

Analysis, Synthesis and Control of Concurrent Systems

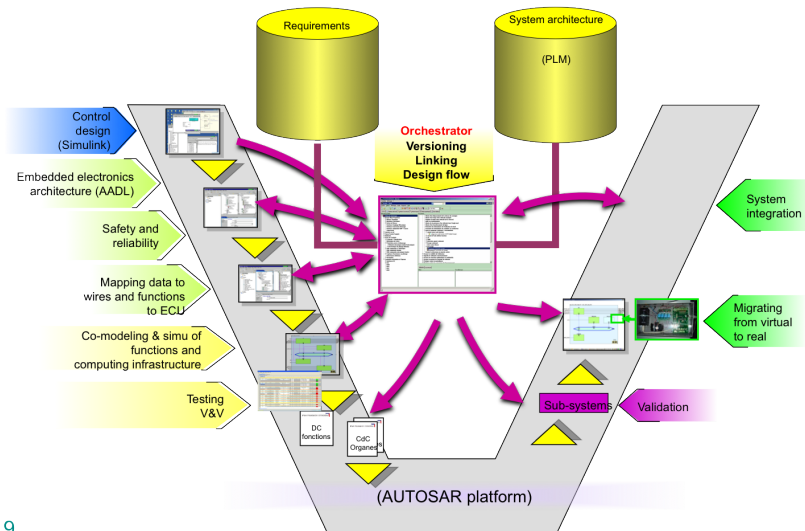
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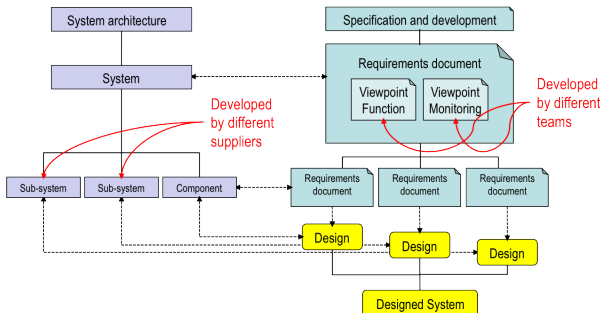
Context: Embedded Software Design



Context: OEM/Suppliers Tree

Example: Integrated navigation/air-data/attitude reference system

- Safety critical: Loss of attitude reference in IMC leads to unrecoverable aircraft attitude in less than 60s
- Quite complex: ≈ 3000 requirements
- Considerable effort: 200 in-house engineers and ≈ 10 subcontractors for software development and testing



Requirements: Structure, Nature

- Structured into viewpoints: functional, performance, resource consumption, reliability, ...
- Oblivious to the implementation architecture:
 - High-level functional requirements, implementation architecture often left to designers
 - Specification paradigm (automata, reactive synchronous, sequence diagrams, ...) \neq Implementation paradigm (distributed, asynchronous communication, ...)
- What designers need:
 - Theory to bridge the gap between specification and implementation paradigms
 - Correct-by-construction computer-assisted methods requirements \rightarrow implementations
 - Scalable compositional reasoning methods to cope with system complexity

Contributions detailed in this talk

- 1 Synthesis of asynchronous communicating systems: Petri net synthesis, linear algebra
- 2 Synthesis of globally asynchronous, locally synchronous systems (GALS) from synchronous specifications
- 6 Compositional reasoning and contract-based design with modal interfaces

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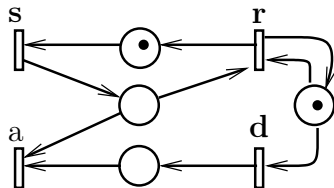
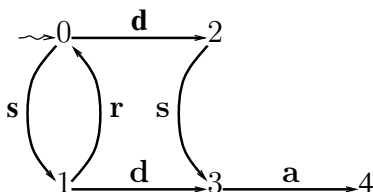
Problem

- Given a specification = behavior + architecture,
- Construct a network of communicating automata realizing the specification:
 - 1 Matches the specified architecture
 - 2 Branching bisimilar to the specified behavior

Approach

- Pragmatic, semi-automated, yields efficient communication policies, polynomial complexity
- Correct by construction
- Communication is hidden from the designer
- Manual design steps: Checkable refinements of the specification

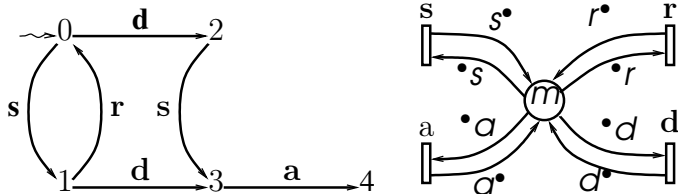
PN synthesis in a nutshell



Net synthesis problem

Given a finite transition system A , decide whether exists a net N such that $N^* \simeq A$.

