#### From Legacy to State-of-the-art; Architectural Refactoring

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#### **Abstract**

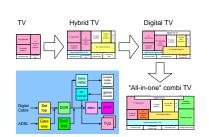
The market of electronic appliances shows a fast increasing diversity. Manufacturers must be able to combine existing functions and new applications in a short time frame. A large amount of accumulated SW code (legacy) has to be reused in new ways.

The architecture(s) must be adapted to these new ways of working. Revolutionary adaptations have proven to be extremely risky. Opportunistic extension and integration decrease the quality of the code base, making it increasingly more difficult to continue. Architectural refactoring is a feedback based method to evolve an architecture.

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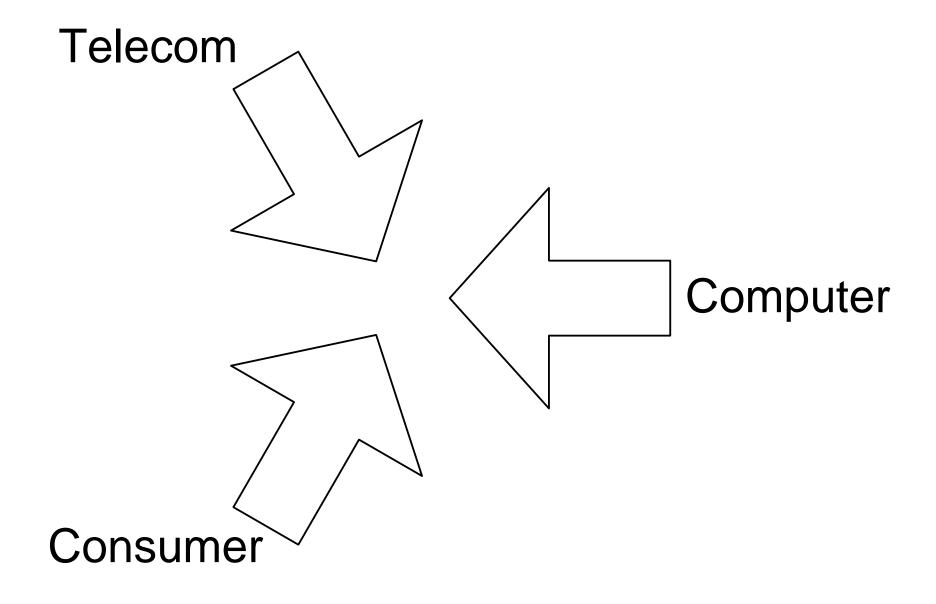


