

Discrete Event System Specification (DEVS) Modelling and Simulation

An Introduction to “Classic” DEVS Using PythonPDEVS

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Introduction

Sequential Discrete Event Language

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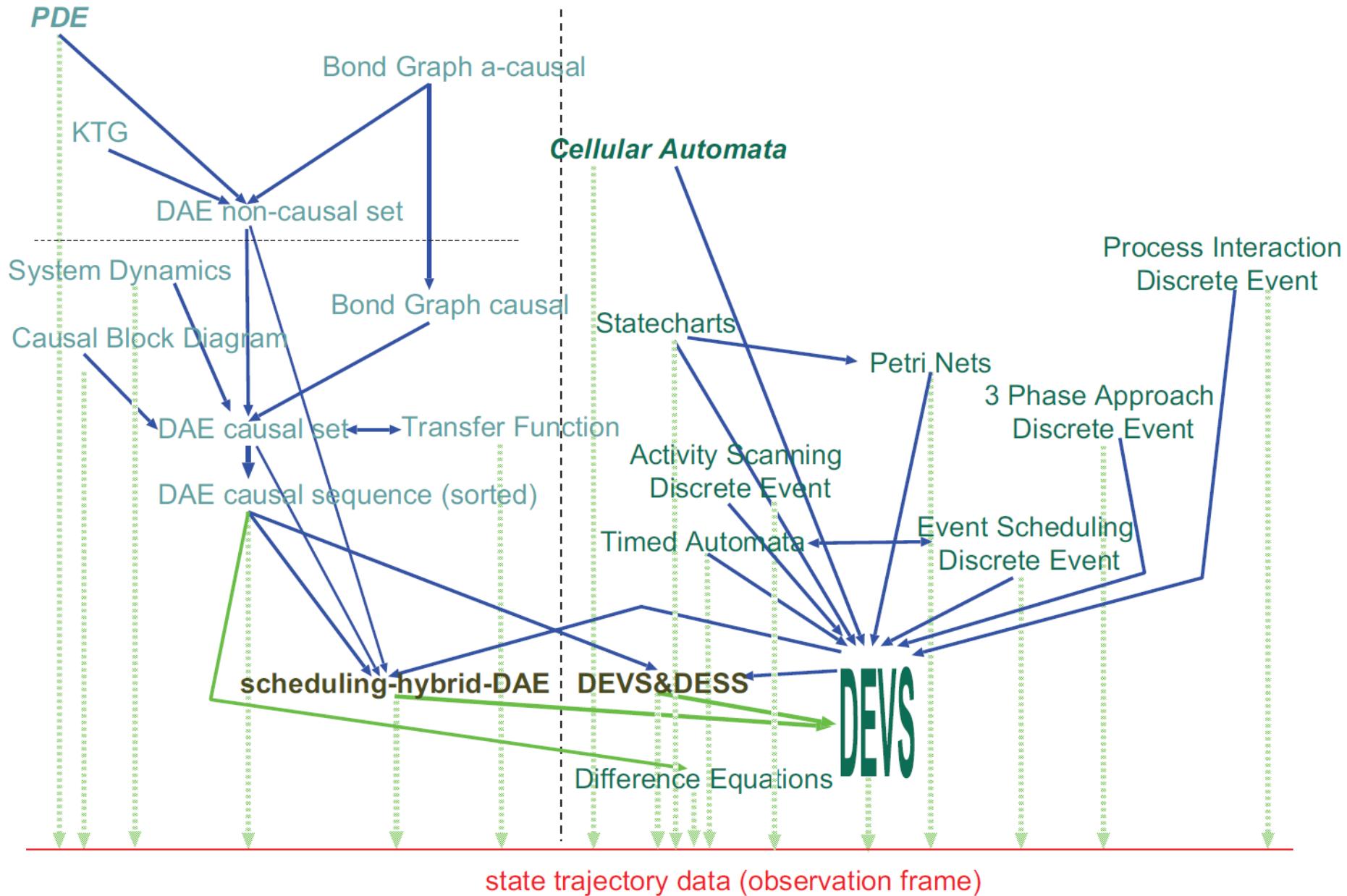
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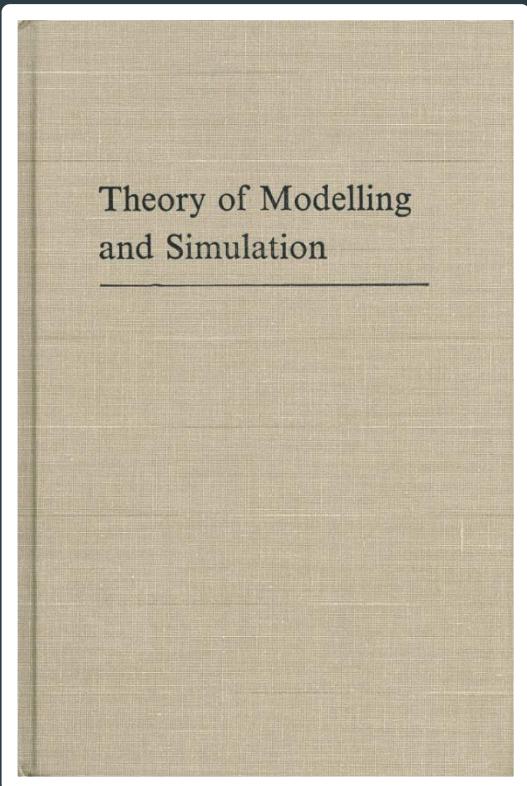
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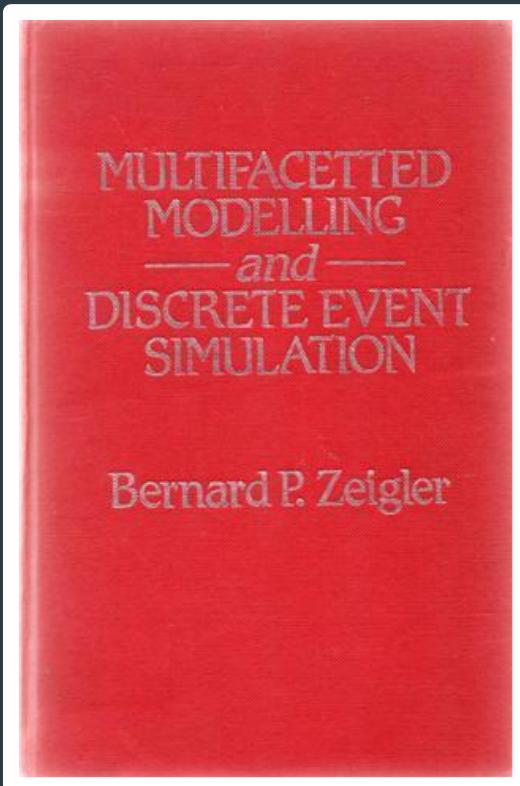
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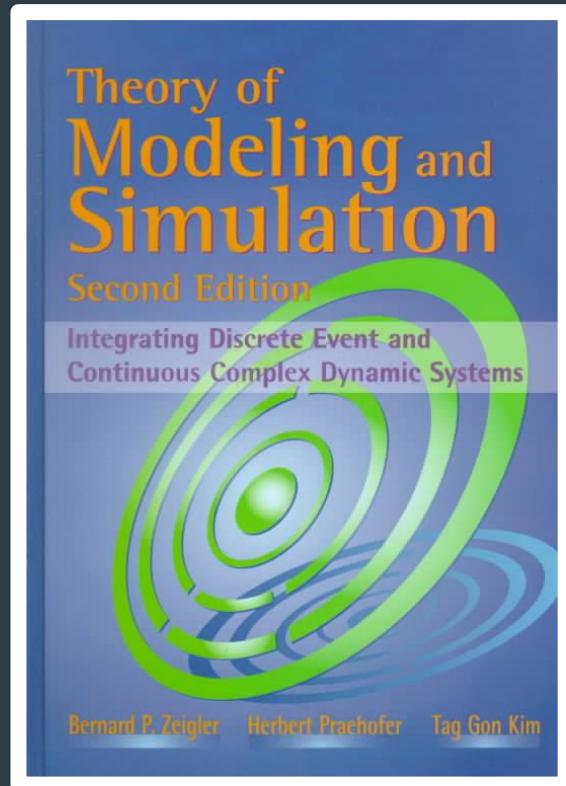
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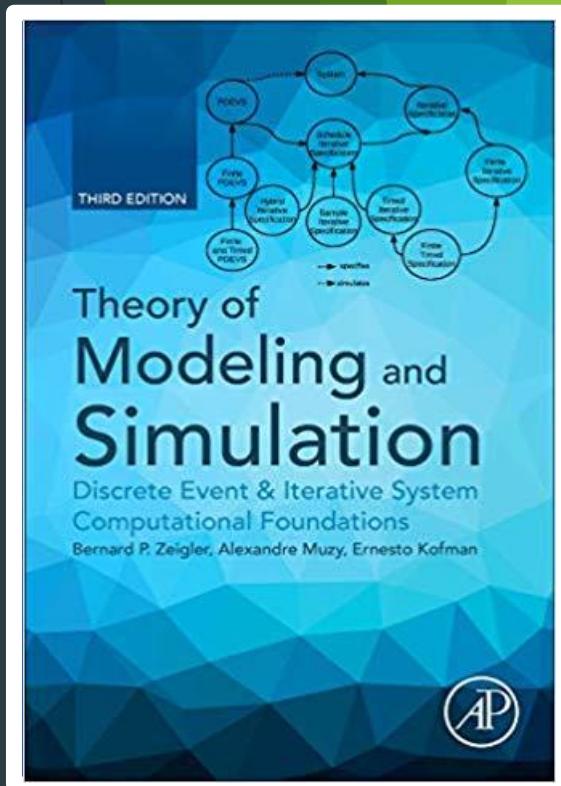
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An overview of PythonPDEVS

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Methodology

An evaluation of DEVS simulation tools

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Abstract

DEVS is a popular formalism for modeling complex dynamic systems using a discrete-event abstraction. Owing to its popularity, and the simplicity of the simulation kernel, a number of tools have been constructed by academia and industry. However, each of these tools has distinct design goals and a specific programming language implementation. Consequently, each supports a specific set of formalisms, combined with a specific set of features. Performance differs significantly between different tools. We provide an overview of the current state of eight different DEVS simulation tools: ADEVS, CD++, DEVS-Suite, MS4 Me, PowerDEVS, PythonPDEVS, VLE, and X-S-Y. We compare supported formalisms, compliance, features, and performance. This paper aims to help modelers in deciding which tools to use to solve their specific problems. It further aims to help tool builders, by showing the aspects of their tools that could be extended in future tool versions.



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Our presentation uses initialized DEVS models, which contain an initial total state. This was left implicit in the original DEVS specification.

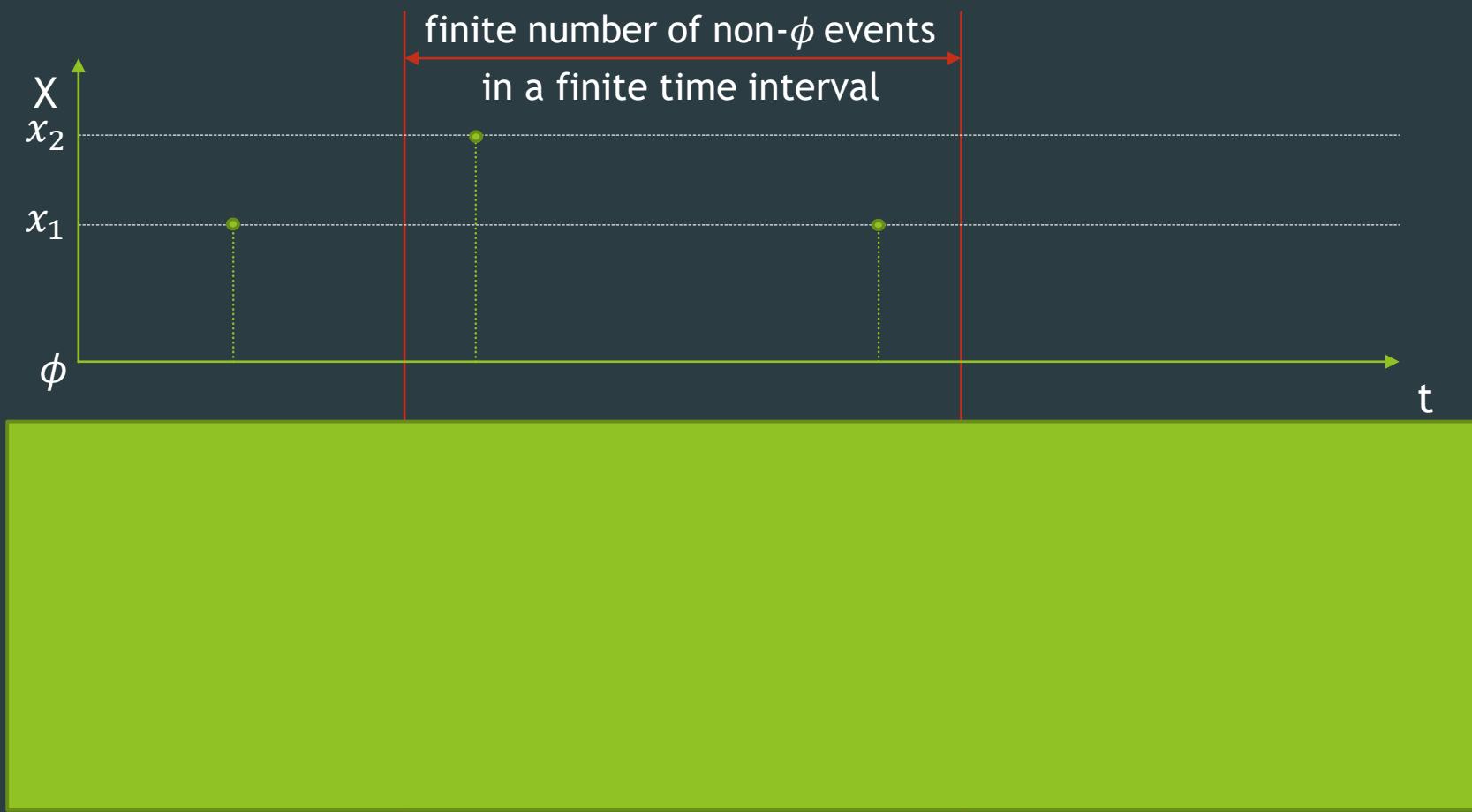
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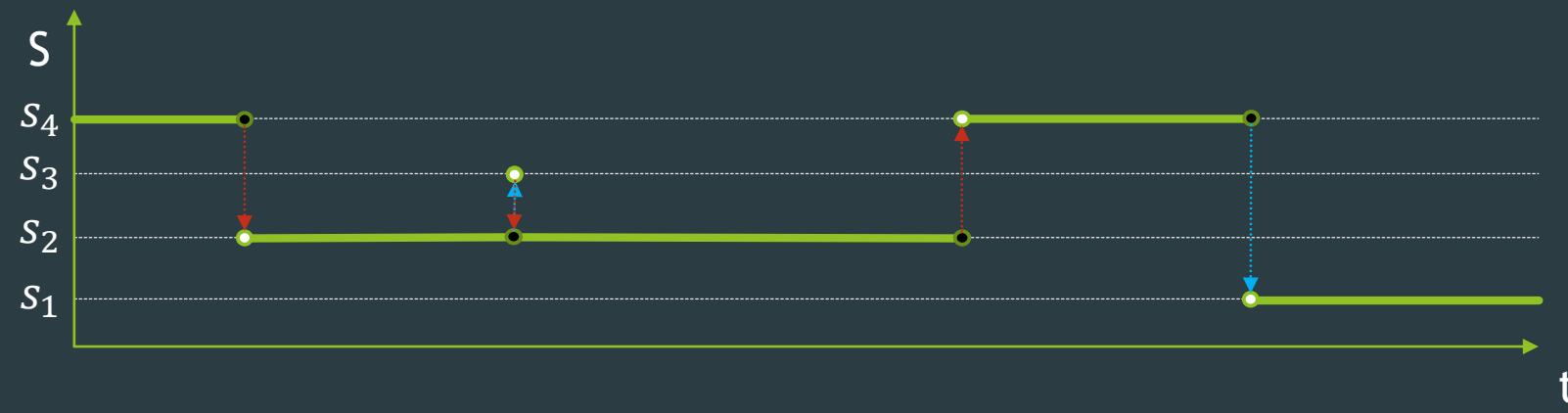
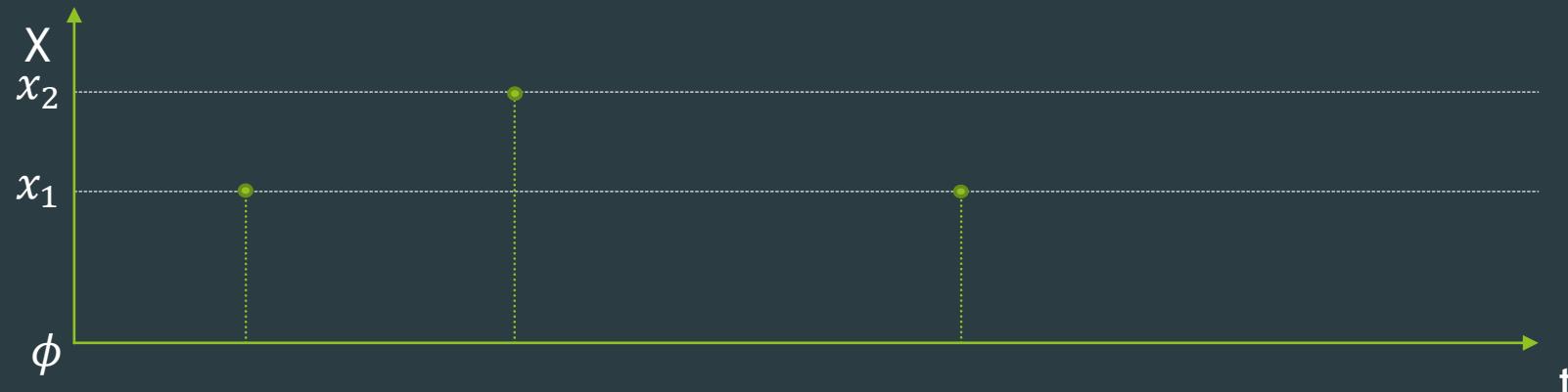
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DEVS is a popular formalism to model system behaviour using a discrete-event abstraction. The main advantages of DEVS are its rigorous and precise specification, as well as its support for modular, hierarchical construction of models. DEVS frequently serves as a simulation “assembly language” to which models in other formalisms are translated, either giving meaning to new (domain-specific) languages, or reproducing semantics of existing languages. Despite this rigorous definition of its syntax and semantics, initialization of DEVS models is left unspecified in both the Classic and Parallel DEVS formalism definition. In this paper, we extend the DEVS formalism by including an initial total state. Extensions to syntax as well as denotational (closure under coupling) and operational semantics (abstract simulator) are presented. The extension is applicable to both main variants of the DEVS formalism. Our extension is such that it adds to, but does not alter the original specification. All changes are illustrated by means of a traffic light example.

Keywords: Classic DEVS, Parallel DEVS, Experimentation, Initialization

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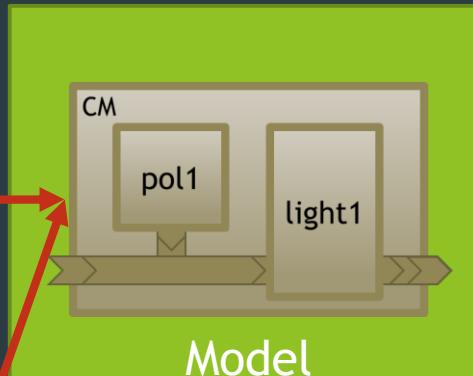
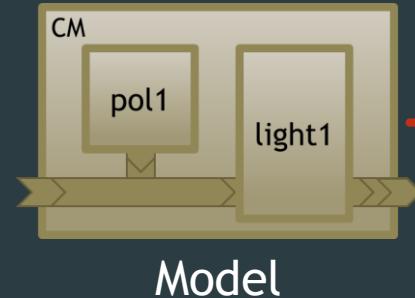






Experimentation

Simulation



$delay_{red} = 60s$
 $delay_{yellow} = 3s$
 $delay_{green} = 57s$
 $q_{init,light1} = (green, 0)$
 $q_{init,pol1} = (idle, 280)$
 $cond_{termination} = (t_{sim} \geq t_{end})$
 $t_{end} = 24h$

Model



Solver

Simulator

Concrete Syntax



simple_experiment.py

```
from pypdevs.simulator import Simulator

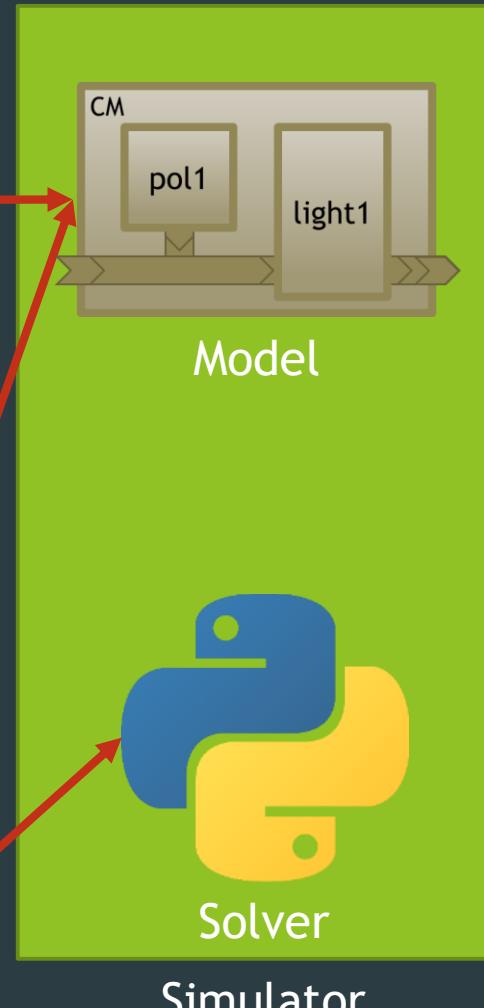
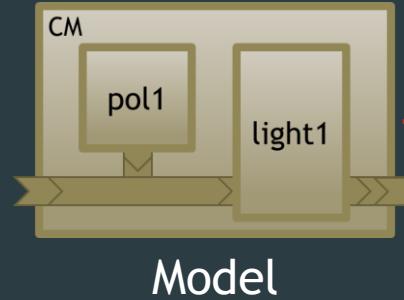
from mymodel import MyModel

model = MyModel(\n    q_init_pol1 = ("idle", 280),\n    q_init_light1 = ("green", 0),\n    delay_red = 60,\n    delay_yellow = 3,\n    delay_green = 57\n)
simulator = Simulator(model)

simulator.setTerminationTime(24*60*60)
simulator.setClassicDEVS()
simulator.setVerbose()

simulator.simulate()
```

Simulation



$delay_{red} = 60s$
 $delay_{yellow} = 3s$
 $delay_{green} = 57s$
 $q_{init,light1} = (\text{green}, 0)$
 $q_{init,pol1} = (\text{idle}, 280)$
 $cond_{termination} = (t_{sim} \geq t_{end})$
 $t_{end} = 24h$

Current Time: 0.00
INITIAL CONDITIONS in model <system.light>
Initial State: green
Next scheduled internal transition at time 57.00

INITIAL CONDITIONS in model <system.policeman>
Initial State: idle
Next scheduled internal transition at time 20.00

Current Time: 20.00
EXTERNAL TRANSITION in model <system.light>
Input Port Configuration:
port <interrupt>:
toManual
New State: going_manual
Next scheduled internal transition at time 20.0

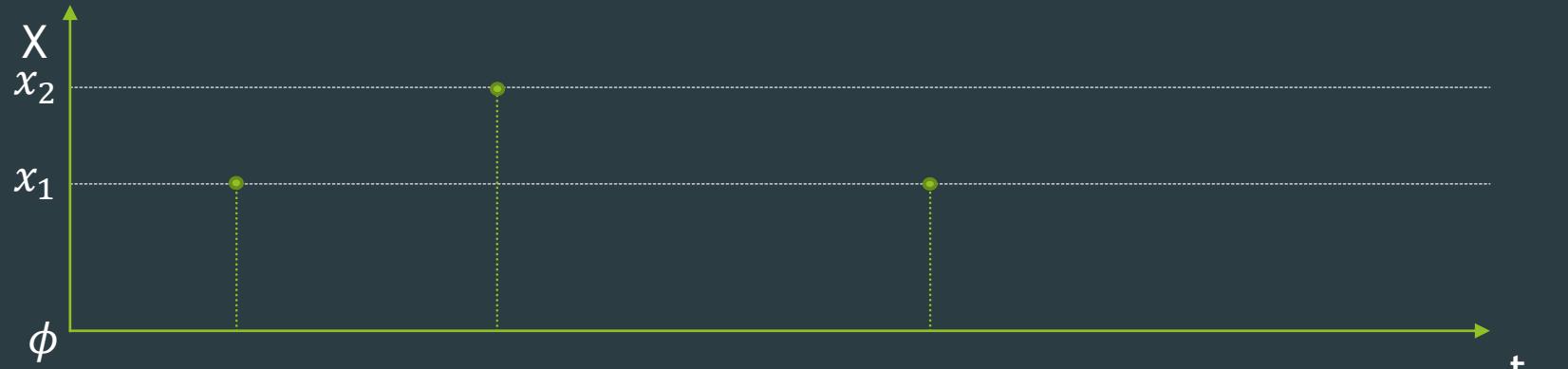
INTERNAL TRANSITION in model <system.policeman>
New State: working
Output Port Configuration:
port <output>:
go_to_work
Next scheduled internal transition at time 3620.00

Current Time: 20.00
INTERNAL TRANSITION in model <system.light>
Output Port Configuration:
port <observer>:
turn_off
New State: manual
Next scheduled internal transition at time inf

Simulated (Behaviour) Trace

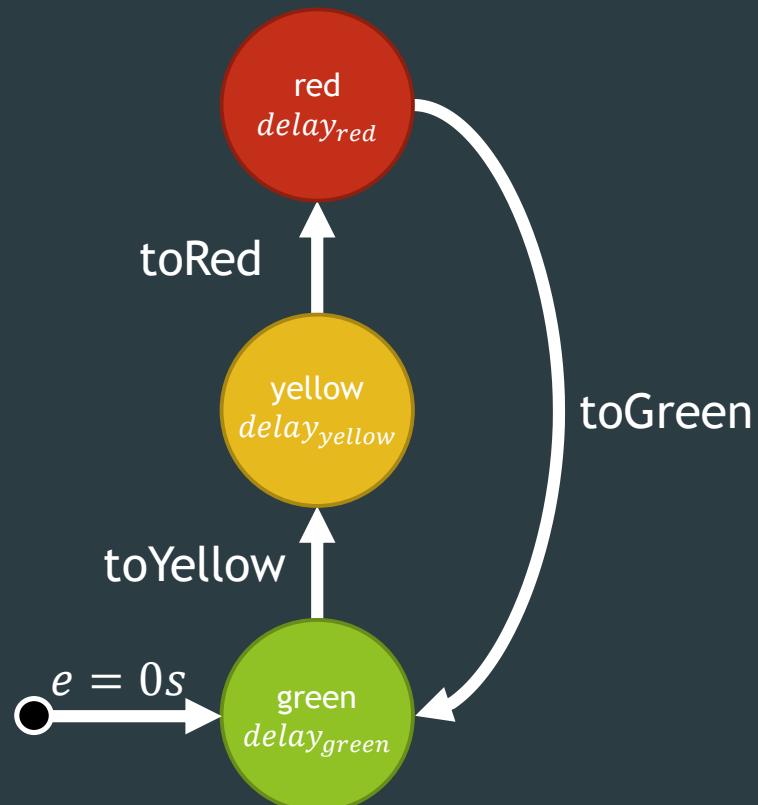
Atomic Models



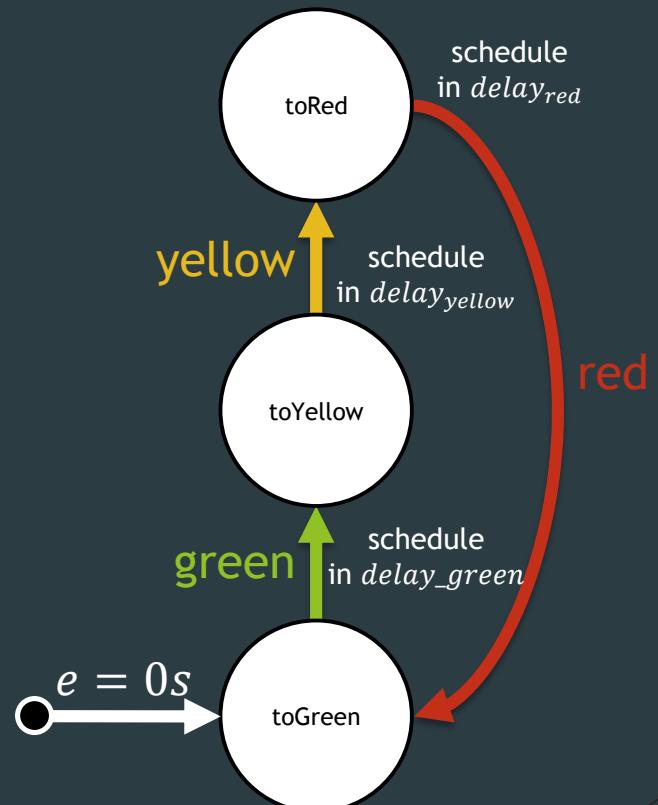


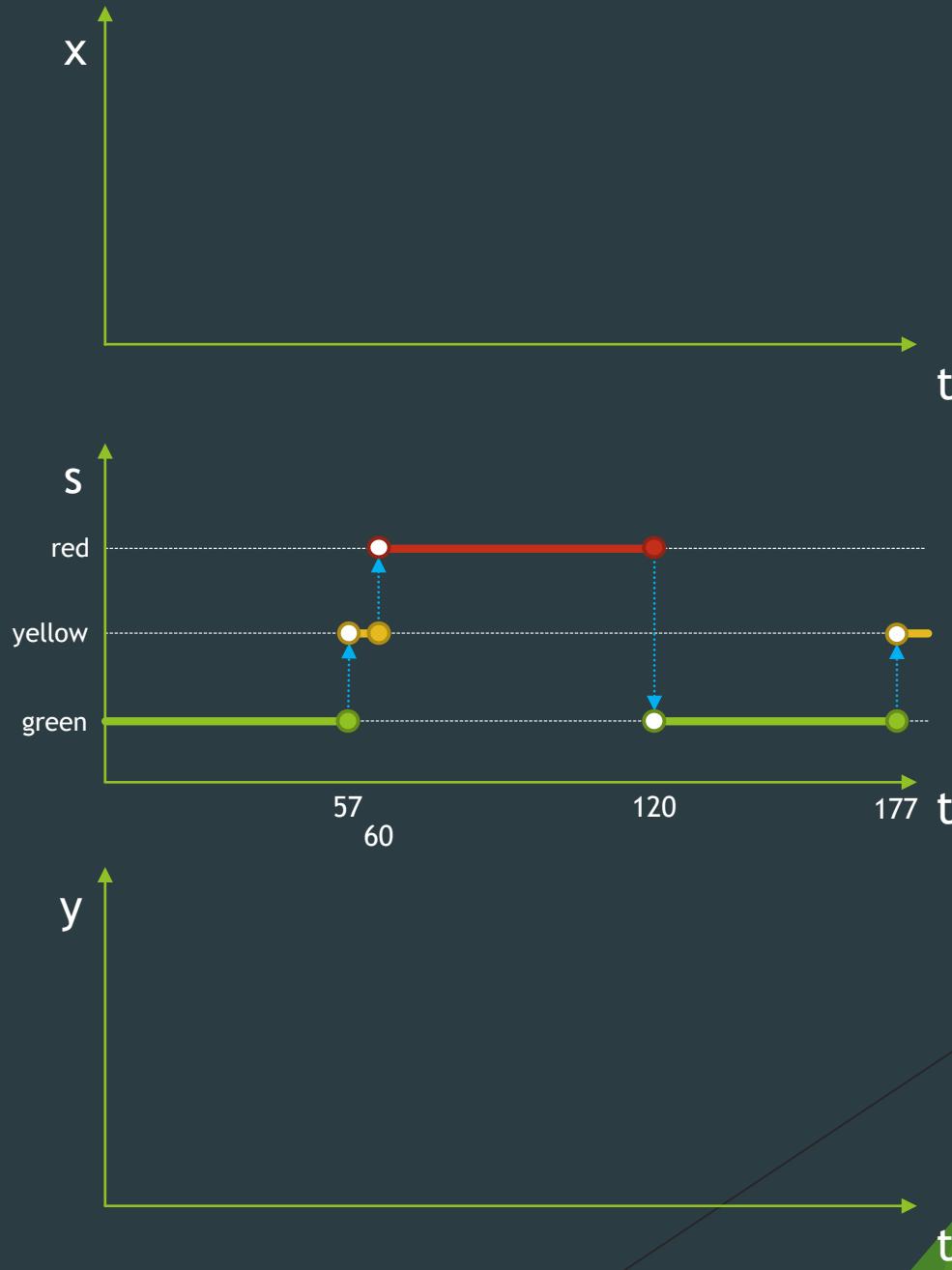
Modelling Discrete Event Behaviour

Finite State Automaton



Timed Event Scheduling Graph







Autonomous (no input)

$$M = \langle S, \delta_{int}, ta \rangle$$

S : set of sequential states

$$S = \{\text{red, yellow, green}\}$$

$$\delta_{int} : S \rightarrow S$$

$$\delta_{int} = \{\text{red} \rightarrow \text{green}, \\ \text{green} \rightarrow \text{yellow}, \\ \text{yellow} \rightarrow \text{red}\}$$

$$ta : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{0,+\infty}^+$$

$$ta = \{\text{red} \rightarrow delay_{red}, \\ \text{green} \rightarrow delay_{green}, \\ \text{yellow} \rightarrow delay_{yellow}\}$$

Time Advance: corner cases

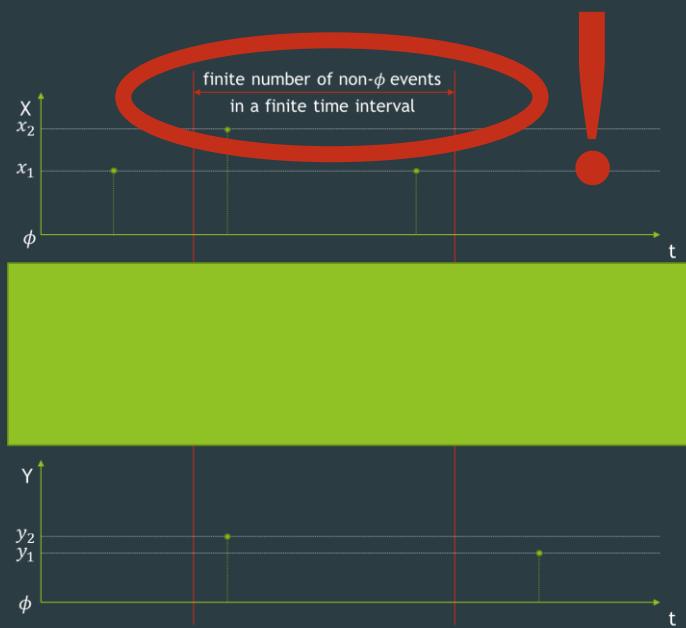
$$ta : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{0,+\infty}^+$$

$$ta(s) = 0$$

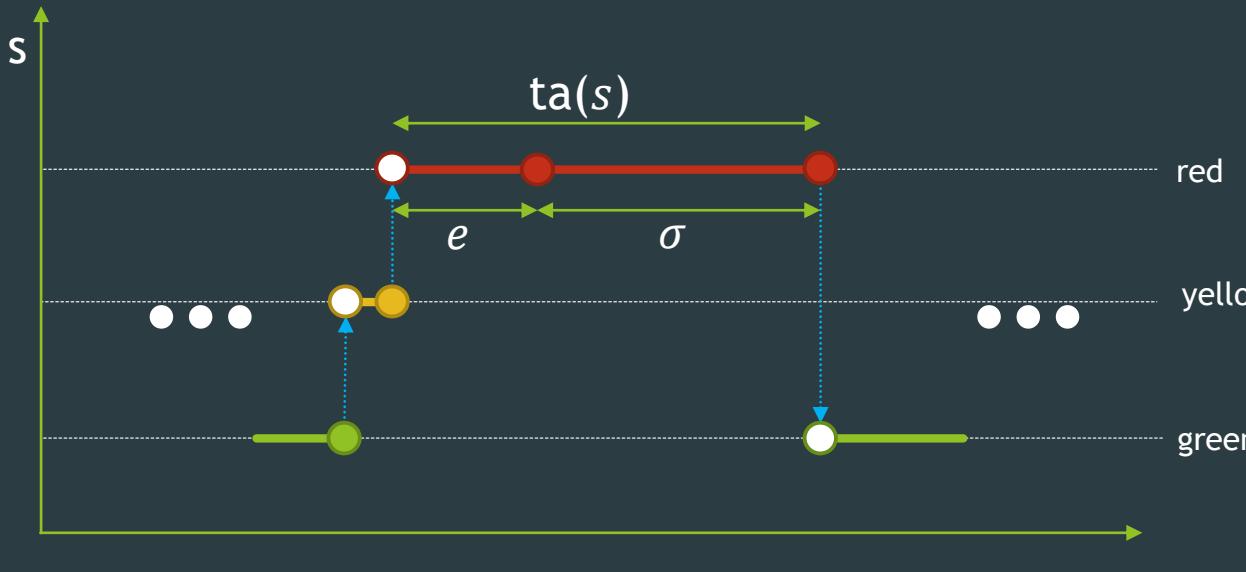
transient states

$$ta(s) = +\infty$$

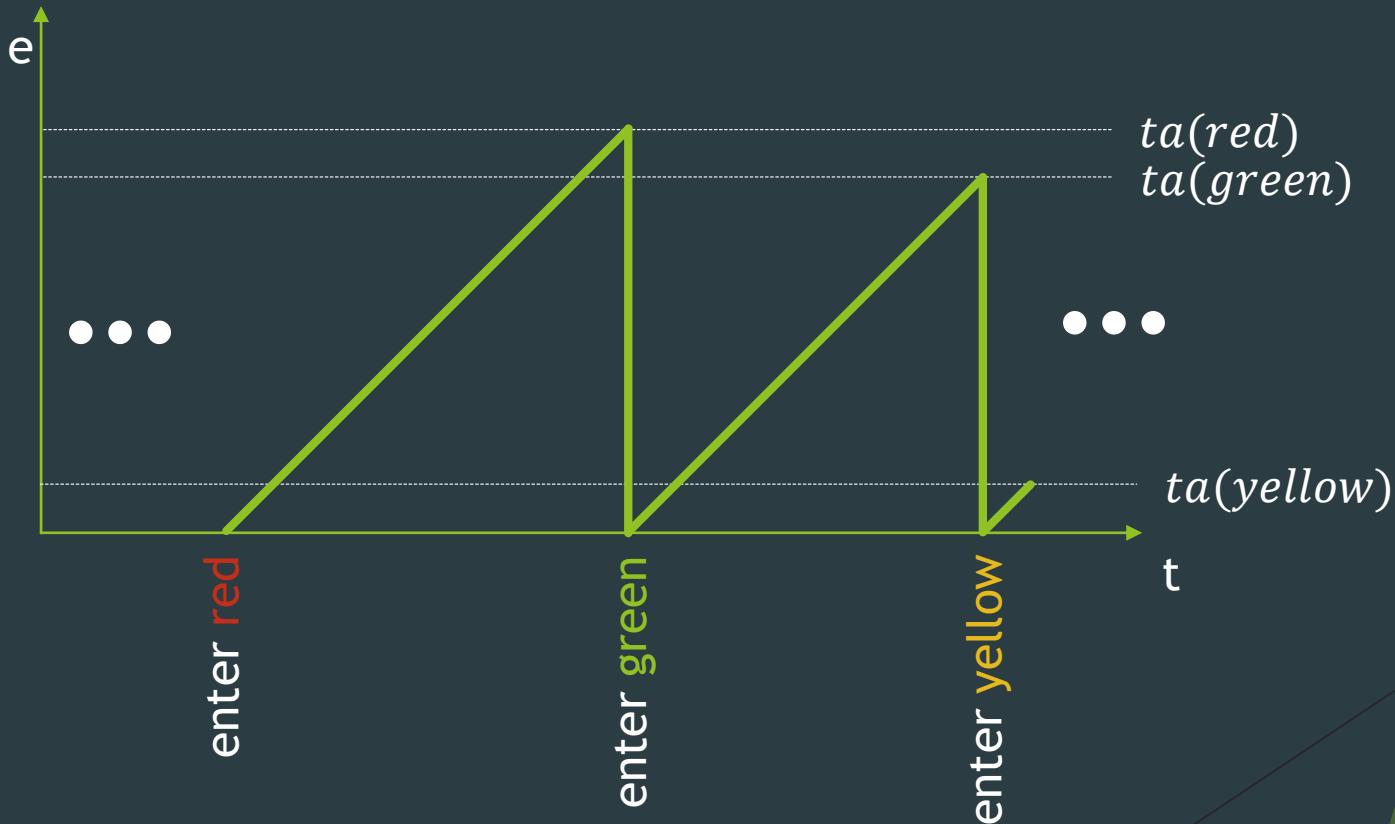
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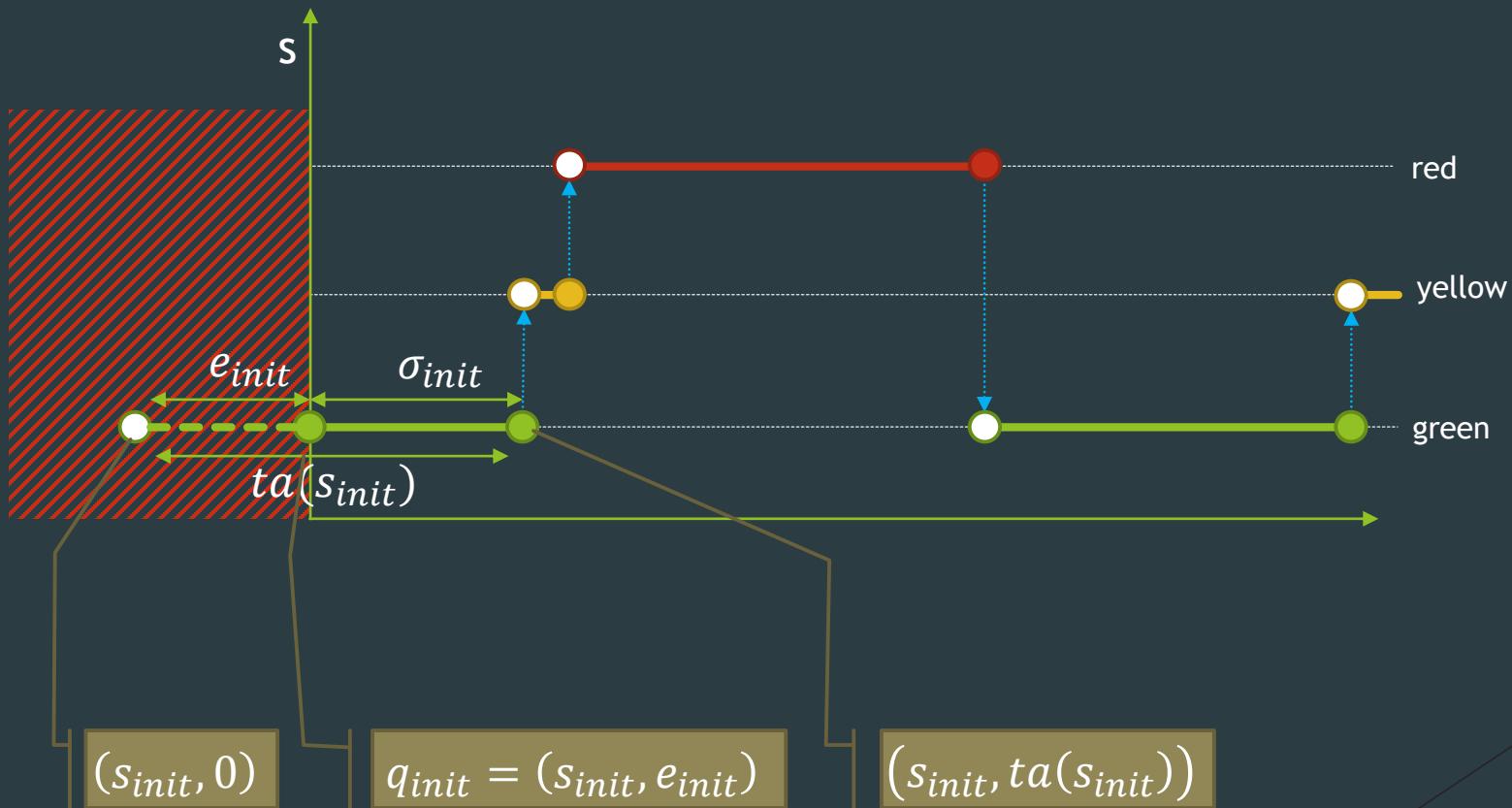
Elapsed time



