

## Software Intensive Systems: Dealing with Complexity

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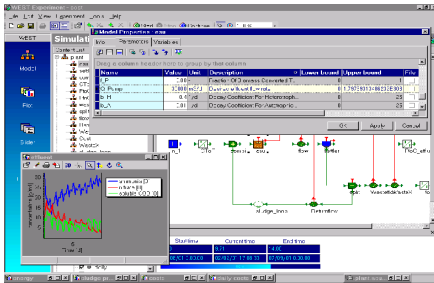


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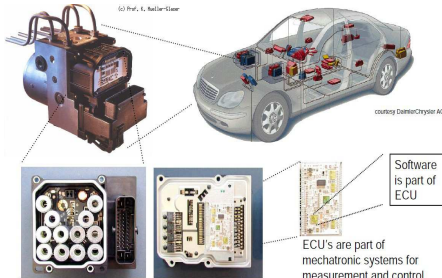
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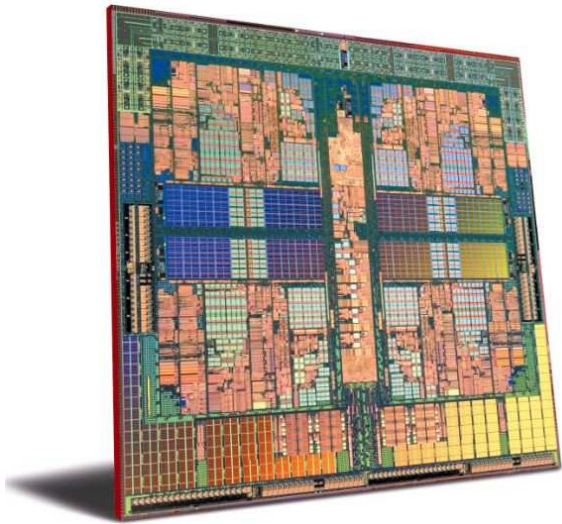
Software?

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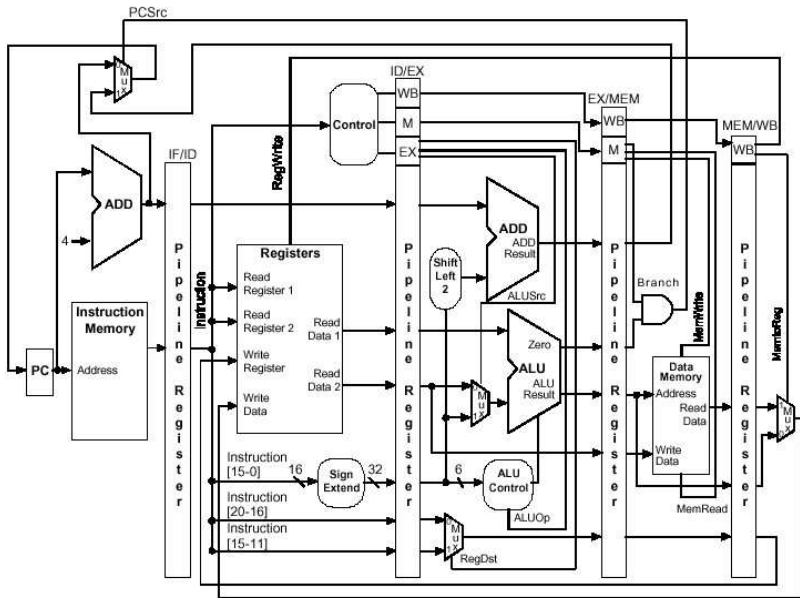
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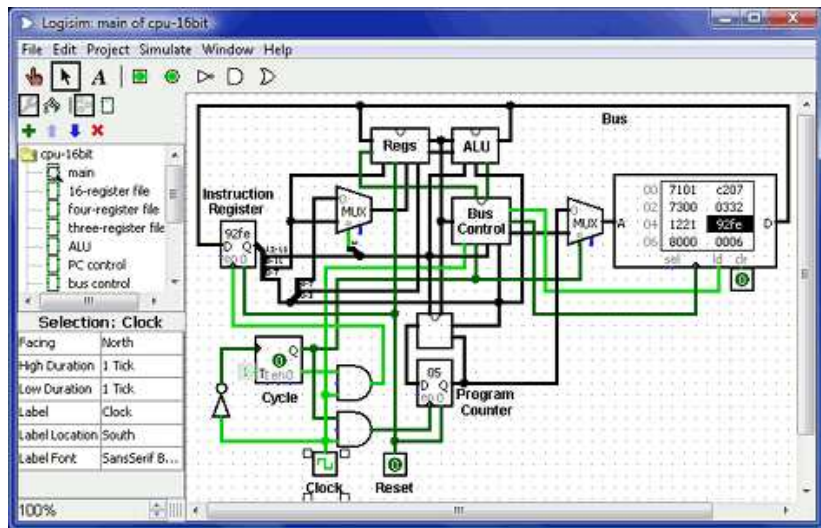


