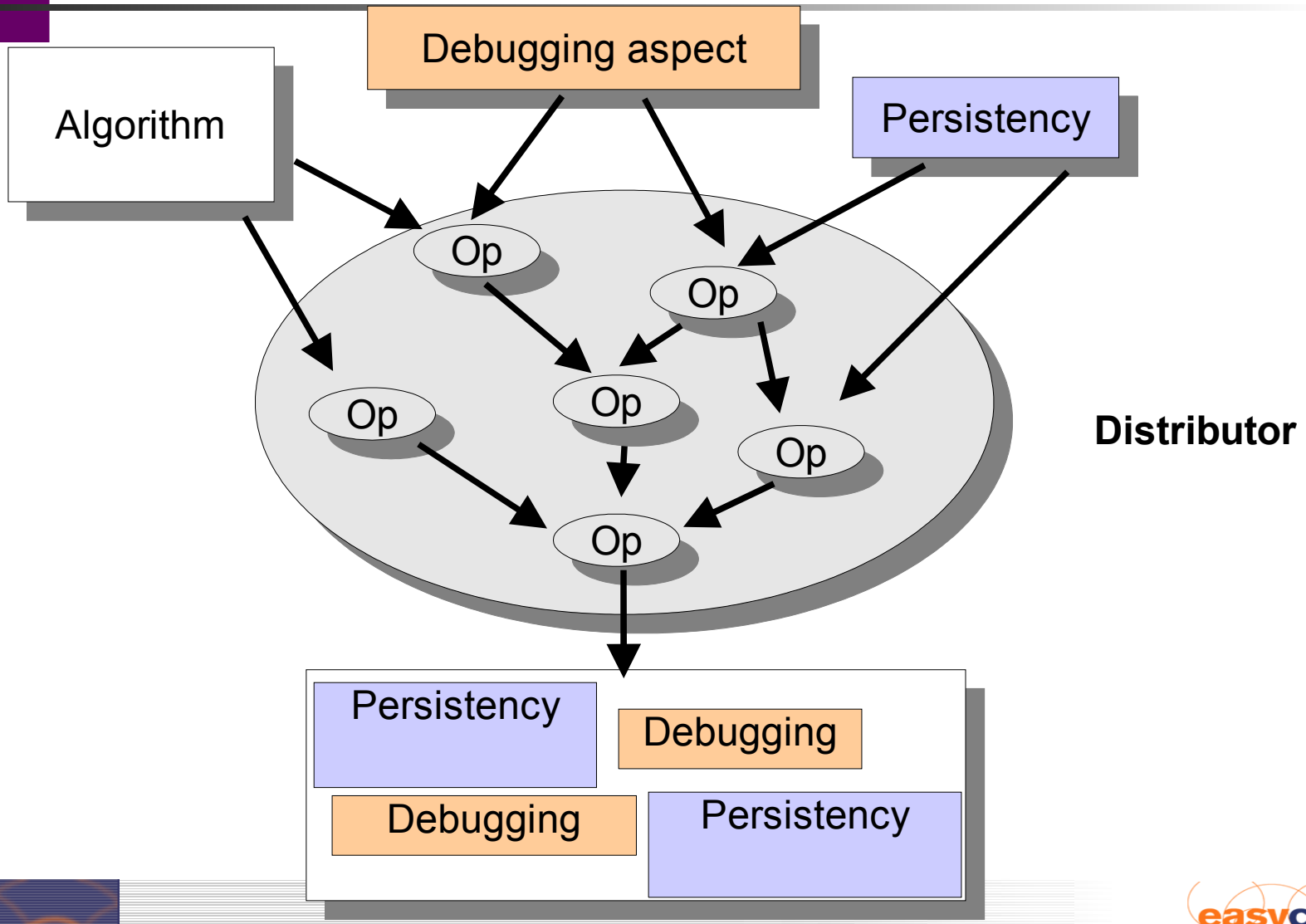
- Invasive Composition works if dependencies are
  - Absent
  - Forward flow
- Core components don't change
- Can be checked with slicing or analysis, or regression testing

Composers can be Used for AOP (Core and Aspect Components)

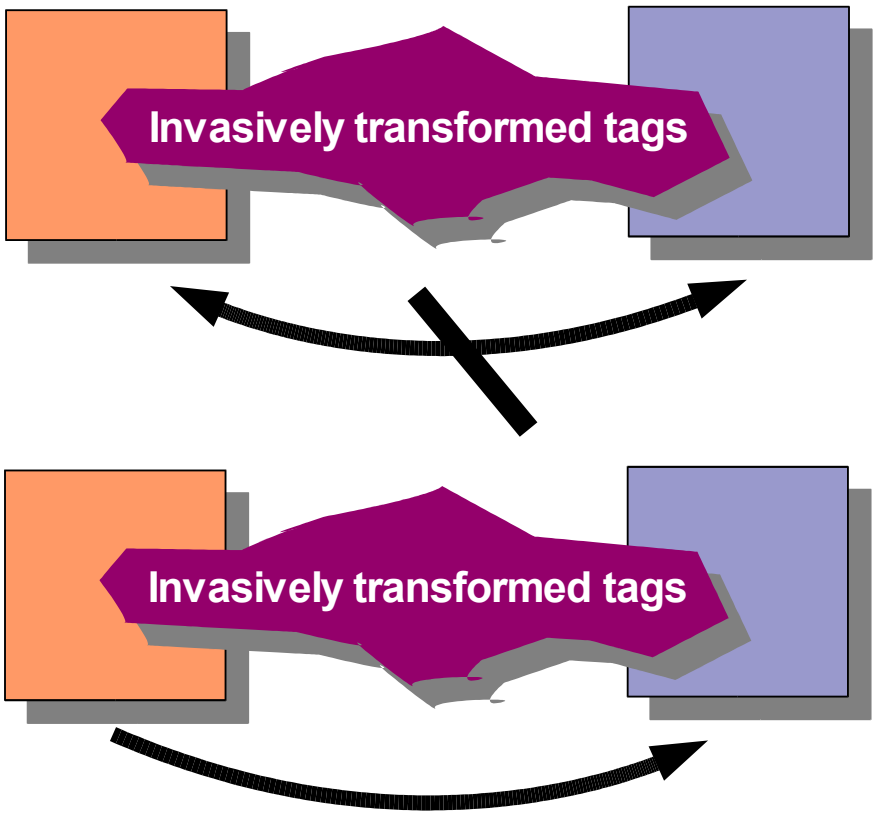


- Complex composers distribute aspect fragments over core fragments
- *Distributors* extend the core
- Distributors are more complex operators, defined from basic ones

