

Reuse in Reality

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The Reuse-Driven Software-Engineering Business

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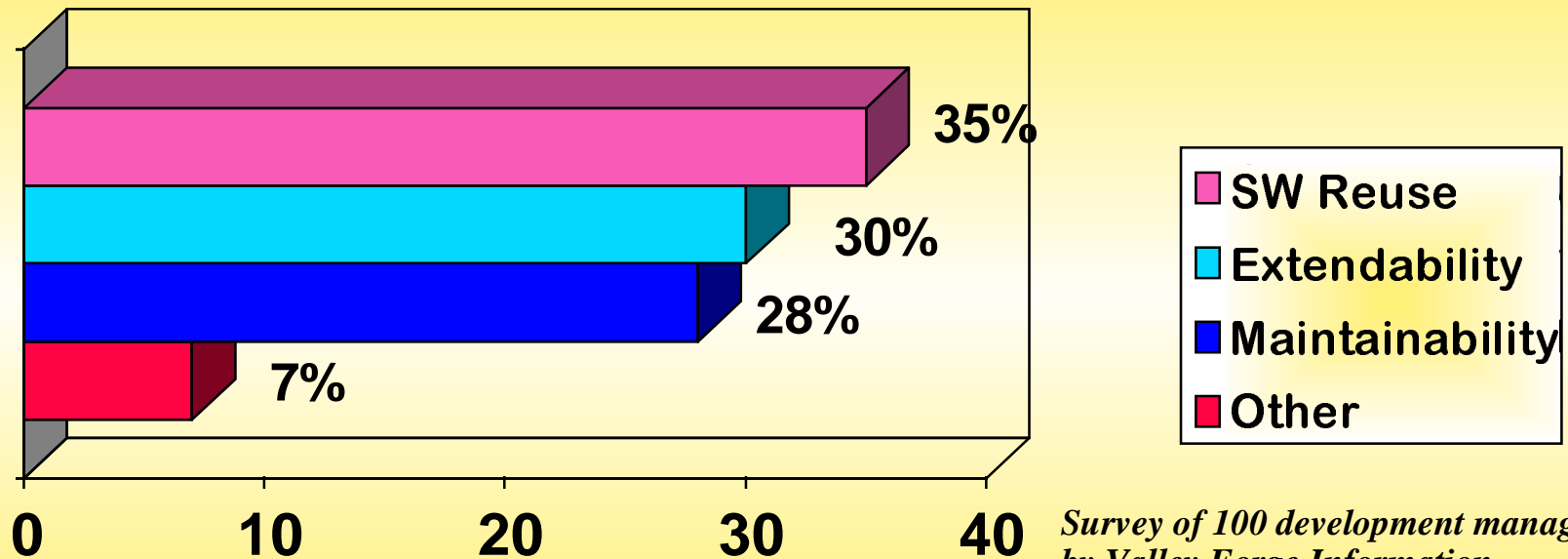
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OO and Reuse

“Reuse is consistently ranked as the top benefit that development managers seek from a migration to object-oriented technology”...



Survey of 100 development managers by Valley Forge Information Services, July 1994.

But Generally speaking: Large Scale Reuse has not yet happened!

- **That's why we still talk so much about it**
- **We have high expectations from all "OO = Reuse" Hype**
- **Inheritance ? - Yes, but only low level (fine grain)**
- **Frameworks and Patterns are both examples of steps in the right direction**

But this is still not enough!

- **You have to design your system architecture, your design processes and your organization in harmony to make it happen in reality !**

Such an organization is a “Reuse-Driven Software-Engineering Business”

RSEB



Family of Systems

An **RSEB**, cost-effectively and systematically develops a family of related systems with extensive reuse of components

