From System Goals to Software Architecture

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Two essential activities in the SE process ...

- ◆ Requirements Engineering (RE) = elicit, specify, analyze & document ... objectives, functionalities, qualities, constraints
 - ⇒ structured models of *system*-to-be
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The problem ... (2)

- ◆ Poor understanding of...
 - relationships $requirements \leftrightarrow architecture$
 - intertwining $RE \leftrightarrow AD$
- ◆ No systematic way to ...
 - build/modify architecture to meet functional/nonfunctional requirements
 - integrate architectural constraints in requirements document

⇒ requirement-architecture mismatch

The mismatch problem: exacerbating factors ...

- ◆ Requirements volatility vs. architectural stability (e.g. new requirements from using the software)
- ◆ New generation software ...
 - ubiquitous, mobile
 - heterogeneous
 - open
 - mission-critical
 - operating in changing, (hostile) environments
 - open source (permanent, distributed evolution)

Resolving the mismatch problem: why not just forget about requirements ??

◆ Survey of 350 US companies, 8000 projects

- success: 16 %- failure: 33 %- so so: 51 %

(partial functionalities, excessive costs, big delays)

major source of failure:

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(Standish Group, 1995)

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lack of user involvement 13%
incomplete requirements 13%
changing requirements 9%
unrealistic expectations 10%
unclear goals 5%

www.standishgroup.com/chaos.html

Resolving the mismatch problem: why not just forget about requirements ??

- ◆ Survey of 3800 EUR organizations, 17 countries main software problems are in...
 - requirements specification50% responses
 - requirements management50% responses

(European Software Institute, 1996)



The problem on the research side ...

- ◆ Much work on architectural description & analysis
 - myriads of ADLs:

ACME, C2, DARWIN, RAPIDE, WRIGHT, UML2.0 (?), ...

the architecture has to be there

- architectural patterns & styles how do you compose them to meet NFRs?
- ◆ Some work on architectural refinement e.g., [Moriconi'96]



The problem: on the research side ... (2)

◆ Little work on architecture derivation to meet functional & non-functional reqs

some preliminary efforts on goal-oriented approaches for...

- iterative evaluation/transformation against NFRs [Bosch&Molin '99]
- architectural refinement [van Lamsweerde'00]
- NFR-based documentation of design patterns for selection [Gross&Yu'01]

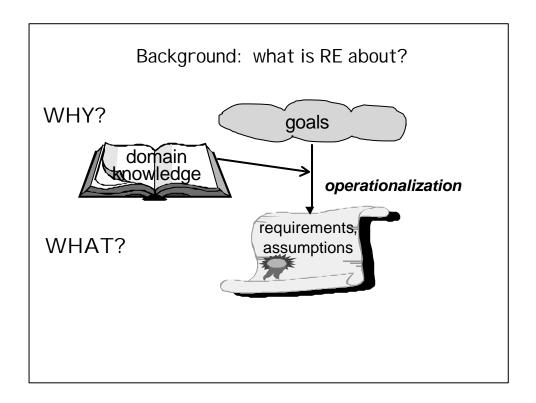


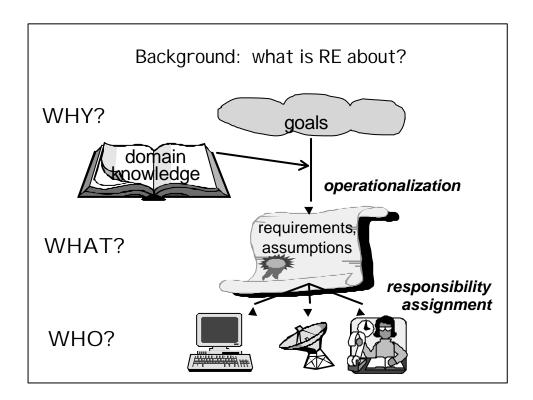
Objectives

- Support requirements/architecture co-design/coevolution
- ◆ Support architecture derivation from requirements models & software specs
- ◆ Make derivation process...
 - systematic, incremental
 - leading to provably/arguably correct & "good" architecture
 - highlighting architectural views (e.g. security view) $$\mathfrak{B}$$ goal-based architectural design process

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Background: what is RE about?

- ◆ Requirements elaboration is hard ...
 - requirements are not there,
 you have to elicit them & structure them
 - ranges from high-level, strategic objectives to detailed, technical requirements
 - involves software + environment
 - requires evaluation of alternatives, selection(= architectural decisions ?)
 - raises conflicting concerns
 - requires anticipation of unexpected behaviors (for requirements completeness, system robustness)

Background: goal-oriented RE

- ◆ Goal: prescriptive statement of intent (cf. David 's notion of intention/task)
- ◆ Domain prop: descriptive statement about domain
- ◆ Agent: active component, controls behaviors software-to-be, existing software, device, human

Goal achievement requires agent cooperation

The more fine-grained a goal is, the less agents are required

- ◆ Requirement: goal assigned to software agent
- ◆ Expectation: goal assigned to environment agent

Background: goal-oriented RE (2)

Different goal categories ...

- ◆ functional: prescribe expected services satisfaction, information, ...
- non functional, refined in application-specific terms:
 - quality of service:

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accuracy
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security: confidentiality, availability, integrity, ...

usability

performance, ...

- development goals:
 - $maintain ability: \ min\ coupling,\ max\ cohesion,\ ...$
 - reusability, interoperability, ...
- domain-specific architectural constraints

Background: goal-oriented RE (3)

- ◆ Domain-specific architectural constraints ...
 - features of environment agents & their organization
 - constrain architectural design space
 - e.g. distribution of human agents, devices, data

Meeting scheduling system:

distribution of participants, meeting initiator

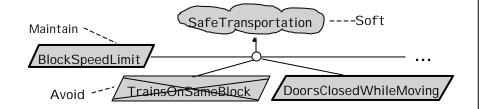
Train system:

station computer, on-board controller, tracking system, ...

Background: goal-oriented RE (4)

- ◆ Different types of goals ...
 - SoftGoal achievement cannot be established in clear-cut sense
 - ® goal satisficing, qualitative reasoning (Mylopoulos'92, Chung'00)
 - Achieve/Maintain goal achievement can be verified
 - ® goal satisfaction, formal reasoning

(Dardenne'93, Darimont'96)



Background: goal-oriented RE (5)

♦ Goal G is AND-refined into subgoals $G_1, ..., G_n$ iff achieving $G_1, ..., G_n$ contributes to achieving G

the set $\{G_1, ..., G_n\}$ is called refinement of G G_i is said to contribute positively to G

♦ The set $\{G_1, ..., G_n\}$ is a complete AND-refinement of G iff $G_1, ..., G_n$ are sufficient for achieving G in view of known domain properties

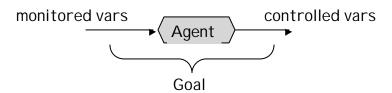
$$\{G_1, ..., G_n, Dom\} \mid = G$$

♦ Goal G is OR-refined into refinements $R_1, ..., G_m$ iff achieving the subgoals of R_i is one alternative to achieving G (1 ≤ i ≤ m)

 R_i is called alternative for G

Background: goal-oriented RE (6)

◆ A goal is realizable by agent if
 it amounts to a relation on variables that are monitorable
 & controllable by the agent