Weavers As Distributors



Sound Aspects (Aspects That Do Not Destroy Contracts)



- Invasive Aspect Weaving works if dependencies are
  - Absent
  - Forward flow
- Core components don't change
- Can be checked with slicing or analysis, or regression testing

Simple Weavers

- distributeOverMethods
  - Weave a prologue and an epilogue into a class or package tree
  - implemented as a navigator over the tree
  - applies simple hook extensions on entry and exit hook

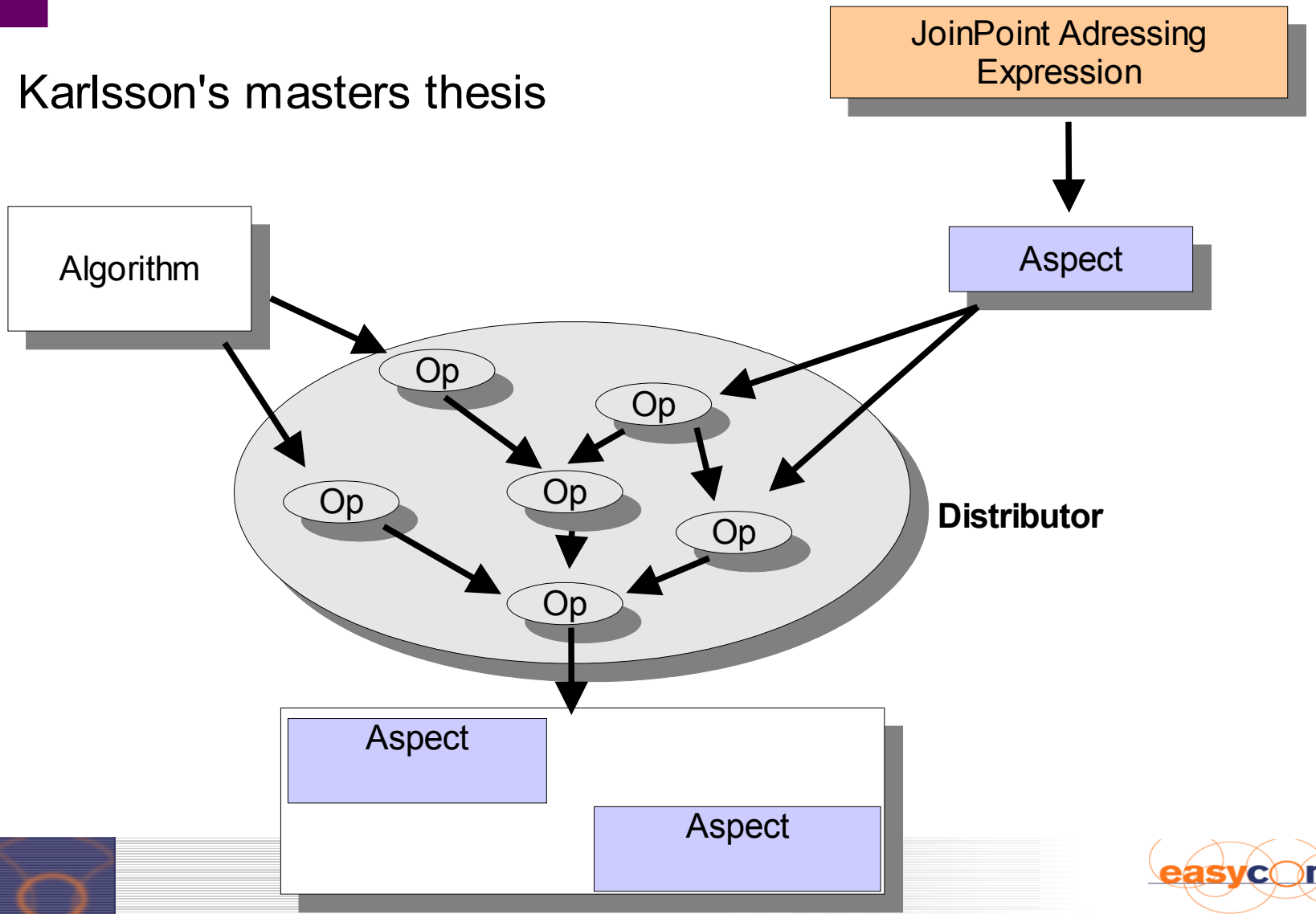
- Hungarian aspect boxes
  - Carry an aspect with Hungarian notation
  - Weavers weave with naming conventions

A Simple Weaver

```
// Initialize composition system
JavaCompositionSystem cs = new JavaCompositionSystem(outputPath);

// Loading components.

// The core component
CompilationUnitBox cuToBeExtended = cs.createCompilationUnitBox("DemoClass");
// The aspect
ClassBox aspectClass = cs.createClassBox("BeforeAfterAspect.java");

// Now distribute the aspect over the core
cuToBeExtended.distributeMethods(aspectClass);

// Export
cs.printAll();
```

Weaving with Modular Join Point Adressing

- M. Karlsson's masters thesis



The COMPOsition SysTem COMPOST

- COMPOST is the first system to support invasive composition for Java
  - Library of static meta-programs
  - Composition language Java
  - Reifies concepts Boxes, Hooks, Composers
- and many other things

