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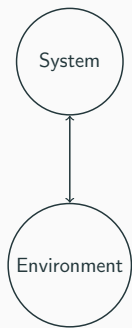
Efficient Trace Encodings of Bounded Synthesis for Asynchronous Distributed Systems

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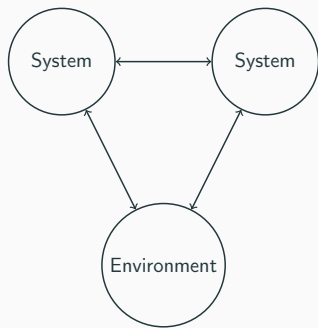
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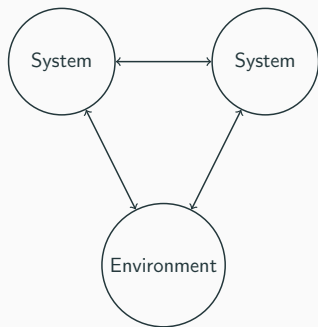
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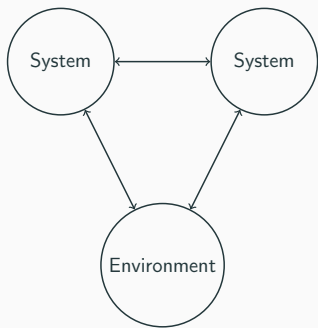
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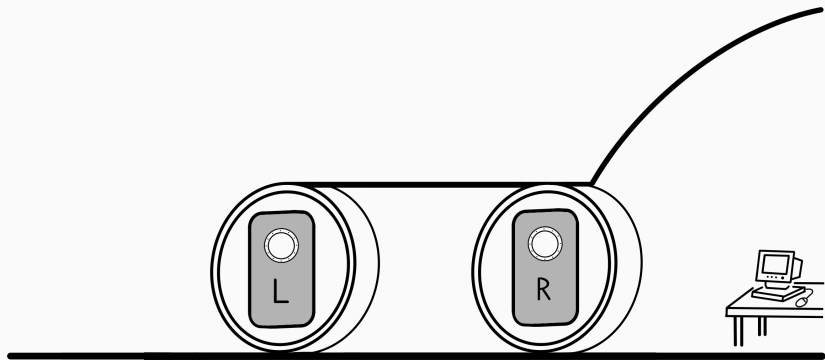
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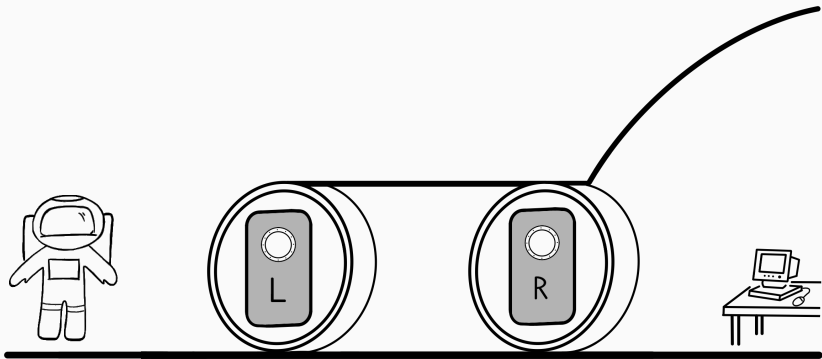
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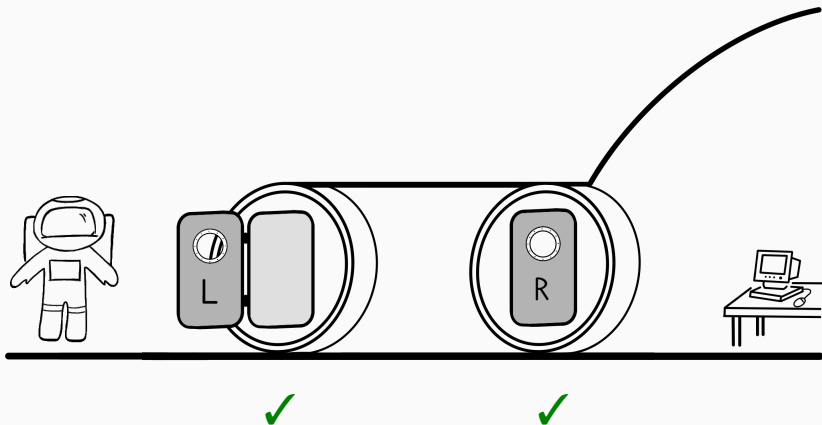
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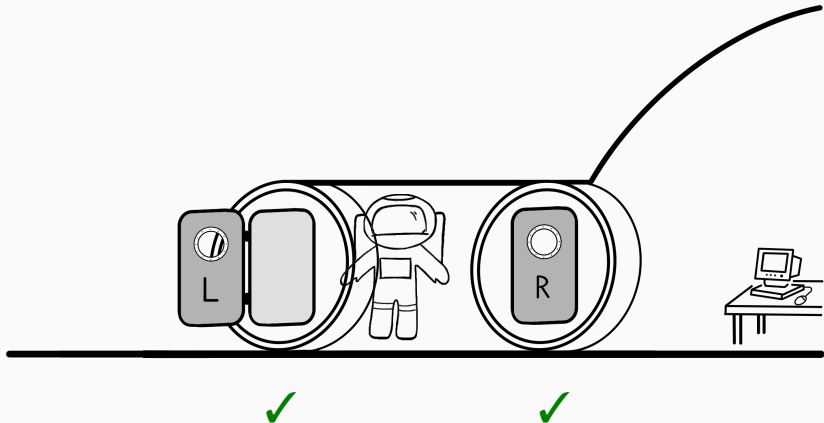
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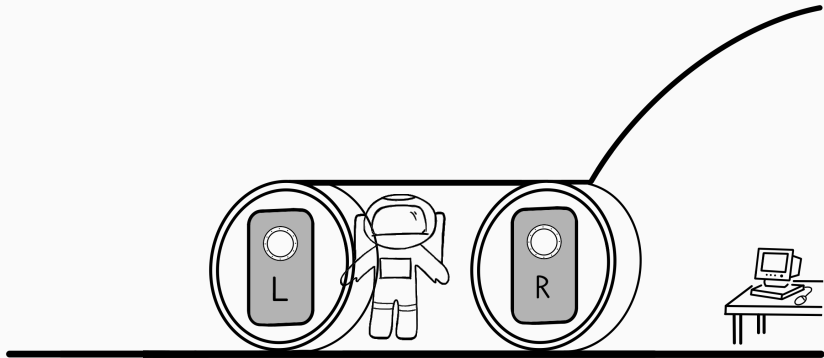
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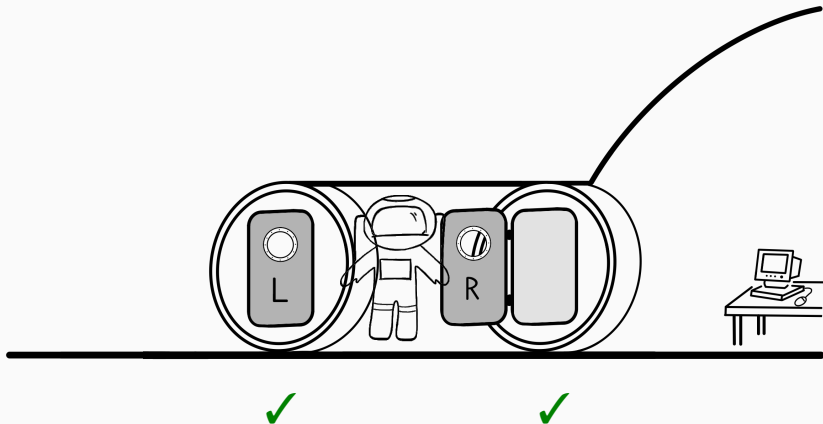
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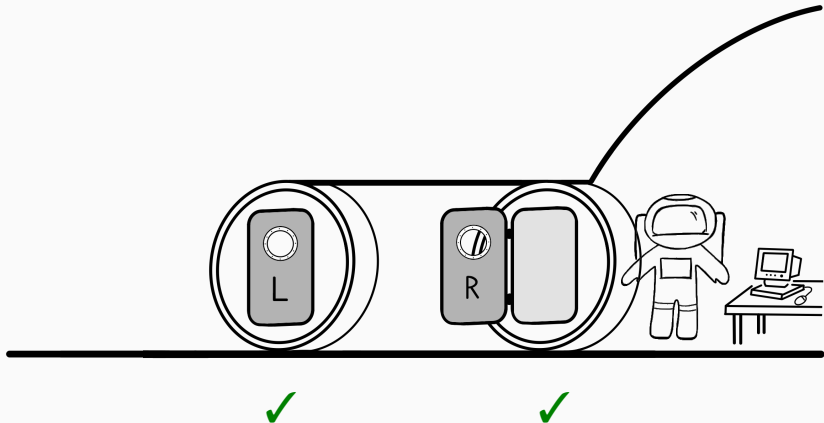
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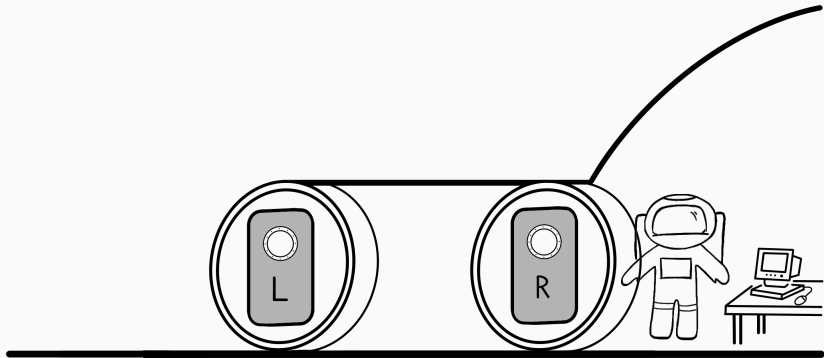
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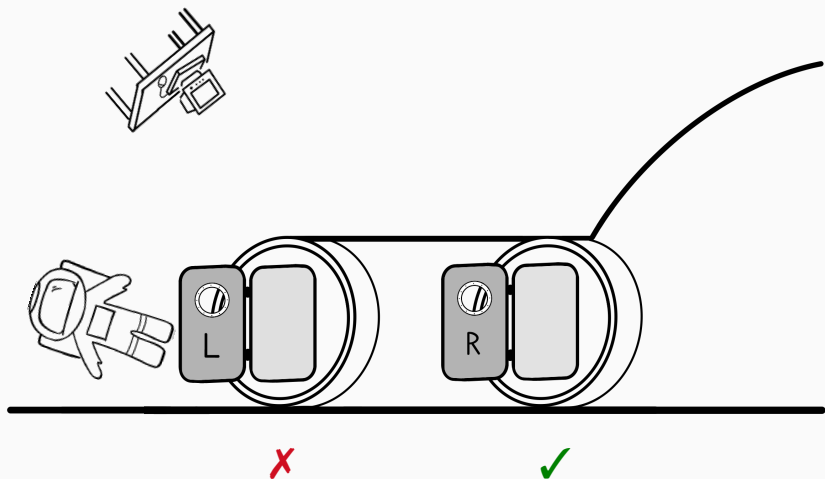
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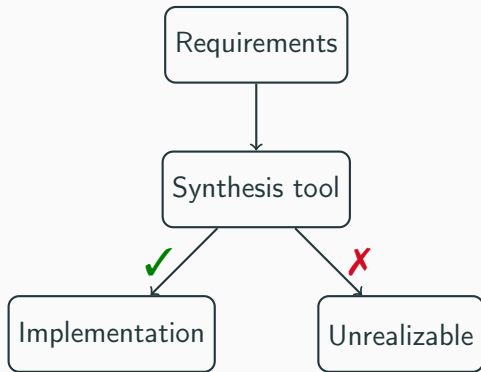


