Module Modeling and Analysis: Integration and Reasoning

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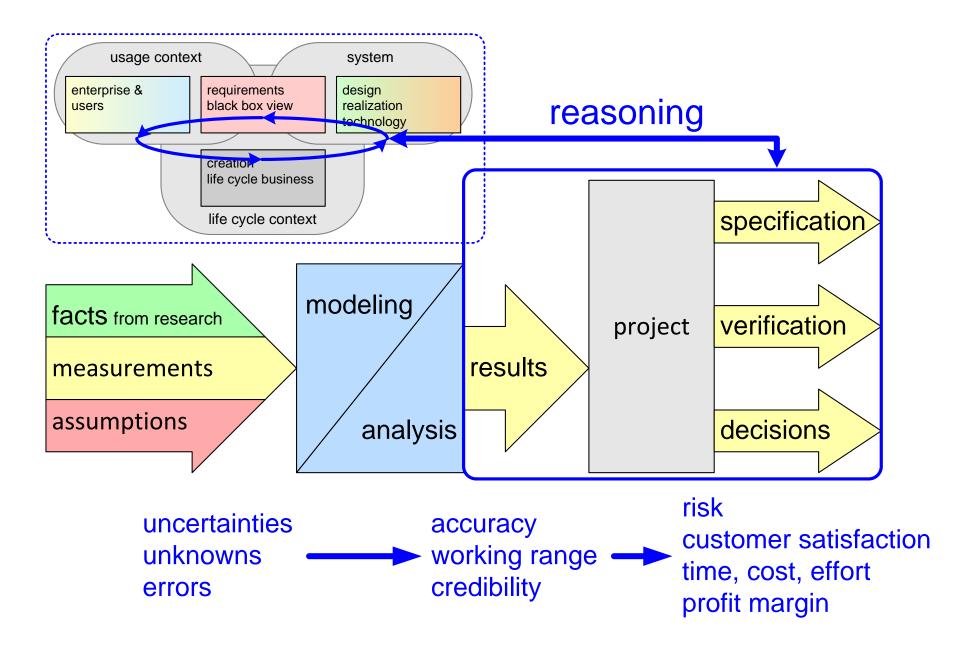
Abstract

This module addresses the integration of small or partial models into bigger models. We also discuss how multiple models are used and how to reason using multiple models.

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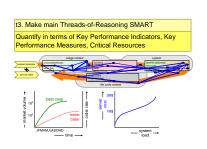
Models are made to facilitate decision making. These decisions range from business decisions, such as Service Level Agreements, to requirements, and to detailed design decisions. The space of decisions is huge and heterogeneous. The proposed modeling approach is to use multiple small and simple models. In this paper we discuss how to reason by means of multiple models.

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From chaos to order: inputs, assumptions, models and decisions

Reasoning approach: stepwise top-down and bottom-up

Life cycles of models in relation to project life cycle



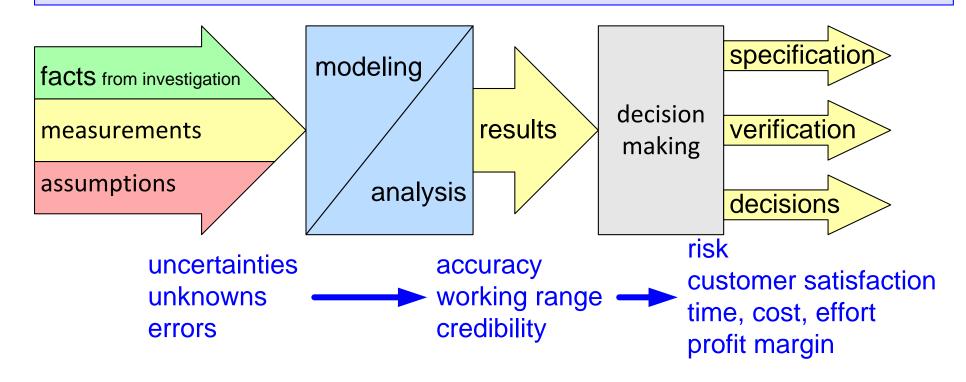
Purpose of Modeling

How to use multiple models to facilitate decisions?

How to get from many fragments to integral insight?

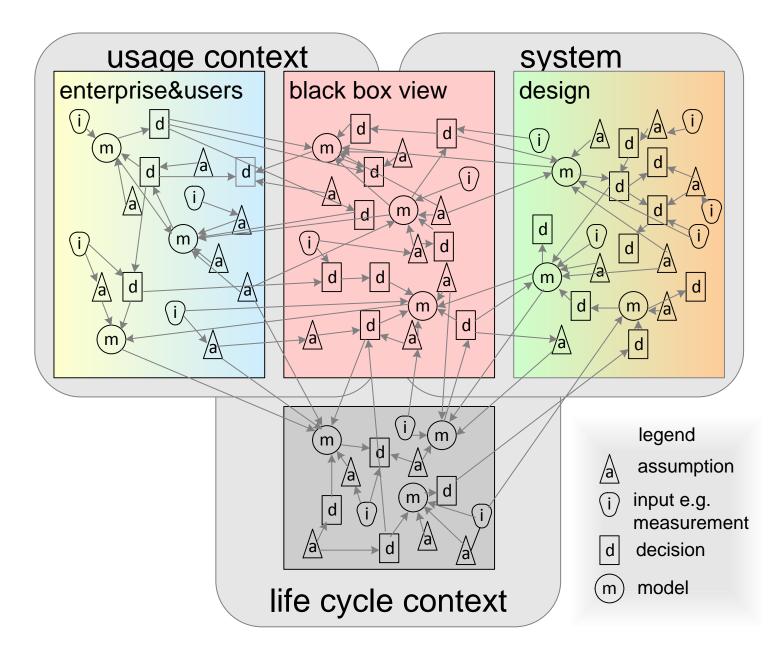
How many models do we need?