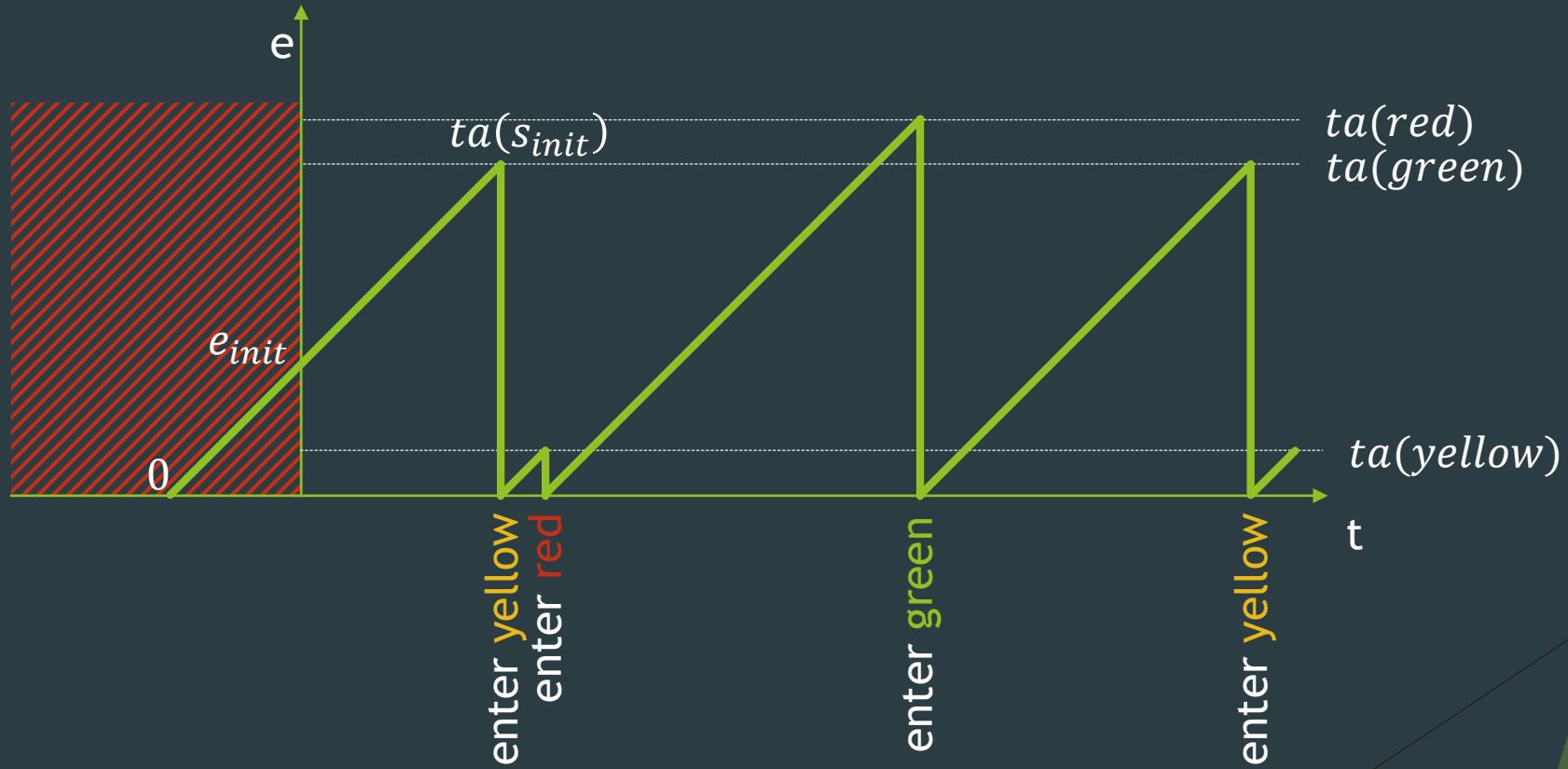
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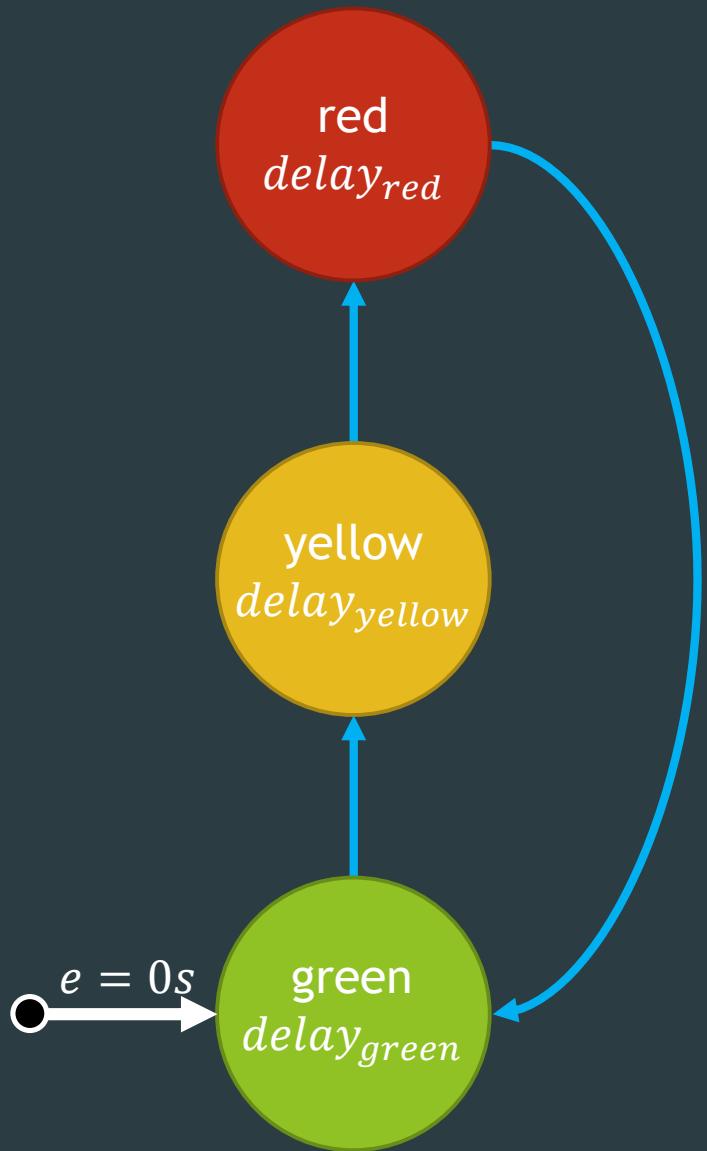


Initialization of State



Elapsed time





Autonomous, no output

$$M = \langle S, q_{init}, \delta_{int}, ta \rangle$$

S : set of sequential states

$$S = \{\text{red, yellow, green}\}$$

$$\delta_{int} : S \rightarrow S$$

$$\delta_{int} = \{\text{red} \rightarrow \text{green}, \\ \text{green} \rightarrow \text{yellow}, \\ \text{yellow} \rightarrow \text{red}\}$$

$$ta : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{0,+\infty}^+$$

$$ta = \{\text{red} \rightarrow delay_{red}, \\ \text{green} \rightarrow delay_{green}, \\ \text{yellow} \rightarrow delay_{yellow}\}$$

$$q_{init} : Q - \text{set of total states}$$

$$Q = \{(s, e) | s \in S, 0 \leq e \leq ta(s)\}$$

$$q_{init} = (\text{green}, 0)$$

Abstract Syntax

```
S = {red, yellow, green}  
 $\delta_{int}$  = { red → green,  
           green → yellow,  
           yellow → red}  
ta = {red → delayred,  
      green → delaygreen,  
      yellow → delayyellow}  
qinit = (green, 0)
```

Operational Semantics

```
time = 0  
current_state = initial_state  
last_time = -initial_elapsed  
while not termination_condition():  
    time = last_time + ta(current_state)  
    current_state =  $\delta_{int}$ (current_state)  
    last_time = time
```

total_state is a tuple

Concrete Syntax



```
from pypdevs.DEVS import *  
  
class TrafficLightAutonomous(AtomicDEVS):  
    def __init__(self, q_init, delay_green,  
                 delay_yellow, delay_red):  
        AtomicDEVS.__init__(self, "light")  
        self.state, self.elapsed = q_init  
        self.delay_green = delay_green  
        self.delay_yellow = delay_yellow  
        self.delay_red = delay_red  
  
    def intTransition(self):  
        state = self.state  
        return {"red": "green",  
                "yellow": "red",  
                "green": "yellow"}[state]  
  
    def timeAdvance(self):  
        state = self.state  
        return {"red": self.delay_red,  
                "yellow": self.delay_yellow,  
                "green": self.delay_green}[state]
```

__ Current Time: 0.00 _____

INITIAL CONDITIONS in model <light>

Initial State: green

Next scheduled internal transition at time 57.00

__ Current Time: 57.00 _____

INTERNAL TRANSITION in model <light>

New State: yellow

Output Port Configuration:

Next scheduled internal transition at time 60.00

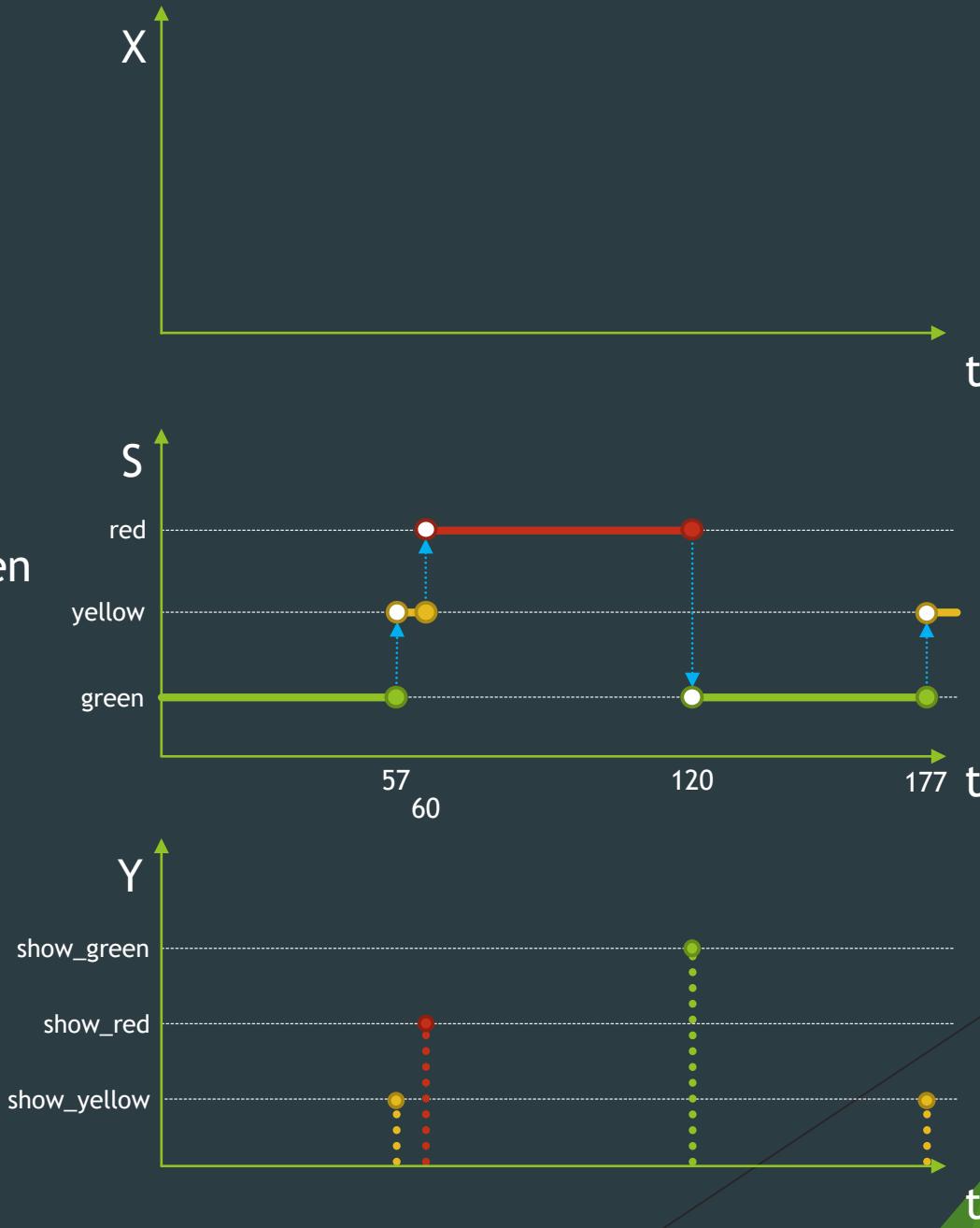
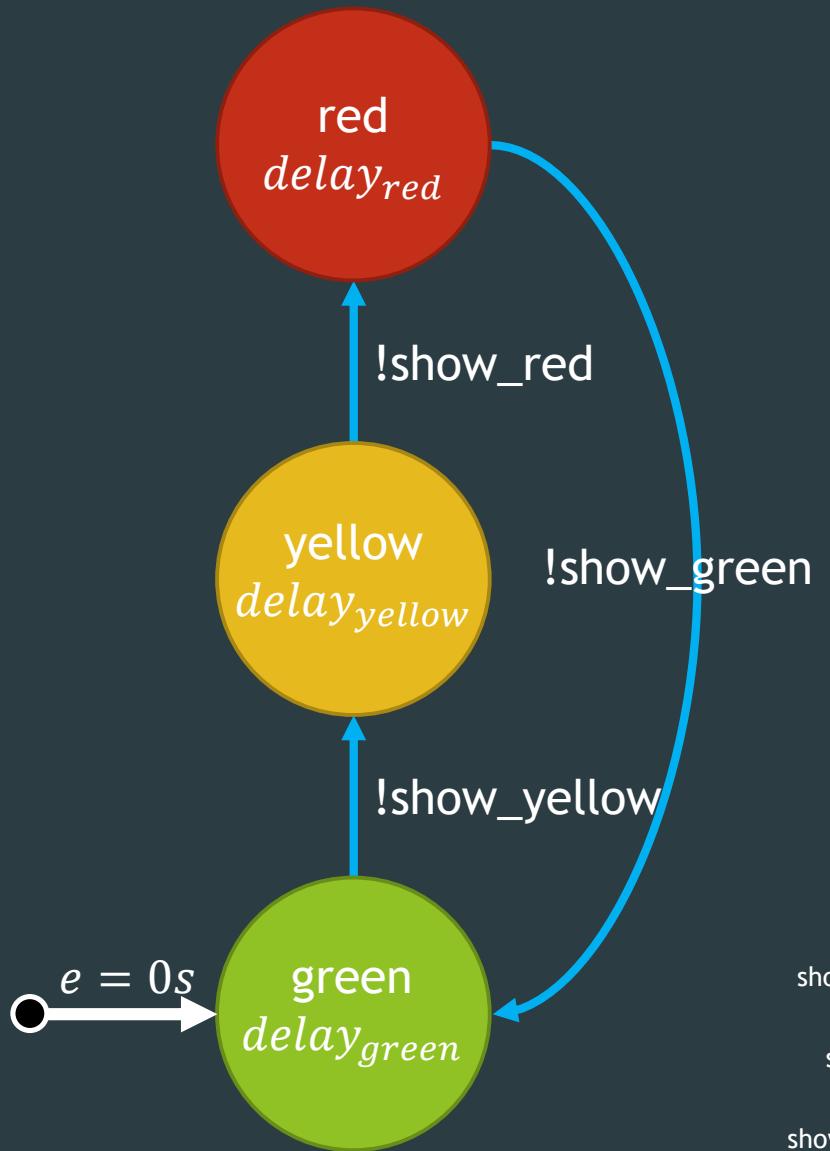
__ Current Time: 60.00 _____

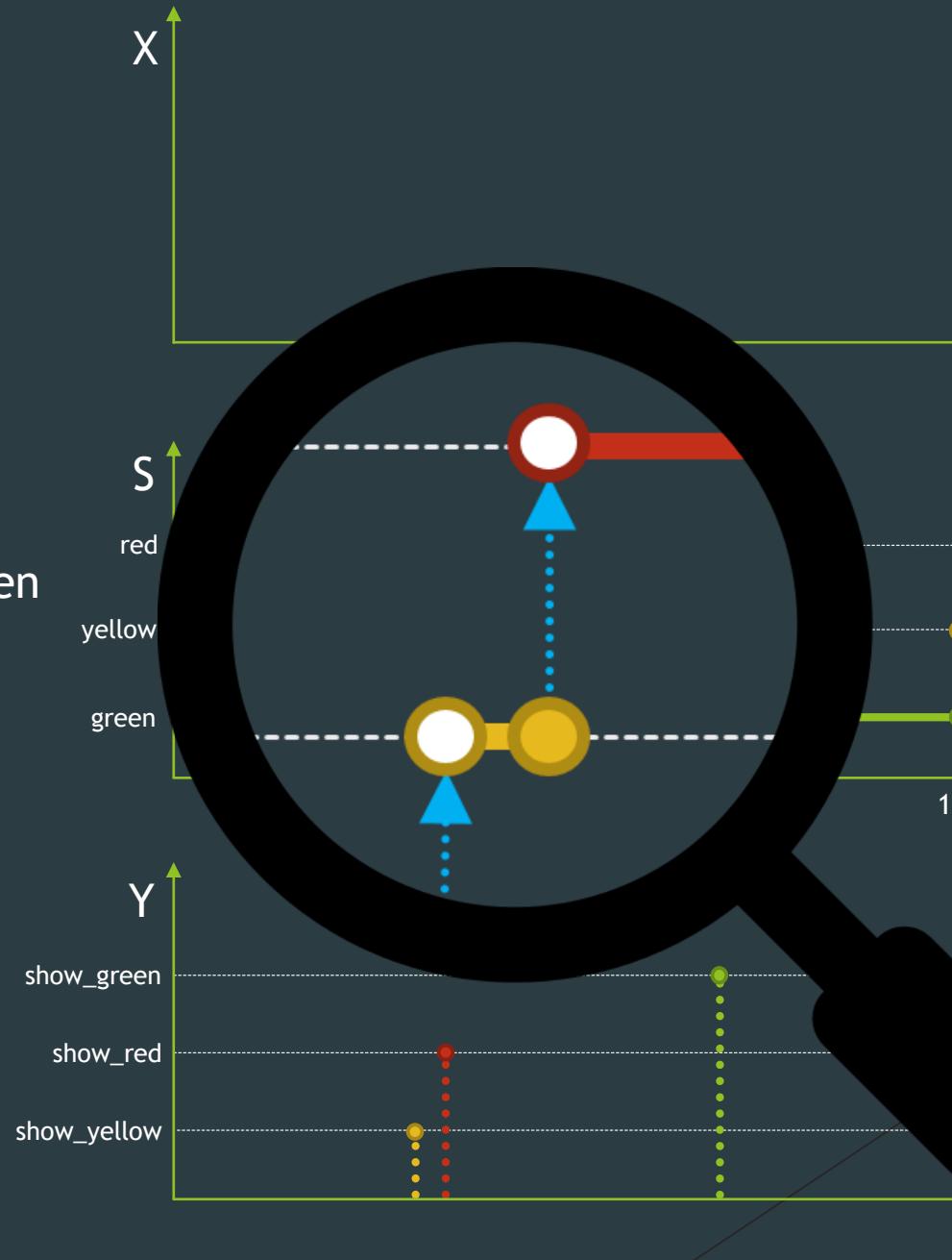
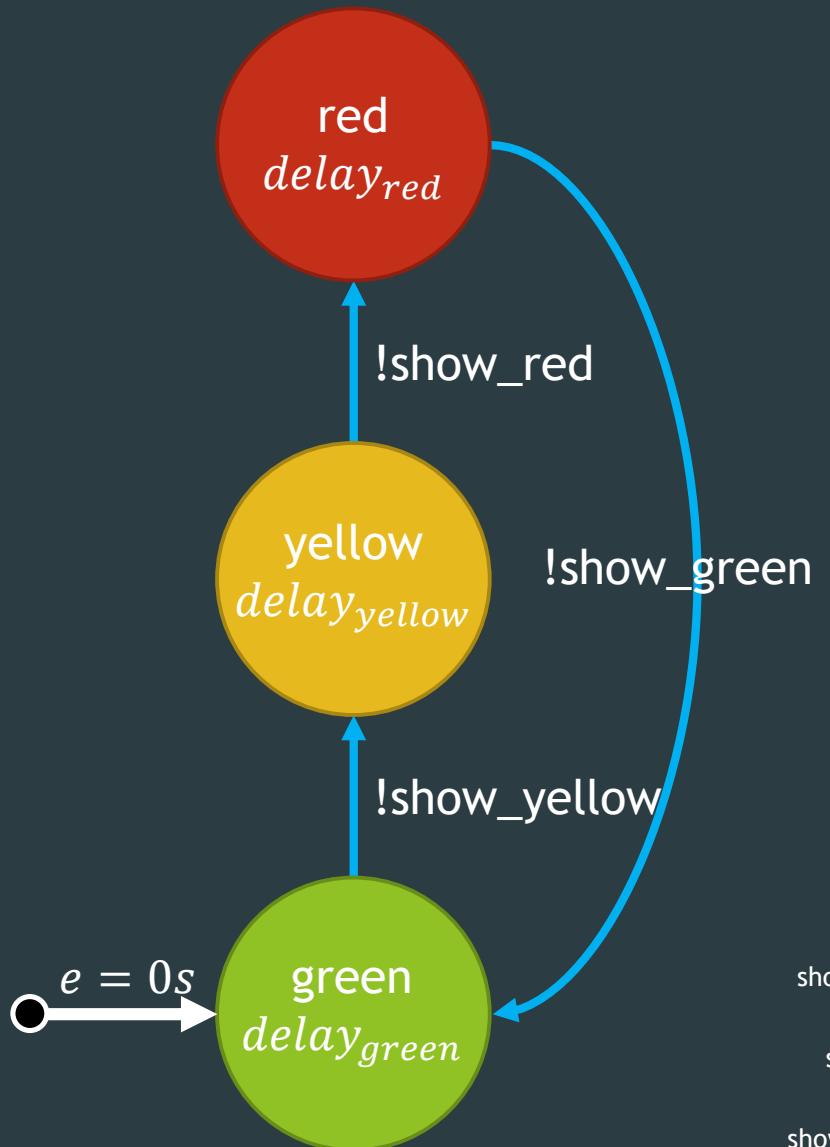
INTERNAL TRANSITION in model <light>

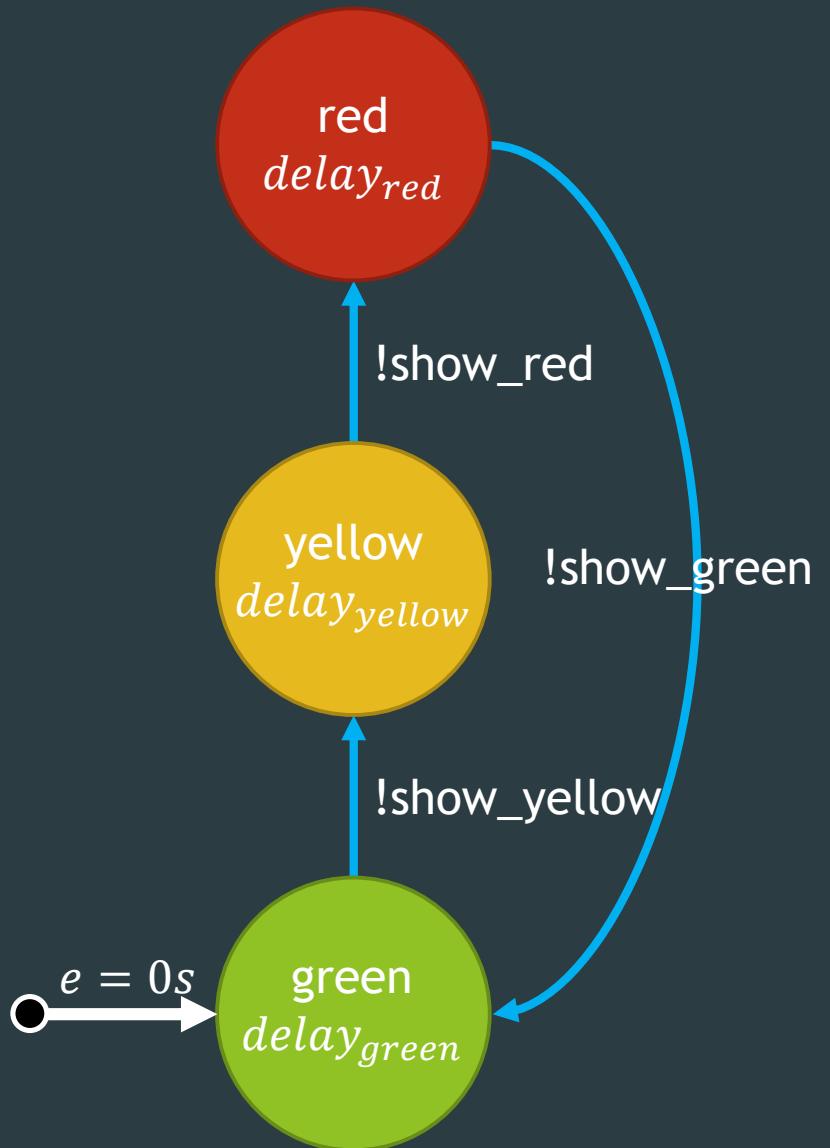
New State: red

Output Port Configuration:

Next scheduled internal transition at time 120.00







Autonomous, with output

$$M = \langle Y, S, q_{init}, \delta_{int}, \lambda, ta \rangle$$

$$S = \{ \text{red, yellow, green} \}$$

$$\delta_{int} = \{ \text{red} \rightarrow \text{green}, \\ \text{green} \rightarrow \text{yellow}, \\ \text{yellow} \rightarrow \text{red} \}$$

$$q_{init} = (\text{green}, 0)$$

$$ta = \{ \text{red} \rightarrow delay_{red}, \\ \text{green} \rightarrow delay_{green}, \\ \text{yellow} \rightarrow delay_{yellow} \}$$

Y : set of output events

$$Y = \{ \text{"show_red"}, \text{"show_green"}, \text{"show_yellow"} \}$$

$$\lambda : S \rightarrow Y \cup \{\phi\}$$

$$\lambda = \{ \text{green} \rightarrow \text{"show_yellow"}, \\ \text{yellow} \rightarrow \text{"show_red"}, \\ \text{red} \rightarrow \text{"show_green"} \}$$

Abstract Syntax

```
S = {red, yellow, green}  
qinit = (green, 0)  
 $\delta_{int}$  = { red → green,  
           green → yellow,  
           yellow → red}  
ta = {red → delayred,  
      green → delaygreen,  
      yellow → delayyellow}  
Y = {"show_red",  
     "show_green",  
     "show_yellow"}  
 $\lambda$  = {green → "show_yellow",  
        yellow → "show_red",  
        red → "show_green"}
```

Operational Semantics

```
time = 0  
current_state = initial_state  
last_time = -initial_elapsed  
while not termination_condition():  
    time = last_time + ta(current_state)  
    output( $\lambda$ (current_state))  
    current_state =  $\delta_{int}$ (current_state)  
    last_time = time
```

Concrete Syntax



```
from pypdevs.DEVS import *  
  
class TrafficLightWithOutput(AtomicDEVS):  
    def __init__(self, ...):  
        AtomicDEVS.__init__(self, "light")  
        self.observe = self.addOutPort("observer")  
        ...  
        ...  
  
    def outputFnc(self):  
        state = self.state  
        if state == "red":  
            return {self.observe: "show_green"}  
        elif state == "yellow":  
            return {self.observe: "show_red"}  
        elif state == "green":  
            return {self.observe: "show_yellow"}
```

__ Current Time: 0.00 _____

INITIAL CONDITIONS in model <light>

Initial State: green

Next scheduled internal transition at time 57.00

__ Current Time: 57.00 _____

INTERNAL TRANSITION in model <light>

New State: yellow

Output Port Configuration:

port <observer>:

show_yellow

Next scheduled internal transition at time 60.00

__ Current Time: 60.00 _____

INTERNAL TRANSITION in model <light>

New State: red

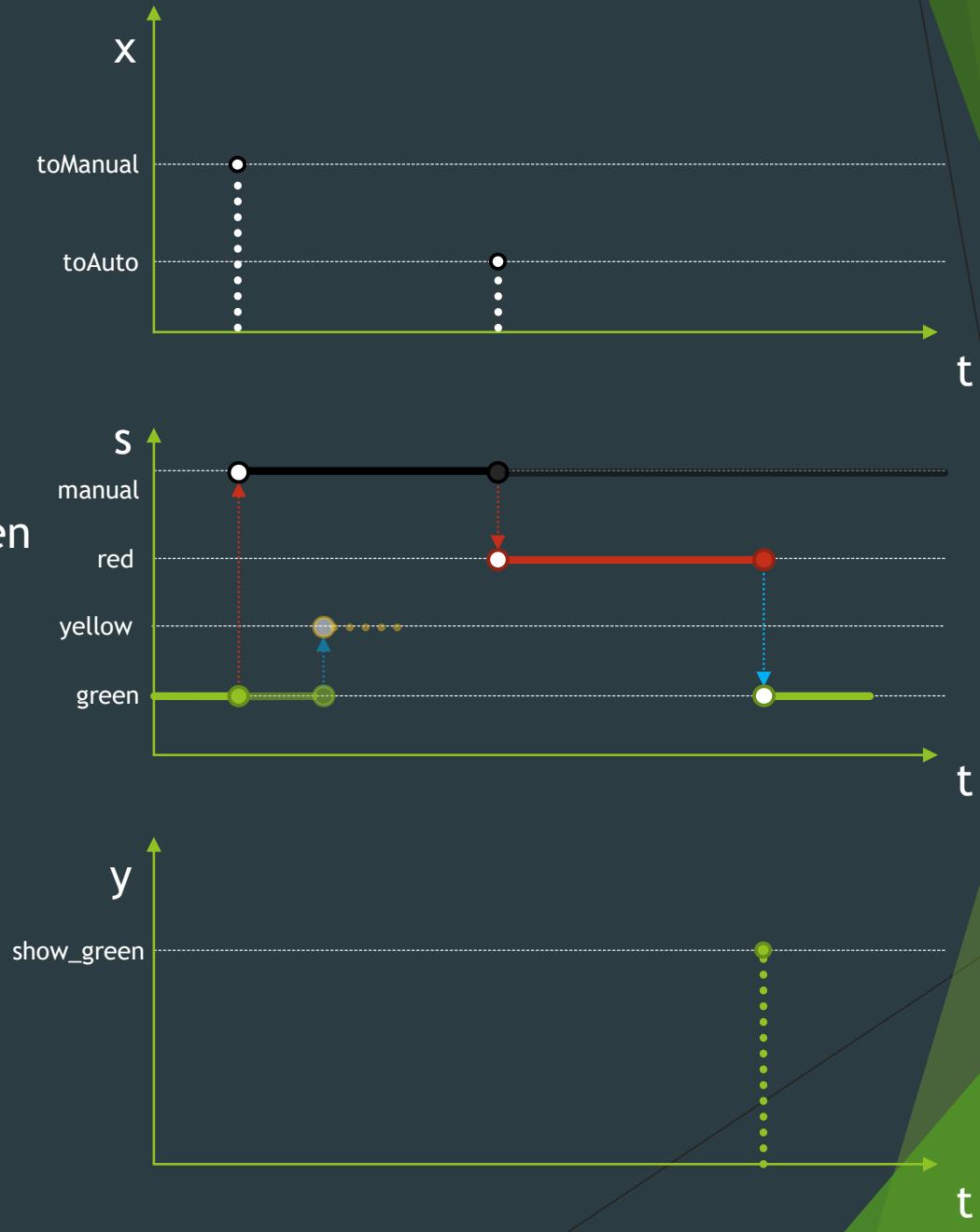
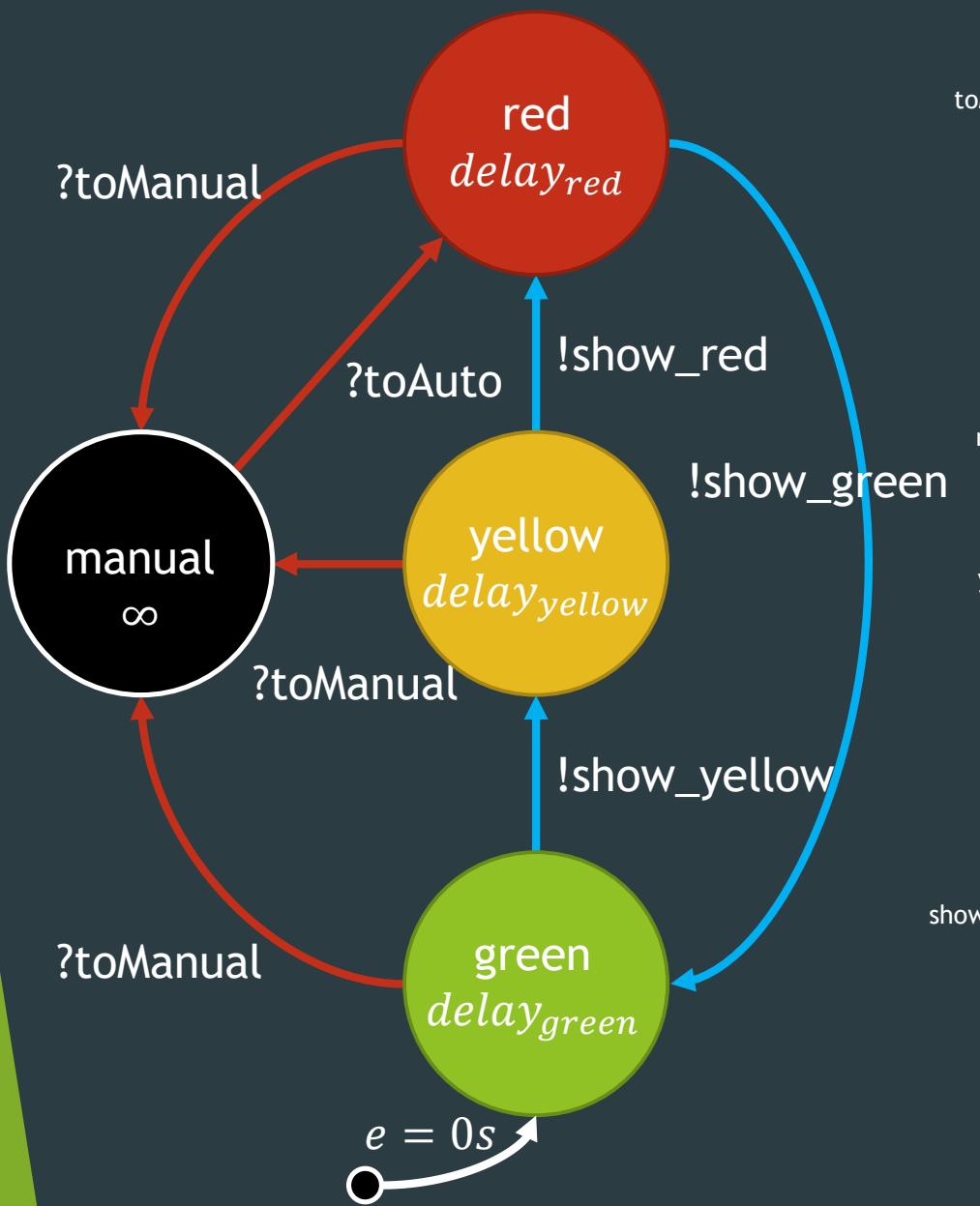
Output Port Configuration:

port <observer>:

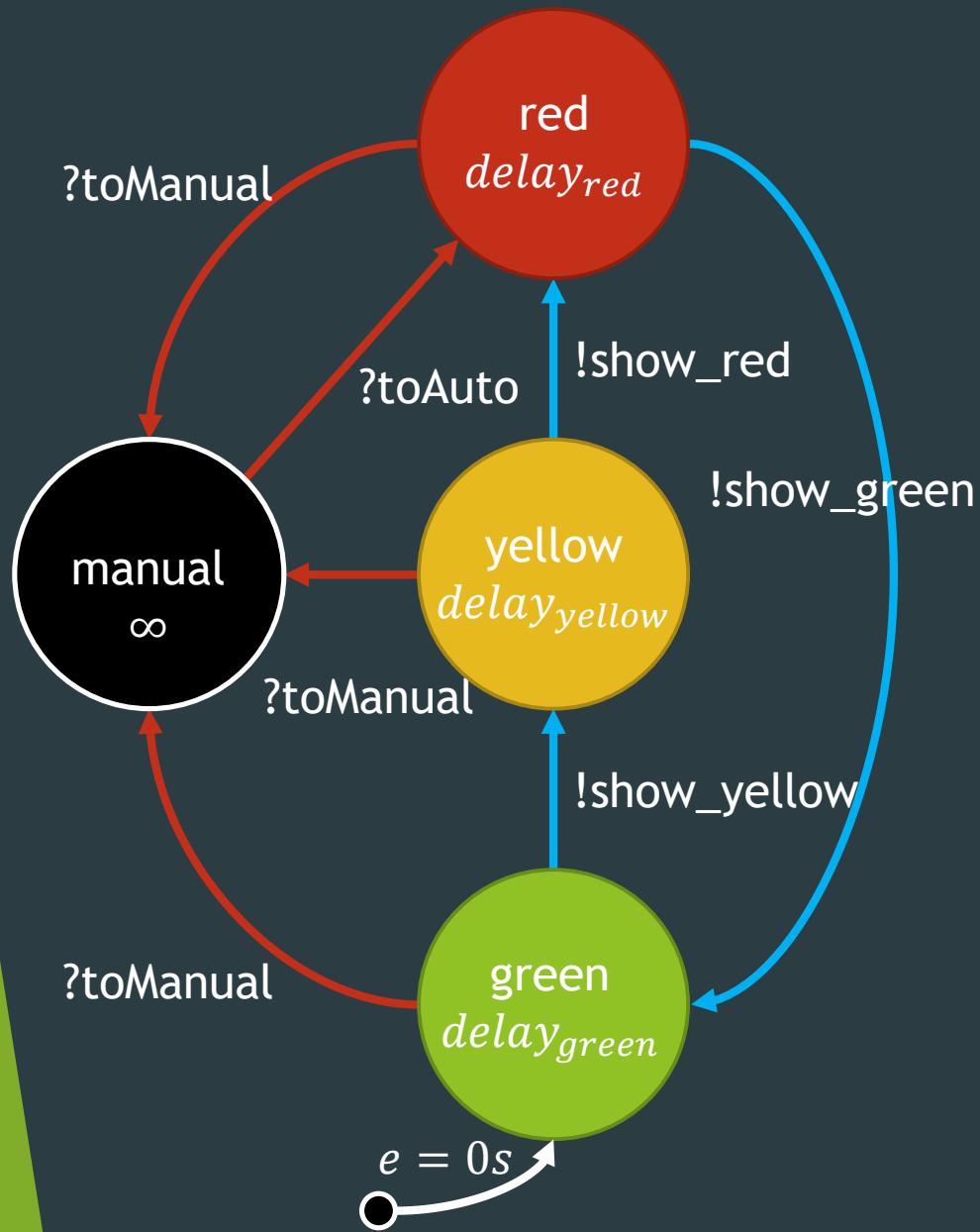
show_red

Next scheduled internal transition at time 120.00

Adding input



Adding input



Reactive

$$M = \langle X, Y, S, q_{init}, \delta_{int}, \delta_{ext}, \lambda, ta \rangle$$

$$Y = \{\text{"show_red"}, \text{"show_green"}, \text{"show_yellow"}\}$$

$$S = \{\text{red}, \text{yellow}, \text{green}, \text{manual}\}$$

$$q_{init} = (\text{green}, 0)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{int} = & \{\text{red} \rightarrow \text{green}, \\ & \text{green} \rightarrow \text{yellow}, \\ & \text{yellow} \rightarrow \text{red}\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda = & \{\text{green} \rightarrow \text{"show_yellow"}, \\ & \text{yellow} \rightarrow \text{"show_red"}, \\ & \text{red} \rightarrow \text{"show_green"}\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} ta = & \{\text{red} \rightarrow \text{delay}_{\text{red}}, \\ & \text{green} \rightarrow \text{delay}_{\text{green}}, \\ & \text{yellow} \rightarrow \text{delay}_{\text{yellow}}, \\ & \text{manual} \rightarrow +\infty\} \end{aligned}$$

X : set of input events

$$X = \{\text{"toAuto"}, \text{"toManual"}\}$$

$$\delta_{ext} : Q \times X \rightarrow S$$

$$Q = \{(s, e) | s \in S, 0 \leq e \leq ta(s)\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{ext} = & \{(\text{(*, *}), \text{"toManual"}) \rightarrow \text{"manual"}, \\ & ((\text{"manual"}, *), \text{"toAuto"}) \rightarrow \text{"red"}\} \end{aligned}$$

Abstract Syntax

```
Y = {"show_red", "show_green", "show_yellow"}  
S = {red, yellow, green, manual}  
 $q_{init} = (\text{green}, 0)$   
 $\delta_{int} = \{\text{red} \rightarrow \text{green},$   
           $\text{green} \rightarrow \text{yellow},$   
           $\text{yellow} \rightarrow \text{red}\}$   
 $\lambda = \{\text{green} \rightarrow \text{"show_yellow"},$   
         $\text{yellow} \rightarrow \text{"show_red"},$   
         $\text{red} \rightarrow \text{"show_green"}$   
       $\}$   
 $ta = \{\text{red} \rightarrow delay_{red},$   
       $\text{green} \rightarrow delay_{green},$   
       $\text{yellow} \rightarrow delay_{yellow},$   
       $\text{manual} \rightarrow \infty\}$   
 $X = \{\text{"toAuto"}, \text{"toManual"}\}$   
 $\delta_{ext} = \{(\text{(*, *}), \text{"toManual"}) \rightarrow \text{manual},$   
           $(\text{(manual, *)}, \text{"toAuto"}) \rightarrow \text{red}\}$ 
```

Operational Semantics

```
time = 0  
current_state = initial_state  
last_time = -initial_elapsed  
while not termination_condition():  
    next_time = last_time + ta(current_state)  
    if time_next_ev <= next_time:  
        e = time_next_ev - last_time  
        time = time_next_ev  
        current_state =  $\delta_{ext}((\text{current\_state}, e), \text{next\_ev})$   
    else:  
        time = next_time  
        output( $\lambda(\text{current\_state})$ )  
        current_state =  $\delta_{int}(\text{current\_state})$   
    last_time = time
```

Abstract Syntax

```
Y = {"show_red", "show_green", "show_yellow"}  
S = {red, yellow, green, manual}  
qinit = (green, 0)  
 $\delta_{int}$  = {red → green,  
           green → yellow,  
           yellow → red}  
 $\lambda$  = {green → "show_yellow",  
        yellow → "show_red",  
        red → "show_green"}  
ta = {red →  $delay_{red}$ ,  
      green →  $delay_{green}$ ,  
      yellow →  $delay_{yellow}$ ,  
      manual →  $\infty$ }  
X = {"toAuto", "toManual"}  
 $\delta_{ext}$  = {( (*, *), "toManual") → manual,  
            ( (manual, *), "toAuto") → red}
```

Concrete Syntax



```
from pypdevs.DEVS import *\n\n\nclass TrafficLight(AtomicDEVS):\n    def __init__(self, ...):\n        AtomicDEVS.__init__(self, "light")\n        self.interrupt = self.addInPort("interrupt")\n        ...\n        ...\n\n    def extTransition(self, inputs):\n        inp = inputs[self.interrupt]\n        if inp == "toManual":\n            return "manual"\n        elif inp == "toAuto":\n            if self.state == "manual":\n                return "red"
```

__ Current Time: 0.00 _____

INITIAL CONDITIONS in model <light>

Initial State: green

Next scheduled internal transition at time 57.00

__ Current Time: 57.00 _____

INTERNAL TRANSITION in model <light>

New State: yellow

Output Port Configuration:

port <observer>:

show_yellow

Next scheduled internal transition at time 60.00

__ Current Time: 60.00 _____

INTERNAL TRANSITION in model <light>

New State: red

Output Port Configuration:

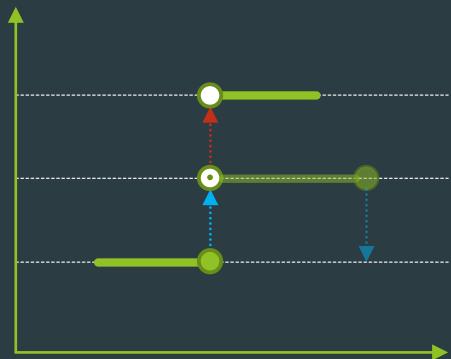
port <observer>:

show_red

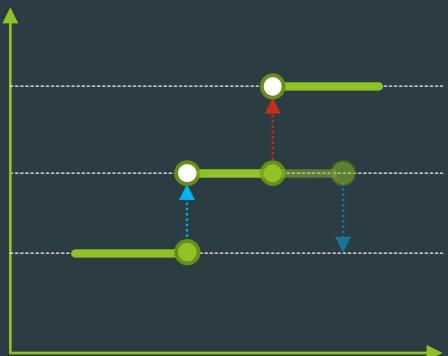
Next scheduled internal transition at time 120.00

$$Q = \{(s, e) | s \in S, 0 \leq e \leq ta(s)\}$$

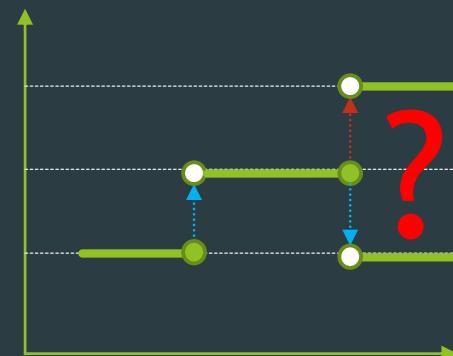
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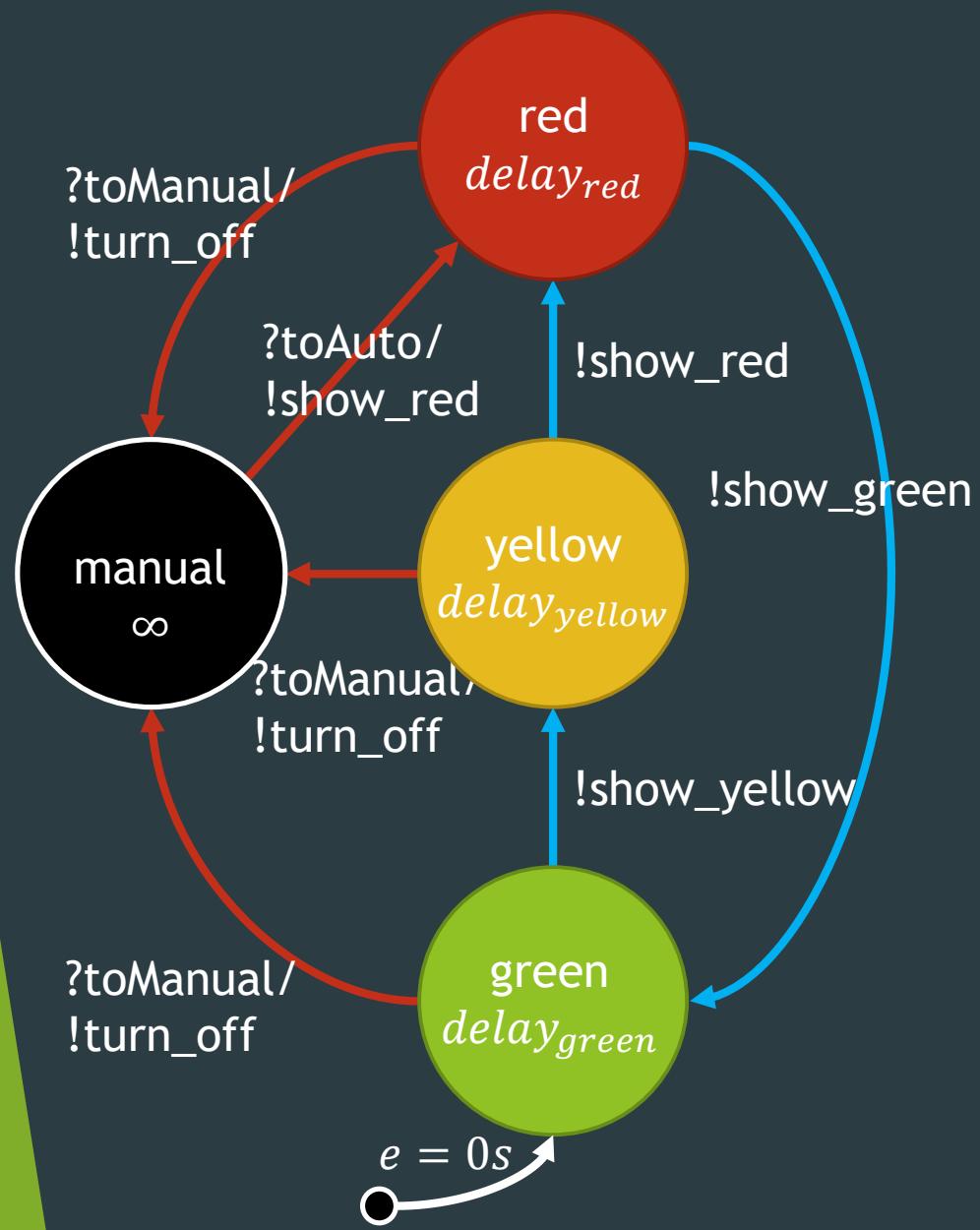


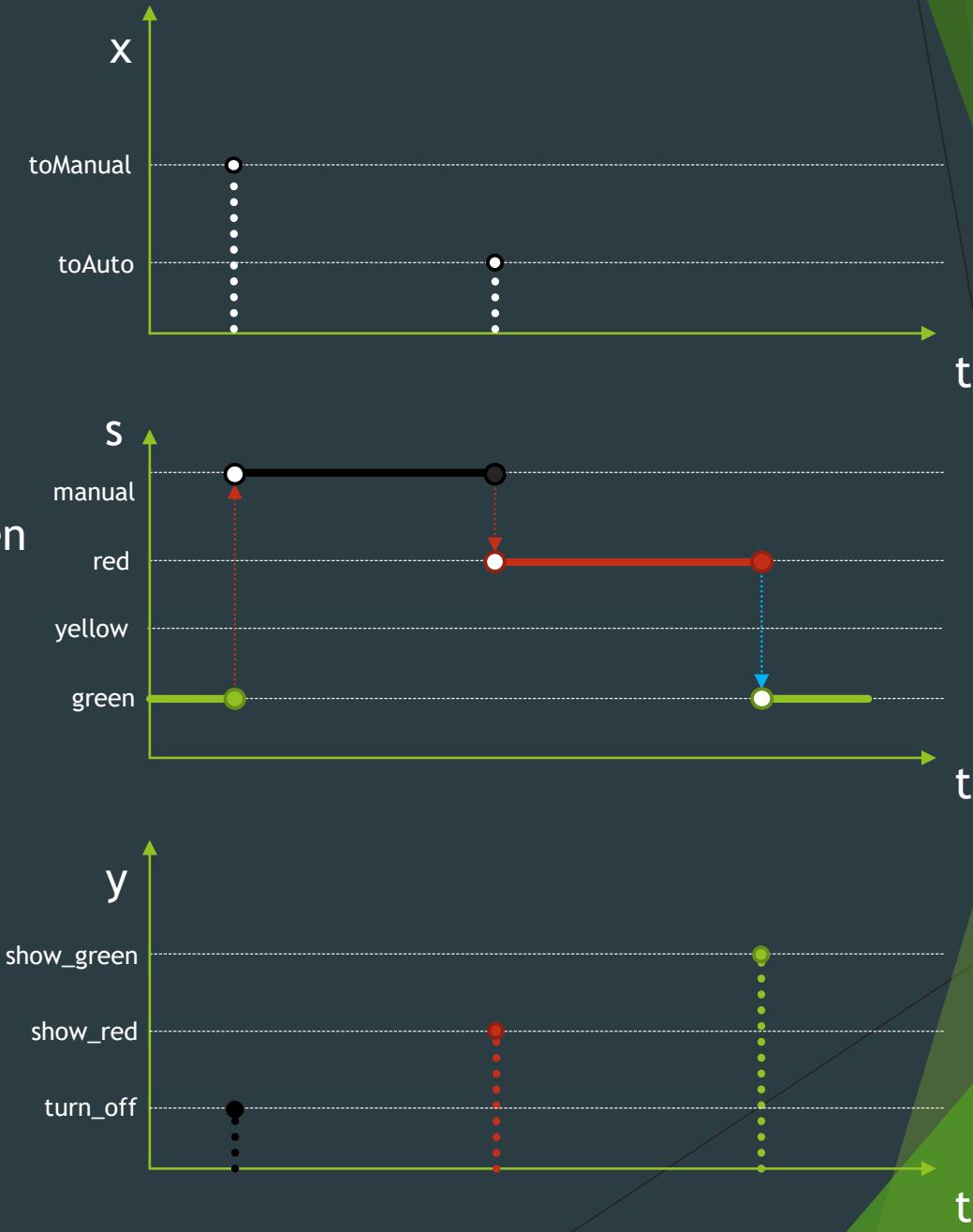
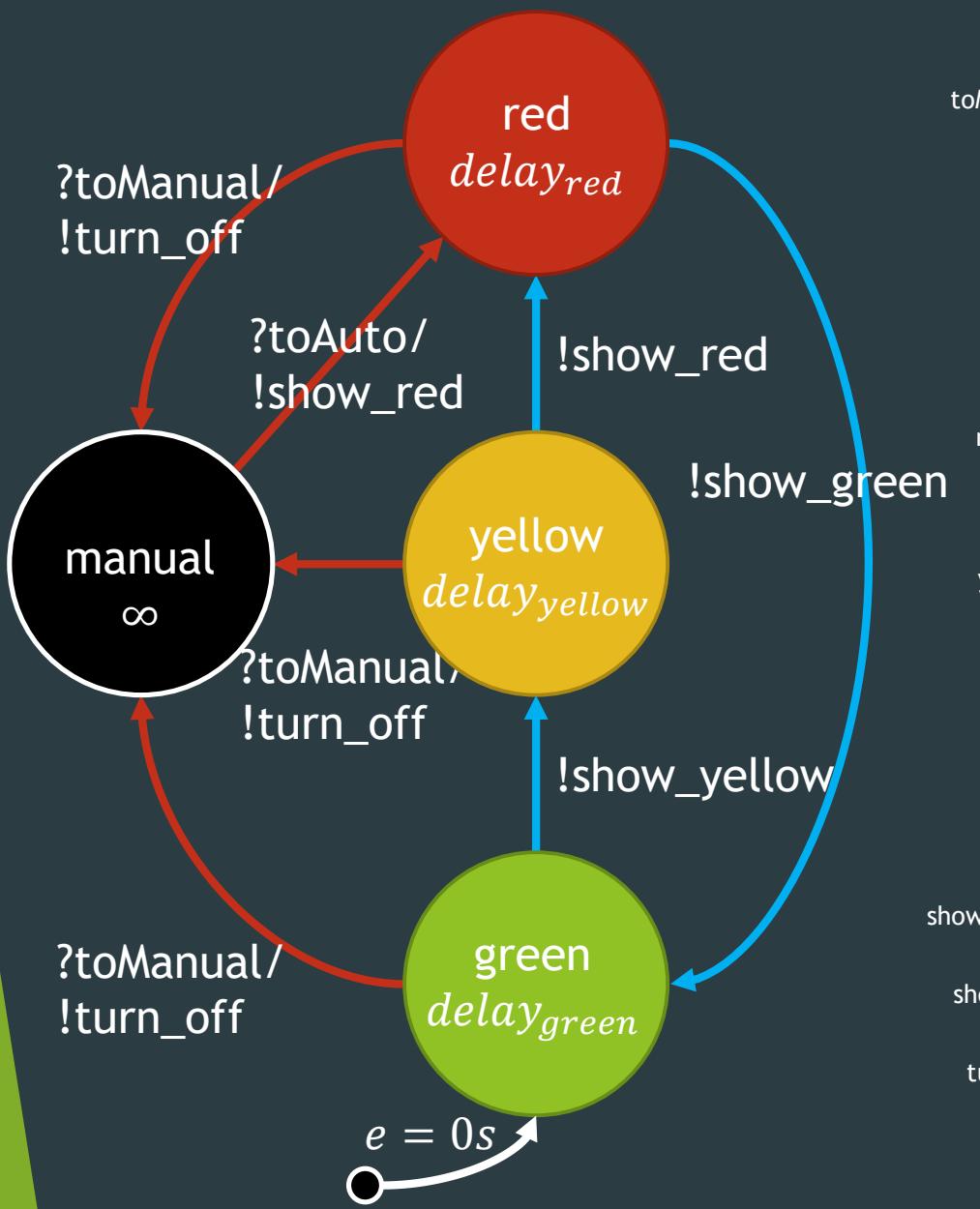
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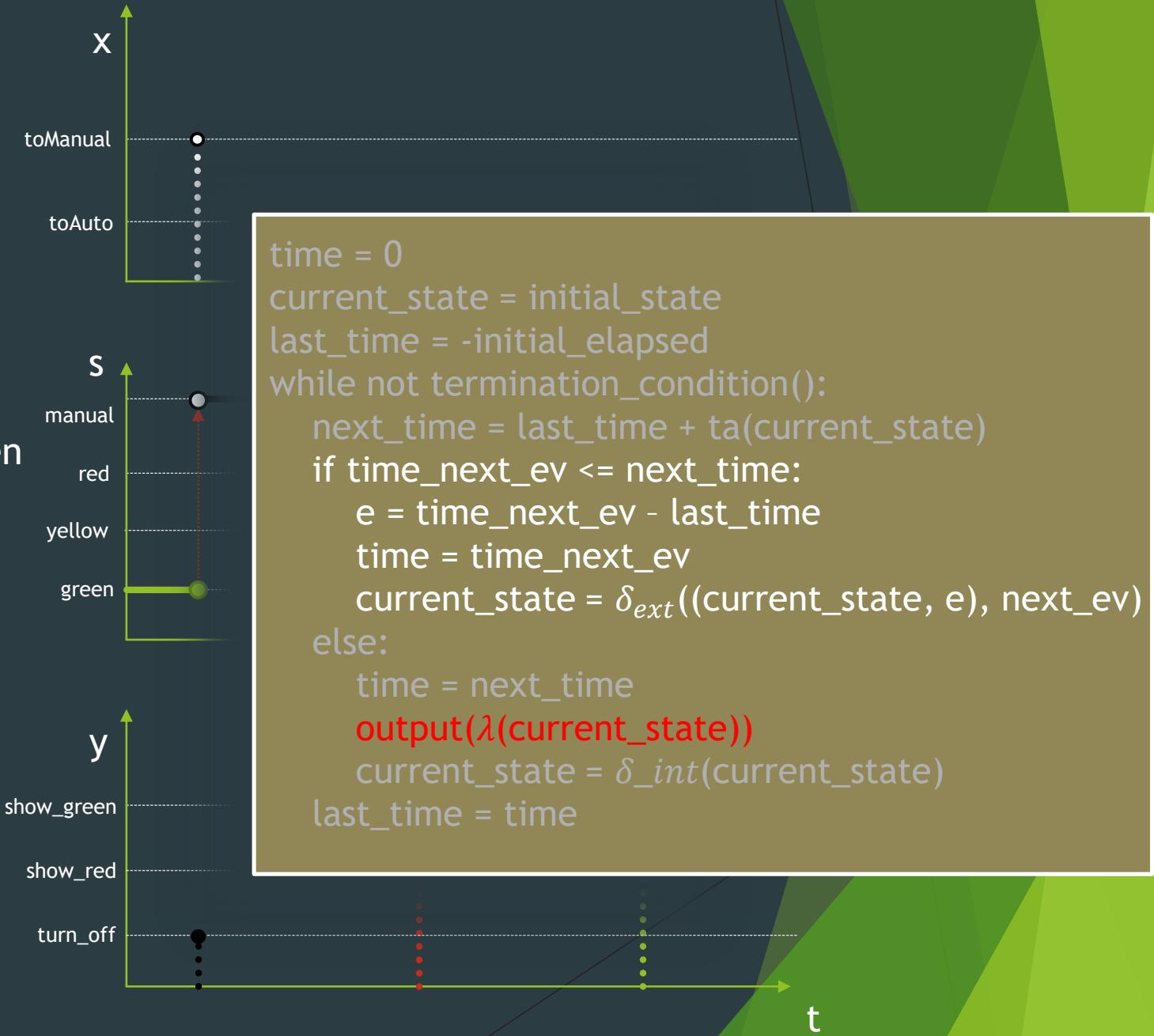
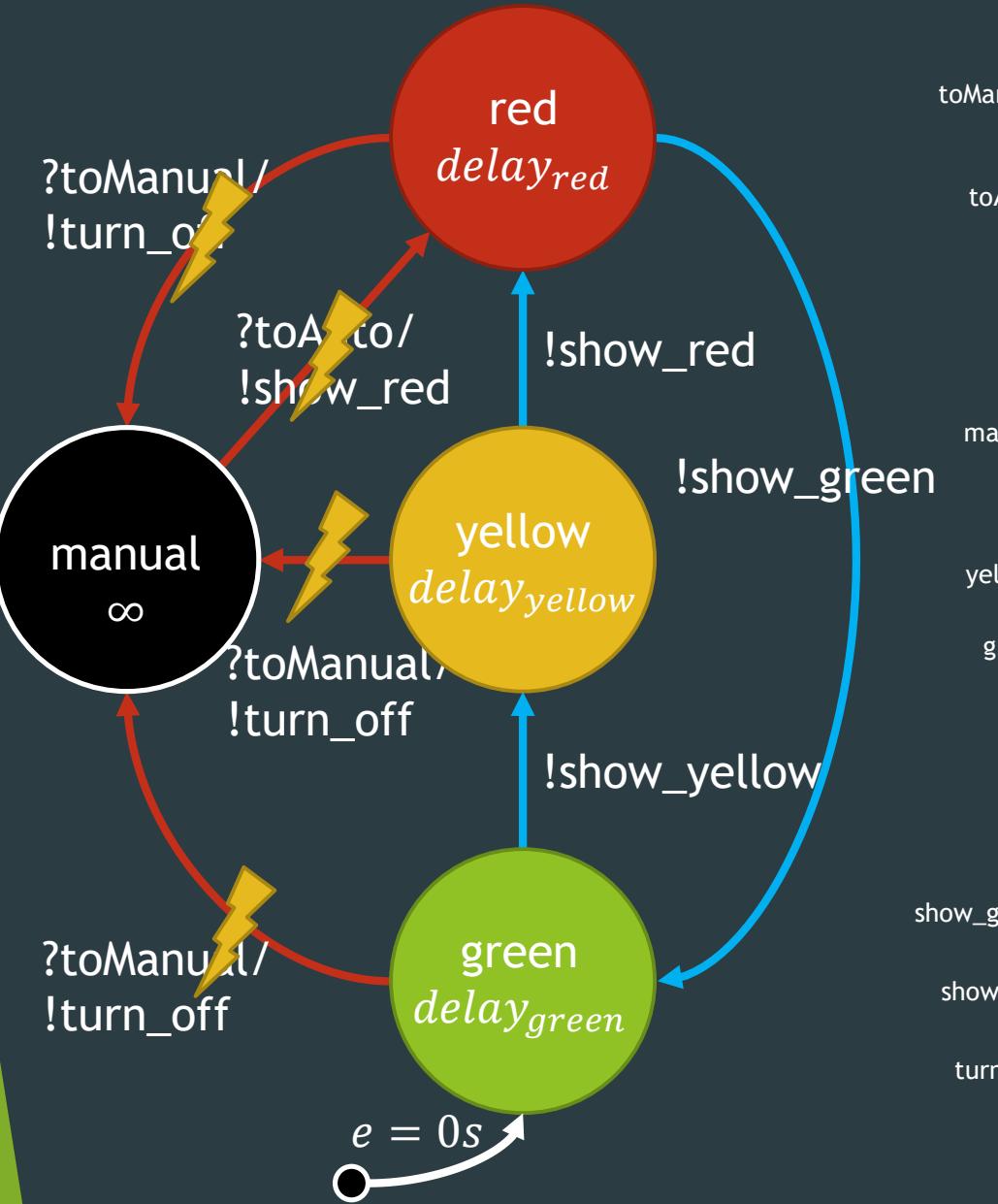


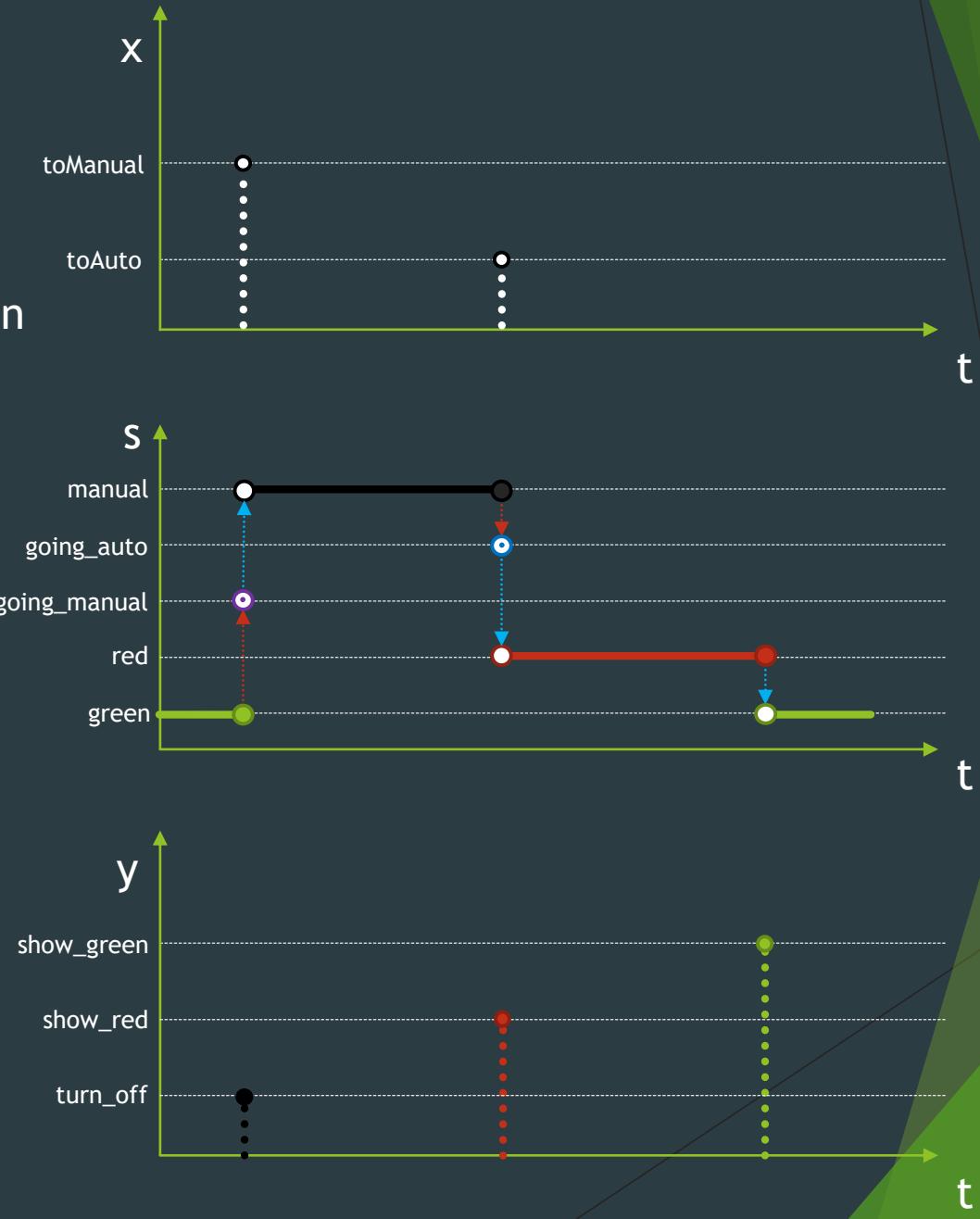
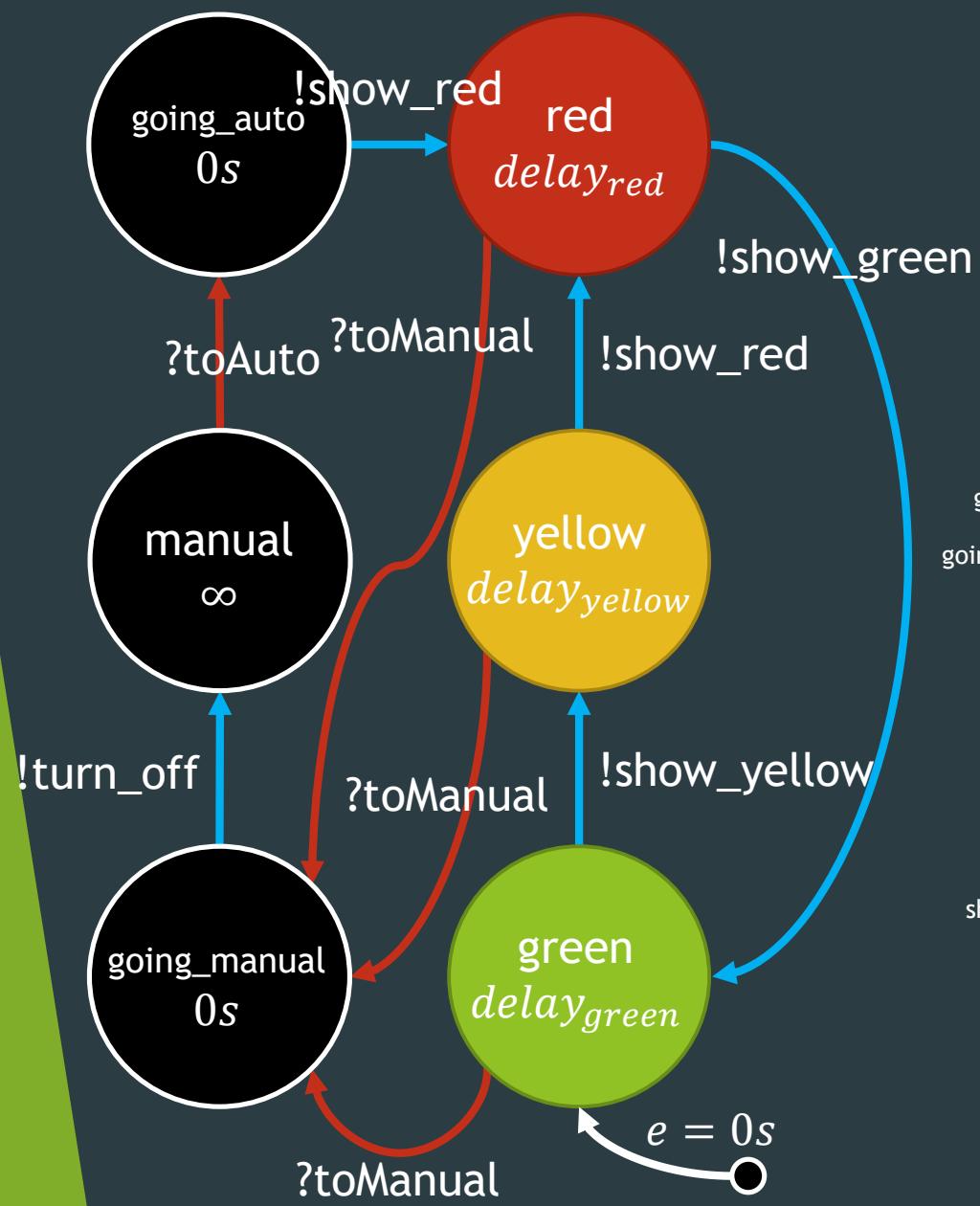
$$e = ta(s)$$











Full Atomic DEVS Specification

$$M = \langle X, Y, S, q_{init}, \delta_{int}, \delta_{ext}, \lambda, ta \rangle$$

X : set of input events

Y : set of output events

S : set of sequential states

q_{init} : Q

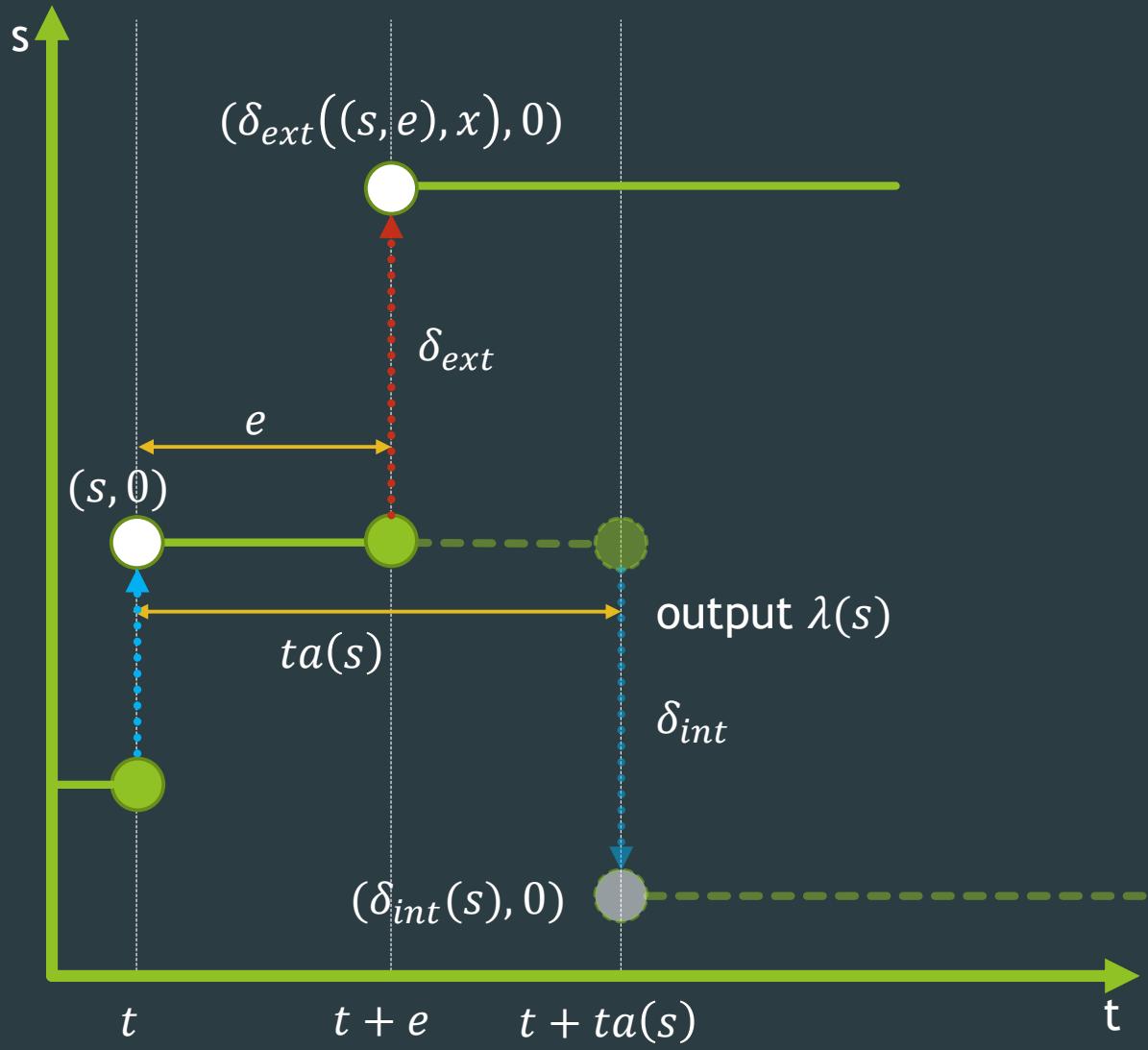
$$Q = \{(s, e) | s \in S, 0 \leq e \leq ta(s)\}$$

