

# Robusta : An approach to building dynamic applications

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# Outline

## Context & Challenges

State of the Art

Robusta

Implementation & Validation

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# Devices, Mobility & Services



Business



Home

Automation

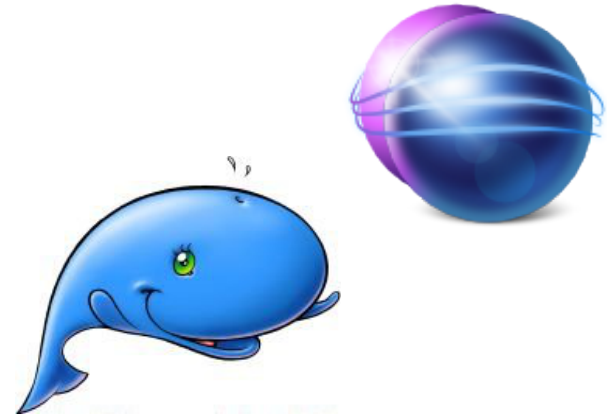


Entertainment

# Large apps

Application Servers

Plugin based applications



# Context-aware apps

Mobility and change

Device-oriented



# These applications need

Patches & Updates



New features

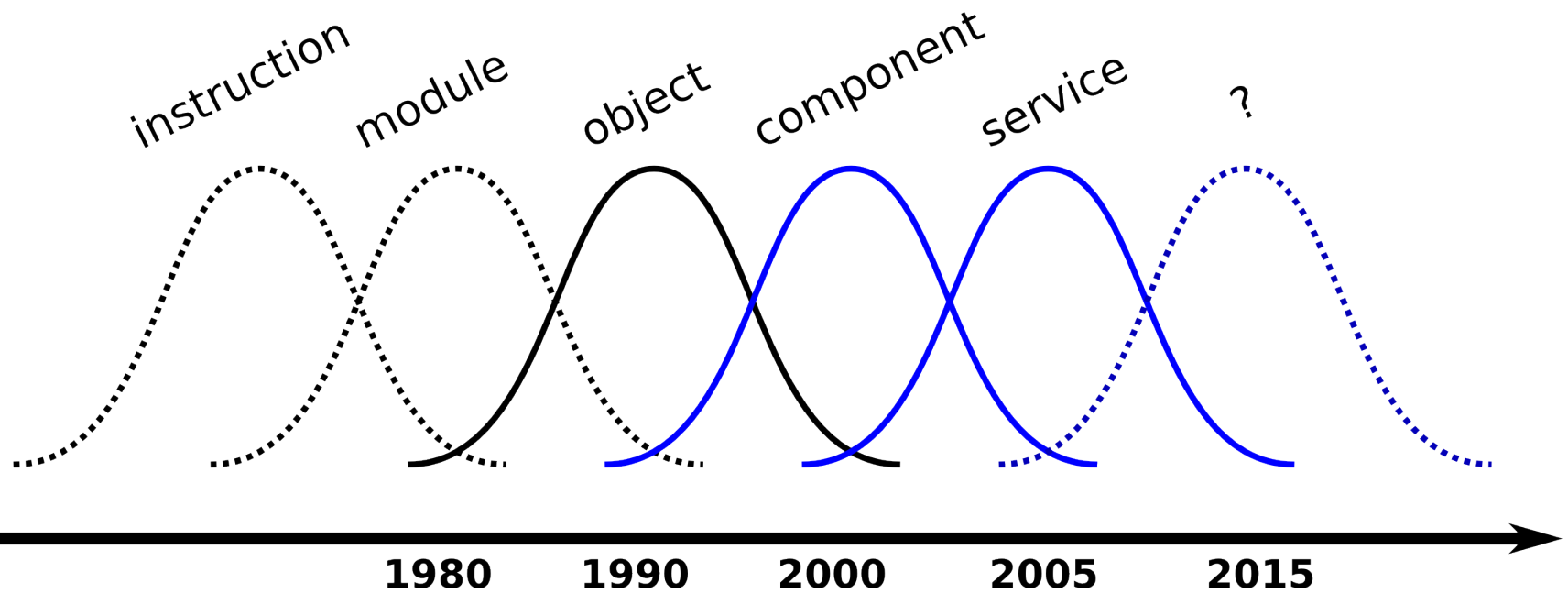
# These applications need

Minimal Downtime



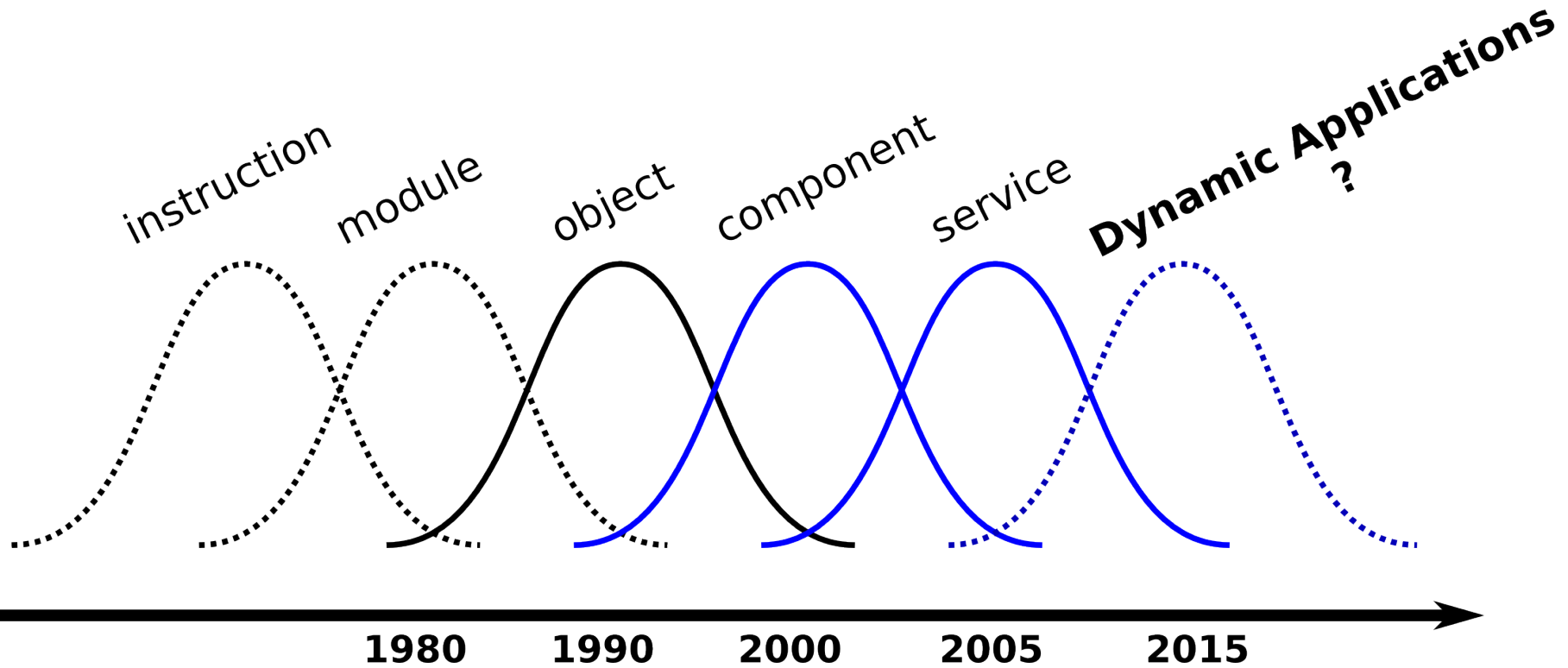
Reactivity

# Complexity, structure, decoupling



*Raccoon [1997] Revisited*

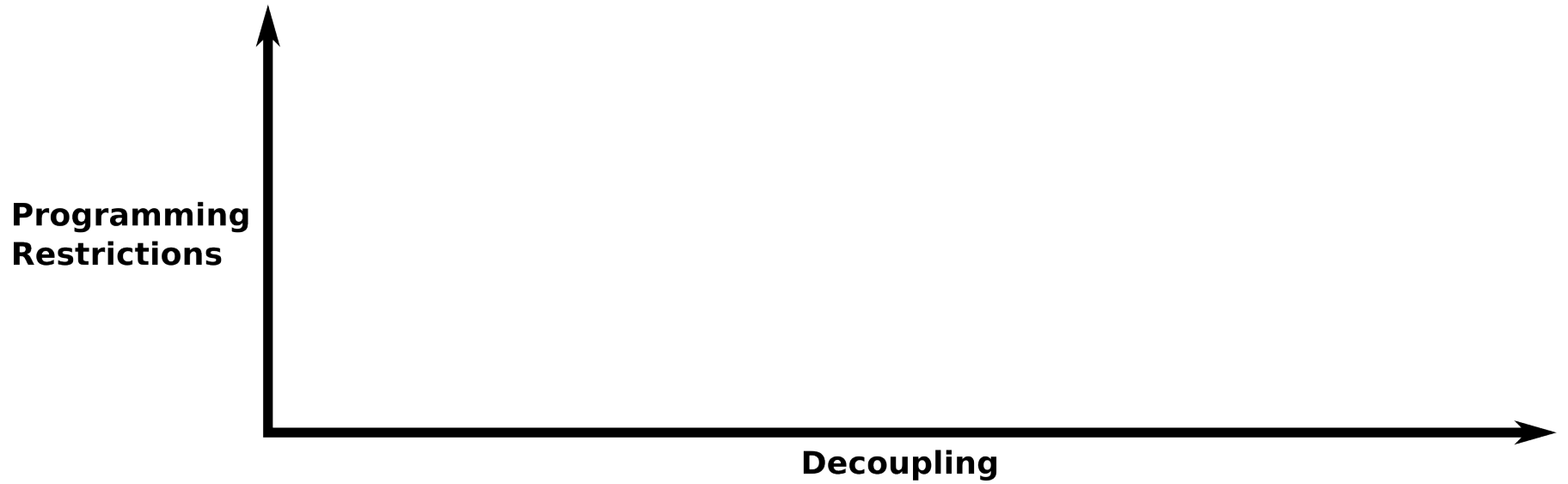
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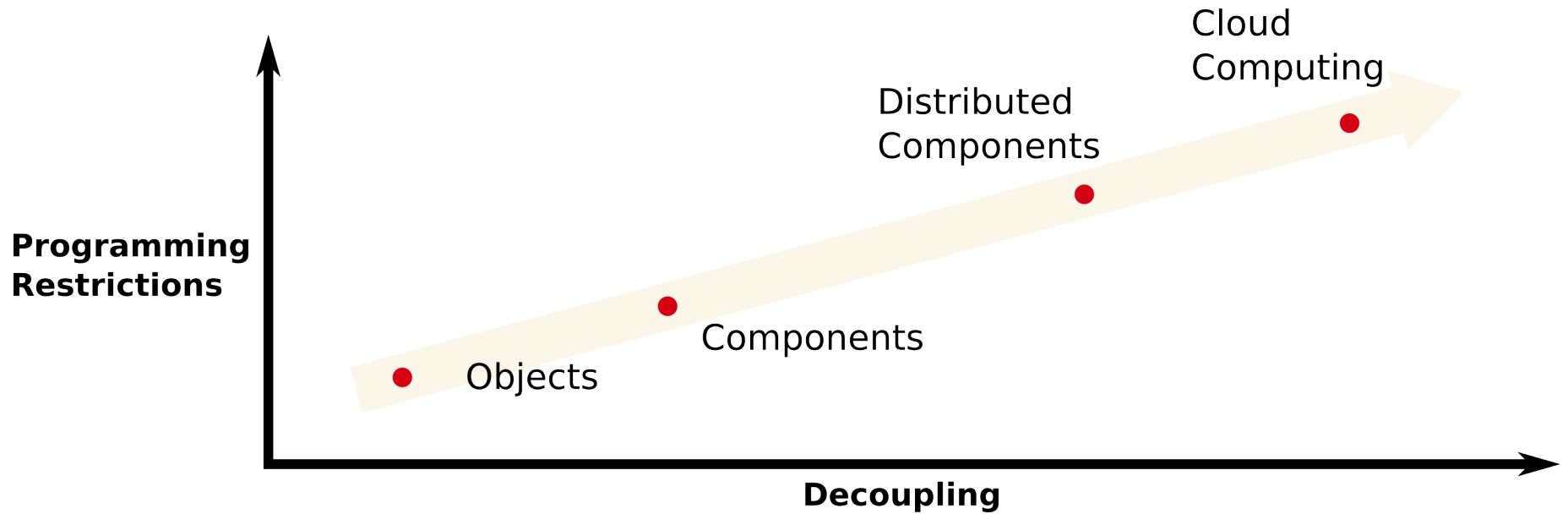
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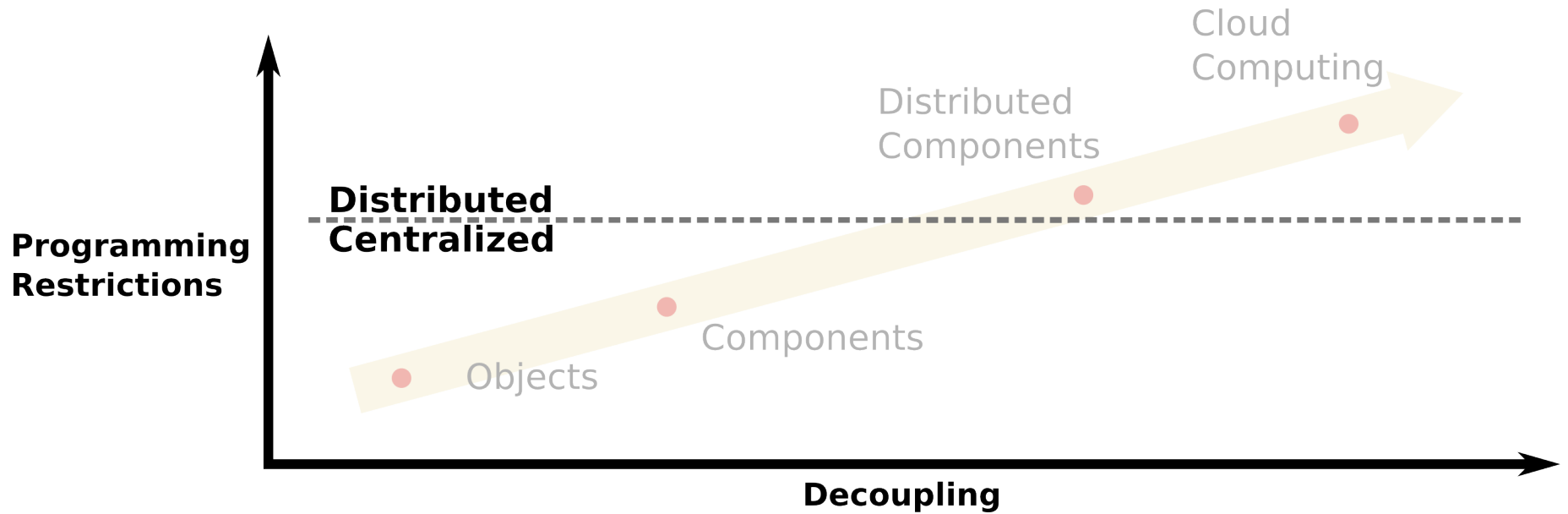
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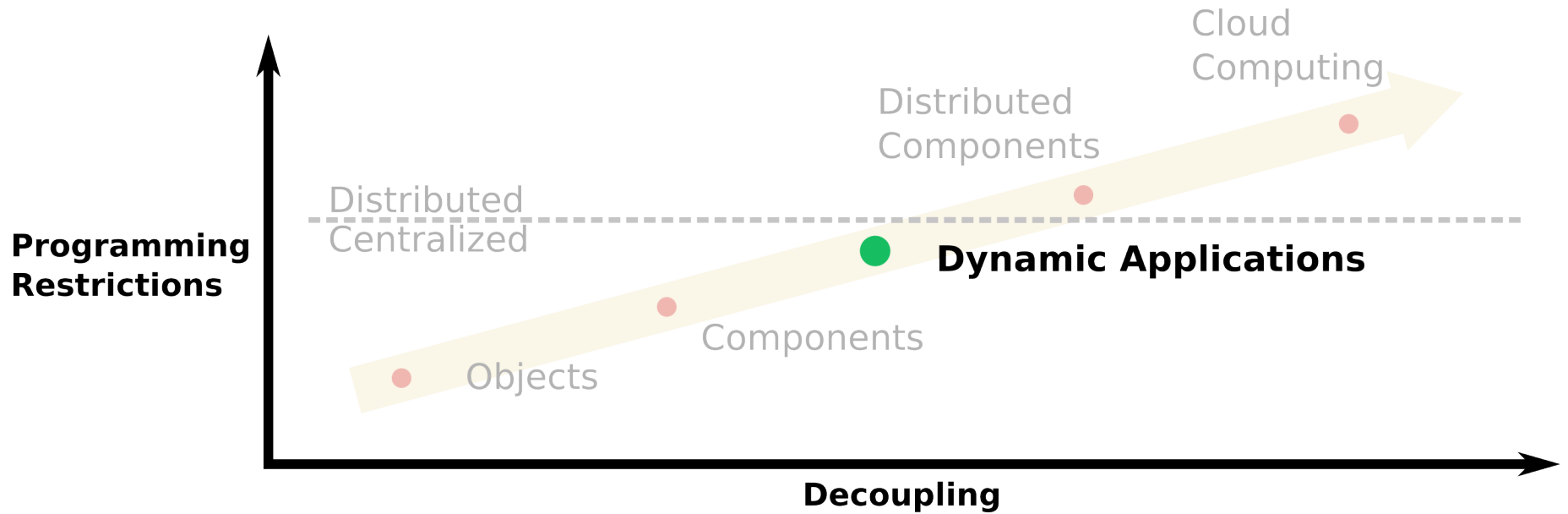
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# We address

