

Revisiting the Glue of BIP

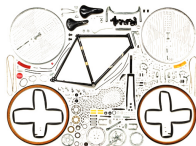
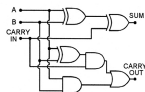
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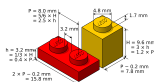
Component-Based Design

- Complex systems built by assembling **components**:
 - digital circuits from gates
 - mechanical object from smaller parts (car, ...)
 - backhoe loader from Lego blocks
 - ETAPS from conferences, workshops, tutorials, ...
 - ...
- Advantages:
 - **managing complexity**: divide-and-conquer
 - **modularity**: replace / upgrade components
 - **reuse** of existing components.



Assembling Components

- Components **interfaces**
 - assembly options



- Systems:

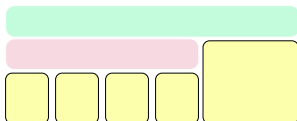
- what are the components?



- how are they assembled (architecture)?



Glues for Software Components



“*Glues*” assemble *software components* based on their interfaces:

- coordination / synchronization: joint actions, barriers, precedence, ...
- communication: exchange of data
- hierarchy: construction of software components from simpler ones.

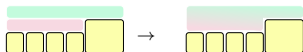
Interesting Properties of Glues

Interesting notions for glues:

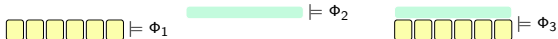
- expressivity¹



- flattening²



- compositionality³



- composability⁴



- synthesis⁵



Studied in the **BIP** framework (Sifakis et al.):

¹: *A Notion of Glue Expressiveness for Component-Based Systems*, CONCUR 2008

²: *Source-to-Source Architecture Transformation for Performance Optimization in BIP*, IEEE Trans. Indus. Info. 2010

³: *D-Finder: A Tool for Compositional Deadlock Detection and Verification*, CAV 2009

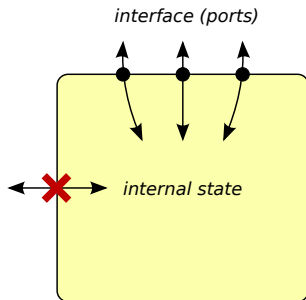
⁴: *A General Framework for Architecture Composability*, SEFM 2014

⁵: *Synthesizing Glue Operators from Glue Constraints for the Construction of Component-Based Systems*, Soft. Comp. 2011

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(Atomic) Components



Components = private data (internal state) + interface (set of ports):

- ports convey data (in and out)
- transformation of internal state = execution on a port.

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A **component** is an LTS $B = (Q, P, \rightarrow)$ having:

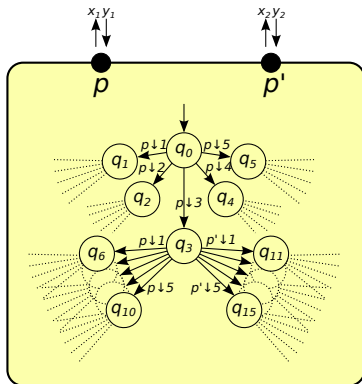
- **(internal) states** Q (possibly infinite)
- an **interface** P , i.e. finite set of **ports** exposing values in domain \mathcal{D}
- **interface state** (at state q) given by $x : P \rightarrow (\mathbb{B} \times \mathcal{D})$
- **transitions** $\rightarrow \subseteq Q \times P \times \mathcal{D} \times Q$:
 - notation: $q \xrightarrow{p \downarrow y} q'$ for $(q, p, y, q') \in \rightarrow$
 - $y \in \mathcal{D}$: value received by B through p
 - p is **enabled** at q iff $q \xrightarrow{p \downarrow y} q'$.

Assumptions:

- $x(p) = (e, v)$ at state q if p exposes v and if p enabled $\Leftrightarrow e = \text{true}$
- **completeness**: $\exists y \in \mathcal{D} . q \xrightarrow{p \downarrow y} q' \Rightarrow \forall y' \in \mathcal{D} . \exists q'' \in Q . q \xrightarrow{p \downarrow y'} q''$.

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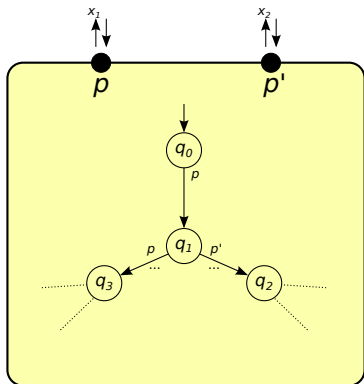
$$\mathcal{D} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$$



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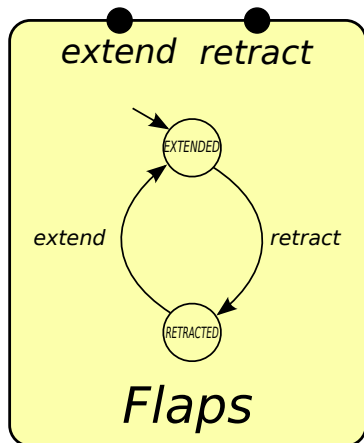


Special case: ports without data:

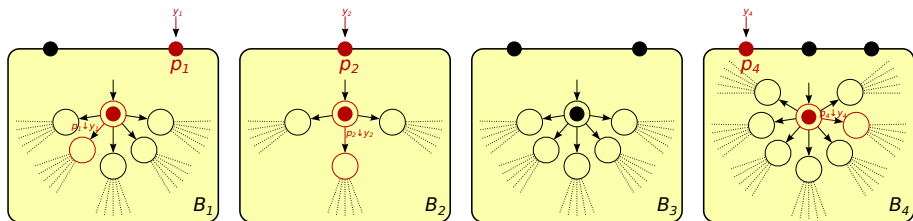
- interface state: $x : P \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$
- transitions are of the form $q \xrightarrow{p} q'$.

