

# Machine Learning and Configurable Systems: A Gentle Introduction

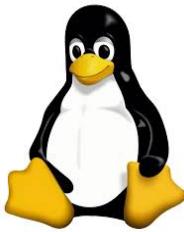
## (tutorial at SPLC'19)

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<https://github.com/VaryVary/>



# How to ensure that all Linux kernel configurations build?



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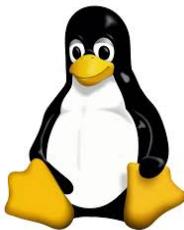
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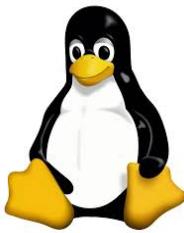
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Configurator



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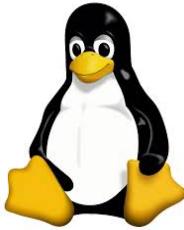
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# You cannot exhaustively measure all configurations

## Learning out of a sample



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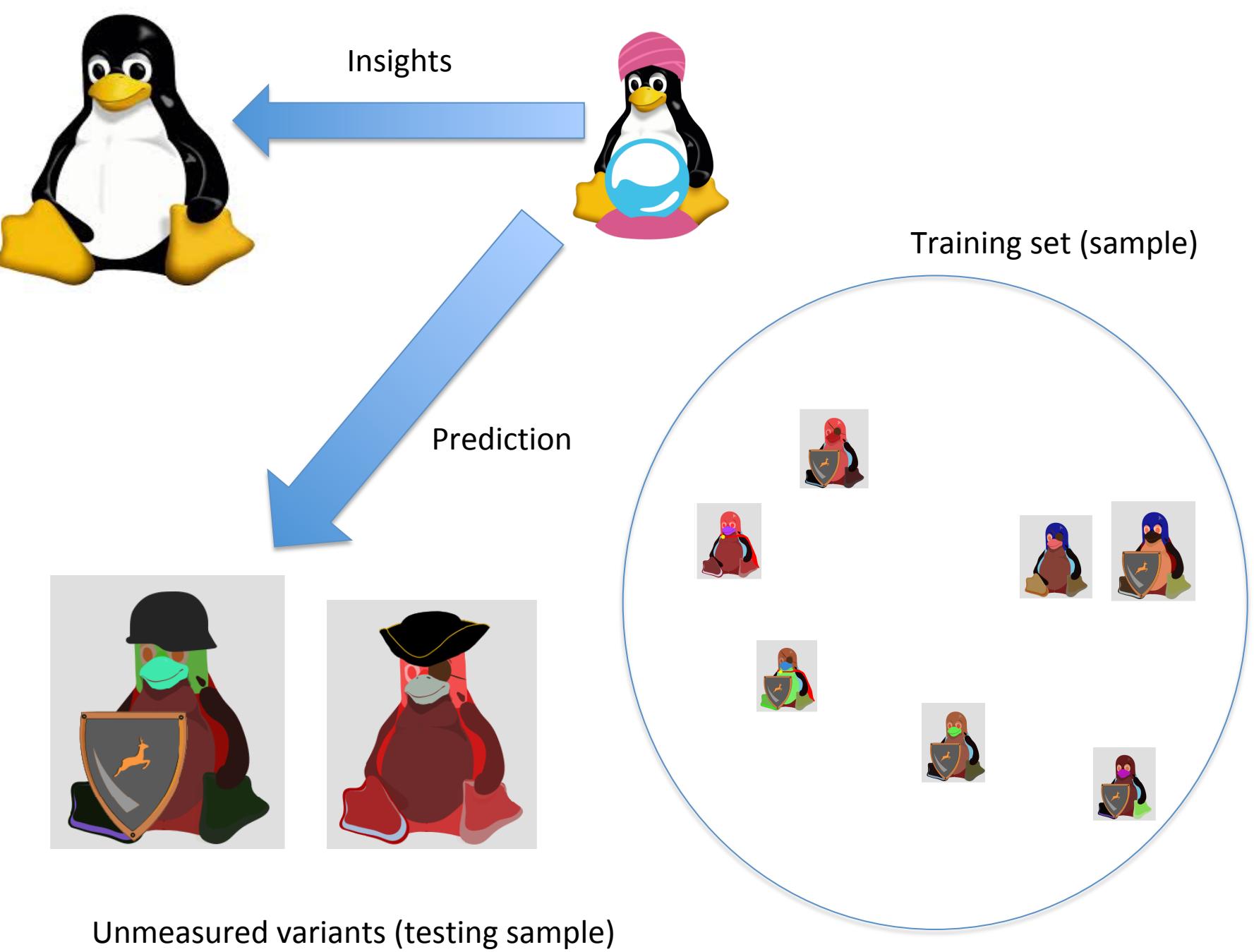
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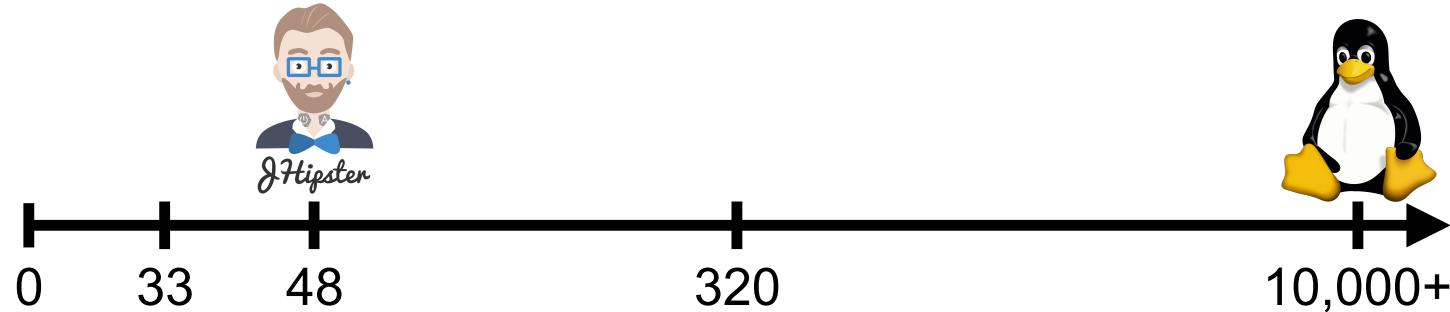








## A Universe of Options


$$2^{33}$$

$$2^{320}$$

**# Variants  
(independent  
Boolean options)**

How to master  
configuration space?  
(with machines  
and humans)

