

Chapter 1 & Chapter 2

Introduction & Modeling principles



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Objectives of the Course

- Appreciate the Fundamentals of Software Engineering:
 - Methodologies
 - Process models
 - Description and modeling techniques
 - System analysis - Requirements engineering
 - System design
 - Implementation: Principles of system development

Focus: Acquire Technical Knowledge

- Different methodologies (“philosophies”) to model and develop software systems
- Different modeling notations
- Different modeling methods
- Different software lifecycle models (empirical control models, defined control models)
- Different testing techniques (e.g. vertical testing, horizontal testing)
- Rationale Management
- Release and Configuration Management

Acquire Managerial Knowledge

- Learn the basics of software project management
- Understand how to manage with a software lifecycle
- Be able to capture software development knowledge (Rationale Management)
- Manage change: Configuration Management
- Learn the basic methodologies
 - Traditional software development
 - Agile methods

Techniques, Methodologies and Tools

- **Techniques:**

- Formal procedures for producing results using some well-defined notation

- **Methodologies:**

- Collection of techniques applied across software development and unified by a philosophical approach

- **Tools:**

- Instruments or automated systems to accomplish a technique
- CASE = Computer Aided Software Engineering

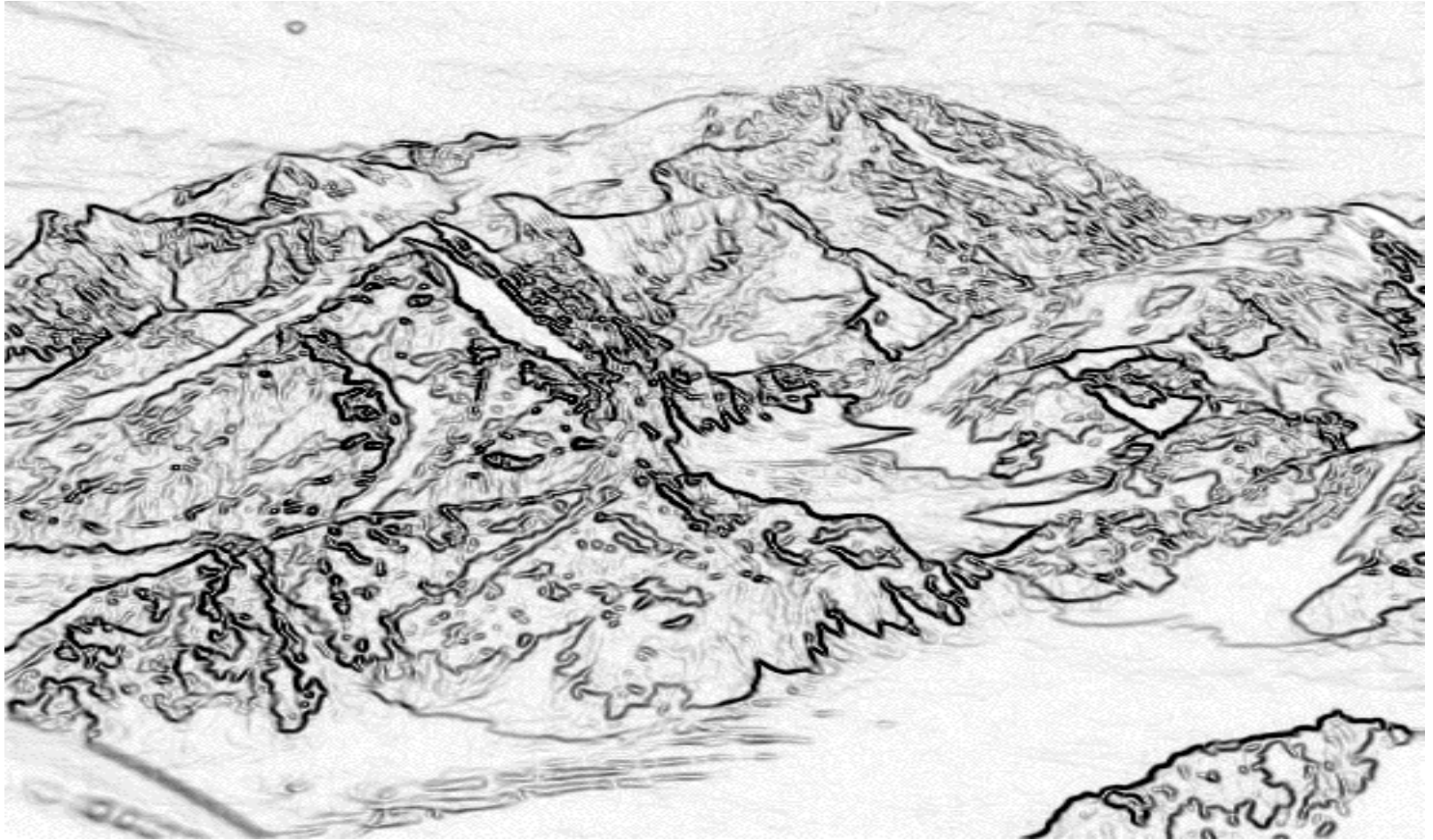
Software Engineering: A Working Definition

Software Engineering is a collection of techniques, methodologies and tools that help with the production of

A high quality software system developed with a given *budget* before a given *deadline* while *change* occurs