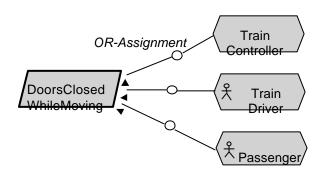


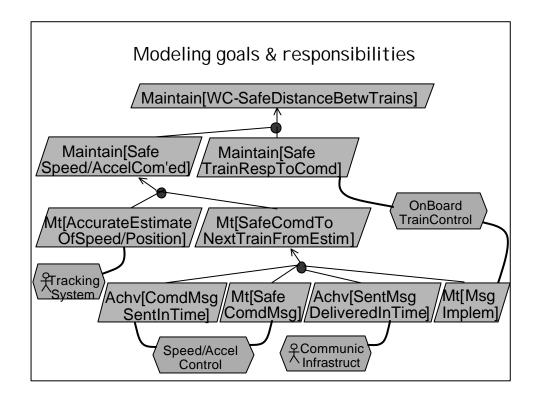
Goals need to be refined until assignable to single agents

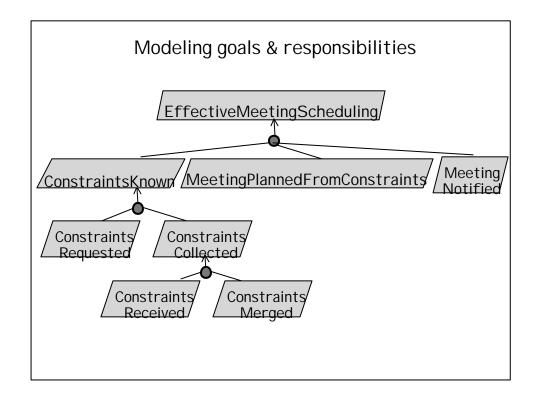
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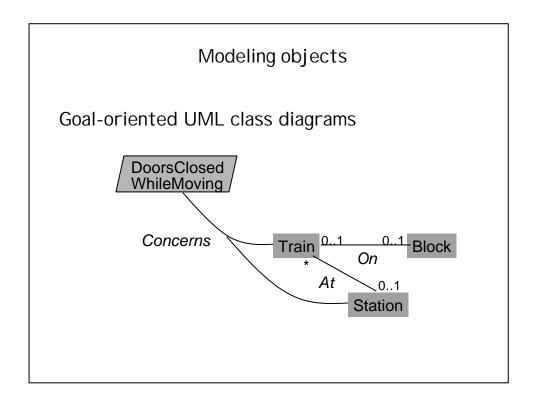
◆ Agent responsibility:

G is assignable to Ag iff G is realizable by Ag







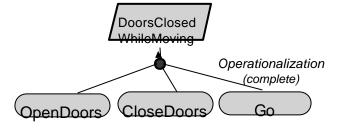


Background: goal-oriented RE (8)

◆ Goal operationalization:

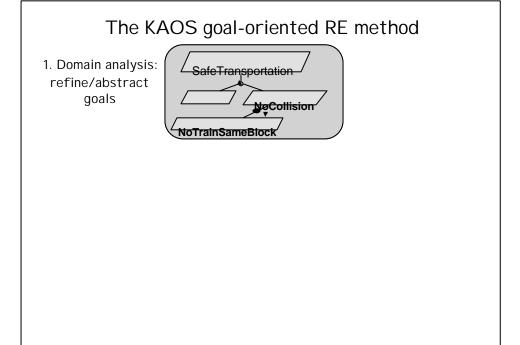
G is correctly operationalized by $Op_1, ..., Op_n$ iff the specs of $Op_1, ..., Op_n$ are necessary & sufficient for ensuring G

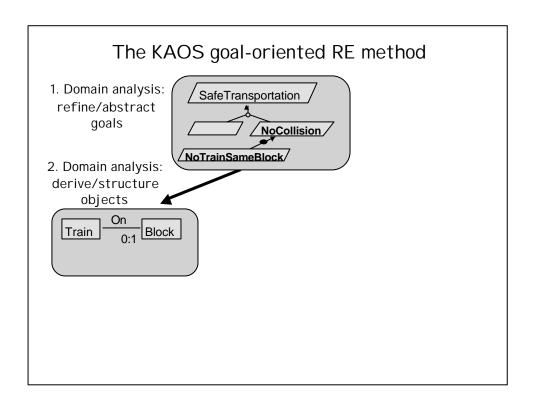
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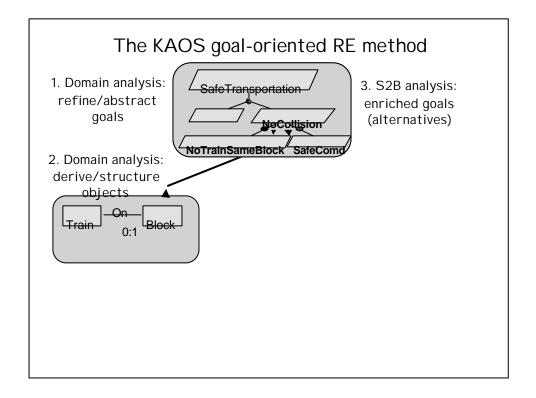


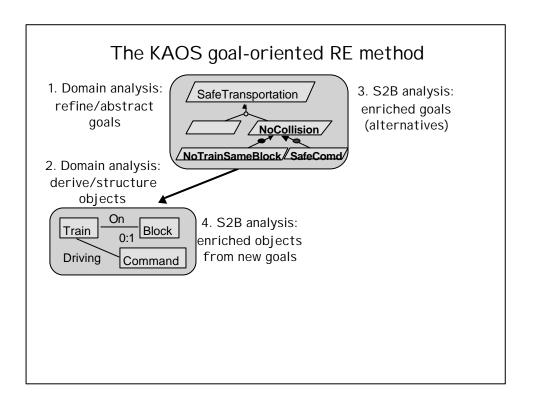
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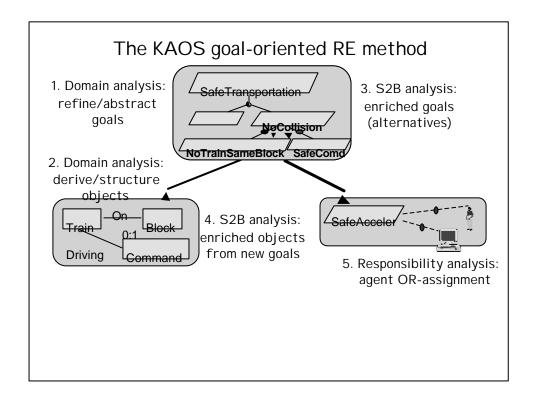
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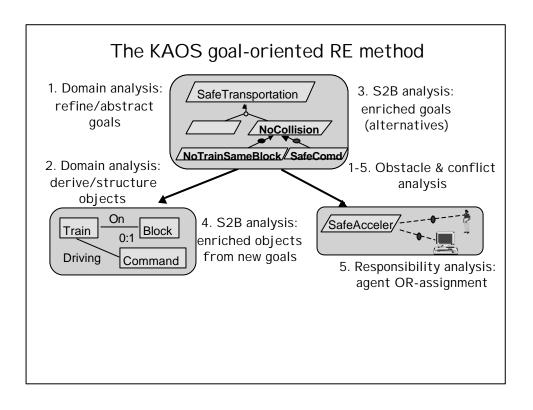


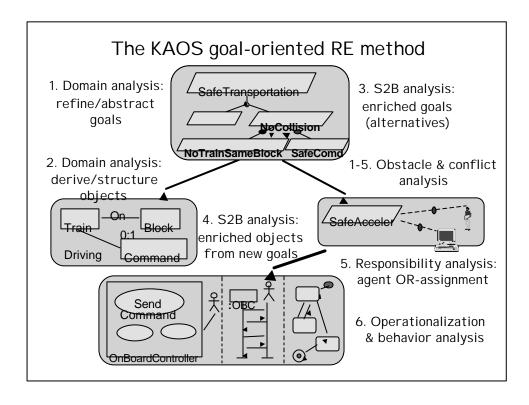


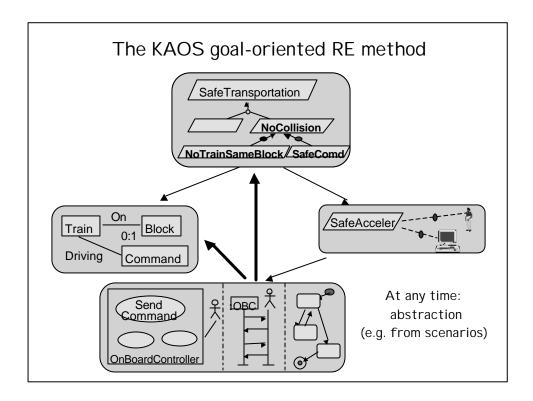












Specifying goals, objects & operations

Formal specification is optional ...