#### Today's Audio Video Consumer Products



From: COPA tutorial, Rob van Ommering

#### Trend: Convergence of separate worlds



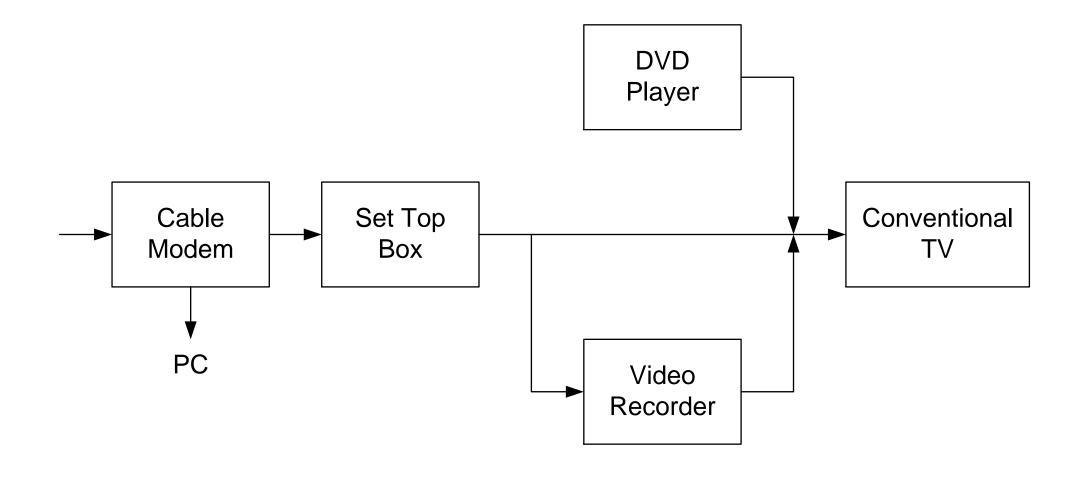


#### Integration and Diversity



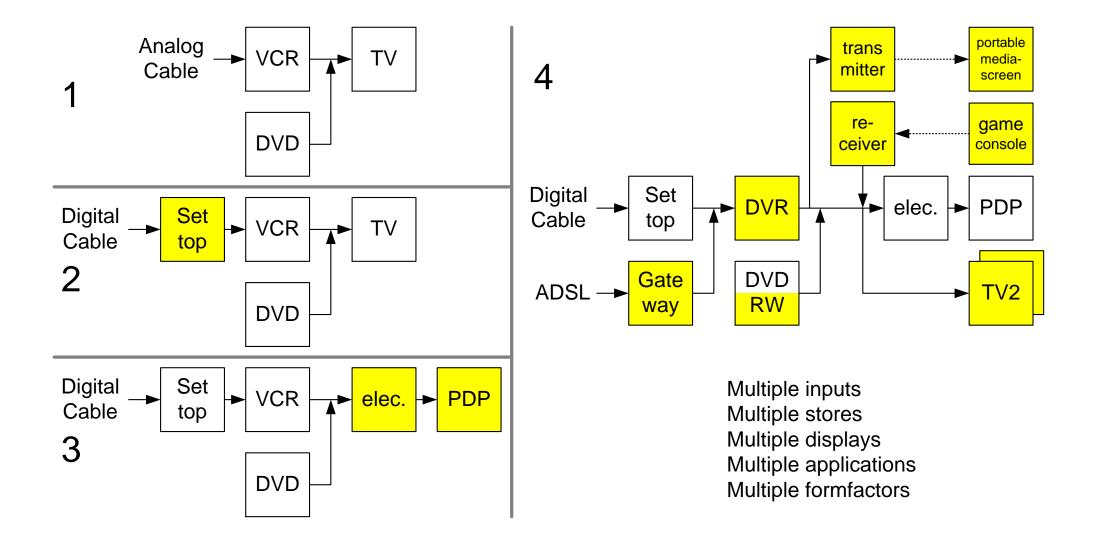


#### Today's Video Products



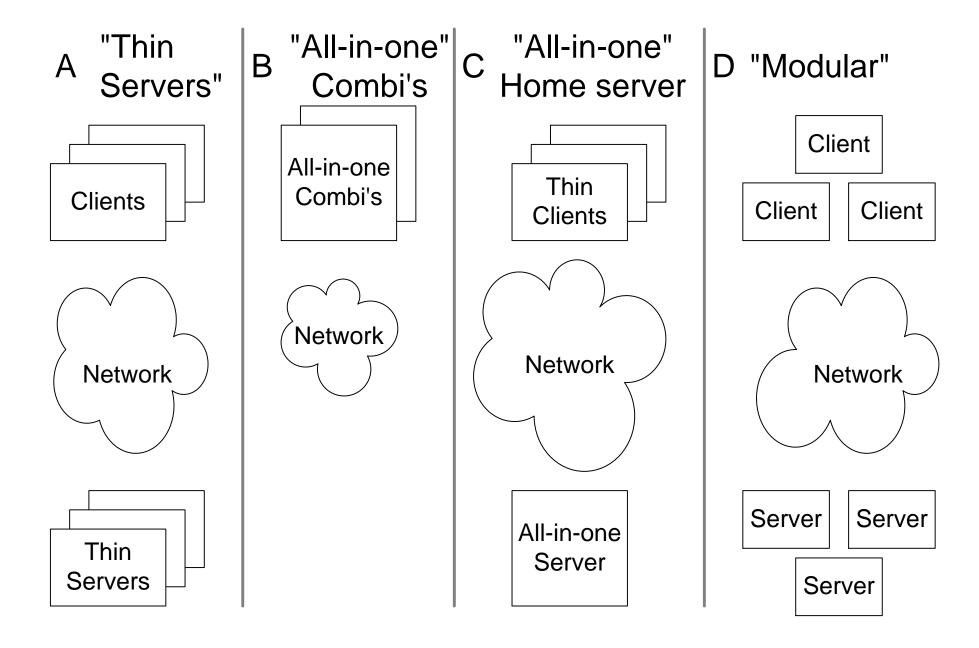


#### **Evolution of Video Products**



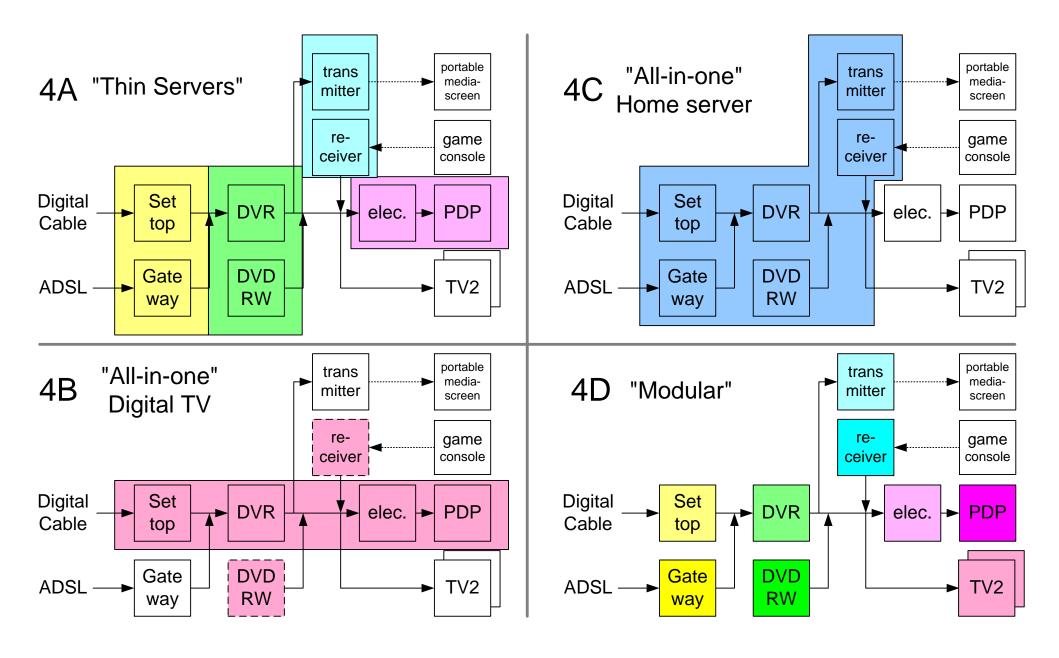