COMPOST for Everybody

- 0.78 is out (Uni Karlsruhe/Uni Linköping)
  - http://www.the-compost-system.org
  - We expect a new major version in April 2004
- Contains refactoring engine RECODER as transformation subsystem
  - http://recoder.sf.net
- Invasive Software Composition, U. Aßmann, Springer.
- Developed within the EASYCOMP project
  - EU FET Basic Research “Easy Composition in Future Generation Component Systems”
  - New component models for XML, COTS, runtime components (Uniform composition)
- We are refactoring towards a uniform XML version

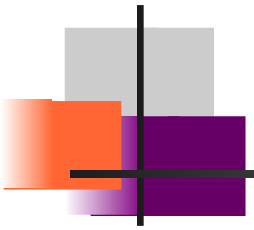
Invasive Software Composition as Composition Technique

Invasive Composition: Component Model

- Graybox components instead of black box ones
  - Composition interfaces with declared hooks
  - Implicit composition interfaces with implicit hooks
  - The composition programs produce the functional interfaces
    - Resulting in efficient systems, because superfluous functional interfaces are removed from the system
  - Content: source code
    - binary components also possible, poorer metamodel
- Aspects are just a new type of component
- Fragment-based Parameterisation a la BETA slots
  - Type-safe parameterization on all kinds of fragments

Invasive Composition: Composition Technique

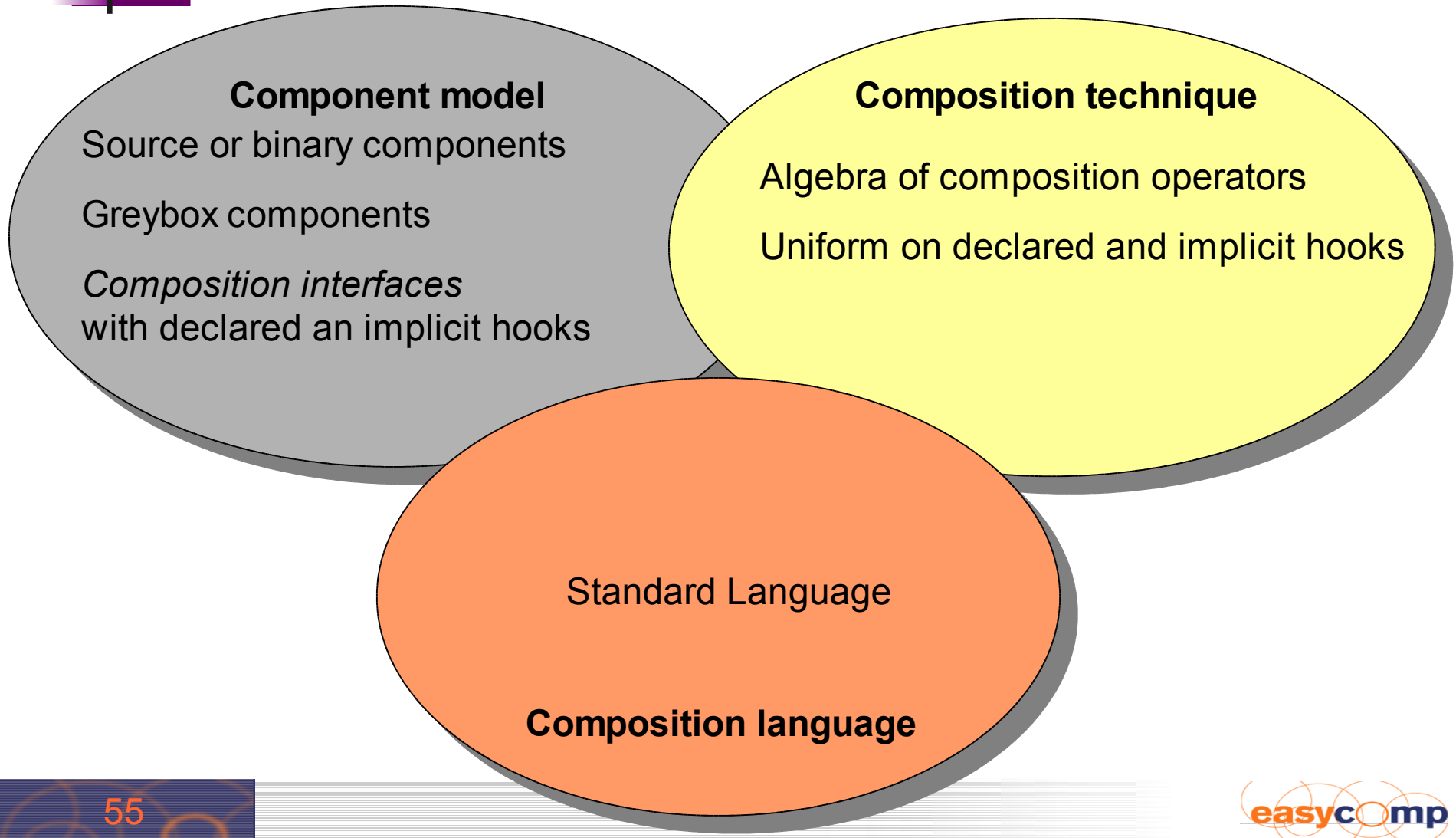
- Adaptation and glue code: good, composers are program transformers and generators
- Aspect weaving
  - Parties may write their own weavers
  - No special languages
- Extensions:
  - Hooks can be extended
  - Soundness criteria of lambdaN still apply
  - Metamodelling employed
- Not yet scalable to run time



Composition Language

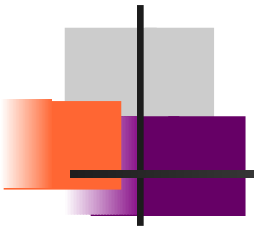
- Various languages can be used
- Product quality improved by metamodel-based typing of compositions
- Metacomposition possible
  - Architectures can be described in a standard object-oriented language and reused
- An *assembler* for composition
  - Other, more adequate composition languages can be compiled