Example of (Atomic) Component: Aircraft Flaps

```
port type Port()
atom type Flaps()
  export port Port extend(), retract()
  place EXTENDED, RETRACTED
  initial to EXTENDED
  on retract from EXTENDED to RETRACTED
  on extend from RETRACTED to EXTENDED
end
```



Composition of Components



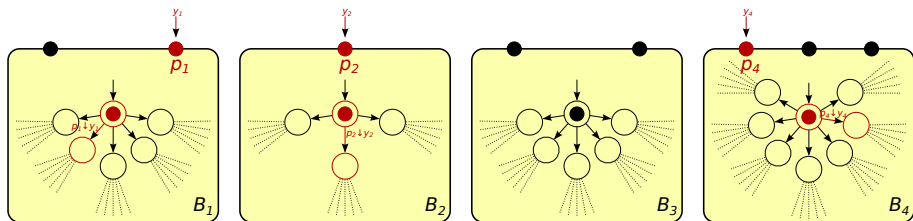
(Parallel) Composition of Components $\{B_i = (Q_i, P_i, \rightarrow_i)\}_{i=1\dots n}$

- States: $(q_1, \dots, q_n) \in Q_1 \times \dots \times Q_n$
- Execution: subsets of component transitions $\{q_i \xrightarrow{p_i \downarrow y_i} q'_i\}_{i \in I}$:

$$(q_1, \dots, q_n) \xrightarrow{\{p_i \downarrow y_i\}_{i \in I}} (q'_1, \dots, q'_n)$$

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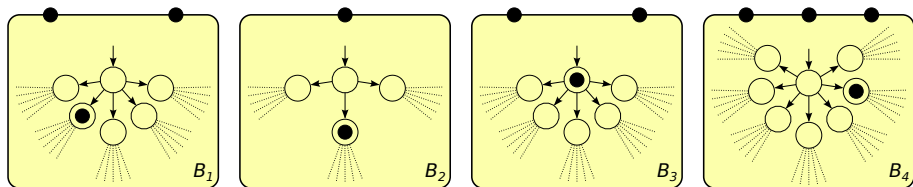
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$$(q_1, \dots, q_n) \xrightarrow{\downarrow y} (q'_1, \dots, q'_n)$$

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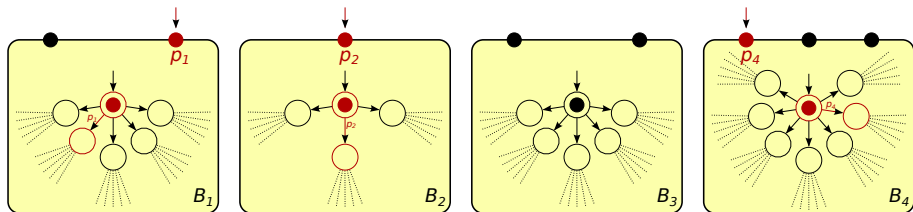
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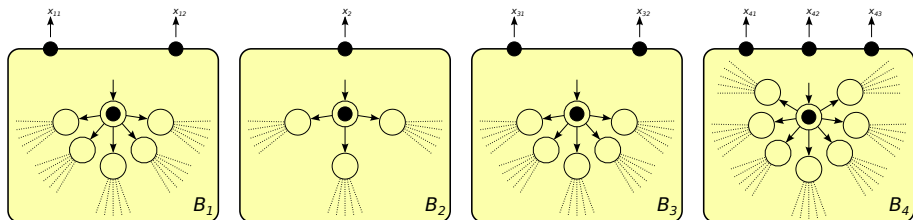
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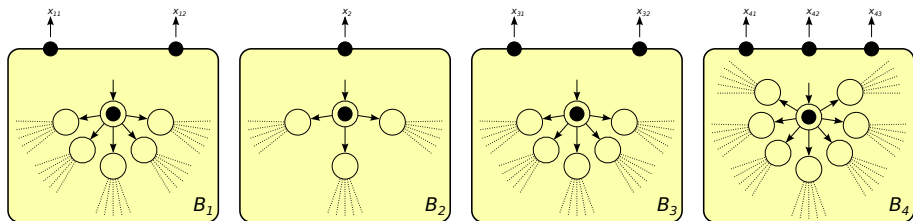


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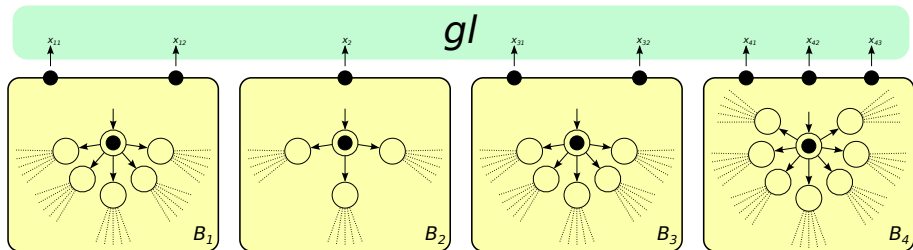


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Glues



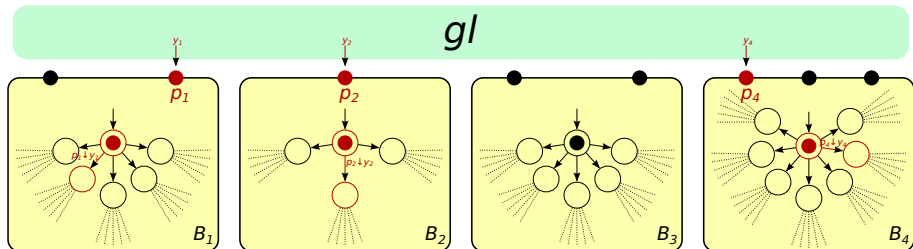
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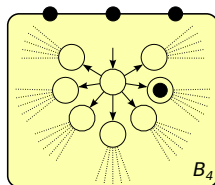
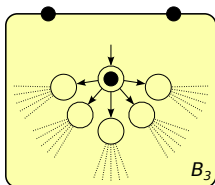
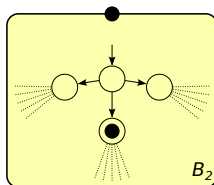
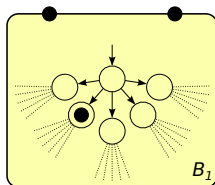
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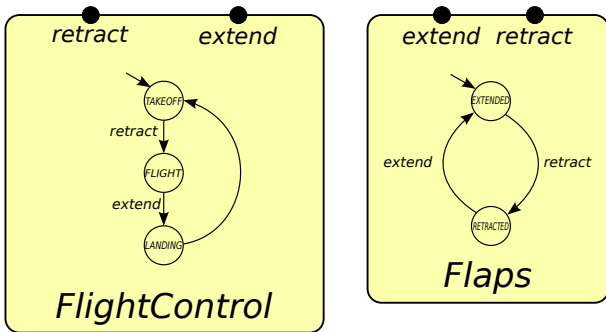
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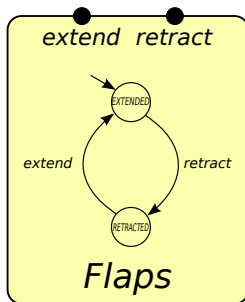
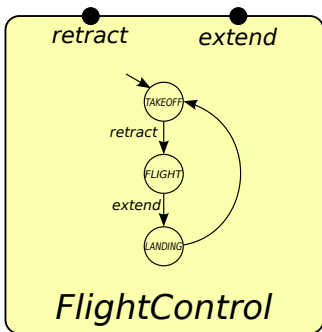
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$$gl(x) \subseteq \{y, y'\}$$

