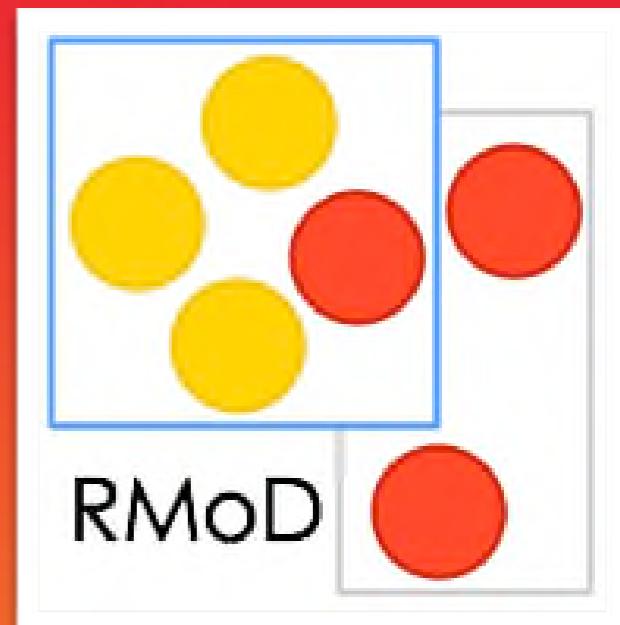


RMoD

Analyses and Language Constructs for Modular Object-Oriented Applications

<http://rmod.lille.inria.fr>

Stéphane Ducasse



Roadmap

Context

Maps

Evolution in the large

Others

Current work



Long term research vision

How to build and evolve **ever
*running*** software systems?

Objectives in synergy

1: How to maintain/evolve large software systems?

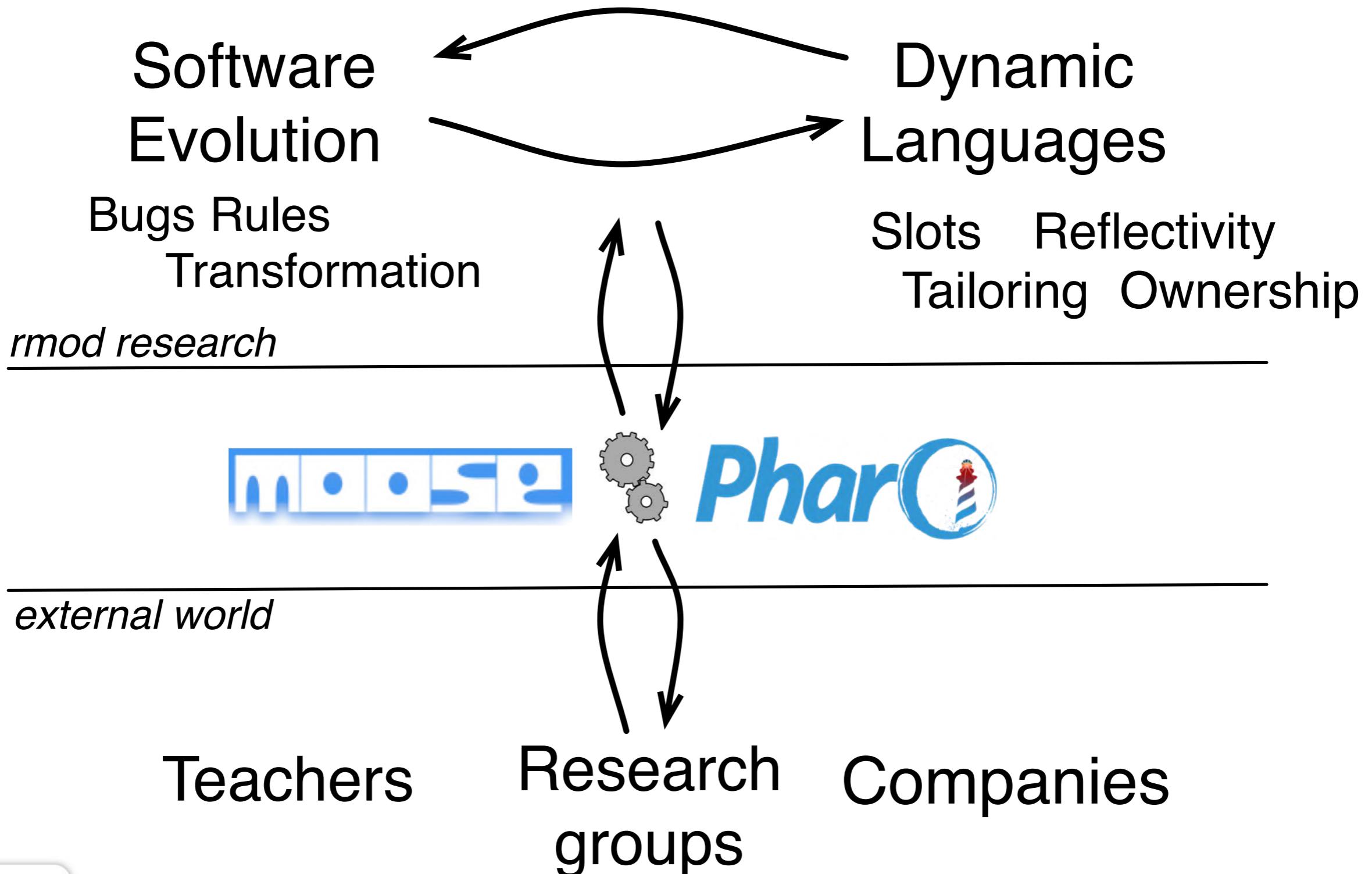
Moose: a platform for software and data analysis
Synectique.eu

2: *Infrastructure for ever-running systems*

3: *Ecosystem around Pharo*

Platform&dynamic language used to create wealth and innovation

Objectives in synergy



Software is Complex

Laws of software evolution

Continuing change

- A program that is used in a real-world environment must change, or become progressively less useful in that environment.

Increasing complexity

- As a program evolves, it becomes more complex, and extra resources are needed to preserve and simplify its structure.

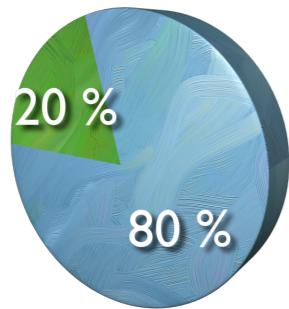
Software is a living entity...

- Early decisions were certainly good at that time
- But the context changes
- Customers change
- Technology changes
- People change



**We only maintain
useful successful
software**

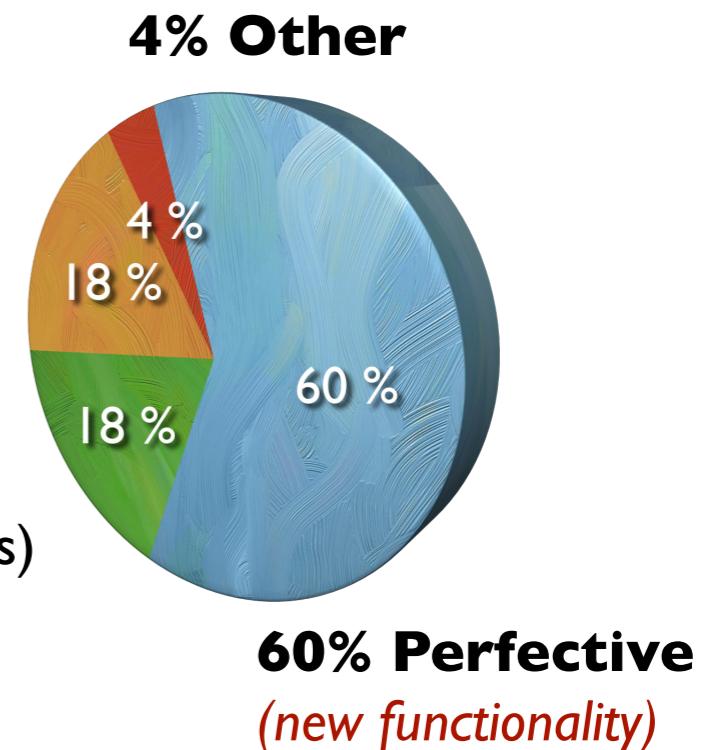
Maintenance is *continuous* Development



Between **70%** and **90%** of *global* effort is spent on “maintenance” !

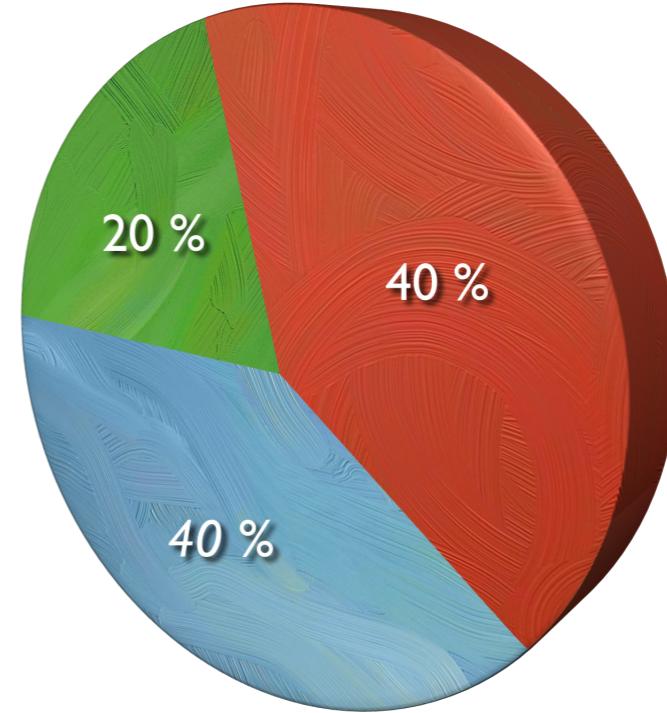
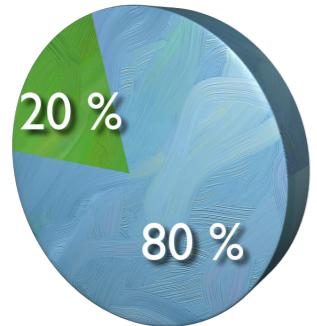
18% Adaptive
(new platforms or OS)

18% Corrective
(fixing reported errors)



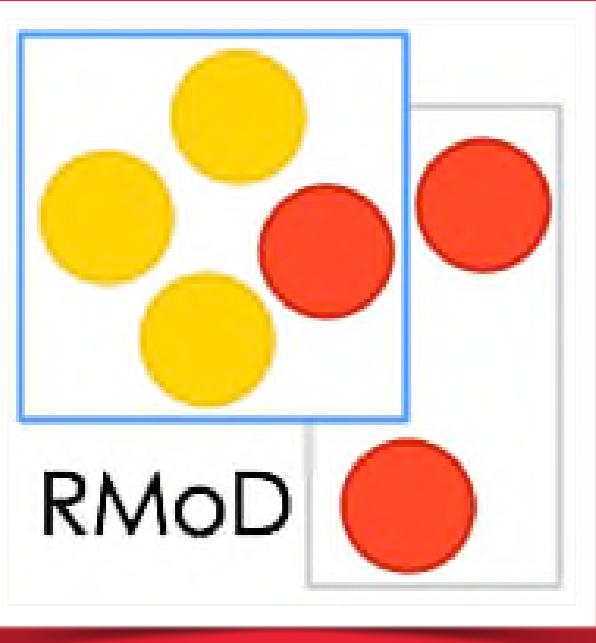
“Maintenance”

50% of development time is lost trying to understand code !



Between **50%** and **80%** of the
overall cost is spent in the evolution

We lose a lot of time with inappropriate and ineffective practices



We design tools and
analyses to tame
software

Expertise

code analysis, metamodeling, software metrics, program understanding, ***program visualization***, evolution analysis, refactorings, quality, changes analysis, commit, dependencies, rule and bug assessment

semi-automatic migration

example-based transformations

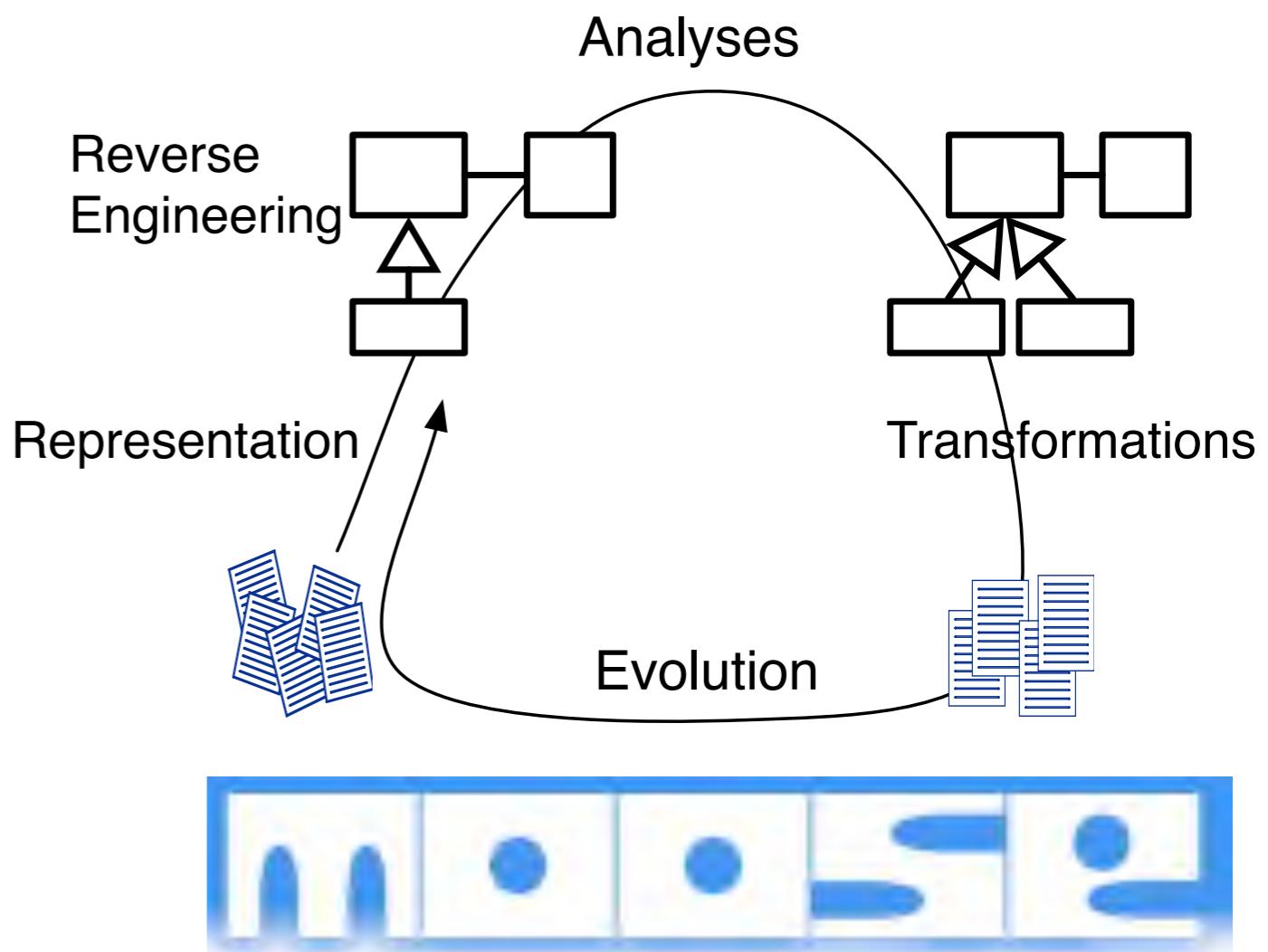
test selection, rearchitecturing

blockchains, ***ui-migration***

Collaborations

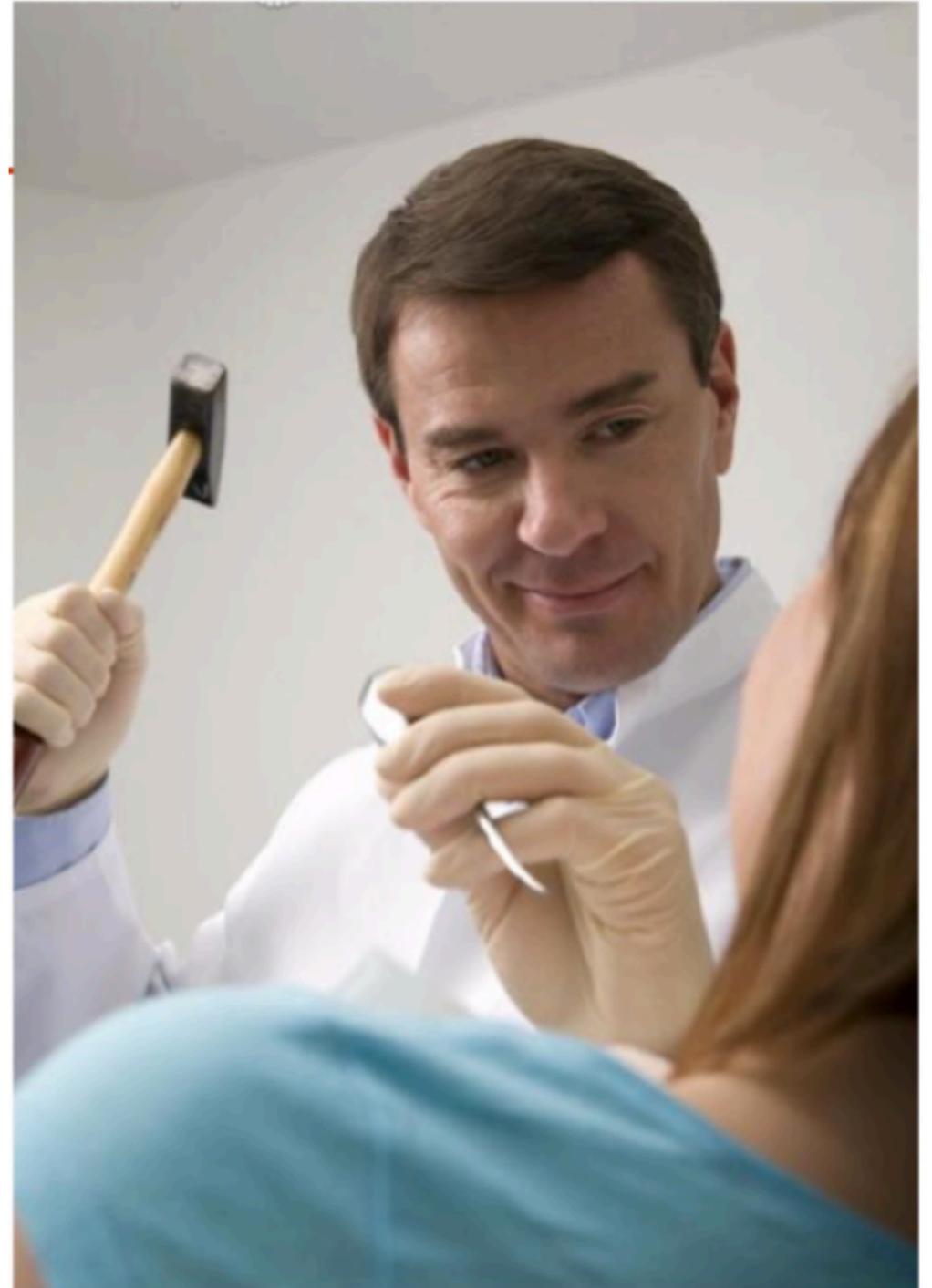
Pleiad (Chile), UFMG (Brazil),

SCG (Switzerland), Soft-VUB (Belgium)

