

Konfigurierbare Systemsoftware (KSS)

VL 2 – Software Product Lines

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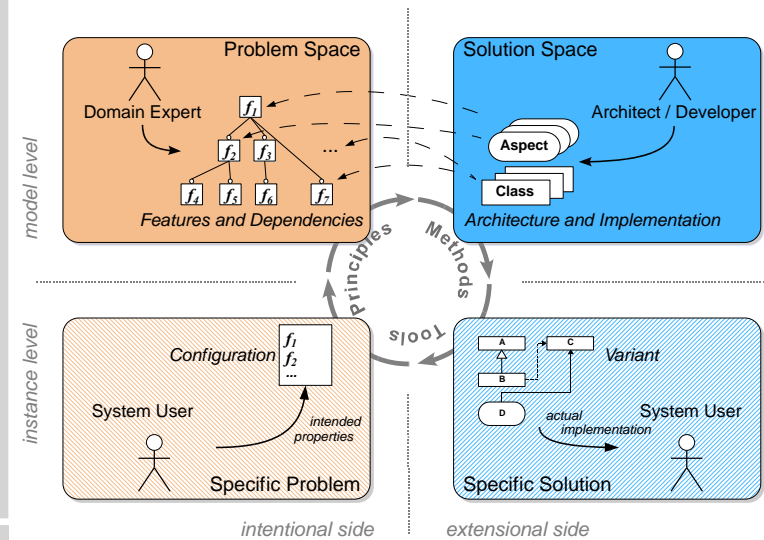
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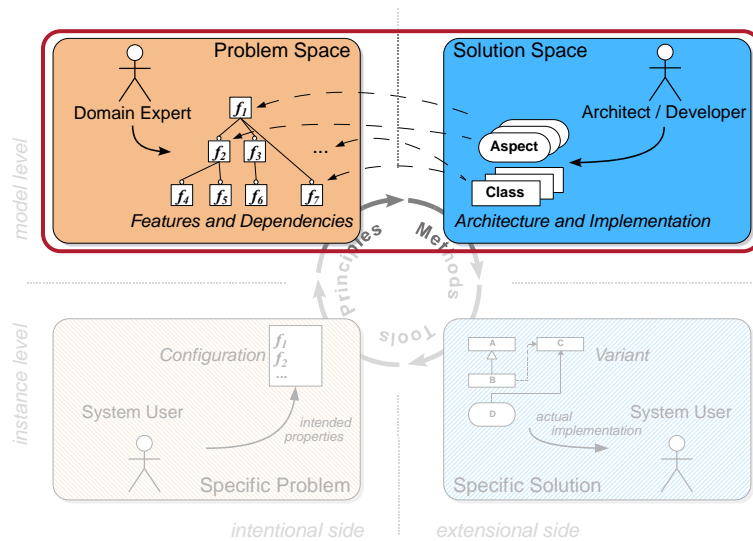
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Model Car Industry: Variety of an BMW X3



- Roof interior: **90000** variants available
- Car door: **3000** variants available
- Rear axle: **324** variants available

“Varianten sind ein wesentlicher Hebel für das Unternehmensergebnis”

Franz Decker (BMW Group)



Model Car Industry: Variety Increase

- **In the 1980s: little variety**
 - Option to choose series and maybe a few extras (tape deck, roof rack)
 - A **single variant** (Audi 80, 1.3l, 55 PS) accounted for **40 percent** of Audi's total revenue
- **Twenty years later: built-to-order**
 - Audi: **10²⁰** possible variants
 - BMW: **10³²** possible variants
 - At average there are 1.1 equal instances of an Audi A8 on the street

↔ **Product lines** with fully automated assembly



33 optional, independent features



one individual variant
for each human being

optional, independent
320 features

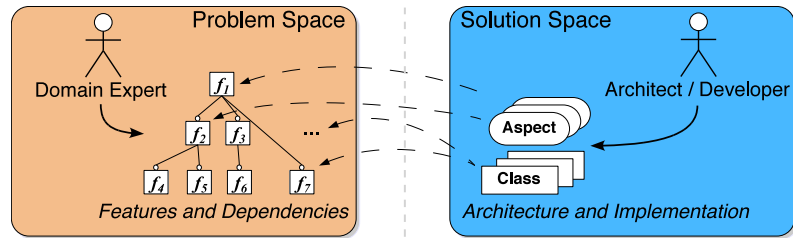
more variants than
 atoms in the universe!

