

Stochastic Models for Self-Aware Computing in Data Centers

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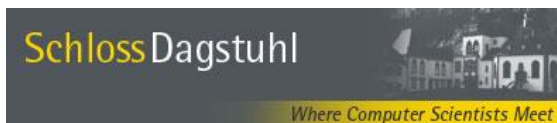
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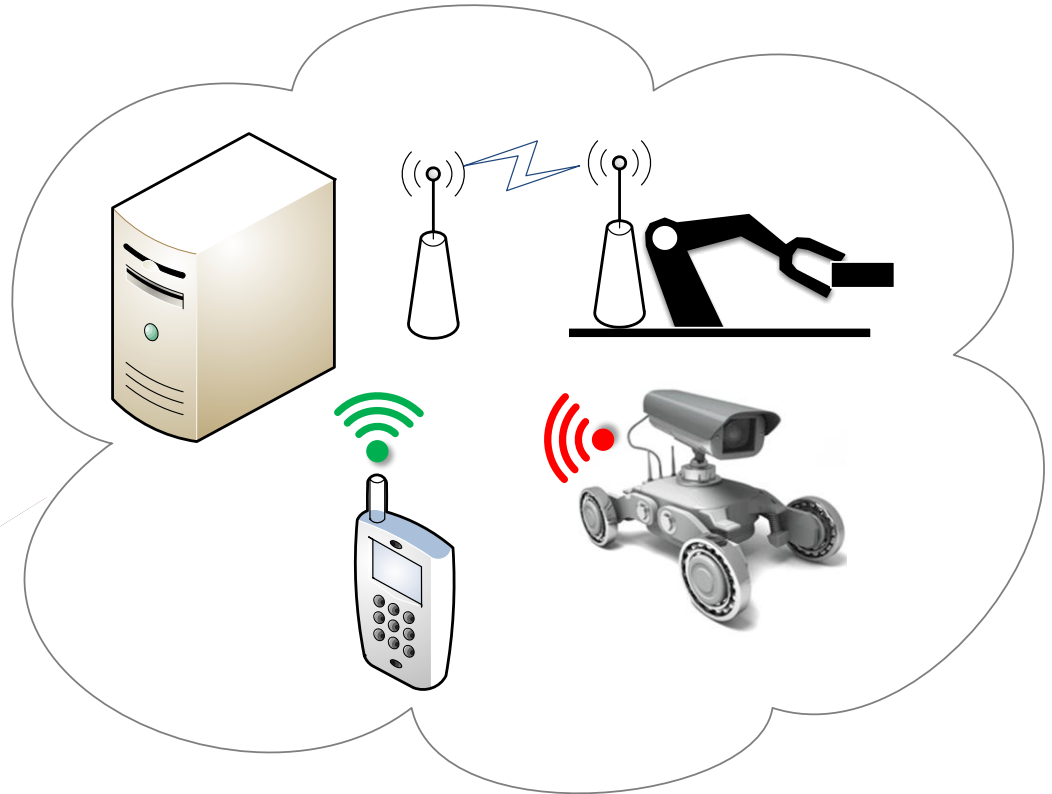
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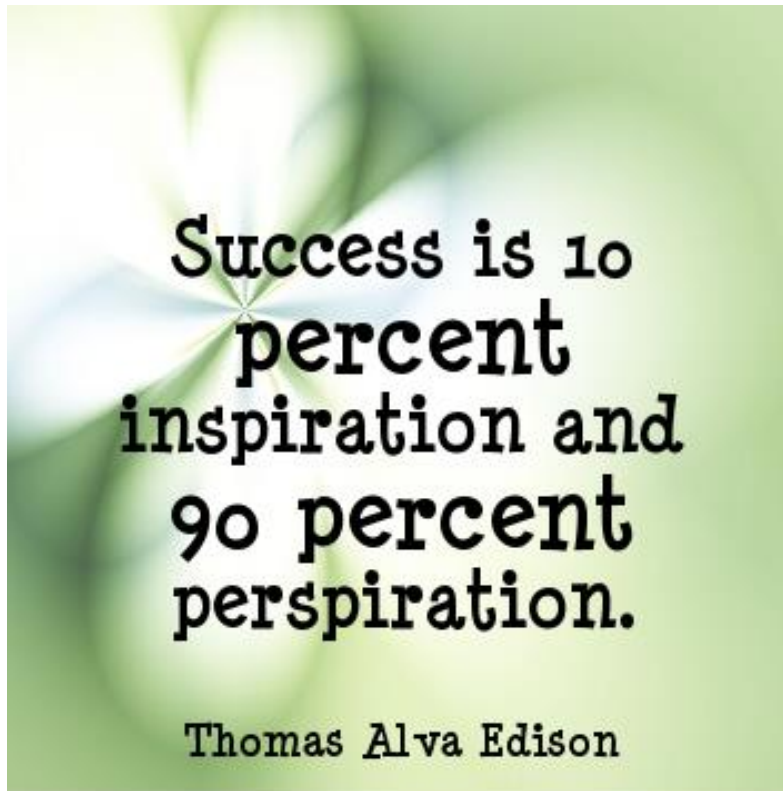
The Vision



Self-Aware Computing

Inspiration vs. Perspiration

- „Whoever has visions should go to the doctor“



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Helmut Schmidt

Self-aware Computing Systems are computing systems that:

1. ***learn models*** capturing knowledge about themselves and their environment ***on an ongoing basis*** and
2. ***reason*** using the models enabling them to ***act*** based on their knowledge and reasoning

in accordance with ***higher-level goals***, which may also be subject to change.

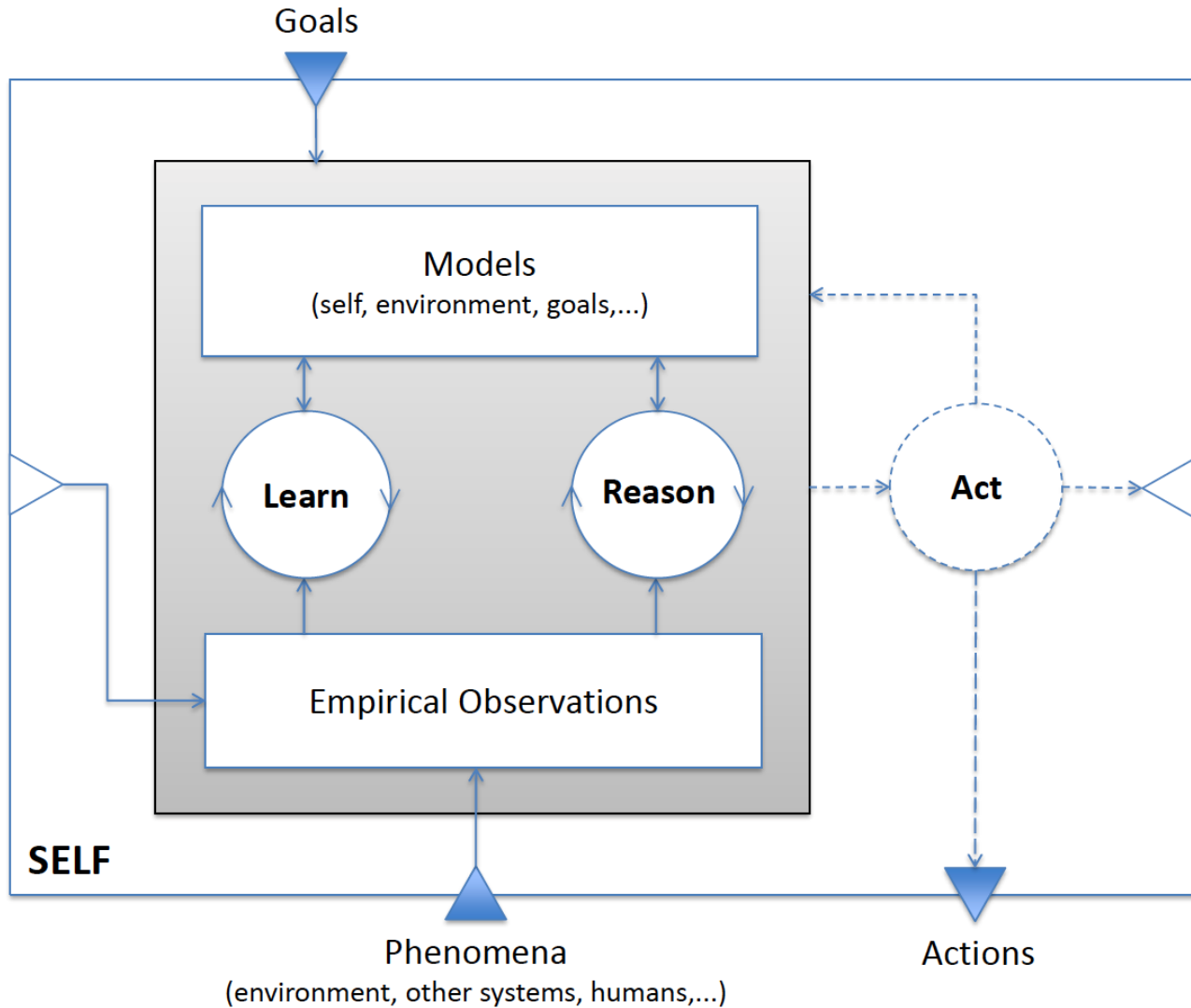
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Self-Aware Learning & Reasoning Loop



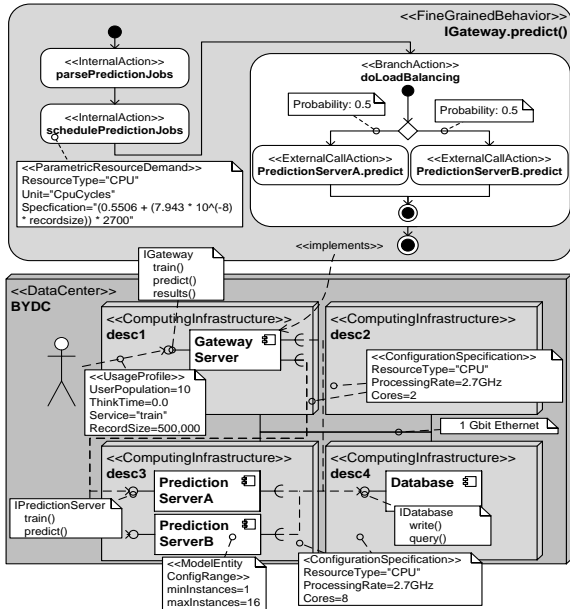
Descriptive Models

- Capture relevant knowledge about the system and the environment in which it is running
- Describe selected aspects that have influence on the goal fulfilment

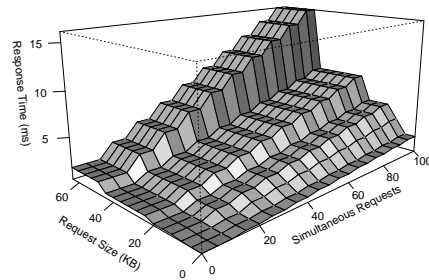
(Predictive) Analysis Models

- Allow to reason about the system behavior
- Predict the impact of changes on the goal fulfilment

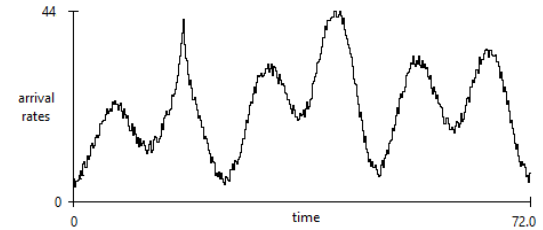
Examples of Models



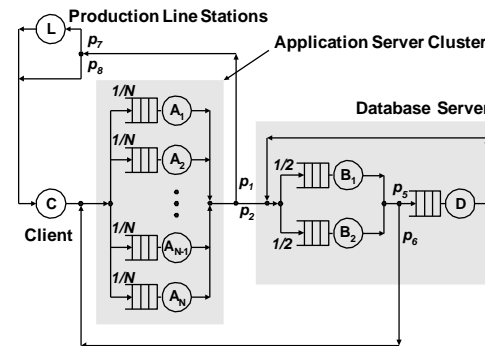
Descriptive MOF-based models



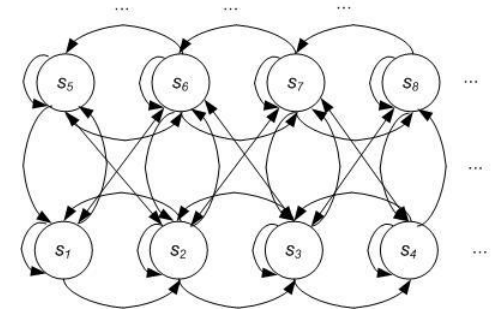
Statistical regression models



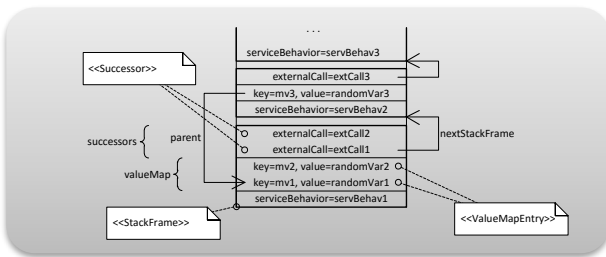
Load forecasting models



Queueing network models



Markov models



Simulation models

$$R \geq \max \left[N \times \max \{ D_i \}, \sum_{i=1}^K D_i \right] \quad X_0 \leq \min \left[\frac{1}{\max \{ D_i \}}, \frac{N}{\sum_{i=1}^K D_i} \right]$$

$$\frac{N}{\max \{ D_i \} [K + N - 1]} \leq X_0 \leq \frac{N}{\text{avg} \{ D_i \} [K + N - 1]}$$

Analytical analysis models

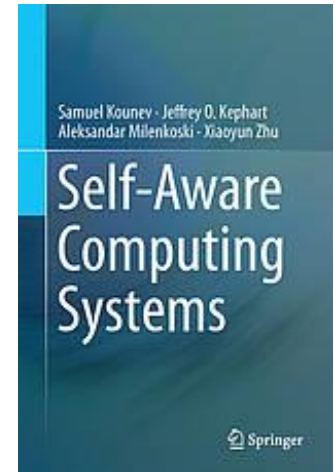
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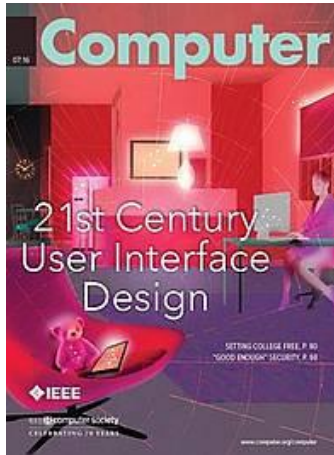
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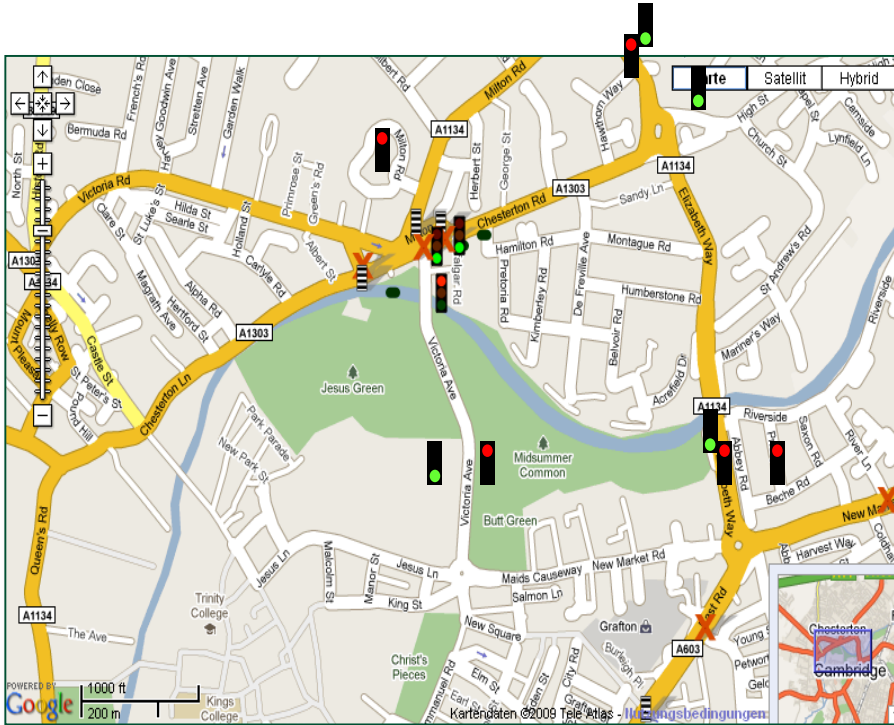
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Motivating Example

Traffic Monitoring System



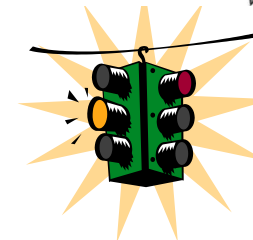
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Loops



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Sensors



Traffic
Cameras



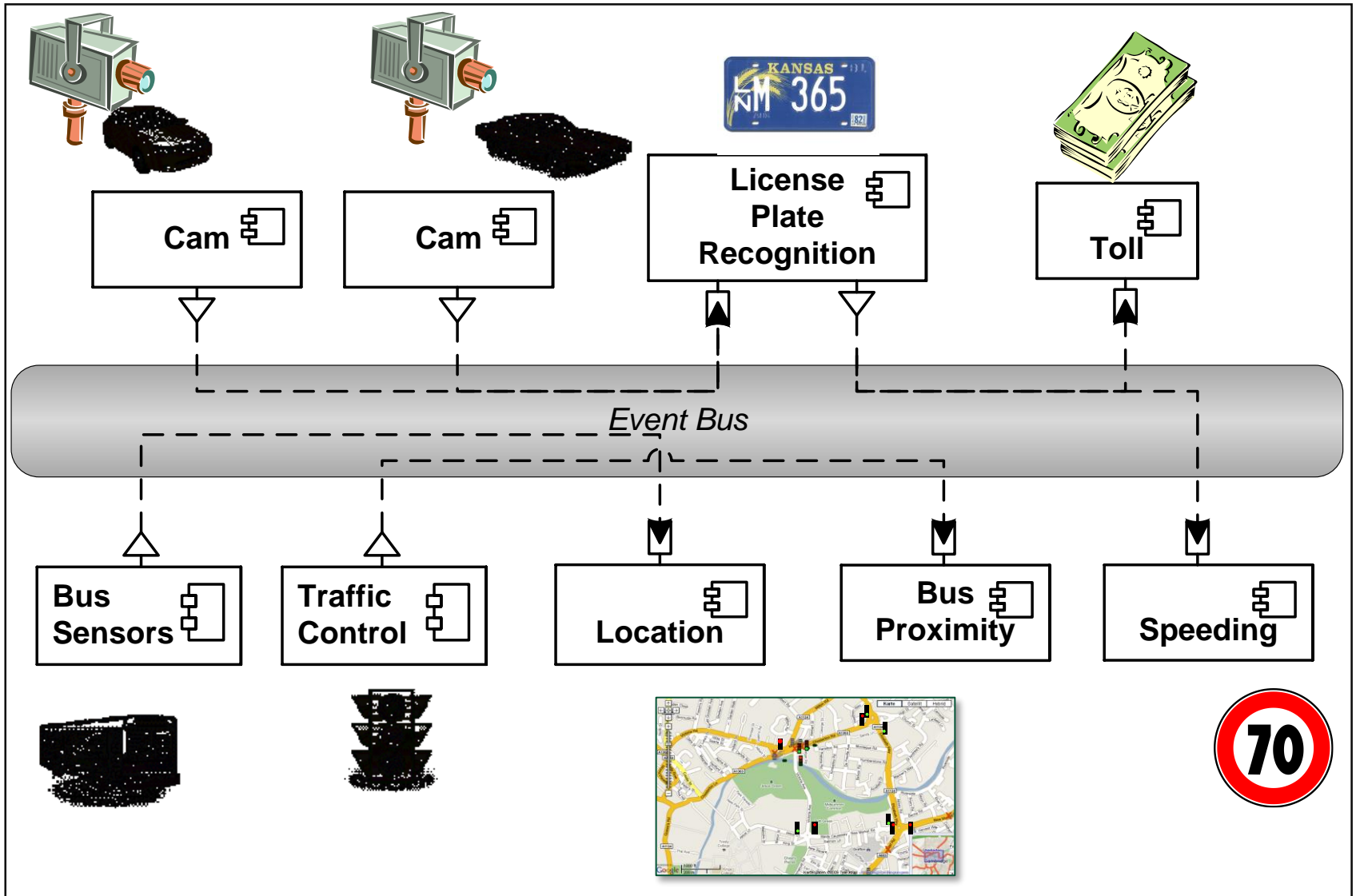
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Status