#### Distribution Scenario's

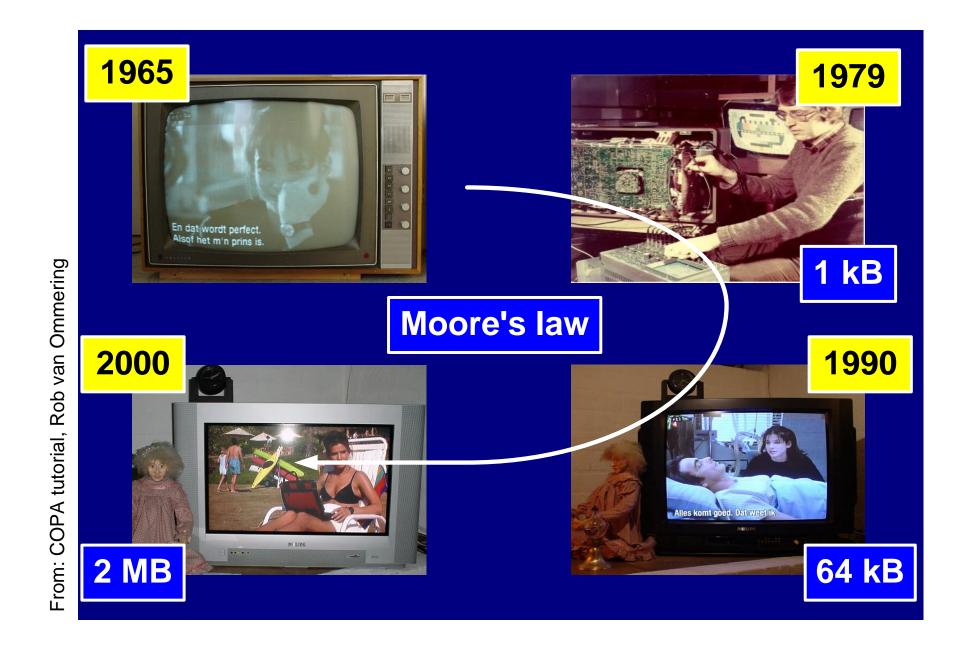




#### **Product Packaging Options**

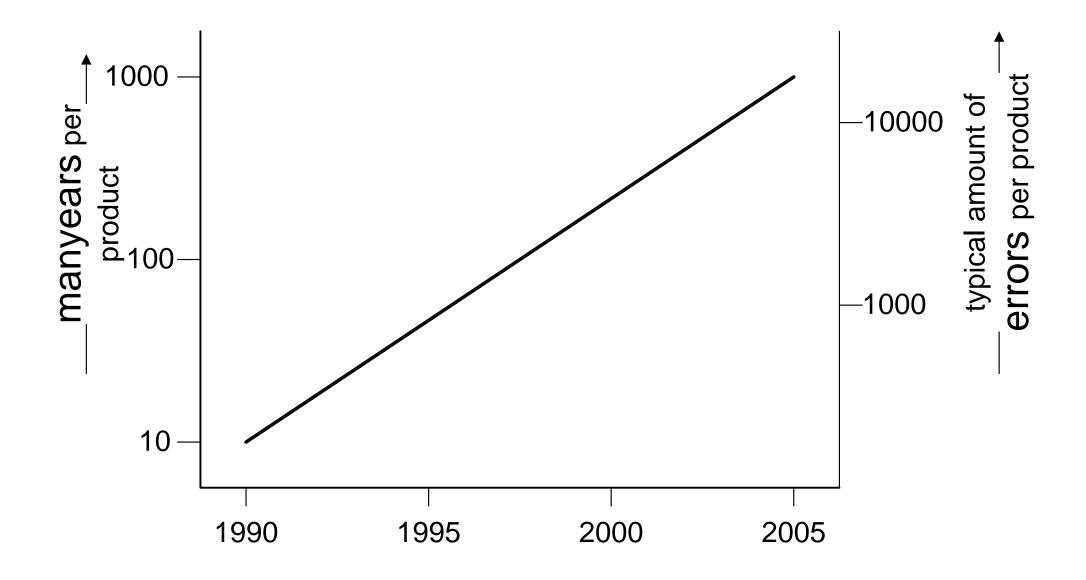






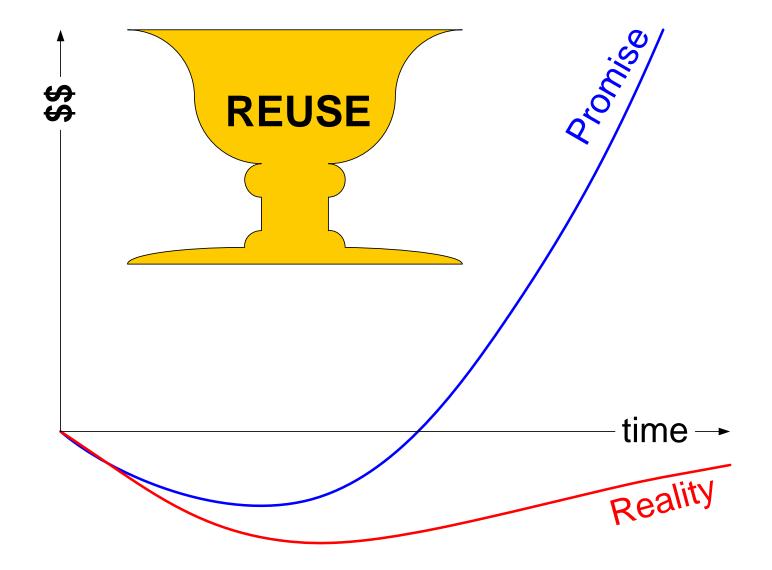


#### Problem: increasing SW size, decreasing reliability?





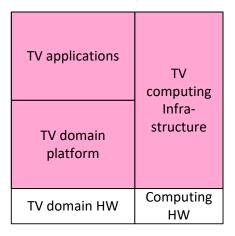
### The Holy Grail: Reuse

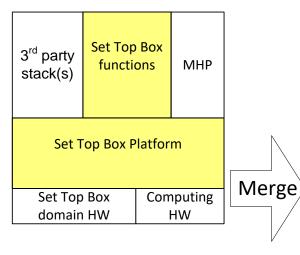




#### Simplistic Architecting: Digital TV

# analog TV Set top box

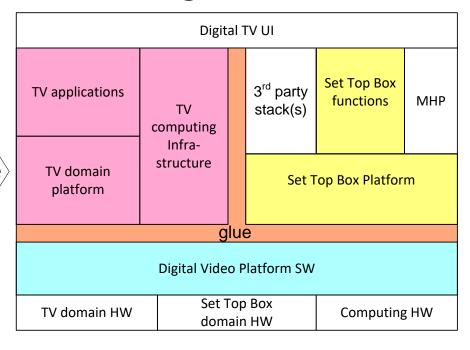