δ_{int} : S → S

δ_{ext} : Q × X → S

λ : S → Y ∪ {φ}

ta : S → ℝ_{0,+∞}

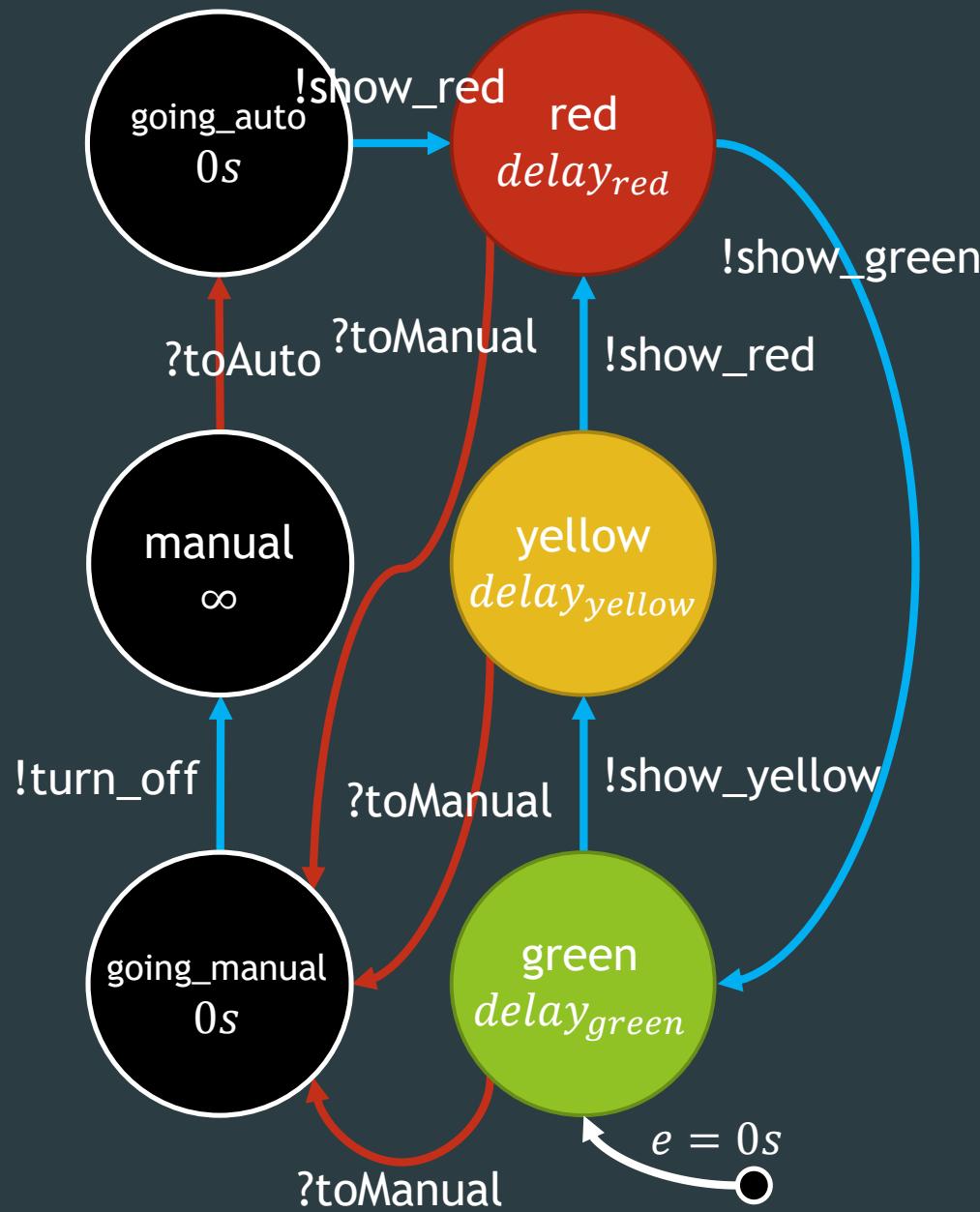


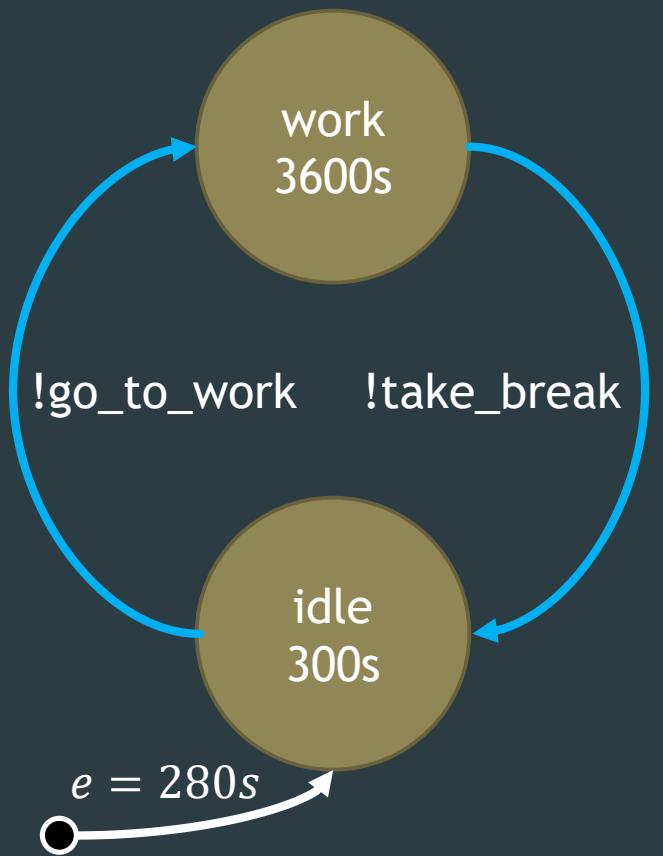
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Coupled Models

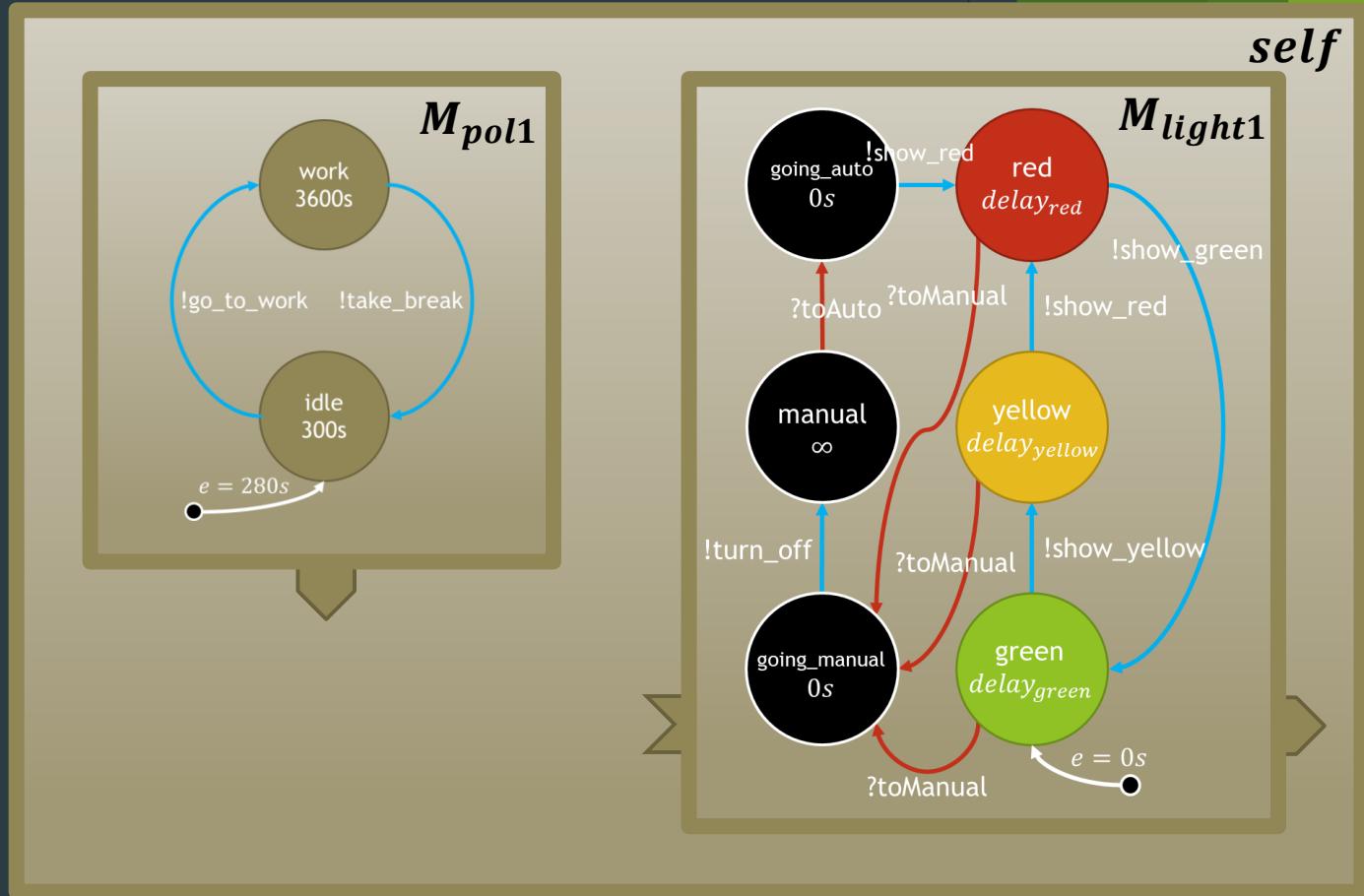




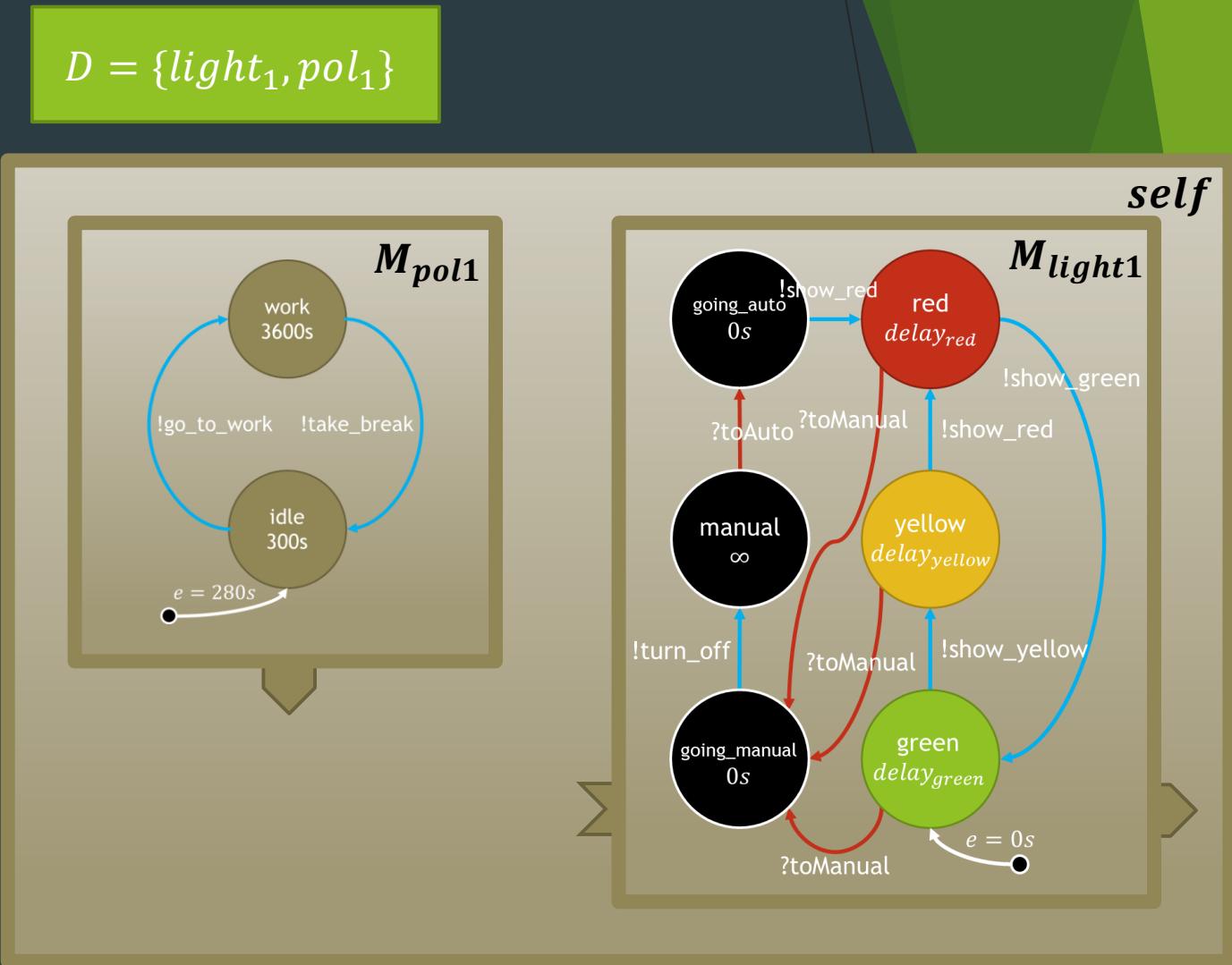
$$\mathcal{C} = \langle D, MS \rangle$$

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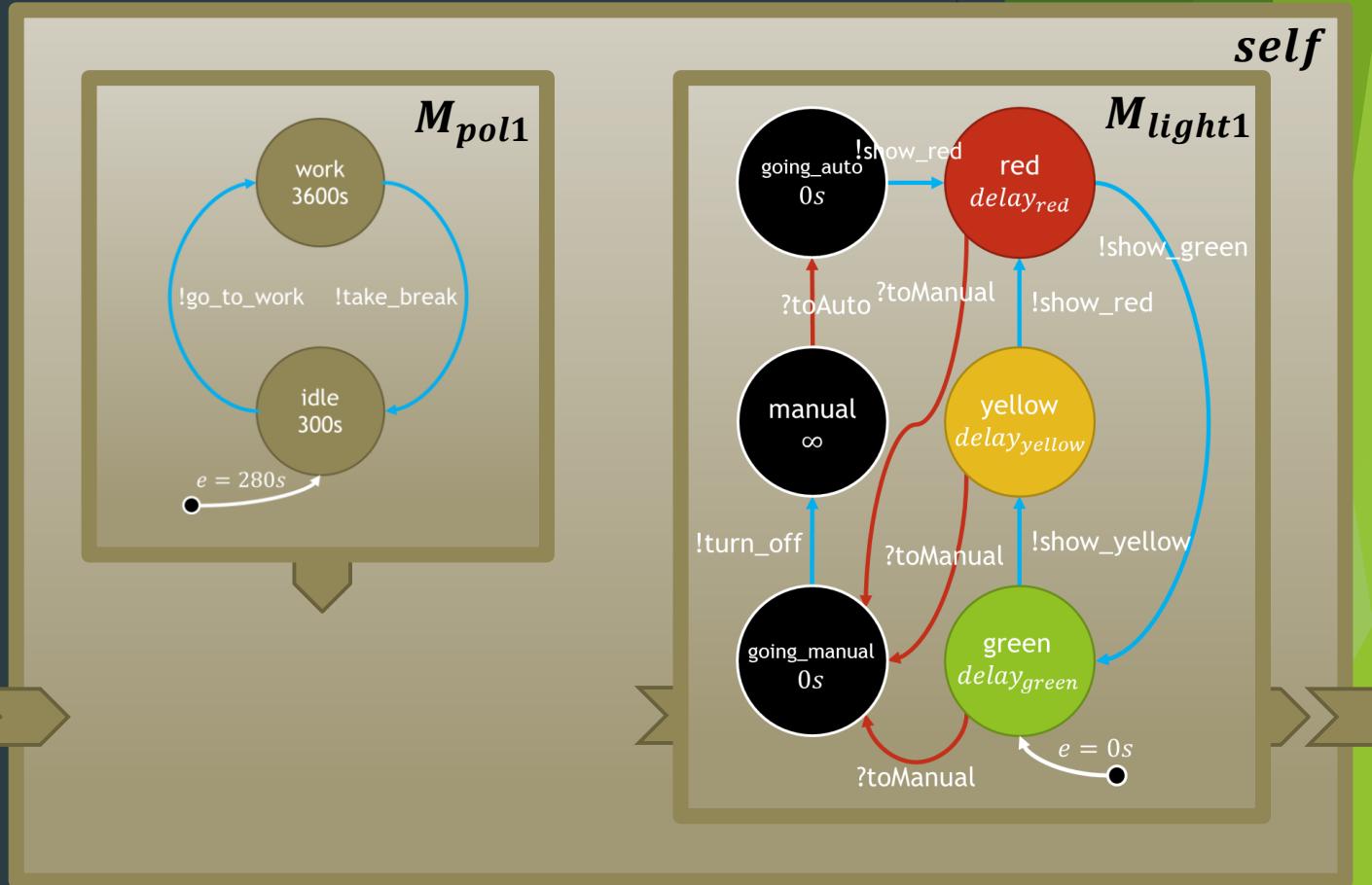
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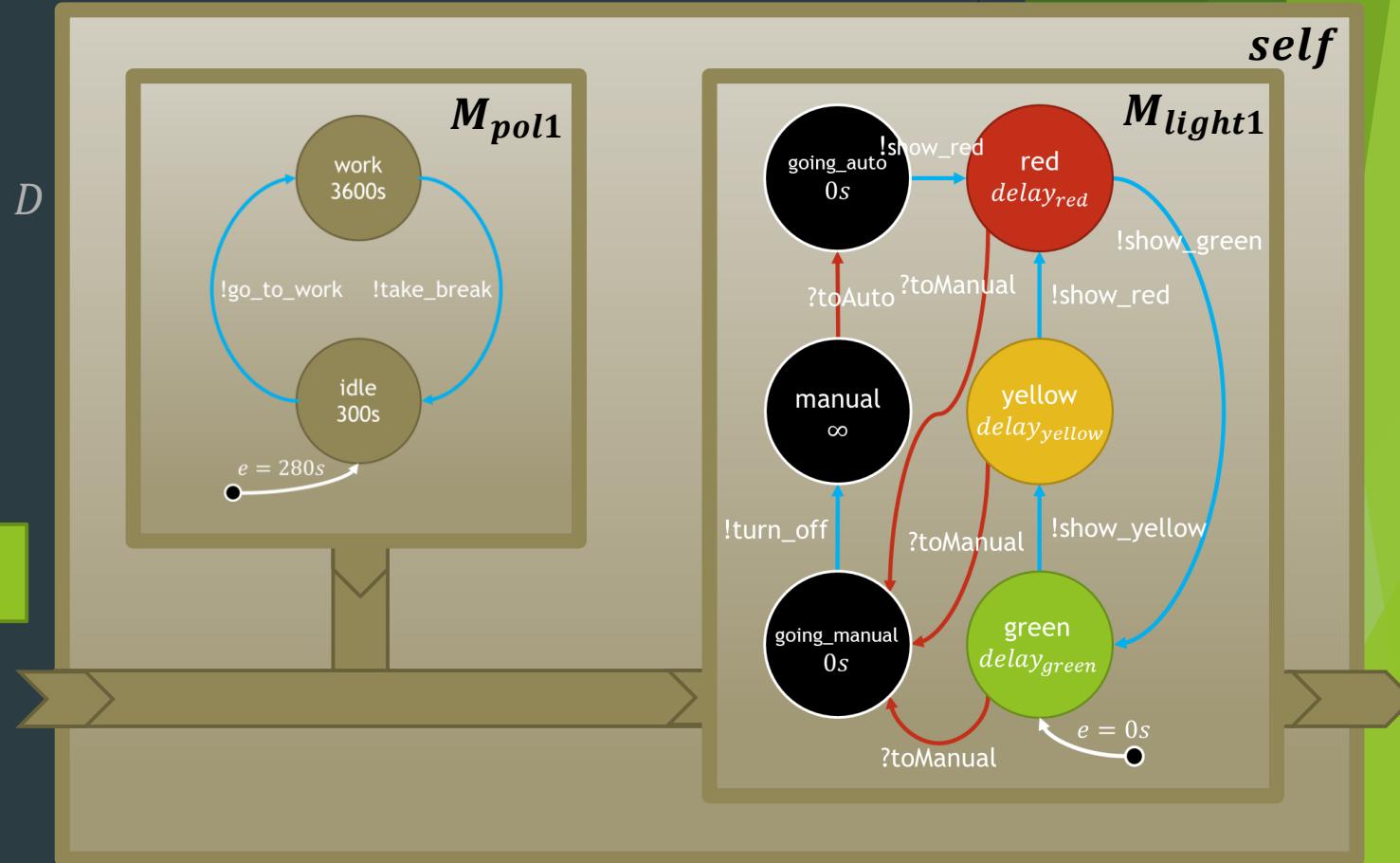
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I_i :Influences of i



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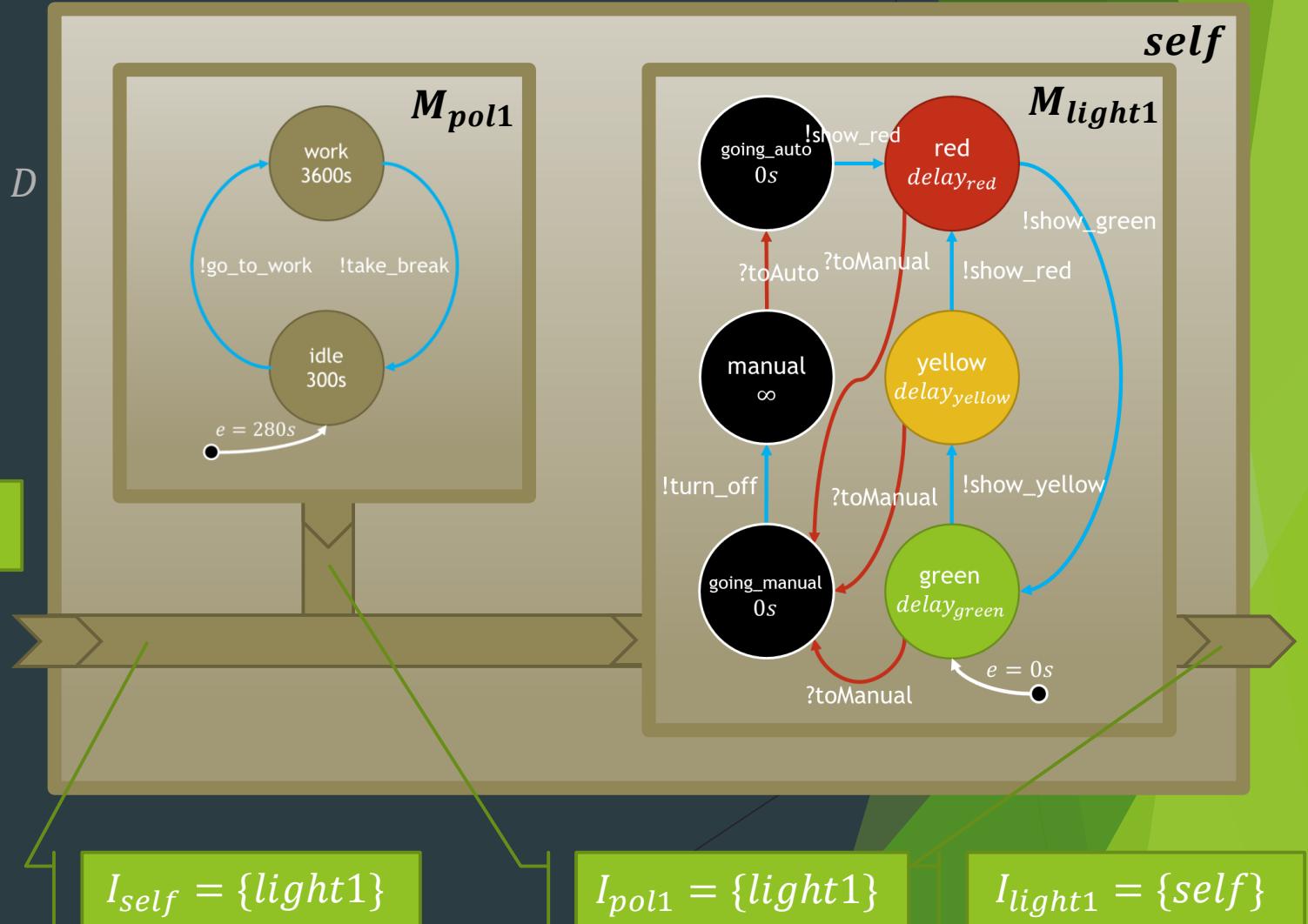
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$$Y_{pol1} = \{go_to_work, take_break\}$$

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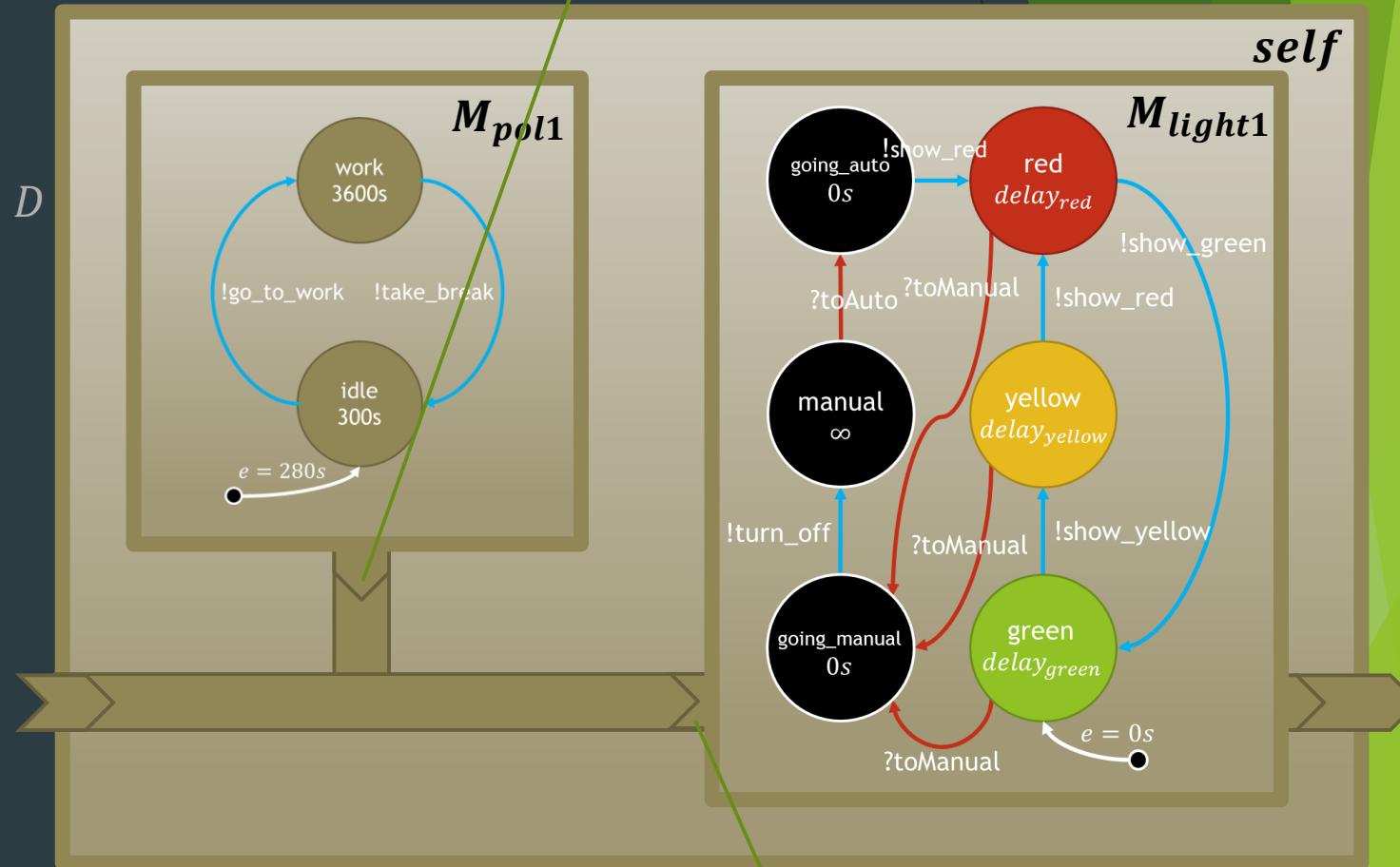
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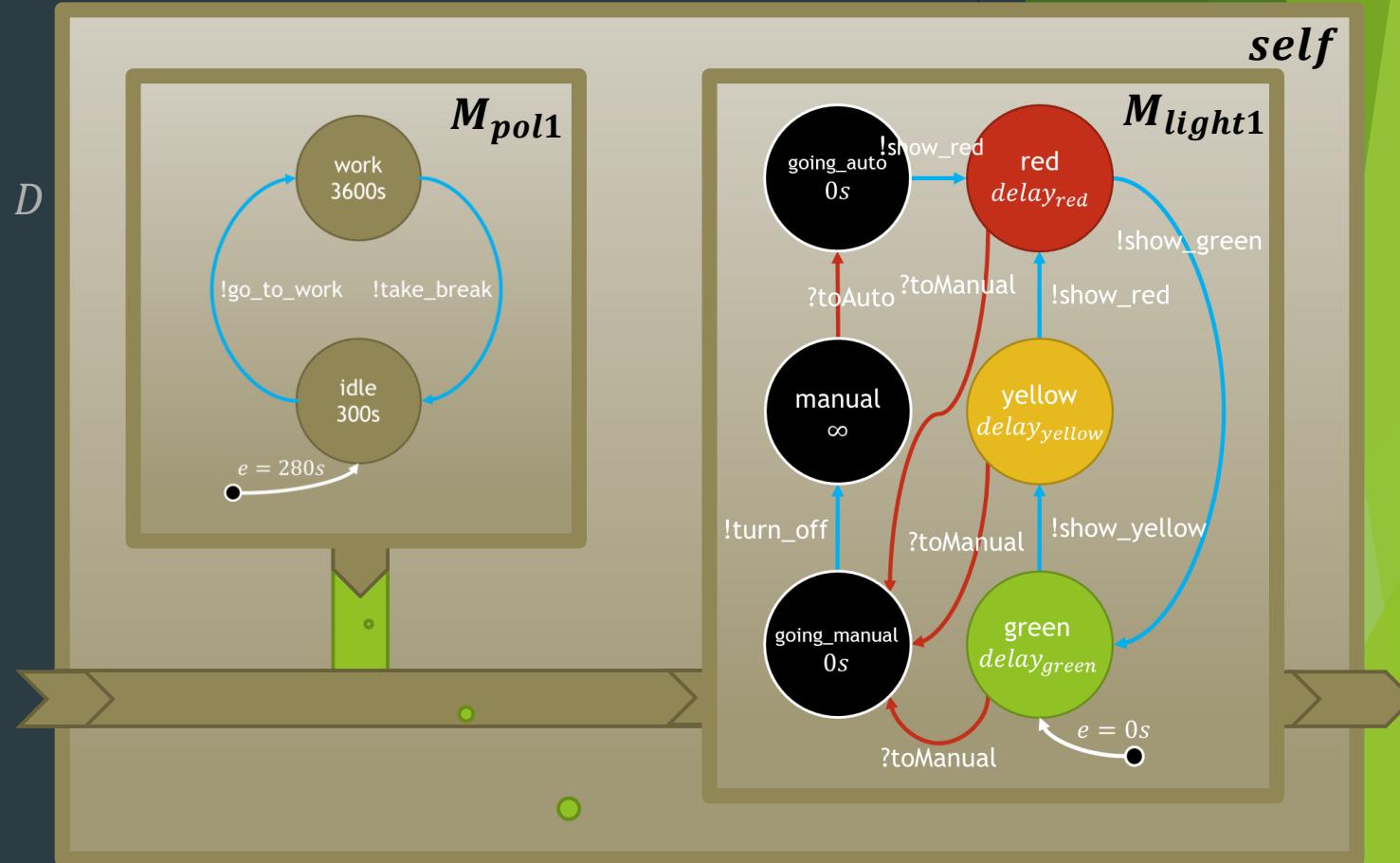
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take_break → toAuto
go_to_work → toManual

$$C = \langle X_{self}, Y_{self}, D, MS, IS, ZS, select \rangle$$

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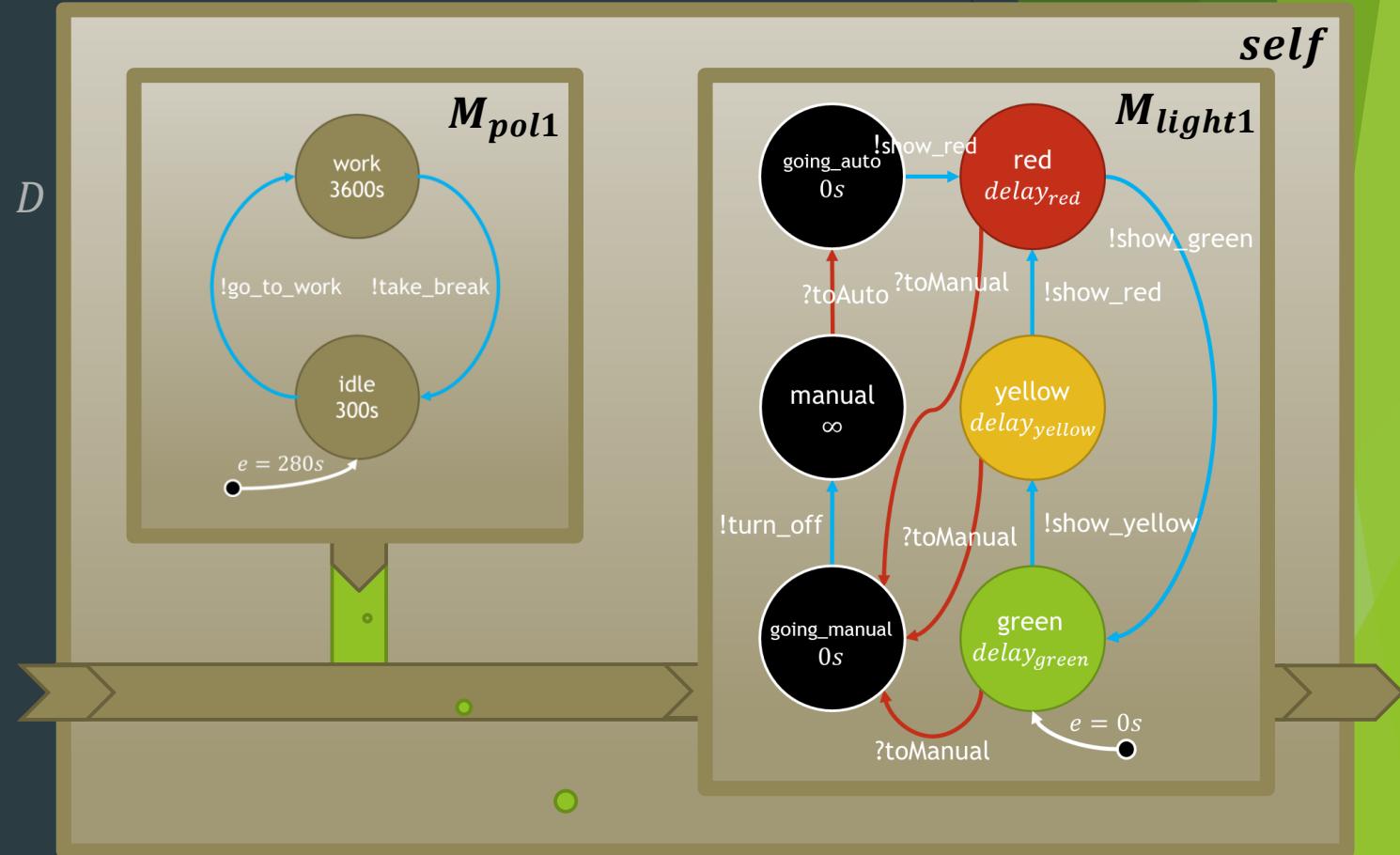
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$$select : 2^D \rightarrow D$$

$$\forall E \subseteq D, E \neq \emptyset : select(E) \in E$$



take_break → toAuto
go_to_work → toManual

Concrete Syntax



trafficlight_system.py

```
from pypdevs.DEVS import *

from trafficlight import TrafficLight
from policeman import Policeman

def translate(in_evt):
    mapping = {"take_break": "toAuto",
               "go_to_work": "toManual"}
    return mapping[in_evt]

class TrafficLightSystem(CoupledDEVS):
    def __init__(self):
        CoupledDEVS.__init__(self, "system")
        self.light = self.addSubModel(TrafficLight(\n            q_init_pol1 = ("idle", 280), q_init_light1 = ("green", 0),\n            delay_red = 60, delay_yellow = 3, delay_green = 57))\n        self.police = self.addSubModel(Policeman())\n        self.connectPorts(self.police.out, self.light.interrupt, translate)

    def select(self, immlist):
        if self.police in immlist:
            return self.police
        else:
            return self.light
```

— Current Time: 0.00 —

INITIAL CONDITIONS in model <system.light>

Initial State: green

Next scheduled internal transition at time 57.00

INITIAL CONDITIONS in model <system.policeman>

Initial State: idle

Next scheduled internal transition at time 20.00

— Current Time: 20.00 —

EXTERNAL TRANSITION in model <system.light>

Input Port Configuration:

port <interrupt>:
toManual

New State: going_manual

Next scheduled internal transition at time 20.0

INTERNAL TRANSITION in model <system.policeman>

New State: working

Output Port Configuration:

port <output>:
go_to_work

Next scheduled internal transition at time 3620.00

_ Current Time: 20.00 _____

INTERNAL TRANSITION in model <system.light>

Output Port Configuration:

port <observer>:

turn_off

New State: manual

Next scheduled internal transition at time inf

— Current Time: 3620.00 —

EXTERNAL TRANSITION in model <system.light>

Input Port Configuration:

port <interrupt>:

toAuto

New State: going_auto

Next scheduled internal transition at time 3620.00

INTERNAL TRANSITION in model <system.policeman>

New State: idle

Output Port Configuration:

port <output>:

take_break

Next scheduled internal transition at time 3920.00

_ Current Time: 3620.00 _____

INTERNAL TRANSITION in model <system.light>

Output Port Configuration:

port <observer>:

show_red

New State: red

Next scheduled internal transition at time 3680.00

— Current Time: 3620.00 —

EXTERNAL TRANSITION in model <system.light>

Input Port Configuration:

port <interrupt>:

toAuto

New State: going_auto

Next scheduled internal transition at time 3620.00

INTERNAL TRANSITION in model <system.policeman>

New State: idle

Output Port Configuration:

port <output>:

take_break

Next scheduled internal transition at time 3920.00

— Current Time: 3920.00 —

CONFLICT between models:

<system.light>

* <system.policeman>

EXTERNAL TRANSITION in model <system.light>

Input Port Configuration:

port <interrupt>:

toManual

New State: going_manual

Next scheduled internal transition at time 3920.00

INTERNAL TRANSITION in model <system.policeman>

New State: work

Output Port Configuration:

port <output>:

go_to_work

Next scheduled internal transition at time 7520.00

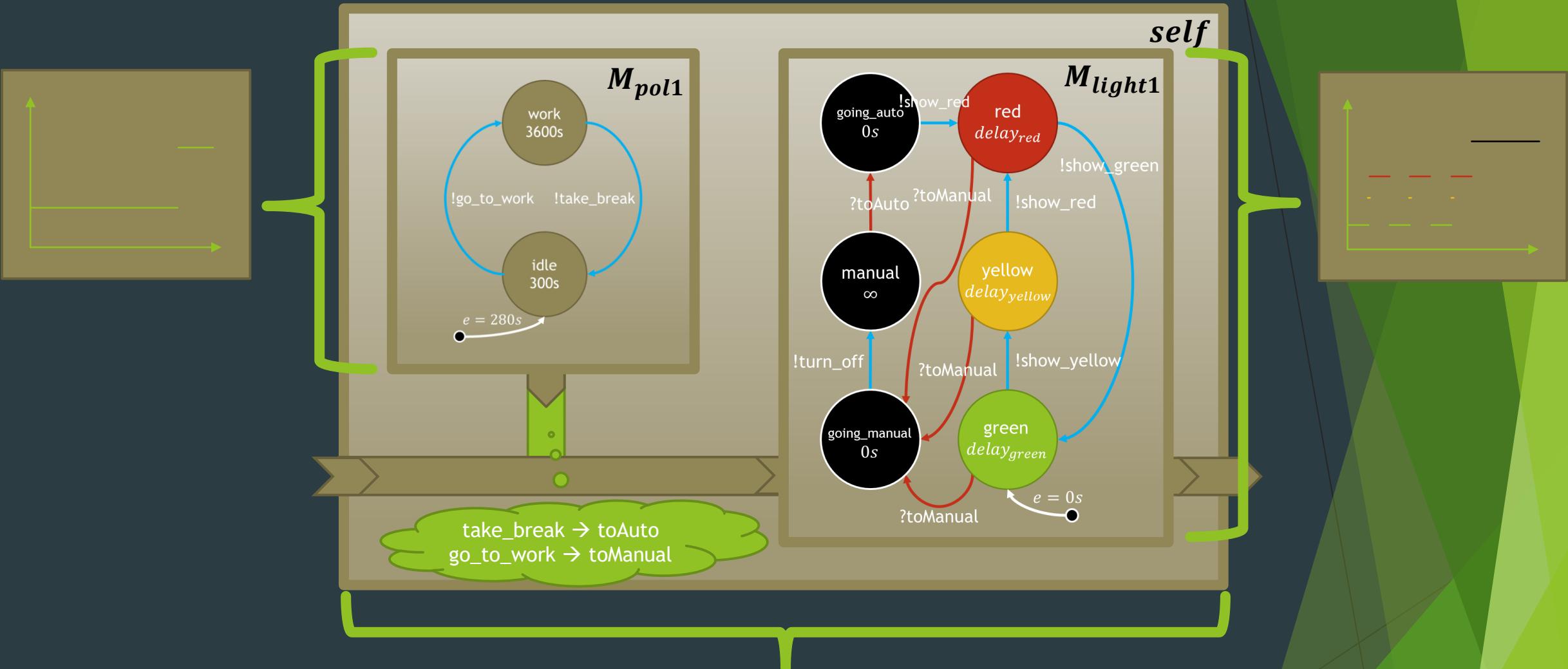
Closure Under Coupling

Denotational semantics for Coupled DEVS models

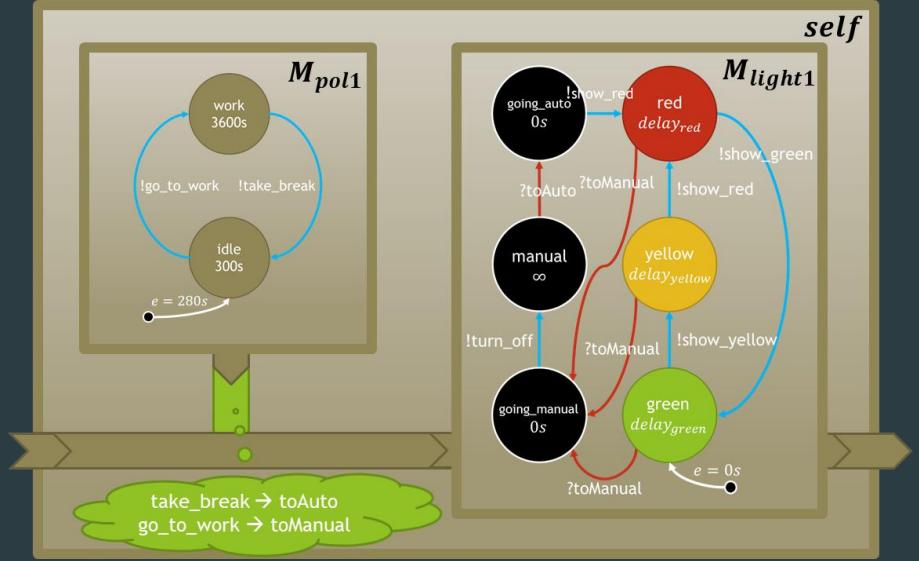
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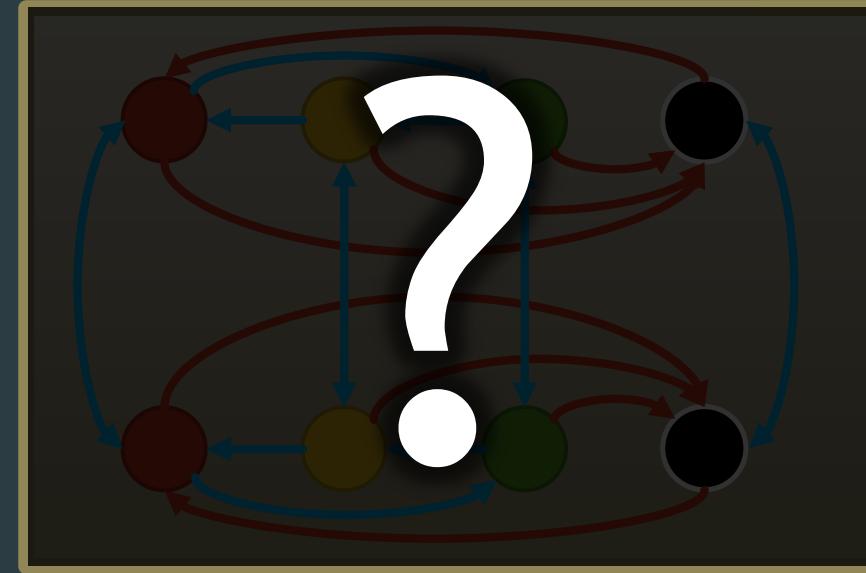
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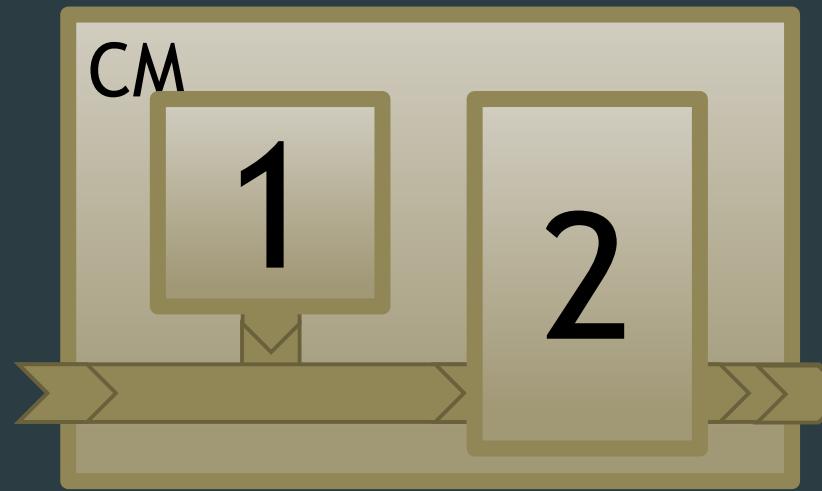
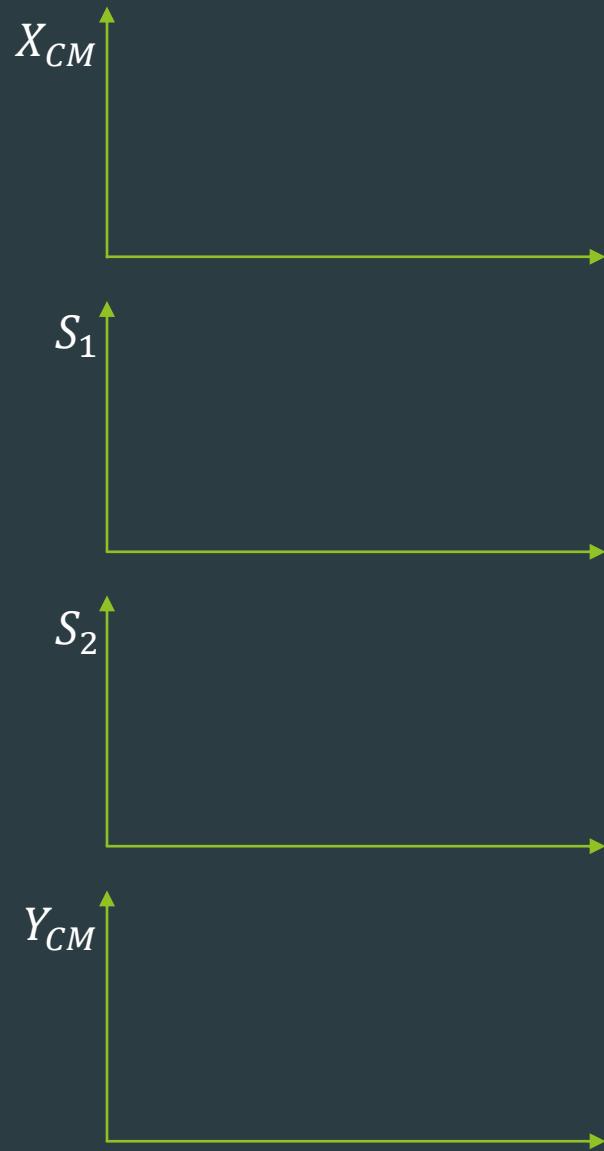


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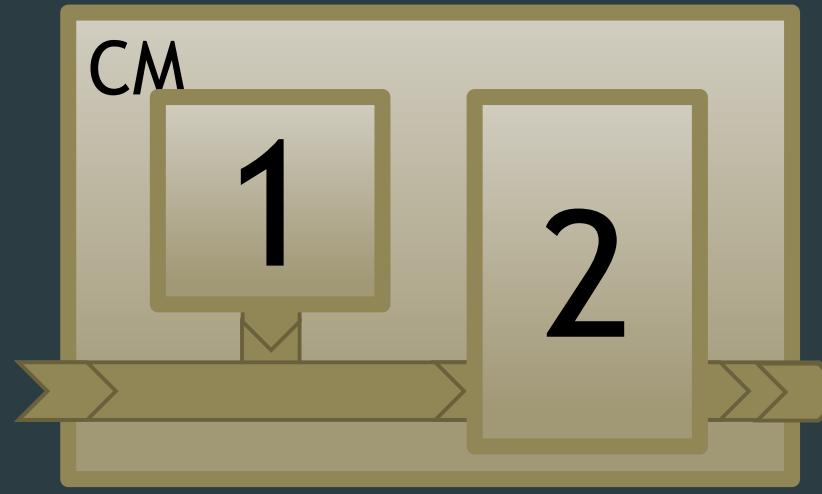
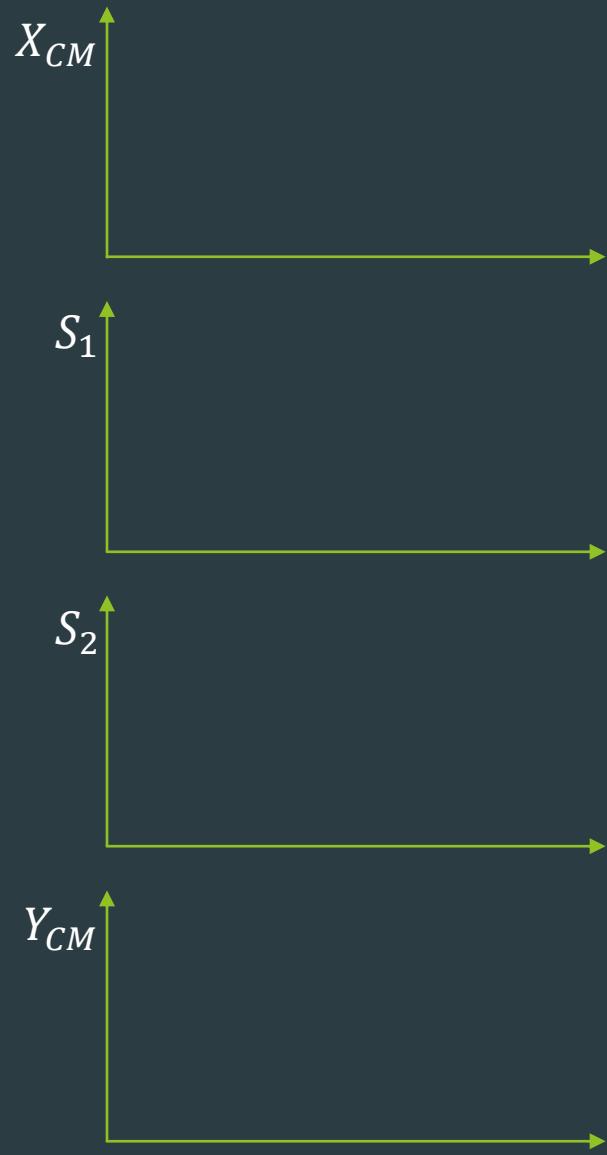


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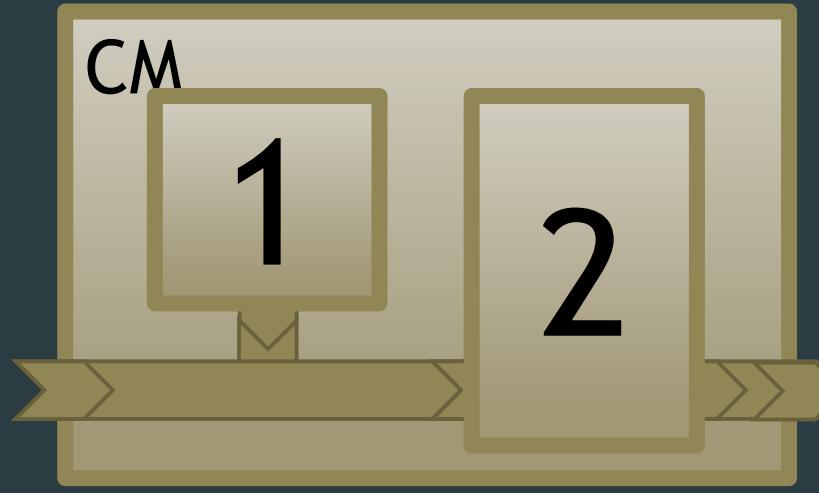
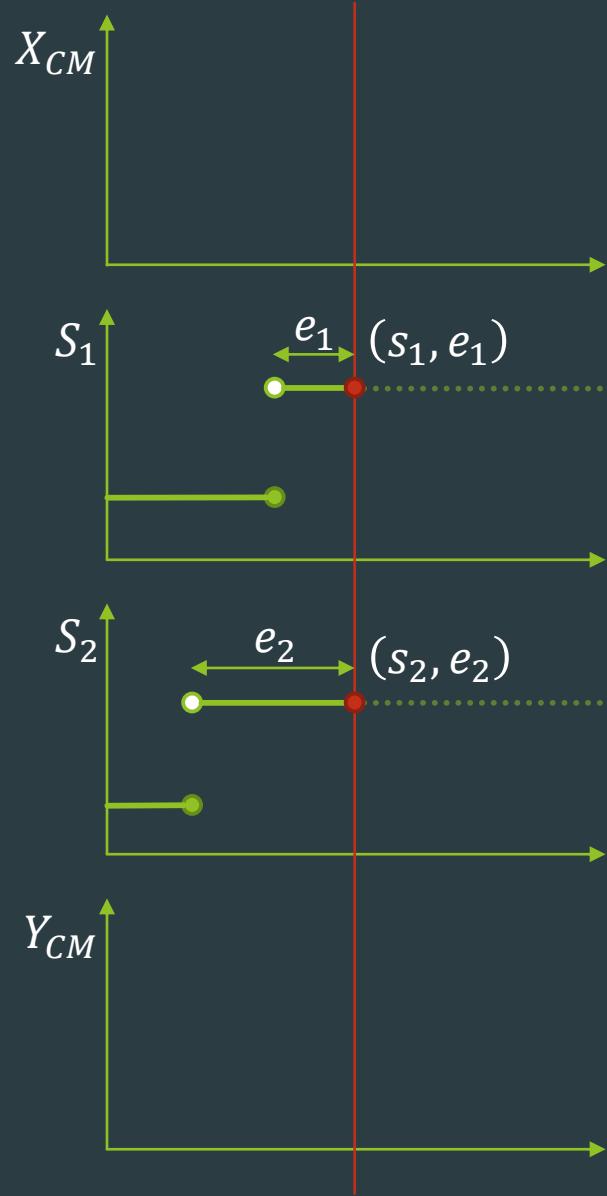
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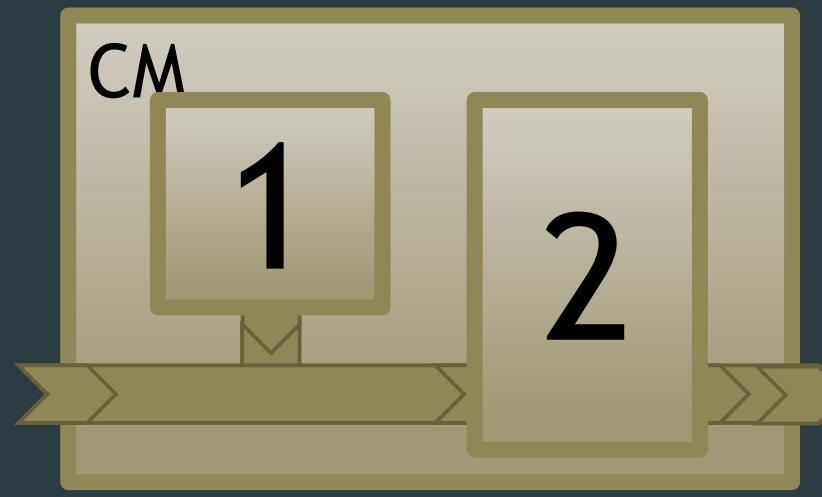
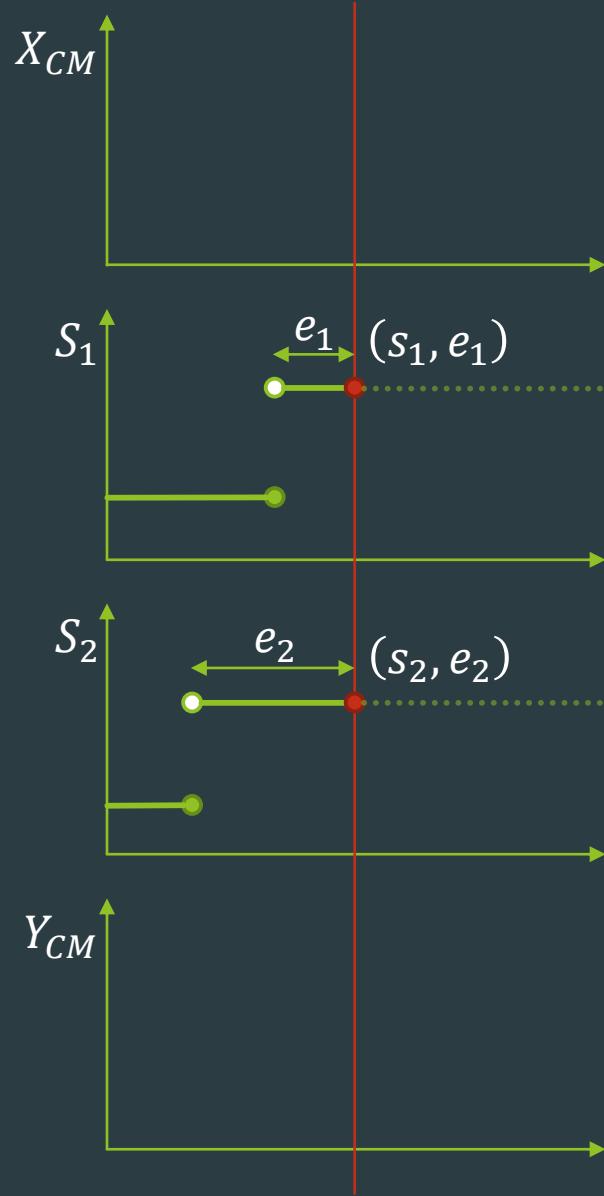
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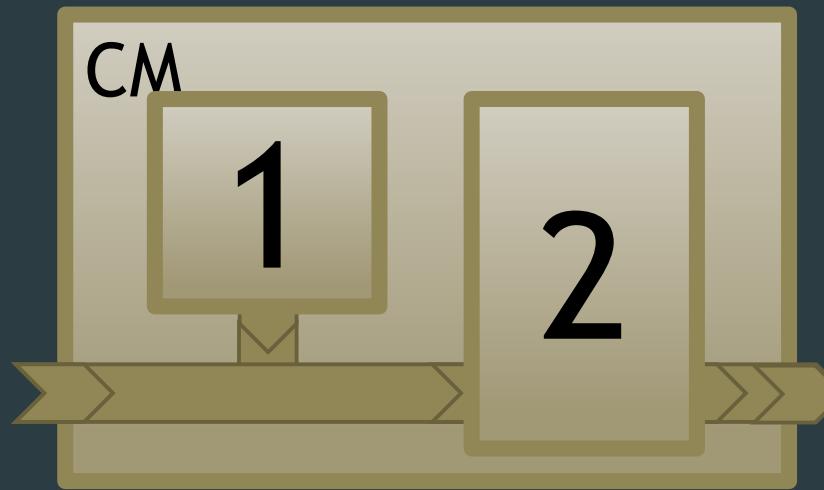
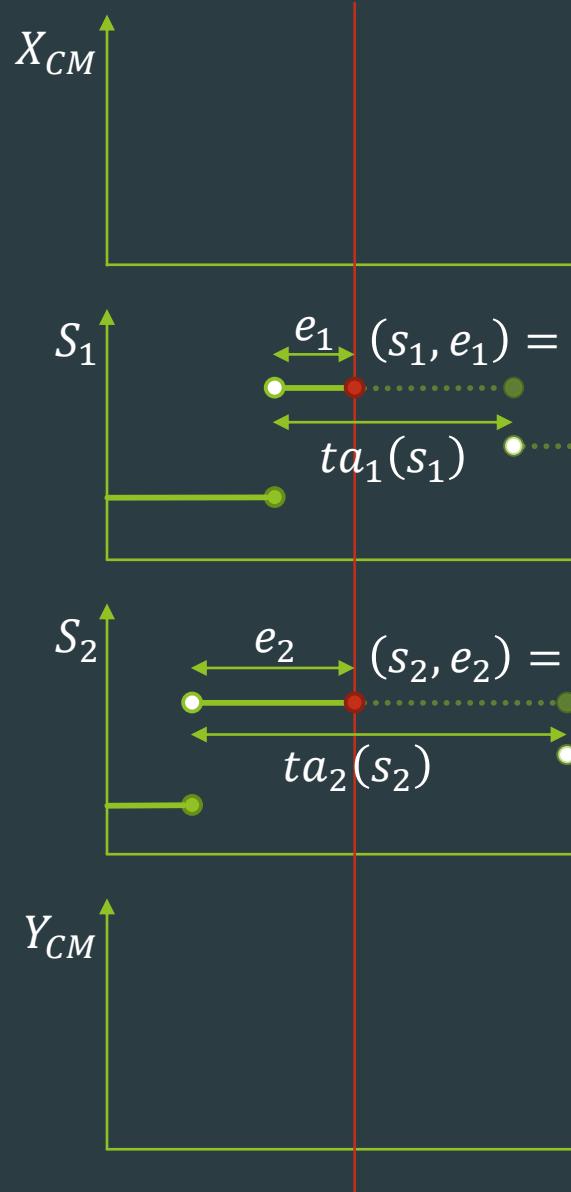


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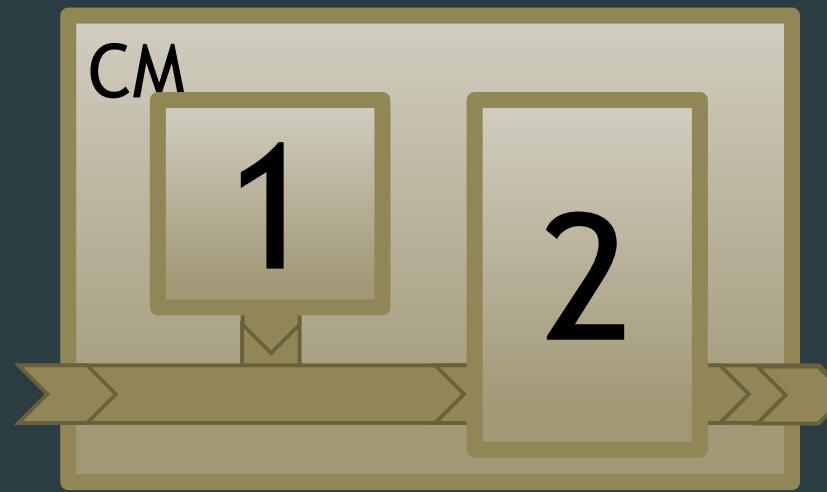
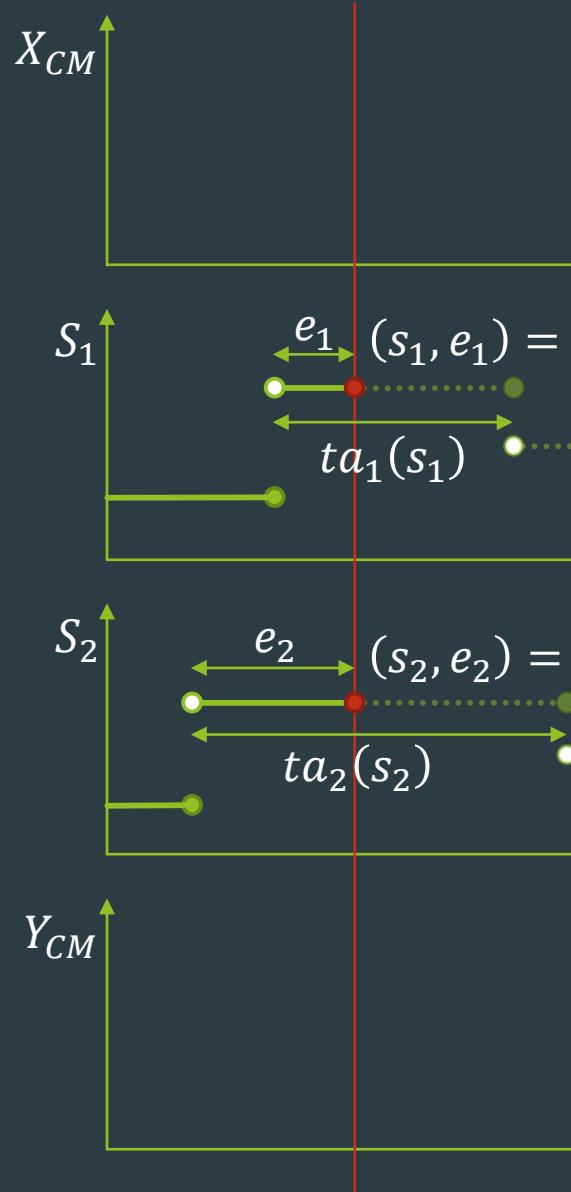


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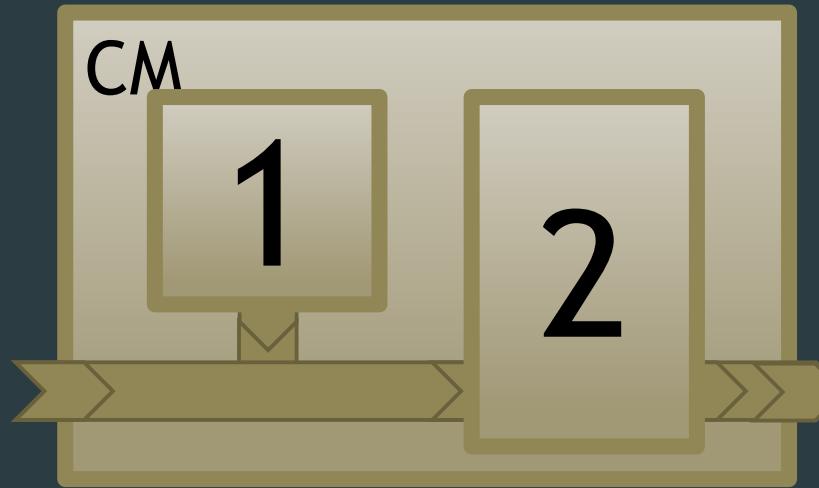
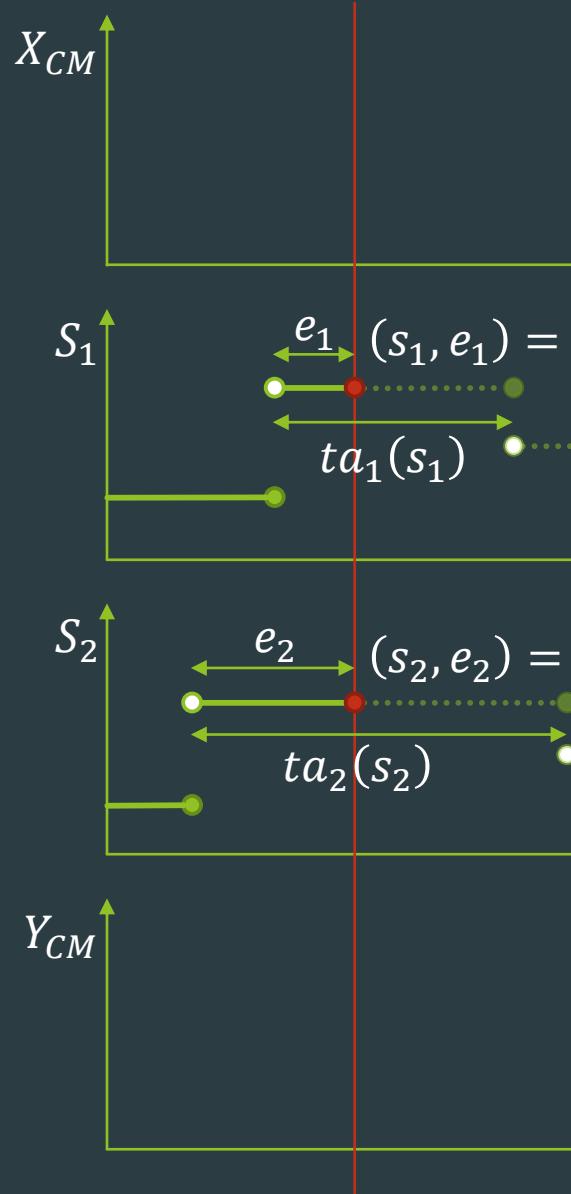


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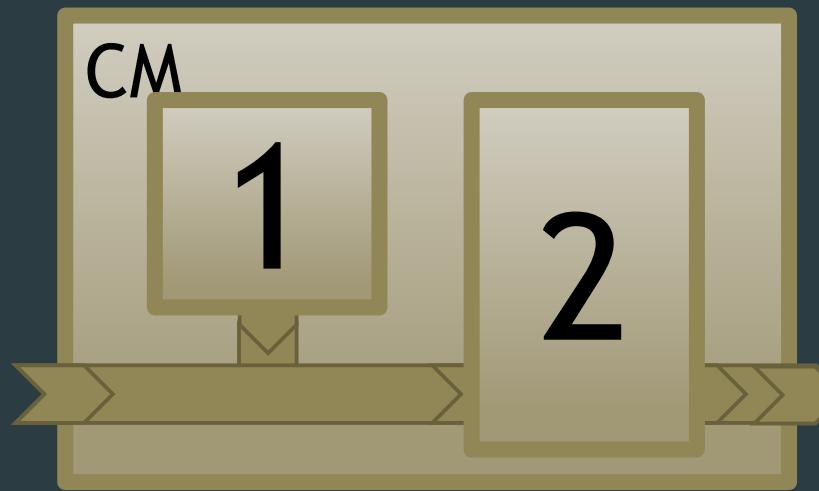
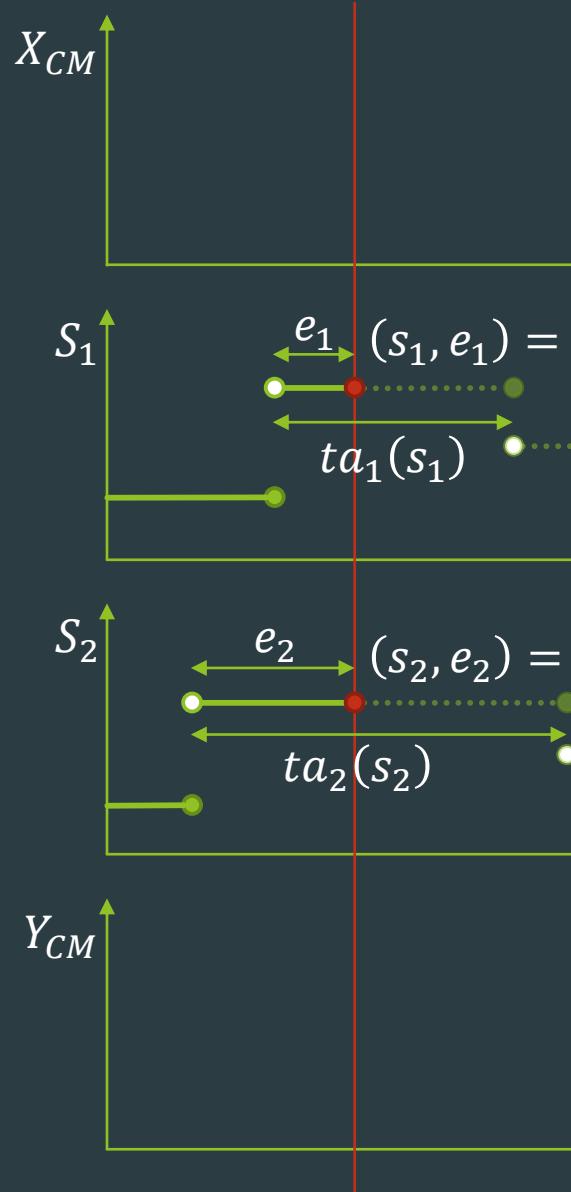
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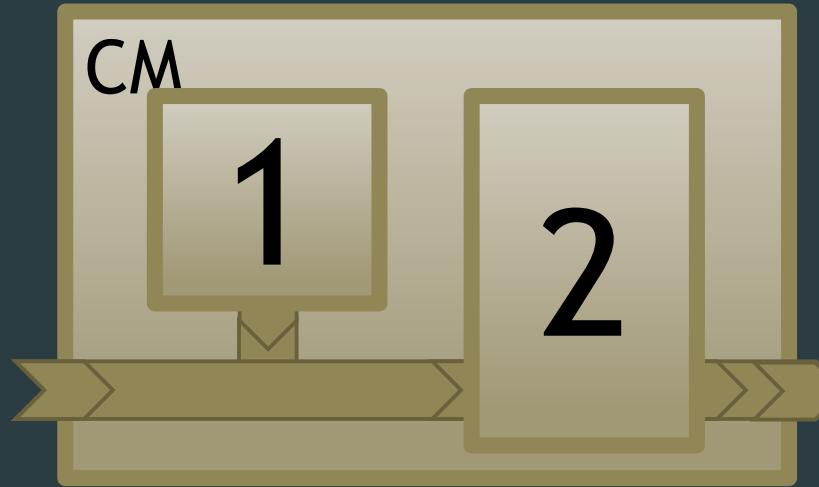
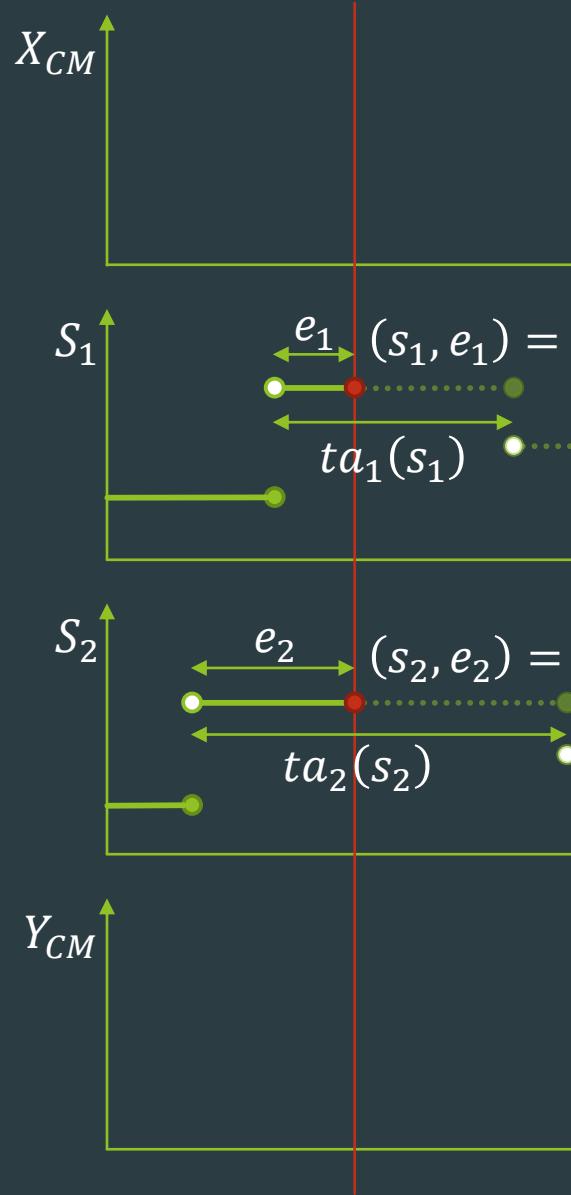


