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Using Moose platform for the implementation of a Software Product Line according to Model-Based Delta-Oriented Programming

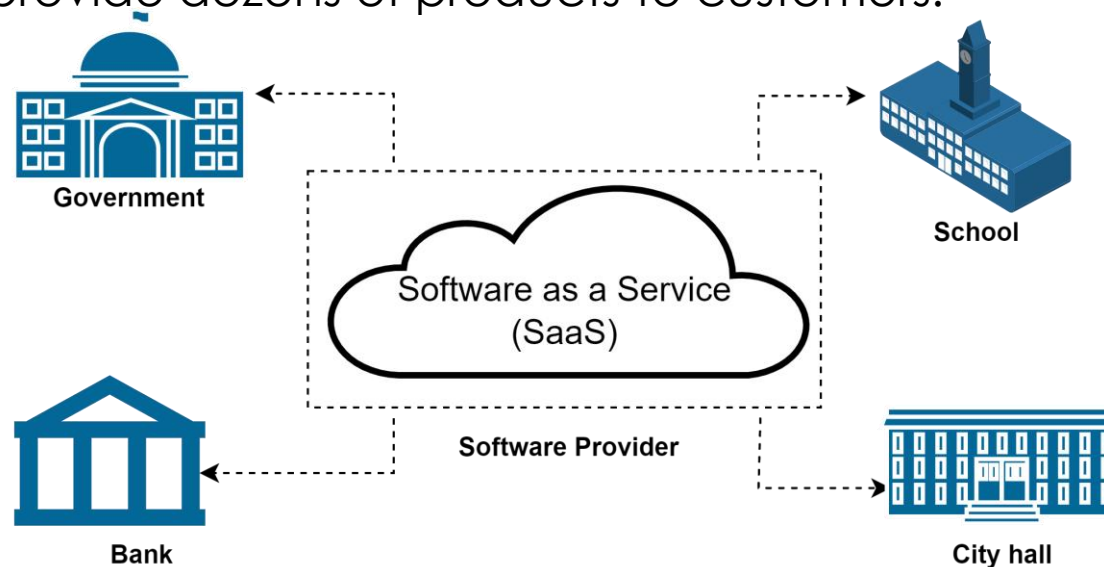
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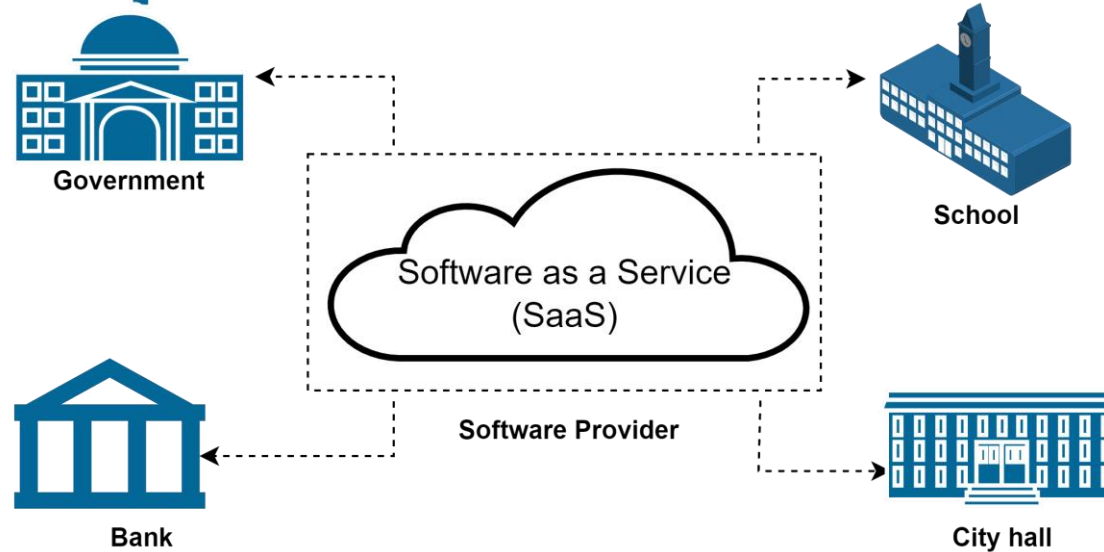
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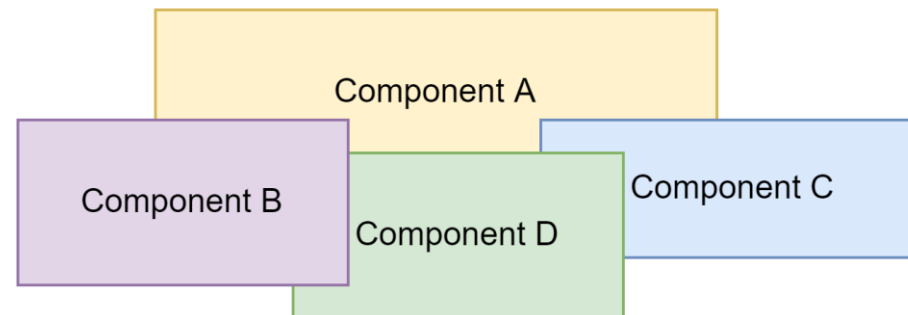


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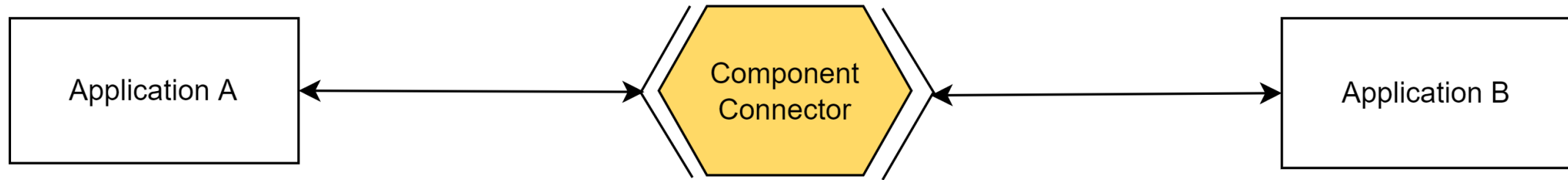
- Software companies provide dozens of products to different customers.



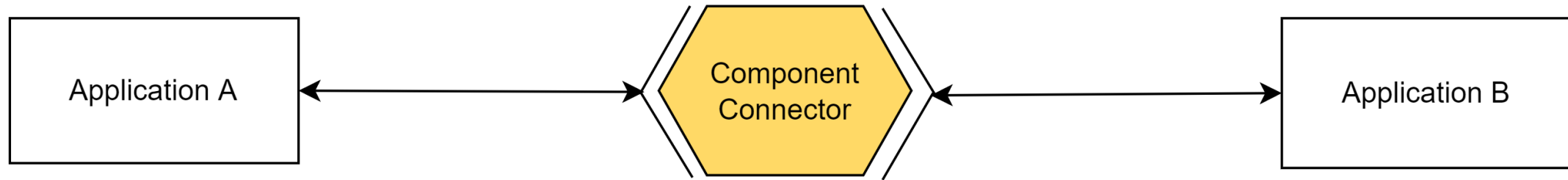
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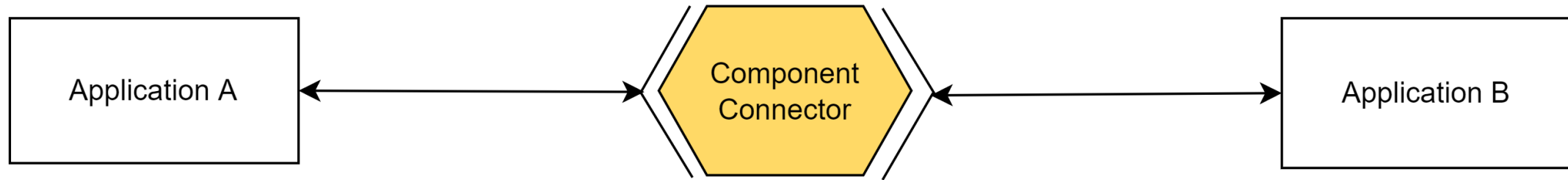


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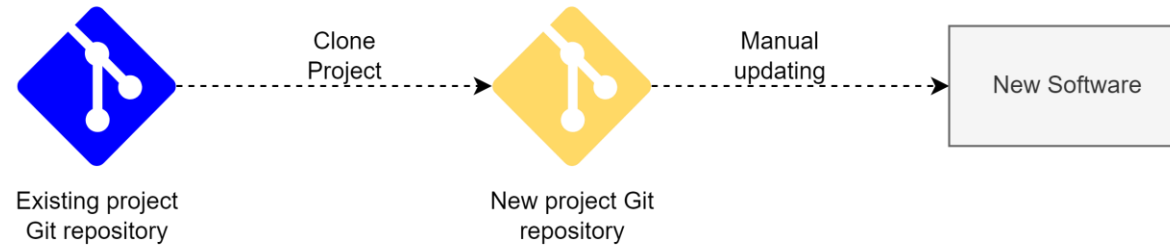
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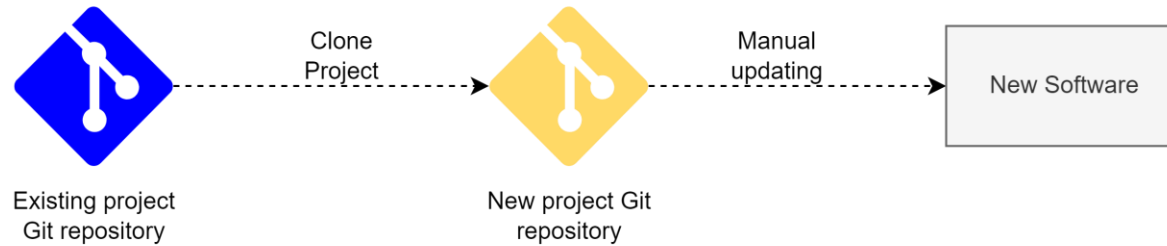
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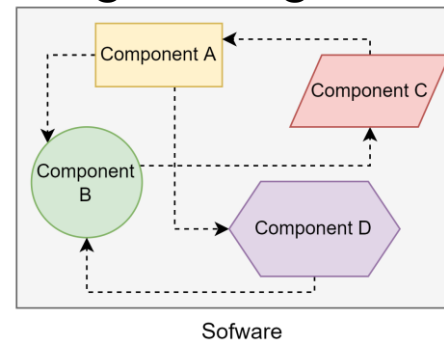


