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Abstract

A GALS (Globally Asynchronous, Locally Synchronous) system consists of several synchronous components that evolve concurrently, each with its own pace, and communicate altogether asynchronously. This thesis proposes a formal modelling and verification framework dedicated to GALS systems, with a focus on the asynchronous behaviour.

As a cornerstone of our framework, we have designed a formal language, named GRL (GALS Representation Language). GRL enables the behavioural specification of synchronous components, asynchronous communication, and constraints involving both component paces and the data carried by component inputs. To analyse GRL specifications, we took advantage of the CADP software toolbox for the verification of asynchronous concurrent processes, using state space exploration techniques. For this purpose, we have defined a translation from GRL to the LNT specification language supported by CADP. The translation has been implemented by a tool named GRL2LNT, thus enabling state spaces to be automatically derived from GRL specifications.

To enable the formal verification of GRL specifications, we have designed a property specification language, named muGRL, which is interpreted on GRL state spaces. The muGRL language is based on a set of patterns capturing properties of concurrent and GALS systems, which reduces the complexity of using full-fledged temporal logics. The semantics of muGRL are defined by a translation into the MCL temporal logic supported by CADP. Finally, we have illustrated how GRL, muGRL, and CADP can be applied to model and verify concrete GALS applications, including industrial case-studies.
Résumé

Un système GALS (*Globalement Asynchrone, Localement Synchrone*) est un ensemble de composants synchrones qui évoluent en même temps, chacun à son propre rythme, et qui communiquent de manière asynchrone. Cette thèse propose un environnement formel de modélisation et de vérification dédié aux systèmes GALS, en se focalisant sur le comportement asynchrone.

Notre environnement s’appuie sur un langage formel que nous avons conçu, appelé GRL (*GALS Representation Language*). GRL permet la spécification comportementale des composants synchrones, de la communication asynchrone, et des contraintes sur les rythmes des composants ainsi que sur les valeurs que prennent les entrées des composants. Pour analyser les spécifications GRL, nous utilisons CADP, une boîte à outils logicielle permettant la vérification de processus concurrents asynchrones par des techniques d’exploration d’espaces d’états. Dans ce but, nous avons défini une traduction de GRL vers LNT, un langage de spécification supporté par CADP. La traduction est implémentée dans un outil appelé GRL2LNT, permettant ainsi la génération automatique d’espaces d’états à partir des spécifications GRL.

Pour permettre la vérification formelle des spécifications GRL, nous avons conçu un langage de propriétés, appelé muGRL, qui s’interprète sur les espaces d’états de GRL. Le langage muGRL est basé sur un ensemble de patrons qui capturent les propriétés des systèmes concurrents et des systèmes GALS, réduisant ainsi la complexité d’utiliser les logiques temporelles classiques. La sémantique de muGRL est définie par traduction vers MCL, le langage de logique temporelle fourni par CADP. Enfin, nous illustrons l’usage de GRL, muGRL et CADP pour modéliser et vérifier des applications GALS concrètes, comprenant des études de cas industrielles.
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Chapter 1

Introduction

Constructing correct software and hardware systems is challenging. System quality relies not only on good performance such as processing capacity, but also on the absence of errors. For hardware systems, defects may have severe economic consequences. For software used in safety-critical systems, a simple bug can have disastrous human consequences. Concurrent systems, which are composed of several (hardware or software) components possibly interacting with each other, are particularly vulnerable to errors. The number of possible concurrency errors (that is, errors due to wrong ordering of concurrent events) is exponential in the number of the concurrent components. Hence, a major goal when constructing concurrent systems is their correctness despite their complexity.

*Formal methods* provide languages, techniques, and tools to establish system correctness. The mathematical rigour of formal methods favours an early integration of verification in the design process. For example, they have been applied in the certification of avionics software systems [DO-11, MLD+13] and railway systems [FFG14].

*Model-based verification* builds on models describing the system *behaviour*, i.e., what the system may do during its execution, by means of events, in an abstract and precise way. In practice, models are usually derived from high-level formalisms endowed with precise semantics. Correctness properties, also written in high-level formalisms, can be checked over models. The efficiency of the verification task relies on the adequacy of the high-level formalisms with regards to the subtleties of intended systems.

**Context**

According to the nature of component composition and communication, concurrent systems can be classified into *synchronous* and *asynchronous*; for each class, well-adapted formalisms are tailored to capture system behaviour.

Synchronous concurrent systems are composed of several components running in lockstep...
fashion and sharing a global clock. For these systems, synchronous languages, among which *Esterel* [BG92], *Lustre* [HCRP91], and *Signal* [LGGLBLM91], are appropriate modelling formalisms. They rely on the *synchrony assumptions*: a system is seen as a deterministic and infinite loop, whose iterations represent the clock ticks; within each loop iteration, computations and data-flow communication are assumed to occur in zero-delay. The synchrony assumptions make the modelling and verification tasks easy.

Asynchronous concurrent systems are composed of several components running independently without a global clock and interacting with each other. For these systems, process algebras, among which *CCS* [Mil89], *CSP* [Hoa85], and *LOTOS* [BB87], are appropriate modelling formalisms. They are equipped with built-in operators for asynchronous parallel composition; they provide abstraction means (e.g., nondeterminism); and they have equivalence relations to efficiently and precisely compare systems.

Correctness properties of concurrent systems include the absence of undesirable situations and the succession of events in time, which can be arbitrarily far from each other. To express properties, *temporal logics*, among which *LTL* [Pnu77] and *CTL* [EC82], are powerful means. They consist of a small set of temporal operators expressing the logical precedence of events over time.

This thesis is about formally modelling and verifying GALS (*Globally Asynchronous, Locally Synchronous*) systems [Cha84], which are a class of concurrent systems. A GALS system is composed of synchronous components running in asynchronous concurrency without sharing their clocks. Communication between components is also asynchronous, i.e., message exchange may take an arbitrary amount of time. For example, in a *flight control system*, individual components are designed to run synchronously, but the distributed nature of the global system introduces asynchrony. Other GALS instances include *networks-on-chip* and distributed PLCs (*Programmable Logic Controllers*).

In the general case, a GALS system may have arbitrary complexity. No assumption can be made on clock synchronisation and component periods, nor on asynchronous communication media and their latency. Each GALS instance induces its own assumptions. In particular, although synchronous components are generally *deterministic*, the absence of a shared clock may introduce *nondeterminism*. Another source of nondeterminism is unreliable communication media along which messages can be delayed, lost, duplicated, or reordered. This makes system evolution unpredictable and unrepeatable, entailing a need for formal verification.

**Motivation**

The correctness of GALS systems relies on combining the verification approach for synchronous systems and the one for asynchronous systems. Each approach, applied individually, is unable to capture the behavioural subtleties for which the other approach is devised. Languages and tools for synchronous systems are deterministic by nature, thus
unadapted to analyse nondeterminism and asynchronous concurrency. Languages and tools for asynchronous systems lack built-in constructs dedicated to address the pure synchrony assumptions.

We have identified a relative lack of approaches dealing with asynchronous concurrency in existing design processes of GALS systems, compared to the intensive use of approaches dealing with synchrony. This lack is manifold. On the one hand, the GALS paradigm takes its roots in the industries that already integrated synchronous languages and corresponding tools in their development process. Consequently, the focus has been shifted towards pushing the limits of synchronous languages and tools to accommodate GALS behaviours. On the other hand, synchrony is easier to master than asynchrony, owing to the zero-delay assumption and determinism, which makes systems easy to design and debug. Contrarily, asynchronous concurrent languages and temporal logics require a substantial learning effort, which may discourage potential users. Last, the behaviour of GALS systems involves asynchronous concurrency and data handling, which are two major causes of combinatorial explosion (in the possible behaviours). Additional effort should be put to make careful modelling decisions and to choose adequate algorithmic approaches, e.g., compositional verification, to face combinatorial explosion.

To alleviate the use of verification tools for asynchronous systems, one needs to introduce DSLs (Domain Specific Languages) [vDKV00]. GALS-specific languages serve as intermediate format mapping GALS systems, whose synchronous components are possibly modelled using synchronous languages, to verification tools for asynchronous systems. Due to the different semantics and abstraction level, a direct connection from (synchronous) design languages to asynchronous languages could be complex. Instead, performing the translation in several steps reduces that complexity and enhances the connection modularity.

As regards behavioural modelling, a DSL should provide a clear distinction between synchronous components and the asynchronous ones defining their asynchronous composition and communication. Such a distinction enables to combine of verification tools for synchronous systems and those for asynchronous systems to address separately the DSL synchronous and asynchronous components. For synchronous components, possibly obtained from translation of existing synchronous languages, the DSL can be a (minimal) language used as target of back-end compilers for synchronous languages. To ensure the practical usability of the DSL, it should enable a natural description of relevant aspects of GALS behaviour, in a way close to the end-user intuition and expectation.

As regards correctness properties, their formulation in temporal logic can be difficult and error-prone, even for users familiar with formal methods and verification. One needs a formalism tailored to capture GALS behaviour and enabling a concise and natural expression of properties.
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Contributions

This thesis proposes a formal framework to analyse GALS systems focusing on their asynchronous behaviour. In this respect, we take advantage of the CADP software toolbox [GLMS13] for the verification of asynchronous concurrent processes, using state space exploration techniques.

As a cornerstone of our framework, we have designed a formal language, named GRL (GALS Representation Language) [JLM14a]. GRL aims at offering a concise and modular description for the behaviour of GALS systems. Both traits of synchronous programming (determinism, atomicity) and process algebra (nondeterminism, asynchronous concurrency) are combined in one unified language, while keeping homogeneous syntax and semantics. GRL builds upon the following three core constructs:

**Blocks** denote the synchronous part of GRL, in which the synchrony assumptions are built-in. They provide a number of basic constructs to which synchronous language constructs can be translated.

**Mediums** denote asynchronous components describing communication media. They are provided with enough expressiveness to model general asynchronous communication, with different buffering mechanisms, including unreliable ones.

**Environments** denote asynchronous components abstracting the external environment of blocks. Two kinds of constraints with different abstraction levels are considered. *Data constraints* enable to express complex properties on the data carried by block inputs. *Activation constraints* enable to control the execution of blocks, such as relations between block paces, priorities, or failure. Furthermore, it is possible to combine both kinds of constraints for enhanced usage, such as complex test case scenarios.

All-in-one, GRL is intended to be sufficiently expressive and concise to model complex GALS systems, which is an originality compared to state-of-the-art approaches.

We formalise the semantics of GRL, using structural operational semantics (SOS) rules, in terms of lower-level models, i.e., state spaces. This enables rigorous specification of GRL programs and paves the way for formal analysis. State spaces underlying GRL are concise, exploiting the GALS assumptions such as the atomicity of synchronous components. This enhances the efficiency of verification. Data and activation constraints would also contribute to face combinatorial explosion.

After formally defining the syntax and semantics of GRL, we address its compilation into state spaces. For this purpose, we design a translation from GRL into LNT [CCG+16], the most recent specification language supported by CADP. LNT is a general-purpose language implementing concurrency theory results and equipped with state space generators. We formalise the translation function from GRL into LNT, which is fully implemented in a tool named GRL2LNT\(^1\).

\(^1\)The GRL2LNT tool has been implemented, mainly not by the author, in the framework of an
To analyse GRL specifications, we exploit the MCL language, a full-fledged temporal logic supported by CADP. To leverage the expressiveness of MCL while reducing its complexity of usage, we design a property description language, named muGRL. The muGRL language builds upon a pattern system, following the general-purpose approach [DAC99], which is also an originality of our approach. Patterns are high-level templates that capture frequently encountered situations in GALS applications, such as component halting and idleness, and are translatable into temporal logics. The interpretation models of muGRL are the state spaces generated by translating GRL specifications into LNT. The muGRL semantics are defined by a translation into MCL. As such, muGRL is intended to disseminate temporal logic power to potential GALS designers.

Last, we experiment our approach on concrete GALS applications, issued from academia and industry. This reinforces our conviction that our approach can address a large spectrum of GALS systems, ranging from deterministic applications to ones involving arbitrary nondeterminism.

**Thesis Outline**

The remainder of this thesis is structured as follows. Chapter 2 surveys the state-of-the-art concerning the formal modelling and verification of concurrent and GALS systems. Chapter 3 constitutes a tutorial for the GRL language. It presents the formal syntax of each GRL construct, its intuitive semantics, along with some illustrations. Chapter 4 presents the formal dynamic semantics of GRL. It details the structural operational semantic rules for the language constructs, stressing on the behavioural ones. Chapter 5 presents the formal translation functions from GRL into LNT. Examples are given for most of the functions, to enhance the readability and ease the comprehension. Chapter 6 constitutes a tutorial for the muGRL language. Chapter 7 shows the way GRL and muGRL can be applicable to concrete GALS applications. It also briefly reports a primary industrial use of GRL. Chapter 8 concludes and offers some thoughts on extensions to this work.

Parts of this manuscript have been published in conference proceedings and journals. The article [JLM14a] presents an overview of an earlier version of GRL, the complete and formal definition of GRL being available in an 82-pages research report [JLM14b]. Since then, we have revised and enhanced the syntax of the language. The article [JLM16] presents the latest version of GRL, including the material of chapters 3 and 4 as well as an informal presentation of chapter 5.

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*industrial project, named Bluesky, of the Minalogic French competitiveness cluster ([www.minalogic.com/fr/projet/bluesky](http://www.minalogic.com/fr/projet/bluesky)). The project addresses the design and validation of networks of PLCs (Programmable Logic Controllers).*
### Notations

We introduce some mathematical concepts and conventions used in this thesis.

#### General notations

A set is an ordered collection of objects, called its elements. The following operators over sets are used:

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<tr>
<td>(a_1, \ldots, a_n)</td>
<td>possibly empty finite sequence of elements of length (n)</td>
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<tr>
<td>(a_0, \ldots, a_n)</td>
<td>non-empty finite sequence of elements of length (n+1) ((\epsilon) if empty)</td>
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<tr>
<td>{(a_1, \ldots, a_n}}</td>
<td>possibly empty set of elements (a_1, \ldots, a_n) of size (n)</td>
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<tr>
<td>{(a_0, \ldots, a_n}}</td>
<td>non-empty set of elements (a_0, \ldots, a_n) of size (n+1) (({}) if empty)</td>
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<tr>
<td>(\langle a_1, \ldots, a_n\rangle)</td>
<td>possibly empty list of elements (a_1, \ldots, a_n) of size (n) ((\epsilon) if empty)</td>
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<td>(\langle a_0, \ldots, a_n\rangle)</td>
<td>non-empty list of elements (a_0, \ldots, a_n) of size (n+1)</td>
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<tr>
<td>(a \in A)</td>
<td>(a) is an element of the set (A)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(A \subseteq B)</td>
<td>(A) is a subset of the set (B)</td>
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<tr>
<td>({a \in A \mid P(a)})</td>
<td>the set which contains only elements of (A) satisfying property (P)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(A \times B)</td>
<td>the set of all ordered pairs ((a, b)) where (a \in A) and (b \in B) (Cartesian product)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1..n</td>
<td>interval whose elements range from 1 to (n)</td>
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We use the operator ++ for list concatenation. For a set of lists \(\{\mathcal{L}_0, \ldots, \mathcal{L}_n\}\), we write 

\[ \mathcal{L}_i \text{ as abbreviation for } \mathcal{L}_0 \mathcal{L}_i \mathcal{L}_n. \]

The following logical operators are used:

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<td>(\neg)</td>
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<td>(\wedge)</td>
<td>conjunction</td>
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<td>(\lor)</td>
<td>disjunction</td>
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<td>(\Rightarrow)</td>
<td>implication</td>
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For a set of elements \{a_0, \ldots, a_n\}, we write \bigwedge_{i \in 0..n} a_i and \bigvee_{i \in 0..n} a_i as abbreviation for \(a_0 \wedge \ldots \wedge a_n\) and \(a_0 \lor \ldots \lor a_n\), respectively.

**Syntactic description**

This document defines and references several languages. Grammars of languages are context-free. Syntactic definitions are presented in *Extended Backus-Naur Form* [Sta96], i.e., as a set of so-called *productions*. Each production has the form “\(\chi ::= \xi\)”, where \(\chi\) is a non-terminal symbol defined by the meta-expression \(\xi\), which consists of non-terminal symbols and terminal symbols composed using the following meta-operators:

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<td>((\xi_0))</td>
<td>bracketing</td>
<td>(\xi_0)</td>
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<tr>
<td>[(\xi_0)]</td>
<td>option</td>
<td>(\xi_0) or nothing</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(\xi_0^*)</td>
<td>possibly empty repetition</td>
<td>(\xi_0), zero, one, or several occurrences</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(\xi_0^+)</td>
<td>non-empty repetition</td>
<td>(\xi_0), one, or several occurrences</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(\xi_1 \xi_2)</td>
<td>concatenation</td>
<td>(\xi_1) followed by (\xi_2)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(\xi_1 \mid \xi_2)</td>
<td>alternative</td>
<td>(\xi_1) or (\xi_2)</td>
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Additionally, the following conventions are used:

- Non-terminal symbols and generic terminal symbols are written in italics and their occurrences can be distinguished using subscripts.

- The terminal symbol are either keywords written in bold font or key symbols are written in teletype font. For example, “[]”, “()”, and “|” denote terminal symbols distinct from the meta-operators “[”", “)”", and “|”".
Chapter 2

Background and State of the Art

A GALS system combines characteristics of synchronous and asynchronous systems, which both belong to the class of reactive systems [HP85, Ber89, Hal10]. These are systems in permanent interaction with the outside world. In this chapter, we first introduce reactive systems. We then present the synchronous and asynchronous approach to formally model and verify reactive systems. We focus in particular on the use of the CADP toolbox for verifying asynchronous concurrent systems. Finally, we present existing approaches to the formal analysis of GALS systems.

2.1 Reactive systems

Hardware and software programs and systems interact with their environment, that is, the outside world within which they evolve. They can receive inputs from their environment and produce the appropriate outputs, which have effect on their environment. A program is said transformational if it receives inputs and terminates after producing outputs. Usually, the same inputs induce the same outputs, in which case the program is said deterministic. A transformational program can be described as a mathematical function that transforms inputs into outputs. Examples are compilers and optimisation algorithms.

Not all systems and programs intend to yield a final result. A system might well aim to maintain some interaction with its environment. The environment continuously prompts the system by providing it with inputs and the system reacts by producing outputs. Examples are operating systems, communication protocols, and database management systems. Such systems are called reactive, and a computation of outputs from inputs is called a reaction. Reactive systems may be subject to strict timing constraints, in which case they are referred to as real-time systems. In a railroad-crossing control system, it is crucial to block vehicle crossing as soon as a train approach is detected.

Concurrency is inherent in reactive systems. First, a reactive system together with its
environment form a concurrent system. Second, reactive systems are often decomposed into several concurrent components or tasks that operate simultaneously. Concurrent components are usually reactive themselves; they interact with their environment and potentially with each other.

Nondeterminism is usually introduced by concurrency. Two different copies of the same concurrent system are likely to operate differently, while given exactly the same inputs. An example is when several components compete to acquire a resource and the resource operates depending on which component has won the race.

Implementations of concurrent components are multiples. They may run sequentially, a component finishing before the next starts, or in parallel, all components evolving at the same time. Parallel components may run over a multi-core processor or a multi-processor machine, to speed up computations. They may also run over spatially distant machines exchanging data through a network, in which case components are called distributed.

Reactive systems cannot be described as mathematical functions taking inputs and producing outputs, since they run continuously without necessarily terminating, they Rather, they are described in terms of a set of infinite sequences of states and transitions (or actions) between states. Such infinite sequences are usually called executions. We define the behaviour of a system as the set of its possible executions. The behaviour of a concurrent system is specified in terms of the behaviours of its components. Hence, it is essential to understand the way states corresponding to component behaviours can be combined and the consequences of such combinations.

To establish the correctness of reactive systems, one needs appropriate behavioural models on which formal verification can be performed using dedicated algorithms. An appropriate behavioural model should provide an abstract and modular description of both a reactive system, its environment, and its concurrent components. The model should provide a description of the interaction between the system and its environment as well as between concurrent components. Last but not least, the model should provide a suitable abstraction of time. In this thesis, we consider a discrete representation. Time is an infinite series of discrete instants, which can (or not) be equally separated. When discrete instants are not equally separated, we are considering logical time.

### 2.1.1 Formal models for reactive systems

This section surveys some existing formal models for reactive systems. In particular, we focus on transition systems, in which a system is modelled in terms of states and actions. Existing models differ in the way they abstract a system behaviour, each emphasising certain aspects disregarding the others. We classify models according to the following three dichotomies, which we believe adequate to the comprehension of this thesis.
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Linear-time versus branching-time [Lam80] In linear-time models, the system behaviour is expressed as the set of its possible executions, i.e., linear sequences of states and actions. This model is well suited to deterministic systems since at each moment in time, the system has a unique future. In branching-time models, the system behaviour is expressed as computation trees that structure the possible executions. This model is adequate to capture nondeterministic behaviours, since at each moment in time, the system can have several futures. The two models differ in the way they deal with nondeterminism. As an illustration, consider two coffee machines [Hoa85]. The first machine, once a coin is inserted, gives the user a choice between coffee and tea, and serves the user’s choice. The second machine, once a coin is inserted, makes internally a nondeterministic choice, and serves either coffee or tea. Both machines have the same set of possible executions {coin, coffee} or {coin, tea}. The branching-time view distinguishes the difference between the two machines while the linear-time view does not.

Action-based versus state-based [DNV90] In the action-based setting, the contents of states is abstracted away. The evolution of the system behaviour is encoded in actions. Actions correspond to the interaction of the system with its environment, i.e., inputs received and outputs sent by the system, as well as internal transitions performed by the system. Examples of action-based representations include labelled transition systems [Par81], Petri-nets [Pet62], and I/O automata [LT89]. The state-based setting is the dual of the action-based one, from a theoretical point of view. The evolution of the system behaviour is encoded inside states, by means of variables and other information stored in memory. Only the internal contents of states can be observed. Examples of state-based representations include Kripke structures [Kri63]. In practice, the action-based representation can be seen as a “black box” view of a system and state-based models as “white box” one.

Synchronous versus asynchronous concurrency Concurrent components can be composed either in a synchronous or in an asynchronous way. Synchronous concurrent components evolve in a lockstep fashion, cadenced by a single central clock. Each clock pulse prompts all concurrent components to react. The conjunction of component actions at the same clock pulse constitutes an action of the whole system. This concurrency model is mainly supported by synchronous languages, such as Esterel [BG92], Lustre [HCRP91], and Signal [LGGLBML91].

Asynchronous concurrent components evolve independently without clock sharing. A first model for asynchronous concurrency is the so-called interleaving semantics [Mil89]. In this model, concurrency between components is reduced to a nondeterminism choice between the possible sequences of the component actions. This model of concurrency is mainly supported by process algebras, such as CCS [Mil89], CSP [Hoa85], ACP [BK85], and LOTOS [BB87].
Another model for asynchronous concurrency is the so-called true-concurrency [Mon92], also called non-interleaving model. In this model, concurrency is a primitive notion clearly distinguishable from sequential nondeterminism. The system behaviour is represented in terms of the causal relations among actions performed by components; two actions are concurrent if they are not causally related. This model of concurrency is mainly supported by Petri-nets and Kahn-nets [Kah74].

An illustration of the three models of concurrency (in an action-based setting) is given in Figure 2.1. Actions A and B are concurrent. The synchronous composition of actions A and B results in one action labelled AB. The interleaving semantics expresses that either action A occurs followed by action B or action B occurs followed by action A. The true-concurrency model can be understood as a system with two initial states, each with an outgoing transition, since actions A and B are not causally related.

```
A B
true
concurrency
AB
A
AB
B
synchronous
concurrency
interleaving
semantics
(synchronous product) (asynchronous product)
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Figure 2.1: Models of concurrency in an action-based setting

### 2.1.2 Formal verification of reactive systems

To perform formal verification, one needs, in addition to a model describing all potential behaviours of the system, to describe the set of properties that must hold on the system. The verification problem consists in proving (automatically) that the model satisfies the properties. We briefly introduce the common formal verification approaches:

- **Static analysis** consists in verifying programs, without executing them, relying on the semantics of the language in which programs are written. The abstract interpretation technique [CC77] consists in abstracting the model to a smaller one, in such a way that if the desired property holds on the abstracted model, it must hold on the original one. Among the static analysers based on abstract interpretation, we cite Astrée [CCF05] and Verasco [JLB15]. Abstract interpretation is used extensively in transformational systems such as in compiler optimisation and sequential program verification. While being an automated technique, abstract interpretation cannot achieve 100% precision in the general case.

- **Theorem proving** consists in modelling the system as a set of mathematical definitions. The desired properties of the system are derived as theorems that stem


from those definitions. Proofs can be constructed either by hand or by using automatic theorem provers and interactive proof checkers. Although it cannot be fully automated, theorem proving is assisted by powerful proof assistant, among which Coq [FHB97] and Isabelle [Pau89]. Theorem proving techniques are particularly useful in the case of general infinite-state reactive systems, e.g., systems containing unbounded data structures. They have been used in the context of reactive and real-time systems, but less for distributed concurrent systems.

- **Model checking** consists in modelling the system as a (finite) transition system that describes all the possible executions of the system. The desired properties of the system can be described by reasoning about the temporal ordering of events\(^1\). *Temporal logic* formalisms have been introduced in the late seventies [Pnu77] for this purpose. A temporal logic is a set of operators, expressing the logical precedence either between states (state-based temporal logic) or between actions (action-based temporal logic). Additionally, temporal logics can be interpreted either on linear-time models, by specifying properties of individual execution sequences, or on branching-time models, by taking into account the branching structure of the state space. According to these two dichotomies, a lot of formalisms have been proposed. The following table shows the most representative ones.

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<td>ACTL [DFGR93]</td>
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Given a state space and a property, the **model checking** problem [CGP00] consists in determining whether the state space satisfies the property or not. If the property does not hold on the state space, it is desirable to obtain a diagnostic (or counterexample) showing an undesirable behaviour present in the state space. This problem is solved by model checking algorithms, which traverse the state space and halt as soon as the truth value of the property has been determined. State space traversing techniques are typically grouped in two classes:

- **Enumerative** techniques consider each state of the system separately
- **Symbolic** techniques manipulate sets of states represented using either decision diagrams or logical formulas. The satisfiability of those representations is determined using SAT and SMT solvers.

Another way to describe nontrivial properties is **equivalence checking.** It consists in expressing a specification of the system in terms of input/output relations, then deriving whether the system and its specification are behaviourally equivalent.

It is common to combine several verification techniques (e.g., [Hun93, HS96, Amj04]) to exploit their best capabilities while reducing their shortcomings. In this thesis, we focus

\(^1\) The term “temporal ordering” should not be confused with the real-time aspect of reactive systems. The meaning here is the relative order of events, time being abstracted.
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on the model checking technique, adequate to address the subtleties of concurrency.

While transition systems are adequate to model concurrent components interacting with each other, building them manually is complex and error-prone. Moreover, the slightest modification in the specification may involve drastic changes in the structure of the transition system, making it cumbersome to debug and modify. For these reasons, transition systems are often derived from descriptions written in high-level formalisms, by automatic translation. There are several high-level formalisms, each emphasising a specific class of systems.

In the sequel, we present the synchronous approach, well-adapted to deal with sequential and parallel systems such as hardware circuit designs and embedded systems. We also present the asynchronous approach, well-adapted to deal with parallel and distributed systems such as telecommunication protocols and distributed software.

2.2 The synchronous approach

A reactive system is synchronous if it reacts instantaneously to its environment and has a deterministic behaviour.

A reaction is assumed instantaneous if on the arrival of some inputs from the environment, a system reacts fast enough to produce the corresponding outputs, before the arrival of the next inputs. Hence, the system behaves as an infinite loop, called \textit{synchronous loop}, each iteration corresponding to a reaction. In the remainder of this thesis, we will use the terms \textit{step} to denote the reaction of a synchronous system and \textit{activation} its ability to perform a step at a specific logical instant.

Synchronous concurrent components composing the system are cadenced by its synchronous loop. Component (micro-) steps may be \textit{idle}, i.e., their inputs and outputs keep the same values as in the previous step. Messages emitted by components are received by other components in the same step; such communication is called \textit{instant broadcast}. Instantaneous computations and communication are usually called \textit{zero-delay} (or \textit{synchrony}) assumptions.

A consequence of the synchrony assumptions is the determinism of the synchronous loop: given the same initial state and sequence of inputs, the same sequence of outputs will be produced. Determinism is desirable in safety-critical environments, in which a simple bug can have extreme consequences. Another consequence of the synchrony assumptions is the potential presence of temporal paradoxes, called \textit{causality problems}. Examples include instantaneous dependencies between inputs and outputs.

2.2.1 Synchronous languages

Theoretical foundations can (a priori) be traced back to R. Milner’s synchronous process algebra SCCS (\textit{Synchronous Calculus of Communicating Systems}) [Mil83], which
extends CCS with primitives to encode synchrony. SCCS gave birth to other process calculi such as Meije [AB84]. Several synchronous programming languages have followed applying the synchronous approach. According to their programming style, synchronous languages can be classified into imperative and declarative languages. We survey the most representative ones of each class.

Synchronous imperative languages are inspired by classical imperative languages, i.e., in which the program structure reflects the order in which operations execute. They allow a modular description of reactive systems that require complex control structures. Esterel [BG92] has a textual syntax close to parallel programming languages such as ADA and Occam. It provides, in addition to the classical algorithmic control structures, concurrency primitives inspired by SCCS and Meije, as well as preemption structures. Argos [Mar91] is a graphical language, based on the Statecharts [Har87] formalism. An Argos program consists of hierarchical Mealy machines. These are finite-state automata in which outputs and next-state are both determined by the current-state and the current inputs.

Synchronous declarative languages are inspired by earlier studies on dataflow models [Kah74, McG82]. They allow the description of reactive systems that perform intensive data computation. Programs are described as networks of interconnected operators, evolving in parallel, and triggered by input arrivals. Lustre [HCRP91] is a functional language with textual syntax. A Lustre program is based on Mealy machines, the notion of state being implicit, unlike Argos. Signal [LGGLBLM91] is a relational language, defining relations between input and output flows (timed sequences of values), rather than simple functions as in Lustre. Contrarily to other synchronous languages, Signal programs are not necessarily deterministic. Each component induces its own constraints, which restrict the nondeterminism of the program. The Signal compiler is able to check the determinism of the conjunction of all constraints. This is the essence of the so-called multiclock or polychronous semantic model.

Causality problems in synchronous languages are either forbidden using static constraints (e.g., in Lustre) or resolved by the compilers using causality analysis algorithms. Examples of such algorithms are conditional dependence graph in Signal and computation of fixpoints in Esterel. Additionally, most synchronous languages are equipped with delay operators, which keep track of the values carried by expressions from one program step to the next. Based on how delay operators are used in a program, the compiler builds automatically an internal state.

Other proposals extend existing general-purpose languages with synchronous behaviour. Reactive-C provides a programming style similar to the C language. SynchCharts [And95] is a graphical language combining features from Esterel and Argos. Esterel-C (ECL) [LS99] and Java-Esterel (Jester) [AFFSV01] combine Esterel-like constructs with respectively C and Java languages. Lucid [WA85] is a higher-order functional language combining Lustre-like constructs and built upon Ocaml (Objective Caml) [LDG03].
2.2.2 Functional verification

Due to the massive use of synchronous systems in safety-critical environments, many analysis techniques have been exploited for synchronous systems encompassing automated test, model checking, SMT-Solving, and abstract interpretation. We focus here on the techniques related to our work, namely the verification by model checking. Functional properties that a synchronous system should satisfy fall into two classes: safety properties, expressing that something bad will never happen; and bounded liveness properties, which are timing properties expressing that something good will happen within a bounded future.

A convenient way to express properties is an application of [VW86], where the negation of a property is described by an automaton. The synchronous product of this automaton with the program ensures that no trace of the program is accepted by the automaton. Since almost all synchronous languages synthesise finite automata (e.g., Mealy machines) from programs and since the parallel composition in those languages is synchronous, properties can be expressed directly in the synchronous language. These properties, called synchronous observers [HLR93], are auxiliary programs which observe the inputs and outputs of the program under verification and decide whether it is correct.

Many software verification tools have been developed to model check synchronous systems. Xeve [Bou98] is a model checker for Esterel programs. The tool compiles synchronous programs into a finite state automaton over which properties such as deadlock and starvation absence can be checked. Lesar [HR99] is a model checker, which compiles a Lustre program into a finite state automaton and implements the verification by observers. Both model checkers interface with automata-based tools such as Auto and Autograph [RdS90]. In [MRBS01], Signal programs are verified by means of equation systems, thus avoiding state space enumeration. Properties such as invariance and reachability can be verified.

Model checking has been mainly used to verify properties depending only on logical dependence between events. Traversing the set of control states of a validation program can be either enumerative or symbolic. For properties involving numerical values, such as bounded liveness properties, abstract interpretation techniques are seemingly more appropriate [HPR97]. However general liveness properties involving unbounded future are rarely addressed in synchronous languages. Expressing such properties requires more expressive and complex formalisms such as temporal logics and Büchi automata.

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A reactive system is asynchronous if the time in which an event occurs and its duration are considered of less concern.

While the asynchronous approach deliberately abstracts from the precise timing of events, the order of some events (sequential composition) and their simultaneity can
be described. This way of modelling provides asynchronous models with simplicity and abstraction, making them appropriate for modelling distributed and concurrent systems.

### 2.3.1 Communication models

*Communication mechanisms* are required to enable interaction between concurrent components, as the time in which input and output events occur is unspecified. Existing communication mechanisms include *shared memories* and *message-passing* communication.

Shared memory communication, introduced by Dijkstra [Dij65], enables concurrent components to communicate by altering the contents of shared locations. Languages adopting this mechanism include Java and C#. The access of concurrent components to shared locations should be controlled, for example, by using *mutual exclusion* protocols. Well-known examples of such protocols are Peterson’s and Dekker’s protocols.

Message-passing enables concurrent components to communicate with each other by exchanging messages. Message exchange can be either *synchronous* or *asynchronous*.

Asynchronous message-passing takes arbitrary delay, i.e., the elapsed time between message emission and reception is abstracted away. This requires the introduction of buffers or *channels* as proposed by Dijkstra [Dij72] which serve to store messages before their transmission. As such, asynchronous message-passing does not force participant components to wait for each other to communicate. Message-passing channels has been adopted by specification languages for communication protocols, such as the ITU standard SDL [BHS91] and Promela [Hol91]. In Promela, channels store messages in first-in first-out order, by default. If synchronous communication is required, it can be modelled by setting the channel size to zero.

Synchronous message-passing requires messages emitted by a component to be received by other components at the same time instant. In the asynchronous abstraction of time, this requires the introduction of *communication events*, called *synchronisation* or *rendezvous* between the participant components. Synchronous message-passing is intended to be independent of the medium used to communicate. The communication medium, which may be a shared location, could itself be modelled as a subordinate component that synchronises with emitters and receivers. Synchronisation is blocking, i.e., it happens only when all participants are ready to communicate. As such, the emitter component blocks until message reception, after which the different components evolve independently. Beyond message exchange, (dataless) synchronisation can be used to express the simultaneity of specific events of concurrent components. Synchronous message-passing is the main interaction paradigm used in process algebras such as CCS [Mil89], CSP [Hoa85], ACP [BK85], and LOTOS [BB87].

*Hiding* and *nondeterminism* operators, which are specific to some asynchronous languages, provide behavioural descriptions with high abstraction capability. The hiding
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operator is essentially present in process algebra. It transforms events into invisible ones, i.e., event occurrence is neither detectable nor controllable by the environment. Synchronisation on invisible events is forbidden.

Nondeterminism is aimed at accurately disregarding irrelevant aspects of the actual system. Examples of situations in which nondeterminism is helpful are the following:

- Modelling concurrency by interleaving, thus abstracting from the speed of concurrent components.
- Abstracting from complex details of the physical environment.
- Abstracting from implementation details either because these are considered irrelevant or because the aim is to develop a simplified system meeting primary specifications before refining it to meet more detailed ones.

2.3.2 Functional verification

State space exploration techniques, including reachability analysis and model checking, are the most widespread approaches for dealing with concurrent systems containing complex data structures. CADP [GLMS13] and Spin [Hol04] are seemingly the two oldest model checkers that are still actively maintained and that benefit from a worldwide user community. Both tools support on-the-fly techniques, which consist in constructing and exploring state spaces on demand, guided by the verification task instead of generating state spaces exhaustively and then performing verification. This provides a way to fight against state space explosion, essentially caused by asynchronous concurrency and complex data structures.

CADP supports several input specification languages, among which LNT [CCG+16], LOTOS and FSP [MK06]. They rely on an action-based semantic model; by considering systems whose behavioural semantics can be represented using labelled transition systems. Model checkers of CADP are based on branching-time logics, which are adequate with bisimulation reductions and compositional verification. More details about the CADP toolbox will follow in Section 2.4.

SPIN supports Promela as input language. Promela relies on a state-based semantic model and considers systems whose behavioural semantics can be represented using Kripke structures. Correctness properties can be specified as process invariants, using assertions, as LTL formulas, or as formal Büchi automata.

Among other well-known tools, CWB [CPS89] (Concurrency Workbench) deals with CCS process algebra. CWB-NC [CLS00] (Concurrency Workbench of the New Century) is the continuation of research started in the Concurrency Workbench project. FDR [GABR14] is a model checker for verifying systems modelled in CSP. The mCRL2 toolset [CGK+13] is based on a variant of the ACP process algebra equipped with abstract data types.
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2.4 The CADP toolbox for the verification of asynchronous systems

CADP is a modular software toolbox implementing the results of concurrency theory in the context of asynchronous concurrent systems. Started in the mid 80s, CADP includes today more than 50 tools and code libraries, among which compilers for various formal specification languages, equivalence checkers, model checkers, compositional verification tools, and performance evaluation tools. We focus here on some salient features of the languages and tools related to our work and required to the comprehension of this thesis.

LNT (Lotos New Technology) [CCG+16] is a specification language derived from the ISO standard E-Lotos [ISO01]. The LNT.OPEN tool translates LNT specifications into LTSs, given in BCG (Binary Coded Graphs) file format, suitable for on-the-fly exploration. Section 2.4.2 presents informally a subset of the LNT language.

MCL (Model Checking Language) [MT08] is an expressive temporal logic, extending the alternation-free μ-calculus [EC82] with generalised regular expressions, data-based constructs, and fairness operators. The EVALUATOR 4.0 model checker implements an efficient on-the-fly model checking procedure for MCL. It also exhibits full diagnostics (examples and counterexamples) as subgraphs of the LTS illustrating the truth value of MCL formulas. Section 2.4.3 presents informally a subset of the MCL language.

LTS minimisation is possible by using equivalence checking, which collapses the equivalent states in the LTS. Several equivalence relations are implemented in CADP, including strong [Par81], branching [vGW89, vGW96], and divergence-sensitive branching [vGW89, vGW96] bisimulation relations. A definition of those relations together with a formalisation of LTSs is given in Section 2.4.1.

SVL (Script Verification Language) [GL01, Lan02] is both a high-level scripting language proposed to CADP end-users and a compiler that translates SVL scripts into Bourne shell scripts. SVL enables to express complex verification scenarios, including property specification, LTS minimisation, abstraction, comparison, which orchestrates calls to the CADP tools.

2.4.1 Labelled Transition Systems (LTS)

Definition 2.1. (Labelled transition system) An LTS is a quadruple \((S, L, \rightarrow, s_0)\) where:

- \(S\) is a set of states.
- \(L\) is a set of labels.
- \(\rightarrow \subseteq S \times L \times S\) is the labelled transition relation.
- \(s_0 \in S\) is the initial state.
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We write $s \xrightarrow{\ell} s'$ as a shorthand for $(s, \ell, s') \in \rightarrow$. There exists a label, written $\tau$ or $i$, called the invisible label, which denotes internal actions. All labels different from $\tau$ are called the visible labels. An LTS is finite if its sets of states and transitions are both finite.

**LTS equivalences** Several equivalence relations between LTSs are available in the literature, differing mainly in the way they treat invisible labels. We focus on a few of them, namely strong bisimulation, branching bisimulation and its divergence-sensitive variant.

**Definition 2.2. (Strong bisimulation)** A strong bisimulation is a symmetric relation $R \subseteq S \times S$ such that if $(s_1, s_2) \in R$, then for all $s_1 \xrightarrow{a} s'_1$:

- there exists $s'_2$ such that $s_2 \xrightarrow{a} s'_2$, and
- $(s'_1, s'_2) \in R$.

Two states $s_1$ and $s_2$ are strongly bisimilar if there exists a strong bisimulation $R$ such that $(s_1, s_2) \in R$. Two LTSs are strongly bisimilar if their initial states are strongly bisimilar.

**Definition 2.3. (Branching bisimulation)** A branching bisimulation is a symmetric relation $R \subseteq S \times S$ such that if $(s_1, s_2) \in R$, then for all $s_1 \xrightarrow{a} s'_1$:

- either $a = \tau$ and $(s'_1, s_2) \in R$, or
- there exists a sequence $s_2 \xrightarrow{\tau} s'_2 \xrightarrow{a} s''_2$ such that $(s_1, s'_2) \in R$ and $(s'_1, s''_2) \in R$.

Two states $s_1$ and $s_2$ are branching bisimilar if there exists a branching bisimulation $R$ such that $(s_1, s_2) \in R$. Two LTSs are branching bisimilar if their initial states are branching bisimilar.

Branching bisimulation does not distinguish between inaction and a cycle of internal actions. Divergence-sensitive branching bisimulation (or divbranching bisimulation for short) is introduced to take into account cycles of internal actions.

**Definition 2.4. (Divergence-sensitive branching bisimulation)** A divbranching bisimulation is a branching bisimulation $R$ such that if $(s^0_1, s^0_2) \in R$ and there is an infinite sequence $s^0_1 \xrightarrow{\tau} s^1_1 \xrightarrow{\tau} s^2_1 \xrightarrow{\tau} \ldots$ with $(s^0_1, s^0_2) \in R$ for all $i \geq 0$, then there is an infinite sequence $s^0_2 \xrightarrow{\tau} s^1_2 \xrightarrow{\tau} s^2_2 \xrightarrow{\tau} \ldots$ such that $(s^0_1, s^0_2) \in R$ for all $i, j \geq 0$.

Two states $s_1$ and $s_2$ are divbranching bisimilar if there exists a divbranching bisimulation $R$ such that $(s_1, s_2) \in R$. Two LTSs are divbranching bisimilar if their initial states are divbranching bisimilar.
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2.4.2 The LNT language

The LNT formal language is rooted in a core powerful language, combining mainstream imperative and functional traits, which is smoothly extended with concurrency-related primitives. LNT is endowed with formal operational semantics defined in terms of LTSs (see [CCG+16] for a detailed presentation).

Types, statements, and functions

LNT provides constructed data types, statements built upon standard algorithmic control structures, and functions.

Types

LNT types encompass basic types such as Boolean, integers, floating-point numbers, and character strings, as well as user-defined (possibly unbounded) data types such as records, unions, lists, sets, and arrays. The following is an example which defines a simple enumerated LNT data type temperature:

```plaintext
1  type temperature is
2      low, normal, high, very_high
3      with "=!", "==", "<", "<=", ">", ">="
4  end type
```

The “with” clause specifies the predefined functions for type temperature.

Statements

LNT statements build upon standard algorithmic control structures, such as variable assignment, sequential composition, conditional (if-then-else), pattern matching (case) statements, and loops (for, while). In particular, statement “var X: T in I end var” declares variable X of type T in the scope of statement I. Hence, LNT dissociates between variable declarations (between the keywords var and end var) and variable modifications (inside I). The following is an example of a statement which declares a variable, to which it assigns a value.

```plaintext
1  var ambient: temperature in — declaration
2     ambient := normal — assignment
3  end var
```

Functions

LNT functions can have in parameters (call by value), out parameters (call by reference, the function being in charge of producing a value for the parameter), and “in out” (call by reference, the function being allowed to read and update the parameter value). Actual parameters are preceded by symbols “!” , “?” , and “!?” , respectively. Functions are deterministic and execute atomically without producing transitions in the generated LTS.
The following is an example of a function \texttt{check\_temperature} reading the ambient temperature and raising an alarm if the temperature is high:

\begin{verbatim}
1 function check_temperature (in ambient : temperature, out alarm : bool) is
2      if (ambient >= high) then
3         alarm := true
4     else
5       alarm := false
6     end if
7 end function
\end{verbatim}

The following is an example combining a call to the function \texttt{check\_temperature}, with the \texttt{var} operator and variable assignment.

\begin{verbatim}
1 var ambient : temperature, alarm : bool in
2 ambient := normal;
3 eval check_temperature (ambient, ?alarm)
4 end var
\end{verbatim}

Note that LNT types, statements, and functions look similar to mainstream programming languages, which favours the acceptance of the language by users compared to classical process algebras.

**Behaviours and processes**

Processes include functions, with the addition of gates, which are used for communication, and other behaviours built upon gates and process algebraic operators, including nondeterministic statements and parallel composition.

**Nondeterministic assignment** The behaviour “\texttt{X := any \( T \ [ \text{where} \ V \] \)” assigns to the variable \( X \) an arbitrary value of type \( T \). The optional \texttt{where} clause with a Boolean expression \( V \), supposed to use \( X \), enables to express Boolean constraints on the possible values.

**Nondeterministic choice** The behaviour \texttt{select \( B_1 \ [ \ldots \ [ B_n \end select \) may execute either \( B_1 \), \ldots, or \( B_n \).

The following are two semantically equivalent examples of nondeterministic assignment (left-hand side) and nondeterministic choice (right-hand side), involving type \texttt{temperature}:

\begin{verbatim}
1 ambient := any temperature
2 where (ambient != very_high)
3 select
4 ambient := low
5 [] ambient := normal
6 [] ambient := high
7 end select
\end{verbatim}
Gate communication  The behaviour “G (O₁ ... Oₙ)” defines a communication on gate G. Offers O₁, ..., Oₙ describe the data exchanged during the communication. Each offer is either an emission of some expression or a reception of some value in a variable, in which case it is prefixed by ?. There exists an internal gate noted i, which must be used without offer.

The following is an example of a behaviour for the coffee machine (Section 2.1.1, page 9), where Coin, Coffee, and Tea denote communication actions without offer. The behaviour defines the LTS on the right-hand side.

1  Coin; — coin insertion
2  select — drink serving
3    Coffee
4  []  Tea
5  end select

The following is an example of a behaviour assigning to variable alarm, a nondeterministically chosen value, which is emitted on gate Snd_Alarm. Such behaviour defines the LTS on the right-hand side:

1  alarm := any Bool;
2  Snd_Alarm (alarm)

Channels  Similarly to a variable, a gate is typed by a channel, which defines its profiles, i.e., the number and types of the values exchanged on the gate. There exists a predefined channel channel none is () end channel, with which any gate intended for dataless synchronisation can be declared. The following are some examples of channel definition.

1  channel Bool is (Bool) end channel
2  channel Temperature_Bool is (temperature, bool) end channel

Hiding  Similarly to variables, gates can be declared either as formal gates in the process definition or locally inside a process. The behaviour “hide G₀ : Γ₀, ... , Gₙ : Γₙ in B end hide” declares gates G₀, ..., Gₙ of respective channels Γ₀, ..., Γₙ that are only visible in the scope of behaviour B, i.e., hidden from the environment of B. Actions on hidden gates in the behaviour are substituted by the internal action i.

The following is an example of behaviour in which actions on gate Coin are hidden.
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Parallel composition  The behaviour “\texttt{par } G_0, \ldots, G_n \texttt{ in } B_0 \| \ldots \| B_m \texttt{ end par}” defines a parallel composition of behaviours $B_0, \ldots, B_m$. Behaviours communicate by rendezvous on the set of gates \{ $G_0, \ldots, G_n$ \}, called \textit{synchronisation set}. If the synchronisation set is empty, no communication occurs, in which case behaviours are said to execute in \textit{pure interleaving}. Communication is blocking. If a behaviour is waiting for a communication whose gate belongs to the synchronisation set, then this communication can happen only if all behaviours $B_0, \ldots, B_m$ can make this communication simultaneously. The following is an example of two actions $A$ and $B$ in pure interleaving:

```
1  par
2   A
3   || B
4  end par
```

The following is an example of a parallel composition in which all behaviours synchronise on gate $A$. Behaviours do not synchronise on gate $B$ (line 7), since the gate does not belong to the synchronisation set (line 1).