Typical Configurable Operating Systems...

ecos
5000 features

14000 features

Challenges



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Remarkable:

SPLs are not motivated by **technical** similarity of the products, but by **feature** similarity wrt a certain **market**



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Feature (Czarnecki / Eisenecker) (Definition 3)

“ A distinguishable characteristic of a concept [...] that is relevant to some stakeholder of the concept. ”

Czarnecki and Eisenecker 2000: *Generative Programming, Methods, Tools and Applications* [3, p. 38]



The Emperors New Clothes?

Program Family (Definition 4)

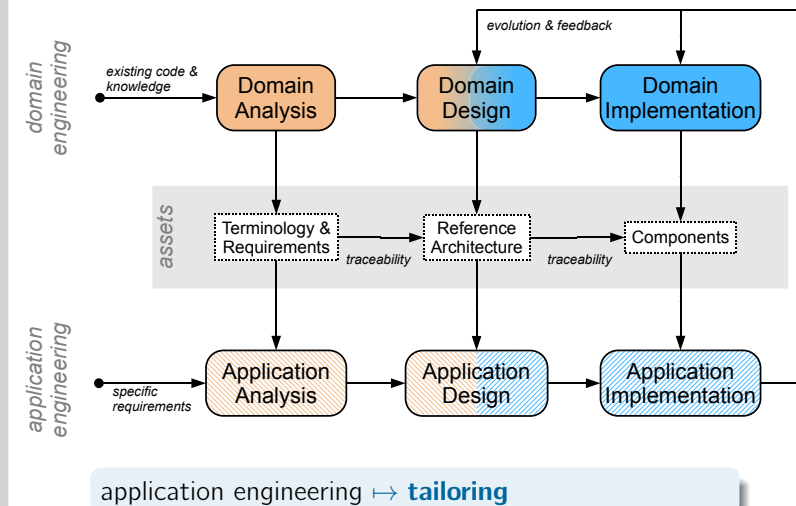
“ Program families are defined [...] as sets of programs whose common properties are so extensive that it is advantageous to study the common properties of the programs before analyzing individual members. ”

Parnas 1976: “On the Design and Development of Program Families” [10]

- Most research on operating-system *families* from the '70s would today qualify as work on software product lines [2, 4, 5, 9–11]
 - Program Family \Rightarrow Software Product Line
- However, according to the definitions, the viewpoint is different
 - Program family: defined by similarity between **programs** \rightarrow **Solutions**
 - SPL: defined by similarity between **requirements** \rightarrow **Problems**
- \Rightarrow A program family **implements** a software product line
- In current literature, however, both terms are used synonymously
 - Program Family \Leftrightarrow Software Product Line



SPL Development Reference Process [1]



Our understanding: Configurable System Software

Configurability (Definition 5)

Configurability is the property that denotes the degree of pre-defined variability and granularity offered by a piece of system software via an explicit **configuration interface**.

- Common configuration interfaces
 - Text-based: `configure` script or `configure.h` file (GNU tools)
 - configuration by commenting/uncommenting of (preprocessor) flags
 - no validation, no explicit notion of feature dependencies
 - Tool-based: KConfig (Linux, busybox, CiAO, ...), ecosConfig (eCos)
 - configuration by an interactive configuration editor
 - formal model of configuration space, hierarchical features
 - implicit/explicit validation of constraints

