12. Frameworks and Patterns - Framework Variation Patterns

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1. Open Role Framework Hooks
2. Framework Hook Patterns
3. Delegation-Based Framework Hook Patterns
4. Recursion-Based Framework Hook Patterns
5. Unification-Based
6. Inheritance-Based

Literature (To Be Read)

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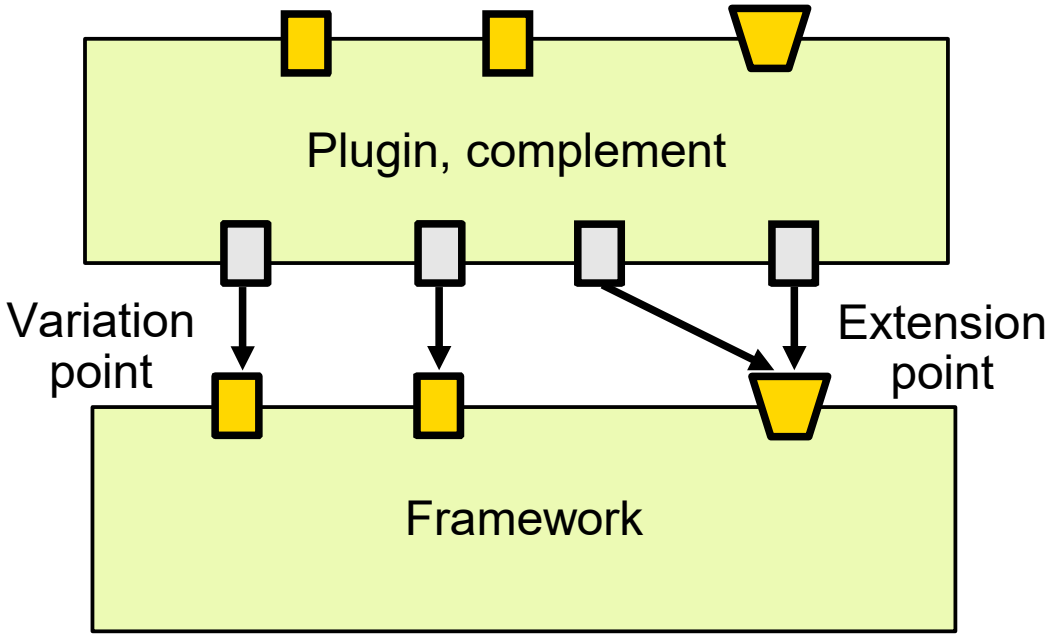
Goal

- What's a framework?
- Studying variabilities of frameworks with the T&H concept
- Introducing different types of hooks for frameworks and components (TH patterns)
- Understand framework hook patterns
  - The box-like notation for frameworks and framework hook patterns
- More types of dimensional frameworks

Plugins and Extensions Points

- Frameworks are completed to products with **plugins (complements)**. Frameworks carry
  - framework extension hooks, **extension points**, which can be extended (bound) many times
  - framework variation hooks, **variation points,** which can be bound only once
- Plugins can be frameworks themselves (layered frameworks)



Design Patterns and Frameworks

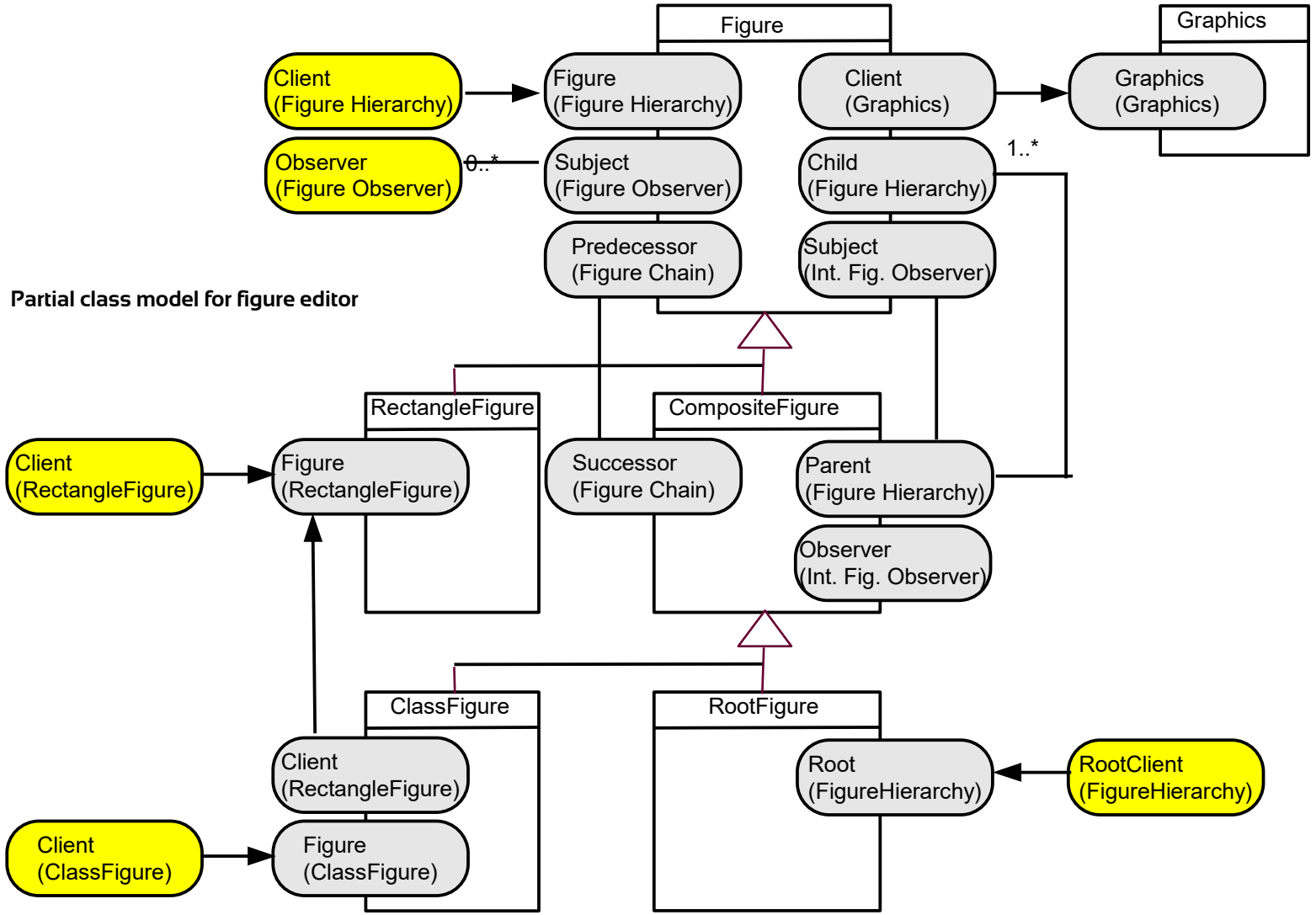
- Historically, design patterns were discovered during framework development
  - Smalltalk MVC [Goldberg, Reenskaug]
  - ET++ [Gamma]
  - Interviews [Vlissides]
- Design patterns are *building blocks of frameworks*
  - Framework developers vary and extend classes of the framework
- Design patterns create the products of a product line
  - Application developers vary and extend classes of the framework
  - Variability design patterns can be used as *framework variation points (framework variation hooks)*
  - Extensibility design patterns can be used as *framework extension points (framework extension hooks)*

12.1 Framework Instantiation and Merging With Open Roles

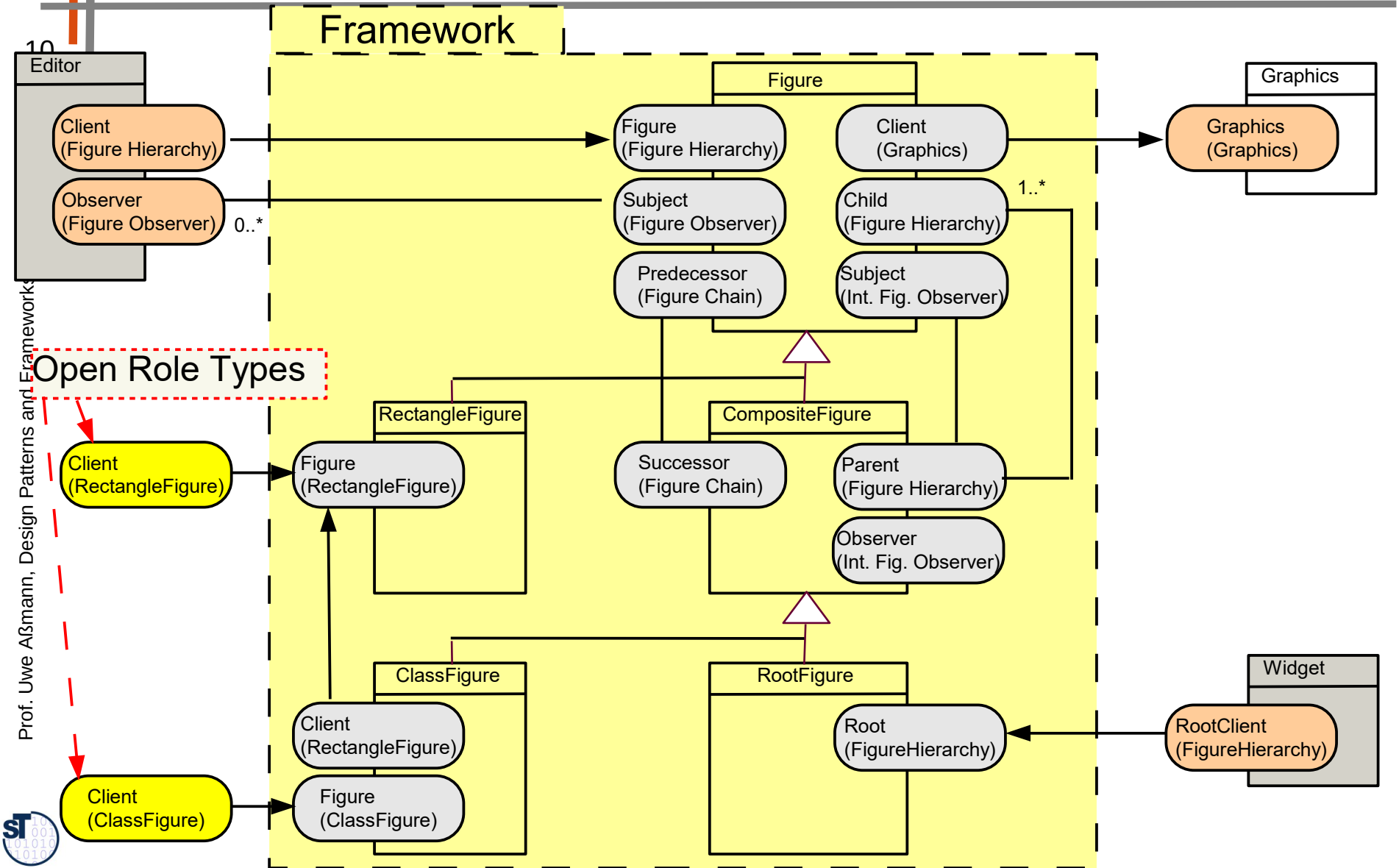
Framework Instantiation with Open Roles

- The most simple form of framework instantiation is Riehle/Gross' *open role instantiation* based on association
  - Here, frameworks are class models with *open role hooks (free, unbound roles),* role types that have not yet been assigned to classes
- The open roles form an *integration repertoire*
  - the set of role types, by which the framework can be integrated into an application (*framework hooks, framework variation points)*
- A framework is *instantiated* by binding its open roles to classes
  - Role constraints have to be respected
- Hence, role models play the bridge between a framework and its clients

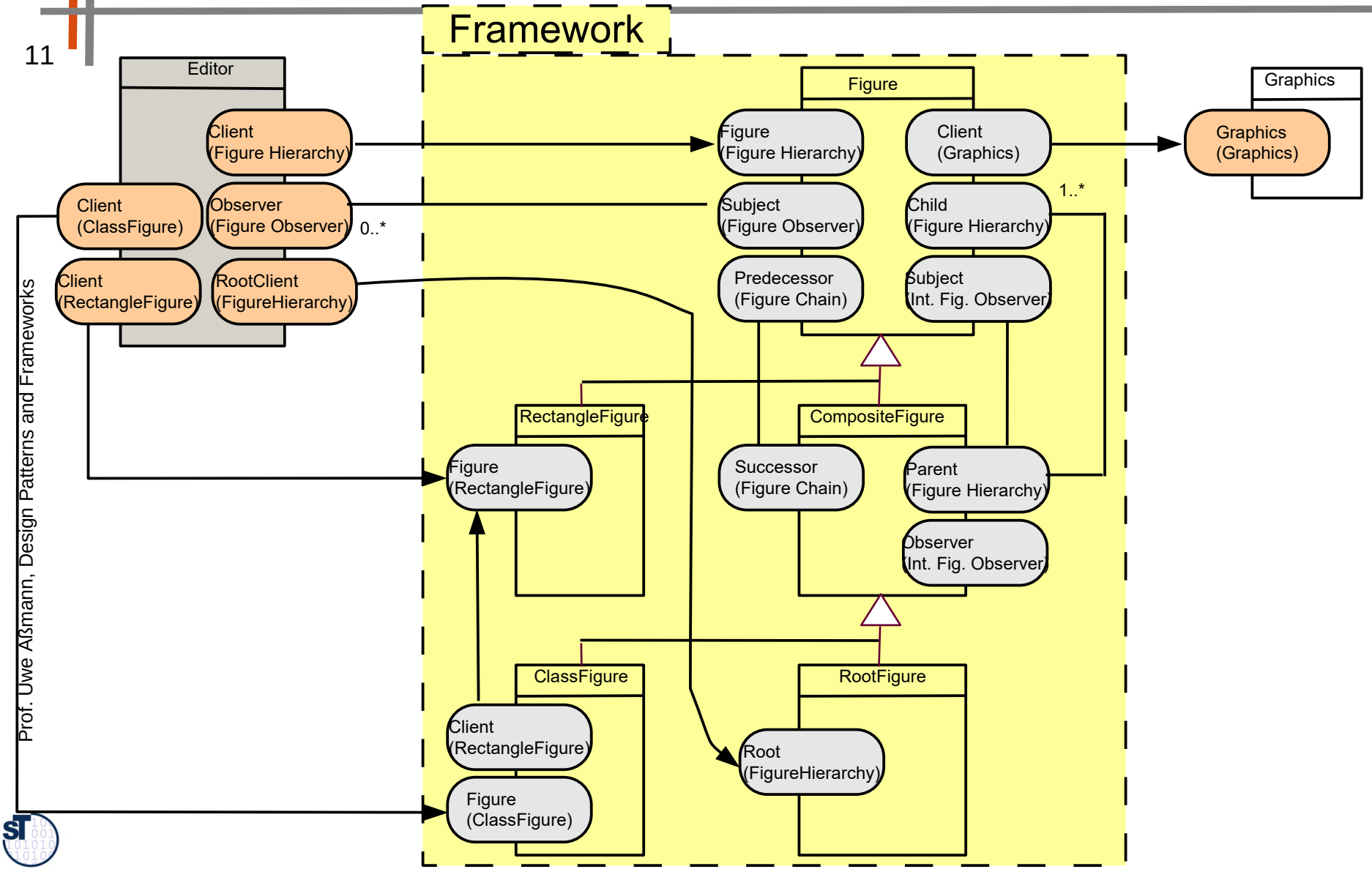
Remember: The Partial Figure Model, a Standard Role-Class Model



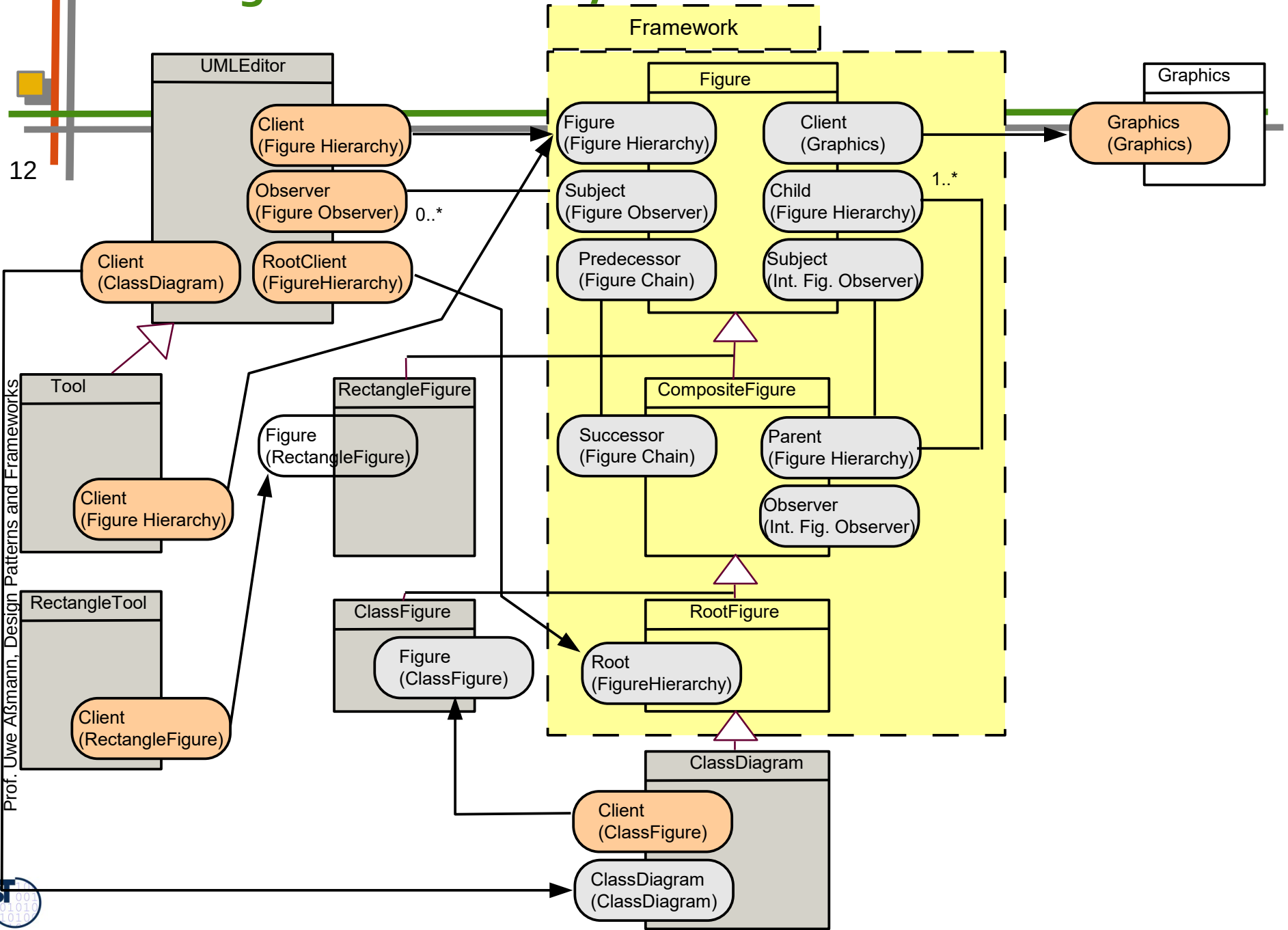
The Figure Framework, Partially Instantiated