At what quality and complexity levels?



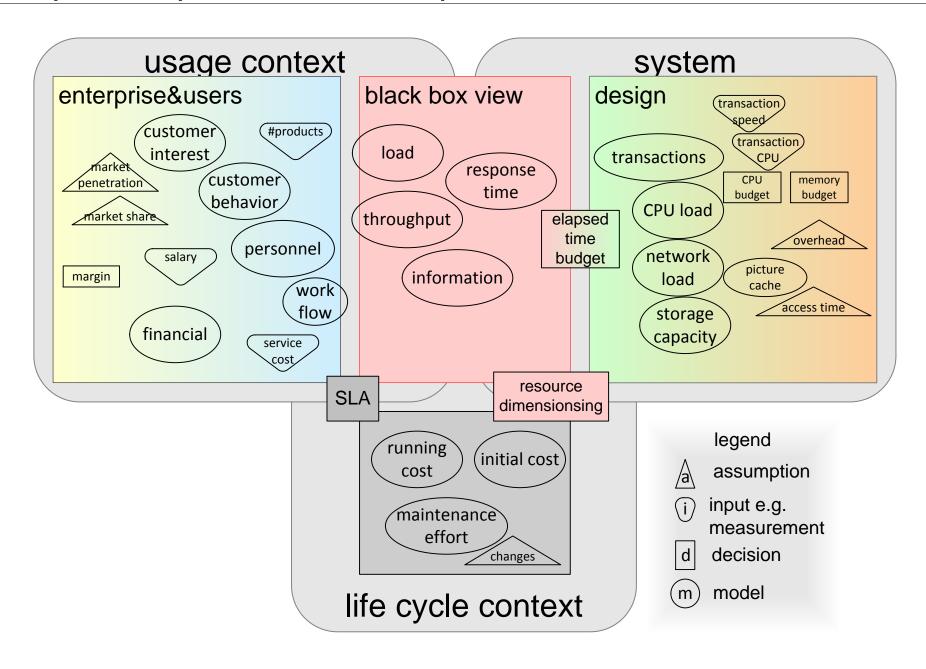


Graph of Decisions and Models



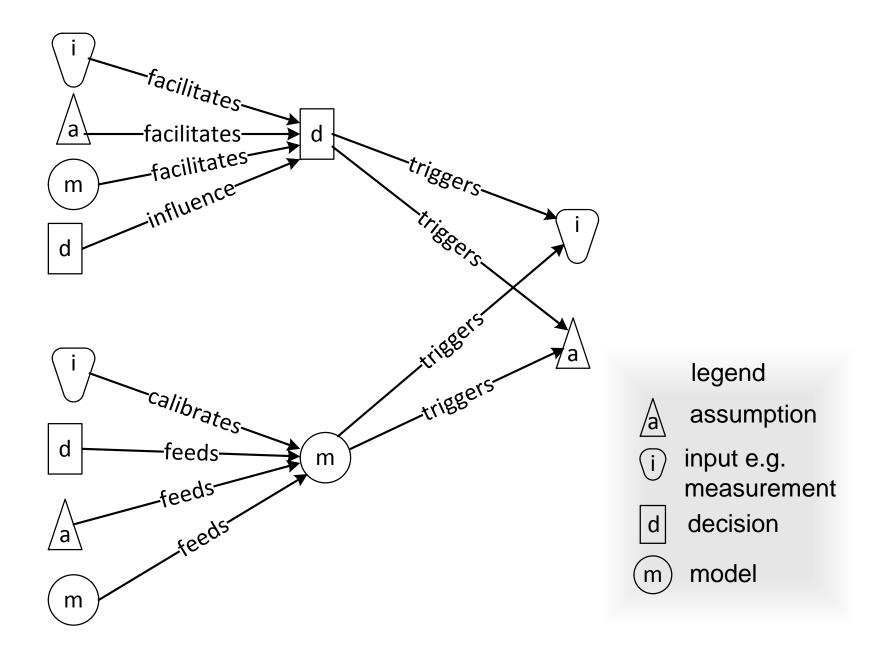


Example Graph for Web Shop



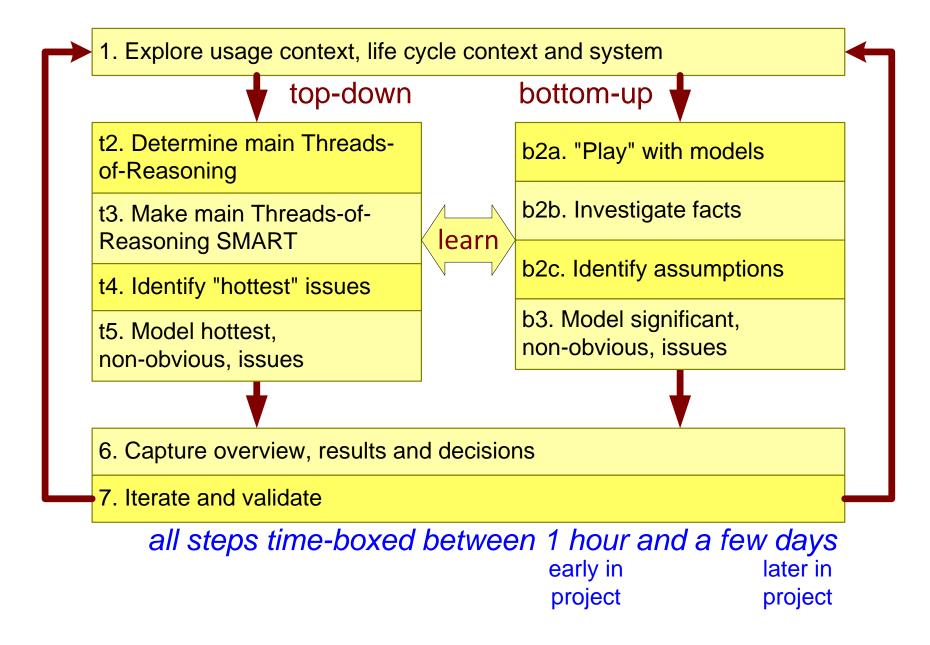


Relations: Decisions, Models, Inputs and Assumptions





Reasoning Approach





1. Explore

1. Explore usage context, life cycle context and system

Populate with "known" facts, numbers, issues from preceeding projects, available work products and stakeholders

usage context

products&attributes customers

personnel order rate

