

# Software Quality **Management**

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# **Last QOT: Do CMMI level 5 companies produce software with higher quality than CMMI level 1 companies?**

"Yes, because the CMMI 5 companies have a good and standard process."

"No."

"Process quality doesn't necessarily lead to product quality! But on average it does."

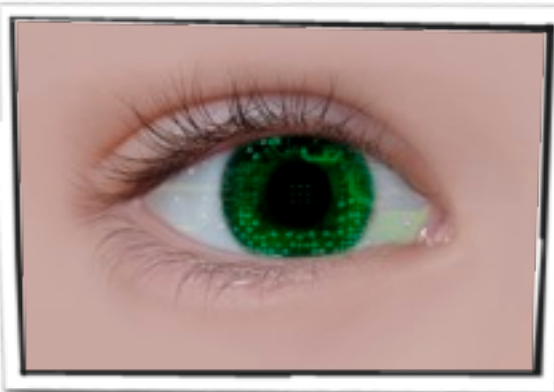
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The answer is of course not a simple yes or no, but a "it depends". On average CMMI level 5 companies tend to have higher quality, but considering the the whole range, this is not the case.

New QOT: "What is the most important principle in lean development?"



# Quality measures



# Visualisation

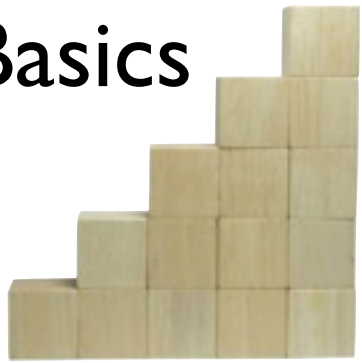
Review of last week's lecture.

# **Post mortem analysis**

**ISO 9000**

**CMMI/SPICE**

**Basics**



**Product**



Quality

**Metrics and**



**Measurement**

**Process**

Quality



**Management**

**Certifi-  
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# Process simulation



# Lean development

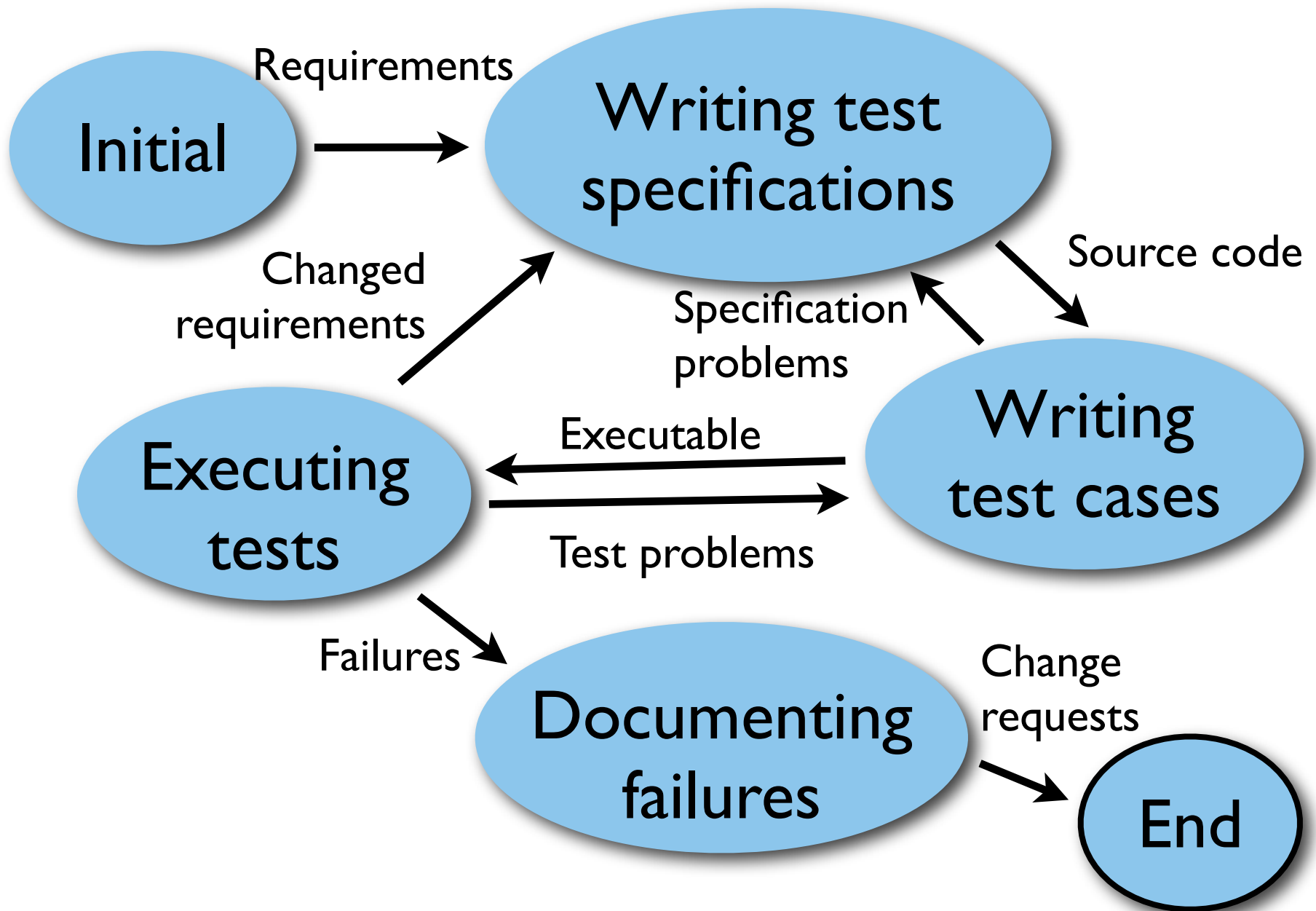
Today, we cover simulating process and lean development.





