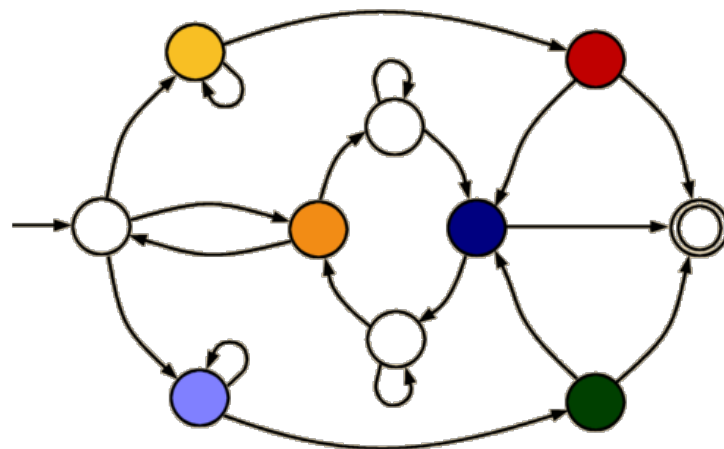


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## Introduction



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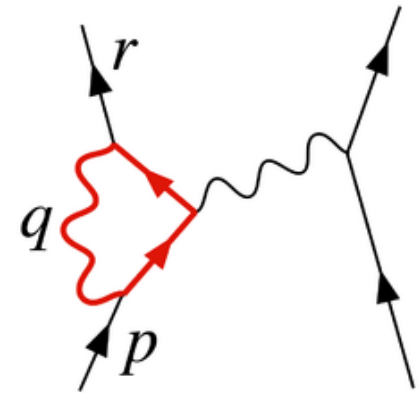
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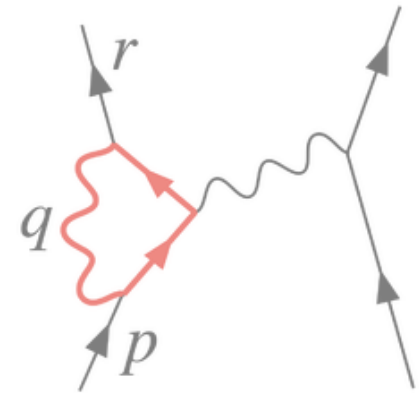
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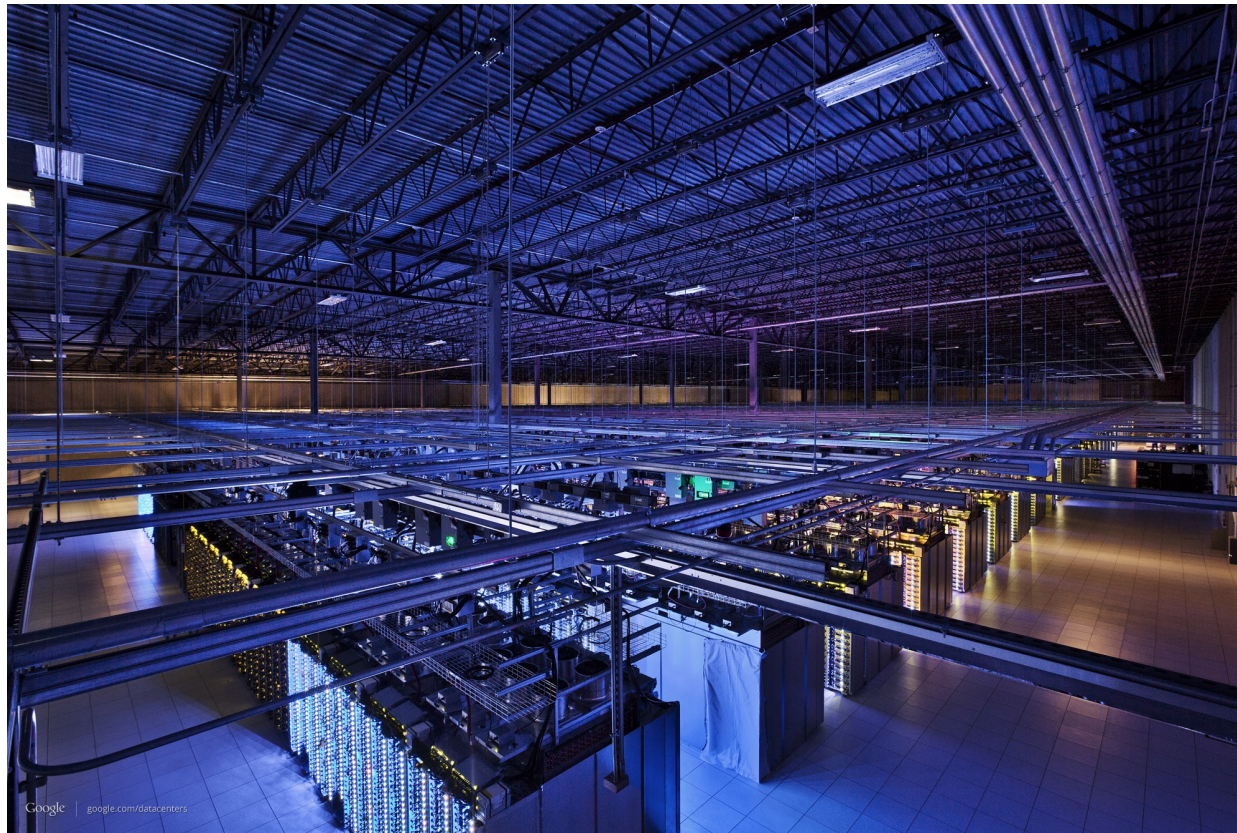
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**solved by differential equations**

