Software Variability and Artificial Intelligence

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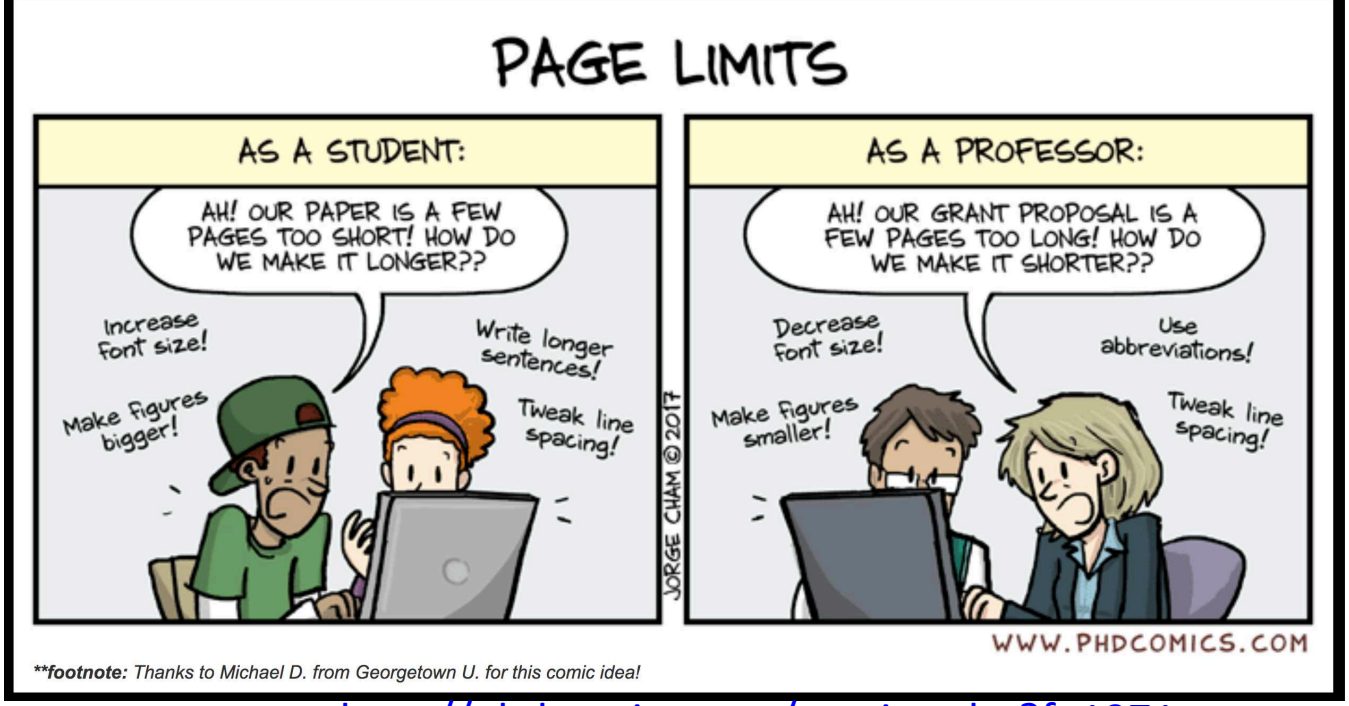
- Slides for the EJCP 2018 course
  - ~French summer school for PhD candidates in programming, verification, software engineering, etc.
- Abstract: *Most modern software systems are subject to variation or come in many variants. Web browsers like Firefox or Chrome are available on different operating systems, in different languages, while users can configure 2000+ preferences or install numerous 3rd parties extensions (or plugins). Web servers like Apache, operating systems like the Linux kernel, or a video encoder like x264 are other examples of software systems that are highly configurable at compile-time or at run-time for delivering the expected functionality andmeeting the various desires of users. Variability ("the ability of a software system or artifact to be efficiently extended, changed,customized or configured for use in a particular context") is therefore a crucial property of software systems. Organizations capable of mastering variability can deliver high-quality variants (or products) in a short amount of time and thus attract numerous customers, new use-cases or usage contexts. A hard problem for end-users or software developers is to master the combinatorial explosion induced by variability: Hundreds of configuration options can be combined, each potentially with distinct functionality and effects on execution time, memory footprint, quality of the result, etc. The first part of this course will introduce variability-intensive systems, their applications and challenges, in various software contexts. We will use intuitive examples (like a generator of LaTeX paper variants) and real-world systems (like the Linux kernel). A second objective of this course is to show the relevance of Artificial Intelligence (AI) techniques for exploring and taming such enormous variability spaces. In particular, we will introduce how (1) satisfiability and constraint programming solvers can be used to properly model and reason about variability; (2) how machine learning can be used to discover constraints and predict the variability behavior of configurable systems or software product lines.*
- https://ejcp2018.sciencesconf.org/resource/page/id/5
- I had 45 minutes + 105 minutes (less than 3 hours)
- Some results have not been published yet



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VaryLaTeX: Learning Paper Variants That Meet Constraints

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Successfully submitted for VaMoS'18

(on time and meeting formatting instructions)

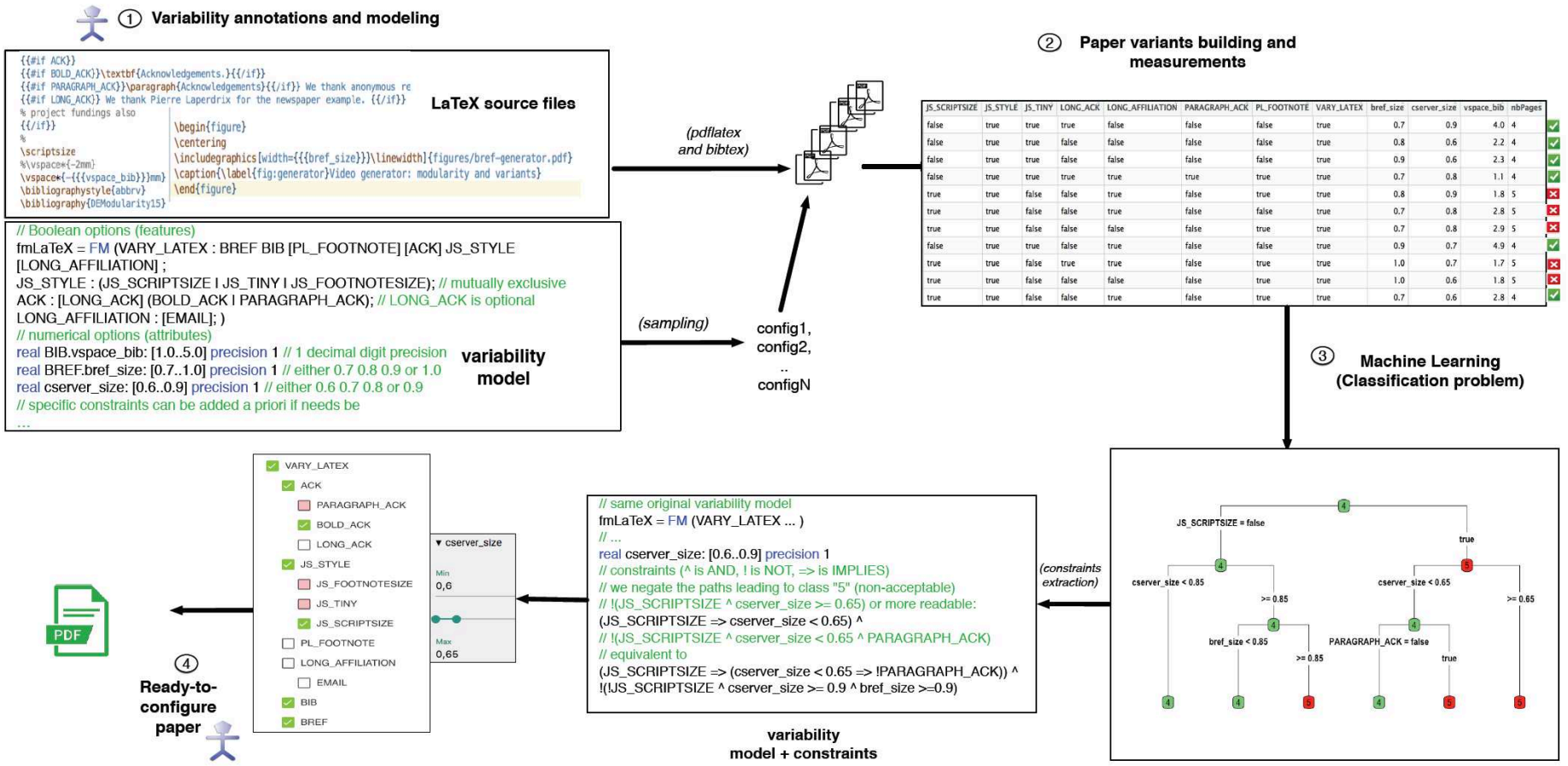
and then accepted

(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)
- Curiculum vitae generation
  - 18 pages limit; 5 Boolean options; full generation, only 32 papers (not need to learn here)

Process


① Variability annotations and modeling
LaTeX source files
(pdflatex and bibtex)
② Paper variants building and measurements
variability model
(sampling)
config1,
config2,
..
configN
③ Machine Learning (Classification problem)
(constraints extraction)
variability model + constraints
④ Ready-to-configure paper
PDF

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

① **Variability annotations and modeling**

LaTeX source files

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\begin{figure}
\centering
\includegraphics[width={{{bref_size}}}\linewidth]{figures/bref-generator.pdf}
\caption{\label{fig:generator}Video generator: modularity and variants}
\end{figure}
```

variability model

```
// Boolean options (features)
fmLaTeX = FM (VARY_LATEX : BREF BIB [PL_FOOTNOTE] [ACK] JS_STYLE
[LONG_AFFILIATION] ;
JS_STYLE : (JS_SCRIPTSIZE | JS_TINY | JS_FOOTNOTESIZE); // mutually exclusive
ACK : [LONG_ACK] (BOLD_ACK | PARAGRAPH_ACK); // LONG_ACK is optional
LONG_AFFILIATION : [EMAIL]; )
// numerical options (attributes)
real BIB.vspace_bib: [1.0..5.0] precision 1 // 1 decimal digit precision
real BREF.bref_size: [0.7..1.0] precision 1 // either 0.7 0.8 0.9 or 1.0
real cserver_size: [0.6..0.9] precision 1 // either 0.6 0.7 0.8 or 0.9
// specific constraints can be added a priori if needs be
…
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AI#2 Statistical, supervised machine learning (classification problem)

Paper variants building and measurements

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alse	false	false	false	true	0.8	0.6	2.2	4	✓
alse	false	false	false	true	0.9	0.6	2.3	4	✓
rue	true	true	true	true	0.7	0.8	1.1	4	✓
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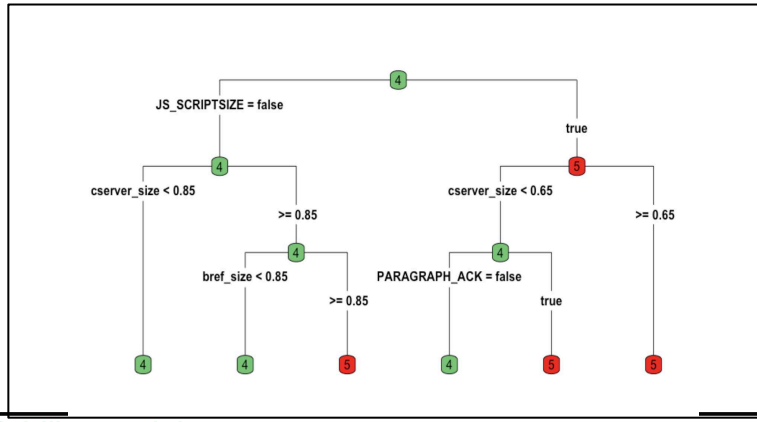
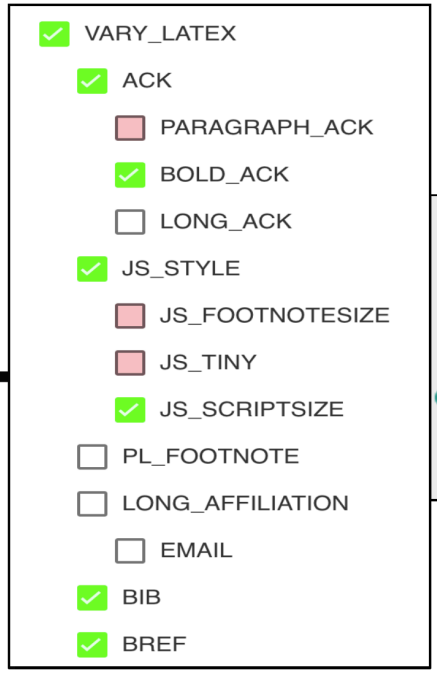
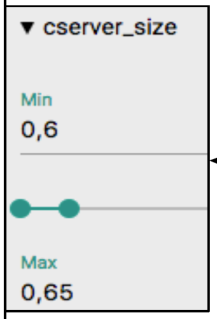
#AI1 + #AI2

Specialization of the variability model








```
// same original variability model
fmLaTeX = FM (VARY_LATEX ... )
// ...
real cserver_size: [0.6..0.9] precision 1
// constraints (^ is AND, ! is NOT, => is IMPLIES)
// we negate the paths leading to class "5" (non-acceptable)
// !(JS_SCRIPTSIZE ^ cserver_size >= 0.65) or more readable:
(JS_SCRIPTSIZE => cserver_size < 0.65) ^
// !(JS_SCRIPTSIZE ^ cserver_size < 0.65 ^ PARAGRAPH_ACK)
// equivalent to
(JS_SCRIPTSIZE => (cserver_size < 0.65 => !PARAGRAPH_ACK)) ^
!(!JS_SCRIPTSIZE ^ cserver_size >= 0.9 ^ bref_size >=0.9)
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variability

https://github.com/FAMILIAR-project/varylatex/

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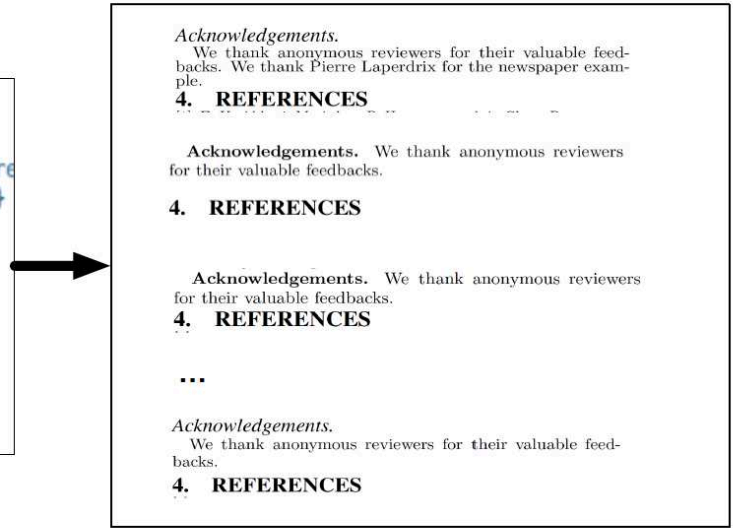

Variability and LaTeX source files

Paper variants (PDF)

(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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\begin{figure}
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\end{figure}
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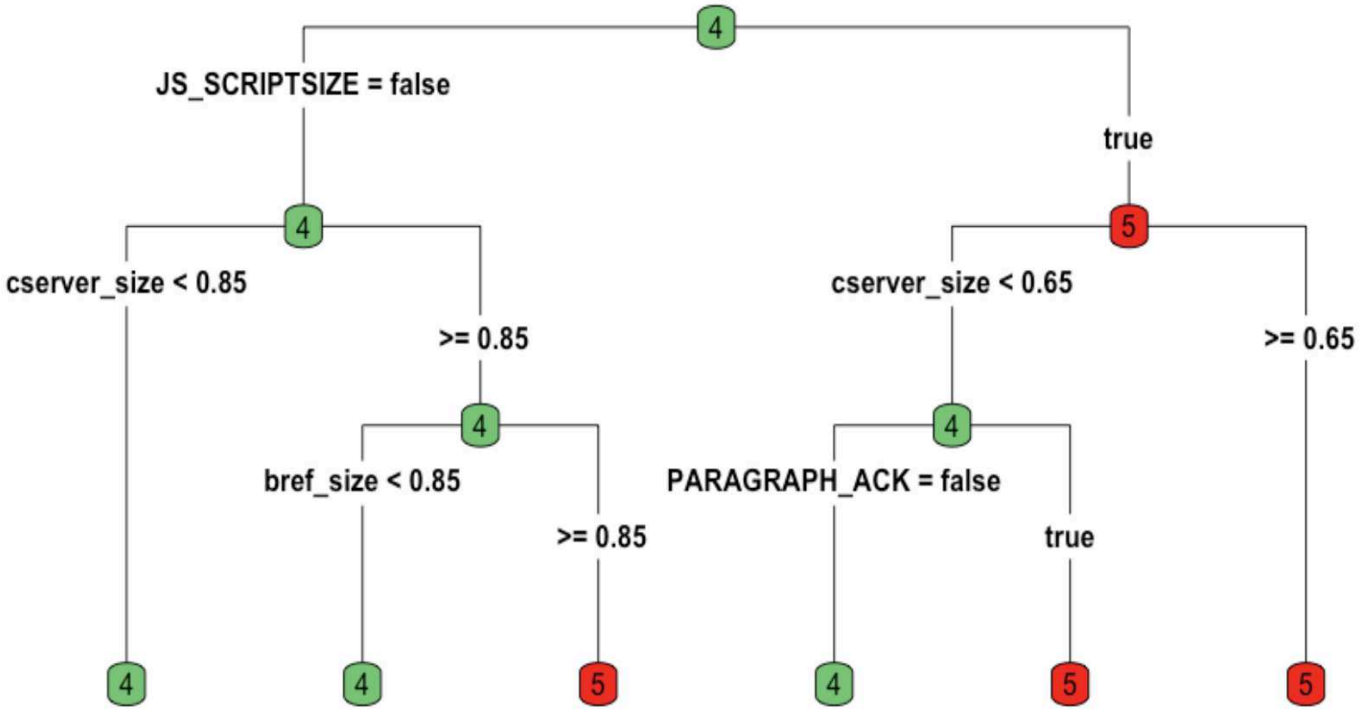
(b) Users can vary the font size of a code snippet, activate a footnote, vary the font size of a figure, *etc.*

Classification tree



Agenda

- Software Variability: An Overview
  - VaryLaTeX
  - Linux, video generator, 3D printing, etc.
  - Testing 26K+ configurations of JHipster
- AI1: Modeling and Reasoning about Variability
  - Feature models: syntax, semantics, and logics
- AI2: Learning Variability
  - Statistical supervised machine learning
- AI for fitting Software Variability

VaryLaTeX

an instance of a more general problem

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

Variability

- "the **ability** of a software system or artifact to be efficiently extended, changed, customized or configured for use in a particular context" (Svahnberg et al. 2005)
  - software/**customization** perspective

- Terminology
  - Software product lines, configurable systems, variability-intensive systems
  - Options, features, variation points

Software Variability

- Configurable system

VaryLaTeX

- Configuration options (aka software features)

template variables of a LaTeX file

- Variants

LaTeX source and PDF variants (papers)

- Large variability spaces

73,440 possible variants

Software Variability

- Configurable system

Linux operating system

- Configuration options (aka software features)

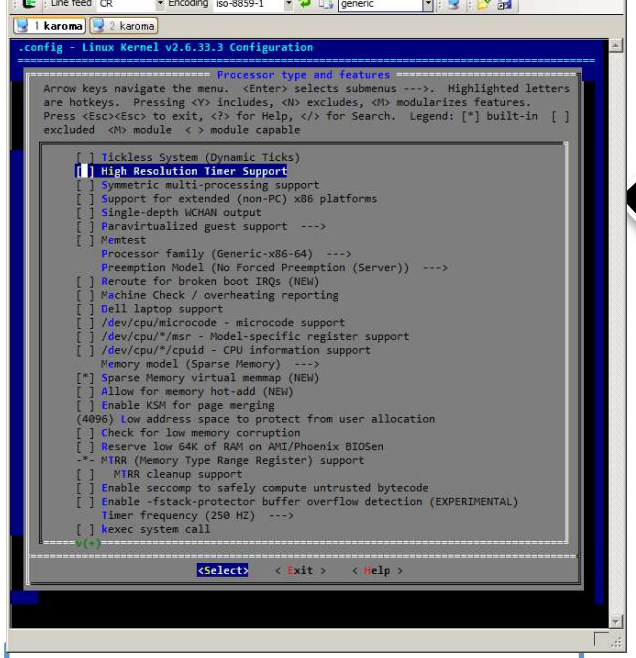
conditional compilation (#ifdef) in C files

- Variants

Linux kernel variants

- Large variability spaces

16,000 options (~“yes”, “no”, “module”)



Linux Kernel

Software Variability

- Configurable system

Firefox web browser

- Configuration options (aka software features)

feature flags (about:config)

- Variants

Firefox behavior (e.g., security)

- Large variability spaces

2000+ options (Boolean, categorical, numeric)

Software Variability

- Configurable system

Scikit

- Configuration options (aka software features)

Hyper-parameters

- Variants

Machine learning algorithm behavior

- Large variability spaces

Dozens of options (Boolean, categorical, numerical)

Software Variability

- Configurable system

x264 video encoder

- Configuration options (aka software features)

command line parameters

- Variants

x264 behavior (different outputs, execution time, etc.)

- Large variability spaces

Dozens of options (Boolean, categorical, numeric)

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

40 seconds

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> DRIVING	
☐ Electric door mirrors	£0.00
> SAFETY & SECURITY	
☑ ESC (Electronic Stability Control) with traction and understeer control	£200.00

"Reverse Engineering Web Configurators" Ebrahim Khalil Abbasi, Mathieu Acher, Patrick Heymans, and Anthony Cleve. In 17th European Conference on Software Maintenance and Reengineering (CSMR'14)

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LE PLIAGE CUIR | LE PLIAGE TOILE

MODÈLES

- Porte-monnaie Toile
- Pochette Toile
- Sac Taille 1 Toile
- Sac Taille 2 Toile
- Sac Taille 3 Toile
- Sac Taille 4 Toile

COULEUR RECTO

COULEUR VERSO

BOUCLERIE

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VOTRE PERSONNALISATION

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Adobe After Effects plugin that can extract any object in an image

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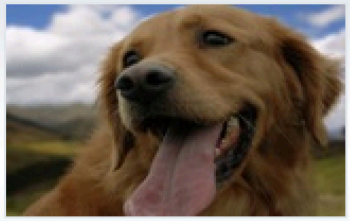

Gridus 1.1 update

Helps you generate perspective grids

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Quickly generate multi-frame photos using your Mac

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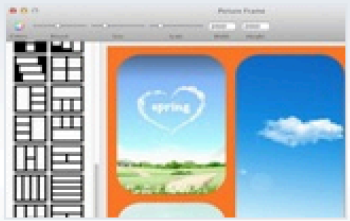

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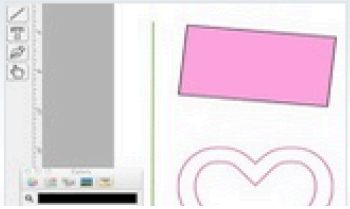
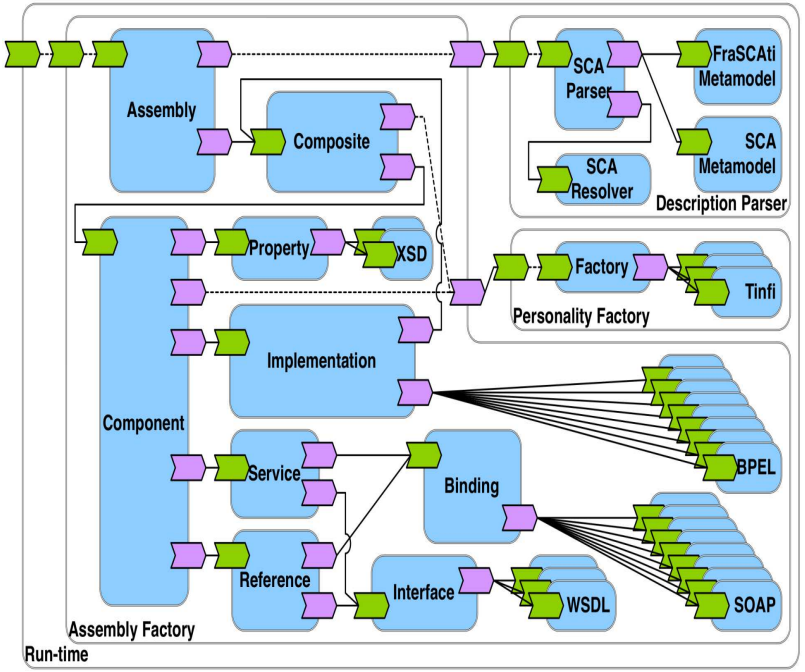


« Feature Model Extraction from Large Collections of Informal Product Descriptions »
Jean-Marc Davril, Edouard Delfosse, Negar Hariri, Mathieu Acher, Jane Cleland-Huang, Patrick Heymans (ESEC/FSE'13)



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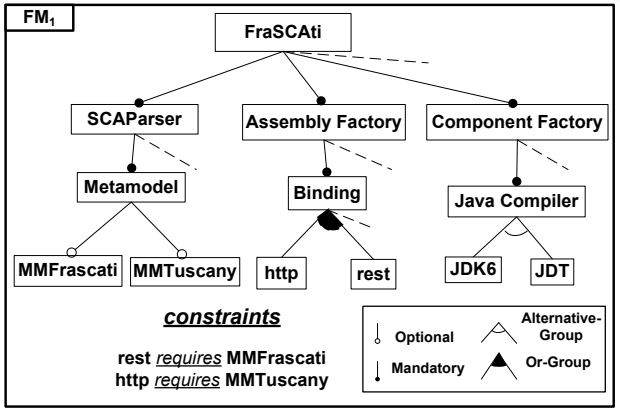

Variability Model

« Extraction and Evolution of Architectural Variability Models in Plugin-based Systems »
Mathieu Acher, Anthony Cleve, Philippe Collet, Philippe Merle, Laurence Duchien, Philippe Lahire ECSA/SoSyM'14

Printer Firmware

Brand	Model name	Sensor size	Effective megapixels	Lens mount	Viewfinder type	Viewfinder coverage (% of the frame)	Metering zones	Focus points	Lowest ISO	Highest ISO	DxOMark sensor score	DxO ISO perfor-mance[1]
Canon	1D X	Full frame	18.1	EF	Pentaprism	100	252	61	50	204800	82	2786
Canon	1Ds Mark III	Full frame	21.1				63	45	50	3200	80	1663
Canon	1D Mark IV	APS-H	16.1				63	45	50	102400	74	1320
Canon	5D Mark III	Full frame	22.3				63	61	50	102400	81	2293
Canon	5D Mark II	Full frame	21.1				35	9	50	25600	79	1815
Canon	6D	Full frame	20.2				63	11	100	102400	82	2340
Canon	7D	APS-C	18.0				63	19	100	12800	66	854
Canon	70D	APS-C	20.2				63	19	100	25600	68	926
Canon	60D	APS-C	18.0				63	9	100	12800	66	813
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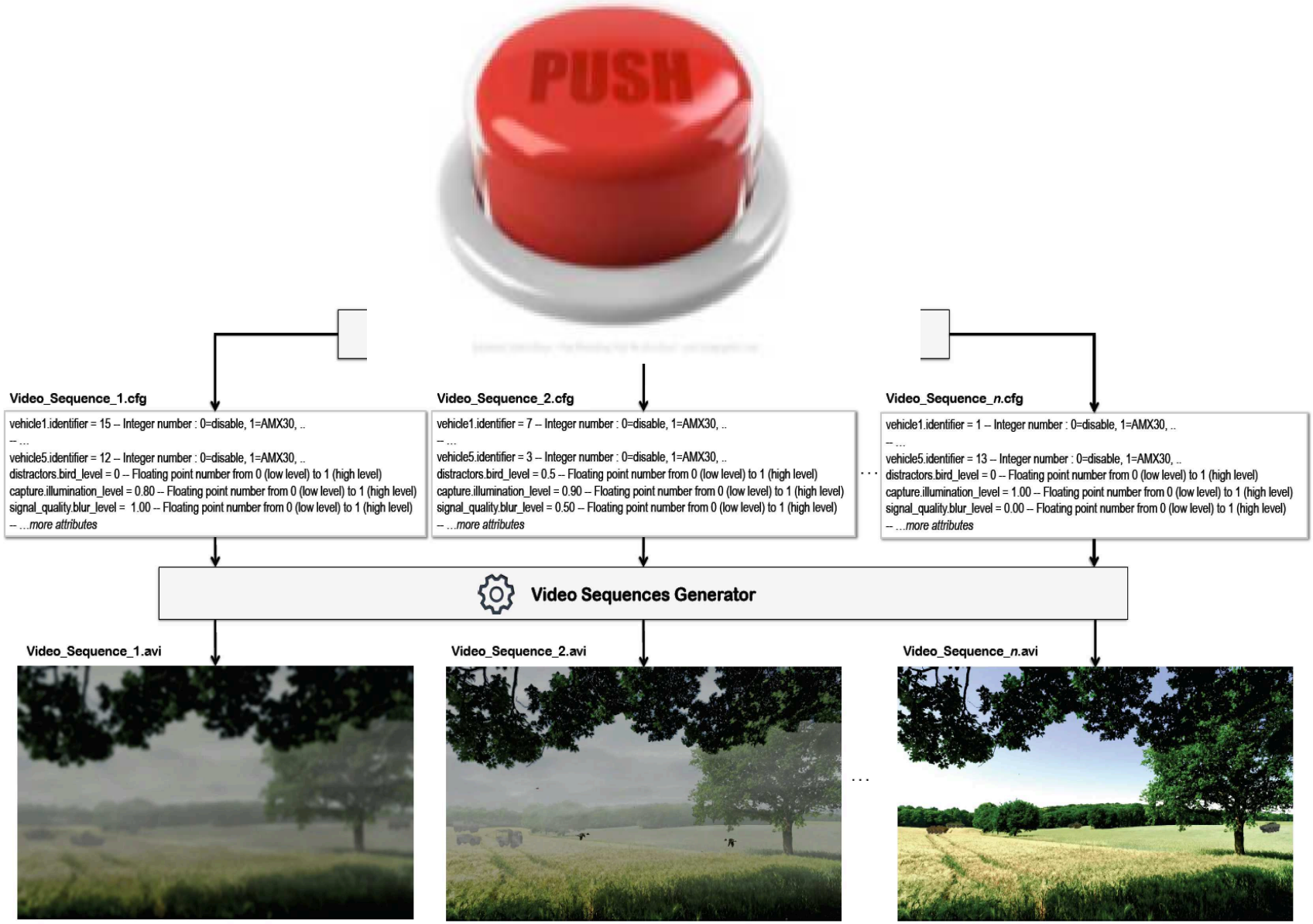
Canon	30D	APS-C	8.2	EF, EF-S	Pentaprism	95	35	9	100	3200	59	736
Canon	20D	APS-C	8.2	EF, EF-S	Pentaprism	95	35	9	100	3200	62	721

Guillaume Bécan, Nicolas Sannier, Mathieu Acher, Olivier Barais, Arnaud Blouin, and Benoit Baudry. Automating the Formalization of Product Comparison Matrices (2014). In 29th IEEE/ACM International Conference on Automated Software Engineering (ASE'14)



José A. Galindo, Mauricio Alférez, Mathieu Acher, Benoit Baudry, David Benavides:
A variability-based testing approach for synthesizing video sequences. ISSTA 2014:

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/* [Customize body] */

//Set the outside length of your pencil box.
length=190;//[70:400]
//Set the outside depth of your pencil box.
depth=70;//[50:400]
//Set the total height of your pencil box.  The top of the box is set at 15mm.
//Extra height is added to the body section.
height=40;//[40:150]

//Choose divider orientation.  Long is for the X direction.
long = 1;//[0,1,2]
//Short is for the Y direction.
short = 2;//[0,1,2,3]
//When you have 2 long dividers,
// picking yes here will put short dividers in the center section.
center = 0;//[1:Yes,0:No]
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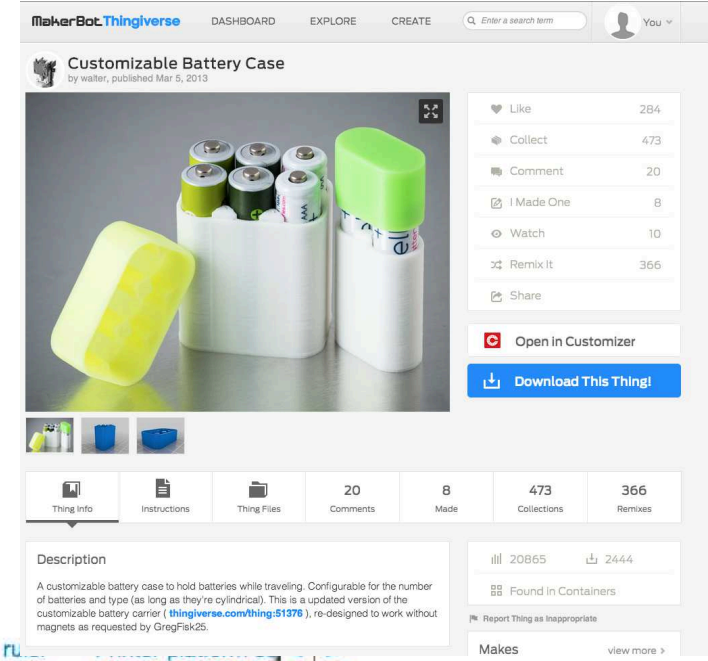

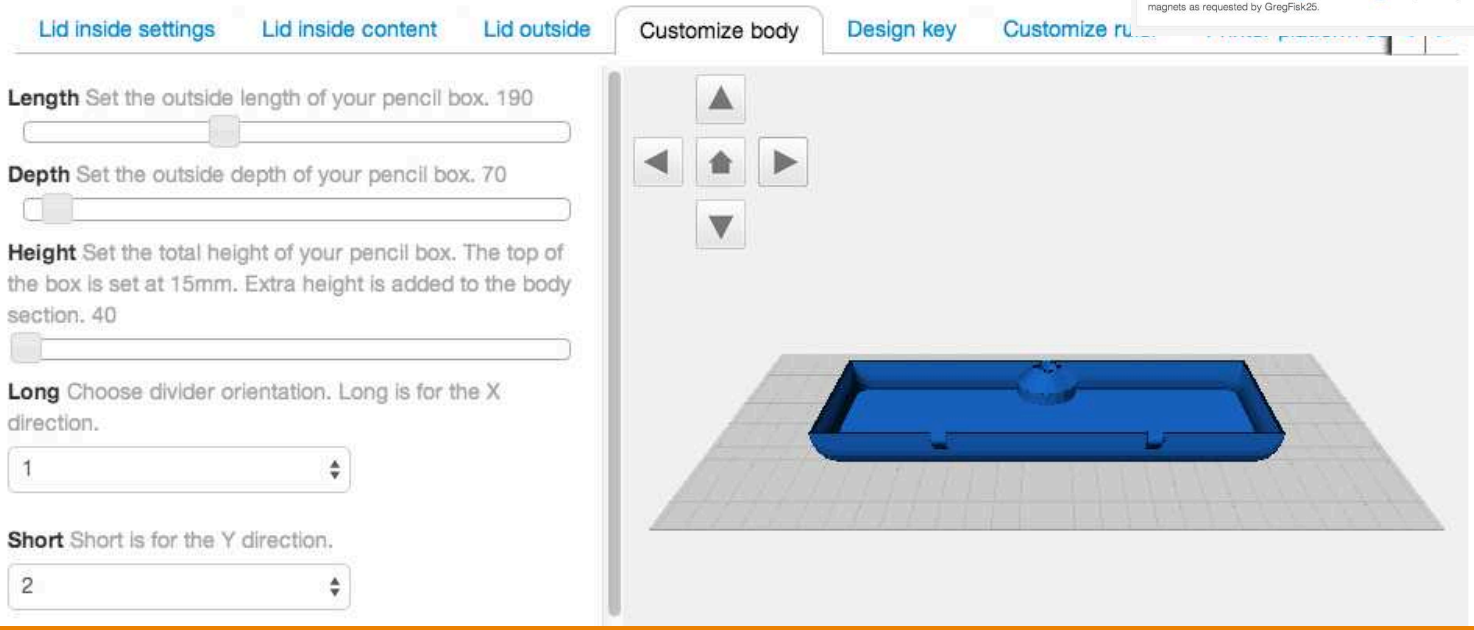

Mathieu Acher, Benoit Baudry, Olivier Barais, Jean-Marc Jézéquel:
Customization and 3D printing: a challenging playground for software product lines.
SPLC 2014: 142-146

Case study: JHipster

- Web-apps generator
  - Spring-Boot
  - Bootstrap / AngularJS
  - 100 % Open Source

- Yeoman
  - Bower, npm
  - yo
- Used all over the world
  - Large companies (HBO, Google, Adobe)[1]
  - Independent developers
  - Our students
- GitHub
  - 6000+ stars
  - 118 releases (JHipster 3.6.1, 18 Aug 2016)
  - 300+ contributors

[1] https://jhipster.github.io/companies-using-jhipster/

JHipster