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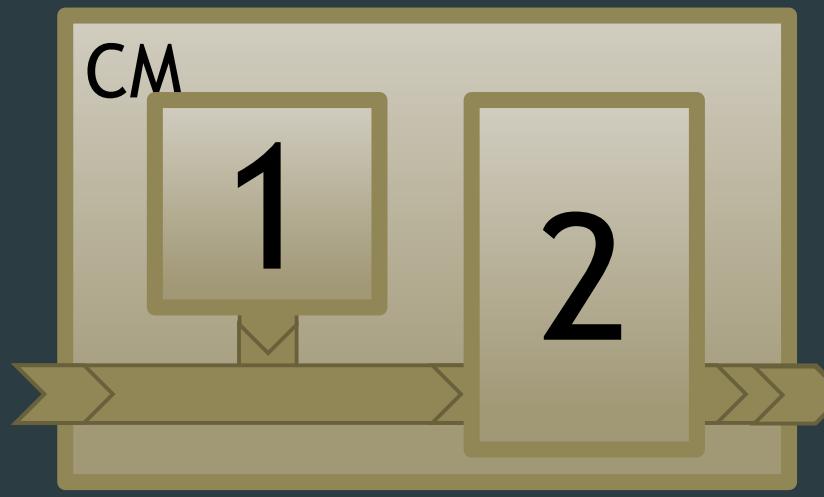
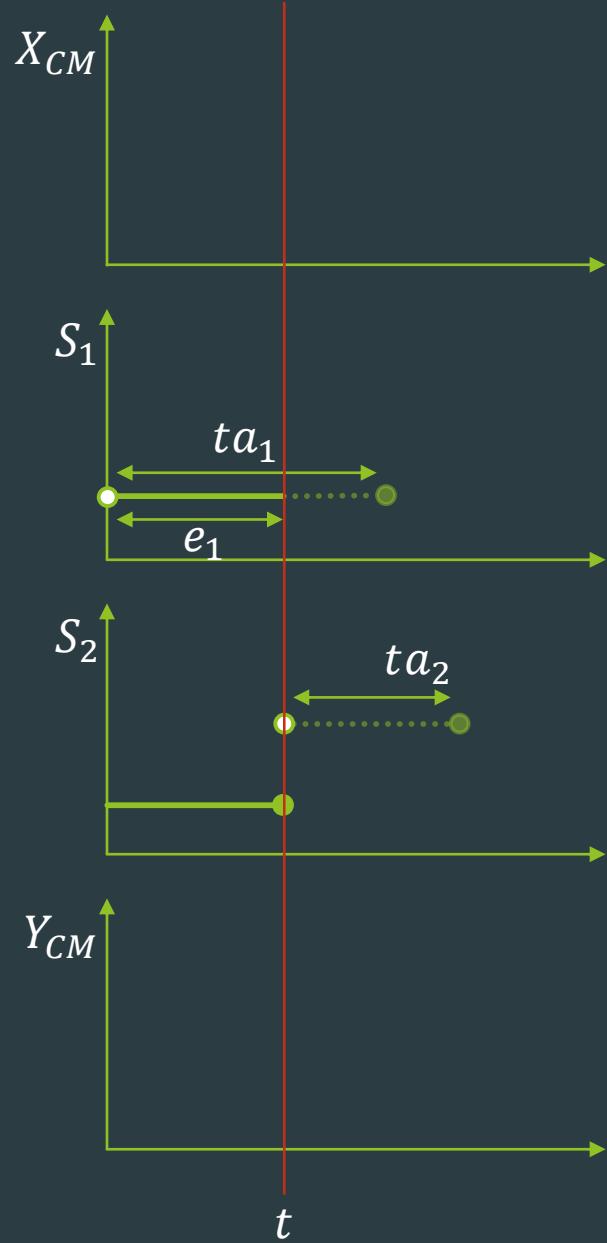
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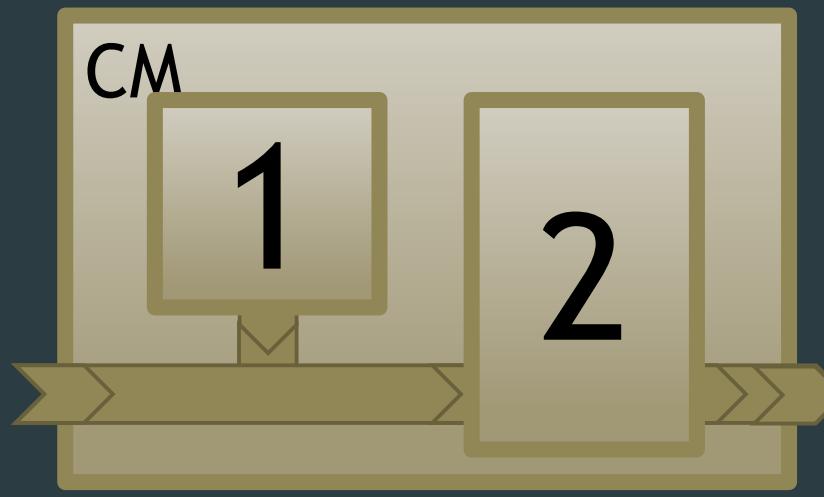
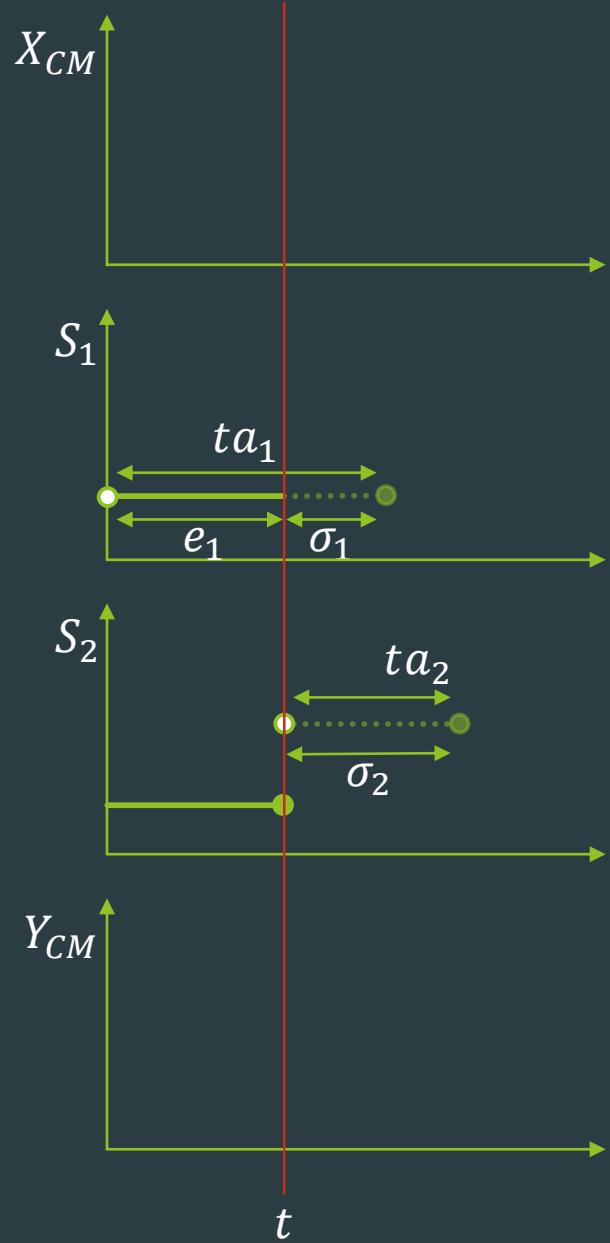
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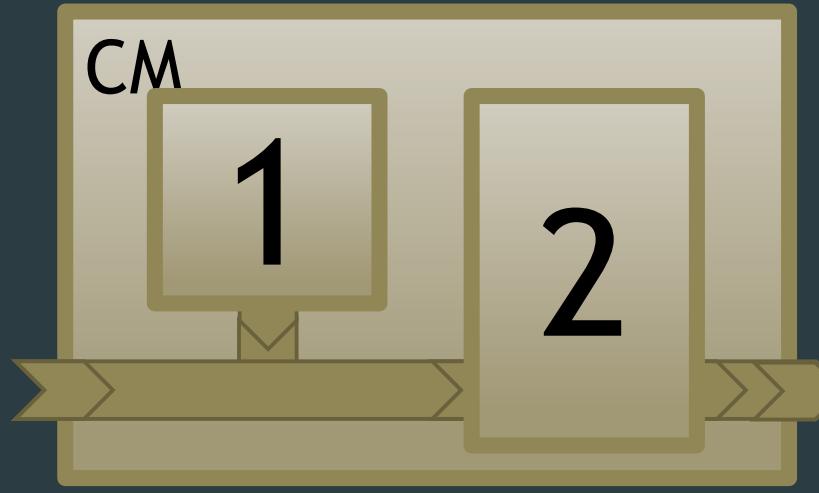
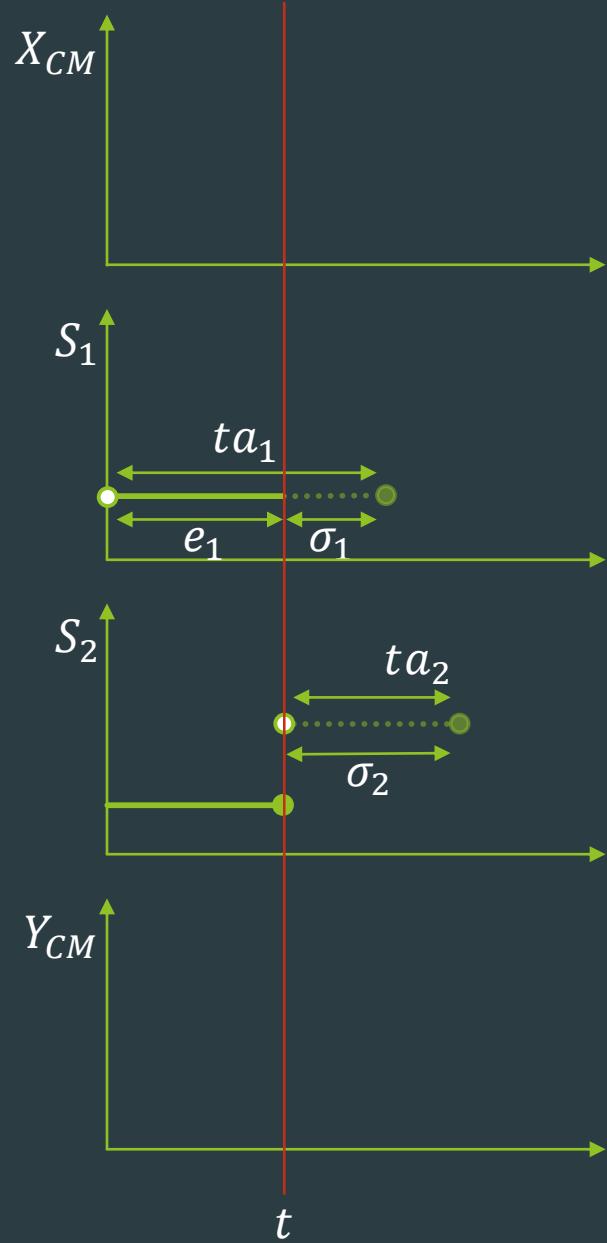


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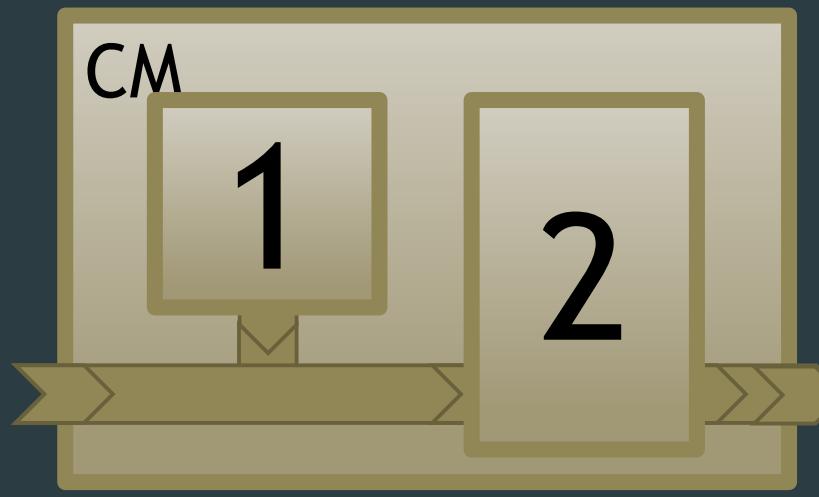
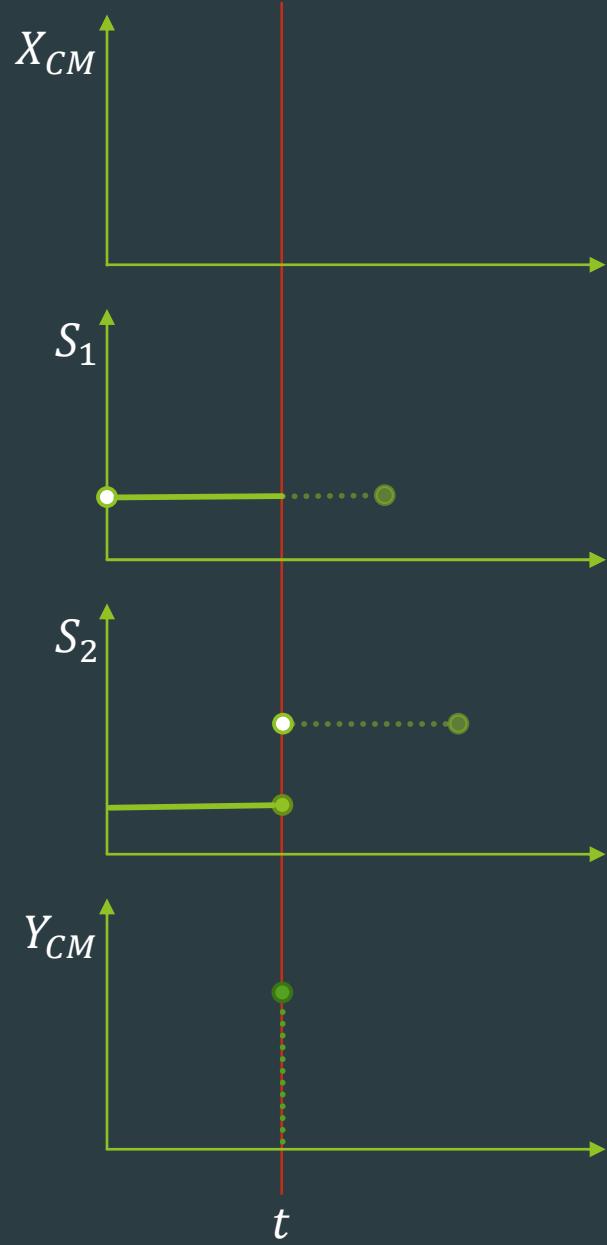
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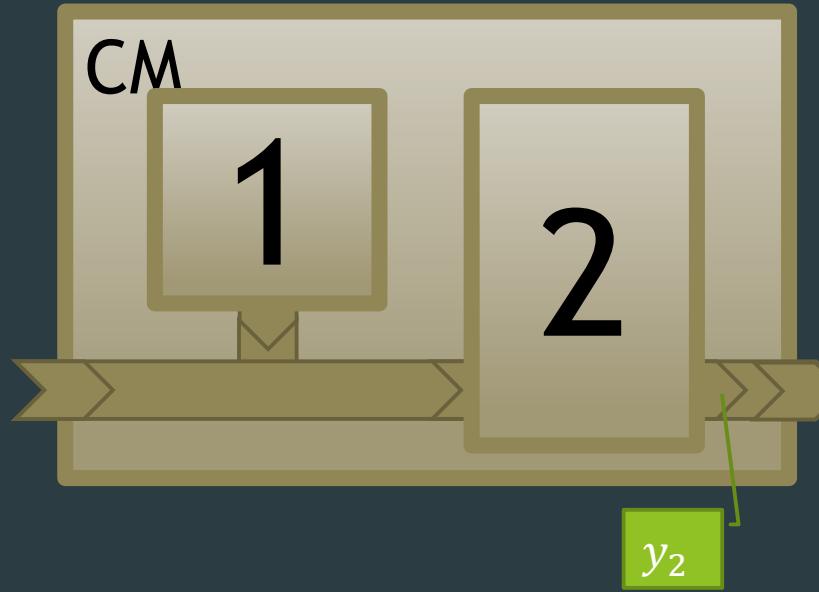
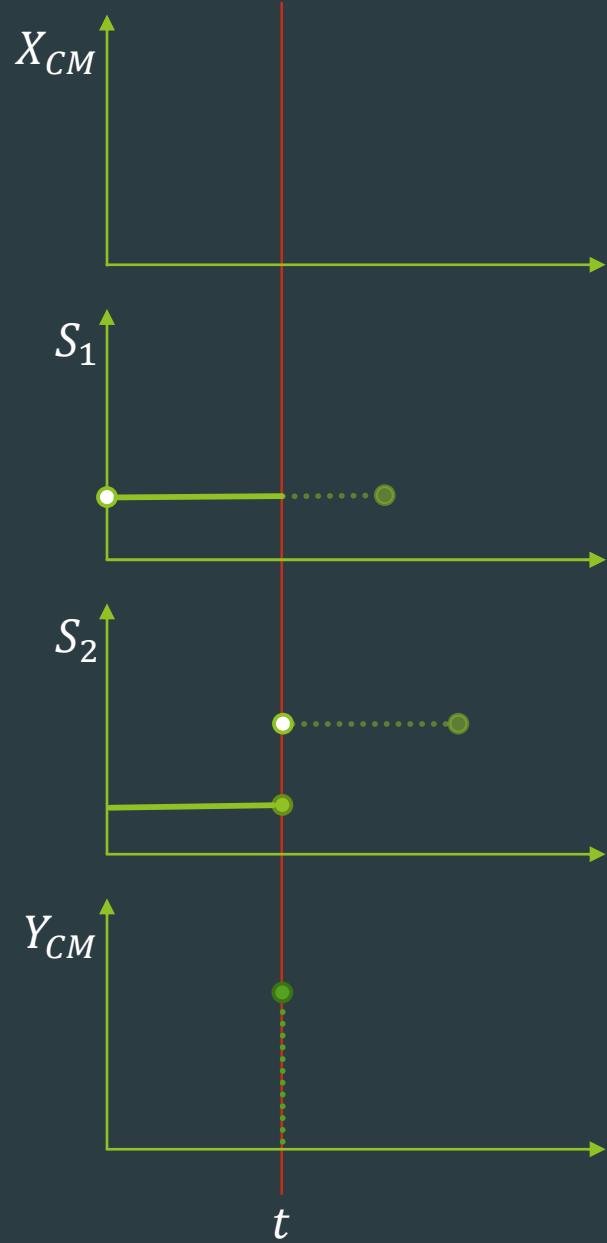
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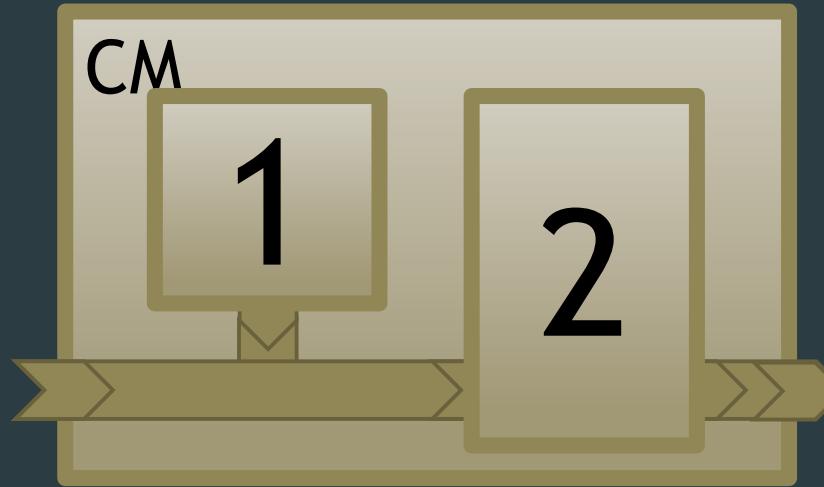
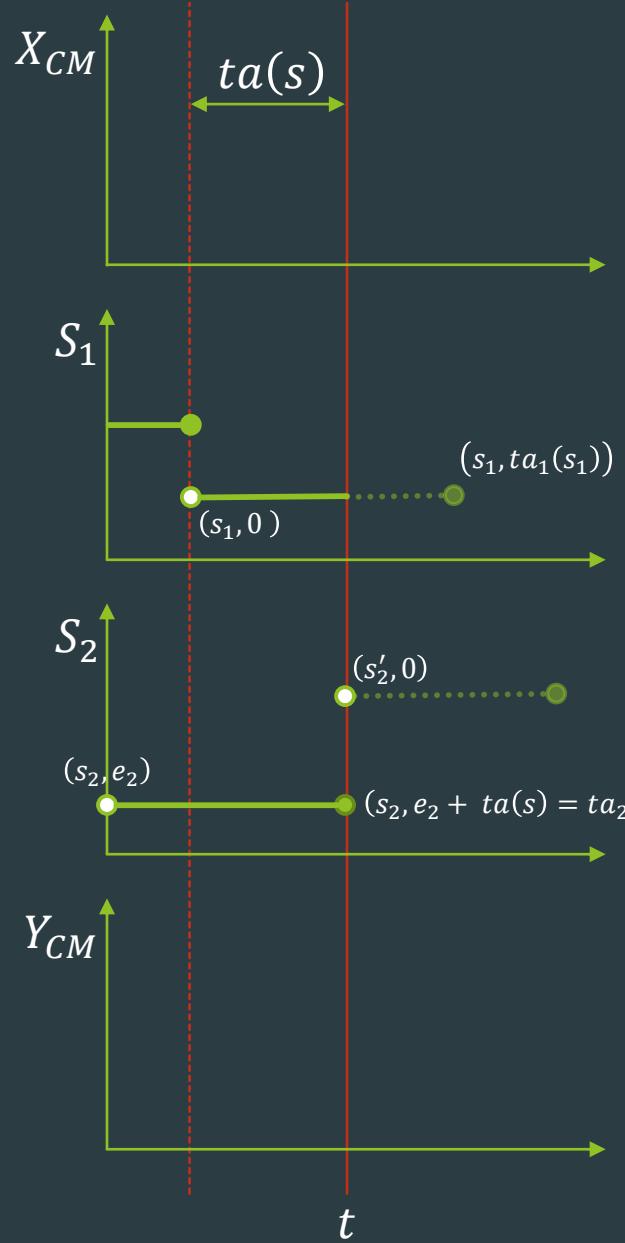
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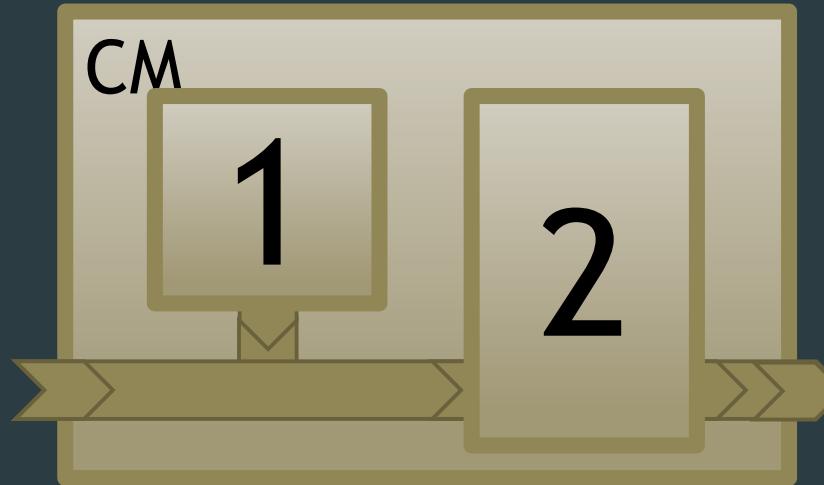
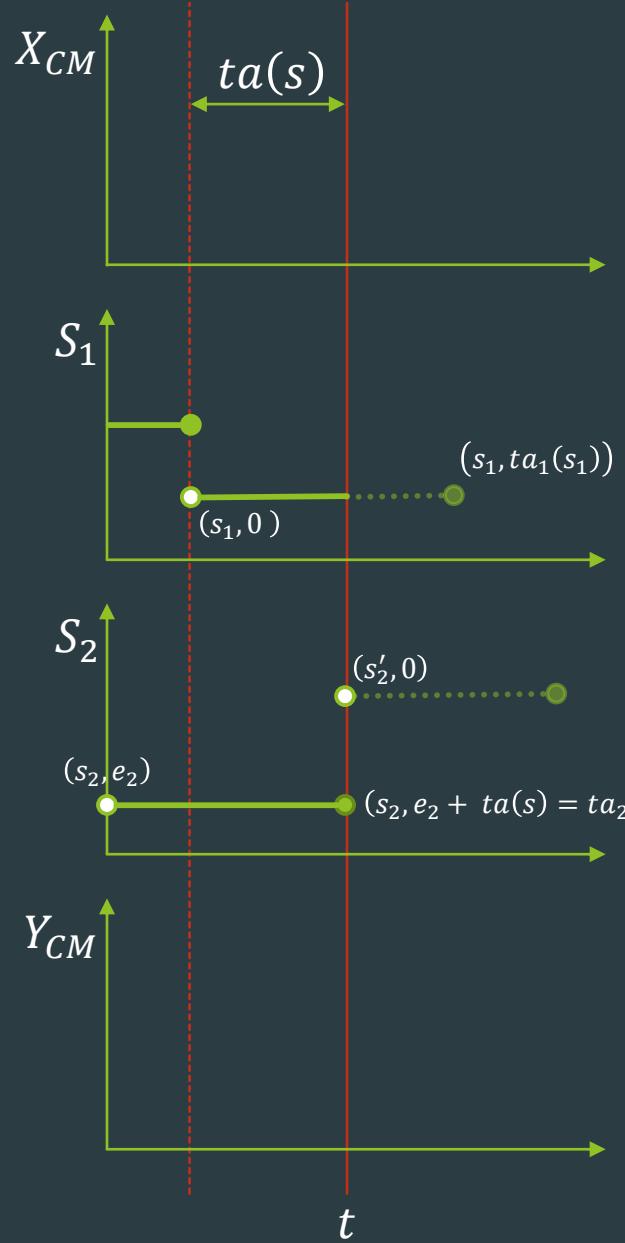


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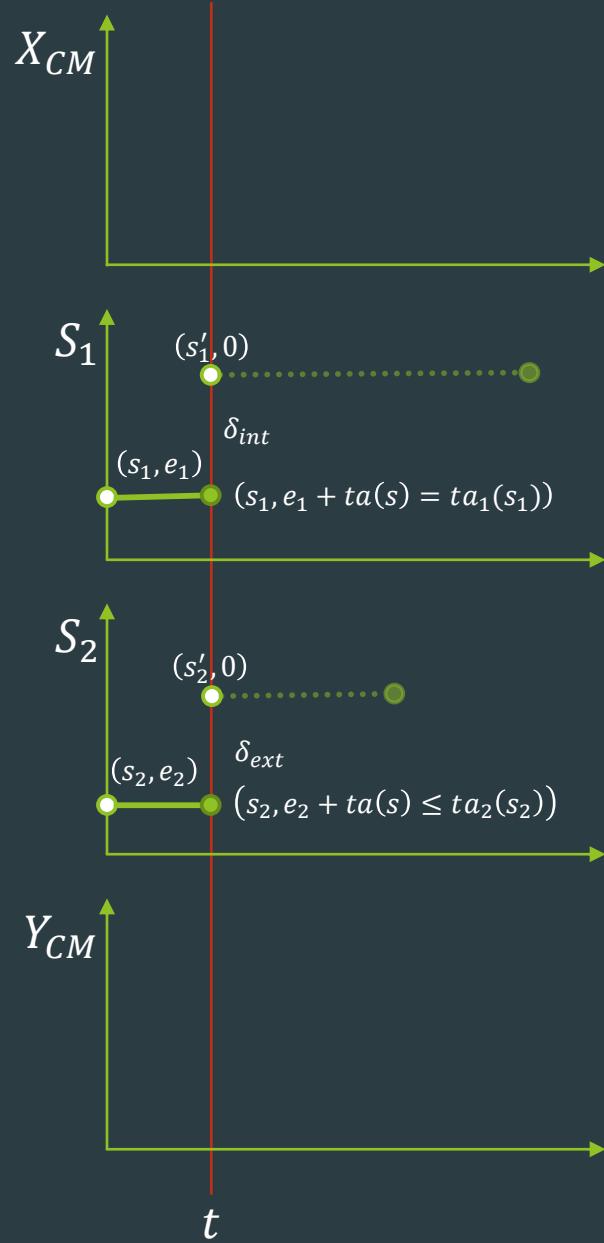
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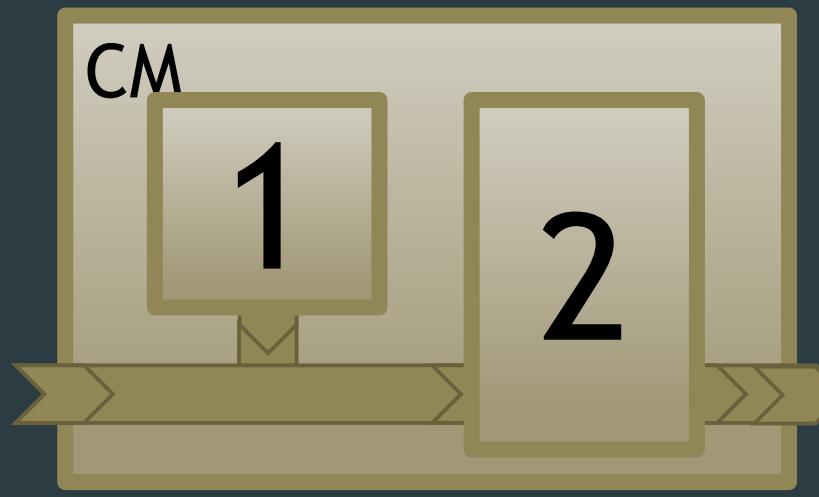
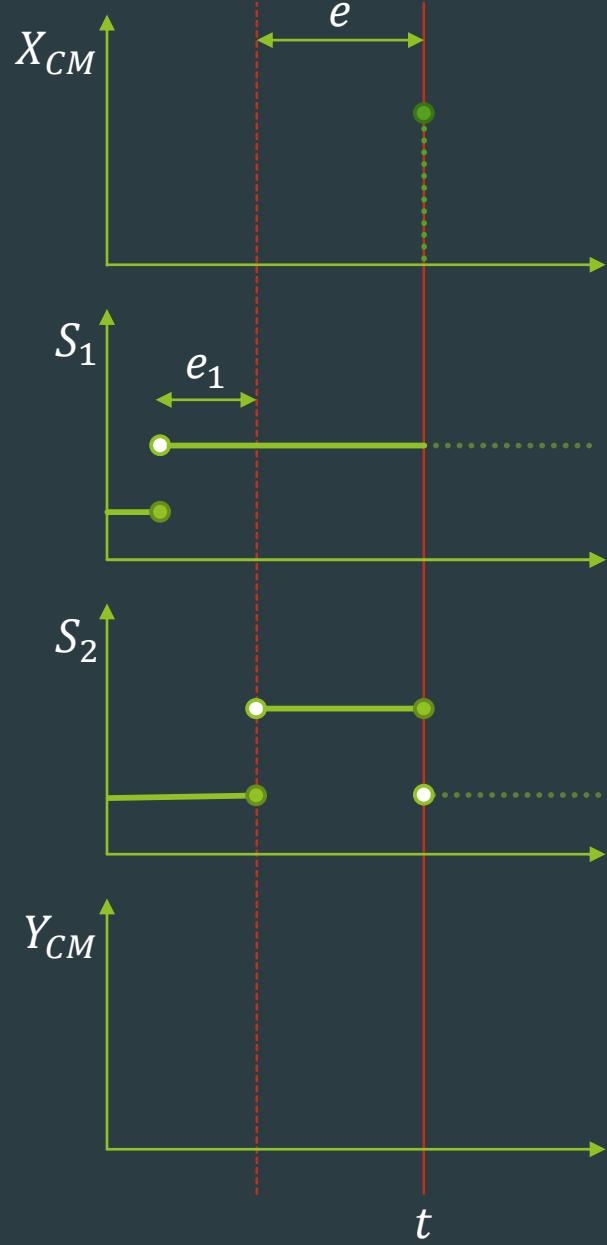
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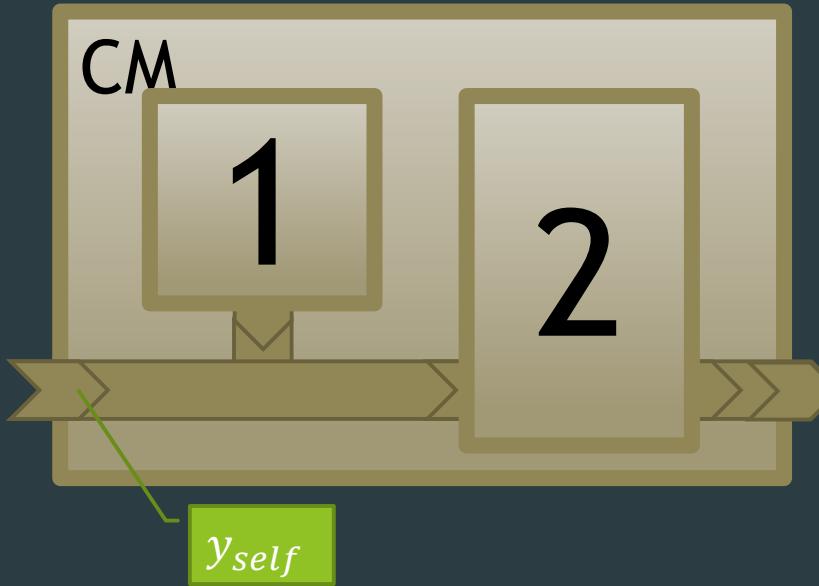
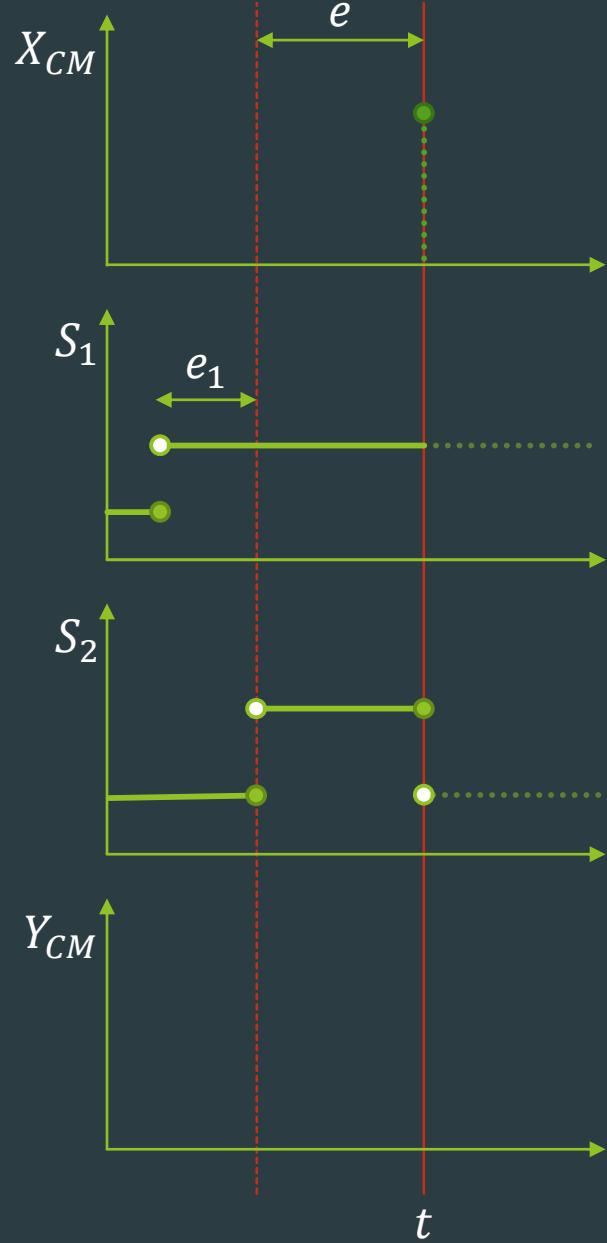
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$$X = X_{CM}$$

$$Y = Y_{CM}$$

$$S = \times_{i \in D} Q_i$$

$$Q = \{(s, e) | s \in S, 0 \leq e \leq ta(s)\}$$

$$q_{init} = (s_{init}, e_{init}) \in Q$$

$$s_{init} = (\dots, (s_{init,i}, e_{init,i} - e_{init}), \dots)$$

$$e_{init} = \min_{i \in D} \{e_{init,i}\}$$

$$(s_{init,i}, e_{init,i}) = q_{init,i}$$

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$$i^* = select(IMM(s))$$

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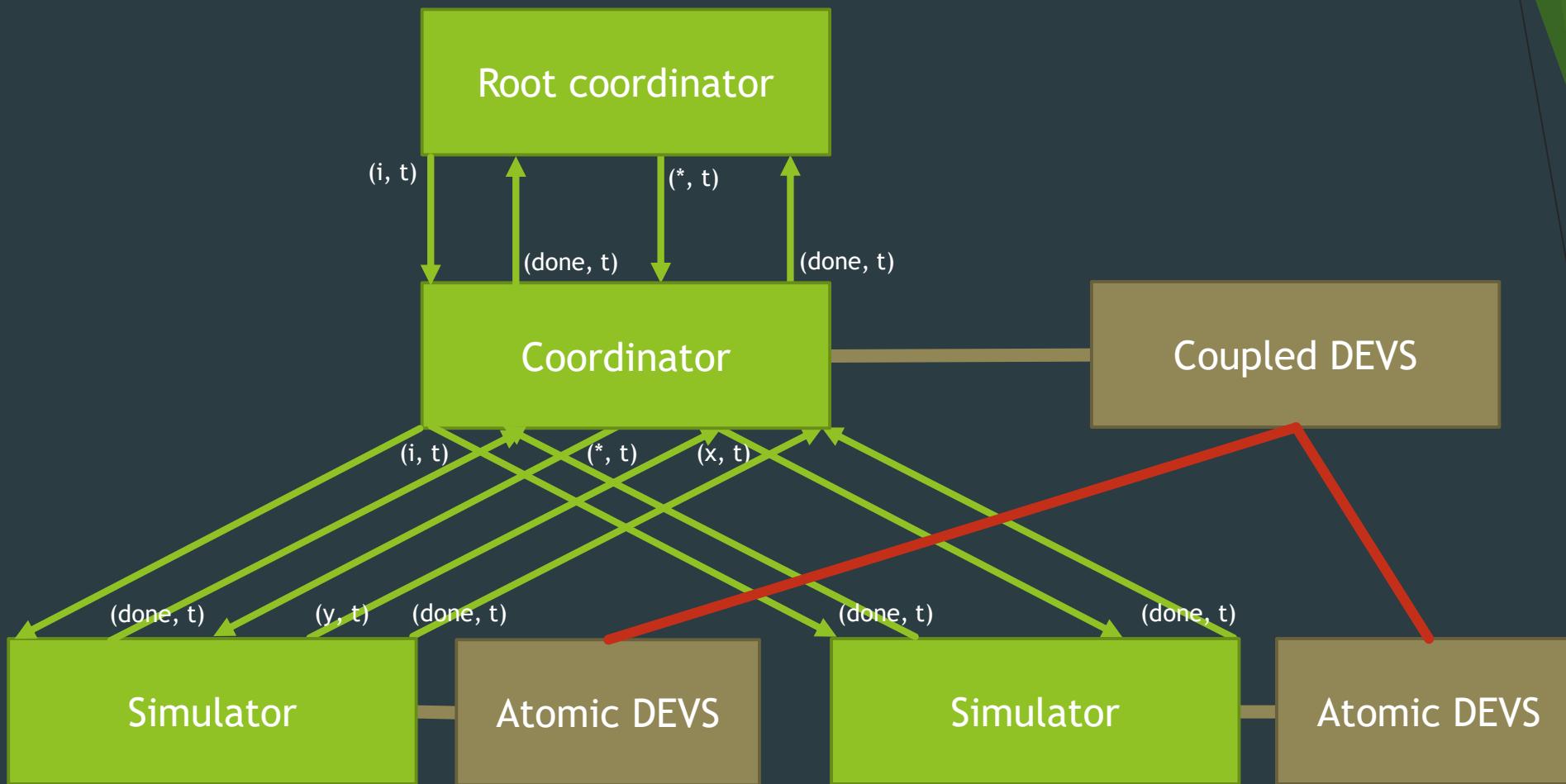
Hierarchical Simulator

Operational semantics for Coupled DEVS models

DEVS Semantics

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message m	simulator	coordinator
$(*, from, t)$	simulator correct only if $t = t_N$	
$y \leftarrow \lambda(s)$		send $(*, self, t)$ to i^* , where
if $y \neq \phi$:		$i^* = select(imm_children)$
send $(\lambda(s), self, t)$ to parent		$imm_children = \{i \in D \mid M_i.t_N = t\}$
$s \leftarrow \delta_{int}(s)$		$active_children \leftarrow active_children \cup \{i^*\}$
$t_L \leftarrow t$		
$t_N \leftarrow t_L + ta(s)$		
send $(done, self, t_N)$ to parent		

message m	simulator	coordinator
$(x, from, t)$	simulator correct only if $t_L \leq t \leq t_N$ (ignore δ_{int} to resolve a $t = t_N$ conflict)	
		$\forall i \in I_{self} :$
$e \leftarrow t - t_L$		send $(Z_{self,i}(x), self, t)$ to i
$s \leftarrow \delta_{ext}(s, e, x)$		
$t_L \leftarrow t$		$active_children \leftarrow active_children \cup \{i\}$
$t_N \leftarrow t_L + ta(s)$		
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message m	simulator	coordinator
$(y, from, t)$		$\forall i \in I_{from} \setminus \{self\} :$ send $(Z_{from,i}(y), from, t)$ to i $active_children \leftarrow active_children \cup \{i\}$ if $self \in I_{from} :$ send $(Z_{from,self}(y), self, t)$ to $parent$
$(done, from, t)$		$active_children \leftarrow active_children \setminus \{from\}$ if $active_children = \emptyset :$ $t_L \leftarrow t$ $t_N \leftarrow \min\{M_i.t_N i \in D\}$ send $(done, self, t_N)$ to $parent$

$t \leftarrow t_N$ of topmost coordinator

repeat until $t \geq t_{end}$ (or some other termination condition)

