

# *Evolution of SE Technologies:* *Looking Back and Looking Forward*

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- Technology Evolution: Looking Back
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**“There are no shortcuts in evolution”**

Louis D. Brandeis

**“Creativity involves breaking out of  
established patterns in order to look at things  
in a different way.”**

Edward de Bono



- At the University of Michigan (ISDOS Project)
  - Developed requirements engineering and meta modeling techniques and tools (PSL/PSA, Meta System)
- At Bellcore and Bell Labs
  - Experienced software reuse issues in industry
- At SEI
  - Explored reuse issues
  - Developed FODA, a commonality/variability analysis method
- At POSTECH
  - Experienced SE problems in industry
  - Extended FODA and created a successor (FORM)
  - Developing a CASE environment (ASADAL, VULCAN)
- At Samsung Electronics
  - Application of SE techniques to HW engineering
  - Reengineering of SW products



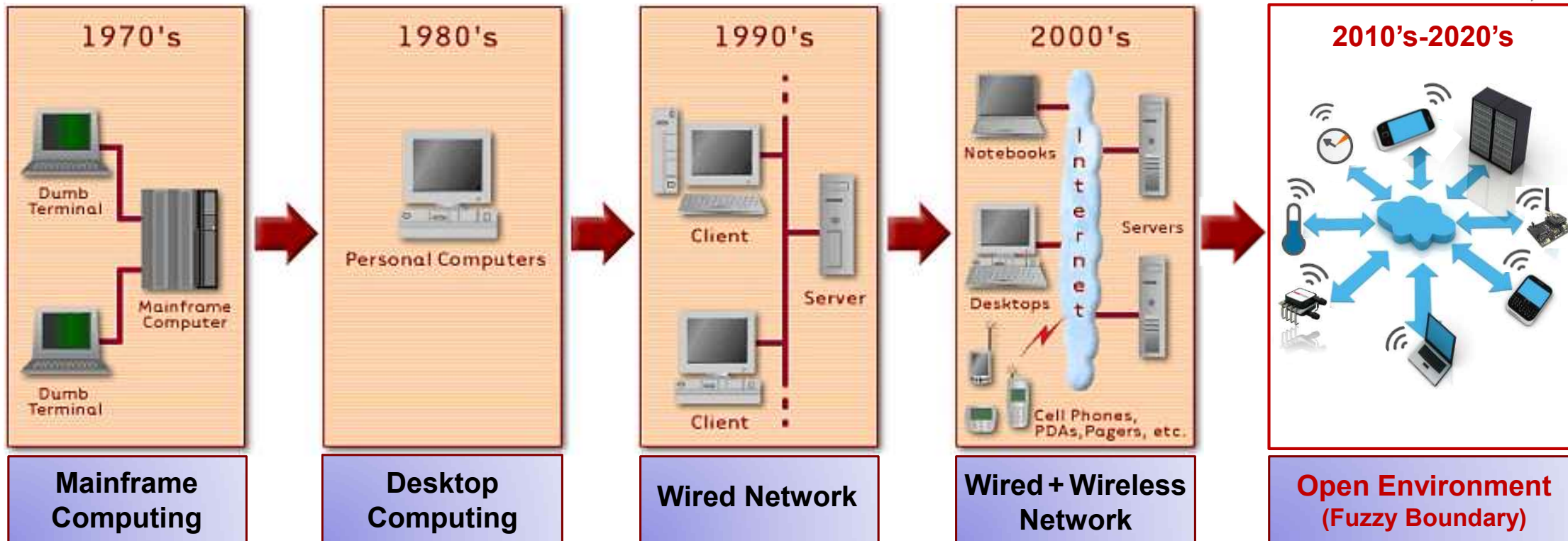
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# Evolution of Computing Technologies

**Stand-alone**

**Interoperate**



**Performance**

**Maintainability**

**Complexity**

**Security**

**Self-Adaptiveness**

**Feature Interactions**

**Top-down decomposition**

**Bottom-up integration**

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- Programming Language
  - Problems: Coding
  - Technical developments:
    - Abstraction of hardware machine
    - Creation of logical machines and languages
    - Development of compilers for “specialization”
    - Attempted to raise the level of abstraction
      - Creation of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> generation languages



- Methodology and Code Generator
  - Problems: Problem complexity; analysis and design
  - Technical developments: Methodologies and support tools
    - Requirements models and languages
    - Attempts were made to generate code from requirement specifications, but failed; Why?





# Toward Automating the Software Development Cycle:

“A team of programmers or users would focus their efforts on developing specification of a user’s requirement. Then an intelligent system would write the program in much the same way that today’s compilers generate machine code from high-level languages.”

Karen A. Frenkel, 1985

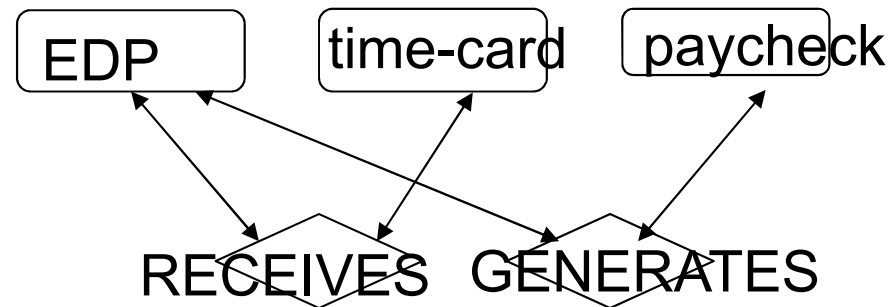
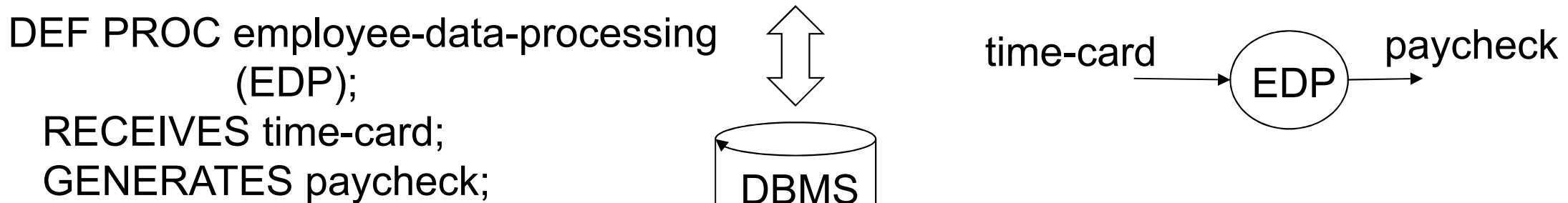
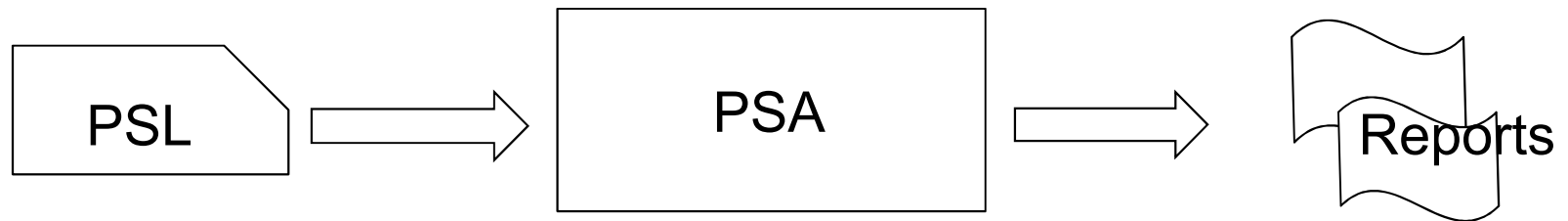
- Psi Project at Stanford University
- Chi Project (Knowledge-Based Software Assistant) at Kestrel Institute
- Programmer’s Apprentice Project at MIT



- **My experience at the ISDOS Project** (Mid 70's- Early 80's)
  - Led by Late Prof. Daniel Teichroew
  - Separation of representation (views) from the model with increasing number of analysis needs
  - Separation of system “aspects” with widening application areas
  - Meta modeling (to handle evolution the language and tools)
  - CASE tools (PSL-Problem Statement Language/PSA-Problem Statement Analyzer, Meta Generators, Report Specification Language/Report Generator, etc.)



