

Taking semantics into account for Modeling Real-Time Applications

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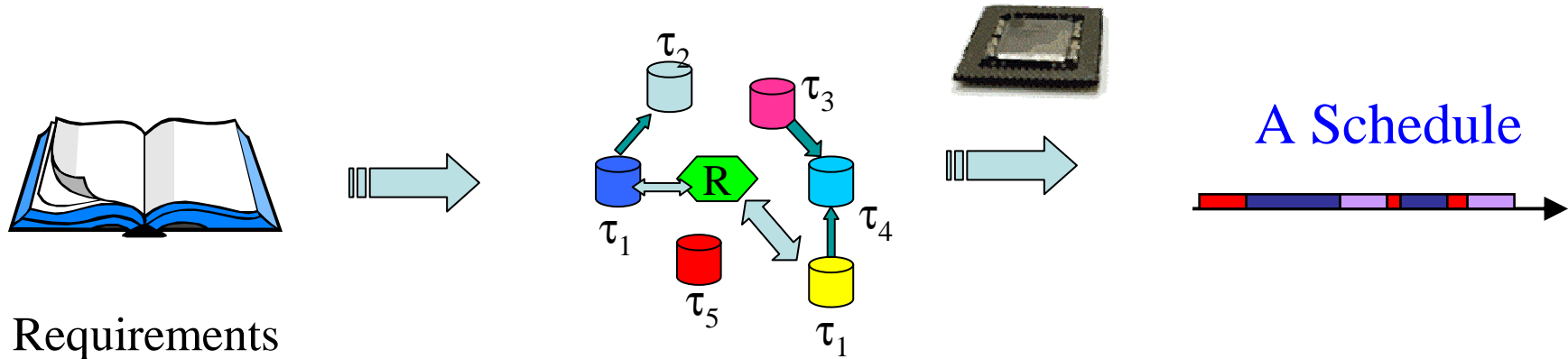
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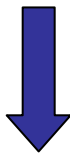


The Scheduling Problem



Requirements

A set of tasks (periodic, sporadic..)

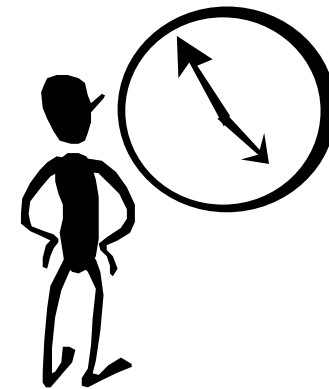


Specifications



functionnal

Temporal



Timing Constraints

General Context

- ✓ Critical real-time application
- ✓ Pre-emptive interacting periodic tasks with conditional statements
- ✓ Pre-runtime scheduling on pre-emptive uniprocessor systems

Structure of a Real-Time Task

Task T

Input x: integer;

block(2); -- a functional block written in a high-level language

Send(message₁); -- a real-time primitive

If (x>3) [duration of test = 1]

then

block(1);

else

Lock(resource₁); -- a real-time primitive

block(3);

Unlock(resource₁); -- a real-time primitive

endif;

block(3);

Receive(message₂); -- a real-time primitive

block(1);

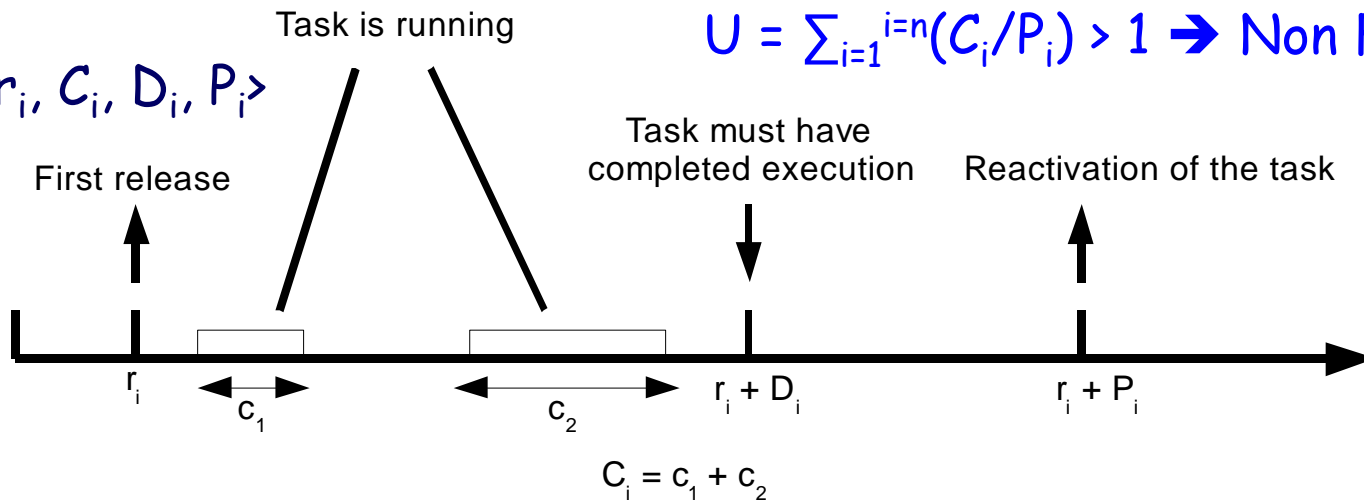
end;

