A Tale of Two Tasks: Data Control and Modeling

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Beyond OpenData Sharing: Making Sense of Massive Data Sets

(Isn't that what MacSHAPA was really about???)

Beyond Open Data Sharing

- High bandwidth data collection with well formatted records, easy to reuse documentation, and ability to address new questions after the data is collected
- Tools that will aggregate sampled data to form meaningful units at different levels of analysis
- Visualizing and exploring data in terms of sequence, co-occurrence, and other patterns
- Newell's Dream: Automated or semi-automated protocol analyses, which enable theory-based parsing of log files to form runnable cognitive models

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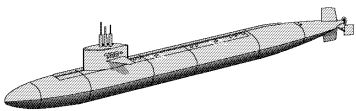

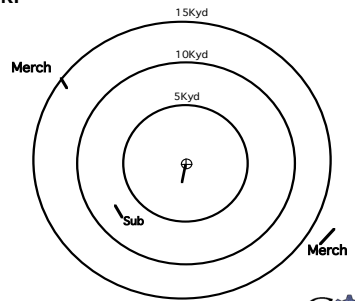

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Seven Phased Approach

- Phase 1: Data Collection usin[illegible]ulation (at NUWC) --**>COMPLETED<--**
- Phase 2: Encodin[illegible] . rotocols from Phase 1 **-->COMPLETED**
- Phase 3: Developme[illegible] .ied simulation (scaled world) --**>COMPLETED<--**
- Phase 4: Development of preliminary computational cognitive models ****CURRENT****
- Phase 5: Data Collection using scaled world ****CURRENT****
- Phase 6: Analysis of data and refinement of models
- Phase 7: Modifications of suite of models and scaled world as deliverables

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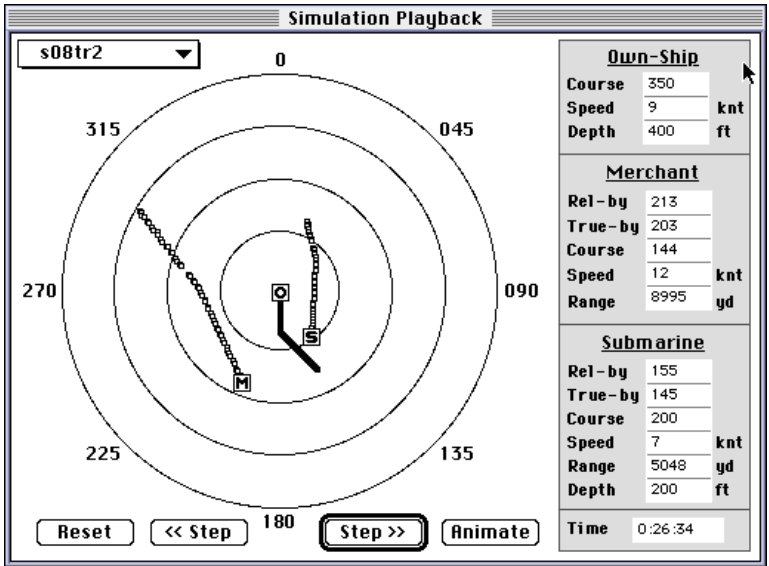
Table 2: Segment Shown in Table 1 Following Resegmentation and Encoding of Goals by the Experimenters

Time	L1	L2	L3	Operator	Info-Source	Ship	Attribute	Value	Duration
	DETECT-SUB								
62.428				DISPLAY-NAV	SONAR-NB-TOWED				
63.98				QUERY	NBT-WATERFALL				
66.82				RECEIVE	NBT-WATERFALL	SUB	ON-SONAR	NO	4.221
	POP								
	LOCALIZE-MERC								
		SET-TRACKER							
67.02				SET-TRACKER	SONAR-NB-TOWED	MERC			
68.201				RECEIVE	NBT-WATERFALL	MERC	ON-SONAR	YES	4.221
68.201				RECEIVE	NBT-WATERFALL	MERC	BEARING	BEAM	4.221
68.201				RECEIVE	NBT-WATERFALL	MERC	TRACKING	YES	4.221
	POP								
	DETERMINE-CONICAL-ANGLE								
70.063				QUERY	NBT-CONICAL-ANGLE-FIELD	MERC	CONICAL-ANGLE		
70.724				RECEIVE	NBT-CONICAL-ANGLE-FIELD	MERC	CONICAL-ANGLE	82.15	0.661
	POP								
	DETERMINE-BY								
71.111				QUERY	NBT-BEARING-FIELD	MERC	BEARING		
72.088				RECEIVE	NBT-BEARING-FIELD	MERC	BEARING	152_OR_314	0.977
	POP								
	DETERMINE-SNR								
72.393				QUERY	NBT-SNR-FIELD	MERC	SNR		
72.987				RECEIVE	NBT-SNR-FIELD	MERC	SNR	6.63	0.594
		POP							
	POP								
	EVALUATE-ARRAY-STATUS								
74.635				QUERY	NBT-ARRAY-STATUS-FIELD	OS	ARRAY		
75.601				RECEIVE	NBT-ARRAY-STATUS-FIELD	OS	ARRAY	STABLE	0.966
	POP								