$$y = \{FC.retract, F.retract\}$$

$$y' = \{FC.extend, F.extend\}$$

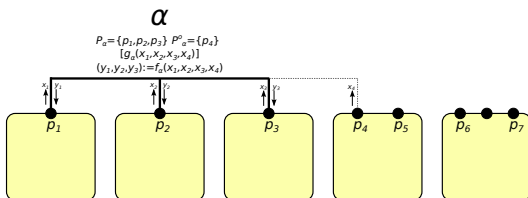
$$y \in gl(x) \text{ iff } x(FC.retract) \wedge x(FC.retract)$$

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Interactions



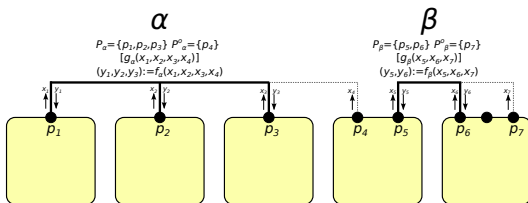
Proposal for Interaction

An **interaction** $\alpha = (g_\alpha, f_\alpha)$ is a synchronization between a subset of ports $P_\alpha \neq \emptyset$ of $\{B_i = (Q_i, P_i, \rightarrow_i)\}_{i=1\dots n}$ s.t. $|P_\alpha \cap P_i| \leq 1$ and

- the **guard** $g_\alpha : [P_\alpha \cup P_\alpha^o]^\uparrow \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$ sat. $g_\alpha(x) \Rightarrow x(P_\alpha) \subseteq \{\text{true}\} \times X$
- $f_\alpha : [P_\alpha \cup P_\alpha^o]^\uparrow \rightarrow [P_\alpha]^\downarrow$ is the **transfer function**

P^o are the ports **observed** by interaction α , possibly $P_\alpha \cup P_\alpha^o = P$.

Semantics of Interactions

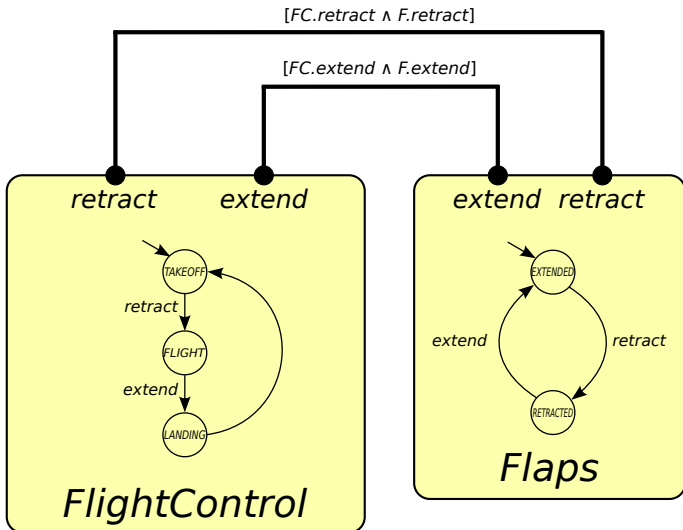


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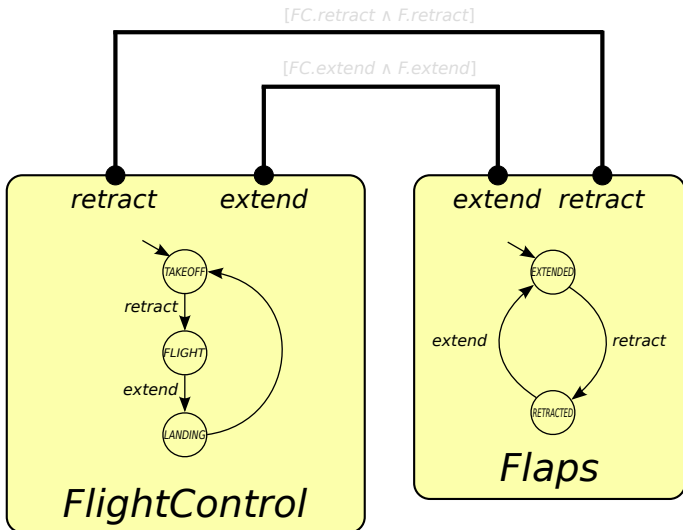
A set of interactions Γ corresponds to the glue g_I satisfying:

$$g_I(x) = \{ f_\alpha(x) \mid \alpha \in \Gamma \wedge g_\alpha(x) \}.$$

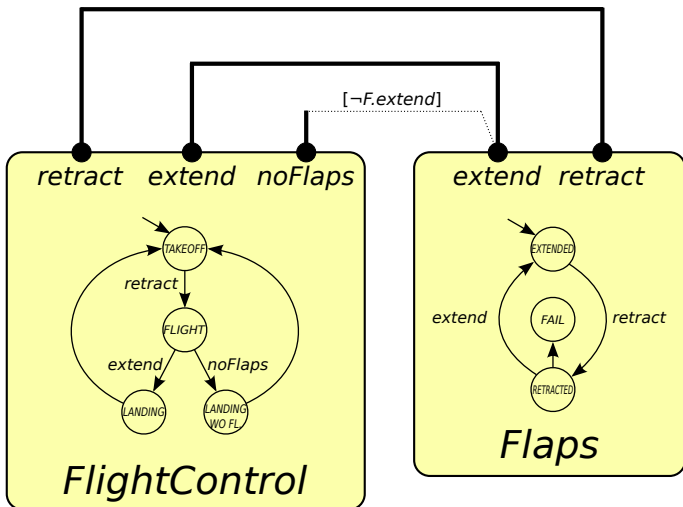
Example: Flight Control + Flaps



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Example: Flight Control + Flaps (cont'd)