The Figure Framework, Fully Instantiated to an Editor



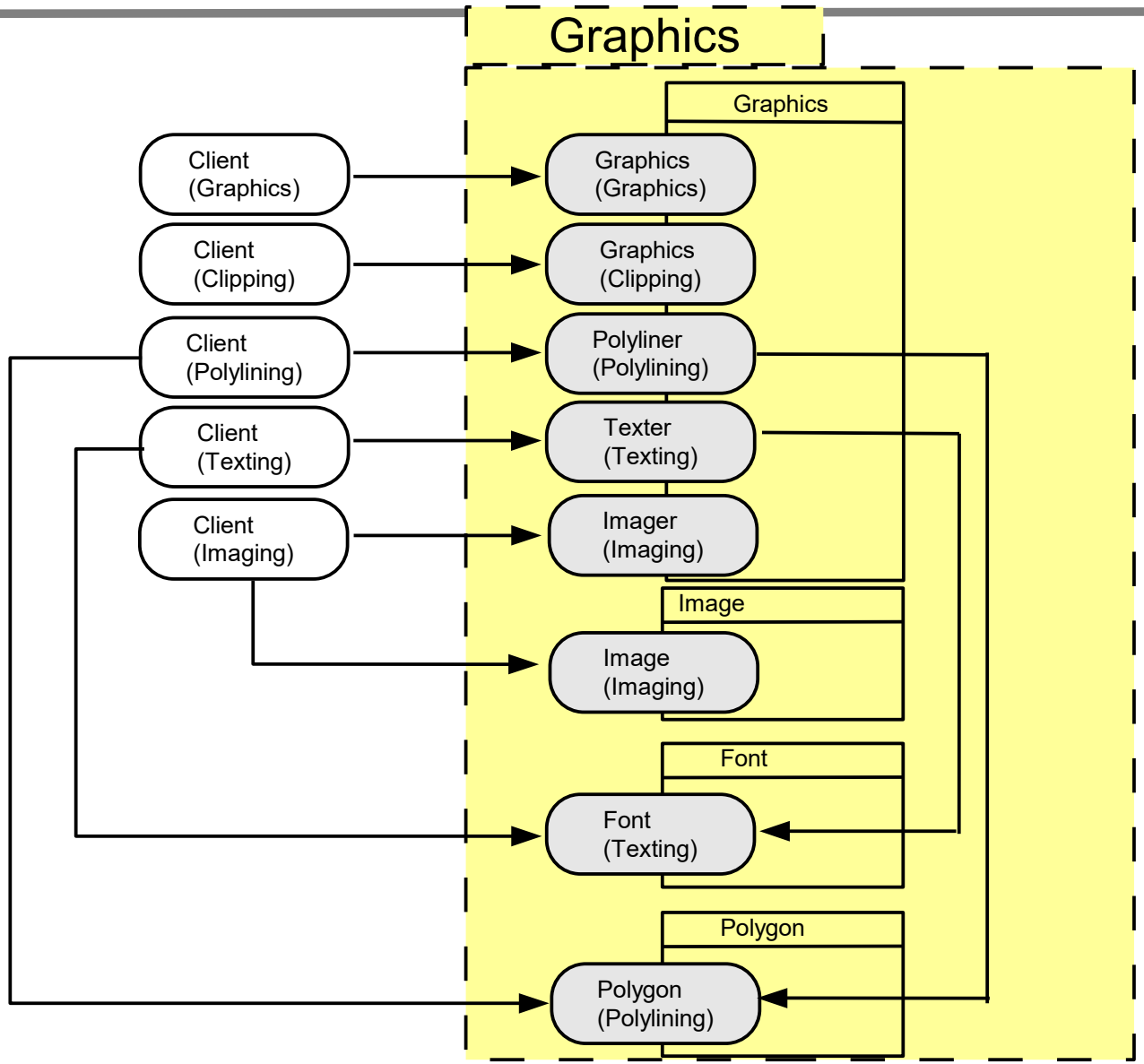
The Figure Framework, Instantiated to an UML Editor



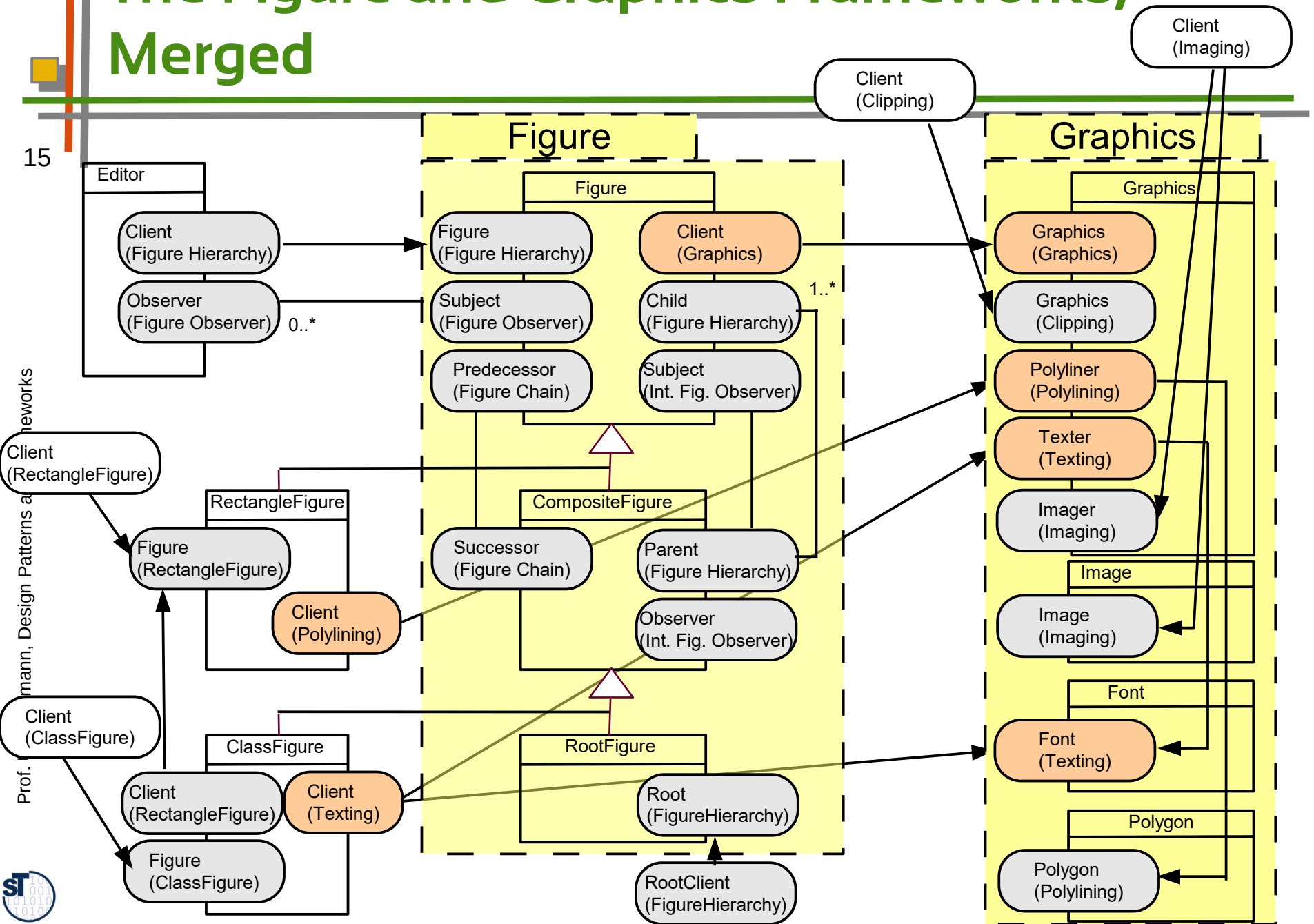
Merging of Frameworks

- Two frameworks are *merged* by binding the open roles of framework A to classes of framework B
  - Role constraints have to be respected
- Hence, role models play the bridge between different frameworks, too.
  - Leads to layers of frameworks

A Graphics Framework



The Figure and Graphics Frameworks, Merged



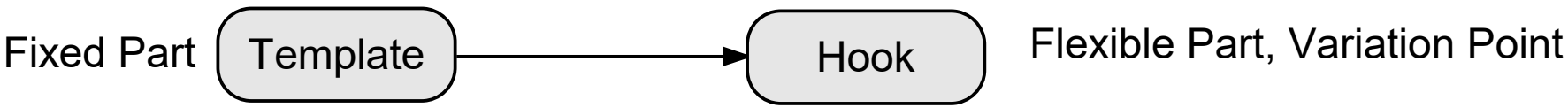
Limitations of Open Role Instantiation

- [Riehle/Gross] role-based framework instantiation relies on simple role binding, with role constraints
- Role binding for framework instantiation and merging can be even more elaborated

12.2 Framework Hook Patterns

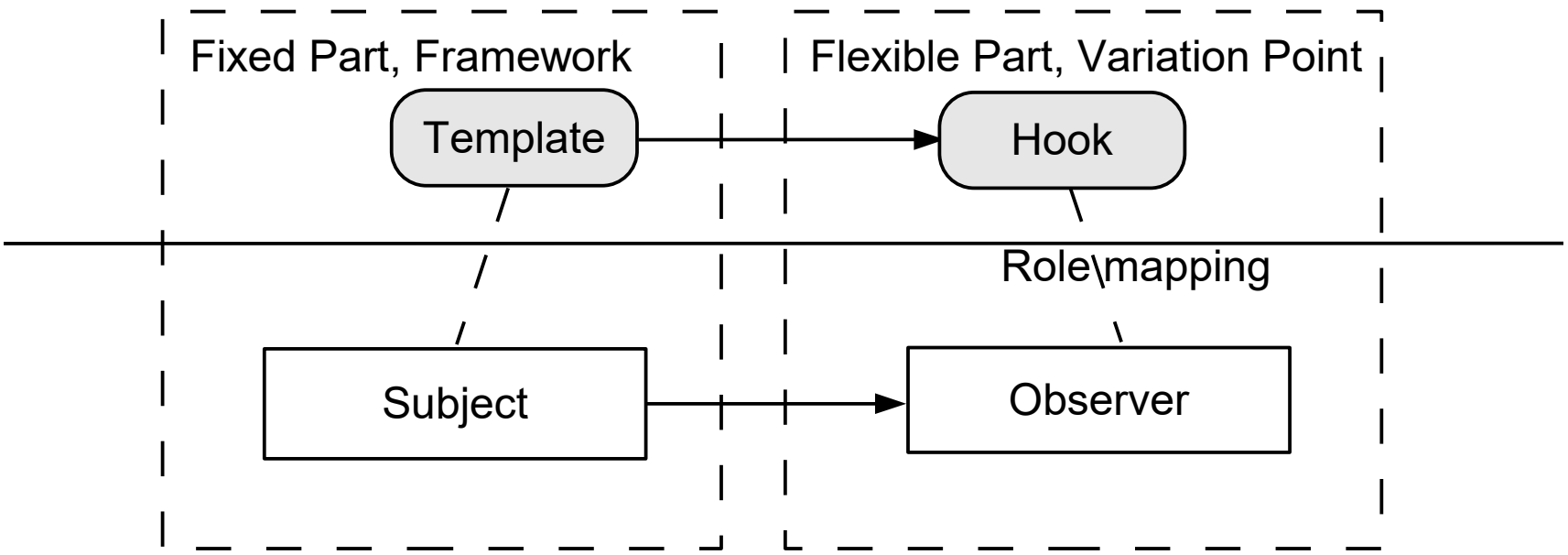
Pree's Framework Hook Patterns (Template&Hook Role Models)

- In Pree's work, *framework hooks* are characterized by design patterns *(framework hook patterns)*
  - They describe the roles of classes on the *border* of the framework
  - The framework hook pattern determines the way how the classes interact with each other at the border of the framework
- A framework variation point is characterized with a *Template&Hook conceptual pattern*
  - Pree called this a *T&H metapattern*, we call this a *T&H role model*
- A T&H role model has 2 parts:
  - A template class (or *template role type)*, which gives the skeleton algorithm of the framework: Fix, grasps commonalities
  - A hook class, which can be exchanged (or: a *hook role type* which can be bound to a client class): Variable, even extensible, grasps variability and extension



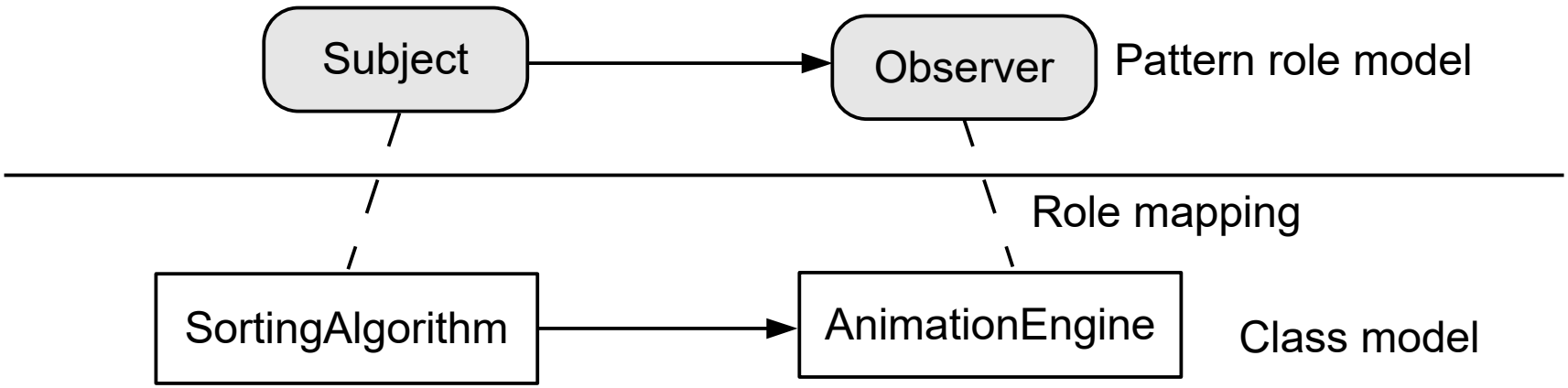
T&H Patterns and Standard Patterns

- A TH-role model *overlays* another pattern (hence Pree called it a *metapattern*)
  - The template part fixes parts of the pattern
  - The hook part keeps parts of the pattern variable, i.e., open for binding.



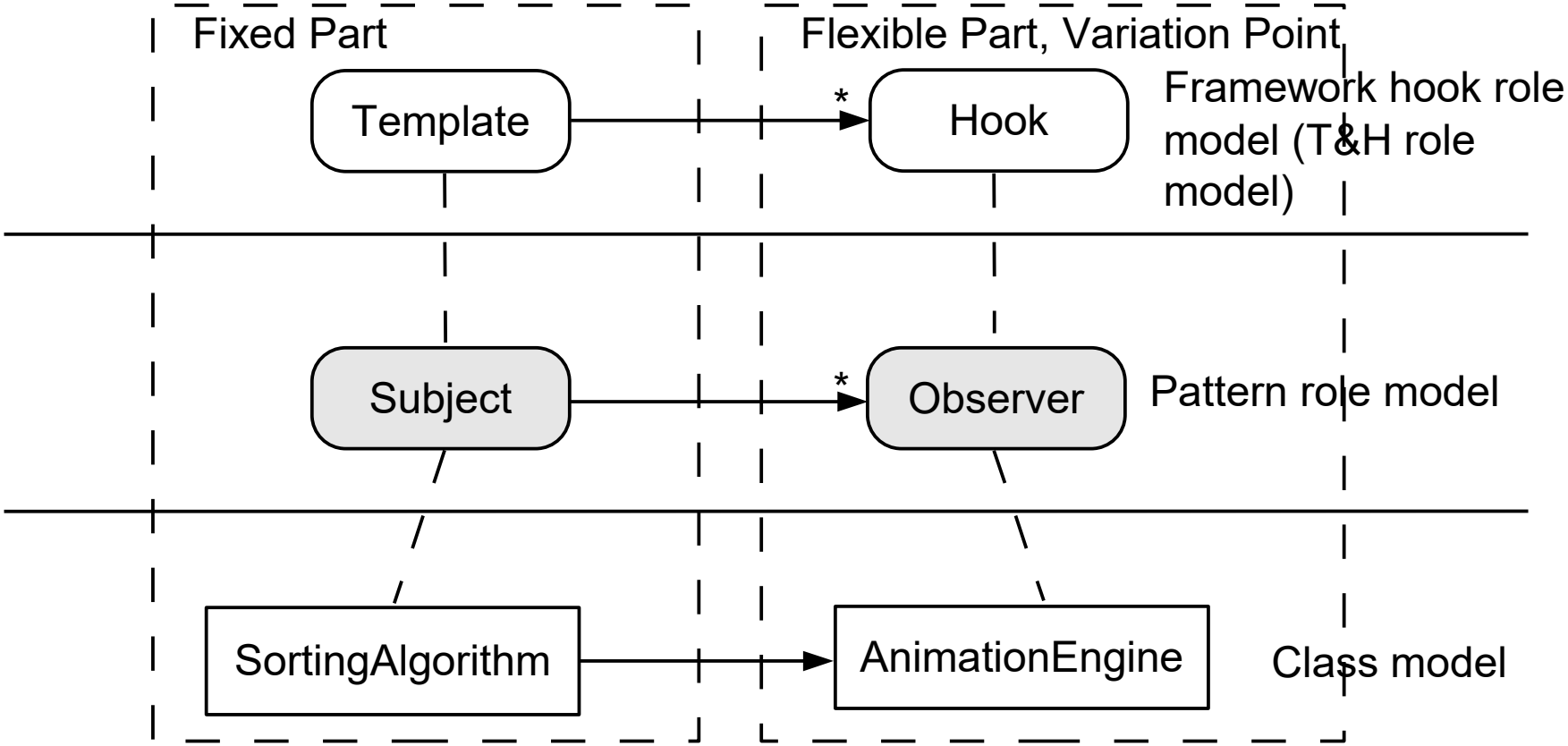
T&H in Standard Design Patterns

- Subject and Observer can vary; nothing is fixed
  - SortingAlgorithm and AnimationEngine can be exchanged



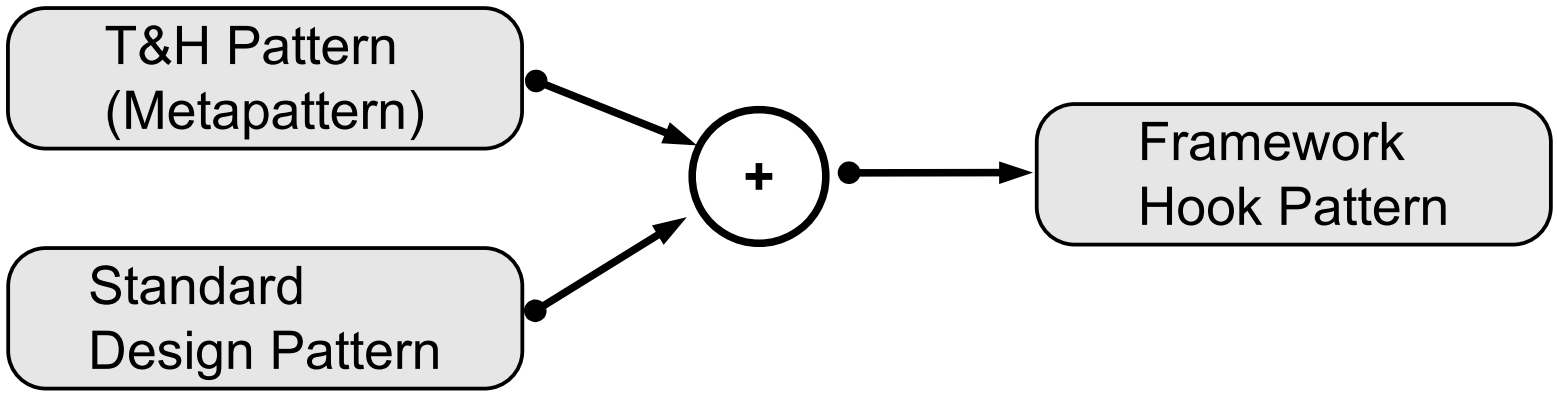
T&H in Framework Hook Patterns

- Subject can no longer vary; it is fixed
  - SortingAlgorithm cannot be exchanged (exception: DimensionalClassHierarchies)



Why T&H Patterns add More to Standard Patterns

- Due to Riehle and Gross, we know that metapatterns are role models that overlay the role models of design patterns
  - Metapatterns are very general role models that can be mixed into every design pattern
  - As design patterns describe application models, metapatterns describe design patterns
- In [Pree], roles are not considered. Pree has only hook classes and hook methods. Here, we combine [Pree] and [Riehle/Gross]
- If a metapattern is overlayed to a role model of a design pattern, it adds commonality/variability knowledge, describing a *framework variation point*
  - The template part characterizes the framework's fixed parts
  - The hook part characterizes the framework's variation point
- Hence we call a design pattern with metapattern information **framework hook pattern**