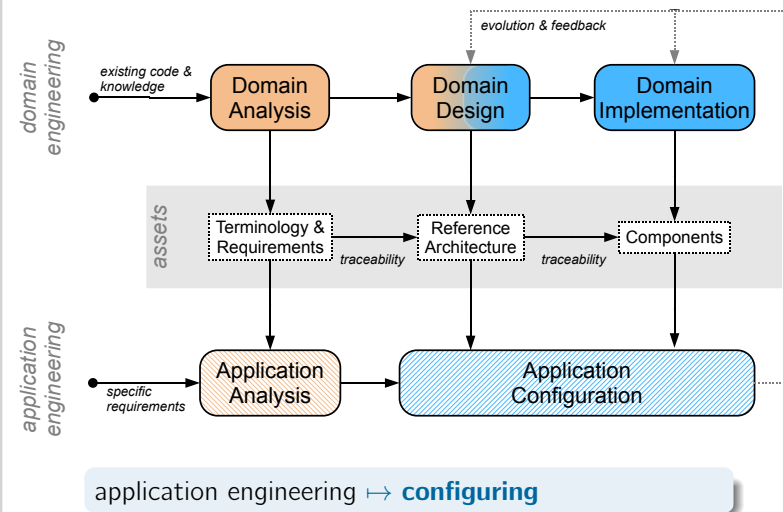


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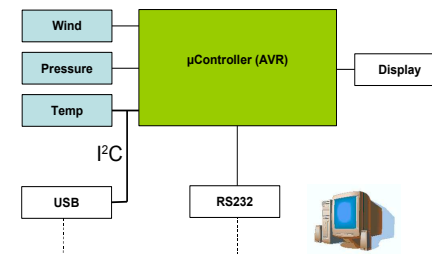
Configurable SPL Reference Process



The i4WeatherMon Weather Station [7]

- A typical embedded system

- Several, optional **sensors**
 - Wind
 - Air Pressure
 - Temperature
- Several, optional **actuators** (here: output devices)
 - LCD
 - PC via RS232
 - PC via USB

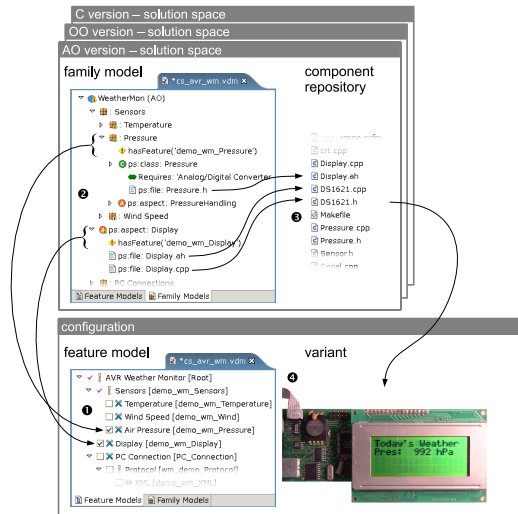


- To be implemented as a product line

- **Barometer:** Pressure + Display
- **Thermometer:** Temperature + Display
- **Deluxe:** Temperature + Pressure + Display + PC-Connection
- **Outdoor:** <as above> + Wind
- ...



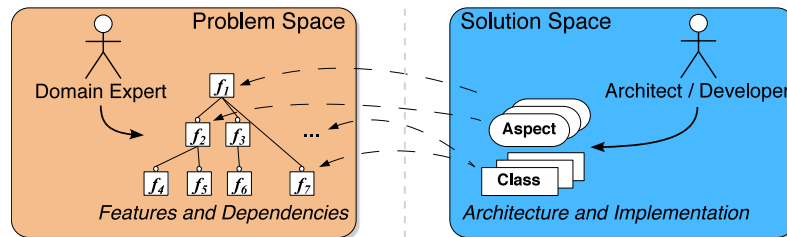
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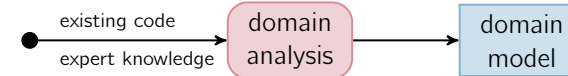
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Domain Analysis



- **Domain Scoping**
 - Selection and processing of domain knowledge
 - Restriction of diversity and variety
- **Domain Modelling**
 - Systematic evaluation of the gained knowledge
 - Development of a taxonomy

~ Domain Model (Definition 6)

“ A **domain model** is an explicit representation of the **common** and the **variable** properties of the system in a domain, the semantics of the properties and domain concepts, and the dependencies between the variable properties. ”

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Elements of the Domain Model

