

# Model Integration, Refinement, and Transformation

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# Deal with Software Complexity

- **Inherent Complexity of Software**

- 1) Application domains are complex [**Requirement Analysis**]
- 2) Software offers much flexibility [**Design**]
- 3) The development process is still changing [**Management**]
- 4) The behavior of a software system is hard to understand [**V&V**]

- **Increasing complexity of modern software**

- 1) Models of different views of system data and services (model transformations)
- 2) Integration of models and services, say to support collaborative workflows
- 3) More and more software becomes safety **critical**, has increasing demand **on privacy, security, maintainability, interoperability**

- **Formal methods are essential for**

- 1) **handling complexity** through abstraction, separation of concerns and divide and conquer, as well as for
- 2) **provably correct system design**

# An example scenario: Internet of Things?

- **Street lights**

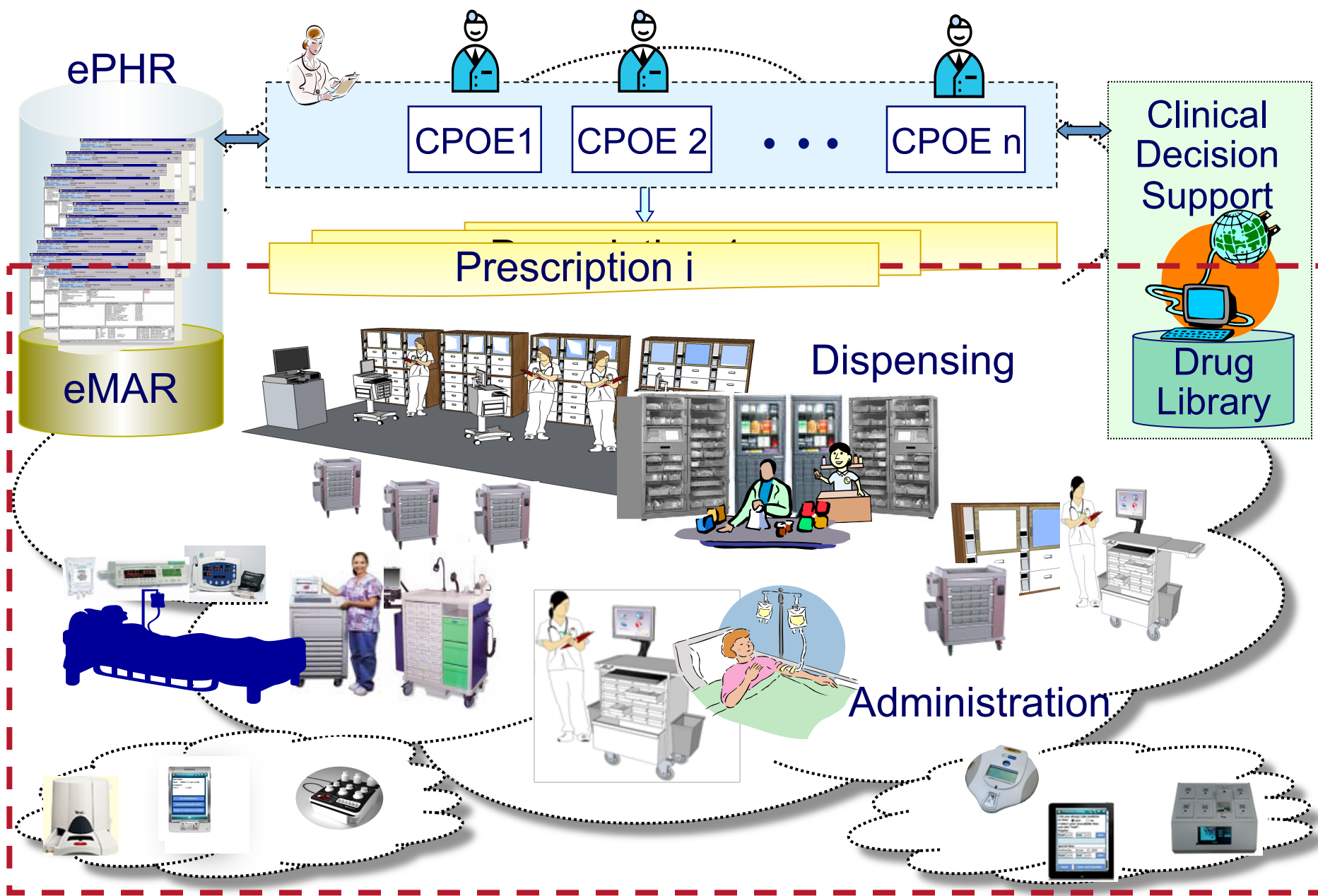
- 1) City council's view: lighting of streets
- 2) Electricity company's view: readings on meters and/or bills
- 3) Police's view: in relation with crimes.

- **Design a street light control system to serve the interests of all the three kinds of users?**

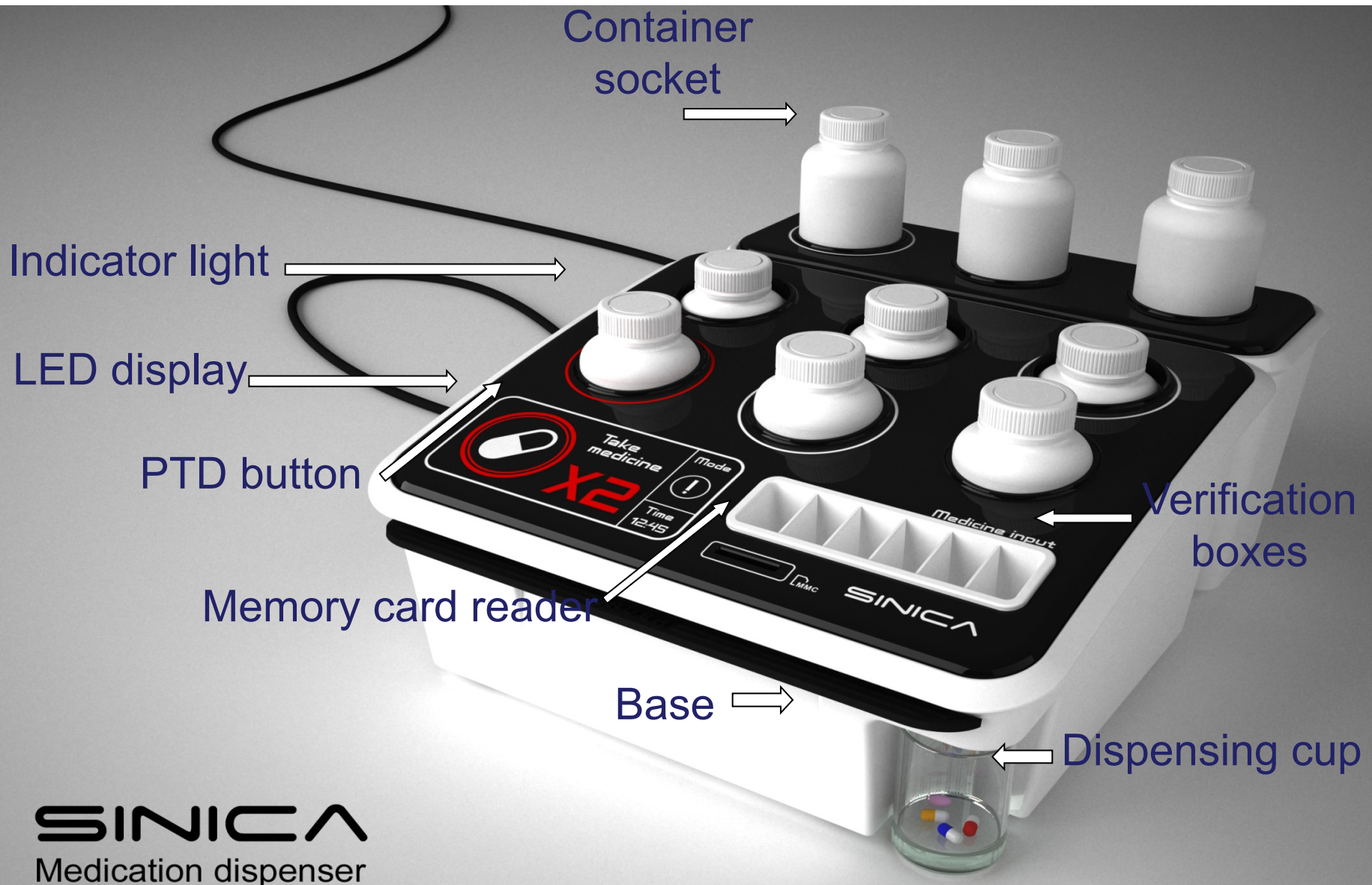
- 1) How to derive an engineering/system model from the different views of users and **vice versa**?
- 2) How to reason or validate the system model against requirements stated in the users' view models?
- 3) How to design a system to support dynamic addition of support to users with different views?

