

# COMP4038/G54SOD (Spring 2019)

## Lecture 06

### System Dynamics Modelling and Simulation + Hybrids

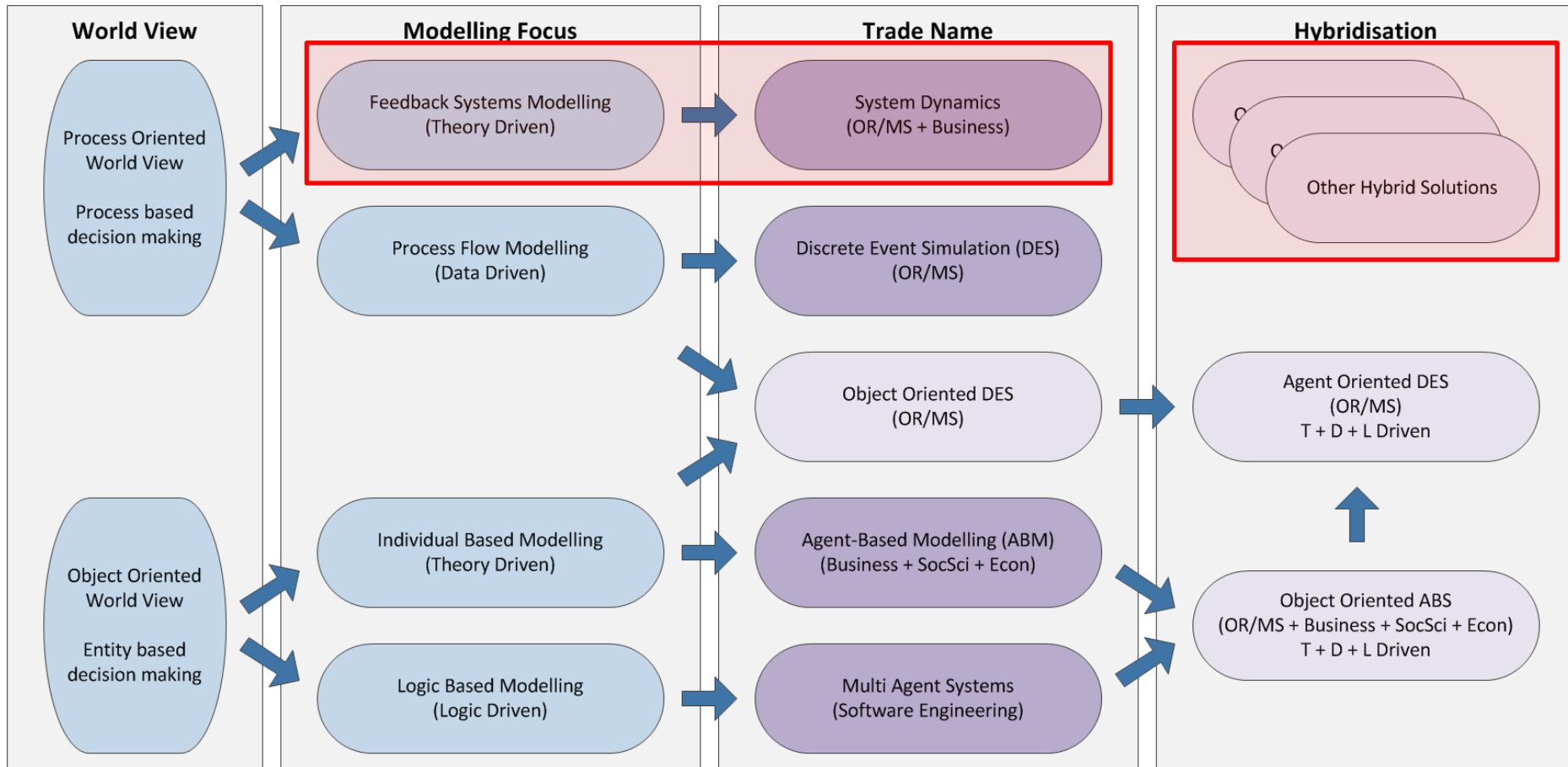
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# Content

- Introduction to Systems Thinking and System Dynamics
- System Dynamics Modelling and Simulation
- Hybrids
- Case Study: An Innovative Approach to Multi-Method Integrated Assessment Modelling of Global Climate Change

# Simulation Modelling Framework

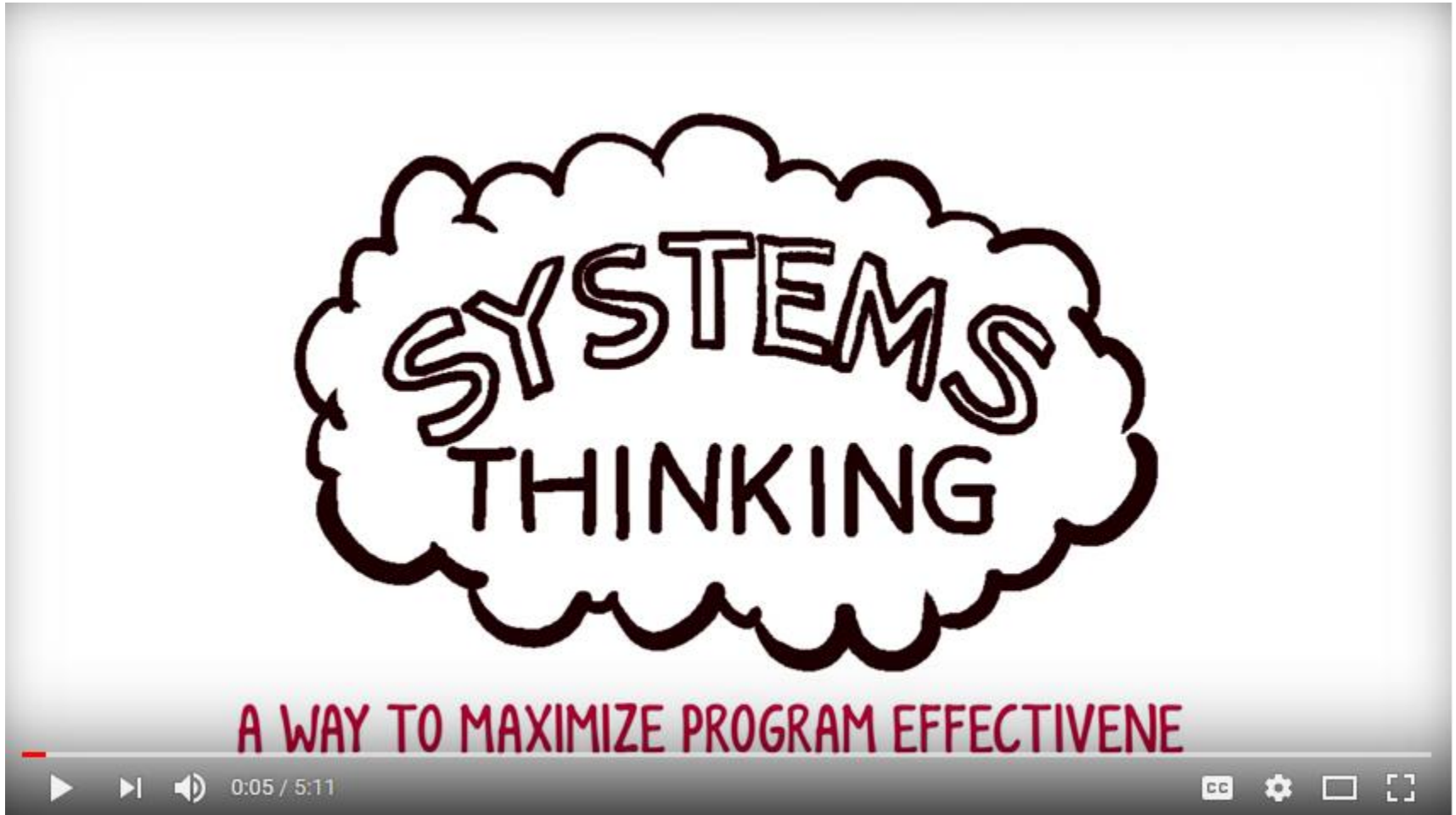


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 Logic Driven: Logic for model formulation; data for model validation

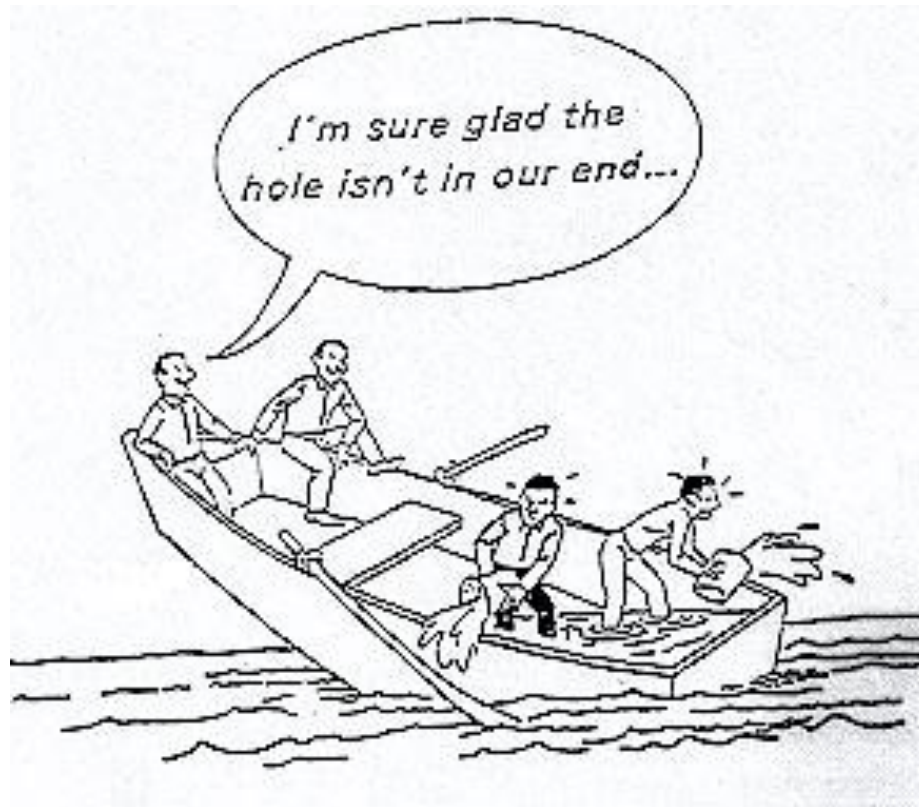
# Introduction to Systems Thinking and System Dynamics



# Systems Thinking

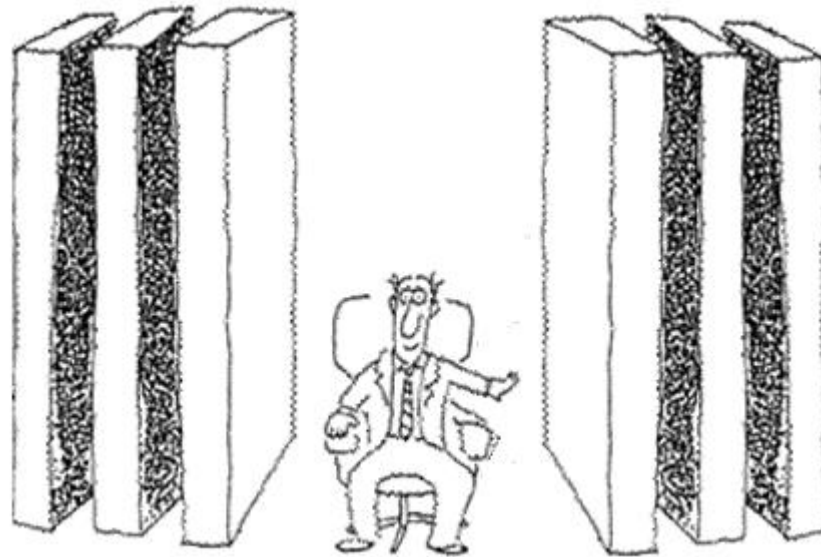


# Systems Thinking

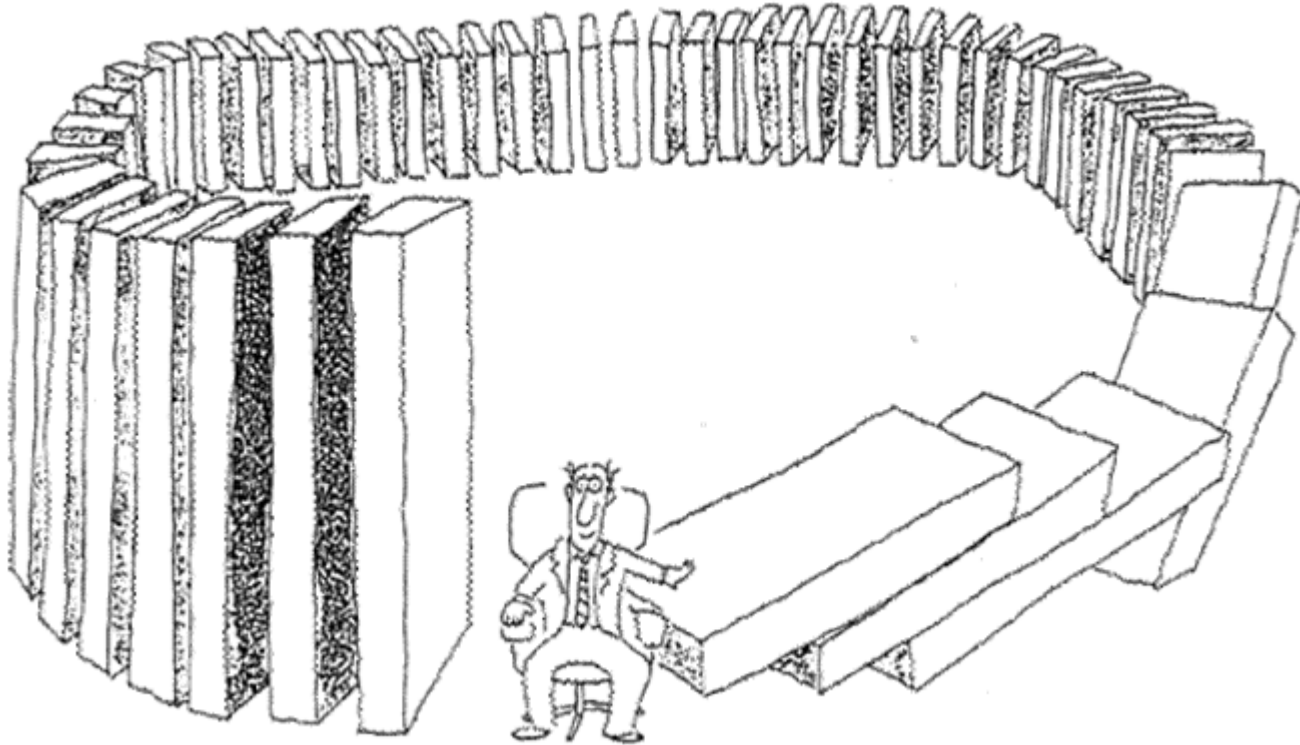




# Systems Thinking



# Systems Thinking





# Systems Thinking / System Dynamics

- **Systems Thinking (ST):** The process of understanding how things influence one another within a whole. [Wikipedia]
- **System Dynamics (SD):** An approach to understanding the behaviour of complex systems over time. It deals with internal feedback loops and time delays that affect the behaviour of the entire system. [Wikipedia]

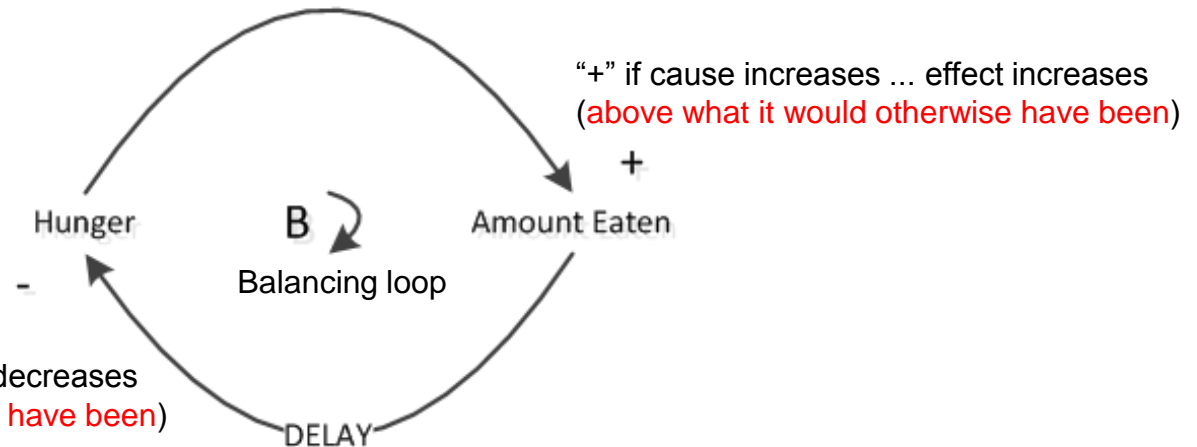
# System Dynamics Modelling and Simulation






# System Dynamics Modelling

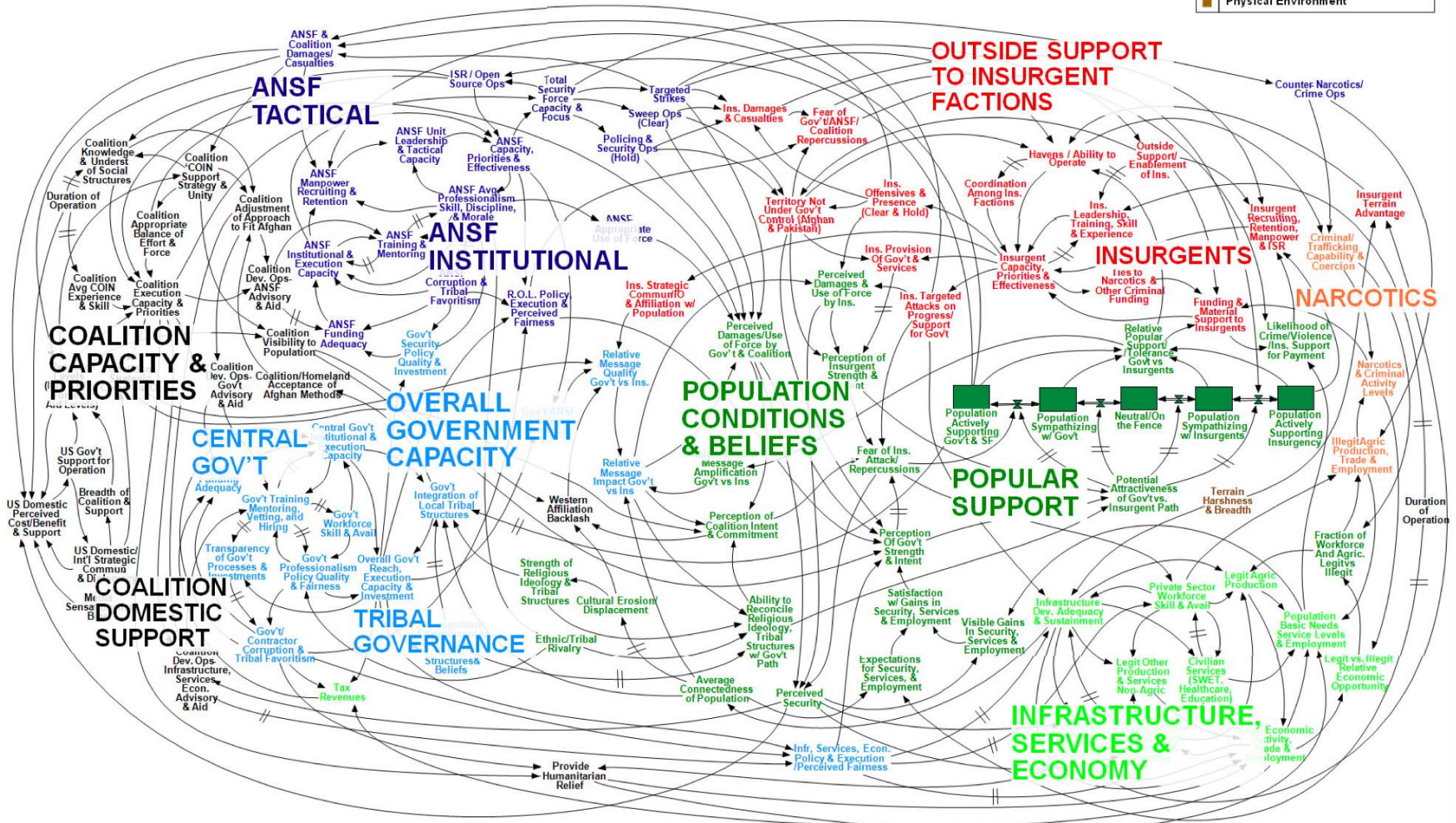
- Model representations
  - Causal loop diagrams (qualitative)
  - Stock and Flow diagrams (quantitative)
- Example: Simple causal loop diagram of food intake [Morecroft 2007]



