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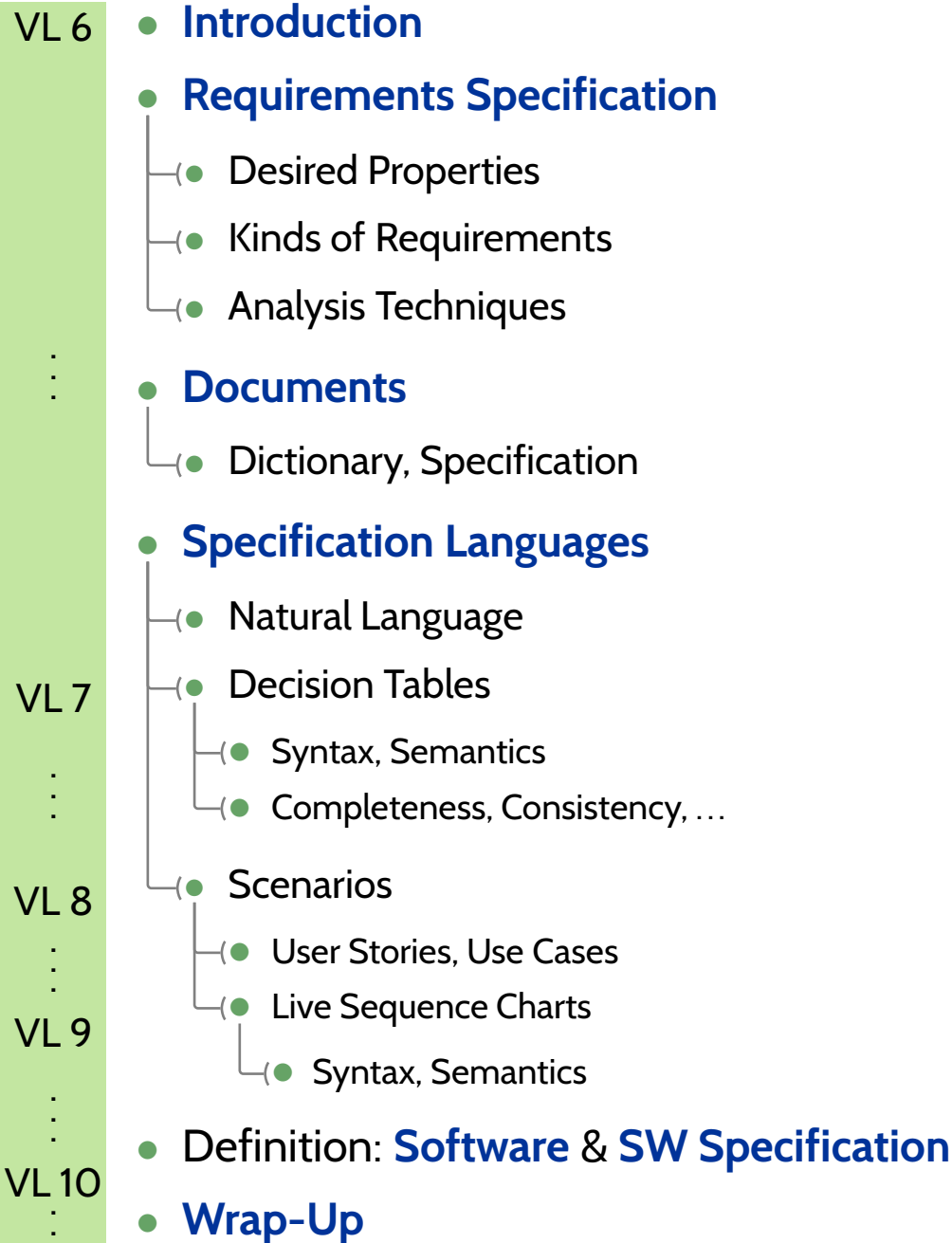
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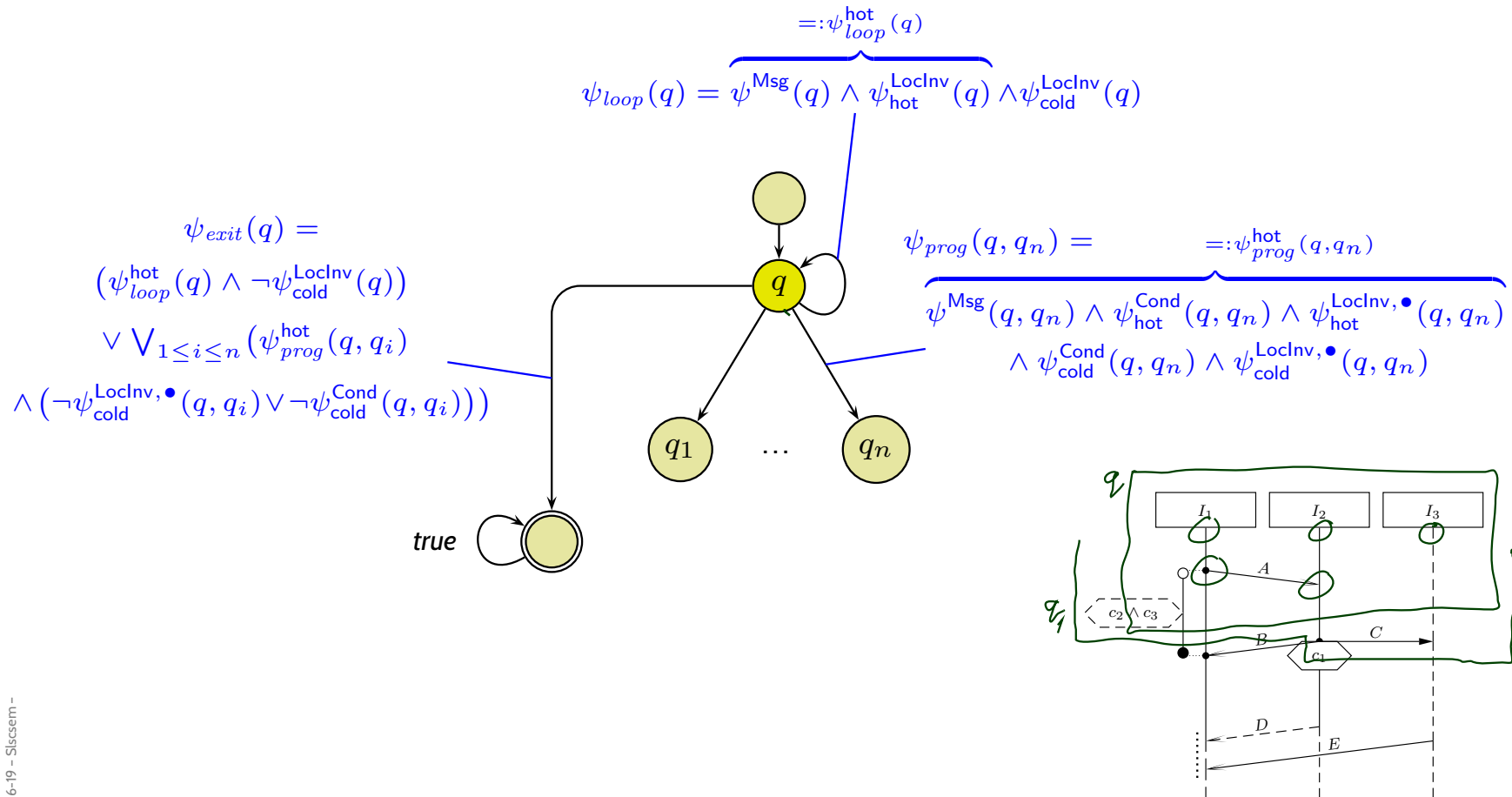
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# TBA Construction Principle

“Only” construct the transitions’ labels:

$$\rightarrow = \{(q, \psi_{loop}(q), q) \mid q \in Q\} \cup \{(q, \psi_{prog}(q, q'), q') \mid q \rightsquigarrow_{\mathcal{F}} q'\} \cup \{(q, \psi_{exit}(q), \mathcal{L}) \mid q \in Q\}$$



## Loop Condition

$$\psi_{loop}(q) = \psi^{\text{Msg}}(q) \wedge \psi_{\text{hot}}^{\text{LocInv}}(q) \wedge \psi_{\text{cold}}^{\text{LocInv}}(q)$$

$$\bullet \quad \psi^{\text{Msg}}(q) = \neg \bigvee_{1 \leq i \leq n} \psi^{\text{Msg}}(q, q_i) \wedge \underbrace{\left( \text{strict} \implies \bigwedge_{\psi \in \mathcal{E}_{!?} \cap \text{Msg}(\mathcal{L})} \neg \psi \right)}_{=: \psi_{\text{strict}}(q)}$$

- $\psi_{\theta}^{\text{LocInv}}(q) = \bigwedge_{\ell=(l,\iota,\phi,l',\iota') \in \text{LocInv}, \Theta(\ell)=\theta, \ell \text{ active at } q} \phi$

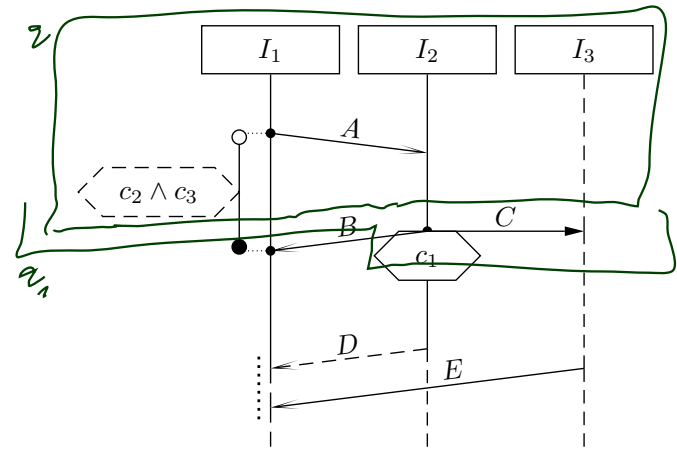
A location  $l$  is called **front location** of cut  $C$  if and only if  $\nexists l' \in \mathcal{L} \bullet l \prec l'$ .

Local invariant  $(l_o, \iota_0, \phi, l_1, \iota_1)$  is **active** at cut (!)  $q$

if and only if  $l_0 \preceq l \prec l_1$  for some front location  $l$  of cut  $q$  or  $l = l_1 \wedge \iota_1 = \bullet$ .

