

# Automatic Verification of Real-Time Systems with Rich Data

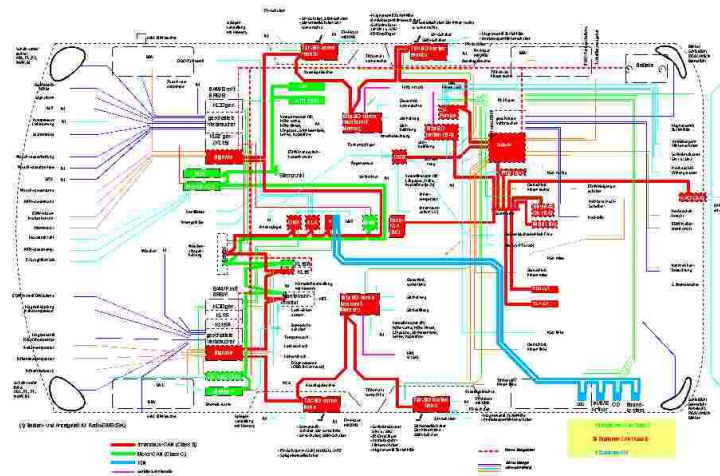
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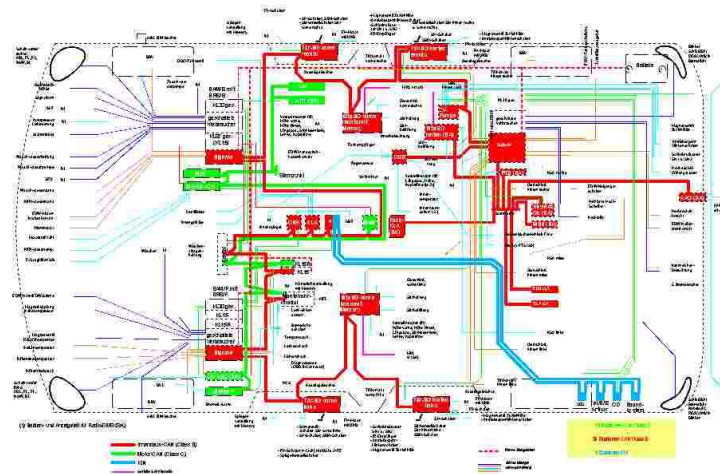


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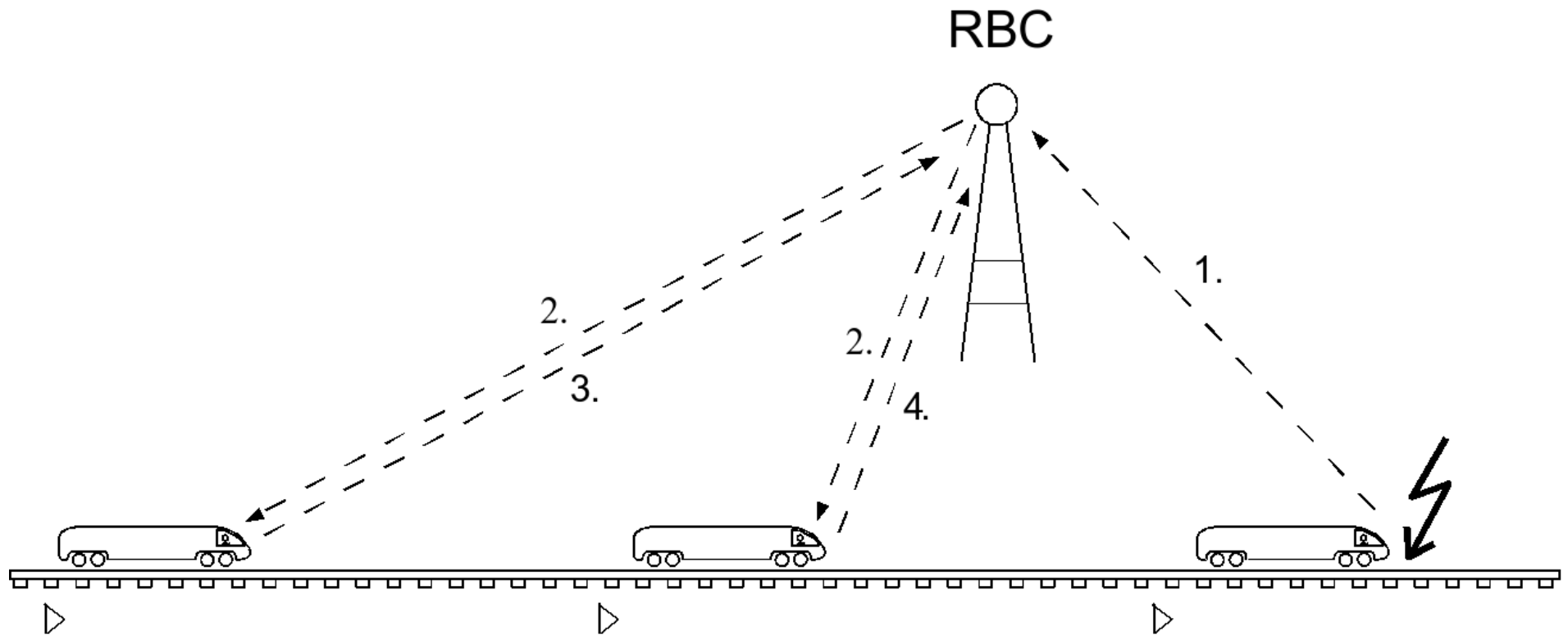
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**Safety-critical** applications :

malfunction of computer is costly and dangerous

# Trains

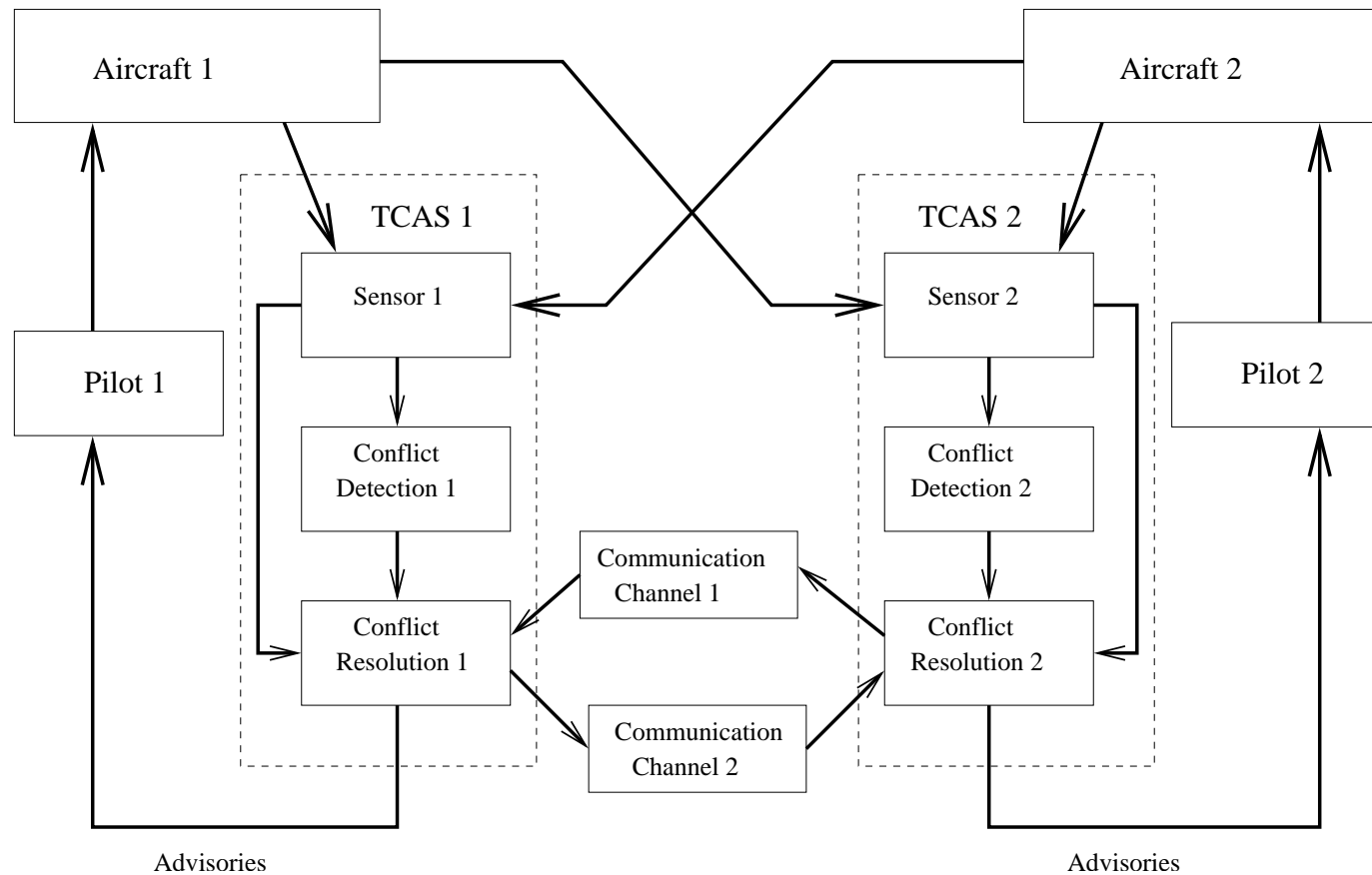
ETCS (European Train Control System) Level 3:



Safety Property: **Collision Freedom**

# Planes

TCAS (Traffic Alert and Collision Avoidance System):

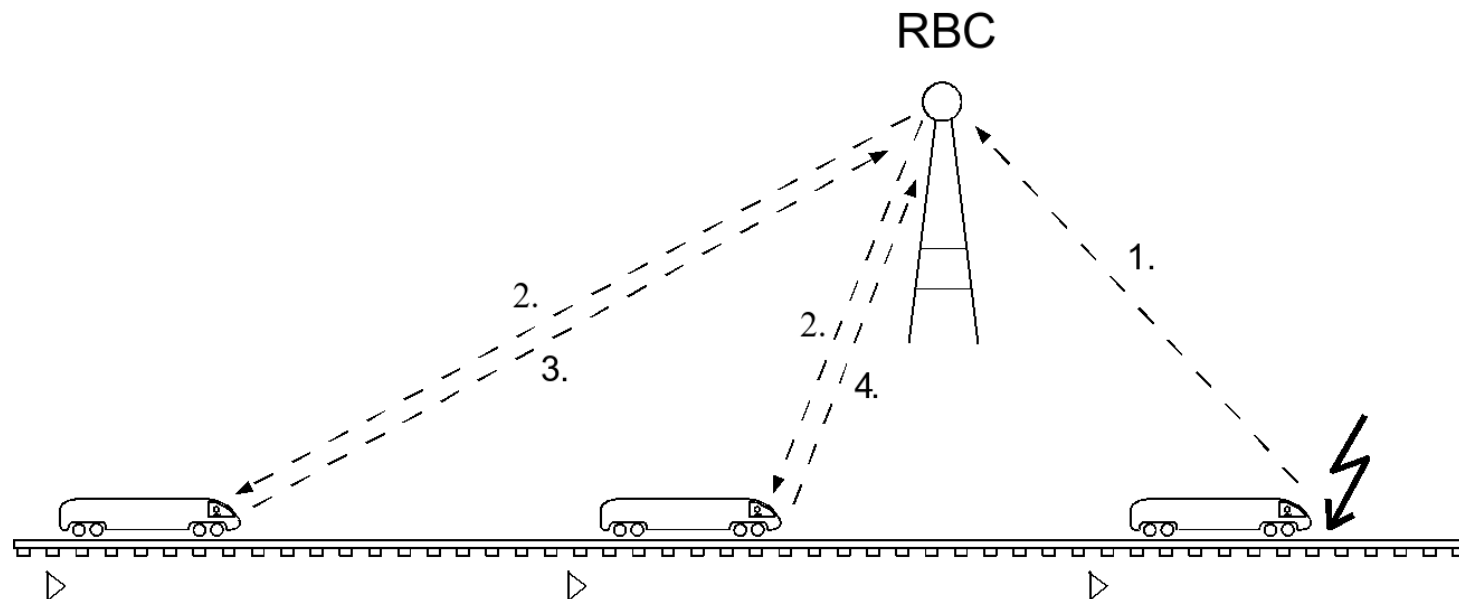


case of two aircrafts

# Real-Time Systems

... are reactive systems where certain **inputs** require the corresponding **outputs** within given **time bounds**.

