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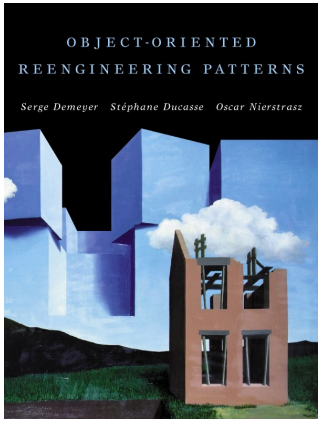

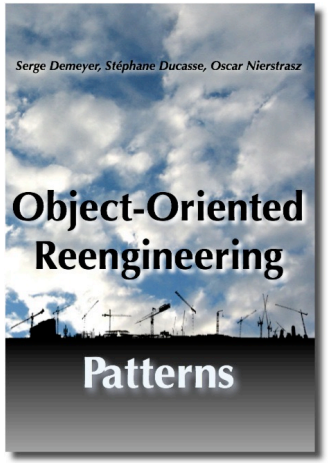

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Schedule

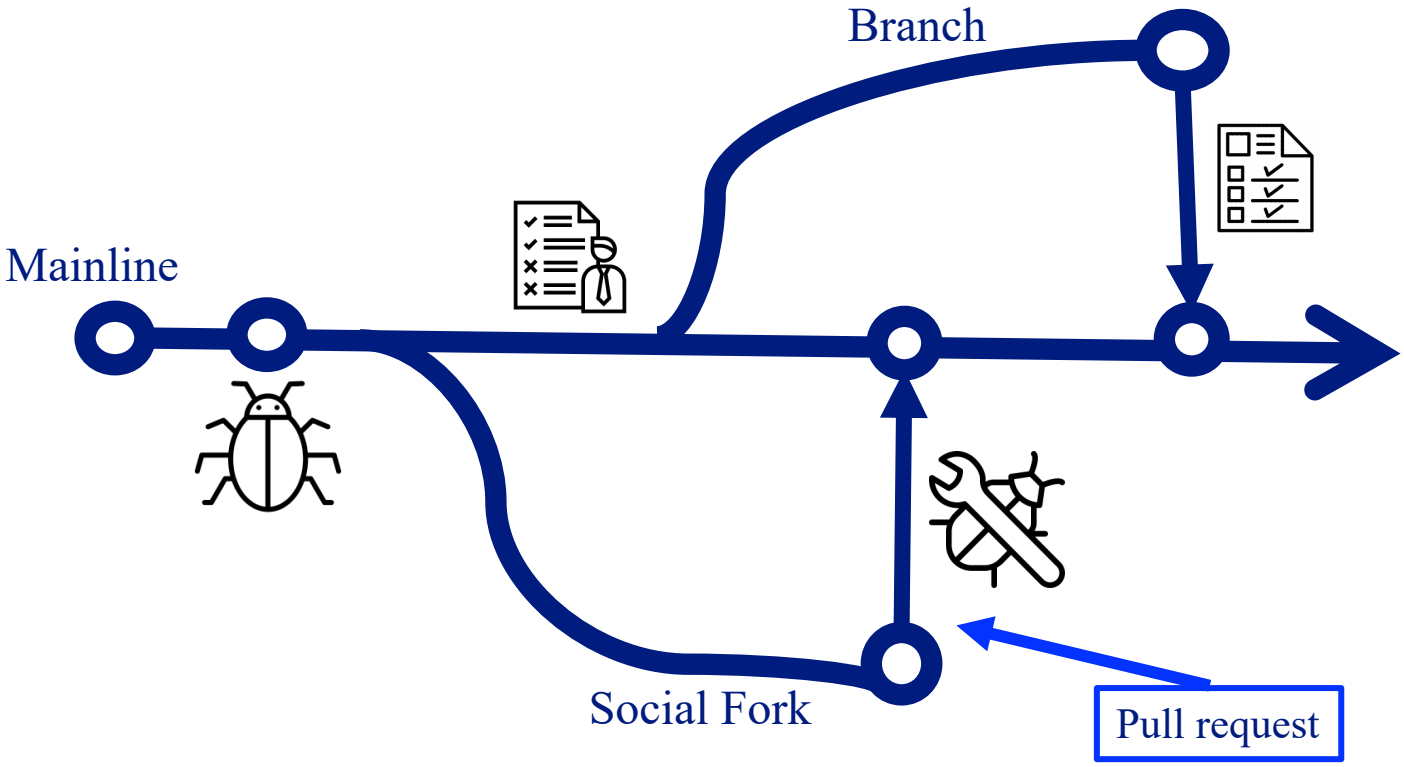
1. **Introduction**
   Software changes and that requires planning
2. **Reverse Engineering**
   How to understand your code
3. **Visualization**
   Scalable approach
4. **Restructuring**
   How to Refactor Your Code
5 . **Code Integration**
   How to resolve conflicts
6. **Dynamic Analysis (& Testing)**
   To be really certain
7. **Mining Software Repositories**
   Learn from the past
8. **Conclusion**

Goals

We will try to convince you:

- Programs change!
- Reverse engineering, forward engineering and reengineering are *essential activities* in the lifecycle of any successful software system. (And especially OO ones!)
- There is a large set of *lightweight tools and techniques* to help you with reengineering.
- Despite these tools and techniques, *people must do job* and they represent the most valuable resource.

Program Change

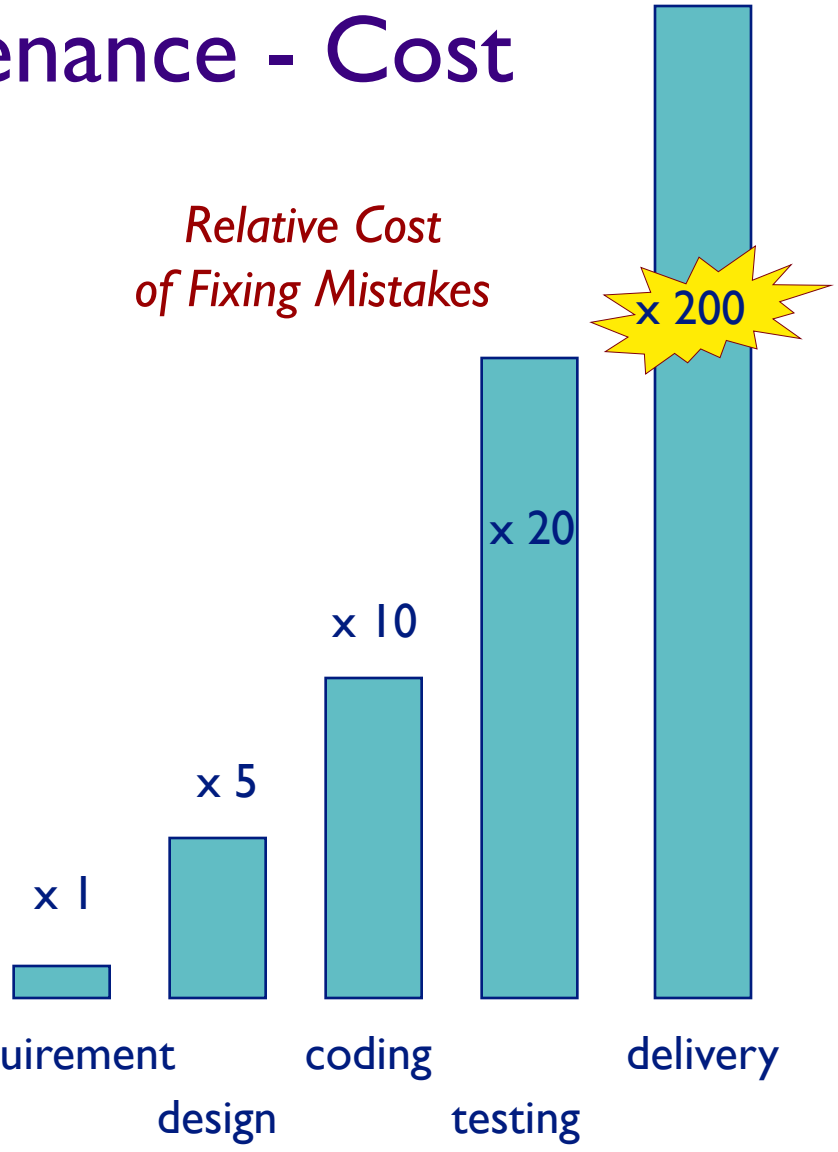


Software Maintenance - Cost

Relative Maintenance Effort

Between 50% and 75% of global effort is spent on "maintenance" !

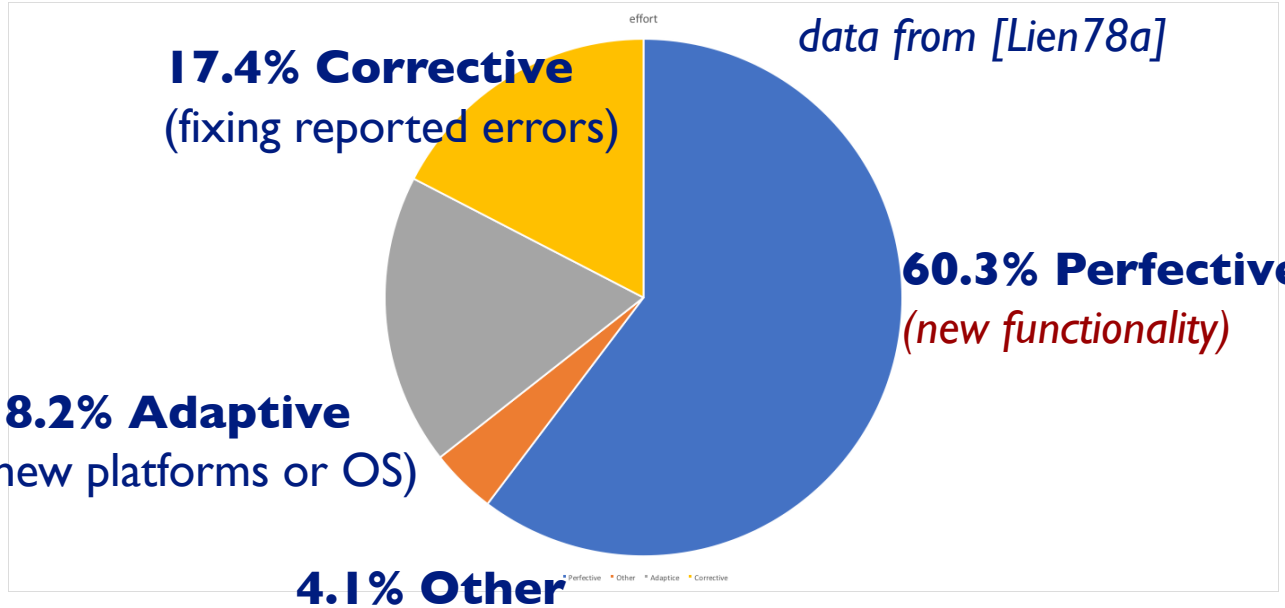
Relative Cost of Fixing Mistakes



Solution ?

- Better requirements engineering?
- Better software methods & tools (database schemas, CASE-tools, objects, components, …)?

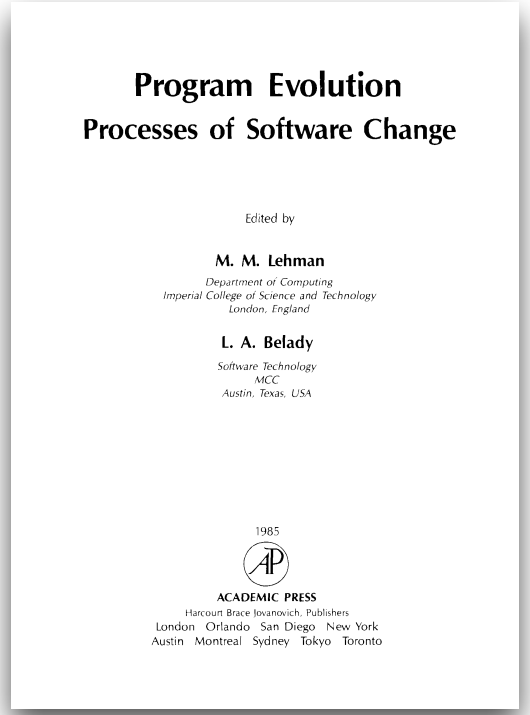
Continuous Development



The bulk of the maintenance cost is due to *new functionality*
$\Rightarrow$ even with better requirements, it is hard to predict new functions

Lehman's Laws

A classic study by Lehman and Belady [Lehm85a] identified several "laws" of system change.