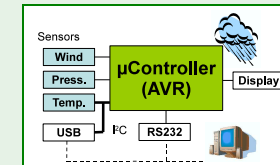
- **Domain definition** specifies the scope of the domain
 - Examples and counter examples
 - Rules for inclusion/exclusion of systems or features
- **Domain glossary** defines the vocabulary of the domain
 - Naming of features and concepts
- **Concept models** describe relevant concepts of the domain
 - Formal description (e.g., by UML diagrams)
 - Textual description
 - Syntax and semantics
- **Feature models** describe the common and variable properties of domain members
 - Textual description
 - Feature diagrams



I4WeatherMon: Domain Model (simplified)

Domain Definition: i4WeatherMon

- The domain contains software for the depicted modular hardware platform. Future version should also support new sensor and actuator types (humidity, alarm, ...).
- The externally described application scenarios **thermometer**, **PC**, **outdoor**, ... shall be supported.
- The i4WeatherMon controller software is shipped in the flash memory of the μ C and shall not be changed after delivery.
- The i4WeatherMon shall be usable with all versions of the **PC Weather** client software.
- ...



I4WeatherMon: Domain Model (simplified)

Domain Glossary: i4WeatherMon

- **PC Connection:** Optional communication channel to an external PC for the sake of continuous transmission of weather data. Internally also used for debug purposes.
- **Sensor:** Part (1 or more) of the i4WeatherMon hardware that measures a particular weather parameter (such as: temperature or air pressure).
- **Actuator:** Part (1 or more) of the i4WeatherMon hardware that processes weather data (such as: LCD).
- **XML Protocol:** XML-based data scheme for the transmission of arbitrary weather data over a **PC Connection**.
- **SNG Protocol:** Binary legacy data scheme for the transmission of wind, temperature and air pressure data only over a **PC Connection**. The data scheme is used by versions < 2.0 of **PC Weather**.
- ...



I4WeatherMon: Domain Model (simplified)

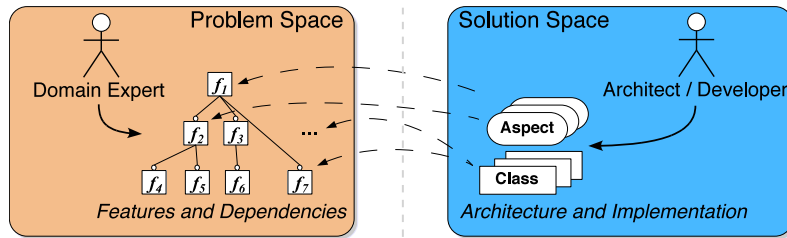
Concept Models: i4WeatherMon

- **XML Protocol:** The following DTD specifies the format used for data transmission over a **PC Connection**:

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<!ELEMENT weather ...> ...
```
- **SNG Protocol:** Wind, temperature and air pressure data are encoded into 4 bytes, sequentially transmitted as a 3-byte datagram over a **PC Connection** as follows:
...
...
- **PC Connection** ...
- ...



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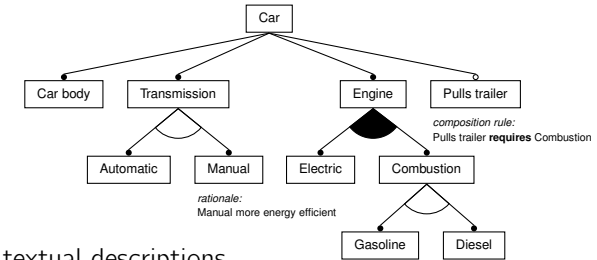


Feature Models

- Describe system variants by their commonalities and differences
 - Specify configurability in terms of optional and mandatory features
 - Intentional construct, independent from actual implementation

- Primary element is the **Feature Diagram**:

- Concept (Root)
- Features
- Constraints



- Complemented by textual descriptions
 - Definition and rationale of each feature
 - Additional constraints, binding times, ...

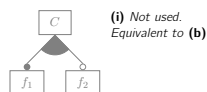
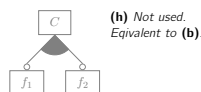
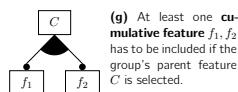
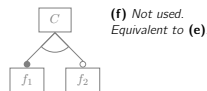
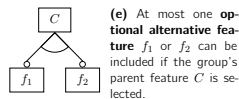
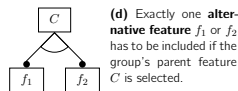
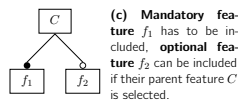
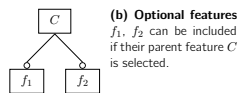
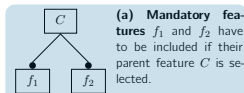
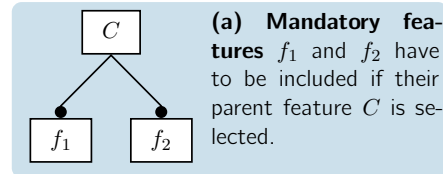


Feature Diagrams – Language

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Syntactical Elements

The filled dot ● indicates a mandatory feature:
 $\mathcal{V} = \{(C, f_1, f_2)\}$

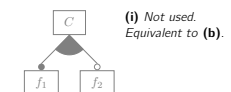
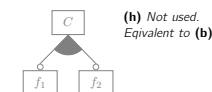
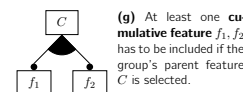
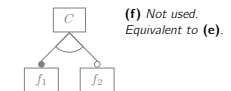
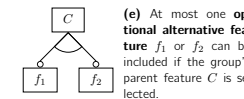
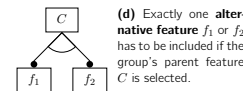
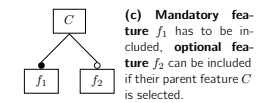
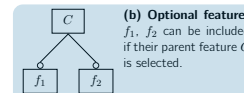
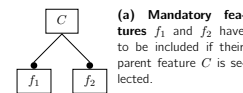
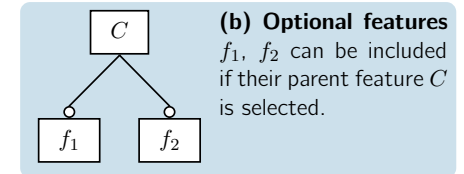


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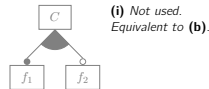
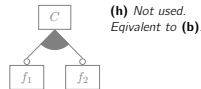
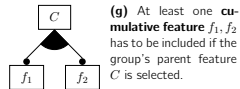
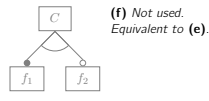
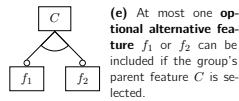
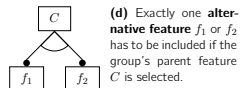
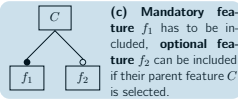
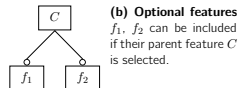
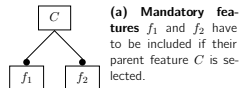
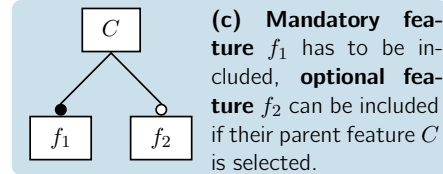
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Of course, both can be combined:

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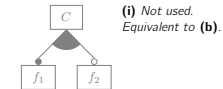
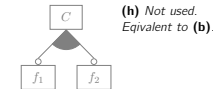
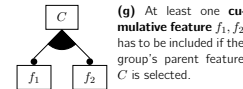
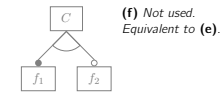
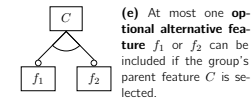
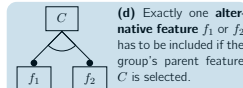
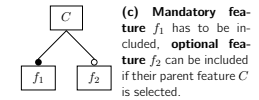
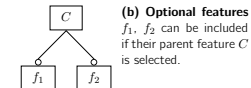
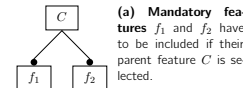
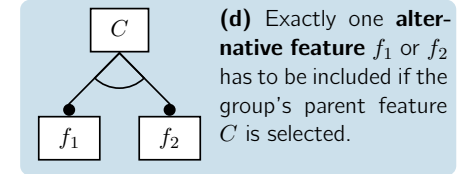
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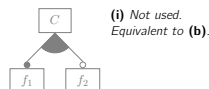
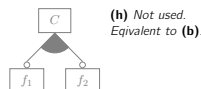
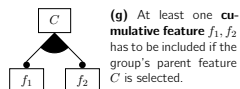
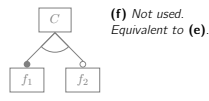
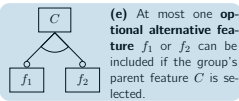
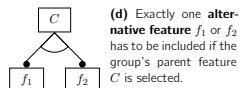
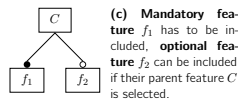
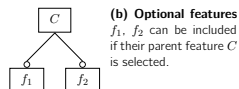
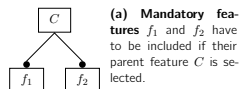
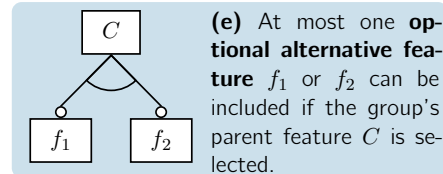
Feature Diagrams – Language

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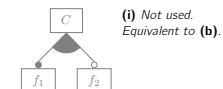
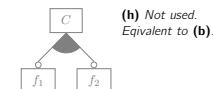
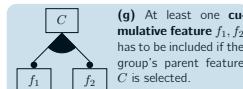
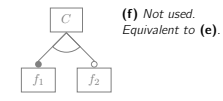
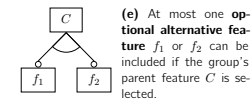
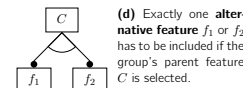
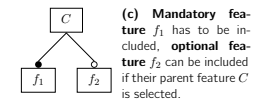
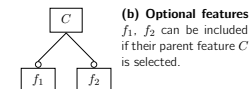
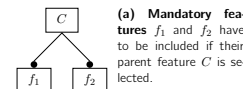
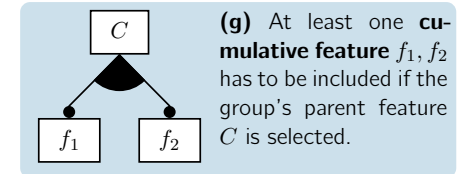


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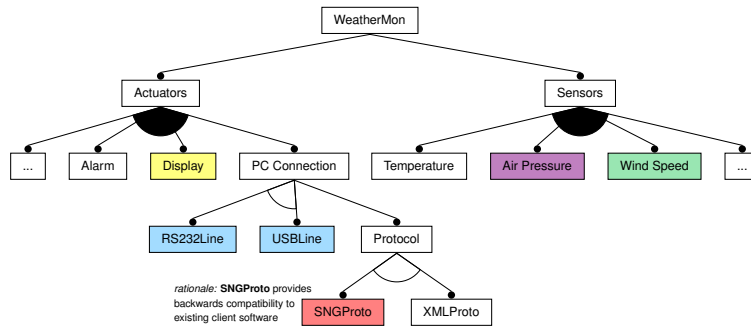
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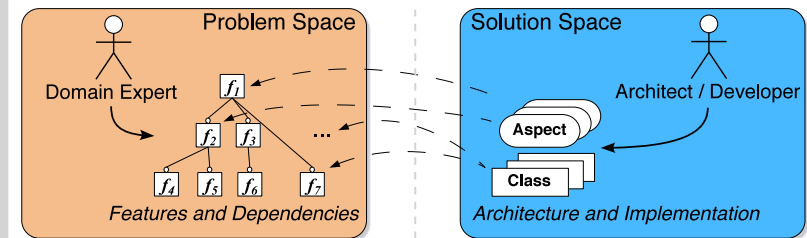
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I4WeatherMon: Feature Model



Challenges



- 1 How to **identify** the actually desired variability?
- 2 How to **express** the intended variability?
- 3 How to **implement** this variability in the code?
- 4 How to **map** variability options to the code?

Agenda

- 2.1 Motivation: The Quest for Variety
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I4WeatherMon: Reference Architecture

Functional decomposition (structure and process):

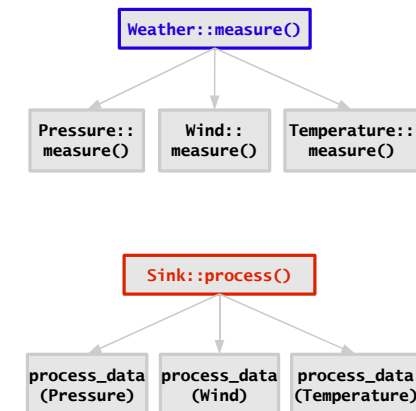
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    Weather data;
    Sink sink;

    while(true) {

        // aquire data
        data.measure();

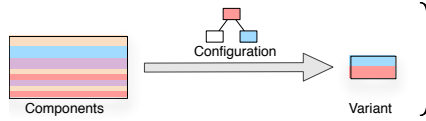
        // process data
        sink.process( data );

        wait();
    }
}
```



