

Domain-driven Design: A Complete Example

Eberhard Wolff

Head of Architecture

<https://swaglab.rocks/>

<https://ewolff.com/>

Why This Talk?

- Domain-driven Design provides lots of tools.
- Which are really useful?
- How can you combine them?

Event Storming

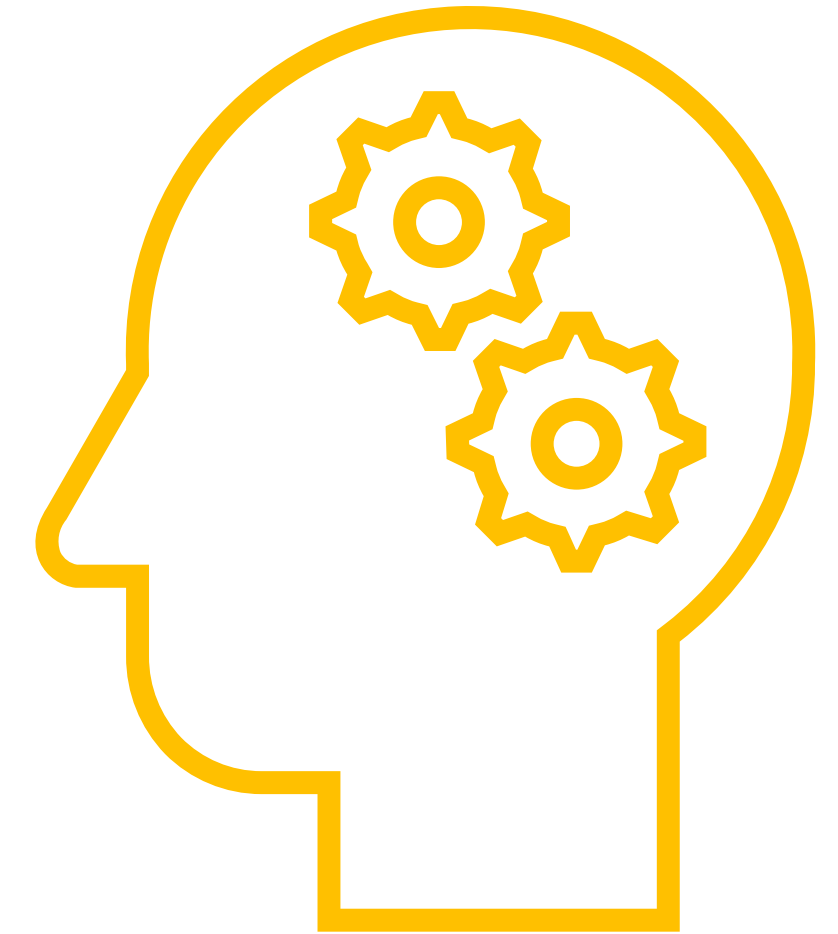
Why Event Storming?



Domain Experts

Understand the domain

How does domain
knowledge become
software?

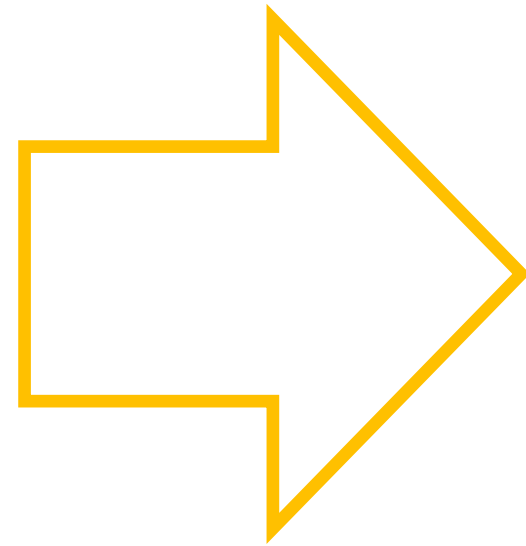


Software Engineers
Structure knowledge
to become software

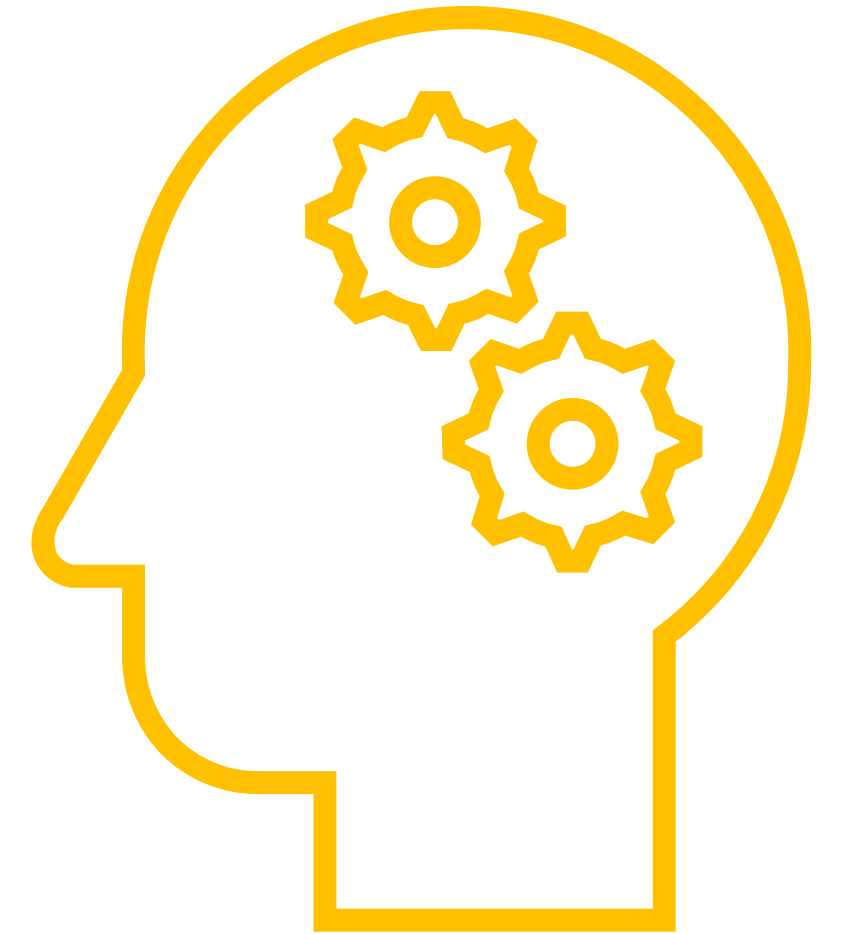
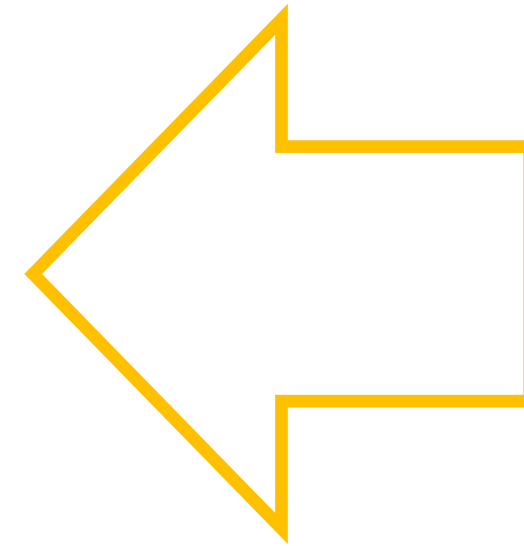
Why Event Storming?



Domain Experts



Model



Software Engineers

What is Event Storming?

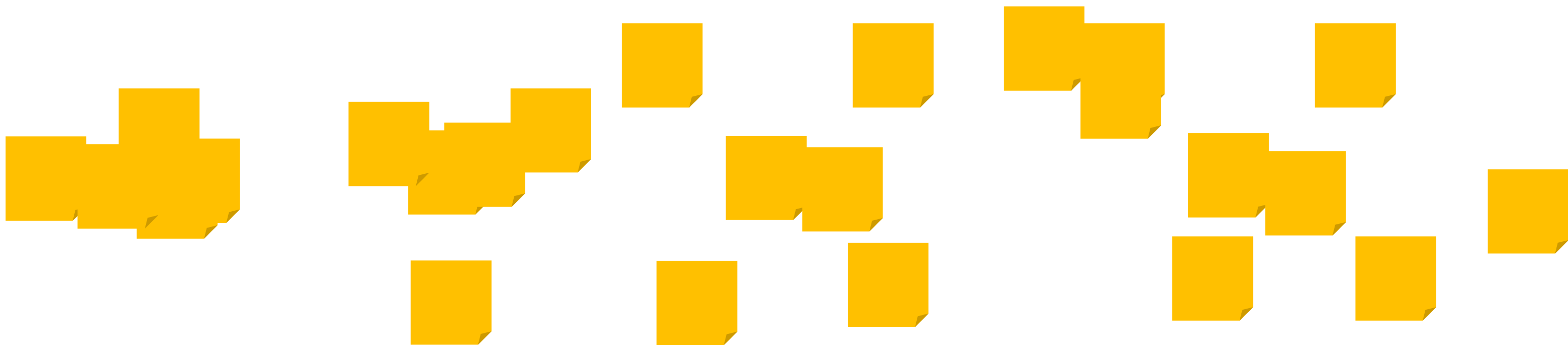
- Event in the past
- At least noun + verb
- Verb in past tense
- Write event on orange sticky



