Rules and DAML:
Description Logic Programs, Rule-based Semantic Web Services, their Application Scenarios; and RuleML Update

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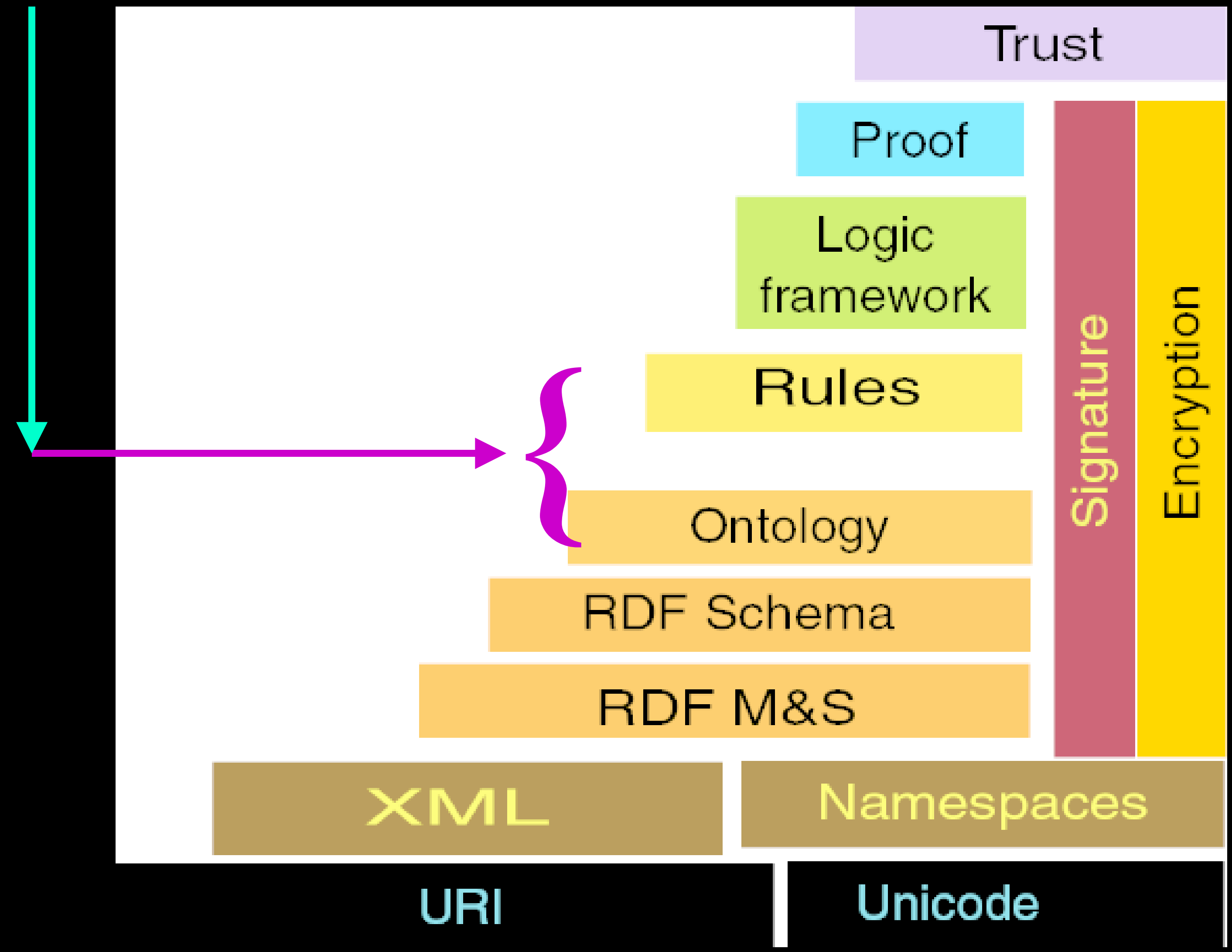
What is "DAML Rules"?

- Answer 1 (general):
  - new stuff about rules that relates specifically to the DAML program, including to DAML+OIL, DAML-Services, and their application scenarios

- Answer 2 (narrower):
  - the hybridization of DAML+OIL with Logic Program rules
    - original aim: extend expressiveness of DAML KR beyond DAML+OIL
      - for defining ontologies, and for rules plus ontologies
    - current thrust focuses on *Description Logic Programs* as KR

Motivation from Semantic Web "Stack"



[Diagram http://www.w3.org/DesignIssues/diagrams/sw-stack-2002.png is courtesy Tim Berners-Lee]