# ■ Separation of representations/views from the model



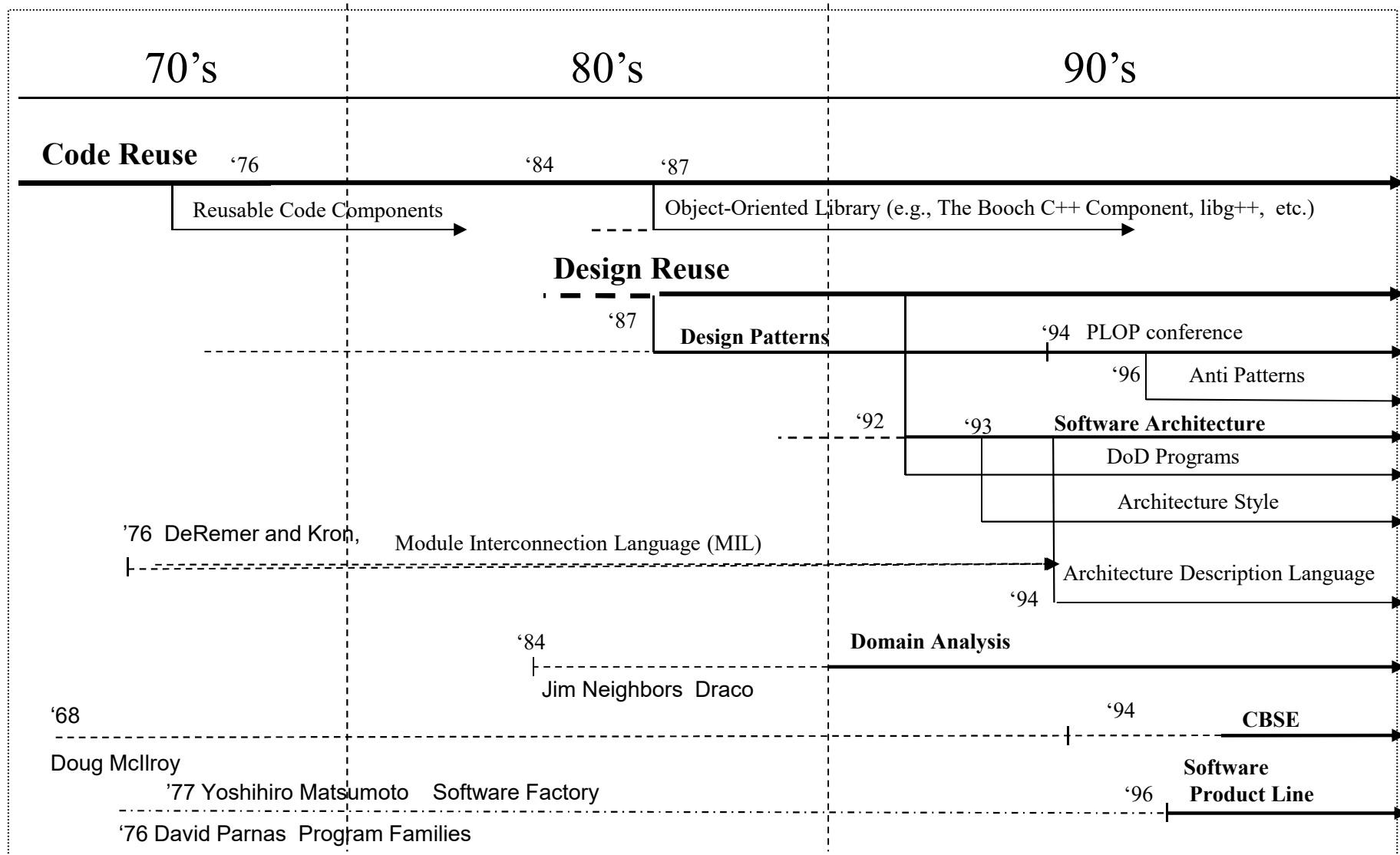
- Separation of “system aspects” with diverse application areas
  - From batch processing systems to real-time reactive systems
  - Creation of a meta modeling technique and support tools such as a report specification language (much like XML)
  - “Generalization” in modelling and support tool development (much like Eclipse)



- Reuse and High-Productivity Techniques
  - Problems: productivity and quality; Resource sharing among projects
  - Technical developments:
    - Software libraries
    - Design patterns
    - Architecture styles
    - Stepwise refinement/transformation
    - Model-driven software development



# Evolution of Reuse Concepts



# Code Reuse

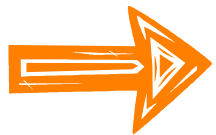
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## ■ Practices:

- Generic library reuse
- Copy and paste of application level code

## ■ Issues:

- Structural mismatch between applications was a major impediment to reuse.



**Reuse of design must occur prior to code reuse.**



## ■ Technologies:

- Design Patterns.<sup>[1]</sup>
  - Design should be specific to the problem at hand but also general enough to address future problems and requirements.
- Anti Patterns.<sup>[2]</sup>
  - It is useful to show the presence of certain patterns (AntiPatterns) in unsuccessful systems.
- PLoP (Pattern Languages of Programs) conferences.<sup>[3]</sup>
  - Authors have the opportunity to refine and extend their patterns with help from knowledgeable and sympathetic fellow pattern enthusiasts.

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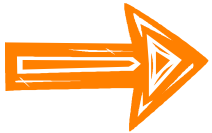


## ■ Practices:

- Low level design patterns
- Copy other design

## ■ Issues:

- A design made for a specific application context had low reusability.



**A common design framework (called architecture) must be established to promote reuse of design.**



## ■ Technologies:

- Architectural Styles.[4]
  - Some architectural styles are broadly-used.
  - They provide a reuser with the concentrated wisdom of many preceding designers faced with similar problems.
- Architecture Description Languages (ADLs).[5]
  - To support architecture-based development, formal modeling notations and analysis and development tools that operate on architectural specifications are needed.

[4] David Garlan and Mary Shaw, “An Introduction to Software Architecture,” tech. report CMU-CS-94-166, ESC-TR-94-21, Software Eng. Inst., Carnegie Mellon Univ., Pittsburgh, January 1994.

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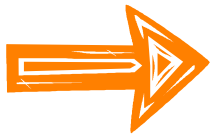


## ■ Practices:

- Discovery of architecture style
- Architecture description language

## ■ Issues:

- It is difficult to define generic architectures that will promote design reuse.



**Domain specific architectures must be established.**



## ■ Technologies:

- Feature-Oriented Domain Analysis (FODA).[6]
  - FODA is a method for discovering and representing commonalities among related software systems.
- Domain Specific Software Architecture (DSSA).[7]
  - A DSSA can be partly seen as a reference architecture, a meta architecture describing a known solution for a particular domain.

[6] K. Kang et al., “Feature Oriented Domain Analysis (FODA) Feasibility Study,” tech. report CMU/SEI-90-TR-21, Software Eng. Inst., Carnegie Mellon Univ., Pittsburgh, 1990.

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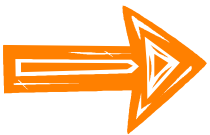
# Domain Analysis

## ■ Practices:

- Methods for analyzing a domain and developing architectures

## ■ Issues:

- Establishing / scoping the boundary of a domain was difficult.
- Up-front investment is high.



