

Team Automata: An Overview of Recent Results

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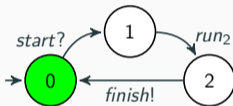
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Extended Team Automata and other Coordination Models

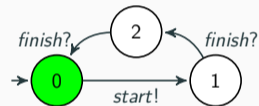
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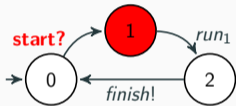
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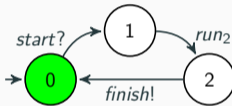
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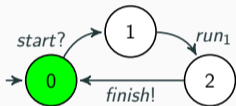
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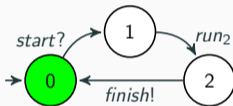
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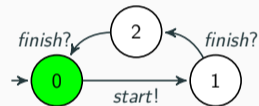
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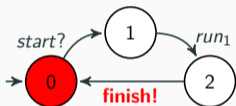
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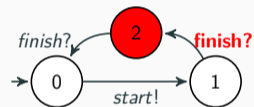
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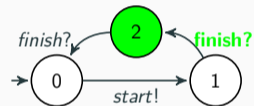
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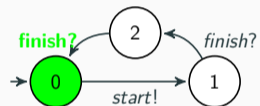
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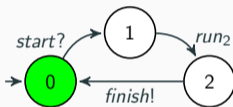
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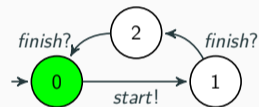
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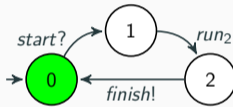
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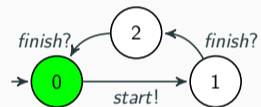
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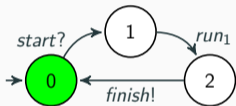
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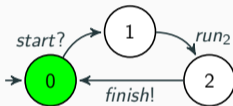
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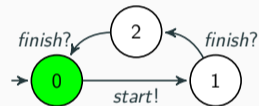
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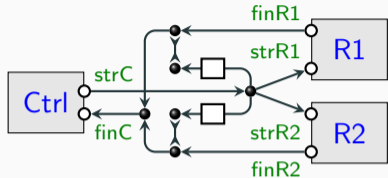
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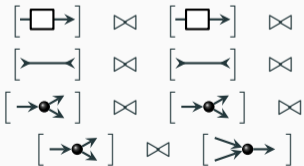
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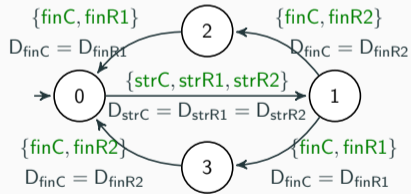
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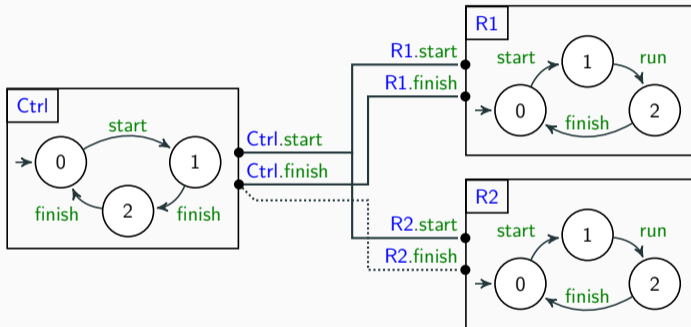
- Focus on **connectors** (not on **components**)
- **Connectors** built compositionally
- **Components** should be flexible/compatible