```
macher-wifi:getting-started macher1$ yo jhipster

I'm all done. Running npm install & bower install for you to install the required dependencies.

Welcome to the JHipster Generator v2.17.0

? (1/15) What is the base name of your application? jhipster
? (2/15) What is your default Java package name? com.mycompany.myapp
? (3/15) Do you want to use Java 8? Yes (use Java 8)
? (4/15) Which *type* of authentication would you like to use? (Use arrow keys)
> HTTP Session Authentication (stateful, default Spring Security mechanism)
  OAuth2 Authentication (stateless, with an OAuth2 server implementation)
  Token-based authentication (stateless, with a token)
```

jdubois 2 days ago Use Spring Boot's configuration meta-data

9 contributors 

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1  package <%=packageName%>.config;
2  <% if (databaseType == 'sql') { %>
3  import <%=packageName%>.config.liquibase.AsyncSpringLiquibase;
4  import com.codahale.metrics.MetricRegistry;
5  import com.fasterxml.jackson.datatype.hibernate4.Hibernate4Module;
6  import com.zaxxer.hikari.HikariConfig;
7  import com.zaxxer.hikari.HikariDataSource;
8  import liquibase.integration.spring.SpringLiquibase;<% } %><% if (databaseType == 'mongodb' && authenticationType == 'oauth2') { %
9  import <%=packageName%>.config.oauth2.OAuth2AuthenticationReadConverter;<% } %><% if (databaseType == 'mongodb') { %>
10 import com.mongodb.Mongo;
11 import org.mongeez.Mongeez;<% } %>
12 import org.slf4j.Logger;
13 import org.slf4j.LoggerFactory;<% if (databaseType == 'sql') { %><% if (hibernateCache == 'hazelcast') { %>
14 import org.springframework.cache.CacheManager;<% } %>
15 import org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Autowired;
16 import org.springframework.boot.autoconfigure.condition.ConditionalOnExpression;<% } %><% if (databaseType == 'mongodb') { %>
17 import org.springframework.boot.autoconfigure.mongo.MongoAutoConfiguration;
18 import org.springframework.boot.autoconfigure.mongo.MongoProperties;<% } %><% if (databaseType == 'sql') { %>
19 import org.springframework.boot.autoconfigure.jdbc.DataSourceProperties;
20 import org.springframework.boot.autoconfigure.liquibase.LiquibaseProperties;
21 import org.springframework.context.ApplicationContextException;<% } %>
22 import org.springframework.context.annotation.Bean;
23 import org.springframework.context.annotation.Configuration;
24 import org.springframework.context.annotation.Profile;<% if (databaseType == 'mongodb') { %>
25 import org.springframework.context.annotation.Import;<% } %><% if (databaseType == 'sql') { %>
26 import org.springframework.core.env.Environment;<% } %><% if (databaseType == 'mongodb' && authenticationType == 'oauth2') { %>
27 import org.springframework.core.convert.converter.Converter;<% } %><% if (databaseType == 'mongodb') { %>
28 import org.springframework.core.io.ClassPathResource;<% } %><% if (searchEngine == 'elasticsearch') { %>
29 import org.springframework.data.elasticsearch.repository.config.EnableElasticsearchRepositories;<% } %><% if (databaseType == 'mon
30 import org.springframework.data.mongodb.config.AbstractMongoConfiguration;
31 import org.springframework.data.mongodb.config.EnableMongoAuditing;<% } %><% if (databaseType == 'mongodb' && authenticationType =
32 import org.springframework.data.mongodb.core.convert.CustomConversions;<% } %><% if (databaseType == 'mongodb') { %>
33 import org.springframework.data.mongodb.core.mapping.event.ValidatingMongoEventListener;
34 import org.springframework.data.mongodb.repository.config.EnableMongoRepositories;
35 import org.springframework.validation.beanvalidation.LocalValidatorFactoryBean;<% } %><% if (databaseType == 'sql') { %>
```

Software Variability: Problems

- **Very large variability spaces**
- Software developers: How to ensure that all software variants are “valid”?

```
From: Evgeny Kuznetsov <ext-eugeny.kuznetsov@nokia.com>

Value of "isr_reg" pointer is depend on configuration and GPIO method.
Potentially it may have NULL value and it is dereferenced later
in code. If pointer is NULL there is some kernel issue.
Warning and exit from function are added in this case.
Also compilation check is added for correct architecture
configuration.

Signed-off-by: Evgeny Kuznetsov <EXT-Eugeny.Kuznetsov@nokia.com>
---
 arch/arm/plat-omap/gpio.c |   18 ++++++++++++++++++
 1 files changed, 18 insertions(+), 0 deletions(-)

diff --git a/arch/arm/plat-omap/gpio.c b/arch/arm/plat-omap/gpio.c
index c05c653..d04913c 100644
--- a/arch/arm/plat-omap/gpio.c
+++ b/arch/arm/plat-omap/gpio.c
@@ -1318,6 +1318,23 @@ static void gpio_irq_handler(unsigned int irq, s
        if (bank->method == METHOD_GPIO_44XX)
                isr_reg = bank->base + OMAP4_GPIO_IRQSTATUS0;
 #endif
+
+#if !defined(CONFIG_ARCH_OMAP1) &&             \
+               !defined(CONFIG_ARCH_OMAP15XX) &&       \
+               !defined(CONFIG_ARCH_OMAP16XX) &&       \
+               !defined(CONFIG_ARCH_OMAP730) &&        \
+               !defined(CONFIG_ARCH_OMAP850) &&        \
+               !defined(CONFIG_ARCH_OMAP2) &&  \
+               !defined(CONFIG_ARCH_OMAP3) &&  \
+               !defined(CONFIG_ARCH_OMAP4)
+
+#error "Incorrect arch configuration"
+
+#endif
```

Software Variability

Software is working (sometimes)

- yes but perhaps for one specific configuration (the default one)
- is it working for **all configurations**?

```
? (3/15) Which *type* of authentication would you like to use? (Use arrow keys)
❯ HTTP Session Authentication (stateful, default Spring Security mechanism)
  HTTP Session Authentication with social login enabled (Google, Facebook, Twitter).
  OAuth2 Authentication (stateless, with an OAuth2 server implementation)
  Token-based authentication (stateless, with a token)
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? (7/15) Do you want to use Hibernate 2nd level cache?
  No
  Yes, with ehcache (local cache, for a single node)
❯ Yes, with HazelCast (distributed cache, for multiple nodes)
```

At each modification/commit/push/release, do you test all configurations?

- No and you certainly have very good reasons
  - needs lots of resources (machines!); don't want to burn the planet
  - needs an engineering effort to instrument testing of all configurations
  - the number of configurations is too important (eg 2^16000 for Linux)

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```
44      @Autowired(required = false)
45  +   private MetricRegistry metricRegistry;<% if (clusteredHttpSession == 'hazelcast' || hibernateCache == 'hazelcast') { %>
```

```
75              FilterRegistration.Dynamic hazelcastWebFilter = servletContext.addFilter("hazelcastWebFilter", new
    SpringAwareWebFilter());
76              Map<String, String> parameters = new HashMap<>();
77  +           parameters.put("instance-name", hazelcastInstance.getName());
78              // Name of the distributed map storing your web session objects
79              parameters.put("map-name", "clustered-http-sessions");
80
```

At each modification/commit/push/release, do you test all configurations?

- No since too much resources and effort (impossible and unpractical)
- **“Sampling”** techniques (subset of configurations)
  - Apel et al. ICSE’16, Kaestner et al. ICSE’14 and ASE’16, Ana B. Sánchez et al. SoSyM 2017, Perrouin et al. ICST’10, Cohen et al. TSE’06, Henard et al. TSE’14, etc.
    - Many papers at SPLC, FSE, ASE, ICSE, ESE, TSE on this topic

What is the cost-effective sampling strategy to test configurations of a system?

Is it Worth testing All Configurations?

Testing with the community

ALL

Sampling

- We have tested all configurations of an industrial-strength, open-source generator (Jhipster)
- 26K+ configurations, 4376 hours/machine, 8 man/month
- "Ground truth" allows us to *precisely* assess sampling

36% failures explained by 6 feature interactions (faults)

- What is the most cost-effective sampling strategy?
  - T-wise or dissimilarity are very effective
  - **with "only" 126 configurations you can detect all 6 most important faults**

Axel Halin, Alexandre Nuttinck, Mathieu Acher, Xavier Devroey, Gilles Perrouin, Benoit Baudry. Test them all, is it worth it? Assessing configuration sampling on the JHipster Web development stack (2018). In Empirical Software Engineering journal

Software Variability: Problems

- **Very large variability spaces**
- Software users: How to choose the configuration that fits my requirements?

x264 --longhelp | wc -l

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```
    --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]
    --cqmfile <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
```

Software Variability and Artificial Intelligence

- **Very large variability spaces**
- **AI#1** Abstraction/languages to formally and efficiently reason about configuration spaces
  - with SAT/CSP/SMT solvers
  - Eg constrained sampling
- **AI#2** Statistical machine learning to (out of a sample):
  - Understand the configuration space
  - Find the best configuration
  - Specialize the configuration space (e.g., by capturing constraints)
  - In a cost-effective way
- Humans (developers, end-users, integrator, scientists, etc.) and machines

(end of the first part)

Modeling Variability

- Very large variability spaces
- **AI#1 Abstraction/languages to formally and efficiently reason about configuration spaces**
  - with SAT/CSP/SMT solvers
  - Eg constrained sampling
- Variability Models
  - Elaborated by humans
  - Reverse engineered from existing artefacts/systems
  - Promise: sound and complete representation of the configuration space

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

① **Variability annotations and modeling**

LaTeX source files

```
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{{#if PARAGRAPH_ACK}}\paragraph{Acknowledgements}{{/if}} We thank anonymous re
{{#if LONG_ACK}} We thank Pierre Laperdrix for the newspaper example. {{/if}}
% project fundings also
{{/if}}
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\begin{figure}
\centering
\includegraphics[width={{{bref_size}}}\linewidth]{figures/bref-generator.pdf}
\caption{\label{fig:generator}Video generator: modularity and variants}
\end{figure}
```

variability model

```
// Boolean options (features)
fmLaTeX = FM (VARY_LATEX : BREF BIB [PL_FOOTNOTE] [ACK] JS_STYLE
[LONG_AFFILIATION] ;
JS_STYLE : (JS_SCRIPTSIZE | JS_TINY | JS_FOOTNOTESIZE); // mutually exclusive
ACK : [LONG_ACK] (BOLD_ACK | PARAGRAPH_ACK); // LONG_ACK is optional
LONG_AFFILIATION : [EMAIL]; )
// numerical options (attributes)
real BIB.vspace_bib: [1.0..5.0] precision 1 // 1 decimal digit precision
real BREF.bref_size: [0.7..1.0] precision 1 // either 0.7 0.8 0.9 or 1.0
real cserver_size: [0.6..0.9] precision 1 // either 0.6 0.7 0.8 or 0.9
// specific constraints can be added a priori if needs be
…
```

Linux

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

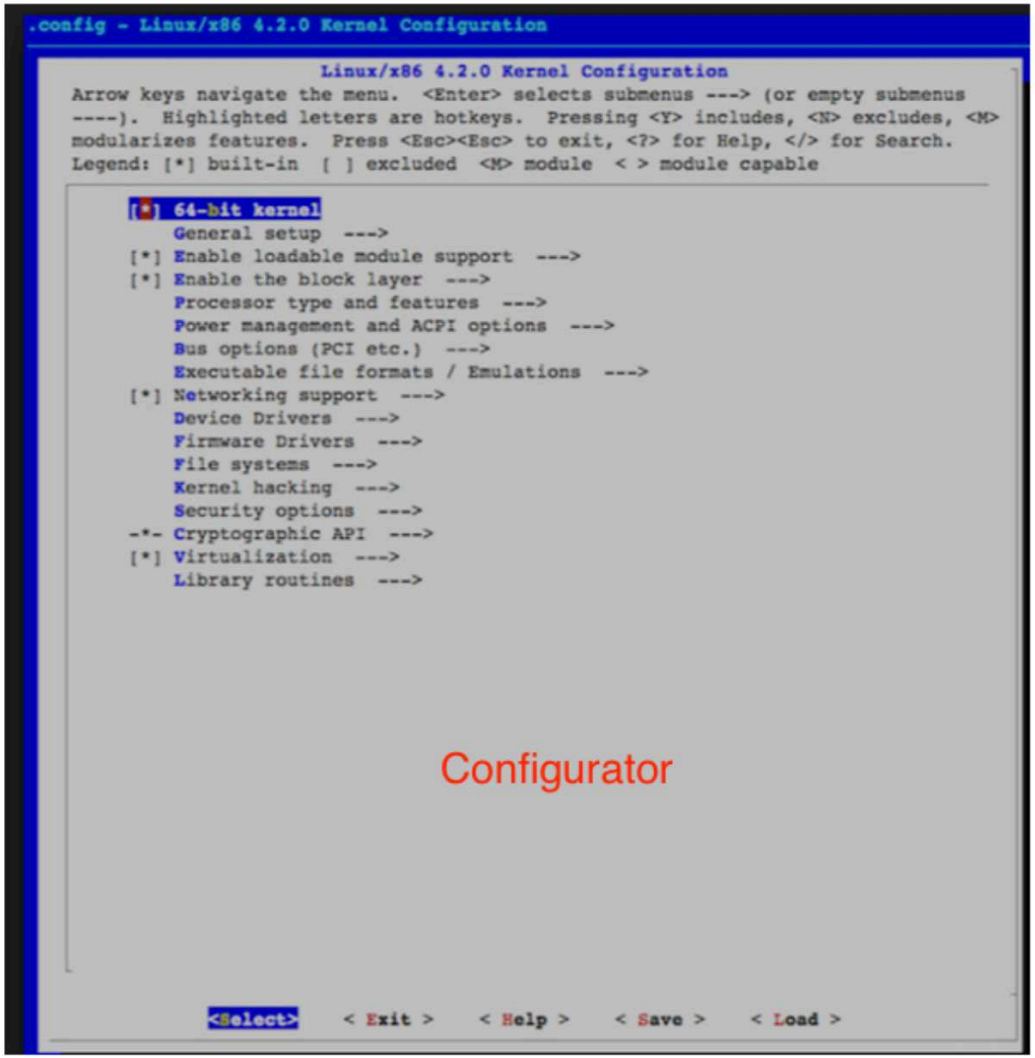
config BUG
	bool "BUG() support" if EXPERT
	default y
	help
	  Disabling this option eliminates support for BUG and WARN, reducing
	  the size of your kernel image and potentially quietly ignoring
	  numerous fatal conditions. You should only consider disabling this
	  option for embedded systems with 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 by used
	  by some high performance threaded applications. Disabling
	  this option saves about 7k.

[...]
```



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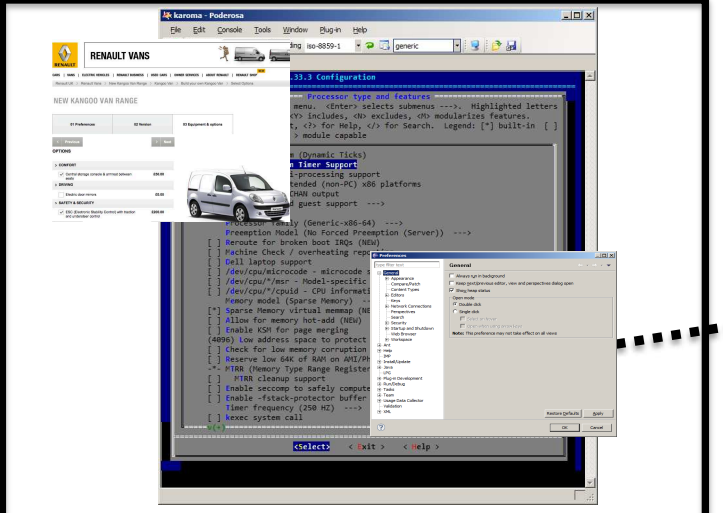
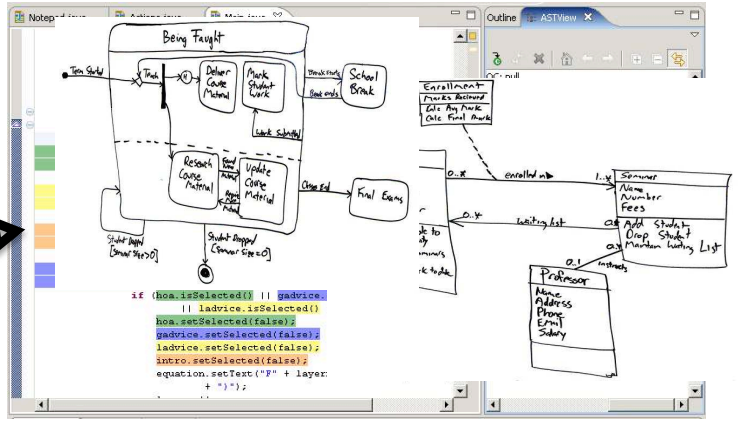


Variability Model

mapping



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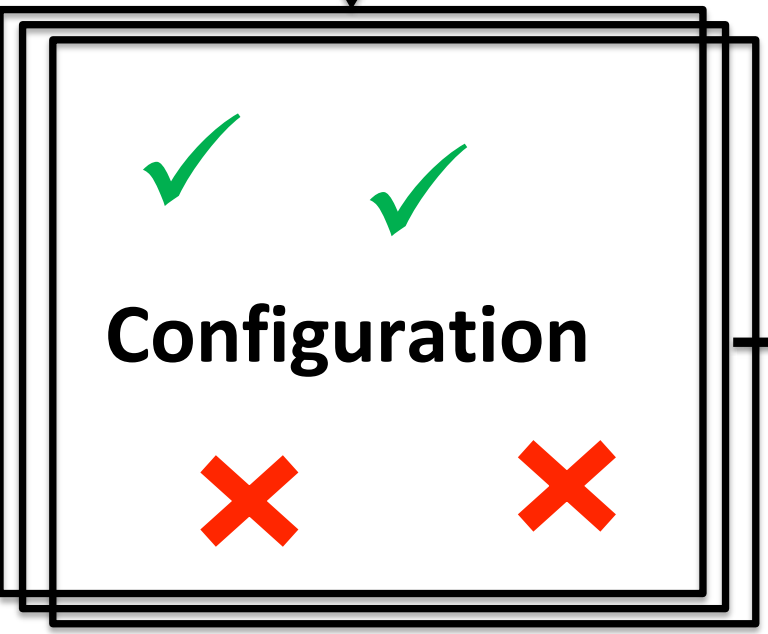


Configuration

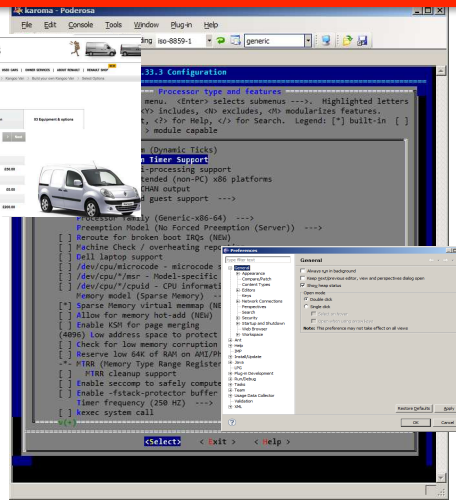
Software Generator
(derivation engine)

Simple question:
what are the constraints over WORLD and BYE?

```
#include <stdio.h>

#ifdef WORLD
char * msg = "Hello World\n";
#endif
#ifdef BYE
char * msg = "Bye bye!\n";
#endif