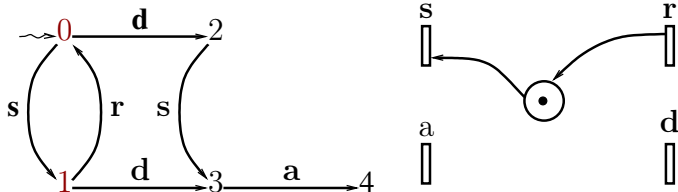
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- Net = union of 1-place nets
- Region = 1-place net satisfying:

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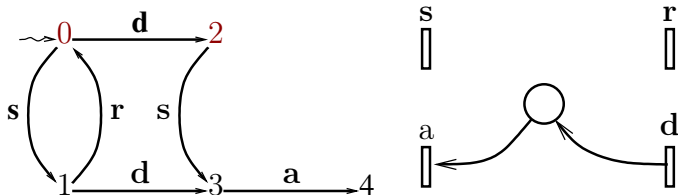
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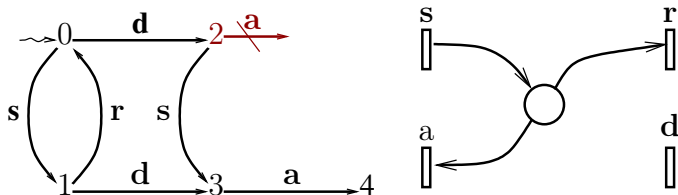
PN synthesis in a nutshell



- Net = union of 1-place nets
- State separation: **states 0 and 2**

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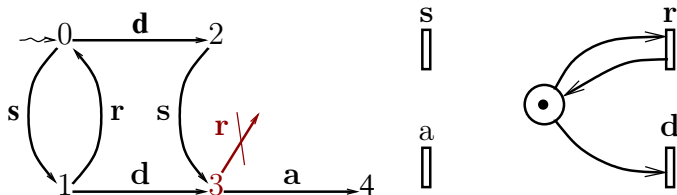
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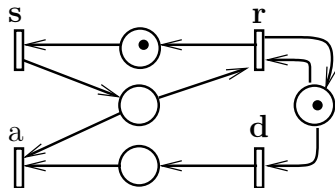
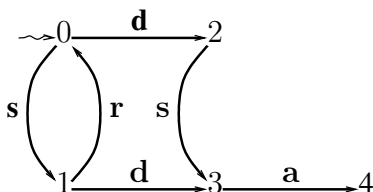
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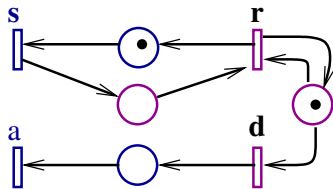
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- Solved in polynomial time (linear algebra)
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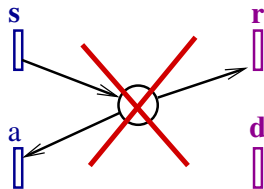
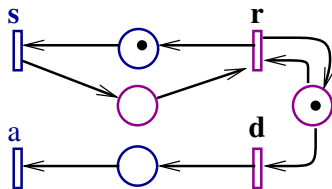
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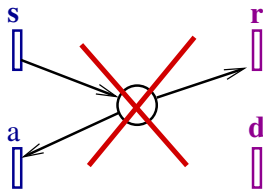
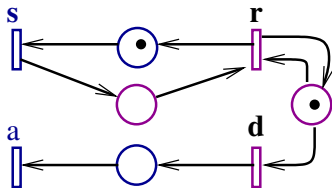
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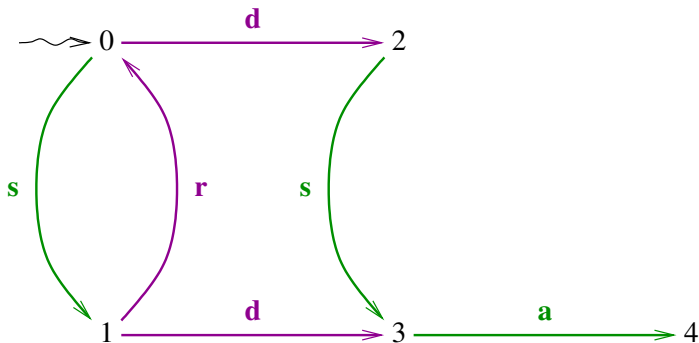


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- Distributable net synthesis:
Add constraints of the form
 - $t = 0$ for every non-local transition t

