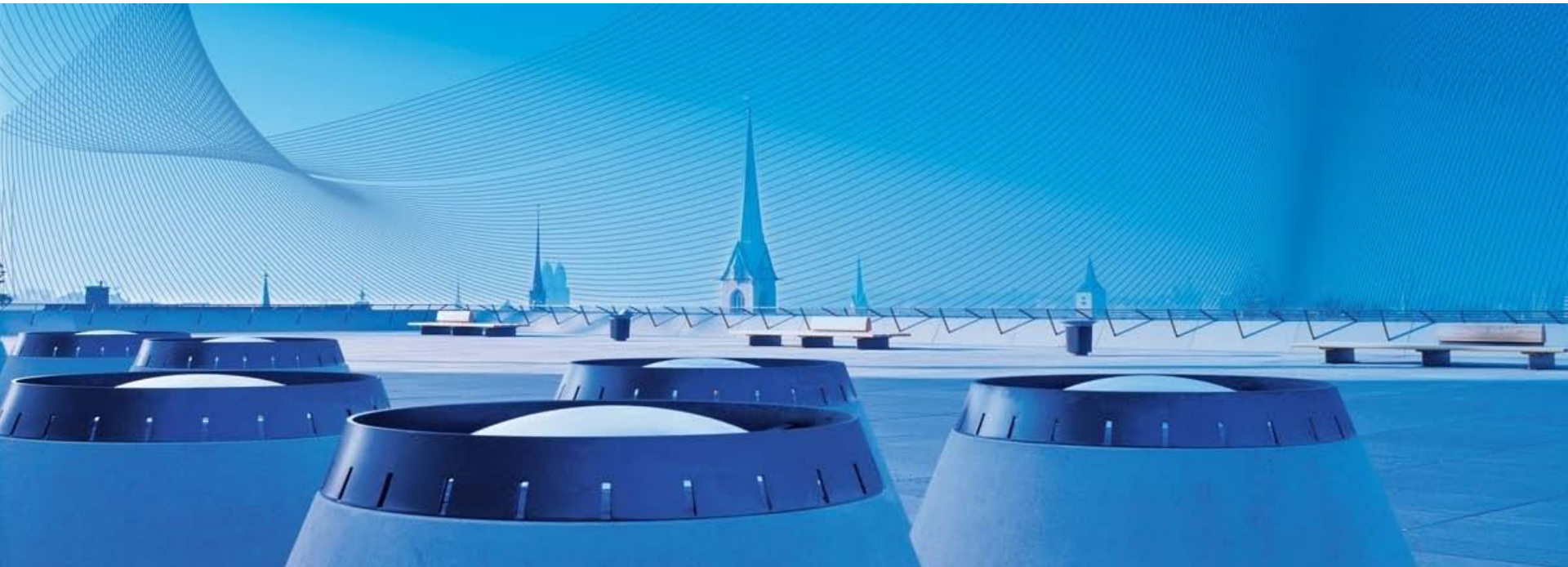


# Methods of Technical Risk Assessment in a Regional Context

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## Advanced Methods for Complex Systems Modeling and Simulation (II)

### Object-oriented modeling for the reliability analysis of infrastructure systems

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# Part I: Short Introduction to Object-oriented Modeling

## Stochastic simulation – basic Monte Carlo methods for reliability analysis (I)

Simulation: an abstraction of a real system by a computer program in order to mimic and analyze its behavior

Monte Carlo technique: stochastic simulation using algorithmically generated random numbers

A simple example for estimating the unavailability  $Q$  of a system :

Assume a system consisting of  $N$  components, where:

$s_i$ : state of the  $i$ th component (boolean)

$Q_i$ : failure probability of the  $i$ th component

$R_i$ : random number for the  $i$ th component;  $R_i \sim \text{uniform}[0,1]$

then, assuming independent failures :

$$s_i \begin{cases} 0 & (\text{success}) & \text{if} & R_i > Q_i \\ 1 & (\text{failed}) & \text{if} & 0 \leq R_i \leq Q_i \end{cases}$$

## Stochastic simulation – basic Monte Carlo methods for reliability analysis (II)

1. sample the states of all components („throw the dices“) to get the system state  $s$ :

$$s = \{s_1, \dots, s_i, \dots, s_N\}$$

2. Perform system analysis to judge whether  $s$  is a failure state or not:

$$x_j = 0 \quad \text{if the system is in the up state}$$

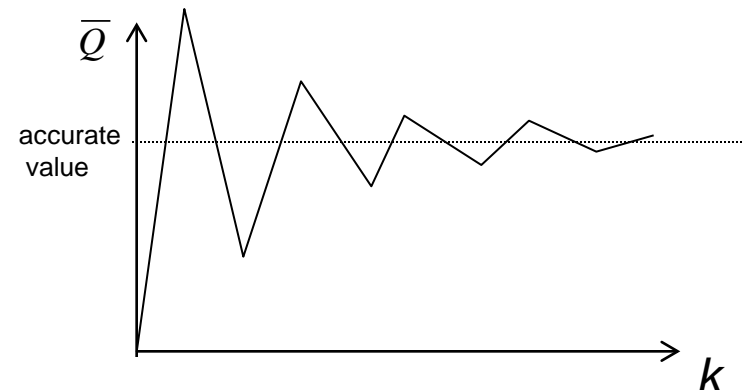
$$x_j = 1 \quad \text{if the system is in the down state}$$

