Models as the Basis for Visual Representation

Level of abstraction:

- 1. Low: "realistic" 3D visualisation
- 2. High: "insight" at high abstraction level

Link visualisation to model:

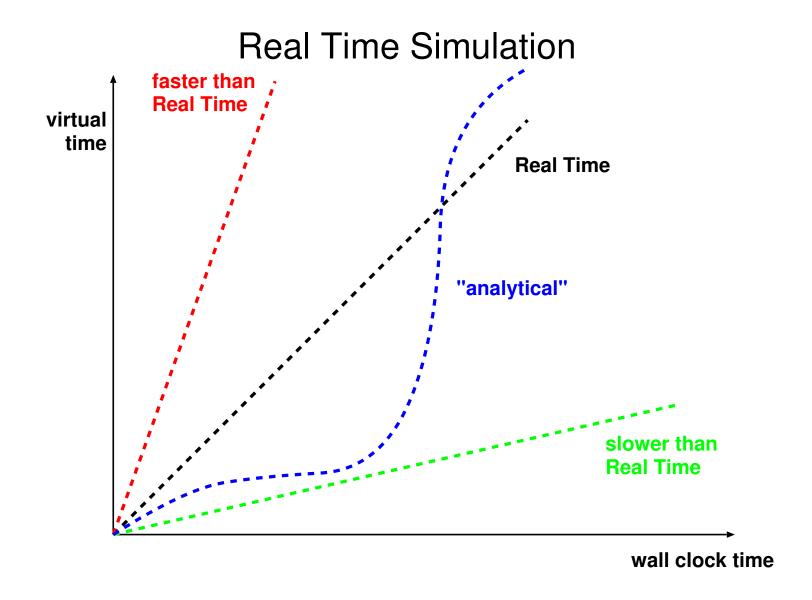
- 1. entity relationships (structure)
- 2. entity attributes

Categories of Simulation Animation Implementation

- 1. Animation using a post-processor
- 2. Direct simulation animation
 - integrated program (one thread)
 - cooperating programs (multiple threads, observer pattern)
- 3. Visual Interactive Simulation: user in the loop
 - interrupt, modify (parameters, IC, ...), re-start
 - discrete event: transient behaviour
 - discrete event: statistical relevance ?
 - need to keep track of modifications
 (generate script logging the modifications)

Technical Problems of Simulation Animation

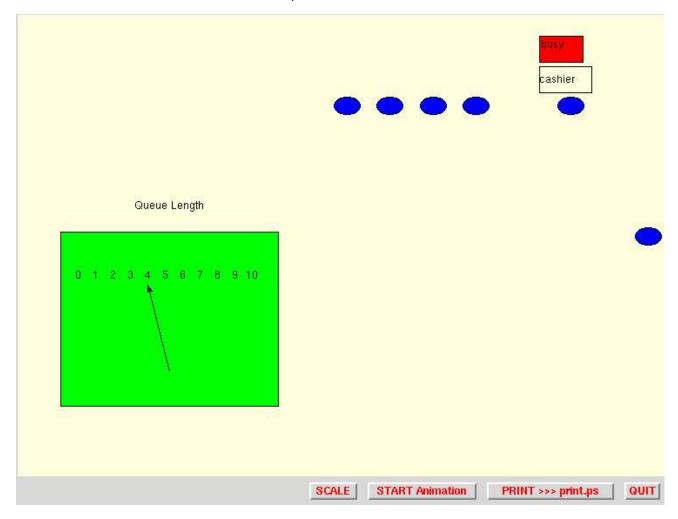
- Transformation of simulated time to wall-clock time: non-equidistant, speedup/slowdown
 - \Rightarrow use buffer
- Suspension of animation on multi-tasking systems
 - ⇒ pre-compute (only if no real-time input)



Specification

- 1. Simulation (event, possibly parametrized) trace
- 2. Graphical objects
- 3. Mapping table: event \rightarrow graphical object methods
- 4. Speedup

Cashier/Queue Animation



Real Time Deadlines: Rate Monotonic Scheduling (RMS)