- to support more formal analysis & derivations
- in KAOS:
 - · only when & where needed
 - abstract language for goals, requirements, assumptions, domain properties:

real-time temporal logic

 more operational language for operations: state-based spec
 with traceability to underlying goals

Some bits of real-time temporal logic

oP: P shall hold in the next state

☐ P: P shall hold in every future state

P W N: P shall hold in every future state unless N holds

à P: P shall hold in some future state

 $\square \leq_T P$: P shall hold in every future state up to T time units

 $\dot{a} \leq_T P$: P shall hold within T time units

+ past operators: "black" symbols

@P: •¬PÙ P

Specifying goals: formal

Goal Maintain [DoorsClosedWhileMoving]

.. FormalDof ∀ tr: Tra

FormalDef \forall tr: Train, s: Station

At $(tr, st) \dot{U} o \neg At (tr, st) \Rightarrow$

tr.Doors = "closed" W At (tr, next(st))

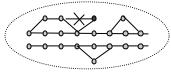
Goal *Achieve* [NoDelay]

. . .

FormalDef ∀ tr: Train, s: Station

At $(tr, st) \Rightarrow \dot{a} \leq_T At (tr, next(st))$

characterizes maximal set of intended behaviors



Specifying operations: formal

Operation OpenDoors

Input tr: Train; Output tr': Train

DomPre tr.Doors = "closed" domain description

DomPost tr.Doors = "open"

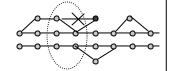
ReqPre for *DoorsClosedWhileMoving:* permission

∃ s: Station At (tr, s)

ReqTrig for *NoDelay:* obligation

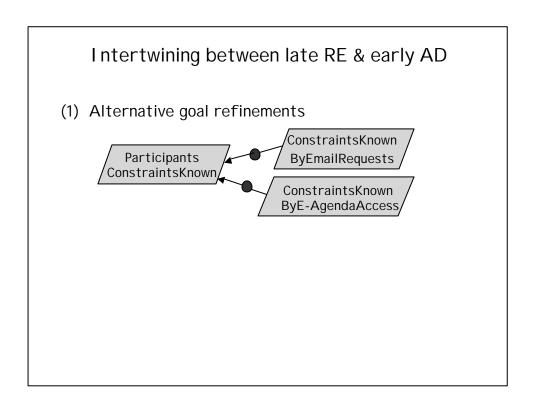
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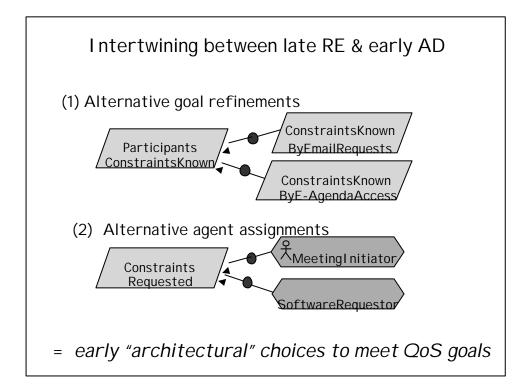
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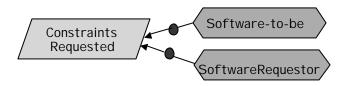
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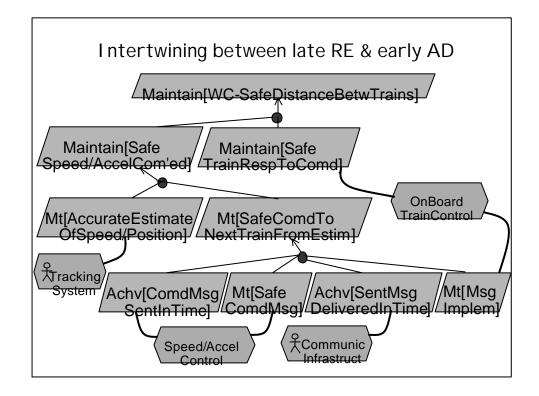


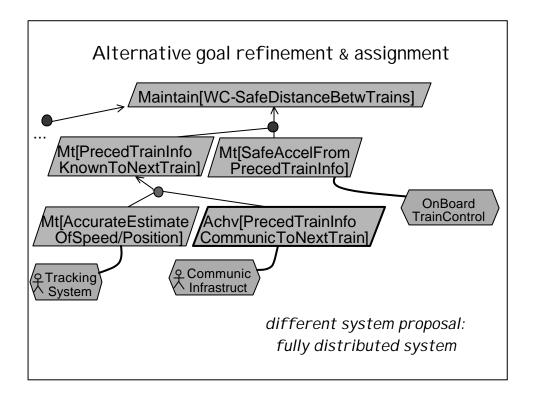
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(3) Alternative granularities for software agents



Fine, function-level granularity will be selected to meet NFR Maximize [Cohesion (C)]





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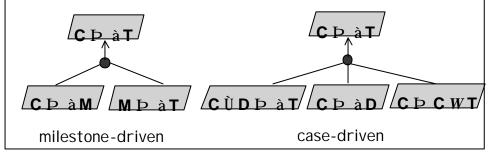
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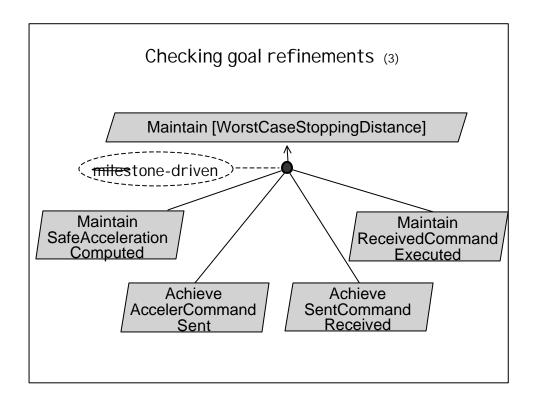
- ◆ Approach 1: use TL theorem prover heavyweight, non-constructive
- ◆ Approach 2: use formal refinement patterns lightweight, constructive:
 - to complete partial refinements
 - to explore alternative refinements

