

Seamless Interpreter Integration for Compositional Modeling Languages

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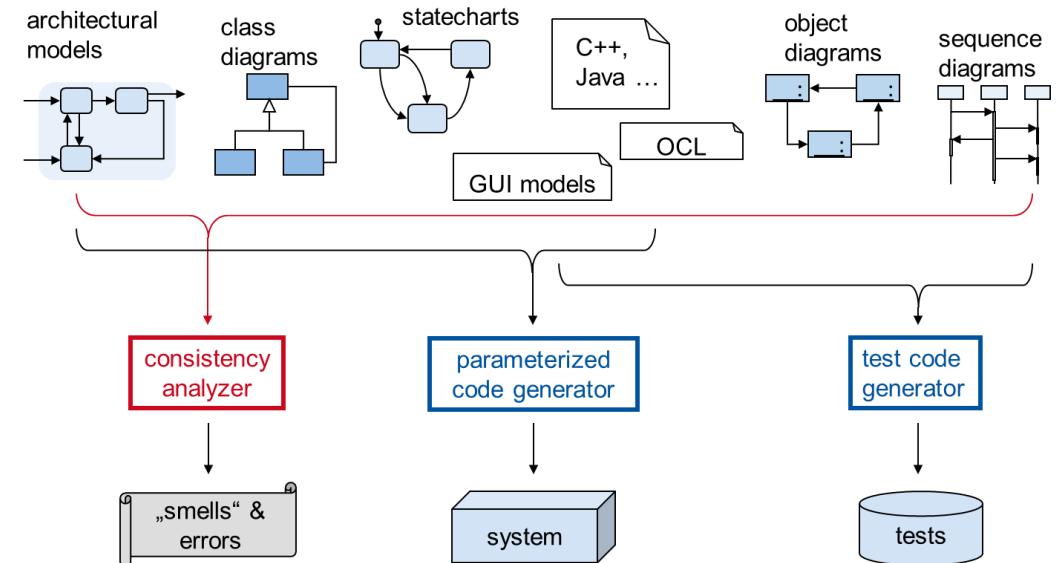
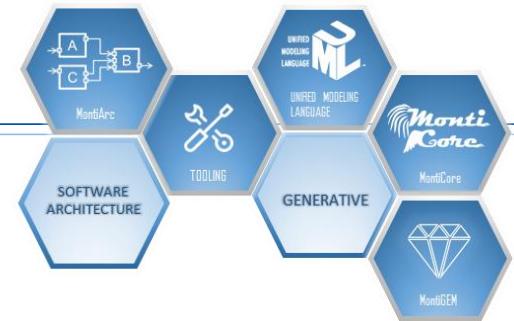