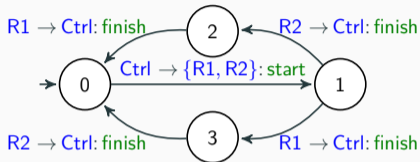
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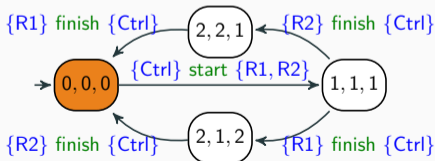
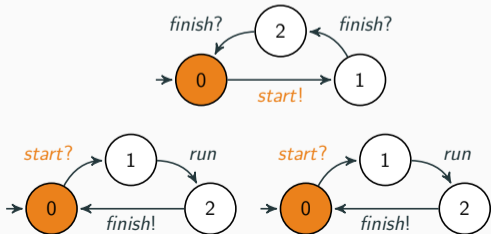
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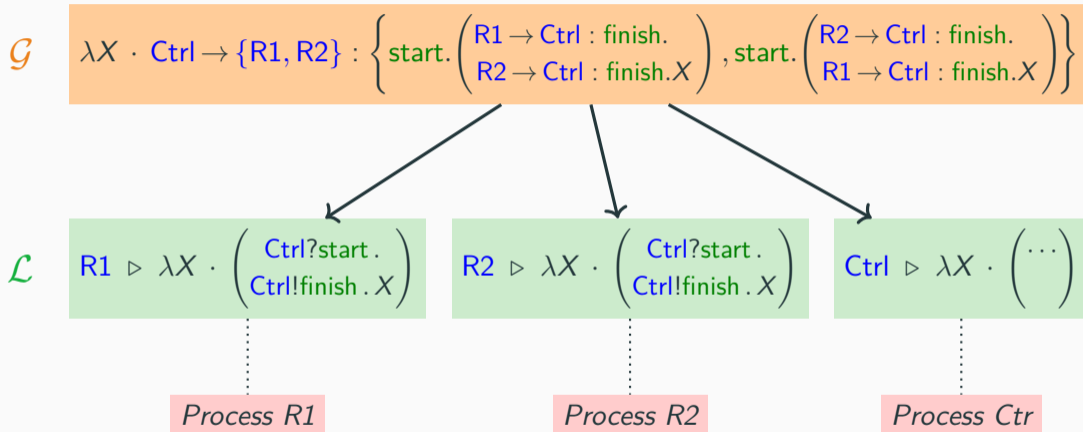
- **components** expose **ports**
- **interactions** restrict which **ports** can fire
- **constructors** using unicast (●) and broadcast (▲) can be used to restrict **interactions**
- **dataflow** can be added



- Many results over the language of CA
- Projections of the language of CA
- Contract automata are similar



(Composed Team Automaton)



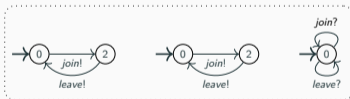
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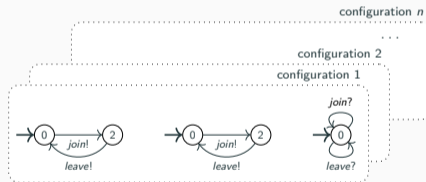


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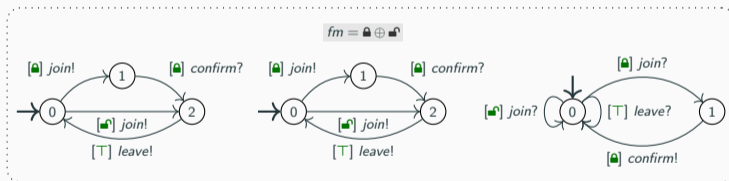
- Large sets of similar systems that share a lot of behaviour but differ in other

Challenge: system-by-system analysis of safe communication quickly becomes **unfeasible**

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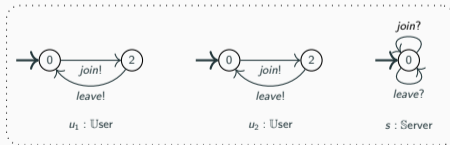
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- Families (sets) of Team Automata model as a Software Product Line
- Single model parametrised by **features** (e.g.: lock , lock^c), and a **feature model** ($\text{lock} \oplus \text{lock}^c$)



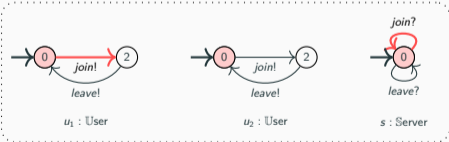
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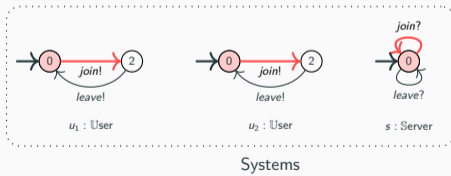
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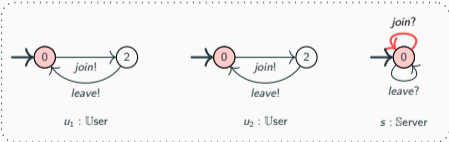
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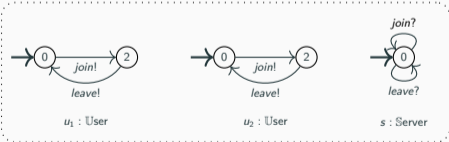