```
1  par A in
2   A (1)
3   || var X: Nat in
4     A (TX)
5   end var
6   || var X: Nat in
7     A (TX); B
8  end par
9  end par
```

Processes  Processes allow behaviours to be named. A process can be parameterised by both data variables and gates. The following is an example of a process modelling a reactive system. Forever loops, which are absent in many traditional process algebras, allow a simple implementation of reactive systems.
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2.4.3 The MCL language

MCL enables a concise formulation of temporal properties, possibly parameterised by data values. The interpretation model is an LTS whose actions (transition labels) contain a gate name $G$ followed by a list of values $v_1, \ldots, v_n$, exchanged during the rendezvous on $G$. Three kinds of formulas can be defined.

**Action formula** MCL action formulas, noted $A$, characterise actions of the LTS. An action formula is built from action patterns and the usual Boolean connectors. Action pattern \{G ?$X$:T where $V$\} matches every action of the form \{G $v$\}, where $v$ is a value of type $T$ that is assigned to variable $X$, provided the Boolean expression $V$ (which possibly uses $X$) evaluates to true. Variable $X$ is exported to the enclosing formula. Action pattern \{G !$e$\} matches every action of the form \{G $v$\} where $v$ is the value obtained by evaluating expression $e$. Action pattern \{G ?any\} denotes a wildcard matching an arbitrary value regardless of its type.

Of course, it is possible to combine value matching ("!e"), value extraction ("?X:T"), and wildcard in the same action formula, for matching actions containing several values. Gate name $G$ can also be extracted and manipulated as ordinary value of type String.

The following are some examples of action formulas.

The action formula: \{Rec_Ambient ?ambient:String where ambient <> "very_high"\} matches actions: \{Rec_Ambient !$low\}, \{Rec_Ambient !$normal\}, and \{Rec_Ambient !$high\}; but does not match action: \{Rec_Ambient !$very_high\}.

The action formula: \{Snd_Alarm ?any\} matches actions: \{Snd_Alarm !true\} and \{Snd_Alarm !false\}. 24
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**Regular formula** MCL regular formulas, noted $R$, characterise sequences of transitions in the LTS. A regular formula is built from action formulas and regular expression operators such as concatenation (“$R_1 \cdot R_2$”), choice (“$R_1 \mid R_2$”), unbounded iterations (“$R^*$” and “$R^+$”), iterations bounded by counters (“$R \{n\}$”), etc.

For example, the regular formula: $\{\text{Coin}\} \cdot (\{\text{Coffee}\} \mid \{\text{Tea}\})$ matches the following action sequences: $s_0 \xrightarrow{\text{Coin}} s_1 \xrightarrow{\text{Coffee}} s_2$ and $s_0 \xrightarrow{\text{Coin}} s_1 \xrightarrow{\text{Tea}} s_2$.

**State formula** MCL state formulas, noted $F$, characterise states of the LTS by specifying (finite or infinite) tree-like patterns going out from these states. A state formula is built from Boolean connectors, possibility (“$<R>F$”) and necessity (“$[R]F$”) modalities containing regular formulas, minimal (“$\mu X.F$”) and maximal (“$\nu X.F$”) fixed point operators, and the infinite looping (“$<R>@$”) and finite saturation (“$[R]-|$”) operators.

The following are some examples of state formulas. Deadlock absence can be detected by the following property, stating that every state has at least one successor: $[\text{true}] <\text{true}> \text{true}$. Cycles of internal actions can be detected by the property: $<\text{tau}>\emptyset$.

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Both synchronous and asynchronous languages and their dedicated verification tools have been used to deal with GALS systems. In this section, we review some of the existing approaches in this context.

2.5.1 GALS systems in synchronous languages and dedicated tools

The synchrony assumptions are hard to maintain in many classes of applications. Examples include distributed embedded software and large hardware designs in which precise clock distribution is infeasible or overly expensive. While local components of such systems are best modelled under the synchrony assumptions, communication mediums introduce asynchrony in the behaviour of the global system. At the same time, design and verification frameworks for synchronous systems are efficient and already integrated in the design process of many industrial systems. Hence, the motivation of some research track is to maintain the well-established methods and tools for synchronous systems for most of the design process.

Theoretical work on addressing asynchrony using synchronous formalisms can be traced back to the early eighties, when Milner showed that SCCS can simulate CCS [Mil83]. The main requirement is the ability to model a nondeterministic activation of synchronous components. Following Milner’s approach, several other approaches [HB02, GG03, HM06] emulate asynchrony in synchronous formalisms, for example by means
of additional inputs used as activation conditions and to which arbitrary values are assigned.

While Milner’s and related approaches adopt a single clock model, other authors propose a model with multiple loosely coupled clocks, called multiclock model. This model has been used to deal with systems intended to run in asynchronous distributed implementations based on lossless message-passing \[GG10, GTL03, GG07\]. Signal \[GTL03\] was the first language supporting the multiclock model, followed by Esterel giving birth to the Multiclock Esterel \[BS01\]. The CRP language (Communicating Reactive Processes) \[BRS93\] was the result of earlier work combining Esterel and CSP. A translation of CRP into the Meije process calculus has been proposed, thus enabling verification to be performed.

Another track of research \[BCG99, PBCB06, PBDSST09, BBS12, AL03\] is the synthesis of semantic-preserving GALS systems from synchronous programs, foreseeing their distribution. This approach favours correct-by-construction deployment of synchronous programs over GALS architectures. Several theoretical results on this concern are already supported by the Signal compiler. The tools SynDE\textsuperscript{2} \[2\] and Ocrep\textsuperscript{3} \[3\] enable the automatic generation of distributed implementations, starting from a specification written in a synchronous language. However, these approaches generally do not deal with the formal verification of GALS systems.

All the aforementioned approaches mainly address deterministic GALS systems in which communication media are reliable: all messages are delivered in the order in which they have been received. However, a wide range of modern applications support unreliable communication media, such as recent LTTA (Loosely Time-Triggered Architectures) \[BBC10, Sme13\], which tolerate bounded loss of messages. Message loss is encountered by using an LTTA protocol, which ensures correct message transmission. In addition, modelling GALS systems in synchronous languages requires real-time guarantees, such as bounded computations and communication delays. Such guarantees may be unknown in the general case, or at least difficult to synthesise in some distributed applications. Examples of this kind are networks of PLCs, which evolve at arbitrary paces, the communication protocol (e.g., Modbus) being responsible of correct message transmission.

Last but not least, verification tools of synchronous languages do not support logics with sufficient expressiveness to capture general liveness and fairness properties, required for the verification of asynchronous concurrent systems. Synchronous model checkers (e.g., \[HLR93, Bou98\]) can express safety and bounded response properties but not properties in which the expected response may occur within unpredictable delay, as was mentioned in the end of Section 2.2.2.

To address general GALS systems, whose synchronous components evolve at unrelated paces and communicate along unreliable media with no real-time guarantees, verification

\[\text{2}http://www.syndex.org/\]
\[\text{3}http://pop-art.inrialpes.fr/~girault/Ocrep/\]

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frameworks for asynchronous systems are more appropriate.

2.5.2 GALS systems in asynchronous languages and dedicated tools

Addressing GALS systems in asynchronous languages and their dedicated verification tools have genuine benefits. Asynchronous languages provide built-in parallel composition and abstraction operators to reason about asynchronous concurrent systems, abstractly and compositionally. Such operators enjoy useful compositionality properties such as congruence results. Hence, efficient state-space reduction techniques (e.g., partial order reduction) and compositional verification can be applied, for scaling to large systems. Compositional verification for asynchronous systems [GLM15] can be used to complement compositional verification approaches used for synchronous systems, such as assume-guarantee reasoning techniques (e.g., [BCMW15, GGTG10]). On the other hand, verification tools for asynchronous systems support logics with sufficient expressiveness to capture complex properties. Examples are succession of events in time (arbitrarily far from each other), cycles denoting infinite executions, and general liveness properties.

We have identified two main approaches in the literature addressing GALS systems in design and verification frameworks for asynchronous languages. A first approach consists in translating a GALS-specific language into a process language.

A translation from CRSM (Communicating Reactive State Machines) [Ram98], a visual language built upon CRP, into Promela is proposed in [RSD04]. Verification is achieved by means of distributed observers to get rid of using temporal logics. The reliance of CRSM on Esterel entails a lack of data-driven support in the language. Indeed, most of the data-handling part of Esterel is deferred to the host language (e.g., C, C++, Java).

SystemJ [MSRG10] extends Java with Esterel-like synchronous model and CSP-like asynchronous model. Hence, unlike CRSM, it inherits the rich data-computation capabilities of Java. Components (called clock-domains) of SystemJ are deterministic and their asynchronous composition introduces nondeterminism. Such nondeterminism is still difficult to verify in the SystemJ framework. Efficient code can be automatically generated from SystemJ programs, but relies on Java virtual machines as target. This makes the language unsuitable for systems with limited resources. Recently [PMS15], a translation has been defined from a subset of SystemJ to LTL formulas, from which networks of Mealy automata are synthesised and translated into Promela, thus making possible the verification using SPIN.

Another approach consists in combining synchronous languages and asynchronous process languages. Synchronous components are encapsulated in asynchronous processes (called wrappers) to interface with other components. Asynchronous behaviour is described by introducing additional components, in the asynchronous language, to implement communication media.
This approach has been first implemented in [DMK+06], where Signal modules are compiled into C programs, which are encapsulated into Promela wrappers. Wrappers describe an infinite loop of atomic steps, by using the atomic construct of Promela. In each loop iteration, all possible values of inputs are generated; then, the C program is invoked together with clock constraints; finally, only if the clock constraints are met, outputs are computed. The asynchronous composition of wrappers is ensured via specific hardware communication buses, based on an early version of an LTTA protocol. Buses are abstracted as Promela finite FIFO channels, which are proven equivalent to one-place channels. Verification is performed by using LTL (Linear Time Logic) formulas.

The Signal-Promela approach, relying on state-based with linear-time semantics, is followed up by an approach combining the SAM synchronous language and the LNT asynchronous language in an action-based setting with branching-time semantics [GT09]. In this approach, SAM automata, which are extended Mealy machines, are translated into LNT functions that are encapsulated into LNT wrapper processes. Atomicity of synchronous components is described in functions but not their wrapper processes. As a result, individual input and output actions of the different LNT wrappers can interleave arbitrarily. Furthermore, the asynchronous composition between processes is completely arbitrary, since no constraints are put on their executions, contrarily to the Signal-Promela approach. As such, the maximal degree of nondeterminism is considered.

This approach is used to check that an airplane-ground communication protocol, based upon TFTP/UDP (Trivial File Transfer Protocol/User Datagram Protocol), ensures correct message transmission. Abstractions and compositional verification are used to cope with state space explosion. Verification by model checking and performance evaluation are applied by using CADP.

The Signal-Promela and SAM-LNT approaches address specific GALS applications with specific activation strategies and communication protocols. Hence, their usage is not transferable to general GALS systems. While both approaches pave the way for addressing GALS systems in verification tools for asynchronous systems, one may wonder if having two different modelling languages is easy to learn.
Chapter 3

The GRL Language for GALS
Behavioural Description

This chapter presents the GRL language, a new formal language for the behavioural
description of GALS systems. It serves as a tutorial for GRL, the semantics of which will
be presented in chapter 4. We first present a running example. Then, we introduce the
design choices of the synchronous and asynchronous models adopted in GRL. We present
the formal syntax and intuitive semantics of GRL constructs. Finally, we compare the
expressiveness of GRL with regards to some existing approaches in modelling GALS
systems.

3.1 A GALS example

It is hard to learn the characteristics of a programming language by reading a
formal definition of that language, until several examples have been studied

D. E. Knuth, 1967

In this section, we present an example of a GALS system. The example will serve to
illustrate the formal syntax of GRL in subsequent sections. It consists of a car park
management system, whose goal is to control the availability of a double-storey car
park. The car park has one principal entrance and one principal exit gate. Each storey
of the car park has also its own entrance gate. Gates are equipped with barrier systems
enabling automatic vehicle detection. The car park availability is displayed to drivers
via exterior lights mounted at the car park entrance.

1This application is a toy example designed in the framework of the Bluesky project, with the help
of the industrial partners.
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The actual system comprises four Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs) that communicate to each other the entrance and exit activity. An entrance PLC and an exit PLC manage the entrance and exit gates, respectively. Two storey PLCs manage the gates of the two storeys.

The behaviour of the system is as follows. The availability of the car park is managed by the entrance PLC. The PLC checks continuously whether there still are unoccupied parking spots, in which case a green light is maintained on; otherwise, a red light is turned on. Once a car arrives and asks for entering, a request to open the gate is detected by the entrance PLC. The request can be either granted or denied, depending on the car park availability. If the access is granted, the PLC delivers a ticket indicating a storey reference. Then, the entrance gate remains open for a fixed amount of time and a yellow light is turned on until the gate closure. The car should go to the storey referenced in the ticket. A storey PLC grants the access only if the car ticket indicates the corresponding storey reference; otherwise, the car is informed that its destination is wrong. When a car asks for leaving the car park, an exit request is detected by the exit PLC, which opens the gate immediately. Once the car leaves, the exit PLC informs the storey PLC referenced in the car ticket, which in turn informs the entrance PLC to update the car park availability.

3.2 Overview of GRL

GRL syntax is presented in Tables 3.1 (page 31) to 3.9 (page 51). The generic terminal symbols and non-terminal symbols are summarised in the following table.

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3.2.1 Modules

A GRL specification can be structured in several modules, allowing single monolithic specifications to be split into reusable pieces of manageable size. The syntax of modules
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is given by the grammar in Table 3.1. A module can import other modules, provided there are no circular dependencies. For example, in the module:

```plaintext
module Car_Park (Entrance, Storey1, Storey2, Exit) is
  ...
end module
```

none of the imported modules Entrance, Storey1, Storey2, Exit must import module Car_Park, even when the import relation is extended to its transitive closure.

A module can contain the following constructs:

- *types*: named *constants* of any type;
- *blocks*, which denote synchronous components;
- *mediums*, which denote asynchronous communication mediums;
- *environments*, which describe constraints of the external environment on blocks; and
- *systems*, inside which are composed blocks, mediums, and environments.

The lexical scope of these constructs encompasses both the current module and its importing modules. In the sequel, blocks, mediums, and environments are called *components*.

| module | ::= | module P | (P₀, ..., Pₙ) | is |
|        |     | (type_definition |
|        |     | constant |
|        |     | block |
|        |     | medium |
|        |     | environment |
|        |     | system)* |
|        | end module |

Table 3.1: Syntax of GRL modules

**Example 3.1.** The car park application can be described in GRL as follows (see Example 3.18 for excerpts of the system). Since each PLC has a synchronous behaviour, each of them will be described by a GRL block, named respectively Entrance, Storey1, Storey2, and Exit (see Figure 3.1 for a schematic view of block Exit and Example 3.7, page 42, for its corresponding GRL code).

PLCs are spatially distributed and communicate with each other. Thus, we will introduce two mediums, named Exit_to_Storey1 and Storey1_to_Entrance, to describe communication from Exit to Storey1 and from Storey1 to Entrance. Similarly, we will introduce mediums Exit_to_Storey2 and Storey2_to_Entrance (all mediums are instances of component Sampling, defined in Example 3.15, page 50).
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A ticket given to a car contains two fields. Each field references a storey. We wish only one field to be selected in a ticket. We will describe this constraint in an environment \textit{Env\_Storey} (see Example 3.8, page 45). Finally, the same program will be implemented on both storey PLCs. This entails that both PLCs have nearly the same period. We will describe this constraint in an environment \textit{Quasi\_Synch\_2} (see Example 3.12, page 47).

3.2.2 Synchronous blocks

The synchronous model of GRL is rooted in imperative programming style with functional flavour. It provides a built-in definition of the synchronous loop (which is a deterministic infinite loop) and internal state notions. The discrete, logical model of time, adopted in synchronous programming, is considered. Synchronous concurrency is not supported. Communication is carried out by instantaneous broadcasting.

More concretely, the behaviour of a block is described as a (potentially unbounded) sequence of discrete deterministic steps. Throughout these steps, an internal state represented by state variables is maintained. Each step consists in first reading inputs, then computing outputs and the next internal state, which both depend on the inputs and internal state of the current step. These activities are performed simultaneously, making the step atomic, as is assumed in synchronous programming.

Blocks can be composed to interact with each other inside higher-level blocks, in a modular way. Modularity enables a textual description of hierarchical block compositions, as the one illustrated in Figure 3.1. Lower-level blocks are called \textit{subblocks}. A block that is not a subblock of another block is called \textit{highest-level block}. Composition of subblocks is synchronous, i.e., in every step of the enclosing block, each subblock performs a (micro-) step. To enable interaction between subblocks, inputs of some subblocks can be connected to outputs of preceding subblocks. Such interaction occurs instantaneously, as is assumed in synchronous programming. Accordingly, outputs produced by a subblock are consumed by the other ones in the same step of the enclosing block. This way, data is processed along causal dependencies between subblocks, making the behaviour of blocks deterministic.

3.2.3 Asynchronous composition of blocks

The asynchronous model of GRL is rooted in process algebras, while keeping the same imperative programming style as the synchronous model. The abstraction of time adopted at the synchronous level cannot be preserved anymore at the asynchronous level. Asynchronous concurrency is captured by the interleaving semantics. The basic model of communication is synchronous rendezvous. Asynchronous communication is enabled by means of dedicated components, i.e., mediums. Nondeterminism can be explicitly expressed through dedicated primitives.
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More concretely, highest-level blocks are composed inside systems in asynchronous concurrency. The atomic deterministic steps of concurrent blocks interleave arbitrarily, without causal dependency. Contrarily to subblock composition, synchronous interaction between highest-level blocks is forbidden to prevent them from constraining the steps of each other. By default, two consecutive steps of a block may occur arbitrarily far from each other, unless specified differently by using activation constraints (see Section 3.5.2). This abstraction makes GRL expressive enough to model general GALS systems, while abstracting away from implementation details.

Blocks interact synchronously with mediums and environments. Connections between components are made by means of channels, which are tuples of variables, over which rendezvous take place. Channels are unidirectional, i.e., a channel is used by a component either only for reception or only for emission of tuples of values. Interactions between components are necessarily initiated by blocks, to which environments and mediums respond. In this respect, environments and mediums are passive components, executing only if requested by blocks, which are active components. Communications between blocks occur through mediums and is thus asynchronous.

Environments and mediums provide GRL with enough expressiveness to model and reason about general GALS systems. First, both of them are definable by the user, similarly to blocks. In addition, their behaviour may exhibit nondeterminism, a key feature providing descriptions with accuracy and high abstraction capability.

Environments enable constraints on block behaviour to be expressed at different levels of abstraction. On the one hand, they provide inputs to blocks and react to their outputs. Connections between blocks and environments are carried out using input channels (sets of inputs) and output channels (sets of outputs). An output channel of a block can be connected to an input channel of an environment, and conversely. On the other hand, environments can adjust the degree of asynchronous concurrency in block composition by
setting constraints on block activations. This allows to master the possible interleavings between blocks, e.g., a block cannot execute indefinitely in the detriment of the others. Activation strategies can model, at a suitable level of abstraction, realistic situations such as halting, priorities, and relative paces of synchronous components modeled as highest-level blocks.

Mediums enable blocks to communicate asynchronously. Connections between blocks and mediums are carried out similarly to the ones between blocks and environments, but on dedicated channels called receive and send channels. A medium receives messages from or sends messages to its connected blocks whenever requested. Messages can be stored in the internal state of the medium, thus enabling message buffering. Additionally, nondeterminism allows behaviours such as message loss, duplication, or reordering to be described naturally.

In the following sections, we first introduce GRL basic structures. We then present the behavioural constructs of GRL.

### 3.3 Basic GRL

In this section, we present the types, expressions, statements, and constants of GRL.

#### 3.3.1 Type definitions

The syntax of types is given by the grammar in Table 3.2. GRL data types encompass predefined types such as Booleans (bool) or naturals of different sizes (8-bit nat, 16-bit nat16, or 32-bit nat32). Types can also be defined by the user (non-terminal type_definition). At the time of writing, types definable by the user are ranges, enumerations, records, and arrays.

Range types, defined using keyword range, denote finite intervals of numbers ranging from $m$ to $n$, which must be literal constants of type type. Type type itself must be one of nat, nat16, nat32, int, int16, or int32. Here is an example which defines an interval of naturals from 0 to a value nb_max_cars, where nb_max_cars is a global constant assumed to be already defined (see Section 3.3.4).
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Enumerated types, defined using keyword `enum`, denote finite and ordered sets of symbolic values (identifiers) $C_0, \ldots, C_n$. Here is an example which defines an enumerated type `t_answer` that could be used in the car park application. The type has three values indicating the answer of the entrance PLC on the detection of an entrance request.

```plaintext
1 type t_answer is
2   enum idle, granted, denied
3 end type
```

Record types, defined using keyword `record`, denote fixed-size tuples of elements indexed by field names. Here is an example which defines a record type `t_msg`. The type stores information about a message.

```plaintext
1 type t_msg is
2   record cmd: bool, idx: nat, stat: t_capacity, ans: t_answer, full: bool
3 end type
```

Array types, defined using keyword `array`, denote fixed-size sets of elements indexed by natural numbers ranging from $m$ to $n$, which must be literal naturals. Here is an example which defines an array `t_queue` of records of type `t_msg`, where `size_queue` is a global constant assumed to be already defined (see Section 3.3.4).

```plaintext
1 type t_queue is
2   array [0 . . . size_queue] of t_msg
3 end type
```

3.3.2 Expressions

The syntax of GRL expressions is given by the grammar in Table 3.3. Predefined functions that can be used in a GRL module are unary operations, binary operations, type conversion functions, functions on arrays, and functions on records. Consider for example the record type `t_msg` (see Section 3.3.1). A predefined function `t_msg` is automatically generated. The call to function `t_msg` below returns a record in which each field is set to a value expression, where `idx_pre`, `updated_cars`, and `cst_max_cars` are variables of type `nat`, `bool`, and `bool`, respectively.

```plaintext
1 t_msg (true, idx_pre, 1, false, (updated_cars == cst_max_cars))
```

3.3.3 Statements

The syntax of statements is given by the grammar in Table 3.4. GRL statements are inspired by LNT ones. They extend standard algorithmic control structures with sub-block invocations, communication primitives, and nondeterministic statements. Sub-block invocations and communication primitives will be explained at appropriate places throughout the current chapter. Nondeterministic statements are similar to LNT ones.
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The syntax of constant definitions is given in Table 3.5. Constants are defined by keyword `const` and are necessarily initialised. A constant defines a variable whose value, once
3.4 Blocks

In this section, we first present how GRL blocks can be defined and composed inside other components. We then discuss some design choices that distinguish GRL blocks from classical synchronous languages.

3.4.1 Block definition

The syntax of blocks is given by the grammar in Table 3.6. A block specification consists of formal parameters, local variables, subblock aliasing, and a statement \( I \) defining the block behaviour. This statement must be deterministic, i.e., use only the constructs described in the first 10 alternatives of the production defining \( I \) in Table 3.4. It consists of subblock invocations combined with standard algorithmic control structures.

| block ::= block \( B \{vars_r\}\)  
| \( \{in \ \vars_{i_0},\ldots,\ in \ \vars_{i_m},\ out \ \vars_{o_0},\ldots,\ out \ \vars_{o_n}\}\)  
| \[\text{receive} \ \vars_{r_0},\ldots,\ \text{receive} \ \vars_{r_p},\ \text{send} \ \vars_{s_0},\ldots,\ \text{send} \ \vars_{s_q}\]\  
| \( \text{is} \)  
| \( \text{alias} \ \ B_0 \ \{\arg_{0}\} \ \text{as} \ B'_{0},\ldots,\ B_k \ \{\arg_{k}\} \ \text{as} \ B'_{k}\)  
| \( \text{static} \ \text{var} \ \vars_{p_0} \ldots \ \text{static} \ \text{var} \ \vars_{p_r}\)  
| \( \text{var} \ \vars_{t_0} \ldots \ \text{var} \ \vars_{t_s}\)  
| \( I \)  
| end block  
| \| block \( B \{vars_r\}\)\( \{in \ \vars_{i_0},\ldots,\ in \ \vars_{i_m},\ out \ \vars_{o_0},\ldots,\ out \ \vars_{o_n}\}\) \( \text{is} \)  
| \( \text{!c} \ \text{string} \ \| \ \text{!int} \ \text{string}\)  
| end block |

Table 3.6: Syntax of GRL blocks

Formal parameters are declared with types and possibly default values. They are classified into constant, input, output, receive, and send parameters. Constant parameters,
enclosed in braces, denote configuration data. A constant parameter is read-only, i.e.,
it's value should not be changed in the body of the block. Input and output parameters
are preceded by keywords in and out. They enable blocks to interact either with other
blocks (for subblocks) or with the environment (for highest-level blocks). Receive and
send parameters are preceded by keywords receive and send. They enable highest-level
blocks to interact with mediums, and consequently to asynchronously communicate with
other highest-level blocks.

Receive and send parameters are introduced to make a clear distinction between syn-
chronous interactions of a block with its environment on the one hand, and asynchronous
communication with other blocks through mediums on the other hand. Accordingly, such
parameters occur necessarily in highest-level blocks and cannot be used in subblocks ins-
ide other blocks. Conversely, a block having only input and output parameters cannot
be used to communicate asynchronously with other highest-level blocks inside systems.
If asynchronous communication is required, the block should be encapsulated inside
another block having send and receive parameters.

Local variables are either temporary or static. The scope of both kinds of variables is
limited to the enclosing block.

Temporary variables are preceded by keyword var and are optionally initialised at decla-
ration time. Once a step starts, each temporary variable is first assigned its initialisation
value (if any), which can be used in computations within the step. The updated value
of the variable is lost at the end of the step, i.e, when returning from the block.

Static variables are preceded by keywords static var. Their initialisation at declaration
time is mandatory, contrarily to temporary variables. When a block first step starts,
each static variable is assigned its initialisation value. When the block subsequent steps
start, each variable takes the value it had at the end of the previous step. In other words,
the values of static variables updated within a step are kept stored for subsequent steps.
Consequently, static variables are adequate to represent the internal state of the block.

The difference between static and temporary variables is their lifetime, which we illus-
trate in the listing below (left-hand side). The table on the right-hand side, shows the
evaluation of variables x and y at the end of each of the first four steps of block B.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>step</th>
<th>1</th>
<th>2</th>
<th>3</th>
<th>4</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>x</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>4</td>
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<td>y</td>
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</table>

Example 3.2. Block B_Edge below encodes an edge detector. It observes a logic
signal Logic_Signal and decides whether the signal value has changed since the last
block step. The static variable Pre_Signal stores the last value carried by the signal.
The block is parameterised to detect either rising or falling edges on Logic_Signal. The rising edge mode detects changes from false to true, and is activated by the constant parameter Rising_Mode. The falling edge mode detects changes from true to false, and is activated by the constant parameter Falling_Mode. According to the default setting of constant parameters, the rising edge mode is enabled by default.

```plaintext
block B_Edge {Rising_Mode : bool := true, Falling_Mode : bool := false}
  (in Logic_Signal : bool := true,
   out Edge_Detected : bool)
is
  static var Pre_Signal : bool := false
  var Rise, Fall : bool
  Rise := Logic_Signal and not (Pre_Signal);
  Fall := not (Rise);
  Edge_Detected := (Rising_Mode and Rise) or (Falling_Mode and Fall);
  Pre_Signal := Logic_Signal
end block
```

Alternatively, the behaviour of a block can be specified in an external language, a feature inspired by process languages (e.g., LNT and Promela). So far, the supported external languages are C and LNT. External C and LNT functions are declared using pragmas "!c" and "!lnt", respectively.

**Example 3.3.** To illustrate the use of external C code, consider the C function Shift below, which applies shift operations on a natural number. Type GRL_Int16 is used in the function interface (line 2, C code). Before using a parameter, it should be converted to the C domain. This is done by the predefined function GRL_Int16_To_Signed_Char (line 4, C code). Then, before returning from the function, the result is converted to the GRL domain by using the predefined function GRL_Signed_Char_To_Int16 (lines 6-7, C code).

The C function is written in a file with extension “.c”, which is imported in the current GRL module. So doing, it can be encapsulated inside block C_Shift.

```plaintext
--- GRL file importing the C file named Shift
module External_C (Shift) is
  block C_Shift (in Num :int16, out left, right :int16)
    is
      !c "Shift"
    end block
  "...
end module
--- C file named "Shift.c"
void Shift (GRL_Int16 Num, GRL_Int16* left, GRL_Int16* right)
{ // convert types to the C domain
  unsigned char arg_number = GRL_Int16_To_Signed_Char (Num);
  // compute outputs and reconverst types to the GRL domain
```

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Example 3.4. The use of external LNT code is straightforward as illustrated by the code below. Function check_temperature is assumed to be defined in a file with extension “.lnt” that is imported in the current GRL module.

Although including external code enhances user convenience, the external code should be defined to comply with GRL semantics. To enable functional verification, external C code should be side-effect-free, i.e., the same code called with the same input values in different contexts should return the same output values. In particular, blocks defined using external code must not have static variables. Fragments of external LNT code, however, have formal semantics and can thus be used safely, provided they do not use themselves external C code with side effects.

3.4.2 Subblock composition

A block can be invoked inside other components. Each invocation corresponds to an instance of the block. An instance is a copy of the block (and of a component in the general case) with a separate internal state. Instances of blocks invoked inside components are called subblocks.

At invocation time, actual parameters of subblocks are set. Actual output parameters are distinguished by a question mark. The question mark indicates that the parameter will have a value assigned when returning from the block. Underscores can be used as actual parameters. An underscore indicates that the actual parameter is presumed irrelevant for the caller component. For each constant and input parameter “_”, the default value of the corresponding formal parameter in the block definition is used in each step. For each output parameter “?_”, the value assigned to the corresponding formal parameter when returning from the block is just ignored.

Example 3.5. Below are three possible invocations of block B_Edge (see Exam-
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Example 3.2). Note that the last invocation is useless, since the block output is unconnected.

1 \texttt{B\_Edge \{true, false\} (reset, \texttt{detected})}
2 \texttt{B\_Edge \{\_\, \_\} \quad (\_, \texttt{detected})}
3 \texttt{B\_Edge \{\_\, \_\} \quad (\texttt{reset, \_\_})}

Correspondence between formal parameters of \texttt{B\_Edge} and actual parameters used in the three invocations is given in the following table.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Formal parameter</th>
<th>Rising_Mode</th>
<th>Falling_Mode</th>
<th>Logic_Signal</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Actual parameters</td>
<td>1 true</td>
<td>false</td>
<td>value of reset</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>2 true</td>
<td>false</td>
<td>true</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>3 true</td>
<td>false</td>
<td>value of reset</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Subblocks can be aliased, i.e., assigned different names, by using keyword \texttt{alias}. If an aliased subblock has constant parameters, the corresponding actual parameters should be set at aliasing time instead of invocation time. This simplifies the presentation, especially since constant parameters do not participate in subblock interaction.

\textbf{Example 3.6.} In the code below, \texttt{Rising\_Edge} is an alias of block \texttt{B\_Edge} with the default values of constant parameters. \texttt{Falling\_Edge} is another alias of the block, parameterised to detect falling edges.

1 \texttt{alias \texttt{B\_Edge \{\_\, \_\}} as \texttt{Rising\_Edge}}
2 \texttt{alias \texttt{B\_Edge \{false, true\}} as \texttt{Falling\_Edge}}

In the current version of GRL, there is no synchronous parallel composition operator. Rather, subblocks are composed in a sequential way. Their invocation should follow a user-defined topological order, in accordance with the causal dependency between their input-output connections. Subblocks with no causal dependency can be invoked in an arbitrary order.

\textbf{Example 3.7.} Block \texttt{Exit} below corresponds to the block composition depicted in Figure 3.1. The block implements a possible correct order for subblock invocations. For example, the actual output parameter “?\texttt{Edge\_Cmd\_P1}” of block \texttt{B\_Edge} (line 5) should be broadcast to subblocks \texttt{B\_And} (line 6) and \texttt{B\_Or} (line 11). Hence, \texttt{B\_Edge} should be invoked before \texttt{B\_And} and \texttt{B\_Or}.

Actual parameters \texttt{Cmd\_P1}, \texttt{Cmd\_P2}, \texttt{Open}, \texttt{Out\_P1}, and \texttt{Out\_P2} of subblocks \texttt{B\_Edge}, \texttt{B\_And}, and \texttt{B\_Or} are declared as formal parameters of the enclosing block \texttt{Exit}. These parameters are intended to interact with the outside world of block \texttt{Exit}. Contrarily, actual parameters \texttt{Edge\_Cmd\_P1} and \texttt{Edge\_Cmd\_P2} are declared as temporary variables. They are used as input-output connections, internal to the block \texttt{Exit}.
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```
1 block Exit (in Cmd_P1, Cmd_P2: bool, out Open : bool)
  [send Out_P1 : bool, send Out_P2: bool] is
2   var Edge.Cmd_P1, Edge_Cmd_P2 : bool
3     — if a car parking in Storey1 arrives
4     B_Edge {true, false} (Cmd_P1, ?Edge_Cmd_P1); — does the car ask for leaving?
5     B_And (Edge_Cmd_P1, Cmd_P1, ?Out_P1); — inform Storey1
6     — if a car parking in Storey2 arrives
7     B_Edge {true, false} (Cmd_P2, ?Edge_Cmd_P2); — does the car ask for leaving?
8     B_And (Edge_Cmd_P2, Cmd_P2, ?Out_P2); — inform Storey2
9     — if a car asks for leaving, open the gate
10    B_Or (Edge_Cmd_P1, Edge_Cmd_P2, ?Open)
11 end block
```

Due to the absence of synchronous parallel composition operators, there are no causality problems in GRL. Undesirable cyclic dependencies between subblocks can be captured by the following semantic rules:

1. variables are necessarily assigned values before being read.
2. static variables are necessarily initialised at declaration time.

For example, GRL semantics forbid the following program because variable x is used without being initialised by $B_1$.

```
1 block B is
2   var x, y : t
3   B1 (x, ?y);
4   B2 (?x, y)
5 end block
```

However, the following three programs are permitted, although programs 1 and 2 are not equivalent.

```
1 — program 1  1 — program 2  1 — program 3
2 static var pre_x: t := e  2 var x, y: t  2 x := 1;
3 var y : t          3 x := e;            3 x := x + 1;
4 B1 (pre_x, ?y);    4 B1 (x, ?y);        4 — "cyclic" dependency permitted
5 B2 (?pre_x, y);    5 B2 (?x, y)         5 — (imperative style)
```

3.4.3 Discussion and related work

The initial intention for defining GRL is to have an intermediate format that maps GALS systems, whose synchronous components are modeled using synchronous languages, to verification tools for asynchronous systems. For this reason, GRL does not include a full-fledged synchronous language. Rather, it provides a minimal but sufficient number of core constructs, to which the built-in constructs of synchronous languages can be translated with reasonable effort. We discuss below the design decisions distinguishing GRL blocks from classical synchronous languages.
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**Absence of parallel operators**  Synchronous languages are generally equipped with synchronous parallel operators while GRL is not. Composition between GRL blocks is sequential, requiring a correct order between blocks to be defined. If the GRL code was generated from a synchronous language, one would expect the front-end compiler to automatically provide such a correct order. This is reasonable since each compiler of a synchronous language implements a causality analysis algorithm.

We deliberately disallow synchronous concurrency. This enhances the integrability of GRL as back-end of various synchronous compilers as GRL cannot interfere with causality analysis algorithms that synchronous compilers implement. Also, most synchronous compilers generate efficient sequential code which can be usefully integrated in GRL.

**Absence of delay operators**  In GRL, delay operators are deliberately absent. Instead, GRL makes explicit the internal state of blocks by means of static variables. Accessing and updating the internal state of blocks is in charge of the GRL user. Of course, delay operators could be encoded in GRL libraries and imported in GRL modules.

We believe that GRL is expressive enough to implement delay operators with no difficulty. As an illustration, consider the Lustre node *Counter* below. The node uses the operator “pre” (for previous), which gives the last value carried by its operand $N$.

```plaintext
1 node Counter (init, incr: int, reset: bool) returns (N: int);
2 let
3 N = init -> if reset then init
4 else pre(N) + incr
5 tel
```

An implementation of that node in GRL is block *Counter* below. Variable $preN$ implements the Lustre “pre ($N$)” expression, by storing the value to be used in the next step. The Boolean variable $first$ is used to emulate the Lustre operator “$\rightarrow$” (followed by).

```plaintext
1 block Counter (in init: int, incr: int, reset: bool, out N: int) is
2 static var preN: int := init, first: bool := true
3 if reset or first then N := init; first := false
4 else N := preN + incr
5 end if;
6 preN := N
7 end block
```

**Explicit loops**  Another difference with standard synchronous languages is the presence of explicit computation loops in GRL. For and while loops are useful when used as iterators. Problems such as loop boundedness should be ensured by the front-end compiler and are out of the scope of GRL. If ensuring loop boundedness were necessary, bounded operators could be encoded in GRL libraries. Those libraries, once verified, can be used safely in GRL programs.
3.5 Environments

Environments provide block inputs and react to block outputs, thus putting constraints on the data carried by the blocks. Additionally, they define constraints on block activation, thus enabling the description of activation strategies.

The syntax of environments is given by the grammar in Table 3.7. An environment specification consists of formal parameters encompassing constant, input, and output parameters; activation parameters prefixed by keyword block and denoting block identifiers; static and temporary variables; subblock aliasing used as routines; and a statement \( I \) defining the environment behaviour. This statement can be nondeterministic. It uses all the alternatives of the production defining \( I \) in Table 3.4, i.e., the same deterministic statements as blocks can be used, extended with nondeterministic assignment, nondeterministic choice, and \( \text{signals} \).

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```plaintext
blocks ::= \( B_0, \ldots, B_n \)
env ::= environment \( N \) \{\vars\}
\[\{\text{in } \vars_{i_0}, \ldots, \text{in } \vars_{i_m}, \text{out } \vars_{o_0}, \ldots, \text{out } \vars_{o_n}, \text{block } \blocks_{o_0}, \ldots, \text{block } \blocks_{o_n}\}\]
is alias \( B_0 \) \{\args_0\} as \( B_0' \), \ldots, \( B_k \) \{\args_k\} as \( B_k' \)
static var \( \vars_{p_0}, \ldots, \text{static var } \vars_{p_r} \)
var \( \vars_{t_0}, \ldots, \text{var } \vars_{t_s} \)
I
end environment
```

Table 3.7: Syntax of GRL environments

3.5.1 Data constraints

An environment interacts with a block either by reception (on input parameters) or by emission (on output parameters) of tuples of values; interactions are initiated by blocks. Each interaction being instantaneous (or synchronous), the parameters involved in the same interaction are grouped in \( \text{channels} \) of the form \( \text{in } \vars \) or \( \text{out } \vars \).

Now, an environment may interact independently with several blocks, which trigger its execution in a nondeterministic way, according to the interleaving semantics. Hence, all the possible executions devoted to interaction on the different channels must be defined inside the environment. This requires additional communication primitives that guard the code (part) to be executed, whenever interactions on some channel occur. We introduce \( \text{data signals} \) as such communication primitives. A data signal, introduced by keyword \( \text{when} \), is associated to each channel.

**Example 3.8.** Environment \( \text{Env\_Storey} \) ensures that a ticket, given to a car references exactly one storey. Values carried by outputs \( \text{Cmd\_P1} \) and \( \text{Cmd\_P2} \) are determined in a nondeterministic way.
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Environment `Env_Storey` is when `<Cmd_P1, Cmd_P2>`:
- `Cmd_P1 := any bool`; ` Cmd_P2 := any bool` — select `Storey1`;
- `Cmd_P1 := any bool` — select `Storey2` where `not (Cmd_P1 and Cmd_P2)`

```
environment Env_Storey (out Cmd_P1, Cmd_P2: bool) is
  when <Cmd_P1, Cmd_P2> -> Cmd_P1 := any bool; select Storey1
  Cmd_P2 := any bool — select Storey2
  where not (Cmd_P1 and Cmd_P2)
end environment
```

Example 3.9. Environment `Cmd_Park` ensures that no request to enter the car park can be detected, if the entrance gate is already open. Details of the code will be explained in the sequel.

```
environment Cmd_Park (in Open: bool, out Cmd: bool) is
  static var Pre_Open: bool := false — gate status at the block last step
  select
    when ?Open -> Pre_Open := Open — store gate status
  end select
  when Cmd -> if (not (Pre_Open)) then Cmd := any bool — allow request
  else Cmd := not (Pre_Open) — disallow request
  end if
end environment
```

The signal associated to each input channel “in \(X_0: T_0, \ldots, X_n: T_n\)” has the form “\(\text{when} \ ?<X_0, \ldots, X_n> \rightarrow I_0\)”. If \(n = 0\), angle brackets are optional. The code \(I_0\) guarded by the signal is active (meaning that \(I_0\) can be executed), whenever a block connected to the channel produces its own outputs \(X_0, \ldots, X_n\). Then, the values of those variables, received on the channel, can be read only inside statement \(I_0\). In Example 3.9, the signal “\(\text{when} \ ?Open \rightarrow\)” defined at line 4 is active each time the block connected to channel “in Open” finishes a step. In this case, the value of `Open` is read and assigned to `Pre_Open`, when returning from the environment. Signal “\(\text{when} \ Cmd \rightarrow\)” defined at line 6 is not active during this execution of the environment.

The signal associated to each output channel “out \(Y_0, \ldots, Y_m\)” has the form “\(\text{when} \ <Y_0, \ldots, Y_m> \rightarrow I_0\)”. If \(m = 0\), angle brackets are optional. The code \(I_0\) guarded by the signal is active, whenever a block connected to the channel reads its own inputs \(Y_0, \ldots, Y_m\). This requires statement \(I_0\) to assign values to those variables which are emitted on the channel. In Example 3.9, the signal “\(\text{when} \ Cmd \rightarrow\)” defined at line 6 is active each time the block connected to channel “out Cmd” starts a step. In this case, `Cmd` is assigned a value when returning from the environment. Signal “\(\text{when} \ ?Open \rightarrow\)” is not active during this execution of the environment.

Since interactions on a channel occur whenever requested by the connected block, there must be at least one reachable execution path in the environment containing the signal corresponding to the channel. So doing, environments do not prevent block executions.
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In general, the code fragments guarded by the different signals are combined using nondeterministic choice, as illustrated in Example 3.9 (lines 3-9).

Besides, since exactly one signal is active during each environment execution, GRL semantics prohibit sequential composition of signals, loop statements containing signals, and nested signals. So doing, exactly one signal should be present in each execution path. Note, however, that the code associated to a given signal is not necessarily deterministic, which allows the environment to have a nondeterministic behaviour.

Static variables are particularly useful to keep track of past events, such as exchanged values or the history of block steps. This is illustrated in Example 3.9 where parameters \(\text{Cmd}\) and \(\text{Open}\) are intended to be connected to block Entrance input and output, respectively. The value carried by output \(\text{Cmd}\) depends on the last value that the input \(\text{Open}\) has carried. The information is stored in the static variable \(\text{Pre\_Open}\).

### 3.5.2 Activation constraints

Highest-level blocks evolve by default in arbitrary interleaving. Environments enable to control the level of asynchrony between block executions, by putting constraints on the activation of one or several blocks. The activation of blocks whose identifiers occur as activation parameters is intended to be constrained by the environment. Similarly to input and output channels, to each activation parameter of the form “\(B\)” is associated an activation signal of the form “enable \(B\)”. The difference between activation signals and data signals is that the former are used only for synchronisation purposes and not for data exchange. An activation signal “enable \(B\)” implements the permission for a block (named \(B\)) to start a step. A block, whose activation is intended to be constrained by an environment, can execute only if there is at least one reachable execution path, containing its respective signal. Therefore, contrary to data signals, activation signals may be unreachable in certain execution contexts. In particular, if no signal is associated to a given activation parameter, the corresponding block is never activated. Hence, the unreachability of activation signals is equivalent to the “deactivation” of the corresponding block.

**Example 3.10.** Let \(B\) be a highest-level block, connected to environment \(\text{Disable}\), defined below. If the environment is invoked with the default value of \(C\), block \(B\) will never execute since its corresponding activation signal is never reached.

```plaintext
1 environment Disable {C: bool := true}(block B) is
2 if not C then enable B end if
3 end environment
```

**Example 3.11.** Consider a system composed of highest-level blocks \(B1, \ldots, Bn\).
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The default arbitrary interleaving between blocks is equivalent to the following activation strategy, where no constraint is put on block activations.

```plaintext
environment Default (block B1, ..., block Bn) is
  select
    enable B1 [] ... [] enable Bn
  end select
end environment
```

Example 3.12. Environment Quasi_Synch_2 implements an activation strategy for two blocks evolving with nearly the same period but without sharing clocks. This example illustrates how to express relations between the paces of different blocks.

```plaintext
environment Quasi_Synch_2 (block Comp_A, block Comp_B) is
  — Initially, Comp_A and Comp_B can be activated
  static var ok_A, ok_B : bool := true
  select — activate Comp_A once
    if (ok_A) then
      enable Comp_A;
      ok_A := false
    end if
  [] — activate Comp_B once
  [] — ...
  end select;
  if (not (ok_A) and not (ok_B)) then
    — reinitialise
    ok_A := true; ok_B := true
  end if
end environment
```

In Example 3.12, activation signals are combined using if-then-else statements, to constrain the activation of connected blocks. The reachability of those signals depends on the internal state of the environment, i.e., its static variables, recording part of the history of block activations.

In general, activation constraints are a framework to abstract properties of real-time distributed systems in an asynchronous model. GRL enables to implement complex activation strategies involving priorities and arbitrary relations between the paces of synchronous components.

3.5.3 Combining data and activation constraints

Data and activation signals enable to constrain the behaviour of blocks at different levels of abstraction. The syntactic separation between both concepts makes the user intention clearer on how to fine-tune the system constraints. A data signal allows to constrain
data carried by block inputs and outputs and cannot handle block activations. It must be reachable whenever required by a connected block. An activation signal allows to constrain the activation of blocks at specific moments in time and cannot handle input and output data. The reachability of activation signals induces the activation strategy of blocks.

The two kinds of signals can be combined to describe complex situations. In particular, test scenarios can be described in an elegant and modular way.

**Example 3.13.** The following environment describes a block crash.

```gdl
environment Crash (block B, out alarm : bool) is
  when a failure is detected, block B halts and an alarm is triggered
  static var failure : bool := false
  select
    if not (failure) then — no failure has been detected
      enable B; — activate block B normally
      failure := any bool — a failure may occur
    end if
    []
  when alarm -> alarm := failure — trigger an alarm in case of failure
  end select
end environment
```

**Example 3.14.** The following GRL code specifies a test scenario for the car park application. A car enters the car park and is given a ticket. The car tries to access the second storey, contrarily to what is indicated on its ticket. The access to the storey is then denied and the car parks in the first storey. Finally, the car leaves the car park. The enumerated type cases defines the scenario steps.

```gdl
type cases is
  enum Car_Park, Car_P1, Car_P2, Car_Ex, None
end type

environment Scen_Act (block Entrance, Exit, Storey1, Storey2) is
  static var action : cases := Car_Park
  case action is
    Car_Park -> action := Car_P2; enable Entrance
    Car_P2  -> action := Car_P1; enable Storey2
    Car_P1  -> action := Car_Ex; enable Storey1
    Car_Ex  -> action := None; enable Exit
    any     -> action := None
  end case
end environment
```
Environment `Scen_Data` defines the values that should be carried by the inputs of different blocks.

```plaintext
environment Scen_Data (out Cmd_Park : bool, out Cmd_P11, Cmd_P12 : bool, 
                        out Cmd_P21, Cmd_P22 : bool, out Exit_P1, Exit_P2 : bool)

is

select

--- a car enters the car park
when <Cmd_Park> -> Cmd_Park := true --- Entrance PLC data
--- the ticket given to the car indicates storey1
--- access to storey2 will be denied
[] when <Cmd_P11, Cmd_P12> -> Cmd_P11 := true; --- Storey2 PLC data
     Cmd_P12 := false
--- the ticket given to the car indicates storey1
--- access to storey1 will be granted
[] when <Cmd_P21, Cmd_P22> -> Cmd_P21 := true; --- Storey1 PLC data
     Cmd_P22 := false
--- a car parking in Storey1 asks to leave
[] when <Exit_P1, Exit_P2> -> Exit_P1 := true; --- Exit PLC data
     Exit_P2 := false

end select

end environment
```

### 3.6. Mediums

Mediums are intended to implement the asynchronous communication between highest-level blocks. Their syntax is given by the grammar in Table 3.8. Medium specification is described similarly to environments, except that input and output channels are replaced by receive and send channels, and activation parameters are absent. A medium behaviour is defined by a nondeterministic statement, in which activation signals are not allowed.

A medium interacts with highest-level blocks either by reception (on receive channel) or by emission (on send channel) of tuples of values, called *messages* in the sequel. To enable an asynchronous message transmission between a pair of blocks, a medium should interact (synchronously) with both blocks on separate channels. To each channel
is associated a data signal. The data signal must be reachable whenever required by a connected block, similarly to data signals inside environments. Nondeterministic choice is appropriate to combine data signals, since it does not lead to blocking situations. Static variables are particularly useful for message buffering.

**Example 3.15.** The following code implements a unidirectional one-place buffer. Channel `rec_msg` is devoted to receive messages. A received message is buffered using the static variable `buf_msg`, waiting to be emitted on channel `snd_msg`.

```gala
medium Sampling [receive rec_msg : Bool, send snd_msg : Bool] is
  static var buf_msg : Bool := false — memory shared by connected blocks
  select
  when ?rec_msg -> buf_msg := rec_msg — message reception and buffering
  when snd_msg -> snd_msg := buf_msg — emission of the buffer content
  end select
end medium
```

This model is used in *Loosely Time-Triggered Architectures* [BBC10], in which the Bus behaves as a shared memory between components. Messages are sustained by the bus and are periodically refreshed. Such communication, said by *sampling*, is non blocking.

**Example 3.16.** The following code implements an unreliable medium, supporting message loss.

```gala
medium Lossy [receive rec_msg : t_msg, send snd_msg : t_msg] is
  static var buf_msg : t_msg := empty_msg — Initially, no message is buffered
  select
  when ?rec_msg -> select
  buf_msg := rec_msg — message stored
  null — message lost
  end select
  when snd_msg -> snd_msg := buf_msg
  end select
end medium
```

**Example 3.17.** The following code implements a FIFO queue. The queue is encoded by using a static variable (line 2) of type `queue`, which is an array of messages. Initially the queue is empty. When a message is received on channel `rec_msg`, it is inserted in the queue by using a subblock `enqueue`, which returns the updated queue. Similarly, when a message has to be emitted on channel `snd_msg`, subblock `dequeue` returns the first message inserted and updates the queue.
3.7 Systems

Blocks, environments, and mediums are composed inside systems. We first present the definition of GRL systems. Then, we discuss the expressiveness of GRL.

3.7.1 System definition

The syntax of systems is given by the grammar in Table 3.9. A system specification consists of formal parameters, temporary variables, component aliasing, and a behaviour described as a composition of components. Formal parameters are either constants, thus enabling parameterised specification, or without mode, to compose actual channels of components.

Table 3.9: Syntax of GRL systems

```plaintext
channel ::= <X0, ..., Xn>
         | <_, ..., _>
         | <any T0, ..., any Tn>
         | ?<X0, ..., Xn>
         | ?<_, ..., _>

component_alias ::= alias B {args} as B'
                   | alias N {args} as N'
                   | alias M {args} as M'

block_invoc ::= B' (chan0, ..., chanm) [chan'0, ..., chan'n]

env_invoc ::= N' (chan0, ..., chanm, B', ..., B'')

medium_invoc ::= M' [chan0, ..., chanm]

system ::= system S {vars} (vars) is
          comp_alias1, ..., comp_aliasm
          var vars
          block list
          block_invoc0, ..., block_invocn
          environment list
          env_invoc0, ..., env_invocp
          medium list
          med_invoc0, ..., med_invocq
end system
```

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Example 3.18. The following code describes the composition of the car park components. Details of the code will be given later.

```plaintext
system Main (-− parameters observable by the outside world
    Cmd_P11, Cmd_P12, Cmd_P21, Cmd_P22, Exit_P1, Exit_P2: bool,
    −− other parameters
    ...
  )

  is −− component aliasing
  alias Storey {true, false} as Storey1,
    Storey {false, true} as Storey2,
    Sampling as Exit_to_Storey1, Sampling as Exit_to_Storey2,
    −− other components
  ...