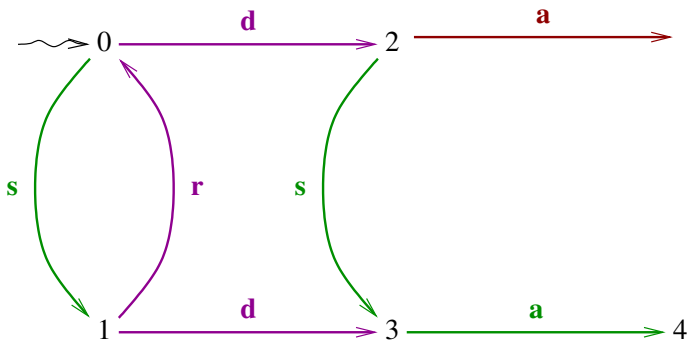


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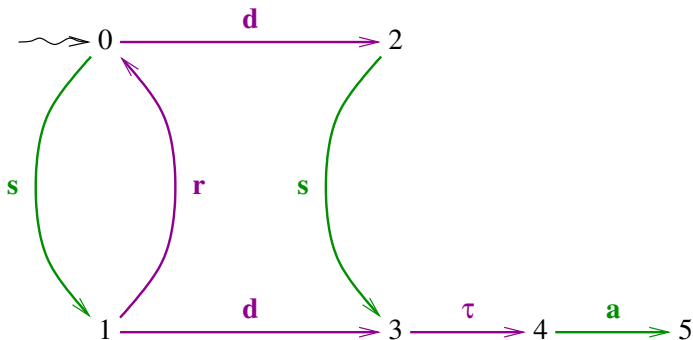
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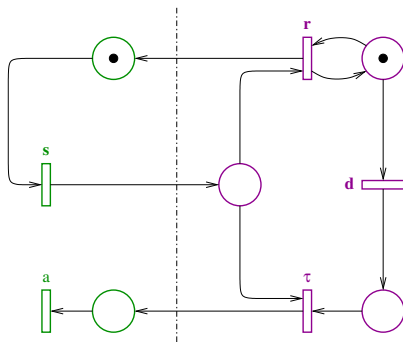
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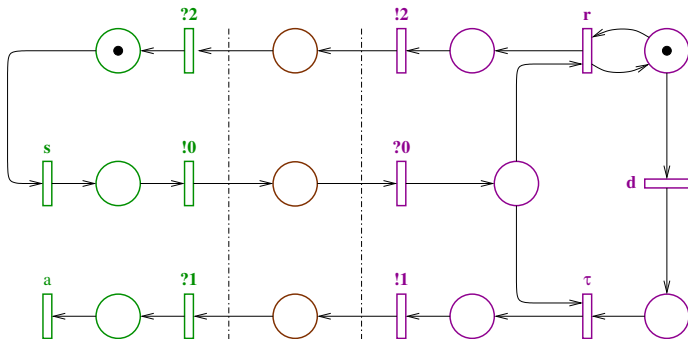
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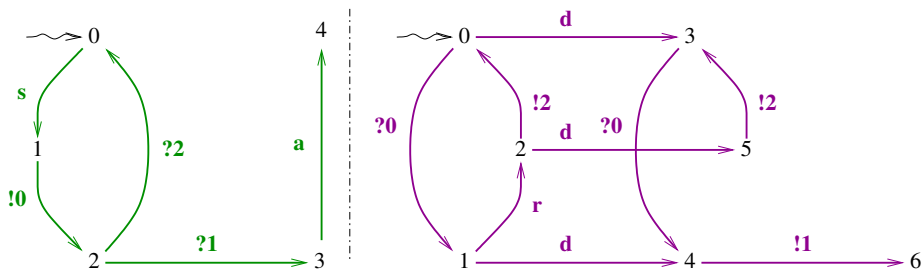
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- Communicating automata

Conclusion

A Correct by Construction Semi-Automated Derivation of Asynchronous Communicating Systems:

- 1 System specification: Automaton + architecture
 - 2 Apply distributable PN synthesis and refine specification until separation is achieved
 - 3 Insert communication into distributable net
 - 4 Compute communicating automata
- Polynomial time algorithm (linear algebra)
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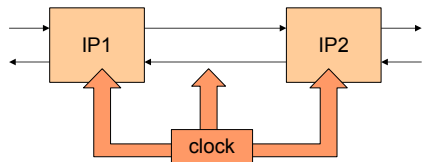
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Synchrony, asynchrony, GALS

- Synchronous specification
 - Global clock \Rightarrow specification, verification
 - Popular, efficient tools for system design (digital circuits, safety-critical systems)
- Distributed implementation
 - Distributed software, complex digital circuits (SoC), heterogenous systems
 - **Loosely-connected components** (asynchronous FIFOs...)
- **GALS architectures = good implementation model**
 - Synchronous components, asynchronous communication
 - Problem: **preserve the semantic coherency between a synchronous specification and its GALS implementation**