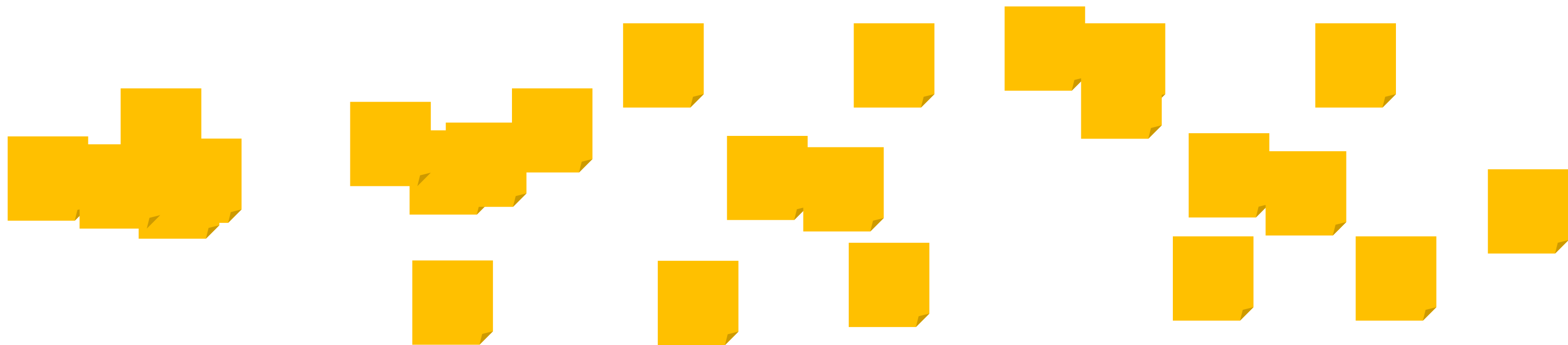
Order
accepted

Phase: Chaotic Exploration

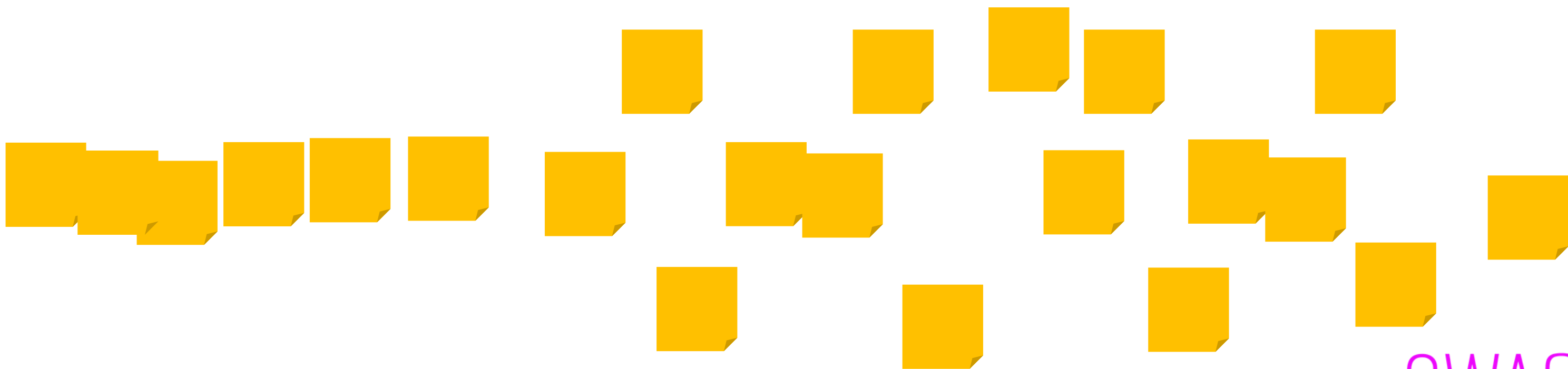
- Create as many events as possible



Phase: Enforce the timeline

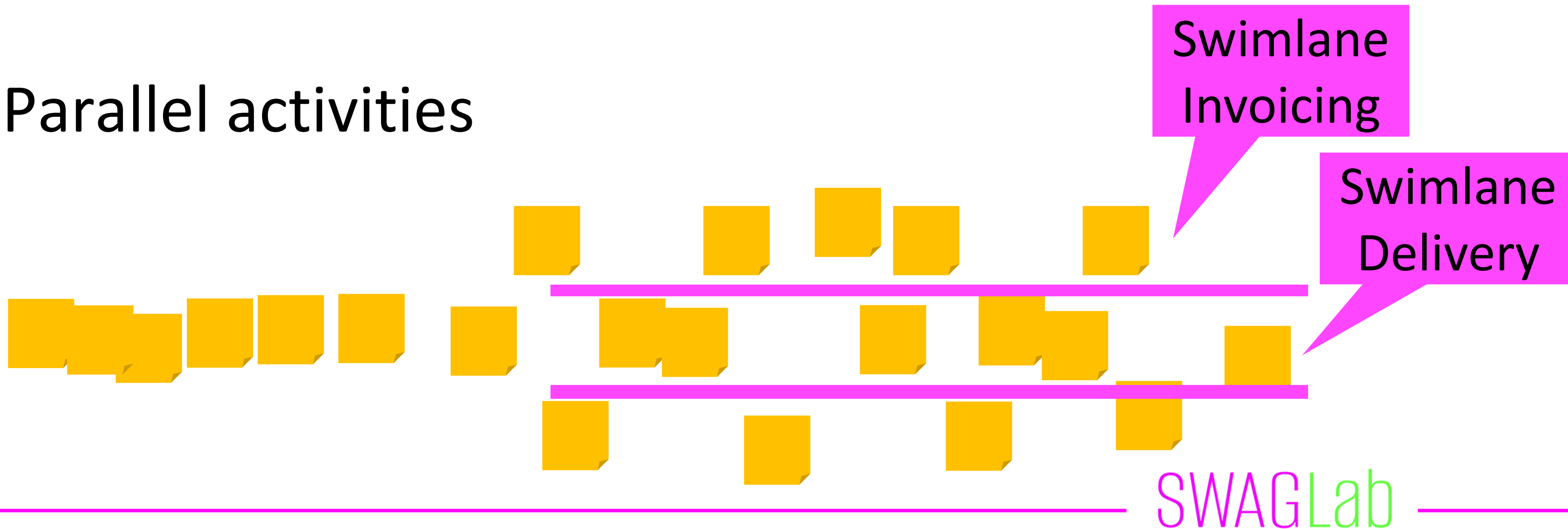


Phase: Enforce the timeline



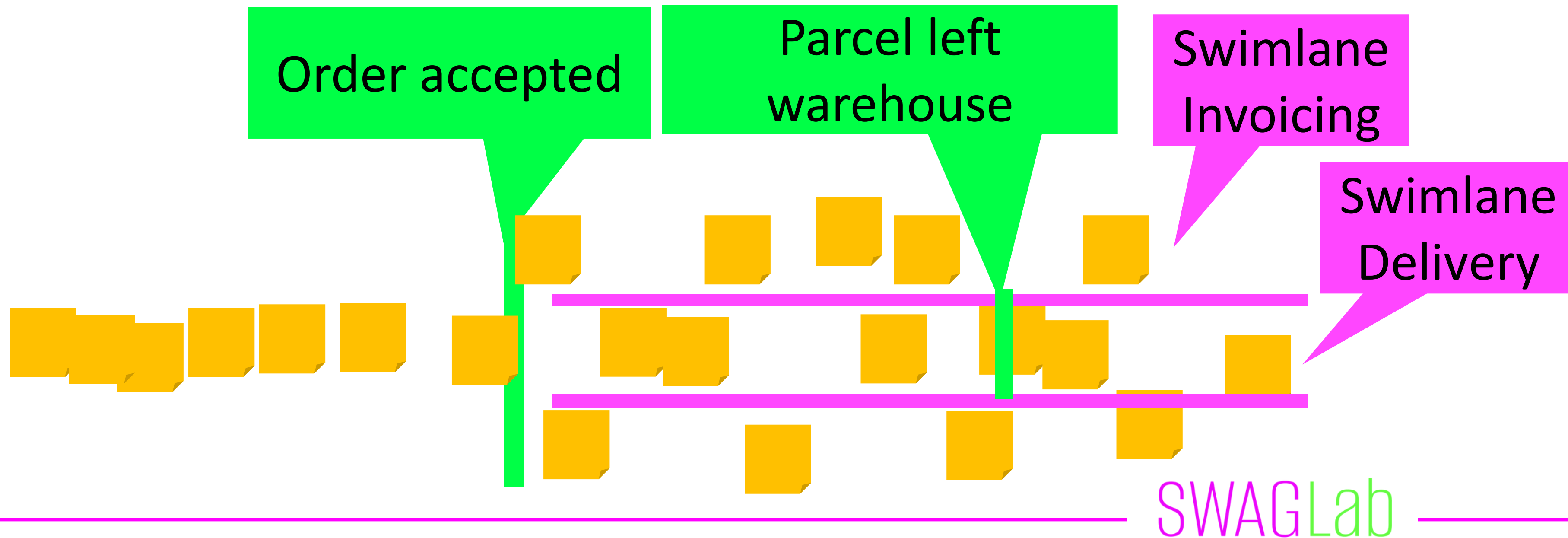
Phase: Identify Swim Lanes

- Parallel activities



Phase: Identify Pivotal Events

- Afterwards the world is different



Event Storming: Benefits

- Low-tech: easy to understand for domain experts
- People can work in parallel.
- Social structures become obvious.

Event Storming: Result

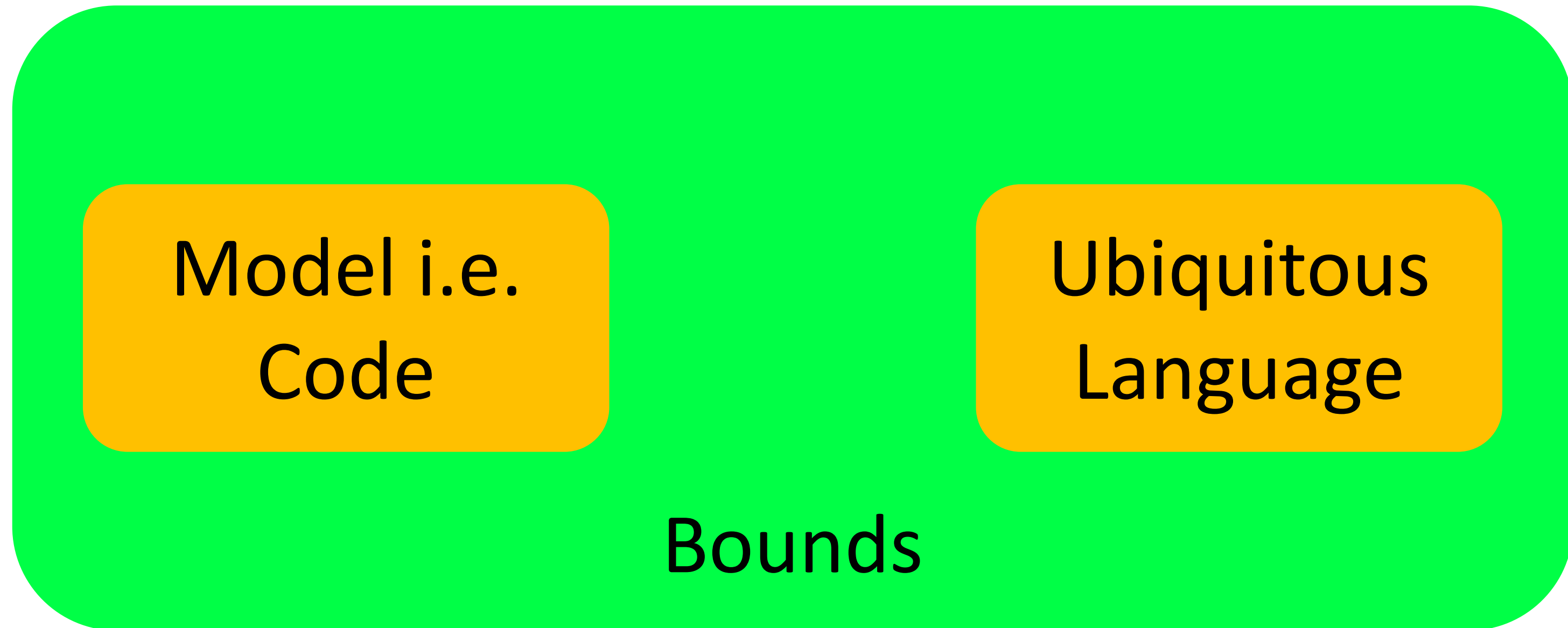
- Common understanding of the domain
 - A model of the domain
- ...that must be tweaked before it can be implemented

Bounded Context

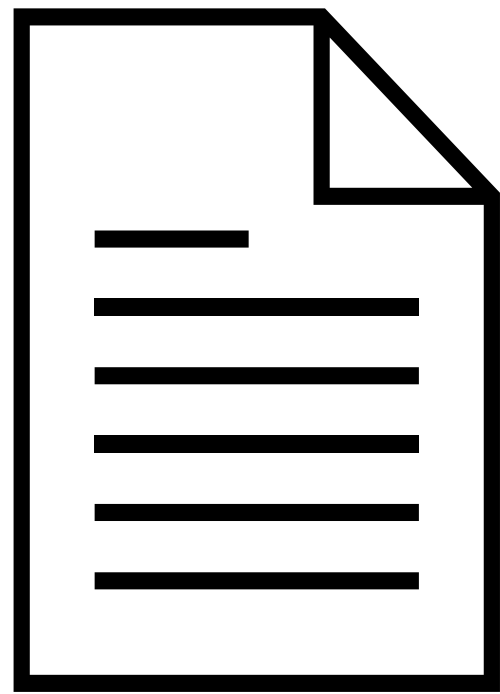
Why Bounded Context?