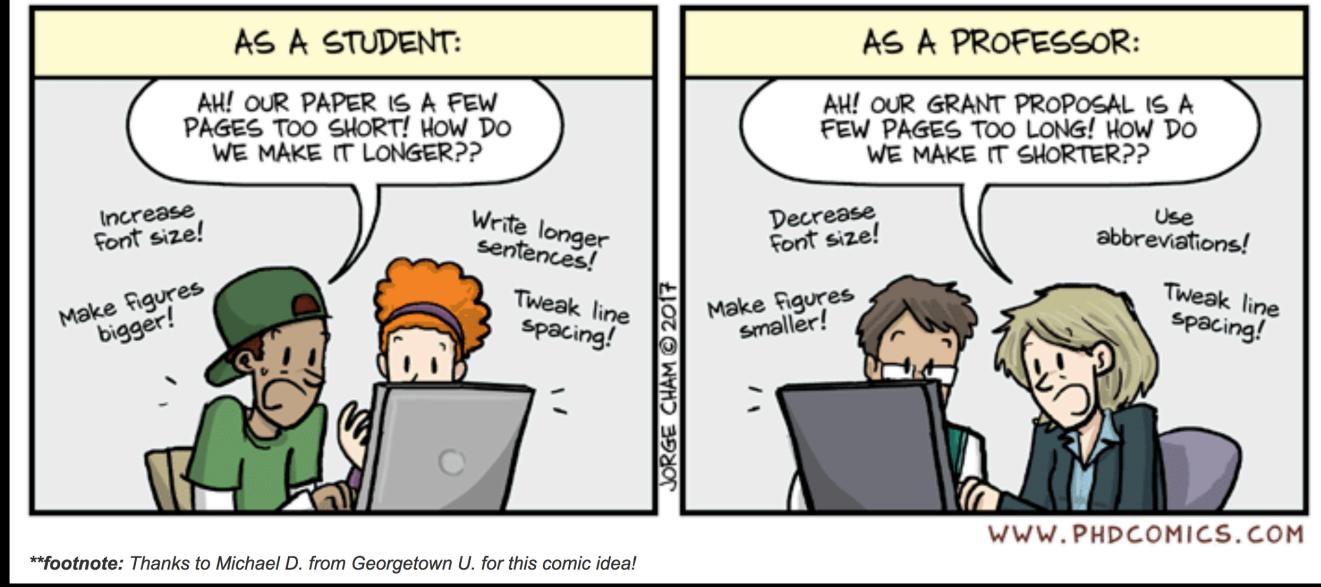
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# How to master configuration space?

AI (here) =  
**variability modeling / automated reasoning**  
+ statistical machine learning



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*\*\*footnote:* Thanks to Michael D. from Georgetown U. for this comic idea!

<http://phdcomics.com/comics.php?f=1971>

## Vary $\text{\LaTeX}$ : Learning Paper Variants That Meet Constraints

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Successfully submitted for VaMoS'18  
(on time and meeting formatting instructions)  
and then accepted

(live demonstration)



# Two case studies

- FSE paper (see demonstration)
  - Page limit: 4
  - Accuracy: ~85% with 40 papers in the training set  
(there are 73,440 valid configurations)
- Curriculum vitae generation
  - 18 pages limit; 5 Boolean options; full generation,  
only 32 papers (not need to learn here)

# Process



## ① Variability annotations and modeling

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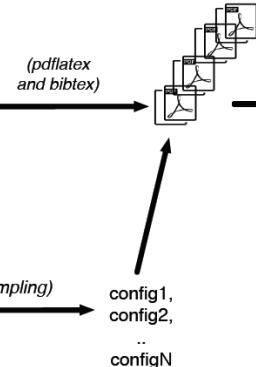
**LaTeX source files**

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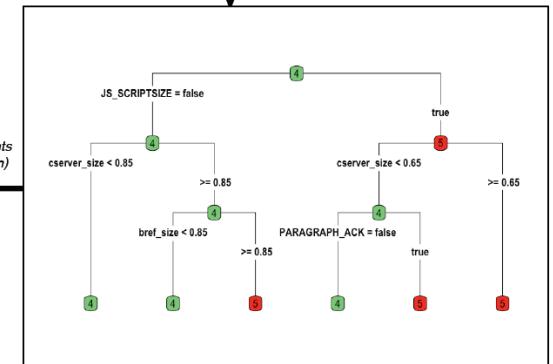
**variability model**



## ② Paper variants building and measurements

| JS_SCRIPTSIZE | JS_STYLE | JS_TINY | LONG_ACK | LONG_AFFILIATION | PARAGRAPH_ACK | PL_FOOTNOTE | VARY_LATEX | bref_size | cserver_size | vspace_bib | nbPages |
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| false         | true     | true    | true     | false            | false         | false       | true       | 0.7       | 0.9          | 4.0        | 4 ✓     |
| false         | true     | true    | false    | false            | false         | false       | true       | 0.8       | 0.6          | 2.2        | 4 ✓     |
| false         | true     | true    | false    | false            | false         | false       | true       | 0.9       | 0.6          | 2.3        | 4 ✓     |
| false         | true     | true    | true     | true             | false         | true        | true       | 0.7       | 0.8          | 1.1        | 4 ✓     |
| true          | true     | false   | false    | true             | true          | false       | true       | 0.8       | 0.9          | 1.8        | 5 ✗     |
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## ③ Machine Learning (Classification problem)



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// we negate the paths leading to class "5" (non-acceptable)
// !(JS_SCRIPTSIZE ^ cserver_size >= 0.65) or more readable:
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```

**variability model + constraints**



## ④ Ready-to-configure paper

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# AI#1 Logic, satisfiability, constraints, reasoning, solving