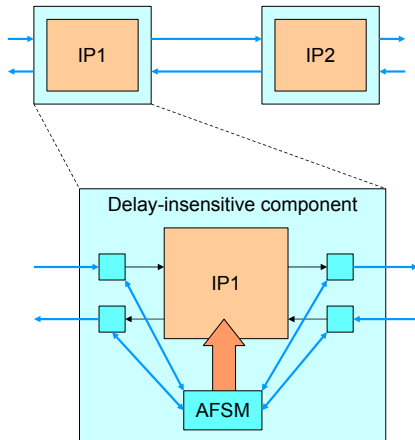
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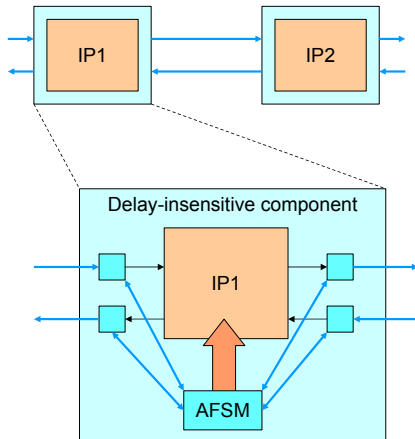
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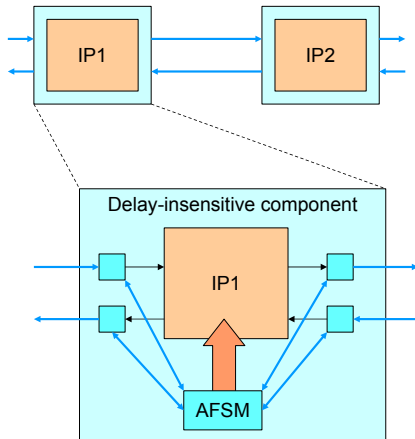
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Warning: Correctness of desynchronization is undecidable (emptiness of intersection of rational relations)



- 1 Define a model and criteria ensuring that:
 - Creating delay-insensitive wrappers that preserve the semantics is possible without adding new signals
 - Connecting through FIFOs the resulting components produces a semantics-preserving, deadlock-free GALS implementation

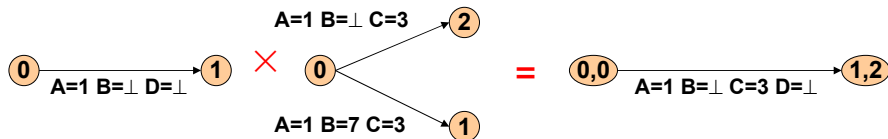
- 2 Possible approaches to enforce criteria:
 - Encode (part of) the “absent” events (Carloni et al.)
 - Add new signals
 - Decide that none is necessary due to environment constraints

The Model: Basic definitions

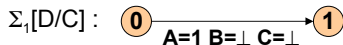
- The basics: (incomplete) automata

$$\Sigma = (S, s_0, V, \rightarrow), \quad \rightarrow \subseteq S \times L(V) \times S, \quad L(V) = \prod_{v \in V} (D_v \cup \perp)$$

- Composition by synchronized product:



- Renaming operator:



- Labels

$$A=1 B=\perp C=3 \equiv A=1 C=3$$

$$A=1 C=3 \leq A=1 B=7 C=3$$

$$A=1 C=3 - A=1 C=3$$

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- Finite traces:

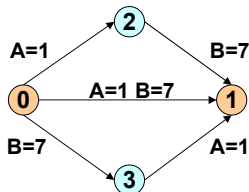
The Model: Basic Definitions

- Generalized concurrent transition systems(GCTS)

- Void transitions: $s \xrightarrow{\perp} s$

- Prefix closure: $s \xrightarrow{r} s'$ $q \leq r$ \Rightarrow $s \xrightarrow{q} s'' \xrightarrow{r-q} s'$

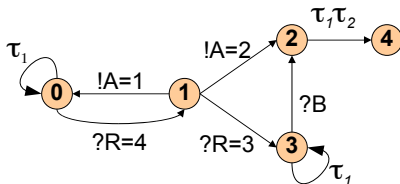
- Example:



The Model: I/O Transition Systems

- **Point-to-point communication:**
 - Broad/Multicast can be simulated...
 - Communication channels:

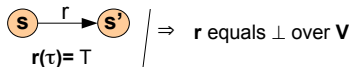
$$c = (!c, ?c) \quad D_{\bar{c}} = D_c = D_c$$
 - Dissociate emission from reception!
- **Clocks:** $\tau \tau_1 \dots$ of domain $D_k = \{T\}$
- **I/O transition system:**
 - GCTS where all variables are channels or clocks
 - Example:



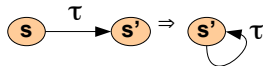
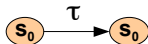
The Model: Synchronous Systems

- Synchronous system:** $\Sigma = (S, s_0, V, \tau, \rightarrow)$ I/O transition system, one clock, and satisfying:

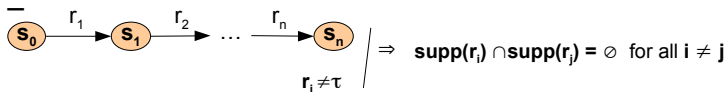
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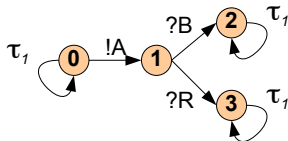
2. Stuttering invariance:



3. Synchrony hypothesis:

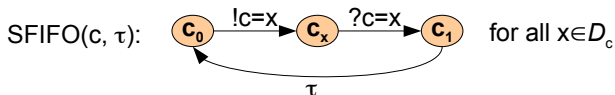


- Example:**



The model: Composition

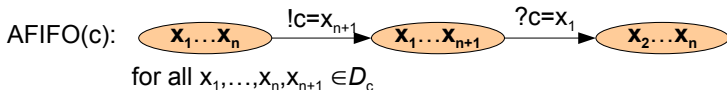
- Synchronous 1-place FIFO:



- Synchronous composition (on clock τ):

$$\Sigma_1 | \Sigma_2 = \Sigma_1[\tau_1/\tau] \times \Sigma_2[\tau_2/\tau] \times \text{SFIFO}(c_1, \tau) \times \dots \times \text{SFIFO}(c_n, \tau)$$

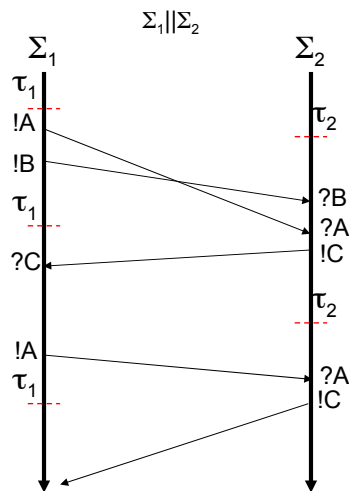
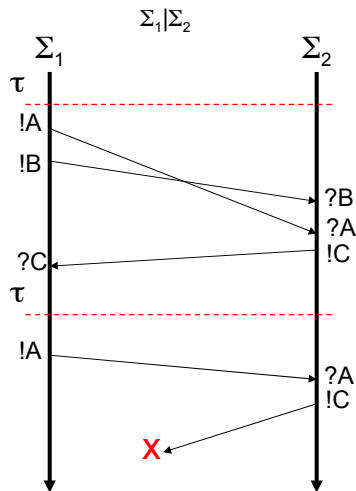
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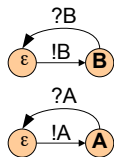
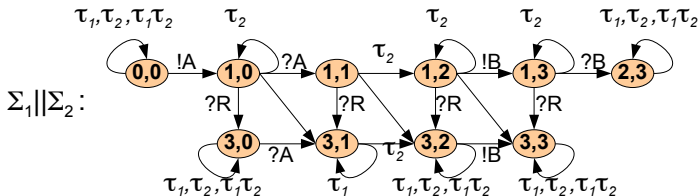
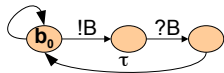
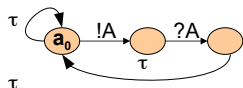
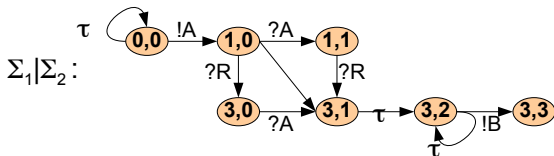
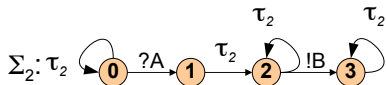
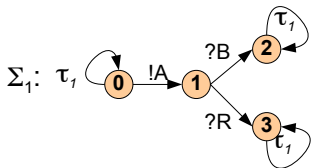
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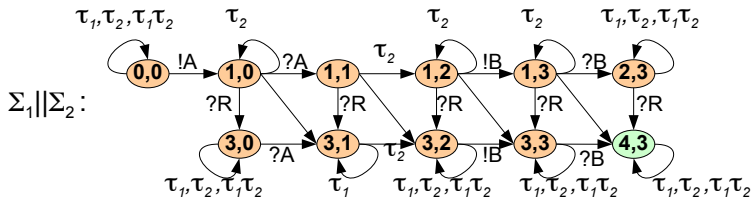
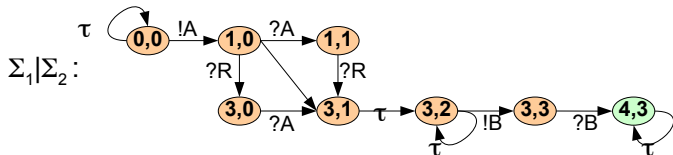
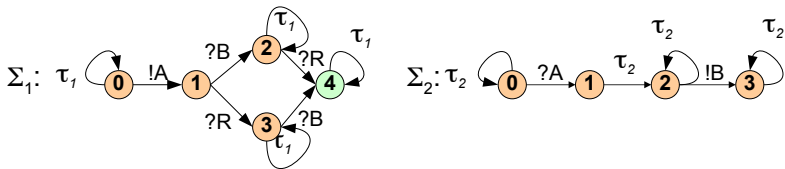
The model: Composition



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Correctness

- Some notations:

$$!A=1 ; \tau_1 ; ?A=1 ; \tau_2 ; !C=3 ; \sim !A=1 ?A=1 ; \tau_1 \tau_2 ; !C=3 ; \tau_2 ;$$

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- Formal correctness criterion

