Well-Formed and Scalable Invasive Software Composition

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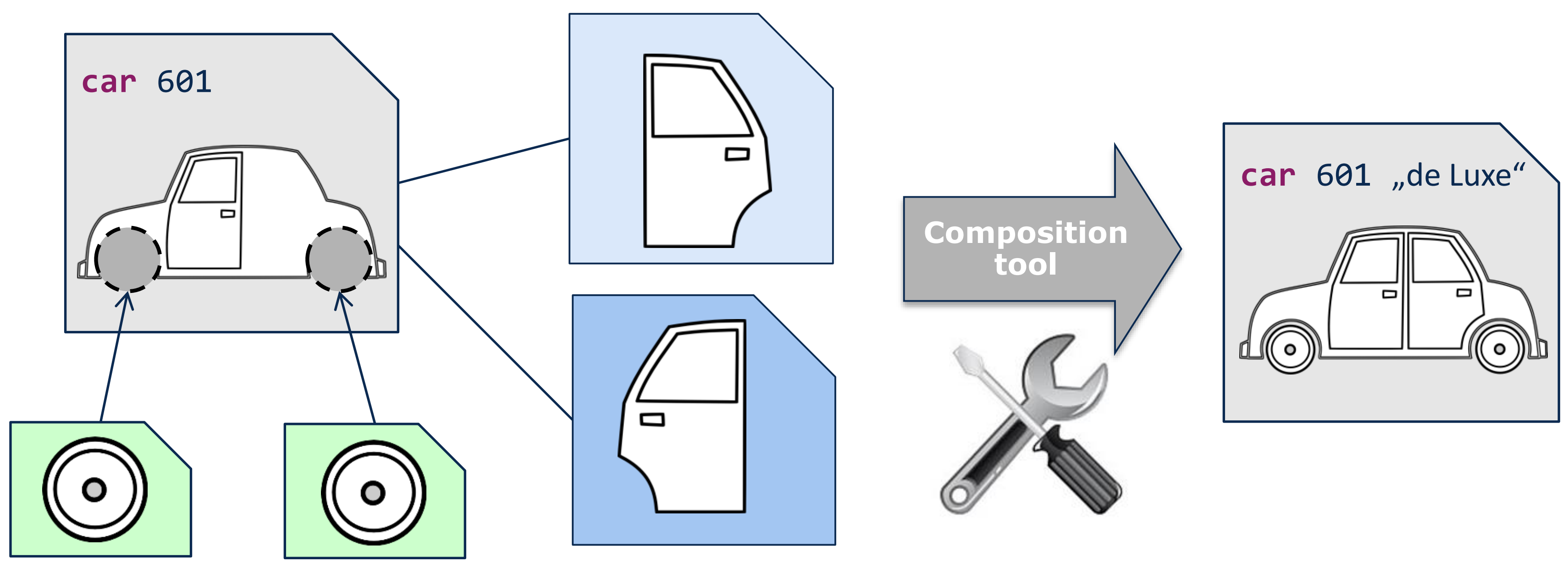

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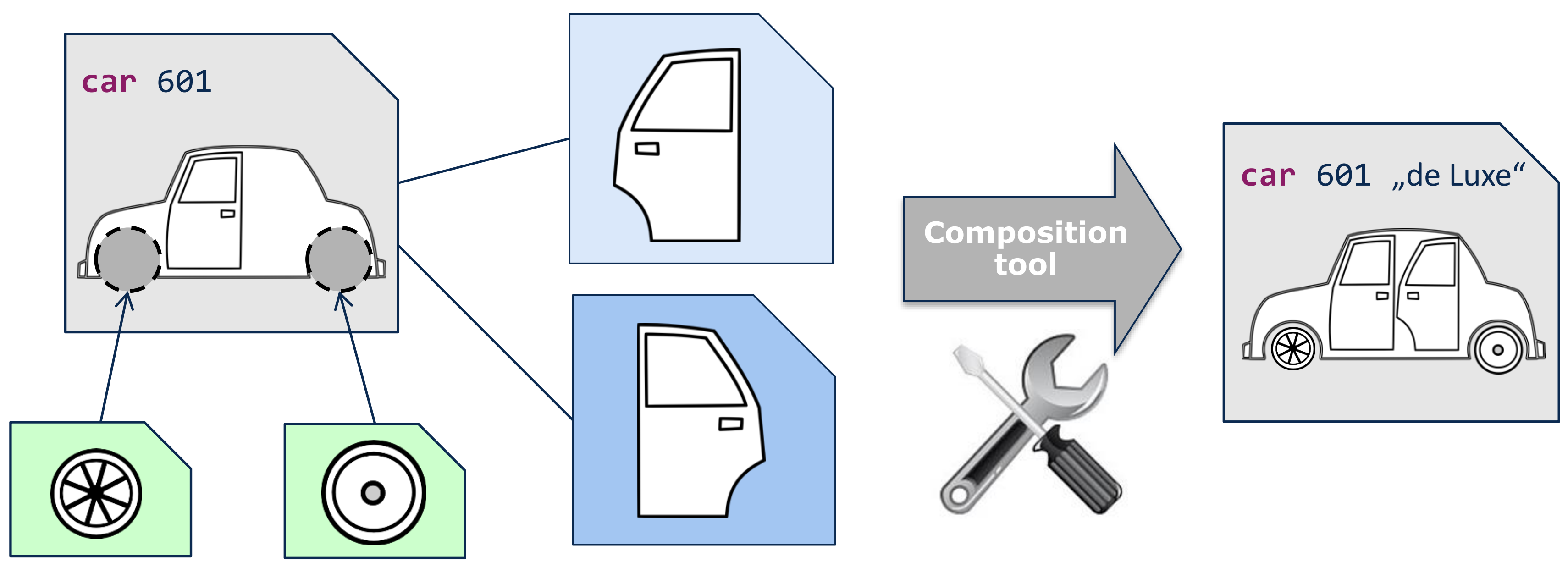

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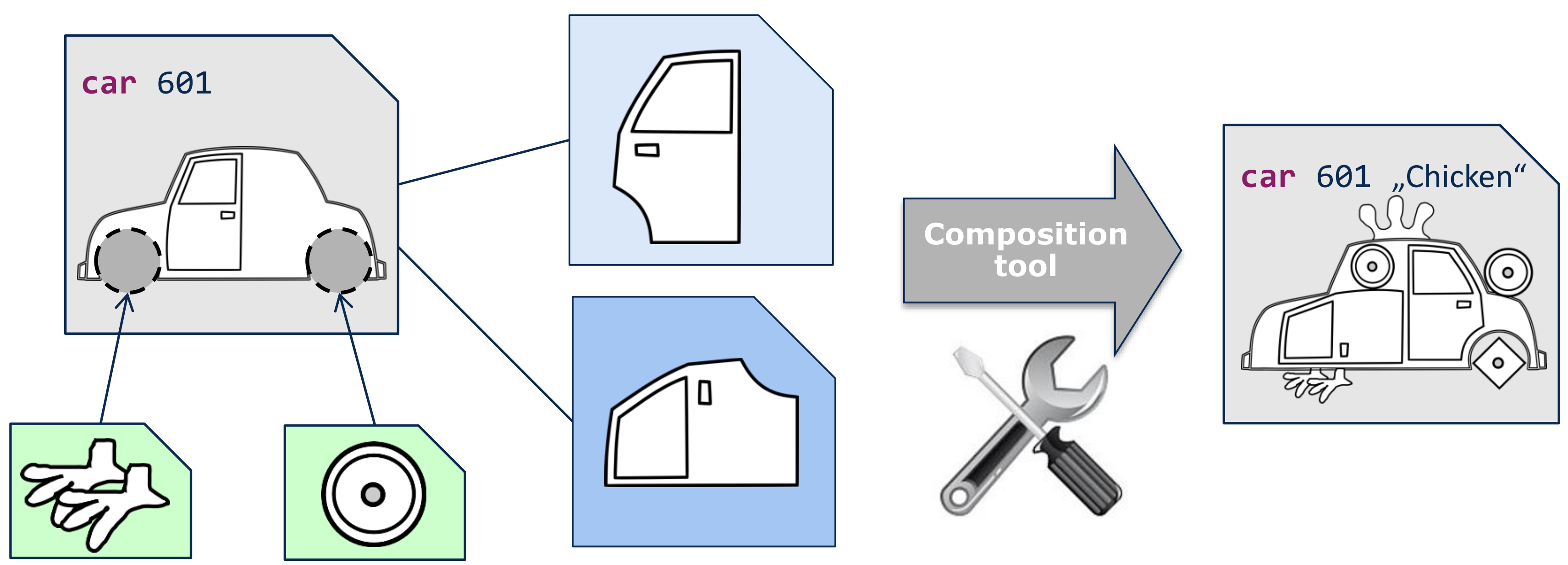

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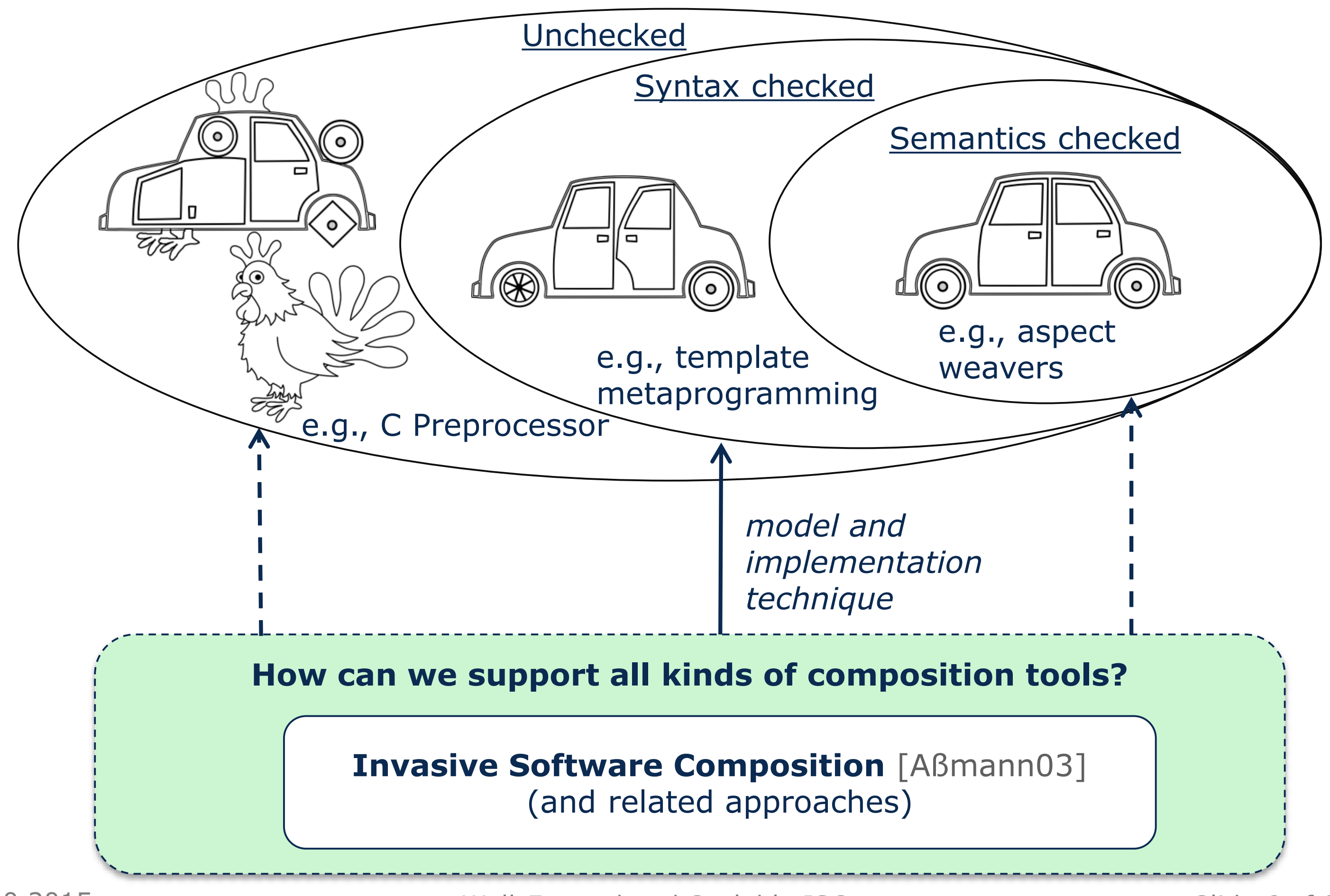

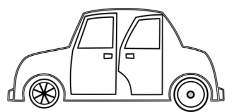

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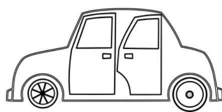
Fragment Component: partial or under-specified piece of an artifact (e.g., method, field declaration, class, expression, …)



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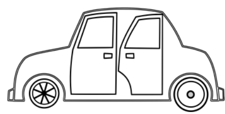
Fragment component model: interface definition

- **Slot**: *explicitly* declared *variation point* in a fragment
- **Hook**: *implicit extension point* in a fragment



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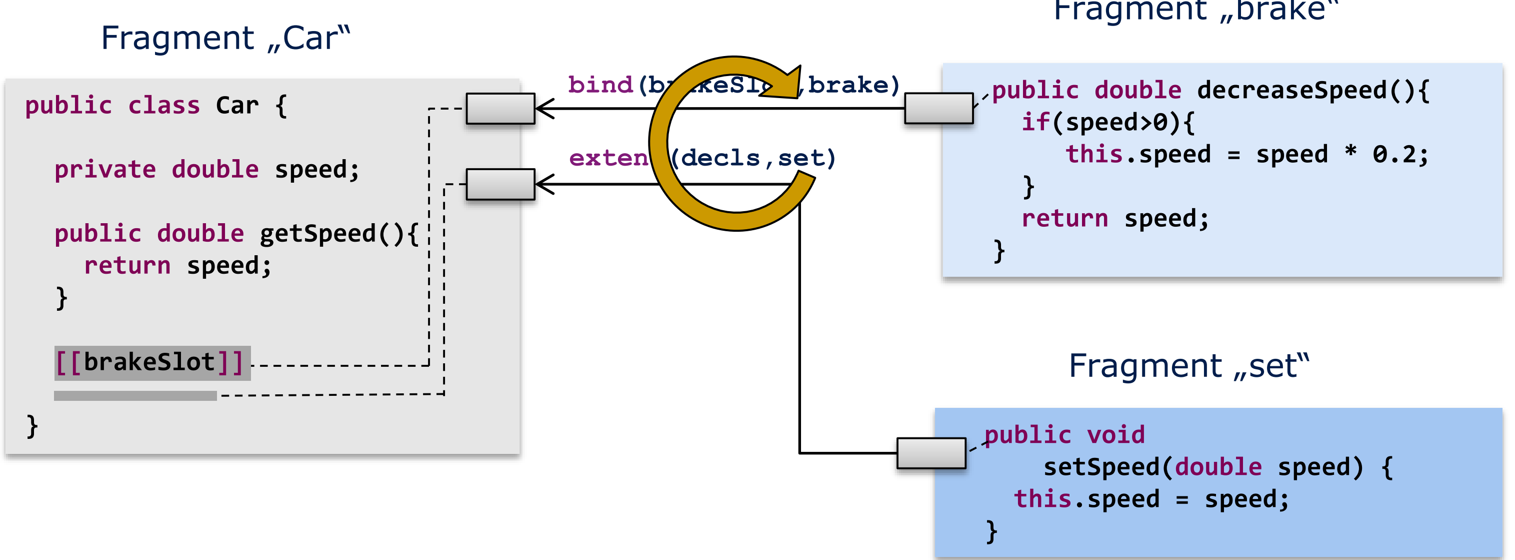
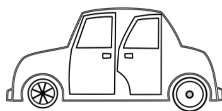


Composition program: specifies the actual composition

- imperative (e.g., template expansion, Java program)
- declarative (e.g., an aspect)
- domain-specific (e.g., embedded language, diagrams, …)



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Compile error(s) in Car.java:
  line 12: speed cannot be resolved to a variable
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  line 13: speed cannot be resolved or is not a field
  line 15: speed cannot be resolved to a variable
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Problem(s) in composition program:
  line 1: cannot bind 'brake' to slot 'brakeSlot' –
          'speed' not visible at 'brakeSlot'
  line 2: cannot extend hook 'decls' with 'set' –
          'speed' not visible at 'decls'
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extend(methodExit,log)

Fragment „log"

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Fragment „badbrakes"

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> Speed is 36
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Part I: Problem Analysis

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Problem 2 [Interaction]: Order of composition steps and their potential interactions have an impact on the result‘s semantics.