Universality of Interactions

Theorem (Universality)

For any glue gl on a composition $\{B_i = (Q_i, P_i, \rightarrow_i)\}_{i=1\dots n}$ there exists an equivalent set of interactions Γ s.t.:

$$|\Gamma| \leq 2^{|P|-1} |gl|$$

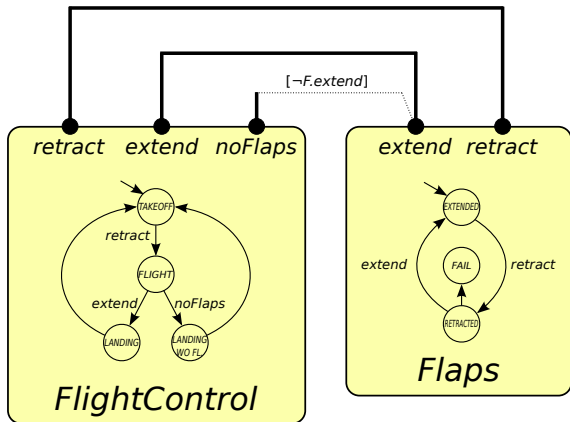
where $|gl| = \max_{x \in [P]^\uparrow} |gl(x)|$.

Sketch of proof for $|gl| = K < +\infty$:

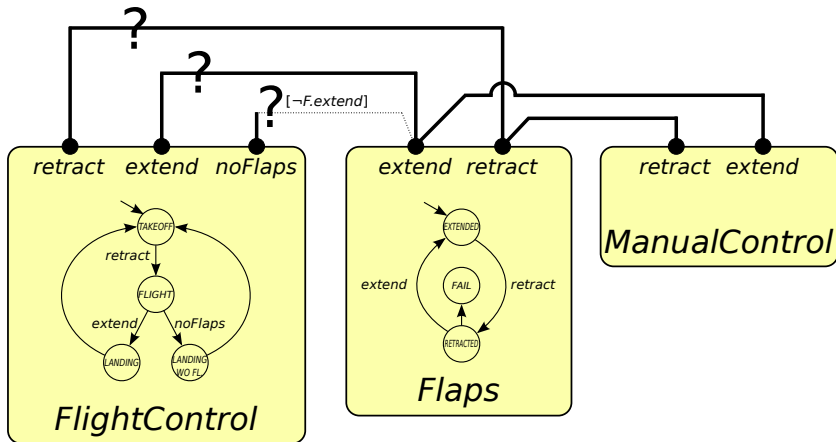
For $P' \subseteq P$ s.t. $\forall i |P' \cap P_i| \leq 1$ we build interactions $\{\alpha_j\}_{j=1..K}$ s.t.:

- $\forall j$ we have $P_{\alpha_j} = P'$ and $P_{\alpha_j}^o = P_1 \cup \dots \cup P_n$
- $\forall x$ we have $\{y \in gl(x) \mid \text{dom}(y) = P'\} = \{y_j\}_{j=1..L}$, $L \leq K$, and:
 - $g_{\alpha_j}(x) \Leftrightarrow 1 \leq j \leq L$
 - $f_{\alpha_j}(x) = y_j$ for $j = 1..L$, any value otherwise.

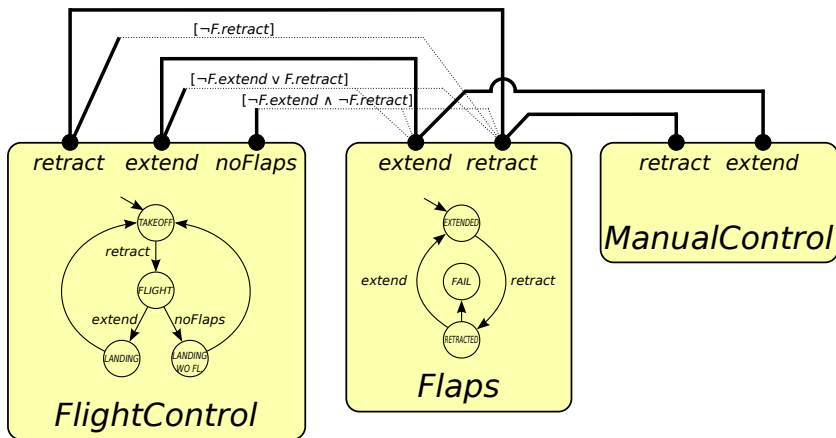
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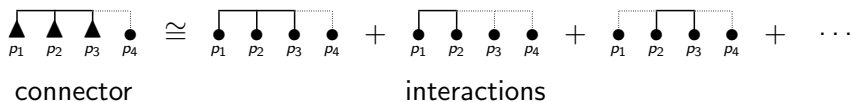


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A Notion of Connectors



Connectors: compact representations for subsets interactions Γ s.t.:

- guards are mutually exclusive (max. 1 enabled interaction at a state):

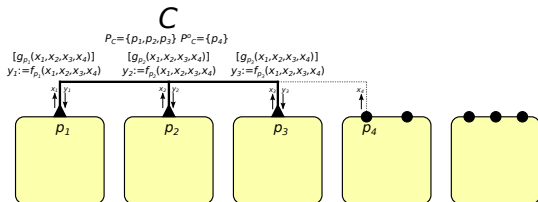
$$\forall \alpha \neq \beta \in \Gamma . \forall x . \neg(g_\alpha(x) \wedge g_\beta(x))$$

- at most one participating port per component: $|P_i \cap \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Gamma} P_\alpha| \leq 1$.