  −− parameters non−observable by the outside world
  var S_Out1, S_Out2: bool
  −− other parameters
  ...

  block list
  Exit (⟨Exit_P1, Exit_P2⟩, ?Out_Open) [?S_Out1, ?S_Out2],
  −− other blocks
  ...

  environment list
  Quasi_Synch_4 (Entrance, Exit, Storey1, Storey2),
  Env_Storey (⟨Exit_P1, Exit_P2⟩)

  medium list
  Exit_to_Storey1 [S_Out1, ...],
  Exit_to_Storey2 [S_Out2, ...],
  −− other mediums
  ...

end system
```

Highest-level block instances are introduced by keywords block list. Actual parameters of highest-level blocks have the same form as those in subblock invocation inside components. Additional parameters, called wildcards, can be used as input and receive actual parameters. Wildcards have the form “any T” and match any value of type T. They are semantically equivalent to actual parameters that are declared as temporary variables, but not used for interactions with other components. Actual parameters are grouped to compose channels. In each channel, parameters should have the same form, i.e., all parameters are either variables (of the form “<X₀, ..., Xₙ>”), wildcards (of the form “<any T₀, ..., any Tₙ>”), or unconnected (of the form “<_, ..., _>” or “<_, ..., _, _>”).

Environment and medium instances are introduced by keywords environment list and medium list, respectively. Their channels can be either tuples of variables or unconnected. If a channel is unconnected, the behaviour defined by its associated signal in the component definition is never executed. Actual activation parameters of environ-
ments should belong to the names of highest-level blocks. Note that if the activation of blocks in constrained, all blocks must have been already aliased. To prevent undesirable interferences that may occur when the activation of a block is constrained by several environments, actual activation parameters should be pairwise distinct in all environments.

Connections between components occur through channels. A channel may occur in exactly one pair of components. A block and an environment can be connected using a set of variables $\langle X_0, \ldots, X_n \rangle$ as input channel to the block and $\langle X_0, \ldots, X_n \rangle$ as output channel to the environment, or conversely (Example 3.18, lines 18 and 23). If $n = 0$, angle brackets are optional. Connections between mediums and blocks on receive and send channels are carried out similarly (Example 3.18, lines 18, 25, and 26).

Alternatively, channels may occur in a single component. In this case, for input or receive channels, arbitrary values are assigned to parameters.

Channels whose parameters are declared as formal parameters of the system are observable by the system outside (Example 3.18, line 2), whereas channels whose parameters are declared as temporary variables are not (Example 3.18, line 14). Distinction between observable and non observable channels is a key device for abstraction, inspired by process algebra [Mil82] and is essential for verification.

Blocks cannot be directly connected to each other using channels. This ensures arbitrary interleaving between their activations. Environments and mediums cannot be connected to each other, neither. They are intended to be passive components that need to be triggered by blocks.

The behaviour of the system is defined as follows. A block can execute only if permitted by the environment constraining its activation. Such environment, if any, is unique according to GRL semantics. In this case, the block starts a step by triggering the components connected to its input and receive channels, to obtain values. After carrying out internal computations, the block finishes the step by triggering the components connected to its output and send channels, to deliver values. Following this execution model, a block interacts with a given component in at most two moments (i.e., causal events) during the same step. Accordingly, the data exchanged with each component at the same moment should be grouped in one single channel.

Consider Example 3.18. When block Exit starts a step, environment Env_Storey executes to provide the block inputs Exit_P1 and Exit_P2. When the block finishes a step, both mediums Exit_to_Storey1 and Exit_to_Storey2 execute to consume the block outputs S_Out1 and S_Out2, respectively. The combined execution of all components interacting during a block step is assumed to be instantaneous, thus preserving the zero-delay assumption of the block step.
3.7.2 Discussion and related work

This section summarises the GRL behavioural constructs and draws a comparison with some existing GALS approaches.

**GRL blocks**  Depending on the call context, GRL blocks may behave either in a synchronous or in an asynchronous way. Inside components, subblocks behave as synchronous components that are composed synchronously with other subblocks. Inside systems, highest-level blocks behave as deterministic and atomic asynchronous components that interleave with other highest-level blocks. This allows a smooth integration of synchronous components inside an asynchronous context without requiring additional components to interface the synchronous world with the asynchronous one.

Contrarily to GRL blocks, the SAM-LNT approach [GT09] does not ensure the atomicity of LNT processes corresponding to synchronous components. Thus, inputs and outputs of different processes can interleave arbitrarily, leading to state explosion. In this respect, GRL enables a more concise representation than [GT09] (see Section 5.10 for a detailed comparison). In the Signal-Promela [DMK+06] approach, the atomicity of synchronous components is ensured by using the atomic construct of Promela. Both CRSM and SystemJ build upon the Esterel synchronous semantics, which make their synchronous part rich, compared to GRL. This is reasonable since they are design-oriented languages aiming to be used directly by users that are familiar with synchronous programming.

**GRL mediums**  GRL mediums provide enough expressiveness to model general GALS systems. On the one hand, GRL does not fix any communication protocol, contrarily to some existing approaches. In the Signal-Promela approach [DMK+06], an LTTS protocol is used. Specific hardware communication buses are abstracted as Promela one-place FIFO channels. In the SAM-LNT approach [GT09], a TFTP protocol is used. FIFO and bag mediums with fixed size buffers and supporting message loss are used. On the other hand, GRL mediums support nondeterministic statements, which are absent in SystemJ [MGS12] and CRSM [Ram98]. Nondeterminism allows to describe useful situations such as message loss and reordering in a succinct way.

**GRL environments**  Data constraints are similar to, but more general than assertions in synchronous languages. The latter are Boolean expressions (e.g., invariances and relations on inputs) that are assumed to always hold inside the synchronous program. In GRL, data constraints can express more complex behaviours, possibly combining inputs and outputs of several blocks, and depending on their history. Such constraints combined with nondeterminism allow the user to fine-tune the system description and reduce the size of generated state spaces. We have found no equivalent to GRL data constraints in the Signal-Promela approach nor in the SAM-LNT approach.
3.7. Systems

Activation constraints make the degree of asynchrony between concurrent highest-level blocks controllable. On the one hand, they enable an accurate and abstract description of realistic situations such as failure and activation strategies. On the other hand, they participate to reduce the size of the system state space. Again, no equivalent to GRL activation constraints has been mentioned either in SAM-LNT or in CRSM and SystemJ. In the SAM-LNT approach, this causes a maximal degree of asynchrony leading to state space explosion. In the Signal-Promela approach, similar constraints, called clock constraints, are automatically generated from Signal. When clock constraints are not met, a stuttering step is executed leading to no change in input and output signals.

**GRL systems**  Factoring a GALS description into blocks, environments, and mediums enhances the modularity and reduces the complexity of modelling. At early design stages, when system specifications are evolving frequently, one might well want to verify the behaviour of blocks separately or a primary system behaviour with simple communication mediums and test case scenarios. Afterward, the system behaviour can be refined to meet detailed communication schemes and constraints. This helps the user to make explicit her intention on how to precisely design the system behaviour. Quoting Dijkstra [Dij82] about the role of scientific thought: “The separation of concerns is yet the only available technique for effective ordering of one’s thoughts. This is focusing one’s attention upon some aspect.”.
Chapter 4

Formal Dynamic Semantics of GRL

GRL is endowed with formal semantics, giving a rigorous specification of how correct programs behave. This improves our understanding of the finest details of the language and helps in tool construction. The dynamic semantics of GRL are defined in an operational style. The meaning of program phrases is defined in terms of their computation steps during the program execution and the possible state transformation they perform. In this chapter, we first introduce the basic notions needed to specify the operational semantics of GRL. We then present the semantics of GRL constructs, stressing on the behavioural ones.

It is not what you meant to say, but it is what your saying meant.

Walter M. Miller Jr

4.1 Preliminaries

Programs are assumed to have successfully passed all static analysis phases, including parsing, binding analysis, typing analysis, and variable initialisation analysis. In particular, we make the following assumptions:

- Each variable is assigned a distinct name. This prevents variable shadowing to occur, i.e., a variable declared within a certain scope with the same name as a variable declared in an outer scope.
- Each component instance is assigned a distinct name. Thus, those names can be used when associating a separate internal state to each component instance. For simplicity, we assume that each component instance called in some context has been aliased earlier in the same call context.
4.1. Preliminaries

In this section, we first present the main concepts used to define the formal semantics of GRL. These are stores, stacks, and memories. Second, we sketch how GRL programs can be interpreted in terms of LTSs (Labelled Transition Systems). Finally, we introduce auxiliary functions required to formally define those LTSs.

4.1.1 Stores

We define a store, written $\rho$, as a partial function from variables to values. For a store $\rho$ mapping each variable $X_i$ to the corresponding value $e_i$, where $i \in 1..n$, we write $\rho = [X_1 ← e_1, ..., X_n ← e_n]$ and $\rho (X_1) = e_1, \ldots, \rho (X_n) = e_n$.

We define the domain of store $\rho$, written $\text{dom}(\rho)$, as $\{X_1, ..., X_n\}$. In particular, we write “[ ]” for the empty store and $\text{dom}([ ]) = \{\}$ for its domain. For a subset $\{Y_1, ..., Y_p\} \subseteq \text{dom}(\rho)$, we write $\rho|_{\{Y_1, ..., Y_p\}}$ for the restriction of $\rho$ to $\{Y_1, ..., Y_p\}$ defined by $[Y_1 ← \rho(Y_1), ..., Y_p ← \rho(Y_p)]$.

We define the update of a store $\rho_1$ with a store $\rho_2$, written $\rho_1 \oplus \rho_2$, as follows:

$$(\rho_1 \oplus \rho_2)(X) = \begin{cases} \rho_2 (X) & \text{if } X \in \text{dom}(\rho_2) \\ \rho_1 (X) & \text{if } X \notin \text{dom}(\rho_2) \text{ and } X \in \text{dom}(\rho_1) \\ \text{undefined} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The notation $\bigoplus_{i\in 1..n} \rho_i$ stands for the sum $\rho_1 \oplus \ldots \oplus \rho_n$ (note that $\oplus$ is an associative but not commutative operator).

**Example 4.1.** Here are some examples of store update.

<table>
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<th>Operation</th>
<th>Result</th>
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<tr>
<td>$[X ← 0] \oplus [\ ]$</td>
<td>$[X ← 0]$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$[X ← 0] \oplus [Y ← 1]$</td>
<td>$[X ← 0, Y ← 1]$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$[X ← 0, Y ← 1] \oplus [X ← 1, Y ← 1]$</td>
<td>$[X ← 1, Y ← 1]$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$[X ← 0, Y ← 1] \oplus [Y ← 0, Z ← 1]$</td>
<td>$[X ← 0, Y ← 0, Z ← 1]$</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

For sets of stores, we define the update of a set $S_1$ with a set $S_2$, written $S_1 \oplus S_2$, as follows:

$$S_1 \oplus S_2 = \{ \rho_1 \oplus \rho_2 \mid \rho_1 \in S_1 \land \rho_2 \in S_2 \}$$

4.1.2 Stacks

We define a stack, written $\sigma$, as a sequence of component instance identifiers. A stack is defined recursively, either as the empty sequence $\epsilon$ or as a non empty sequence of the form “$\sigma'.id$” where $\sigma'$ is a stack and id is the name of a component instance pushed on top of the stack. We write $\sigma_1.\sigma_2$ for the concatenation of stacks $\sigma_1$ and $\sigma_2$, defined as:

$$\sigma_1.\epsilon \triangleq \sigma_1$$
$$\sigma_1.(\sigma_2.id) \triangleq (\sigma_1.\sigma_2).id$$
where symbol \( \triangleq \) means equal by definition.

We define function \( \text{prefix} \) which indicates whether a stack \( \sigma_1 \) is a prefix of a stack \( \sigma_2 \) as follows:

\[
\text{prefix} (\sigma_1, \sigma_2) \triangleq \exists \sigma', \sigma_1.\sigma' = \sigma_2
\]

During program execution, a unique stack is associated to each component instance. This stack is the ordered sequence of the names of all its enclosing component instances, starting from the highest-level component (block, medium, or environment), down to the current component, transitively. GRL stacks are similar to call stacks in ordinary programming languages, except that they only contain component instance identifiers. Stacks are finite and statically bounded, since recursion is forbidden in GRL.

**Example 4.2.** Let “alias \( B \) as \( B' \)” be the aliasing of a highest-level block inside a system \( S \). The stack of \( B' \) is \( \epsilon. B' \). Now, let “alias \( B \) as \( B' \)” be a subblock aliasing inside a medium \( M \) and let “alias \( M \) as \( M' \)” be the medium aliasing inside the system \( S \). The stack of \( M' \) is \( \epsilon. M' \) and that of \( B' \) in this call context is “\( \epsilon. M'. B' \)”.

\[\square\]

In the sequel, we omit the initial \( \epsilon \) in non empty stacks. For example, we write “\( M'. B' \)” instead of “\( \epsilon. M'. B' \)”.

### 4.1.3 Memories

We define a memory, written \( \mu \), as a partial function from stacks to stores. Memories implement the internal state of components. For a memory \( \mu \) mapping stacks \( \sigma_i \) to stores \( \rho_i \), where \( i \in 1..n \), we write \( \mu = [\sigma_1 \leftarrow \rho_1, \ldots, \sigma_n \leftarrow \rho_n] \) and \( \mu (\sigma_1) = \rho_1, \ldots, \mu (\sigma_n) = \rho_n \). Relation \( \sigma_i \leftarrow \rho_i \) means that \( \rho_i \) defines the internal state of the component instance whose stack is \( \sigma_i \). We define the domain of memory \( \mu \), written \( \text{dom}(\mu) \), as \( \{\sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_n\} \).

Similarly to store update, we define the update of a memory \( \mu_1 \) with a memory \( \mu_2 \), written \( \mu_1 \oplus \mu_2 \) as follows:

\[
(\mu_1 \oplus \mu_2)(\sigma) = \begin{cases} 
\mu_2(\sigma) & \text{if } \sigma \in \text{dom}(\mu_2) \\
\mu_1(\sigma) & \text{if } \sigma \notin \text{dom}(\mu_2) \text{ and } \sigma \in \text{dom}(\mu_1) \\
\text{undefined} & \text{otherwise}
\end{cases}
\]

The notation \( \bigoplus_{i \in 1..n} \mu_i \) stands for the sum \( \mu_1 \oplus \ldots \oplus \mu_n \) (note that \( \oplus \) is an associative but not commutative operator).

We define a function \( \text{mem} \) which extracts from a memory \( \mu \) the submemories corresponding to the component whose stack is \( \sigma \) and those of its subblocks.

\[
\text{mem} (\mu, \sigma) = \bigoplus_{\sigma' \in \text{dom}(\mu)} [\sigma' \leftarrow \mu(\sigma')]
\]

\[
\wedge \text{prefix} (\sigma, \sigma')
\]
Example 4.3. Block \( C_{\text{Shift}} \) (Ex. 3.3, page 40) defines no static variables and no subblocks. The memories of its instances are the empty memory \([\ ]\).

Block \( B_{\text{Edge}} \) (Ex. 3.2, page 39) has one static variable \( \text{Pre\_Signal} \). The block is invoked twice inside Block \( \text{Exit} \) (Ex. 3.7, page 42). Let call \( B_{\text{Edge}_1} \) and \( B_{\text{Edge}_2} \) the names associated to the subblocks. The respective memories of the instances are initially:

\[
\mu_{B_{\text{Edge}_1}} = \{\text{Exit} \cdot B_{\text{Edge}_1} \leftarrow \text{Pre\_Signal} \leftarrow \text{false}\}\]

\[
\mu_{B_{\text{Edge}_2}} = \{\text{Exit} \cdot B_{\text{Edge}_2} \leftarrow \text{Pre\_Signal} \leftarrow \text{false}\}\]

Block \( \text{Exit} \) (Ex. 3.7, page 42) has no static variables. The memory of each of its instances is composed of the memories of its subblocks. In addition to subblocks \( B_{\text{Edge}_1} \) and \( B_{\text{Edge}_2} \), block \( \text{Exit} \) invokes instances of logical blocks \( B_{\text{And}} \) and \( B_{\text{Or}} \). Such logical blocks neither have internal state nor invoke subblocks. Hence, each instance of block \( \text{Exit} \) is associated to a memory \( \mu_{B_{\text{Edge}_1}} \oplus \mu_{B_{\text{Edge}_2}} \). \( \square \)

4.1.4 LTSs of GRL systems

The behaviour of a GRL system is formally defined in terms of an LTS. States contain the sum of all memories of highest-level components, the initial state being the empty memory. Transitions between states denote block steps. With respect to a state \( \mu \), a step of some highest-level block \( B' \) leads to a transition of the form:

\[
\mu \xrightarrow{B' (ch_1,\ldots,ch_m) [ch'_1,\ldots,ch'_n]} \mu'
\]

where:

- \( \mu' \) updates \( \mu \) with the values of variables composing the memories of both \( B' \) and the components connected to \( B' \).
- \( ch_1, \ldots, ch_m \) map the values of actual \textit{input} and \textit{output} parameters to their respective formal parameters. Each \( ch_i \) (\( i \in 1..m \)) is composed of a set of elements. Each element has the form “\( X = e \)”, where \( X \) is an actual parameter and \( e \) its value in the current step, if \( X \) is observable. Otherwise, the element has the form “\( _{\_} \)”.
- \( ch'_1, \ldots, ch'_n \) are defined similarly to \( ch_1, \ldots, ch_m \), but for \textit{receive} and \textit{send} parameters.

For example, the following transition corresponds to a step of block \( \text{Exit} \):

\[
\mu_0 \xrightarrow{\text{Exit} (\text{Cmd\_P1} = \text{true}, \text{Cmd\_P2} = \text{false}, \text{Open} = \text{true}) [\text{Out\_P1} = \text{true}, \text{Out\_P2} = \text{false}]} \mu_1
\]
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More concretely, we are concerned with the behaviour of blocks as an external observer would see it: which block is executing and what are the values carried by its inputs and outputs. Since block steps are atomic, each step results in exactly one transition in the LTS. From one block step to another, the values of static variables composing its internal state are stored in the system state. The system state contains also the values of static variables composing the internal states of environments and mediums triggered by the block step.

4.1.5 Structural Operational Semantics (SOS)

The LTSs of GRL are formally defined by using the method advocated by Plotkin [Plo81], in which evaluation and execution relations are specified by transition rules in a syntax-directed way. A transition rule has a set of zero (in which case the rule is called axiom) or more premises and a conclusion. It is commonly written as follows:

\[
\text{premises} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{conclusion}
\]

The validity of all the premises implies the validity of the conclusion. Transition rules will be applied in derivations, such that the facts below the solid line are derived from the ones above.

4.2 Expressions

We define the evaluation of an expression \( E \) in a store \( \rho \) as a relation of the form \( \{ E \} \rho \rightarrow_e e \), where \( e \) is the resulting value. An excerpt of transition rules of GRL expressions are given in Table 4.1. A literal constant \( K \) is always evaluated with itself as value (rule R1). A variable \( X \) evaluates to the value recorded in the current store (rule R2). Both rules are axioms. For example, an application of rule R2 is:

\[
\{ X \} [X \leftarrow 1] \rightarrow_e 1
\]

The evaluation result of the expression “\( F(E_0, \ldots, E_n) \)” is the returned value of calling the predefined function \( F \) with the values of \( E_0, \ldots, E_n \) (rule R3). Record field access and array element access are considered as predefined functions. Predefined functions are standard; we do not provide here their formal semantics.

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<th>Premise</th>
<th>Conclusion</th>
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<tr>
<td>R1</td>
<td>{K} \rho \rightarrow_e K</td>
<td>{E} \rho \rightarrow_e e_i</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>R2</td>
<td>{X} \rho \rightarrow_e X</td>
<td>{F(E_0, \ldots, E_n)} \rho \rightarrow_e F(e_0, \ldots, e_n)</td>
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<tr>
<td>R3</td>
<td>(\forall i \in 0..n) {E_i} \rho \rightarrow_e e_i</td>
<td>(\forall X \in \text{store}) {X} \rho \rightarrow_e X</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Table 4.1: Sos rules of GRL expressions
4.3 Statements

The semantics of statements is defined by means of couples (store, memory). Stores serve to read and update local variables and parameters of the current component. Memories serve to read and update the internal states of subblocks, whose invocation is part of statements. To access those memories, the stack of the current component, inside which the statement executes, is required. In the sequel, we call current store and current memory the store and memory in which a statement will execute.

We define the execution of statements as a relation of the form \( \{I\} \sigma, \rho, \mu \xrightarrow{\ell} \rho', \mu' \)

where:

- \( I \) is the statement to execute
- \( \sigma \) is the stack of the current component instance inside which \( I \) executes
- \( \rho \) is the store defining parameters and variables of the current component
- \( \mu \) is the memory defining the internal state of both the current component and its subblocks
- \( \rho' \) and \( \mu' \) are the respective updates of \( \rho \) and \( \mu \) with the computations performed by \( I \)
- \( \ell \) is a label having one of the following forms:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>label</th>
<th>meaning</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>( \epsilon )</td>
<td>( I ) terminates without encountering any signal</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( B_0 )</td>
<td>( I ) terminates and has encountered an activation signal “enable ( B_0 )”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(?\langle X_1, \ldots, X_n \rangle)</td>
<td>( I ) terminates and has encountered a data signal “when (&lt;X_1, \ldots, X_n&gt;”</td>
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<tr>
<td>( \langle X_1, \ldots, X_n \rangle )</td>
<td>( I ) terminates and has encountered a data signal “when (&lt;X_1, \ldots, X_n&gt;”</td>
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In the sequel, we present some representative semantic rules of statement execution.

4.3.1 Basic statements

Table 4.2 gives the semantics rules of a subset of GRL statements.

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<td>(R4)</td>
<td>( {E} \rho \rightarrow_c \epsilon )</td>
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<td></td>
<td>( {X := E} \sigma, \rho, \mu \xrightarrow{\epsilon} \rho + [X \leftarrow e], \mu )</td>
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<tr>
<td>(R5)</td>
<td>( e \in T )</td>
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<td></td>
<td>( {E} \rho \rightarrow_c [X \leftarrow e] \rightarrow_s \text{true} )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>( {X := \text{any } T \text{ where } E} \sigma, \rho, \mu \xrightarrow{\epsilon} \rho + [X \leftarrow e], \mu )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(R6)</td>
<td>( {I_1} \sigma, \rho, \mu \xrightarrow{\ell_1} \rho', \mu' )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>( {I_2} \sigma, \rho', \mu' \xrightarrow{\ell_2} \rho'', \mu'' )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>( {I_1; I_2} \sigma, \rho, \mu \xrightarrow{\ell_1+\ell_2} \rho'', \mu'' )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(R7)</td>
<td>( \exists k \in 1..n )</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>( {I_k} \sigma, \rho, \mu \xrightarrow{\ell_k} \rho', \mu' )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>( {\text{select } I_1, \ldots, I_n \text{ end select}} \sigma, \rho, \mu \xrightarrow{\ell_1} \rho', \mu' )</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Table 4.2: Sos rules of statements (Excerpts)
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Rule $R_4$ defines the semantics of deterministic assignment statement. An assignment statement terminates normally by assigning the value of expression $E$ (right-hand side) in the current store to variable $X$ (left-hand side). Note that this rule updates the store but not the memory even if $X$ was defined as a static variable. Note also that the current memory $\mu$ is not used to evaluate the expression because store $\rho$ is assumed to already contain a copy of the static variables that are local to the current component. Construction of store $\rho$ and memory update are handled at the level of component invocation.

Rule $R_5$ defines the semantics of nondeterministic assignment statement. A nondeterministic assignment terminates normally after updating the store by assigning an arbitrary value of type $T$ to variable $X$, provided condition $E$ of the assignment evaluates to true in the updated store.

Rule $R_6$ defines the semantics of a sequential composition of two statements $I_1$ and $I_2$. The sequential composition starts by executing statement $I_1$ and updating the current store and memory. Then, $I_2$ is executed in the store and memory updated by $I_1$. Symbol $+$ denotes label concatenation; $\epsilon$ is the identity element, i.e., $\epsilon + \ell = \ell + \epsilon = \ell$ for every label $\ell$. At least one of the labels $\ell_1$ and $\ell_2$ must be equal to $\epsilon$, since sequential composition between signal statements is forbidden (see Section 3.5.1, page 44).

Rule $R_7$ defines the semantics of a nondeterministic choice between $I_1$, $\ldots$, $I_n$. Nondeterministic choice terminates normally after behaving either as $I_1$, $\ldots$, or as $I_n$. In both $R_6$ and $R_7$, note that memories $\mu'$ and $\mu''$ may differ from memories $\mu$ and $\mu'$, respectively, if (and only if) statement $I_1$, $I_2$, or $I_k$ invokes subblocks.

Example 4.4. To illustrate the derivation of transition rules, we consider the execution of the GRL statements below in a stack $\epsilon$, store $\{\}$, and memory $\{\}$.

1. $X := \text{any bool}$; — statement 1
2. $Y := \text{not}(X)$; — statement 2

Inspecting rule $R_6$ (see Table 4.2), statement 1 should be executed before statement 2. The statement execution starts by assigning an arbitrary value of Boolean type to $X$ (rule $R_5$, Table 4.2). There are two possible rules, each corresponding to a value of the Boolean type. Only the rule corresponding to value $false$ is presented here, for conciseness. The execution continues by assigning a value to $Y$ (rule $R_4$, Table 4.2), which depends on the evaluation of variable $X$. Here is the derivation of transition rules, where $ff$ and $tt$ are shorthands for Boolean values $false$ and $true$.

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\text{ff} \in \text{bool} & \frac{\{X := \text{any bool}\} \epsilon, \{\} \models_{G} \{X \leftarrow ff\}, \{\}}{\{Y := \text{not}(X)\} \epsilon, \{X \leftarrow ff\}, \{Y \leftarrow tt\}, \{\}} \models_{G} \{X \leftarrow ff, Y \leftarrow tt\}, \{\} \\
\end{array}
\]

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4.3.2 Signals

The semantics of signals, given in Table 4.3, is inspired by the semantics of communication actions in process algebra.

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{(R8)} & \quad \{I_0\} \sigma, \rho, \mu \xrightarrow{\varphi} \rho', \mu' \\
& \quad \text{when } \langle X_1, \ldots, X_n \rangle \rightarrow I_0 \} \sigma, \rho, \mu \xrightarrow{(X_1, \ldots, X_n)} \rho', \mu' \\
\text{(R9)} & \quad \{I_0\} \sigma, \rho, \mu \xrightarrow{\varphi} \rho', \mu' \\
& \quad \text{when } ?\langle X_1, \ldots, X_n \rangle \rightarrow I_0 \} \sigma, \rho, \mu \xrightarrow{?\langle X_1, \ldots, X_n \rangle} \rho', \mu' \\
\text{(R10)} & \quad \{\text{enable } B_0\} \sigma, \rho, \mu \xrightarrow{B_0} \rho, \mu \\
\end{align*}
\]

Table 4.3: Sos rules of signals

Rules R8 and R9 state that a signal, after executing the statement \(I_0\) in the current store and memory, terminates normally by producing updated store and memory and by passing a label to the context. According to static semantics, \(I_0\) does not contain a signal statement, since nested signals are forbidden.

More concretely, the data signal “\(\text{when } ?\langle X_1, \ldots, X_n \rangle\)” is first prepared to receive values for variables \(X_1, \ldots, X_n\) from a block. The execution of the signal is then contingent on whether a connected block sends those values over the channel corresponding to the signal. To express such contingency, we label the transition defining the signal execution by “\(?\langle X_1, \ldots, X_n \rangle\)” (rule R9). By construction, the values of variables \(X_1, \ldots, X_n\) are available in the current store, when the signal executes.

Similarly, the semantics of the data signal “\(\text{when } \langle X_1, \ldots, X_n \rangle\)” is prepared to send values on variables \(X_1, \ldots, X_n\) to a block. The values of variables \(X_1, \ldots, X_n\) are assumed to be assigned inside \(I_0\). The transition defining the signal execution is labelled by “\(\langle X_1, \ldots, X_n \rangle\)” (rule R8).

An activation signal “\(\text{enable } B_0\)” encodes the permission of a block to execute. The semantics of activation signals is defined by an axiom (rule R10). The execution of an activation signal yields a transition labelled by \(B_0\), i.e., the activation formal parameter corresponding to the block meant to be activated. The current store and memory remain unchanged.

4.4 Store construction at component invocation

This section is meant for future reference when writing down the transition rules of component invocation. We first present some auxiliary functions. Then, we present the way the global store, containing all global constants, is constructed. Finally, we present the way the current store and memory are updated at components invocation.
4.4.1 Auxiliary functions

We define a set of auxiliary functions.

**Variable list**  Given a variable declaration list `vars` or an actual channel `chan`, function `get_vars` returns the ordered list of variable identifiers. For unconnected channels, the symbol $\epsilon$ denotes the empty list.

$$
get_vars(vars_1, \ldots, vars_n) = get_vars(vars_1) + \ldots + get_vars(vars_n)
get_vars(X_1, \ldots, X_m: type) = \langle X_1, \ldots, X_m \rangle
get_vars(chan_1, \ldots, chan_n) = get_vars(chan_1) + \ldots + get_vars(chan_n)
get_vars(<X_1, \ldots, X_m>) = \langle X_1, \ldots, X_m \rangle
get_vars(?<X_1, \ldots, X_m>) = \langle X_1, \ldots, X_m \rangle
get_vars(<_, \ldots, _>) = \epsilon
get_vars(<?><_, \ldots, _>) = \epsilon
get_vars(<any type_1, \ldots, any type_m>) = \epsilon
$$

**Type list**  Given a variable declaration list, function `get_types` returns the ordered list of types with which variables are declared.

$$
get_types(vars_1, \ldots, vars_n) = get_types(vars_1) + \ldots + get_types(vars_n)
get_types(X_1, \ldots, X_m: type) = \langle \text{type} \rangle
get_types(chan_1, \ldots, chan_n) = get_types(chan_1) + \ldots + get_types(chan_n)
get_types(<X_1, \ldots, X_m>) = \langle X_1, \ldots, X_m \rangle
get_types(?<X_1, \ldots, X_m>) = \langle X_1, \ldots, X_m \rangle
get_types(<_, \ldots, _>) = \epsilon
get_types(<?><_, \ldots, _>) = \epsilon
get_types(<any type_1, \ldots, any type_m>) = \epsilon
$$

**Initialisation**  Function `init` assigns to parameters (resp. variables) their default values (resp. initialisation values). Given a variable declaration list `vars` and a store $\rho$, function `init` returns a store assigning to each variable in `vars` the evaluation of its default expression in store $\rho$.

$$
init(\langle vars_1, \ldots, vars_n \rangle, \rho) = init(vars_1, \rho) \oplus \ldots \oplus init(vars_n, \rho)
init(X_1, \ldots, X_m: type, \rho) = []
init(X_1, \ldots, X_m: type := E, \rho) = [X_1 \leftarrow e, \ldots, X_m \leftarrow e] \text{ where } \{ E \} \rho \to e, e
$$

**Example 4.5.**  Consider the following GRL code excerpt.

```
1  const C: nat := 3 — global constant declaration
2  block . . . is
3    var X1, X2: nat := C + 1 — variable declaration
4  . . .
5  end block
```

By applying functions `get_vars`, `get_types`, and `init`, we have:
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\[
\text{get_vars} \left( C : \text{nat} := 3 \right) = (C) \\
\text{get_vars} \left( X_1, X_2 : \text{nat} := C + 1 \right) = (X_1, X_2) \\
\text{get_types} \left( C : \text{nat} := 3 \right) = (\text{nat}) \\
\text{get_types} \left( X_1, X_2 : \text{nat} := C + 1 \right) = (\text{nat}, \text{nat})
\]

\[
\text{init} \left( X_1, X_2 : \text{nat} := C + 1, [C \leftarrow 3] \right) = [X_1 \leftarrow 4, X_2 \leftarrow 4]
\]

In the sequel, we will define and use functions on lists of actual parameters (non-terminal \textit{args} in Table 3.4, page 36) and on actual channels (non-terminal \textit{chan} in Table 3.9, page 51). We introduce a non-terminal \textit{acts} to denote either \textit{args} or \textit{chan}, when such a distinction is unnecessary.

Some functions concern either only constant, input, and receive parameters or only output and send parameters. We will write \textit{acts}_{in} as shorthand for constant, input, or receive actual parameters and \textit{vars}_{in} for the corresponding formal parameter list. Hence, \textit{acts}_{in} has one of the following forms:

- “arg\(_1\), \ldots, arg\(_n\)”, where each parameter \textit{arg} \(_i\) is either a variable or an underscore.
- “<arg\(_1\), \ldots, arg\(_n\)>”, where parameters are either all variables, all underscores, or all wildcards.

Similarly, we will write \textit{acts}_{out} as shorthand for output and send actual parameters and \textit{vars}_{out} for the corresponding formal parameter list. Hence, \textit{acts}_{out} has one of the following forms:

- “arg\(_1\), \ldots, arg\(_n\)”, where each parameter \textit{arg} \(_i\) has either the form “?X” or “?_”.
- “?<arg\(_1\), \ldots, arg\(_n\)>”, where parameters are either all variables or all underscores.

Formal parameter assignment  We define two functions \textit{assign} and \textit{init\_assign}.

Function \textit{assign} copies the values of actual parameters into their respective formal parameters in the component definition. Only constant, input, and receive parameters are concerned. Actual parameters are assumed to be assigned values in a store \(\rho\). Function \textit{assign} returns a set of stores assigning to each formal parameter the evaluation of its corresponding actual parameter in \(\rho\). When “\textit{any type}” is used as actual parameter, the corresponding formal parameter is assigned an arbitrary value of type \textit{type}. Because of this nondeterminism, there is no unique store. Note that the function is well-formed because operator \(\oplus\) is defined on sets of stores (see page 57).

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{assign} \left( \langle \text{arg}_1, \ldots, \text{arg}_n \rangle, (X_1, \ldots, X_n), \rho \right) &= \text{assign} \left( \langle \text{arg}_1, X_1, \rho \rangle \oplus \ldots \oplus \text{assign} \left( \text{arg}_n, X_n, \rho \right) \right) \\
\text{assign} \left( \langle \_, X, \rho \rangle \right) &= \{ [] \} \\
\text{assign} \left( E, X, \rho \right) &= \{ [X \leftarrow e] \mid \text{var}(E) \subseteq \text{dom}(\rho) \land \{E\} \rho \rightarrow_e e \} \\
\text{assign} \left( \text{any type}, X, \rho \right) &= \{ [X \leftarrow e] \mid e \in T \}
\end{align*}
\]

where function \textit{var} returns the set of variables in an expression

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Example 4.6. Here are some applications of function $\text{assign}$.

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{assign} (\_, W, [a \leftarrow 1, b \leftarrow 0]) &= \{[]\} \\
\text{assign} (a, X, [a \leftarrow 1, b \leftarrow 0]) &= \{[X \leftarrow 1]\} \\
\text{assign} (a+1, Y, [a \leftarrow 1, b \leftarrow 0]) &= \{[Y \leftarrow 2]\} \\
\text{assign} (\text{any bool}, Z, [a \leftarrow 1, b \leftarrow 0]) &= \{[Z \leftarrow \text{false}], [Z \leftarrow \text{true}]\}
\end{align*}
\]

\[\square\]

Function $\text{init_assign}$ builds upon functions $\text{init}$ and $\text{assign}$ and is intended to prepare the store in which a component body will execute. It assigns values to formal parameters. First, to each formal parameter is assigned its default value in a store $\rho$, using function $\text{init}$. Then, the value of each formal parameter is updated with the value of its corresponding actual parameter in a store $\rho'$, using function $\text{assign}$. According to function $\text{assign}$, the formal parameters having “$\_$” as corresponding actual parameter are not updated.

Sometimes, input and receive actual parameters may be unavailable at invocation time, e.g., an environment triggered on an output signal. In such case, the function returns the empty store.

\[
\text{init_assign} (\langle\_\rangle, \text{acts}_{\text{in}}, \langle\_\rangle, \text{vars}_{\text{in}}, \rho, \rho') =
\begin{cases}
\oplus_{k \in 1..m} \text{init}(\text{vars}_{\text{in}}, \rho) & \text{if } \langle\_\rangle \neq \epsilon \\
\oplus_{k \in 1..m} \text{assign}(\text{acts}_{\text{in}}, \text{get_vars}(\text{vars}_{\text{in}}), \rho') & \text{otherwise}
\end{cases}
\]

Example 4.7. Consider the following GRL code excerpt.

1. block isequal (in X1, X3: nat := 0, out Y: bool) is
2. Y := (X1 == X2)
3. end block
4. block . . . is
5. a := 3;
6. isequal (\_, a, ?b)
7. end block

By applying function $\text{init_assign}$ in stores $\rho = []$ and $\rho' = [a \leftarrow 3]$, we have:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{init_assign} (\langle\_\rangle, a, X1, X2: \text{nat} := 0, [a \leftarrow 3])
&= \text{init}(X1, X2: \text{nat} := 0, []) \oplus \text{assign}(\langle\_\rangle, a, \langle X1, X2 \rangle, [a \leftarrow 3]) \\
&= [X1 \leftarrow 0, X2 \leftarrow 0] \oplus [X2 \leftarrow 3] \\
&= [X1 \leftarrow 0, X2 \leftarrow 3]
\end{align*}
\]

\[\square\]
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**Actual parameter update**  Function *update* allows the values of output and send formal parameters to be copied back into the actual parameters at the end of component invocation. Formal parameters are assumed to be assigned values in a store $\rho$. Function *update* returns a store assigning to each actual parameter the evaluation of its corresponding formal parameter in store $\rho$.

Sometimes, output and send actual parameters may be unavailable at invocation time, e.g., an environment triggered on an input signal. In such case, the function returns the empty store.

\[
\text{update} (\oplus_{k \in 1..n} \text{acts}_{\text{out}_k}, \oplus_{k \in 1..n} \text{vars}_{\text{out}_k}, \rho) =
\begin{cases}
\odot \text{update} (\text{acts}_{\text{out}_k}, \text{vars}_{\text{out}_k}, \rho) & \text{if } \oplus_{k \in 1..n} \text{acts}_{\text{out}_k} \neq \epsilon \\
\emptyset & \text{otherwise}
\end{cases}
\]

\[
\text{update} (?<\text{arg}_1,..,\text{arg}_n>, \langle X_1,..,X_n \rangle, \rho) = \text{update} (?\text{arg}_1, \langle X_1,..,X_n \rangle, \rho) \oplus \cdots \oplus \text{update} (?\text{arg}_n, \langle X_1,..,X_n \rangle, \rho)
\]

\[
\text{update} (?Y, X, \rho) = \begin{cases}
[Y \leftarrow \rho(X)] & \text{if } X \in \text{dom}(\rho) \\
\emptyset & \text{otherwise}
\end{cases}
\]

**Example 4.8.** Consider the GRL code excerpt of Example 4.7. Variable $Y$ evaluates to *false* in store $[X1 \leftarrow 0, X2 \leftarrow 3]$. Hence, by applying function *update* we have:

\[
\text{update} (\langle ?b \rangle, \text{Y: bool}, [Y \leftarrow \text{false}]) = [b \leftarrow \text{false}]
\]

**Memory access** As advanced in Section 4.3, computations on local variables, including static ones, are performed in the current store. An intermediate store is then needed, assigning values to static variables of the current component. This is done by function *static*. The function returns a store assigning to each variable its corresponding value in the current memory; if not such value exists, the variable is assigned the value of its default expression.

\[
\text{static} (\text{vars}, \sigma, \rho, \mu) = \begin{cases}
\mu (\sigma) & \text{if } \sigma \in \text{dom}(\mu) \\
\text{init} (\text{vars}, \rho) & \text{otherwise}
\end{cases}
\]

**Example 4.9.** Consider the following GRL code excerpt.

```plaintext
1 block Mem ... is
2 static var X: nat := 0
3 ... — X not updated here
4 X := X + 1
5 end block
```
Assume the block is used as highest-level component (\(\sigma = \epsilon\)) with no other component. By applying function \(\text{static}\) in the first and second steps of block \(\text{Mem}\), we have:

\[
\text{static (} X: \text{nat} := 0, \text{ Mem, []}, []\text{)} = [X \leftarrow 0] \\
\text{static (} X: \text{nat} := 0, \text{ Mem, []}, [\text{Mem} \leftarrow [X \leftarrow 1]]\text{)} = [X \leftarrow 1]
\]

\[\square\]

### 4.4.2 Global store

Global constants can be used in the current module and its importing modules. Their values should be available in the stores in which components are invoked. For this purpose, a \(\text{global store}\) is constructed, assigning to each constant the value of its expression.

After binding analysis, global constants are assumed to be ordered according to their dependencies, cyclic dependencies being forbidden. Suppose \(X_1, \ldots, X_n\) is the ordered set of global constants defined respectively with expressions \(E_1, \ldots, E_n\), such that:

\[
\begin{cases}
\text{var } (E_i) = \emptyset \\
(\forall i \in 2..n) \quad \text{var } (E_i) \subseteq \{X_i, \ldots, X_{i-1}\}
\end{cases}
\]

In such case, \(E_i\) is a literal constant. The global store, written \(\rho_{\text{glob}}\), is constructed by assigning to each global constant \(X_i\) the value of its expression \(E_i\) in store \(\rho_{i-1}\), as follows:

\[
\begin{align*}
\rho_0 &= [] \\
\rho_{i+1} &= \rho_i \oplus [X_{i+1} \leftarrow e_{i+1}] \text{ where } \{E_{i+1}\} \xrightarrow{\epsilon} e_{i+1} \quad (\forall i \in 0..n - 1) \\
\rho_{\text{glob}} &= \rho_n
\end{align*}
\]

**Example 4.10.** Consider the following ordered list of constant declarations.

1. `const X1: nat := 0`
2. `const X2: nat := X1 + 1`

The corresponding global store is constructed as follows:

\[
\begin{align*}
\rho_0 &= [] \\
\rho_1 &= [X1 \leftarrow 0] \\
\rho_2 &= [X1 \leftarrow 0, X2 \leftarrow 1] \\
\rho_{\text{glob}} &= [X1 \leftarrow 0, X2 \leftarrow 1]
\end{align*}
\]

\[\square\]
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We are concerned with component invocations, regardless whether they are blocks, environments, or mediums. Hence, we will write $C$ to denote a component and $C' \rightarrow C$ to denote that $C'$ is an instance of $C$.

Consider the invocation of $C' \rightarrow C$, where $\sigma$ is the stack of the caller, $\rho$ and $\mu$ are the current store and memory. For actual parameter lists or channels in $C'$ and their corresponding formal parameter lists in $C$, we write:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>parameter</th>
<th>formal</th>
<th>actual</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>constant</td>
<td>$\text{vars}_c$</td>
<td>$\text{args}_c$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>input / receive</td>
<td>$\text{vars}<em>{\text{in}1}, \ldots, \text{vars}</em>{\text{in}m}$</td>
<td>$\text{acts}<em>{\text{in}1}, \ldots, \text{acts}</em>{\text{in}m}$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>output / send</td>
<td>$\text{vars}<em>{\text{out}1}, \ldots, \text{vars}</em>{\text{out}n}$</td>
<td>$\text{acts}<em>{\text{out}1}, \ldots, \text{acts}</em>{\text{out}n}$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>blocks</td>
<td>$B_{b1}, \ldots, B_{bp}$</td>
<td>$B_{b1}', \ldots, B_{bp}'$</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

For conciseness, we assume that temporary and static variable lists are unified into one list for each kind of variables. We can then write $\text{vars}_v$ and $\text{vars}_{sv}$ for the list of temporary and static variables, respectively.

To write down the transition rules of $C'$ invocation, we define two functions:

- “body ($\text{args}_c$, $\text{++ acts}_{\text{in}k}$, $\sigma$, $\rho$, $\mu$)” returns a local store in which the body of $C'$ will execute.
- “return ($\text{++ acts}_{\text{out}k}$, $\sigma$. $C'$, $\rho$, $\rho_{\text{ret}}$, $\mu_{\text{ret}}$)” returns a couple (store, memory) updating the current store and memory. Store $\rho_{\text{ret}}$ and memory $\mu_{\text{ret}}$ are assumed to be produced by the component invocation.

More precisely, during the execution of $C'$, store “body ($\text{args}_c$, $\text{++ acts}_{\text{in}k}$, $\sigma$, $\rho$, $\mu$)” is constructed. It assigns values to constant, input, and receive parameters as well as to temporary and static variables. For this purpose, intermediate stores $\rho_c$, $\rho_in$, $\rho_{sv}$, and $\rho_v$, are constructed as follows:

- Store $\rho_c$ assigns values to formal constant parameters, using function $\text{init\_assign}$. Default expressions of constant parameters may depend on global constants, which are assigned in store $\rho_{\text{glob}}$.

\[
\rho_c \in \text{init\_assign} (\text{args}_c, \text{vars}_c, \rho_{\text{glob}}, \rho)
\]

- Store $\rho_in$ assigns values to formal input and receive parameters. Default expressions of input parameters may depend both on global constants and constant parameters of $C$, which are assigned in store $\rho_{\text{glob}} \oplus \rho_c$.

\[
\rho_{\text{in}} \in \text{init\_assign} (\text{++ acts}_{\text{in}k}, \text{++ vars}_{\text{in}k}, \rho_{\text{glob}} \oplus \rho_c, \rho)
\]
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- Store $\rho_v$ assigns to temporary variables the evaluation of their respective initialization expressions. Such expressions may depend on global constants as well as on constant and input parameters of $C'$, all of them assigned in store $\rho_{glob} \oplus \rho_c \oplus \rho_{in}$.

$$\rho_v = \text{init}(\text{vars}_v, \rho_{glob} \oplus \rho_c \oplus \rho_{in})$$

- Store $\rho_{sv}$ assigns values to static variables. Each variable is assigned the value it has in the end of the previous step of $C'$ and available in the store $\mu(\sigma.C')$. An exception is the first step, during which static variables are assigned the values of their default expressions. Default expressions may depend on global constants and the constant parameters of $C'$, which are both assigned in store $\rho_{glob} \oplus \rho_c$.

$$\rho_{sv} = \text{static}(\text{vars}_{sv}, \sigma, \rho_{glob} \oplus \rho_c, \mu)$$

Hence, the local store returned by function $body$ can be defined as:

$$body(args_c, \text{++} k \in 1..m \text{acts}_in_k, \sigma, \rho, \mu) = \rho_{glob} \oplus \rho_c \oplus \rho_{in} \oplus \rho_{sv} \oplus \rho_v$$

The body of $C'$ is executed in the local store and the current memory and terminates producing a store $\rho_{ret}$ and a memory $\mu_{ret}$. In this respect, the current store and memory are updated, using function $return$. The current store $\rho$ is updated with the actual values of output parameters assigned in $\rho_{ret}$. The current memory $\mu$ is updated with the current values of static variables of $C'$ assigned in $\rho_{ret}$ together with those of subblocks assigned in $\mu_{ret}$.

$$\text{return}(\text{++} k \in 1..n \text{acts}_out_k, \sigma.C', \rho, \rho_{ret}, \mu_{ret}) = \left(\rho \oplus \text{update}(\text{++} k \in 1..n \text{acts}_out_k, \text{++} k \in 1..n \text{vars}_out_k, \rho_{ret})\right)$$

In the sequel, we present applications of these computations on blocks and environments.

### 4.5 Blocks

For a concise presentation of the semantics of blocks, we consider blocks with no receive and send formal parameters. Receive (resp. send) formal parameters and their corresponding actual parameters are used in computations exactly as their input (resp. output) counterparts. We write $I_B$ for the body of a block $B$ and consider the following aliasing and invocation of $B$:

alias $B$ {args_c} as $B'$

$B'$ (acts$_{in_1}$, ..., acts$_{in_m}$, acts$_{out_1}$, ..., acts$_{out_n}$)

The semantics of such block invocation inside a component (subblock) and inside a system (highest-level blocks) can both be defined by rule R11 in Table 4.4.
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\begin{align*}
(P1) \quad & \rho_{\text{exec}} \in \text{body} (\text{args}_c, \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbb{1}..m} \text{acts}_{\text{in}_k}, \sigma, \rho, \mu) \\
(P2) \quad & \{I_0\} \sigma.\!B', \rho_{\text{exec}}, \mu \xrightarrow{\cdot} \rho_{\text{return}}, \mu_{\text{return}} \\
(P3) \quad & (\rho', \mu') = \text{return} (\bigoplus_{k \in \mathbb{1}..m} \text{acts}_{\text{out}_k}, \sigma.\!B', \rho, \rho_{\text{return}}, \mu_{\text{return}})
\end{align*}

\[ \{ \text{B' (acts}_{\text{in}_1}, \ldots, \text{acts}_{\text{in}_m}, \text{acts}_{\text{out}_1}, \ldots, \text{acts}_{\text{out}_n}) \} \sigma, \rho, \mu \xrightarrow{\cdot} \rho', \mu' \]

Table 4.4: Sos rule of blocks

The execution of the invoked block starts by constructing a local store \( \rho_{\text{exec}} \) (premise \( P1 \)) in which the block body \( I_0 \) will execute (premise \( P2 \)). All actual input parameters are required for block execution (\( \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbb{1}..m} \text{acts}_{\text{in}_k} \neq \epsilon \)). The execution of the block invocation terminates by producing store \( \rho' \) and memory \( \mu' \) (premise \( P3 \)). All actual output parameters are updated when the block returns (\( \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbb{1}..n} \text{acts}_{\text{out}_k} \neq \epsilon \)). The label of the transition is necessarily \( \epsilon \), since GRL static semantics prohibit the use of signals inside blocks.

**Example 4.11.** We illustrate the store and memory construction presented in Section 4.4.3 on block \( \text{B_Edge} \). To this aim, we consider the aliasing and invocation of block \( \text{B_Edge} \) below (lines 13, 15) in the current store \( \rho \) and memory \( \mu \).

```plaintext
1 block \text{B_Edge} \{ \text{Rising}_\text{Mode} : \text{bool} := \text{true}, \text{Falling}_\text{Mode} : \text{bool} := \text{false} \}
2 \quad \text{in} \ \text{Logic}_\text{Signal} : \text{bool} := \text{true},
3 \quad \text{out} \ \text{Edge}_\text{Detected} : \text{bool} \text{ is}
4 \quad \text{static var} \ \text{Pre}_\text{Signal} : \text{bool} := \text{false}
5 \quad \text{var} \ \text{Rise}, \text{Fall} : \text{bool}
6 \quad \text{Rise} := \text{Logic}_\text{Signal} \text{ and not} (\text{Pre}_\text{Signal});
7 \quad \text{Fall} := \text{not} (\text{Rise});
8 \quad \text{Edge}_\text{Detected} := (\text{Rising}_\text{Mode} \text{ and Rise}) \text{ or} (\text{Falling}_\text{Mode} \text{ and Fall});
9 \quad \text{Pre}_\text{Signal} := \text{Logic}_\text{Signal}
10 \end block
11
12 \text{system} \ldots \text{is}
13 \quad \text{alias} \ \text{B_Edge} \{(\_), (\_)} \text{ as} \ \text{B_Edge}
14 \quad \ldots
15 \quad \text{B_Edge} (\text{Cmd}_\text{P1}, ?\text{Edge}_\text{Cmd}_\text{P1})
16 \end system
```

Block \( \text{B_Edge} \) is invoked inside a system, meaning that \( \sigma = \epsilon \). Assume that: (i) \( \rho_{\text{glob}} = \emptyset \) and (ii) input \( \text{Cmd}_\text{P1} \) takes value \text{true} in the first step, meaning that \( \rho(\text{Cmd}_\text{P1}) = \text{true} \). The execution of \( \text{B_Edge} \) first step starts by constructing the following intermediates stores.
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\[
\begin{align*}
\rho_c &= \text{[Rising\_Mode} \leftarrow \text{true, Falling\_Mode} \leftarrow \text{false]} \\
\rho_{\text{in}} &= \text{[Logic\_Signal} \leftarrow \text{true]} \\
\rho_v &= \text{[]} \\
\rho_{\text{sv}} &= \text{[Pre\_Signal} \leftarrow \text{false]}
\end{align*}
\]

The sum of those stores, using function \textit{body}, results in the following local store:

\[
\text{body}(\langle \_ , \_ \rangle, \langle \text{Cmd\_P1} \rangle, \epsilon, \rho, \mu) = \begin{cases} 
\text{Rising\_Mode} & \leftarrow \text{true, Falling\_Mode} \leftarrow \text{false,} \\
\text{Logic\_Signal} & \leftarrow \text{true, Pre\_Signal} \leftarrow \text{false}\end{cases}
\]

The execution of \textit{B\_Edge} body terminates by producing a store \(\rho_{\text{ret}}\) and a memory \(\mu_{\text{ret}}\) given in the table below. Store \(\rho_{\text{ret}}\) assigns values to temporary variables \textit{Rise} and \textit{Fall}, output \textit{Edge\_Detected}, and updates the value of the static variable \textit{Pre\_Signal}. Memory \(\mu_{\text{ret}}\) is equal to \(\mu\), since the block does not invoke subblocks.

\[
\begin{align*}
\rho_{\text{ret}} &= \begin{cases} 
\text{Rising\_Mode} & \leftarrow \text{true, Falling\_Mode} \leftarrow \text{false, Logic\_Signal} \leftarrow \text{true,} \\
\text{Pre\_Signal} & \leftarrow \text{true, Rise} \leftarrow \text{true, Fall} \leftarrow \text{false, Edge\_Detected} \leftarrow \text{true}\end{cases} \\
\mu_{\text{ret}} &= \mu
\end{align*}
\]

The execution of \textit{B\_Edge} invocation terminates by producing the following store and memory.

\[
\text{return}(\langle ?\text{Edge\_Cmd\_P1}, B\_Edge, \rho_{\text{ret}}, \mu_{\text{ret}} \rangle) = \left( \rho \oplus [\text{Edge\_Cmd\_P1} \leftarrow \text{true}] \right) \\
\left( \mu \oplus [B\_Edge \leftarrow [\text{Pre\_Signal} \leftarrow \text{true}] ] \right)
\]

\[\square\]

4.6 Environments and mediums

For conciseness, we present only the semantics of environments. The semantics of mediums is defined in the same way as environments, except that input (resp. output) channels are replaced by receive (resp. send) channels and there are no activation parameters. The semantics of environments are defined in Table 4.5.

The execution of environments is guarded by signals. An environment is triggered only to execute a data signal, if an interaction on a channel occurs, or to execute an activation signal, constraining the activation of a block. If no interaction occurs, the environment never executes.

Rule \textit{R12} defines the semantics of an environment \(N'\) when a connected block requests to interact on one input channel \(\text{chan}_i\) in \(\text{chan}_{i_1}, \ldots, \text{chan}_{i_m}\). Hence, contrarily to block semantics, only the actual parameters composing \(\text{chan}_{i_1}\) are assigned values in store \(\rho_{\text{exec}}\) (premise \textit{P1}). An execution path containing the signal associated to \(\text{chan}_{i_1}\) is selected by the body \(I_0\) of \(N'\) (premise \textit{P2}). Such a signal is assumed to be both defined and reachable inside \(I_0\), according to GRL static semantics. Hence, label "\textit{?get\_vars}(vars_i)" (premise \textit{P2}), necessarily different from \(\epsilon\), indicates the signal
In a similar way, rule \( R13 \) defines the semantics of environment execution when a connected block requests to interact on one output channel \( chan_{out} \) in \( chan_{out1}, \ldots, chan_{outn} \). No input actual parameters are available, as denoted by the symbol \( \epsilon \) in function \( body \) (premise \( P1 \)).

Rule \( R14 \) defines the semantics of an environment \( N' \) when a block whose identifier \( B'_{b_i} \) is in \( B'_{b_1}, \ldots, B'_{b_p} \) wishes to perform a step (premise \( P1 \)). The body of \( N' \) tries to select an execution path containing the signal associated to \( B'_{b_i} \). If such execution path is reachable, the body executes and the transition label indicates that the signal associated to \( B'_{b_i} \) has executed (premise \( P2 \)); otherwise, \( N' \) does not execute. No input neither output actual parameters are involved in rule \( R14 \), as suggest by symbol \( \epsilon \) in both functions \( body \) and \( return \) (premises \( P1 \) and \( P3 \)).

**Example 4.12.** To illustrate the semantics of environments, consider the environment \( Disable \) below.