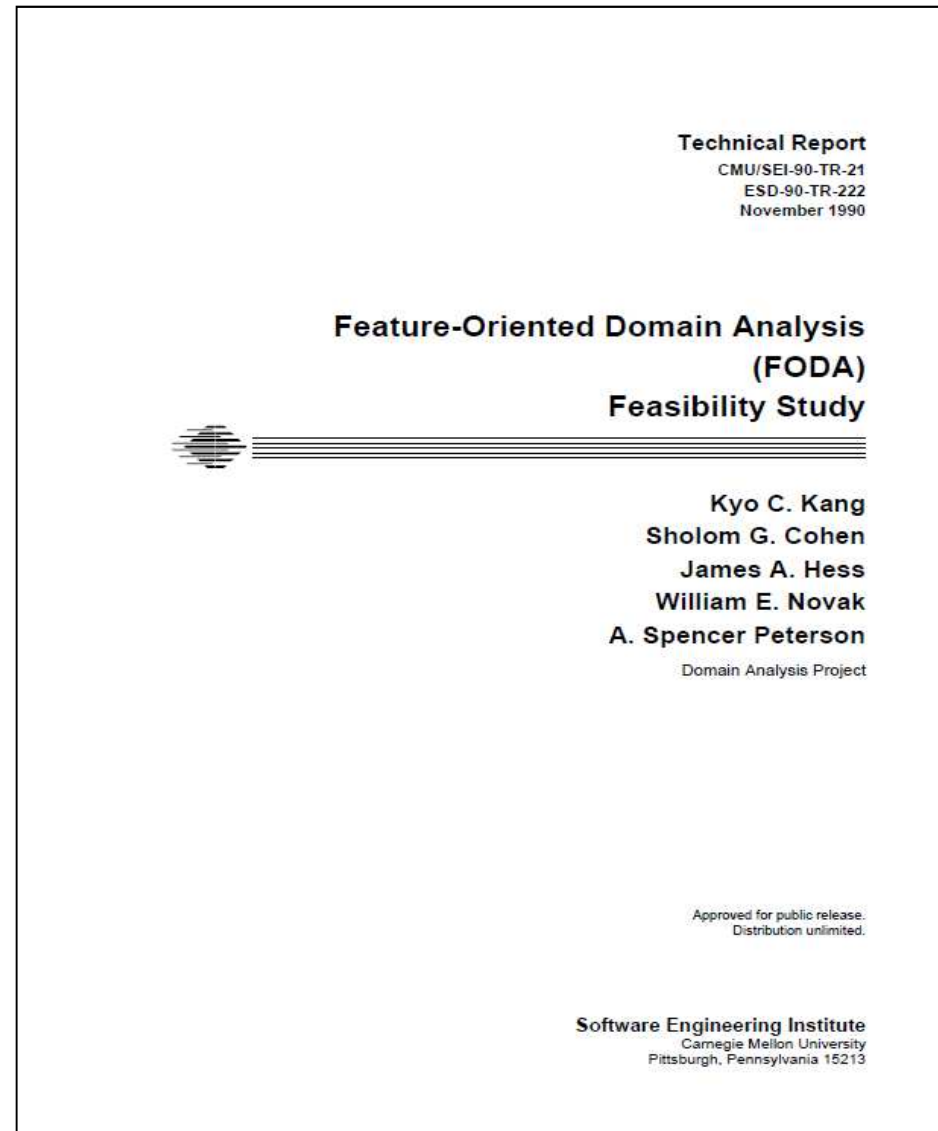
- **Business context specific scoping is necessary.**
- **Various process models are necessary.**



- Strategic Reuse Complying with Market Needs; New Computing Environments (Ubiquitous Mobile Computing, Cloud Computing, Service-Orientation)
  - Problems: Competition to reduce “time-to-market”; Mobile and pervasive computing
  - Technical developments:
    - Product Line Engineering: Strategic software reuse with the focus on targeting market segments.
    - Ubiquitous Computing: Pervasive, mobile, context-aware, and self-healing systems; reflective middleware.
    - Context-free Computing: Open API



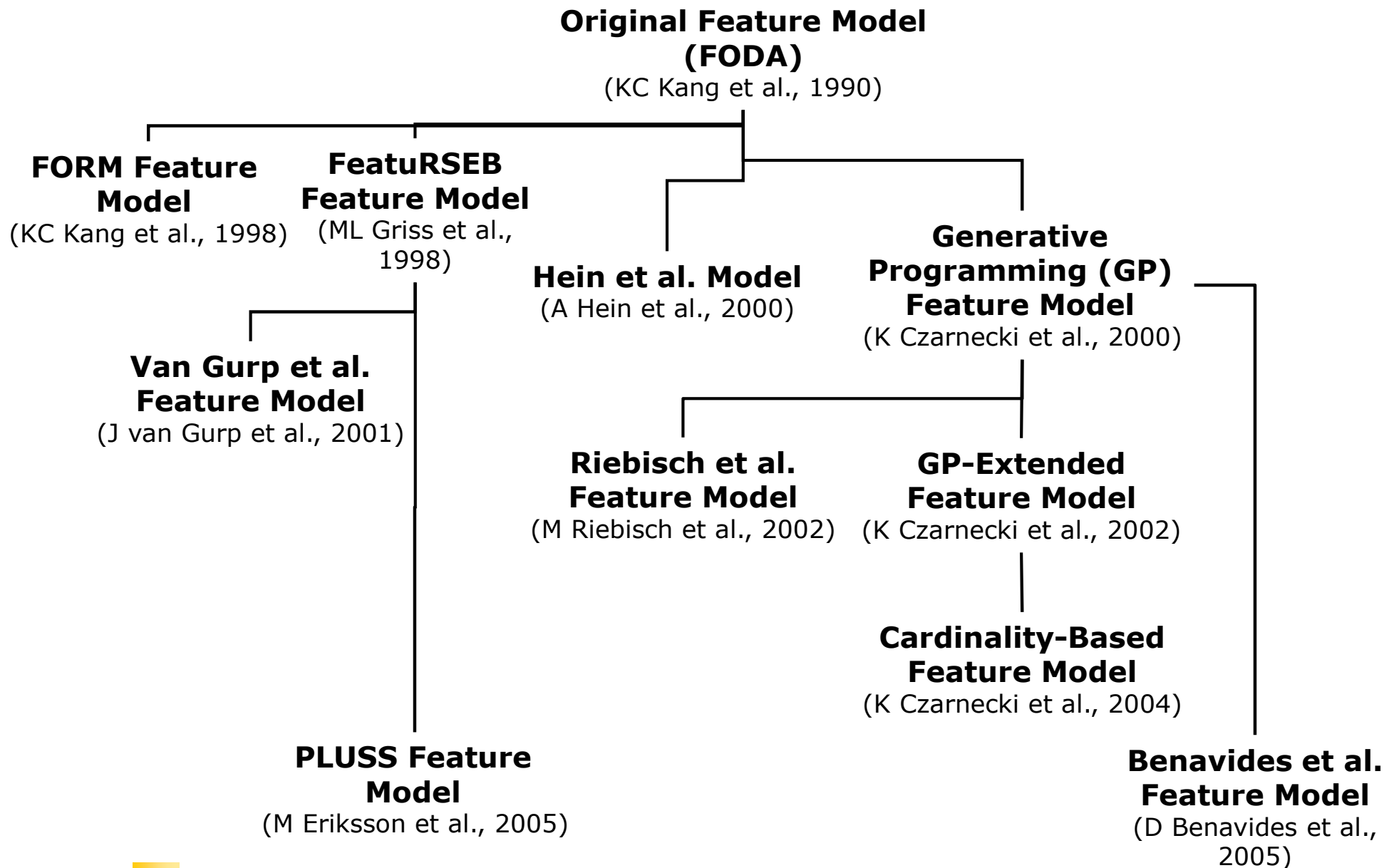
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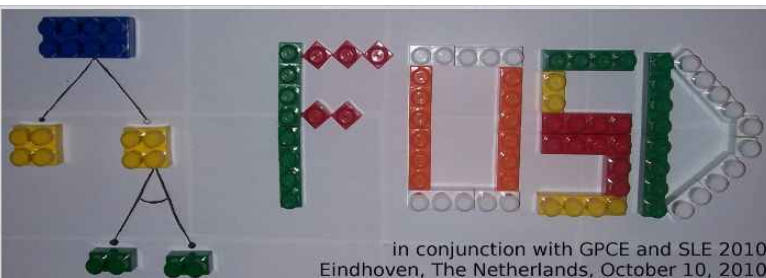
**Kyo Chul Kang, Ph. D.**