Challenge: Dealing with complexity and change

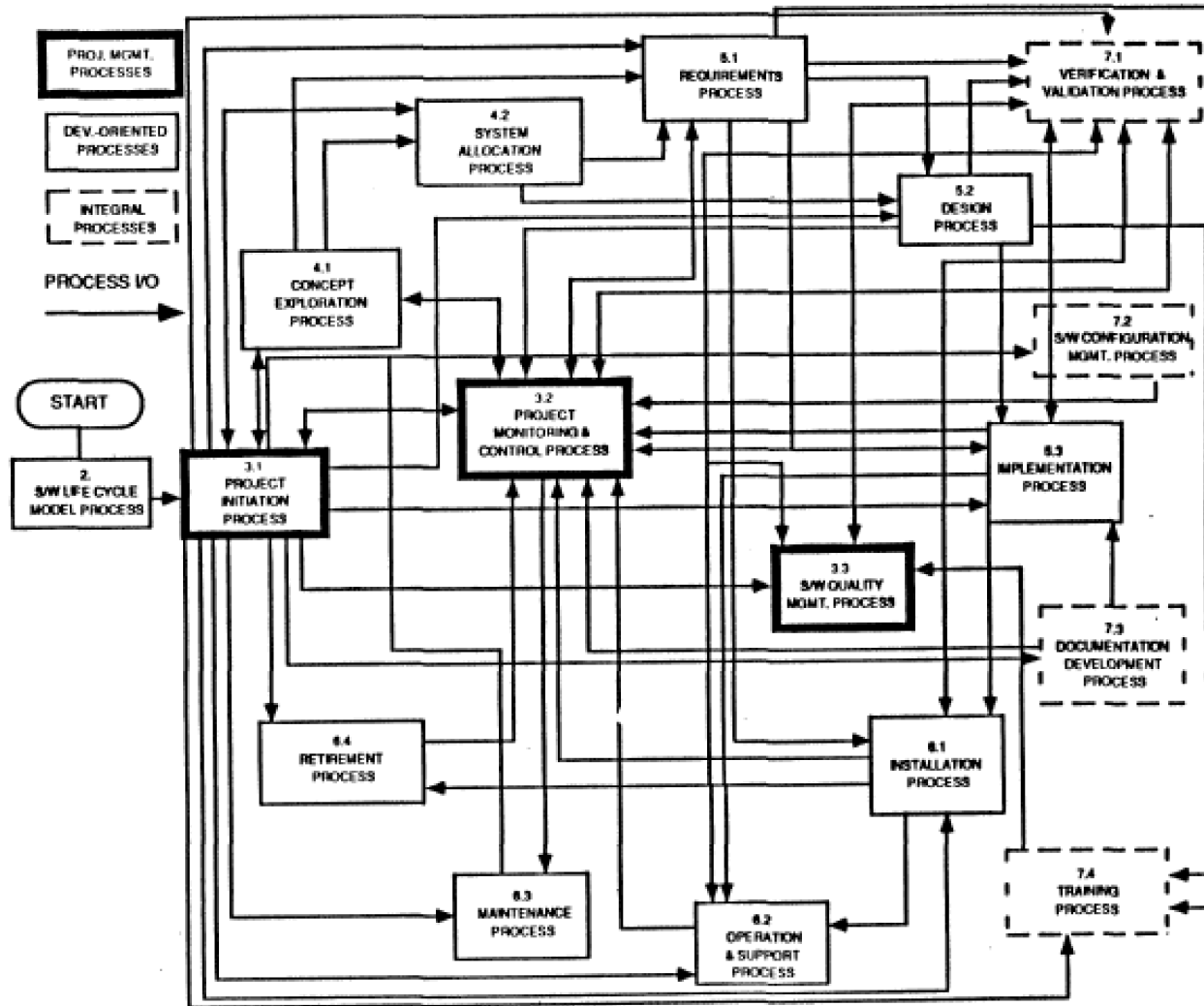
Chapter 2, Modeling principles (Textbook Chapter 2)



Overview for the Lecture

- Three ways to deal with complexity
 - ➔ Abstraction and Modeling
 - Decomposition
 - Hierarchy
- Introduction into the UML notation

What is the problem with this Drawing?



Abstraction

- Abstraction allows us to ignore unessential details
- Two definitions for abstraction:
 - Abstraction is a *thought* فکر *process* where ideas are distanced from objects
 - **Abstraction as activity**
 - Abstraction is the *resulting idea* of a thought process where an idea has been distanced from an object
 - **Abstraction as entity**
- Ideas can be expressed by models



Models

- A model is an abstraction of a system
 - A system that no longer exists
 - An existing system
 - A future system to be built.



We use Models to describe Software Systems

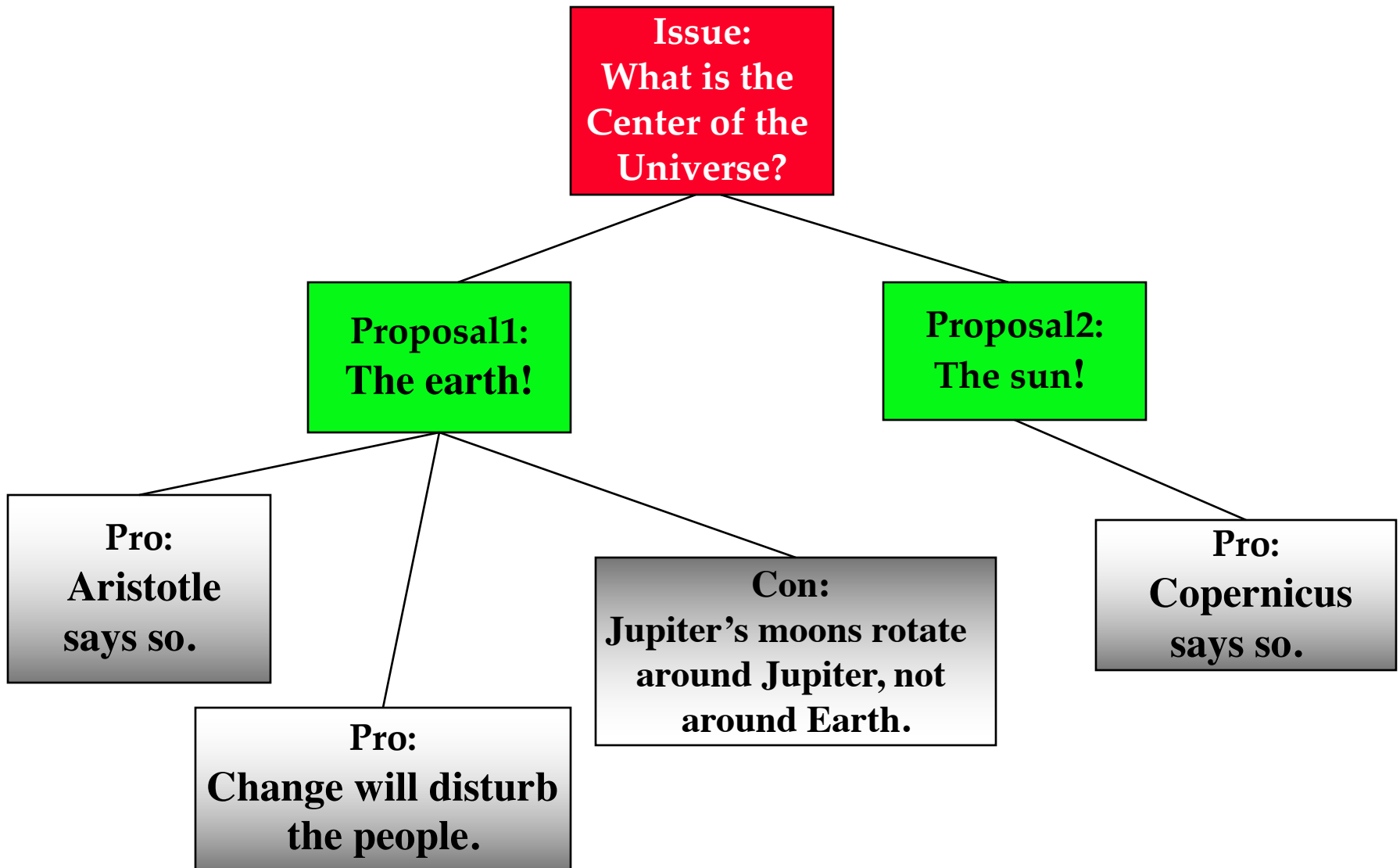
- **Object model:** What is the structure of the system?
- **Functional model:** What are the functions of the system?
- **Dynamic model:** How does the system react to external events?