MontiCore – An Overview

MontiCore Goals

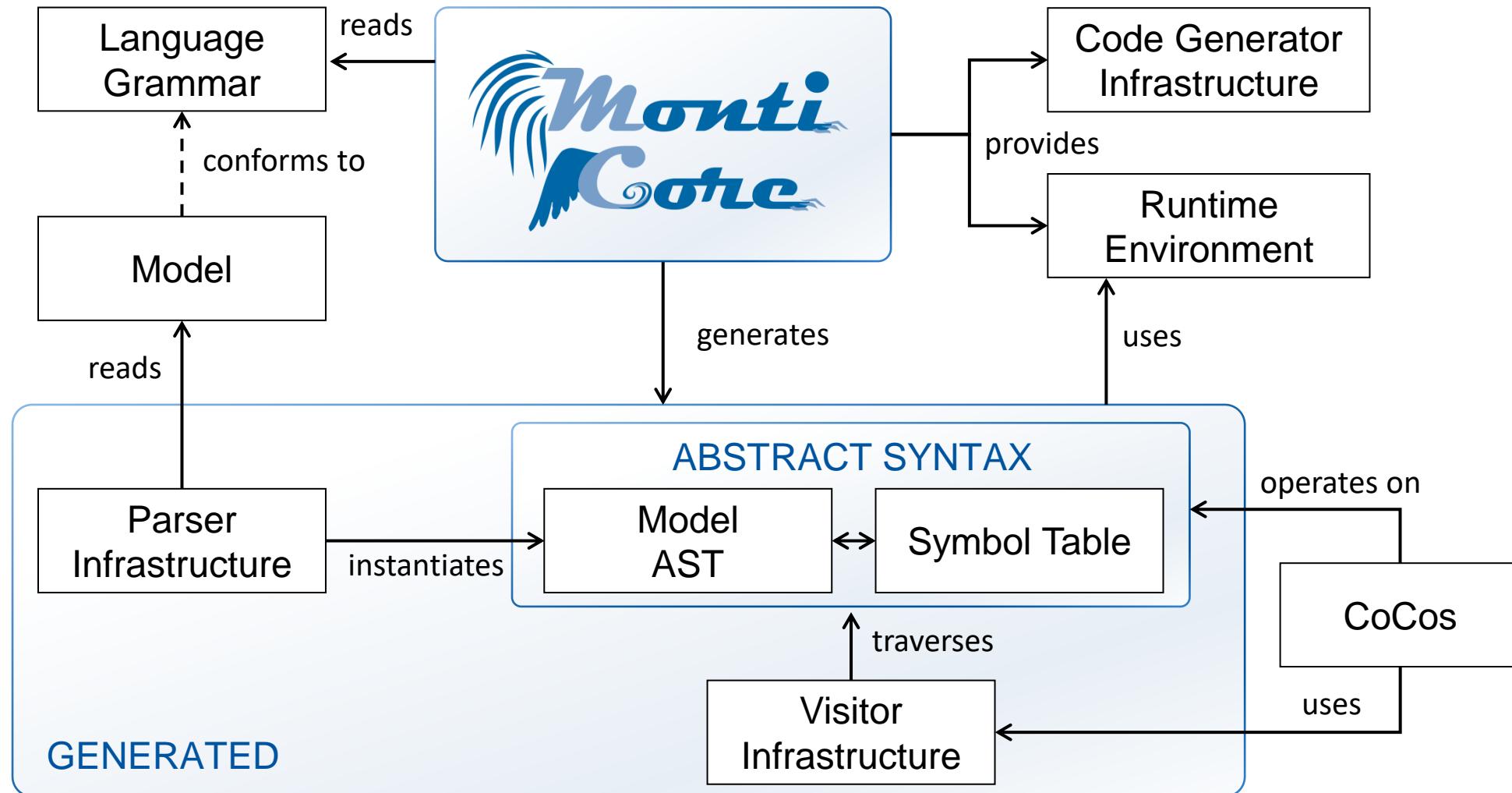
Language & tooling workbench MontiCore

- Definition of modular language components
- Interfaces between models/language components
 - Name spaces, typing (~ Java, UML)
 - Symbol „kinds“ + signatures
- Assistance for analysis and synthesis
- Assistance for transformations
- Pretty printing, editors (graphical + textual)
- Composition of languages:
 - independent language development
 - composition of languages and tools
 - language extension, aggregation
 - language inheritance (allows replacement)
- Quick definition of domain specific languages (DSLs)
 - by reusing existing languages
 - variability in syntax, context conditions, generation, semantics