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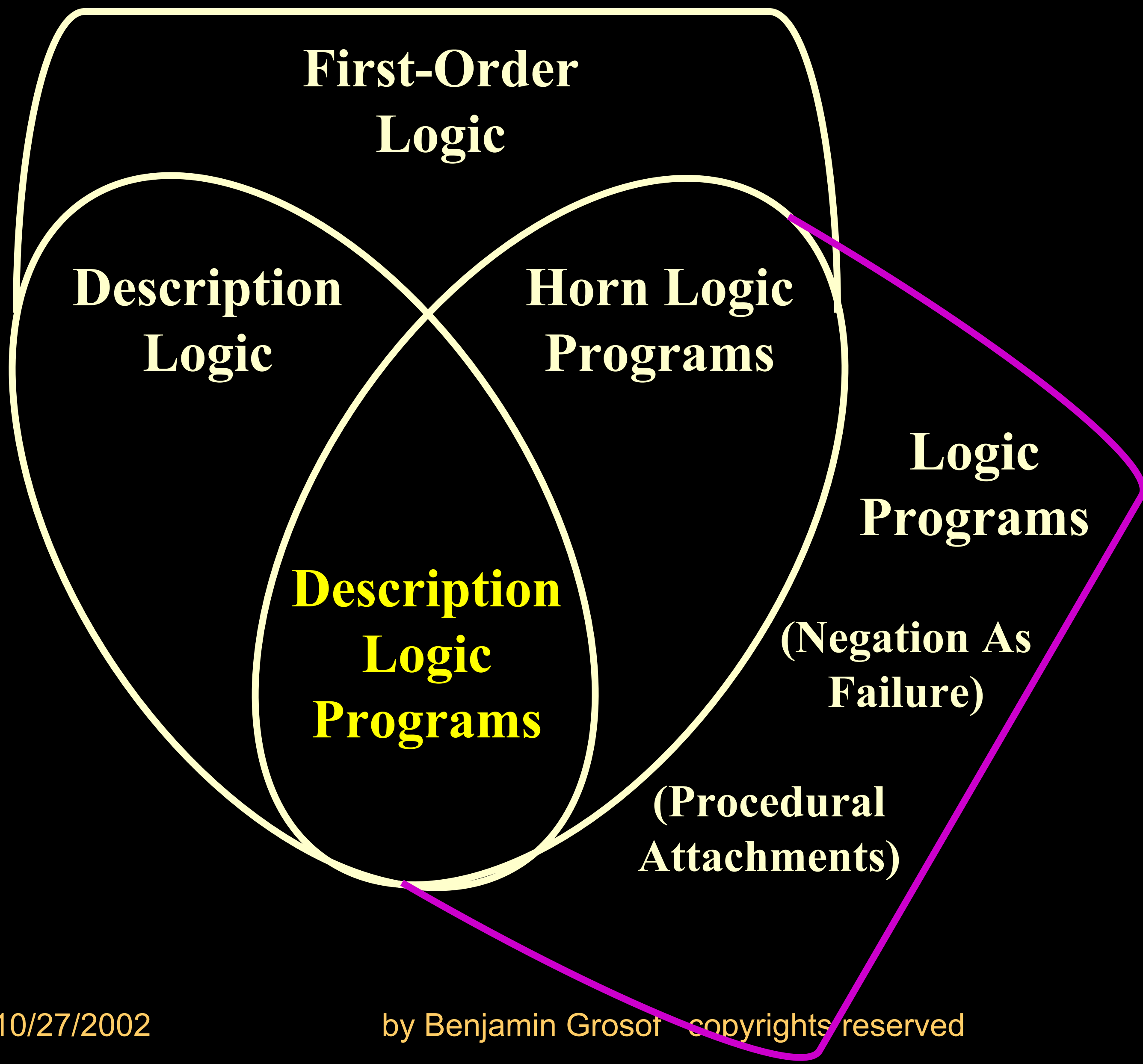
Description Logic Programs (DLP)

- Status: [Grosof & Horrocks 10/02] working paper, Joint Committee discussions, including early use cases.

- Goal: understand relationship between DL and LP/HornFOL as KR's
  - Insight: expressive intersection is also
    a key to expressive combination/union

- 1st step: expressive intersection of DL and Logic Programs
  = "Description Logic Programs"
  (or "Description Rules")

Venn Diagram: Expressive Overlaps among KR's



LP as a superset of DLP

- “Full” LP, including with non-monotonicity and procedural attachments, can thus be viewed as including an “ontology sub-language”, namely the DLP subset of DL.