- $\text{Msg}(\mathcal{F}) = \{E! \mid (l, E, l') \in \text{Msg}, l \in \mathcal{F}\} \cup \{E? \mid (l, E, l') \in \text{Msg}, l' \in \mathcal{F}\}$

- $\text{Msg}(\mathcal{F}_1, \dots, \mathcal{F}_n) = \bigcup_{1 \leq i \leq n} \text{Msg}(\mathcal{F}_i)$



### *Progress Condition*

$$\psi_{prog}^{hot}(q, q_i) = \psi^{Msg}(q, q_i) \wedge \psi_{hot}^{Cond}(q, q_i) \wedge \psi_{hot}^{LocInv, \bullet}(q_i)$$

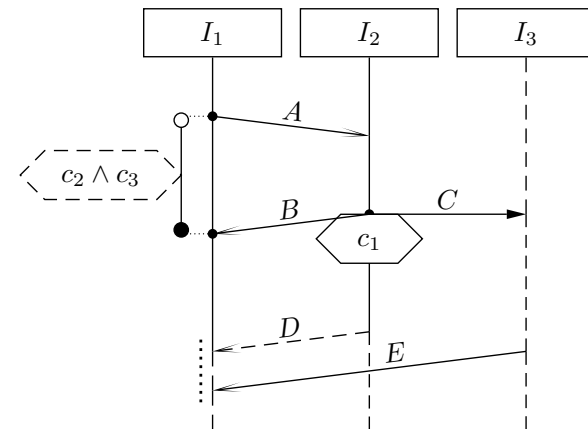
- $$\psi^{\text{Msg}}(q, q_i) = \bigwedge_{\psi \in \text{Msg}(q_i \setminus q)} \psi \wedge \bigwedge_{j \neq i} \bigwedge_{\psi \in (\text{Msg}(q_j \setminus q) \setminus \text{Msg}(q_i \setminus q))} \neg \psi$$

$$\wedge \underbrace{\left( \text{strict} \implies \bigwedge_{\psi \in (\mathcal{E}_{!} \cap \text{Msg}(\mathcal{L})) \setminus \text{Msg}(\mathcal{F}_i)} \neg \psi \right)}_{=: \psi_{\text{strict}}(q, q_i)}$$
- $$\psi_{\theta}^{\text{Cond}}(q, q_i) = \bigwedge_{\gamma = (L, \phi) \in \text{Cond}, \Theta(\gamma) = \theta, L \cap (q_i \setminus q) \neq \emptyset} \phi$$
- $$\psi_{\theta}^{\text{LocInv}, \bullet}(q, q_i) = \bigwedge_{\lambda = (l, \iota, \phi, l', \iota') \in \text{LocInv}, \Theta(\lambda) = \theta, \lambda \text{ } \bullet\text{-active at } q_i} \phi$$

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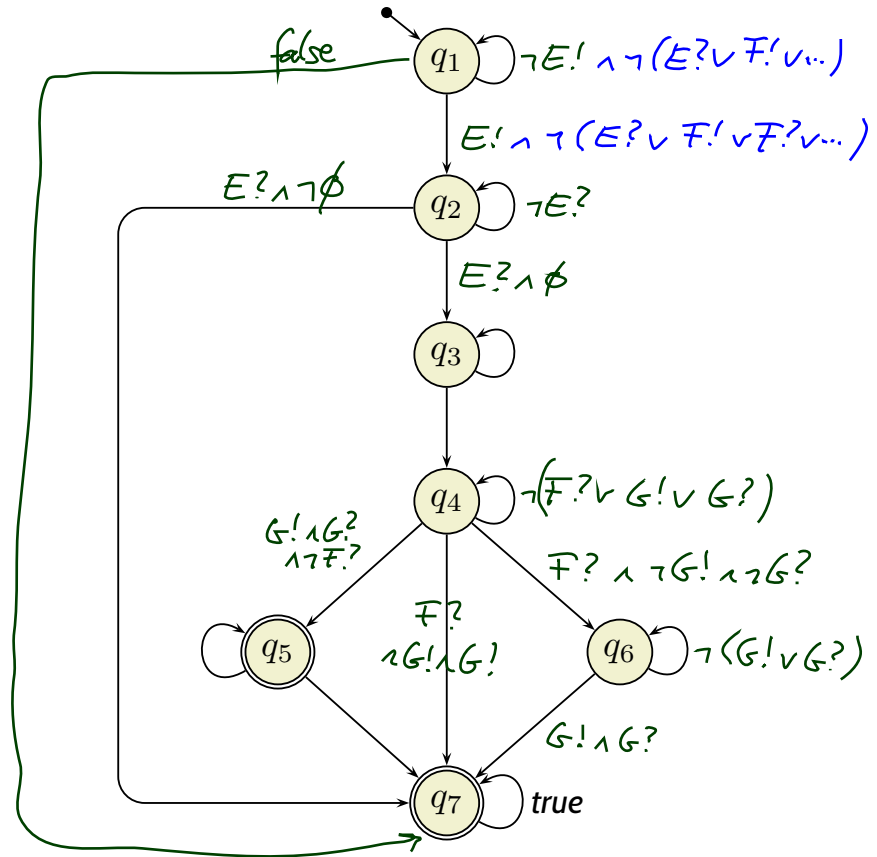
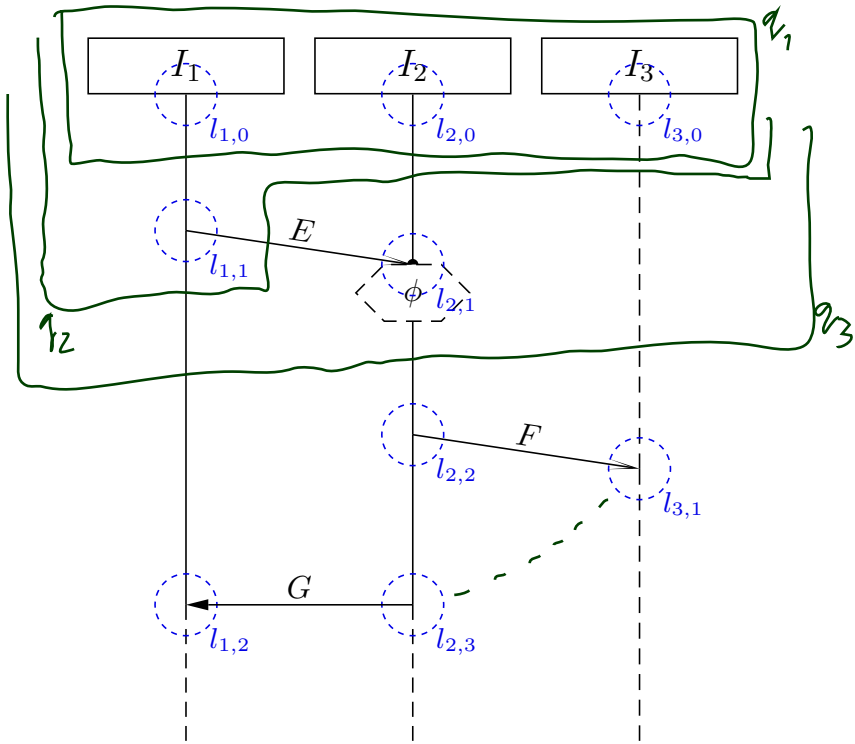
- $l_0 \prec l \prec l_1$ , or
- $l = l_0 \wedge \iota_0 = \bullet$ , or
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for some front location  $l$  of cut (!)  $q$ .



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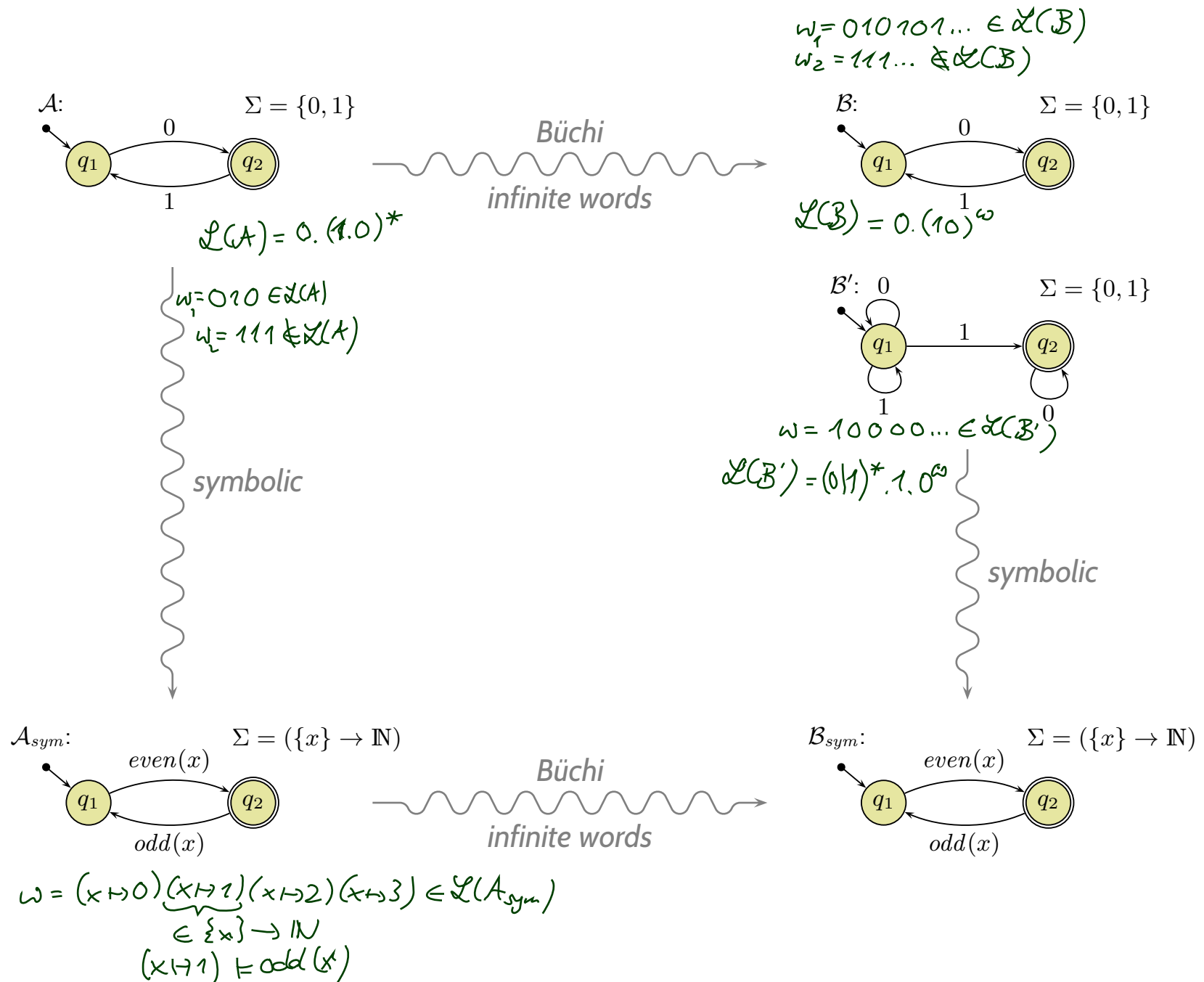
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## *Excursion: Symbolic Büchi Automata*

# From Finite Automata to Symbolic Büchi Automata



**Definition.** A **Symbolic Büchi Automaton** (TBA) is a tuple

$$\mathcal{B} = (\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{B}}, Q, q_{ini}, \rightarrow, Q_F)$$

where

- $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{B}}$  is a set of atomic propositions,
- $Q$  is a finite set of **states**,
- $q_{ini} \in Q$  is the initial state,
- $\rightarrow \subseteq Q \times \Phi(\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{B}}) \times Q$  is the finite **transition relation**.  
Each transitions  $(q, \psi, q') \in \rightarrow$  from state  $q$  to state  $q'$  is labelled with a formula  $\psi \in \Phi(\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{B}})$ .
- $Q_F \subseteq Q$  is the set of **fair** (or accepting) states.