Problem 3 [Development costs]: The effort of implementing composition systems for complex or heterogeneous languages is high.

Development costs

- **ISC systems require parser, AST/model and component model**
  - n languages require at least 3*n specifications
    - format typically predetermined by tool
  - *good* if language grammar/metamodel available
  - *bad* if not

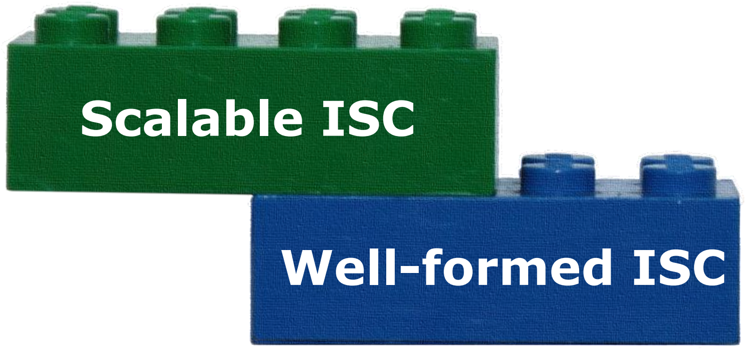
- **C++ (Draft 3797) has approx. 210 nonterminals**
  - practical implementations have far more
  - language is inherently ambiguous
  - *very* difficult for declarative and generative approaches

Well-formed ISC

C1: Well-formed invasive software composition

Compartment	Addresses
C1a: Fragment component models based on *reference attribute grammars* (RAGs) ○ declarative specification of component models ○ supports context-sensitive constraints ○ extensible specification mechanism	P1 (validation) P3 (dev. costs)
C1b: Advanced composition technique based on strategies and rewrites	P2 (interaction)
C1c: Fragment contracts ○ integrate static semantics into composition ○ produce cause-related error messages	P1 (validation)

Part I: Thesis Contributions



C2: Scalable invasive software composition

Compartment	Addresses
C2a: Minimal invasive software composition ○ string-based ISC ○ minimal fragment component model **C2b**: Island fragment component models **C2c**: Agile composition system development ○ development in small iterations ○ rapid prototyping ○ minimal, classic and well-formed ISC in one process	P3 (dev. costs)

C2: Scalable invasive software composition

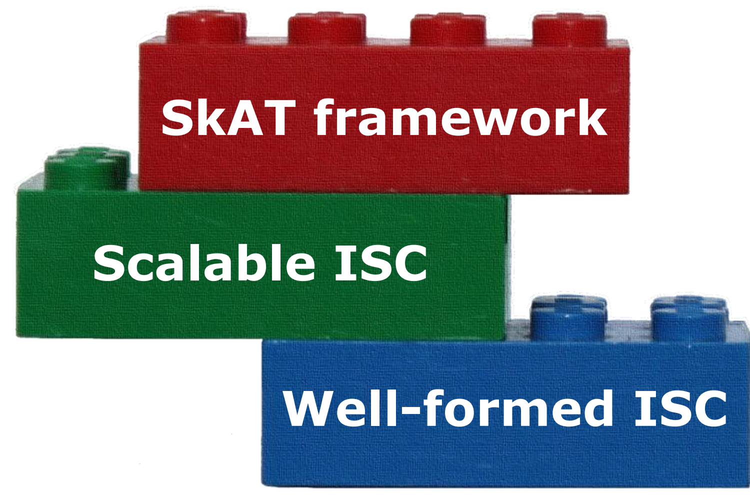
- Island component models: based on *island grammars* [Moonen01]
  - originally for „robust" parsing
  - context-free grammars
    - matching certain constructs – *islands*
    - ignoring the rest – *water*
  - well-suited for some extensible grammar formalisms (e.g., parsing expression grammars [Ford02,Ford04])

- Minimal fragment component model:
  - island component model with slots
  - suitable for any language

C2: Scalable invasive software composition

Minimal composition system 1	Island composition system 2	Island composition system n	Island composition system n+1	Island composition system m	Syntax-aware composition system m+1	Well-formed composition system m+k
Syntax independent	Extended/Refined island FCM		Extended/Refined island FCM, including some semantics		Fully syntax-aware & some semantics	Full well-formedness support

```
public class
  Car {
  …
  [[slot]]
}
```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Scalable ISC
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C3: SkAT composition framework

Compartment	Implements
C3a: Generic implementation of well-formed ISC	C1a (FCM RAGs) C1b (strategies) C1c (contracts)
C3b: SkAT4J – a well-formed composition system for Java **C3c**: A library of parallel algorithmic skeletons	C1 demonstrator
C3d: Implementation of scalable ISC	C2a (minimal ISC) C2b (island FCMs)
C3e: Three extensible island composition tools ○ STpL – Slot Template Language ○ VTpL – Variability Template Language ○ UPP – Universal Extensible Preprocessor	C2 demonstrators

C3: SkAT composition framework – modular architecture

- "**Sk**eletons and **A**pplication **T**emplates"
- Implementation in Java
  - using JastAdd *reference attribute grammars (RAGs)* [Hedin00]
  - following the principles of extensible compiler construction [Ekman06]

Composition Tools

Layer	Components
Applications	BAF Code Generator; JastAdd Backend; Skeleton Library; Other Applications
Composition Abstractions	VTpL: Variability Templates; UPP: Universal Extensible Preprocessor; Other Abstractions
Functional Composition Systems	STpL: Slot Templates; SkAT4J: SkAT for Java; Other Systems
Composition Frameworks & Languages	SkAT/Minimal; SkAT/Full; SkAT/Core; JastAddJ; Other Languages
	JastAdd Reference Attribute Grammars

Extension of

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C3: SkAT composition framework

Specific composition system specs

Fragment component grammars

Component model based on RAG

Created by SkAT user

SkAT component model specifications

Environment grammar

Full

Core

Minimal

Provided by SkAT

Fragment-language specifications

Context-free grammars

Semantics based on RAG (*optional*)

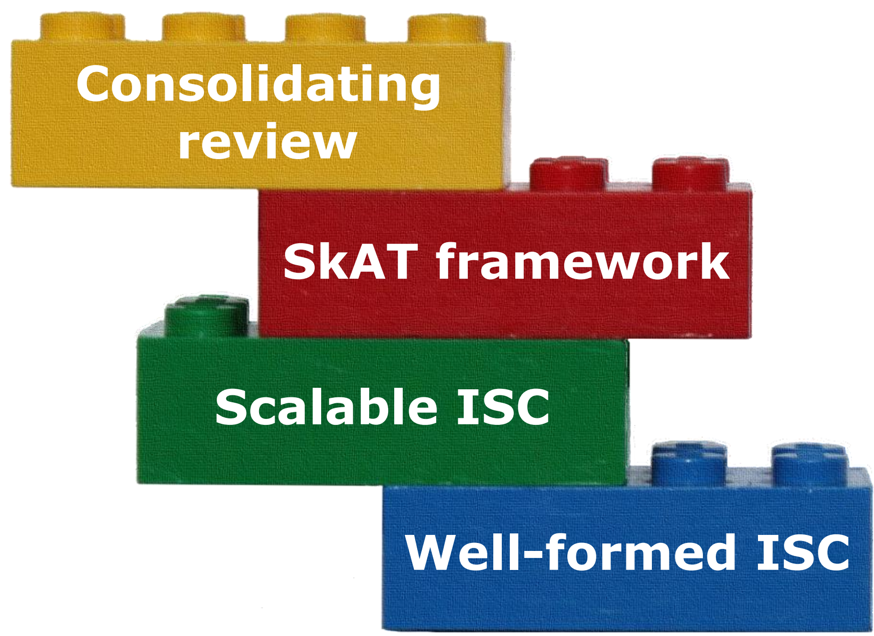
Provided by language engineer

JastAdd RAG compiler

Preprocessor tool

Composition library

Template language


Consolidating review
SkAT framework
Scalable ISC
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C4: Consolidating review of the state-of-the-art in ISC

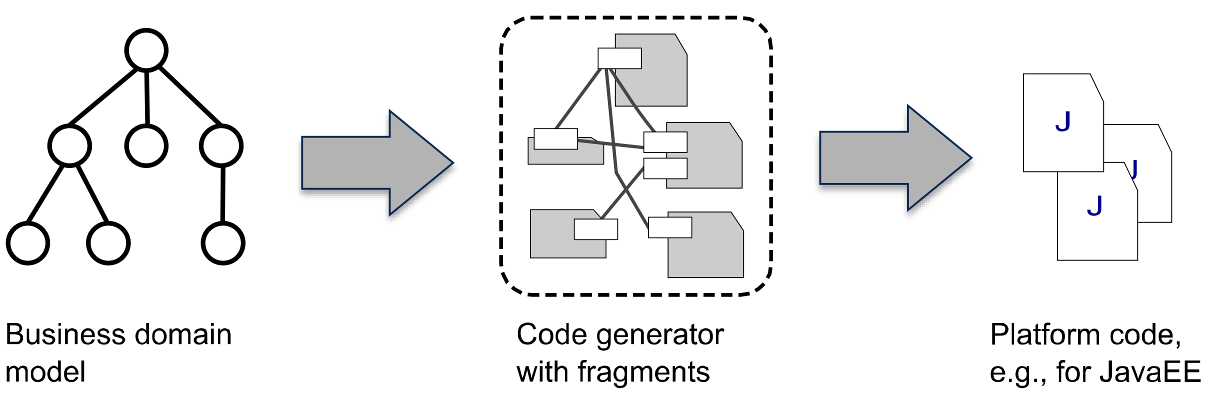
C4a: A formal model of classic ISC
- as least common model

C4b: Case study - the *Business Application Framework* (BAF)
- common scenario implemented in different ISC frameworks

C4c: Analysis and comparison of existing ISC tools and SkAT
- focus on code generation
- and features of classic ISC

C4: Consolidating review

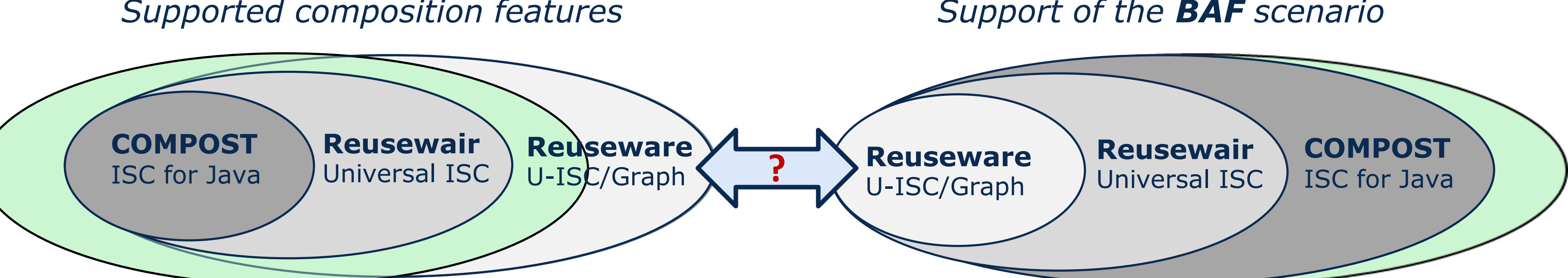
BAF scenario: generating code from a business domain model



- typed by a metamodel
- textual specification
- implies various requirements on composition systems

Implementations:
- COMPOST [Aßmann03]
- Reuse*wair* [Henriksson09]
- Reuseware [Johannes11]
- SkAT

C4: Consolidating review – results in brief



Not a contradiction!

- **COMPOST**: handmade system for Java (*ok for scenario, nearly complete*)
- **Reusewair**: generated from DSL (*partial support, too restrictive*)
- **Reuseware**: graphical and interactive composition (*not suitable in this case*)

Improvements by SkAT

- adds new composition features
- but also consolidates on the core of ISC

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Attribute grammars

Formalism to compute static semantics over syntax trees [Knuth68]

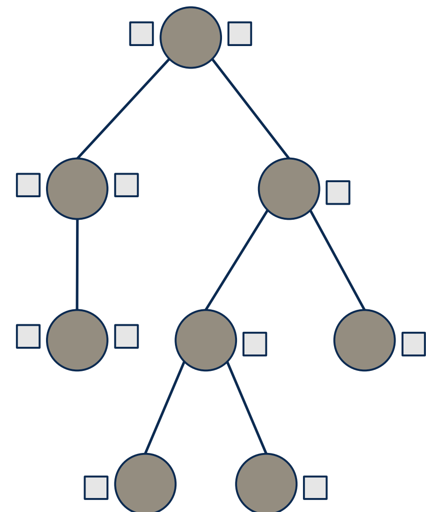
- Basis: context-free grammars + attributes + semantic functions (equations)

- Evaluation by tree visitors with different visiting strategies
  - static: ordered attribute grammars (OAGs)
  - dynamic: demand-driven evaluation

- AGs are modular and extensible

Extensions
- Higher order attribute grammars (HOAGs) [Vogt+89]
- Reference attribute grammars (RAGs) [Hedin00,Boyland05]

Attribute grammars: kinds of attributes



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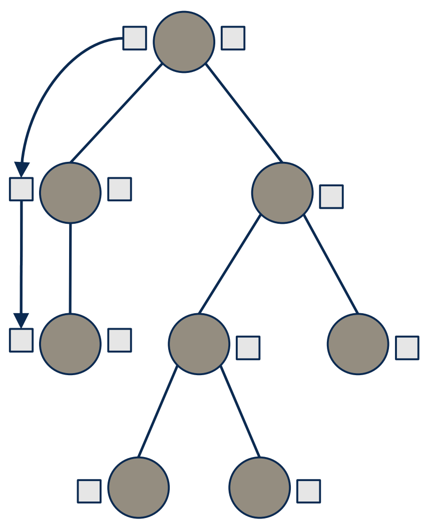

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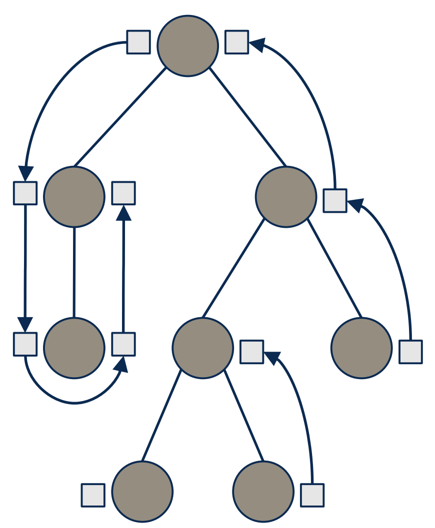

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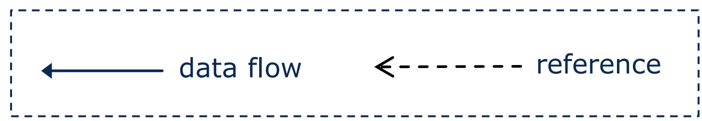

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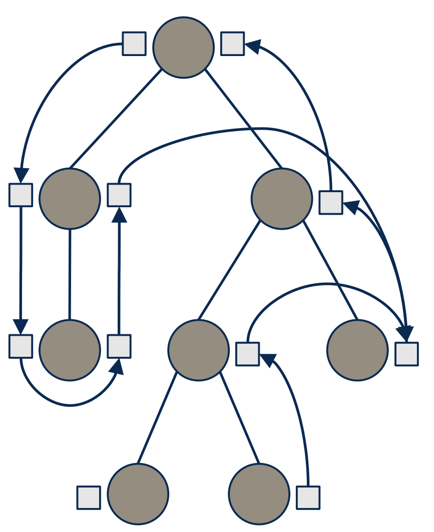

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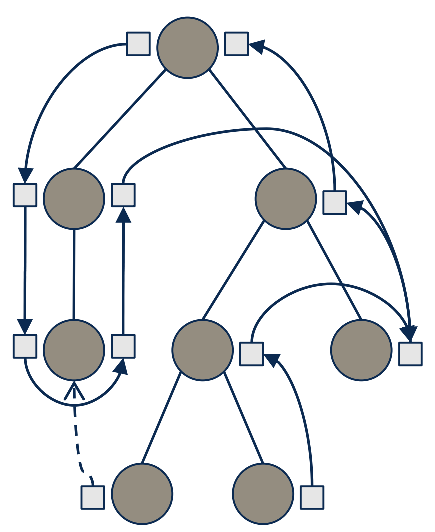

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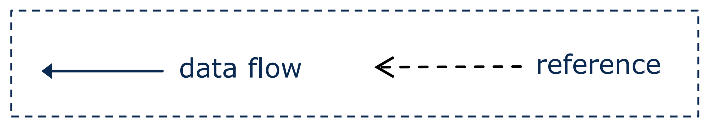


Attribute grammars: RAG tools

Input: AST (from parser/ editor/transformer)

Tool: RAG evaluator (generated or interpreted)

Result: AST with overlay graph

```
module TYPE

inh decl = …
syn type = …
```

data flow

reference

How to marry attribute grammars and ISC?