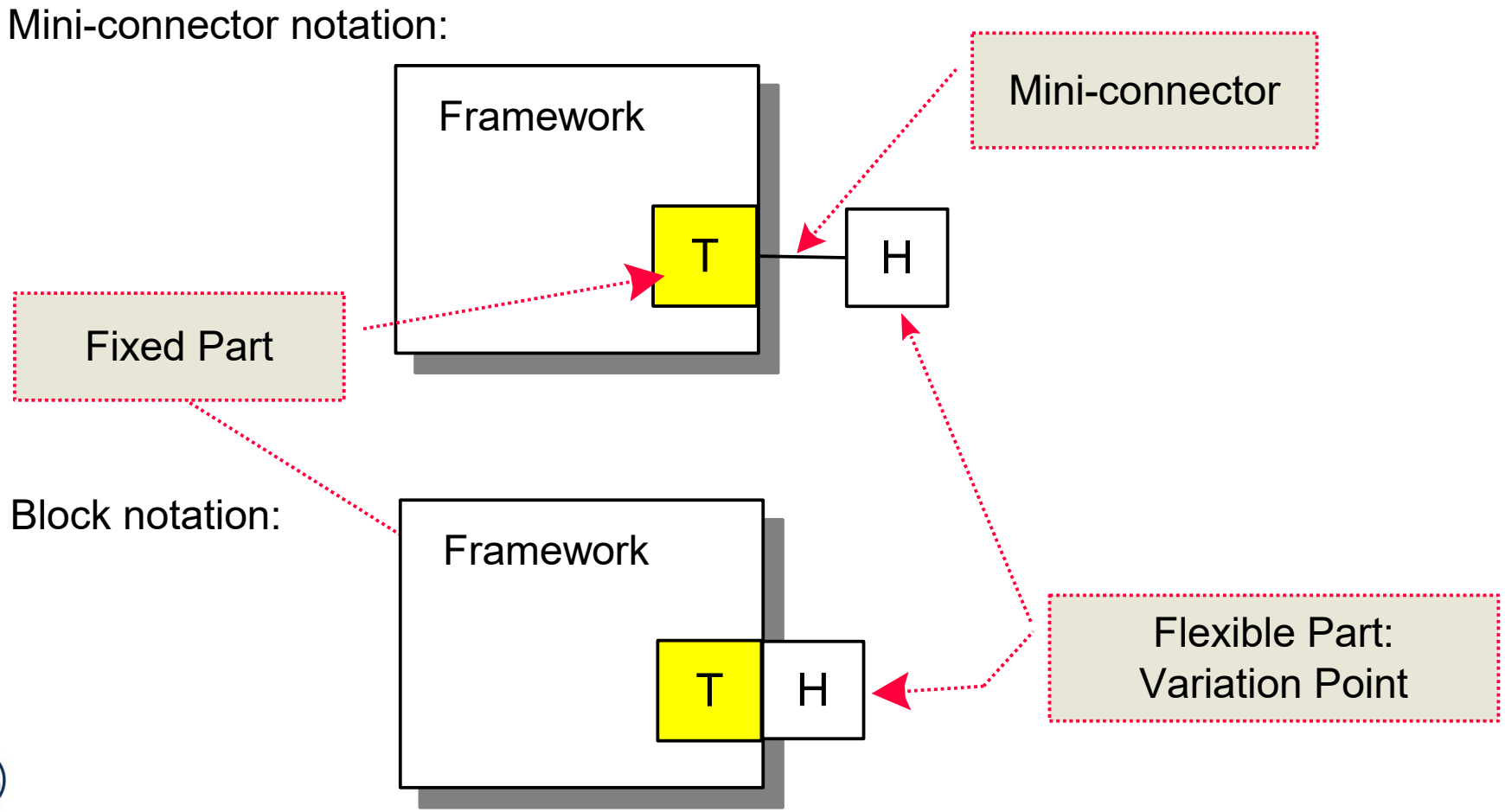


Framework Hook Patterns

- The template-hook role model
  - adds more pragmatics to a standard design pattern: **information about commonality and variability**. Hence, framework variation points are described
  - The template-hook role model adds more *constraints* to a standard design pattern. Some things can no longer be exchanged
- Pree discovered 7 framework hook patterns, i.e., 7 template-hook role models for framework hooks
  - The template-hook role models describe the parameterization of the framework by *open roles*
  - They include Riehle's open roles, but add more variants
  - There are even other ones (see next chapter)
- Framework T&H patters are defined only **at the border** of frameworks

Two Simple Notations for Framework Hook Patterns

- Mini-connector notation: shows T, H, mini-connector
- Block notation: Shows T, H

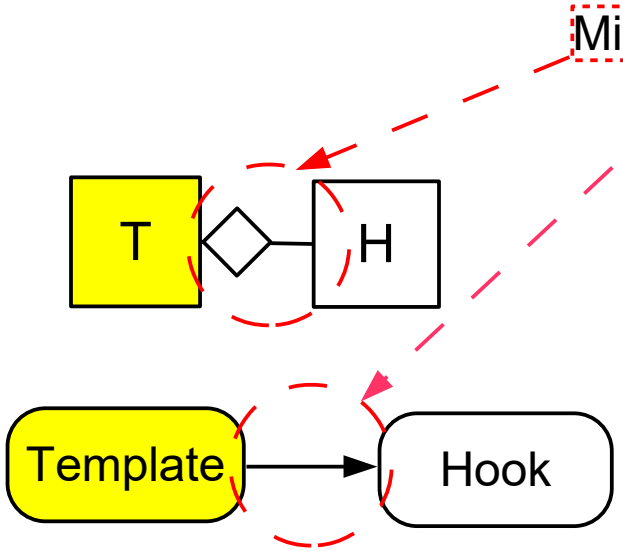


12.3 Delegation-Based Framework Hook Patterns

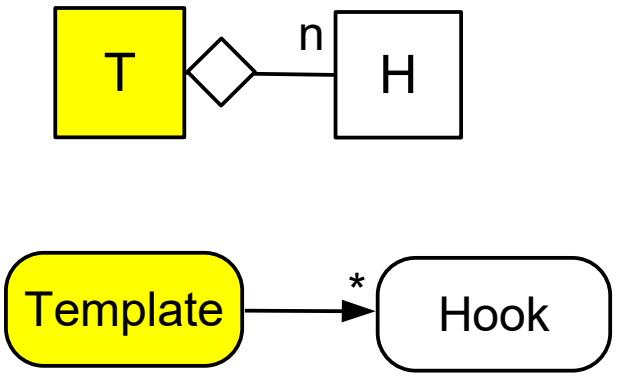
T—H Connection Pattern

- T&H *connection pattern* (T--H framework hook)
  - Similar to Riehle/Gross open role type, but with aggregation instead of association
  - T and H classes are coupled by a template-hook role model, the hook is a delegatee (the relation is called a *mini-connector)*
  - “Whole” is in the framework, “Part” is in the plugin

1-T—H (aggregated open role hook)
H part of T

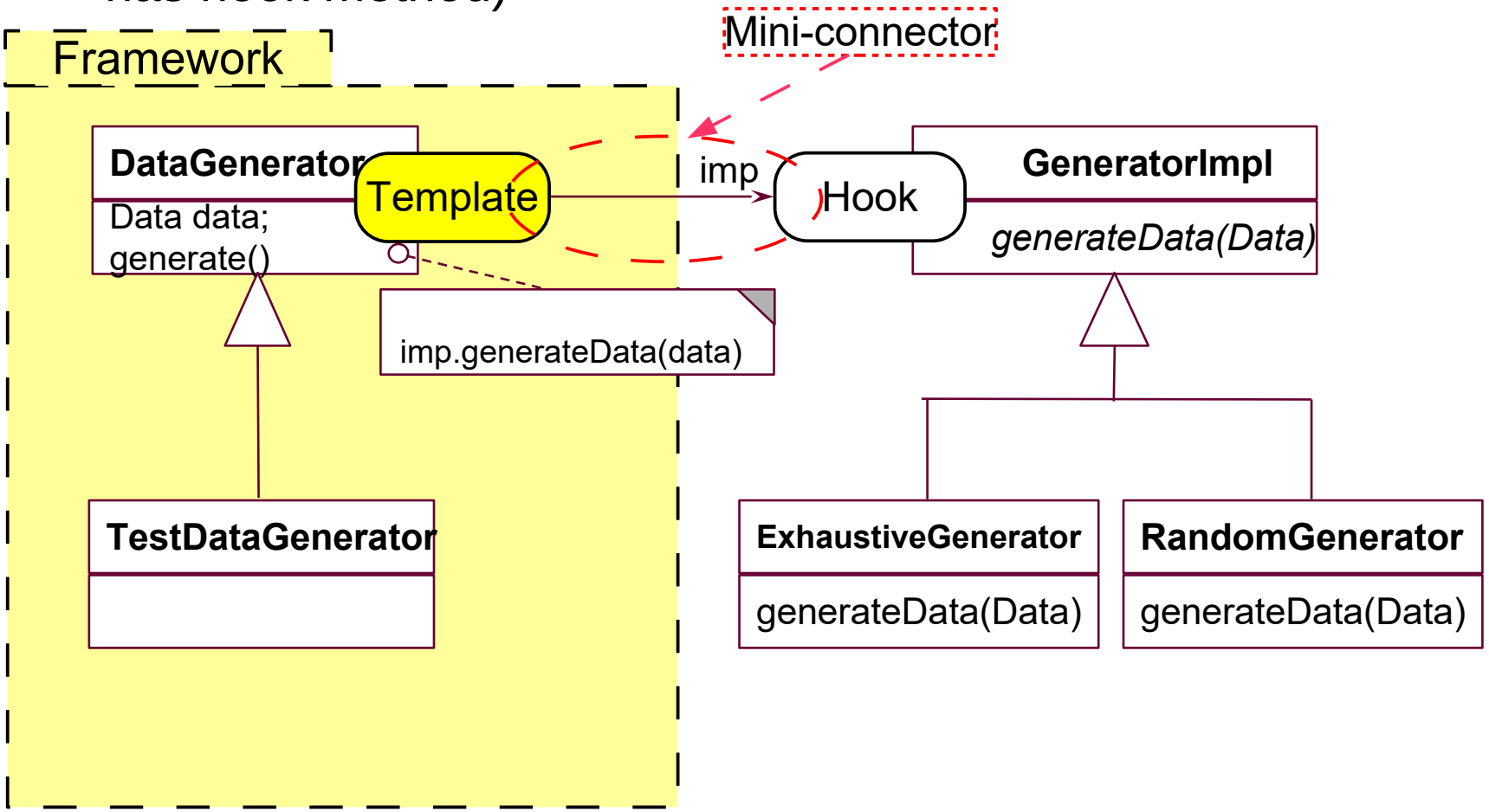


n-T—H (flat extension)
T has n H parts, n is dynamic

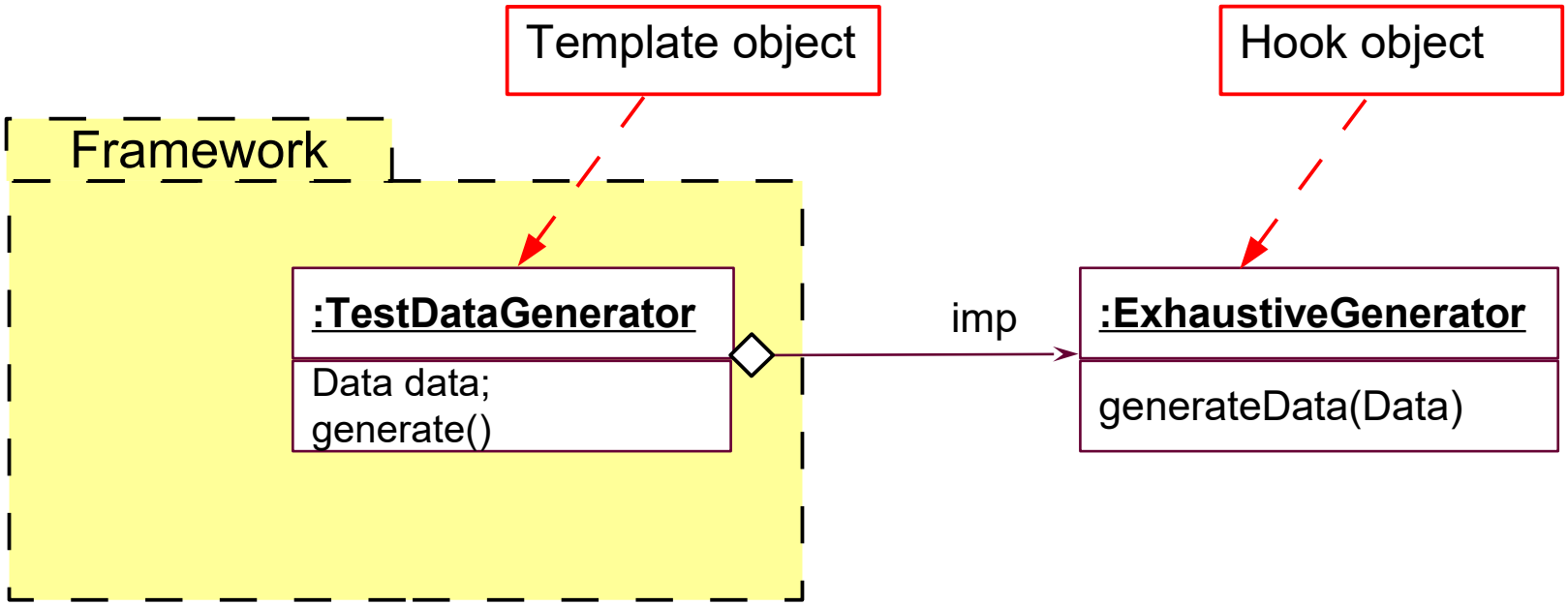


TemplateClass with 1-T--H

- Attention: in this case, the Template role also carries the TemplateM role (framework has template method, application has hook method)

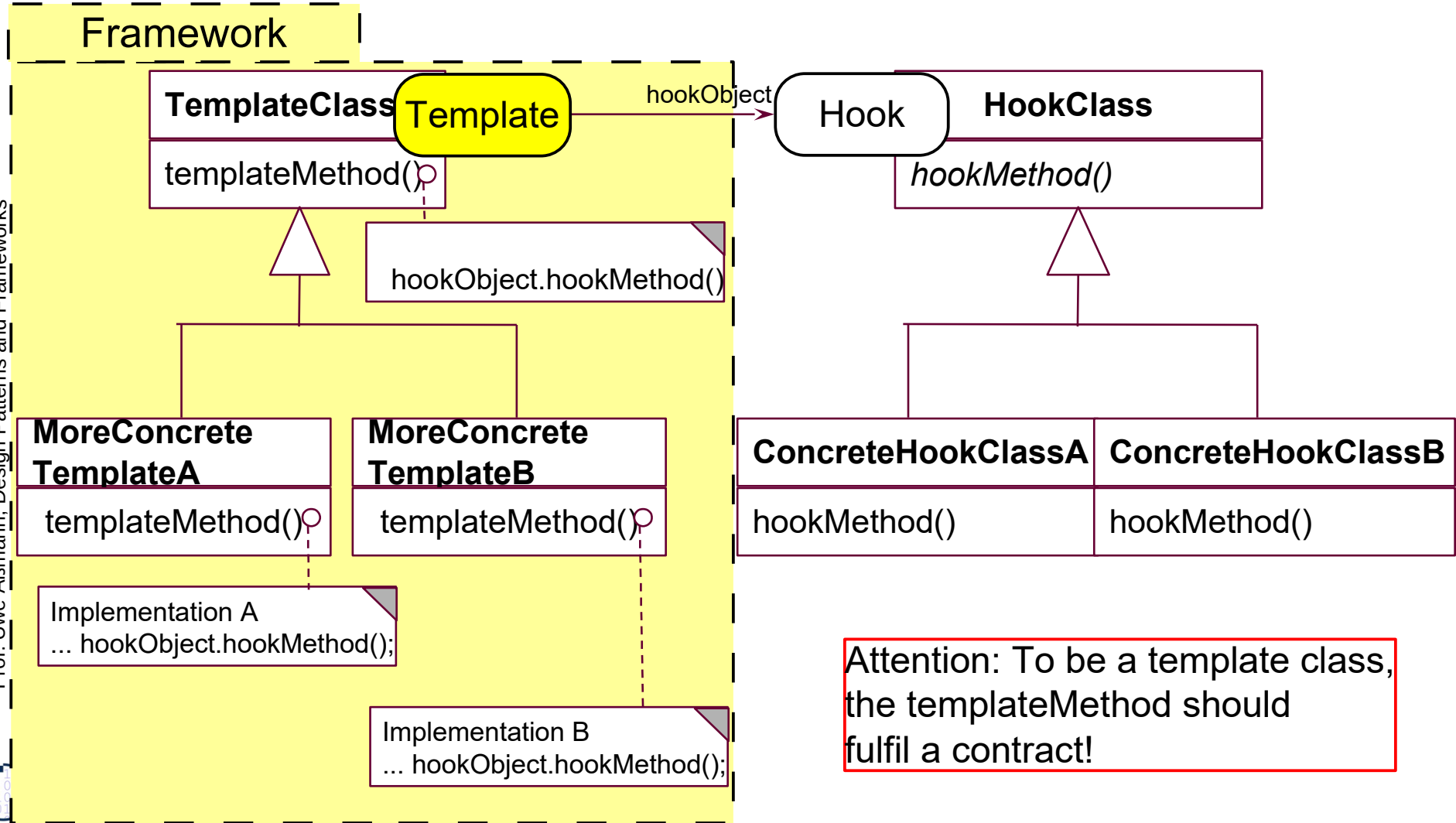


TemplateClass Runtime Scenario



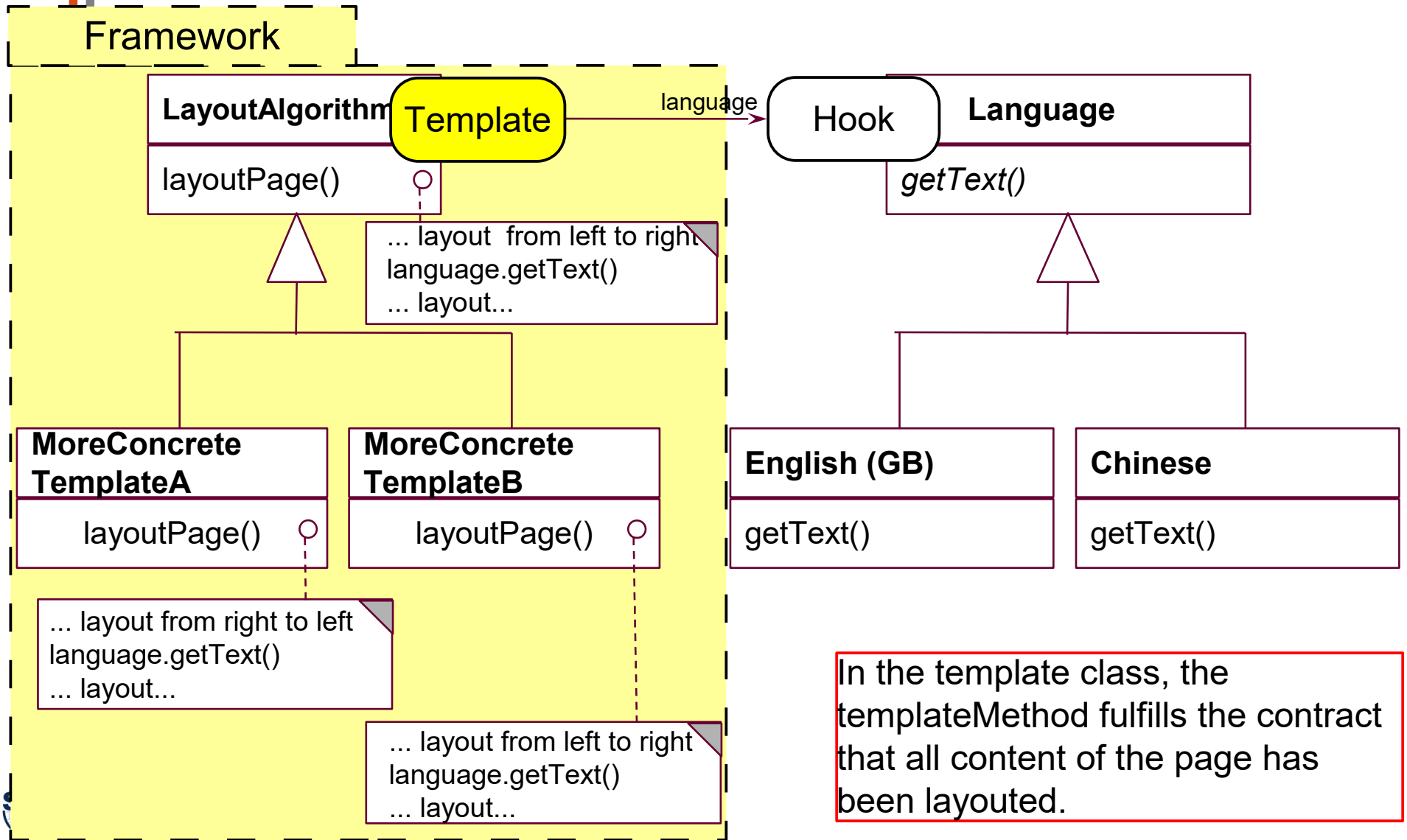
Dimensional Hierarchies with 1-T--H (Bridge with Template/Hook Constraint)

- Template classes cannot be varied *by the client*, only the hook class



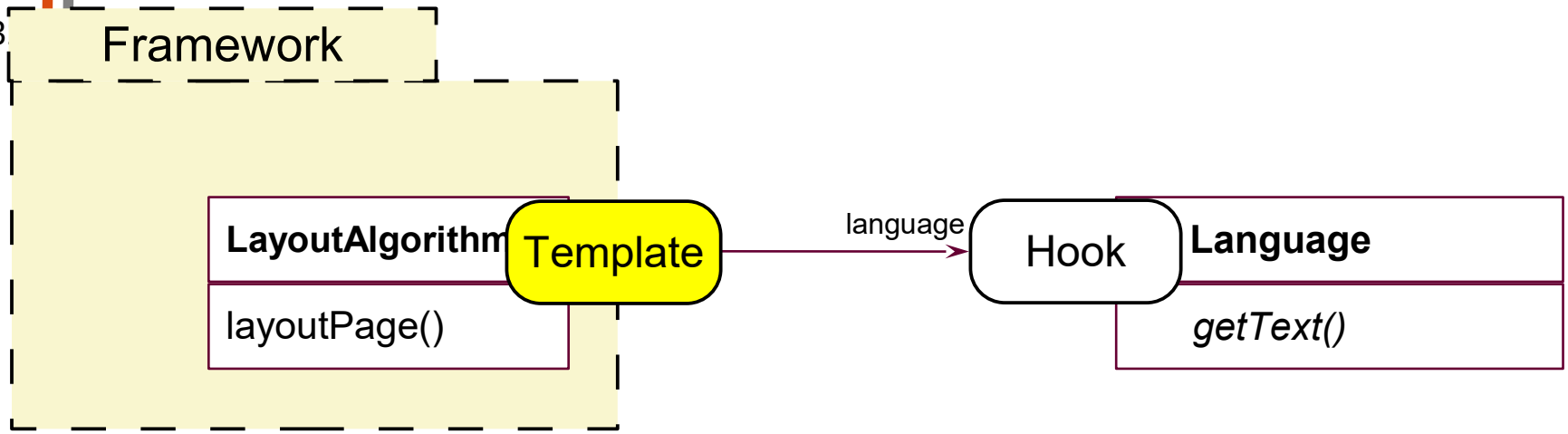
Attention: To be a template class, the templateMethod should fulfil a contract!