Continuing change

Darwin

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

Increasing complexity

Enthropy

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

Those laws are still applicable…

Lehman's Laws

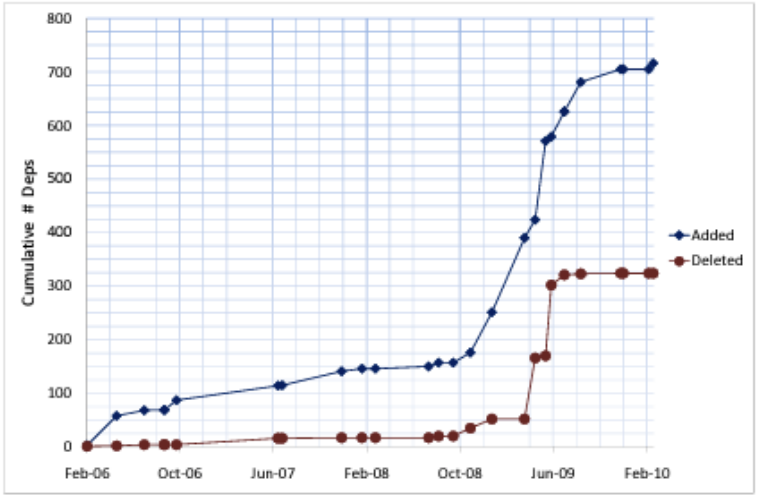


Figure 1: Cumulative Added and Deleted Deps to Eclim

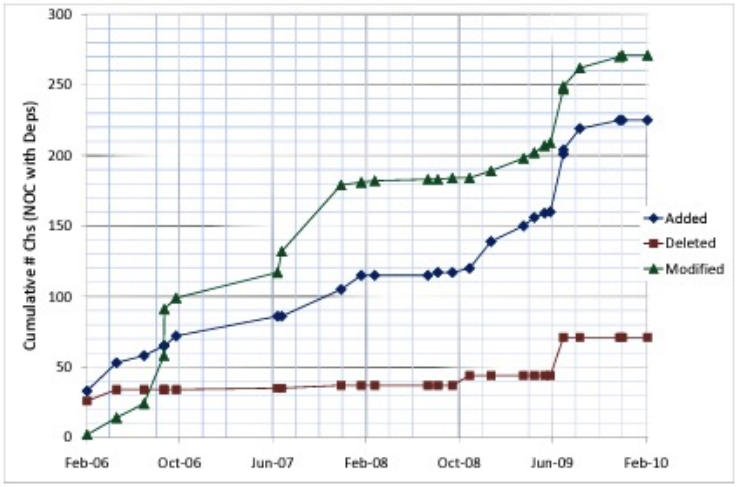
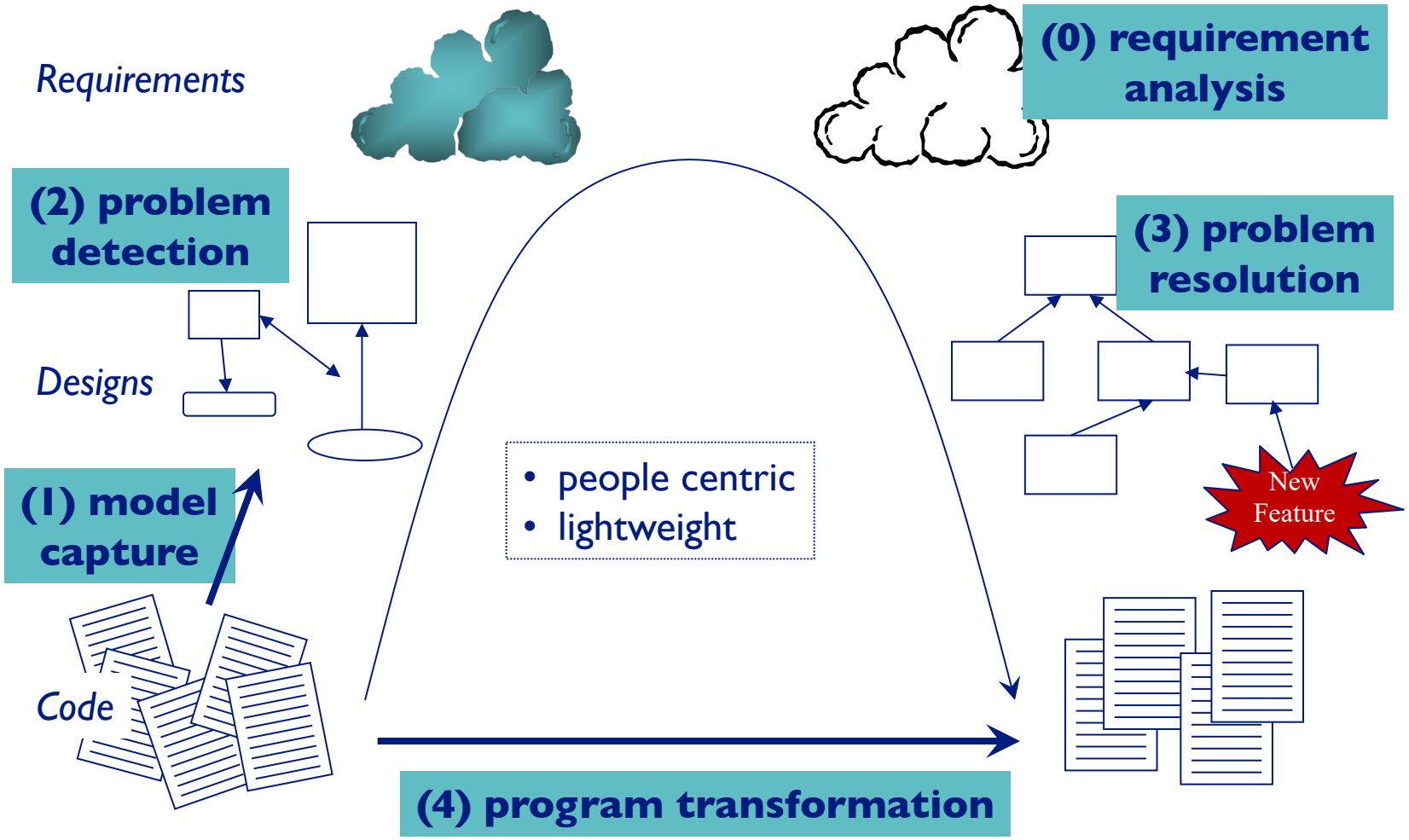


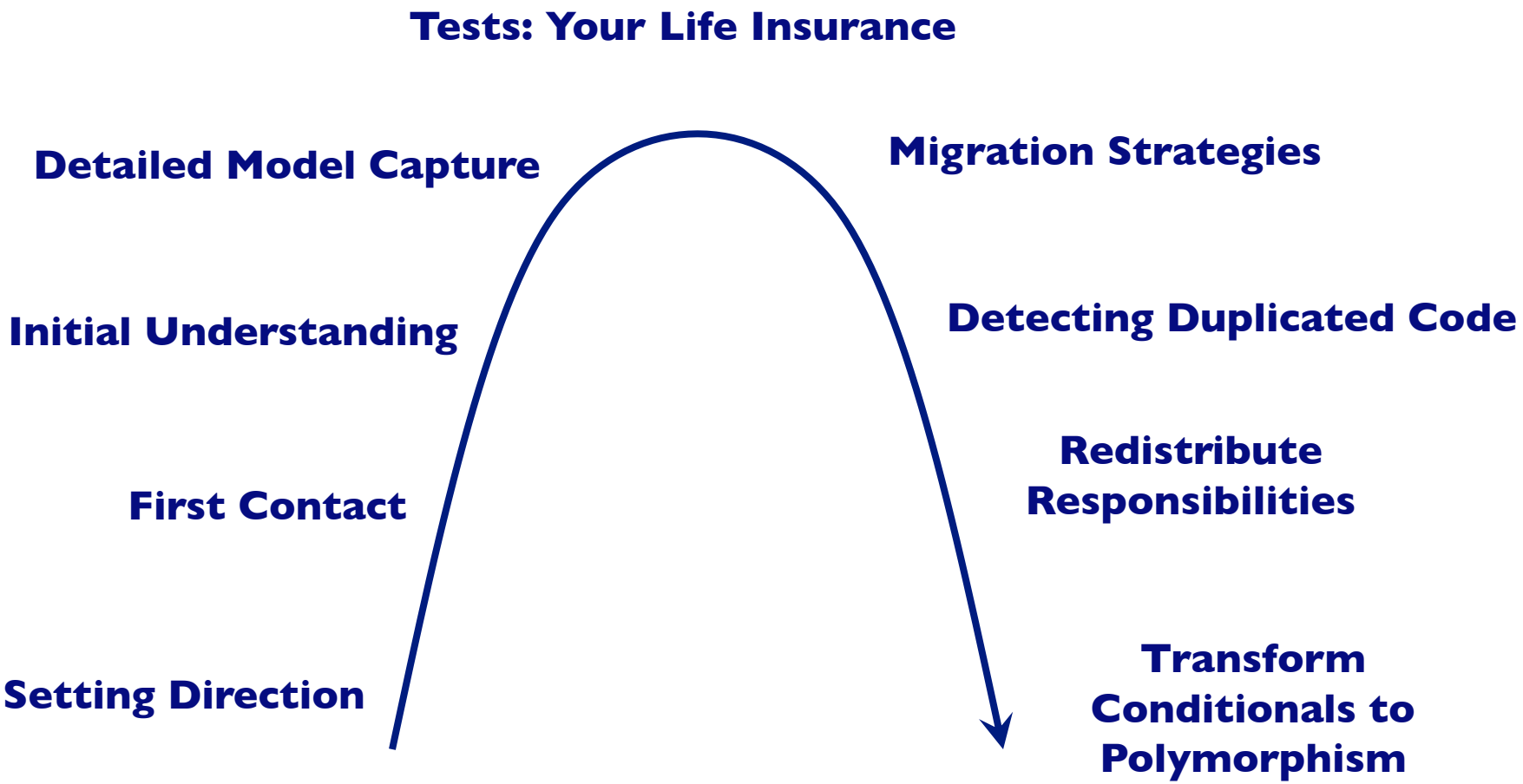
Figure 2: Cumulative changes of classes with Deps in Eclim

Businge et al. An empirical study of the evolution of Eclipse third-party plug-ins, IWPSE - 2010

The Reengineering Life-Cycle



A Map of Reengineering Patterns



2. Reverse Engineering

- What and Why
- First Contact
  - Interview during Demo
- Initial Understanding

What and Why ?

Definition

Reverse Engineering is the *process of analysing* a subject system

- to identify the system's components and their interrelationships and
- create representations of the system in another form or at a higher level of abstraction.

— Chikofsky & Cross, '90

Motivation

Understanding other people's code

(cfr. newcomers in the team, code reviewing,

original developers left, ...)

Generating UML diagrams is NOT reverse engineering
... but it is a valuable support tool

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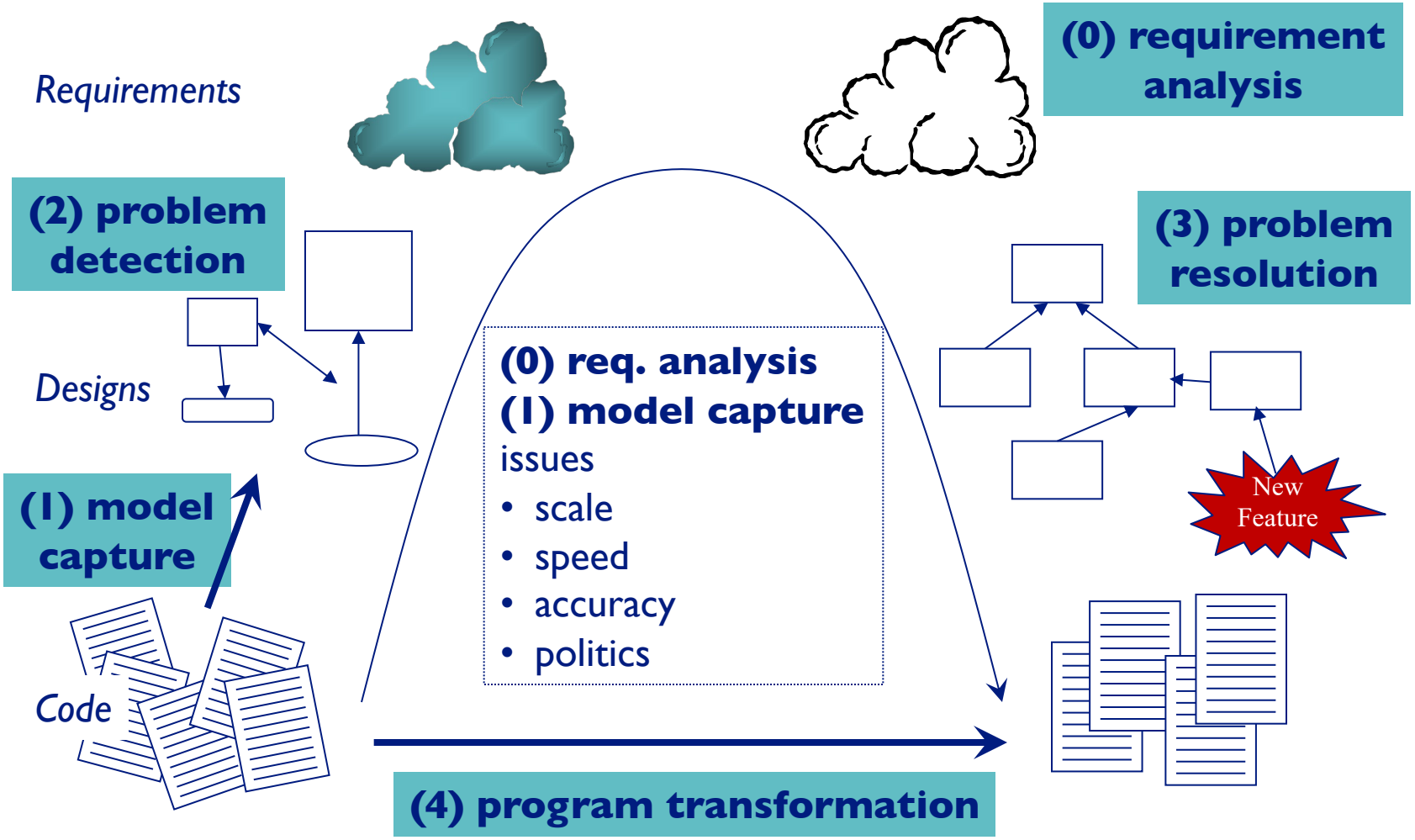