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**variability  
model**

# AI#2 Statistical, supervised machine learning (classification problem)

## Paper variants building and measurements

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# #AI1 + #AI2

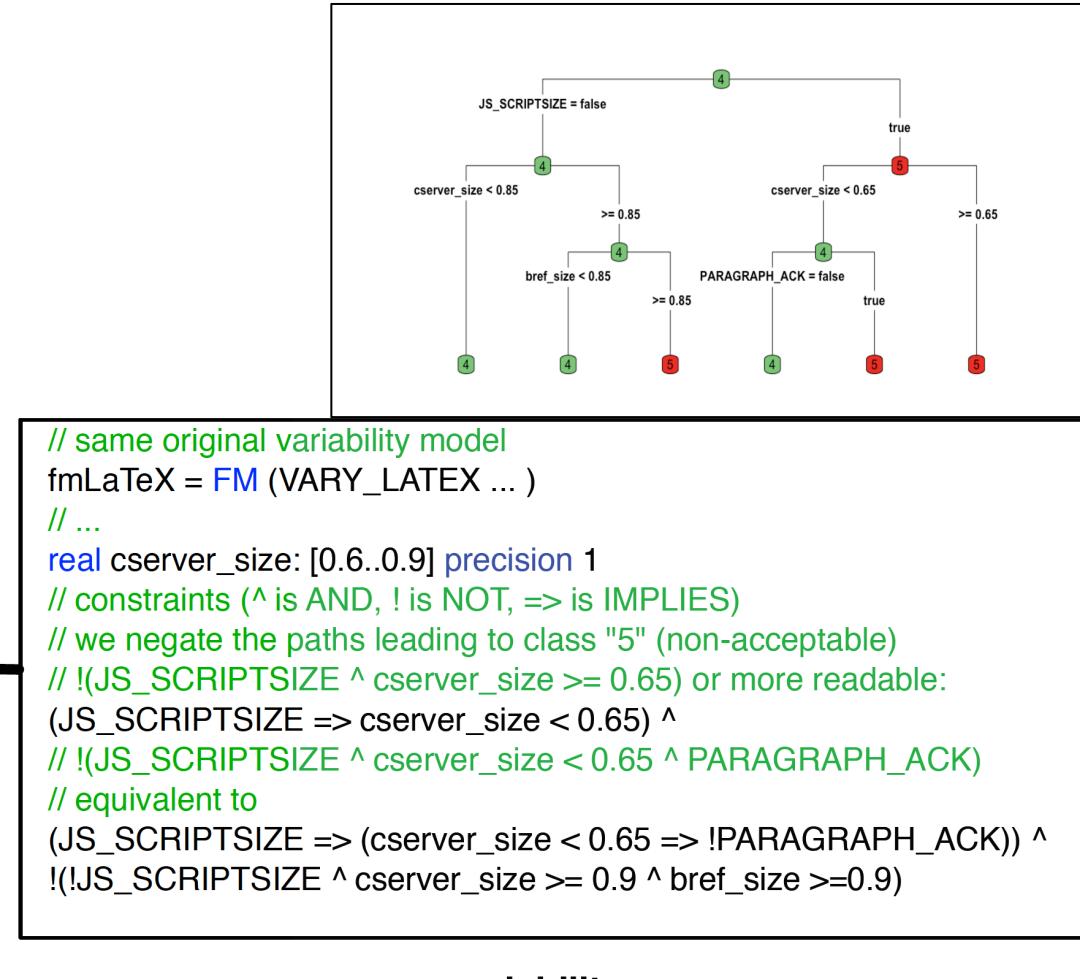
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▼ cserver\_size

Min  
0,6

Max  
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<https://github.com/FAMILIAR-project/varylatex/>

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## Variability and LaTeX source files

(a) Variability annotations and excerpt of some possible paper variants

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*{{{#if PL\_FOOTNOTE}}}\footnote{We are considering "product lines" in a broad sense,}*

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(b) Users can vary the font size of a code snippet, activate a footnote, vary the font size of a figure, etc.

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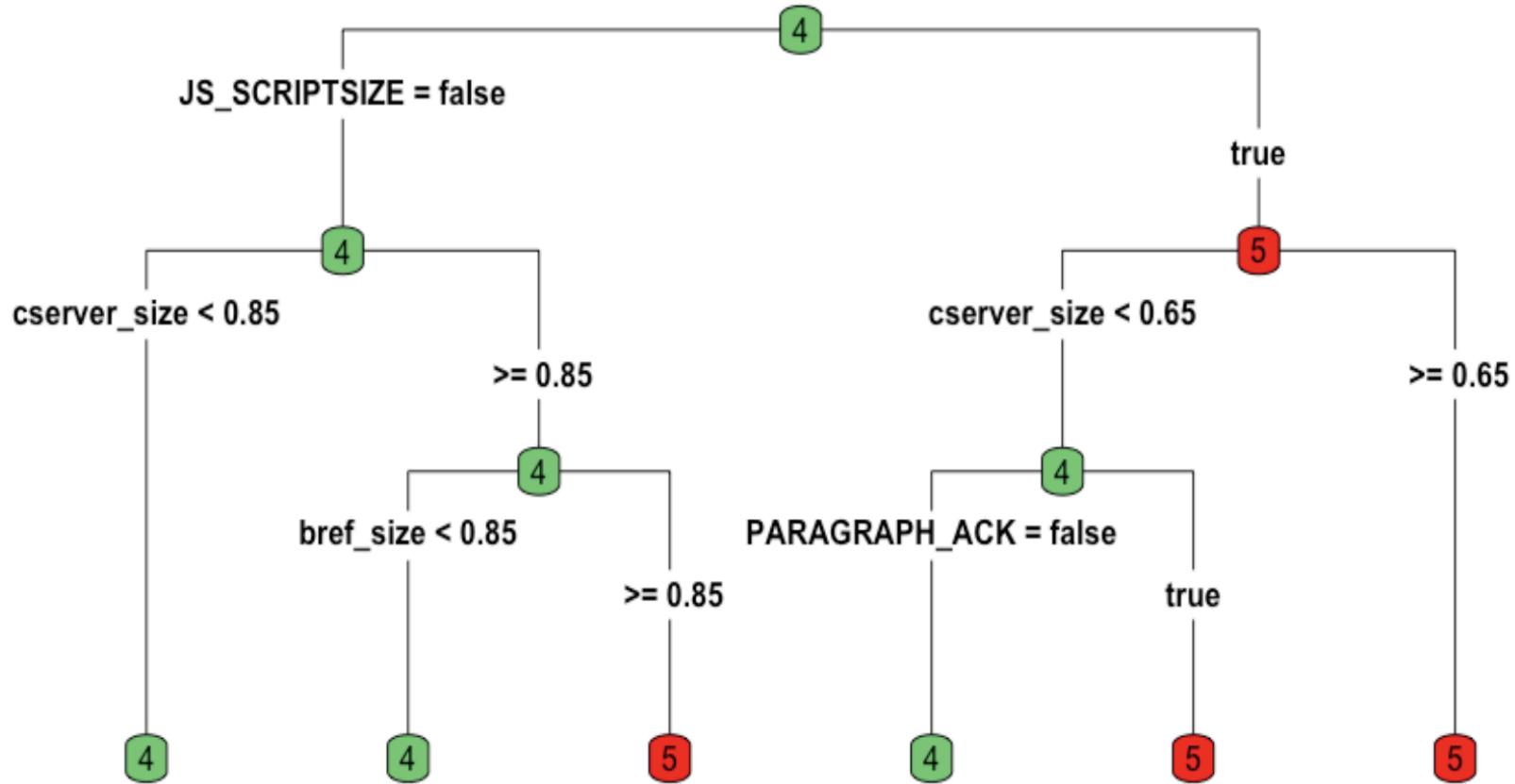
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## Paper variants (PDF)