# Afghanistan Stability / COIN Dynamics

 = Significant Delay

- Population/Popular Support
- Infrastructure, Economy, & Services
- Government
- Afghanistan Security Forces
- Insurgents
- Crime and Narcotics
- Coalition Forces & Actions
- Physical Environment



For explanation see: [http://msnbcmedia.msn.com/i/MSNBC/Components/Photo/new/Afghanistan\\_Dynamic\\_Planning.pdf](http://msnbcmedia.msn.com/i/MSNBC/Components/Photo/new/Afghanistan_Dynamic_Planning.pdf)

# System Dynamics Study Life Cycle

- Conceptualisation
  - Define purpose of the model
    - Focus on a problem and narrowing down the model's audience
  - Define model boundaries and identify key variables
    - Select components necessary to generate the behaviour of interest as set by the model purpose
  - Describe behaviour or draw the reference modes (hypothesised or based on historic data) of the key variables
    - Some of the most important variables are graphed over time; a modeller needs to think about which factors influence each other
  - Diagram the basic mechanisms (feedback loops) of the system
    - The basic mechanisms represent the smallest set of realistic cause-and-effect relations capable of generating the reference mode

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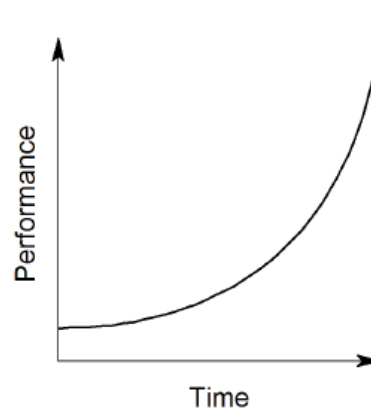
- Formulation
  - Convert diagrams to stock and flow equations
  - Estimate and select parameter values
  - Create the simulation model
- Testing
  - Test the dynamic hypothesis (the potential explanation of how structure is causing observed behaviour)
  - Test model behaviour and sensitivity to perturbations
- Implementation
  - Test model's responses to different policies
  - Translate study insight to an accessible form

# System Dynamics Modelling

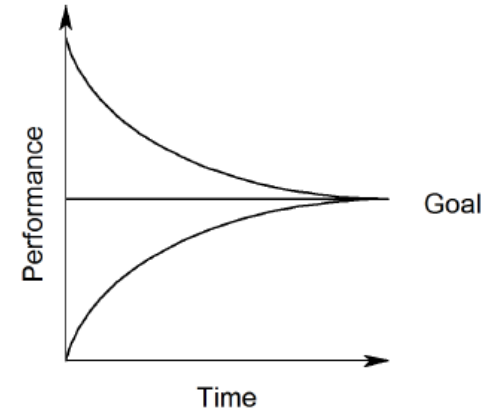
- Considering patterns of behaviour
  - Generalise from the specific events to consider patterns of behaviour that characterise the situation
  - Once we have identified a pattern of behaviour that is a problem, we can look for the system structure that is known to cause this pattern
  - By finding and modifying this system structure you have the possibility to permanently eliminate the problem pattern of behaviour

# System Dynamics Modelling

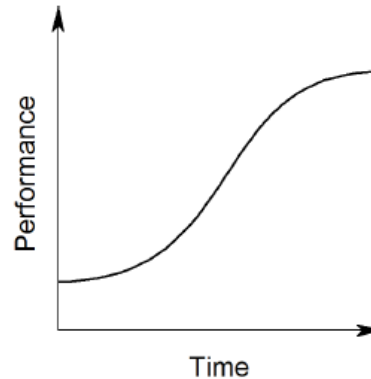
- Common patterns that show up either individually or combined



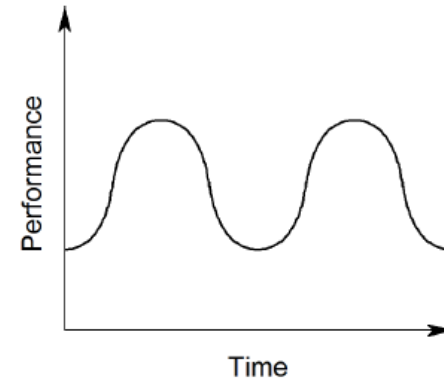
a. Exponential growth



b. Goal-seeking



c. S-shaped

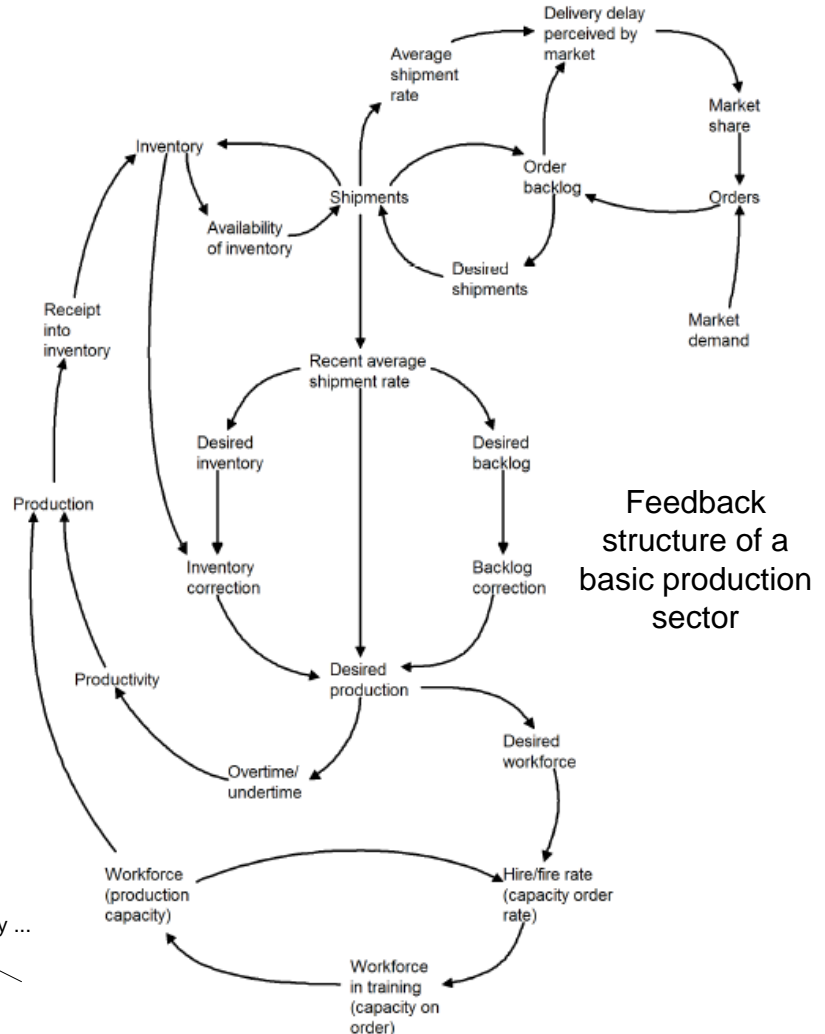
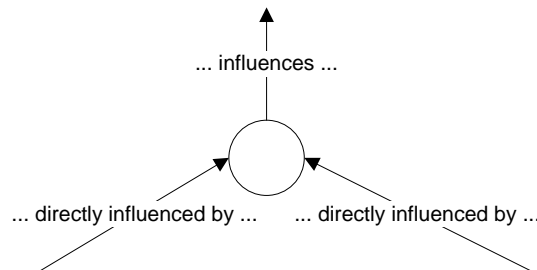


d. Oscillation



# Feedback and Causal Loop Diagrams

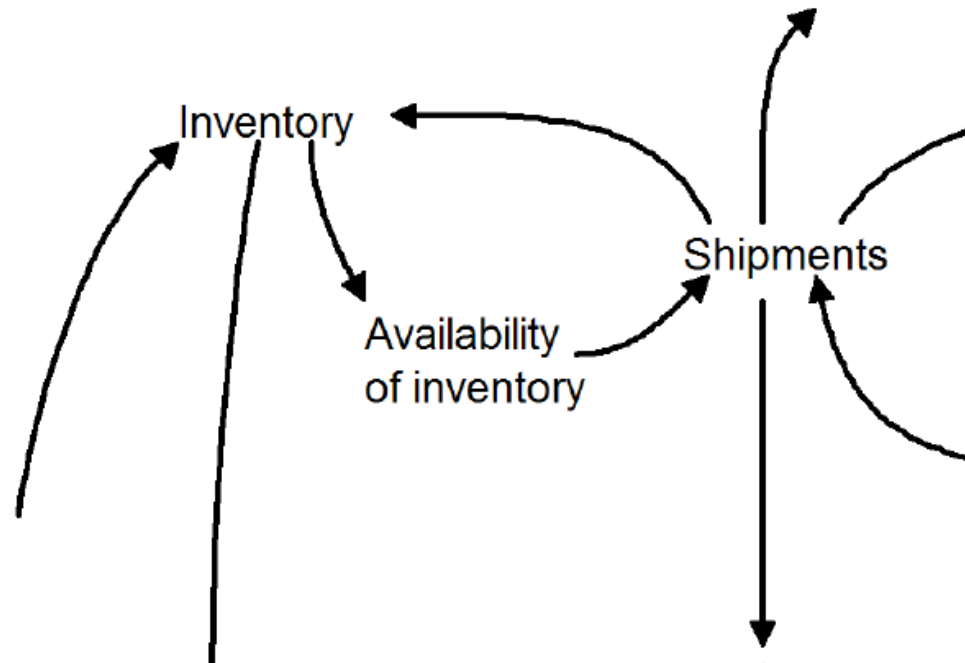
- Notation for presenting system structures
  - Short descriptive phrases represent the elements which make up the sector.
  - Arrows represent causal influences between these elements



Feedback structure of a basic production sector

# Feedback and Causal Loop Diagrams

- Feedback loop or causal loop: Element of a system indirectly influences itself



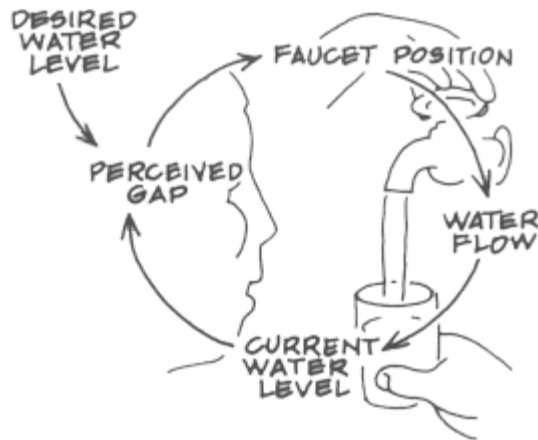
# Feedback and Causal Loop Diagrams

- Causal link impact direction
  - Causal link from element A to B is positive (+ or s) if either A adds to B or a change in A produces a change in B in the same direction
  - Causal link from element A to B is negative (- or o) if either A subtracts from B or a change in A produces a change in B in the opposite direction
- Feedback loop
  - A feedback loop is positive (+ or R) if it contains an even number of negative causal links
  - A feedback loop is negative (- or B) if it contains an uneven number of negative causal links

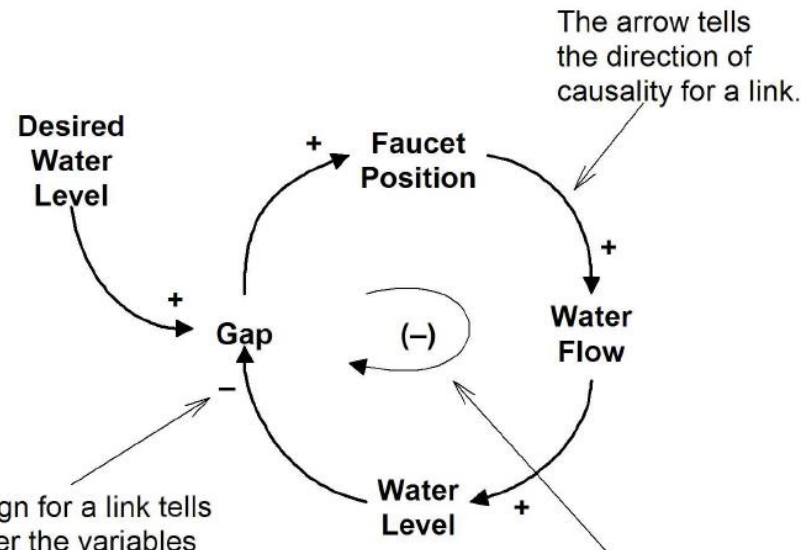
s=same; o=opposite; R=reinforcing; B=balancing



# Feedback and Causal Loop Diagrams



CAUSAL LOOP DIAGRAM  
[Filling a glass of water]



The arrow tells the direction of causality for a link.

The sign for a link tells whether the variables at the two ends move in the same (+) or opposite (-) directions.

The sign for a loop tells whether it is a positive (+) or negative (-) feedback loop.

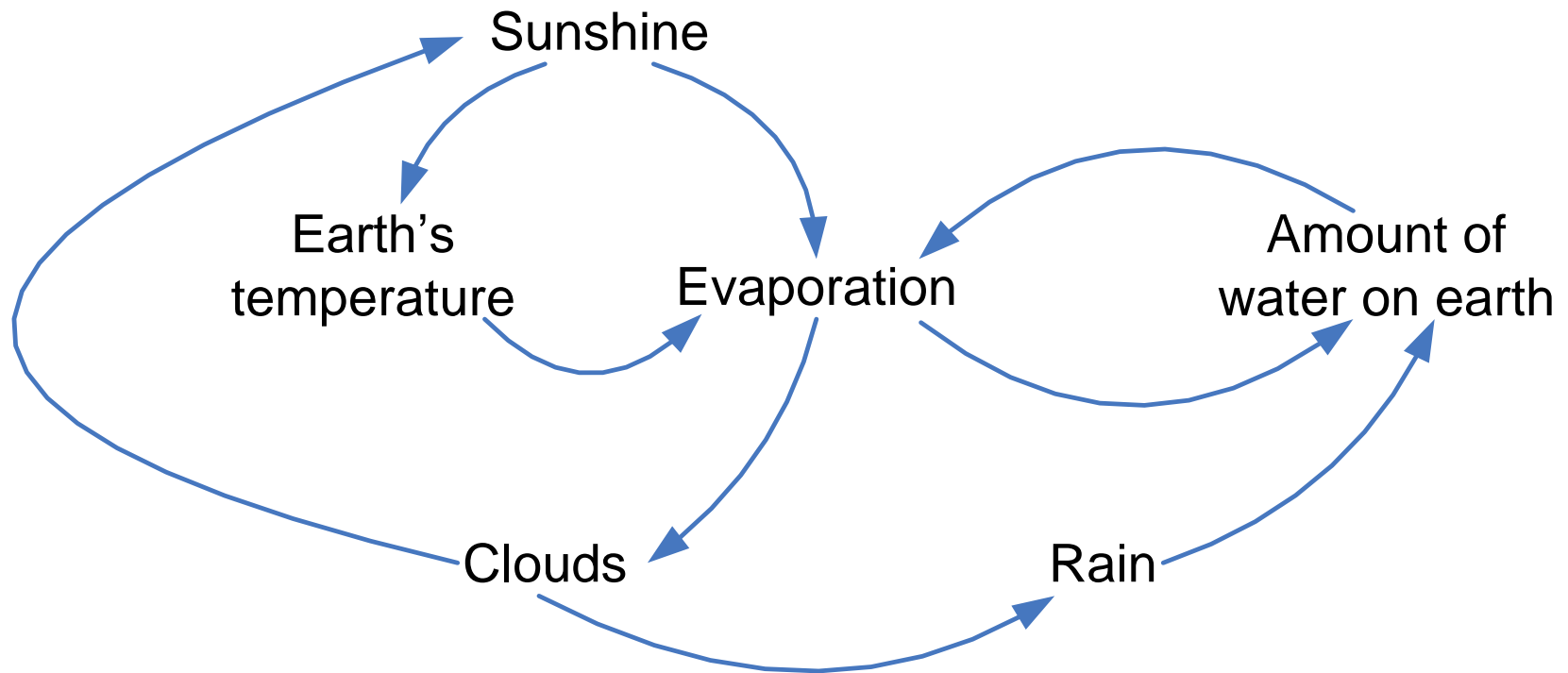
“+” if cause increases ... effect increases  
(above what it would otherwise have been)

“-” if cause increases ... effect decreases  
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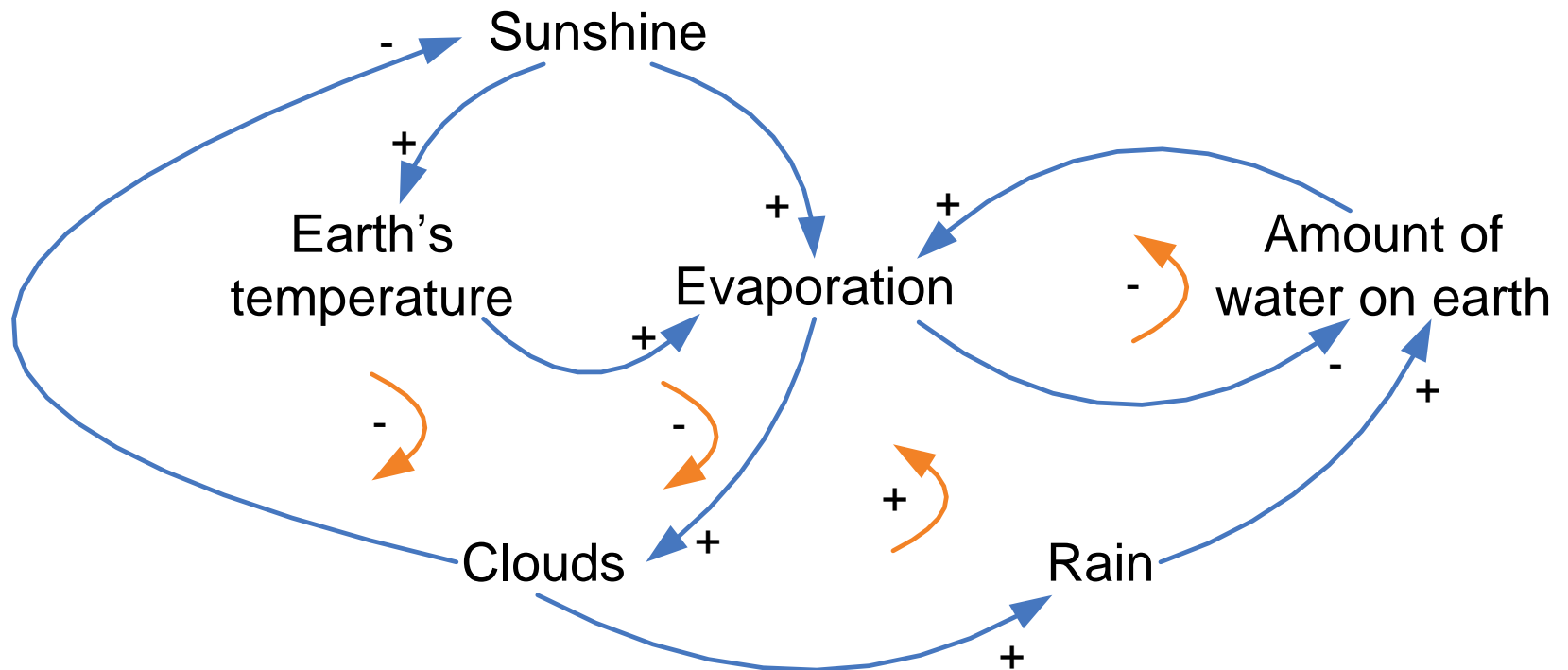
# Feedback and Causal Loop Diagrams