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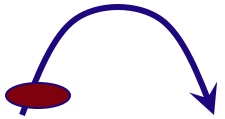
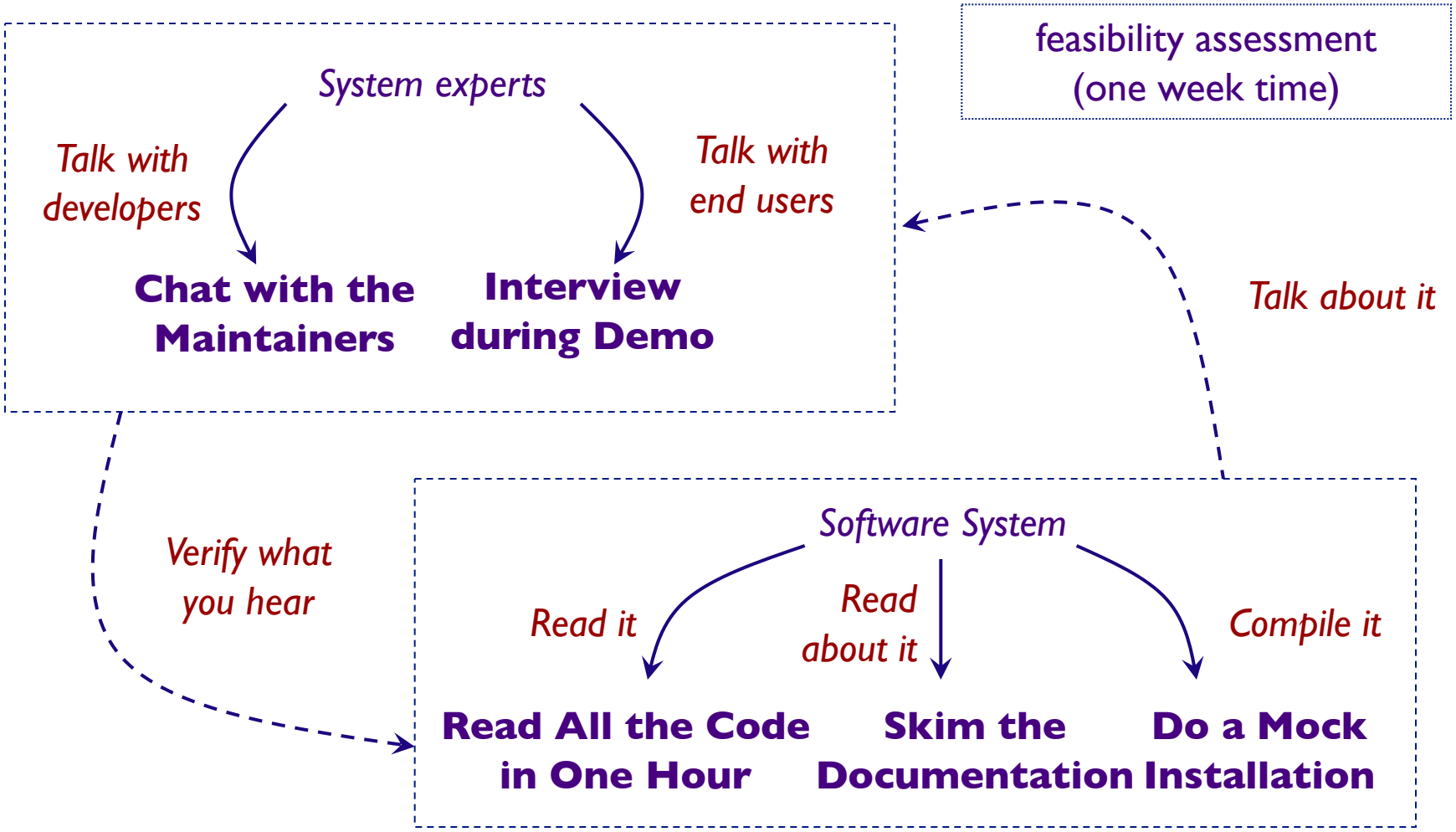




First Project Plan

Use *standard templates*, including:

- project scope
  - see "Setting Direction"
- opportunities
  - e.g., skilled maintainers, readable source code, documentation
- Risks
  - E.g., absent test suites, missing libraries, …
  - record likelihood (unlikely, possible, likely)
    & impact (high, moderate, low) for causing problems
- go/no-go decision
- activities
  - fish-eye view

Interview during Demo

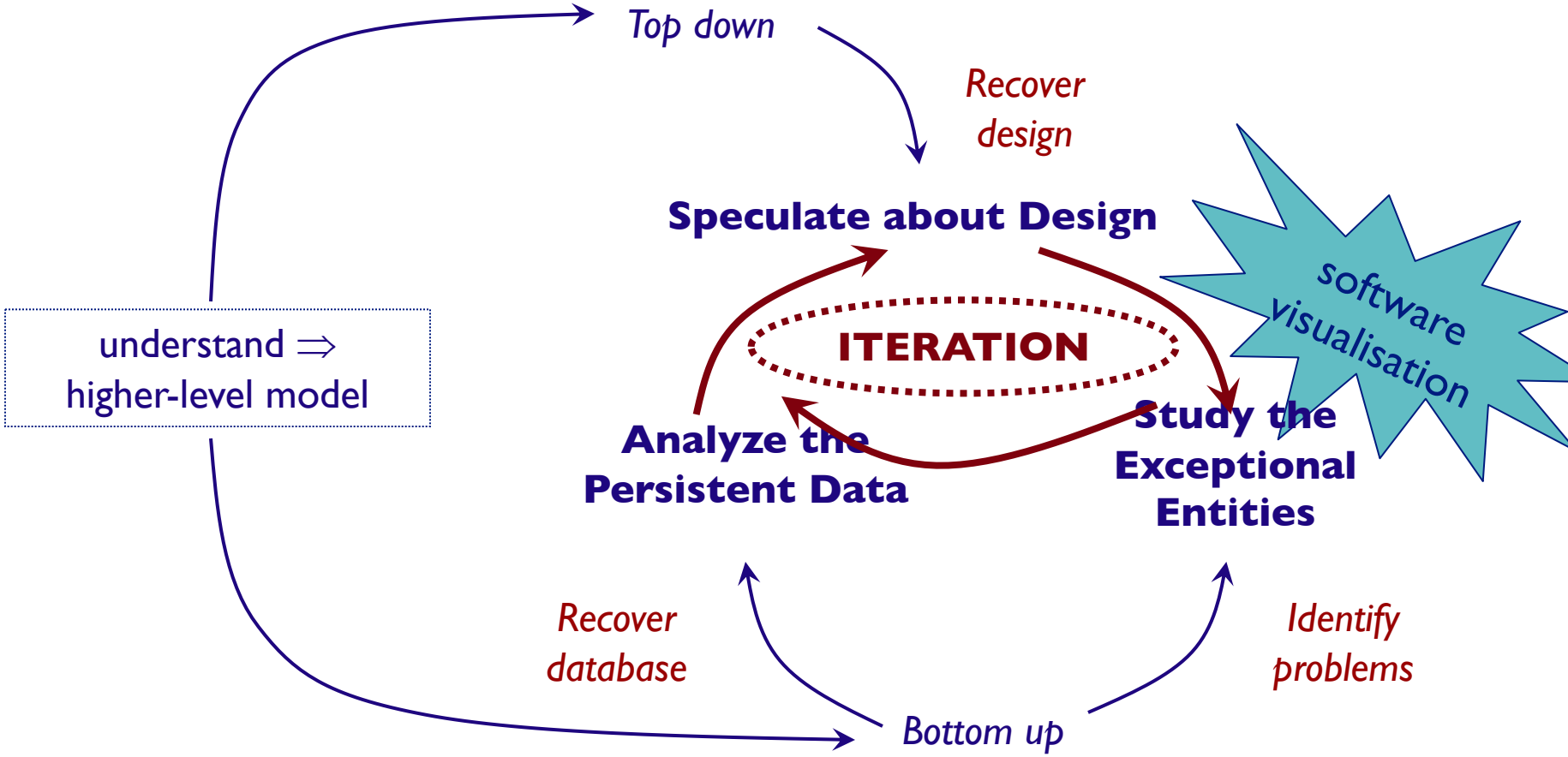
Problem: What are the typical usage scenarios?

Solution: Ask the user!

- Solution: interview during demo
  - select several users
  - demo puts a user in a positive mindset
  - demo steers the interview

- ... however
  + Which user ?
  + Users complain
  + What should you ask ?

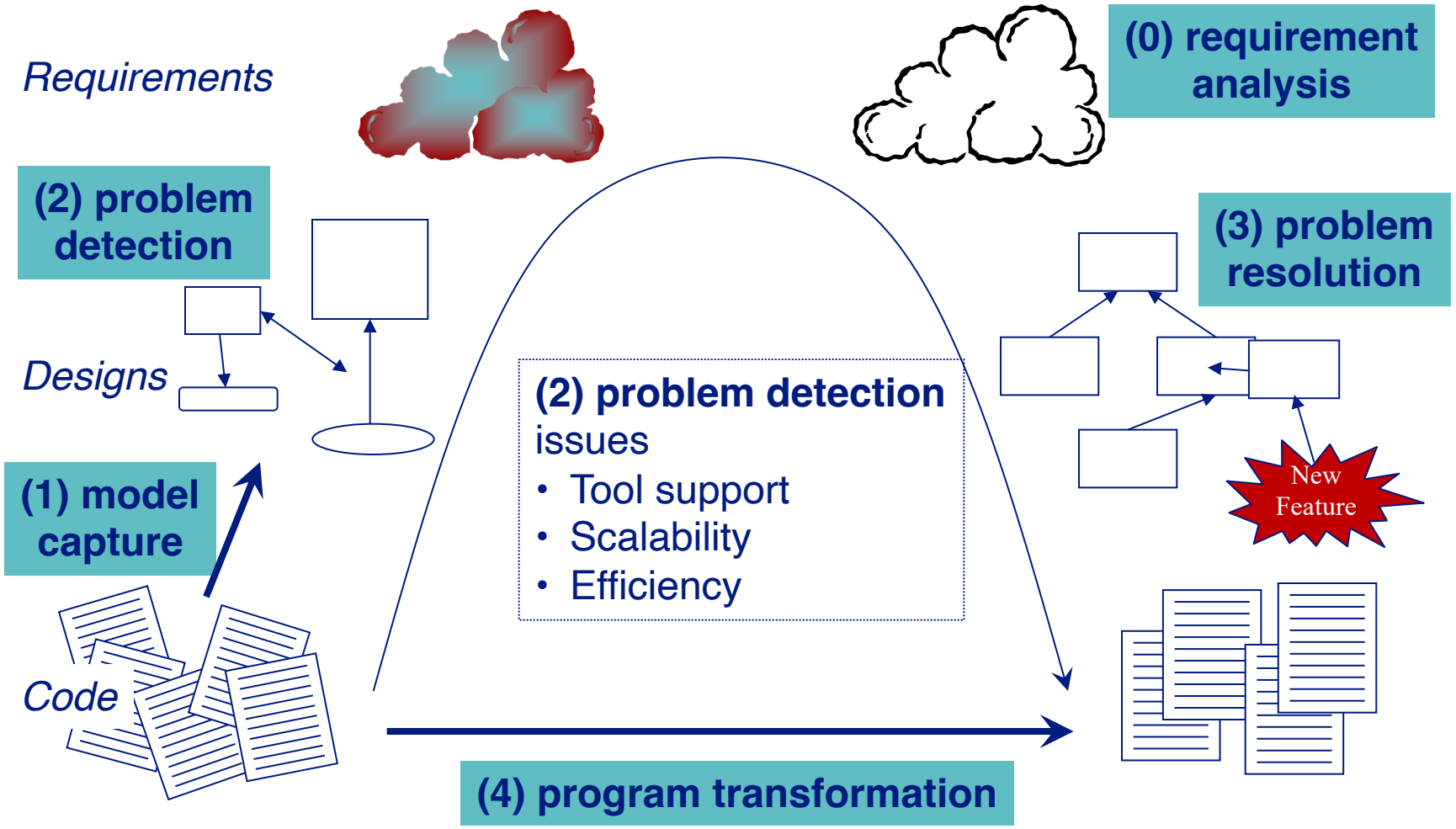
Initial Understanding



3. Software Visualization

- Introduction
  - The Reengineering life-cycle
- Examples
- Lightweight Approaches
  - tooling

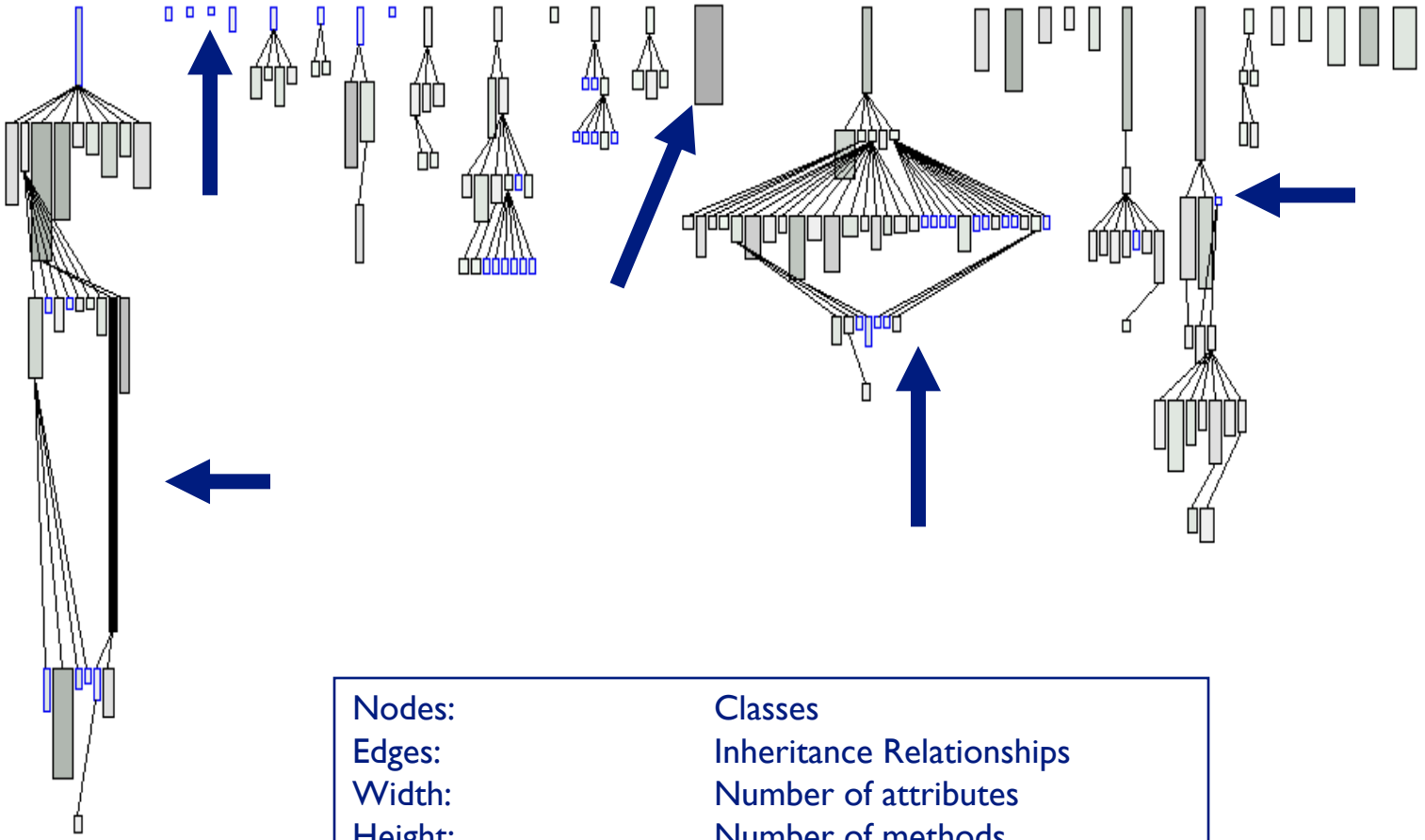
The Reengineering Life-cycle



UML Diagrams

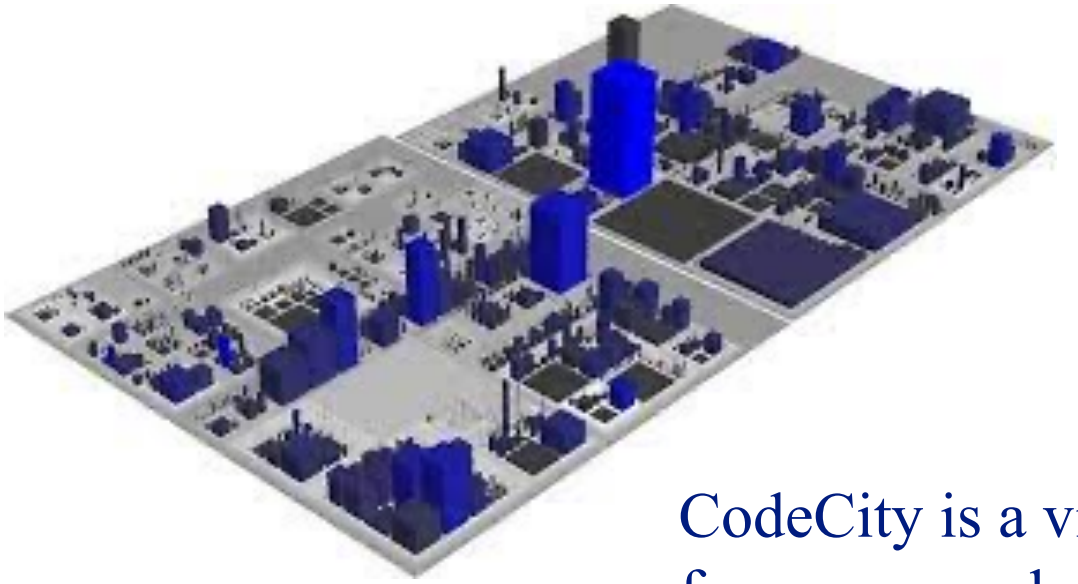
- (Mostly) Simple and Standard Way to present an abstract visualization of a system
- UML defines 14 diagrams
- Useful to plan and design the reengineering project
- You will be using UML diagrams to show the system before and after the change