Classical Model versus Tree Model

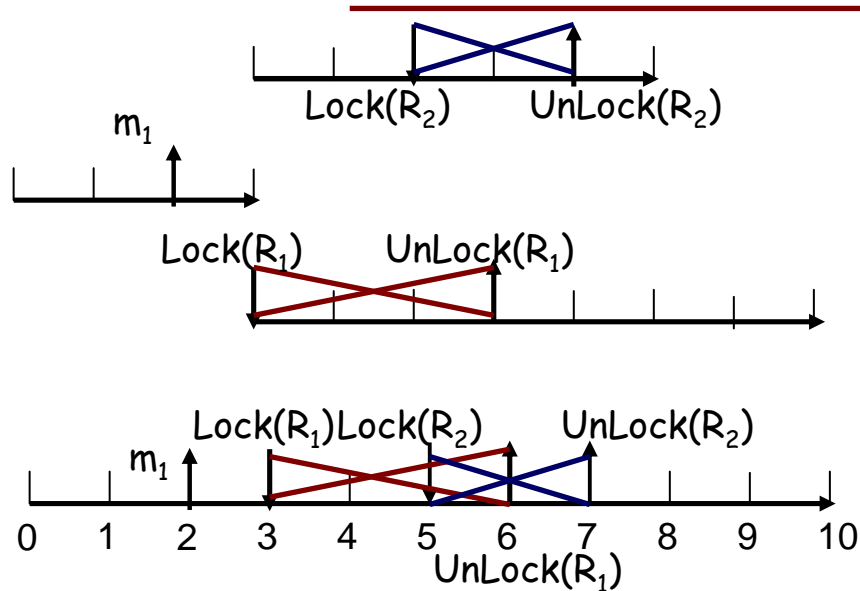
Liu1973, Babau1996, Niehaus1991, Buttazo1997, Wilhelm and AI2008

$$U = \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} (C_i/P_i) > 1 \rightarrow \text{Non Feasible}$$

Task $T_i \langle r_i, C_i, D_i, P_i \rangle$



Tree view of a Task

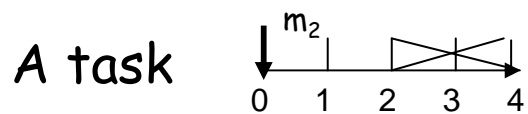


➤ The classical model is

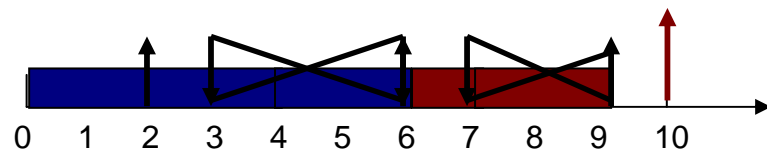
- ✓ Overconstrained
- ✓ Oversized
- ✓ Uneffective

Objectives

Linear (Classical) approach

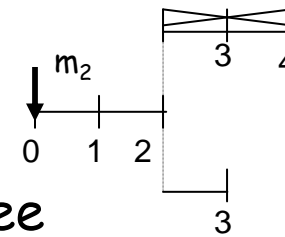


A schedule

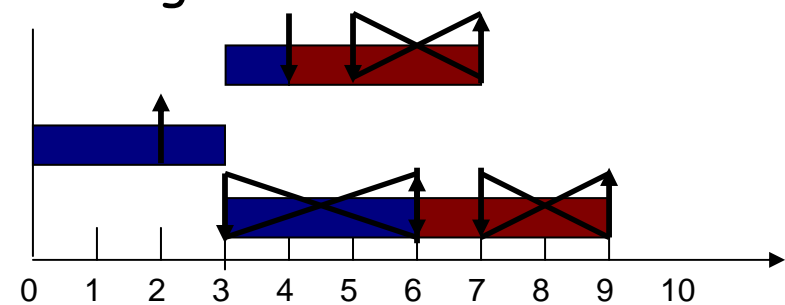


Tree-based (Our) approach

A task



A scheduling tree



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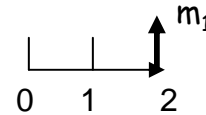
Automatic generation

Motivations of this Work (1/2)

Fotsing and AI2009, Fotsing and AI2010

✓ Task $T_{\text{AcquiredOrder}}$

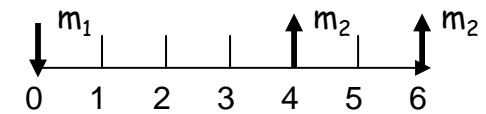
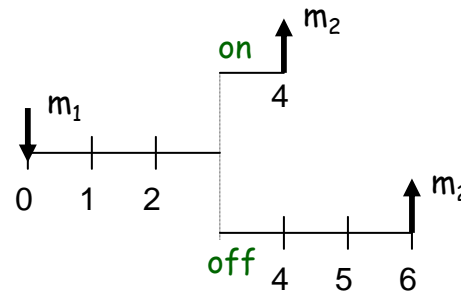
$T_{\text{AcquiredOrder}} \langle 0, 2, 11, 11 \rangle$



→ No conditional instructions

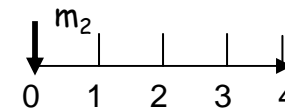
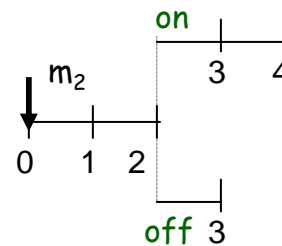
✓ Task $T_{\text{WiperController}}$

$T_{\text{WiperController}} \langle 0, (4, 6), 11, 11 \rangle$



✓ Task T_{Order}

$T_{\text{Order}} \langle 0, (4, 3), 11, 11 \rangle$



Motivations of this Work (2/2)