```plaintext
1  environment Disable {\textbf{b:} bool := true} (block B) is
2      if not (b) then
3        enable B
4      end if
5  end environment
```

Environment \( Disable \) can be used either to allow an arbitrary activation of a block \( B1 \) or to forever prohibit the activation of a block \( B2 \).

```plaintext
1  Disable \{false\} (B1) — always execute \( B1 \)
2  Disable \{true\} (B2) — never execute \( B2 \)
```
Let $\rho$ and $\mu$ be the current store and memory and assume that $\rho_{glob} = \[]$. The invocation of $\text{Disable}$ with value $\text{false}$ starts by constructing the following intermediates stores.

$\rho_c = [b \leftarrow \text{false}]$

$\rho_{in} = \[]$

$\rho_v = \[]$

$\rho_{sv} = \[]$

The sum of those stores, using function $\text{body}$, results in the following local store:

$\text{body} ((\text{false}), \epsilon, \epsilon, \rho, \mu) = [b \leftarrow \text{false}]$

The execution of the environment body terminates by producing the store $[b \leftarrow \text{false}]$ and without updating the memory. The execution of $\text{Disable}$ invocation terminates by producing the following store and memory.

$\text{return} \ (\epsilon, \text{Disable}, \rho, [b \leftarrow \text{false}], \mu) = (\rho \oplus [b \leftarrow \text{false}], \mu)$

The derivation of transition rules defining $\text{Disable}$ invocation is:

$\begin{array}{c}
\{ \ \{ \ \} \} \ [b \leftarrow \text{false}] \rightarrow_{\alpha} \text{false} \\
\text{if not} \ (b) \ \text{then} \\
\{ \ \text{enable} \ B \} \ \text{end if} \\
\{ \ \{ \ \text{Disable} \ \{ \text{false} \} (B1) \} \ \} \epsilon, \rho, \mu \xrightarrow{B1} \rho, \mu
\end{array}$

No derivation rule corresponds to the invocation of $\text{Disable}$ with value $\text{true}$. Since signal “$\text{enable} \ B$” is never reachable ($b=\text{true}$), the environment never executes.

Example 4.13. Consider the definition and invocation of environment $\text{Signal}$ below.

1. \text{environment} \ Signal (\text{out} Cmd: \text{bool}) \ \text{is} \\
2. \quad \text{when} \ Cmd \rightarrow \text{Cmd} \ := \text{true} \\
3. \quad \text{end environment} \\
4. \ldots \\
5. \ Signal \ (?Cmd)$

Let $\rho$ and $\mu$ be the current store and memory and assume that $\rho_{glob} = \[]$. By applying functions $\text{body}$ and $\text{return}$, we have:

$\text{body} (\epsilon, \epsilon, \epsilon, \rho, \mu) = \[]$

$\text{return} \ ((?Cmd), \ Signal, \rho, \rho \oplus [\text{Cmd} \leftarrow \text{true}], \mu_{ret}) = (\rho \oplus [\text{Cmd} \leftarrow \text{true}], \mu)$

4.7 Systems

This section presents the semantics of systems. We first present some required sets and auxiliary functions. Then, we define the semantic rule of system execution. Finally, we discuss the semantic model of GRL with respect to related work.
4.7. Systems

4.7.1 Sets and auxiliary functions

Let $S$ be a system. We write $\text{block\_invoc}$, $\text{env\_invoc}$, and $\text{med\_invoc}$ as shorthands for component invocations (see Table 3.9, page 51). Each component $C'$ in $S$ is associated to a unique index. We write $B_i'$ (resp. $N_j'$, $M_k'$) for the name of the component whose invocation is $\text{block\_invoc}_i$ (resp. $\text{env\_invoc}_i$, $\text{med\_invoc}_i$). We write $\text{indices}(S, \text{block})$, $\text{indices}(S, \text{env})$, $\text{indices}(S, \text{med})$ for the set of indices of respectively blocks, environments, and mediums inside $S$.

Let $\text{mode}$ be a partial function mapping actual parameters and channels to the set \{in, out\}.

$$\begin{align*}
\text{mode} (X_0) &= \text{in} & \text{mode} (\langle X_0, \ldots, X_n \rangle) &= \text{in} \\
\text{mode} (?X_0) &= \text{out} & \text{mode} (?\langle X_0, \ldots, X_n \rangle) &= \text{out} \\
\text{mode} (_) &= \text{in} & \text{mode} (\langle _*, \ldots, _* \rangle) &= \text{in} \\
\text{mode} (?_) &= \text{out} & \text{mode} (?\langle _, \ldots, _* \rangle) &= \text{out} \\
\text{mode} (\text{any type}_0) &= \text{in} & \text{mode} (\text{any type}_0, \ldots, \text{any type}_n) &= \text{in}
\end{align*}$$

Each channel used in $S$ is associated to an index such that:

- Channels having the same non-empty set of variables are associated to the same index. In this case, we write $\text{mode} (C', \text{chan}_k)$ for the mode of channel $\text{chan}_k$ in component $C'$. For example, a channel $\langle X_0 \rangle$ of a block $B_i'$ is associated to the same index as a channel $?\langle X_0 \rangle$ of an environment $N_j'$. We also have “$\text{mode} (B_i', \langle X_0 \rangle) = \text{in}$” and “$\text{mode} (N_j', ?\langle X_0 \rangle) = \text{out}$”.

- Each other channel is associated to a unique index.

We write $\text{indices}(C', \text{chan})$ for the set of channel indices used in $C'$ invocation.

**Example 4.14.** Consider system $\text{Main}$ below. The table on the right-hand side summarises component and channel indexation.

```
1 system Main (Y : bool) is
2   alias B_Edge {_, _} as B_Edge,
3       Disable {false} as Disable,
4       Signal as Signal
5 var X : bool
6 block list
7   B_Edge (\langle X > , ?Y \rangle)
8 environment list
9   Disable (B_Edge),
10      Signal (?X >)
11 end system
```

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<tr>
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<td>B_Edge</td>
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<td>Signal</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>?Y</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>?X &gt;</td>
<td>1</td>
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</table>

By applying function $\text{indices}$, we have:

| $\text{indices}$ (Main, block) | \{1\} |
| $\text{indices}$ (Main, env)   | \{2, 3\} |
| $\text{indices}$ (Main, med)   | \{}   |
| $\text{indices}$ (B_Edge, chan) | \{1, 2\} |
| $\text{indices}$ (Disable, chan) | \{} |
| $\text{indices}$ (Signal, chan) | \{1\} |

\[\square\]
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The execution of systems is guided by the execution of their active components, i.e., blocks. Let $B'_i$ be a block such that $i \in \text{indices}(S, \text{block})$. The components connected to $B'_i$ are identified by their indices. We define sets $\text{In}$, $\text{Out}$, $\text{Rec}$, and $\text{Snd}$ containing the indices of components connected to respectively input, output, receive, and send channels of $B'_i$. Such sets are possibly empty; but if not empty, they are not necessarily singletons. Formally, they are defined as follows:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{In} (B'_i) &= \{ j \in \text{indices}(S, \text{env}) \mid \exists k, \ k \in (\text{indices}(B'_i, \text{chan}) \cap \text{indices}(N'_i, \text{chan})) \land \text{mode}(B'_i, \text{chan}_k) = \text{in} \}\)\\
\text{Out} (B'_i) &= \{ j \in \text{indices}(S, \text{env}) \mid \exists k, \ k \in (\text{indices}(B'_i, \text{chan}) \cap \text{indices}(N'_i, \text{chan})) \land \text{mode}(B'_i, \text{chan}_k) = \text{out} \}\)\\
\text{Rec} (B'_i) &= \{ j \in \text{indices}(S, \text{med}) \mid \exists k, \ k \in (\text{indices}(B'_i, \text{chan}) \cap \text{indices}(M'_i, \text{chan})) \land \text{mode}(B'_i, \text{chan}_k) = \text{in} \}\)\\
\text{Snd} (B'_i) &= \{ j \in \text{indices}(S, \text{med}) \mid \exists k, \ k \in (\text{indices}(B'_i, \text{chan}) \cap \text{indices}(M'_i, \text{chan})) \land \text{mode}(B'_i, \text{chan}_k) = \text{out} \}\\
\end{align*}
\]

We also need to identify the environment constraining $B'_i$ activation, if any. Let $\text{Act} (B'_i)$ be a set containing the index of such an environment. The set is either singleton or empty, since at most one environment can constrain a block activation, according to static semantics.

Still, to the input and receive channels that are not connected to other components, arbitrary values should be assigned. Let $\text{Any} (B'_i)$ be a set containing the indices of $B'_i$ channels of the form $<X_1, \ldots, X_n>$ and not connected to other components. Let $\text{assign\_any}$ be a function assigning arbitrary values to variables. The function returns a set of stores, yielding nondeterminism.

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{assign\_any} (<X_1, \ldots, X_n>, \langle T_1, \ldots, T_n \rangle) &= \text{assign\_any} \ (X_1, T_1) \oplus \ldots \oplus \text{assign\_any} (X_n, T_n) \\
\text{assign\_any} (X, T) &= \{ [\ X \leftarrow e \mid e \in T \} \\
\end{align*}
\]

**Example 4.15.** Consider system $\text{Main}$ defined in Example 4.14. For block $\text{B\_Edge}$, we have:

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<tr>
<th>$\text{In} (\text{B_Edge})$</th>
<th>$\text{Out} (\text{B_Edge})$</th>
<th>$\text{Rec} (\text{B_Edge})$</th>
<th>$\text{Snd} (\text{B_Edge})$</th>
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\]

\]

**Example 4.16.** Consider system $\text{Main\_Edge}$ below.

```
1  system Main\_Edge (X, Y: bool) is
2    alias B\_Edge {_, _} as B\_Edge
3    block list
4      B\_Edge (<X>, ?<Y>)
5  end system
```

By applying function $\text{assign}$, we have:

\[
\text{assign\_any} (<X>, \text{bool}) = \{ [X \leftarrow false], [X \leftarrow true] \}
\]

To specify the labels of transitions, we define two functions $\text{channel}$ and $\text{transition}$. Function $\text{channel}$ defines the labels of transition rules corresponding to component executions. Given a block $B'_i$, a component $C'_j$, and an element in \{in, out\}, function
channel returns the channel of mode \( m \) in \( B'_i \) that is connected to \( C'_j \). Note that GRL static semantics ensure that there is at most one such channel.

\[
\text{channel}(B'_i, C'_j, m) = \{ \text{chan}_k \mid k \in (\text{indices}(B'_i, \text{chan}) \cap \text{indices}(C'_j, \text{chan})) \land \text{mode}(B'_i, \text{chan}_k) = m \}
\]

**Example 4.17.** Consider system \( \text{Main} \) defined in Example 4.14. By applying function \( \text{channel} \), we have:

\[
\text{channel}(B\_Edge, \text{Signal}, \text{in}) = \langle X \rangle
\]

Function \( \text{transition} \) defines the label of transition rule corresponding to the system execution. The label is built upon the actual channels of blocks.

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{transition}(\langle X_1, \ldots, X_n \rangle, \rho) & = \text{transition}(X_1, \rho), \ldots, \text{transition}(X_n, \rho) \\
\text{transition}(\langle X_1, \ldots, X_n \rangle, \rho) & = \text{transition}(X_1, \rho), \ldots, \text{transition}(X_n, \rho) \\
\text{transition}(\langle \text{any type}_1, \ldots, \text{any type}_n \rangle, \rho) & = \ldots, \ldots, \ldots \\
\text{transition}(\langle \_ \ldots, \_ \rangle, \rho) & = \ldots, \ldots, \ldots \\
\text{transition}(X_0, \rho) & = \begin{cases} X_0 = \rho(X_0) & \text{if } X_0 \in \text{visible } (S) \\ \_ & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}
\end{align*}
\]

where \( \text{visible } (S) \) denotes the set of the visible parameters in \( S \)

4.7.2 Semantics of systems

The semantics of systems is given in Table 4.6. Rule \( R15 \) defines the execution of a block step together with its connected components.

Before the execution of a block \( B'_i \), its activation should be granted and values should be assigned to all input and receive actual parameters. To this aim, the environment \( N'_j \), where \( j \in \text{Act } (B'_i) \), is executed in the empty store and in its own memory. This memory is extracted from the current memory \( \mu \), by using function \( \text{mem } \) (premise \( P1 \)). It produces a store \( \rho'_A \) and a memory \( \mu'_A \). Store \( \rho'_A \) is the empty store, since no output channel is involved in the environment execution.

Similarly, all environments and mediums whose indices are in \( \text{In } (B'_i) \cup \text{Rec } (B'_i) \) are executed in the empty store and in their own memories (premises \( P2 \) and \( P3 \)). A particular case is when an environment index is in \( \text{In } (B'_i) \cap \text{Act } (B'_i) \), meaning that the environment not only constrains \( B'_i \) activation but also is connected to an input channel of \( B'_i \). In such case, the environment memory is the one produced by its previous execution during the current step of \( B'_i \), which is captured by the definition of \( \mu'_L \) (row (c)).

Hence, a local store \( \rho_i \), in which the block will execute, is constructed (row (b)). The store assigns to input and receive parameters of \( B'_i \) the values produced by the preceding
Consider system $\text{Main}$ defined in Example 4.14. See Examples 4.11, 4.12, and 4.13 for details about the execution of components $\text{B}_{\text{Edge}}$, $\text{Disable}$,
and Signal, respectively. The transition label is obtained by applying function transition, as follows:

$$\text{transition}(\langle X, Y \rangle, [X \leftarrow \text{true}, Y \leftarrow \text{true}]) = \_$$
$$\text{transition}(\langle ?X, Y \rangle, [X \leftarrow \text{true}, Y \leftarrow \text{true}]) = Y = \text{true}$$

The transition rule defining the first execution of system Main in the empty memory is:

$$\{ \text{Disable} (B_{-Edge}) \} \quad \epsilon, [], \quad [] \xrightarrow{B_{-Edge}} [], \quad []$$
$$\{ \text{Signal} (?,X) \} \quad \epsilon, [], \quad [] \xrightarrow{?X} [], \quad [X \leftarrow \text{true}], \quad []$$
$$\{ B_{-Edge} (\langle X, ?Y \rangle) \} \quad \epsilon, [X \leftarrow \text{true}], \quad [] \xrightarrow{\_} [X \leftarrow \text{true}, Y \leftarrow \text{true}], \quad [B_{-Edge} \leftarrow [\text{Pre}_{-Signal} \leftarrow \text{true}]]$$

$$\xrightarrow{} [B_{-Edge} \leftarrow [\text{Pre}_{-Signal} \leftarrow \text{true}]]$$

Remark 4.1. One might well aim to verify the behaviour of synchronous components before constructing the GALS system. The LTS corresponding to a block can be obtained by invoking the block inside a system with no other component. The following table summarises the sizes of the LTSs corresponding to a logical block B_And, B_Edge (Example 3.2, page 39), and Exit (Example 3.7, page 42).

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<th>Block</th>
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<th>transitions</th>
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<tr>
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<tr>
<td>Exit</td>
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In particular, the internal state of block B_And is the empty memory. Thus, its LTS contains one state with several outgoing transitions. The number of the LTS transitions corresponds to the possible values taken by its two inputs, both of Boolean type. Block B_Edge defines one static variable of Boolean type. Thus, its LTS contains two states, each corresponding to a Boolean value.

4.7.3 Relation with existing work

We discuss the relation of GRL semantics to some existing work issued from the synchronous and asynchronous communities.

As regards synchronous semantics, the idea of associating one LTS transition to a synchronous component step is not new. It has been adopted by Esterel [BG92], whose operational semantics are defined by means of LTSs. Transition labels in Esterel, like in GRL, are specified in terms of component inputs and outputs. Moreover, both GRL
and Esterel enjoy process algebra traits such as bisimulation reduction techniques.

As regards asynchronous semantics, the dichotomy of GRL components into active (blocks) and passive (environments and mediums) deviates from the classical process algebraic view. Process algebra usually abstract from the composition of a system into a set of components. The only relevant information (i.e., visible on LTSs) is the different actions performed by components and their composition. In GRL, contrarily, the system composition plays a key role. Only blocks are of interest. Block identity, input and output values, and interleaving between blocks are all visible on LTSs.

Related to the dichotomy into active and passive components is communication asymmetry in GRL. Blocks do not define signals; they are self-activated. Their activation triggers, through signals, medium and environment executions, which always accept to interact. In the Sos rules, asymmetry is expressed by labels $\epsilon$ in block execution (see Table 4.4, page 71) and labels $\ell \neq \epsilon$ in medium and environment execution (see Table 4.5, page 73). In process algebra, all components should define communication actions; and communication is performed only if all participant components are ready.
Chapter 5

Translation from GRL into LNT

This chapter presents a syntax-directed translation from GRL into the process language LNT. We first give insights into the translation scheme. Then, for each GRL construct, we give an informal description, the formal translation functions, and some examples. For an informal presentation of the translation, the reader can omit the formal definition of translation functions. Afterwards, we briefly present the GRL2LNT translator implementing the proposed translation. Finally, we compare the LTSs generated by the translation to the LTSs of GRL semantics and to related work.

5.1 Overview of the translation

We translate a GALS-specific language into a full-fledged process language for asynchronous processes. GRL types, expressions, and statements are inspired by LNT. Their translation is straightforward and is presented in Section 5.2. Global constants are translated to LNT functions. Their translation is presented in Section 5.3.

In GRL, interaction between (synchronous) subblocks inside components and between (asynchronous) components inside systems occurs through common variables. In LNT, however, communication between asynchronous processes occurs through gates. Moreover, GRL actual parameters and channels can be unconnected whereas no similar notion is present in LNT. The translation of variable declaration as well as actual parameters and channels is given in Sections 5.4.2, 5.4.3, and 5.4.4.

GRL blocks are translated to LNT functions, whose execution is deterministic and atomic. We propose an encoding of the mutable internal state in LNT (Section 5.4.5), where no such notion exists. For GRL subblocks, the corresponding LNT functions are encapsulated in other LNT functions, which implement one block step. For GRL highest-level blocks, the corresponding LNT functions are encapsulated in LNT \textit{wrapper} processes, which implement the (implicit) synchronous loop of GRL blocks. Each wrapper process interacts with other asynchronous components using gate communica-
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tions, producing a transition sequence in the resulting LTS. To preserve the atomicity of those transition sequences, we propose a locking mechanism. The translation of blocks is presented in Section 5.5.

GRL environments and mediums are naturally translated to LNT processes. The translation of signals involves gate communications. In particular, the translation of activation signals cooperates with the locking mechanism in constraining the execution of wrapper processes. We present the translation of environments and mediums in Section 5.6.

GRL systems are translated to processes, called root processes. Inside a root process, the processes corresponding to GRL highest-level blocks, environments, and mediums are composed asynchronously. The translation of GRL systems is presented in Section 5.7.

5.2 Translation of variables, types, expressions, and statements

Each GRL variable $X$ is translated to an LNT variable with the same name $X$. Expressions and statements have a direct, one-to-one, correspondence with their LNT counterparts; the only exception concerns signals. Signals are translated to behaviours involving LNT communication actions. The imperative style of both GRL and LNT makes rather straightforward such a translation.

GRL data types are translated with no difficulty into LNT, owing to the ability of LNT to handle complex data types. GRL types `bool`, `char`, `string` and the user-defined ones are translated to LNT types with the same name as the corresponding GRL types. The translation of GRL numerical types is summarised in the following table:

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<th>GRL type</th>
<th>LNT type</th>
<th>Definition</th>
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<tr>
<td>nat</td>
<td>Nat8</td>
<td>type Nat8 is range 0..255 of Nat end type</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>nat16</td>
<td>Nat16</td>
<td>type Nat16 is range 0..65535 of Nat end type</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>nat32</td>
<td>Nat</td>
<td>Predefined in LNT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>int</td>
<td>Int8</td>
<td>type Int8 is range −128..127 of Int end type</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>int16</td>
<td>Int16</td>
<td>type Int16 is range −32768..−32767 of Int end type</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>int32</td>
<td>Int</td>
<td>Predefined in LNT</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The number of bits on which LNT numerical types `Nat` and `Int` are represented is set by default to 8. To enable the description of GRL numerical types represented on 16 and 32 bits, we set indeed such a number to 32, using the following pragmas:

```
!nat_bits 32
!int_bits 32
```

Types are defined in one LNT module, named “GRL_V1”, which is systematically imported by each generated LNT module. There is a special enumerated type, named `block`, introduced by the translation. Type `block` contains the names of all highest-level

\footnote{In practice, the translation must ensure that the GRL name is not an LNT keyword. This is handled by the translator but we skip such low-level details in this presentation, for conciseness.}
blocks encapsulated inside the root process under translation. It will be used to translate activation parameters.

We write \( t2t \) and \( e2v \) for the translation function of GRL types and expressions to their LNT counterpart. We write \( i2s \) for the translation function of GRL statements to LNT statements and behaviours. Excerpts of function \( i2s \) will be given when translating subblock invocation (Section 5.5.2) and signals (Section 5.6.1).

### 5.3 Translation of global constants

We consider the following global constants.

\[
\text{\texttt{const } } X_1 : \text{type}_1 := E_1, \ldots, X_n : \text{type}_n := E_n
\]

The translation function, named \( c2f \), of global constants is given in Table 5.1. The definition of each global constant is translated to an LNT function. The function name corresponds to the GRL constant name. The function returns the value expression assigned to the GRL constant.

\[
c2f \left( \text{\texttt{const } } X_1 : \text{type}_1 := E_1, \ldots, X_n : \text{type}_n := E_n \right) =
\]

function \( X_1 : t2t (\text{type}_1) \) is 
return \( e2v (E_1) \)
end function

\[ \ldots \]

function \( X_n : t2t (\text{type}_n) \) is 
return \( e2v (E_n) \)
end function

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<th>Table 5.1: Translation function of global constants</th>
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| \[
c2f \left( \text{\texttt{const } } X_1 : \text{type}_1 := E_1, \ldots, X_n : \text{type}_n := E_n \right) =
\]

**Example 5.1.** Consider the following GRL constants:

1. \( \text{\texttt{GRL code}} \)
2. \( \text{\texttt{const nb_max_cars : nat := 4}} \)
3. \( \text{\texttt{const empty_queue : t_queue := t_queue (no_message)}} \)

These constants are translated to LNT as follows:

1. \( \text{\texttt{LNT code}} \)
2. \( \text{\texttt{function nb_max_cars : Nat8 is}} \)
3. \( \text{\texttt{return 4 of Nat8}} \)
4. \( \text{\texttt{end function}} \)
5. \( \text{\texttt{function empty_queue : t_queue is}} \)
6. \( \text{\texttt{return t_queue (no_message)}} \)
7. \( \text{\texttt{end function}} \)

\( \square \)
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5.4 Translation of variable declarations, parameters, and internal states

This section is structured as follows. We first introduce some sets and functions that will be used in the translation functions. Afterwards, we present the translation of GRL variable declarations, actual parameters, and actual channels into LNT constructs. Finally, we present the translation of the internal state notion.

5.4.1 Preliminaries

We use the following notations. We write $C' \rightarrow C$ to denote that $C'$ is an instance of component $C$, as in Chapter 4. We write $C' \subset C_1$ to denote that $C'$ is a component instance used inside component $C_1$. We write $\text{sub}(C)$ for the set of subblocks $B_k'$ such that $B_k' \subset C$.

Let $C'$ be a component instance. $C'$ may be invoked either with actual parameter lists “$\text{args}_1, \ldots, \text{args}_n$” (inside another component) or with actual channels “$\text{chan}_1, \ldots, \text{chan}_n$” (inside a system). Each actual parameter (resp. actual channel) in $C'$ is associated to a unique index; and its corresponding formal parameter (resp. formal channel) is associated to the same index. We write $\text{indices}(C', \text{arg})$ (resp. $\text{indices}(C', \text{chan})$, similarly to Section 4.7.1) for the set of indices of actual parameters in $C'$ invocation, namely $\{1, \ldots, n\}$, where $n$ is the number of parameters (resp. channels) in $C'$.

Let $\text{connexion}$ be a partial function mapping actual parameters and channels to the set \{connected, unconnected, wildcard\}.

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{connexion} (X_0) &= \text{connected} & \text{connexion} (<X_1, \ldots, X_n>) &= \text{connected} \\
\text{connexion} (?X_0) &= \text{connected} & \text{connexion} (?<X_1, \ldots, X_n>) &= \text{connected} \\
\text{connexion} (_) &= \text{unconnected} & \text{connexion} (<_, \ldots, _>) &= \text{unconnected} \\
\text{connexion} (?) &= \text{unconnected} & \text{connexion} (?<_, \ldots, _>) &= \text{unconnected} \\
\text{connexion} \text{ (any type)} &= \text{wildcard} & \text{connexion} \text{ (any type}_1, \ldots, \text{any type}_n) &= \text{wildcard}
\end{align*}
\]

We will also use function $\text{mode}$ (see Section 4.7.1, page 75), mapping actual parameters and channels to the set \{in, out\}. Functions $\text{connexion}$ and $\text{mode}$ allow us to define the following sets on actual parameters and channels:

- The set $\text{indices}(C', \text{arg}, \text{in}, \text{unconnected})$ contains the indices of unconnected input an receive actual parameters.

\[
\text{indices}(C', \text{arg}, \text{in}, \text{unconnected}) = \{ k \in \text{indices}(C', \text{arg}) \mid \text{mode}(\text{arg}_k) = \text{in} \land \text{connexion}(\text{arg}_k) = \text{unconnected} \}
\]

- The set $\text{indices}(C', \text{arg}, \text{out}, \text{unconnected})$ contains the indices of unconnected output and send actual parameters.

\[
\text{indices}(C', \text{arg}, \text{out}, \text{unconnected}) = \{ k \in \text{indices}(C', \text{arg}) \mid \text{mode}(\text{arg}_k) = \text{out} \land \text{connexion}(\text{arg}_k) = \text{unconnected} \}
\]
The set $indices(C',\text{chan, connected})$ contains the indices of connected actual channels.

$$indices(C',\text{chan, connected}) = \{ k \in indices(C',\text{chan}) \mid \text{connexion(chan}_k) = \text{connected} \}$$

**Example 5.2.** Consider the following block invocation, either inside another component or inside a system.

1. $B' (X, \_, ?Y, \_)$

We have the following sets, where the last set stipulates that $B'$ is invoked inside a system.

- $indices(B',\text{arg, in, unconnected}) = \{2\}$
- $indices(B',\text{arg, out, unconnected}) = \{4\}$
- $indices(B',\text{chan, connected}) = \{1,3\}$

We will also use the following functions:

<table>
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<th>Function</th>
<th>Purpose</th>
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<tr>
<td>$type(C',k)$</td>
<td>returns the type of the parameter whose index is k in component instance $C'$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$default(C,k)$</td>
<td>returns the default value of the formal parameter whose index is k in component $C$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$variable(C',k)$</td>
<td>builds a unique variable name built upon the actual parameter whose index is k in component instance $C'$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$gate(X_1,\ldots,X_n)$</td>
<td>builds a unique gate name, namely $Gate_{-X_1\ldots-X_n}$, upon a variable identifier list. The function is an injection from variable lists to gate names</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$channel(type_1,\ldots,type_n)$</td>
<td>builds a unique channel name, namely $Chan_{-type_1\ldots-type_n}$, upon a type identifier list. The function is an injection from type lists to channel names</td>
</tr>
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</table>

**Example 5.3.** Consider the following GRL code excerpt.

1. `block B (in X: nat := 0, out Y: bool) is`
2. `...`
3. `end block`
4. `...`
5. `alias B as B'`

By applying functions $type$, $default$, and $variable$, we have:

- $type(B',1) = \text{nat}$
- $type(B',2) = \text{bool}$
- $default(B,1) = 0$
- $variable(B',2) = B'_Y$
5.4.2 Translation of variable declarations and activation parameters

Variable declarations may occur in GRL programs either as formal parameters, static variables, or temporary variables. Depending on its usage in the GRL program, a variable declaration list will be translated to several LNT constructs. We also consider activation parameters, which are untyped and do not take default values.

Unlike GRL, LNT separates variable declaration and assignment. Thus, GRL variable declarations are first translated to LNT variable declarations. In a second step, default values of parameters (resp. initialisation values of local variables) are assigned to the declared variables.

Additionally, we will translate GRL variable declarations occurring as formal parameters in highest-level components to LNT gates and channels, in order to enable asynchronous communication in LNT.

**Translation to variable declarations**

Let $dl2var$ be a function translating a GRL variable declaration or activation parameter list to an LNT variable declaration list. Activation parameters are translated to LNT parameters of type `block` (see Section 5.2).

\[
\begin{align*}
    dl2var (\text{var}_1, \ldots, \text{var}_n) &= dl2var (\text{var}_1), \ldots, dl2var (\text{var}_n) \\
    dl2var (X_1, \ldots, X_m : \text{type} := E_0) &= X_1, \ldots, X_m : t2t(\text{type}) \\
    dl2var (X_1, \ldots, X_m : \text{type}) &= X_1, \ldots, X_m : t2t(\text{type}) \\
    dl2var (B_1, \ldots, B_m) &= B_1, \ldots, B_m : \text{block}
\end{align*}
\]

**Translation to variable assignments**

Let $dl2s$ be a function translating a GRL variable declaration list to a sequence of LNT assignments.

\[
\begin{align*}
    dl2s (\text{var}_1, \ldots, \text{var}_n) &= dl2s (\text{var}_1); \ldots; dl2s (\text{var}_n) \\
    dl2s (X_1, \ldots, X_m : \text{type} := E_0) &= X_1 := e2v (E_0); \ldots; X_m := e2v (E_0) \\
    dl2s (X_1, \ldots, X_m : \text{type}) &= \text{null}
\end{align*}
\]

**Example 5.4.** By applying functions $dl2var$ and $dl2s$, the left-hand GRL program translates to the right-hand LNT program.

```
1 var X: nat := 0
2 var X: Nat8 in
2  X := 0
```

Sometimes, variable declarations and activation parameters need to be translated to actual parameters, e.g., to encode the internal state or to translate subblock aliasing, where actual input and output parameters are not yet available.
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Translation into actual parameters Let \( dl2ap \) be a function translating either a
GRL formal parameter list, a static variable list, or an activation parameter list to
an LNT actual parameter list according to its kind in \{in, out, block, static\}. GRL
input and activation parameters are translated to LNT input parameters. GRL output
parameters are translated to LNT “in out” parameters. Note that \( dl2ap \) is not defined for receive
and send parameters, since it is not used to translate highest-level components.

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{\( dl2ap \) (\text{var}\_1, \ldots, \text{var}_n, \text{kind})} & = \text{\( dl2ap \) (\text{var}_1, \text{kind}), \ldots, \text{\( dl2ap \) (\text{var}_n, \text{kind})}} \\
\text{\( dl2ap \) (\text{X}_1, \ldots, \text{X}_m : \text{type} := E_0, \text{in})} & = \text{\( \text{X}_1, \ldots, \text{X}_m \)} \\
\text{\( dl2ap \) (\text{X}_1, \ldots, \text{X}_m : \text{type}, \text{in})} & = \text{\( \text{X}_1, \ldots, \text{X}_m \)} \\
\text{\( dl2ap \) (\text{X}_1, \ldots, \text{X}_m : \text{type}, \text{out})} & = \text{\( ?\text{X}_1, \ldots, ?\text{X}_m \)} \\
\text{\( dl2ap \) (\text{B}_1, \ldots, \text{B}_m, \text{block})} & = \text{\( \text{B}_1, \ldots, \text{B}_m \)} \\
\text{\( dl2ap \) (\text{X}_1, \ldots, \text{X}_m : \text{type} := E_0, \text{static})} & = \text{\( !?\text{X}_1, \ldots, !?\text{X}_m \)}
\end{align*}
\]

Translation into gate declaration Let \( dl2gate\_dl \) be a function translating a GRL
variable declaration list into gate declaration. The declared gates are typed by channels,
which are assumed to be declared in the current LNT module. Channel names build
upon the GRL types of formal parameters, corresponding to GRL actual channels. The
construction of LNT channels will be presented in Section 5.7.

\[
\text{\( dl2gate\_dl \) (\text{vars})} = \text{\( \text{gate} (\text{get\_vars} (\text{vars})): \text{channel} (\text{get\_types} (\text{vars})) \)}
\]

where functions \text{get\_vars} and \text{get\_types} (see Section 4.4.1, page 64) return respectively
the ordered list of variable identifiers and type identifiers in the variable declaration
\text{vars}.

Example 5.5. Consider the following GRL code excerpt.

\begin{verbatim}
1  block (in X: nat := 0, out Y1, Y2: bool) is
2    ...
3  end block
\end{verbatim}

By applying function \( dl2gate\_dl \), we have:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{\( dl2gate\_dl \) (in X: nat := 0)} & = \text{\( \text{Gate\_X: Chan\_Nat} \)} \\
\text{\( dl2gate\_dl \) (out Y1, Y2: bool)} & = \text{\( \text{Gate\_Y1\_Y2: Chan\_Bool\_Bool} \)}
\end{align*}
\]

5.4.3 Translation of actual parameters

GRL actual parameters serve to describe synchronous interactions between subblocks.
They will be translated to LNT actual parameters. For unconnected output parameters,
additional “dummy” variables should be declared.
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Translation into variable declaration

Let \texttt{unconnected2var} be a function declaring LNT variables for GRL unconnected output parameters in a component instance \( C' \). These parameters are identified by the set \( \text{indices}(C', \text{arg}, \text{out}, \text{unconnected}) \). For each parameter, an LNT variable is created. The variable name is built using function \texttt{variable}. The variable type is fetched in the component definition, using function \texttt{type}.

\[
\text{unconnected2var} \ (C') = \bigoplus_{k \in \text{indices}(C', \text{arg}, \text{out}, \text{unconnected})} \text{unconnected2var} \ (C', k)
\]

\[
\text{unconnected2var} \ (C', k) = \text{variable} \ (C', k) : \text{t2t} \ (\text{type} \ (C', k)) \text{ where } C' \to C
\]

Translation into actual parameters

Let \texttt{arg2ap} be a function translating a GRL actual parameter to an LNT one. The translation of parameters of the form “\( E_0 \)” and “\( ?X_0 \)” is straightforward. For each parameter of the form “\( _{\_} \)”, the default value of the corresponding formal parameter is fetched in the block definition, using function \texttt{default}. For each parameter of the form “\( ?_{\_} \)”, a variable is assumed to be declared earlier in the caller body, using function \texttt{unconnected2var}. Similarly, for parameters of the form “\( \text{any type} \)”, a variable is assumed to be declared and assigned a value earlier in the caller body.

\[
\text{arg2ap} \ (C', \text{arg}_{1}, \ldots, \text{arg}_{n}) = \text{arg2ap} \ (C', \text{arg}_{1}, 1), \ldots, \text{arg2ap} \ (C', \text{arg}_{n}, n)
\]

\[
\text{arg2ap} \ (C', E_0, k) = \text{e2v} \ (E_0)
\]

\[
\text{arg2ap} \ (C', ?X_0, k) = \text{?e2v} \ (X_0)
\]

\[
\text{arg2ap} \ (C', _{\_}, k) = \text{default} \ (C, k) \text{ where } C' \to C
\]

\[
\text{arg2ap} \ (C', ?_{\_}, k) = \text{?variable} \ (C', k)
\]

\[
\text{arg2ap} \ (C', \text{any type}, k) = \text{variable} \ (C', k)
\]

Example 5.6.

Consider the following GRL code excerpt.

\begin{verbatim}
1 block Sub (in X: nat := 0 , out Y: bool)
2 is
3     Sub1 (a , ?_);
4     Sub2 (_ , ?b);
5 end block
\end{verbatim}

By applying function \texttt{unconnected2var}, we have:

\[
\text{unconnected2var} \ (\text{Sub1}) = \text{Sub1}_\_Y: \text{Bool}
\]

\[
\text{arg2ap} \ (\text{Sub1}, a, 1) = a \quad \text{arg2ap} \ (\text{Sub2}, _{\_}, 1) = 0
\]

\[
\text{arg2ap} \ (\text{Sub1}, ?_{\_}, 2) = ?\text{Sub1}_\_Y \quad \text{arg2ap} \ (\text{Sub2}, ?b, 2) = ?b
\]

5.4.4 Translation of actual channels

GRL actual channels serve to describe asynchronous communication between highest-level blocks. They will be translated to LNT gate declaration, thus enabling commu-
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Communication between LNT asynchronous processes. Sometimes, we do not need to declare gates for all the actual channels of GRL components, but only for connected ones. Additionally, GRL actual channels will be translated to variable declarations, to describe the data exchanged on gates. Finally, they will translated to behaviours, including gate instantiations.

**Translation into variable declaration** Let \( \text{chan2var} \) be a function translating a GRL actual parameter or channel of component instance \( C' \) to an LNT declaration list. The function is defined for all actual parameters, except parameters of the form \( "_" \), whose indices are in the set \( \text{indices}(C', \text{arg}, \text{in}, \text{unconnected}) \). For each GRL actual parameter, the type is fetched in the component definition \( C \), which serves to declare the corresponding LNT variable. The LNT variable has the same name as the GRL one, if any; otherwise, a variable name is created.

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{chan2var} (C', \langle \text{arg}_1, \ldots, \text{arg}_n \rangle) &= \text{chan2var} (C', \text{arg}_1, \ldots, \text{arg}_n) \\
\text{chan2var} (C', ?\langle \text{arg}_1, \ldots, \text{arg}_n \rangle) &= \text{chan2var} (C', \text{arg}_1, \ldots, \text{arg}_n) \\
\text{chan2var} (C', \text{arg}_1, \ldots, \text{arg}_n) &= \forall k \in \text{indices}(C', \text{arg}, \text{in}, \text{unconnected}) \;
\& \; k \in 1..n \\
\text{chan2var} (C', \text{X}, k) &= \text{X}: \text{t2t} (\text{type} (C', k)) \\
\text{chan2var} (C', ?\text{X}, k) &= \text{X}: \text{t2t} (\text{type} (C', k)) \\
\text{chan2var} (C', ?_k) &= \text{variable} (C', k): \text{t2t} (\text{type} (C', k)) \\
\text{chan2var} (C', \text{any type}, k) &= \text{variable} (C', k): \text{t2t} (\text{type})
\end{align*}
\]

**Example 5.7.** Consider the following GRL code excerpt.

```gRL
1 system Main ... is
2       alias Sub as Sub1, Sub as Sub2, Sub as Sub3
3       block list
4           Sub1 (a, ?_),
5           Sub2 (_ , ?b),
6           Sub3 (any nat, ?c)
7       end block
8
9 block Sub (in X: nat := 0, out Y: bool) is
10 ... end block
```

By applying function \( \text{chan2var} \), we have:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{chan2var} (\text{Sub1}, a, 1) &= a: \text{Nat8} & \text{chan2var} (\text{Sub2}, _, 1) &= \text{undefined} \\
\text{chan2var} (\text{Sub1}, ?_2) &= \text{Sub1}_Y: \text{Bool} & \text{chan2var} (\text{Sub2}, ?b, 2) &= b: \text{Bool} \\
\text{chan2var} (\text{Sub3}, \text{any nat}, 1) &= \text{Sub3}_X: \text{Nat8} \\
\text{chan2var} (\text{Sub3}, ?c, 2) &= c: \text{Bool}
\end{align*}
\]
Translation into gate declaration  Let \( \text{chan2gate} \) be a function building an LNT gate name from a GRL actual channel. For connected channels, whose indices are in \( \text{indices}(C', \text{chan, connected}) \), the gate name builds upon the names of the variables composing the channel. For other channels, the gate name builds upon the names of the formal parameters corresponding to the GRL actual channel.

\[
\text{chan2gate} (C', \text{chan}_k) = \begin{cases} 
\text{gate(get-vars(\text{chan}_k))} & \text{if } k \in \text{indices}(C', \text{chan, connected}) \\
\text{gate(get-vars(\text{vars}_k))} & \text{otherwise}
\end{cases}
\]

where \( \text{vars}_k \) is the formal parameter list corresponding to \( \text{chan}_k \).

Let \( \text{chan2gate}_\text{dl} \) be a function declaring typed LNT gates for GRL actual channels of component instance \( C' \). Those gates are typed by channels, which are assumed to be declared in the current LNT module\(^2\).

\[
\text{chan2gate}_\text{dl} (C', \text{chan}_k) = \text{chan2gate} (C', \text{chan}_k) : \text{channel}(\text{get_types}(\text{vars}_k))
\]

where \( \text{vars}_k \) is the formal parameter list corresponding to \( \text{chan}_k \).

Example 5.8. Consider the GRL code excerpt given in Example 5.7. By applying \( \text{chan2gate}_\text{dl} \), we have:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{chan2gate}_\text{dl} (\text{Sub1}, \text{a}) & = \text{Gate}_a : \text{Chan}_\text{Nat8} \\
\text{chan2gate}_\text{dl} (\text{Sub1}, \text{?}\_1) & = \text{Gate}_\text{Sub1}_\text{Y} : \text{Chan}_\text{Bool} \\
\text{chan2gate}_\text{dl} (\text{Sub2}, \_\_1) & = \text{Gate}_\text{Sub2}_\text{X} : \text{Chan}_\text{Nat8} \\
\text{chan2gate}_\text{dl} (\text{Sub2}, \_\text{?}_b) & = \text{Gate}_b : \text{Chan}_\text{Bool} \\
\text{chan2gate}_\text{dl} (\text{Sub3}, \text{any nat}) & = \text{Gate}_\text{Sub3}_\text{X} : \text{Chan}_\text{Nat8} \\
\text{chan2gate}_\text{dl} (\text{Sub3}, \_\text{?}_c) & = \text{Gate}_c : \text{Chan}_\text{Bool}
\end{align*}
\]

where the LNT channels \( \text{Chan}_\text{Nat8} \) and \( \text{Chan}_\text{Bool} \) are defined as follows:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{channel} \text{ Chan}_\text{Nat8} & \text{ is } (\text{Nat8}) \end{channel} \\
\text{channel} \text{ Chan}_\text{Bool} & \text{ is } (\text{Bool}) \end{channel}
\]

Let \( \text{connected2gate} \) and \( \text{connected2gate}_\text{dl} \) be the variants of functions \( \text{chan2gate} \) and \( \text{chan2gate}_\text{dl} \) for only connected channels. These channels are identified by the set \( \text{indices}(C', \text{chan, connected}) \).

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{connected2gate} (C') & = \bigcup_{k \in \text{indices}(C', \text{chan, connected})} \text{chan2gate} (C', \text{chan}_k) \\
\text{connected2gate}_\text{dl} (C') & = \bigcup_{k \in \text{indices}(C', \text{chan, connected})} \text{chan2gate}_\text{dl} (C', \text{chan}_k)
\end{align*}
\]

\(^2\)A preprocessing phase collects the ordered type lists used for parameter declaration lists of GRL components in the current module and all imported modules. These type lists serve to build all the channels, defining gate profiles, that will be used in the generated LNT code. Gate profiles must be pairwise distinct, thus ensuring a unique channel for each gate profile.
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where vars\(_k\) is the formal parameter list corresponding to chan\(_k\).

Example 5.9. Consider the GRL code excerpt given in Example 5.7. By applying connected\_dl, we have:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{connected\_dl (Sub1)} & = \text{Gate\_a: Chan\_Nat8} \\
\text{connected\_dl (Sub2, ?b)} & = \text{Gate\_b: Chan\_Bool} \\
\text{connected\_dl (Sub3, ?c)} & = \text{Gate\_c: Chan\_Bool}
\end{align*}
\]

Translation into behaviour Let chan\_dl be a function translating a GRL actual channel into an LNT behaviour. For each GRL connected channel \(<X_1, \ldots, X_n>\) or \(?<X_1, \ldots, X_n>\), an LNT gate is assumed to be declared in the caller body, using function connected\_dl; and variables \(X_1, \ldots, X_n\) are assumed to be declared using function chan\_var. In such case, function chan\_dl returns an LNT gate instantiation using variables \(X_1, \ldots, X_n\). For each wildcard channel, variables are assumed to be declared in the caller body, using function chan\_var. In such case, function chan\_dl assigns a nondeterministically chosen value to each variable. For unconnected channels, the function returns the null statement.

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{chan\_dl (C', <X_1, \ldots, X_n>)} & = \text{gate(X_1, \ldots, X_n) (!X_1, \ldots, !X_n)} \\
\text{chan\_dl (C', ?<X_1, \ldots, X_n>)} & = \text{gate(X_1, \ldots, X_n) (?X_1, \ldots, ?X_n)} \\
\text{chan\_dl (C', <any type_1, \ldots, any type_n>)} & = \text{variable (C', 1) := any ?t2t (type_1);} \\
& \quad \ldots; \\
& \quad \text{variable (C', n) := any ?t2t (type_n)} \\
\text{chan\_dl (C', ?<_, \ldots, _>)} & = \text{null} \\
\text{chan\_dl (C', <_, \ldots, _>)} & = \text{null}
\end{align*}
\]

Example 5.10. Consider the GRL code excerpt given in Example 5.7. By applying chan\_dl, we have:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{chan\_dl (Sub1, a)} & = \text{Gate\_a (a)} & \text{chan\_dl (Sub2, ?b)} & = \text{Gate\_b (b)} \\
\text{chan\_dl (Sub1, ?_)} & = \text{null} & \text{chan\_dl (Sub2, any nat)} & = \text{Sub3\_X := any Nat8} \\
\text{chan\_dl (Sub2, _)} & = \text{null} & \text{chan\_dl (Sub3, ?c)} & = \text{Gate\_c (c)}
\end{align*}
\]

5.4.5 Construction of the internal state

To illustrate how the internal state of GRL components is built, we consider the following running example:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{chan\_dl (Sub1, a)} & = \text{Gate\_a (a)} & \text{chan\_dl (Sub2, ?b)} & = \text{Gate\_b (b)} \\
\text{chan\_dl (Sub1, ?_)} & = \text{null} & \text{chan\_dl (Sub2, any nat)} & = \text{Sub3\_X := any Nat8} \\
\text{chan\_dl (Sub2, _)} & = \text{null} & \text{chan\_dl (Sub3, ?c)} & = \text{Gate\_c (c)}
\end{align*}
\]
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The state of a GRL system is composed of the internal states of its highest-level components, static variables being syntactically prohibited in systems. The internal state of a component $C$ is defined by the component static variables concatenated with those of its subblocks, transitively. Each instance $C'$ of $C$ has its own copy of the component internal state.

Intuitively, we implement the internal state in LNT by means of local variables, which we call state variables. These variables are declared inside the LNT processes corresponding to the GRL highest-level components. To allow state variables to be read and updated by LNT functions corresponding to GRL subblocks, they are propagated through in out parameters to those functions transitively.

Formally, to define the translation of the internal state, we need the following functions:

- Function $\text{static}$ concatenates the declaration lists of a component static variables. For example, if a component $C$ defines the declaration lists: 
  \[ \text{static var} \ vars_1, \ldots, \text{static var} \ vars_n \]
  then $\text{static} (C) = vars_1, \ldots, vars_n$. Contrarily, if $C$ defines no static variables, then $\text{static} (C) = \epsilon$. For blocks $\text{Sub}$ and $\text{High}$, we have:

  \[
  \text{static} (\text{Sub}) = X : \text{bool} := \text{false} \\
  \text{static} (\text{High}) = X : \text{bool} := \text{false}
  \]

- Function $\text{build\_state}$ builds the internal state of a component instance $C'$. Concretely, the function creates a copy of the internal state of $C$, where $C' \rightarrow C$, in which each variable is given a new unique name. This prevents name clashes, e.g., occurring when several components, used in the same context, define static variables with identical names.

  \[
  \text{build\_state} (C', vars_1, \ldots, vars_n) = \text{build\_state} (C', vars_1), \ldots, \text{build\_state} (C', vars_n) \\
  \text{build\_state} (C', var_1, \ldots, var_n) = \text{build\_state} (C', var_1), \ldots, \text{build\_state} (C', var_n) \\
  \text{build\_state} (C', X_1, \ldots, X_n : \text{type} := E) = \text{variable} (C', X_1), \ldots, \text{variable} (C', X_n) : \text{type} := E
  \]

  For subblock $\text{Sub}$, we have: $\text{build\_state} (\text{Sub}, X : \text{bool} := \text{false}) = \text{Sub}_X : \text{bool} := \text{false}$

  The function will be used only for subblocks, since at highest-level components, all subblock variables have already been renamed, transitively.

- Function $\text{get\_state}$ builds the internal state of a component $C$ upon the internal states of its subblocks. To this aim, a recursive descent is done through the component subblocks and their static variable lists are synthesised in a bottom-up
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We present the translation functions from GRL behavioural constructs to LNT ones. For a concise presentation of functions, we will consider that each component has one formal parameter of each mode accepted by its syntax, one static (resp. temporary) variable list, and one subblock. The generalisation into 0 or \( n \) \((n > 0)\) parameter lists, variable lists, and subblocks is straightforward.

5.5 Translation of blocks

The section is organised as follows. We start by presenting the translation of GRL block definitions into LNT functions. Afterwards, we give the translation of subblocks and highest-level blocks.

5.5.1 Block definition

The translation function, named \( b2f \), from block definitions to LNT functions is given in Table 5.2. It uses functions \( dl2var \) and \( dl2ap \) (see Section 5.4.2), function \( get\_state \) (see Section 5.4.5), and function \( i2s \).

Blocks defined by the user They are translated to several LNT functions (see (a) in Table 5.2):

- an LNT function having the same name as the block, called definition function.
- and an LNT function for each subblock aliasing inside the block. This is done using function \( a2f \), whose definition will be given in Section 5.5.2.

The translation of the block body is straightforward since GRL deterministic statements are inspired by LNT ones. Hence, the LNT statement implements one block step, computing outputs from inputs.

Each GRL constant, input, and receive parameter is translated to an LNT input parameter, using function \( dl2var \). Similarly, each GRL output and send parameter is translated to an LNT output parameter. Default values of GRL formal parameters do not appear in

\[
get\_state \ (C) = \ static \ (C) \ ++ \ ++ \ build\_state \ (B', \ get\_state \ (B))
\]

For blocks \( Sub \) and \( High \):

\[
get\_state \ (Sub) = X: \ bool := false
\]

\[
get\_state \ (High) = X: \ bool := false, \ Sub\_X: \ bool := false
\]

In the sequel, we present the translation functions from GRL behavioural constructs to LNT ones. For a concise presentation of functions, we will consider that each component has one formal parameter of each mode accepted by its syntax, one static (resp. temporary) variable list, and one subblock. The generalisation into 0 or \( n \) \((n > 0)\) parameter lists, variable lists, and subblocks is straightforward.

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3This can be performed statically, since the number of GRL components is finite and known. GRL and LNT compilers forbid the dynamic creation of components to enable enumerative verification.
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<td><code>block B {vars,}</code></td>
<td><code>function B (in  dl2var (vars),</code></td>
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<td><code>(in vars,</code></td>
<td><code>in  dl2var (vars),</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>out vars,)</code></td>
<td><code>out dl2var (vars),</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>[receive vars,</code></td>
<td><code>in out dl2var (get_state(B)))]</code></td>
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<td><code>send vars,</code></td>
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<td><code>end block</code></td>
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Example 5.1. `b2f(B_0 [args_0] as B'_0, B)`

Example 5.2. `b2f(B_0 [args_0] as B'_0, B)`

Example 5.3. `b2f(B_0 [args_0] as B'_0, B)`

Table 5.2: Translation functions of block definition

(a) blocks defined by the user (b) blocks defined by external C code (c) blocks defined by external LNT code

GRL temporary variables are translated to LNT local variables. Such LNT variables are first declared, using function `dl2var`, then assigned to their initialisation values, using function `dl2s`. GRL static variables cannot be translated similarly, since local variables lose their values between subsequent executions of the function. Rather, the static variables of `B`, and the internal state of subblock `B'_0`, are first captured using function `get_state`; then, they are translated to LNT `in out` parameters, using functions `dl2var`. This way, the internal state of `B` is stored by the caller, giving function `B` the ability of read and update.

Example 5.11. In the following, blocks Foot and Dummy translate to the LNT functions Foot and Dummy.
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<th>GRL blocks</th>
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<tr>
<td>1 block Foot {C: nat16 := 1}</td>
<td>1 function Foot (in C: Nat16,</td>
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<tr>
<td>2 (in I: nat16 := 0,</td>
<td>2 in I: Nat16,</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 out O: nat16)</td>
<td>3 out O: Nat16)</td>
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<tr>
<td>4 is</td>
<td>4 is</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5 O := I + C</td>
<td>5 O := I + C</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6 end block</td>
<td>6 end function</td>
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</table>

1 block Dummy (in I: nat) is
2 static var X: nat := 0
3 var Y: nat := 0
4 X := X + 1;
5 Y := Y + 1
6 end block

1 function Dummy (in I: Nat8, |
2 in out X: Nat8)
3 is
4 var Y: Nat8 in
5 Y := 0;
6 X := X + 1;
7 Y := Y + 1
8 end var
9 end function

Blocks defined by external C code Their translation relies on the capability of LNT to import external C code. In compliance with the reference manual of the Lnt2Lotos compiler [CCG+16], a block defined by external C code is translated to:

– an LNT function having the same name as the block (see (b) in Table 5.2). Its formal parameters are obtained as explained in the previous paragraph. The LNT function $B$ encapsulates the generated C code, by using pragmas \texttt{!implement-edby} and \texttt{!external}. The \texttt{!external} pragma indicates the use of external C functions in the generated LNT module, in which case the function body is necessarily \texttt{null}. The \texttt{!implement-edby} pragma gives the precise name of the function to be used by the back-end compilers.

– an interface C function for each output of the GRL block returning the output value. The name of each function is determined by expanding \texttt{\%i} with the output position in function $B$. The interface C functions are produced in a file with suffix \texttt{.fnt}. We do not give a formal definition of this translation.

Example 5.12. Consider the following block \texttt{C\_Shift} defined by the external C function \texttt{Shift}.

1 — GRL file importing the C file
2 block C\_Shift (in num : int16, out left, right : int16)
3 is
4 \texttt{\_l c "Shift"}
5 end block

1 // C file
2 void Shift (GRL\_Int16 num, GRL\_Int16\_left, GRL\_Int16\_right)
3 {\// convert types to the C domain

\end{document}
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The translation generates the LNT function `C_Sift` and two interface C functions `Shift1` and `Shift2`, returning the respective values of outputs `left` and `right`.

Blocks defined by external LNT code  Their translation is straightforward (see (c) in Table 5.2). A block defined by external LNT code is translated to an LNT function having the same name as the block. The function body consists of a call to the external LNT function.

Example 5.13.  The following GRL block `LNT_Foot`, defined by an external LNT function named `Foot`, translates to the following LNT function.

5.5.2 Subblock aliasing and invocation

We consider the translation of the following subblock aliasing and invocation, where `args_i` and `args_o` denote actual input and output parameter lists, respectively:

\[
\text{alias } B \{ \text{args}_i \} \text{ as } B' \\
B' (\text{args}_i, \text{args}_o)
\]
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We write \( \text{vars}_i \) and \( \text{vars}_o \) for the formal parameter lists corresponding to \( \text{args}_i \) and \( \text{args}_o \) in the definition of block \( B \).

The translation functions of subblock aliasing and invocation are given in Table 5.3. They use functions \( dl2var \) and \( dl2ap \) (see Section 5.4.2), functions \( build\_state \) and \( get\_state \) (see Section 5.4.5), and function \( unconnected2var \) (see Section 5.4.3).

Table 5.3: Translation functions of subblock aliasing (\( a2f \)) and invocation (\( i2s \))

Subblock aliasing is translated to an LNT function, called aliasing function, using the translation function \( a2f \). The aliasing function has the same name\(^4\) as the GRL subblock and declares:

- input and output parameters corresponding to those of block \( B \). These parameters will be used later to interact with functions corresponding to other subblocks.
- \textbf{in out} parameters, which are the state variables implementing the subblock internal state. This way, state variables can be synthesised in a bottom-up manner up to the highest-level component.

Inside the aliasing function, the definition function named \( B \) is called with the declared state variables and with the actual constant parameters of the subblock. In particular, actual constant parameters are available at aliasing time and not used for interactions. Hence, they are irrelevant when calling the aliasing function.

**Example 5.14.** Consider the following aliasing of block \( \text{Foot} \).