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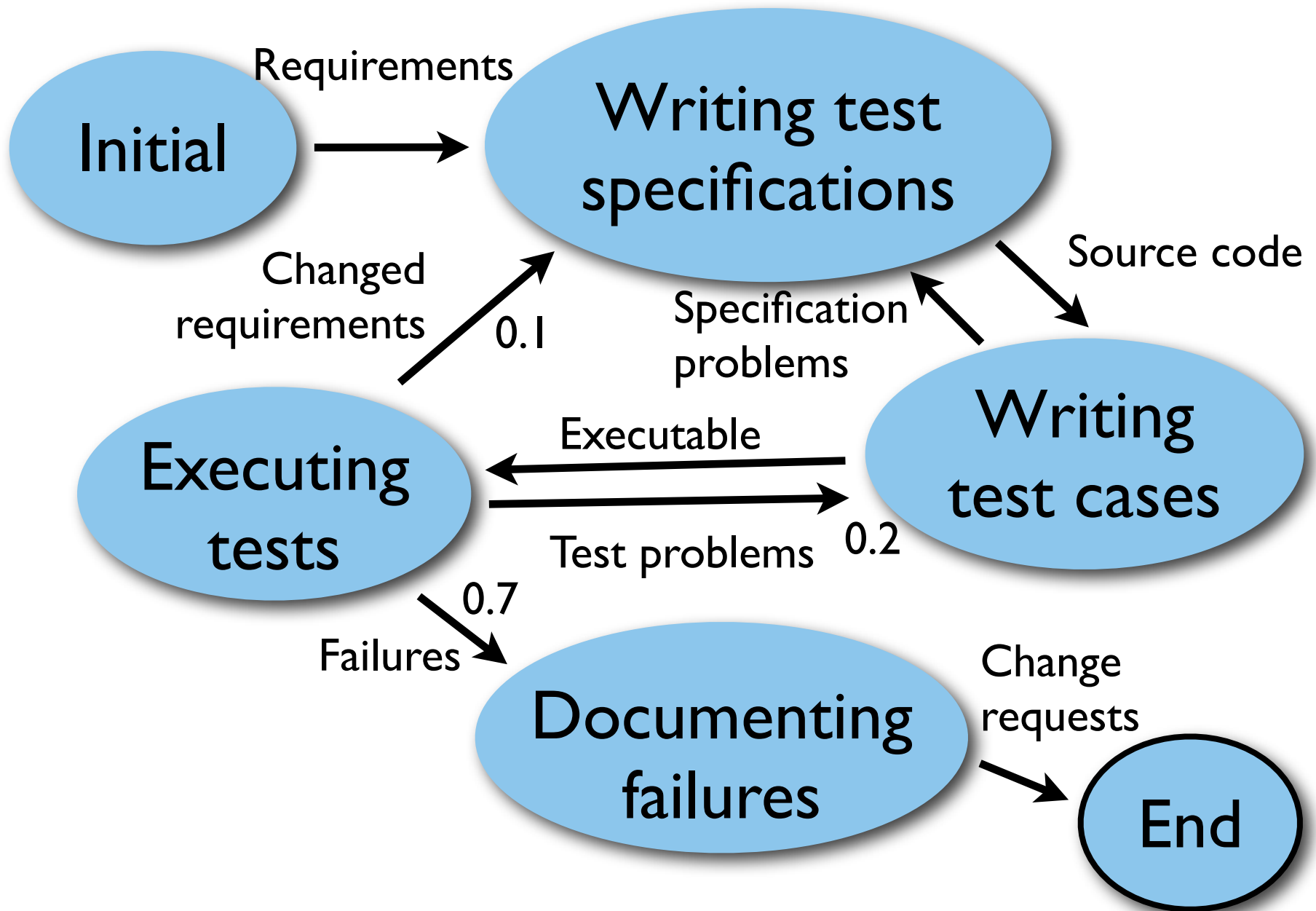
# Test process model



This is an extremely simplified state machine model of a test process. It describes in which states the process can be and what is input and output at state transitions.