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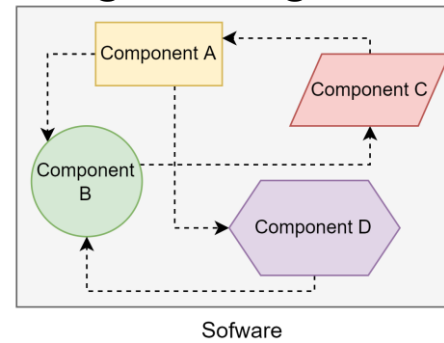


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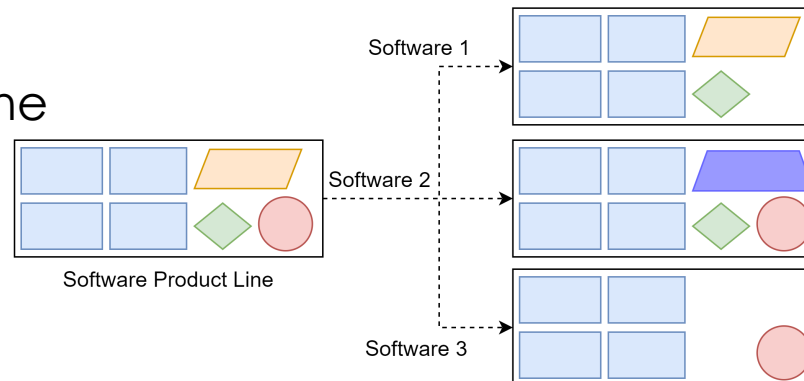
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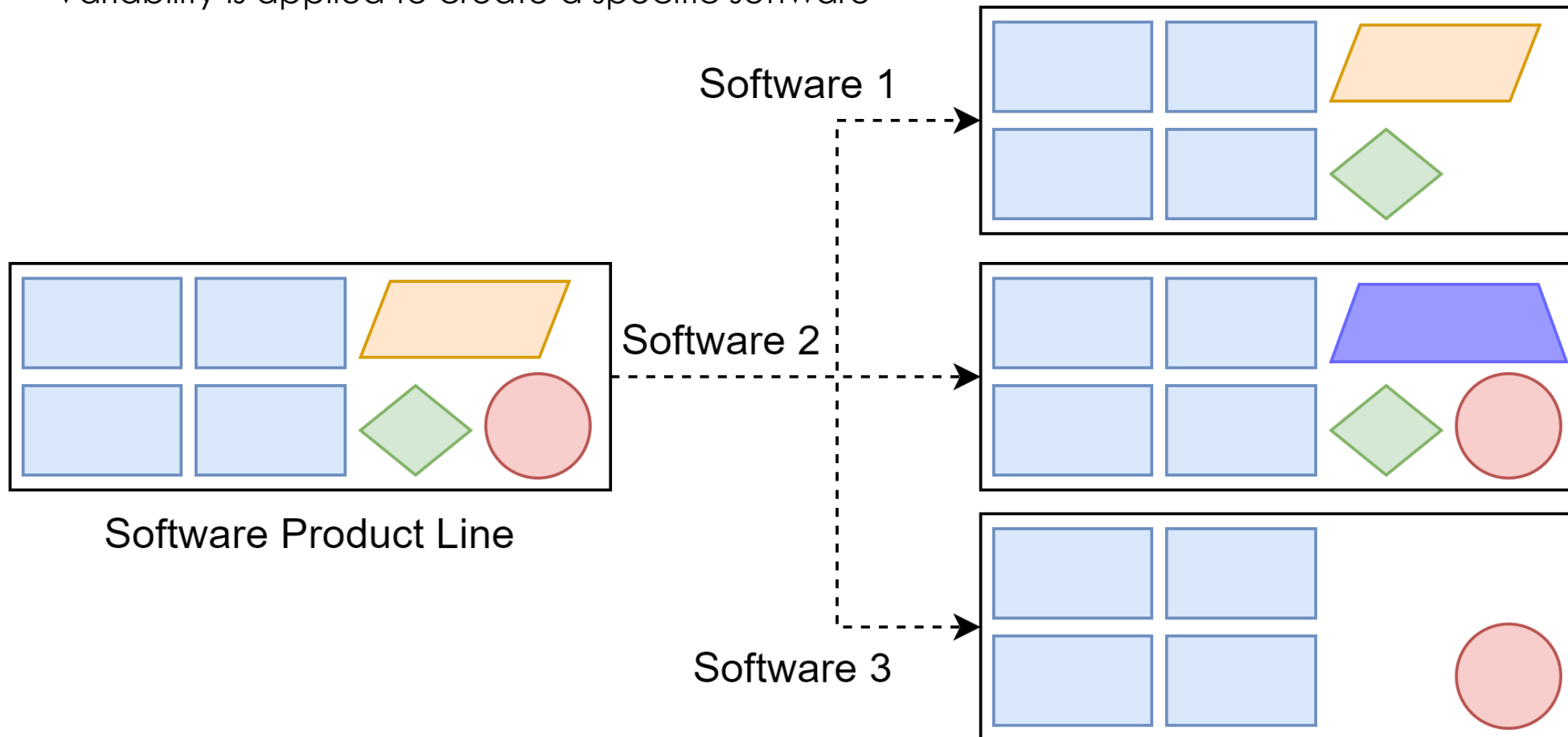
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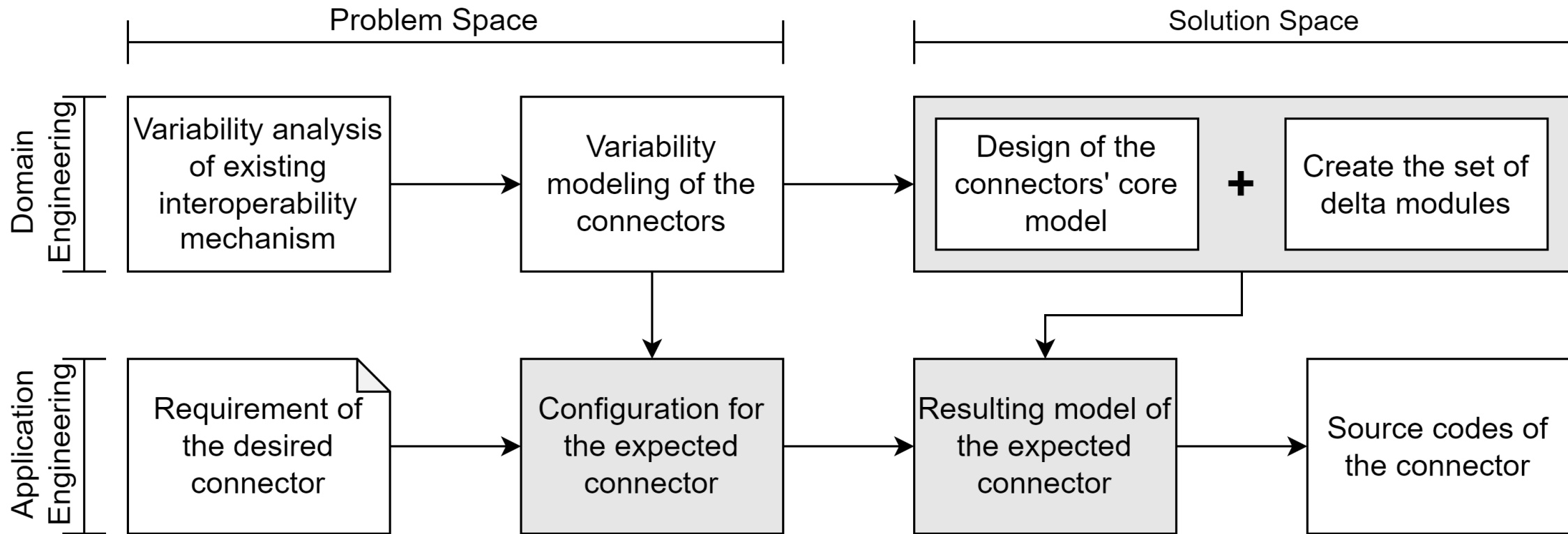


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 - A set of products with common
 - Variability is applied to create a specific software





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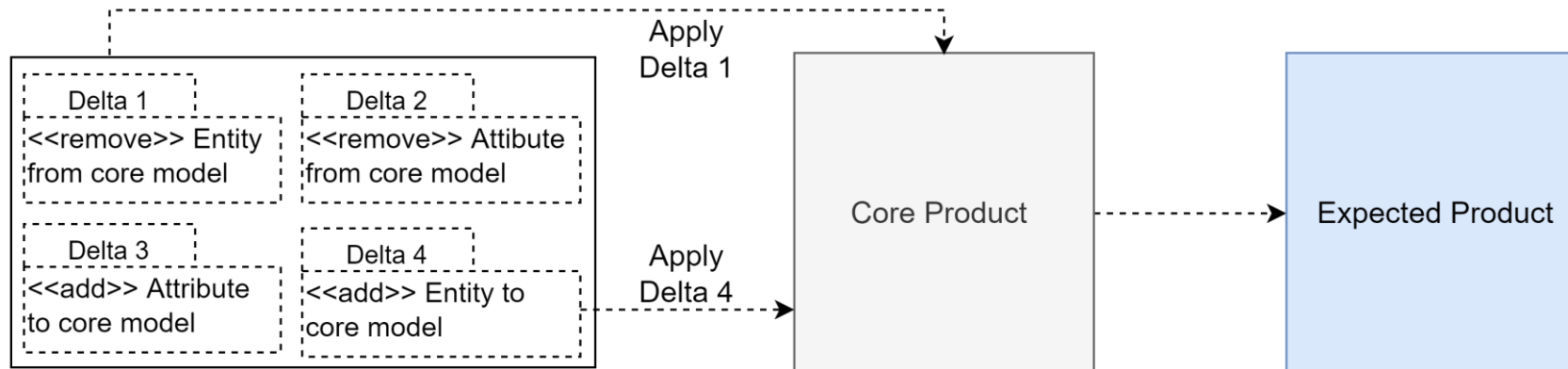
Positioning – DOP paradigms



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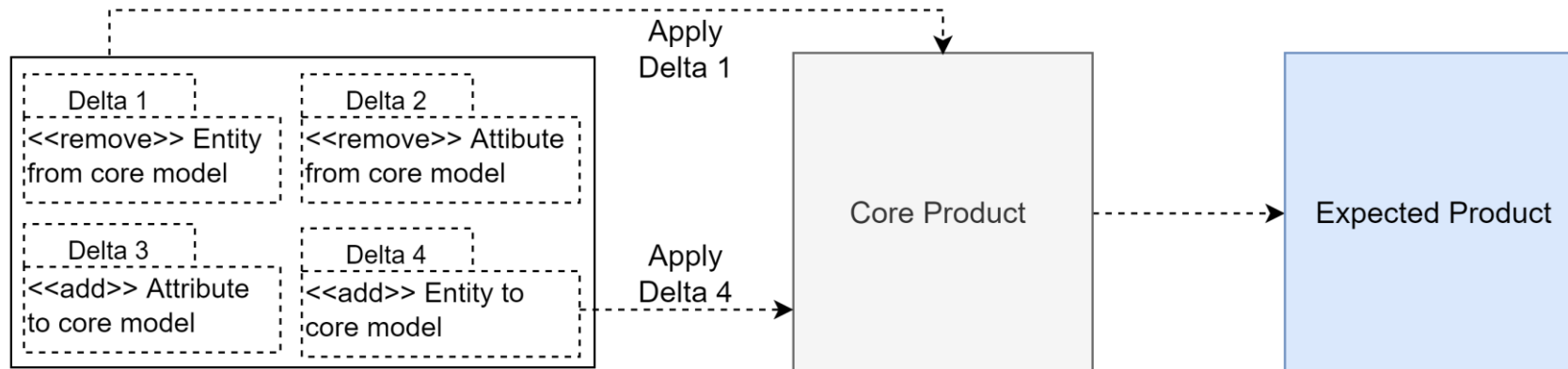
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- Motivation for using Delta-Oriented Programming
 - Its ability to introduce variability into an existing software product
 - Interesting for ensuring the scalability of software and systems.