```plaintext
1 alias Foot {2} as Large, Foot {_} as Small
```

\(^4\)To simplify the presentation of the translation functions, we consider that LNT functions and processes corresponding to GRL component instances have the same names as their GRL components. In practice, a unique name is given to each generated LNT component. This prevents name clashes, e.g., occurring when a subblock is aliased with the same name in different components.
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The translation generates the following functions:

1 function Large (in I : nat16, out O : nat16) is
2 Foot (2, I, ?O)
3 end function

1 function Small (in I : Nat16, out O : Nat16) is
2 −− default value of the constant
3 −− parameter is passed
4 Foot (1, I, ?O)
5 end function

□

A subblock invocation is translated to a call to the LNT aliasing function, using function i2s (see Table 5.3). Unconnected output parameters are translated to auxiliary variables, which are declared, using function unconnected2var, and passed to the function call, using function dl2ap. See Section 5.4.3 for details about the translation of actual parameters.

Example 5.15. The left-hand GRL block invocations below translate to the right-hand LNT code. In particular, subblock Foot is invoked at line 1 without being aliased. Consequently, an LNT function named Foot_165 is generated by the translation.

1 −− GRL code
2 Foot (_ , ?X); −− not aliased before
3 Small (X, ?Not_X);
4 Large (Not_X, ?_)

1 −− LNT code
2 eval Foot_165 (0 , ?X);
3 eval Small (X, ?Not_X);
4 var Dummy_O : Bool in
5 eval Large (Not_X, ?Dummy_O)
6 end var

□

Remark 5.1. The synchronous assumptions are granted for free in the translation of a single GRL block. LNT functions are deterministic and execute atomically without producing transitions. This coincides with the assumption that computations and data processing are instantaneous in synchronous components.

5.5.3 Highest-level block aliasing and invocation

We consider the translation of the following highest-level block aliasing and invocation, where chan_i, chan_o, chan_r, chan_s denote respectively actual input, output, receive and send channels:

\[
\text{alias } B \{ \text{args}_1 \} \text{ as } B' \\
B' (\text{chan}_i, \text{chan}_o)[\text{chan}_r, \text{chan}_s]
\]

\footnote{For subblocks invoked without being aliased, the translation automatically generates aliasing functions, whose names are not always user-friendly.}
The translation functions, given in Table 5.4, use functions $dl2var$, $dl2s$, $dl2ap$ (see Section 5.4.2), functions $chan2var$, $arg2ap$, $connected2gate$, $connected2gate_{dl}$, $chan2b$ (see Section 5.4.3), and functions $build\_state$ and $get\_state$ (see Section 5.4.5).

The aliasing of $B'$ is translated to an LNT wrapper process, using the translation function $b2p$. The process encapsulates the definition function named $B$ to interface it with other processes. It receives values from processes, invokes function $B$ with those values, and emits the values returned by the function to processes. This requires to translate GRL actual channels into both:

- gate communication to enable value exchange with other processes. Gates build upon the GRL actual channels of blocks, available at invocation time, and not upon formal parameters as for subblocks. This enables to translate actual channels depending on their form, using function $connected2gate_{dl}$. Since GRL unconnected and wildcard channels are unused in communications, the code is optimised by not generating useless transitions. Additional gates $Start$ and $Finish$ are declared, the usage of which will be given later.

Table 5.4: Translation functions of highest-level block aliasing and invocation

### Highest-level block aliasing

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– local variables, using function `chan2var`, to represent the values exchanged on
gates. An exception is unconnected input and receive channels, whose values are
fetched in the block definition and passed to the LNT function call (see function
`arg2ap`, Section 5.4.3).

The wrapper process defines an infinite loop, which implements the implicit synchronous
loop of GRL highest-level blocks. Each loop iteration defines a step of the block. The
execution of the loop starts by computing input and receive values for the current step,
using function `chan2b`. Only for connected channels, a gate is instantiated to receive
values from other processes which are stored in dedicated local variables. Variables
Corresponding to wildcard parameters are assigned to nondeterministically chosen values.
Then, those variables are passed as actual input parameters to function B. The function
provides actual output parameters, among which only parameters corresponding to GRL
connected channels are emitted through subsequent gates.

**Locking mechanism** A loop iteration of a wrapper process instantiates sequentially
several gate communications. This corresponds to a sequence of transitions in the gen-
erated LTS, each gate corresponding to a transition. Such sequences should be atomic,
i.e., individual sequences of transitions corresponding to different blocks should not in-
terleave, thus preserving the atomicity of block steps. For this purpose, we introduce
a locking mechanism. Additional gate communications, `Start` and `Finish`, are added at
the beginning and end of each process loop iteration, respectively. These gates enable
the process to synchronise with an additional process `Mutex`, defined as follows:

```
process Mutex [Start: Block, Finish: none] is
  loop
    Start (?any block); – Only the process named “block” can execute
    Finish
  end loop
end process
```

```
channel Block is – introduced by the translation
  (block) – type enumerating the names of highest-level blocks, including B'
end channel
```

This way, gate `Start` starts the gate communication sequence in process B’ by acquiring
the lock and gate `Finish` finishes it by releasing the lock, without interleaving with gate
communications of other processes in between. More details about synchronisations
between LNT processes will be given in Section 5.7.

**Example 5.16.** Consider the aliasing of block `Foot` in the left-hand side of the code
below. Since the translation of block aliasing relies also on the block invocation, we
present the invocation of block `Foot`. The translation generates the LNT process in the
right-hand side.

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Example 5.17. The following aliasing of block *Foot* (left-hand side) translates to the following LNT process (right-hand side). No gate in the LNT process is associated to the GRL unconnected input.

Translation of the internal state Contrarily to the translation of subblocks, the internal state of highest-level blocks is implemented using LNT local variables (as anticipated in Section 5.4.5). These state variables are declared, using function `dl2var`, and initialised, using function `dl2s`, before starting the synchronous loop. State variables are passed as in out parameters to the encapsulated function, thus propagated to functions corresponding to subblocks, transitively. This way, each loop iteration of a wrapper process starts by reading the values of state variables stored in the previous iteration of the loop and finishes by updating those values.

Remark 5.2. Static variables could not have been translated in a modular way,
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i.e., independently of the call context of blocks. The corresponding LNT state variables should be defined outside the synchronous loop of highest-level blocks. However, it is worth noticing that the support of in out parameters by LNT enables an elegant and controllable implementation of the state notion while keeping a functional flavour.

Example 5.18. Consider the following aliasing and invocation of block Dummy inside a system S1.

```
system S1 ... is
  alias Dummy as Dummy ...
  Dummy (1)
end system
```

The translation generates the following wrapper process:

```
process S1_Dummy [Gate_I : Chan_nat, Start : Block, Finish : none] is
  var Dummy_X: Nat8, −− internal state declaration
  I : Nat8
  in
  Dummy_X := 0; −− internal state initialisation
  loop
    Start (Dummy);
    GATE_I (?I);
    eval Dummy (I, !Dummy_X); −− internal state read and update
    Finish
  end loop
end var
end process
```

Highest-level block invocation

Finally, each highest-level block invocation is translated to the invocation of the corresponding wrapper process. This is done by using function b2b (see Table 5.4).

Example 5.19. The following GRL block invocations translate to the following LNT process invocations.

```
−− GRL code 1 −− LNT code
2 Dummy (1) 2 S1_Dummy [Gate_I, Start, Finish] □
3 Large (1, O) 3 S2_Large [Gate_I, Gate_O, Start, Finish]
4 Large (_, O) 4 S3_Large [Gate_O, Start, Finish]
```

5.6 Translation of environments and mediums

This section is organised as follows. We first present the translation of signals. Then, we present the translation of environments and mediums.
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5.6.1 Signals

Signals are translated using function \( i2s \) as given in Table 5.5. It uses function \( gate \) (see Section 5.4.1).

\[
i2s( \text{when } ?<X_0,\ldots,X_n> \rightarrow I_0) = \frac{gate(X_0,\ldots,X_n) (?X_0,\ldots,X_n);}{i2s(I_0)} \quad \text{reception data signal}
\]

\[
i2s( \text{when } <X_0,\ldots,X_n> \rightarrow I_0) = \frac{i2s(I_0);}{gate(X_0,\ldots,X_n) (!X_0,\ldots,X_n)} \quad \text{emission data signal}
\]

\[
i2s( \text{enable } B_0) = \frac{\text{Start } (B_0)}{} \quad \text{activation signal}
\]

Table 5.5: Translation of signals

Since GRL data signals are communication primitives enabling environments and mediums to exchange values with blocks, their translation involves value-passing synchronisations. The reception data signal “\( \text{when } ?<X_0,\ldots,X_n> \rightarrow I_0 \)” is translated to a gate waiting for value reception on variables \( X_0,\ldots,X_n \), followed by behaviour \( i2s(I_0) \). The emission data signal “\( \text{when } <X_0,\ldots,X_n> \rightarrow I_0 \)” is translated to behaviour \( i2s(I_0) \) followed by a gate emitting values on variables \( X_0,\ldots,X_n \).

Since GRL activation signals aim to constrain highest-level block activation, their translation should exploit gate \( \text{Start} \), introduced by the locking mechanism. Hence, an activation signal “\( \text{enable } B_0 \)” is translated to a gate communication “\( \text{Start } (B_0) \)”. This translation enables three-party synchronisation on gate \( \text{Start} \) between:

1. the wrapper process named \( B_0 \)
2. process \( Mutex \)
3. the process containing “\( \text{Start } (B_0) \)"

Therefore, a process of a block can acquire the Mutex only if (i) the Mutex is acquired by no other process and (ii) a process corresponding to a GRL environment proposes a synchronisation on gate \( \text{Start} \) with the block name. Since synchronisations in LNT are blocking, process \( B_0 \) will wait for other processes to be ready on gate \( \text{Start} \). If the gate is unreachable in some process, then process \( B_0 \) will not execute, which is in accordance with GRL semantics.

5.6.2 Environments

The translation functions of environment definition, aliasing, and invocation are given in Table 5.6. They use functions \( dl2var, dl2s, dl2ap \) (see Section 5.4.2), functions \( chan2var, arg2ap, chan2gate, dl2gate_dl, chan2b \) (see Section 5.4.3), and functions \( \text{build\_state} \) and \( \text{get\_state} \) (see Section 5.4.5).

Environment definition An environment is translated to an LNT process, called \textit{definition process}, using function \( n2p \). Because GRL environments support nondeter-
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<th>$a2f$ (alias $B_0 {ar_g}$ as $B'_0$)</th>
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<td>(in $\text{vars}^e$, out $\text{vars}^o$, block $\text{blocks}$)</td>
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$n2p$ is alias $B_0 \{ar_g^e\}$ as $B'_0$

static var $\text{vars}^o$

var $\text{vars}^e$

end environment

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is

var $dl2var(\text{vars}^o)$ in

$i2s(I)$

end var

end process

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is

var

$\text{chan2var}(N',\text{args}^e),$ |

$\text{chan2var}(N',\text{args}^b),$ |

$\text{dl2var(build\_state}(N',\text{get\_state}(N)))$ |

in

$\text{dl2s(build\_state}(N',\text{get\_state}(N)))$ |

loop

$N[gate(\text{chan}^i), gate(\text{chan}^o), Start]$ |

$(arg2ap(N',\text{args}^e),$ |

$arg2ap(N',\text{args}^b),$ |

$\text{dl2ap(build\_state}(N',\text{get\_state}(N)), \text{static}))$ |

end loop

end var

end process

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<th>$n2b(N' (\text{chan}^i, \text{chan}^o, \text{args}^b))$</th>
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Table 5.6: Translation functions of environment definition ($n2p$), aliasing ($a2p$), and invocation ($n2b$)

ministic behaviours and signals, their definition could not be described by LNT functions, as for blocks.

Each GRL constant parameter is translated to an LNT input parameter, using function $dl2var$. Each GRL input and output channel is translated to an LNT typed gate, using function $dl2gate$. Each GRL activation parameter is translated to an LNT input parameter of type block, using function $dl2var$. When the GRL environment defines activation parameters, the corresponding LNT process should also declare gate $Start$. The internal state is translated similarly to blocks.

**Example 5.20.** The following GRL environments (left-hand side) translate to the following LNT processes (right-hand side).
### 5.6. Translation of environments and mediums

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<th>LNT processes</th>
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<td>1 environment Default</td>
<td>1 process Default [Start: Block]</td>
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<tr>
<td>2 (block B1, B2)</td>
<td>2 (in B1, B2: block)</td>
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<td>3 is</td>
<td>3 is</td>
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<tr>
<td>4 select</td>
<td>4 select</td>
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<tr>
<td>5 enable B1</td>
<td>5 Start (B1)</td>
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<tr>
<td>6 [] enable B2</td>
<td>6 [] Start (B2)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7 end select</td>
<td>7 end select</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8 end environment</td>
<td>8 end process</td>
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</table>

**Environment aliasing and invocation** We consider the translation of the following environment aliasing and invocation, where chan_i, chan_o, args denote respectively actual input channel, output channel, and activation parameters:

\[
\text{alias } N \{\text{args}\} \text{ as } N' \\
N' (\text{chan}_i, \text{chan}_o, \text{args})
\]

Environment aliasing is translated to an LNT wrapper process, using function \(a2p\) (see Table 5.6). The wrapper process \(N'\) encapsulates the definition process named \(N\), similarly to the translation of highest-level blocks. It defines the same set of gates as \(N\), but no formal parameters. Contrarily to the translation of blocks, gates build upon the formal channels of the GRL environment. This is required to call the definition process with appropriate number of actual gates. The execution of the process starts by defining and initialising state variables. Then, it invokes process \(N\) inside an infinite loop with:

- input parameters corresponding to GRL actual constant parameters, using function \(arg2ap\)
- input parameters corresponding to GRL actual activation parameters, using function \(dl2ap\)
- \texttt{in out} parameters corresponding to the internal state of \(N'\), using function \(dl2ap\)

**Example 5.21.** Consider the following aliasing and invocation of environments Default and Disable inside a system S4.

1 system S4 ... is
2 alias Default as Default, Disable as Disable
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3 ... 4 Default (B1, B2), 5 Disable (Cmd)
6 end system

The LNT wrapper processes corresponding to those environments are the following.

1 process S4_Default [Start : Block] 2 process S4_Disable [Gate_Cmd : Chan_bool]
3 is 4 is
5 loop 3 loop
6 Default [Start] (B1, B2) 4 Disable [GATE_Cmd]
7 end loop 5 end loop
8 end process 6 end process

Finally, each environment invocation is translated to the invocation of the corresponding wrapper process. This is done by function \( n2b \) (see Table 5.6). GRL actual channels are translated to LNT gates, using function \( \text{chan2gate} \). GRL actual activation parameters are translated to gate \( \text{Start} \).

Example 5.22. The following GRL environment invocations (left-hand side) translate to the following LNT process invocations (right-hand side).

1 — GRL code 1 — LNT code
2 Default (B1, B2) 2 S4_Default [Start]
3 Disable (Cmd) 3 S4_Disable [Gate_Cmd]

5.6.3 Mediums

Similarly to environments, each medium definition is translated to an LNT definition process, using a function \( m2p \). Each medium aliasing is translated to a wrapper process, encapsulating the definition process, using function \( a2p \) (see Table 5.6). Each medium invocation is translated to a call to the wrapper process, using a function \( m2b \). Functions \( m2p \) and \( m2b \) are identical to functions \( n2p \) and \( n2b \), except that input (resp. output) parameters are replaced by receive (resp. send) parameters and translation of activation parameters is omitted.

5.7 Translation of systems

This sections presents the translation of systems. We first present some required sets and auxiliary functions. Then, we define the translation function of systems.

5.7.1 Sets and auxiliary functions

Let \( S \) be a system. As in Section ??, all the system components are assumed to be indexed such that each component \( C' \subset S \) is associated to a unique index. We write
Here, for simplicity, we stipulate that the variables composing a GRL channel should be either all visible or all hidden.

We write \( \text{blocks}_\text{invoc}, \text{env}_\text{invoc}, \text{med}_\text{invoc} \) (resp. \( \text{blocks}_\text{alias}, \text{env}_\text{alias}, \text{med}_\text{alias} \)) as shorthands for component invocation (resp. aliasing) inside \( S \). We write \( B'_j \) (resp. \( N'_j, M'_j \)) for the component instance whose aliasing is \( \text{blocks}_\text{alias}_j \) and invocation is \( \text{blocks}_\text{invoc}_j \) (resp. \( \text{env}_\text{alias}_j \) and \( \text{env}_\text{invoc}_j, \text{med}_\text{alias}_j \) and \( \text{med}_\text{invoc}_j \)).

We write \( \text{indices}(S, \text{blocks}) \), \( \text{indices}(S, \text{env}) \), \( \text{indices}(S, \text{med}) \) for the sets of indices of respectively blocks, environments, and mediums, inside \( S \). We write \( \text{indices}(S, \text{activ}) \) for the set of indices of blocks whose activation is constrained by environments; thus, we have the invariant \( \text{indices}(S, \text{activ}) \subseteq \text{indices}(S, \text{blocks}) \).

Each channel used inside \( S \) is associated to a unique index. We write \( \text{indices}(C', \text{chan}) \) for the set of indices of channels used inside \( C' \) invocation.

We define the following sets on channels:

- The set \( \text{indices}(S, \text{unconnected}) \) contains the indices of unconnected channels of environments and mediums, respectively.\(^6\)

\[
\text{indices}(S, \text{unconnected}) = \bigcup_{k \in \text{indices}(S, \text{env}) \cup \text{indices}(S, \text{med})} \text{indices}(C'_k, \text{unconnected})
\]

\[
\text{indices}(C'_j, \text{unconnected}) = \{ j \in \text{indices}(C'_j, \text{chan}) \mid \text{connexion} (\text{chan}_j) = \text{unconnected} \}
\]

- The set \( \text{indices}(S, \text{linked}) \) contains the indices of channels that are common between components.

\[
\text{indices}(S, \text{linked}) = \bigcup_{k \in \text{indices}(S, \text{blocks})} \text{indices}(S, B'_k, \text{linked})
\]

\[
\text{indices}(S, B'_k, \text{linked}) = \{ j \in \text{indices}(S, \text{chan}) \mid (\exists p \in \text{indices}(S, \text{env}) \land j \in \text{indices}(N'_p, \text{chan}) \\
\lor (\exists q \in \text{indices}(S, \text{med}) \land j \in \text{indices}(M'_q, \text{chan})) \}
\]

- The set \( \text{indices}(S, \text{unlinked}) \) contains the indices of connected channels that are used in exactly one environment or medium. The set uses function \( \text{connexion} \) defined in Section 5.4.1 (page 84).

\[
\text{indices}(S, \text{unlinked}) = \bigcup_{k \in \text{indices}(S, \text{env}) \cup \text{indices}(S, \text{med})} \text{indices}(S, C'_k, \text{unlinked})
\]

\[
\text{indices}(S, C'_k, \text{unlinked}) = \{ j \in \text{indices}(C'_k, \text{chan}) \mid \text{connexion} (\text{chan}_j) = \text{connected} \land j \notin \text{indices}(S, \text{linked}) \}
\]

Additionally, we write \( \text{indices}(S, \text{visible}) \) for the set of channels in \( S \) whose variables are visible from the outside.\(^7\)

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\(^6\) Unconnected channels of blocks are useless here since they have no corresponding LNT gates.

\(^7\) In the formal definition of GRL, visible and hidden variables can compose the same actual channel. Here, for simplicity, we stipulate that the variables composing a GRL channel should be either all visible or all hidden.
5.7.2 Translation function

The translation function, named $s2p$, of systems is given in Table 5.7. It uses functions $a2f$ (see Table 5.3), $a2p$ (see Table 5.6), $b2b$ (see Table 5.4), $n2p$ (see Table 5.6), $m2b$, $chan2gate dl$ and $connected2gate dl$ (see Section 5.4.4). A GRL system is translated to:

- the enumerated type $Block$, introduced previously.
- wrapper processes corresponding to blocks, environments, and mediums. These processes will be called block-, environment-, and medium processes, hereafter.
- additional processes generated by the translation, which are process $Mutex$, introduced previously, and a process named $Activation$.
- a root process, encapsulating all the aforementioned processes.

**Gates** Synchronisation between the encapsulated processes takes place on gates that are declared inside the root process. LNT gates build upon the GRL actual channels used in component invocations, rather than on variable declaration lists of the system. This is because variables are declared individually but grouped to form actual channels only at invocation time.

A gate is either visible or hidden. Visible gates are declared using function $visible$ (see (a) in Table 5.7) and correspond to:

- GRL channels of blocks, environments, and mediums whose variables are declared as formal parameters in the GRL system
- gate $Start$ to visualise the activation policy of highest-level blocks

Hidden gates are declared using function $hidden$ (see (b) in Table 5.7) and correspond to:

- GRL channels whose variables are declared as temporary variables in the GRL system
- gates corresponding to unconnected channels of environments and mediums
- gate $Finish$ since it is used only to release the $Mutex$ and contains no information about block execution

**Parallel composition** Inside the root process, wrapper processes corresponding to GRL components are composed using the parallel composition operator $par$. Block processes are composed in pure interleaving. This way, they cannot synchronise with each other, even on their common gates $Start$ and $Finish$. Here is an excerpt of the translation function:

```
par
  - purely interleaved block processes
b2b (block_invoc1) || ... || b2b (block_invocN)
end par
```
This parallel composition is itself encapsulated inside a higher-level parallel composition to synchronise with process Mutex on gates Start and Finish. This enables individual synchronisation between process Mutex and block processes. Here is an excerpt of the translation function:

\[
\text{par} \text{ Start, Finish in – locking mechanism}
\text{par} \quad \text{– purely interleaved block processes}
\quad b2b (\text{block}\_\text{invoc}_1) \parallel \ldots \parallel b2b (\text{block}\_\text{invoc}_p)
\text{end par}
\quad \parallel
\text{Mutex [Start, Finish]}
\text{end par}
\]

Similarly to the translation of blocks, environments and mediums processes are composed in pure interleaving. Here is an excerpt of the translation function:

\[
\text{par} \quad \text{– purely interleaved environment and medium processes}
\quad n2b (\text{env}\_\text{invoc}_1) \parallel \ldots \parallel n2b (\text{env}\_\text{invoc}_q) – \text{environment processes}
\quad \parallel m2b (\text{med}\_\text{invoc}_1) \parallel \ldots \parallel m2b (\text{med}\_\text{invoc}_r) – \text{medium processes}
\text{end par}
\]

Finally, all aforementioned parallel compositions are encapsulated inside a main parallel composition. The synchronisation set, defined by function \text{synch}, contains:

- Gate Start to enable synchronisations between: environment processes, block processes, and process Mutex.
- Gates corresponding to GRL channels that are common to blocks and environments/mediums. These are gates whose indices are in \text{indices}(S, \text{linked}).
- Gates corresponding to GRL channels of environments and mediums that are either unconnected or occur in exactly one environment or medium process. These are gates whose indices are in \text{indices}(S, \text{unconnected}) \cup \text{indices}(S, \text{unlinked}). By putting these gates in the synchronisation set, the respective processes will wait infinitely for communication. As a result, the execution paths guarded by the gates are unfeasible, which complies with the semantics of GRL. Note however that the translation causes no blocking situations. Because each execution path of environment and medium processes contains at most one gate, the infinite waiting on a gate has no impact on other gates. Note also that while such gates are declared and used, no additional transition in the corresponding LTS is generated.

Here is an excerpt of the translation function, showing the main parallel composition:
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par sync(S) in  – main parallel composition
par Start, Finish in  – purely interleaved block processes with the locking mechanism
  ...
end par
||
par  – purely interleaved environment and medium processes
  ...
end par
end par

Still, processes corresponding to blocks whose activation is not constrained cannot execute, since gate Start occurs in the synchronisation set of the main parallel composition. Such processes will block, waiting infinitely to synchronise on gate Start with an environment process. To prevent such undesirable situations, we introduce an additional process, named Activation, in parallel with processes corresponding to environments and mediums. Process Activation proposes permanently synchronisations on gate Start for blocks whose activation is not constrained. This is done by function activate (see (c) in Table 5.7).

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\[
\begin{align*}
\text{visible}(S) &= \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
\text{connected}_{\text{gate dl}}(B'_j), \\
\quad j \in \text{indices}(S, \text{block}) \\
\quad \setminus \text{indices}(S, \text{visible}) \\
\quad \text{chan}_{\text{gate dl}}(N'_j), \\
\quad j \in \text{indices}(S, \text{env}) \\
\quad \setminus \text{indices}(S, \text{visible}) \\
\quad \text{chan}_{\text{gate dl}}(M'_j), \\
\quad j \in \text{indices}(S, \text{med}) \\
\quad \setminus \text{indices}(S, \text{visible}) \\
\end{array} \right. \\
\text{hidden}(S) &= \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
\text{connected}_{\text{gate dl}}(B'_j), \\
\quad j \in \text{indices}(S, \text{block}) \\
\quad \setminus \text{indices}(S, \text{visible}) \\
\quad \text{chan}_{\text{gate dl}}(N'_j), \\
\quad j \in \text{indices}(S, \text{env}) \\
\quad \setminus \text{indices}(S, \text{visible}) \\
\quad \text{chan}_{\text{gate dl}}(M'_j), \\
\quad j \in \text{indices}(S, \text{med}) \\
\quad \setminus \text{indices}(S, \text{visible}) \\
\end{array} \right. \\
\text{activate}(B'_0, \ldots, B'_n) &= \text{select} \\
& \quad \text{Start}(B'_0) \\
& \quad \text{[] ... []} \\
& \quad \text{Start}(B'_n) \\
& \quad \text{end select}
\end{align*}
\]
type Block is \((B'_1, \ldots, B'_p)\) end type

\[ a^2 \text{f} (\text{block\_alias}_1) \ldots a^2 \text{f} (\text{block\_alias}_p) \]
\[ a^2 \text{p} (\text{env\_alias}_1) \ldots a^2 \text{p} (\text{env\_alias}_q) \]
\[ a^2 \text{p} (\text{med\_alias}_1) \ldots a^2 \text{p} (\text{med\_alias}_r) \]

process Mutex ... end process

process Activation [Start:Block] is
  loop
    activate(\(k \in 1..p \land k \notin \text{indices}(S, \text{invoc})\))
  end loop
end process

process \(S\) [visible(S), Start:Block] is
  hide hidden(S), Finish: none in
  par – main parallel composition
  synch(S)
  in
    par Start, Finish in
      par
        b2b (\text{block\_invoc}_1)
        \|
        \ldots
        \|
        b2b (\text{block\_invoc}_p)
      end par
      \|
      Mutex [Start, Finish]
    end par
    \|
    par
      n2b (\text{env\_invoc}_1)
      \|
      \ldots
      \|
      n2b (\text{env\_invoc}_q)
      \|
      m2b (\text{med\_invoc}_1)
      \|
      \ldots
      \|
      m2b (\text{med\_invoc}_r)
      \|
      Activation [Start]
    end par
  end par
end hide
end process

Table 5.7: Translation of systems

Example 5.23. Below, the root LNT processes (right-hand side) correspond to GRL systems (left-hand side).
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<th>LNT root processes</th>
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| 1 — Sen and Rec communicate through medium Buf is system S5 (Mr, Ms: bool) | 1 process S5 [Gate_Ms, Gate_Mr: Chan_bool, 
2 Start: Block] is hide Finish: None in 
3 par 
4 block list 
5 Sen [?Ms], 
6 Rec [Mr] 
7 medium list 
8 Buf [Ms, ?Mr] 
9 end system |
| 10 | 11 |

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<th>LNT root processes</th>
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| 1 — The activation of both B1 and B2 is constrained is system S6 (O1, O2: bool) | 1 process S6 [Gate_O1, Gate_O2: Chan_bool, 
2 Start: Block] is hide Finish: None in 
3 par 
4 block list 
5 B1 (?O1), 
6 B2 (?O2) 
7 environment list 
8 Ctrl (B1, B2) 
9 end system |
| 10 | 11 |

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<th>LNT root processes</th>
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| 1 — Only the activation of B1 is constrained is system S7 (O1, O2: bool) | 1 process S7 [Gate_O1, Gate_O2: Chan_bool, 
2 Start: Block] is hide Finish: None in 
3 par 
4 block list 
5 B1 (?O1), 
6 B2 (?O2) 
7 environment list 
8 Ctrl (B1) 
9 end system |
| 10 | 11 |
5.8. Tool support

Deadlock freedom A deadlock in a GRL program leads to a deadlock in the corresponding LNT program. Indeed, deadlocks in GRL occur if: (i) the activation of all blocks is constrained by environments and (ii) no activation signal is reachable. Because GRL statements (but signals) are the same as in LNT ones, the reachability of a GRL activation signal implies the reachability of the corresponding LNT gate Start. If no gate Start is reachable, no process can execute, which causes a deadlock in the LNT program.

The translation algorithm does not introduce spurious deadlocks. As regards separate processes, medium and environment (without activation constraints) processes are by construction deadlock-free, and so are processes Activation and Mutex. In block processes, each synchronisation on gate Start is eventually followed by a synchronisation on gate Finish; all synchronisations in between are value-exchange communications with medium and environment processes, which always accept to communicate. As regards deadlocks produced by blocking communication, all communications on gates occurring in the synchronisation set of root processes and involving several processes are feasible. Still, the only source of deadlocks is unreachable Start gates in environment processes. These are equivalent to GRL deadlocks.

5.8 Tool support

Our translation algorithm is implemented in a tool named GRL2LNT, developed mainly by Éric Léo, a software engineer from 2012 to 2016 in the Convecs project, in which this thesis has taken place. GRL2LNT is developed by using the Syntax/Traian Lotos NT technology for compiler construction [GLM02]. It consists of about 30,000 lines of code and translates GRL specifications into LNT. A second tool named GRL.OPEN has been developed. GRL.OPEN encapsulates GRL2LNT and calls LNT.OPEN, thus connecting GRL to the on-the-fly verification tools of CADP.

GRL2LNT and GRL.OPEN are validated on more than 120 GRL specifications, corresponding to about 7,000 lines of GRL, which generates 18,000 lines of LNT. The increase in the number of generated lines is mainly caused by the translation of GRL constructs into several LNT constructs. This shows that GRL is closer to the GALS user’s view, compared to LNT.

A part of the benchmark is dedicated to unit testing of GRL constructs. At least two examples are written for each GRL syntactic and static semantic rule. The first example violates the rule to check that GRL2LNT captures the error. The second example, which is a corrected version of the first one, checks that no error is raised by GRL2LNT. Another part of the benchmark consists of more elaborated examples covering different aspects of the language. First, the generated LNT programs are
analysed manually to check their conformance with the translation algorithm. Then, the
LTSs generated by using CADP, are checked either by visual checking (for small LTSs)
or by interactive simulation and model checking (for large LTSs). Our industrial partner
generates GRL code automatically from their synchronous programming software, and
check the resulting LTSs, which is another validation form for the whole toolchain.
Moreover, for each GRL specification, a set of correct-by-construction properties can be
verified using model checking. Examples are:

- the atomicity of block steps
- the occurrence of inputs before outputs in each step
- the eventual release of the lock after being acquired
- the absence of transitions corresponding to unconnected channels

5.9 LTSs of the translation vs. LTSs of GRL semantics

We address the relationship between the LTSs of GRL semantics (Chapter 4) and the
LTSs of root processes generated by the translation (Section 5.7). We note “LTS\textsubscript{GRL}”
and “LTS\textsubscript{LNT}”, respectively, those LTSs.

For a transition $\mu_0 \xrightarrow{B \langle ch_1, \ldots, ch_m \rangle \langle ch'_1, \ldots, ch'_n \rangle} \mu_1$ in LTS\textsubscript{GRL}, our translation generates the
following LNT transition sequence:

\[
\begin{align*}
S_0 \quad \text{Start} & \quad !B \downarrow \\
S_1 \quad \text{G} & \xrightarrow{G(ch_1)} S_2 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow S_m \quad \text{G} & \xrightarrow{G(ch_m)} S_{m+1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow S_{m+n} \quad \text{G} & \xrightarrow{G(ch'_1)} S_{m+n+1} \quad \uparrow \text{Finish}
\end{align*}
\]

where $G$ is a label transformation function defined as follows:

\[
G (X = e_1, \ldots, X_p = e_p) = \text{Gate}_\_X \ldots \_X_! \ e_1 ! \ldots ! e_p
\]

\[
G (\_, \ldots, \_) = i
\]

The expansion caused by the translation is linear in the number of transitions, owing to
the locking mechanism. In general, consider a GRL system $S$ composed of $n$ blocks $B_1, \ldots, B_n$ having $m_1, \ldots, m_n$ channels, respectively. We assume that $B_1, \ldots, B_n$ have
respectively $p_1, \ldots, p_n$ transitions in LTS\textsubscript{GRL}. The table below summarises the number
of transitions in LTS\textsubscript{GRL} and LTS\textsubscript{LNT}. Note that the number of transitions in LTS\textsubscript{GRL}
is independent from the number of channels in blocks, contrarily to LTS\textsubscript{LNT}.

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<td>number of transitions</td>
<td>$\sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i$</td>
<td>$\sum_{i=1}^{n} (2 + m_i \times p_i)$</td>
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LTS\textsubscript{GRL} can be recovered from LTS\textsubscript{LNT}. Because the transformation from LTS\textsubscript{GRL} to
LTS\textsubscript{LNT} is bijective, there is a one-to-one correspondence between GRL transitions and
LNT transition sequences. The labels of LTS\textsubscript{GRL} transitions could be reconstructed from
those of the corresponding LNT transition sequences in LTS\textsubscript{LNT}, by using function $G^{-1}$.
Then, in each transition sequence in LTS\(_{\text{LNT}}\), one transition can be renamed into the reconstructed label while hiding all other transitions. Finally, by applying a compression (e.g., \(\tau\)-compression and \(\tau\)-confluence) to remove hidden transitions, we obtain LTS\(_{\text{GRL}}\). This algorithm is implemented in GRL.OPEN, by using an option named \textit{merge}.

### 5.10 Comparison with related work

We compare our encoding of GALS systems in LNT to the earlier work proposed in [GT09, Thi11], which also use LNT. Similarly to [GT09, Thi11], we encode synchronous components in LNT functions, which we encapsulate inside processes. However, our encoding outperforms [GT09, Thi11] in several aspects:

- Our approach is more general since it is not confined to Mealy machines to describe synchronous components. Not all compilers of synchronous languages are able to synthesise Mealy machines, in which case automatic translators should be developed, as argued by the authors in [GT09, Thi11].
- Our approach is more modular since it allows a wrapper process to define several reception and emission gates, through which the process could interact with several processes. In [GT09, Thi11], a wrapper process defines exactly one reception and exactly one emission gates; this limits the modularity of the approach.
- Our approach leads to smaller LTS since the locking mechanism ensures the atomicity of synchronous components. This impacts the size of the corresponding LTS, as will be explained below.

We consider a GALS system composed of two synchronous components. Each component \(i (i \in 1..2)\) is represented by an LNT process with one input gate IN\(_i\), one output gate OUT\(_i\), and no internal state. Gates are without value-exchange, for conciseness. In such a system, the only difference between our approach and [GT09, Thi11] is the locking mechanism. Figure 5.1 gives the LTS\(_{\text{LNT}}\) of the GALS system and the LTS (noted LTS\(_{\text{GT}}\)) obtained by applying the approach [GT09, Thi11]. It shows that the locking mechanism removes sequences in which the input reading of some component \(i\) is followed by the input reading of another component \(j (j \neq i)\) before the output writing of component \(j\). In our opinion, such situations are irrelevant for GALS systems; even in [GT09, Thi11], removing such sequences seems to have no effect on the truth values of temporal logic formulas.

Furthermore, we increase the number of the concurrent synchronous components in the GALS system. Table 5.8 shows how the number of transitions in LTS\(_{\text{GT}}\) grows exponentially with the number of components while the number of transitions in LTS\(_{\text{LNT}}\) grows linearly.
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Figure 5.1: LTSs describing $\text{LTS}_{GT}$ (left-hand side) and $\text{LTS}_{LNT}$ (right-hand side)

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Component number</th>
<th>2</th>
<th>3</th>
<th>4</th>
<th>5</th>
<th>6</th>
<th>10</th>
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<td>$\text{LTS}_{LNT}$</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>10</td>
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<td>31</td>
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<td>$\text{LTS}_{GT}$</td>
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<td>54</td>
<td>217</td>
<td>811</td>
<td>2917</td>
<td>393,661</td>
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Table 5.8: The number of transitions in $\text{LTS}_{LNT}$ and $\text{LTS}_{GT}$ depending on the number of components

5.11 Conclusion

In this chapter, we have proposed a translation from GRL to LNT. However, the principles of our translation would be transferable to other process algebras as well, provided they allow type definitions, function definitions with multiple output parameters, and are equipped with an $n$-ary parallel composition operator enabling data exchange.

Although both GRL and LNT have formal semantics, we have not proven formally the correctness of the translation. This would be a long task due to the size of GRL, which is far from being a toy language. Nonetheless, we gave hints to the correction of the translation. These hints have been complemented by tests using the GRL and CADP tools.
Chapter 6

The muGRL Language for GALS Property Specification

Temporal logics are tailored to capture properties of concurrent systems, but they require expertise. For example, a property for the car park is: whenever a car leaves, the green light eventually turns on. Its formulation in MCL would be:

\[ \text{true}^*. \{ \text{Gate\_OPEN !true} \} \]
\[ \text{mu} X. (<\text{true}> \text{true} \text{and} [ \text{not} \{ \text{Gate\_GREEN\_YELLOW\_RED !true} ?\text{any} ?\text{any} \} ] X) \]

Although the property is simple, its formulation is not easy to read and understand. This chapter proposes muGRL, a property specification language tailored to capture properties of GALS systems. muGRL is based on a system of patterns [DAC98, DAC99]. Patterns are high-level and parameterisable properties, aiming at reducing the complexity of using temporal logics. The semantics of muGRL are defined by a translation into MCL. The chapter is structured as follows. We first provide an overview of muGRL. Then, we present the frequently encountered properties in the scope of concurrent and GALS systems. In particular, we propose a definition of deadlocks, livelocks, and instability for GALS systems, as well as some discrete real-time properties.

6.1 Overview of muGRL

The language syntax is presented in Tables 6.1 (page 120) to 6.4 (page 122). The generic terminal symbols and non-terminal symbols are summarised in the table below. Action formulas enable action-based properties that involve data values to be specified. Regular formulas build upon action formulas and enable complex assertions over action sequences to be specified. Property patterns build upon regular formulas and enable both LTS states to be specified and LTS branching structure to be explored.
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<table>
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<td>$P$</td>
<td>property pattern</td>
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<tr>
<td>$R$</td>
<td>regular formula</td>
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<tr>
<td>$A$</td>
<td>action formula</td>
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<tr>
<td>$O$</td>
<td>offer formula</td>
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<td>$E$</td>
<td>expression</td>
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### Non-terminal symbols

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<th>Symbol</th>
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<tr>
<td>$X$</td>
<td>action variable</td>
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<tr>
<td>$x$</td>
<td>local variable</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$T$</td>
<td>type</td>
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</table>

### Terminal symbols

Action formulas, regular formulas, and property patterns are interpreted over $\text{LTS}_{\text{LNT}}$ (see Section 5.9, page 114), as shown by the flow depicted in Figure 6.1. In particular, the GRL2LNT tool is enhanced with an option “-relabel” which enables to rename actions of the form “Start !B” into “B” and actions of the form “Gate\_X_1,...\_X_p \!e_1 \ldots \!e_p” into “X_1 = e_1, \ldots, X_p = e_p”. Hence, muGRL actions have one of the following forms:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Action</th>
<th>Form</th>
<th>Meaning</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Activation action</strong></td>
<td>$S$</td>
<td>$S$ denotes a block name</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Data action</strong></td>
<td>$X_1 = e_1, \ldots, X_n = e_n$</td>
<td>$X_1, \ldots, X_n$ are variables composing a block actual channel and $e_1, \ldots, e_n$ are their respective values</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Invisible action</strong></td>
<td>$i$</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
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</table>

Figure 6.1: Interpretation model of muGRL

**Remark 6.1.** One would expect the property language to be interpreted over $\text{LTS}_{\text{GRL}}$, as depicted by dashed box and arrows in Figure 6.1. We use $\text{LTS}_{\text{LNT}}$ as interpretation model for the sake of simplicity. It is cost effective, since one can use directly the CADP tools and techniques (hiding, minimisation, etc.) without needing to introduce
additional tools. Of course it is possible to write another property language (muGRL++, Figure 6.1) with LTS\textsubscript{GRL} as interpretation model, and define a translation from that language to muGRL. This is left for future work.

Example 6.1. Throughout the current chapter, properties will be illustrated mainly on the car park application (see Section 3.1, page 29). We will consider the following subset of LTS\textsubscript{LNT} actions (after renaming), where $e_0, e_1, \ldots$ are Boolean values:

- activation actions “Entrance”, “Exit”, “Storey1”, and “Storey2” denote PLC execution.
- data action “Cmd\_P1 = e_1, Cmd\_P2 = e_2” denotes a request of a car, parking in the first or the second storey, to leave the car park.
- data action “Open\_Park = e_0” denotes the opening of the entrance gate on a car request.
- data action “Open = e_0” denotes the opening of the exit gate on a car request.
- data actions “Out\_P1 = e_1” and “Out\_P2 = e_2” denote the leaving of a car, parking in the first or the second storey, respectively.
- data action “Green = e_1, Yellow = e_2, Red = e_3” denotes the exterior lights mounted at the car park entrance.
- data action “S\_Out1 = e_0” denotes a message sent by the exit PLC to the first storey PLC indicating whether a car has left.
- data action “R\_Out1 = e_0” denotes a message sent by the first storey PLC to the entrance PLC indicating whether a car has left.

6.2 Offer formulas

Offer formulas, whose syntax is given in Table 6.1, characterise a couple “$X = e$” present on a data action. More precisely, an offer formula allows the value carried by an action variable to be matched and stored in a variable local to the formula:

- Offer formula “$X_0 = e_0$” matches an action variable carrying a value identical to $e_0$.
- Offer formula “$X_0 = ? x_0 : T_0$” matches an action variable carrying any value of type $T_0$ and stores it in variable $x_0$. We call local the variables used to store the values of action variables in formulas.
- Offer formula “$X_0 = ? \text{any}$” matches any value of any type.

Example 6.2. Offer formula “$\text{Open = false}$” matches “$\text{Open = false}$” but does not match “$\text{Open = true}$”. Offer formula “$\text{Open = ? any}$” matches both “$\text{Open = false}$” and “$\text{Open = true}$”. □
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| $O$ \(::=\) | $X_0 = e_0$ \ value matching |
| \(\mid\) | $X_0 =? x_0:T_0$ \ value extraction |
| \(\mid\) | $X_0 =? \text{any}$ \ wildcard |

Table 6.1: Syntax of offer formulas

6.3 Action formulas

Action formulas, whose syntax is given in Table 6.2, consist of action predicates combined using standard Boolean operators. Action predicate \(\{S\}\), where \(S\) is a string denoting a component name\(^1\), matches the activation action \(S\). Action predicate \(\{O_1, \ldots, O_n \mid \text{where } E\}\) matches the data action “\(X_1 = e_1, \ldots, X_n = e_n\)” if: (i) each offer \(O_i\) matches \(X_i = e_i\), and (ii) the Boolean expression \(E\), possibly using local variables occurring in \(O_1, \ldots, O_n\), evaluates to true.

For action predicates with value extraction, local variables can be exported outside the action predicates. Hence, they can be used in the surrounding formula. This is a generality of the action formulas first proposed in ACTL [DFGR93] in a dataless context.

\[
A \ ::= \ \{S\} \quad \text{activation action} \\
| \{O_1, \ldots, O_n \mid \text{where } E\} \quad \text{data action} \\
| \text{i} \quad \text{invisible action} \\
| \text{false} \quad \text{unexisting action} \\
| \text{true} \quad \text{every action} \\
| (A) \quad \text{parenthesised action} \\
| \text{not } A \quad \text{negation} \\
| A_1 \text{ or } A_2 \quad \text{disjunction} \\
| A_1 \text{ and } A_2 \quad \text{conjunction}
\]

Table 6.2: Syntax of action formulas

Example 6.3. In the car park application, the action formula \(\{\text{Exit}\}\) matches the activation action Exit. The action formula \(\{\text{Cmd}_\_P1 = \text{true}, \text{Cmd}_\_P2 =? \text{any}\}\) matches the data actions “\(\text{Cmd}_\_P1 = \text{true}, \text{Cmd}_\_P2 = \text{true}\)” and “\(\text{Cmd}_\_P1 = \text{true}, \text{Cmd}_\_P2 = \text{false}\)” but does not match the data action “\(\text{Cmd}_\_P1 = \text{false}, \text{Cmd}_\_P2 = \text{true}\)”.

6.4 Regular formulas

Regular formulas, whose syntax is given in Table 6.3, characterise regular execution sequences. A regular formula is built from action formulas using standard regular expression operators. In particular, action predicates with value extraction and matching

\(^1\)In muGRL, the term component is used to denote a synchronous component.
enable to specify the propagation of values on execution sequences in the LTS.

Table 6.3: Syntax of regular formulas

<table>
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<tr>
<th>$R$</th>
<th>::=</th>
<th>$A$</th>
<th>one-step sequence</th>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>NIL</td>
<td>empty sequence</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>$(R)$</td>
<td>parenthesised formula</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>$R_1 \cdot R_2$</td>
<td>concatenation</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>$R_1</td>
<td>R_2$</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>$R^*$</td>
<td>iteration 0 or more times</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>$R^+$</td>
<td>iteration 1 or more times</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>$R {m}$</td>
<td>iteration $m$ times</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>$R {m...n}$</td>
<td>iteration $m$ to $n$ times</td>
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</table>

Example 6.4. In the car park application, the following regular formula specifies a step of block $\text{Exit}$ in which a request for leaving is detected.

\[
\{\text{Exit}\}. (\{\text{Cmd\_P1} = \text{true}, \text{Cmd\_P2} = \text{false}\} \text{ or } \{\text{Cmd\_P1} = \text{false}, \text{Cmd\_P2} = \text{true}\}) . \text{true} . \{\text{Out\_P1} = ? \text{ out1} : \text{bool} \}. \{\text{Out\_P2} = ? \text{ out2} : \text{bool where out1} \not\leftrightarrow \text{out2}\}
\]

The regular formula matches the following action sequence:

$\text{s}_0 \xrightarrow{\text{Exit}} \text{s}_1 \xrightarrow{\text{Cmd\_P1=\text{true, Cmd\_P2=\text{false}}}} \text{s}_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Open=\text{true}}} \text{s}_3 \xrightarrow{\text{Out\_P1=\text{true}}} \text{s}_4 \xrightarrow{\text{Out\_P2=\text{false}}} \text{s}_5$

6.5 General property patterns

We consider the classification, first suggested by Lamport [Lam77], partitioning properties into safety and liveness ones. A safety property asserts that something (bad) will not happen. A liveness property asserts that something (good) must happen. Additionally, we consider the class of fairness properties. Fairness is concerned with resolving nondeterminism and is often required to ensure liveness. For each of those classes, we present the frequently encountered patterns in the literature. A final section presents a translation of the presented patterns into MCL.

6.5.1 Patterns for safety properties

To express a safety property in the action-based setting, we proceed as follows. First, the undesirable execution sequences are characterised in terms of regular formulas $R$. Then, the occurrences of $R$ in the LTS are forbidden by using the following pattern:

\[
\text{Never} \ (R)
\]
\[ P ::= \text{true} \mid \text{false} \mid \text{not} \ P \mid P_1 \text{ or } P_2 \mid P_1 \text{ and } P_2 \mid P_1 \text{ implies } P_2 \mid \text{Never} \ (R) \mid \text{Not\_To\_Unless} \ (A_1, A_2, A_3) \mid \text{Some} \ (R) \mid \text{Always\_Some} \ (R) \mid \text{After\_Some} \ (R_1, R_2) \mid \text{Some\_Never} \ (R_1, R_2) \mid \text{After\_Inev} \ (R_1, R_2) \mid \text{Looping} \ (R) \mid \text{Saturation} \ (R) \mid \text{After\_Looping} \ (R_1, R_2) \mid \text{Some\_Looping} \ (R_1, R_2) \mid \text{After\_Saturation} \ (R_1, R_2) \mid \text{Some\_Saturation} \ (R_1, R_2) \mid \text{Deadlock} \ (S) \mid \text{Alive} \ (S) \mid \text{Some\_Alive} \ (S) \mid \text{All\_Alive} \ (S) \mid \text{Deadlock} \ (S) \mid \text{Progress} \ (S) \mid \text{Idle} \ (X) \mid \text{Some\_Idle} \ (X) \mid \text{All\_Idle} \ (X) \mid \text{Idle} \ (S) \mid \text{Idle} \ (S) \mid \text{Progress} \ (X) \mid \text{Some\_Progress} \ (X) \mid \text{All\_Progress} \ (X) \mid \text{Progress} \ (S) \mid \text{Progress} \ (S) \mid \text{Starvation\_Freedom} \ (S) \mid \text{Starvation\_Freedom} \ (S, S') \mid \text{Starvation\_Freedom} \ (S, S') \mid \text{Out\_Consistent} \ (X, Y) \mid \text{Some\_Consistent} \ (X, Y) \mid \text{All\_Consistent} \ (X, Y) \mid \text{All\_Consistent} \ (X, Y) \mid \text{Stability} \ (X, Y) \mid \text{Stability} \ (X, Y) \mid \text{Deadline} \ (R, A_1, A_2, n) \mid \text{Sustain} \ (R, A_1, A_2, n) \mid \text{From\_To\_Least} \ (A_1, A_2, A_3, m) \mid \text{From\_To\_Most} \ (A_1, A_2, A_3, m) \]

Table 6.4: Syntax of property patterns
6.5. General property patterns

Example 6.5. The informal specification of the car park application (Section 3.1, page 29) states that: once a car asks for leaving the car park, an exit request is detected by the exit PLC, which opens the gate immediately. An undesirable execution sequence is then an exit request that is not followed by the gate opening. Such a situation is captured and forbidden by the safety property:

\[
\text{Never} \left( \text{true}^* \cdot \{\text{Cmd}_P1 = \text{cmd1} : \text{bool}, \text{Cmd}_P2 = \text{cmd2} : \text{bool} \ \text{where} \ \text{cmd1} \neq \text{cmd2}\} \cdot \{\text{Open} = \text{false}\} \right)
\]

Further safety patterns can be obtained by specialising the regular formula \( R \) in pattern \( \text{Never} \). In practice, a frequently encountered pattern forbids the execution of an action \( A_2 \) after an action \( A_1 \) without the occurrence of an action \( A_3 \) in between:

\[
\text{Not\_To\_Unless} (A_1, A_2, A_3) = \text{Never} (\text{true}^* \cdot A_1 \cdot (\text{not} A_3)^* \cdot A_2)
\]

Example 6.6. In the car park application, a valid safety property is: the exit gate cannot open unless an exit request is detected. Such a situation is captured and forbidden by the safety property:

\[
\text{Not\_To\_Unless} \left( \{\text{Open} = \text{false}\}, \{\text{Open} = \text{true}\}, \{\text{Cmd}_P1 = \text{cmd1} : \text{bool}, \text{Cmd}_P2 = \text{cmd2} : \text{bool} \ \text{where} \ \text{cmd1} \neq \text{cmd2}\} \right)
\]

To conclude that a safety property is violated on an LTS, it suffices to have one (finite) execution sequence forbidden by the property but occurring in the LTS. For instance, the following execution sequence violates the property specified in Example 6.6:

\[
s_0 \xrightarrow{\text{Open=false}} s_1 \xrightarrow{s_2} s_2 \xrightarrow{s_3} s_3 \xrightarrow{s_4} \text{Cmd}_P1=false, \text{Cmd}_P2=false, s_4 \xrightarrow{s_4} \text{Open=true}
\]

Note however that even though a safety property holds on an LTS, there is no proof about the existence of the actions referenced in the property. Property \( \text{Never} (\{\text{Open} = \text{false}\}) \) holds on an LTS containing no action Open. This is called the vacuity problem. In addition to a safety property holding on an LTS, one must check the existence of all actions referenced in the formula. This is possible using pattern \( \text{Some} \) (see Section 6.5.2).

6.5.2 Patterns for liveness properties

A system can fulfill all safety properties by forever doing nothing as this will never entail undesirable situations. In the car park application, it suffices that no car enters the car park to make the properties specified in Examples 6.5 and 6.6 hold on the corresponding LTS. Such behaviour is usually useless for a system. For this reason, safety properties need to be complemented by liveness properties, which express progress.
Reachability properties

A typical instantiation of progress properties is the reachability of an execution sequence. In terms of LTSs, such a property asserts that from the initial state, there is some outgoing execution sequence that satisfies a regular formula $R$. This is denoted by the following pattern:

$$\text{Some} \ (R)$$

A stronger progress pattern is the universal reachability, i.e., reachability on all execution sequences. It asserts that it is always possible for an action to be eventually reached. In terms of LTSs, such a property asserts that from each state, there is some outgoing execution sequence that satisfies a regular formula $R$. This is denoted by the following pattern:

$$\text{Always\_Some} \ (R)$$

Example 6.7. The informal specification of the car park application (Section 3.1, page 29) states that: if there still are unoccupied parking spots, ... a green light is maintained on; otherwise, a red light is turned on. Some reachability properties are the following:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Formalisation</th>
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<tr>
<td>The red light may be on</td>
<td>Some ( (\text{true}^* \cdot (\text{Green} = ? \text{ any}, \text{Yellow} = ? \text{ any}, \text{Red} = \text{true})) )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The green light may always turn on</td>
<td>Always_Some ( (\text{Green} = \text{true}, \text{Yellow} = ? \text{ any}, \text{Red} = ? \text{ any}) )</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Response properties

Other frequent instantiations of liveness properties are the so-called response properties. They assert that whenever certain actions occur (request), they must be followed by other actions in the future (response). Depending on the way the response is requested to occur in the LTS, two typical response patterns can be distinguished: potentiality and inevitability.

Potentiality The potentiality response pattern expresses the occurrence of the response on some execution sequence. It specifies that every execution sequence satisfying a regular formula $R_1$ is potentially followed by another execution sequence satisfying a regular formula $R_2$. This is denoted by the following pattern:

$$\text{After\_Some} \ (R_1, R_2)$$

Such a property is satisfied by a state of the LTS if: each of its outgoing execution sequences satisfying $R_1$ leads to another state, from which there is some outgoing execution sequence satisfying $R_2$. A typical particular case of this pattern specifies that every action $A$ is potentially followed by an action $B$. This is denoted by the following
pattern:

\[
\text{After\_Some} \left( \text{true}^* . A, \text{true}^* . B \right)
\]

If this property is valid on an LTS, it means that from every state following an action \( A \), there is at least one outgoing execution sequence leading to an action \( B \). The pattern \( \text{After\_Some} \left( A, B \right) \) is the action-based counterpart of the fair inevitability operator proposed in [QS83] in the state-based setting.

The dual pattern of \( \text{After\_Some} \) specifies that there is an execution sequence satisfying \( R_1 \), that leads to a state, from which the outgoing execution sequences satisfying \( R_2 \) are forbidden. This is denoted by the following pattern:

\[
\text{Some\_Never} \left( R_1, R_2 \right) = \text{not} \ \text{After\_Some} \left( R_1, R_2 \right)
\]

**Inevitability** The inevitability response pattern expresses the occurrence of the response on all execution sequences. It specifies that every execution sequence satisfying the regular formula \( R_1 \) is *eventually* followed by another execution sequence satisfying the regular formula \( R_2 \). This is denoted by the following pattern:

\[
\text{After\_Inev} \left( R_1, R_2 \right)
\]

Similarly, a useful specialisation of this pattern specifies that every action \( A \) is eventually followed by an action \( B \):

\[
\text{After\_Inev} \left( \text{true}^*. A, \text{true}^*. B \right)
\]

If this property is valid on the LTS, it means that from every occurrence of action \( A \), all execution sequences contains an action \( B \).

**Example 6.8.** For the car park application, we specify the properties summarised in the table below. The last one is extracted from the informal specification (Section 3.1, page 29) stating that: *once the car leaves, the exit PLC informs the storey PLC referenced in the car ticket, which in turn informs the entrance PLC.*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Formalisation</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>If the car park is full, a parking car eventually leaves</td>
<td>( \text{After_Some} \left( \text{true}^*. { Green =? \text{any}, Yellow =? \text{any}, Red = \text{true} }, { Open = \text{true} } \right) )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The car park may never be full</td>
<td>( \text{Some_Never} \left( \text{true}^<em>, \text{true}^</em>. { Green =? \text{any}, Yellow =? \text{any}, Red = \text{true} } \right) )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A message sent by the exit PLC on a car leaving must be transmitted to the entrance PLC</td>
<td>( \text{After_Inev} \left( \text{true}^<em>. { S_Out1 = \text{true} }, \text{true}^</em>. { R_Out1 = \text{true} } \right) )</td>
</tr>
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\[\square\]

To conclude that a liveness property is violated on an LTS, all (infinite) execution sequences should be visited to check that the execution sequence required by the property is absent in the LTS. Nonetheless, response properties exhibit no guarantee about the
existence of requests. Accordingly, they are not violated by infinite execution sequences
in which only responses occur but never requests (or finitely many requests).

**Remark 6.2.** The stronger response pattern \( \text{After}_\text{Inev} (\text{true}^* \cdot A, \text{true}^* \cdot B) \) may
not hold on an LTS, unexpectedly, if there are cycles after an occurrence of \( A \) and before
the subsequent occurrence of \( B \). If these cycles correspond to unrealistic executions of
the system, one may check the first version \( \text{After}_\text{Some} (\text{true}^* \cdot A, \text{true}^* \cdot B) \) of the
response pattern. If the property holds, a scheduler (i.e., activation strategy) can be
implemented, to avoid the unrealistic execution cycles.

### 6.5.3 Patterns for fairness properties

Fairness assumptions capture infinite behaviors that are considered unrealistic. In the
car park application, a possible unfair scenario is the following: once a car leaves the car
park, the entrance PLC waits infinitely long without receiving the information from the
exit PLC (via a storey PLC). The availability of the car park is then never updated.

In the action-based setting, fairness can be specified by characterising the LTS cycles
denoting infinite unfair execution sequences. The following property pattern specifies
the existence of an infinite execution sequence satisfying the regular formula \( R \):

\[
\text{Looping} (R)
\]

This is the action-based counterpart of the LTL property \( \text{GF} p \) expressing that a state
property \( p \) occurs infinitely often [CGP00]. A useful particular case of the \text{Looping}
pattern specifies the existence of an execution sequence on which an action \( A \) occurs
infinitely often:

\[
\text{Looping} ((\text{not} A)^* \cdot A)
\]

**Example 6.9.** For the car park application, we can specify that each PLC is executed
infinitely often.

\[
\text{Looping} (\{\text{Entrance}\}) \quad \text{Looping} (\{\text{Storey1}\}) \\
\text{Looping} (\{\text{Exit}\}) \quad \text{Looping} (\{\text{Storey2}\})
\]

The dual pattern of \text{Looping} specifies that an execution sequence \( R \) can be repeated only
a finite number of times:

\[
\text{Saturation} (R) = \text{not Looping} (R)
\]

This is the action-based counterpart of the LTL property \( \text{FG} p \) expressing the invariance
of a state property \( p \) [CGP00]. As above, a useful particular case of the \text{Saturation}
pattern specifies that all execution sequences may contain only a finite number of oc-
currences of actions different from \( A \).

\[
\text{Saturation} (\text{true}^* \cdot \text{not} A)
\]

Looping and saturation patterns can be combined with the response patterns to accomo-
date the presence or absence of certain infinite sequences after other execution sequences
have occurred:

\[
\text{After\_Looping} (R_1, R_2) \quad \text{After\_Saturation} (R_1, R_2)
\]

The dual patterns are respectively:

\[
\text{Some\_Saturation} (R_1, R_2) \quad \text{Some\_Looping} (R_1, R_2)
\]

Fairness verification is of particular interest for nondeterministic systems by detecting whether a possible choice is consistently ignored. Asynchronous concurrent systems, among which GALS systems, are particularly concerned as concurrency is often modelled by interleaving behaviours. Further explanation on this concern will follow in the specific case of GALS systems.

### 6.5.4 Translation into MCL

The semantics of muGRL are defined by translation into MCL. Each muGRL expression has a one-to-one straightforward correspondence with its counterpart in MCL. We call \( e2mcl \) the translation function of muGRL expressions. Regular formula has a one-to-one straightforward correspondence with its counterpart in MCL. We call \( r2mcl \) the translation function from muGRL regular expressions to their MCL counterparts.

The translation of offer formulas is given when translating action formulas. We need the following intermediate functions:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{var} (X_0 = e_0) &= X_0 \\
\text{var} (X_0 =? x_0:T_0) &= X_0 \\
\text{var} (X_0 =? \text{any}) &= X_0 \\
\text{val} (X_0 = e_0) &= \text{!}e_0 \\
\text{val} (X_0 =? x_0:T_0) &= \text{?}x_0:T_0 \\
\text{val} (X_0 =? \text{any}) &= \text{?}\text{any}
\end{align*}
\]

The translation of action formulas is summarised in Table 6.5.

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<tr>
<th>Action formula A</th>
<th>Translation into MCL ( a2mcl (A) )</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>( {S} )</td>
<td>{Start! S}</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( {O_1, \ldots, O_n \text{ where } E} )</td>
<td>{Gate_var(O_1) \ldots __var(O_n) \ !val(O_1) \ldots !val(O_n) \text{ where } e2mcl(E)}</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( i )</td>
<td>\text{false}</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( \text{true} )</td>
<td>\text{true}</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( \text{not } A )</td>
<td>\text{not } a2mcl (A)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( A_1 \text{ or } A_2 )</td>
<td>( a2mcl (A_1) \text{ or } a2mcl (A_2) )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( A_1 \text{ and } A_2 )</td>
<td>( a2mcl (A_1) \text{ and } a2mcl (A_2) )</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 6.5: Translation of action formulas

**Safety property patterns.** The translation of safety patterns, using function \( p2mcl \), is summarised in Table 6.6. Safety patterns can be naturally expressed using necessity modalities containing regular formulas.
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<tr>
<th>Pattern P</th>
<th>Translation into MCL $p2mcl (P)$</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Never ($R$)</td>
<td>$[ r2mcl (R) ]$ false</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Not_To_Unless ($A_1$, $A_2$, $A_3$)</td>
<td>$[ r2mcl (true^* . A_1 . (not A_3)^* . A_2 ) ]$ false</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 6.6: Translation of safety patterns

Liveness property patterns. The translation of liveness properties, using function $p2mcl$, is summarised in Table 6.7. Potentiality pattern Some can be directly expressed using possibility modalities containing regular formulas. Potentiality response pattern After_Some can be expressed by combining necessity and possibility modalities operators. The Some.Never pattern is the dual of the After_Some one. The Always_Some pattern can be expressed by specialising the After_Some pattern with a first argument matching all sequences. Finally, the inevitability response pattern can be expressed by combining necessity and possibility modalities together with a fixed point operator. More precisely, the MCL formula states that all execution sequences containing subsequences satisfying $R$ must lead to states from which action $A$ is reachable. The inevitable reachability of action $A$ is ensured by the minimal fixed point operator binding variable $X$.

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<tr>
<th>Pattern P</th>
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<tr>
<td>Some ($R$)</td>
<td>$&lt; r2mcl (R) &gt;$ true</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>After_Some ($R_1$, $R_2$)</td>
<td>$[ r2mcl (R_1) ]$ &lt; $r2mcl (R_2) &gt;$ true</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Some.Never ($R_1$, $R_2$)</td>
<td>$&lt; r2mcl (R_1) &gt;$ [ $r2mcl (R_2) ]$ false</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Always_Some ($R$)</td>
<td>$[ true^* ]$ &lt; $r2mcl (R) &gt;$ true</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>After_Inev ($R$, $A$)</td>
<td>$[ r2mcl (R) ]$ mu X . ($&lt; true &gt;$ true and [ not a2mcl(A) ] X)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 6.7: Translation of liveness patterns

Remark 6.3. Concerning inevitability patterns, we restrict the translation to the particular case After_Inev ($R$, $A$). The translation of the general case After_Inev ($R_1$, $R_2$) into MCL is quite tedious, for the time being.

Fairness property patterns. The translation of fairness properties, using function $p2mcl$, is summarised in Table 6.8. Fairness patterns are translated by using the infinite looping and finite saturation operators.

6.6 Deadlock, livelock, and instability

This section proposes a set of GALS-specific property patterns. The proposed patterns exploit the behaviour of GALS systems along two axis: activation strategies (activation patterns) and data handling (data patterns).
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<th>Pattern P</th>
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<tr>
<td>Looping ((R))</td>
<td>(&lt; r_2 \text{mcl} (R) &gt; \emptyset)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Saturation ((R))</td>
<td>([ r_2 \text{mcl} (R) ] - \emptyset)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>After_Looping ((R_1, R_2))</td>
<td>([ r_2 \text{mcl} (R_1) ] &lt; r_2 \text{mcl} (R_2) &gt; \emptyset)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>After_Saturation ((R_1, R_2))</td>
<td>([ r_2 \text{mcl} (R_1) ] [ r_2 \text{mcl} (R_2) ] - \emptyset)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Some_Looping ((R_1, R_2))</td>
<td>(&lt; r_2 \text{mcl} (R_1) &gt; &lt; r_2 \text{mcl} (R_2) &gt; \emptyset)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Some_Saturation ((R_1, R_2))</td>
<td>(&lt; r_2 \text{mcl} (R_1) &gt; [ r_2 \text{mcl} (R_2) ] - \emptyset)</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Table 6.8: Translation of fairness patterns

Activation patterns characterise activation actions corresponding to one \((S)\) or several \((S_1, ..., S_n)\) components. We write \(S\) as shorthand for the list \((S_1, ..., S_n)\).

Data patterns characterise one or several data actions corresponding to one or several components. For a data action \("X_1 = e_1, ..., X_n = e_n"\), we write \(X\) as shorthand for the list of its action variables \((X_1, ..., X_n)\). For several data actions, we write \(X\) as shorthand for the list \((X_1, ..., X_n)\).

Sometimes, we will need to specify to which component a data action corresponds. To this aim, we write \(X \in S\), where \(S\) is a component name. To denote all data actions of component \(S\), we write \(X \sim S\).

We extend value matching and value extraction for a set of action variables as follows:

<table>
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<th>Symbol</th>
<th>Meaning</th>
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<tr>
<td>(\overline{X}=?)</td>
<td>(X_1 = e_1, ..., X_n = e_n)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(\overline{X}=?\pi:T)</td>
<td>(X_1 = ?x_1:T_1, ..., X_n = ?x_n:T_n)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(\overline{X} \neq \emptyset)</td>
<td>(X_1 = ?x_1:T_1, ..., X_n = ?x_n:T_n) where (x_1&lt;&gt;e_1) or ... or (x_n&lt;&gt;e_n)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(\overline{X}=?\text{any})</td>
<td>(X_1 = ?\text{any}, ..., X_n = ?\text{any})</td>
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The interpretation of patterns will be mostly given in muGRL, i.e., by specialising the previously presented patterns. Sometimes, it will be given directly in MCL, when the expression in muGRL is impossible (due to expressiveness limitation) or for more efficient interpretation.

6.6.1 Deadlock

Since GALS components execute continuously, termination, called *deadlock*, is highly undesirable and mostly symptomatic of design errors. An exception is the case in which termination is deliberately modelled, e.g., to denote the end of finite scenarios or component failure. We distinguish two cases of deadlock. *Activation deadlock* is concerned with system halt. *Data deadlock* is concerned with computation termination.

\(^2\)In terms of LTS\(_{\text{LNT}}\), this means that action \(S\) is the last activation action preceding the data action \("X_1 = e_1, ..., X_n = e_n"\), where \(X = (X_1, ..., X_n)\).

\(^3\)In terms of LTS\(_{\text{LNT}}\), this means that \(X\) corresponds to all data actions following the activation action \(S\) before the next occurrence of another activation action.
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Activation deadlock (system halt)

Activation patterns may involve either one or several components or the whole system, i.e., all system components. Their interpretation is summarised in Table 6.9.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Pattern</th>
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<tr>
<td>Deadlock  ((S))</td>
<td>Some_Never ((\text{true}^<em>, \text{true}^</em> . {S}))</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Alive   ((S))</td>
<td>Always_Some ((\text{true}^* . {S}))</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Some_Alive ((S))</td>
<td>([\text{true}^<em>] \bigvee_{S \in \mathbb{S}} \langle\text{true}^</em> . {S}\rangle \text{true})</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>All_Alive ((S))</td>
<td>([\text{true}^<em>] \bigwedge_{S \in \mathbb{S}} \langle\text{true}^</em> . {S}\rangle \text{true})</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Deadlock ((S))</td>
<td>&lt;\text{true}^<em>&gt; \bigvee_{S \in \mathbb{S}} \langle{\text{true}^</em> . {S}}\rangle \text{false})</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Progress ((S))</td>
<td>([\text{true}^<em>] \bigvee_{S \in \mathbb{S}} \langle\text{true}^</em> . {S}\rangle \text{true})</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 6.9: Interpretation of activation deadlock patterns

Component halt and aliveness It is desirable to ensure that GALS components do not halt. In terms of LTSs, a component \(S\) comes to a halt if there is a state from which no action \(S\) can be reachable. This is detected by the following property pattern:

\text{Deadlock} \((S)\)

The dual pattern of \text{Deadlock} expresses the continuity in component execution. A component \(S\) is said \textit{alive} if it executes continuously. In terms of LTSs, from each state, there should be some execution sequence that leads to some action \(S\). This is detected by the following property pattern:

\text{Alive} \((S)\)

Example 6.10. Consider a GRL system composed of two blocks \(B1\) and \(B2\), whose activation strategy is described by the LTS below. The evaluation results of patterns \text{Deadlock} and \text{Alive} on both blocks are summarised in the table below.

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|}
\hline
 & Deadlock & Alive \\
\hline
\(B1\) & true & false \\
\hline
\(B2\) & false & true \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
Component aliveness can be generalised to encompass a set of components \( \mathcal{S} \) as follows:

\[
\text{Some\_Alive} (\mathcal{S}) \quad \text{and} \quad \text{All\_Alive} (\mathcal{S})
\]

Pattern \text{Some\_Alive} asserts that some components in \( \mathcal{S} \) are alive. In terms of LTSs, it evaluates to false if there is a state from which, no component in \( \mathcal{S} \) is alive. Pattern \text{All\_Alive} asserts that all components in \( \mathcal{S} \) are alive. In terms of LTSs, it evaluates to false if there is a state from which, at least one component in \( \mathcal{S} \) comes to a halt.

**Remark 6.4.** Patterns \text{Some\_Alive} and \text{All\_Alive} could have been interpreted in terms of pattern \text{Alive} as follows:

\[
\text{Some\_Alive} (\mathcal{S}) = \bigvee_{S \in \mathcal{S}} \text{Alive} (S) \quad \text{and} \quad \text{All\_Alive} (\mathcal{S}) = \bigwedge_{S \in \mathcal{S}} \text{Alive} (S)
\]

This interpretation is less efficient than, while being semantically equivalent to, the one we chose, since it leads to MCL formulas with more operators\(^4\). Each kleene-star operator denotes an implicit fix point operator as it requires to visit all the LTS states in the worst case.

A particularly interesting application of patterns \text{Some\_Alive} and \text{All\_Alive} concerns redundant systems, in which the same program is executed by several components. This way, the reliability of the application is increased by providing it with fault tolerance. The system is considered operational whenever at least one among redundant components is working properly. If all redundant components fail, the entire system fails as well.

**Example 6.11.** We enhance the car park application by adding redundancy. The entrance gate is henceforth managed by two redundant PLCs, named \textit{Entrance1} and \textit{Entrance2}. The exit gate is also managed by two redundant PLCs, named \textit{Exit1} and \textit{Exit2}. Basically, the system function is ensured by primary PLCs \textit{Entrance1} and \textit{Exit1}, secondary PLCs \textit{Entrance2} and \textit{Exit2} being not working. Such a redundancy is called \textit{cold}. Once one of the primary PLCs fails, primary PLCs are both stopped and secondary ones started, instead. The following properties can be specified:

<table>
<thead>
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<th>Property</th>
<th>Formalisation</th>
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<tr>
<td>There is always some entrance and some exit PLC working properly</td>
<td>\text{Some_Alive} (\text{Entrance1}, \text{Entrance2}) and \text{Some_Alive} (\text{Exit1}, \text{Exit2})</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The car park is always operational</td>
<td>\text{All_Alive} (\text{Entrance1}, \text{Exit1}) or \text{All_Alive} (\text{Entrance2}, \text{Exit2})</td>
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</table>

\(^4\)The complexity of model checking increases with the size of the formula, i.e., the number of logic operators. Thus, it is desirable to verify formulas as small as possible to enhance the efficiency of model checking.
System deadlock and progress  A GALS system comes to a halt when all its components do so. However, in a non-terminating GALS system, no conclusion can be derived about whether (or not) it contains halted components. Since (synchronous) components do not interlock the execution of each other, the halting of a component does not entail other components to halt.

Assume the GALS system under study consists of a set of components, denoted $S$. Termination of the entire system is expressed by the following pattern:

$$\text{Deadlock}(S)$$

In terms of LTSs, the pattern evaluates to true if there is a state from which all actions in $S$ are unreachable. Hence, the LTS contains necessarily sink states, i.e., states without outgoing transitions. This coincides with the definition of deadlock in asynchronous concurrent systems, in which global deadlocks are terminal states from which no more action is possible.

The dual pattern of Deadlock expresses that always some component is executing. In terms of LTSs, it suffices to ensure that from each state, some action in $S$ is reachable. This is done by following pattern:

$$\text{Progress}(S)$$

Example 6.12. Consider a GRL system composed of two blocks $B1$ and $B2$, whose activation strategy is described by the LTS below. Property $\text{Deadlock}(B1, B2)$ evaluates to true while property $\text{Progress}(B1, B2)$ does not. The same verification results are transferable to the LTS corresponding to the whole GRL system (i.e., including data actions).

Data deadlock (idleness)

Data patterns may involve one or several data actions of one or several components. Their interpretation is summarised in Table 6.10.

A component step can be idle, i.e., inputs and outputs carry the same values as in the

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5 The term input (resp. output) denotes a data action of a synchronous component corresponding to inputs received (resp. outputs sent) from (resp. to) either the environment or other synchronous components through the network.

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### Table 6.10: Interpretation of idleness and progress patterns

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<td>Idle</td>
<td>( (\overline{X}) ) Never ( (\text{true}^<em>. (\overline{X}=?\overline{x}) . \text{true}^</em>. (\overline{X} \neq \overline{x}) ) )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Some_Idle</td>
<td>( (\overline{X}) ) ( \bigvee_{x \in \overline{X}} ) Idle ( (X) )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>All_Idle</td>
<td>( (\overline{X}) ) ( \bigwedge_{x \in \overline{X}} ) Idle ( (X) )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Idle</td>
<td>( (S) ) All_Idle ( (\overline{X}) ) where ( \overline{X} \sim S )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Progress</td>
<td>( (\overline{X}) ) Always_Some ( (\text{true}^{<em>}. (\overline{X}=?\overline{x}) . \text{true}^{</em>}. (\overline{X} \neq \overline{x}) ) )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Some_Progress</td>
<td>( (\overline{X}) ) ( \bigvee_{x \in \overline{X}} ) Progress ( (X) )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>All_Progress</td>
<td>( (\overline{X}) ) ( \bigwedge_{x \in \overline{X}} ) Progress ( (X) )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Progress</td>
<td>( (S) ) Some_Progress ( (\overline{X}) ) where ( \overline{X} \sim S )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Progress</td>
<td>( (S) ) ( \bigvee_{s \in S} ) Progress ( (S) )</td>
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</table>

**Action and component idleness**  A data action is said *idle* if there is a state from which its variables, denoted \( \overline{X} \), carry indefinitely the same values. The following pattern forbids the presence of execution sequences in an LTS, in which action variables \( \overline{X} \) carry different sets of data values:

\[
\text{Idle} \ (\overline{X})
\]

Property \( \text{Idle} \) can be extended to encompass a set of data actions, whose variables are denoted \( \overline{X} \). Property \( \text{Some_Idle} \) (resp. \( \text{All_Idle} \)) holds on an LTS if one or several (resp. all) actions are active:

\[
\text{Some_Idle} \ (\overline{X}) \quad \text{All_Idle} \ (\overline{X})
\]

A component \( S \) is said idle if it reaches a state from which all its inputs and outputs are idle. Component idleness is a specialisation of property \( \text{All_Idle} \) applied to all input and output actions of the component. This is detected by the following property:

\[
\text{Idle} \ (S)
\]

**Example 6.13.** In the car park example, the idleness of the exit PLC, written \( \text{Idle} \) (Exit), is equivalent to the following property:

\( \text{Idle} \) (Cmd_P1, Cmd_P2) and \( \text{Idle} \) (Open) and \( \text{Idle} \) (Out_P1) and \( \text{Idle} \) (Out_P2)
Remark 6.5. There may be situations in which property $\text{Idle} (S)$ does not hold for a component $S$ whereas the component is functionally idle. For illustration, consider the GRL block $B$ below, where $u$ represents the edges of a clock signal. The table in the right-hand side shows the values of parameters $u, x,$ and $y$ during the first six steps. Beyond the sixth step, $x$ and $y$ carry indefinitely the same values.

\begin{verbatim}
1  block B (in u : bool,
2     in x : nat,
3     out y : nat)
4   is
5      if u then y := x
6      else y := 0
7     end if
8  end block
\end{verbatim}

The behaviour of the block is idle after its second step, even though $u$ continues to carry different values. The evaluation of idleness properties on the actions corresponding to block $B$ are given in the table below.

<table>
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<th>Evaluation</th>
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<tr>
<td>$\text{Idle} (u)$</td>
<td>false</td>
<td>$\text{Some_Idle} (u, x, y)$</td>
<td>true</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$\text{Idle} (x)$</td>
<td>true</td>
<td>$\text{All_Idle} (x, y)$</td>
<td>true</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$\text{Idle} (y)$</td>
<td>true</td>
<td>$\text{Idle} (B)$</td>
<td>false</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Idleness is captured by property $\text{All_Idle} (x, y)$ but not by $\text{Idle} (B)$, which is equal to $\text{All_Idle} (u, x, y)$. In general, to capture the idleness of synchronous components, it is more adequate to apply the pattern $\text{All_Idle}$ to a well-chosen subset of inputs and outputs. In particular, only functional inputs, whose values are used to compute outputs, should be considered.

System idleness A GALS system is said idle if there is a state from which all its synchronous components are idle. In such case, no progress is made anymore by none of the components. For a GALS system composed of a set of components, denoted $\mathcal{S}$, the idleness of the system is detected by the following pattern:

$\text{Idle} (\mathcal{S})$

Action, component, and system progress Instead of checking idleness, one might want to check that an action, a component, or a system makes progress. A data action is said to progress if its variables continue forever to carry different values. The following pattern indicates that it is always possible for an action to progress.

$\text{Progress} (\mathcal{X})$

We extend pattern $\text{Progress}$ to encompass a set of actions, a component, and a set of
components, similarly to idleness properties. For a set of actions (resp. components), the patterns `Some_Progress` and `All_Progress` assert the progress of some or all actions independently from each other. A GALS system is said to progress if some of its components progress as well.

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{Some\_Progress} & \quad \text{All\_Progress} \\
\text{Progress} & \quad \text{Progress}
\end{align*}
\]

### 6.6.2 Livelock

Informally speaking, a system is said to livelock (or diverge) if it continues to execute without doing the tasks for which it was designed. The presence of livelock may invalidate some verification results and is often due to a bug in the modelling. The absence of livelock ensures not only that the system execution is continuous but also that the execution is meaningful.

Several yet nonequivalent notions of livelock properties have been defined in the literature of concurrent systems. In process algebra, livelocks arise mainly from the use of the hiding operator. A livelock occurs if a process reaches a state from which it may execute indefinitely an infinite sequence of consecutive hidden actions, which cannot be observed from the process outside. Following this definition, livelock can be expressed by the following pattern:

\[
\text{LIVELOCK} = \text{Some\_Looping}(\text{true}^*, i)
\]

In GRL models, the above described livelock occurs only if all the input and output actions of one or several blocks are hidden. In such case, livelock can be checked by a static analysis of the GRL specification. This analysis is very fast as it bypasses the generation of the LTS and its exploration by model checking. If we were to generate the LTS, livelock analysis would be carried out in time linear in the size of the LTS, which may however be exponential (or worse) in the code size of the GRL system.

**Example 6.14.** Consider the GRL system defined below. Its corresponding LTS contains a livelock (\(i\)-loop in state 0). In the general case, static livelock checking is an over-approximation, i.e., it may assert the presence of livelocks whereas the actual system is livelock-free.
Another definition of livelock is the state-based view consisting in preventing a process from performing some particular actions [LcW06]. These actions, called progress actions, are generally intended to make the system progress, e.g., deliver outputs or respond to the environment and other components. In terms of LTSs, such a livelock specifies a state from which only non-progress actions are executed indefinitely. That is to say, all progress actions are repeated only a finite number of times. Let \( \overline{A} \) be the set of progress actions. Such a livelock is expressed by the following pattern:

\[
\text{LIVELOCK} (\overline{A}) = \text{not Looping} (\text{not } (\bigvee_{A \in \overline{A}} A)^* \cdot \bigvee_{A \in \overline{A}} A)
\]

**Example 6.15.** The car park progresses by checking that there are continuously entry and exit traffic flows. The progress actions can be output \( \text{Open\_Park} \) of the entrance PLC, indicating a car entry; and output \( \text{Open} \) of the exit PLC, indicating a car leaving.

\[
\text{LIVELOCK} (\{\text{Open\_Park} = \text{true}\}, \{\text{Open} = \text{true}\})
\]

In addition to this general definition, we propose two specific cases for GALS systems. **Activation livelock** considers as progress actions the activation of components. **Data livelock** considers as progress actions the output actions of components.

**Activation livelock (starvation)**

Modelling concurrency by interleaving may introduce unfair strategies. An example is a component that is consistently ignored, thus never makes progress. Such a situation is called starvation. The interpretation of starvation patterns is summarised in Table 6.11.

**Example 6.16.** Consider the activation policies of blocks \( \text{Storey1} \) and \( \text{Storey2} \), depicted in Figure 6.2. The left-hand LTS (noted LTS\(_{\text{Default}}\)) represents the default activation policy, i.e., without activation constraints. The right-hand LTS (noted LTS\(_{\text{Quasi}}\)) represents blocks evolving at the same pace (Example 3.12, page 47). In LTS\(_{\text{Default}}\), while each action can be selected infinitely often, the system can always choose only
action STOREY1 or only action STOREY2. To remove such unfair strategies in GRL models, activation strategies should be implemented, as in LTS\textsubscript{Quasi}.

![LTSs describing activation policies of Storey1 and Storey2](image)

Figure 6.2: LTSs describing activation policies of Storey1 and Storey2

We define the \textit{individual starvation} of a component $S$ by the execution of $S$ only a finite number of times. Thus, unfair execution sequences are infinite sequences in which action $S$ is continuously ignored. Thus, unfair situations are states from which actions $S$ are continuously ignored. The absence of such situations is ensured by the following pattern:

$$\text{Starvation\_Freedom} \; (S)$$

\textbf{Example 6.17.} Consider the LTSs given in Figure 6.2. The individual starvation freedom property is satisfied by LTS\textsubscript{Quasi} but not LTS\textsubscript{Default}. For LTS\textsubscript{Default}, a counterexample is depicted in Figure 6.3. It indicates that the system can perform an action STOREY1 after which it performs indefinitely only action STOREY2 (state 1). The storey PLC of the first floor is thus in starvation situation. Similarly, the storey PLC of the second floor is in starvation situation in state 2 of the LTS.

![Individual starvation of storey PLCs](image)

Figure 6.3: Individual starvation of storey PLCs

In addition to individual starvation, we define the starvation of a component w.r.t. another component. This states that a component $S'$ is not indefinitely privileged over another component $S$. In terms of LTSs, this can be expressed by the absence of an
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infinite execution sequence in which only action $S'$ is encountered but never action $S$. The starvation of $S'$ w.r.t to $S$ is expressed by the following pattern:

\[ \text{Starvation\_Freedom} (S, S') \]

This pattern can be extended to encompass sets of components $S$ and $S'$, as follows:

\[ \text{Starvation\_Freedom} (\bar{S}, \bar{S'}) \]

**Example 6.18.** In the car park application, the starvation of the exit PLC entails that a car, once inside the car park, can never leave.

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<td>$\text{Starvation_Freedom} (S)$</td>
<td>$\text{Saturation} ([\text{true}^* \cdot \neg {S}]^*$)</td>
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<td>$\text{Starvation_Freedom} (S, S')$</td>
<td>$\text{Saturation} ([\neg {S}^* \cdot {S'}]^*$)</td>
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<tr>
<td>$\text{Starvation_Freedom} (\bar{S}, \bar{S'})$</td>
<td>$\text{Saturation} ([\neg \bigvee_{S \in \bar{S}} {S}]^* \cdot \bigvee_{S' \in \bar{S'}} {S'})$</td>
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**Table 6.11: Interpretation of starvation patterns**

**Data livelock (non progress)**

We call a data livelock of a component a state from which all output actions are idle. Such a situation is highly undesirable since the system does not progress anymore. There are two possible situations:

- Input idleness has caused output idleness. This situation is equivalent to component idleness, introduced in Section 6.6.1.
- Inputs are not idle. This is (generally) symptomatic to a modelling error, as illustrated in Example 6.19.

**Example 6.19.** Consider the GRL block below. Condition $\text{pre}_c > 0$ is never satisfied, which pushes the block in a data livelock situation.

```
1 block inconsistent (in a, b: nat, out c: nat) is
2     static var pre_c: nat := 0
3     if (pre_c > 0) then
4         c := b - a; pre_c := c
5     else
6         c := pre_c
7     end if
8 end block
```

We define consistency properties asserting that if one or several input actions continue to progress, the same must hold for one or several output actions. The interpretation of consistency patterns is summarised in Table 6.12.
6.6. Deadlock, livelock, and instability

Pattern Interpretation

<table>
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| Out\_Consistent \( (\vec{X}, \vec{Y}) \) | After\_Saturation \((\{Y=\tau\}, \text{Check\_X\_Y})\)  
where Check\_X\_Y is a regular expression defined as follows:  
\[
\text{Check\_X\_Y} = (\neg (\vec{X}=?\text{any}) \lor \neg (\vec{Y}=?\text{any}))^* . (\vec{X}=?\tau) . 
(\neg (\vec{X}=?\text{any}) \lor \neg (\vec{Y}=?\text{any}))^* . (\vec{Y}=?\tau) . 
(\neg (\vec{X}=?\text{any}) \lor \neg (\vec{Y}=?\text{any}))^* . (\vec{X} \neq \tau) . 
(\neg (\vec{X}=?\text{any}) \lor \neg (\vec{Y}=?\text{any}))^* . (\vec{Y} = ?\tau)
\] |
| Some\_Consistent \( (\vec{X}, \vec{Y}) \) | \( \bigvee_{\vec{x} \in \vec{X}} \) Out\_Consistent \( (\vec{x}, \vec{Y}) \) |
| All\_Consistent \( (\vec{X}, \vec{Y}) \) | \( \bigwedge_{\vec{x} \in \vec{X}} \) Out\_Consistent \( (\vec{x}, \vec{Y}) \) |
| All\_Consistent \( (\vec{X}, \vec{Y}) \) | \( \bigwedge_{\vec{y} \in \vec{Y}} \) All\_Consistent \( (\vec{X}, \vec{y}) \) |

Table 6.12: Interpretation of consistency patterns

The consistency of an output action, whose variables are denoted \( \vec{Y} \), w.r.t an input action, whose variables are denoted \( \vec{X} \), is captured by the property pattern below. The property pattern ensures the absence of infinite execution sequences in which the input action progresses while the output action does not.

\[
\text{Out\_Consistent} \ (\vec{X}, \vec{Y})
\]

Example 6.20. Consider the block defined in Example 6.19. The consistency of output \( c \) w.r.t. inputs \( a \) and \( b \) is specified as follows:

\[
\text{Out\_Consistent} \ (\langle a, b \rangle, c)
\]

The property is evaluated to false on the LTS corresponding to block Inconsistent. □

Output consistency can be extended to encompass a set of input actions, whose variables are denoted \( \vec{X} \). The following Some\_Consistent (resp. All\_Consistent) pattern主张s that if some (resp. all) input actions continue to progress, the same holds for the output action:

\[
\text{Some\_Consistent} \ (\vec{X}, \vec{Y}) \quad \text{All\_Consistent} \ (\vec{X}, \vec{Y})
\]

A set of output actions \( \vec{Y} \) is consistent if the same holds for all the output actions.

\[
\text{All\_Consistent} \ (\vec{X}, \vec{Y})
\]

6.6.3 Instability

Another case of undesirable situations in synchronous components is instability. In a stable component, if there is a state from which the inputs remain idle, both the outputs and the internal state should stabilise in the future, i.e., become idle. Not only the progress of an unstable component is meaningless but also it is neither visible nor controllable by the environment. In [Cas00], Caspi identifies stability as one of the robustness properties to guarantee a correct distribution of synchronous components.

The interpretation of stability property patterns is summarised in Table 6.13.
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Table 6.13: Interpretation of stability patterns

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<td>Stability ((\overline{X}, \overline{Y})) ((\bigwedge_{X \in \overline{X}}) Never ((true^* \cdot (\overline{X} = \overline{x}) \cdot true^* \cdot (\overline{X} \neq \overline{x})))) implies Saturation ((true^* \cdot (\overline{Y} = \overline{y}) \cdot true^* \cdot (\overline{Y} \neq \overline{y})))</td>
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Example 6.21. Consider the GRL block Unstable below. Assume input \(u\) starts changing and there exists a state from which it remains true forever. Even though \(u\) remains unchanged, the output \(x\) indefinitely oscillates between values \(true\) and \(false\). Instability is illustrated by the cycle of states \(\{1, 2, 6, 5\}\) in the LTS below, corresponding to block unstable.

```
1 block Unstable
2    (in u : bool,
3      out x : bool)
4 is
5    static var pre_x := true
6      x := u and not pre_x;
7    pre_x := x
8 end block
```

To detect such an undesirable divergence, we define the \textit{stability} property asserting that the idleness of inputs should imply the idleness of outputs. In terms of LTSs, this can be expressed by first detecting the states after which all input actions are idle, then checking that the output actions progress only a finite number of times. This is expressed by the following pattern, where \(\overline{X}\) and \(\overline{Y}\) stand for the respective variables of a set of input actions and an output action:

\[ \text{Stability} \left( \overline{X}, \overline{Y} \right) \]

Stability can be extended to encompass a set of output actions, whose variables are denoted \(\overline{Y}\).

\[ \text{Stability} \left( \overline{X}, \overline{Y} \right) \]

Example 6.22. Consider the block defined in Example 6.21. The stability of output \(x\) is specified as follows:

\[ \text{Stability} \left( u, x \right) \]
### 6.7 Discrete real-time properties

Any verification using model-based techniques is only as good as the model of the system.

A GALS system may depend on real-time constraints. In this case, its correctness depends, in addition to computational results, on the time at which results are produced. In a redundant system, it is vital that on failure detection, the function is passed from primary components to secondary ones shortly.

When real-time constraints are required, relative (discrete) time can be measured in terms of the number of component steps. In this section, we present two types of real-time properties. Component real-time properties involve individual components. System real-time properties involve several components. The interpretation of real-time patterns is summarised in Table 6.14.

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<td>Deadline ((R, A_1, A_2, n))</td>
<td>(\text{Never } (R \cdot (\text{not } A_1)^* \cdot (A_1 \cdot (\text{not } (A_1 \text{ or } A_2))^<em>)^</em>(n+1)))</td>
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<td>Sustain ((R, A_1, A_2, n))</td>
<td>([ R ] \text{ nu Count } (c: \text{nat} := 1) \cdot (\exists (c &lt; n) \text{ implies } ([ A_2 ] \text{ false and } [ A_1 ] \text{ Count } (n+1)) \text{ and } [ \text{not } (A_1 \text{ or } A_2) ] \text{ Count } (c) ))</td>
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<tr>
<td>From_To_Most ((A_1, A_2, A_3, n))</td>
<td>Deadline ((\text{true}^* \cdot A_1, A_3, A_2, n))</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>From_To_Least ((A_1, A_2, A_3, n))</td>
<td>Sustain ((\text{true}^* \cdot A_1, A_3, A_2, n))</td>
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*Table 6.14: Interpretation of real-time patterns*

#### Component real-time properties

For an individual component, the time difference between any pair of actions can be interpreted as a multiple of the component steps. For example, consider the property: *whenever a failure occurs, an alarm should be raised in at most 30 seconds*. Assuming the component period is 5 seconds, the 30 second delay corresponds to 6 block steps.

A typical instantiation of component real-time properties is *deadlines*. A deadline property asserts that whenever a certain action occurs, it must be followed by another action in a bounded future. Consider (i) an action \(A_1\); (ii) a natural number \(n\), quantifying the deadline in terms of occurrences of \(A_1\); (iii) an action \(A_2\), to occur necessarily before reaching the deadline; and (iv) a regular formula \(R\) specifying the condition triggering the countdown. The following pattern forbids the presence of execution sequences, in which there are subsequences satisfying \(R\), followed by \(n + 1\) occurrence of \(A_1\), without the occurrence of \(A_2\).
Deadline \((R, A_1, A_2, n)\)

**Example 6.23.** Assume the exit PLC period is 1 second. The property: *once a car asks to leave the car park, the exit gate must open in less than 15 seconds* can be expressed as follows:

\[
\text{Deadline (true}^* \cdot \{\text{Cmd\_P1 = cmd1:bool, Cmd\_P2 = cmd2:bool where cmd1<>cmd2}\}, \\
\{\text{Exit}\}, \\
\{\text{Open = true}\}, \\
15) \]

Another instantiation of component real-time properties is the sustain of an event for a bounded time duration. Consider: (i) an action \(A_1\), corresponding to the event to sustain; (ii) a natural number \(n\), quantifying the sustain duration in terms of occurrences of \(A_1\); (iii) an action \(A_2\), to not occur before the end of the sustain duration; and (iv) a regular formula \(R\) specifying the condition triggering the sustain. The following pattern states that all execution sequences containing subsequences satisfying \(R\) must lead to action \(A_2\) before \(n\) occurrences of action \(A_1\).

\[
\text{Sustain (R, A_1, A_2, n)}
\]

**Example 6.24.** The informal specification of the car park application (Section 3.1, page 29) states that: *If the access is granted, the entrance gate remains open for a fixed amount of time and a yellow light is turned on until the gate closure.* The property can be expressed as follows, where \(n\) encodes the “amount of time”:

\[
\text{Sustain (true}^* \cdot \{\text{Open\_Park = true}\}, \\
\{\text{Green =? any, Yellow = true, Red =? any}\}, \\
\{\text{Green =? any, Yellow = false, Red =? any}\}, \\
n) \]

**System real-time properties**

The correctness of system real-time properties depends on the accuracy of activation constraints. The finest abstraction encountered in the literature to express activation constraints in a discrete model of time is the generalisation of the quasi-synchronous approach (see Chapter 7, section 7.1, for implementations in GRL and muGRL). In such systems, requirements match the pattern: *within a given time-interval, some event should occur a bounded number of times.* The notion “time-interval” is interpreted in terms of action occurrences. The following patterns assert that whenever an action \(A_1\) occurs, an action \(A_2\) may occur at least \(m\) (resp. at most \(m\)) times before the next occurrence of \(A_3\):

\[
\text{From\_To\_Least (A_1, A_2, A_3, m)} \quad \text{From\_To\_Most (A_1, A_2, A_3, m)}
\]
6.8 Conclusion

Examples will follow in Chapter 7.

This chapter identifies an open-ended set of properties for GALS systems. We attempted to collect the most recurring properties in the literature of synchronous and asynchronous systems and to accommodate them to GALS systems. In particular, the proposed properties exploit the activation strategies and data-handling that a GALS system exhibit, as well as some discrete real-time aspects. We hope our study would contribute to the state-of-the-art verification of GALS systems. Its principles would be transferable to any temporal logic as well, provided the temporal logic supports regular expressions and data handling.

Properties are encoded by means of a system of patterns, muGRL. Our aim is to guide potential users in the verification task, cutting down the learning effort. As regards the implementation of muGRL, patterns with a fixed number of parameters can be encoded using MCL macros then stored in reusable libraries. This provides the user with templates whose parameters should be filled in. Here are some examples:

\begin{verbatim}
1  macro Not_To_Unless (A, B, C) =
2     [true*. A. (not (C))* . B] false
3  end_macro

4  macro always_some (A) =
5     [true*] <true* . A> true
6  end_macro

7  macro Sustain (R, A1, A2, n) =
8     [ R ] nu Counter (c : nat := 1) . (
9       ((c < n) implies ([ A2 ] false and [ A1 ] Counter (c + 1)))
10      and [ not (A1 or A2) ] Counter (c)
11    )
12  end_macro
\end{verbatim}

At the time of writing, the complete translation into MCL is not yet automated.
Chapter 7

Formal Modelling and Verification of GALS Applications

This chapter presents applications of GRL, muGRL, and CADP to model and verify concrete GALS systems. The first application is quasi-synchronous systems, which involve a bounded level of nondeterminism. In a related concern, we give insights on the way deterministic applications can be described. The second application is a simplified version of an AutoFlight Control System (AFCS), provided by Thales Avionics. We use the AFCS to illustrate various modelling, generation, and verification scenarios and techniques. Finally, we report our industrial experience with Crouzet Automatismes in the framework of the Bluesky industrial project.

7.1 Quasi-synchronous systems

A quasi-synchronous system is one whose synchronous components are not governed by a common clock but evolve almost at the same pace, or multiples of the same pace. The quasi-synchronous abstraction, first proposed by Caspi [Cas00] in the 2000’s then formalised in [HM06], states that a component clock cannot tick more than twice before all other component clocks have ticked at least once. Stated differently, each component clock cannot deviate more than one tick. We use the term basic quasi-synchrony to denote this abstraction. Recent works [BMY+14, BBP15] have studied generalisations of the quasi-synchronous abstraction. We consider a generalised version in which each component clock cannot tick more than an upper bound before all other component clocks have ticked at least once. We use the term generalised quasi-synchrony to denote this abstraction.

In GRL, without activation constraints, a block may perform infinitely many activations between two successive activations of another block. This situation becomes unrealistic when the aim is to describe clock constraints. For illustration, consider the activa-
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...ation strategies depicted in Figure 7.1, where COMP_A, COMP_B, COMP_C, and COMP_D denote blocks.

- In case (a), no constraint is put on block activations. A block can execute arbitrarily often without any other block executing meanwhile.
- In case (b), blocks COMP_A, COMP_B, and COMP_C are constrained so as to execute in this specific order but no constraint is put on the activation of block COMP_D. As a result, block COMP_D can execute arbitrarily often from each state in the LTS.
- In case (c), constraints on the pair (COMP_A, COMP_B) and on the pair (COMP_C, COMP_D) are described independently, e.g., in different environments. Again, (COMP_A, COMP_B) can execute arbitrarily often between two successive executions of (COMP_C, COMP_D), and conversely.

![LTSs](a) (b) (c)

Figure 7.1: LTSs describing different activation strategies for a set of blocks

In the sequel, we propose two implementations of quasi-synchrony in GRL and discuss the relation between both implementations. To this aim, all blocks used in this section are instances of the following toy block:

```gsl
block Bool_Id (in X: bool, out Y: bool) is
  Y := X
end block
```

7.1.1 Primary implementation

This section proposes a primary implementation of quasi-synchrony, with a focus on the basic version. To this aim, we consider a system, named Basic_Two, encapsulating two blocks COMP_A and COMP_B. We also consider another system, named Basic_Three, with three blocks COMP_A, COMP_B, and COMP_C.
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Property specification in muGRL  Basic quasi-synchrony with two blocks requires
the following properties to be fulfilled:

(P1) It is possible for action COMP_A (resp. COMP_B) to not occur between two
successive occurrences of action COMP_B (resp. COMP_A)

(P2) It is possible for action COMP_A (resp. COMP_B) to occur once between two
successive occurrences of action COMP_B (resp. COMP_A)

(P3) It is possible for action COMP_A (resp. COMP_B) to occur twice between two
successive occurrences of action COMP_B (resp. COMP_A)

(P4) Action COMP_A (resp. COMP_B) cannot occur more than twice between two
successive occurrences of action COMP_B (resp. COMP_A)

(P5) Actions COMP_A and COMP_B occur infinitely often

The formalisation of properties P1, P4, and P5 in muGRL is summarised in the following
table:

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| P1       | Some (true* . {COMP_A} . (not {COMP_B})* . {COMP_A})
          | Some (true* . {COMP_B} . (not {COMP_A})* . {COMP_B}) |
| P4       | From_To_Most (true* . {COMP_A}, {COMP_A}, {COMP_B}, 2)
          | From_To_Most (true* . {COMP_B}, {COMP_B}, {COMP_A}, 2) |
| P5       | Looping ((not {COMP_A})* . {COMP_A})
          | Looping ((not {COMP_B})* . {COMP_B}) |

Modelling in GRL  A first way to implement basic quasi-synchrony has been pro-
posed in Example 3.12 (page 47). We give below an enhanced version, parameterised
with relative block paces (maxA and maxB). The default values correspond to basic
quasi-synchrony. When block A is activated maxA times, block B is activated maxB
times, in the meanwhile. The order in which block activations are achieved is arbitrary.

1  environment Primary_Quasi_2 {maxA: nat := 1, maxB: nat := 1}
2       (block A, B)
3     is
4     — maxA, maxB should be >= 1
5     static var countA, countB: nat := 0
6     select — activate A, if allowed, maxA times
7       if (countA < maxA) then
8       enable A;
9       countA := countA + 1;
10     end if
11     [] — activate B, if allowed, maxB times
12     if (countB < maxB) then
13       enable B;
14       countB := countB + 1;
15     end if
16     end select;
17     if (countA >= maxA) and (countB >= maxB) then — reinitialise

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We use environment \textit{Primary\_Quasi\_2} to implement basic quasi-synchrony inside a system as follows:

\begin{verbatim}
1 system Basic\_Two (X1, Y1, X2, Y2 : bool) is
2   alias Bool\_Id as Comp\_A, Bool\_Id as Comp\_B
3   block list
4     Comp\_A (X1, ?Y1),
5     Comp\_B (X2, ?Y2)
6   environment list
7     Primary\_Quasi\_2 (\_\_, \_) (Comp\_A, Comp\_B) −− default values are considered
8 end system
\end{verbatim}

Basic LTS generation To visualise block activations in a GRL system, the simplest way is to first generate the system LTS. We use GRL.OPEN and the GENERATOR tool of CADP, as given by the following Bourne shell command:

\begin{verbatim}
1  % grl.open −showall −root "Basic\_Two" Primary\_Quasi.grl generator Basic\_Two.bcg
\end{verbatim}

Remark 7.1. Basic LTS generation requires the generation of the system LTS to succeed. We will propose, in Section 7.3.4, an alternative scenario, which can be used when LTS generation fails or lasts too long.

Remark 7.2. In the general case, activation constraints may be distributed in several environments and combined with data constraints. Debugging the activation strategy on the complete system LTS could be difficult and cumbersome, in particular when the system LTS is large. It is then of interest to visualise the activation strategy of blocks, regardless the data carried by their input and output actions.

Since we focus on block activations, we consider only actions \textit{Start}. In the LTS corresponding to system \textit{Basic\_Two}, we hide all actions but \textit{Start} and rename the remaining actions by removing prefix “\texttt{Start !}” introduced by GRL2LNT. Finally, we reduce the LTS modulo divbranching bisimulation to remove irrelevant hidden actions while preserving the branching structure of the LTS. All these steps are performed using the following SVL statement:

\begin{verbatim}
1  "Basic\_Two.bcg" = divbranching reduction of
2          total rename "START !\(.*\)" \rightarrow "\1" in
3          gate hide all but "START" in "Basic\_Two.bcg";
\end{verbatim}

For systems \textit{Basic\_Two} and \textit{Basic\_Three}, Figure 7.2 depicts the activation strategy of blocks. In both LTSs, there is a central state (state 0), from which all outgoing and ingoing transition sequences contain exactly one activation of each block. This
situation is equivalent to the presence of an “abstract global clock”, the ticks of which are represented by two successive occurrences of the central state when traversing the LTS. Due to the interleaving of block activations, each block may perform two steps between two successive steps of each other component. This is illustrated by the following action sequence in the left-hand LTS.

\[ 0 \xrightarrow{COMP_B} 2 \xrightarrow{COMP_A} 0 \xrightarrow{COMP_A} 1 \xrightarrow{COMP_B} 0 \]

![Figure 7.2: LTS describing the activation strategy of basic quasi-synchrony (primary implementation)](image)

**Verification results** Checking that properties P1, ..., P5 hold on the LTSs depicted in Figure 7.2 is straightforward.

### 7.1.2 Refined implementation

This section proposes a refined implementation of quasi-synchrony.

**Modelling in GRL** Instead of considering an “abstract global clock” and counting the activations of each block w.r.t. clock ticks, we propose to count the activations of each block since the last activation of each other block. This is implemented in environment \textit{Refined\_Quasi\_2}, given below, for two blocks.