**Definition.** Let  $\mathcal{B} = (\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{B}}, Q, q_{ini}, \rightarrow, Q_F)$  be a TBA and

$$w = \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3, \dots \in (\Phi(\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{B}}) \rightarrow \mathbb{B})^\omega$$

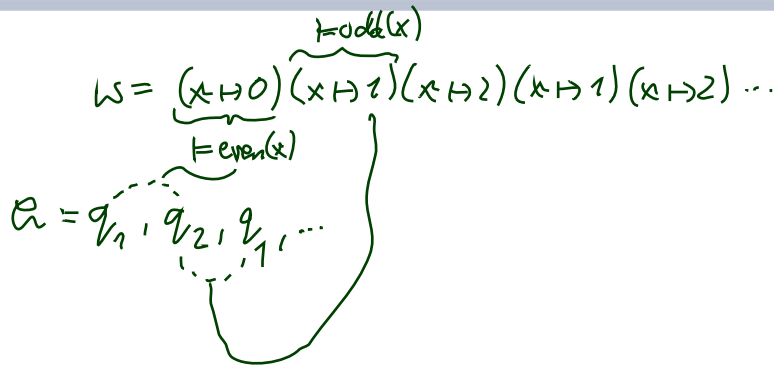
an infinite word, each letter is a valuation of  $\Phi(\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{B}})$ .

An infinite sequence

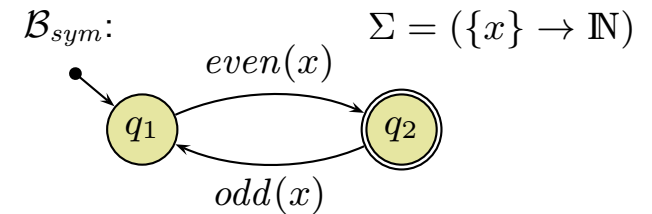
$$\varrho = q_0, q_1, q_2, \dots \in Q^\omega$$

of states is called **run** of  $\mathcal{B}$  over  $w$  if and only if

- $q_0 = q_{ini}$ ,
- for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}_0$  there is a transition  $(q_i, \psi_i, q_{i+1}) \in \rightarrow$  s.t.  $\sigma_i \models \psi_i$ .



**Example:**



# The Language of a TBA

## Definition.

We say TBA  $\mathcal{B} = (\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{B}}, Q, q_{ini}, \rightarrow, Q_F)$  **accepts** the word

$$w = (\sigma_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}_0} \in (\Phi(\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{B}}) \rightarrow \mathbb{B})^\omega$$

if and only if  $\mathcal{B}$  **has** a run

$$\varrho = (q_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}_0}$$

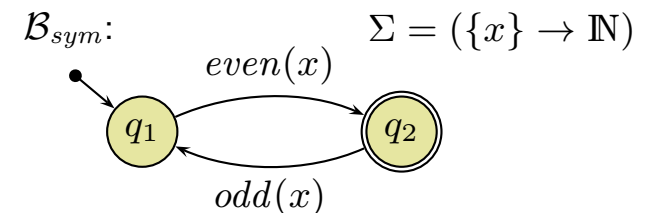
over  $w$  such that

fair (or accepting) states are visited infinitely often by  $\varrho$ , i.e., such that

$$\forall i \in \mathbb{N}_0 \exists j > i : q_j \in Q_F.$$

We call the set  $Lang(\mathcal{B}) \subseteq (\Phi(\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{B}}) \rightarrow \mathbb{B})^\omega$  of words that are accepted by  $\mathcal{B}$  the **language of**  $\mathcal{B}$ .

**Example:**



## *LSCs vs. Software*

# LSCs as Software Specification

A software  $S$  is called **compatible** with LSC  $\mathcal{L}$  over  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{E}$  if and only if

- $\Sigma = (\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{B})$ , i.e. the **states** are valuations of the conditions in  $\mathcal{C}$ ,
- $A \subseteq \mathcal{E}_!?$ , i.e. the **events** are of the form  $E!$ ,  $E?$  (viewed as a valuation of  $E!$ ,  $E?$ ).

A computation path  $\pi = \{\sigma_0 \xrightarrow{\alpha_1} \sigma_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha_2} \sigma_2 \cdots \in \llbracket S \rrbracket$  of software  $S$  **induces** the word

$$w(\pi) = (\sigma_0 \cup \alpha_1), (\sigma_1 \cup \alpha_2), (\sigma_2 \cup \alpha_3), \dots,$$

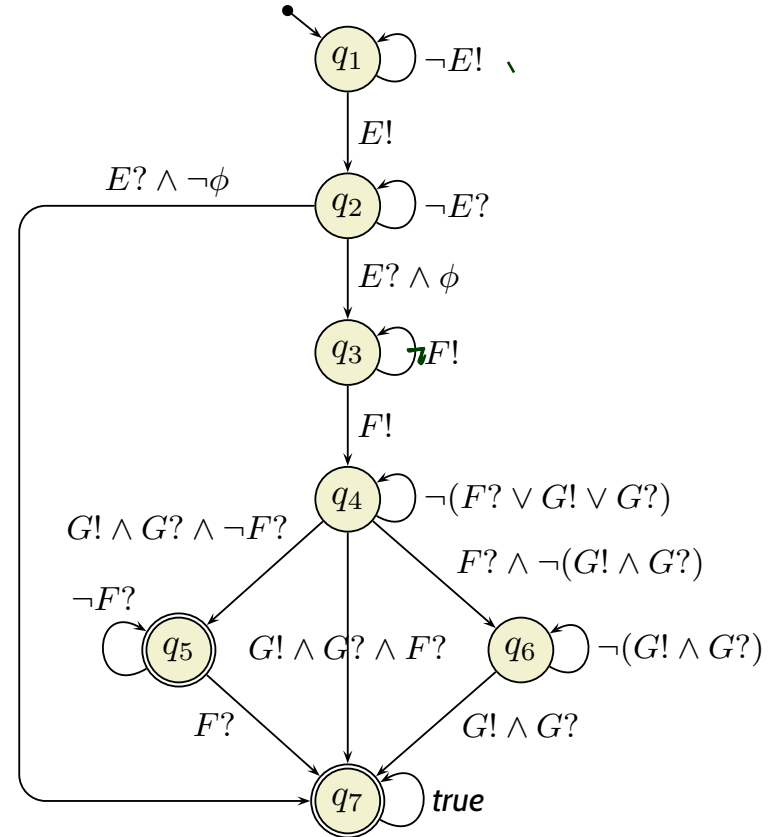
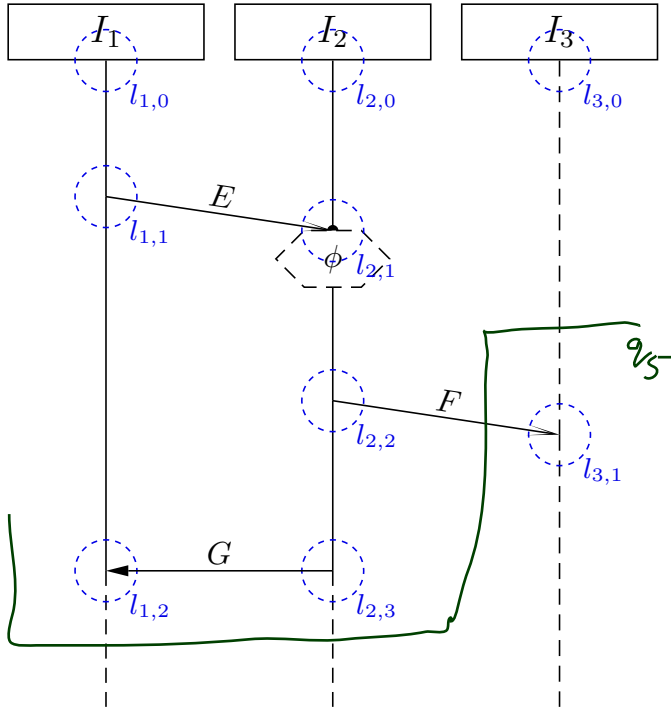
we use  $W_S$  to denote the set of words induced by  $\llbracket S \rrbracket$ .

We say software  $S$  **satisfies** LSC  $\mathcal{L}$  (without pre-chart), denoted by  $S \models \mathcal{L}$ , if and only if

$\Theta_{\mathcal{L}}$	$am = \text{initial}$	$am = \text{invariant}$
<b>cold</b>	$\exists w \in W_S \bullet w^0 \models ac \wedge \neg \psi_{exit}(C_0)$ $\wedge w^0 \models \psi_{prog}(\emptyset, C_0) \wedge w/1 \in \text{Lang}(\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{L}))$	$\exists w \in W_S \exists k \in \mathbb{N}_0 \bullet w^k \models ac \wedge \neg \psi_{exit}(C_0)$ $\wedge w^k \models \psi_{prog}(\emptyset, C_0) \wedge w/k+1 \in \underline{\text{Lang}(\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{L}))}$
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Software  $S$  satisfies a **set of** LSCs  $\mathcal{L}_1, \dots, \mathcal{L}_n$  if and only if  $S \models \mathcal{L}_i$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

# Example: TBA vs. Computation Path



$$\pi_1 = \sigma_0 \xrightarrow{E!} \sigma_1 \xrightarrow{E?} \sigma_2 \xrightarrow{F!} \sigma_3 \xrightarrow{F? \wedge G! \wedge G?} \sigma_4 \rightarrow \dots \in \text{Lang}(\mathcal{L})$$

$$\pi_2 = \sigma_0 \xrightarrow{E!} \sigma_1 \xrightarrow{E?} \dots \in \text{Lang}(\mathcal{L})$$

$$\pi_3 = \sigma_0 \xrightarrow{\sim} \sigma_1 \xrightarrow{\sim} \sigma_2 \xrightarrow{\sim} \dots \notin \text{Lang}(\mathcal{L})$$