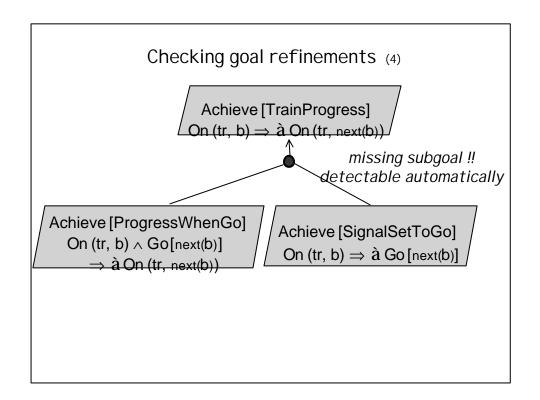
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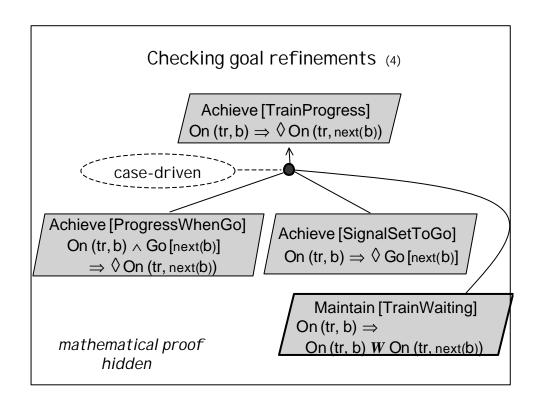
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- Buid library of patterns (structured by *tactics*)
- ◆ Prove patterns once for all
- ◆ Reuse through instantiation, in matching situation e.g. frequent patterns:









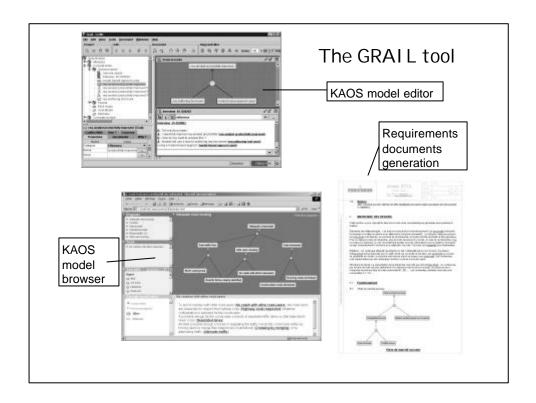
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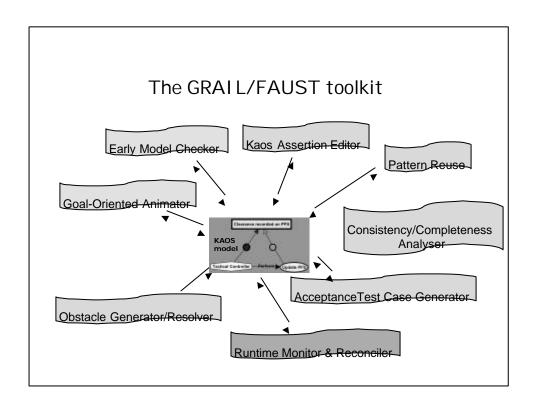
- ◆ Approach 3: Early bounded model checking
 - checking of goal models
 - partial models
 - incremental checking/debugging
 - on selected object instances (propositionalization)
 - ouput:

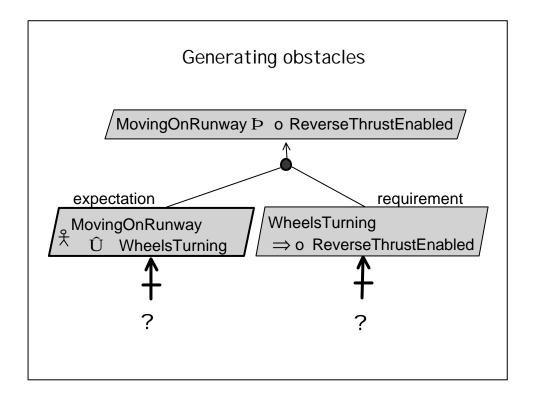
OK

KO + counter-example scenario

Roundtrip use of SAT solver, NuSMV, theorem prover Time for demo...







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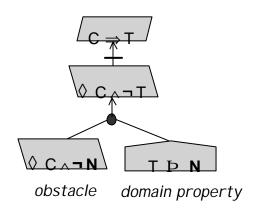
- i.e. Aquaplaning P ¬ WheelsTurning
- ® RHS unifiable:
 - à MovingOnRunway Ù Aquaplaning

Warsaw obstacle

Generating obstacles (3)

◆ Using formal obstruction patterns

in fact we just used a frequent pattern:



Verifying/deriving operationalizations

 Build a library of formal operationalization patterns for frequent goal specification patterns

e.g. Achieve goals:

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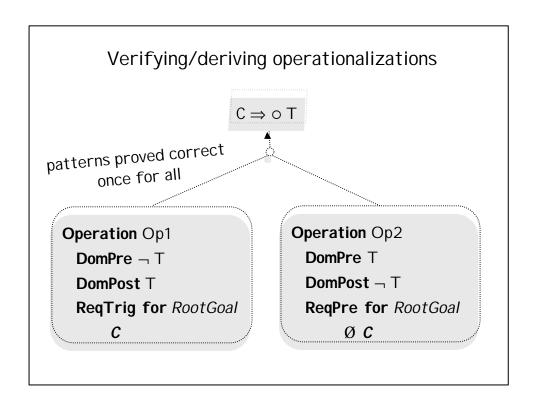
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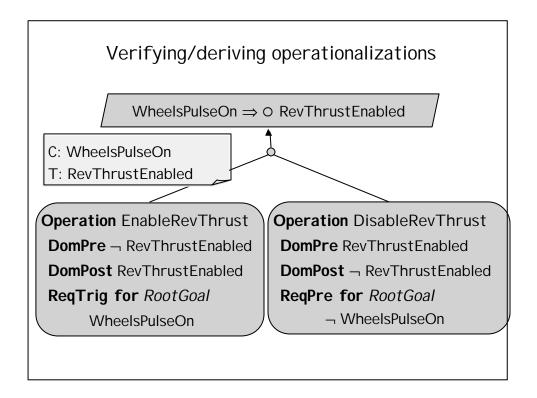
Maintain goals:

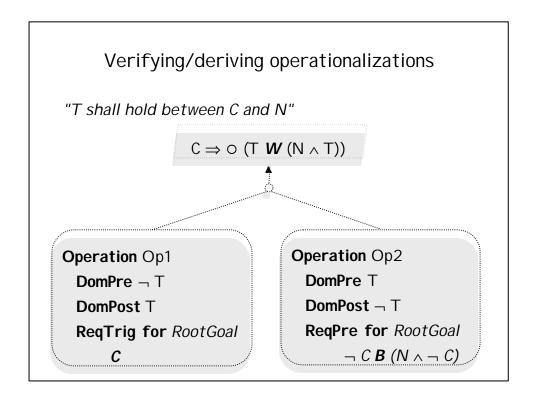
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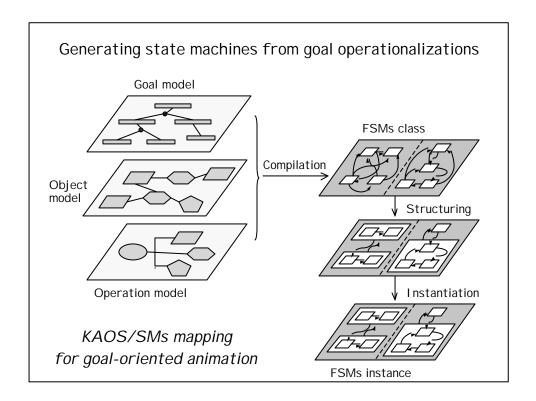
 $C \Rightarrow TWN$