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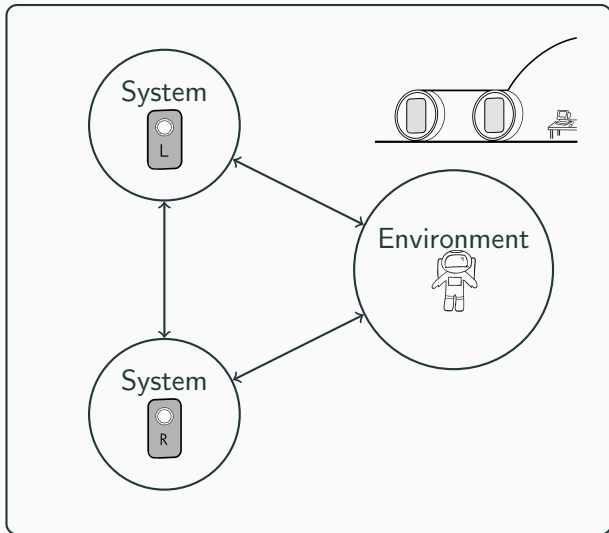
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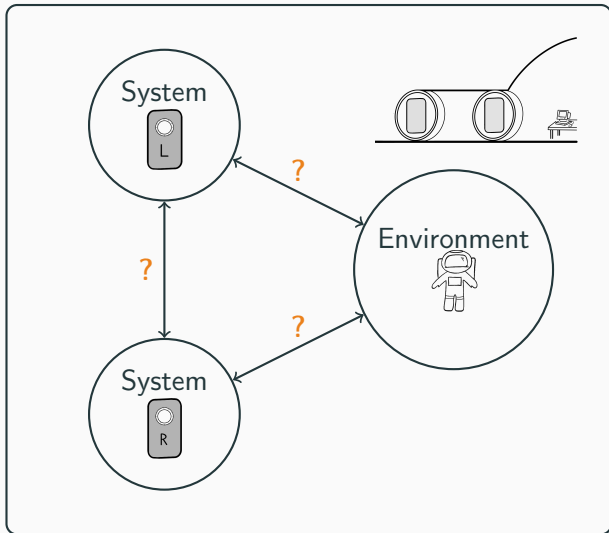
Synthesis of Distributed Systems as a Game

Arena



Synthesis with Local Information

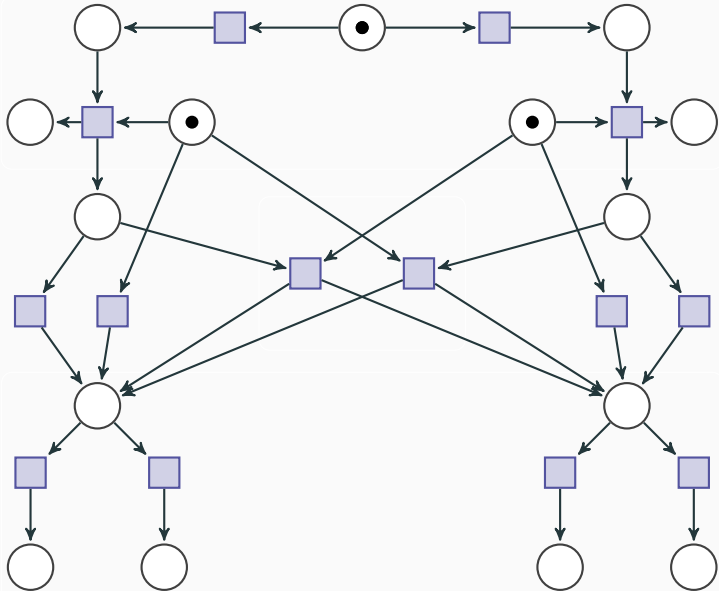
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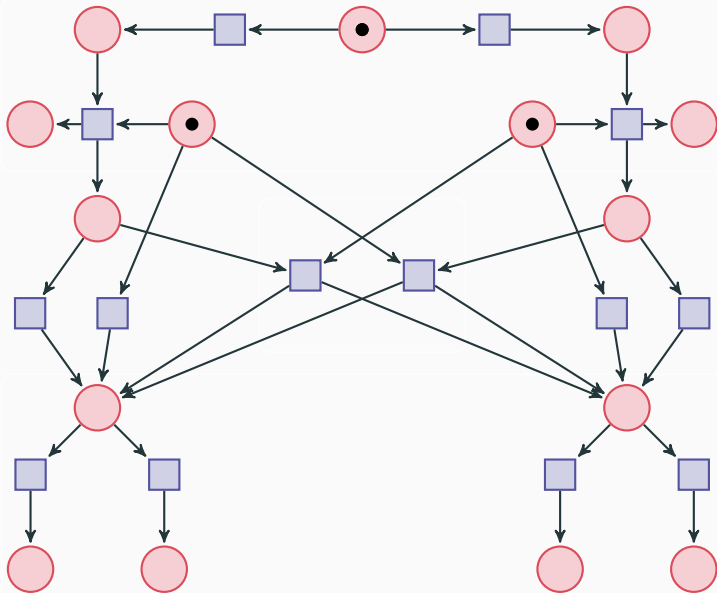
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Petri Games

