

**CS378**  
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- Exactly how are layers combined?
- Can layers be used for proactivity?
- Other reactive archs?

# Logistics

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- Programming assignment 4
  - Help each other!
  - Start thinking about pairs

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**Group 1:** Design a Pengi controller using subsumption

**Group 2:** Design a Pengi controller using TCA



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- The details of a complete agent
- Any comments?

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- Why should robots use a representation based on our *Merkwelt*?
- Do we know our own *Merkwelt*?

# Representation

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- Necessary?

“We hypothesize that much of even human level activity is similarly a reflection of the world through very simple mechanisms without detailed representations.”

# Modules

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“When researchers working on a particular module get to choose both the inputs and the outputs that specify the module requirements I believe there is little chance the work they do will fit into a complete intelligent system.”

Does this apply to TCA?

# Could Simmons have used subsumption?

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- Why or why not?