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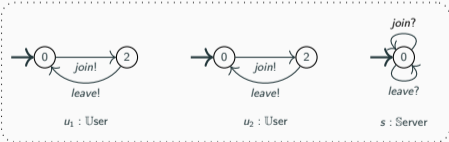
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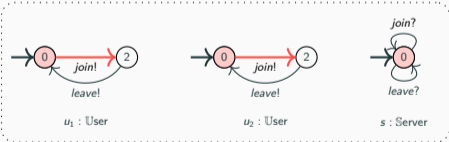
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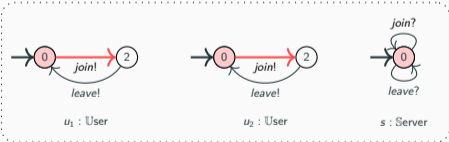
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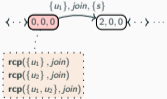
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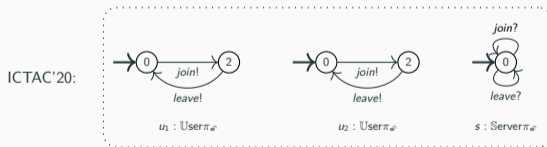
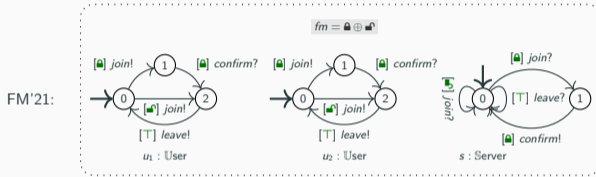


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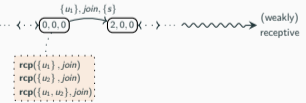


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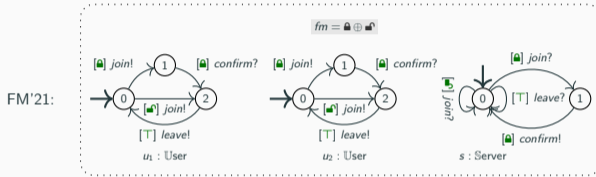
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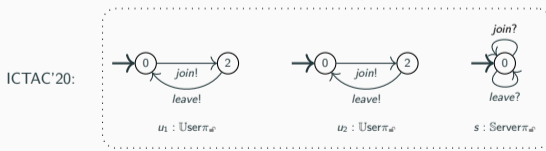
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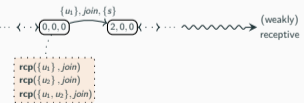


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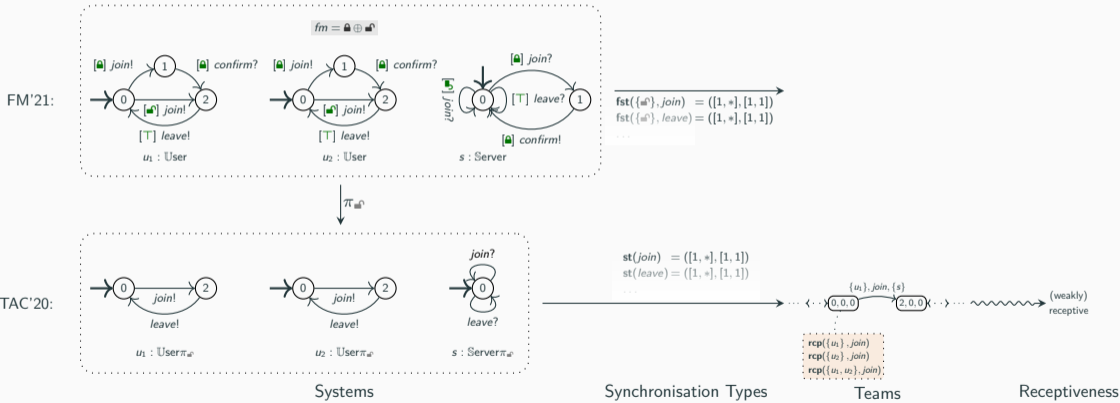
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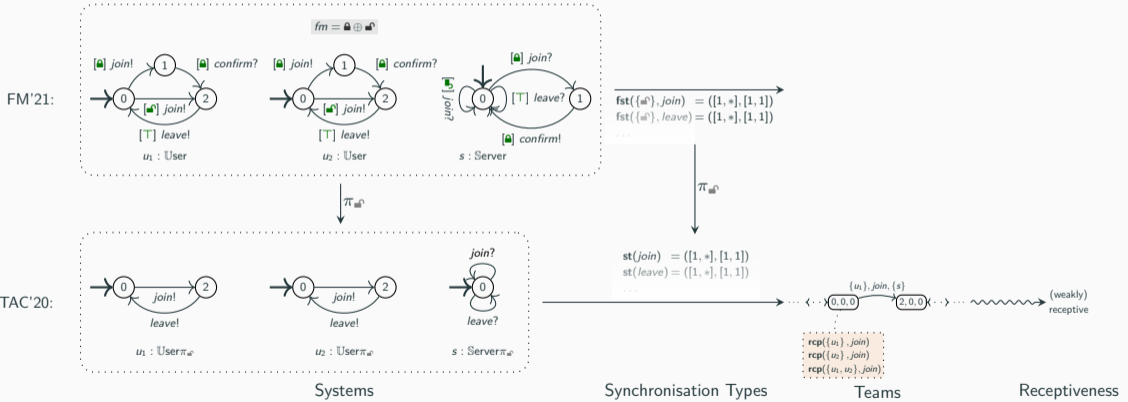
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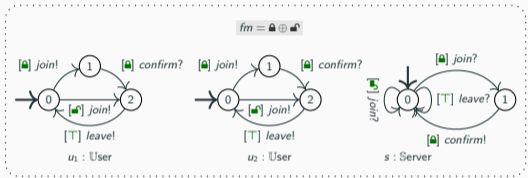