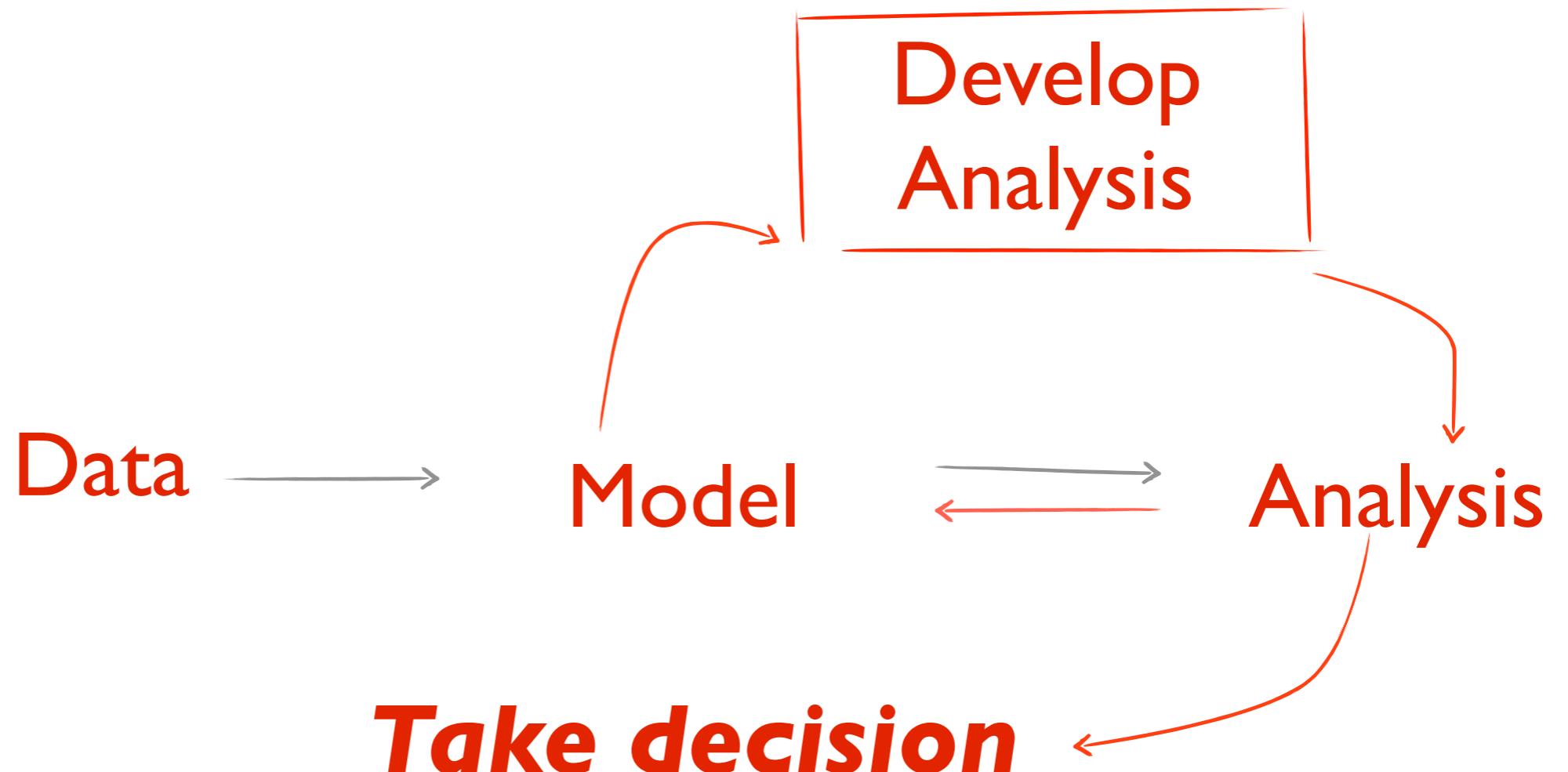


**You would not see
this dentist!**

**Why doing it for
your software?**

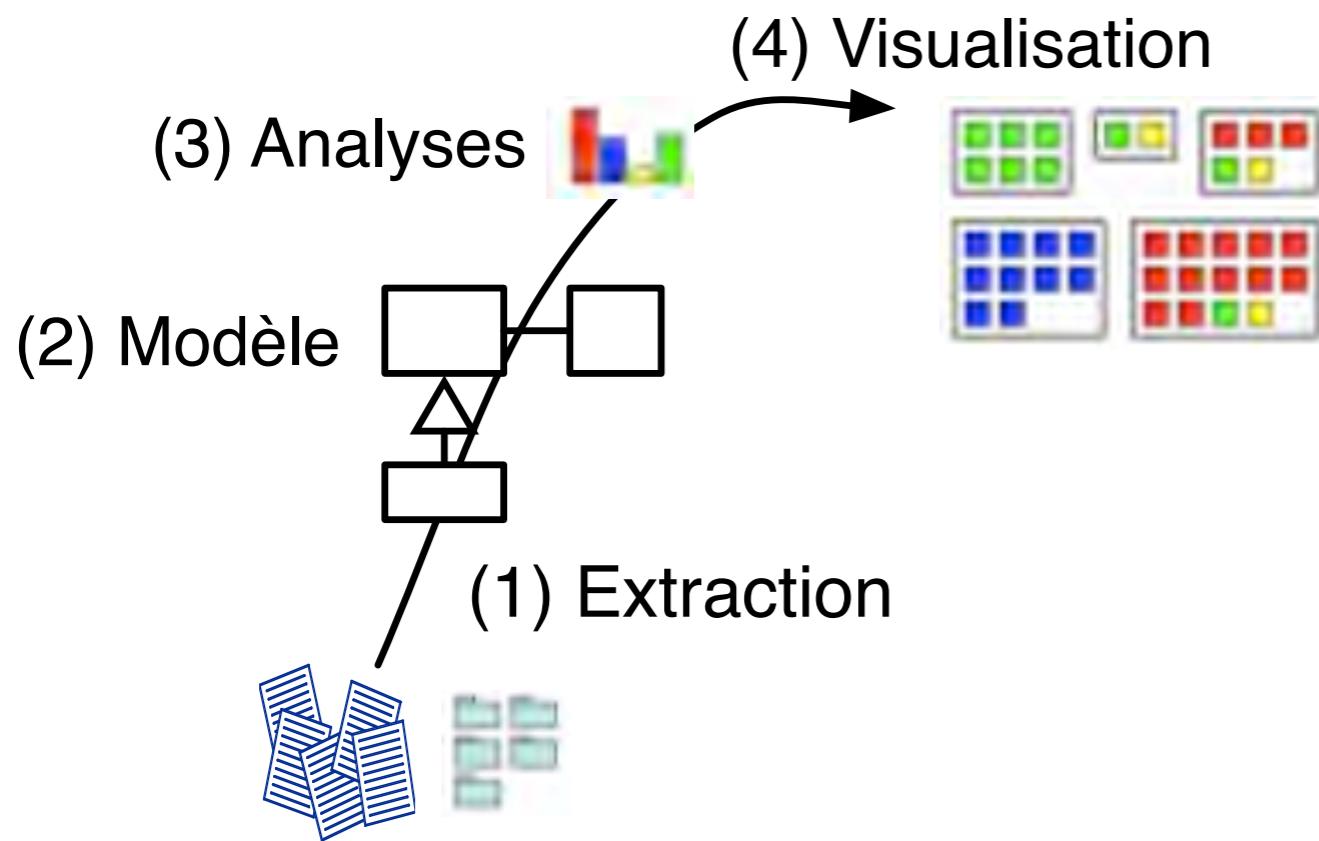


Building dedicated tools

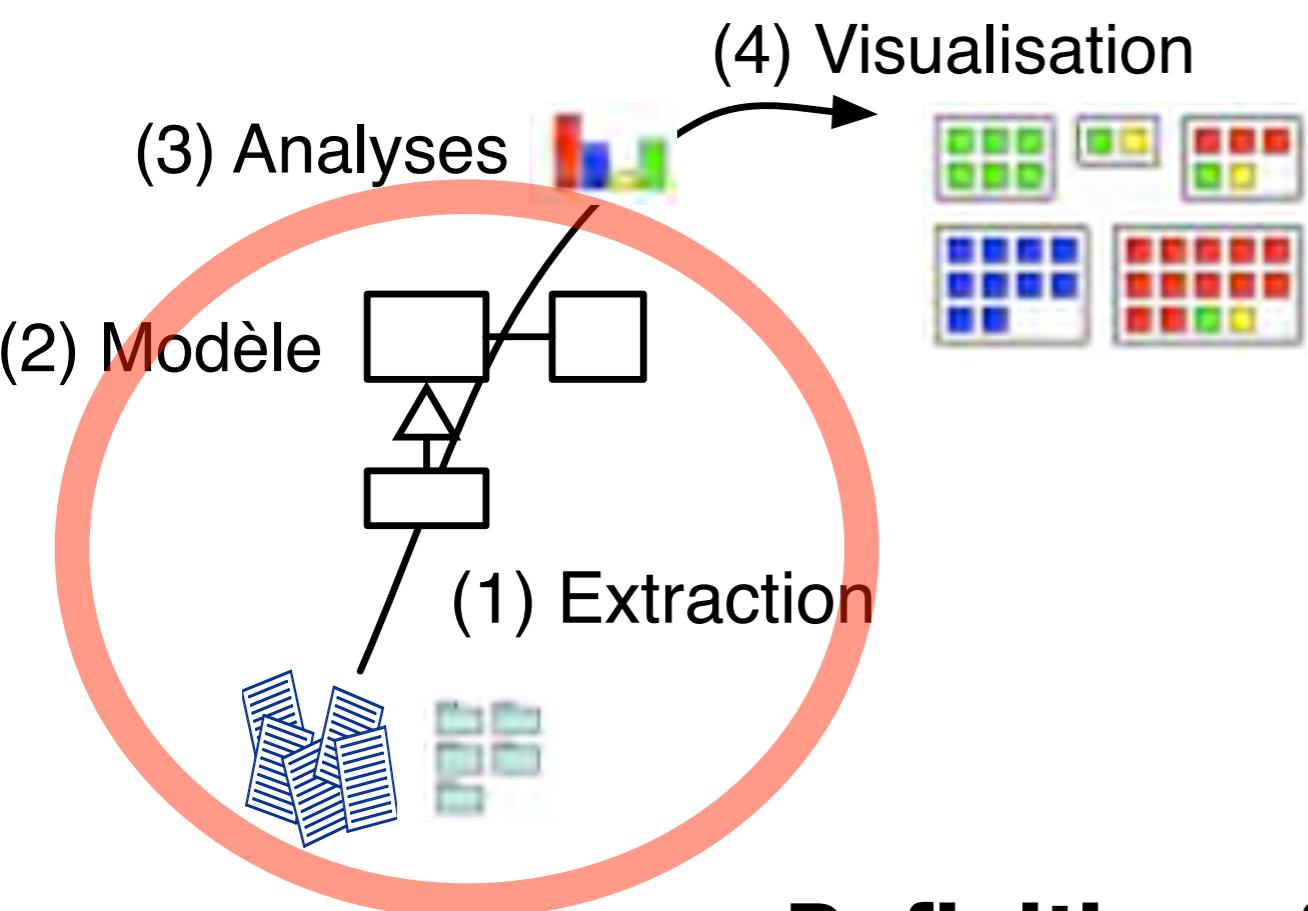


an analysis should lead to a decision

Example : Who is behind package X ?

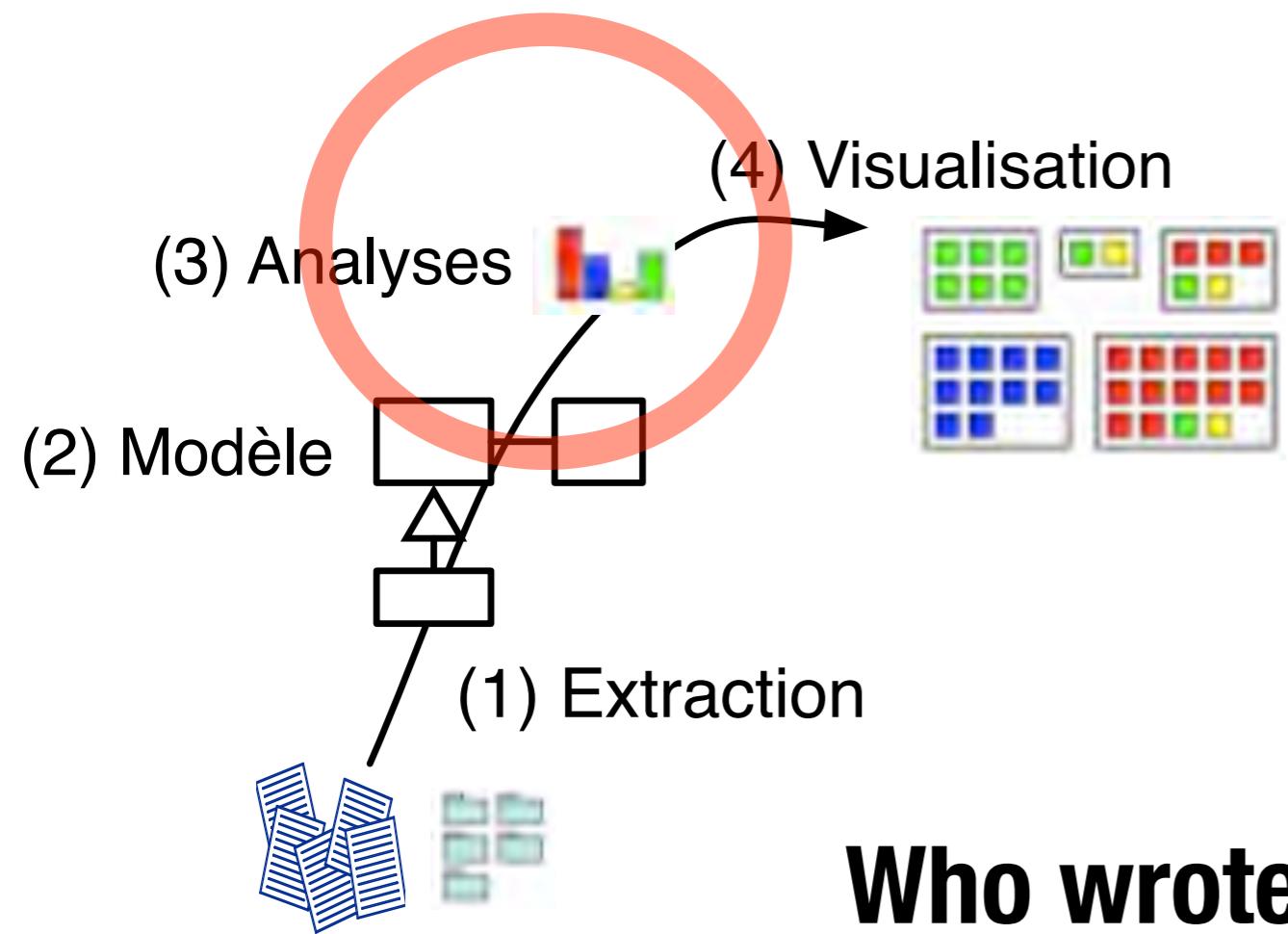


Step 1 - Model Creation/Import



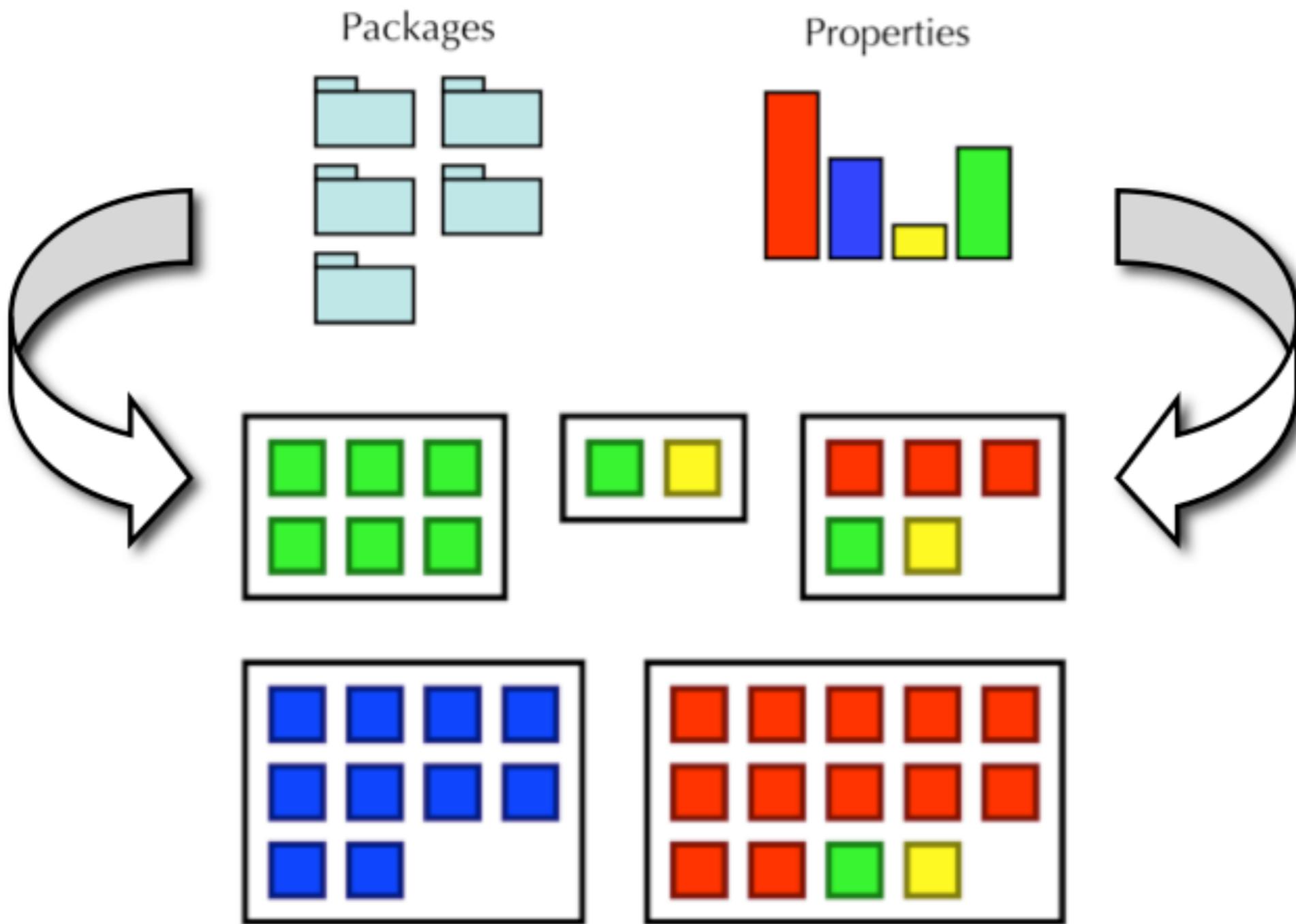
Definition of a model to represent entities
Data Extraction (CSV...)

Step 2 - Analyses

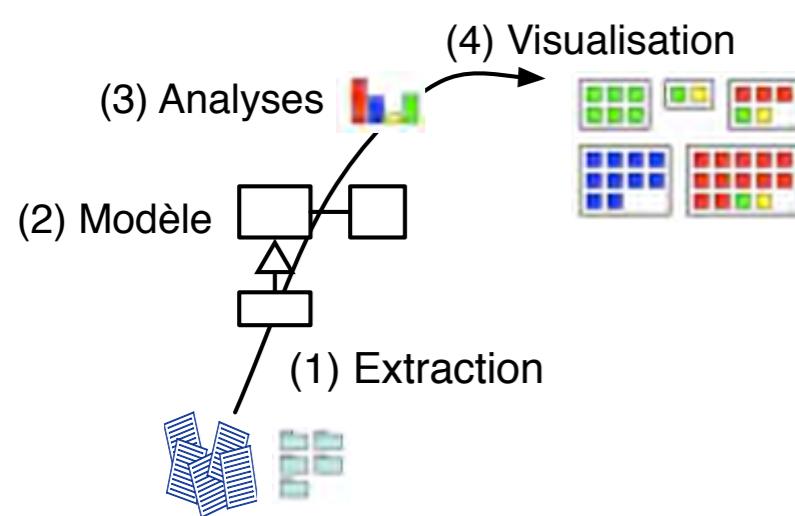


Who wrote how many lines of code?

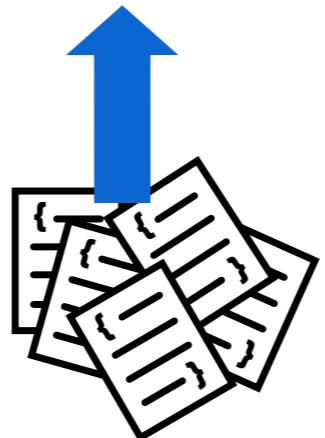
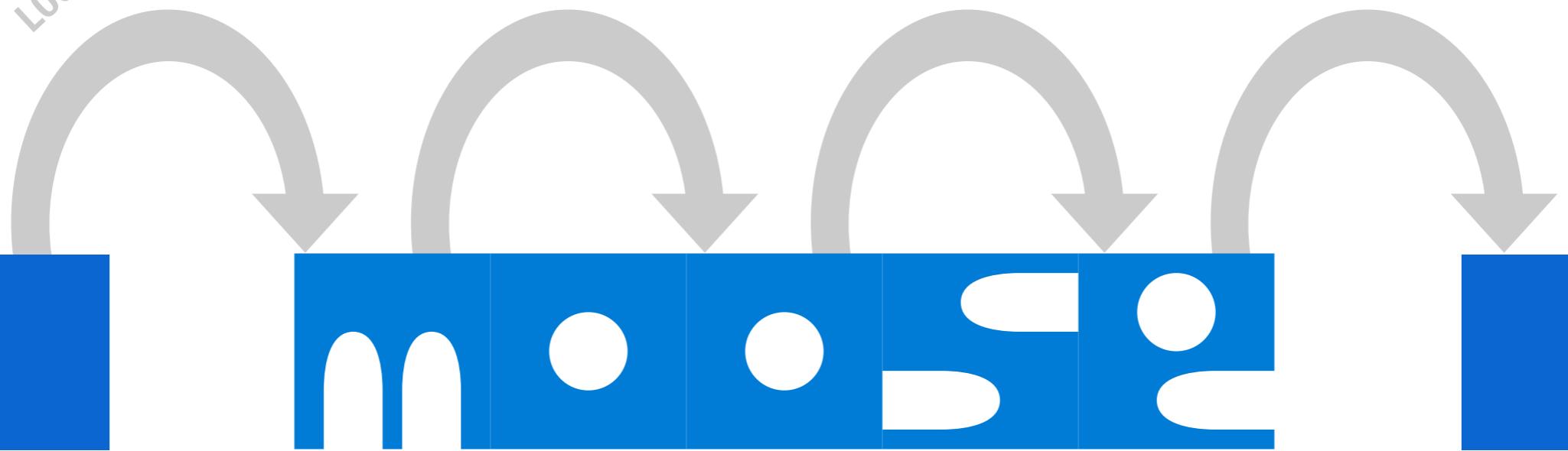
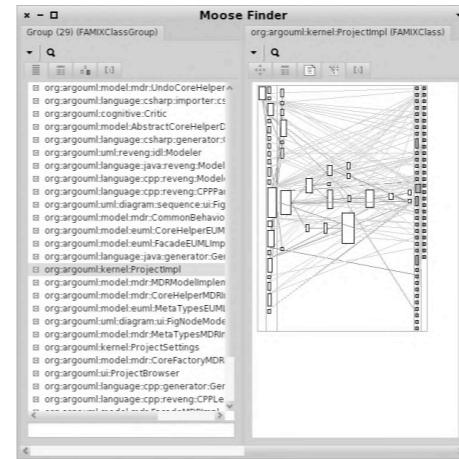
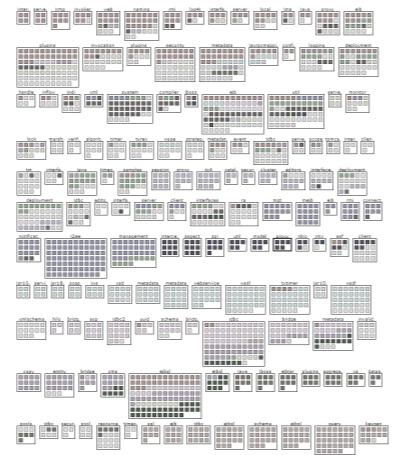
Step : 3 - Creating the Map