- **System Model:** Object model + functional model + dynamic model

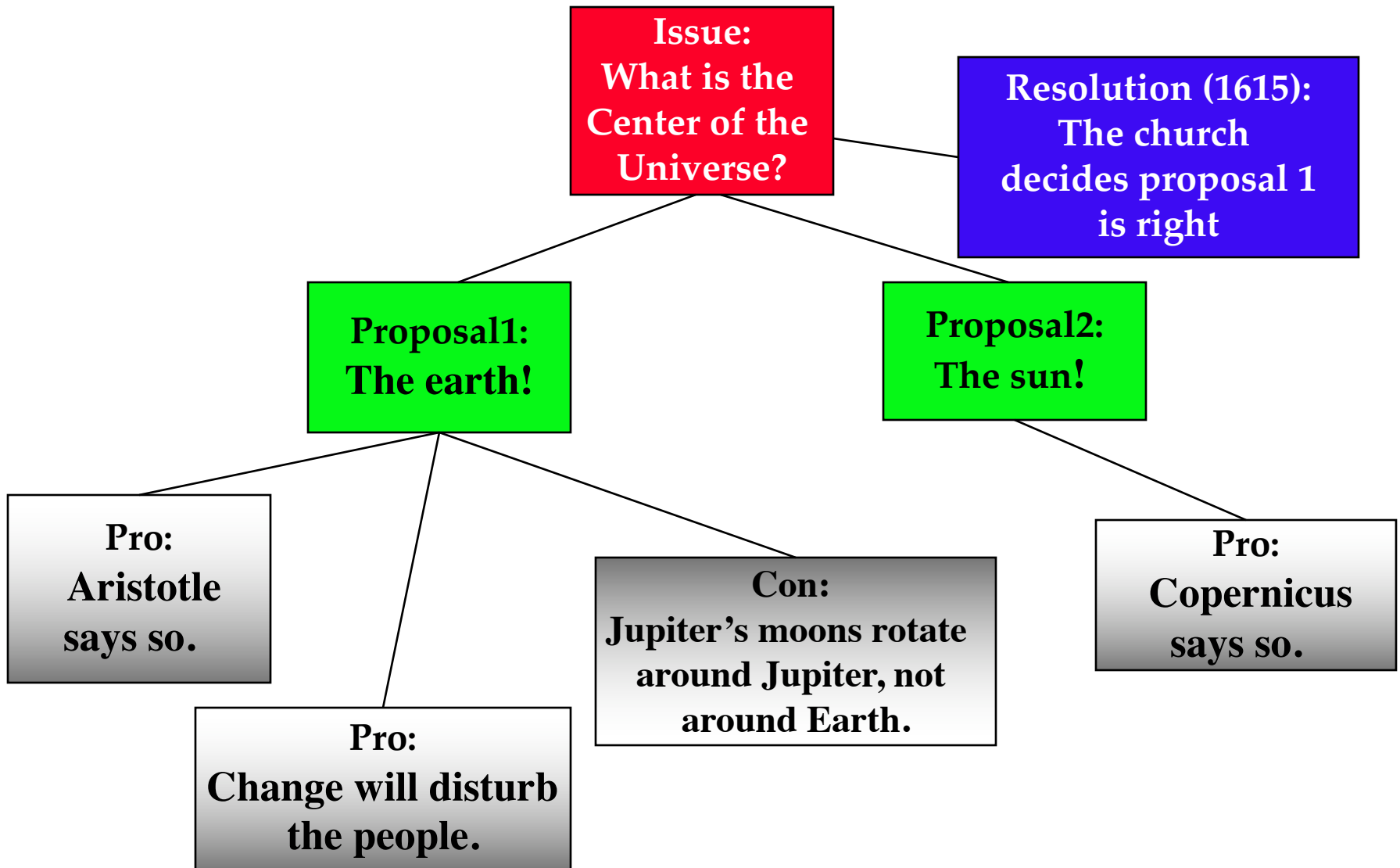
Other models used to describe Software System Development

- **Task Model:**
 - **PERT Chart:** What are the dependencies between tasks?
 - **Schedule:** How can this be done within the time limit?
 - **Organization Chart:** What are the roles in the project?
- **Issues Model:**
 - What are the open and closed issues?
 - What blocks me from continuing?
 - What constraints were imposed by the client?
 - What resolutions were made?
 - These lead to action items