- **Model integration and transformation**

# Tool Chain for Medication Use Process

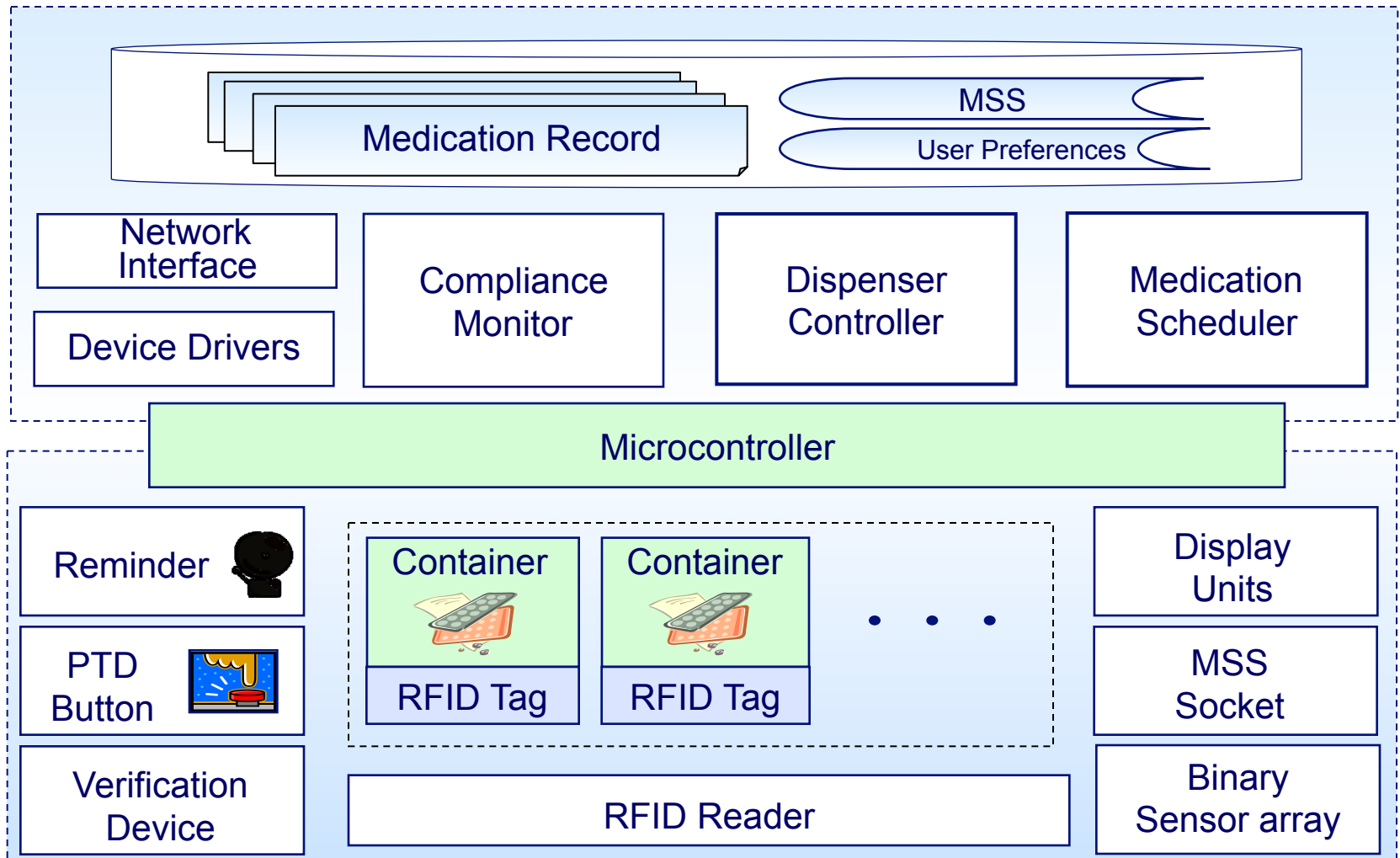


# Even an Intelligent Medicine Dispenser - Jane Liu





# Self-Contained Dispenser



# Implement Instructions

- **Pain killer:** 1 tablet every 4 to 6 hours while symptom persists. If pain does not respond to 1 tablet, 2 tablets may be used but do not exceed 6 tablets in 24 hours. The smallest effective dose should be used.
  - Dose size:  $[d_{min}, d_{max}] = [1, 2]$
  - Separation:  $[s_{min}, s_{max}] = [4, 6]$
  - Maximum total intake:  $(B, R) = (6, 24)$
  - Minimum total intake:  $(L, P) = (0, 24)$
- **Antibiotic:** Take 2 to 4 tablets every eight hours. Keep taking this medicine for at least ten days.
  - Dose size:  $[d_{min}, d_{max}] = [2, 4]$
  - Separation:  $[s_{min}, s_{max}] = [8, 8]$
  - Maximum total intake:  $(B, R) = (12, 24)$
  - Minimum total intake:  $(L, P) = (6, 24)$
  - Duration:  $[T_{min}, T_{max}] = [240, 240]$

# rCOS

## Problems

- Dynamic integration of new components and legacy components – plug & play
- Interface for integration for interoperable interaction among heterogeneous components, e.g. **CPS- cyber and physical components, and sensors**
- Specification purpose of integration – models of workflows

## Objectives

- **Unifying semantics & theories of programming (UTP)**
- models of interfaces, their refinement and composability
- models, analysis, verification and simulation
- **System architecture modeling, refinement and transformation**
- **Language and Tool support for integration**