main() {
  printf(msg);
}
```



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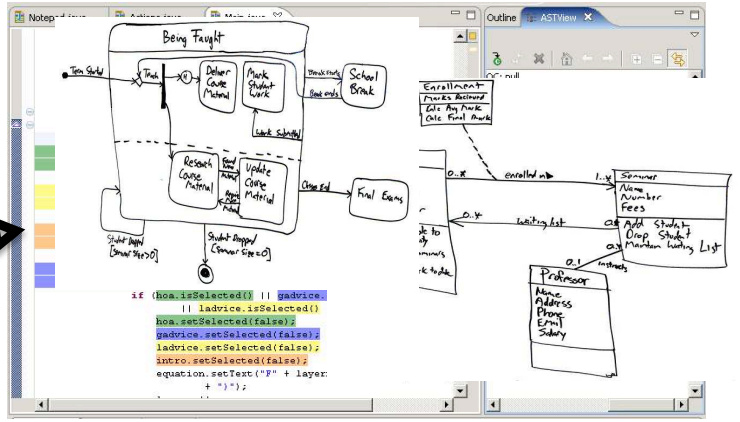

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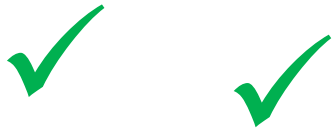

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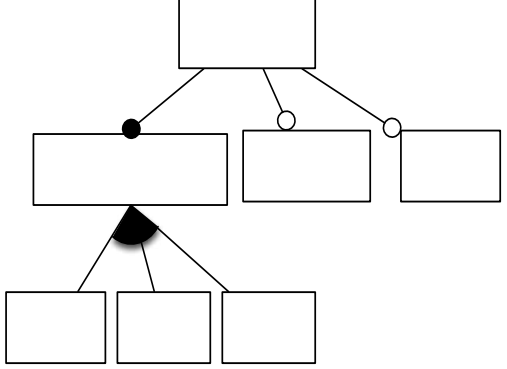
Unused flexibility

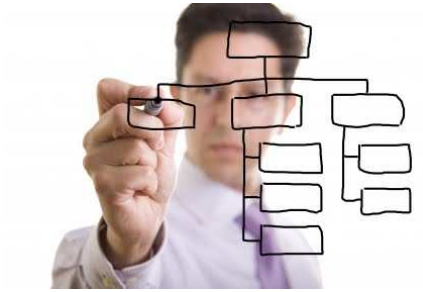

Illegal variant

Feature Model



not, and, or, implies

Communicative

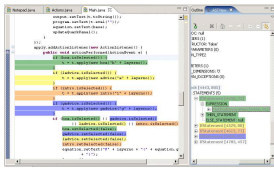


Analytic

Generative

Feature Models

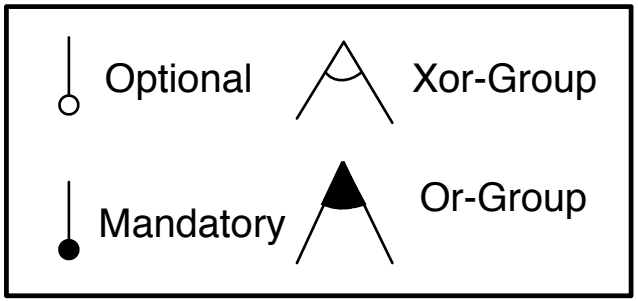
(defacto standard for modeling variability)



Hierarchy: rooted tree

Variability:

- mandatory,
- optional,
- Groups: exclusive or inclusive features
- Cross-tree constraints



SPLC12Scripts Model | SPLC12Scripts.config

- CarEquipment (valid, 1 possible configurations)
  - Healthing
    - AirConditioningFrontAndRear
    - AirConditioning
  - Comfort
    - AutomaticHeadLights
  - DrivingAndSafety
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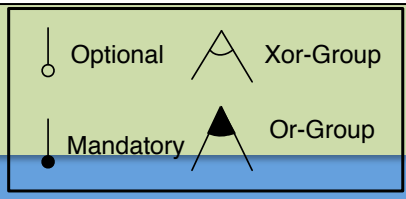

Hierarchy + Variability
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set of valid configurations

configuration = set of features selected

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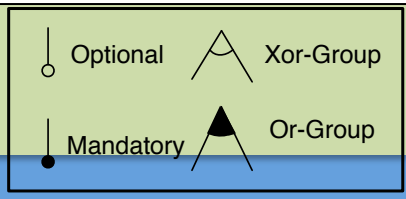

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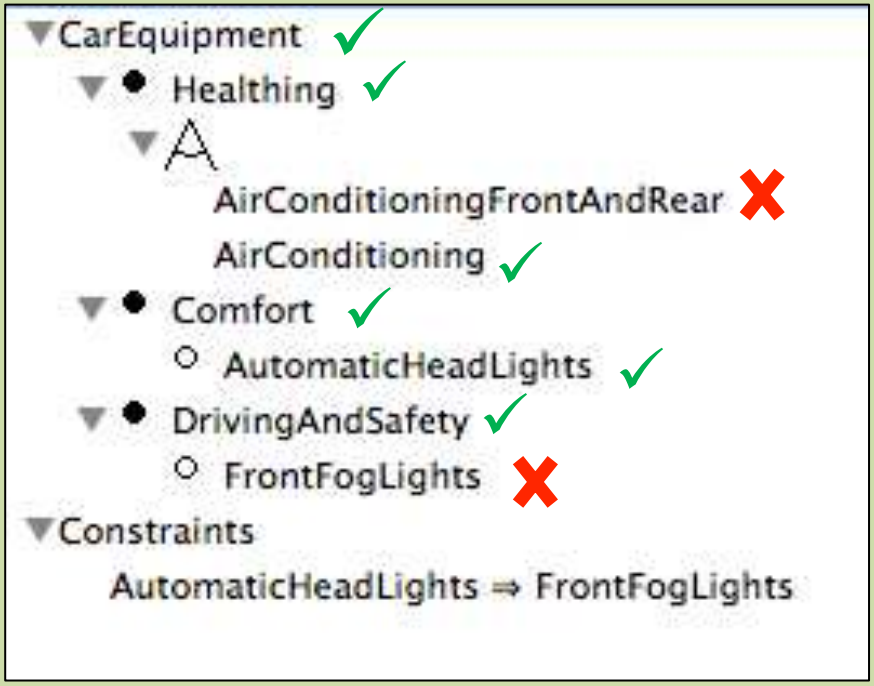

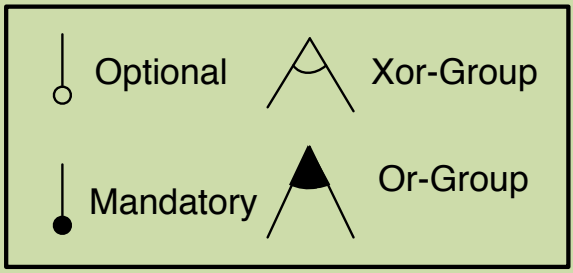

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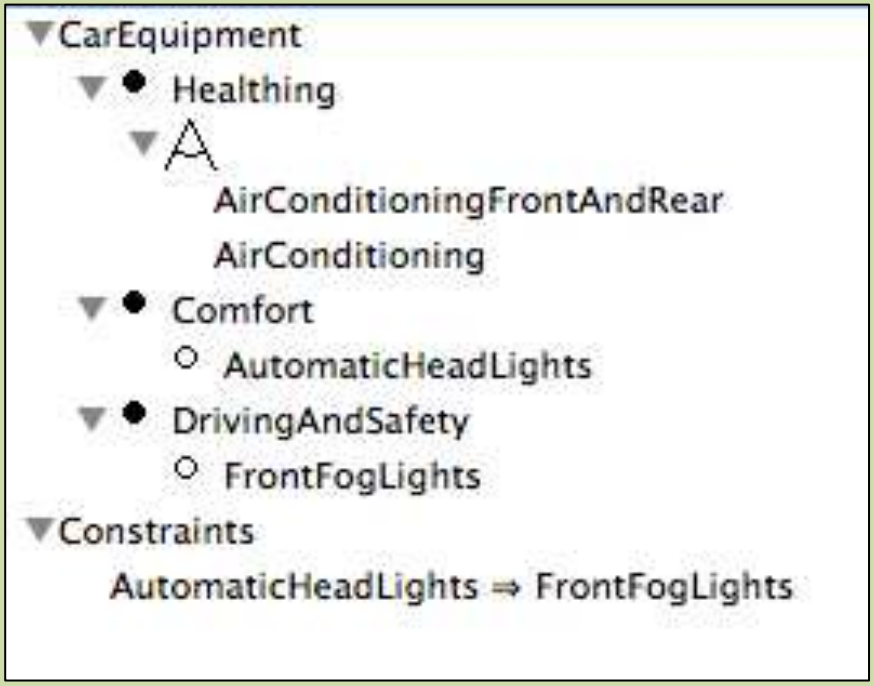

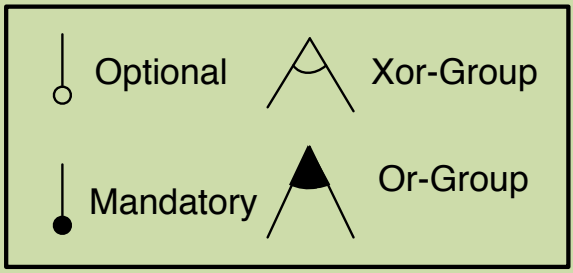

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{AirConditioning, FrontFogLights}
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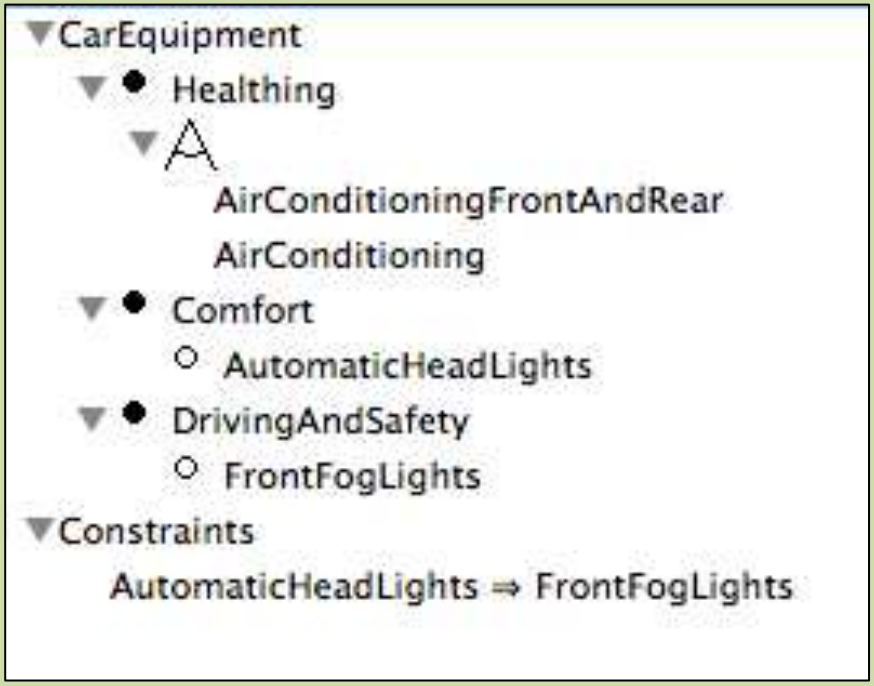

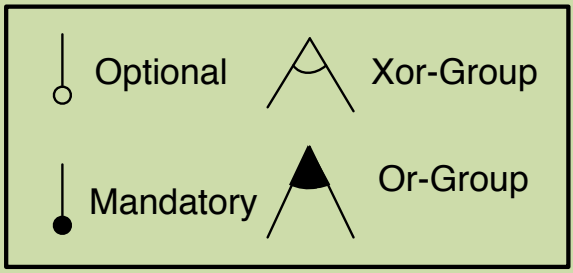

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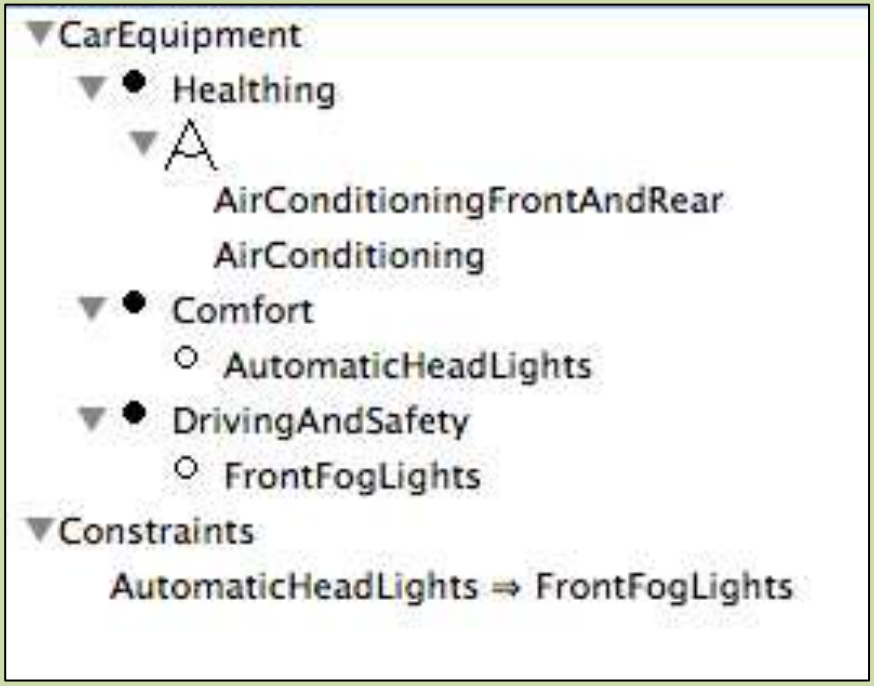
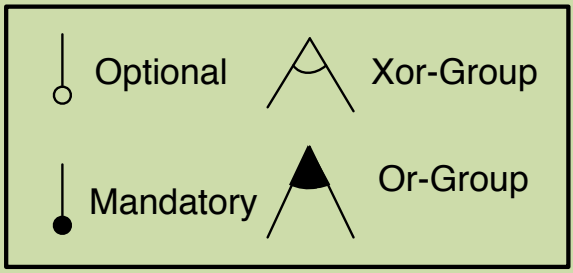
Configuration set (from a basic feature model of car)

	CarEquipment	Comfort	DrivingAndSafety	Healting	AirConditioning	FrontFogLights	AutomaticHeadLights	AirConditioningFrontAndRear
Car2	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no
Car6	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	no	yes
Car1	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no
Car4	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	no	yes
Car5	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	no
Car3	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes





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Product	CarEquipment	Comfort	DrivingAndSafety	Healting	AirConditioning	FrontFogLights	AutomaticHeadLights	AirConditioningFrontAndRear
Find	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Car1	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no
Car2	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no
Car3	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes
Car4	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	no	yes
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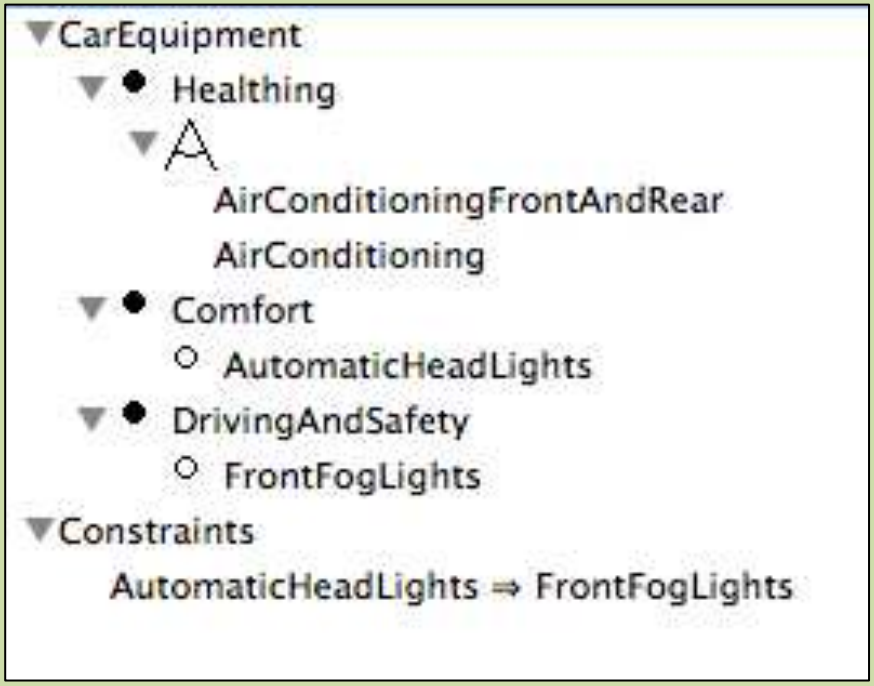

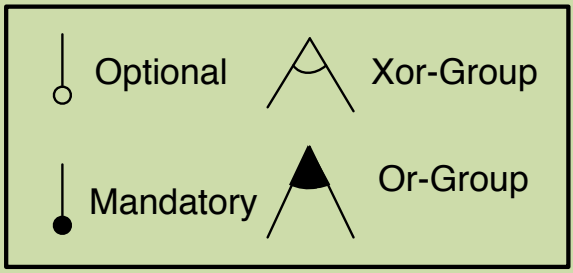

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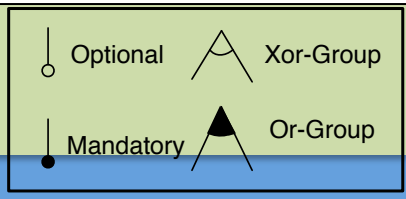

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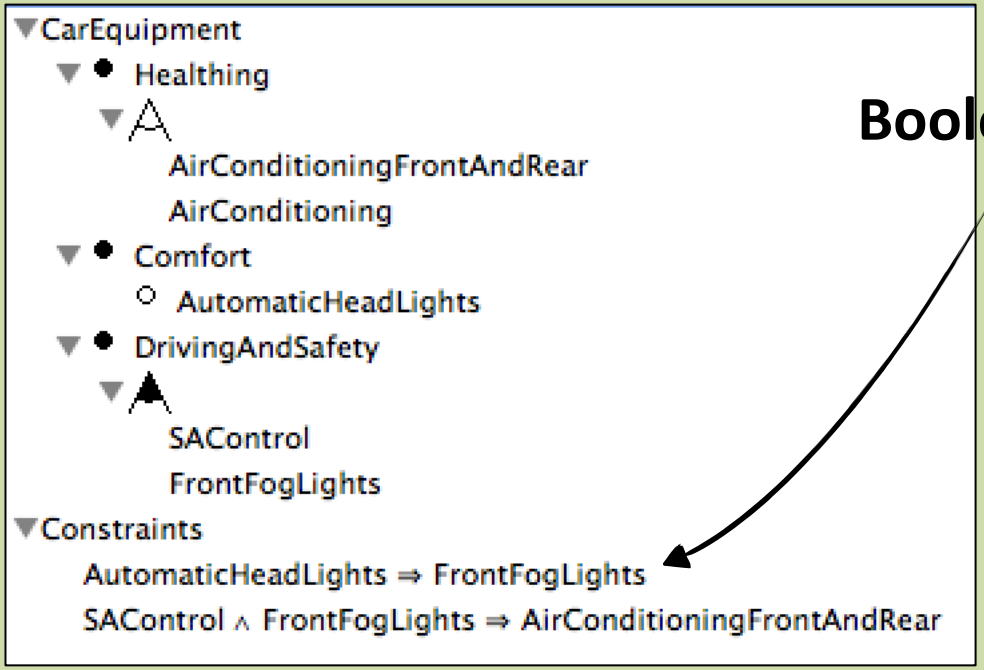
set of valid configurations

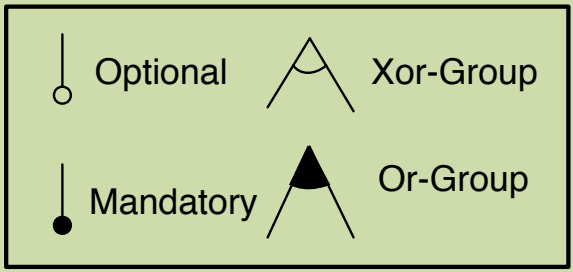
configuration = set of features selected

{CarEquipment, Comfort, DrivingAndSafety, Healthing, AirConditioning}

Product	AirConditioning	FrontFogLights	AutomaticHeadLights	AirConditioningFrontAndRear
Find	Yes ☑ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☑	Yes ☐ No ☑	Yes ☐ No ☑
Car5	yes	no	no	no



Boolean logic: ^, v, not, implies



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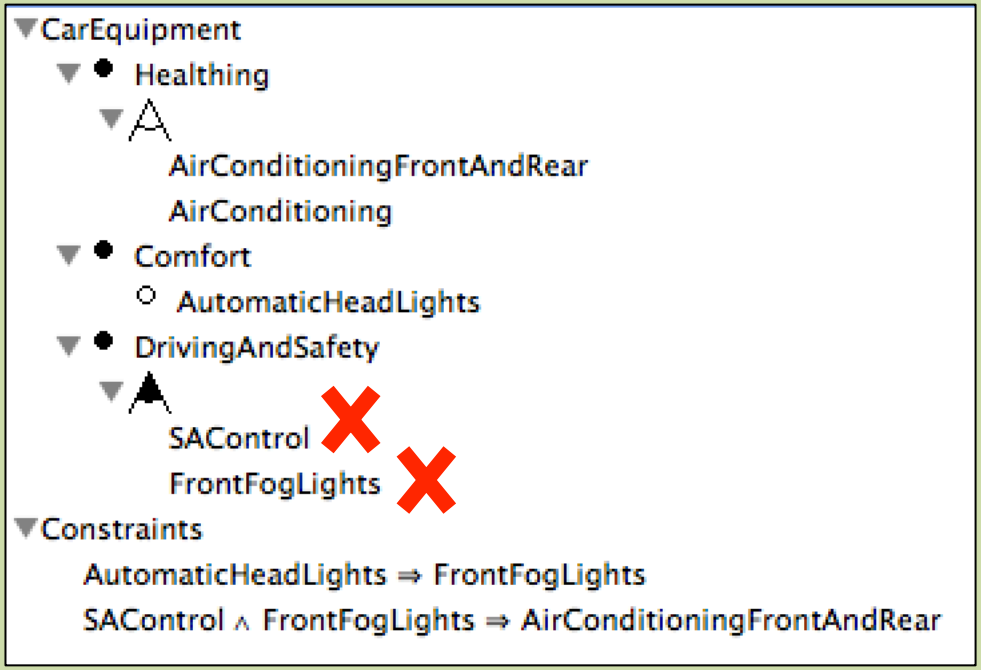

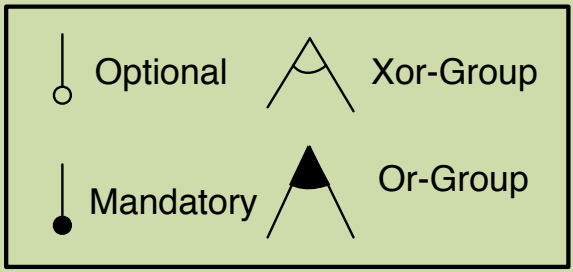

Hierarchy + Variability

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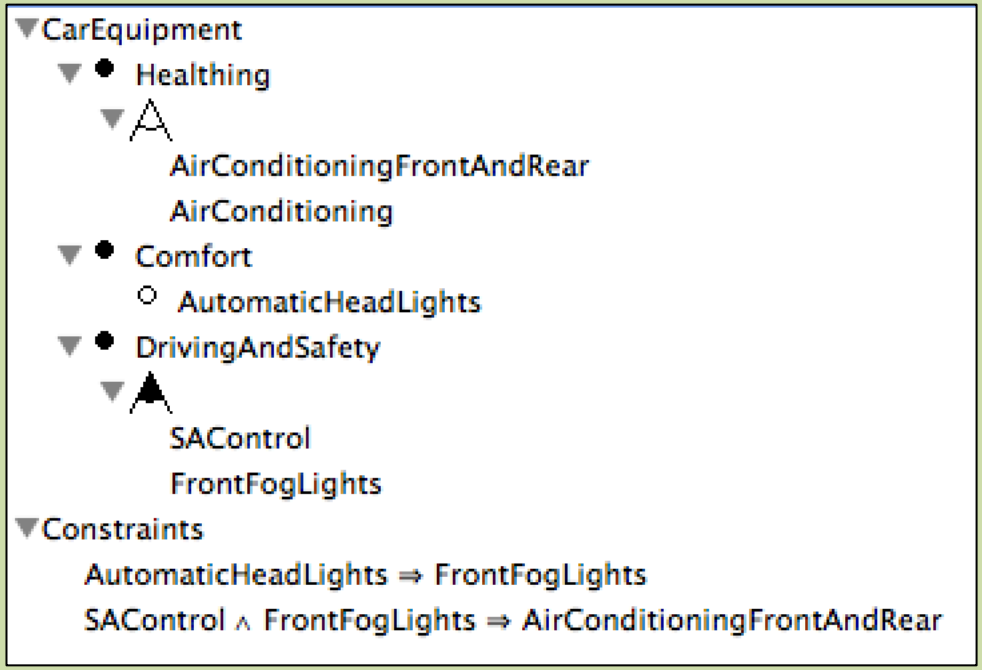
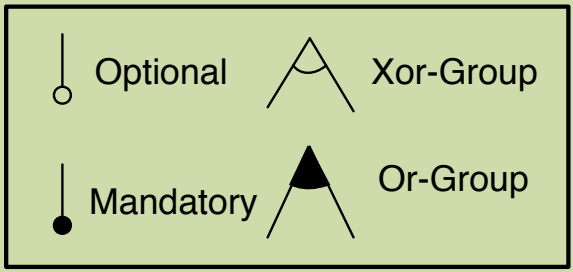
set of valid configurations

Or-group: at least one!





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{CarEquipment, Comfort, DrivingAndSafety, Healthing}

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{AirConditioningFrontAndRear, FrontFogLights, SAControl}
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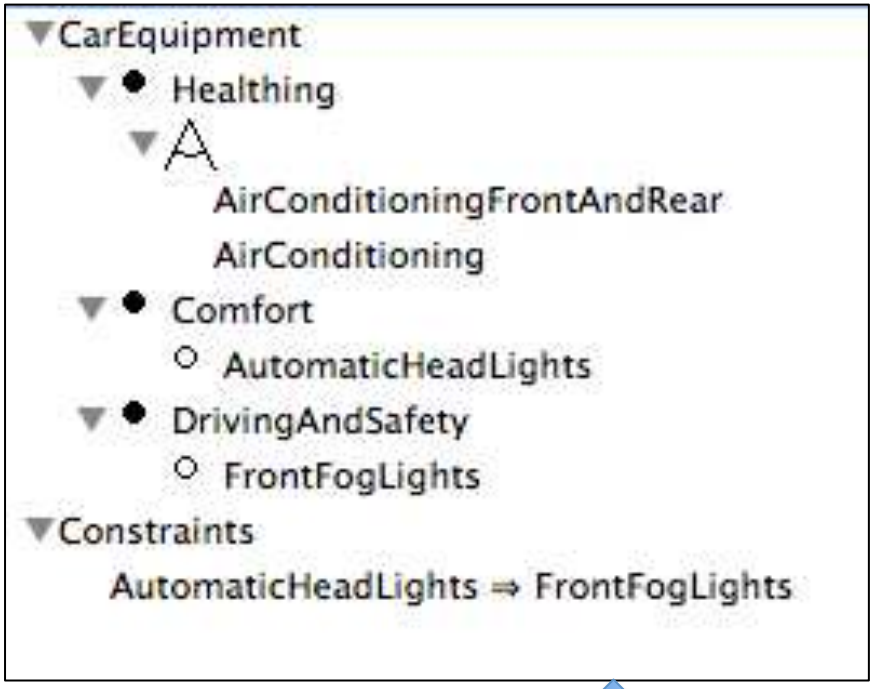


(Boolean)
Feature Models

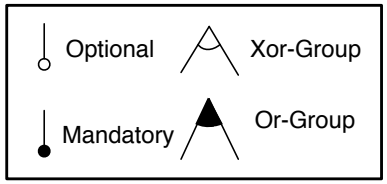
(Boolean)
Formula φ

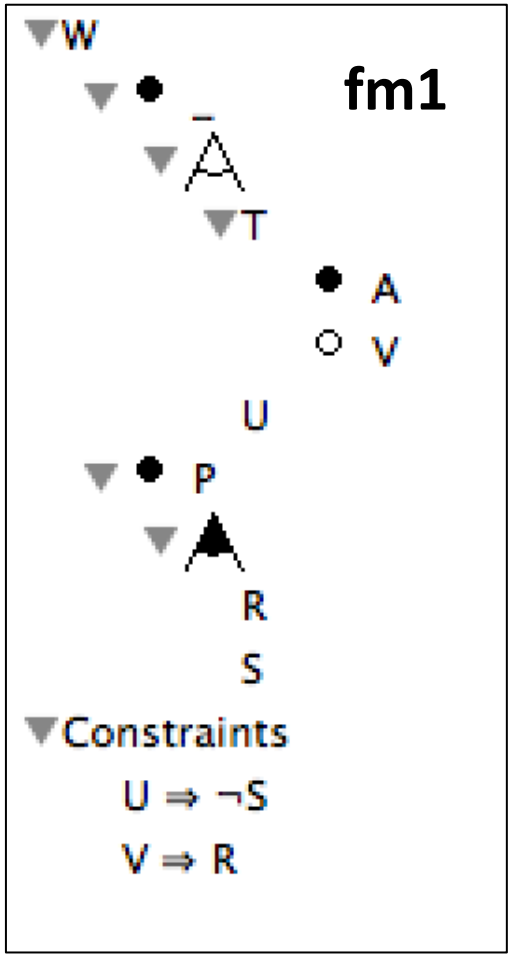
Product	CarEquipment	Comfort	DrivingAndSafety	Healting	AirConditioning	FrontFogLights	AutomaticHeadLights	AirConditioningFrontAndRear
Find	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Car1	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no
Car2	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no
Car3	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes
Car4	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	no	yes
Car5	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	no
Car6	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	no	yes

(Boolean)
Product Comparison Matrix

(Boolean) Feature Models

Hierarchy + Variability = set of valid configurations





$$[\![fm1]\!] = \{$$
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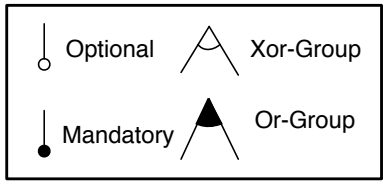
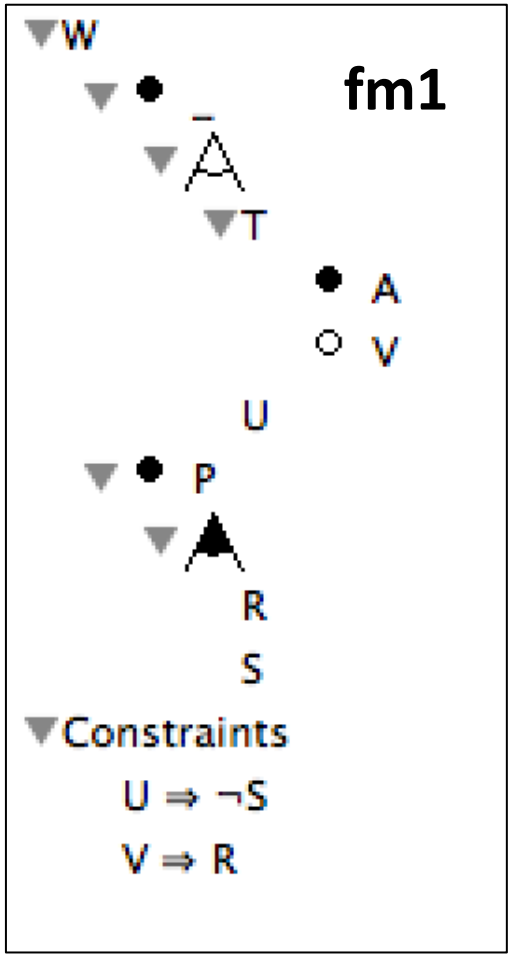
(Boolean) Feature Models

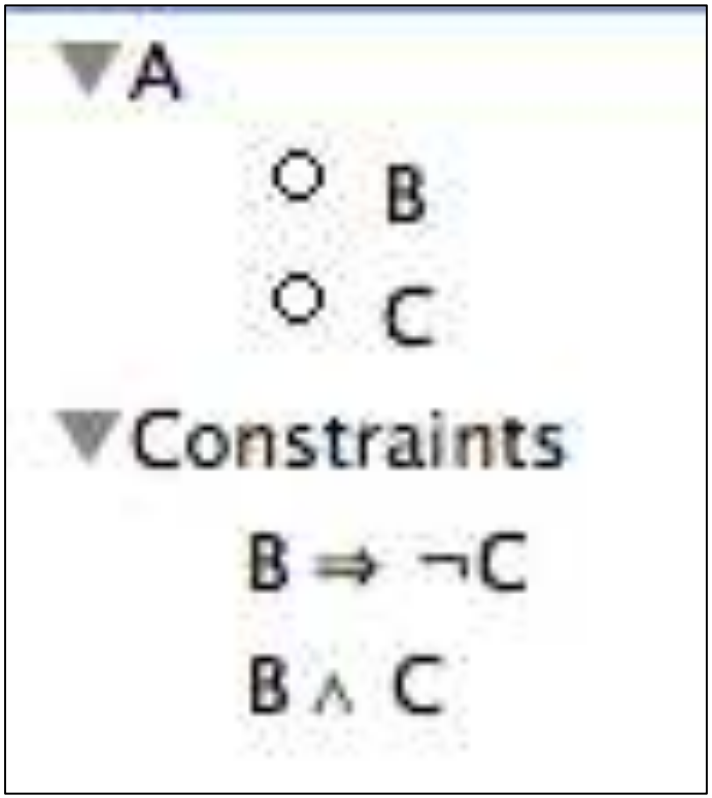
~ Boolean formula





$$\phi_{fm_1} = W \;//\; \text{root}$$
$$\wedge\, W \Leftrightarrow P \;//\; \text{mandatory}$$
$$//\; \text{Or-group}$$
$$\wedge\, P \Rightarrow R \vee S$$
$$\wedge\, R \Rightarrow P \wedge\, S \Rightarrow P$$
$$\wedge\, V \Rightarrow T \;//\; \text{optional}$$
$$\wedge\, A \Leftrightarrow T \;//\; \text{mandatory}$$
$$//\; \text{Xor-group}$$
$$\wedge\, T \Rightarrow W$$
$$\wedge\, U \Rightarrow W$$
$$\wedge\, \neg T \vee \neg U$$
$$//\; \text{constraints}$$
$$\wedge\, V \Rightarrow R \;//\; \text{implies}$$
$$\wedge\, \neg U \Rightarrow \neg S \;//\; \text{excludes}$$

I want to analyze and play with my specification!



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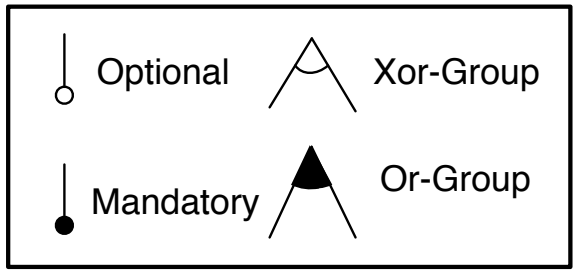
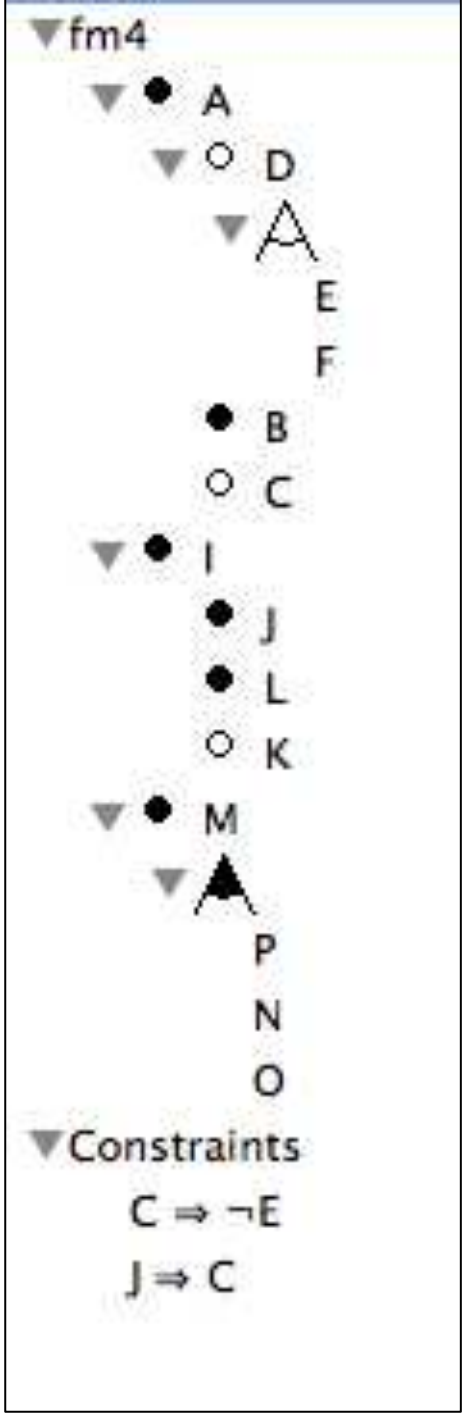




Dead feature

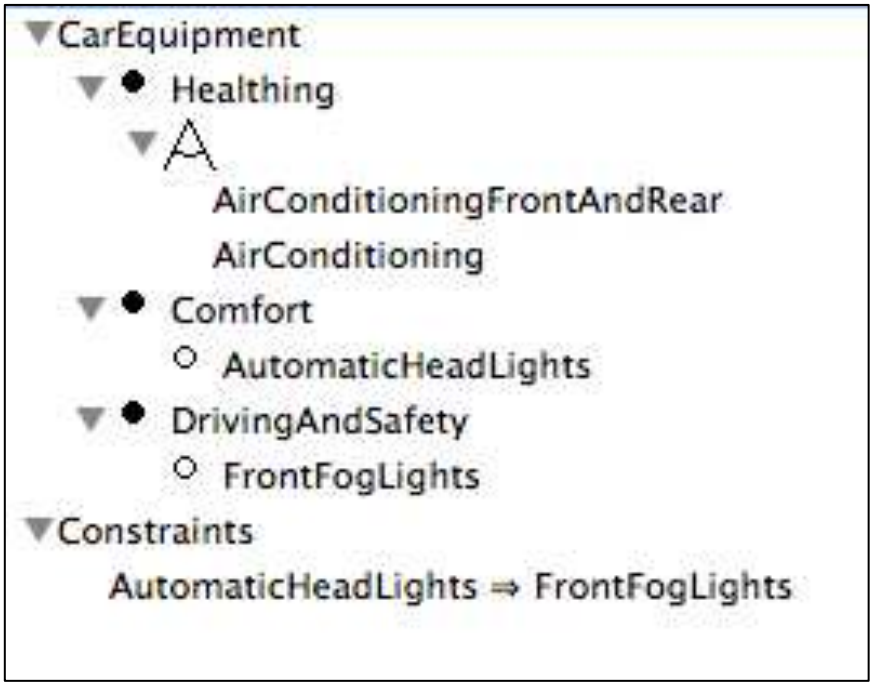
False optional feature

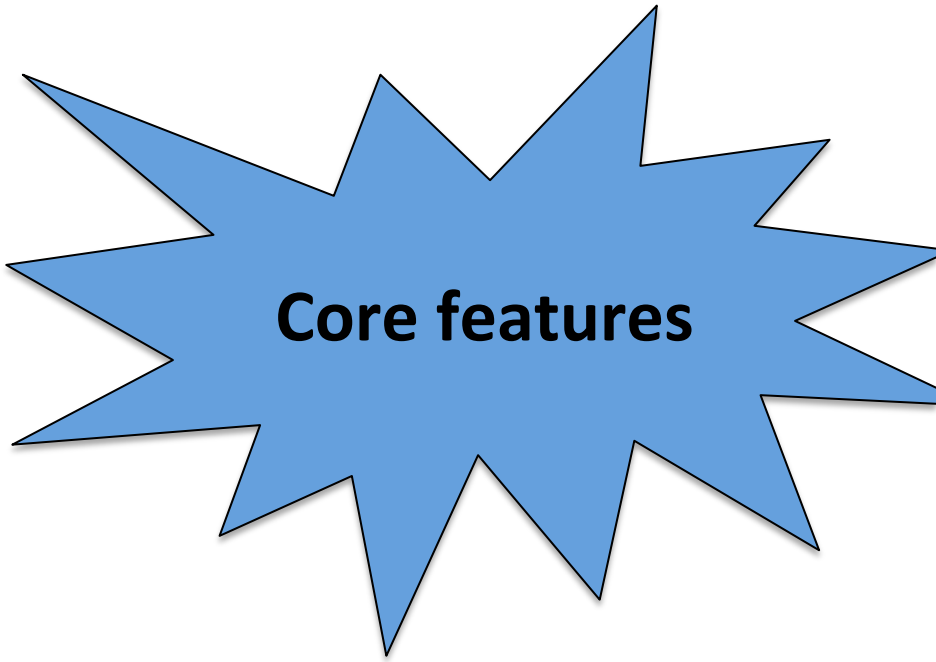
Optional

Xor-Group

Mandatory

Or-Group





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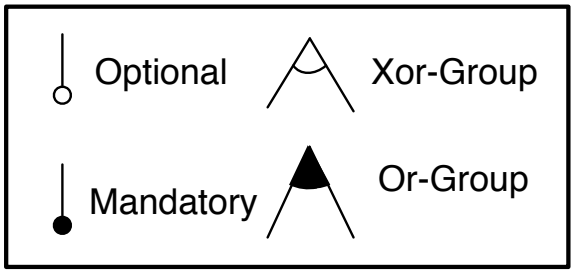

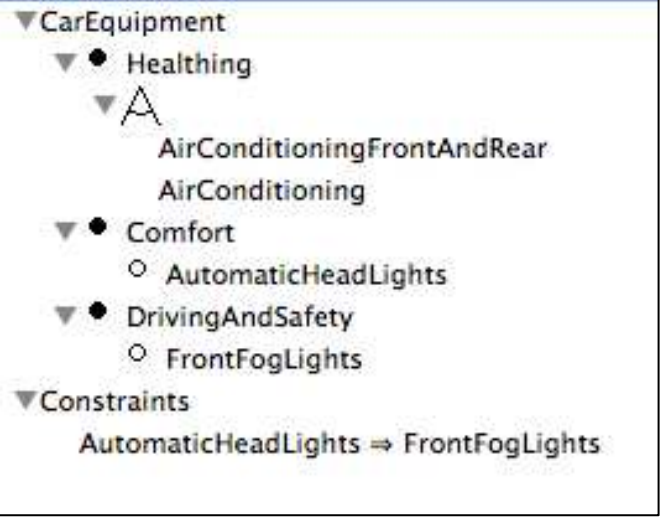