Candidate: First Order Logic

- FOL has practical and expressive drawbacks for <u>union</u> of DL and Rules:
  - Intractable
  - Lacks non-monotonicity and procedural attachments
  - Unfamiliar to mainstream software engineers

- Variant of DLP: “Horn Description Logic (HDL)”
  - Intersection of Horn Logic and Description Logic
  - Subset of FOL

- (general concept of “Description Rules”:   covers DLP or HDL)

Overview of DLP Features

- Essentially, DLP captures RDFS subset of DL -- plus a bit more.
- RDFS subset of DL permits the following statements:
  - Class C is Subclass of class D.
  - Domain of property P is class C.
  - Range restriction on property P is class D.
  - Property P is Subproperty of property Q.
  - a is an instance of class C.
  - (a,b) is an instance of property P.
- DLP also captures:
  - Using the Intersection connective (conjunction) in class descriptions
  - Stating that a property P is Transitive.
  - Stating that a property P is Symmetric.
- DLP can *partially* capture: most other DL features.
- Relevant technical issue in LP:
  - treatment of equality, e.g., uniqueness of names.

Examples of DL beyond DLP

- DLP is a *strict* subset of DL.
- Examples of DL that is not (completely) representable in DLP:
  - State a subclass of a complex class expression which is a disjunction. E.g.,
    - (Human $\cap$ Adult) $\subseteq$ (Man $\cup$ Woman)
  - State a subclass of a complex class expression which is an existential. E.g.,
    - Radio $\subseteq \exists$ hasSpeaker.Tuner
- Why not? Because: LP/Horn, and thus DLP, cannot represent a “disjunction in the head”.

Examples of LP beyond DLP

- DLP is a *strict* subset of Horn LP.
- Examples of Horn LP that are not (completely) representable in DLP:
  - A rule involving multiple variables. E.g.,
    - PotentialLoveInterestBetween(?X,?Y)

      ← Man(?X) /\ Woman(?Y).
  - Chaining (besides simple transitivity) to derive values of Properties. E.g.,
    - InvolvedIn(?Company, ?Industry)

      ← Subsidiary(?Company, ?Unit)

      /\ AreaOf(?Unit, ?Industry).
- Why not? Essentially because: Decidability of DLs crucially dependent on tree model property.
  - Intuition: DL's not used to represent "more than one free variable at a time".

Benefits: What DLP Enables, in Principle

- LP rules "on top of" DL ontologies.
- Translation of LP rules to/from DL ontologies.
- Use of efficient LP rule/DBMS engines for DL fragment.
- Development of ontologies in LP.
- Development of rules in DL.
- Translation of LP conclusions to DL.
- Translation of DL conclusions to LP.

DL Task Scenarios / Use Cases -- how well do they map to Rules?

- 1. Infer Categorization
  - Rules appear to often handle this well.

- 2. Infer Subsumptions
  - Rules appear to often be more awkward.

- 3. Configuration: seems to involve both categorization and subsumption.

LP Task Scenarios / Use Cases

- Key aim: import DL ontologies into LP rulebase.
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- ⇒ Consistency of the result/merge is an issue.

- Ways to achieve robustness:
  - 1. Use DLP for ontologies, rather than full DL.
  - 2. Exploit LP's nonmonotonic expressiveness:
    - Negation as failure; or more generally:
    - Courteous LP's prioritized conflict handling

Hybrid DL+LP Task Scenarios/Use-Cases

- 1. Service descriptions combining LP rules and DL ontologies
- 2. Rules for knowledge translation: e.g.,
  - translating/merging ontologies (or rules)

Related Work to DLP

- CARIN [Halevy et al, late 90's] on extending DL with some aspects of LP. For DL-ish tasks.
- [Antoniou 2002] on Defeasible Logic rules + Description Logic (variant) ontologies

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Rule-based Semantic Web Services

- Rules/LP in appropriate combination with DL as KR, for RSWS
  - DL good for <u>categorizing</u>: a service overall, its inputs, its outputs
- Rules to describe <u>service process models</u>
  - rules good for representing:
    - <u>preconditions</u> and <u>postconditions</u>, their contingent relationships
    - <u>contingent</u> behavior/features of the service more generally,
      - e.g., exceptions/problems
  - familiarity and naturalness of rules to software/knowledge engineers
- Rules to specify <u>deals about services</u>: cf. e-contracting.

Rule-based Semantic Web Services

- Rules often good to executably specify service process models
  - e.g., business process automation using procedural attachments to perform side-effectful/state-changing actions ("effectors" triggered by drawing of conclusions)
  - e.g., rules obtain info via procedural attachments ("sensors" test rule conditions)
  - e.g., rules for knowledge translation or inferencing
  - e.g., info services exposing relational DBs

- Infrastructural: rule system functionality as services:
  - e.g., inferencing, translation

Application Scenarios for Rule-based Semantic Web Services

- SweetDeal [Grosof & Poon 2002] configurable reusable e-contracts:
  - LP rules about agent contracts with exception handling
  - … on top of DL ontologies about business processes;
  - *a scenario motivating DLP*
- Other:
  - Trust management / authorization (Delegation Logic) [Li, Grosof, & Feigenbaum 2000]
  - Financial knowledge integration (ECOIN) [Firat, Madnick, & Grosof 2002]
  - Privacy policies (P3P APPEL)
  - Business policies, more generally