**Example:** European Train Control System (ETCS)



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# AVACS Project Group R

... advances the

**automatic verification and analysis of real-time systems**

in three complementary projects R1–R3:

▣▣▣▣➔ **R1: Beyond Timed Automata**

**high-level specifications**: real-time and complex infinite data

▣▣▣▣➔ **R2: Timing Analysis, Scheduling, and Distribution of Real-Time Tasks**

**implementation level**: complex target architectures

▣▣▣▣➔ **R3: Heuristic Search and Abstract Model Checking for Real-Time Systems**

**highly concurrent systems**: many clocks and many components

# R1: Beyond Timed Automata

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B. Finkbeiner, M. Fränzle, A. Podelski, V. Sofronie-Stokkermans

... investigates Real-Time Systems with Rich Data:

⇒ System specification language: CSP-OZ-DC

integrates processes (Comm. Sequ. Processes)

data (Object-Z)

time (Duration Calculus)

⇒ Real-time requirements: DC

⇒ **Problem:** Does specification satisfy requirement ?

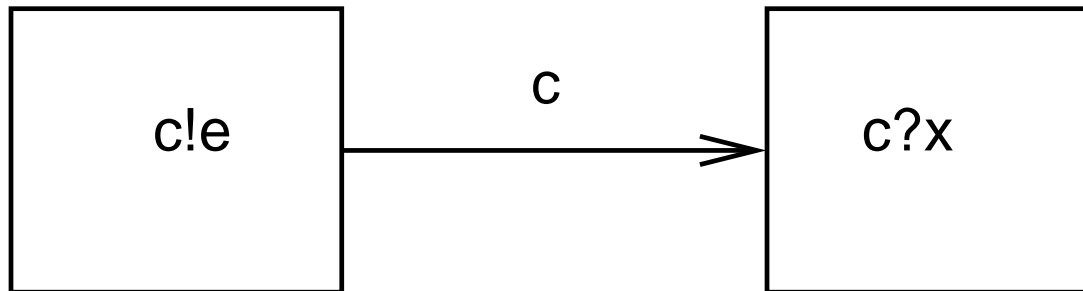


# Specification of Processes

**CSP** Communicating Sequential Processes

since 1978: Hoare, Brookes, Roscoe

- synchronous communication via channels:



- parallel composition and hiding
- mathematical theory

# Specification of Data

- Z** since 1980: Abrial, Sufrin, Spivey
- state spaces and transformations
  - mathematical tool kit
  - schema calculus

<i>S</i>	
<i>declarations</i>	
<i>predicate</i>	$x' > x + 1$

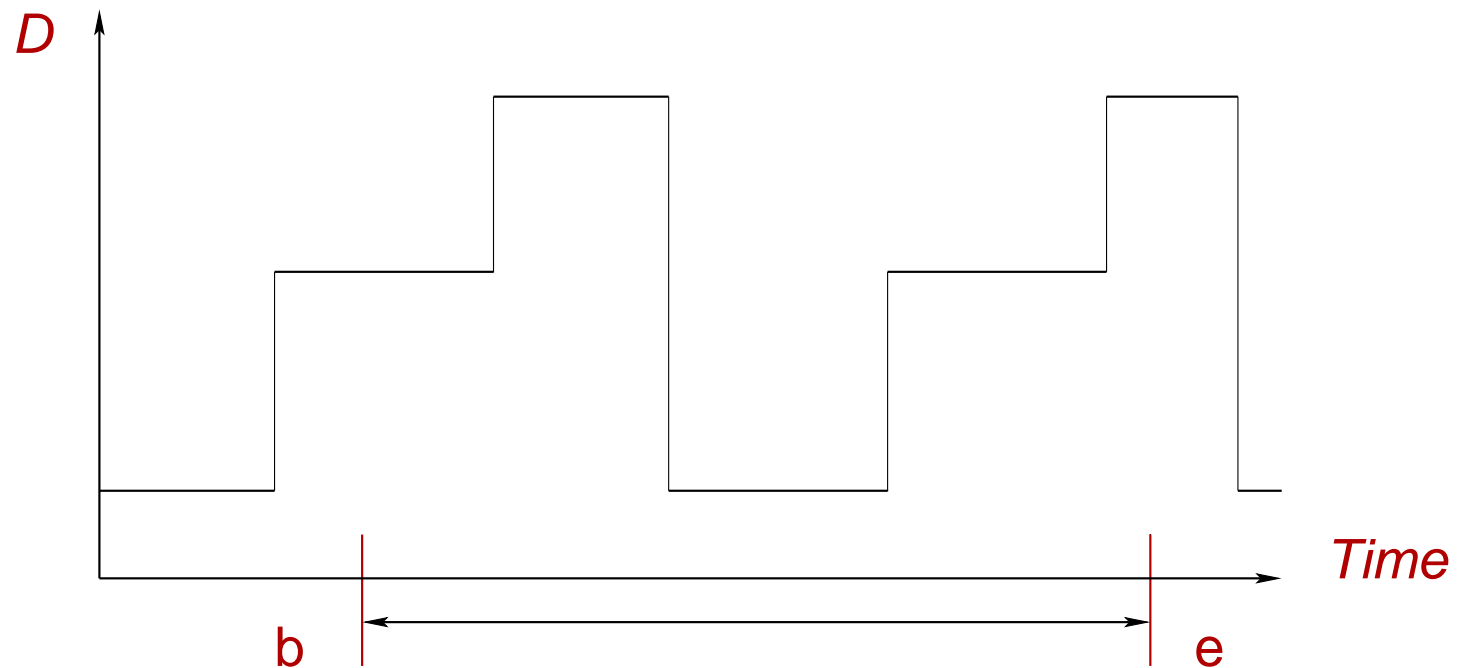
- OZ** Object-Z
- since 1995: Duke, Rose, Smith
- class concept
  - inheritance

# Specification of Time

## DC Duration Calculus

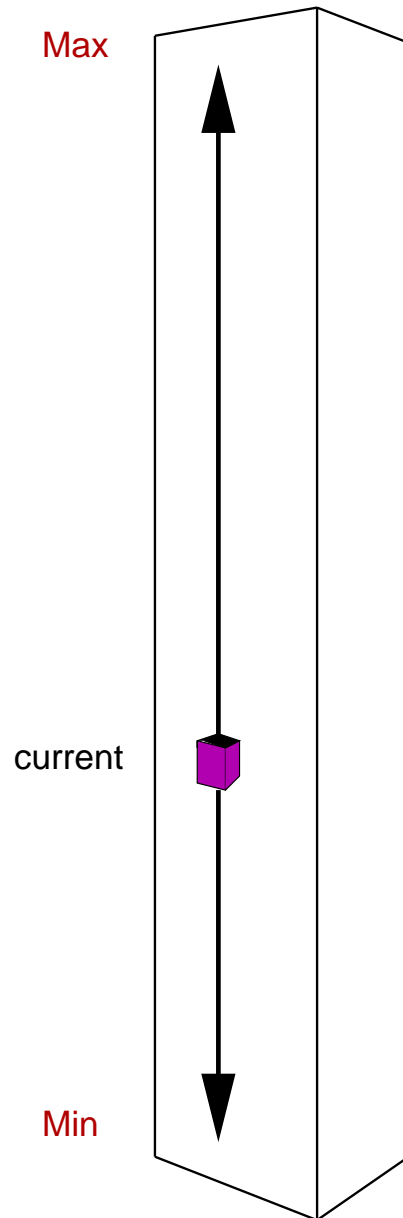
since 1991: Zhou, Hoare, Ravn, Hansen

- real-time logic and calculus  
for properties of  $obs : Time \rightarrow D$



- interval-based properties: e.g. durations

# Parameterized Elevator



Hoenicke & Maier (2005)

⇒ Elevator specification:  
parameters *Max, Min*: integers

real-time requirements: e.g.  
at least 3 sec between two floors

time domain: reals

⇒ Safety requirement:

$$\mathit{Min} \leq \mathit{current} \leq \mathit{Max}$$

# Specification: CSP-OZ-DC

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Interface:

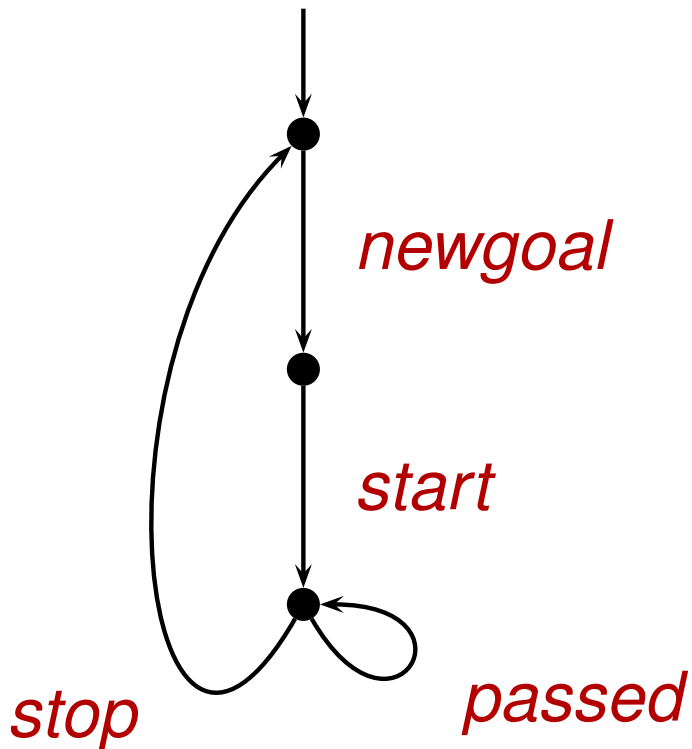
chan *start, passed, stop, newgoal*

CSP specifies order of events:

main  $\stackrel{c}{=}$  *newgoal*  $\rightarrow$  *start*  $\rightarrow$  *Drive*

*Drive*  $\stackrel{c}{=}$  (*passed*  $\rightarrow$  *Drive*)

$\square$  (*stop*  $\rightarrow$  main)



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Object-Z specifies state space ...

$Min, Max : \mathbb{Z}$
$Min < Max$

$current : \mathbb{Z}$ $goal : \mathbb{Z}$ $dir : \{-1, 0, 1\}$	[state space]
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Init
$goal = current = Min$ $dir = 0$

# Specification: CSP-OZ-DC

... and operations:

$\text{com\_newgoal}$	
$\Delta(\text{goal})$	
$\text{Min} \leq \text{goal}' \leq \text{Max}$	[nondeterminism]
$\text{goal}' \neq \text{current}$	

$\text{com\_start}$	
$\Delta(\text{dir})$	
$\text{goal} > \text{current} \Rightarrow \text{dir}' = 1$	
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... operations, cont'd:

$\text{com\_passed}$
$\Delta(\text{current})$
$\text{current}' = \text{current} + \text{dir}$

$\text{com\_stop}$
$\Delta()$
$\text{goal} = \text{current}$ [precondition]