Digital Video Platform SW		
TV domain HW	Set Top Box	Computing HW
	domain HW	

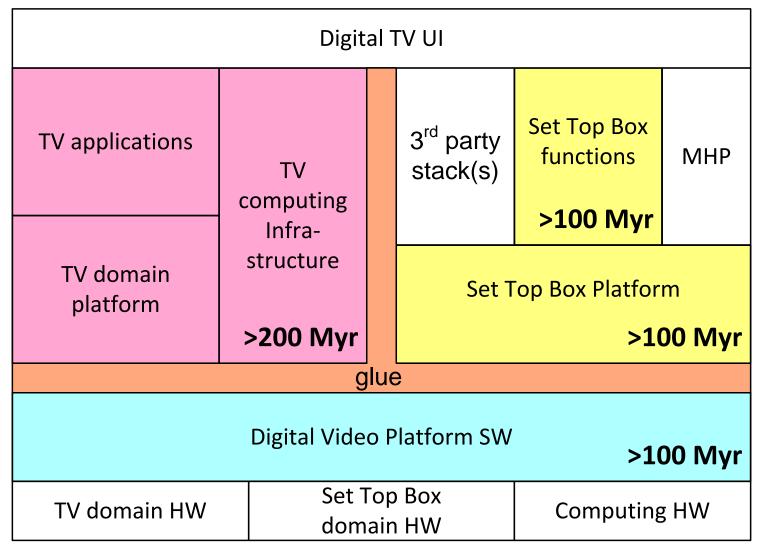
# Digital Video Platform

# Digital TV





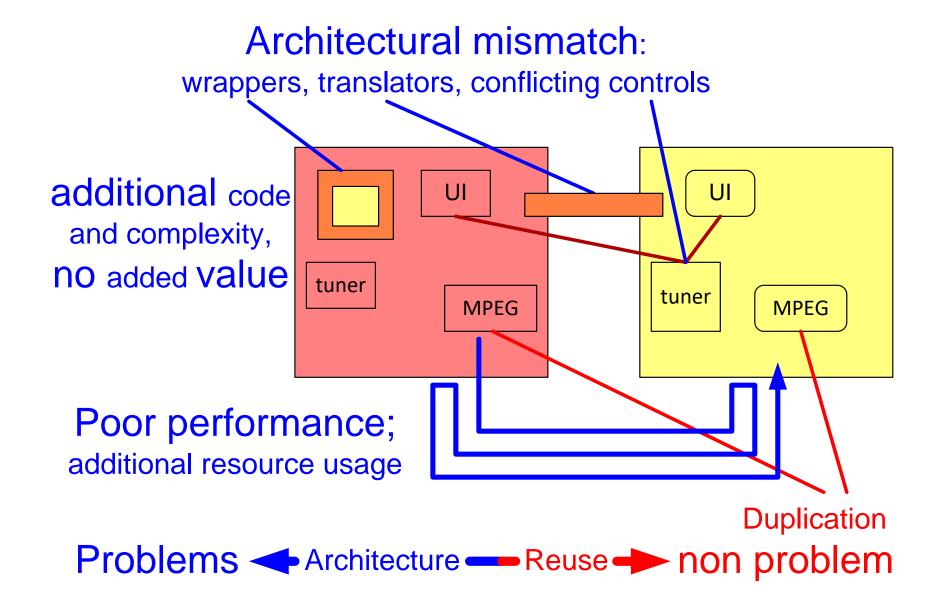
#### **Available Code Assets**



"Legacy" code > 500 Myr



#### Merge problems





#### Solution: Architectural Refactoring

# Refactoring

clear product clear value proposition

within short term business goals

feedback on direction

with limited but substantial refactoring goals

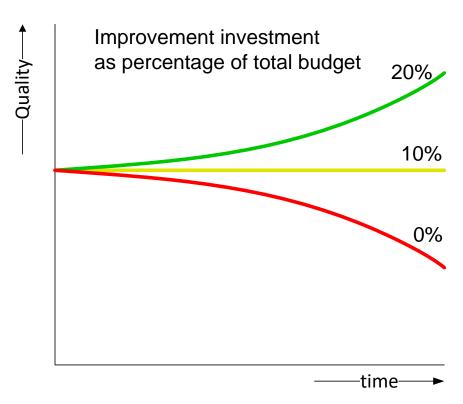
limited investment

based on long term architecture vision



# Example of Refactoring Goals

- + Decrease Code Size
- + Decrease Resource Usage
  - \* power
  - \* memory
  - \* silicon area
- + Increase Performance
  - \* response time
  - \* throughput