# Classification tree



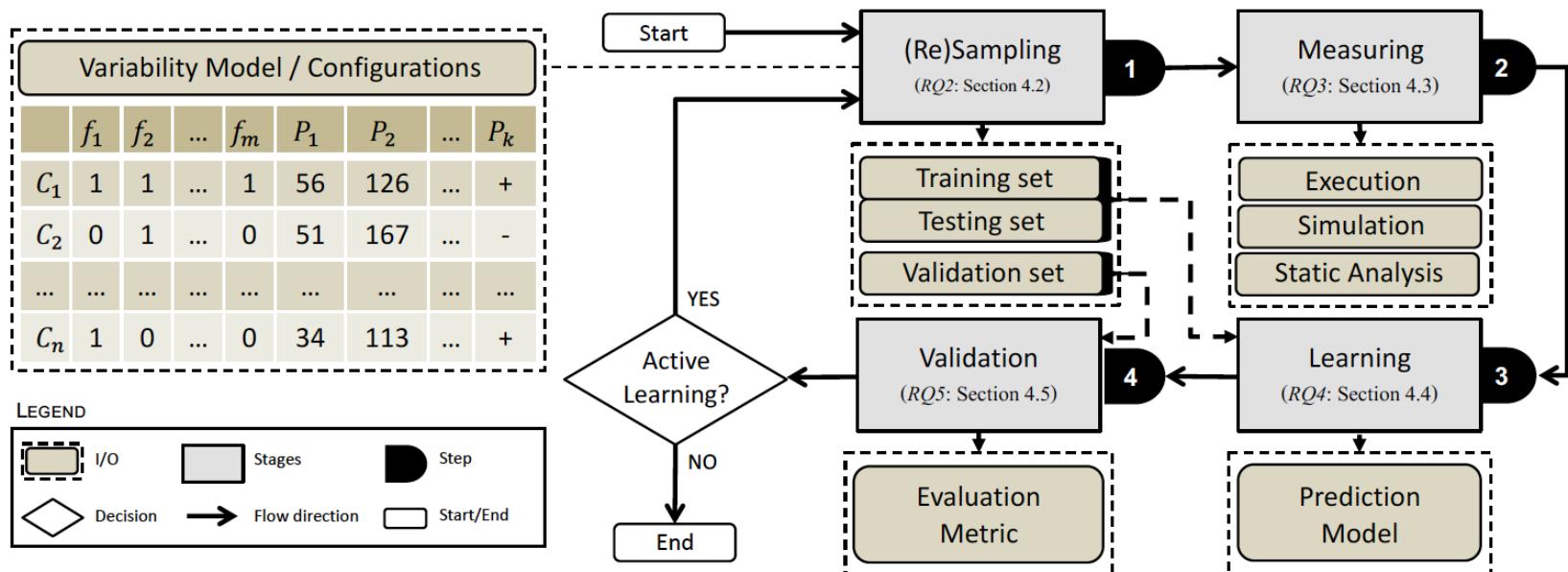
# VaryLaTeX

an instance of a more general problem

(and solution based on artificial intelligence and software engineering techniques)



# Sampling, Measuring, Learning



Learning Software Configuration Spaces: A Systematic Literature Review

Juliana Alves Pereira, Hugo Martin, Mathieu Acher, Jean-Marc Jézéquel, Goetz Botterweck, Anthony Ventresque <https://arxiv.org/abs/1906.03018>

# Next slides...

- A tour of existing works
- Systematic literature survey
- Different applications (pure prediction, optimization, specialization, understanding, etc.)
- Subject systems and application domains
- Numerous sampling strategies
- How configurations are tested/measured
- Learning algorithms used and their assessment



# VaryLaTeX exercice

# VaryLaTeX exercice

- Instructions: <https://github.com/VaryVary/ML-configurable-SPLCTutorial>
- Execution of the script
- Explanations:
  - Accuracy: metrics, confusion matrix, flexibility vs safety
  - Interpretability: extraction of rules, decision tree algorithm
- Effect of
  - Training set size
  - Hyperparameters
  - Algorithms (eg random forest)

# Some slides here

x264 (Hugo)



```
x264 --no-progress  
--no-asn  
--rc-lookahead 60  
--ref 9  
-o trailer_480p24.x264  
trailer_2k_480p24.y4m
```



**?? seconds**



```
--psy-rd <float:float> Strength of psychovisual optimization ["1.0:0.0"]
    #1: RD (requires subme>=6)
    #2: Trellis (requires trellis, experimental)
--no-8x8dct Disable adaptive spatial transform size
-t, --trellis <integer> Trellis RD quantization. [1]
    - 0: disabled
    - 1: enabled only on the final encode of a MB
    - 2: enabled on all mode decisions
--nr <integer> Noise reduction [0]
--cqfile <string> Read custom quant matrices from a JM-compatible file

Input/Output:

-o, --output <string> Specify output file
--muxer <string> Specify output container format ["auto"]
    - auto, raw, mkv, flv
--demuxer <string> Specify input container format ["auto"]
    - auto, raw, y4m, avs
--input-fmt <string> Specify input file format (requires lavf support)
--input-csp <string> Specify input colorspace format for raw input
--output-csp <string> Specify output colorspace ["i420"]
    - i420, i422, i444, rgb
--input-depth <integer> Specify input bit depth for raw input
--input-range <string> Specify input color range ["auto"]
    - auto, tv, pc
--input-res <intxint> Specify input resolution (width x height)
--index <string> Filename for input index file
--sar width:height Specify Sample Aspect Ratio
--fps <float|rational> Specify framerate
--seek <integer> First frame to encode
--frames <integer> Maximum number of frames to encode
--level <string> Specify level (as defined by Annex A)
--bluray-compat Enable compatibility hacks for Blu-ray support
--avcintra-class <integer> Use compatibility hacks for AVC-Intra class
    - 50, 100, 200
--stitchable Don't optimize headers based on video content
Ensures ability to recombine a segmented encode
```