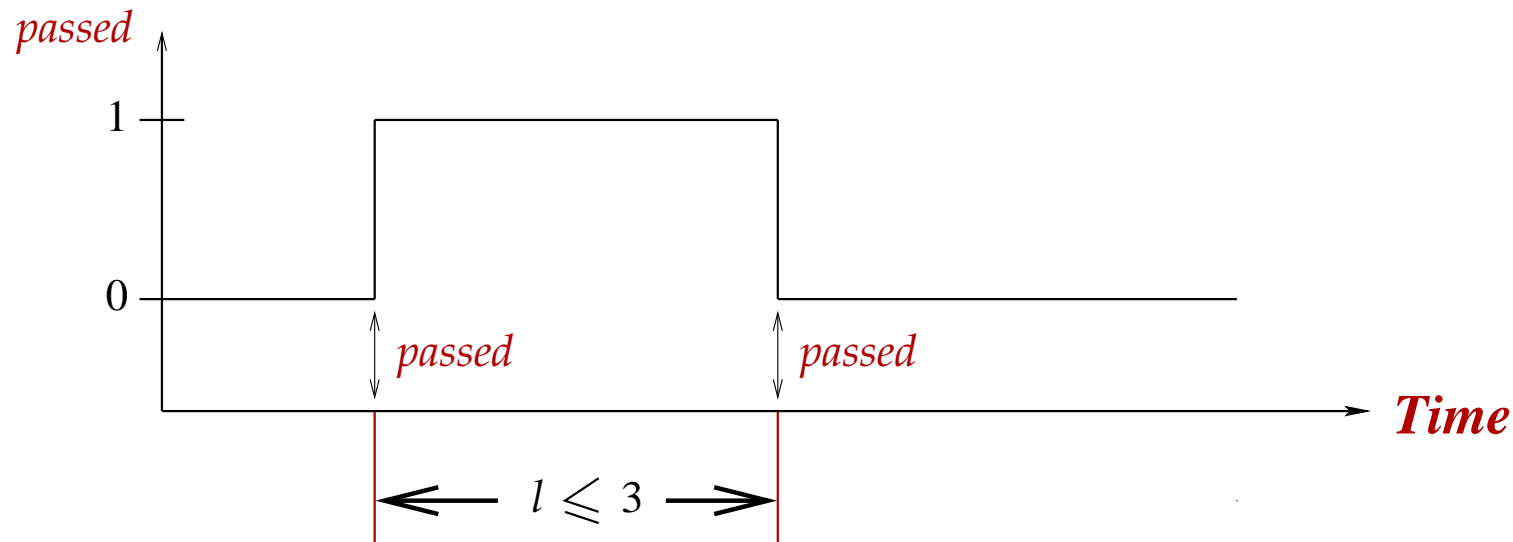
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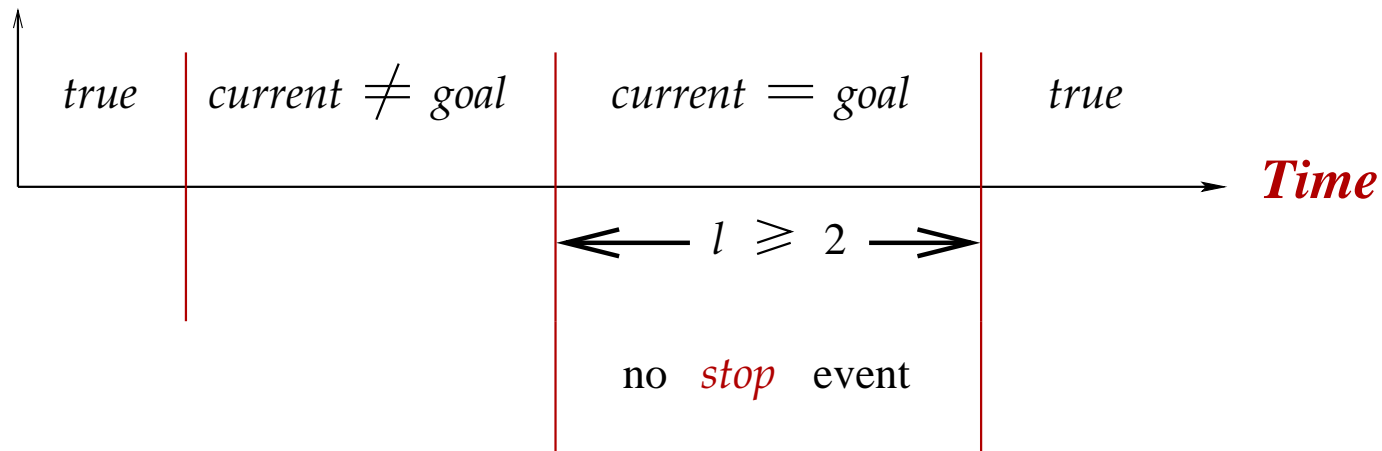


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- Event *stop* within 2 sec after reaching *goal*:

$$\neg \diamond ([\text{current} \neq \text{goal}] ; ([\text{current} = \text{goal}] \wedge \ell \geq 2 \wedge \exists \text{stop}))$$

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# Class Elevator

*Elevator*

chan *start, passed, stop, newgoal*

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CSP

OZ

DC

# Semantics of CSP-OZ-DC

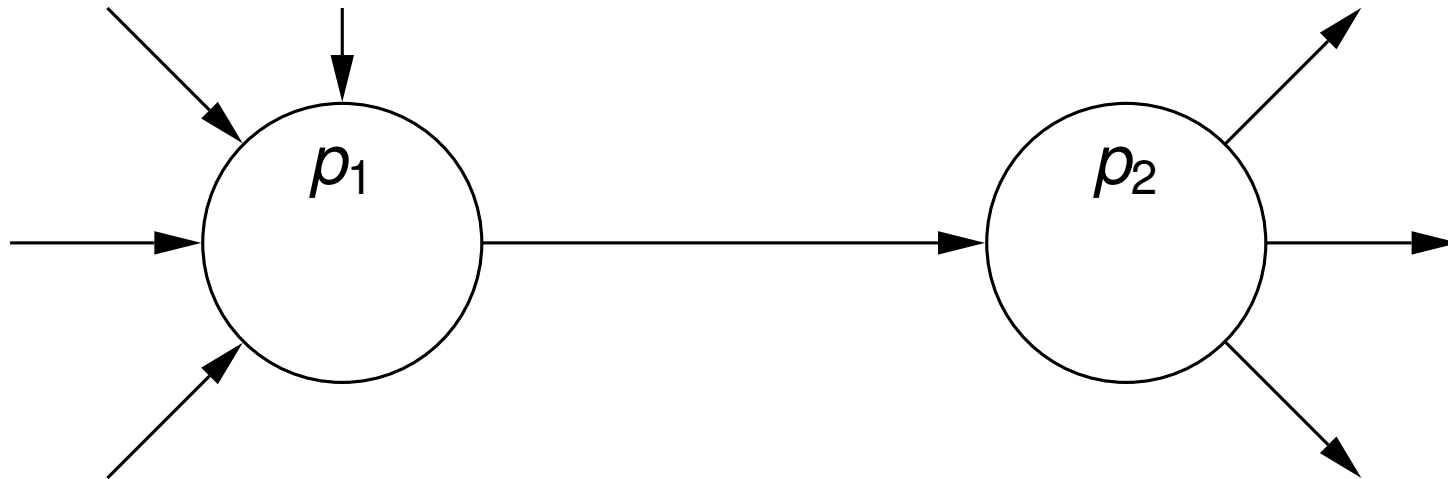
by translation into Phase-Event-Automata (PEA),  
a variant of Timed Automata due to Hoenicke (2006)

This semantics is **compositional**:

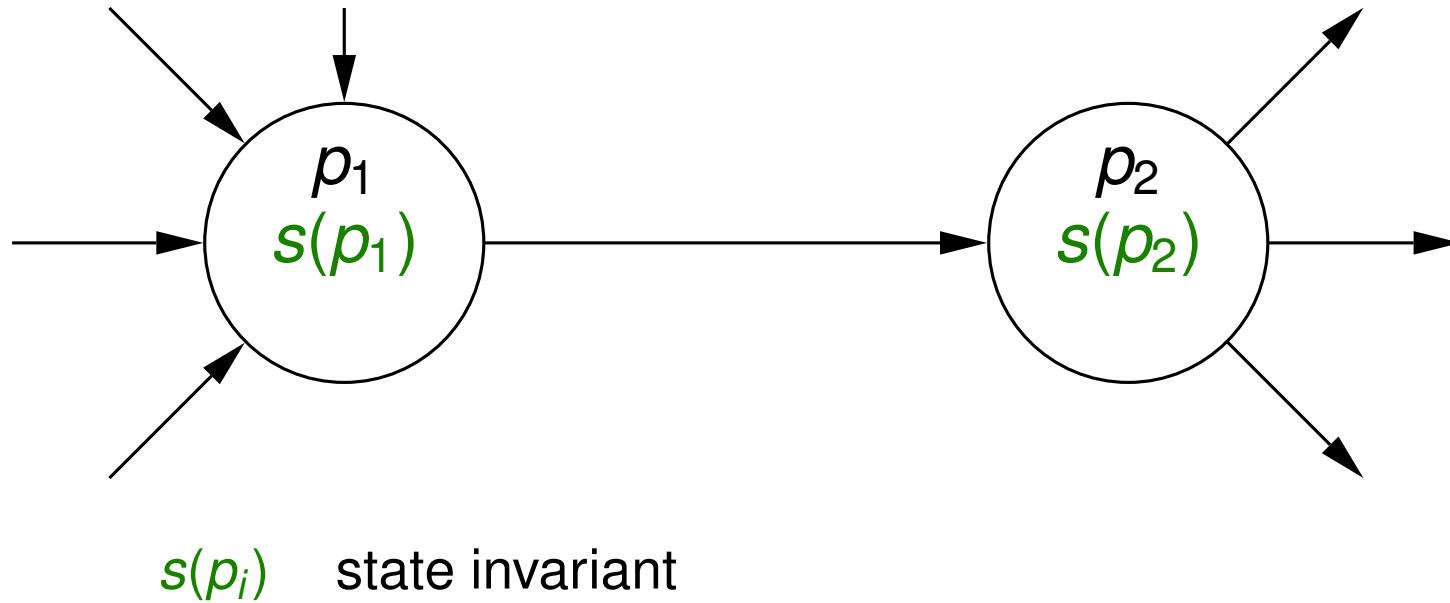
$$\mathcal{A}(COD) = \mathcal{A}(CSP) \parallel \mathcal{A}(OZ) \parallel \mathcal{A}(DC)$$

where  $\parallel$  synchronises on both phases and events.