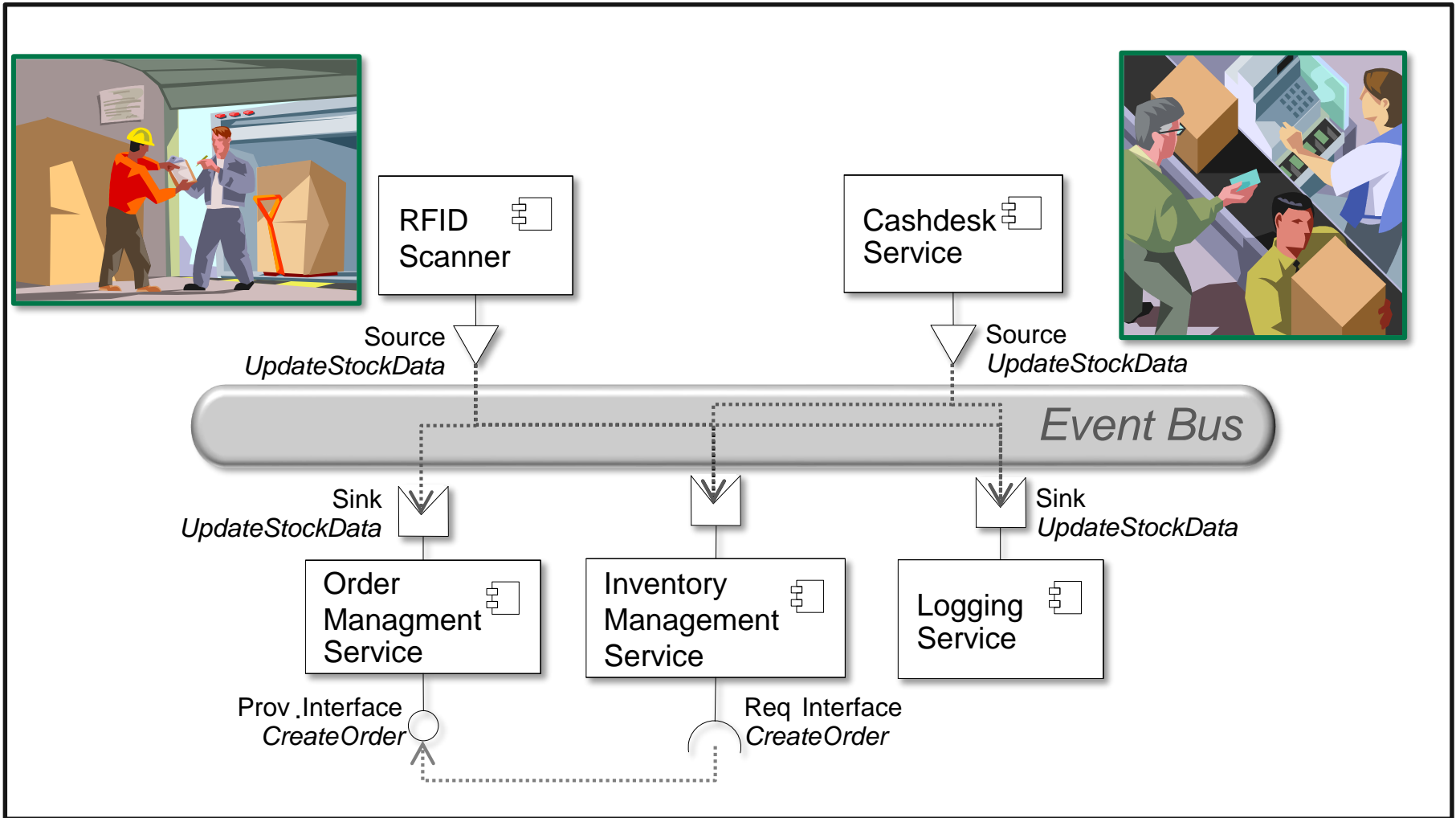
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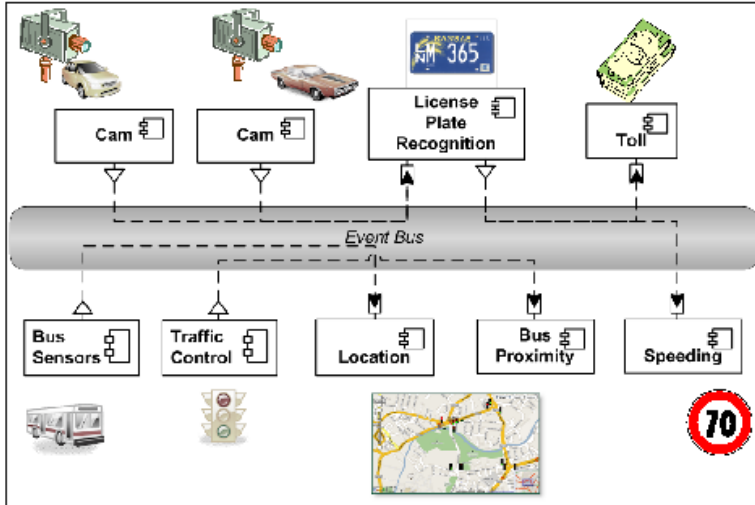


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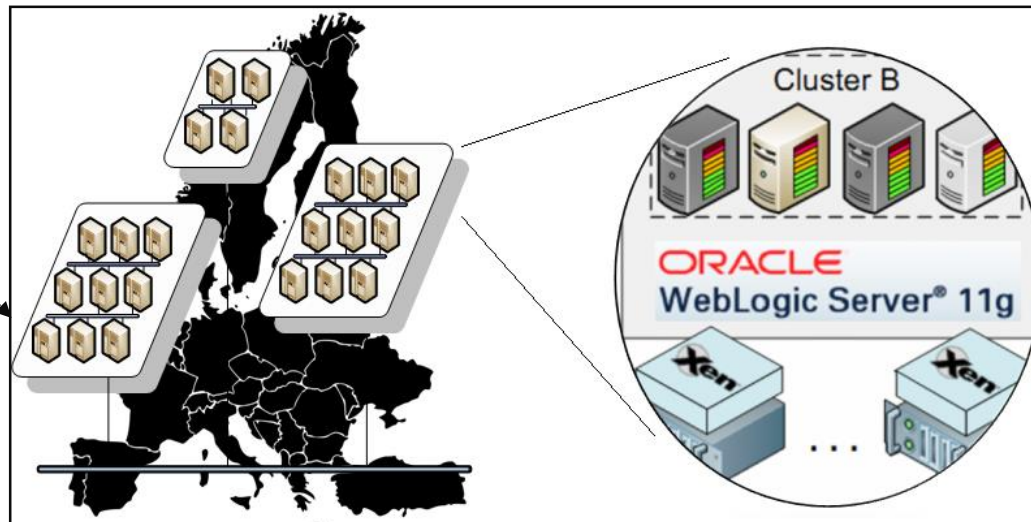
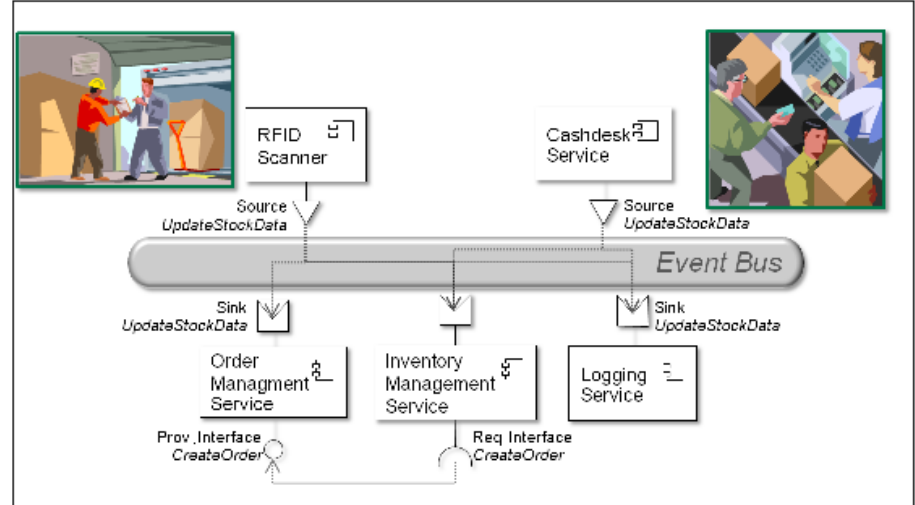


Increasing Complexity & Dynamics

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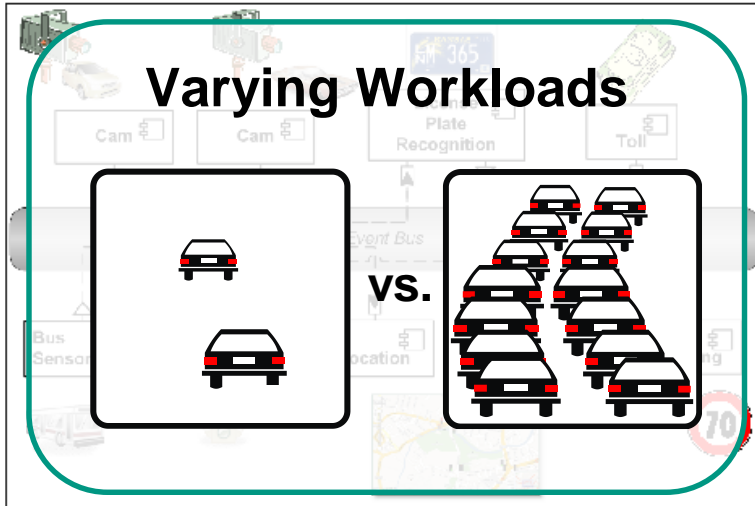


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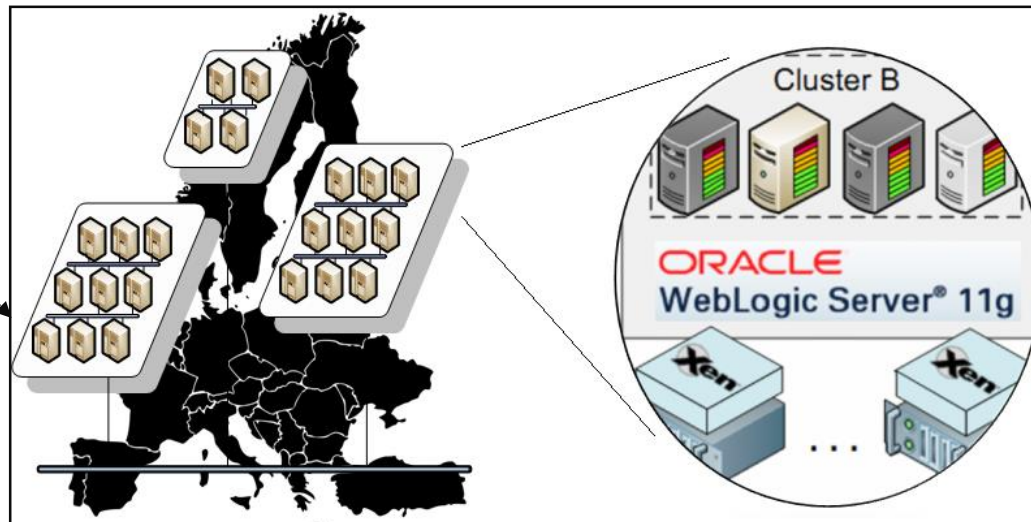
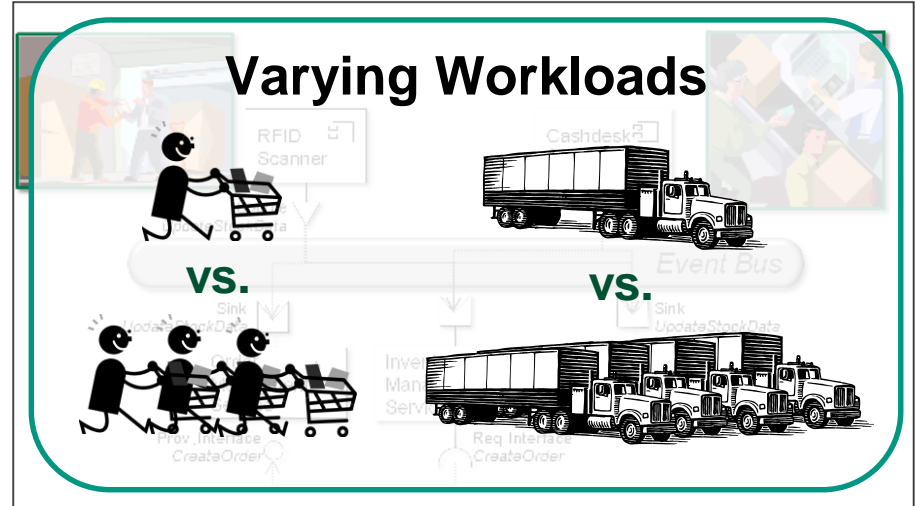


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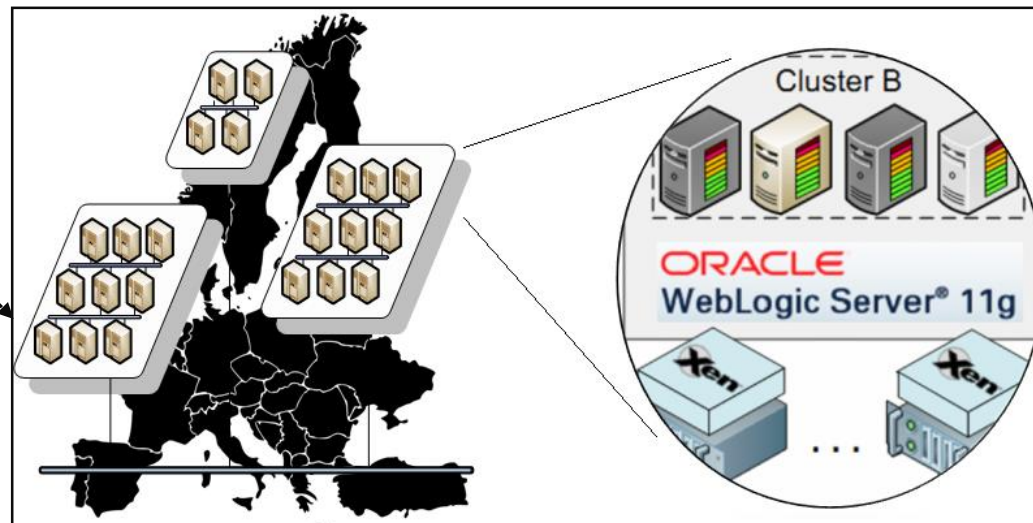
System Evolution

- New streets / bus lines
- New features and services
- Upgraded cameras

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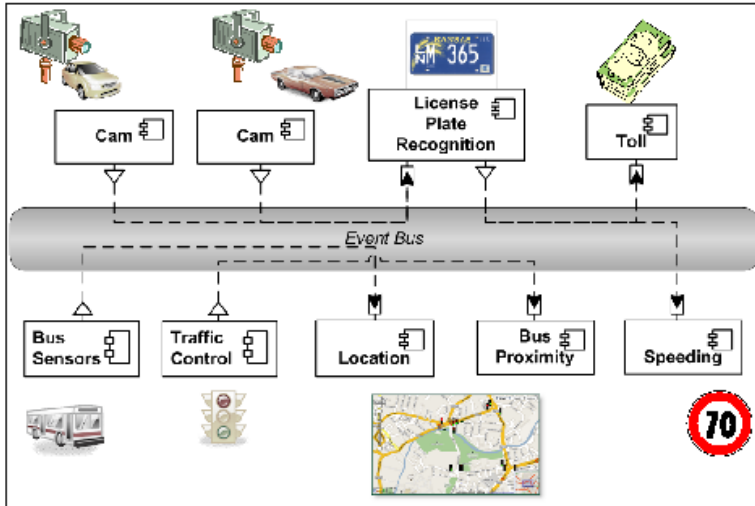
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- New supermarket stores
- New features and services
- Upgraded RFID readers

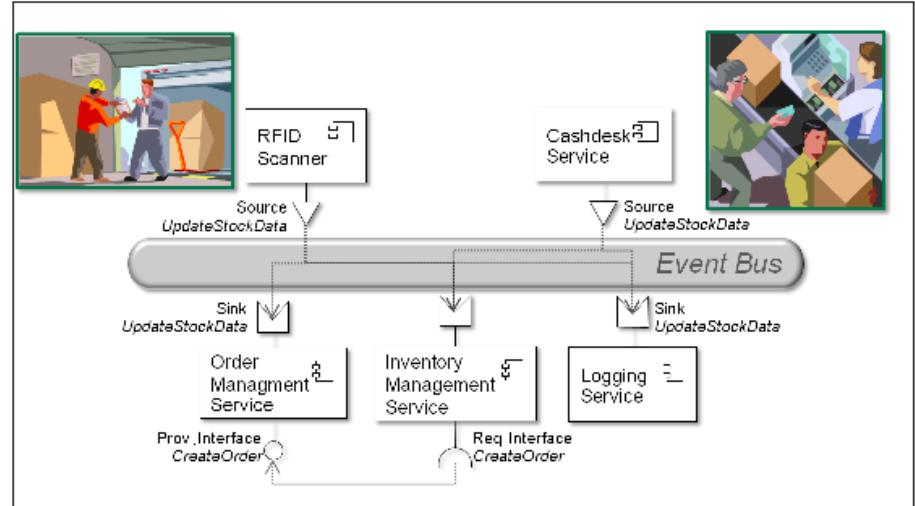


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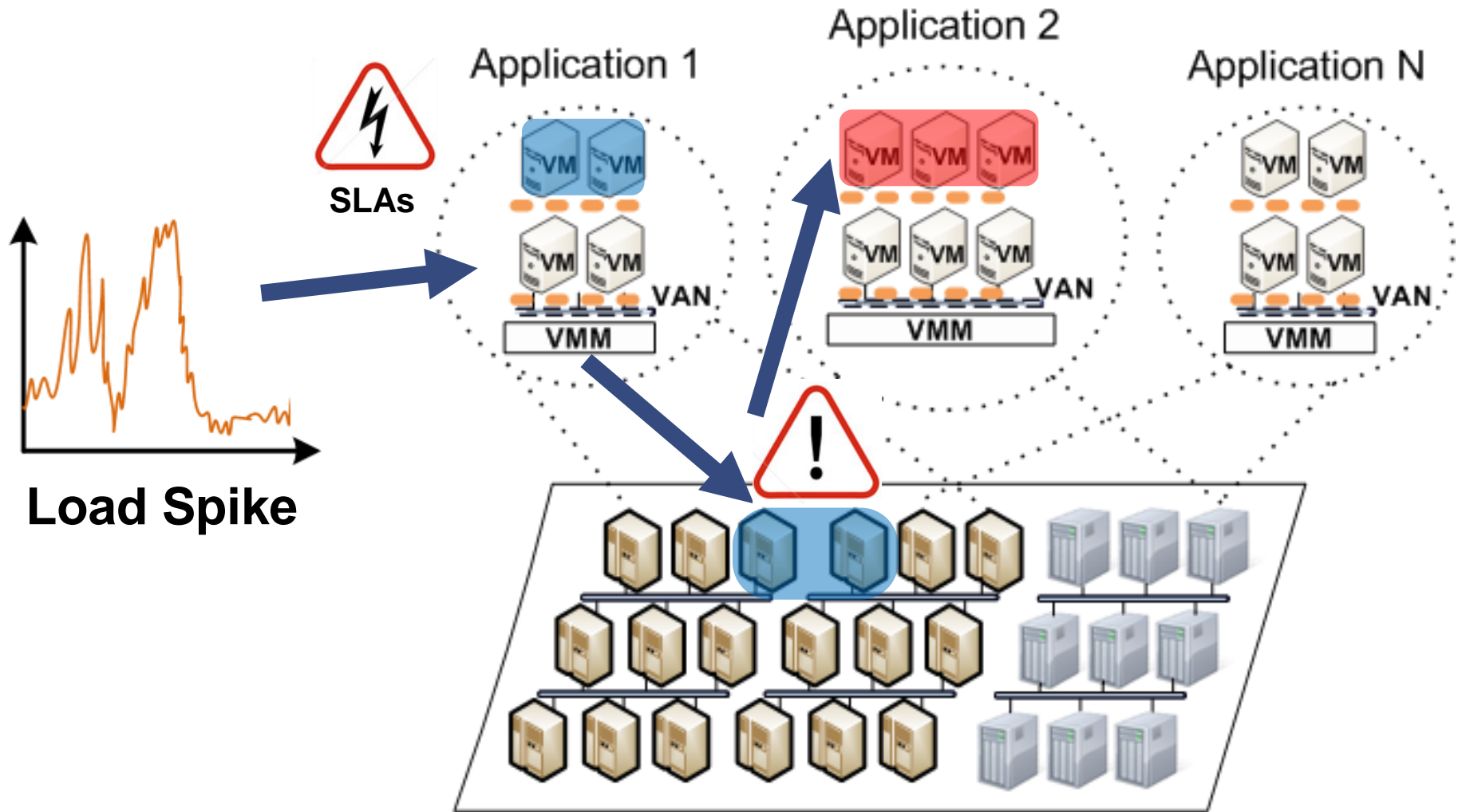