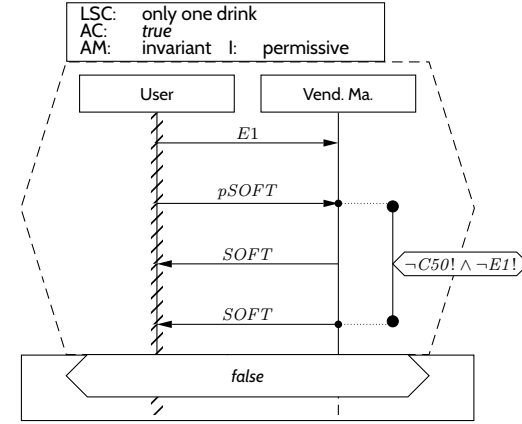
$$\pi_4 = \sigma_0 \xrightarrow{E!} \sigma_1 \xrightarrow{E?} \sigma_2 \xrightarrow{F!} \sigma_3 \xrightarrow{F? \wedge G!} \sigma_4 \rightarrow \dots \notin \text{Lang}(\mathcal{L})$$



# LSC Semantics (Corrected)

A full LSC  $\mathcal{L} = (PC, MC, ac, am, \Theta_{\mathcal{L}})$  **actually** consists of

- **pre-chart**  $PC = ((\mathcal{L}_P, \preceq_P, \sim_P), \mathcal{I}_P, \text{Msg}_P, \text{Cond}_P, \text{LocInv}_P, \Theta_P)$  (poss. empty),
- **main-chart**  $MC = ((\mathcal{L}_M, \preceq_M, \sim_M), \mathcal{I}_M, \text{Msg}_M, \text{Cond}_M, \text{LocInv}_M, \Theta_M)$ ,
- **activation condition**  $ac \in \Phi(\mathcal{C})$ , and **mode**  $am \in \{\text{initial}, \text{invariant}\}$ ,
- **strictness flag** *strict*, **chart mode** **existential** ( $\Theta_{\mathcal{L}} = \text{cold}$ ) or **universal** ( $\Theta_{\mathcal{L}} = \text{hot}$ ).

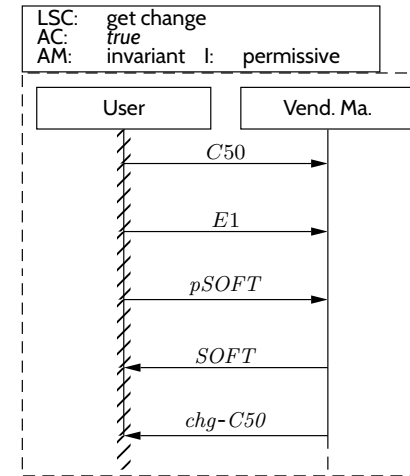
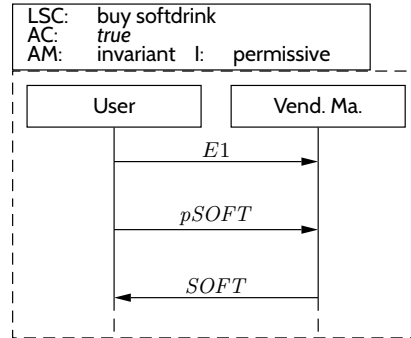


A set of words  $W \subseteq (\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{B})^\omega$  is **accepted** by  $\mathcal{L}$ , denoted by  $W \models \mathcal{L}$ , if and only if

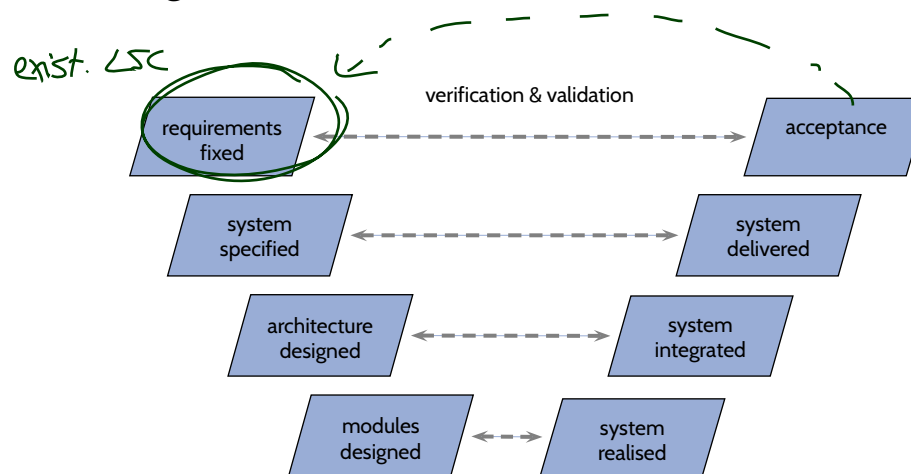
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where  $C_0^P$  and  $C_0^M$  are the minimal (or **instance heads**) cuts of pre- and main-chart.

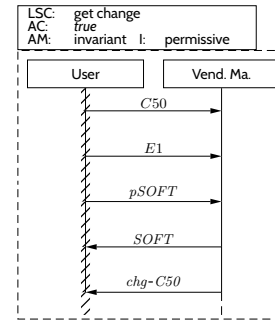
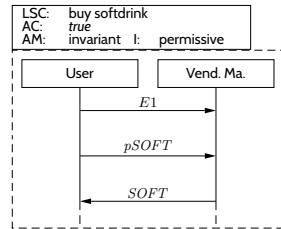
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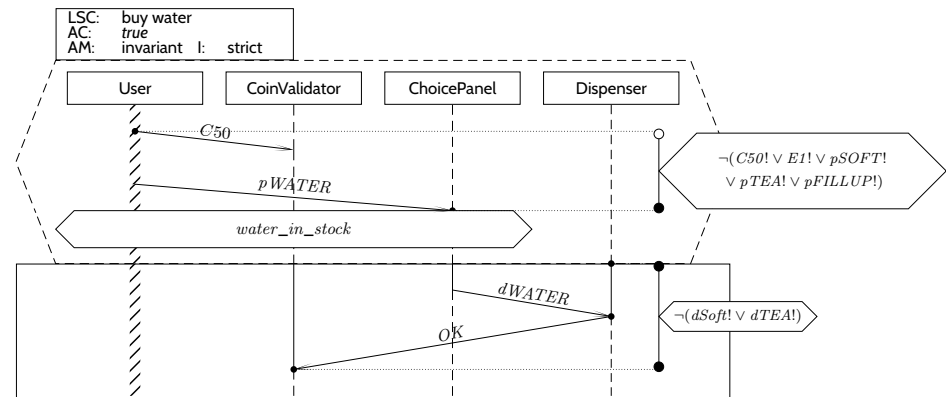
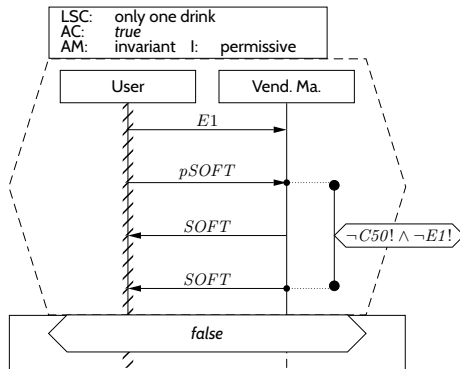
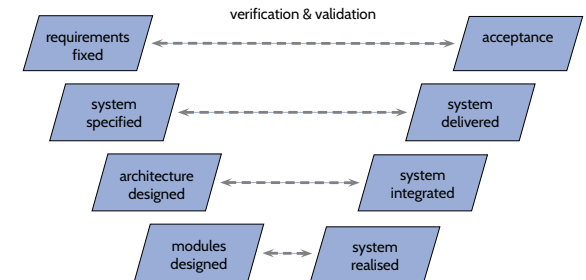
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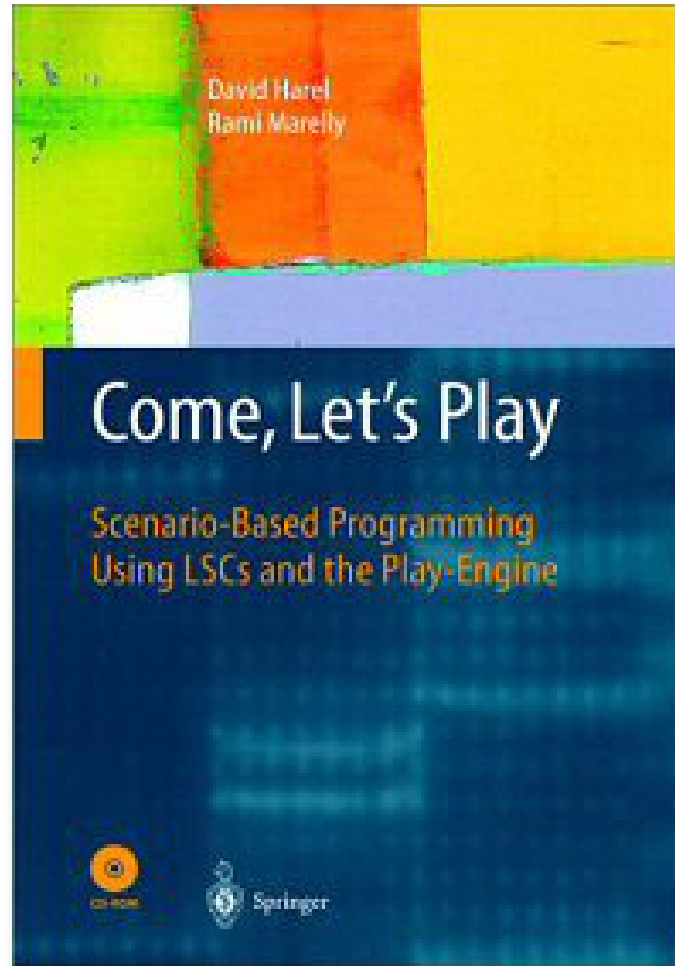
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- Universal** LSCs (and negative/anti-scenarios!) in general need an **exhaustive analysis!**  
(Because they require that the software **never ever** exhibits the unwanted behaviour.)  
Prove  $S \not\models \mathcal{L}$  by demonstrating one  $\pi$  such that  $w(\pi)$  **is not accepted** by  $\mathcal{L}$ .