- Self regulating biosphere



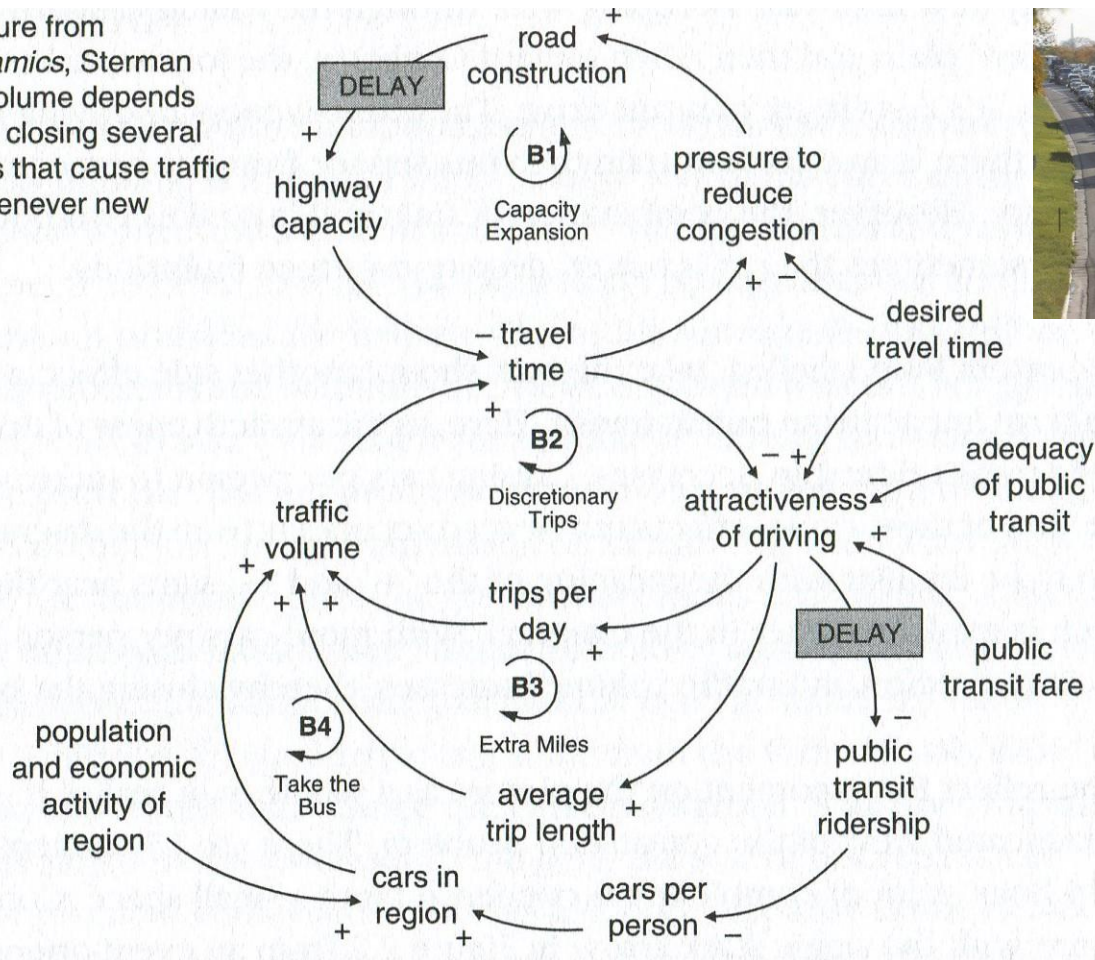
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# Example: Reduce Road Congestion

Based on a figure from *Business Dynamics*, Sterman 2000. Traffic volume depends on congestion, closing several feedback loops that cause traffic to increase whenever new roads are built.

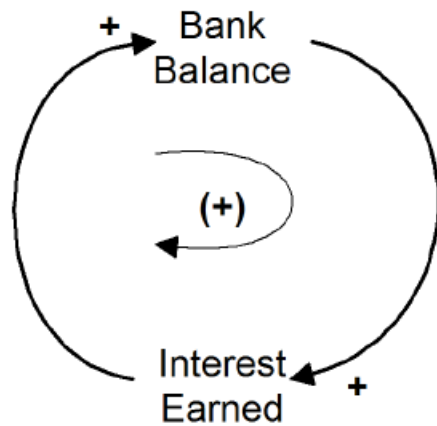


[Morecroft 2007]

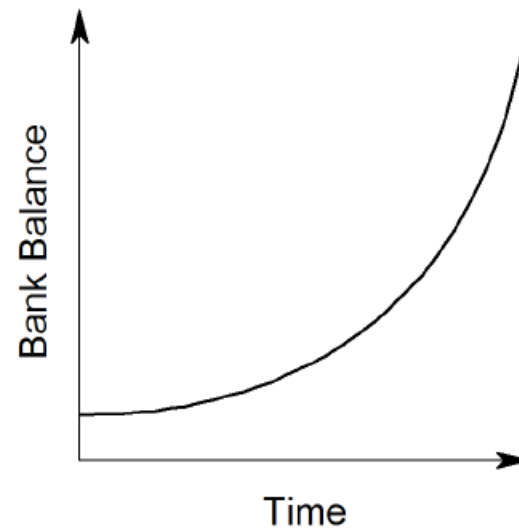
# System Structures and Patterns of Behaviour

- Positive (reinforcing) feedback loop [e.g. growth of bank balance]

**System Structure**



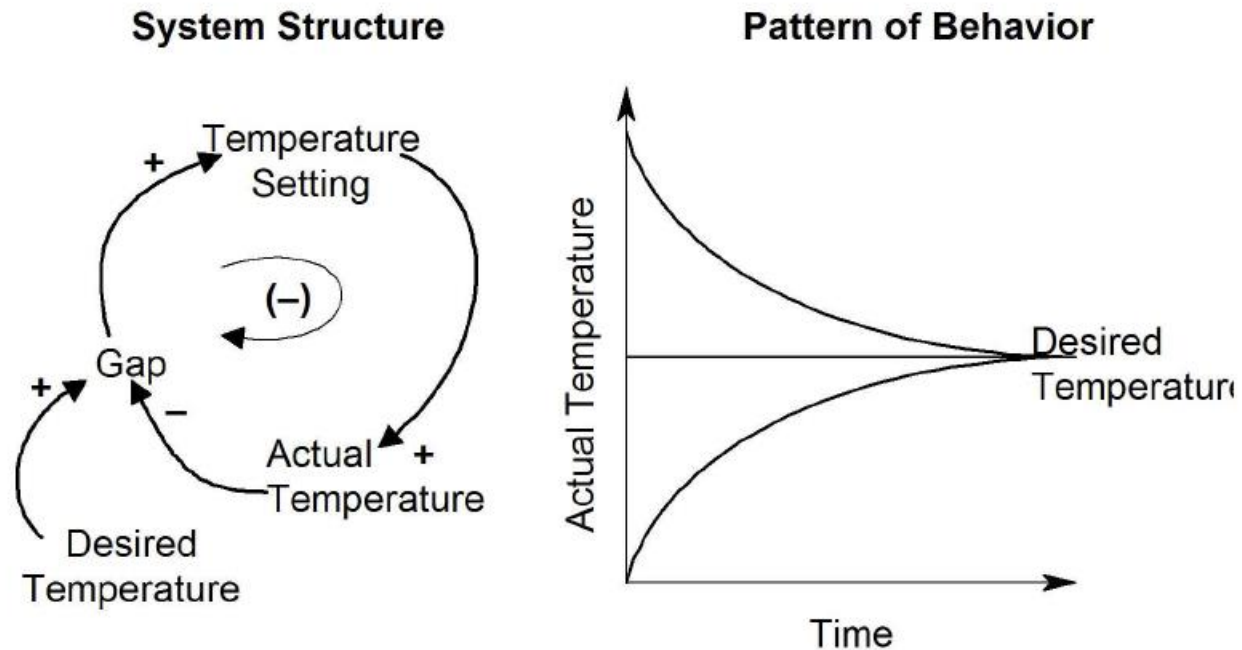
**Pattern of Behavior**





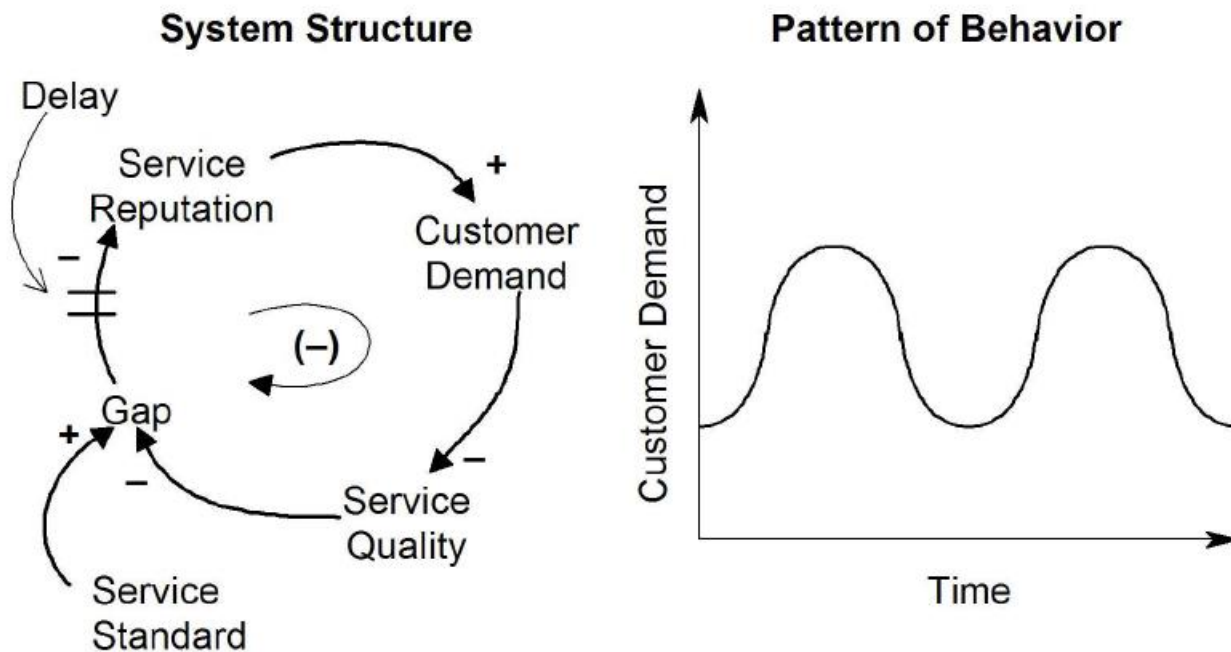
# System Structures and Patterns of Behaviour

- Negative (balancing) feedback loop [e.g. electric blanket]



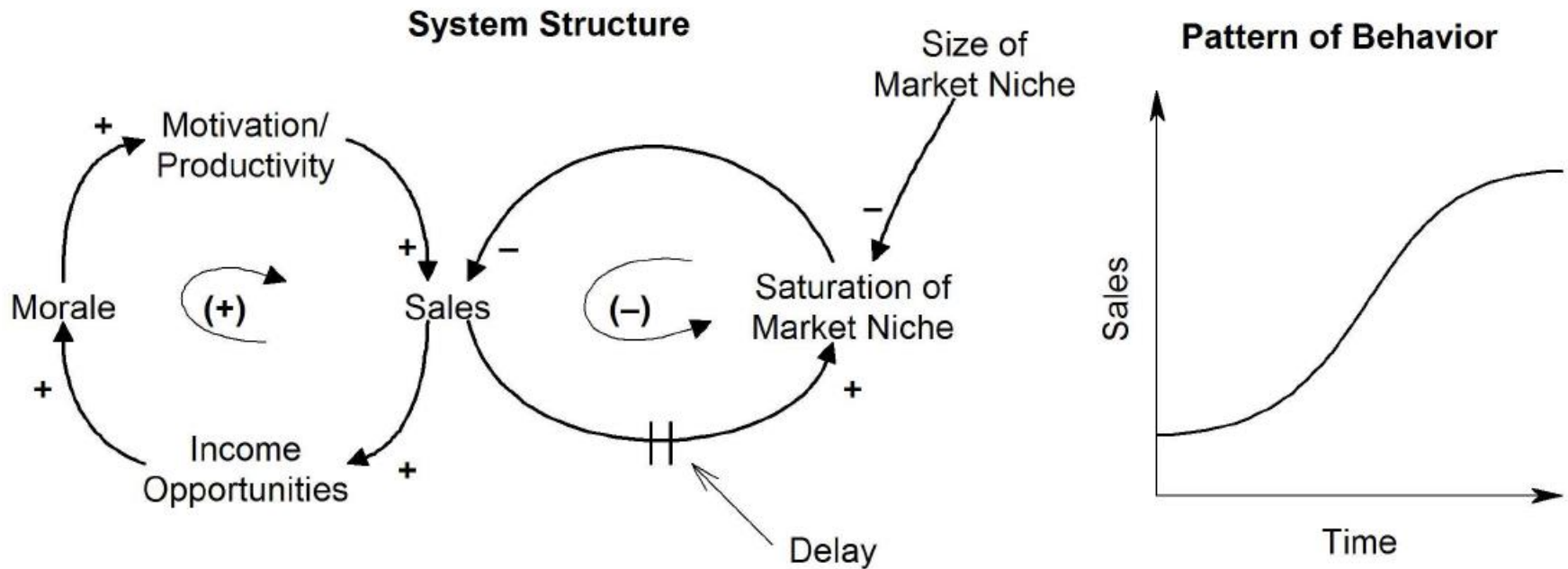
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- Negative feedback loop with delay [e.g. service quality]



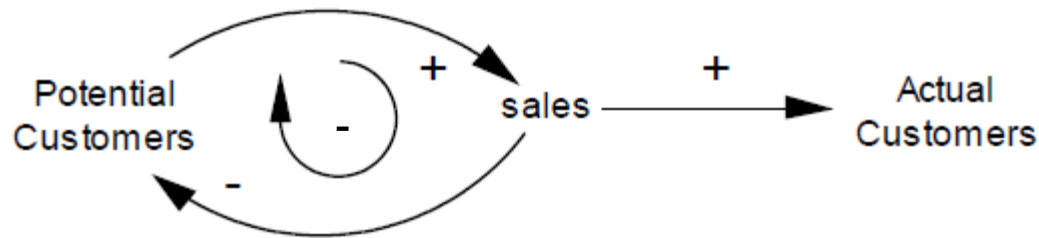
# System Structures and Patterns of Behaviour

- Combination of positive and negative loop [e.g. sales growth]

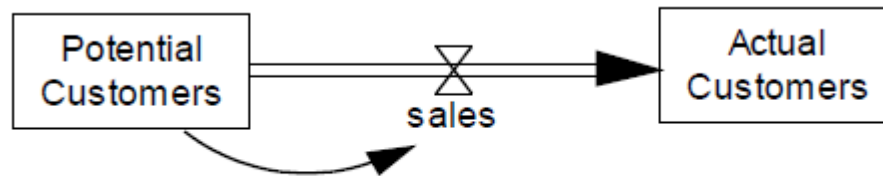


# Stock and Flow Diagrams

- Example: Advertising for a durable good



a. Causal loop diagram



b. Stock and flow diagram

# Stock and Flow Diagrams

- Stock and flow diagram:
  - Shows relationships among variables which have the potential to change over time (like causal loop diagrams)
  - Distinguishes between different types of variables (unlike causal loop diagrams)
- Basic notation:
  - Stock (level, accumulation, or state variable) {Symbol: Box}
    - Accumulation of "something" over time
    - Value of stock changes by accumulating or integrating flows
    - Physical entities which can accumulate and move around (e.g. materials, personnel, capital equipment, orders, stocks of money)

# Stock and Flow Diagrams

- Basic notation (cont.)
  - Flow (rate, activity, movement) {Symbol: valve}
    - Flow or movement of the "something" from one stock to another
    - The value of a flow is dependent on the stocks in a system along with exogenous influences
  - Information {Symbol: curved arrow}
    - Between a stock and a flow: Indicates that information about a stock influences a flow

# Stock and Flow Diagrams

- Additional notation
  - Auxiliary {Symbol: Circle}
    - Arise when the formulation of a stock's influence on a flow involves one or more intermediate calculations
    - Often useful in formulating complex flow equations
  - Source and Sink {Symbol: Cloud}
    - Source represents systems of stocks and flows outside the boundary of the model
    - Sink is where flows terminate outside the system



# Stock and Flow Diagrams

- Growth of population through birth
  - Find the causal links and feedback loops

Births

Children

Children  
maturing

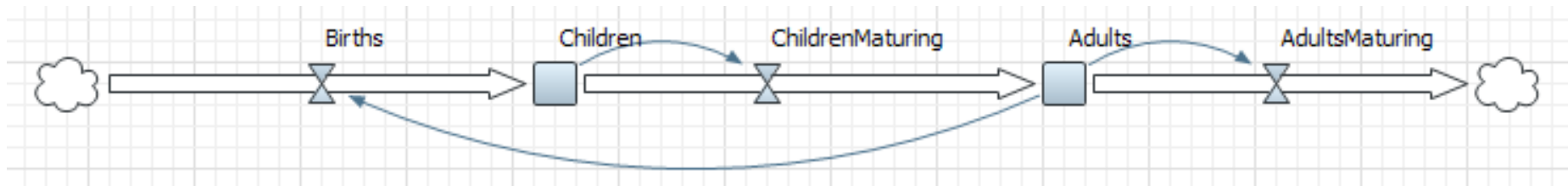
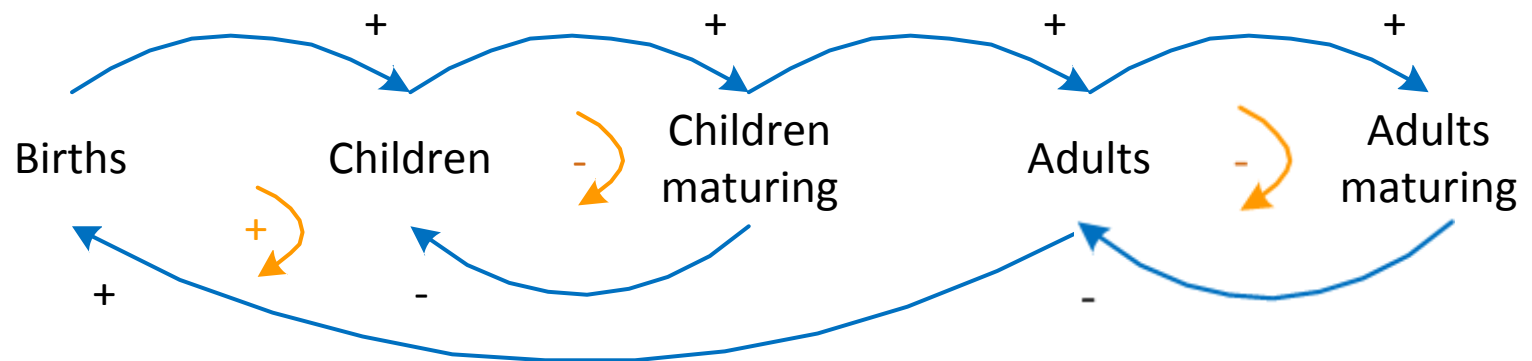
Adults

Adults  
maturing



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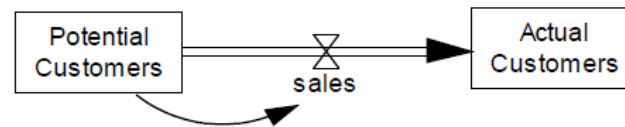


# System Dynamics Simulation

- Computation behind the System Dynamics simulation
  - Time slicing
    - At each time point ...
      - Compute new stock levels at time point
      - Compute new flow rates after the stocks have been updated (flow rate held constant over  $dt$ )
      - Move clock forward to next time point
    - The software must apply numerical methods to solve the integrations
      - Integration errors

# System Dynamics Simulation

- Back to the advertising example ...
  - Can our stock and flow diagram below help us answering the question: How will the number of potential customers vary with time?



b. Stock and flow diagram

- No! We need to consider the quantitative features of the process
  - Initial number of potential and actual customers
  - Specific way in which sales flow depends on potential customers

# System Dynamics Simulation

- Simplifying assumptions
  - Aggregate approach is sufficient
  - Flows within processes are continuous
  - Flows do not have a random component
- Analogy: Plumbing system
  - Stocks are tanks full of liquid
  - Flows are pumps that control the flow between the tanks
- To completely specify the process model
  - Initial value of each stock + equation for each flow