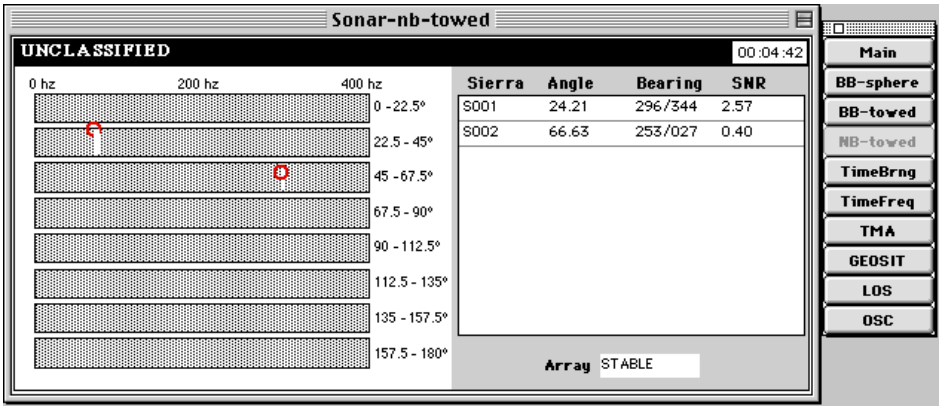
Note: The headings are the same as in Table 1 with the addition of three fields for goals and subgoals: levels 1 (L1), 2 (L2), and 3 (L3). No L3 goals are encoded in this segment.

Phase 2: Tool Development -- To facilitate

Encoding of Data we developed a Tool to playback the files collected at NUWC



Phase 3: NED



One of Ned's 10 displays that AOs use for situation assessment.
In data-collection mode, all AO interactions with Ned are recorded and time stamped at 60hz (16.67 msec); along with the current state of the simulation (truth!)

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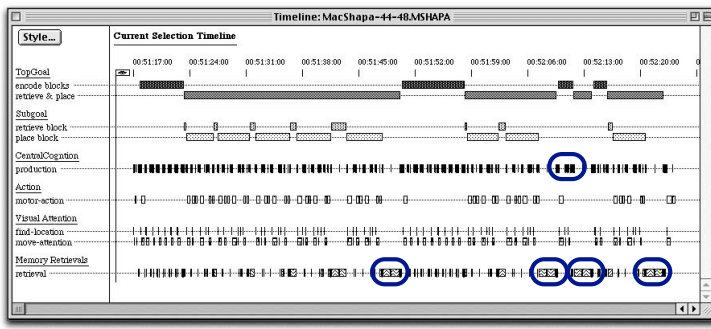
Visualizing the Output of a Process Model (ACT-R)

- ? We were asking whether we could use this approach to develop a predictions of cognitive workload by identifying tasks or subtasks where the resource demands are excessive
- Especially places where the using the system (i.e., the structure of the interactive system) consumes resources required for doing the task



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Our Focus was on Discrete Action Protocols

- E.g. Mouse clicks, key presses collected by a computer system
- Characteristics:
  - A large volume of protocols can be easily collected
  - High temporal resolution (e.g. 16.67 msec)
  - Constrained and easy to interpret (compared to verbal protocols)
  - Easy to aggregate across subjects

But, approach could be applied to any data process data that could be encoded in SHAPA spreadsheets

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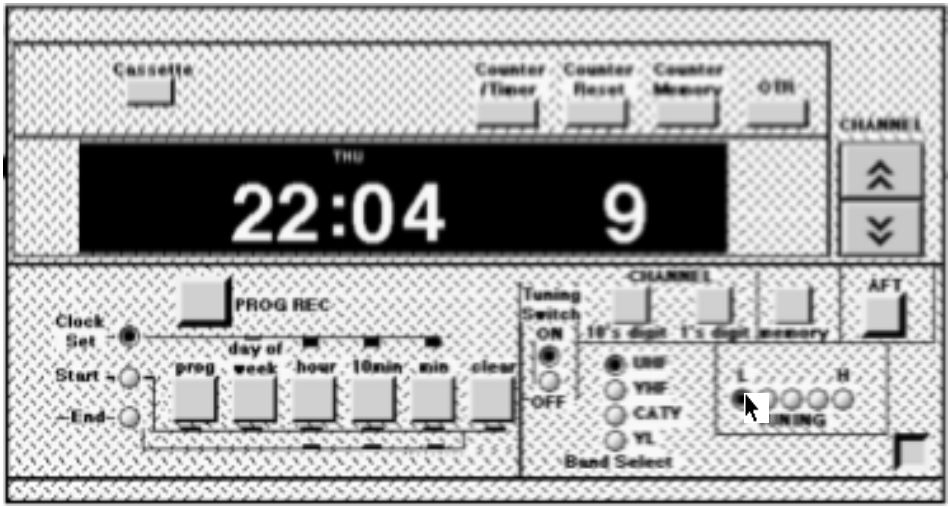
Action protocol analysis