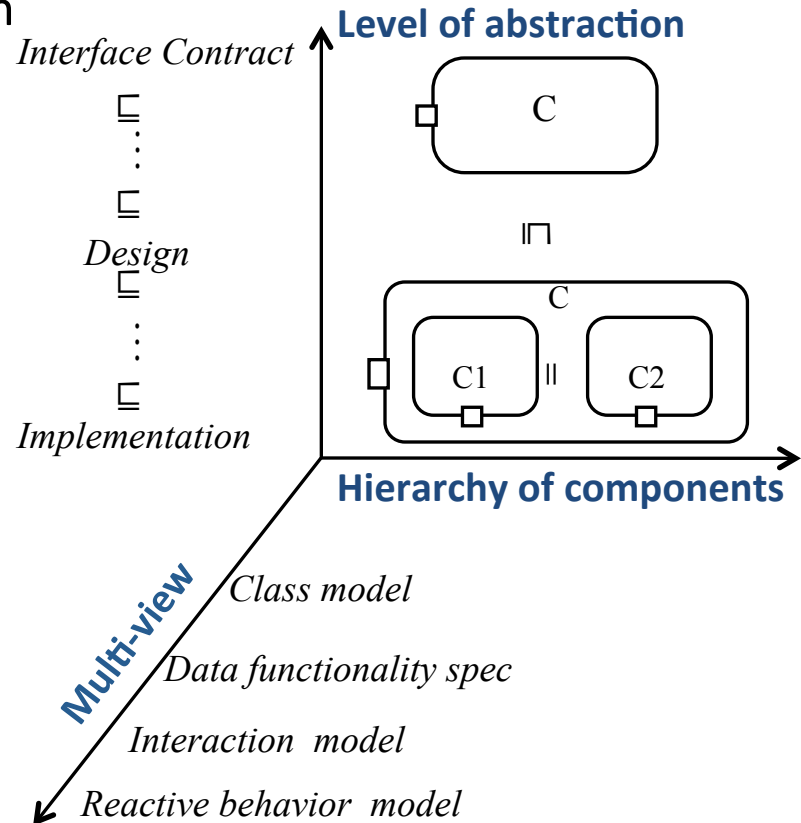
**Putting theories, methods and tools consistently together in design processes**



# rCOS – Integrating Models

Build *system models* to gain confidence in requirements and designs

- Use **abstraction** for information hiding
  - well-focused
  - problem-oriented
- Use **decomposition** and **separation of concerns**
  - divide and conquer
  - incremental development
- use **rigor/formalization**
  - repeatable process
  - analyzable artifacts



Basis for Tool Support

# Architectural Components

- **Components are**

- 1) Services providers, including computing devices realize functions
- 2) Process that coordinating and control components through interactions and
- 3) Connectors

- A memory component

**Component M {**

Z d;

**provided** interface MIF {

W(Z v) { d:=v };

R(;v) { v:=d };

}}

- **A processes – state-action transition systems, CSP or CCSP processes**

**Component C {**

Bool w = 1;

**Provided** interface CIF { w(){(w:= not w)};R(){not w&(skip)}

}

**Component C1: w(){w&(w:=not w)}, r()(not w&(w:=not w))**

M@C, M@C1 are components

# More General Component

```
component fM {  
  Z d;  
  provided interface MIF {  
    W(Z v) { d:=v };  
    R(;v) { v:=d };  
    protocol { ?W({?W,?R}) // protocol of C, realized by guards}  
  }  
  actions { //fault modeling corruption  
    fault {true|- d' < > d }  
  }  
}
```

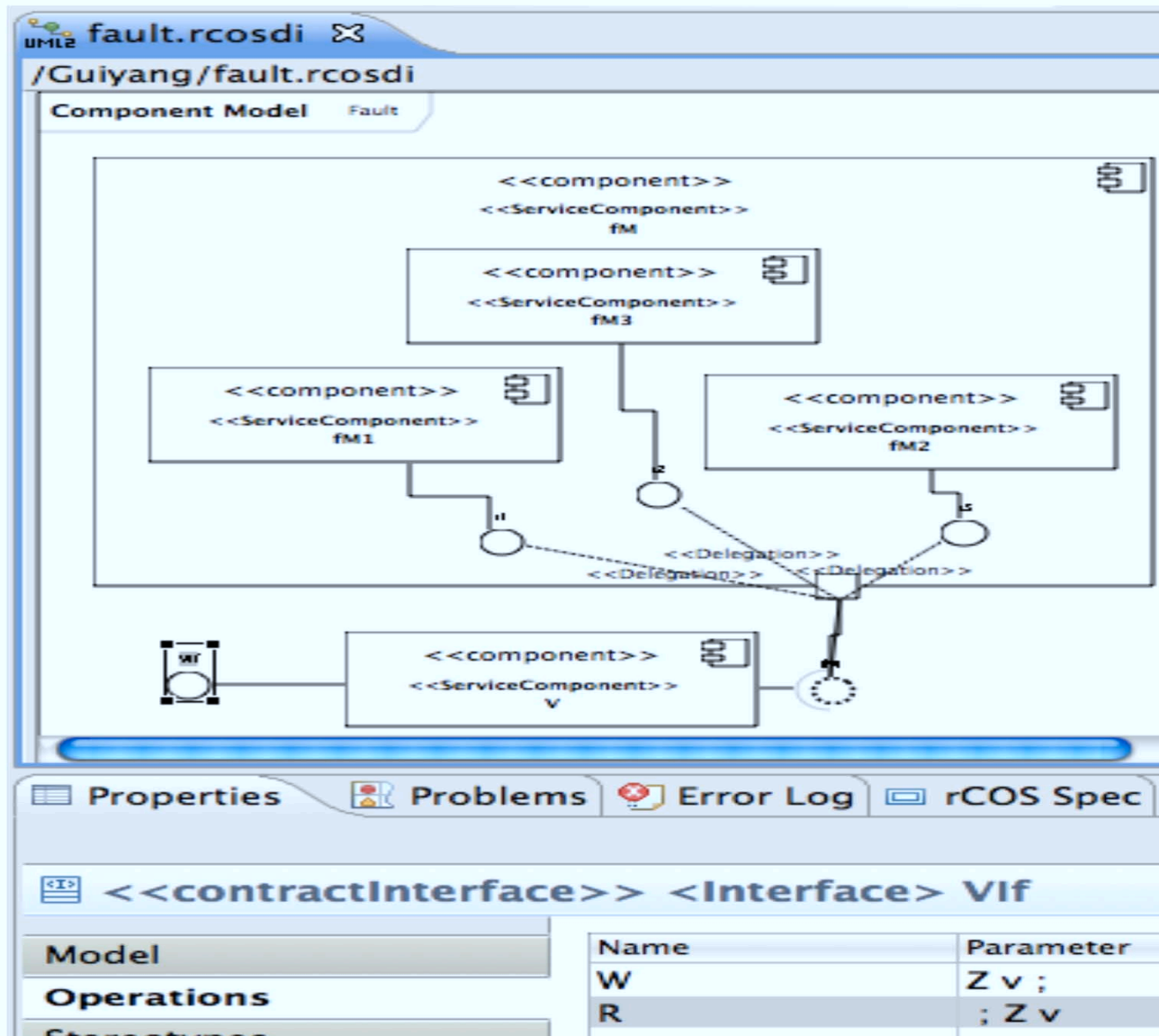
$fM_i = fM[fM_i.W/W, fM_i.R/R]$ ,  $i=1,2,3$ , renaming as a built-in connector

# Separation of Concerns

```
component V { // a connector
  provided interface VIF {
    W(Z v) { fM1.W(v); fM2.W(v); fM3.W(v) };
    R(;v) { v := vote (fM1.R(v), fM2.R(v), fM3.R(v)) };
    protocol { ?W({?W,?R}) }
  }
  required interface { // union of fM1, fM2, fM3;
    protocol { // interleaving of all fMi' s protocols }
  }
}
```

- $M \sqsubseteq V \ll (fM1 || fM2 || fM3)$  provided at most one memory is corrupted
- Verification, need auxiliary variable

# System Composition



# Semantic Foundation - UTP

- A semantic definition is about a way to observe the execution of a program
- For a sequential program  $P$ , we observe the **relation between the initial states and final states**
  - let  $\alpha(P)' = \{x' \mid x \text{ in } \alpha(P)\}$
  - A **sequential program** defines relation between its initial and final states, described as a **design**  $p(x) \vdash R(x, x')$  defined by
    - **partial correctness**  $p \Rightarrow R$
    - **total correctness**  $L(p \mid \neg R) = (\text{ok} \wedge p \Rightarrow \text{ok}' \wedge R)$
- **Framed design:**  $\beta: p(x) \vdash R(x, x')$