# *Pushing Things Even Further*

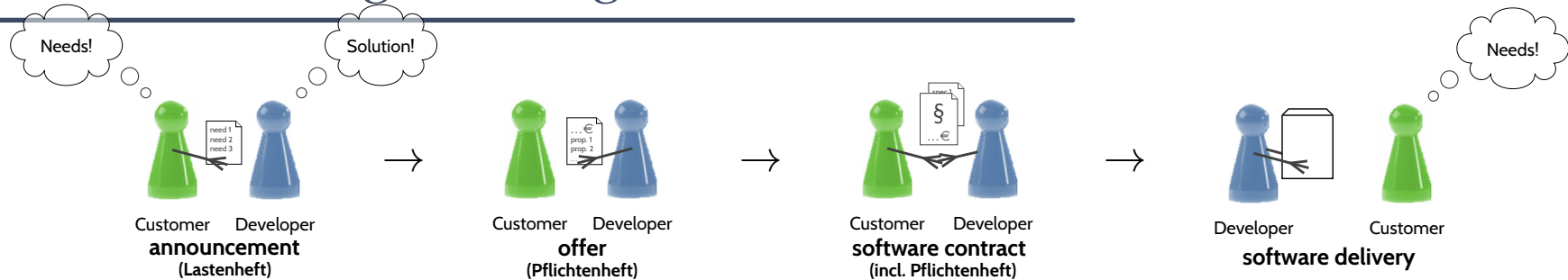
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(Harel and Marelly, 2003)

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One quite effective approach:

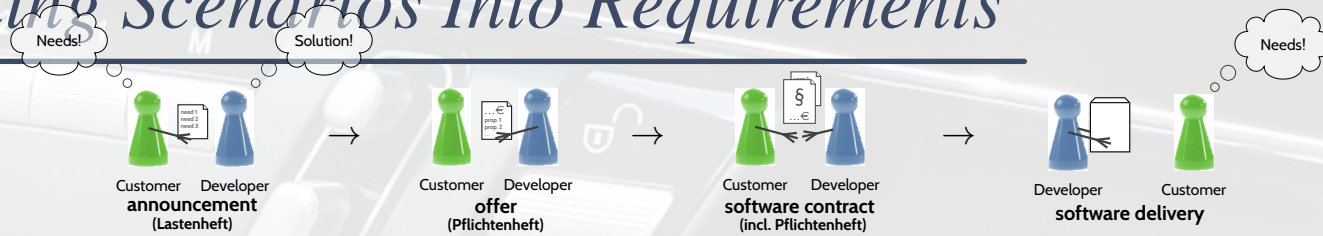
- Approximate** the software requirements: ask for positive / negative **existential scenarios**.
- Refine** result into **universal scenarios** (and validate them with customer).

That is:

- **Ask** the customer to describe **example usages** of the desired system.  
In the sense of: **"If the system is not at all able to do this, then it's not what I want."**  
(→ positive use-cases, existential LSC)
- **Ask** the customer to describe behaviour that **must not happen** in the desired system.  
In the sense of: **"If the system does this, then it's not what I want."**  
(→ negative use-cases, LSC with pre-chart and hot-*false*)
- **Investigate** **preconditions**, **side-conditions**, **exceptional cases** and **corner-cases**.  
(→ extend use-cases, refine LSCs with conditions or local invariants)
- **Generalise** into universal requirements, e.g., **universal LSCs**.
- **Validate** with customer using new positive / negative scenarios.



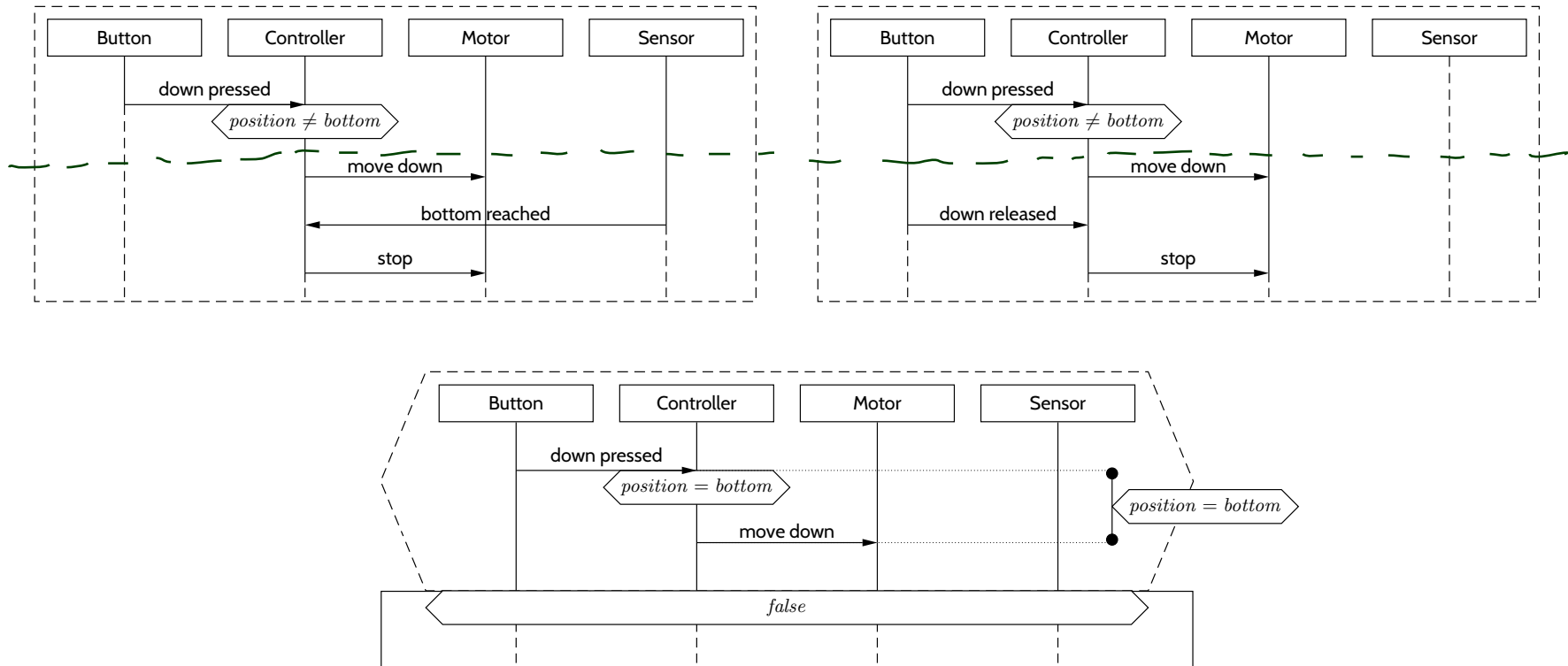
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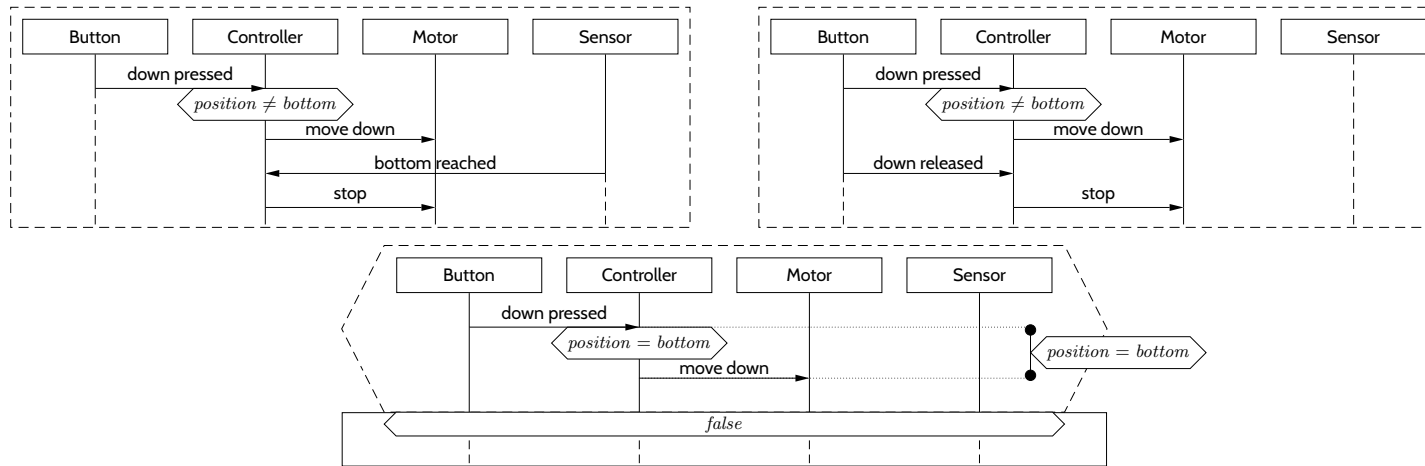




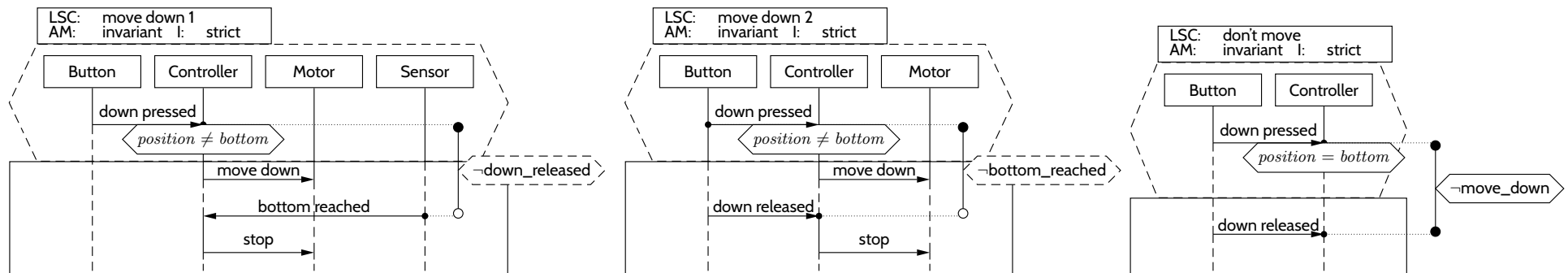
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- Strengthen into requirements, note down as universal LSCs:



- Re-Discuss with customer using example words of the LSCs' language.

## Requirements on Requirements Specifications

A **requirements specification** should be

- **correct**
    - it correctly represents the wishes/needs of the customer.
  - **complete** (?)
    - all requirements (existing in somebody's head, or a document, or ...) should be present,
  - **relevant**
    - things which are not relevant to the project should not be constrained,
  - **consistent, free of contradictions** ?
    - each requirement is compatible with all other requirements; otherwise the requirements are **not realisable**.
  - **neutral, abstract**
    - a requirements specification does not constrain the realisation more than necessary,
  - **traceable, comprehensible**
    - the sources of requirements are documented, requirements are uniquely identifiable,
  - **testable, objective** ?
    - the final product can **objectively** be checked for satisfying a requirement.
- **Correctness** and **completeness** are defined **relative** to something which is usually only **in the customer's head**.  
→ is **difficult** to **be sure of correctness** and **completeness**.
- **“Dear customer, please tell me what is in your head!”** is in almost all cases **not a solution!**  
It's not unusual that even the customer does not precisely know...!  
For example, the customer may not be aware of contradictions due to technical limitations.