- Two approaches to do the analysis:
  - Exploratory: searching for possible patterns in the protocols
  - Confirmatory: Looking for evidence supporting the researcher's theory
  - Both approaches require some kind of pattern matching to patterns generated by the researcher
- Automatic (or semi-automatic) protocol analyzer
  - Reduce effort
  - Increase objectivity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141865	VCR-WINDOW	NIL	VCR-LEAVE	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
141924	VCR-WINDOW	NIL	VCR-LEAVE	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
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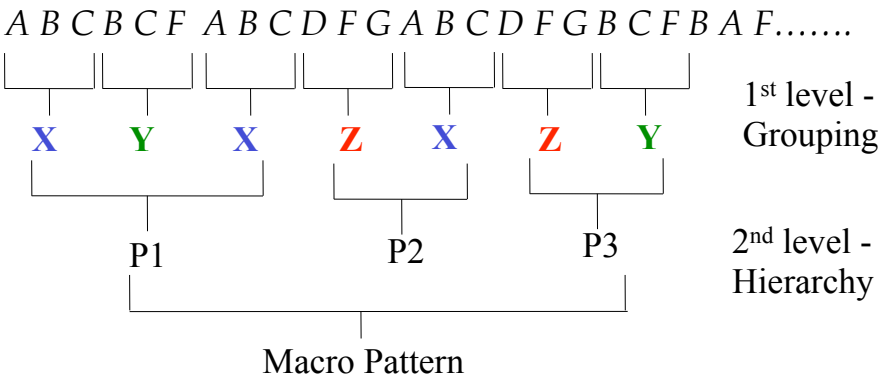
Finding patterns in data

- A sequential stream of discrete action protocol



Structure of ACT-PRO

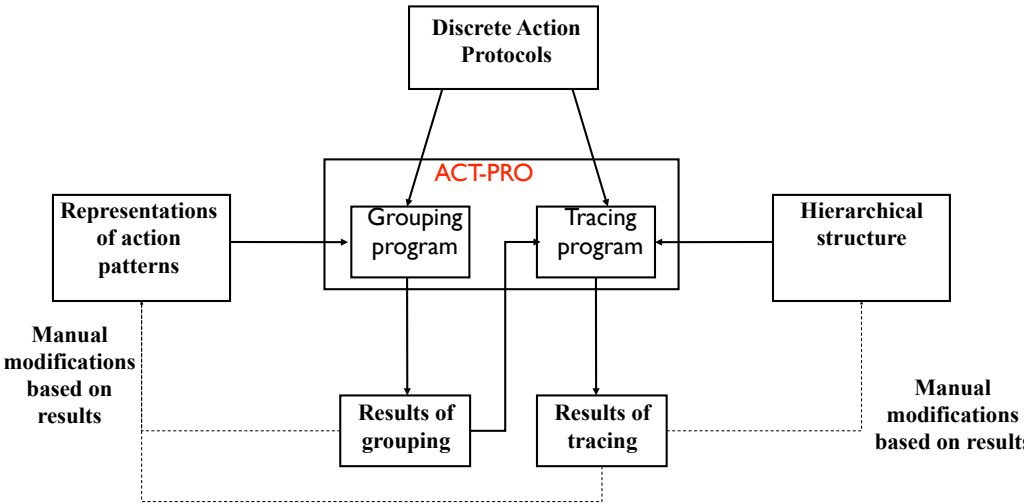


Table 2
Grammar That Captures Variations of the Action Sequence Formed by Pressing the Buttons Channel, Up-Arrow, Down-Arrow, and Enter

SET-CHANNEL: [Object1][Object2][Object3]	(1)
[Object1] → *channel*	(2)
[Object2] → *up-arrow*	(3)
[Object2] → *down-arrow*	(4)
[Object2] → *up-arrow* [Object2]	(5)
[Object2] → *down-arrow* [Object2]	(6)
[Object2] → *enter* [Object2]	(7)
[Object3] → *enter*	(8)

Table 3
An Example of the Trace and Validation Results of Using the Hierarchical Goal Structure of Figure 1

Trace	Validation results
Push goal: PROGRAM-SHOW	Push goal match
Push goal: SET-START-TIME	Push goal match
Push goal: SET-START-HOUR	Push goal match
Action: *start-hour*	
Action: *start-hour*	
Pop goal: SET-START-HOUR	Pop goal match
Push goal: SET-START-10MIN	Push goal match
Action: *start-10min*	
Pop goal: SET-START-10MIN	Pop goal match
Pop goal: SET-START-TIME	*Pop goal mismatch*
Push goal: SET-CHANNEL	Push goal match
Action: *channel*	
Pop goal: SET-CHANNEL	Pop goal match
Push goal: SET-START-TIME	Push goal match
Push goal: SET-START-MIN	Push goal match
Action: *start-min*	
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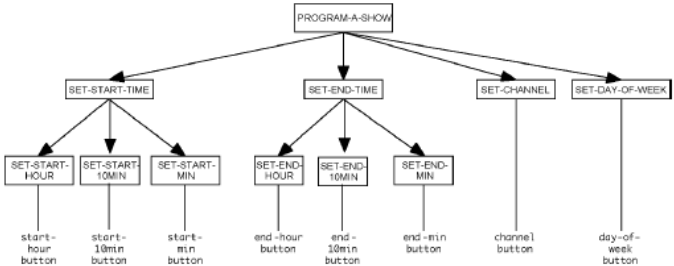

Figure 1. The simplified task-relevant hierarchical goal structure of a VCR interface (Gray, 2000; Gray & Fu, 2000).