# Performance Prediction

```
x264 --no-progress  
      --no-asm  
      --rc-lookahead 60  
      --ref 9  
      -o trailer_480p24.x264  
trailer_2k_480p24.y4m
```



**40 seconds**



# Performance Prediction

```
x264 --no-mbtree  
      --rc-lookahead 40  
      --ref 9  
      -o trailer_480p24.x264  
trailer_2k_480p24.y4m
```



**10 seconds**



# Performance Prediction

x264 ...

```
-o trailer_480p24.x264  
trailer_2k_480p24.y4m
```



??? seconds

# Performance Prediction

```
x264 --no-mbtree
--rc-lookahead 40
--ref 9
-o trailer_480p24.x264
trailer_2k_480p24.y4m
```



**??? seconds**

| no_8x8dct | no_asm | no_cabac | no_deblock | no_fast_pskip | no_mbtree | no_mixed_refs | no_weightb | rc_lookahead | ref | size    | elapsedtime |
|-----------|--------|----------|------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|------------|--------------|-----|---------|-------------|
| True      | False  | False    | True       | True          | False     | True          | True       | 20           | 9   | 1718492 | 3.444       |
| True      | False  | True     | False      | True          | False     | False         | True       | 40           | 9   | 1962957 | 4.744       |
| True      | False  | False    | True       | False         | True      | True          | False      | 40           | 1   | 3657562 | 2.427       |
| True      | False  | True     | False      | True          | True      | True          | False      | 40           | 9   | 3436410 | 3.447       |
| False     | False  | False    | True       | False         | False     | True          | False      | 60           | 5   | 2066645 | 2.957       |

**Regression problem** (linear regression, regression tree, random forest, gradient boosting, SVM, etc.)

Guo et al. ASE 2013, Apel et al. ASE'15, Czarnecki et al. SPLC'15,  
 Siegmund et al. FSE'15, Kastner et al. ASE'17, Menzies et al.  
 FSE'17, Batory et al. FSE'17

# Classification vs regression

- Metrics
- Algorithm level (classification vs regression tree)

# Exercice on x264

- MAPE metric
- Effect of
  - Training set size
  - Hyperparameters
  - Algorithms (eg gradient boosting tree)

# Wrap up

# Huge applicability!

| Name                               | Domain               | Non-Functional Properties   | Name               | Domain                 | Non-Functional Properties   |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|---|--------------------|------------------------|---|
| Thingiverse's 3D printer           | 3D printer           | defects   | Wget               | Data transfer          | memory footprint, code complexity   |
| IBM WebSphere Application server   | Application server   | throughput  | Actian Vector      | Database system        | runtime   |
| Clasp ASP solver                   | ASP solver           | response time   | Apache Cassandra   | Database system        | latency   |
| SNW Asset management               | Asset management     | area and throughput   | Berkeley DB        | Database system        | I/O time, memory footprint, performance, response time, code complexity, maintainability, binary size |
| Binpacking Binpacking algorithm    | Binpacking algorithm | execution time and accuracy   | FAME-DBMS          | Database system        | maintainability, binary size, performance   |
| XGBoost Boosting algorithms        | Boosting algorithms  | training time   | MySQL              | Database system        | defects, throughput, latency  |
| SaaS system Cloud computing        | Cloud computing      | response time   | Postgres           | Database system        | throughput, latency   |
| Clustering Clustering algorithm    | Clustering algorithm | execution time and accuracy   | Prevayler          | Database system        | memory footprint, performance   |
| AJStats Code analyzer              | Code analyzer        | response time   | SQLite             | Database system        | memory footprint, performance, response time, code complexity, runtime                                |
| SaC Code analyzer                  | Code analyzer        | I/O time, response time   | StockOnline        | Database system        | response time   |
| POLLY Code optimizer               | Code optimizer       | runtime   | Kafka              | Distributed systems    | throughput  |
| Libssh Combinatorial model         | Combinatorial model  | defects   | DNN                | DNNs algorithms        | accuracy of predictions   |
| Telecom Communication system       | Communication system | defects   | Curriculum vitae   | Document               | number of pages   |
| LLVM Compiler                      | Compiler             | memory footprint, performance, response time, code complexity, compilation time | Paper              | Document               | number of pages   |
| Compressor SPL Compression library | Compression library  | compression time, memory usage and compression ratio                            | RUBiS              | E-commerce application | response time   |
| 7Z Compression library             | Compression library  | compression time  | EMAIL              | E-mail client          | time  |
| LRZIP Compression library          | Compression library  | compressed size, compression time, compilation time                             | MBED TLS           | Encryption library     | response time   |
| RAR Compression library            | Compression library  | code complexity   | SAP ERP            | Enterprise Application | response time   |
| XZ Compression library             | Compression library  | compression time  | noc-CM-log         | FPGA                   | CPU power consumption, runtime  |
| ZipMe Compression library          | Compression library  | memory footprint, performance, code complexity, time                            | sort-256           | FPGA                   | area, throughput  |
| WordPress Content management       | Content management   | CPU power consumption   | E-Health System    | Health                 | response time   |
| LinkedList Data structures         | Data structures      | memory footprint, performance, maintainability, binary size                     | HIPA <sup>cc</sup> | Image processing       | response time   |
| Curl Data transfer                 | Data transfer        | code complexity   | Disparity SPL      | Image processing       | energy consumption  |
|                                    |                      |   | PKJab              | Instant messenger      | memory footprint, performance   |
|                                    |                      |   | IBM ILOG CPLEX     | Integer solver         | runtime   |
|                                    |                      |   | SPECjbb2005        | Java Server            | response time, throughput   |
|                                    |                      |   | WEKA               | Learning algorithm     | accuracy of predictions   |
|                                    |                      |   | SVD                | Linear algebra         | execution time and accuracy   |
|                                    |                      |   | Trimesh            | Mesh solver            | iterations, response time   |
|                                    |                      |   | MBENCH             | Micro benchmark        | time  |
|                                    |                      |   | ACE+TAO system     | Middleware software    | defects   |
|                                    |                      |   | SensorNetwork      | Network simulator      | memory footprint, performance   |
|                                    |                      |   | Simonstrator       | Network simulator      | latency   |
|                                    |                      |   | NoC                | Network-based system   | energy and runtime  |
|                                    |                      |   | Helmholtz 3D       | Numerical analysis     | execution time and accuracy   |
|                                    |                      |   | Poisson 2D         | Numerical analysis     | execution time and accuracy   |
|                                    |                      |   | Linux kernel       | Operating system       | memory footprint, performance   |
|                                    |                      |   | DNN                | Optimization algorithm | response time   |