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- There two main tools



```
public class CoreClass {  
    public String sendMessage(String header, String protocol, String payload) {  
        Map<String, String> values = new HashMap<>();  
        StringBuilder container = new StringBuilder();  
        container.append(header).append(protocol).append(payload);  
        return String.valueOf(container);  
    }  
}
```

Core Class

Delta operation

```
delta Delta1 {  
    modifies com.bl.connector.these.deltaj.example.CoreClass {  
        adds private String cabledProtocol="AMQP";  
        adds protected String changeTrameProtocol(String header, String message) {  
            return header+message+cabledProtocol;  
        }  
    }  
}
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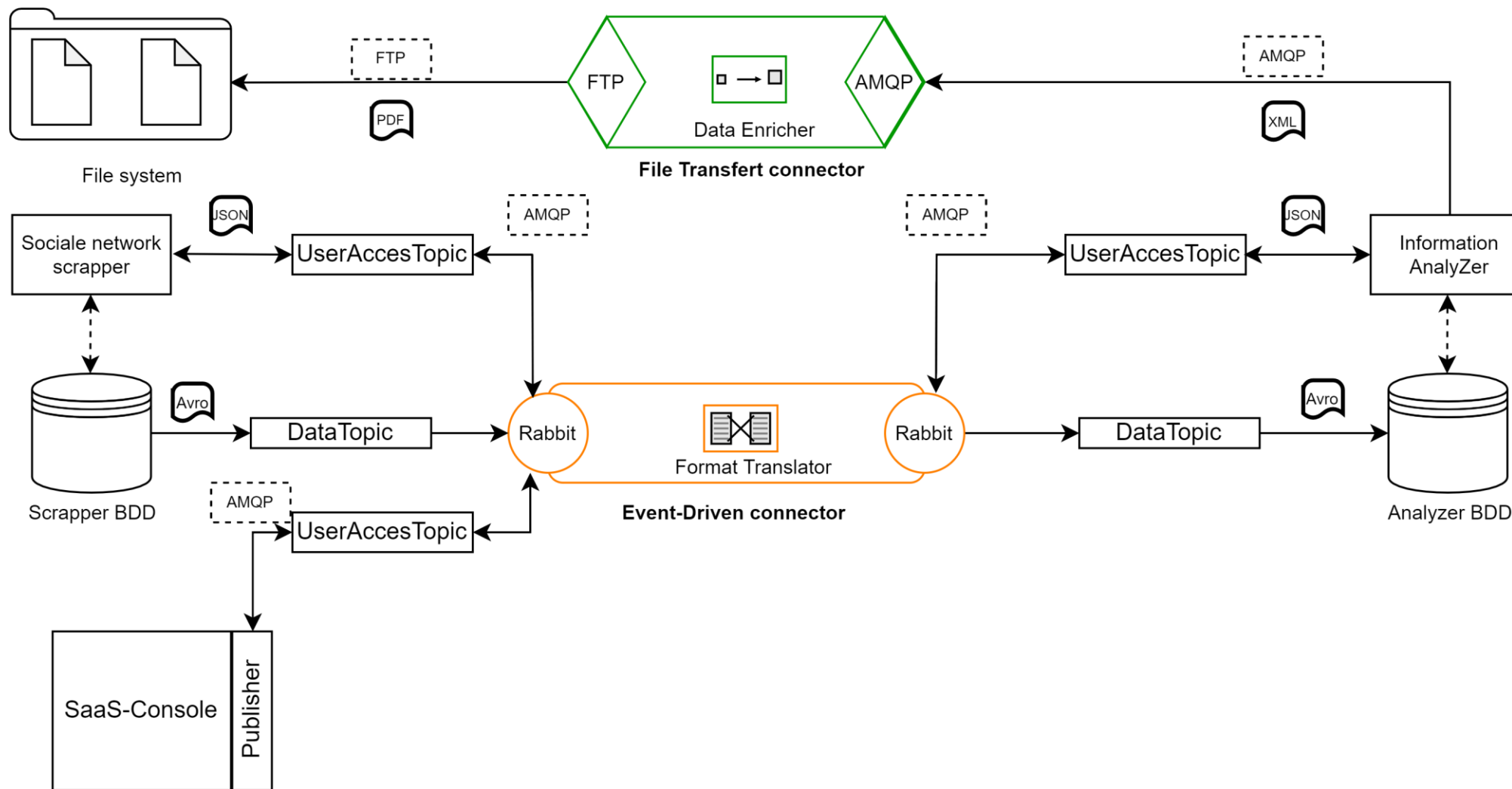
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configuration delta "Delta1"  
    dialect <http://www.emftext.org/java>  