Remark: for such sets Γ , for any $p \in \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Gamma} P_\alpha$ we can define:

- $g_p : \left[\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Gamma} P_\alpha \cup P_\alpha^o \right]^\uparrow \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$ s.t. $g_p = \bigvee_{\alpha \in \Gamma} g_\alpha \wedge p \in P_\alpha$
- $f_p : \left[\bigcup_{\alpha \in \Gamma} P_\alpha \cup P_\alpha^o \right]^\uparrow \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ s.t. $f_p(x) = f_\alpha(x)(p)$ if $p \in P_\alpha$ and $g_\alpha(x)$.

Connectors

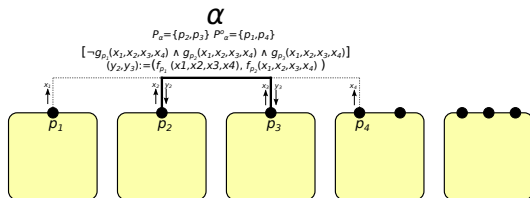


Proposal for Connectors

A **connector** C is defined by

- a set of **potentially participating** ports P_C s.t. $\forall i . |P_C \cap P_i| \leq 1$
- a set of **observed** ports P_C^o
- **guards** $\{g_p : [P_C \cup P_C^o]^\uparrow \rightarrow \mathbb{B}\}_{p \in P_C}$ s.t. $g_p(x) \Rightarrow p$ is enabled in x
- **transfer functions** $\{f_p : [P_C \cup P_C^o]^\uparrow \rightarrow \mathcal{D}\}_{p \in P_C}$.

Connectors

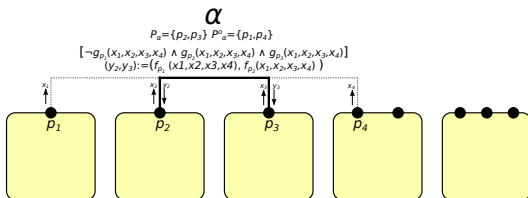


Interactions of a Connector

A **connector** C corresponds to interactions $\{ \alpha \mid P_\alpha \neq \emptyset \wedge P_\alpha \subseteq P_C \}$ and:

- $P_\alpha^o = (P_C \setminus P_\alpha) \cup P_C^o$
- $\forall x . g_\alpha(x) = \bigwedge_{p \in P_\alpha} g_p(x) \wedge \bigwedge_{p \in P_C \setminus P_\alpha} \neg g_p(x)$
- $\forall x . f_\alpha(x) : p \mapsto f_p(x)$.

Glue for Connectors



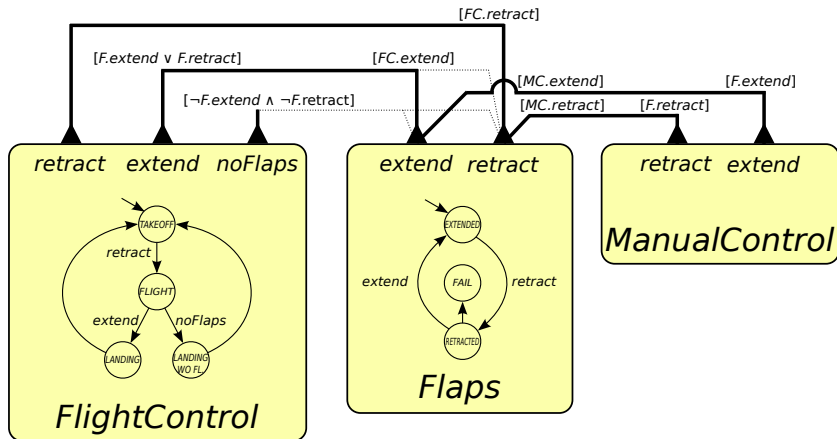
Glue for Connectors

A set of connectors \mathcal{C} corresponds to the glue gl satisfying $y \in gl(x)$ iff $\exists C \in \mathcal{C}$ s.t.:

- $dom(y) = \{ p \in P_C \mid g_p(x) \} \neq \emptyset$
- $\forall p \in dom(y) . y(p) = f_p(x)$.

→ computing gl is linear in number of connectors and part. ports.

Example: Flight Control + Flaps + Manual Control



Conclusion

Contributions to the BIP framework:

- formalization of glues taking into account data
- proposed interactions: expressive enough to encode any glue gl

$$gl \cong \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \quad | \quad | \quad | \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \\ p_1 \quad p_2 \quad p_3 \quad p_4 \end{array} + \dots$$

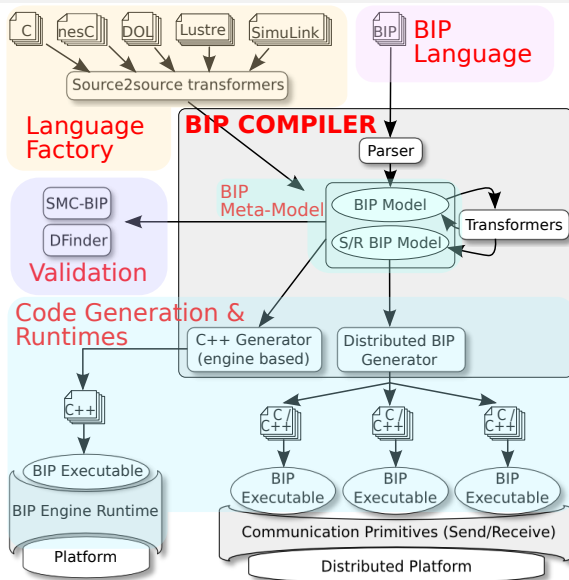
- proposed connectors:
 - compact representations of interactions (incl. guards / data transfers)

