

## Software Intensive Systems: Dealing with Complexity

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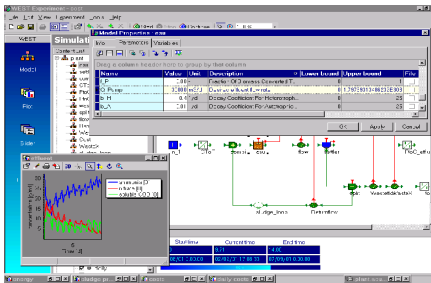
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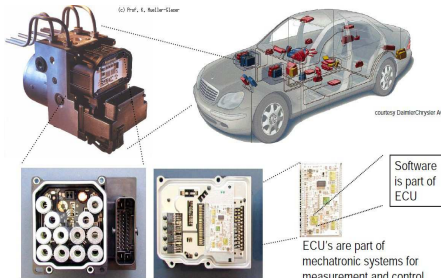
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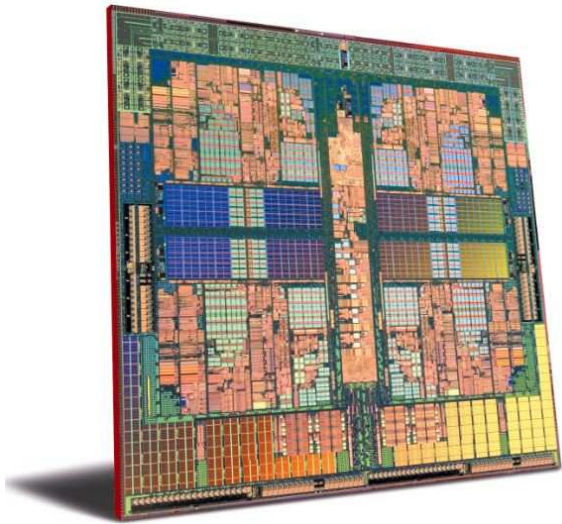
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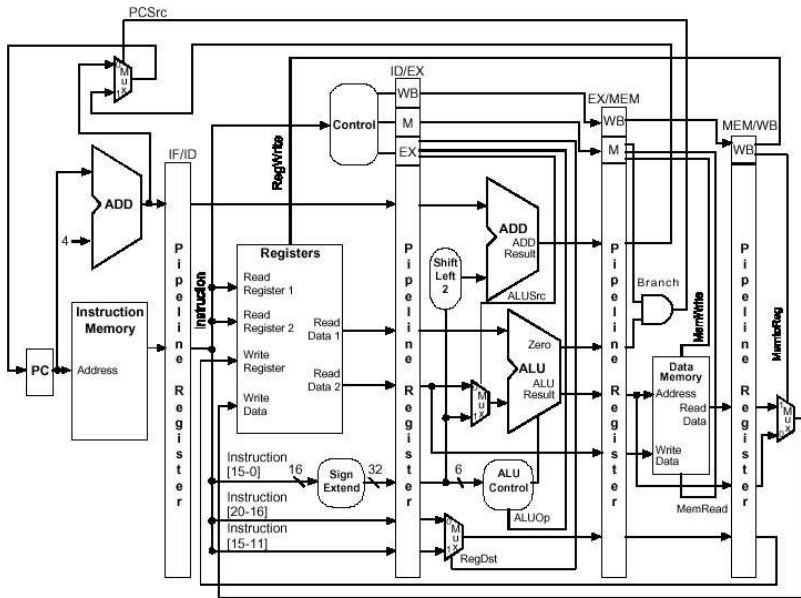


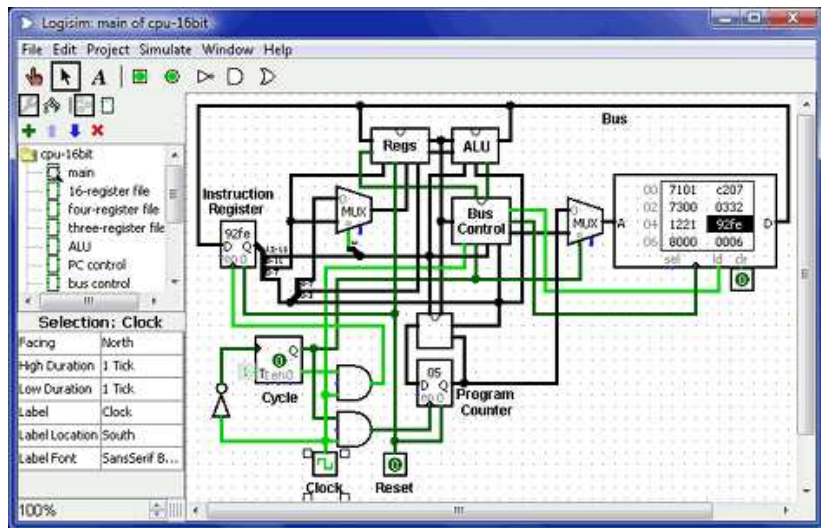


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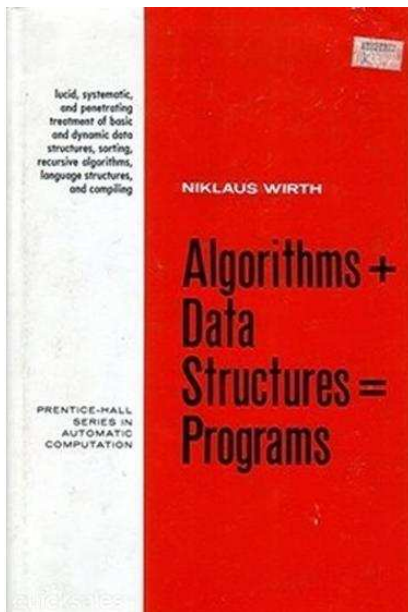
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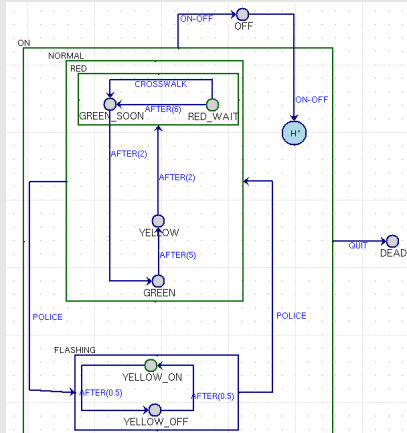