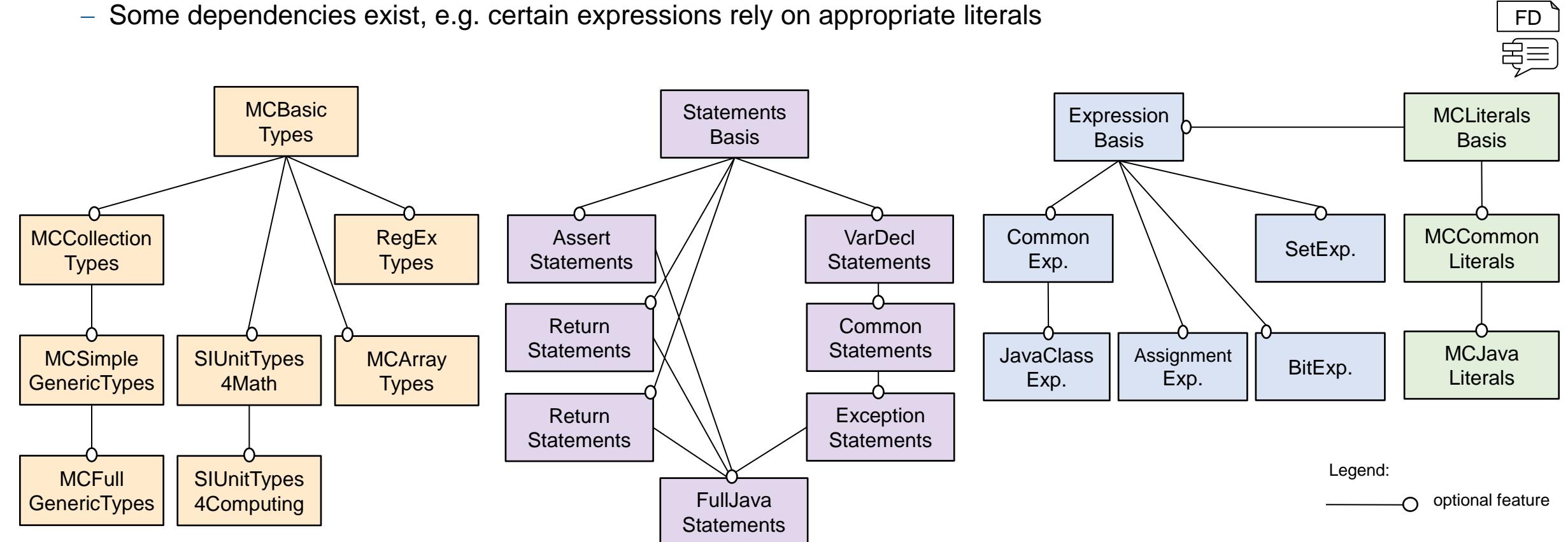
Use of Models for Coding and Testing

Language Workbench MontiCore and its Symbol Management Infrastructure



Reuse & Modularization of Languages – Modular Language Components

- Reusable language components that can be used as features
 - Some dependencies exist, e.g. certain expressions rely on appropriate literals



Grammars for these languages can be found at: <https://monticore.github.io/monticore/monticore-grammar/src/main/grammars/de/monticore/Grammars/>

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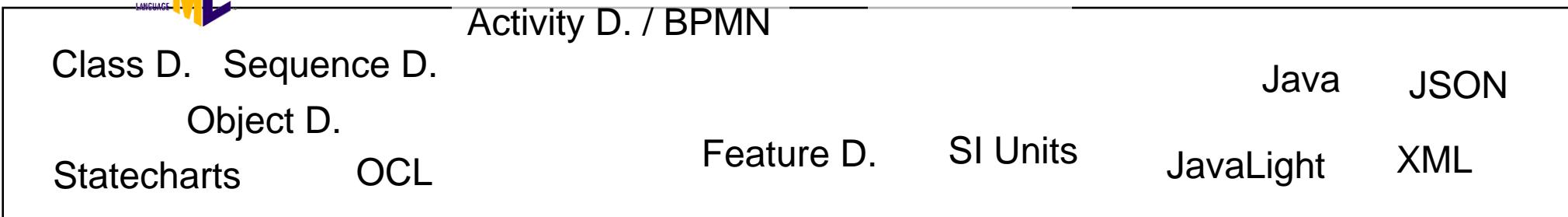
MontiCore Language Zoo: Development in three Waves

- Languages are built in three phases

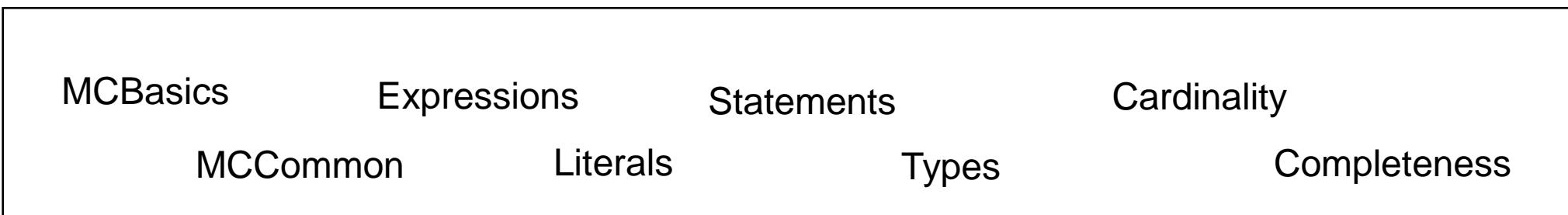
Wave 3:
Full & New
Languages



Wave 2:
“Known”
Languages



Wave 1:
Components



Legend: Many of these languages are defined using several grammars, CoCo-sets, etc.