Ex.: Internationalization as Dimensional Class Hierarchy with 1-T--H

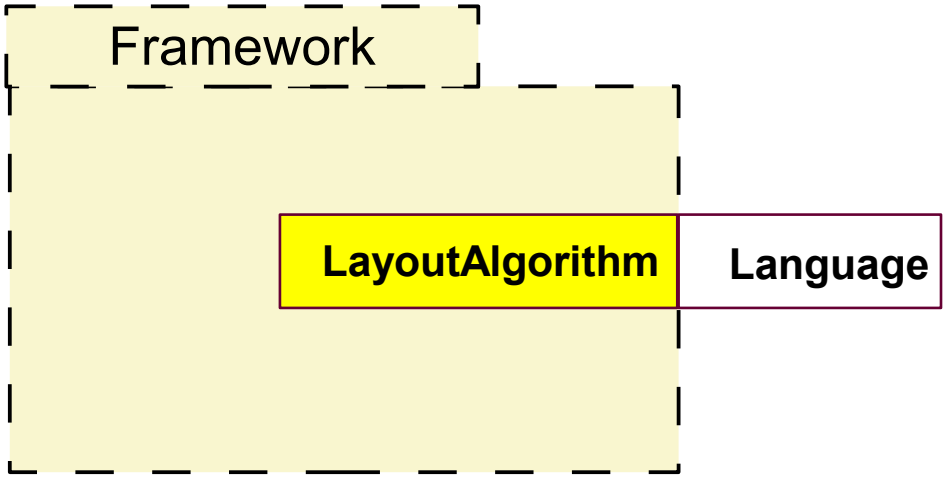


In the template class, the templateMethod fulfills the contract that all content of the page has been layouted.

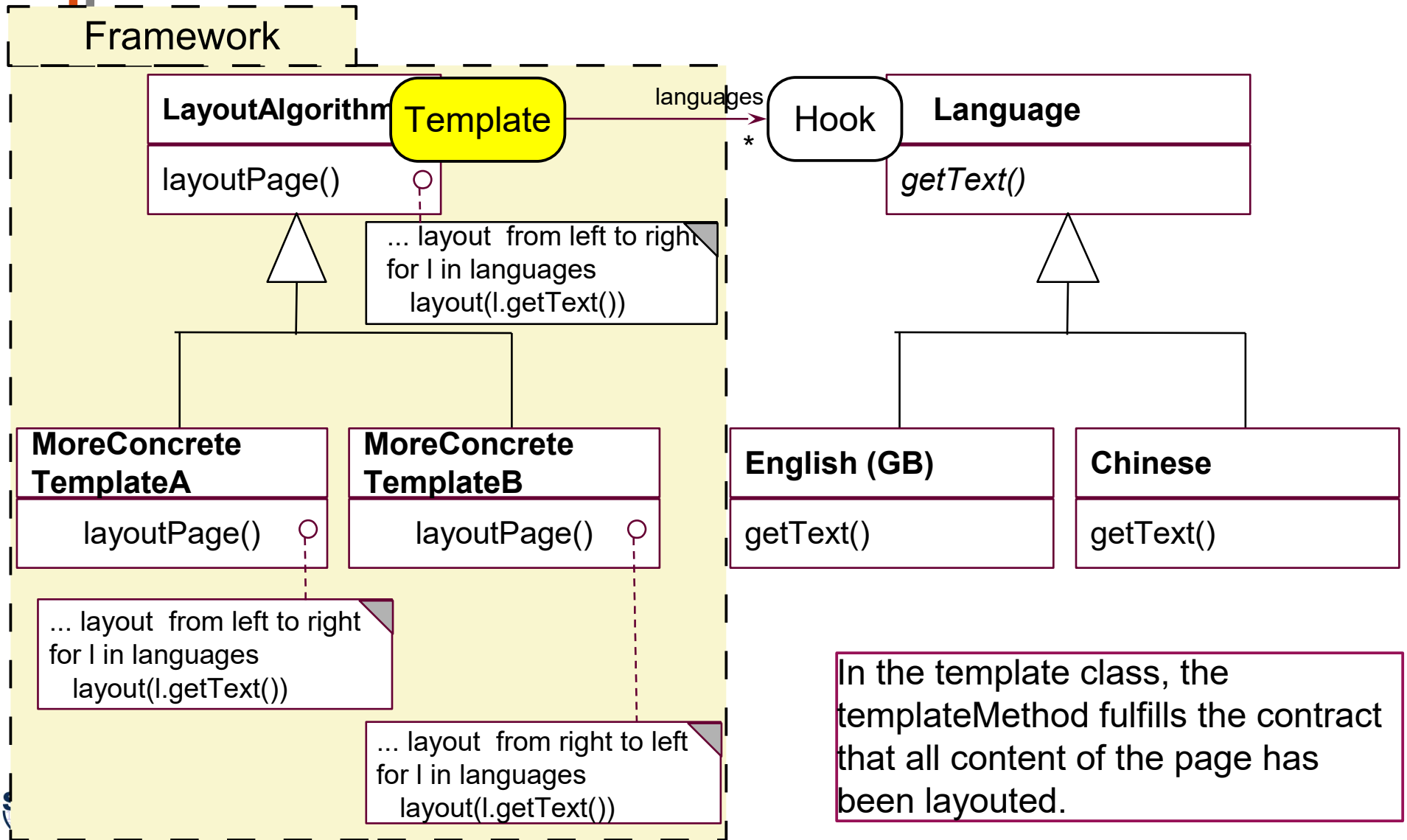
Ex.: Internationalization of Frameworks with Dimensional Class Hierarchy with 1-T--H



- may be abbreviated with block notation to:



Ex.: Multiple Internationalization as Dimensional Class Hierarchy with n-T--H



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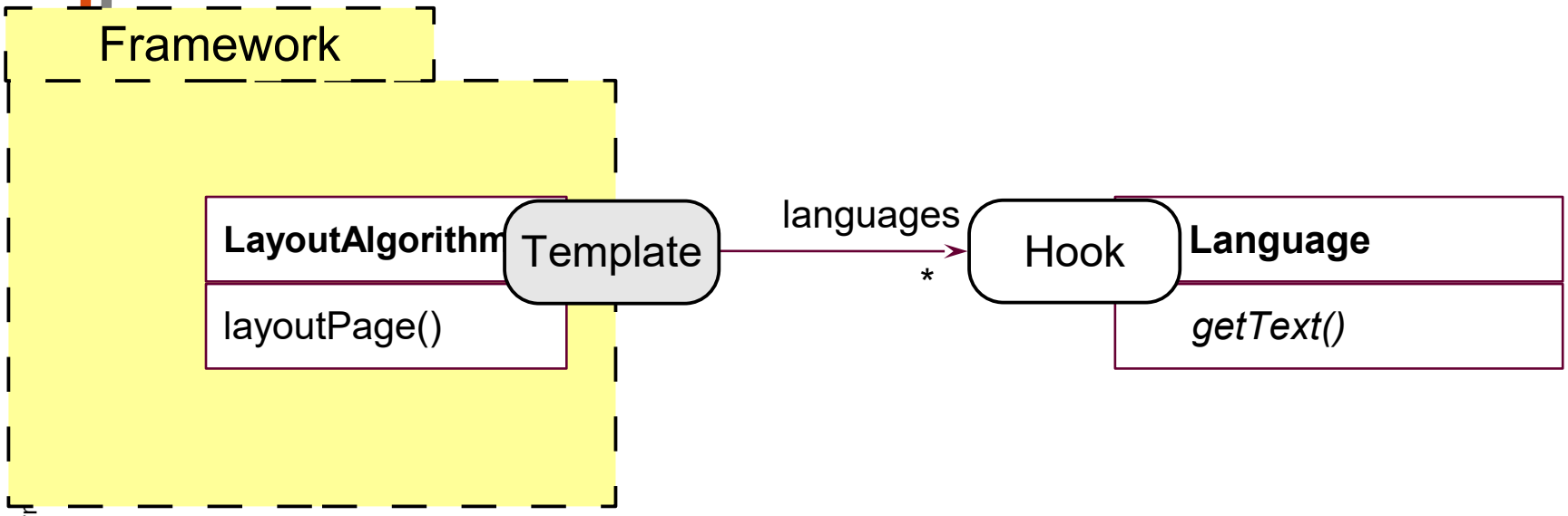
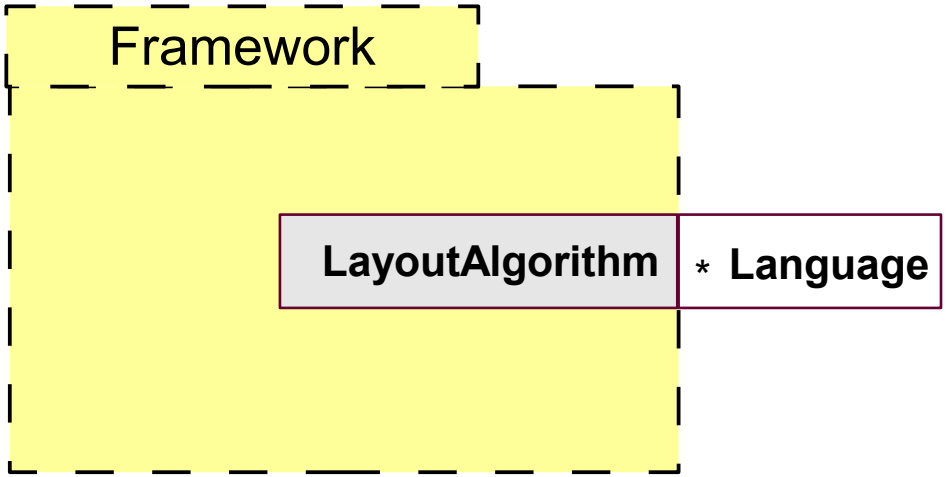
Ex.: Multiple Internationalization as Dimensional Class Hierarchy with n-T--H

- n-T—H is based on *-Bridge pattern
- This framework hook allows for multiple internationalized texts
  - An application can layout several languages at the same time
- The layout algorithm can be coupled with different languages that use the same layout (multiple internationalization)
- Here, you can see the power of the T—H concept:
  - 1-T--H: dynamic variability
  - n-T—H: dynamic extension (flat, non-recursive)

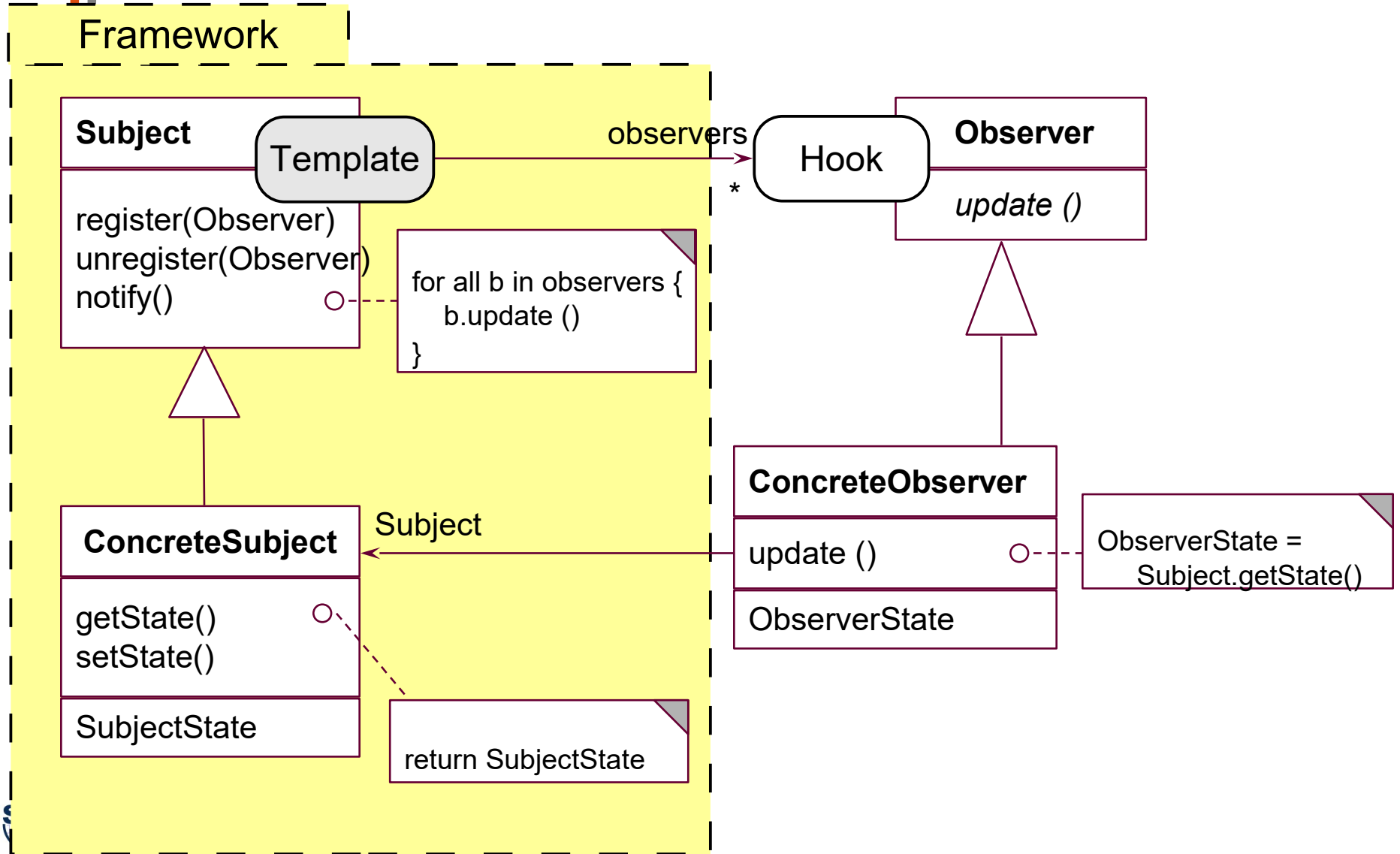
Ex.: Multiple Internationalization as n-T—H Dimensional Hierarchy



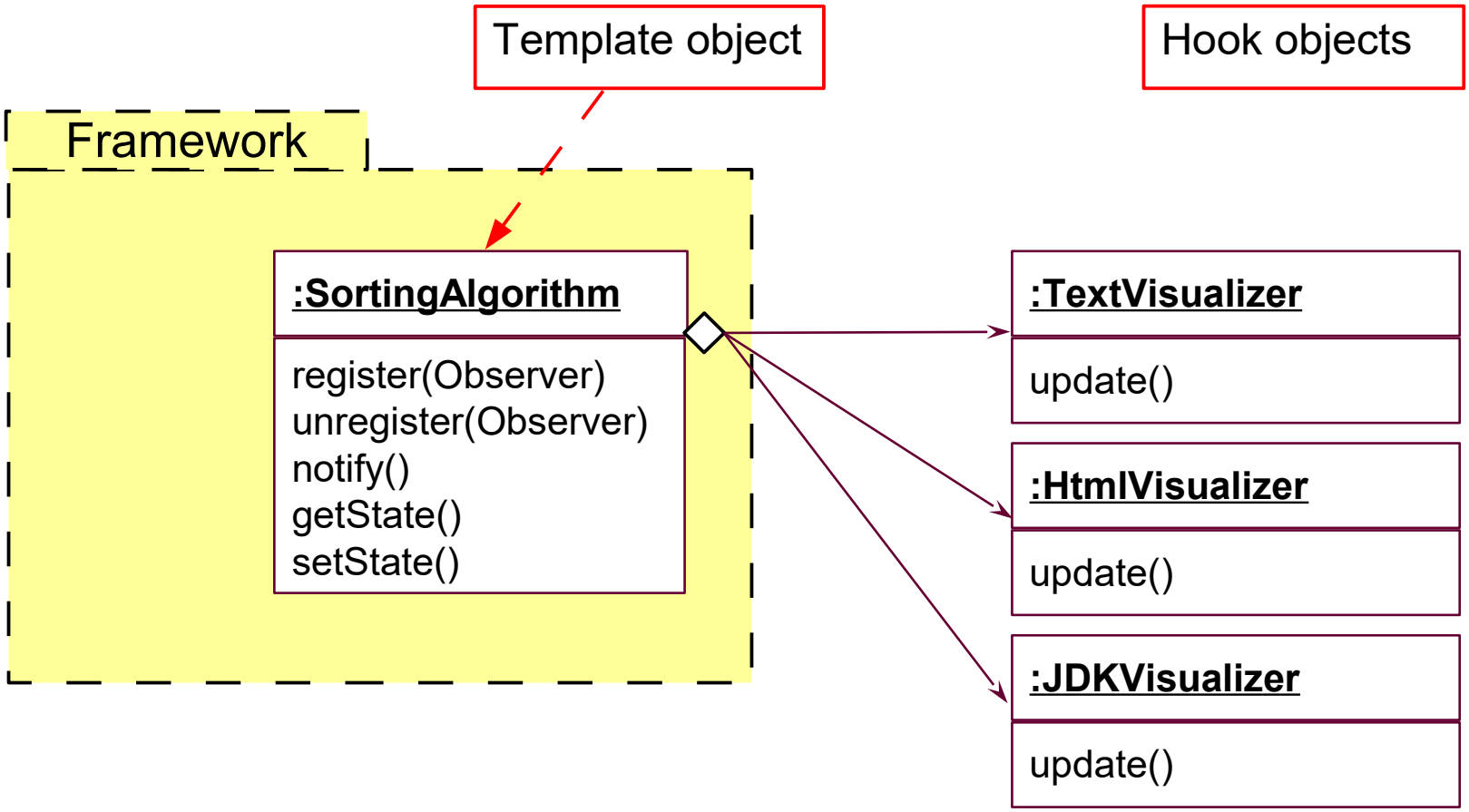
Block notation:



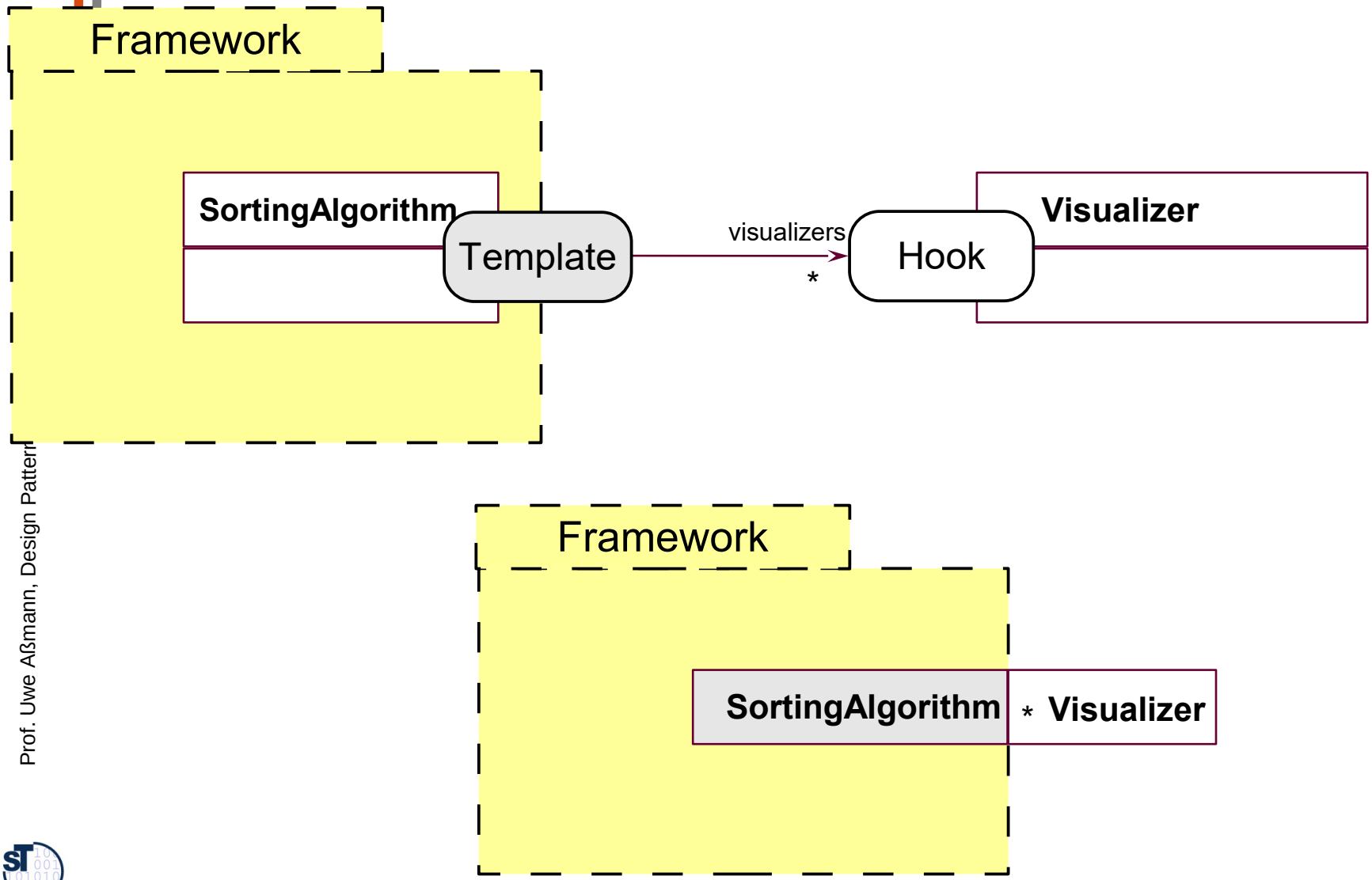
Observer as n-T—H of a Framework



Observer Runtime Scenario: Several Visualizers in Parallel



Observer-Based Extensible Frameworks

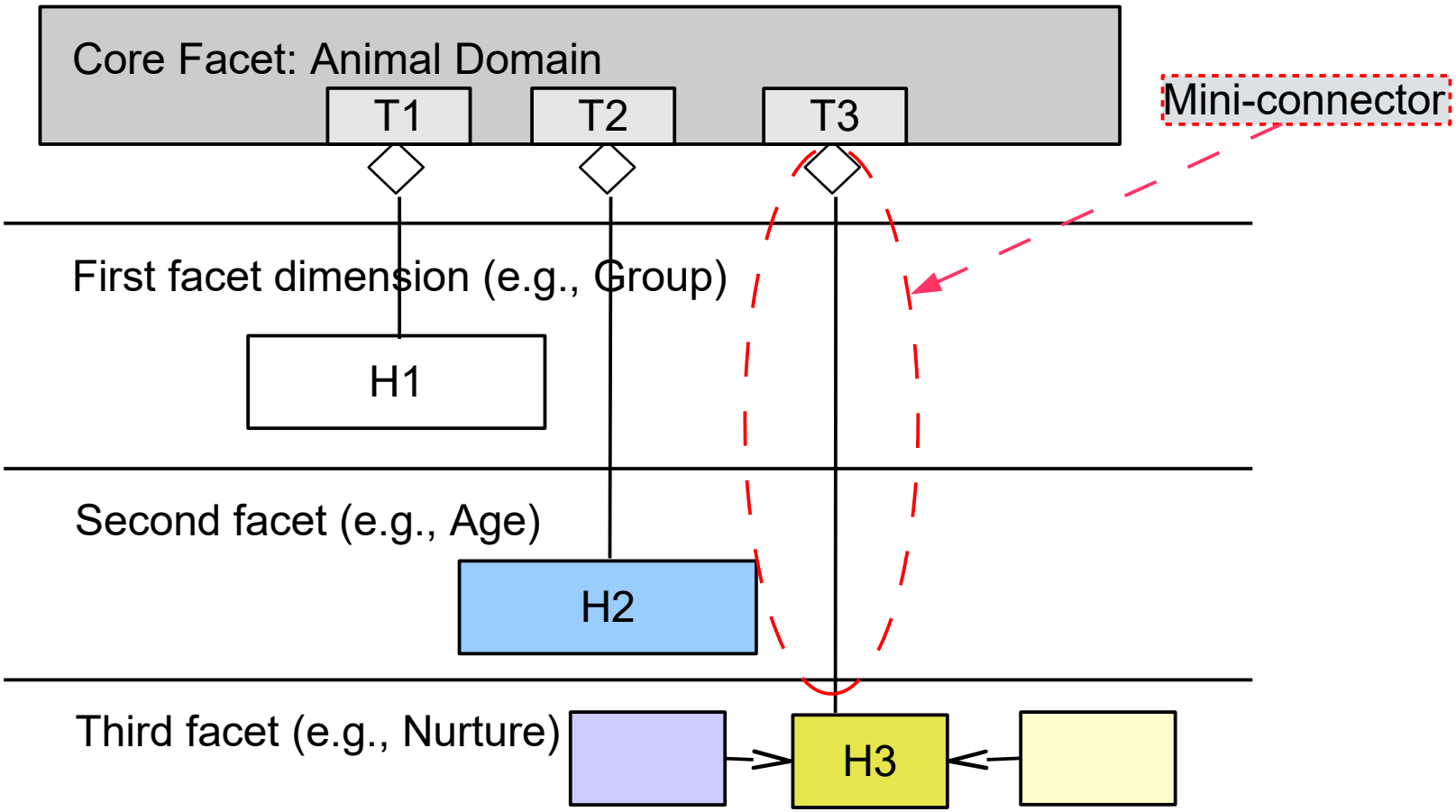


Observer

- The Observer pattern is used for extensibility
- With T&H, it becomes clear that Observers are a perfect way to achieve product lines with new feature extensions:
  - Model a critical template algorithm as Subject (template of the n-T--H)
  - Model an extension as a new Observer (hook of the n-T--H)

Bridge Frameworks Have T—H Hooks

- Every dimension corresponds to a T—H hook
- Bridges, Strategy, Adapter can be used as mini-connectors



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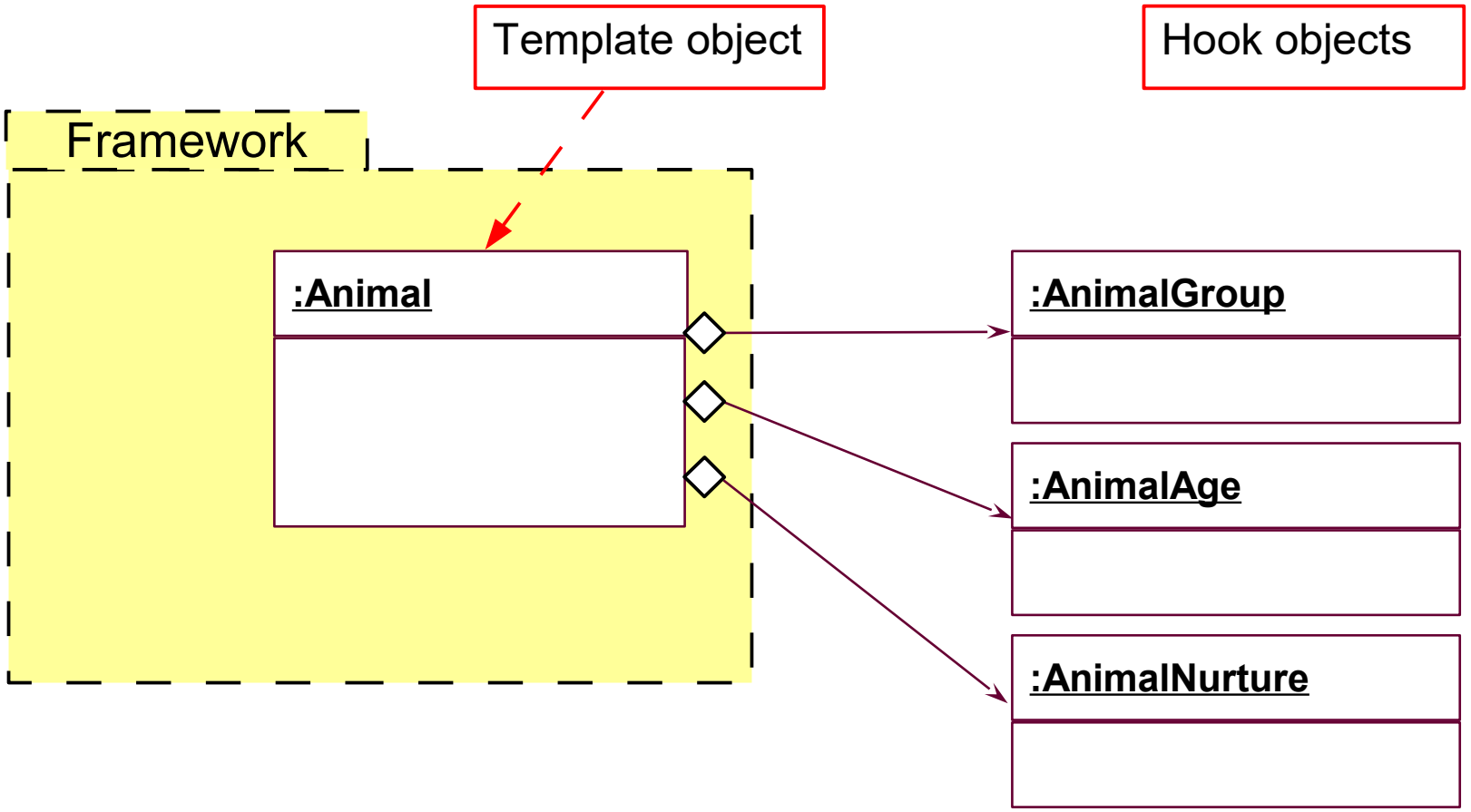
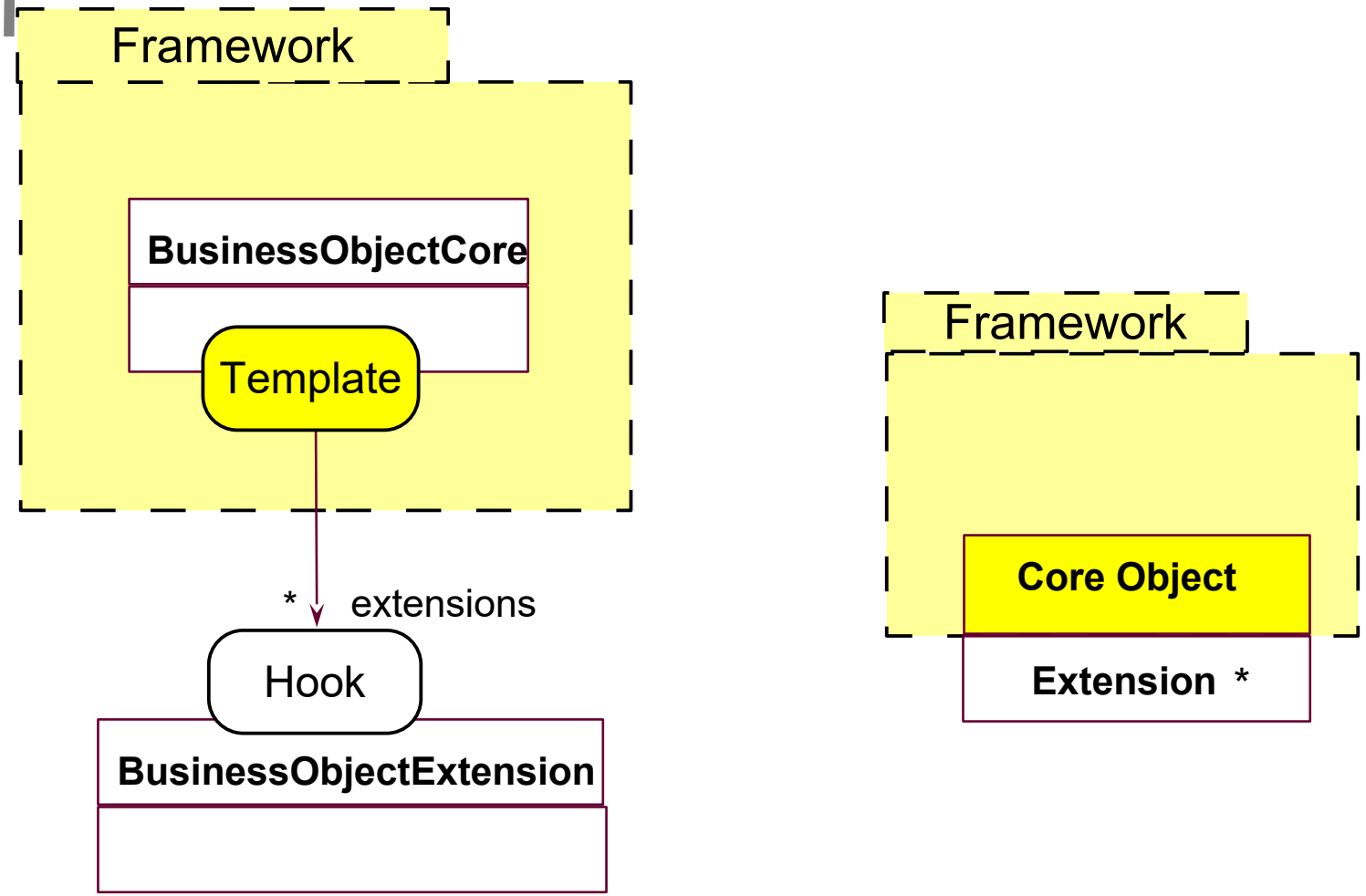


Extensible Bridge Framework with n-T--H



n-T—H Makes Bridge Frameworks Extensible

- An n-T—H framework hook makes dimensional bridge frameworks extensible with new dimensions *at run time*
- New extensions in new dimensions can be added and removed on-the-fly
- Applications
  - Business applications
  - System software
  - 3- and n-tier architectures

T—H Patterns Result in Blackbox Frameworks

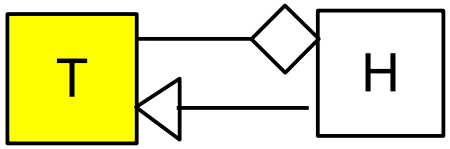
- The main relation between T and H is *delegation*.
- Hence, when overriding and instantiating H, the framework is untouched (*blackbox framework*)
- 1-T—H gives variability
- n-T—H gives extensibility

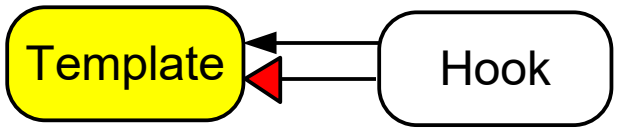
12.4 The H<=T Recursion Metapattern

H<=T Recursive Connection

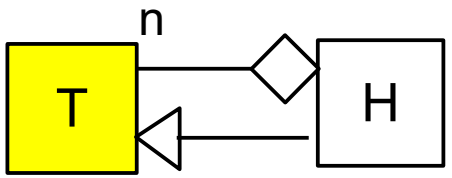
- T&H *recursive connection pattern* (H<=T framework hook, *deep extension pattern*)
  - with 1- or n-ObjectRecursion
  - H-class inherits from T; T is part of H
  - H is decorator of T (1:1) or a composed class in a composite pattern (1:n)

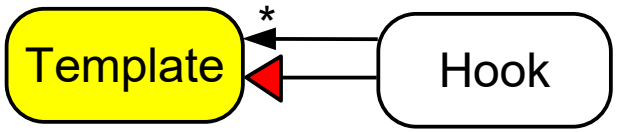
H<=T (deep list extension)
T part of H
H inherits from T
1-ObjectRecursion/Decorator





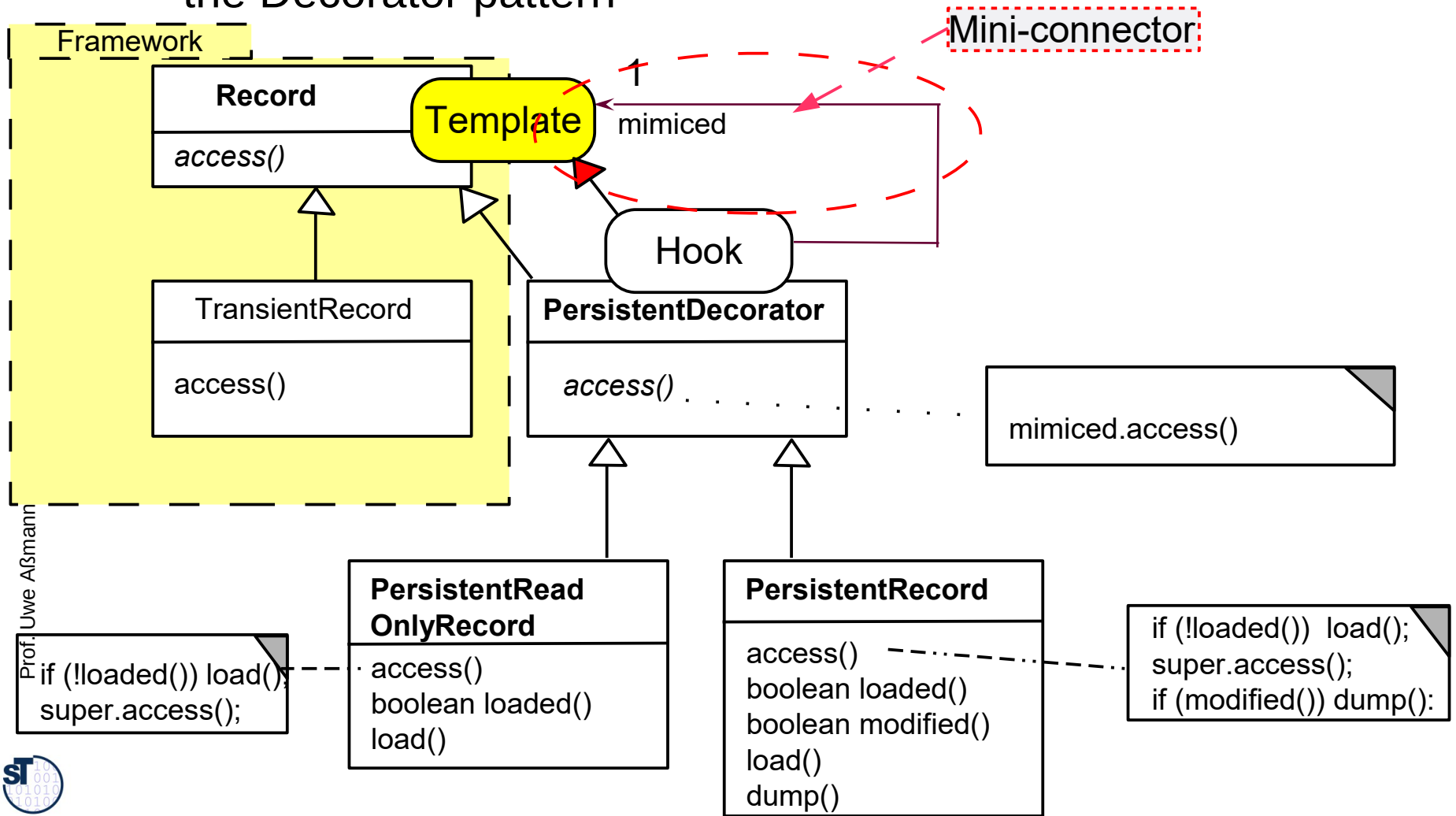
n-H<=T (deep graph extension)
H has n T parts
H inherits from T
n-ObjectRecursion/Composite