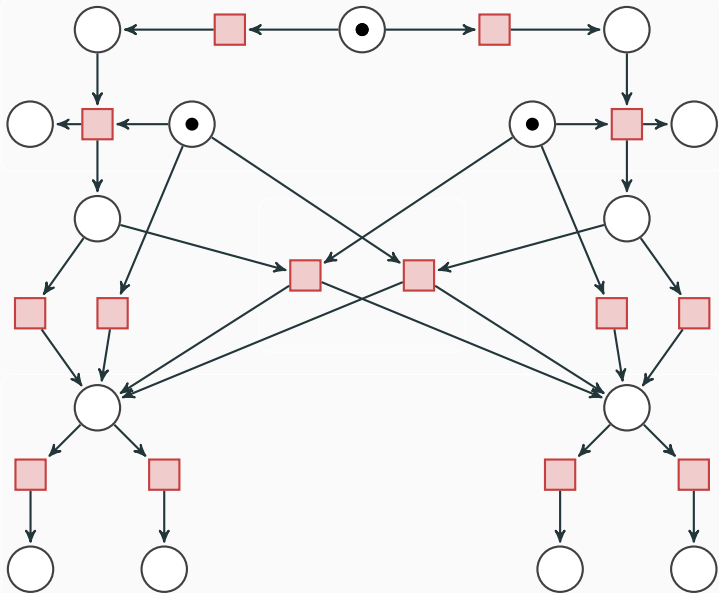
Petri Net as Game Arena of Petri Game



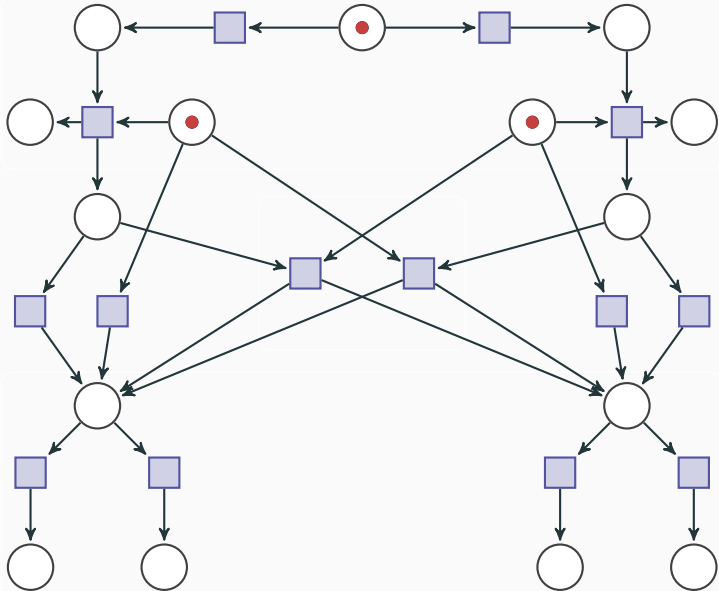
Places \mathcal{P} in a Petri Net



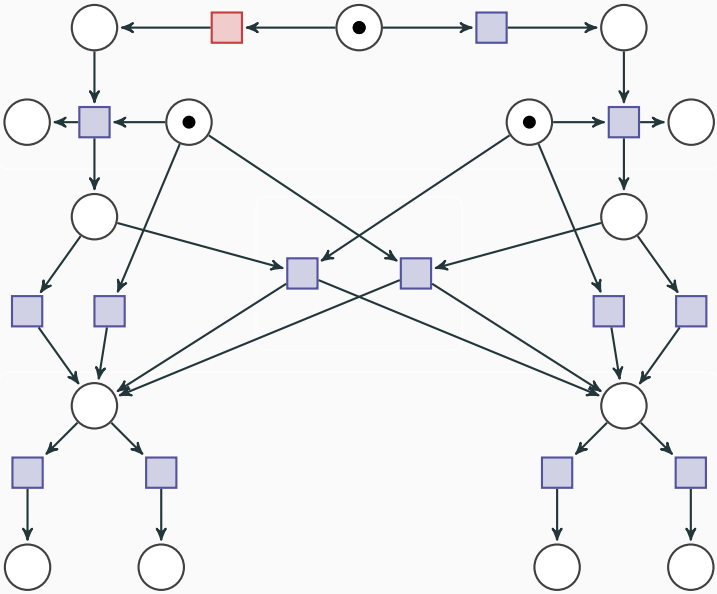
Transitions \mathcal{T} in a Petri Net



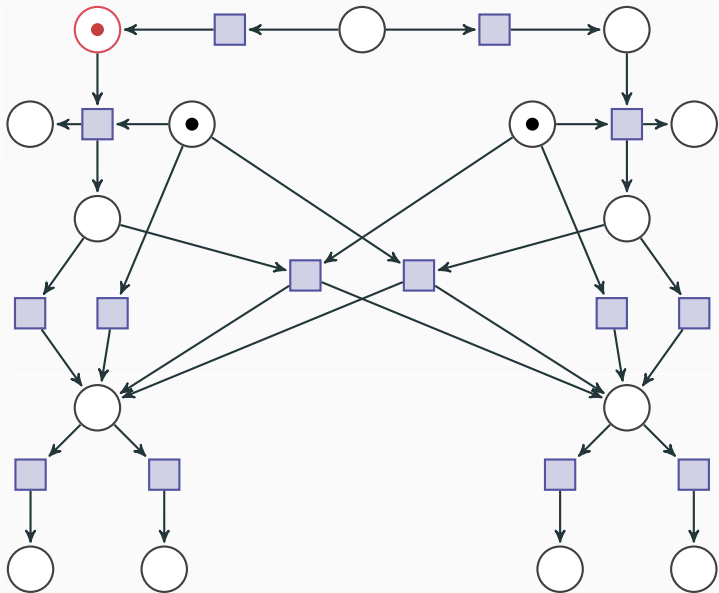
Tokens in a Petri Net



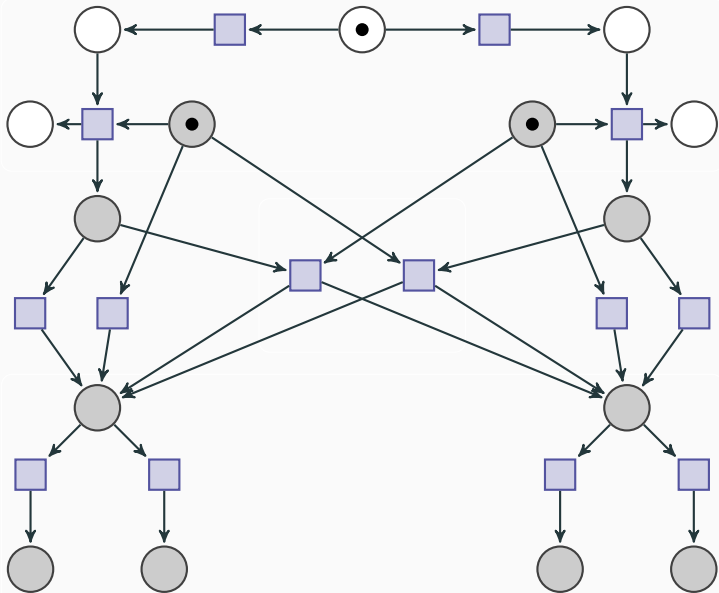
An enabled transition...