Invasive Composition as Composition System



Unification of Development Techniques

- With the uniform treatment of declared and implicit hooks, several technologies can be unified:
  - Generic programming
  - Inheritance-based programming
  - Connector-based programming
  - View-based programming
  - Aspect-based programming



Conclusions for ISC

- Fragment-based composition technology
  - Graybox components
  - Producing tightly integrated systems
- Components have *composition interface*
  - From the composition interface, the functional interface is derived
  - Composition interface is different from functional interface
  - Overlaying of classes (role model composition)

Different Forms of Greyboxes

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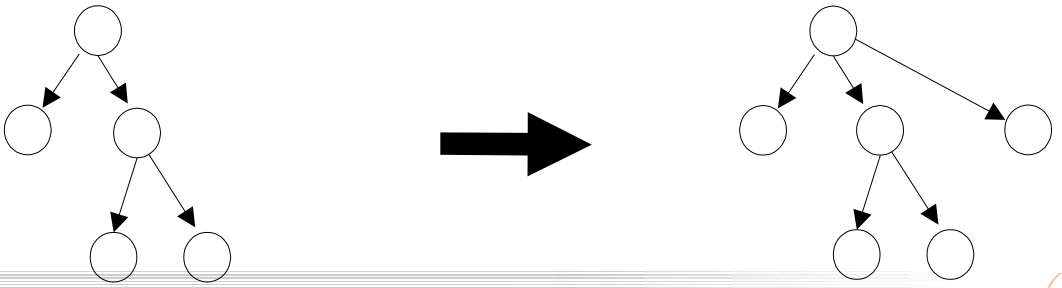
Refactoring as Whitebox Operation

- Refactoring works directly on the AST/ASG
- Attaching/removing/replacing fragments
- Whitebox reuse

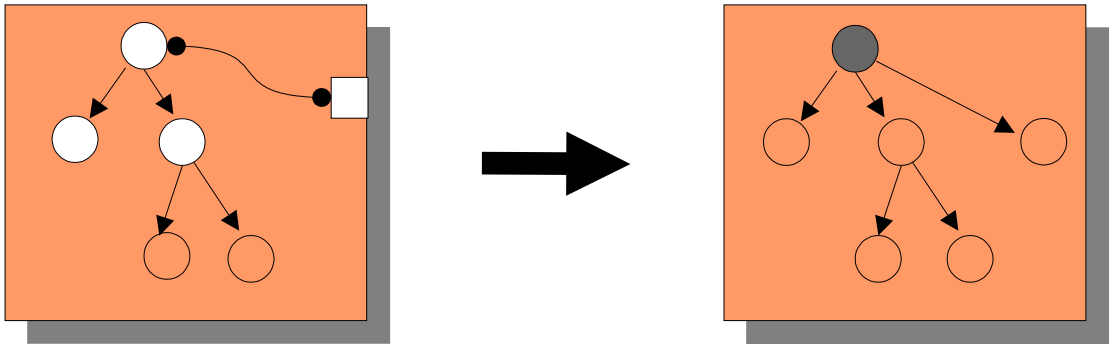
Refactorings
Transformations



Weaving as Light-Grey Operation

- Aspect weaving and view composition works on implicit hooks *(join points)*
- *Implicit composition interface*

Composition with implicit hooks



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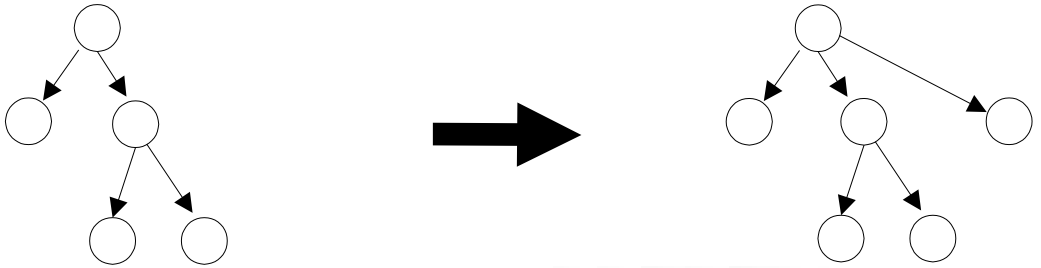
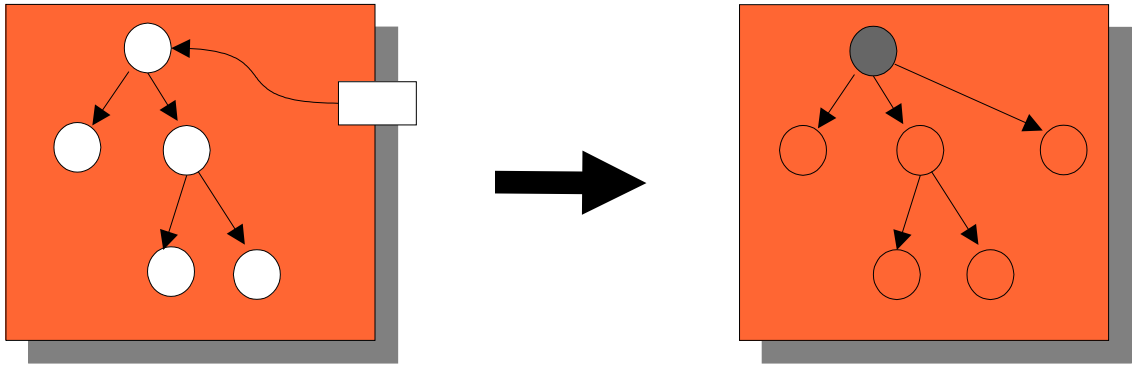