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## Model, don't code (though code is a model too)





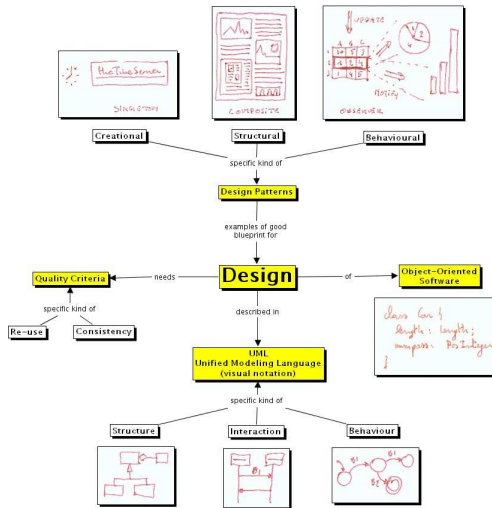


beware of **leaky abstractions**



**“All non-trivial abstractions, to some degree, are leaky.” (Joel Spolsky)**

<https://www.joelonsoftware.com/articles/LeakyAbstractions.html>









Mercedes S Class: >100 ECUs, >20 million LOC



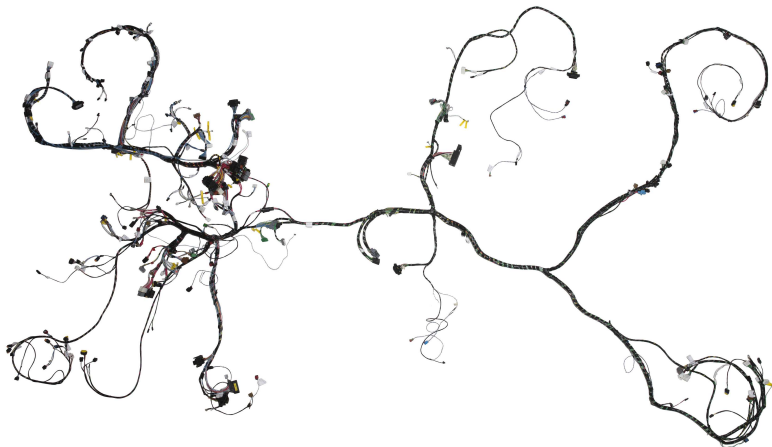




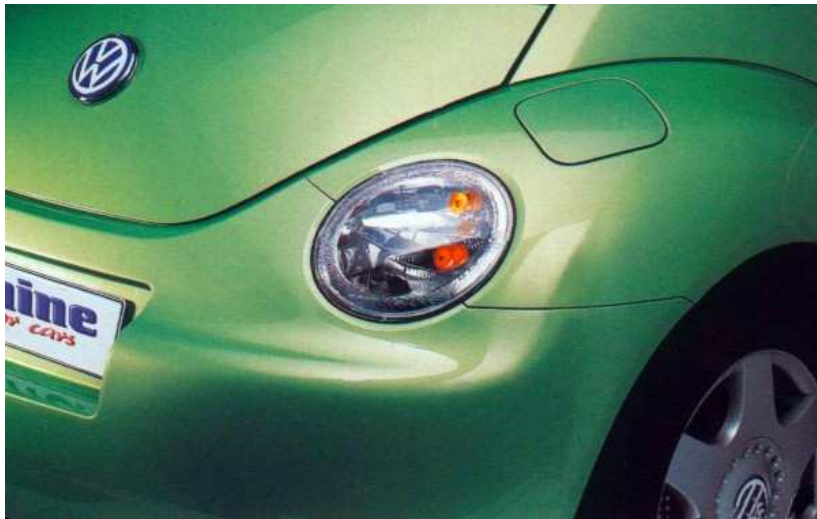
VW Phaeton: wiring harness length > 2km, copper weight > 30kg



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## VW recalls 790,000 vehicles because of brake lights

Updated 2/26/2007 3:45 PM ET

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Volkswagen

2001-2007 New Beetles are part of the recall. An earlier recall for the same issue affected 1998-2002 Beetles.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Volkswagen of America said Monday it would recall 790,000 vehicles because of problems with the brake light switch.

The recall involves several vehicles: 1999-2006 model years of the Golf and GTI, 2001-2005 Jettas, 2001-2007 New Beetles and the 2004 R32. It expands upon a recall announced last year of some Jettas and New Beetles because of the same defect.

Volkswagen told the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that the brake light switches in the vehicles could malfunction if they were improperly installed.

The automaker said the light could either remain on or not function, which would fail to provide other motorists with the proper braking signal and potentially lead to a crash.

In some vehicles with automatic transmissions, a faulty brake light could work in tandem with the shift interlock to immobilize the vehicle and require towing, said VW spokesman Keith Price.

Last year, VW recalled 362,000 Jetta and New Beetle sedans because of similar problems with the brake lights. That recall affected Jettas from the 1999-2002 model years and New Beetles from the 1998-2002 model years.

Price said the latest recall is an extension of the previous one because the company "found that there was a broader pool of vehicles that had the defective part."