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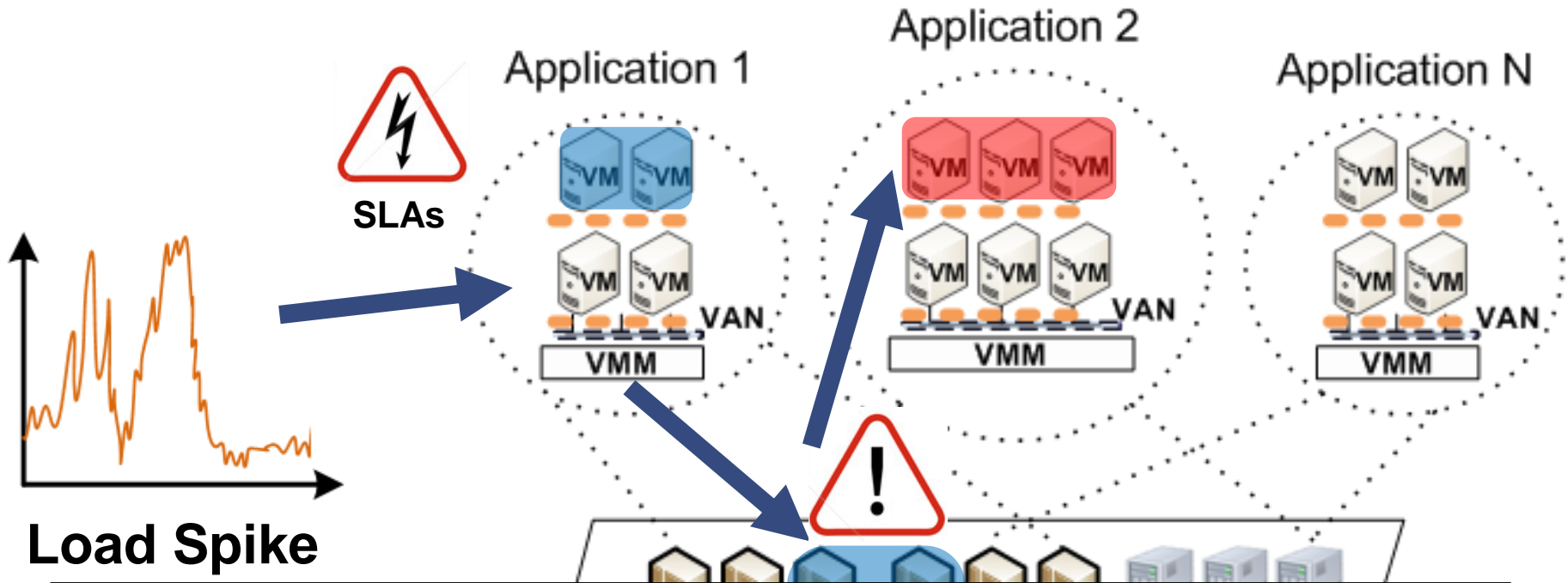


- Software systems increasingly **complex** and **dynamic**
- Must be **reconfigured at run-time** more and more frequently
 - Component instances, application configuration
 - Deployment topology, resource allocations
- Two issues:
 - Determine **WHEN** exactly reconfigurations are necessary?
 - Determine **WHAT** exactly each reconfiguration should do?

Challenges: Availability & Performance



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Elastic (auto)-scaling of resources at run-time

- How can one predict the load spike?
- When exactly should a reconfiguration (scaling) be triggered?
- Which particular resources should be scaled?
- How quickly and at what granularity?

Autumn 2015: Overload in Data Centers of the Sparkasse Bank

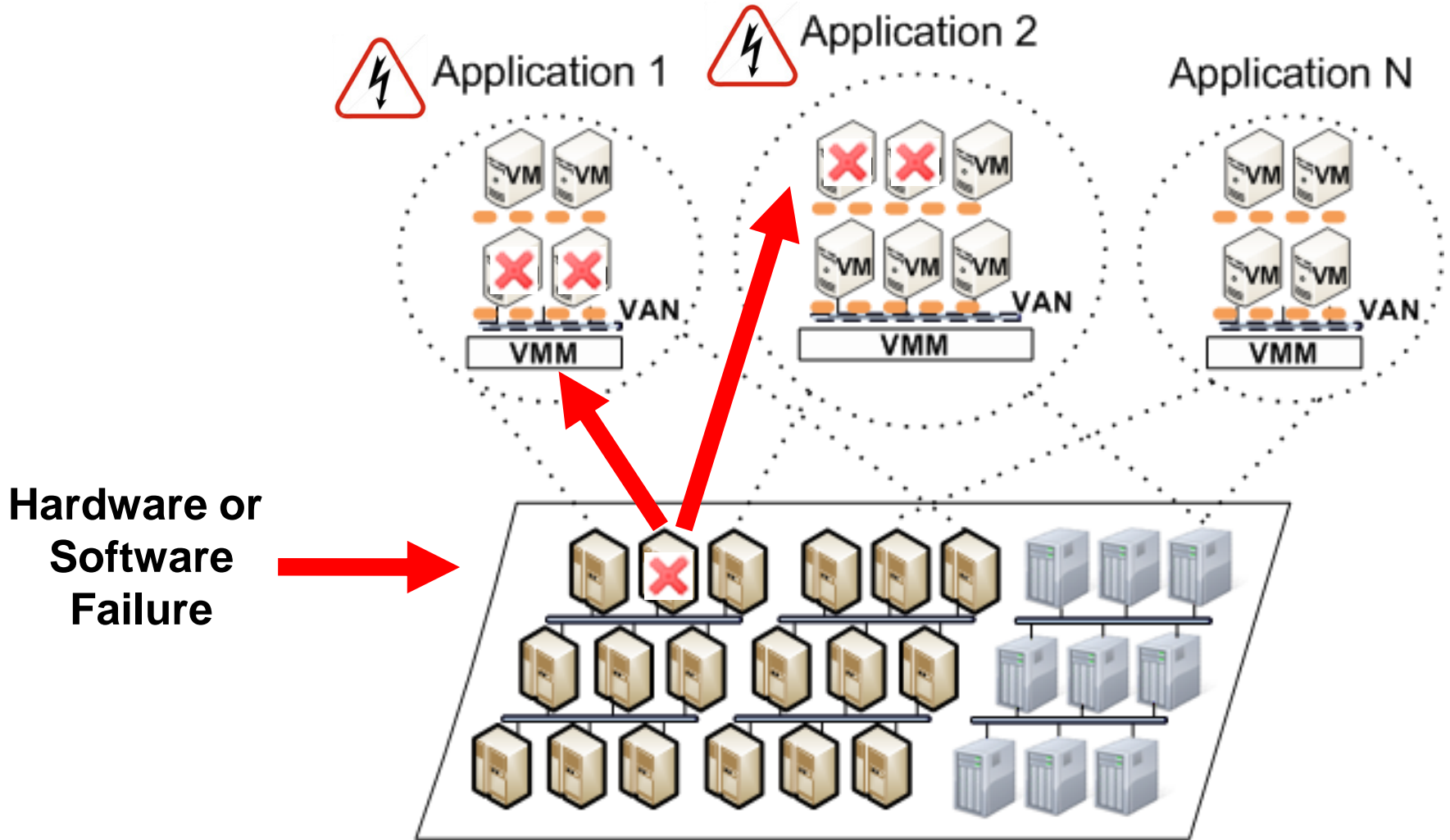
- 94 Sparkasse branch banks are down
- Cause: „overload of the network infrastructure “



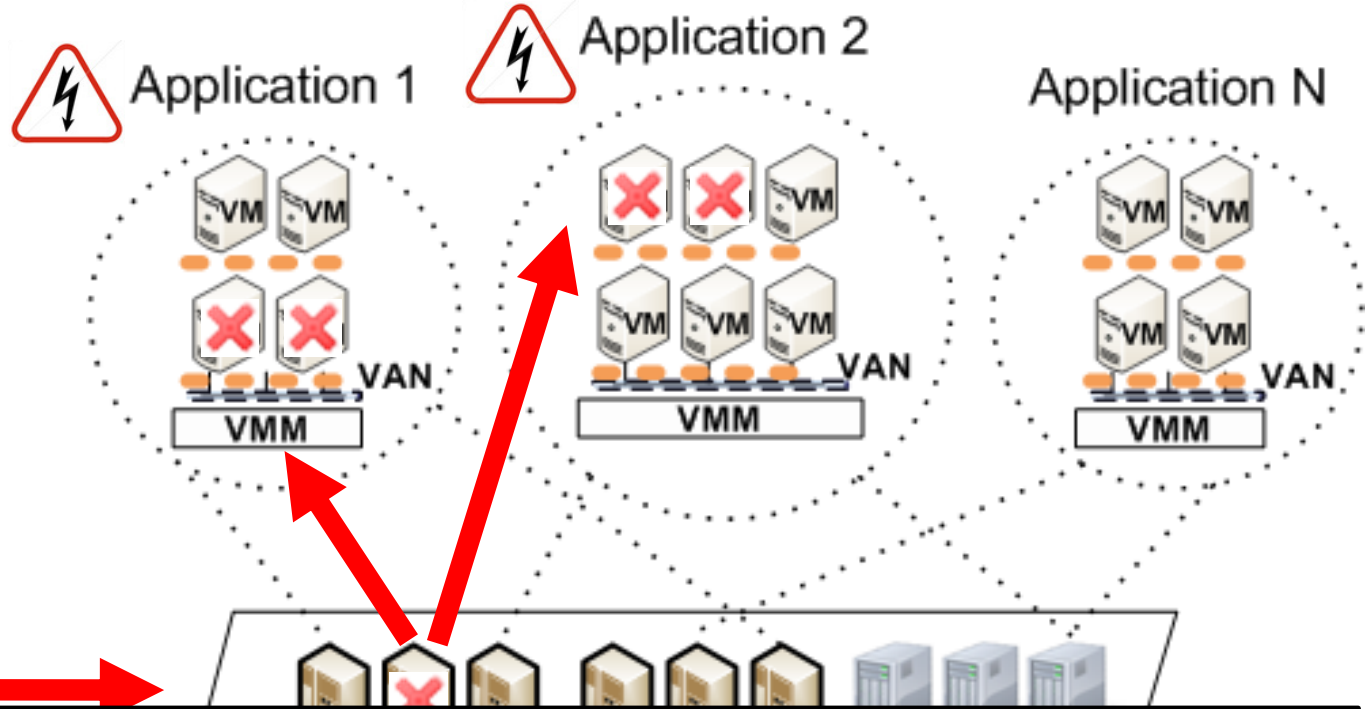
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Challenges: Reliability



Hardware or Software →

- Failure**
- How can one predict and prevent failures?
 - When exactly should a reconfiguration be triggered?
 - Which system components / services should be restarted?

Software Crash @ Deutsche Bank



- 60,000 customers cannot use their bank card
- **2.9 million accounts** → show wrong balance!
- Numerous double bookings
- ...



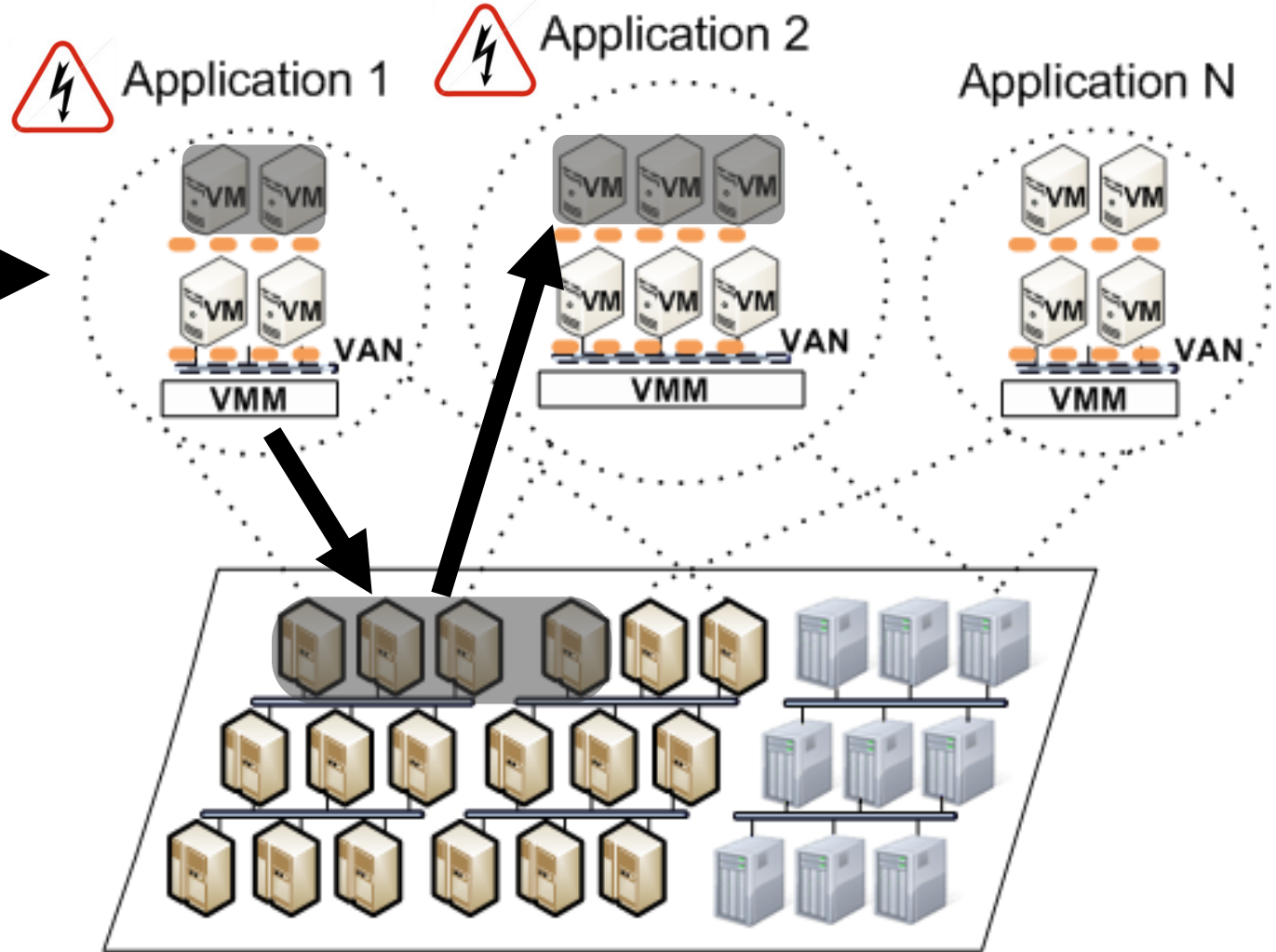
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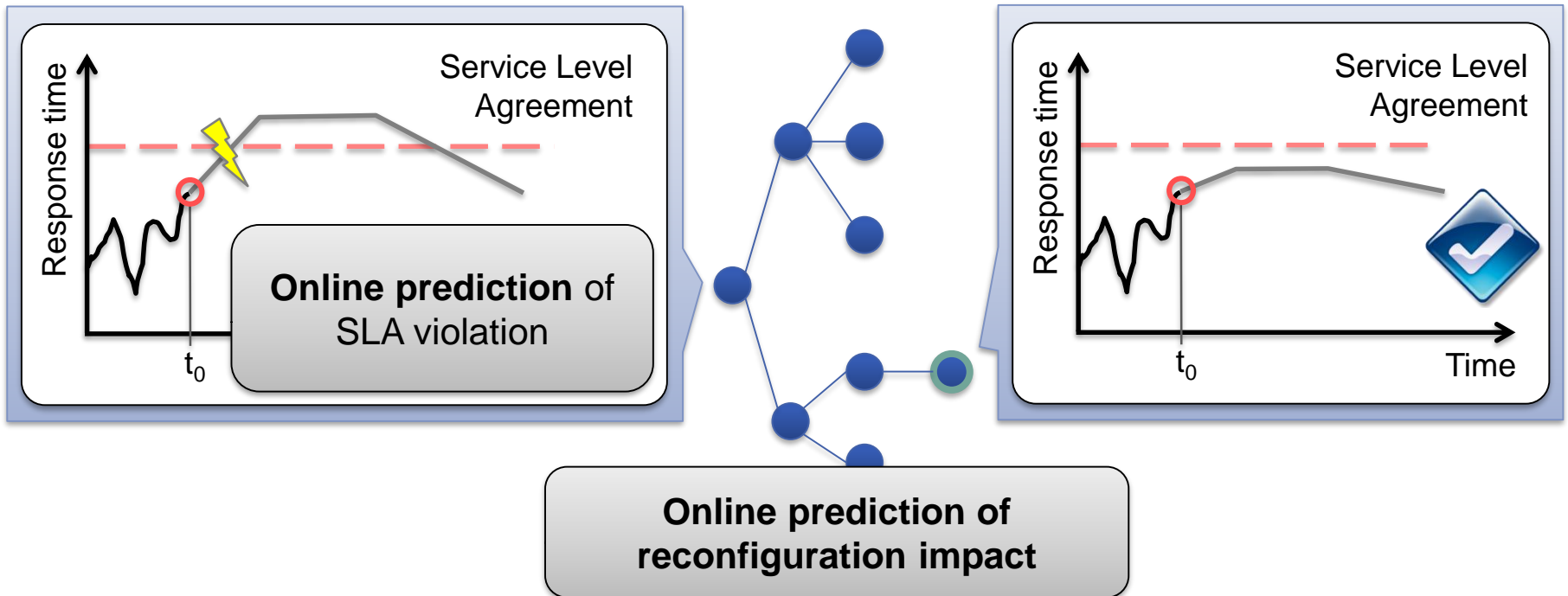
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Challenges: Security


Security Attack



Self-Aware Data Center



→ **Example Scenario for Self-Aware Computing** (more later)

Descartes Tool Chain



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Descartes Tools

Descartes Modeling Language:

DML (Descartes Modeling Language)

DNI (Descartes Network Infrastructures Modeling)

Workload Characterization & Model Extraction:

LIMBO Load Intensity Modeling Tool

WCF (Workload Classification and Forecasting Tool)

LibReDE (Library for Resource Demand Estimation)

SPA (Storage Performance Analyzer)

PMX (Performance Model eXtractor)

Declarative Performance Engineering:

DQL (Descartes Query Language)

Benchmarking:

BUNGEE Cloud Elasticity Benchmark

hInjector Hypercall Attack Injector

Stochastic Modeling:

QPME (Queueing Petri net Modeling Environment)

Black-Box Modeling:

Univariate Interpolation Library

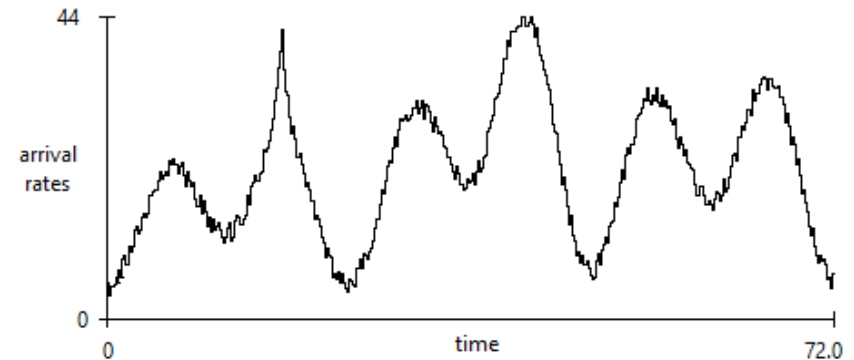


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LIMBO Tool

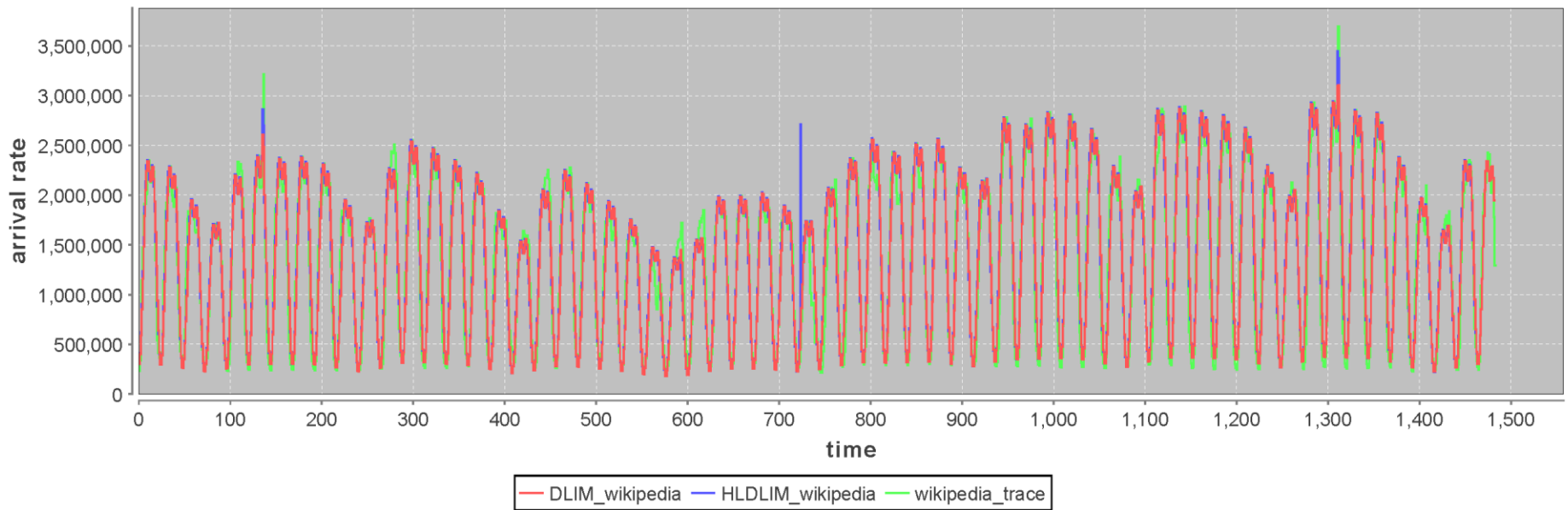
- **Problem:**
 - How to capture the load intensity variations (e.g., requests per sec) in a compact mathematical model?
 - How to forecast the load intensity (requests per sec) in future time horizons?
- **Load Intensity Modeling & Forecasting Tool**



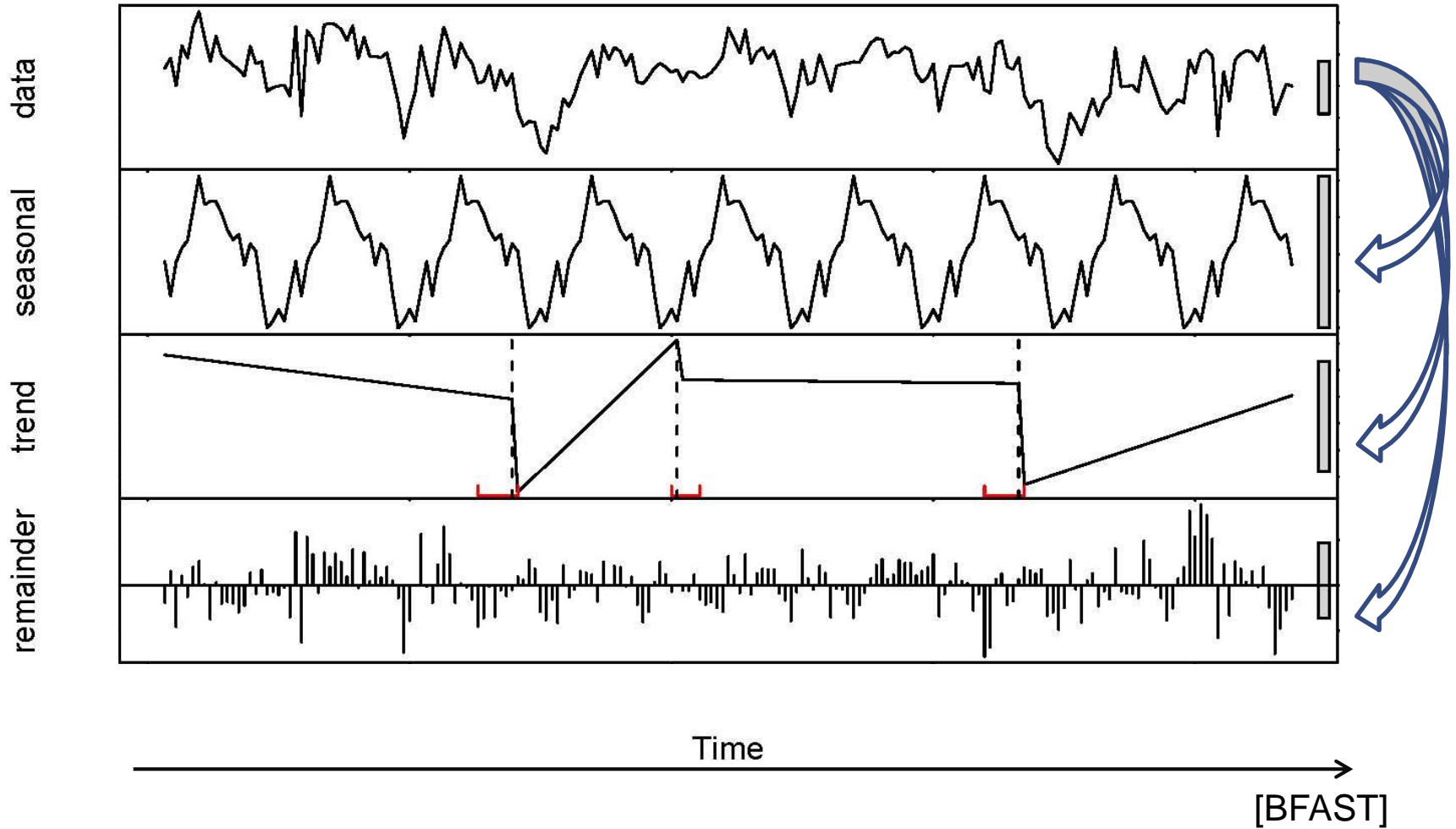
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Example: Wikipedia Workload

DLIM_wikipedia Arrival Rates



Time Series Analysis



Applied Forecasting Methods

Basic Methods	(initial)
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Naïve, Moving Averages, Random Walk

Trend Interpolation	(fast)
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Simple Exponential Smoothing (SES)	[Hynd08]
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Cubic Smoothing Splines	[Hynd02]
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Croston's method for intermittent time series	[Shen05]
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Autoregressive Moving Averages (ARMA11)	[Box08]
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Estimation and Modelling of Seasonal Pattern	(complex)
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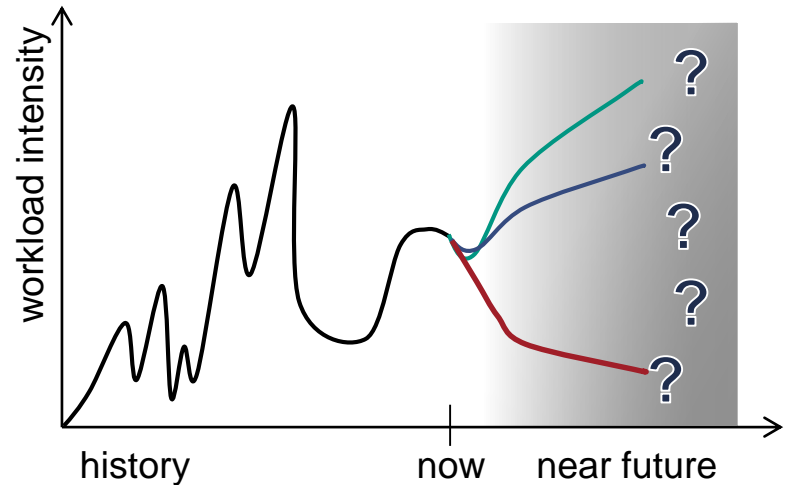
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ARIMA framework with automatic model selection	[Box08, Hynd08]
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tBATS for complex seasonal patterns	[Live11]
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LIMBO Tool (2)

- **Workload Classification & Forecasting (WCF)**
 - Use of multiple alternative forecasting methods in parallel
 - Selection of method based on its accuracy in the past



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LibReDE Tool

- Problem: How to estimate the total service time of a given type of request/job at a given resource?
- **Library for Resource Demand Estimation**
 - Ready-to-use implementations of estimation approaches
 - Selection of a suitable approach for a given scenario



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Estimation Approaches

Technique	Variant	References
Approximation with response times		Urgaonkar et al. [13] Nou et al. [14] Brosig et al. [15]
Service Demand Law		Lazowksa [4] Brosig et al. [15]
Linear regression	Least squares	Bard and Shatzoff [16] Rolia et al. [17, 18] Pacifici et al. [19] Kraft et al. [20, 21]
	Least absolute differences	Zhang et al. [22, 23, 24]
	Least trimmed squares	Casale et al. [25, 26]
Kalman filter		Zheng et al. [27, 28] Kumar et al. [29] Wang et al. [30, 31]
Optimization	Non-linear constrained optimization	Zhang et al. [32] Menascé [33]
	Quadratic programming	Liu et al. [34, 35, 36] Kumar et al. [37]
Machine learning	Clusterwise linear regression	Cremonesi et al. [38]
	Independent component analysis	Sharma et al. [39]
	Support vector machine	Kalbasi et al. [40]
	Pattern matching	Cremonesi et al. [41, 42]
Maximum likelihood estimation		Kraft et al. [20] Perez et al. [21]
Gibbs sampling		Sutton and Jordan [43] Wang et al. [44]

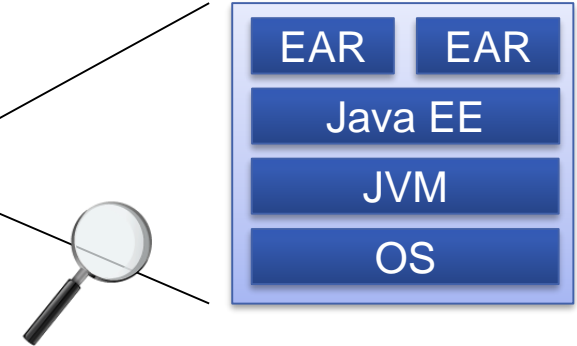
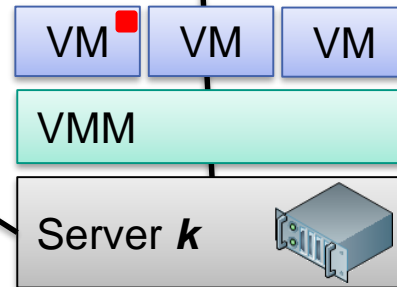
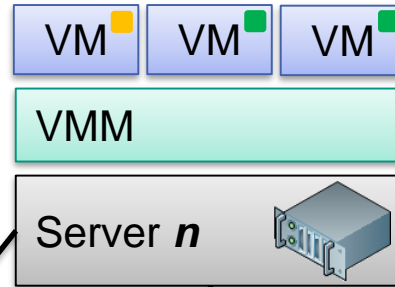
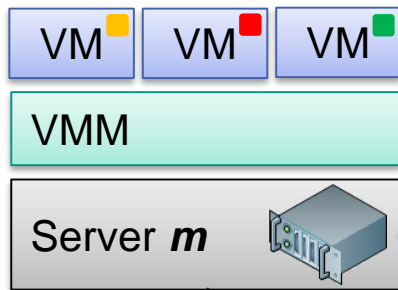
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Semantic Gap Problem

Applications ■ ■ ■

- Multiple tiers
- Multiple resource types

Resource Allocation

Complex Software Stacks

- Multiple layers
- Heterogeneous

High-level Application Goals (e.g., SLOs)



Configuration of System Components, Layers & Tiers

Semantic Gap Problem

■ Availability & Performance

- Services available 99.99% of the time
- Response time of service $x < 20$ ms
- Transaction throughput > 1000
- Server utilization $> 60\%$ on average
- „Time to recover after a failure“ < 1 min

■ Efficiency

- Allocate only as much resources as are actually needed
- ...

- How many vCPUs to allocate to virtual machine (VM) n?
- How much memory to allocate to VM n?
- When exactly should a reconfiguration be triggered?
- Which particular resources or services should be scaled / replicated / migrated / restarted?
- How quickly and at what granularity?

Service level objectives (SLOs)



Configuration of System Components, Layers & Tiers

Selected Tools

- **DML** – Descartes Modeling Language ([homepage](#), [publications](#))
- **DML Bench** ([homepage](#), [publications](#))
- **DQL** – Declarative performance query language ([homepage](#), [publications](#))
- **LibReDE** - Library for resource demand estimation ([homepage](#), [publications](#))
- **LIMBO** – Load intensity modeling tool ([homepage](#), [publications](#))
- **WCF** – Workload classification & forecasting tool ([homepage](#), [publications](#))
- **BUNGEE** – Elasticity benchmarking framework ([homepage](#), [publications](#))
- **hInjector** – Security benchmarking tool ([homepage](#), [publications](#))
- Queueing Petri Net Modeling Environment (QPME)
- **Further relevant research**
 - http://descartes-research.net/research/research_areas/
 - **Self Aware Computing** ([publications](#))

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Black-Box Modeling:

[Univariate Interpolation Library](#)

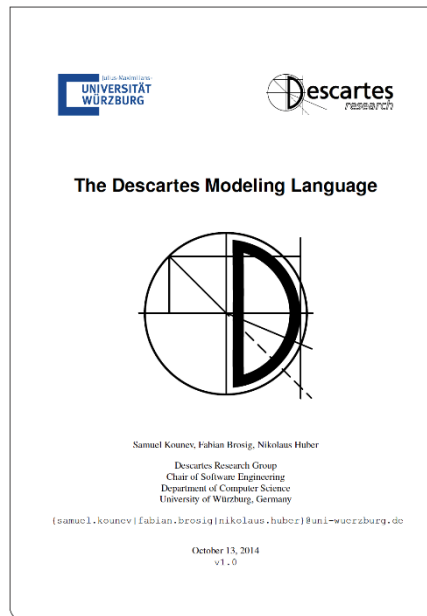


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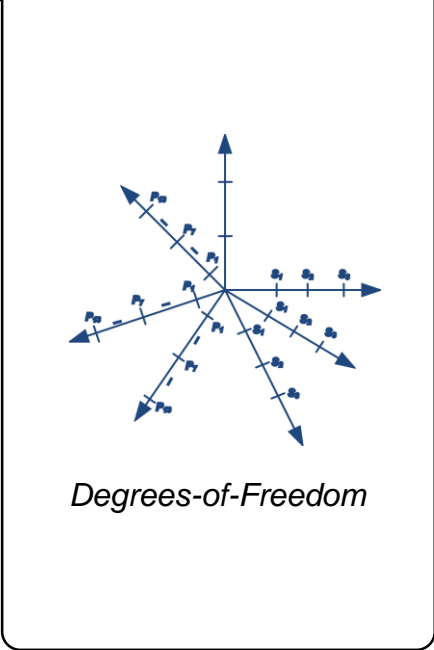
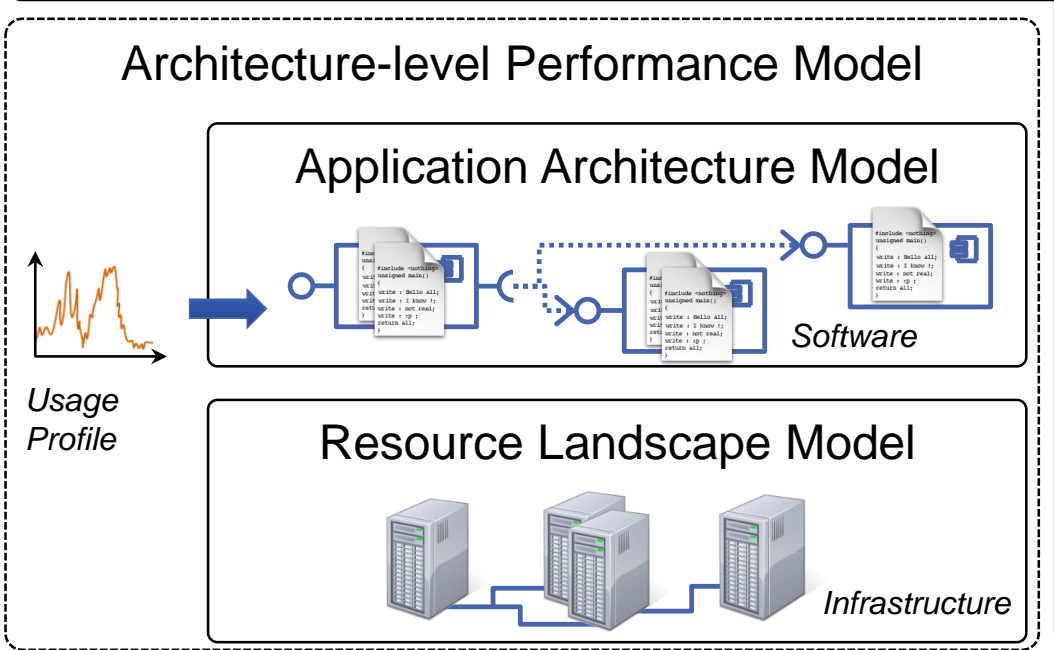
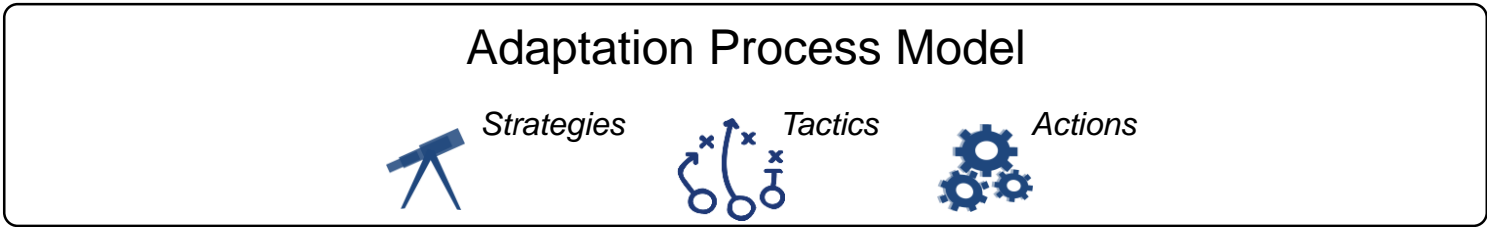
Descartes Modeling Language (DML)

- Architecture-level modeling language for modeling QoS and resource management related aspects of IT systems and infrastructures
 - Prediction of the impact of dynamic changes at run-time
 - Current version focused on performance including capacity, responsiveness and resource efficiency aspects



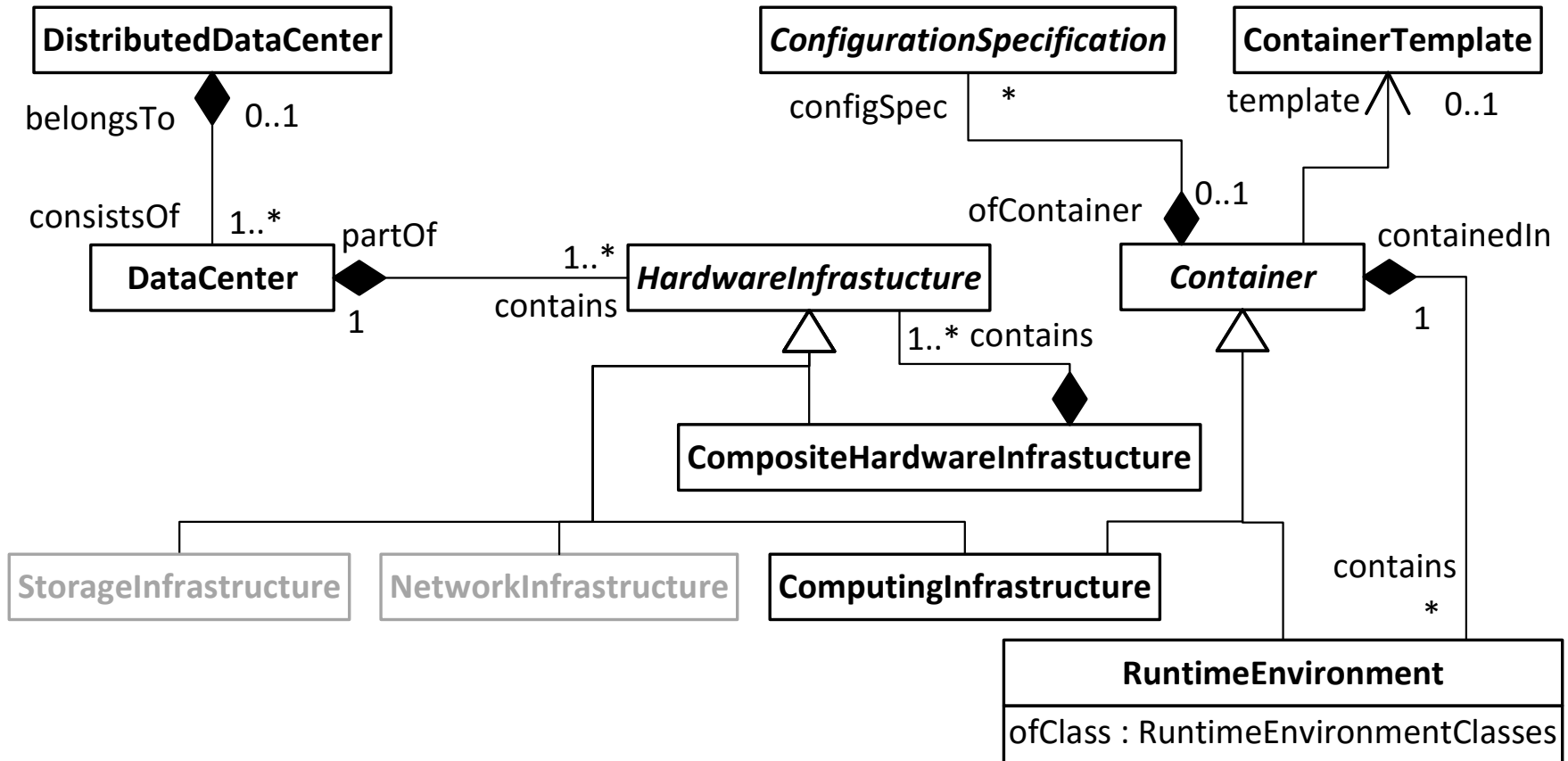
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DML Sub-Models