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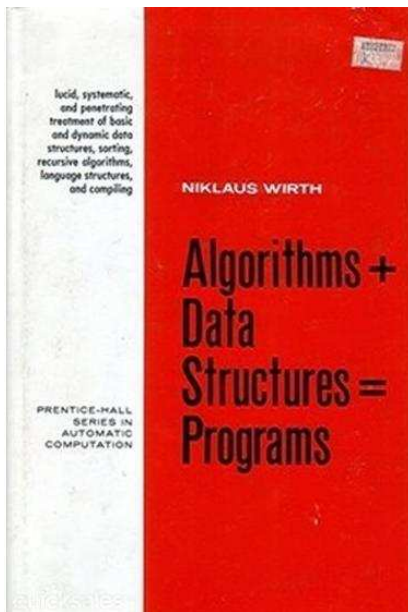
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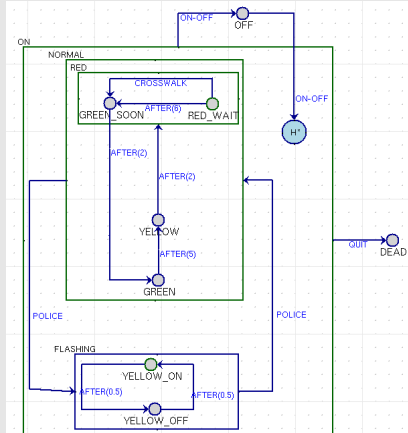




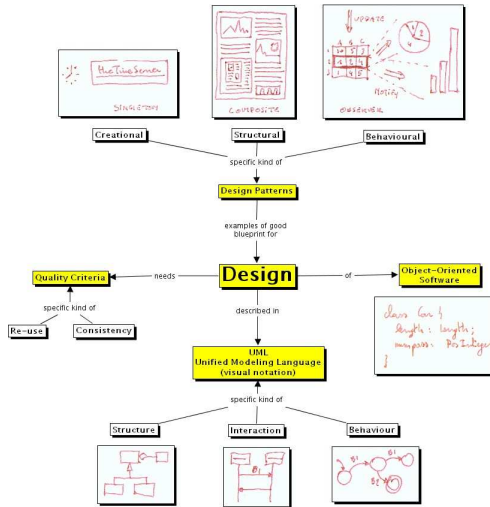




## Model, don't code







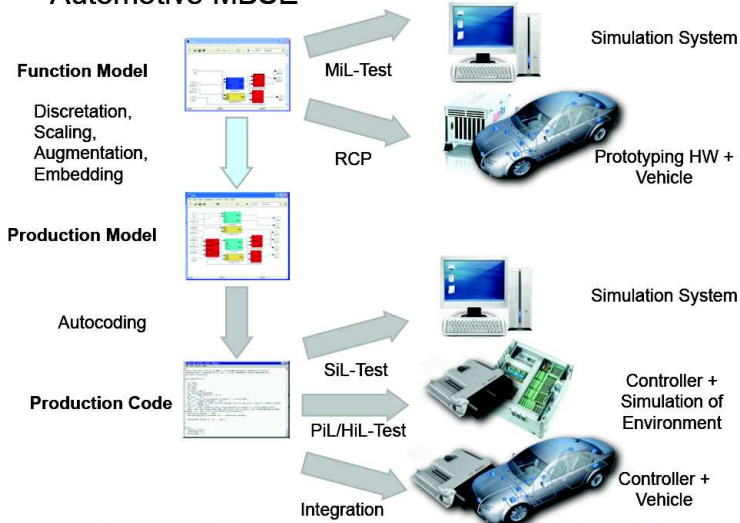








# Automotive MBSE





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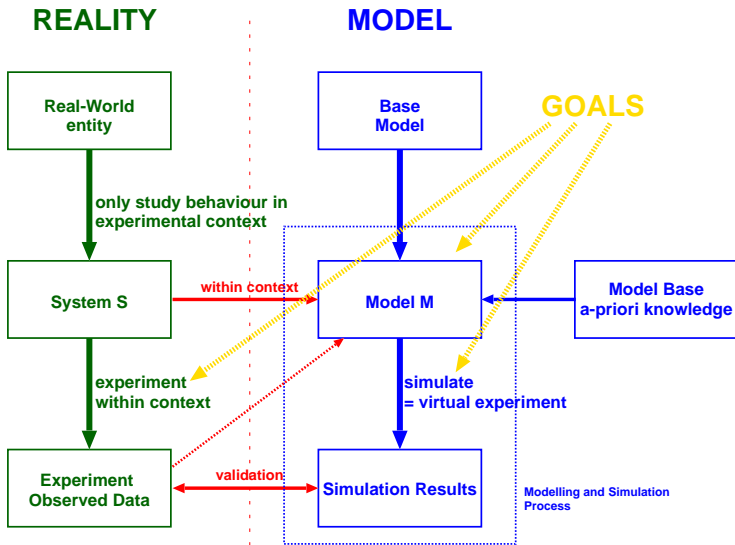
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for **design** (Engineering) and **analysis** (Science)

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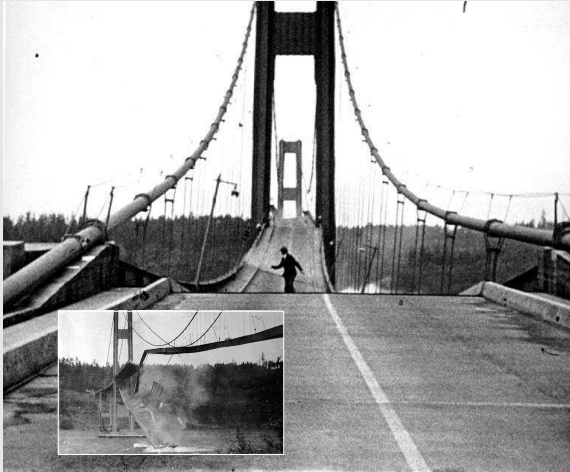
A model is a depiction, representing the original.  
A model is a reduction, capturing relevant aspects.  
A model has a purpose, defining its use.