*FODA: Twenty Years of Perspective on Feature Models*

After receiving his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 1982, Dr. Kang worked as a visiting professor at the University of Michigan and as a member of the technical staff at Bell Communications Research and AT&T Bell Laboratories. He joined the Carnegie Mellon

Software Engineering Institute as a senior member of the technical staff in 1987. He is a professor at the Pohang University of Science and Technology in Korea. He served as director of the Software Engineering Center at the Information Technology Promotion Agency (KIPA) from 2001 to 2003. Also, he was the general chair for the 8th International Conference on Software Reuse (ICSR) in Madrid, Spain in 2004 and as general chair for the 11th International Conference (SPLC 2007) held in Kyoto, Japan in 2007.

While at the University of Michigan, he was involved in the development of a requirements engineering tool system, and a Meta modeling language. Since then, his research has focused on software reuse. While on leave from CMU, he promoted the use of the SEI's Capability Maturity Model (CMM) in Korea. His current research areas include software reuse and product line requirements engineering, and computer-aided software engineering.



- Domain Oriented Reuse and Software Architecture
  - Problems: Diverse market needs, Short time-to-market
  - Technical developments:
    - Systematic software reuse
    - Domain Analysis Technology: FODA, Faceted Classification, KAPTUR, FAST
    - Software Architecture: Architecture Style, Architecture Description Language
    - DSSA (Domain Specific Software Architecture)
    - Generative programming/Domain-specific application generator



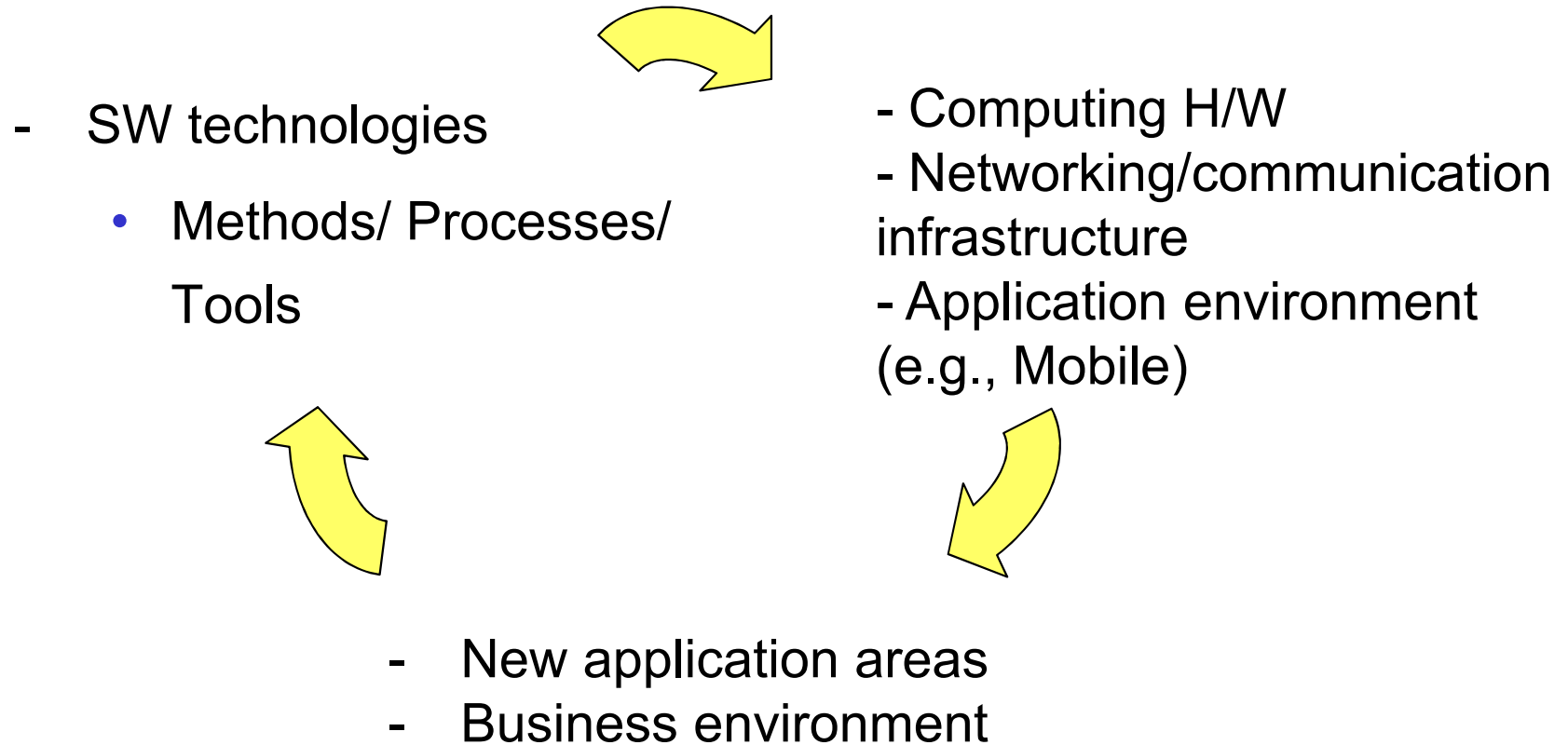
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# *Driving Forces of Technology Evolution/Development*

- **Expansion of application domains**
  - Engineering, business, u-health, ...
- **Evolution of computing platform/environments**
  - Batch, time-sharing, distributed, ubiquitous ...
- **Evolution of development environments**
  - In-house, SI, outsourcing, open source, ...
- **Changes in business environments**
  - Customer-centric, platform-centric (application platform), ...
- **Development of new technologies**
  - Compiler, formal verification, machine learning, big data ...





- Engineering and scientific applications
- Business information processing applications (security, data integrity)
- Embedded controller applications (real-time, safety critical)
- Mobile communication, Smart home, u-Health, etc. (dependability, security critical)
- **Systematic collection of real-time data in public sector for situation awareness – requires an inter-disciplinary approach (e.g., customer complaints, customer expectation)**
- **Green computing, u-health, u-manufacturing, ...**





- **Stand alone**
- **Super computer/parallel processing (execution speed)**
- **Networked/distributed environment (security, data integrity)**
- **Internet web, big data (security, scientific/social findings)**
- **Ubiquitous computing (context awareness)**
- **Cloud computing (dependability)**
- **Edge/fog computing (dependability, energy saving)**
- **Green computing (energy saving, energy-aware software design)** – “Harvard University Physicist Alex Wissner-Gross says that a single search on Google generates about 7 grams of CO<sub>2</sub> and two searches sums up the energy equivalent to boiling the kettle for a cup of tea.”





