

# Fundamental Algorithms for System Modeling, Analysis, and Optimization

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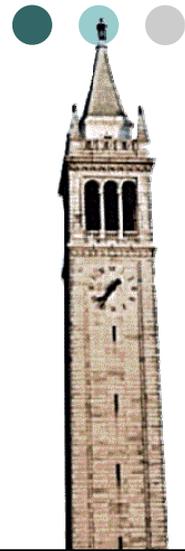
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Lecture 1: Introduction, Logistics

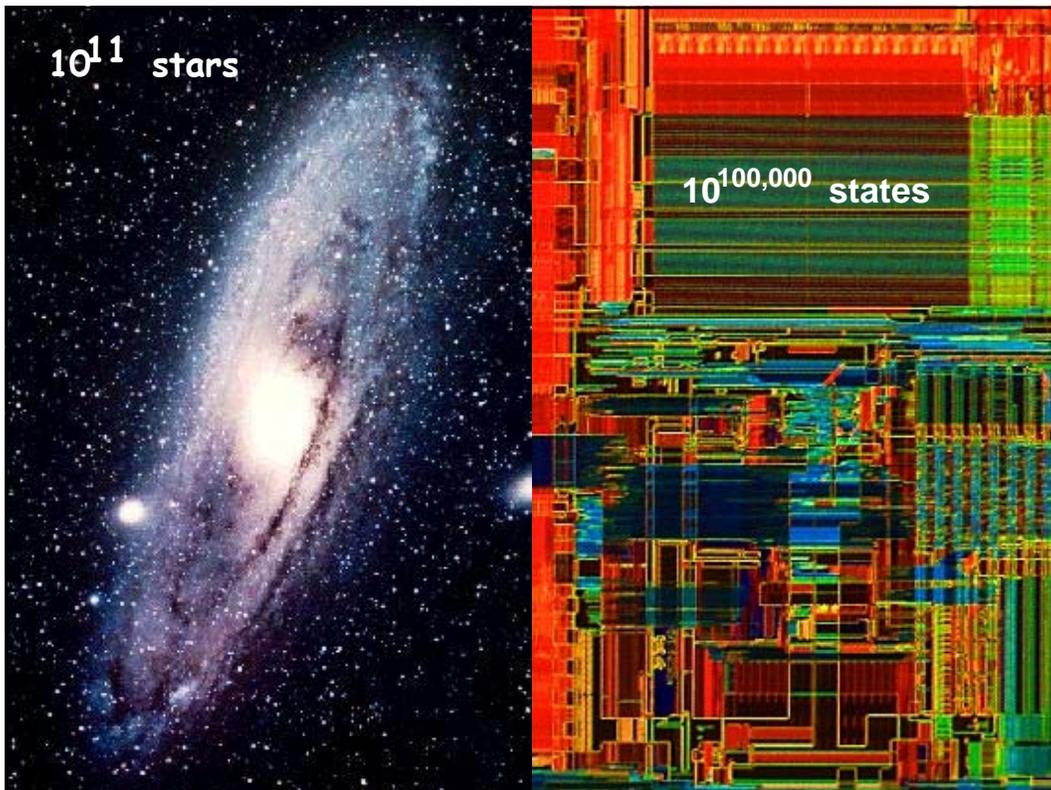


## The computer-controlled society

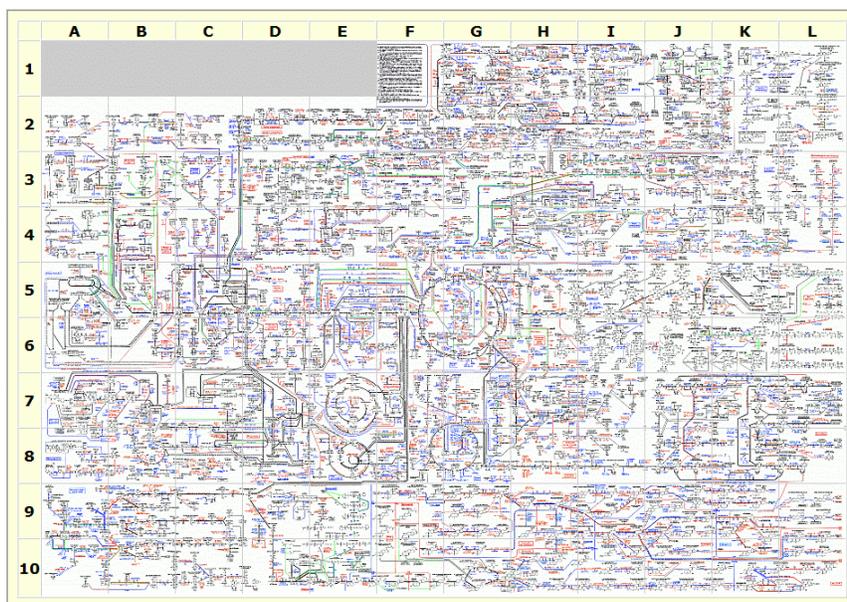


# Complex systems

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## Metabolic Pathway Maps



credits: expasy.ch/biomap/

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## A simple program

```
int x := input an integer number > 1;

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  if x is even
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  else
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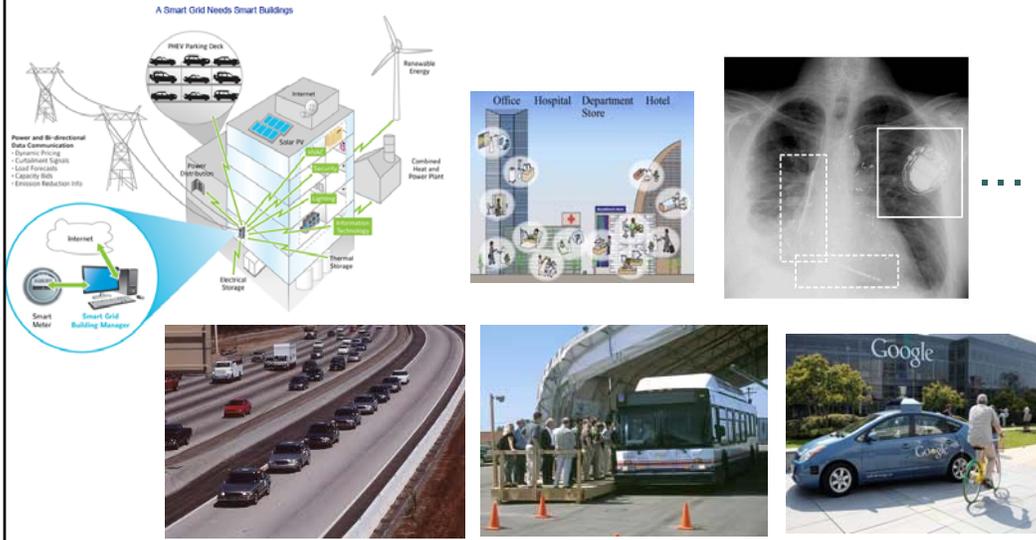
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**Collatz conjecture:**  
the program terminates for every input.  
Open problem in mathematics.

## Safety-critical systems

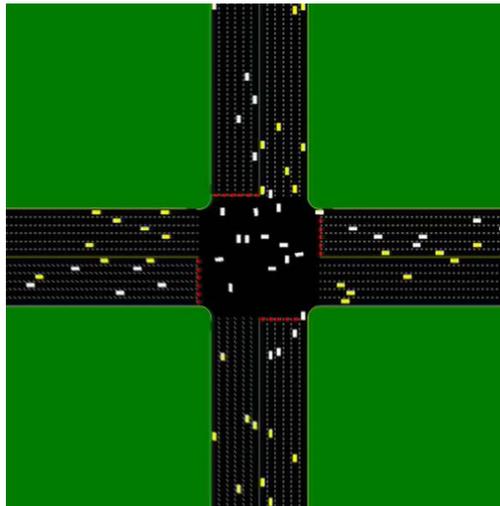
# Safety-critical systems

- Smart cars, roads, buildings, power grid, cities, ...



# Example of a “smart” system (or CPS): autonomous intersection

Courtesy AIM project, CS Dept., UT Austin

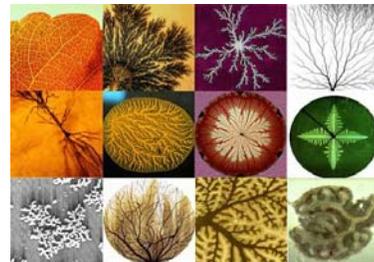
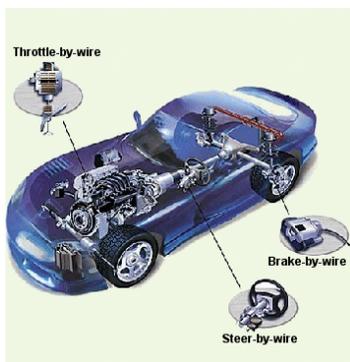
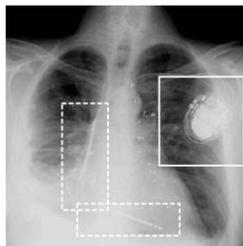
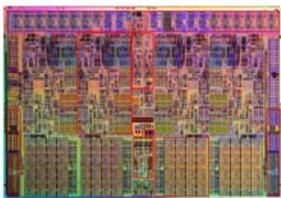


## Autonomous intersection: “real-life” version



Courtesy <http://www.fastcodesign.com>  
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## Motivation for this course: **system design**



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How to design such systems?

“By hand” is not an option...

Designers need tools!

Not just paper and pencil: computer automation.

=> **computer-aided design**

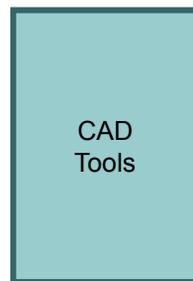
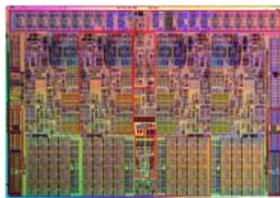
**Goal of this course:**

Teach you the fundamentals so that you become  
a good tool user, but also a tool maker.

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Computer-Aided Design (CAD) for ICs /  
Electronic Design Automation (EDA)

731M transistors



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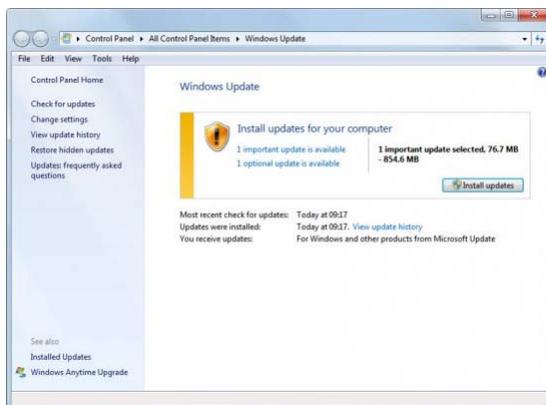
## Approaches to system design (1)

- **Trial-and-error** approach:
  - Build prototype
  - Test it, find errors
  - Fix errors
  - Repeat

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## Design by trial-and-error

- Software!



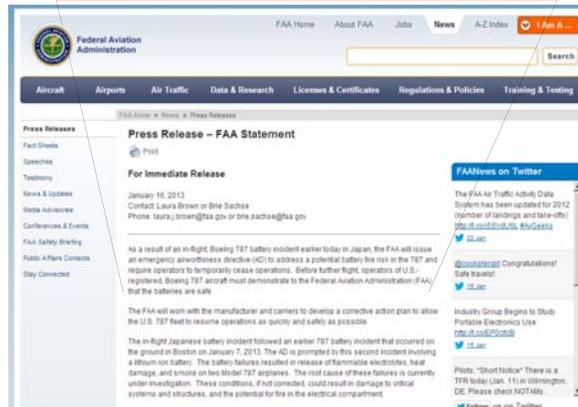
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## Design by trial-and-error

- Boeing 787 grounded
- “All-Nippon today announced it had canceled 320 flights, including 51 international flights, on 787s affecting a total of 46,800 passengers” [San Jose Mercury News, 1/22/2013]
- FAA restriction finally lifted in April 2013.

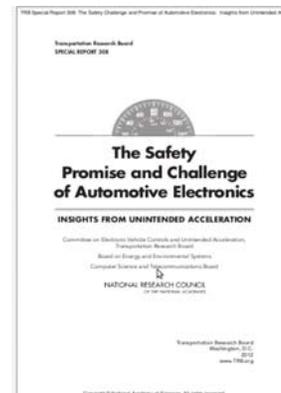


As a result of an in-flight, Boeing 787 battery incident earlier today in Japan, the FAA will issue an emergency airworthiness directive (AD) to address a potential battery fire risk in the 787 and require operators to temporarily cease operations. **Before further flight, operators of U.S.-registered, Boeing 787 aircraft must demonstrate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) that the batteries are safe.**



## Design by trial-and-error

- Toyota unintended acceleration incidents
- Millions of cars recalled
- Cost: \$ billions
- U.S. National Highway Transportation Safety Administration's (NHTSA) report concluded that electronic throttle control systems were not the cause.