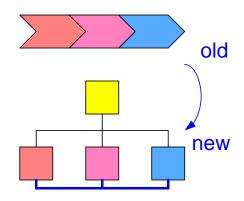


- + Increase quality
- \* decrease fault density

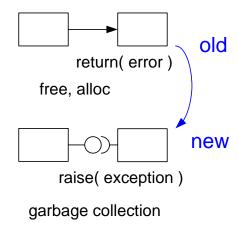


#### Architectural vs Code refactoring

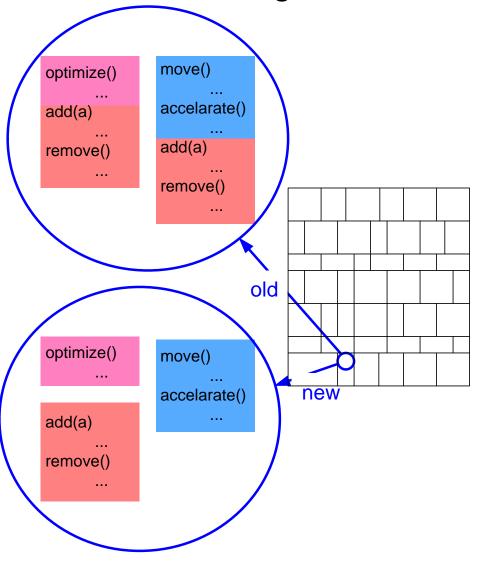
# Architectural Refactoring Function, Structure, Rationale