All JBoss at a glance



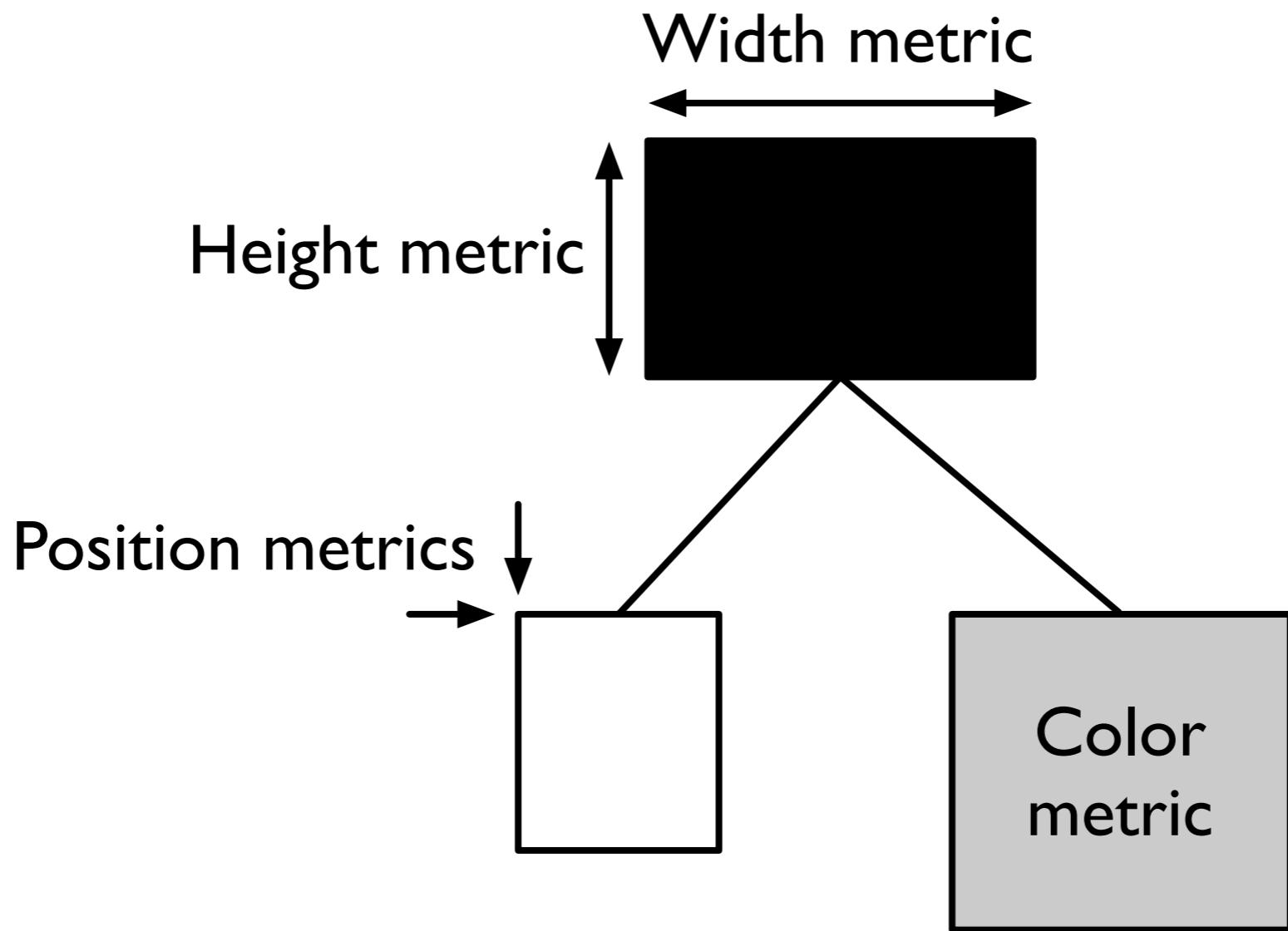
classes select: #isGod
McCabe = 21
LOC = 753,000



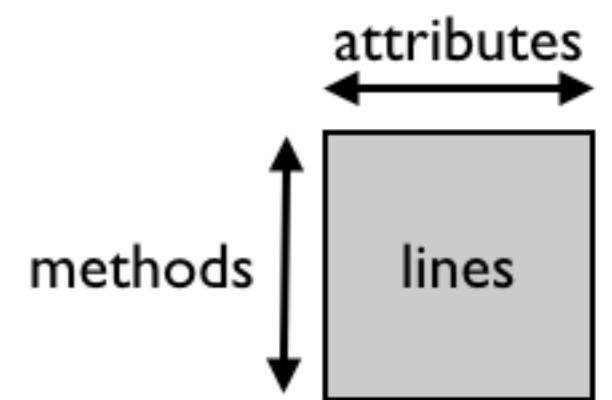
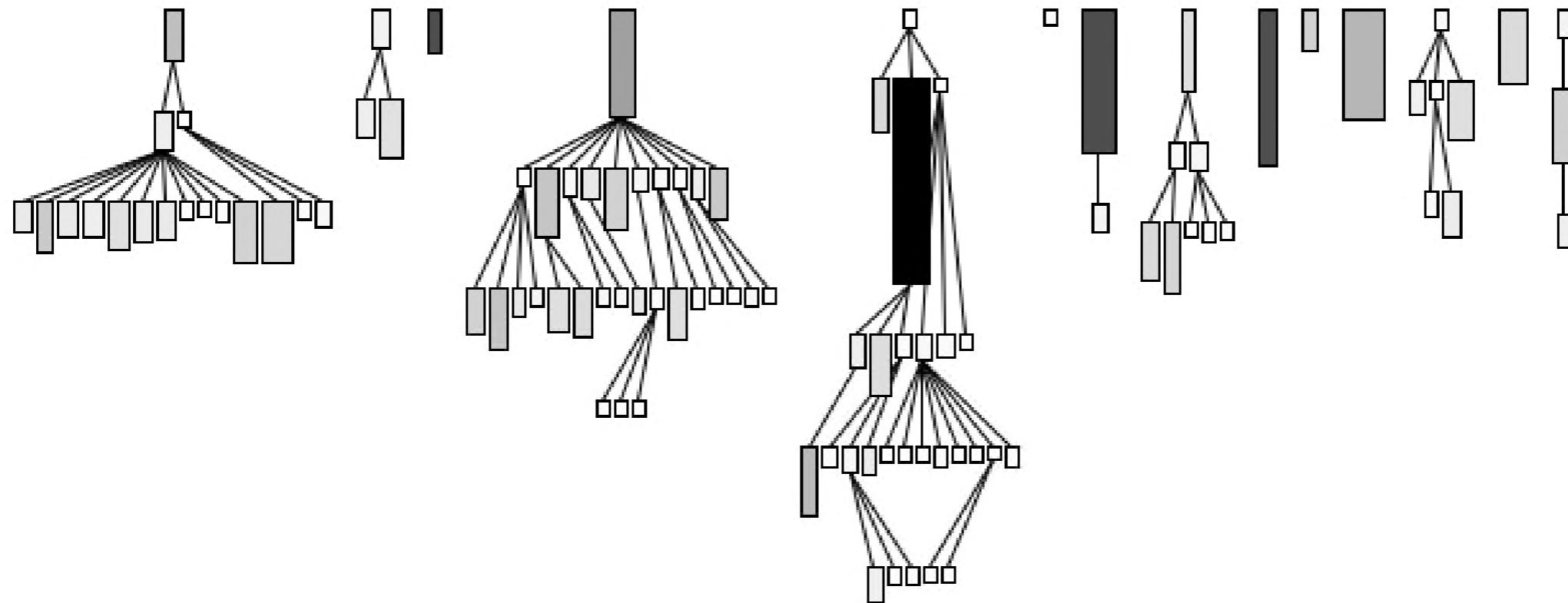


Some software maps

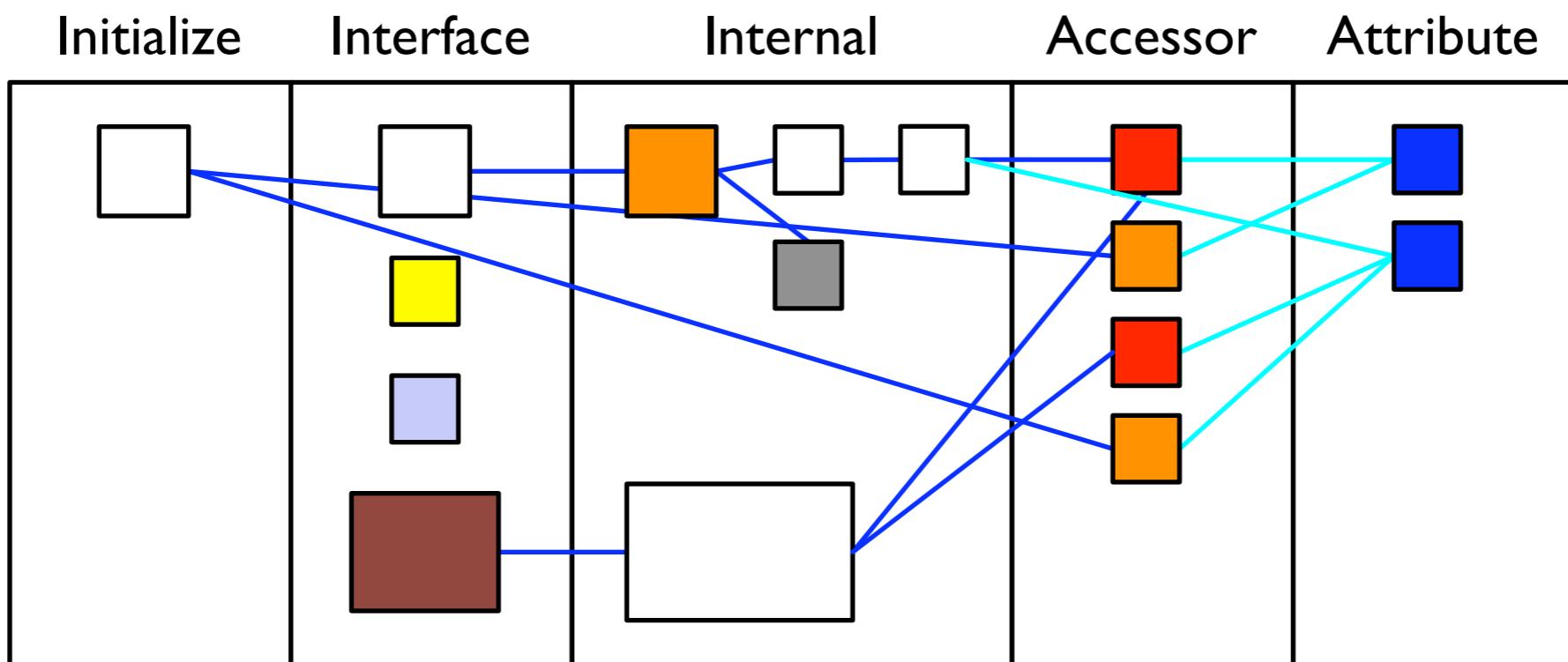
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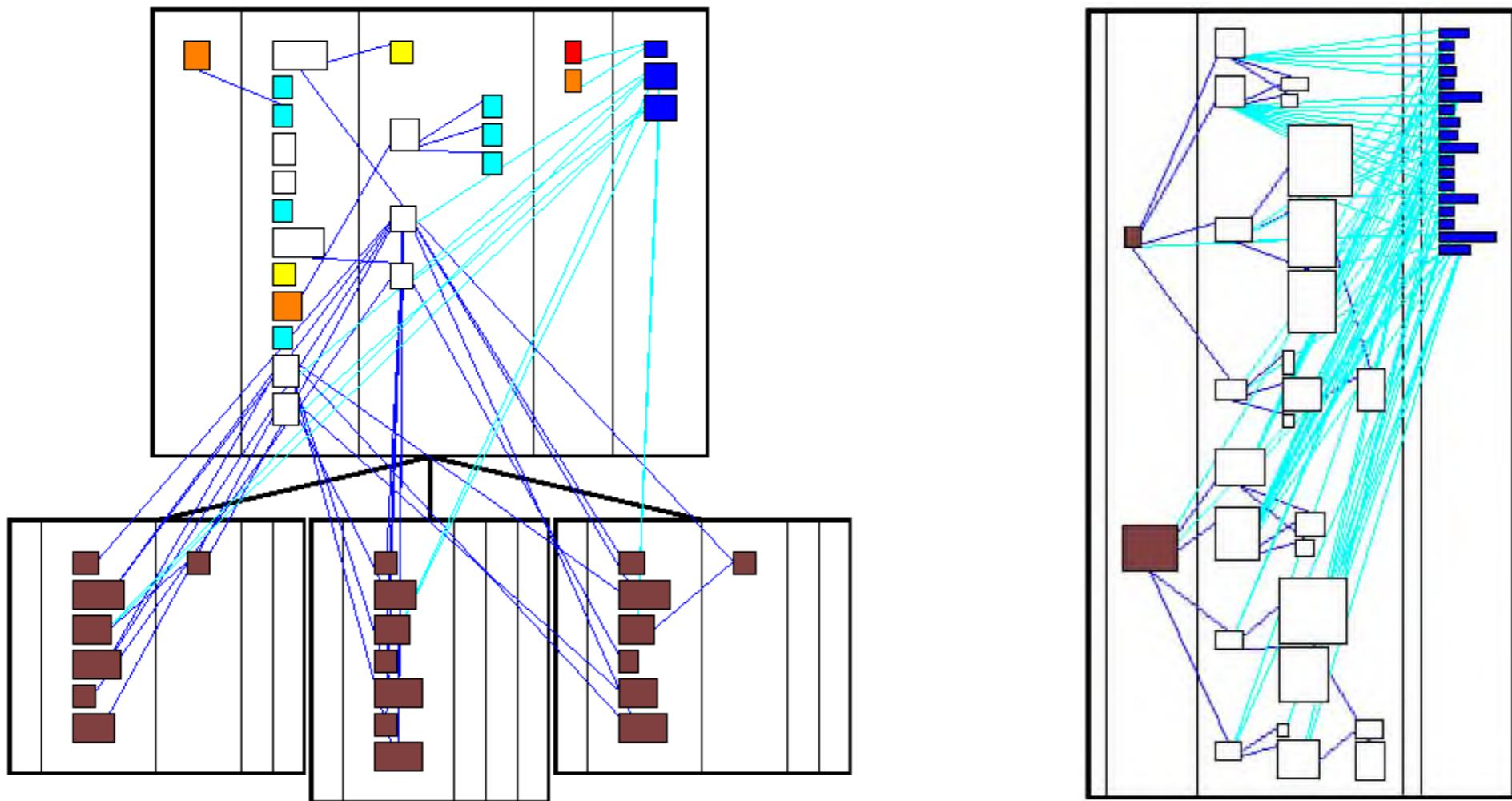
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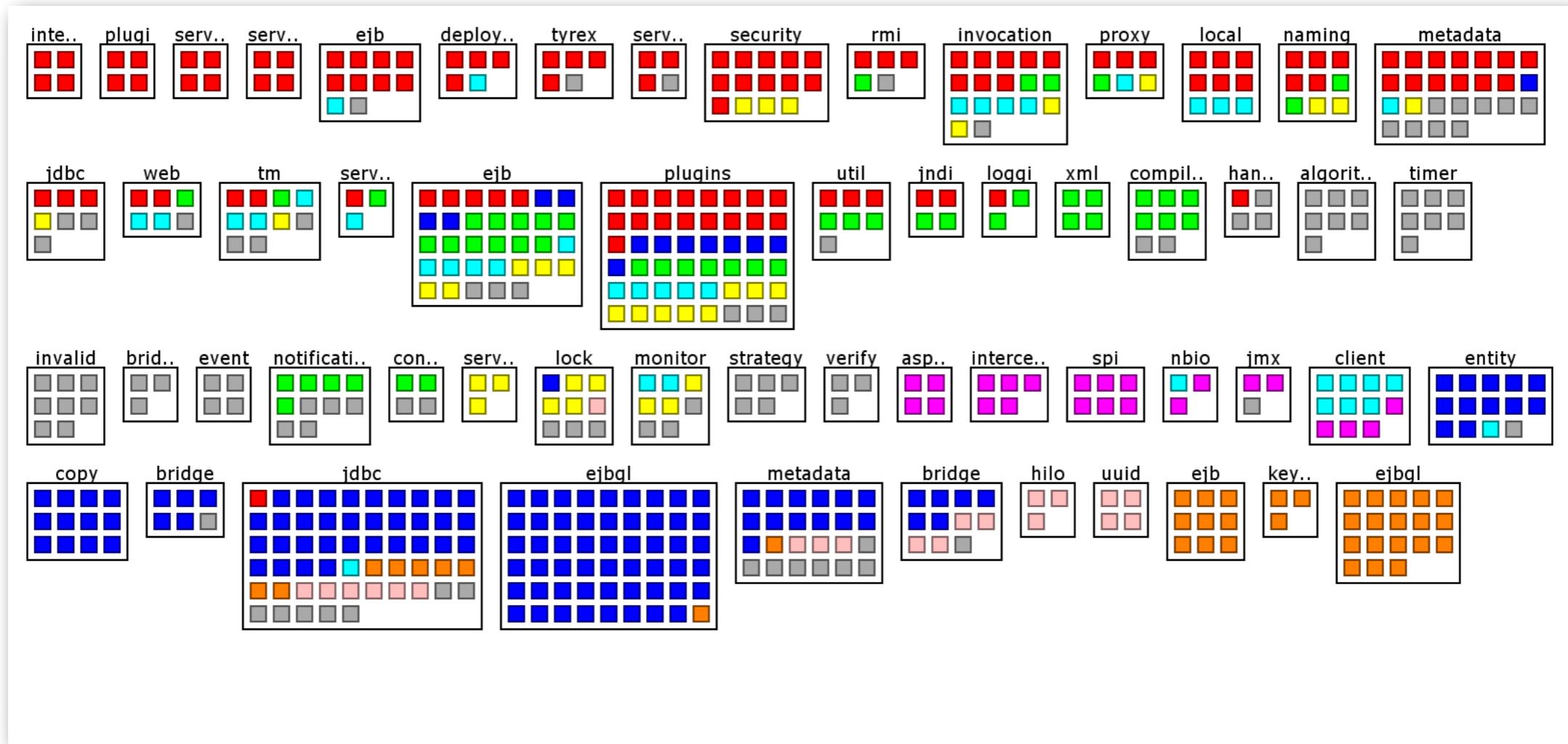
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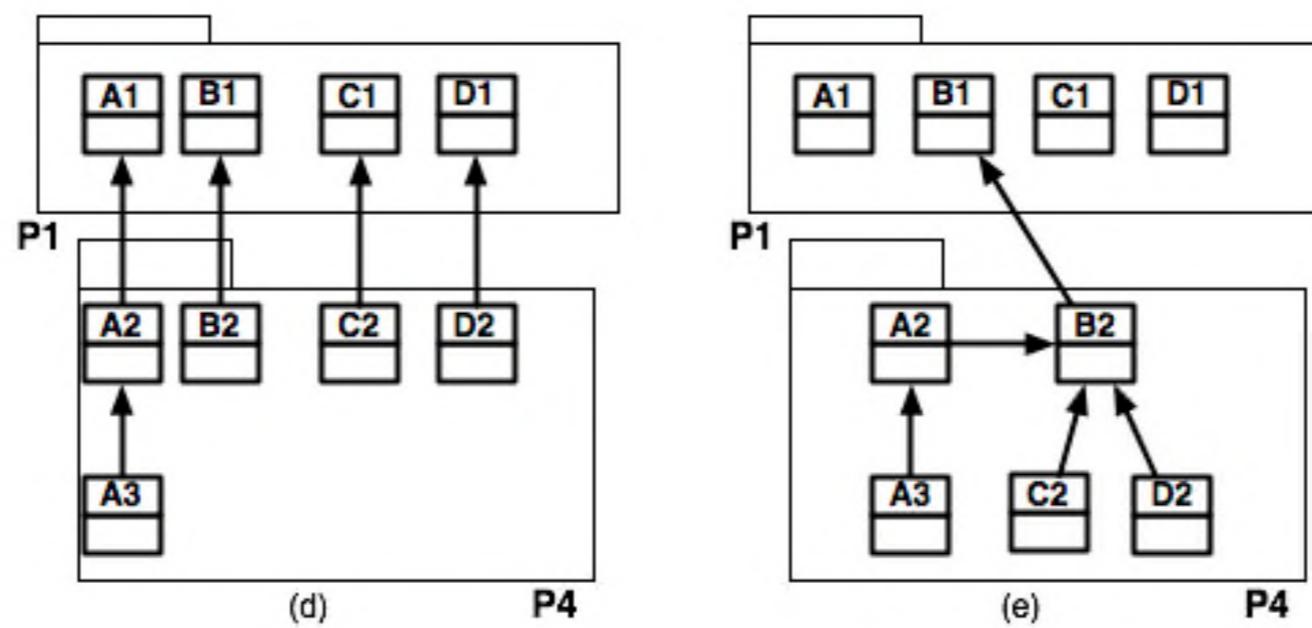
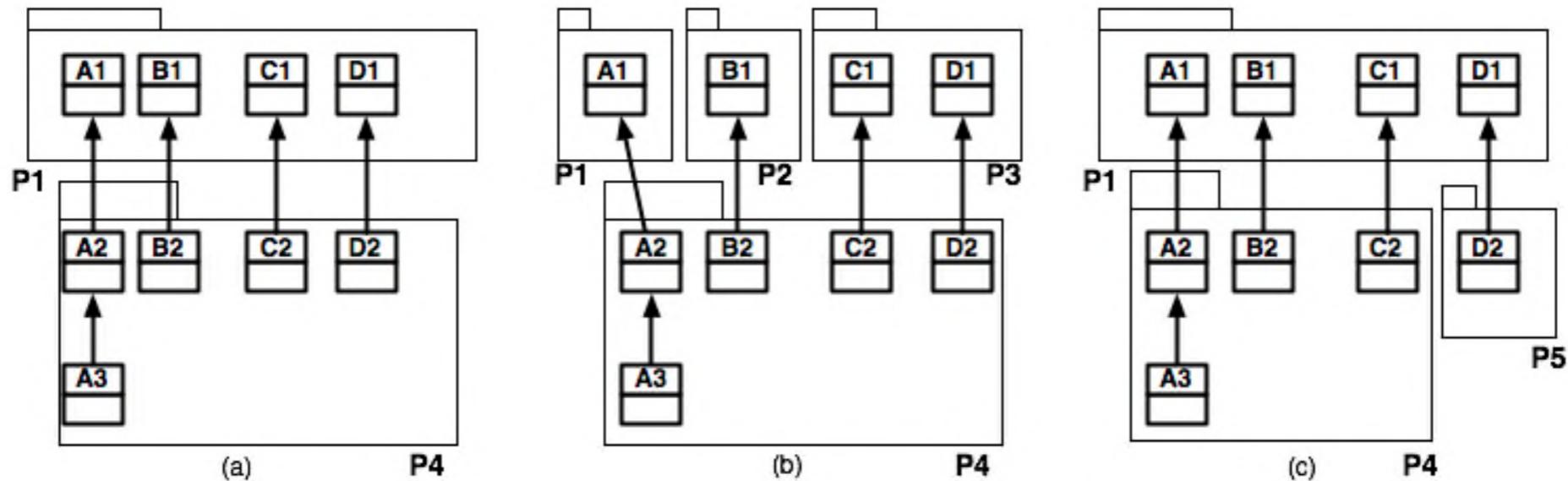


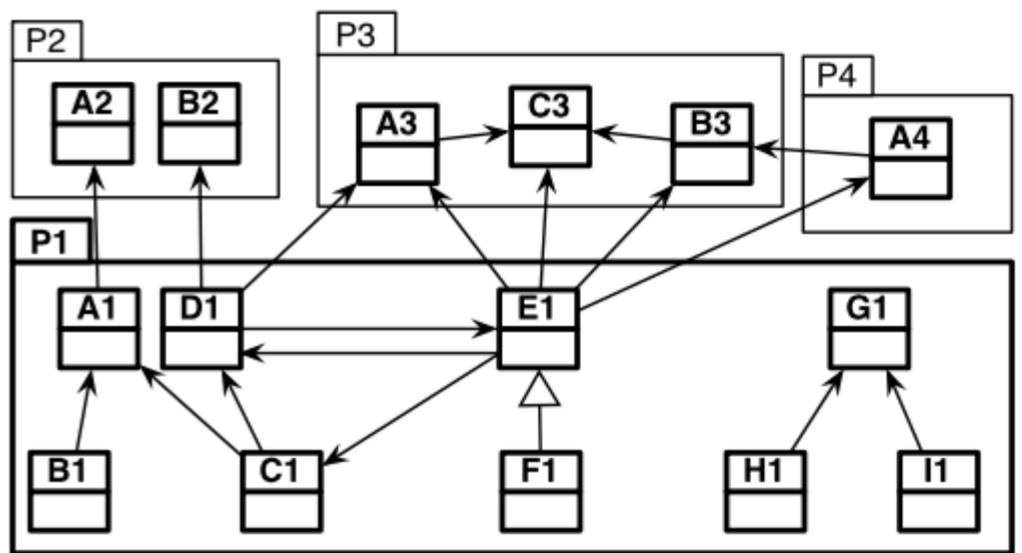
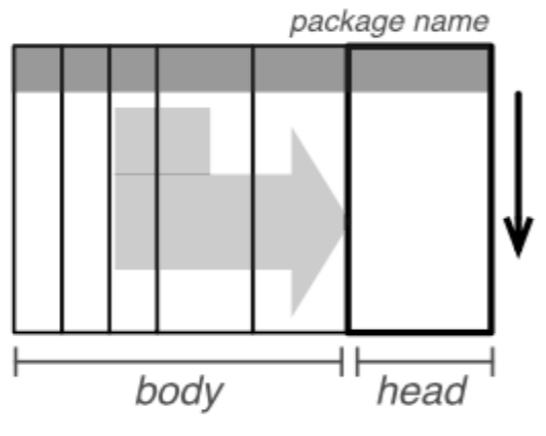
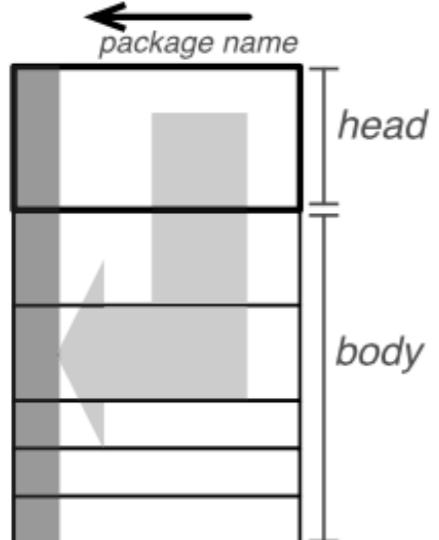
How a property spread on a system?