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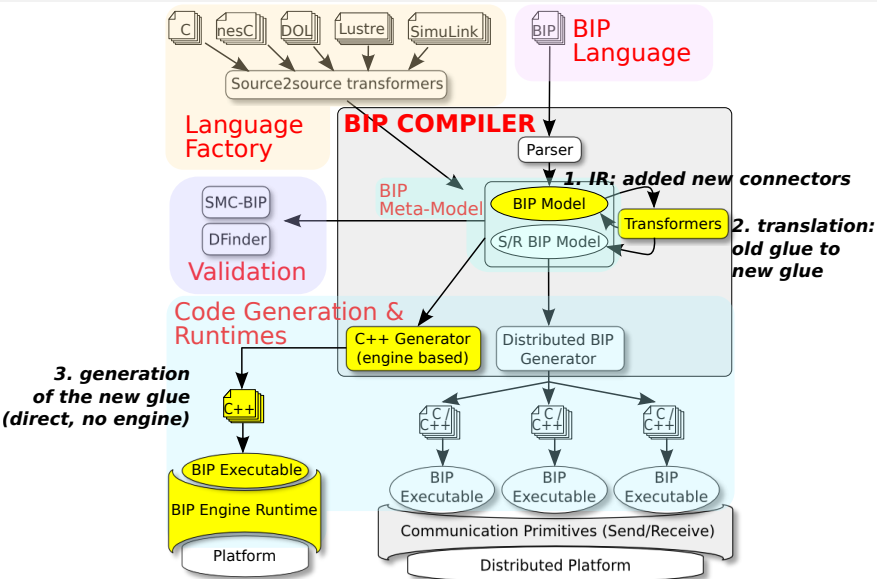
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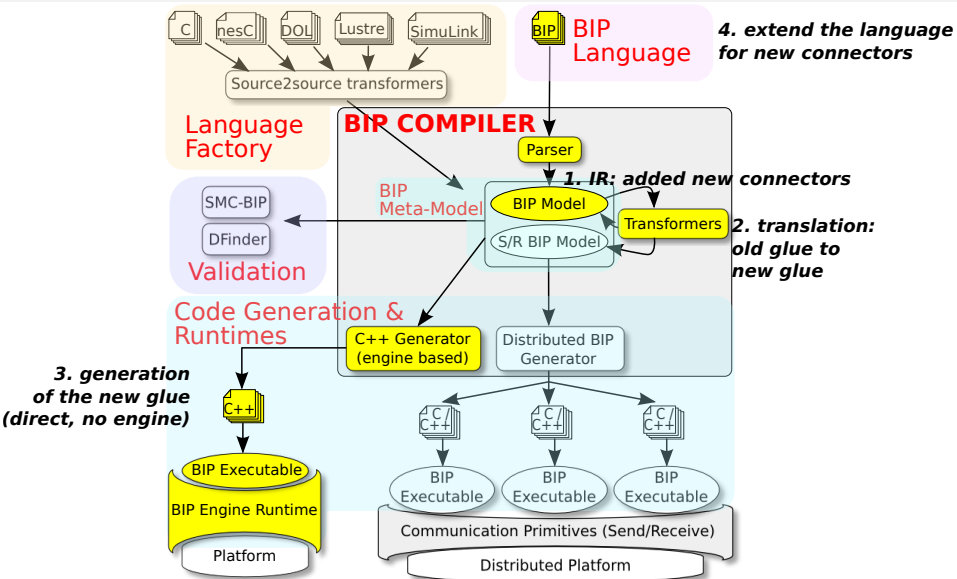
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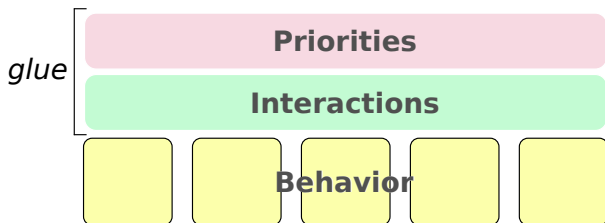
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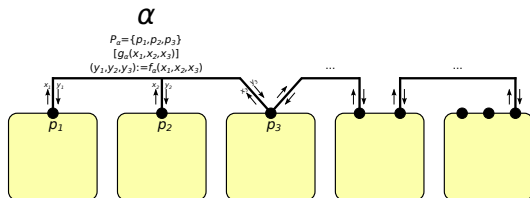
The Glue of BIP



BIP offers a rich language for assembling components using:

- **interactions** = multiparty rendez-vous + data transfer
- **connectors** = compact representation of sets of interactions: *rendez-vous, broadcast, atomic broadcast, causal chain, ...*
- **priorities** = partial order on interactions

Interactions



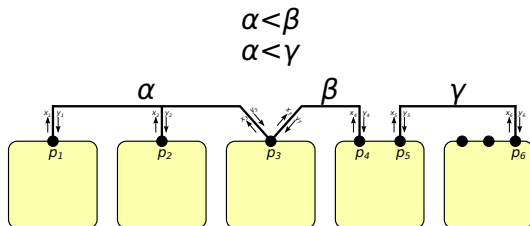
Interaction

An **interaction** $\alpha = (g_\alpha, f_\alpha)$ is a synchronization between a subset of ports $P_\alpha \neq \emptyset$ of $\{B_i = (Q_i, P_i, \rightarrow_i)\}_{i=1\dots n}$ s.t. $|P_\alpha \cap P_i| \leq 1$ and

- the **guard** $g_\alpha : [P_\alpha]^\uparrow \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$ satisfies $g_\alpha(x) \Rightarrow \forall p \in P_\alpha . \mathcal{E}_p(x)$
- $f_\alpha : [P_\alpha]^\uparrow \rightarrow [P_\alpha]^\uparrow$ is the **transfer function**.

The above functions can be applied to any $x \in [P]^\uparrow$ by taking $x|_{P_\alpha}$.

Priorities



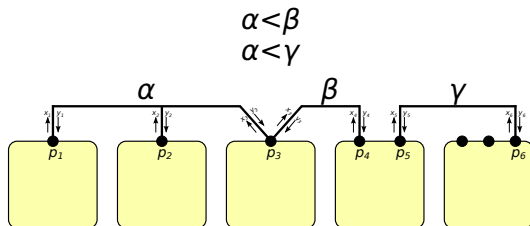
Priorities

Priorities is a set of rules that define a strict partial \prec order over a set of interactions Γ .