1. Provide an integrated composition environment grammar
2. Use attributes and equations to identify compositional points
3. Extend composition environment with composer declarations
4. Define composition algorithms transforming the environment
5. Add contract attributes for well-formed composition

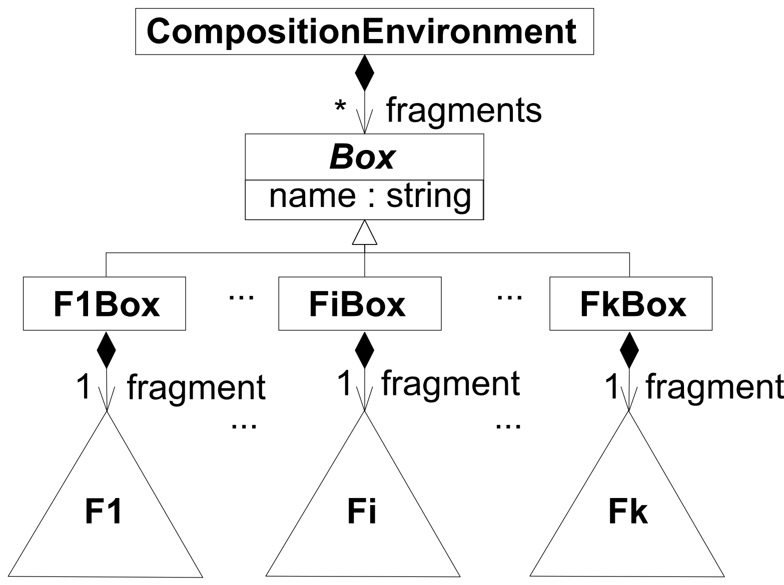
RAG-based component models: composition environments

- Provides *spanning tree* for attribute evaluation
- Hosts fragments and attributes of the component model
- Defines one *box type* per fragment type (“Boxology” [Aßmann03])

```
external F1,...,Fi,...,Fk
CompositionEnvironment ::= fragments:Box*
@Box ::= name:<string>
F1Box ▷ Box ::= fragment:F1
          ...
FkBox ▷ Box ::= fragment:Fk
```

SimpAG specification language

- flat EBNF for context-free grammars
- abstract nonterminals: @
- nonterminal inheritance: ▷



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VarDeclBox ▷ Box ::= fragment:VarDecl
ExprBox ▷ Box ::= fragment:Expr
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RAG-based component models: compositional points

- Points are identified and collected by attributes
  - slots: identified using *synthesized* attributes → self-defined
  - hooks: identified using *inherited* attributes → context-depend

Slot *identification*

$\textbf{syn}\ \texttt{bool}_\perp\ \{n \mid n \in N\}.\texttt{isSlot} \qquad \textbf{syn}\ \texttt{string}_\perp\ \{n \mid n \in N\}.\texttt{slotName}$

$$\textbf{fun}\ n_i.\texttt{isSlot} = \begin{cases} \mathit{true} & \textbf{if}\ \mathit{node\ matches\ pattern}, \\ \mathit{false} & \textbf{else}. \end{cases}$$

$$\textbf{fun}\ n_i.\texttt{slotName} = \begin{cases} \mathit{name\ from\ n_i\text{-}context} & \textbf{if}\ \mathit{node\ is\ a\ slot}, \\ \perp & \textbf{else}. \end{cases}$$

Slot *collection*

$\textbf{syn}\ \texttt{Node}\star\ \{n \mid n \in N\}.\texttt{slots}$

$$\textbf{fun}\ \{n \mid n \in N\}.\texttt{slots} = \begin{cases} \{\mathit{node}\} & \textbf{if}\ \texttt{isSlot} = \mathit{true}, \\ \bigcup_{c \in \texttt{child}_\texttt{all}} c.\texttt{slots} & \textbf{else}. \end{cases}$$

RAG-based component models: compositional points

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aspect hooks
fun Block.Stmts.isHook = true;
fun Block.Stmts.hookName = prefix() + "h1"
```

RAG-based composition: composition operators

- The environment is extended with composer nonterminals:
  - Bind, Extend (and Extract: deletion)
- Attributes take over point matching and fragment provision

Environment *extension*

```
CompositionEnvironment ::=
              fragments:Box* composers:Composer*
@Composer ::= pointName:<string> fragmentName:<string>
Bind▷Composer ::=
Extend▷Composer ::= position:<int>
Extract▷Composer ::=
```

Point/fragment *lookup*

```
syn Node {Bind,Extend}.srcFragment
syn Node* Composer.points
```

RAG-based composition: composition program

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...
...
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Stmts "h1"
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isSlot true
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Extend "A" → "h1"

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RAG-based composition: composition strategies

- Strategies help users managing their composition problems
- Well-formed ISC comprises three basic strategies:

1. **Operator-determined composition**
   - composer declarations: a set of rewrite rules
   - fix-point iteration
   - application order: by occurrence in environment, kind of operator or analysis based
2. **Point-determined composition**
   - composer declarations: a set of advices (cf. [Kiczales+01])
   - depth-first traversal over fragments
   - at points: look up composers and perform composition
3. **Attribute-determined composition**
   - interleaved attribute evaluation and composition (cf. ReRAGs [Ekman06])
   - fragment traversal induced by attribute dependencies
     - problematic: result depends on where evaluation starts

Strategy example: operator-determined composition

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RAG-based composition: static fragment contracts

- *Contracts*: pre- and postconditions (assertions) of a method [Meyer92]
- *Fragment contracts*: pre- and postconditions of composition(s)
  - *fragment assertions* over *characteristic attributes*
  - ensuring fragment compatibility w.r.t. static semantics and other constraints
  - locate semantic errors in composition programs
  - automatically select a compatible fragment during composition

Characteristic attributes of compositional points *n*:

$$\textbf{syn}\ \kappa\ \{n \,|\, prop \in \text{Ass}_x(n)\}\,.\,prop$$

$$\textbf{fun}\ n_i\,.\,prop = \begin{cases} \bot & \textbf{if}\ \texttt{isSlot} = \texttt{isHook} = \mathit{false} \\ \kappa\texttt{-}\mathit{expression} & \textbf{else}. \end{cases}$$

Characteristic attributes:

$$\textbf{syn}\ \kappa\ \{f \,|\, prop \in \text{Ass}_x(f)\}\,.\,prop$$

$$\textbf{fun}\ f\,.\,prop = \kappa\texttt{-}\mathit{expression}$$

Fragment assertion:

$$\textbf{syn}\ \texttt{bool}_\bot\ \{n \,|\, n \in \mathcal{S} \cup \mathcal{H}\}\,.\,\texttt{check}\,(\texttt{Node})$$

$$\textbf{fun}\ n_i\,.\,\texttt{check}\,(\texttt{fr}) = \begin{cases} \bot & \textbf{if}\ \texttt{isSlot} = \texttt{isHook} = \mathit{false}, \\ \mathit{true} & \textbf{if}\ \text{Ass}_x(n) \cup \text{Ass}_x(\text{Lab}(\texttt{fr})) = \emptyset, \\ \mathit{bool\texttt{-}expr\ on} & \textbf{if}\ \text{Ass}_x(n) \cup \text{Ass}_x(\text{Lab}(\texttt{fr})) \neq \emptyset. \\ \text{Ass}_x(n) \cup \text{Ass}_x(\text{Lab}(\texttt{fr})) & \end{cases}$$

Example : operator-determined composition with contract

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check
prov
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Example : operator-determined composition with contract

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points

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points

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...

...

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Example : operator-determined composition with contract

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ClassBox "Core" req

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Bind "B" → "s1" srcFrg. points

Extend "A" → "h1" srcFrg. points

'a' not visible at 's1'

...

...

...

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Stmts "h1"

check

prov

Expr "[[s1]]"

check

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Stmts "h1" check prov

Expr "[[s1]]" check prov isSlot *true*

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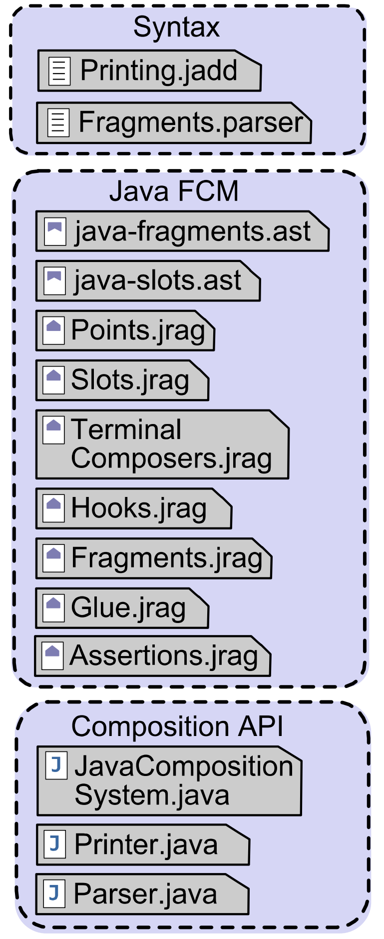
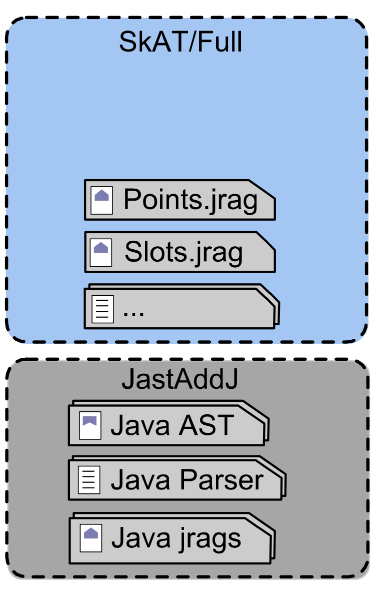
SkAT4J: a well-formed composition system for Java





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Composition system spec. | Fragment language spec. | SkAT/Full+Core modules | Generated implementation

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- Java Parser
- Java jrags

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- AST Classes
- ...

Java compiler

Composition library

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SkAT4J: used as a library

```
private JavaCompositionSystem cSys = new JavaCompositionSystem("baf/","in","out");

public void compositionProgram(Model bm) throws IOException {

    cSys.setCompositionStrategy(CompositionSystem.OP_ORDERED_COMPOSITION_FP);

    cSys.setRecoverMode(true);

    for(RoleDefinition role: bm.getRoleDefinitions()){
        String cuName = role.getName() + ".java";
        cSys.copyBox("Person.jbx",cuName);
        cSys.addBind(cuName+"#Type",role.getName());
        cSys.addBind(cuName+"#TypeName","\"" + role.getName() + "\"");
        cSys.addBind(cuName+"#ImplicitSuperClass","Person");
        cSys.addExtend(cuName+"#*.membersEntry","public [[Type]](){super();}");
        cSys.addBindTerminal(cuName+"#Pfx","\n");
    }

    ...
    cSys.triggerComposition();

    cSys.persistFragments();
}
```

- *setup fragment location*
- *configure strategy*
- *configure contract validation*
- *declare compositions*
- *trigger execution*
- *write back to file system*

SkAT/Full & SkAT4J: evaluation

- Supports the complete model of “classic” ISC
- Component model specification based on JastAdd RAGs
- Adds contracts (*redeclarations*, *expression type check*, *variables and methods in scope*)
- Adds extensibility of component models
- Adds composition strategies and supports command mode

Applications of well-formed ISC in SkAT4J

- Code generator for the BAF scenario
- Well-formed mixin composer
- Skeleton fragment library for parallel programming [Cole 04, Goswami+02]

Outline

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- Invasive Software Composition
- Problem Analysis
- Thesis Contributions

Part II: Well-Formed Invasive Software Composition

- Component Models with Attribute Grammars
- Composition Strategies
- Fragment Contracts
- Implementation in SkAT

Conclusion & Outlook

Thesis achievements – summary

Unchecked

Syntax checked

Semantics checked

e.g., CPP
VTpL, **STpL**, **UPP**

e.g., template
metaprogramming

e.g., aspect
Weavers, **SkAT4J**

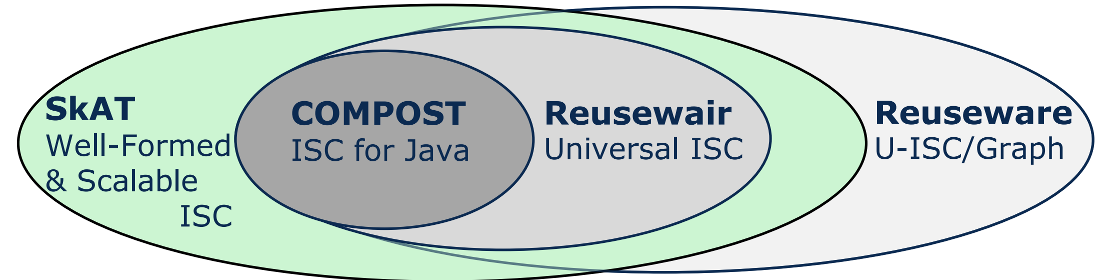
model and
implementation
technique

Scalable ISC approach

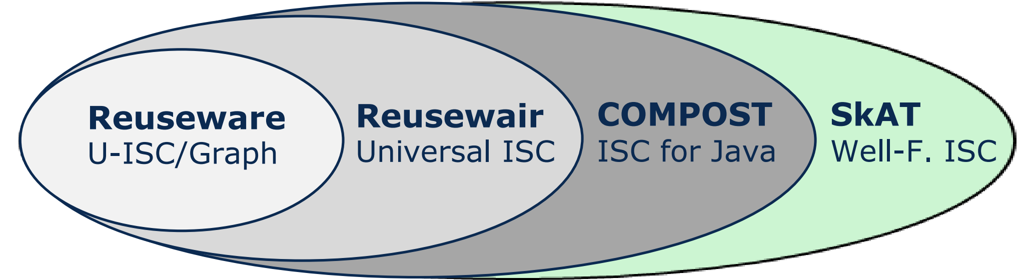
Minimal ISC	**Invasive Software Composition** [Aßmann03]	**Well-Formed ISC**

Thesis achievements – summary

 # supported composition features



*Support of ISC code generators (e.g., the **BAF** scenario)*



Future work

- Support of model-based languages (e.g., using JastEMF [Bürger+11])
- High-level component-model specifications using DSLs
- Heterogeneous skeleton libraries (multiple languages and platforms)
- Performance optimizations (e.g., attribute caching, RACR [Bürger12])
- Support of custom contracts (e.g., based on annotations)
- Automatic interaction detection (cf. [Karol+11])

...

Recent work – round-trip for SkAT [Nett15]

Forward Engineering

f

Domain A

Round-trip

Domain B

f^{-1}

Reverse Engineering

- Propagate edits back to origin
- Maintain origin information
- Semi-automatic decision

origin fragment

composed fragment

(figure and screenshot from [Nett15])

Recent work – Orchestration Style Sheets [Mey+Aßmann15]

- **Idea:** annotate program with *parallelization styles*
- Compose different target-platform-specific variants from that program
- More flexible than preprocessor directives or macros
- Problem-specific and parallelization code get untangled

2 Style Definitions