Centralized

Multi-threaded

Component-based

Object Oriented implementations

**Dynamic Applications**

# To build dynamic applications

**Design** dynamic applications

**Write** dynamic components

**Understand** component coupling

**Manage** the impact of dynamism

# Objective

Write **robust** centralized  
dynamic applications

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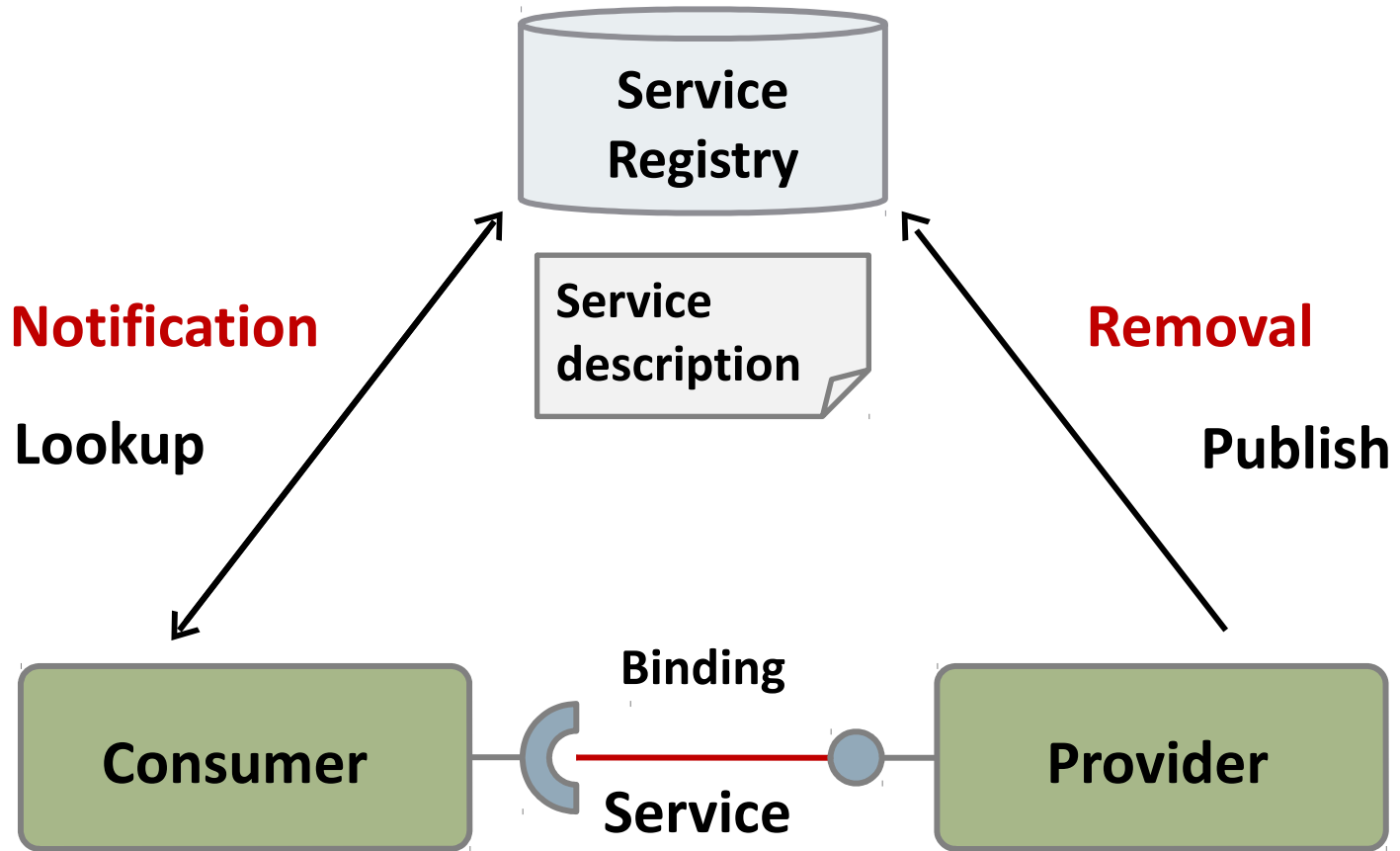
**A few  
definitions**

# Service Oriented Architecture

Services are **self-describing**, platform-agnostic computational elements that support rapid, **low-cost composition** of distributed applications.

*M. Papazoglou [2003]*

# SOA Component Interaction



# Benefits of SOA

Reduced coupling

Dynamic resilience

Substitutability

Implementation transparency

# Software architecture

Abstractly, software architecture involves the **description of elements** from which systems are built, **interactions** among those elements, patterns that guide their composition, and constraints on these patterns.

*M. Shaw and D. Garlan [1996]*

# Dynamic software architecture

represent **systems** that do not simply consist of a fixed, static structure, but can **react** to certain requirements or events by **run-time reconfiguration** of its components and connections.

*Baresi et al. [2004]*

# Advantages of Architecture

Programming-in-the-large

*[DeRemer and Kron 1975]*

High-level design & integration  
concerns

*[Favre 1997]*

# Issues with dynamism



① **Safe-stopping** components

② Handling **stateful** artifacts

③ Dynamism in  
**software architectures**

1

How to **safely stop**  
components and remove them  
from a running system?

# Requirements to safe-stopping

Passivate components

Find safe-state

Remove old components

Instantiate new components

Avoid or recover from **corruption**

Ensure **consistency**.

**Minimize** disruption.

# Transactional approaches

Quiescence

J. Kramer and J. Magee [1990]

Tranquility

Yves Vandewoude et al. [2007]

Version Consistency

Ma et al. [2011]

Component models

Fractal

iPOJO

OpenCom

# Limits to current approaches

Mostly proactive solutions

Lack of **reactive** approaches

Too optimistic for many uses

Lack of **recovery**

Unclear programming restrictions

What leads to **coupling**?

Lack of **centralized** solutions

Distributed solutions impose **higher decoupling**

How to handle *state*?

2

No State Transfer.

Delegated State Transfer.

Automated State Transfer.

# State transfer limitations

Hard to automate

Hybrid approaches show promise

Still **no generic solution**

Use simple **ad-hoc** state transfer.



3

**Dynamism** in software  
architectures?

# Current approaches

Explicit vs. **Constrained**

Proactive vs. **Reactive**

Support **unexpected change**

devices, remote services, failure...

**Reactive** & **Constrained**

What's missing in  
**existing** solutions?

# What's missing?

**Selectively** enable dynamism

Manage the **impact** of dynamism

Development **guidelines**

Ensure **consistency** at runtime  
despite unexpected change

What does the **runtime** need  
to support **unexpected**  
dynamism?

# Runtime requirements for **unexpected** dynamism

Correctness & Consistency

Proactive & Reactive

Recovery

# Additional runtime requirements

Change impact  
Minimal disruption  
Timeliness



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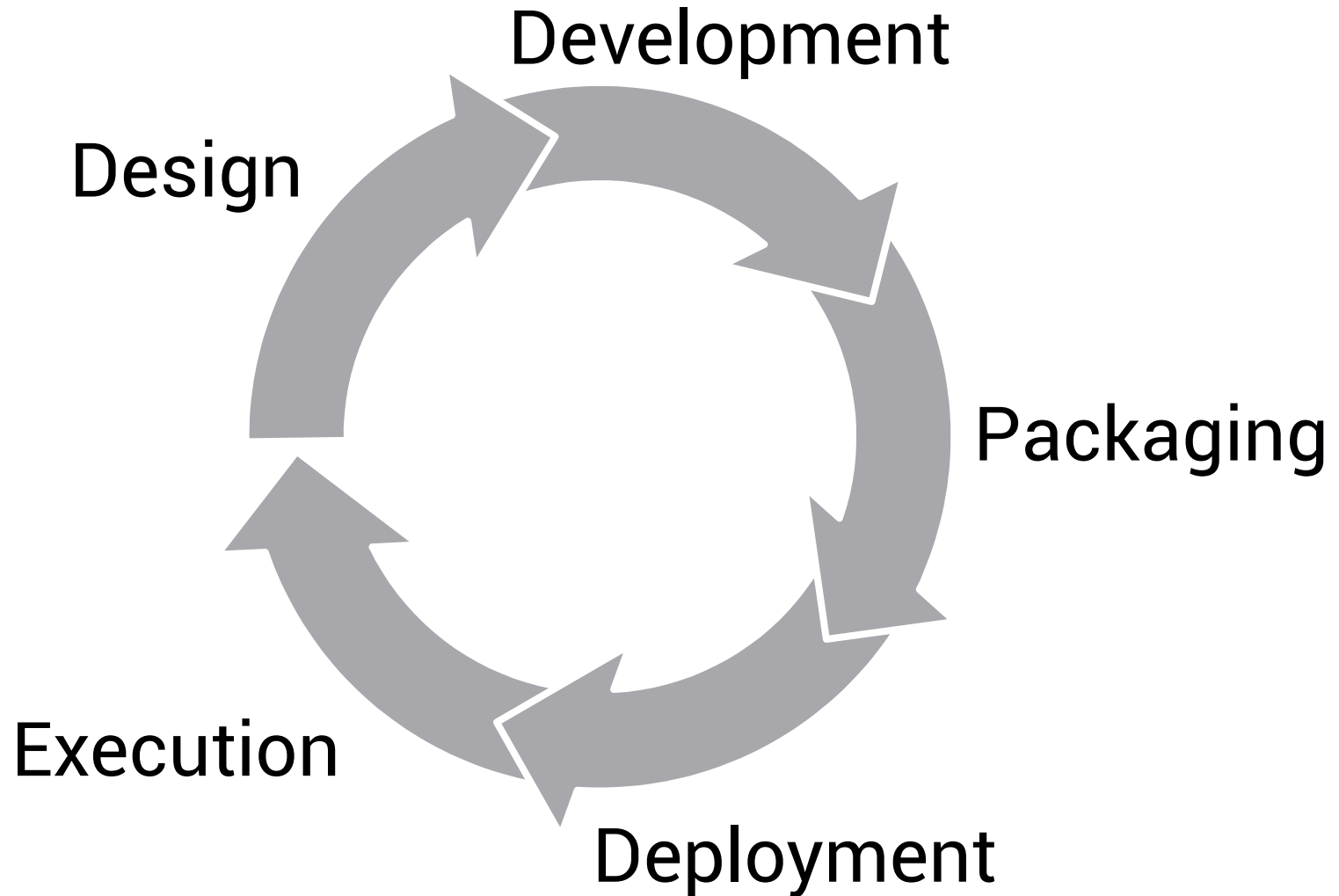
State of the Art