A special case is **maximal progress** over a subset Γ' :

$$\alpha \not\prec_{\Gamma'} \beta \iff \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma' \wedge P_\alpha \not\subseteq P_\beta.$$

Semantics of Interactions + Priorities

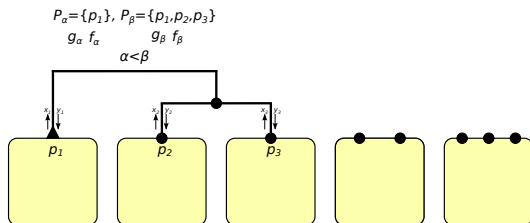


Glue for Interactions + Priorities

Interactions Γ under priorities \prec corresponds to the glue gl satisfying:

$$gl(x) = \{ f_\alpha(x) \mid \alpha \in \Gamma \wedge g_\alpha(x) \wedge \forall \alpha \prec \beta . \neg g_\beta(x) \}.$$

Connectors

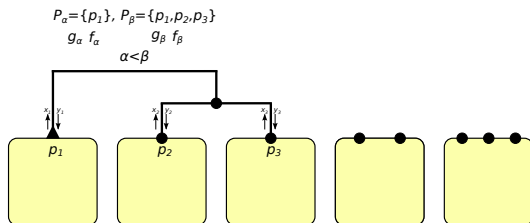


Connector

Connectors = subsets of interactions + priorities, defined using **trigger** ports (\blacktriangle) and **synchronon** ports (\bullet) (possibly **hierarchically**):

- ports P_α of interactions contain at least one \blacktriangle or all the ports
- guards g_α and transfer functions f_α : given by enumeration
- priorities = maximal progress (\subsetneq).

Connectors



Connectors: Recursive Characterization of Subsets of Ports P_α

- $P_\alpha \models \overset{\bullet}{\underset{c_1}{\bullet}} \overset{\bullet}{\underset{c_2}{\bullet}} \overset{\bullet}{\underset{c_3}{\bullet}} \overset{\bullet}{\underset{c_4}{\bullet}} \dots \overset{\bullet}{\underset{c_n}{\bullet}}$ iff $P_\alpha = \bigcup_{i=1 \dots n} P_i$ and $\forall i . P_i \models C_i$
- $P_\alpha \models \overset{\blacktriangle}{\underset{c_1}{\bullet}} \overset{\bullet}{\underset{c_2}{\bullet}} \dots \overset{\blacktriangle}{\underset{c_j}{\bullet}} \dots \overset{\bullet}{\underset{c_n}{\bullet}}$ iff $P_\alpha = \bigcup_{i \in \{j\} \cup I} P_i$ and $\forall i . P_i \models C_i$
- $P_i \models p_i$ iff $P_i = \{p_i\}$ for a (component) port p_i .

Example of Connectors

Pattern	Connector	Interactions (Priorities = \subseteq)
rendez-vous		$\{p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4\}$
broadcast		$\{p_1, p_2\}$ $\{p_1, p_2, p_3\}$ $\{p_1\}$ $\{p_1, p_3\}$ $\{p_1, p_2, p_4\}$ $\{p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4\}$ $\{p_1, p_4\}$ $\{p_1, p_3, p_4\}$
atomic broadcast		$\{p_1\}$ $\{p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4\}$
causality chain		$\{p_1\}$ $\{p_1, p_2\}$ $\{p_1, p_2, p_3\}$ $\{p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4\}$

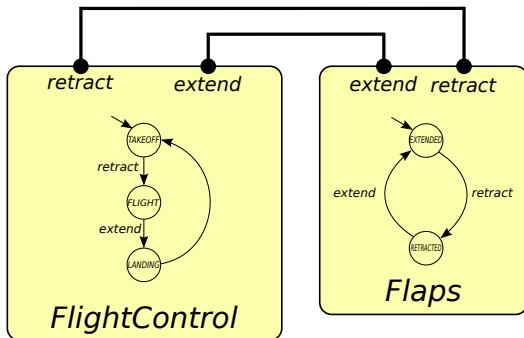
Example of Connectors: Concrete Syntax

rendez-vous	<pre>connector type RendezVous(IPort p1, IPort p2, IPort p3, IPort p4) define p1 p2 p3 p4 on p1 p2 p3 p4 provided (/* guard */) down { /* transfer function */ } end</pre>
broadcast	<pre>connector type Broadcast(IPort p1, IPort p2, IPort p3, IPort p4) define p1' p2 p3 p4 on p1 provided (...) down { ... } on p1 p2 provided (...) down { p2.x = p1.x; } on p1 p3 provided (...) down { p3.x = p1.x; } on p1 p4 provided (...) down { p3.x = p1.x; } on p1 p2 p3 provided (...) down { p2.x = p1.x; p3.x = p1.x; } on p1 p2 p4 provided (...) down { p2.x = p1.x; p4.x = p1.x; } on p1 p3 p4 provided (...) down { p3.x = p1.x; p4.x = p1.x; } on p1 p2 p3 p4 provided (...) down { p2.x = p1.x; p3.x = p1.x; p4.x = p1.x; } end</pre>
atomic broadcast	<pre>connector type AtomicBroadcast(IPort p1, IPort p2, IPort p3, IPort p4) define p1' (p2 p3 p4) on p1 provided (...) down { ... } on p1 p2 p3 p4 provided (...) down { p2.x = p1.x; p3.x = p1.x; p4.x = p1.x; } end</pre>
causality chain	<pre>connector type CausalityChain(IPort p1, IPort p2, IPort p3, IPort p4) define ((p1' p2)' p3)' p4 on p1 provided (...) down { ... } on p1 p2 provided (...) down { p2.x = p1.x; } on p1 p2 p3 provided (...) down { p2.x = p1.x; p3.x = p1.x; } on p1 p2 p3 p4 provided (...) down { p2.x = p1.x; p3.x = p1.x; p4.x = p1.x; } end</pre>

Example of Connectors: Concrete Syntax (No Data)

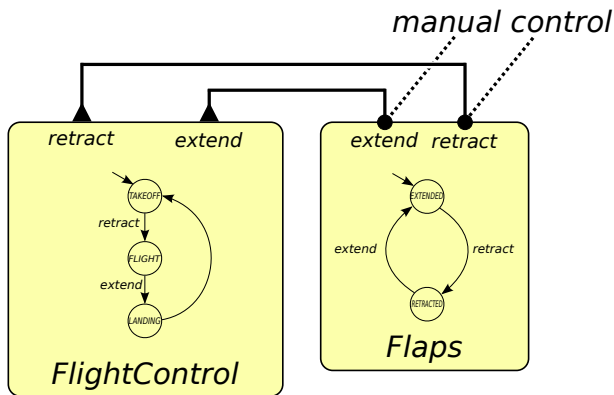
rendez-vous	<pre>connector type RendezVous(Port p1, Port p2, Port p3, Port p4) define p1 p2 p3 p4 end</pre>
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Example: Flight Control + Flaps