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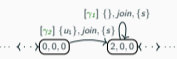
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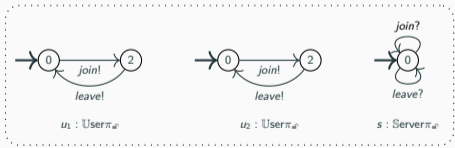
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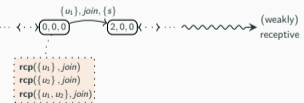


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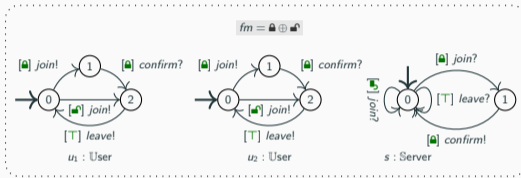
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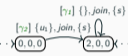
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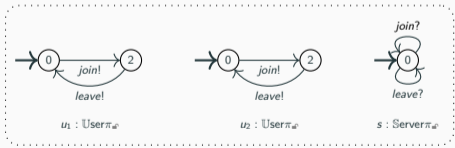
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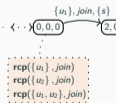
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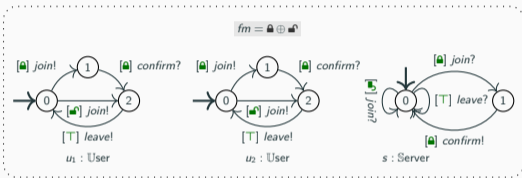
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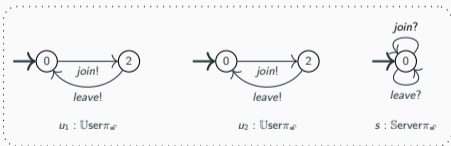
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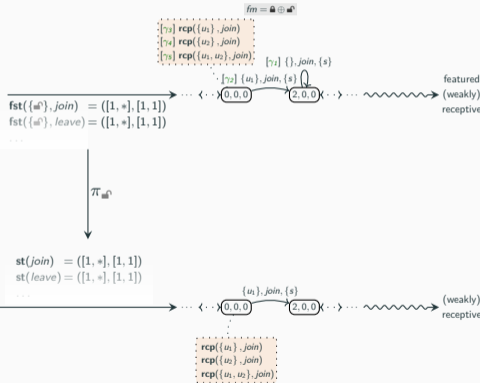


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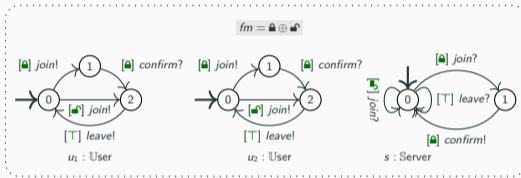
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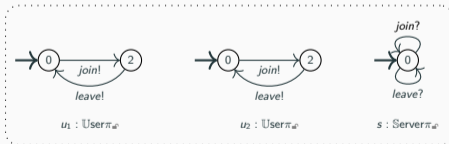
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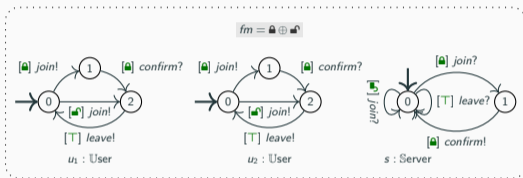
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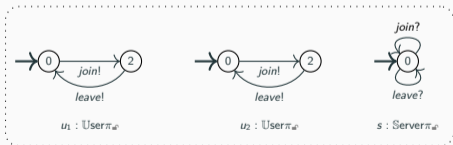
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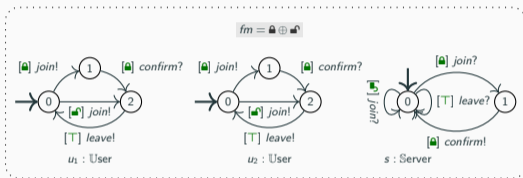
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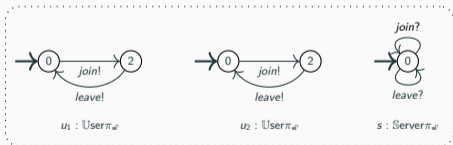
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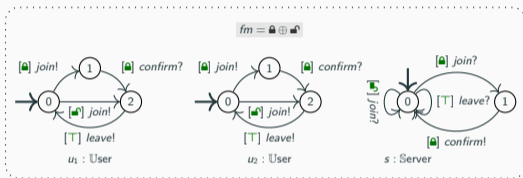
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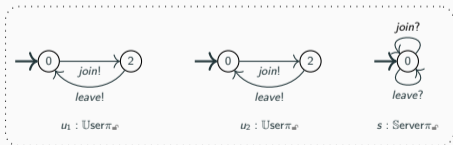
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Synchronisation Types