$A = \Sigma_1 || \dots || \Sigma_n$ is correct w.r.t. $S = \Sigma_1 | \dots | \Sigma_n$ if

for all $s \in \text{RSS}(\text{Sync})$ and all $\varphi \in \text{Traces}_A(s)$

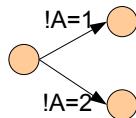
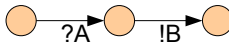
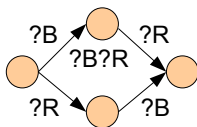
there exist $\alpha \in \text{Traces}_A(s)$ and $\beta \in \text{Traces}_S(s)$

such that $\varphi \preceq \alpha$ and $\alpha \sim \beta$

- Intuition: every trace of $\Sigma_1 || \dots || \Sigma_n$ can be completed to one that is equivalent to a synchronous trace

Weak endochrony

- **Compositional delay-insensitivity criterion** (signal absence information is not needed)
- **Axioms (part 1):**
 - A1: **Determinism**
 - A2: **In every state, non-clock transitions sharing no common variable are independent**



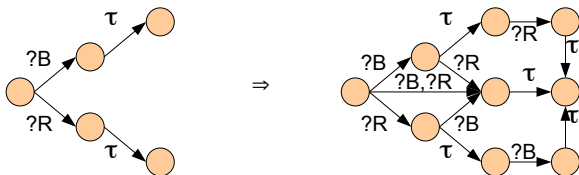
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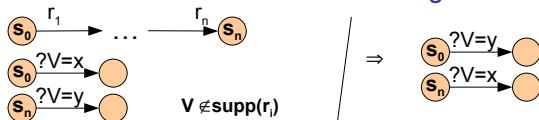
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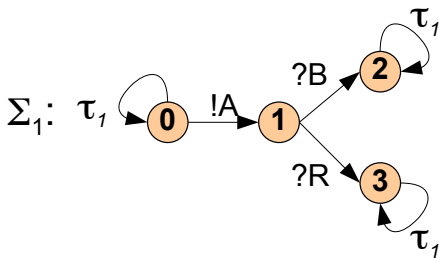
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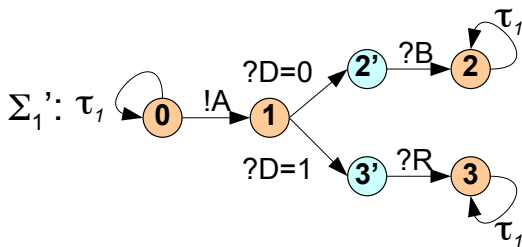
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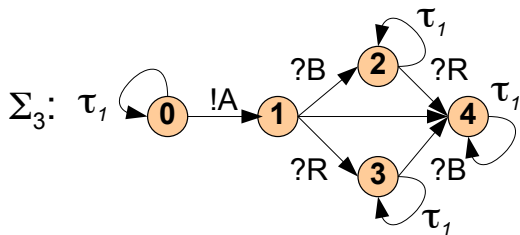
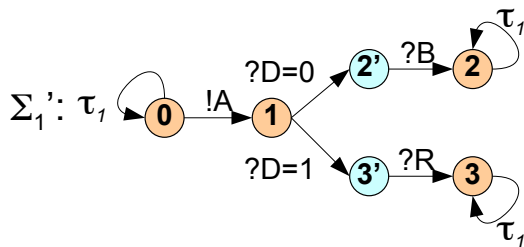
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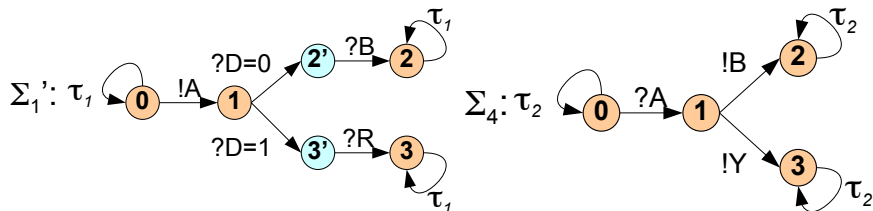
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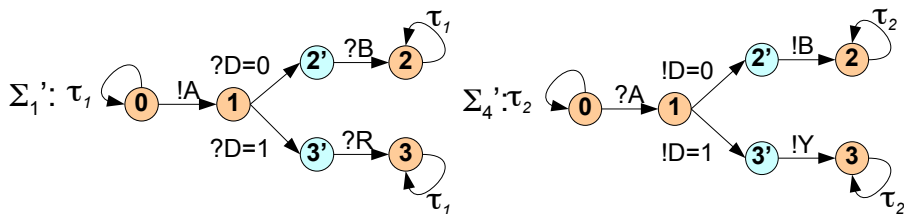
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Conclusion

- Decidable sufficient conditions for correct GALS implementation of synchronous specifications
- Improves previous work by taking causality into account
- Related and open problems:
 - Make synchronous automata weak endochronous. Optimality issues.
 - Heuristics for synchronous programming languages and specifications. Scaling issues (large specifications). (Potop et al.)(Ouy et al.)