3. Performing  $k$  system state samples, the unbiased estimate of the system unavailability then is given by:

$$\bar{Q} = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{j=1}^k x_j$$

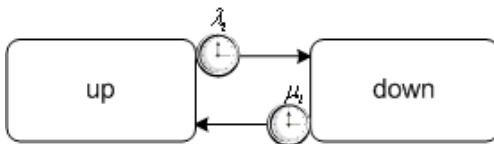
with variance:

$$V(\bar{Q}) = \frac{1}{k} V(x) = \frac{1}{k(k-1)} \sum_{j=1}^k (x_j - \bar{Q})^2$$



# Stochastic simulation – sequential Monte-Carlo simulation

## Component model

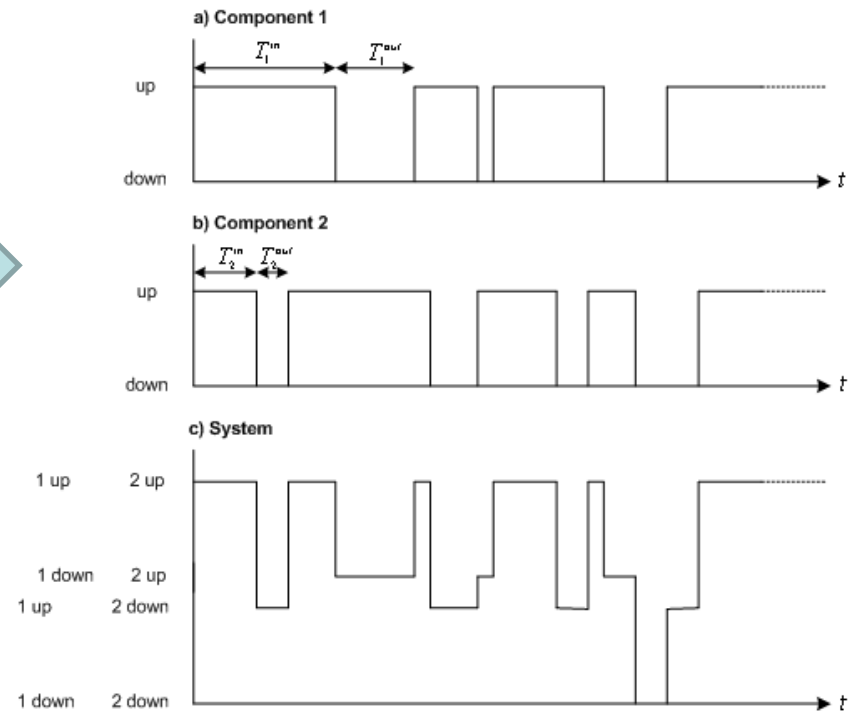


$$T_i^{in} = -\frac{1}{\lambda_i} \ln R_i^{in}$$

$$T_i^{out} = -\frac{1}{\mu_i} \ln R_i^{out}$$



## Time sequence



## Combining Monte Carlo Techniques with Object-oriented modeling

### Advantages for reliability analysis:

- Monte Carlo simulation helps to overcome the problem of the **state space explosion**:  
Consider a system of  $N=20$  components with two states (e.g. up state and down state). A “state enumeration approach”, such as a “complete” fault tree, or a markovian chain would have to consider  $2^N=2^{20}=10^6$  system states!
- Object-oriented modeling helps to explicitly consider **time-dependent interactions** between the components and to integrate feedback loops, which is not possible in “static approaches” such as fault tree analysis.

### Disadvantages for reliability analysis:

- The simulation primarily aims at calculating mean values. **Some critical scenarios might be missed.**
- Depending on the analyzed system, the **validation** of the simulated system behavior might be a **difficult task**, due to lack of operational experience regarding low-probability-high-impact scenarios.

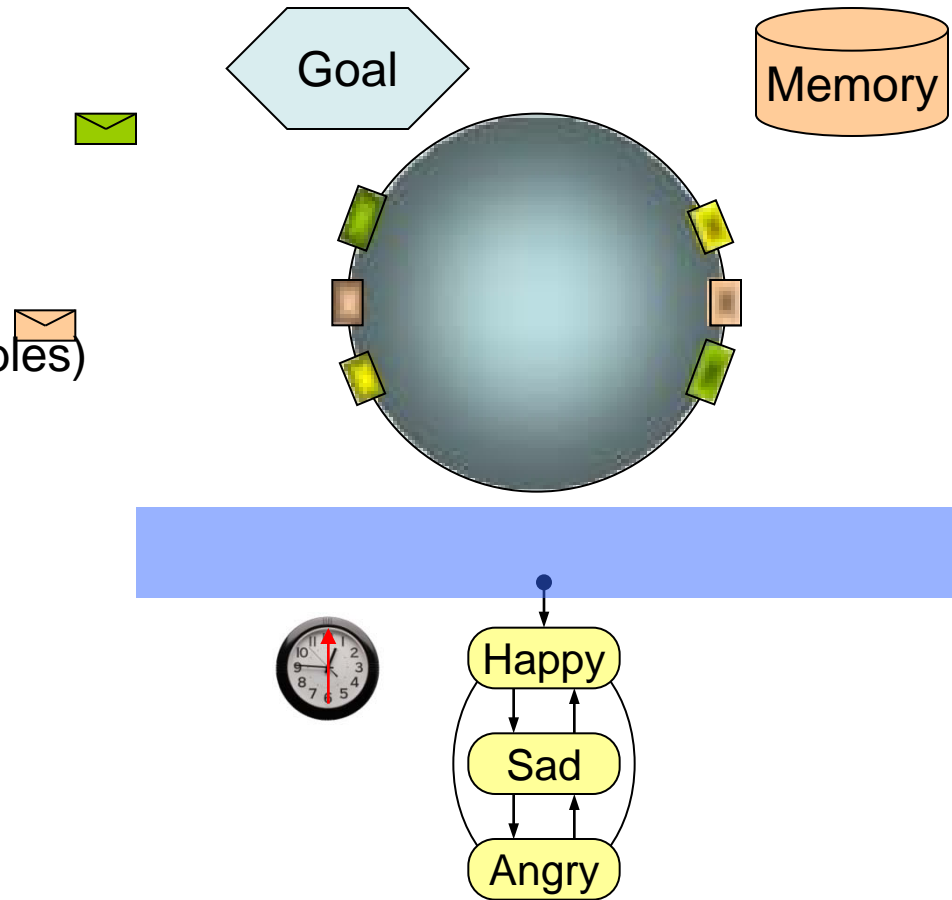
## Object-oriented modeling approach – framework