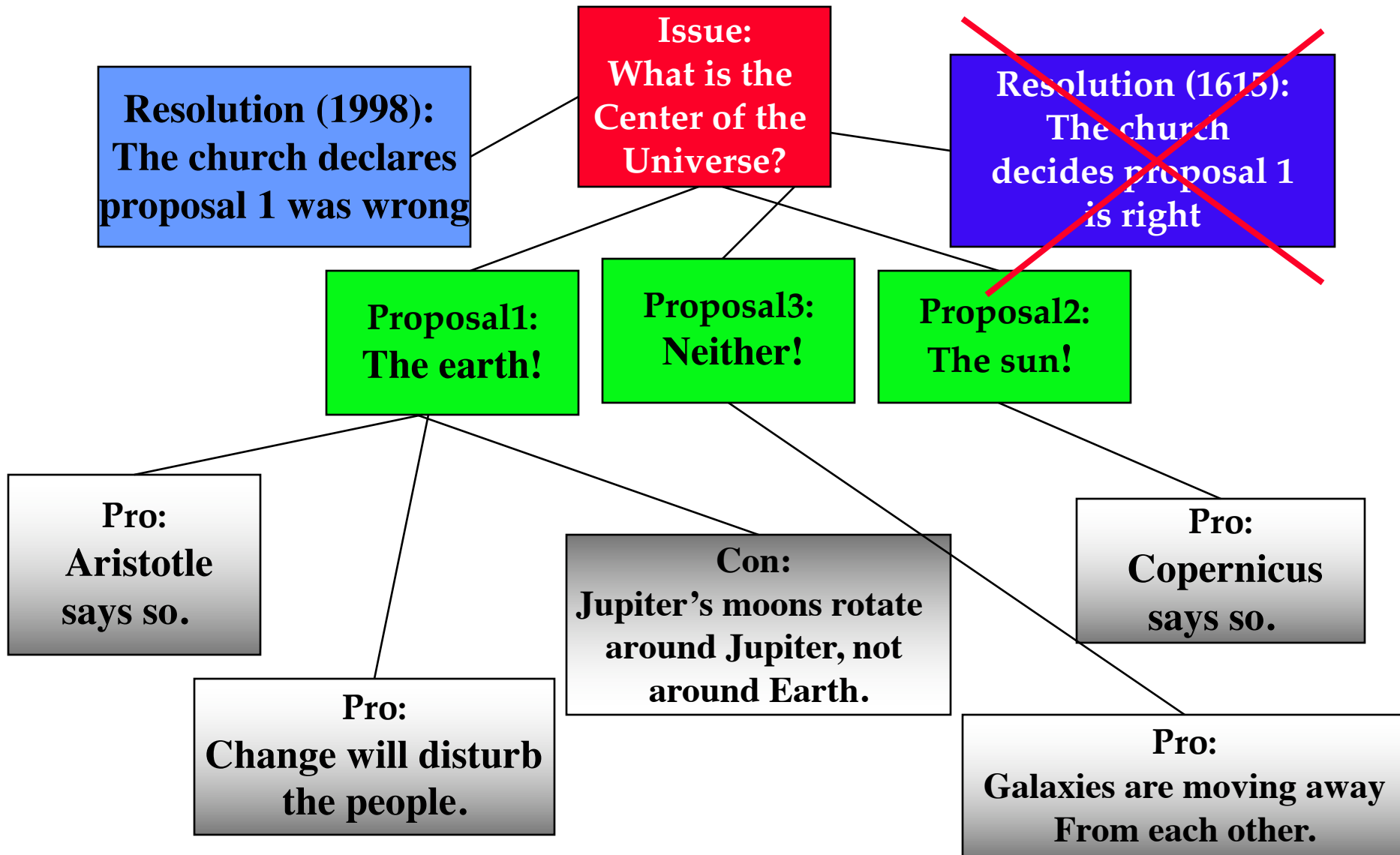
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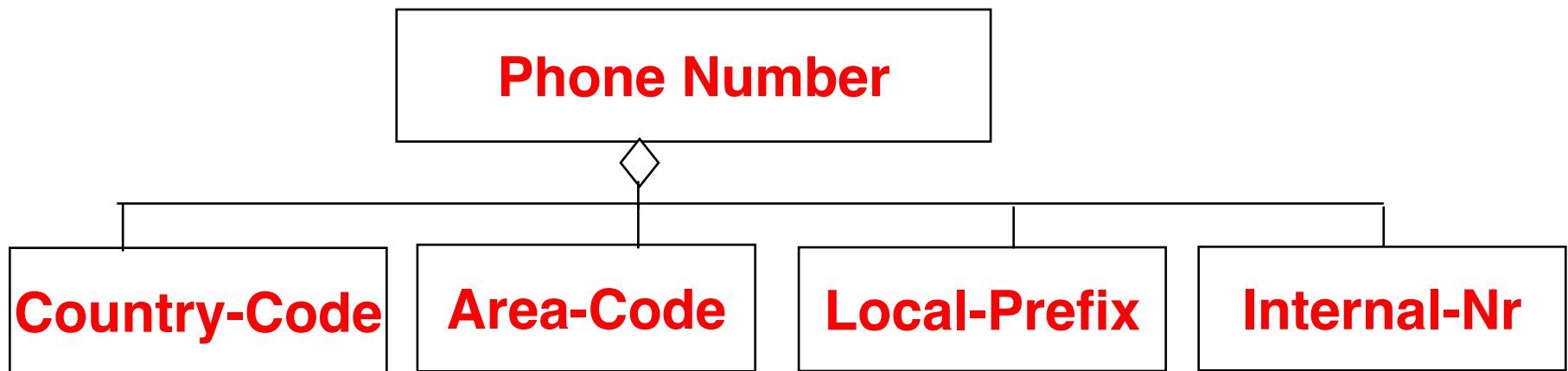


Issue-Modeling



2. Decomposition

- Complex systems are hard to understand
 - The 7 +/- 2 phenomena
 - Our short term memory cannot store more than 7 +/- 2 pieces at the same time -> limitation of the brain
 - My Phone Number: 498928918204
- Chunking:
 - Group collection of objects to reduce complexity
 - State-code, Area-code, Local Prefix, Internal-Nr



Decomposition (cont'd)

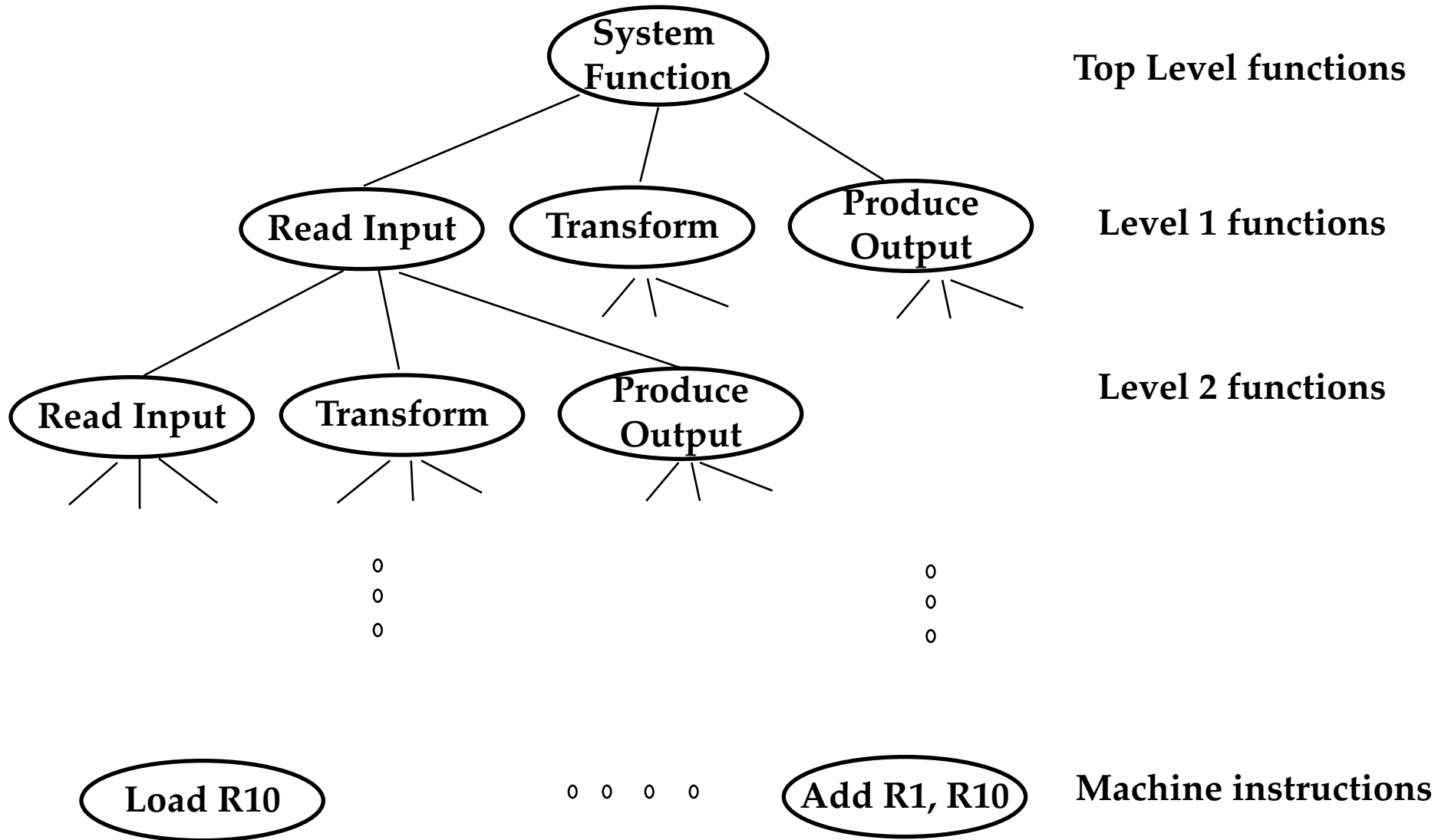
- A technique used to master complexity (“divide and conquer”).
- Two major types of decomposition
 - Functional decomposition
 - Object-oriented decomposition
- **Functional decomposition**
 - The system is decomposed into modules
 - Each module is a major function in the application domain
 - Modules can be decomposed into smaller modules.