Madhukar and AI2008, Fotsing and AI2009, Fotsing and AI2010

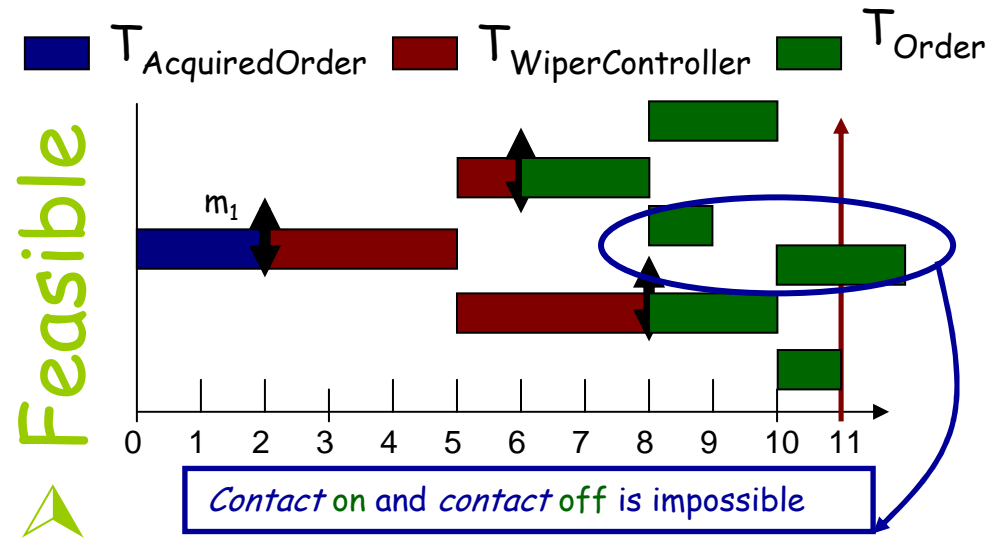
Classical analysis

✓ $U = 2/11 + 6/11 + 4/11 = 12/11 > 1$

✓ Not valid schedule

➤ Non Feasible

Our analysis



Scheduling tree

Linear Unfeasibility Does not Imply Tree-based Unfeasibility

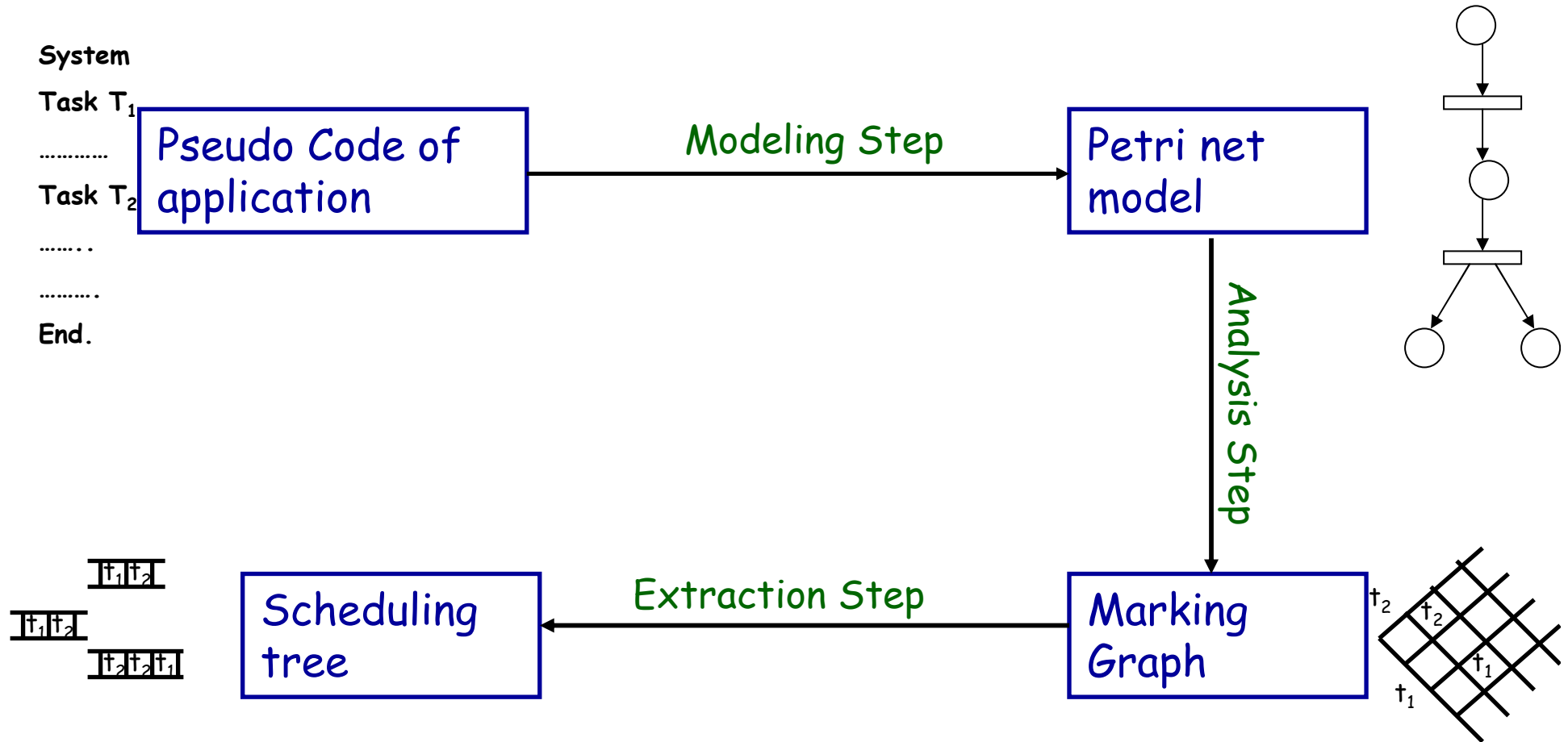
Linear Feasibility Implies Tree-based Feasibility Is Equivalent to Effective Feasibility

Existing Approaches

Aussaguès and Al1998, Baruah1998, Baruah2003

- **Aussaguès And David's approach**
 - ✓ State-transition diagram
 - ✓ Propose a feasibility study based on ILP technique
- **Baruah's approach**
 - ✓ Subdivide tasks in sub-tasks
 - ✓ Propose a feasibility study based on DBF function

Our General Methodology



Motivations for Our Choices

- Off line approaches
 - ✓ Not optimal on line scheduling
 - ✓ Describe behavior of applications
 - ✓ Scheduling Power
- Petri net based model expressing
 - ✓ Exchange messages
 - ✓ Parallelism
 - ✓ Share resources
 - ✓ Concatenation
- Automatic Generation of Scheduling Tree

Use of Petri Net

- Some notions of Petri nets
- The Basic Model of Choquet-Geniet and Grolleau
 - The Integration of Conditional Tasks
- The Incompatibility Relations between Tests
 - The Semantic Layer
 - An Illustration of our Model
- Conclusion

Petri Net Model

Choquet-Geniet2006

- ✓ Autonomous Petri nets
 - ✓ Colored Petri nets
 - ✓ Terminal Marking
 - ✓ Maximum firing rule
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- M_0 : Initial Marking
- Q : Finite Set of places
 - T : Finite Set of transitions
- $W: Q \times T \cup T \times Q \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^+$, the valuation fonction

Basic Model

Choquet-Geniet and Grolleau2002

Clock System

(To insure dynamic of application)

Task System

(To manage tasks and their interactions)