# Theorem: Programs are Indeed Designs

`Skip = {}:true |- true`

`x:=e = {x}:true |- x' = e`

`D1;D2 =  $\exists x_0. D1[x_0/x'] \wedge D2[x_0/x]$  //** ( p |- R)`

`if b then D1 else D2 =  $b \wedge D1 \vee \neg b \wedge D2$  // ** ( p |- R)`

`D1  $\sqcap$  D2 =  $D1 \vee D2$  // ** ( p |- R)`

`b*D = if b then (D; b*D) else skip //** (theory of fixed point)`

`chaos = false  $\vdash$  true`

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# Refinement of Sequential Programs

- Refinement:  $D1 \sqsubseteq D2$  if  $\forall x, x', ok, ok'. (D2 \Rightarrow D1)$
- Theorem (Designs,  $\sqsubseteq$ , chaos) is complete lattice, and  $b^*D$  is a design
- Theorem:  $p1 \vdash R1 \sqsubseteq p2 \vdash R2$  iff  
     $[P1 \Rightarrow P2]$  and  $[R2 \wedge P1 \Rightarrow R1]$
- Laws of programming:
  1. if  $b$  then  $D1$  else  $D2 =$  if  $\neg b$  then  $D2$  else  $D1$
  2. Chaos;  $D =$  chaos
  3.  $D; \text{skip} = \text{skip}; D = D$
  4.  $(D1 <| b |> D2); D = (D1; D) <| b |> (D2; D)$
- Data refinement:  $(\alpha1, D1) \sqsubseteq (\alpha2, D2)$  iff there exists design  $\rho(\alpha2, \alpha1')$  such that  
     $\rho; D1 \sqsubseteq D2; \rho$



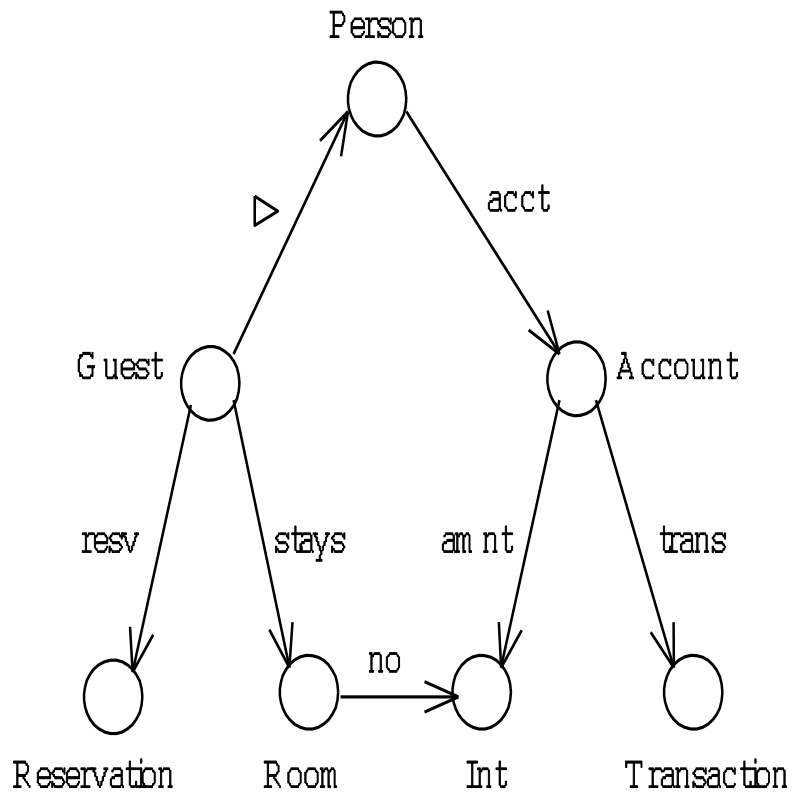
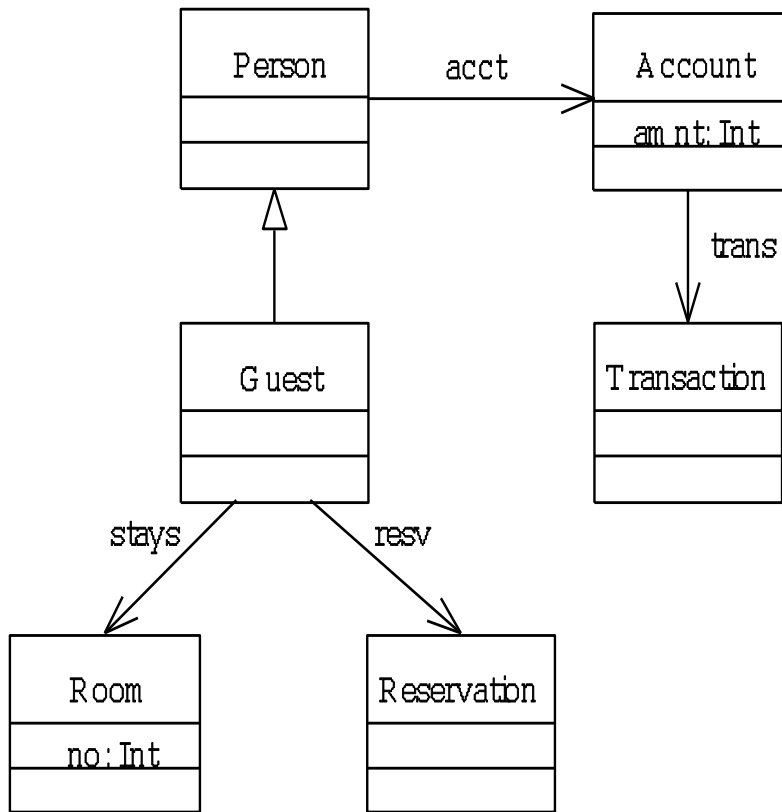
# Dijkstra wp and Hoare Logic, OO

- $\{pre\} p \vdash R \{post\} \hat{=} (p \wedge pre) \Rightarrow (R \wedge post')$
- $wp(p \vdash R, q) \hat{=} p \wedge \neg(R; \neg q)$

Both calculus of wp and Hoare logic can be used for reasoning and verification in rCOS