functions interfaces price performance

system

SW/HW platform(s)

resources

cost

transaction load/latency

infrastructure margin services maintenance projection

life cycle context

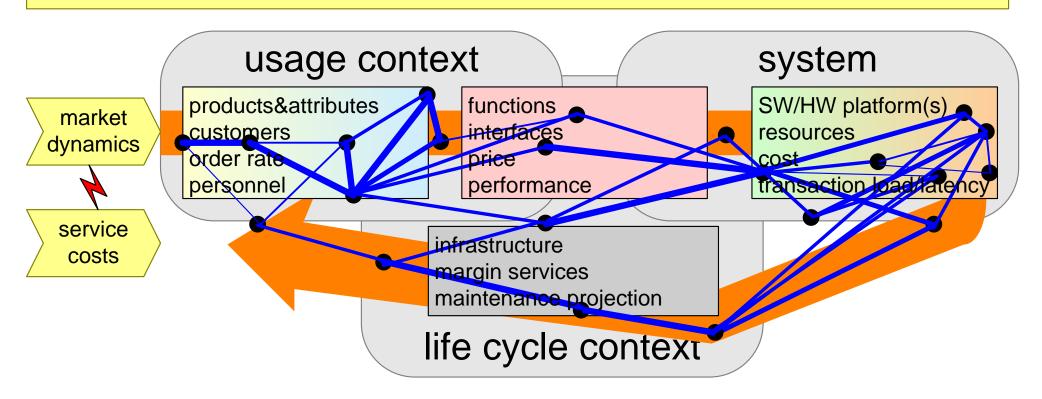


t2. Thread-of-Reasoning

t2. Determine main Threads-of-Reasoning

Architecting and System Design

e.g. http://www.gaudisite.nl/ModuleTORSlides.pdf

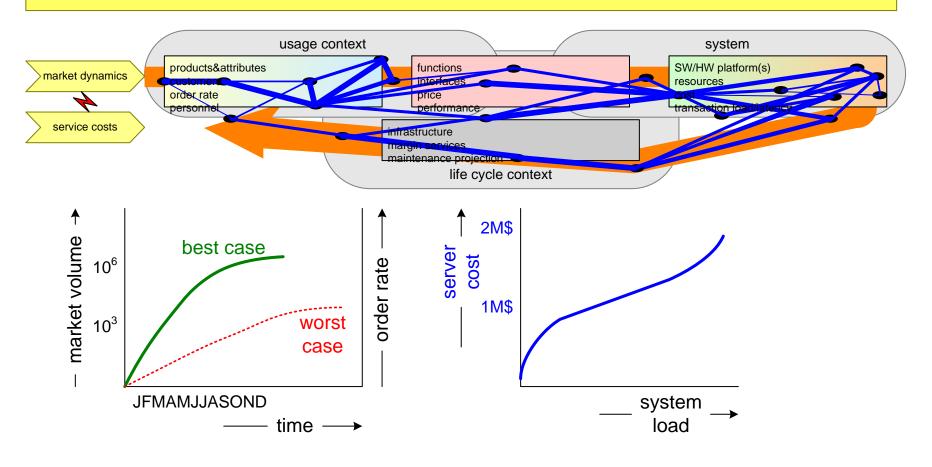




t3. SMART'en Thread-of-Reasoning

t3. Make main Threads-of-Reasoning SMART

Quantify in terms of Key Performance Indicators, Key Performance Measures, Critical Resources