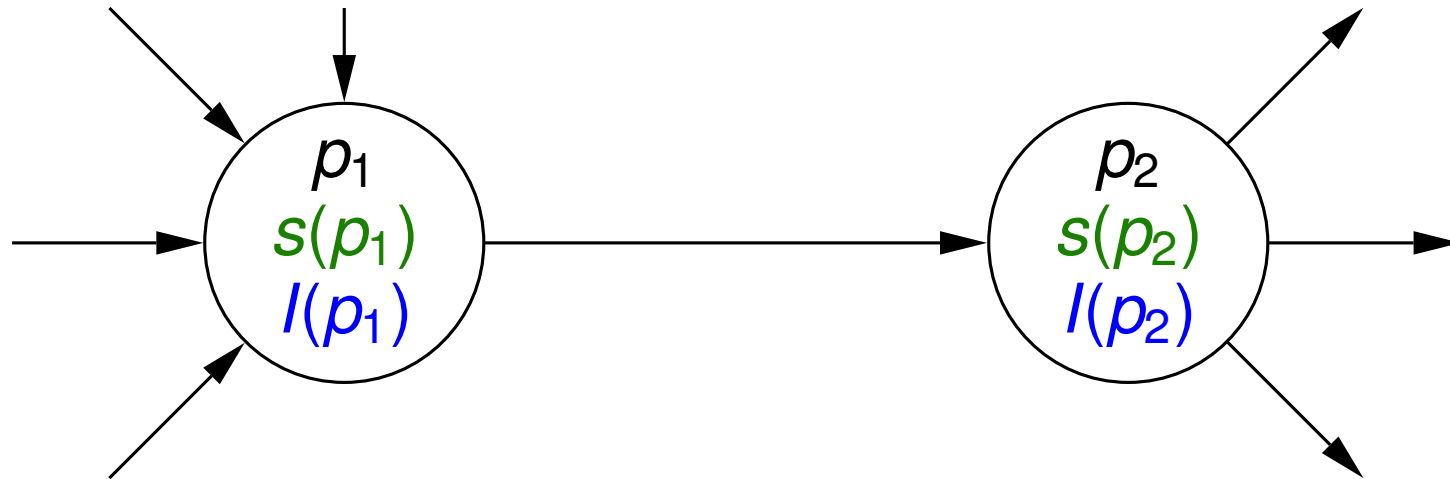
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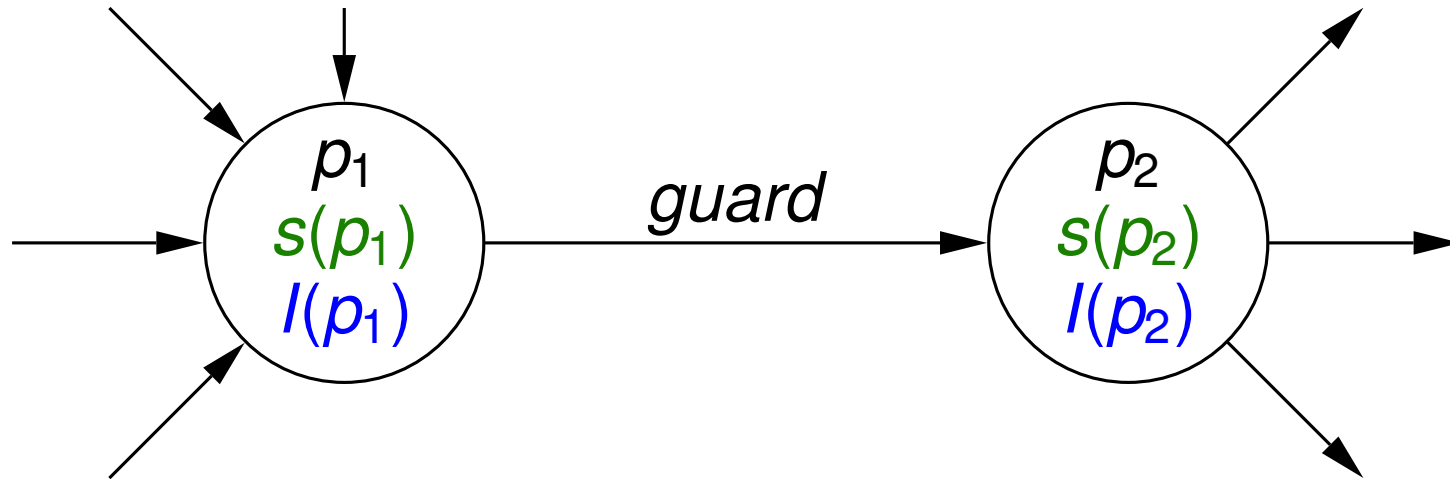
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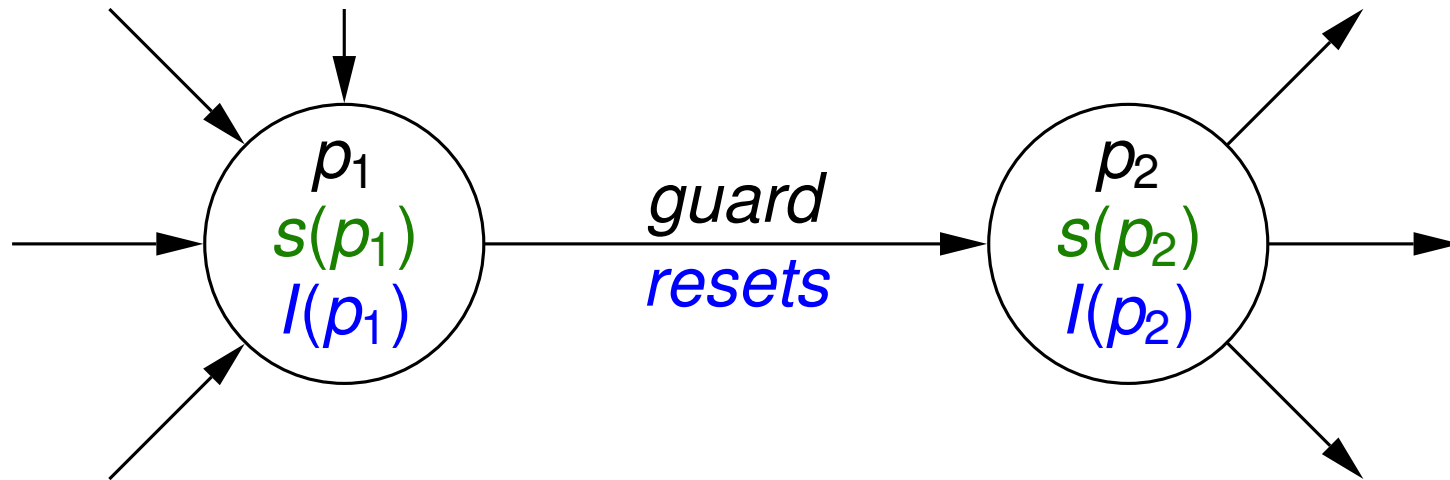
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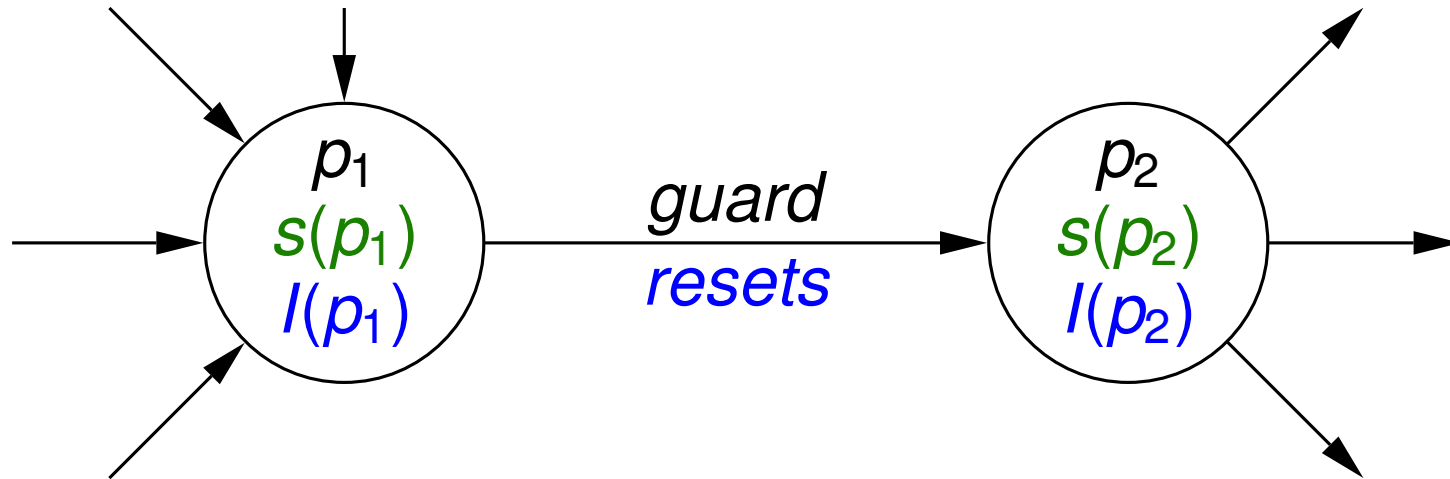
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**Parallel Composition:**  $\mathcal{A}_1 \parallel \mathcal{A}_2$

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# Semantic Property of PEA

## Compositionality Lemma

$$\rho \in \text{Runs}(\mathcal{A}_1 \parallel \mathcal{A}_2)$$

iff  $\rho \downarrow \mathcal{A}_1 \in \text{Runs}(\mathcal{A}_1)$  **and**  $\rho \downarrow \mathcal{A}_2 \in \text{Runs}(\mathcal{A}_2)$

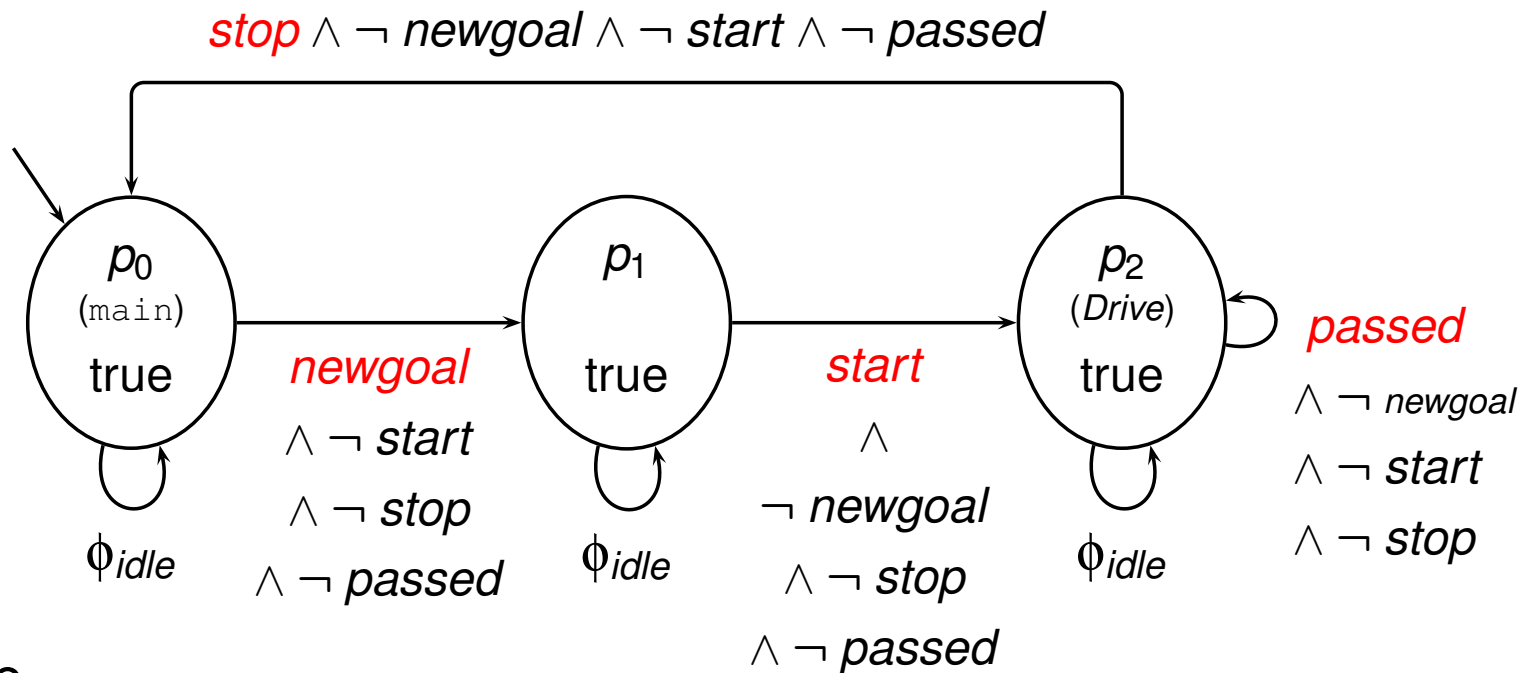
This lemma is at the core of a **modular verification** method for parallel compositions of PEA:

if a small set of parallel PEA satisfies a **safety property**, also a larger set of parallel PEA will satisfy it.

# Translation of CSP

$\text{main} \stackrel{c}{=} \text{newgoal} \rightarrow \text{start} \rightarrow \text{Drive}$

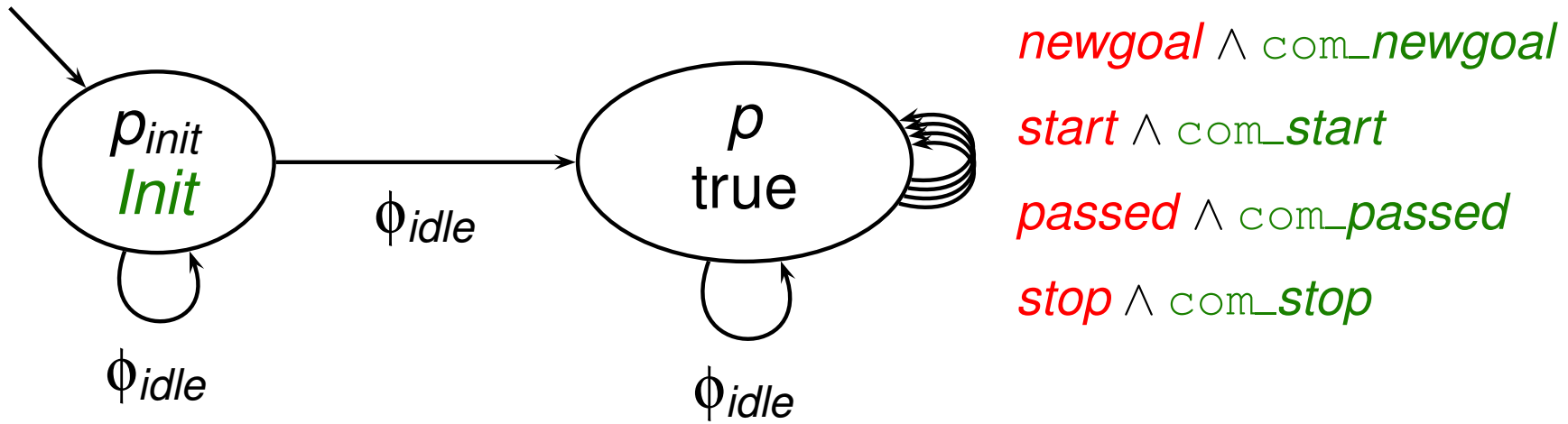
$\text{Drive} \stackrel{c}{=} (\text{passed} \rightarrow \text{Drive}) \square (\text{stop} \rightarrow \text{main})$



where

$\phi_{idle} := \neg \text{newgoal} \wedge \neg \text{start} \wedge \neg \text{passed} \wedge \neg \text{stop}$

# Translation of OZ



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$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{idle} := & \neg newgoal \wedge \neg start \wedge \neg passed \wedge \neg stop \\ & \wedge current = current' \wedge goal = goal' \wedge dir = dir' \end{aligned}$$

# Translation of DC

Full DC cannot be translated into PEA: e.g.

$$\neg \diamond ( \updownarrow ev ; l = 1 ; \updownarrow ev ),$$

which means

$$\neg ( true ; \updownarrow ev ; l = 1 ; \updownarrow ev ; true )$$

would need infinitely many clocks.