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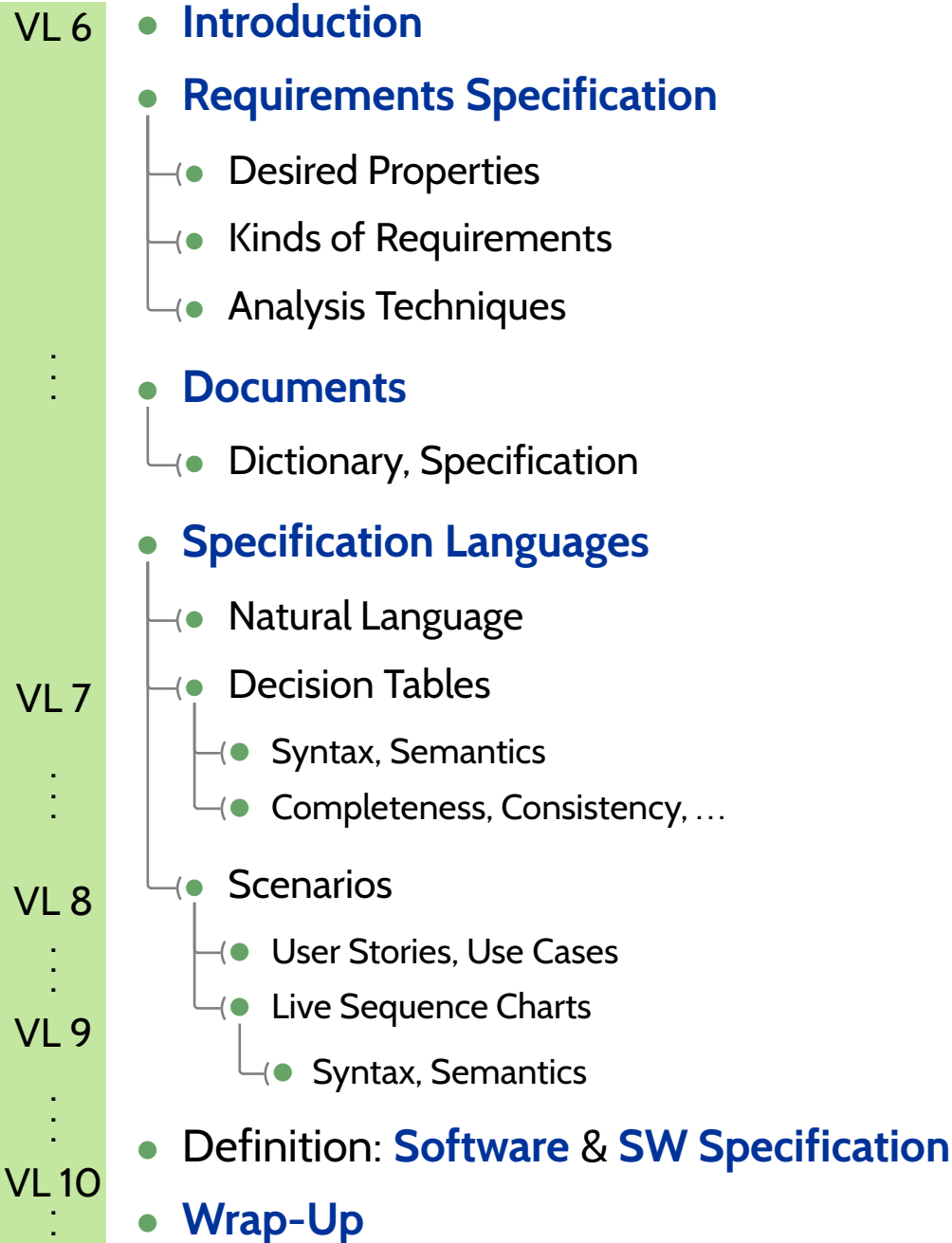
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**Definition. [LSC Consistency]** A set of LSCs  $\{\mathcal{L}_1, \dots, \mathcal{L}_n\}$  is called **consistent** if and only if there exists a set of words  $W$  such that  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^n W \models \mathcal{L}_i$ .

# *Requirements Engineering Wrap-Up*

# Topic Area Requirements Engineering: Content

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# *Tell Them What You've Told Them...*

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- A **Requirements Specification** should be
    - correct, complete, relevant, consistent, neutral, traceable, objective.
  - **Requirements Representations** should be
    - easily understandable, precise, easily maintainable, easily usable.
  - **Languages / Notations** for Requirements Representations:
    - Natural Language Patterns
    - **Decision Tables**
    - User Stories
    - Use Cases
    - **Live Sequence Charts**
  - **Formal representations**
    - can be very **precise**, objective, testable,
    - can be **analysed** for, e.g., completeness, consistency
    - can be **verified** against a formal design description.
- (Formal) inconsistency of, e.g., a decision table  
■ **hints at** inconsistencies in the requirements.

# Requirements Analysis in a Nutshell

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- Customers **may not know** what they want.
  - That's in general not their "fault"!
  - Care for **tacit** requirements.
  - Care for **non-functional** requirements / constraints.
- For **requirements elicitation**, consider starting with
  - **scenarios** ("positive use case") and **anti-scenarios** ("negative use case") and elaborate corner cases.
- Thus, **use cases** can be **very useful** – use case **diagrams** not so much.
- Maintain a **dictionary** and high-quality descriptions.
- Care for **objectiveness** / **testability** early on.

Ask for each requirements: what is the **acceptance test**?
- **Use formal notations**
  - to **fully understand requirements** (precision),
  - for **requirements analysis** (completeness, etc.),
  - to communicate with your developers.
- If in doubt, **complement** (formal) **diagrams with text** (as safety precaution, e.g., in lawsuits).

# Example: Software Specification

## Alphabet:

- $M$  – dispense cash only,
- $C$  – return card only,
- $\frac{M}{C}$  – dispense cash and return card.

- **Customer 1:** “don’t care”

$$\mathcal{S}_1 = \left( M.C \mid C.M \mid \frac{M}{C} \right)^\omega$$

- **Customer 2:** “you choose, but be consistent”

$$\mathcal{S}_2 = (M.C)^\omega \text{ or } (C.M)^\omega$$

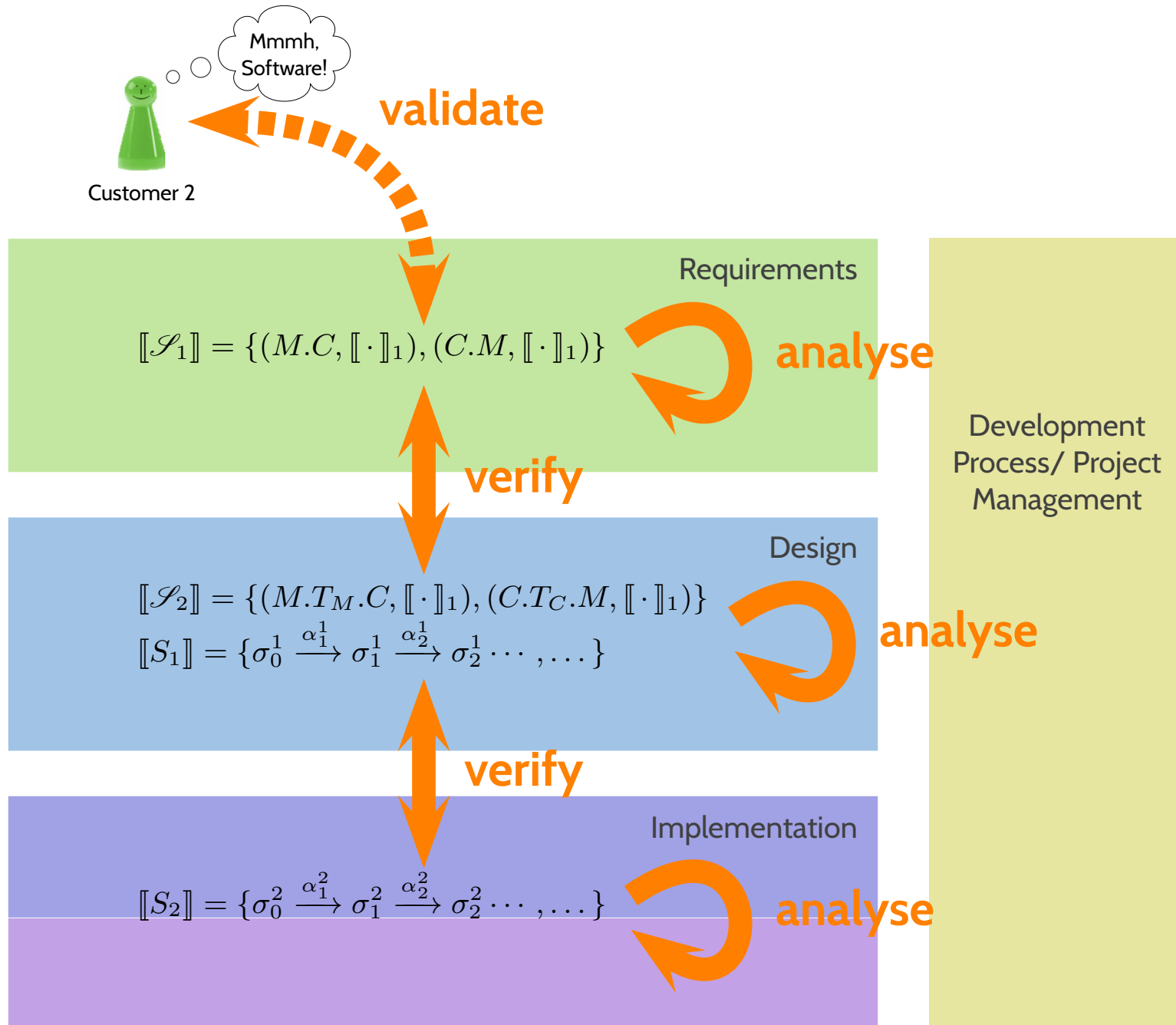
- **Customer 3:** “consider human errors”