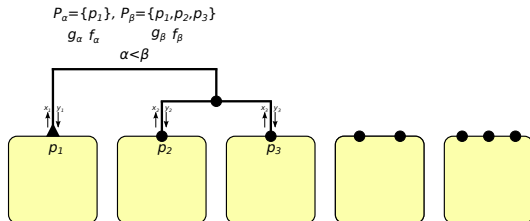
- Synchronize ports *extend* (resp. *retract*) of *FlightControl* and *Flaps*

Example: Flight Control + Flaps + Manual Control



- Can always execute port *extend* / *retract* in *FlightControl*

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In BIP, the glue g is defined by connectors C_1, \dots, C_m and priorities \prec_{user} and corresponds to interactions Γ and priorities \prec s.t.:

- $\Gamma = \bigcup_{i=1 \dots m} \Gamma_j$ where Γ_j is the set of interactions of C_j
- $\prec = \prec_{user} \oplus \bigoplus_{j=1 \dots m} \prec_{\Gamma_j}$ where \prec_{user} must be **compatible** with \prec_{Γ_j} .

Implementation of Connectors/Interactions + Priorities

Implementation

For interactions Γ and priorities \prec , an implementation evaluate $gl(x)$ by searching for one/all interaction(s) $\alpha = (g_\alpha, f_\alpha) \in \Gamma$ s.t.:

$$g_\alpha(x) \wedge \bigwedge_{\alpha \prec \beta} \alpha \prec \beta \Rightarrow \neg g_\beta(x).$$

Optimization #1: filter by g_α , then apply \prec

- 1 Compute $\Delta = \{ \alpha \mid g_\alpha(x) \}$.
- 2 Remove any α from Δ if $\exists \beta \in \Delta$ s.t. $\alpha \prec \beta$.

Optimization #2: follow priority order \prec

Compute $search(\Gamma)$ where $T(\Delta) = \{ \alpha \in \Delta \mid \forall \beta \in \Delta . \alpha \not\prec \beta \}$ and:

- $search(\emptyset) = \emptyset$
- $search(\Delta) = \{ \alpha \in T(\Delta) \mid g_\alpha(x) \} \cup search(\{ \alpha \in T(\Delta) \mid \neg g_\alpha(x) \})$.

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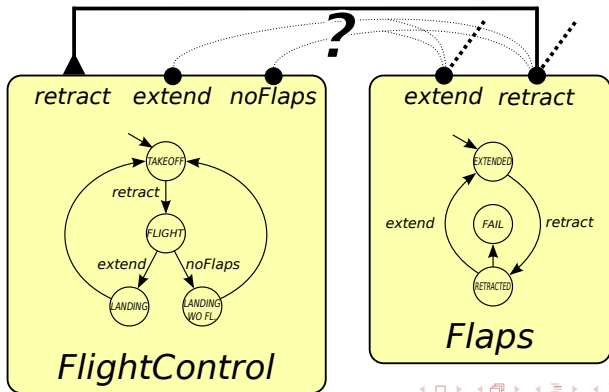
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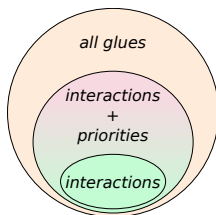
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 - execute *extend* if *extend* or *retract* is enabled in *Flaps*
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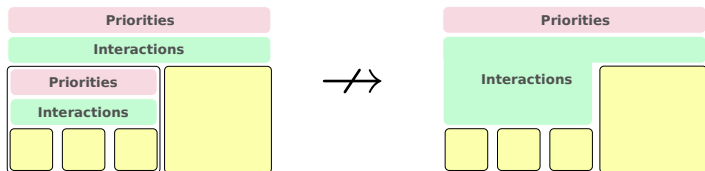
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  define p1' p2 p3 ... pn
    on p1          provided (...) down { ... }           // 1
    on p1 p2      provided (...) down { p2.x = p1.x; }   // 2
    on p1 p3      provided (...) down { p3.x = p1.x; }   // 3
    ...
    on p1 p2 p3 ... pn provided (...) down { p2 = p1.x; p2 = p1.x; ... pn = p1.x; } // 2^n-1
  end
```

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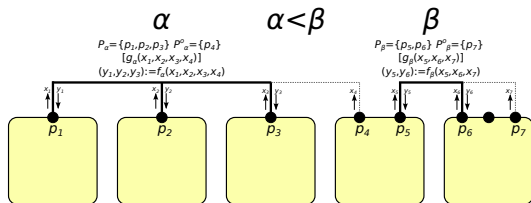
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- runtime complexity

WC complexity	searching	memory allocation
rendez-vous	1	1
flat + (1)	$O(n)$	1
flat	$O(2^n)$	$O\left(\binom{n}{n/2}\right)$
hierarchy + (1) + (2)	$O(n)$	1
hierarchy + (2)	$O(2^n)$	$O\left(\binom{n}{n/2}\right)$
hierarchy	$O(2^n)$	$O(2^n)$

(1): guards s.t. $g_\alpha \wedge g_\beta \Rightarrow g_\gamma$ if $P_\alpha \cup P_\beta \subseteq P_\gamma$

(2): guards are independent from lower levels

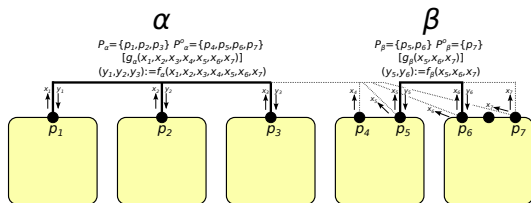
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Example of (Atomic) Component: Aircraft Flaps

```

port type Port(const int n)

atom type Flaps(int MAX_CYCLES)
  data int n
  export port Port extend(nbCycles),
            retract(nbCycles)

  place EXTENDED, RETRACTED

  initial to EXTENDED
  do { nbCycles = 0; }

  on retract from EXTENDED to RETRACTED
  provided (nbCycles < MAX_CYCLES)

  on extend from RETRACTED to EXTENDED
  do { nbCycles++; }
end

```