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# Class Graph

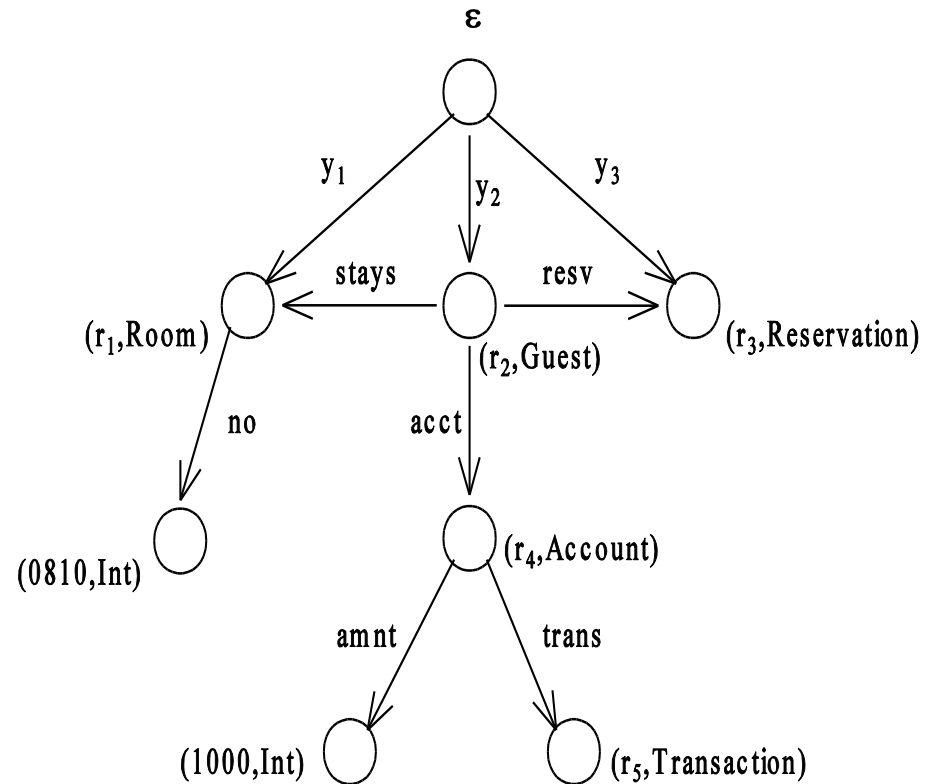


# OO Programs

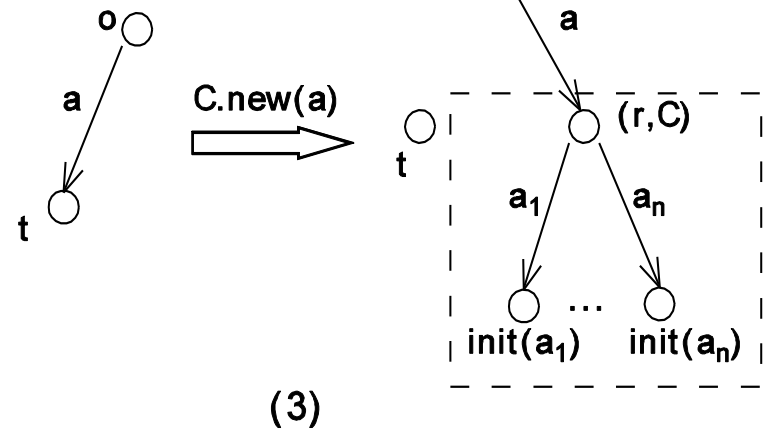
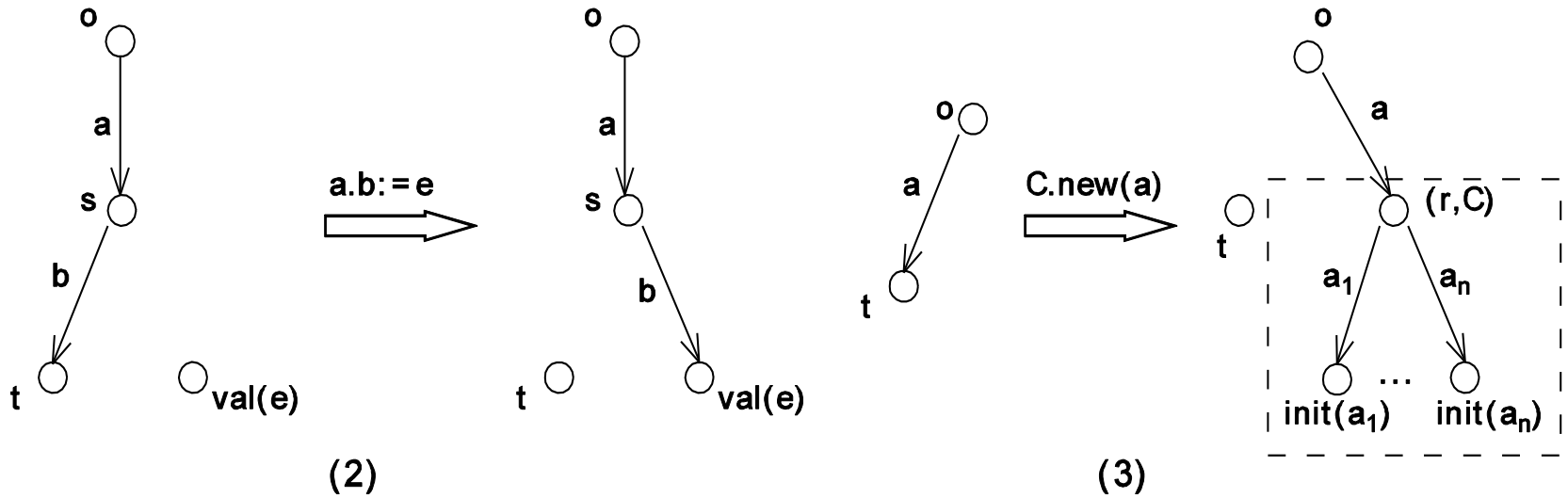
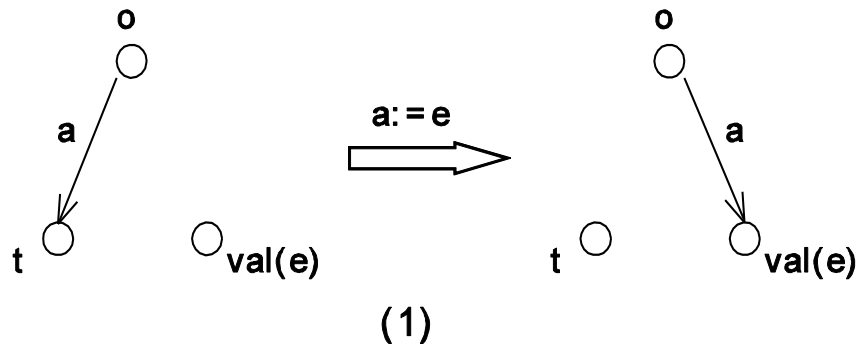
- An oo program  $P$  consists a list of class declarations and a main method  $\text{ClassDecls} \bullet \text{Main}$ , where  $\text{Main} = (\text{var}, c)$ 
    - $\text{ClassDecls}$  can be represented by a **UML Class Diagram**, but by a **directed and label graph in rCOS**
    - A state of  $P$  can be represented a **UML Object Diagram**, but by a **rooted, directed and labeled graph**
    - The execution of a deterministic command  $c$  changes one state graph to another -- relate an initial state to a final
    - When non-determinism allows, the semantics of  $c$  can be defined as  $p \dashv\vdash R$   
where  $p$  is a predicate on state graphs and  $R$  is relation between graphs
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# State Graph

- The root is the instance of main class
- An object and its related objects is a sub-graph rooted with object
- Primitive attributes are leaves
- Object (graph) and state graph are typed by class graph
- State graphs with local variables (stack)?