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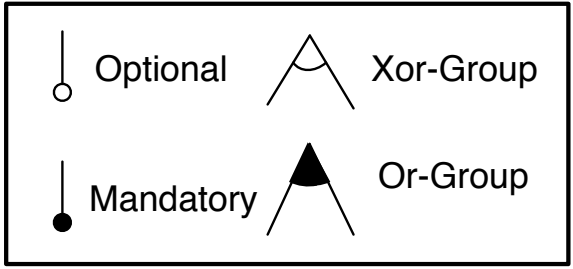
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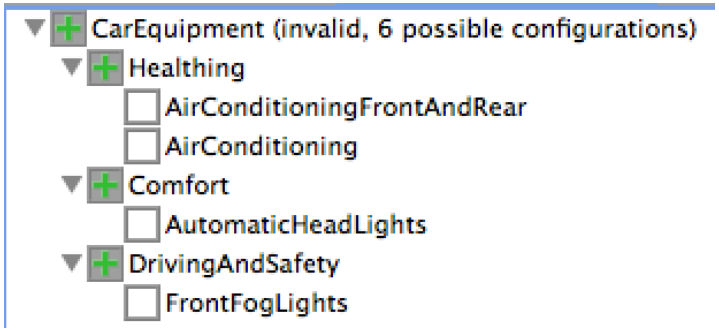
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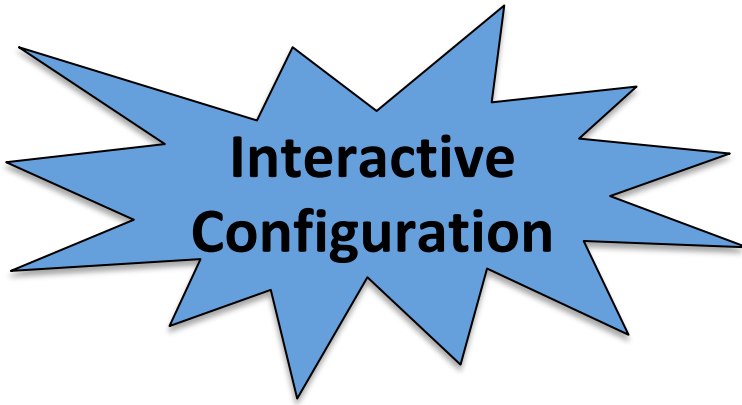
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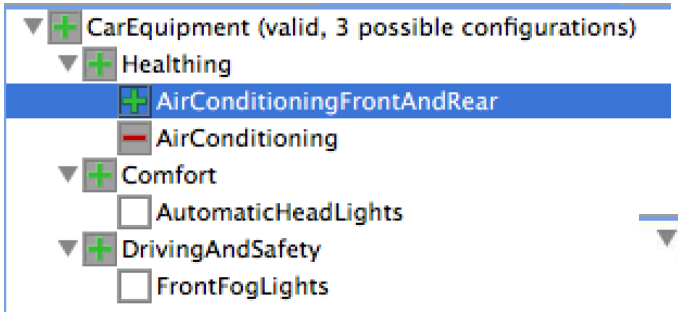
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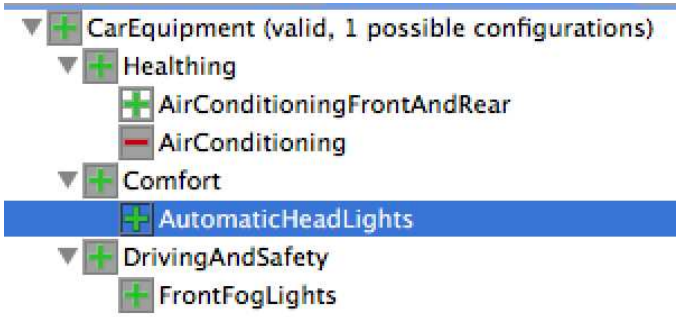
CarEquipment (valid, 1 possible configurations)
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Feature Models and Automated Reasoning

Benavides et al. survey, 2010

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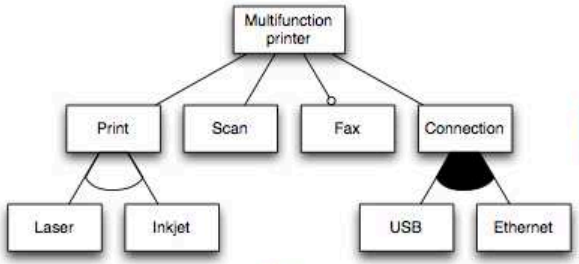
Decision problems and complexity

- Validity of a feature model
- Validity of a configuration
- Computation of dead and core features
- Counting of the number of valid configurations
- Equivalence between two feature models
- Satisfiability (SAT) problem
  - NP-complete

How to automate analysis of your feature models?

Binary Decision Diagram (BDD)
SAT solver

Typical implementations



result

logics

solvers

A knowledge compilation map

Adnan Darwiche and Pierre Marquis

Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research Volume 17 Issue 1, July 2002, Pages 229-264

(note: one of the best paper I ever read)

Notation	Query
CO	polytime consistency check
VA	polytime validity check
CE	polytime clausal entailment check
IM	polytime implicant check
EQ	polytime equivalence check
SE	polytime sentential entailment check
CT	polytime model counting
ME	polytime model enumeration

Table 4: Notations for queries.

L	CO	VA	CE	IM	EQ	SE	CT	ME
NNF	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
DNNF	√	○	√	○	○	○	○	√
d-NNF	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
s-NNF	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
f-NNF	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
d-DNNF	√	√	√	√	?	○	√	√
sd-DNNF	√	√	√	√	?	○	√	√
BDD	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
FBDD	√	√	√	√	?	○	√	√
OBDD	√	√	√	√	√	○	√	√
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DNF	√	○	√	○	○	○	○	√
CNF	○	√	○	√	○	○	○	○
PI	√	√	√	√	√	√	○	√
IP	√	√	√	√	√	√	○	√
MODS	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√

Table 5: Subsets of the NNF language and their corresponding polytime queries. √ means "satisfies" and ○ means "does not satisfy unless P = NP."

Binary Decision Diagrams (Bryant 1986)

encoding of a truth table.

from		*to*		
x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	f
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	1
0	0	1	0	1
0	0	1	1	1
0	1	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	0
0	1	1	0	0
0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	1	0
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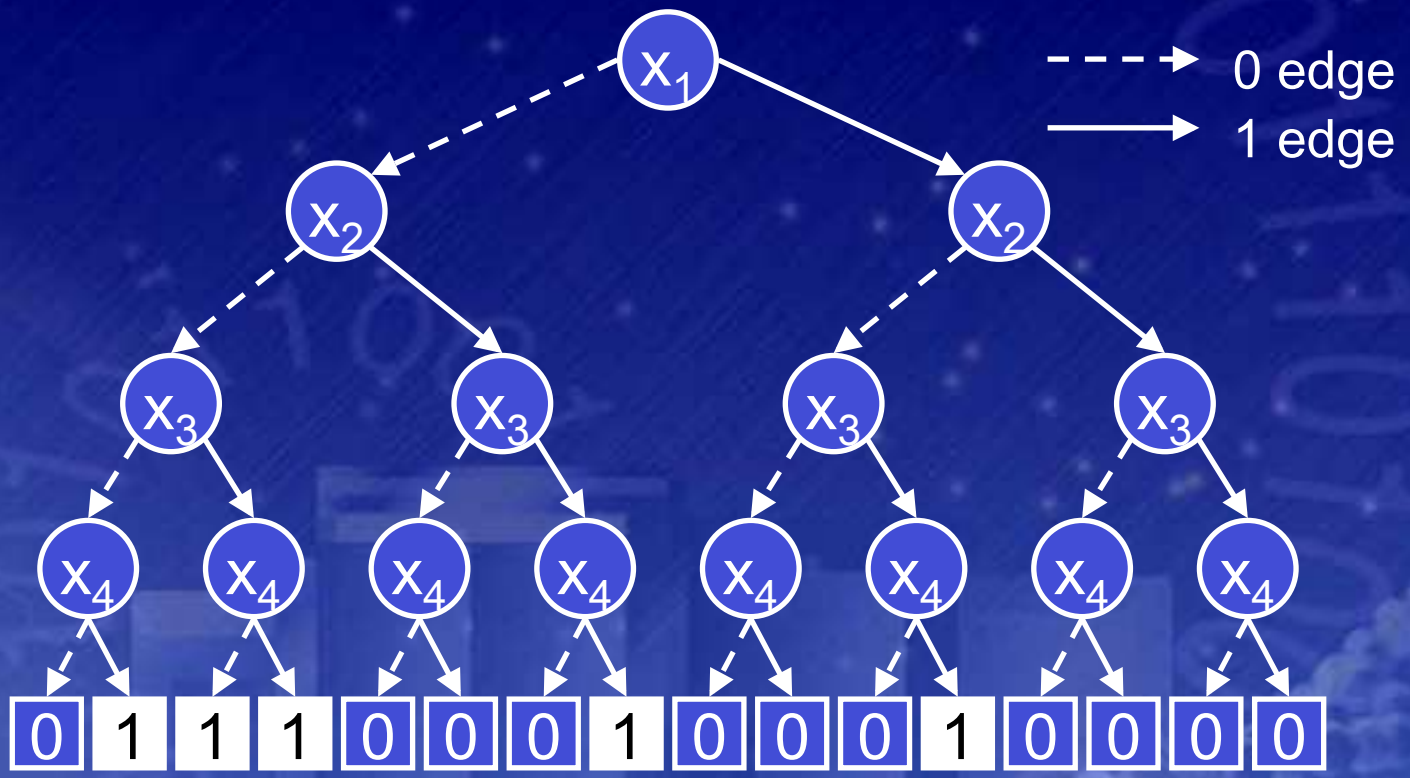
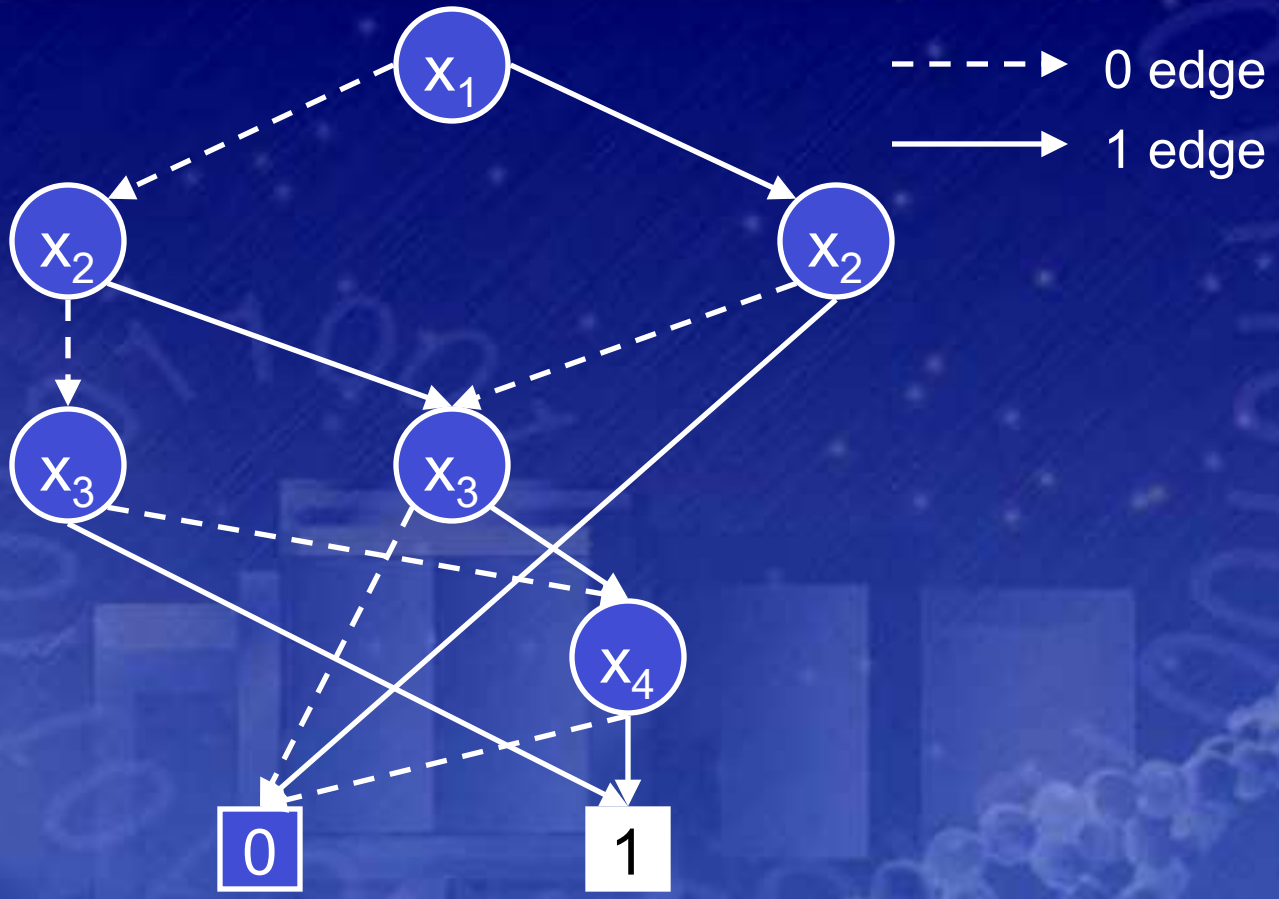


Binary Decision Diagrams

(after reduction)

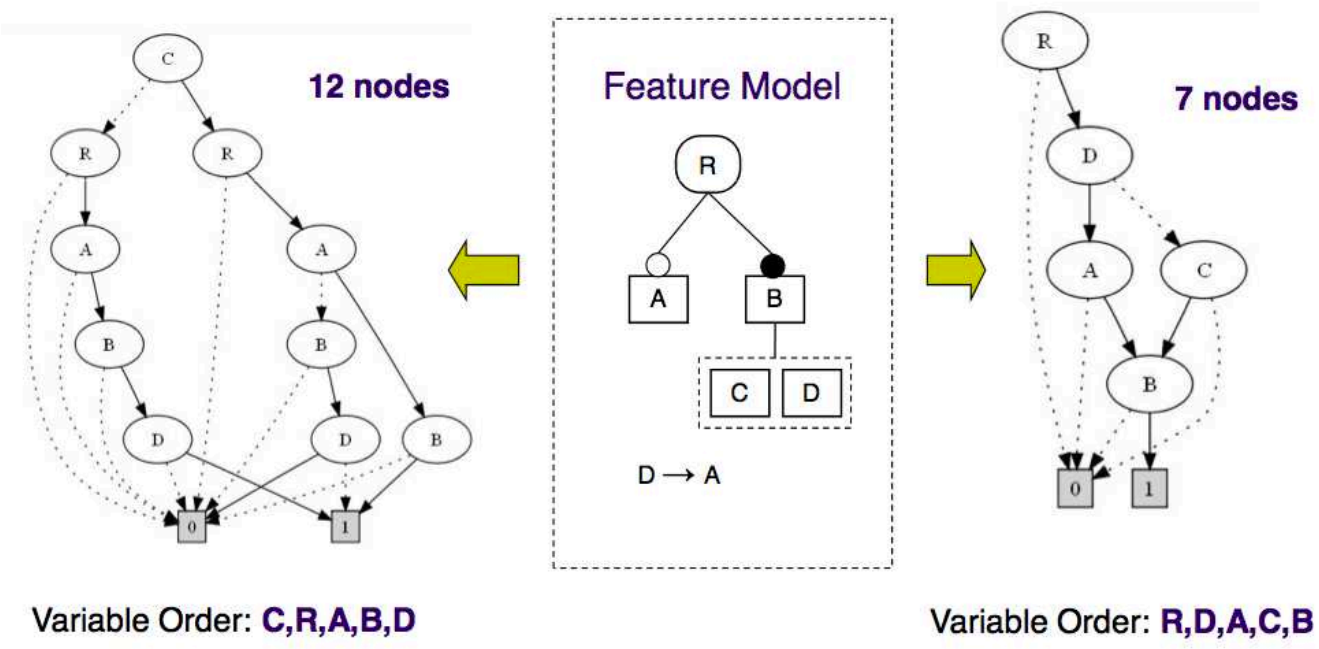


Binary Decision Diagrams (BDDs)

- Very efficient structure for most of the satisfiability operations
- Polynomial in time for checking satisfiability and determining equivalence between two BDDs
- Graph trasversal
- So great?

Binary Decision Diagrams (BDDs): Theoretical Problem

- The size of the BDD is very sensitive to the order of the BDD variables
  - **e.g. two equivalent BDDs for the same feature**



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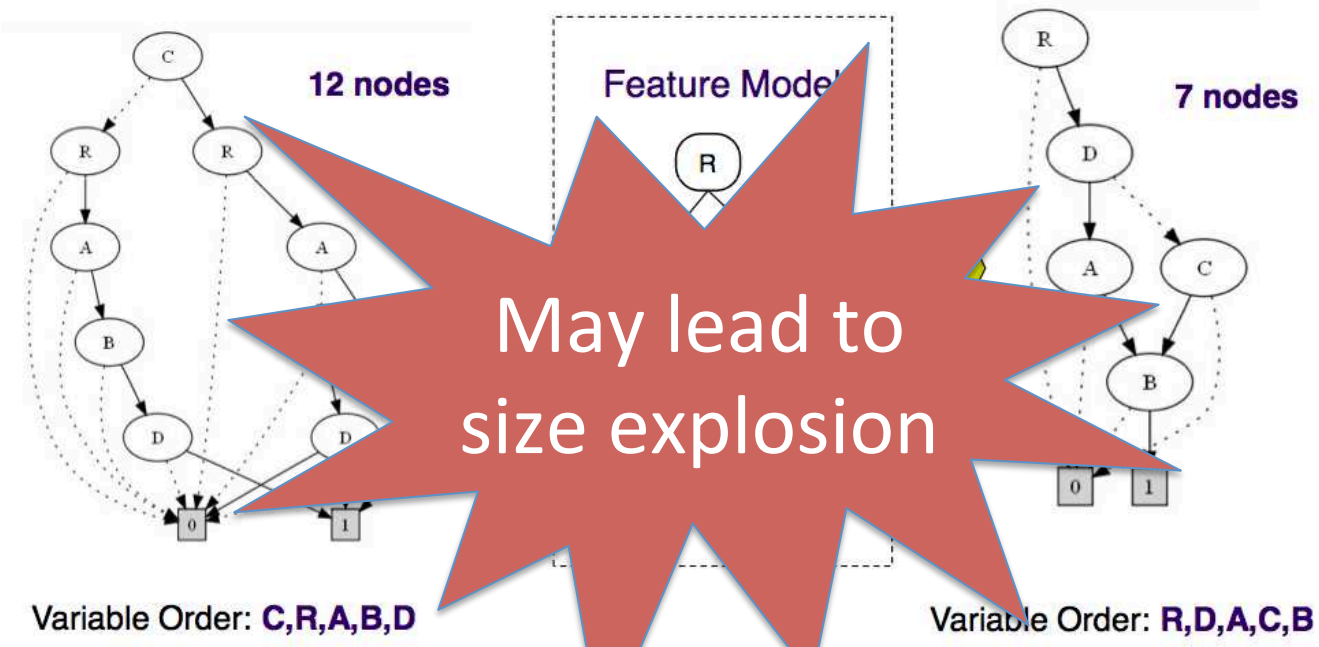

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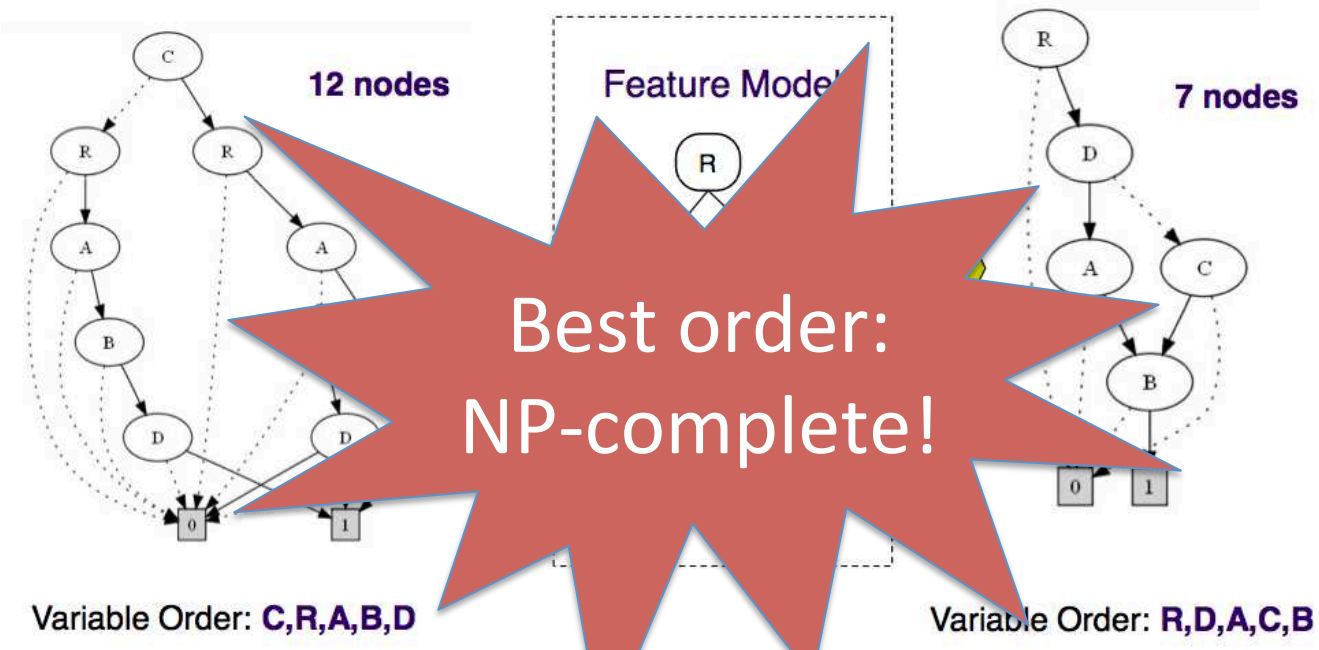

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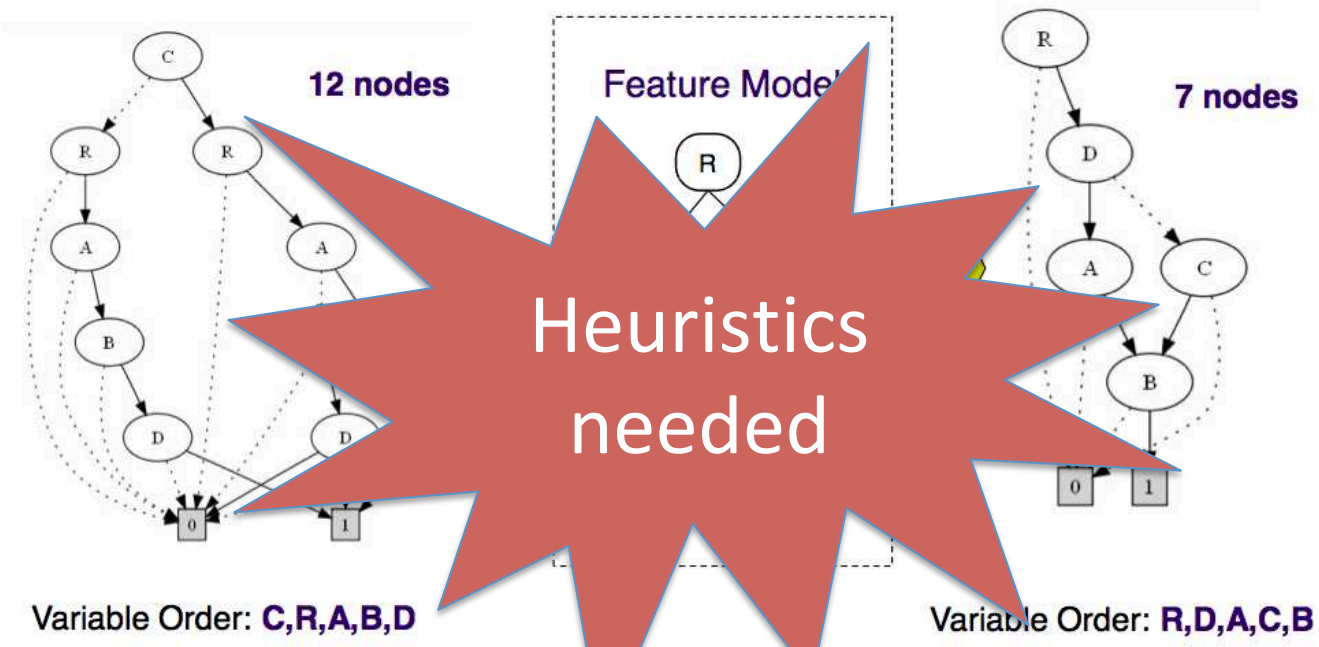
Binary Decision Diagrams (BDDs): Practical Problem

- The size of the BDD is very sensitive to the order of the BDD variables. In practice: **BDDs cannot be build for feature models with 2000+ features**



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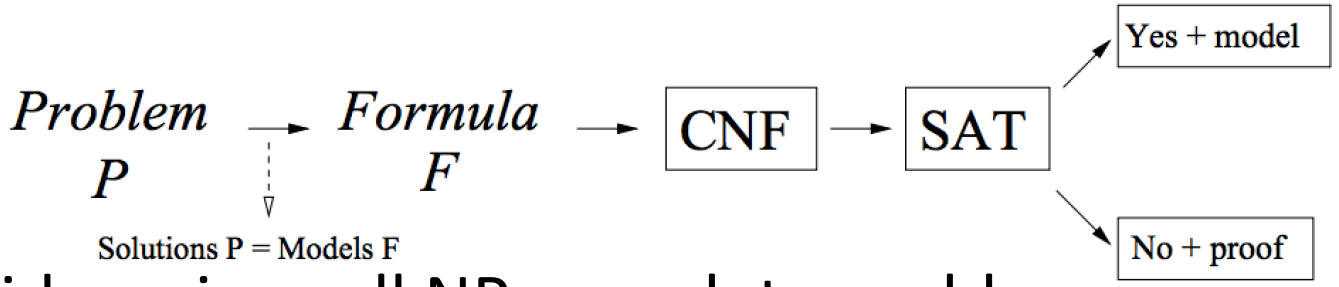
How to automate analysis of your feature models?

Let us try with SAT solvers

Satisfiability (SAT) solver

- A "SAT solver" is a program that automatically decides whether a propositional logic formula is satisfiable.
  - If it is satisfiable, a SAT solver will produce an example of a truth assignment that satisfies the formula.



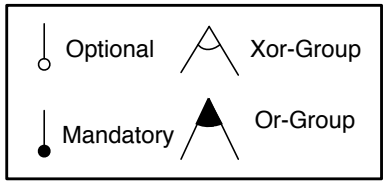
- Basic idea: since all NP-complete problems are mutually reducible:
  - Write one really good solver for NP-complete problems (in fact, get lots of people to do it. Hold competitions.)
  - Translate your NP-complete problems to that problem.

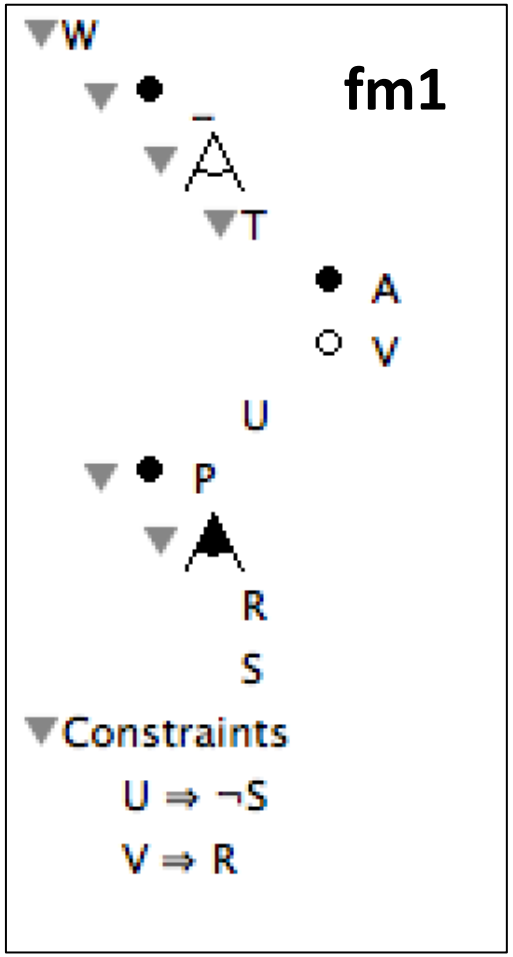
SAT solver and CNF

- All current fast SAT solvers work on CNF
- Terminology:
  - A literal is a propositional variable or its negation (e.g., p or ¬q).
  - A clause is a disjunction of literals (e.g., (p ∨ ¬q ∨ r)). Since ∨ is associative, we can represent clauses as lists of literals.
- A formula is in conjunctive normal form (CNF) if it is a conjunction of clauses
  - e.g., (p ∨ q ∨ ¬r) ∧ (¬p ∨ s ∨ t ∨ ¬u)

(Boolean) Feature Models

~ Boolean formula





$$
\begin{aligned}
&\phi_{fm_1} = W \;//\; \text{root} \\
&\wedge\, W \Leftrightarrow P \;//\; \text{mandatory} \\
&//\; \text{Or-group} \\
&\wedge\, P \Rightarrow R \vee S \\
&\wedge\, R \Rightarrow P \wedge\, S \Rightarrow P \\
&\wedge\, V \Rightarrow T \;//\; \text{optional} \\
&\wedge\, A \Leftrightarrow T \;//\; \text{mandatory} \\
&//\; \text{Xor-group} \\
&\wedge\, T \Rightarrow W \\
&\wedge\, U \Rightarrow W \\
&\wedge\, \neg T \vee \neg U \\
&//\; \text{constraints} \\
&\wedge\, V \Rightarrow R \;//\; \text{implies} \\
&\wedge\, \neg U \Rightarrow \neg S \;//\; \text{excludes}
\end{aligned}
$$

A ^
A ⇔ B ^
C => A ^
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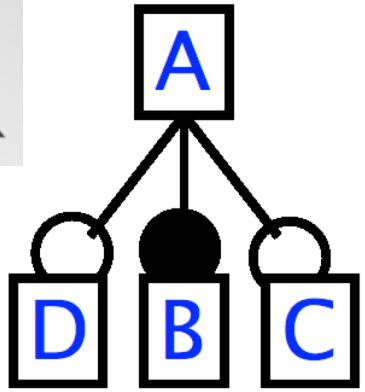

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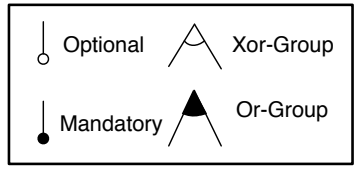

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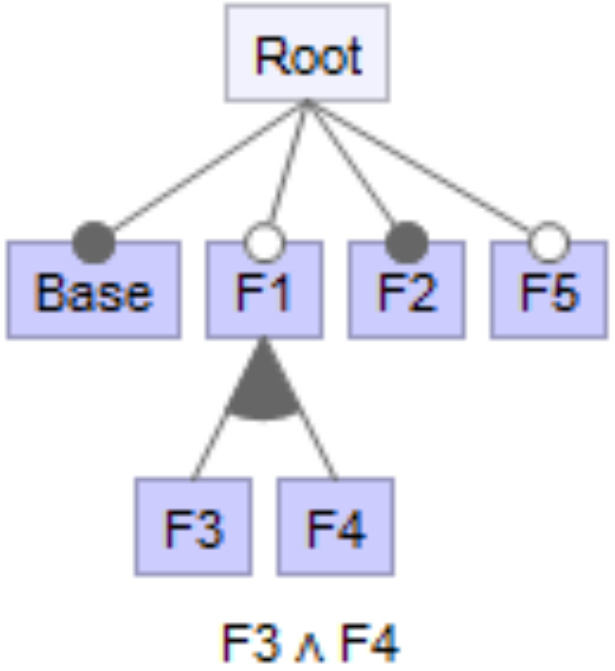
fml> fm1 = FM ("output/fm1.tvl")
root A {
    group [ 3..3 ] {
        opt D {
        },
        B {
        },
        opt C {
        }
    }
}
fm1: (FEATURE_MODEL) A: [D] B [C] ;
```

```
fm1bis = FM ("foo3.dimacs")
fm1bisbis = FM ("foo3.constraints")
```

```
fml> c1 = cores fm1
c1: (SET) {B;A}
fml> c1bis = cores fm1bis
fml> compare fm1 fm1bis
res7: (STRING) REFACTORING
fml> compare fm1bis fm1bisbis
res8: (STRING) REFACTORING
fml> c1 eq c1bisbis
res6: (BOOLEAN) true
res4: (BOOLEAN) true
```