Intermezzo: the acronym SMART

Specific quantified

Measurable verifiable

acronym consensus

- Assignable (Achievable, Attainable, Action oriented, Acceptable, Agreed-upon, Accountable)
- Realistic (Relevant, Result-Oriented)
- Time-related (Timely, Time-bound, Tangible, Traceable)

 variation of meaning



t4: Identify Hottest

t4. Identify "hottest" issues

assess explored landscape:

highest (perceived) risk

most important/valuable

most discussed

historic evidence

urgency

rank issues according to aggregated assessment

3 5 server cost order rate 2 transactions response time 3 3 availability 3 network bandwidth 3 storage capacity



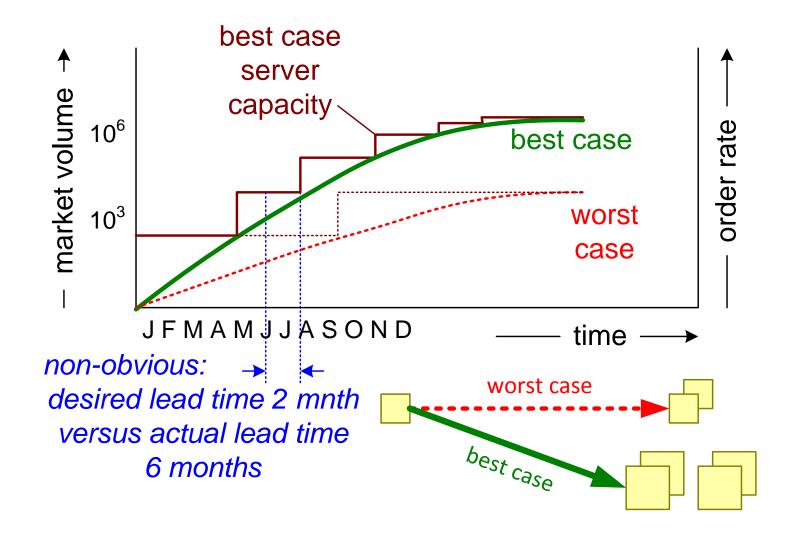
1..5 scale, 1 = low risk

5 = high risk

et cetera

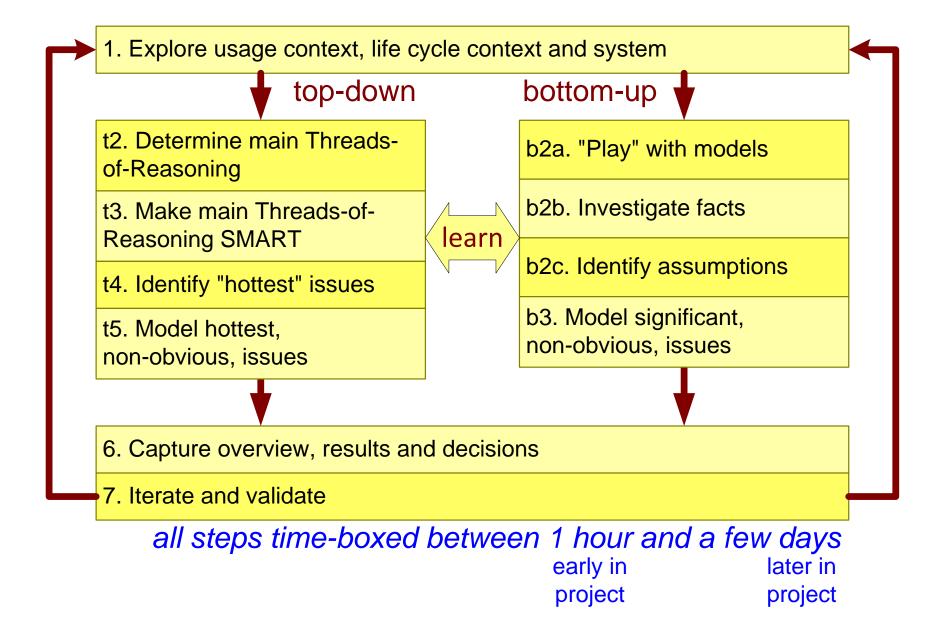
t5: Model Hottest Issues

t5. Model hottest, non-obvious, issues





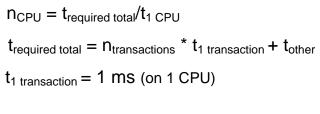
From *top-down* to *bottom-up*

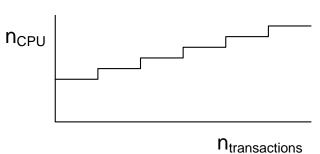




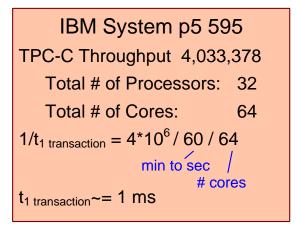
b2abc: Bottom-up

b2a. "Play" with models	b2b. Investigate facts	b2c. Identify assumptions
vary inputs vary model structure to understand model applicability, design quality and specification feasibility	market research measurements preceeding systems micro benchmarks literature, supplier info	What is the basis for model structure, design decision, specification, quantification et cetera? Most assumptions are implicit and hidden!





http://www.tpc.org/tpcc/results/ tpcc_perf_results.asp



server load dominated by transactions
transaction load scales linear
TPC-C is representative
what is the effect of other TPC-C workload?