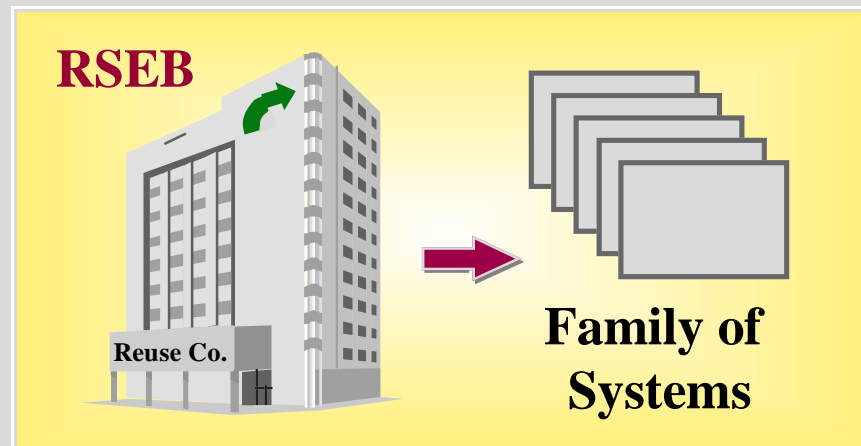
The Origin of the RSEB

**The Ericsson
AXE 10
Switching
System**

**> 28 Years of
Experiences**

**7 Years of
Research**

**A True Success Story
on OO and REUSE**



**> 8 years of R&D within
Rational (Objectory)**

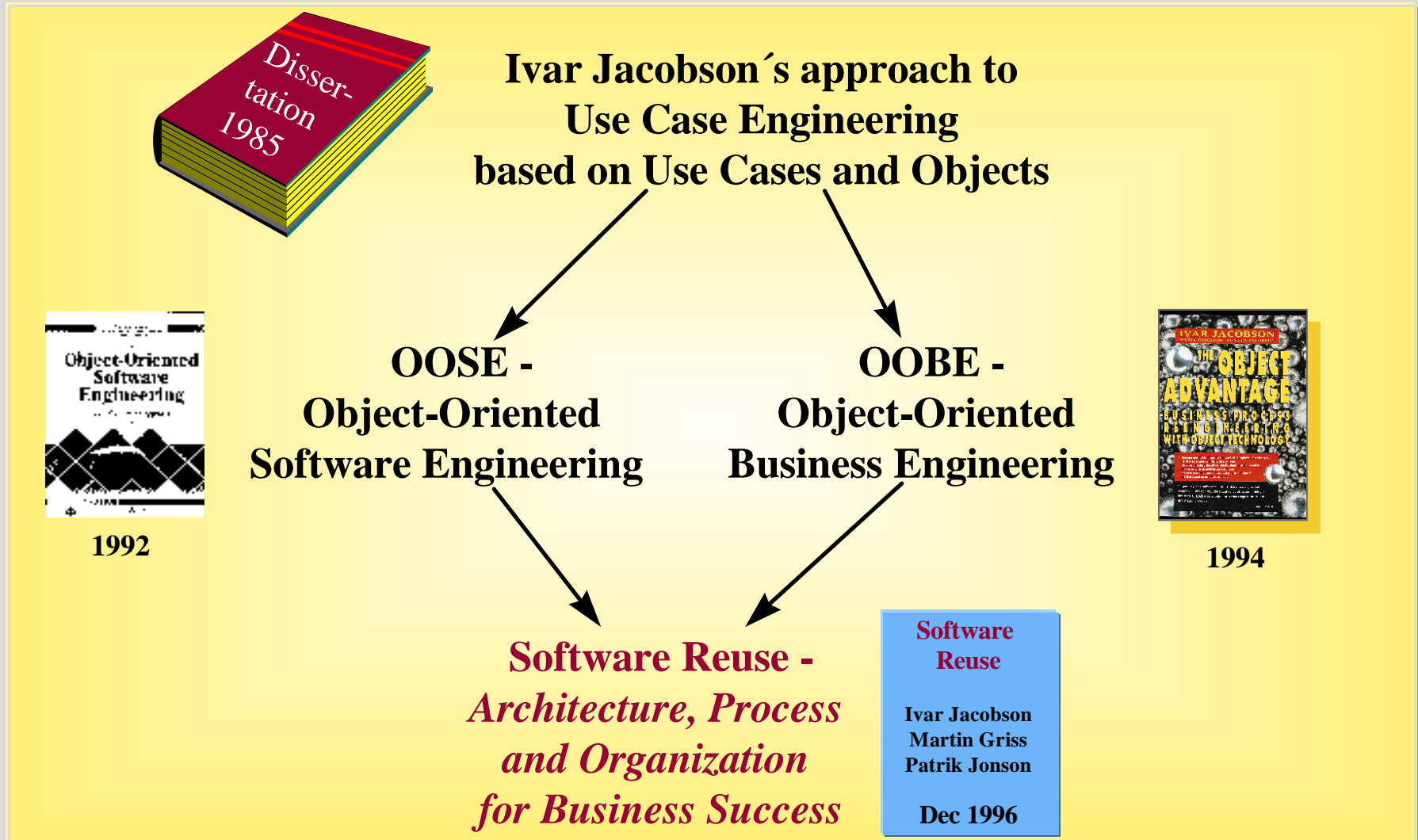
**The largest
commercial success
ever in Sweden**

**OO Software
Engineering**

**OO Business
Engineering**

**A >2 year Partnership
with experts from
HP Labs**

The Origin of the Techniques used:



Achieving Substantial Reuse Requires:

- **A**rchitecture
- **P**rocess
- **O**rganization

RSEB - **A**rchitecture

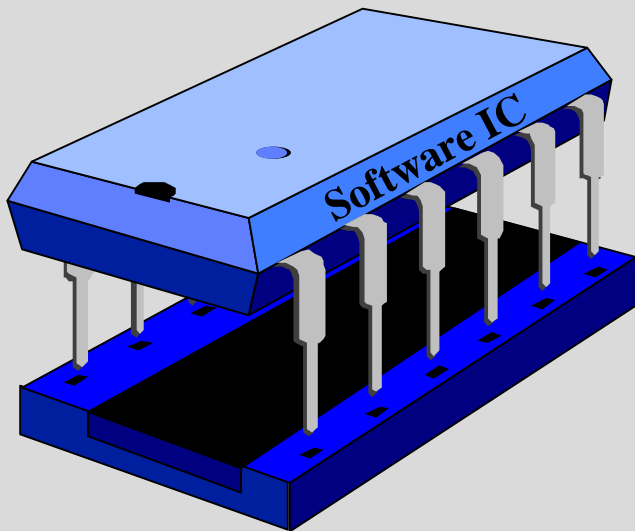


First: **We distinguish between Components and Applications**

Then: **We complement the classic OOSE architectural styles with:**

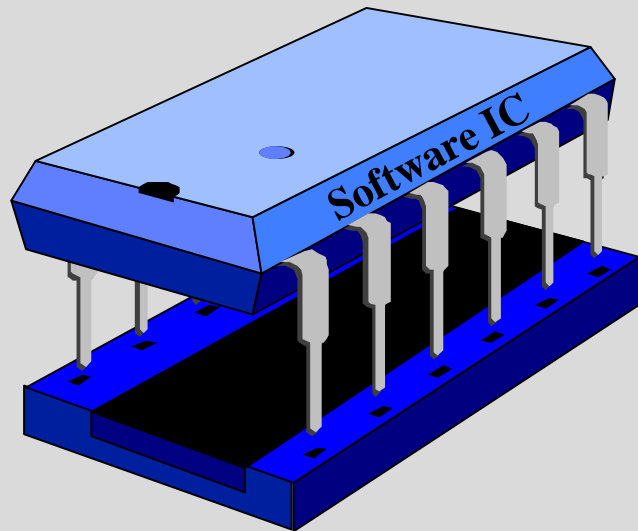
- **Interfaces**
- **Facades**
- **SIS**
- **Layered architecture**
- **Variation Points**

Components are Characterized by:



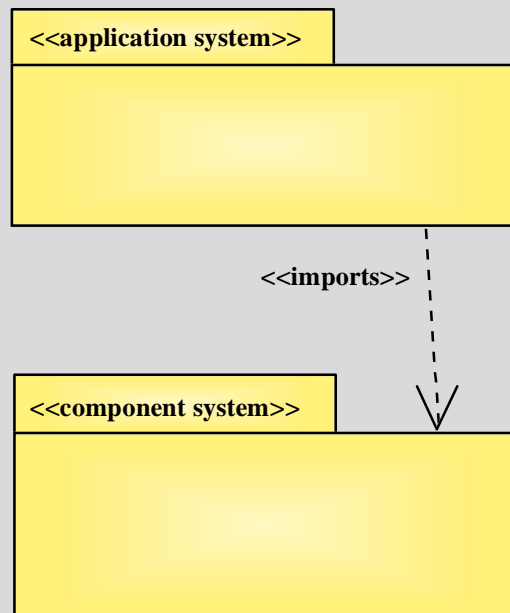
- **A good abstraction for higher level design, with access restricted by visibility rules**
- **Not bound to any specific application**
- **A high quality product due to careful design and testing**
- **Packaged for reuse with a well-designed interface, documentation, etc.**
- **General so that it can be used in several places**
- **Specialized when used**

Our Components are:



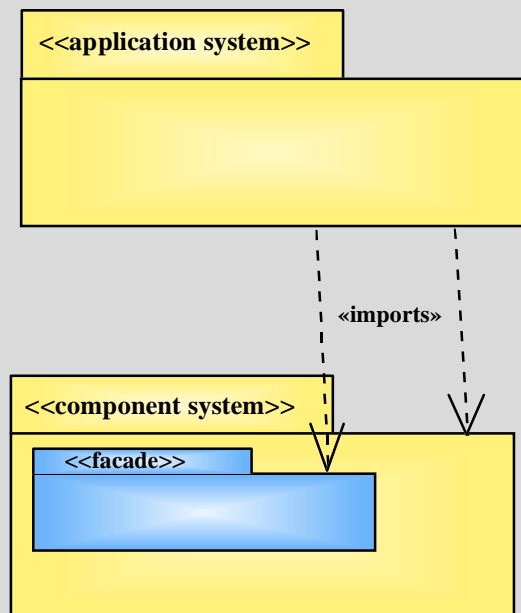
- **Actors**
- **Use Cases**
- **Classes**
- **Subsystems**
- **Frameworks**
- **Patterns**
- **Interfaces**