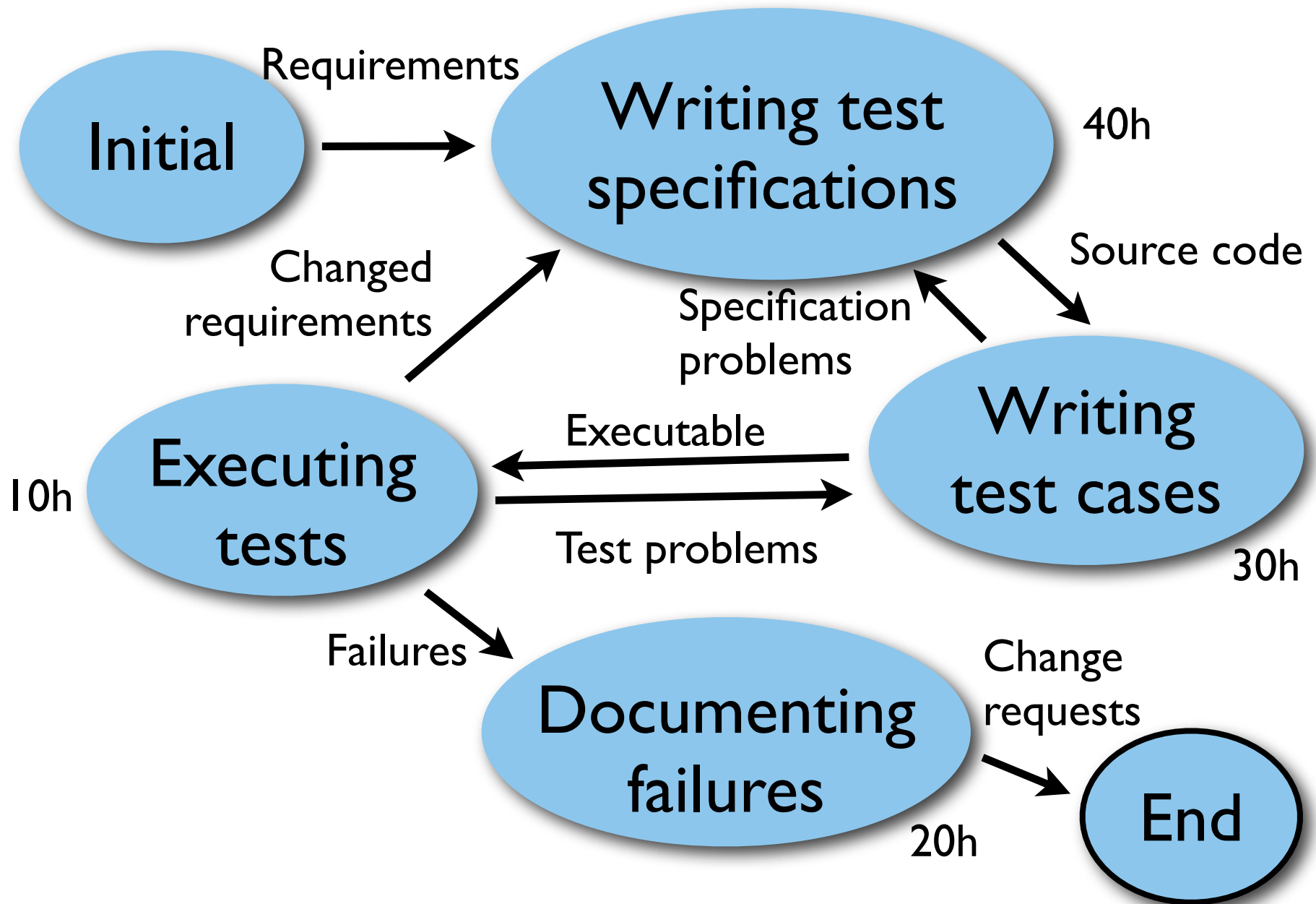
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One way to enhance the state model is to add probabilities. In this example, the probability that the process goes from the state "executing tests" to the state "documenting failures" is 70%, to the state "writing test cases" 20%, and to "writing test specifications" 10%. Using this information, we can calculate the most likely path through the process, for example.

# Test process model



Another way to enrich the model is to add average durations to the states, for example, executing the tests takes 10 hours.

We can calculate average or maximum durations of processes using this information.

# Why simulate?

- Strategic management
- Planning
- Control and operational management
- Process improvement and technology adoption
- Understanding
- Training and learning

Kellner, Madachy, Raffo (1999)

Strategic management: Outsource/inhouse, distributed/one location, COTS/custom

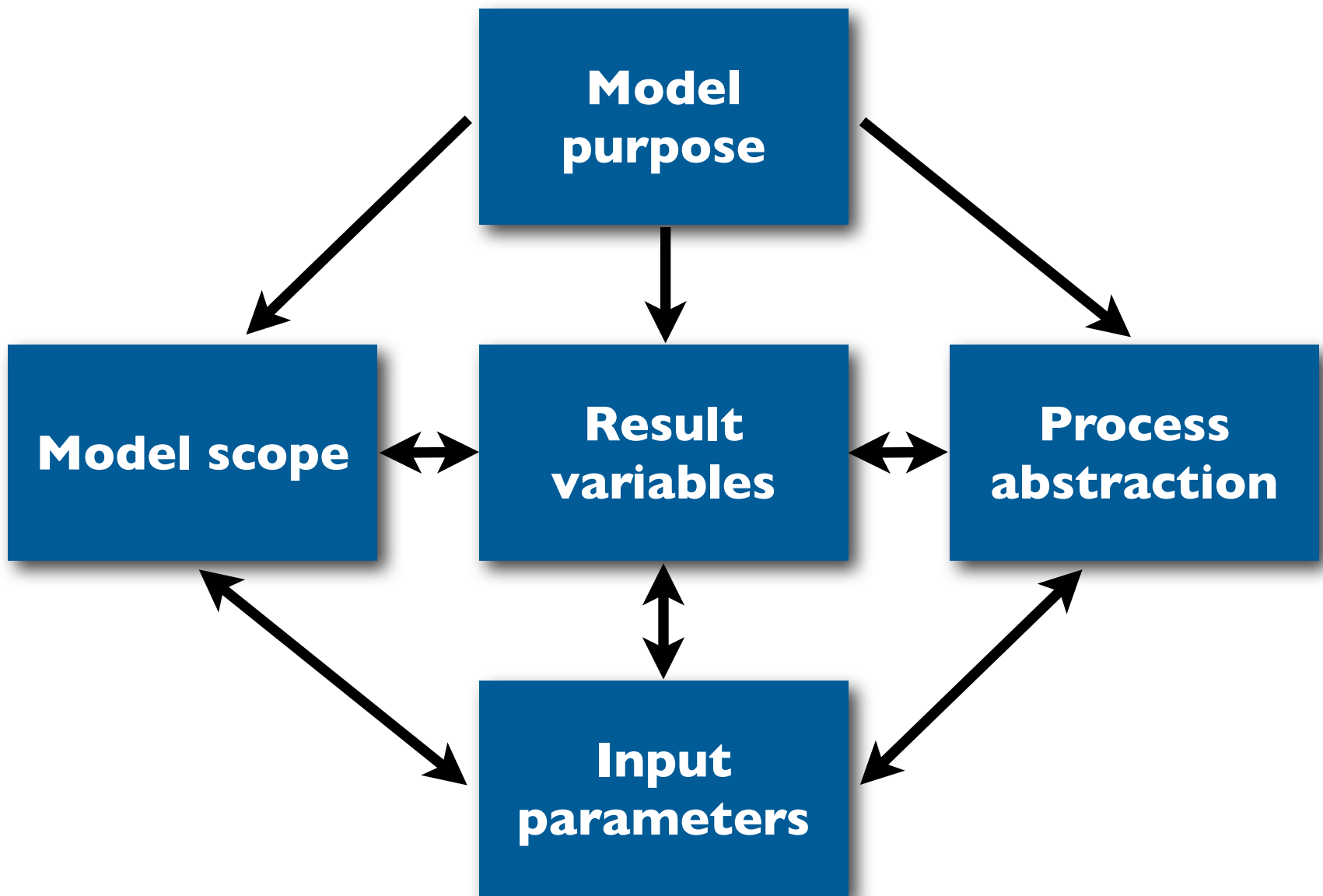
Planning: Effort or schedule forecast, resource constraints, risks