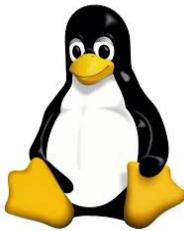
Learning Software Configuration Spaces: A Systematic Literature Review

Juliana Alves Pereira, Hugo Martin, Mathieu Acher, Jean-Marc Jézéquel, Goetz Botterweck,  
Anthony Ventresque <https://arxiv.org/abs/1906.03018>

# Open issues (Juliana slide, RQ6 of the survey)

# Advanced topics

# Learning the Configuration Space of Linux



Enormous configurations space eg Linux has 15K+ options, tri-state values {y, n, m}. A build takes 15 minutes on average on a recent machine

```
[...] KConfig file
config PRINTK
    default y
    bool "Enable support for printk" if EXPERT
    select IRQ_WORK
    help
        This option enables normal printk support. Removing it
        eliminates most of the message strings from the kernel image
        and makes the kernel more or less silent. As this makes it
        very difficult to diagnose system problems, saying N here is
        strongly discouraged.

config PRINTK_NMI
    def_bool y
    depends on PRINTK
    depends on HAVE_NMI

config BUG
    bool "BUG() support" if EXPERT
    default y
    help
        Disabling this option eliminates support for BUG and WARN, reducing
        the size of your kernel image and potentially quietly ignoring
        numerous fatal conditions. You should only consider disabling this
        option for embedded systems with no facilities for reporting errors.
        Just say Y.

config ELF_CORE
    depends on COREDUMP
    default y
    bool "Enable ELF core dumps" if EXPERT
    help
        Enable support for generating core dumps. Disabling saves about 4k.

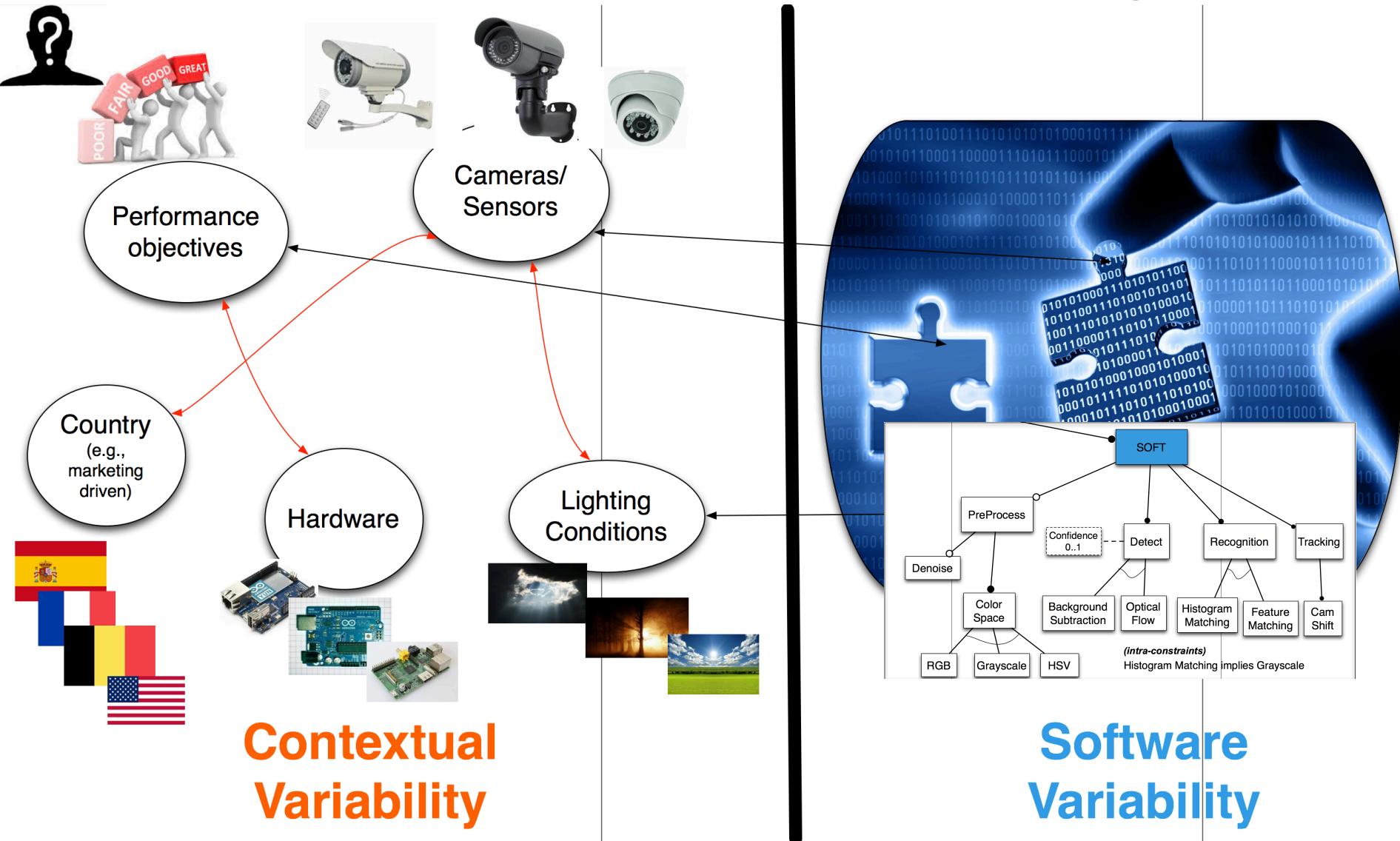
[...]
config AIO
    bool "Enable AIO support" if EXPERT
    default y
    help
        This option enables POSIX asynchronous I/O which may be used
        by some high performance threaded applications. Disabling
        this option saves about 7k.
```