MontiCore – Compositional Language Design



Language Extension

- Lets start with one language L1

L1

- The automaton has
 - 2 states and
 - 2 transitions
 - describing a ping pong game

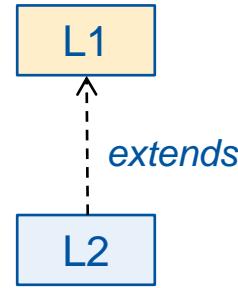
- Automaton language L1:

```
automaton PingPong {  
  
    state Ping, Pong;  
  
    Ping -> Pong  
  
    Pong -> Ping  
}
```

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Language Extension

- L2 extends L1
 - by new language concepts



- One model contains language concepts of both languages
- Either L1 or L2 becomes the **master language** and the other the multiply embedded **sub-language**
- Semantics, code generation is often defined together, but ideally reuse L1-semantics, generators, etc. should be possible

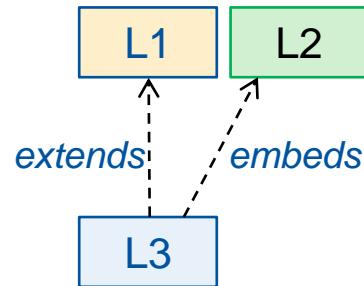
- Automaton language L1 is extended by actions in L2:
 - Actions are embedded at multiple places:

```
automaton PingPong {  
  
    state Ping, Pong;  
  
    Ping -> Pong / strokes++  
  
    Pong -> Ping / strokes++  
}
```

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Language Embedding

- A new language L3 embeds model concepts from L2 in the language L1
- Models have parts conforming to sublanguages
- Languages L1 and L2 were independently developed
- Enables reuse and extension of languages
- Allows to define language components
 - E.g. expressions, literals, type definitions.



- Automaton language L1 and action language L2 are combined to a language embedding the actions into the automaton:

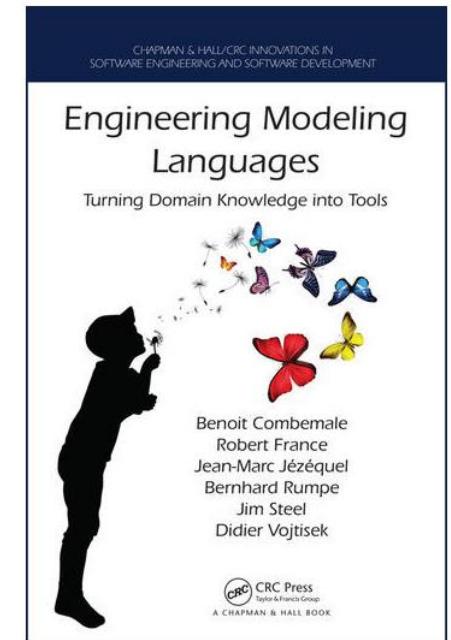
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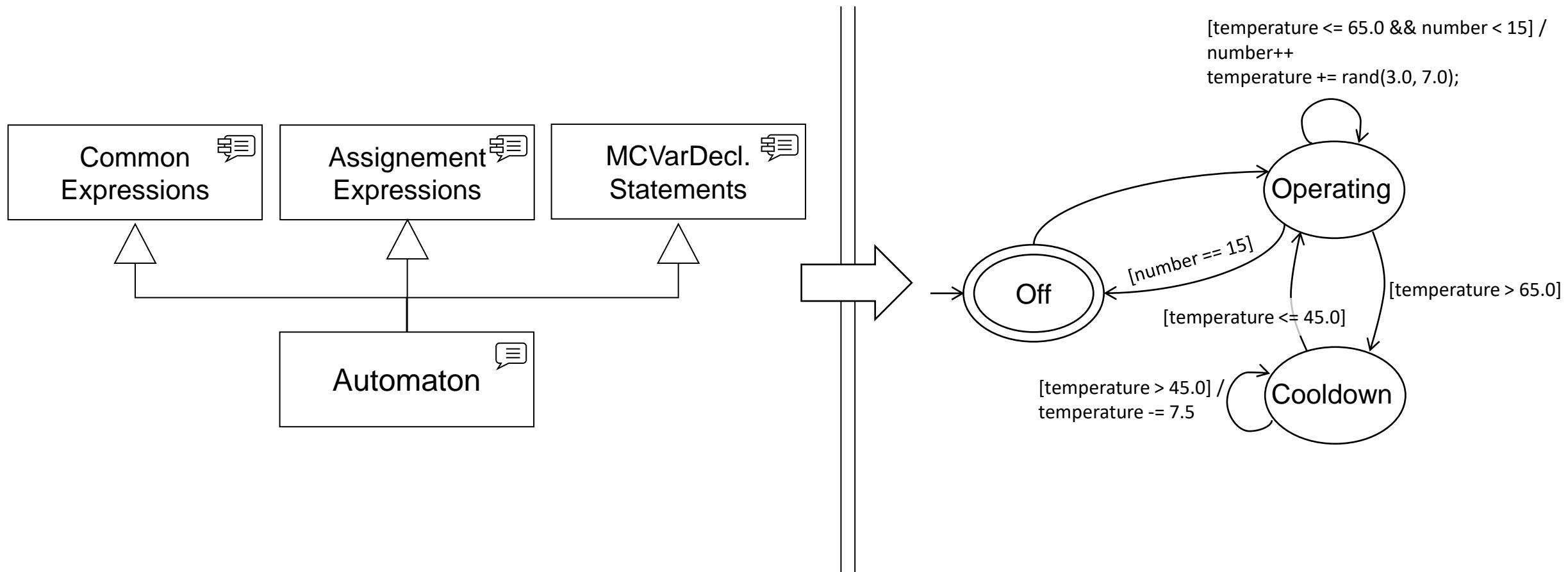
- “Glue” can be added, e.g. the square brackets