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Push goal: SET-CHANNEL	Push goal match
Action: *channel*	
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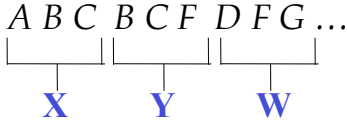
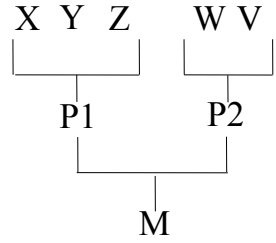
Output Trace and Goodness-of-fit





Trace	Validation Results
Push M	Push match
Push P1	Push match
Push X	Push match
Actions: A B C	
Pop X	Pop match
Push Y	Push match
Actions: B C F	
Pop Y	Pop match
Pop P1	Pop mismatch
Push P2	Push match
Push W	Push match
Actions: D F G	
Pop W	Pop match
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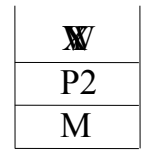

Results

- 64 subjects, 1,228 trials, 51,232 actions
- 8 grammars were constructed for each interface, each representing a structural pattern (a strategy)
- Worst-fitting trial: 81.1%; best-fitting trial: 100% Average: 95.1% of the actions were captured by the grammars
- By inspecting the results, we found change of strategies in different interfaces

- Two different hierarchies were used in the two interfaces
- We also found differences in the higher-level patterns in the two interfaces
- 15,245 higher-level patterns are parsed
- 464 (3%) of the patterns were identified as mismatches between the data and the hierarchy

AT:ST Ratio – Analysis Time to Sequence Time

- Pre-Action Protocol Tracer
  - Gray (2000) estimated as 100:1
  - Analyzed data from 9 Ss, ≈ 72 trials
- With the Action Protocol Tracer
  - For the 3 data sets described in the Fu 2001 the building of grammars, on average, took the researchers 2–3 h, and the average running time was about 1 h.
  - 1:10

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SANLab-CM

- An extension of the tools used by Gray & John (1993) and Gray & Boehm-Davis (2000) & other studies
- Schweickert in numerous studies

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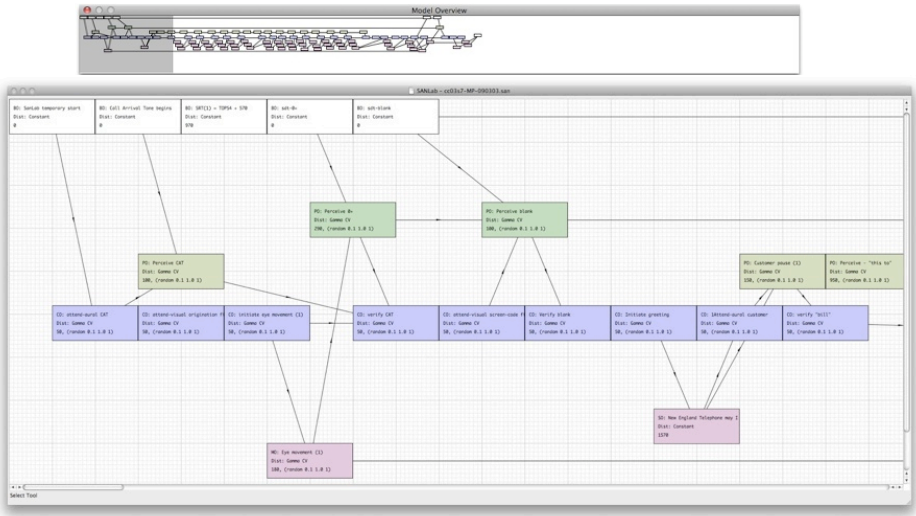
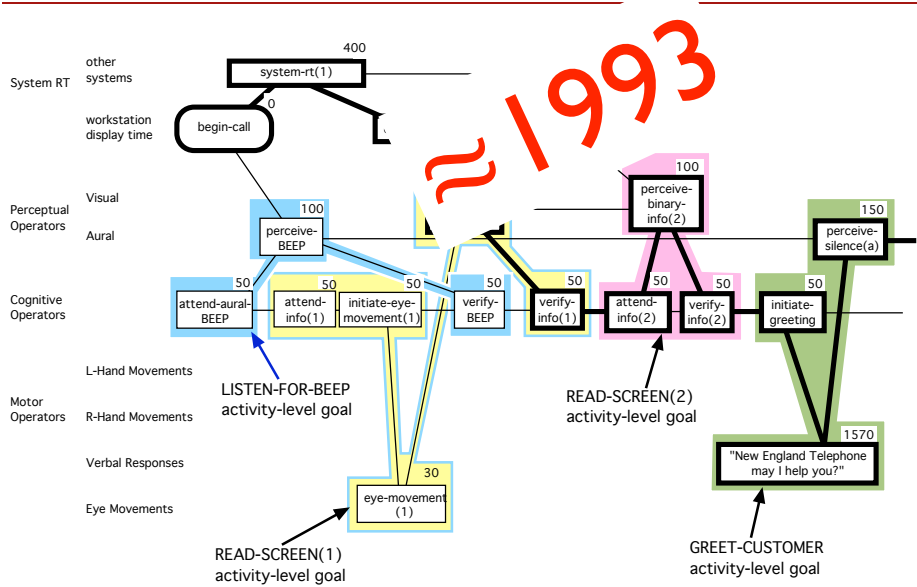
Model Window and Model Overview Window



