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By defining a common variability data interface that can be implemented by both the development tools and the variant management tools, VEL enables a continuous development process for variable systems and more flexible use of tools.

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