Example Contract Proposal with Exception Handling
Represented using RuleML & DAML+OIL, Process Descriptions

Using concise text syntax

(SCLP textfile format)

for concise human reading

```
buyer(co123,acme);
seller(co123,plastics_etc);
product(co123,plastic425);
price(co123,50);
quantity(co123,100);
http://xmlcontracting.org/sd.daml#Contract(co123);
http://xmlcontracting.org/sd.daml#specFor(co123,co123_process);
http://xmlcontracting.org/sd.daml#BuyWithBilateralNegotiation(co123_process);
http://xmlcontracting.org/sd.daml#result(co123,co123_res);
shippingDate(co123,3); // i.e. 3 days after order placed
// base payment = price * quantity
payment(?R,base,?Payment) <-
  http://xmlcontracting.org/sd.daml#result(co123,?R) AND
  price(co123,?P) AND quantity(co123,?Q) AND
  multiply(?P,?Q,?Payment) ;
```

SCLP TextFile Format for (Daml)RuleML

```
payment(?R,base,?Payment) <-
http://xmlcontracting.org/sd.daml#result(co123,?R) AND
price(co123,?P) AND quantity(co123,?Q) AND
multiply(?P,?Q,?Payment) ;
```

```
<drm:imp>
  <drm:_head> <drm:atom>
     <drm:_opr><drm:rel>payment</drm:_opr></drm:rel>    <drm:tup>
     <drm:var>R</drm:var> <drm:ind>base</drm:ind> <drm:var>Payment</drm:var>
  </drm:tup></drm:atom> </drm:_head>
  <drm:_body>
   <drm:andb>
     <drm:atom> <drm:_opr>
       <drm:rel href= "http://xmlcontracting.org/sd.daml#result"/>
        </drm:_opr> <drm:tup>
          <drm:ind>co123</drm:ind> <drm:var>Cust</drm:var>
         </drm:tup> </drm:atom>

... </drm:andb> </drm:_body>  </drm:imp>
```

drm = namespace for damlRuleML

Example Contract Proposal, Continued: lateDeliveryPenalty exception handler module

```
lateDeliveryPenalty_module {
// lateDeliveryPenalty is an instance of PenalizeForContingency
//   (and thus of AvoidException, ExceptionHandler, and Process)
http://xmlcontracting.org/pr.daml#PenalizeForContingency( lateDeliveryPenalty) ;
// lateDeliveryPenalty is intended to avoid exceptions of class
// LateDelivery.
http://xmlcontracting.org/sd.daml#avoidsException(lateDeliveryPenalty,
  http://xmlcontracting.org/pr.daml#LateDelivery);
// penalty = - overdueDays * 200 ; (negative payment by buyer)
<lateDeliveryPenalty_def> payment(?R, contingentPenalty, ?Penalty) <-
  http://xmlcontracting.org/sd.daml#specFor(?CO,?PI) AND
  http://xmlcontracting.org/pr.daml#hasException(?PI,?EI) AND
  http://xmlcontracting.org/pr.daml#isHandledBy(?EI,lateDeliveryPenalty) AND
  http://xmlcontracting.org/sd.daml#result(?CO,?R) AND
  http://xmlcontracting.org/sd.daml#exceptionOccurred(?R,?EI) AND
  shippingDate(?CO,?CODate) AND shippingDate(?R,?RDate) AND
  subtract(?RDate,?CODate,?OverdueDays) AND
  multiply(?OverdueDays, 200, ?Res1) AND multiply(?Res1, -1, ?Penalty) ;
}
<lateDeliveryPenaltyHandlesIt(e1)> // specify lateDeliveryPenalty as a handler for e1
 http://xmlcontracting.org/pr.daml#isHandledBy(e1,lateDeliveryPenalty);
```

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Other Misc. on Rules and DAML

- DAML+OIL syntax for RuleML: DamlRuleML; implemented in SweetJess
- Inclusion: DAML Includes, XIncludes
- Queries: DAML Query Language (DQL), ...
- Explanations and justifications

RuleML Update

- Overall: more tools, more participants.
- Situated courteous LP (SCLP) as extension of spec.
  - Implemented in SweetRules [Grosof 2001] inferencing and translation.
- DAMLRuleML draft spec.: DAML+OIL spec. for RuleML's syntax.
  - Implemented in SweetJess [Grosof, Gandhe, and Finin 2002].
- SweetJess translator of SCLP RuleML to/from Jess, inferencing via Jess.
  - 1st bridge between Prolog/RDBMS and OPS5/ECA.
- Reactive rules subgroup effort launching.
- Applications:
  - Configurable reusable e-contracts (SweetDeal).
  - Ontology-based financial knowledge integration (ECOIN).
- Oasis interest in "Policy RuleML" (tentative name) as possible TC.
  - RuleML for interchange between policy languages.
- Plan to engage on W3C front, as well.
- Events aimed for in 2003: W3C Plenary, WWW Conf., ISWC.