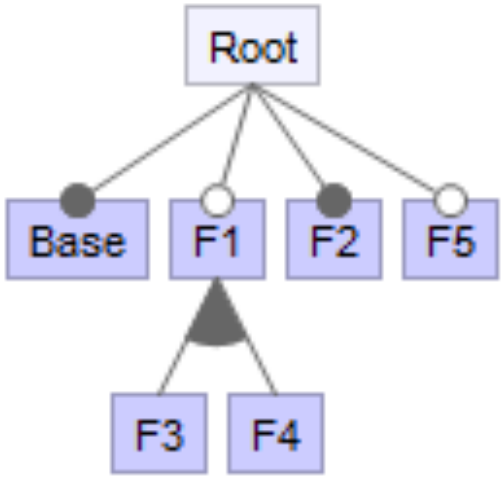
Consistency

- SAT-Solver
  - SAT(FM)



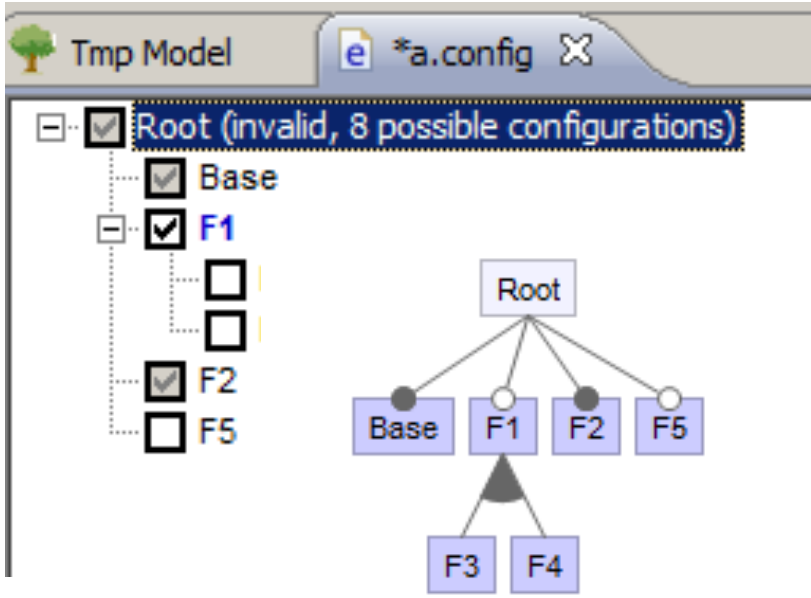
Core and dead features

- Dead : SAT(FM ^ F)
- Core: SAT(FM ^ not(F))

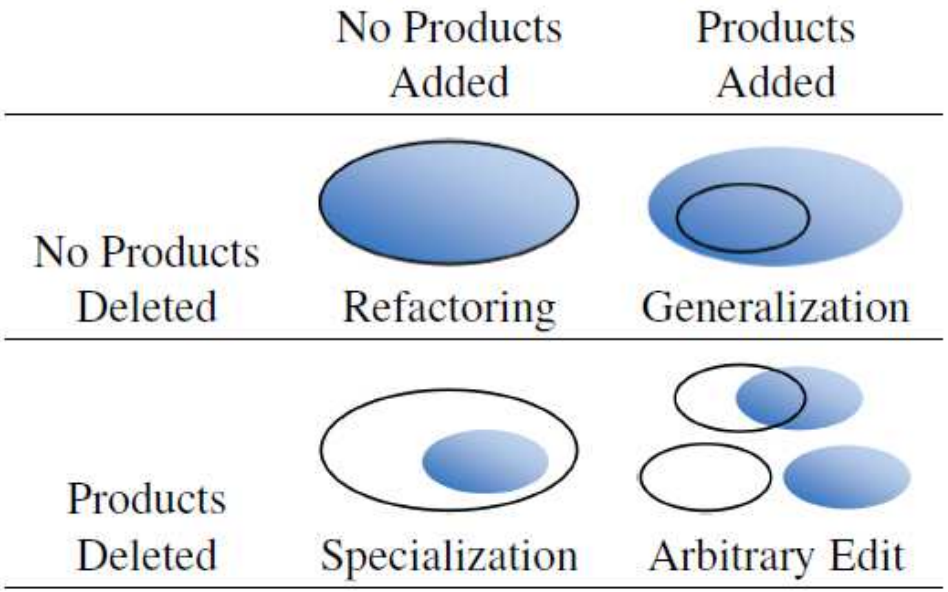


Partial configuration

- SAT(FM ^ PK ^ F)
- SAT(FM ^ PK ^ not(F))



Relationship between feature models



- Refactoring
  - Tautology: (FM1 <=> FM2)
    = not SAT(not (FM1 <=> FM2))

How to automate analysis of your feature models?

You can encode a feature model
as a CSP problem or as an SMT problem

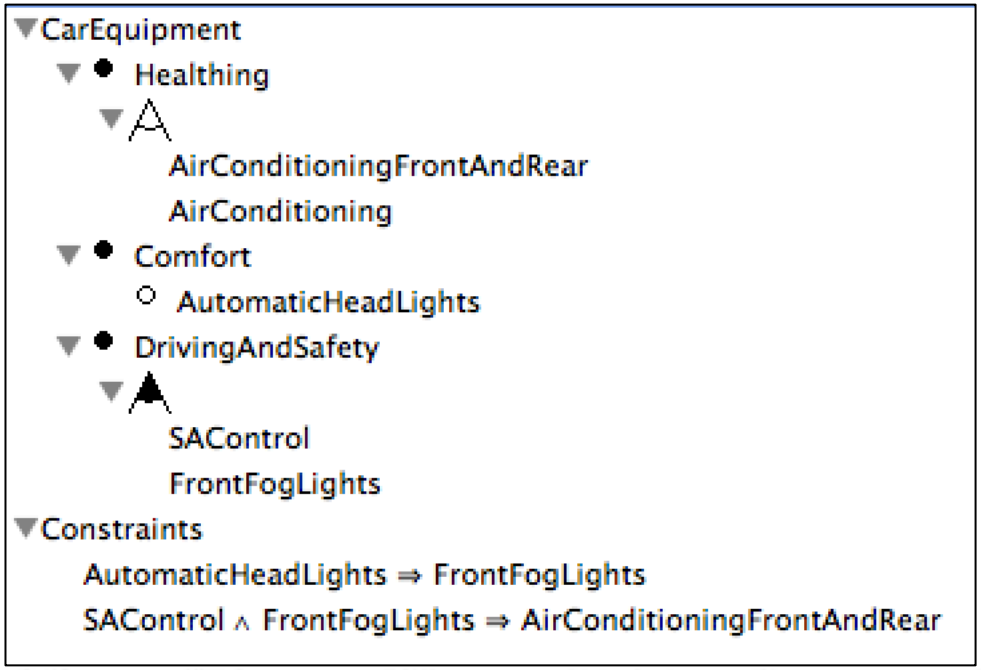
Formal semantics of a language

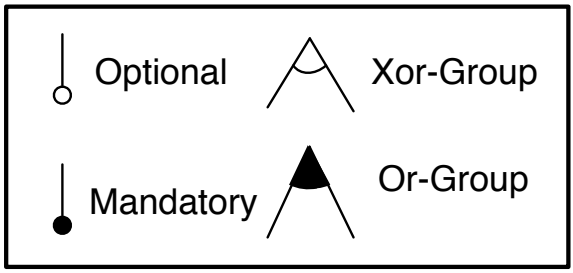
– **formal syntax** (L) – clearcut syntactic rules defining all legal diagrams, a.k.a. syntactic domain

– **semantic domain** (S) – a mathematical abstraction of the real-world concepts to be modelled

– **semantic function** (M: L ⟶ S) – clearcut semantic rules defining the meaning of all legal diagrams

[Harel & Rumpe, IEEE Computer, 2004]





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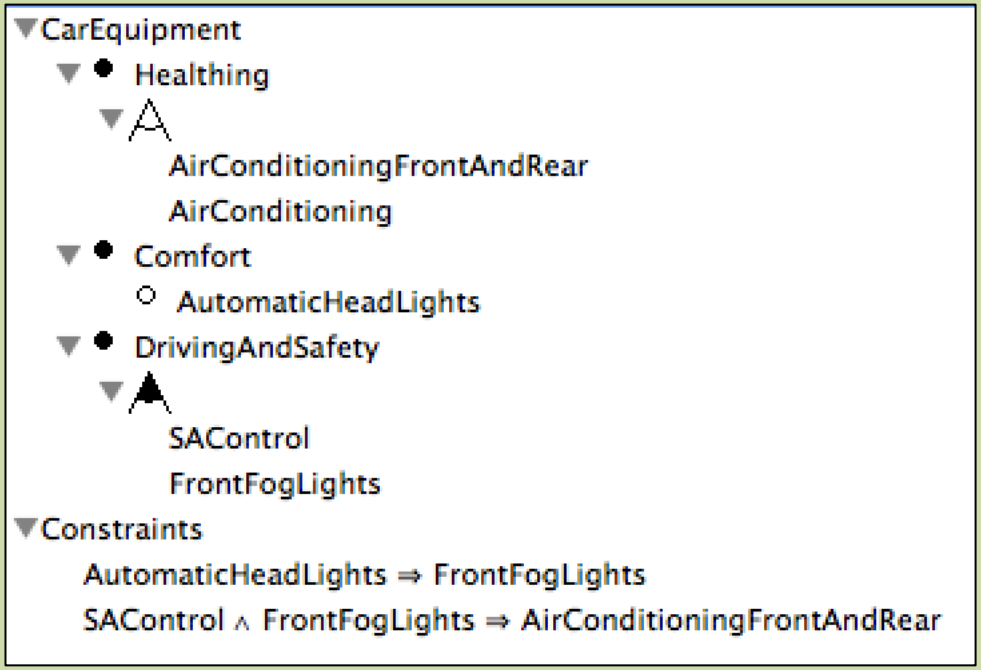

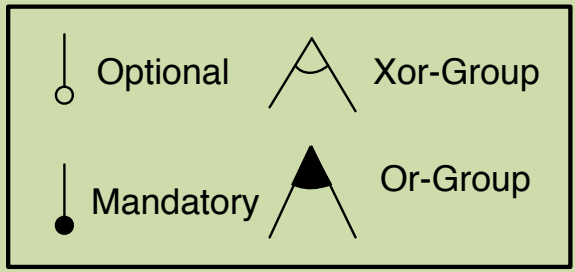

Definition 1 (Configuration Semantics) *A configuration of an FM fr*
defined as a set of selected features. $[\![fm_1]\!]$ *denotes the set of valid configura*
of fm_1 *and is a set of sets of features.*

{CarEquipment, Comfort, DrivingAndSafety, Healthing}

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{AirConditioningFrontAndRear, FrontFogLights, SAControl}
{AirConditioningFrontAndRear, SAControl}
{AutomaticHeadLights, AirConditioning, FrontFogLights}
{AirConditioningFrontAndRear, SAControl, AutomaticHeadLights, FrontFogLights
{FrontFogLights, AirConditioning}
{AutomaticHeadLights, AirConditioningFrontAndRear, FrontFogLights}
{FrontFogLights, AirConditioningFrontAndRear}
{SAControl, AirConditioning}

Quizz

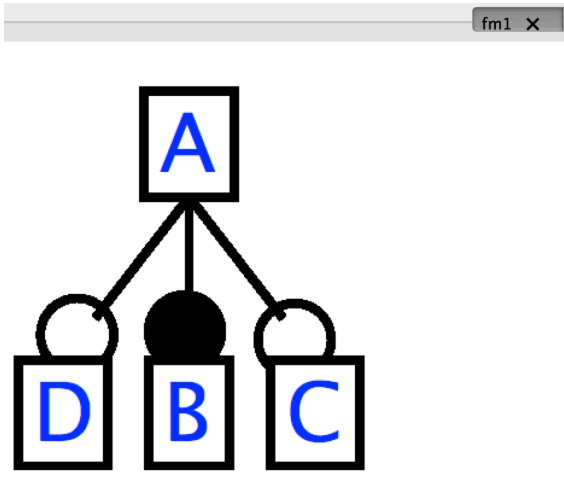
1) Give two feature models with the same configuration semantics but with different syntax

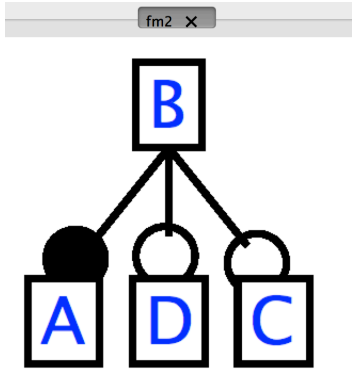
2) Does it matter ?

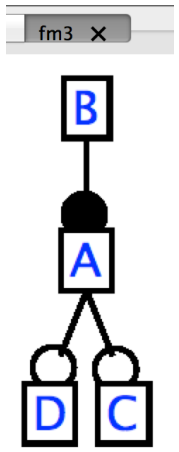
A ^
A ⇔ B ^
C => A ^
D => A

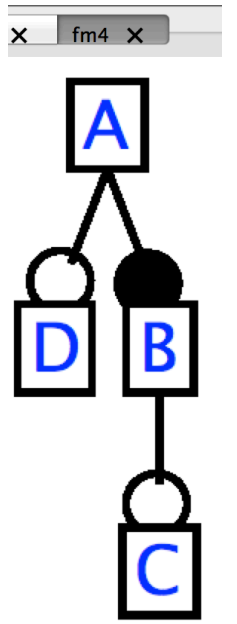
Feature Model Synthesis Problem

[Czarnecki et al., SPLC'07]
[She et al., ICSE'11]
[Andersen et al., SPLC'12]










```
fm2 = FM (B : A [C] [D] ; )
fm3 = FM (B : A ; A : [C] [D] ; )
fm4 = FM (A : B [D] ; B : [C] ; )
fm5 = FM (A : B [C] ; B : [D] ; )

b12 = compare fm1 fm2
b13 = compare fm1 fm3
b14 = compare fm1 fm4
b15 = compare fm1 fm5
assert (b12 eq REFACTORING)
```

#1 Reverse Engineering Scenarios

- [Haslinger et al., WCRE'11], [Acher et al., VaMoS'12]

P	V	P	R	D	O	T	M	S	K	Ad	Ae	C
P1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
P2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	
P3	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
P4	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	
P5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
P6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓
P7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓
P8	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓			✓
P9	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
P10	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓
P11	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓
P12	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓			✓
P13	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		
P14	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			
P15	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		
P16	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			

```
// from product descriptions to feature models
// typically something generated by VariCell (see VaMoS'12 paper or the dedicated web page)
fm_1 = FM (VOD: R Ae T D P Ad K V O ; )
fm_2 = FM (VOD: R Ae T D P K V O ; )
fm_3 = FM (VOD: Ae T D P Ad K V O ; )
fm_4 = FM (VOD: T Ae D P V K O ; )
fm_5 = FM (VOD: R T Ae D P Ad K V O C ; )
fm_6 = FM (VOD: R T D P Ad V K O C ; )
fm_7 = FM (VOD: R T Ae D P V K O C ; )
fm_8 = FM (VOD: R T D P K V O C ; )
fm_9 = FM (VOD: Ae T D P Ad V K O C ; )
fm_10 = FM (VOD: T D P Ad K V O C ; )
fm_11 = FM (VOD: Ae T D P V K O C ; )
fm_12 = FM (VOD: T D P K V O C ; )
fm_13 = FM (VOD: R S D P Ad V K O M ; )
fm_14 = FM (VOD: R S D P K V O M ; )
fm_15 = FM (VOD: S D P Ad V K O M ; )
fm_16 = FM (VOD: S D P V K O M ; )

// fmR represents the union of configurations/products
// characterized by fm_1, fm_2, ..., fm_16
fmR = merge sunion fm_*

fmR2 = ksynthesis fmR with hierarchy= VOD : V P R D O ; O : K Ad ; D : T M ; T : Ae C ; M : S ;
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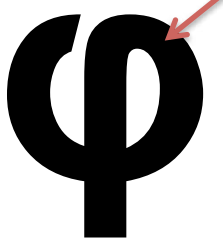

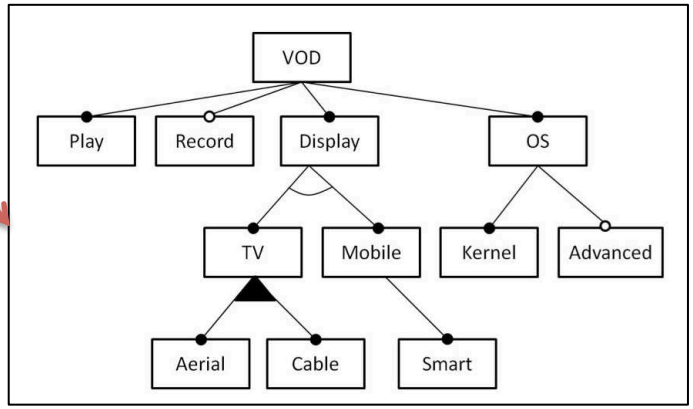

#2 Refactoring

- [Alves et al., GPCE'06], [Thuem et al., ICSE'09]

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// refactoring!
fmR2 = ksynthesis fmR with hierarchy= VOD : V P R D O ; O : K Ad ; D : T M ; T : Ae C ; M : S ;
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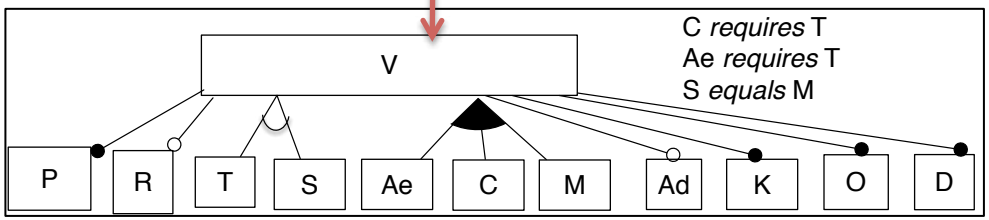

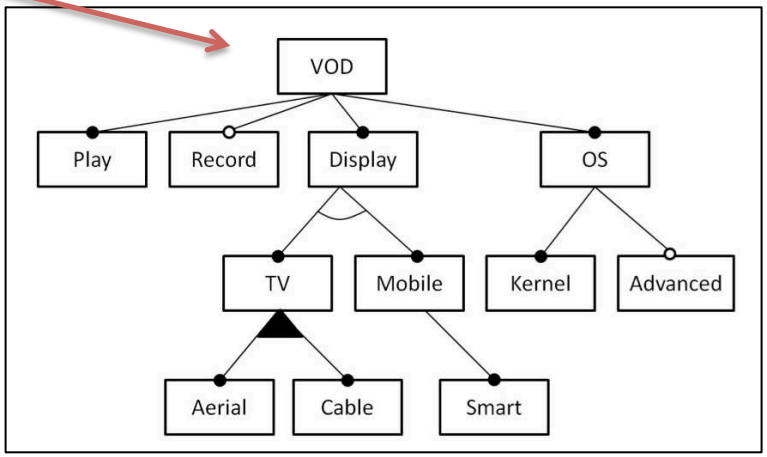

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```
fml> compare fmR fmR2
res0: (STRING) REFACTORING
```

Feature Model SemanticS

- As configuration semantics is not sufficient…

- **Ontological** semantics
  - Hierarchy
  - And feature groups

Quizz (back to Feature Model)

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Given a set of configurations *s*, can we always characterize *s* with a feature diagram *fd* ?

ie [[fd]] = s

In other words: is the formalism of feature diagram expressive enough wrt Boolean logic?