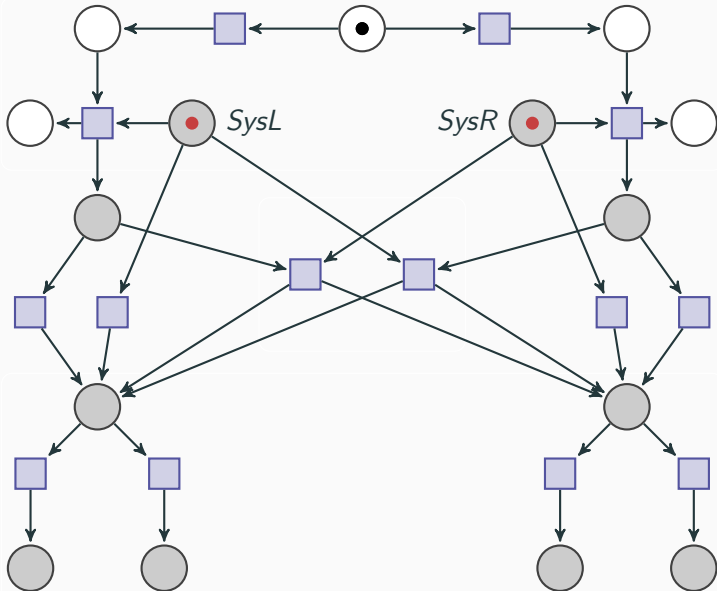
...can be fired in a Petri Net



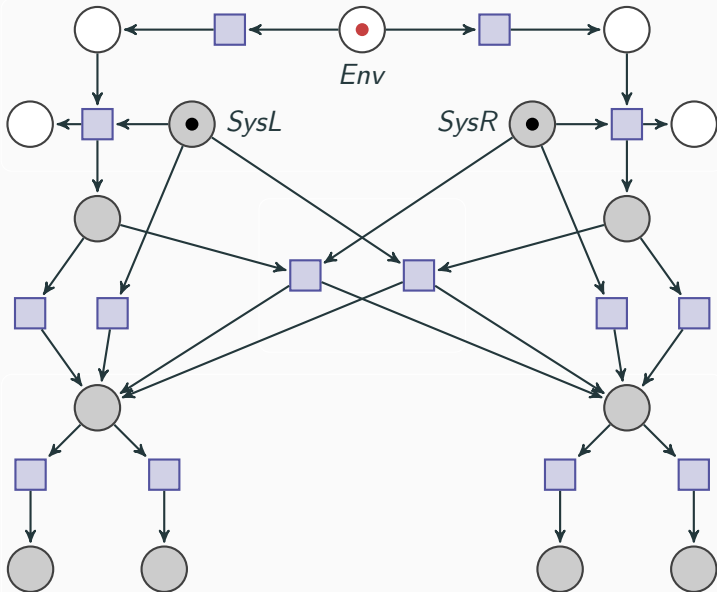
From Net to Game



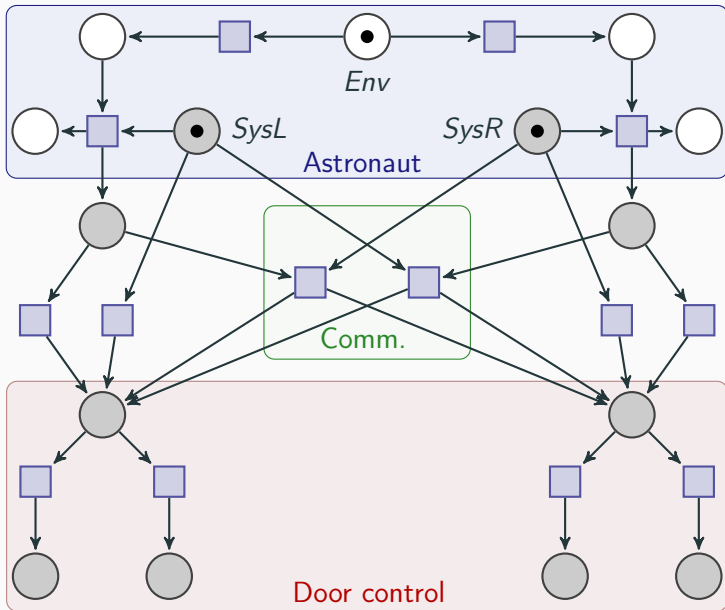
Two System Players



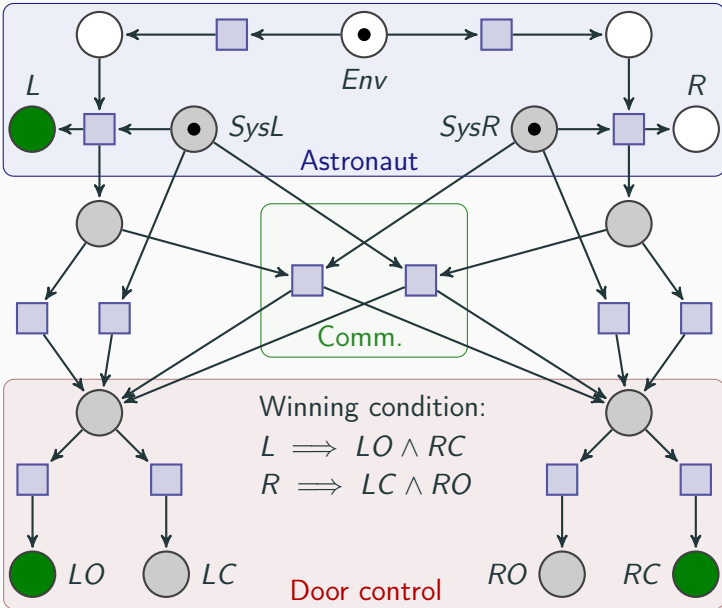
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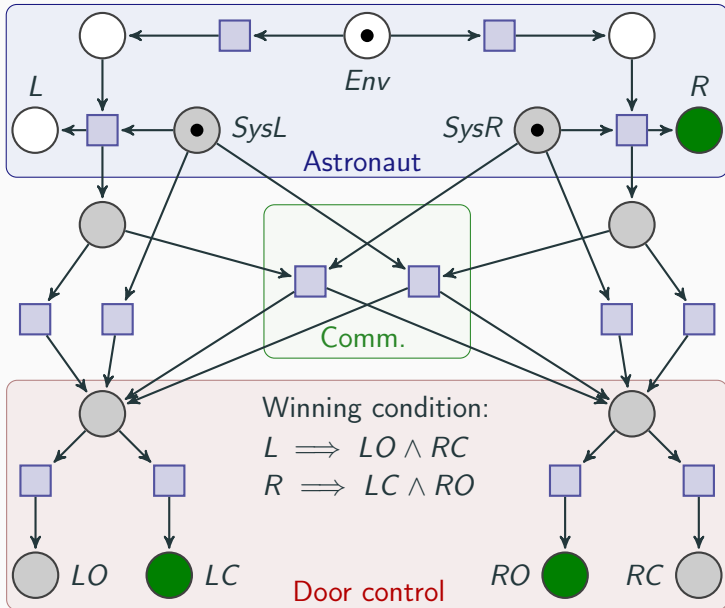
Airlock as Petri Game



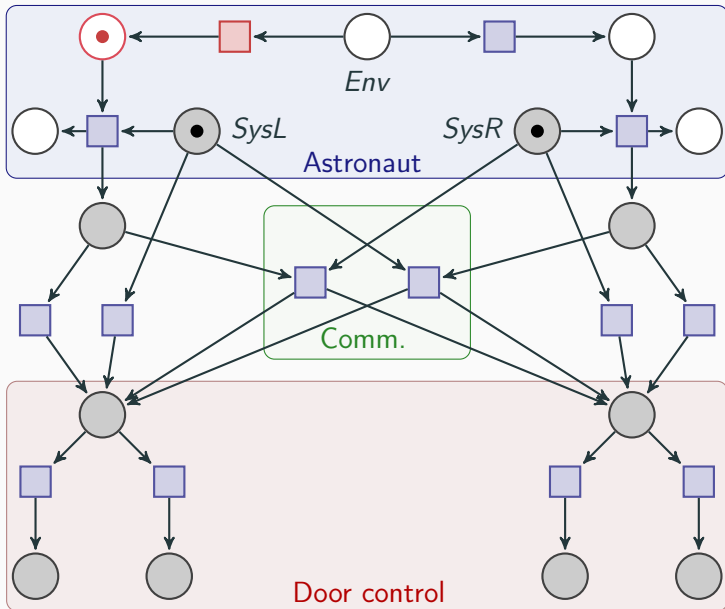
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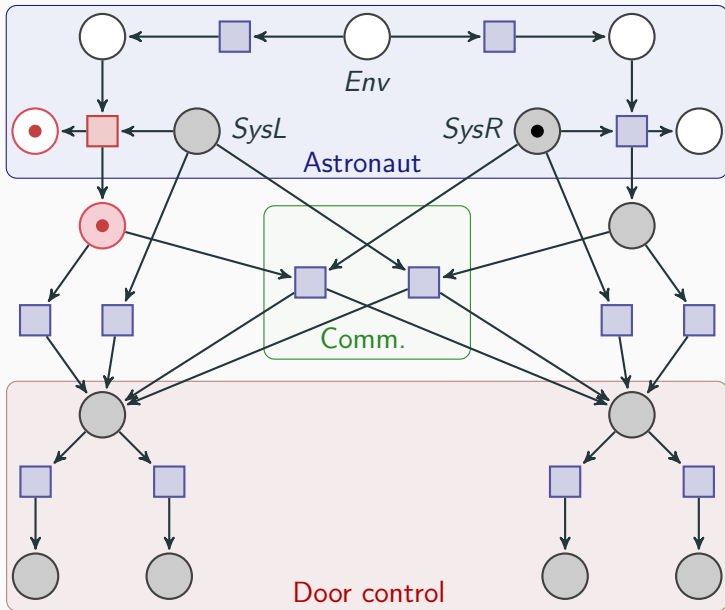
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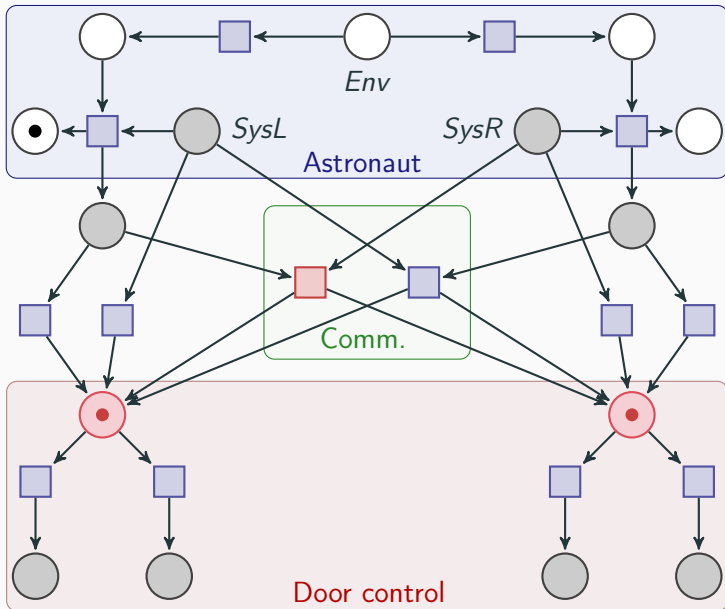
Decision for left Door



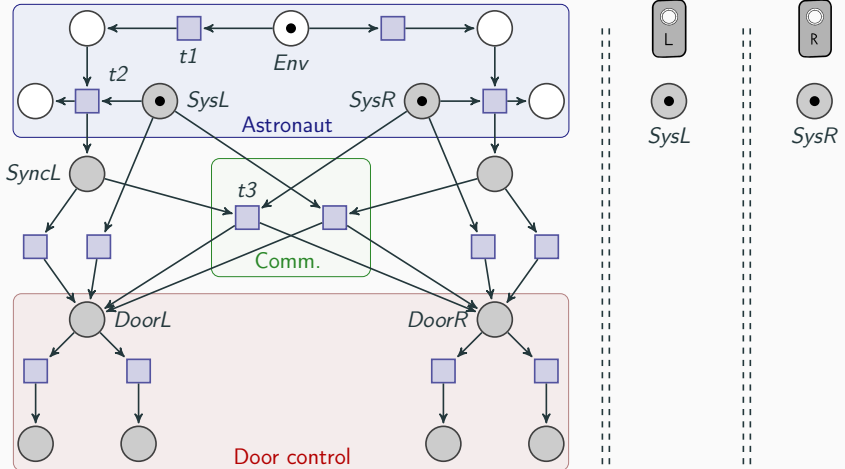
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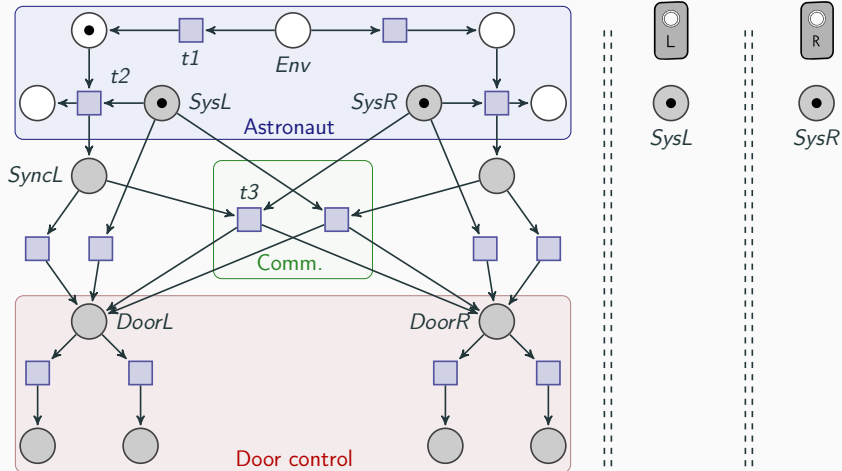
Exchange of Information