Parameterization as Darker-Grey Operation

- Templates work on *declared hooks*
- *Declared composition interface*

Composition with declared hooks



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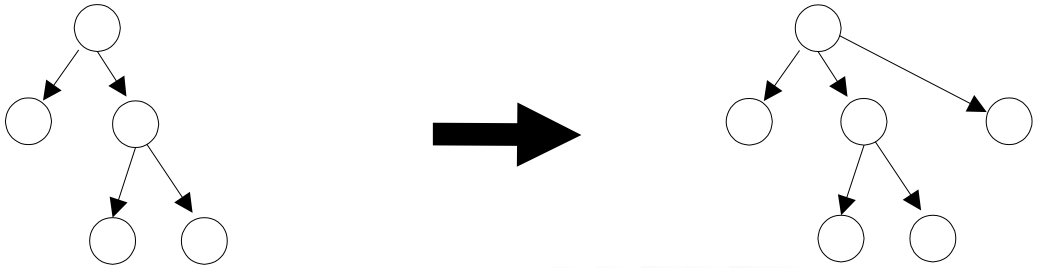
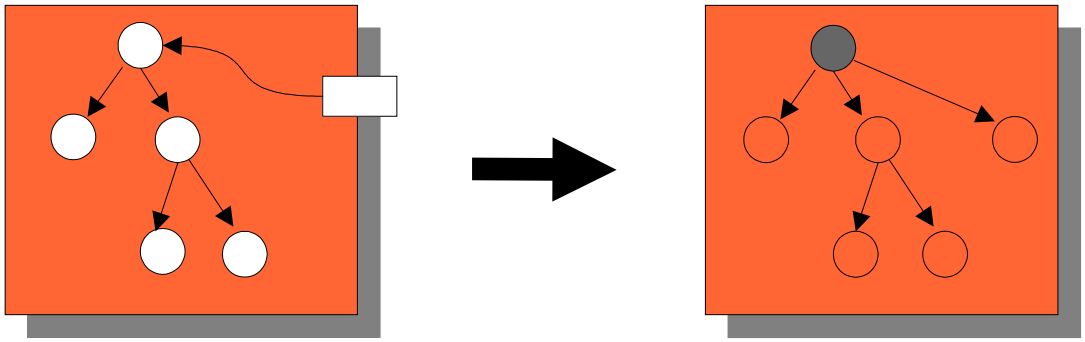


Systematization Towards Greybox Component Models

Composition with declared hooks



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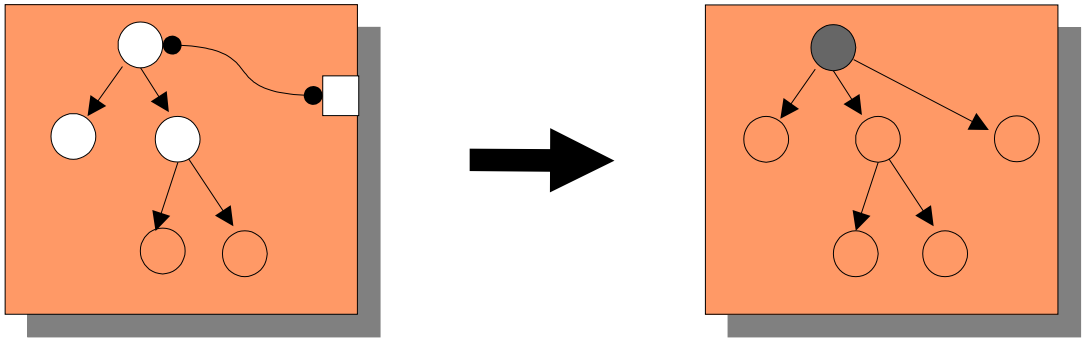

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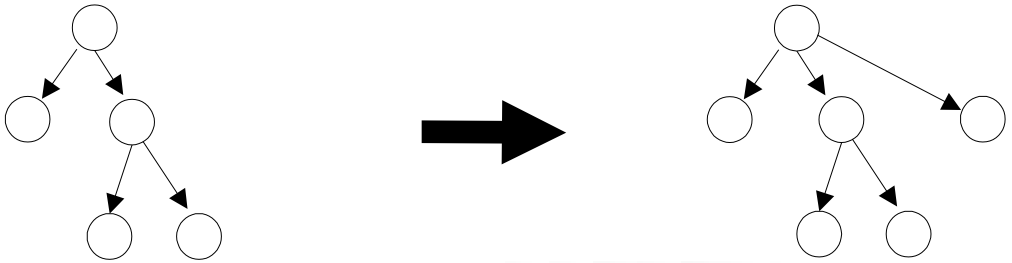