Feature Diagram ?

s = {{A},
{A,C,B},
{B,A},
{C,D,A},
{D,A},
{A,D,B},
{A,C}
}

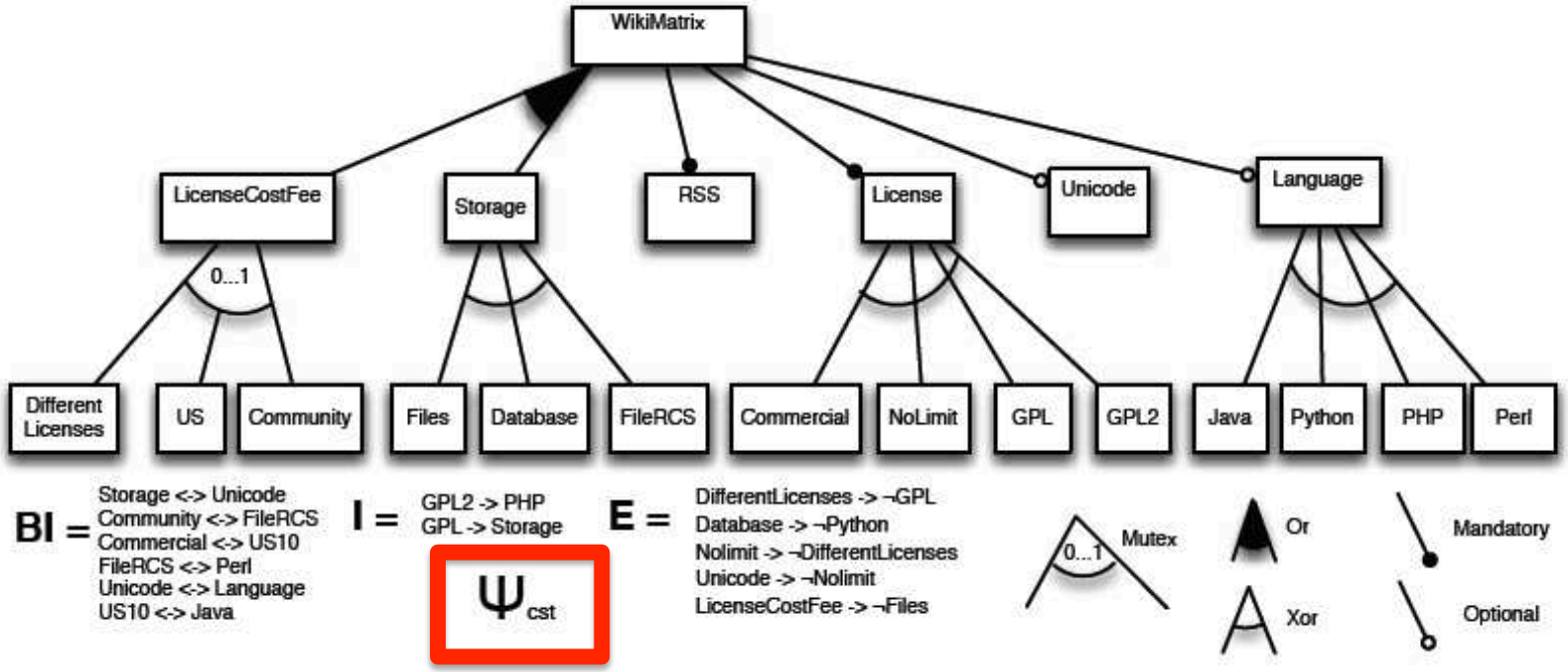
fm1 = FM (A : [B] [C] [D] ^
// B, C and D are optional features of A

((B & C) -> !D)

)

Feature Diagram ?

Identifier	License	Language	Storage	LicenseCostFee	RSS	Unicode
Confluence	Commercial	Java	Database	US10	Yes	Yes
PBwiki	Nolimit	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
MoinMoin	GPL	Python	Files	No	Yes	Yes
DokuWiki	GPL2	PHP	Files	No	Yes	Yes
PmWiki	GPL2	PHP	Files	No	Yes	Yes
DrupalWiki	GPL2	PHP	Database	Different Licences	Yes	Yes
TWiki	GPL	Perl	FilesRCS	Community	Yes	Yes
MediaWiki	GPL	PHP	Database	No	Yes	Yes



Feature Model (bis)

s = {{A}, {B}}

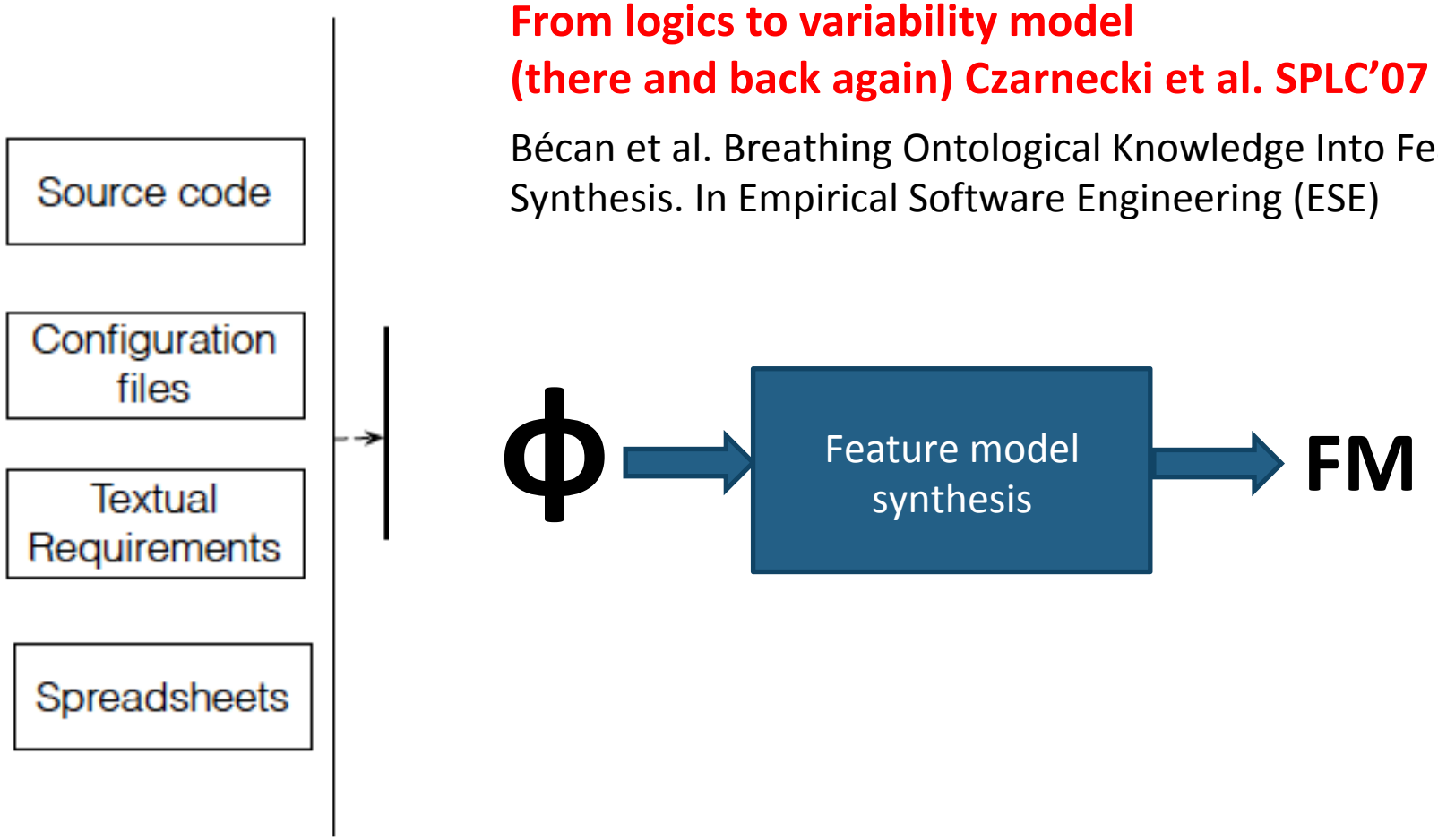
fd = ?

Feature Model: Key Insights

- Semantics
  - Configuration and ontological
- Syntax
  - Feature diagram vs Feature Model
  - Feature diagram not expressively complete
- Feature models are a (syntactical) view of a propositional formula

From logics to variability model (there and back again) Czarnecki et al. SPLC'07

Bécan et al. Breathing Ontological Knowledge Into Feature Model Synthesis. In Empirical Software Engineering (ESE)



Feature model synthesis problem

Input: ϕ, a propositional formula representing the **dependencies** over a set of features *F*.

Output: a maximal feature model with a **sound configuration semantics**

(end of second part)

Software Variability and Artificial Intelligence

- Very large variability spaces
- **AI#2 Statistical, supervised machine learning** to (out of a sample):
  - Understand the configuration space
  - Find the best configuration
  - Specialize the configuration space (e.g., by capturing constraints)
  - In a cost-effective way

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

Paper variants building and measurements

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alse	false	false	false	true	0.8	0.6	2.2	4	✓
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rue	true	true	true	true	0.7	0.8	1.1	4	✓
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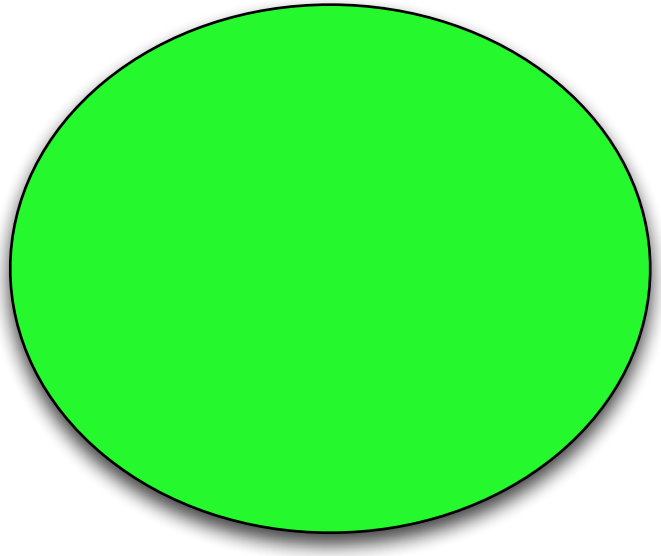
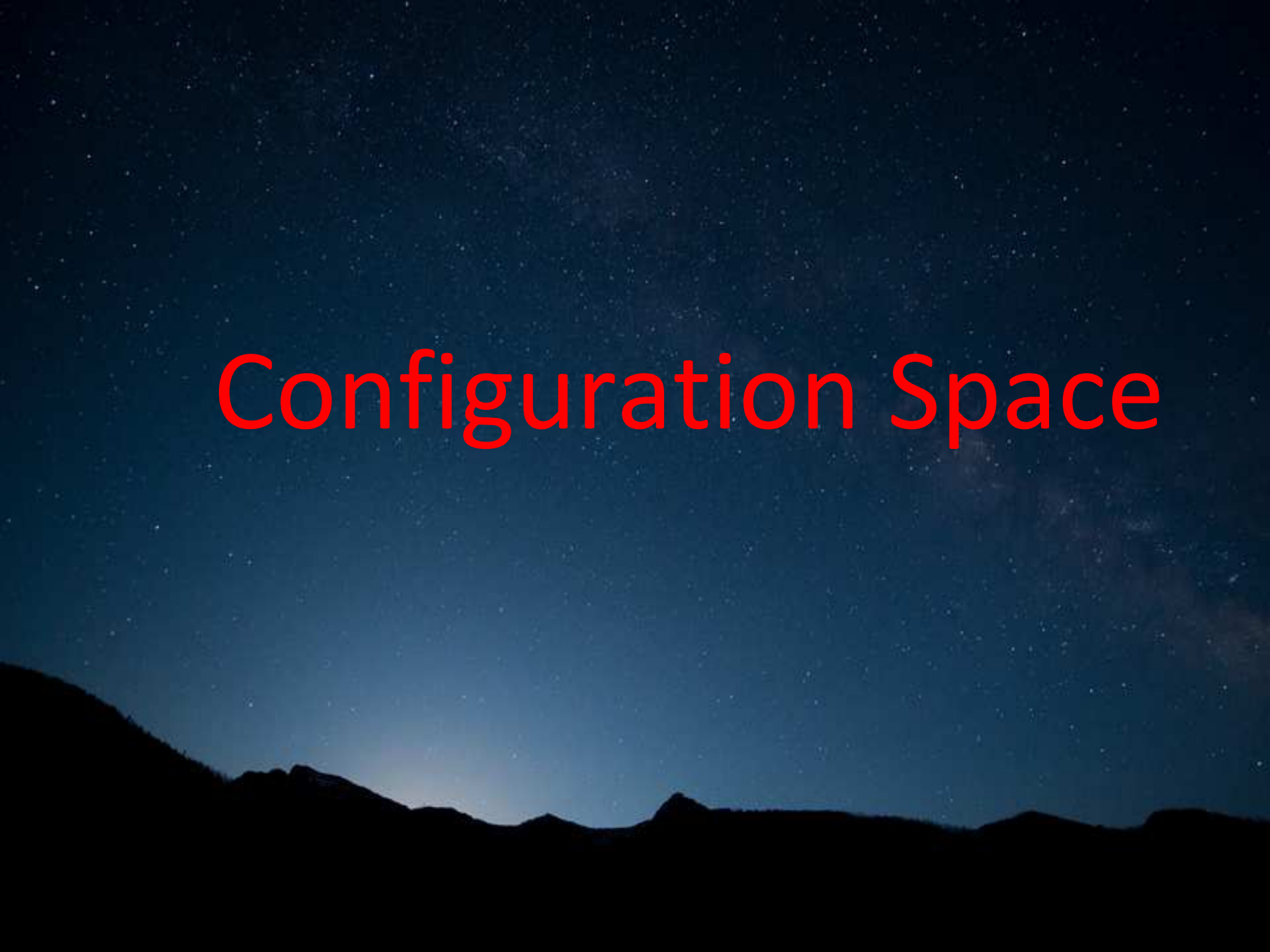
alse	true	false	false	true	0.9	0.7	4.9	4	✓
rue	true	false	true	true	1.0	0.7	1.7	5	✗
alse	false	false	true	true	1.0	0.6	1.8	5	✗
alse	true	false	true	true	0.7	0.6	2.8	4	✓

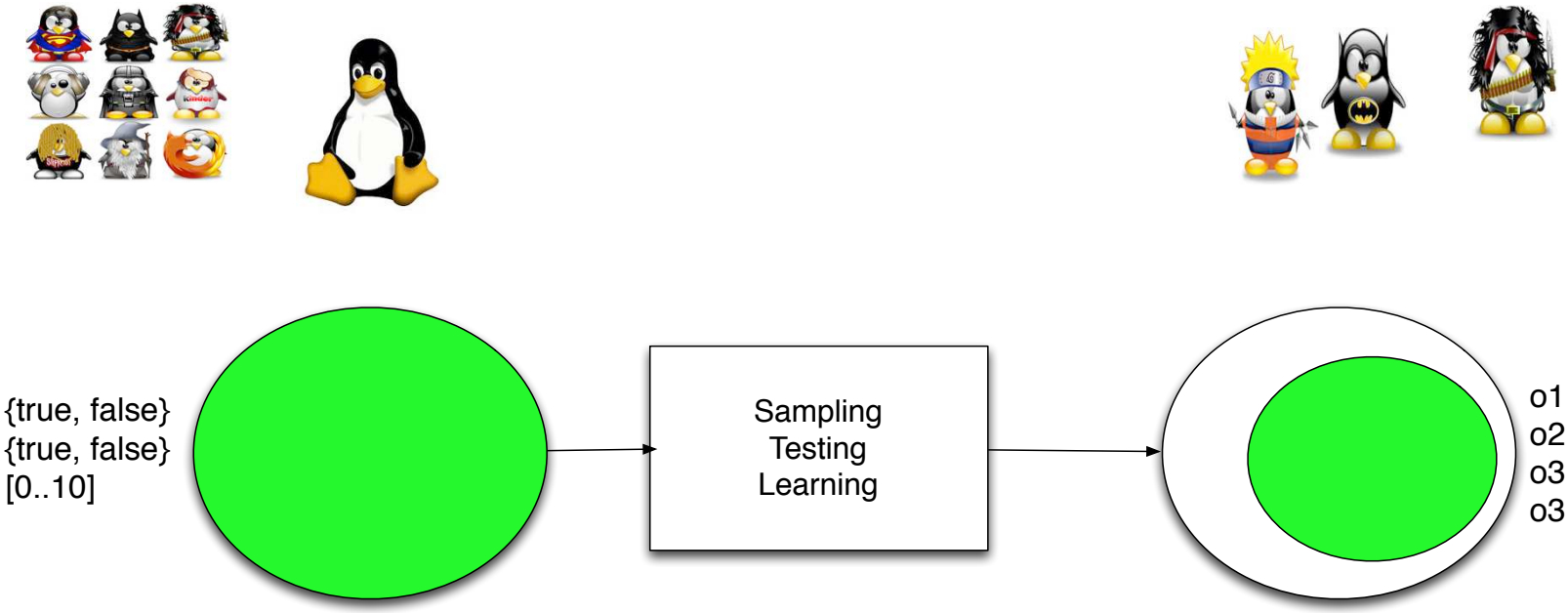
Configuration space

o1 : {true, false}
o2 : {true, false}
o3 : [0..10]



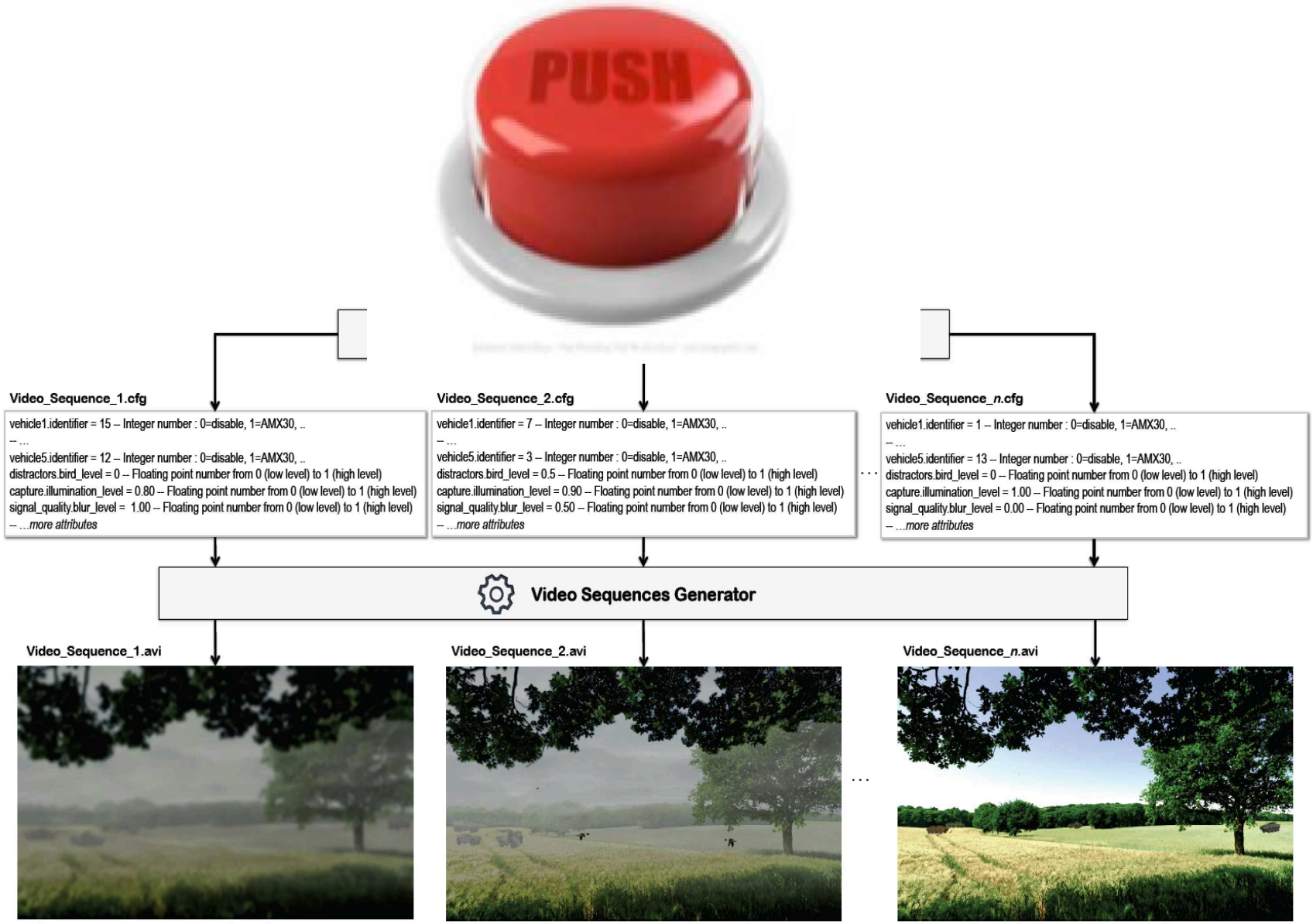

Configuration Space

How to ensure that all variants compile? boot? are secured?



Enormous configurations space eg Linux has 15000+ options, tri-state values {y, n, m}; you cannot test all variants

Learning over a small sample



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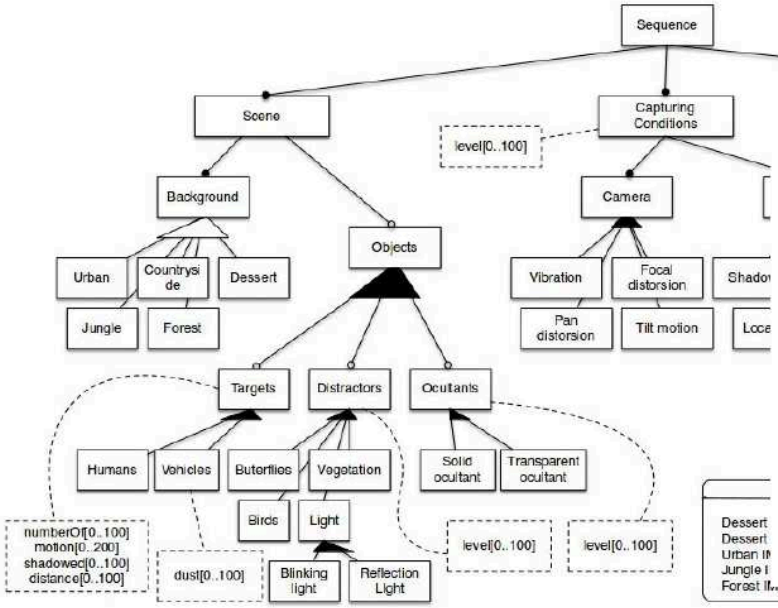