# How to design safety-critical systems?

## Trial and error

- Un-scalable
- Un-economic
- Un-safe
- Yet common...

Are the drivers supposed to debug the autopilot?

“It was described as a **beta release**. The system **will learn over time** and get better and that’s exactly what it’s doing. It will start to feel quite refined within **a couple of months**.” – Elon Musk, Tesla CEO

Tesla autopilot video  
(source: youtube)



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## Accidents (will) happen...

Tesla

### Tesla driver dies in first fatal crash while using autopilot mode

The autopilot sensors on the Model S failed to distinguish a white tractor-trailer crossing the highway against a bright sky

Danny Yadron and Dan Tynan in San Francisco

Thursday 30 June 2016 19:14 EDT



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Joshua Brown, the first person to die in a self-driving car accident. Photograph: Facebook

The first known death caused by a self-driving car was disclosed by Tesla Motors on Thursday, a development that is sure to cause consumers to second-guess the

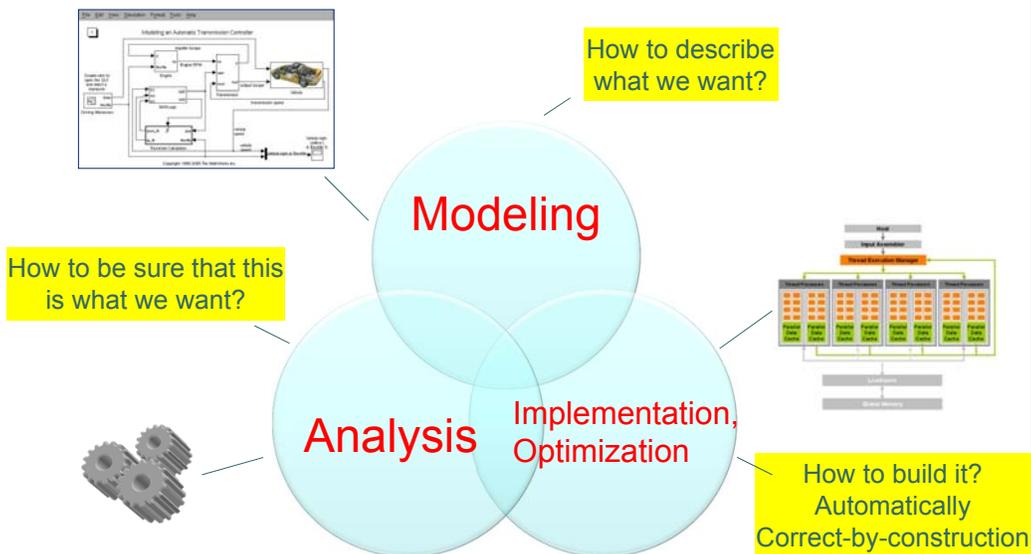
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## Approaches to system design (2)

- Rigorous, **“model-based”** design:
  - Build model (“executable specification”) of system
    - Before building a prototype of the system itself
  - Analyze the model, find errors
  - Fix errors in the design (model)
  - Repeat until the design seems OK
  - Give models/specs to someone (or to a computer) to implement them
    - Need to ensure properties are preserved during implementation
- Better for affordability:
  - Catch design errors early => easier / less costly to fix
- Better for dependability:
  - Sometimes can formally prove that design is correct
- Gaining acceptance in the industry

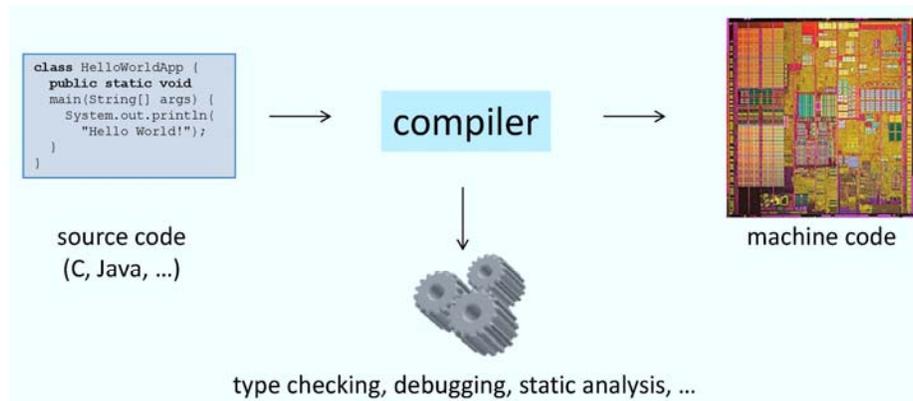
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## The Elements of Model-Based Design



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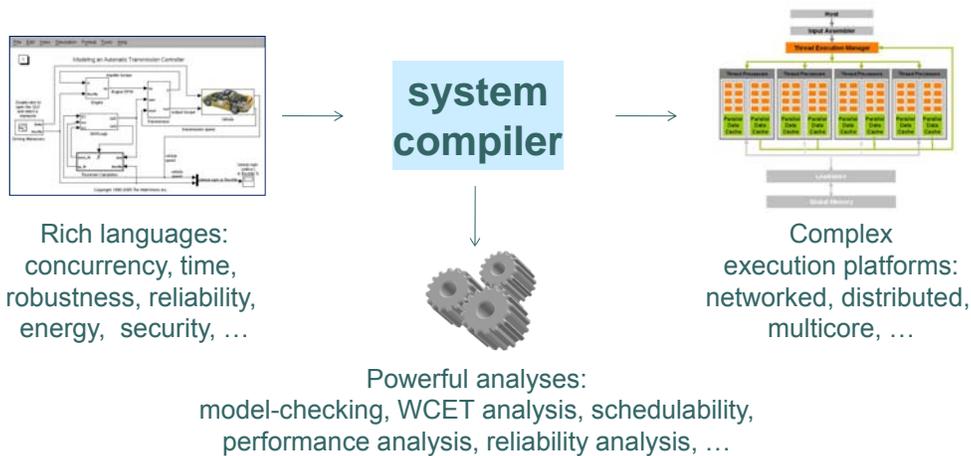
## From standard compilers ...



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## ... to system compilers

*Vision: modeling/simulation languages of today will become the **system-programming** languages of tomorrow*



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## Caveat

In real life, we need both MBD and trial-and-error methods.  
Why?

1. We cannot trust our models 100%
2. All models are abstractions of reality. They make assumptions that need not hold.
  - E.g., road condition, weather condition, ...
3. Analysis and optimization methods also have their limitations.
  - As we will see in this course.

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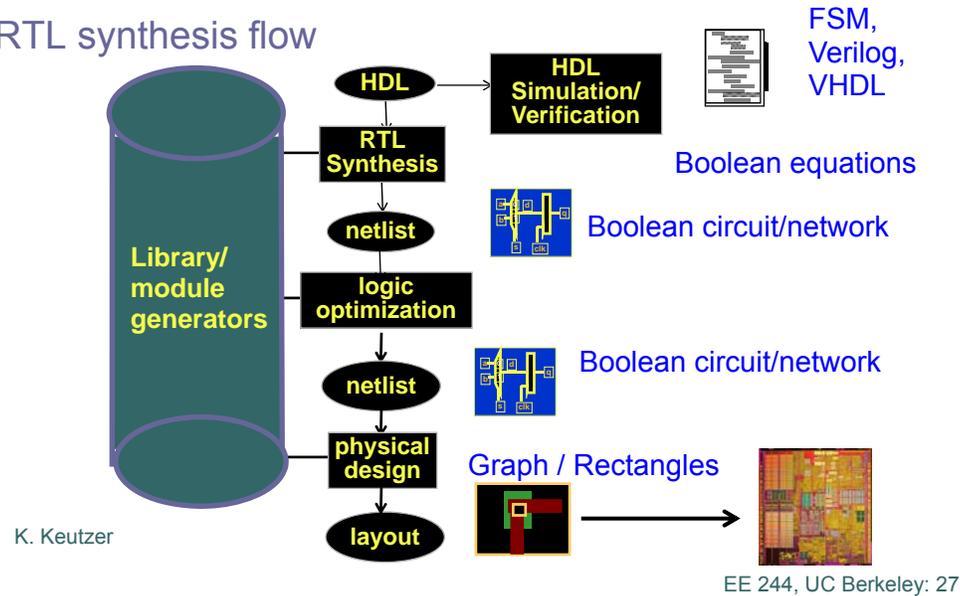
## Model-based design seems fine, but ...

- There are many systems, of different kinds
- People have been designing these for decades
- Can we pretend to find a single design method that works for every kind of system?
- Of course not
- Thesis:
  - System design is a science
  - There is a body of knowledge (models, algorithms, ...) which is fundamental to that science
  - This body of knowledge is applicable to many application domains (circuits, SW, embedded systems, bio, ...)

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## Example of a successful model-based design flow

### RTL synthesis flow



## CAD at Berkeley: History

- CAD research at Berkeley: design tools with an impact

late 60s and 70s

CANCER, SPICE (Rohrer, Nagel, Cohen, Pederson, ASV, Newton, etc.)