- Modeling the behaviour of the **components** (objects) and their interaction with the environment
- Stochastic simulation (Monte Carlo methods) of all components to investigate the **macro-behaviour** of the whole system
- In contrary to established methods for risk analysis (ETA, FTA) the observed scenarios and system states  $s$  are not predefined, but they emerge during the simulation (**emergence**)
- Frequency and consequence of events are determined “**experimentally**”



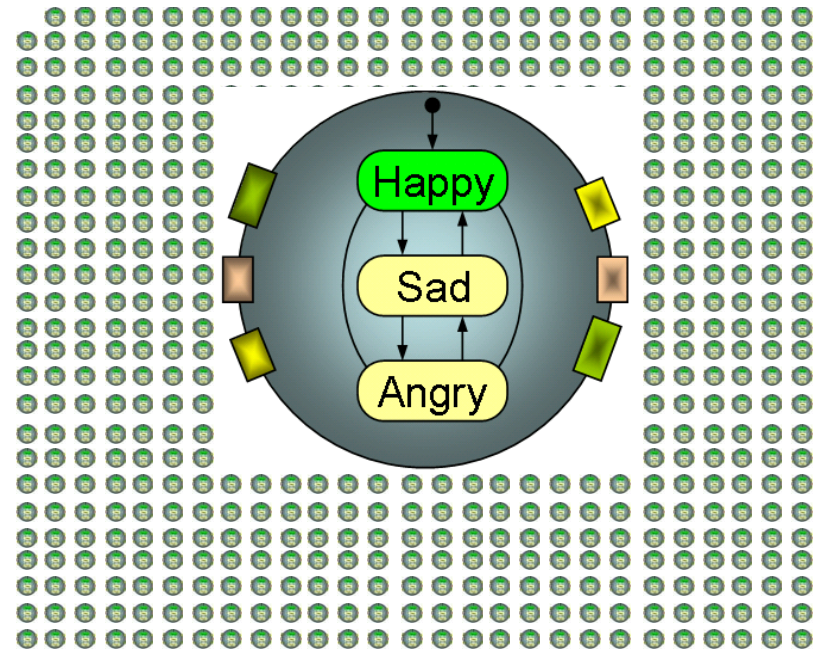
## An object...

- **Has different states (Finite State Machine, FSM)**
- Is capable of interaction with its environment (e.g. other objects)
- has „receptors“ and „effectors“ for specific („messages“) and non-specific (environmental variables) signals
- Can act randomly
- May have a memory (learning)
- Can strive for a goal



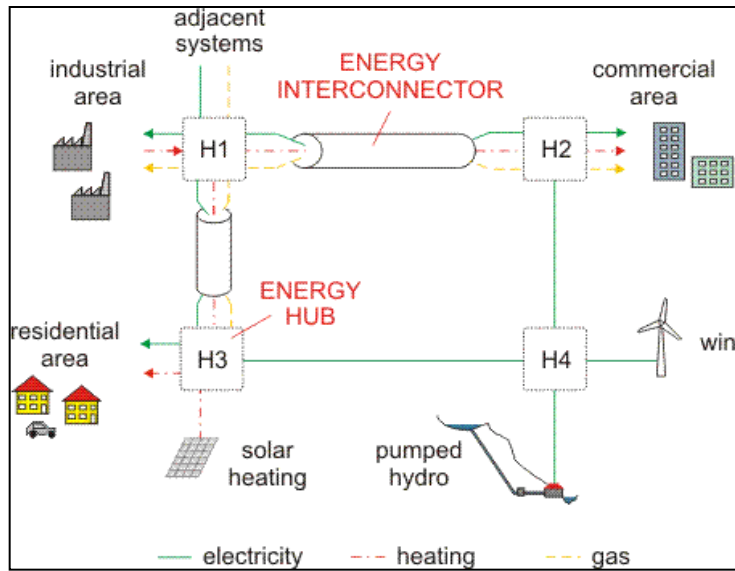
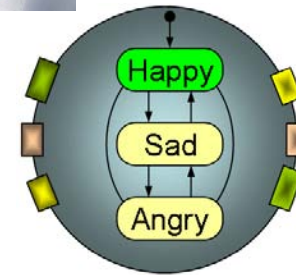
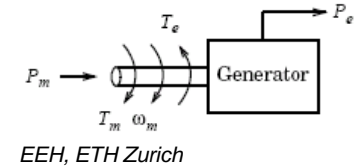
## Simulation of N objects

- One single object does not tell us much about the behaviour of its macro-system
- Therefore every component of a system has to be modelled separately by an object
- By the computational simulation of all objects, the global system behaviour and the system states  $s$  emerge