**Robusta**

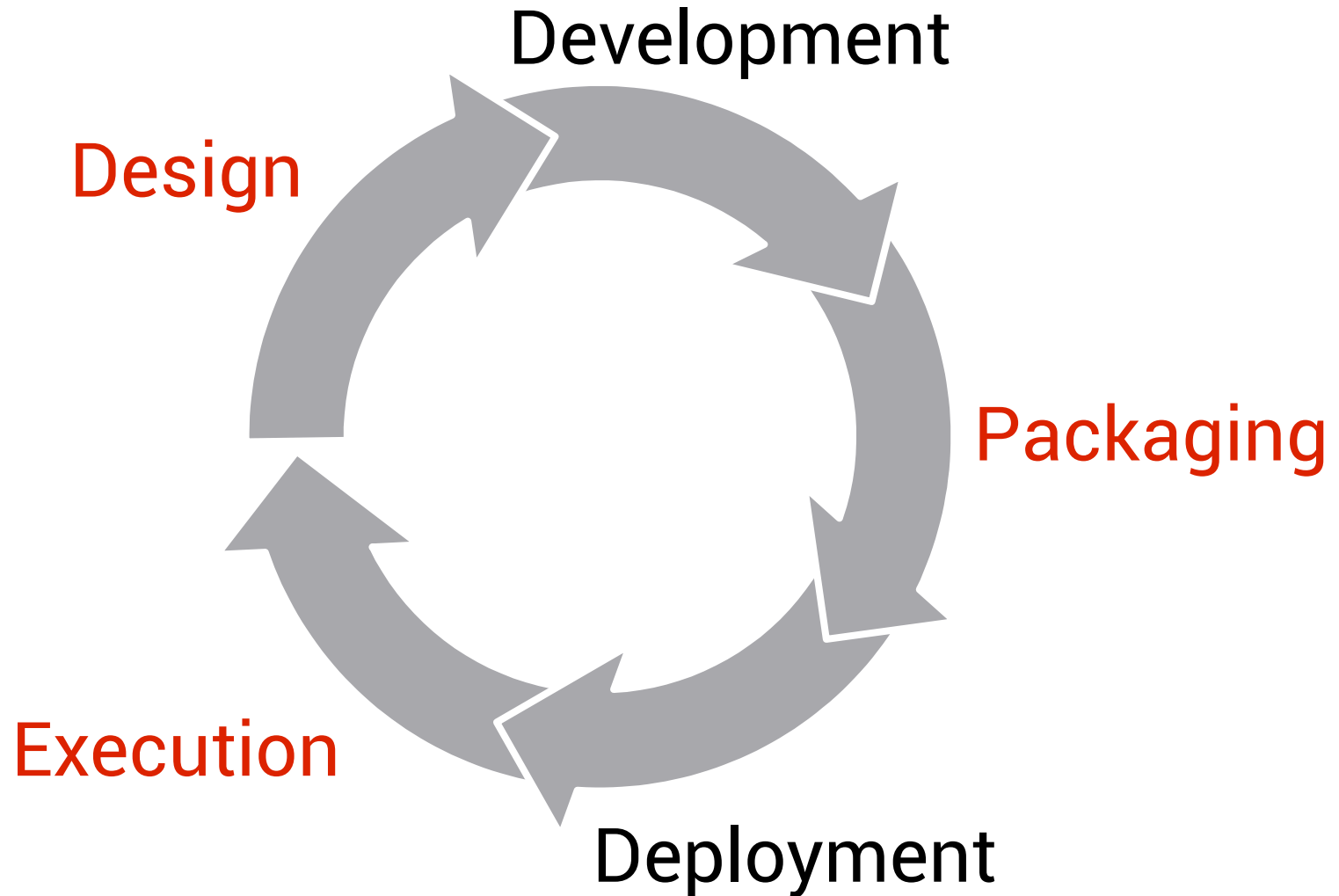
Implementation & Validation

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# The software cycle



# The software cycle



# Dynamism is ...

## Cross-cutting

Design, deploy, develop, package, execute

## Invasive

Cannot be fully transparent

## Difficult to understand

Lack of tools and guidelines

## Easy to get wrong

Subtle mistakes cause disasters

# Robusta is

An architectural approach to managing dynamism

Manages dynamism at multiple levels

Service, component, module and class, object

Particularly focused on design, packaging and execution

# Robusta principles

Dynamism is **not** needed  
**everywhere**

Manage dynamism **early**

**Architecture** centric

Services → component architecture

Components → module architecture

Modules → packaging architecture

# Component behavior

# Robusta component behavior

@ Stable

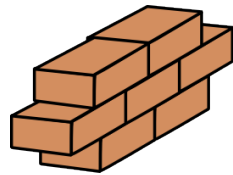
@ Detachable

@ Volatile



# Robusta component behavior

Determine **decoupling** and **resilience** required by dependencies

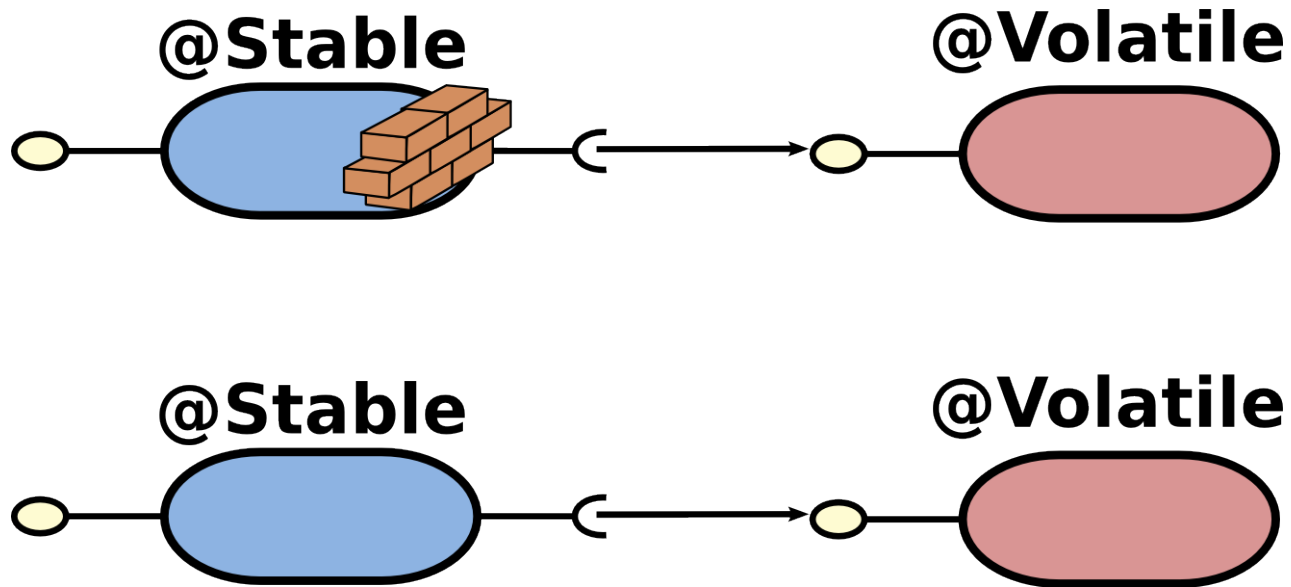


Resilience to volatility



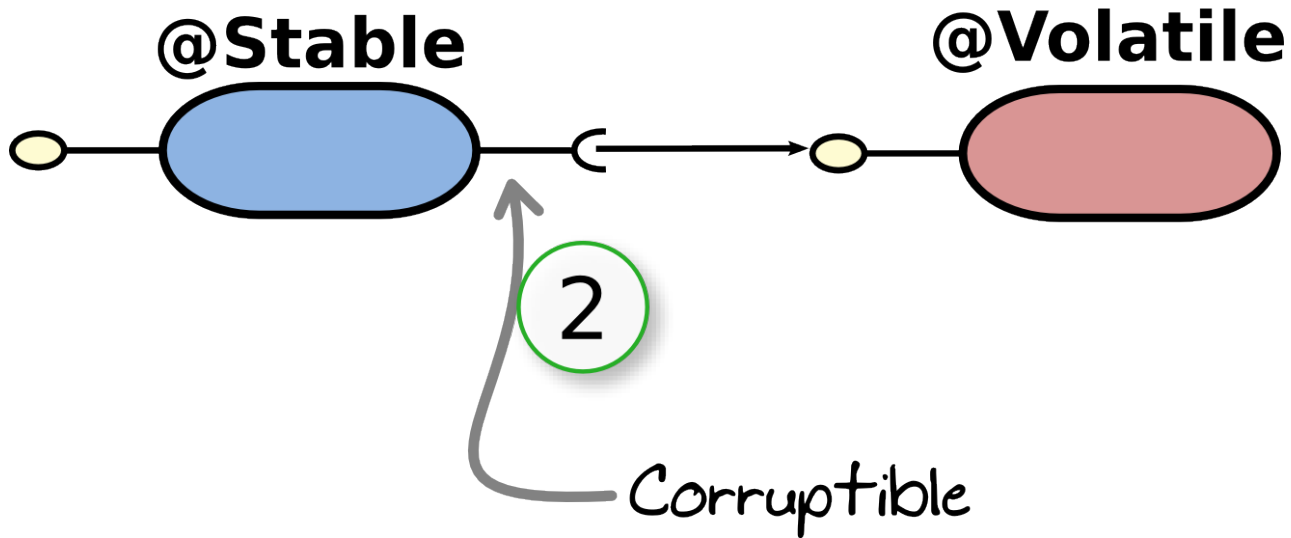
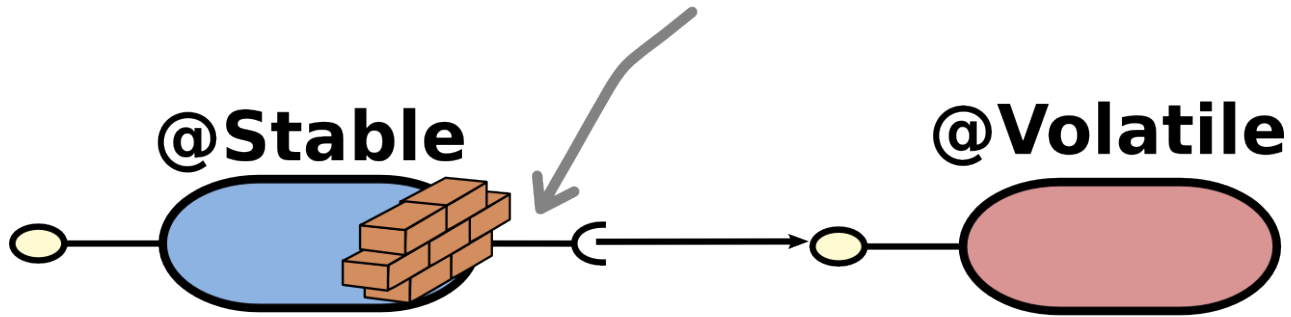
Coupled dependency