- In house development
- System integration (SI)
- Development outsourcing
- (COTS) Component-based development
- Global development (distributed development)
- Open source
- Product line engineering
- Embedment of software engineering knowledge in the system
- Run-time verification
- Asset specification technique (e.g., adaptation rules)



- **Supplier-driven market**
- **Customer-driven market**
- **Short product life-cycle (agility)**
- **Diverse market needs (product line)**
- **Customer specific requirements**
- **On-demand services (SOA- accident-> insurance)**
- **Global engineering**



- Computer hardware
- Communication technologies
- Internet Web
- Middle-ware
- Operating systems
- Artificial intelligence/Machine learning
- Cloud/edge/fog computing
- Bio-inspired SE (seamless integration of new services without human intervention)



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## 1. Evolution of Computing Technologies

- Cyber Physical Systems (CPS)
- Open Systems
- Ecosystems
- Systems of systems

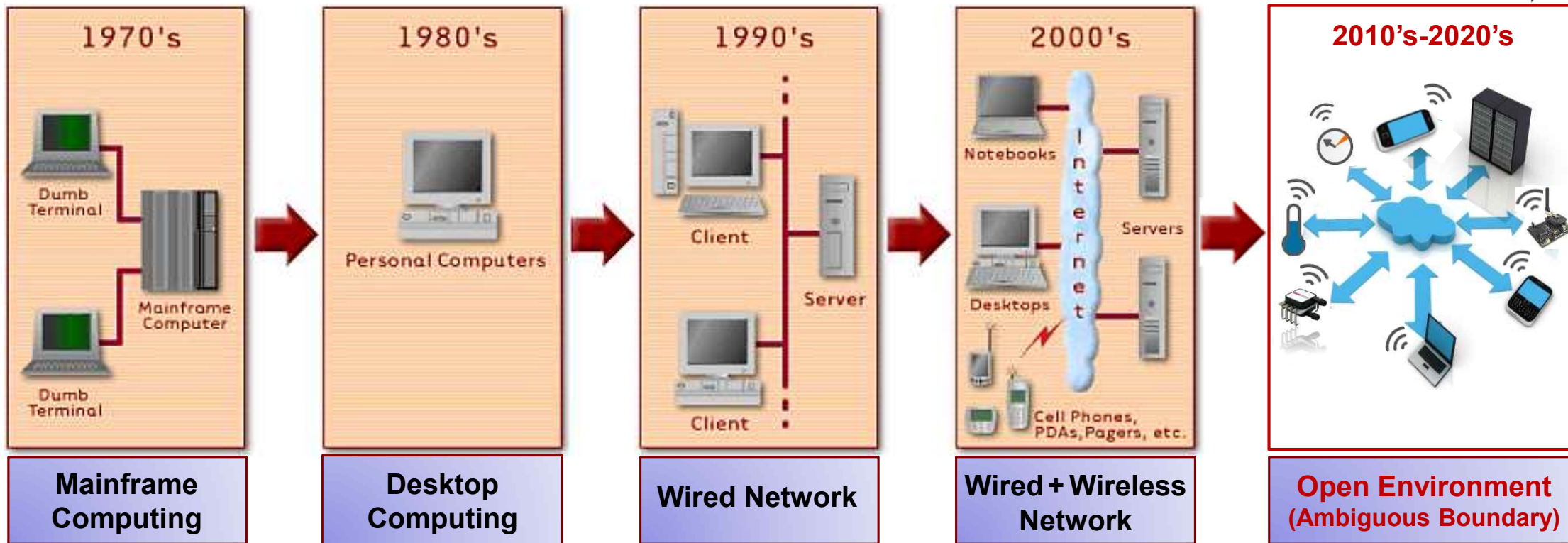
## 2. Evolution of Software Engineering Technologies



# Evolution of Computing Technologies

**Stand-alone**

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**Performance**

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**2010's-2020's**



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## “When everything connects”

- The Economist (April 28th, 2007)



### ■ CPS (Cyber Physical Systems):

- A number of sensors, actuators, and systems to monitor, make intelligent decisions, and control **physical entities**

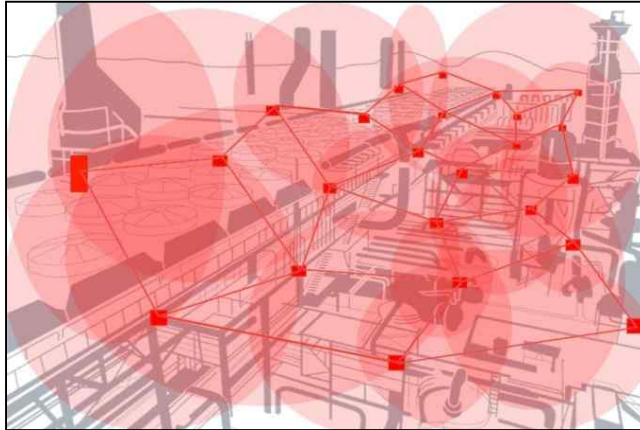
### ■ Potential applications of CPS

- Social infrastructure monitoring
- E-city
  - Disaster/accidence monitoring and rescue team dispatching
  - Traffic control
- Intelligent highways and automobiles
- Smart buildings and power grids
- Military systems
- Medical and healthcare systems
- ...

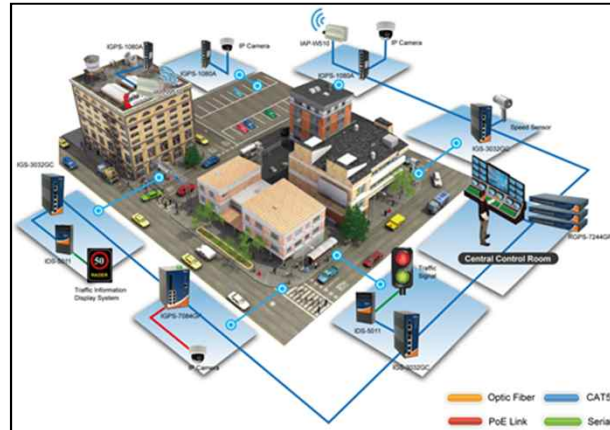




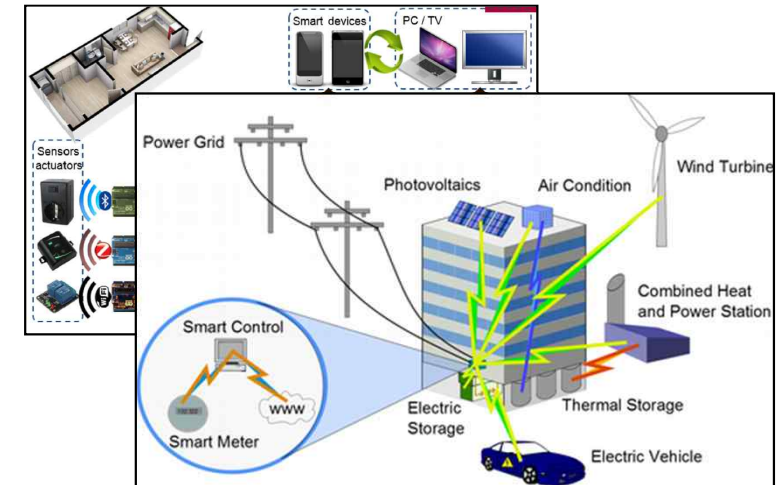
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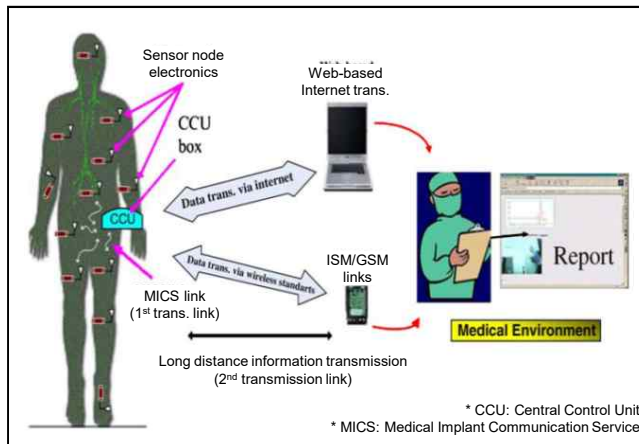
## Intelligent Transportation