# System Dynamics Simulation

- Number of potential customers at any time  $t$

$$\text{Potential Customers}(t) = 1,000,000 - \int_0^t \text{sales}(\tau) d\tau,$$

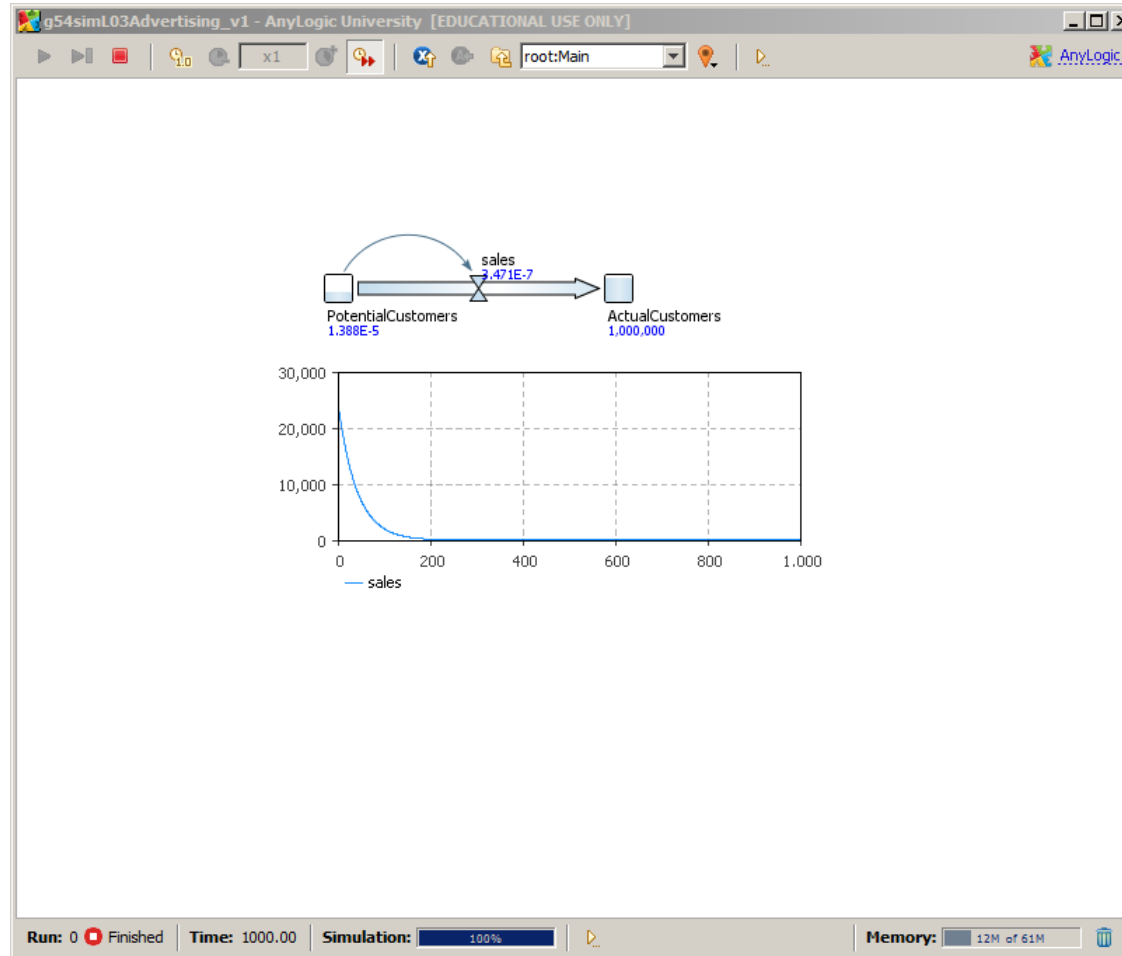
- Number of actual customers at any time  $t$

$$\text{Actual Customers} = \int_0^t \text{sales}(\tau) d\tau.$$

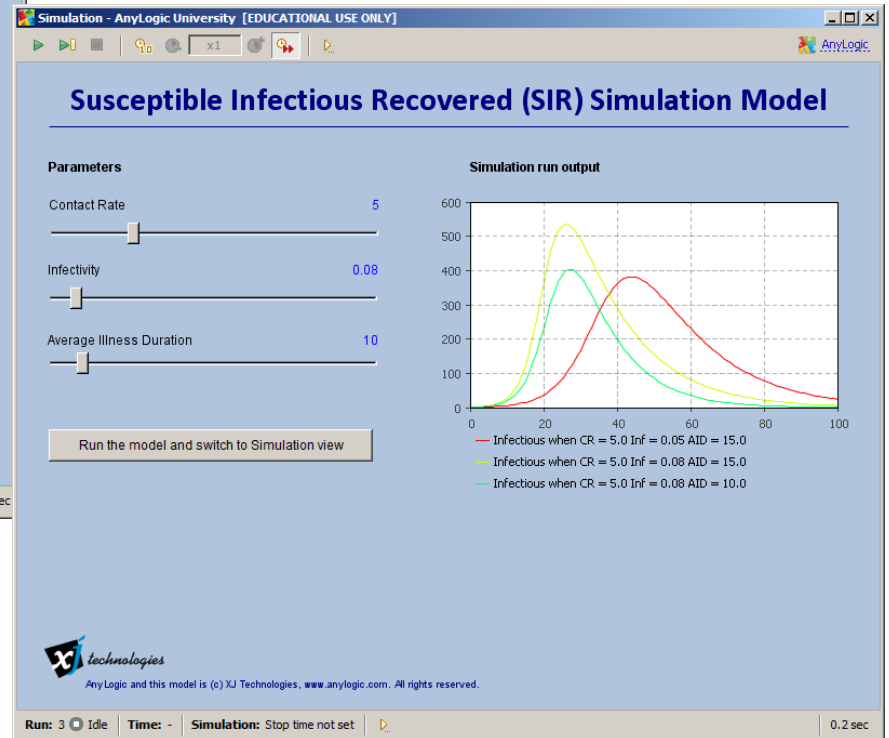
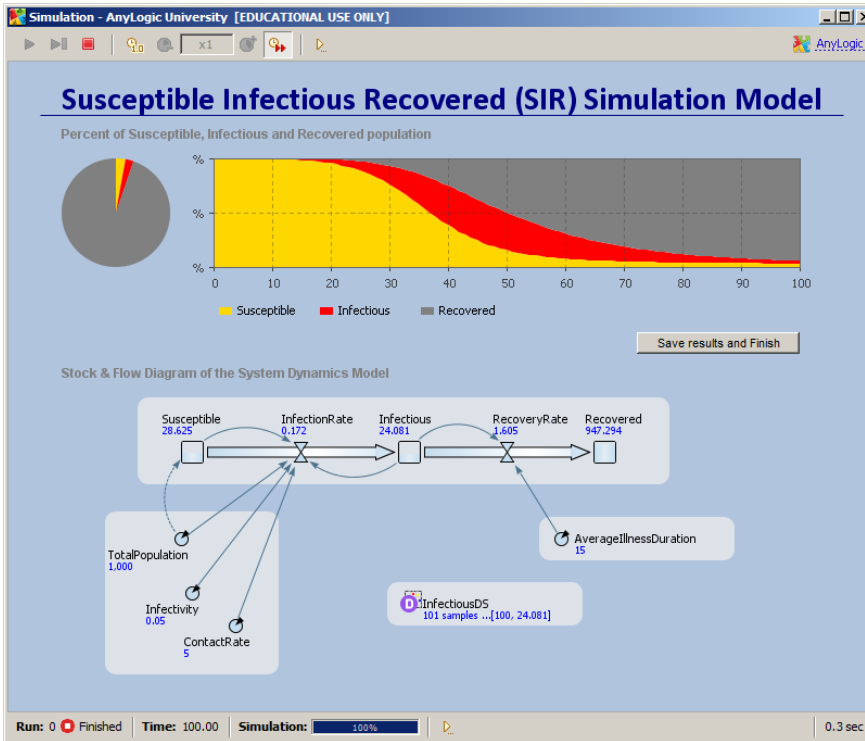
- Many possible flow equations! It is up to the modeller to choose a realistic one

$$\text{sales}(t) = \begin{cases} 0.025 \times \text{Potential Customers}(t) & \text{if } \text{Actual Customers}(t) < 100,000 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

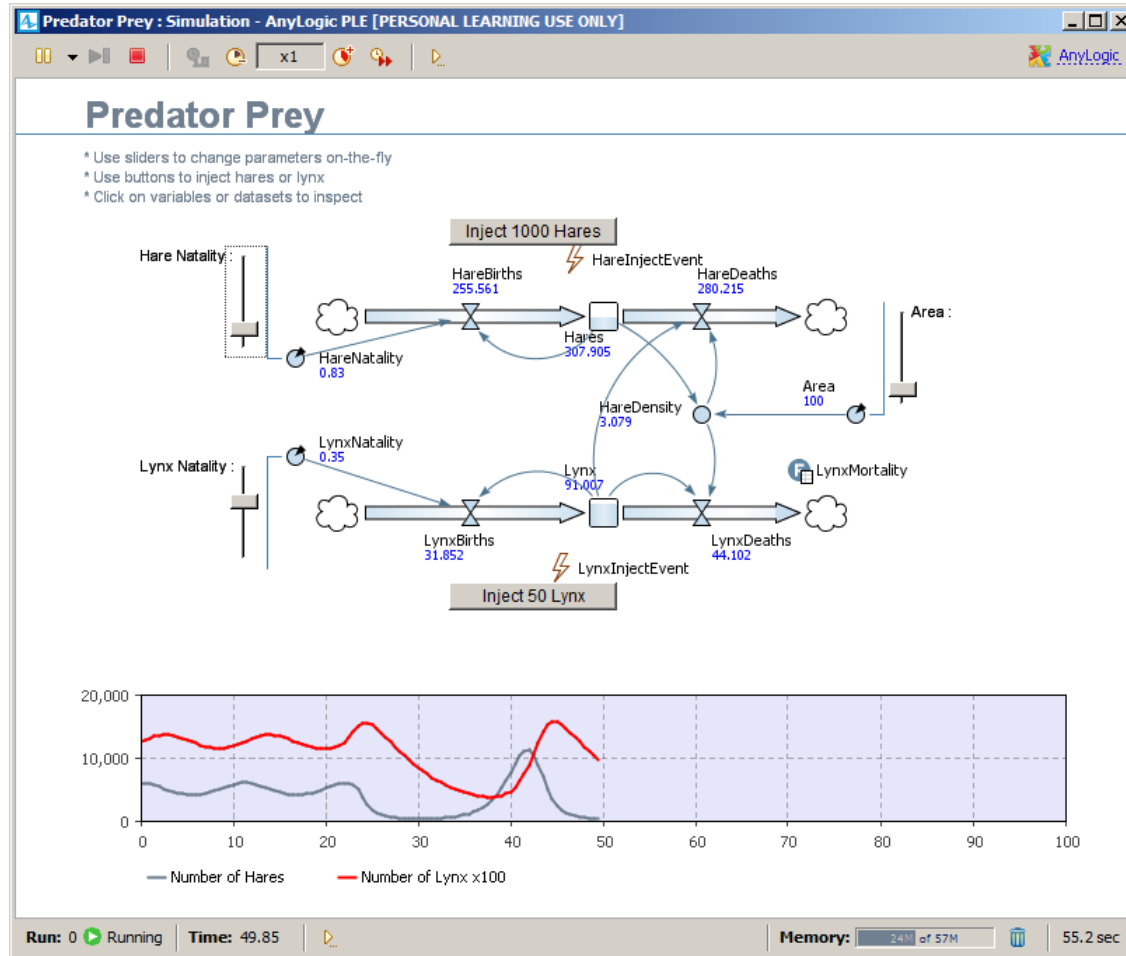
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# System Dynamics Society

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the homepage of the System Dynamics Society. The browser's address bar shows the URL <https://www.systemdynamics.org>. The page features a search bar at the top right with the text "Search our site..." and a "Search" button. Below the search bar is the System Dynamics Society logo, which consists of the text "System Dynamics Society" in a serif font, with "System" in black, "Dynamics" in red, and "Society" in black, all enclosed within a circular arrow graphic. To the right of the logo is a red "Login" button with a lock icon. Below the logo and button is a horizontal navigation menu with the following items: Home, Members, Conference, Activities and Resources, Governance, Products, Publications, and Sponsors. The main content area features a large banner with a textured background. On the left side of the banner is the System Dynamics Society logo. To the right of the logo, the text reads: "SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2019 ALBUQUERQUE CONFERENCE! JULY 21 – 25, 2019!". Below the banner, the text "The System Dynamics Society" is displayed in a red serif font. In the bottom right corner of the page, there is a section titled "Our Sponsors" with a horizontal line below it.

# Hybrids



# Hybrid Architectures

- Agents in an SD environment
  - e.g. population in a city infrastructure
    - Agents' decisions depend on the values of the SD variables and, in turn, the agents affect the SD variables
- SD inside agents
  - e.g. consumer's individual decision making
    - Dynamics of consumer decision making is modelled using SD approach

# Agents in an SD Environment

**AnyLogic Personal Learning Edition [PERSONAL LEARNING USE ONLY]**

File Edit View Draw Model Tools Help

Projects | Palette

- Basic Health Economics [cloud]
- Main
- Person
- AggressivePrediabetesPrevention: Main
- Baseline: Main
- LowDiscountingBaseline: Main
- AggressiveInterventionCostEffectivene
- Run Configuration: Main
- Database

**Model | Graphs**

Normoglycemic 123    Prediabetic 123    Type 2 Diabetes 123    ESRD 123    Transpar

population [..]

PrediabeticPreventionHazard

CostsPerPrediabeticLifestyleInterventionCostsPerYear

PerNonDiabeticCapitaInterventionScreeningCostsPerYear

DiscountRate

LifestyleChangeInterventionCostPerYear

InterventionScreeningCostsPerYear

NewUndiscountedHealthServicesCosts

DiscountFactor

NewQALYsPerYear → QALYs

NewLYsPerYear → LYs

NewDiscountedHealthServicesCosts

**Properties**

**Main - Agent Type**

Name: Main  Ignore

**Parameters preview**

**Agent actions**

On startup:

On destroy:

On arrival to target location:

On before step:

On step:

**Agent in flowcharts**

**Movement**

Initial speed:  meters

Rotate animation towards movement

Rotate vertically as well (along Z-axis)

**Space and network**

Select the agents you want to place in the environment

population

Space type:  Continuous  Discret

Space dimensions:

Width:

Basic Health Economics

Time: years

# Agents in an SD Environment

The screenshot displays the AnyLogic Personal Learning Edition interface. The main workspace shows a state transition diagram for the 'Person' agent type, titled 'DiabetesProgressionStatechart'. The states are represented by colored rounded rectangles: Normoglycemic (blue), Prediabetic (yellow), Type2Diabetes (orange), ESRD (red), Transplant (brown), and Dead (black circle). Transitions are indicated by arrows between these states. The 'Dead' state is the final destination for all paths. To the right of the diagram, three variables are listed: QoL, CostsPerYear, and color. The left sidebar shows a project tree for 'Basic Health Economics' with sub-items like 'Main', 'Person', and various model components. The right sidebar shows the 'Person - Agent Type' properties panel, including sections for 'Agent actions', 'Agent in flowcharts', 'Movement', and 'Space and network'. The 'Movement' section has 'Initial speed' set to 10 meters. The 'Space and network' section has 'Space type' set to 'Continuous' and 'Space dimensions' with 'Width' set to 500. The bottom status bar shows 'Basic Health Economics' and 'Time: years'.

# SD Inside Agents

AnyLogic Personal Learning Edition [PERSONAL LEARNING USE ONLY]

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Projects Palette

- Population [cloud]
  - HousingSector
  - Main
  - PopulationSector
  - Simulation: Main
  - Run Configuration: Main
  - Database

Main HousingSector PopulationSector Simulation

Main Population sector Housing sector

The model structure

populationSector housingSector  
[click on an object to view SD component]

Population

Fraction of Occupied Land

Births: 0.224 Deaths: 0.083  
Immigration: 0.044 Emigration: 0.936

Properties Main - Agent Type

Name: Main  Ignore

Parameters preview

Agent actions

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Agent in flowcharts

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Space and network

Select the agents you want to place in the environment

populationSector

housingSector

Space type:  Continuous  Discret

Space dimensions:

Population

Time: days

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# SD Inside Agents

The screenshot displays the AnyLogic Personal Learning Edition interface. The main workspace shows a diagram for the 'PopulationSector' agent type, which is a cloud-shaped agent. The diagram includes several flows and variables:

- Immigration:** A blue flow from a cloud labeled 'ImmigrationNormal' into the 'Population' cloud.
- Births:** A green flow from a cloud labeled 'Fertility' into the 'Population' cloud.
- PopulationInitial:** A grey flow from a cloud into the 'Population' cloud.
- Deaths:** An orange flow from the 'Population' cloud to a cloud labeled '+Deaths'.
- Emigration:** A red flow from the 'Population' cloud to a cloud labeled 'EmigrationNormal'.
- Attraction:** A blue flow from the 'Population' cloud to a cloud labeled 'AttractionDueToHousing', which then flows to a cloud labeled '<Houses>'. A pink flow goes from '<Houses>' to a cloud labeled 'HouseholdsToHous'.
- Households:** A blue flow from 'HouseholdsToHous' back to the 'Population' cloud.
- Other variables:** 'AverageLifetime' and 'attractionDueToHousingLook' are also shown.

The right-hand side of the interface shows the 'Properties' panel for the 'PopulationSector - Agent Type'. It includes sections for 'Parameters preview', 'Agent actions' (with fields for 'On startup:', 'On destroy:', 'On arrival to target location:', 'On before step:', and 'On step:'), 'Agent in flowcharts', 'Movement' (with 'Initial speed' set to 10 meters and checkboxes for rotation), and 'Space and network' (with 'Space type' set to 'Continuous').

At the bottom of the window, the status bar shows 'Time: days' and '1meter = 10px, X=-19, Y=548'.

# SD Inside Agents

The screenshot displays the AnyLogic software interface for a simulation model. The main workspace shows a stock-and-flow diagram for a housing sector. The central stock is 'Houses', which is influenced by several flows and variables:

- Inflows:**
  - ConstructionRate:** This flow is influenced by 'ConstructionNormal', 'ConstructionMultiplier', and 'ConstructionDueToHousingAvailability'.
  - HousesInitial:** A direct inflow to the 'Houses' stock.
- Outflows:**
  - DemolitionRate:** This flow is influenced by 'DemolitionNormal' and is subtracted from the 'Houses' stock.
- Feedback Loops:**
  - ConstructionDueToLandAvailability:** A negative feedback loop where 'Houses' leads to 'FractionOfOccupiedLand', which then reduces 'ConstructionDueToLandAvailability', which in turn reduces 'ConstructionRate'.
  - ConstructionDueToHousingAvailability:** A positive feedback loop where 'Houses' leads to 'FractionOfOccupiedLand', which then increases 'ConstructionDueToHousingAvailability', which increases 'ConstructionRate'.

The right-hand panel shows the 'HousingSector - Agent Type' properties. Key settings include:

- Name:** HousingSector
- Parameters preview:** Includes sections for 'Agent actions' (On startup, On destroy, On arrival to target location, On before step, On step) and 'Agent in flowcharts'.
- Movement:** Initial speed is set to 10 meters. The 'Rotate animation towards movement' checkbox is checked.
- Space and network:** 'No agent populations live in this agent type' is selected. The 'Space type' is set to 'Continuous'.

The bottom status bar shows 'Time: days' and '1meter = 10px, X=-20, Y=517'.



# An Innovative Approach to Multi-Method Integrated Assessment Modelling of Global Climate Change

Siebers et al (under review)

# The Context

- Modelling and simulation play an increasingly significant role in **exploratory studies for informing policy makers** on climate change mitigation strategies
- There is considerable research being done in creating **Integrated Assessment Models** (IAMs), which focus on examining the human impacts on climate change

# The Problem

- IAMs are often created as **steady state optimisation models**, holding **aggregate views** on variables, and hence are unable to capture a finer level of details of the underlying system components
- This presents a problem as the **risks and impacts** associated with climate change are **unevenly distributed**, geographically and demographically.

# Alternatives

- An **alternative approach** that allows modelling populations as a collection of individual and unevenly distributed entities is **Agent-Based Modelling (ABM)** but simulating huge numbers of individual entities can quickly become an issue, as it **requires large amounts of computational resources**.