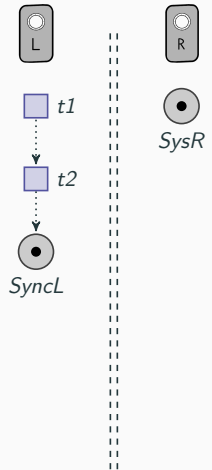
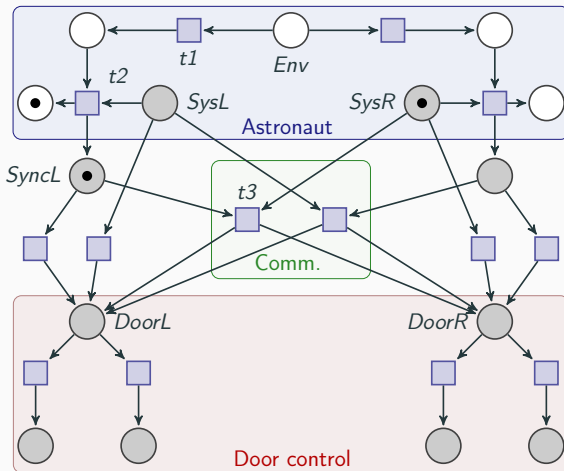
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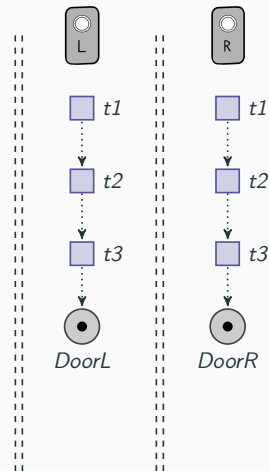
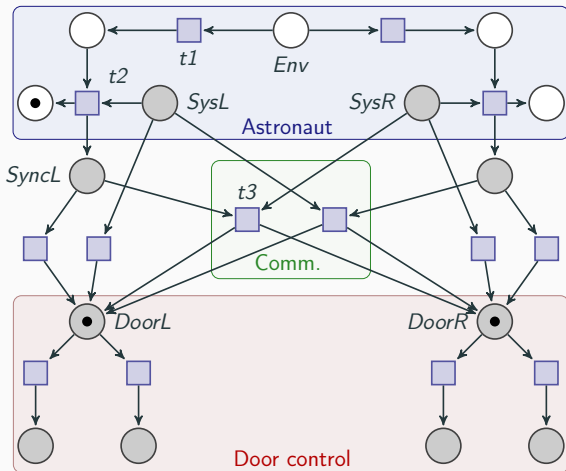
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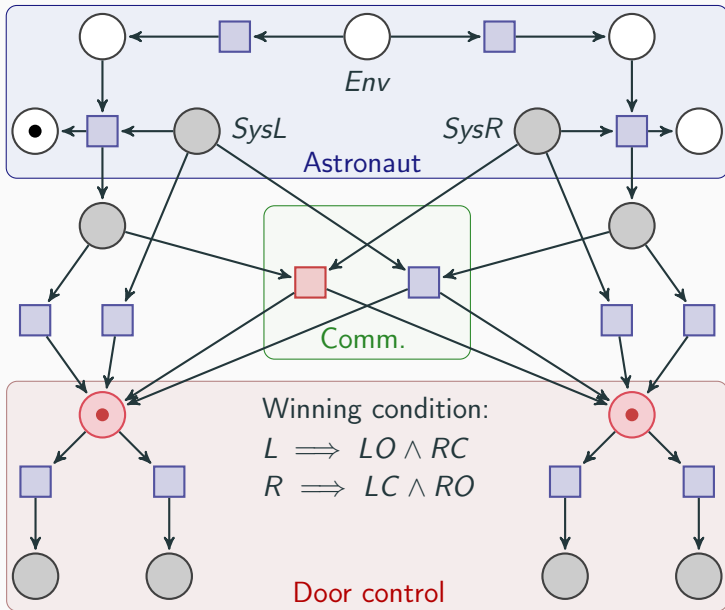
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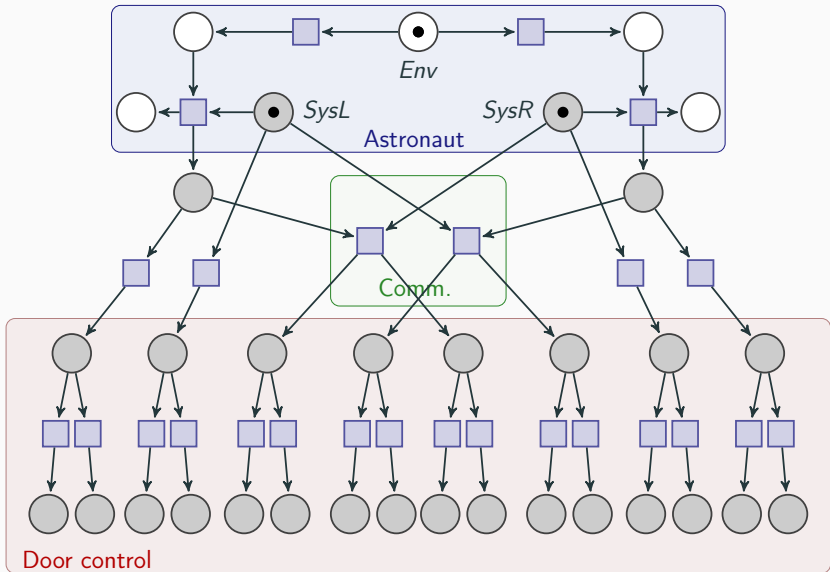
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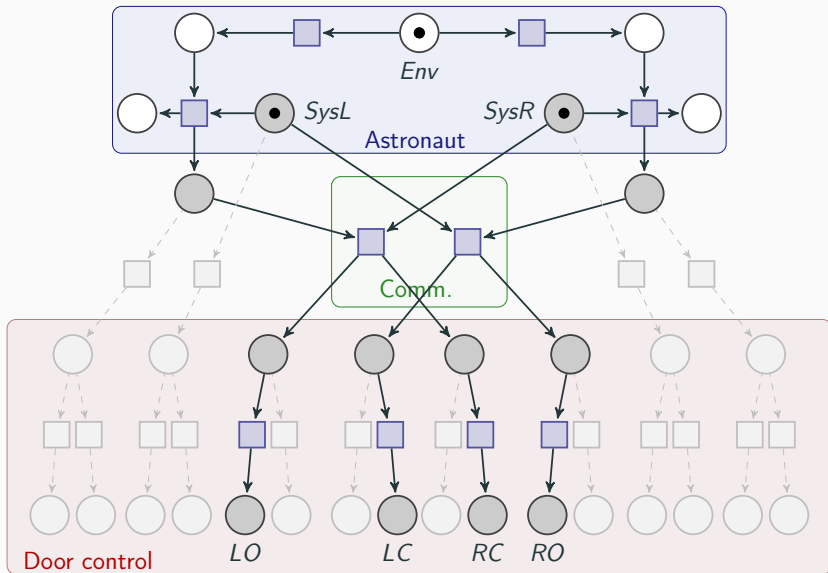
Refuse transitions based on *Causal Past*



Unfolding of Airlock



Winning Strategy of Airlock σ



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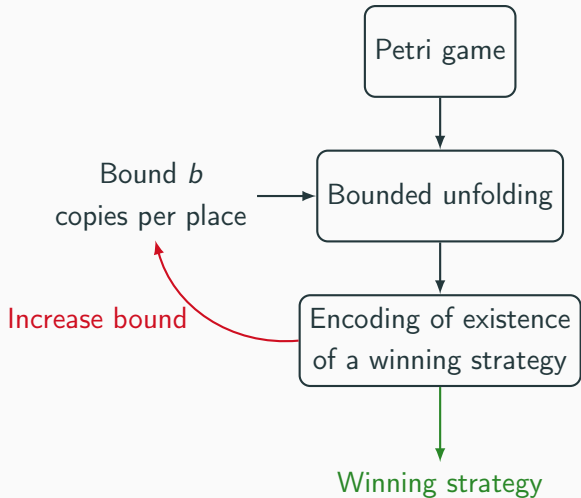
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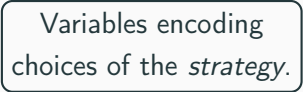
Bounded Synthesis for Petri Games