How to support remodularisation?

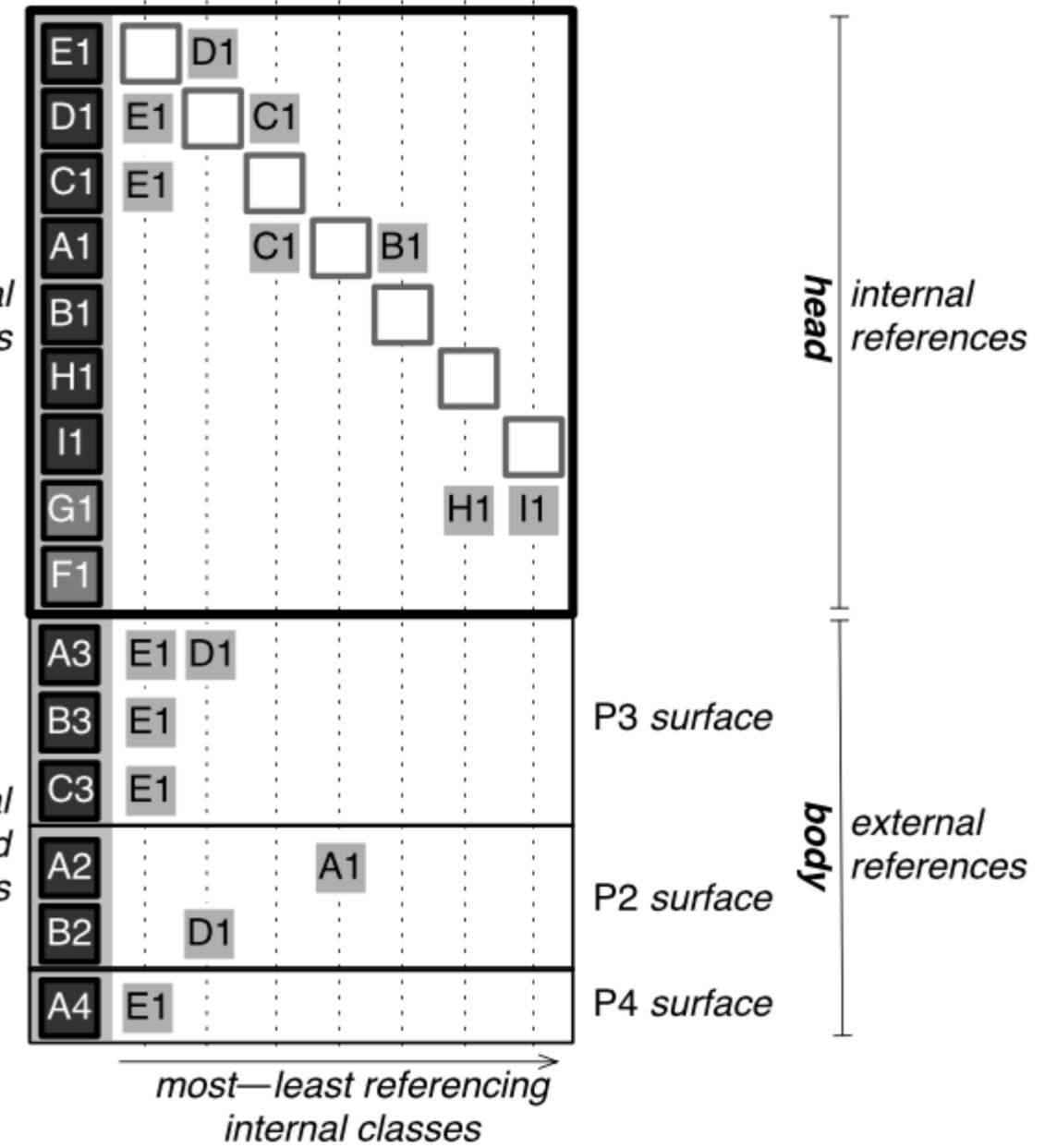
[PhD Hany Abdeen]

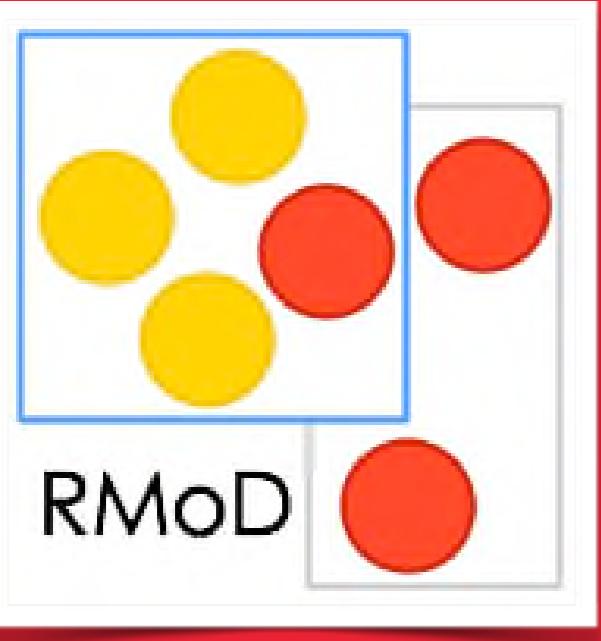




references

E1 D1 C1 A1 B1 H1 I1 P1





Software Evolution in the Large

Evolution in the small

A screenshot of an IDE interface showing a context menu for code evolution. The menu is triggered by right-clicking on a piece of code. The menu items include:

- Quick Fix
- Source
- Refactor** (highlighted)
- Surround With
- Local History
- References
- Declarations
- Add to Snippets...
- Run As
- Debug As
- Validate
- Create Snippet...
- Team
- Compare With
- Replace With
- Preferences...
- Remove from Context

The Refactor menu has several sub-options:

- Move... (Shift+Alt+V)
- Change Method Signature... (Shift+Alt+C)
- Extract Method...** (Shift+Alt+M) (highlighted)
- Extract Interface...
- Extract Superclass...
- Use Supertype Where Possible...
- Pull Up...
- Push Down...
- Extract Class...
- Introduce Parameter Object...

The code being edited is partially visible on the left, showing lines 238 to 267. The code includes annotations like `Ctrl+1`, `Shift+Alt+S`, and `Inheritances()`.

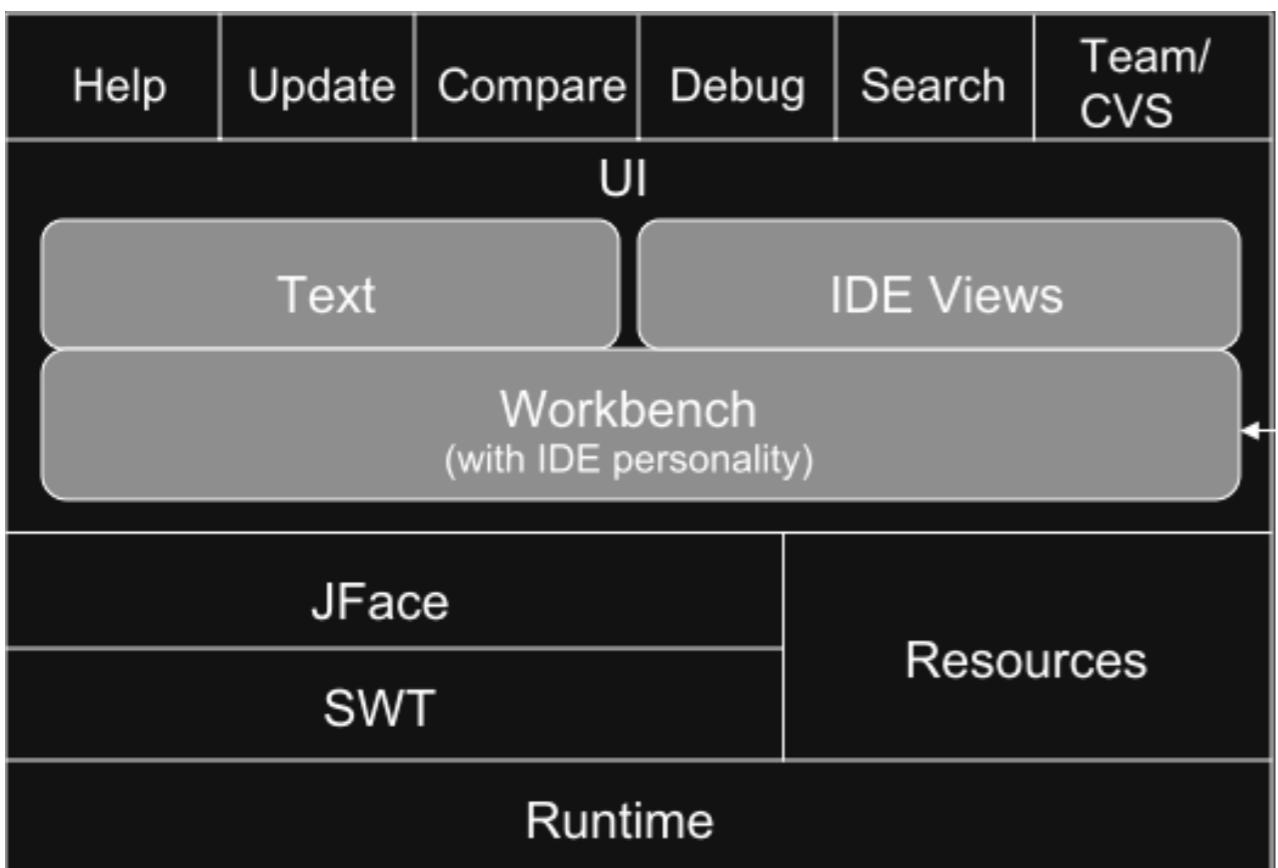
Evolution in the small

Modification (refactoring)

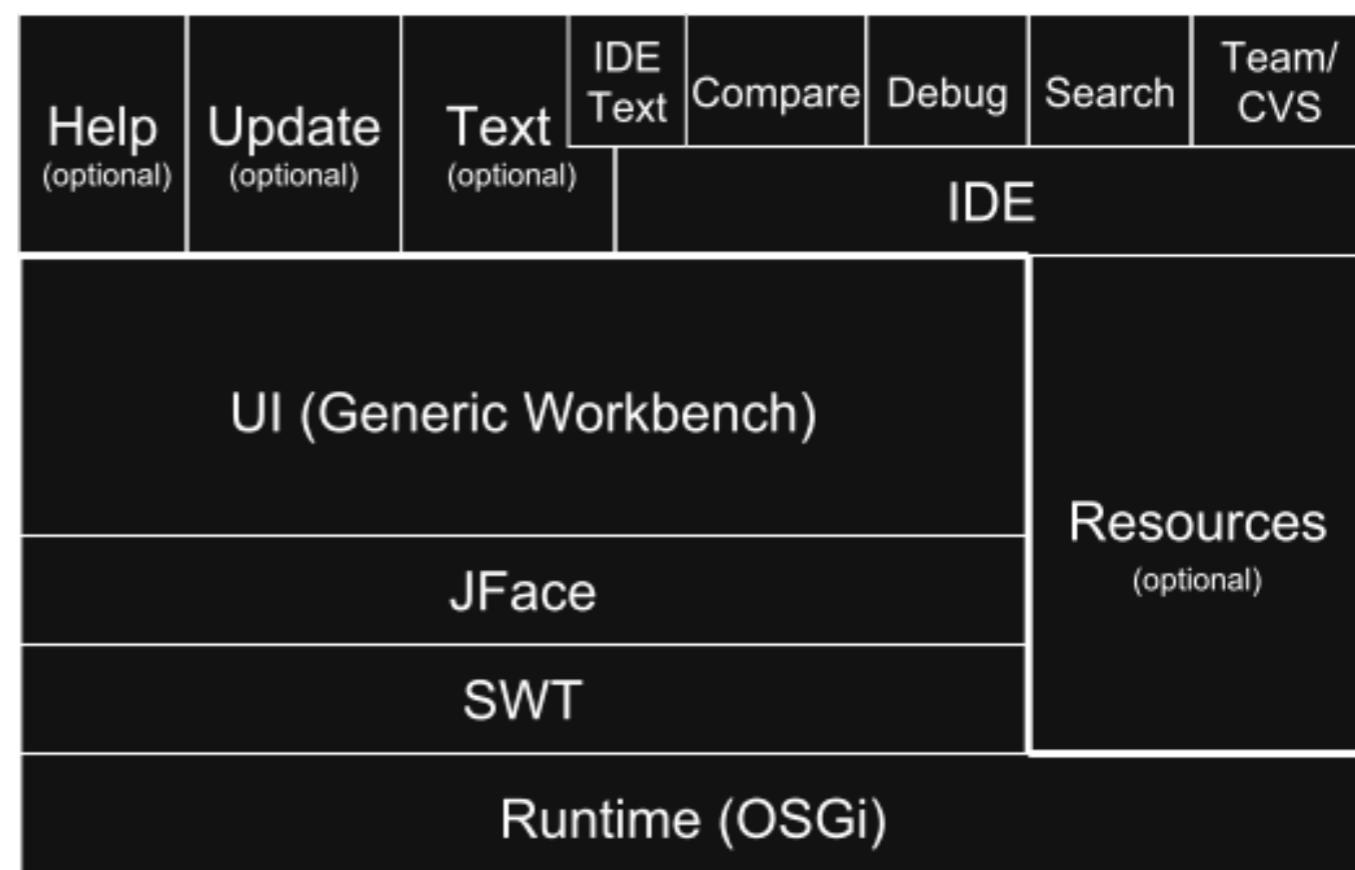
- On 1 entity
- Small number of parameters
- Well defined behavior
- “Preserve code semantic”
- Generic (constrained only by the programming language)

Evolution in the LARGE

- Eclipse v2.1 → v3.0



v2.1 (Extensible IDE)



v3.0 (Rich Client Platform)



Evolution in the LARGE

Restructure architecture

Large refactor

Break a big class

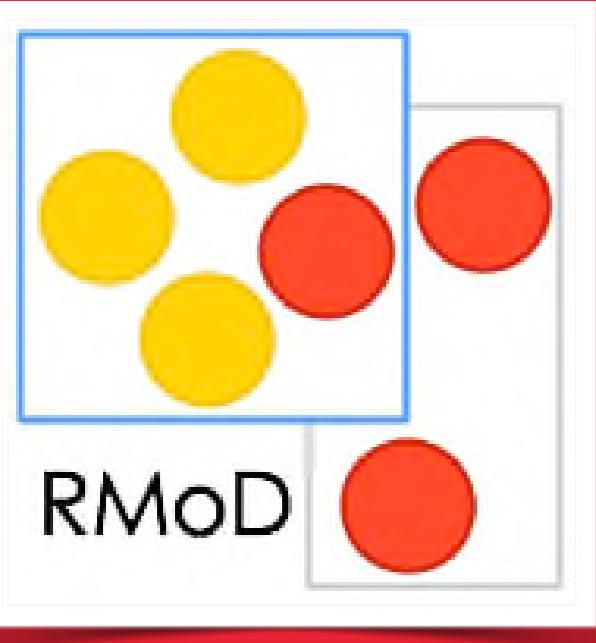
Introduce a design pattern (e.g. MVC, Hybernate)

Migrate to a new library version

...

Evolution in the LARGE

- Can/Should occur regularly (\neq often) in the life of a system
- Evolution
 - On several entities
 - Complex behavior
 - Specific to the domain, system, and task
 - May break code semantic temporarily

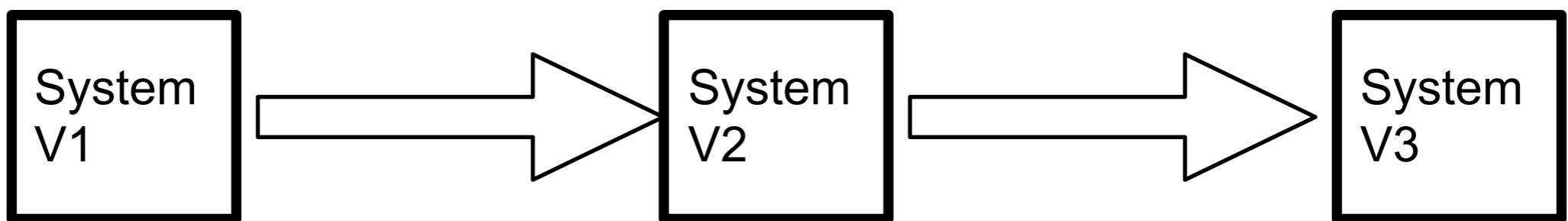
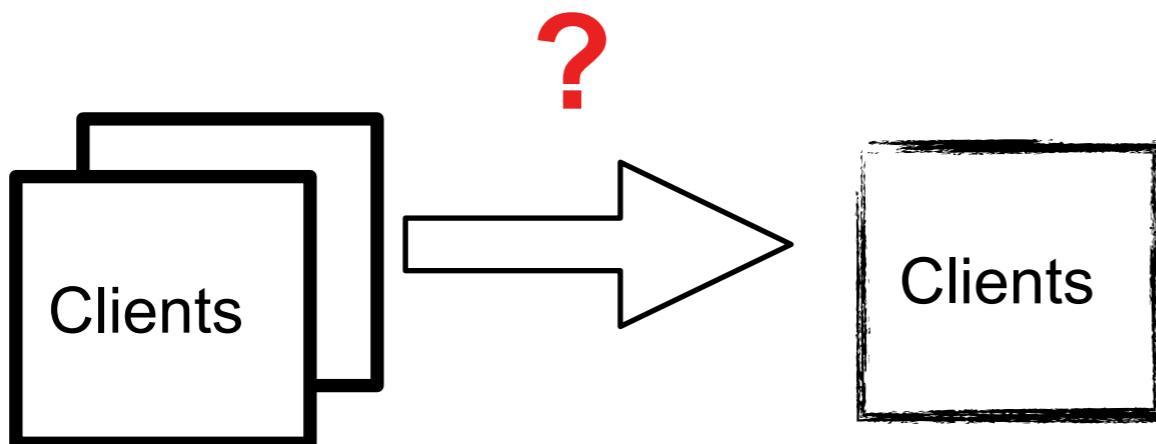


Evolution in the large: Automated Rules to support migration

Mining API Change Rules

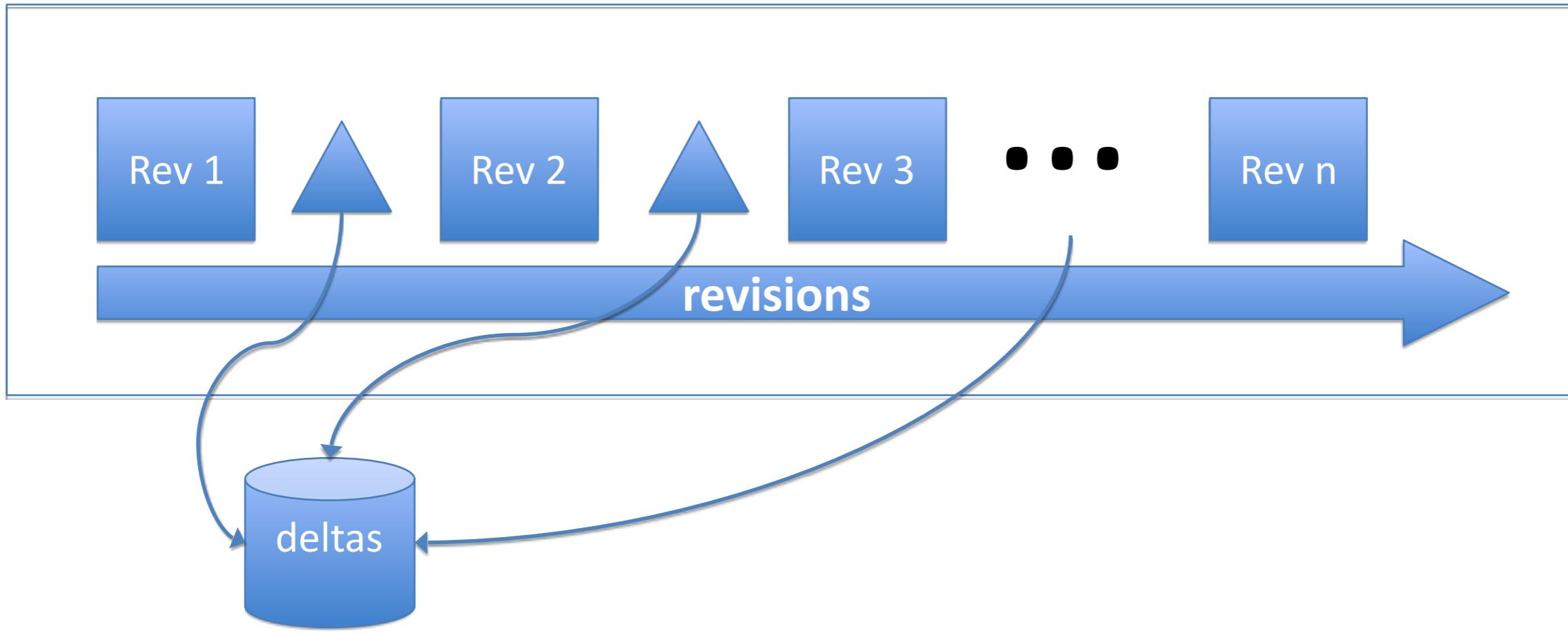
- In Eclipse, 42% of the methods in version 1 were not in v.2
- In Pharo, a simple API change affected thousands of clients
- Clients should not but *do* call internal API

How to help migrate from version to version?