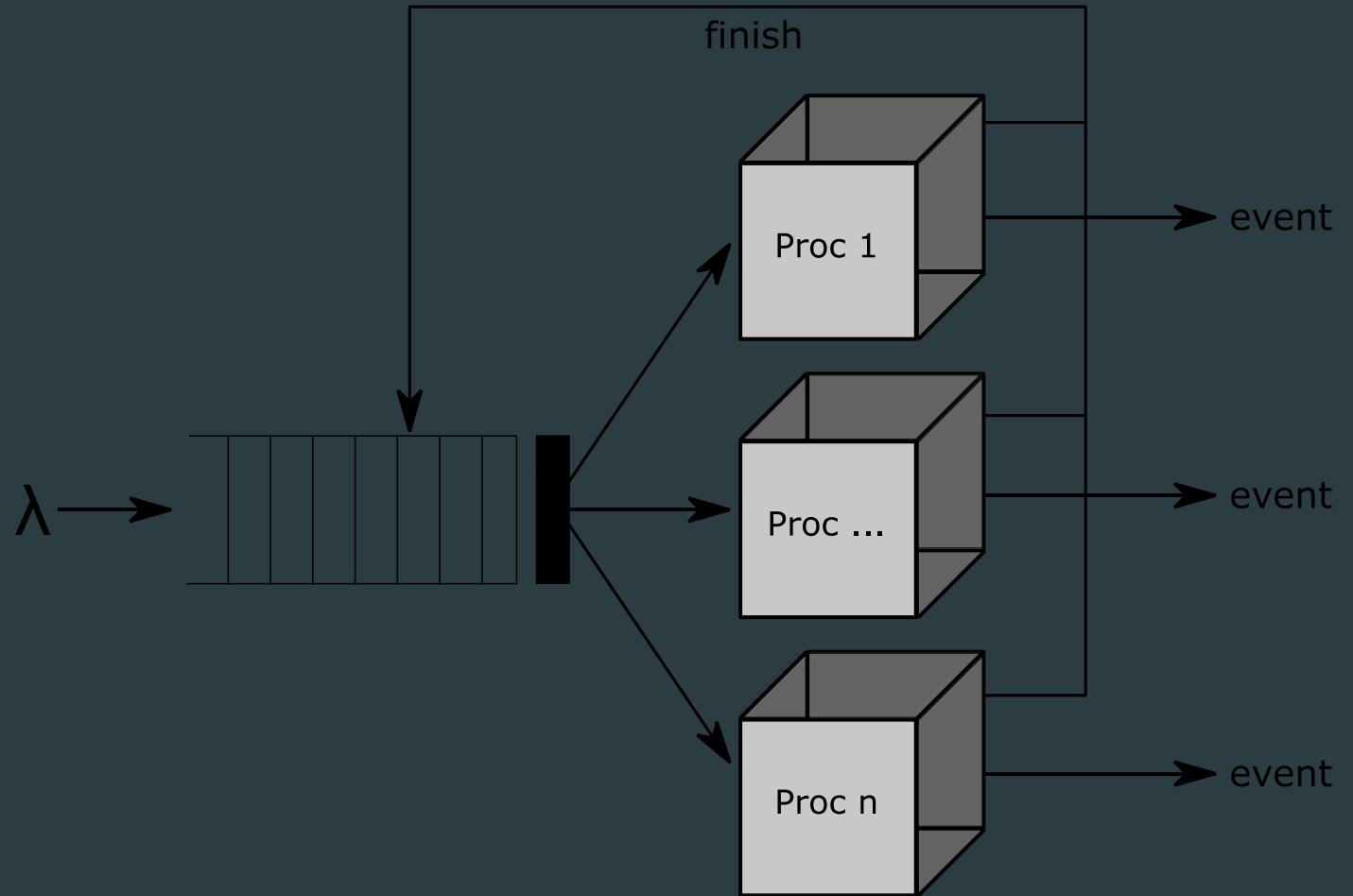
send $(*, \text{main}, t)$ to topmost coupled model *top*

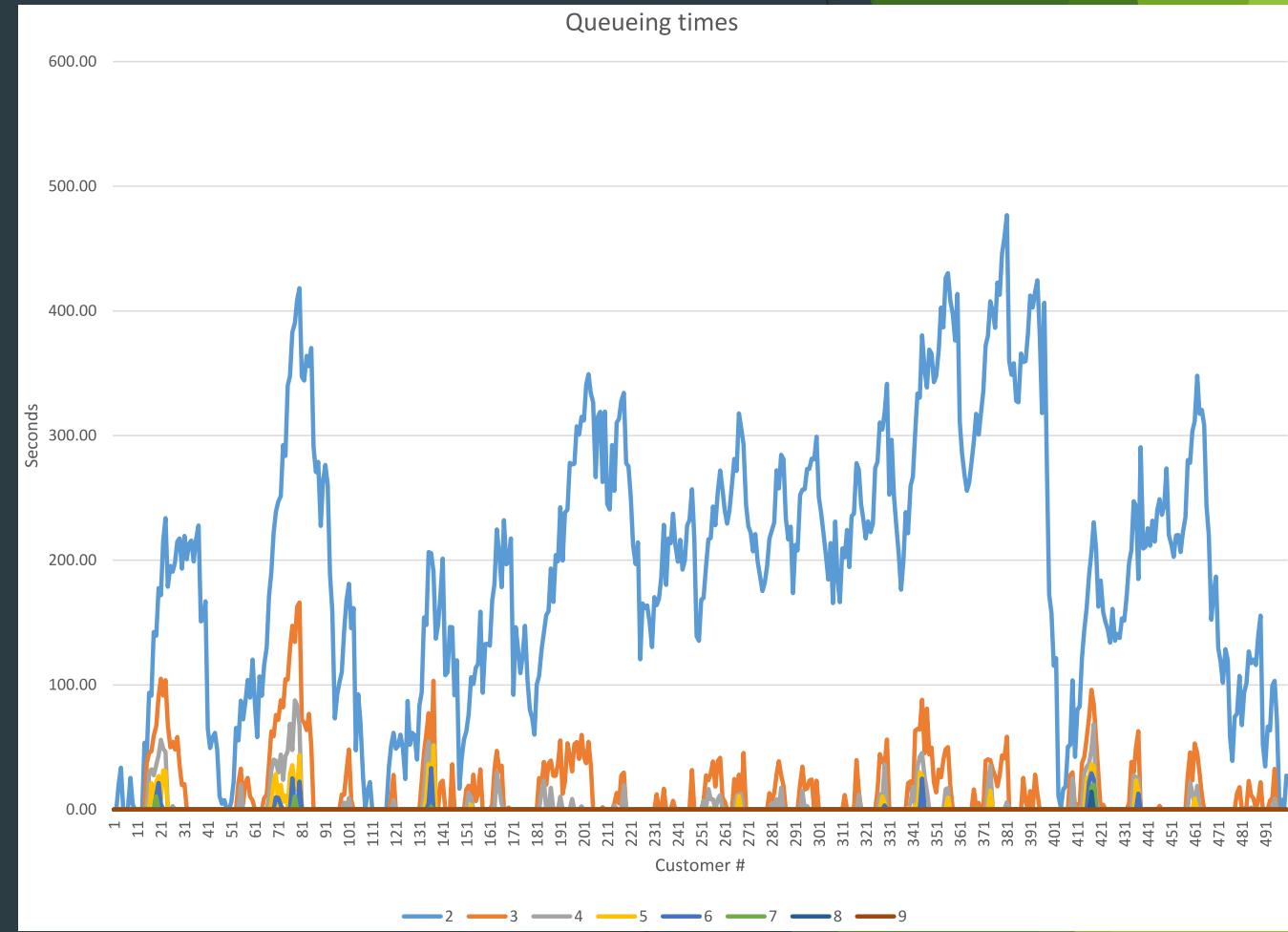
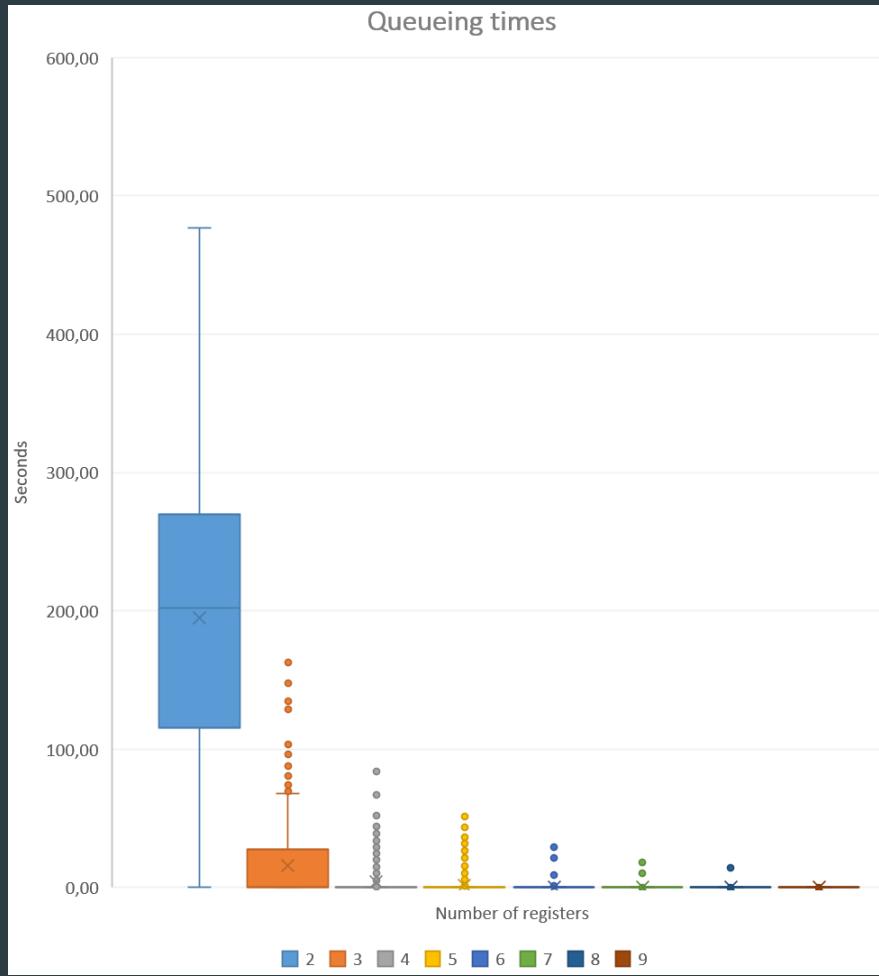
wait for $(\text{done}, \text{top}, t_N)$

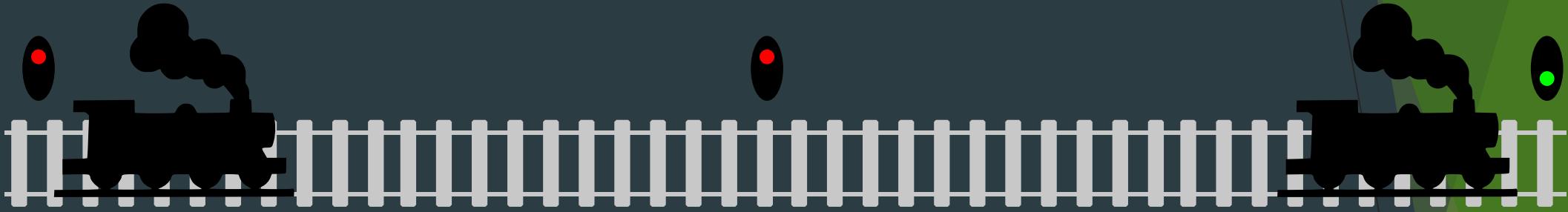
$t \leftarrow t_N$

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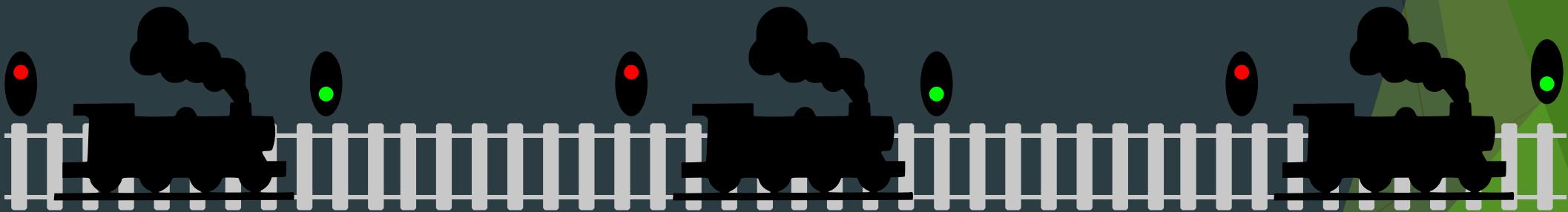
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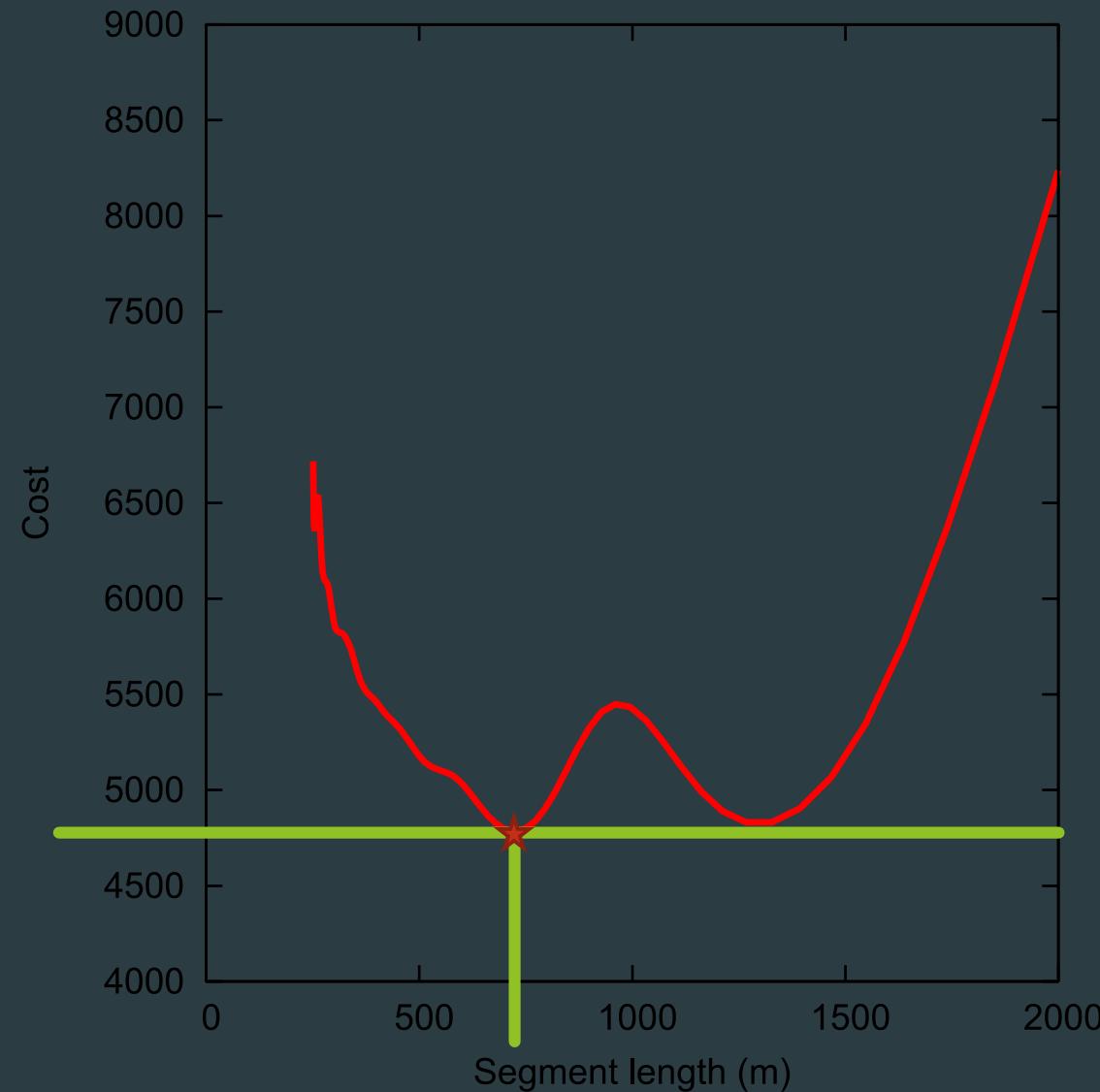


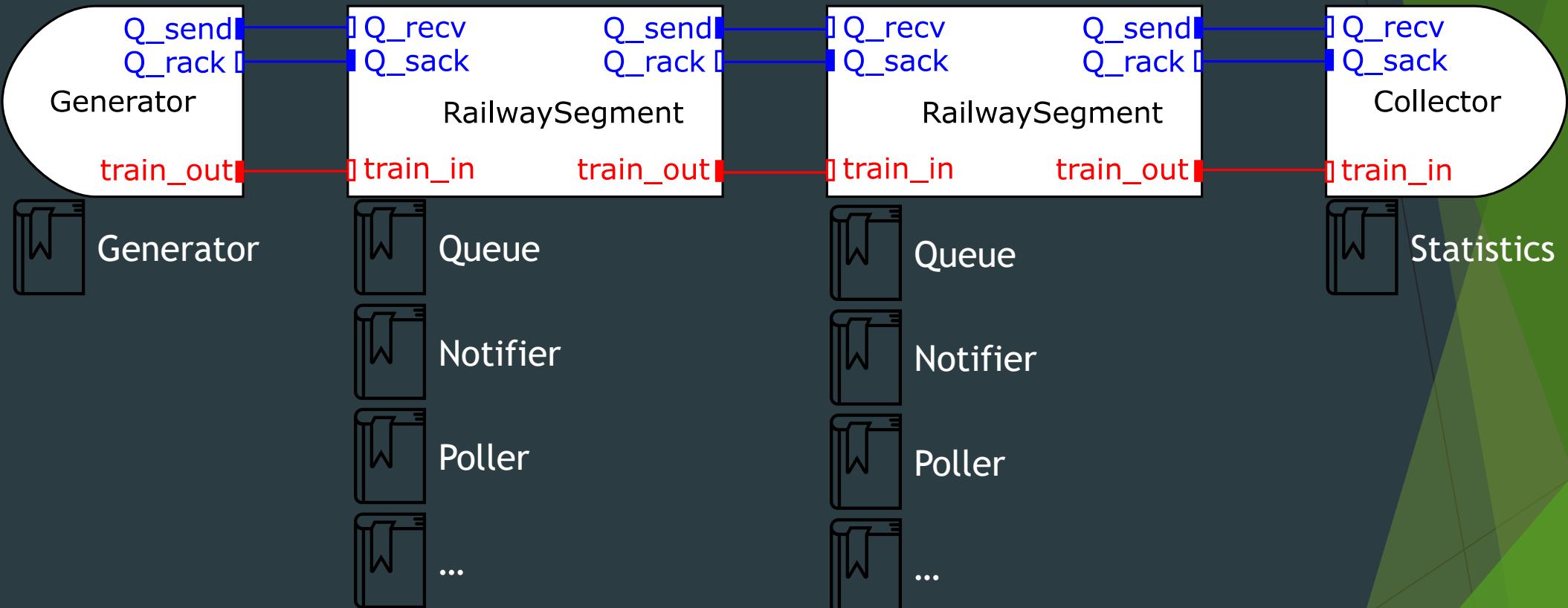


VS.



$$cost = 10 \times \#lights + avg(t_{travel})$$





Custom Atomic DEVS Models

Extending a DEVS repository

Atomic DEVS Specification

$$M = \langle X, Y, S, q_{init}, \delta_{int}, \delta_{ext}, \lambda, ta \rangle$$

X : set of input events

Y : set of output events

S : set of sequential states

$q_{init} : Q$

$$Q = \{(s, e) | s \in S, 0 \leq e \leq ta(s)\}$$

$\delta_{int} : S \rightarrow S$

$\delta_{ext} : Q \times X \rightarrow S$

$\lambda : S \rightarrow Y \cup \{\phi\}$

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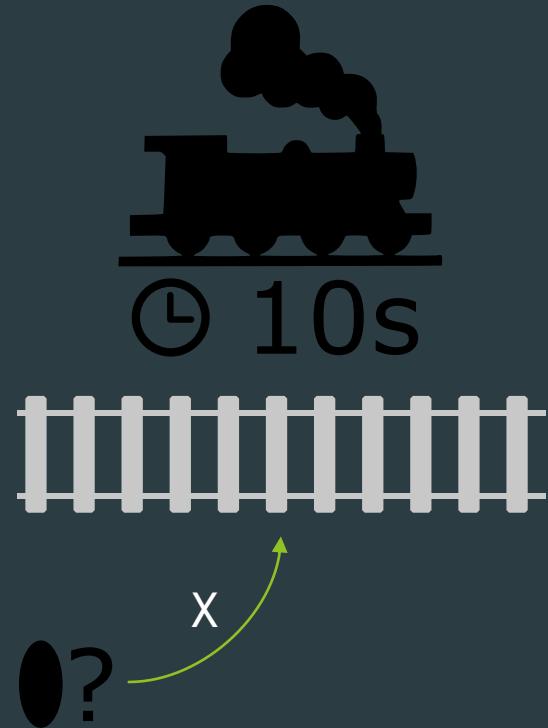
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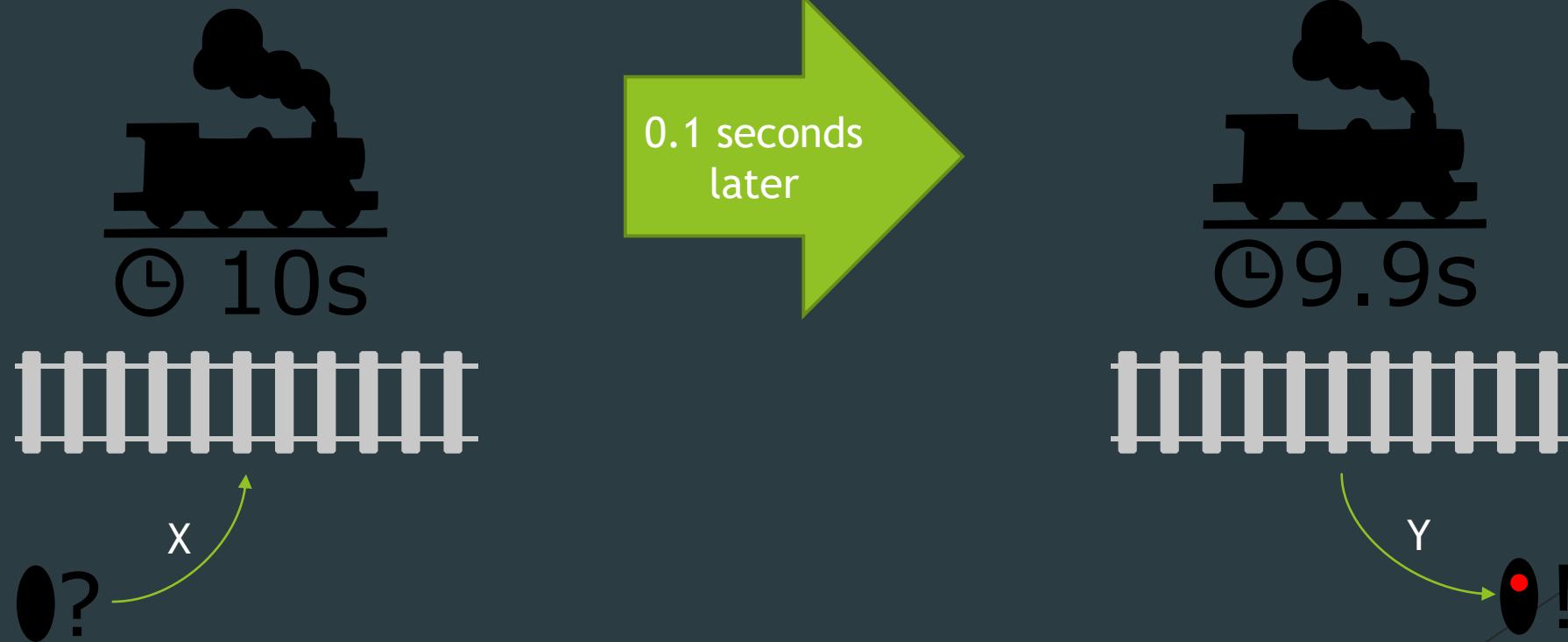
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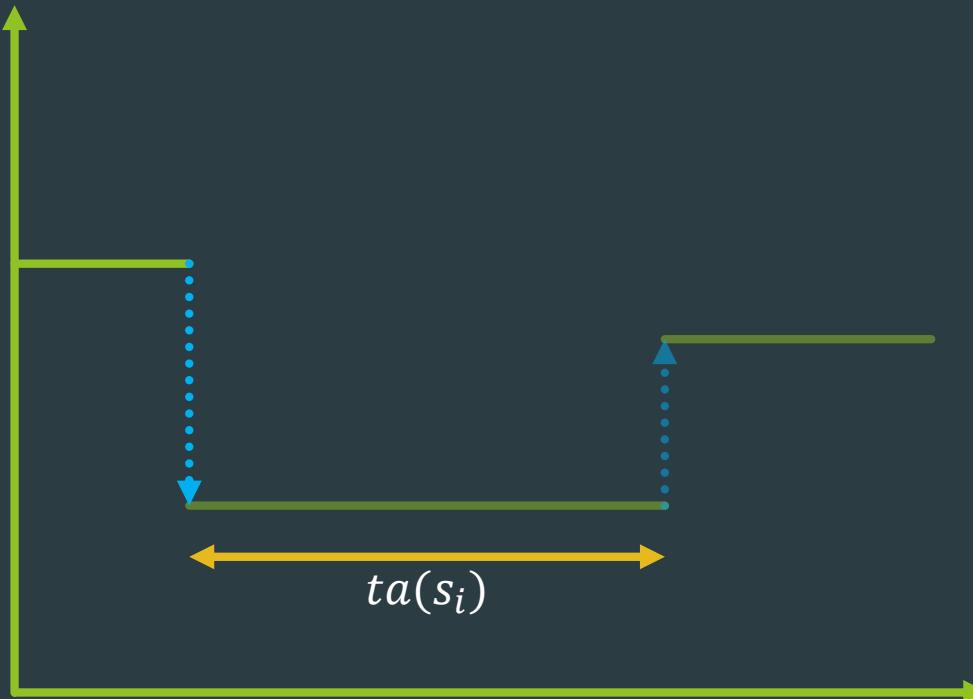
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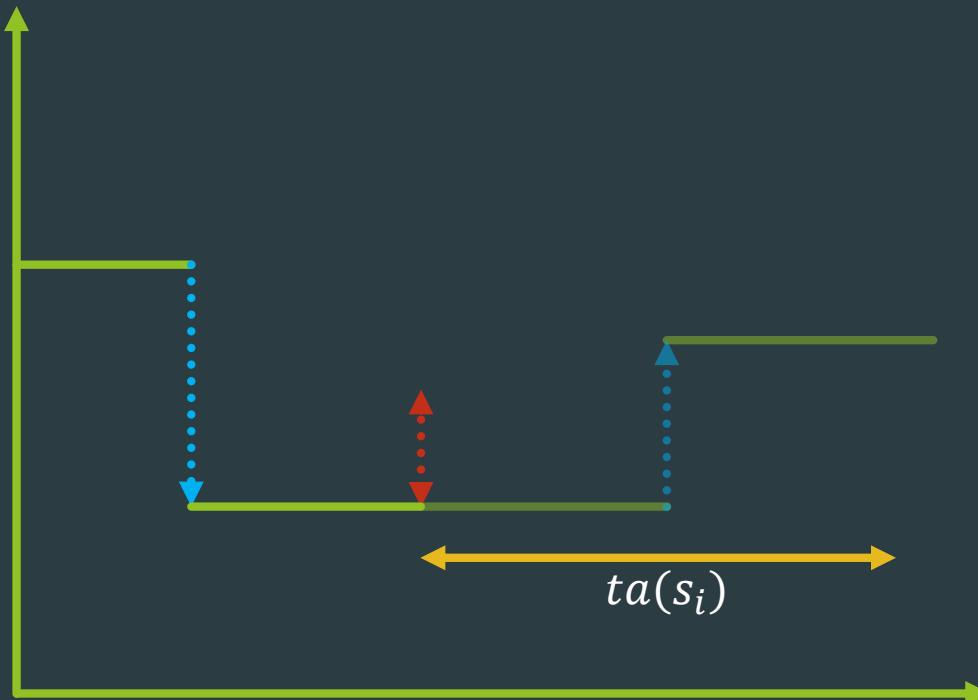
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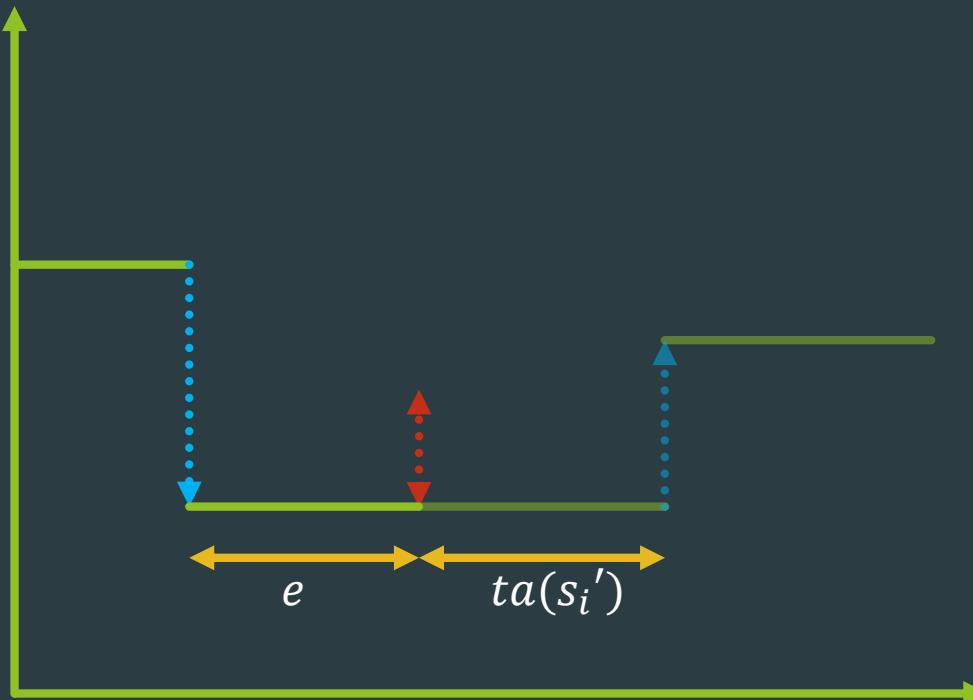
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$$ta(s_i') = ta(s_i) - e$$