Clock Representation

➤ The firing of RTC model one time unit

➤ Local counter

➤ Fired at each period

➤ Activation of Task_i

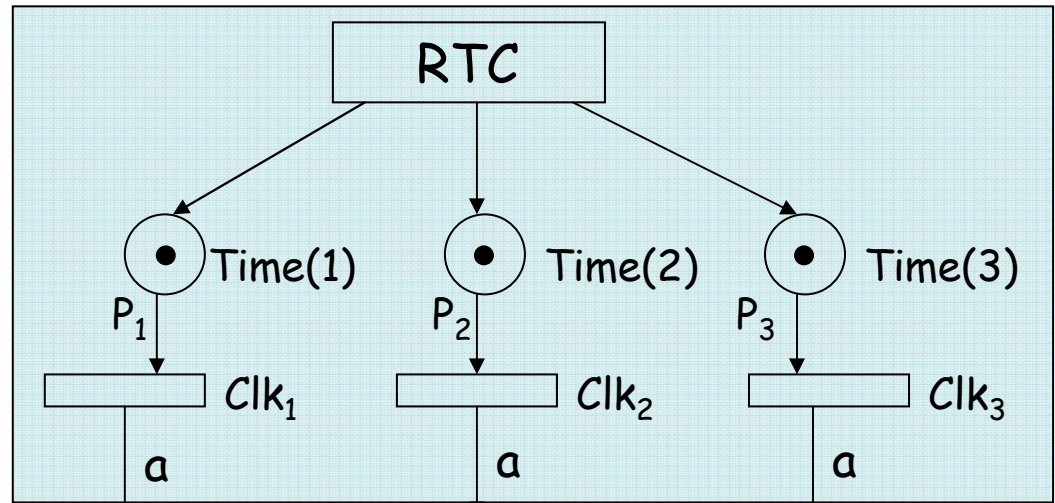
➤ Body of Task_i

❖ If $0 < r_i < P_i$ then $M_o(\text{Time}(i)) = P_i - r_i + 1$

❖ If $0 < r_i < P_i$ then $M(\text{Activ}_i) = b$

❖ If $r_i = 0$ then $M_o(\text{Time}(i)) = 1$

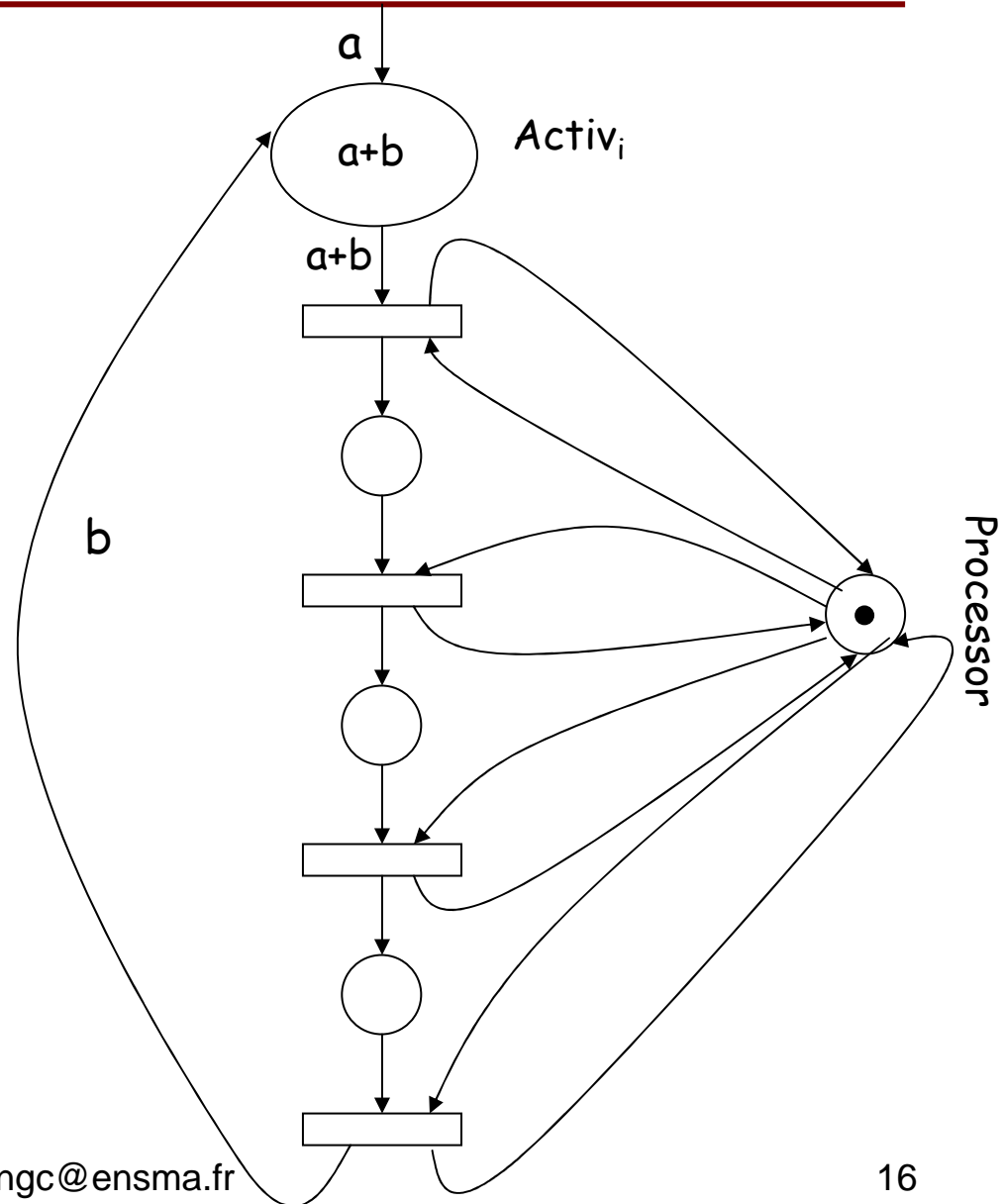
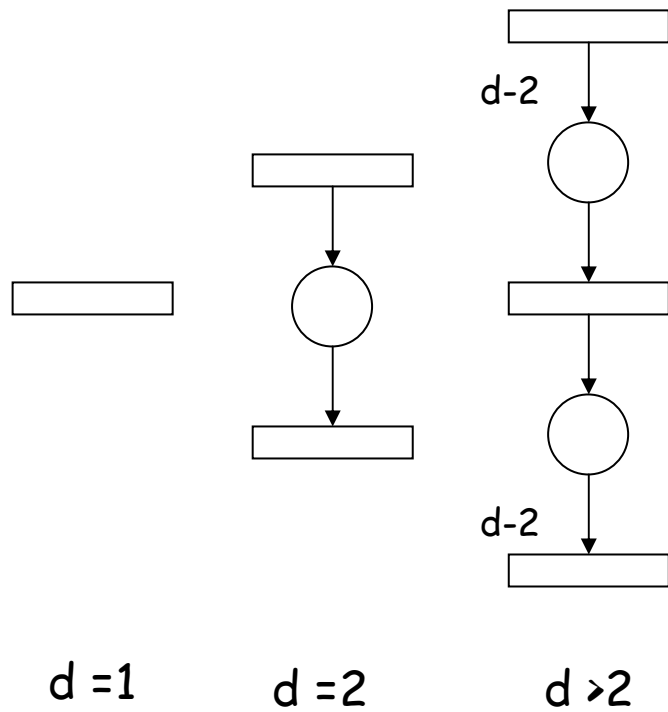
❖ If $r_i = 0$ then $M(\text{Activ}_i) = a + b$