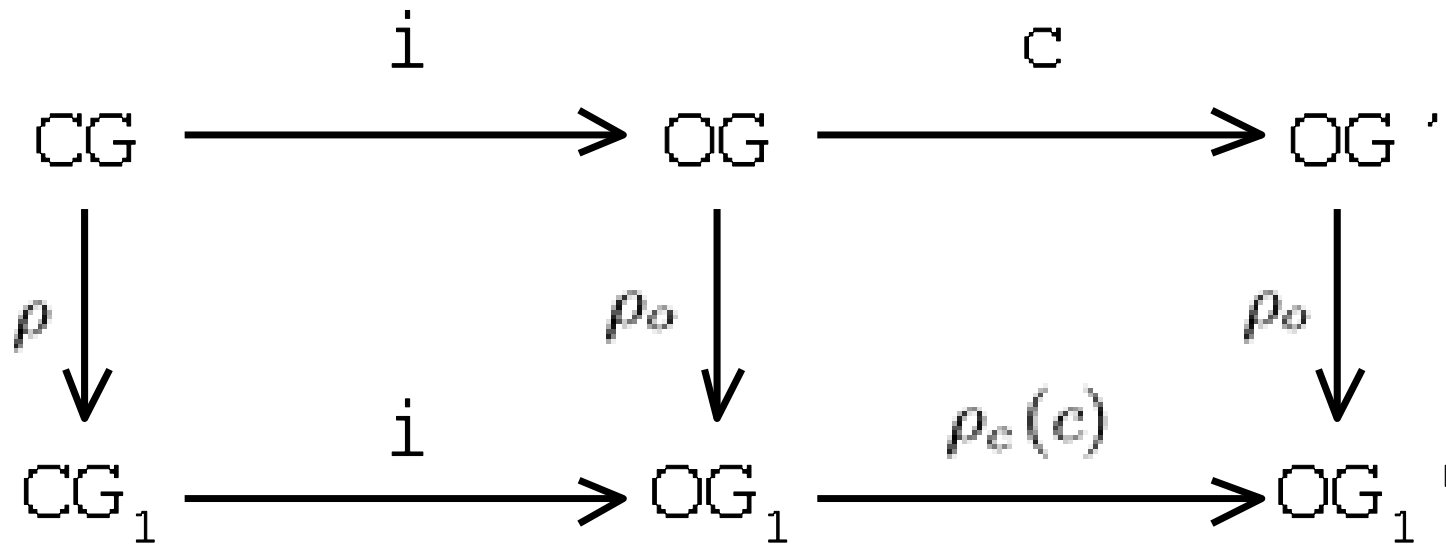
# OO Semantics [TCS 2009,



# OO Refinement [FAC SJ 2009]

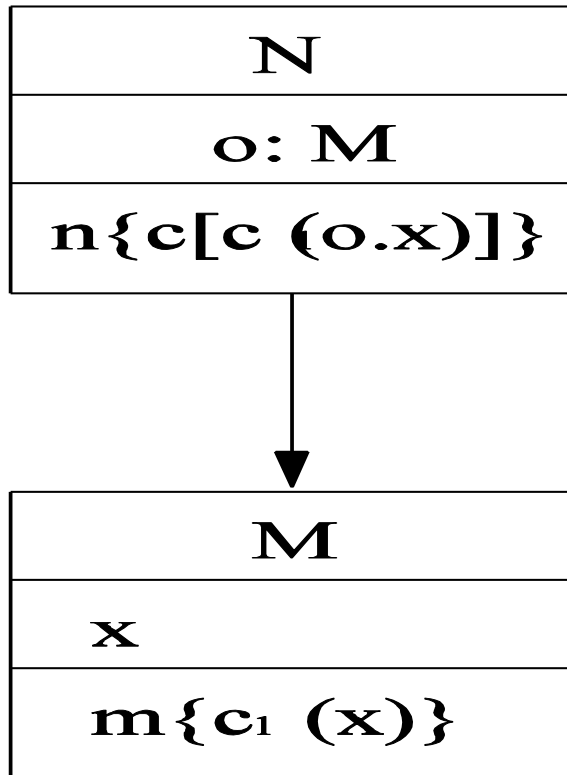
What does  $\text{ClassDecls} \bullet c \sqsubseteq \text{ClassDecls1} \bullet c1$  mean?

1. When  $\text{ClassDecls} = \text{ClassDecls1}$ , refinement defined as the same before
2.  $\text{CG} \sqsubseteq \text{CG1}$  if the following diagram commutes

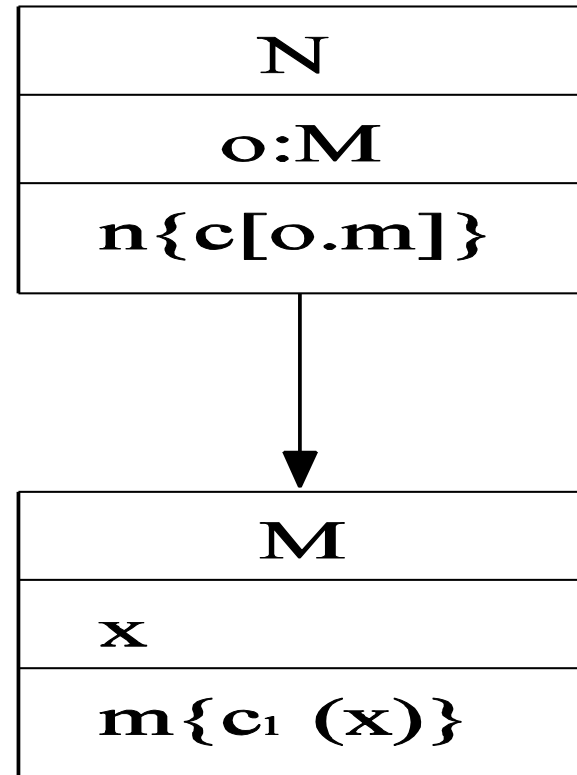


# Design Patterns Refinement

## Expert Pattern

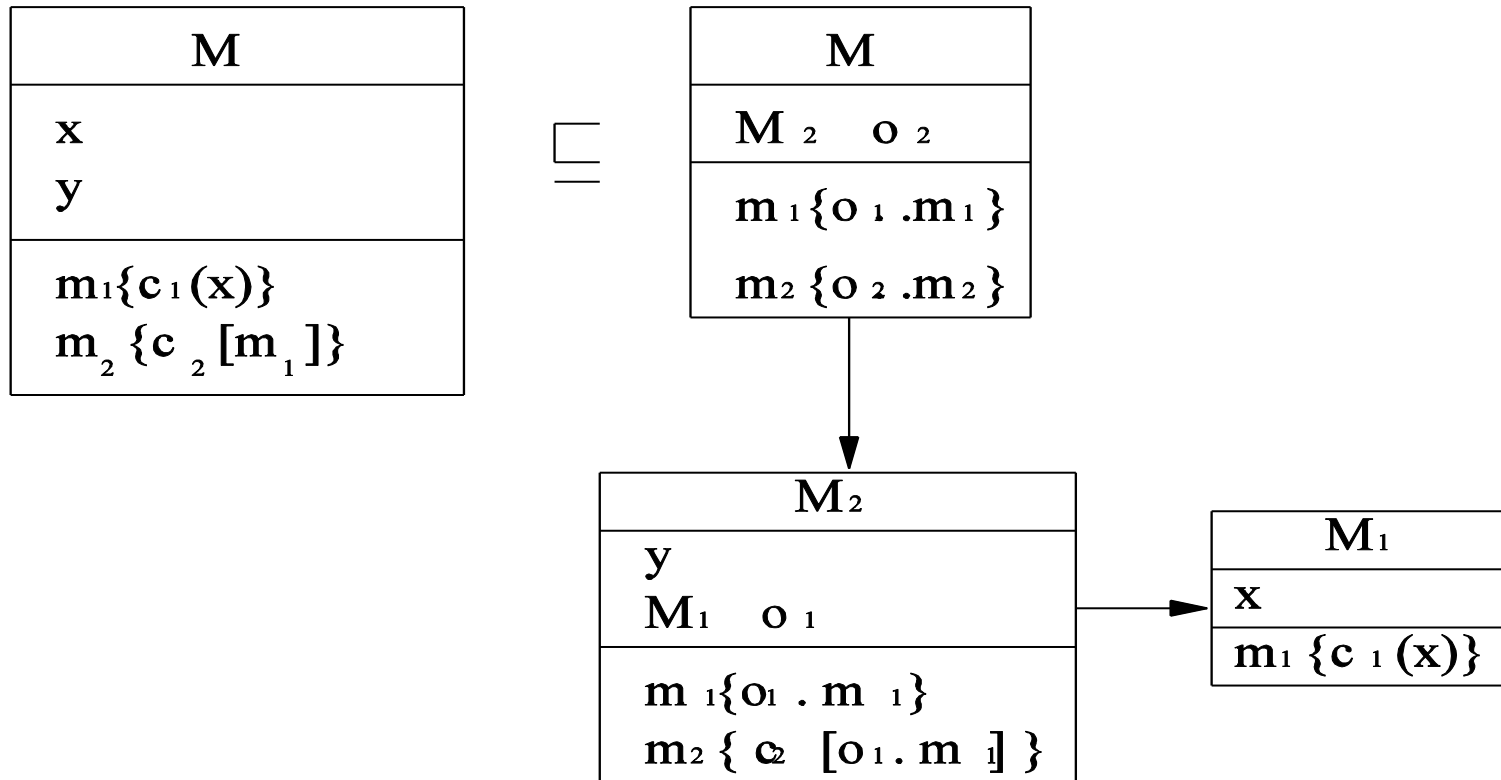


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# Design Patterns Refinement