#### Mechanisms, Technologies



#### **Code Refactoring**





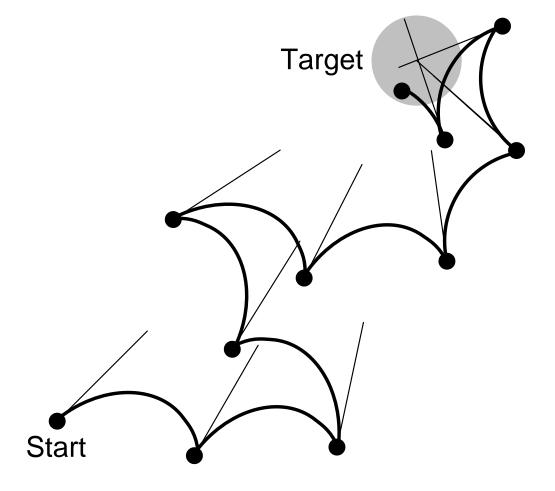
# Prerequisite 1

# Frequent feedback



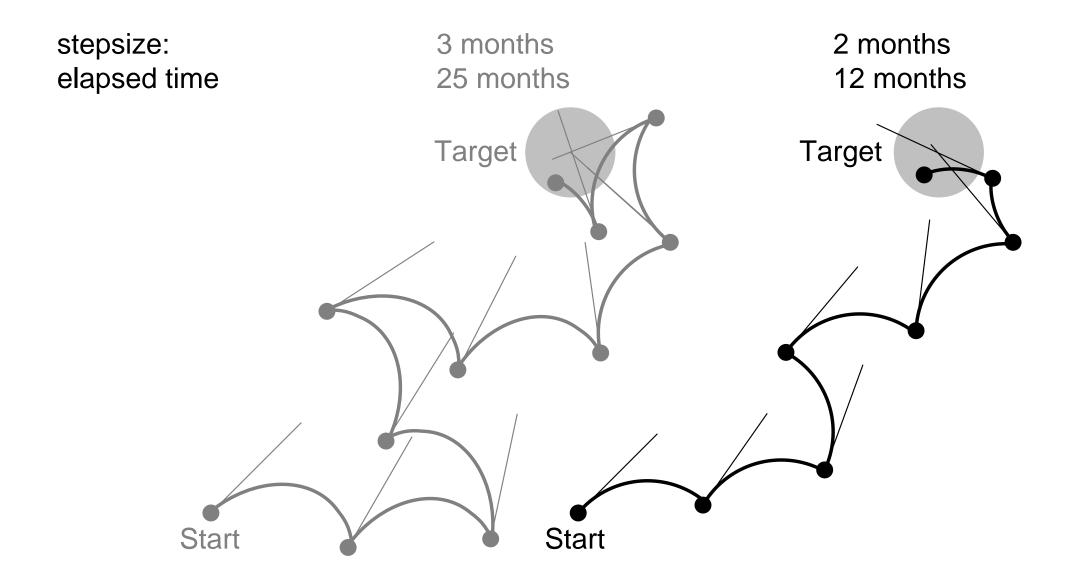
#### Feedback

stepsize: 3 months elapsed time: 25 months



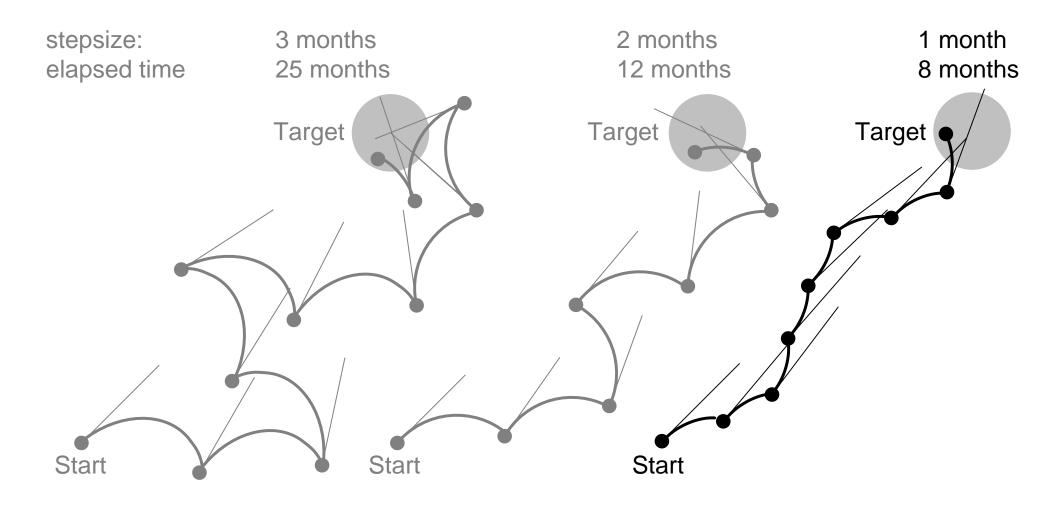


### Feedback (2)





#### Feedback (3)



Small feedback cycles result in Faster Time to Market

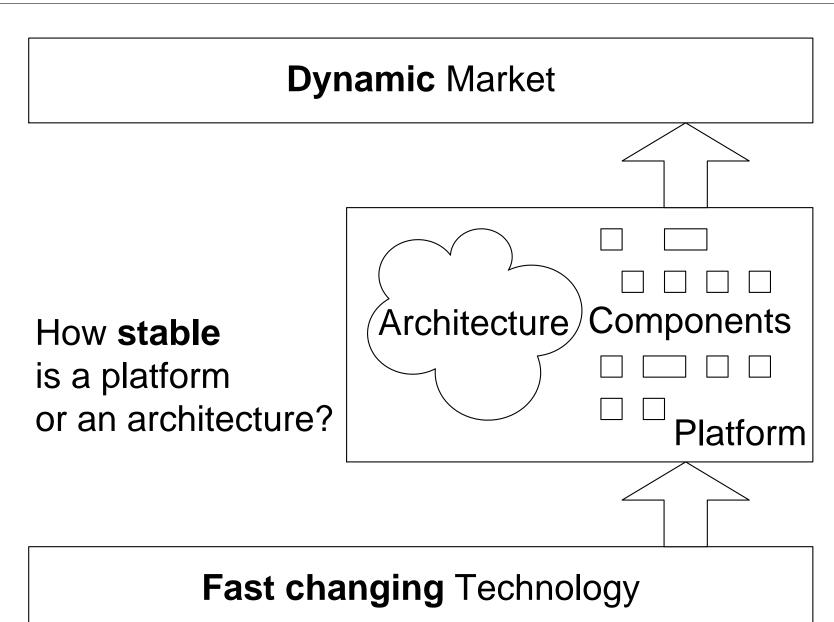


# Prerequisite 2

# Awareness of dynamics

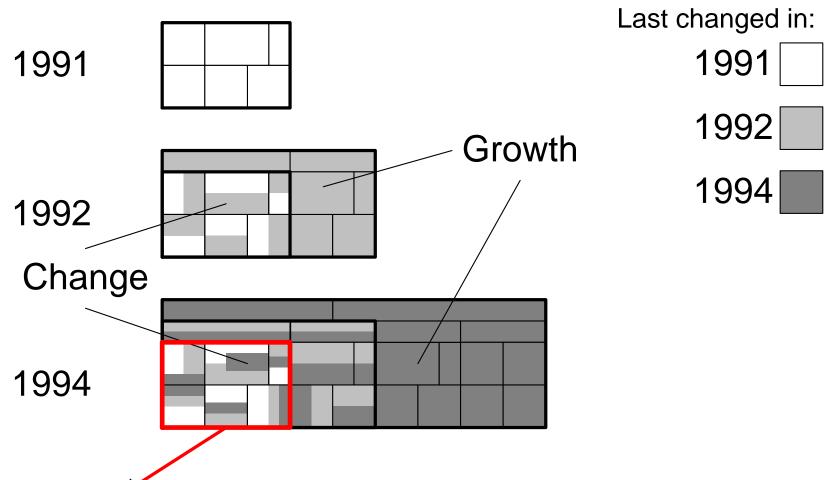


#### Myth: Platforms are Stable





#### Platform Evolution (Easyvision 1991-1996)



1996 3<sup>rd</sup> generation components are mature, active maintenance needed.