Decomposition (cont'd)

- **Object-oriented decomposition**
 - The system is decomposed into classes (“objects”)
 - Each class is a major entity in the application domain
 - Classes can be decomposed into smaller classes
- Object-oriented vs. functional decomposition

Which decomposition is the right one?

Functional Decomposition



Functional Decomposition

- The functionality is spread all over the system
- Maintainer must understand the whole system to make a single change to the system
- Consequence:
 - Source code is hard to understand
 - Source code is complex and impossible to maintain
 - User interface is often awkward and unintuitive.

Class Identification

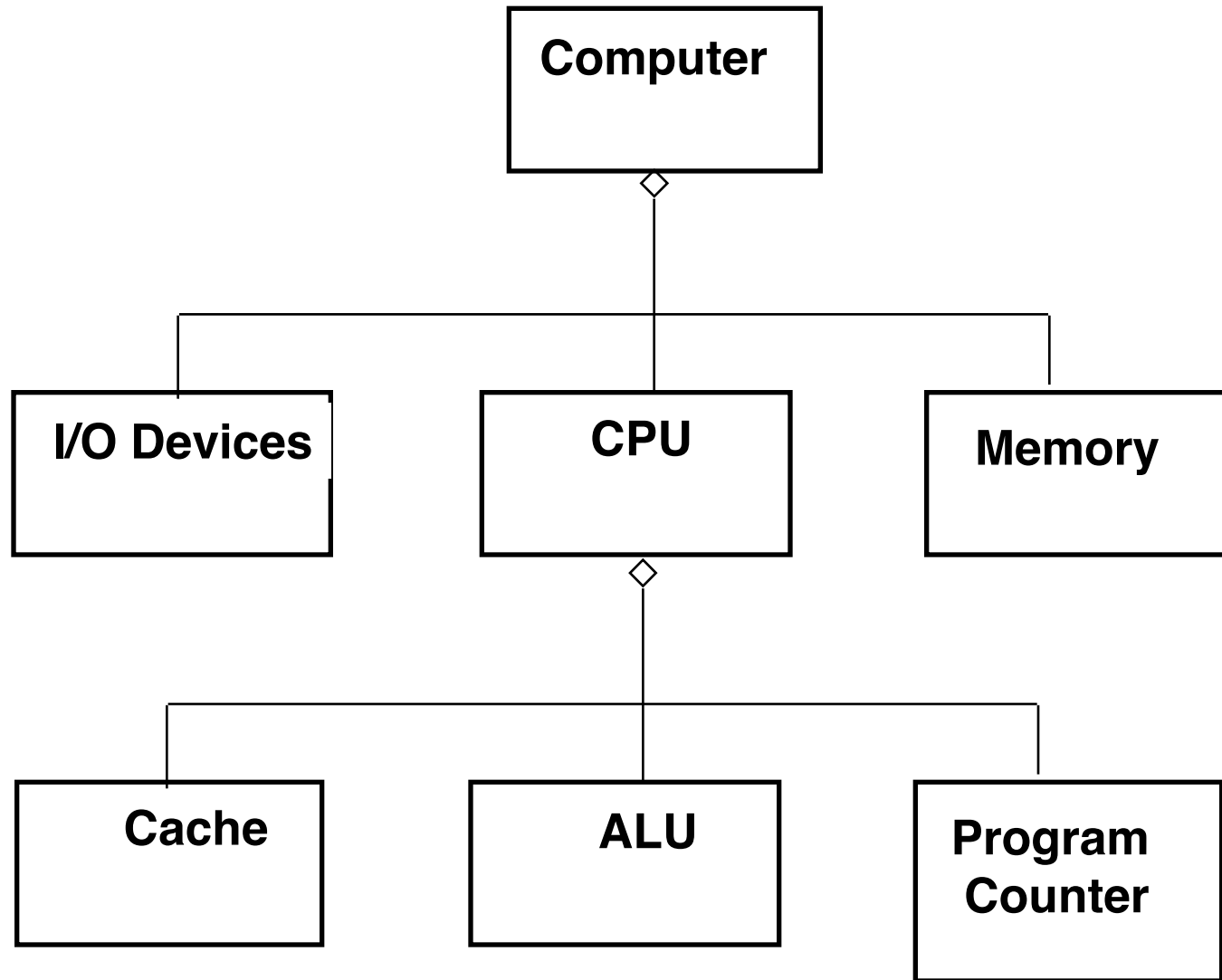
- **Basic assumptions:**

- We can find the *classes for a new software system*: **Greenfield Engineering**
- We can identify the *classes in an existing system*: **Reengineering**
- We can create a *class-based interface to an existing system*: **Interface Engineering.**