```
Style: OpenACC
Type: parallelization
Fragment Target:DoConcurrent
  !$acc loop private(#PRIVATE_VARS#)
  #INNER#
  !$acc end do
Attribute
Loop.private_vars()
```

1 Sequential Program

```
do concurrent (i = 1:n, j = 1:m)
  mat(i,j) = x - y(i,j,k) * 2
end do
```

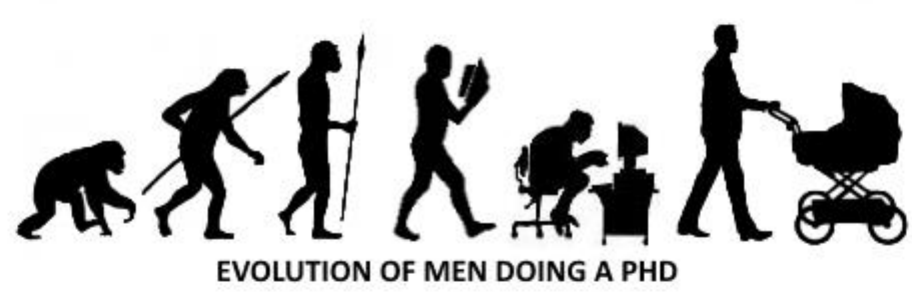
2 Style Application Recipe

```
RECIPE {parallelization:OpenACC}
                        OpenMP
```

3 Parallel Program

```
!$acc parallel
!$acc loop private(i, j)
do j = 1, m
  do i = 0, n
    mat(i,j) = x - y(i,j,k) * 2
  end do
end do
!$acc end loop
!$acc end parallel
```

(figures by Johannes Mey)



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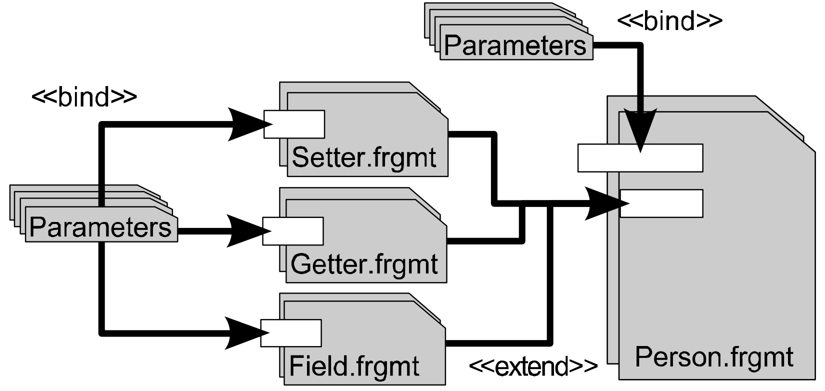
BAF scenario: generating code from a business domain model




```
//person.frgmt
public class [[Type]] extends Person {
  public String asString(){
    String v = [[TypeName]];
    v+= "[[Pfx]] id:" + getID();
    v+= "[[Pfx]] name:" + getName();
    return v;
  }
}
```

```
//getter.frgmt
public [[Type]] [[GetSfx]]() {
  return [[Field]];
}
```

```
//field.frgmt
private [[Type]] [[Field]];
```

```
//setter.frgmt
public void [[SetSfx]]([[Type]] [[Field]]){
  this.[[Field]] = [[Field]];
}
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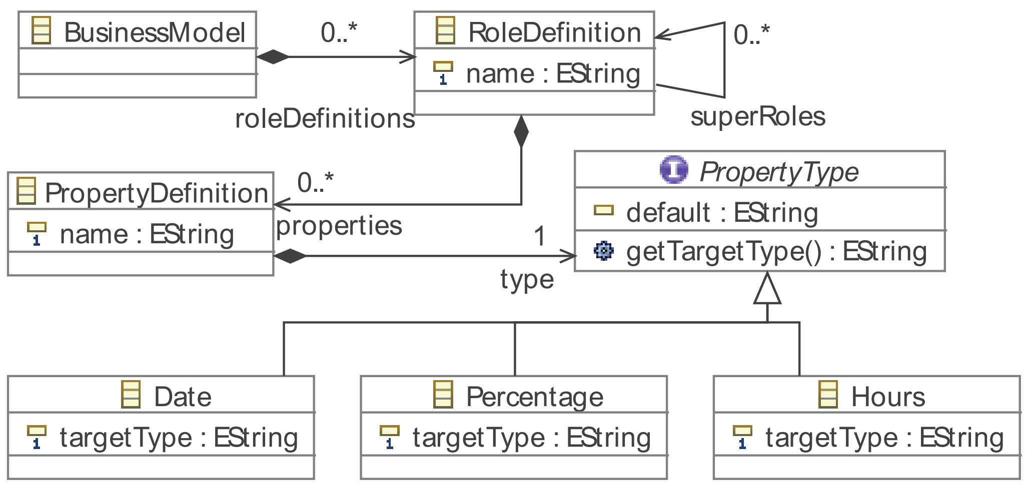
BAF scenario: metamodel and grammar

BAF metamodel:



BAF grammar:

```
SYNTAXDEF bm
FOR <http://www.emftext.org/language/businessmodel> START BusinessModel
RULES {
  BusinessModel ::= "application" "roles" "{" roleDefinitions* "}";
  RoleDefinition ::= "object" name[] ("is_a" superRoles[] ("," superRoles[])* )? (":"
            properties+)?; PropertyDefinition ::= name[] ":" type;
  Date ::= "Date" ("[" default[] "]")?; Hours ::= "Hours" ("[" default[] "]")?;
  Percentage ::= "Percentage" ("[" default[] "]")?; }
```

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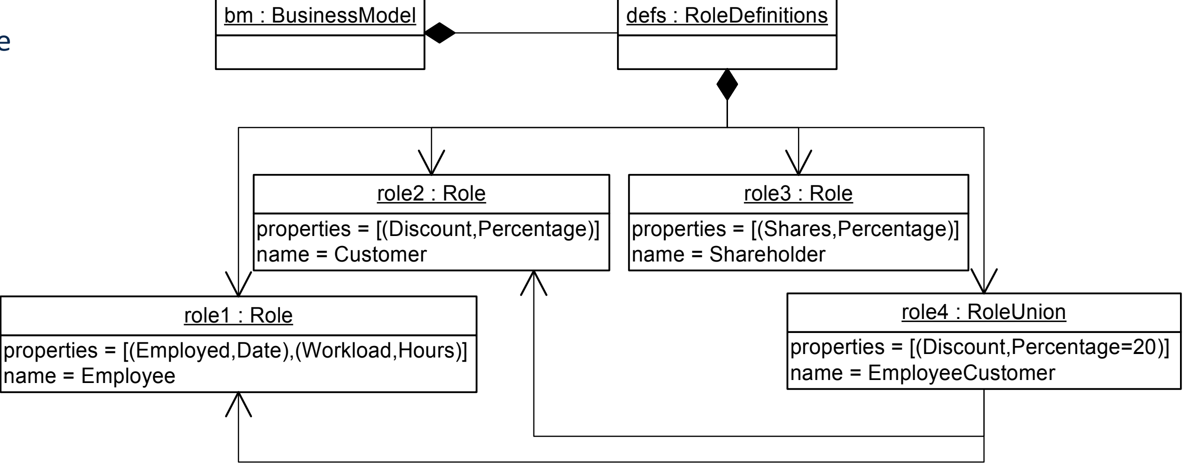
BAF scenario: example model instance

Example BAF instance object graph:



Example BAF instance specification:

```
roles {
   object Employee:
     employed : Date
     workload : Hours
   object Customer:
     discount : Percentage
   object Shareholder:
     shares : Percentage
   object EmployeeCustomer is_a Employee,Customer:
     discount : Percentage[20]
}
```

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BAF scenario: ideal output

```
public class EmployeeCustomer extends Person implements IEmployee, ICustomer {
  public EmployeeCustomer() {
          super();
          discount = 20;
  }
  public String asString() {
          String v = "EmployeeCustomer";
          v += "\n id:" + getID();
          v += "\n name:" + getName();
          v += "\n employed:" + getEmployed();
          v += "\n workload:" + getWorkload();
          v += "\n discount:" + getDiscount();
          return v;
  }

  private java.util.Date employed;
  private int workload;

  public void setEmployed(java.util.Date employed) { this.employed = employed; }
  public java.util.Date getEmployed() { return employed; }
  public void setWorkload(int workload) { this.workload = workload; }
  public int getWorkload() { return workload; }

  private int discount;
  public void setDiscount(int discount) { this.discount = discount; }
  public int getDiscount() { return discount; }
}
```

implicit constructor extension

method exit extension

terminal bindings

Employee and Customer mixin

Binding and extension

	COMPOST	Reuse*wair*	Reuseware	SkAT
Tree model	AST (Recoder)	EMOF (Ecore)	EMOF (Ecore)	AST (JastAdd)
Graph model	-	-	overlay graph, EMOF(Ecore)	overlay graph, RAG (JastAdd)
Tree FCM	slot, hook	slot	hook, prototype	slot, hook, rudiment
Tree operators	bind, extend, extract	bind, extend	bind, extend	bind, extend, extract
Graph FCM	-	-	slot, anchor	attribute declarations
Graph operators	-	-	slot ← anchor	attribute equations
Composition language	Turing complete (Java)	Turing complete (Java)	acyclic data-flow graph (DSL)	Turing complete (Java)
Composition strategies	-	-	-	fixpoint, point wise, ordered, attributes
FCM specification	class hierarchy	DSL	set of DSLs	attribute grammar
FCM extensibility	via inheritance	-	-*	RAG modules
Fragment roles	-	-	name-based	-
FCM manifestation	implementation	generative	interpretative	generative
Graphical languages	-	-	graphical EMOF languages	via JastEMF*
Well-formedness	-	-	-	contracts, assertions
Partial languages	-	-	-	island FCMs

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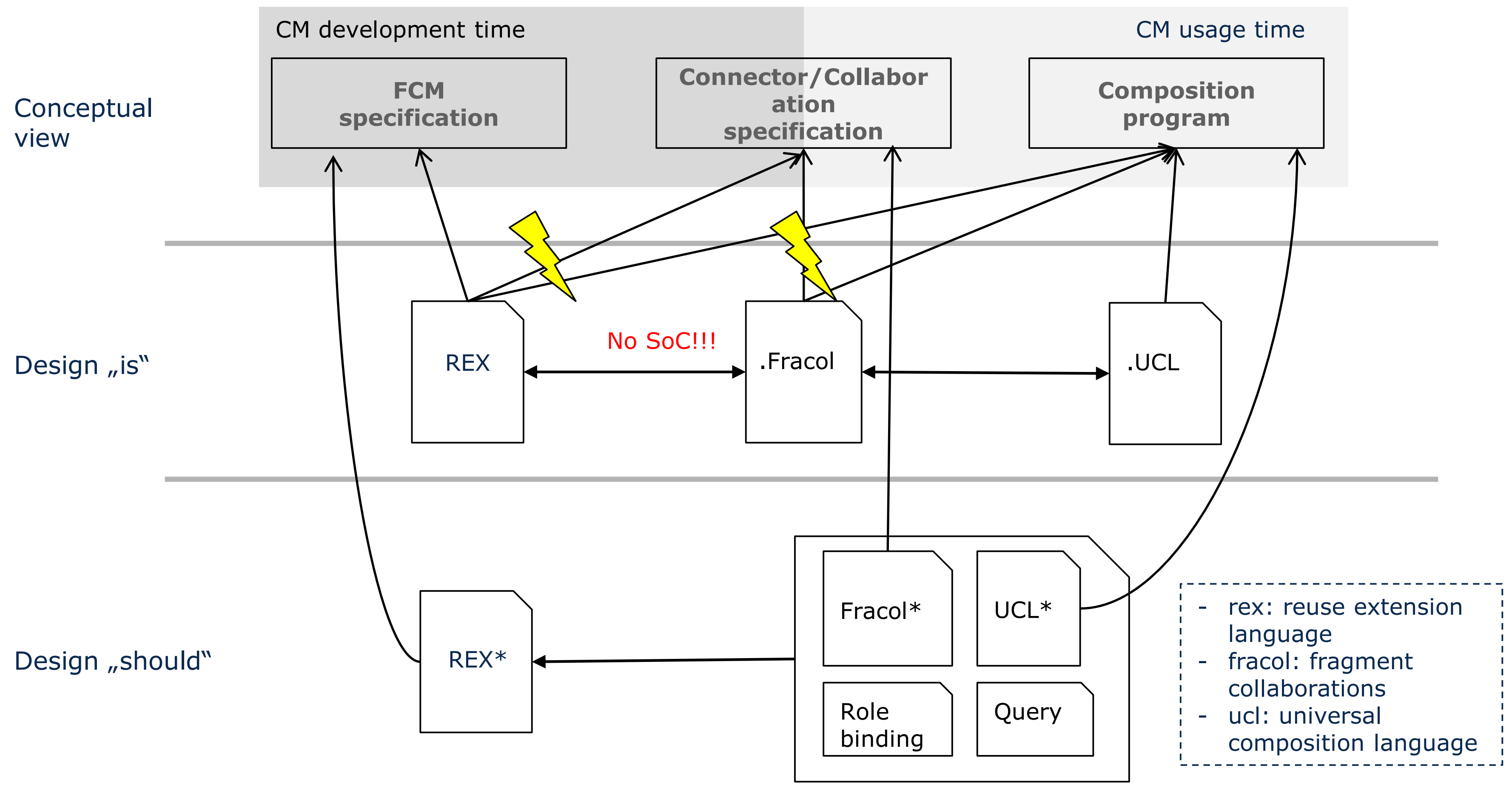

Attribute grammars: shortened definition

Definition (attribute grammar):

An attribute grammar (AG) is an 8-tuple G=($\mathbf{G_0}$,**Syn**,**Inh**,$\mathbf{Syn_x}$,$\mathbf{Inh_x}$,**K**,**Ω**,**Φ**) with the following components:

- $\mathbf{G_0}$ = (N,Σ,P,S) a CFG,
- **Syn** and **Inh** the finite, disjoint sets of synthesized and inherited attributes,
- $\mathbf{Syn_x}$: N → P(**Syn**) a function that assigns a set of synthesized attributes to each nonterminal in G_0,
- $\mathbf{Inh_x}$: N → P(**Inh**) a function that assigns a set of inherited attributes to each nonterminal in G_0,
- **K** a set of types/sorts,
- **Ω** : **Inh** ∪ **Syn** → K a function assigning each attribute a κ ϵ K,
- **Φ** a set of semantic functions $\varphi_{(p,i,a)}$ with p ϵ P, i ϵ {0,...,n_p}, a ϵ $Syn_x(p_i) \cup Inh_x(p_i)$.