SPLICE (Newton)

80s

MAGIC (Ousterhout et. al.)

Espresso (Brayton, ASV, Rudell, Wang et. al.)

MIS (Brayton, ASV, et. al.)

90s

SIS, HSIS (Brayton, ASV et. al.)

VIS (Brayton, ASV, Somenzi et. al.)

Ptolemy (Lee et. al.)

2000-date

MVSIS (Brayton, Mishchenko et. al.)

BALM (Mishchenko, Brayton et. al.)

ABC (Mishchenko, Brayton et. al.)

MetroPolis, Metro II, Clotho (ASV et. al.)

Ptolemy II, HyVisual (Lee et. al.)

UCLID, GameTime, Beaver (Seshia et. al.)

## Lecture Outline

- Introduction to Stavros, and all of you
- Some of the topics covered in this course
  - Digital systems (circuits)
  - Cyber-Physical systems
  - Continuous-time systems
- Course logistics

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## Stavros Tripakis



Associate Professor, Aalto University (since 2012)  
Adjunct Associate Professor, UC Berkeley (since 2009)

- Past:
  - Research Scientist: Cadence Design Systems, Berkeley, 2006 -- 2008
  - Postdoc: Berkeley, 1999 – 2001
  - Research Scientist: CNRS, Verimag, France, 2001 – 2006
  - PhD: Verimag Laboratory, Grenoble, France, 1998
  - Undergrad: University of Crete, Greece, 1992
- Research interests
  - System design, modeling, and analysis (DMA)
  - Formal methods
  - Computer-aided verification and synthesis
  - Compositionality, contracts, interfaces
  - Embedded and cyber-physical systems

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## The promise of rigorous, “formal” methods

Beyond simple simulation and testing: prove correctness!

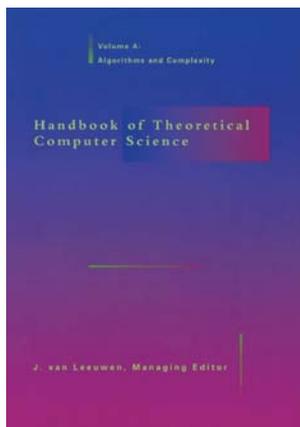
*“Testing shows the presence, not the absence of bugs.” – Dijkstra*

Formal verification (model checking): “exhaustive simulation” (check all possible system behaviors)

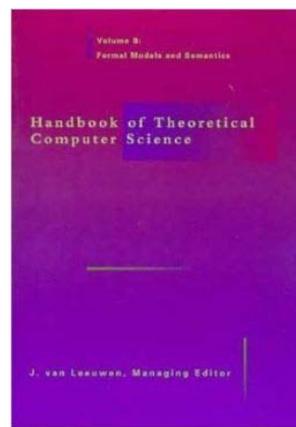
Success story in the hardware industry: “verification engineer” standard title in today’s EDA companies

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## Formal methods: a theoretical computer science sub-area



Handbook of Theoretical Computer Science – 1990  
Volume A: Algorithms and Complexity  
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Volume B: Formal Models and Semantics  
Automata, Languages, Logics, Temporal Logic,  
Semantics, Concurrency, ...

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## Turing awards in the area



Robin Milner – 1991  
Theorem proving, type theory, concurrency



Amir Pnueli – 1996  
Temporal logic, verification



Edmund M. Clarke

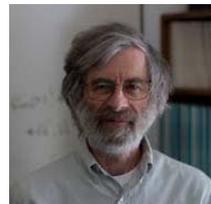


E. Allen Emerson



Joseph Sifakis

Clarke, Emerson, Sifakis – 2007  
Model checking



Leslie Lamport – 2013  
Distributed systems, Safety and liveness

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## “Formal methods” in the software industry?

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Communications of the ACM, Vol. 58 No. 4, Pages 66-73  
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### Key Insights



Since 2011, engineers at Amazon Web Services (AWS) use formal specification and model checking to help solve design problems in critical systems. Here, we describe our motivation and experience, what has worked well in our domain, and what has not. When discussing a person or a concept, we refer to the authors by their initials.

At AWS we strive to build services that are simple to use. External simplicity is built on a hidden but complex distributed systems. Such complex internal

- Formal methods find bugs in system designs that cannot be found through any other technique we know of.