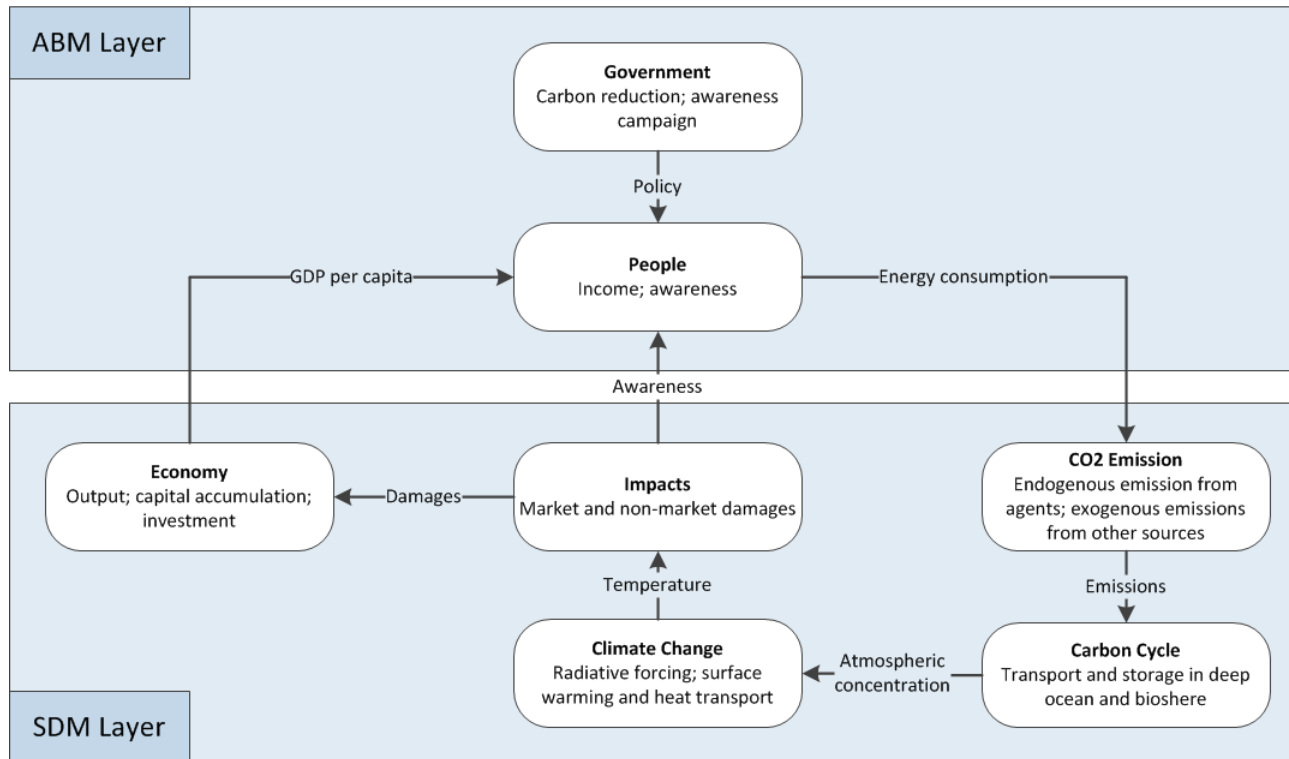
What about taking the best of both worlds and come up with a hybrid approach that overcomes the limitations of the individual approaches?

# HCAM: Our Hybrid Approach

- We represent the **physical and economic environments** we use parts of a well-established **System Dynamics (SD)** interpretation of a well-established IAM called DICE (Nordhaus 1992)
- Social units and the **population** are embedded into this SD model in form of a hierarchical agent-based model.
  - At the top end we represents social units (nation; region; state) and at the bottom end we represent the population as a collection of **Collective Person Agent (CPA)** units
  - These CPA units are endowed with an **internal SD model** to track their collective psychological state, which influences their decision making

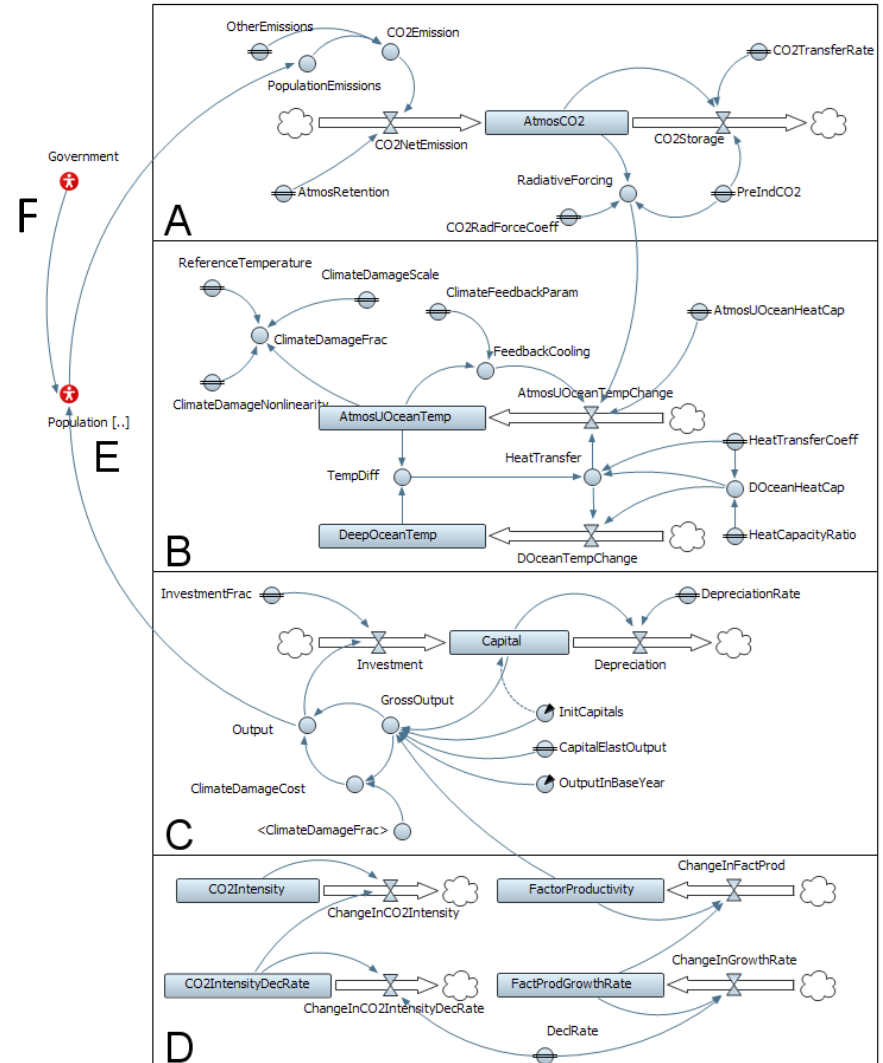
# Conceptual Modelling

- Sector Boundary Map (showing feedback structure)



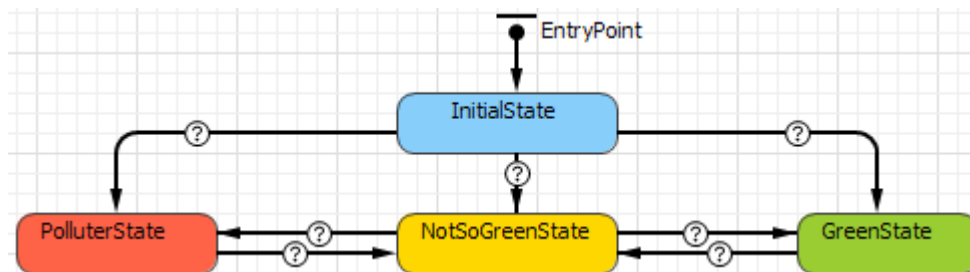
# Conceptual Modelling

- Base Model
  - A = Carbon Cycle
  - B = Climate Subsystem
  - C = Economy Subsystem
  - D = Exogenous Drivers
  - E = Population
  - F = Government (Policy Makers)



# Conceptual Modelling

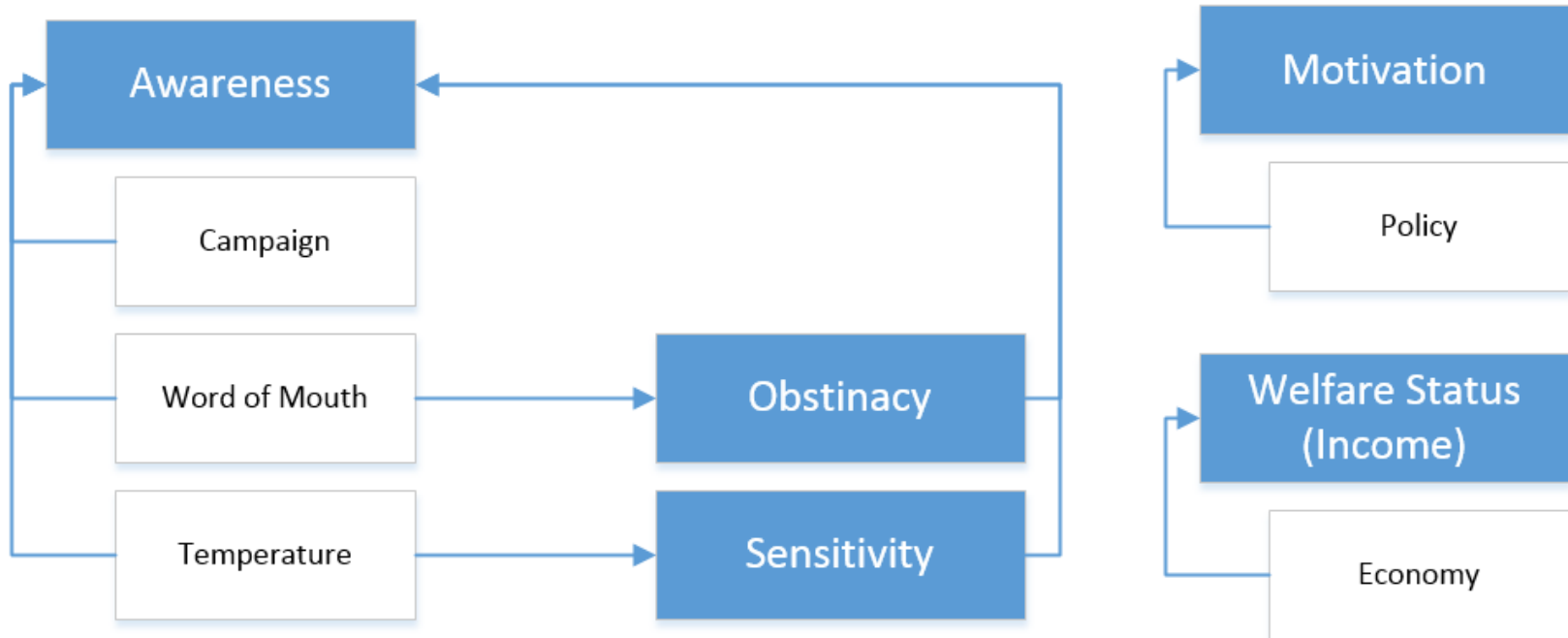
- Collective Person Agents (CPAs)
  - Capturing large populations through scaling (e.g. 1:250,000)
  - Activities of CPAs
    - Consume energy; produce emissions; network with other CPAs
- Classifications of CPAs
  - They are classified into different stereotypes, based on their emission levels; these range from "green" to "polluter"





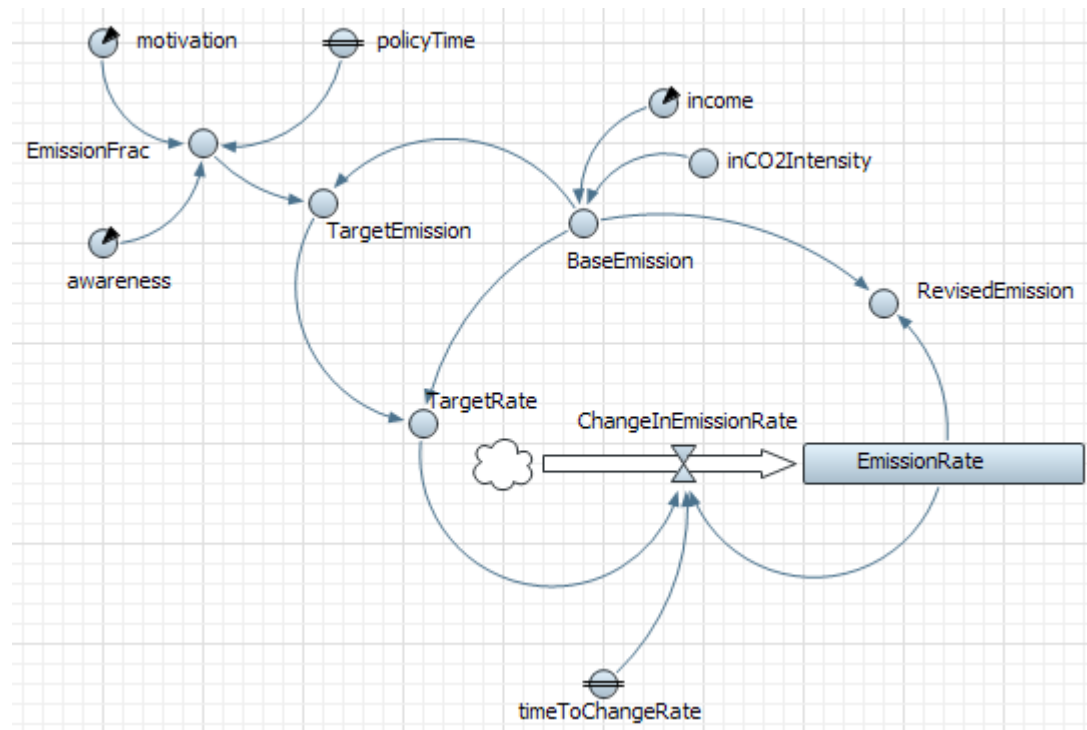
# Conceptual Modelling

- Mental model of CPAs
  - Blue boxes: Mental model attributes
  - White boxes: External influences



# Conceptual Modelling

- Behaviour model of CPAs
  - Emission rate SD model inside the CPAs



# Conceptual Modelling

- Multi-level modelling of social structures
  - $CPA \subset State \subset Region \subset Nation$
- Networking
  - All CPAs are equipped with networking modules, enabling them to communicate with each other by passing time-stamped InfluenceAction objects to each other

# Conceptual Modelling

- Policies
  - Carbon reduction policy
    - Induces **motivation** on the people to cut down on their emissions
  - Awareness campaign policy
    - Raise public **awareness** on environmental issues

# An Illustrative Example

- Our test case takes the settings of the USA
  - USA contributes to the majority of the global carbon footprints and is the largest economic power in the world
  - We investigate the carbon emissions and its relevant economic impacts on the nation

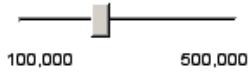
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# Hybrid Climate Assessment Model

This is an integrated climate assessment model. The model simulates the population, climate and economy of the United States. Population of people can be seen on the map as small dots. Red people produce the highest emissions while green people produce the lowest emissions.

This model is designed for policy analysis. You can implement different types of policies - carbon reduction policy and campaigns. You can also set how often the people talk to each other.

Scaling Factor: **250,000**  
Population represented by each Collective Person Agent



Run

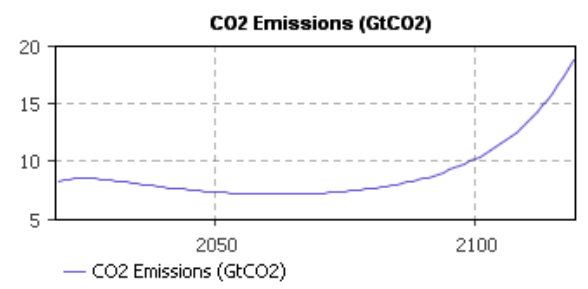
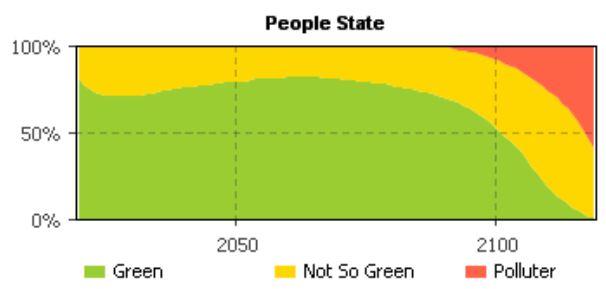


### People

<b>Green Threshold:</b> 30 Upper emission boundary for Green archetype		<b>Contact Influence:</b> 0.05 Influence weight of contact	
<b>Polluter Threshold:</b> 50 Lower emission boundary for Polluter archetype		<b>Contact Rate:</b> 0 People contacted per month	
<b>Climate Sensitivity:</b> 0.5 °C Responsiveness to temperature anomaly		<b>Contact Duration:</b> 5 Duration of contact in days	

### Policy

<b>Base Year:</b> 2,019 Year to start implement policy		<b>Campaign Rate:</b> 0 Campaign organised per year	
<b>Carbon Reduction:</b> 0 Target percentage reduction in carbon emissions		<b>Campaign Duration:</b> 2 Duration of campaign in weeks	
<b>Policy Influence:</b> 0.5 Influence weight of policy		<b>Campaign Influence:</b> 2.5 Influence weight of campaign	



**Temperature: 3.716 °C**  
**Carbon: 1,031.099 ppm**  
**United States of America**

#### People

Population **308,876,366**

Emission per capita **60.701**

Contact rate (per month) **0** [Slider: 0 to 50]

Climate change sensitivity (°C) **0.5** [Slider: 0 to 3]

#### Climate Policy

Scale  National  Regional

National Emission **1.875E10**

Base year **2,019** [Slider: 2,019 to 2,119]

Carbon reduction (%) **0** [Slider: 0 to 100]

Campaign rate (per year) **0** [Slider: 0 to 8]

#### Economy

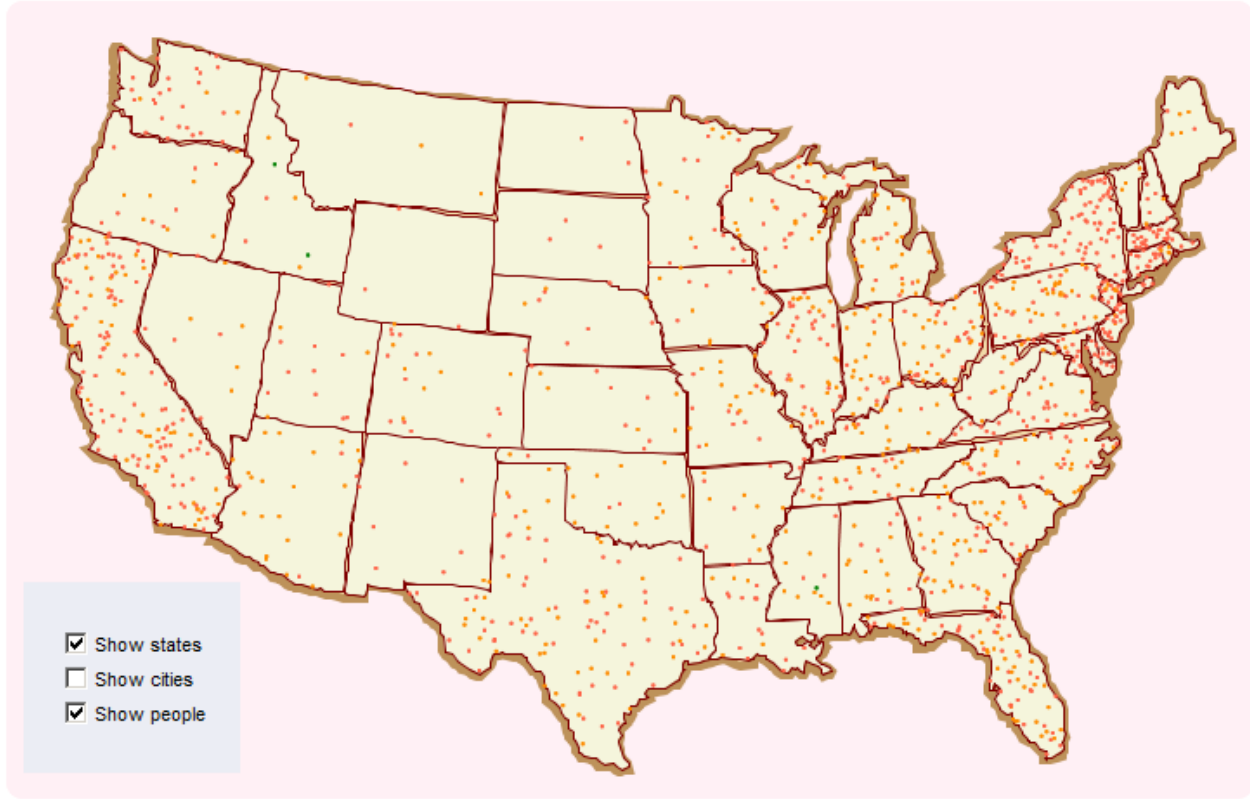
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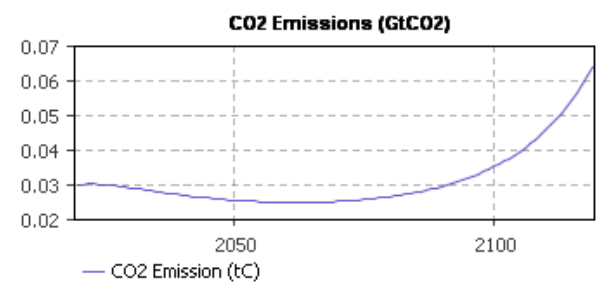
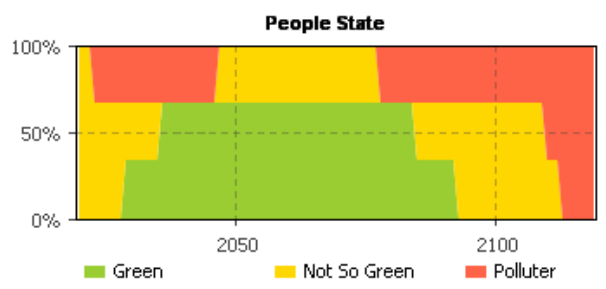
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60  
40  
20  
0