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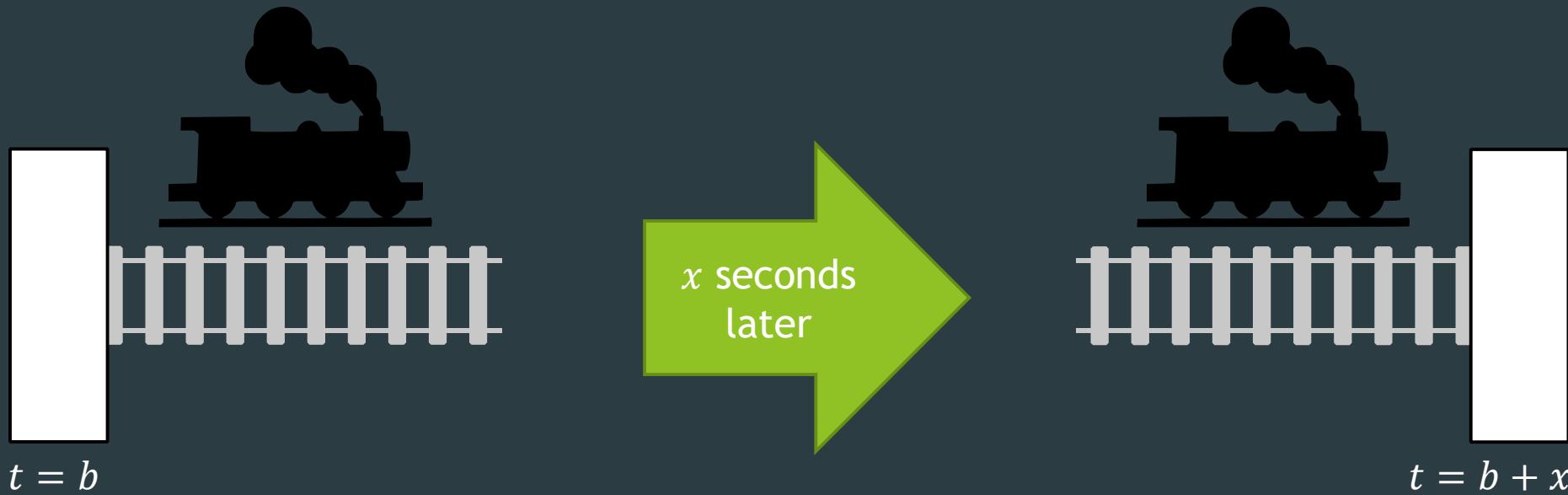


```
class RailwaySegmentState():
    def __init__(self):
        self.timer = INFINITY

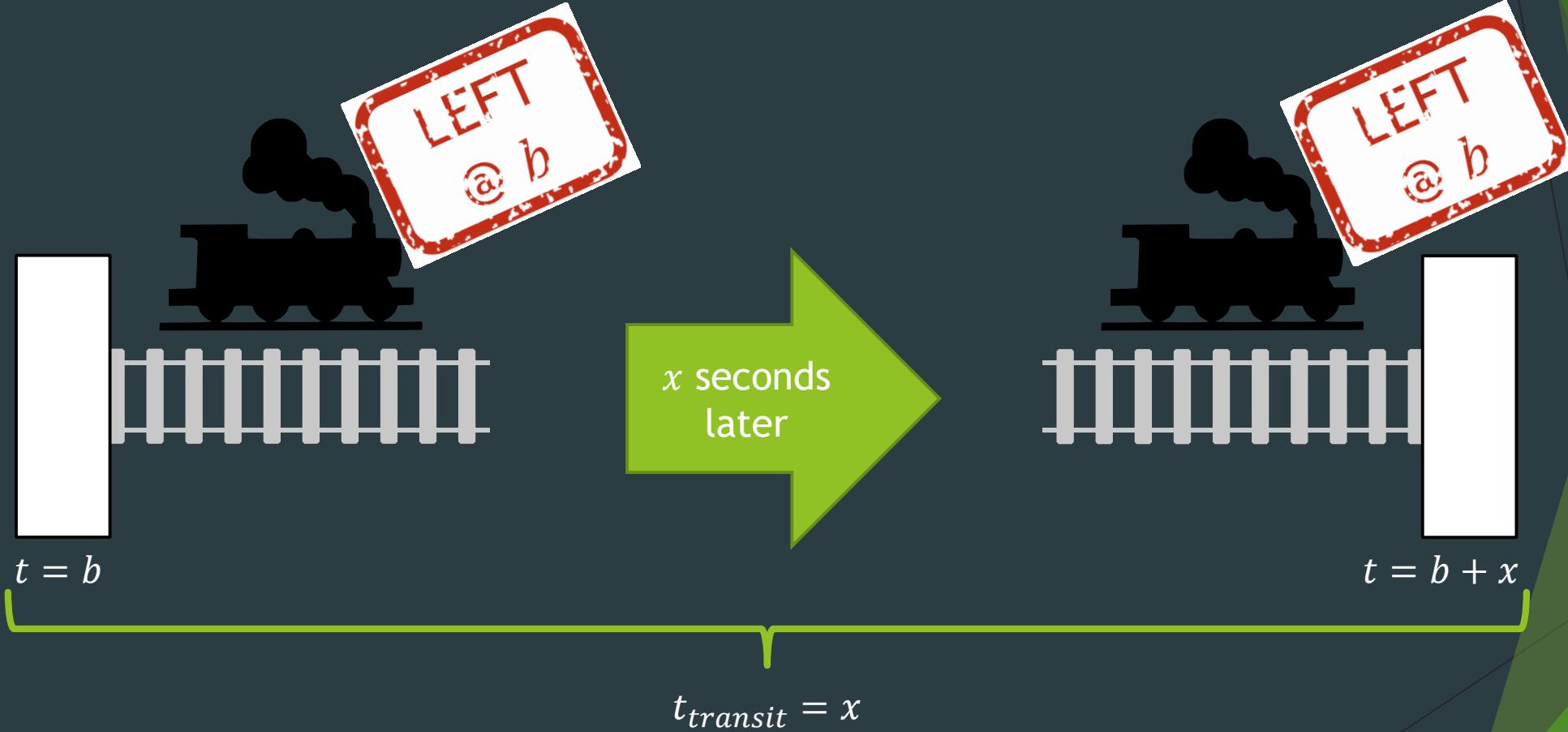
class RailwaySegment(AtomicDEVS):
    def extTransition(self, inputs):
        self.state.timer -= self.elapsed
        ...

    def timeAdvance(self):
        return self.state.timer
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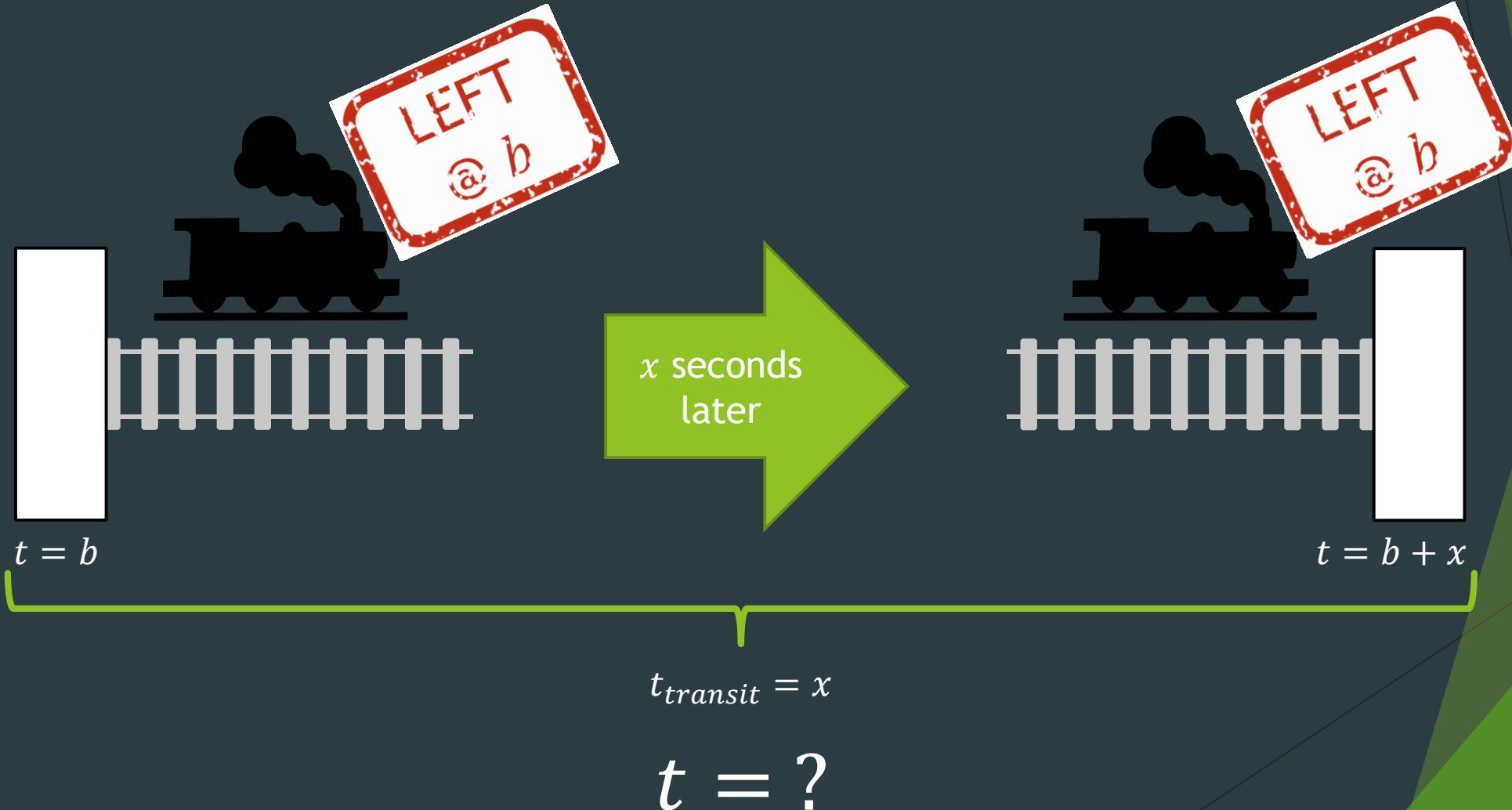
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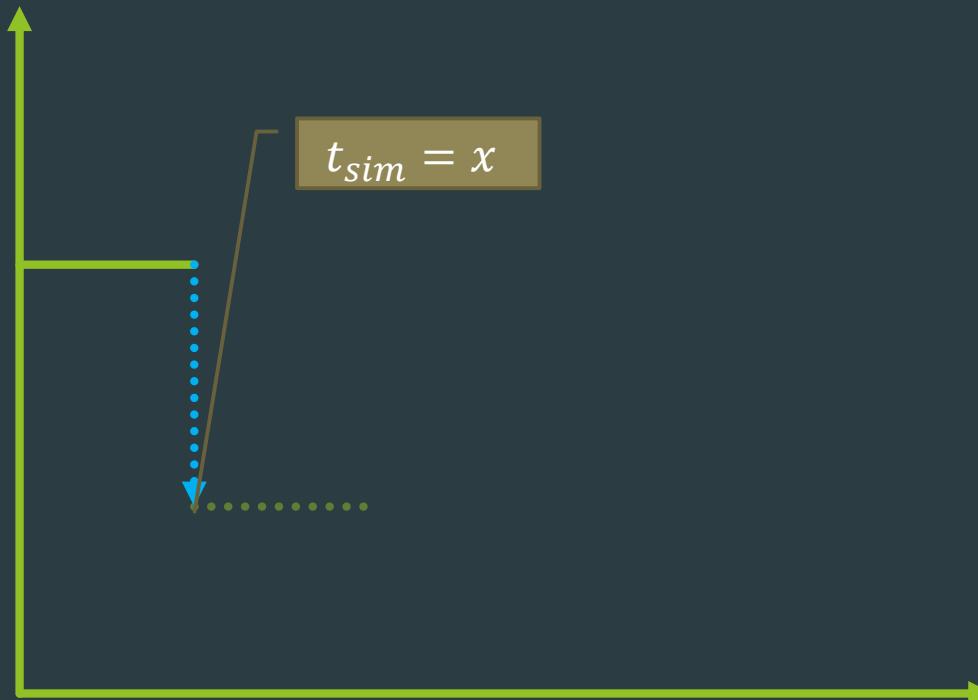
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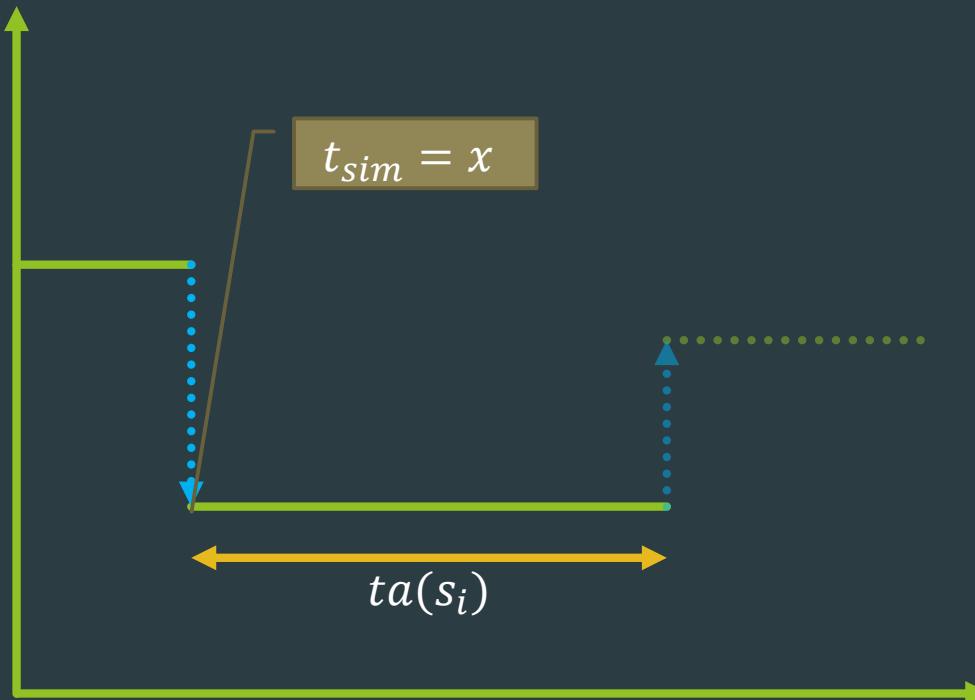
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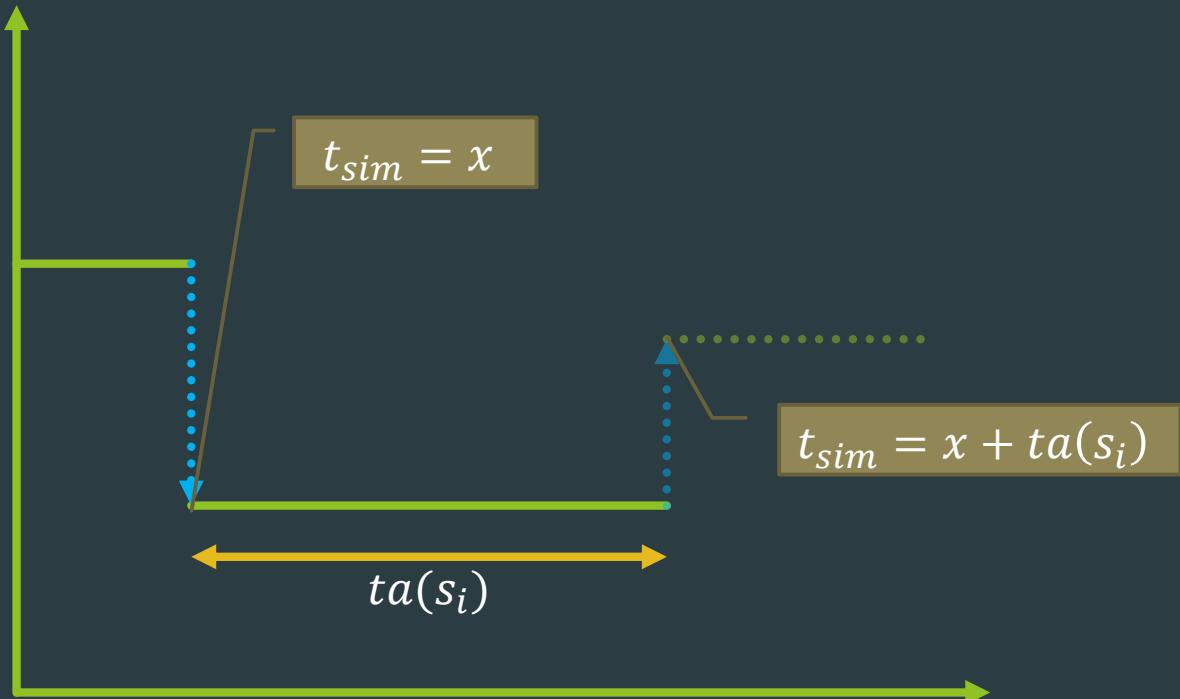
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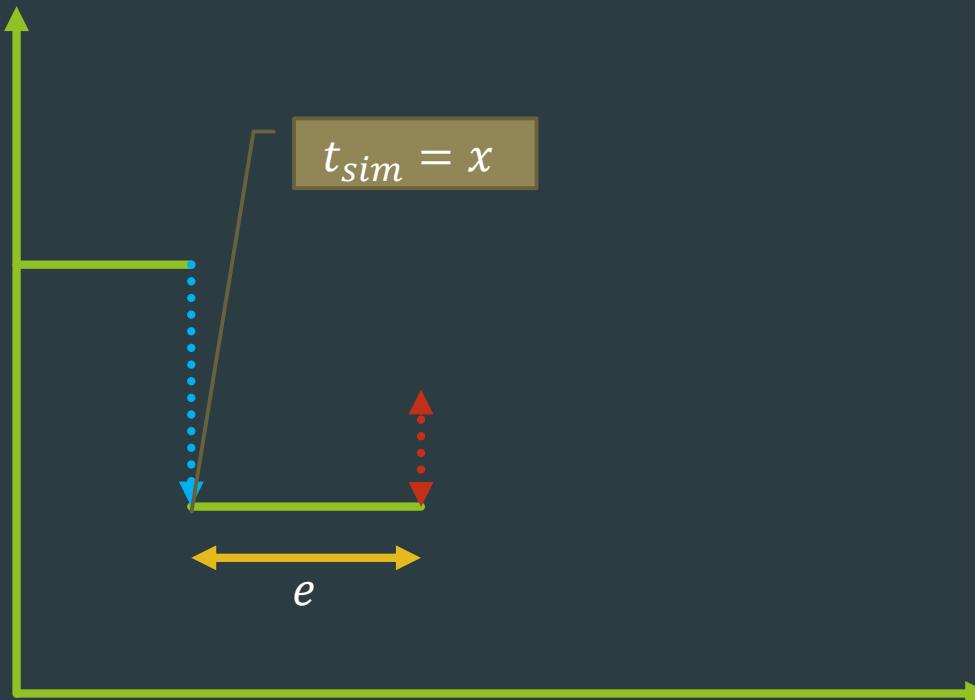
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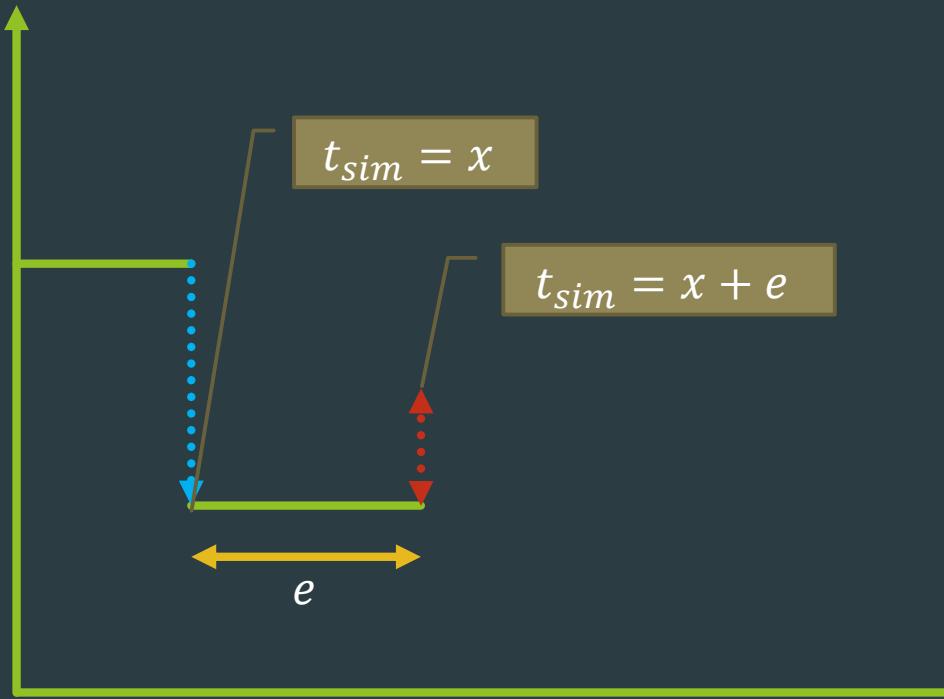
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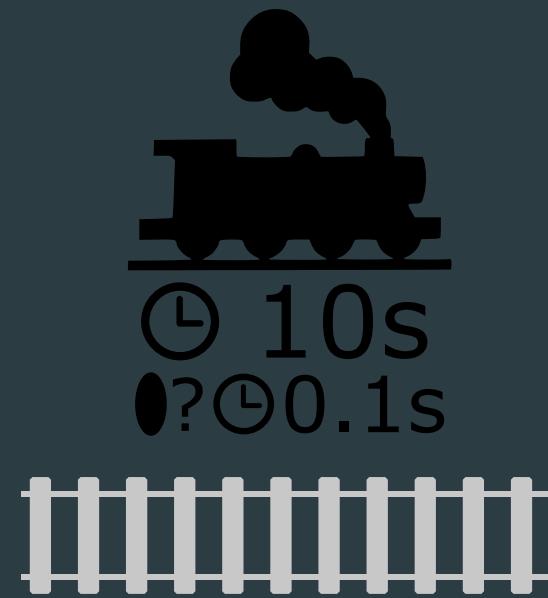


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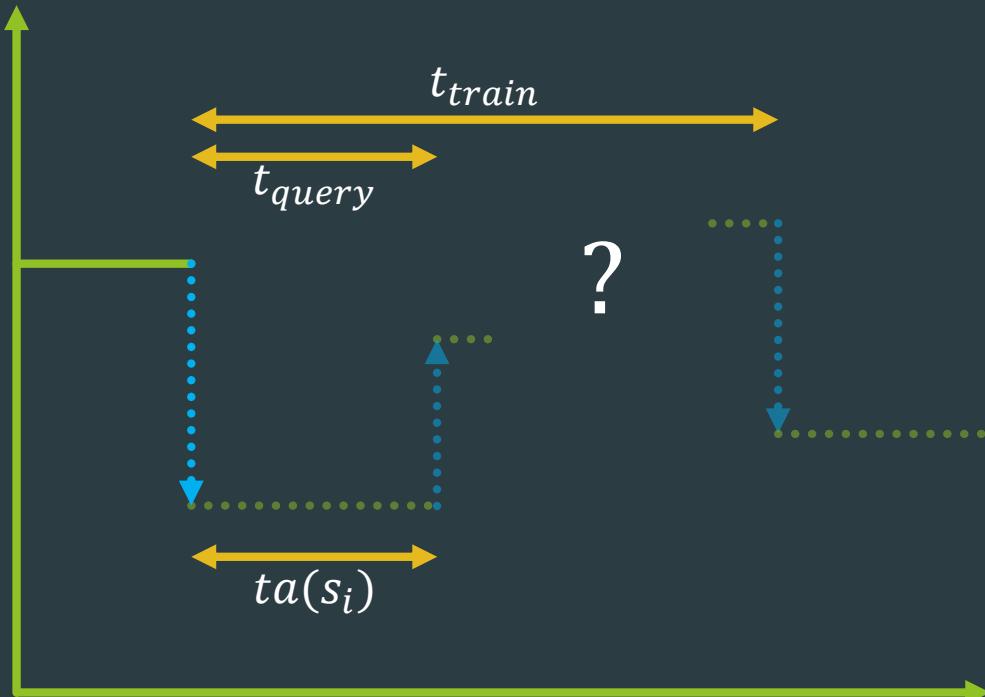


```
class GeneratorState:  
    def __init__(self):  
        self.t_sim = 0.0  
    ...  
  
class Generator(AtomicDEVS):  
    def __init__(self):  
        self.state = GeneratorState()  
    ...  
  
    def intTransition(self):  
        self.state.t_sim += self.timeAdvance()  
    ...  
  
    def extTransition(self, inputs):  
        self.state.t_sim += self.elapsed  
    ...
```

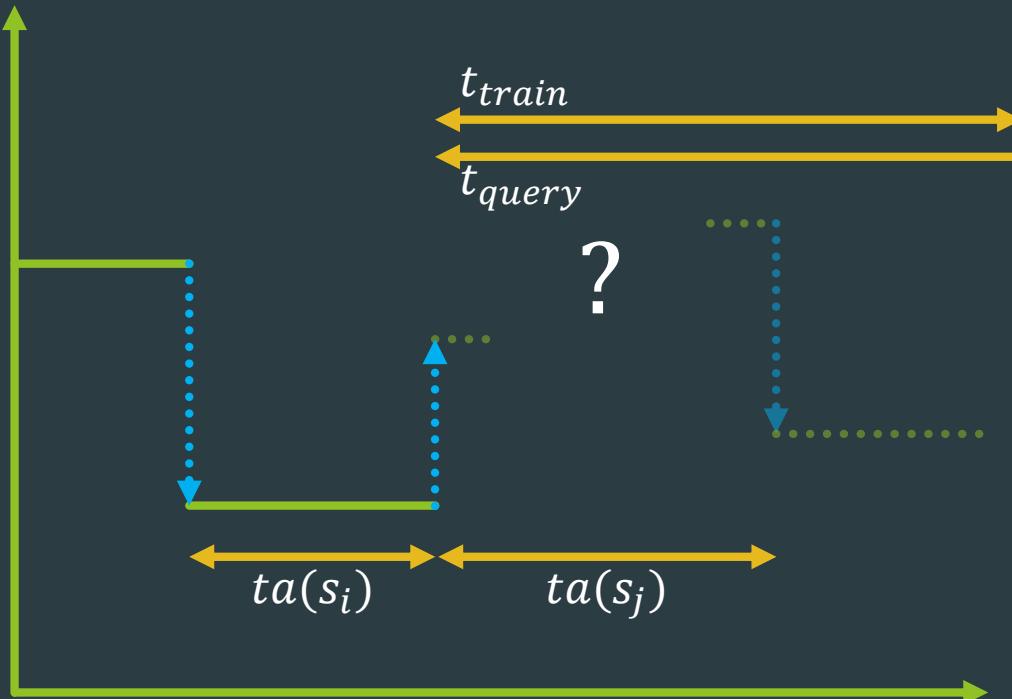
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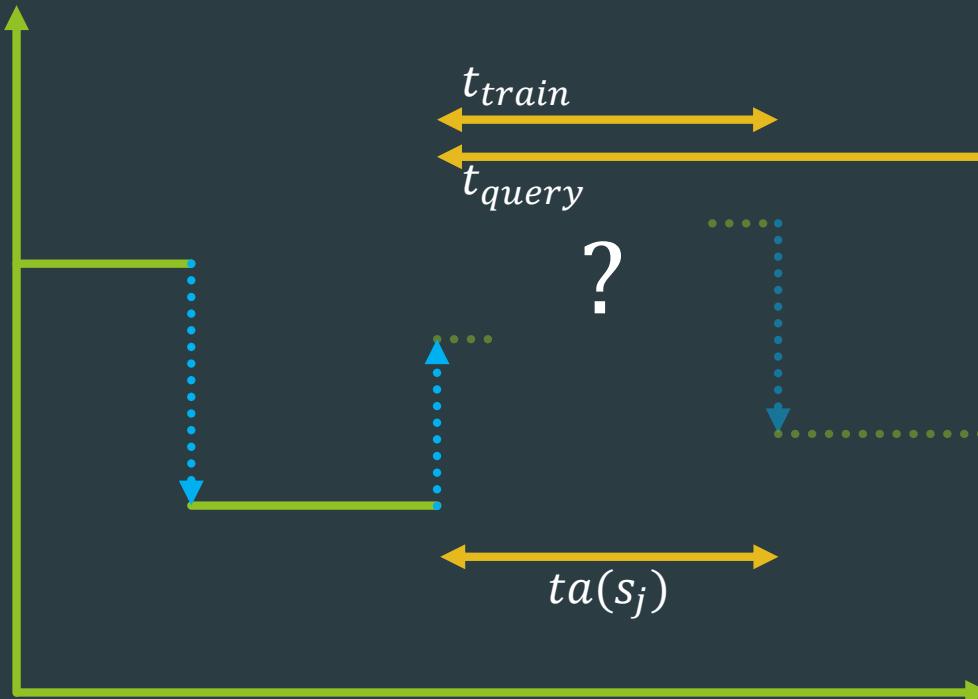
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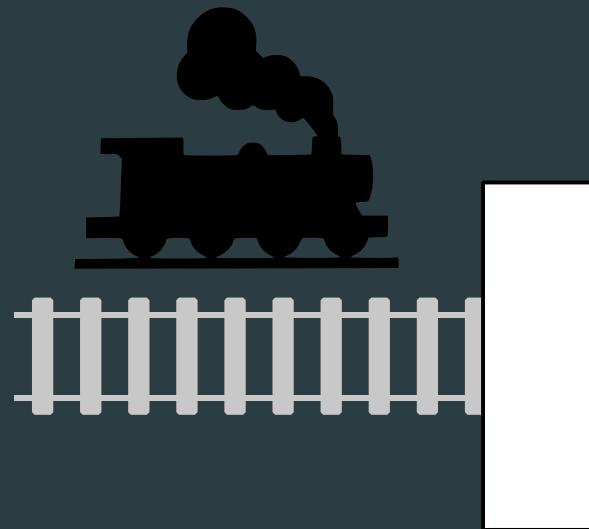
```
class RailwaySegmentState:  
    def __init__(self):  
        self.t_query = INFINITY  
        self.t_train = INFINITY  
  
class RailwaySegment(AtomicDEVS):  
    def timeAdvance(self):  
        return min(self.state.t_query, \  
                  self.state.t_train)  
  
    def extTransition(self, inputs):  
        self.state.t_query -= self.elapsed  
        self.state.t_train -= self.elapsed  
  
    ...
```



```
...  
  
def intTransition(self):  
    self.state.t_query -= self.timeAdvance()  
    self.state.t_train -= self.timeAdvance()  
    if (self.state.t_query == 0):  
        ... # process query  
    elif (self.state.t_train == 0):  
        ... # process train
```



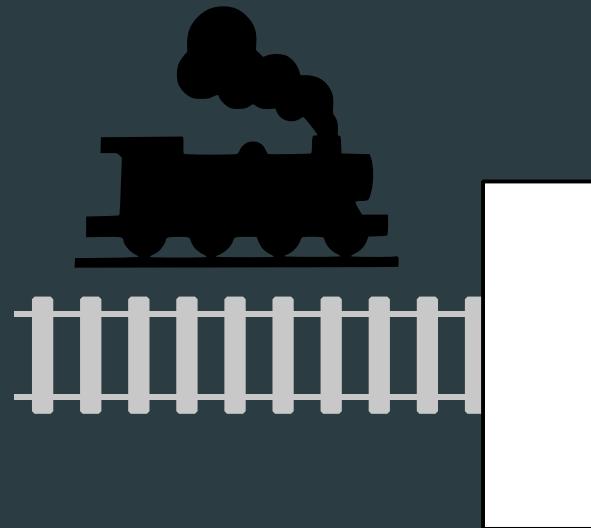
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$$\left. \begin{aligned} sum &= \sum_i t_{travel} = 36,902,140.45 \\ count &= |arrivals| = 20,000 \end{aligned} \right\} avg = \frac{sum}{count}$$

n trains = 1 double + 1 long long int = 16 bytes

Pattern 4: Statistics Gathering

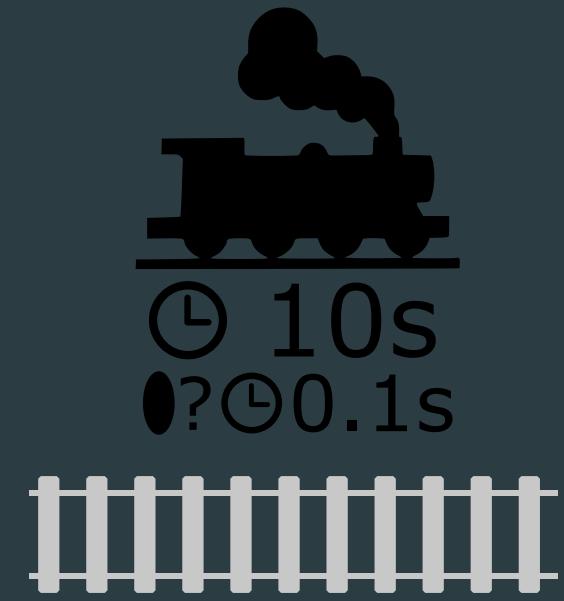


```
class CollectorState():
    def __init__(self):
        self.counter = 0
        self.accum = 0.0
        self.t_sim = 0.0

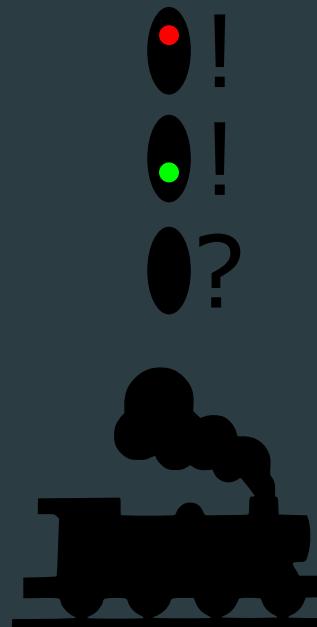
class Collector(AtomicDEVS):
    def extTransition(self, inputs):
        left = inputs[self.train].left
        transit = self.state.t_sim - left
        self.accum += transit
        self.counter += 1
```

Pattern 5: Complex State/Event

S

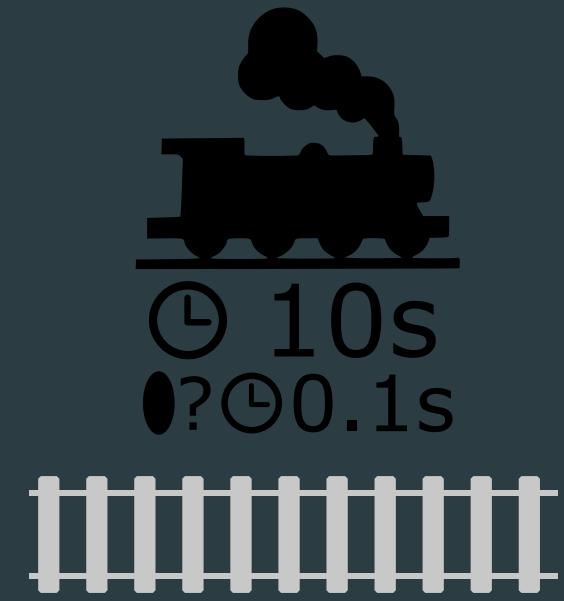


X, Y



Pattern 5: Complex State/Event

S



X, Y



$$S = \{\langle timer_{train}, timer_{query}, v_{train}, t_{train}, a_{train} \rangle | timer_{train} \in \mathbb{R}^+, \dots\}$$

$$X, Y = \{\langle t, v, a \rangle | t \in \mathbb{R}^+, \dots\} \cup \{\text{query}\} \cup \{\text{colour} | \text{colour} \in \{\text{red}, \text{green}\}\}$$

Pattern 5: Complex State/Event

```
class RailwaySegmentState:  
    def __init__(self):  
        self.train = None  
  
class RailwaySegment(AtomicDEVS):  
    def __init__(self):  
        self.state = RailwaySegmentState()  
        ...  
  
    def extTransition(self, inputs):  
        ...  
        self.state.train = inputs[self.train_in]  
        ...
```



```
class Train:  
    def __init__(self, t, a):  
        self.t = t  
        self.a = a  
        self.v = 0.0  
  
class Query:  
    def __init__(self):  
        pass  
  
class QueryAck:  
    def __init__(self, colour):  
        self.colour = colour
```



What's left ?

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Limitations of Classic DEVS

- ▶ Parallel implementation
 - ▶ Parallel DEVS [1]
- ▶ Select function is artificial
 - ▶ Parallel DEVS [1]
- ▶ Dynamic Structure systems
 - ▶ Dynamic Structure DEVS [2]

[1] A.C.-H. Chow. Parallel DEVS: A parallel, hierarchical, modular modeling formalism and its distributed simulator. *Transactions of the Society for Computer Simulation International*, 13(2):55-68, 1996.

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Examples

A small *trafficModel* and corresponding *trafficExperiment* file is included in the *examples* folder of the PyPDEVS distribution. This (completely working) example is slightly too big to use as a first introduction to PyPDEVS and therefore this page will start with a very simple example.

For this, we will first introduce a simplified queue model, which will be used as the basis of all our examples. The complete model can be downloaded: [`queue_example_classic.py`](#).

This section should provide you with all necessary information to get you started with creating your very own PyPDEVS simulation. More advanced features are presented in the next section.

Generator

Somewhat simpler than a queue even, is a generator. It will simply create a message to send after a certain delay and then it will stop doing anything.

Informally, this would result in a DEVS specification as:

- Time advance function returns the waiting time to generate the message, infinity after

An overview of PythonPDEVS

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Methodology

An evaluation of DEVS simulation tools

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Abstract

DEVS is a popular formalism for modeling complex dynamic systems using a discrete-event abstraction. Owing to its popularity, and the simplicity of the simulation kernel, a number of tools have been constructed by academia and industry. However, each of these tools has distinct design goals and a specific programming language implementation. Consequently, each supports a specific set of formalisms, combined with a specific set of features. Performance differs significantly between different tools. We provide an overview of the current state of eight different DEVS simulation tools: ADEVS, CD++, DEVS-Suite, MS4 Me, PowerDEVS, PythonPDEVS, VLE, and X-S-Y. We compare supported formalisms, compliance, features, and performance. This paper aims to help modelers in deciding which tools to use to solve their specific problems. It further aims to help tool builders, by showing the aspects of their tools that could be extended in future tool versions.

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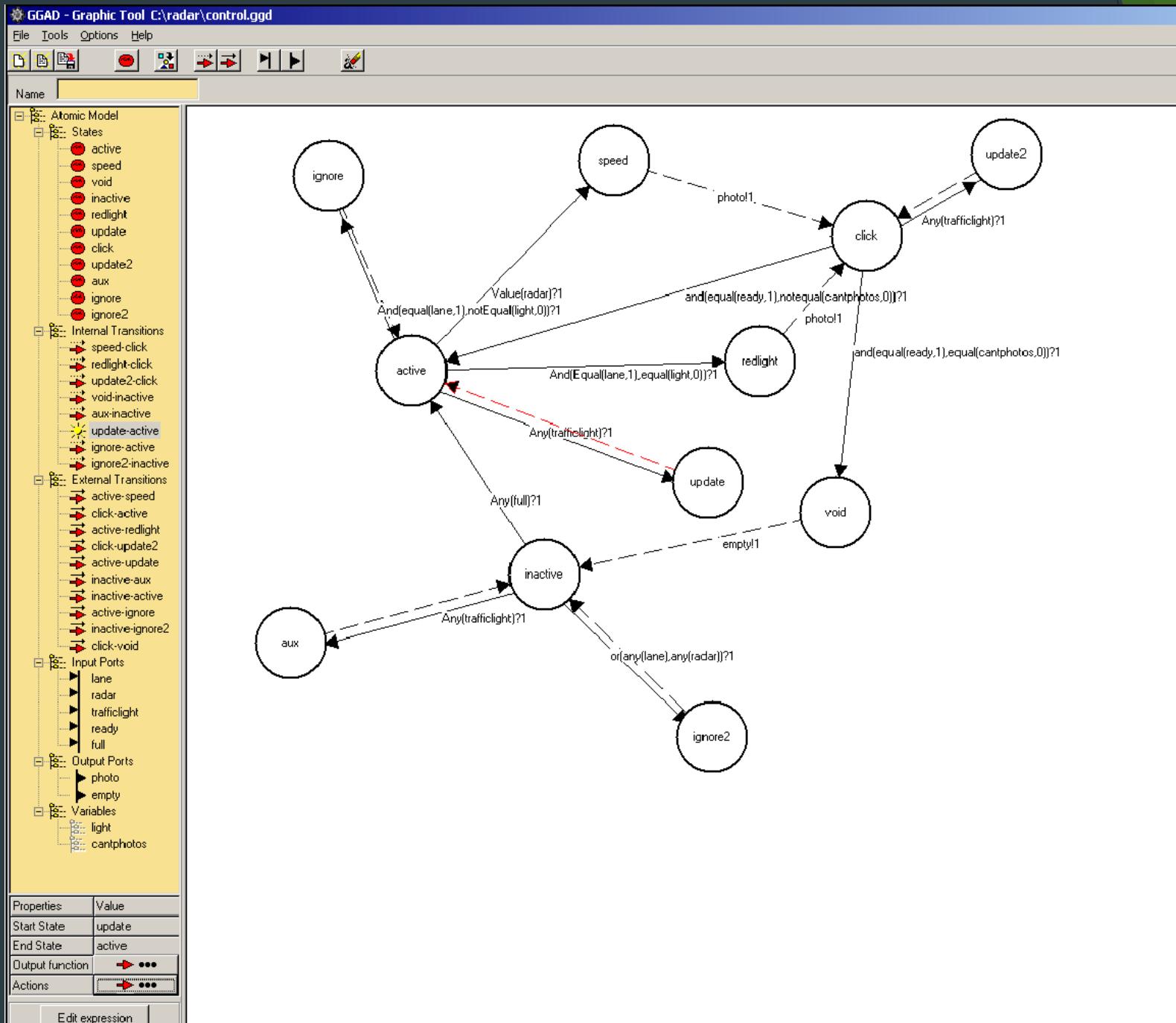
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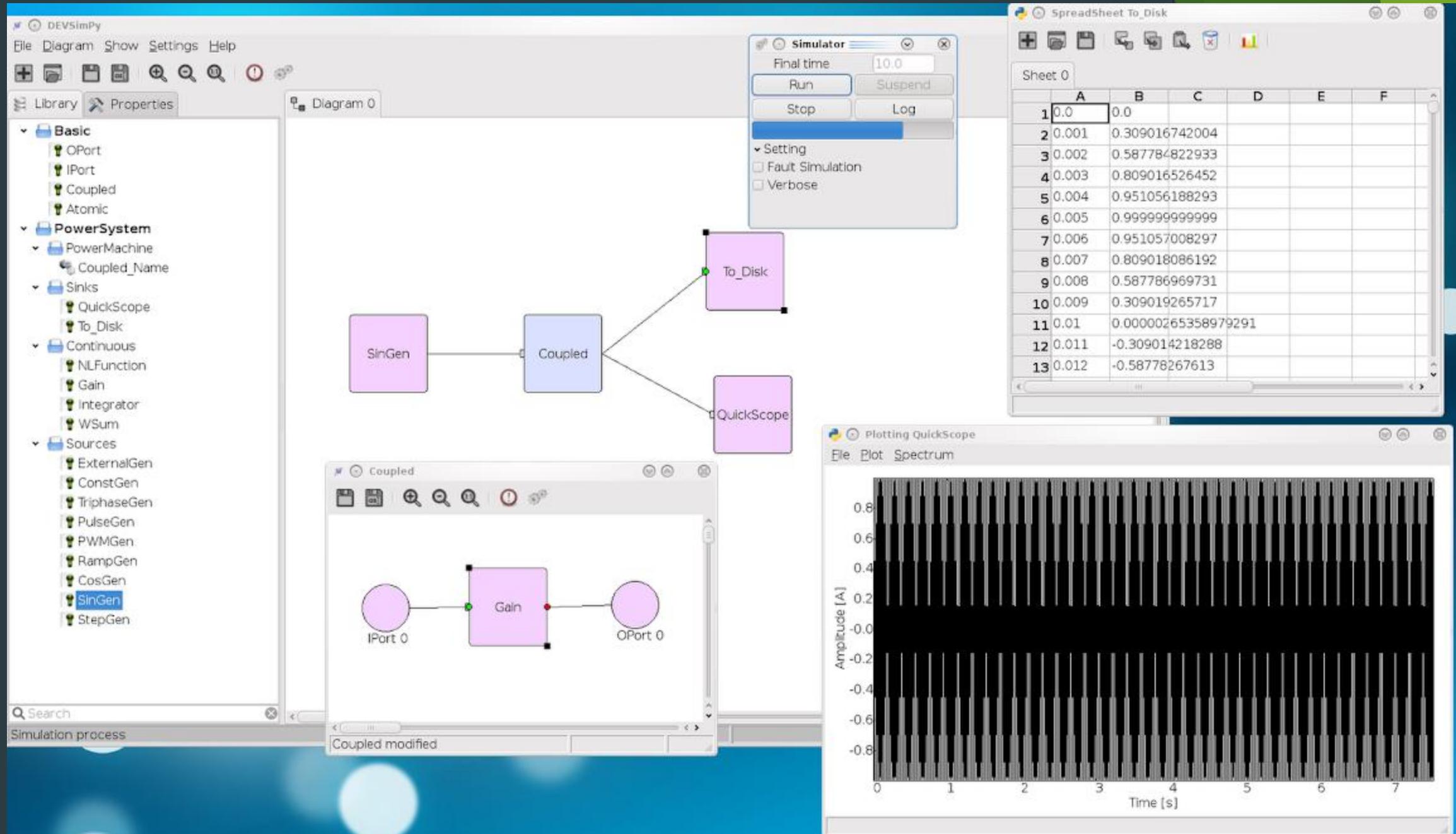
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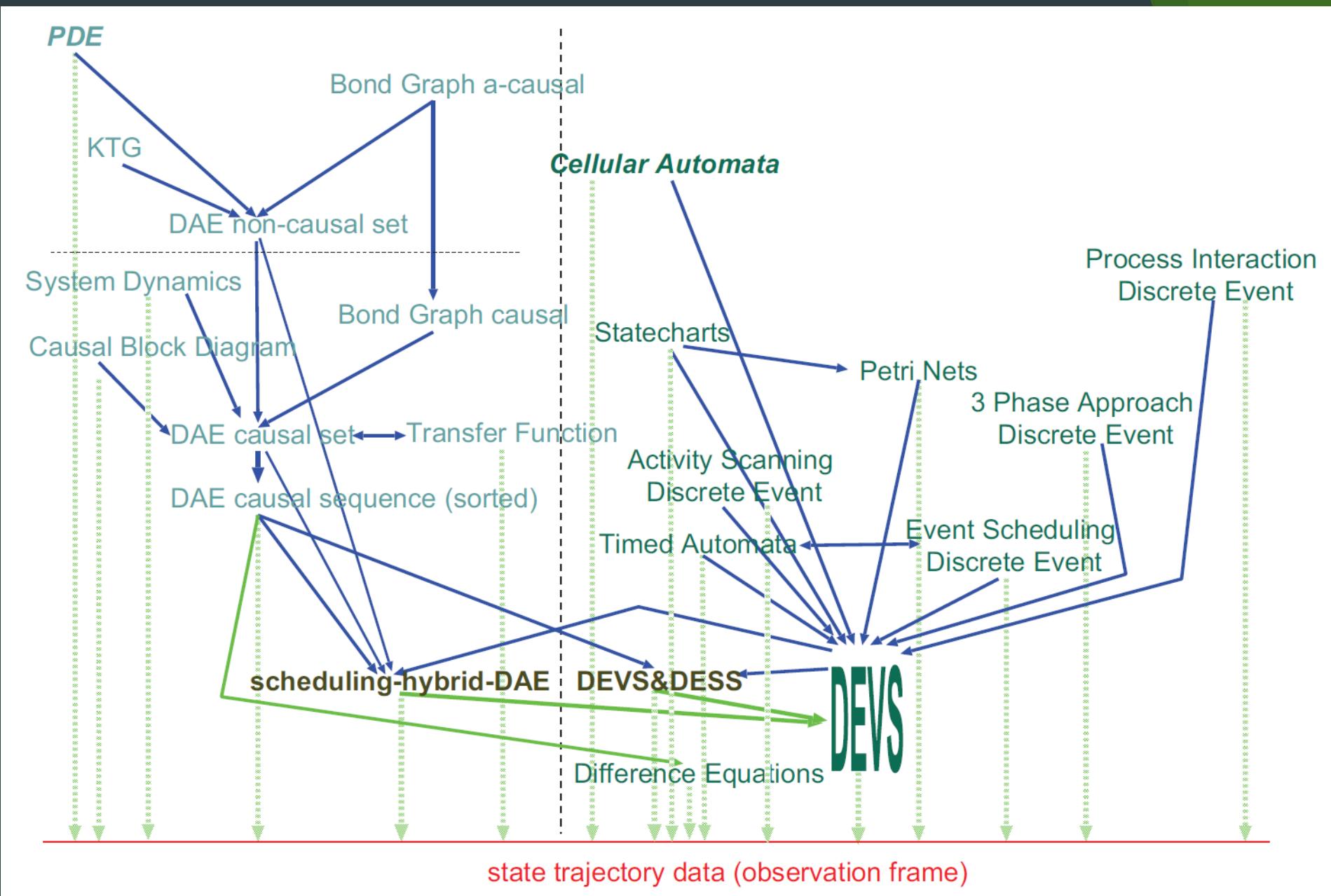
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