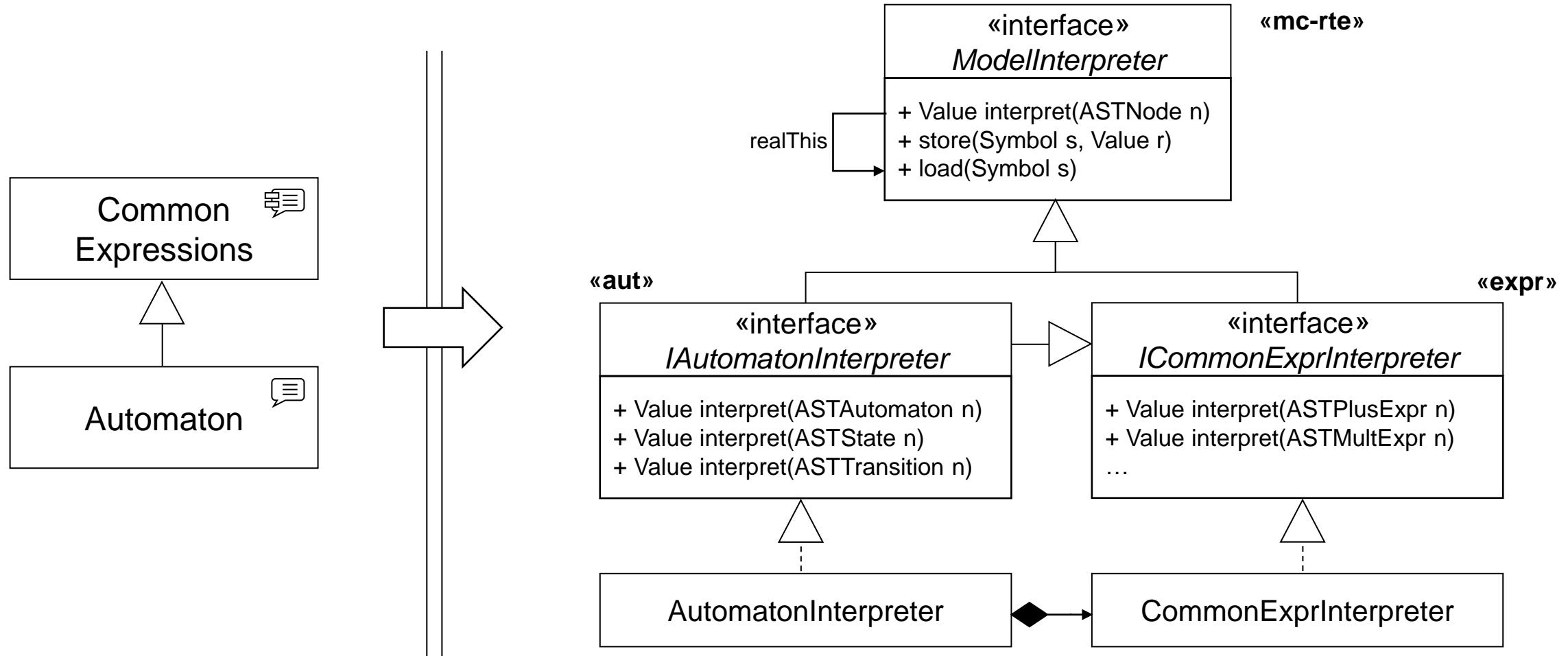
MontiCore – Interpreter Composition for Embedded Languages