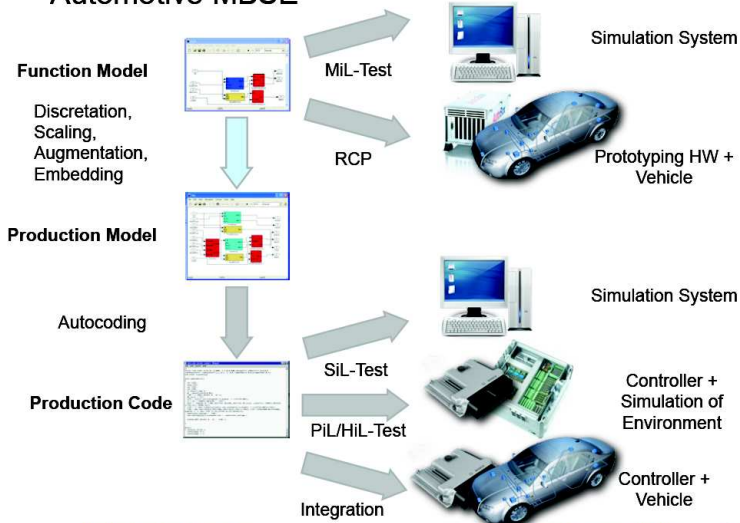
He said owners of 2001-2002 Jettas and New Beetles who already had the repairs completed following last year's recall would not need to return for a second time.

VW dealers will install the newly designed brake light switch free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in late April and owners may contact VW with questions at 800-822-8987.

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# Automotive MBSE



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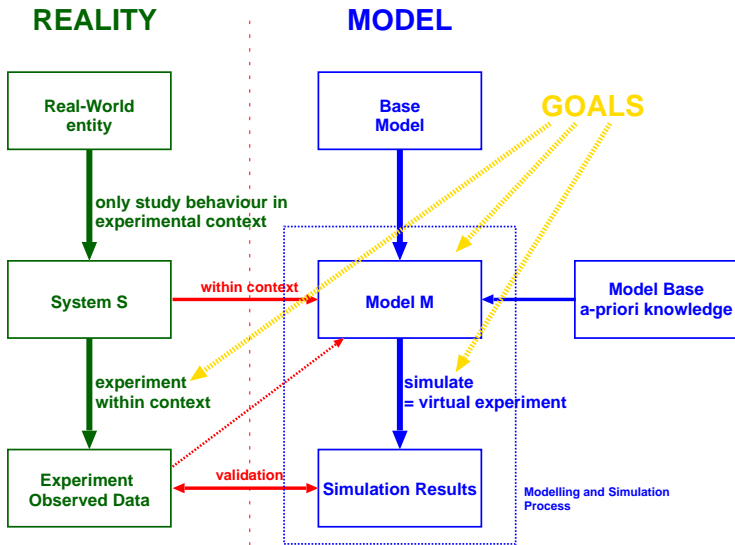
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for **design** (Engineering) and **analysis** (Science)

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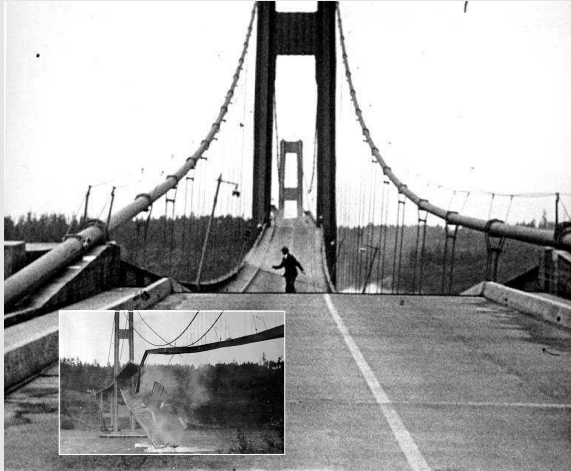
A model is a depiction, representing the original.  
A model is a reduction, capturing relevant aspects.  
A model has a purpose, defining its use.