Control and operational management: Tracking of key project parameters, decision making

Process improvement and technology adoption: comparison of process alternatives, what tool support

Understanding: understand process flow, flow of work products, animated simulations

Training and learning: practice project management, likely impacts of common decisions



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Model purpose: Key questions to address

Model scope: Organisational breadth, time span

Result variables: Metrics/model outputs designed to address key questions

Process abstraction: Level of process detail captured

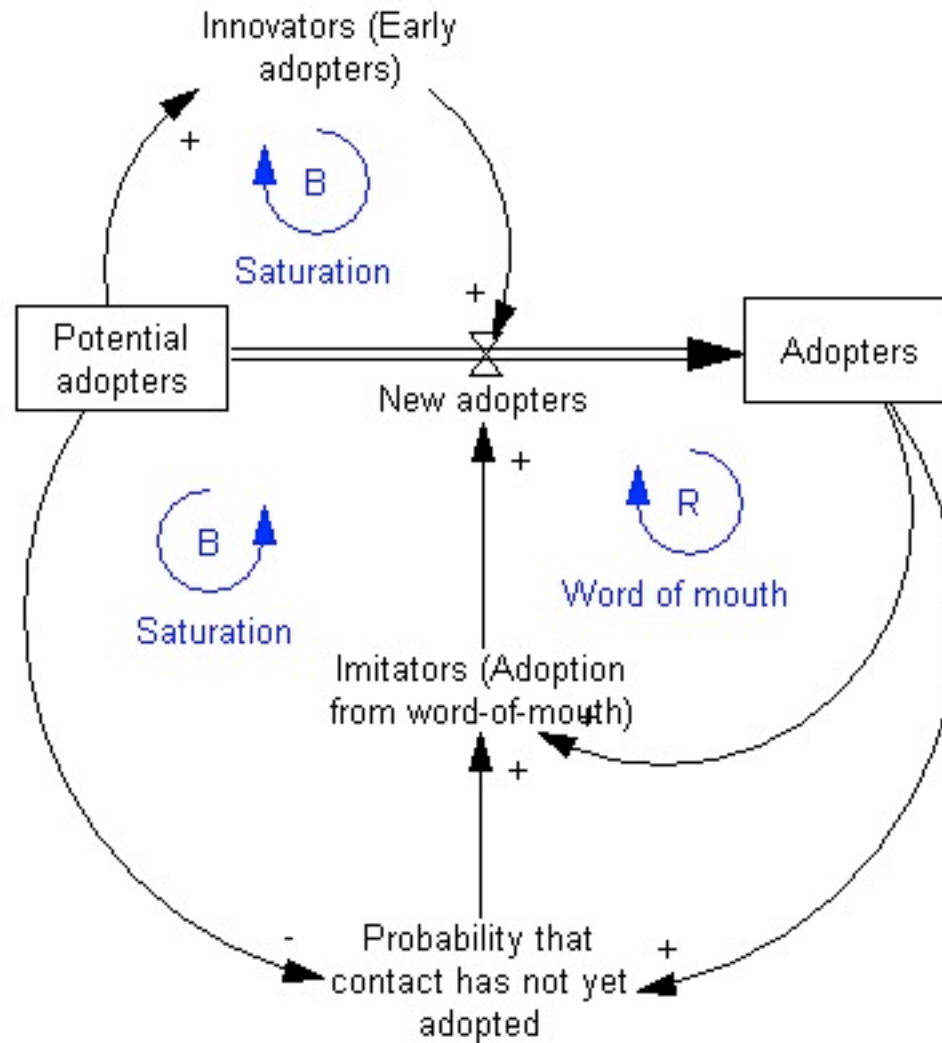
Input parameters: Data and information needed to compute result variables

# Simulation approaches

- State-based process models
- General discrete event simulations
- System dynamics (or continuous simulation)
- Rule-based languages
- Petri-net models
- Queueing models
- Project management (CPM, PERT)
- Scheduling approaches

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# System dynamics



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Jay Forrester (MIT) developed system dynamic in the mid 1950 to describe complex systems.