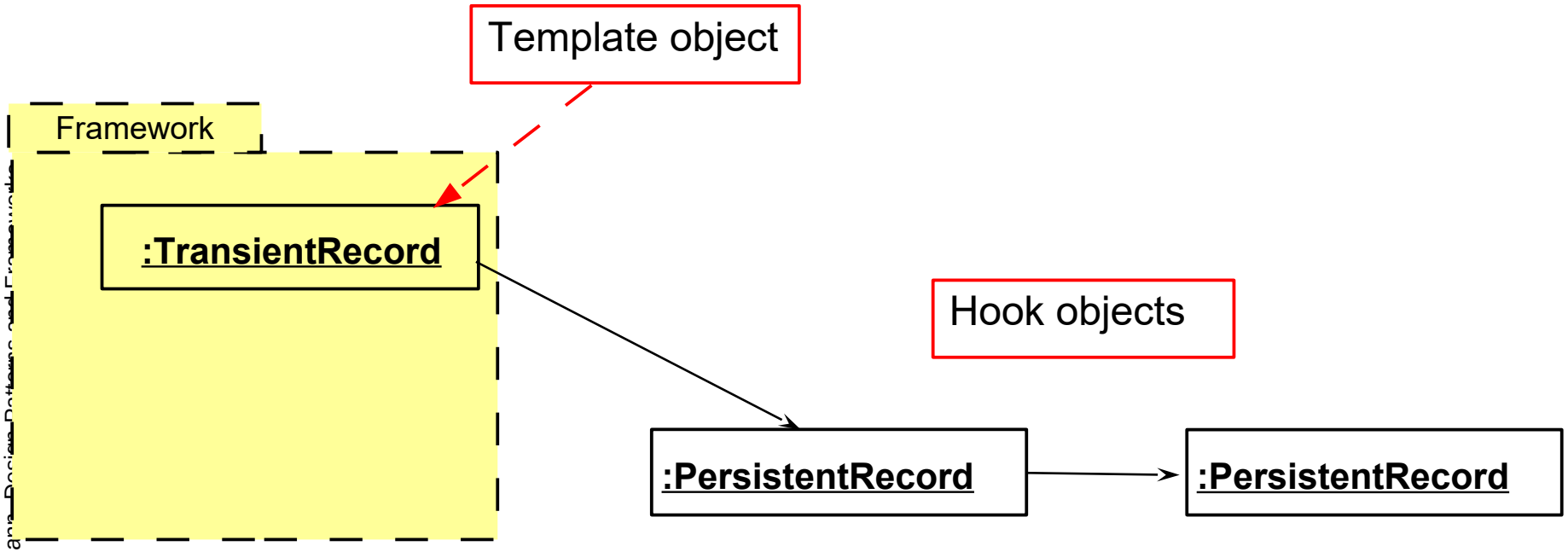
Decorator as 1-H<=T

- All decorator objects have to conform to the template class of the Decorator pattern



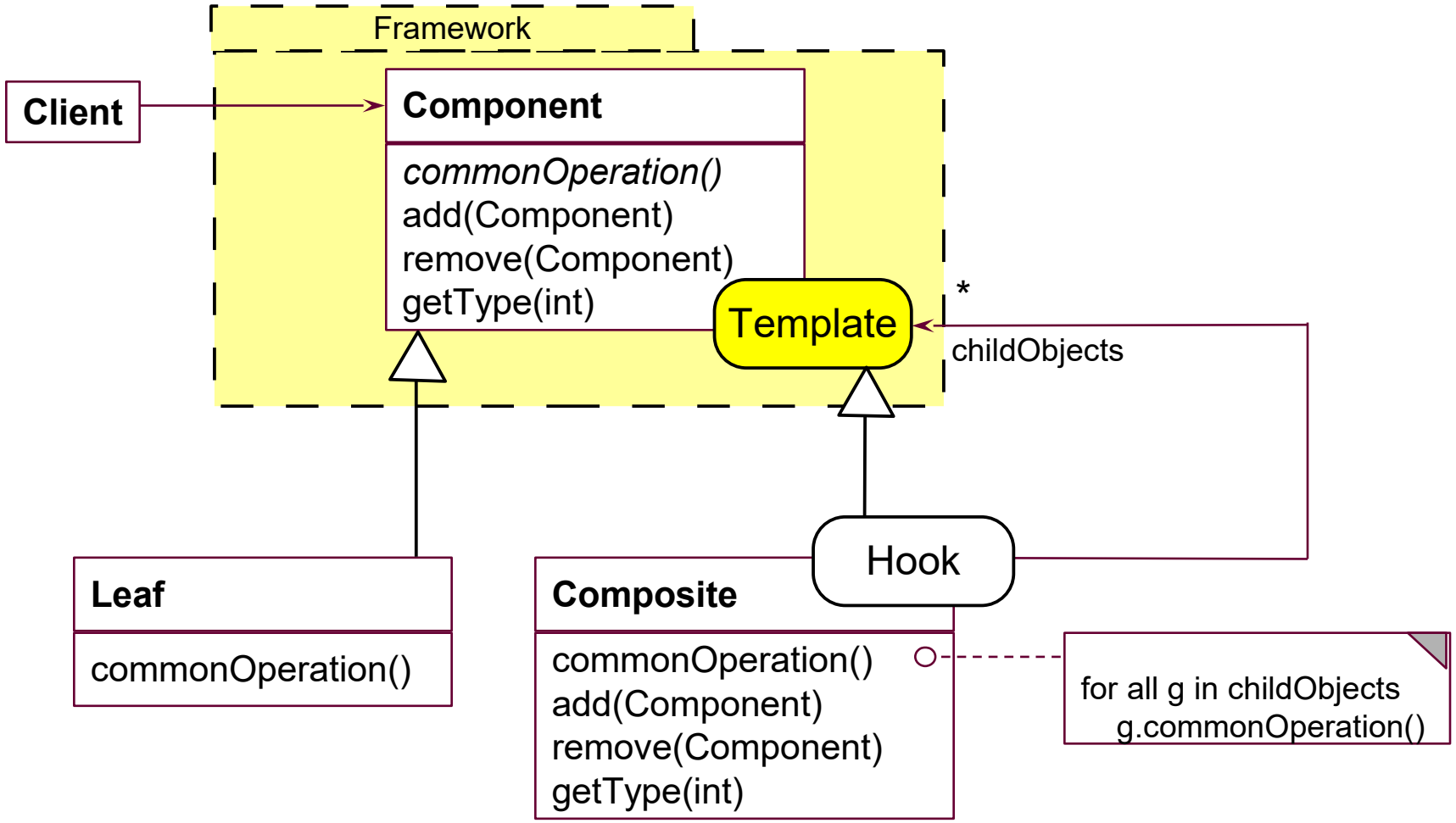
Ex.: Run-Time Snapshot of Decorator as Framework Hook Pattern

- Lists extend the framework



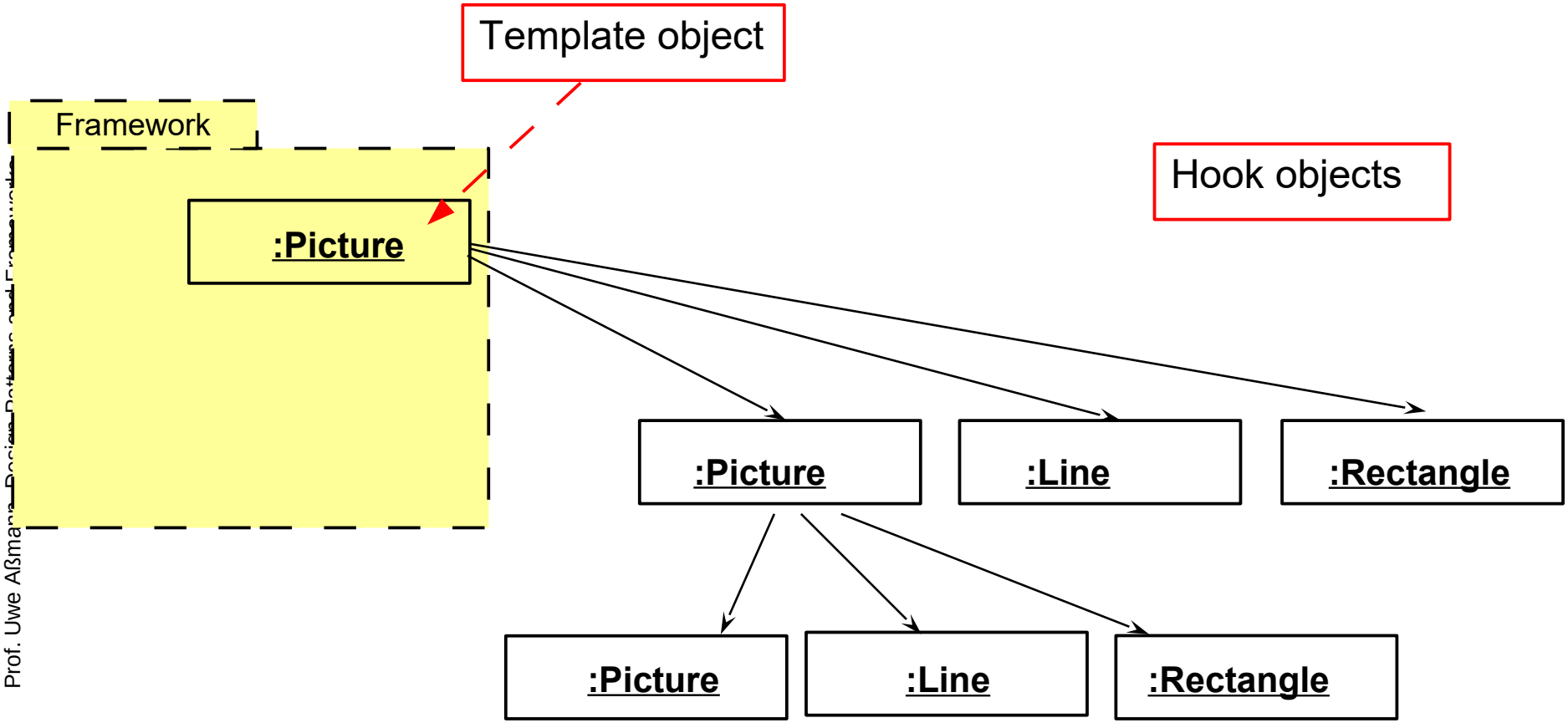
Composite as n-H<=T

- Composite is an instance of n-ObjectRecursion and n-H<=T



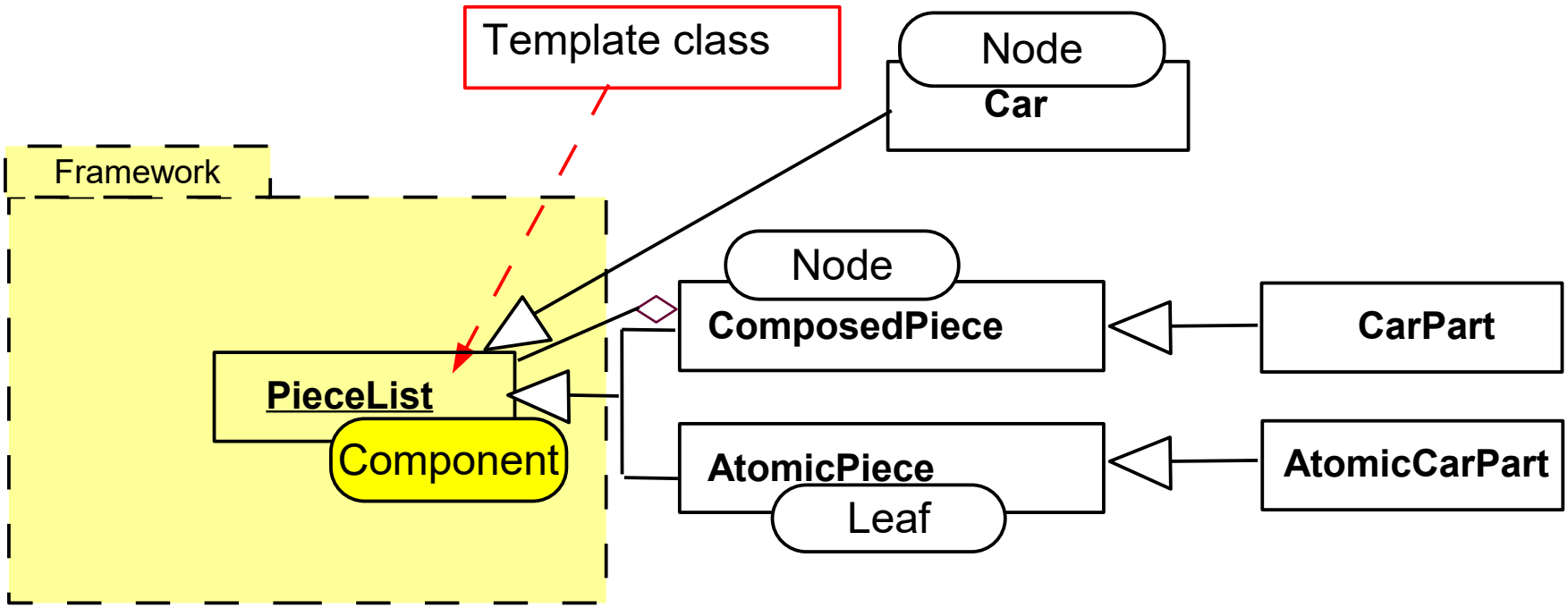
Ex. Run-Time Snapshot of Composite as Framework Hook Pattern

- Part/Whole hierarchies extend the framework



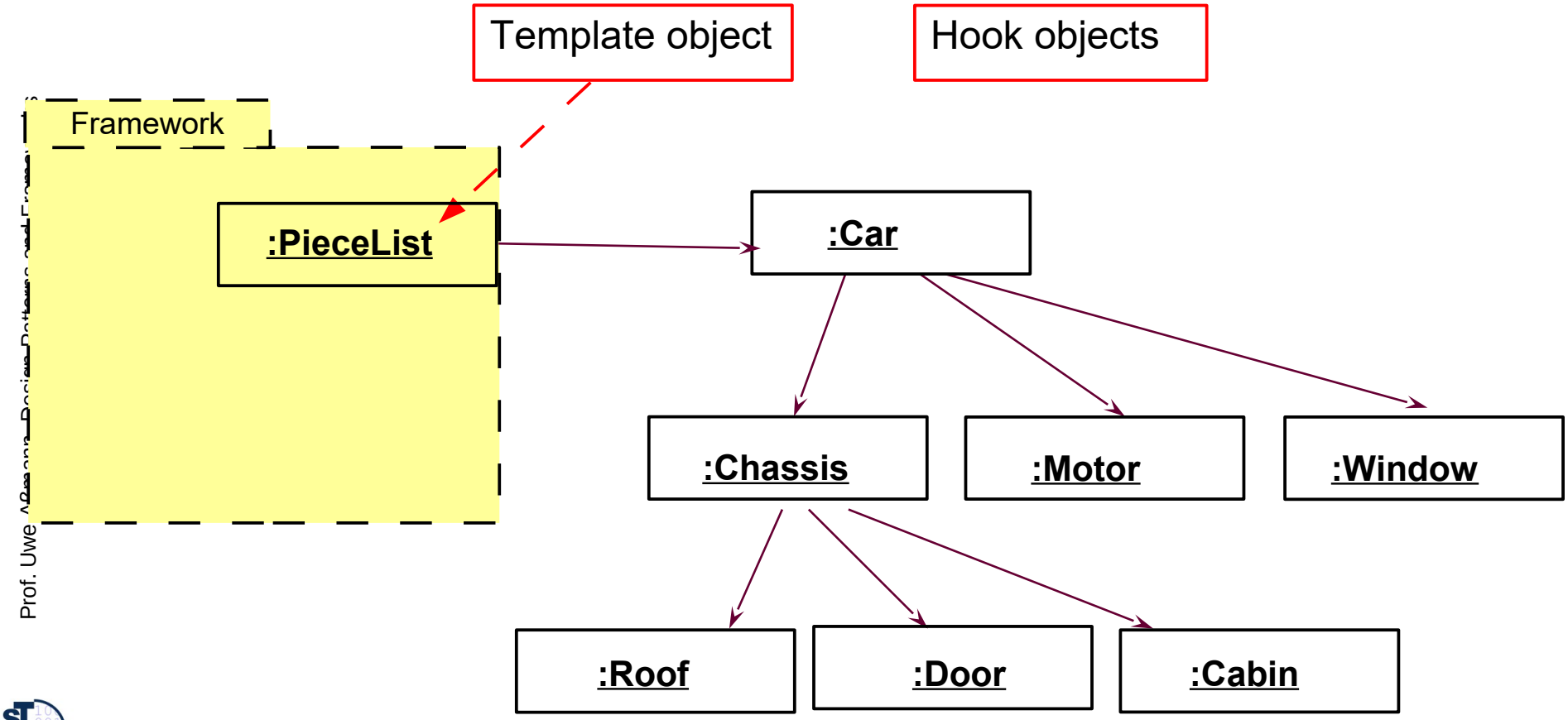
Production Data Systems

- Piece lists are part/whole hierarchies of technical artifacts in production
- The roles of a composite form the hook of the framework



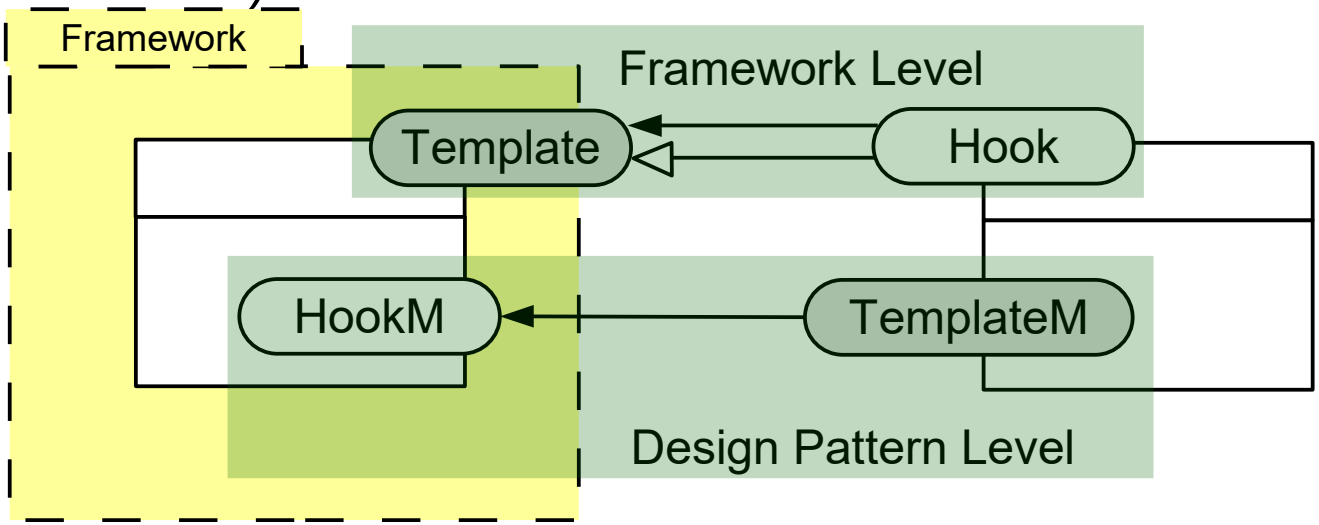
Ex. Snapshot of a Production Data System

- Piece lists are part/whole hierarchies of technical artefacts in production
- Example: SAP PDM module, IBM San Francisco