Components are packaged into Component Systems



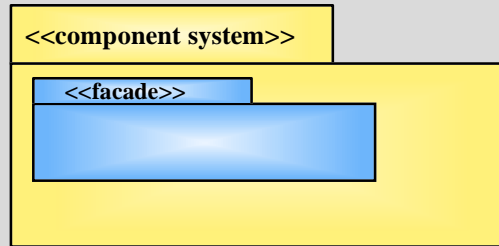
- An **Application System** is a system delivered to customers outside of the reuse business
- A **Component System** provides a set of compatible components used to engineer another application or component system

Component Systems are used through Facades with Visibility Rules



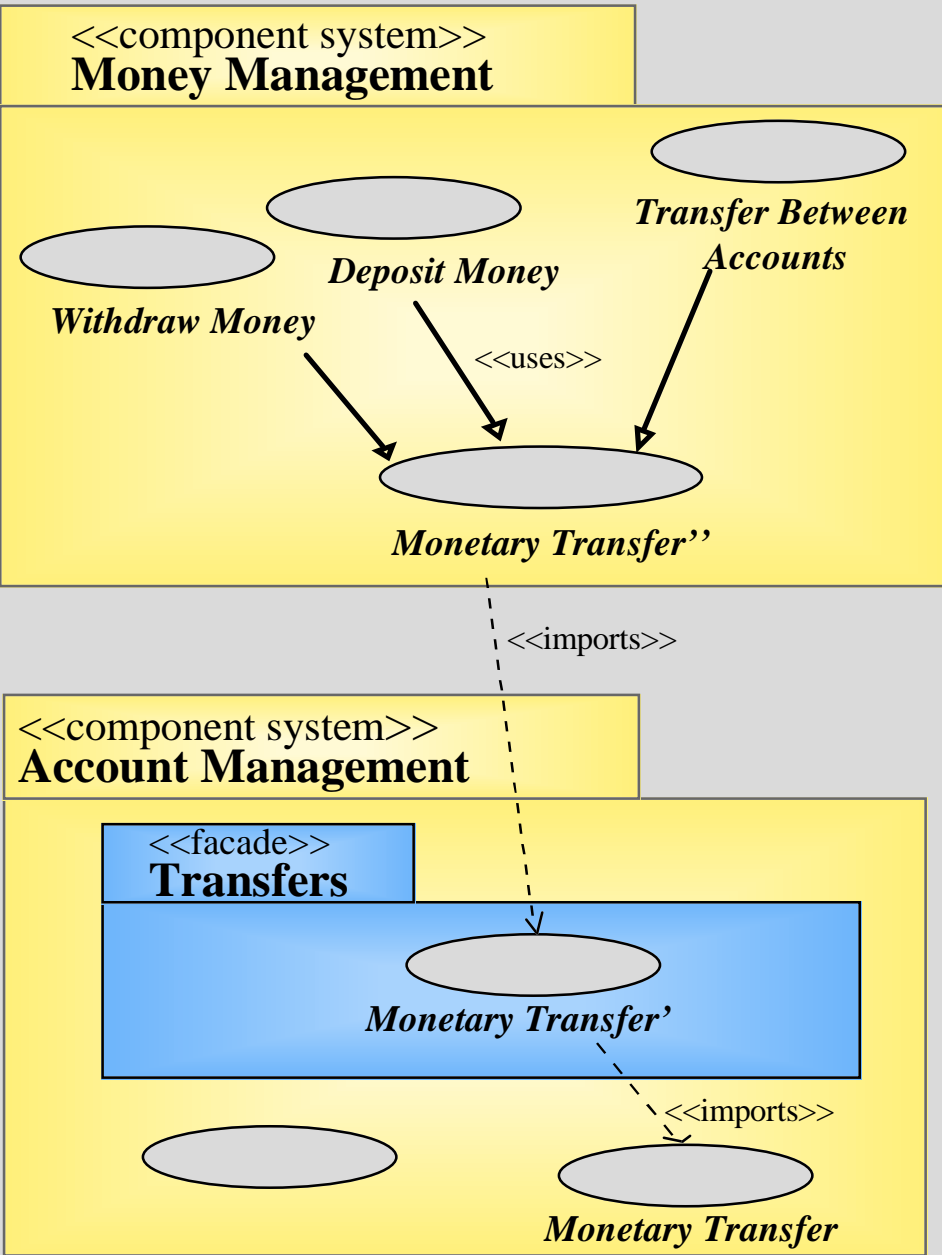
- A system may **import** components from **facades** provided by lower layers
- **Visibility rules** restrict how components in the facade may be used by the importing system
- A **facade** contains (abstract or concrete) components exported from a component system