**Herbert Stachowiak**





## Simulation ... when too costly/dangerous



**analysis ↔ design**

## Simulation ... real experiment not ethical



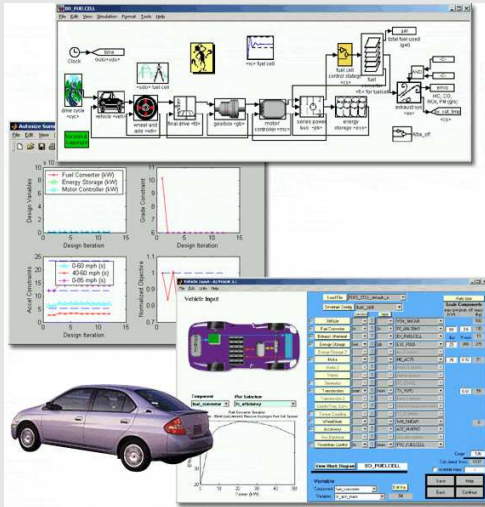
**“physical” simulation, training**

## Simulation ... evaluate alternatives





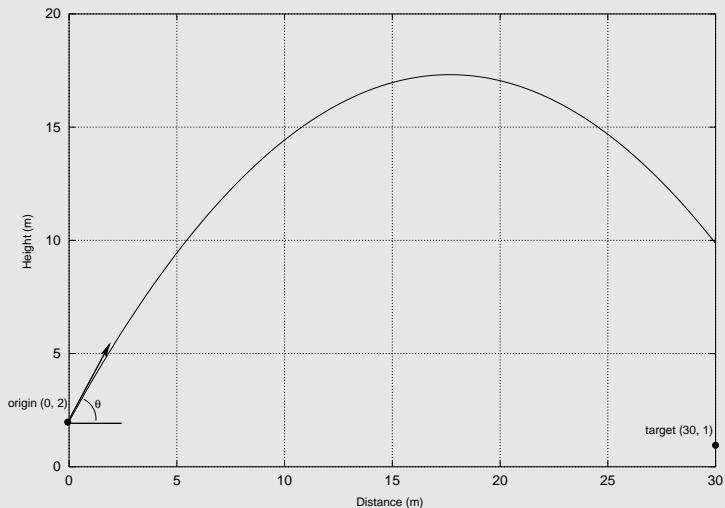
# Simulation ... "Do it Right the First Time"



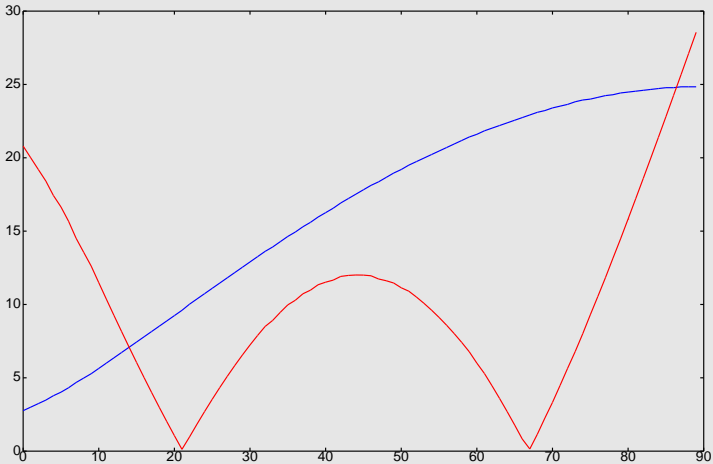
## essence: “shooting” problems



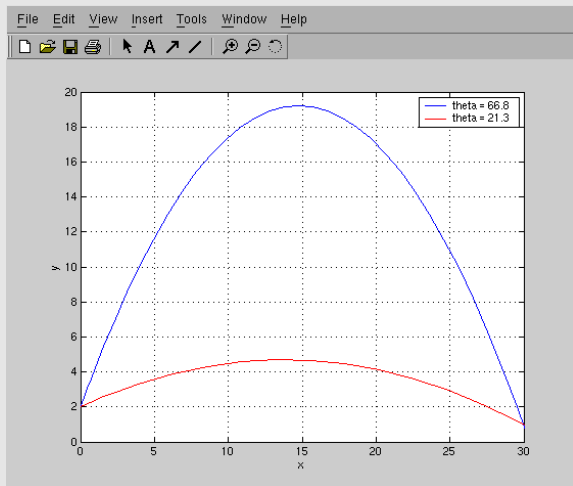
## defining a "hit"