2050 2100

GDP (Trillion \$)





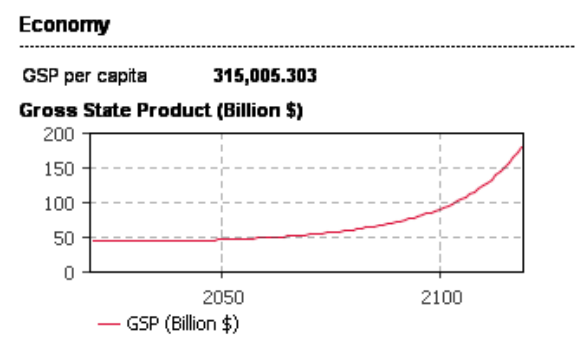
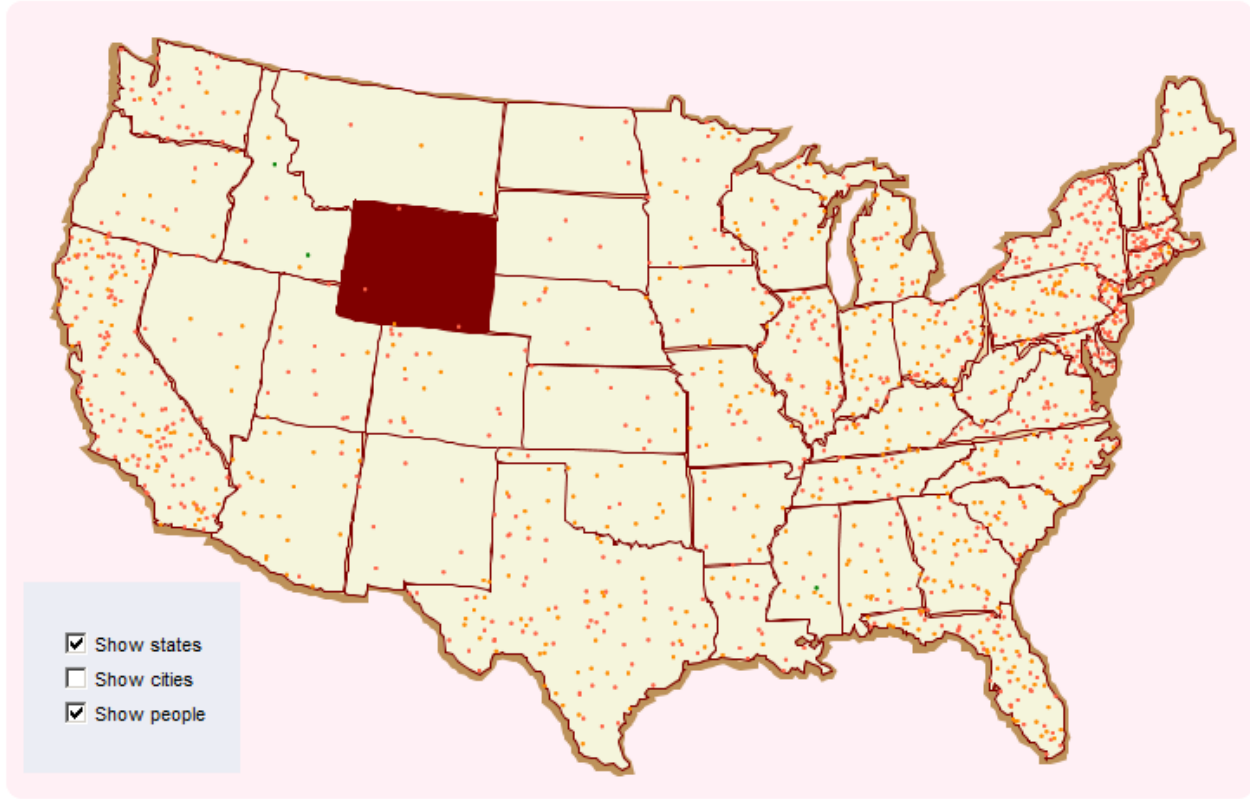
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**Wyoming, Region 8**

#### People

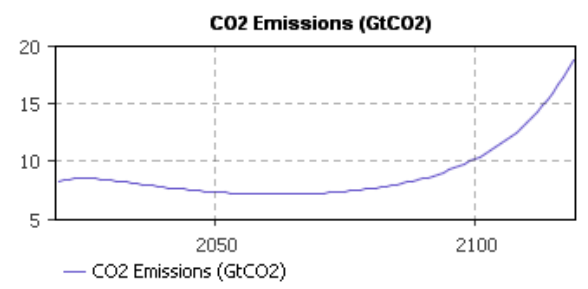
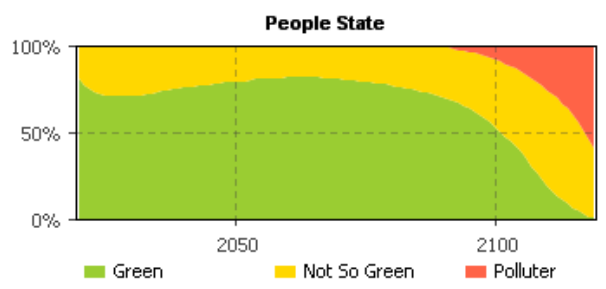
Population **568,158**  
 Emission per capita **112.435**  
 Contact rate (per month) **0**  
 Climate change sensitivity (°C) **0.5**

#### Climate Policy

Scale  National  Regional  
 National Emission **1.875E10**  
 Base year **2,019**  
 Carbon reduction (%) **0**  
 Campaign rate (per year) **0**







**Temperature: 3.716 °C**

**Carbon: 1,031.099 ppm**

**United States of America**

#### People

Population **308,876,366**

Emission per capita **60.701**

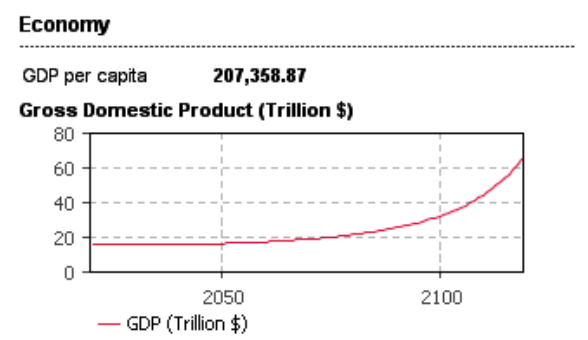
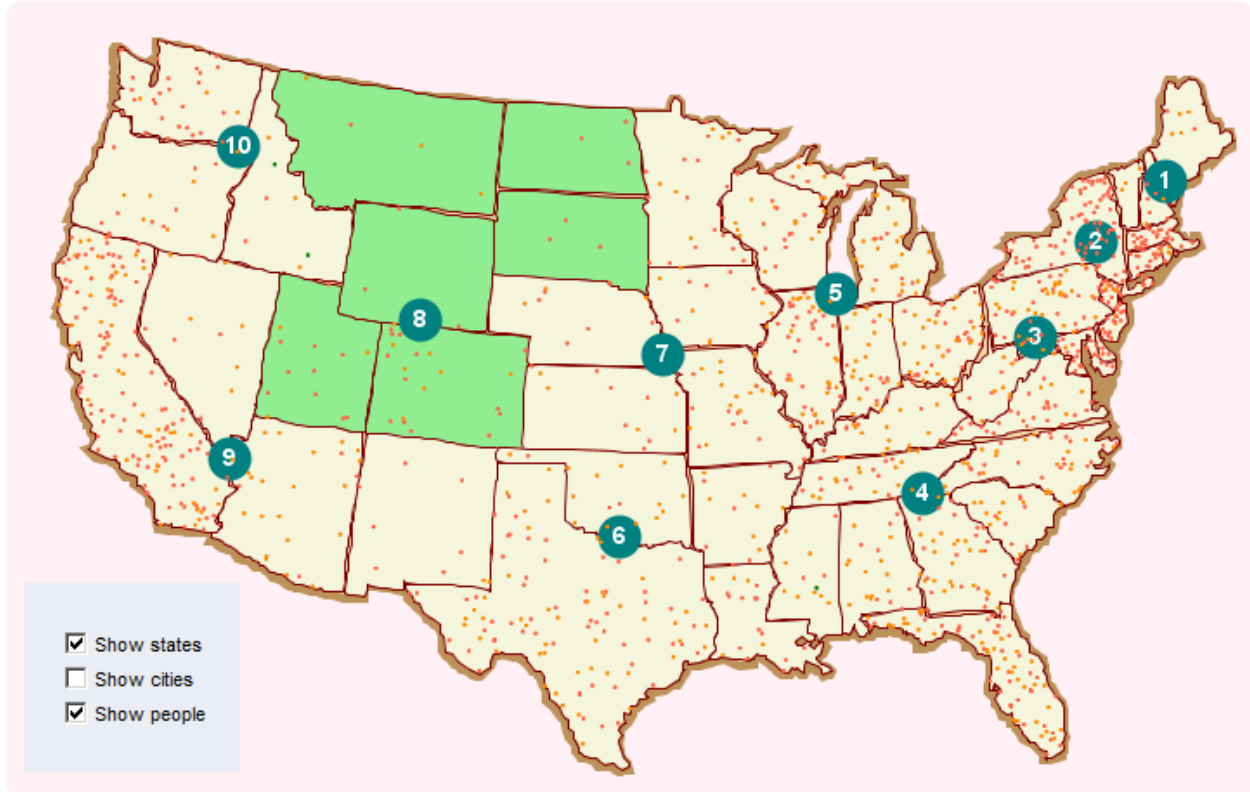
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Climate change sensitivity (°C) **0.5** [Slider: 0 to 3]