Telephone Operator Workstation
CPM-GOMS Level



SANLab-CM

- Stochastic Activity Network Laboratory for Cognitive Modeling
- Idea inspiring SANLab-CM
  - Cognitive, perceptual, and motor processes are inherently variable
  - This variability may result in changes in workload even when load conditions are constant
- Hence, SANLab-CM is a tool for analyzing and predicting variability with and without extra workload

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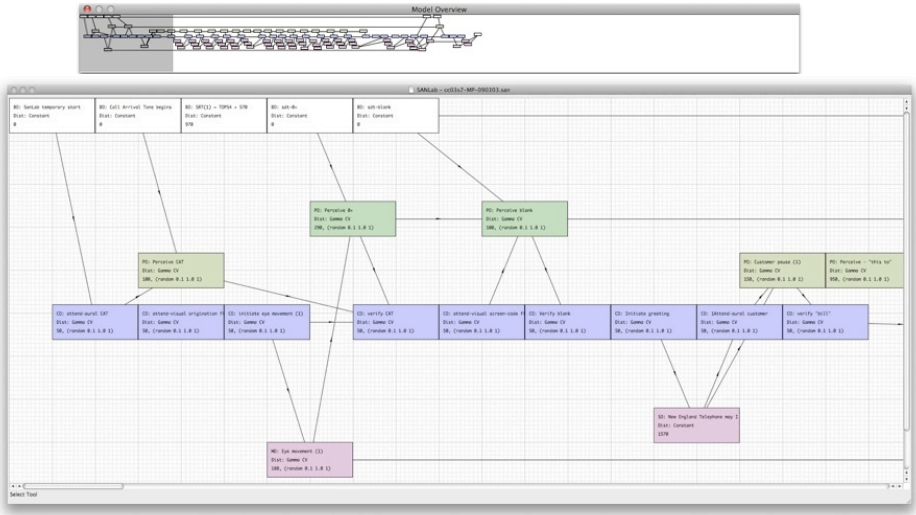
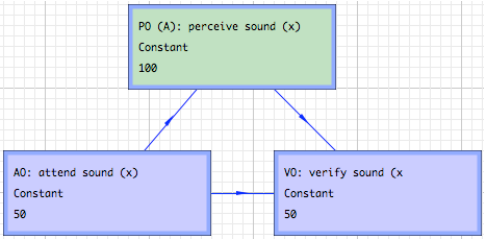


Example 1: Constructing a very simple CPM-GOMS model in SANLab

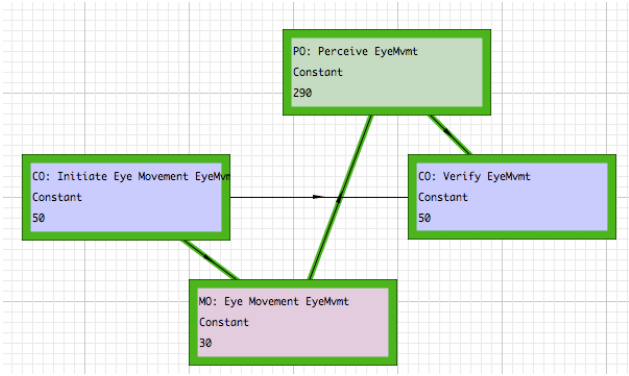
- Parts
- Interleaving
- Stochasticity
- Comparison of very simple models