**Herbert Stachowiak**





## Simulation ... when too costly/dangerous



**analysis ↔ design**

## Simulation ... real experiment not ethical



**“physical” simulation, training**

## Simulation ... evaluate alternatives





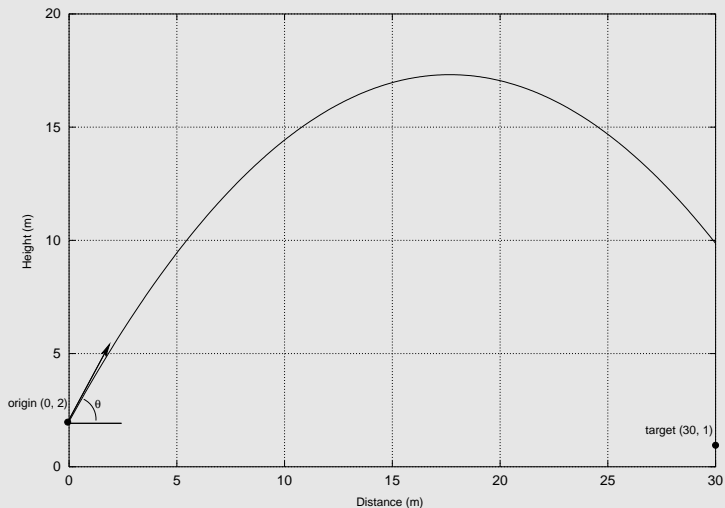


## essence: “shooting” problems

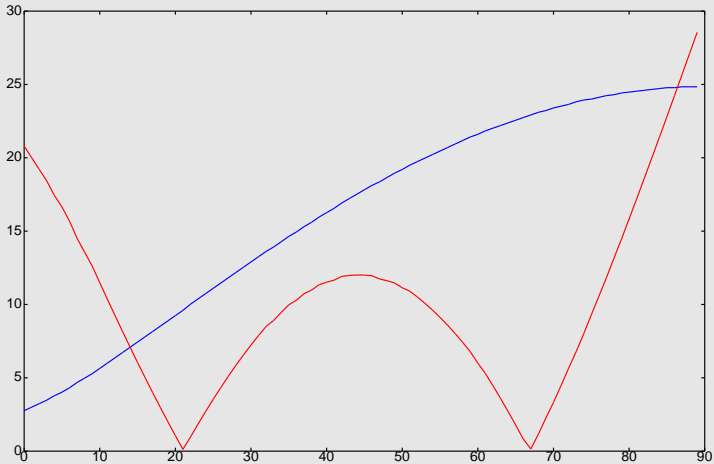




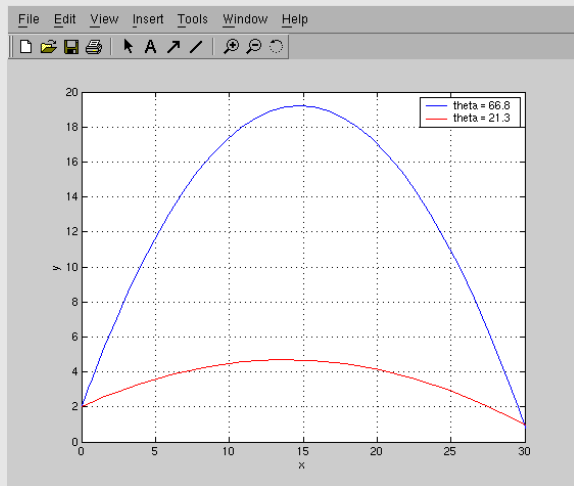
## defining a "hit"



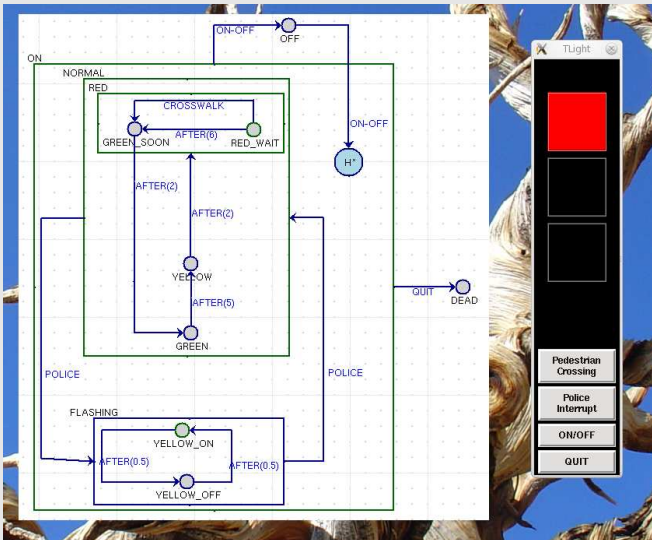
## optimizing a “performance metric”



## optimal solution...s



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



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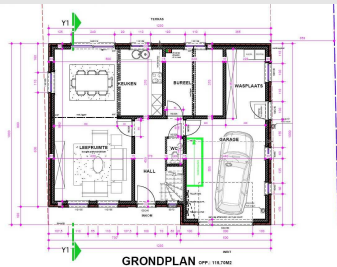
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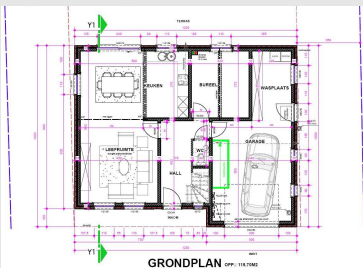
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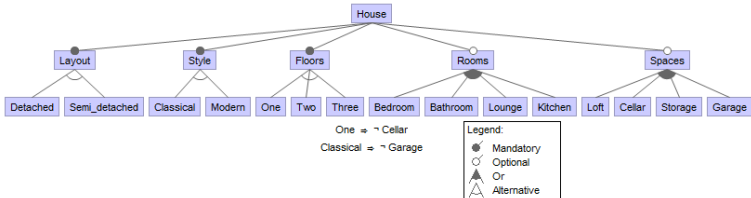
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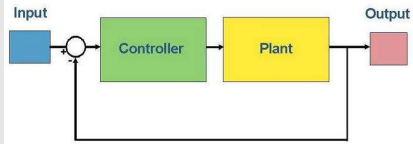


## System Boundaries

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

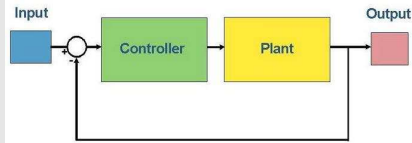


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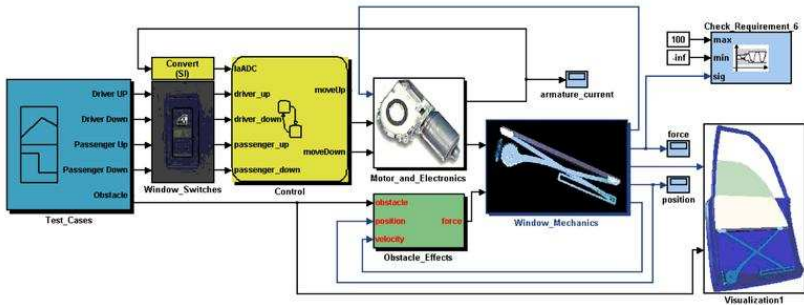
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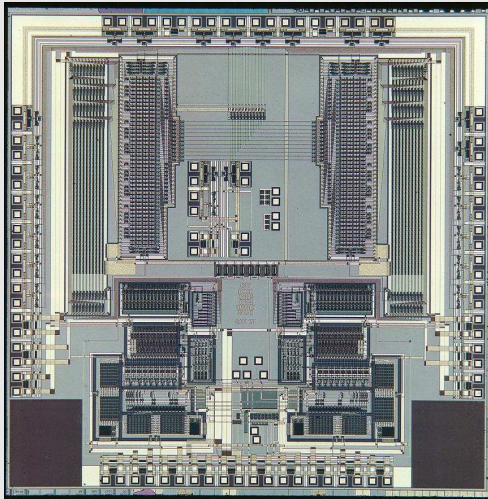
## “Plant”?!