Bottom-up, more detailed steps

Make a list of technologies, components and resources to be used transactions, data base engine, memory, disk

Make a list of important qualities

performance, reliability, security, maintainability

Make a characterization matrix of technologies, components and resources versus qualities

1..5 scale,1 = low risk5 = high risket cetera

Perform step 2abc on most critical

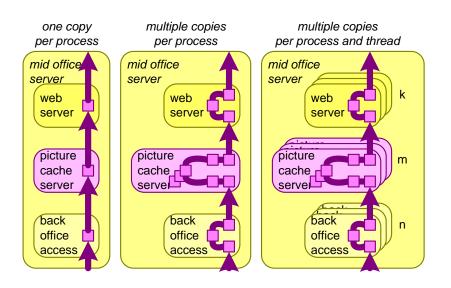
class 4 and 5 risks

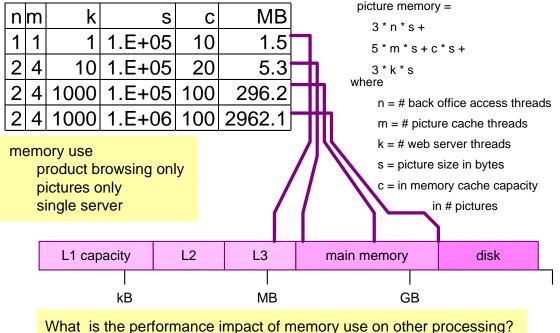


b3: Model Significant Issues

b3. Model significant, non-obvious, issues

for example, memory use in server(s) for picture transfers and buffering







Learning Concurrent Bottom-up and Top-down

top-down learn bottom-up

top-down: what is hidden in details?

top-down: do we address the relevant decomposition?

bottom-up: do we address relevant details?

bottom-up: what details have significant impact?

order rate

(and evolution over time)

is highly speculative

risk

needs
input

transactions
dominate
server load&cost



Example top-down and bottom-up

top-down:

what is impact of

catalogue size and changes?

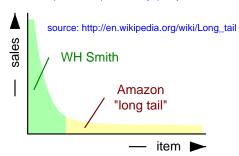
bottom-up:

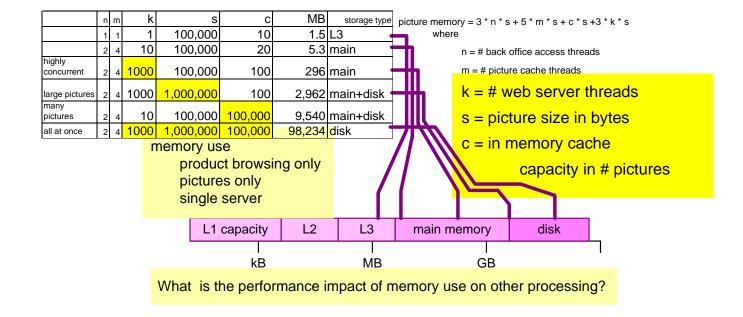
what is relevant concurrency (k), cache size (c), or picture size (s)?

new books per year



source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ Books_published_per_country_per_year