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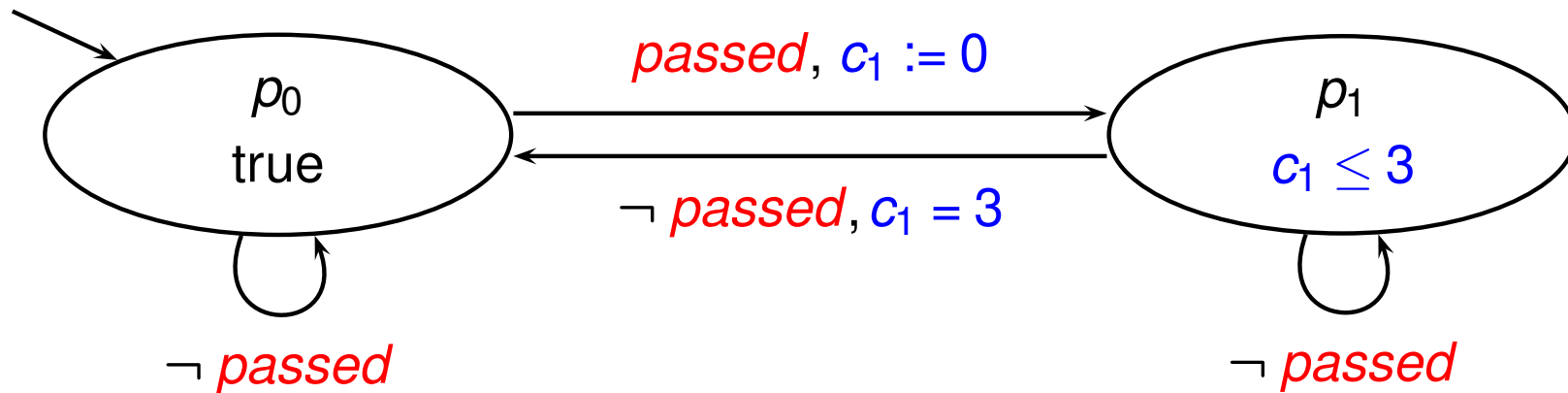
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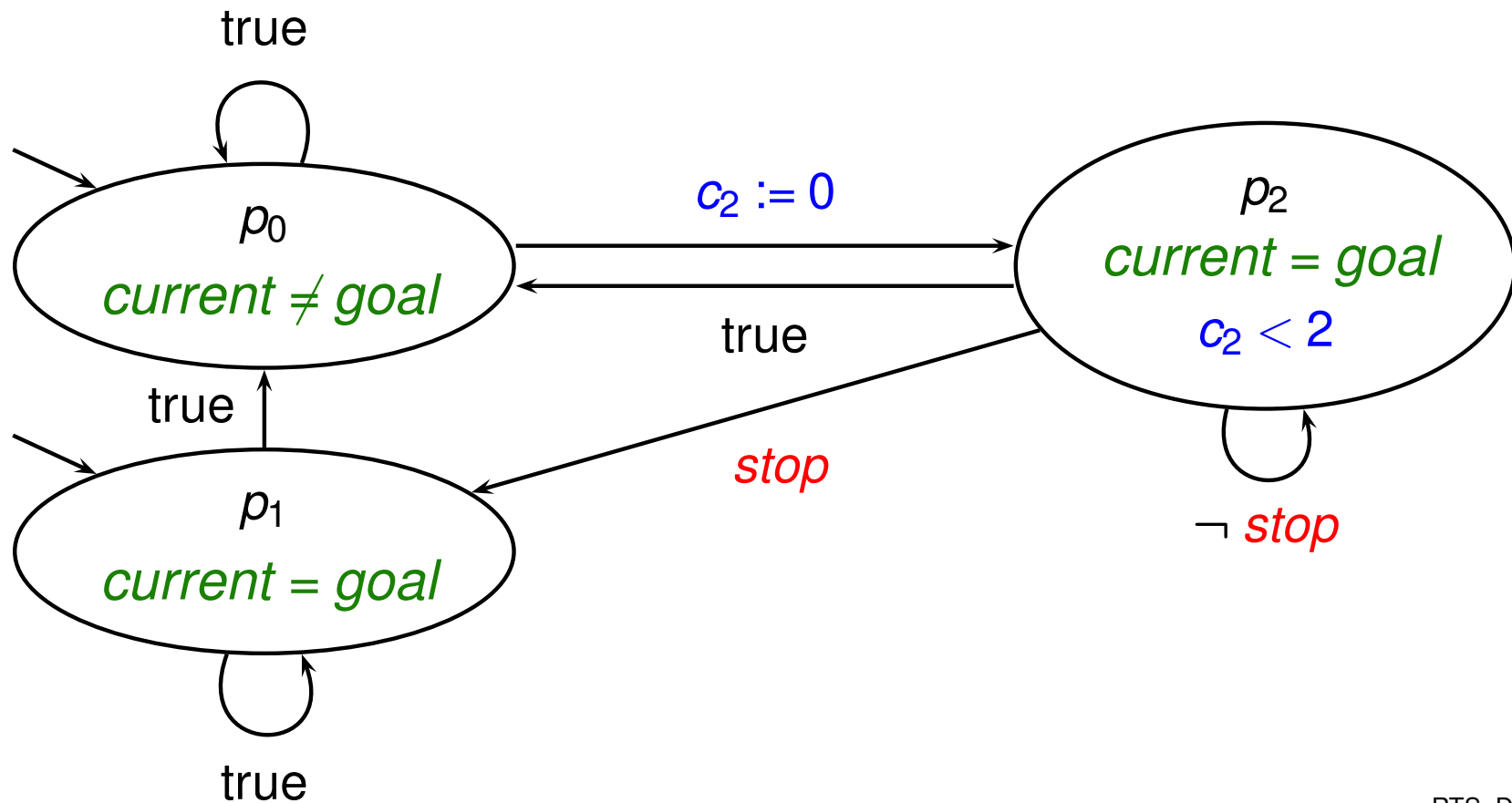
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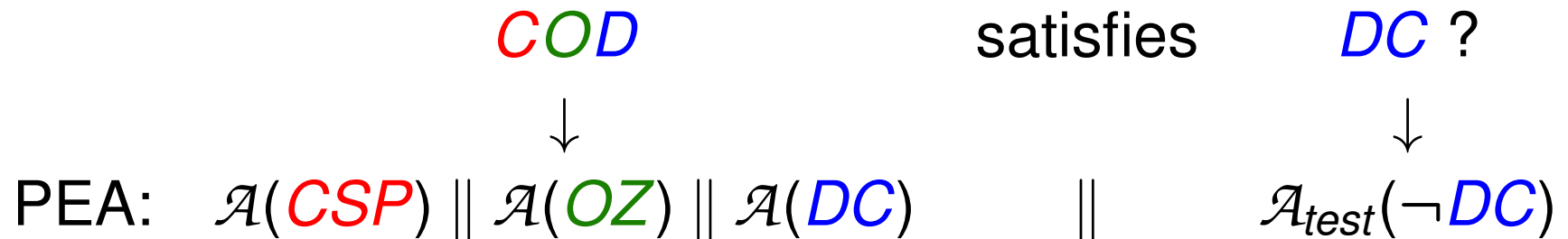
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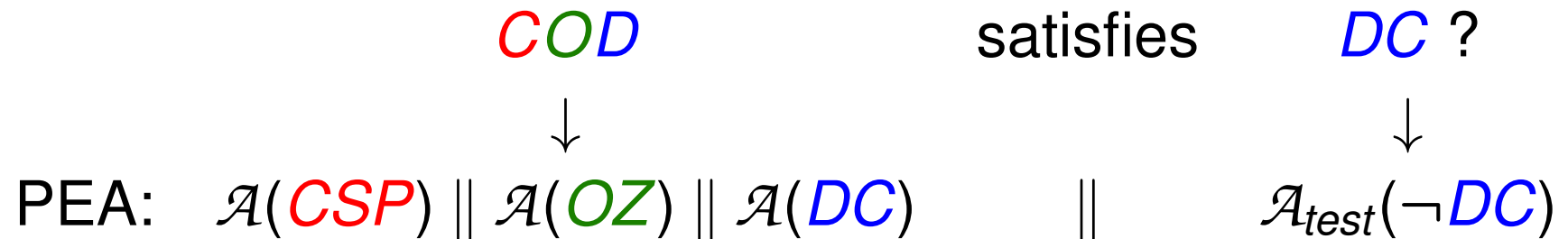
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Transition Constraint System

Model checking using ARMC or SLAB or H-PILoT on TCS

# Transition Constraint Systems

specify states and transitions by formulas ( **constraints** ):

- ▣ transition constraints relate pre- and post-state
- ▣ **no** notion of events, **no** notion of real-time

However, events and clocks can be encoded.

- ▣ **events**: changes of Boolean variables::

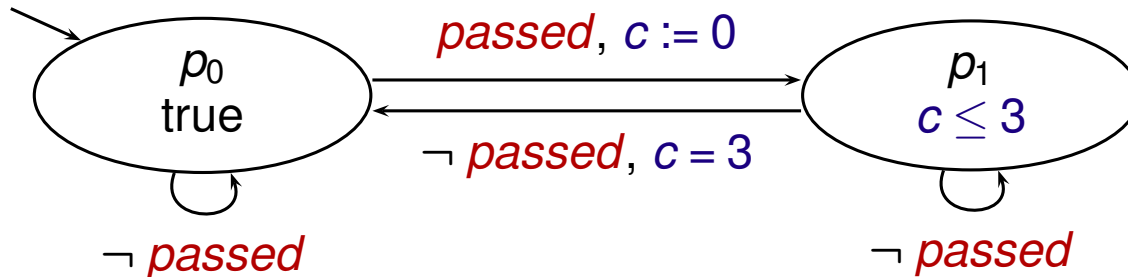
$$stop' \neq stop$$

- ▣ **clocks**: real-valued variables á la **Lamport**:

$$c' = c + len \wedge len > 0$$

# Translation of PEA into TCS

Phase-Event-Automaton:



Transition Constraint System:

$$\begin{aligned}
 Tr \Leftrightarrow & \quad ph = 0 \wedge \neg \text{passed} \wedge c' = c + \text{len} \wedge ph' = 0 \\
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# Model Checker ARMC

Podelski & Rybalchenko (since 2002)

## Abstraction Refinement Model Checker

### Characteristics:

- ARMC checks for **reachability**,
- employs the **CEGAR** method:  
counterexample-guided abstraction refinement,
- uses **Craig interpolation** for predicate discovery,,
- evaluates implications in a decidable fragment  
of first-order logic: **linear arithmetic over reals**,
- extended with **uninterpreted function symbols**.
- is implemented in **SICStus Prolog**.

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- ➡ Property depends on **real-time**:  
If one DC formula is omitted  
ARMC found counterexample in 20 seconds.