RAG-based component models: compositional points

- Hooks are identified using *inherited* attributes → context-dependent
- Hooks are list nodes

$$\textbf{inh}\ \texttt{string}_\perp\ \{n \mid n \in N\}.\texttt{hookName} \qquad \textbf{inh}\ \texttt{bool}_\perp\ \{n \mid n \in N\}.\texttt{isHook}$$

$$\textbf{fun} \downarrow \texttt{CompositionEnvironment.child}_{\texttt{all}}\texttt{.isHook} = \mathit{false}$$

$$\textbf{fun} \downarrow \texttt{CompositionEnvironment.child}_{\texttt{all}}\texttt{.hookName} = \perp$$

$$\textbf{fun}\ n_i.l_j.\texttt{isHook} = \begin{cases} \mathit{true} & \textbf{if}\ l\texttt{-node matches pattern}, \\ \mathit{false} & \textbf{else}. \end{cases}$$

$$\textbf{fun}\ n_i.l_j.\texttt{hookName} = \begin{cases} \texttt{name from context} & \textbf{if}\ \texttt{node is hook}, \\ \perp & \textbf{else}. \end{cases}$$

RAG-based component models: glue RAG

Composition Environment
slots hooks
BoxList
slots hooks
FCM RAG
ClassBox "Core"
...
slots hooks
VarDeclBox "A"
slots hooks
ExprBox "B"
slots hooks
Glue RAG
open context
...
...
...
var
int INT
a
-
+
5.1 DEC
a
3 INT
Fragment RAG
isHook
true
Stmts "h1"
Expr "[[s1]]"
isSlot
true
...
Glue RAG
incomplete embedding
FCM RAG

RAG-based component models: generalized composers

- composers are identified via composer-identification attributes
- any node in the AST can be a composer
- support embedded invasive software composition and macro languages

$\textbf{syn}\ \texttt{Node}\star\ \{n\,|\,n \in N\}.\texttt{points}$

$\textbf{syn}\ \texttt{Node}\ \{n\,|\,n \in N\}.\texttt{srcFragment}$

$\textbf{syn}\ \texttt{bool}_\perp\ \{n\,|\,n \in N\}.\texttt{isBind}$

$\textbf{syn}\ \texttt{bool}_\perp\ \{n\,|\,n \in N\}.\texttt{isExtend}$

$\textbf{syn}\ \texttt{bool}_\perp\ \{n\,|\,n \in N\}.\texttt{isExtract}$

$\textbf{fun}\ \{n\,|\,n \in N \setminus \mathcal{B}\}.\texttt{isBind} = \mathit{false}$

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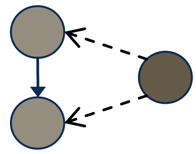
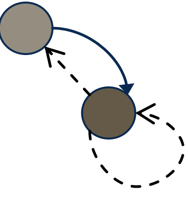
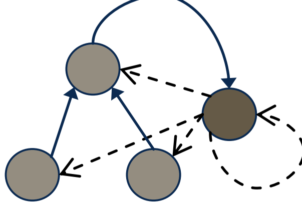
RAG-based component models: composer categories



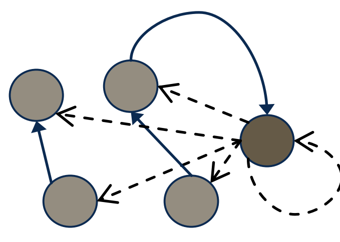
1. **primitive composers**
    - not part of the fragment language
    - do not own their source fragment



2. **primitive in-place composers (e.g., include)**
    - part of the fragment language
    - are compositional points at the same time
    - may produce their own fragments



3. **local in-place composers (e.g., macro call)**
    - like primitive composers, but perform additional local compositions
4. **non-local in-place composers (e.g., mixin composer)**
    - perform additional non-local compositions as side-effects



5. **external composers (e.g., aspects)**
    - are defined in an external composition language
    - declare their own embedded fragments
    - use the composition environment API

Composition strategies: point-determined composition

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Extend "A" → "h1" | srcFrg. | points

Stmts "h1" | isHook true | co

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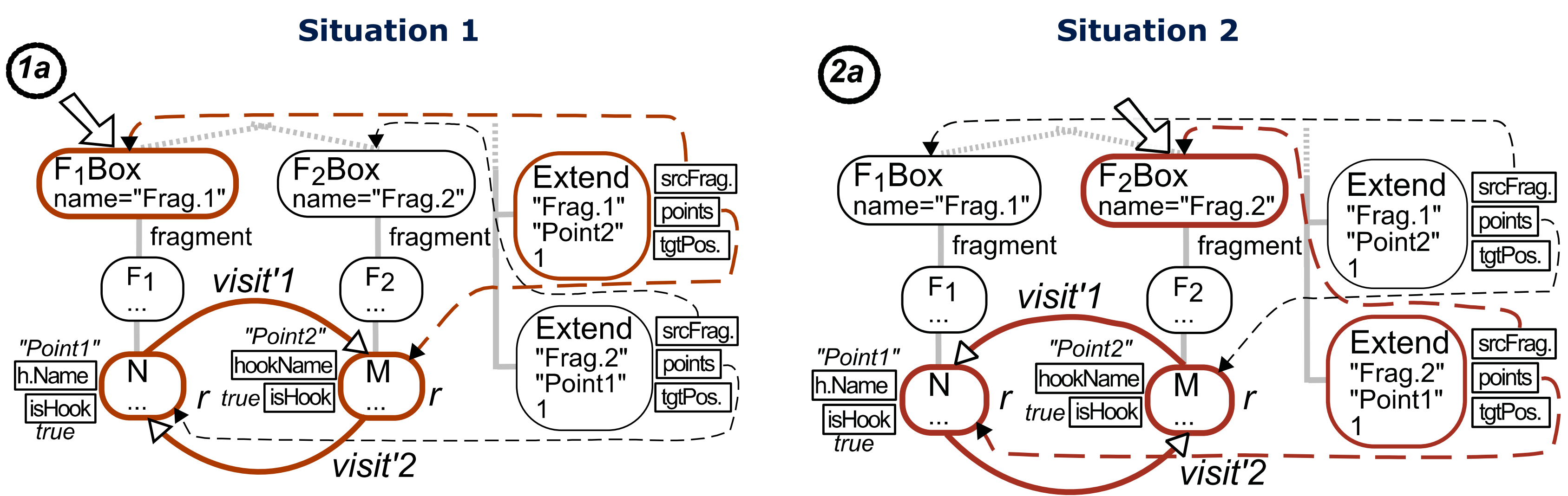
...

Composition strategies: attribute-determined composition

- different starting points may cause different composition results
- attribute dependencies are not obvious: composition may yield unintended results



Composition strategies: attribute-determined composition

Situation 1

1b

F1Box name="Frag.1" | F2Box name="Frag.2" | Extend "Frag.1" "Point2" 1 | Extend "Frag.2" "Point1" 1

srcFrag. points tgtPos.

fragment, F1, F2, visit'1, "Point1", h.Name, isHook, true, N, "Point2", hookName, M, r

1c

F1Box name="Frag.1" | F2Box name="Frag.2" | Extend "Frag.1" "Point2" 1 | Extend "Frag.2" "Point1" 1

Situation 2

2b

F1Box name="Frag.1" | F2Box name="Frag.2" | Extend "Frag.1" "Point2" 1 | Extend "Frag.2" "Point1" 1

2c

F1Box name="Frag.1" | F2Box name="Frag.2" | Extend "Frag.1" "Point2" 1 | Extend "Frag.2" "Point1" 1

SkAT screenshot

generated jar library

SkAT/Full and SkAT/Core packages

declarative build configuration

Packag... Navigator JUnit

- Other Projects
- MinimalISC [skat master]
- FullISC [skat master]
  - org.skat.binding.java [skat master]
    - src
    - src-gen
    - JRE System Library [jdk1.7.0_51]
    - build
      - classes
      - skat4j.jar
    - includes
    - licenses
    - specifications
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      - syntax
    - build.xml
  - org.skat.isc.core [skat master]
  - org.skat.isc.full [skat master]
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        - ComposerManagement.jadd
        - ComposerRewriteIntegration.jra
        - CompositionStrategies.jadd
        - CompositionSystem.jadd
        - isc-composers.ast
    - build.xml

Slots.jrag *build.xml

```
8  <project name="SkAT4J-Build" default="tpl.build.jar">
9   <import file="../org.skat.isc.core/build-base.xml"/>
10
11  <tpl.conf
12     astpackage="org.skat.binding.java.ast"
13     base-dir="${ant.file.ISC-Java-Binding-Build}"
14     grammar="no-parser"
15     package="org.skat.binding.java"
16     project="org.skat.binding.java"
17     version="0.1.0"
18  />
19
20  <tpl.conf-build
21     jar="skat4j.jar"
22     bundle="SkAT4j - ISC for Java"
23  />
```

- Fortran-Build
- SkAT4J-Build <taskdef class jastadd.JastAddTask cannot be found
  - Build-Base.tpl.gen.ast [from import ../org.skat.isc.core/build-base.xml]
  - Build-Base.tpl.gen.parser [from import ../org.skat.isc.core/build-base.xml]
  - java.parser
  - java.scanner
  - tpl.build [from import ../org.skat.isc.core/build-base.xml]
  - tpl.build.jar [default] [from import ../org.skat.isc.core/build-base.xml]
  - tpl.cleanGen [from import ../org.skat.isc.core/build-base.xml]
  - tpl.gen.all [from import ../org.skat.isc.core/build-base.xml]
  - tpl.gen.ast
  - tpl.gen.parser
- TPL-Build
- UPP-Build

Boxology of SkAT4J

```
abstract JavaFragmentBox:Box ::= ;
// Top-level boxes.
CompilationUnitBox:JavaFragmentBox ::= Fragment:CompilationUnit;
ClassBox:JavaFragmentBox ::= Fragment:ClassDecl;
InterfaceBox:JavaFragmentBox ::= Frag

ImportBox:JavaFragmentBox ::= Fragmen
// Member-level boxes.
MethodBox:JavaFragmentBox ::= Fragmen
ConstructorBox:JavaFragmentBox ::= Fr
FieldBox:JavaFragmentBox ::= Fragment
MemberBox:JavaFragmentBox ::= Fragmen

// Block-level boxes.
StatementBox:JavaFragmentBox ::= Frag
ExpressionBox:JavaFragmentBox ::= Fra
BlockBox:JavaFragmentBox ::= Fragment

abstract JavaNameBox:JavaFragmentBox
DotBox:JavaNameBox ::= Fragment:Dot;
TypeAccessBox:JavaNameBox ::= Fragmen
ParTypeAccessBox:JavaNameBox ::= Frag
AccessBox:JavaNameBox ::= Fragment:Access;

abstract JavaTerminalBox:Box ::= ;
StringBox:JavaTerminalBox ::= Fragment:StringValue;
StringValue ::= <Value:String>;
```

```
private JavaCompositionSystem cSys = new JavaCompositionSystem("baf/","in","out");
public void compositionProgram(File modelFile) throws IOException {
        // Load the BusinessModel object with EMFText.
        BusinessModel bm = loadBusinessModel(modelFile);
        // Configure the composition system.
        cSys.setCompositionStrategy(CompositionSystem.OP_ORDERED_COMPOSITION_FP);
        cSys.setRecoverMode(true);
        // For each role definition, generate a Java class.
        for(RoleDefinition role: preOrder(bm.getRoleDefinitions())){
                // Instantiate template Person.jbx for each role.
                String cuName = role.getName() + ".java";
                cSys.copyBox("Person.jbx",cuName);
                cSys.addBindContent(cuName+"#Type",role.getName());
                cSys.addBindContent(cuName+"#TypeName","\"" + role.getName() + "\"");
                cSys.addBindContent(cuName+"#ImplicitSuperClass","Person");
                cSys.addExtendContent(cuName+"#*.membersEntry","public [[Type]](){super();}");
                cSys.addBindTerminal(cuName+"#Pfx","\n");
                cSys.triggerComposition();
                cSys.clearCompositionProgram();
                // Mix in code of super roles.
                for(RoleDefinition superRole:role.getSuperRoles()){
                        mixin(role.getName() + ".java",superRole.getName() + ".java");
                }
                // Generate code for PropertyDefinitions of the current role.
                for(PropertyDefinition def:concat(role.getProperties(),getSuperProps(role))){
                        // If there's not already a mixed-in implementation, add members.
                        if(def.eContainer()==role && !isShadowed(def)){
                                cSys.addExtend(cuName+"#*.members","Setter.jbx");
                                cSys.addExtend(cuName+"#*.members","Getter.jbx");
                                cSys.addExtend(cuName+"#*.members","Field.jbx");
                                cSys.addBindContent(cuName+"#Type",def.getType().getTargetType());
                                cSys.addBindContent(cuName+"#SetSfx","set" + toFirstUpper(def.getName()));
                        }
                        // Extend asString().
                        if(def.eContainer()==role && !isShadowed(def) || def.eContainer()!=role){
                                String stmt = "v += \"\\n [[Field]]:\" + [[GetSfx]]();";
                                cSys.addExtendContent(cuName+"#*.asString.methodExit",stmt);
                                cSys.addBindContent(cuName+"#GetSfx","get" + toFirstUpper(def.getName()));
                                cSys.addBindContent(cuName+"#Field",def.getName());
                        }
                        // Extend constructor with defaults.
                        if(def.eContainer()==role && def.getType().getDefault()!=null){
                                String stmt = def.getName() + "=" + def.getType().getDefault() + ";";
                                cSys.addExtendContent(cuName+"#*." + role.getName() + ".statements",stmt);
                        }
                        cSys.triggerComposition();
                        cSys.clearCompositionProgram();
                }
        }
        cSys.persistFragments();}
```

SkAT4J: BAF example code generator

SkAT4J: supported slots

Slot name	Example	Description
MethodDecl	`public class A { void MethodSlot(){}; }`	*A slot for method decls.*
MemberDeclSlot	`public class A{ [[MemberSlot]];}`	*A class-members slot, e.g., fields, methods.*
StmtSlot	`public void m(){ [[StmtSlot]]; }`	*A slot for statements, e.g., declarations, blocks.*
ExprSlot	`Object[] o = new Object[[[ExprSlot]]];`	*A slot for expressions, e.g., initializations.*
VarAccessSlot	`int a = this.[[VarName]];`	*A slot for accessing fields of an object.*
TypeAccessSlot	`[[TypeSlot]] t = new [[TypeSlot]]();`	*A slot for "real" generic types.*
ArrayTypeAccessSlot	`[[TypeSlot]][] t = new [[TypeSlot]][i];`	*A slot for generic arrays.*
GenericTypeAccessSlot	`public void m(A<[[ParSlot]]> arg){}`	*Convenience slot for type parameters.*
TypeVariableSlot	`public class A <[[ParSlot]]>{}`	*Convenience slot for type parameters.*
TypeDeclNameSlot	`public interface [[NameSlot]] {}`	*A slot for interface and class-declaration names.*
MethodDeclNameSlot	`public void [[NameSlot]](){}`	*A slot supporting generic method names.*
VarDeclNameSlot	`private String [[Name]];`	*Slots supporting generic field and variable names.*
MethodAccessNameSlot	`String a = [[NameSlot]]();`	*A slot for generic method calls.*
ConstructorDeclNameSlot	`public [[NameSlot]](){}`	*A slot supporting generic constructor names.*
StringValueSlot	`String s = "SkAT: [[Msg]] [[Msg]].“`	*A slot in string literals.*
ParameterDeclNameSlot	`public void m(String [[Name]]){}`	*A slot for method-parameter names.*

SkAT4J: excerpts from Slots.jrag

```
syn boolean ASTNode.isSlot() = false;
syn String ASTNode.slotName() = "";
eq List.isSlot() = false;
eq Opt.isSlot() = false;
inh boolean ASTNode.isInSlot();
eq CompositionEnvironment.getChild(int i).isInSlot() = false;
```

SkAT/Core

Slots.jrag

```
eq MethodDecl.isSlot() = name().endsWith("Slot");
eq MethodDecl.slotName() = isSlot()?name().substring(0,name().length()-4):"";
eq MethodDecl.getChild(int i).isInSlot() = isSlot();
```

```
public class A { void MethodSlot(){}; }
```

Java FCM

Slots.jrag

```
eq StmtSlot.isSlot() = true;
eq StmtSlot.slotName() = isSlot()?extract(getSlotName(),"[[","]]"):"";
eq StmtSlot.compatibleFragmentTypes() = new Class[]{Stmt.class};
```

```
public void m(){ [[StmtSlot]]; }
```

SkAT4J: supported hooks

Hook name	Example	Description
Block.stmts	<scope>.statements .statementsEnd .methodEntry .methodExit	Hooks to extend the statement list of any block.
CompilationUnit.importDecls	<scope>.imports	A hook to extend the list of import declarations.
TypeDecl.bodyDecls	<scope>.members .membersEntry .membersExit	Hooks to extend the members of a class or interface declaration.
ClassDecl.implements	<scope>.implements	A hook to add new interfaces to a class.
MethodDecl.parameters	<scope>.parameters	A hook to add new parameters to a method.