$$\mathcal{S}_3 = (C.M)^\omega$$

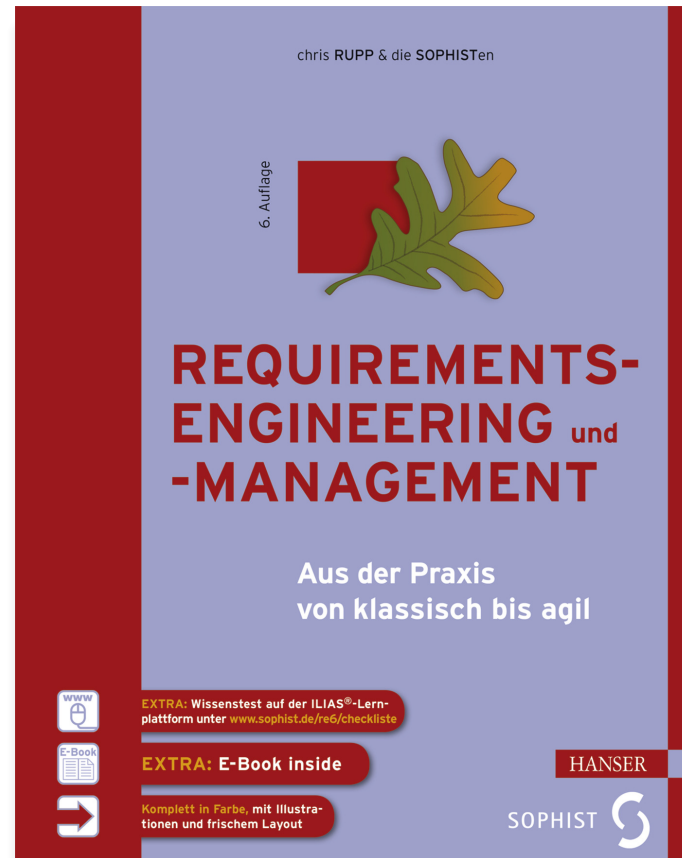


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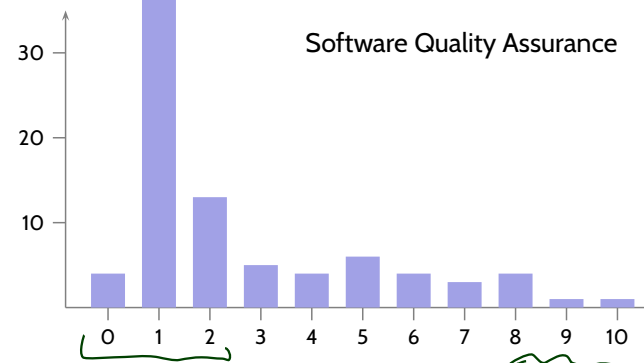
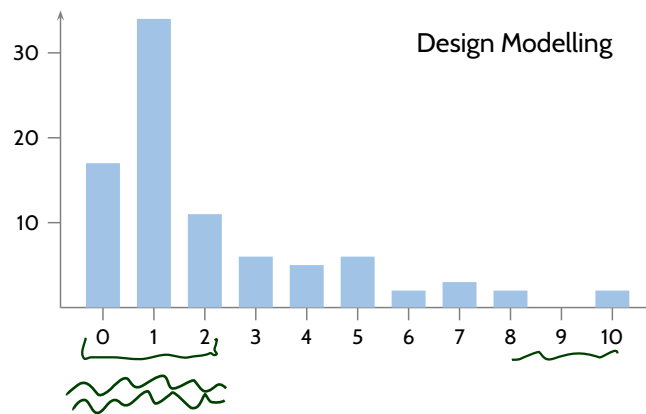
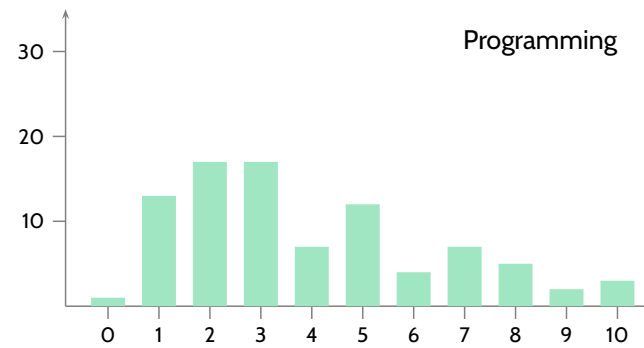
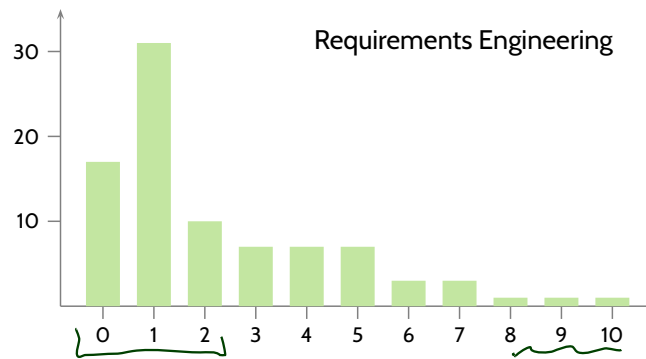
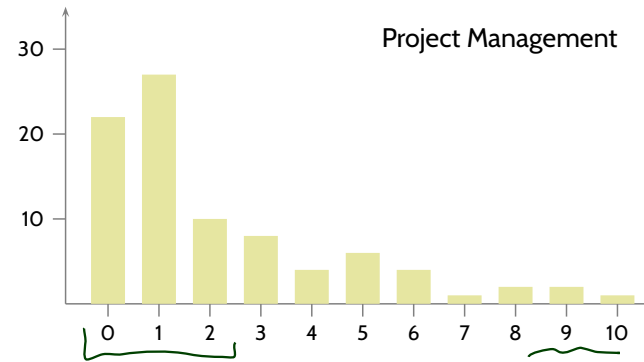
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# Survey: Previous Experience



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# *Introduction*

IEEE  
Std 610.12-1990  
(Revision and redesignation of  
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# Vocabulary

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**system**– A collection of components organized to accomplish a specific function or set of functions.  
**IEEE 1471 (2000)**

**software system**– A set of software units and their relations, if they together serve a common purpose.

This purpose is in general complex, it usually includes, next to providing one (or more) executable program(s), also the organisation, usage, maintenance, and further development. (Ludwig and Lichter, 2013)

**component**– One of the parts that make up a system. A component may be hardware or software and may be subdivided into other components.  
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**software component**– An architectural entity that  
(1) encapsulates a subset of the system's functionality and/ or data,  
(2) restricts access to that subset via an explicitly defined interface, and  
(3) has explicitly defined dependencies on its required execution context.

(Taylor et al., 2010)

# *Vocabulary Cont'd*

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**module**– (1) A program unit that is discrete and identifiable with respect to compiling, combining with other units, and loading; for example, the input to, or output from an assembler, compiler, linkage editor, or executive routine.

(2) A logically separable part of a program.

IEEE 610.12 (1990)

**module**– A set of operations and data visible from the outside only in so far as explicitly permitted by the programmers. (vs. interface) (Ludewig and Lichter, 2013)

**interface**– A boundary across which two independent entities meet and interact or communicate with each other. (Bachmann et al., 2002)

**interface (of component)**– The boundary between two communicating components. The interface of a component provides the services of the component to the component's environment and/or requires services needed by the component from the requirement. (Ludewig and Lichter, 2013)

# *Even More Vocabulary*

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## **design**–

(1) The process of defining the architecture, components, interfaces, and other characteristics of a system or component.

(2) The result of the process in (1).

IEEE 610.12 (1990)

**architecture**– The fundamental organization of a system embodied in its components, their relationships to each other and to the environment, and the principles guiding its design and evolution.

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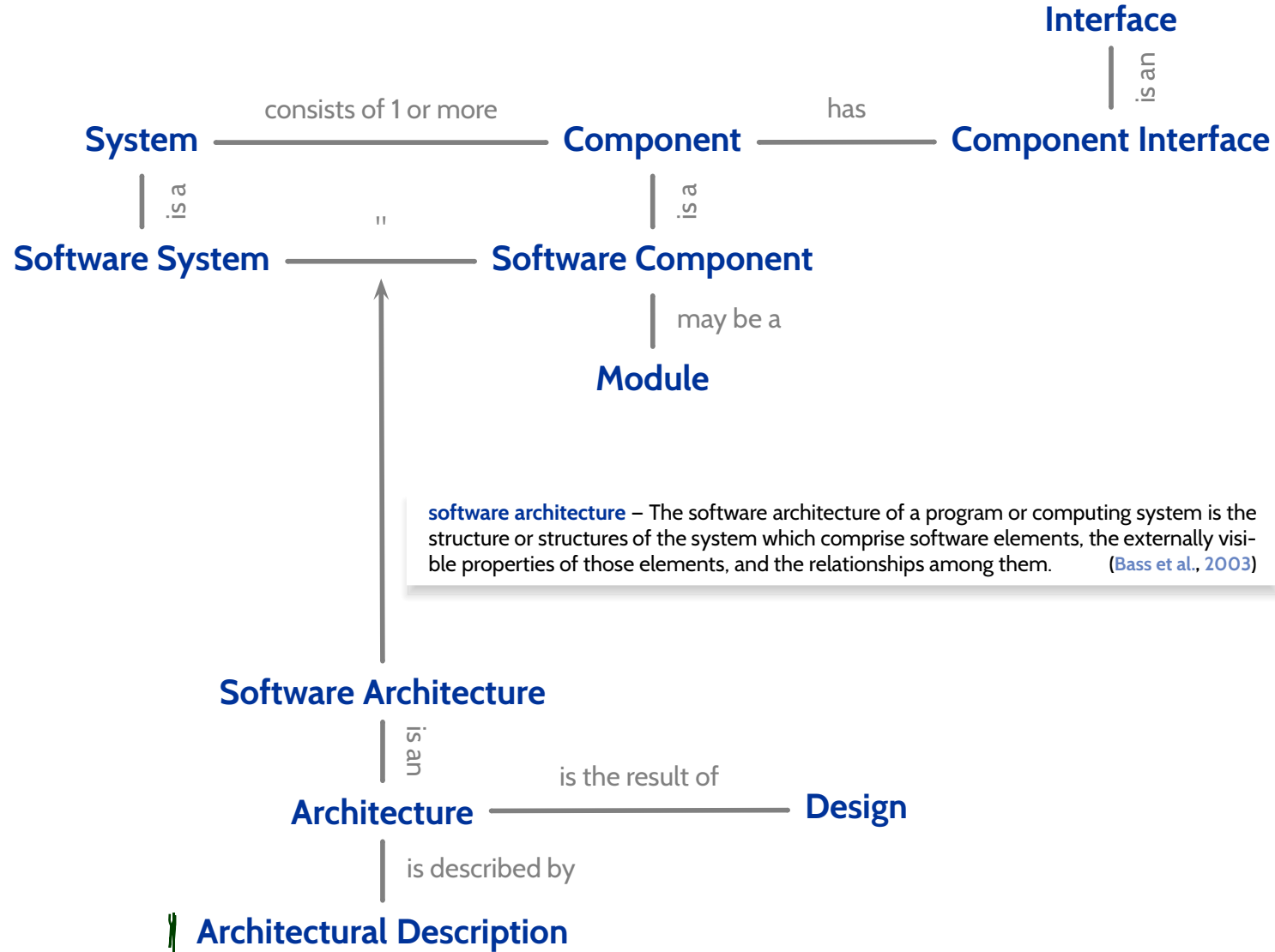
**software architecture**– The software architecture of a program or computing system is the structure or structures of the system which comprise software elements, the externally visible properties of those elements, and the relationships among them.

(Bass et al., 2003)

**architectural description**– A model – document, product or other artifact – to communicate and record a system's architecture. An architectural description conveys a set of views each of which depicts the system by describing domain concerns.