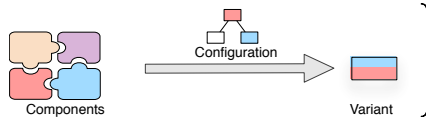
Implementation Techniques: Classification

Decompositional Approaches



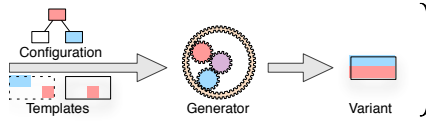
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- Preprocessors

Compositional Approaches



- Language-based composition mechanisms (typed)
- OOP, AOP, Templates

Generative Approaches



- Metamodel-based generation of components (typed)
- MDD, C++ TMP, generators



Implementation Techniques: Goals

General

- 1 Separation of concerns (SoC)
- 2 Resource thriftiness

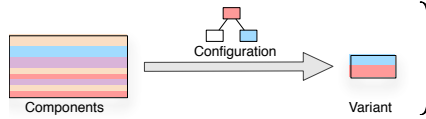
Operational

- 3 Granularity Components should be fine-grained. Each artifact should either be mandatory or dedicated to a single feature only.
- 4 Economy The use of memory/run-time expensive language features should be avoided as far as possible. Decide and bind as much as possible at generation time.
- 5 Pluggability Changing the set of optional features should not require modifications in any other part of the implementation. Feature implements should be able to "integrate themselves".
- 6 Extensibility The same should hold for new optional features, which may be available in a future version of the product line.



Implementation Techniques: The C Preprocessor

Decompositional Approaches



- Text-based filtering (untyped)
- Preprocessors (CPP)

Conditional compilation with the C Preprocessor (CPP) is *the* standard approach to implement static configurability [6]

- Simplicity: the CPP "is just there"
- Economy: CPP-usage does not involve any run-time overhead
- Prominent especially in the domain of system software (Linux 3.2: **85000** `#ifdef` Blocks → **"#ifdef hell"**)