SkAT4J: excerpts from Hooks.jrag

```
syn boolean ASTNode.isHook(List hook) = false;
syn String ASTNode.hookName(List hook) = "";
syn String[] ASTNode.hookAliases(List hook) = new String[0];
syn int ASTNode.hookIndex(List hook, String hookName) = 0;
```

SkAT/Core

Hooks.jrag

```
eq Block.isHook(List hook) = hook == getStmtList() && !isInSlot();
eq Block.hookName(List hook) = "statements";
eq Block.hookAliases(List hook) {
    if(isMethodRootBlock()){
      return new String[] {"methodEntry","methodExit","statementsEnd"}; }
    else if(!isMethodRootBlock() && endsWithReturn()){
      return new String[] {"methodExit" + numReturns(),"statementsEnd"};
    }
    else return new String[] {"statementsEnd"};
}
eq Block.hookIndex(List hook, String hookName) {
    if("methodEntry".equals(hookName) || "statements".equals(hookName)){
      return 0;
    }
    else if (hookName.startsWith("methodExit") && endsWithReturn()){
      return hook.numChildren()-1;
    }
    else return hook.numChildren();
}
```

Java FCM

Hooks.jrag

SkAT4J: supported fragment assertions

Attributes	Description

`syn TypeDecl.assertNotDeclared(MethodDecl)`
`// Characteristic Attributes:`
`syn MethodDecl.signature()`
`syn TypeDecl.localMethodsSignatureMap()`
	Checks method redeclarations

`syn TypeDecl.assertNotDeclared(FieldDeclaration)`
`// Characteristic Attributes:`
`syn TypeDecl.localFieldsMap()`
	Checks field redeclarations

`syn TypeDecl.assertVariablesProvided(ASTNode)`
`// Characteristic Attributes:`
`*syn ASTNode.danglingVars()`
`syn TypeDecl.memberFields(String)`
`inh TypeDecl.lookupVariable(String)`
	Checks variables in scope

`syn TypeDecl.assertMethodsProvided(ASTNode)`
`// Characteristic Attributes:`
`*syn MethodDecl.danglingCalls()`
`syn TypeDecl.memberMethods(String)`
`inh TypeDecl.lookupMethod(String)`
	Checks methods in scope

`syn ExprSlot.assertCompatibleType(Expr expr)`
`// Characteristic Attributes:`
`syn Expr.type()`
`syn TypeDecl.wideningConversionTo(TypeDecl)`
	Checks expression types

SkAT4J: excerpts from Assertions.jrag

```
eq ExprSlot.checkContractPre(Object fragment) = true;
eq ExprSlot.checkContractPost(Object fragment) {
    if(fragment instanceof Expr){
        Object result = assertCompatibleType((Expr)fragment);
        if(result!=Boolean.TRUE)
            return result;
    }
    return true;
}
```

Java FCM
Slots.jrag

```
syn Object ExprSlot.assertCompatibleType(Expr fgmt){
    ...
    AssignExpr parent = = (AssignExpr)expr.getParent() ;
    if(parent.getSource() == expr){
        TypeDecl sourceType = fgmt.type();
        TypeDecl destType = parent.getDest().type();
        if(sourceType == expr.unknownType() || destType==expr.unknownType()
            || !sourceType.wideningConversionTo(destType))
        return "Type of Expr fragment '" + sourceType.getID()
            + "' does not fit left-hand type '" + destType.getID() + "'.";
    }
    ...
    return true;
}
```

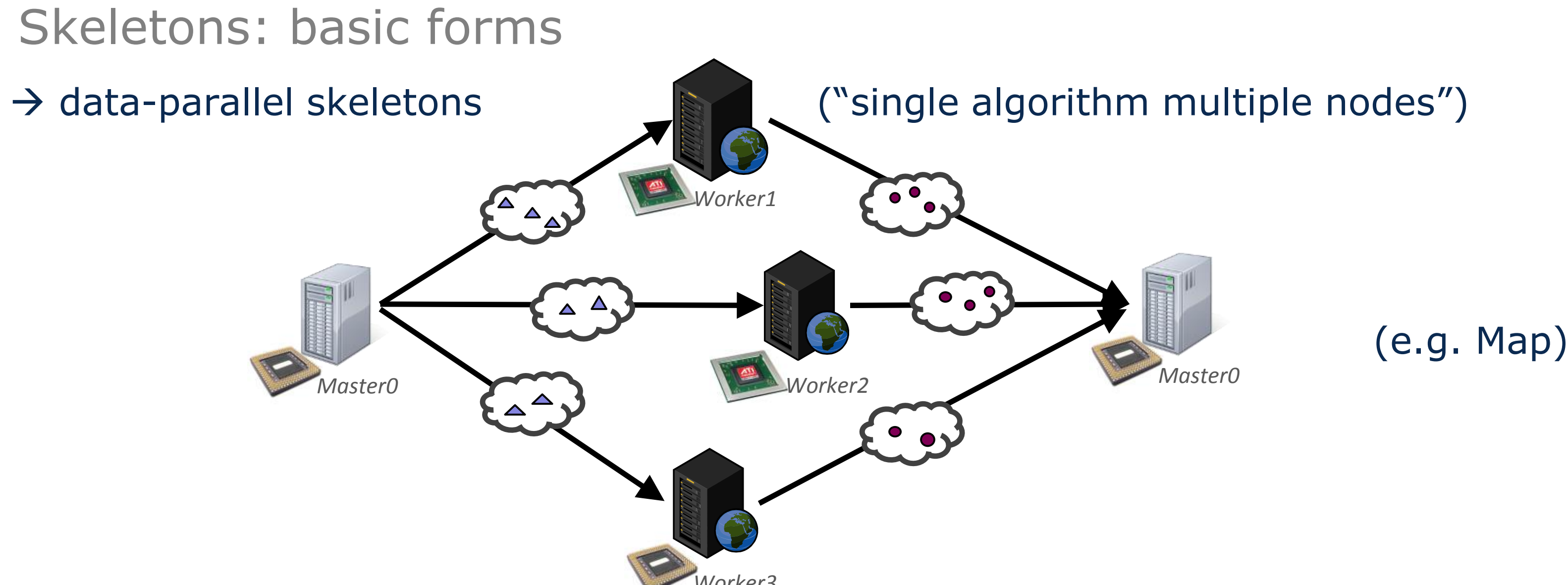
Java FCM
Assertions.jrag

Fragment contracts – potentials

- **Error detection:** contracts are checked before/after a composition → problematic composition steps can be detected.
  - Alternatively a compiler could afterwards find it via some trace links
- **Composition control:** if a contract is not fulfilled at the beginning of the composition, it might still be fulfilled later.
- **Efficiency:** Caching mechanisms of AGs can make the approach more efficient than a complete re-evaluation/re-compilation
- **Expressivity:** contract conditions can contain more information than just the information derived from the fragments (characteristic vs. assertion).
  - Example: access restriction to a certain variable (assertion: provided={a,b,…,z}, required={a,b,…,z}, condition: fits(A) if A.required ⊆ S.provided and not b ϵ required)
- **Fragment selection/conditional composition:** select fragment components fitting to a certain condition or assertion

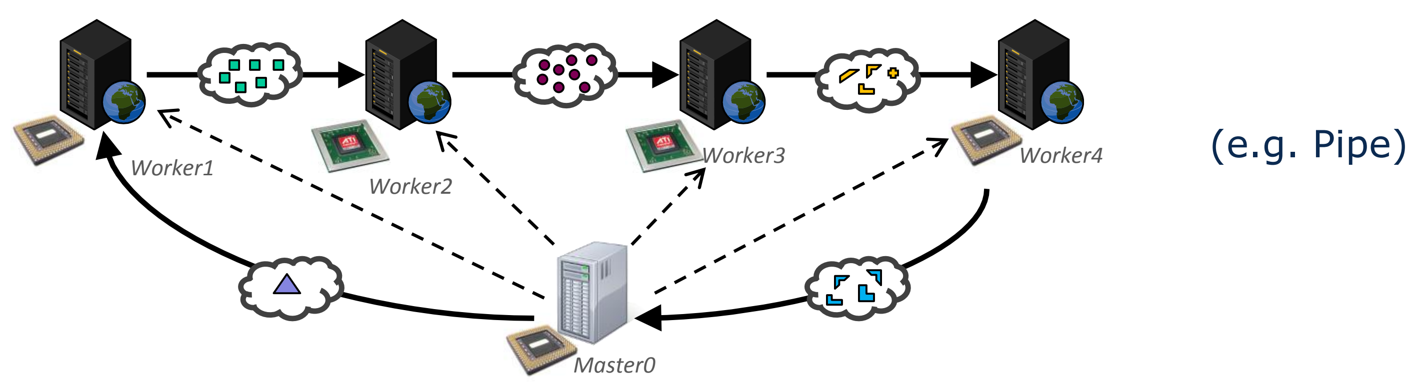
Skeletons: basic forms

→ data-parallel skeletons ("single algorithm multiple nodes")



(e.g. Map)

→ task-parallel skeletons ("multiple algorithms multiple nodes")



(e.g. Pipe)

SkAT4J: a skeleton library

Parameters
<<bind>>

// concurrent_map.jbx
{
[[MAP_OP]]
[[WORKERS]]
[[OUT_TYPE]]
[[OUT_PORT]]
[[IN_TYPE]]
[[IN_PORT_INIT]]
[[IN_PORT_CONT]]
members ...
}
1

// simple_map.jbx
{
[[MAP_OP]]
[[OUT_TYPE]]
[[OUT_PORT]]
[[IN_TYPE]]
[[IN_PORT_INIT]]
[[IN_PORT_CONT]]
members ...
}
2

// concurrent_mapreduce.jbx
{
[[MAP_OP]]
[[REDUCE_OP]]
[[WORKERS]]
[[OUT_TYPE]]
[[OUT_INIT]]
[[OUT_PORT]]
[[IN_TYPE]]
[[IN_PORT_INIT]]
[[IN_PORT_CONT]]
members ...
}
3

// simple_reduce.jbx
{
[[REDUCE_OP]]
[[OUT_TYPE]]
[[OUT_INIT]]
[[OUT_PORT]]
[[IN_TYPE]]
[[IN_PORT_INIT]]
[[IN_PORT_CONT]]
members ...
}
4

// port_glue 5

<<bind>> <<extend>>

n copies

// VariantTemplate.jbx
public class [[VAR_NAME]] {
public Map<...> compute(...) {
...
[[MAP_SKEL]];
...
[[REDUCE_SKEL]];
return reduceResult;
}
... }
members

// map_op.jbx
public out map(in) {
...
}
public Bar foo() {...}
...

// reduce_op.jbx
public void reduce(in,out) {
...
}
public Bar foo() {...}
...

Parameters

// App.jbx
public class App {
public void
main(String[] args) {
... // Request data
[[REQUEST_STMT] ;
...
} *methodExit*
}

n copies

// dispatch.jbx
if([[CONDITION]]) {
// Init variant
[[VAR_NAME]] impl ...
... // trigger compuation
}

Reasonable configurations:
- *1 and 4*
- *2 and 4*
- *3 and 5*

SkAT4J: a skeleton library

Composed result:

```
// App.java
public class App {
  public void main(String[] args) {
    ...
    if(...) {Var1 impl ... }
    if(...) {Var2 impl ... }
    if(...) {VarN impl ... }
  }
}
```

methodExit

references computed by RAG

n variants: Var1 ... VarN

```
// Var1.java
public class Var1 {
  public Map<...> compute(...) {
    ...
    out = map(in);
    ...
    reduce(in,out);
    return reduceResult;
  }
  public out map(in) { ... }
  public void reduce(in,out) { ... }
  public Bar foo() {...} }
```

methodExit

members

request'

request

Master

Foo bar
foo² bar
bar
Foo ...

bar bar
foo² bar
bar
Foo FOO

...

Foo	2
bar	3
Foo²	1
...	...

Foo	1
bar	4
foo²	1
FOO	1

...	89
...	44
...	13
...	56

Foo	3
bar	7
foo²	1
FOO	1
Foo²	1
...	...

Foo	92
bar	51
foo²	14
FOO	57
Foo²	37
...	...

Map 1

Map 2

Map n

Reduce 1

Reduce m

...

...

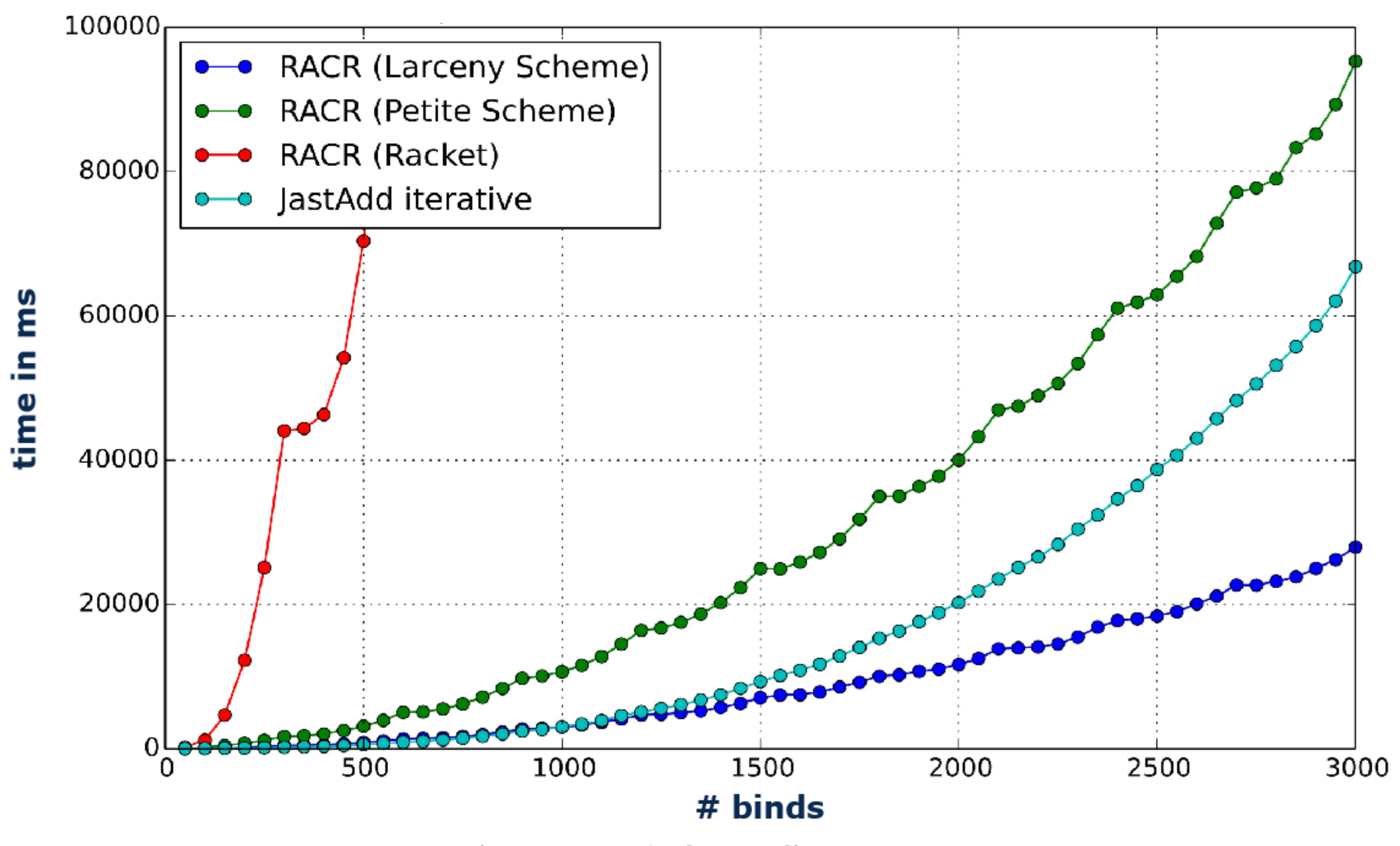
Document server (e.g., Wikipedia)