    modifies <./src/com/bl/connector/these/deltaj/example/CoreClass.java>  
    {  
        addMember(<class:com.bl.connector.these.deltaj.example.CoreClass>,  
            "private String cabledProtocol=\"AMQP\";");  
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Decorator

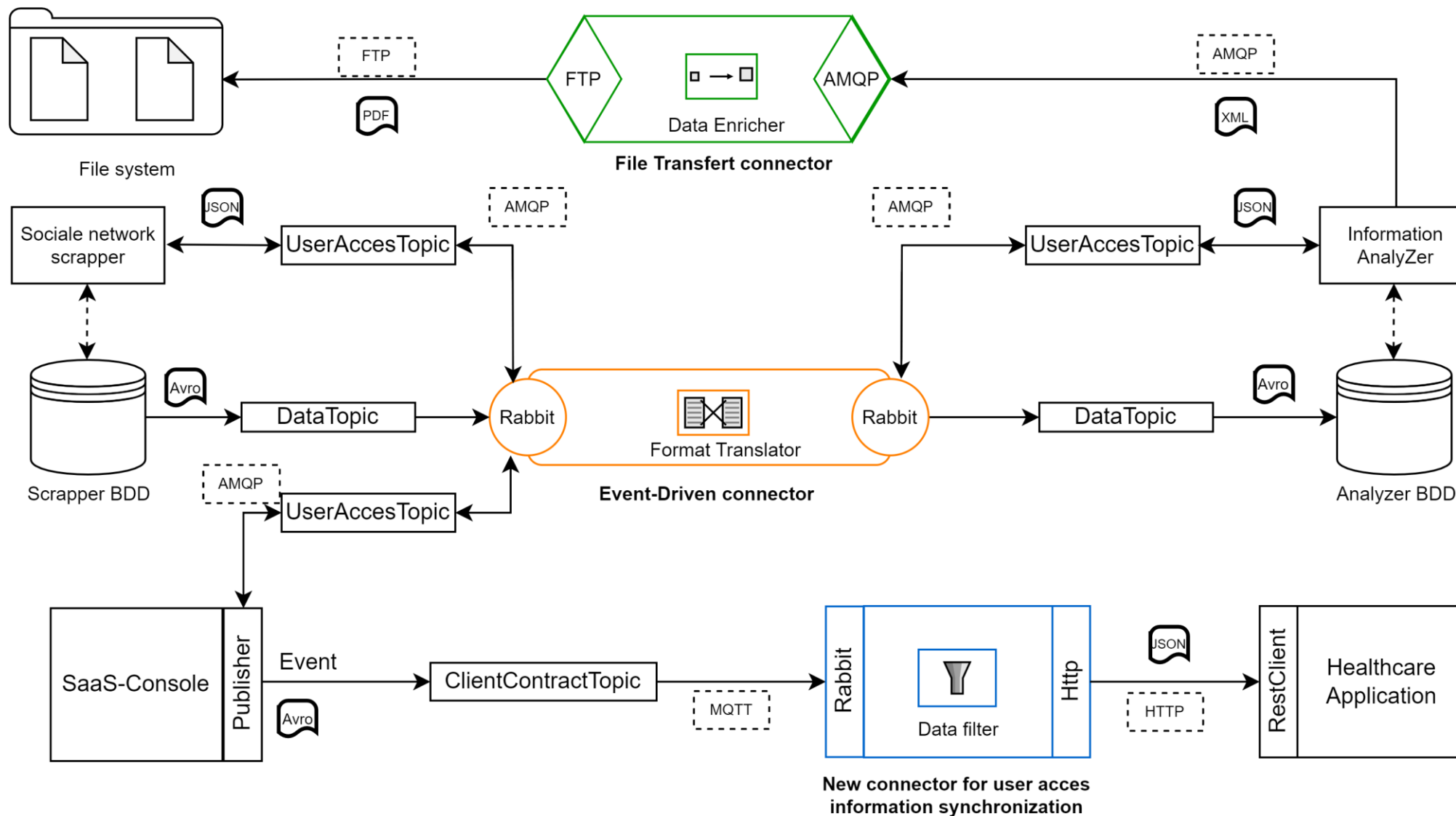
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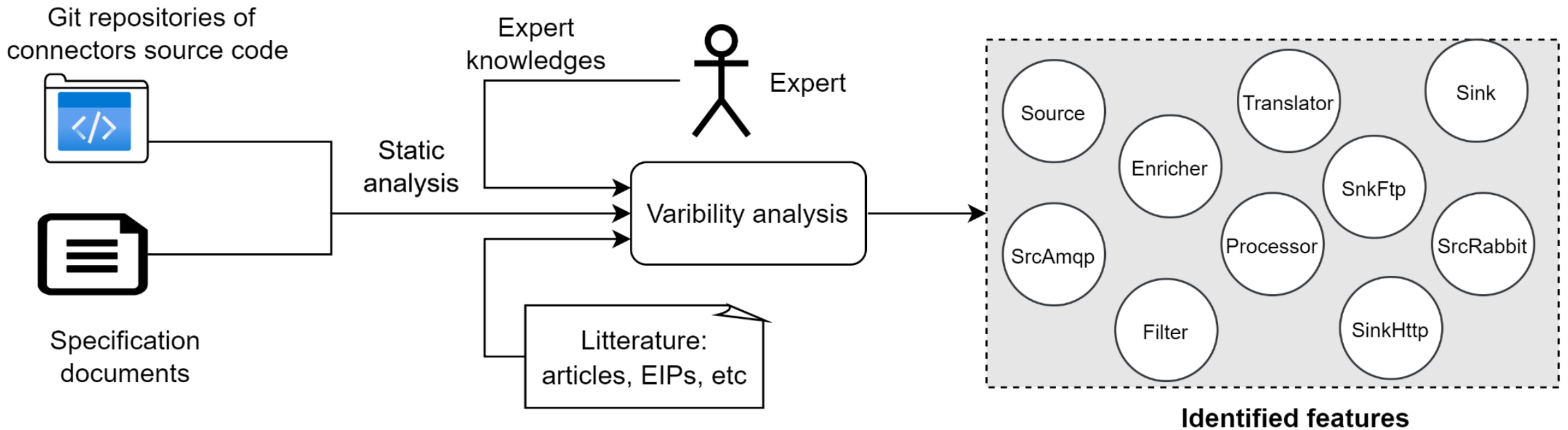
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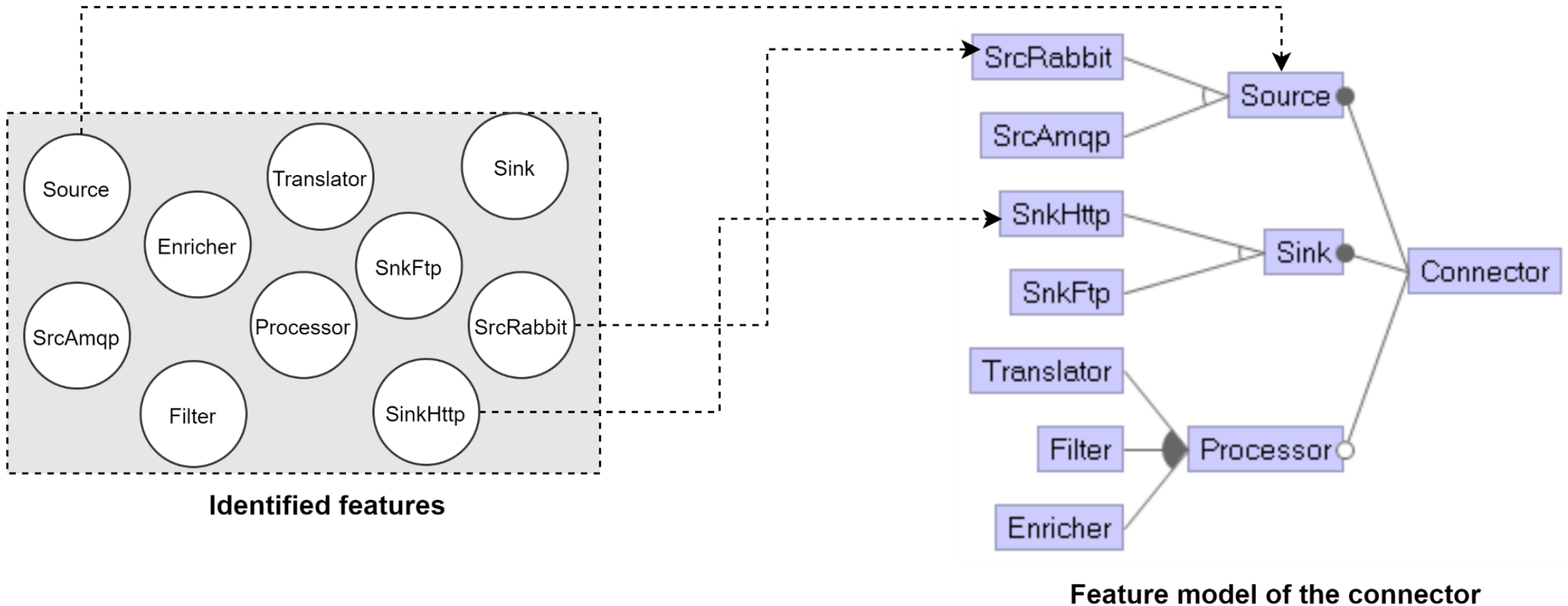