#### Climate Policy

Scale  National  Regional

Regional Emission **733,378,557.378**



Temperature: **3.716** °C  
 Carbon: **1,031.099** ppm

United States of America

People

Population	308,876,366
Emission per capita	60.701
Contact rate (per month)	0
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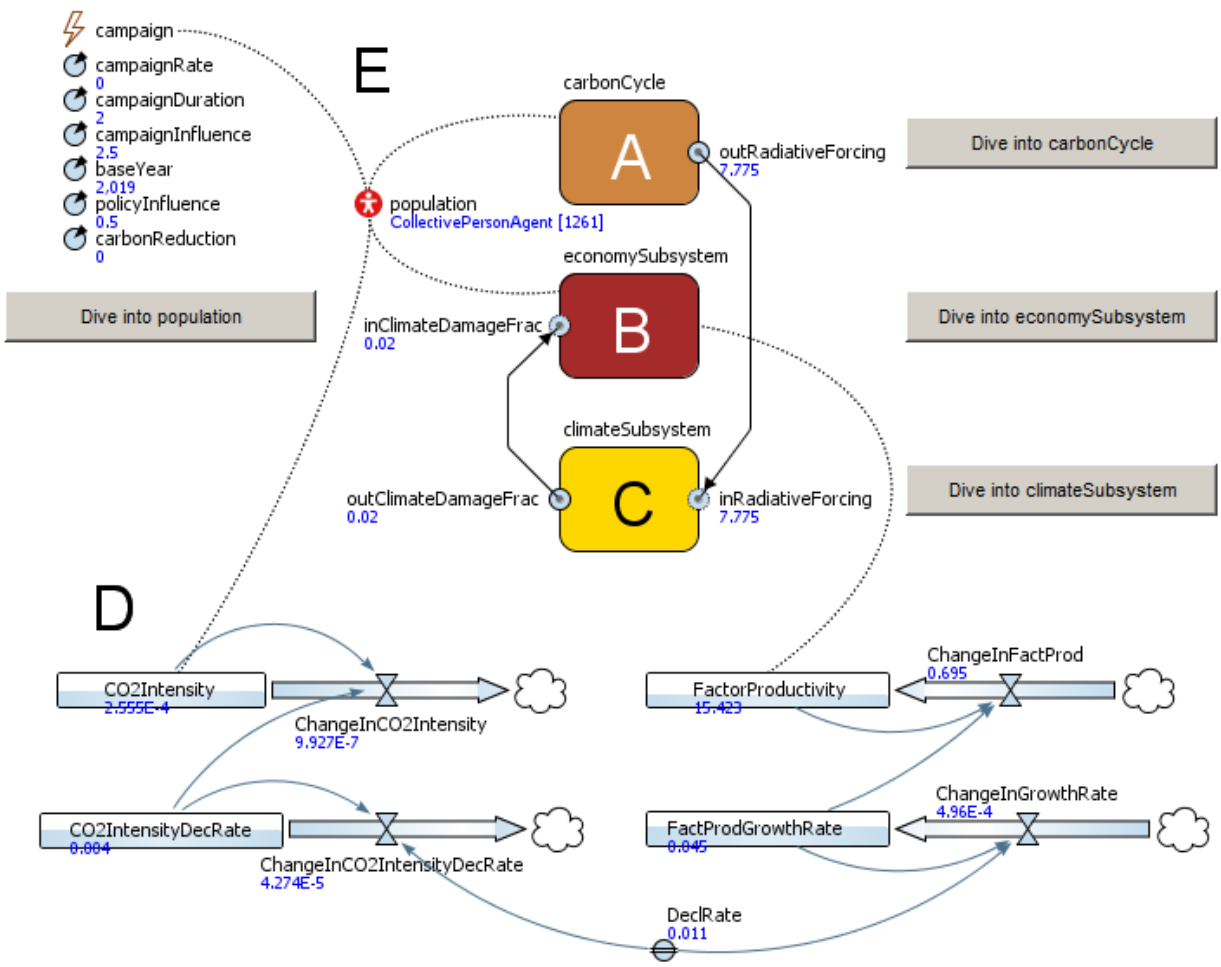
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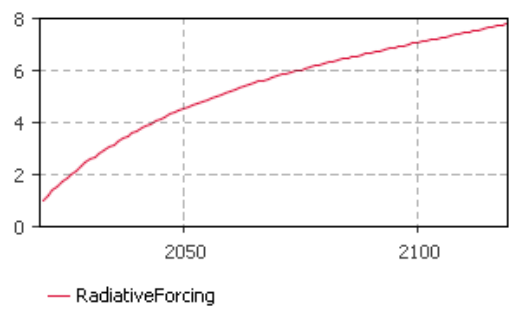
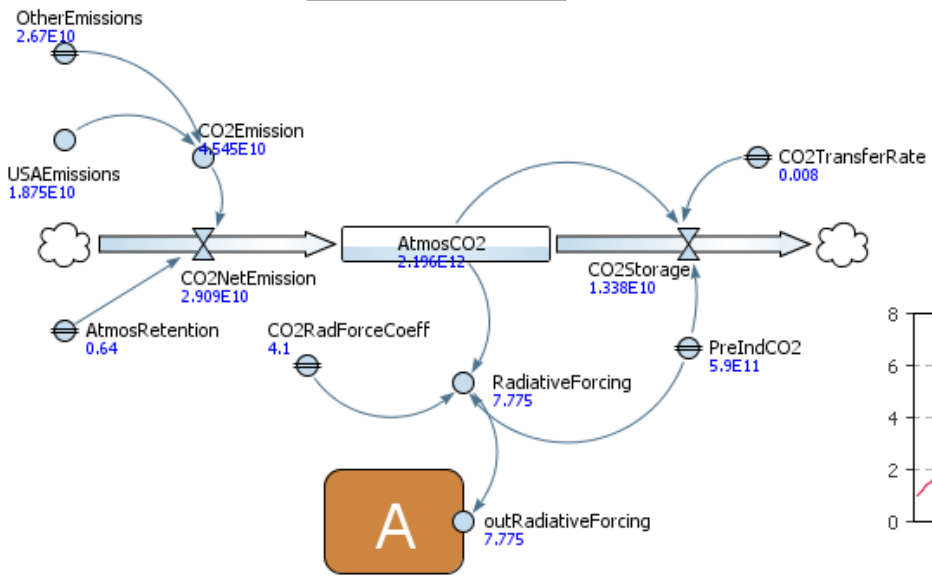
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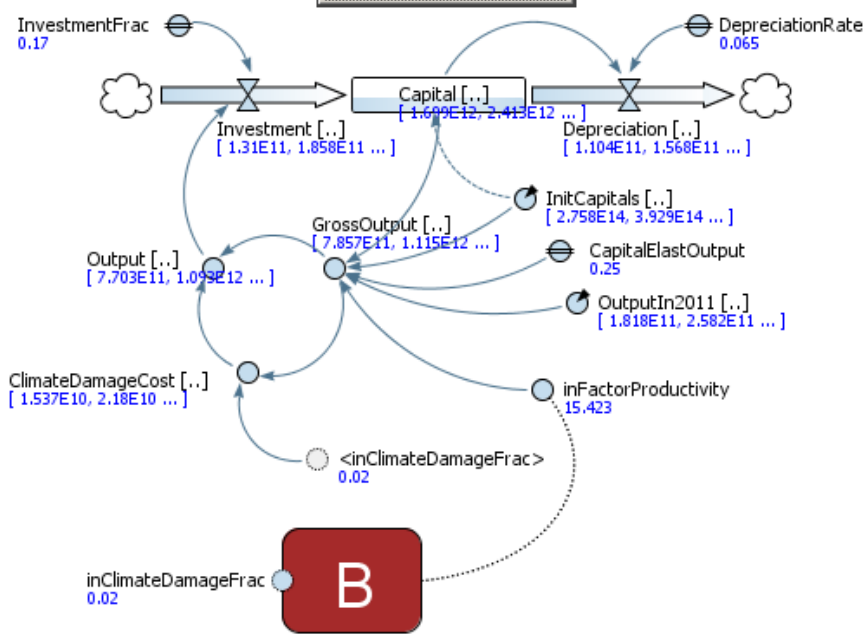
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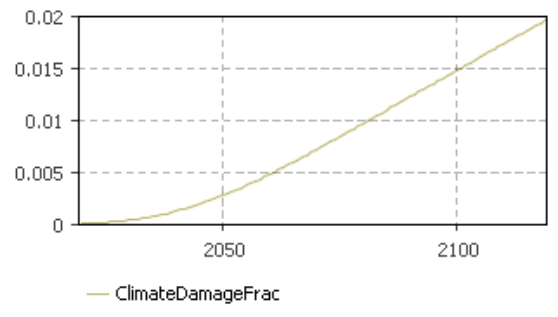
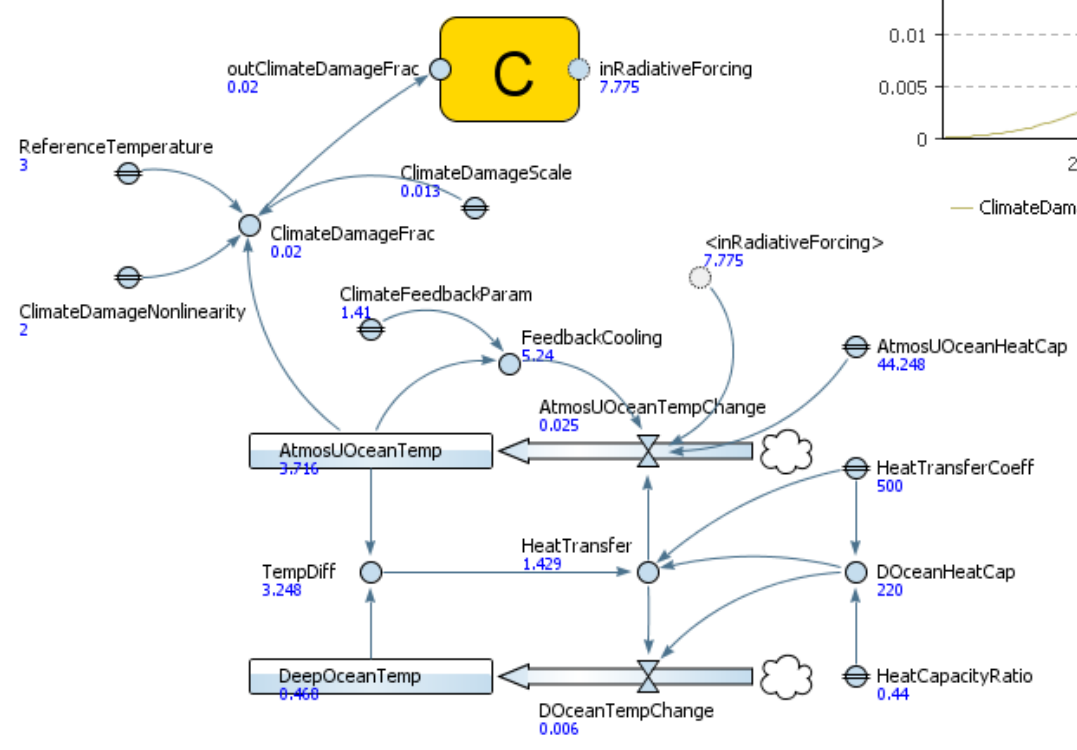
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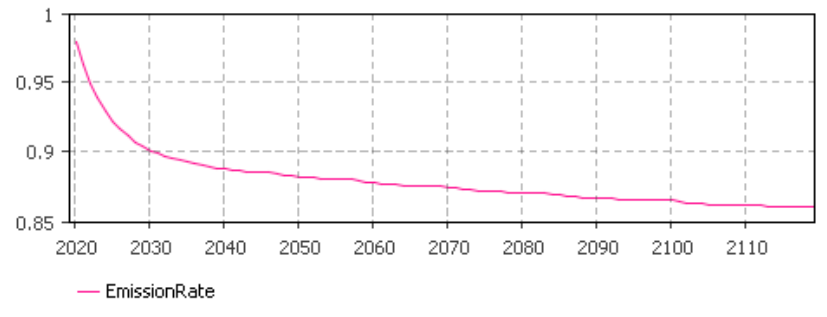
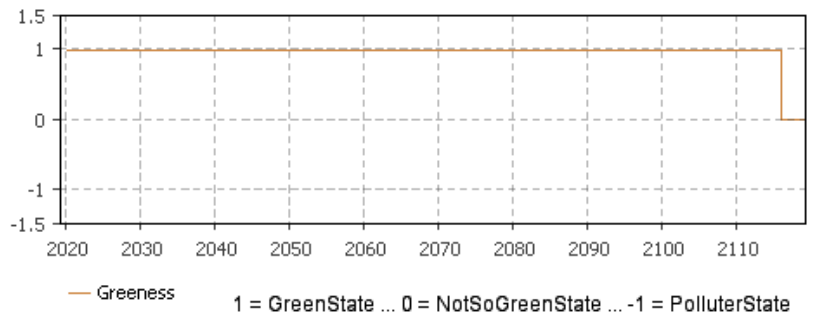
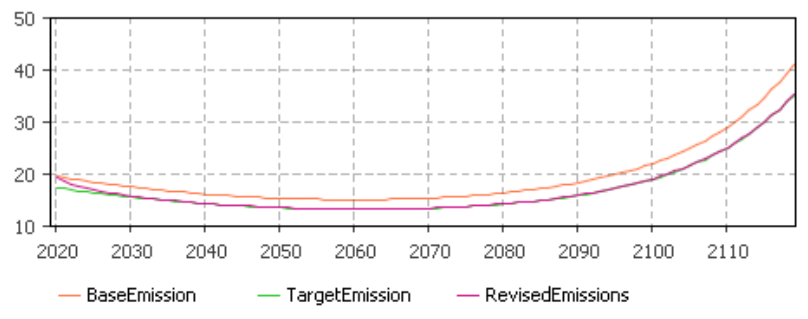
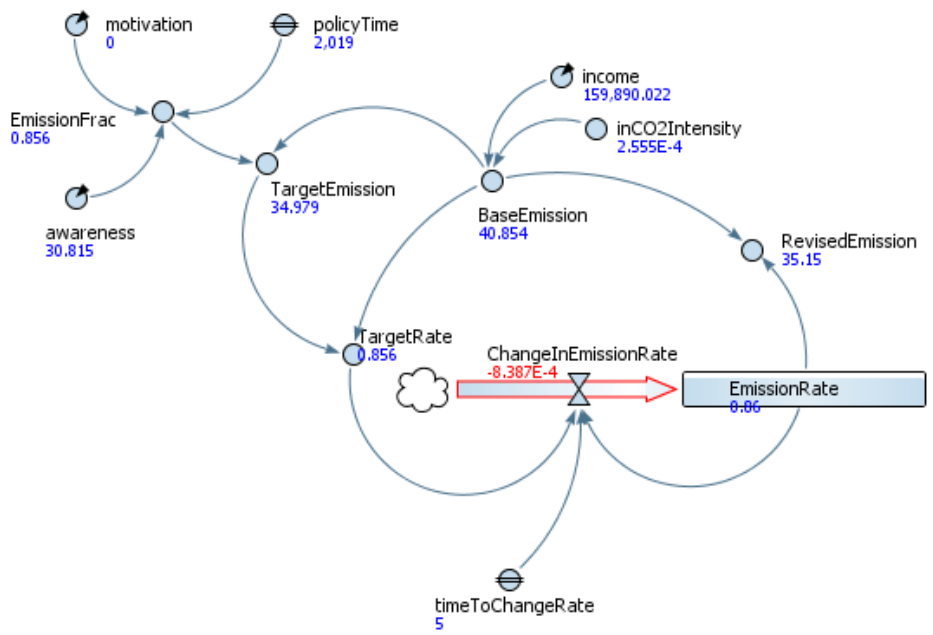
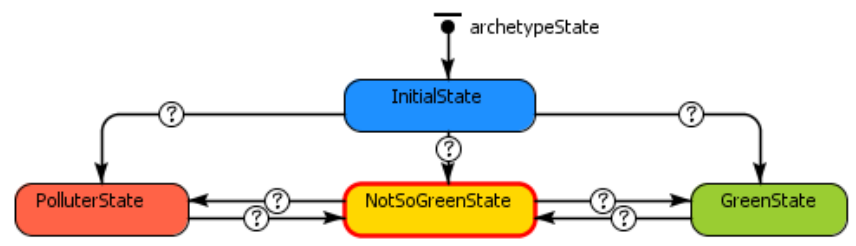
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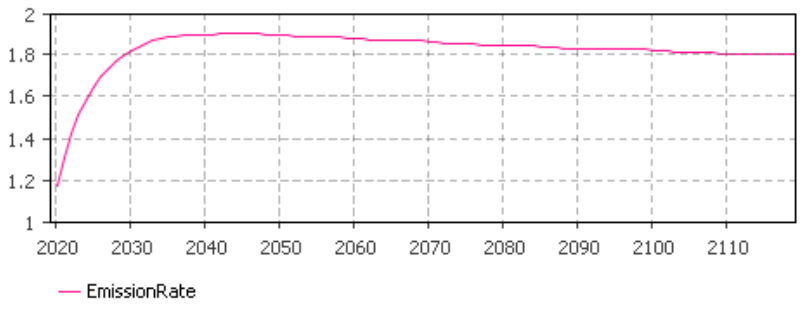
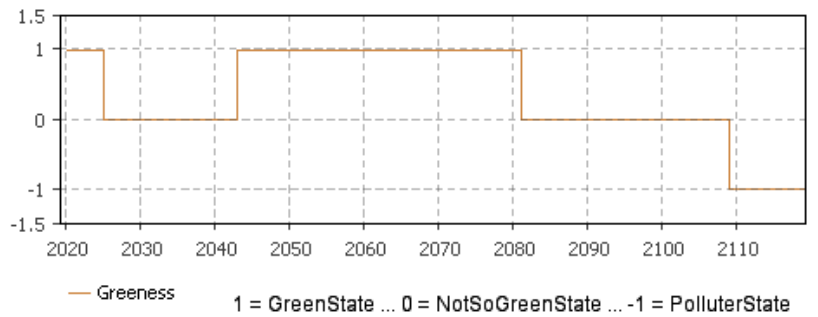
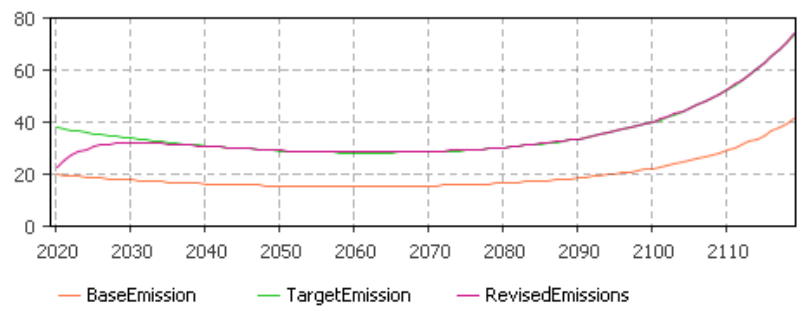
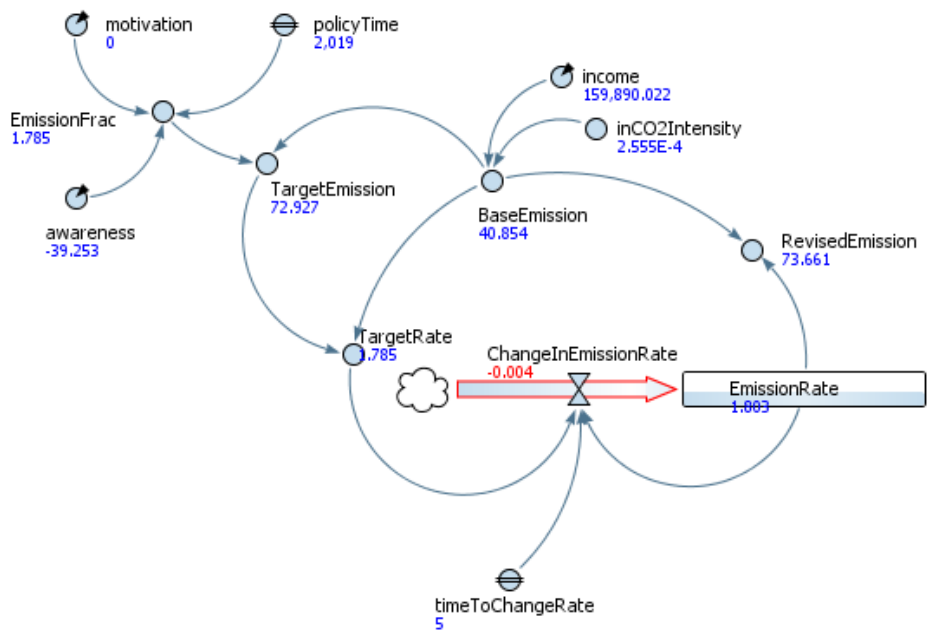
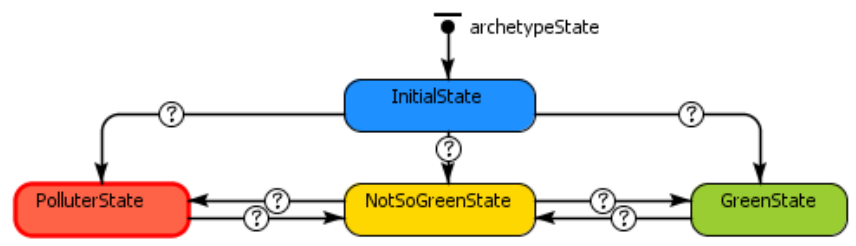
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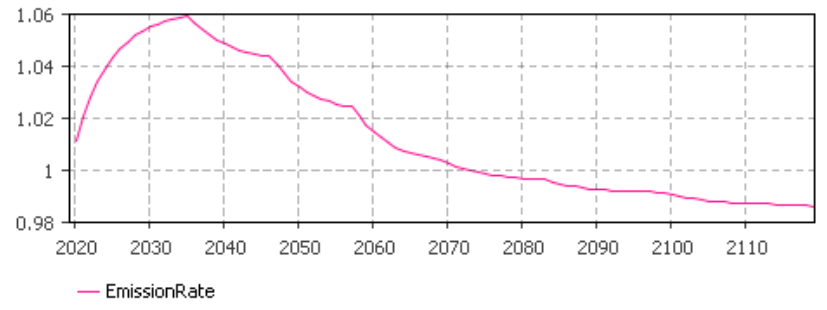
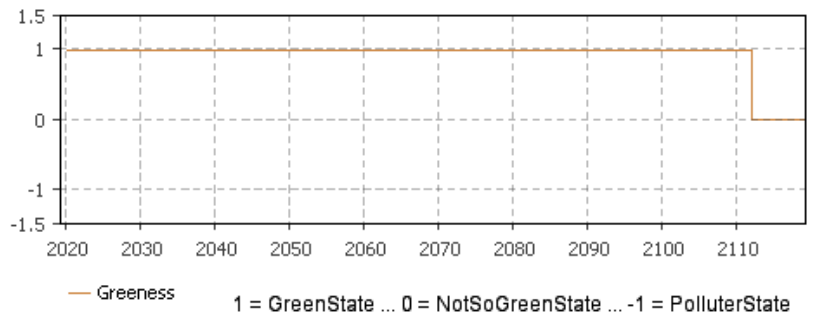
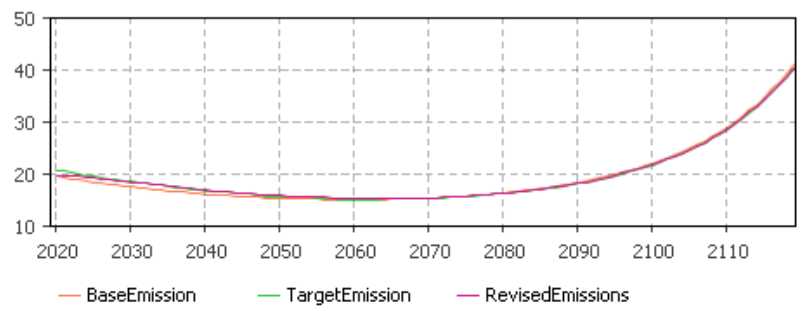
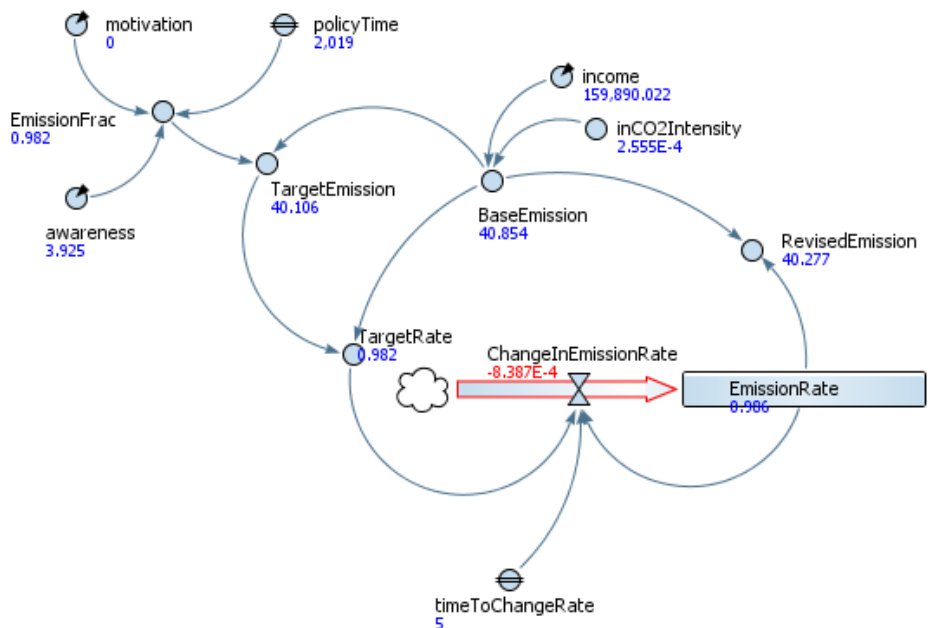
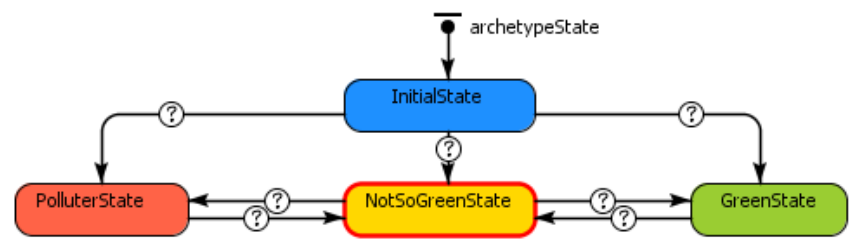
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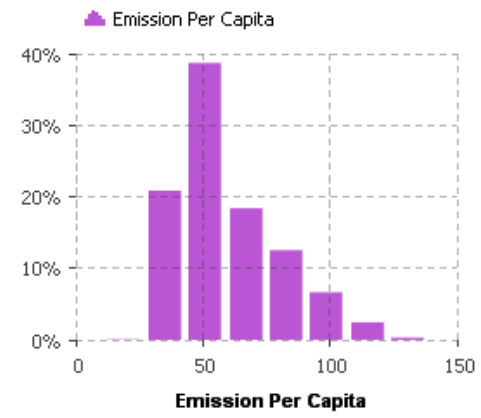
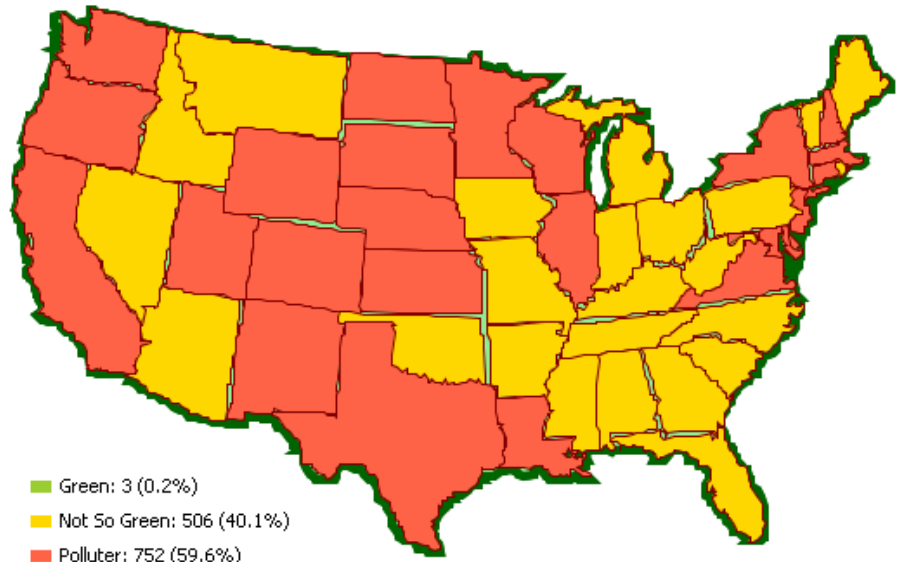