- Formal methods are surprisingly feasible for mainstream software development and give good return on investment.
- At Amazon, formal methods are routinely applied to the design of complex real-world software, including public cloud services.

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## Round of introductions

Your name, research/professional interests,  
grad/undergrad student, ...

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## Quiz

• Express the following in your favorite mathematical formalism:

- You can fool some people sometimes
- You can fool some of the people all of the time
- You can fool some people sometimes but you can't fool all the people all the time [Bob Marley]
- You can fool some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time, but you can not fool all of the people all of the time [Abraham Lincoln]

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# Course topics

## Algorithms for Discrete Models

- Automata, state machines, transition systems, logic, temporal logic
- State-space exploration, reachability analysis, model-checking
- Boolean function representation and manipulation
- Synchronous and asynchronous composition

## ~~Algorithms for Continuous Models~~

- ~~• Solving non-linear equations~~

## Algorithms for Cyber-Physical Models

- Timed and discrete-event systems
- Discrete-event simulation

## Cross-cutting Topics

- Timing analysis
- Controller and program synthesis

# Course Logistics

## Webpage, Books, etc.

The course webpage is the definitive source of information

<http://embedded.eecs.berkeley.edu/eecs44/>

We'll also use **bCourses** (not bSpace)

No textbook. Readings will be posted / handed out for each set of lectures.

Some references will be placed on reserve in Engineering library.

Office hours: contact me by email.

## Format of Lectures

Two 3 hour lectures per week (Tue-Thu 1 – 4 pm)

Room: 299 Cory

## Grading (tentative)

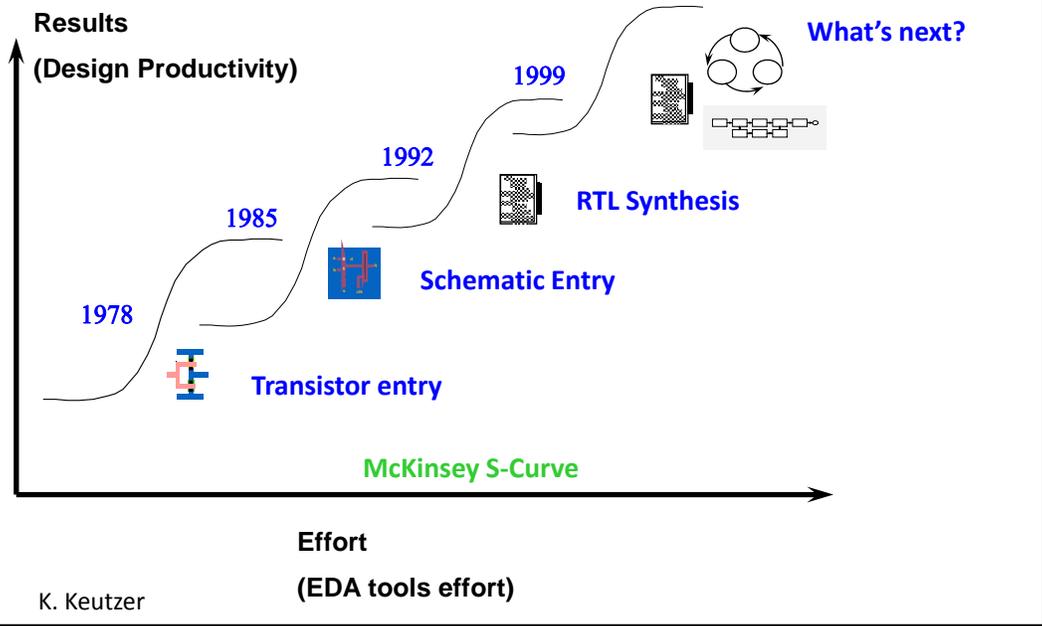
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Homeworks: 40%

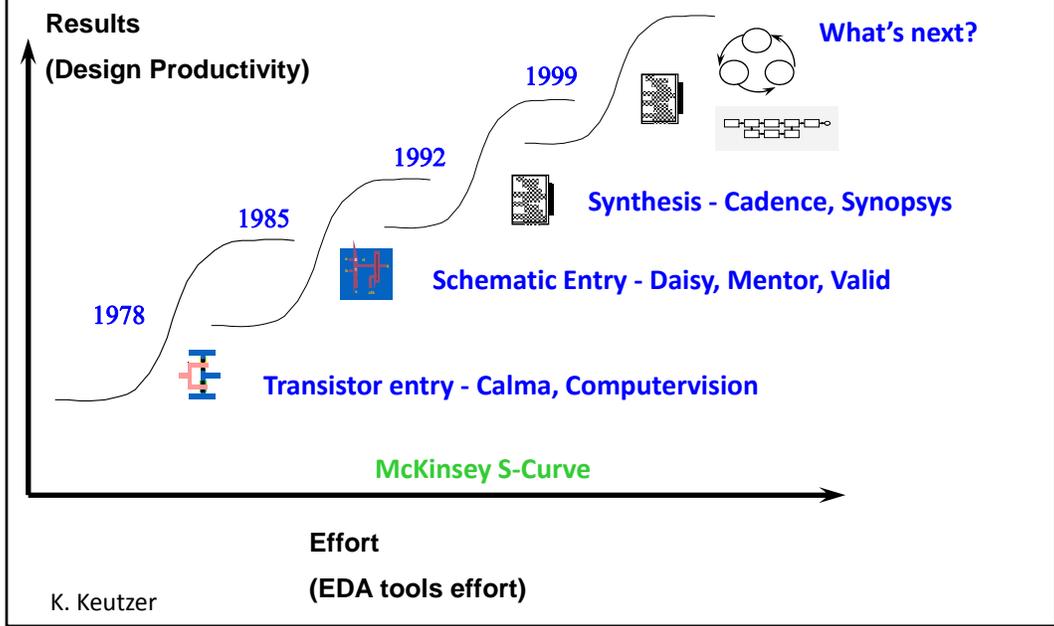
Exam: 50%

## Digital Systems

# Evolution of Digital IC Design



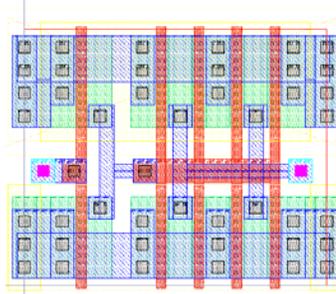
# Evolution of the EDA Industry



## Transistor Era

### Key tools:

- Transistor-level layout – e.g. Calma workstation
- Transistor-level simulation – e.g. Spice
- Bonus: transistor-level compaction – e.g. Cabbage



Size of circuits: 10's of transistors to few thousand

### Key abstractions and technologies:

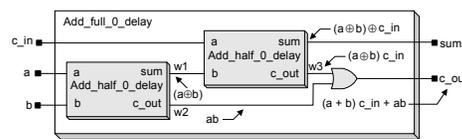
- Transistor-level modeling, simulation
- Logical gates- NAND, NOR, FF and cell libraries
- Layout compaction

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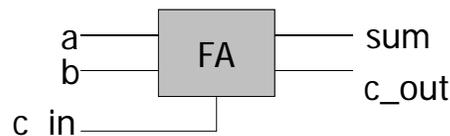
## Gate-level Schematic Era

### Key tools:

- gate-level layout editor – Daisy, Mentor, valid workstation
- Gate-level simulator
- Automated place and route

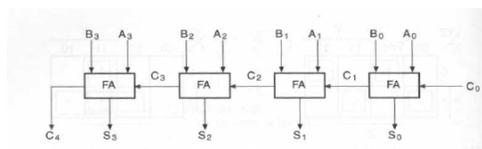


Size of circuits: 3,000 – 35,000 gates (12,000 to 140,000 transistors)



### Key abstractions and technologies:

- Logic-level simulation
- Cell-based place and route
- Static-timing analysis



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# RTL Synthesis Era

## Key tools:

- Hardware-description language simulator – Verilog, VHDL
- Logic synthesis tool - Synopsys
- Automated place and route – Cadence, Avant!, Magma

Size of circuits: 35,000 gates to ...?

## Key abstractions and technologies:

- HDL simulation
- Logic synthesis
- Cell-based place and route
- Static-timing analysis
- Automatic-test pattern generation
- Equivalence checking / verification