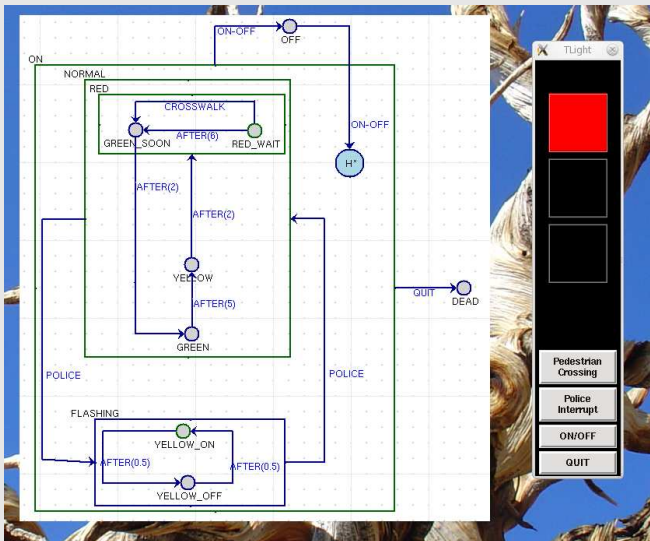
## optimizing a “performance metric”



## optimal solution...s



# Modelling/Simulation ... and code/app Synthesis



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- Application Synthesis (mostly for models of software)

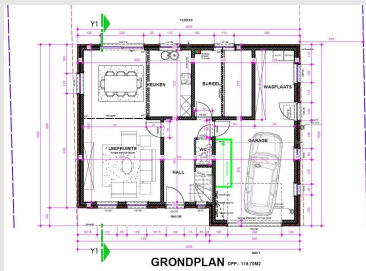
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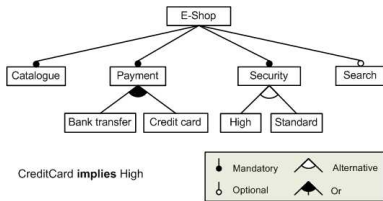
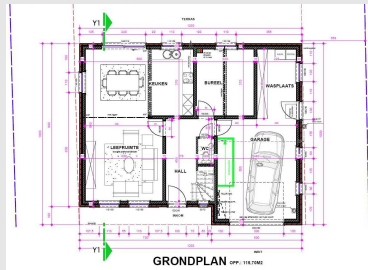
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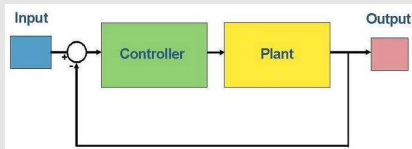
## System Boundaries

- **System** to be built/studied
- **Environment** with which the system interacts

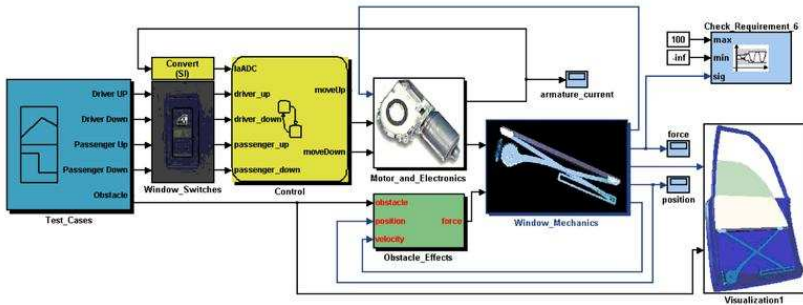




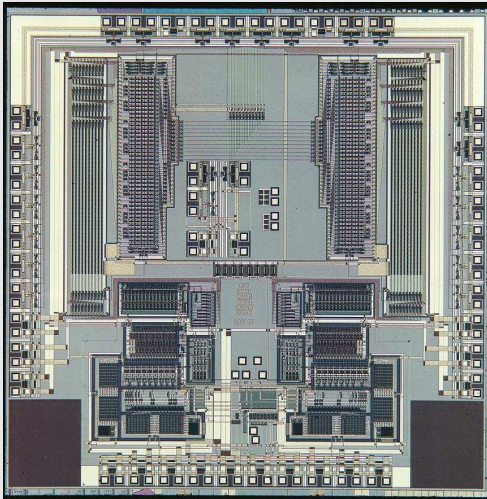
## System vs. "Plant"



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# Number of Components




## Crowds: diversity, interaction



## Diversity of Components: Power Window

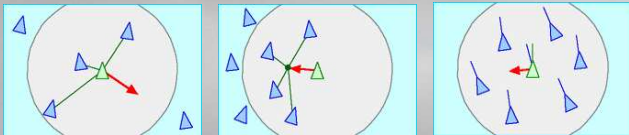


## Non-compositional/Emergent Behaviour



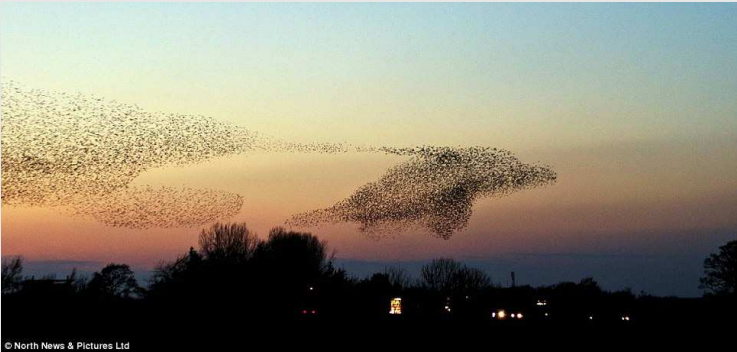
**non-compositionality** of networks  
leads to **emergent behaviour**

separation      cohesion      alignment



[www.red3d.com/cwr/boids/](http://www.red3d.com/cwr/boids/) (Craig Reynolds)