Clock System

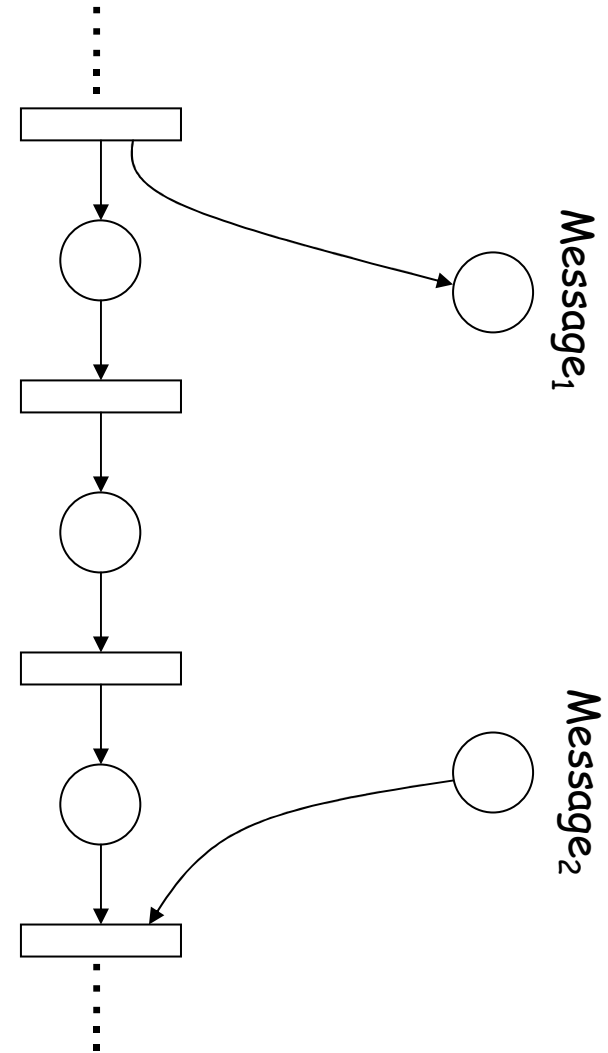
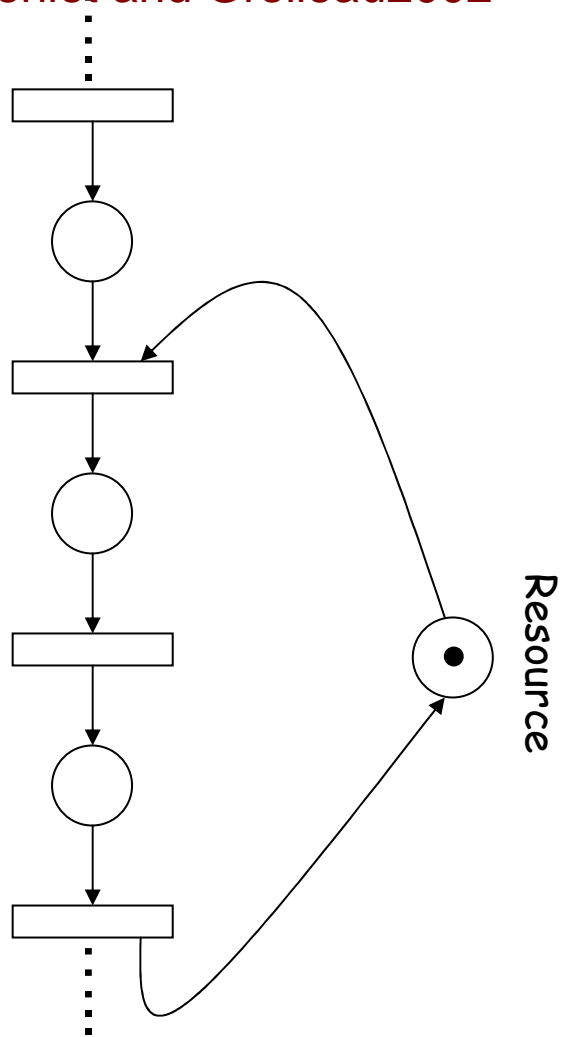
Modeling Task T_i as a Path