- + extensions adapted from Dwyer et al
- ◆ Prove pattern correctness once for all
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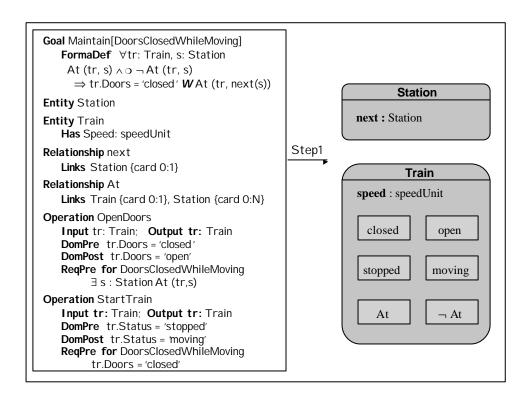


Generating state machines from goal operationalizations (2)

Step 1: Build FSM class declarations

for each e: Entity ∪ Agent in Object model

- create a new FSM class;
- build state attribute declaration for all behavioural attributes and relationships of e;
- for each behavioural attribute attr
 identify all legal states of attr in DomPre/DomPost
 identify additional legal states of attr in Goal

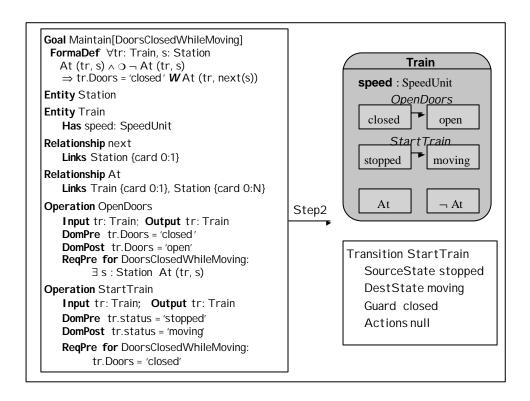


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Step 2: Build transitions

For each op in Operation model

- create a new transition class;
- op. DomPre ® source state; (propositionalization)
- op. DomPost ® destination state; (propositionalization)
- op.ReqPre ® guard condition;
- op.ReqTrig ® trigger condition;
- op.DomPost , op.ReqPost ® action vector;
- host the transition;



Generating state machines from goal operationalizations (4)

Step3: Structure the state space

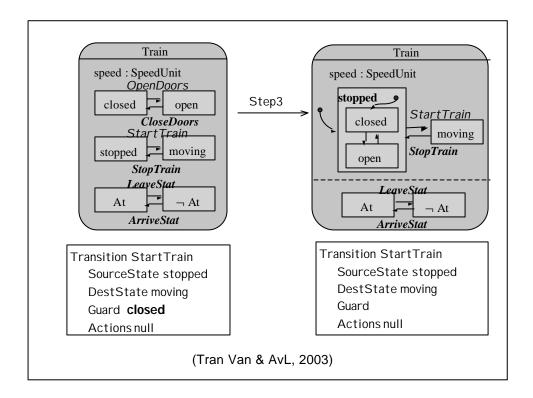
- source state structuring:

if states s1, s2 have same transition to same dest state then aggregate s1, s2 into more general state;

- guard migration:

if guard Grd on transition T refers to state s of hosting object then move Grd as substate s of T.SourceState (+ i/o transitions)

- additional state space structuring by analyst

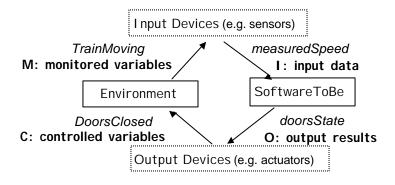


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From requirements to software specs

◆ Requirements vs. software specifications:



$$Req \subseteq M \land C$$
 Spec = Translation (Req) such that $Spec \subseteq I \land O$ $\{Spec, Dom\} \mid = Req$

From requirements to software specs (2)

- ◆ To map Reqs to Specs:
 - translate goals assigned to software agents in vocabulary of software-to-be: input-output variables (if needed)
 - map (domain) object model elements to their images in the software's object model (if needed)
 - introduce (non-functional) accuracyGoals requiring the consistency between monitored/controlled variables in the environment & their software image (input/output vatiables, database elements)
 - introduce input/output agents to be responsible for such accuracy goals (sensor, actuator & other input/output devices)

From requirements to software specs (3)

- ◆ Example:
 - Req:

MotorReversed ⇔ MovingOnRunway

- TargetSpec:

Reverse = 'enabled' \Leftrightarrow WheelPulses = 'on'

- accuracyGoals:

MovingOnRunway ⇔ WheelPulses = 'on' expectation on wheelSensor

MotorReversed ⇔ Reverse = 'enabled' expectation on motorActuator

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Output of architecture derivation process

Structure of ...

- ◆ components, ports
- ◆ connectors
 - static: channels, roles, constraints
 - dynamic: interaction protocol
- ◆ configurations
- ... to be...
- correct: functional requirements are met
- good quality: QoS & development goals are met

Assumption: requirements conflicts are resolved before

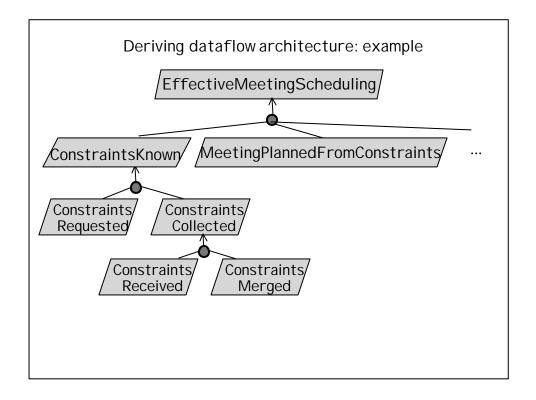
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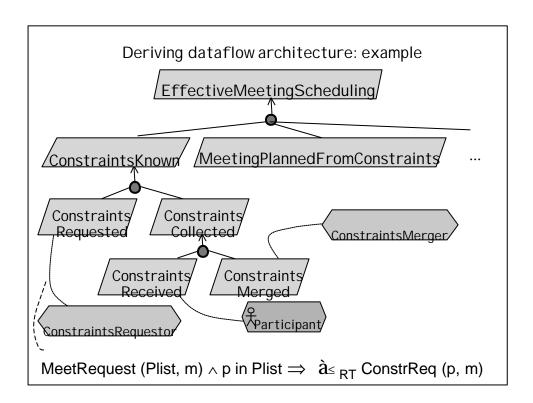
◆ For each "functional" or "critical" goal assigned to software-to-be:

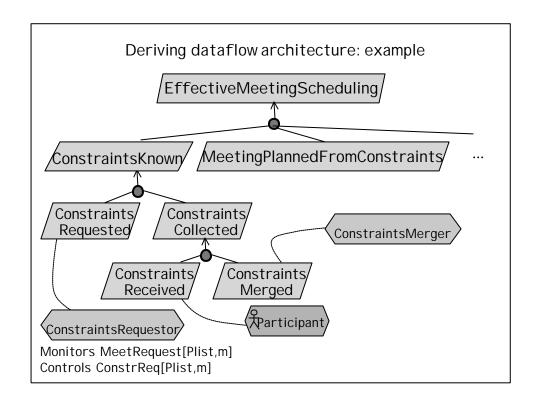
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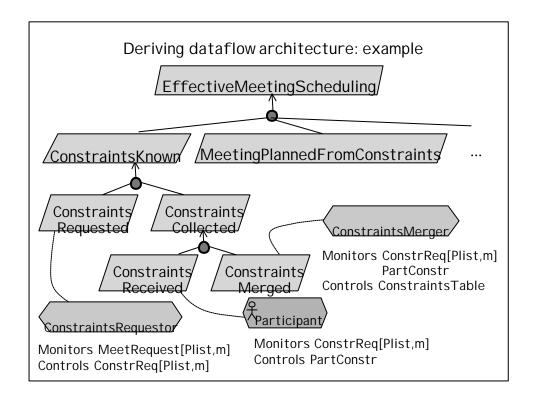
- software agent + all operations operationalizing this goal
- interface = monitored & controlled variables in goal formulation
- Derive dataflow connector between components from data dependency links