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## Number of Components




# Crowds: diversity, interaction



## Diversity of Components: Power Window

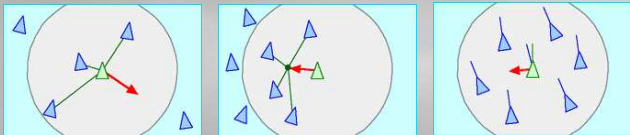


## Non-compositional/Emergent Behaviour



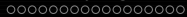
**non-compositionality** of networks  
leads to **emergent behaviour**

separation      cohesion      alignment

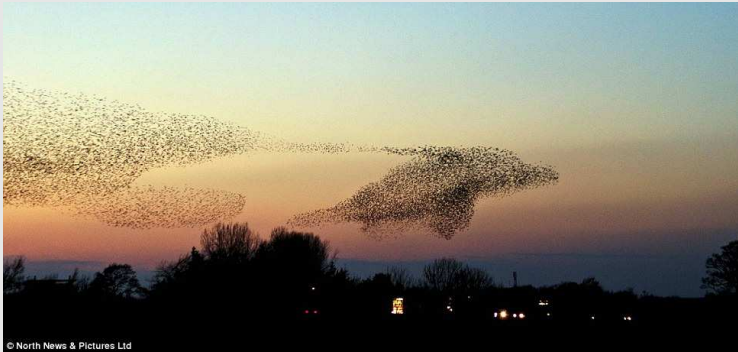


[www.red3d.com/cwr/boids/](http://www.red3d.com/cwr/boids/) (Craig Reynolds)

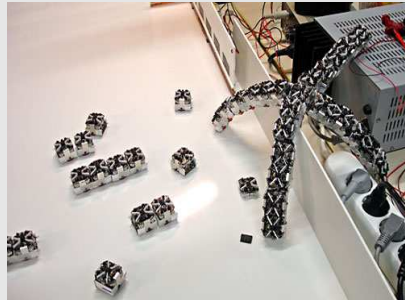
The image shows a flock of birds in flight, illustrating emergent behavior. A text box states: "non-compositionality of networks leads to emergent behaviour". Below this, three circular diagrams illustrate the rules of flocking: separation (agents moving away from each other), cohesion (agents moving towards each other), and alignment (agents moving in the same direction). The source is cited as [www.red3d.com/cwr/boids/](http://www.red3d.com/cwr/boids/) (Craig Reynolds).



## Emergent Behaviour



## Engineered Emergent Behaviour

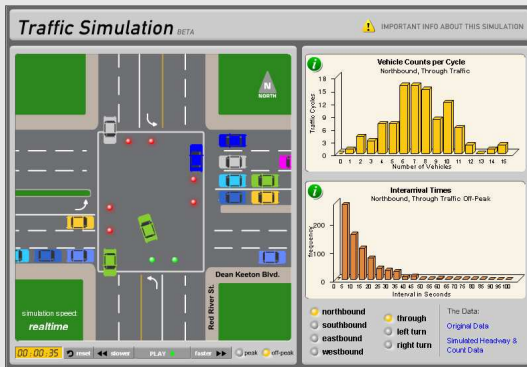


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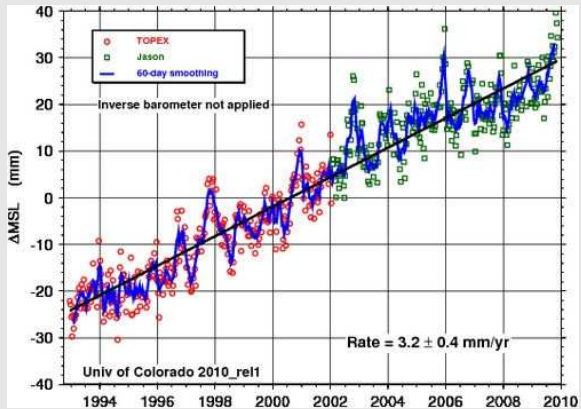
## Uncertainty

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

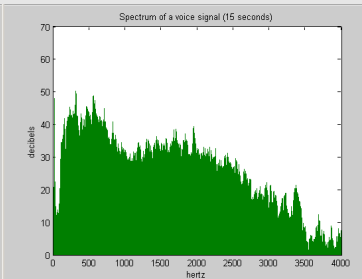
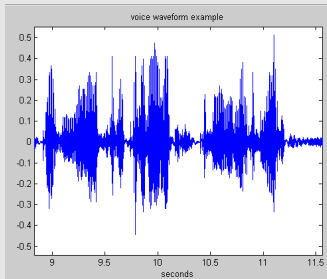


[www.engr.utexas.edu/trafficSims/](http://www.engr.utexas.edu/trafficSims/)

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

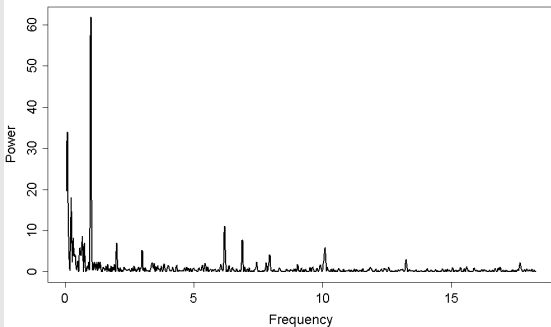


## Fourier Transform: time-domain $\rightarrow$ frequency-domain



$$f(t) = \int_0^{+\infty} [a(\lambda)\cos(2\pi\lambda t) + b(\lambda)\sin(2\pi\lambda t)]d\lambda$$

## Answer: transform to make the solution obvious

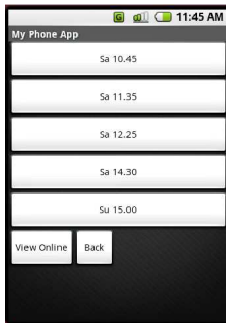


## Guiding principle (~ physics: principle of minimal action)

minimize **accidental complexity**,  
only **essential complexity** remains

Fred P. Brooks. No Silver Bullet – Essence and Accident in Software Engineering.  
Proceedings of the IFIP Tenth World Computing Conference, pp. 1069–1076, 1986.