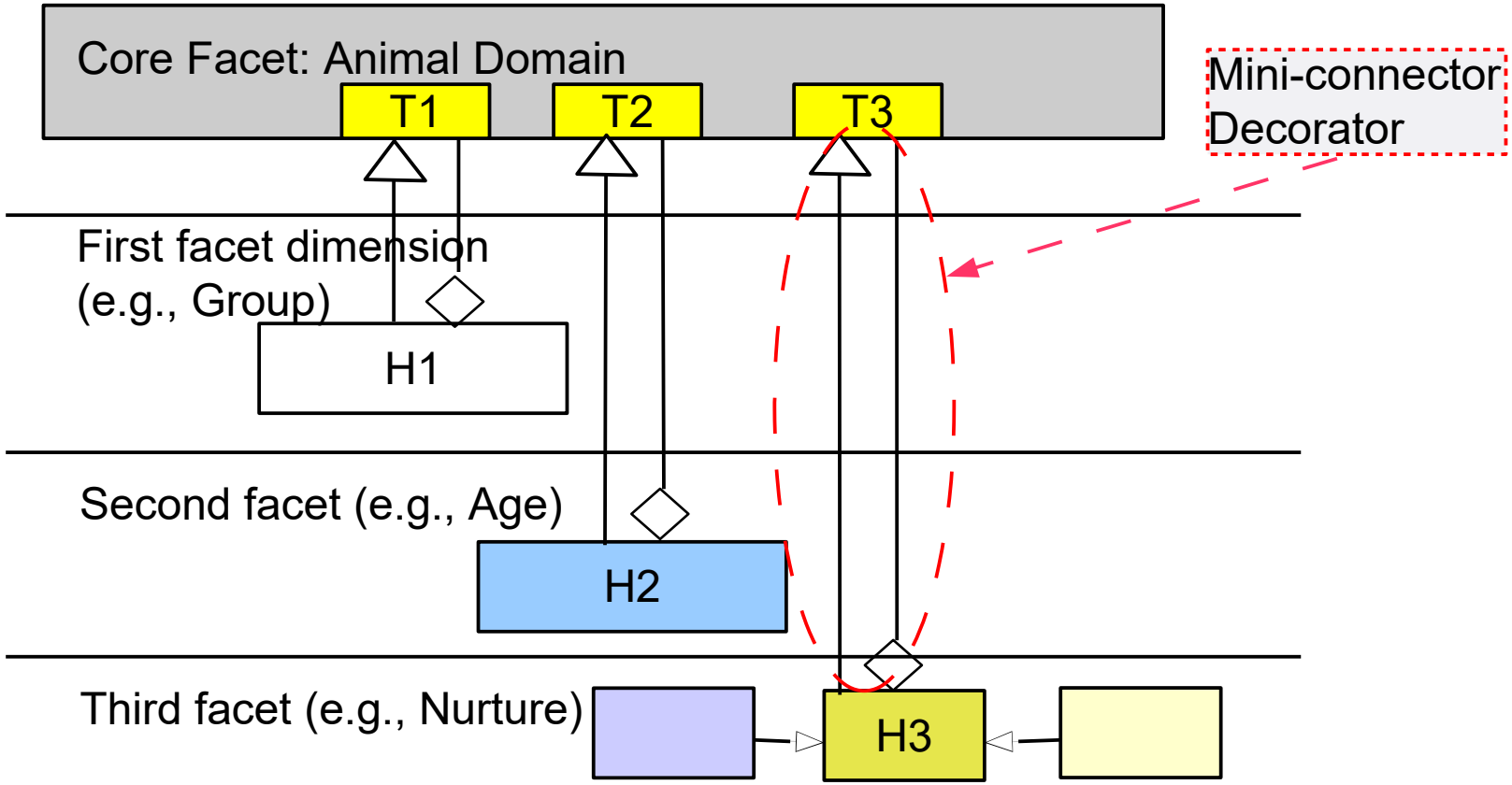
H<=T

- H<=T framework hooks result in frameworks between black-box and white-box
- Mini-connector H<=T is used
- Attention: The class with the Template role carries the HookM role, the class with the Hook role carries TemplateM role
  - The template (fixed) class in the framework is called from the hook class in the application (which carries the template method role)



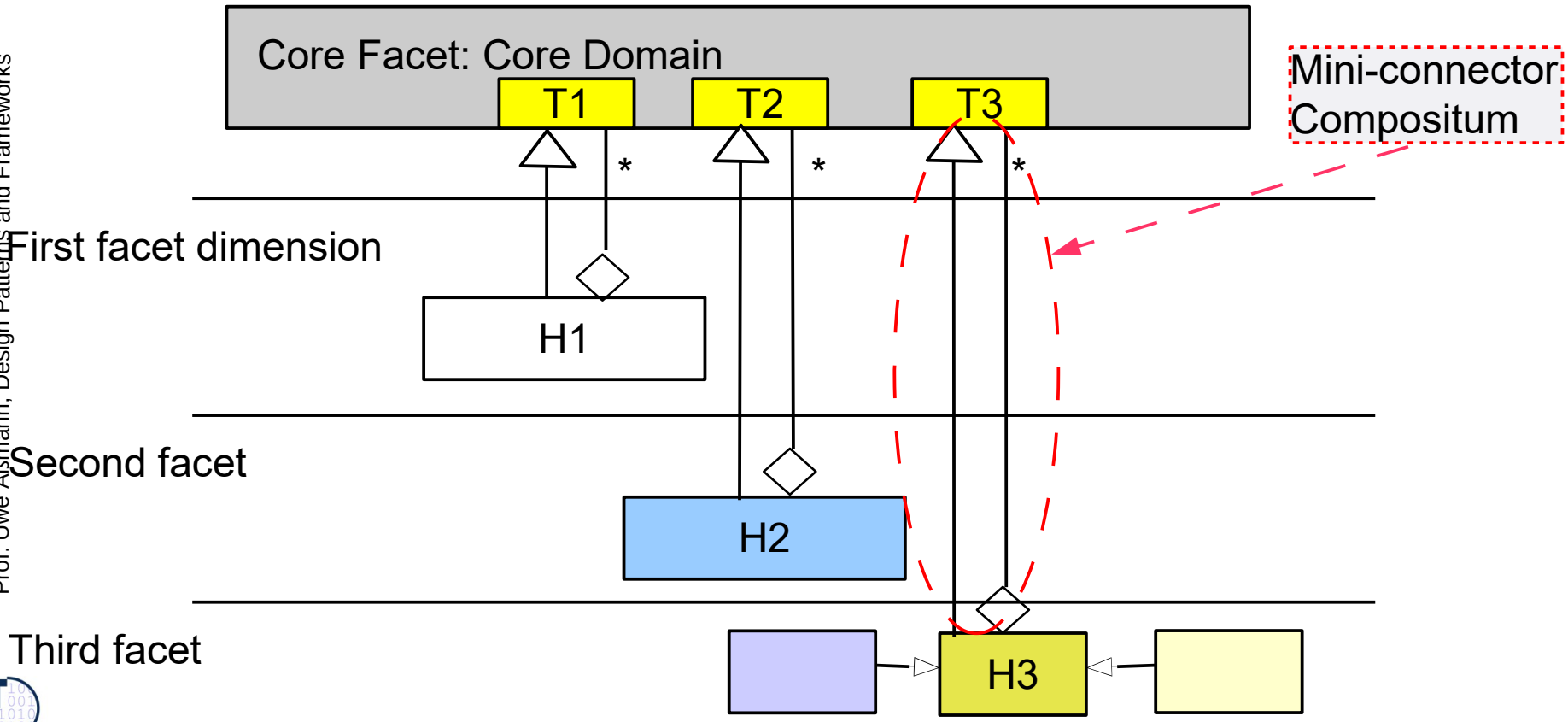
Bridge Frameworks Can Be Done with H<=T (Bridge H<=T Framework)

- A dimension may correspond to a H<=T hook of the core framework
- Composite, Decorator, Bureaucracy can be used as mini-connectors



Bridge Frameworks Can Be Done with H<=T (Bridge H<=T Framework)

- Composite as mini-connector



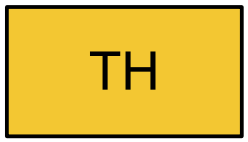
12.5 The TH Unification Metapattern

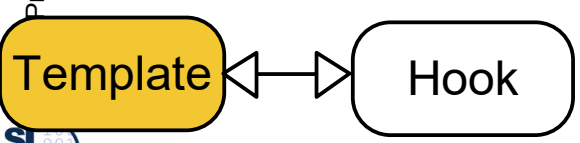
Unification Hooks replace a framework object by a plugin object

TH

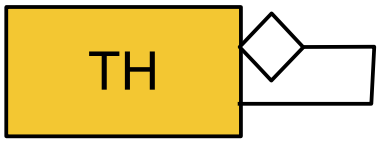
- Unified T&H pattern (TH framework hook)
  - T-class == H-class

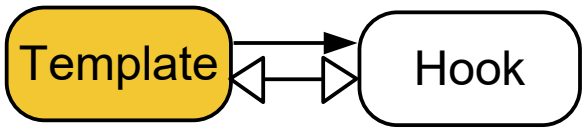
TH
T == H
TH part of TH
Decorator



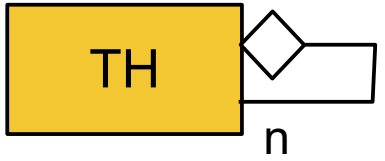


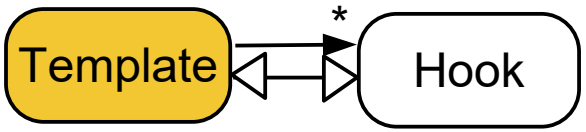
1-TH (deep list extension)
T == H
TH part of TH
Decorator





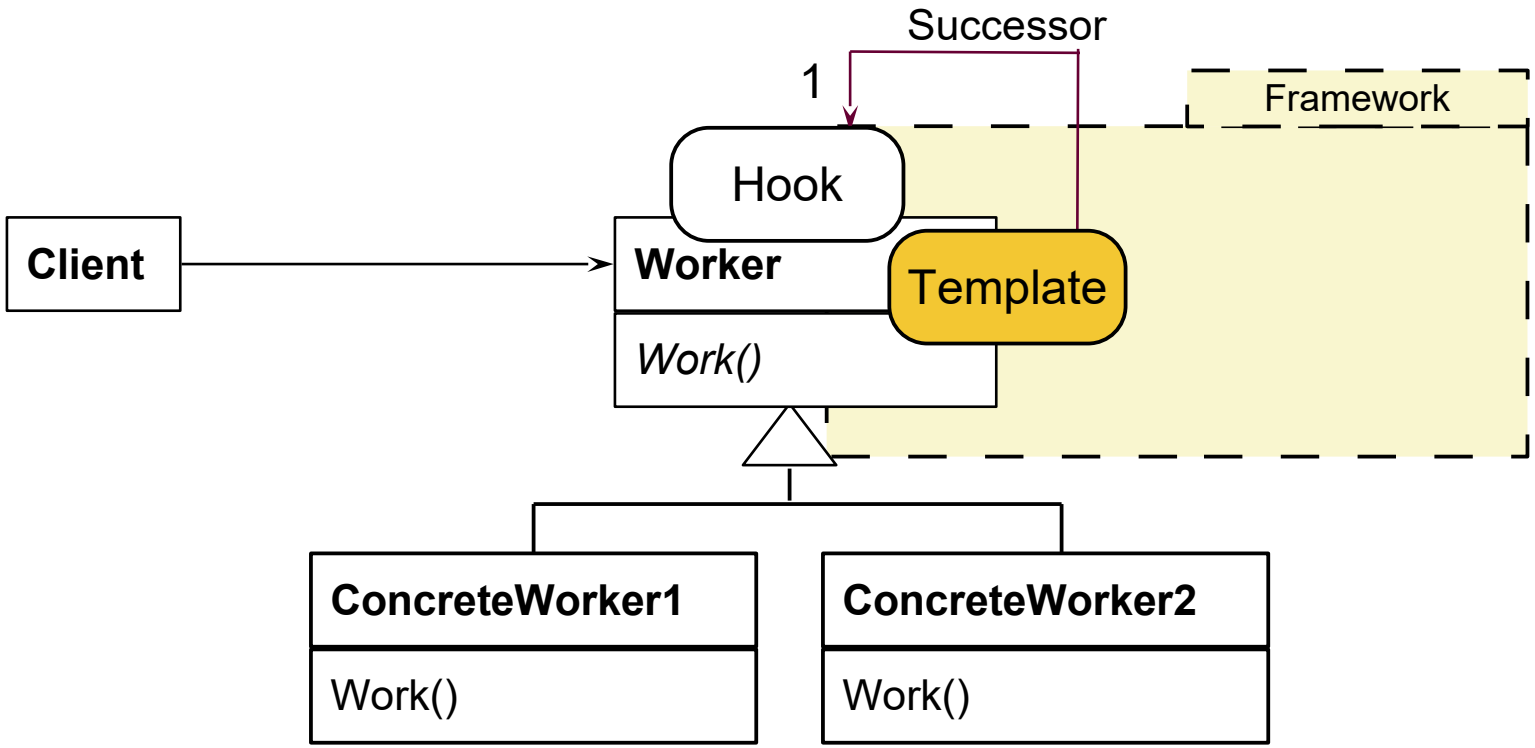
n-TH (deep tree extension)
T == H
TH has n TH parts
1:n-Composite



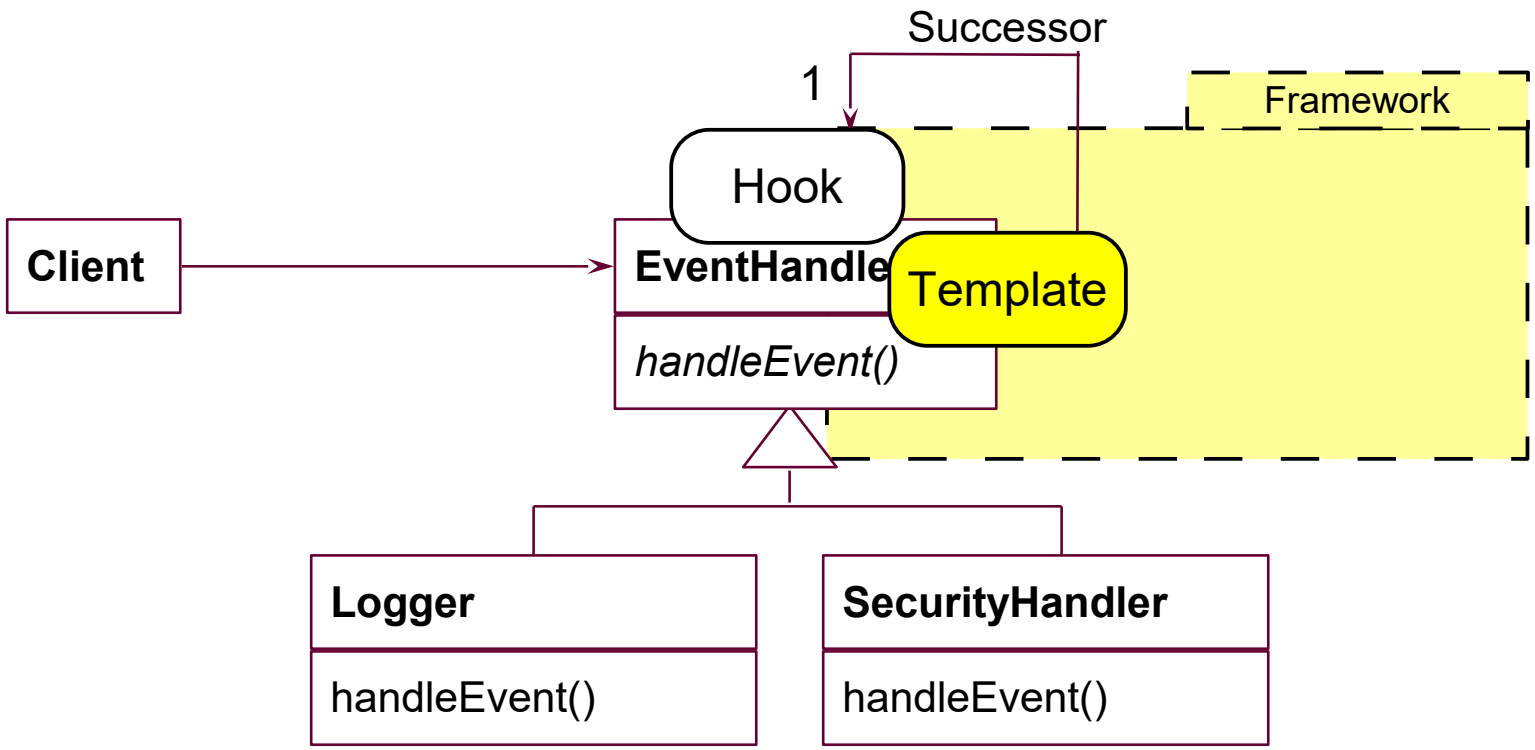


ChainOfResponsibility as 1-TH

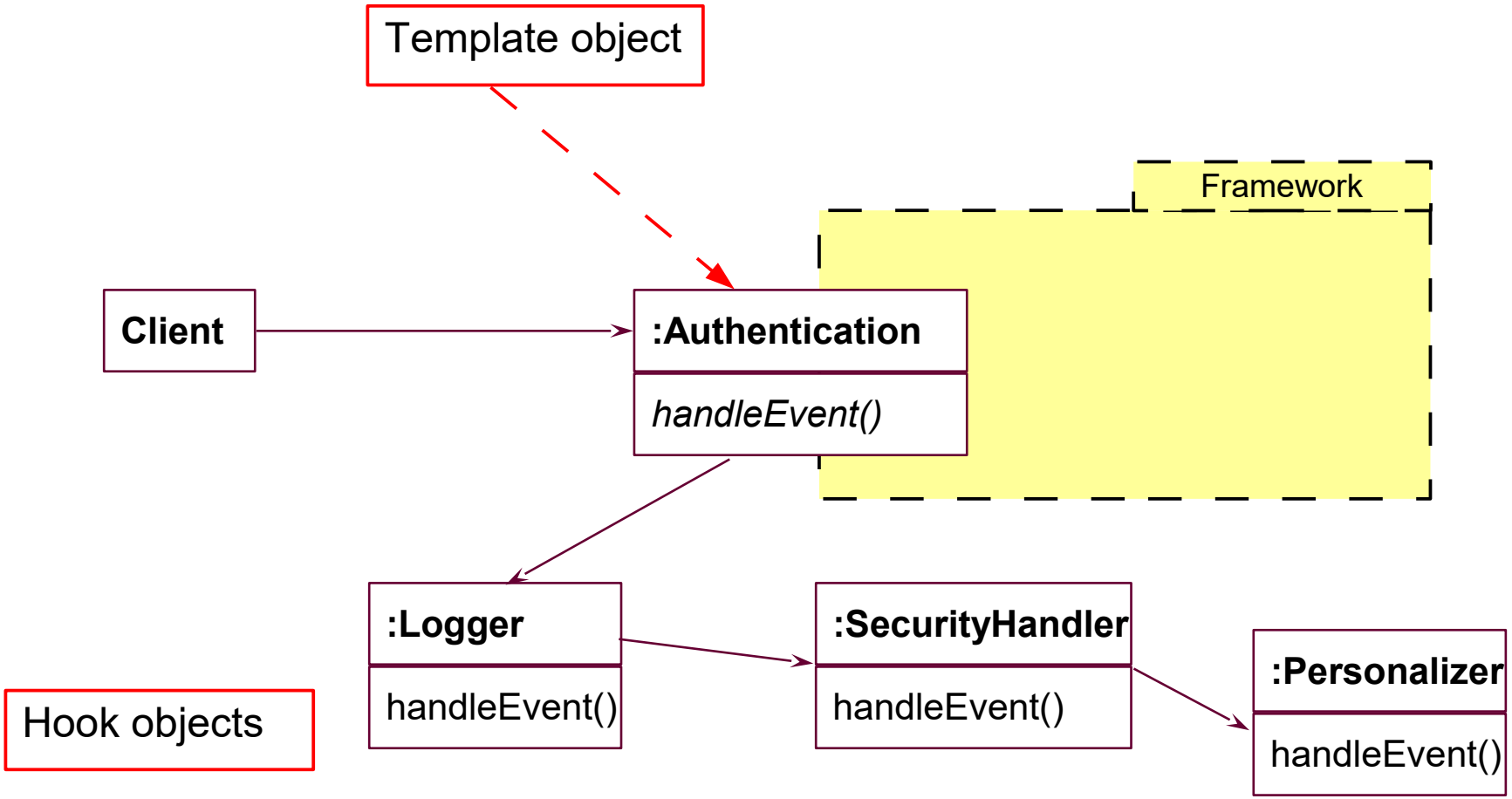
- A Chain is recursing on the abstract super class, i.e.,
  - All classes in the inheritance tree know they hide some other class (unlike the ObjectRecursion)