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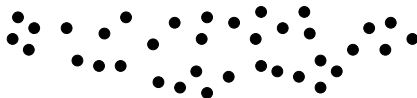
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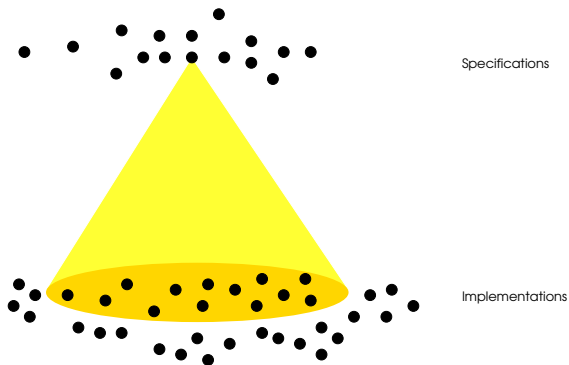


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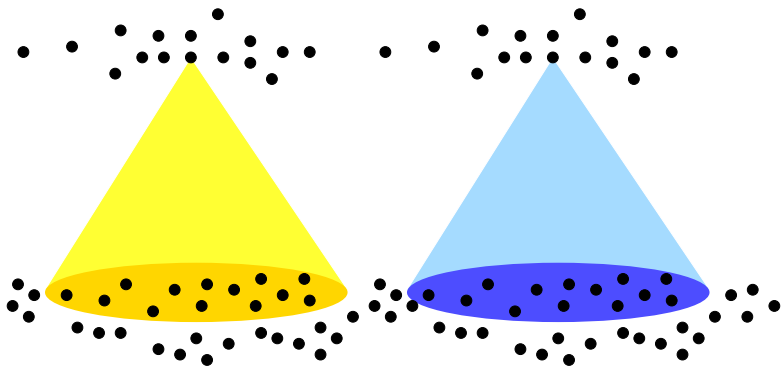


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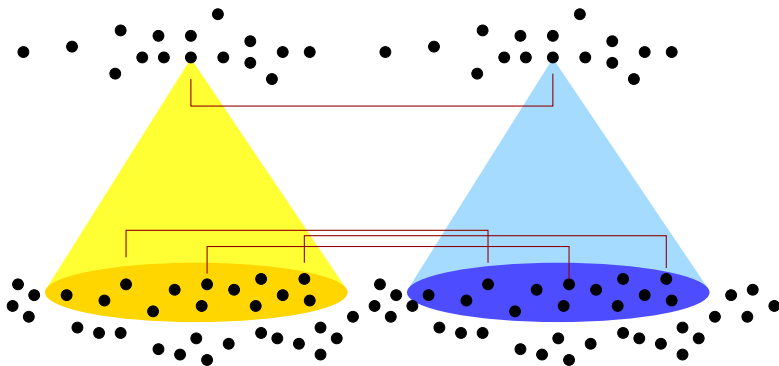
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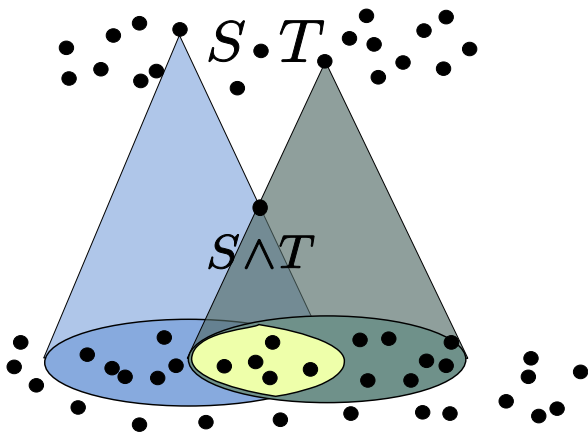
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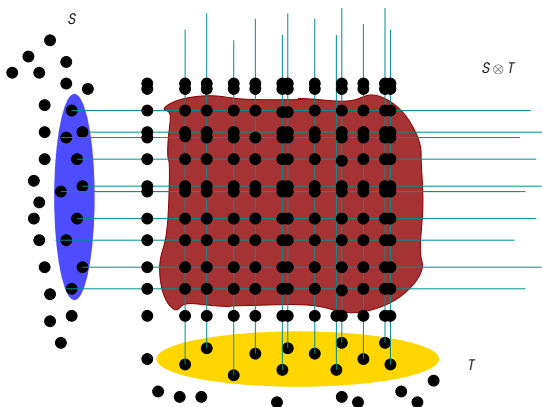
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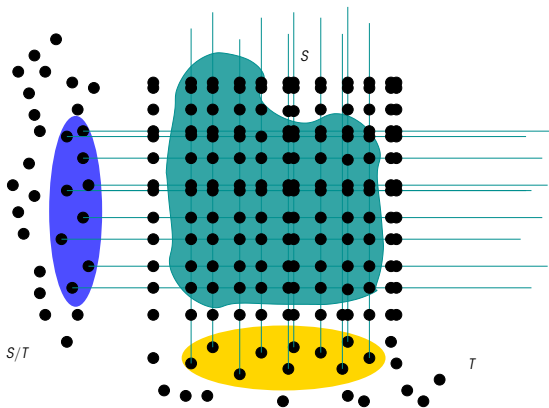
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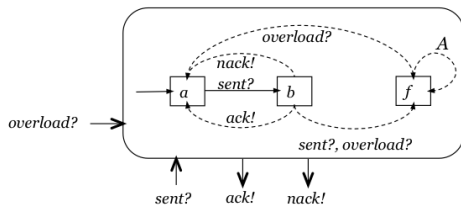
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Summary