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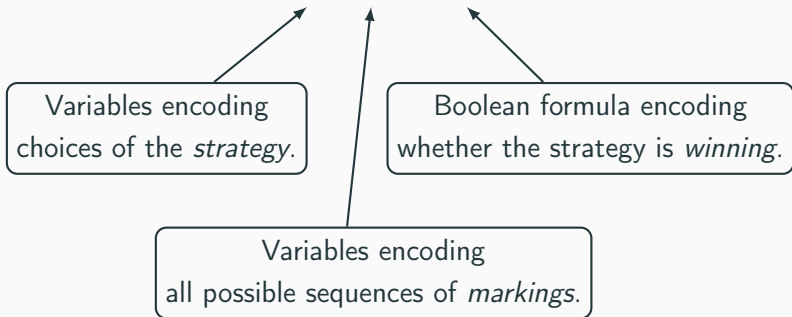
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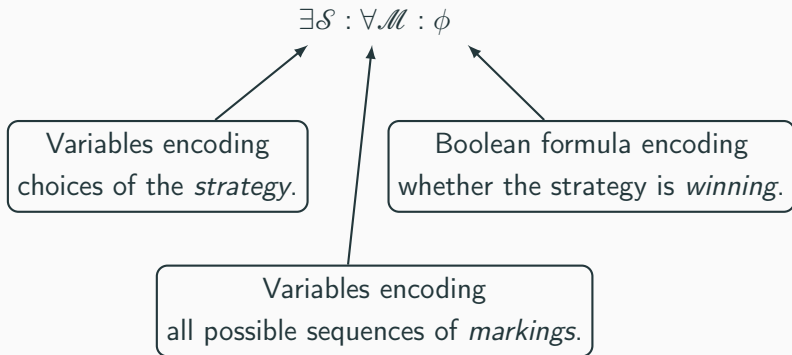
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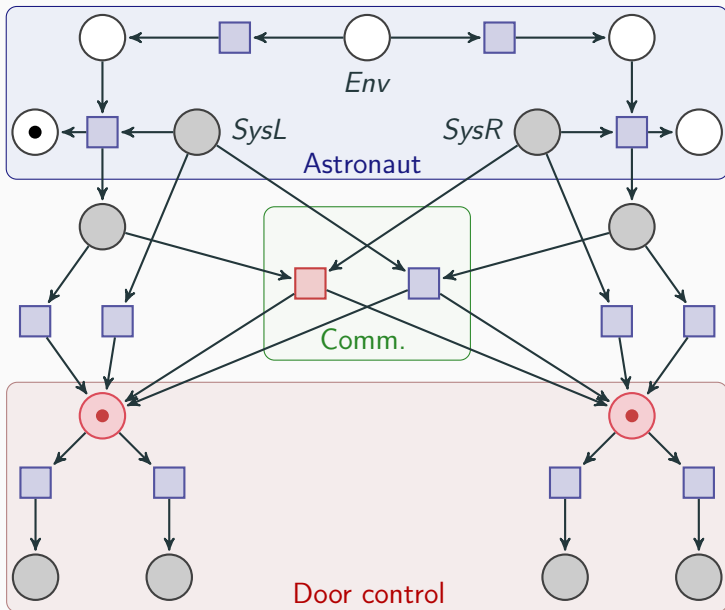
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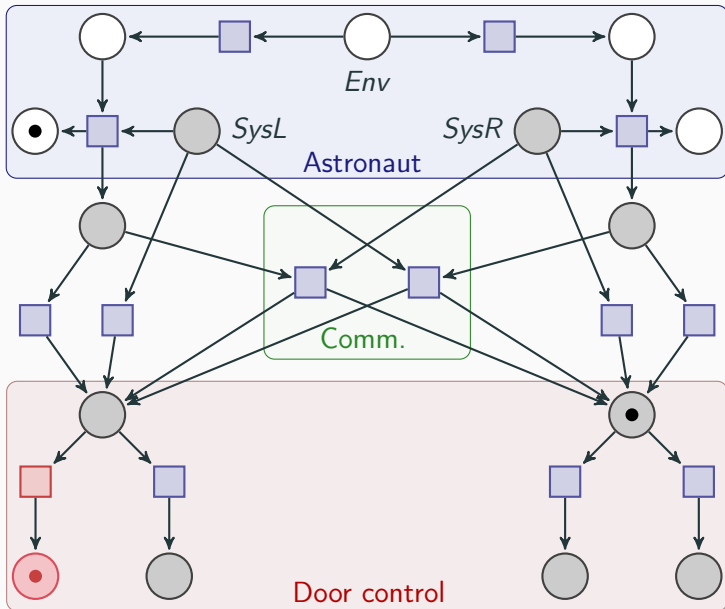
$\phi = \text{validStrategy} \wedge \text{validSequence} \wedge \text{terminating} \wedge \text{winningStrategy}$

True Concurrency in Petri Games

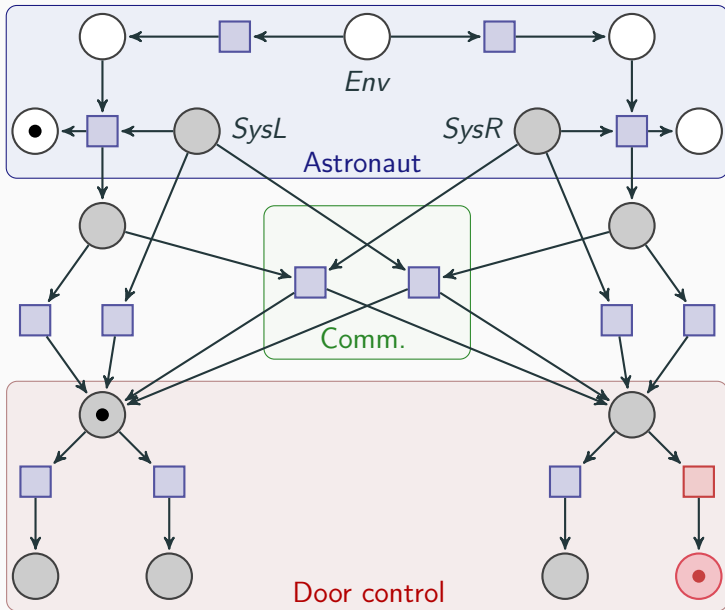
Which Player progresses Next?



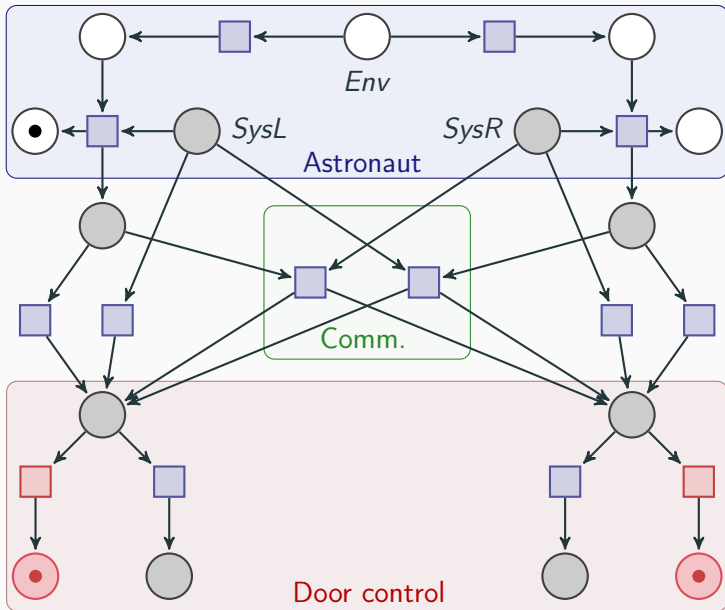
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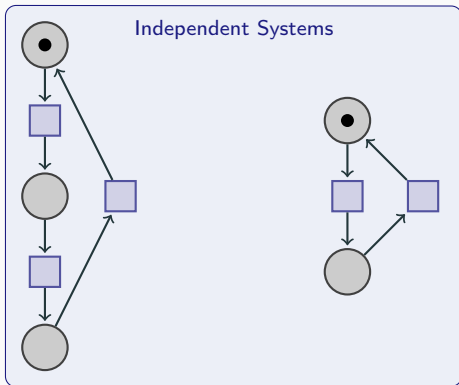
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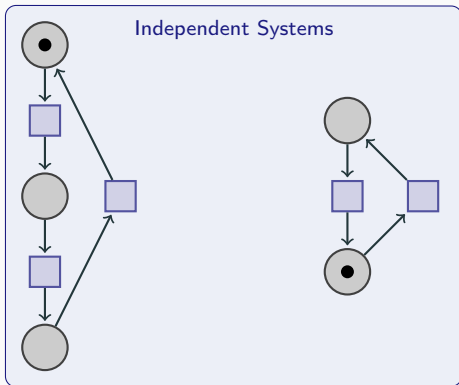
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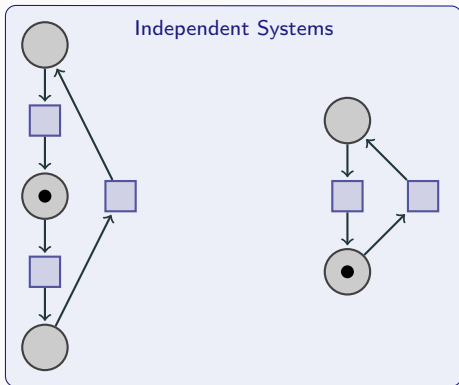
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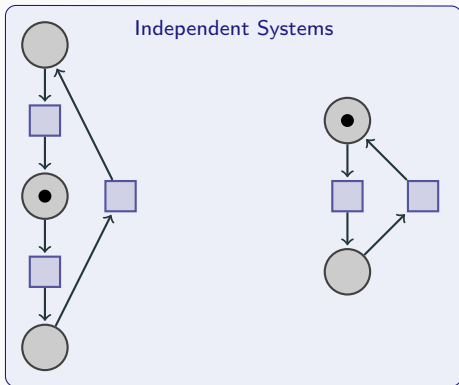
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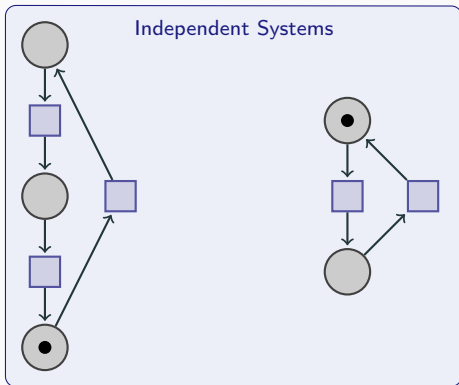
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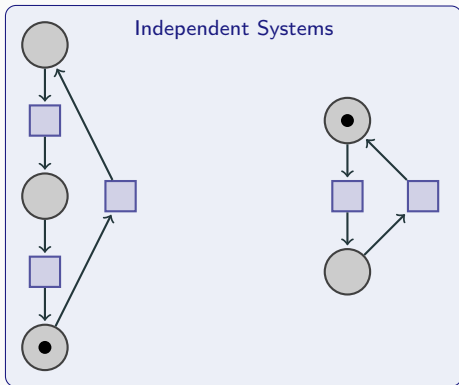
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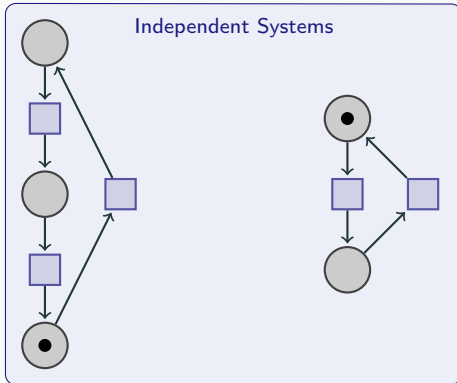