# Example



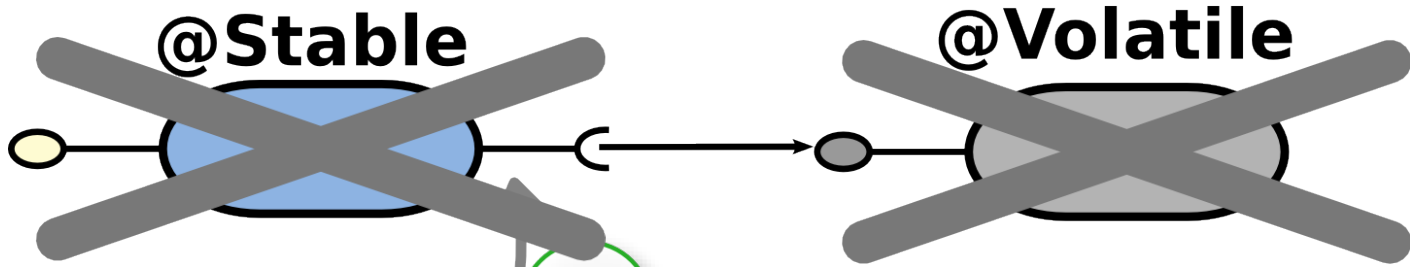
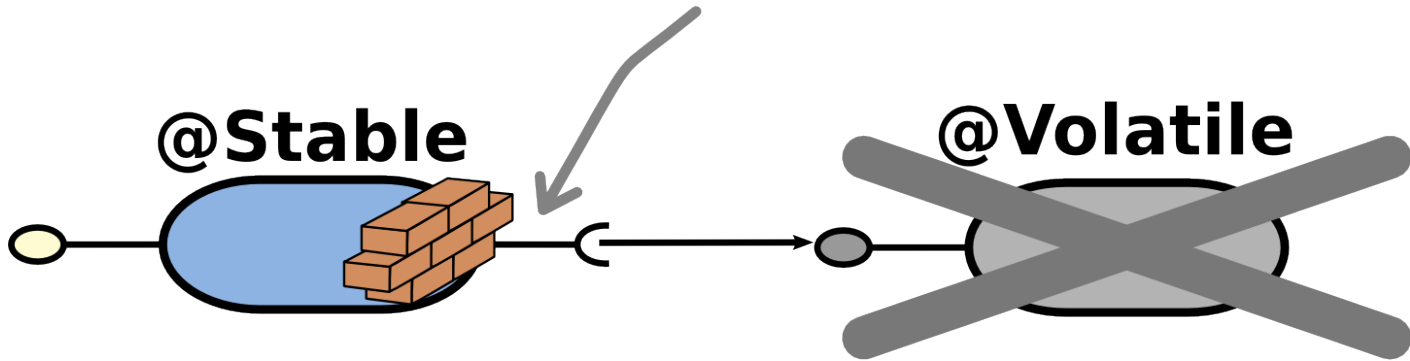
# Example

① Safe



# Example

① Safe



② Corruptible

# Robusta component behavior

**Protect** @stable components

**Decouple** @detachable components

**Isolate** @volatile components

# Component decoupling

# Decoupling requirements

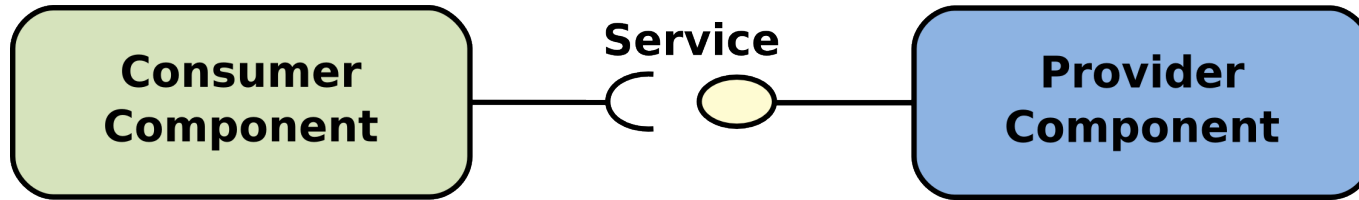
Multiple consumers & providers

Multiple versions of the same class

Complex objects

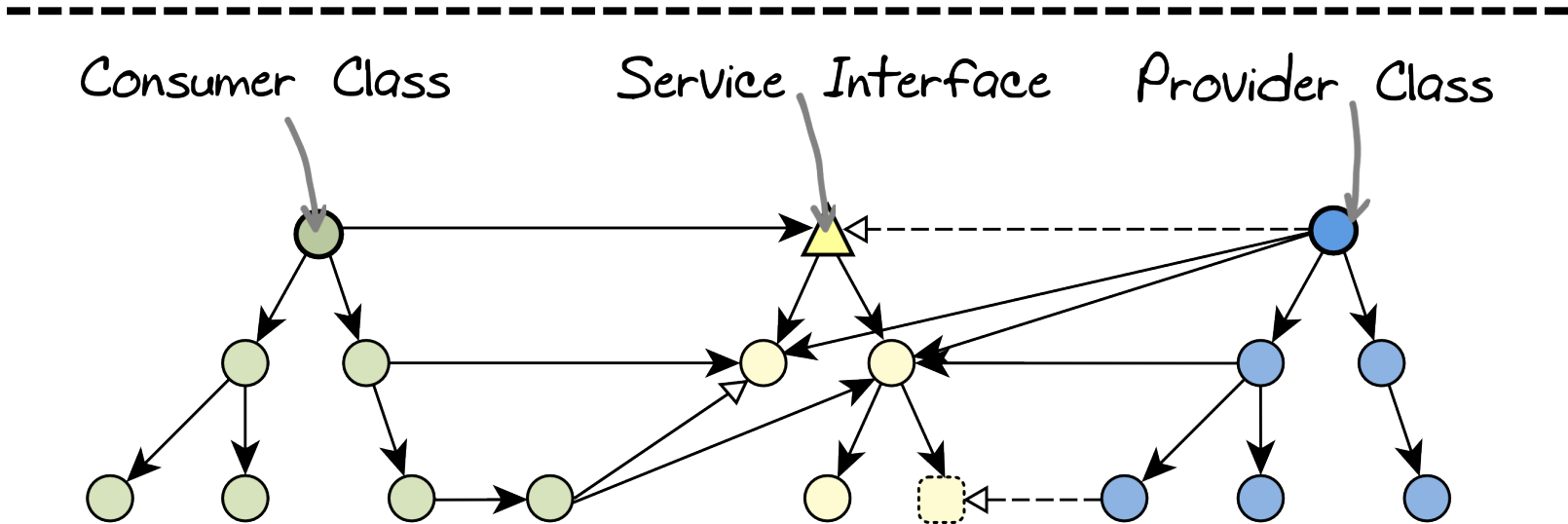
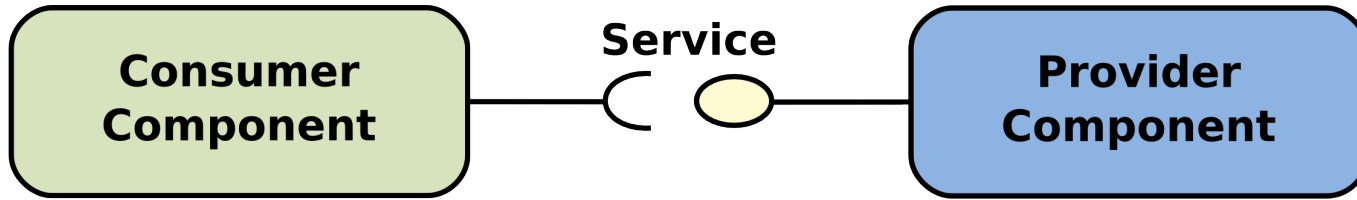
Service specialization

# Decoupling example

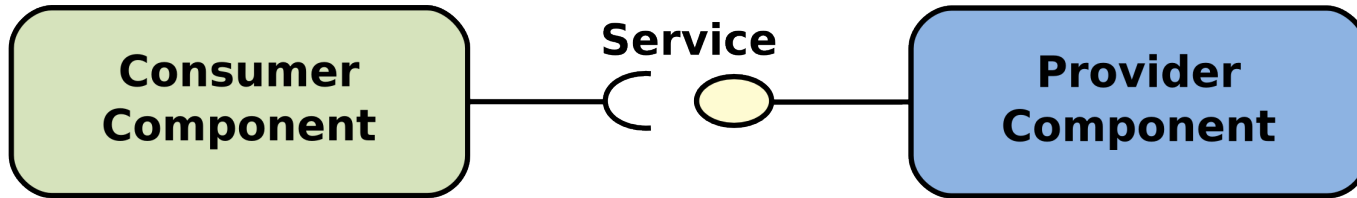




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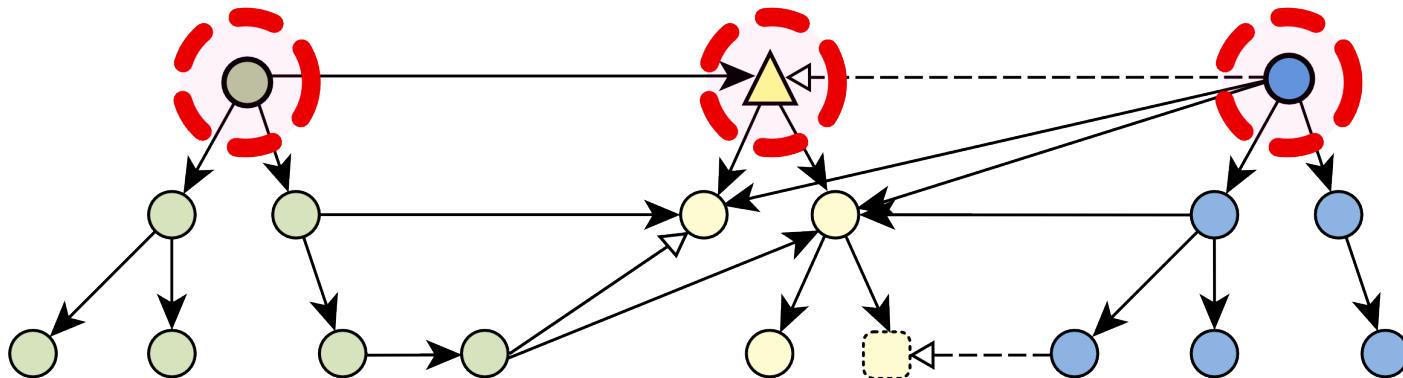
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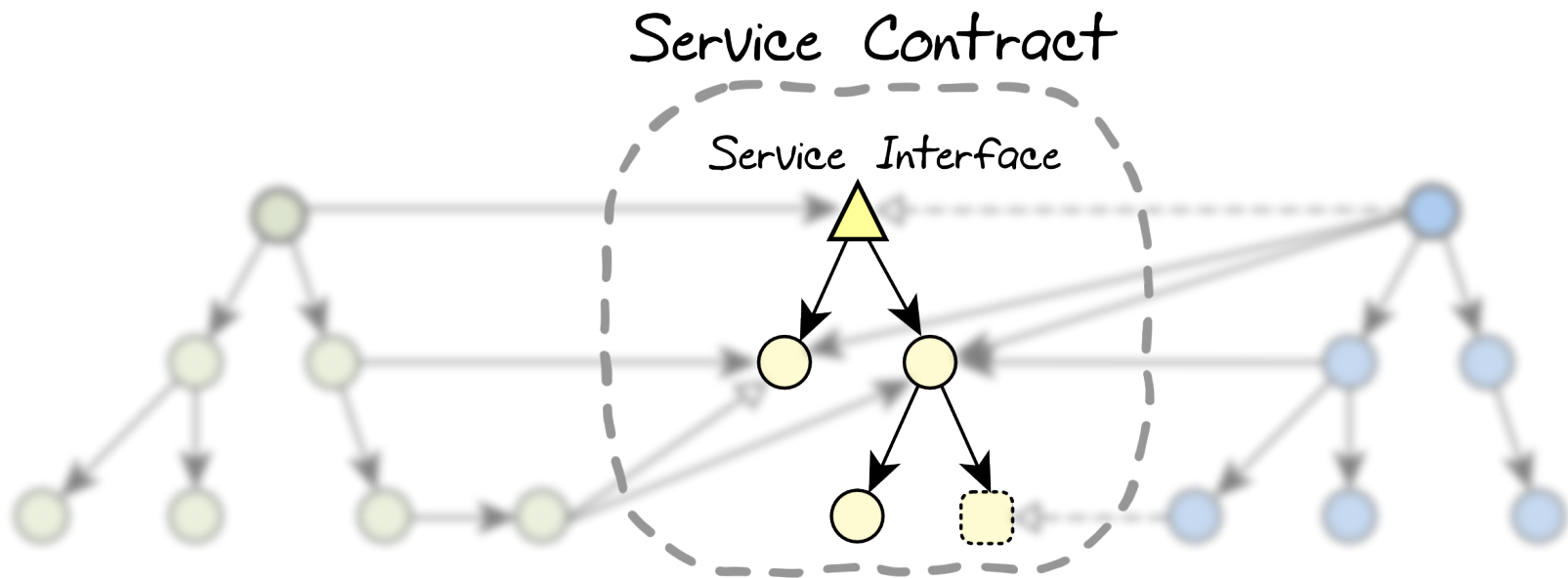
Consumer Class