Choquet-Geniet and Grolleau2002

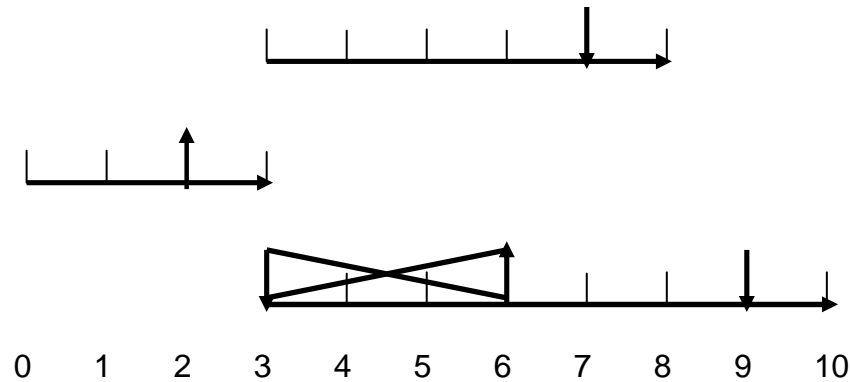


Resources and Messages

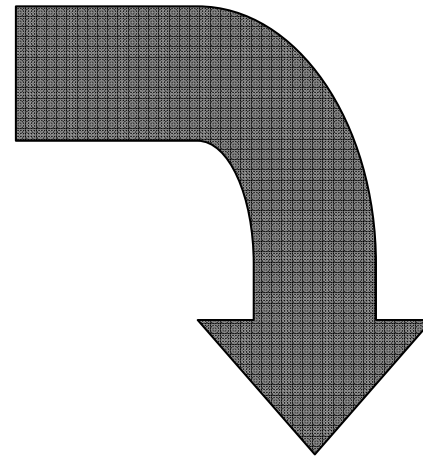
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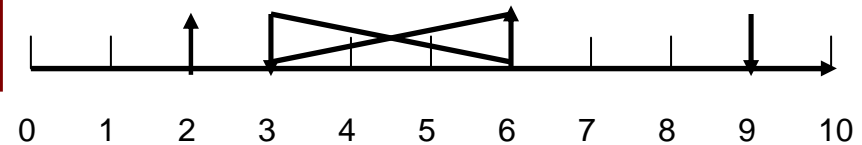
Notion of Paths



Tree-based model of previous Task T



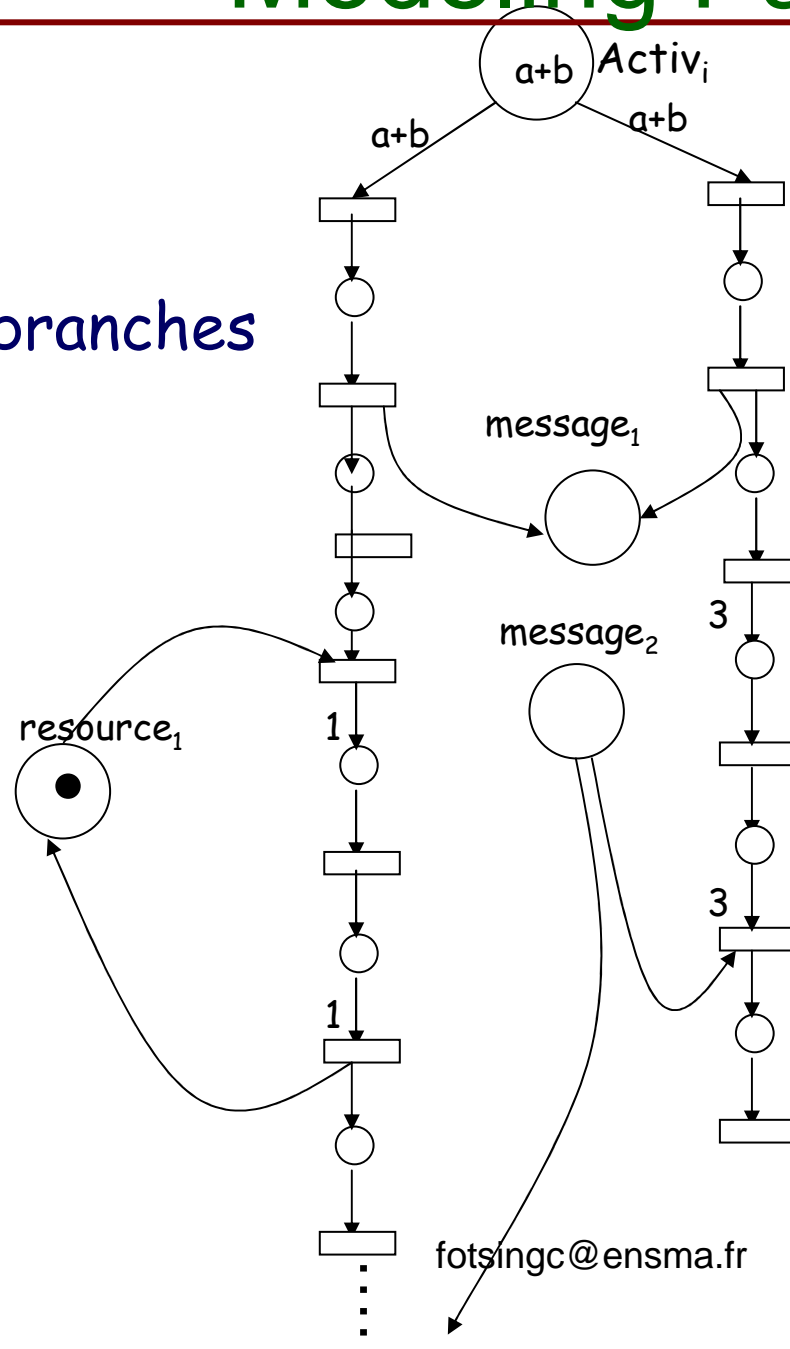
2 Behaviors \leftrightarrow 2 Paths



Used approach for implementation

Modeling Paths

➤ As many branches as paths



➤ Paths are in Mutual Exclusion

➤ Each primitive occurs on its effective path

Insuring Respects of Constraints

- A terminal set I

- ❖ $M(\text{Time}(i)) > D_i \rightarrow M(\text{Activ}_i) = b$

- ❖ $M(\text{Time}(i)) = 1 \rightarrow M(\text{Activ}_i) = a+b$ or $M(\text{Activ}_i) = b$