I4WeatherMon (CPP): Implementation (Excerpt)

```

.....
#define I4WeatherMon_VERSION "1.0.0"
#define I4WeatherMon_AUTHOR "Klaus F. Schaefer"
.....
struct weather {
    float temp;
    float hum;
    float wind;
    float pres;
    float rain;
    float cloud;
};

extern weather data;

#define I4WeatherMon_VERSION "1.0.0"
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.....
// The global weather data
weather data = {0};

// helper functions
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.....
// main processing
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int main(void) {
    // initialize the I4WeatherMon system
    I4WeatherMon_Init();

    // start the main loop
    while (1) {
        // read the weather data
        data = I4WeatherMon_Read();

        // process the weather data
        I4WeatherMon_Process();

        // output the weather data
        I4WeatherMon_Write();

        // sleep for some time
        sleep(5);
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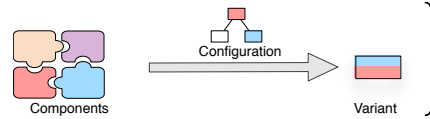
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Implementation Techniques: OOP

Compositional Approaches



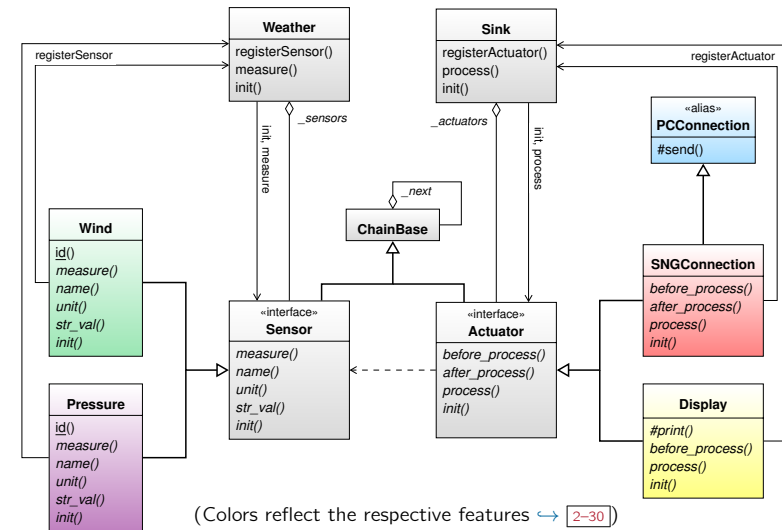
- Language-based composition mechanisms (typed)
- **OOP**, AOP, Templates

Object-oriented programming languages provide means for loose coupling by generalization and OO design patterns

- Interfaces
 - ~ type substitutability (optional/alternative features)
- Observer-Pattern
 - ~ quantification (cumulative feature groups)
- Implicit code execution by global instance construction
 - ~ self integration (optional features)



I4WeatherMon (OOP): Design (Excerpt)



(Colors reflect the respective features ↔ 2-30)



I4WeatherMon (OOP): Evaluation

General

- 1 Separation of concerns (SoC) ✓
- 2 Resource thriftiness ?

Operational

- 3 Granularity ✓
 - Every component is either a base class or implements functionality of a single feature only.
- 4 Economy (✓)
 - Run-time binding and run-time type information is used only where necessary to achieve SoC.
- 5 Pluggability ✓
 - Sensors and actuators integrate themselves by design patterns and global instance construction.
- 6 Extensibility ✓
 - "Plug & Play" of sensor and actuator implementations.



I4WeatherMon: CPP vs. OOP – Footprint



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variant	version	text	data	bss	stack	= flash	= RAM	time (ms)
Air Pressure, Display	C	1392	30	7	34	1422	71	1.21
	AO	1430	30	10	38	1460	78	1.21
	OO	2460	100	22	44	2560	166	1.29
Air Pressure, Display, RS232Line, XMLProto	C	1578	104	7	34	1682	145	60.40
	AO	1622	104	12	38	1726	154	59.20
	OO	3008	206	26	44	3214	276	60.80
Air Pressure, Wind Speed, Display	C	1686	38	14	55	1724	107	2.96
	AO	1748	38	18	61	1786	117	2.96
	OO	3020	146	33	65	3166	244	3.08
Temperature, Display	C	2378	28	8	34	2406	70	1.74
	AO	2416	28	11	38	2444	77	1.73
	OO	3464	98	23	44	3562	165	1.82
Temperature, Wind Speed, Air Pressure, RS232Line, XMLProto	C	2804	90	17	35	2894	142	76.40
	AO	2858	90	23	41	2948	154	76.40
	OO	4388	248	39	41	4636	328	76.40
Temperature, Wind Speed, Air Pressure, RS232Line, XMLProto, Display	C	3148	122	17	57	3270	196	79.60
	AO	3262	122	24	63	3384	209	77.60
	OO	5008	300	44	67	5308	411	80.00



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Root of the problem:

With OOP we have to use **dynamic** language concepts to achieve loose coupling of **static** decisions.
 ↪ **AOP** as an alternative.



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