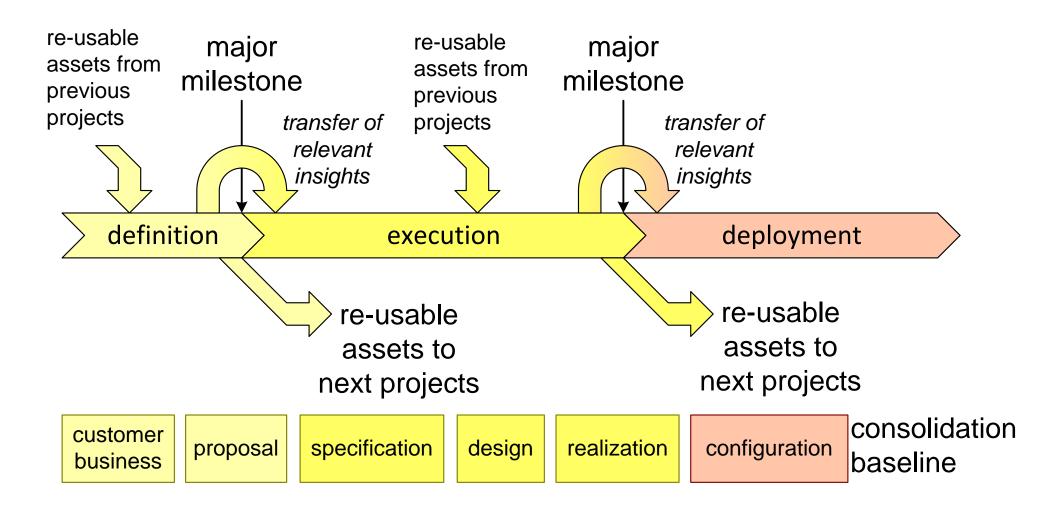






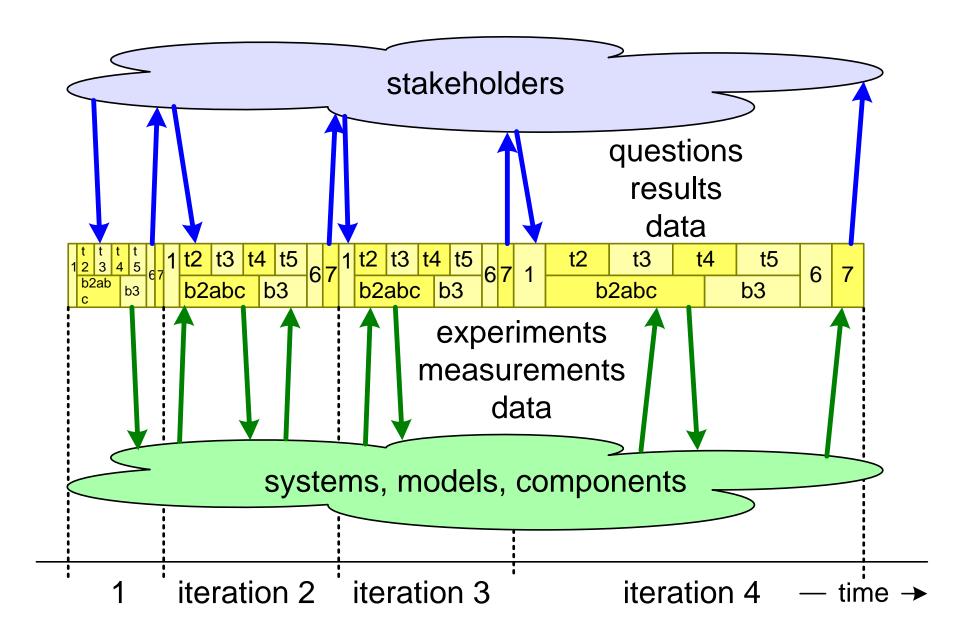
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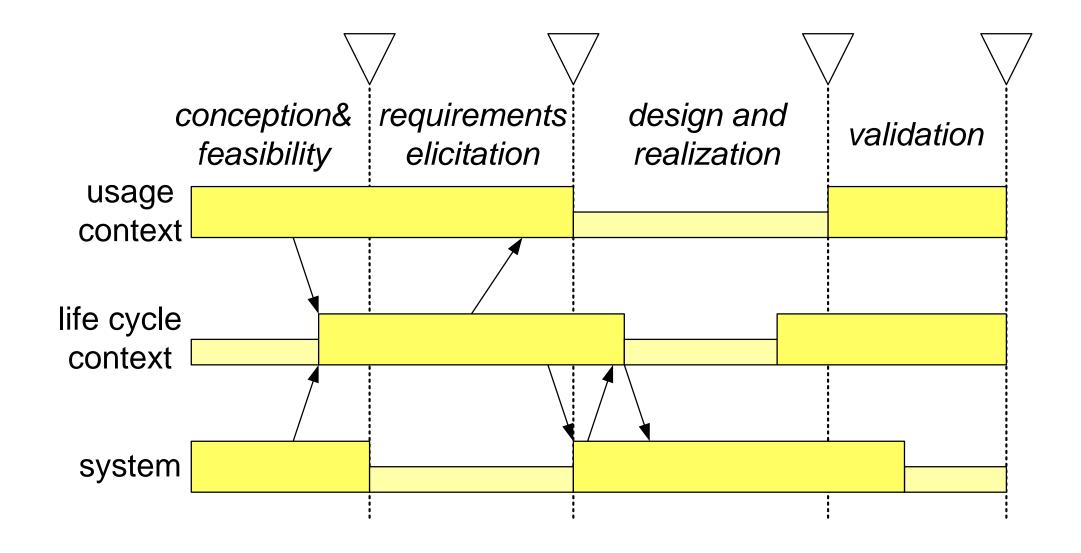