A Component System Facade

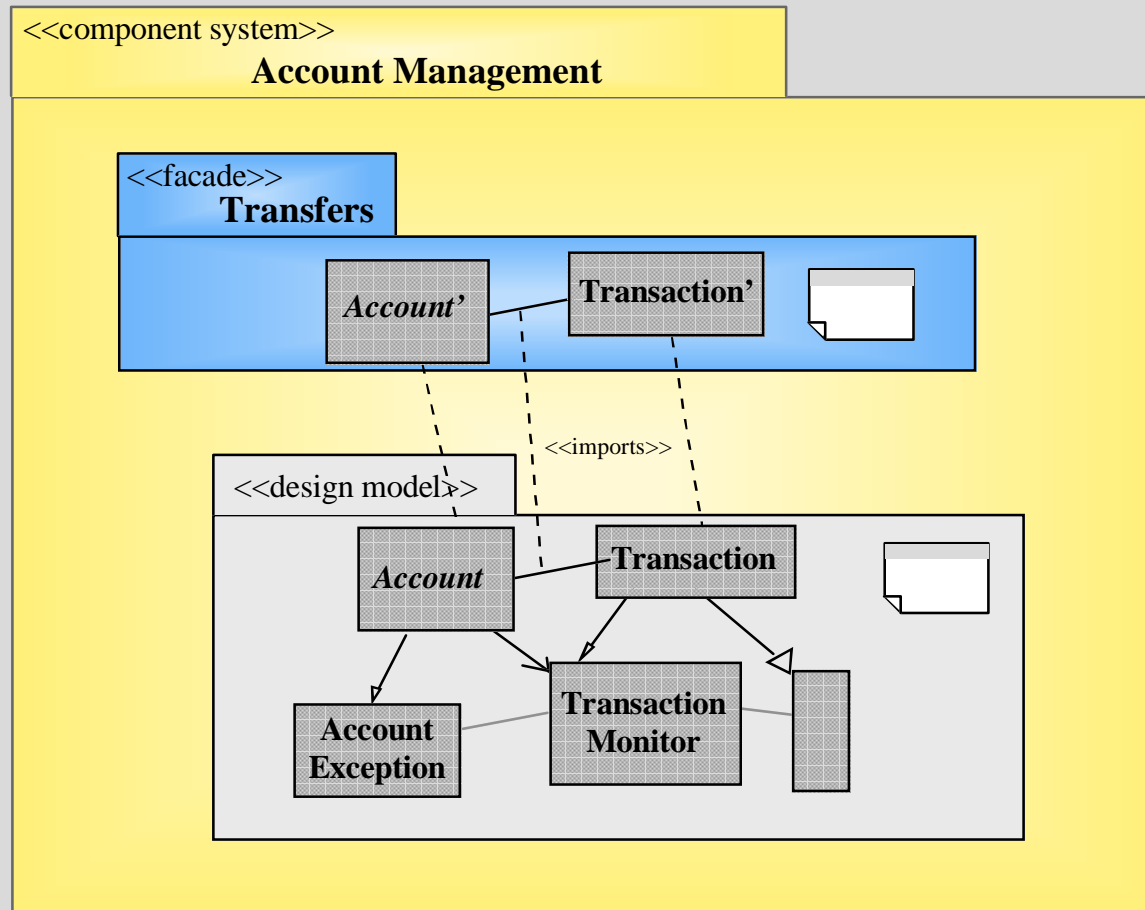


- **A component system facade may contain components that need to be parametrized by the importer**
- **Put each optional component in a separate configuration item**
- **Specify “rules” for what components depend on, or exclude, each other**

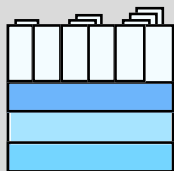
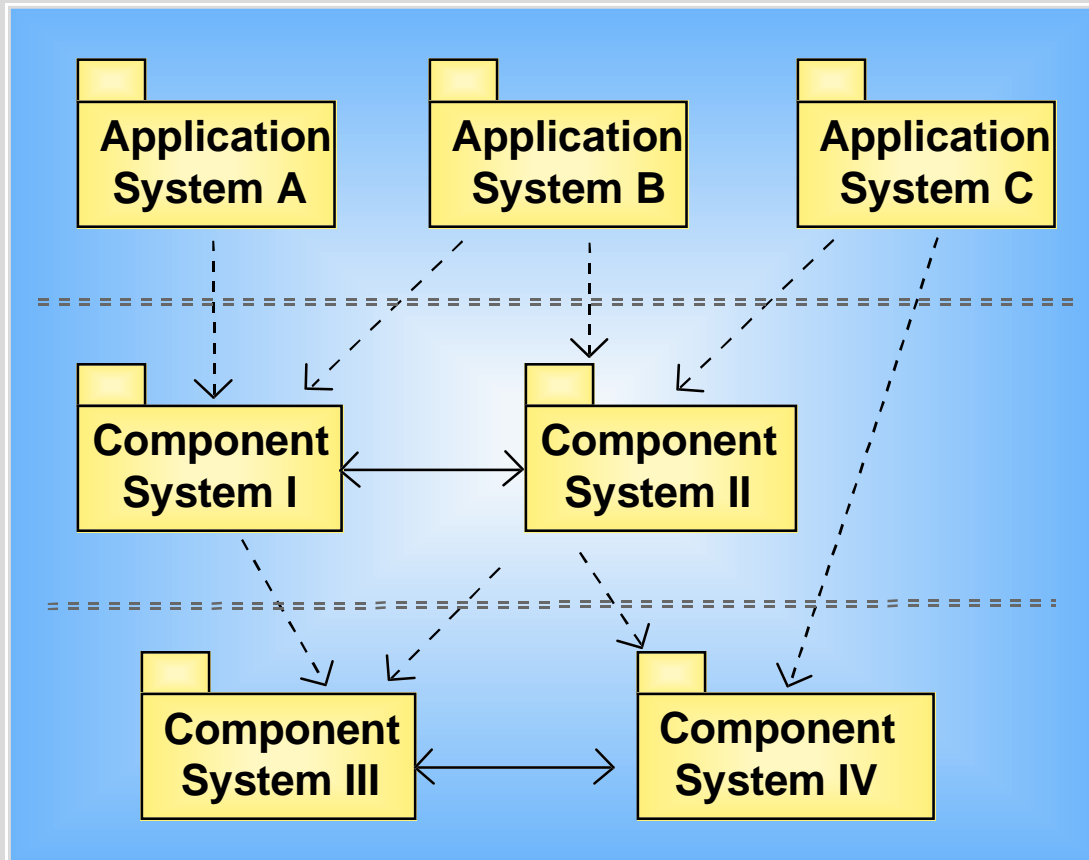
A Use Case Model Facade