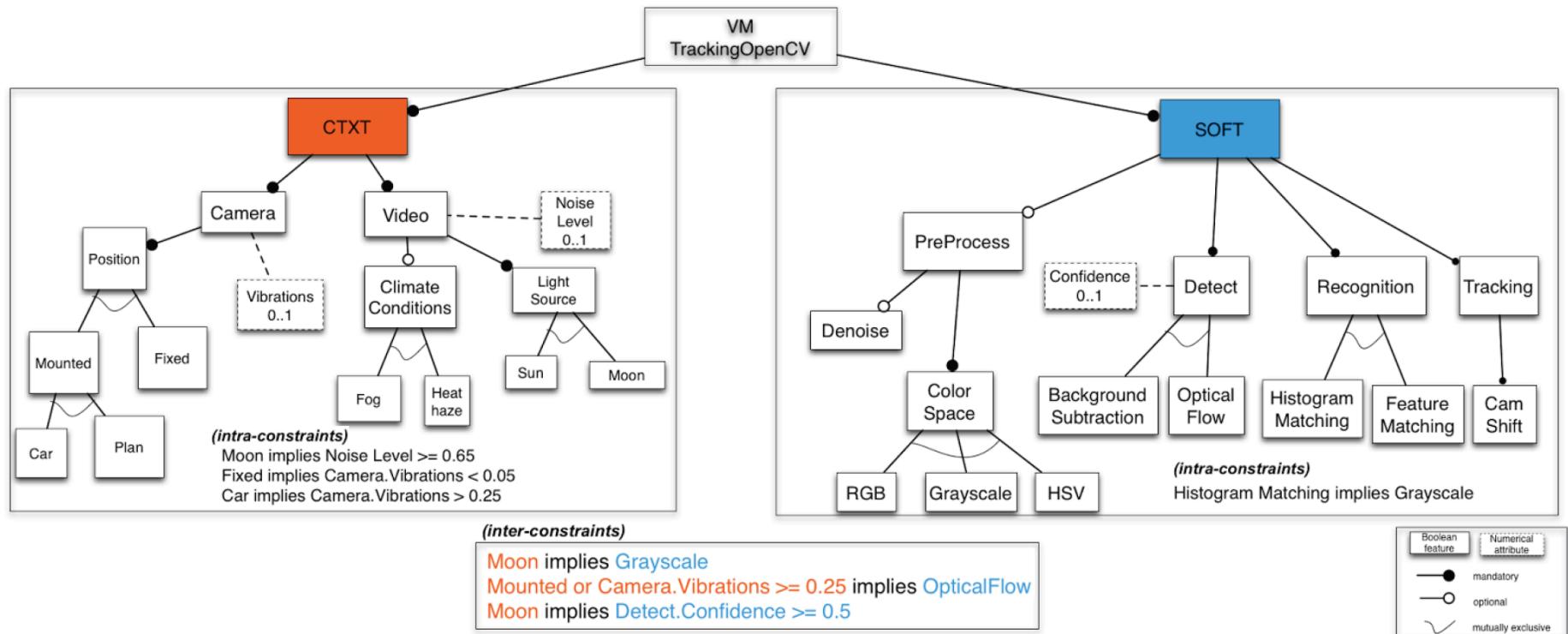
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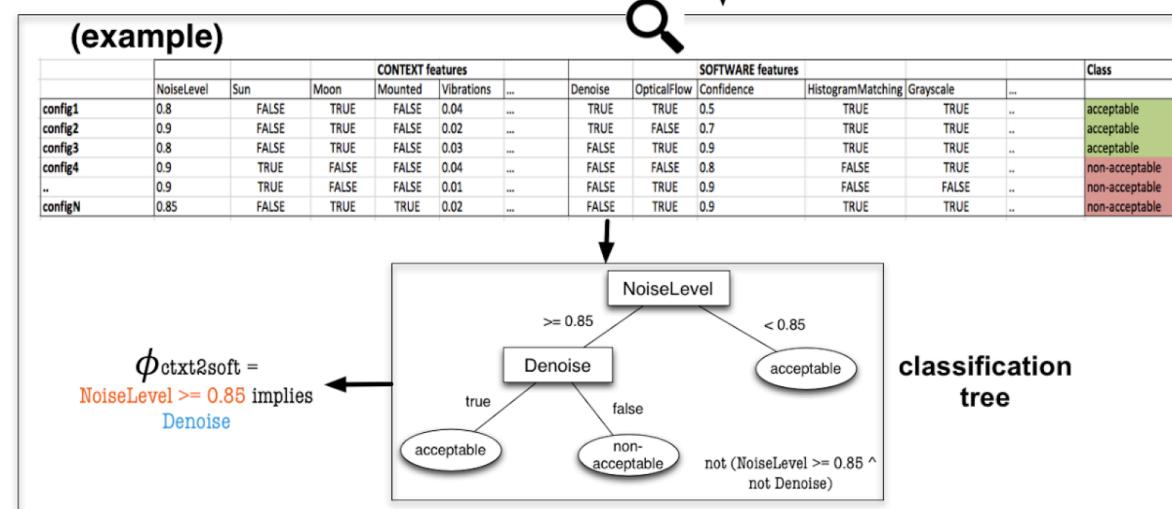
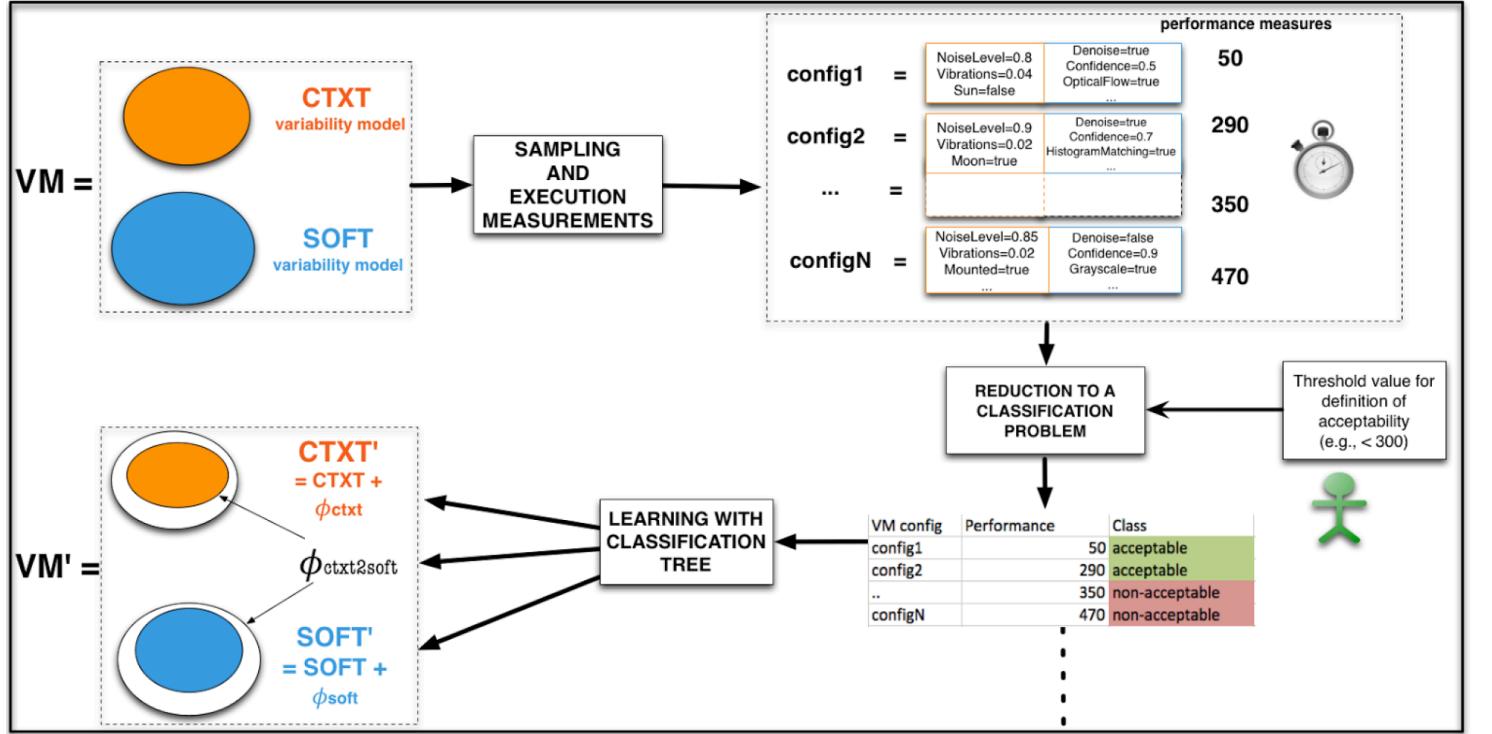