# Model Checker SLAB

Brückner, Dräger, Finkbeiner & Wehrheim (2008)

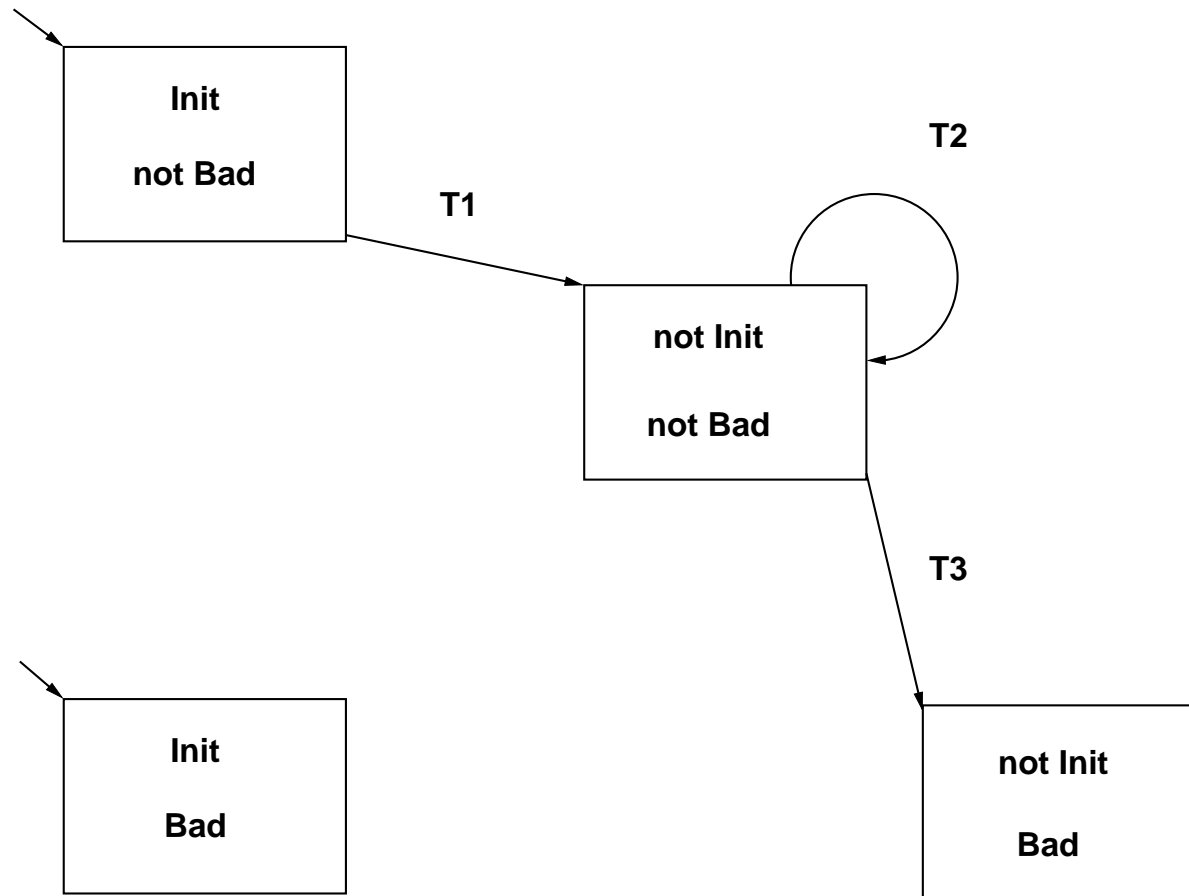
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## Slicing Abstraction Model Checker

### Characteristics:

- ▣▣▣▣▣ SLAB checks for **realizability** of abstract error paths
- ▣▣▣▣▣ abstracts both states and transitions,
- ▣▣▣▣▣ uses **slicing of abstractions** and **local refinement**,
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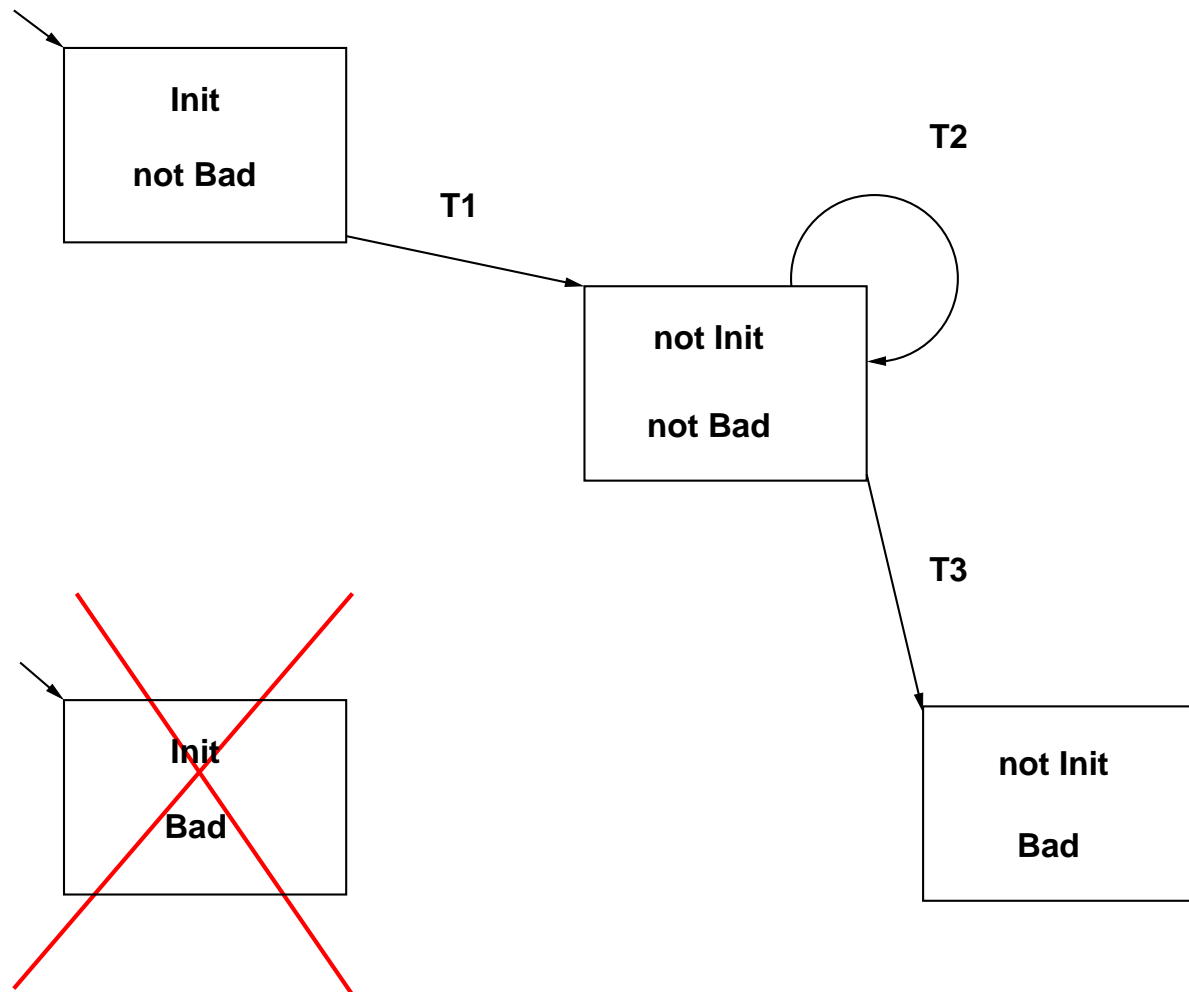
# Abstract Error Paths



Does abstract error path correspond to a **concrete** one ?

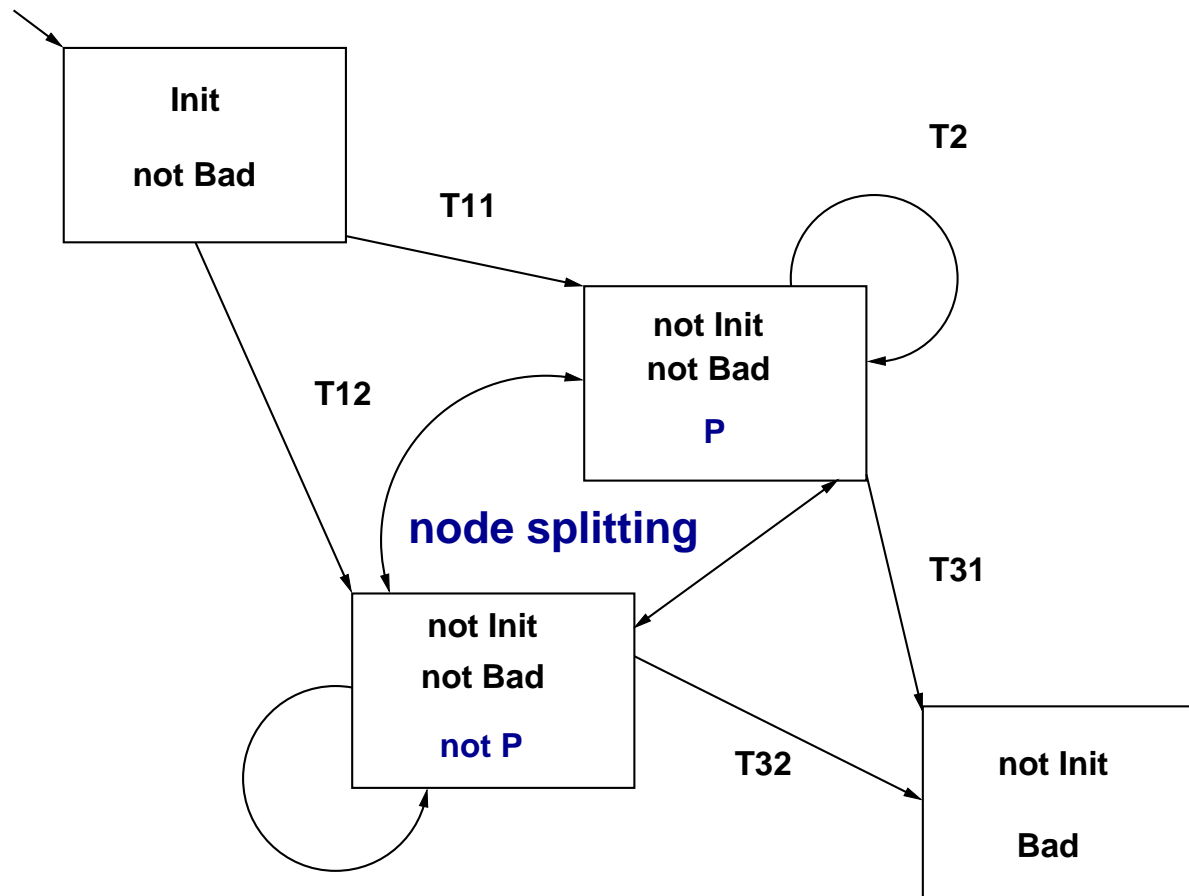
# Slicing Abstractions

E.g. **node elimination** if  $\text{Init} \wedge \text{Bad} \Rightarrow \text{false}$  :

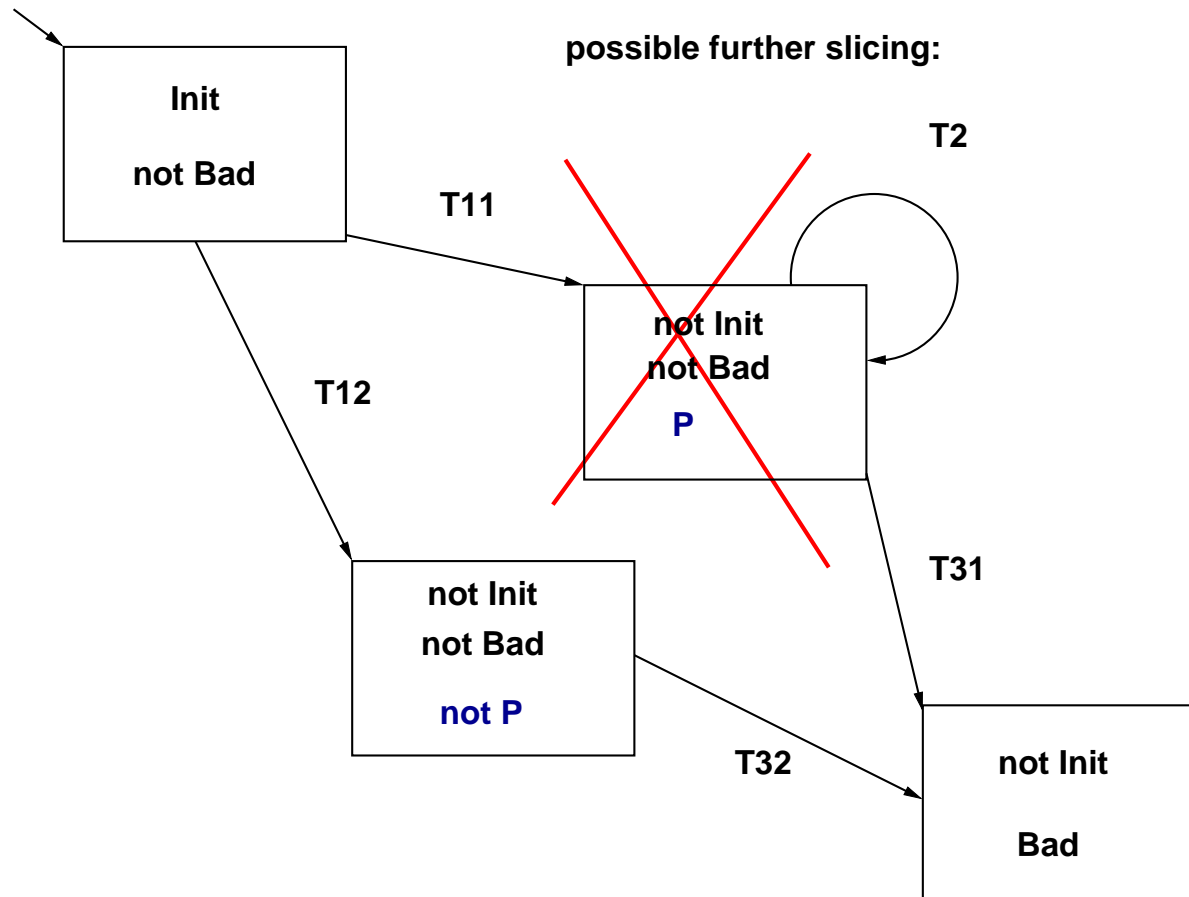


# Local Refinement

If error path does *not* correspond to a concrete one  
**Craig interpolation** is used to discover a  
predicate **P** for node splitting.