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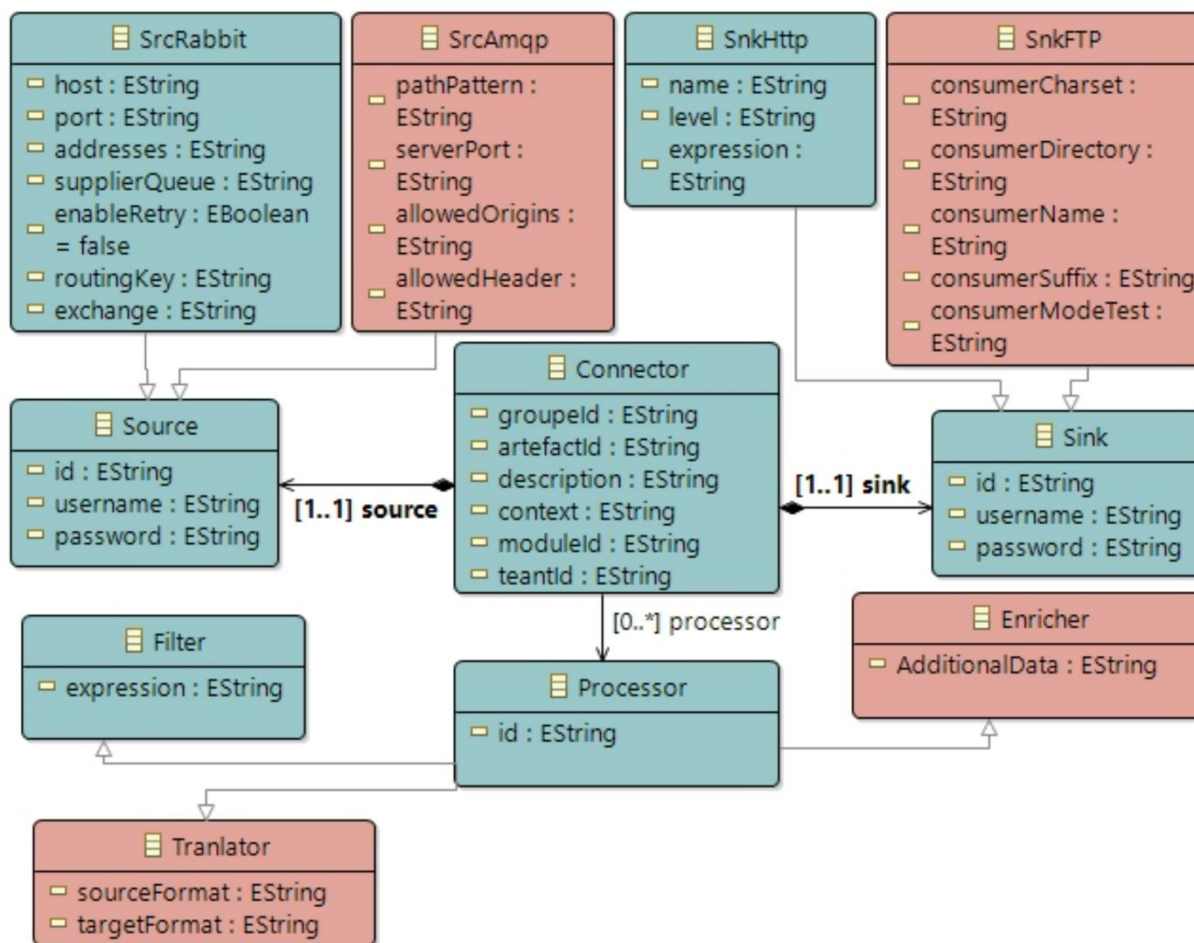
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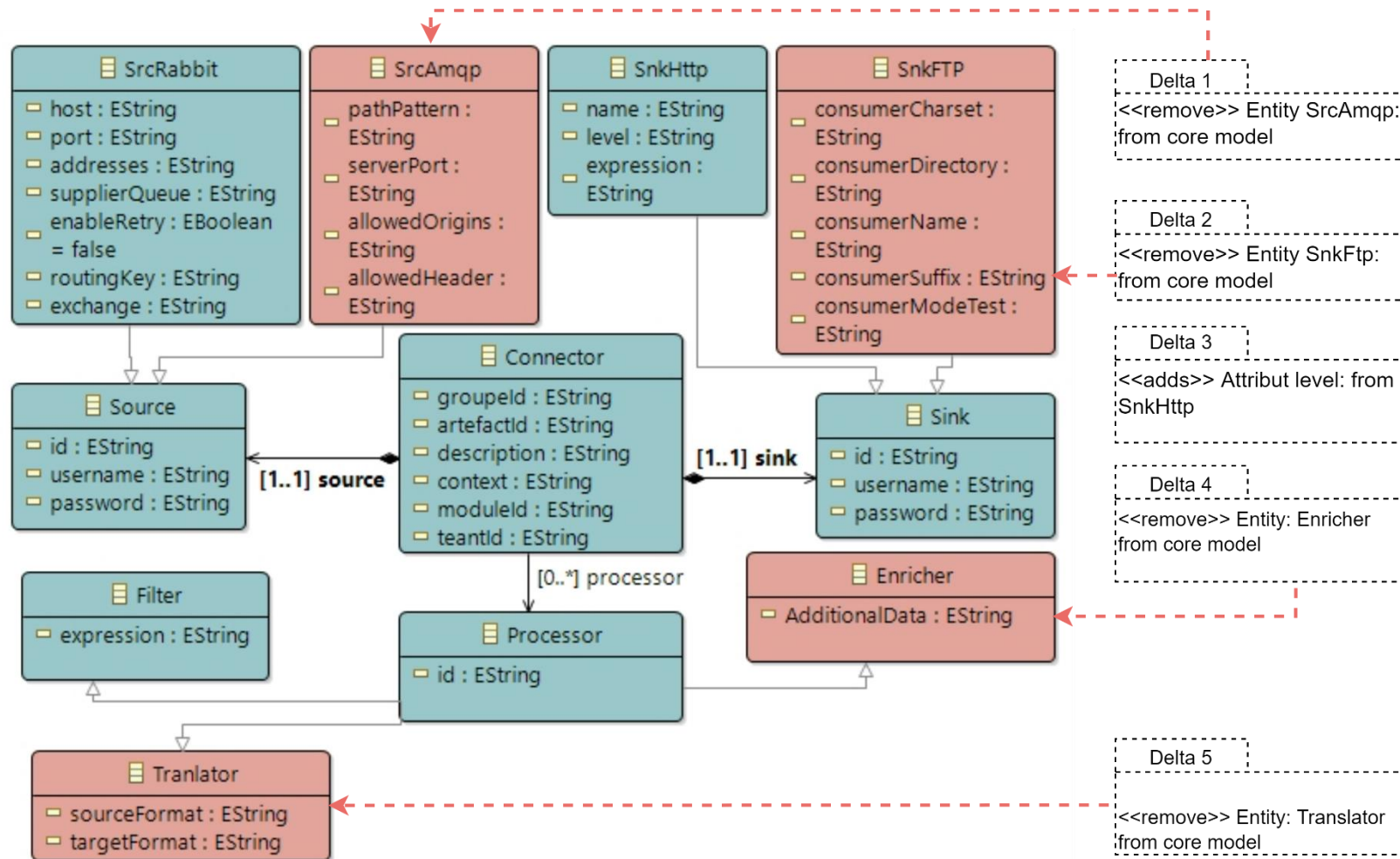
- Variability modeling



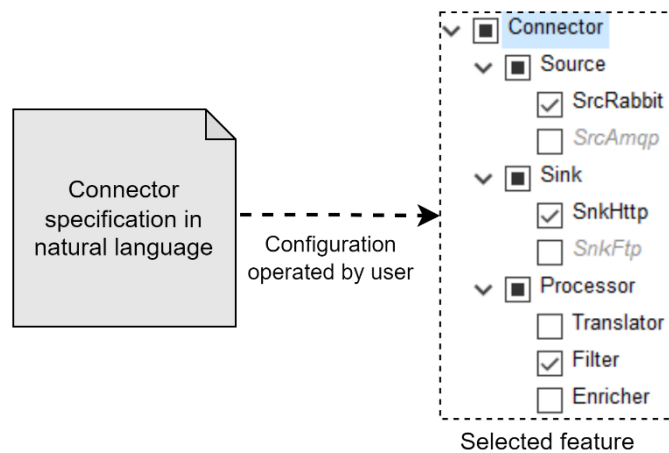
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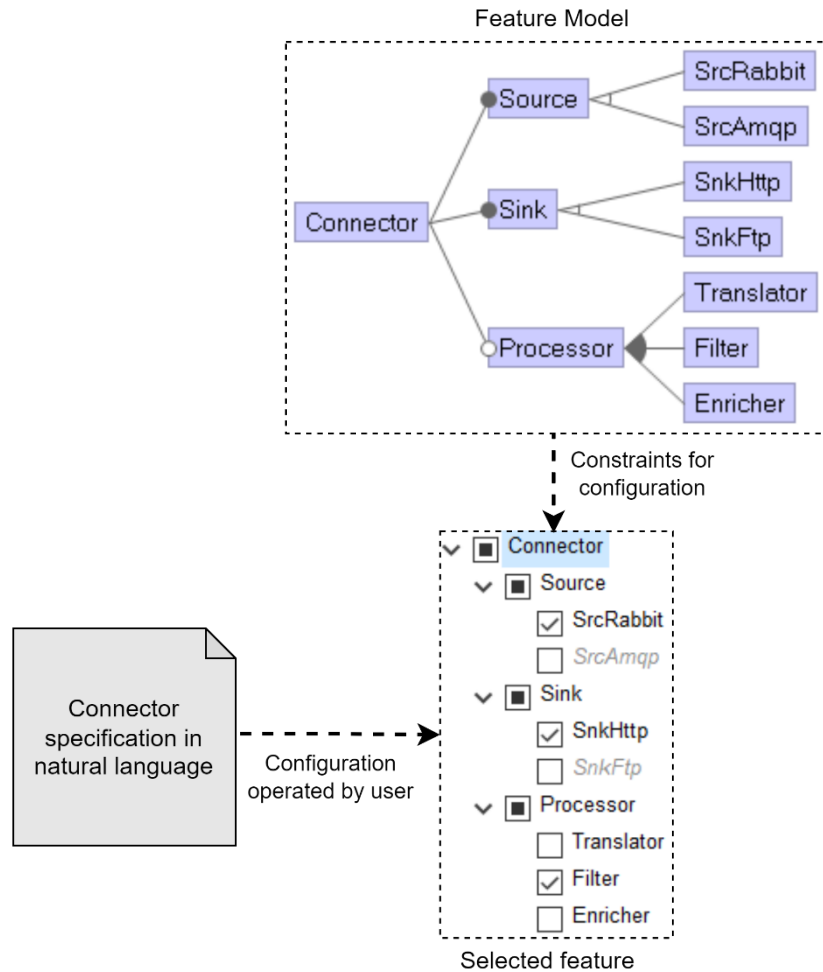


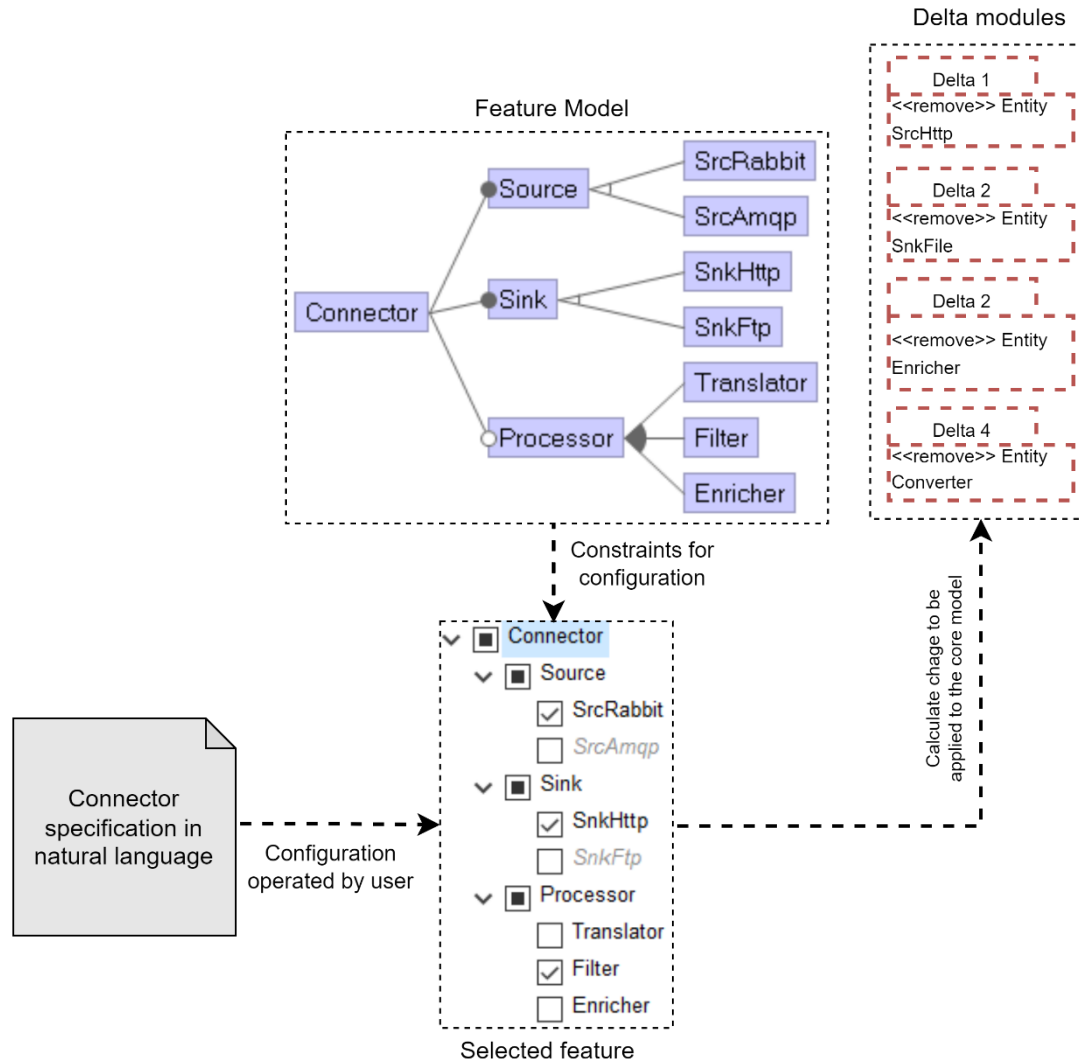
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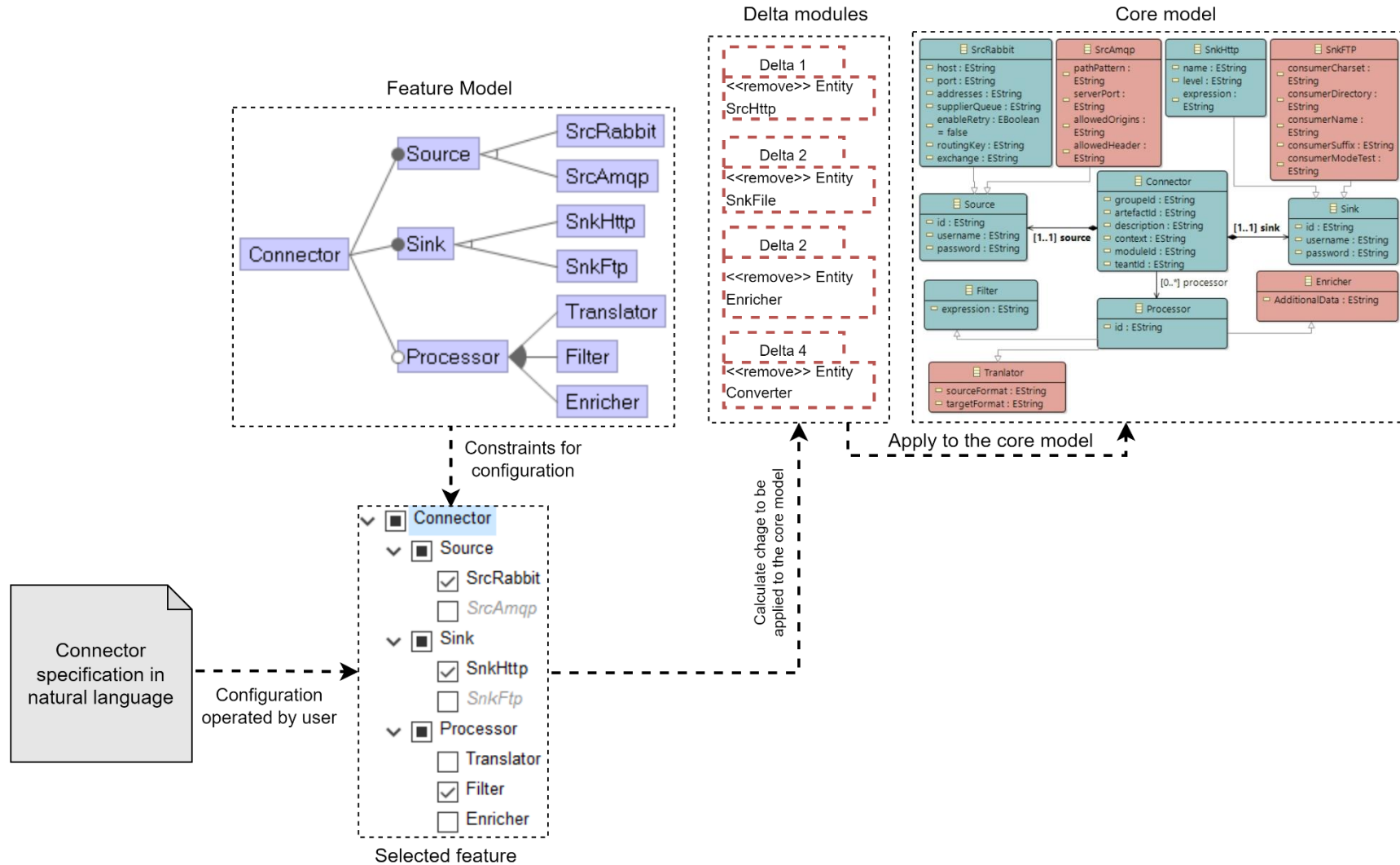