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$fm = a \oplus b$

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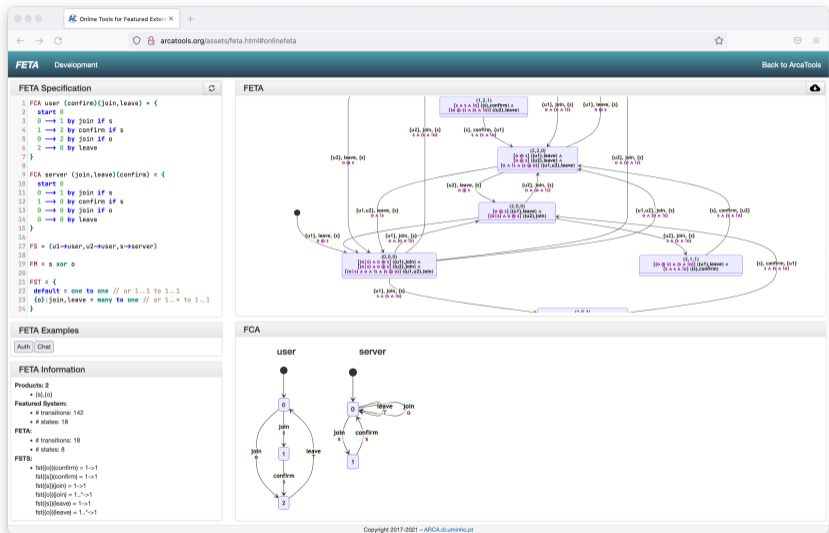
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Online prototype: <http://arcatoools.org/feta>

- Specify
- Generate*
- Visualise
- Statistics

*SAT solver to solve *fm*



The screenshot displays the FETA web application interface. The browser address bar shows `arcatools.org/assets/feta.html#onlinefeta`. The page title is "FETA Development" with a "Back to ArcaTools" link.

FETA Specification

```
1 FCA user (confirm)(join,leave) = {
2   start 0
3   0 → 1 by join if s
4   1 → 2 by confirm if s
5   0 → 2 by join if o
6   2 → 0 by leave
7 }
8
9 FCA server (join,leave)(confirm) = {
10  start 0
11  0 → 1 by join if s
12  1 → 0 by confirm if s
13  0 → 0 by join if o
14  0 → 0 by leave
15 }
16
17 FS = (u1=user, u2=server, s=server)
18
19 FH = s xor o
20
21 FST = {
22   default = one to one // or 1..1 to 1..1
23   (o):join,leave = many to one // or 1..* to 1..1
24 }
```

FETA Examples

Auth Chat

FETA Information

Products: 2
• {0,1}

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• # states: 18

FETA:
• # transitions: 18
• # states: 8

FSTB:
• fstt[0]({confirm}) = 1->1
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fstt[0]({join}) = 1->1
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FETA State Transition Diagram

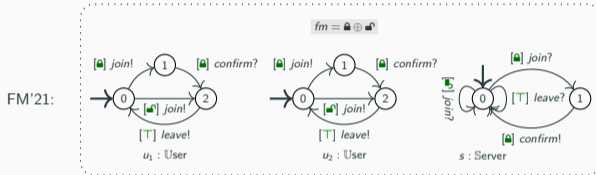
The diagram shows a complex state space with states represented as nodes containing logical formulas. Transitions are labeled with actions and conditions. For example, transitions include `(u1,leave, [0])`, `(u1,join, [0])`, and `(s,confirm, [u1])`. The formulas involve variables like `u1`, `u2`, `s`, and `o`.

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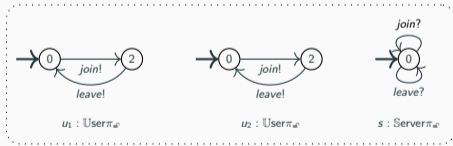
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Smarter: which configurations derived compliant teams?