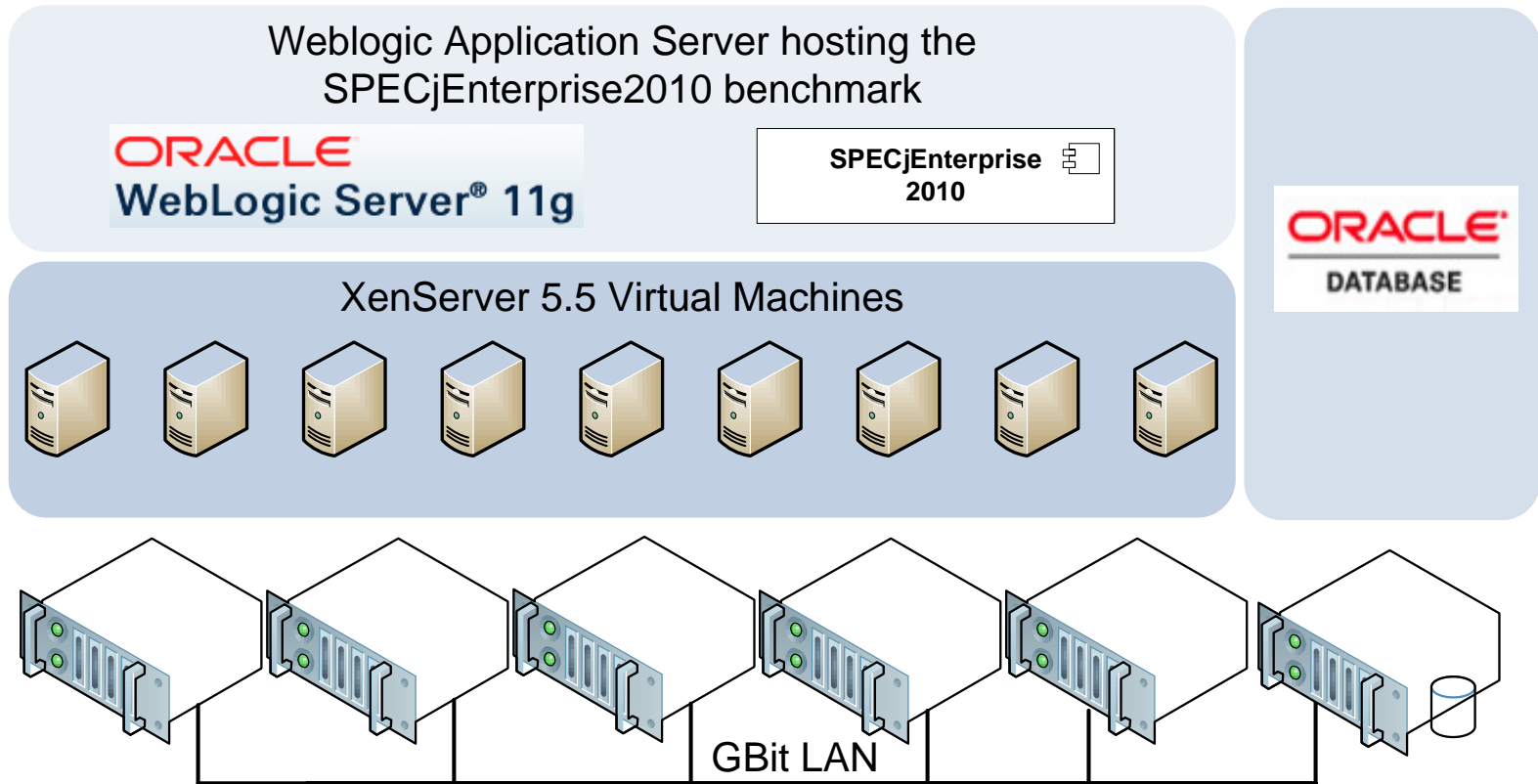
Resource Landscape Meta-Model

(Selected Top Level Modeling Elements)



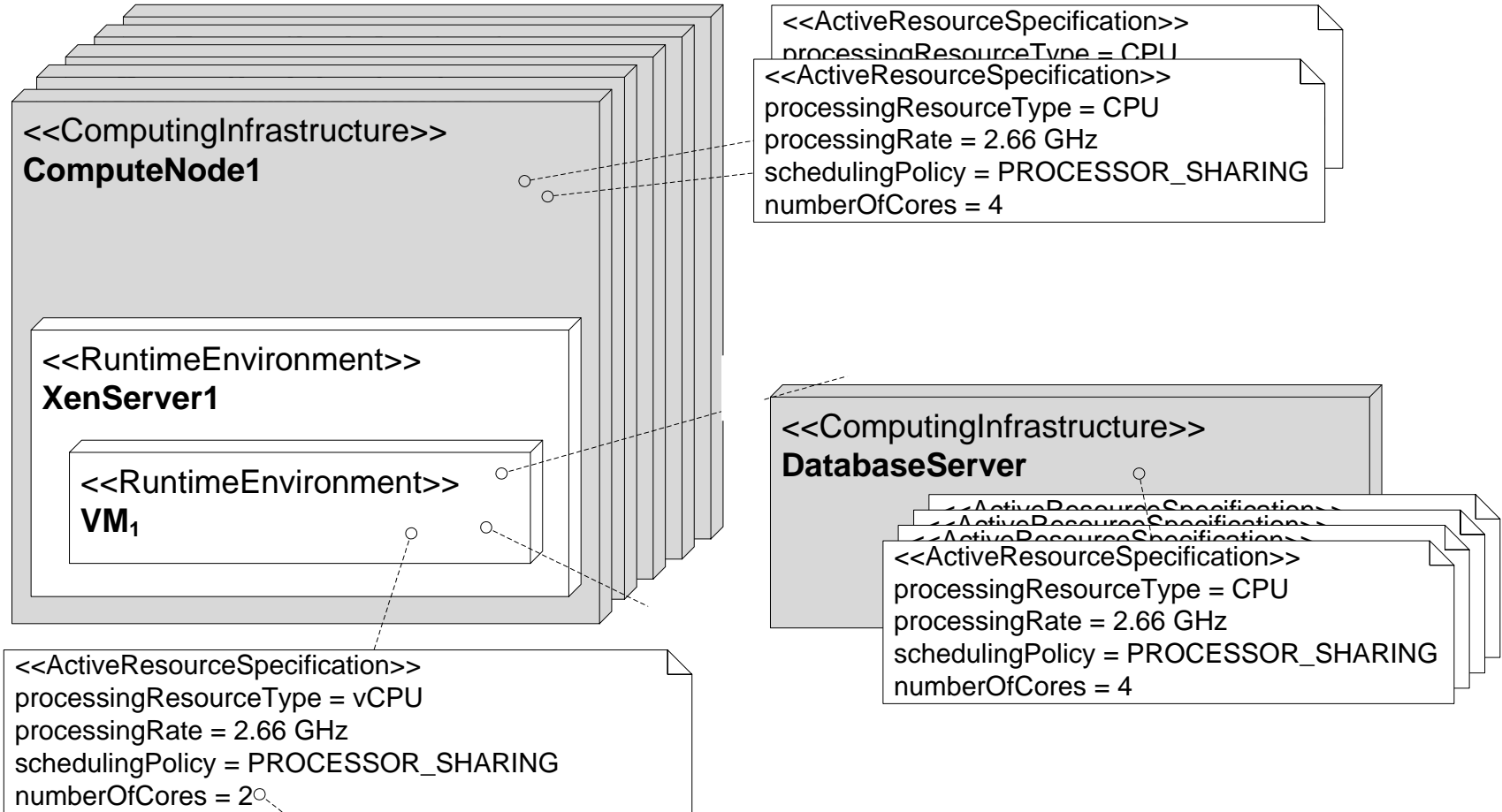
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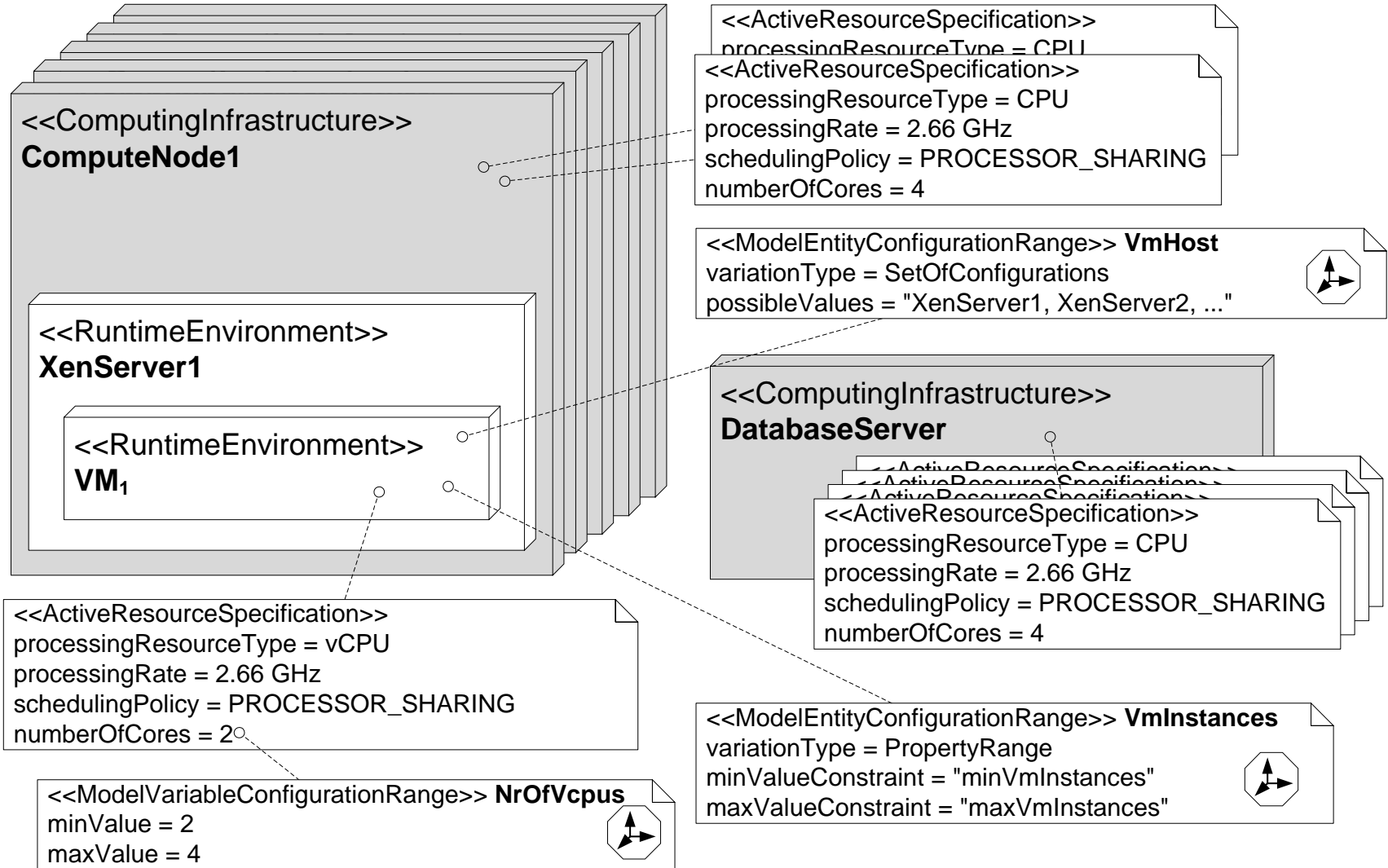
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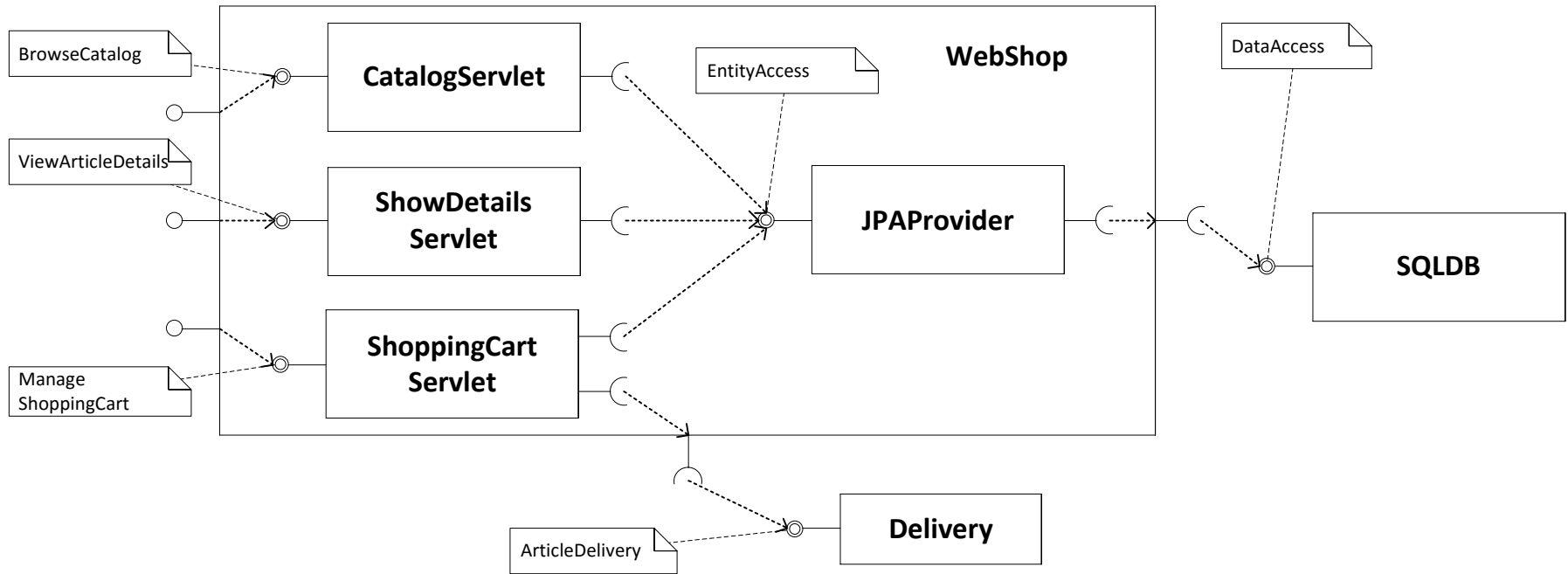
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(Resource Landscape Model) + (Adaptation Points Model)



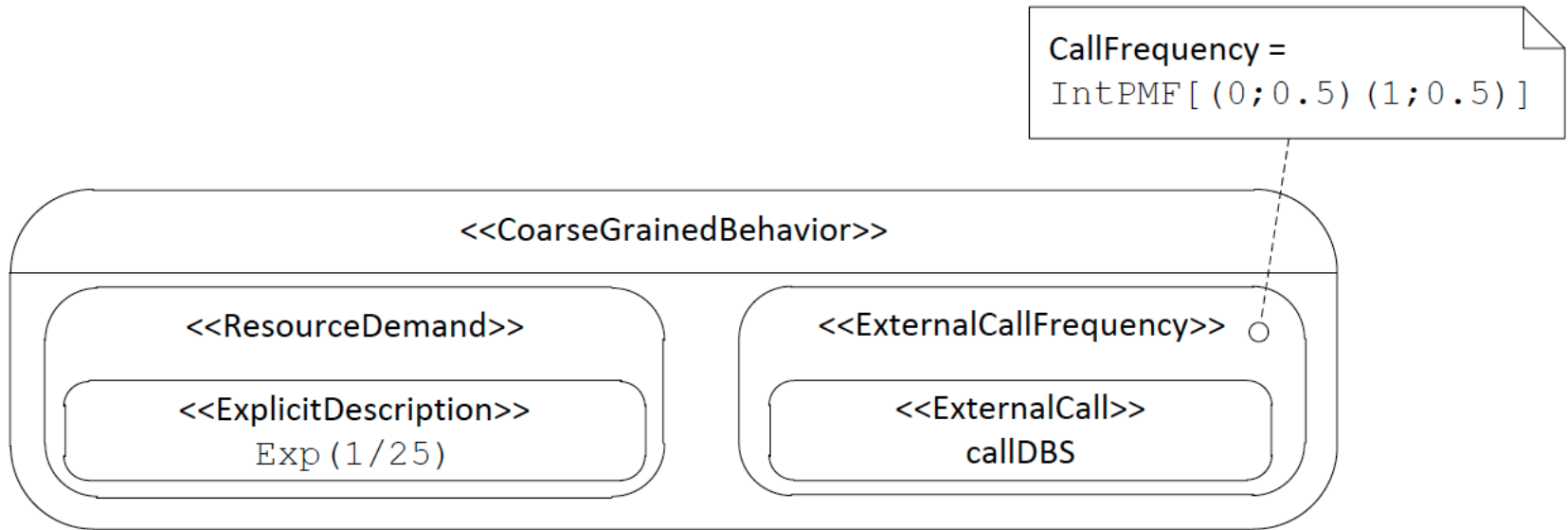
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(Application Architecture Model)



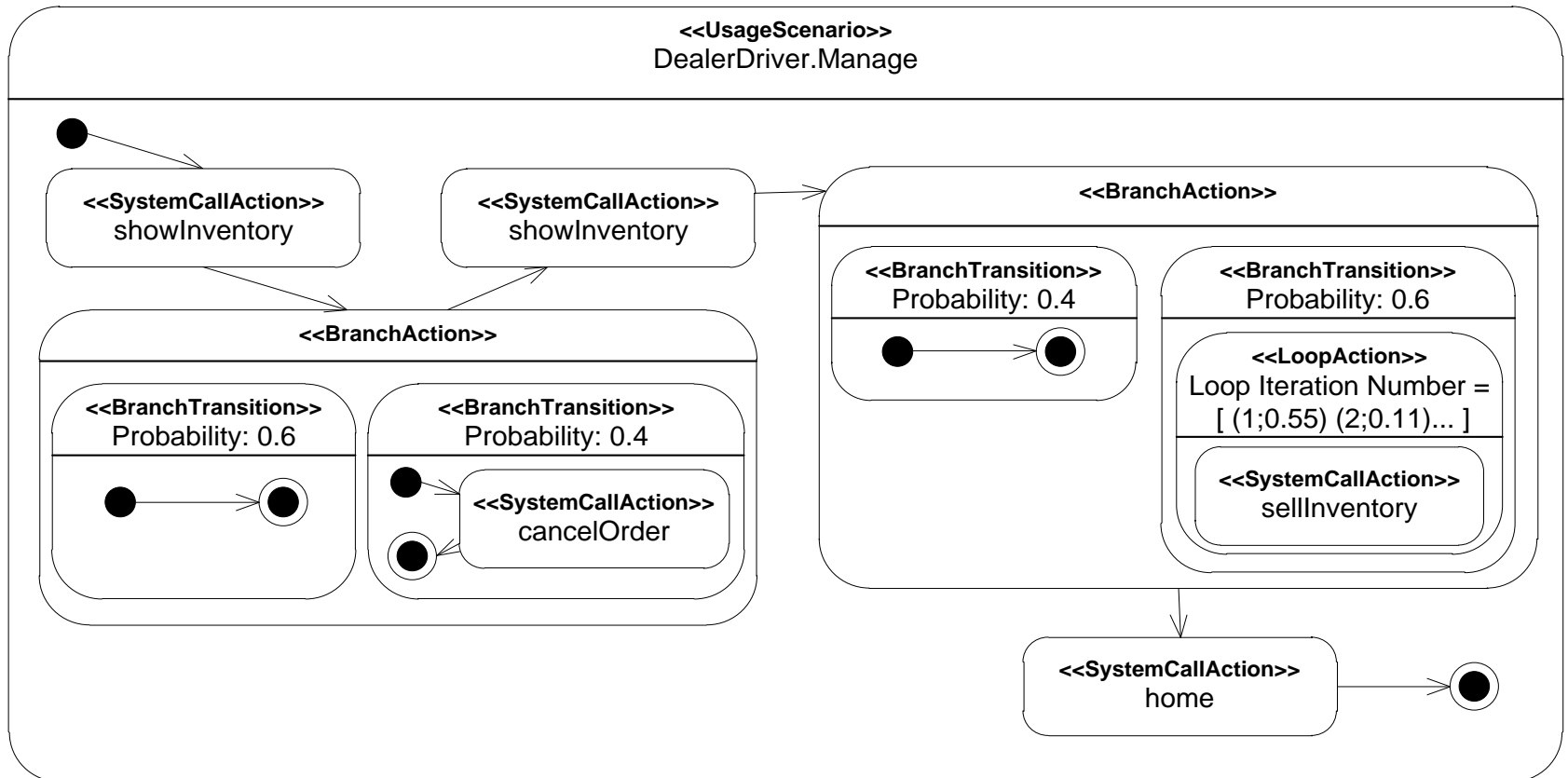
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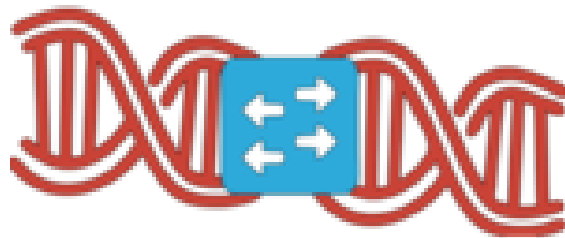
Example