- Coarse-grained split of the domain
- A scope that might be assigned to a team

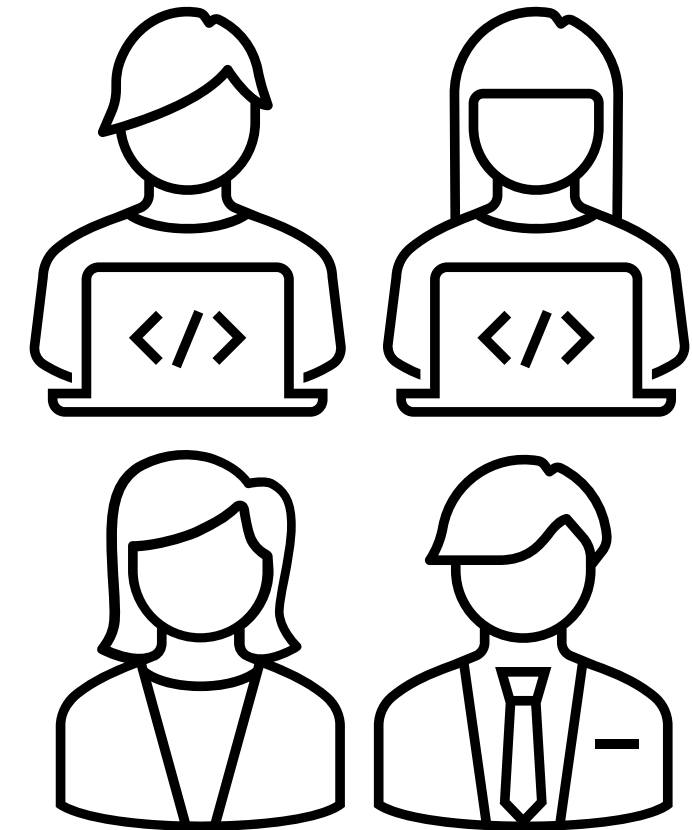
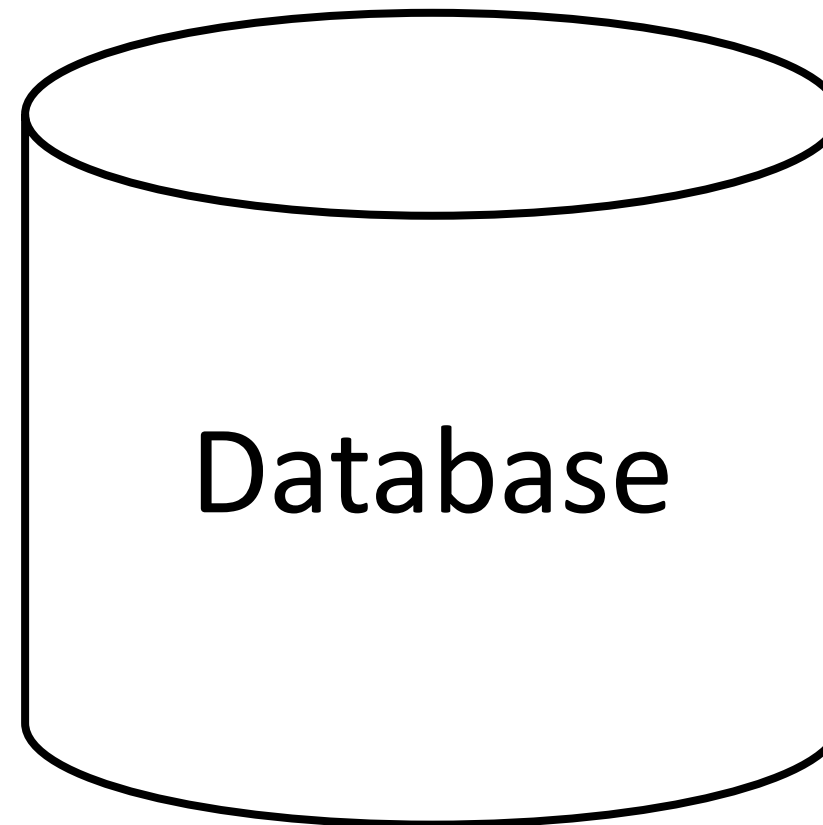
Bounded Context



Ubiquitous Language



Code



Software Engineers
Domain Experts

Bounded Context Example

Invoicing
Process

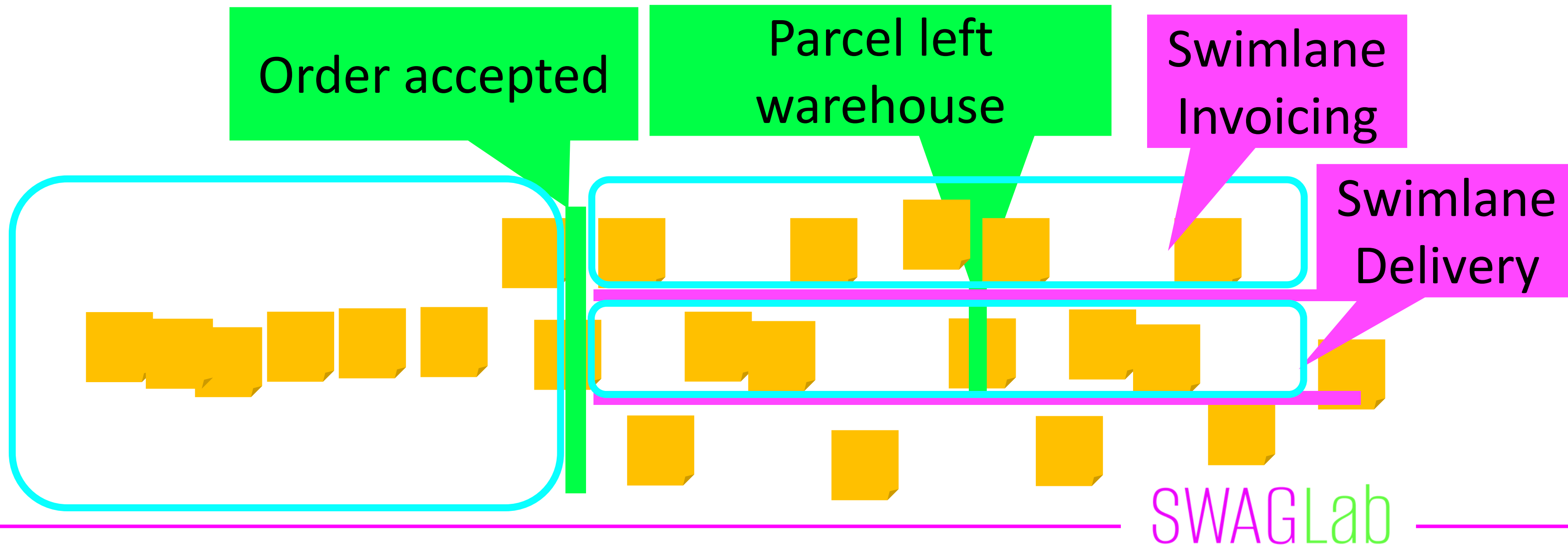
Customer who pays the bill

Delivery

Customer who the products
are sent to

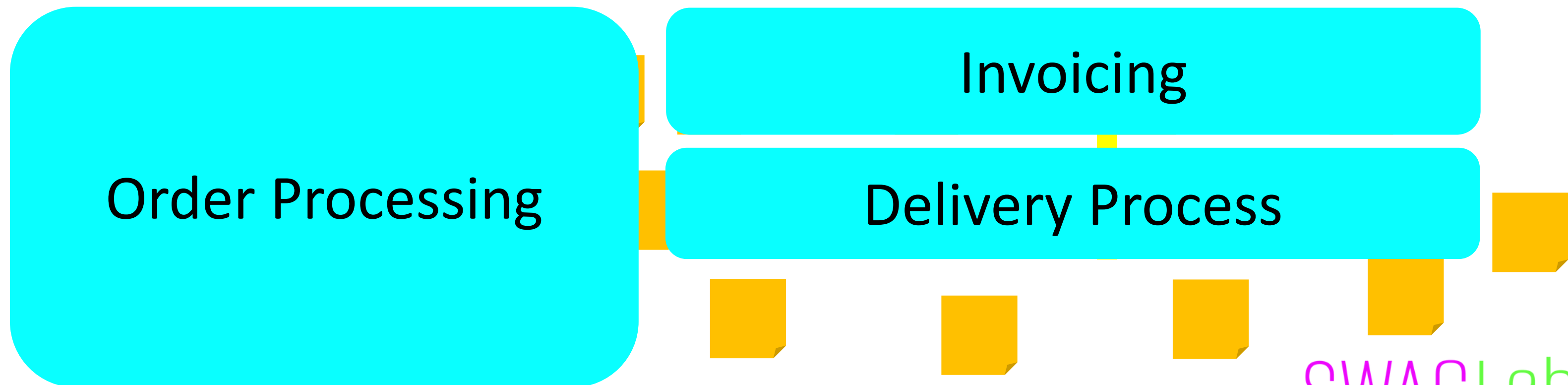
Identify Candidates for Bounded Contexts

- Areas between swim lanes and pivotal events are good candidates for Bounded Contexts



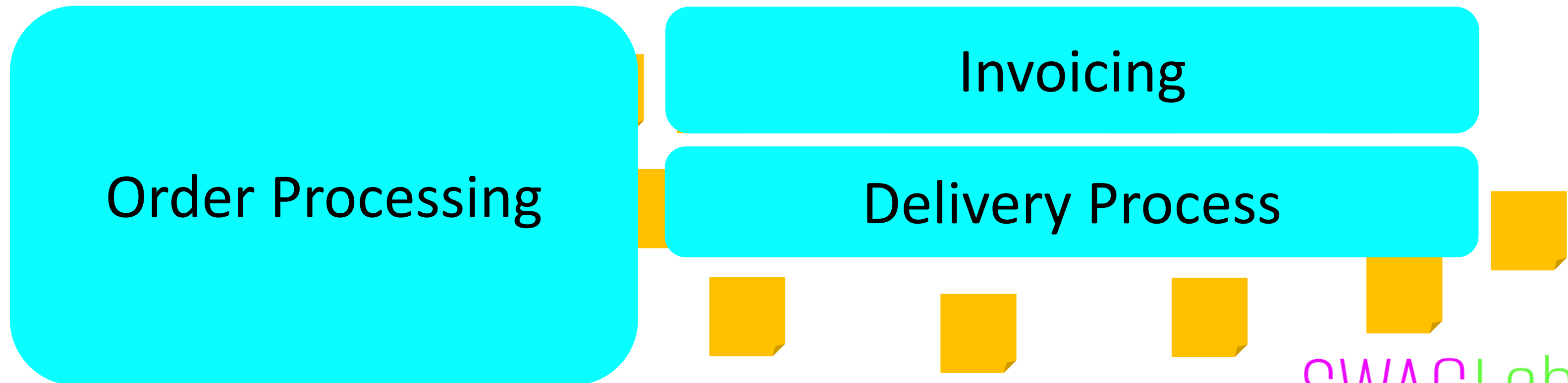
Identify Candidates for Bounded Contexts

- Areas between swim lanes and pivotal events are good candidates for Bounded Contexts



Identify Candidates for Bounded Contexts

- Reimbursements handled by invoicing?
- Return handled by delivery process?

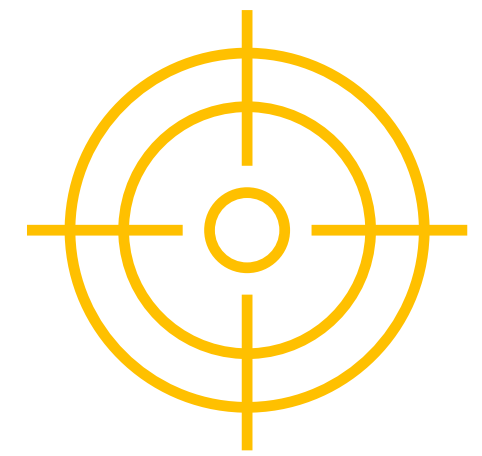


Bounded Context: Benefits

- Structures domain logic
- Request probably local to one bounded context
- Changes probably local to one bounded context
- i.e. a great architecture!