Client (e.g., browser)

Deployed application (Wikipedia document indexing)

Performance: ISC in JastAdd and RACR

Composing Java classes: no well-formedness check; deep tree



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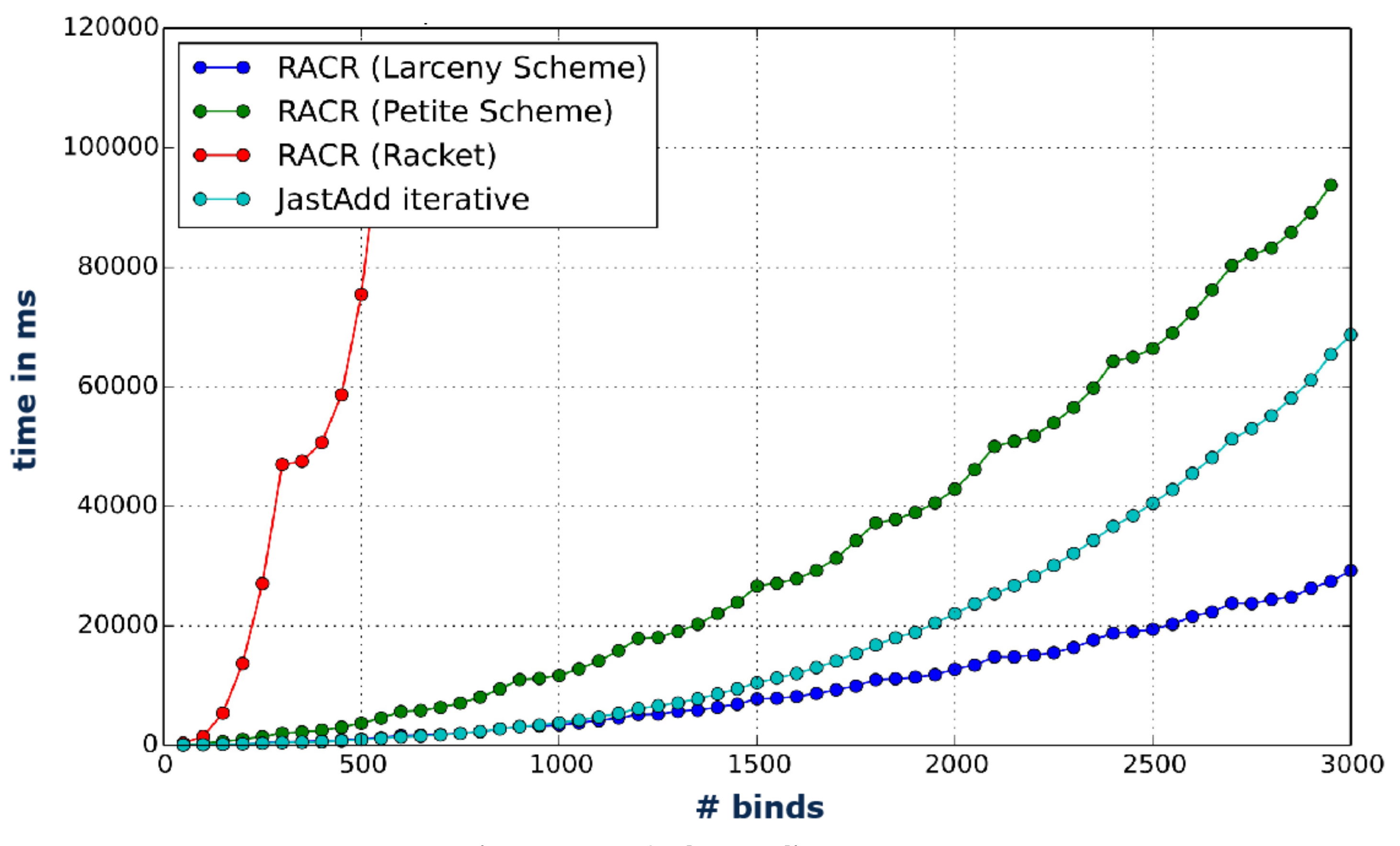
Performance: ISC in JastAdd and RACR

Composing Java classes: 1x well-formedness check; deep tree



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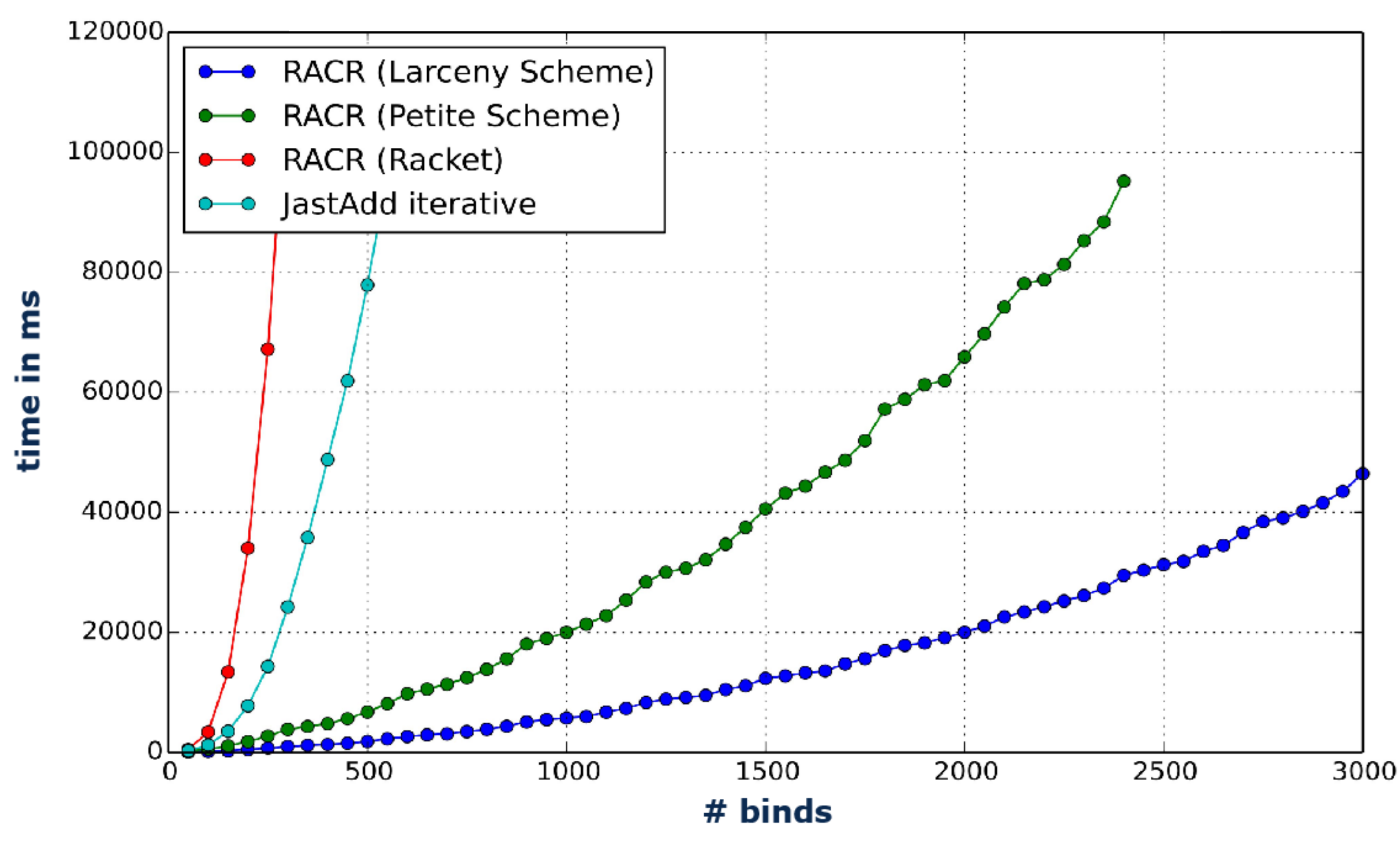

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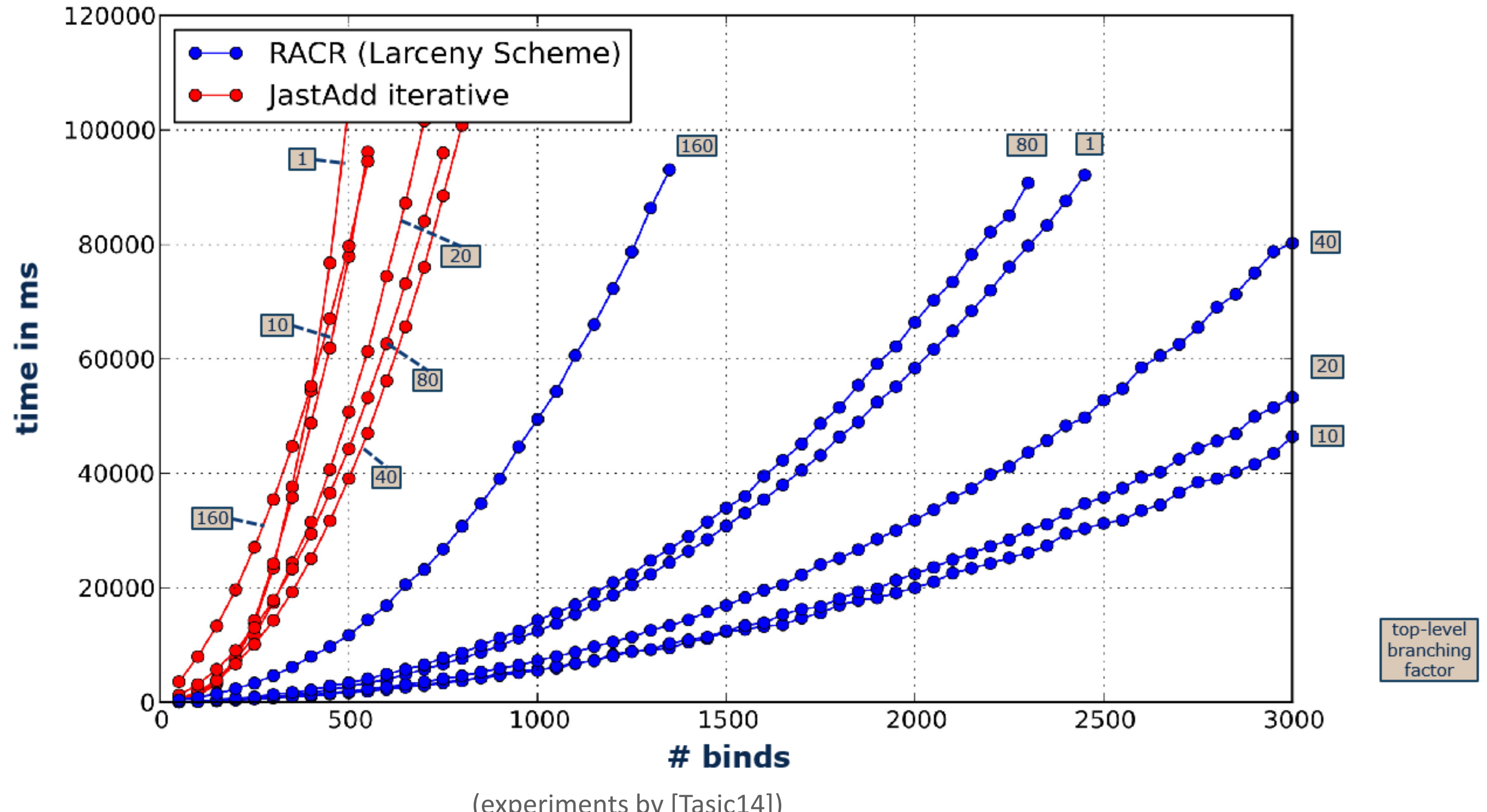

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Scalability in Software Engineering

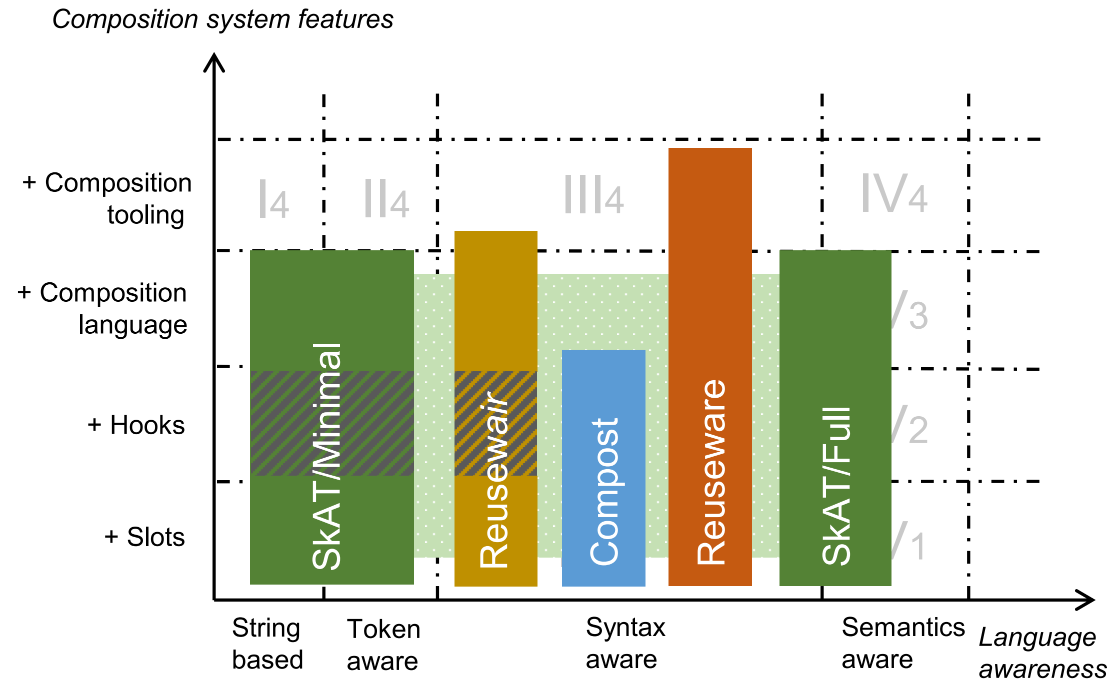
"In order to make the term [scalability] meaningful, it has to be understood within a particular context and then regarded as variation within a range. Scalability in the context of software engineering is the property of reducing or increasing the scope of methods, processes, and management according to the problem size" [Laitinen+00].

"Functional scalability: The ability to enhance the system by adding new functionality at minimal effort" [Wikipedia/Scalability].

[Laitinen+00] Laitinen, Mauri, Mohamed Fayad, und Robert P. Ward. „The problem with scalability." *Communications of the ACM* 43, Nr. 9 (2000): 105–7.

Supported features of composition systems

- Existing frameworks are syntax-aware
- SkAT scales over the whole range of language awareness



BPMN workflow of agile composition-system development

[Support complete language model?]

Yes

[Grammar or metamodel of the fragment language available?]

Yes

(1) Add language model to FCM

[Support well-formed ISC?]

No

[Semantic model of fragment language available?]

Yes

(5) Add semantic model to FCM

No

Language model
Grammar or metamodel of the fragment language

Semantic model
Static semantics of the fragment language

No

(2) Create complete language model

[Support full semantics?]

Yes

(6) Create complete semantic model

No

(3) Create language model based on minimal FCM

Minimal language model
Generic language model based on the minimal FCM

No

Partial semantic model
A partial static semantics model of the fragment language

(4) Add constructs of interest (islands)

[Support semantics?]

Yes

(7) Create partial semantic model

No

Token-/String-based FCM → island FCM
Island FCM → island FCM

Island FCM → syntax-aware FCM

[Which complexity?]