```g Ralph
environment Refined\_Quasi\_2 {maxA: nat := 2, maxB: nat := 2} (block A, B)
is
static var A\_since\_B: nat := 0,
B\_since\_A: nat := 0
select
if (B\_since\_A < maxB) then
   enable B;
A\_since\_B := 0;
B\_since\_A := B\_since\_A + 1
```

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```plaintext
end if
[]
if (A_since_B < maxA) then
  enable A;
  B_since_A := 0;
  A_since_B := A_since_B + 1
end if
end select
end environment

The environment is parameterised with the maximal number of activations of a block
between two successive activations of the other block. The default configuration of
parameters corresponds to basic quasi-synchrony.

We use environment *Refined_Quasi_2* to implement basic quasi-synchrony inside a
system as follows:

```plaintext
system Main (X1, Y1, X2, Y2: bool) is
  alias Bool_Id as Comp_A, Bool_Id as Comp_B
  block list
    Comp_A (X1, ?Y1),
    Comp_B (X2, ?Y2)
  environment list
    Refined_Quasi_2 (_, _) (Comp_A, Comp_B)
end system
```

### Property specification in muGRL

The refined implementation of generalised quasi-synchrony requires the following properties to be fulfilled:

(P6) There are at most \(maxA\) occurrences of action \(COMP_A\) between two successive
 occurrences of action \(COMP_B\)

(P7) The activation strategy introduces no deadlock

(P8) Blocks \(COMP_A\) and \(COMP_B\) are always alive

The formalisation of these properties in muGRL is summarised in the following table:

<table>
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<th>Property</th>
<th>Formalisation</th>
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<tr>
<td>P6</td>
<td>From_To_Least ((true^* \cdot {COMP_B}, {COMP_B}, {COMP_A}, maxA))</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>P7</td>
<td>Deadlock ((COMP_A, COMP_B))</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>P8</td>
<td>All_Alive ((COMP_A, COMP_B))</td>
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</table>

### LTS generation and verification

The activation strategy of blocks is given in Figure 7.3. Checking that properties P6, P7, and P8 hold on the LTS is straightforward.
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7.1.3 Discussion

We discuss the relation between our primary and refined implementations of quasi-synchrony, proposed in the previous sections. Both of them are correct implementations of quasi-synchrony, according to the verification results. We exploit the equivalence between LTSs depicted in Figure 7.2 (noted LTS_{primary}) and Figure 7.3 (noted LTS_{refined}). Such equivalence, modulo branching bisimulation, is checked using the following SVL statement:

```svl
"Equiv_Quasi.bcg" = branching comparison "Quasi_Gen.bcg" = "Quasi_Basic.bcg";
```

The LTSs are not equivalent, unexpectedly. The counterexample, produced in file “Equiv_Quasi.bcg”, states that the following transition sequence is present in LTS_{refined} but absent in LTS_{primary}.

\[
0 \xrightarrow{COMP_A} 1 \xrightarrow{COMP_B} 2 \xrightarrow{COMP_A} 3 \xrightarrow{COMP_B} 4 \xrightarrow{COMP_B} 5
\]

Nonetheless, LTS_{primary} is included in LTS_{refined}. Such inclusion, modulo the preorder corresponding to branching bisimulation, is checked using the following SVL statement:

```svl
"Inclu_Quasi.bcg" = branching comparison "Quasi_Adv.bcg" \succeq "Quasi_Basic.bcg";
```

We conclude that LTS_{refined} is more general than LTS_{primary} and can be seen as a refinement of LTS_{primary}.

7.2 Deterministic GALS systems

A deterministic GALS system is one in which messages are delivered in the order in which they have been received, without message loss.

In GRL, message loss, if not explicitly modelled (see Example 3.16, page 50), is caused by discrepancies between the rates of message submission by a block emitter and message delivery by a block receiver; such discrepancy is induced by the arbitrary activation
of blocks. Consider two blocks evolving under basic quasi-synchrony (see Section 7.1) and communicating via reliable mediums with single-place buffers. Two successive activations of a block emitter, without the activation of the block receiver in between, causes message overwriting.

To model deterministic GALS systems in GRL, an activation strategy of blocks should be implemented. This entails bounded interleaving between block activations, making message loss also bounded. Then, a buffering mechanism with well-chosen dimensions could be implemented. Such dimensions should comply with the activation strategy of blocks. For basic quasi-synchrony, at most two message submissions may occur between two message deliveries in each transmission, and conversely. Hence, a double-place FIFO is sufficient to ensure message transmission without loss.

7.3 AutoFlight Control System (AFCS)

This section reports our experience in modelling and verifying a simplified part of an AutoFlight Control System (AFCS). The system is provided by Thales Avionics in a collaboration with IRT-Saint Exupéry. Our goal here is not to model a complete AFCS, but to study the way such a system with stringent timing requirements can be abstracted in GRL. The part of the AFCS we address has been first studied in [BBJ14] using the Fiacre/Tina toolbox\footnote{http://projects.laas.fr/tina/} for Time Petri Nets.

In the sequel, we first present an overview of the target system. Then, we study the modelling, state-space generation, and verification phases of separate components and of the whole system.

7.3.1 Overview of the system

The AFCS improves the quality of flight and enhances the operational capability of the aircraft, e.g., by guiding the aircraft on a defined trajectory. The architecture of the AFCS is of type dual COM/MON. In such an architecture, each function is performed by two channels, in hot redundancy: a master channel and a slave channel, such that only the commands emitted by the master are taken into account by the rest of the system. If the master channel fails, it is deactivated and the commands emitted by the slave will be considered.

Each channel is itself divided into two channels: a command channel (COM), which implements the expected functionality, and a monitoring channel (MON), which checks whether the command channel operates correctly.

We focus on a simple use case: the altitude target acquisition. Our target system, depicted in Figure 7.4, comprises two parts:
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- The FCP (Flight Control Panel) enables the pilot to interact with the system. FCP_COM and FCP_MON are cadenced by the same clock.
- The AFS (Automatic Flight System) acquires the altitude target. AFS_COM and AFS_MON communicate asynchronously using an AFDX communication medium.

Components communicate by sampling, i.e., only the most recent message is read by the receiver, message queuing being not supported. Asynchronous communication mediums are assumed reliable.

The behaviour of the system is as follows. The pilot sets the target altitude by rotating a knob on the FCP. Two different simultaneous informations are sent from FCP to AFS:

- FCP_COM sends, via an A429 bus, a value quantifying the knob rotation to AFS_COM. In turn, AFS_COM computes an altitude order, based on the received value and sends the order to AFS_MON for validation purpose.
- FCP_MON sends a Boolean value indicating a movement detection to AFS_MON, using a discrete signal. This information enables AFS_MON to check the validity of the altitude order received from AFS_COM and to provide it with a verdict. The order is considered valid if: (i) it didn’t change from the previous step or (ii) it has changed and a movement has also been detected by FCP. In case of invalidity, a presumed correct value of the altitude order is considered.

Because of the asynchrony in the system architecture, AFS_MON may wrongly invalidate a correct order. To cope with such asynchrony, components FCP_MON and AFS_MON sustain the movement detection information during some specific amount of time, in order to make the information observable by other components, independently.

Figure 7.4: Architecture of the AFCS
of the asynchronous execution of the system components.

In the sequel, we address the modelling and verification of the FCP and AFS components along with the AFCS system. Instead of giving complete GRL code, which is available in Appendix A, we give code excerpts and schematic representations.

We consider the following real-time constraints. Components $FCP_{MON}$, $AFS_{MON}$, and $AFS_{COM}$ evolve at periods 25ms, 50ms, and 150ms, respectively. $FCP$ (resp. $AFS_{MON}$) sustains the movement detection information for 13 (resp. 6) steps of $FCP$ (resp. $AFS_{MON}$). Transmission delays between components are significantly shorter than the periods of components.

To verify the AFCS, we specified the following properties:

(P1) Blocks do not halt
(P2) There is no block in starvation situation
(P3) The system may deadlock, i.e., both the master and the slave channels may fail
(P4) All input and output actions of components progress
(P5) No movement detection information is sent to $AFS$ if no knob rotation has occurred
(P6) The movement detection information is sustained for at least 13 steps of $FCP$
(P7) The movement detection information is sustained for exactly 13 steps of $FCP$, if no knob rotation has occurred ever since
(P8) A change in the knob position is always accompanied by a movement detection
(P9) A movement detection information sent by $FCP$ is received by $AFS$
(P10) The countdown to sustain a movement detection information in $AFS_{MON}$ is always set to value 6 when a movement is detected
(P11) Movement detection information is sustained for 6 steps of $AFS_{MON}$, if no new movement detection has occurred ever since
(P12) A movement detected in $FCP$ is sustained enough to be observed by $AFS_{MON}$
(P13) No new altitude order is provided by $AFS_{COM}$ unless a movement has been detected in $AFS_{MON}$

### 7.3.2 Modelling and verifying component FCP

**Modelling in GRL** The FCP component is modelled by the GRL block $FCP$ below, a schematic view of which is given in Figure 7.5. Block $FCP$ encapsulates three subblocks corresponding to a movement encoder (subblock $Encoder$), the monitoring channel (subblock $CP_{MON}$), and the command channel (subblock $CP_{COM}$). According to GRL semantics, those subblocks evolve by default at the same pace, the one of the higher-level block $FCP$.

```
1 — Default duration to sustain the movement detection information
2 const default_fcp_mvt_prolong : nat := 13
3
4 block FCP {fcp_mvt_prolong : nat := default_fcp_mvt_prolong}
5   (in pilot_rot : int,
```
The block is parameterised with `fcp_mvt_prolong`, which represents the duration to sustain the movement detection information. Such duration is necessarily a multiple of the block period. We set the default value to 13.

We abstract the behaviour of the knob rotation using environment `Knob` below. For simplicity, only integers varying from -2 to 2 are considered to quantify the rotation.
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**LTS generation**  To generate and minimise the LTS corresponding to FCP, we encapsulate the block with environment Knob inside a parameterised system named Main_FCP. Once the LTS is constructed, we perform a minimisation modulo the divbranching bisimulation. All these steps are done by the following SVL script:

1. `% grl.open --showall --root "Main_FCP (13 of nat)" FCP.grl generator FCP_Orig.bcg
2. "FCP.div.bcg" = divbranching reduction of
3. total rename "GATE\(\cdot\)" -> "\1" in "FCP.Orig.bcg";

The LTS, produced in file FCP.Orig, is small enough to be generated directly. It contains 802 states and 1157 transitions with a deterministic behaviour for all actions. The LTS minimisation modulo divbranching bisimulation yields an LTS with 315 states and 640 transitions.

**Property formalisation and verification results**  Properties P4, ..., P8 capture the behaviour of FCP. The formalisation of properties P4, P6, and P8 in muGRL is summarised in the table below. All properties hold on the system LTS.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Property</th>
<th>Formalisation in muGRL</th>
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| P4       | Progress (pilot_mvt, pilot_rot)  
|          | Progress (to_afs_position)  
|          | Progress (to_afs_mvt) |
| P6       | Sustain (true*. \{pilot_rot =? any, pilot_mvt = true\}.  
|          | (not \{pilot_rot =? any, pilot_mvt =? any\})*.  
|          | \{pilot_rot =? any, pilot_mvt = false\},  
|          | \{afs_mon_mvt = true\},  
|          | \{afs_mon_mvt = false\},  
|          | 13 |
| P8       | Never (true*. \{pilot_rot =? rot1:int, pilot_mvt =? mvt1:bool\}.  
|          | (not \{pilot_rot =? any, pilot_mvt =? any\})*.  
|          | \{pilot_rot =? rot2:int, pilot_mvt =? mvt2:bool where  
|          | (rot1 <> rot2) and (mvt2 = false)\) |

7.3.3 Modelling and verifying component AFS

**Modelling in GRL**  The command and the monitoring channels of AFS are modelled in GRL by blocks AFS_COM and AFS_MON, as depicted in Figure 7.6. Output interrupt of block AFS_MON indicates whether, despite the absence of movement detection by FCP, AFS_COM has computed a new target altitude. AFS_MON is three times faster than AFS_COM. Such activation constraint is modelled in environment AFS_Act, following the modelling proposed in Section 7.1.1. This is done as follows:

1. `alias Primary_Quasi_2 {3, 1} as AFS_Act
2. ...
3. AFS_Act (AFS_MON, AFS_COM)
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The AFDX communication bus is modelled by two GRL mediums `AFDX_COM_to_MON` and `AFDX_MON_to_COM`. An additional medium `Stub`, given below, is connected to `AFS_COM`. It simulates the behaviour of `FCP_COM` by producing integer numbers ranging from -2 to 2. This enables a realistic modelling and helps to keep small the state space of `AFS`.

```plaintext
1 medium Stub [send from_cp_rot:int] is
2 when from_cp_rot ->
3 from_cp_rot := any int where ((from_cp_rot <= 2)
4 and (from_cp_rot >= -2))
5 end medium
```

![Figure 7.6: Schematic view of the AFS components](image)

**Remark 7.3.** Transmission delays between `AFS_COM` and `AFS_MON` are significantly shorter than the component periods. According to observations of Caspi [Cas00], such delays can be modeled by a unit of the global clock, i.e., the shortest measurable delay in a synchronous discrete-time model. Thus, if a message has been emitted at an instant \( t \) of the global clock, the message will be received at instant \( t+1 \), which represents non-instantaneity. In GRL, the emission of a message by a block and its reception by another block are by default non-instantaneous. This is granted by asynchrony.

**LTS generation** We first generate the LTS corresponding to each `AFS` component separately then generate the one corresponding to the whole `AFS`. Table 7.1 reports the size of LTSs in terms of number of states and transitions.

Note that the separate generation of system LTSs yields relatively large LTSs for blocks `AFS_MON` and `AFS_COM` whereas the generation of the whole `AFS` at once leads...
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<table>
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<th>Non-minimised States</th>
<th>Non-minimised Transitions</th>
<th>Divbranching min. States</th>
<th>Divbranching min. Transitions</th>
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<tr>
<td>AFS_MON</td>
<td>929,281</td>
<td>68,691,969</td>
<td>265,227</td>
<td>17,043,978</td>
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<tr>
<td>AFS_COM</td>
<td>197,377</td>
<td>33,751,553</td>
<td>196,864</td>
<td>33,751,040</td>
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<td>AFDX_MON_to_COM</td>
<td>513</td>
<td>263,169</td>
<td>512</td>
<td>262,656</td>
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<tr>
<td>AFDX_COM_to_MON</td>
<td>257</td>
<td>66,049</td>
<td>256</td>
<td>65,792</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stub</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AFS_Act</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AFS</td>
<td>6,867</td>
<td>8,370</td>
<td>577</td>
<td>750</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Table 7.1: LTS sizes of AFS components and of whole AFS, before and after minimisation.

to a much smaller LTS. Each block is constrained by its connected mediums and environments, which are themselves constrained by other connected blocks, and so on. Accordingly, many states of components are never explored, since they are irrelevant for the current AFS composition. For example, block AFS_MON defines a receive channel containing a variable of type integer to be connected to AFS_COM, through medium AFDX_COM_to_MON. The LTS of AFS_MON considers all possible values, while in the current AFS only values ranging from -2 to 2 are used.

**Property formalisation and verification results**  Properties P1, P2, and P4 capture the observable behaviour of AFS, i.e., activation strategy and data carried by block inputs and outputs. All of them hold on the system LTS. Properties P10 and P11 capture the non-observable behaviour of AFS_MON, i.e., the internal computations. We address here the formalisation of P10 and P11.

To express such properties, we take inspiration from synchronous observers. Properties can be specified by means of additional GRL subblocks, which we call *observers*. For example, property P10 can be expressed as follows:

```plaintext
1  --- Default duration to sustain the movement detection information
2  const default_afs_mvt_prolong : nat := 6
3
4  block Observer_P10 { init_count : nat := default_afs_mvt_prolong }
5      ( in cp_mon_mvt : bool, mvt_prolong : nat, out ok : bool )
6  is
7    if (cp_mon_mvt) then --- a movement is detected
8      --- check counter "mvt_prolong" against value "init_count"
9      ok := (mvt_prolong == init_count)
10    else
11      ok := true
12  end if
13 end block
```
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The observer emits an alert, value *false* on output *Ok*, whenever the desired property is violated. Then, observers are invoked inside the block under verification to monitor its internal behaviour. Here is an excerpt of block *AFS_MON* after adding the invocations of observers; a schematic representation is given in Figure 7.7.

```plaintext
block AFS_MON (... , out ok_P10, ok_P11: bool)
  ...
  is
  ... — internal behaviour of AFS_MON
  — observers
  Observer_P10 {afs_mvt_prolong}(cp_mon_mvt, detected_mvt, ?ok_P10);
  Observer_P11 {afs_mvt_prolong}(cp_mon_mvt, countdown, ?ok_P11)
end block
```

To make the truth values of observers visible on the LTS, their outputs are connected to additional outputs of block *AFS_MON*.

![Figure 7.7: Adding observers to AFS_MON](image)

Finally, the validity of the properties encoded by observers can be simply determined by visual checking. It suffices to list the actions in the LTS of *AFS*, using a dedicated option in CADP, and check whether the observer outputs raise a problem. Below is an excerpt of the actions list of the system LTS. The whole list shows that variables *ok_p10* and *ok_p11*, corresponding to observer outputs, never take value *false*, meaning that the respective properties hold on the LTS.

```plaintext
from_fcp_com = -2  from_fcp_com = -1  from_fcp_com = 0
from_fcp_com = 1  from_fcp_com = 2  from_fcp_mvt = true
from_fcp_mvt = false
interrupt = false
ok_p10 = true, ok_p11 = true
```

Alternatively, the validity of properties P10 and P11 can be checked by formulation in muGRL:
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Never \((\{\text{ok}_p10=\text{false}, \text{ok}_p11=\text{any}\} \text{ or } \{\text{ok}_p10=\text{any}, \text{ok}_p11=\text{false}\})\)

Remark 7.4. Writing down observers in GRL increases the size of the system LTS, since additional transitions are required to visualise the truth values of the properties. For properties P10 and P11, Table 7.2 summarises the size of the LTSs of observers and their impact on the size of the system LTS.

<table>
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<th>Transitions</th>
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<td>Observer_P10</td>
<td>58</td>
<td>94</td>
<td>17</td>
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<td>Observer_P11</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>517</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>514</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AFS without observers</td>
<td>6867</td>
<td>8370</td>
<td>577</td>
<td>750</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AFS with one (or both) observers</td>
<td>20421</td>
<td>24558</td>
<td>651</td>
<td>824</td>
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</table>

Table 7.2: Size of the LTSs corresponding to observers and to AFS

Note that the size of the system LTS after adding observers is independent of both the number of observers and the static variables they define. The reason is that observers have no effect on the enclosing block behaviour. In our example, property P11 requires static variables to store the information about the acquiring of movement detection information and the duration for which the information is sustained; property P10, contrarily, defines no static variables.

7.3.4 Modelling and verifying the AFCS system

We study an AFCS system without redundancy, i.e., composed of one FCP and one AFS channels. We first consider the AFCS with the default values of fcp_mvt_prolong (13) and afs_mvt_prolong (6). Then, we parameterise the system, following [BBJ14], to illustrate the way parameterised models can be automatically generated and verified, using SVL.

Default model

Blocks FCP, AFS_COM, and AFS_MON are composed as highest-level blocks inside a system, named Main, as depicted in Figure 7.8. All parameters of the system are made observable. The activation strategy of the blocks is modelled by environment AFCS_Act, following the primary implementation of quasi-synchrony (see Section 7.1.1). Once output interrupt of block AFS_MON takes value true, the activation of all blocks is prohibited, which corresponds to the deactivation of the current COM/MON channel (switch from the master to the slave channels in a system with redundancy).
Standard LTS generation We generate the system LTS: it contains 44,479,727 states and 60,130,709 transitions. The minimisation modulo divbranching bisimulation yields an LTS with 1,516,951 states, 2,848,395 transitions. The generation and minimisation steps are achieved in 23 minutes on a 64-bit computer.

Property-dependent LTS reduction Since the LTS is relatively large, its reduction before checking properties improves the performance of model checking. Instead of reducing the LTS modulo an equivalence relation or specialising the reduction with regards to each property, we exploit the nature of properties. We first group properties into three classes: system data properties, block data properties, and activation properties. The following table summarises property classification for the AFCS.

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<td>P9, P12, P13</td>
<td>P4, P5, P6, P7, P8</td>
<td>P4, P10, P11</td>
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<td>P1, P2, P3</td>
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Then, we specialise the reduction for each class. For system data properties, we specialise the reduction with regards to each property. To this aim, we take advantage of the approach proposed in [MW14]. It consists in first synthesising the maximal set of actions that can be hidden in the LTS, without changing the truth value of the property. After applying this maximal hiding, the LTS can be reduced modulo an adequate equivalence relation before checking the property. An illustration will be given later when addressing
the parameterised model.

For block data properties, we extract the block LTS from the system LTS by hiding all actions corresponding to other blocks and reducing the resulting LTS. This is more efficient than generating one LTS for each property. For block FCP, this can be done as follows:

```
1  "AFCS.Orig.bcg" =
2    divbranching reduction of generation of
3      partial hide all but
4      "GATE_PILOT_ROTATION_PILOT_MVT.*", "GATE_ERROR_INJECTION.*",
5      "GATE_TO_AFS_COM_ROTATION.*", "GATE_TO_AFS_MON_MVT.*"
6    in
7      "AFCS.Orig.bcg"
8  end hide;
```

For activation properties, it suffices to generate the LTS corresponding to the activation strategy. The generation scenario suggested in Section 7.1.1 could be expensive in terms of time and memory, given the size of the system LTS. Alternatively, we generate the LTS corresponding to environment AFCS_Act, inside which all activation constraints are encoded. Since this is not possible in GRL (due to semantic restrictions), we use the corresponding LNT process named Main_AFCS_Act, as follows:

```
1  "AFCS_Act.bcg" =
2    divbranching reduction of generation of
3      hide Gate_Interrupt in
4      "AFCS_System.lnt": "Main_AFCS_Act"
5  end hide;
```

The gate named Gate_Interrupt corresponds to input interrupt of AFCS_Act. It is hidden to keep only Start actions in the resulting LTS (line 3). Finally, a minimisation modulo divbranching bisimulation is achieved (line 2). The LTS is generated and reduced in few seconds and contains 55 states and 173 transitions, whereas the scenario suggested in Section 7.1.1 took around 20 minutes and generates an LTS containing 55 states and 118 transitions. The difference in LTS sizes is explained in Remark 7.5.

**Remark 7.5.** In the current AFCS, input interrupt is connected to block AFS_MON, which influences the activation strategy of the system. Hence, some states of environment AFCS_Act are never explored after component composition inside AFCS. Contrarily, in the above-considered scenario, input interrupt takes arbitrary values. The obtained LTS is then larger than (but includes) the current activation strategy of the system.

**Verification** It is preferable to check the activation strategy of the system in the beginning of the verification process. An erroneous activation strategy is likely to entail several other errors in message transmission between different components.
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In the AFCS system, the formalisation of activation properties P1, ..., P3 is summarised in the table below. Property P1 and P2 hold on the system LTS whereas property P3 does not, meaning that *interrupt* never takes value *true*.

<table>
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<tr>
<td>P1</td>
<td>All_Alive <em>(FCP, AFS_MON, AFS_COM)</em></td>
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<tr>
<td>P2</td>
<td>Starvation_Freedom <em>(FCP)</em></td>
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<td>Starvation_Freedom <em>(AFS_MON)</em></td>
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<td>Starvation_Freedom <em>(AFS_COM)</em></td>
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<tr>
<td>P3</td>
<td>Deadlock <em>(FCP, AFS_MON, AFS_COM)</em></td>
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In a second step, we checked that block data properties, specified in Sections 7.3.2 and 7.3.3, keep their truth values after component composition inside the system. Finally, we checked that system data properties hold on the system LTS.

**Parameterised model**

We vary the durations for which blocks *FCP_MON* and *AFS_MON* sustain the movement detection information. The verification task is to check for which durations properties P12 and P13 hold. To this aim, we parametrise LTS generation and verification.

**Parameterised generation** First, we export parameters *fcp_mvt_prolong* and *afs_mvt_prolong* of *FCP_MON* and *AFS_MON*, respectively, to system level.

```verbatim
1  system Main_Param {fcp_mvt_prolong , afs_mvt_prolong : nat} 
2     ( ... ) 
3     is 
4     alias FCP {fcp_mvt_prolong} as FCP, 
5          AFS_MON {afs_mvt_prolong} as AFS_MON, 
6     ... 
7  end system 
```

Then, as suggested in [BBJ14], we vary *fcp_mvt_prolong* and *afs_mvt_prolong* from 1 to 6 periods of *AFS_MON*. Since *fcp_mvt_prolong* is expressed as a multiple of *FCP* period, which is twice as fast as *AFS_MON*, *fcp_mvt_prolong* should take the following values \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12\}. These steps are achieved using the following SVL script:

```verbatim
1  % for i in 2 4 6 8 10 12; do 
2  % for j in 1 2 3 4 5 6; do 
3  % MODEL="AFCS_CP_$i_AFS_$j" 
4  % grl.open -root "Main_Param ($i of nat, $j of nat)" AFCS_System.grl 
5  generator "$MODEL.bcg" 
6  % done 
7  % done 
```

The script enables the generation of 36 LTSs in around 48 hours. The average size of LTSs (without minimisation) is around 20 million states and 30 million transitions. In-
terestingly, this corresponds to the average in state spaces generated by Tina in [BBJ14] after minimisation.

**Parameterised verification** Property specification is also parameterised thanks to SVL. The SVL statement below specifies property P12, parameterised by SPEC, which is a BCG file name, and by RESULT, which is a variable storing the truth value of the property. The LTS in the BCG file will be checked against the formula enclosed between symbols "$=" and ";" and a diagnostic will be given in a BCG file named diag_SPEC.

```svl

property P12 (SPEC, RESULT)
  "A movement detected in FCP is sustained enough to be observed by AFS_MON"
  is 
  "diag_${SPEC}.bcg" = 
  "${SPEC}.bcg" |=
    NEVER ((not {TO_AFS_MON_MVT !TRUE})*. {TO_AFS_MON_MVT !TRUE}).
    (not {FROM_CP_MON_MVT !TRUE})*. {TO_AFS_MON_MVT !FALSE}.
    (not {TO_AFS_MON_MVT !TRUE})*. {TO_AFS_MON_MVT !TRUE}.
  ;
result "$RESULT"
expected TRUE
end property
```

Finally, the following SVL script automates the minimisation of all the generated LTSs, after applying a maximal hiding, and checks property P12 on the reduced LTSs. When the property does not hold on an LTS, meaning that variable RESULT evaluates to false, the produced counter-example is reduced. Otherwise, a witness is provided, in which case it is removed. All these steps are achieved by the following SVL script:

```svl

% for i in 2 4 6 8 10 12; do 
  % for j in 1 2 3 4 5 6; do 
    %MODEL="AFCS_CP_${i}_AFS_${j}" 
    "P12_${MODEL}.bcg" = 
    total branching reduction of 
    partial hide all but "TO_AFS_MON_MVT", "FROM_CP_MON_MVT","
  in "${MODEL}.bcg";
  check P12 ("P12_${MODEL}", "RESULT"),
  % if [ "$RESULT" = FALSE ]; then 
    "diag_P12_${MODEL}.bcg" = 
    total branching reduction of "diag_P12_${MODEL}.bcg";
  else 
    % rm "diag_P12_${MODEL}.bcg"
  fi
% done 
% done
```

**Remark 7.6.** For property P12, the maximal hiding set is large: only 4 actions out of 85 must remain visible. In such a case, one could perform on-the-fly minimisation at generation phase, i.e., using a forward traversal of the LTS to compute state successors modulo the divbranching bisimulation reduction.
Verification results For the values of fcp_mvt_prolong and afs_mvt_prolong satisfying “fcp_mvt_prolong/2 + afs_mvt_prolong < 9”, properties P12 and P13 do not hold on both our model and in [BBJ14]. For all other values, properties hold in [BBJ14]. On our model, contrarily, the properties hold only for values satisfying “fcp_mvt_prolong/2 + afs_mvt_prolong > 12”.

7.3.5 Discussion
We confronted GRL, which is time-abstract, with systems involving strict real-time constraints. Hence, we attempted to over-approximate real-time constraints. On GRL synchronous blocks, they were described as multiples of block periods, using static variables; whereas on GRL asynchronous systems, they were described inside environments, using activation signals. For the latter, we experimented a primary implementation of quasi-synchrony to express block activation paces. We concluded that quasi-synchrony is appropriate to model the activation of realistic GALS systems.

The verification task was about timed aspects. As expected, we had less accurate results than in [BBJ14], which use the Tina toolbox. The reason is that we over-approximated real-time constraints in our framework where as such constraints were accurately described in [BBJ14]. Our results are thus still reasonable. Nonetheless, we believe that the refined implementation of quasi-synchrony (see Section 7.1.2) would lead to better verification results, i.e., closer to [BBJ14], since it is more accurate than the primary implementation. Unfortunately, we could not validate our intuition by experimentation, due to time pressure.

Reasoning about timed aspects of systems is known to be more detailed and complex than reasoning about untimed ones. To reduce this complexity, one could develop a system meeting a specification in which constraints are abstracted or over-approximated in the first design phases where errors are frequent. In a second phase, the system can be refined to meet precise real-time constraints.

7.4 Networks of Programmable Logic Controllers
This section reports our experience in early integration of GRL in the design process of PLCs. The experience is in collaboration with Crouzet Automatismes in the context of the industry-led Bluesky project. Crouzet has an internal software named em4soft for the design of PLCs. The software builds upon a synchronous dataflow language, with a graphical syntax based on block diagrams, and with no formal semantics. For example, the block diagram depicted in Figure 7.9 is the design sheet of the exit PLC in the car park application (See Example 3.7, page 42 for the corresponding GRL code).

The aim of the project is to distribute several PLCs and make them communicate via either wired or wireless network. This paves the way for distributed PLC-applications such as green buildings in which PLCs cooperate together to enhance energy management.
Assumptions on the global behaviour of applications include the following. Periods of individual PLCs are presumed with no influence on the expected service of applications. Communication is by sampling and is subject to message loss. Correct message transmission is thus ensured by dedicated communication protocols, e.g., Modbus or Publish-Subscribe protocols.

Modelling aspects of the car park application have been introduced in Chapter 3 and the complete GRL model is available in Appendix B. In the sequel, we report few experiments on LTS generation and verification. Then, we briefly sketch the current status of the Bluesky project.

### 7.4.1 The car park application

**Property specification** The verification task concerns the following properties, which are formalised in muGRL in the table below:

(P1) The system composed of blocks Entrance, Storey1, Storey2, and Exit may be idle

(P2) Each time a car leaves, the car park availability is updated

<table>
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<th>Property</th>
<th>Formalisation in muGRL</th>
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<tr>
<td>P1</td>
<td>Idle (Entrance, Storey1, Storey2, Exit)</td>
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<tr>
<td>P2</td>
<td>After_Inev (true* . {S_Out1 = true}, true* . {R_Out1 = true})</td>
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State space generation  The car park capacity is set to 5. We first attempted the generation of LTSs corresponding to highest-level blocks Entrance, Storey1, Storey2, and Exit, independently. Table 7.3 reports the size of component LTSs. We have stopped the generation of the LTS corresponding to block Entrance after around 11 hours. We then attempted to generate the system LTS by composing the different blocks to communicate with each other through mediums, without putting activation and data constraints. The generation leads to state space explosion as well.

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<tr>
<th>Component</th>
<th>States</th>
<th>Transitions</th>
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<tr>
<td>Entrance</td>
<td>&gt; 775,922,512</td>
<td>&gt; 1,269,630,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Exit</td>
<td>37</td>
<td>49</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Storey1</td>
<td>55</td>
<td>83</td>
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<td>Storey2</td>
<td>55</td>
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Table 7.3: LTS size of the car park components

In a second step, we fine-tuned the behaviour of the car park by adding the following data constraints:

- a leaving request cannot occur if there is no car in the car park
- an entrance or exit request cannot occur in two successive steps of a PLC
- a ticket given to a car references exactly one storey

The generation of the system LTS succeeds leading to an LTS with 917,184 states and 1,178,349 transitions. As such, not only data constraints provide a realistic view of the system behaviour but they also help to keep tractable the size of LTSs. Additionally, we constrained the activation of the different blocks so that they evolve at the same pace. The resulting LTS contains 2,194,731 states and 2,658,808 transitions, i.e., larger than the LTS involving only data constraints. Table 7.4 illustrates the influence of the car park capacity on the size of the system LTS.

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<th>Capacity</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>395,051</td>
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<td>2,194,731</td>
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<td>10</td>
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<td>15</td>
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<td>20</td>
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<td>10,840,888</td>
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<td>25</td>
<td>11,193,131</td>
<td>13,568,248</td>
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Table 7.4: LTS size for different capacities of the car park
**Verification results**  For the car park system involving only data constraints, properties P1 and P2 do not hold on the system LTS. For property P1, idleness was expected: when no car enters or leaves the car park, blocks do not progress and remain idle. Property P2 requires that each message sent by the exit PLC, indicating a car leaving, is received by the entrance PLC. The reason for which the property does not hold is twofold:

- No assumption is made on the relative paces of PLCs. Each PLC can then perform several steps before any other PLC could execute in the meanwhile. This situation can be captured by checking the starvation of \( \text{Entrance}, \text{Storey1}, \text{and Storey2} \), as follows:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{Starvation\_Freedom} & \ (\text{Entrance}, \ (\text{Exit}, \text{Storey1}, \text{Storey2} ) ) \\
\text{Starvation\_Freedom} & \ (\text{Storey1}, \text{Exit}) \\
\text{Starvation\_Freedom} & \ (\text{Storey2}, \text{Exit})
\end{align*}
\]

- The message indicating the car leaving can be silently lost or duplicated due to medium unreliability.

An error management mechanism should then be implemented in the system, alerting the user as soon as a transmission failure occurs.

7.4.2  Industrial use of GRL  

A connection from \em4soft to GRL is automated. Basically, \em4soft generates executable code to be embedded on the PLCs, after performing static analysis, including causality analysis. The \em4soft compiler has been enhanced to also generate GRL models of blocks. Such connection is quite straightforward, once causality analysis has already been done. Additionally, GRL environments constraining the data of individual PLCs are automatically generated. This enables verification of synchronous components to be performed either by visual checking or by writing down temporal logic properties (mainly safety patterns).

Still, GRL mediums together with activation constraints should be encoded by hand by engineers, at the time being. The reason is that the software does not yet support multisheets enabling GALS design. As a future direction, the aim is to develop a catalogue of generic GRL environments and mediums, that can be automatically generated from \em4soft. Crouzet investigates to invest in using GRL as a textual language with formal semantics for \em4soft.
Chapter 8

Conclusion

GALS systems are composed of several synchronous components, interacting asynchronously. While asynchronous concurrency is a central topic in GALS modelling, the practical impact of the underlying verification techniques is still limited in many design processes. A main reason is the inherent complexity of asynchronous concurrency and dedicated techniques, resulting in a steep learning curve.

Summary of contributions

This thesis proposes a fresh look at formal modelling and verifying GALS systems, taking asynchronous concurrency as major subject. The main intent behind the proposed approach was twofold: (i) transferring verification techniques for asynchronous systems to GALS design (ii) studying the adequacy of these techniques with GALS behaviour. Our solution consists in devising specific languages matching the knowledge and intuition of GALS designers. To this aim, we defined a behavioural description language, GRL, and a property specification language, muGRL.

We originally designed GRL as an intermediate format that connects GALS design languages to formal verification tools. Synchronous blocks can be defined using a minimal set of core constructs to which synchronous languages can be translated. Asynchronous environments and mediums can be defined using built-in constructs to model arbitrarily-complex GALS systems. The degree of asynchronous concurrency is by default maximal, enabling all possible behaviours to be modelled. It can be adjusted using environments to meet bounded nondeterministic and deterministic GALS applications or even yet sequential scenarios. Communication mediums with complex buffering mechanisms can be described. This enables to address the frequently occurring communication schemes in GALS systems, namely, communication by sampling and FIFO queues, which may be reliable or not.

We formally defined the semantics of GRL. Formal semantics improved our understanding of all the language subtleties and helped us in tool construction.
We defined a translation from GRL into LNT. An encoding of GALS behaviour in asynchronous process languages is proposed. In particular, the atomicity of blocks is preserved by a locking mechanism. Not only the locking mechanism reduces the resulting state spaces, but also is particularly useful to count block steps for verification purpose.

We designed muGRL to assist non-expert users in specifying system requirements. It builds on a collection of high-level and parameterisable patterns that capture recurring properties for GALS systems. Properties result from a pragmatic survey on the state-of-the-art verification of synchronous and asynchronous systems. muGRL is implemented by a translation (not completely automated yet) into MCL.

We confronted GRL and muGRL with several case studies to explore their capability in addressing real-life systems. Case studies are issued from both academia and industry. An implementation of quasi-synchrony in an asynchronous model of time is proposed and its functional correctness is verified. In a collaboration with IRT-Saint Exupéry (Toulouse, France), the modelling and verification of an AutoFlight Control System with stringent timing requirements are studied. The quasi-synchrony implementation has been used for this system, leading to reasonable experimentation results. In the framework of the Bluesky project, networks of PLCs with a high degree of asynchronous concurrency are addressed.

We concluded that verification tools for asynchronous systems, including CADP, are adequate to address arbitrarily-complex GALS systems. The accuracy of verification results relies on suitable behavioural abstractions of the intended system.

Industrial feedback

Despite its young age, GRL appears to have a good acceptance by GALS designers.

From the outset of the Bluesky project, Crouzet provided us with significant amount of insights and feedback about both design choices and user-convenience of GRL and muGRL. An early integration of GRL in Crouzet’s design process of PLCs has started and is under experimentation. At the time being, only synchronous blocks and generic environments can be automatically generated. Unfortunately, we could not explore the asynchronous aspects of GRL and muGRL because the current design process does not yet support GALS systems. Crouzet is still very optimistic about the usefulness and user-convenience of GRL and muGRL. A new PhD thesis is going to start as a continuation of this work.

Beyond the Bluesky project, our collaboration with IRT-Saint Exupéry was fruitful. Quoting them: “We are extremely interested by this work, because we believe it deals with an essential problem”. GRL is currently evaluated in IRT-Saint Exupéry.

These experiences reinforce our conviction about the pressing need to deal with asynchronous concurrency in the construction of GALS systems. It also shows that domain-
specific languages are an appropriate solution for disseminating asynchronous concurrency techniques to industry.

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Directions for future work

The focus of this thesis was on designing GALS-specific languages and tools. While we achieved most of our objectives, we foresee several directions for future work.

From a language-design point of view, GRL could be extended with the following aspects:

**Generic libraries.** For the frequently used synchronous programming operators, activation strategies, and communication mediums, one could write libraries in a generic and reusable fashion. These libraries, once functionally verified, could be reused safely.

**Equivalence checking.** A GALS system can be checked against a more abstract behaviour of the expected service. Work\(^1\) on this direction has started in the Bluesky project, but faced a lack of expressiveness in GRL. Service description requires to abstract from the system composition into components, which is not possible in the actual version of GRL. In this respect, GRL systems can be extended to ease the formalisation of services.

From a language-implementation point of view, proving formally the correctness of the translation from GRL to LNT is an ambitious task. GRL is still a young language in experimentation phase; it may undergo several changes in the future. We prefer to postpone the translation proof to more stable versions of GRL. In a nearer future, we foresee to fully automate the translation from muGRL into MCL and map verification diagnostics back to GRL.

The connection of GRL to CADP provides the user with various verification tools and techniques. The following would be useful for GALS systems:

**Compositional verification.** Asynchronous concurrency may lead to state-space explosion. In this respect, compositional verification techniques achieve promising reductions. These techniques are still inherently complex and rely on the target system architecture. *Automatic generation of interfaces* [KM97, Lan06] could be particularly interesting for GRL systems. This technique generates a component LTS by considering the behavioural restrictions imposed by the component neighborhood. Hence, the states that are never explored in the LTS of the whole system are eliminated in the component LTS. For more efficiency, automatic generation of interfaces could be combined with property-dependent reductions (Chapter 7).

**Probabilistic verification.** Real-life GALS systems are subject to unreliable and unpredictable phenomena, such as message loss and component failure. We illustrated

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\(^1\)This work is available under a project deliverable, which is not diffused publicly. The interested reader may write to Radu.Mateescu@inria.fr for discussion or documentation.
the way such stochastic phenomena could be modelled in GRL using nondeterminism. Once the GRL model is functionally verified, its LTS could be enriched by attaching probabilities to transitions. This way, transitions could be chosen probabilistically instead of nondeterministically. Probabilistic verification could be achieved on such LTSs. For example, one could estimate what is the failure rate of redundant components in fault-tolerant systems.
Appendix A

The GRL Model and SVL Verification Scripts of the AFCS

This appendix presents the GRL model and SVL verification script of the *AutoFlight Control Systems*. Since muGRL is not fully implemented, properties are written in MCL.

A.1 The GRL model

A.1.1 Global constants

A.1.2 Component FCP
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environment list
Error_Enable (?error_injection),
Knob (?<pilot_rotation, pilot_mvt>)
end system

--- Block modelling the FCP component

block FCP {-- duration to sustain movement detection
  fcp_mvt_prolong: nat := default_fcp_mvt_prolong}
  (in knob_click_number : int,
  knob_mvt : bool,
  in error_injection : bool)
  [send afs_com_target_position : int,
  send afs_mon_mvt : bool]
  is
  var cp_click_number:int,
  detected_mvt :bool
  Encoder (error_injection, knob_click_number, knob_mvt,
  ?cp_click_number, ?detected_mvt);
  CP_COM (cp_click_number, ?afs_com_target_position);
  CP_MON {fcp_mvt_prolong} (detected_mvt, ?afs_mon_mvt)
end block

--- Block modelling the command channel of the FCP component

block CP_COM (in click_number : int,
out target_position_afs : int)
  is
  static var pre_click_number:int := 0
  -- compute a new position, to be sent to AFS
  target_position_afs := pre_click_number + click_number;
  pre_click_number := click_number -- store the computed position
end block

--- Block modelling the monitoring channel of the FCP component

block CP_MON {prolong_duration : nat := default_fcp_mvt_prolong}
  (in cp_mon_detected_mvt: bool,
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out to_afs_detected_mvt: bool)

static var countdown : nat := prolong_duration, isdetected : bool := false

if (cp_mon_detected_mvt) then
    a movement is detected
    isdetected := true; — store detection information
    to_afs_detected_mvt := true; — inform AFS
    countdown := prolong_duration − 1 — trigger countdown

elsif (isdetected and (0 < countdown)) then
    — sustain signal detection for duration "prolong_duration"
    to_afs_detected_mvt := true;
    countdown := countdown − 1
else — duration "prolong_duration" has elapsed
    to_afs_detected_mvt := false;
    isdetected := false
end if

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Environment modelling the knob behaviour

environment Knob (out click_number: int, mvt: bool) is

static var pre_click_number:int := 0

when <click_number, mvt> ->

select
    — The knob position changes. We consider values from −2 to 2
    click_number := any int where ((click_number < 3) and (click_number > −3));
    mvt := true
[] — The knob position does not change
    click_number := pre_click_number;
    mvt := false
end select

end environment

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Environment disabling the error injection input of the FCP component

environment Error_Enable (out error_injection: bool) is

when error_injection ->
    error_injection := disable_error_injection
end environment

A.1.3 Component AFS

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System to generate the LTS corresponding to the AFS components

system Main_AFS {afs_mvt_prolong : nat}

(validated_target : int,
interrupt : bool,

cp_com_target_position : int,

cp_mon_mvt : bool,

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is  
alias AFS_COM as AFS_COM,  
 AFSD_MON {afs_mvt_prolong} as AFSD_MON,  
AFSD_Act {_, _} as Activation,  
Stub as Stub,  
AFDX_COM_to_MON as AFDX_COM_to_MON,  
AFDX_MON_to_COM as AFDX_MON_to_COM

block list
AFSD_COM (?validated_target)

[cp_com_target_position,  
 <com_from_mon_afs_target_validated,  
 com_from_mon_afs_target_isvalid>,  
 ?com_to_mon_afs_target_validation],
AFSD_MON (?interrupt)

[cp_mon_mvt, mon_from_com_afs_target_validation,  
 ?<mon_to_com_afs_target_validated, mon_to_com_afs_target_isvalid>]

environment list
Activation (AFS_COM, AFSD_MON)

medium list
Stub [?cp_com_target_position],  
AFDX_COM_to_MON [com_to_mon_afs_target_validation,  
?mon_from_com_afs_target_validation],  
AFDX_MON_to_COM [<mon_to_com_afs_target_validated,  
mon_to_com_afs_target_isvalid>,  
?com_from_mon_afs_target_validated,  
com_from_mon_afs_target_isvalid>]

end system

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<td>block AFS_COM (out validated_target: int)</td>
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<tr>
<td>[receive cp_com_target_position: int, -- receive knob position from CP_COM</td>
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<tr>
<td>receive mon_alt_target_value: int, -- receive target value from AFSD_MON</td>
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<tr>
<td>mon_alt_target_valid: bool, -- along with its validity verdict</td>
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<td>send afs_mon_alt_target: int]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>is</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>static var last_validated_target: int := 0</td>
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<tr>
<td>-- establish an altitude target based on the received position from CP COM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-- and send it to AFSD_MON for validation</td>
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<tr>
<td>Compute_Alt (cp_com_target_position, ?afs_mon_alt_target);</td>
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<tr>
<td>-- a decision is taken based on the validity verdict</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>if (mon_alt_target_valid) then</td>
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<tr>
<td>validated_target := mon_alt_target_value;</td>
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<tr>
<td>last_validated_target := validated_target</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>else</td>
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<td>end if</td>
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end block

block Compute_Alt (in cp_com_target_position : int,
out afs_mon_alt_target : int) is
  afs_mon_alt_target := cp_com_target_position
end block

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block AFS_MON {afs_mvt_prolong : nat := default_afs_mvt_prolong}
(out interrupt : bool) — in case of problem, raise an alert
[receive cp_mon_mvt : bool,
receive afs_com_alt_target : int,
send afs_com_alt_target_value : int,
afs_com_alt_target_valid : bool]

is

static var pre_alt_target : int := 0, — last altitude target from AFSCOM
pre_valid_alt_target : int := 0, — last valid altitude target
countdown : nat := afs_mvt_prolong,
isdetected : bool := false
var detected_mvt : bool

if (cp_mon_mvt) then — a movement is detected
detected_mvt := true;
isdetected := true; — store detection information
countdown := afs_mvt_prolong — trigger countdown

elsif ((countdown > 0) and isdetected) then
  — sustain signal detection for duration "afs_mvt_prolong"
detected_mvt := true;
countdown := countdown - 1
else
  detected_mvt := false;
isdetected := false
end if;

if ((afs_com_alt_target == pre_alt_target) — valid
  or ((afs_com_alt_target != pre_alt_target) and detected_mvt))
then
  interrupt := false;
  afs_com_alt_target_value := afs_com_alt_target;
  afs_com_alt_target_valid := true;
  pre_valid_alt_target := afs_com_alt_target
else — invalid
  interrupt := true;
  afs_com_alt_target_value := pre_valid_alt_target;
  afs_com_alt_target_valid := false
end if;

pre_alt_target := afs_com_alt_target
end block

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block AFS_MON_Observ_P13_P14 {afs_mvt_prolong : nat := default_afs_mvt_prolong}
(out interrupt : bool,
out OK_P13, OK_P14 : bool)

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[receive cp_mon_mvt : bool, 
receive afs_com_alt_target : int, 
send afs_com_alt_target_value : int, 
afs_com_alt_target_valid : bool]

is

static var pre_alt_target : int := 0, 
pre_valid_alt_target : int := 0, 
countdown : nat := afs_mvt_prolong, 
isdetected : bool := false

var detected_mvt : bool

if (cp_mon_mvt) then
    detected_mvt := true;
    isdetected := true;
    countdown := afs_mvt_prolong
elseif ((countdown > 0) and isdetected) then
    detected_mvt := true;
    countdown := countdown - 1
else
    detected_mvt := false;
    isdetected := false
end if;

if ((afs_com_alt_target == pre_alt_target) —valid
    or ((afs_com_alt_target != pre_alt_target) and detected_mvt))
then
    interrupt := false;
    afs_com_alt_target_value := afs_com_alt_target;
    afs_com_alt_target_valid := true;
    pre_valid_alt_target := afs_com_alt_target
else —invalid
    interrupt := true;
    afs_com_alt_target_value := pre_valid_alt_target;
    afs_com_alt_target_valid := false
end if;

pre_alt_target := afs_com_alt_target;
— observers
Observer_P13 {default_afs_mvt_prolong}(cp_mon_mvt, detected_mvt, ?OK_P13);
Observer_P14 {default_afs_mvt_prolong}(cp_mon_mvt, countdown, ?OK_P14)
end block

— Block observer checking that the countdown to sustain a movement detection
— information is always set to a predefined value when a movement is detected
block Observer_P13 {duration: nat := default_afs_mvt_prolong} 
    (in cp_mon_mvt: bool, mvt_prolong:nat, 
    out ok : bool)

is
    if (cp_mon_mvt) then
        ok := (mvt_prolong == duration)
    else
        ok := true
    end if
end block
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164 — Block observer checking that a movement detection information is sustained
165 — for a fixed duration, if no new movement detection has occurred ever since
166 block Observer_P14 \{ duration: nat := default_afs_mvt_prolong \}
167 \{ in cp_mon_mvt, detected_mvt: bool, 
168 \  out ok: bool \}
169 is
170 \ static var counter: nat := 0, pre_cp_mon_mvt: bool := false, 
171 \  trigger_count:bool := false 
172 \ if (not (pre_cp_mon_mvt) and cp_mon_mvt) then — a movement is detected
173 \  trigger_count := true 
174 \ end if; 
175 \ if (trigger_count and (counter < duration)) then 
176 \  ok := (detected_mvt === true); 
177 \  counter := counter + 1 
178 \ else 
179 \  ok := true; 
180 \  trigger_count := false 
181 \ end if; 
182 \ pre_cp_mon_mvt := cp_mon_mvt 
183 \ end block
184
185 — Environment ensuring that two blocks evolve at multiples of the same pace
186 environment AFS_Act \{ max_com: nat := 1, max_mon: nat := 3 \}
187 \{ block AFS_COM, AFS_MON \}
188 is
189 \ static var count_mon, count_com: nat := 0 
190 \ select 
191 \  if (count_com < max_com) then 
192 \  count_com := count_com + 1; 
193 \  enable AFS_COM 
194 \  end if 
195 \ [] 
196 \  if (count_mon < max_mon) then 
197 \  count_mon := count_mon + 1; 
198 \  enable AFS_MON 
199 \  end if 
200 \ end select; 
201 \ if (count_com >= max_com) and (count_mon >= max_mon) then 
202 \  count_com := 0; 
203 \  count_mon := 0 
204 \ end if 
205 \ end environment
206
207 — Medium modelling an AFDX
208 medium AFDX \[ receive com_to_mon_afs_target_validation : int, 
209 \  send mon_from_com_afs_target_validation: int, 
210 \  receive mon_to_com_afs_target_validated : int, 
211 \  mon_to_com_afs_target_isvalid : bool, 
212 \  send com_from_mon_afs_target_validated : int, 
213 \  com_from_mon_afs_target_isvalid : bool \]
214 is
215 \ static var afs_target_validation: int := 0,
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validated_target : int := 0,
isvalid_target : bool := false

select
    select
        when ?<com_to_mon.afs_target_validation> ->
            afs_target_validation := com_to_mon.afs_target_validation

end select
end select
end medium

--- Medium modelling communication from the monitoring to the command channels
medium AFDX_MON_to_COM [receive mon_to_com.afs_target_validated : int,
                          send com_from_mon.afs_target_validated : int]

is static var validated_target : int := 0,
isvalid_target : bool := false

select
    when ?<mon_to_com.afs_target_validated, mon_to_com.afs_target_isvalid> ->
        validated_target := mon_to_com.afs_target_validated;
isvalid_target := mon_to_com.afs_target_isvalid

end select
end medium

--- Medium modelling communication from the command to the monitoring channels
medium AFDX_COM_to_MON [receive com_to_mon.afs_target_validation : int, send mon_from_com.afs_target_validation : int]

is static var afs_target_validation : int := 0

select
    when ?com_to_mon.afs_target_validation ->
        afs_target_validation := com_to_mon.afs_target_validation

end select
end medium

---
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A.1.4 System AFCS

— System to generate the LTS corresponding to the AFCS system