Ex.: Event Handlers



Ex.: Snapshot of Event Handlers

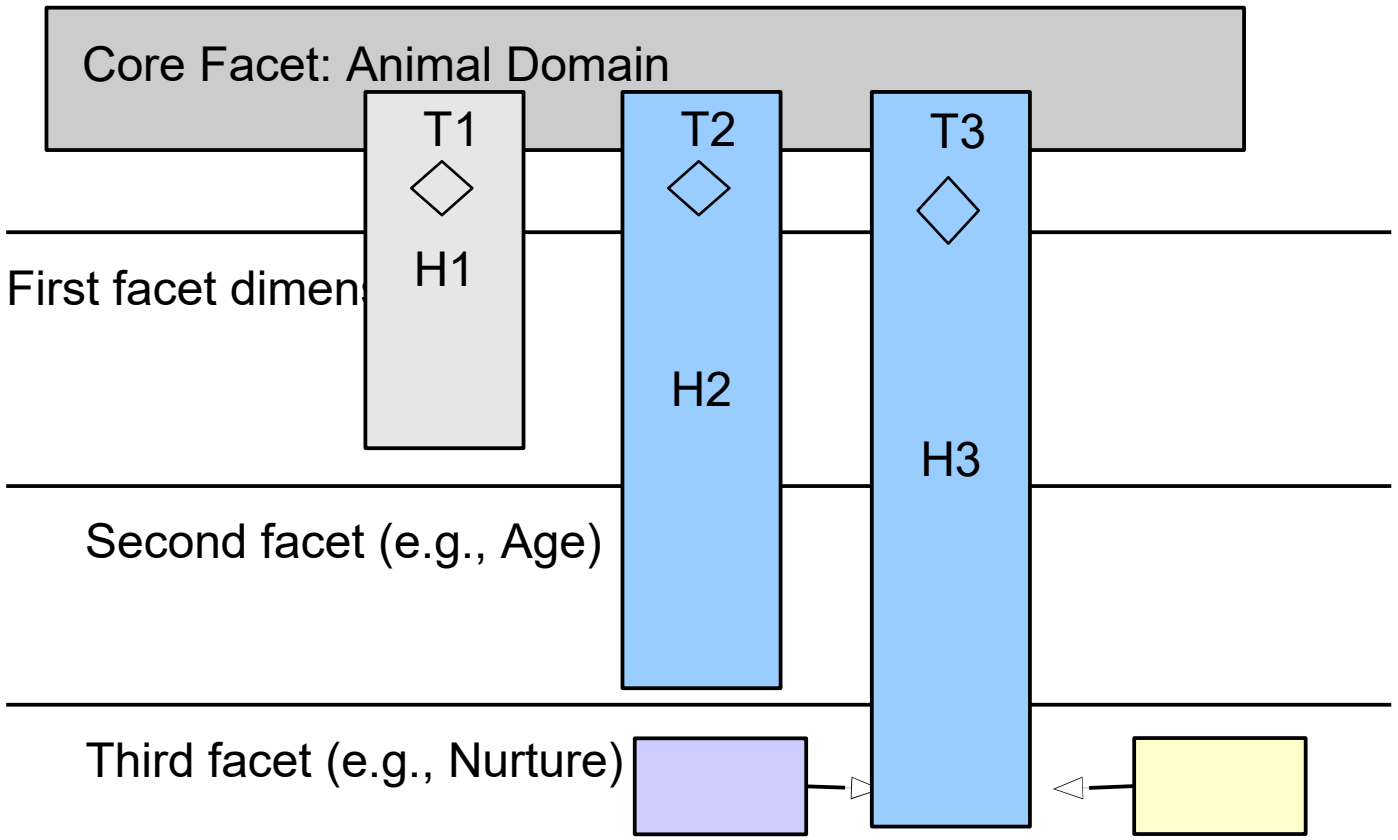


Why TH Unification Makes Sense

- If a hook class is the same as the template class,
  - Some methods are template methods, others are hook methods
  - Together with the template, the hooks can be exchanged
- Template methods in the template class are not abstract
  - They are build from referencing hook methods of the hook class
- As we saw in the last chapter, merging role types in one class can make an application faster, but less flexible

Bridge Frameworks Can Be Done with TH (Bridge TH Framework)

- A dimension may correspond to a H<=T hook
- Chain can be used as mini-connector



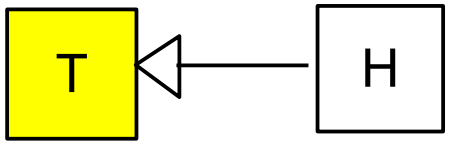
12.6 The H<T Whitebox Inheritance Metapattern

- The object of a plugin, typed by the subclass, replaces the object of the framework, typed by the superclass

H<T

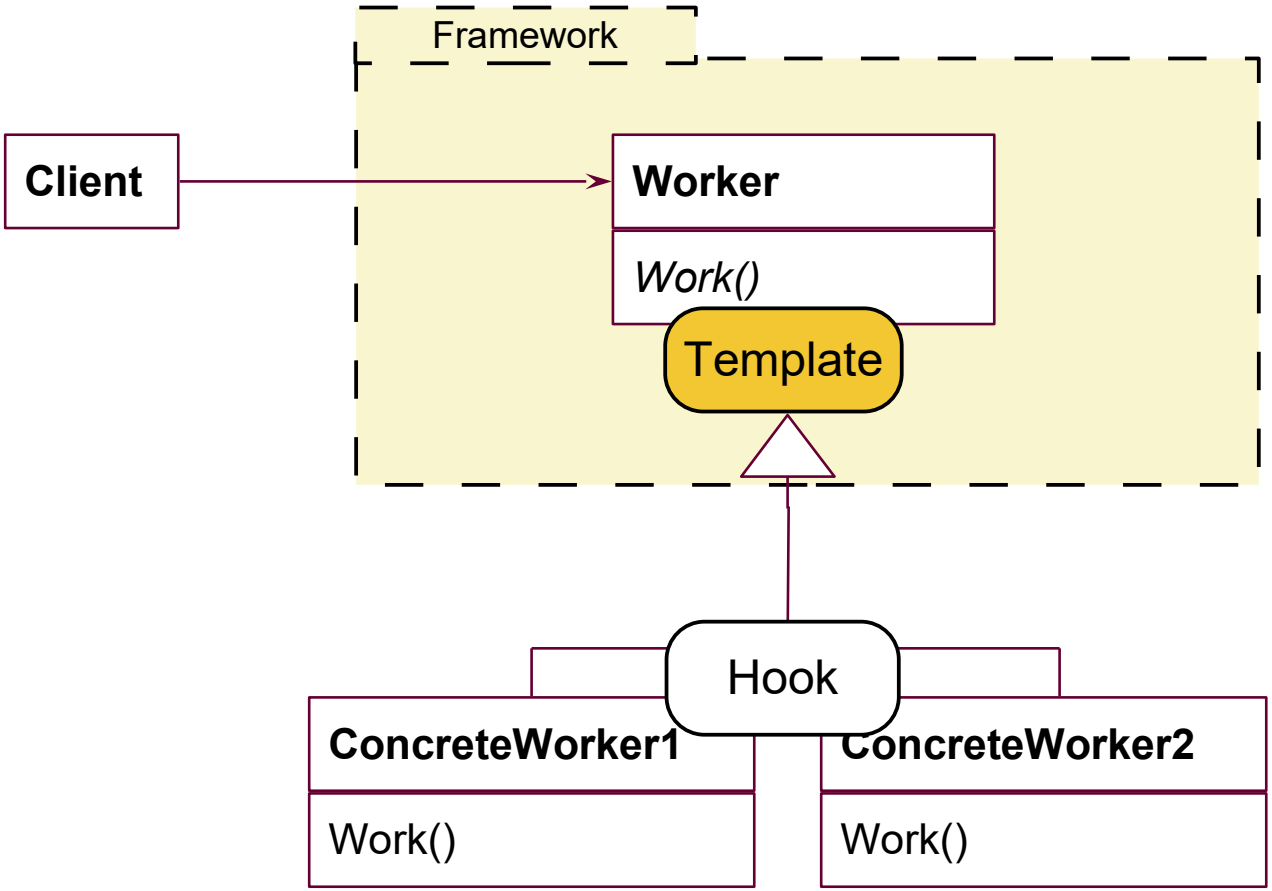
- If H inherits from T, an H<T framework results (whitebox framework pattern)
  - Whitebox reuse of T in the framework, while deriving H in the application
  - (not of Pree, earlier known)
- If a hook class inherits from a template class, it inherits the skeleton algorithm
  - Template methods in the template class are not abstract, but concrete
  - They are build from referencing hook methods of the hook class
- An H<T framework hook means a *whitebox framework*

H<T



Whitebox Framework with H<T Framework Hook

- Also TemplateMethod can be applied (HookM <= TemplateM)



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Framework Hook

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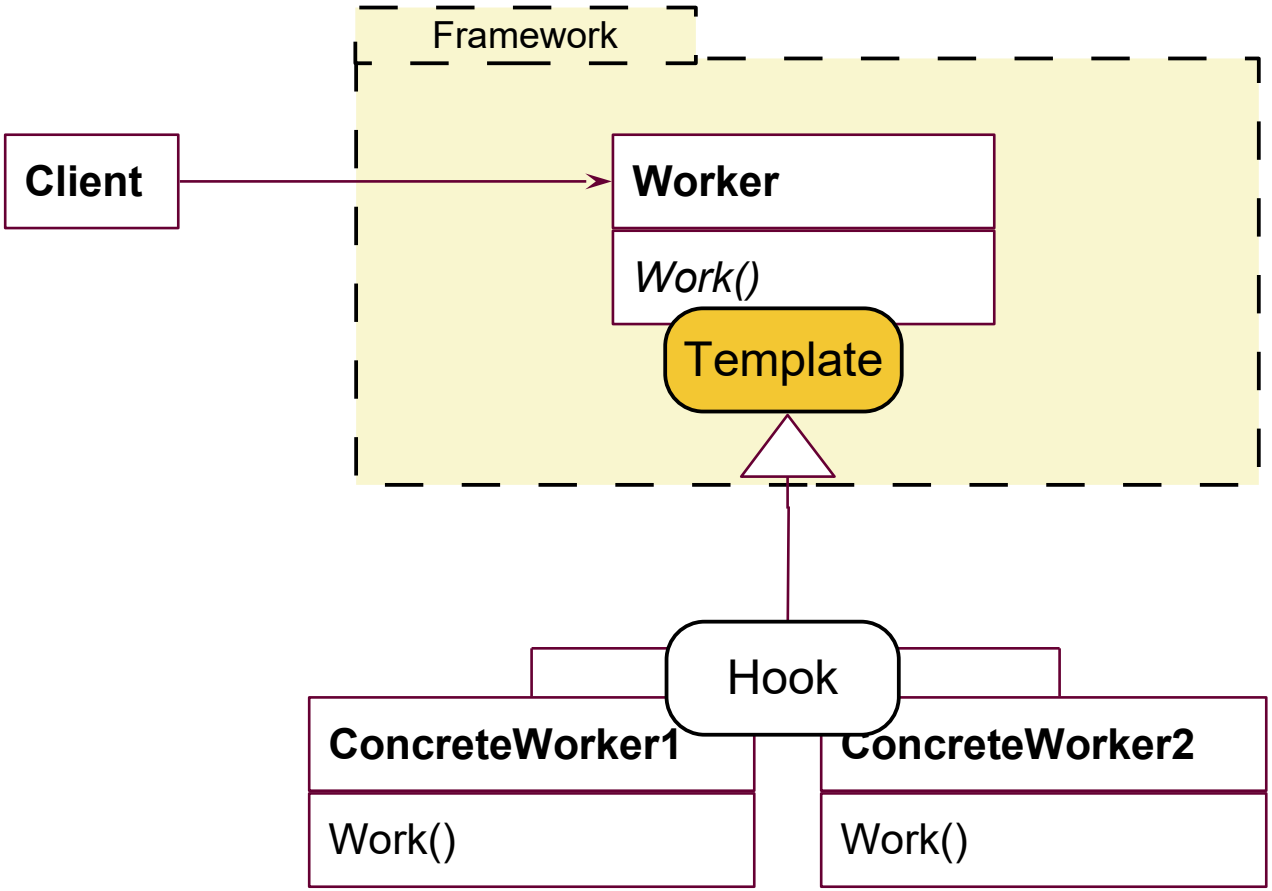
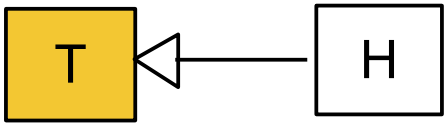


Summary of T&H Patterns and Framework Hooks

Framework Hook Patterns

Inheritance

H<T
H inherit from T
whitebox

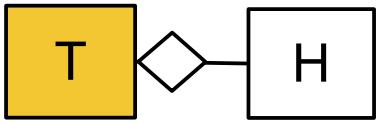


Unification

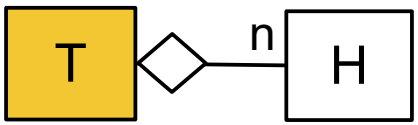
TH
T == H

Aggregation/Association

T--H
H part of T
T is core class of
complex object

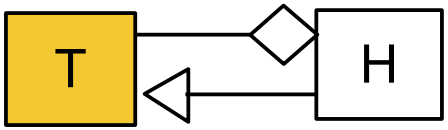


n-T--H
T has n H parts
T is core class of
complex object

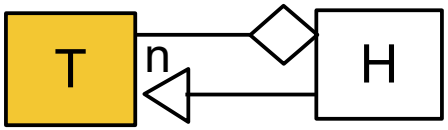


Recursion

H<=T
T part of H
H inherit from T
Decorator



n-H<=T
H has n T parts
H inherit from T
1:n-Decorator



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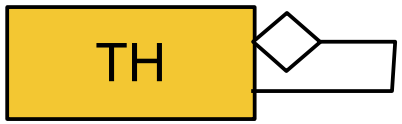

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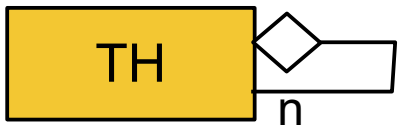
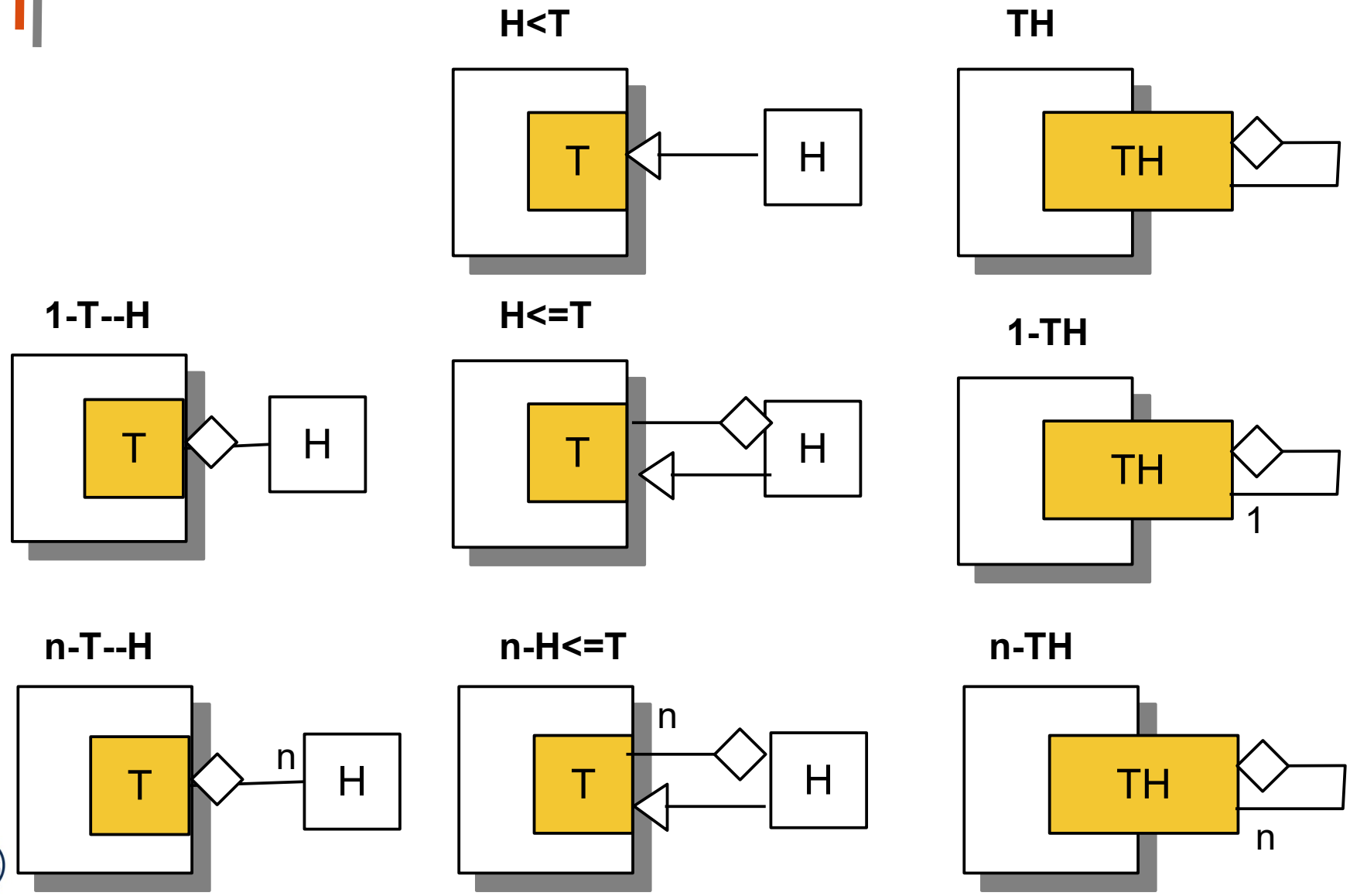
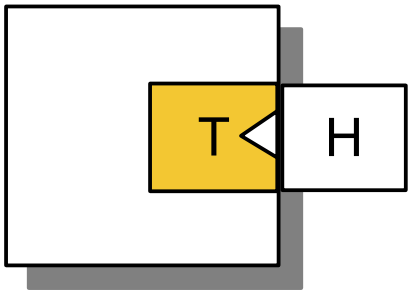


Mini-Connector Notation for Framework Hooks

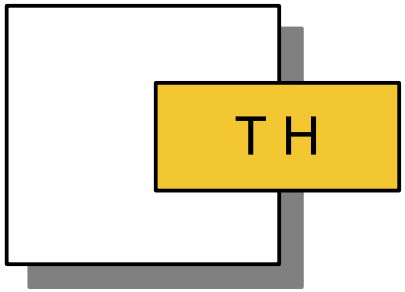


Block Notation for Framework Hooks

H<T



TH



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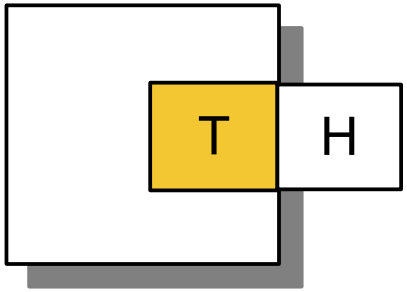
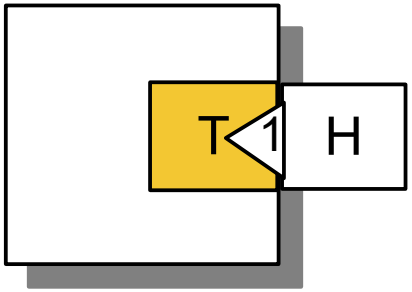


H<=T



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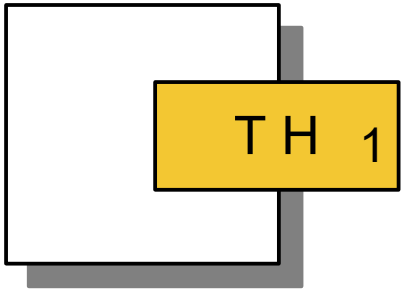

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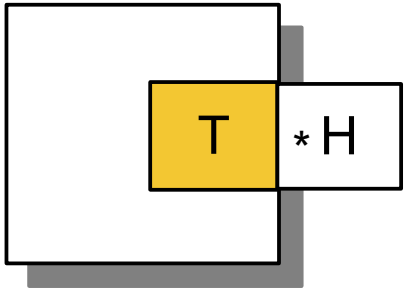
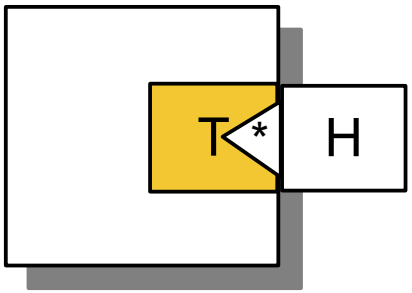


n-H<=T



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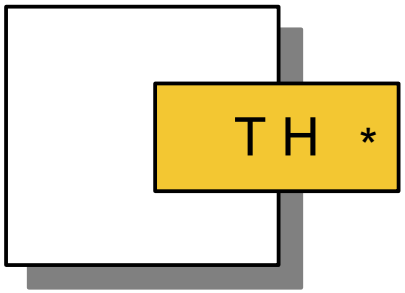

Summary

- When overlayed with a T--H metapattern, a design pattern becomes a *framework hook pattern* for the interface of a framework
- These are *mini-connectors* between a framework and its application classes
  - More flexible that just generic classes (generic frameworks) or delegation (blackbox) or inheritance (whitebox)
- The framework hook patterns determine very precisely how a framework is to be instantiated
- There are more kinds of dimensional frameworks
  - Dimensional T—H (n-Bridge LF), H<=T, TH, T>H dimensional frameworks
- 1-T&H framework hook patterns can be used for variability of the framework
- n-T&H for extensibility.

The End