## Class Decomposition (Low Coupling)





# Concurrent Programs

- Concurrent program with shared variable
- Closed and execution of the actions is controlled by the program itself

```
Program P {  
    variable T x = init_x  
    action  
    [a1: g1&D1  $\sqcap$  ...  $\sqcap$  an: gn&Dn]  
}
```

- TLA, Back's action systems, SAL
- Labeled state transition systems with failure-divergence semantics

# Example

## Memory-Processor Interaction systems

```
Program {  
  var d: int, v: int; op: {rdy, r, w};  
  init: op=w  $\wedge$  v $\in$ int;  
  Mw: op=w & (d:=v)  $\wedge$  (op:=rdy)  
  Mr: op=r & (v:=d)  $\wedge$  (op:=rdy)  
  Pw: op=rdy & (v:=radom(int))  $\wedge$  (op:=w)  
  Pr: op=rdy & (op:=w)  
  
  Act= Pw [] Pr [] Mw [] Mr  
}
```

# Reactive Designs

- Introduce Boolean observables `wait` and `wait'`
  - A design  $D$  is **reactive** if  $W(D) = D$ , where
$$W(D) \hat{=} \text{if } \text{wait} \text{ then } \text{wait}' \text{ else } D$$
  - **Guarded design:**  $g \& D \hat{=} \text{if } g \text{ then } D \text{ else } \text{wait}'$
  - **Properties**
    - 1)  $W(W(D)) = W(D)$
    - 2) If  $D$  is reactive, so is  $g \& D$
    - 3)  $g \& (p \vdash R) = g \& (W(p \vdash R))$
    - 4) Domain of reactive design is closed under sequential programming
  - **Refinement**  $\sqsubseteq$  is defined as implication
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# Components as Reactive Programs

## 1. Component $K=(V, \text{Init}, pIF, iA, rIF, Fd)$

- $Fd(m())= g\&p|-R$  – an I/o automaton + local data functionality
- $Fd(a)= g\&p|-R$
- $K=(V, \text{Init}, pIF, F, \text{Prot})$  , where  $Fd(m())= p|-R$  – local data functionality + sequence diagram (sequence charts)
- Failure-Divergence Semantics:  $(\text{Fail}(K), \text{Div}(K))$

## 2. Closed component $K= (V, \text{Init}, pIF, iA, Fd)$

- local functionality + Interface Automata
- Local functionality + sequence diagrams
- Failure-Divergence Semantics

## 3. Open components and processes for composing and coordinating components

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# Semantics and Refinement of Components

1. Universal model of components, integrated from different system views  
[\[LNCS 0850\]](#)
  2. Failure-Divergence Refinement with Upwards and Downwards Simulation [\[FSEN 2007\]](#)
  3. Interface model: Non-blockable input automata, non-refusal input traces [\[ICTAC 2013\]](#)
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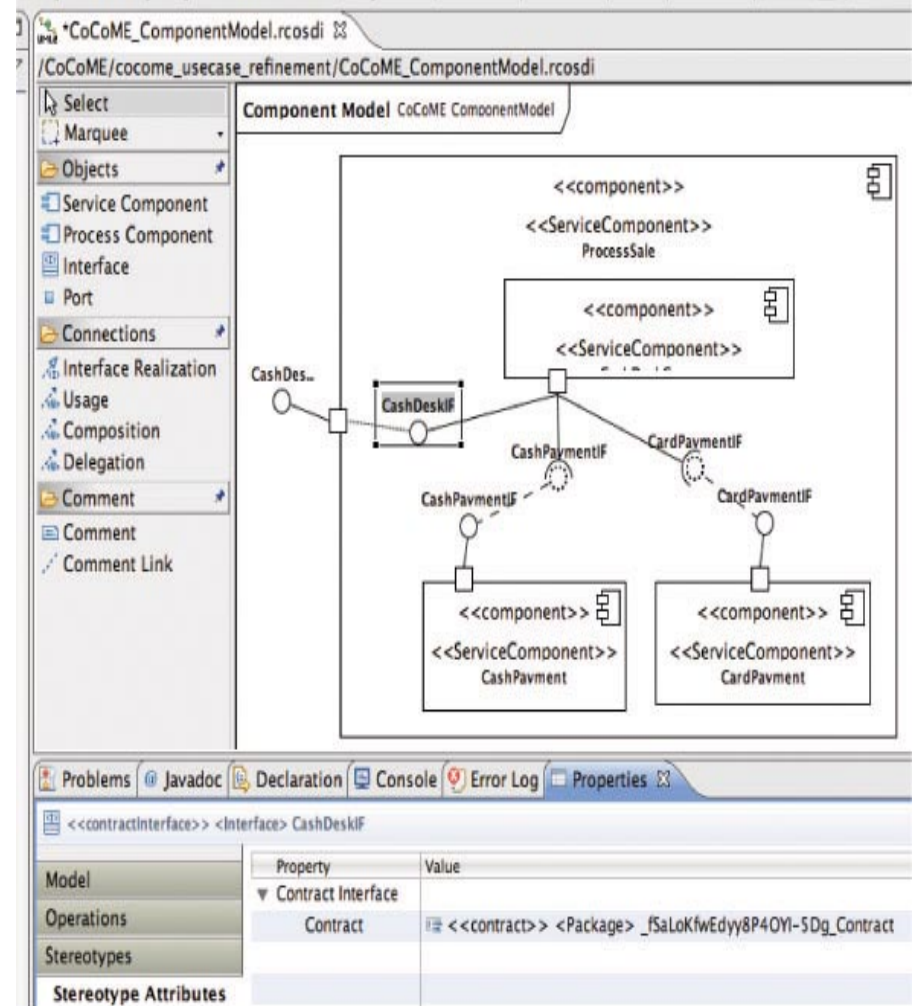
# Component-Based Design with rCOS

## 1. Interface models allow:

- independent components design, development and deployment
- use of components without the need to know their design and implementation
- reuse of designs, proofs, and code