Service Interface

Provider Class



# Decoupling example

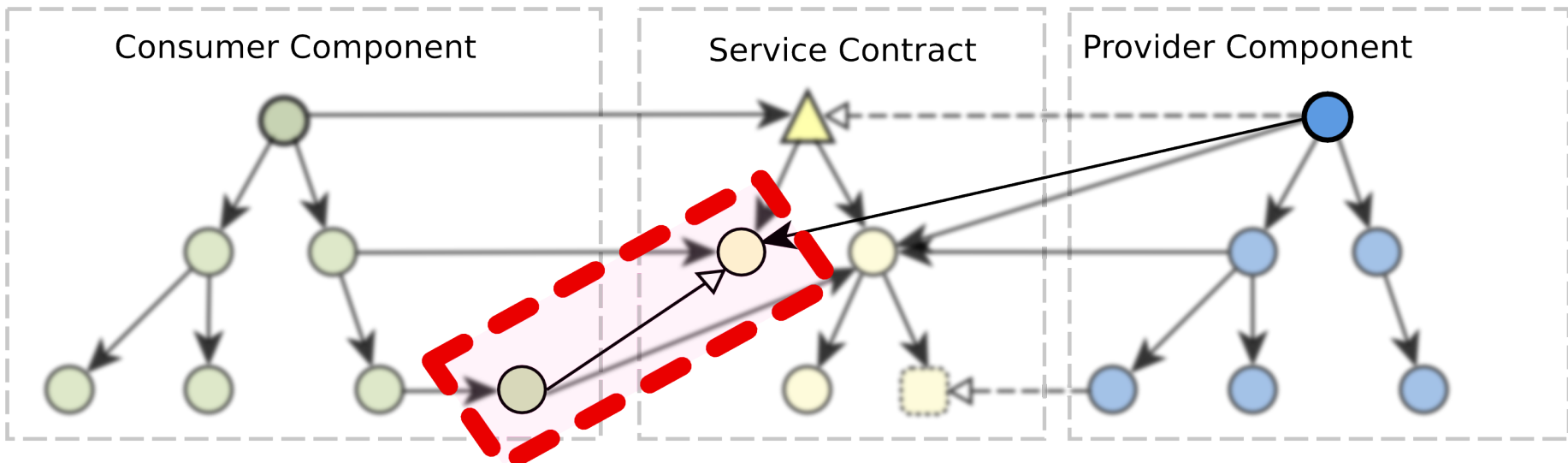
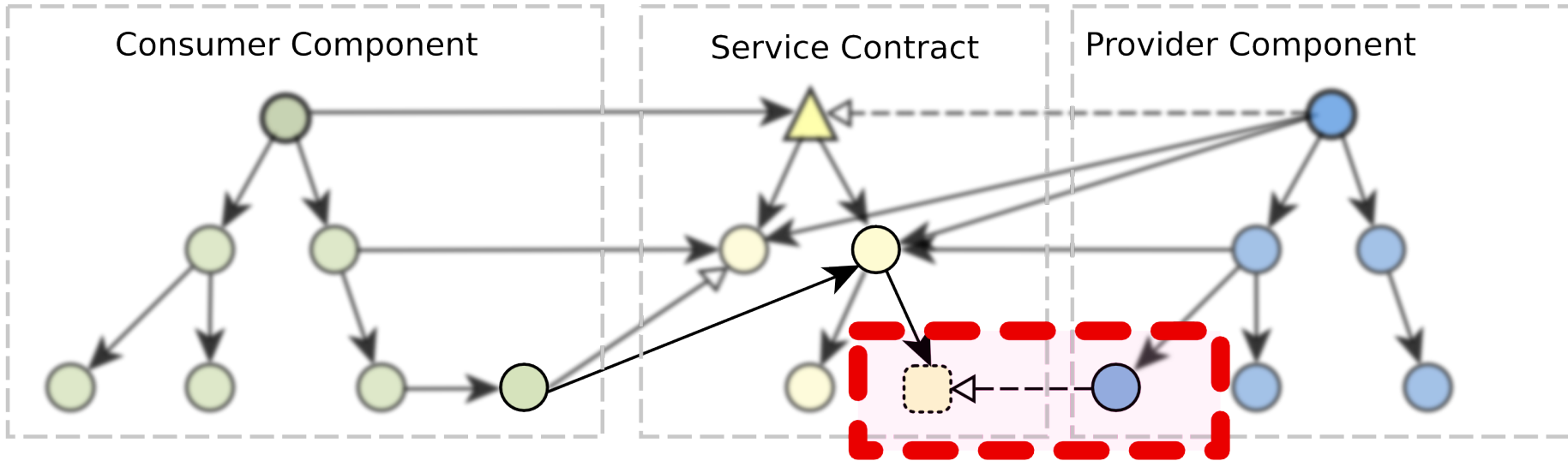


# The service contract

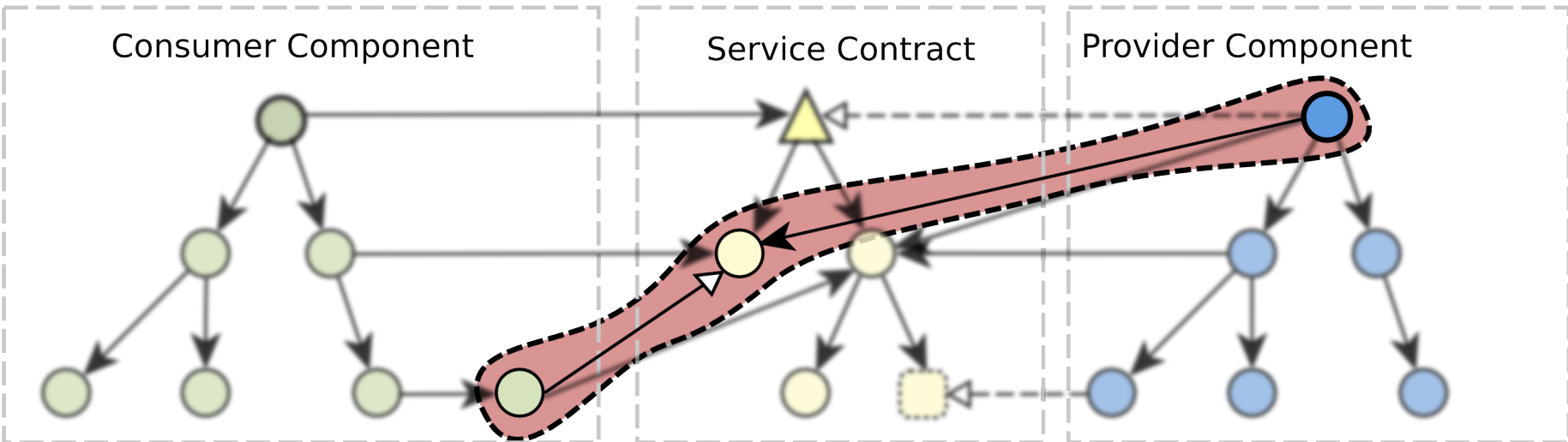
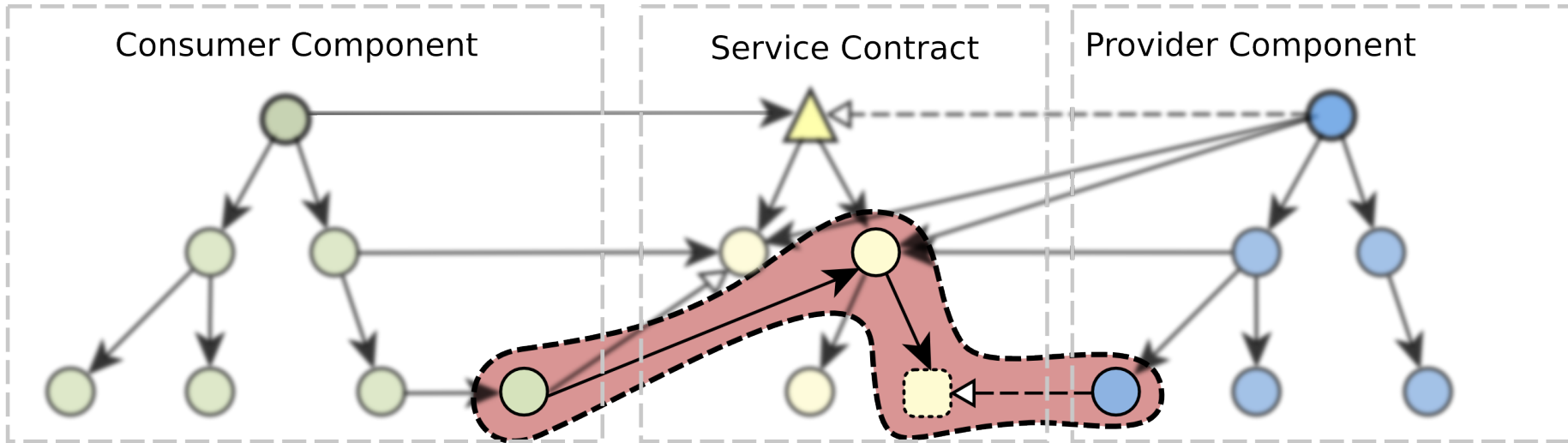
The Service **Interface** and the types that it **directly** depends on.

However, there's still  
**indirect** (hidden) coupling!

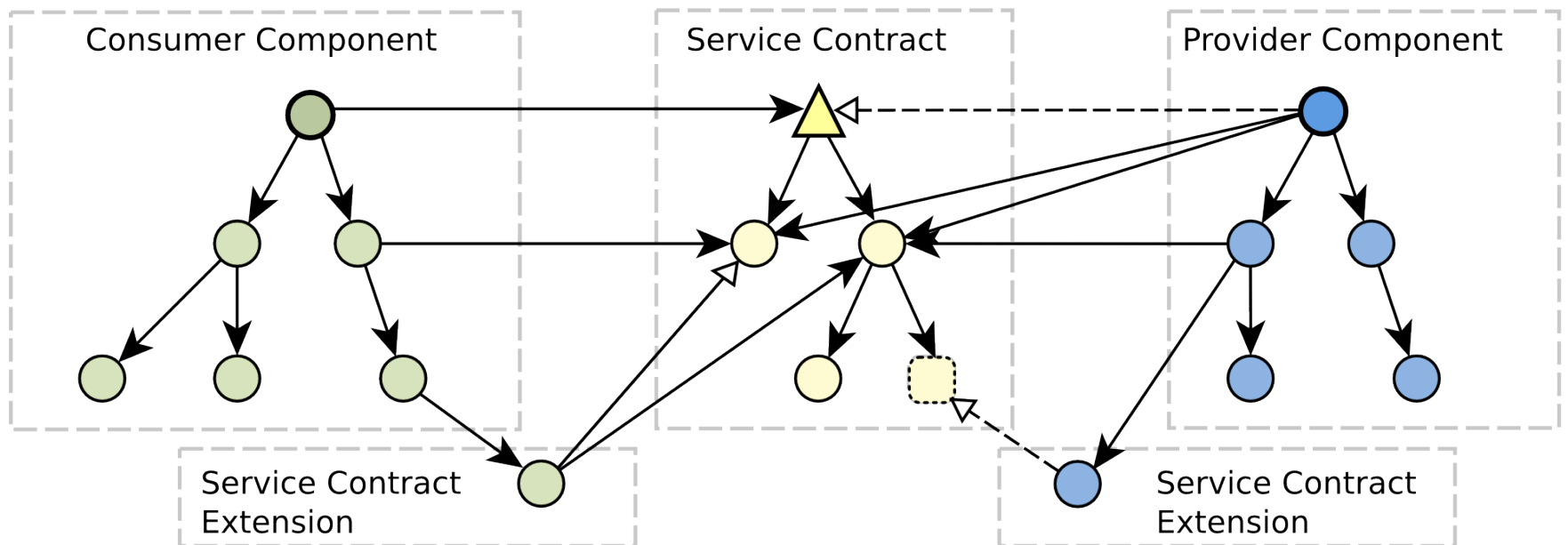
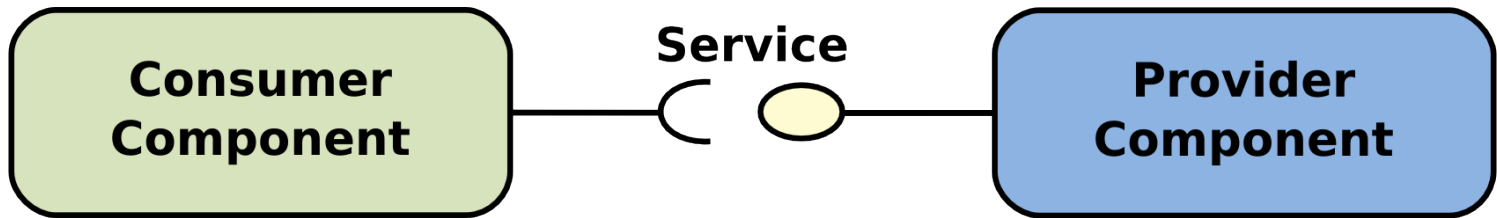
# Decoupling example



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# Decoupling example





# The extended service contract

The Service **Interface** and the types that it **directly** and **indirectly** depends on.