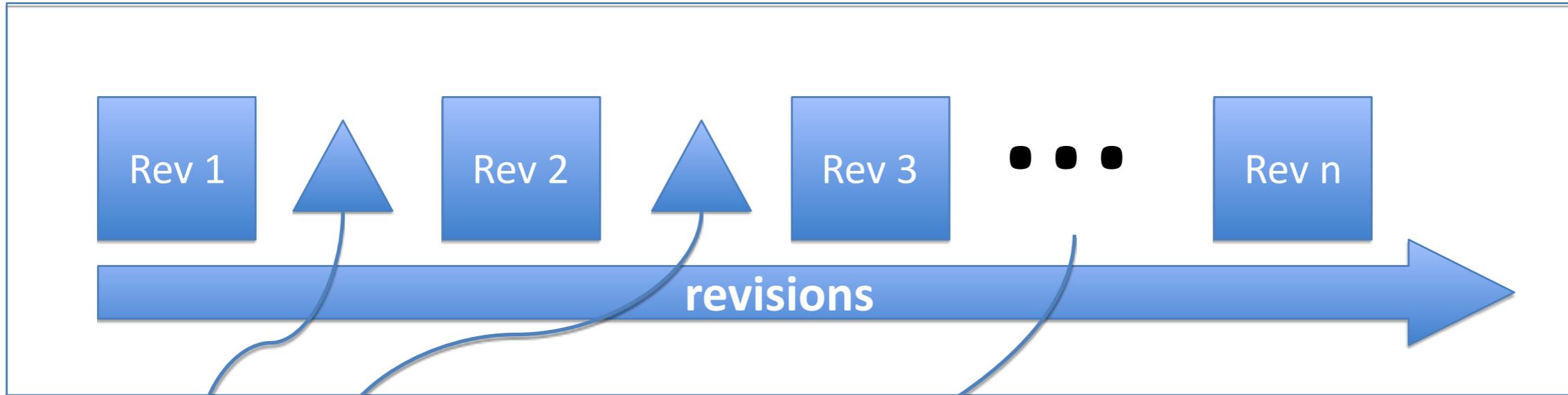
Mining API Change Rules

1. Extracting deltas

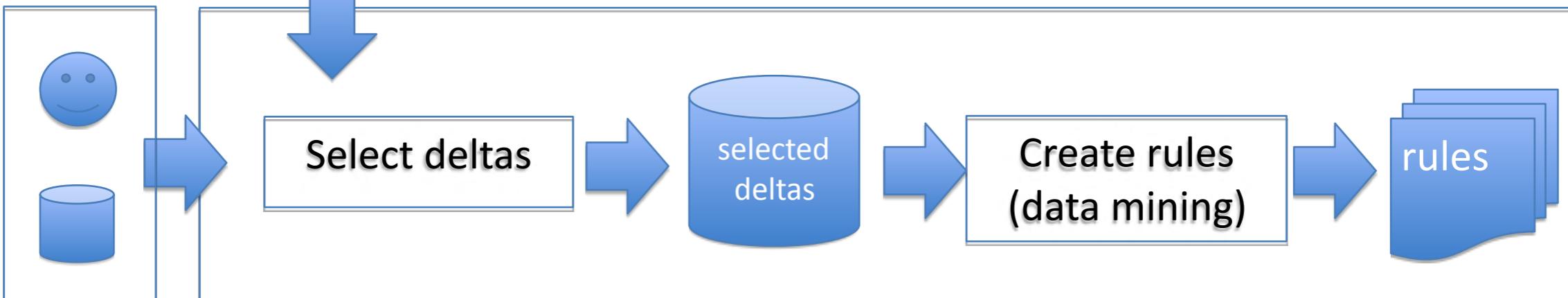


Mining API Change Rules

1. Extracting deltas



2. Discovering rules



Mining API Change Rules

Format of the changes



deleted-invoc(context-id, signature)

added-invoc(context-id, signature)

Diff of method foo() between version 1 and 2

```
- self.add(MooseModel.root().add(model));  
+ self.add(model.install());
```

Formatted changes

deleted-call("foo()-rev2", "MooseModel.root()")

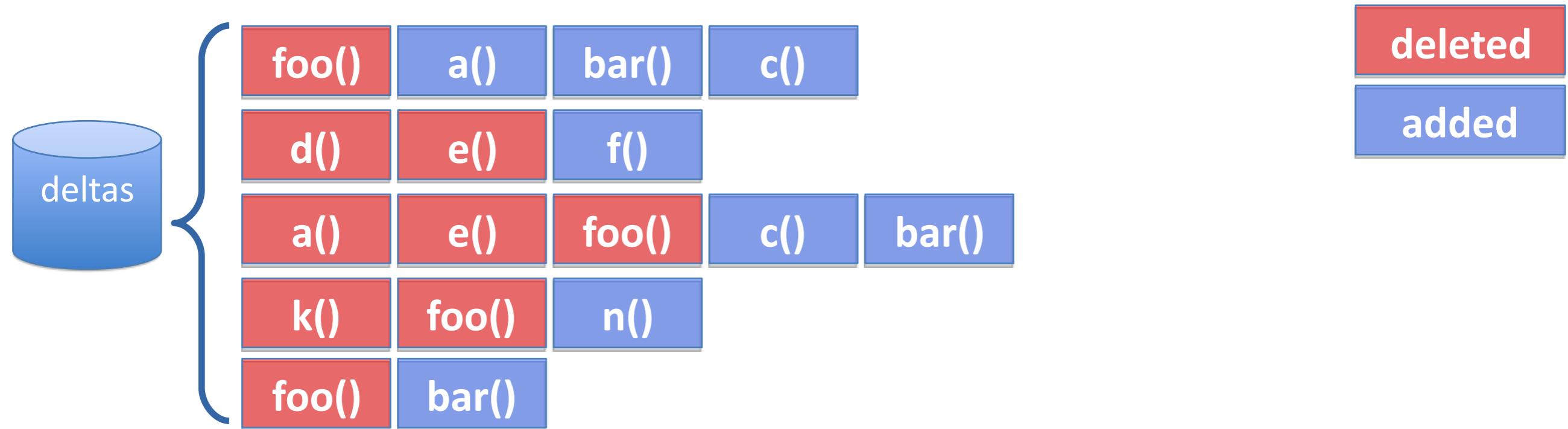
deleted-call("foo()-rev2", "MooseModel.add(MooseModel)")

added-call("foo()-rev2", "MooseModel.install()")

Mining API Change Rules

Request:

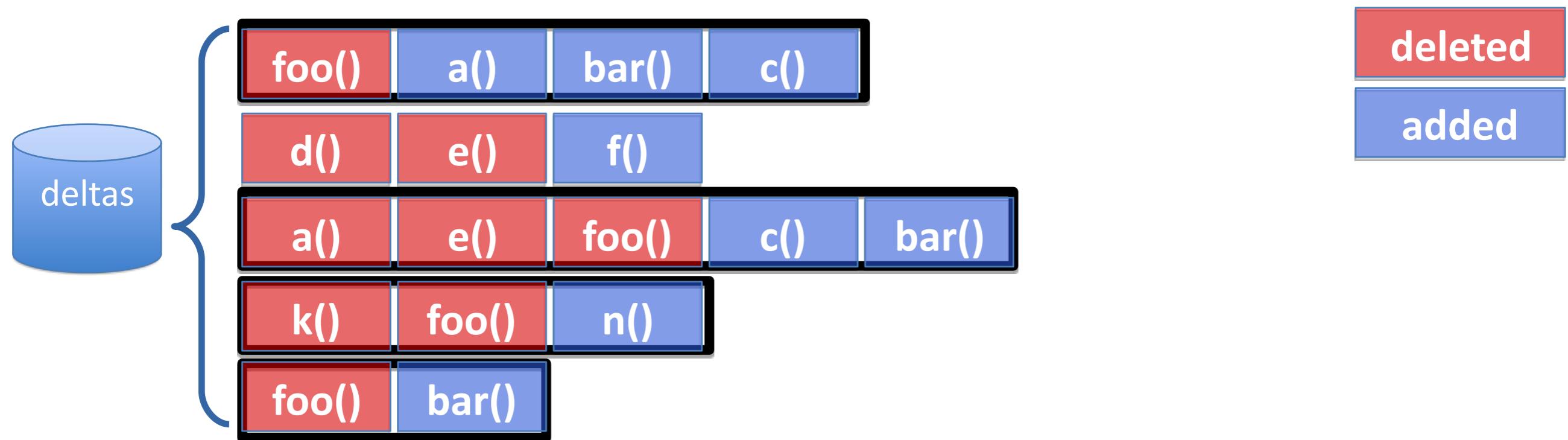
foo()



Mining API Change Rules

Request: **foo()**

1st step: selecting deltas

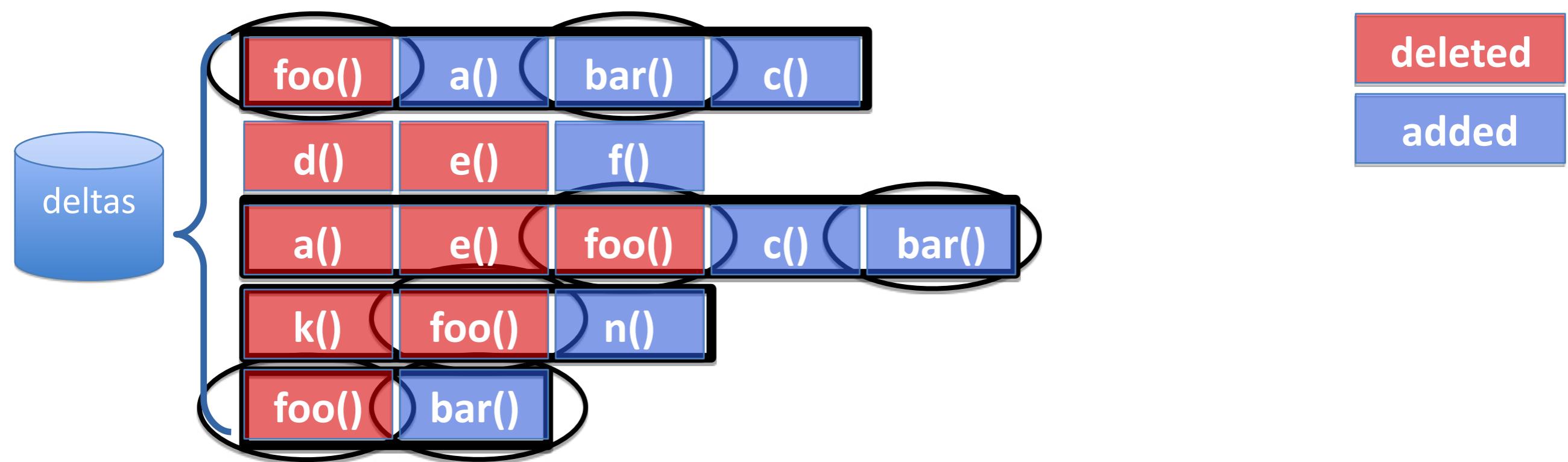


Mining API Change Rules

Rule:  →  Confidence = 75%

1st step: selecting deltas

2nd step: discovering rules



Mining API Change Rules

`isNil().ifTrue(*) → ifNil(*)`

`keys().do(*) → keysDo(*)`

`intersect(*) → intersectIfNone(*,*)`

`Scanner.new().scanTokens(*) → parseAsLiteralToken()`

`RegisterAsApplication(*) →`

`WAAdmin.registerAsApplicationAt(*,*)`

`Character.cr() → ROPlatform.current().newLine()`

Tool Support

On request rules List of rules

2. Association rule pane

3. Delta pane Default displaying: list of deltas

1. Input pane

- Min support
- Request
- Delta description
- 4. Example helper pane

association rule

confidence and support of the rule

Deleted call

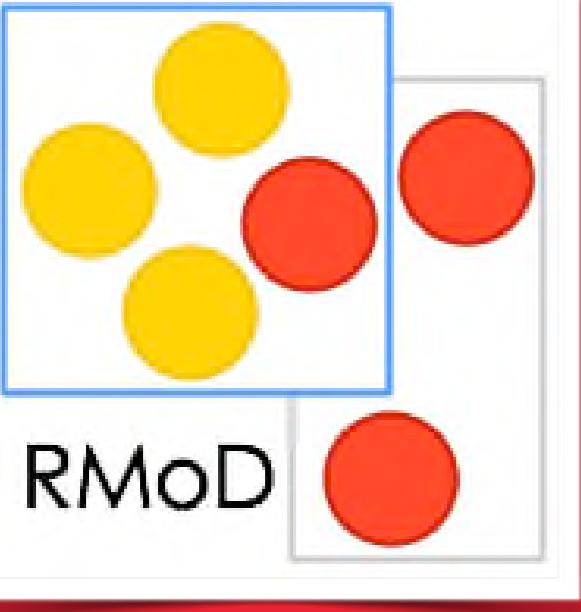
Added call

Older revision

Newer revision

The screenshot shows the APIEvolutionMiner interface for Pharo 3.0. It consists of four main panes:

- 1. Input pane:** Contains fields for 'Support' (set to 0.5), 'largeDeltaStrategy', 'allTimeStrategy', and a 'Request' section with 'ClassOrganizer default' selected. Labels point to 'Min support' (under Support) and 'Request' (under Request).
- 2. Association rule pane:** Shows 'Association Rules (1)' with one item: 'Deleted d ClassOrganizer default' and 'Added a Protocol unclassified'. Arrows point from these labels to the respective rows. A callout points to 'Conf' and 'Supp' values (1 and 19).
- 3. Delta pane:** Displays a list of deltas with a header 'Deltas (19)'. An arrow points from the 'Default displaying: list of deltas' label to this pane.
- 4. Example helper pane:** Compares two code snippets: 'Deleted call' and 'Added call'. The 'Deleted call' shows code where 'add: ClassOrganizer default' is circled. The 'Added call' shows code where 'add: Protocol unclassified' is circled. Labels 'Older revision' and 'Newer revision' are positioned below the code blocks.



Evolution in the large: Supporting specific refactorings

System Specific Refactorings

JHotDraw 7.4.1 → 7.5.1

```
class HSLColorSpace extends ColorSpace
{
    public HSLColorSpace() { /* ... */ }

    // ...
}
```

```
class HSLColorSpace extends ColorSpace
    implements NamedColorSpace {

    private static HSLColorSpace instance;
    public static HSLColorSpace getInstance() {
        /* ... */
    }

    private HSLColorSpace() { /* ... */ }

    public String getName() {
        return "HSL";
    }

    // ...
}
```

System Specific Refactorings

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class HSVColorSpace extends ColorSpace
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    public HSVColorSpace() { /* ... */ }

    // ...
}
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    implements NamedColorSpace {

    private static HSVColorSpace instance;
    public static HSVColorSpace getInstance() {
        /* ... */
    }

    private HSVColorSpace() { /* ... */ }

    public String getName() {
        return "HSV";
    }

    // ...
}
```

System Specific Refactorings

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        /* ... */  
    }  
  
    private HSVColorSpace() { /* ... */ }  
  
    public String getName() {  
        return "HSV";  
    }  
  
    // ...  
}
```