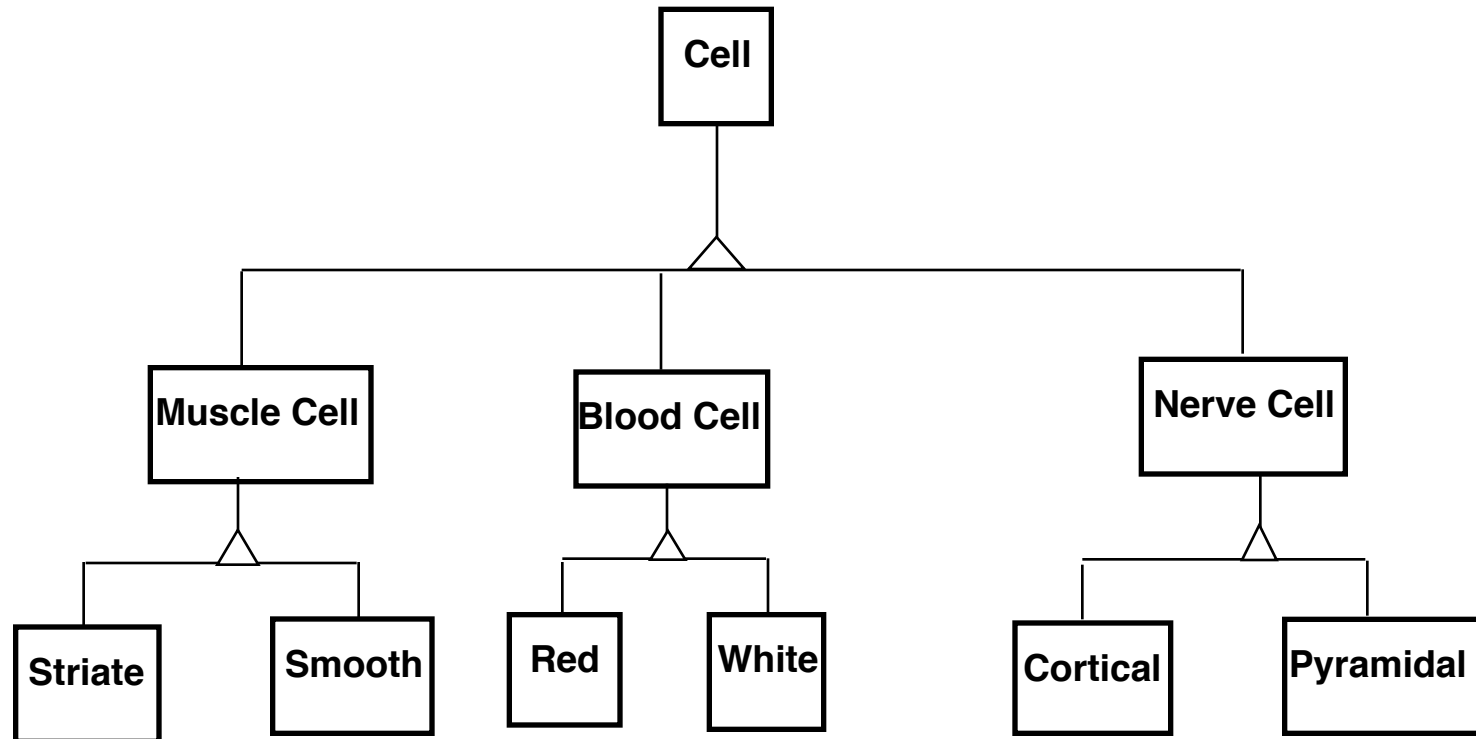
3. Hierarchy

- So far we got abstractions
 - This leads us to classes and objects
 - “Chunks”
- Another way to deal with complexity is to provide relationships between these chunks
- One of the most important relationships is hierarchy
- 2 special hierarchies
 - "Part-of" hierarchy
 - "Is-kind-of" hierarchy.

Part-of Hierarchy (Aggregation)



Is-Kind-of Hierarchy (Taxonomy)



Where are we?

- Three ways to deal with complexity:
 - Abstraction, Decomposition, Hierarchy
- Object-oriented decomposition is good
 - Unfortunately, depending on the purpose of the system, different objects can be found
- How can we do it right?
 - Start with a description of the functionality of a system
 - Then proceed to a description of its structure
- Ordering of development activities
 - Software lifecycle

Models must be falsifiable

- Karl Popper (“Objective Knowledge”):
 - There is no absolute truth when trying to understand reality
 - One can only build theories, that are “true” until somebody finds a counter example
- **Falsification**: The act of disproving a theory or hypothesis
- In software engineering any model is a theory:
 - We build models and try to find counter examples by:
 - Requirements validation, user interface testing, review of the design, source code testing, system testing, etc.
- **Testing**: The act of disproving a model.

Concepts and Phenomena

- **Phenomenon**
 - An object in the world of a domain as you perceive it
 - Examples: This lecture at 9:30, my black watch
- **Concept**
 - Describes the common properties of phenomena
 - Example: All lectures on software engineering
 - Example: All black watches
- **A Concept is a 3-tuple:**
 - **Name:** The name distinguishes the concept from other concepts
 - **Purpose:** Properties that determine if a phenomenon is a member of a concept
 - **Members:** The set of phenomena which are part of the concept.

Concepts, Phenomena, Abstraction and Modeling

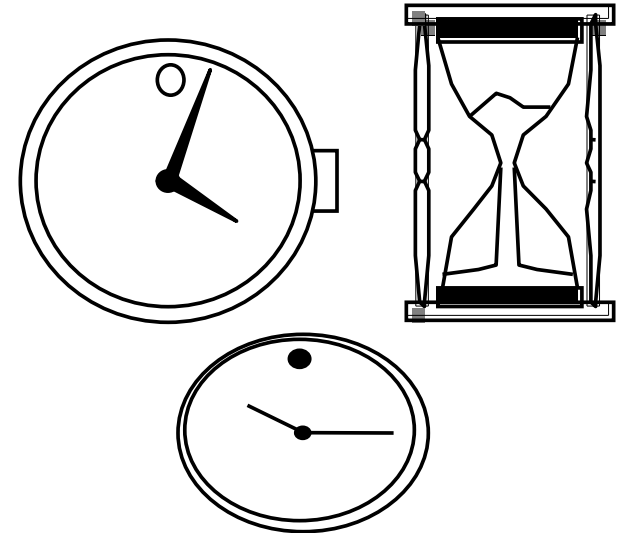
Name

Purpose

Members

Watch

A device that
measures time.



Definition of **Abstraction**:

- Classification of phenomena into concepts

Definition of **Modeling**:

- Development of abstractions to answer specific questions about a set of phenomena while ignoring irrelevant details.