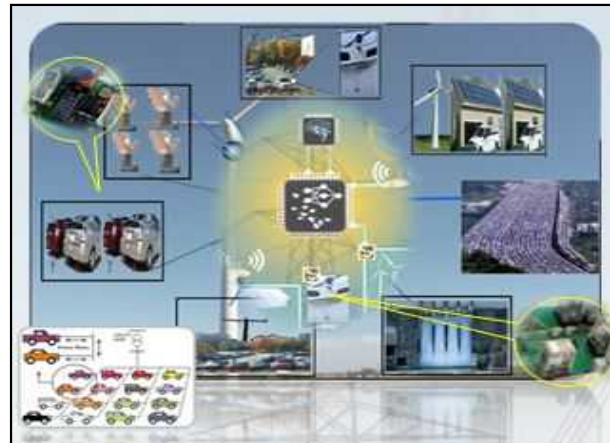
## Smart Buildings/Homes



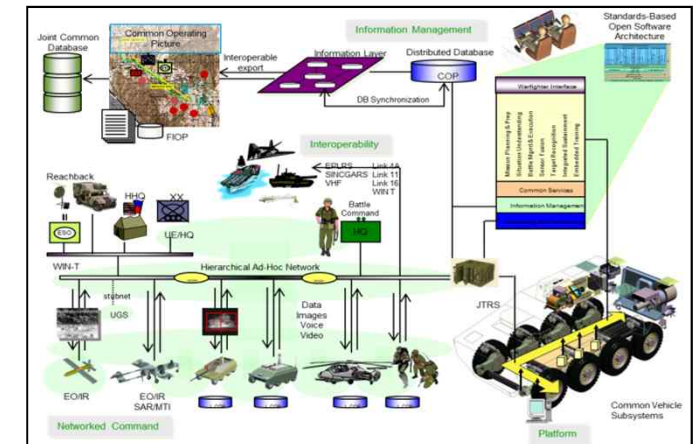
## Medical and Healthcare



## Power and Energy



## Weapon Systems



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- Adding “new” capabilities to physical systems
  - “everything talks and connects”
  
- Improving quality of life/systems in real world based on continuous monitoring and intelligent decision making
  - **Safety**
    - Bridge health monitoring system
    - Smart home for healthcare
    - Seismic warning system, etc.
  - **Efficiency**
    - Efficient route planning system based on traffic condition awareness
    - Building management system with efficient energy control, etc.



- Danger of unexpected feature interactions
- Real-time response
- Power supply
- Mobility
- Rapid evolution of technologies
- Mixture of heterogeneous technologies
- Fault-tolerance
- Trust, security, and privacy
- Large amount of real-time data being produced (“big data”)
  - Real-time identification of important system states



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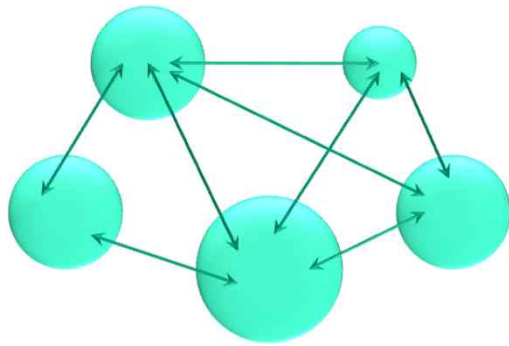
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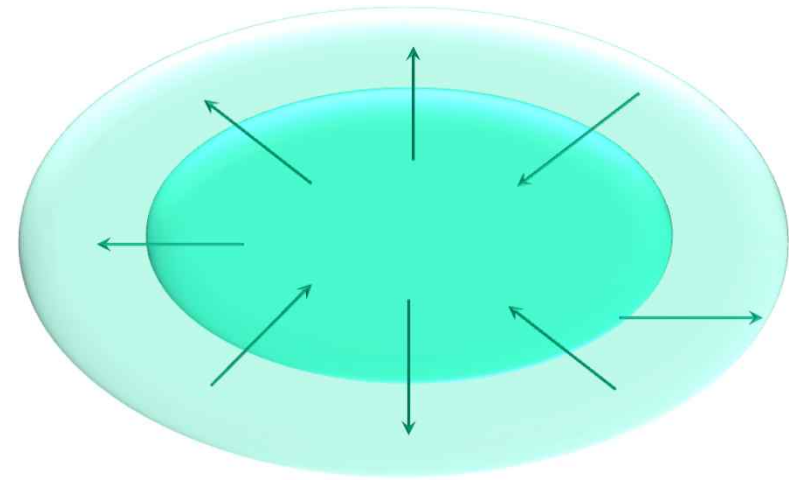
**Ecosystems**

**Systems of Systems (SoS)**

## ■ Open system – concepts:



Interacting/interrelated  
components



System exists in an  
environment  
with which it interacts

### ■ Open system – definition:

- “A system that **implements sufficient open specifications** for interfaces, services, and supporting formats to enable properly engineered components to be utilized across a wide range of systems with minimal changes, to **interoperate with other components** on local and remote systems, and to interact with users in a style that facilitates **portability**”

- The DoD Open Systems Joint Task Force, 1994.

- “A collection of **interacting** software, hardware, and human components, designed to satisfy stated needs, with the **interface specification of components**
  - **fully defined**
  - **available to the public**
  - **maintained according to group consensus**, andin which the implementations of components are conformant to the specification.”

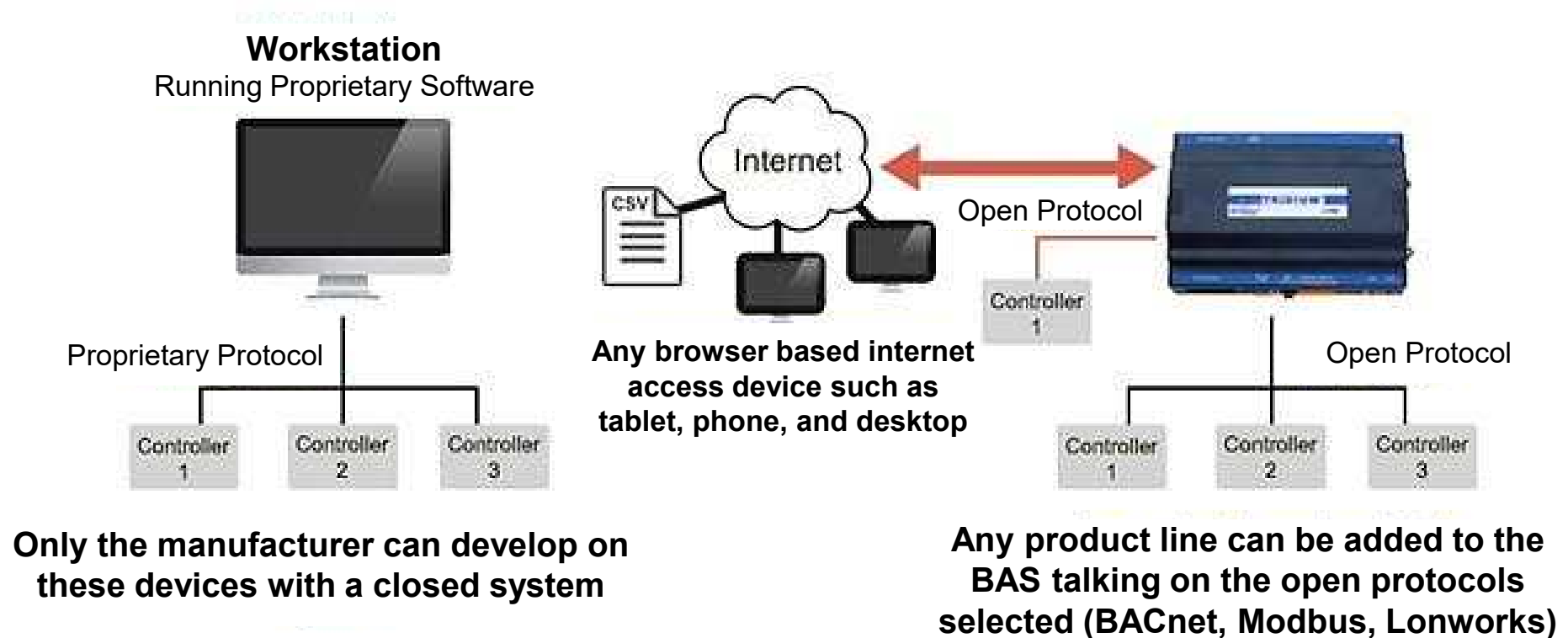
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## ■ Open building automation systems (BAS)

### CLOSED VS OPEN



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- Stability of systems
  - Overall system framework and interface standards
- Interoperability with other systems
- Availability to the public
- Framework for ecosystems
- Variability management



- Competing standards and technologies
  - Providers' love-hate relationship with standards
  - Importance of user “clout”
- Rapid evolution of technologies
- Marketplace availability of compliant products
- Security problems

- P. Emmerich et al., “Benefits, Problems, and Issues in Open Systems Architectures,” *IEEE Transactions on Power Systems*, 9 (1), Feb. 1994.