Building a Preliminary CPM-GOMS Model
CPM-GOMS Templates

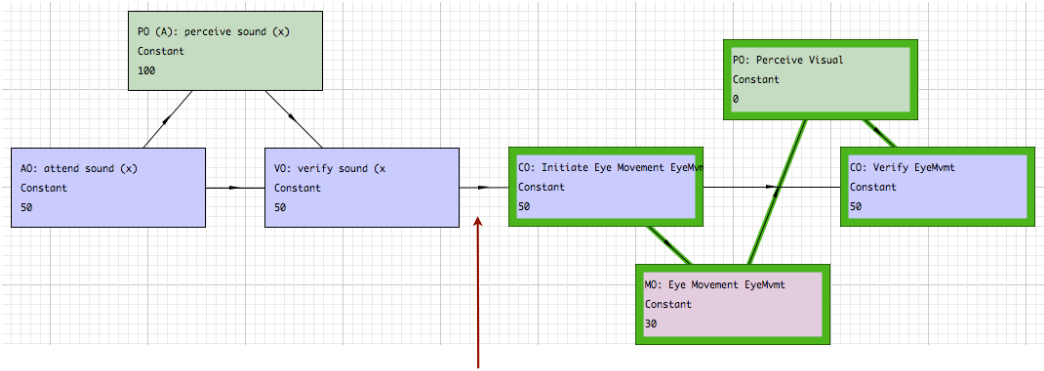


Perceive Simple Sound

Perceive Visual Information With Eye Movement



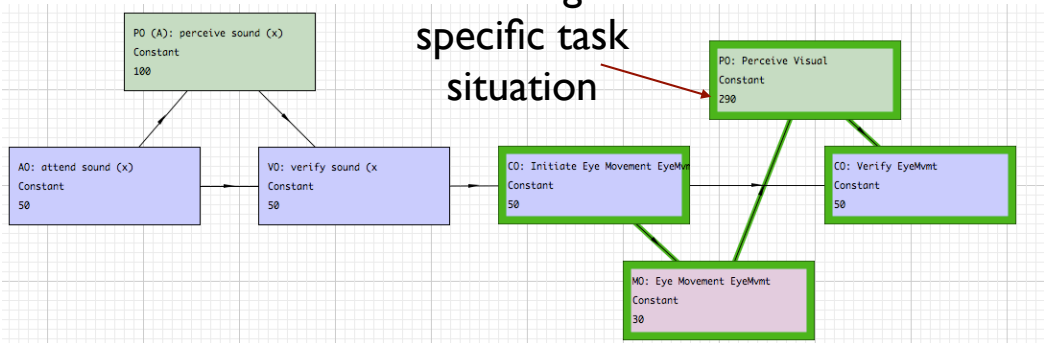
Building a Preliminary CPM-GOMS Model
Cut & Paste & String Together



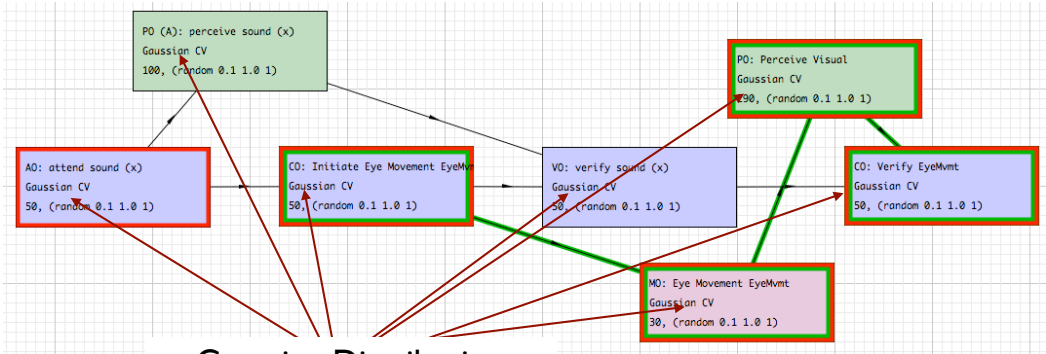
Inserted dependency line

Building a Preliminary CPM-GOMS Model
Insert Operator Durations

Inserted duration according to specific task situation

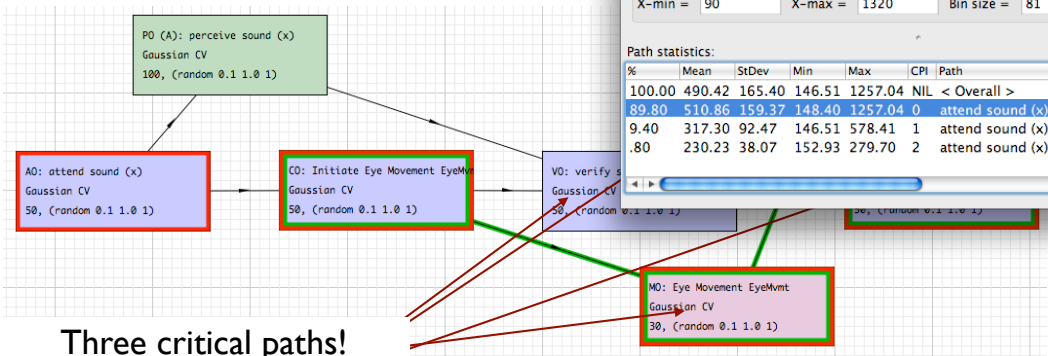


Building a Preliminary CPM-GOMS Model
Interleave Operators + Stochastic Operation Times



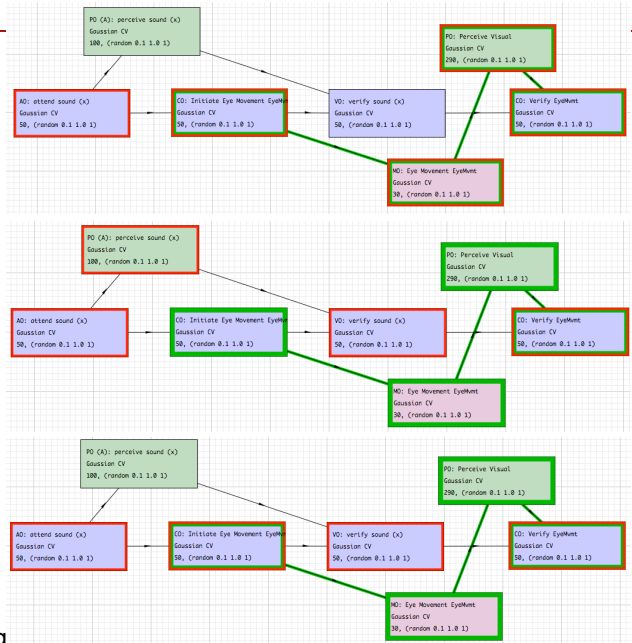
Gaussian Distribution
(randomly sampled on each model run)

Building a Preliminary CPM-GOMS
Interleave Operators + Stochastic C



Three critical paths!
Different mean times!