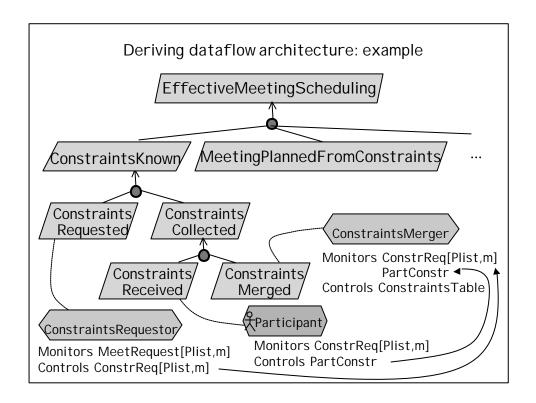
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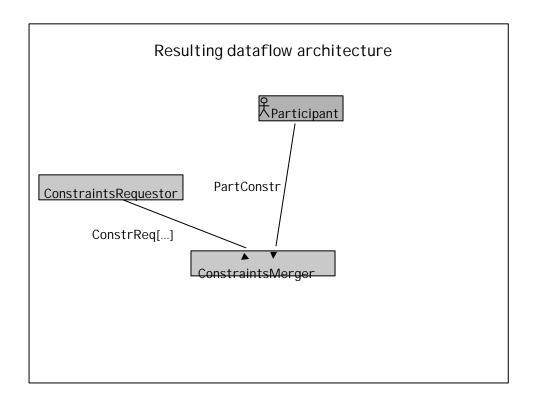


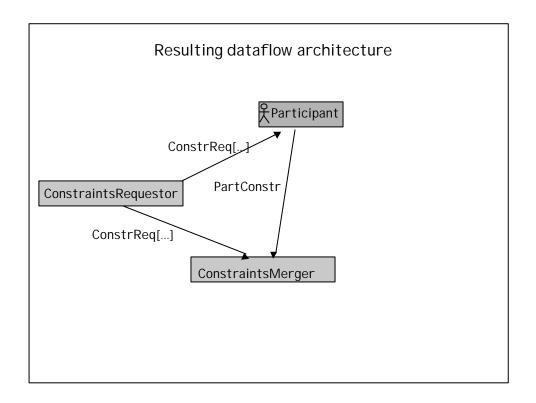


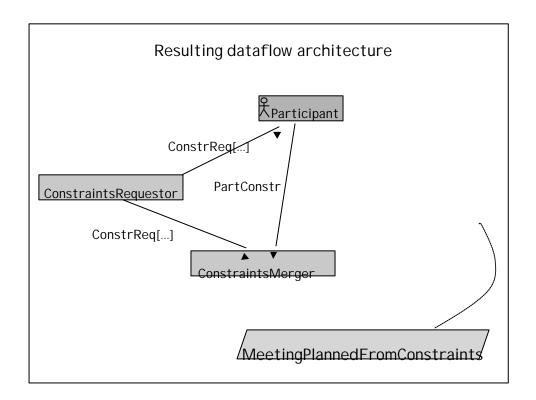


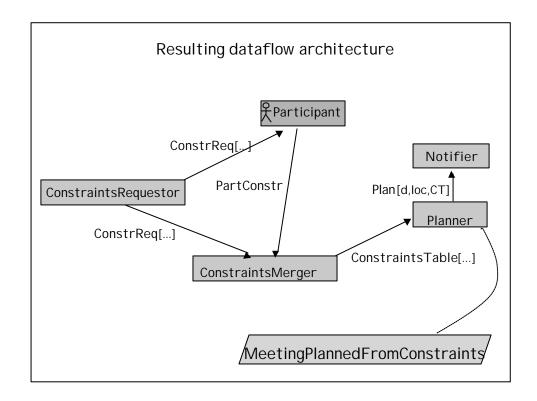


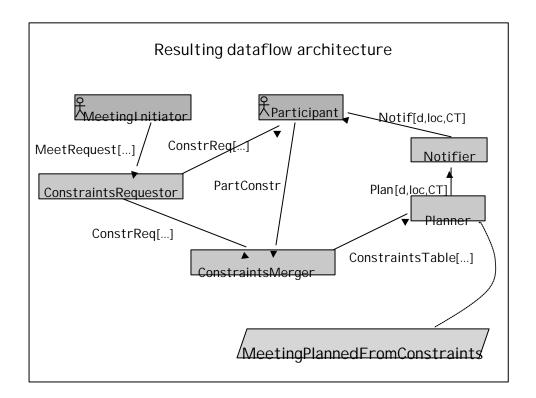












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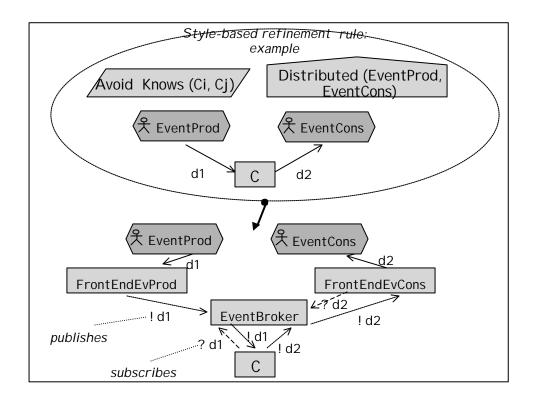
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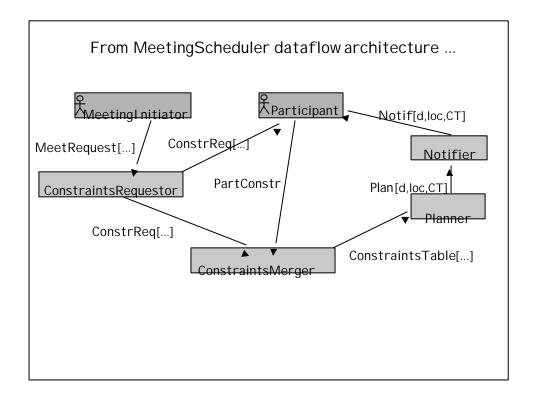
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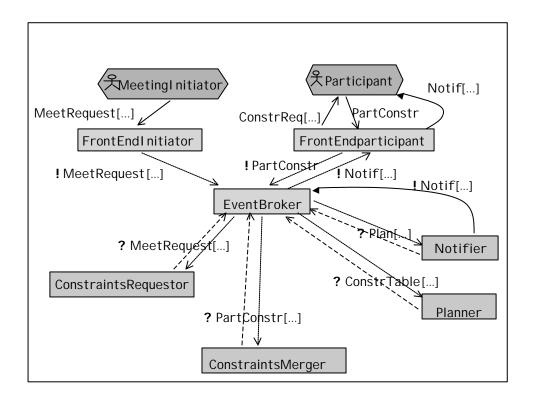
- from environment agents: features, inter-relationships
- global constraints on architectural design space
 - e.g. Meeting scheduling system:
 distribution of participants, meeting initiator

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- Document styles by rules (domain conditions, target_NFR) → effect
- ◆ Apply rule matching architectural constraint
- ◆ Proof obligation: rule application must preserve properties of components & connectors (e.g., dataflows)