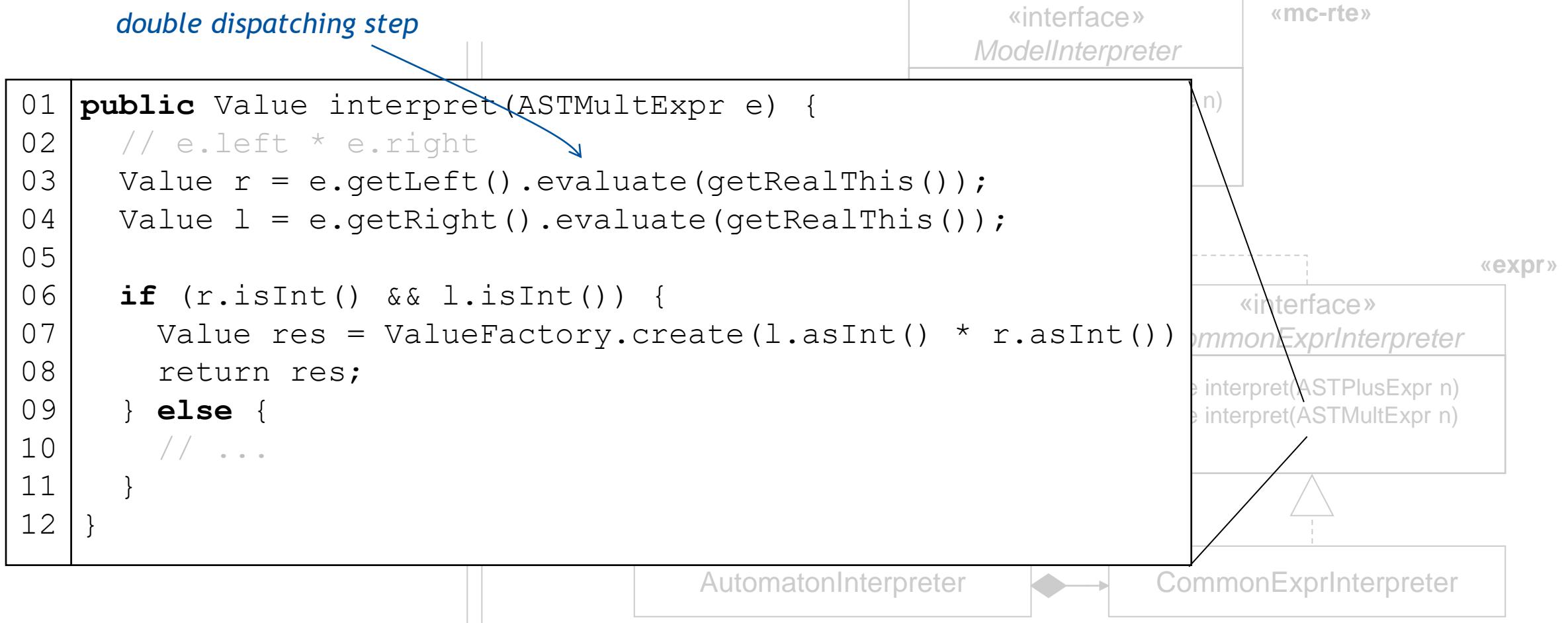
Example



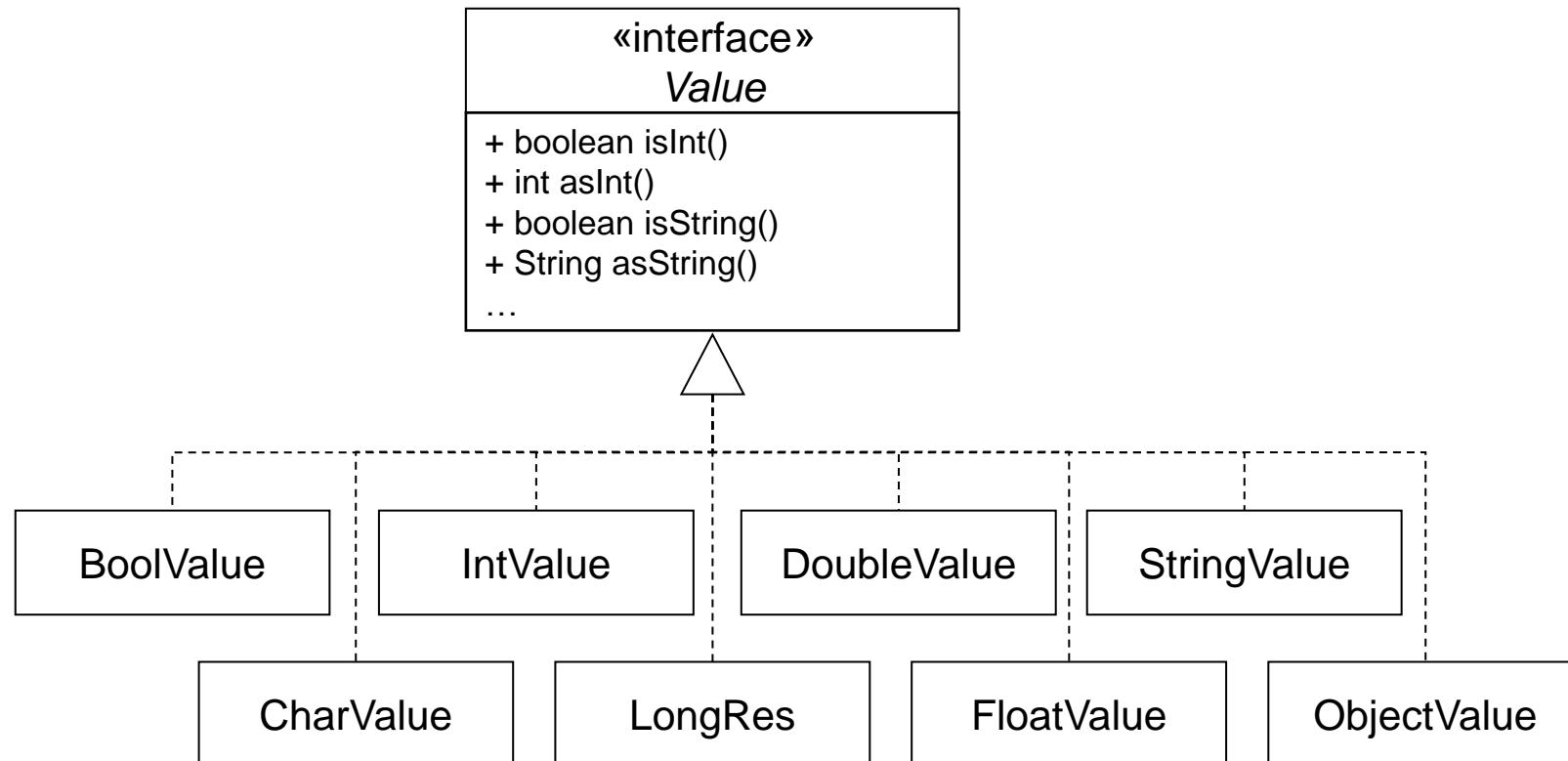
Compositional Model Interpreter in MontiCore