It consists of

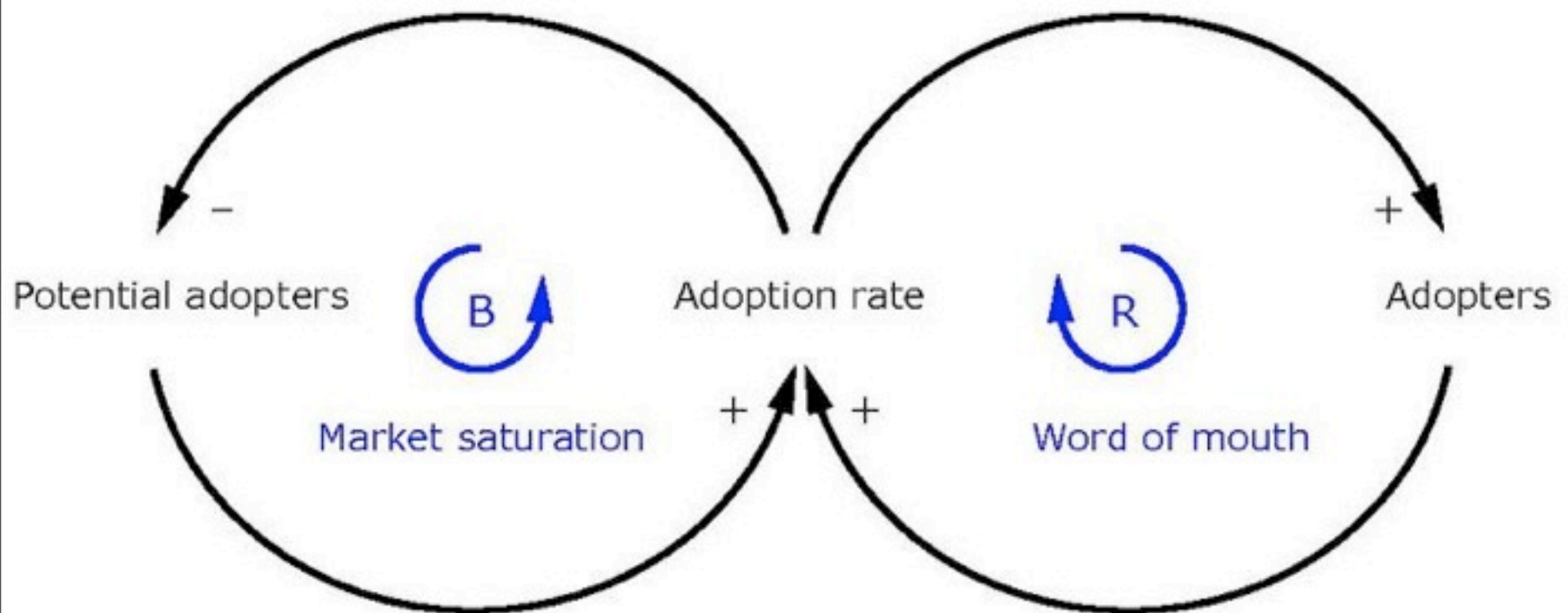
- Feedback loops
- Stocks and flows

The example here shows how a new product is adopted.

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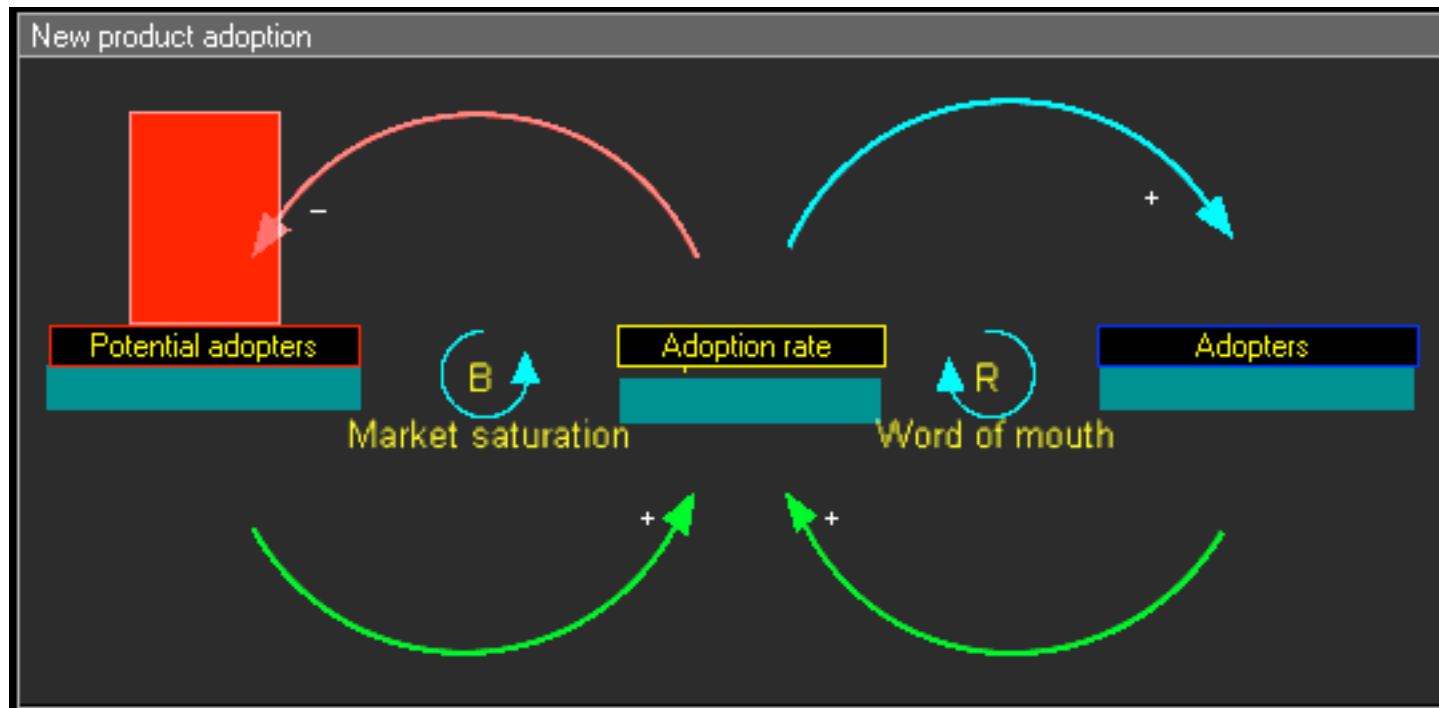