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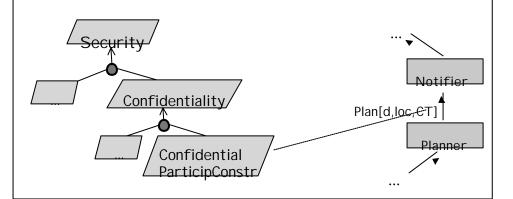
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Architecture refinement

- Many non-functional goals impose constraints on component interaction
 - Accuracy (C1,C2): data consistency
 - Confidentiality (C1,C2): limitation on info flow
 - Usability (C1,C2): requirement on presentation, dialog
 - etc: MinCoupling (C1,C2), InfoHidden (C1, C2),
 Interoperable (C1,C2), ...
- ◆ Some NFGs impose contraints on single component
 - MaxCohesion (C): fine-grained functionality

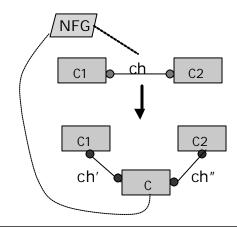
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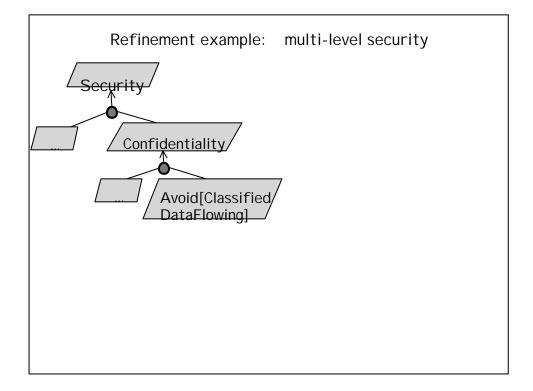
- 1. For each terminal NFG in goal refinement graph ...
 - identify all connectors/components constrained by it
 - instantiate it to those connectors/components

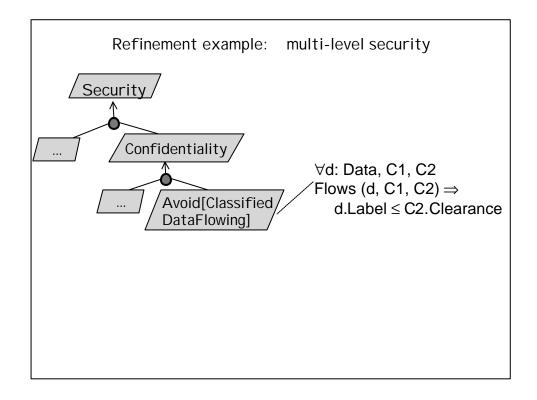


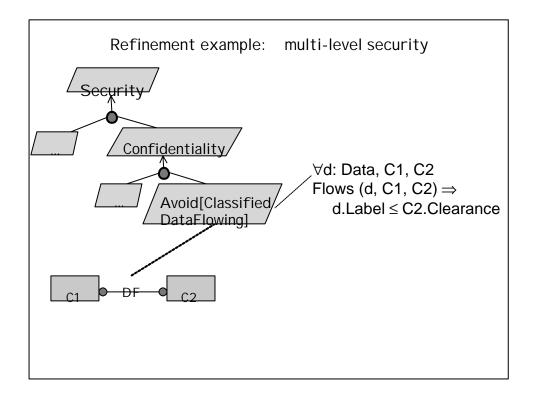
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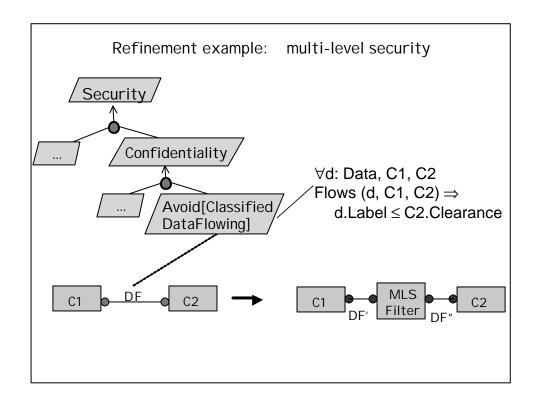
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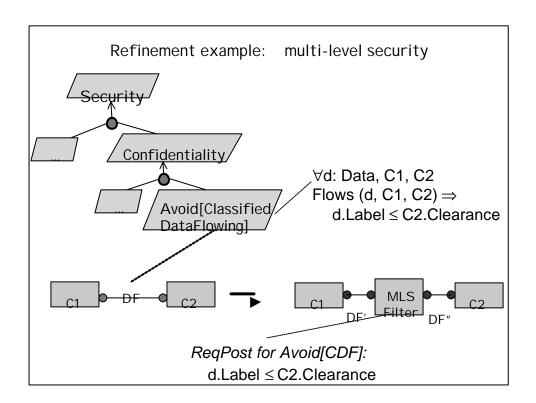










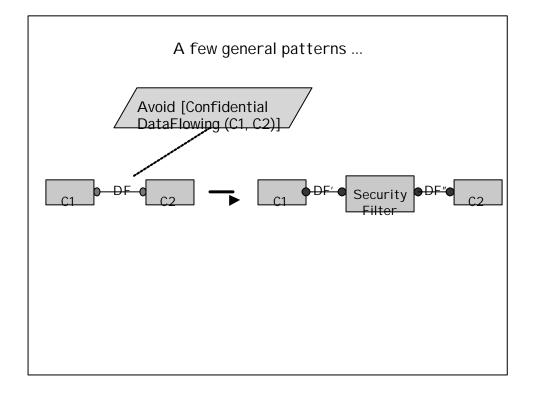


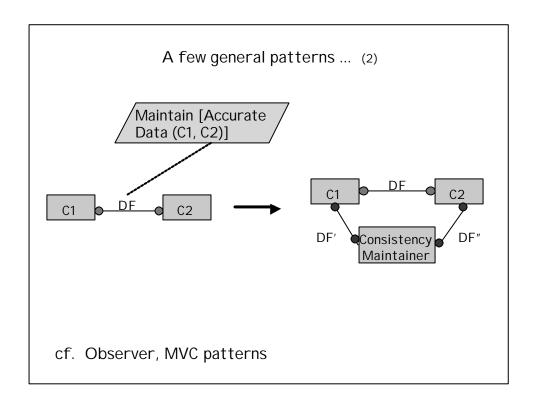
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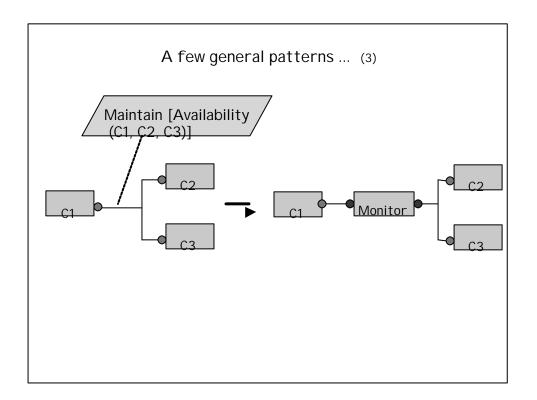
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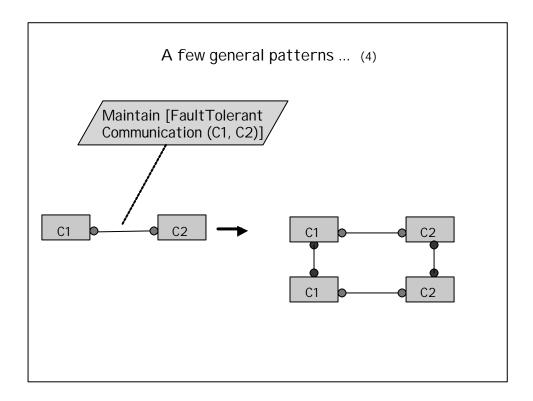
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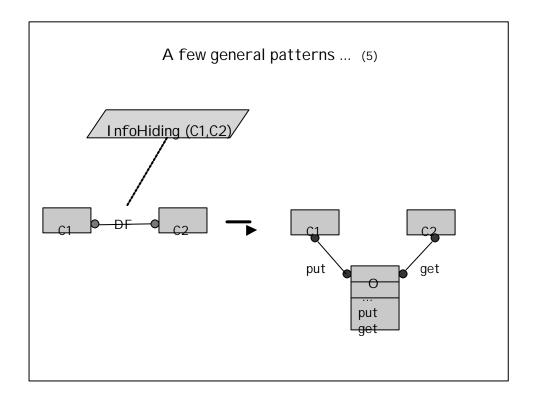
- catalog of refinement patterns
- each pattern is annotated by underlying design goals & tradeoff documentation (cf. [Gross&Yu'01])
- pattern selection by goal matching (conflict resolution by goal prioritization based on tradeoff analysis à la NFR)