Many complex systems are not continuous...



computer  
systems

Somewhere inside Google datacenters

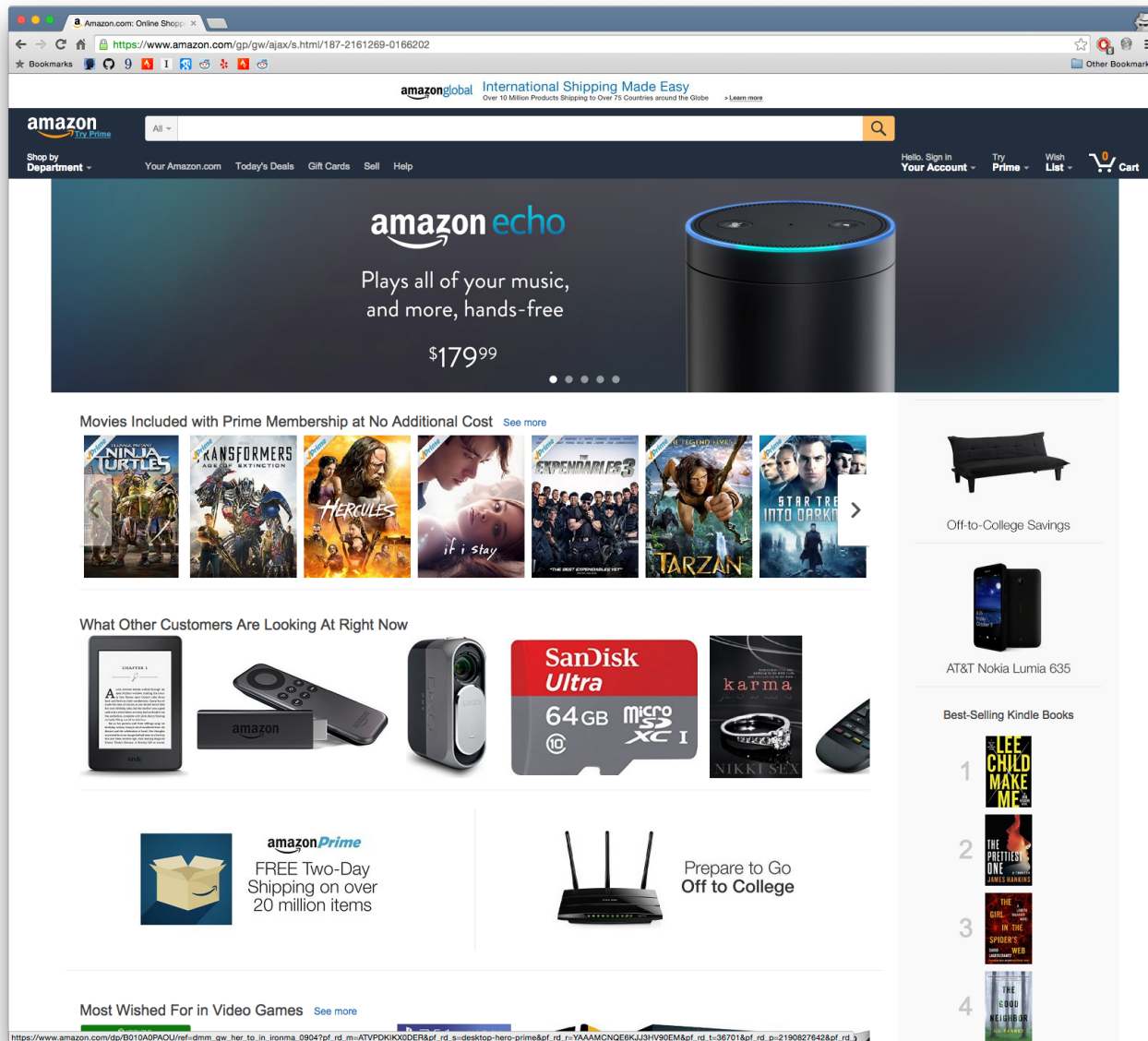




transportation systems

NYC subway system





software  
systems

amazon.com home page

Those systems are determined by  
**discrete events**

Customers requests

Telephone calls

Train arrivals

Incoming data

Equipment failures

...

In this course, you'll learn how to

Model

Analyze

Design

Discrete Event Systems

Test

Optimize

## some examples

Model

automata & petri nets

Analyze

average-, worst-case viewpoint

Design

out of a specification

Test

proof system properties

Optimize

minimize the system size

# There will be 3 professors in the course

Part I



Laurent Vanbever

Automatas

Part II



Roger Wattenhofer

Stochastic process

Part III



Lothar Thiele

Specification model

Week 1-5



Laurent Vanbever

Automatas

Week 6-10



Roger Wattenhofer

Stochastic process

Week 11-13



Lothar Thiele

Specification model



# Course organization

Lectures

Thursday 1pm-3pm

@ETZ E 6

Exercices

Thursday 3pm-5pm

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Materials

<http://www.disco.ethz.ch/lectures/des/>