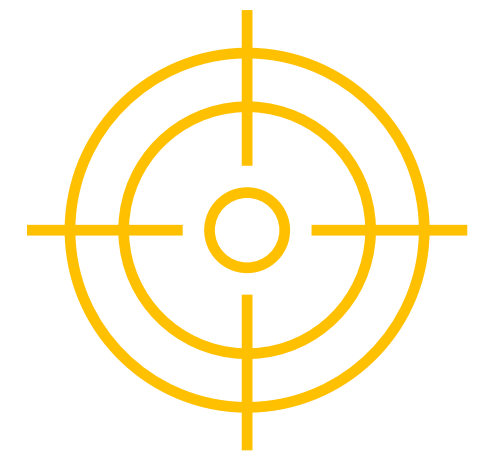
Core Domain

Core Domain

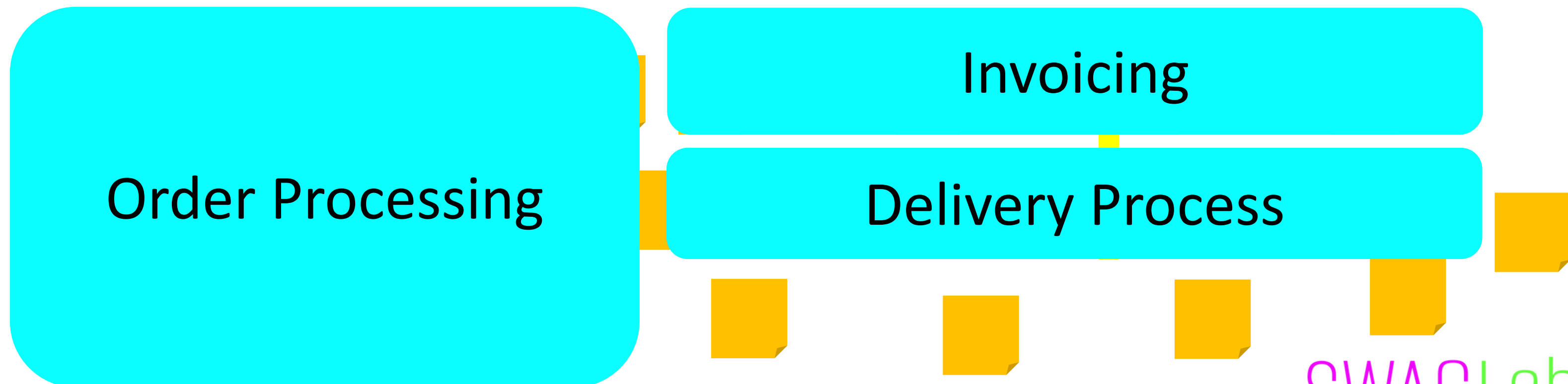


- Core domain = motivation for the project
- Reduce the complexity of the model
- Focus on maintainability of this part of the system

What is the Core Domain?



- Differentiation: quick and reliable delivery
- Core domain = delivery process



Core Domain: Result

- Clear focus
- Better understanding of the domain

Not Strategic Design but
Team Topologies

Why Team Topologies?

- Somehow teams need to collaborate
- Not too complex
- Intuitive (?)
- Covers more “fracture planes” than just Bounded Contexts e.g. location
- Covers more team types than development teams

Team Topologies

Stream-aligned team

XaaS

Complicated
Subsystem
team

XaaS

Platform team

Facilitating

Enabling team

Collaboration

Team Topologies

Invoicing

Order Processing

Delivery

XaaS

XaaS

Delivery
Optimization

Facilitating

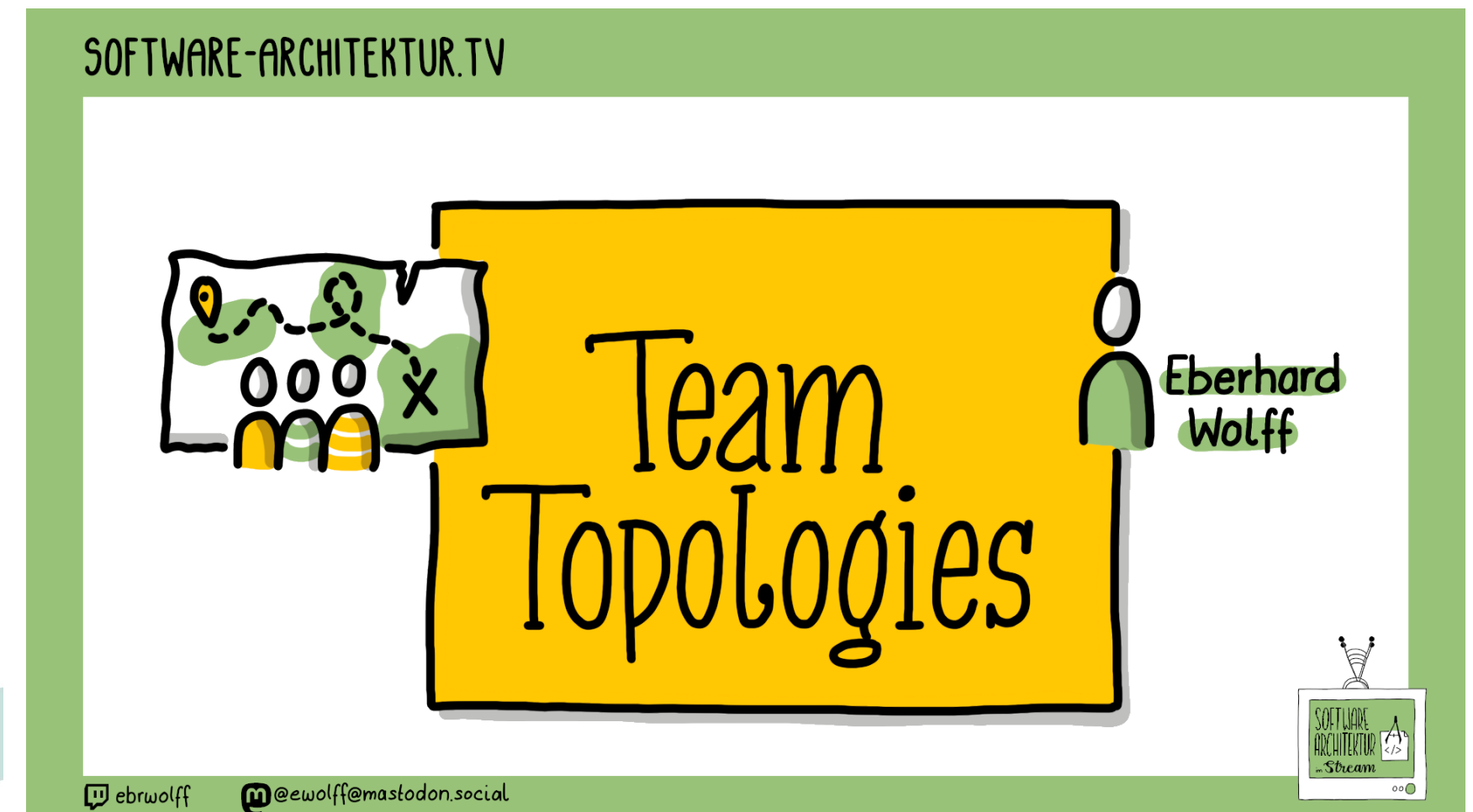
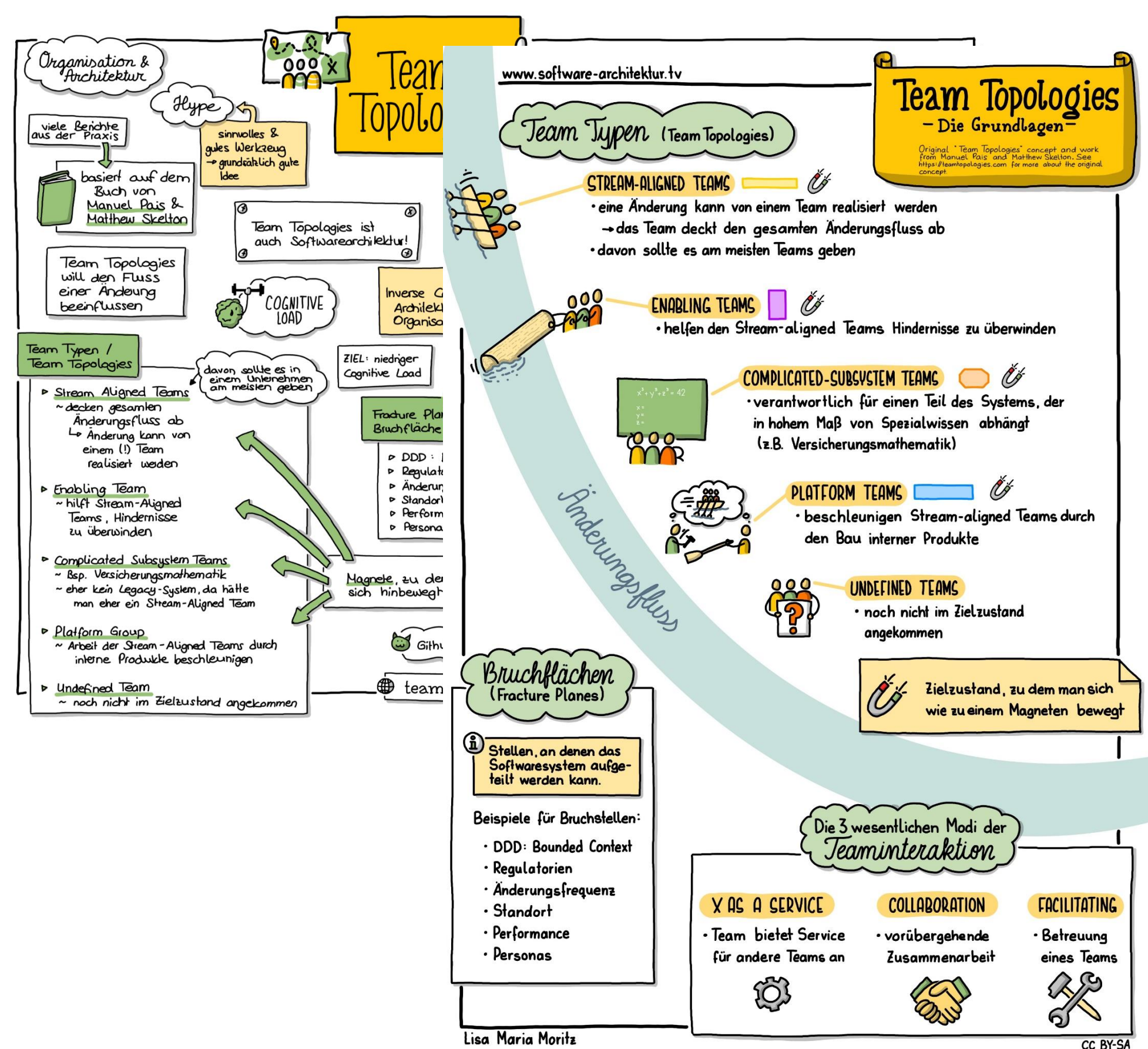
Architecture