Repeated
9 times

System Specific Refactorings

PackageManager 0.58 → 0.59

```
class GreasePharo30CoreSpec
```

```
platform
  package
    addPlatformRequirement: #'pharo'.
  package
    addProvision: #'Grease-Core-Platform'
```

```
class GreasePharo30CoreSpec
```

```
platformRequirements
  ^ #( #'pharo')
provisions
  ^ #( #'Grease-Core-Platform')
```

```
class SeasideCanvas20CoreSpec
```

```
platform
  package
    addPlatformRequirement: #'pharo2.x'.
  package
    addProvision: #'Seaside-Canvas-Platform'
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class SeasideCanvas20CoreSpec
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```

Repeated
19 times

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System Specific Refactorings

- Found (manually) in various systems histories

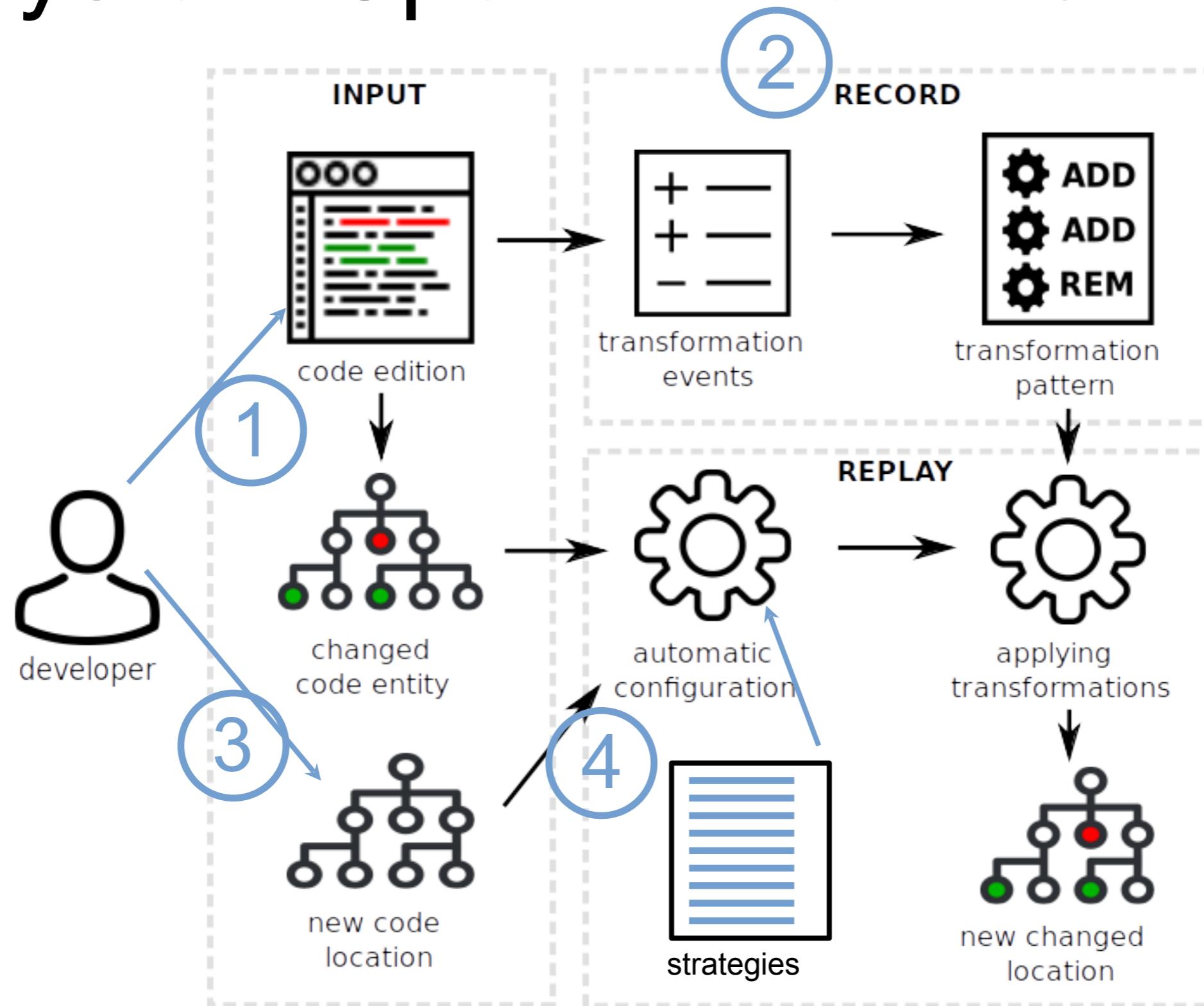
Java systems	Found
Eclipse I	26
Eclipse II	72
JHotDraw	9
MyWebMarket	7
VerveineJ	3

Pharo systems	Found
PetitDelphi	21
PetitSQL I	6
PetitSQL II	98
PackageManager I	50
PackageManager II	19
PackageManager III	64
PackageManager IV	7
Jenkins	7
MooseQuery I	16
MooseQuery II	8

System Specific Refactorings

- System/task specific
 - “Incomplete” (may break semantics)
 - Complex
 - Tedious
 - Error prone
- } Automate ?

System Specific Refactorings

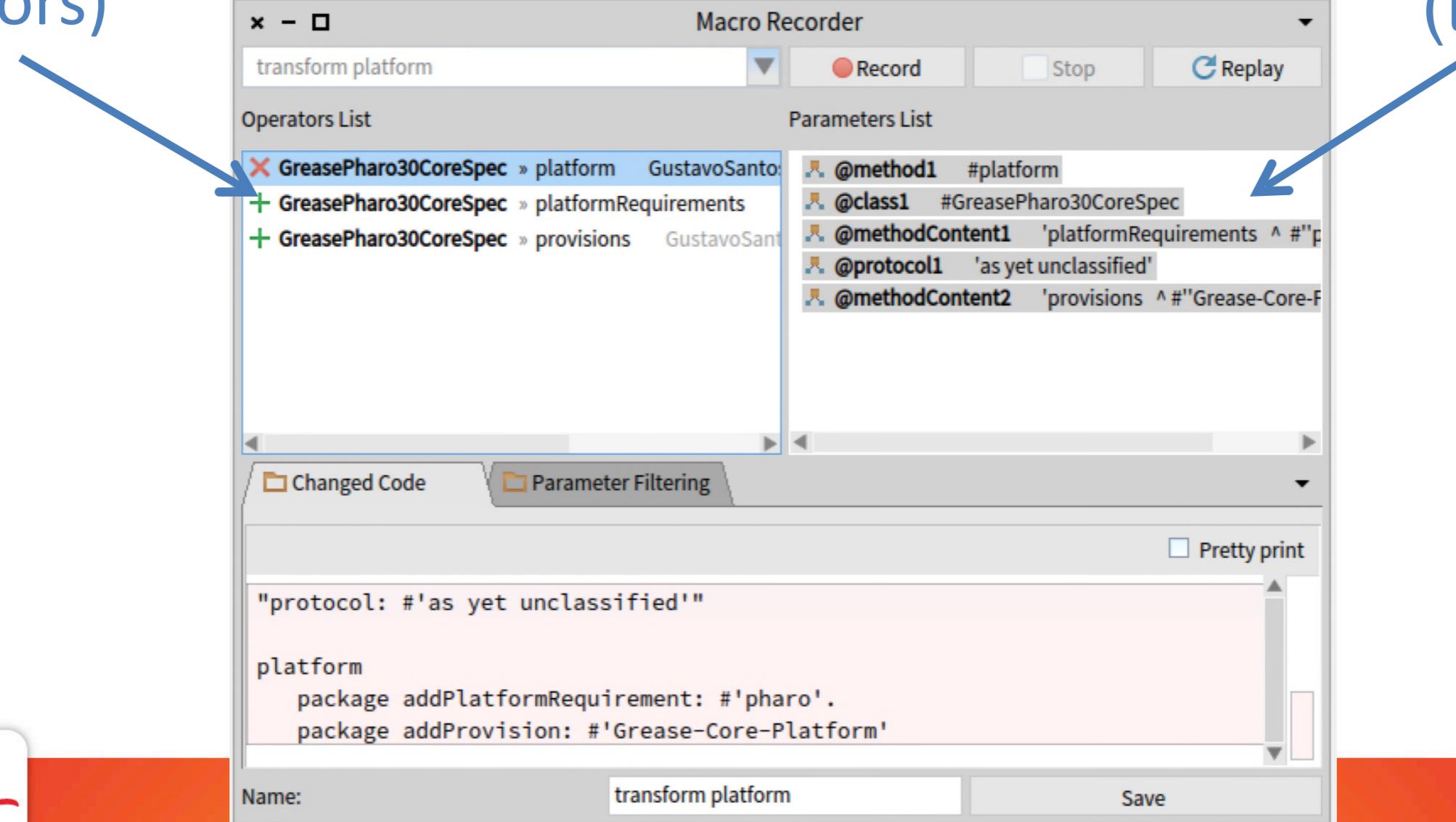


System Specific Refactorings

- Record

Recorded actions
(operators)

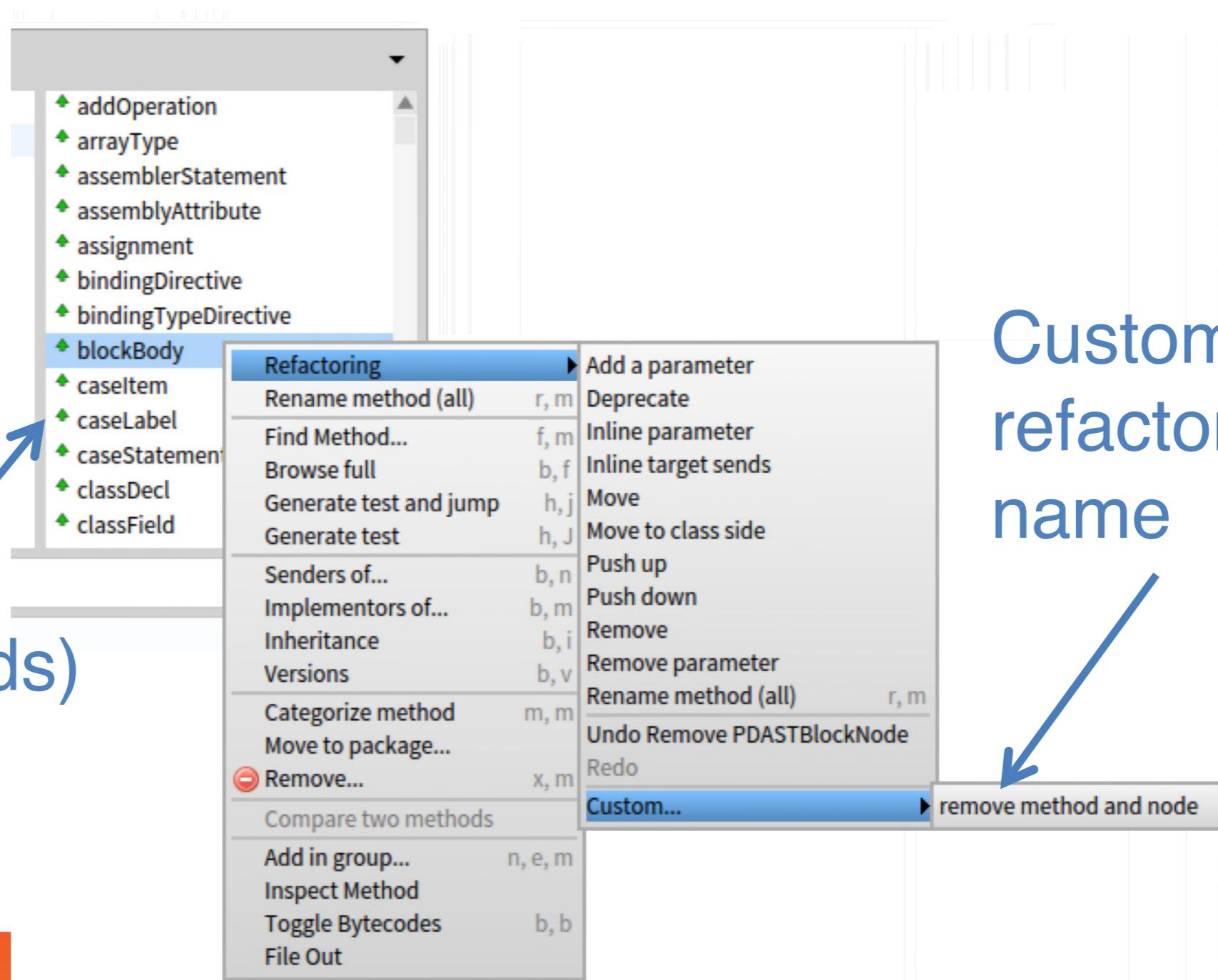
Operators' parameters
(to adapt)



System Specific Refactorings

- Replay

IDE
(list of methods)



Custom
refactoring
name

System Specific Refactorings

- Case studies

Pharo systems	#Repetition	#Operators	#Parameters
PetitDelphi	21	2	3
PetitSQL I	6	3	5
PetitSQL II	98	3	6
PackageManager I	50	5	4
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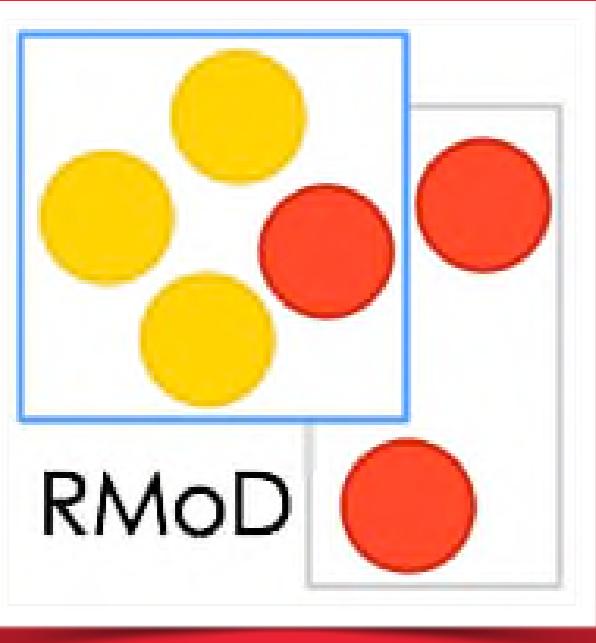
- “Can the tool configure parameters?”

Pharo systems	#repetitions	#Operators	#Parameters	%Corrected
PetitDelphi	21	2	3	99%
PetitSQL I	6	3	5	67%
PetitSQL II	98	3	6	83%
PackageManager I	50	5	4	29%
PackageManager II	19	3	5	54%
PackageManager III	64	2	4	72%
PackageManager IV	7	4	7	79%
Jenkins	7	1	3	49%
MooseQuery I	16	1	3	36%
Arc	8	1	5	28%

System Specific Refactorings

- Efficiency depends on type of operator parameter

Param. type	Correct	Incorrect	%Correct
Class	21	3	77%
Method	6	5	98%
Pragma (<i>annotation</i>)	98	6	13%
Prototype	50	4	99%
Source code	19	5	9%
variable	64	4	100%