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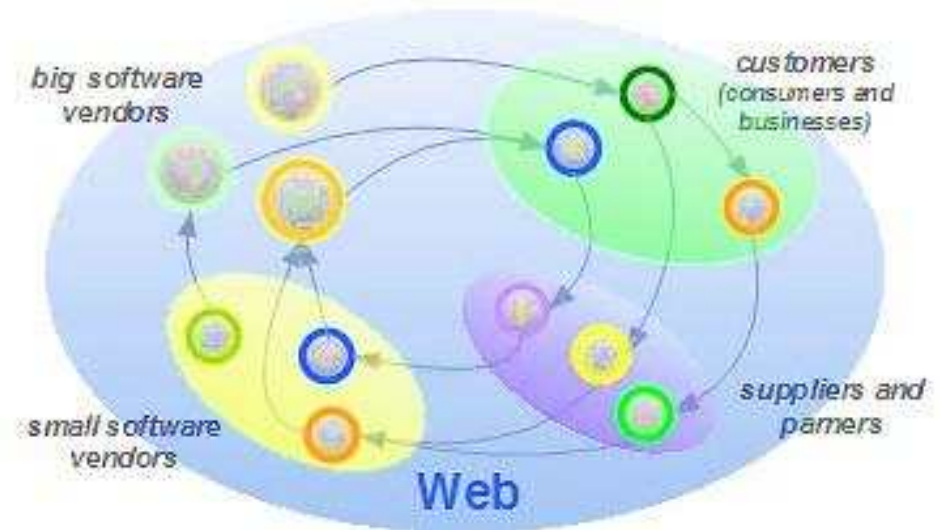
## ■ Ecosystem:

- “A geographically specified system of organisms, including humans, their environment, and the processes that control their dynamics.”



### ■ Ecosystem: (Cont.)

- “A **software ecosystem** consists of the **set of software solutions** that enable, support and automate the activities and transactions by the actors **in the associated social or business ecosystem** and the organizations that provide these solutions (Bosch, 2009).”

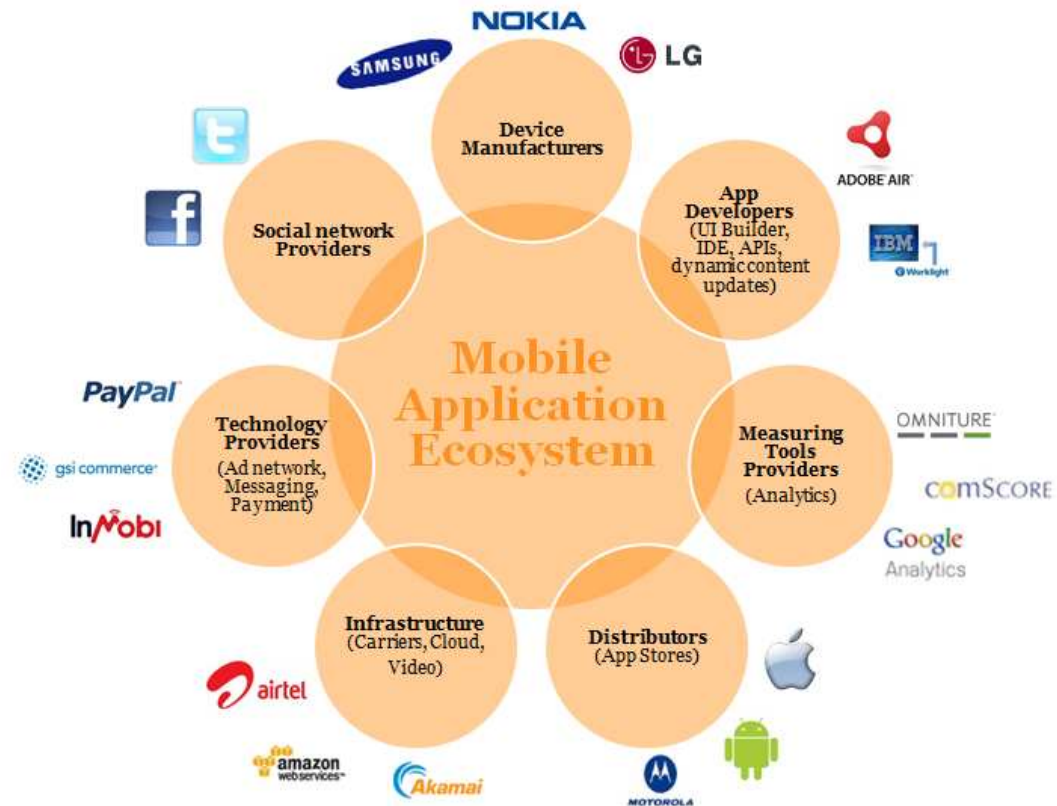


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## ■ Mobile ecosystem



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- Cooperation and knowledge sharing among vendors
- Reduced costs in software development/distribution
- Software co-evolution and innovation among vendors
- Increased transparency
  - Involvement of stakeholders and public





- Establishing adequate actors/relationships
- Mixture of heterogeneous software licenses and technologies
- Heterogeneity of software evolution
- Technical/socio-organizational barriers for communication/coordination
- Insufficient infrastructures and tools
  - for development across organizations involved in ecosystems
- Security problems



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## ■ System of systems (SoS):

- “A set or arrangement of systems that results when independent and useful **systems are integrated into a larger system** that delivers **unique capabilities** (DoD, 2004)”.

## ■ Examples:

- Air traffic control
- Network-centric warfare (NCW)
- Future combat systems
- Intelligent transportation systems
- Medical and healthcare systems
- U-city
- ...

- Department of Defense (DoD), 2004, Defense Acquisition Guidebook Ch. 4 “System of Systems Engineering,” Washington, DC: Pentagon, October 14, 2004.  
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### ■ SoS vs. large systems

- SoS requires:
  - Operational/managerial independence of the elements
  - Evolutionary development
  - Emergent behaviors
  - Geographic distribution