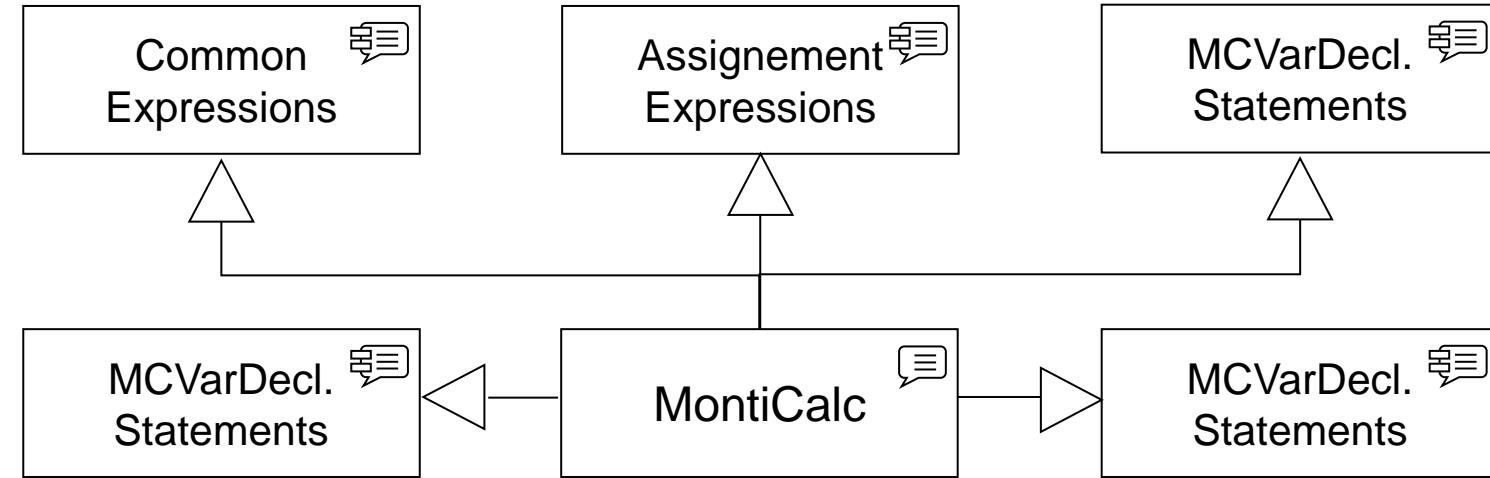
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Value as Interpretation Result