## Emergent Behaviour



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## Engineered Emergent Behaviour

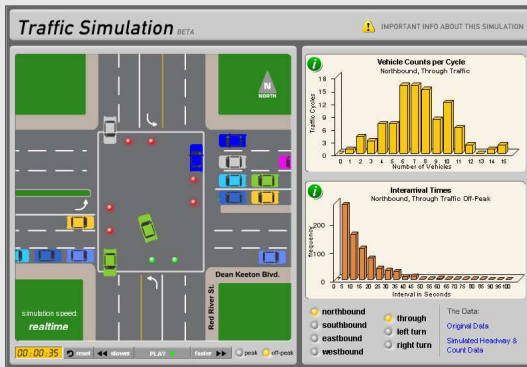


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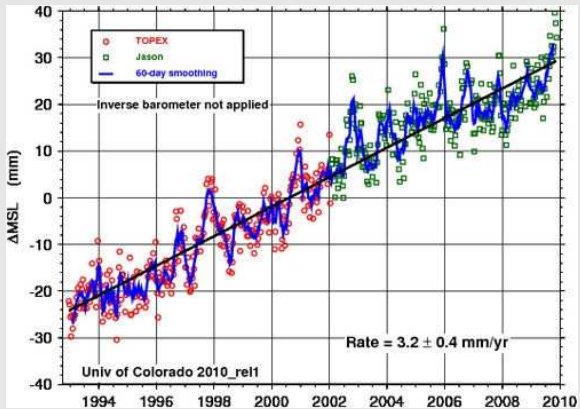
## Uncertainty

Often related to level of abstraction:  
for example continuous vs. discrete

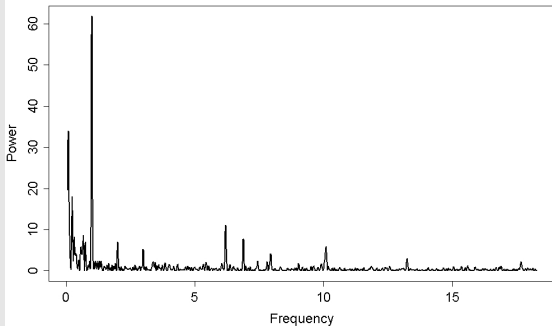


[www.engr.utexas.edu/trafficSims/](http://www.engr.utexas.edu/trafficSims/)

## Question: is the deviation from the trend periodic?



## Answer: transform to make the solution obvious





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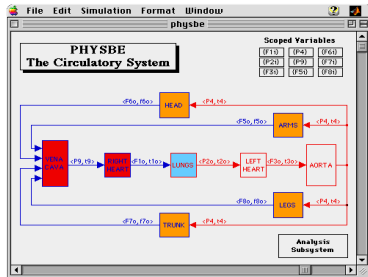
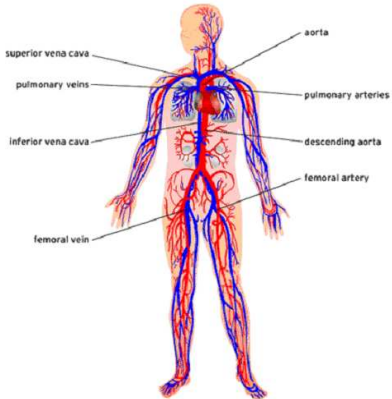
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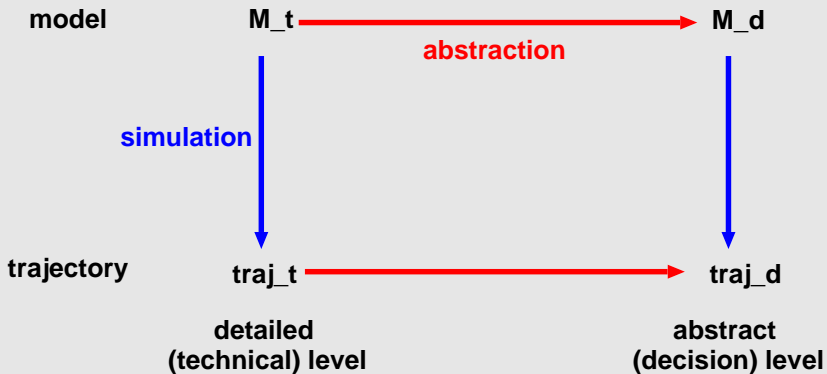
Modularity!

## Multiple Abstraction Levels

## Different Abstraction Levels – properties preserved



## Levels of Abstraction/Views: Morphism



## Abstraction Relationship

*foundation*: the *information* contained in a model  $M$ .

Different *questions* (properties)  $P = I(M)$  which can be asked concerning the model.

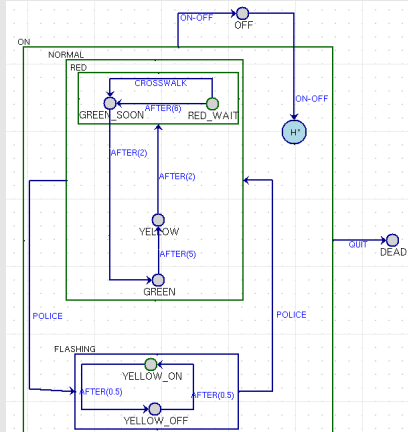
These questions either result in true or false.