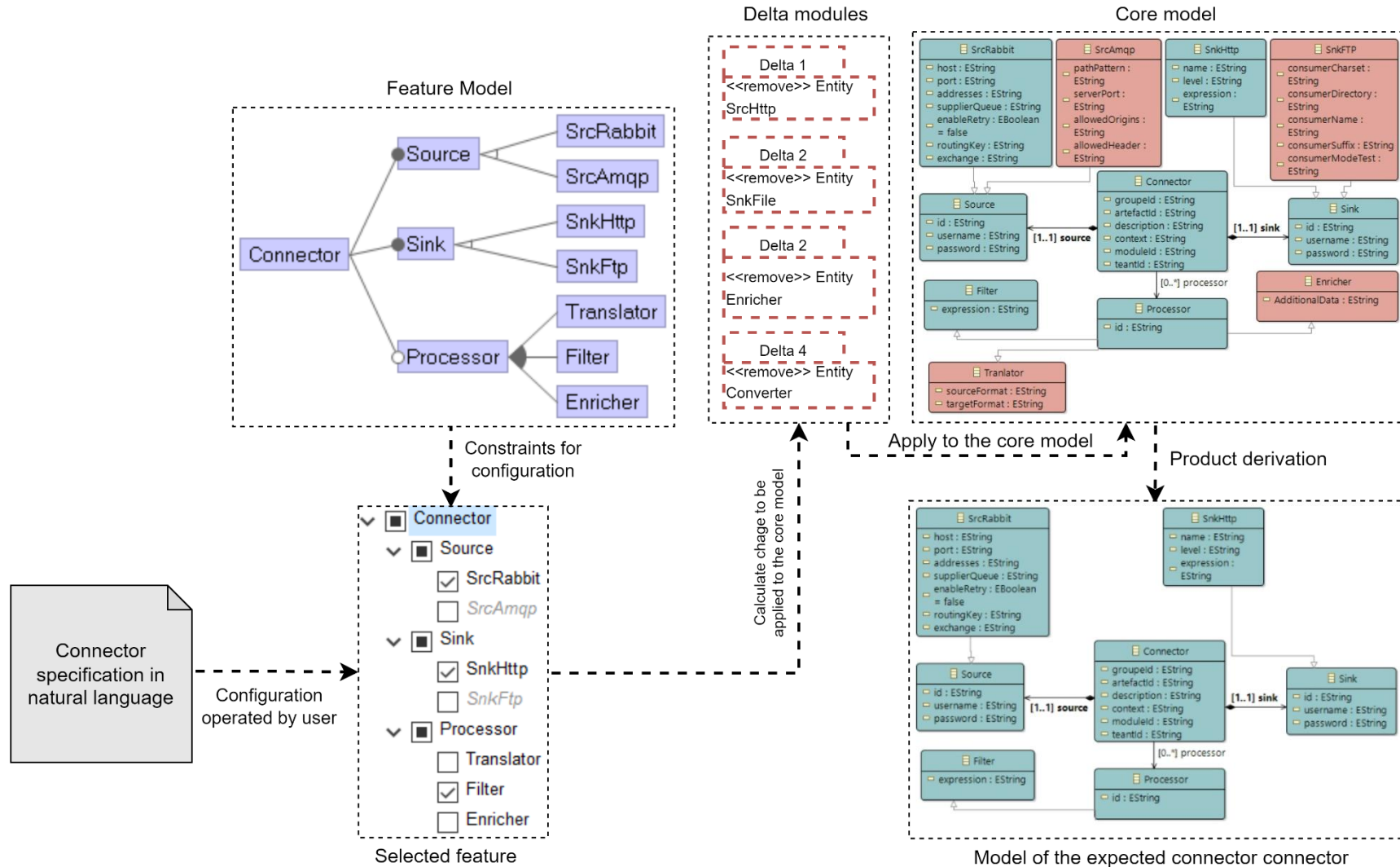
Connector
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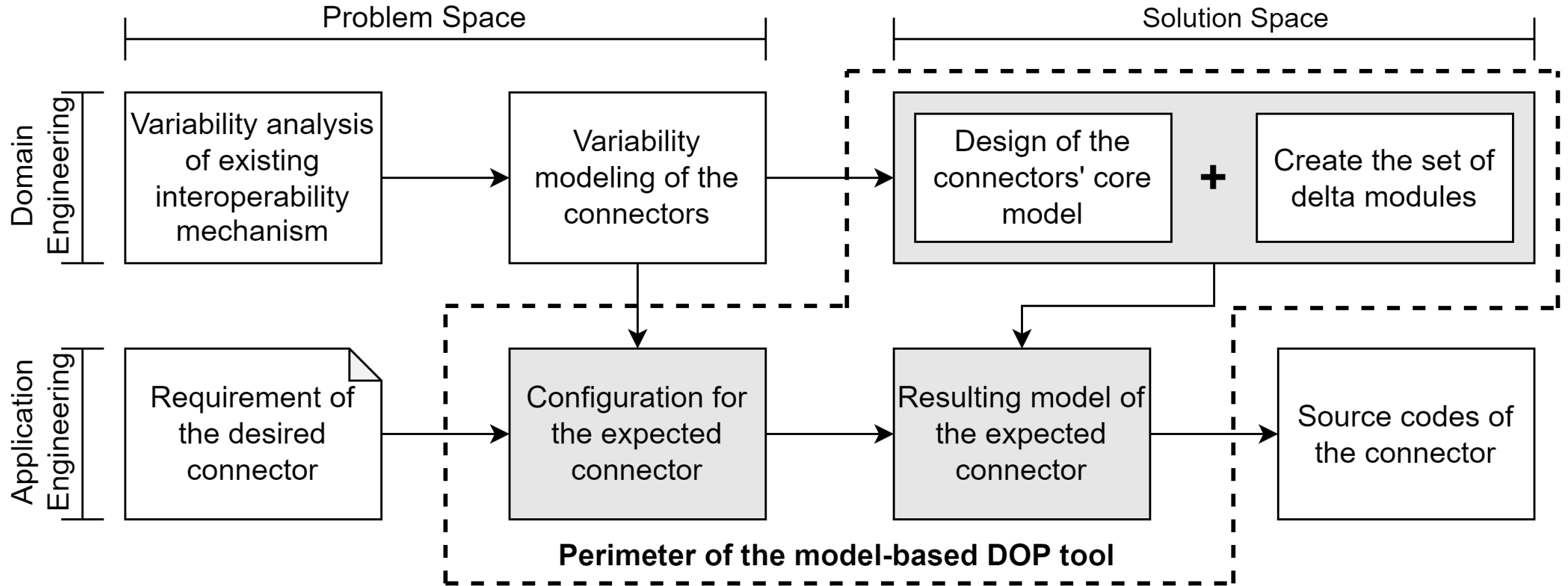








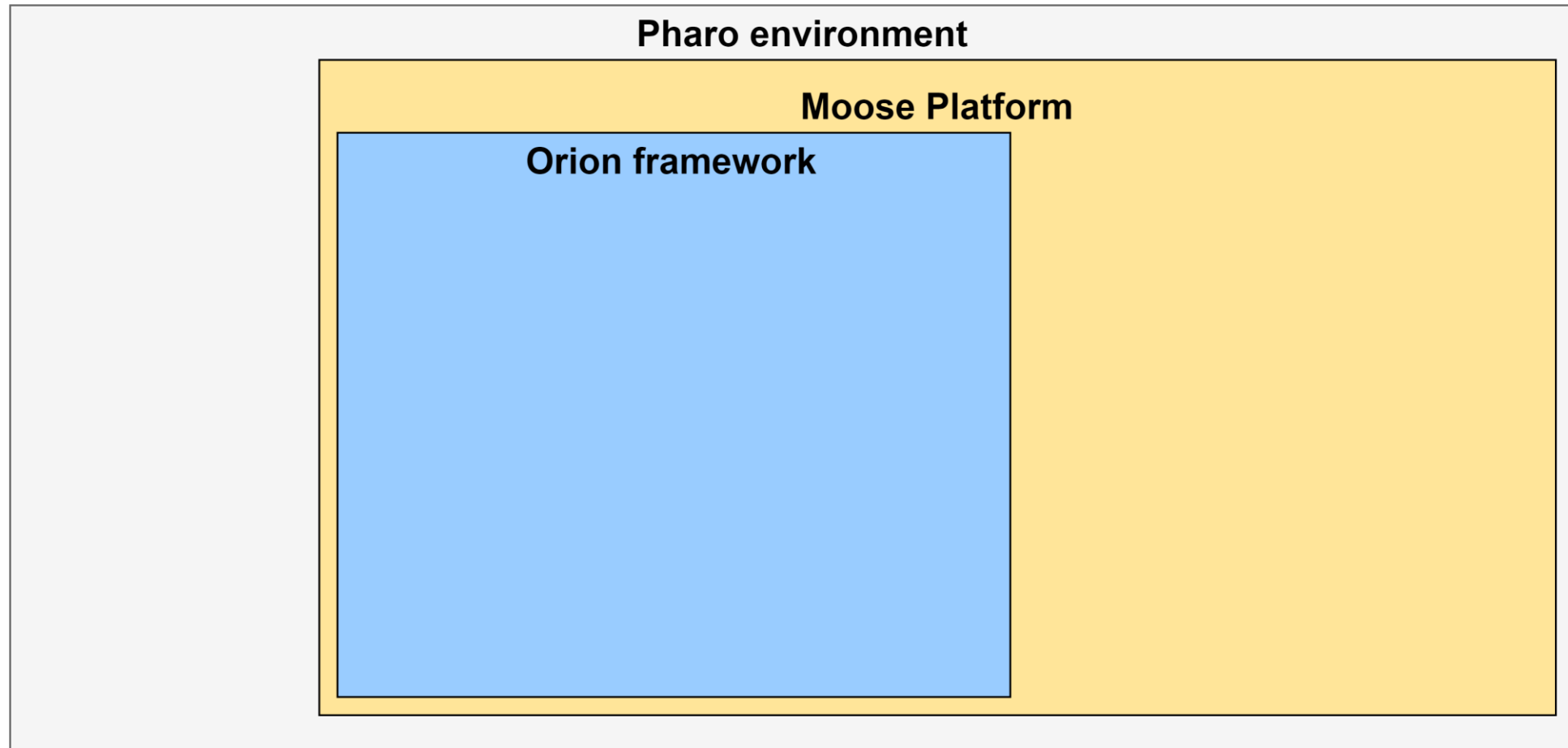
- Software Product Line steps covered by the process.



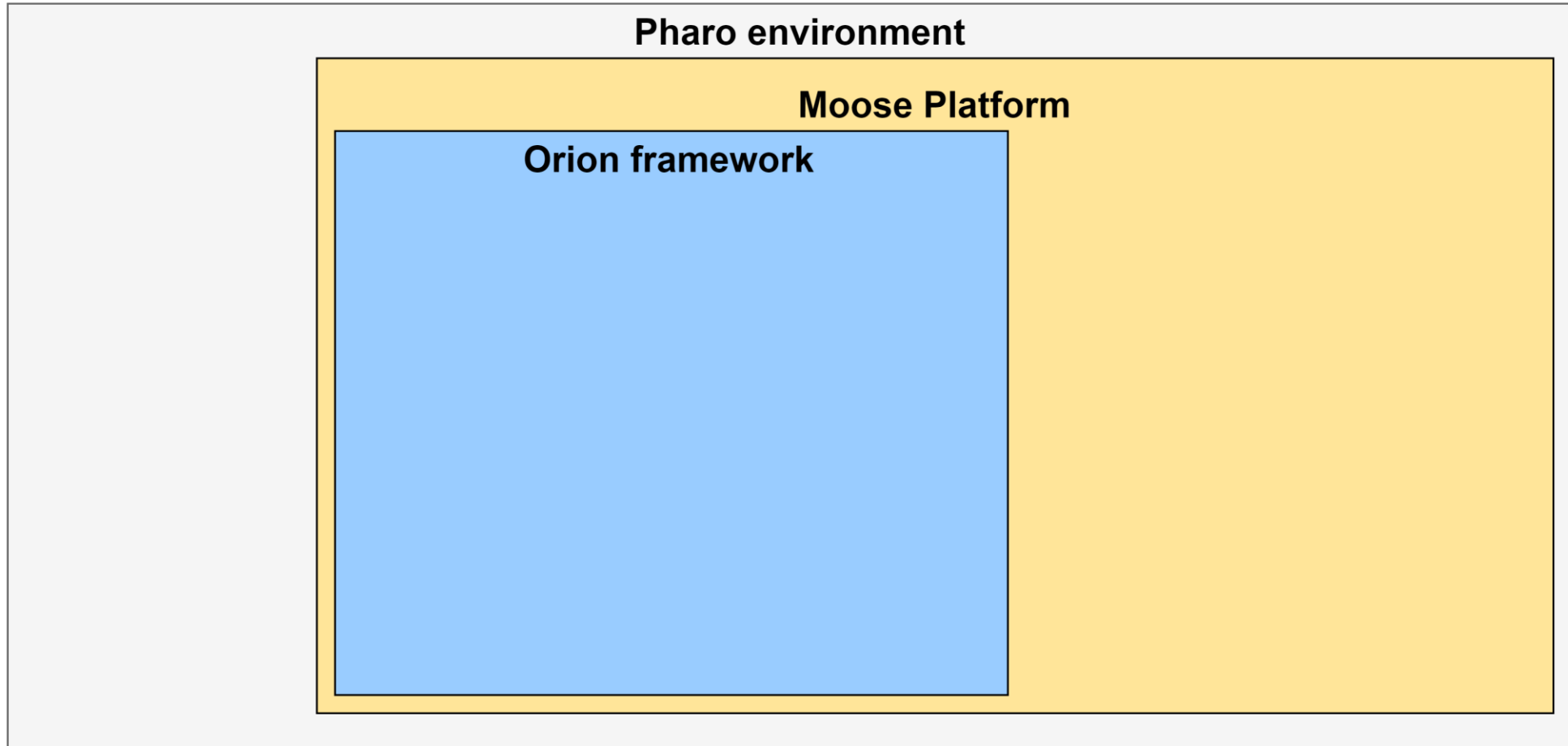
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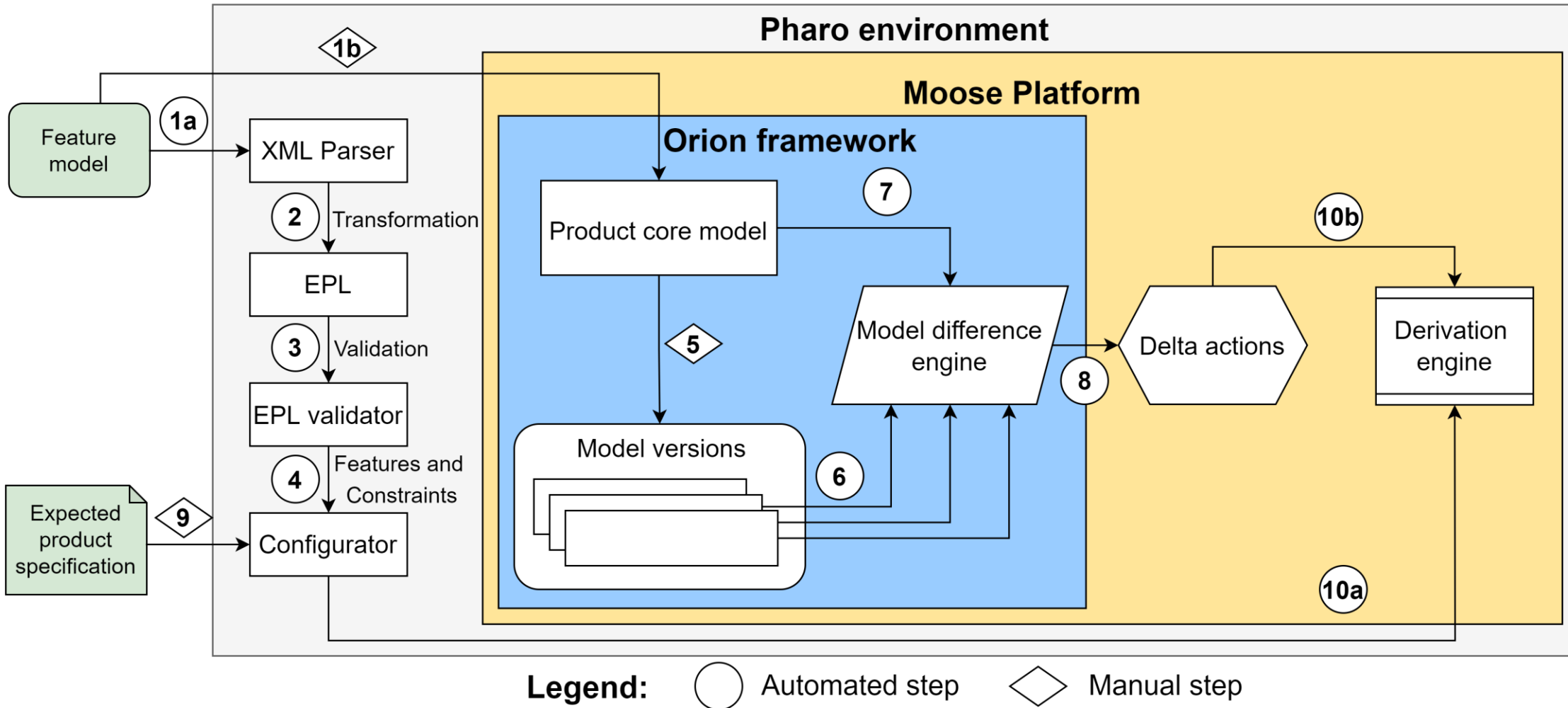
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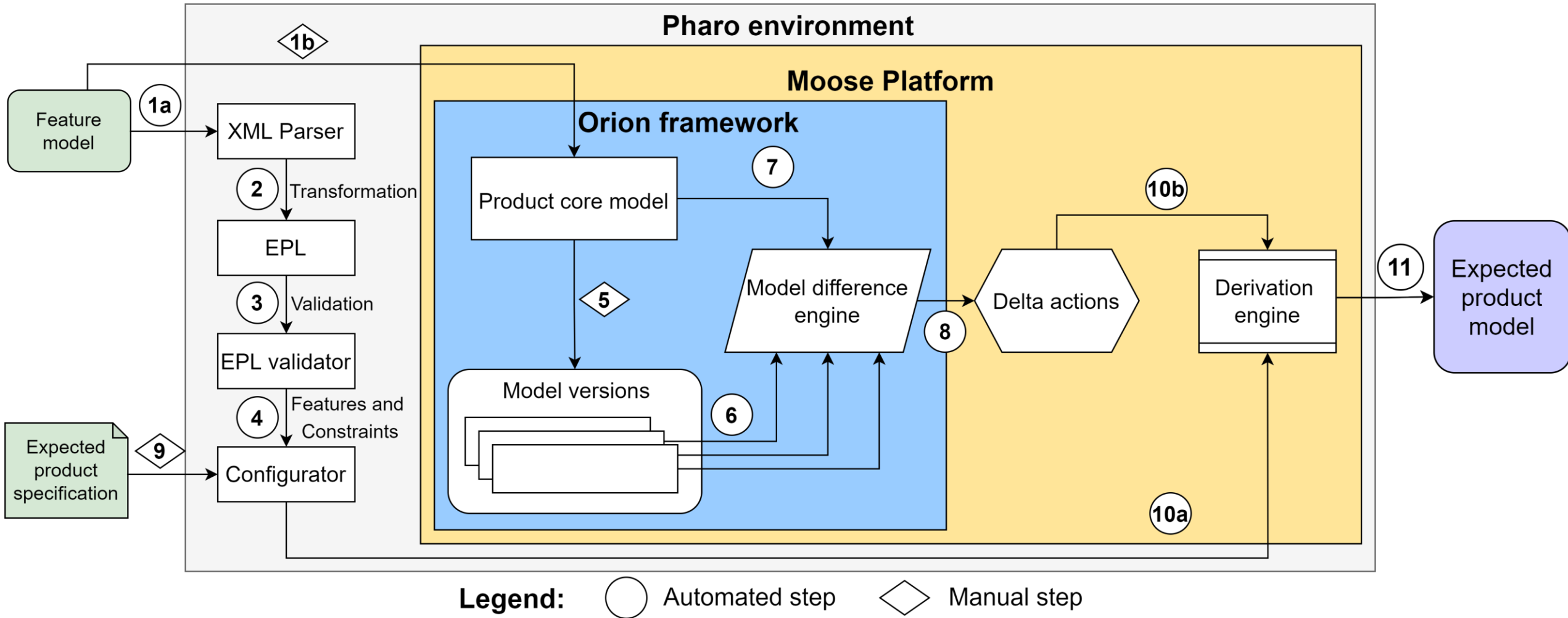