```
system Main (error_injection : bool, 
pilot_rotation : int, 
pilot_mvt : bool, 
to_afs_com_rotation : int, 
to_afs_mon_mvt : bool, 
validated_target : int, 
interrupt : bool, 

cp_com_target_position : int, 
from_cp_mon_mvt : bool, 
com_to_mon_afs_target_validation : int, 
mon_from_com_afs_target_validation : int, 
mon_to_com_afs_target_validated : int, 
mon_to_com_afs_target_isvalid : bool, 
com_from_mon_afs_target_validated : int, 
com_from_mon_afs_target_isvalid : bool)
```

—is alias FCP {_, _} as FCP,
 AFS_MON {_, _} as AFS_MON,
 AFS_COM {_, _} as AFS_COM,
 A429_COM as A429_COM,
 Discrete_MON as Discrete_MON,
 AFDX as AFDX,
 Error_Enable as Error_Enable,
 Knob as Knob,
 AFCS_Act {_, _, _} as Activation

```
block list
 FCP (<pilot_rotation, pilot_mvt>, error_injection) 
 [to_afs_com_rotation, to_afs_mon_mvt], 
 AFS_COM (?validated_target)
 [cp_com_target_position, 
 <com_from_mon_afs_target_validated, 
 com_from_mon_afs_target_isvalid>, 
 ?com_to_mon_afs_target_validation],
 AFS_MON (?interrupt)
```
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\[
\begin{align*}
&\text{environment list} \\
&\quad \text{Error}_{\text{Enable}} (\text{error}_{\text{injection}}), \\
&\quad \text{Knob} (\text{pilot}_{\text{rotation}}, \text{pilot}_{\text{mvt}}), \\
&\quad \text{Activation} (\text{interrupt}, \text{FCP}, \text{AFS}_{\text{COM}}, \text{AFS}_{\text{MON}}) \\
&\text{medium list} \\
&\quad \text{AFDX} [<\text{com}_{\text{to}}_{\text{mon}}_{\text{afs}}_{\text{target}}_{\text{validation}}>, \\
&\quad \quad \quad <\text{mon}_{\text{from}}_{\text{com}}_{\text{afs}}_{\text{target}}_{\text{validation}}>, \\
&\quad \quad \quad <\text{mon}_{\text{to}}_{\text{com}}_{\text{afs}}_{\text{target}}_{\text{validated}}, \\
&\quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \text{mon}_{\text{to}}_{\text{com}}_{\text{afs}}_{\text{target}}_{\text{isvalid}}>] \\
&\quad \text{A429}_{\text{COM}} [\text{to}_{\text{afs}}_{\text{com}}_{\text{rotation}}, \text{?cp}_{\text{com}}_{\text{target}}_{\text{position}}], \\
&\quad \text{Discrete}_{\text{MON}} [\text{to}_{\text{afs}}_{\text{mon}}_{\text{mvt}}, \text{?from}_{\text{cp}}_{\text{mon}}_{\text{mvt}}] \\
\end{align*}
\]

--- Parameterised system to generate the LTS corresponding to the AFCS system

\[
\text{system Main}_{\text{Param}} \{\text{fcp}_{\text{mvt}}_{\text{prolong}}, \text{afs}_{\text{mvt}}_{\text{prolong}} : \text{nat}\} \\
\quad \{\text{error}_{\text{injection}} : \text{bool}, \\
\quad \text{pilot}_{\text{rotation}} : \text{int}, \\
\quad \text{pilot}_{\text{mvt}} : \text{bool}, \\
\quad \text{to}_{\text{afs}}_{\text{com}}_{\text{rotation}} : \text{int}, \\
\quad \text{to}_{\text{afs}}_{\text{mon}}_{\text{mvt}} : \text{bool}, \\
\quad \text{validated}_{\text{target}} : \text{int}, \\
\quad \text{interrupt} : \text{bool}, \\
\quad \text{cp}_{\text{com}}_{\text{target}}_{\text{position}} : \text{int}, \\
\quad \text{from}_{\text{cp}}_{\text{mon}}_{\text{mvt}} : \text{bool}, \\
\quad \text{com}_{\text{to}}_{\text{mon}}_{\text{afs}}_{\text{target}}_{\text{validation}} : \text{int}, \\
\quad \text{mon}_{\text{from}}_{\text{com}}_{\text{afs}}_{\text{target}}_{\text{validation}} : \text{int}, \\
\quad \text{mon}_{\text{to}}_{\text{com}}_{\text{afs}}_{\text{target}}_{\text{validated}} : \text{int}, \\
\quad \text{mon}_{\text{to}}_{\text{com}}_{\text{afs}}_{\text{target}}_{\text{isvalid}} : \text{bool}, \\
\quad \text{com}_{\text{from}}_{\text{mon}}_{\text{afs}}_{\text{target}}_{\text{validated}} : \text{int}, \\
\quad \text{com}_{\text{from}}_{\text{mon}}_{\text{afs}}_{\text{target}}_{\text{isvalid}} : \text{bool}\}
\]

\[
\text{is} \\
\quad \text{alias FCP} \{\text{fcp}_{\text{mvt}}_{\text{prolong}}\} \text{ as FCP,} \\
\quad \text{AFS}_{\text{MON}} \{\text{afs}_{\text{mvt}}_{\text{prolong}}\} \text{ as AFS}_{\text{MON}}, \\
\quad \text{AFS}_{\text{COM}} \text{ as AFS}_{\text{COM}}, \\
\quad \text{A429}_{\text{COM}} \text{ as A429}_{\text{COM}}, \\
\quad \text{Discrete}_{\text{MON}} \text{ as Discrete}_{\text{MON}}, \\
\quad \text{AFDX} \text{ as AFDX,} \\
\quad \text{Error}_{\text{Enable}} \text{ as Error}_{\text{Enable}}, \\
\quad \text{Knob} \text{ as Knob}, \\
\quad \text{AFCS}_{\text{Act}} \{\_, \_, \_\} \text{ as Activation}
\]

\[
\text{block list} \\
\quad \text{FCP} (\langle\text{pilot}_{\text{rotation}}, \text{pilot}_{\text{mvt}}, \text{error}_{\text{injection}}\rangle) \\
\quad \quad [\text{?to}_{\text{afs}}_{\text{com}}_{\text{rotation}}, \text{?to}_{\text{afs}}_{\text{mon}}_{\text{mvt}}], \\
\quad \text{AFS}_{\text{COM}} (\text{?validated}_{\text{target}}) \\
\quad \quad [\text{cp}_{\text{com}}_{\text{target}}_{\text{position}}, \\
\quad \quad \quad \langle\text{com}_{\text{from}}_{\text{mon}}_{\text{afs}}_{\text{target}}_{\text{validated}}\rangle,
\]
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```aml
com_from_mon_afs_target_isvalid>,
?com_to_mon_afs_target_validation],
AFS_MON (interrupt)
[from_cp_mon_mvt,
mon_from_com_afs_target_validation,
?<mon_to_com_afs_target_validated,
mon_to_com_afs_target_isvalid>]
environment list
Error_Enable (?error_injection),
Knob (<pilot_rotation, pilot_mvt>),
Activation (interrupt, FCP, AFS_COM, AFS_MON)
medium list
AFDX [<com_to_mon_afs_target_validation>,
?<mon_from_com_afs_target_validation>,
<mon_to_com_afs_target_validated, mon_to_com_afs_target_isvalid>,
?<com_from_mon_afs_target_validated,
com_from_mon_afs_target_isvalid>],
A429_COM [to_afs_com_rotation>, ?cp_com_target_position],
Discrete_MON [to_afs_mon_mvt, ?from_cp_mon_mvt]
end system

--- Medium modelling A429 communication

medium A429_COM [receive from_cp_com: int,
send to_afs_com: int]
is
static var from_cp_com_to_afs_com: int := 0
select
when ?from_cp_com ->
from_cp_com_to_afs_com := from_cp_com
[]
when to_afs_com ->
to_afs_com := from_cp_com_to_afs_com
end select
end medium

--- Medium modelling discrete communication

medium Discrete_MON [receive from_cp_mon: bool,
send to_afs_mon: bool]
is
static var from_cp_mon_to_afs_mon: bool := false
select
when ?from_cp_mon -> from_cp_mon_to_afs_mon := from_cp_mon
[]
when to_afs_mon -> to_afs_mon := from_cp_mon_to_afs_mon
end select
end medium

--- Environment ensuring that:
--- three blocks evolve at multiples of the same pace
--- blocks are halted if a failure occurs
environment AFCS_Act {max_fcp : nat := 10,

--- Environment ensuring that:
--- three blocks evolve at multiples of the same pace
--- blocks are halted if a failure occurs
environment AFCS_Act {max_fcp : nat := 10,
```
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--- CADP parameters
% DEFAULT_VERIFY_TOOL="evaluator4"
% CADP_TIME="memtime"
% DEFAULT_MCL_LIBRARIES="library.mcl"

--- Script parameter verification
% if test "$MODEL" != "FCP_Component" && test "$MODEL" != "AFS_Component"
  && test "$MODEL" != "AFCS_System"
% then
  echo "This SVL script requires the name of a GRL model as argument"
  echo "The name should belong to the set:"
  echo "FCP_Component, AFS_Component, AFCS_System"
  exit
% fi

--- Parameter setting to execute GRL models
% case "$MODEL" in
  "FCP_Component" | "AFS_Component")
    eval "PARAM=${FCP_MVT_PROLONG}"
    echo "Verification of the FCP component"
  ;;
  "AFS_Component")
    eval "PARAM=${AFS_MVT_PROLONG}"
    echo "Verification of the AFS component"
  ;;
  "AFCS_System")
    eval "PARAM1=${FCP_MVT_PROLONG}"
    eval "PARAM2=${AFS_MVT_PROLONG}"
    echo "Verification of the AFCS system"
  ;;
esac

--- Generation of LTSs
% if [ "$GENERATE_MODELS" = "1" ]
% then
  --- Original LTS generation
  % echo "LTS generation: LTS will be given in file ${MODEL}.Orig.bcg"
  % case "$MODEL" in
    "FCP_Component" | "AFS_Component")
      % grl.open -showall -root "Main_${MODEL} ($PARAM of nat)" ${MODEL}.grl
      generator ${MODEL}.Orig.bcg
    ;;
    "AFCS_System")
      % if [ "$GENERATE_PARAMETRISED_AFCS" = "0" ]
      % then
        % grl.open -showall -root "Main_Param ($PARAM1 of nat, $PARAM2 of nat)"
        % for i in 3 7 10 13 17 20
        % do
          %
        % done
        % else
          % for i in 3 7 10 13 17 20
          % do
            %
          % done
    ;;
  esac

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for j in 1 2 3 4 5 6
MODEL="AFCS_CP_${i}_AFS_${j}"
grl.open -root "Main_Param ($i of nat, $j of nat)" AFCS_System.grl
generator "$MODEL.bcg"
"$MODEL.bcg" = total rename "GATE_\(.*\)" -> "\1" in
total divbranching reduction of "$MODEL.bcg";

do
do
fi
fi
esac

--- Data and activation LTS extraction
"${MODEL}.Data.bcg" = total divbranching reduction of
total rename
"GATE_\(.*\)" -> "\1",
"START !GRL_\(.*\)" -> "\1"
in
"${MODEL}.Orig.bcg";
"${MODEL}.Act.bcg" = total divbranching reduction of
total rename "START !GRL_\(.*\)" -> "\1" in
partial hide all but ":START.*," in
"${MODEL}.Orig.bcg";
% echo "\nThe reduced LTS is given in file ${MODEL}.Data.bcg"
% echo "The activation strategy is given in file ${MODEL}.Act.bcg\n"
fi

--- Properties specification

--- Deadlock absence in components behaviour
property FCP_Deadlock_Absence (MODEL)
  "Check that the behaviour of FCP is deadlock-free"
is
  "Diag.FCP_Deadlock_Absence.bcg" =
  "${MODEL}.Act.bcg" |=
  Always_Some ({FCP});
  expected TRUE
end property

property AFS_COM_Deadlock_Absence (MODEL)
  "Check that the behaviour of AFS_COM is deadlock-free"
is
  "Diag.AFS_COM_Deadlock_Absence.bcg" =
  "${MODEL}.Act.bcg" |=
  Always_Some ({AFS_COM});
  expected TRUE
end property

property AFS_MON_Deadlock_Absence (MODEL)
  "Check that the behaviour of AFS_MON is deadlock-free"
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"Diag.AFS_MON_Deadlock_Absence.bcg" =
"$\{\text{MODEL}\}.\text{Act.bcg} \models$

Always_Some (\{\text{AFS\_MON}\});

\text{expected TRUE}

end property

\hline
\centering
\text{--- Progress of components inputs and outputs}

\text{property Progress_PILOT\_ROTATION\_PILOT\_MVT (MODEL)}

"Check that channel <pilot\_rotation, pilot\_mvt> continue to progress"

is

"Progress_PILOT\_ROTATION\_PILOT\_MVT.bcg" =

$\{\text{MODEL}\}.\text{Data.bcg} \models$

Always_Some (true*.

\{PILOT\_ROTATION\_PILOT\_MVT ?rot1:int ? mvt1:boolean\}.

tue*.

\{PILOT\_ROTATION\_PILOT\_MVT ?rot2:int ?mvt2:boolean

where ((rot2 <> rot1) and (mvt2 <> mvt1))\}

);

\text{expected TRUE}

end property

\text{--- Progress_AFS\_COM\_ROTATION (MODEL)}

"Check that channel afs\_com\_rotation continue to progress"

is

"Progress_AFS\_COM\_ROTATION.bcg" =

$\{\text{MODEL}\}.\text{Data.bcg} \models$

Always_Some (true*.

\{AFS\_COM\_ROTATION ?rot1:int\}.

tue*.

\{AFS\_COM\_ROTATION ?rot2:int where rot2 <> rot1\}

); 

\text{expected TRUE}

end property

\text{--- Progress_AFS\_MON\_MVT (MODEL)}

"Check that channel afs\_mont\_mvt continue to progress"

is

"Progress_AFS\_MON\_MVT.bcg" =

$\{\text{MODEL}\}.\text{Data.bcg} \models$

Always_Some (true*.

\{AFS\_MON\_MVT ?mvt1:boolean\}.

tue*.

\{AFS\_MON\_MVT ?mvt2:boolean where mvt2 <> mvt1\}

); 

\text{expected TRUE}

end property

\text{--- Progress_VALIDATED\_TARGET (MODEL)}

"Check that channel validated\_target continue to progress"

is
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```java
property ProgressVALIDATED_TARGET (MODEL) {
  "Progress_VALIDATED_TARGET.bcg" =
  "$\{\text{MODEL}\}.Data.bcg" \=
  Always_Some (true\*,
  \{VALIDATED_TARGET ?targ1:int\}.
  true*.
  \{VALIDATED_TARGET ?targ2:int where (targ2 <> targ1)\}
);
  expected TRUE
end property

property Progress_CP_COM_TARGET_POSITION (MODEL) {
  "Check that channel cp_com_target_position continue to progress"
  is
  "Progress_CP_COM_TARGET_POSITION.bcg" =
  "$\{\text{MODEL}\}.Data.bcg" \=
  Always_Some (true\*,
  \{CP_COM_TARGET_POSITION ?pos1:int\}.
  true*.
  \{CP_COM_TARGET_POSITION ?pos2:int where (pos2 <> pos1)\}
);  expected TRUE
end property

property Progress_CP_MON_MVT (MODEL) {
  "Check that channel cp_mon_mvt continue to progress"
  is
  "Progress_CP_MON_MVT.bcg" =
  "$\{\text{MODEL}\}.Data.bcg" \=
  Always_Some (true\*,
  \{CP_MON_MVT ?mvt1:bool\}.
  true*.
  \{CP_MON_MVT ?mvt2:bool where (mvt2 <> mvt1)\}
);  expected TRUE
end property

property Progress_COM_TO_MON_AFS_TARGET_VALIDATION (MODEL) {
  "Check that channel com_to_mon_afs_target_validation continue to progress"
  is
  "Progress_COM_TO_MON_AFS_TARGET_VALIDATION.bcg" =
  "$\{\text{MODEL}\}.Data.bcg" \=
  Always_Some (true\*,
  \{COM_TO_MON_AFS_TARGET_VALIDATION ?targ1:int\}.
  true*.
  \{COM_TO_MON_AFS_TARGET_VALIDATION ?targ2:int
  where (targ2 <> targ1)\}
);  expected TRUE
end property

property Progress_MON_FROM_COM_AFS_TARGET_VALIDATION (MODEL) {
  "Check that channel mon_from_com_afs_target_validation continue to progress"
```
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is
"Progress_MON_FROM_COM_AFS_TARGET_VALIDATION.bcg" =
"${MODEL}.Data.bcg" ||=Always_Some (true*.
{MON_FROM_COM_AFS_TARGET_VALIDATION ?targ1:int}.
true*.
{MON_FROM_COM_AFS_TARGET_VALIDATION ?targ2:int
where (targ2 <> targ1}))
);
expected TRUE
end property

property Progress_MON_TO_COM_AFS_TARGET_VALIDATED (MODEL)
"Check that channel <mon_to_com_afs_target_validated,"
"mon_to_com_afs_target_isvalid> continue to progress"
is
"Progress_MON_TO_COM_AFS_TARGET_VALIDATED.bcg" =
"${MODEL}.Data.bcg" ||=Always_Some (true*.
{MON_TO_COM_AFS_TARGET.Validated_MON_TO_COM_AFS_TARGET_IsVALID
?targ1:int ?valid1:bool}.
true*.
{MON_TO_COM_AFS_TARGET.Validated_MON_TO_COM_AFS_TARGET_IsVALID
?targ2:int ?valid2:bool where
((targ2 <> targ1) and (valid2 <> valid1)))
);
expected TRUE
end property

property Progress_COM_FROM_MON_AFS_TARGET_VALIDATED (MODEL)
"Check that channel <com_from_mon_afs_target_validated,"
"com_from_mon_afs_target_isvalid> continue to progress"
is
"Progress_COM_FROM_MON_AFS_TARGET_VALIDATED.bcg" =
"${MODEL}.Data.bcg" ||=Always_Some (true*.
{COM_FROM_MON_AFS_TARGET.Validated_COM_FROM_MON_AFS_TARGET_IsVALID
?targ1:int ?valid1:bool}.
true*.
{COM_FROM_MON_AFS_TARGET.Validated_COM_FROM_MON_AFS_TARGET_IsVALID
?targ2:int ?valid2:bool where
((targ2 <> targ1) and (valid2 <> valid1)))
);
expected TRUE
end property

--- Functional properties

property Movement_Detection_Causality (MODEL)
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*Check that no movement detection information is sent to AFS unless the knob is rotated*

is

"Movement_Detection_Causality.bcg" =

${\text{MODEL}.\text{Data.bcg} \mid \text{Not\_To\_Unless (\{AFS\_MON\_MVT \models FALSE\},

\{AFS\_MON\_MVT \models TRUE\},

\{PILOT\_ROTATION\_PILOT\_MVT ?any \models TRUE\})

); expected TRUE
end property

property Rotation_and_Movement_Detection (MODEL)
*Check that a knob rotation is accompanied by a movement detection*

is

"Movement_Detection.bcg" =

${\text{MODEL}.\text{Data.bcg} \mid \text{Never (\{PILOT\_ROTATION\_PILOT\_MVT ?rot1:int \models mvt1:bool\},

\text{not (\{PILOT\_ROTATION\_PILOT\_MVT ?any \models any\}),

\{PILOT\_ROTATION\_PILOT\_MVT ?rot2:int \models mvt2:bool

\text{where ((rot2 <> rot1) and (mvt2 = FALSE)))

}); expected TRUE
end property

property Movement_Correlation (MODEL)
*A new knob position information sent to AFS\_COM should be accompanied by a movement detection sent to AFS\_MON*

is

"Movement_Detection.bcg" =

${\text{MODEL}.\text{Data.bcg} \mid \text{Never (true\*,

\{AFS\_COM\_ROTATION \models mvt1:int\},

\text{not (\{AFS\_COM\_ROTATION \models any\})*,

\{AFS\_COM\_ROTATION \models mvt2:int where mvt2 <> mvt1\},

\text{not (\{AFS\_MON\_MVT \models any\}),

\{AFS\_MON\_MVT !TRUE\}

}); expected TRUE
end property

property Movement_Detection_Sending (MODEL)
*Check that whenever the knob is rotated, a movement detection information is sent to AFS*

is

"Movement_Detection_Sending.bcg" =

${\text{MODEL}.\text{Data.bcg} \mid \text{Never (true\*,

\{PILOT\_ROTATION\_PILOT\_MVT ?any \models (AFS\_MON\_MVT \models !TRUE)}.

\text{not (\{AFS\_MON\_MVT \models any\})*,

\{AFS\_MON\_MVT !FALSE\}

});
expected TRUE
end property

property Movement_Detection_Sustain_FCP_1 (MODEL, FCP_MVT_PROLONG)
  "Check that the detection movement information is maintained TRUE"
  "for \{FCP\_MVT\_PROLONG\} cycle duration"
  is
  "Movement_Detection_Sustain_1.bcg" =
  \${MODEL}.Data.bcg \|
  Sustain (true*.
    \{PILOT\_ROTATION\_PILOT\_MVT ?any !TRUE\}.
    not (\{PILOT\_ROTATION\_PILOT\_MVT ?any ?any\})*.
    \{PILOT\_ROTATION\_PILOT\_MVT ?any !FALSE\},
    \{AFS\_MON\_MVT !TRUE\},
    \{AFS\_MON\_MVT !FALSE\},
    \{FCP\_MVT\_PROLONG\})
  );
  expected TRUE
end property

property Movement_Detection_Sustain_FCP_2 (MODEL, FCP_MVT_PROLONG)
  "Check that the movement signal information is not maintained TRUE"
  "for more than FCP\_MVT\_PROLONG cycle duration if no knob rotation"
  "has occurred in the meanwhile"
  is
  "Movement_Detection_Sustain_2.bcg" =
  \${MODEL}.Data.bcg \|
  Never (true*.
    \{PILOT\_ROTATION\_PILOT\_MVT ?any !TRUE\}.
    (not (\{PILOT\_ROTATION\_PILOT\_MVT ?any ?any\})*.
      \{PILOT\_ROTATION\_PILOT\_MVT ?any !FALSE\},
      \{AFS\_MON\_MVT !TRUE\}.
      \{FCP\_MVT\_PROLONG\}.
    )
  );
  expected TRUE
end property

property Fault_Tolerance (MODEL)
  "Check that the system is fault tolerant"
  is
  "Diag.Fault_Tolerance.$\{MODEL\}.bcg" =
  \${MODEL}.bcg \|
  Never (true*.
    \{FAULT\_TOLERANCE "FALSE}\}
  );
  expected TRUE
end property

property System_Movement_Observation (MODEL, RESULT)
  "Check that a movement detected in FCP is sustained enough to be observed"
  "by AFS\_MON"
  is
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```plaintext
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373  "Diag.System_Movement_Observation.{MODEL}.bcg" =
374  "{MODEL}.bcg" =
375    NEVER ((not (TO_AFS_MON_MVT !TRUE)) * (TO_AFS_MON_MVT !TRUE).
376    (not (FROM_CP_MON_MVT !TRUE)) * (TO_AFS_MON_MVT !FALSE).
377    (not (TO_AFS_MON_MVT !TRUE)) * (TO_AFS_MON_MVT !TRUE)
378  );
379  result "$RESULT" expected TRUE
380 end property

382  property System_Movement_Detection (MODEL, RESULT)
383   "No new altitude order is provided by AFS COM unless a movement has been"
384    "detected in AFS_MON"
385  is
386    "Diag.System_Movement_Detection.{MODEL}.bcg" =
387      "${MODEL}.bcg" |
388      Not_to_Unless (
389        {MON_FROM_COM_AFS_TARGET_VALIDATION ? targ1:int},
390        {MON_FROM_COM_AFS_TARGET_VALIDATION ? targ2:int
391          where targ1 <> targ2},
392        {FROM_CP_MON_MVT !"TRUE"}
393      );
394  result "$RESULT" expected TRUE
395 end property

396  -- Verification of LTSs
397
398  % case "$MODEL" in
399  %   "FCP_Component" | "AFCS_System") \ 
400    check FCP_Deadlock_Absence ("$MODEL");
401    check Progress_PILOT_ROTATION_PILOT_MVT ("$MODEL");
402    check Progress_AFS_COM_ROTATION ("$MODEL");
403    check Progress_AFS_MON_MVT ("$MODEL");
404    check Movement_Detection_Causality ("$MODEL");
405    check Rotation_and_Movement_Detection ("$MODEL");
406    check Movement_Correlation ("$MODEL");
407    check Movement_Detection_Sending ("$MODEL");
408    check Movement_Detection_Sustain_FCP_1 ("$MODEL", "$FCP_MVT_PROLONG");
409    check Movement_Detection_Sustain_FCP_2 ("$MODEL", "$FCP_MVT_PROLONG");
410 % ;;
411  %   "AFS_Component" | "AFCS_System") \ 
412    check AFS_COM_Deadlock_Absence ("$MODEL");
413    check AFS_MON_Deadlock_Absence ("$MODEL");
414    check Progress_VALIDATED_TARGET ("$MODEL");
415    check Progress_CP_COM_TARGET_POSITION ("$MODEL");
416    check Progress_CP_MON_MVT ("$MODEL");
417    check Progress_COM_TO_MON_AFS_TARGET_VALIDATION ("$MODEL");
418    check Progress_MON_FROM_COM_AFS_TARGET_VALIDATION ("$MODEL");
419    check Progress_MON_TO_COM_AFS_TARGET_VALIDATED ("$MODEL");
420    check Progress_COM_FROM_MON_AFS_TARGET_VALIDATED ("$MODEL");
421 % ;;
422  %   "AFCS_System") \ 
423    check Fault_Tolerance ("$MODEL");
424    check System_Movement_Observation ("$MODEL", "RESULT");
```

191
check System_Movement_Detection ("$MODEL", "RESULT");

if [ "CHECK_PARAMETRISED_MODEL" = "1" ]
then
for i in 3 7 10 13 17 20
  do
    for j in 1 2 3 4 5 6
      do
        MODEL="AFCS_CP_$i_AFS_$j"
        check System_Movement_Observation ("$MODEL", "RESULT");
        if [ "$RESULT" = FALSE ]
          then
            "Diag.System_Movement_Observation.$MODEL.bcg" =
total safety reduction of
  partial hide all but
  "MON_FROM_COM_AFS_TARGET_VALIDATION.糙",
  "FROM_CP_MON_MVT.糙"
  in "Diag.System_Movement_Observation.$MODEL.bcg";
        fi
        check System_Movement_Detection ("$MODEL", "RESULT");
        if [ "$RESULT" = FALSE ]
          then
            "Diag.System_Movement_Detection.$MODEL.bcg" =
total safety reduction of
  partial hide all but
  "TO_AFS_MON_MVT.糙",
  "FROM_CP_MON_MVT.糙"
  in "Diag.System_Movement_Detection.$MODEL.bcg";
      done
    fi
  done
fi

A.2.2 Property patterns

macro Never (A) =
  [A] false
end_macro

macro Not_TO_Unless (A, B, C) =
  [true*. A. (not (C))*. B] false
end_macro

macro After_Inev (A, B) =
  [true*. A] inev (B)
end_macro
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\[
\text{macro } \text{inev} \ (A) = \\
mu X . (\langle \text{true}\rangle \text{ true and } [\neg (A)] X )
\]
\text{end_macro}

\[
\text{macro } \text{Always_Some} \ (A) = \\
[\text{true}^+ ] < \text{true}^+. A \text{ true}
\]
\text{end_macro}

\[
\text{macro } \text{Alive_A} \ (A) = \\
[\text{true}^+. A] < \text{true}^+. A \text{ true}
\]
\text{end_macro}

\[
\text{macro } \text{Deadline} \ (R, A1, A2, n) = \\
\text{Never} (R. (\neg (A1))^+. (A1. (\neg (A1 \text{ or } A2))^+)^{n+1})
\]
\text{end_macro}

\[
\text{macro } \text{Not_To_Unless_Most} \ (A1, A2, A3, n) = \\
\text{Deadline} \ (\text{true}^+. A1, A3, A2, n)
\]
\text{end_macro}

\[
\text{macro } \text{Sustain} \ (R, A1, A2, n) = \\
[ R ] \nu \text{Counter} \ (c : \text{nat} = 1) . ( \\
\quad ((c < n) \text{ implies } ([ A2 ] \text{ false and } [ A1 ] \text{ Counter } (c + 1)))
\quad \text{and } [ \neg (A1 \text{ or } A2) ] \text{ Counter } (c)
\)
\]
\text{end_macro}
Appendix B

The GRL Model of the Car Park Application

This appendix presents the GRL model of the car park application.

B.1 Global constants

```plaintext
const Park_Size : int16 := 5
const Cst_Bool_Empty_Buffer : bool := false
```

B.2 Subblocks modelling function blocks

```plaintext
block B_Num {Numeric_Constant : int16}
  (out Numeric_Value : int16)
  is
  Numeric_Value := Numeric_Constant
end block

block B_And (in Left : bool := true, in Right : bool := true, out Res : bool)
  is
  Res := (Left and Right)
end block

block B_And_4 (in In1 : bool := true, in In2 : bool := true,
               in In3 : bool := true,
               in In4 : bool := true, out Res : bool)
  is
  Res := (In1 and In2 and In3 and In4)
end block
```
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in In3 : bool := true, In4 : bool := true, out Res : bool) is
Res := (In1 and In2 and In3 and In4)
end block

— Logic Or block
block B_Or (in Left : bool := false, Right : bool := false, out Res : bool) is
Res := (Left or Right)
end block

— Logic Not block
block B_Not (in Input : bool := false, out Res : bool) is
Res := not (Input)
end block

— Timer block
block B_Edge {Rising_Mode : bool := true, Falling_Mode : bool := false} (in Logic_Signal : bool := true, out Edge_Detected : bool) is
static var Pre_Signal : bool := false
var Rise, Fall : bool
Rise := Logic_Signal and not (Pre_Signal);
Fall := not (Rise);
Edge_Detected := (Rising_Mode and Rise) or (Falling_Mode and Fall);
Pre_Signal := Logic_Signal
end block

— Comparator block
block B_Compare {Mode : Type_Comparison := Equal} (in Validation : bool := true, Left, Right : int16 := 0, out Res : bool) is
case Mode is
Equal -> Res := (Left = Right)
| Strictly_Superior -> Res := (Left > Right)
| Superior -> Res := (Left >= Right)
| Strictly_Inferior -> Res := (Left < Right)
| Inferior -> Res := (Left <= Right)
| Not_Equal -> Res := (Left != Right)
end case;
Res := Res and Validation
end block
type Type_Comparison is
enum Equal, Strictly_Superior, Superior,
| Strictly_Inferior, Inferior, Not_Equal

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end type

— Counter block

block B_UpDown_Count (in Increase : bool := false,
in Decrease : bool := false,
in Reset : bool := false,
in Preset : bool := false,
in Preset_Value : int16 := 0,
out Output : bool,
out Current_Value : int16) is
  static var Pre_Current_Value : int16 := 0,
  Pre_Increase : bool := false,
  Pre_Decrease : bool := false
  if (Reset) then
    Current_Value := 0;
    Output := false
  else
    if (Preset) then
      Current_Value := Preset_Value;
      Output := false
    else
      if ((Increase) and not (Pre_Increase)
        and (Pre_Current_Value < Preset_Value)) then
        Current_Value := Pre_Current_Value + 1
      else
        Current_Value := Pre_Current_Value
      end if;
      if ((Decrease) and not (Pre_Decrease)
        and (Pre_Current_Value > -32768)) then
        Current_Value := Current_Value - 1
      else
        Current_Value := Current_Value
      end if;
      if (Current_Value == Preset_Value) then
        Output := true
      else
        Output := false
      end if
    end if
    Pre_Current_Value := Current_Value;
    Pre_Increase := Increase;
    Pre_Decrease := Decrease
  end block

B.3 Highest-level blocks modelling PLCs

— Block modelling the exit PLC

block Exit (in Cmd_P1, Cmd_P2 : bool, out Open : bool)
  [send Out_P1 : bool, send Out_P2 : bool] is
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```plaintext
var Edge_Cmd_P1, Edge_Cmd_P2 : bool
−− if a car parking in Storey1 arrives
B_Edge {true, false}(Cmd_P1, ?Edge_Cmd_P1); − does the car ask for leaving?
B_And (Edge_Cmd_P1, Cmd_P1, ?Out_P1); − inform Storey1
−− if a car parking in Storey2 arrives
B_Edge {true, false}(Cmd_P2, ?Edge_Cmd_P2); − does the car ask for leaving?
B_And (Edge_Cmd_P2, Cmd_P2, ?Out_P2); − inform Storey2
−− if a car asks for leaving, open the gate
B_Or (Edge_Cmd_P1, Edge_Cmd_P2, ?Open)
end block

−− Block modelling a storey PLC
block Storey {Id_P1, Id_P2 : bool}
  (in Cmd_P1, Cmd_P2 : bool,
   out Open, Err : bool)
  [receive Car_Left_from_exit : bool,
   send Car_Left_to_entrance : bool] is
  alias B_Edge {true, false} as Edge_Cmd_P1; Edge_Cmd_P2,
  B_And as B2_And; B3_And; B5_And; B6_And,
  B_Or as B7_Or; B8_Or
var edge1, edge2, edge1_P1, edge1_P2, edge2_P1, edge2_P2 : bool
Edge_Cmd_P1 (Cmd_P1, ?edge1);
B2_And (edge1, Id_P1, ?edge1_P1);
B3_And (edge1, Id_P2, ?edge1_P2);
Edge_Cmd_P2 (Cmd_P2, ?edge2);
B5_And (edge2, Id_P2, ?edge2_P2);
B6_And (edge2, Id_P1, ?edge2_P1);
B7_Or (edge1_P1, edge2_P2, ?Open);
B8_Or (edge1_P2, edge2_P1, ?Err);
Car_Left_to_entrance := Car_Left_from_exit
end block

−− Block modelling the entrance PLC
block Entrance {Size:int16 := Park_Size}
  (in Cmd : bool,
   out Green, Yellow, Red : bool,
   out Open, P1, P2 : bool)
  [receive Out1 : bool, receive Out2 : bool] is
  alias B_Edge {true, false} as B1,
  B_And_4 as B2,
  B_Num {Size} as B3,
  B_Compare {Strictly_Inferior} as B4,
  B_UpDown_Count as B5,
  B_Not as B6,
  B_Not as B7,
  B_And as B8,
  B_And as B9,
  B_And_4 as B10,
  B_Compare {Strictly_Inferior} as B11,
  B_UpDown_Count as B12,
  B_Not as B13,
  B_Not as B14,
```

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57 B_And as B15,
58 B_And as B16,
59 B_And as B17,
60 B_or as B18,
61 B_Not as B19,
62 B_And as B20,
63 B_or as B21
64 static var pre_c5 : bool := true,
65 pre_c9 : bool := true,
66 pre_c10 : bool := true
67 var c1, c2, c3, c4, c5, c7, c9, c10, c11, c12, c13, c14, c15, c16 : bool,
68 c6, c8 : int16
69 B1 (Cmd, ?c1);
70 B2 (c1, pre_c9, pre_c10, _, ?c4);
71 B3 (?c6);
72 B5 (c4, Out1, _, _, c6, ?c7, ?c8);
73 B4 (_, c8, c6, ?c9);
74 P1 := c4;
75 B6 (P1, ?c10);
76 B8 (c7, c10, ?c12);
77 B7 (c7, ?c11);
78 B9 (c11, c10, ?c14);
79 B10 (c1, pre_c5, pre_c10, not (P1), ?c2);
80 B12 (c2, Out2, _, _, c6, ?c7, ?c8);
81 B11 (_, c8, c6, ?c5);
82 P2 := c2;
83 B13 (P2, ?c3);
84 B15 (c7, c3, ?c13);
85 B14 (c7, ?c11);
86 B16 (c11, c3, ?c15);
87 B17 (c12, c13, ?Red);
88 B18 (P1, P2, ?Open);
89 B21 (c14, c15, ?c16);
90 B20 (c16, not (Open), ?Green);
91 Yellow := Open;
92 B19 (Open, ?c10);
93 pre_c5 := c5;
94 pre_c9 := c9;
95 pre_c10 := c10
96 end block

B.4 Environments

1 — Environment ensuring that:
2 — a leaving request cannot occur if there is no car in the car park
3 — an entrance or exit request cannot occur in two successive steps of a PLC
4 — a ticket given to a car references exactly one storey
5 environment Env_Cmd (in Park_Open, Park_P1, Park_P2: bool,
6 in Out_Open: bool,
7 out Cmd: bool,
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```plaintext
out Exit_P1, Exit_P2: bool,
out Cmd_P11, Cmd_P12: bool,
out Cmd_P21, Cmd_P22: bool
)

is
static var Pre_Cmd, Pre_Exit, Pre_Cmd_1, Pre_Cmd_2: bool := false,
Nb_Car: nat := 0

select
  when Cmd -> if Pre_Cmd then
    Cmd := false
  else
    Cmd := any bool
  end if;
  Pre_Cmd := Cmd
[]
  when <Exit_P1, Exit_P2> -> if ((Nb_Car == 0) or Pre_Exit) then
    Exit_P1 := false;
    Exit_P2 := false
  else
    Exit_P1 := any bool;
    Exit_P2 := any bool
      where not (Exit_P1 and Exit_P2)
  end if;
  if (Exit_P1 or Exit_P2) then
    Pre_Exit := true
  end if
[]
  when <Cmd_P11, Cmd_P12> -> if ((Nb_Car == 0) or Pre_Cmd_1) then
    Cmd_P11 := false;
    Cmd_P12 := false
  else
    Cmd_P11 := any bool;
    Cmd_P12 := any bool
      where not (Cmd_P11 and Cmd_P12)
  end if;
  if (Cmd_P11 or Cmd_P12) then
    Pre_Cmd_1 := true
  end if
[]
  when <Cmd_P21, Cmd_P22> -> if ((Nb_Car == 0) or Pre_Cmd_2) then
    Cmd_P21 := false;
    Cmd_P22 := false
  else
    Cmd_P21 := any bool;
    Cmd_P22 := any bool
      where not (Cmd_P21 and Cmd_P22)
  end if;
  if (Cmd_P21 or Cmd_P22) then
    Pre_Cmd_2 := true
  end if
[]
  when ?<Park_Open, Park_P1, Park_P2> -> if (Park_Open) then
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61 \text{Nb\_Car} := \text{Nb\_Car} + 1
62 \text{end if;
63 Park\_P1} := \text{Park\_P1};
64 \text{Park\_P2} := \text{Park\_P2}
65
66 \text{[]
67 \text{when ?Out\_Open :} if (Out\_Open) then
68 \text{Nb\_Car} := \text{Nb\_Car} - 1
69 \text{end if
70 \text{end select
71 \text{end environment
72
73 \text{-- Environment ensuring that two blocks evolve at the same pace
74 \text{environment Quasisynch\_2 (block Storey1, Storey2) is
75 \text{static var ok1, ok2: bool := true -- permission for blocks to execute
76 \text{select
77 \text{if (ok1) then -- execution of Storey1 if permitted
78 \text{enable Storey1;
79 \text{ok1} := false
80 \text{end if
81 \text{[]
82 \text{if (ok2) then -- execution of Storey2 if permitted
83 \text{enable Storey2;
84 \text{ok2} := false
85 \text{end if
86 \text{end select;
87 \text{-- if both blocks have been executed once, reinitialize permissions
88 \text{if (not (ok1) and not (ok2)) then
89 \text{ok1} := true;
90 \text{ok2} := true
91 \text{end if
92 \text{end environment
93
94 \text{-- Environment ensuring that four blocks evolve at the same pace
95 \text{environment Quasisynch\_4 (block B1, B2, B3, B4) is
96 \text{static var ok1, ok2, ok3, ok4: bool := true
97 \text{select
98 \text{if (ok1) then
99 \text{enable B1;
100 \text{ok1} := false
101 \text{end if
102 \text{[]
103 \text{if (ok2) then
104 \text{enable B2;
105 \text{ok2} := false
106 \text{end if
107 \text{[]
108 \text{if (ok3) then
109 \text{enable B3;
110 \text{ok3} := false
111 \text{end if
112 \text{[]
113
114 \text{\}
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if (ok4) then
  enable B4;
  ok4 := false
end if
end select;
if (not (ok1) and not (ok2) and not (ok3) and not (ok4)) then
  ok1 := true;
  ok2 := true;
  ok3 := true;
  ok4 := true
end if
end environment

--- Environments describing scenarios between blocks ---
type cases is
  enum Car_Park, Car_P1, Car_P2, Car_Ex, None
end type
environment Scen_Act (block Entrance, Exit, Storey1, Storey2) is
  static var action: cases := Car_Park
  case action is
    | Car_Park -> action := Car_P2; enable Entrance
    | Car_P2  -> action := Car_P1; enable Storey2
    | Car_P1  -> action := Car_Ex; enable Storey1
    | Car_Ex  -> action := None; enable Exit
    | any     -> action := None
  end case
end environment

environment Scen_Data (out Cmd_Park : bool, out Cmd_P11, Cmd_P12: bool,
  out Cmd_P21, Cmd_P22: bool, out Exit_P1, Exit_P2: bool) is
  select
  when <Cmd_Park> -> Cmd_Park := true; — Entrance data
  [] when <Cmd_P11, Cmd_P12> -> Cmd_P11 := true; — Storey1 data
       Cmd_P12 := false
  [] when <Cmd_P11, Cmd_P12> -> Cmd_P11 := true; — Storey2 data
       Cmd_P12 := false
  [] when <Exit_P1, Exit_P2> -> Exit_P1 := true; — Exit data
       Exit_P2 := false
end select
end environment

B.5 Mediums

--- Medium modelling a lossy communication ---
medium Buffer_Bit [receive Input : bool,
  send   Output: bool]
is
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6 static var Buffer : bool := Cst_Bool_Empty_Buffer
7 select
8   when ?Input -> select
9     Buffer := Input
10    [] null
11   end select
12 []
13   when Output -> if (Buffer == Cst_Bool_Empty_Buffer) then
14     Output := Cst_Bool_Default_Value
15     else
16     Output := Buffer;
17     Buffer := Cst_Bool_Empty_Buffer
18   end if
19 end select
20 end medium
21

B.6 Systems

1 — System to generate the LTS corresponding to the entrance PLC
2 system Main_Enterance { Size:int16 := 1 }
3   (Cmd: bool, Green, Yellow, Red: bool,
4    Open, P1, P2: bool, Out1: bool, Out2: bool)
5 is
6   block list
7     Entrance { Size }{Cmd, ?<Green, Yellow, Red>, ?<Open, P1, P2>}[Out1, Out2]
8 end system
9
11 — System to generate the LTS corresponding to storey PLCs
12 system Main_Storey (Cmd_P11, Cmd_P21 : bool, R_Out1, S_Out1 : bool,
13   Open1 : bool, Err1 : bool)
14 is
15   alias Storey {true, false} as Storey
16   block list
17     Storey (<Cmd_P11, Cmd_P21>, ?<Open1, Err1>)
18     [R_Out1, ?S_Out1]
19 end system
20
21 — System to generate the LTS corresponding to the exit PLC
22 system Main_Exit (Cmd_P1, Cmd_P2: bool, Open: bool, Out_P1: bool, Out_P2: bool)
23 is
24   block list
25     Exit (<Cmd_P1, Cmd_P2>, ?Open)[?Out_P1, ?Out_P2]
26 end system
27
28 — System to generate the LTS corresponding to a scenario of the car park
29 system Main_Scen (Cmd_Park, Park_P1, Park_P2: bool,
30   Cmd_P11, Cmd_P12, Cmd_P21, Cmd_P22, Exit_P1, Exit_P2: bool,
31   Green, Yellow, Red : bool,
32   Park_Open, Open1, Open2, Out_Open : bool,
33   Err1, Err2 : bool) is
alias Storey {true, false} as Storey1,
    Storey {false, true} as Storey2,
    Entrance {Park_Size} as Entrance,
    Exit as Exit,
    Scen_Data as Scen_Data,
    Scen_Act as Scen_Act,
    Buffer_Bit as Med1; Med2; Med3; Med4
var S_Out1, S_Out2, R_Out1, R_Out2 : bool,
    S_Full1, S_Full2, R_Full1, R_Full2 : bool
block list
    Exit (<Exit_P1, Exit_P2>, ?<Out_Open>) [?S_Out1, ?S_Out2],
    Storey1 (<Cmd_P11, Cmd_P12>, ?<Open1, Err1>) [R_Out1, ?S_Full1],
    Storey2 (<Cmd_P21, Cmd_P22>, ?<Open2, Err2>) [R_Out2, ?S_Full2],
    Entrance (Cmd_Park, ?<Green, Yellow, Red>,
                ?<Park_Open, Park_P1, Park_P2>)
    [R_Full1, R_Full2]
environment list
    Scen_Act (Entrance, Storey1, Storey2, Exit),
    Scen_Data (?<Cmd_Park>, ?<Cmd_P11, Cmd_P12>, ?<Cmd_P21, Cmd_P22>,
                ?<Exit_P1, Exit_P2>)
medium list
    Med1 [S_Out1, ?R_Out1],
    Med2 [S_Out2, ?R_Out2],
    Med3 [S_Full1, ?R_Full1],
    Med4 [S_Full2, ?R_Full2]
end system

--- System to generate the LTS corresponding to a car park with quasi-synchrony
--- and constraints on block inputs
system Main_Quasi {Size: int16}
    (Cmd_Park, Park_P1, Park_P2: bool,
     Cmd_P11, Cmd_P12, Cmd_P21, Cmd_P22, Exit_P1, Exit_P2: bool,
     Green, Yellow, Red: bool,
     Park_Open, Open1, Open2, Out_Open: bool,
     Err1, Err2: bool)
is
    alias Storey {true, false} as Storey1,
    Storey {false, true} as Storey2,
    Entrance {Park_Size} as Entrance,
    Exit as Exit,
    Quasisynch_4 as Env_Act,
    Env_Cmd as Env_Data,
    Buffer_Bit as Med1; Med2; Med3; Med4
var S_Out1, S_Out2, R_Out1, R_Out2 : bool,
    S_Full1, S_Full2, R_Full1, R_Full2 : bool
block list
    Exit (<Exit_P1, Exit_P2>, ?<Out_Open>) [?S_Out1, ?S_Out2],
    Storey1 (<Cmd_P11, Cmd_P12>, ?<Open1, Err1>) [R_Out1, ?S_Full1],
    Storey2 (<Cmd_P21, Cmd_P22>, ?<Open2, Err2>) [R_Out2, ?S_Full2],
    Entrance (Cmd_Park, ?<Green, Yellow, Red>,
              ?<Park_Open, Park_P1, Park_P2>)
    [R_Full1, R_Full2]
Appendix B. The GRL Model of the Car Park Application

environment list

- Env_Act (Exit, Storey1, Storey2, Entrance),
- Env_Data (<Park_Open, Park_P1, Park_P2>, Out_Open, ?Cmd_Park,

medium list

- Med1 [S_Out1, ?R_Out1],
- Med2 [S_Out2, ?R_Out2],
- Med3 [S_Full1, ?R_Full1],
- Med4 [S_Full2, ?R_Full2]

end system
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