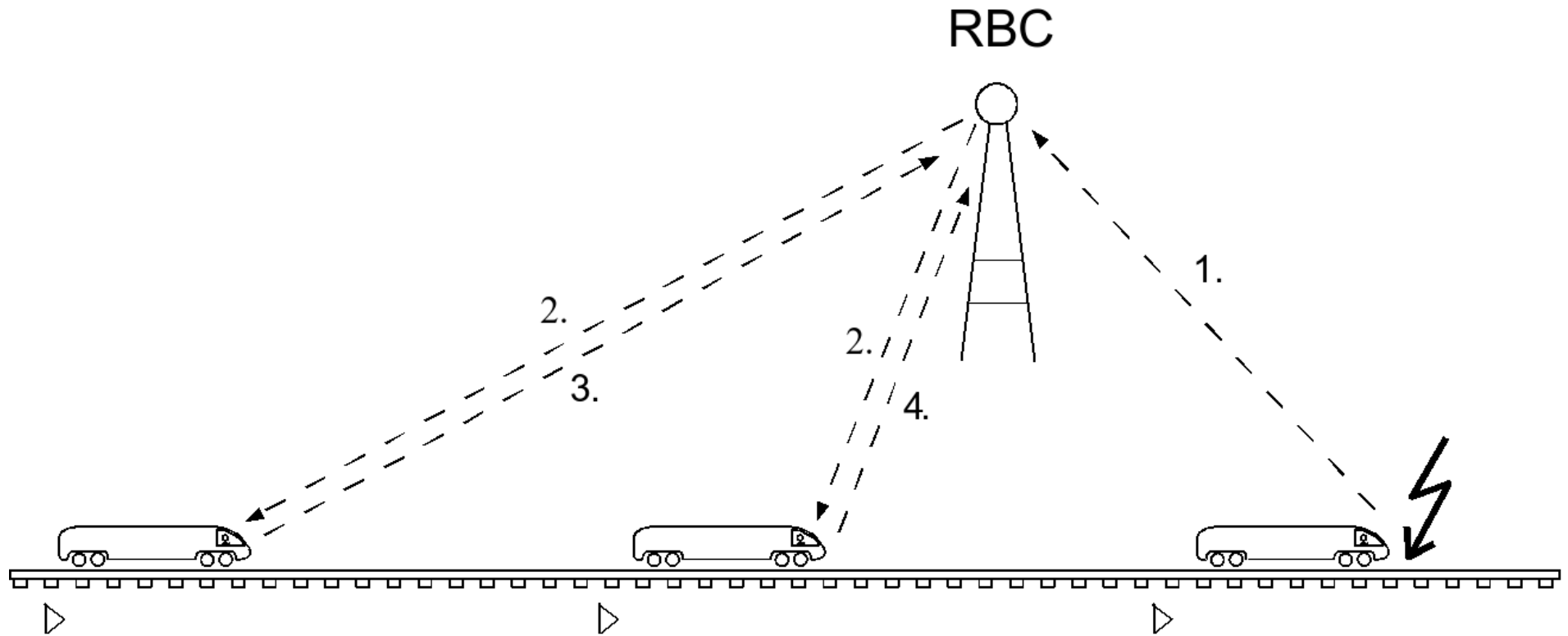
# Termination



Checking *terminates* if

- (1) the error path is realizable (**system erroneous**) or
- (2) the slice becomes empty (**system correct**).

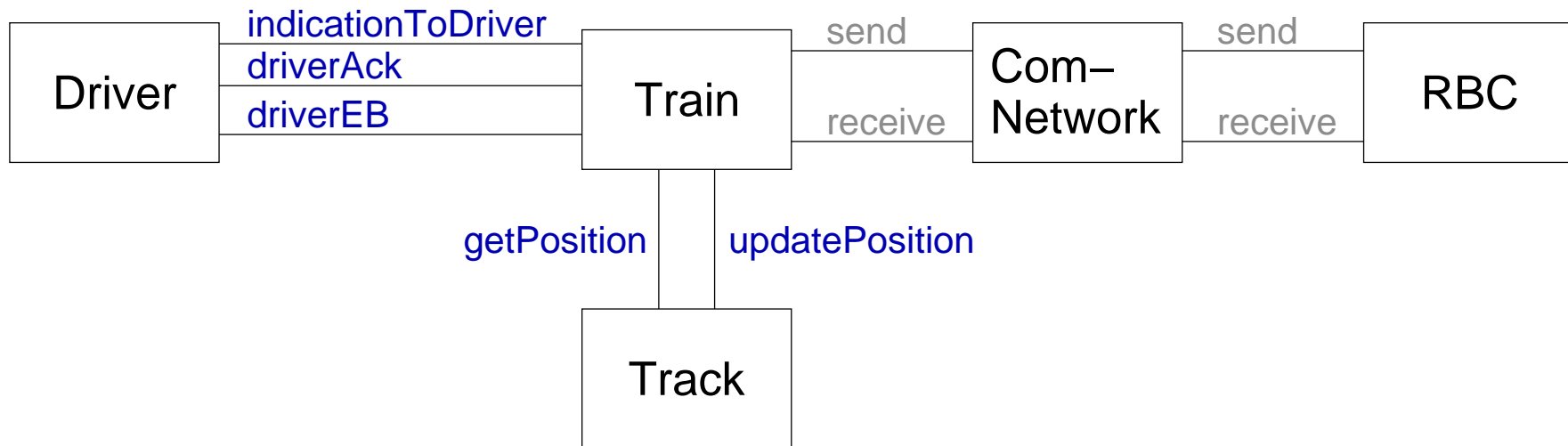
# ETCS: Emergency Messages



# Components of Case Study

Specification in CSP-OZ-DC

J. Faber & Meyer (2006)



Infinite data types:  $Position = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $Speed = \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$

Parameters:  $Length$ ,  $TargetSpd$ , ...

# Specification: CSP-OZ-DC

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Interface:

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chan updPos : [id : {ID}, pos! : Position]
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chan compSBI : [loa?, sbi! : Position]
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**CSP** specifies sequencing of events:

$$\text{main} \stackrel{c}{=} \text{Running} \parallel \parallel \text{HandleEM}$$
$$\text{Running} \stackrel{c}{=} \text{updPos.ID? pos} \rightarrow \text{getLOA.ID? loa} \rightarrow \text{compSBI! loa? sbi} \rightarrow$$

**if sbi  $\leq$  pos then ... else ...**



# Specification: CSP-OZ-DC

Object-Z specifies state space ...

*sbi* : Position  
*curPos* : Position  
*curSpd* : Speed  
...

... and operations:

com\_compSBI

$\Delta(sbi)$

*loa?*, *sbi!* : Position

$sbi' = loa? - TargetSpdDist - StopDist - MaxDist$

$sbi! = sbi'$

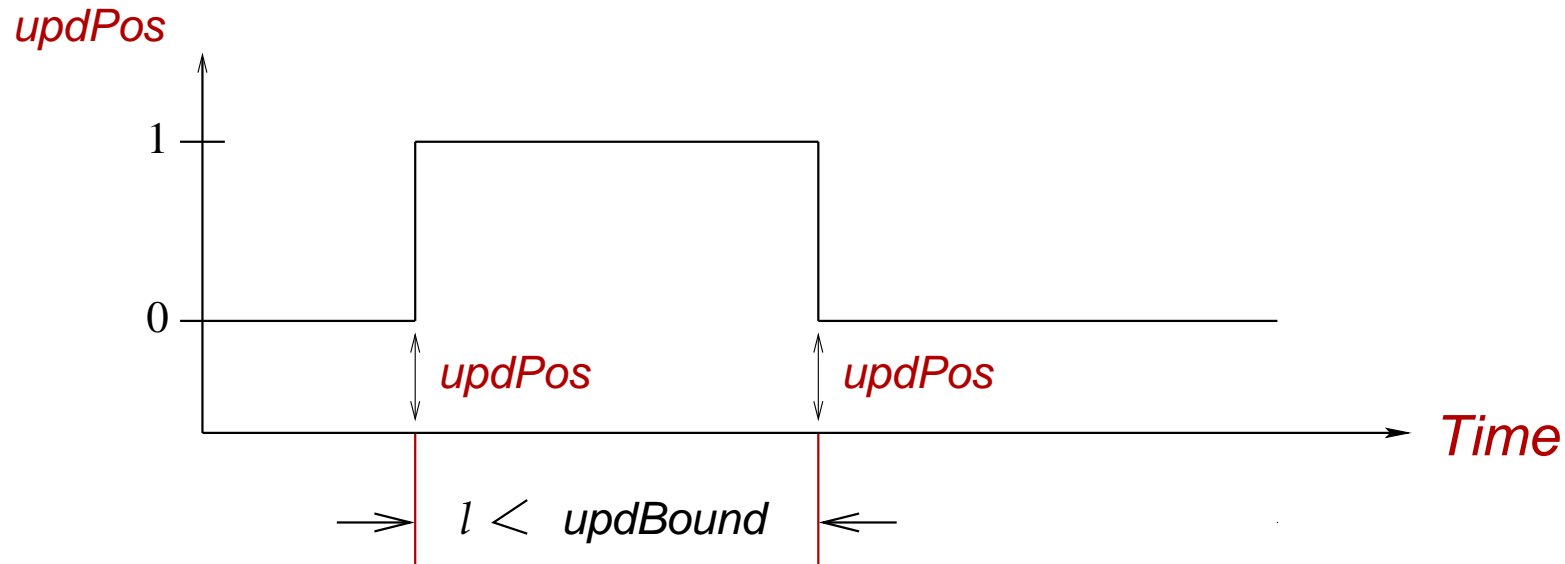
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- At least  $updBound$  seconds between two  $updPos$  events:

$$\neg \diamond (\updownarrow updPos; \ell < updBound; \updownarrow updPos)$$

counterexample trace:



# Specification: CSP-OZ-DC

*RearTrain*(ID : TrainID; StartPos, StartSBI : Position)

chan *updPos* : [id : {ID}, pos! : Position]

chan *compSBI* : [loa?, sbi! : Position]

...

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com *compSBI*

$\Delta$ (*sbi*)

*loa?*, *sbi!* : Position

*sbi'* = *loa?* – *TargetSpdDist* – *StopDist* – *MaxDist*

*sbi!* = *sbi'*

$\neg \diamond (\updownarrow \textit{updPos}; \ell < \textit{updBound}; \updownarrow \textit{updPos})$

...

CSP

OZ

DC

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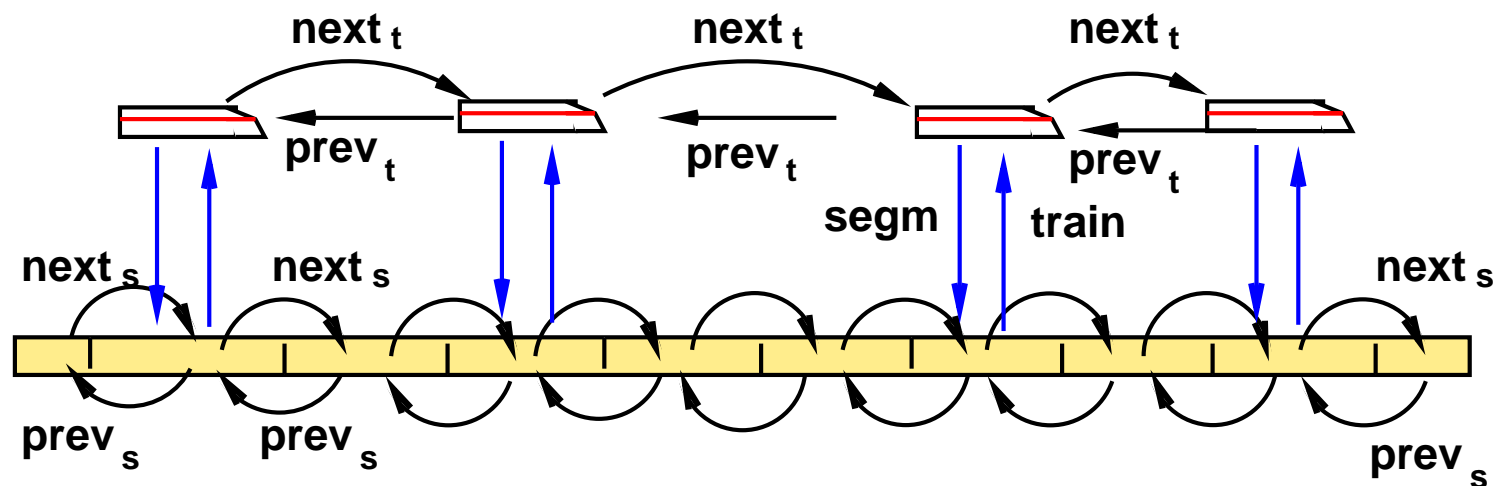
2008: with manual decomposition into RT requirements

# ETCS: More Properties Checked

Application: ETCS with **arbitrary no. of trains / segments**:

Faber, Jacobs & Sofronie-Stokkermans (2010)

simplified CSP-OZ-DC model, but with  
2-sorted **pointer data structure**:



Verified: invariant property of **collision freedom**.