(Fine-Grained Service Behavior Model)



DNI - Descartes Network Infrastructure Modeling

- Language for perf. modeling of data center networks
 - network topology, switches, routers, virtual machines, network protocols, routes, flow-based configuration,...
- Model solvers based on simulation (OMNeT)



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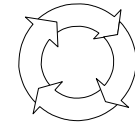
Big Picture

Adaptation Process Model



evaluates ▾

Adaptation Process



adapts ▾

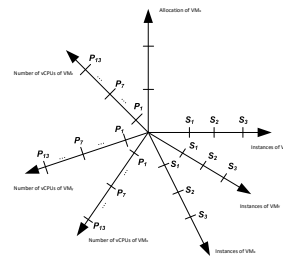
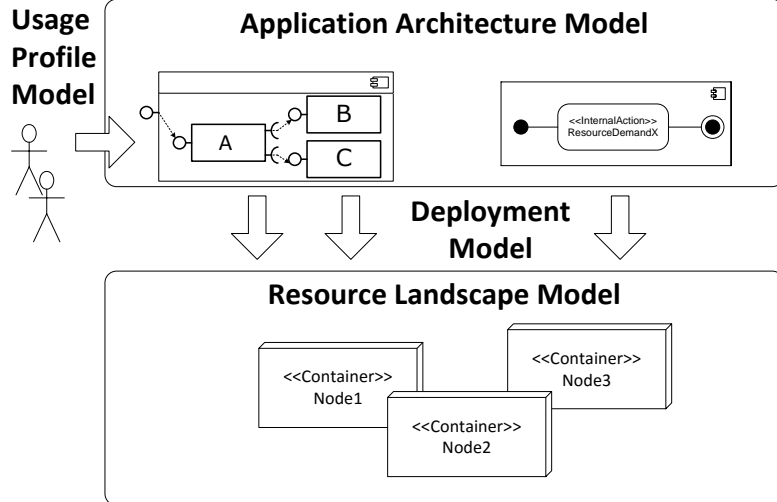
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Logical

Adaptation Points Model

Architecture-Level Performance Model



Degrees of Freedom

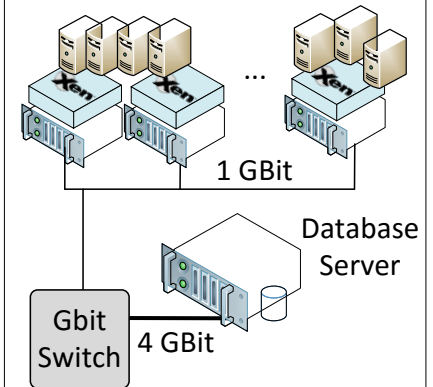
models



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Managed System



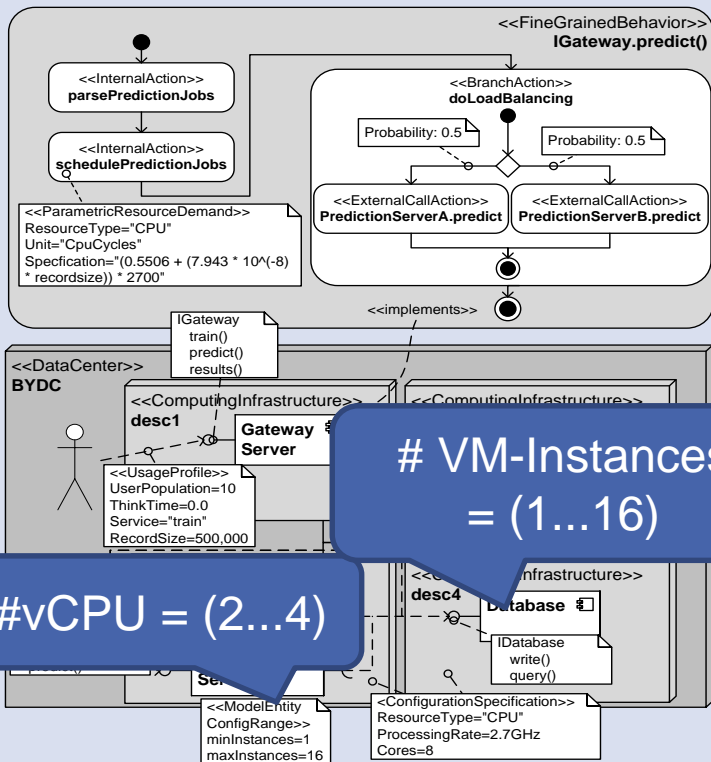
System

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DML Instance

Online Performance Prediction

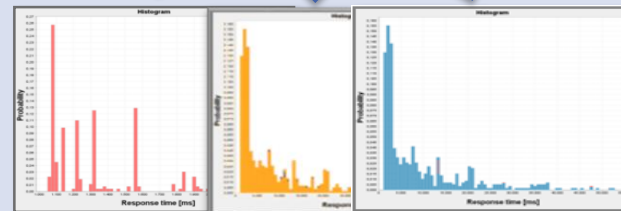
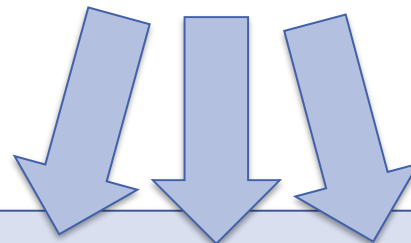
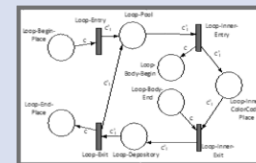
Architecture-Level Performance Model



Online Performance Prediction

$$\bar{X} \leq \min \left\{ \frac{N}{\sum_{i=0}^n D_i^{sync}}, \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left\{ \frac{1}{D_i} \right\} \right\}$$

$$\bar{R} = \frac{N}{X} \geq \max \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^n D_i^{sync}, N * \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \{ D_i \} \right\}$$



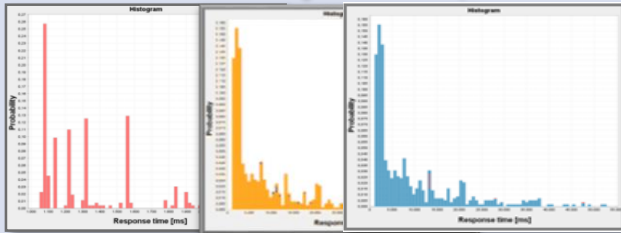
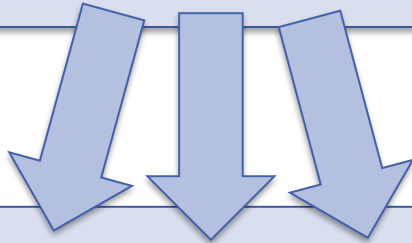
Autonomic Decision Making

Tailored Model Solution

Analytical Analysis

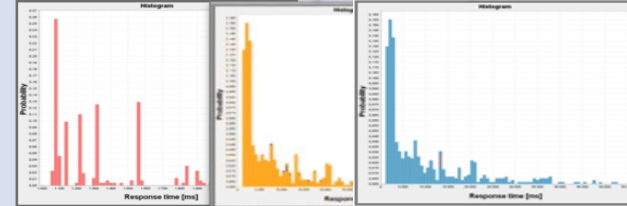
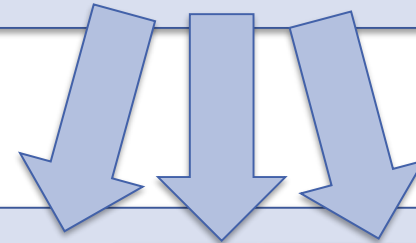
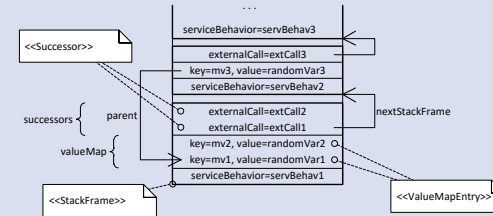
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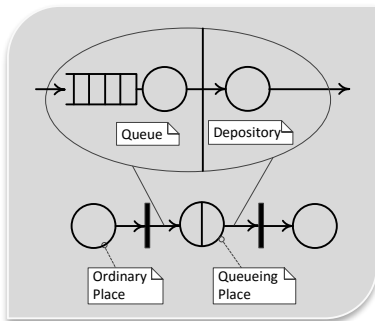
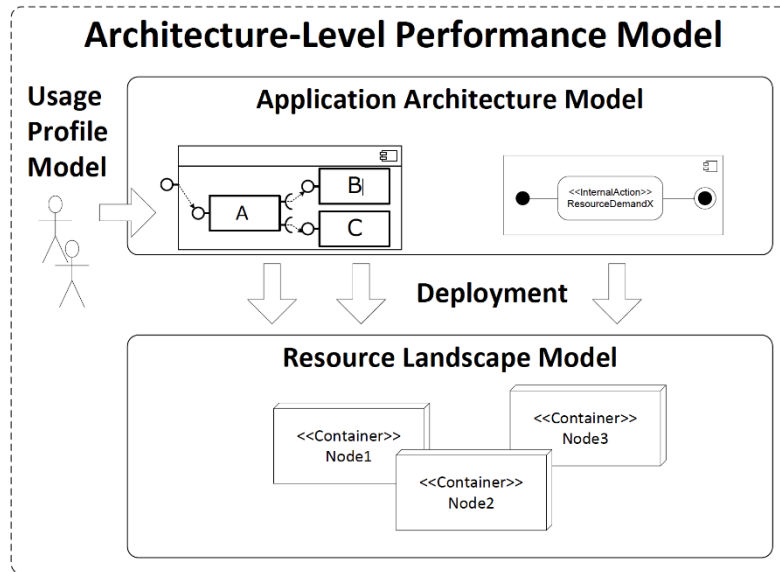
Simulative Analysis



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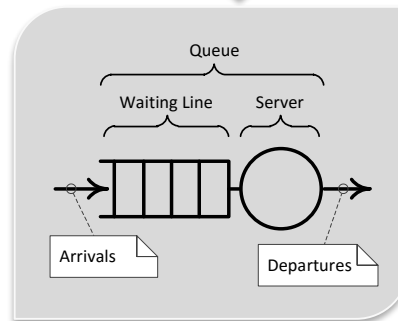
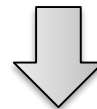
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Transformations to Predictive Models

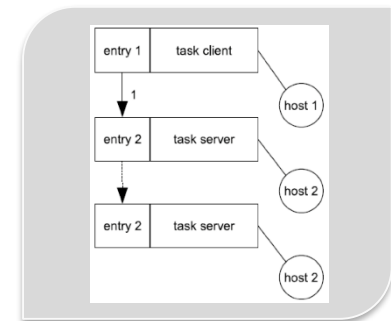


Queueing Petri Net

DML Instance



Bounds Analysis Model



Layered Queueing Network

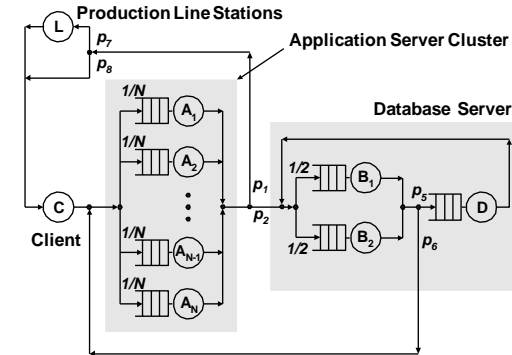
Example Predictive Models

Schranken-Analyse

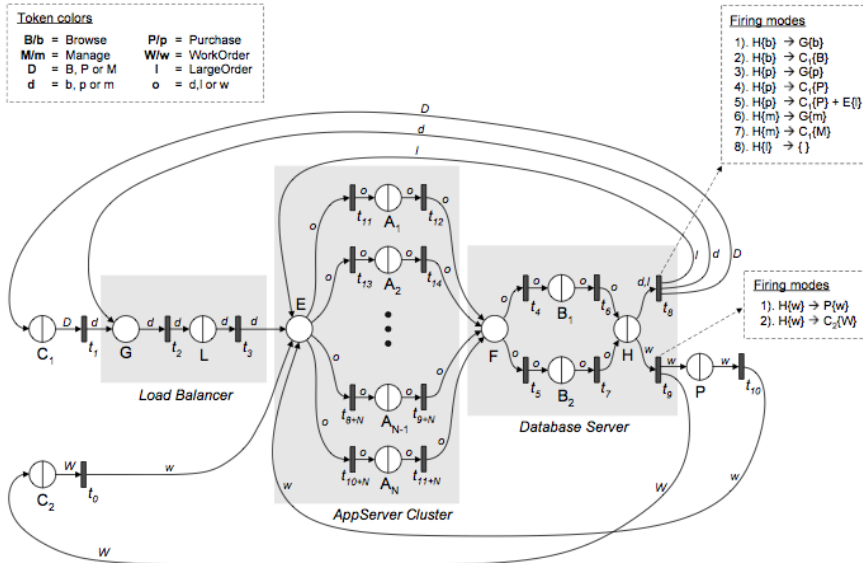
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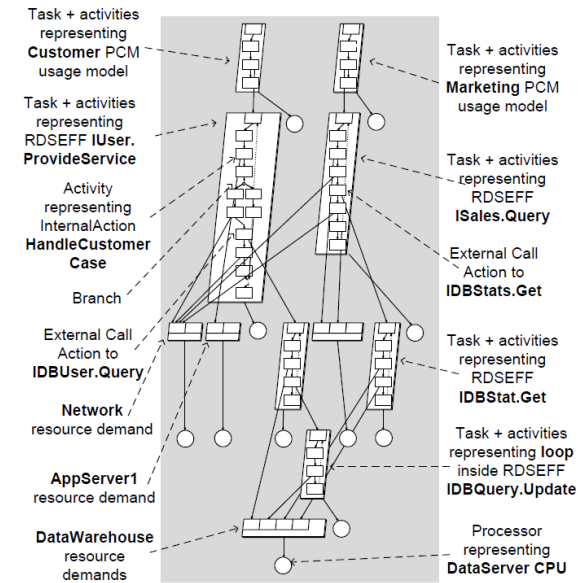
Warteschlangennetz



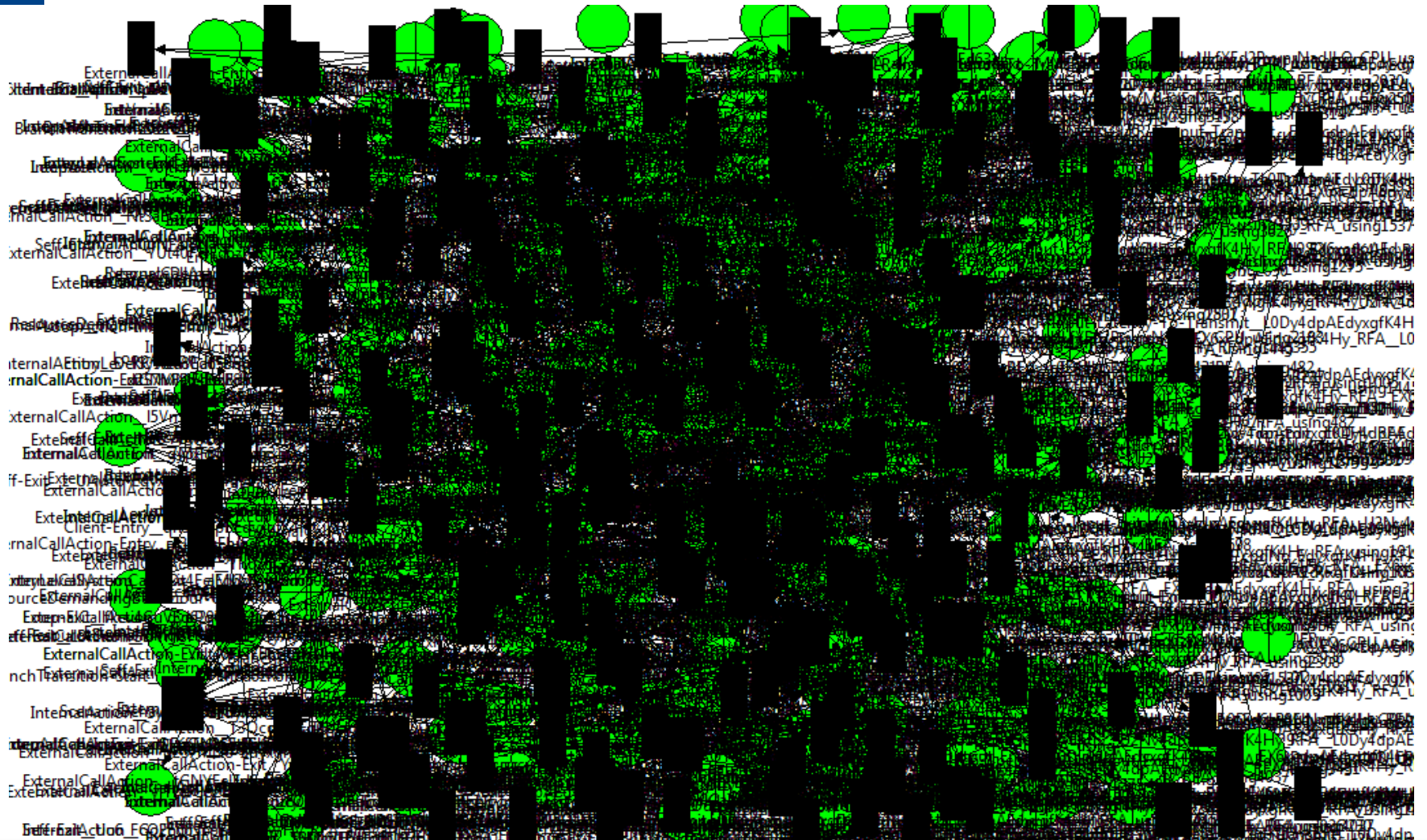
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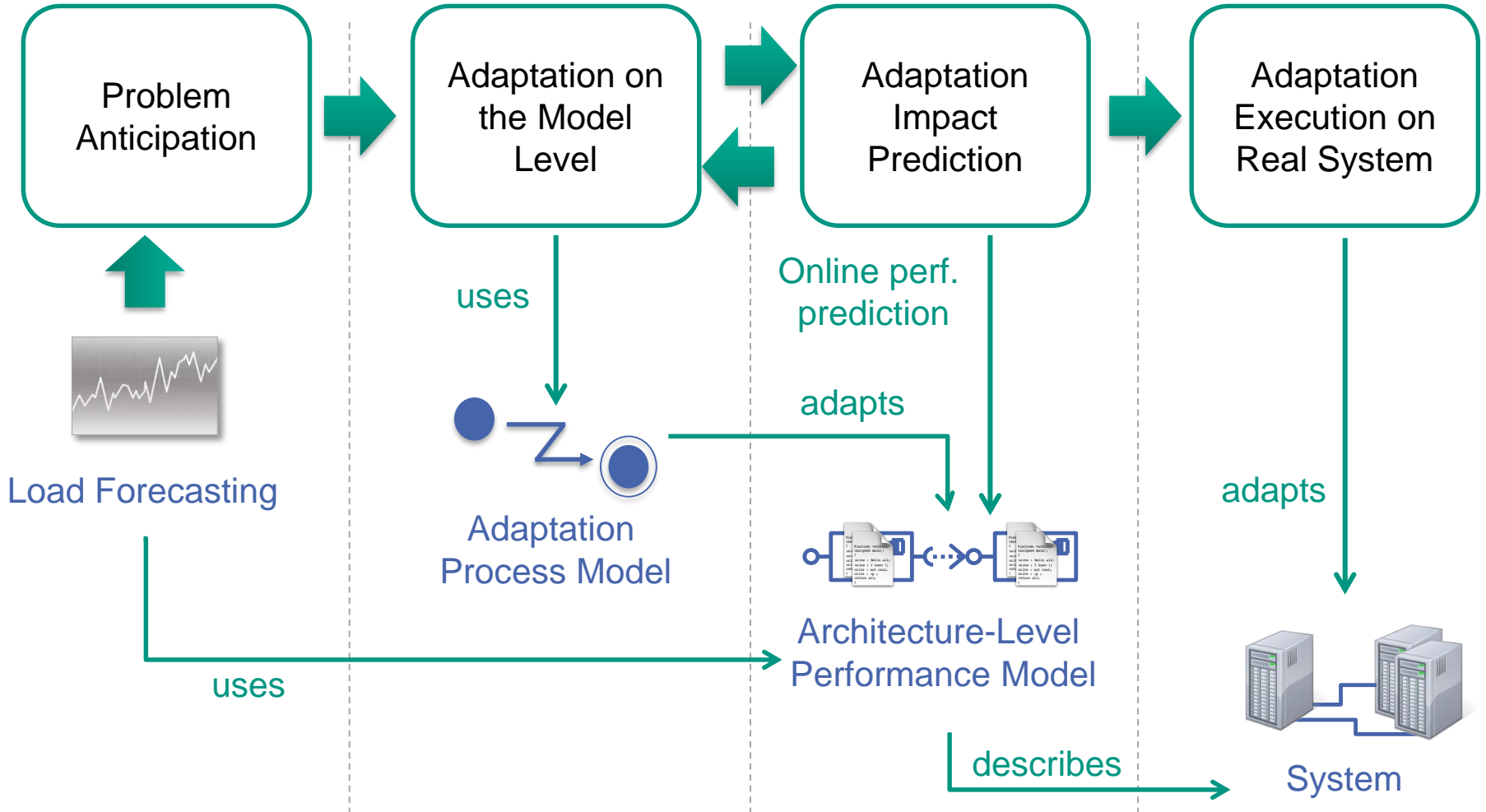