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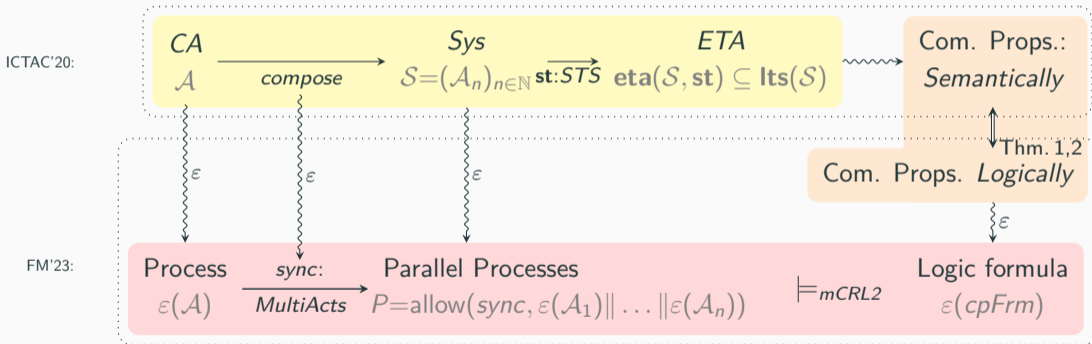
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Extensions (e.g. FM'23: generate requirements as PDL formulae and check compliance with mCRL2)

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Model Check Team Automata

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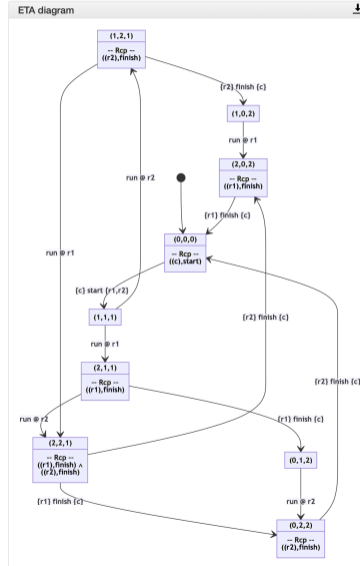


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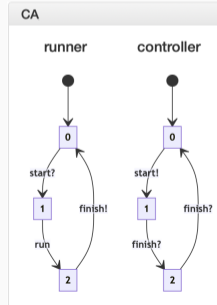
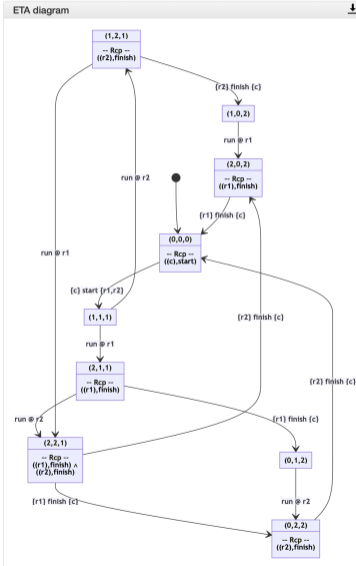
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Communication Properties' Characterisation in mCRL2

Receptiveness:

```
[ (r1_finish|c_finish + r2_run + c_start|r1_start|r2_start + r2_finish|c_finish + r1_run)* ](
  (<c_start> true) => (<c_start|r1_start|r2_start> true) &&
  (<r1_finish> true) => (<r1_finish|c_finish> true) &&
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)
```

Responsiveness:

```
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  <c_finish +
  r1_start|r2_start> true)
=>
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  c_start|r1_start|r2_start +
  r2_finish|c_finish> true)
)
```

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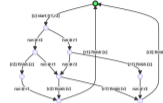
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[ (r1_finish|c_finish + r2_run + c_start|r1_start|r2_start + r2_finish|c_finish + r1_run)* ](
  (<r1_finish> true) => (<(r2_run+r2_finish|c_finish)* . r1_finish|c_finish> true) &&
  (<r2_finish> true) => (<(r1_finish|c_finish+r1_run)* . r2_finish|c_finish> true) &&
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  r1_start|r2_start> true)
=>
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```

View mCRL2 evidence

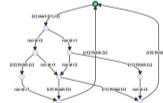
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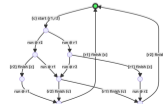
Responsiveness: false