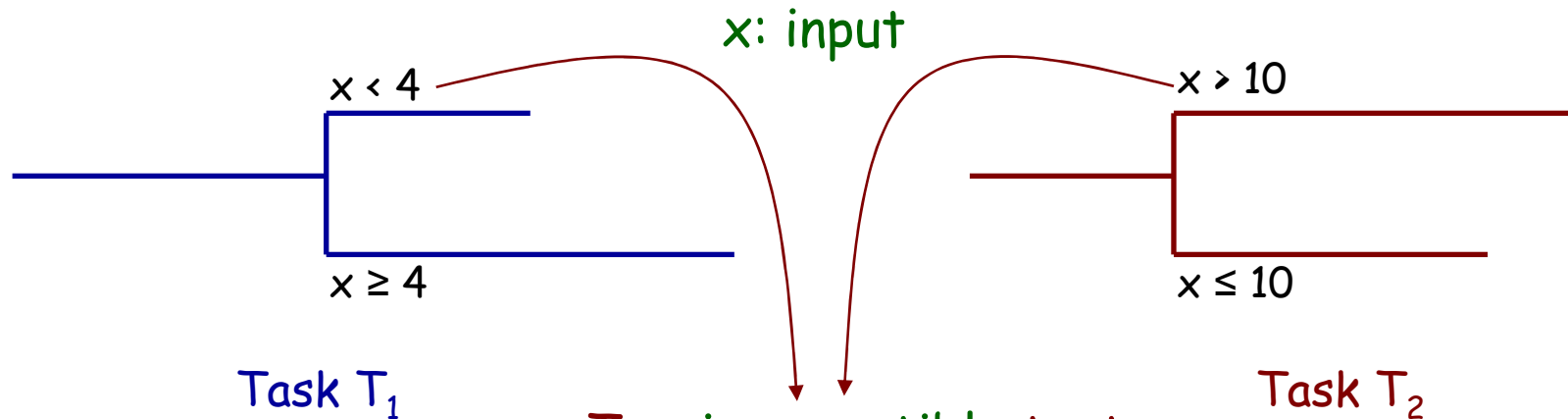
- To insure Critical Delay

- ❖ $M(\text{Time}(i)) \leq P_i$

- To insure Periodicity

Notion of Incompatible Branches

✓ test_1 and test_2 are incompatible if $\text{test}_1 \rightarrow \text{not}(\text{test}_2)$



• Two incompatible tests

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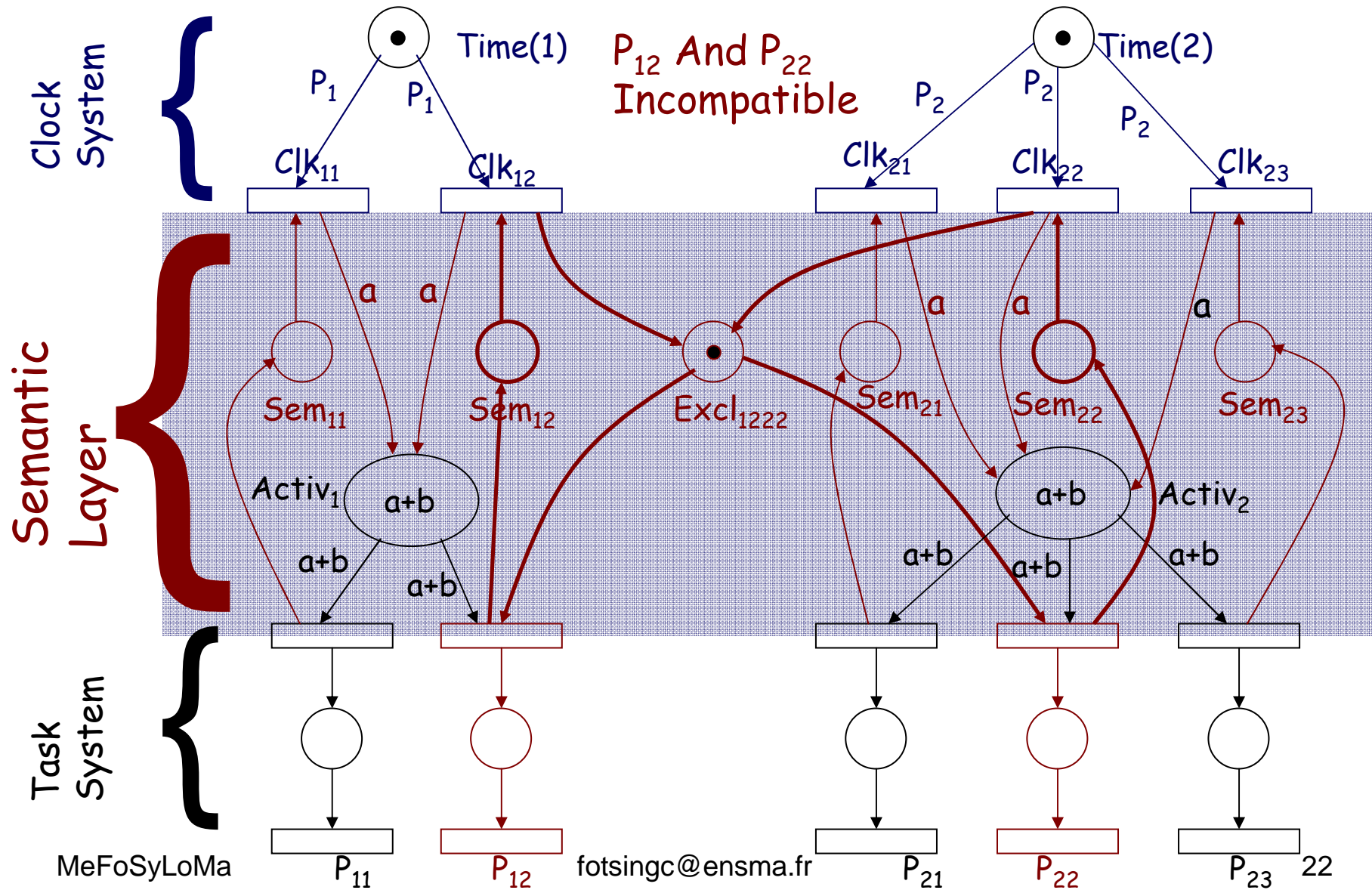
• Same value of input x

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• $r_1 = r_2$ and $P_1 = P_2$