```
module Half_adder (Sum, C_out, A, B);
  output Sum, C_out;
  input A, B;
```

```
  xor M1 (Sum, A, B);
  and M2 (C_out, A, B);
endmodule
```

```
module Full_Adder (sum, c_out, a, b, c_in);
  output sum, c_out;
  input a, b, c_in;
  wire w1, w2, w3;
  Half_adder M1 (w1, w2, a, b);
  Half_adder M2 (sum, w3, w2, c_in);
  or c_out, w2, w3);
endmodule
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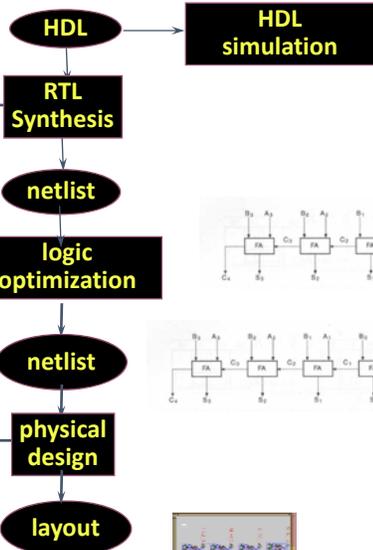
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module Full_Adder_4 (sum, c_out, a, b, c_in);
  output [3:0]sum;
  output c_out;
  input [3:0] a, b;
  input c_in;
  wire c_in2, c_in3, c_in4;
  Full_adder M1 (sum[0], c_in2, a[0], b[0], c_in);
  Full_adder M2 (sum[1], c_in3, a[1], b[1], c_in2);
  Full_adder M3 (sum[2], c_in4, a[2], b[2], c_in3);
  Full_adder M4 (sum[3], c_out, a[3], b[3], c_in4);
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endmodule
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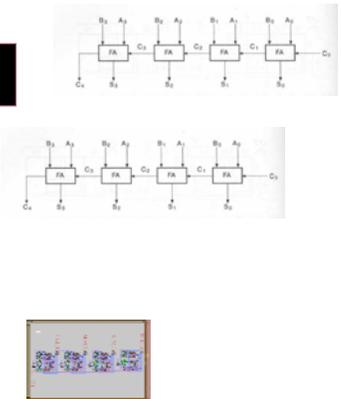
Important modern tool:  
**SAT solver**