(Ellis et al., 1996)

# Once Again, Please



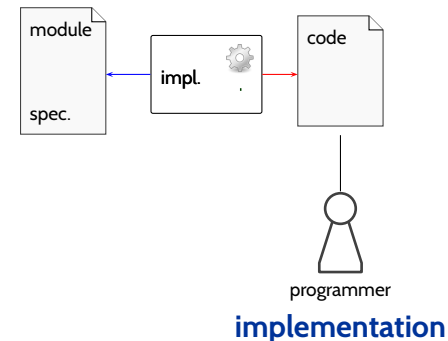
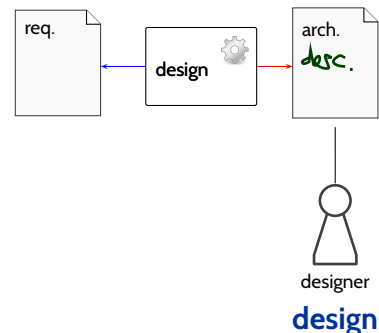
# Goals and Relevance of Design

- The **structure** of something is the set of **relations between its parts**.
- Something not built from (recognisable) parts is called **unstructured**.

## Design...

- (i) **structures** a system into manageable units (yields software architecture),
- (ii) **determines** the approach for realising the required software,
- (iii) provides **hierarchical structuring** into a manageable number of units at each hierarchy level.

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# *Software Modelling*

**Definition. (Folk)** A **model** is an abstract, formal, mathematical representation or description of structure or behaviour of a (software) system.

**Definition. (Glinz, 2008, 425)**

A **model** is a concrete or mental **image** (**Abbild**) of something or a concrete or mental **archetype** (**Vorbild**) for something.

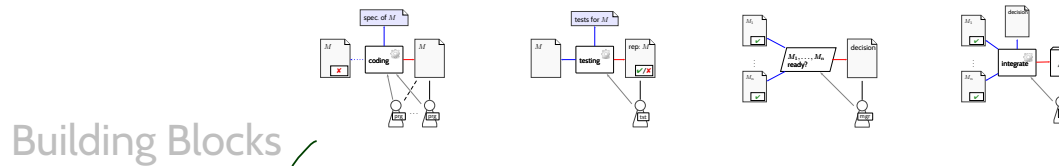
Three properties are constituent:

- (i) the **image attribute** (**Abbildungsmerkmal**), i.e. there is an entity (called **original**) whose image or archetype the model is,
- (ii) the **reduction attribute** (**Verkürzungsmerkmal**), i.e. only those attributes of the original that are relevant in the modelling context are represented,
- (iii) the **pragmatic attribute**,  
i.e. the model is built in a specific context for a specific **purpose**.

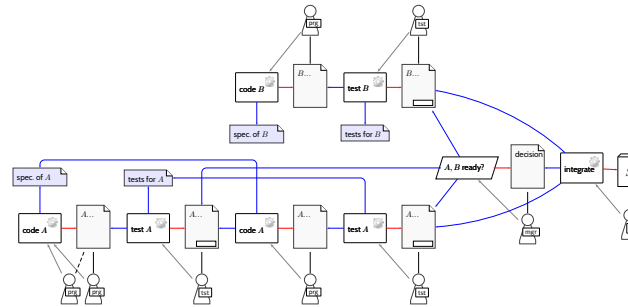


# Example: Process Model

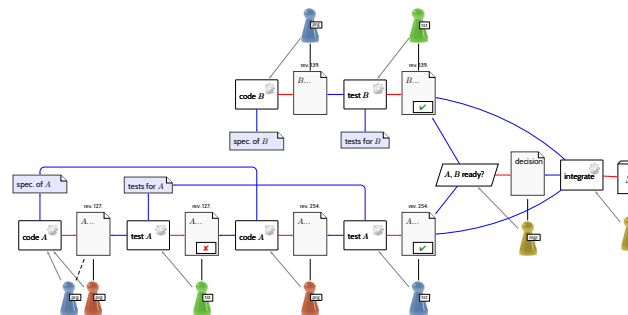
## From Building Blocks to Process (And Back)



Plan



Process



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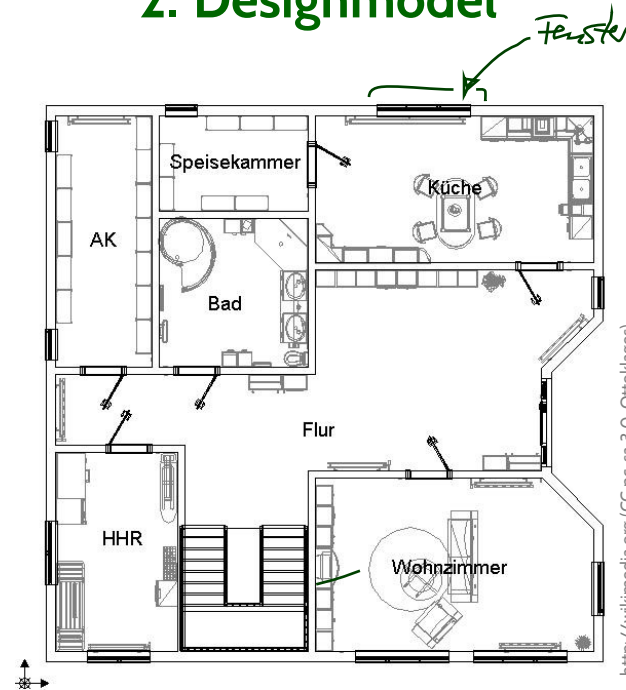
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# Example: Design-Models in Construction Engineering

## 1. Requirements

- Shall fit on given piece of land.
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- Furniture shall fit into living room.
- Bathroom shall have a window.
- Cost shall be in budget.

## 2. Designmodel



## 3. System



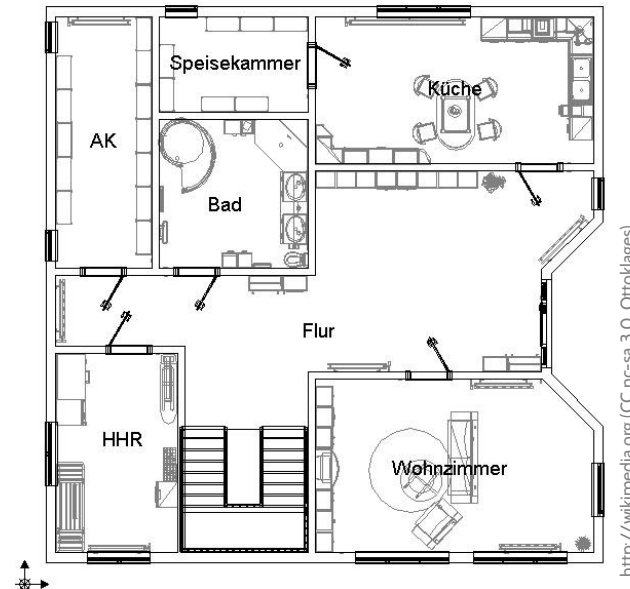
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**Observation (1):** Floorplan **abstracts** from certain system properties, e.g. ...

- kind, number, and placement of bricks,
- subsystem details (e.g., window style),
- water pipes/wiring, and
- wall decoration

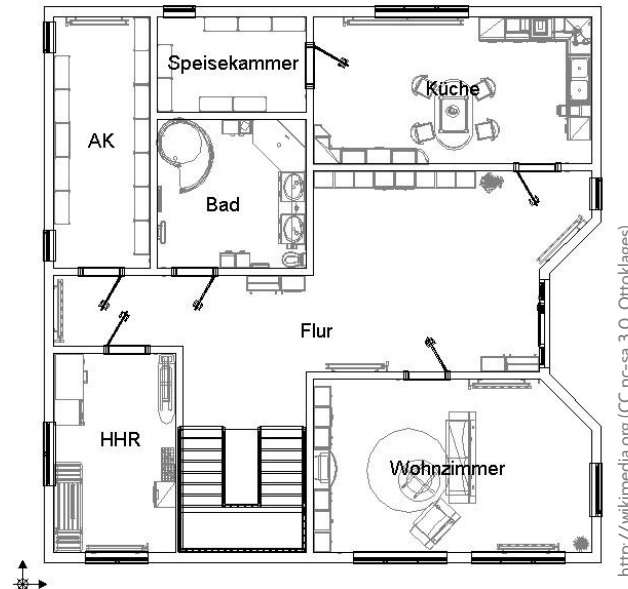
→ architects can efficiently work on appropriate level of abstraction

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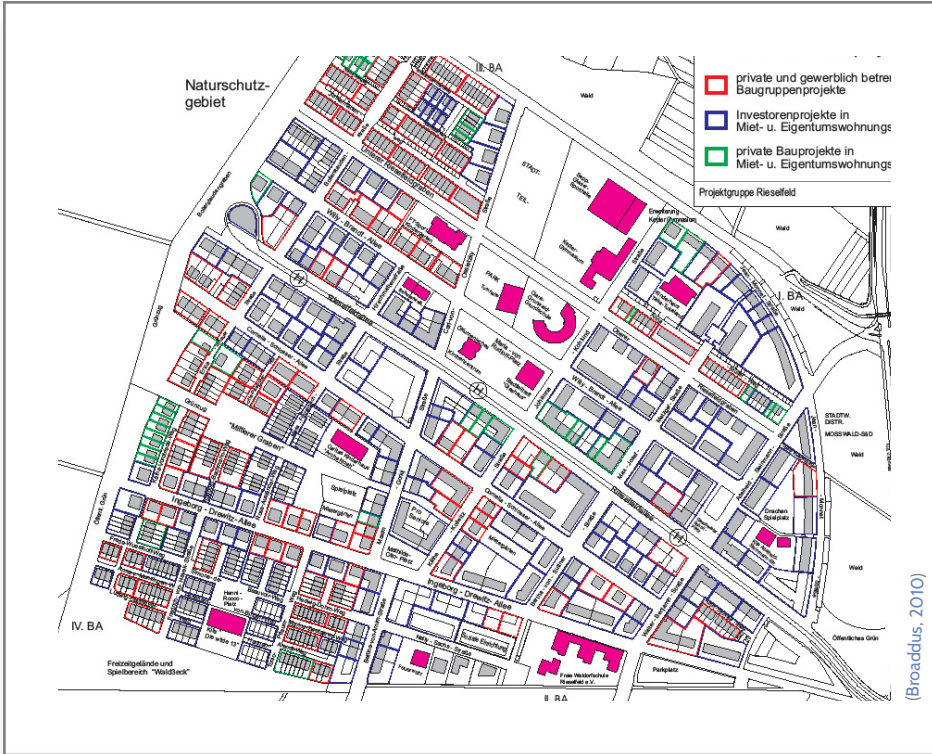


**Observation (2):** Floorplan **preserves/determines** certain system properties, e.g.,

- house and room extensions (to scale),
- presence/absence of windows and doors,
- placement of subsystems (such as windows).

→ find design errors before building the system (e.g. bathroom windows)

# A Better Analogy is Maybe Regional Planning



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