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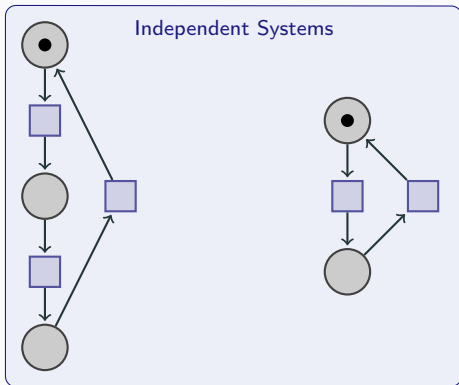
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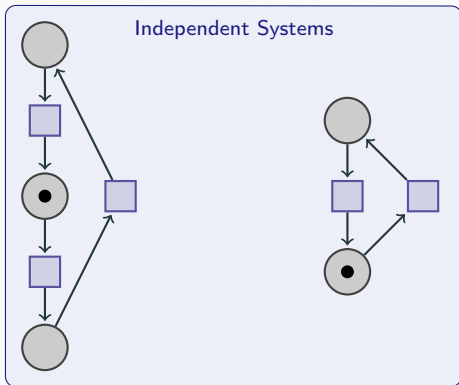


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Fire **all** enabled transitions

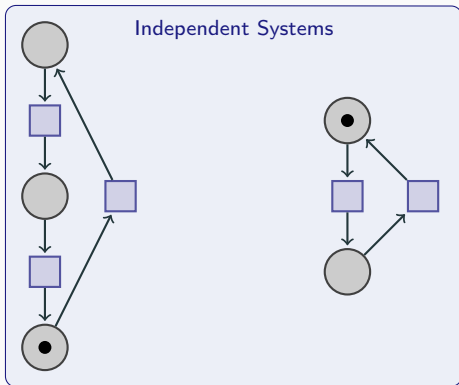
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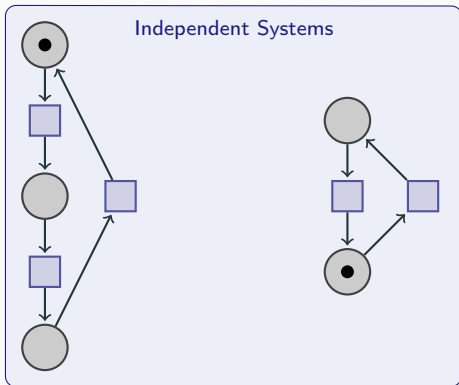
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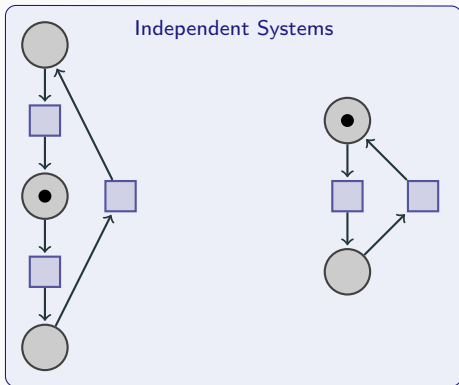
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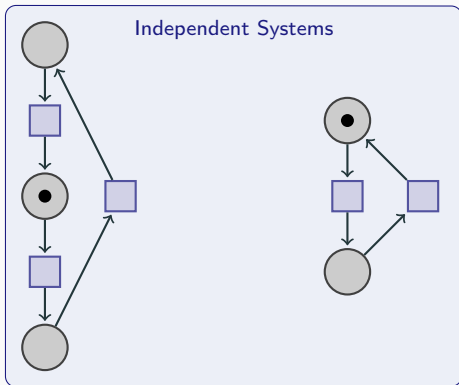
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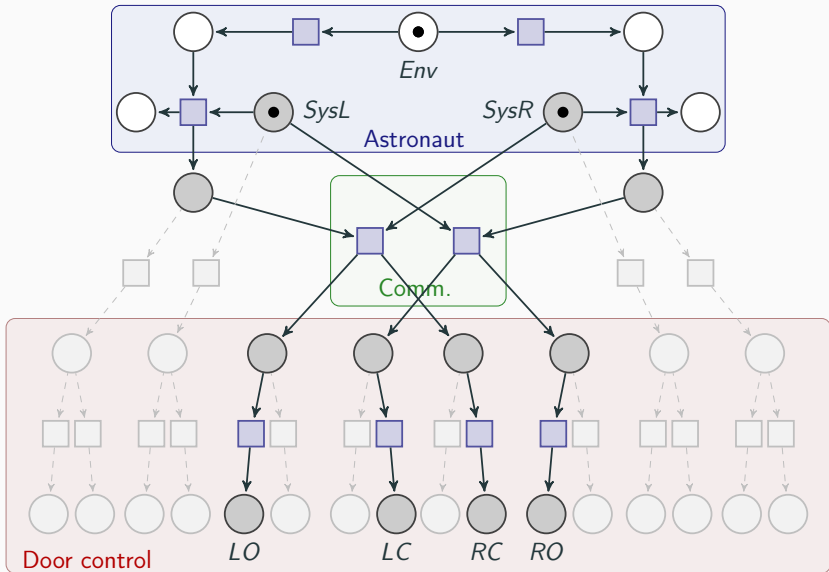


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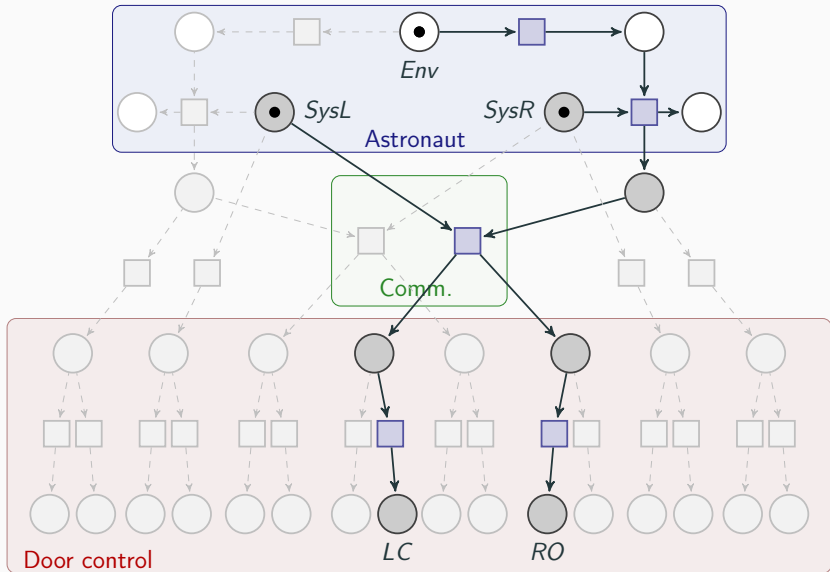


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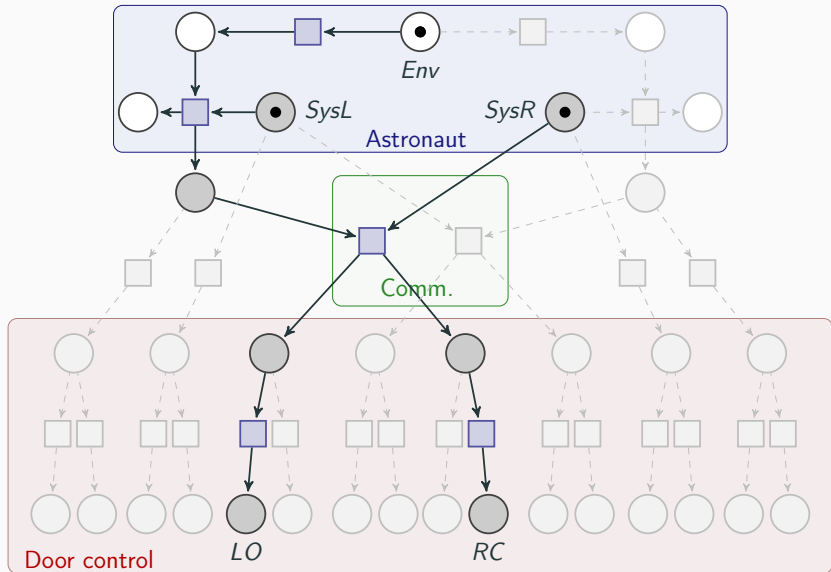
Environment Strategies for Airlock



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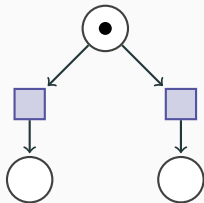
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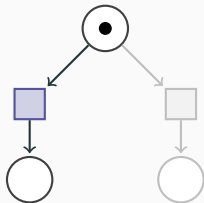
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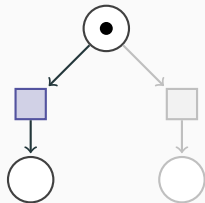


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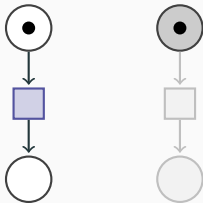
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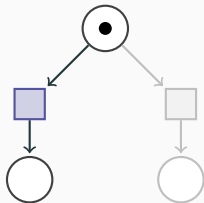
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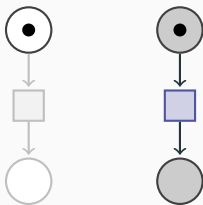
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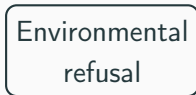
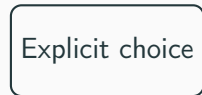


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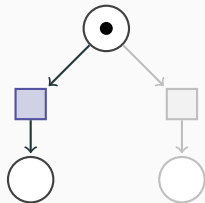