Collaboration

Kubernetes / CI Team

Team Topologies: Result

- Team setup defined
- Collaborations defined



<https://software-architektur.tv/2024/04/18/folge213.html>

SWAGLab

Finally: Coding! 🎉

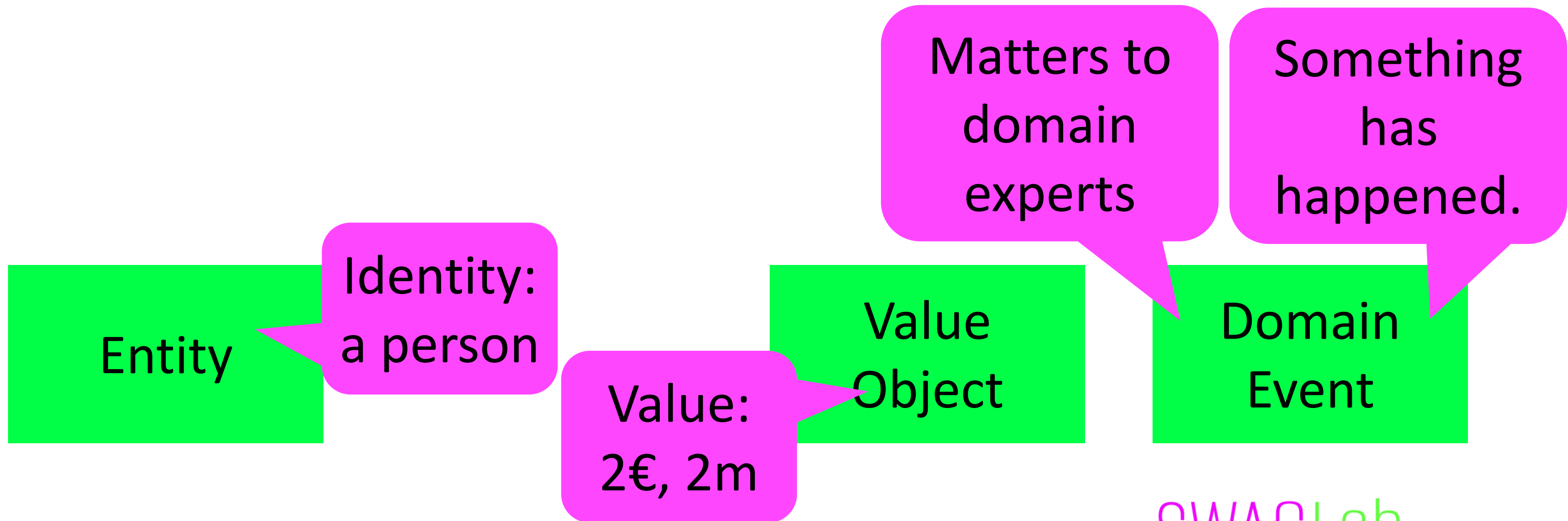
Finally: Coding! 🎉
(sort of 😬)

Tactical Design

Why Tactical Design?

- Object-oriented concepts
- Make a lot of sense to build good object-oriented systems!

Tactical Design



Tactical Design

Illusion of a
collection of
aggregates

Aggregate Root
ensures consistency

Consists of Entities
and Value Objects

Creates complex
value objects and
aggregates

Repository

Aggregate

Factory

Entity

Value
Object

Domain
Event

Tactical Design

Service

Logic doesn't fit in
Entities /
Aggregates

Repository

Aggregate

Factory

Entity

Value
Object

Domain
Event

Example: Delivery Bounded Context

ScheduleDelivery
<<Service>>

DeliveryScheduled
<<Event>>

Customer
<<Aggregate>>

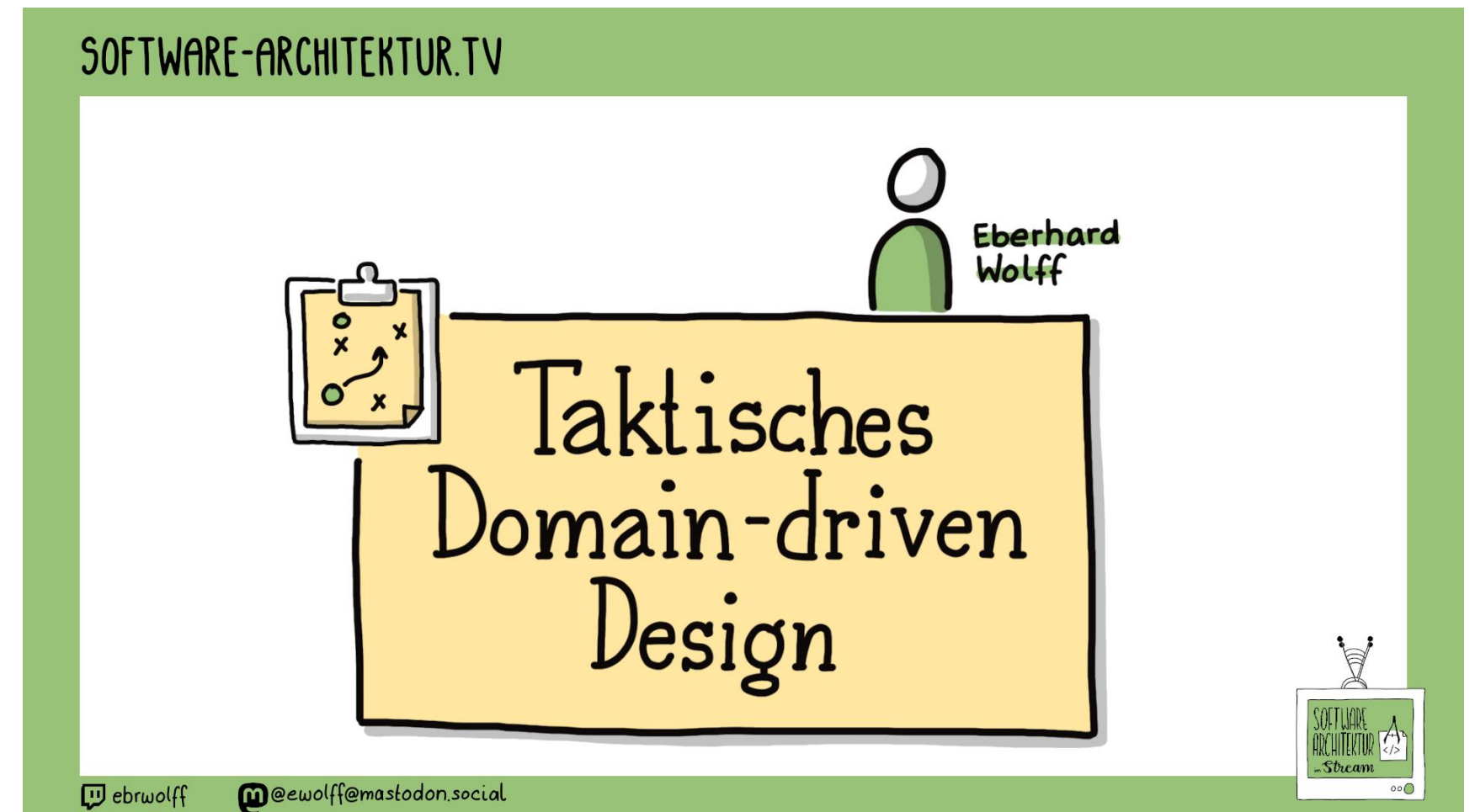
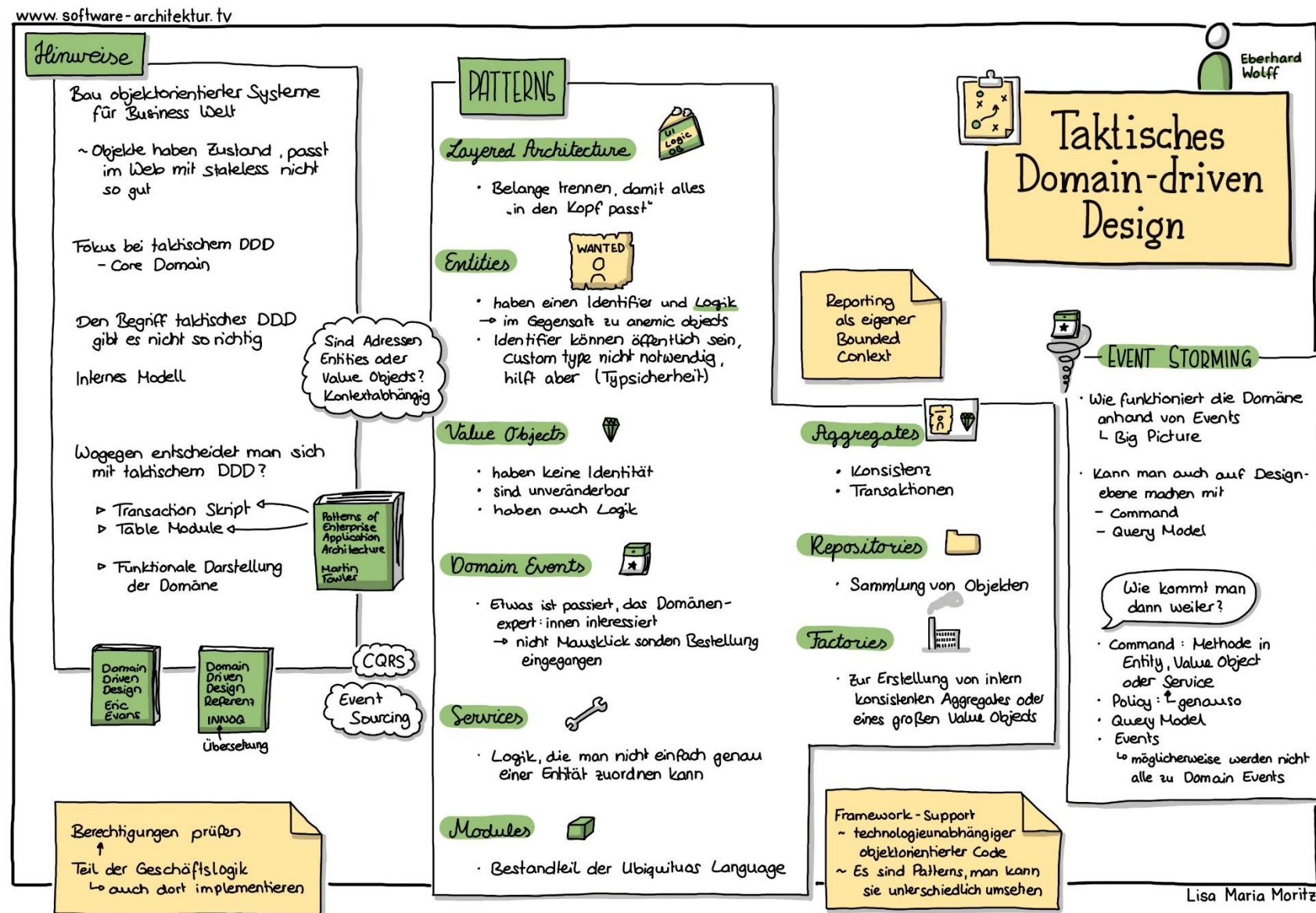
Delivery
<<Aggregate>>