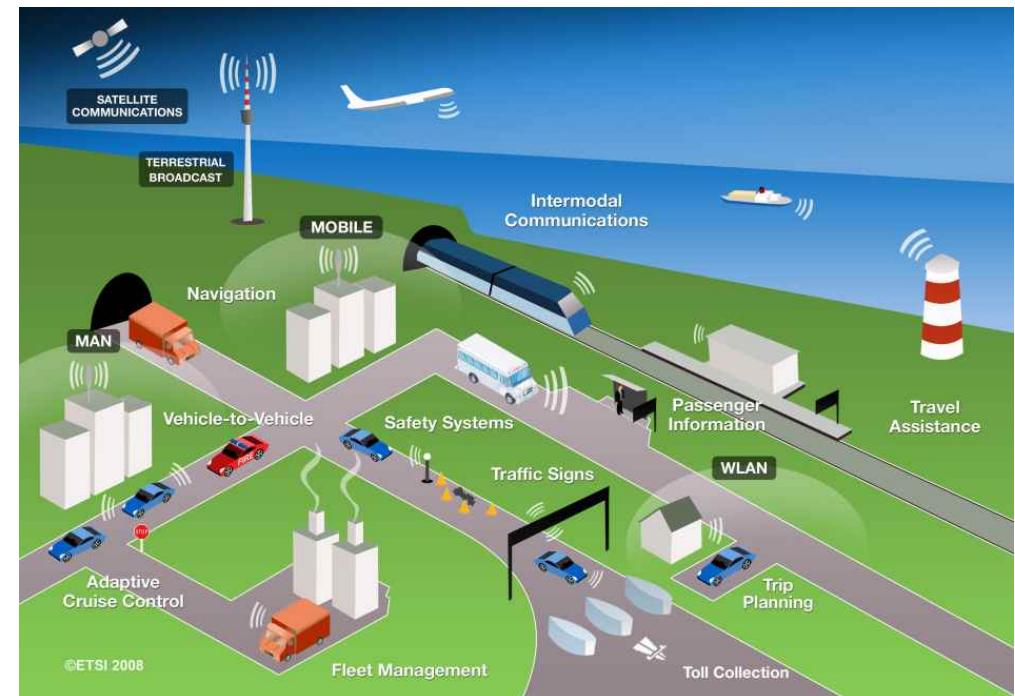
### ■ SoS vs. CPS (Cyber Physical Systems)

- SoS requires:
  - Geographic distribution
  - System composition for mega-systems
- CPS requires:
  - Closing the loop in the “real” world

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- Intelligent transportation systems (ITS)
  - Advanced traveler information systems (ATIS)  
and advanced traffic management systems (ATMS)



- Meeting needs with a mix of constituent-systems
- Operational/managerial independence of constituent-systems
- Extensibility of systems

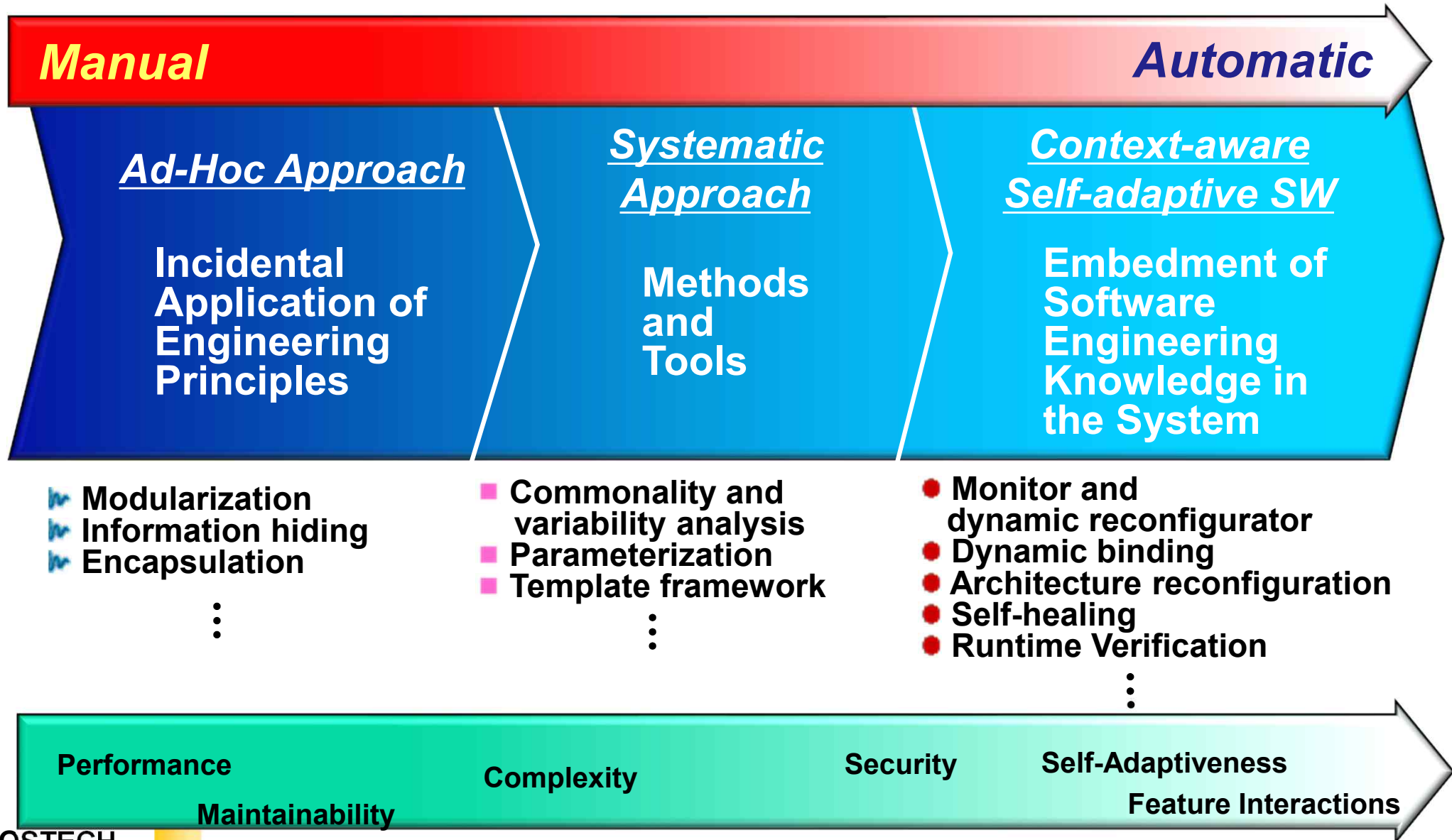


- System of systems being configured dynamically
- Uncertain environment
  - Decision making under uncertainty
- Limited central control
- Danger of unexpected feature interactions
- Coordinating development of new capabilities across constituent-systems
- Heterogeneity of software evolution
- Rapid evolution of technologies
- Mixture of heterogeneous technologies
- Trust, security, and privacy

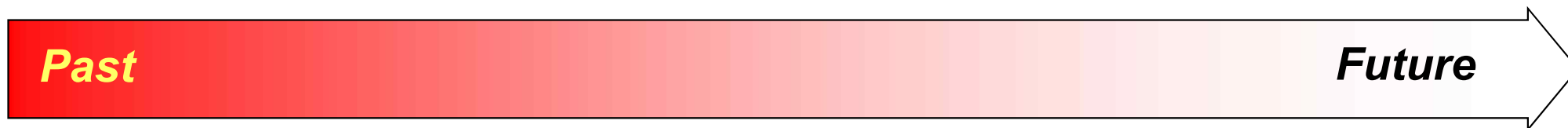


# Evolution of Software Engineering Technologies

## Technical Trends







## Requirements Specific Engineering

- A single system

## Asset-based Engineering

- A family of systems
- Integration rules
- Asset verification
- Asset specification
- Adaptation rule specification

## Context-aware Self-adaptive Systems Engineering

- A dynamically reconfigured system
- Run-time verification
- Application of ML techniques



## ■ MACHINE LEARNING APPLICATIONS IN SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

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ML Applications in Prediction and Estimation  
ML Applications in Property and Model Discovery  
ML Applications in Transformation  
ML Applications in Generation and Synthesis  
ML Applications in Reuse  
ML Applications in Requirement Acquisition  
ML Applications in Management of Development Knowledge



- Boundary between software engineering and systems engineering becomes fuzzy
- More and more functions are implemented as hardware
- Software engineering should be done in the context of systems engineering (“e-type” systems)
- Awareness of contextual changes and self-adaptation is becoming important; application of ML techniques might be needed
- V&V is becoming harder and more complex
  - Detection/prevention of unintended side-effects