# Component packaging

# Packaging

Defines class→modules

Modules are units of deployment

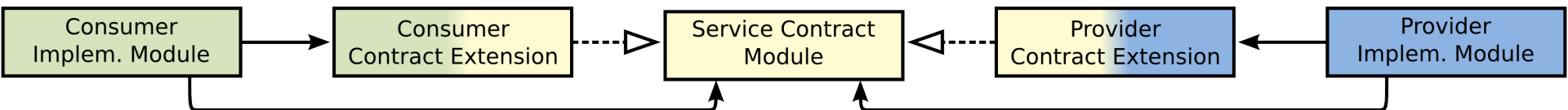
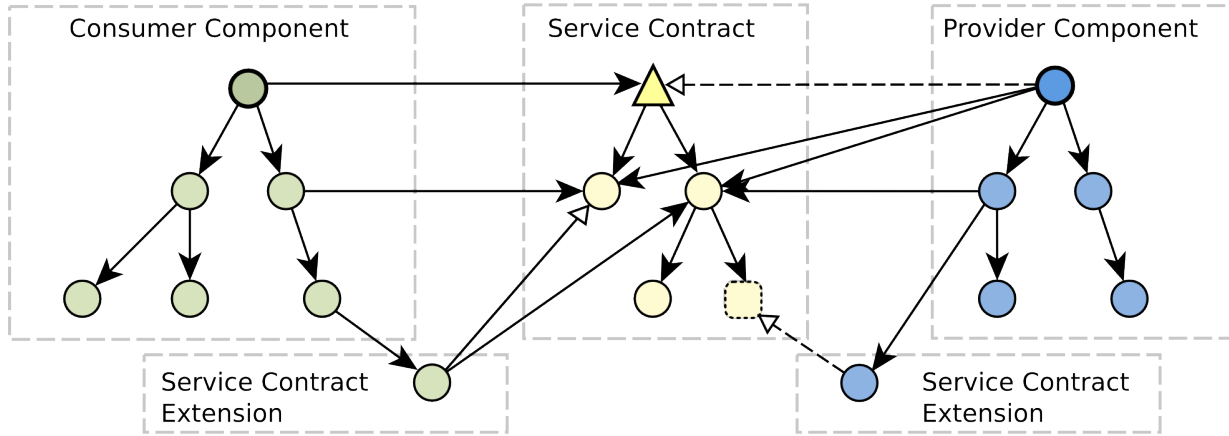
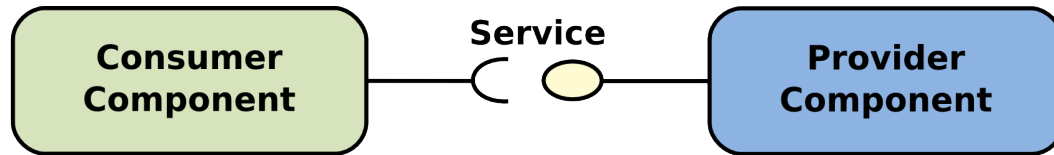
It's guided by

- Service Contract

- Contract Extensions

- Component Implementations

# Packaging example



# Packaging results

Components evolve independently

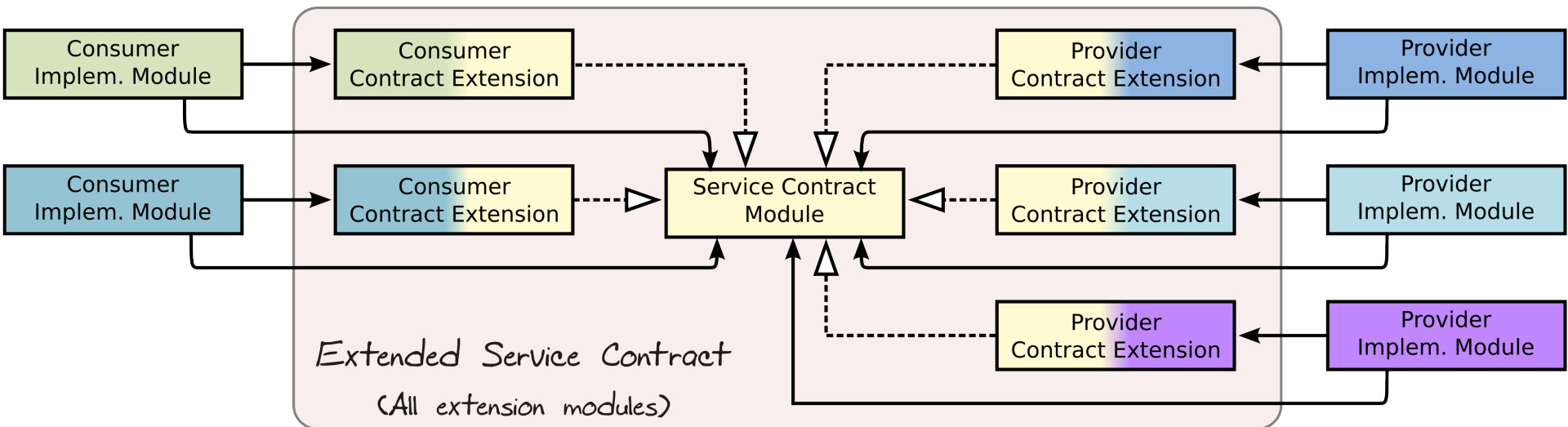
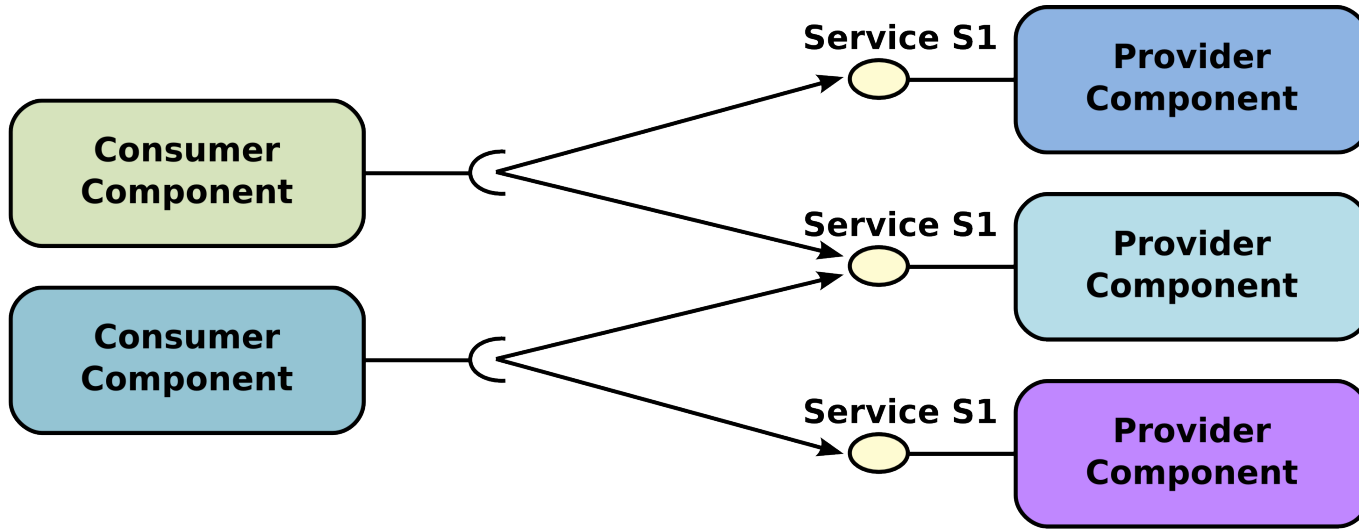
Isolate Service Contract