Delivery
Repository

Delivery
Factory

Parcel
<<Entity>>

Adress
<<ValueObject>>



<https://software-architektur.tv/2024/05/03/folge214.html>

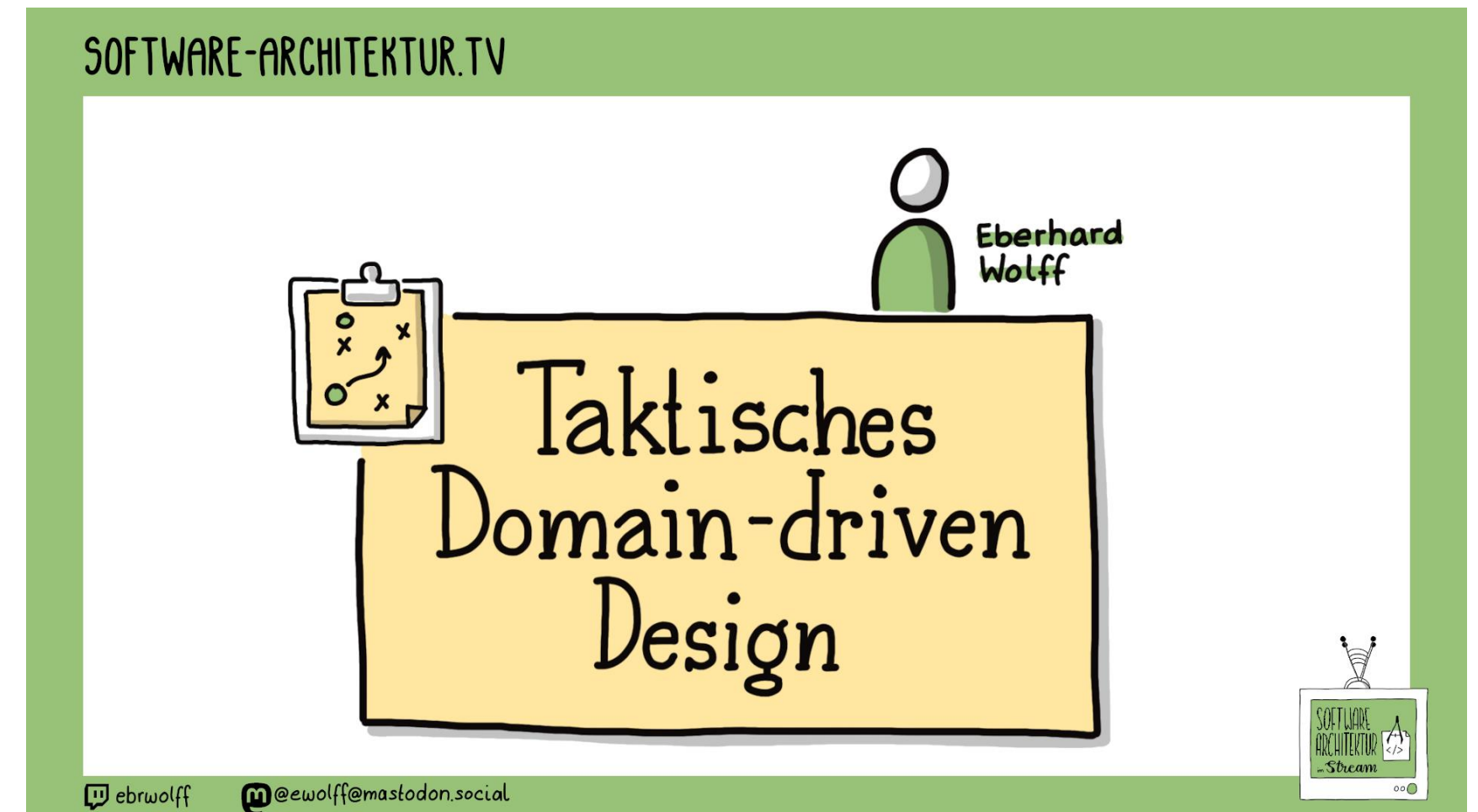
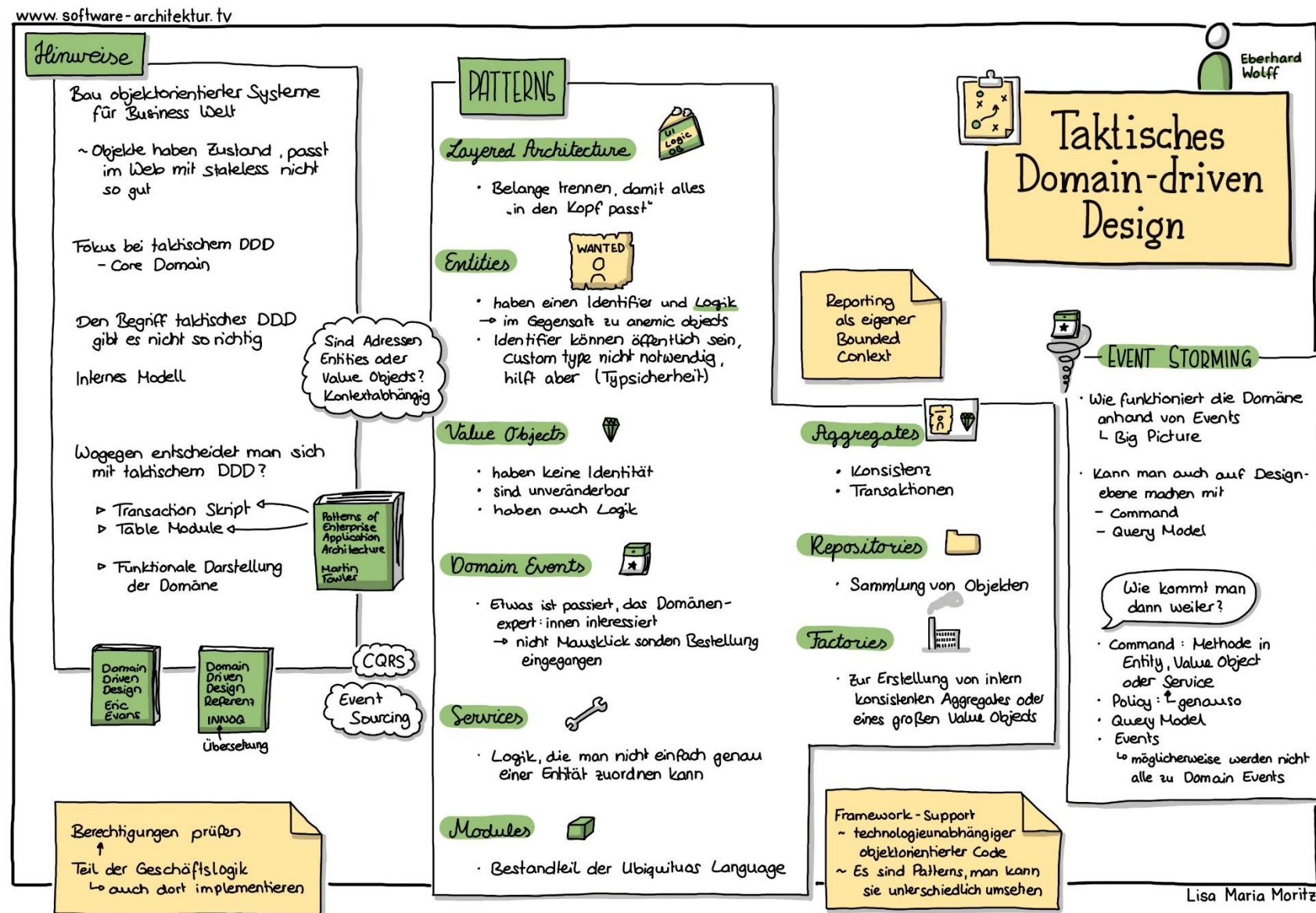
SWAGLab

Alternative: Functional Programming

- Side-effect free functional core
- i.e. no entities, aggregates etc
- Side-effects separated

Alternatives for Less Complex Systems

- Transaction script: handles a single request from the presentation incl. database code.
- Table model: Single instance handles business logic for all rows in a database table or view.



<https://software-architektur.tv/2024/05/03/folge214.html>

SWAGLab

Framework?


- POJO (Plain Old Java Objects) might be enough
- <https://xmolecules.org/> supports DDD concepts
- <https://odrotbohm.de/2020/03/Implementing-DDD-Building-Blocks-in-Java/> describes the idea

TAKTISCHES DOMAIN-DRIVEN DESIGN

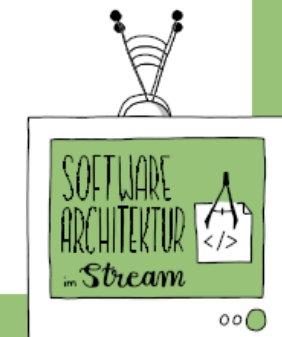
mit Java und jMolecules

Oliver
Drotbohm

Eberhard
Wolff

 ebrwolff

 @ewolff@mastodon.social



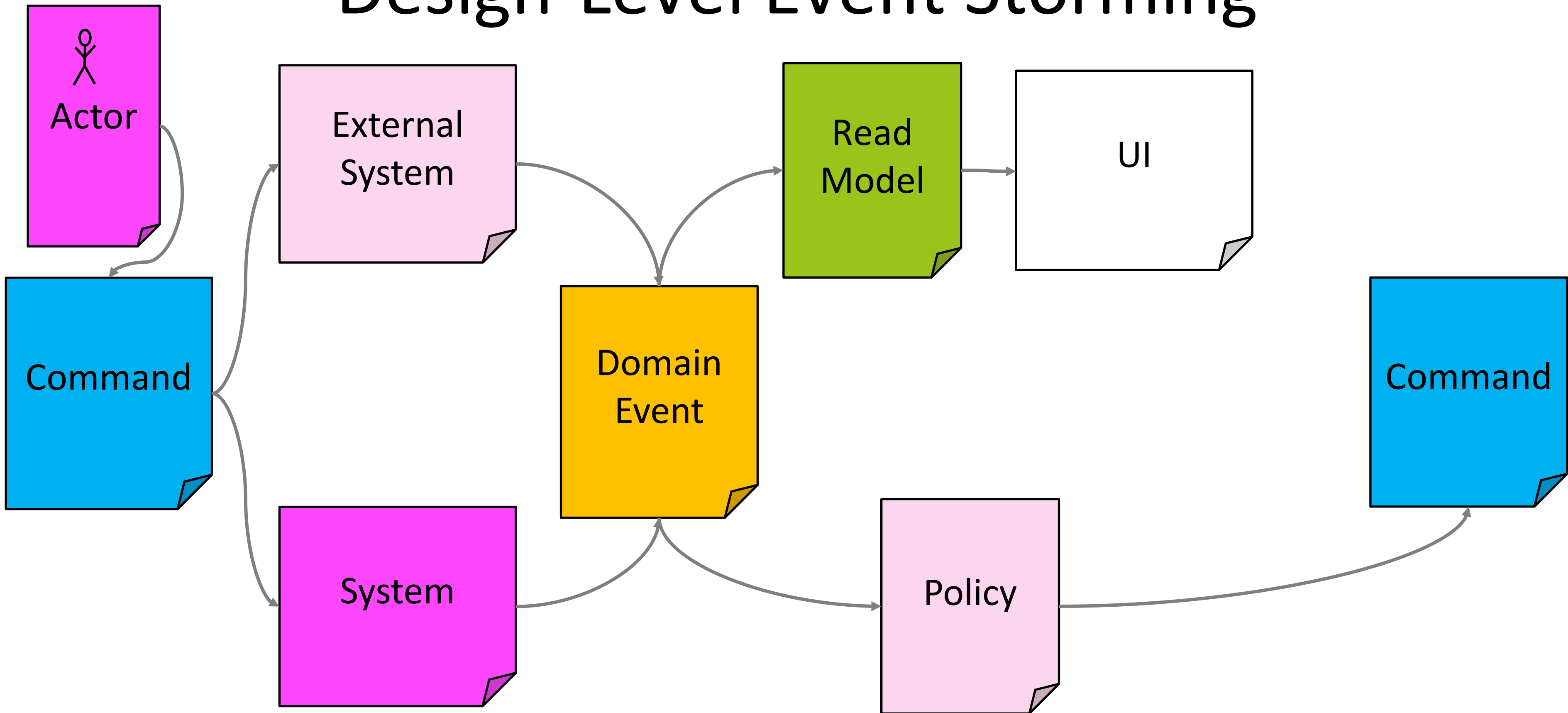
<https://software-architektur.tv/2024/05/31/episode219.html>

SWAGLab

Framework?