Case Study: Process Control System (ABB)

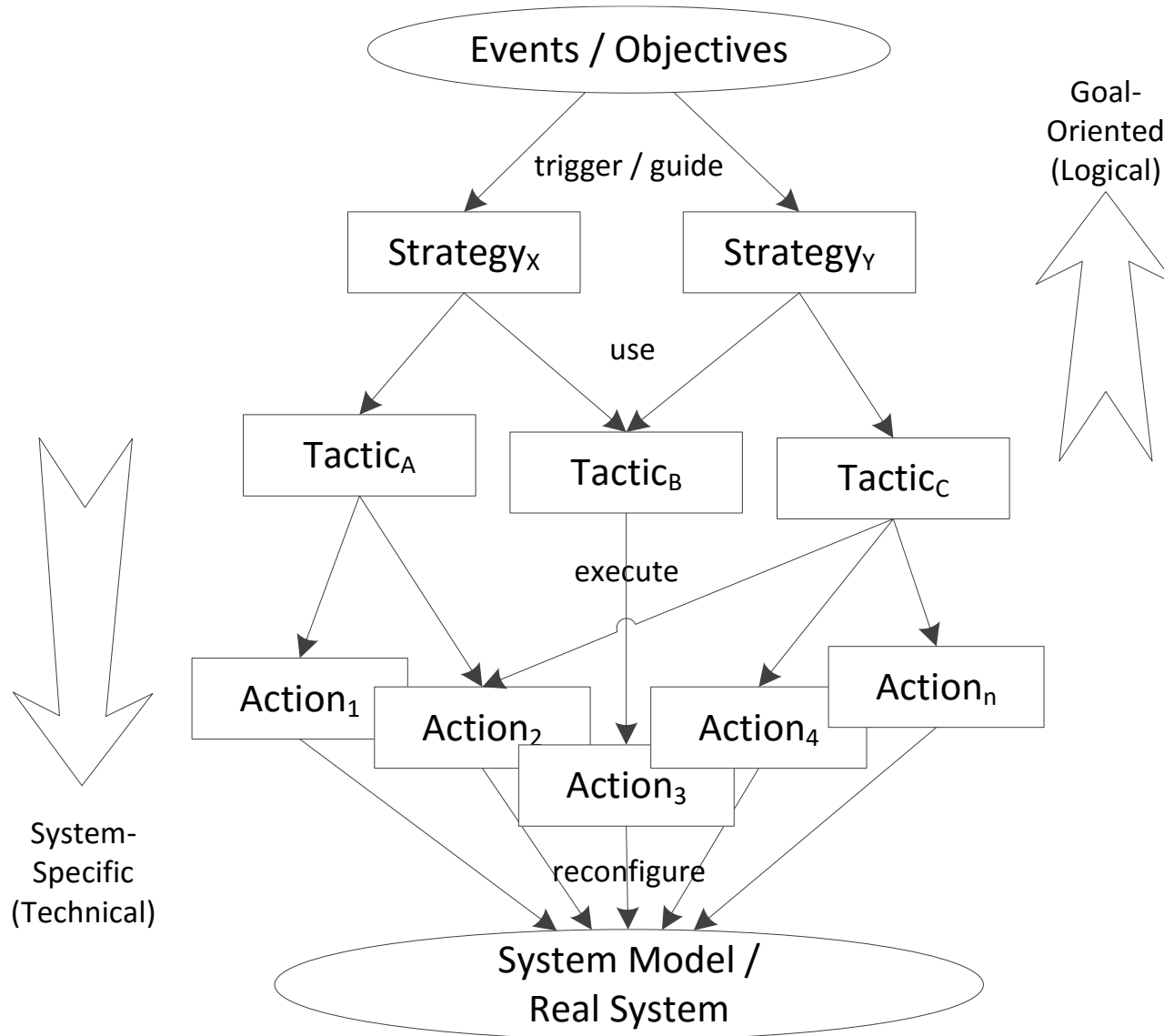


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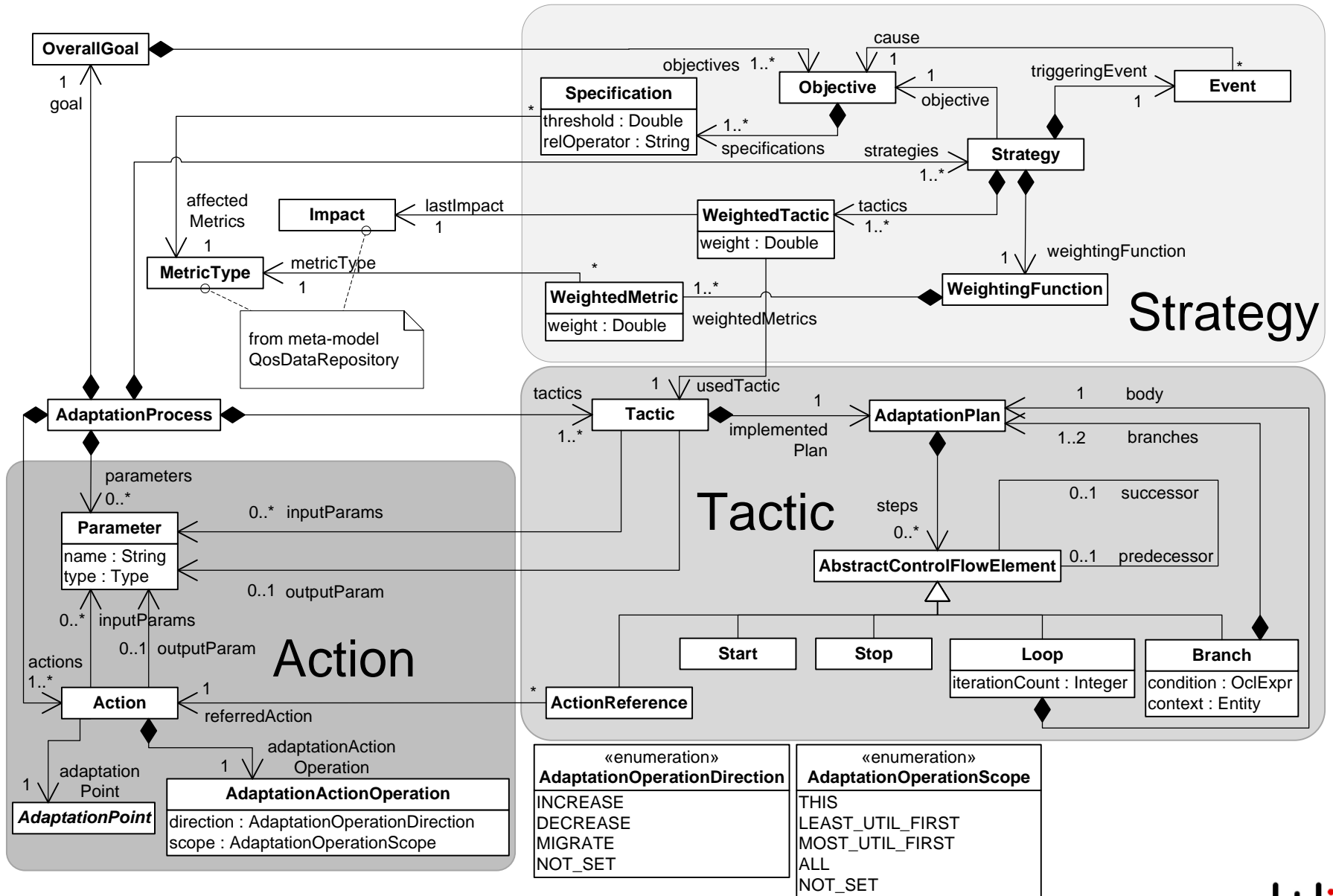
Model-Based System Adaptation



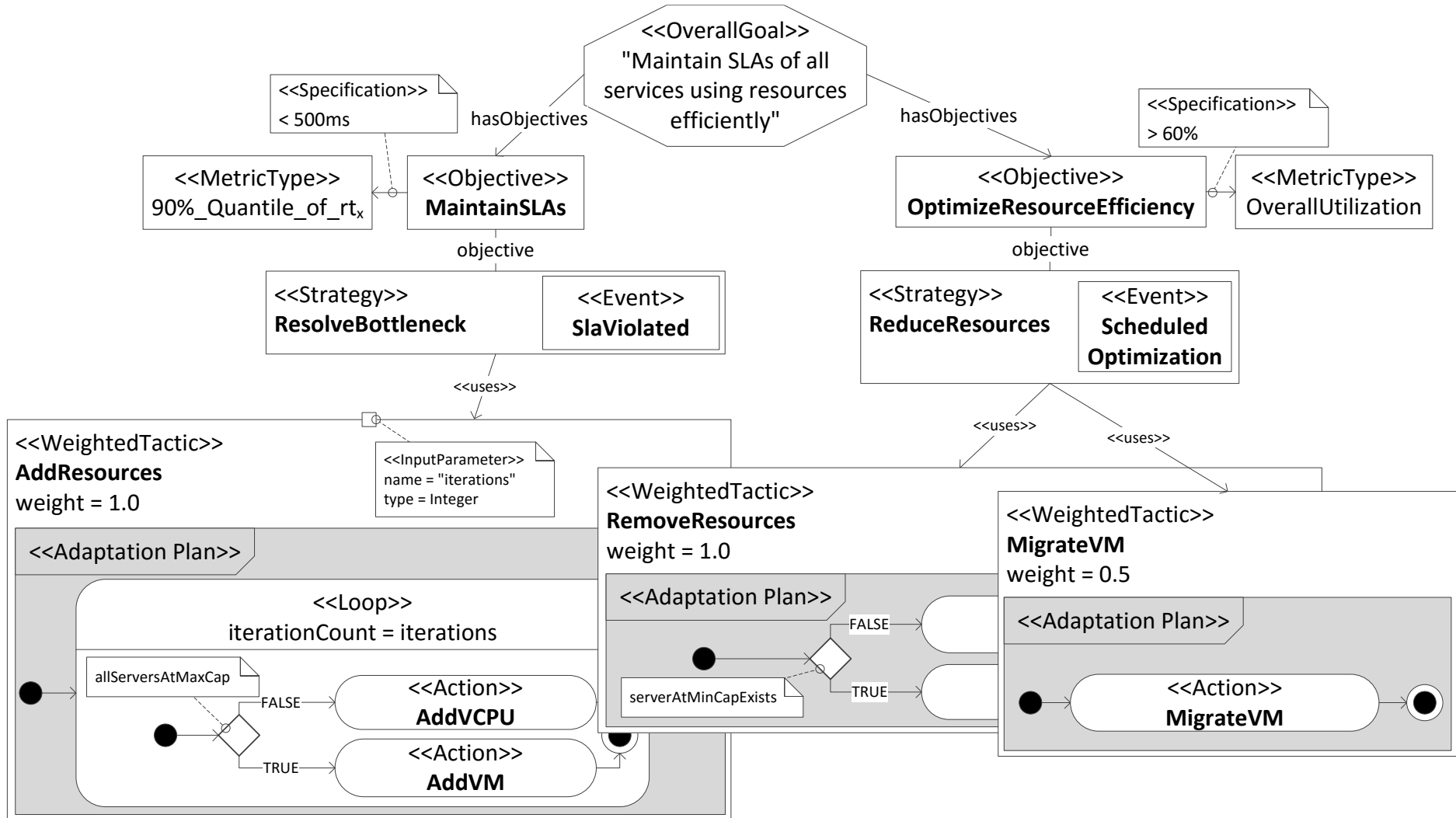
Adaptation Process Model



S/T/A Meta-Model (Strategies, Tactics and Actions)



Example: Adaptation Process Model



Applied Modeling Techniques

Descriptive Architecture-level Models

- OMG Meta Object Facility (MOF)
 - MOF-based meta-models
- (UML MARTE)
- (UML SPT)

Predictive Performance Models

- Bounding techniques
- Operational analysis
- Statistical regression models
- Stochastic process algebras
- (Extended) queueing networks
- Layered queueing networks
- Queueing Petri nets
- Reinforcement learning models
- Detailed simulation models

Workload Forecasting

AR(I)MA

Extended
exp.
smoothing

tBATS

Croston's
method

Cubic
smoothing
splines

Neural
network-
based

Resource Demand Estimation

Regression-
based
techniques

Kalman
filter

Nonlinear
optimization

Maximum
likelihood
estimation

Independent
component
analysis

Regression Analysis

MARS

CART

M5 trees

Cubist
forests

Quantile
regression
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Support
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machines

Latest Publications on DML



S. Kounev, N. Huber, F. Brosig, and X. Zhu.
A Model-Based Approach to Designing Self-Aware IT Systems and Infrastructures.
IEEE Computer, 49(7):53–61, July 2016.

N. Huber, F. Brosig, S. Spinner, S. Kounev, and M. Bähr. ***Model-Based Self-Aware Performance and Resource Management Using the Descartes Modeling Language.***
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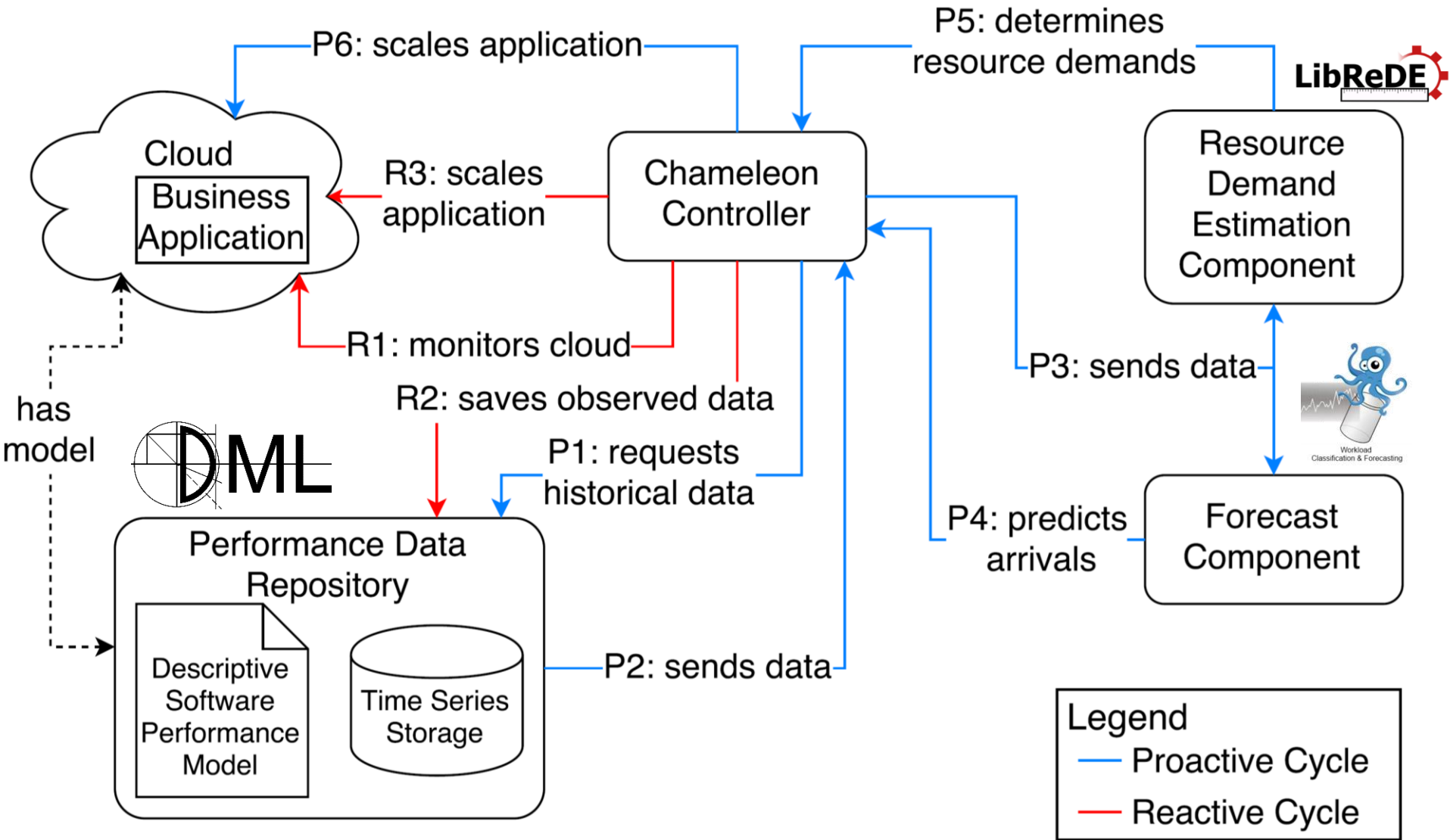
Putting it All Together