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# RTL Synthesis Flow



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  Full_adder M4 (sum[3], c_out, a[3], b[3], c_in4);
endmodule
```



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# Cyber-Physical Systems

**Cyber-Physical Systems (CPS):**  
*Orchestrating networked computational resources with physical systems*

**Automotive**  
E-Corner, Siemens

**Building Systems**

**Avionics**

**Telecommunications**

**Transportation**  
(Air traffic control at SFO)

**Instrumentation**  
(Soleil Synchrotron)

**Power generation and distribution**  
Daimler-Chrysler

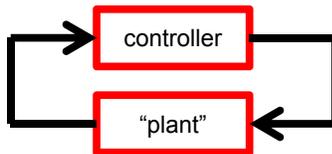
**Factory automation**  
Courtesy of Kuka Robotics Corp.

**Military systems:**  
Courtesy of Doug Schmidt

Courtesy of General Electric

# Embedded, Cyber-Physical Systems

- Computers (HW+SW) “embedded” in a physical world
- Cyber = computers (literally “to govern”)
- Physical = the rest
- Typically in a closed-loop (feedback) control configuration (often there are many distributed controllers)



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## CPS Example – Printing Press



Bosch-Rexroth

Edward A. Lee

- High-speed, high precision
  - Speed: 1 inch/ms
  - Precision: 0.01 inch
    - > Time accuracy: 10us
- Open standards (Ethernet)
  - Synchronous, Time-Triggered
  - IEEE 1588 time-sync protocol
- Application aspects
  - local (control)
  - distributed (coordination)
  - global (modes)

## Another Example of a CPS Application



STARMAC quadrotor aircraft (Tomlin, et al.)

### Modeling:

- Flight dynamics
- Modes of operation
- Transitions between modes
- Composition of behaviors
- Multi-vehicle interaction

### Design:

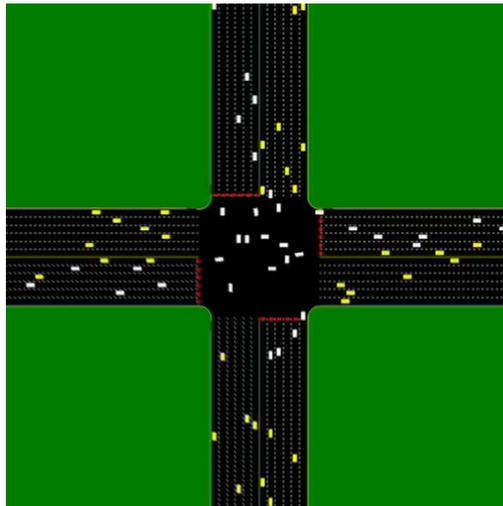
- Processors
- Memory system
- Sensor interfacing
- Concurrent software
- Real-time scheduling

### Analysis

- Specifying safe behavior
- Achieving safe behavior
- Verifying safe behavior
- Guaranteeing timeliness

## Example of a CPS: autonomous intersection management

Courtesy AIM project,  
CS Dept., UT Austin



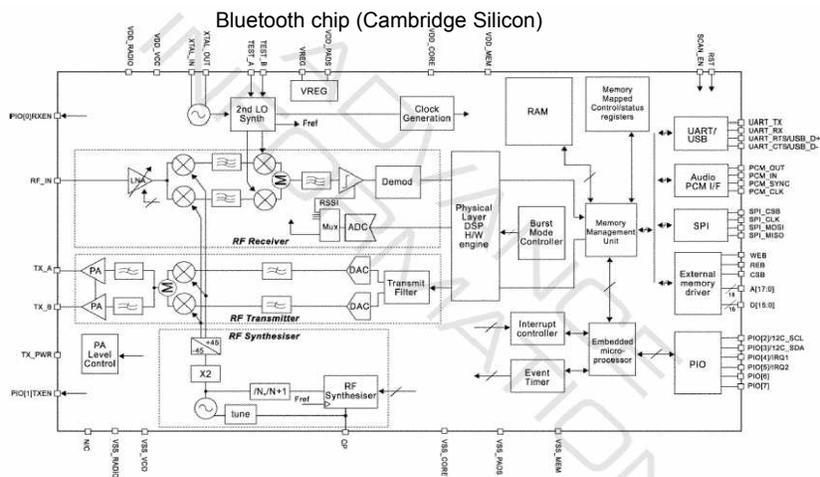
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# Continuous-Time Systems

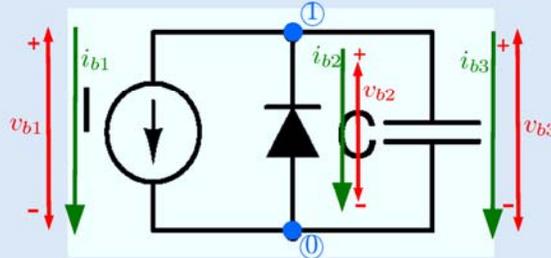
Only a few words here. Prof. Jaijeet Roychowdhury is the specialist on this topic.

# Analog circuits



Courtesy of J. Roychowdhury, UC Berkeley

# Diode-Capacitor (Nonlinear) Example

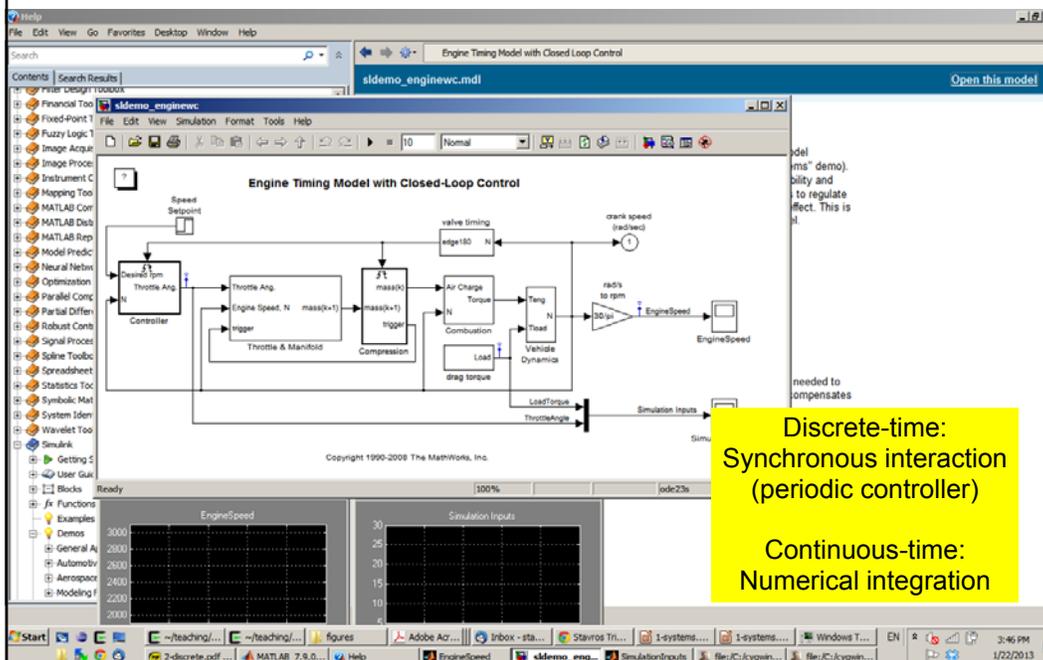


- 1 KCL eqn. at node 1:  $i_{b1} + i_{b2} + i_{b3} = 0$
- 3 KVL equations:  $v_{b1} = v_{b2} = v_{b3} = e_1$
- 3 BCRs:  $i_{b1} = I(t)$ ;  $i_{b2} = -\text{diode}(-v_{b2}; I_S, V_t)$ ;  $i_{b3} = C \frac{dv_{b3}}{dt}$
- 7 unks, 7 eqns (incl. 1 differential, 1 nonlinear)
- eliminate by hand: ODEs
  - **(ODEs not always possible)**
  - **analytical soln not available!**
    - **numerical methods needed**

$$I(t) - \text{diode}(-e_1; I_S, V_t) + C \frac{de_1}{dt} = 0$$

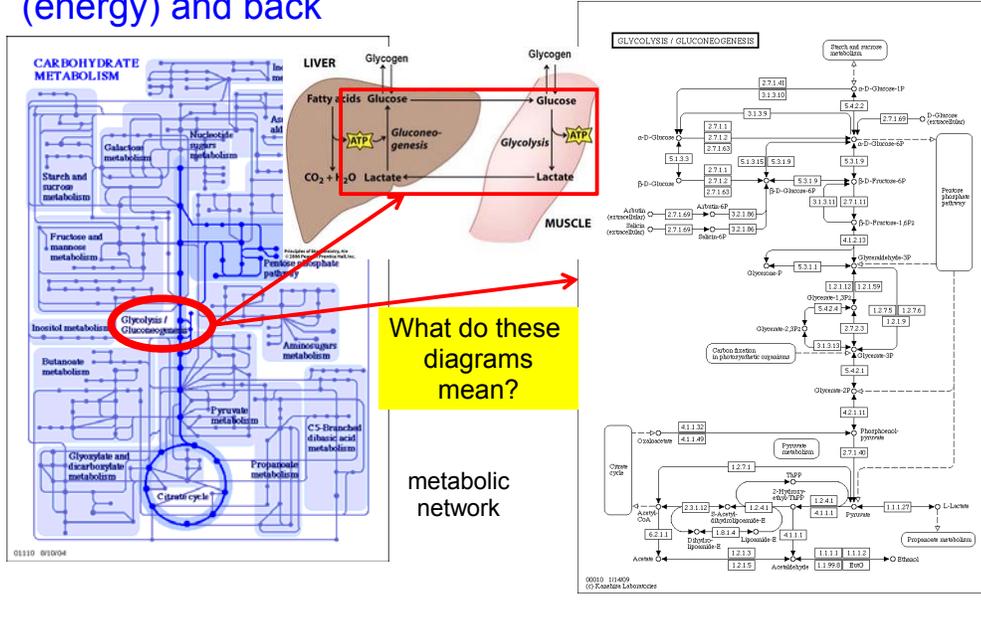