# Data Verification with H-PILoT

Ihlemann, S. Jacobs & Sofronie-Stokkermans (2009)

Hierarchical Proving by Instantiation in Local Theory extensions

## Characteristics:

- Tool H-PILoT supports **local theory extensions**  $\mathcal{T}_0 \subseteq \mathcal{T}_1$ .
- Satisfiability of **(quantified) formulae** in extension  $\mathcal{T}_1$  is reduced to satisfiability of **ground formulae** in the base theory  $\mathcal{T}_0$ .
- **Standard SMT solvers** check satisfiability of ground formulae in the base theory  $\mathcal{T}_0$ .
- **Hierarchical** reasoning / interpolation / QE for new classes of theories of data types, e.g.,
  - recursive functions,
  - many-sorted pointer structures.

# Syspect Tool

for modelling, specifying and verifying RTS systems with rich data.

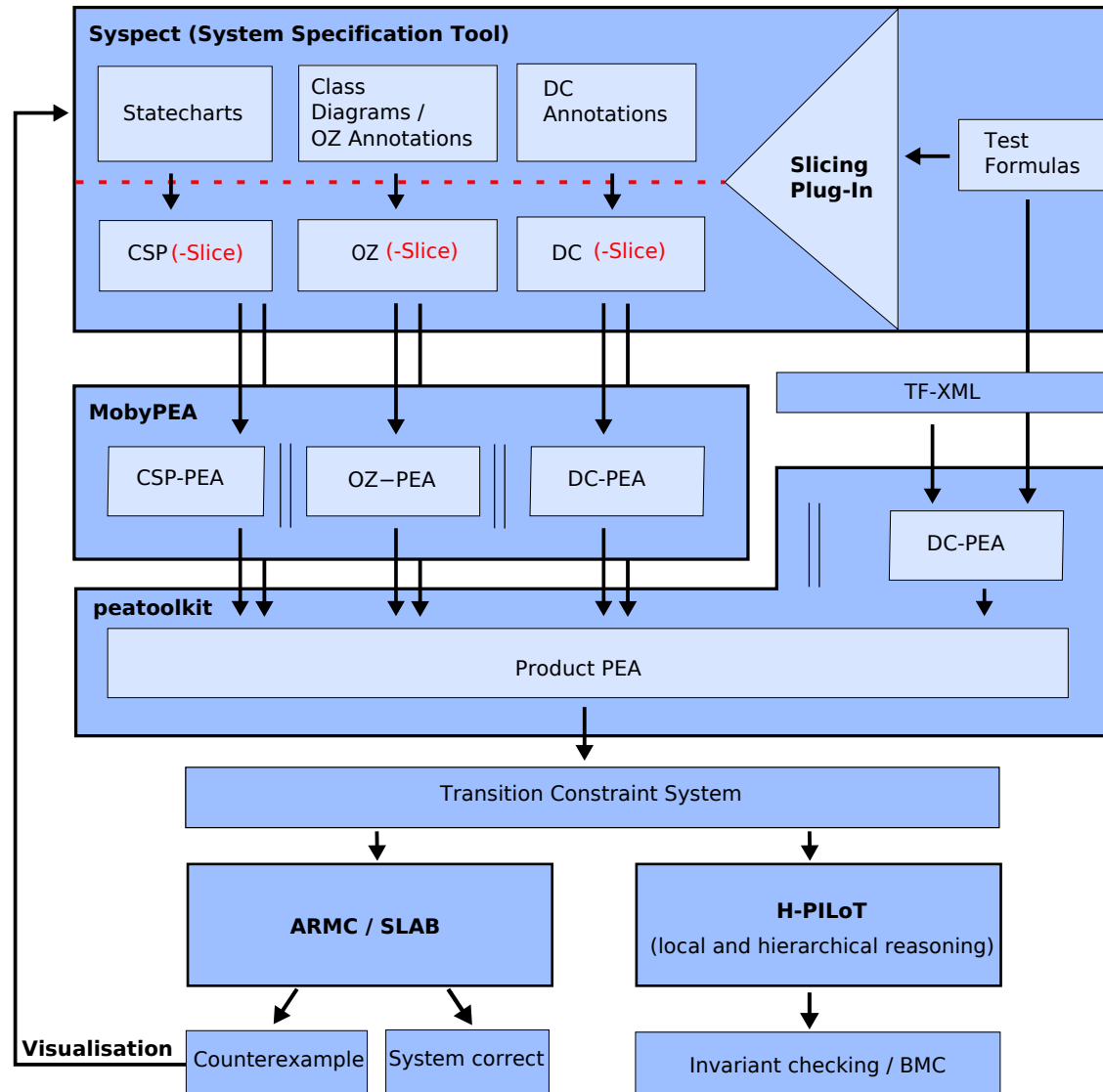
Students' work continued in AVACS project "Beyond Timed Automata".

Faber, Linker, Olderog, Quesel (2011)

level	language	purpose
modelling	UML profile	model $M$ of a real-time system $R$ with rich data
	↓	
specification	CSP-OZ-DC	specification $S$ of $R$ as the formal semantics of $M$
	↓	
verification	PEA	operational semantics $O$ of $S$
	↓	
	TCS	representation of $O$ as input for verification engines like ARMC, SLAB, or H-PILoT



# Tool Chain for Syspect Verification



# Further Developments

- Explicit Durations
- Parallel Composition

# Translatable DC Classes

- (1) Full DC **cannot** be translated into PEA.
- (2) **Counterexample formulae:**  
powerset construction takes care of overlapping timed phases and yields deterministic PEA

PhD thesis Hoenicke (2006)

- (3) **Explicit Durations:**  
translation (2) extended by stop watches  
In discrete time setting: **Availability Automata**

Hoenicke, Meyer & Olderog (2010)

# Explicit Durations

... can express timed availability requirements:

$$\int(\textit{speed} \geq \textit{target}) \geq 0.9 \cdot \ell$$

“For at least 90 % of the time interval, the train meets its target speed.”

... correspond to **integrators (stop watches)**, a source of **undecidability** separating TA and LHA.

New **translations** to automata for **reachability analysis**:

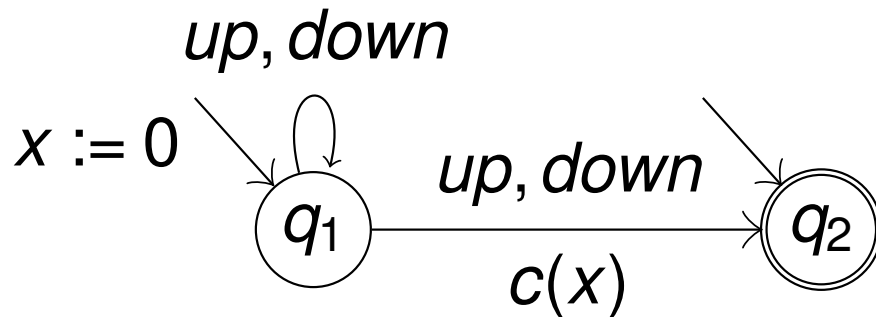
- ▣ **Multi-Priced Time Automata** continuous time
- ▣ **Availability Automata (new)** discrete time

# Availability Automata

Availabilities in discrete setting (words).

regular availability expressions (rea)  $\mapsto$  availability automata (aa)

**Example:**  $((up + down)^* \cdot \checkmark)_{\{up\} \geq \frac{1}{3}}$



availability  
counter  $x$  with  
test  $c(x) = (\{up\} \geq \frac{1}{3})$

**Kleene theorem.** A language is recognized by a flat rae *if and only if* it is accepted by a simple aa.

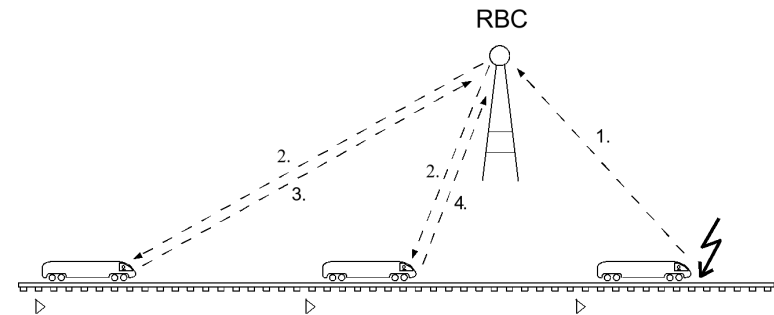
**Powerset construction.** Every simple aa can be *determinized* and *complemented* by inverting final states.

# Avoiding Product Construction

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ETCS **Emergency Messages:**  
collision freedom for two trains

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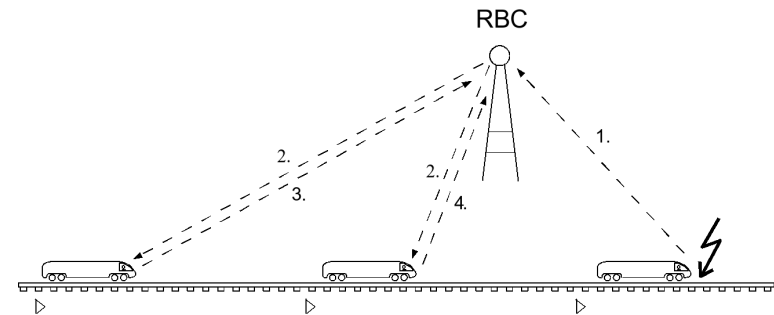


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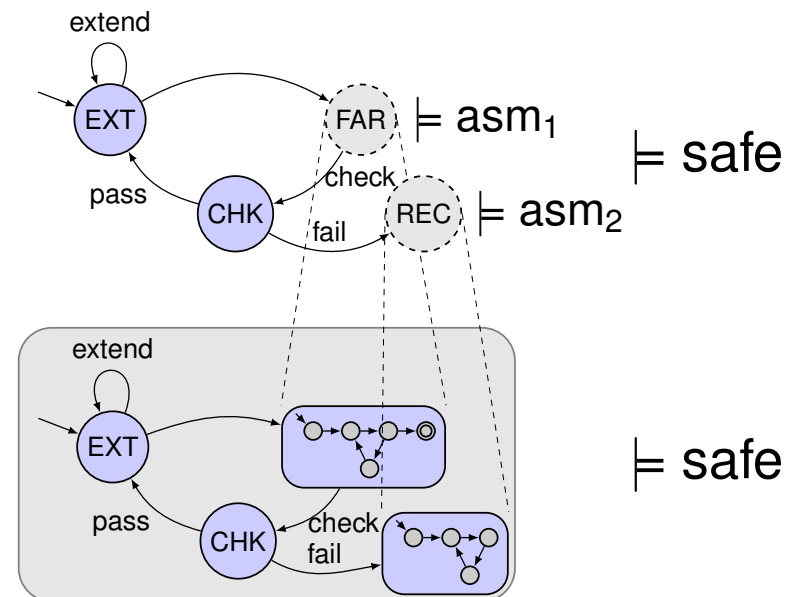
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Formal decomposition of  
COD specification into a  
**Verification Architecture**  
and its instantiation:

PhD thesis Faber (2011)



# Structural Transformations

For real-time systems with data (modelled by Extended Timed Automata), we

- ▣ isolate **conditions** (like **independence** of transitions or **memorylessness** of locations),
- ▣ which enable property-preserving **transformations** that replace **parallel** by sequential composition and eliminate **loops**.
- ▣ This results in systems that allow for an **easier** conceptual and automatic analysis.

More details: see lecture by **Mani Swaminathan**.



# Conclusion

Semantic methods + automatic verification techniques

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