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mCRL2 full system:

```
act
  r1_start,c_finish,r2_run,c_start,r2_finish,r2_start,r1_finish,r1_run;
proc
  r1(s:Int) =
    (s == 2) -> ( r1_finish.r1(0) ) +
    (s == 1) -> ( r1_run.r1(2) ) +
    (s == 0) -> ( r1_start.r1(1) );
  r2(s:Int) =
    (s == 2) -> ( r2_finish.r2(0) ) +
    (s == 1) -> ( r2_run.r2(2) ) +
    (s == 0) -> ( r2_start.r2(1) );
  c(s:Int) =
    (s == 2) -> ( c_finish.c(0) ) +
    (s == 1) -> ( c_finish.c(2) ) +
    (s == 0) -> ( c_start.c(1) );
init
  allow({
    r1_start,
    c_finish,
    c_start|r2_start,
    c_start,
    c_start|r2_start|r1_start,
    r2_finish|r1_finish,
    c_finish|r2_finish,
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    r2_start,
    r1_finish,
    c_start|r1_start,
    r1_run,
    c_finish|r2_finish|r1_finish,
    r2_run,
    r2_start|r1_start,
    c_finish|r1_finish},
    r1(0) || r2(0) || c(0));
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System diagram



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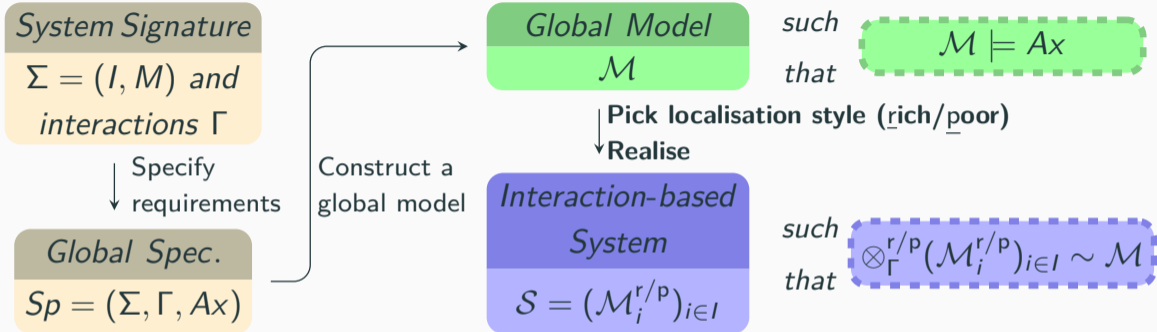
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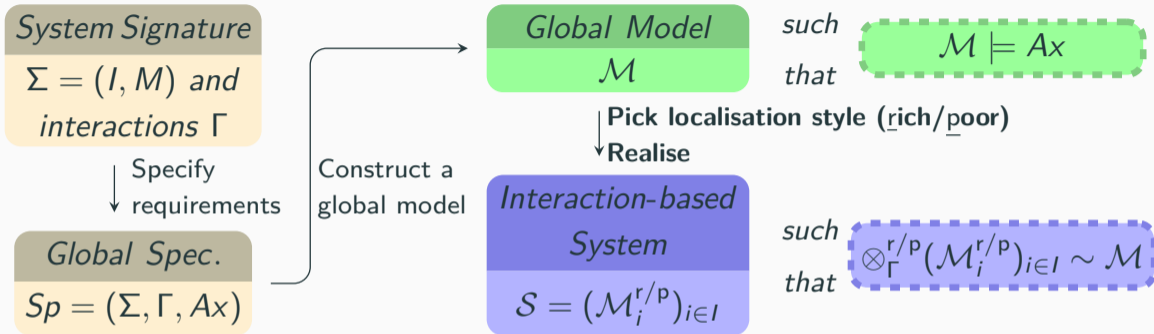
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$$\otimes (\mathcal{M}_i)_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \models Sp?$$

Alternatively, provide a specification in some logical formalism, and construct local models from scratch:

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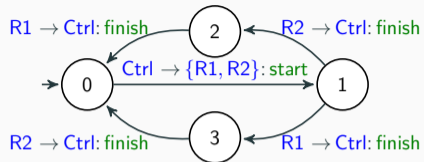




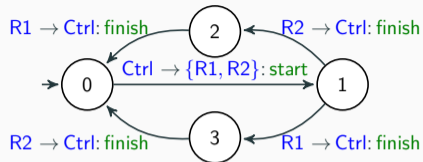
Multi-interactions

- rich** (à la multi-party session types, choreography languages) $i \rightarrow j : m \Rightarrow$
local output action $ij!m$ for i and local input action $ij?m$ for j
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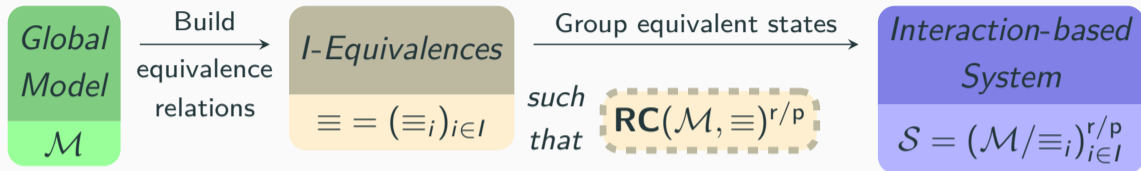
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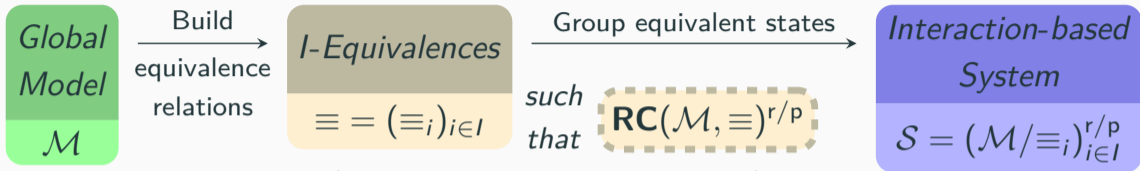


Recall:



Localisation	Local Ctrl	Local R1	Local R2
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Poor			



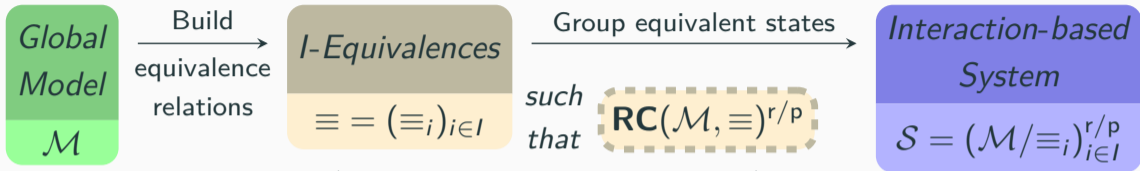


$$q \equiv_i q' \Rightarrow \exists q \xrightarrow{\text{out} \rightarrow \text{in} : m} \mathcal{M} q' \text{ with } i \notin \text{out} \cup \text{in}$$

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Theorems 2/3

If $\text{RC}(\mathcal{M}, \equiv)^{r/p}$ holds, then $\mathcal{M} \sim \otimes_{\Gamma}^{r/p} ((\mathcal{M}/\equiv_i)^{r/p})_{i \in I}$

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<https://github.com/arcalab/choreo/tree/ceta>

<https://lmf.di.uminho.pt/ceta>

Choreographic Extended Team Automata

Choreography