$$\Rightarrow \frac{de_1}{dt} = \frac{1}{C} \text{diode}(-e_1; I_S, V_t) - \frac{I(t)}{C}$$

# Control systems: plant + controller



# Biochemical Systems

Reactions governing conversion of glucose to ATP (energy) and back



# Pathway: Chain of Reactions

**Enzyme (protein)**

- glucose-6-phosphatase
- catalyzes reaction

**Compound**

- alpha-D-Glucose

**Reaction**

- alpha-D-glucose 6-phos

**KEGG REACTION: R01788**

Entry: R01788 Reaction

Name: alpha-D-Glucose 6-phosphate phosphatase

Definition: alpha-D-Glucose 6-phosphate + H<sub>2</sub>O = alpha-D-Glucose + triphosphate

Equation: C00648 + C00061 <=> C00267 + C00003

MFair: RP: R050216 C00267 C00648 H2O  
 RP: R050216 C00001 C00009 Leave  
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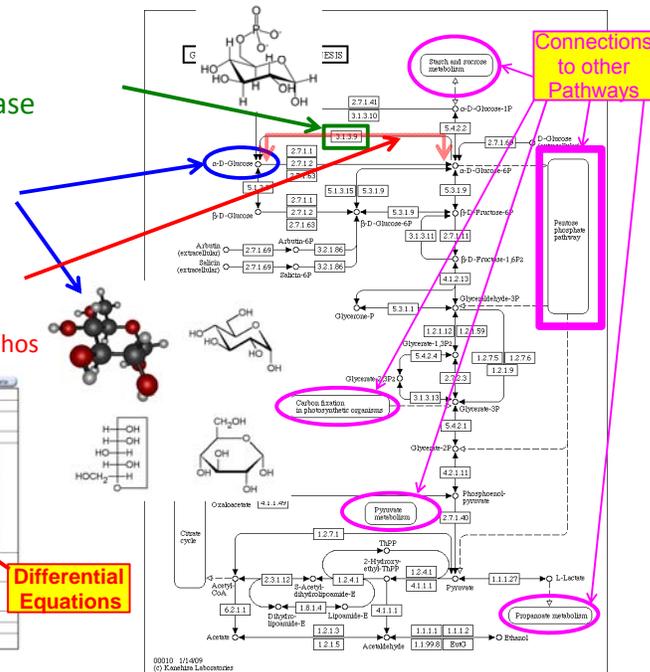
Pathway: r00010 Glycolysis / Gluconeogenesis  
 PATH: r00002 Galactose metabolism  
 PATH: r00050 Starch and sucrose metabolism  
 3.1.3.9

Enzyme: EC: 3.1.3.9

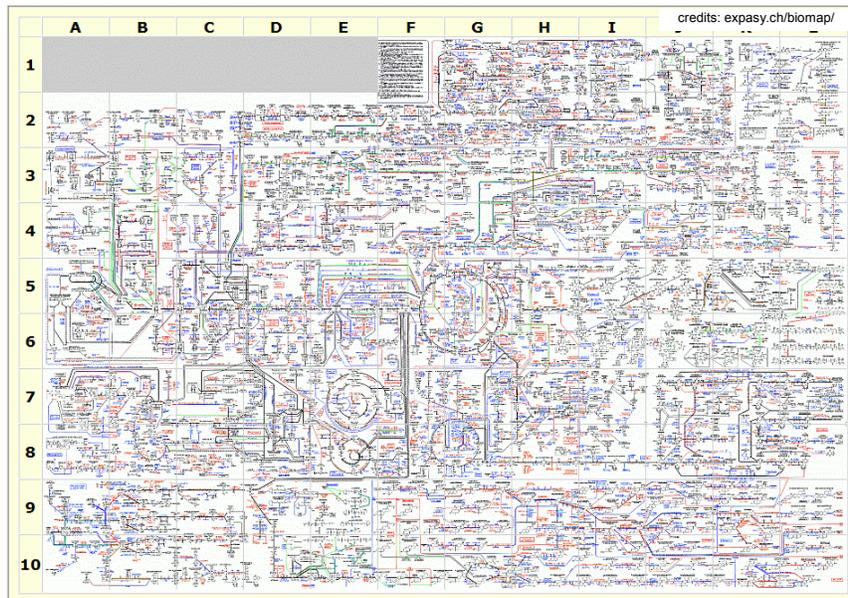
Orthology: KO: K11884 glucose-6-phosphatase [EC:3.1.3.9]

LinkDB: [LinkDB](#)

Differential Equations



# Metabolic Pathway Maps



## This course: foundations of system design

We will study fundamental notions that apply to all kinds of systems.

We will study analysis methods that apply to many kinds of systems (primarily discrete and timed systems, but sometimes also continuous systems).

# SYSTEMS

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What is a “system” ?

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## System: definition

- Something that has:
  - State
  - Dynamics: rules that govern the evolution of the state in time

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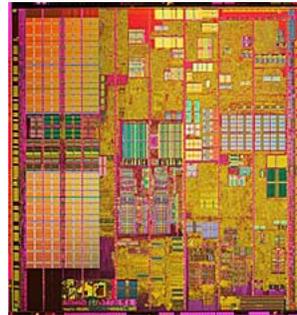
## System: definition

- Something that has:
  - **State**
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- It may also have:
  - Inputs: they influence how system evolves
  - Outputs: this is what we observe

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## Example: digital circuits

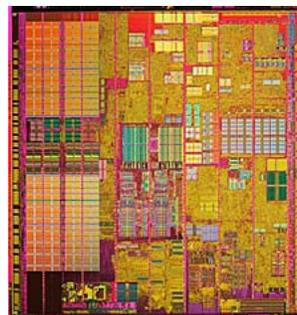
- Digital circuit:
  - State: ???
  - Dynamics: ???



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## Example: digital circuits

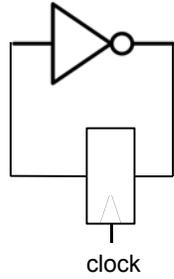
- Digital circuit:
  - State: value of every register, memory element
  - Dynamics:
    - Defined by the combinational part (logical gates)
    - Time: discrete, or “logical” (ticks of the clock)



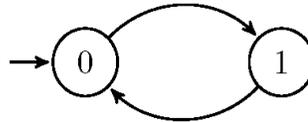
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# Example: digital circuits

## . **Systems** vs. **models**



**System**  
(the "real" circuit)



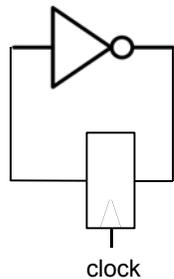
**Model**  
(a finite-state machine)

To reason about systems (analyze, make predictions, prove things, ...), we need mathematical models

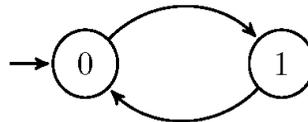
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# Example: digital circuits

## . **Systems** vs. **models**



**System**  
(the "real" circuit)