<http://www.lips.utexas.edu/ee382c-15005/Readings/Readings1/05-Broo87.pdf>



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package org.crowd.view;

import android.app.Activity;
import android.content.Intent;
import android.os.Bundle;
import android.os.Handler;
import android.view.View;
import android.view.View.OnClickListener;
import android.view.ViewGroup.LayoutParams;
import android.widget.Button;
import android.widget.TextView;
import java.util.ArrayList;

public class ShowApp extends Activity {
    private ArrayList<String> mEntries = new ArrayList<String>();
    private TextView mText;
    private ShowApp mApp;

    public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
        setContentView(R.layout.activity_main);
        mText = (TextView) findViewById(R.id.textView);
        mApp = this;

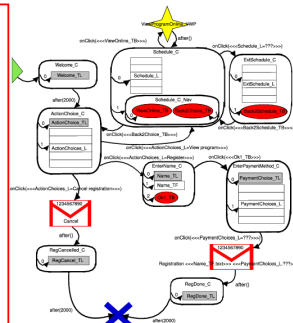
        //NOTE: using this method causes a crash when the application exits
        mText.setOnClickListener(new OnClickListener() {
            public void onClick(View v) {
                mApp.startActivityForResult(Intent.ACTION_MAIN, 0, null, null, null);
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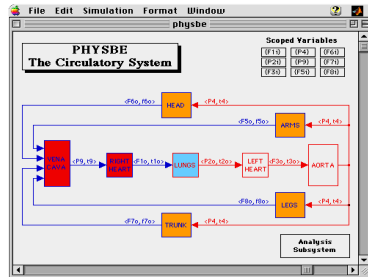
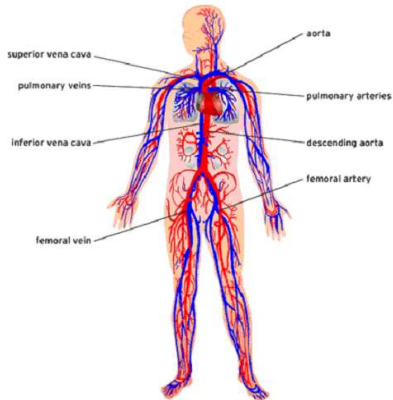
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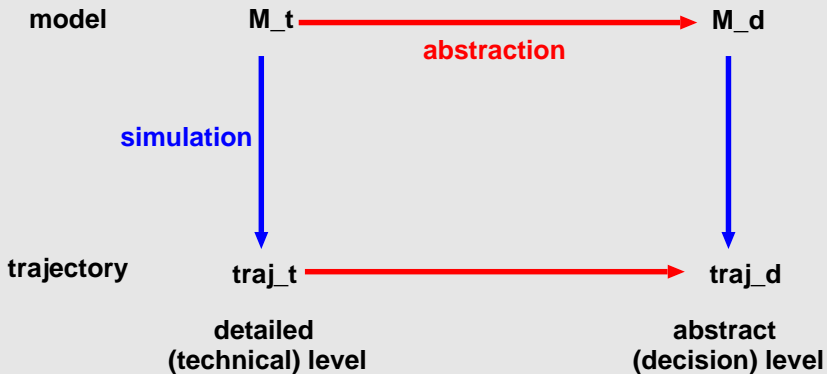
Modularity!

## 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.

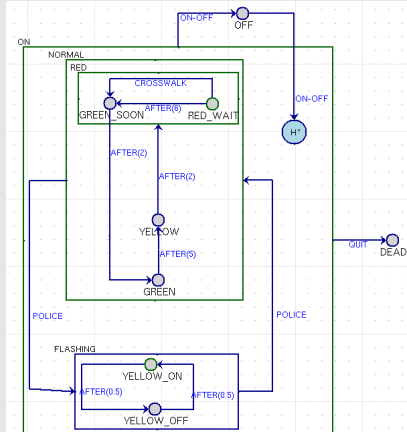
These questions either result in true or false.

*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  $M_1 \sqsupseteq_P M_2$ .
- $M_1$  is said to be a *refinement* of  $M_2$  iff  $M_2$  is an *abstraction* of  $M_1$ . This is written  $M_1 \sqsubseteq_P M_2$ .

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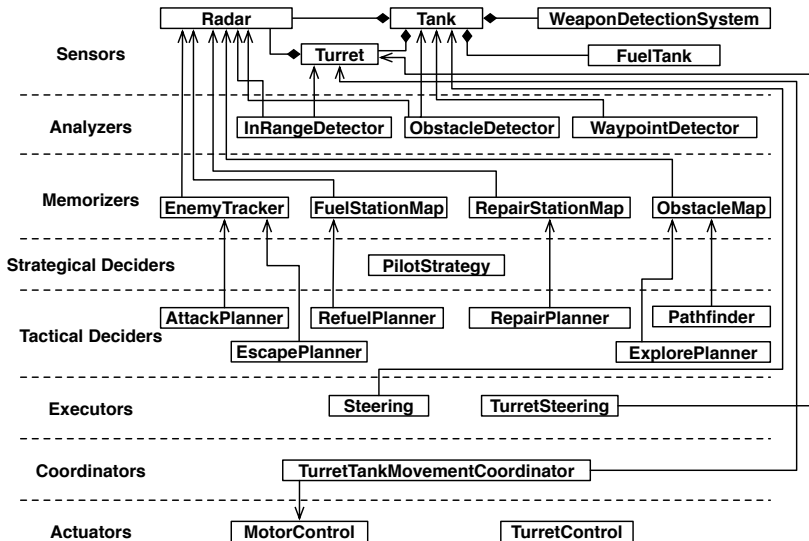


[www.planeshift.it](http://www.planeshift.it)