*Abstraction* and its opposite, *refinement* are *relative to a non-empty set of questions* (properties)  $P$ .

- If  $M_1$  is an *abstraction* of  $M_2$  with respect to  $P$ , for all  $p \in P$ :  $M_1 \models p \Rightarrow M_2 \models p$ . This is written  $M_1 \sqsupseteq_P M_2$ .
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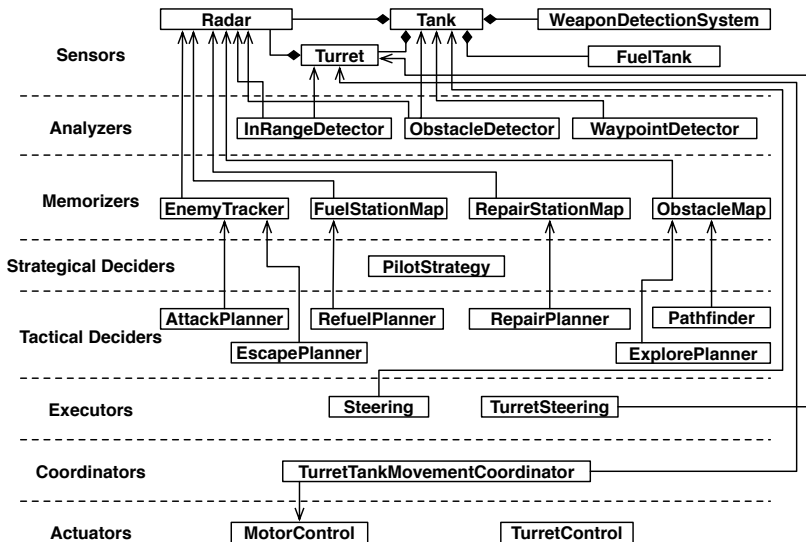


[www.planeshift.it](http://www.planeshift.it)

Massively Multiplayer Online Role Playing games  
need Non-Player Characters (NPCs)

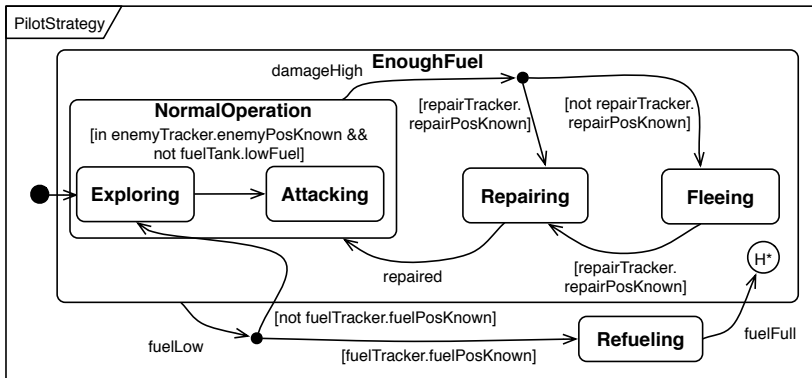


## TankWars: high level



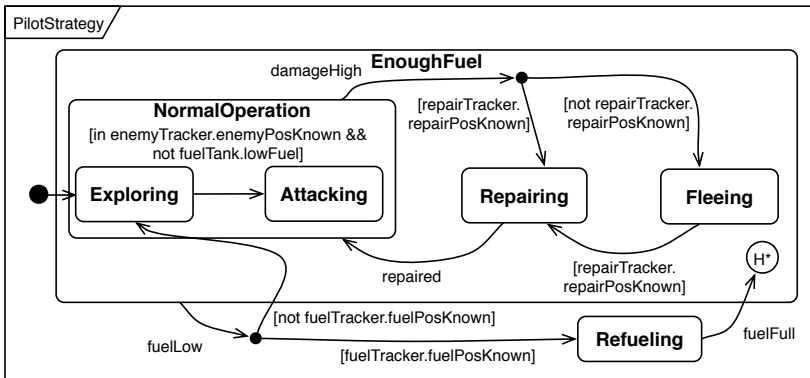


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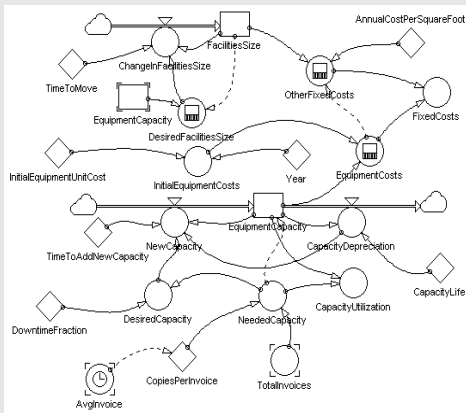


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## Could have used production rules instead of Statecharts

Eugene Syriani, Hans Vangheluwe: Programmed Graph Rewriting with DEVS. AGTIVE 2007: 136-151

