File 20101105.1640: The definition of *operationalise* is 'to define in detail a variable that could otherwise have lots of meanings so that you can measure it and compare...' [1, pp. 144–5].

I think I can use this word, together with another word: *reification* which is to consider something complicated as if it were something else simpler, so as to make predictions about it. Is this what I am doing with my analogue model [1, p. 145]?

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