- Might use architecture management tools to enforce dependencies
- <https://software-architektur.tv/tags.html#Architecture%20Management>

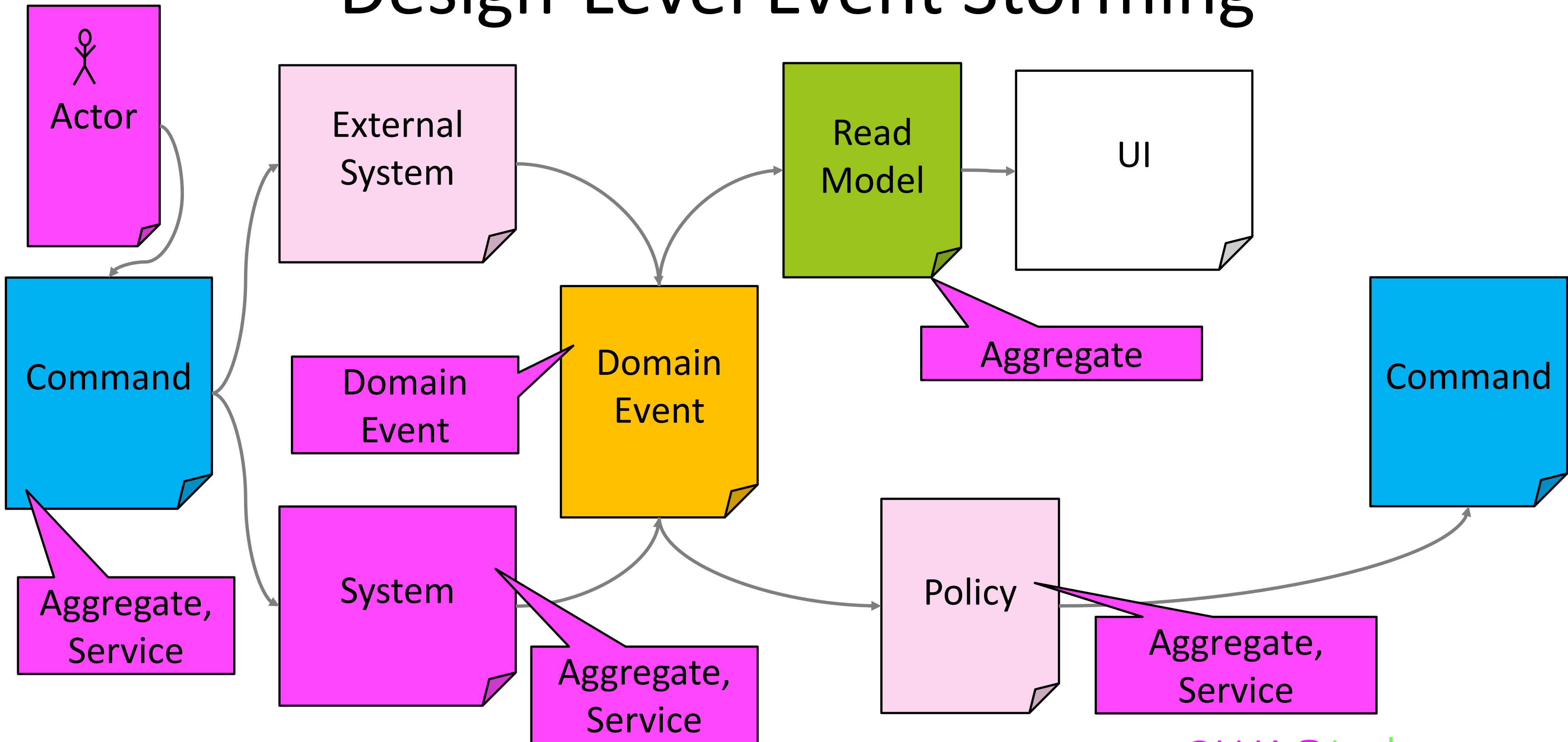
Design-Level Event Storming



Design-Level Event Storming

- Helps to understand the domain on the necessary level of detail
- But no easy mapping to tactical domain-driven design

Design-Level Event Storming



Event Sourcing

- Store events that lead to a specific state
- Might also store state (optional)
- System of record: State or events

Calls, messages, ...



Interface

Order Accepted 42

Order Accepted 23

Order Cancelled 42

Order Delivered 23

Event Store

Order 42 ✗

Order 23 ✓

State

Event Sourcing

Events Calculate State on Demand	State+ Events	State
--	------------------	-------

Event Sourcing Example

Can you model delivery without an event store?

Why calculate the state of a delivery based on the events and not store the state?