DESIGN AND EVALUATION OF A PROACTIVE, APPLICATION-AWARE AUTO-SCALER

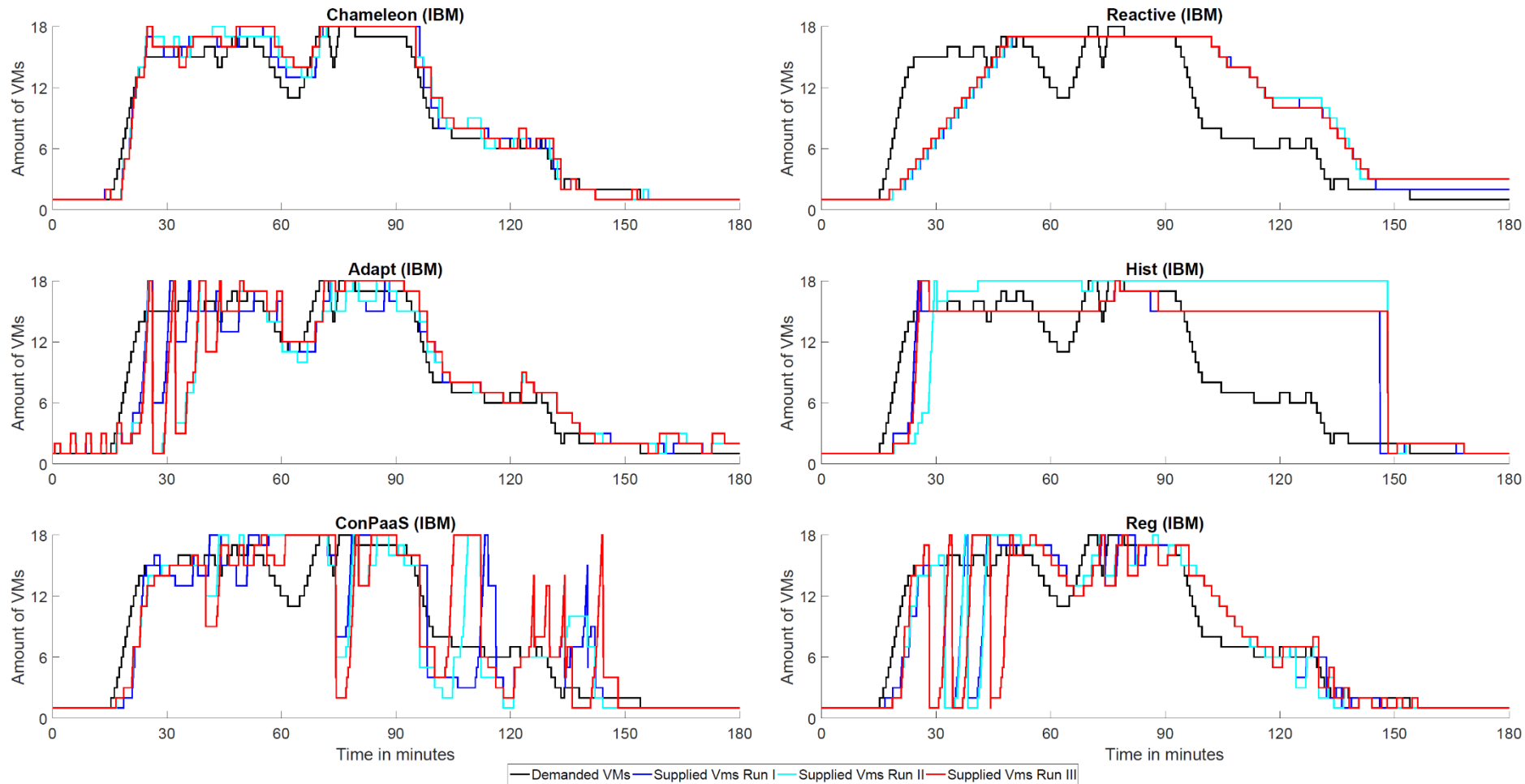
CHAMELEON



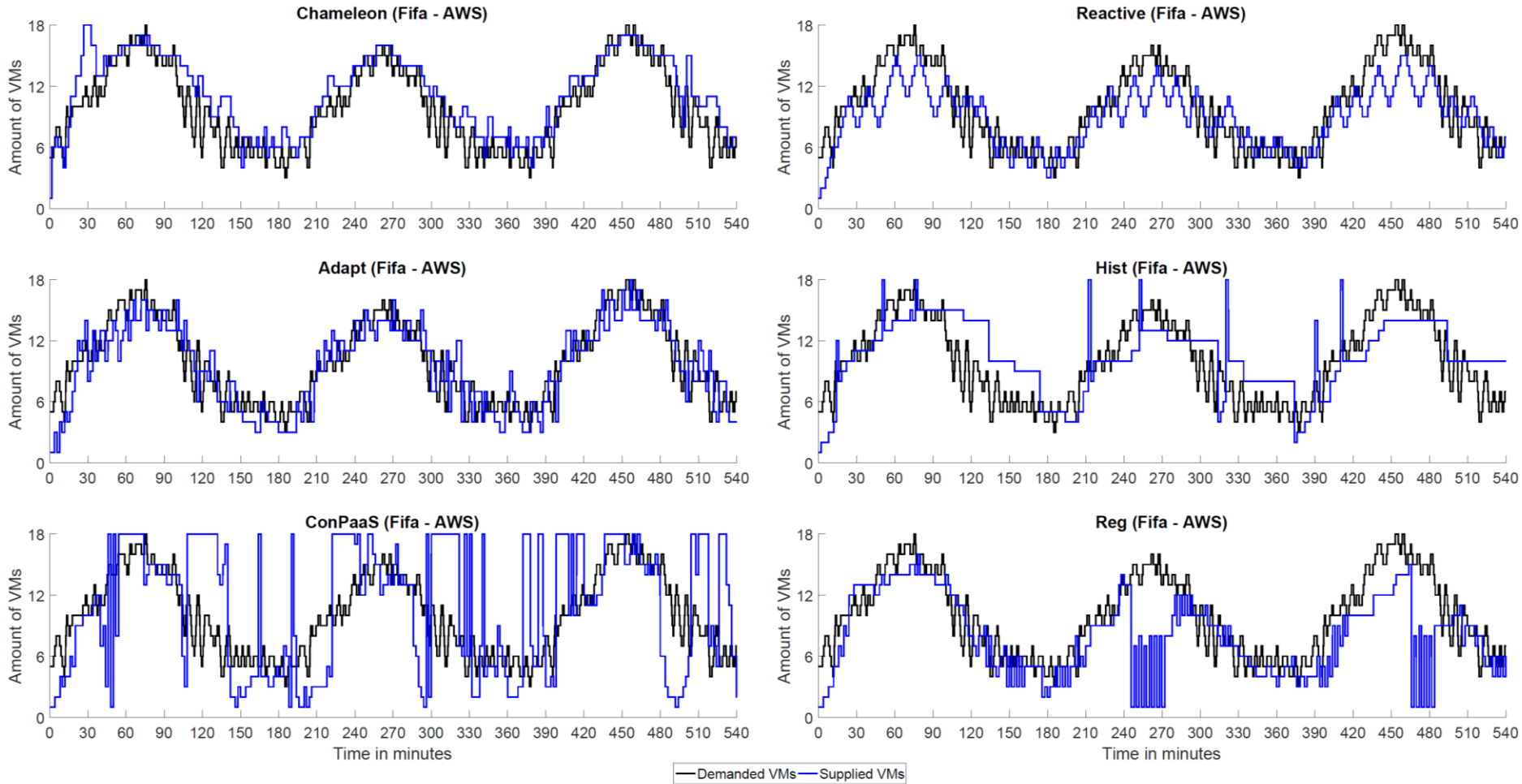
Chameleon's Architecture



IBM Trace - 1 Day (3 runs)

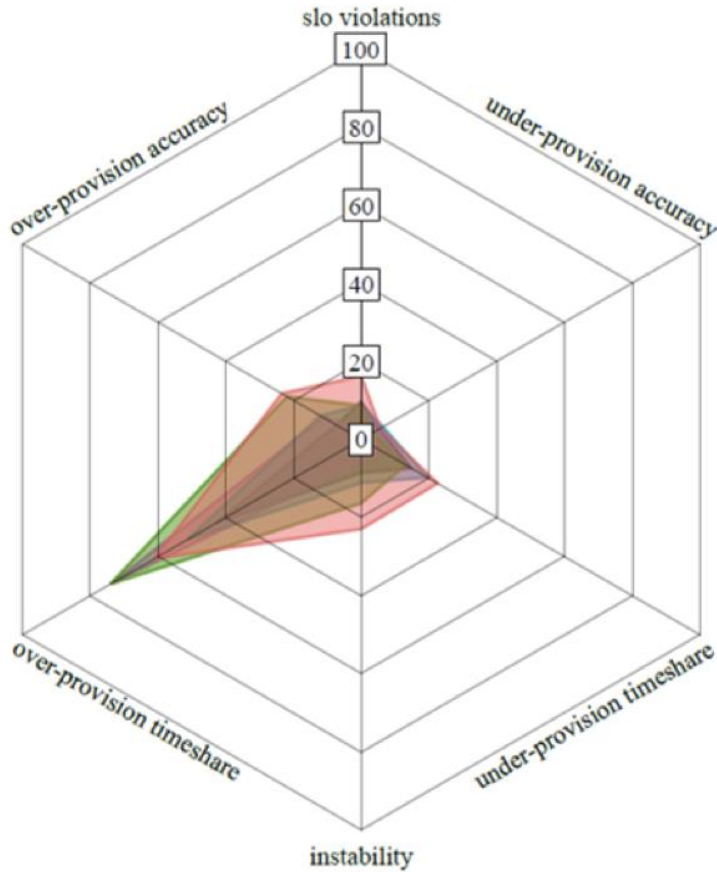


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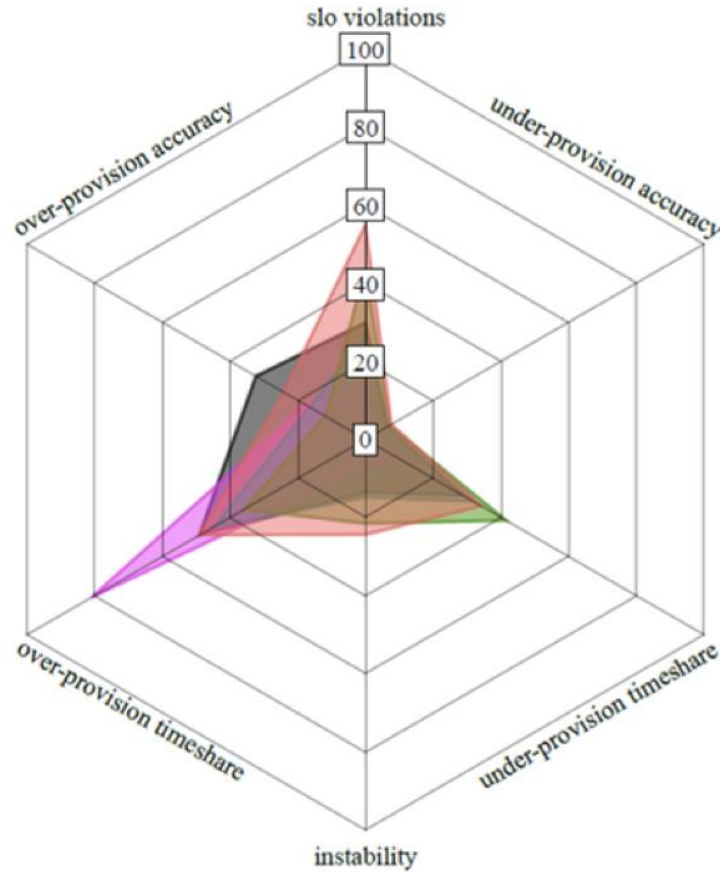


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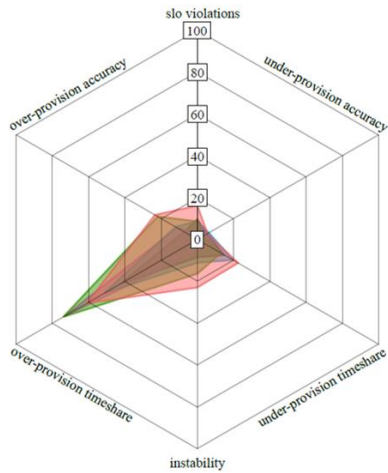


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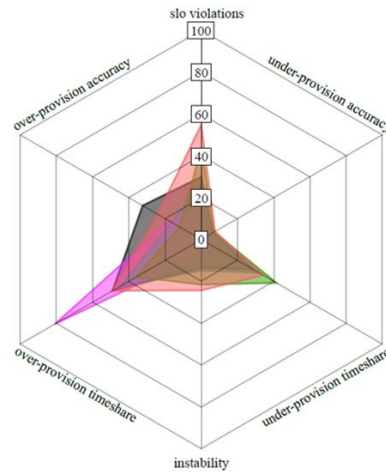


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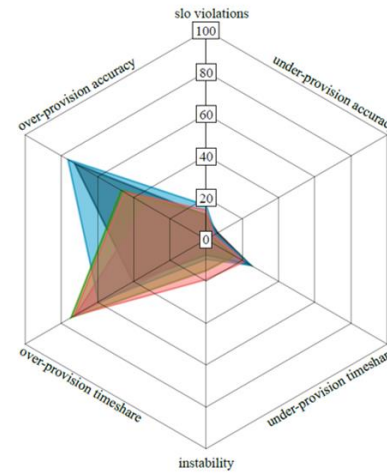
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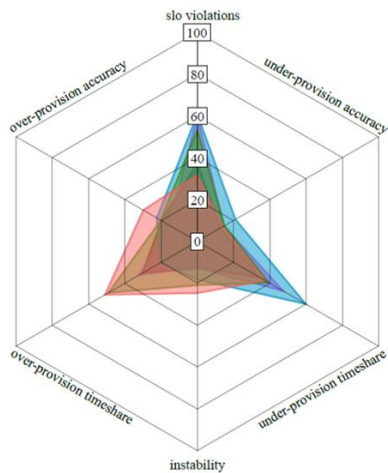


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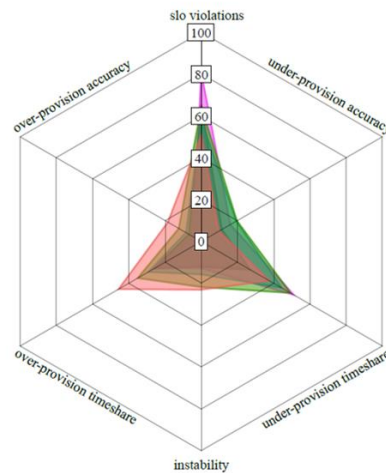


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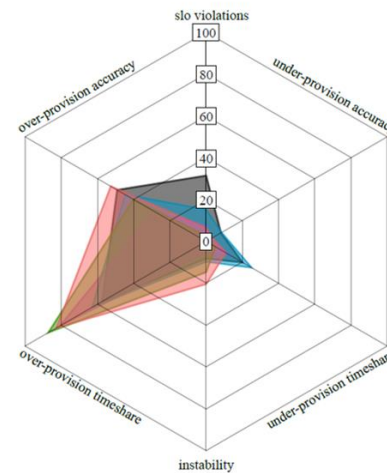
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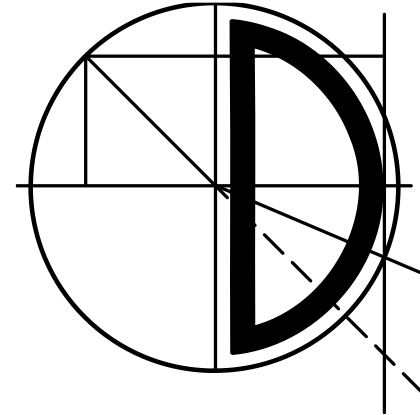
Metric overview ConPaaS.



Metric overview Reg.



Metric overview Reactive.



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**All measurements will be soon online on
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**For further information see the Auto-Scaler
Tutorial @ <http://descartes.tools/>**

Systems Benchmarking

Metrics and benchmarks for quantitative evaluation of

1. Cloud elasticity
2. Performance isolation
3. Intrusion detection (and prevention)
4. ...

S. Kounev. **Quantitative Evaluation of Service Dependability in Shared Execution Environments** (Keynote Talk). In 11th Intl. Conf. on Quantitative Evaluation of SysTems (QEST 2014), Florence, Italy, September 8-12, 2014. [[slides](#) | [extended abstract](#)]



Cloud Elasticity

Def: The degree to which a system is able to **adapt** to **workload changes** by **provisioning and deprovisioning** resources in an **autonomic manner**, such that at each point in time the **available resources match** the **current demand** as closely as possible.

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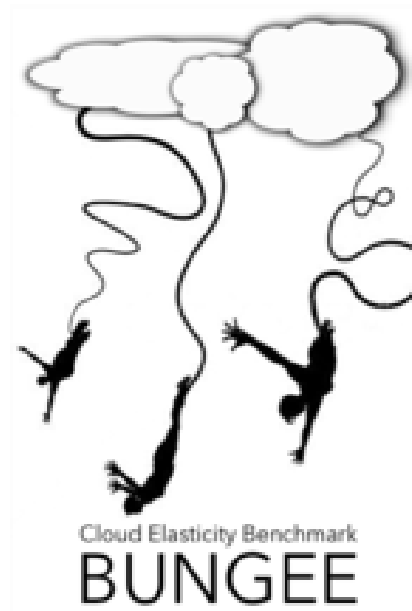
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BUNGEE Tool

- Problem: How to measure and quantify cloud elasticity?
- Framework for benchmarking elasticity
 - Current focus: IaaS cloud platforms



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SPEC Research Group (RG)

- Founded in March 2011: <http://research.spec.org>
 - Transfer of knowledge btw. academia and industry
- Activities
 - Methods and techniques for experimental system analysis
 - Standard metrics and measurement methodologies
 - Benchmarking and certification
 - Evaluation of academic research results
- Member organizations (Feb 2014)



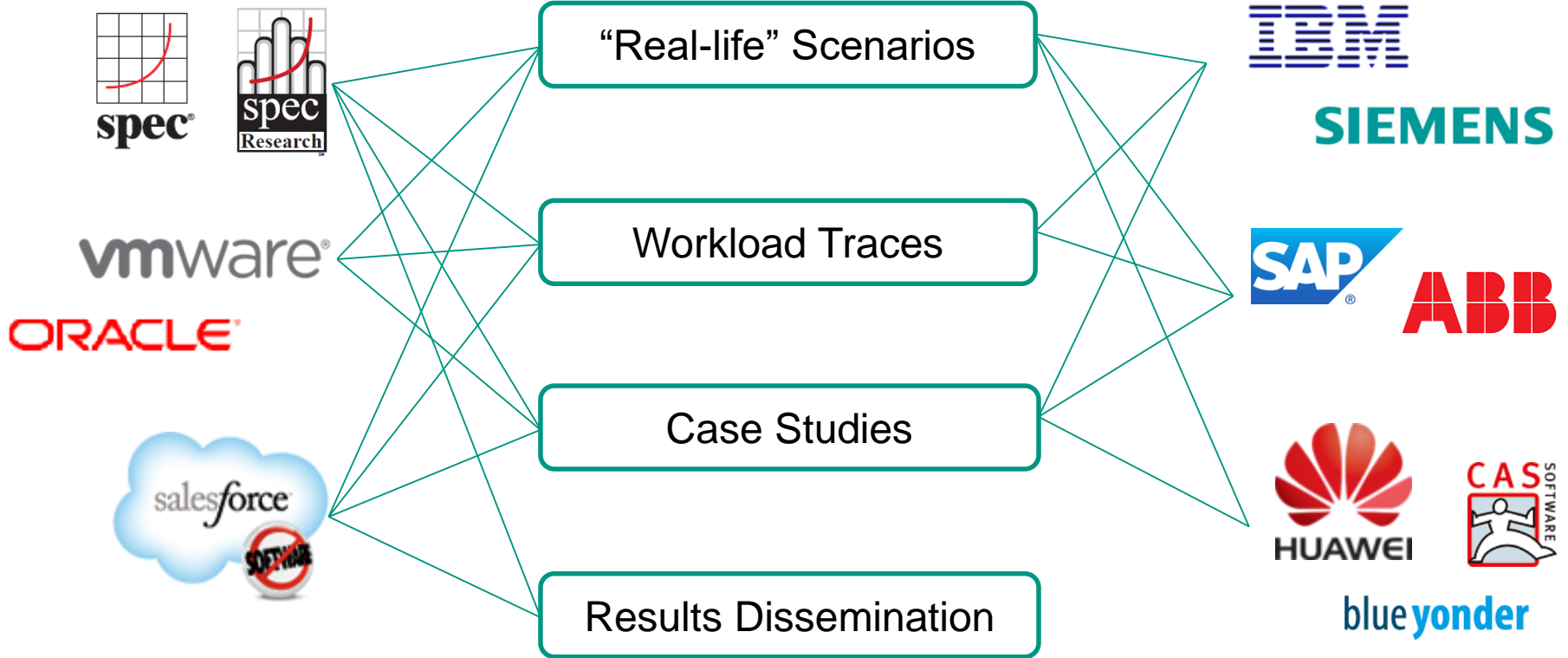
Links for Further Information

- **DML** – Descartes Modeling Language ([homepage](#), [publications](#))
- **DML Bench** ([homepage](#), [publications](#))
- **DQL** – Declarative query language ([homepage](#), [publications](#))
- **DNI** – Descartes network infrastructure modeling ([homepage](#), [publications](#))
- **LibReDE** - Library for resource demand estimation ([homepage](#), [publications](#))
- **LIMBO** – Load intensity modeling tool ([homepage](#), [publications](#))
- **WCF** – Workload classification & forecasting tool ([homepage](#), [publications](#))
- **BUNGEE** – Elasticity benchmarking framework ([homepage](#), [publications](#))
- **hInjector** – Security benchmarking tool ([homepage](#), [publications](#))
- **Further relevant research**
 - http://descartes-research.net/research/research_areas/
 - **Self Aware Computing** ([publications](#))

Summary

- Pressure to raise efficiency by sharing IT resources
- Resource sharing poses challenges
- 1st Generation Cloud Computing
 - **Simple trigger/rule-based mechanisms**
 - Best effort approach
 - No dependability guarantees
 - **Novel model-based approaches** enable self-aware performance and resource management
 - proactive and predictable approach

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