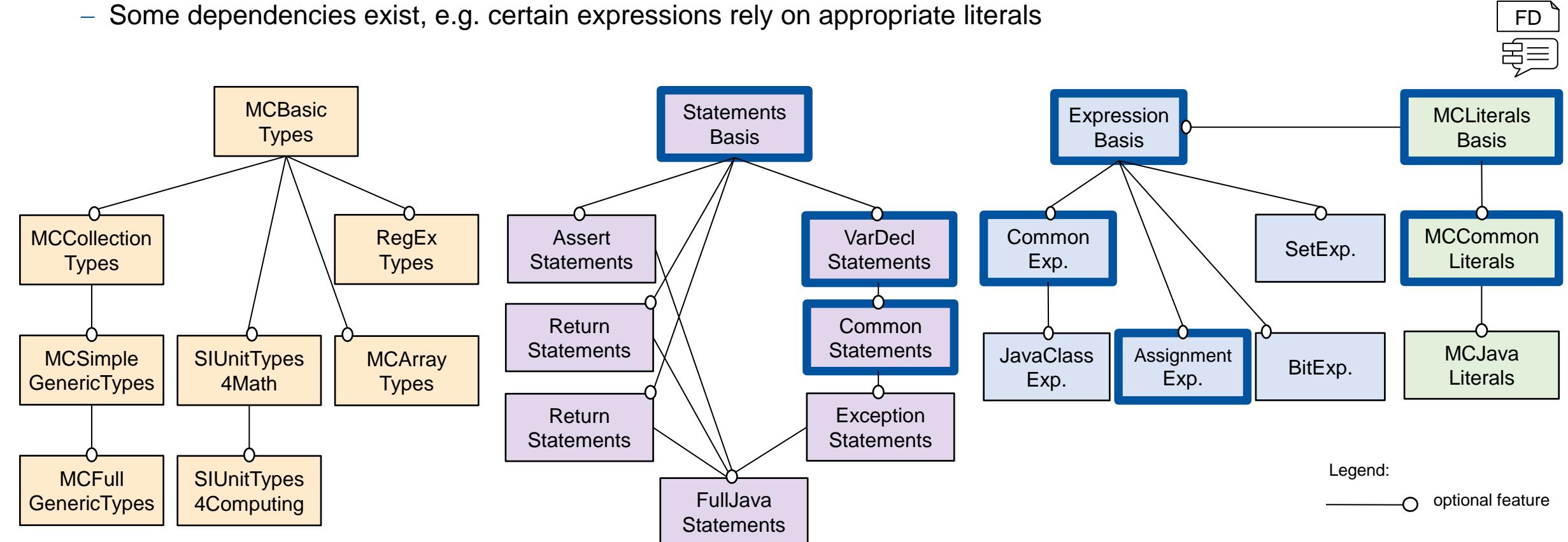
Demo – Building a Calculator



```
01 grammar MontiCalc extends BasicSymbols, MCCommonLiterals,  
02           CommonExpressions, AssignmentExpressions  
03           MCVarDeclarationStatements {  
04  
05   CalcCompilationUnit = (CalcCmd)*;  
06  
07   CalcCmd = LocalVariableDeclaration | Expression | MCStatement;  
08  
09   PrintCmd implements MCStatement = "print" Name@Variable;  
10 }
```

Current Work: Interpreter Library for Modular Language Components

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