System Complexity View



Nodes:	Classes
Edges:	Inheritance Relationships
Width:	Number of attributes
Height:	Number of methods
Color:	Number of lines of code

Code City



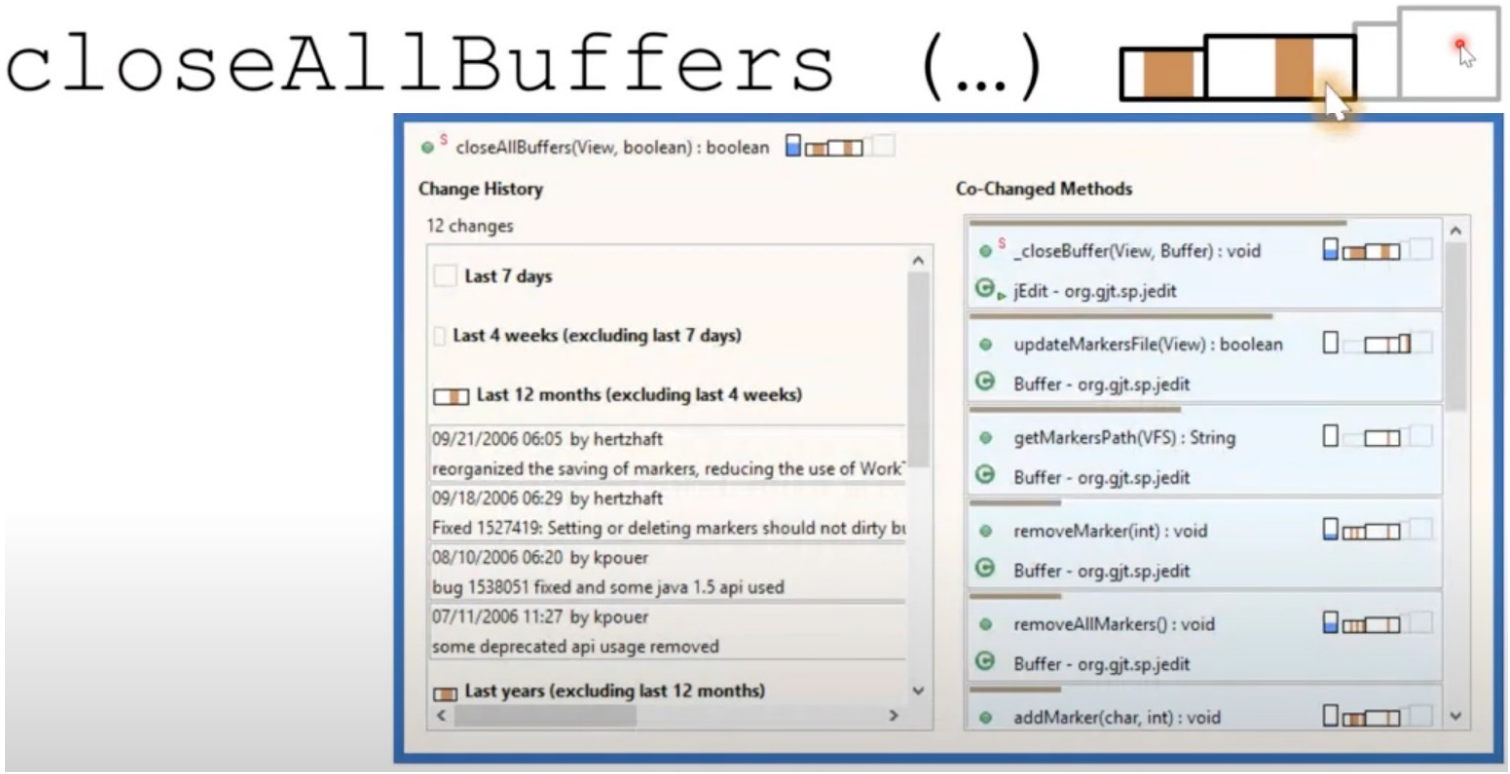
CodeCity is a visualization concept for source code.

The source code is shown as an interactive 3D city.

Code City

- Packages are “districts”, “neighborhoods,” or “city blocks”
- Each “building” represents a class \
- Width = Number of Attributes
- Height = Number of Methods
- Antennas => Classes with many methods and no attributes
- Parking lot => Classes with many attributes and no methods
- Skyscraper => Classes with a large number of methods and has many attributes

Method change visialization



Embedding Evolutionary Context

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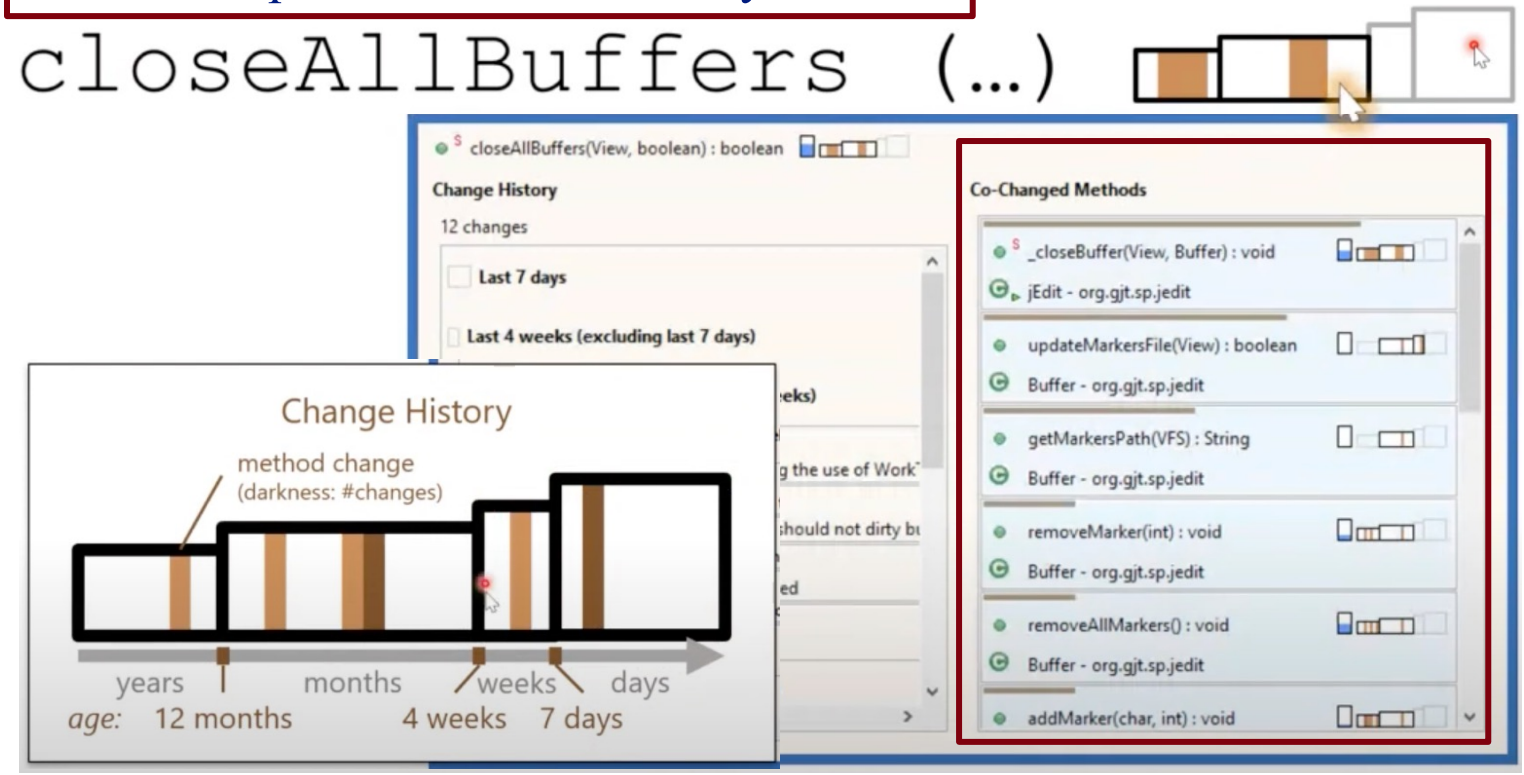
Method change visialization

Observation: Recent history is often important than old history



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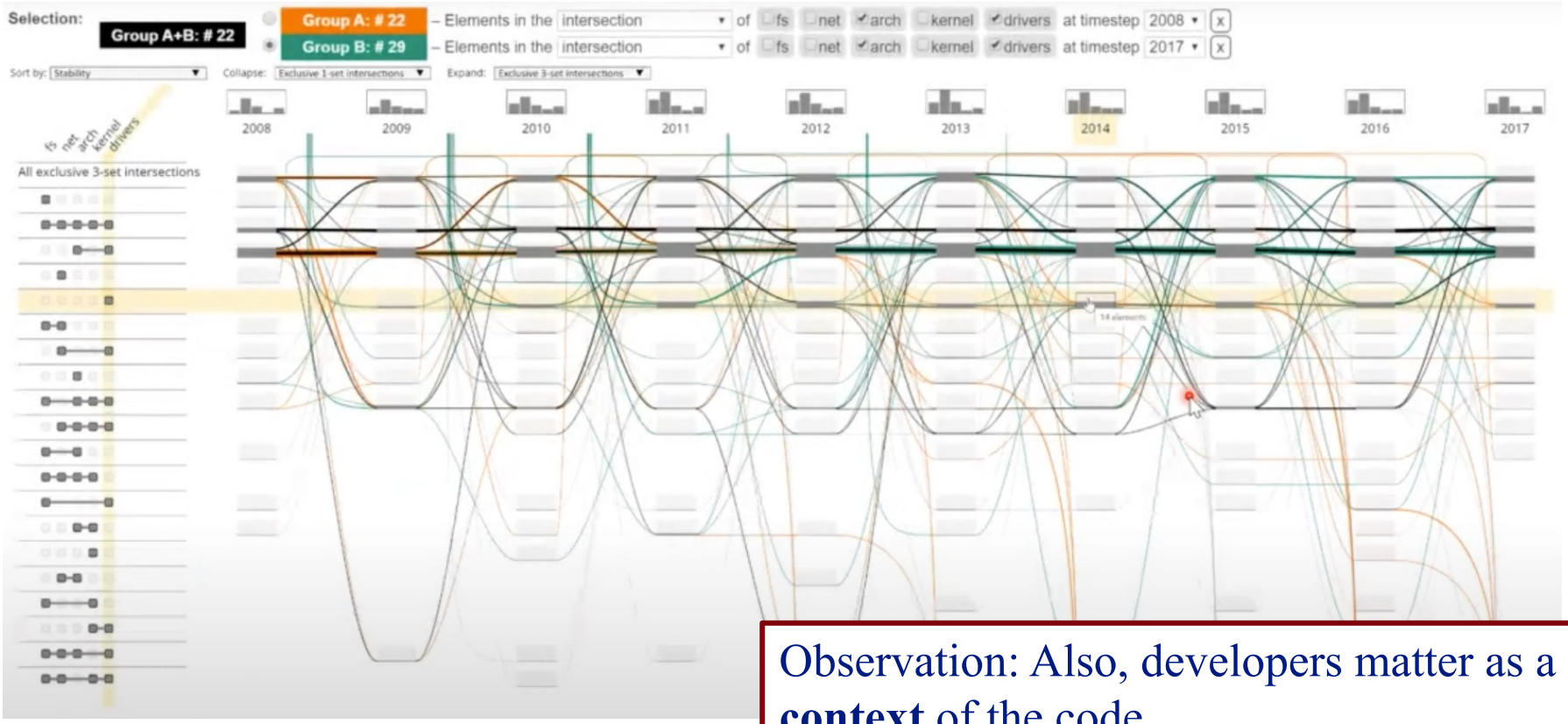
Software Developers

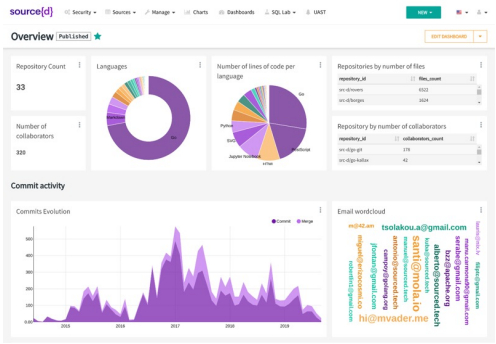


Observation: Also, developers matter as a **context** of the code.