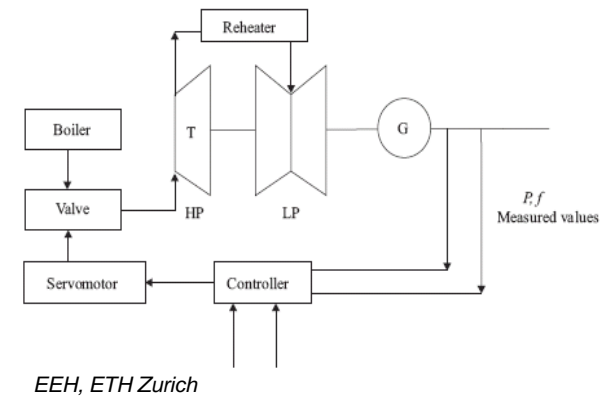


# What can be represented by objects?

- Humans (e.g. operators)
- Components (e.g. turbine)
- Machines (e.g. power station)
- Whole systems (e.g. energy systems)



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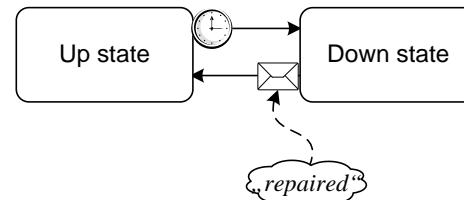


# How to build a simplified object-oriented model for reliability analysis

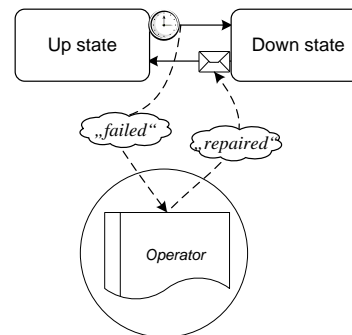
1. Identify the components of the system
2. Determine the states of each component by making use of FSM, eg:



3. Determine the transitions between the states and their triggers (e.g. lapse of time or signal from outside)



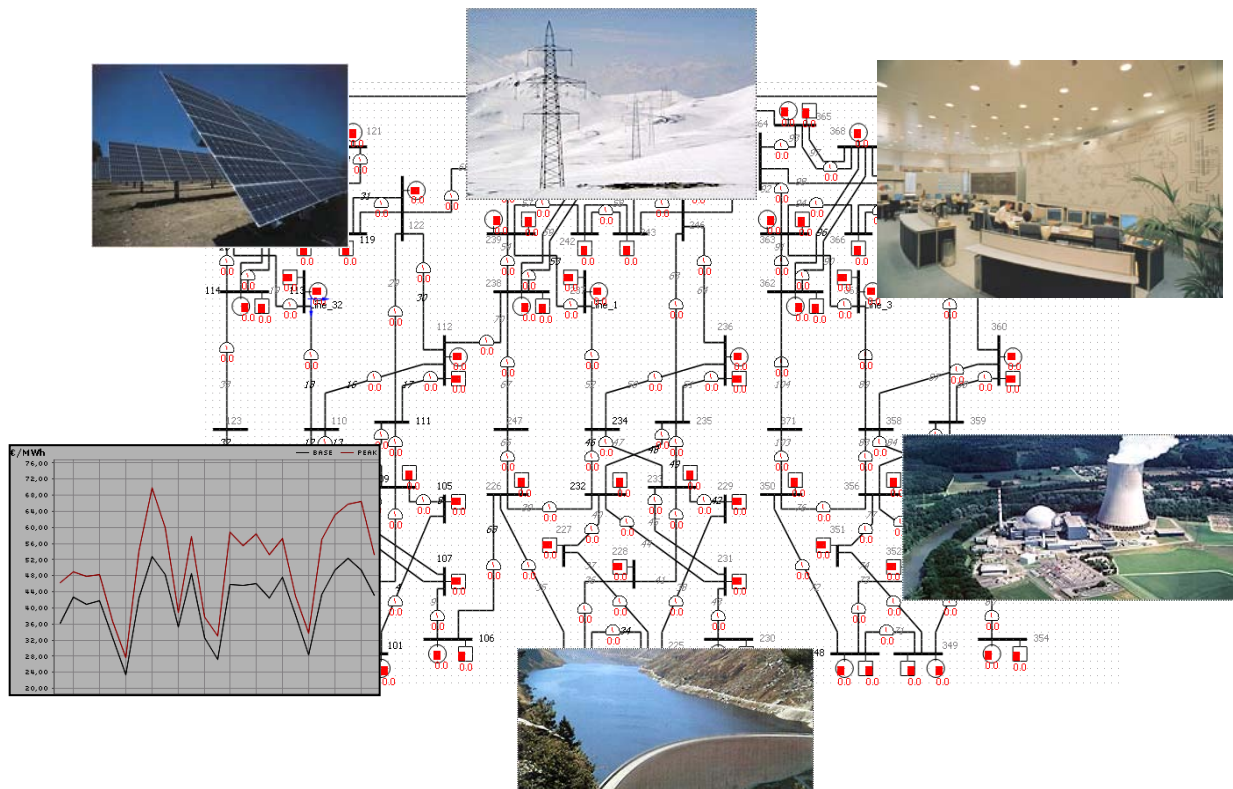
4. Establish the communication among the objects:



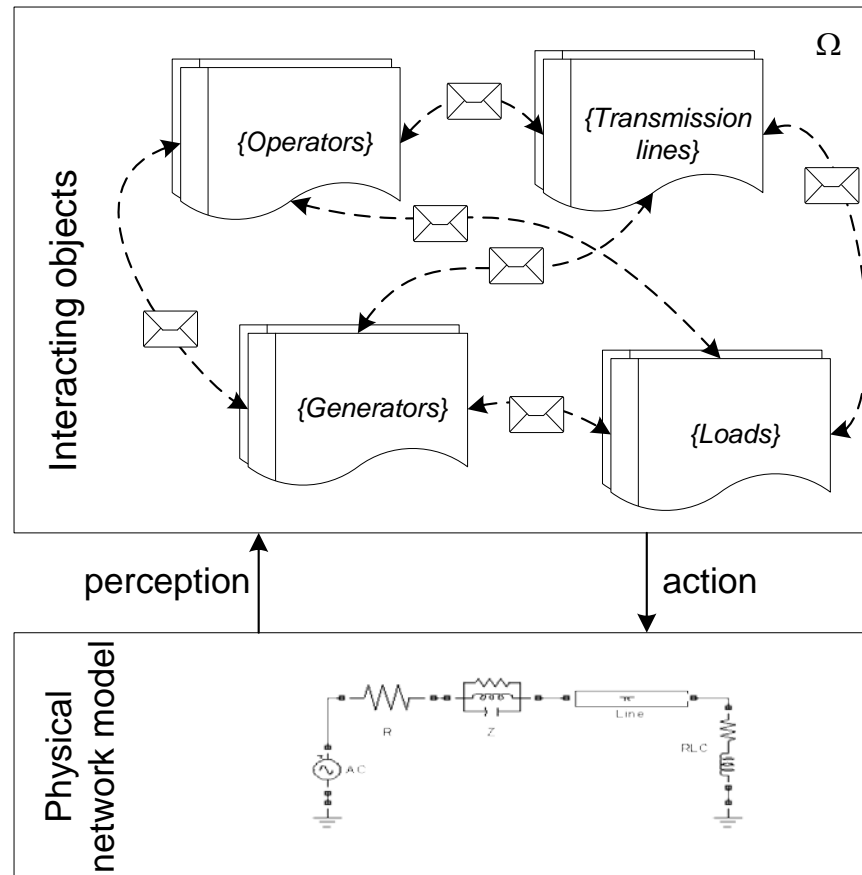
5. Simulate your model to generate the system states  $s$  and estimate  $\bar{Q}$

# Part II: Application to Complex Engineering Systems

## Reliability Analysis of Electric Power Systems



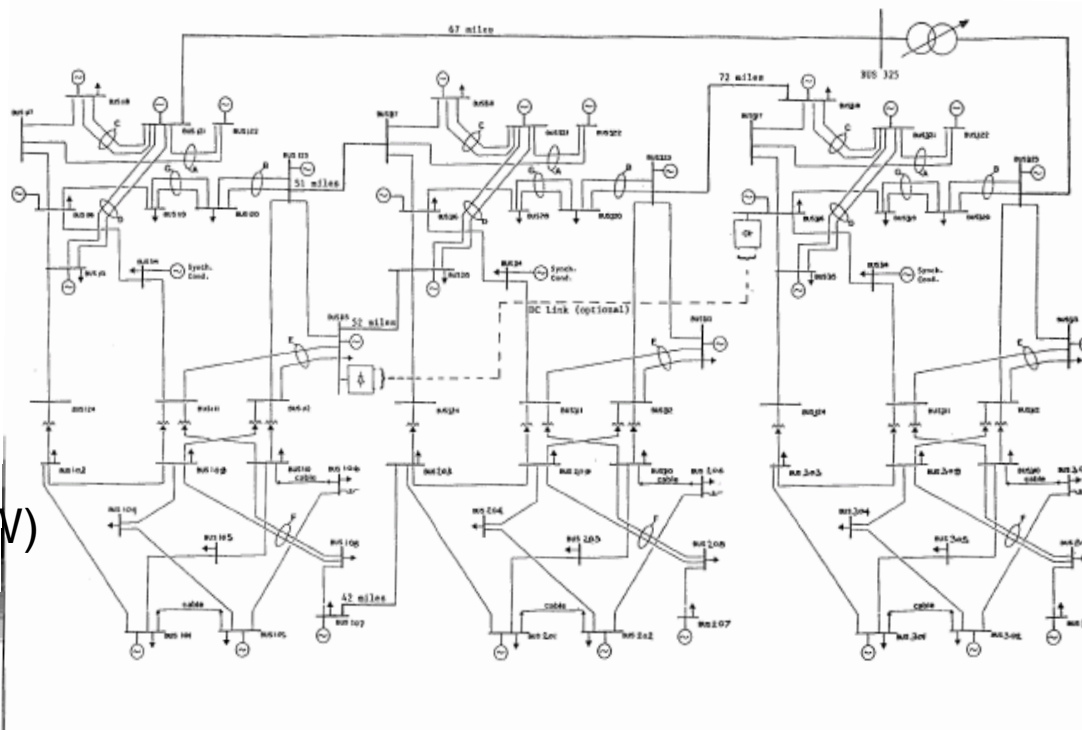
# Modeling the Electric Power System – Two-layers approach:



# The IEEE Reliability Test System 1996 (RTS '96)

## ➤ Basic system layout

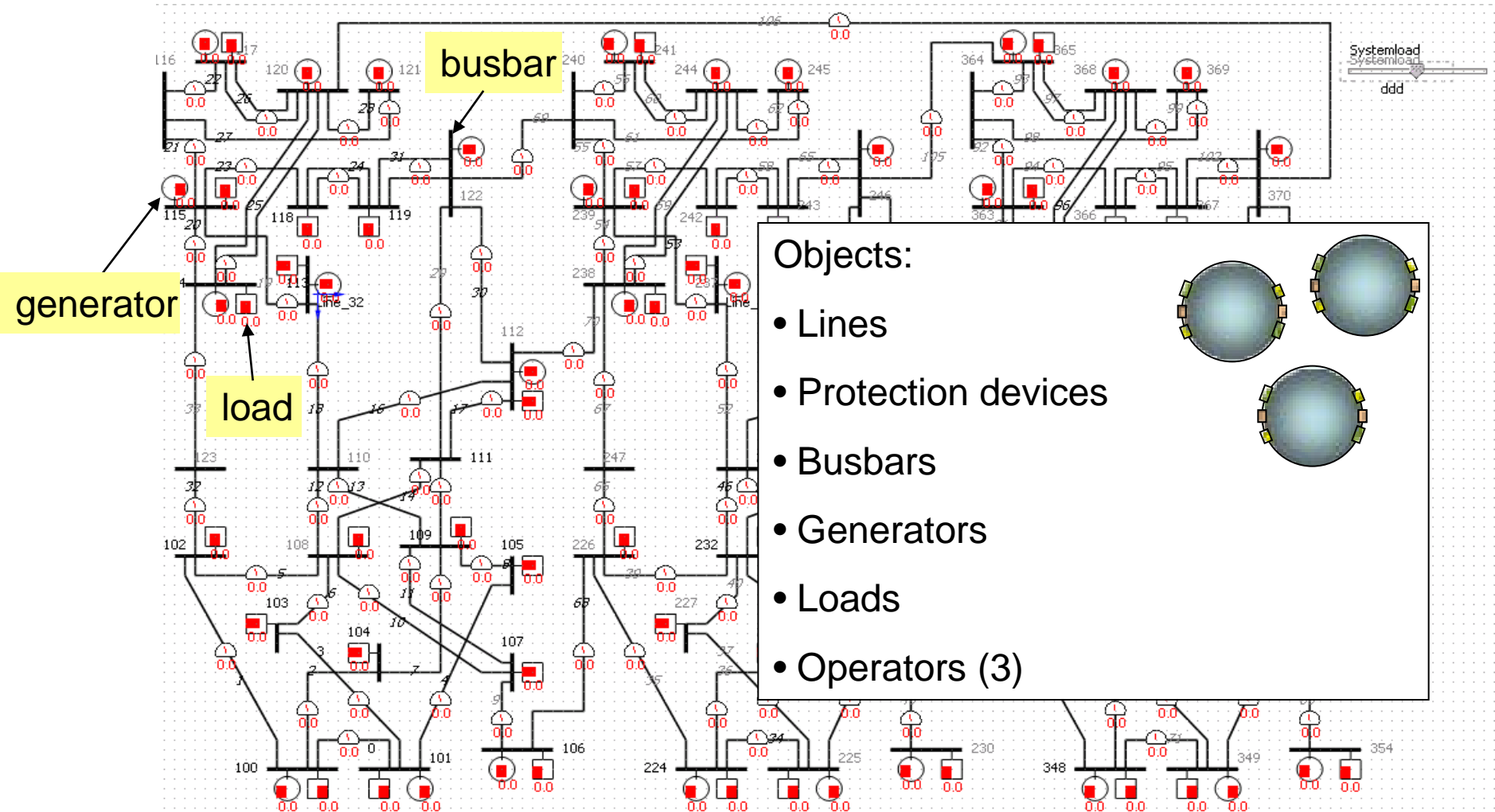
- 72 busbars
- 107 transmission lines
- 99 generators
- 51 loads
- Voltage levels: 230/138 kV
- Installed capacity:  
10'215 MW (CH: ~12'000 MW)
- Peak load:  
8'550 MW (CH: 9'650 MW)



## ➤ Available data

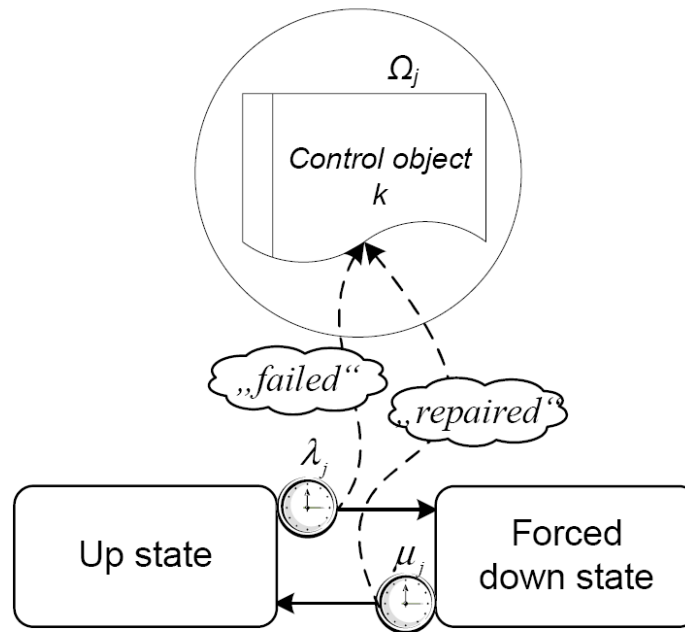
- physical component data: branch reactances, operational thresholds etc.
- load curves (hourly, daily, weekly)
- reliability data: component outage and repair rates, min. down times, etc.