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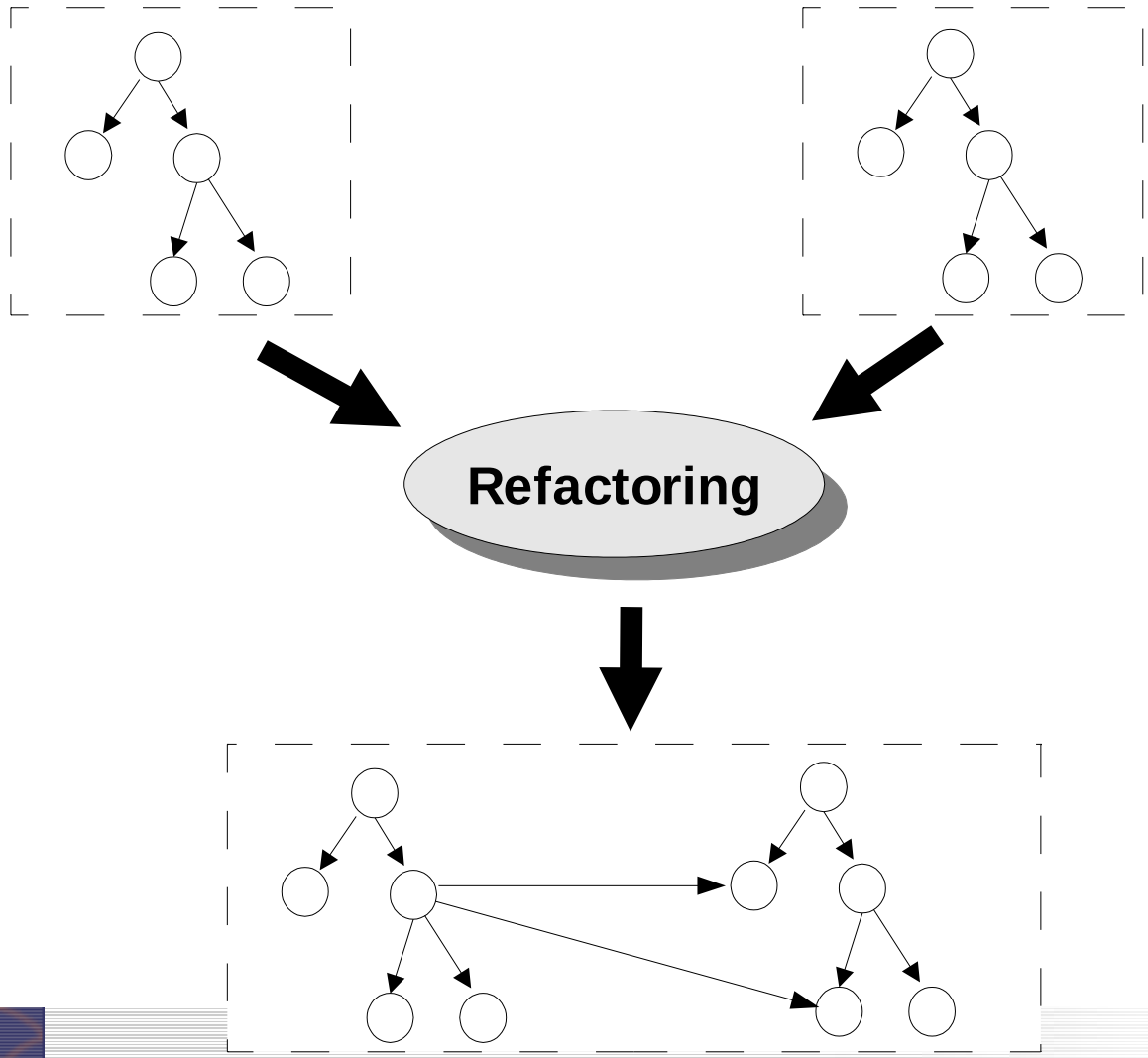
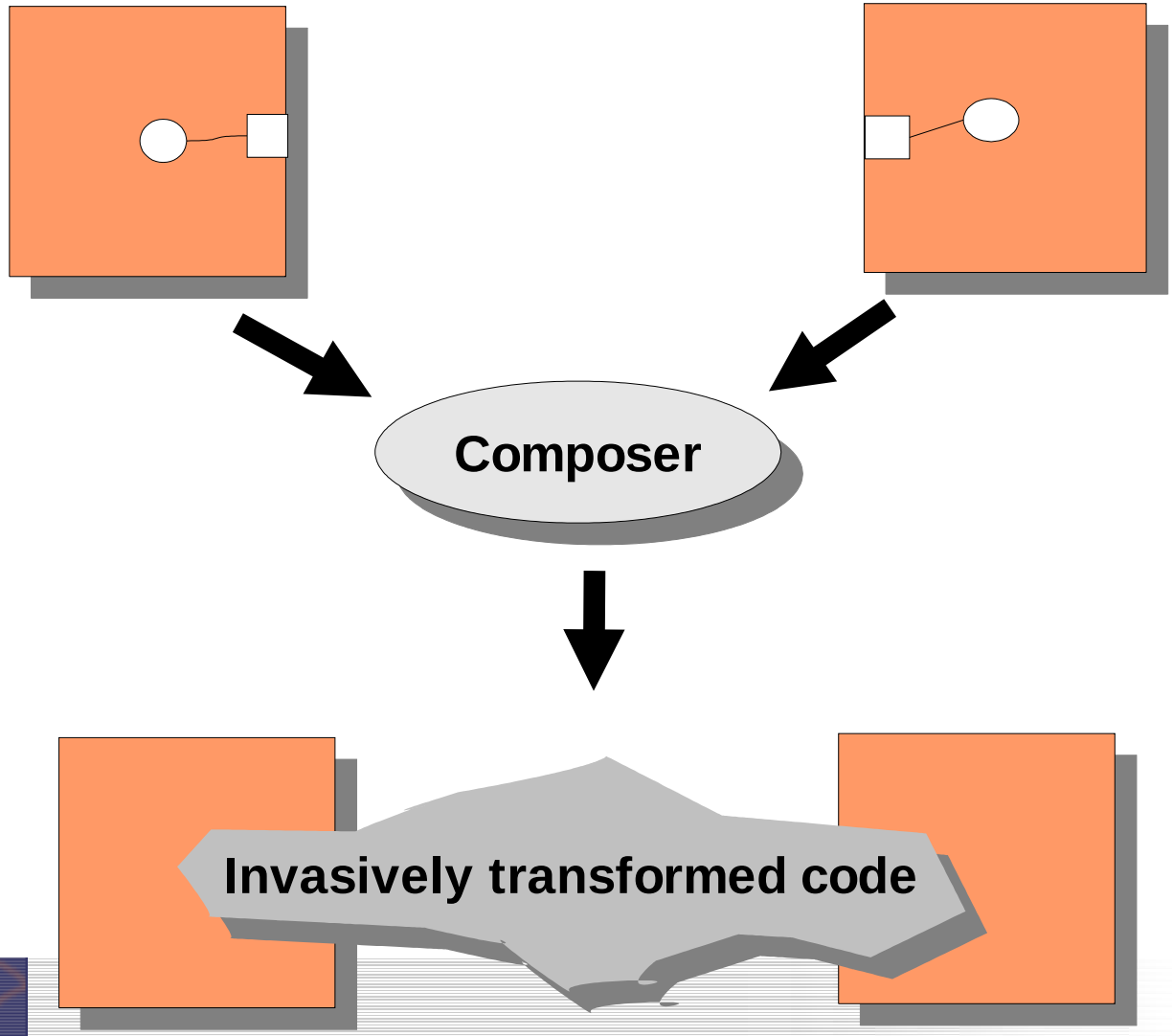