7. Iterate and Validate



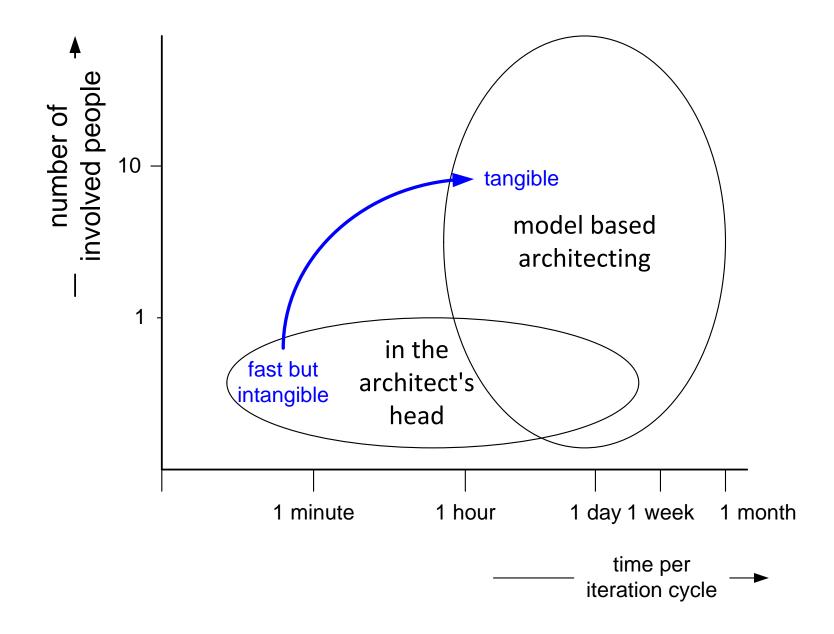


Focus is Shifting during Project



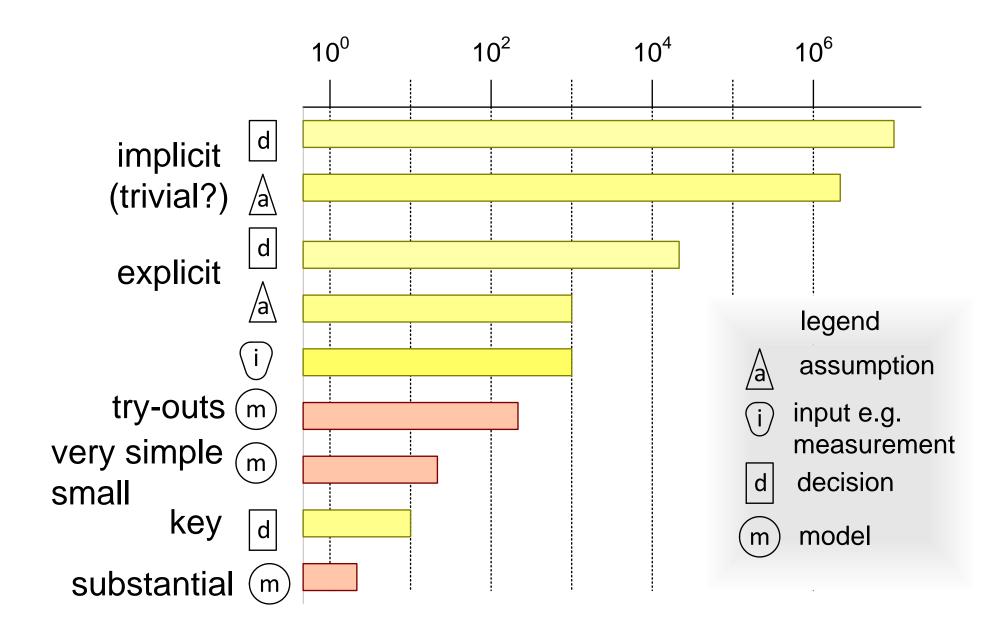


Models Support Communication



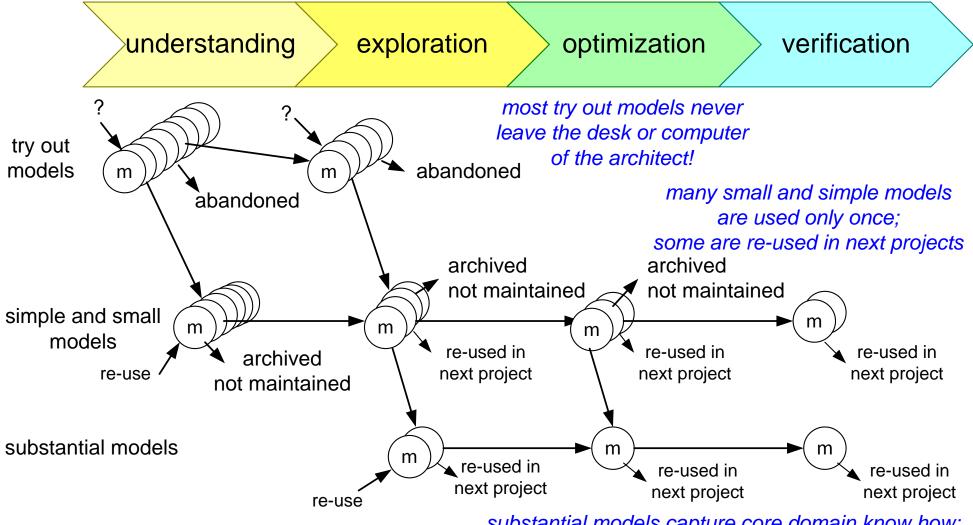


Frequency of Assumptions, Decisions and Modeling





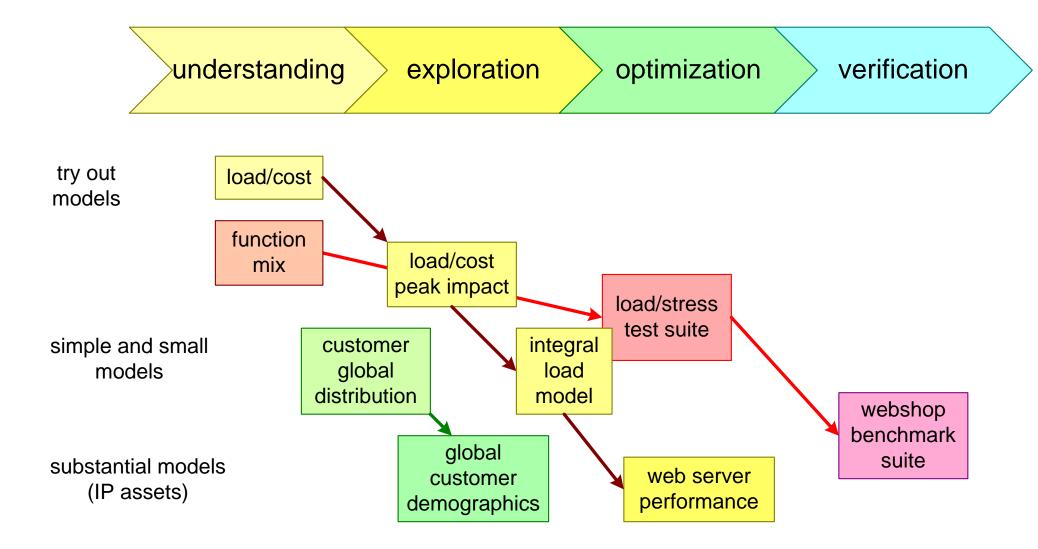
Life Cycle of Models



substantial models capture core domain know how; they evolve often from project to project. creation and evolution of intellectual property assets