Delivery scheduled 42

Delivery picked up 42

Delivery loaded 42

Delivery delivered 42

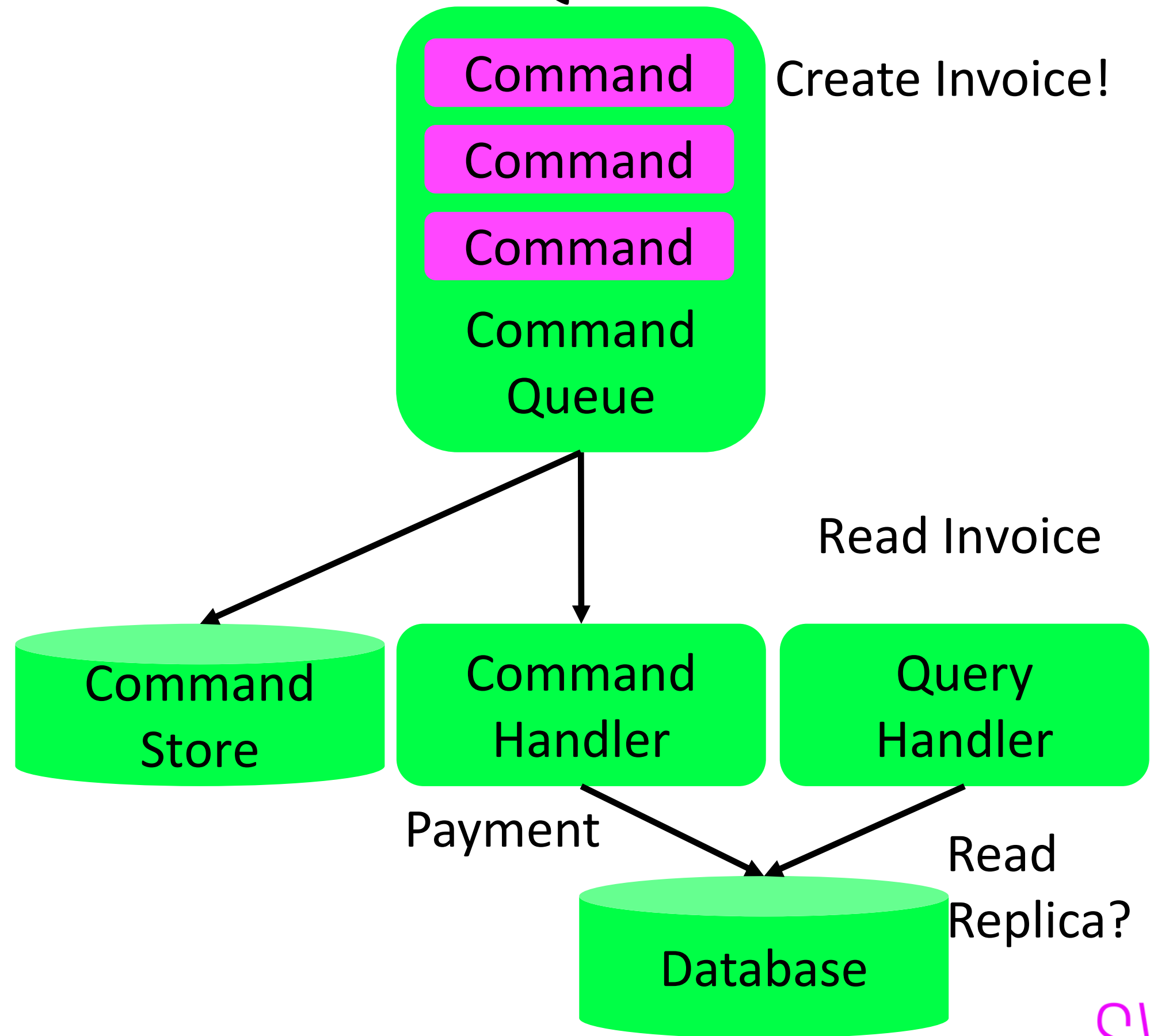
Delivery acknowledged 42

Event Store

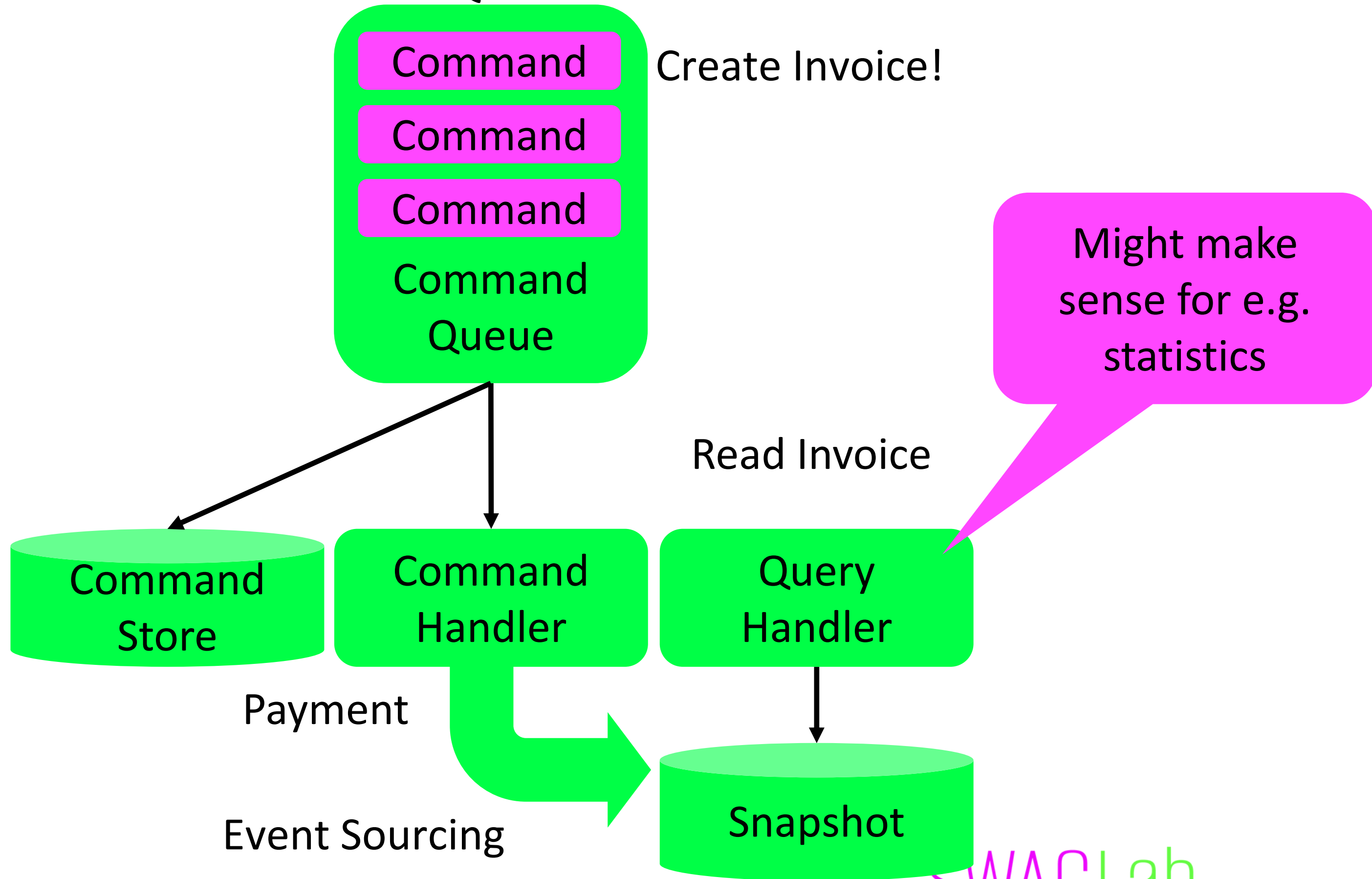
CQRS

- Command Query Responsibility Separation
- E.g. separate read and write

CQRS



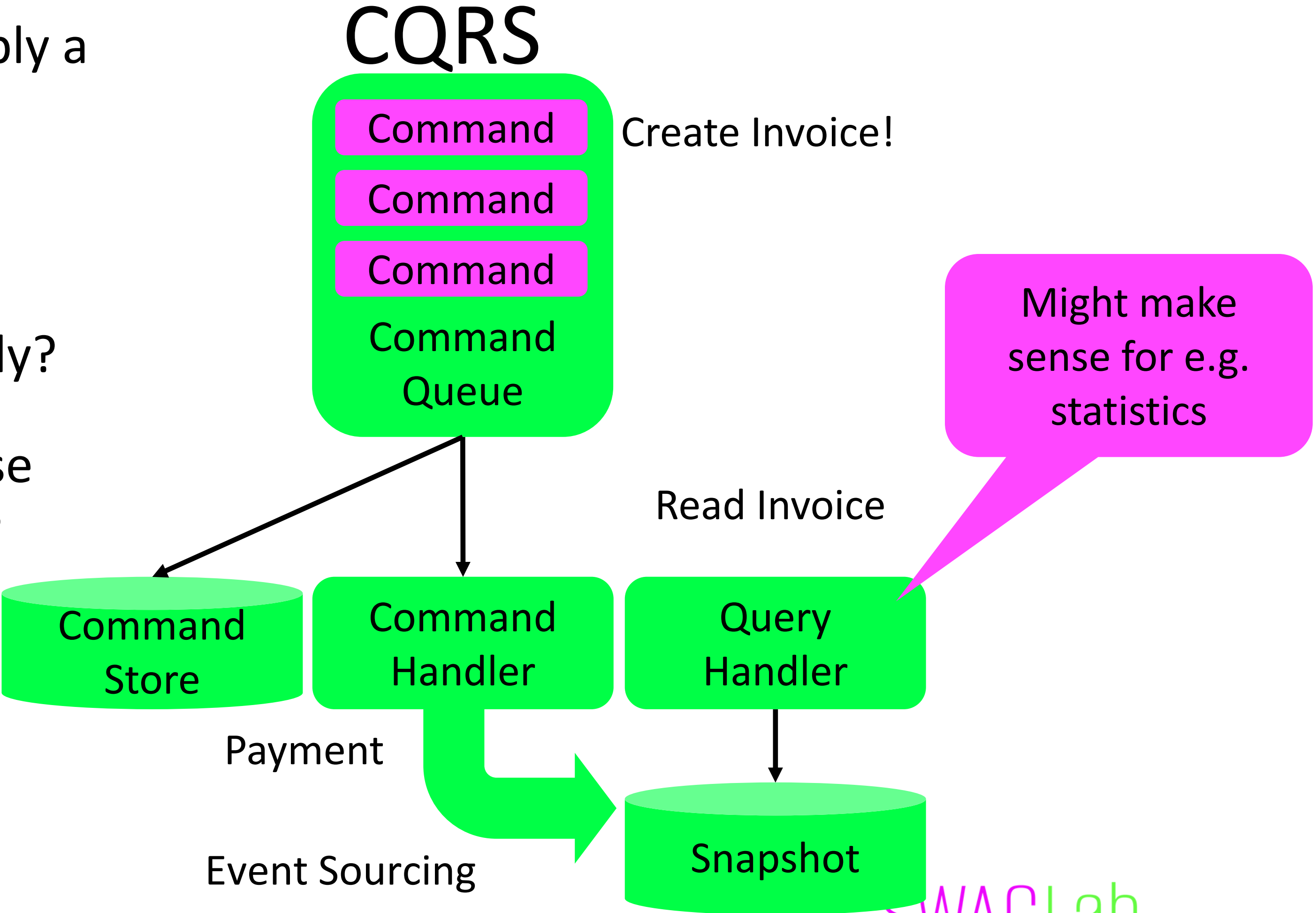
CQRS



Statistics is probably a different bounded context.

Can you model statistics differently?

Why would you use CQRS for the rest?



Layers

UI

- Actually pattern in the original DDD book.

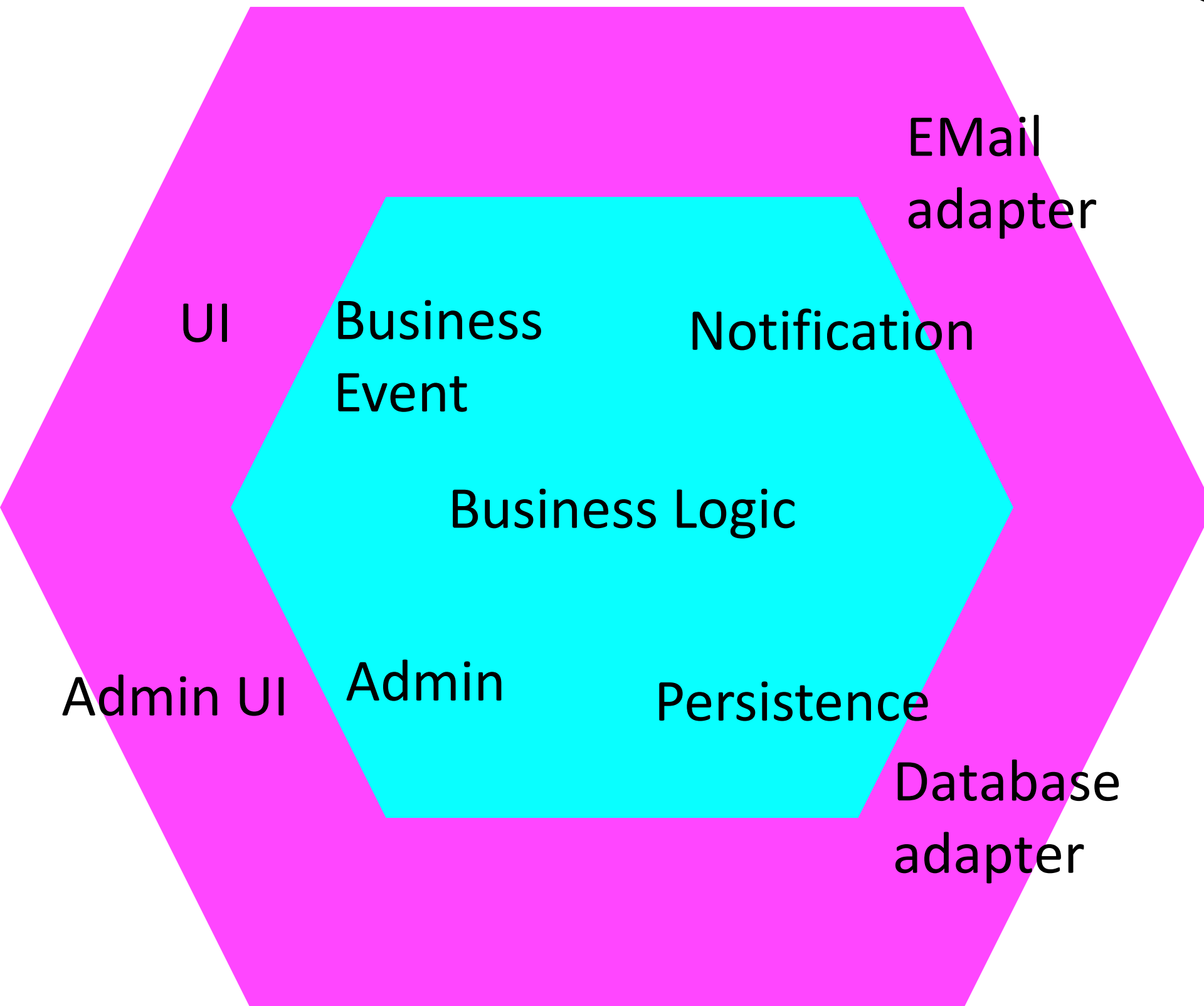
Logic

- Separate logic
- To isolate logic in one place

Persistence

- To make the system easier to understand

Hexagonal



- Business logic exports ports
- Adapters implement ports
- Logic isolated and easy to understand
- Better testability

Conclusion

Conclusion

Tactical Design

Design-level Event
Storming

Strategic Design?

Event Sourcing?

Big Picture Event
Storming

Team Topologies

Bounded Context

CQRS?

Core Domain

Layers?

Hexagonal?

More details

SWAGLab

Conclusion

Strategic Design?

Tactical Design

Big Picture Event
Storming

Team Topologies

Bounded Context

Design-level Event
Storming

Layers?

Core Domain

Hexagonal?

More details

SWAGLab

Note

- This might look like a waterfall.
- It is about different levels of abstractions.
- Work in iterations!
- Change the level of abstraction!

Mitgestalter:innen gesucht!





SOCREATORY

The Software Creators' Academy

<https://www.socreatory.com/trainers/eberhard-wolff>



**Spare 20% mit dem
Code "JFS2024"**



Softwarearchitektur- Kickstart

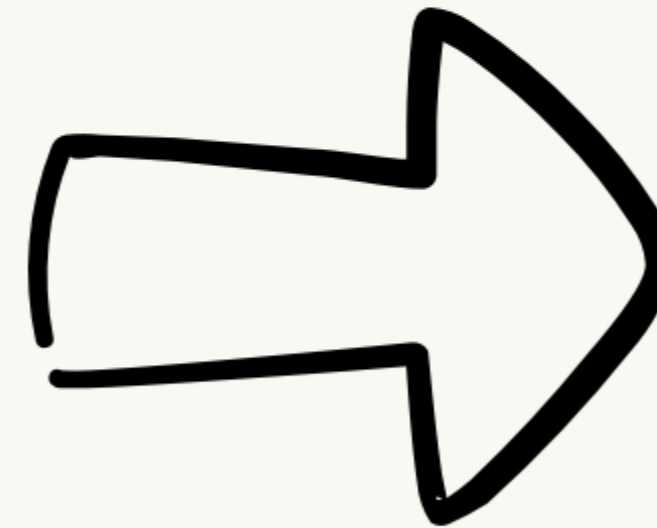


07.11., 14.11., 21.11.,
28.11.2024

je 9:00 - 13:00 Uhr



Online



Deine Meinung
ist gefragt:



WAS IST DER
wichtigste Skill
IN DER IT ?



31.07.24



Java Forum
Stuttgart,
socreatory-
Stand

Sei dabei



Send email to jfs2024@ewolff.com

Slides

+ Sample Microservices Book DE / EN

+ Sample Practical Microservices DE/EN

+ Sample of Continuous Delivery Book DE



Powered by Amazon Lambda
& Microservices

EMail address logged for 14 days,
wrong addressed emails handled manually



SWAGLab