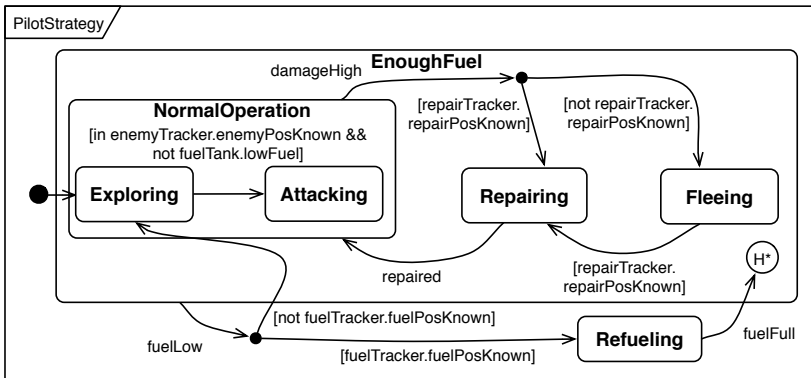
Massively Multiplayer Online Role Playing games  
need Non-Player Characters (NPCs)



## TankWars: high level

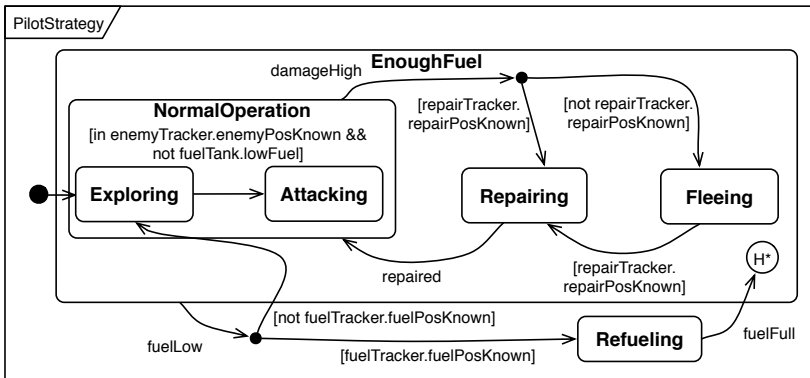


## Strategic Deciders – High-level Goals



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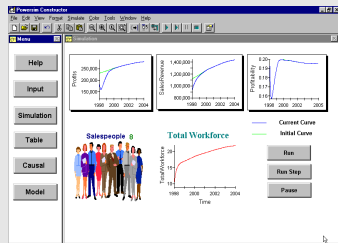
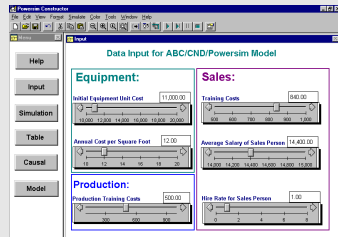
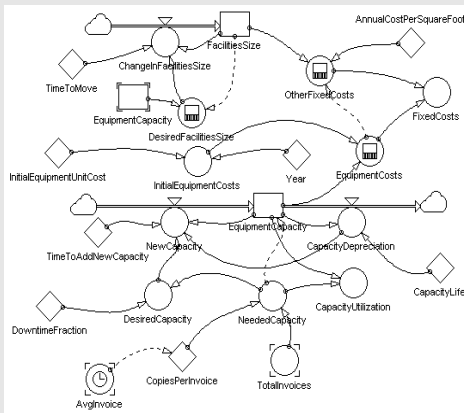


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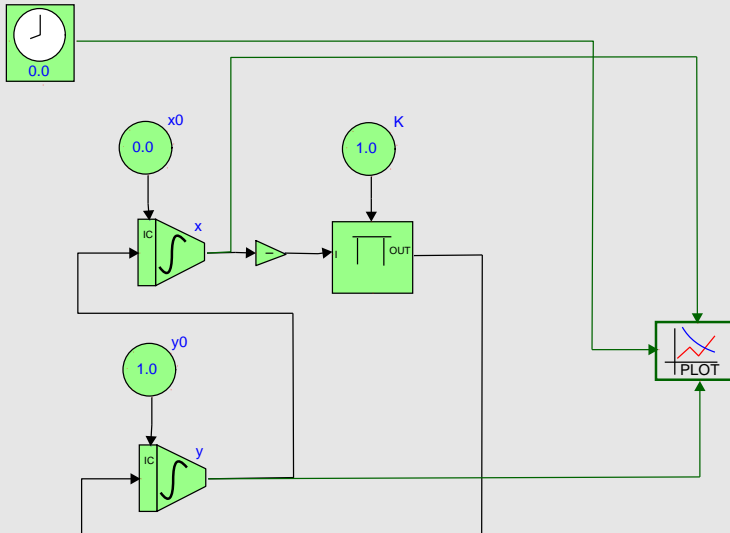
## Could have used production rules instead of Statecharts

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

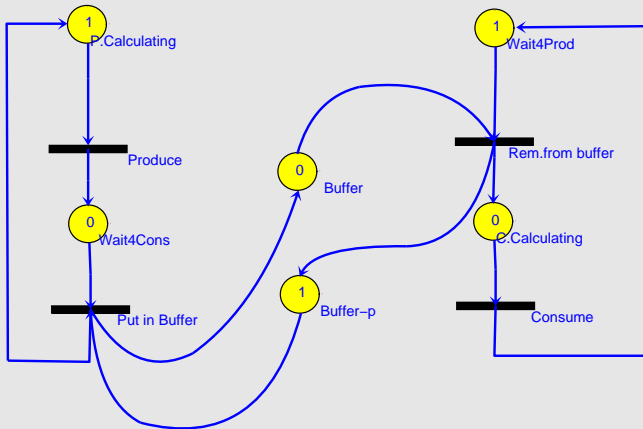
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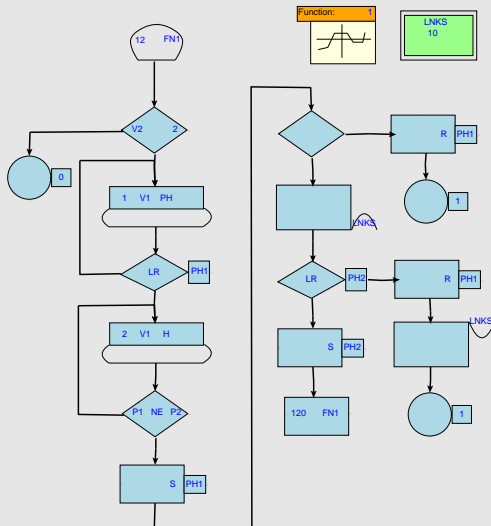
## Causal Block Diagram model of Harmonic Oscillator