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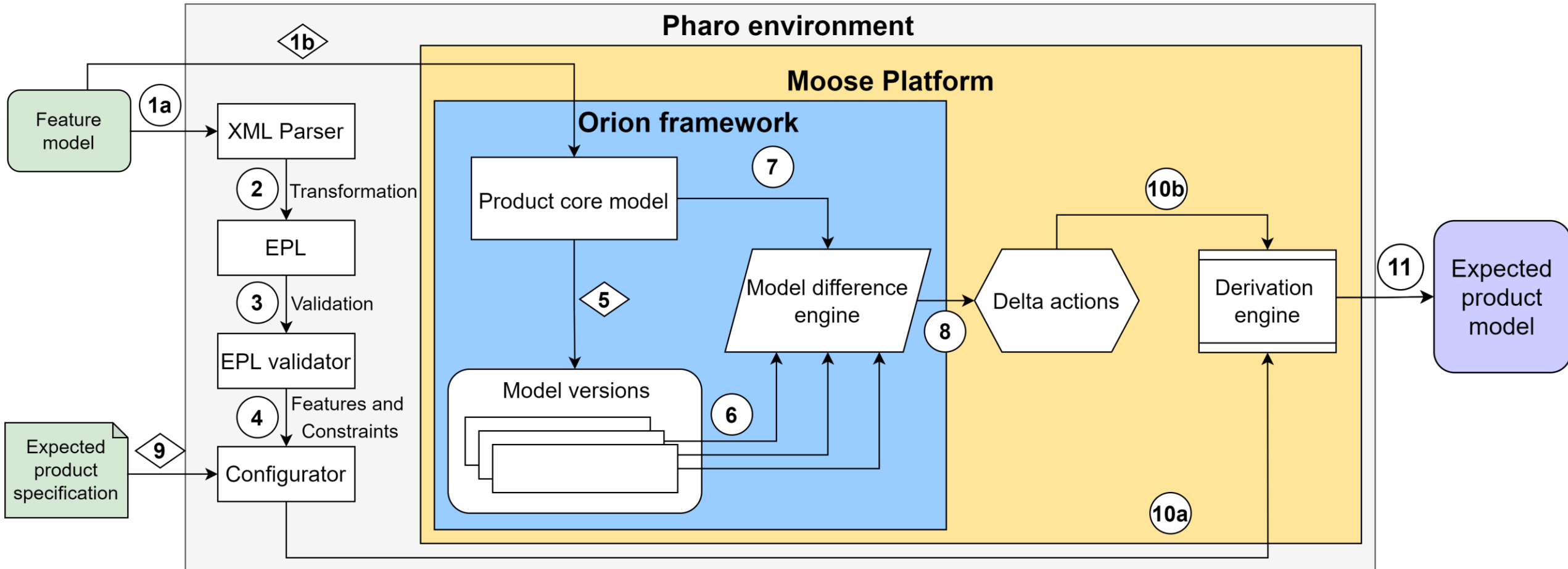
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- Future work
 - Validation of the Expression product Line
 - Configurator interface
 - The model difference calculation engine
 - Plan to exploit Orion and the FamixDiff Project
 - Derivation engine



Legend: ○ Automated step ◇ Manual step

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