Invasive Composition Builds On Transformation Of Implicit Hooks



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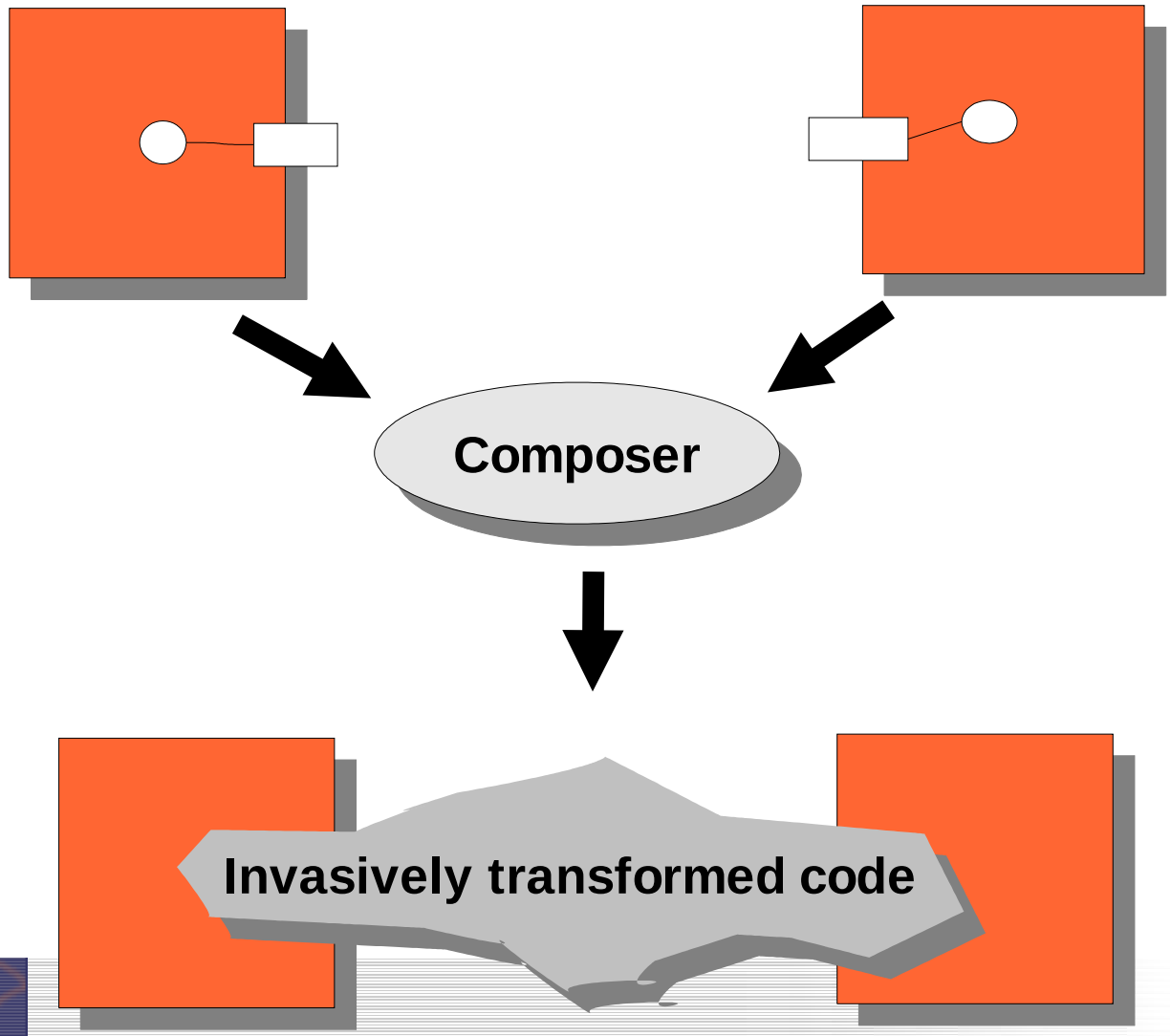
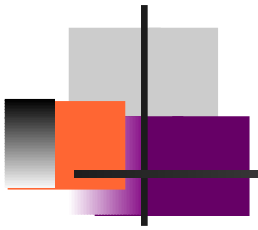
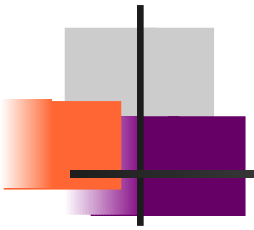




Future Composition Systems



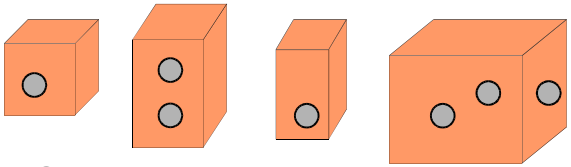
What Is A Component?

- Cannot be stated in general
  - Component models must be defined
- We must investigate composition techniques
- And languages
  - Domain-specific ones (composition-oriented composition languages)
  - General ones
- We should build frameworks for all component models
  - Generic component models
  - Generic composition technique
  - Scalability!