```
node Circuit ()  
  returns (Output: bool);  
  let  
    Output = false -> not pre Output;  
  tel
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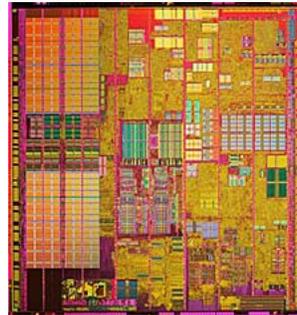
**Different models**  
(finite-state machines)

Different representations (languages, syntaxes)  
of the same underlying mathematical model

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## Example: digital circuits

- Digital circuit as a system:
  - State: value of every register, memory element
  - Dynamics:
    - Defined by the combinational part (logical gates)
    - Time: discrete, or “logical” (ticks of the clock)
  - **Or:**
  - State: all currents and voltages at all transistors at a given time  $t$
  - Dynamics: physics of electronic circuits (differential algebraic equations)



Different levels of **abstraction**

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## Multi-paradigm modeling

- Different representations (languages, syntaxes) of the same underlying formalism.
- Different modeling formalisms often needed to describe the same system, e.g., at different levels of abstraction.
- Different modeling formalisms often needed to describe different parts of the system (subsystems).

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## Back to the definition of “system”

- Many kinds of systems:
  - Software = many classes, objects, threads, ...
  - Car = chassis + engine + computer + software + ...
  - Human body = heart + lungs + ... = many cells = ...
  - Weather
  - Stock market
  - Internet
- How to describe each of these as states + dynamics?

**Difficult (impossible) to describe some systems  
using our current definition**

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## System: **monolithic** definition

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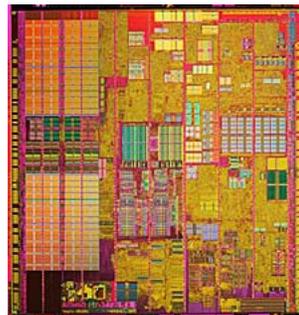
## System: **compositional** definition

- A collection of **subsystems** that **interact**
- So, we must describe:
  - Each subsystem (recursive definition)
  - The interaction (or **composition**) rules

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## Example: digital circuits

- Subsystems: latches, gates, ...
- All governed by the same clock
- Synchronous interaction



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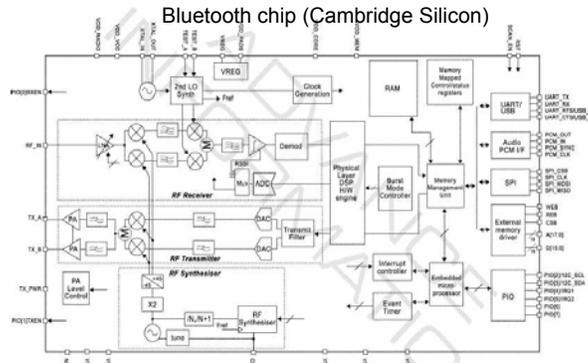
# Example: analog/mixed-signal circuits

• Subsystems: ADC, DAC, microprocessor, ..., wires

• Interaction rules (partial list):

– Kirchoff's laws:

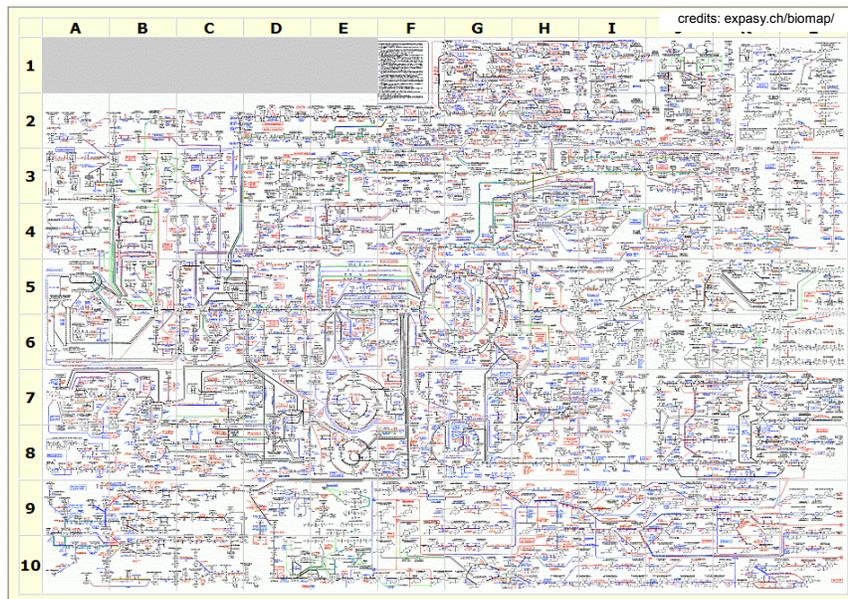
- At every node of the circuit:  $\text{sum}(\text{all currents}) = 0$



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# Biochemical Systems



# Systems: structure + behavior

- Structure:
  - What the system is made of, its parts, sub-systems, ...
  - Some modeling languages focus on structure: e.g., UML class diagrams

- Behavior:

- What the system does



- The two are intertwined: cf non-monolithic definition

- This course focuses on **behavior**