Examples of Life Cycle of Models





Conclusions

Top-down and bottom-up provide complementary insights

Key words for selection: hottest, non-obvious, significant, relevant

Multiple small models are used in combination

Some models evolve from very simple to more substantial

Techniques, Models, Heuristics of this module

Threads-of-reasoning

SMART

Key Performance Indicators, Key Performance Measures, Critical Resources

Ranking matrices



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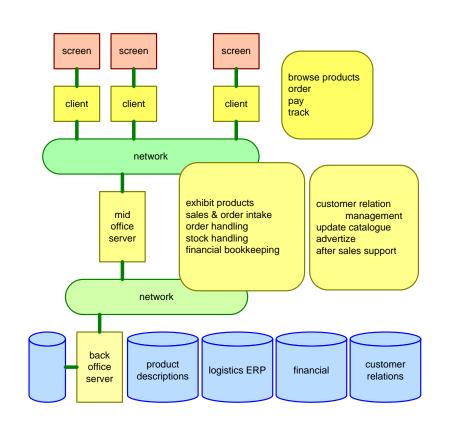
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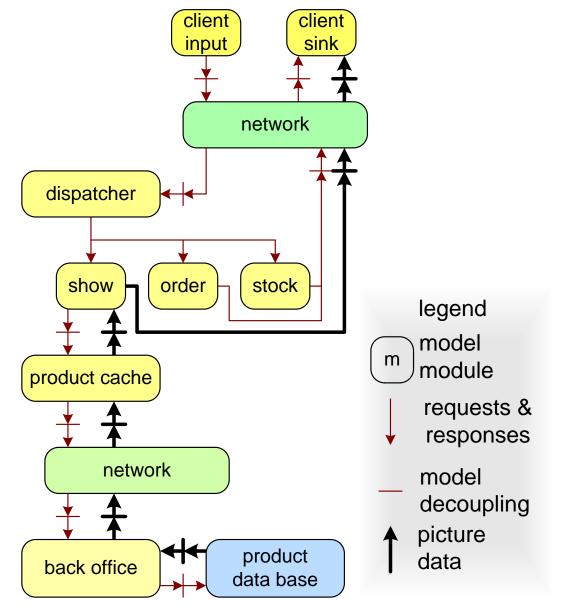
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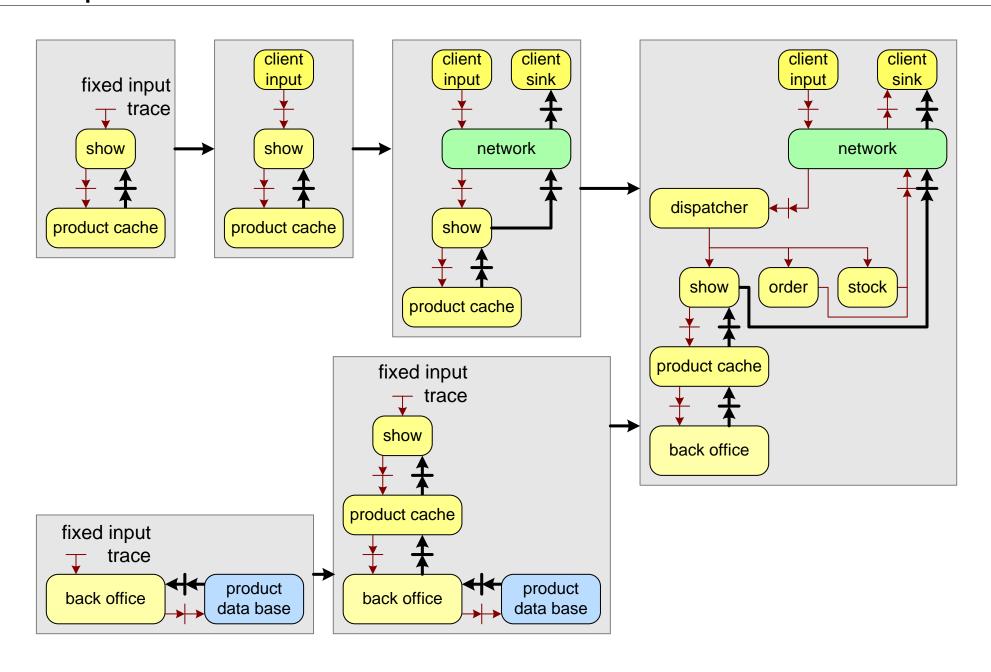
Example of (Partial) Flow Simulator







Example of Incremental Model Creation





Approach for Incremental Model Creation

Start with the hottest issue

what creates the most discussion or uncertainty?

Ensure immediate feedback

does this model help to answer the questions that we have?

Keep flexible decoupling point

e.g. human readable/editable files

Extend model only for a good purpose

don't integrate models because it can be done

Create effective visual outputs

simple animations, graphs, tables, ...

Refactor regularly

based on increasing insight, feedback and purpose



Attention Points for Every Integration Step

Does the output of the integrated model match your expectation?

Can you explain the model behavior?

Can you explain the variation of the output?