Other Issues in Rules

- Relationship to XQuery, RDF Query
- *(Open discussion….)*

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- Thanks!
- Questions?
- Comments? Pointers?
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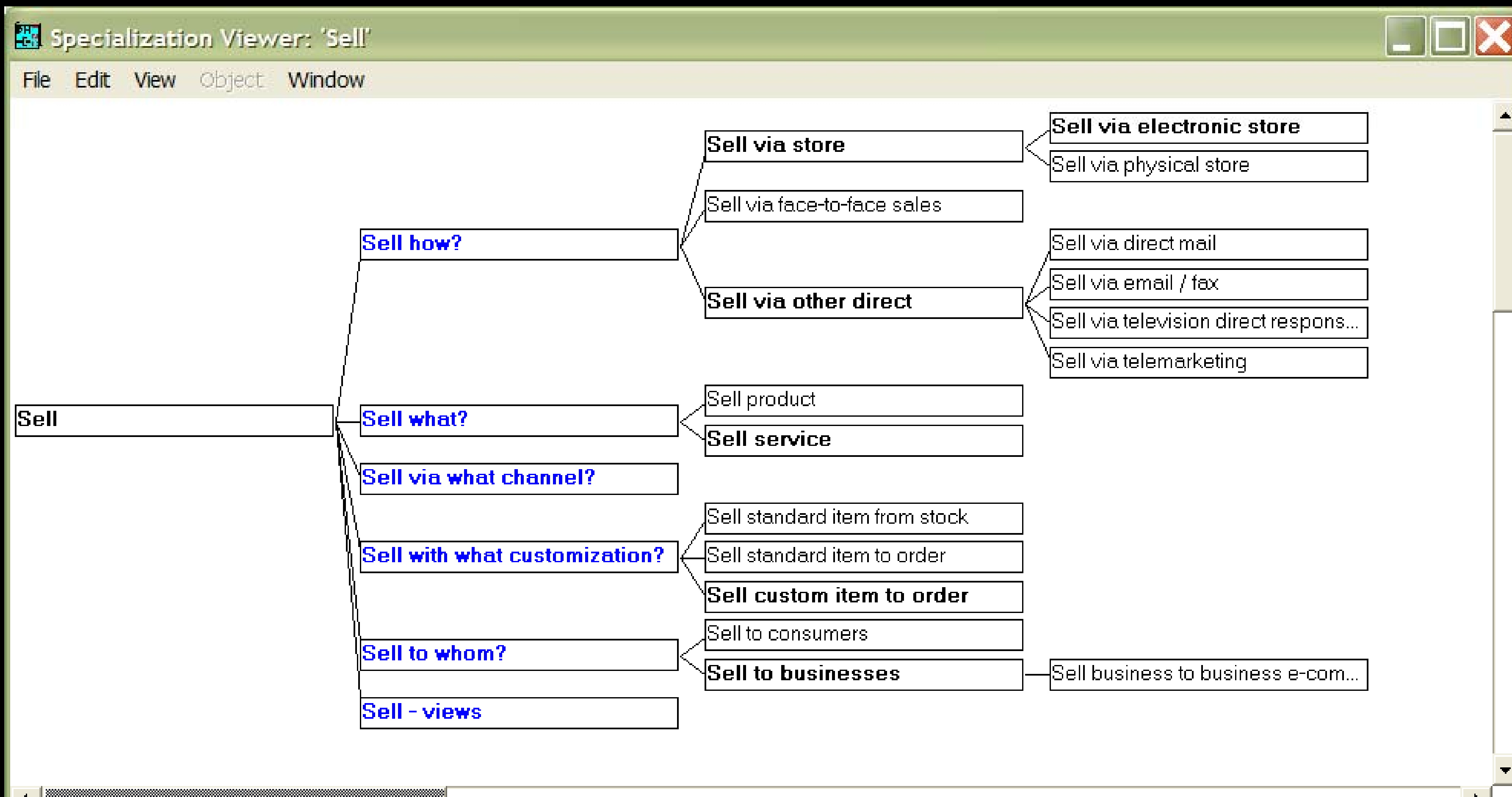
OPTIONAL SLIDES FOLLOW

Some Specializations of "Sell" in the MIT Process Handbook (PH)