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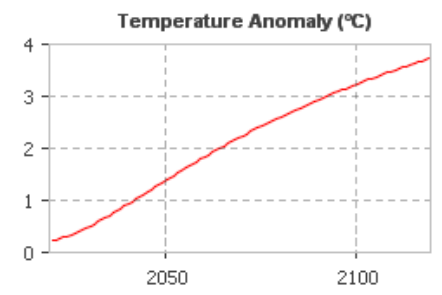
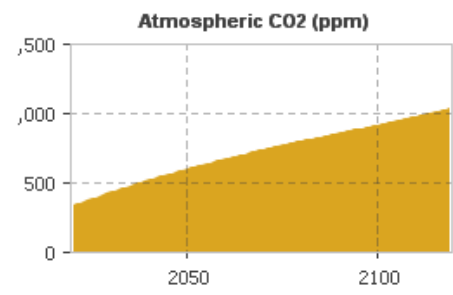
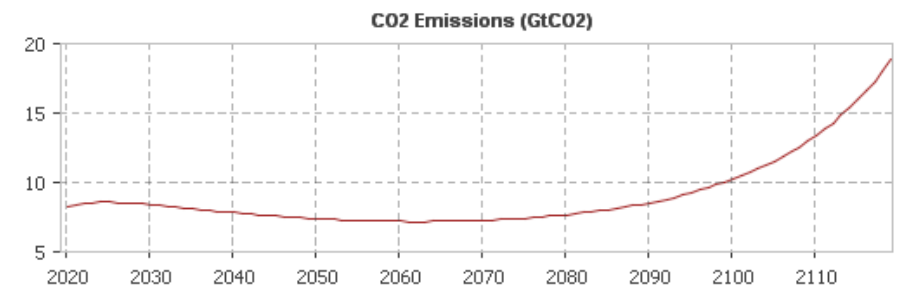
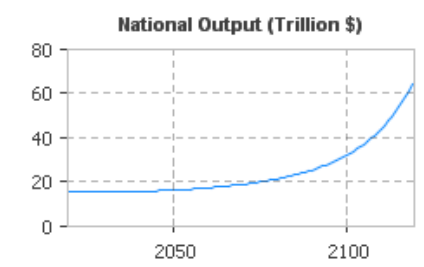


## United States

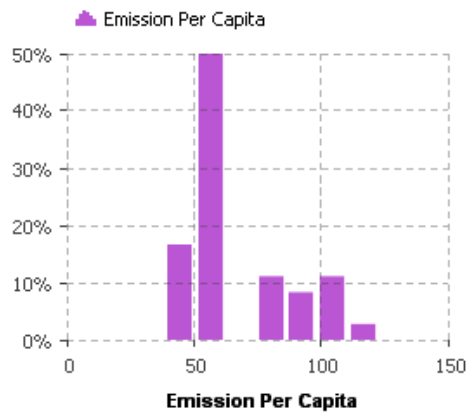
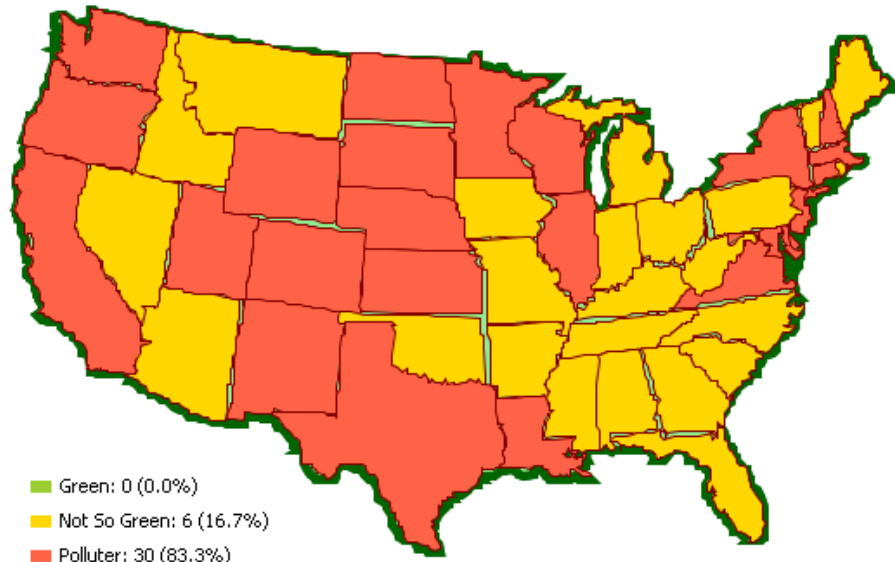


**Temperature Anomaly:** 3.716 °C  
**Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide:** 1,031.099 ppm  
**National Emissions:** 18.749 GtCO<sub>2</sub>  
**Percentage to Target:** None %

**Most polluted state:** California  
**Greenest state:** Vermont  
**Max emission p.c. (tCO<sub>2</sub>):** 131.428  
**Min emission p.c. (tCO<sub>2</sub>):** 25.92  
**Mean emission p.c. (tCO<sub>2</sub>):** 59.474  
**GDP per capita (\$):** 207,358.87

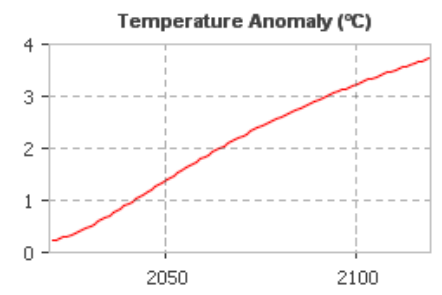
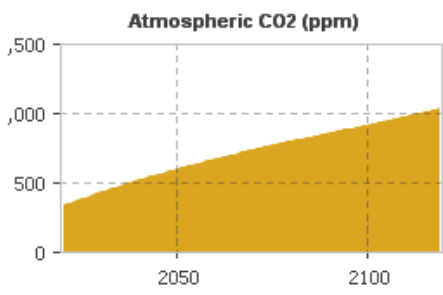
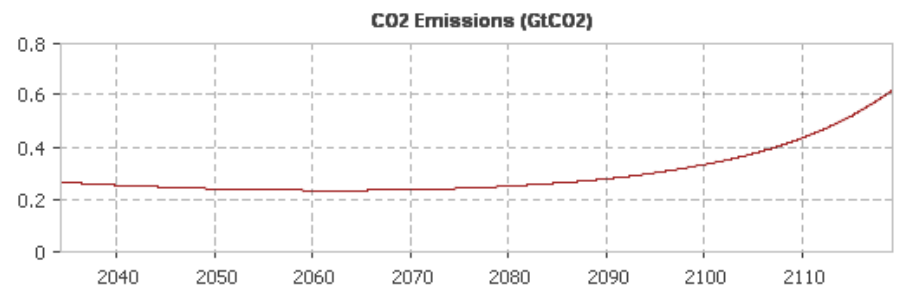
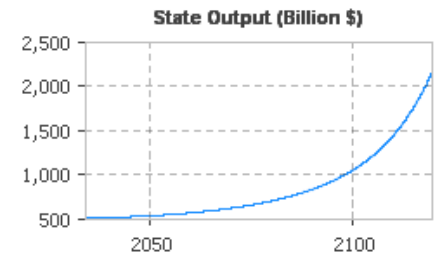


### New Jersey



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# Illustrative Example

- Experimentation

- Question: Given a constant amount of capital allocated for the climate mitigation sector, what is/are the most effective policy(s) that the federal US government can invest the funds in to leverage the available resources?

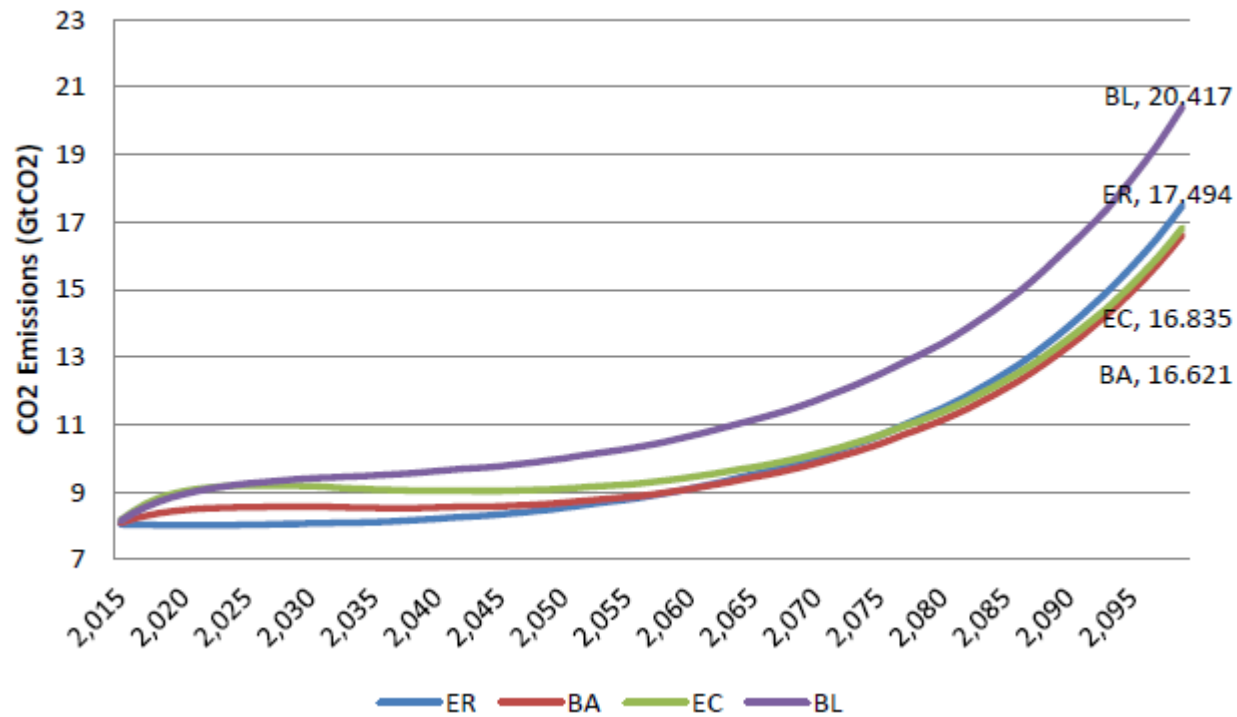
- Baseline scenario: no mitigation actions
- Balanced scenario: evenly-split spending
  - Carbon reduction target of 17% based on target set by Obama
- Extreme campaign: all funding is spent on organizing campaigns
- Extreme reduction: all funding is invested in carbon abatement

		Policy	
		Carbon reduction (%)	Campaigns (per year)
Scenario	Baseline (BL)	0	0
	Balanced (BA)	17	4
	Extreme Campaign (EC)	0	8
	Extreme Reduction (ER)	34	0

# Illustrative Example

- Experimentation results

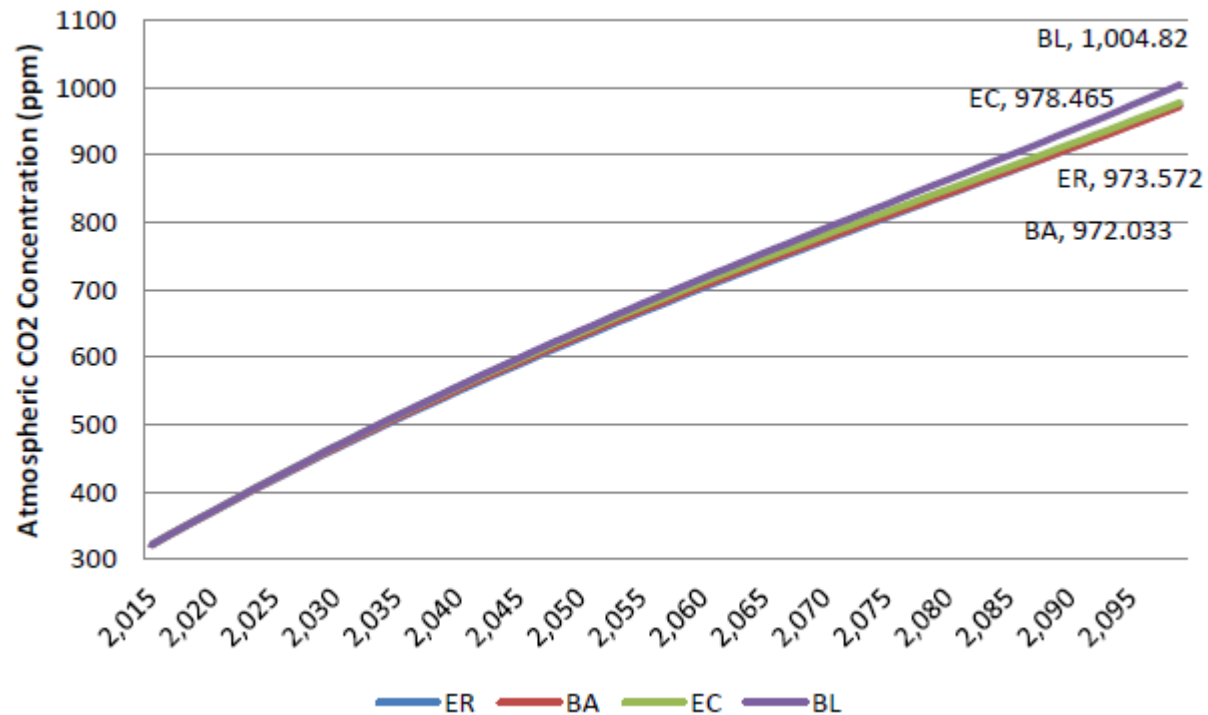
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# Illustrative Example

- Experimentation results

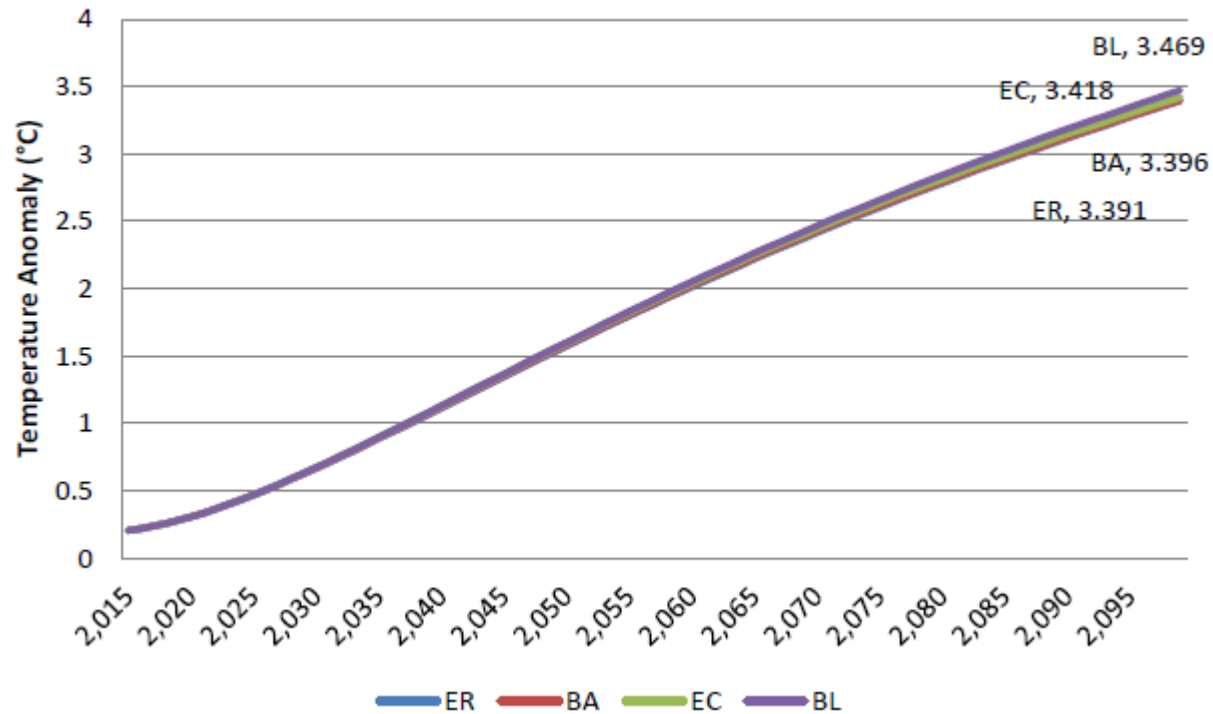
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# Illustrative Example

- Experimentation results

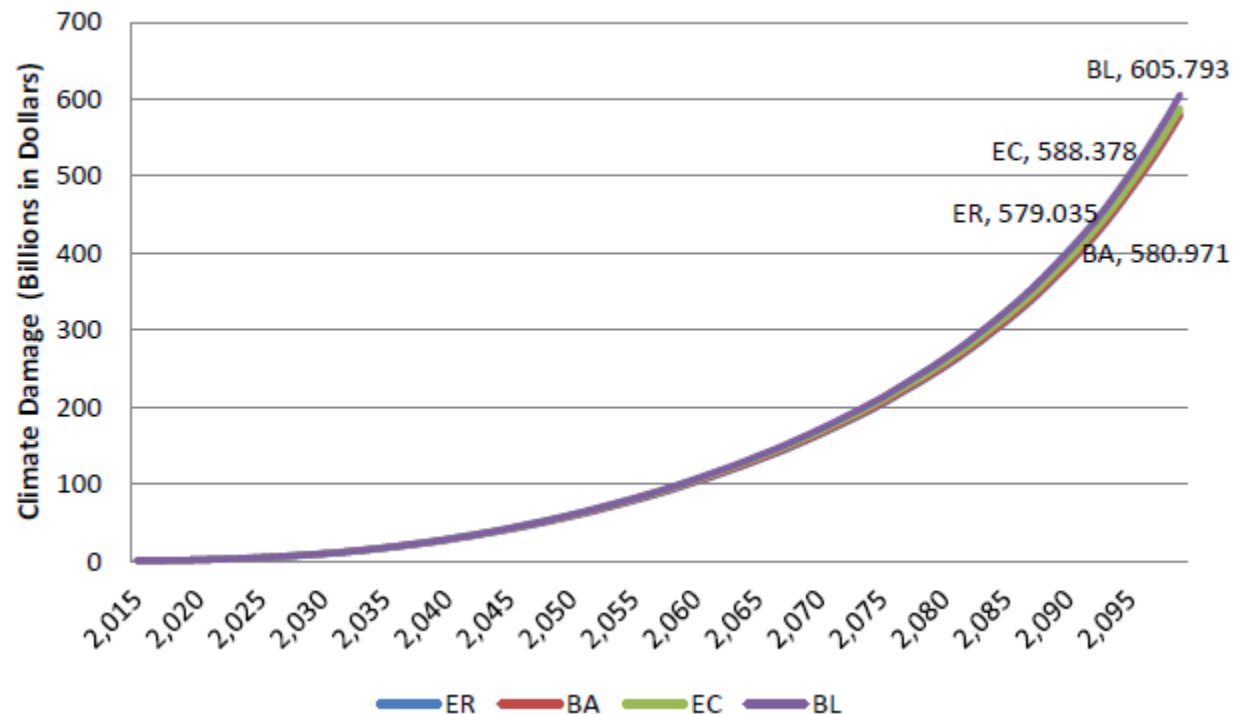
## 7.3.3 Temperature anomaly



# Illustrative Example

- Experimentation results

## 7.3.4 Climate impacts on economy



# Further Reading & Acknowledgement

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Editorial

System dynamics perspectives and modeling opportunities for research in operations management



## 1. Introduction

It is an exciting time to work in operations management. Advances in theory and methods, including behavioral operations, dynamic modeling, experimental methods, and field studies provide new insights into challenging operational contexts. Yet the world of operations continues to change rapidly, creating new and difficult challenges for scholars. Increasingly, operations management requires theory, models and empirical methods to address the cross-functional, interdisciplinary character of modern operational systems and the complex nonlinear dynamics these systems generate.

The OM research community has a long tradition of dynamic modeling, going back at least to the pioneering work of [Forrester \(1958\)](#) and [Holt et al. \(1960\)](#). These innovators recognized that even core processes in organizations, such as production and sup-

approach to dynamic modeling any management system, indeed, any dynamic system, along with the conceptual and software tools to develop, test, and improve behavioral, dynamic models of human systems, and implement the recommendations arising from them. Soon after the publication of *Industrial Dynamics*, these concepts were applied to a variety of contexts, first in management, and soon after to ecological, urban, and societal problems, among others. By the late 1960s the breadth of the field led to a name change, from industrial dynamics to system dynamics (SD), and the growth of a vibrant field of study, taught around the world (see e.g. <http://systemdynamics.org>).

There are many conceptual overlaps and synergies between OM/OR and SD; these can be traced to the origins and stated goals of both fields (see [Lane, 1997](#); and [Größler et al., 2008](#)). Here we focus on the methodological elements of SD that are most distinctive and relevant to the OM community.



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# Questions / Comments



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