Agarwal, S.; Beck, F.,: *Set Streams: Visual Exploration of Dynamic Overlapping Sets*.
In: Computer Graphics Forum, Jg. 39 (2020) Nr. 3, S. 383-391. doi:10.1111/cgf.13988

State of the Art Tooling

1. source{d}
   - https://sourced.tech
   - https://github.com/src-d/engine



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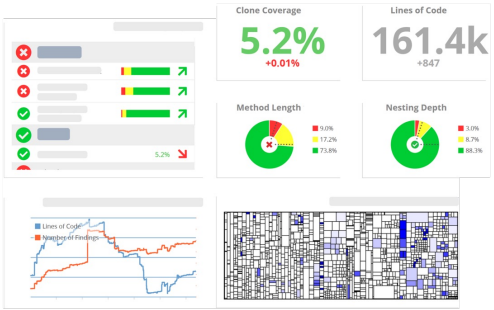

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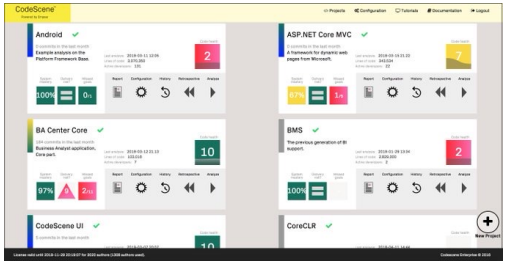


4. Restructuring

Identifying refactoring targets

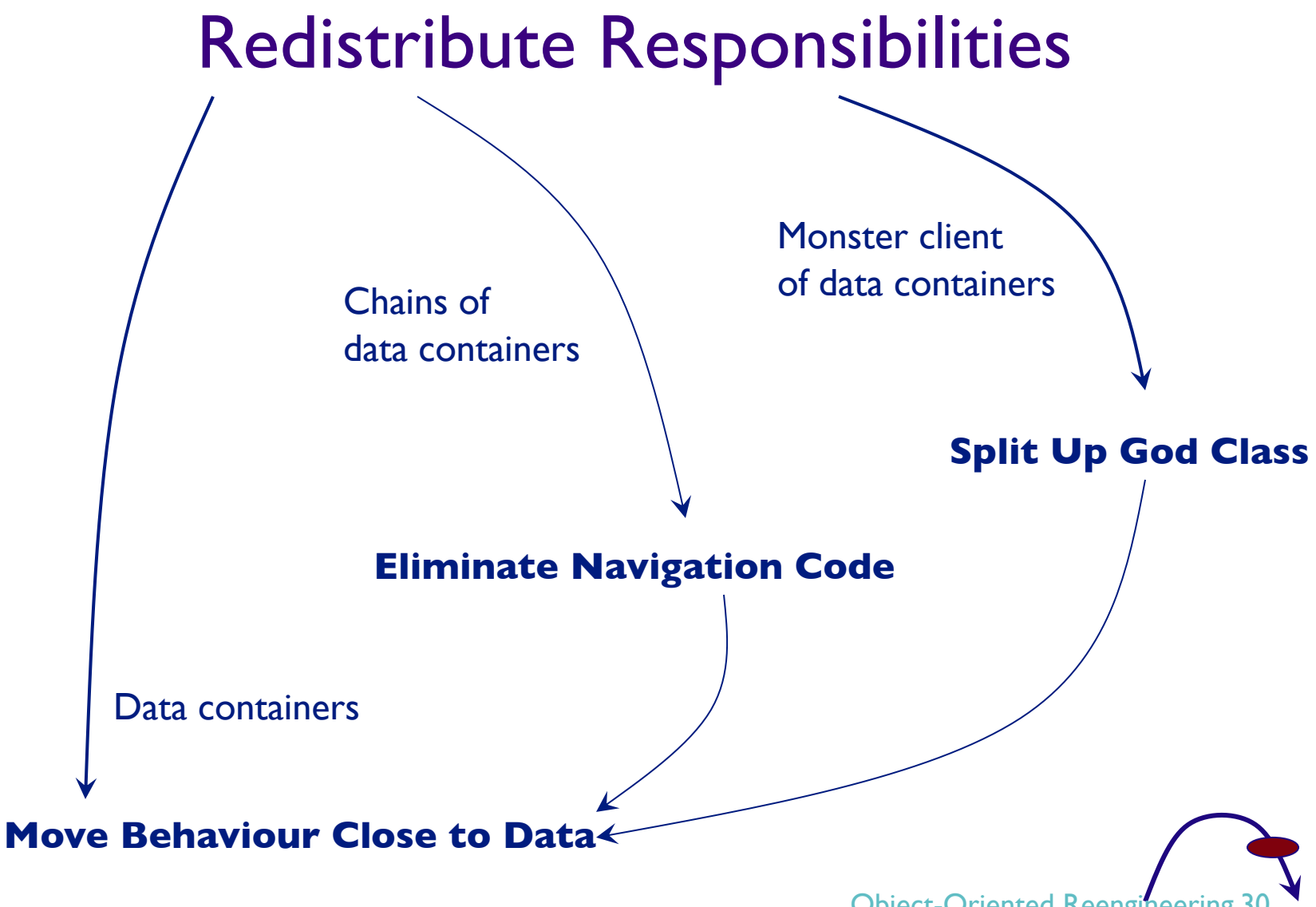
Redistribute Responsibilities

- Move Behaviour Close to Data
- Eliminate Navigation Code
- Split up God Class
- Empirical Validation

Identifying refactorings in code

Refactoring-aware techniques

Identifying Refactoring Targets



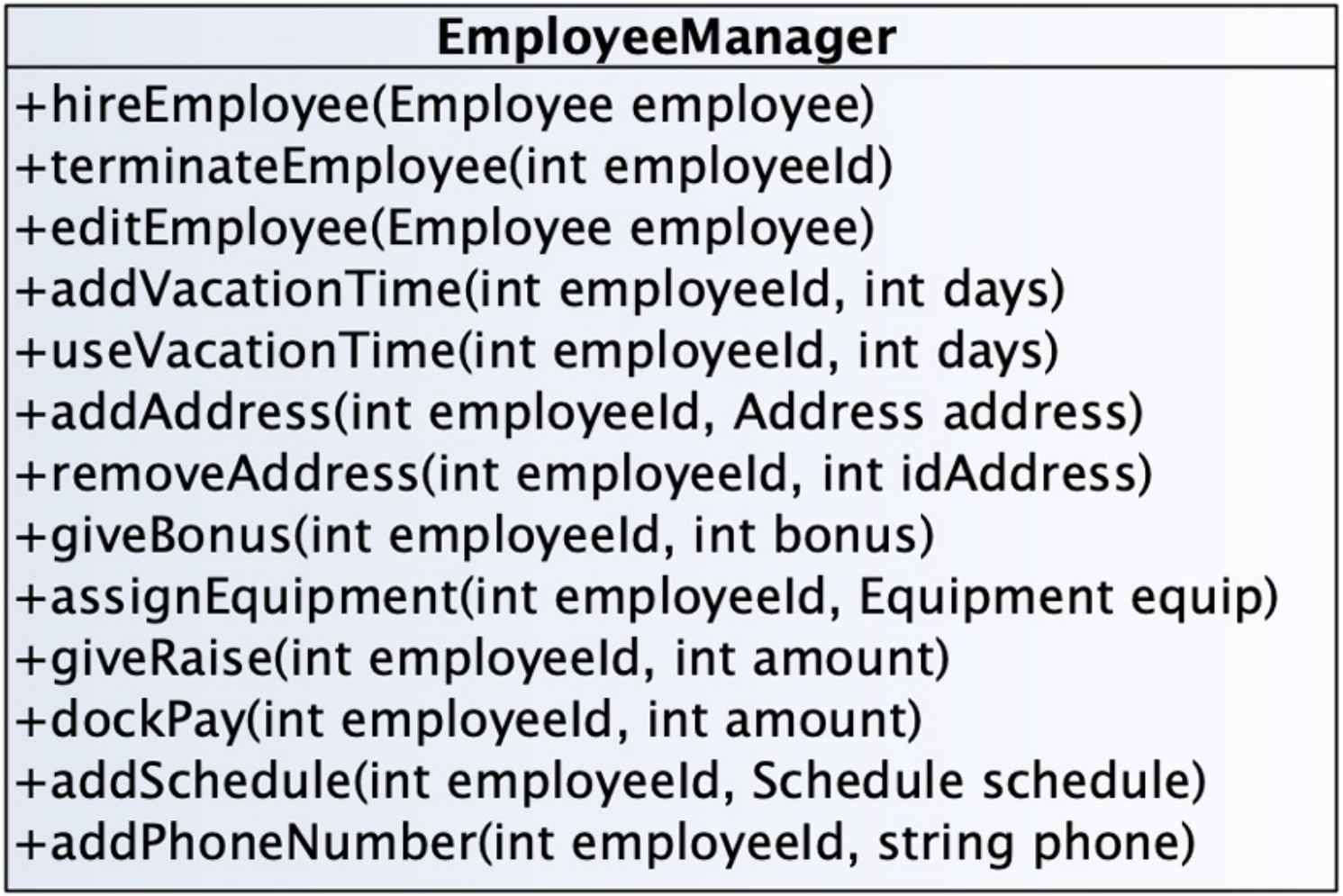
Split Up God Class

Problem: Break a class which monopolizes control?

Solution: Incrementally eliminate navigation code

- Detection:
  - measuring size
  - class names containing Manager, System, Root, Controller
  - the class that all maintainers are avoiding
- How:
  - move behaviour close to data + eliminate navigation code
  - remove or deprecate façade
- However:
  - If God Class is stable, then don't split
    $\Rightarrow$ shield client classes from the god class

Split Up God Class



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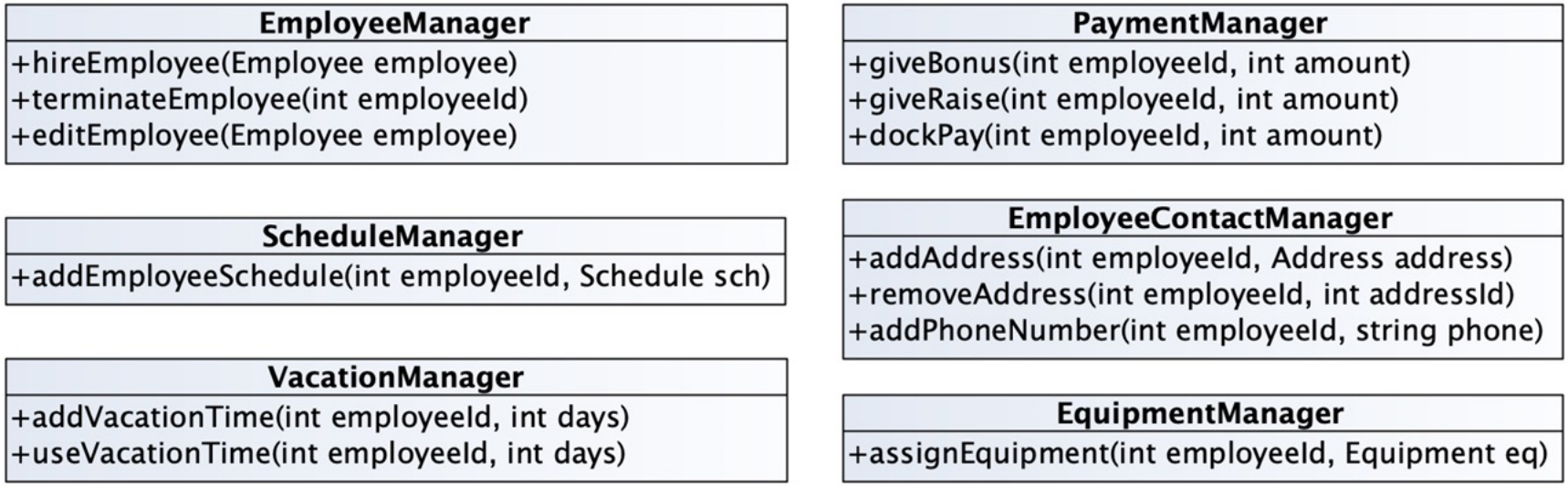


Identifying Refactorings in code

Refactoring is noise in evolution analysis

- **Merge conflicts**: when merging development branches
- **Bug-inducing analysis** (SZZ): flag refactoring edits as bug-introducing changes
- **Tracing requirements to code**: miss traceability links due to refactoring
- **Regression testing**: unnecessary execution of tests for refactored code with no behavioral changes
- **Code review/merging**: refactoring edits tangled with the actual changes intended by developers
- **Dependency analysis**: cause breaking changes to clients of libraries and frameworks

Refactoring-Aware Techniques

Many refactoring-aware techniques:

- IntelliMerge & Refmerge – merge branches
- Neto et al. (ESEM '19) – detect bug inducing changes
- APIDiff – adapt client software to library and framework updates
- Wang et al. (ICSE '19) - select regression tests
- RefDistiller: assist code review

All developed in in the presence of refactoring operations.