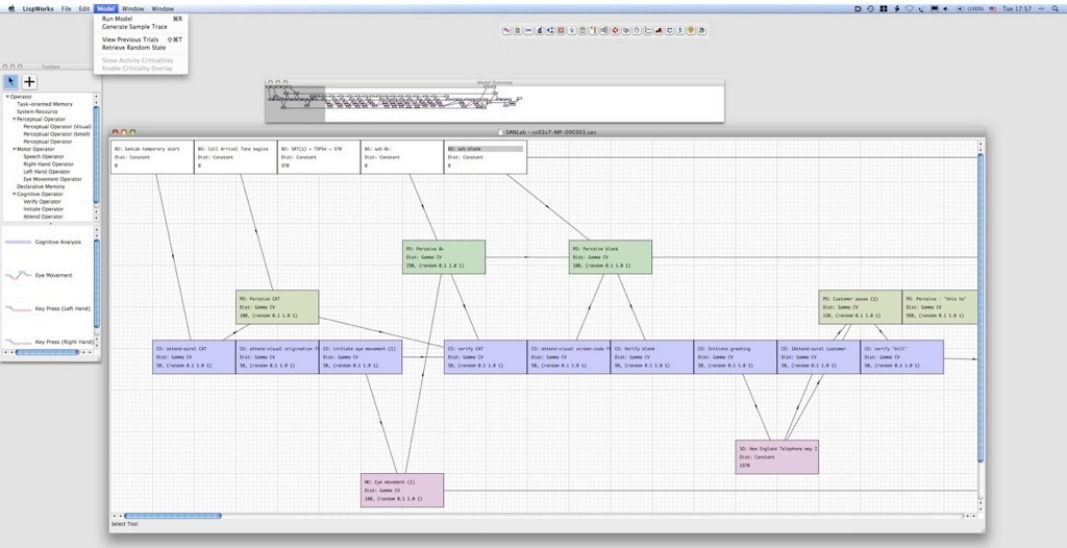
Three Critical Paths



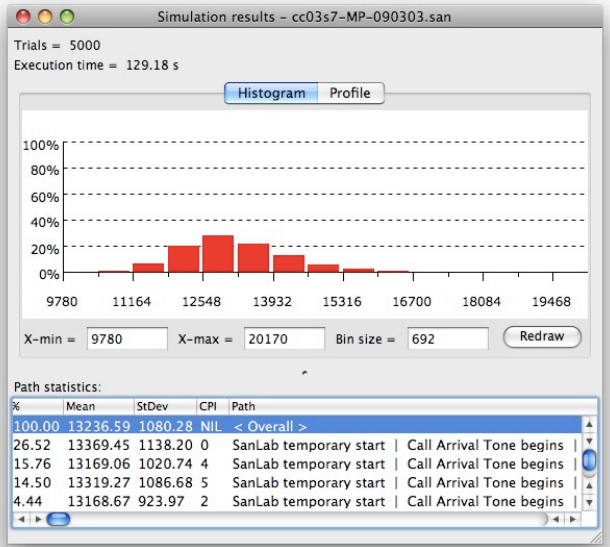
Very Simple Model: Summary

Interleaving	Fixed/ Stochastic	Critical Path	Predicted Times
No Interleaving	Fixed	One	620 ms
Interleaving	Fixed	One	470 ms
Interleaving	Stochastic	Average	490 ms
Interleaving	Stochastic	90%	511 ms
Interleaving	Stochastic	9%	317 ms
Interleaving	Stochastic	1%	230 ms

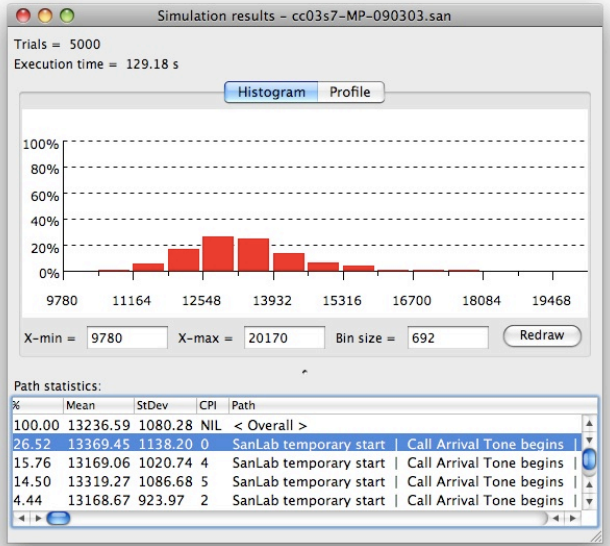
Running a Model 5,000 Times



Histogram: Runtime Distribution of 5000 model runs – min ≈ 10s, max ≈ 16s



Most Frequent Critical Path Accounts for 27% of Runs



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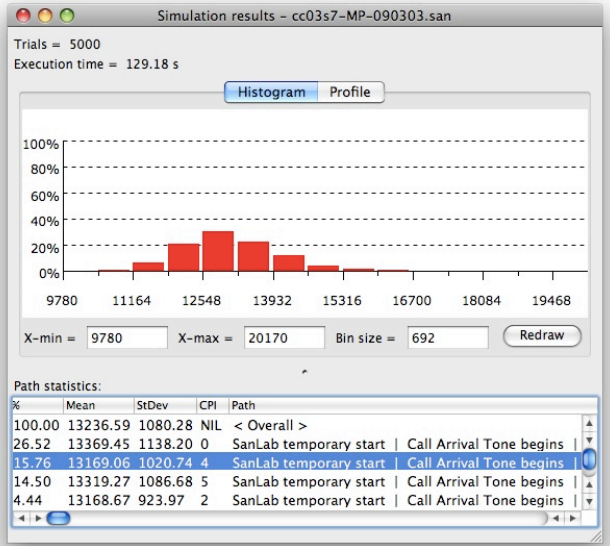