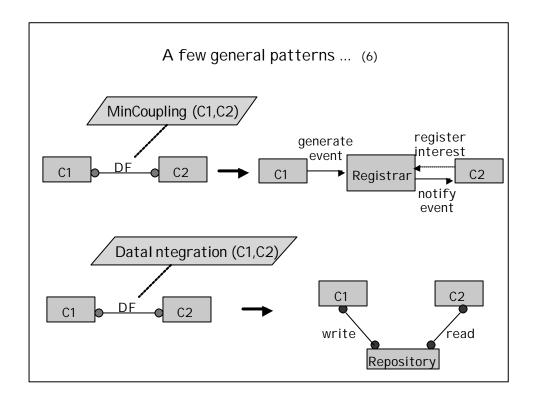


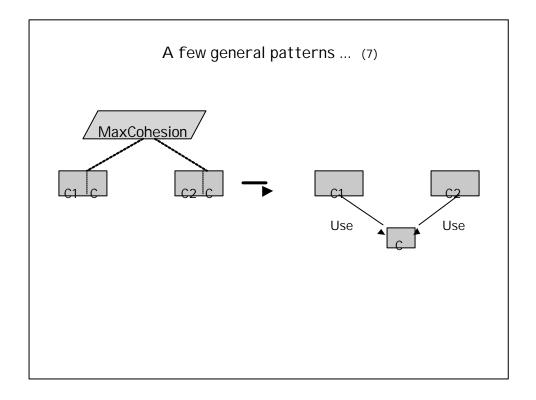


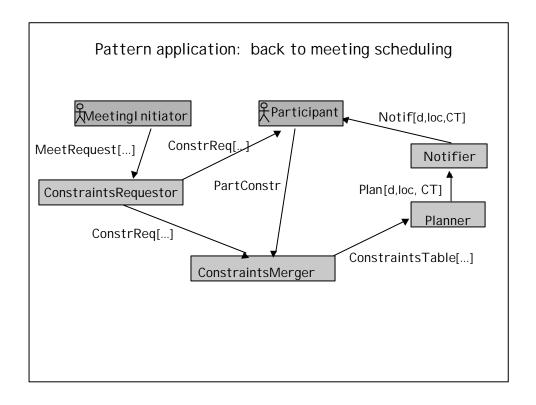


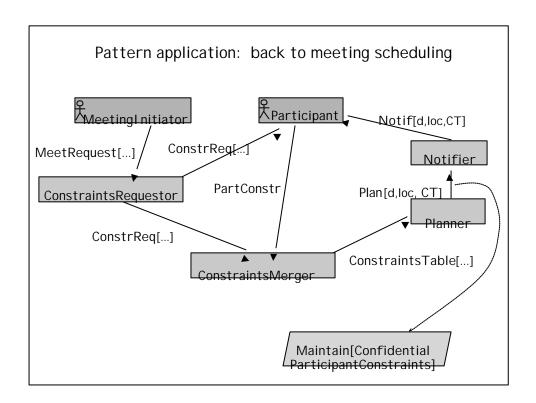


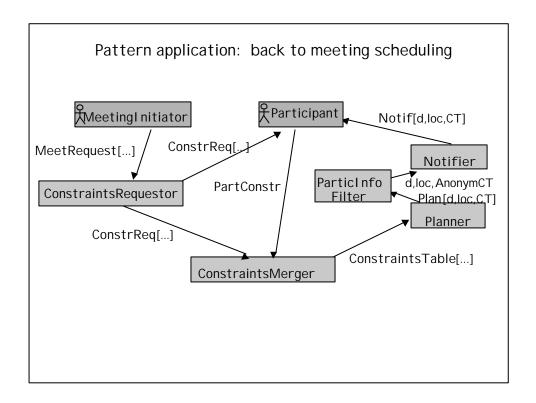


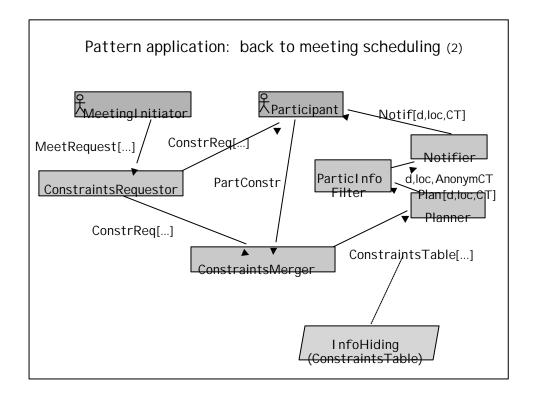


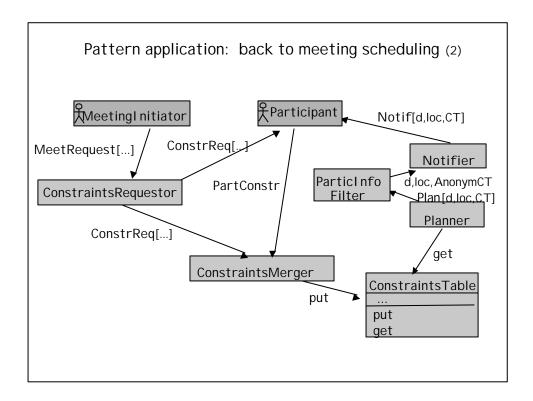












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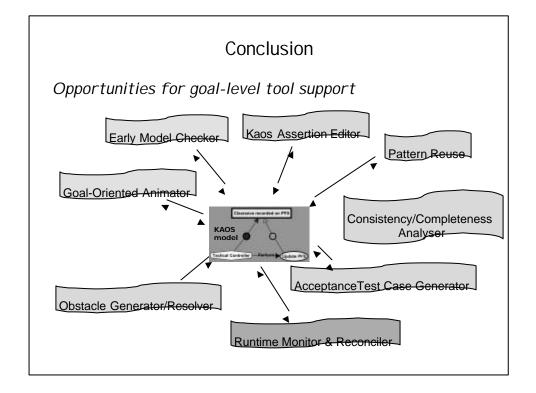
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Limitations & further work

- Only refinement-based:
 no bottom-up propagation of middleware requirements
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 need for complementary abstraction patterns
- No derivation of interaction protocols

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 integration of previous work on synthesis of concurrent interaction schemes from goal-based invariants
- ◆ RE_NET: towards requirements/architecture co-design & co-evolution...
 - at development time
 - at run time

For more info ...

◆ Papers:

GOOGLE Axel van Lamsweerde goals KAOS

◆ Forthcoming book