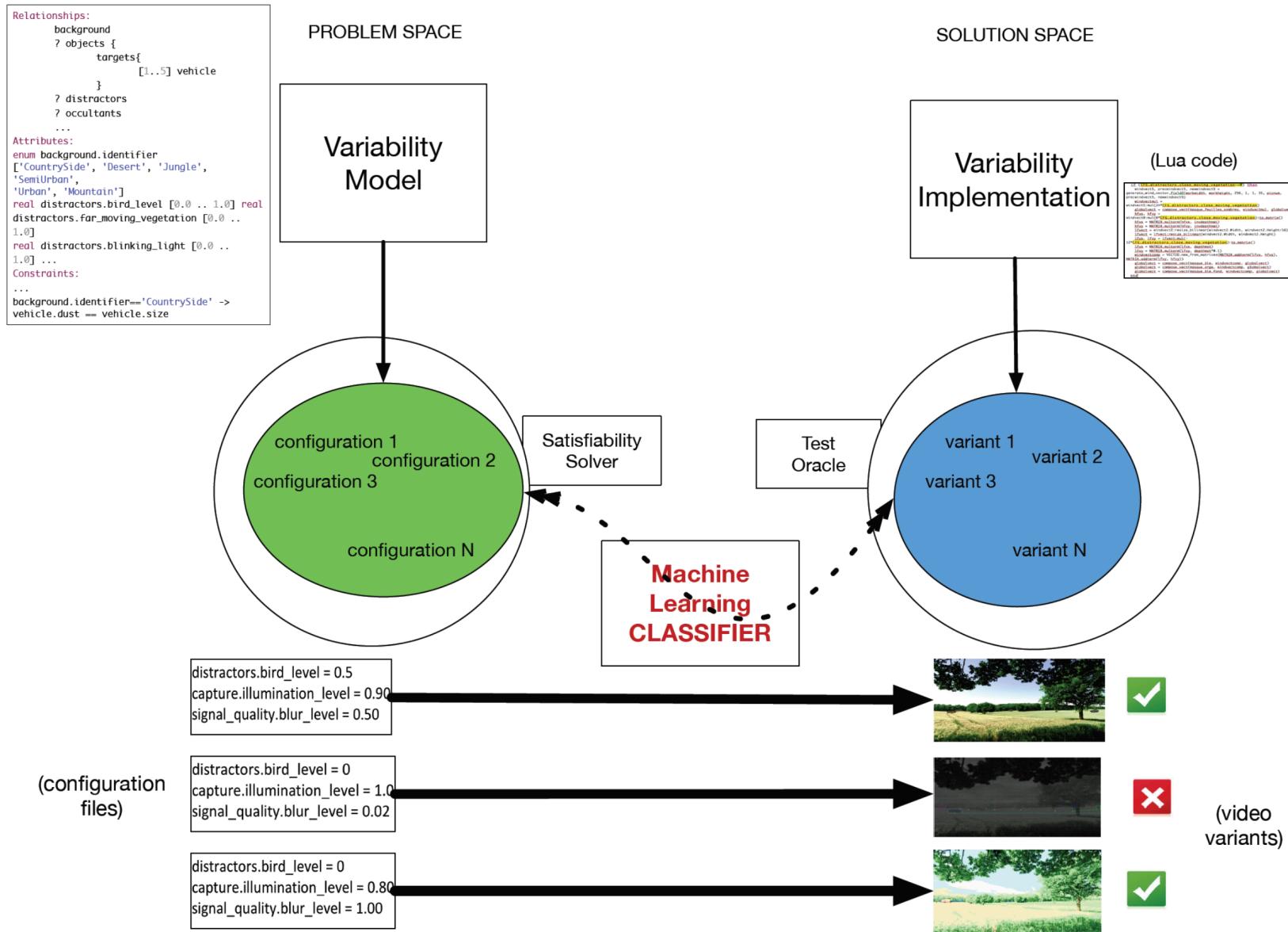
# Context and Variability



# Learning Contextual Variability Models







# **Input Sensitivity and Transferability of Performance Prediction Models**

(ongoing work)

**What if I change the input video?  
Can I reuse my performance prediction model?**

```
x264 --no-mbtree  
--rc-lookahead 40  
--ref 9  
-o trailer_480p24.x264  
trailer_2k_480p24.y4m
```

```
x264 --no-mbtree  
--rc-lookahead 40  
--ref 9  
-o football.x264  
football.y4m
```



55 seconds

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?? seconds