Evolution in the large: **GWT** to angular

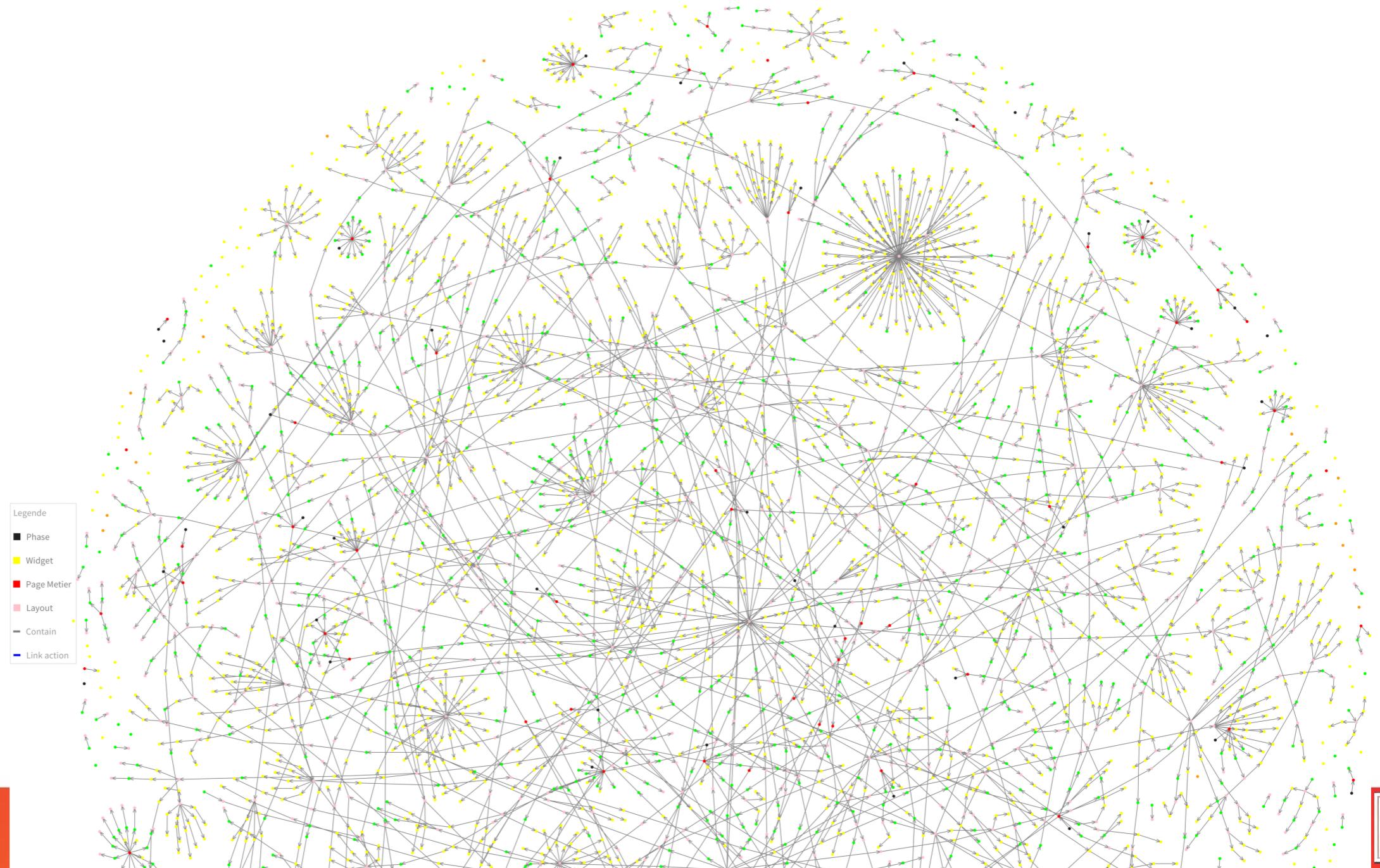
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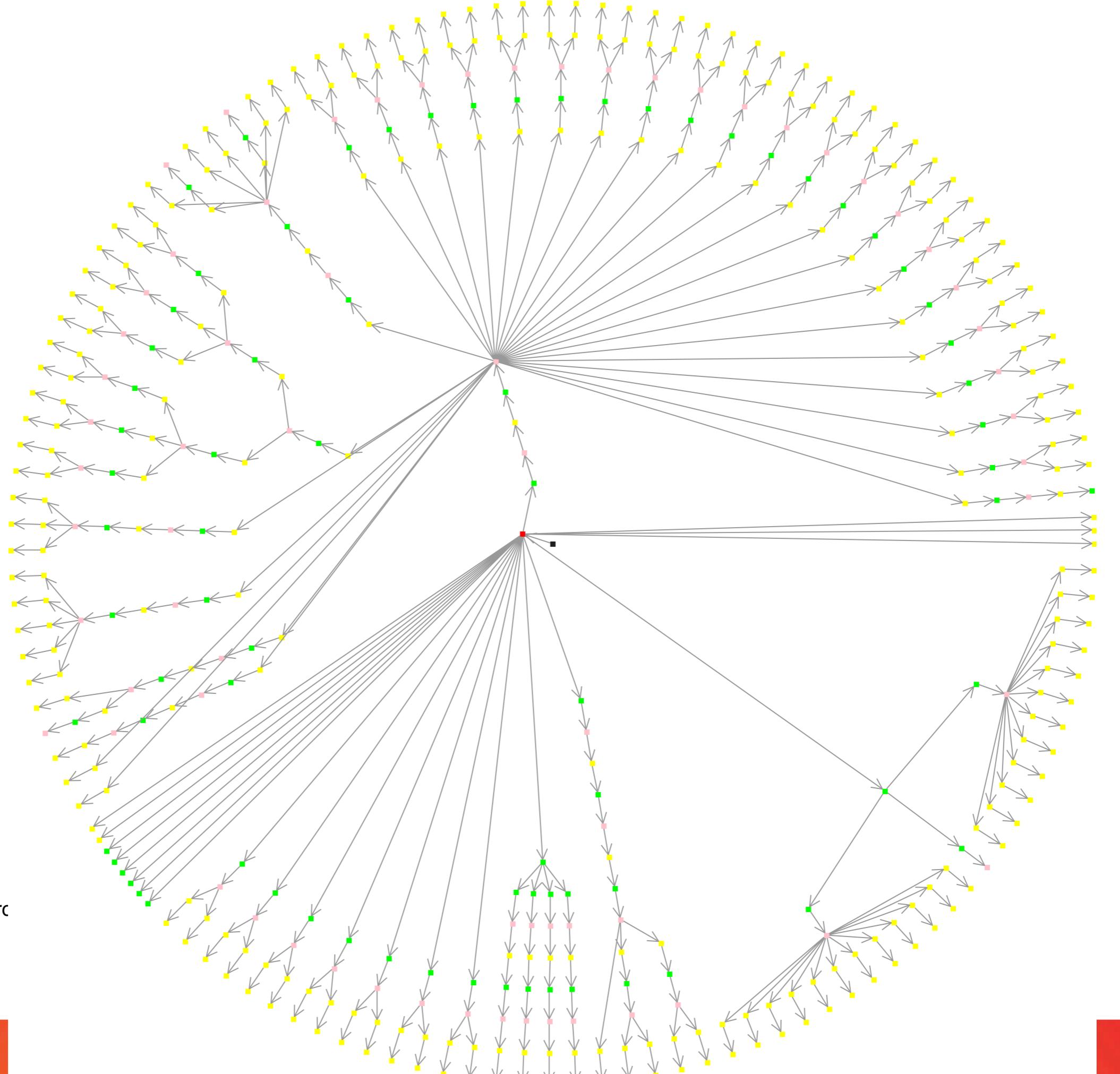
GWT Typical Application

- 26 000 Classes
- 450 web pages
- 974 000 invocations
- 1 063 163 LOC (UI)

GWT big kitchen (bac a sable)

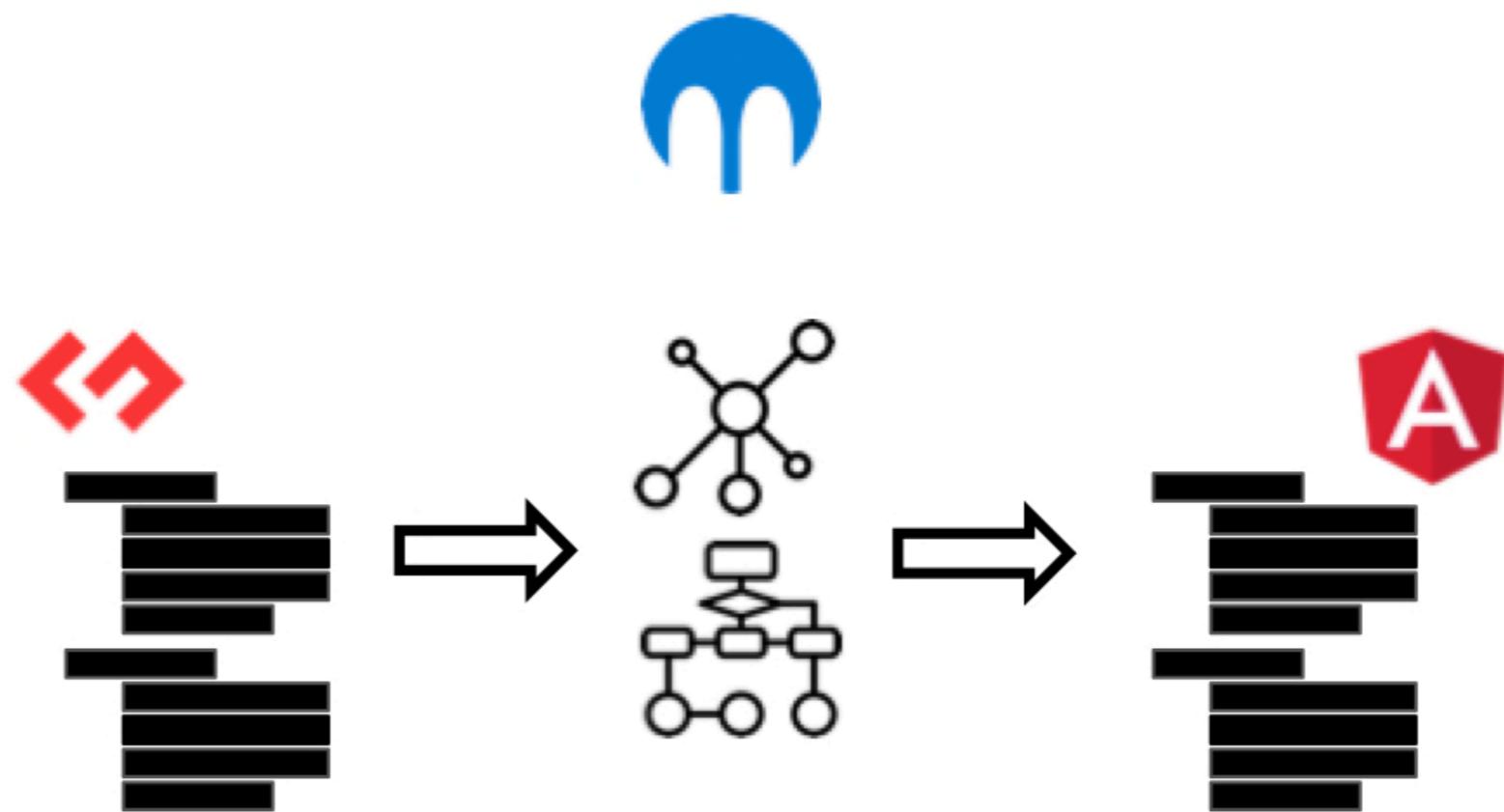
bigKitchen ~ 8979 éléments



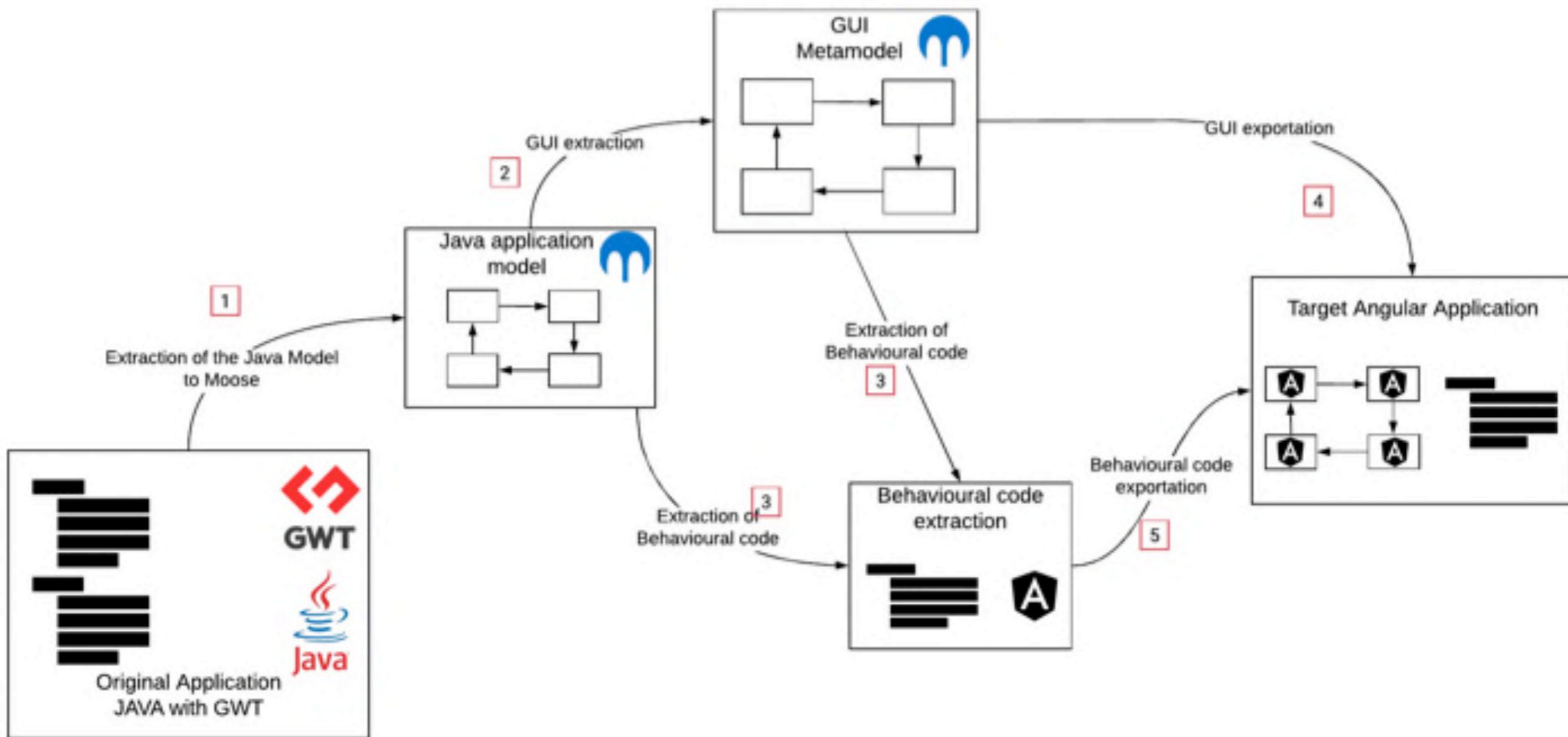


Noir-> des phase/page web
Rouge -> Business Page (grc)
Gris -> Layout
Vert -> Widget container
Jaune -> Widget leaf

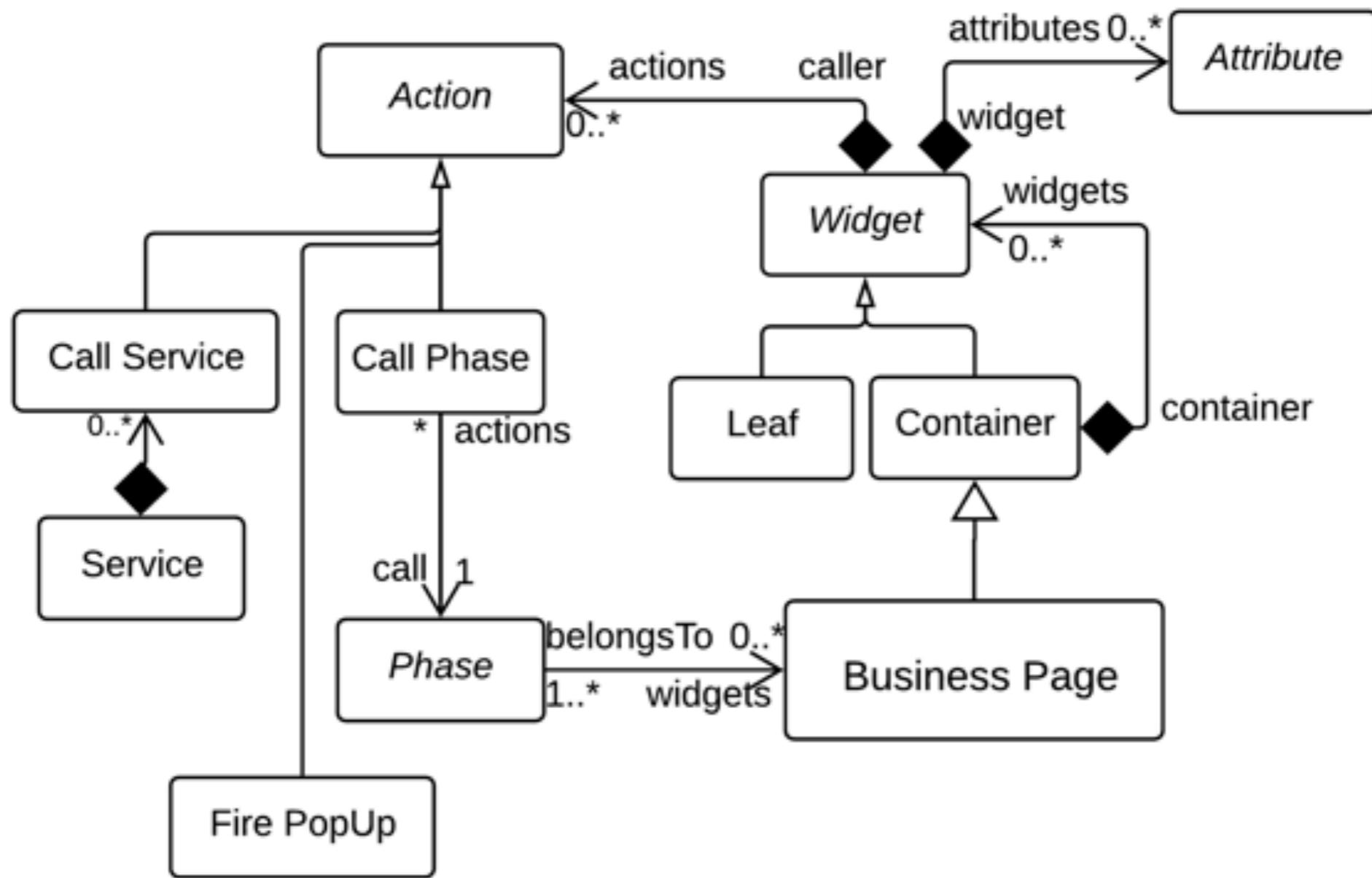
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Etiquettes formattées (pour les listes)

Montant :	10 000 000,00 €
Pourcentage :	1,50%
Booléen (1) :	Oui
Booléen (0) :	Non
Date :	26/06/2018
Durée :	3 ans, 2 mois et 1 jour
Enumération :	jour(s)
Entier :	999999999
Entier long :	99999999999999999999
Entier short :	999

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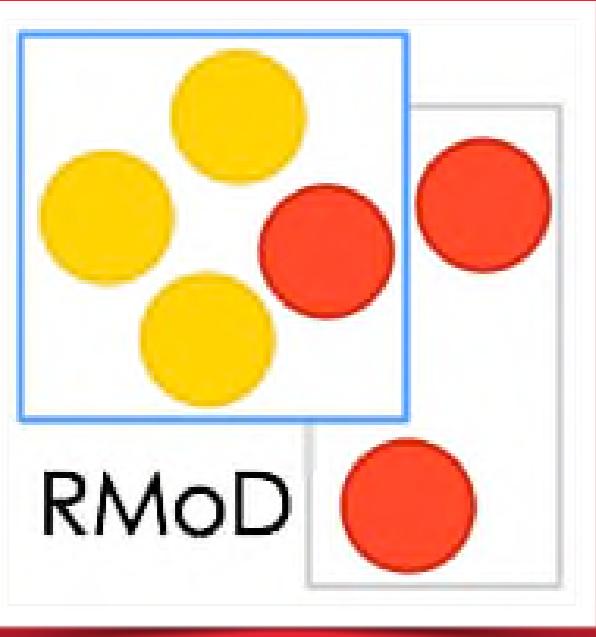
Future work

Behavior code model

Specific representation of layout

Extract complex structure (such table data structure)

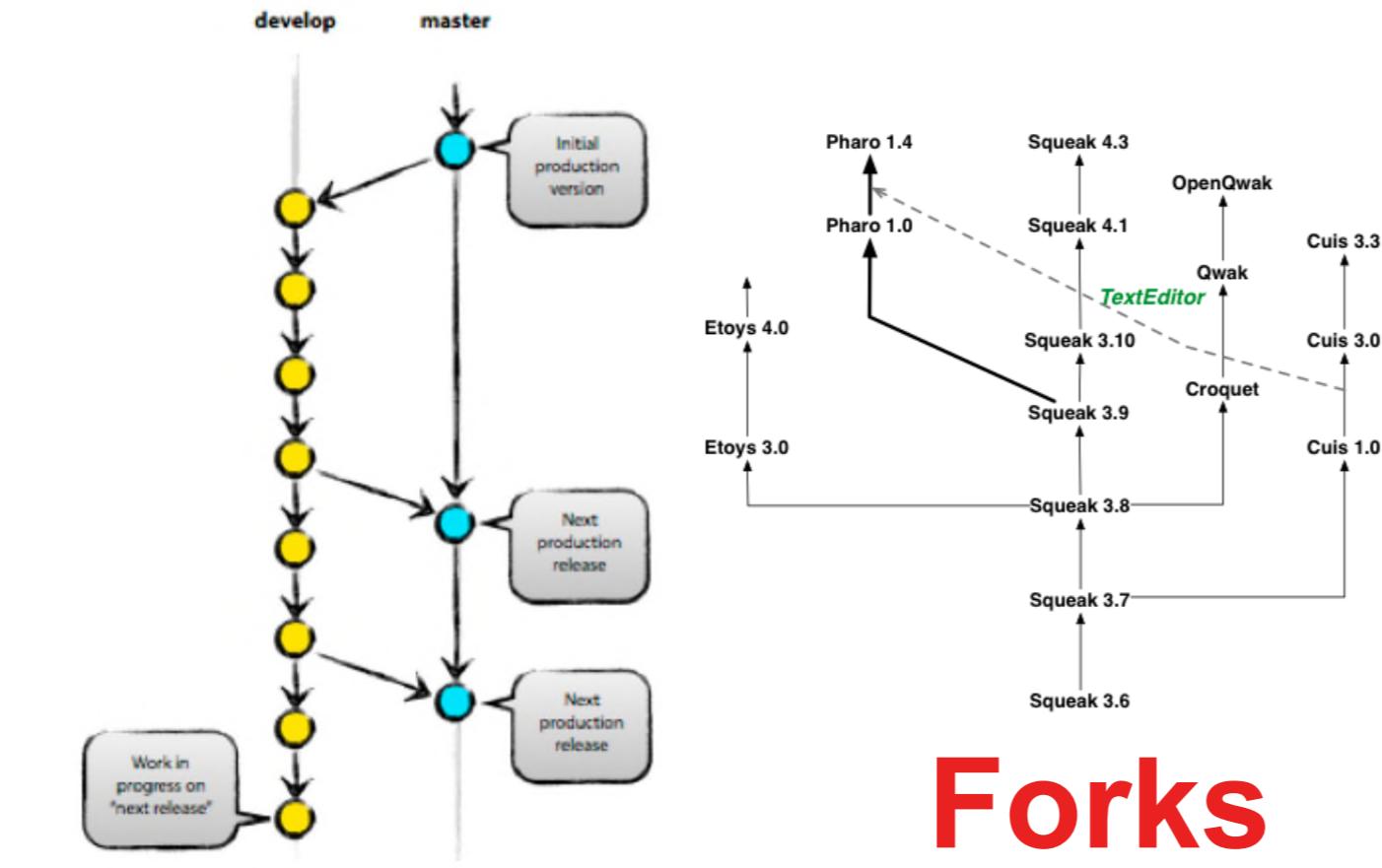
How to evaluate GUI migration?



How can we help merging?

**What is the impact of a change?
PhD of Veronica Uquillas (Paid VUB)**

How to support merging branches?



Forks

Git

- Manual tasks are needed
- Dependencies between changes
- Integrator is not the author of the changes
- No guarantee that the system will work

Assisted Integration

Approach Overview

Stream of changes (chains of commits)

The JET Dashboard displays a stream of changes and dependencies. It includes sections for 'Deltas' (a list of commits), 'changes' (base and target snapshot packages), 'package versions' (delta dependencies), 'delta dependencies', 'conventions', and 'change dependencies'. A central 'source code diff' window shows a comparison between two versions of code, with annotations like 'JET' and 'changes'.

Change & Dependency Meta-Model and Analyses (RingC)

History Meta-Model and Analyses

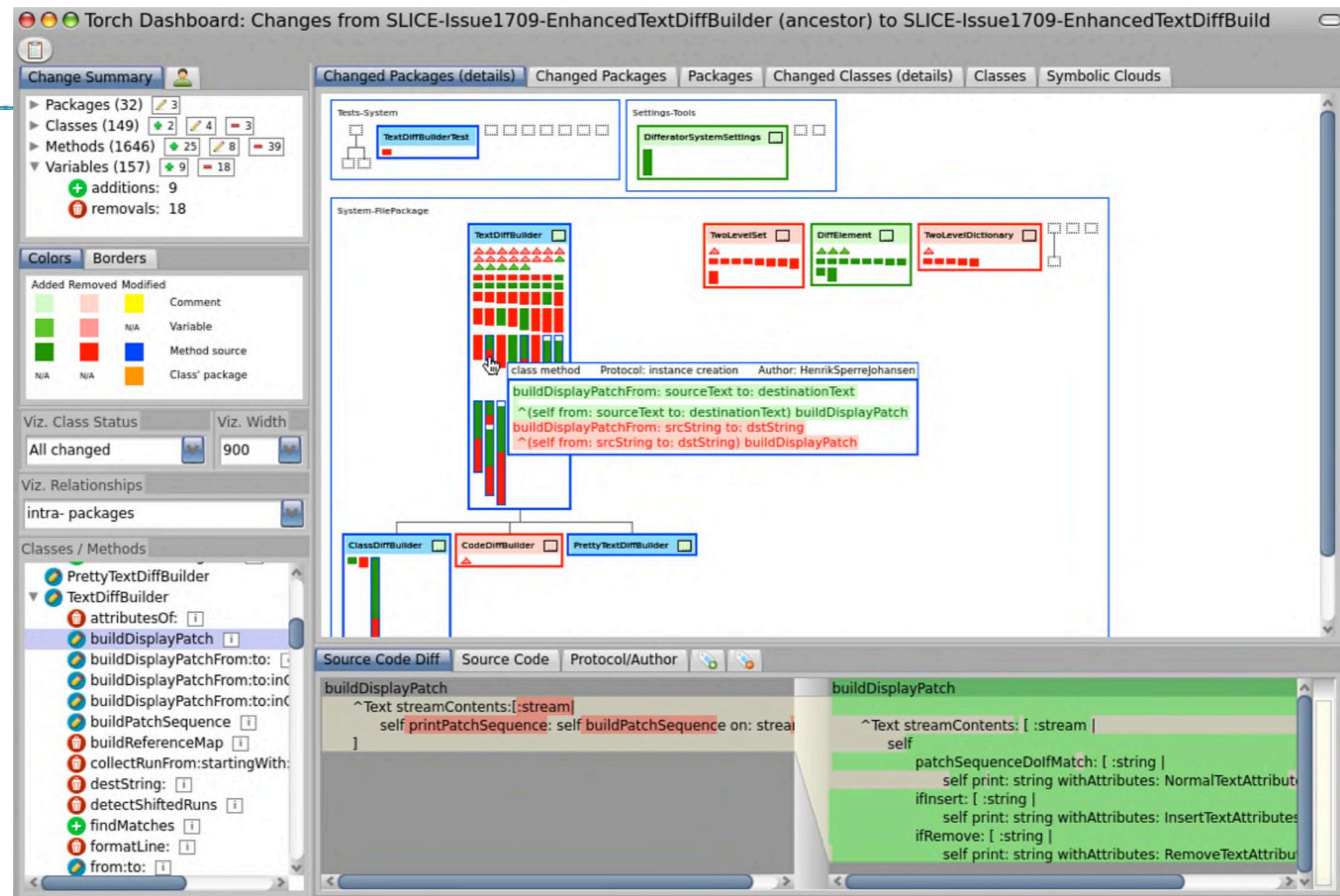
Single delta (commit)

The Torch Dashboard focuses on a single delta. It features 'Metrics' (e.g., packages, classes, modifications), 'Parameters' (e.g., buildDisplayPatchFrom, buildDisplayPatch), 'Changes list' (a list of changes), and 'Changes visualizations' (a timeline showing the evolution of code). A large central window displays the 'source code diff' between the original and modified code, with annotations like 'Torch' and 'Changes'.