Specialize Service Contract

Avoid service incompatibilities

Multiple consumer → provider

# Packaging example



# Architecture analysis

# Architecture analysis requirements

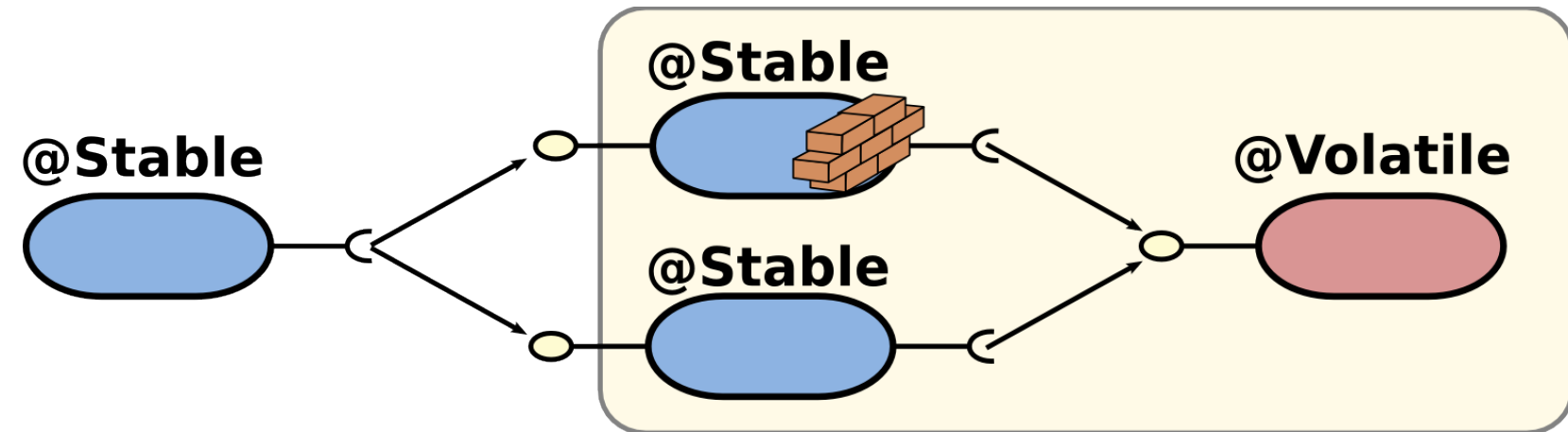
Selective dynamism

Zone-ification

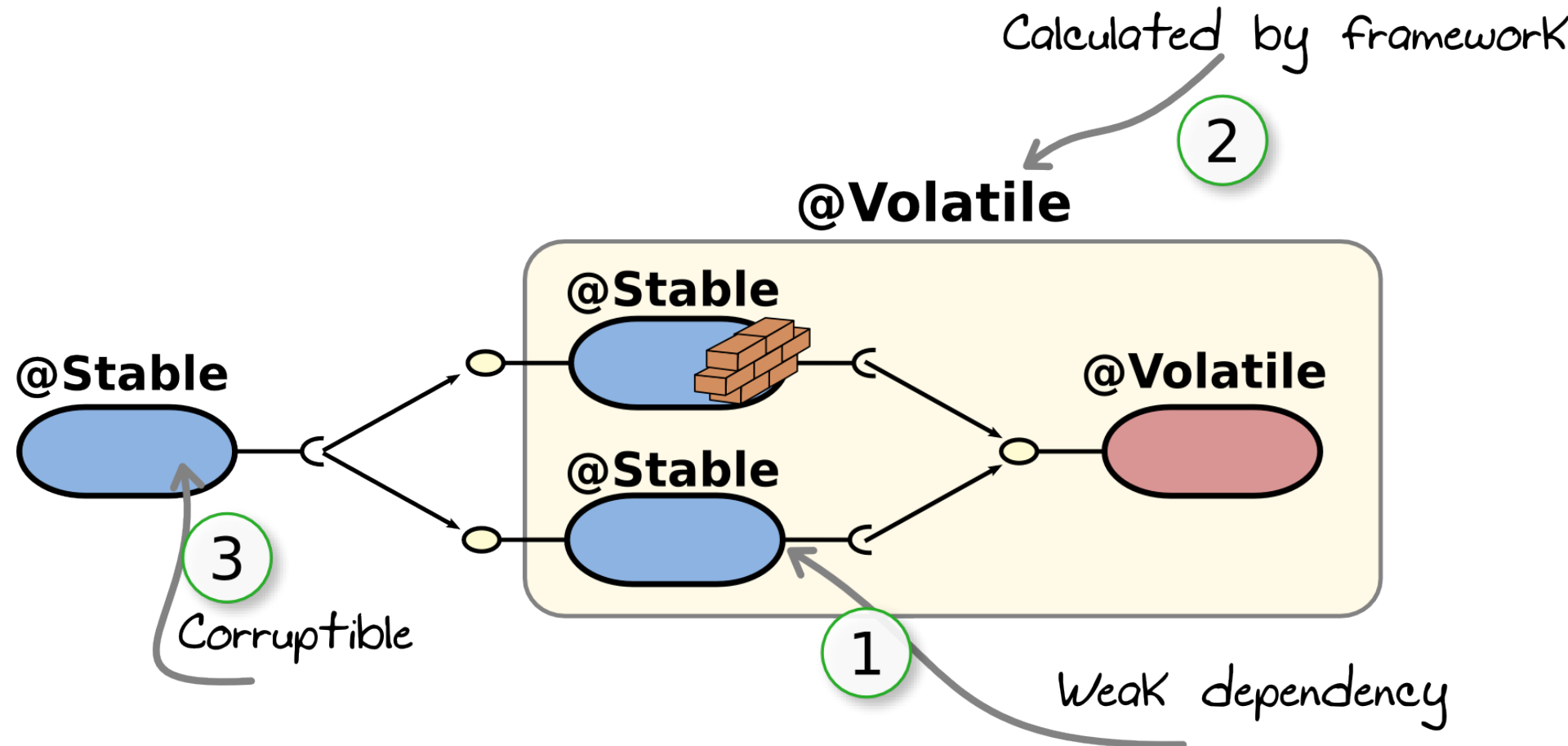
Property composition



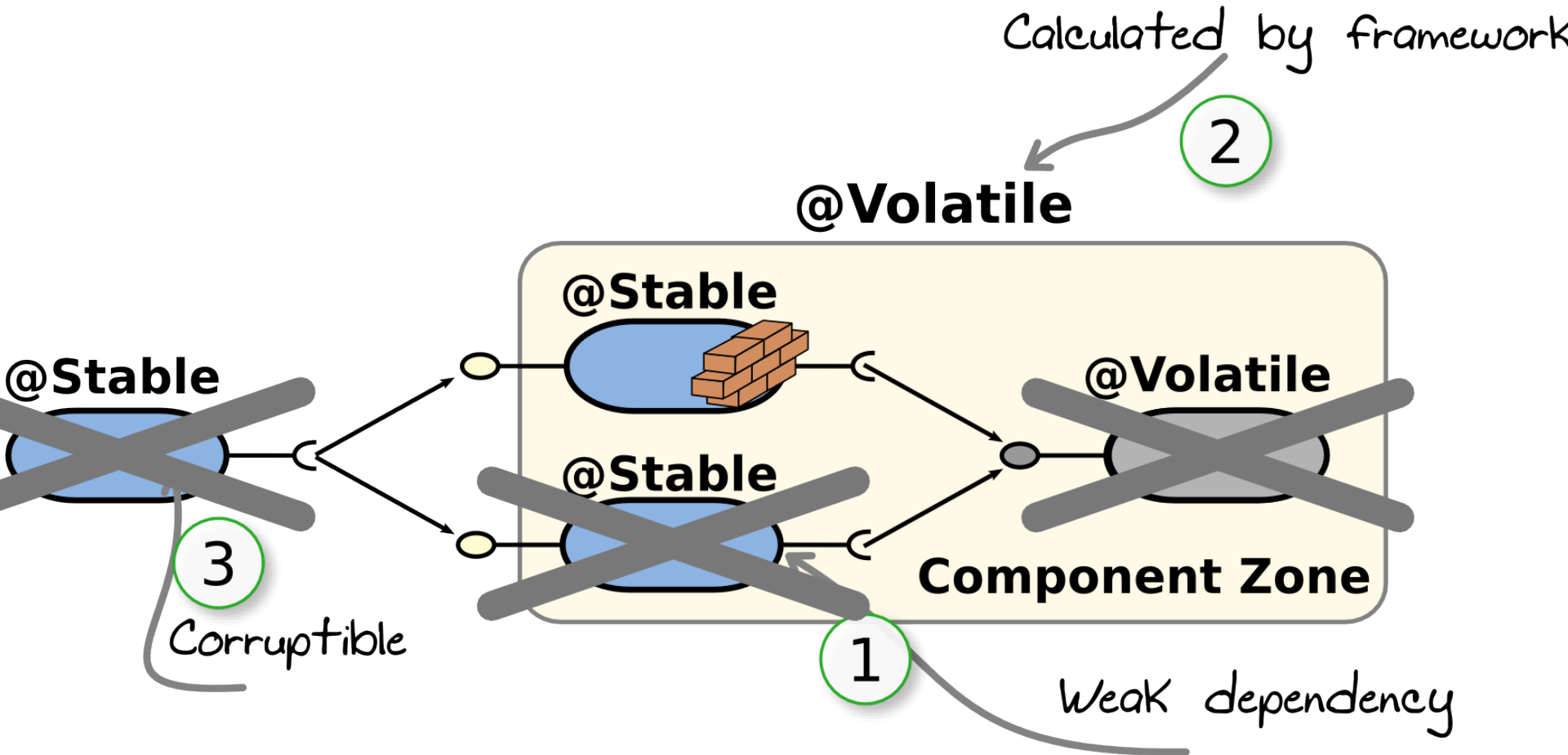
# Volatile example



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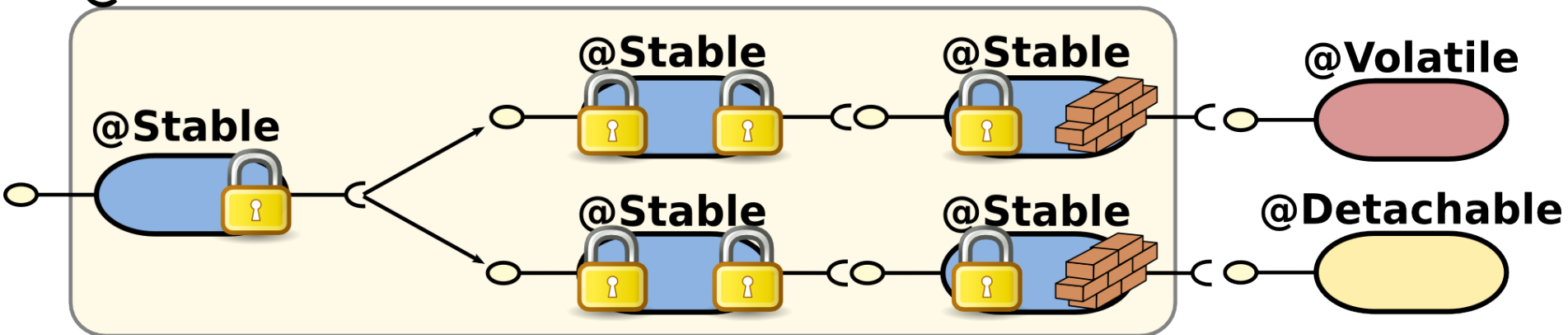
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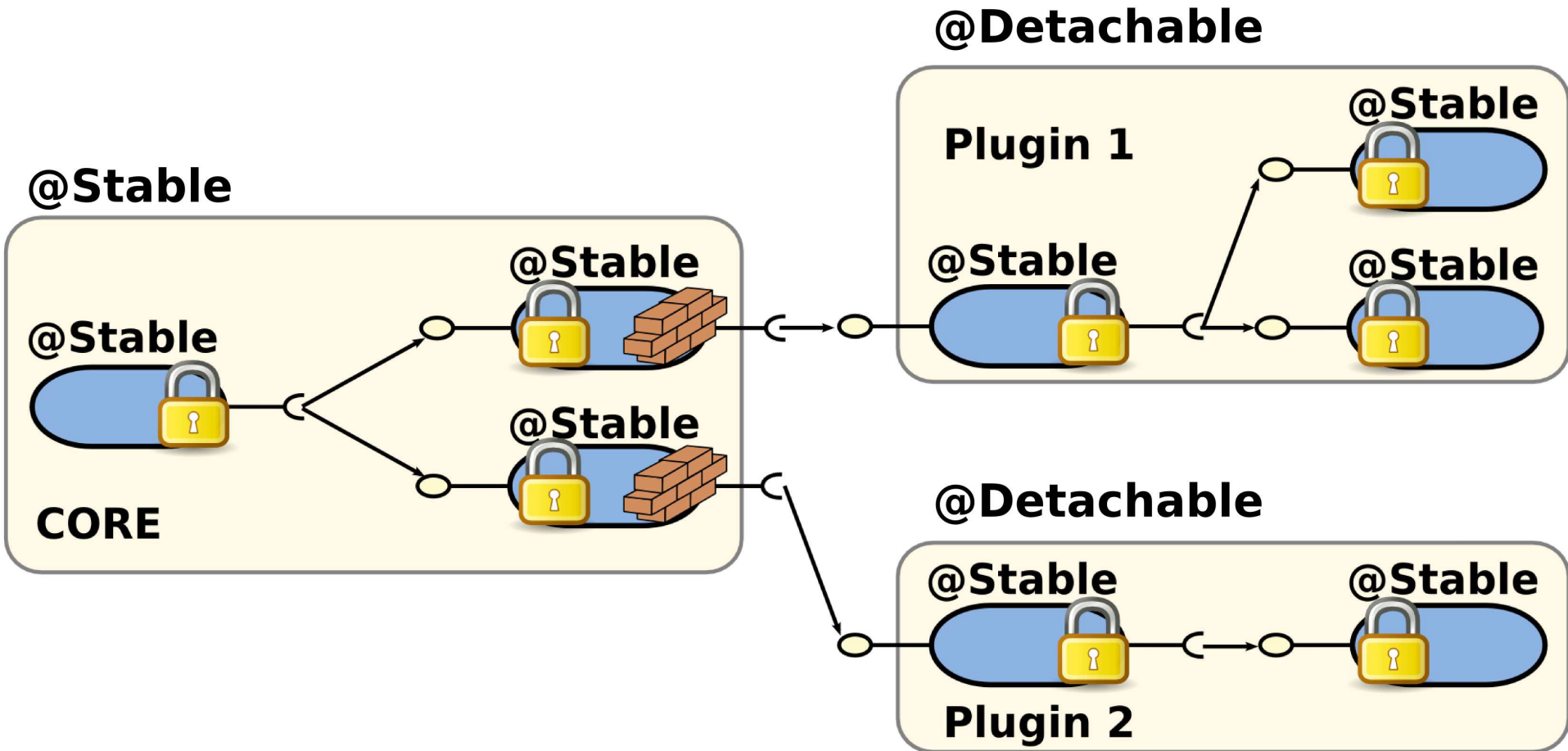
# Stable example

*verified by framework*

**@Stable**



# Plugin example



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# Requirements

Build class dependency graph

Analyze **all** Classes

Identify Class ↔ Module relations

Calculate Service Contract

Simple graph algorithms

**Open-world** solution

# Solution comparison

Design-time **versus** Runtime

Source code **versus** Bytecode

Automated  
Analysis **versus** Interactive  
diagnostics

*Hardest case possible*



# Technical solution

Java agent for Instrumentation

Get and Instrument **ALL** Classes

Code injection (ASM)

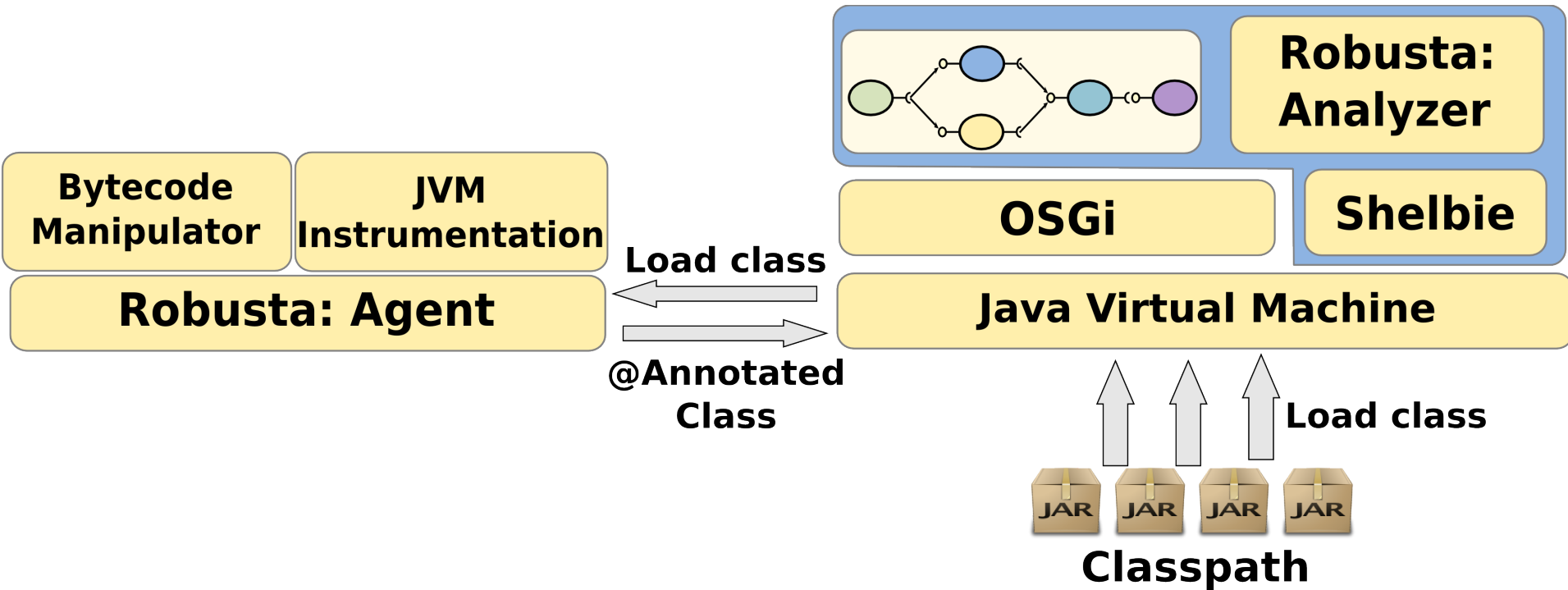
@Robusta & @ClassDependency

Includes filtering options

Interactive Commands with Shelbie

An OSGi Shell

# Technical solution



# Interactive command-line

Classloaders (i.e., Modules)

Classes

Duplicates

Service Contract calculation

Transitive dependency graph

Extensions too

Graphs represent current state  
**unambiguously.**

# Experimentation

OW2 JonAS Java EE Application  
Server

+ 300 modules

+ 120 composants

+ 400k Lines of Code

# Console based output

## ClassLoader List showing Parent and Loading classloaders

```
1: bundle: loader: bootstrap (NULL) parent: null-parent
2: bundle: loader: sun.reflect.DelegatingClassLoader@766d65fd parent: org.apache.felix.
3: bundle: loader: org.apache.felix.ipoj.handlers.dependency.Dependency$SmartProxyFactory@3b1aed57 parent: null-parent
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# Dependency trees

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****      Printing classloader loader tree (how the classloaders were loaded)      ****
*****

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# Duplicated classes

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264:org.apache.felix.framework.BundleWiringImpl@70c722ad:fr.adele.robusta.commands.TestAction
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965:org.apache.felix.framework.BundleWiringImpl@44319bc6:fr.adele.robusta.internal.util.AnsiPrint
1003:sun.misc.Launcher$AppClassLoader@12360be0:fr.adele.robusta.agent.RobustaJavaAgent
1014:sun.misc.Launcher$AppClassLoader@12360be0:fr.adele.robusta.agent.manipulator.Dependency
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2088:org.apache.felix.framework.BundleWiringImpl@107ad736:fr.adele.robusta.commands.TestAction
2111:org.apache.felix.framework.BundleWiringImpl@14ea0724:fr.adele.robusta.internal.util.GraphWrit
2149:sun.misc.Launcher$AppClassLoader@12360be0:fr.adele.robusta.annotations.Robusta
2181:org.apache.felix.framework.BundleWiringImpl@107ad736:fr.adele.robusta.commands.ClassAction
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# Statistics