An Object Model Facade



Scaling Up through SIS



A “SIS” is a generalized layered architecture !

- Systems built from lower-layer component systems
- Several interoperable application systems used in a “suite”
- Variants of the same application system
- Contracts can be used to separate specification from implementation
- The pluggability of each component system is defined explicitly

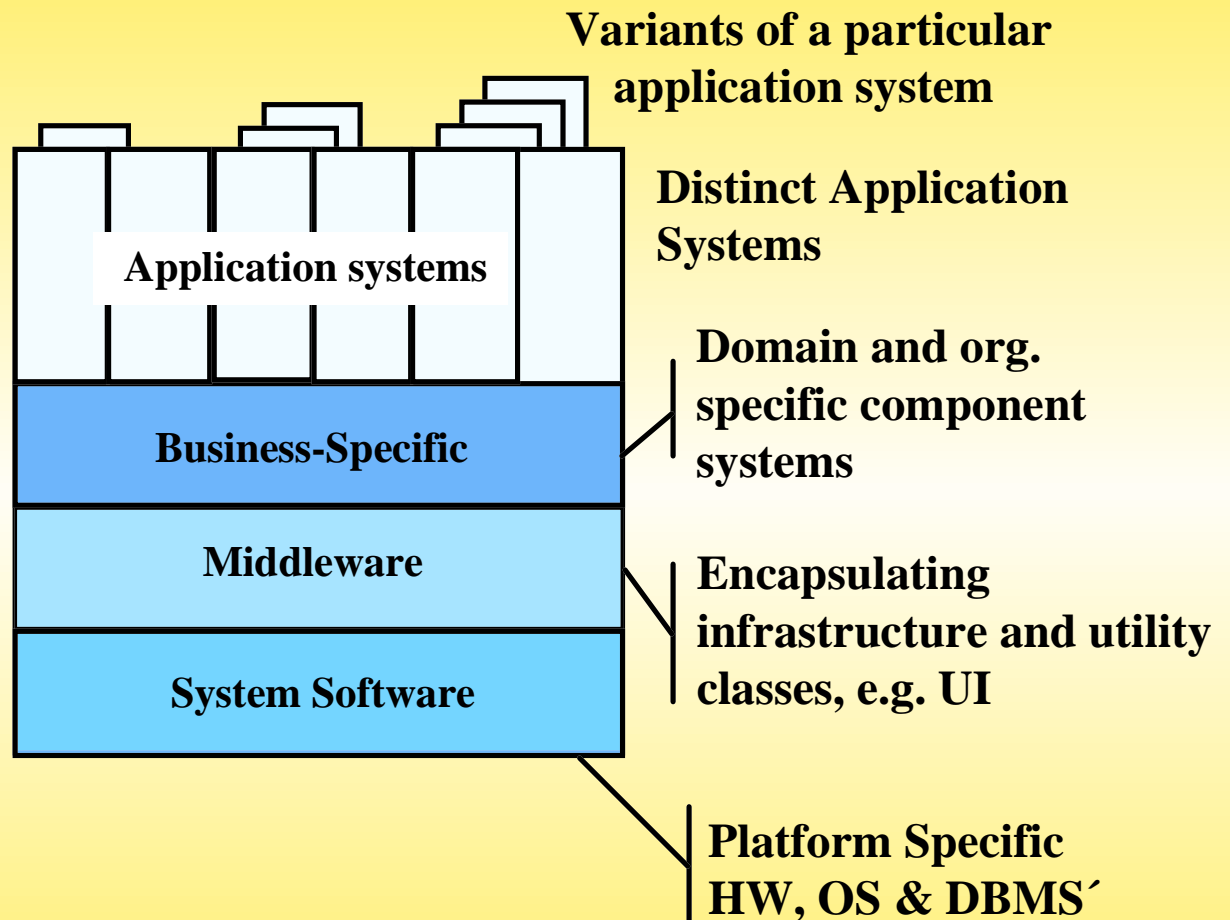
A Layered Architecture

Enables simple and fast development of:

- one or several configurable application systems
- a set of interoperating application systems
- application systems which share common components

Application systems built on top of existing component systems:

- by customization of generic components

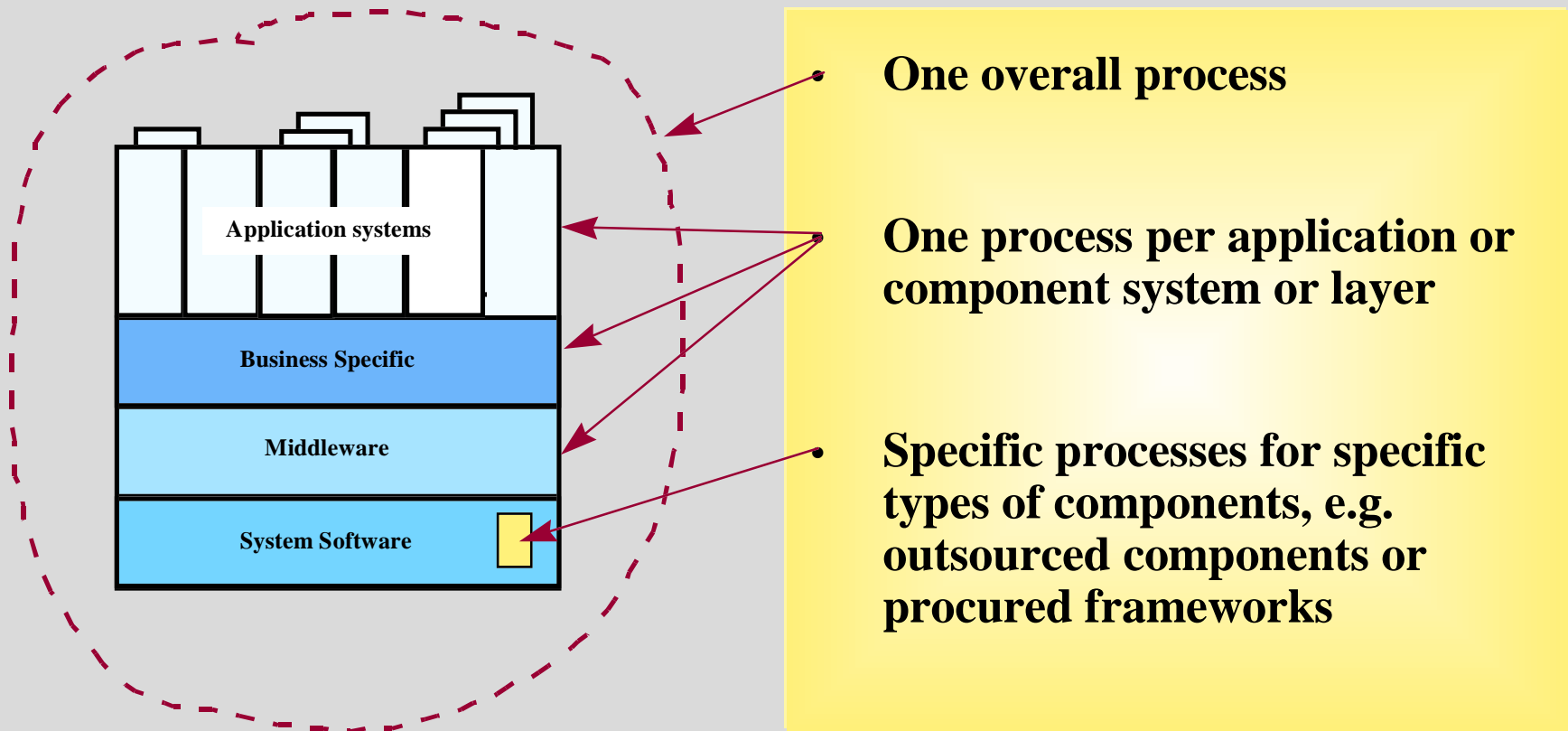


RSEB - **P**rocess

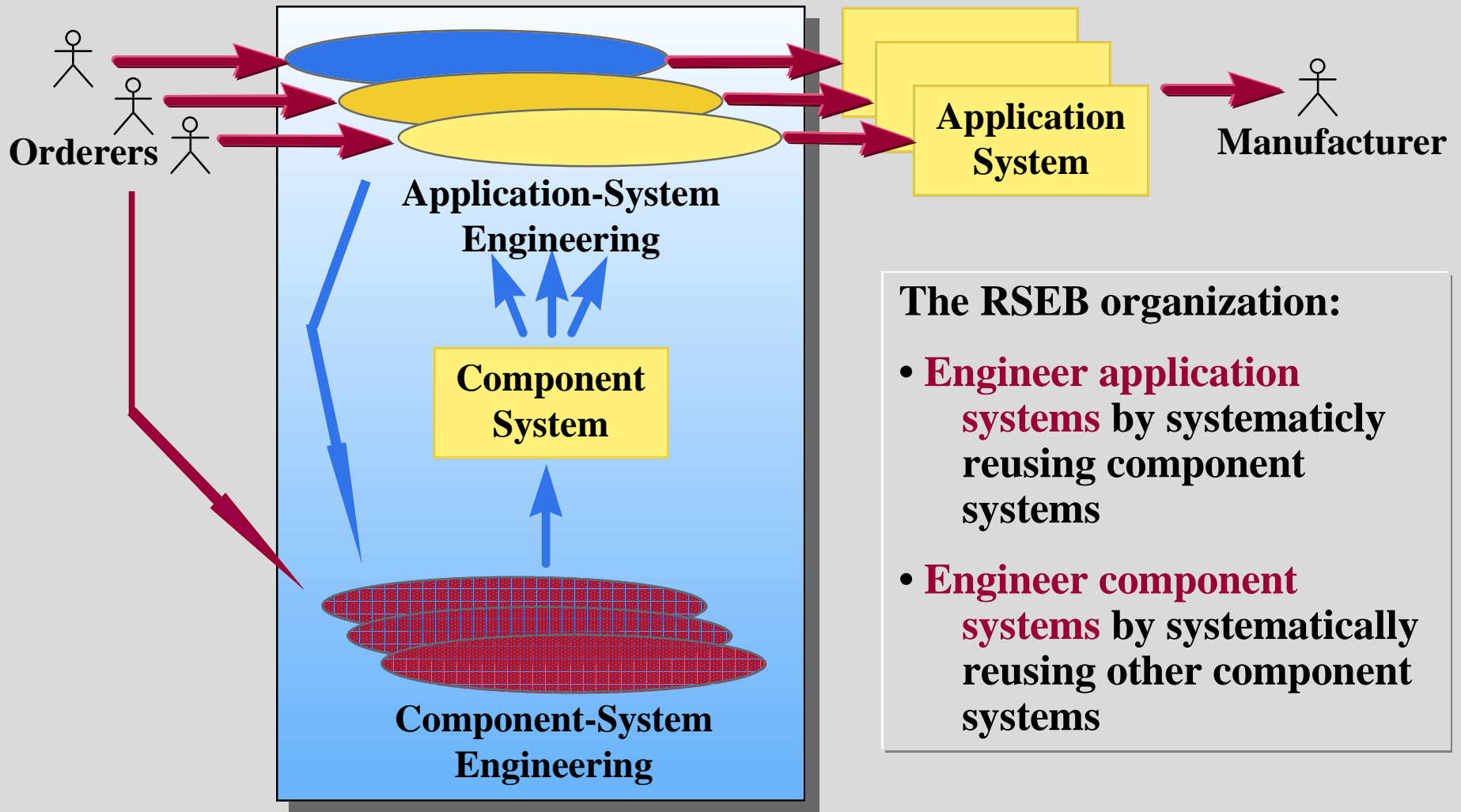


An RSEB runs concurrent
processes for
application system development
and
component system development

The different RSEB processes



The RSEB in Operation



The RSEB organization:

- **Engineer application systems** by systematically reusing component systems
- **Engineer component systems** by systematically reusing other component systems

RSEB - Organization



An RSEB is organized

**to match the architecture of the
developed systems**

and

**to implement the concurrent
development processes**

Summary of the Core Ideas

	A rchitecture	P rocess	O rganization
What ?	<p>Applications vs. Components</p> <p>Architectural Styles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facades • Interfaces • Layers & SIS • Variation Points 	<p>Application Family Engineering (Architecture)</p> <p>Application and Component Systems Engineering</p>	<p>Identify, Design and Implement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workers • Work Objects • Competence units
How ?	<p>BE to capture the req't's on the applications. SE/UML to design the architecture.</p>	<p>BE to define the processes. SE to design the supporting tools.</p>	<p>BE to design and implement the organization.</p>

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Architecture

Processes

Organization



In Harmony!

No Use --> Reuse --> Use

So, Will our Reuse-Dreams finally come true ?

- Well, for some companies, e.g. Ericsson Telecom, it has been a reality, at least to some extent, for more than 25 years !
- With an RSEB approach, It can become a reality for others to !

Making this happen, is probably one of the most important steps to bring our SW Engineering techniques to a state where we can regard it as an industrial strength, engineering discipline