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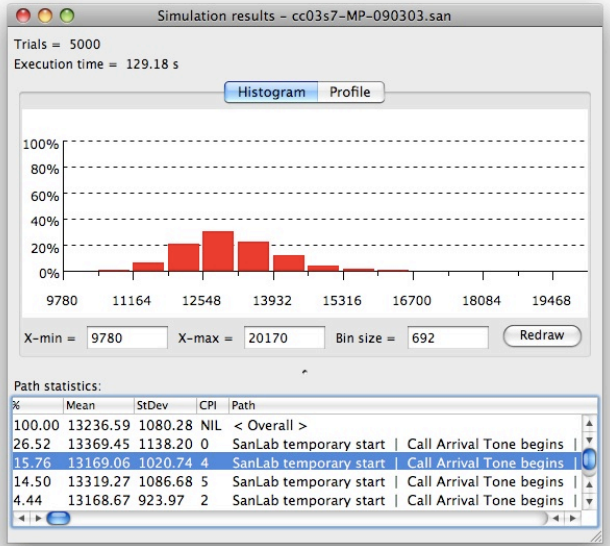
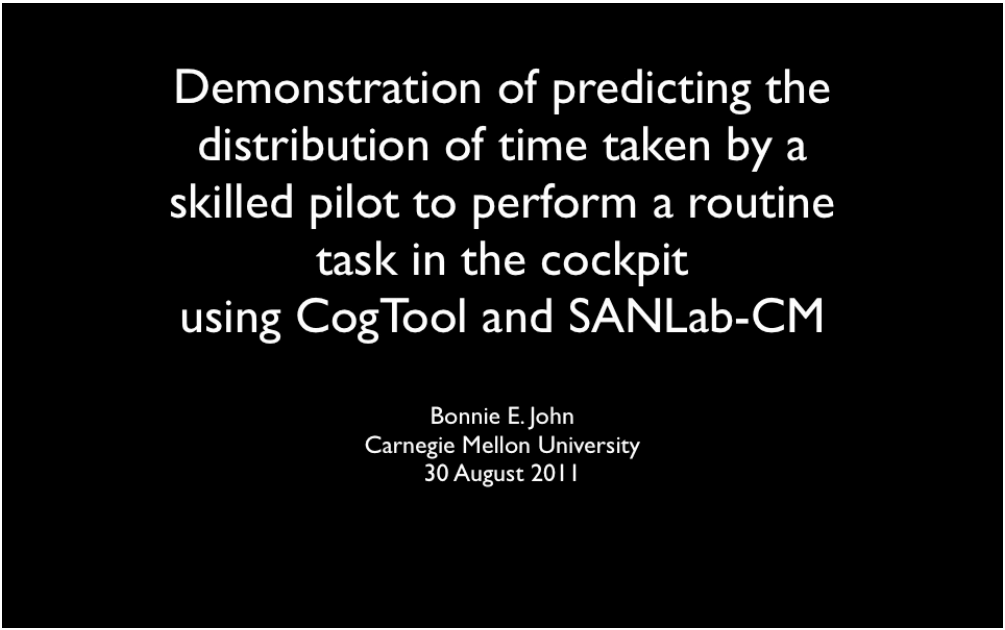


CogTool to SANLab



Newell's Dream

- CogTool to SANLab is an important but limited step
- How about the ability to go from log files of people performing tasks directly to modeling?
- Newell's dream of an automatic protocol analyzer

Newell's Dream

- SANLab+
  - Requires cognitive architectures that encompass
    - Control of cognition
    - Cognition
    - Perception
    - Action
  - Ability to swap out architectural assumptions
    - For example, ACT-R, Soar, EPIC
  - Initial data sets will be taken from people performing three different paradigms

Newell's Dream

- SANLab+
  - Initial data sets will be taken from people performing three different paradigms
  - PRP – psychological refractory period
    - Behaviorally this is a very simple response time paradigm
  - NavBack – a dual-task paradigm
    - Continuous motor movement
    - Eye movements
    - Working memory maintainance
  - DMAP – Decision Making Argus Prime
    - Complex visual search and decision making task

Then & Now

- MacSHAPA
  - MacSHAPA (1995's) - Submarine Commanders: managing complexity of verbal and action protocols
  - MacSHAPA Cognitive Metrics Profiling
- Action Protocol Tracer
  - Finite state grammars for pattern recognition in action protocol data
- SANLab
  - SANLab - tool for Stochastic Analytic Network modeling +++
  - Automating production of cognitive models from behaviorial/ action protocol analysis


Thank You!