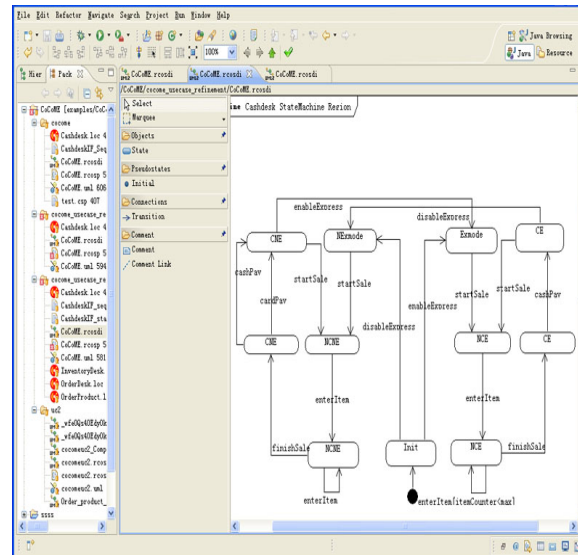
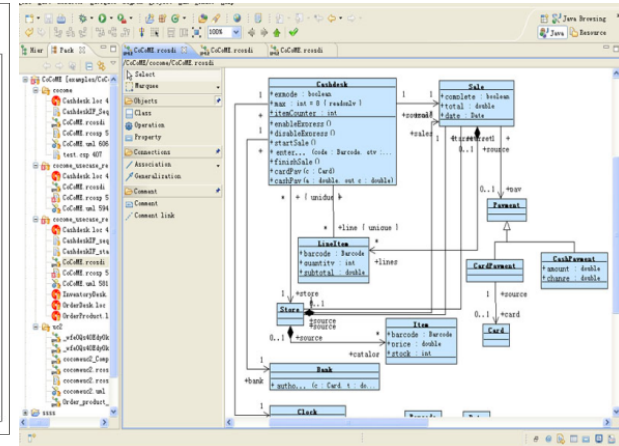
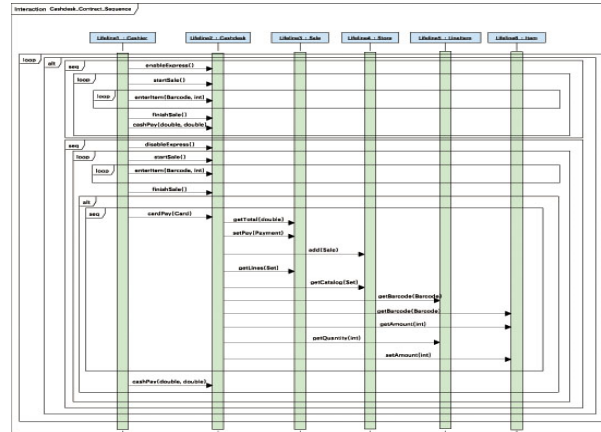
## 2. Composition operators allow:

- coordination through **connectors** and **coordinators**
- composability checking by reasoning about **functionality refinement** and **interaction compatibility**



# Model-Driven Development with rCOS

- Each phase is based on the construction of **verifiable models**
- Models are analyzed and verified
- Refined models are constructed by **model transformations**
- **Code** is generated from design models
- **Proof obligations** are generated by model transformations
- **rCOS modeler** integrates UML model notation into rCOS



```
19 -> 12 :
public enableExpress() {
    [ pre : true, post : this.exmode' = true ]
}

public disableExpress() {
    [ pre : true, post : this.exmode' = false ]
}

public startSale() {
    [ pre : true, post : this.sale' = Sale.new(false, empty, this.clock.date()) ]
}

public enterItem(Barcode code, int qty) {
    [ pre : store.catalog.find(c) = null, post : line' = LineItem.new(c, q) :
    line.subtotal' = this.store.cashSale.this.sale.lines.add(line) ]
}

public finishSale() {
    [ pre : true, post : this.sale.complete' = true OR this.sale.complete' = true
    OR this.sale.total' = this.sale.lines.num("subtotal") ]
}

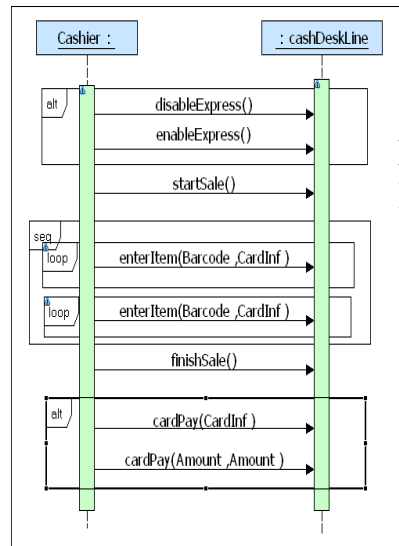
public cardPay(Card c) {
    [ pre : bank.authorize(c, sale.total),
    post : this.sale.pay' = CardPayment.new(c) ]
    this.store.orders.add(sale);
    forall LineItem l in this.sale.lines, Item p in this.store.catalog :
    (p.barcode = l.barcode) => p.amount = p.amount - l.quantity ]
}

public cashPay(Barcode c, double a) {
}
```

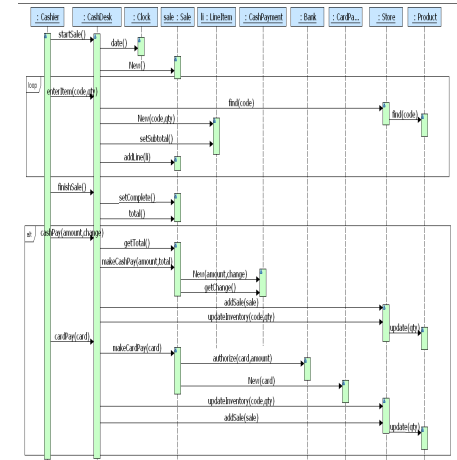
# Model Transformations in rCOS Modeler

1. model a *use case* as a component
2. refine use case operations by *design patterns* to generate an *oo interaction model*
3. generate design class model
4. transform the oo interaction model to a *component interaction model*
5. generate the component diagram
6. transform oo interfaces to *specific middlewares*, e.g. RMI, CORBA etc.
7. integrate use cases

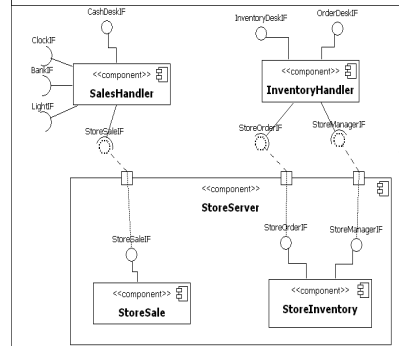
*Code generation performed after 3 and/or 6*



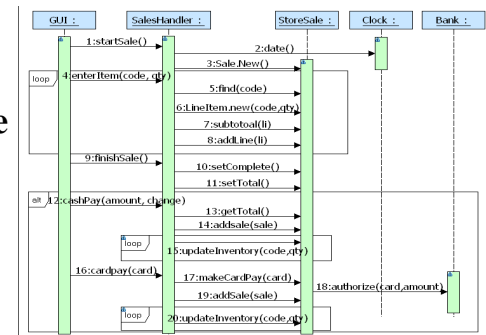
**Design Pattern**



**Abstract**



**Generate**





# Component-Orientation vs Object-Orientation

## [LNCS 7253]

- Classes and objects are not explicitly composable
- Most component-based technologies are implemented in OO languages
- Useful design patterns are mostly proposed for OO structures
- Static functionality decomposition is essentially characterized by Expert Pattern
- OO design model can be transformed into a component-based design model with interactive tool support.

OO is an important part of rCOS

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# Model Transformations vs Refinement Laws

- **Traditional refinement calculi provide syntactic rules for transforming specification**
    - Preserve semantic correctness
    - Support program derivation
    - Refinement laws are too fine grained and cannot be complete
    - Refinement of OO programs is not well developed
  - **MTs preserve semantic correctness**
    - Design patterns and I model refactoring can be implemented as MTs with semantic conditions of the application
    - These conditions are generated as **proof obligations** by a transformation
    - Automation is crucial for MT to support code generation, and transformation between PSMs
    - **Model transformations can be used to relate models of different users' views.**
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# Further Aspects of rCOS

1. **Service oriented systems:** modeling and verification of web-services, choreography, orchestration and long running transactions [ICTAC 2010, FACS 2010]
  2. **Real-time** [LNCS 5454, 2009]
  3. **Security:** access control connectors [ISoLA 2008]
  4. **Aspect orientation:** AspectJ as connectors
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# Future work

- Further tool support development (<http://rcos.iist.unu.edu>)
  - Real-time, QoS, component-based fault-tolerant design
  - Application development from a given repository of components
    - based on the knowledge of the repository
    - using a model of ontology of the components
  - CPS: integration of cyber (software) components and physical components
  - Applications in Healthcare and environmental health, in particular
-