# The RTS '96 - Implementation in AnyLogic

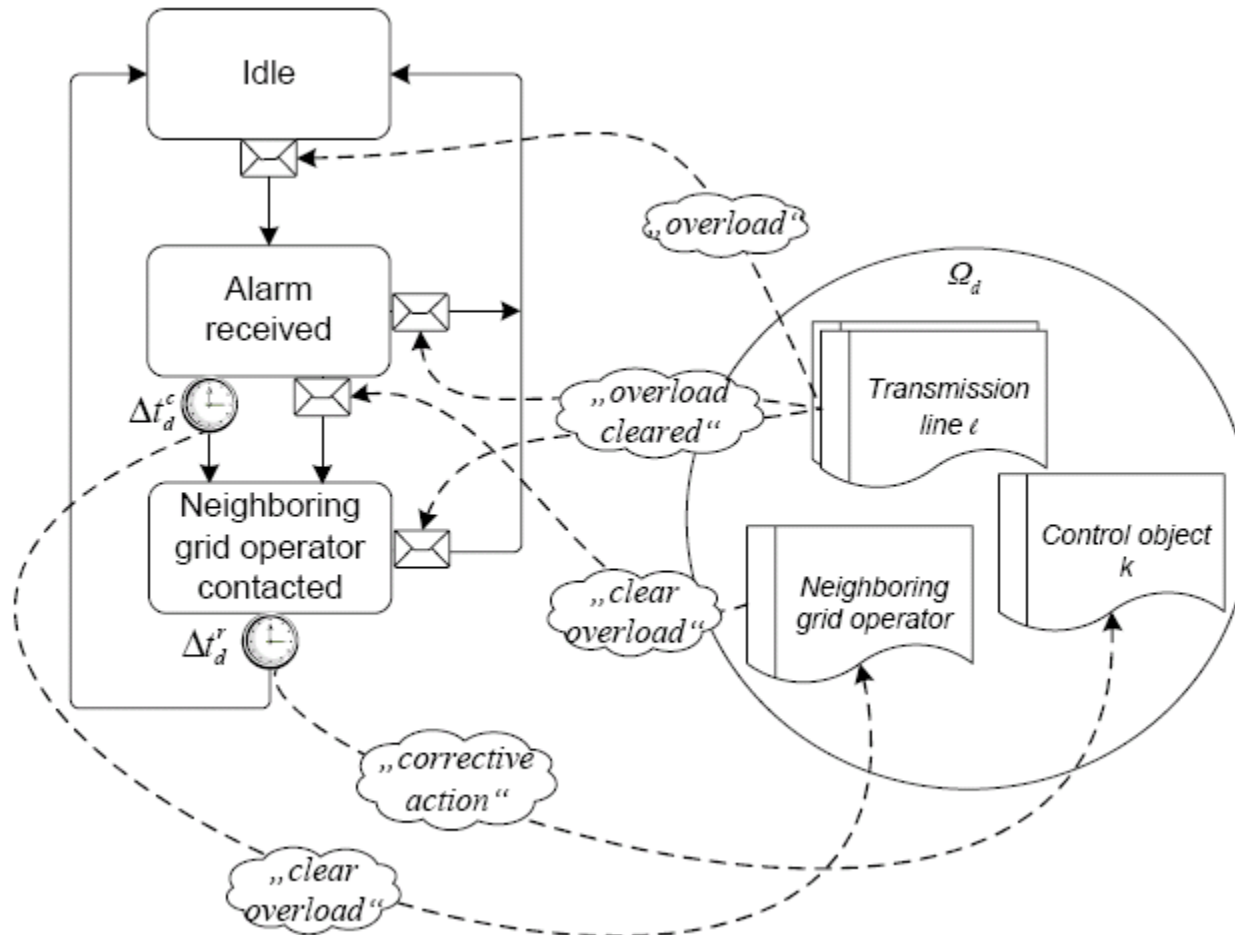




## Objects: generators

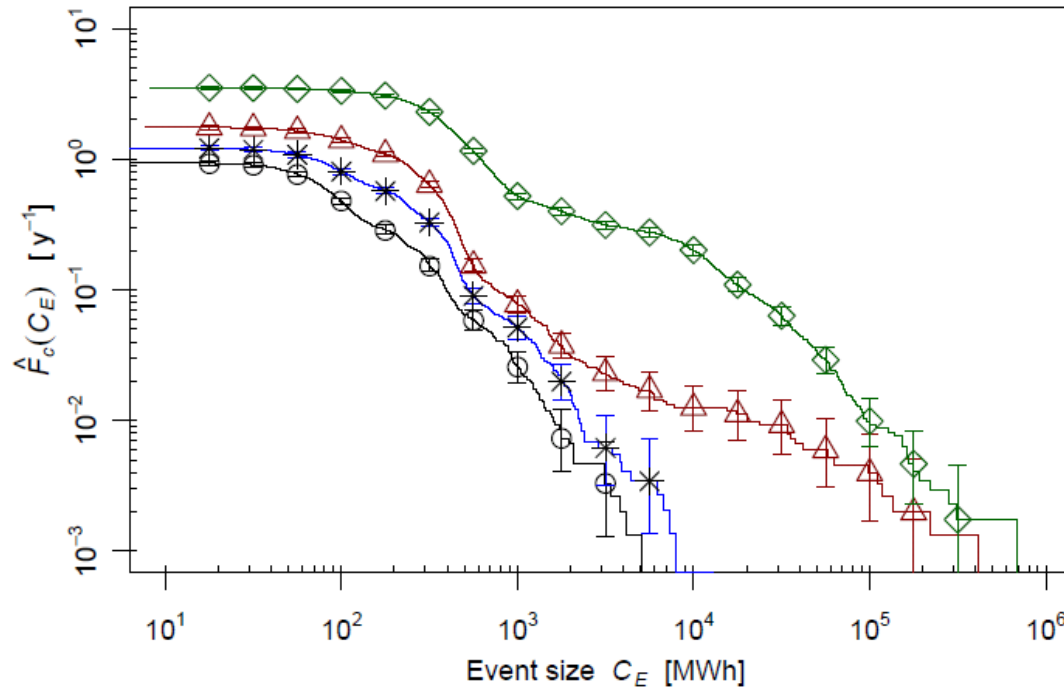


## Objects: system operators



# Results:

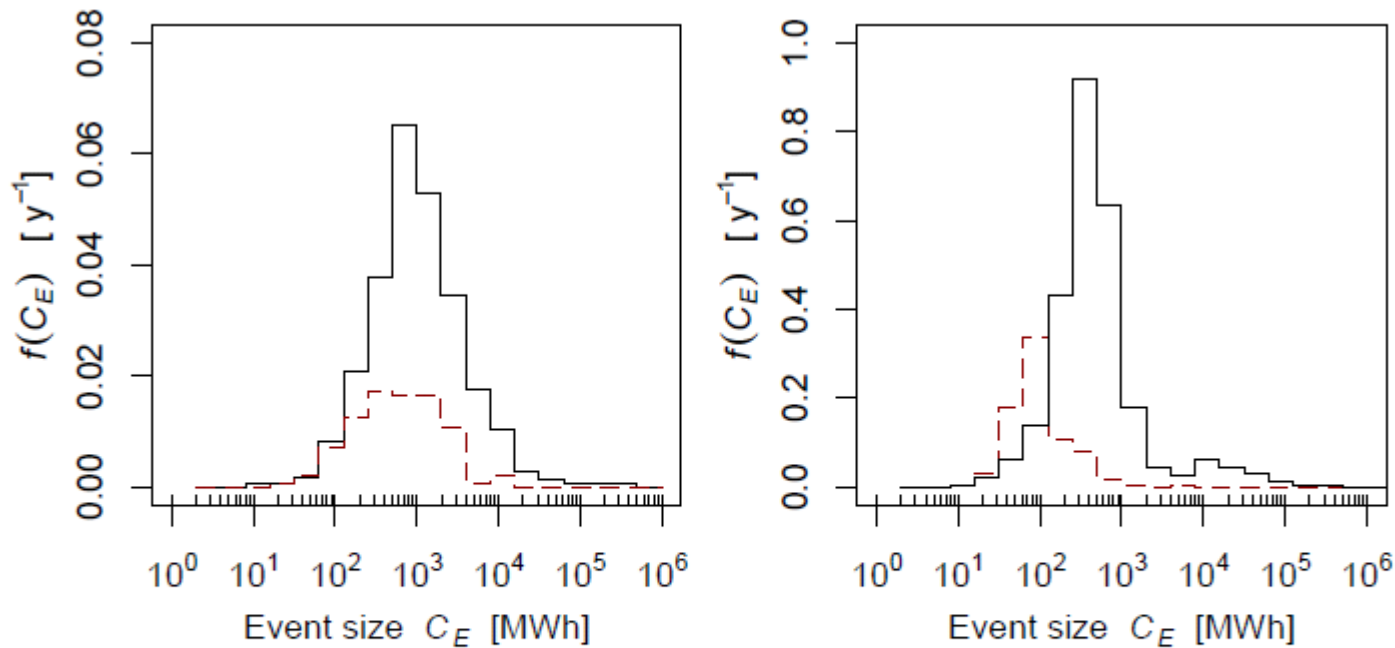
## A) Expected Frequencies of Blackouts



Complementary cumulative blackout frequencies for four different system loading levels  $L=1.0, 1.1, 1.2$  and  $1.37$  (circles, stars, triangles and diamonds, respectively) without operator intervention. The error bars indicate the 90% confidence interval.

# Results:

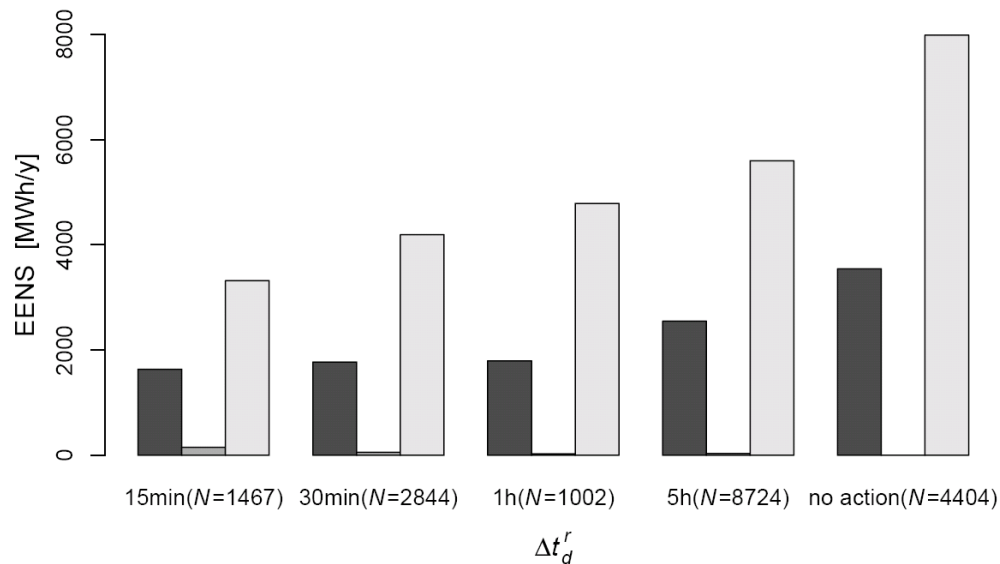
## B) Blackout causes



Impact of increasing the system loading from  $L=1.0$  (dashed line) to  $L=1.37$  (continuous line) on the absolute frequencies of blackouts caused by generation inadequacy (left) and system splitting (right).

## Results:

### C) Influence of the operator response time on the system reliability



Influence of the operator response time on the EENS due to generation inadequacy (left, black bar), operator action (middle, dark-grey bar) and system splitting (right, light-grey bar) for  $L=1.37$ .

**EENS: Expected Energy Not Supplied**