# Causal loop diagram



The causal loop diagram specifies such feedback loops. Here, the number of adopters is influenced by the adoption rate, but the number of adopters also influences the adoption rate. Similarly, the adoption rate and the number of potential adopters influence each other.

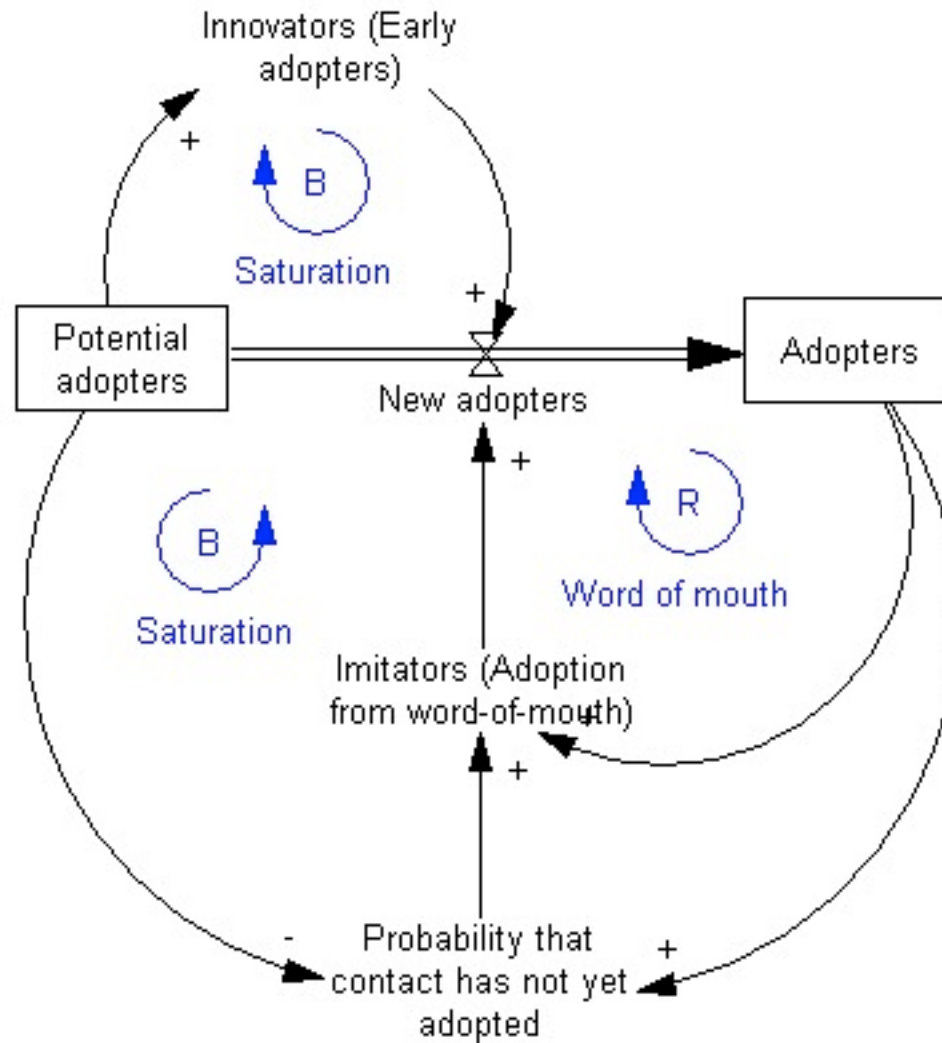
# Causal loop diagram



This is the implementation of the causal loop in a software tool.

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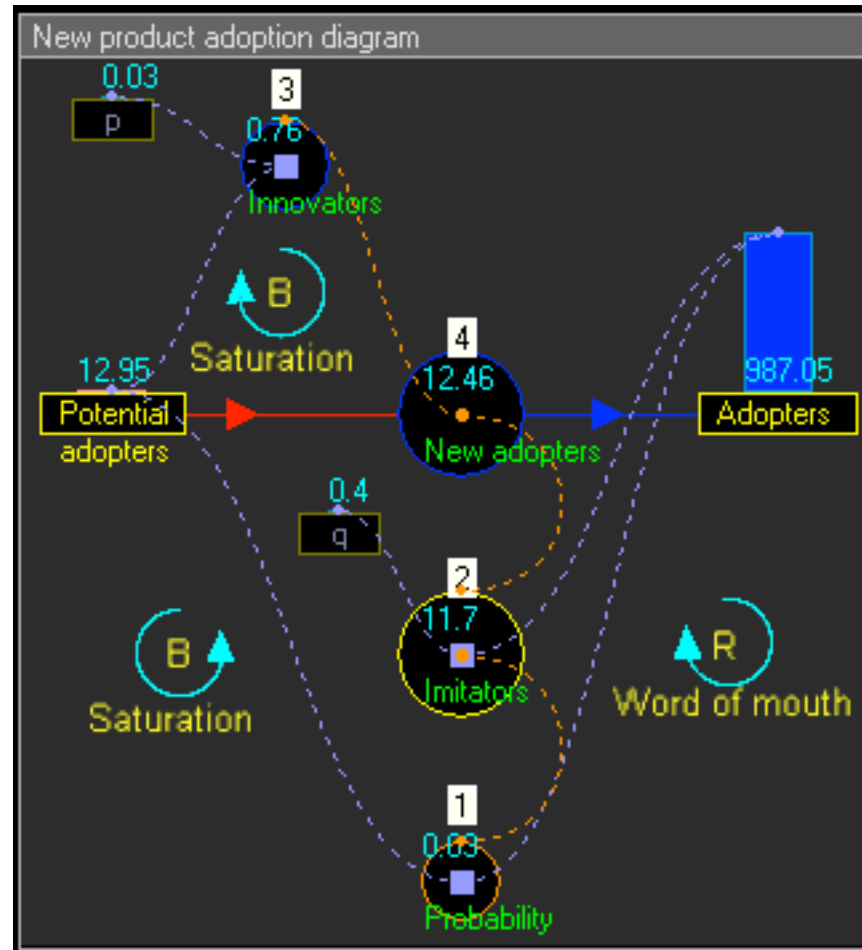
# Stock and flow diagrams