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if (CFG.distractors.close_moving_vegetation~=0) then
    windvect5, precwindvect5, newwindvect5 =
generate_wind_vector_field2(workwidth, workheight, 256, 1, 1, 35, picnum,
precwindvect5, newwindvect5)
    windvectmul =
windvect5:mul(24*CFG.distractors.close_moving_vegetation)
    globalvect = compose_vect(masque_feuilles_sombres, windvectmul, globalvect
    hfvx, hfvy =
windvect0:mul(6*CFG.distractors.close_moving_vegetation):to_matrix()
    hfvx = MATRIX.multerm(hfvx, invdepthmat)
    hfvy = MATRIX.multerm(hfvy, invdepthmat)
    lfvect = windvect2:resize_bilinear(windvect2.Width, windvect2.Height/16)
    lfvect = lfvect:resize_bilinear(windvect2.Width, windvect2.Height)
    lfvx, lfvy = lfvect:mul(-
12*CFG.distractors.close_moving_vegetation):to_matrix()
    lfvx = MATRIX.multerm(lfvx, depthmat)
    lfvy = MATRIX.multerm(lfvy, depthmat*0.1)
    windvectcomp = VECT2D.new_from_matrices(MATRIX.addterm(lfvx, hfvx),
MATRIX.addterm(lfvy, hfvy))
    globalvect = compose_vect(masque_ble, windvectcomp, globalvect)
    globalvect = compose_vect(masque_orge, windvectcomp, globalvect)
    globalvect = compose_vect(masque_ble_fond, windvectcomp, globalvect)
```

(Lua code)

Large FM (80 features)

Features are mainly described as float-values

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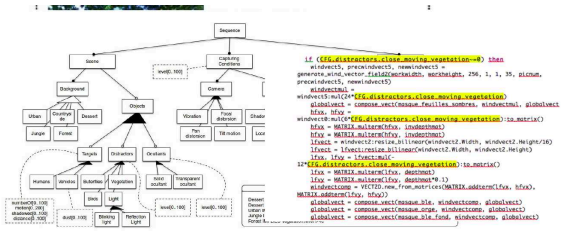
A variability-based testing approach for synthesizing video sequences. ISSTA 2014:



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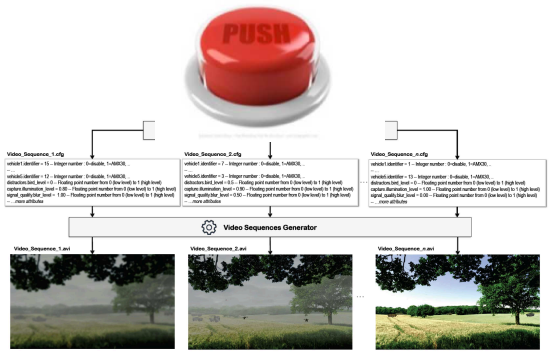

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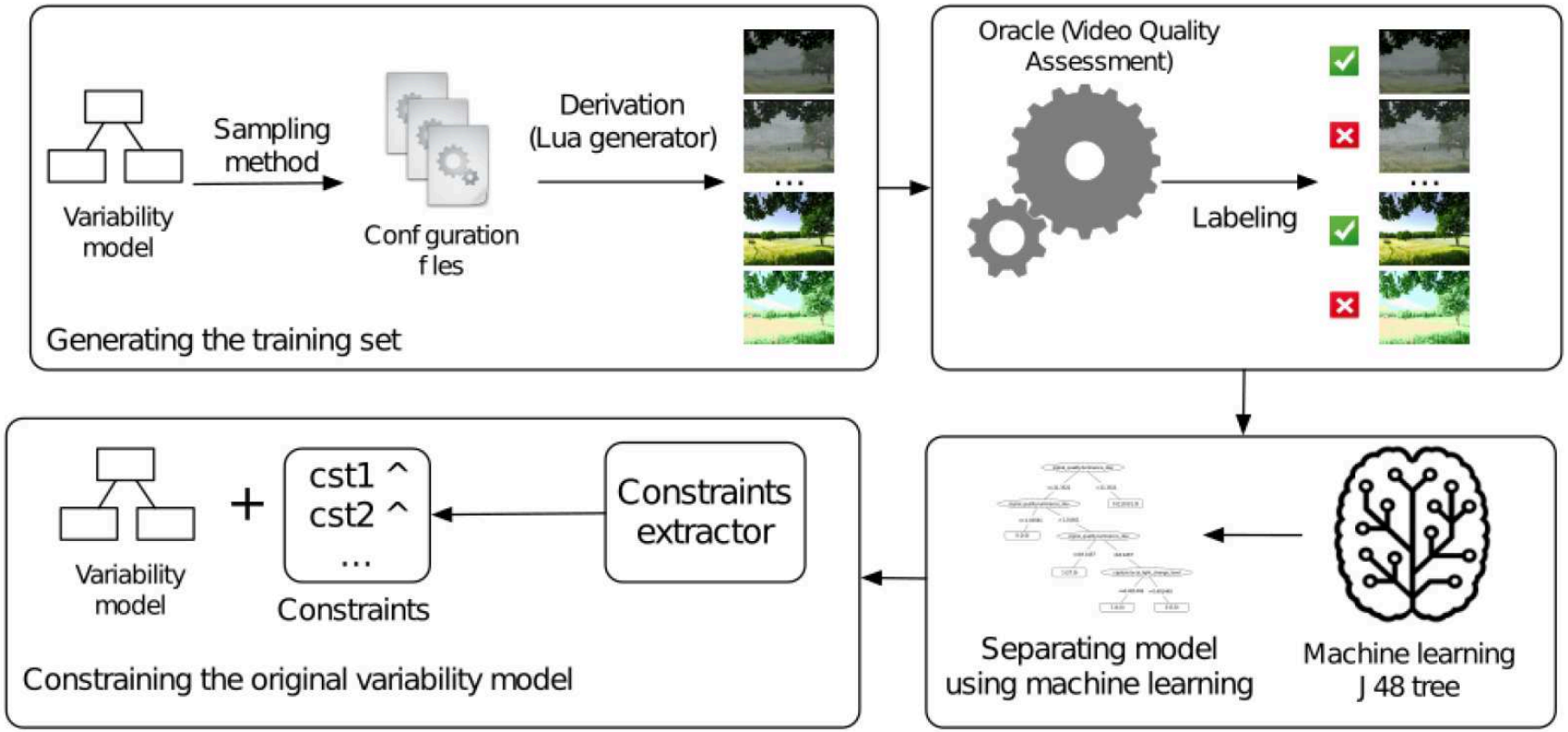

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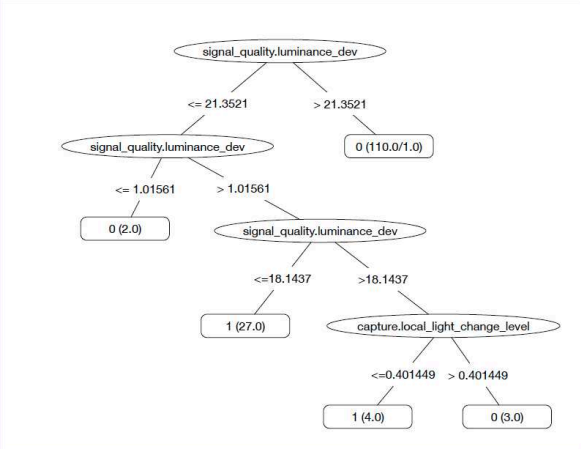
Results (training set: 500 video variants; validation set: 4000 variants)

Decision Tree



Constraints

!(signal_quality.luminance_dev $>$ 1.01561 && signal_quality.luminance_dev $<=$ 18.1437)
!(signal_quality.luminance_dev $<=$ 21.3521 &&
signal_quality.luminance_dev $>$ 18.1437 &&
capture.local_light_change_level $<=$ 0.481449)

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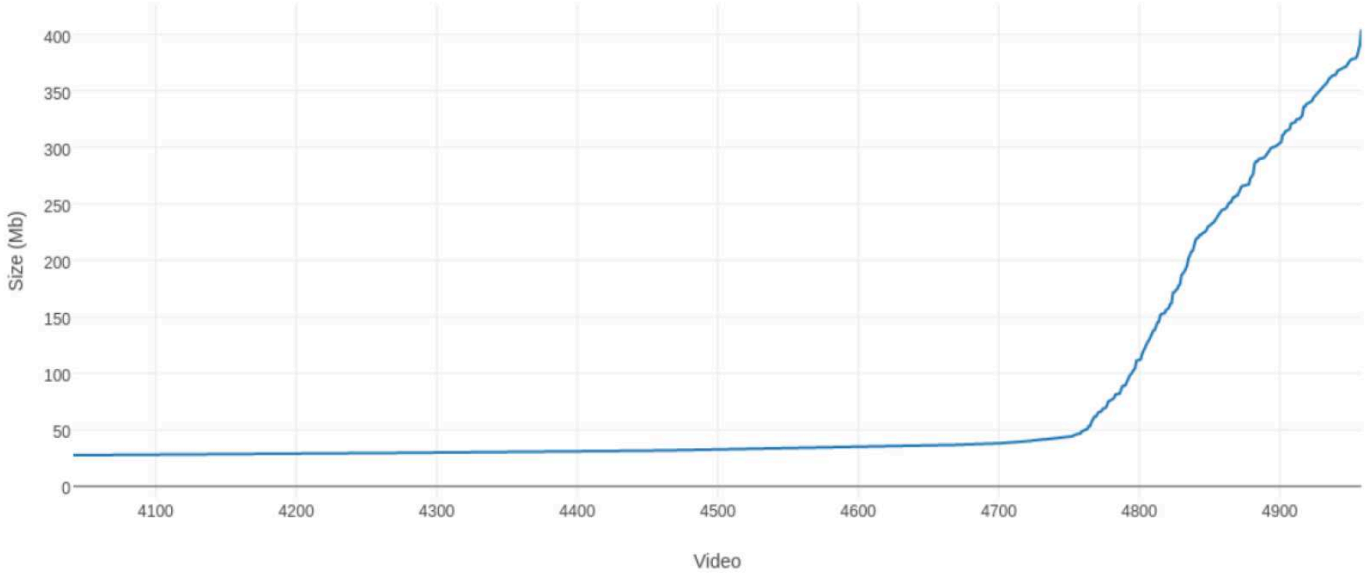
Precision/Recall

variability model (VM')	Oracle: Faulty	Oracle: non-faulty
Faulty	234	69
Non-faulty	141	3566

- **Overall Precision** $\simeq 0.86$
- **Overall Recall** $\simeq 0.8$



Constraints

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signal_quality.compression_artefact_level $<=$ 0.180349)
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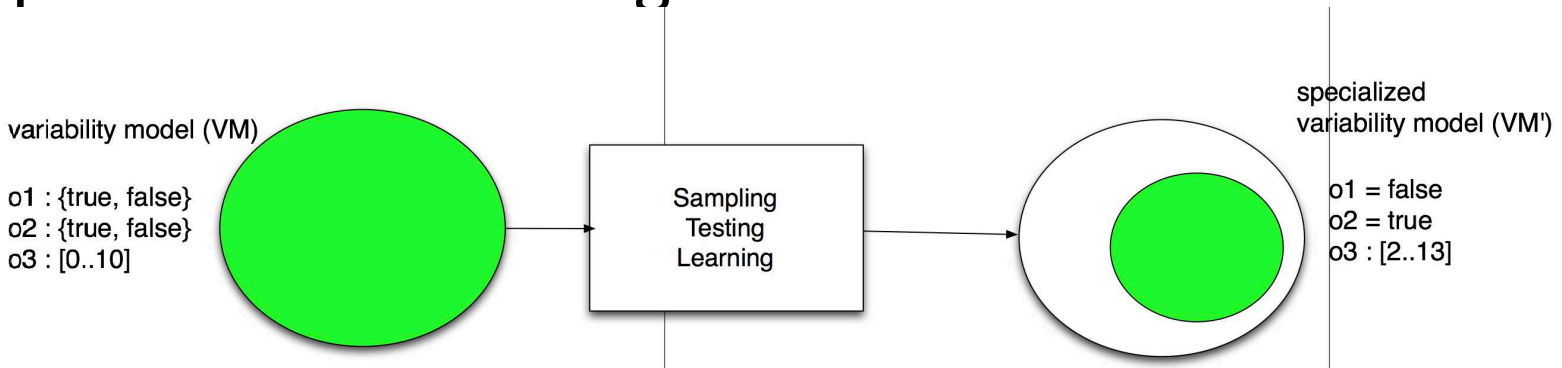
Generalization of learning-based specialization

- Configurations have a label/class
  - true/false (video gen) or nbPages={4,5} (VaryLaTeX); without any discussion a classification problem
- However there are scenarios in which the acceptability is defined in terms of performance
- Specialization is a classification problem; we boil down to this problem through a threshold over a quantitative value eg execution time < 1s



Automated Specialization

- Problem: configuring a system is hard
  - combinatorial explosion
  - functional concerns and performance qualities
  - users want to have a maximum of flexibility and perform no configuration error
- Configuration « envelope »
  - Safety (beware of being too permissive)
  - Flexibility (beware of being too restrictive)
- Solution: all option values (and combinations thereof) presented to users should satisfy an “objective”

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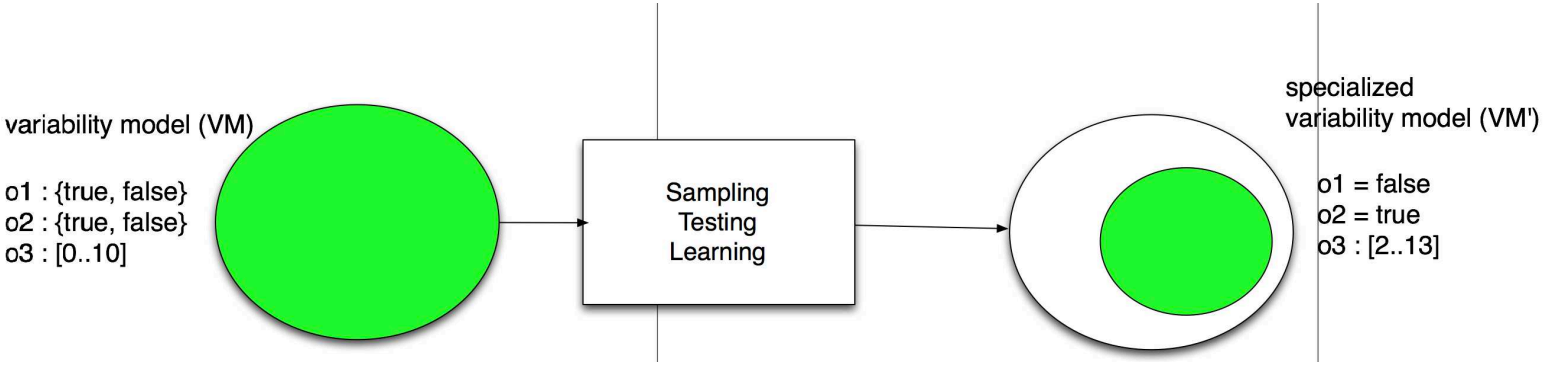
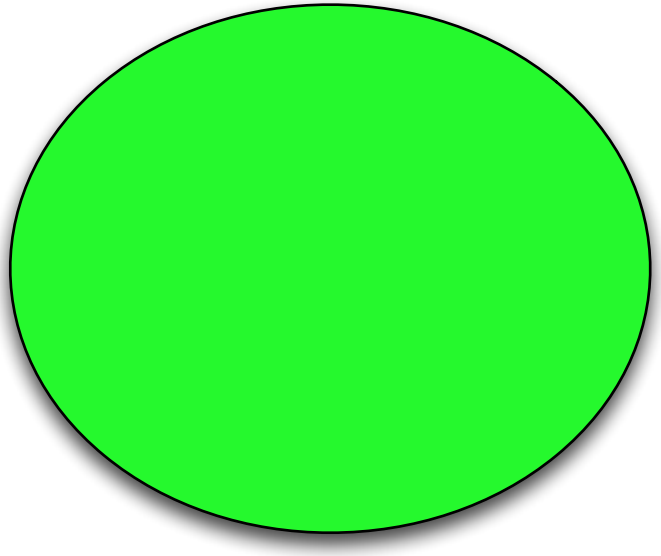
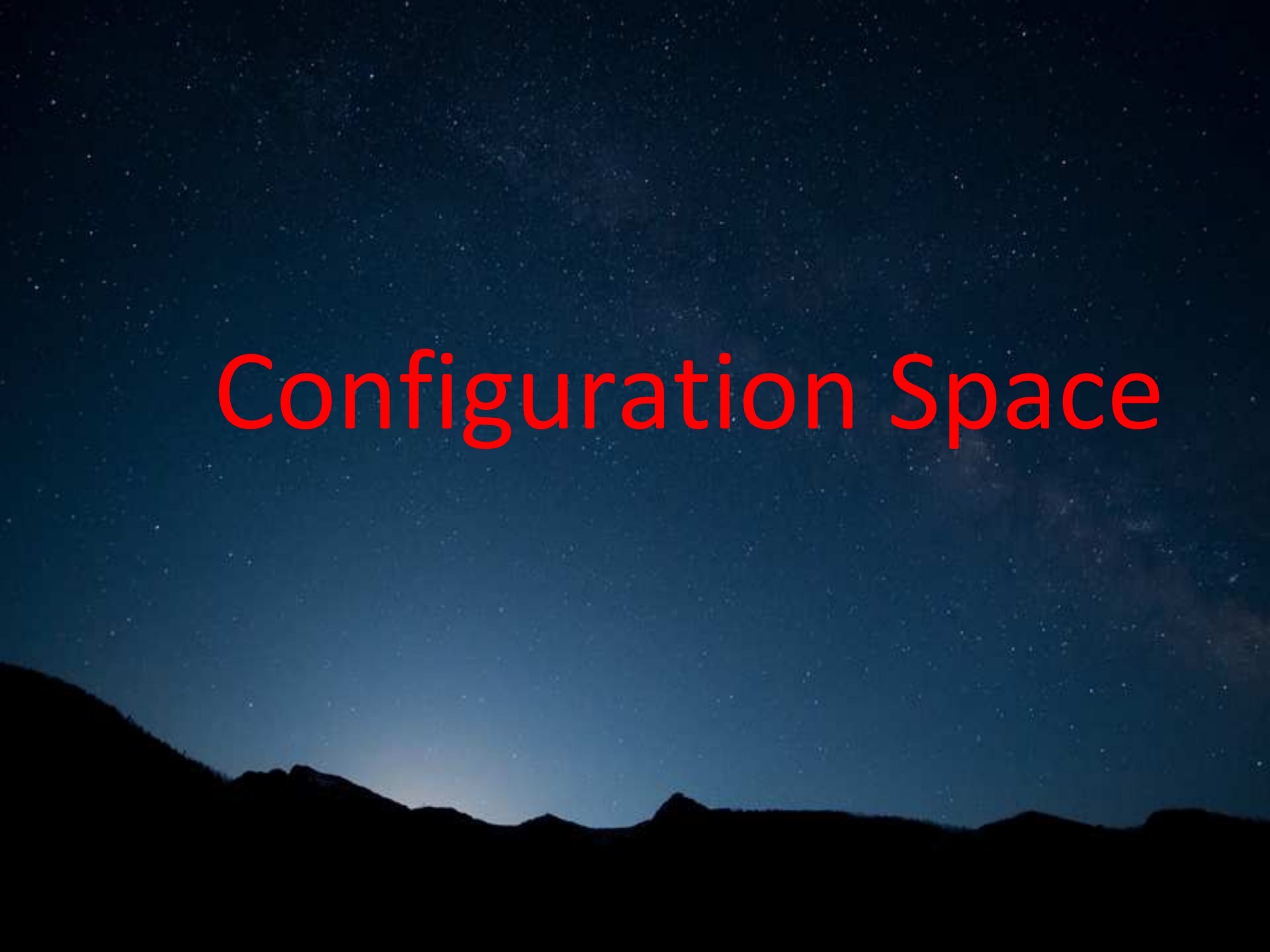


Configuration space

o1 : {true, false}
o2 : {true, false}
o3 : [0..10]

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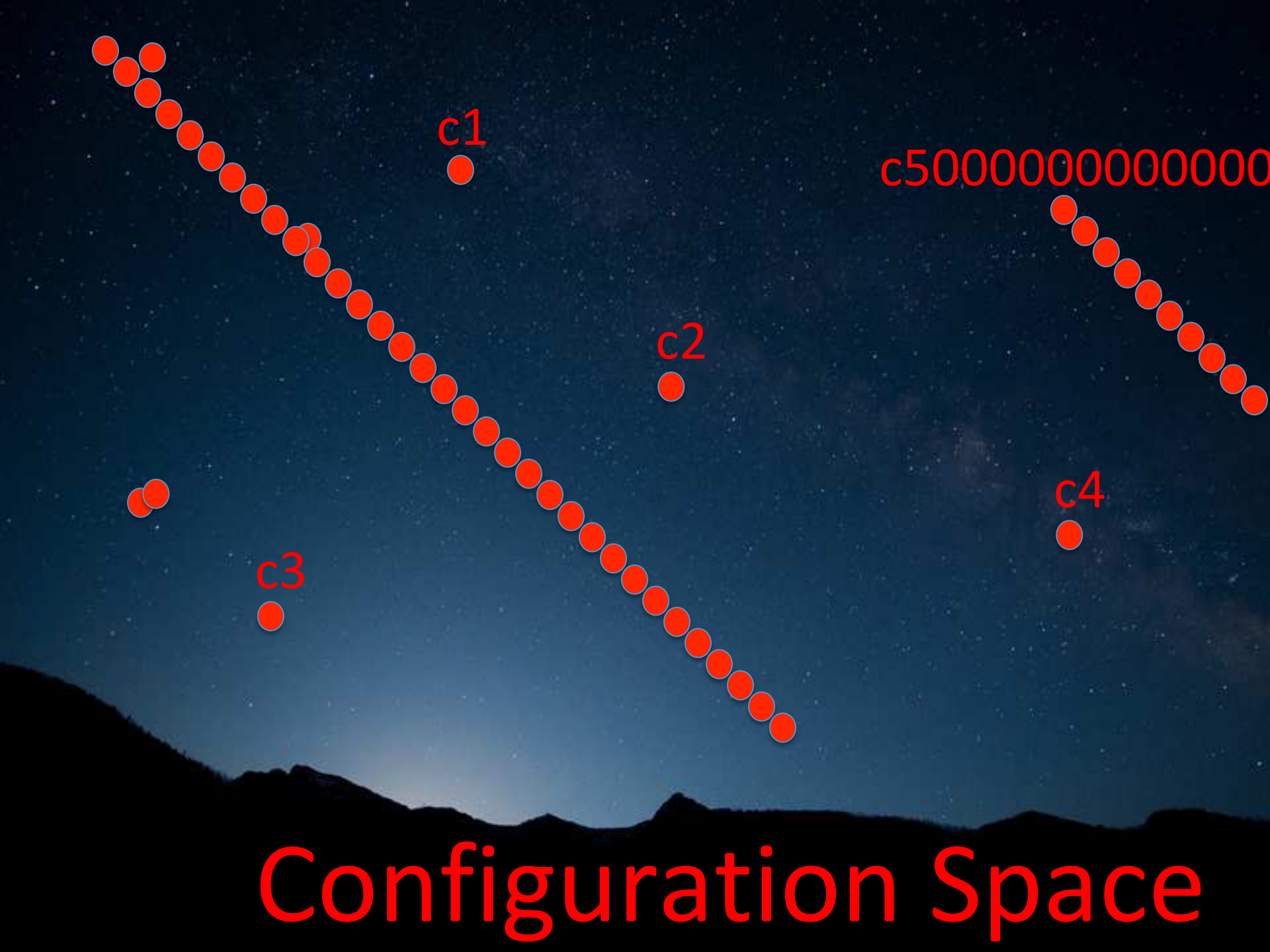
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c3
Configuration Space

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c399888

c182

c10999

```
x264 --quiet
     --no-mbtree=false
     --no-asm
     --cfr-ratio 18
     --b_bias -50
     -o trailer_480p24.x264
     trailer_2k_480p24.y4m
```

c2

```
x264 --quiet
     --no-mbtree
     --no-asm
     --cfr-ratio 28
     --b_bias 50
     -o trailer_480p24.x264
     trailer_2k_480p24.y4m
```

c10999

```
x264 --quiet
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     --cfr-ratio 18
     --b_bias -50
     -o trailer_480p24.x264
     trailer_2k_480p24.y4m
```

1000s 

```
x264 --quiet
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      --cfr-ratio 28
     --b_bias 50
     -o trailer_480p24.x264
     trailer_2k_480p24.y4m
```

100s 

c2

```
x264 --quiet
     --no-mbtree
     --no-asm
     --cfr-ratio 28
     --b_bias 50
     -o trailer_480p24.x264
     trailer_2k_480p24.y4m
```

I want an execution time < 145s

1670s 


c10999
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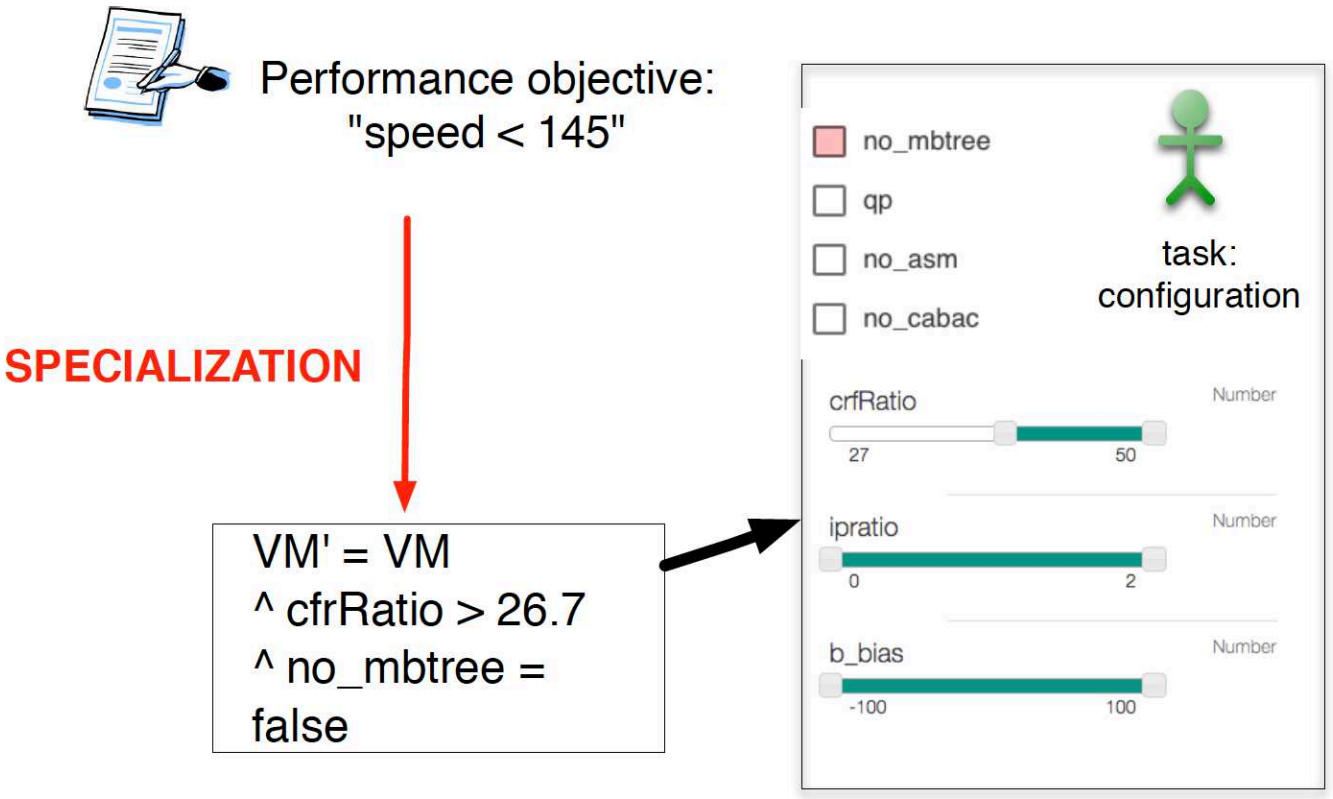
90s
I want an execution time < 145s

Automated specialization problem:

synthesizing constraints such that
each configuration meets an objective
(you have typically to execute the configuration to know that)




320 optional, independent, Boolean features
more variants than estimated
atoms in the universe
Impossible to execute and test all configurations
I want an execution time < 145s

I want an execution time < 145s

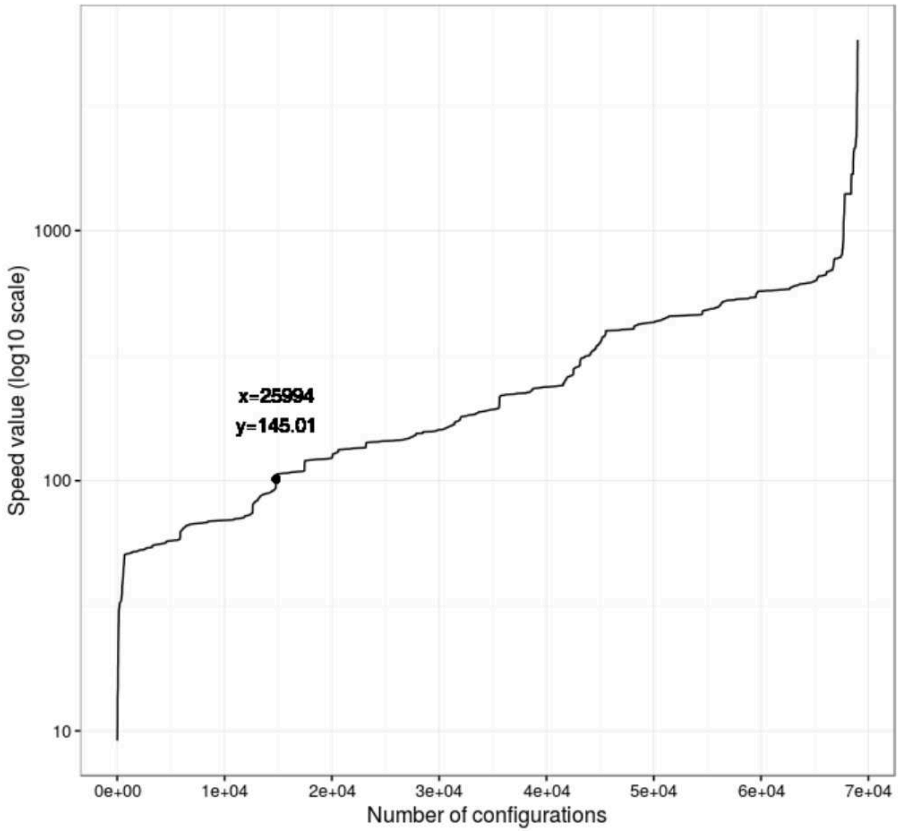


Fig. 2: Number of x264 configurations running under a certain time: X-axis represents a number of configurations; Y-axis represents the execution speed (in seconds) to encode a video benchmark; *e.g.*, about 25994 configurations can encode the video in less than 145.01 seconds.

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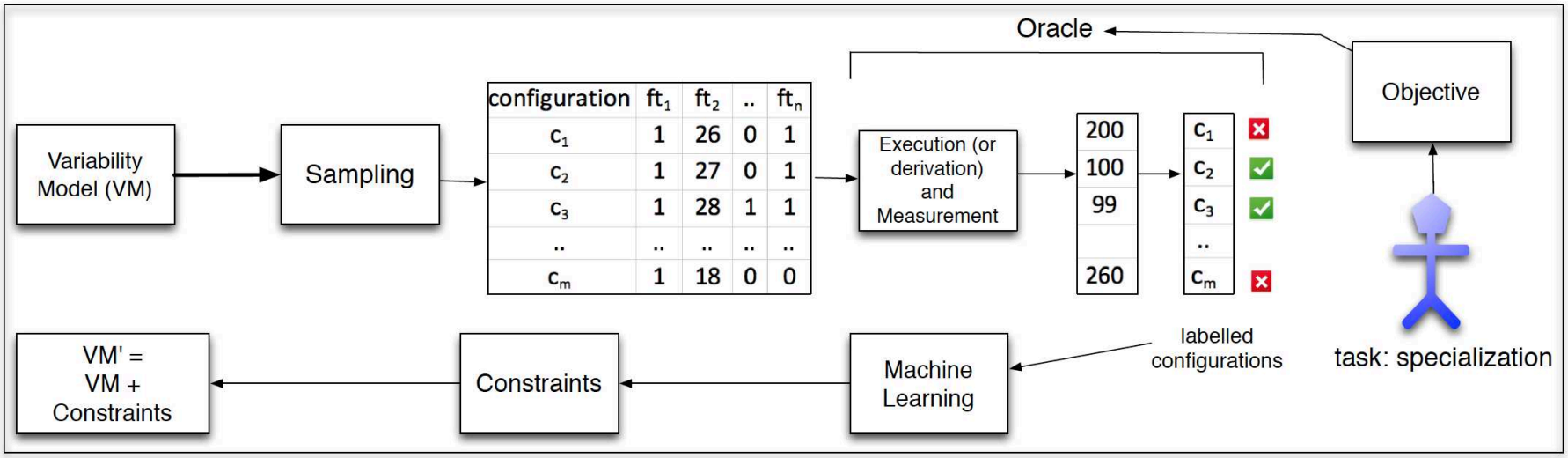
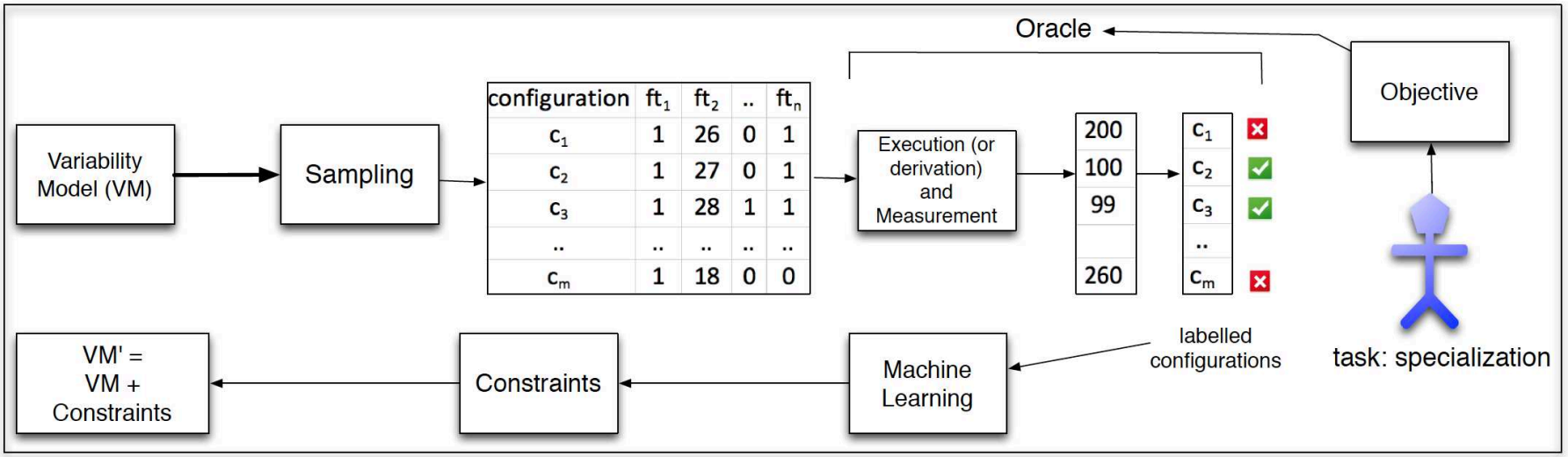
Sampling, Testing, and Learning

Learning-Based Specialization

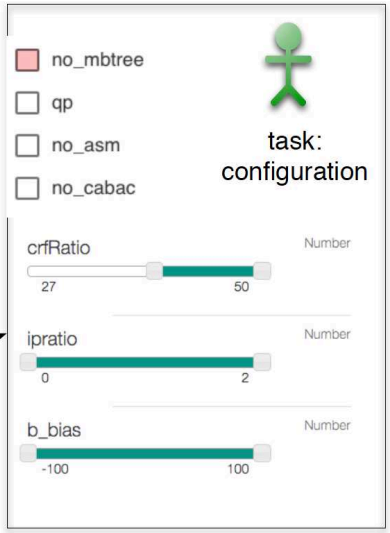




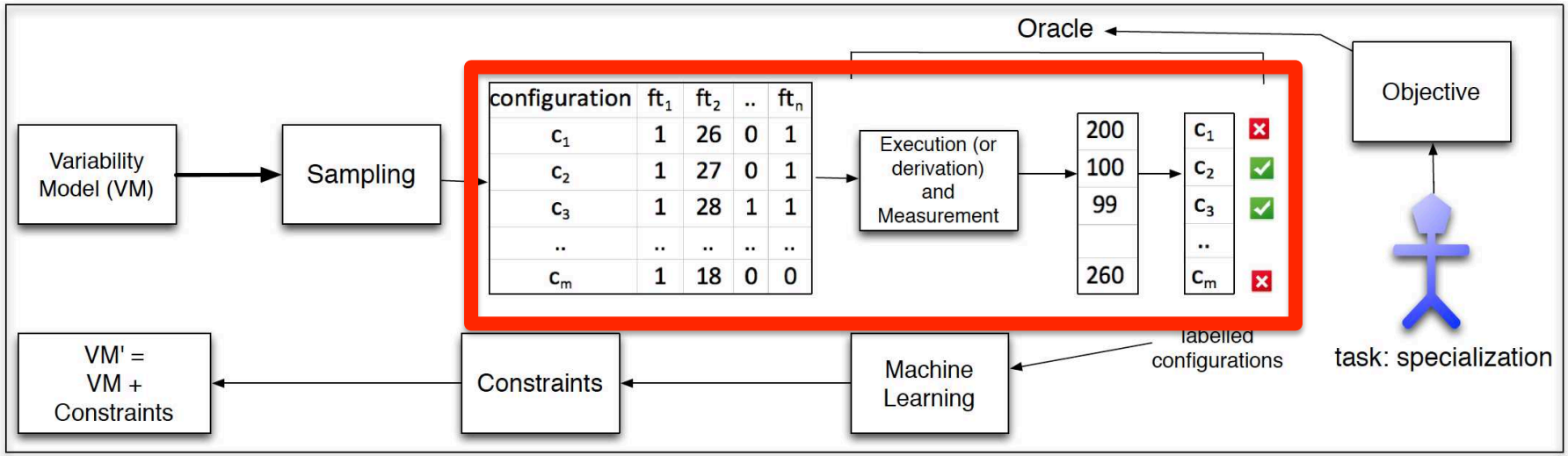
Performance objective:
"speed < 145"

SPECIALIZATION

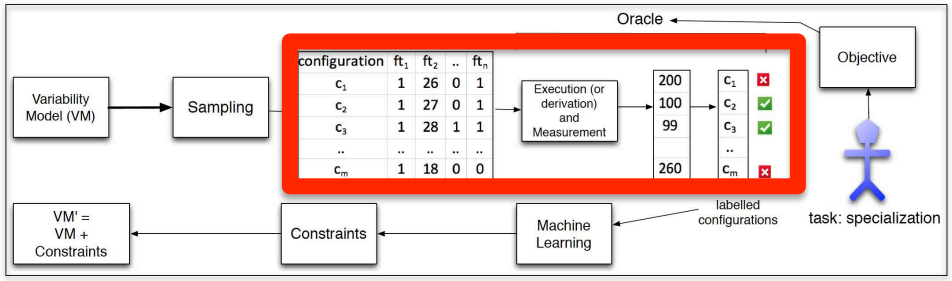
VM' = VM
^ cfrRatio > 26.7
^ no_mbtree = false



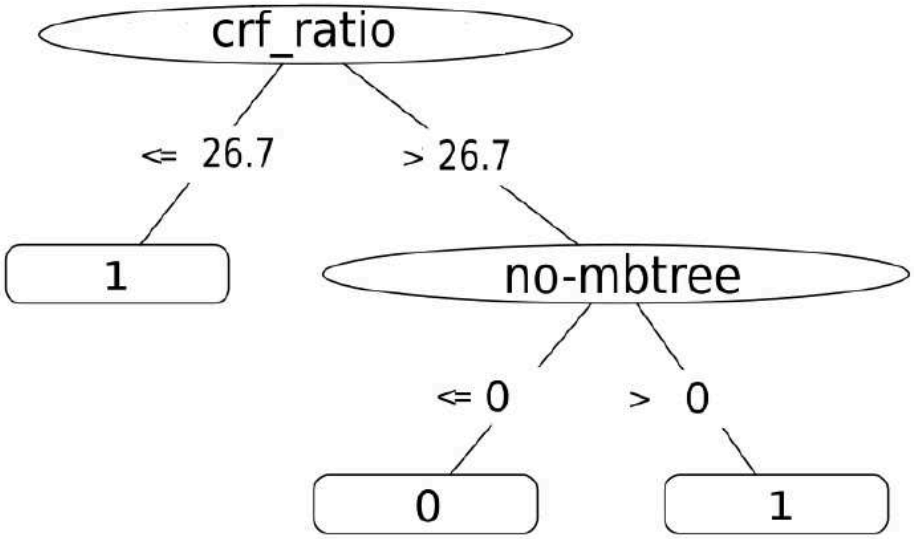
Problem reduction: a binary classification problem
Learning approach: decision trees (classification trees)



Classification trees and constraints



Why decision trees?
++ Can handle categorical and numerical values
++ Constraints can be extracted into logics
++ Human-readable constraints



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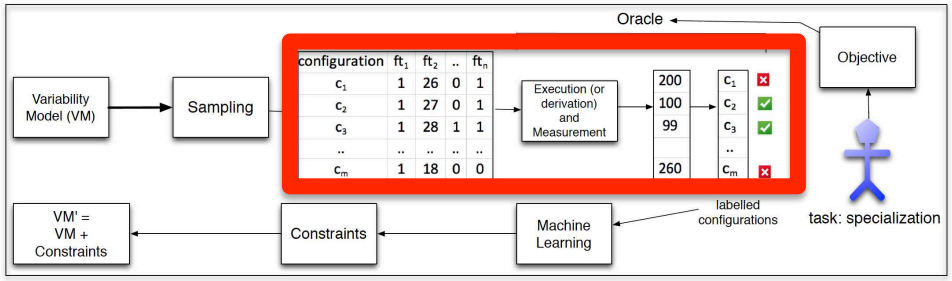
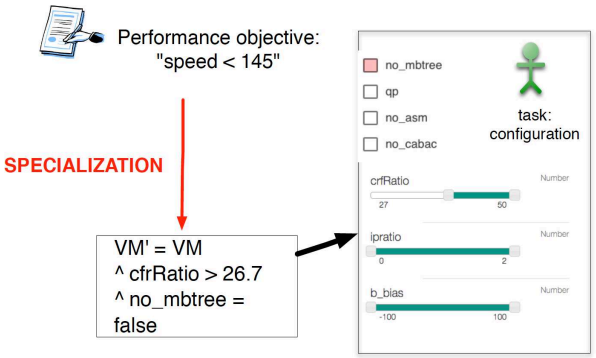
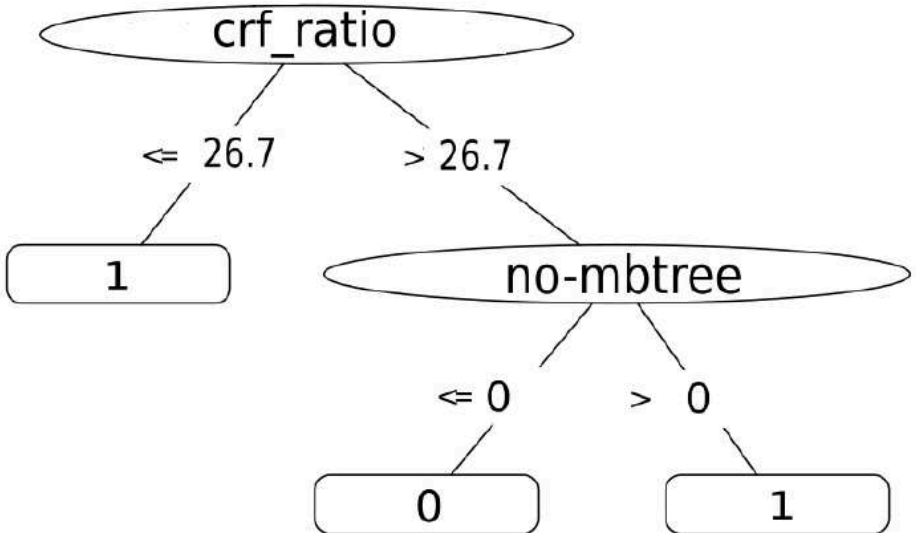
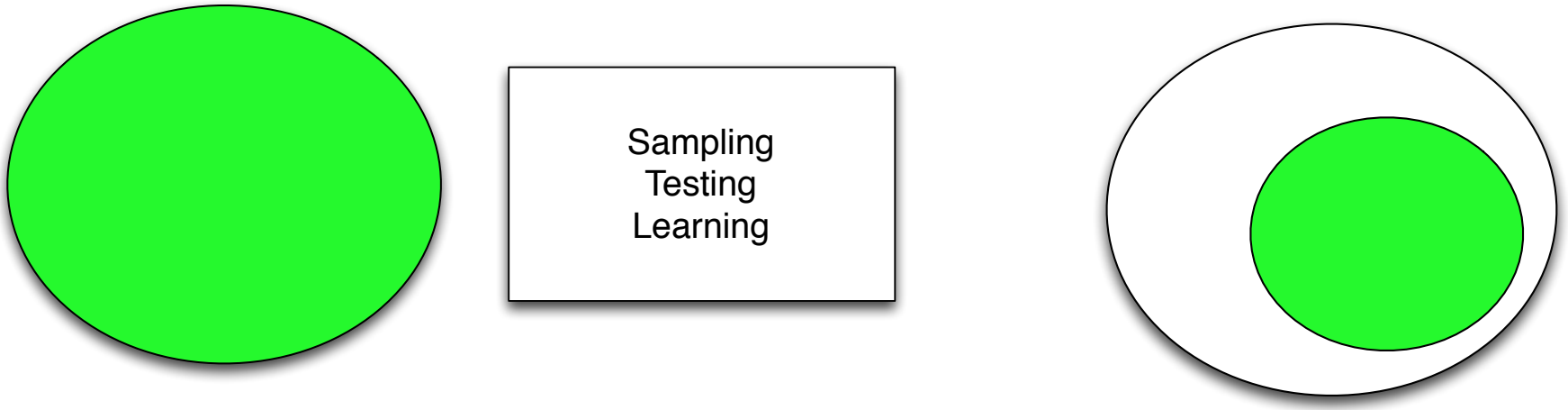






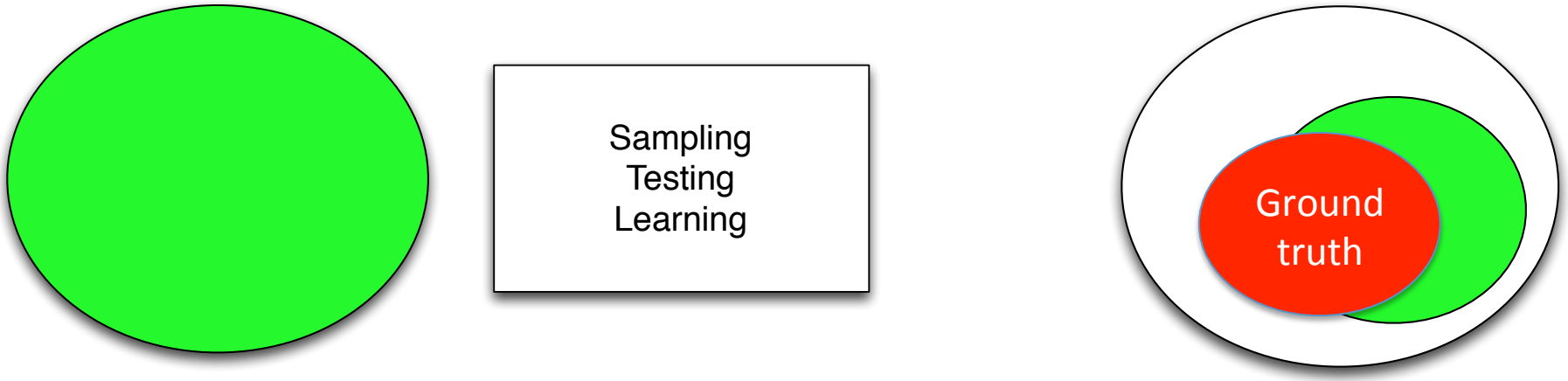