Single-delta Change Meta-Model and Analyses (RingS)

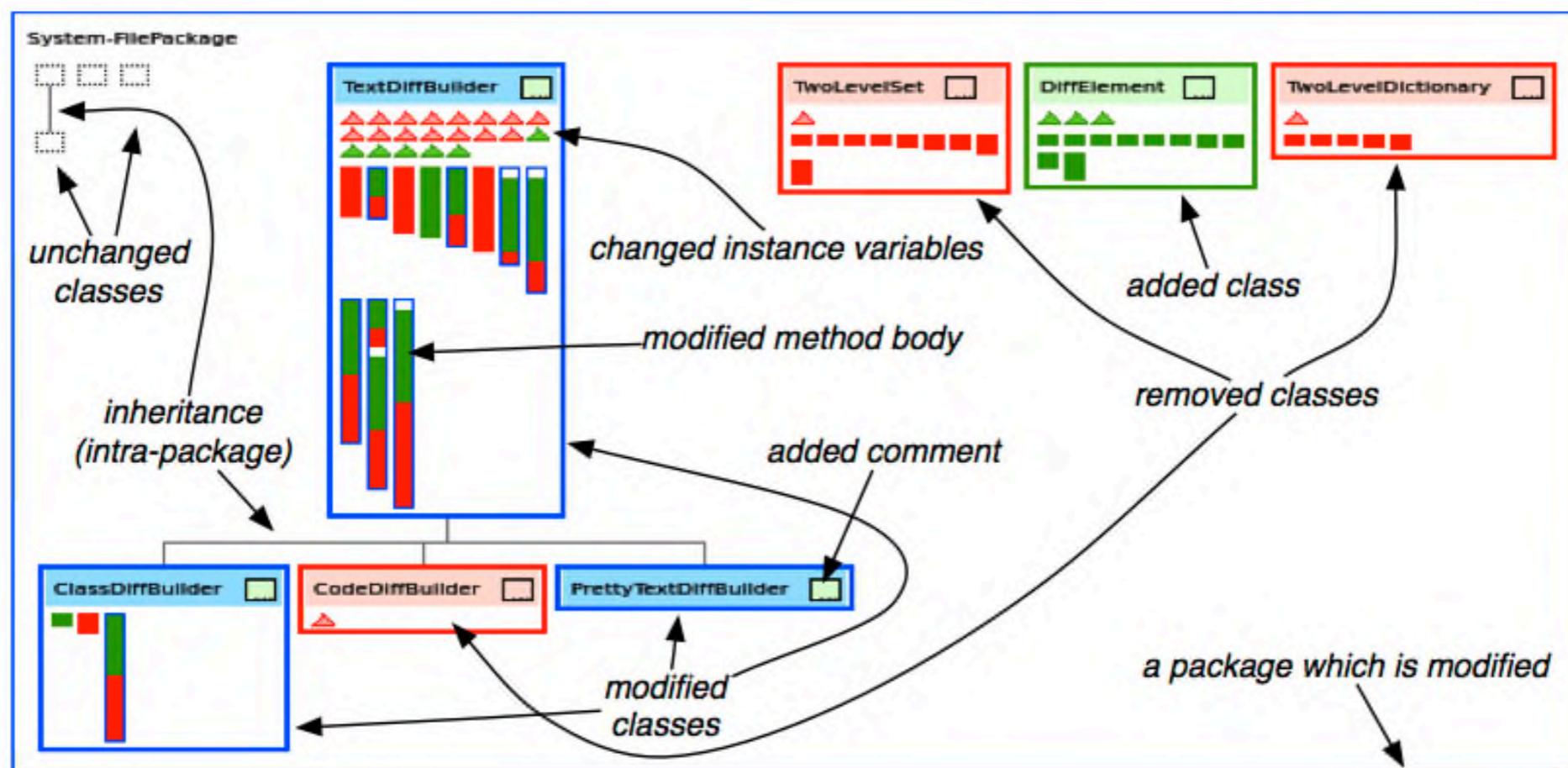
Source Code Meta-Model (Ring)

Torch: Supporting Commit Understanding

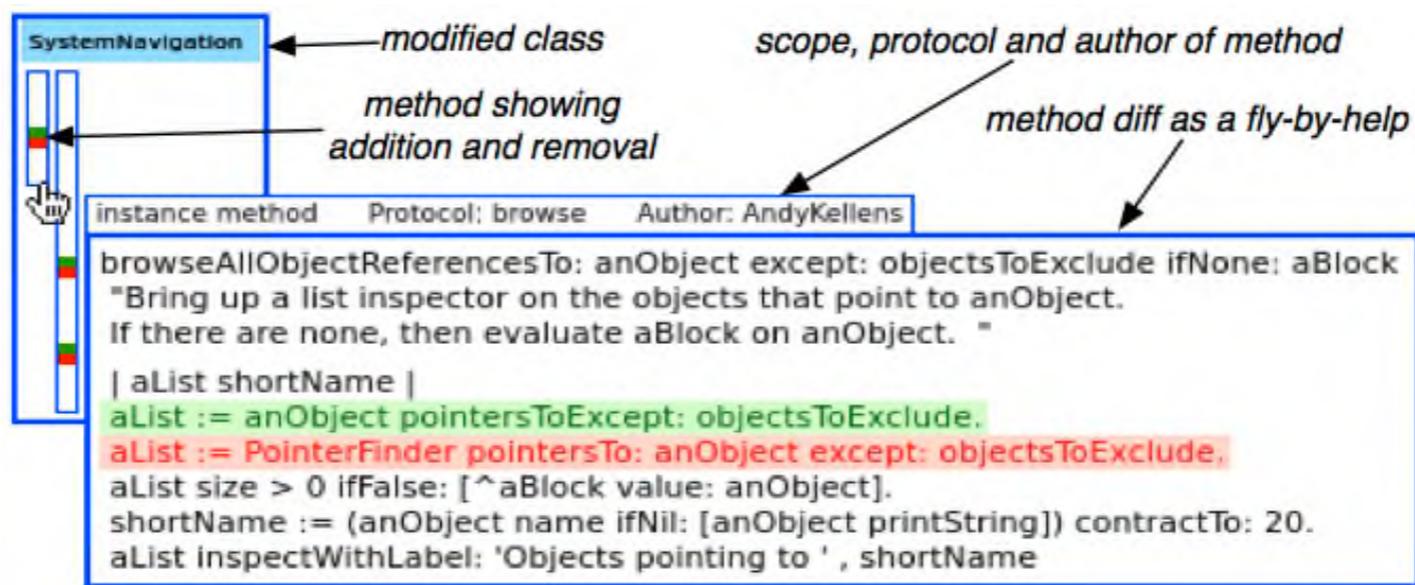


The Torch Dashboard

Package Structure

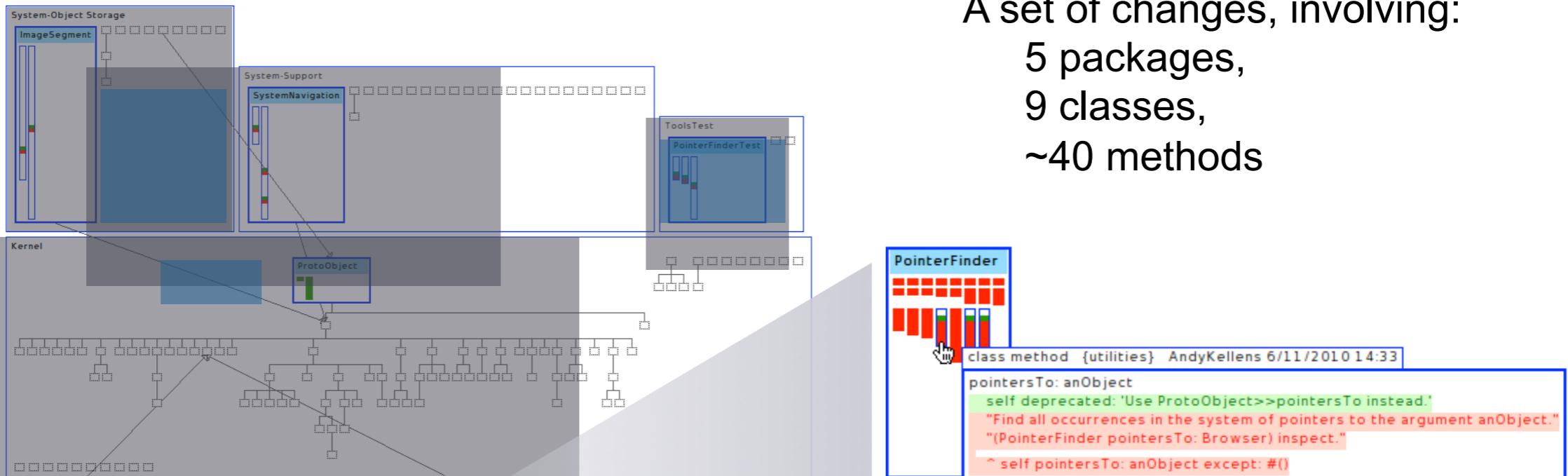


Omnipresent source code



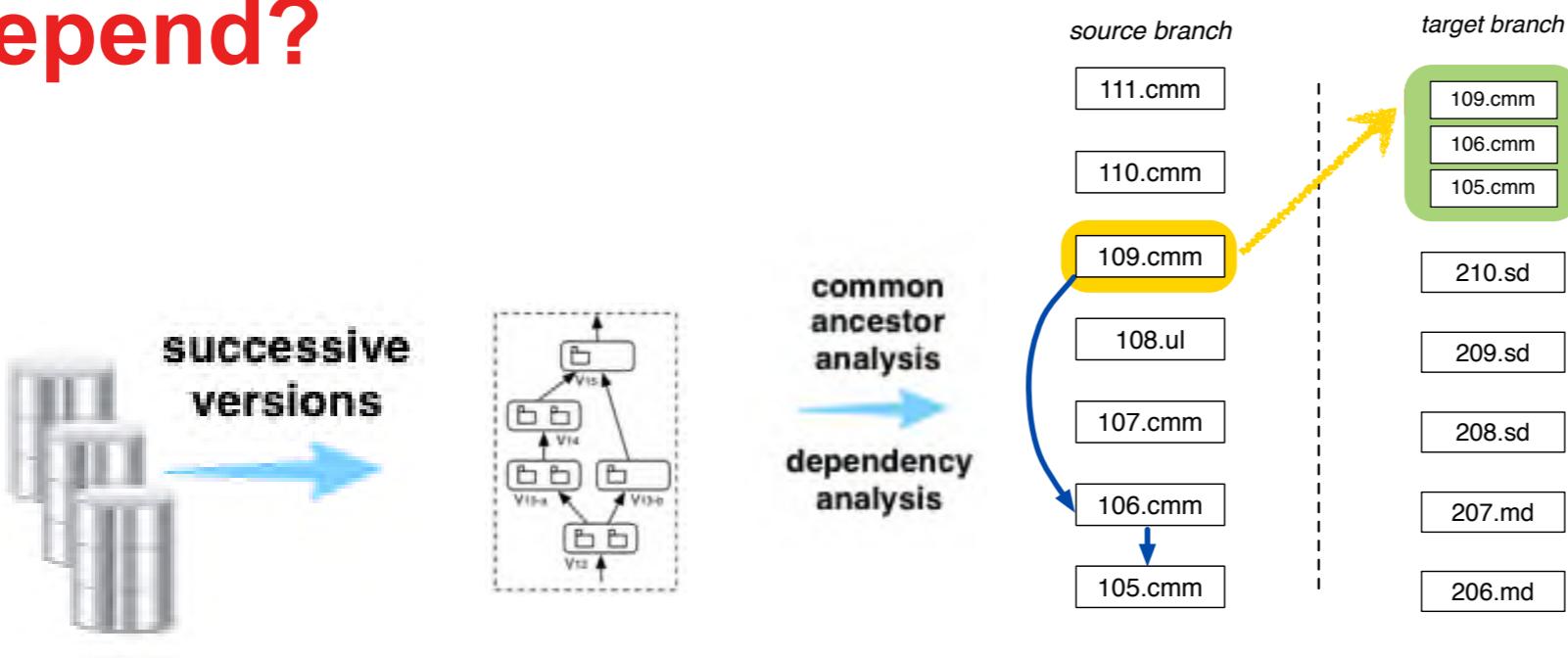
Torch: Which changes? Where? Who? What?

A set of changes, involving:
5 packages,
9 classes,
~40 methods

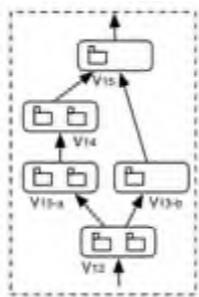


Streams of Changes:

On what other changes does this change depend?



**successive
versions**



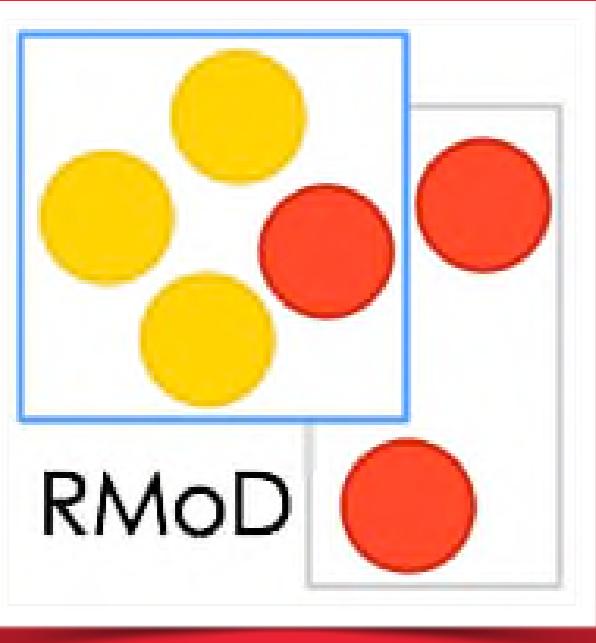
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graph TD
    A[common ancestor analysis] --> B[dependency analysis]

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characterization of dependencies and deltas





Other Software Evolution Challenges

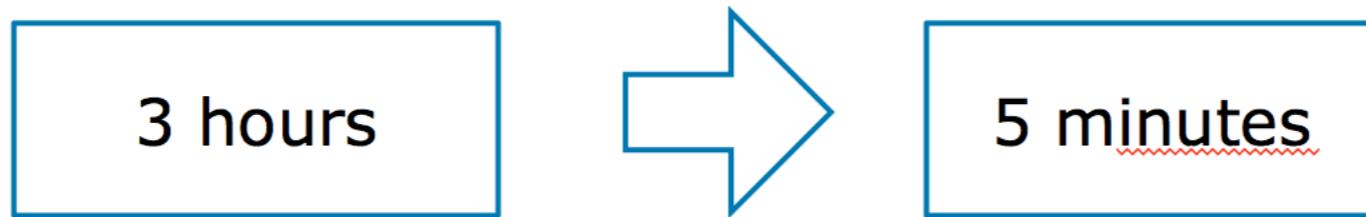
Blockchain, test selection,

Which tests to rerun?

[PhD CIFRE ATOS Vincent Blondeau]

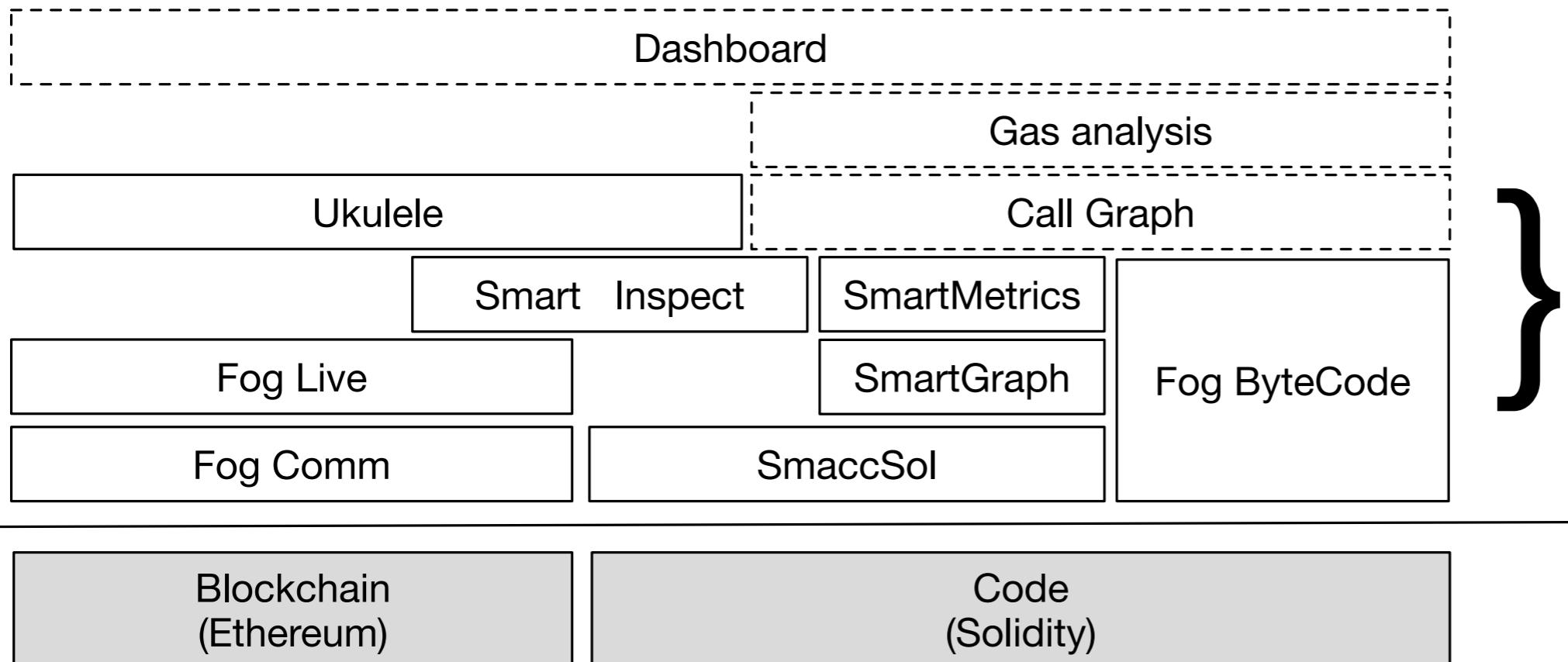
Test Selection

Automatic Test Selection



Select only the tests related to the changes
and run only those ones

SmartAnvil: Tools for SE-Blockchains



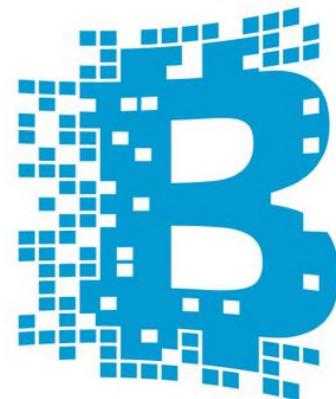
Blockchain modelisation

[PhD - S. Bragagnolo - Berger-Levrault]

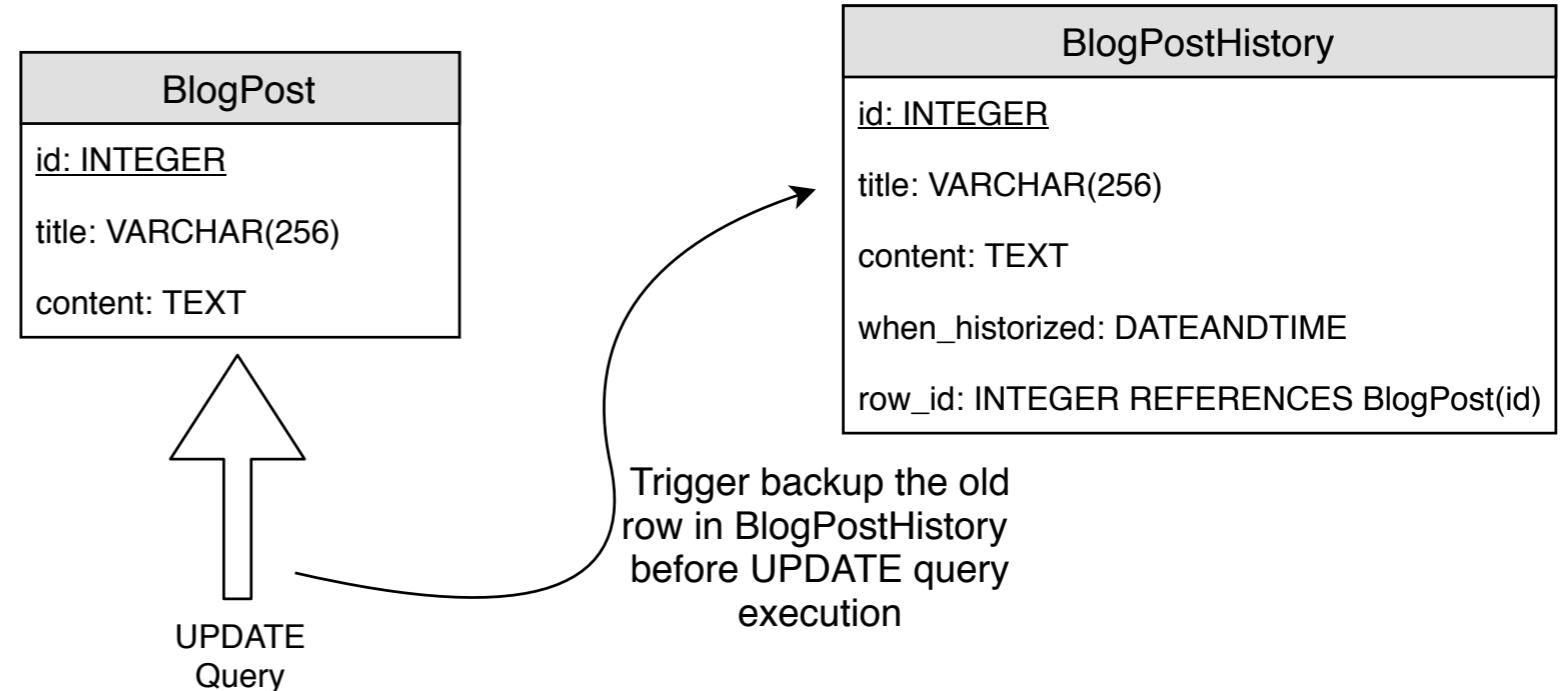
How to capture and model existing process?

How to model and simulate domain of trust and possible architecture?

What are the tools for business blockchain engineers?



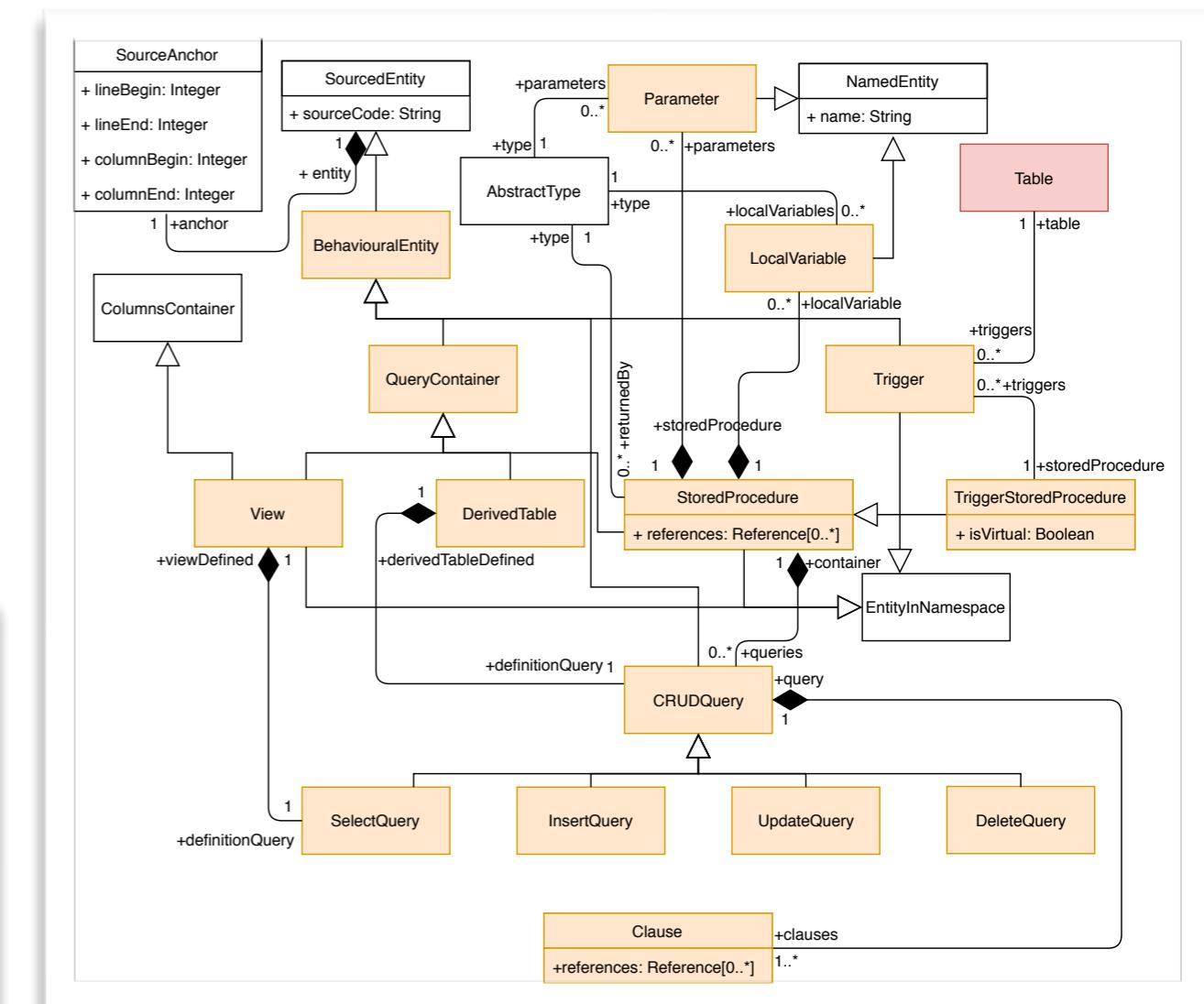
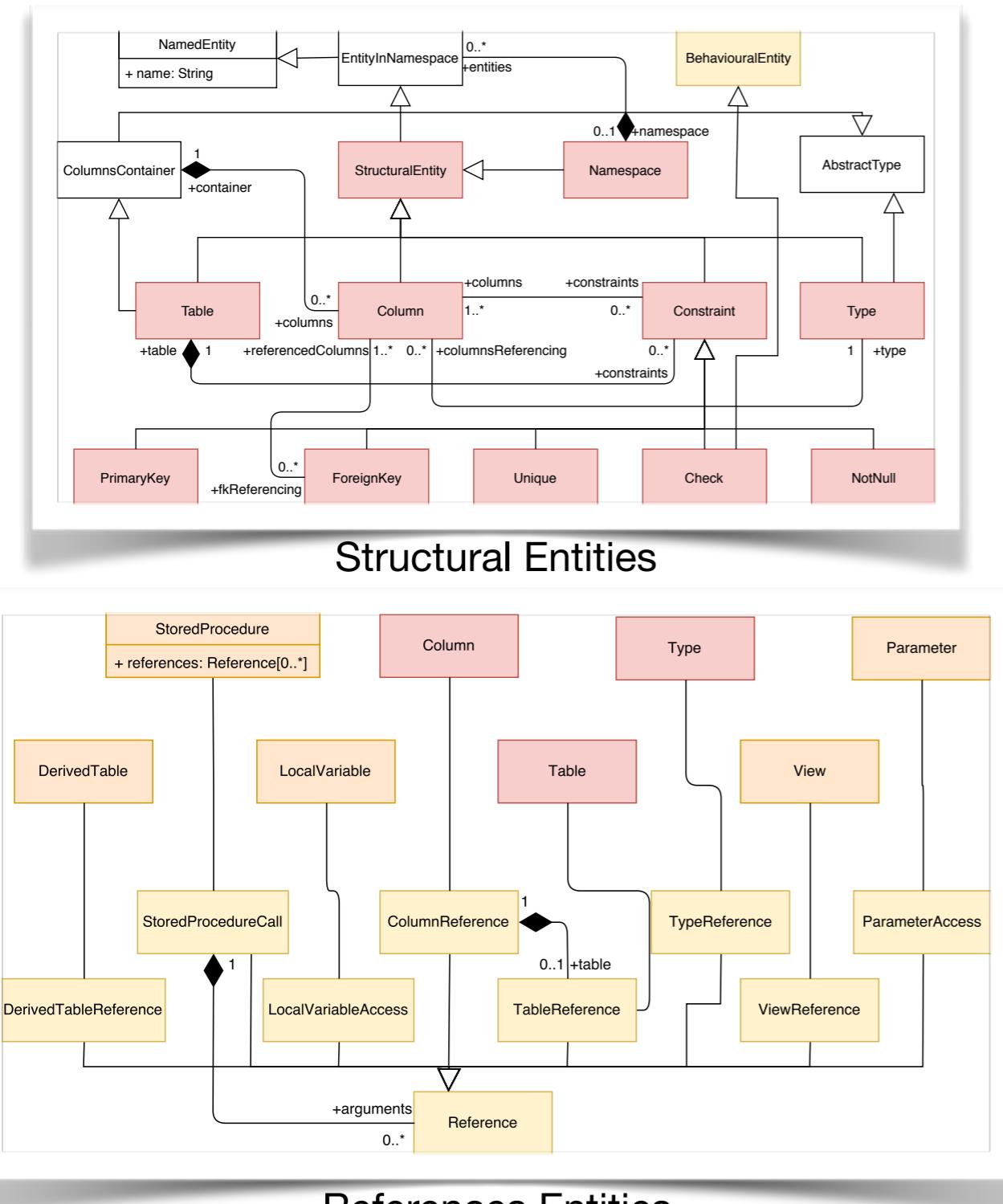
And embedded procedures? [PhD Julien Delplanque]



- **Dependency Analysis** — *How to know which entities potentially need to be changed when an entity is changed?*
- **Recommendations** — *How to adapt an entity to a change on a entity it depends on?*
- **Embedded Behaviour Management** — *How to keep the behaviour embedded inside the database working after a change?*

Refactorings for Embedded procedures

SQL meta-model



References Entities



Creating analyses to tame software

Interested by your challenges

- migration help
- assessment
- rule extraction
- software map
- rearchitecturing
- service/micro service identification
- blockchainisation :)