The stock and flow diagram adds the actual numbers of available potential adopters, new adopters, and adopters.

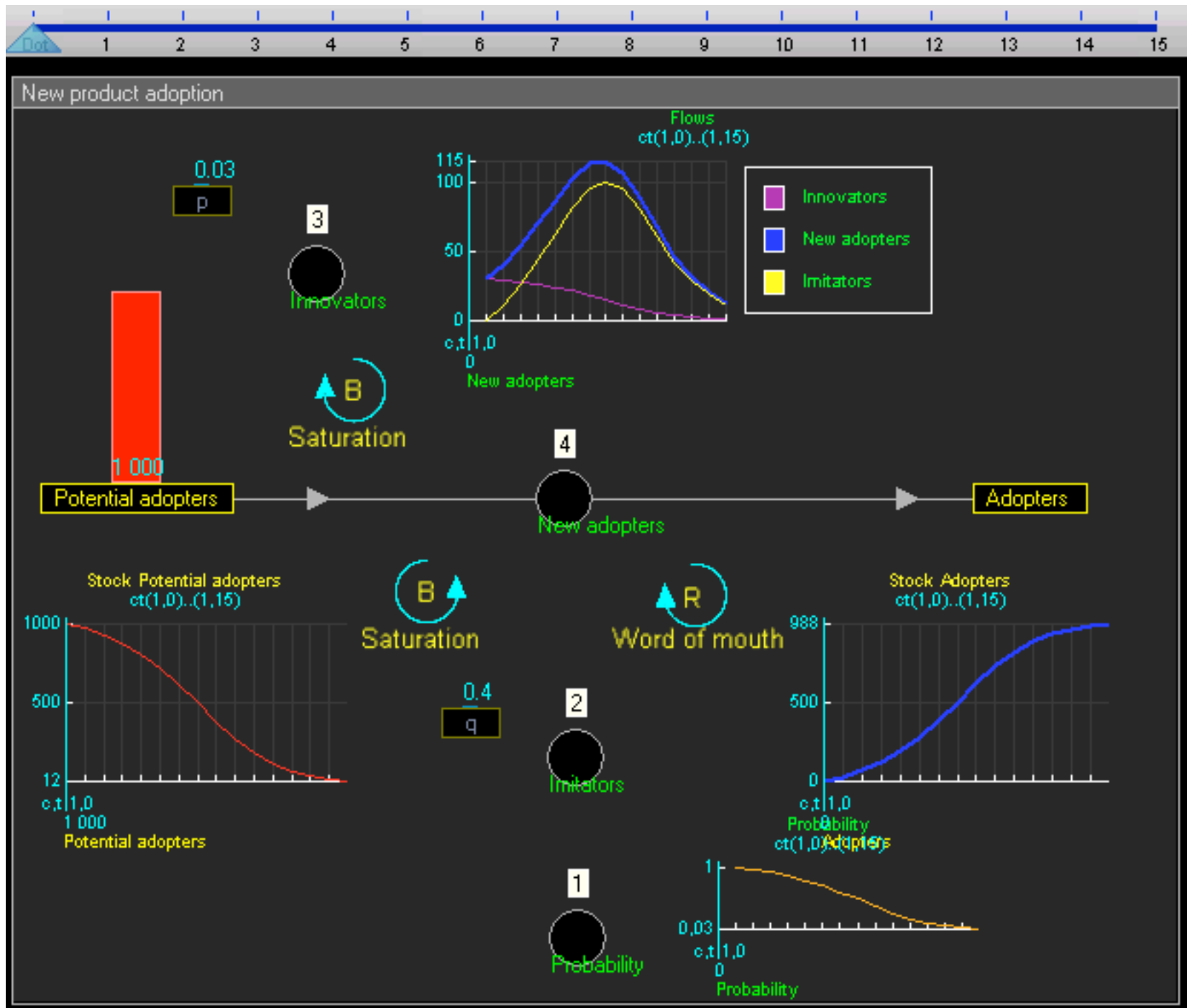
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# Stock and flow diagrams



Again, the implementation in a tool.

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Here, we have the complete implementation with the generated curves for the factors, we are interested in.

For example, the curve for the stock "Adopters" grows following an S-shape.