Growth and change continues, some "old" components become obsolete

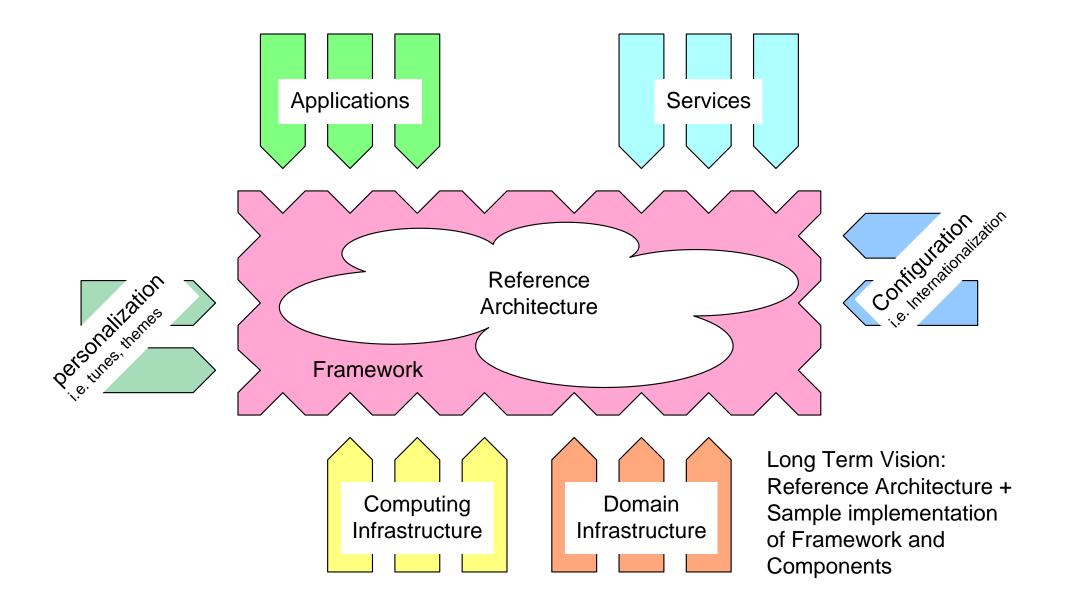


# Prerequisite 3

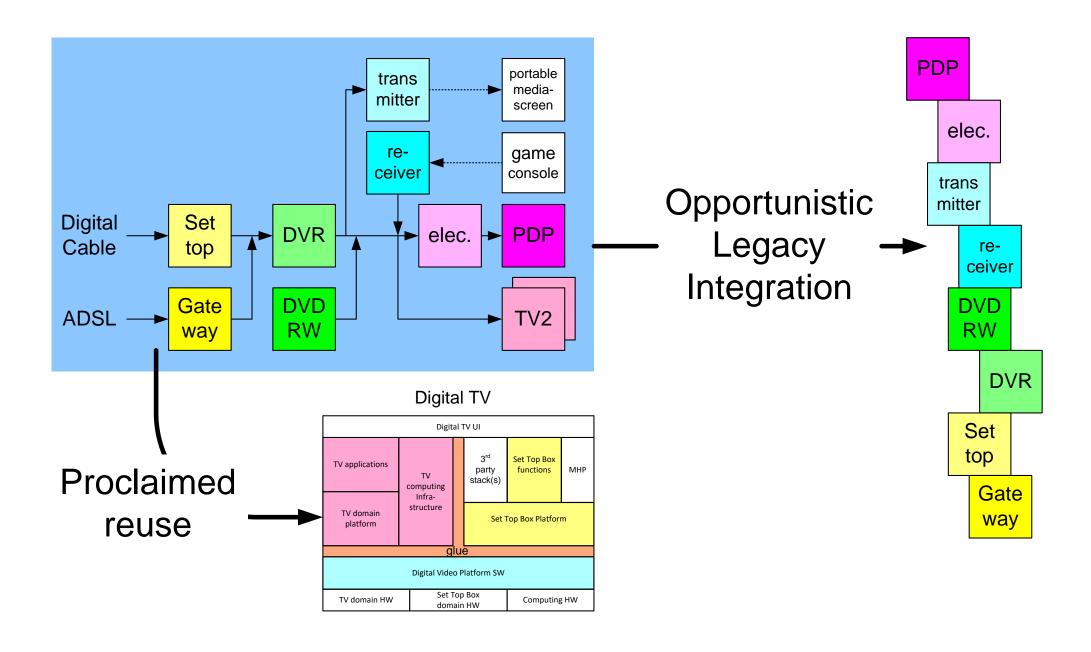
# Long Term Vision



### Example Long Term Vision









#### Conclusion: Refactoring the Architecture is a must