# “Management Flight Simulator” using Forrester System Dynamics model



**Powersim Constructor**

File Edit View Format Simulate Order Tools Windows Help

Help Input Simulation Table Causal Model

**Data Input for ABC/CND/Powersim Model**

**Equipment:**

Initial Equipment Unit Cost: 11,000.00

Annual Cost per Square Foot: 12.00

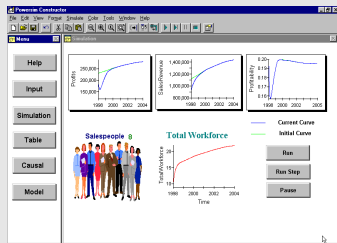
**Sales:**

Training Costs: 500.00

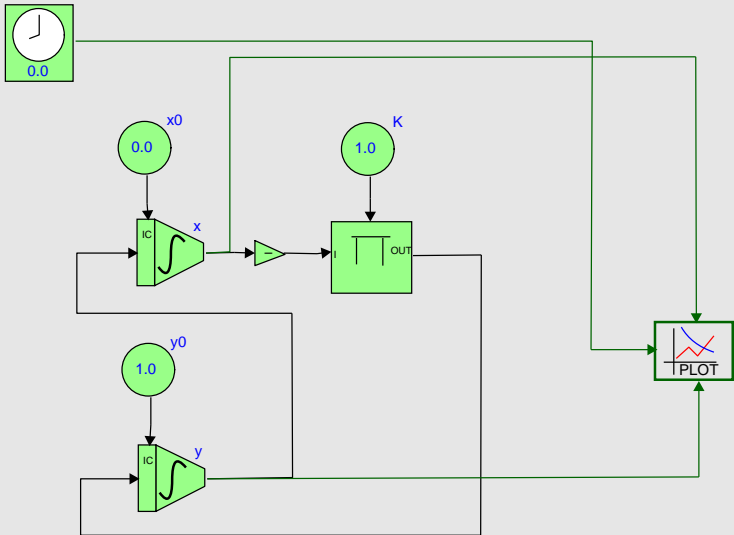
Average Salary of Sales Person: 14,400.00

Production Training Costs: 500.00

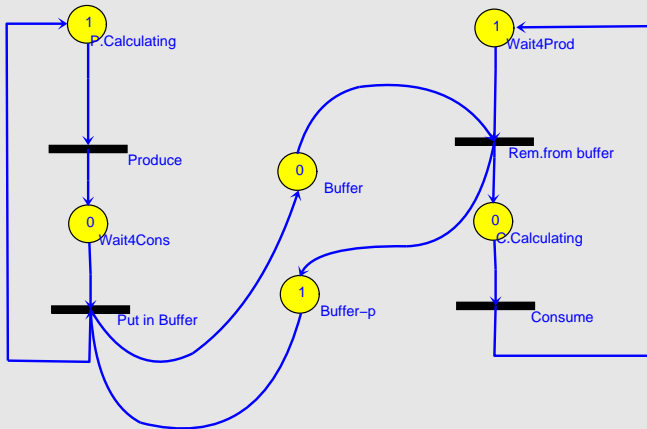
Hire Rate for Sales Person: 1.00



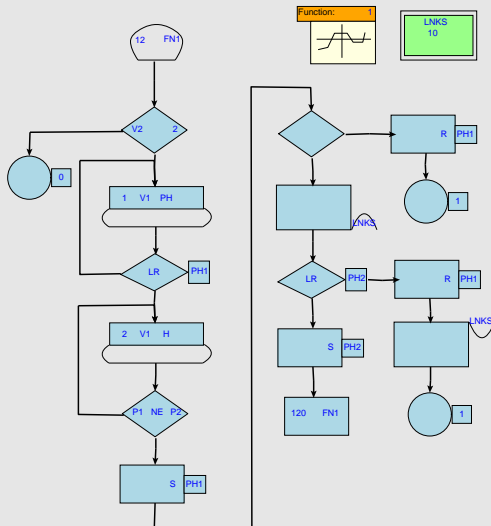
## Causal Block Diagram model of Harmonic Oscillator



## Petri Net model of Producer – Consumer



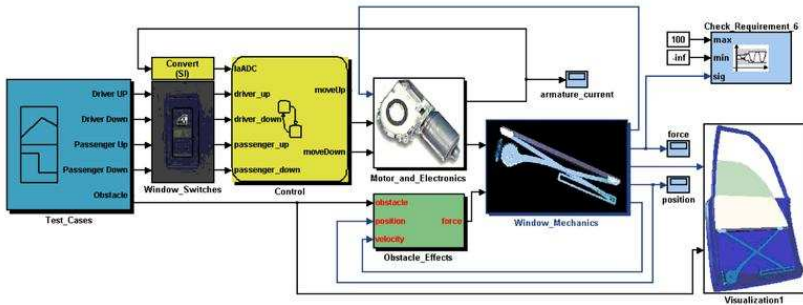
# GPSS model of Telephone Exchange



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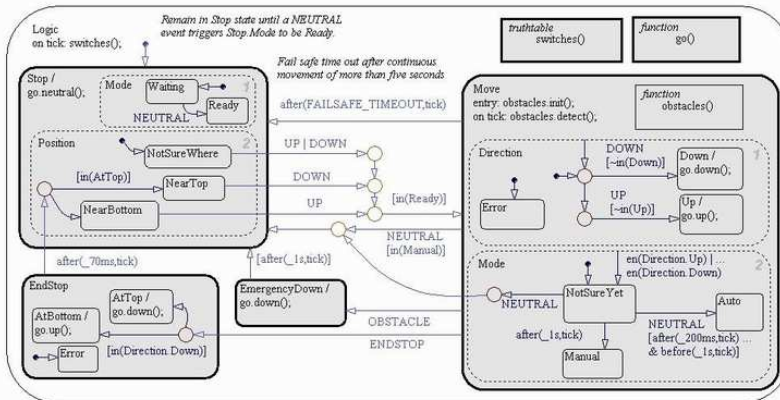