Types of Composition Systems

- **Software Composition Systems**
  - Blackbox Composition Systems
  - Graybox Composition Systems (Integrational Systems)
  - Turing-complete composition languages
  - [Invasive Software Composition, Aßmann, Springer 2003]
- **Uniform Composition Systems**
  - Supporting multiple languages
  - Supporting XML
  - Active documents
  - Uniform treatment of software and data
  - Based on software composition systems

Integrational Software Engineering



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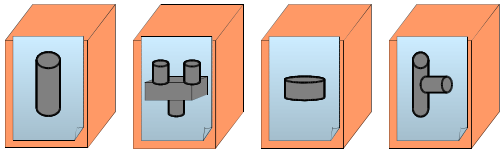

Invasive composition

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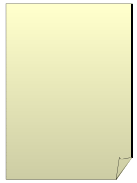
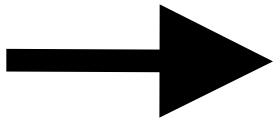


Composition recipe

Software composition



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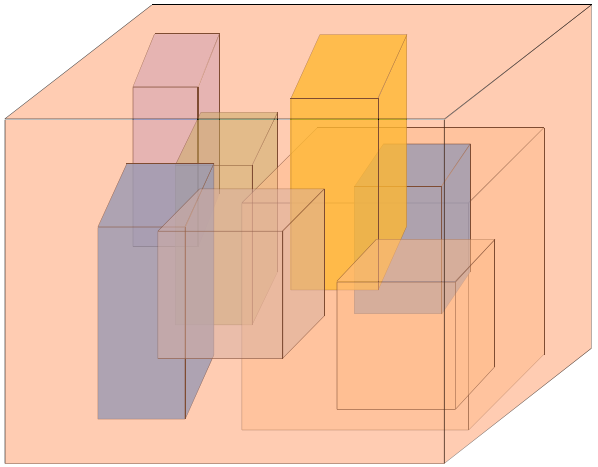

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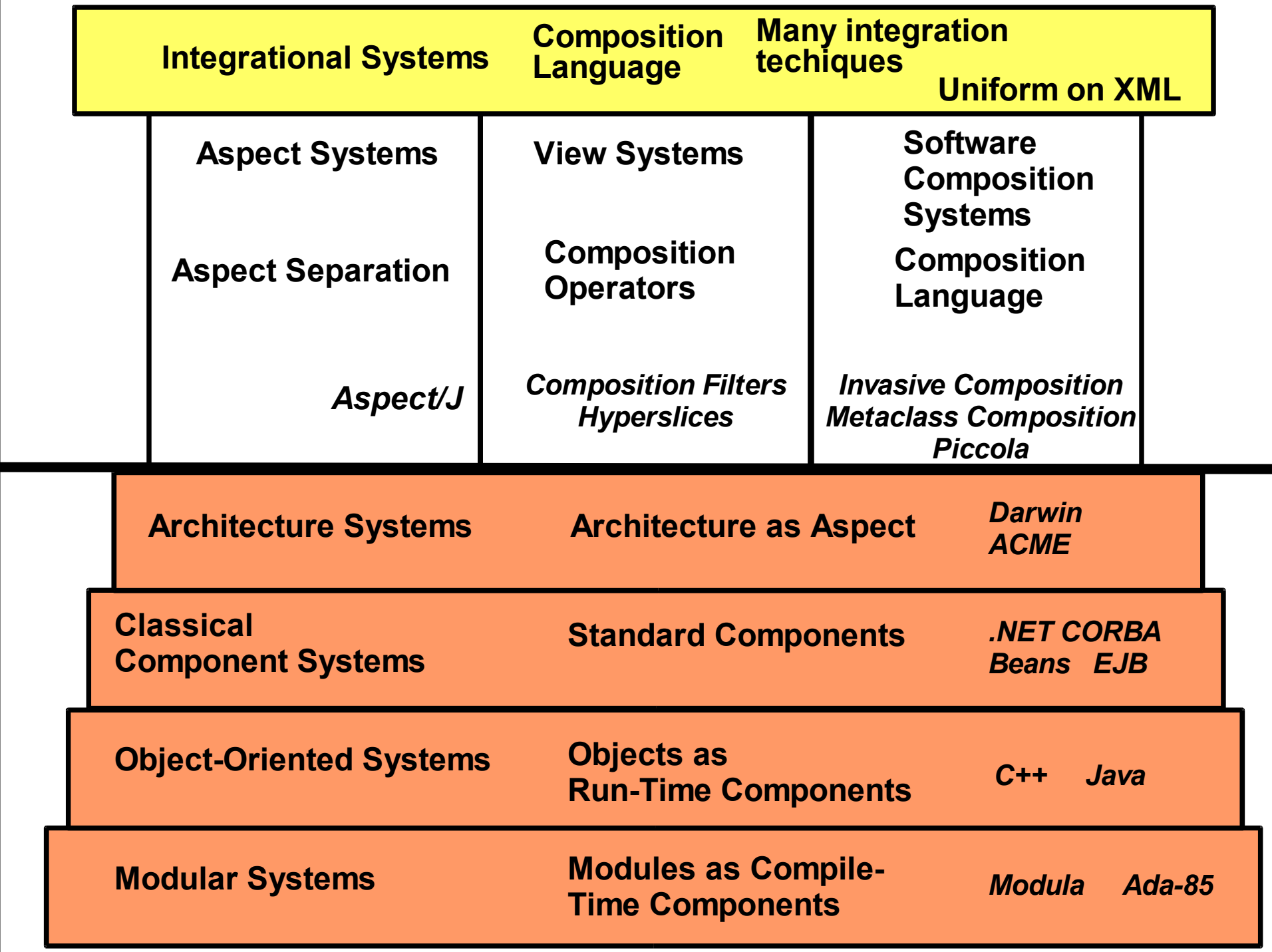
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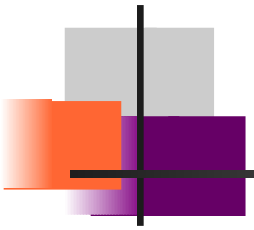

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