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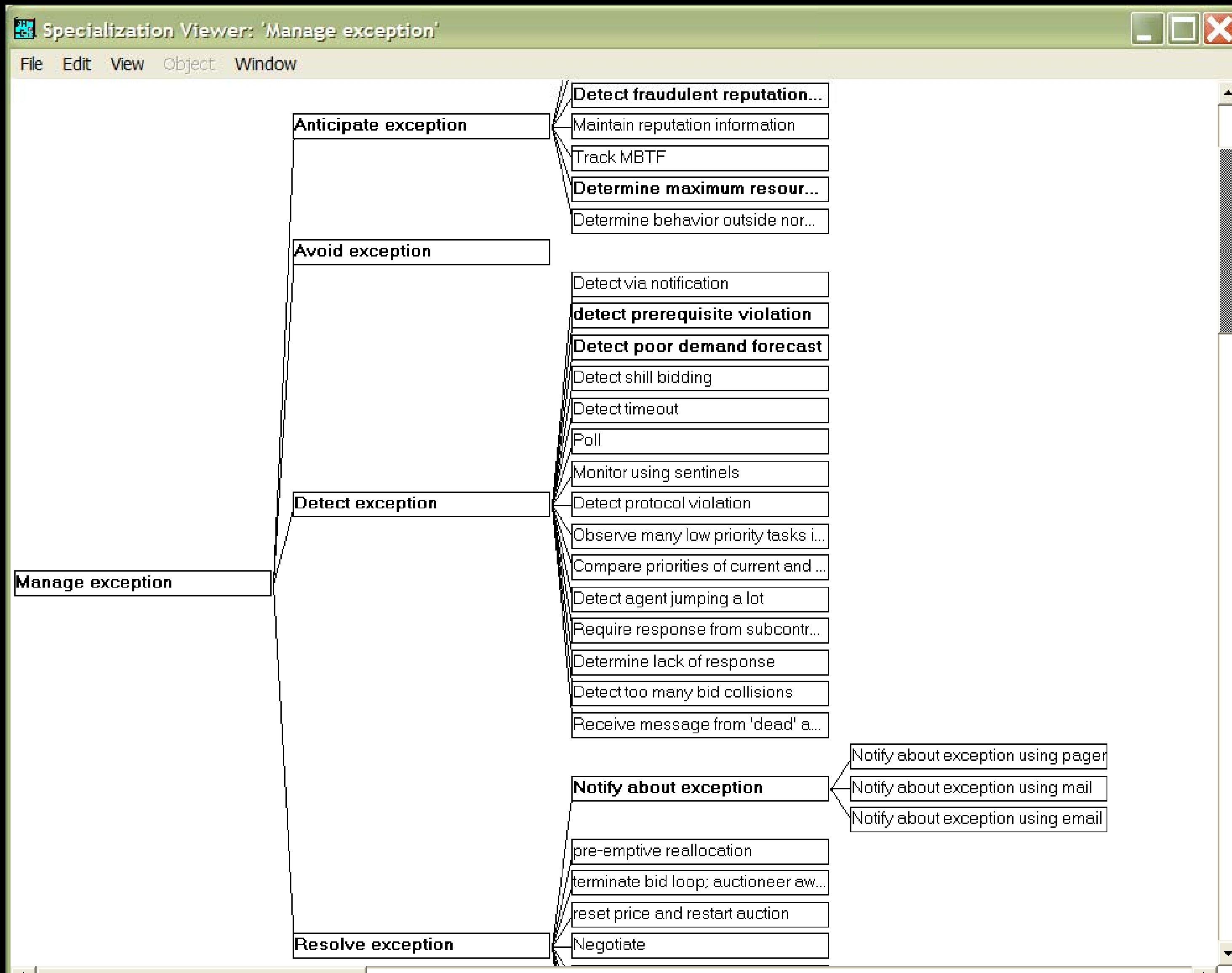

Translating a Rule from (Daml)RuleML to Jess

```
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   <damlRuleML:_rlab>
      <damlRuleML:ind>steadySpender</damlRuleML:ind>
   </damlRuleML:_rlab>
   <damlRuleML:_body>
     <damlRuleML:andb>
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           <damlRuleML:_opr>
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          <damlRuleML:tup>
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          </damlRuleML:tup>
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      </damlRuleML:andb>
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```


Continued: Translating a Rule from (Daml)RuleML to Jess

```
<damlRuleML:_head>
    <damlRuleML:atom>
      <damlRuleML:_opr>
        <damlRuleML:rel>giveDiscount<damlRuleML:rel>
      </damlRuleML:_opr>
      <damlRuleML:tup>
       <damlRuleML:ind>percent5</damlRuleML:ind>
       <damlRuleML:var>Cust</damlRuleML:var>
      </damlRuleML:tup>
    </damlRuleML:atom>
   </damlRuleML:_head>
  </damlRuleML:imp>
```