## Components in Different Formalisms

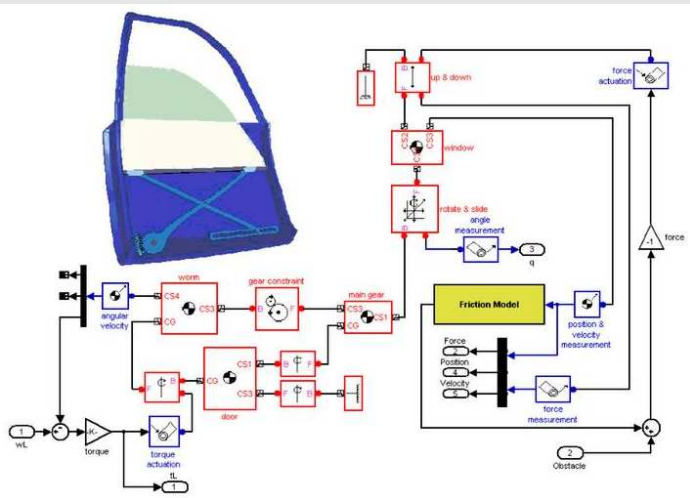




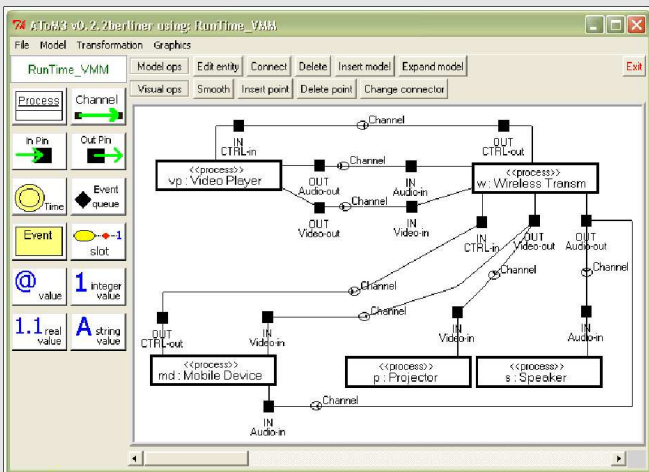
## Controller, using Statechart(StateFlow) formalism



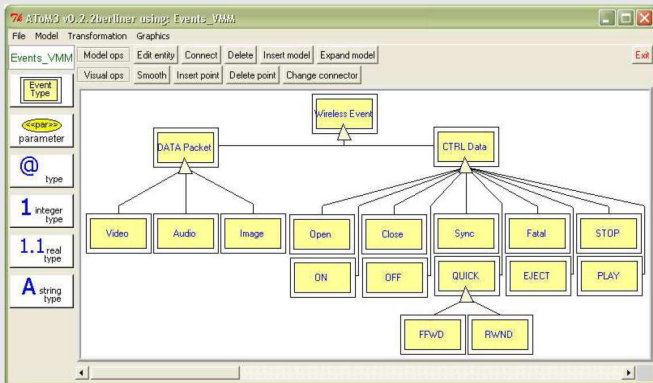
## Mechanics subsystem



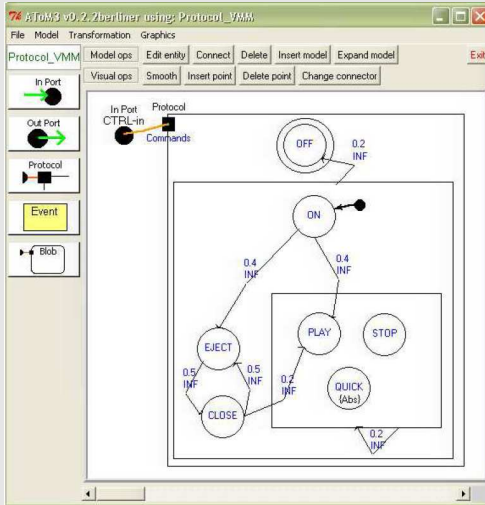
## Multiple Views/Concerns/Aspects

Multiple (consistent !) Views (in  $\neq$  Formalisms)

## View: Events Diagram



## View: Protocol Statechart



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## Multi-Paradigm Modelling

( *model everything, minimize accidental complexity* )

- at the most appropriate **level of abstraction**
- using the most appropriate **formalism(s)**  
Class Diagrams, Differential Algebraic Equations, Petri Nets, Bond Graphs, Statecharts, CSP, Queueing Networks, Sequence Diagrams, Lustre/Esterel, . . .
- with **transformations** as first-class models

Pieter J. Mosterman and Hans Vangheluwe.

Computer Automated Multi-Paradigm Modeling: An Introduction. Simulation 80(9):433–450, September 2004.

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