Refactoring-Aware Techniques

- Accurate refactoring detection is required for the tools to be efficient
- RefactoringMiner (SOA tool) [Tsantalis et al. TSE'20]
- RefactoringMiner has the highest average precision (99.6%) and recall (94%) among all competitive tools
- The tool takes an input two revisions (e.g. commits) and returns a list of refactorings

5. Code integration

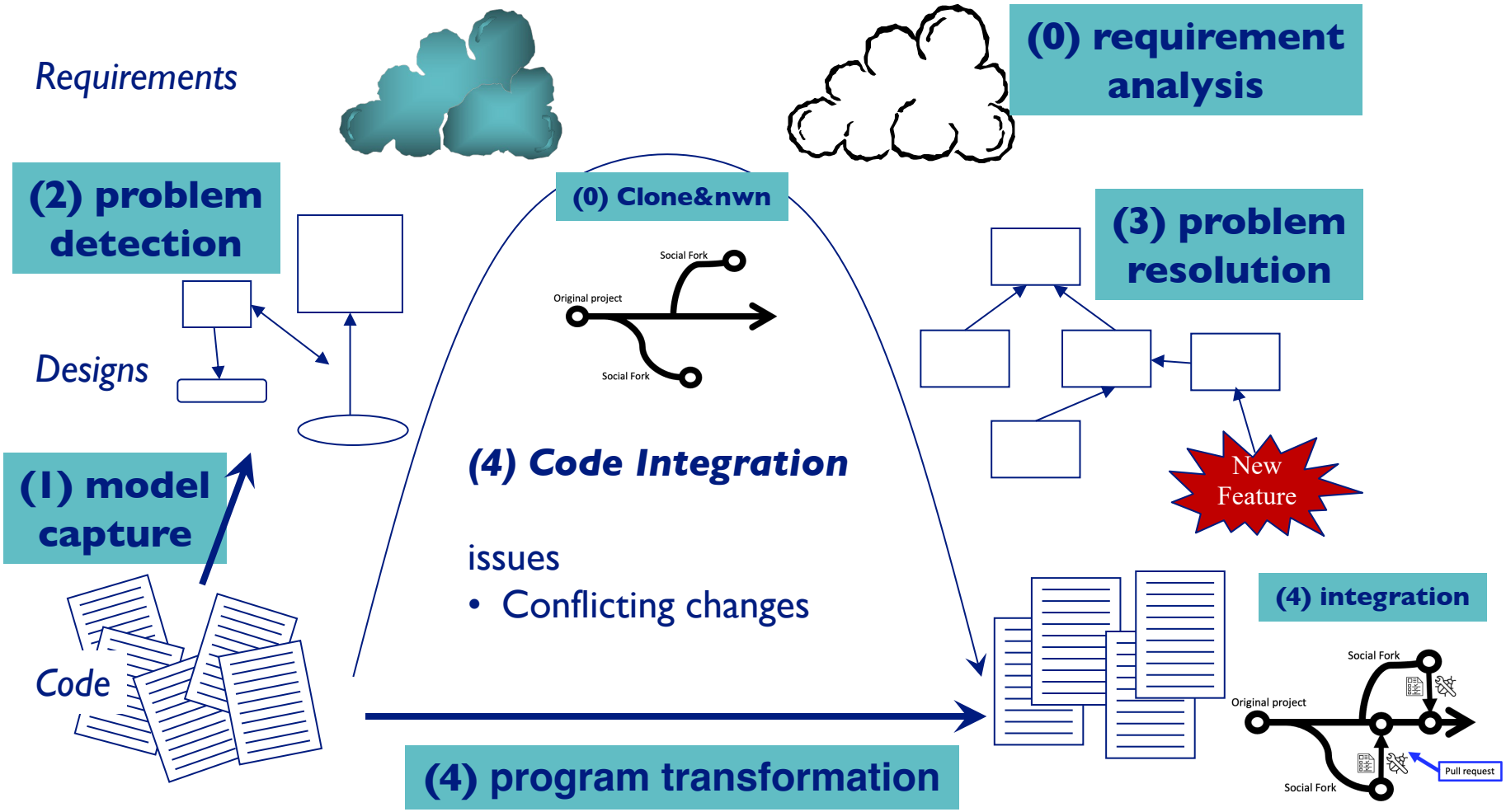
- Version Control Systems
- Branching
- Merging/integration
- Merge conflicts

Does not exist in the book

[Demeyer, Ducasse and Nierstrasz: Object-Oriented Reengineering Patterns]

Published work by researchers will be used

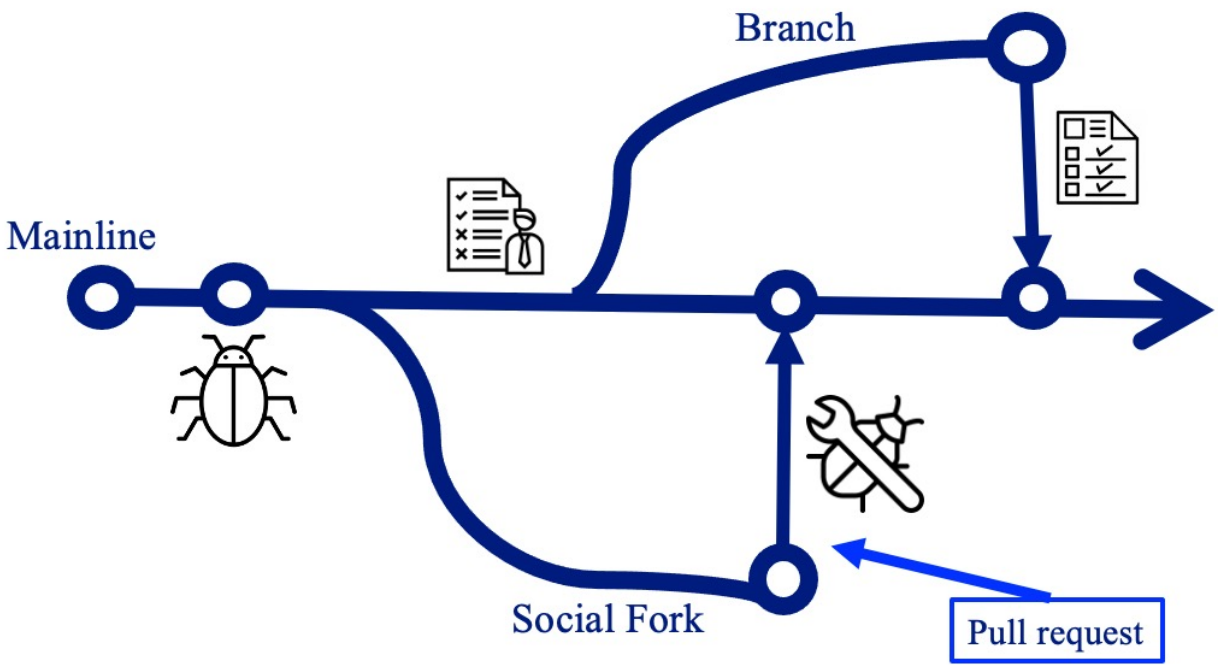
The Reengineering Life-Cycle



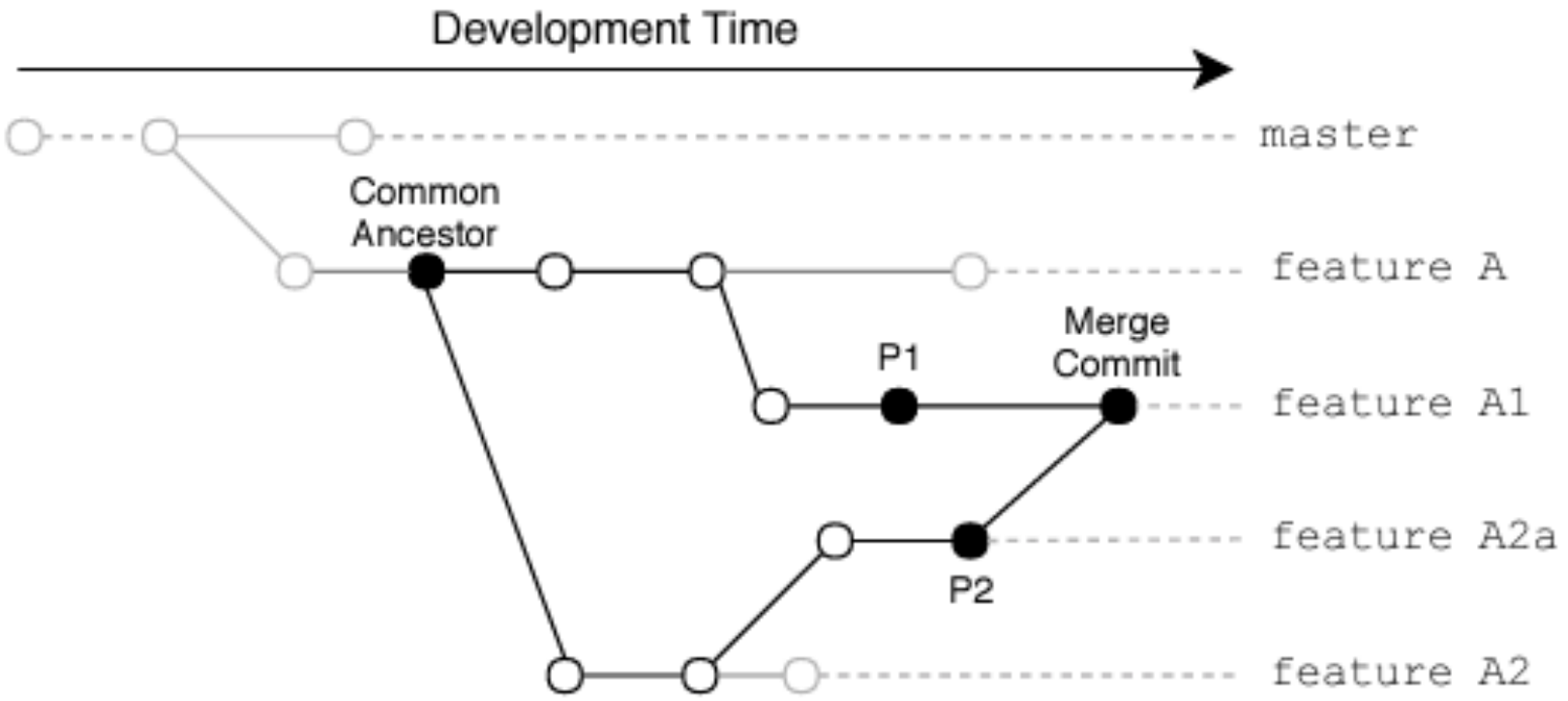
Version Control Systems

A fundamental way that developers manage change is through VCS.

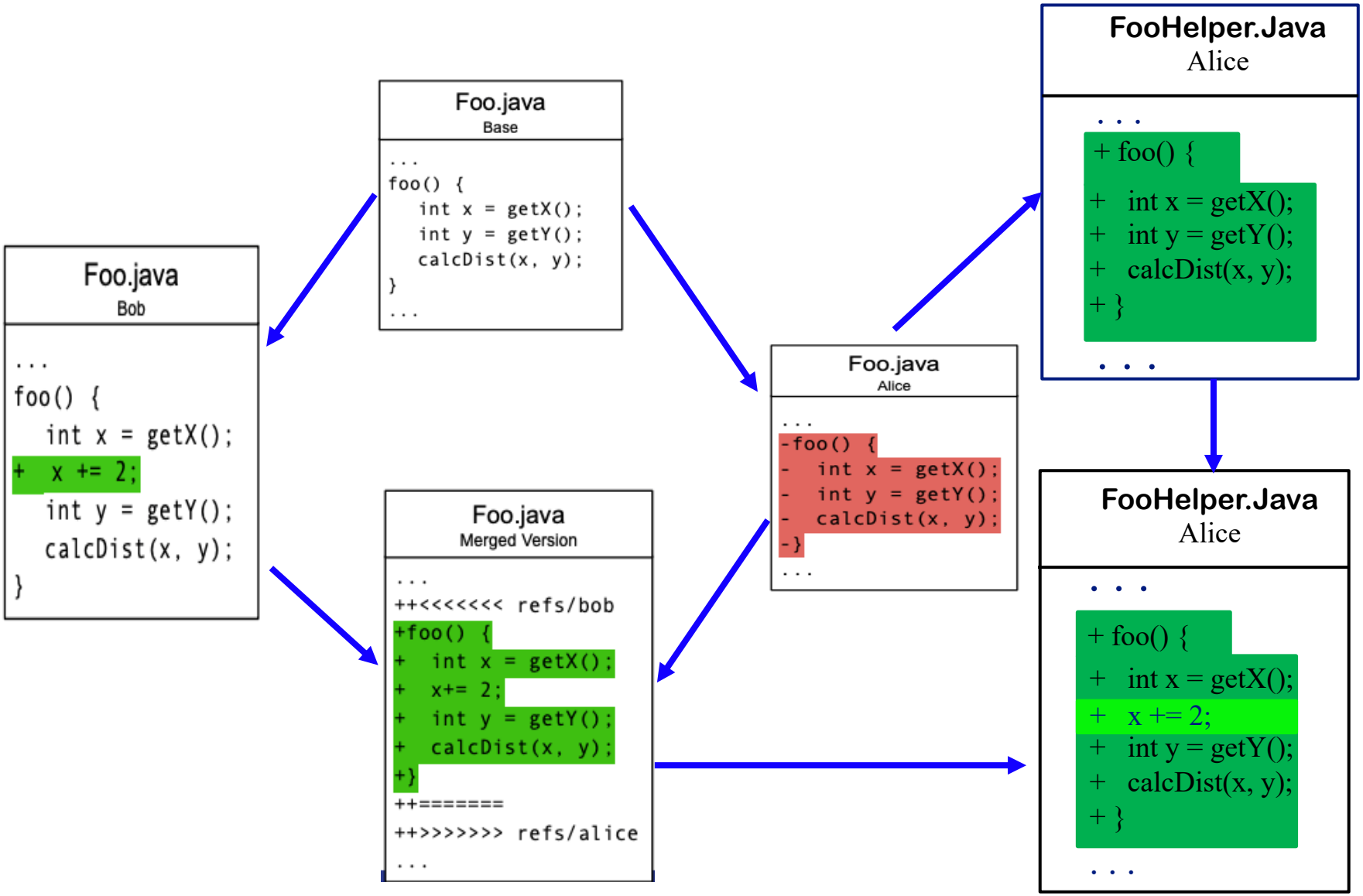
Branching/Forking



Merge Scenario

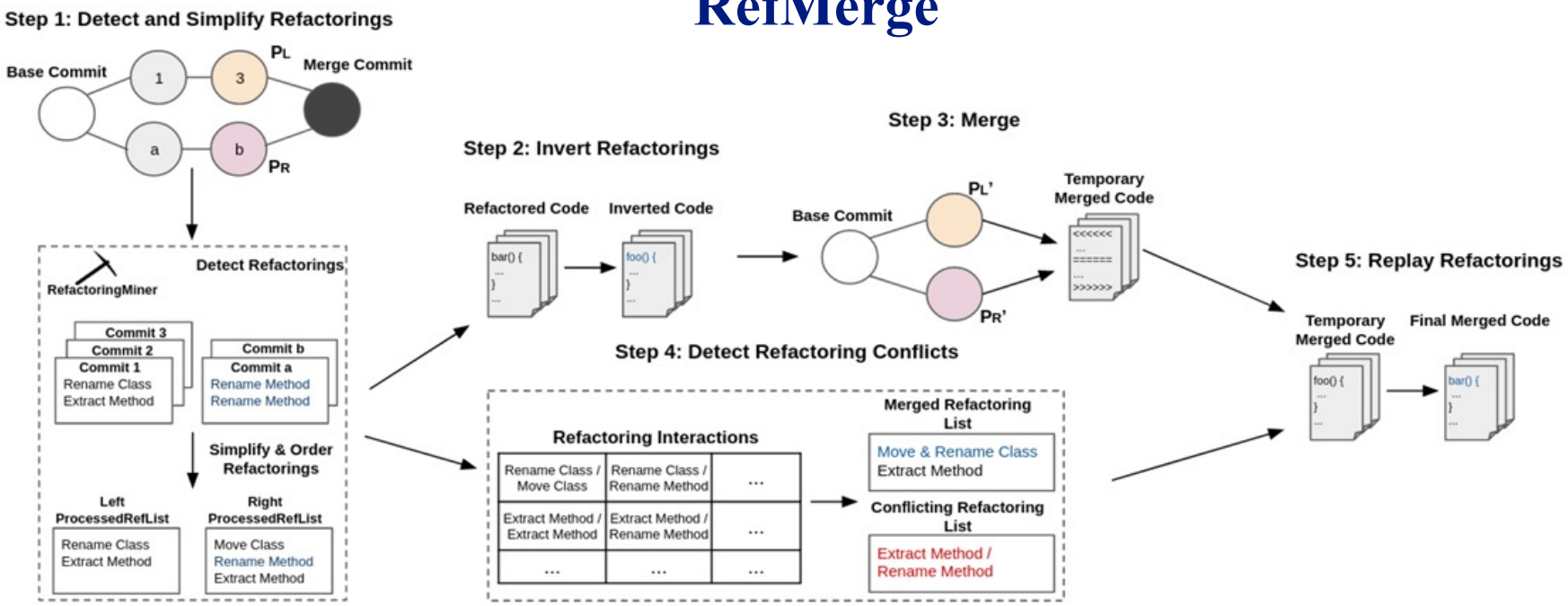


Collaborative developemt/ Merge Conflict



Refactoring-Aware tools

RefMerge



Ellis et at. A Systematic Comparison of Two Refactoring-aware Merging Techniques. 2022