```

1 // Race example
2 (
3   (Ctrl->R1,R2: start);
4   (R1->Ctrl:finish ||
5     R2->Ctrl:finish)
6 )*
```

A controller starts 2 runners at the same time, and receives a finish message from each runner at a time.

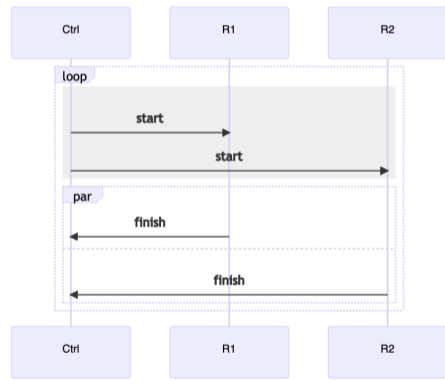
Examples

Race (simple) Race (R1-first) Race (once, simple)

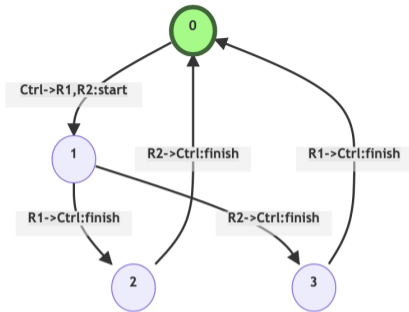
Toss Gossip (bad) Gossip (good) Cast-v1

Cast-v2 ab+cb+ca ab;ac ab|ac ab;cd ab|cd

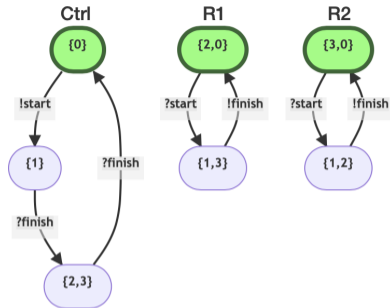
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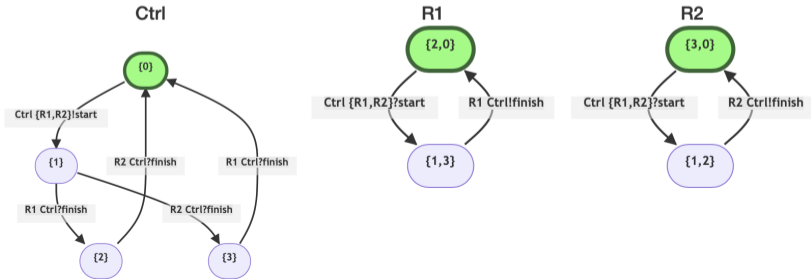
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