Extend incomplete Language model

(8) Refine component model

Syntax-aware FCM → semantics-aware FCM
Semantics-aware FCM → semantics-aware FCM

BPMN workflow of complex refinement activity

Refine component model

[default]

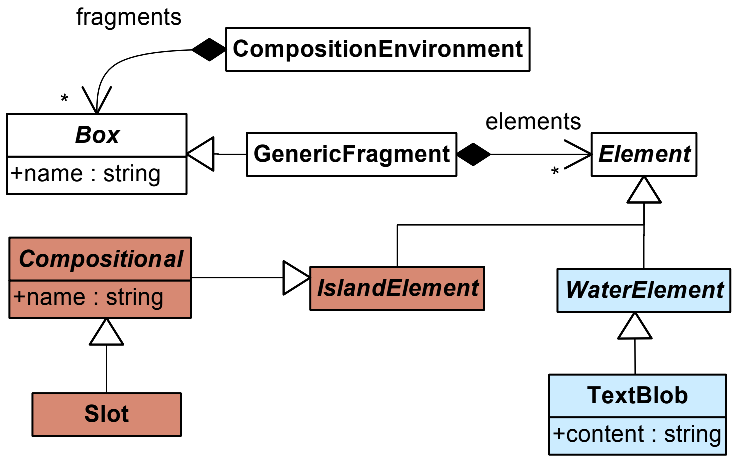
[Language extensions required?]
No
Yes
(1) Specify extension grammar/ metamodel
FCM extension model
Grammar/metamodel of compositional constructs and/or fragment boxes

Slot model
Extension modeling new slots
(2a) Specify slot model
Hook model
Extension modeling new hooks
(2b) Specify hook model
Rudiment model
Extension modeling new rudiments
(2c) Specify rudi-ment model
Composer model
Extension modeling new (embedded) composers
(2d) Specify composer model

Glue model
Spec gluing language model and composion model
[Glue required?]
Yes
(3) Specify glue model
No
[Contradictions in FCM?]
Yes
(4) Adapt existing FCM specs
No
[Fragment contracts required?]
Yes
(5) Specify fragment contracts
No
[Reorganization desirable?]
Yes
(6) Conduct global refactoring
No

Legend
Sequence flow between tasks
XOR gateway/join
OR gateway/join

Minimal fragment component model



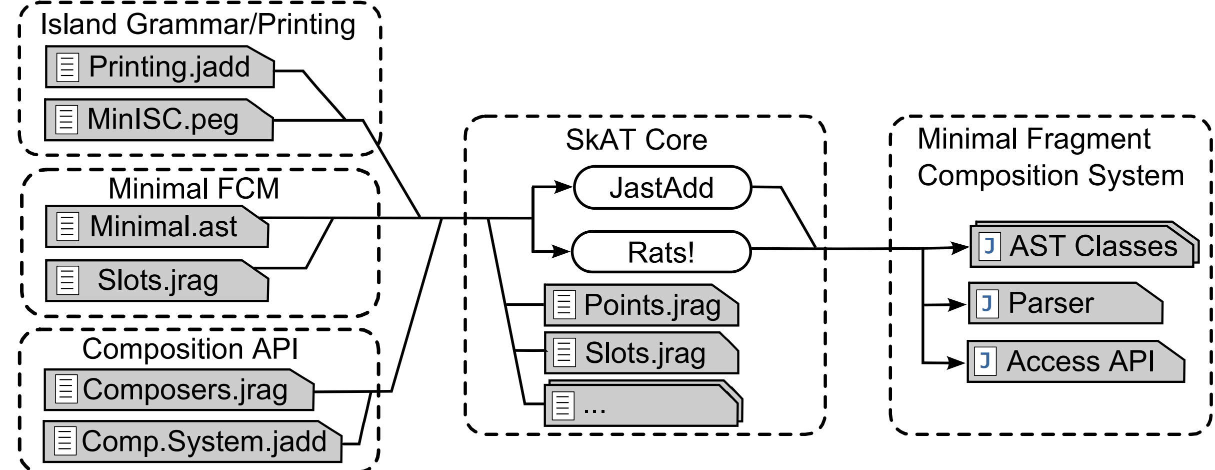

```
CompositionEnvironment ::= fragments:Box*
@Box ::= name:<string>
GenericFragment ▷ Box ::= elements:Element*
@Element ::=
@WaterElement ▷ Element ::=
TextBlob ▷ WaterElement ::= content:<string>
@IslandElement ▷ Element ::=
@Compositional ▷ IslandElement ::=
                             name:<string>
Slot ▷ Compositional ::=
```

$$
\begin{aligned}
&\textbf{fun}\ \texttt{Slot.isSlot} &&= \mathit{true}\\
&\textbf{fun}\ \texttt{Slot.slotName} &&= \mathit{name}\\
&\textbf{fun}\ \{n \mid n \in N - \mathcal{S}\}\texttt{.isSlot} &&= \mathit{false}\\
&\textbf{fun}\ \{n \mid n \in N - \mathcal{S}\}\texttt{.slotName} &&= \bot
\end{aligned}
$$

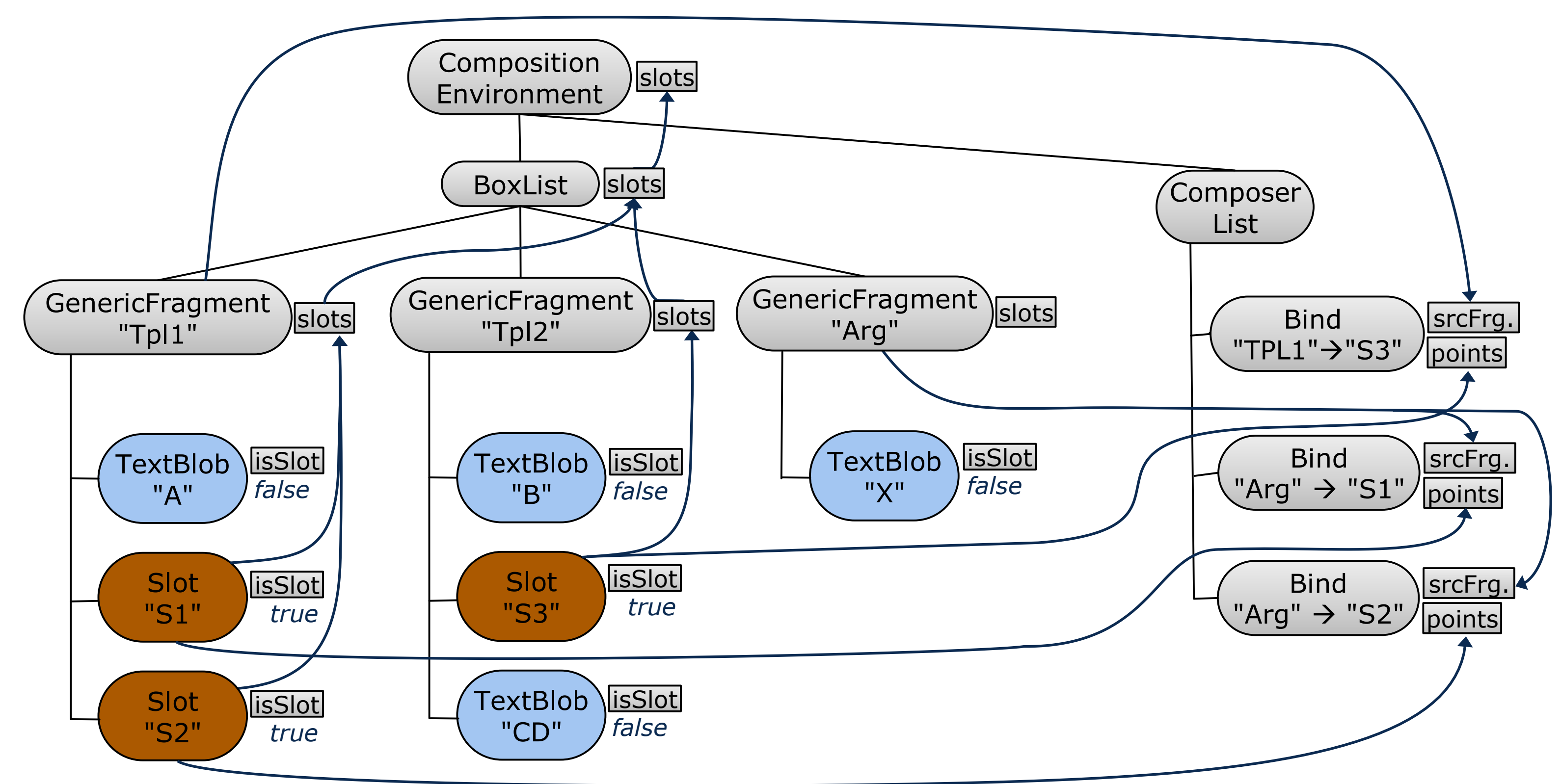
$$
\begin{aligned}
&\textbf{fun}\ \{n \in N\}\texttt{.child}_{\texttt{all}}\texttt{.isHook} &&= \mathit{false}\\
&\textbf{fun}\ \{n \in N\}\texttt{.child}_{\texttt{all}}\texttt{.hookName} &&= \bot
\end{aligned}
$$

Minimal ISC code generation

- includes the minimal component model
- includes an extensible parser module based on PEGs



Minimal fragment component model



UPP: fragment component model

else
then
content
fragments
Error
+message : string
Slot
Include
IfNotDef
IfDef
CompositionEnvironment
Box
+name : string
GenericFragment
elements
Element
Compositional
+name : string
IslandElement
WaterElement
TextBlob
+content : string
MacroParam
+name : string
parameters
reference
IfCondition
condition
UnDefine
reference
reference
macro
MacroCall
MacroRef
MacroDecl
content
Expression
args
MacroCallArg
UPPRef
+name : string
MacroDeclML
MacroDeclSL
expression
ExpArg
PlainArg
+value : string
MultiArg
values

UPP: fragment component model + embedded composers

embedded composition operators

```
aspect UPPPoints {
    // identifying slots
    eq Include.isSlot() = true;
    eq IfDef.isSlot() = true;
    eq IfNotDef.isSlot() = true;
    eq IfCondition.isSlot() = true;
    eq MacroCall.isSlot() = true;

    // identifying rudiments
    eq Error.isRudiment() = true;
    eq MacroDecl.isRudiment() = true;
    eq UnDefine.isRudiment() = true;

    // determining point names
    eq Compositional.pointName() = getName();
}
```

```
aspect IncludeComposer {
    syn GenericFragment Include.associatedFragment();
    eq Include.isBind() = true;
    eq Include.targetPoint() = this;
    eq Include.composer() = this;
    eq Include.associatedFragment() =
                findFragment(getName());
    eq Include.srcFragment() {
        GenericFragment fragment =
associatedFragment();
        if(fragment!=null){
            return fragment.getElements().fullCopy();
        }
        return null;
    }
}
```

UPP Extension
- Template.ast
- Expressions.ast
- Composers.jrag
- Points.jrag
- MacroLookUp.jrag
- Expressions.jrag
- UPPParser.peg

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UPP Composition System
- UPP API
- UPPParser
- UPPProcessor

UPP example: 2D and 3D vectors in Java

```
#include "Point.conf“
#if defined (THREED)
public class Point3D {
#else
public class Point2D {
#endif
     private float x;
     private float y;
#ifdef THREED
     private float z;
#endif
     public float getX() {
          return x;
     }
     public void setX(float x) {
          log("SettingX");
          this.x = x;
     }
...
#ifdef THREED
     public float getZ() {
          return z;
     }
     public void setZ(float z) {
          log("SettingZ");
          this.z = z;
     }
#endif
}
```

```
#define THREED
#define log(msg) {
System.out.println(#msg#);
#end
```

UPP

```
public class Point3D {
     private float x;
     private float y;
     private float z;

     public float getX() {
          return x;
     }
     public void setX(float x) {
          { System.out.println("SettingX"); ;
          this.x = x;
     }
     ...
     public float getZ() {
          return z;
     }
     public void setZ(float z) {
          { System.out.println("SettingZ"); ;
          this.z = z;
     }
}
```

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#endif
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     private float y;
#ifdef THREED
     private float z;
#endif
     public float getX() {
          return x;
     }
     public void setX(float x) {
          log("SettingX");
          this.x = x;
     }
...
#ifdef THREED
     public float getZ() {
          return z;
     }
     public void setZ(float z) {
          log("SettingZ");
          this.z = z;
     }
#endif
}
```

```
#define THREED
#define log(msg) {
System.out.println(#msg#);   }
#end
```

UPP

```
public class Point3D {
     private float x;
     private float y;
     private float z;

     public float getX() {
          return x;
     }
     public void setX(float x) {
          { System.out.println("SettingX"); };
          this.x = x;
     }
     ...
     public float getZ() {
          return z;
     }
     public void setZ(float z) {
          { System.out.println("SettingZ"); };
          this.z = z;
     }
}
```

a simple extension to UPP can detect such defects

Safe template languages

- **Repleo** [Arnoldus11]
  - declarative approach to specify syntax-safe template languages
  - placeholders, iterations, control flow
  - based on SDF [Visser97]
- **Model-aware templates** [Heidenreich+09]
  - automatic metamodel transformation to add template constructs
  - semantics via generated stubs (not declarative)
  - based on EMFText
- **SafeGen** [Huang+11]
  - language for safe template-metaprogramming in Java
  - correctness is ensured via theorem proving
  - 1st order axioms specify well-formedness
  - less expressive than RAGs

Macros and preprocessors

- **Metamorphic syntax macros** [Brabrand+Schwartzbach02]
  - macro constructs are transformed ("metamorphed") into host language syntax
  - related to embedded ISC [Henriksson09]
  - supported in SkAT via generalized composer definitions (e.g., in the UPP)

- **Language-aware preprocessors**
  - preprocessor directives have bad impact on program quality [Kästner+Apel09]
  - variability-aware code analysis helps to detect errors early
  - tools like TypeChef help with that [Kästner+11]
  - [Heumüller+14] suggest island grammars as a potential approach
  - SkAT/UPP is based on island grammars and attribute grammars

Aspect languages

- **Static aspects in JastAdd**
  - inter-type declarations are a basic composition system
  - partially uses attributes for analysis
  - backend could realized as a well-formed ISC system (bootstrap)
- **AspectBench Compiler** [Avgustinov+06]
  - extensible component model for AspectJ [Kiczales+01]
  - based on delegation and visitor pattern
  - non-declarative
  - case study with JastAdd as backend in [Avgustinov+08]
- **Generic Aspects** [Lohmann+04]
  - aspects are extended with template features
  - can access generic type information

General approaches to software composition

- **Algebraic Hierarchical Equations for Application Design (AHEAD)** [Batory+04]
  - refining containment hierarchies based on composition equations
  - generalization of mixin-based inheritance
  - refinement composition operators could well be realized using ISC
    - *future work*

- **Choice calculus** [Erwig+Walkingshaw11]
  - formal representation of software variation as “choices”
  - may represent a subset of ISC
  - recent extension to lambda calculus [Chen+14]
    - considers object language and type system

Formal models of ISC

- **F-Logic** [Azurat07]
  - combines OO-features with resolution-based reasoning [Kifer+95]
  - enables automatic reasoning over component models and compositions
  - only sketch of an approach
    - exemplary modeling of components, hooks and composers

- **Theorem proving** [Kezardi+12,Kezardi+14]
  - formalization of basic ISC multigraphs and set theory
  - semi-automatic verification using theorem prover
  - first version checks syntactic integrity only
  - second version respects metamodel properties
  - pre- and post conditions are suggested to check well-formedness constraints [Kezardi+14]

Metaprogramming and rewriting

- **Stratego/XT** [Bravenboer+08] **and TXL** [Cordy06]
  - based on *term rewriting*
  - rules with matching patterns and replacement patterns
  - dynamic rewrite rules enable context-sensitive rewriting (Stratego)
  - programmable rewrite strategies (Stratego)
  - first-order functional programming for traversals and rewrite guards (TXL)

- **Design Maintenance System (DMS)** [Baxter+04]
  - commercial program transformation and analysis toolkit
  - support for attribute grammars and term rewriting
  - more than 30 languages supported
    - *potential implementation platform for well-formed ISC*

- **Reference attribute grammar controlled rewriting** [Bürger12]
  - RAG library for scheme that supports rewriting
  - alternating phases of term rewriting and attribute evaluation
  - sophisticated automatic caching of attributes under presence of rewriting
    - *potential implementation platform for well-formed ISC*