https://github.com/ualberta-smr/RefactoringAwareMergingEvaluation

6. Dynamic Analysis (& Testing)

- Key Concept Identification
- Unit testing
- Test coverage
- Mutation testing

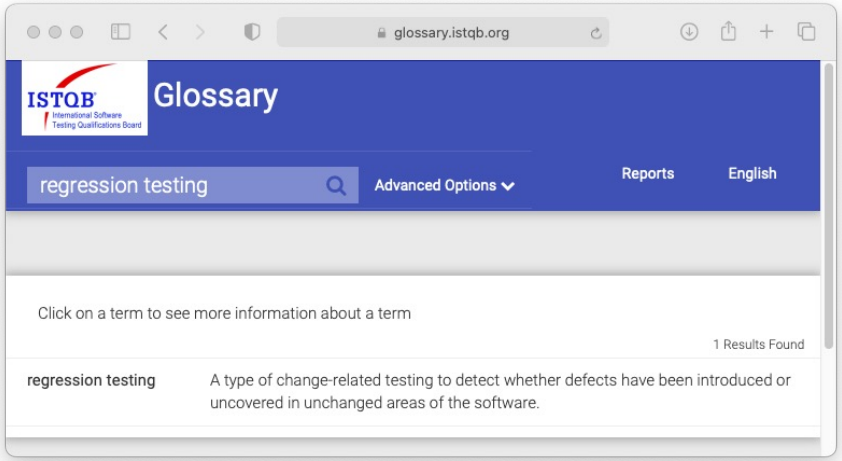
Introduction

- Dynamic Analysis verifies properties of a system during execution
- Testing Analysis is one example of Dynamic Analysis
  - Unit tests, integration tests, system tests, and acceptance tests use dynamic testing

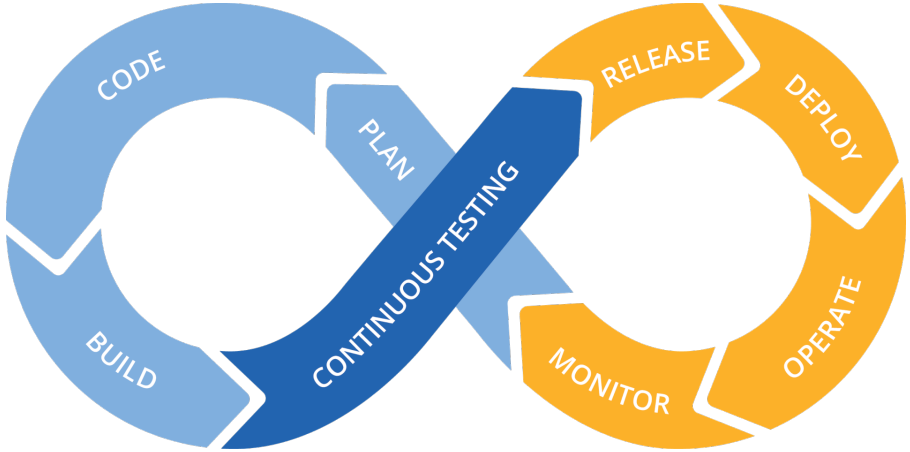
Testing

- Tests are your life insurance! (OORP, p. 149)
- Tests are essential to assure the quality of refactoring activities.
- Write Tests to Enable Evolution (OORP, p.153)
  - Good tests can find bugs on your artifact
  - Tests can also detect unwanted behavior
- You can also write tests to understand a part of a system (OORP, p.179)

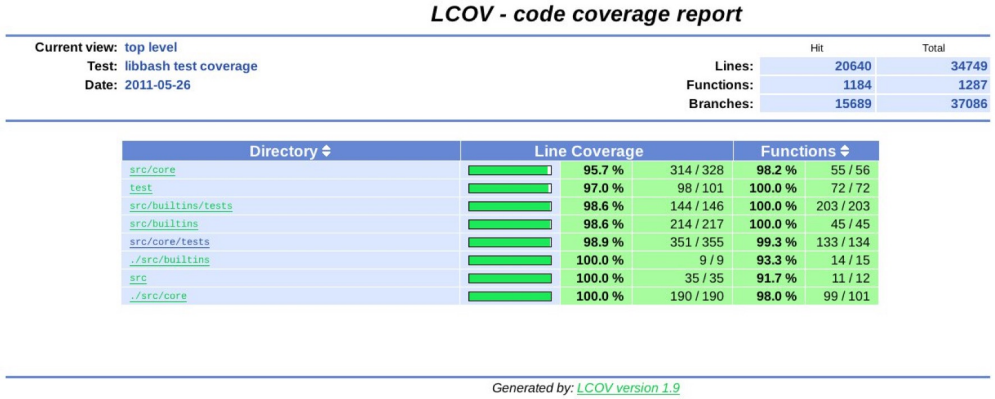
Regression Testing



A type of change-related testing to detect whether defects have been introduced or uncovered in unchanged areas of the software.



Coverage



LCOV - code coverage report

Current view: top level
Test: libbash test coverage
Date: 2011-05-26

	Hit	Total
Lines:	20640	34749
Functions:	1184	1287
Branches:	15689	37086

Directory	Line Coverage			Functions	
src/core	95.7 %	314 / 328		98.2 %	55 / 56
test	97.0 %	98 / 101		100.0 %	72 / 72
src/builtins/tests	98.6 %	144 / 146		100.0 %	203 / 203
src/builtins	98.6 %	214 / 217		100.0 %	45 / 45
src/core/tests	98.9 %	351 / 355		99.3 %	133 / 134
./src/builtins	100.0 %	9 / 9		93.3 %	14 / 15
src	100.0 %	35 / 35		91.7 %	11 / 12
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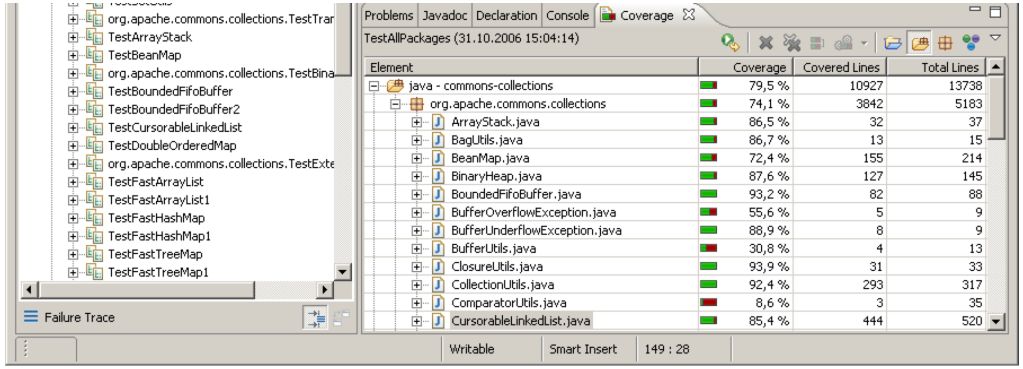
Are the areas under change sufficiently covered by the current test suite?

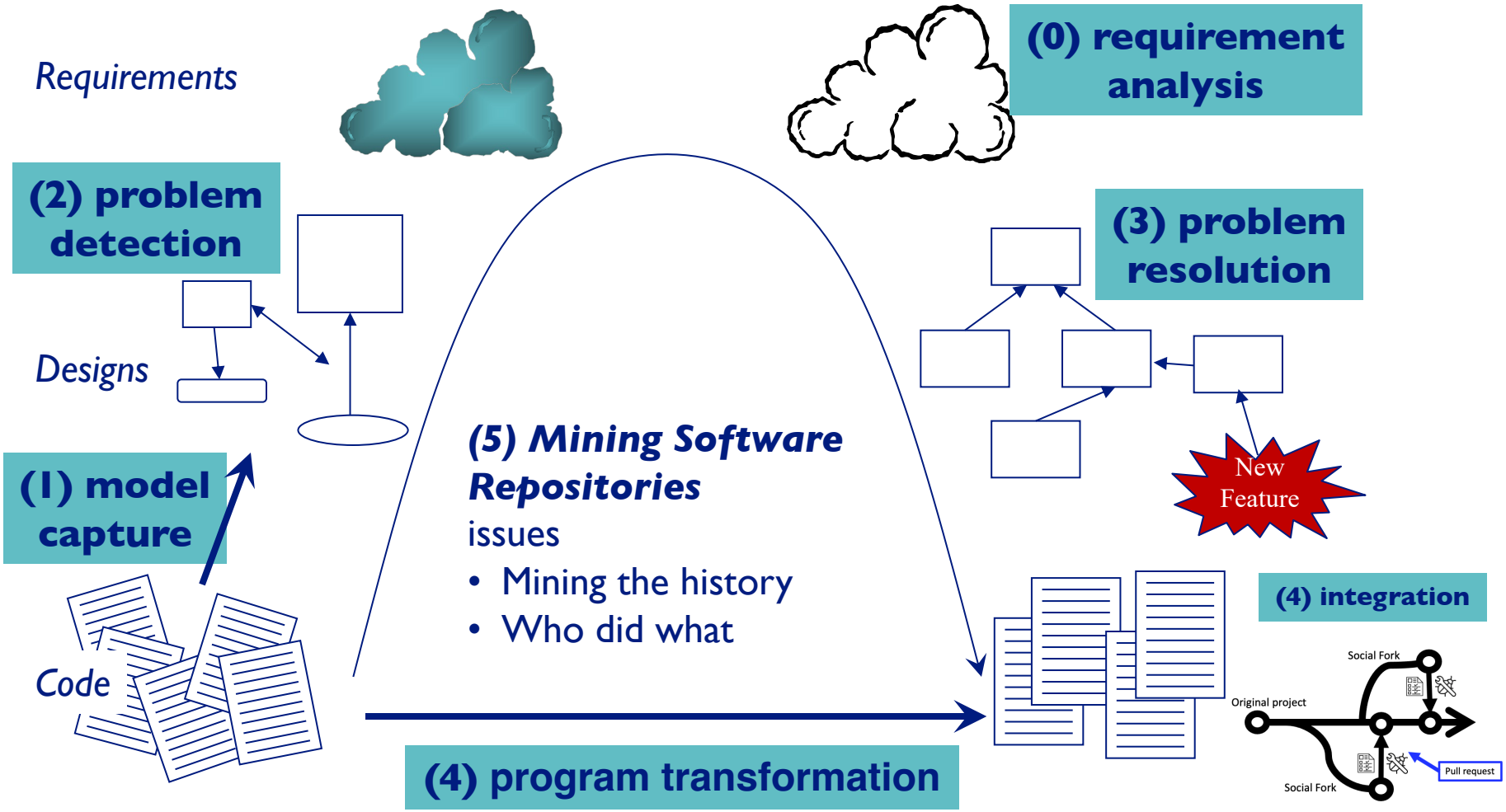


Compare coverage reports before and after refactoring!

7. Mining Software Repositories (MSR)

- What are software repositories?
- Why should we mine Software repositories?
- What are some of the data sources of software engineering data?
- What are some of the existing tools we can use to mine software engineering data
- What can we learn from MSR

The Reengineering Life-Cycle



What is a Software Repository?

Artifacts produced and archived during software development

- Technical artifacts
- Social artifacts

What is a Software Repository?

Apache Kafka is a distributed event store and stream-processing platform

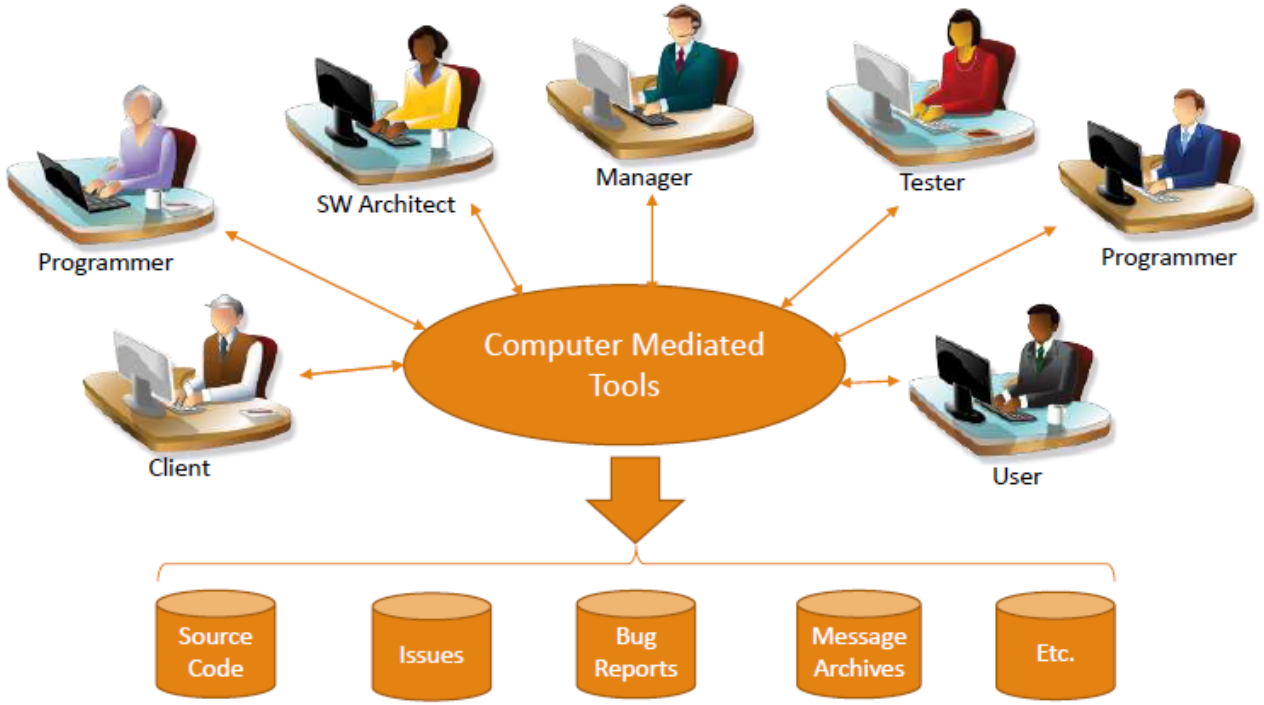
Why should we mine Software repositories?