Abstract Data Types & Classes

- **Abstract data type**

- A type whose implementation is hidden from the rest of the system

- **Class:**

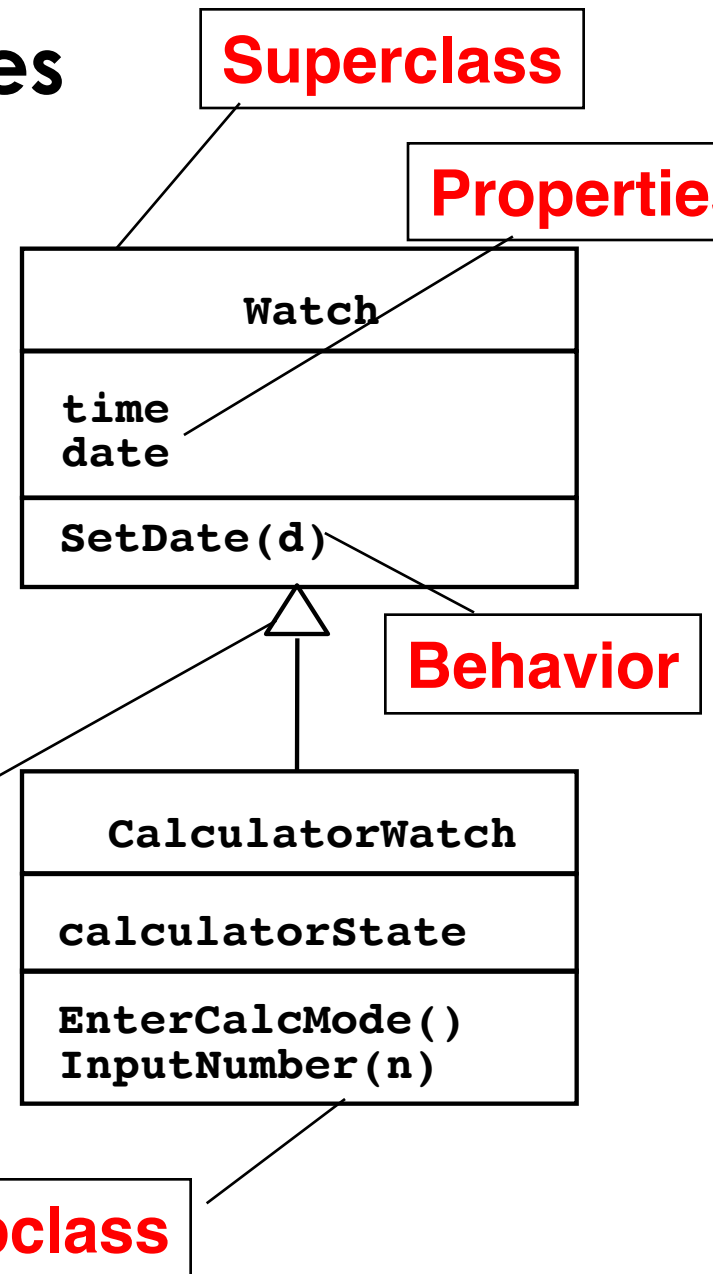
- An abstraction in the context of object-oriented languages
- A class encapsulates properties and behavior
 - Example: Watch

Unlike abstract data types, subclasses can be defined in terms of other classes using inheritance

- Example: CalculatorWatch

Inheritance

Subclass



Type and Instance

- **Type:**
 - A concept in the context of programming languages
 - Name: int
 - Purpose: integral number
 - Members: 0, -1, 1, 2, -2, ...
- **Instance:**
 - Member of a specific type
- The type of a variable represents all possible instances of the variable

The following relationships are similar:

Type <-> Variable

Concept <-> Phenomenon

Class <-> Object

Systems

- A *system* is an organized set of communicating parts
 - **Natural system:** A system whose ultimate purpose is not known
 - **Engineered system:** A system which is designed and built by engineers for a specific purpose
- The parts of the system can be considered as systems again
 - In this case we call them *subsystems*

Examples of natural systems:

- Universe, earth, ocean

Examples of engineered systems:

- Airplane, watch, GPS

Examples of subsystems:

- Jet engine, battery, satellite.

Systems, Models and Views

- A **model** is an abstraction describing a system or a subsystem
- A **view** depicts selected aspects of a model
- A **notation** is a set of graphical or textual rules for depicting models and views:
 - formal notations, “napkin designs”

System: Airplane

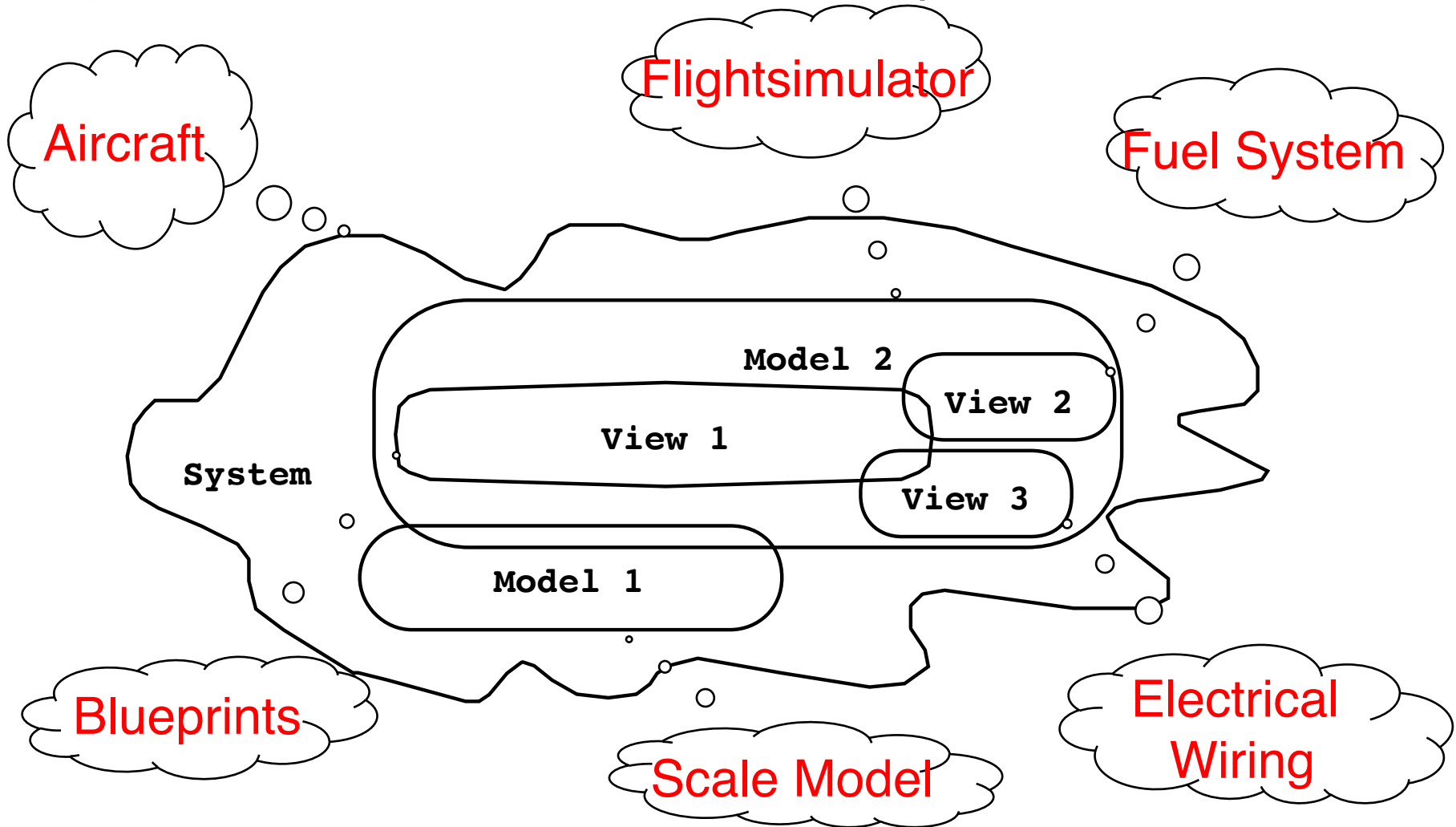
Models:

Flight simulator
Scale model

Views:

Blueprint of the airplane components
Electrical wiring diagram, Fuel system
Sound wave created by airplane

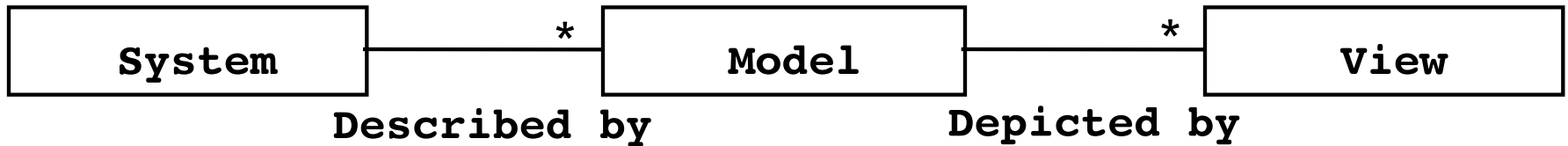
Systems, Models and Views (“Napkin” Notation)



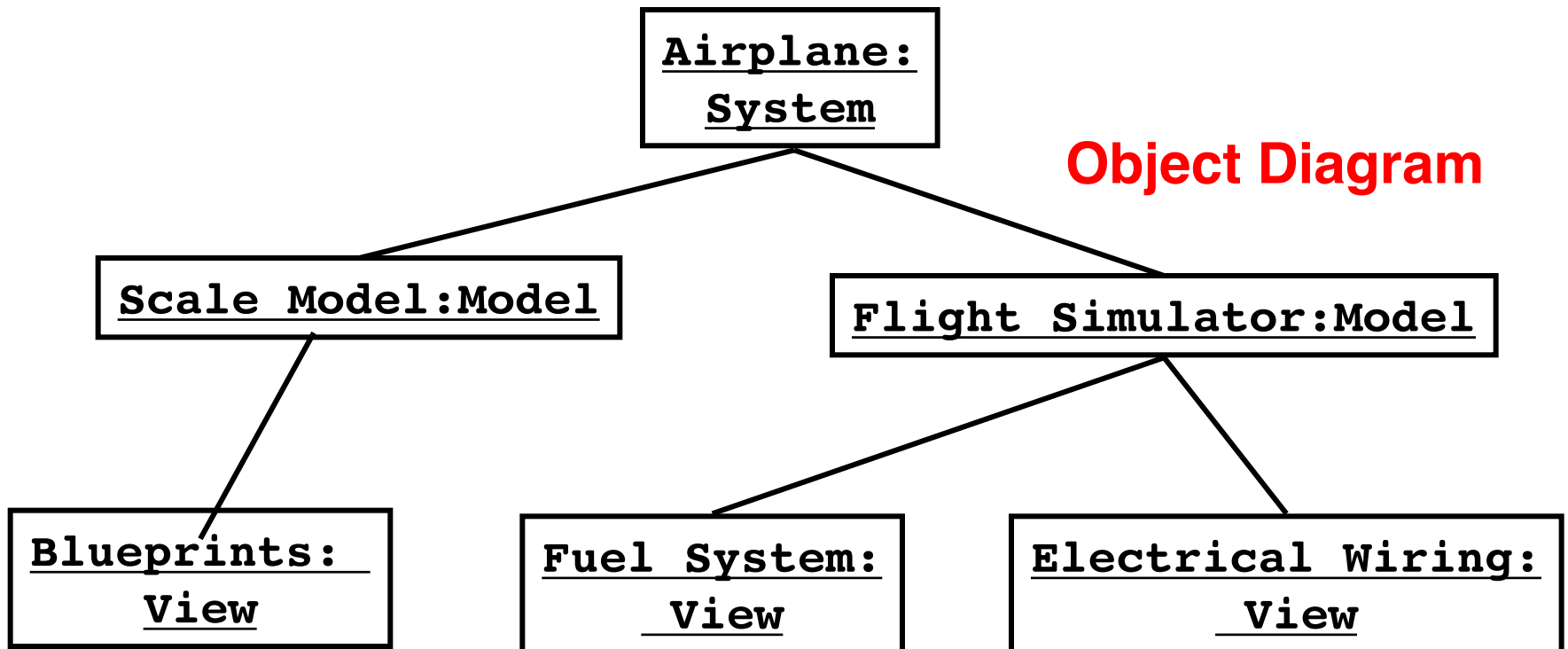
Views and models of a complex system usually overlap

Systems, Models and Views (UML Notation)

Class Diagram



Object Diagram



Model-Driven Development

1. Build a platform-independent model of an application functionality and behavior
 - a) Describe model in modeling notation (UML)
 - b) Convert model into platform-specific model
2. Generate executable from platform-specific model

Advantages:

- Code is generated from model (“mostly”)
- Portability and interoperability
- Model Driven Architecture effort:
 - <http://www.omg.org/mda/>
- OMG: Object Management Group

Model-driven Software Development

Reality: A stock exchange lists many companies. Each company is identified by a ticker symbol

Analysis+ design result in analysis/design object model (Example: UML Class Diagram):



Implementation results in source code (Java):

```
public class StockExchange {
    public m_Company = new Vector();
};
public class Company {
    public int m_tickerSymbol;
    public Vector m_StockExchange = new Vector();
};
```

Application vs Solution Domain

- **Application Domain** (Analysis):
 - The environment in which the system is operating
- **Solution Domain** (Design, Implementation):
 - The technologies used to build the system
- Both domains contain abstractions that we can use for the construction of the system model.