## Petri Net model of Producer – Consumer



## GPSS model of Telephone Exchange

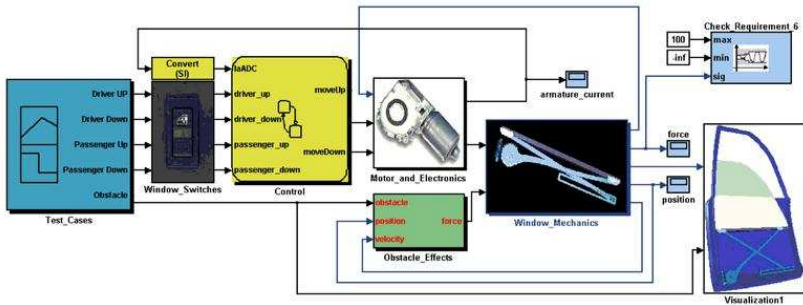


## Multiple Formalisms: Power Window



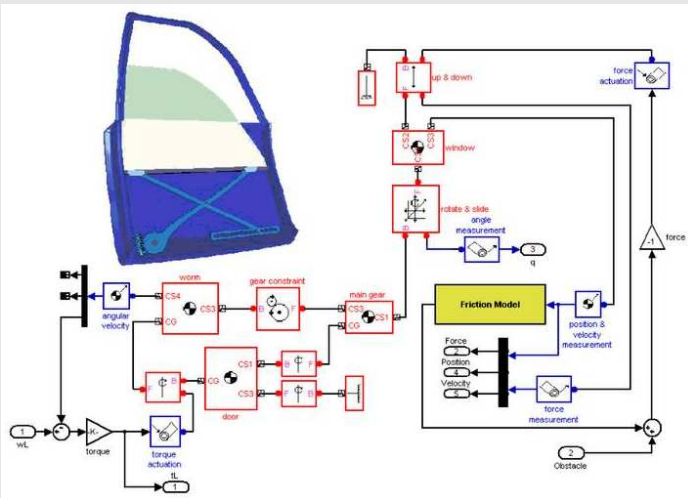


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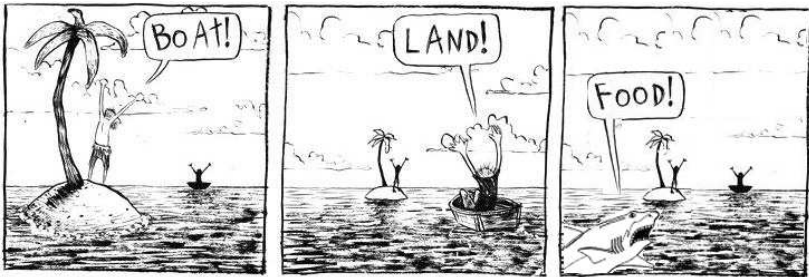




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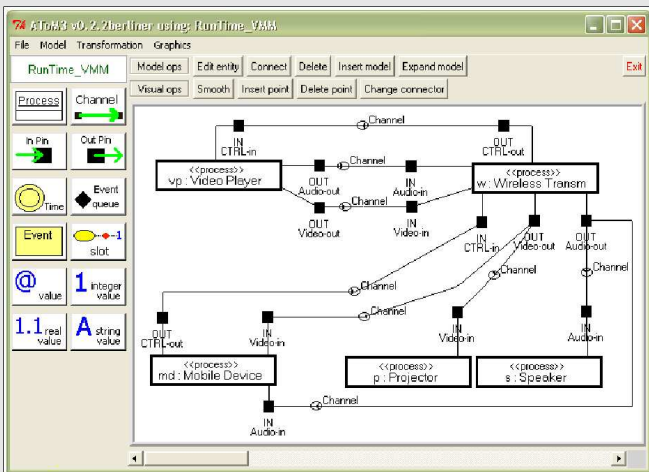
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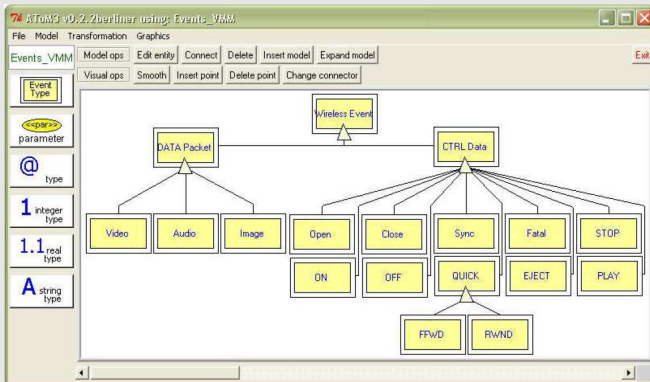
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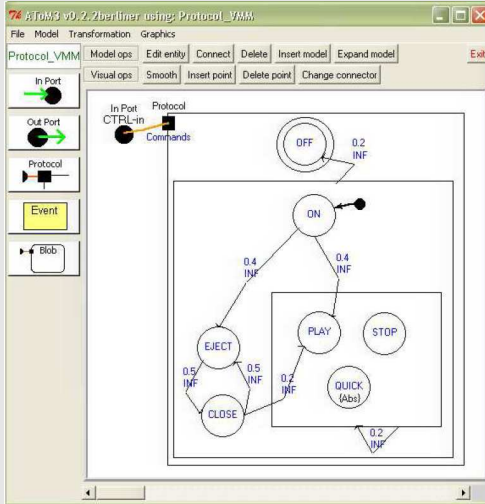
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Multiple (consistent !) Views (in  $\neq$  Formalisms)

## View: Events Diagram



## View: Protocol Statechart





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