```
Equivalent in  JESS:
(defrule steadySpender
    (shopper ?Cust)
    (spendingHistory ?Cust loyal)
    =>
    (assert (giveDiscount percent5 ?Cust) ) )
```

Translating an Effector Statement

```
<damlRuleML:effe>
  <damlRuleML:_opr>
   <damlRuleML:rel>giveDiscount</damlRuleML:rel>
  </damlRuleML:_opr>
  <damlRuleML:_aproc>
   <damlRuleML:jproc>
     <damlRuleML:meth>setCustomerDiscount</damlRuleML:meth>
     <damlRuleML:clas>orderMgmt.dynamicPricing</damlRuleML:clas>
     <damlRuleML:path>com.widgetsRUs.orderMgmt
       </damlRuleML:path>
   </damlRuleML:jproc>
  </damlRuleML:_aproc>

</damlRuleML:effe>
```

Associates with predicate P : an attached procedure A that is side-effectful.

- Drawing a conclusion about P triggers an action performed by A.

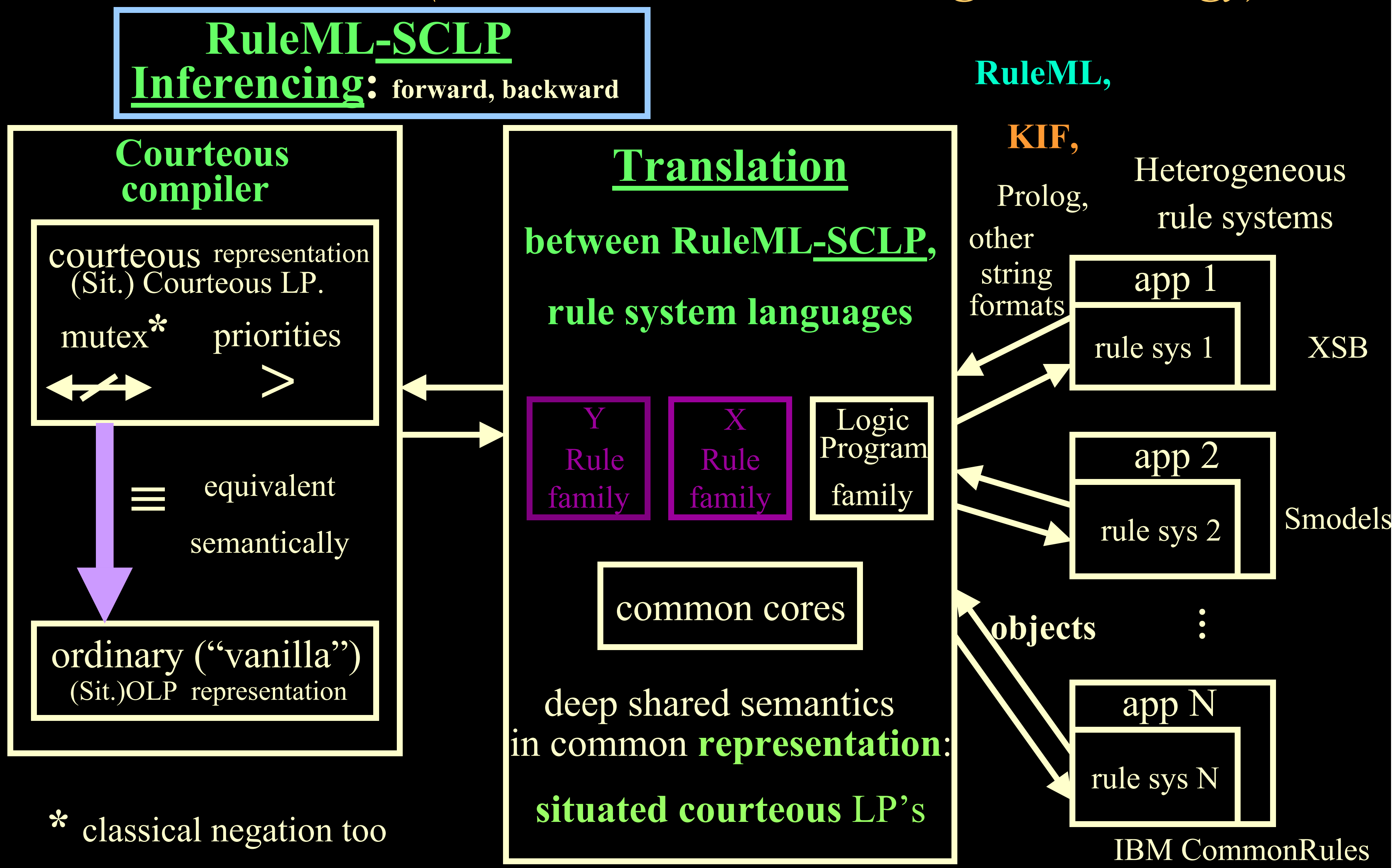
jproc = Java attached procedure.

meth, clas, path = its methodname, classname, pathname.

Equivalent in JESS: key portion is:

```
(defrule effect_giveDiscount_1
  (giveDiscount ?percentage ?customer)
  =>
  (effector setCustomerDiscount orderMgmt.dynamicPricing
                  (create$ ?percentage  ?customer) ) )
```

Functionality: SWEETRules Prototype
(Semantic WEb Enabling Technology)



Dec.-2001 Architecture: SWEETRules Prototype
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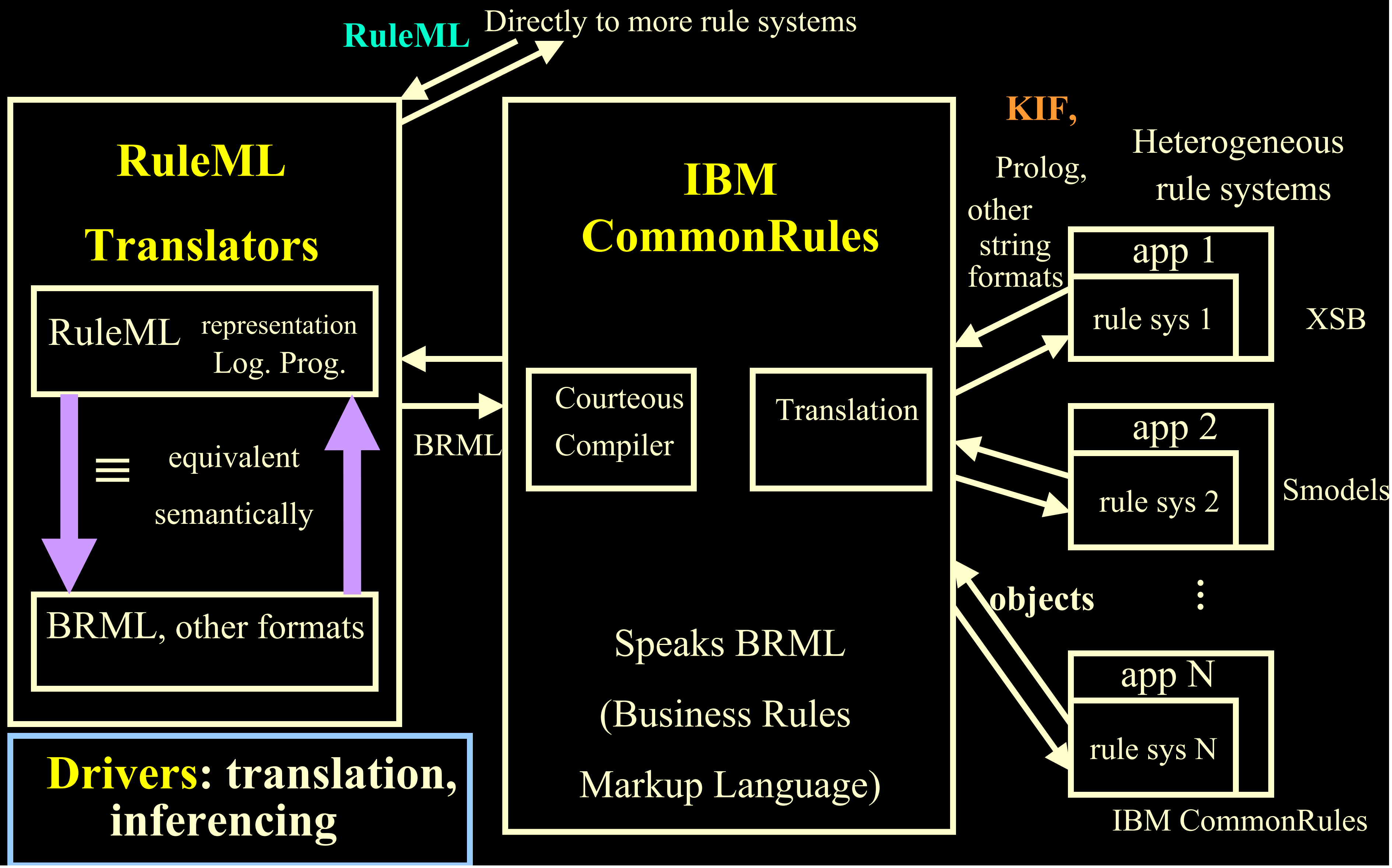

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