The goal … is to improve software engineering practices by uncovering interesting and actionable information about software systems and projects using the vast amounts of software data

+ Understand software development process
+ Support and/or improve the maintenance of software systems
+ Exploit knowledge in planning the future development

- If the data analysis in not carefully designed and executed, it can lead to invalid conclusions

What are some of the data sources of software engineering data?



Current and historical artifacts and interactions are registered in software repositories

This list is not exhaustive.

Qn. What are some of the additional software engineering data sources that can be mained?

What are some of the existing tools we can use to mine software engineering data?

PyDriller

A Python framework that helps developers in analyzing Git repositories. With PyDriller you can easily extract information about **commits**, **developers**, **modified files**, **diffs**, and **source code**.

RepoDriller

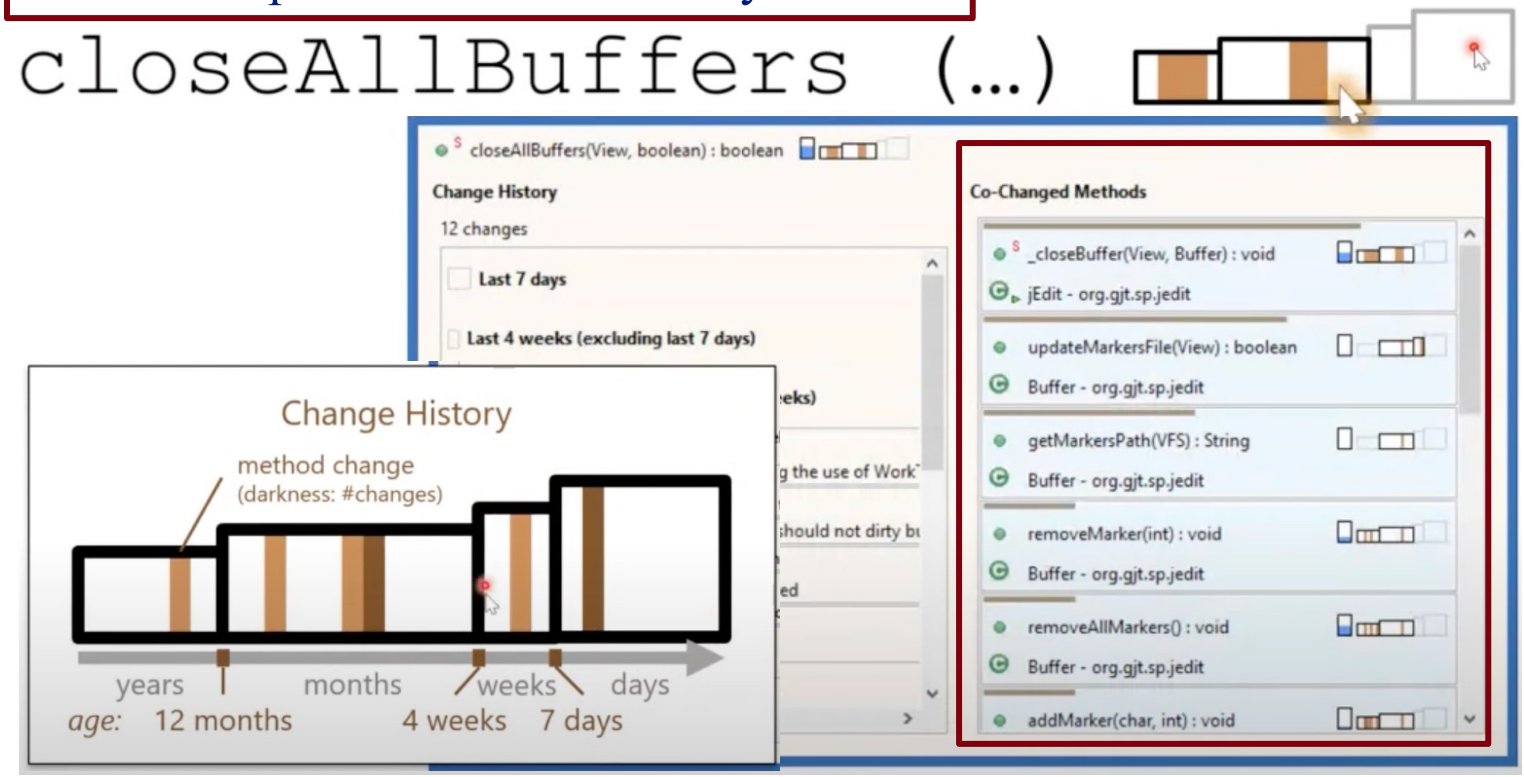
A Java framework that helps developers on mining software repositories. With it, you can easily extract information from any Git repository, such as commits, developers, modifications, diffs, and source codes, and quickly export CSV files.

Build your own tool/script

Sometimes/ most of the times, you have to build your own tool or script to mine your own data

What can we learn from MSR

Observation: Recent history is often important than old history



Embedding Evolutionary Context

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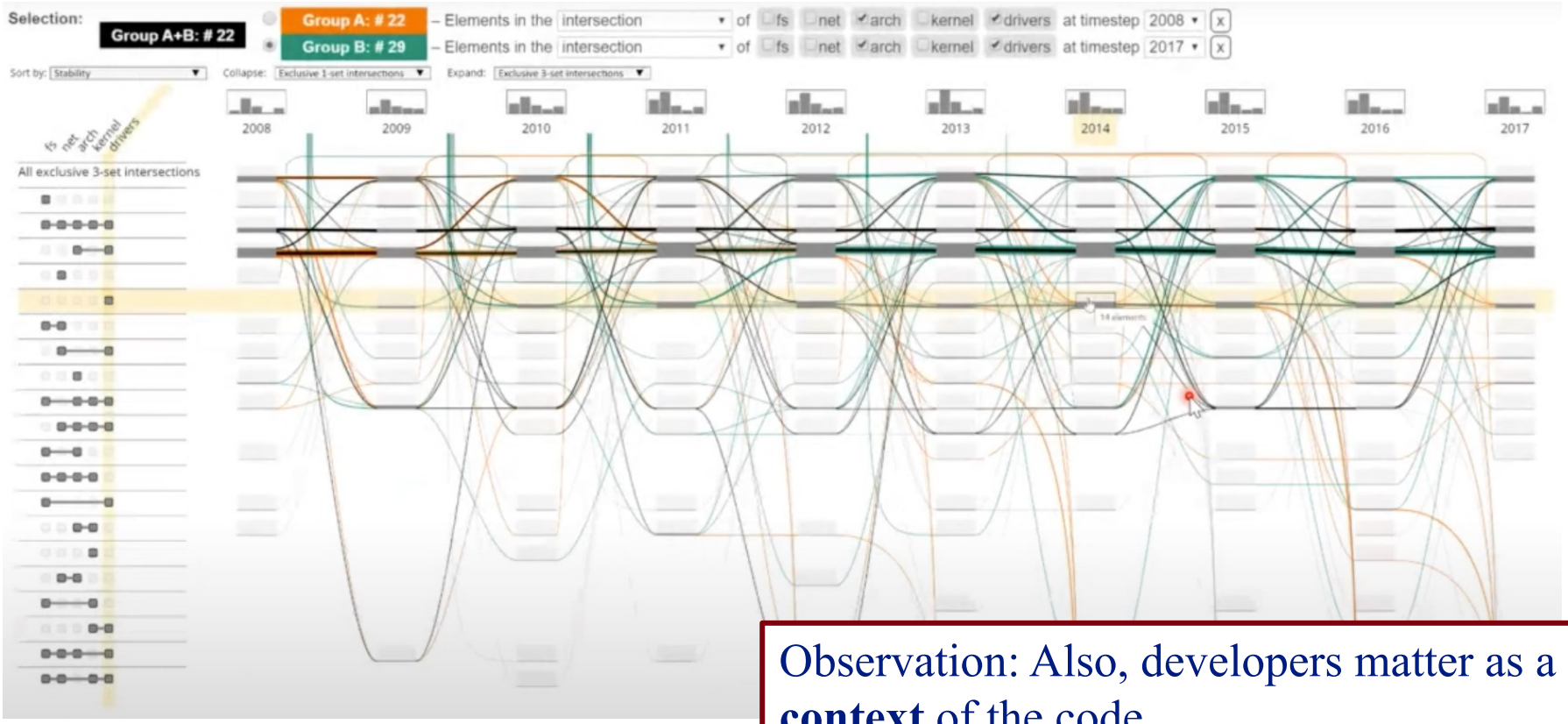
What can we learn from MSR



Observation: Also, developers matter as a **context** of the code.

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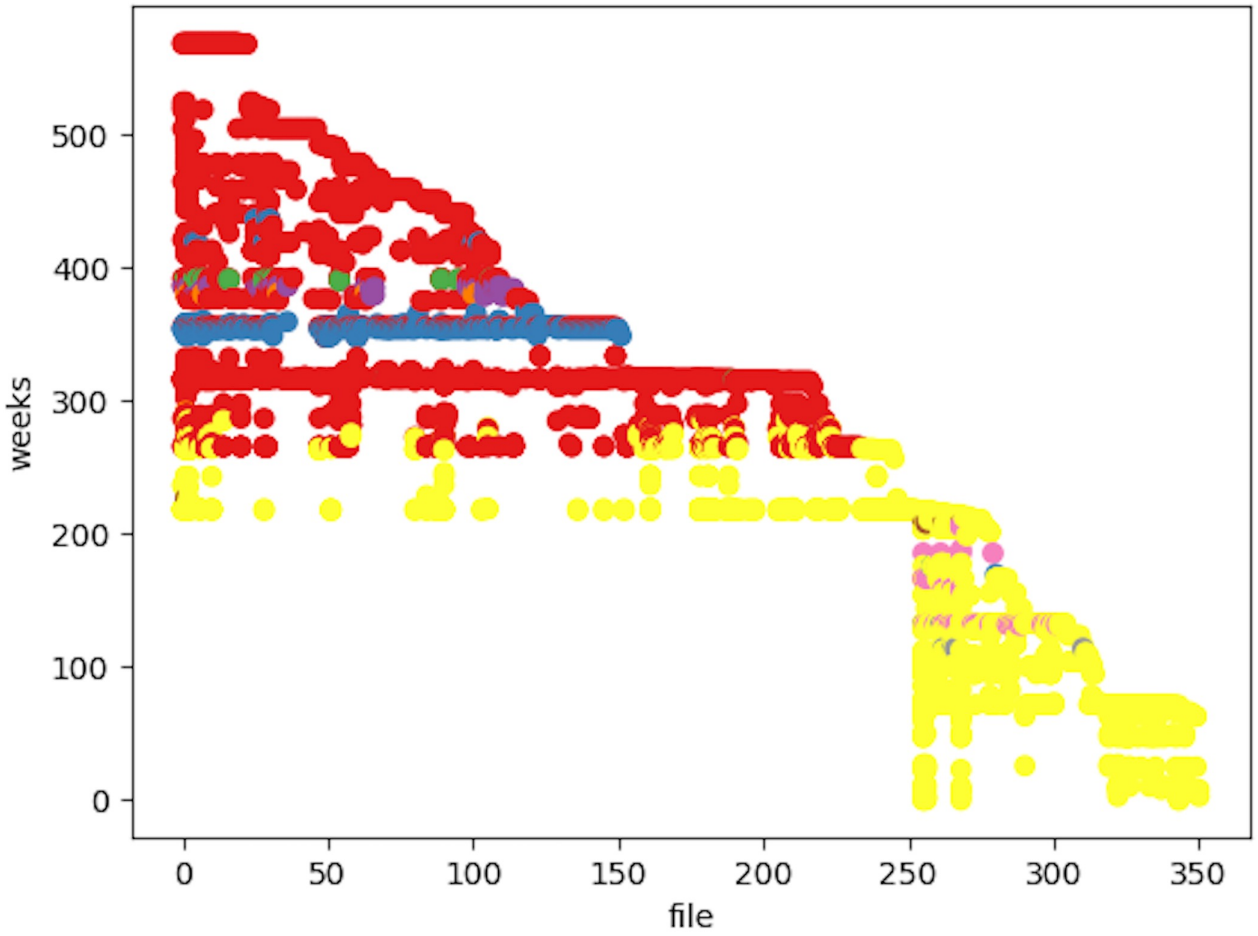
Developers who touched files



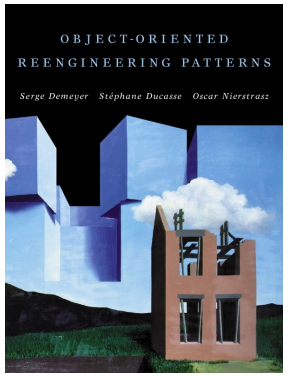
9. Conclusion

1. **Introduction**
   Software changes and that requires planning
2. **Reverse Engineering**
   How to understand your code
3. **Visualization**
   Scalable approach
4. **Restructuring**
   How to Refactor Your Code
5 . **Code Integration**
   How to resolve conflicts
6. **Dynamic Analysis (& Testing)**
   To be really certain
7. **Mining Software Repositories**
   Learn from the past
8. **Conclusion**

Goals

We will try to convince you:

- Programs change!
- Reverse engineering forward engineering and reengineering are *essential activities* in the lifecycle of any successful software system. (And especially OO ones!)
- There is a large set of *lightweight tools and techniques* to help you with reengineering.
- Despite these tools and techniques, *people must do job* and they represent the most valuable resource.



⇒ ***Did we convince you ?***