```
1  !(crf_ratio <= 26.7)
2  !( crfRatio > 26.7 & no_mbtree > 0 )
```

Specialization of the configuration set

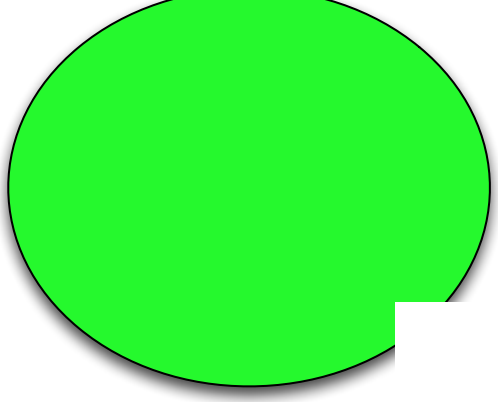


Can discard lots of non-acceptable configurations
(safer)
But can also be too restrictive
(losing flexibility)

Specialization of the configuration set



Can identify false positives or false negatives (“missing” flexibility or safety)



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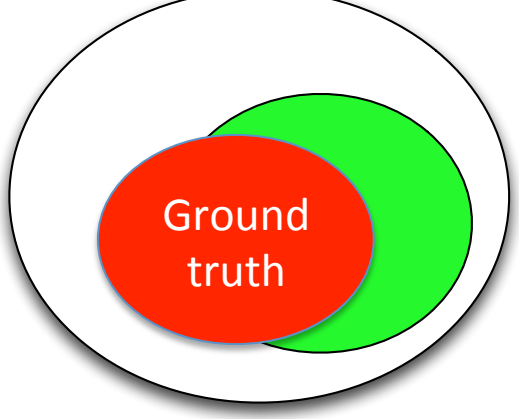

Oracle

ML	non-acceptable	acceptable	
non-acceptable	650 TP	70 FP	720
acceptable	280 FN	1000 TN	1280
	930	1070	

accuracy = (TP + TN) / (TP + FP + FN + TN) = 82.5%

precision = TP / (TP + FP) = 90%

recall (true positive rate) = TP / (TP + FN) = 70%

specificity (true negative rate) = TN / (TN + FP) = 93%

NPV (negative predictive value) = TN / (TN + FN) = 78%

Can identify false positives or false negatives (“missing” flexibility or safety)

Evaluation

What is the accuracy of our specialization method for classifying configurations?

What is the precision and recall of our specialization method for classifying configurations?

How safe and flexible are specialized configurable systems when applying our method?

How effective is our learning technique compared to a non-learning technique?

Evaluation

System	Domain	Lang.	Features	$\#[\![VM]\!]$	Meas.
Apache	Web Server	C	9/0	192	All
BerkeleyC	Database	C	18/0	2560	All
BerkeleyJ	Database	Java	26/0	400	181
LLVM	Compiler	C++	11/0	1024	All
SQLite	Database	C	39/0	10^6	4553
Dune	Solver	C++	8/3	2304	All
HIPA^{cc}	Image Proc.	C++	31/2	13485	All
HSMGP	Solver	n/a	11/3	3456	All
JavaGC	Runtime Env.	C++	12/23	10^{31}	166k
x264 (Energy)	Codec	C	8/12	10^{27}	69k
x264 (PSNR)	Codec	C	8/12	10^{27}	69k
x264 (SSIM)	Codec	C	8/12	10^{27}	69k
x264 (Speed)	Codec	C	8/12	10^{27}	69k
x264 (Size)	Codec	C	8/12	10^{27}	69k
x264 (Time)	Codec	C	8/12	10^{27}	69k
x264 (Watt)	Codec	C	8/12	10^{27}	69k

TABLE 1: *Features*: number of boolean features / number of numerical features; $\#[\![VM]\!]$: number of valid configurations; *Meas.*: number of configurations that have been measured.

Independent variables

- Subject systems
- Sampling size
- Performance objective
  - % of non-acceptable configurations
- For each subject system, we compute numerous metrics and perform a sensitivity analysis wrt sampling size and performance objective

Learning-Based Performance Specialization of Configurable Systems

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Note: we are currently further experimenting with new data and algorithms

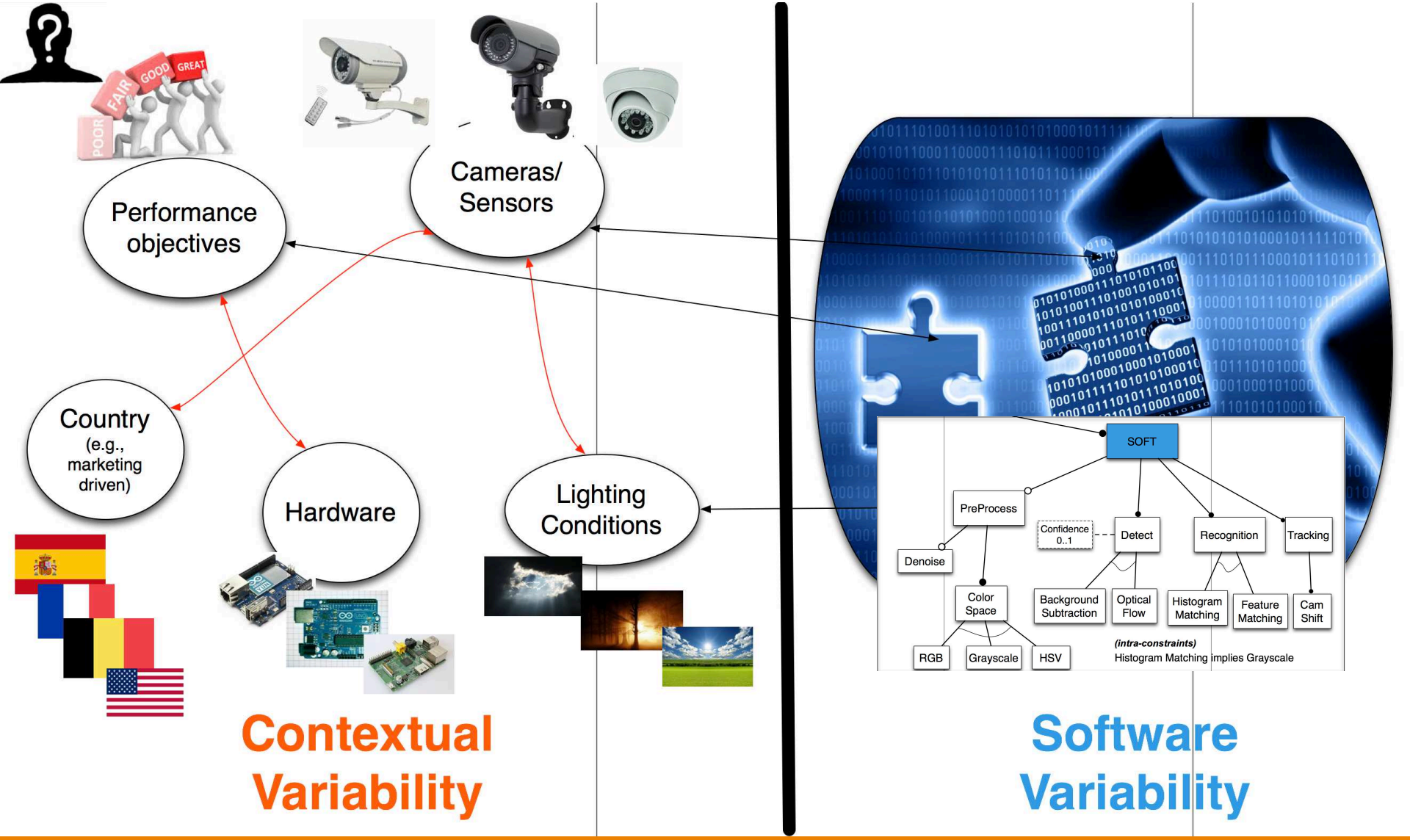
Main conclusions

- **High precision and recall** can be obtained with a relative **small number of configurations** with the exception of some "hard" objective values for which the configurable system can be seen as too permissive.
- Our approach can be effective to produce a **safe and flexible system** with a relative small number of configurations
- Even and especially for hard objectives, our specialization method **significantly outperforms a non-learning approach**

Conclusion

- Software variability everywhere for fitting users' requirements
- Variability is complexity **(very large configuration spaces)**
- **AI#1** Abstraction/languages to formally and efficiently reason about configuration spaces
  - with SAT/CSP/SMT solvers
  - Eg constrained sampling
- **AI#2** Statistical machine learning to (out of a sample):
  - Understand the configuration space
  - Find the best configuration
  - Specialize the configuration space (e.g., by capturing constraints)
  - In a cost-effective way
- Artificial intelligence for fitting software variability
- Human/machines interplay

Context and Variability



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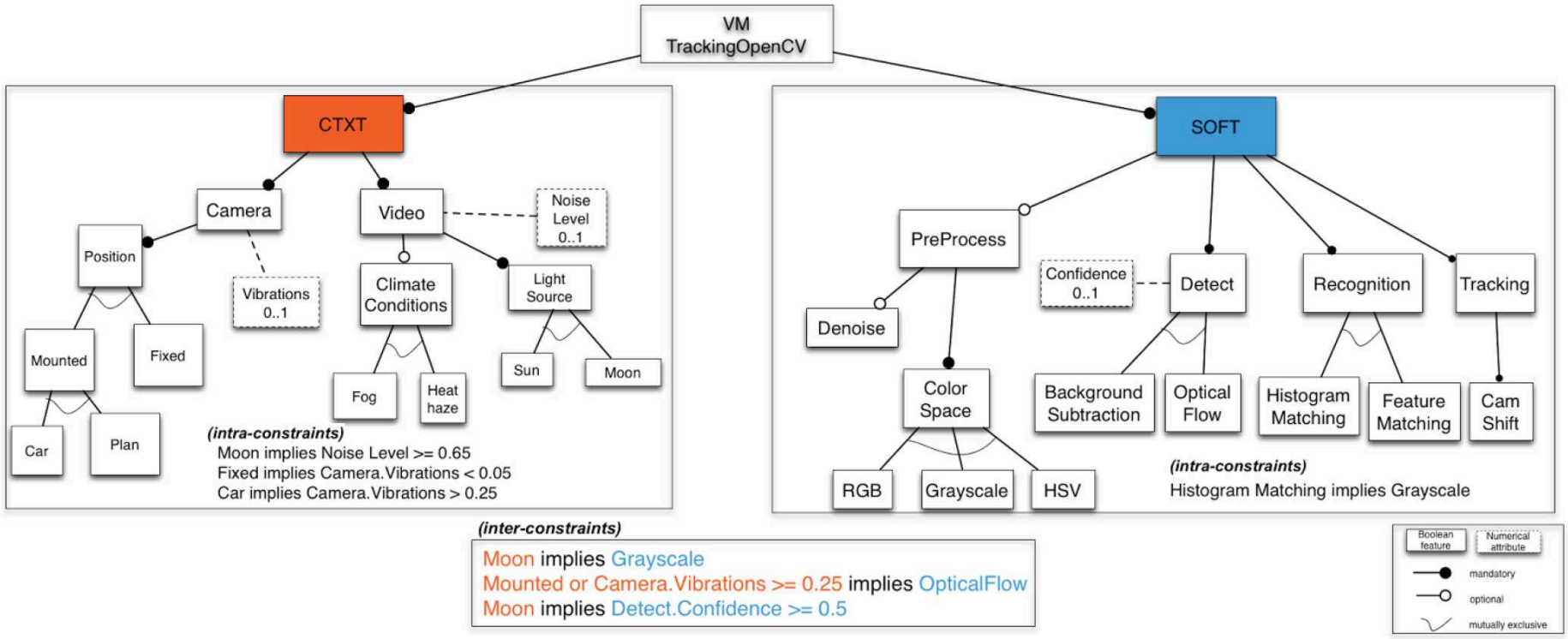

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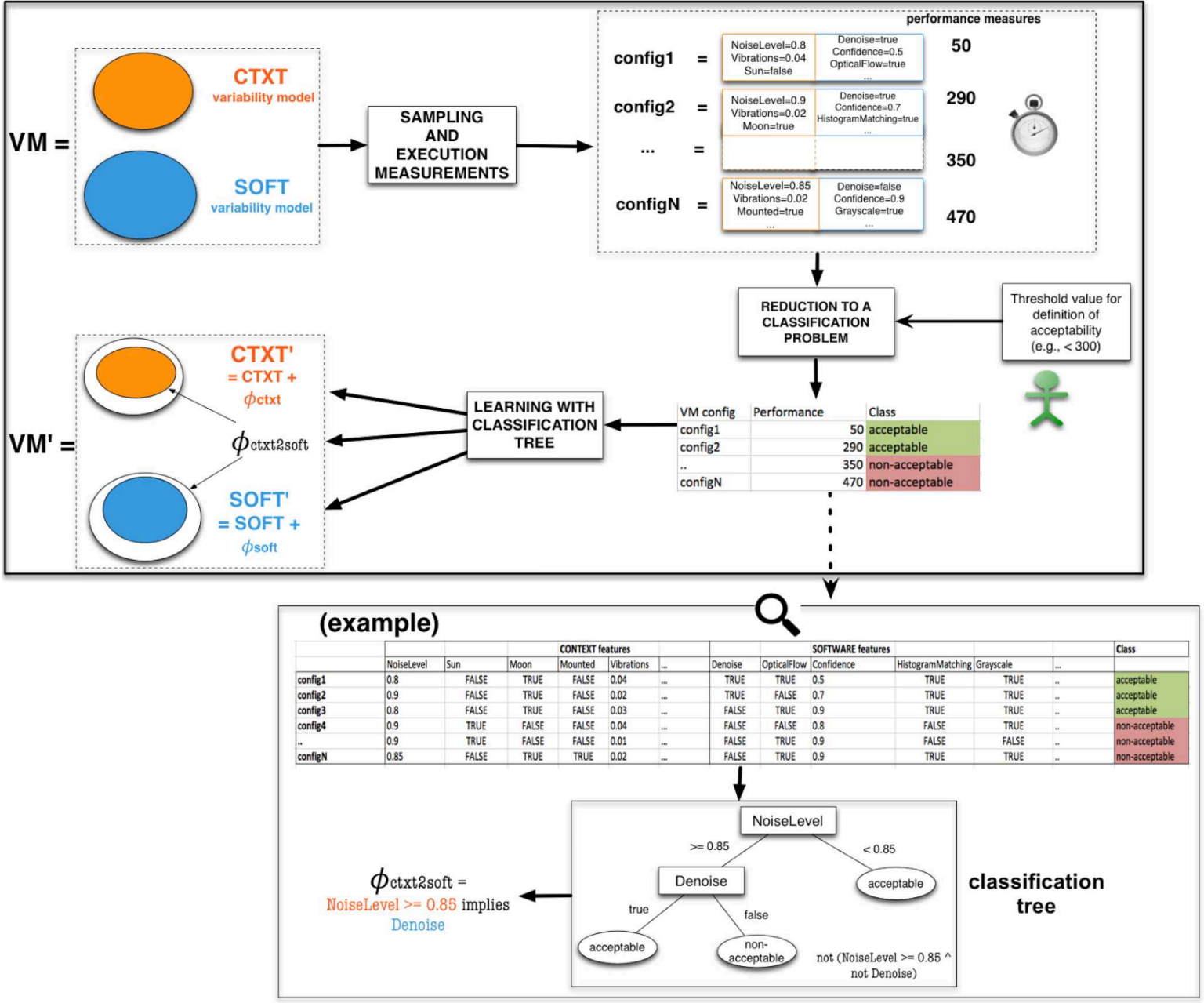

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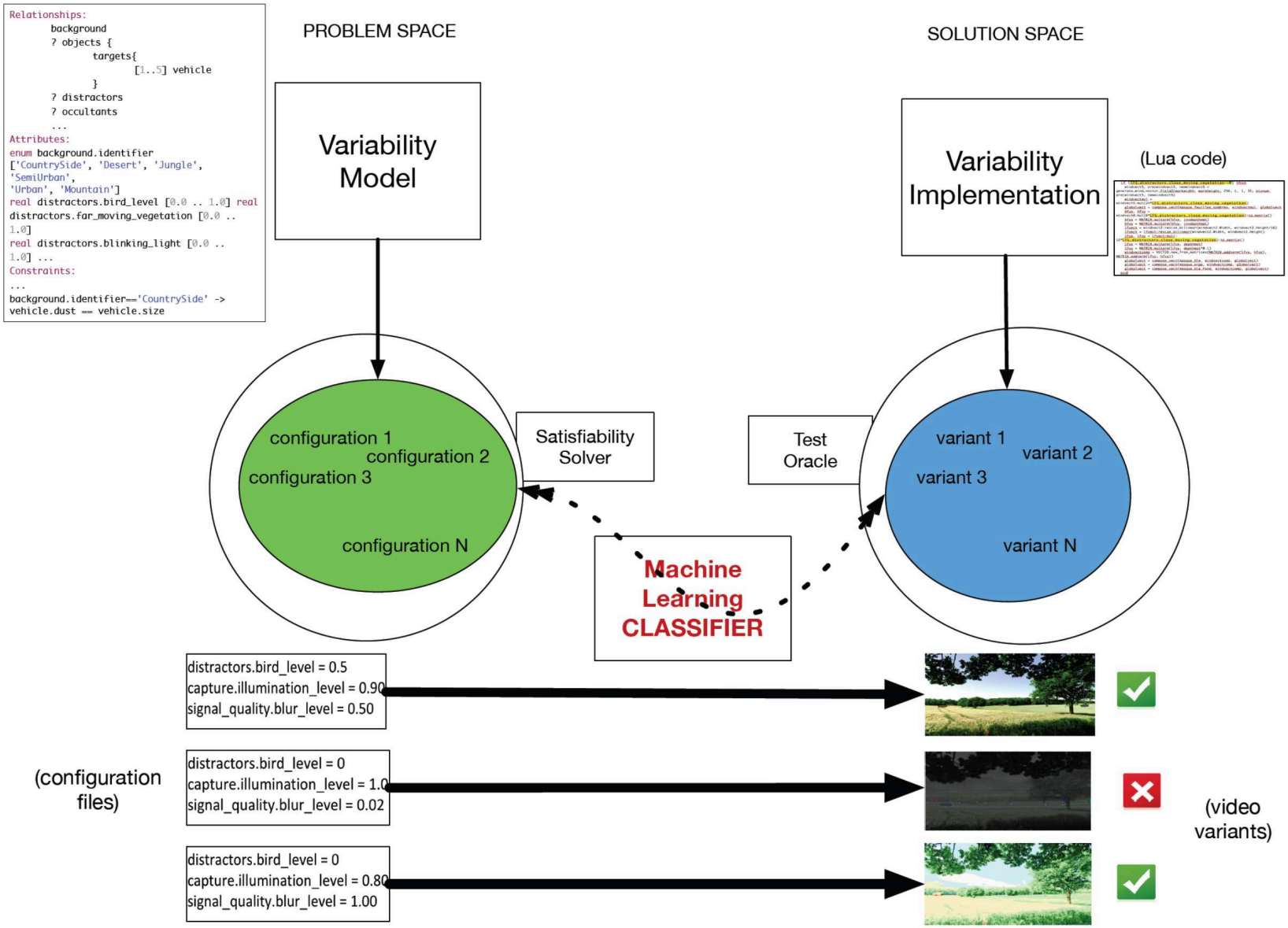

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Software Variability and EJCP

- Empirical Software Engineering
  - We aim to understand real-world variability (data)
  - We aim to develop techniques that are effective on real-world systems
- Constraint Programming
  - SAT/SMP/CP solvers to reason about variability
- Coccinelle and the Linux kernel: a challenging case study for software variability
- Formal verification: many papers on verifying software product lines (Thuem et al. ACM Survey 2014)
- Privacy/security: some configurations can raise problems we don't see with default configurations

Ongoing works

Linux

Machine
Learning

TUXML

Grid'5000

Software Engineering and Machine Learning

- Automated measurements of thousands of Linux variants
- Learning with a high precision, with a small sample

configuration options: 12K+
70K+ configurations (!!)

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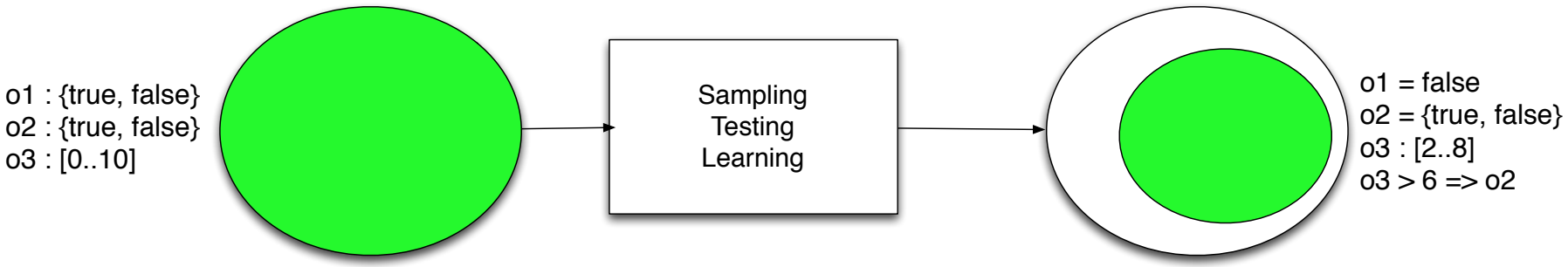

Learning-based specialization for
only keeping Linux kernels that are less than 20Mb

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      --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]
      --cqmfile <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

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

?

?? seconds