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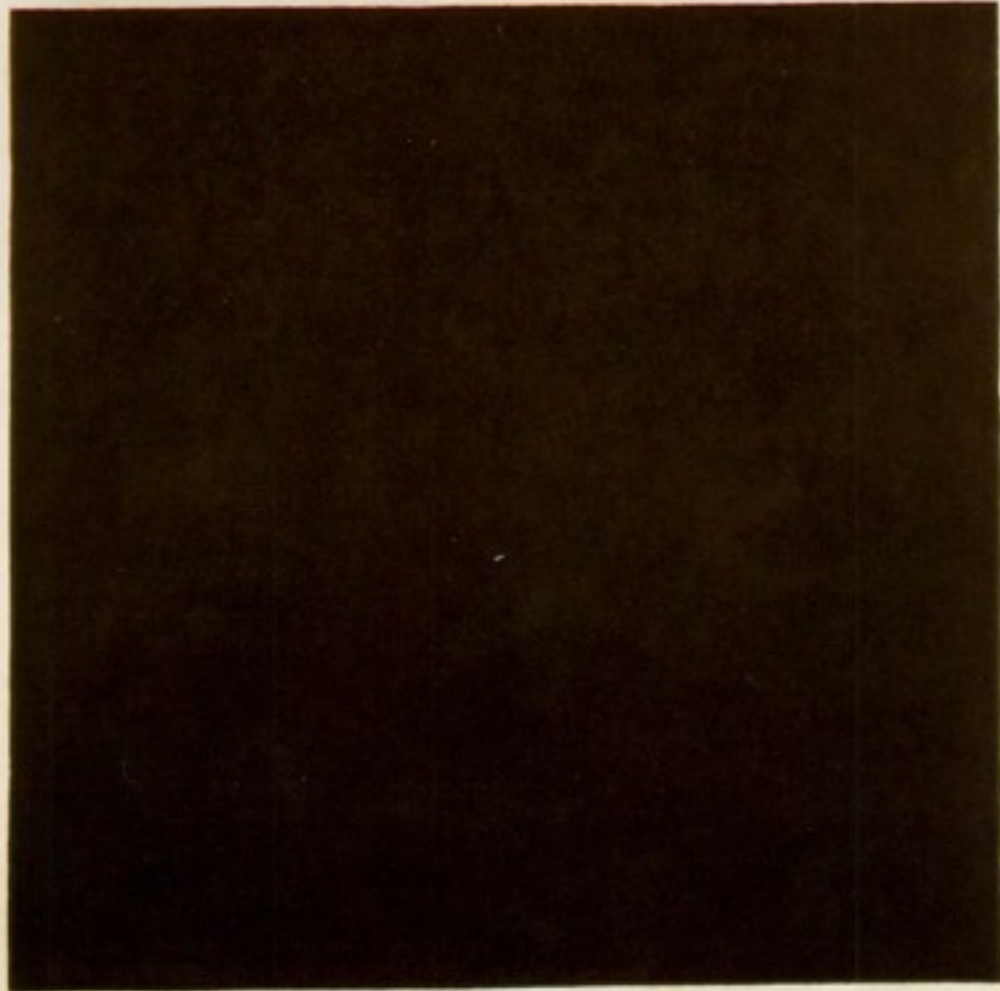
# Good Thinking, Good Products

品質と効率  
Quality and Efficiency  
品质与效率



## Lean development

**Perfection is  
not when there's nothing to add,  
but when there's nothing to take away.**



–Antoine  
de Saint-Exupéry

The painting is Black Square from Kazimir Malevich.

**Continuous improvement**

**Respect for people**

Lean development originates from the Toyota production system.

Two main principles in lean development are the two shown on this slide.

**Goal**

**Respect for  
people**

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# Goal

Sustainable shortest lead time

Best quality and value (to people and society)

Most customer delight

Lowest cost

High morale

Safety

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# Foundation

**Expert  
knowledge of  
the work**

**Only general  
management  
knowledge**

**Bottom-up**

Coach/mentor,  
builder of a learning  
organisation

facilitator

**Top-down**

Detailed task  
manager

Bureaucrat



This principle says that you as a manager should not just sit behind a desk and give orders, but you need to go and see the problems for yourself to understand them.

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## **Respect for people**

- Develop people and then build products
- Don't trouble your customers
- Managers "walk the talk"
- Teams & individuals evolve their own practices and improvements
- Develop teams
- Build partners

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# Continuous improve- ment

- Go see
- Perfection challenge
- No final process
- Kaizen

Also "go see".



# Kaizen



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Step 1—Choose and practice techniques the team has agreed to try, until they are well understood (master standardized work).

Steps 2 and 3—Small, incremental, relentless change of anything.

Kaizen events

5 Whys

Value and Waste



**Reduce  
waste**



# Group work

- Find examples for wastes in software engineering processes!

- Types

- Overproduction
- Waiting
- Handoff
- Relearning/reinvention
- Partially done work
- Task switching
- Defects
- Under-realising people's skills
- Knowledge loss
- Wishful thinking

4 Groups

10 Minutes

1 Example for each type

Overproduction | Waiting | Handoff | Reloading | Partially done work | Task switching

NO Parallelization  
Bad Adaption of the process steps

Transportation

Learning time

Change in Scope during development (work)

Unclear requirements

Missing/Incomplete documentation

1/3 Monitoring/Testing

Time Boxing

Defects | Underusing skills | Knowledge Loss | Wishful thinking

Defects not caught by tests

Underusing skills

Knowledge Loss

Wishful thinking

Missing Document

Temporary fix

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1. Long-term philosophy
2. Flow
3. Pull systems
4. Level the work
5. Stopping and fixing problems
6. Master norms
7. Simple visual management
8. Well-tested technology
9. Leaders and teachers
10. Exceptional people
11. Helping partners improve
12. Go see
13. Slow decisions, rapid implementation
14. Relentless reflection, kaizen



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# Product develop- ment

Outlearn the competition!

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