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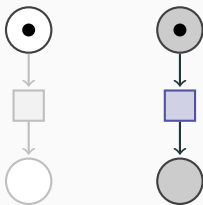
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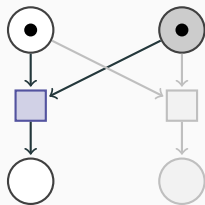
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Unique Transition Sequence

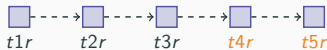
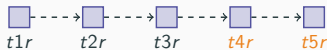
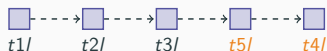
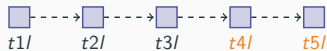
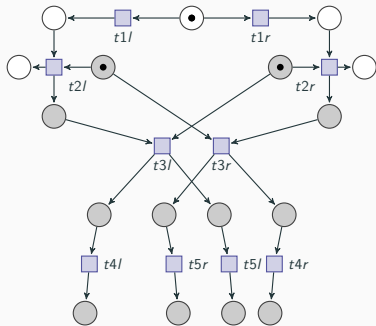
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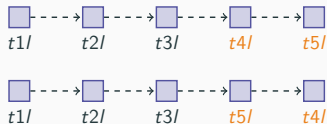
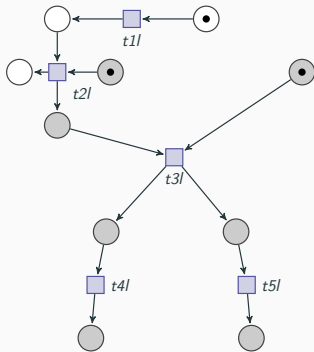
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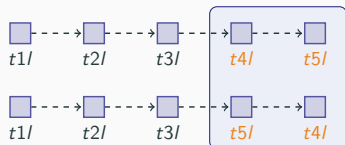
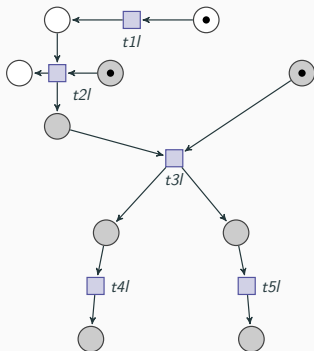
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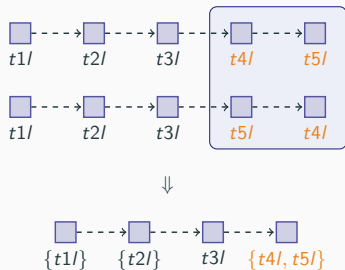
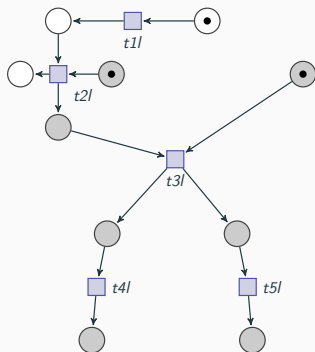
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True Concurrency in Bounded Synthesis of Petri Games

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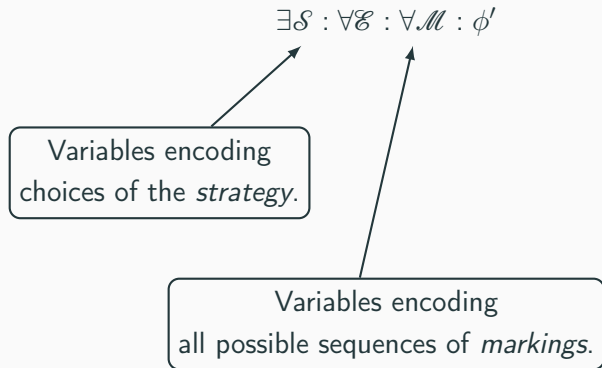
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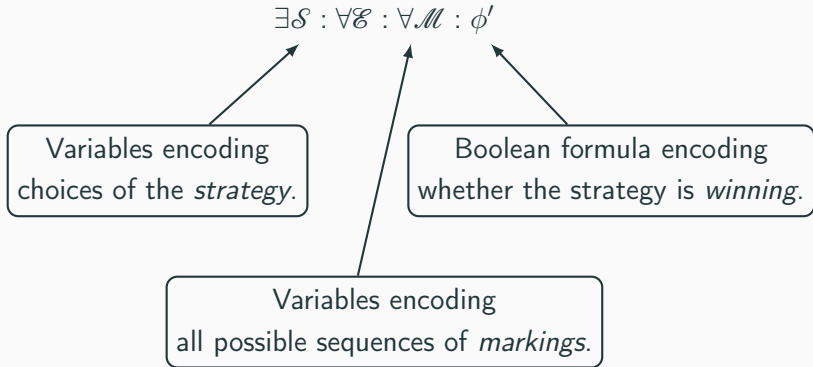
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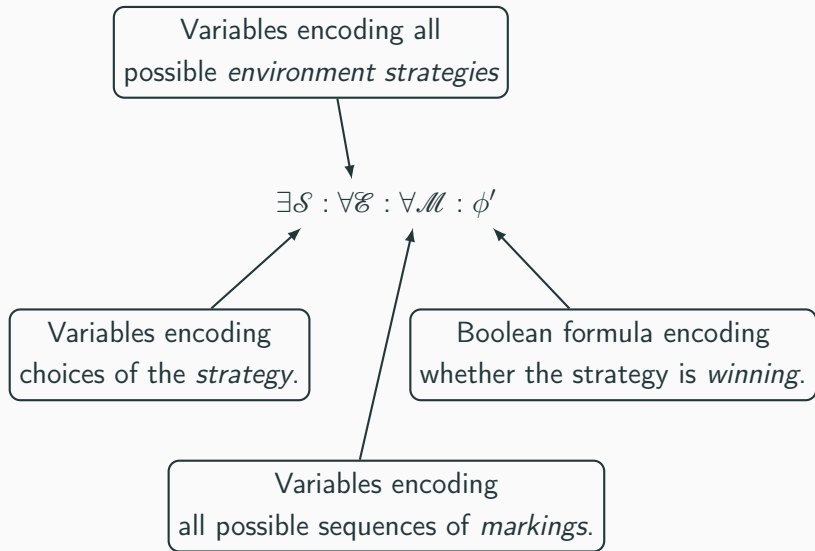
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- validSequence*: encodes true concurrent firing semantics
- terminating*: encodes termination of SCCs

Bounded Synthesis Implementation ADAM⁴

- Implementation of Petri game decision procedures
- Online interface for bounded synthesis
- Try it online: <https://react.uni-saarland.de/ADAM>

The screenshot displays the ADAM web interface, which is divided into several sections:

- Specification:** A text area containing the Petri game definition:

```
6 // First location
7 tx: {env} -> {s1}
8 ta: {a,s1} -> {s3,ea}
9 t1: {s3} -> {pa}
10 t2: {a} -> {pa}
11 tao: {b,s3} -> {pb,pa}
12 ts: {pa} -> {ob}
13 t6: {pa} -> {oa}
14 // Second location
15 ty: {env} -> {s2}
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- Options:** A section with a "Run ADAM" button and input fields for "Initial marking: env, b, a" and "environment places: eb, ea, s2, s1, env".
- Output:** A section with two tabs: "Winning Strategy" and "Petri game". The "Petri game" tab is active, showing a complex game graph with nodes and edges.
- Console:** A dark area at the bottom with the text "ADAM: Welcome to ADAM".

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Experimental Evaluation

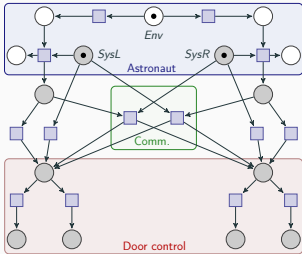
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	3	-	timeout	-	timeout
Collision Avoidance	2	8	7.27	5	6.25
	3	-	timeout	6	14.21
	4	-	timeout	7	346.23
	5	-	timeout	-	timeout
Disjoint Routing	2	8	6.16	7	6.05
	3	11	11.03	9	10.07
	4	14	69.50	11	65.31
	5	-	timeout	-	timeout
Production Line	1	4	5.59	4	5.59
	2	5	6.08	4	5.85

	5	8	87.33	4	41.95
	6	-	timeout	4	742.36
	7	-	timeout	-	timeout
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	2	10	6.58	9	6.44

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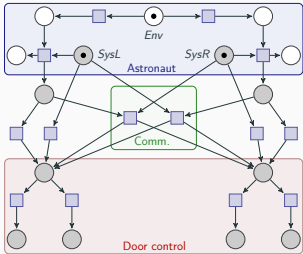
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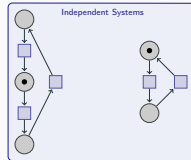


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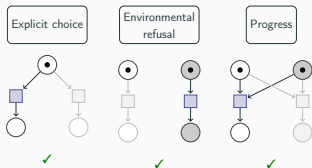
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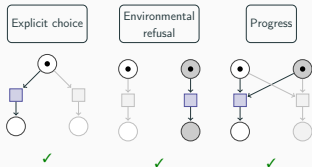


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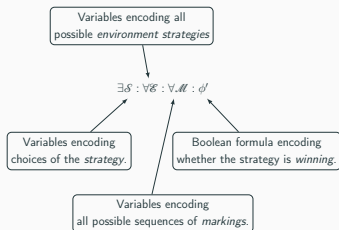
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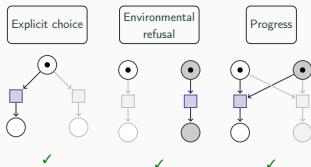


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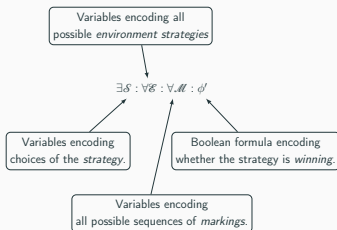
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It is beneficial to implement asynchronicity as true concurrency in distributed synthesis!

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