```
*****  
*****          Statistics          *****  
*****  
Total number of classes: 5125  
Total number of duplicated classes: 223  
Total number of classloaders (including hidden): 416  
Total number of classes intercepted: 4295  
Total number of non_modified_classes: 0  
Total number of modified_classes: 4295  
Total number of redefined_classes: 0  
  
*** Total execution time: 23 miliseconds ***  
  
rudametw@jonas$ □
```



# Overhead

## Memory

1 X annotation per class-dependency

4 X attributes per annotation

## Execution

Graph calculation times: 20ms – 160ms

Agent manipulation times: ~9ms

Between 0ms – 220ms

No execution overhead when not used.

# Lessons

## Loading all classes

Java is **lazy**, Garbage Collection is lazy

Duplicate classes do happen

## Root hierarchy

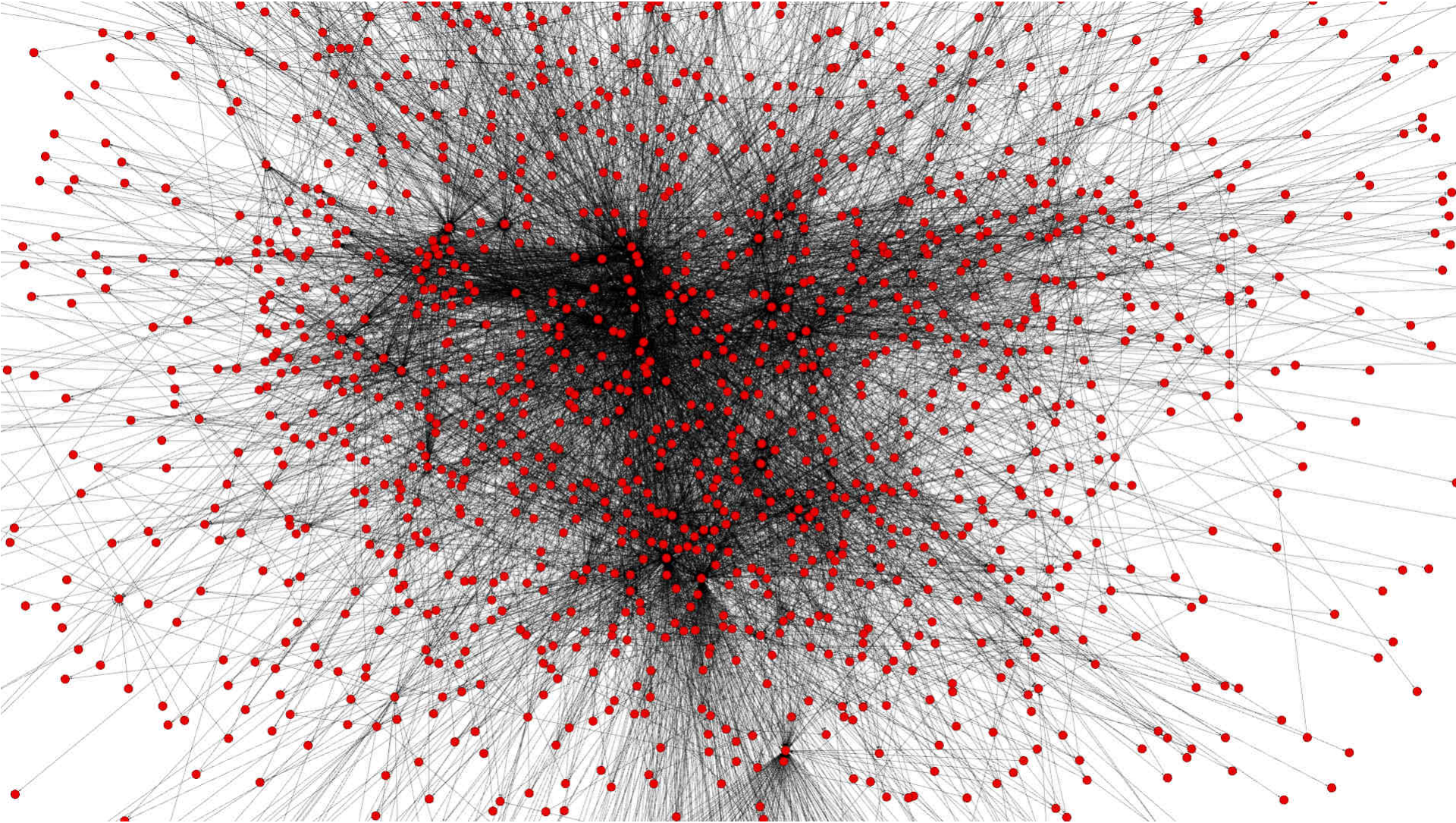
**Object** class causes hidden coupling

## Complexity

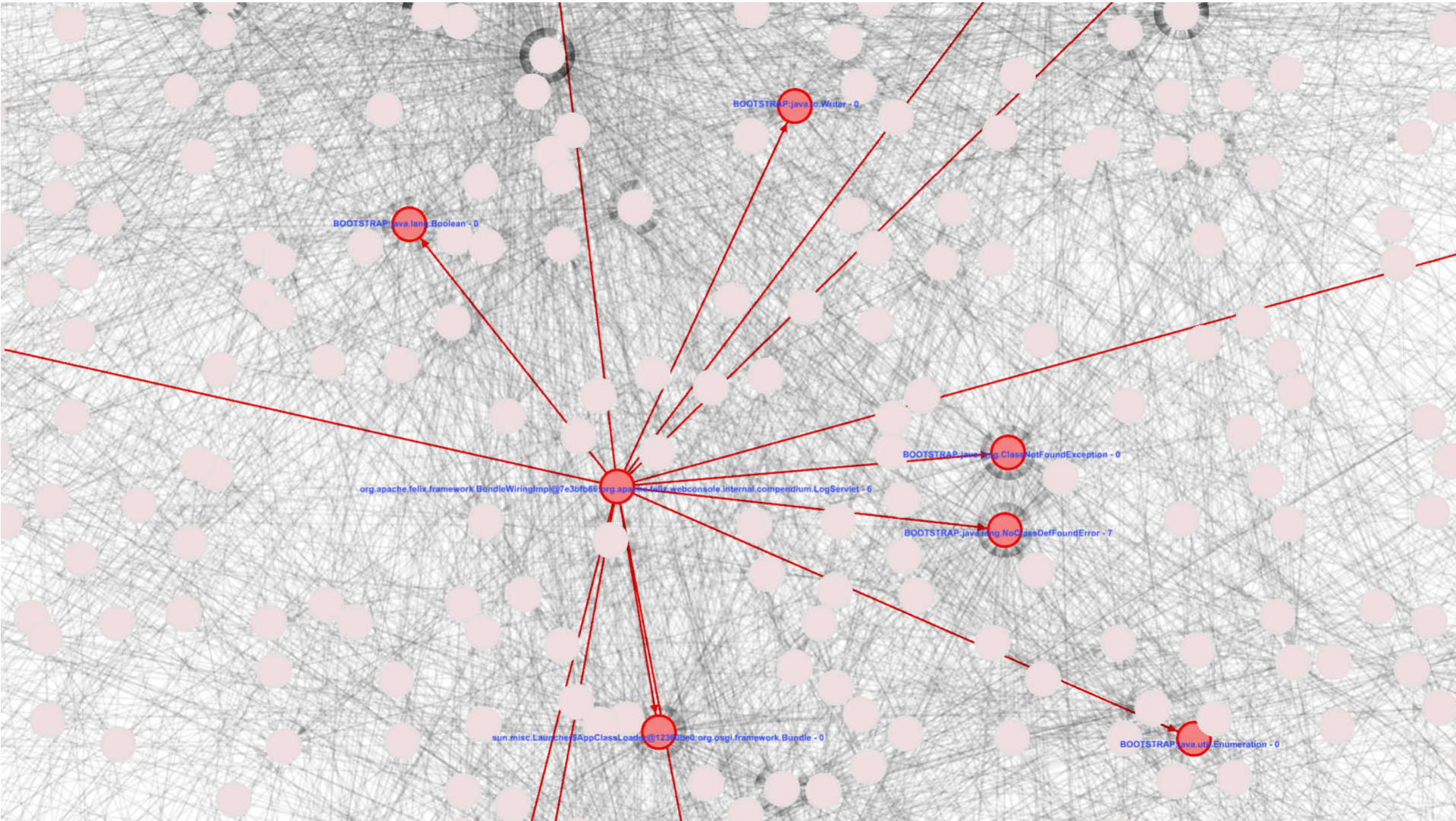
Services can be quite complex

Requires tooling

# Simple application



# Simple application



# Outline

Context & Challenges

State of the Art

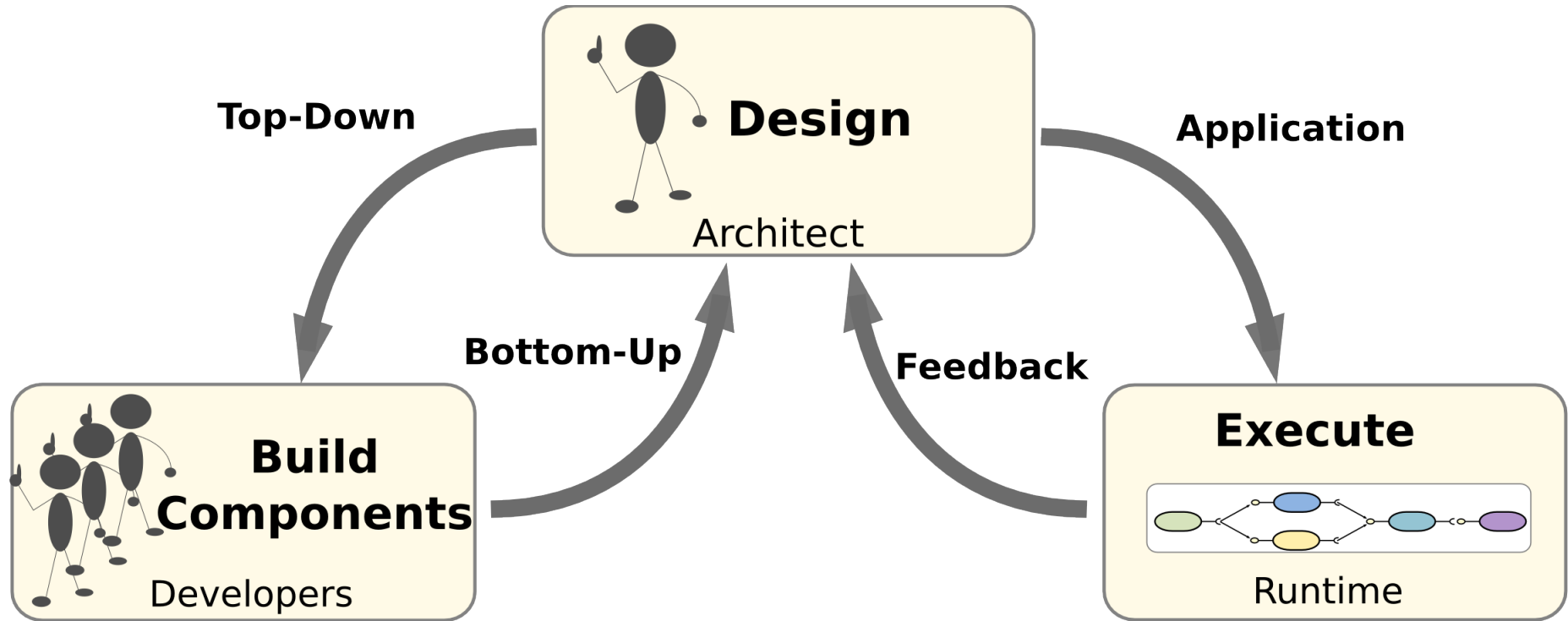
Proposition

Implementation & Validation

**Conclusion & Perspectives**

Robusta as an  
**approach** to dynamism

# Developing Dynamic Applications



# Final remarks



# Problem

Write **robust** centralized  
dynamic applications

Design

Write

Understand

Manage

# Contributions

**Architecture-centric** approach to dynamism

Improved **understanding**

Coupling & Dynamism

Safe dynamism through **decoupling**

Proof-of-Concept (**open**-world)

<https://github.com/rudametw/Robusta>

# Perspectives

## Integrate into

Felix WebConsole

M@RT & Monitoring

IDE

Javascript

# Impact

New methodology for dynamism?

Generalizable solution or niche?

Components ↔ Objects

Future adoption?

Thanks.  
Questions?

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