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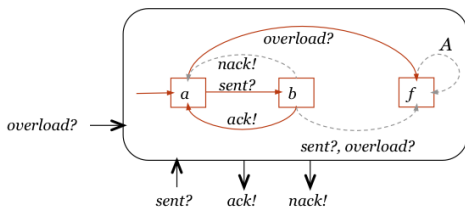
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 - in drawings, **may** transitions are dashed
 - in drawings, **must** transitions that are also **may** are solid
 - consistency: $must \subset may$
 - \rightarrow deterministic



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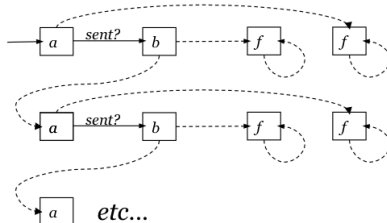
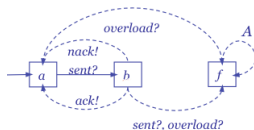
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An implementation;
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getting all of them is
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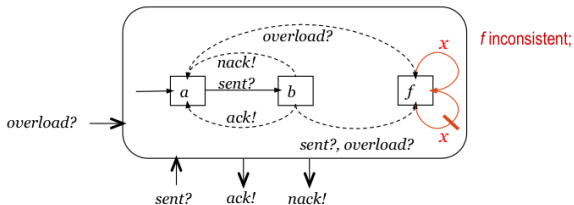
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All implementations are obtained by 1/ unfolding as shown, 2/ cutting some of the dashed branches, and 3/ keeping the connected component of the initial state

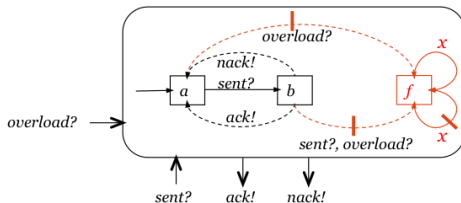
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f inconsistent; backward kill incoming transitions; if a *must* transition is killed, this causes further inconsistency and thus pruning must be repeated

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- Product \otimes : *may* = $may_1 \cap may_2$, *must* = $must_1 \cap must_2$

product of underlying automata; <i>may/must</i> as follows				
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- Residuation $/$: adjoint of \otimes , C_1 / C_2 solves $\max_X: X \otimes C_2 \leq C_1$

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pruning

Observe that, even if C_1 and C_2 are both standard automata (with $\text{may} = \text{must}$), then the residuation C_1 / C_2 has both modalities. This shows that modalities are needed to define residuation.

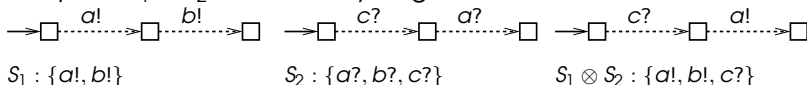
Inputs and Outputs: Compatibility

Compatibility

Two interfaces are **compatible** if there exists an environment where they can avoid illegal states (i.e., states where one **may** want to produce an output that **may** not be accepted as input by the other).

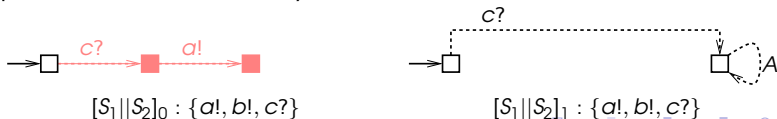
Composition $S_1 || S_2$ is obtained as follows:

- 1 compute $S_1 \otimes S_2$ and identify illegal states I



- 2 compute exception states $X = \text{pre}_I(I)$

- 3 replace transitions to X by transitions to the universal state T



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Extending modal interfaces

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- Handling numerical constraints (not just finite datatypes)
- InterSMV: MTBDD based implementation
- Bridging the gap between natural language requirements and modal interfaces.
- Adapting interfaces to other types of systems: services, systems of systems, ...

InterSMV

Top level
interactive
env.

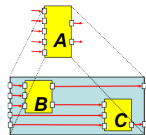
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parser/type
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MR to MMS encoding
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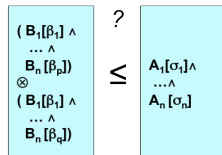
MMS layer: composition,
reduction and analysis

BddApron
Library:
finite types
(BDD/
MTBDD) +
numerical
values

MTBDD
based
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Architecture +
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InterSMV specification

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model



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Marked Modal
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Composition & reduction
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