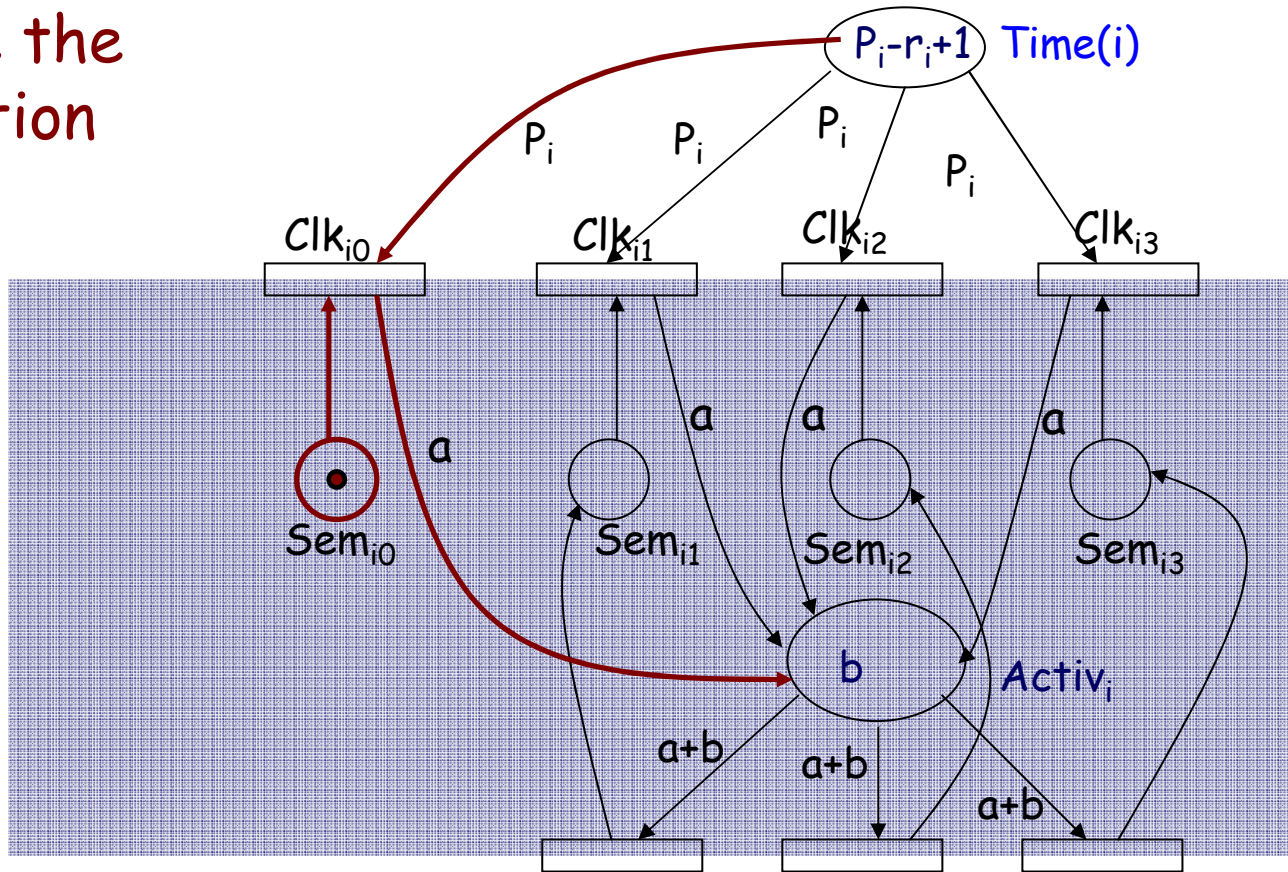
• Then Branch of T_1 is incompatible with Then Branch of T_2

Managing of Semantic of Tests (1/2)



Managing of Semantic of Tests (2/2)

Insure the activation

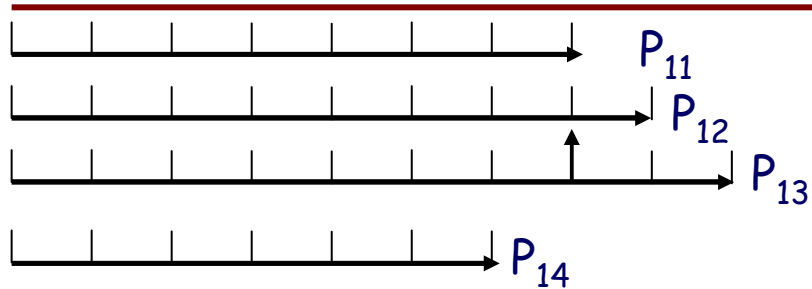


In the case $r_i \neq 0$

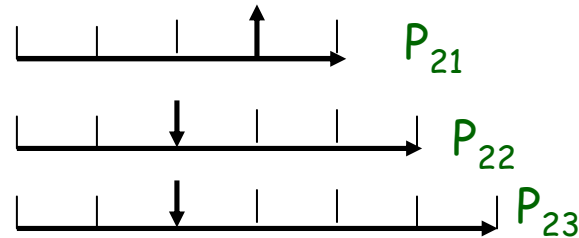
Analysis and Validation

- $M(\text{Sem}_{i|}) + M(\text{Excl}_{i|i'}) + M(\text{Sem}_{i'|}) = 1$
 - ❖ To insure incompatibility relations
- $\sum_{l=1}^{|\text{Path}_i|} M(\text{Sem}_{i|l}) \leq 1$
- $M(\text{Activ}_i) = a+b \rightarrow M(\text{Sem}_{i|}) = 0$
- $M(\text{Time}(i)) = 1 \rightarrow M(\text{Excl}_{i|i'}) = 1$
 - ❖ To insure re-initialization of Petri net

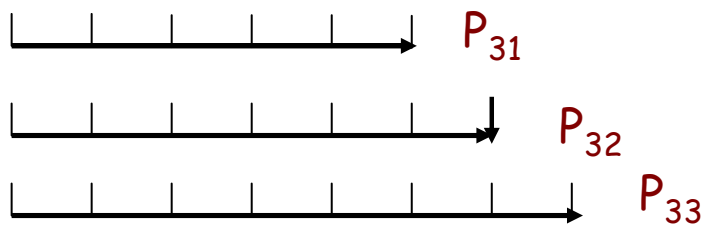
Illustration (1/2)



$T_1 \langle 0, (7, 8, 9, 6), 22, 22, 9 \rangle$ as set of paths



$T_2 \langle 0, (4, 5, 6), 22, 22 \rangle$ as set of paths



$T_3 \langle 0, (5, 6, 7), 22, 22 \rangle$ as set of paths

P_{13}	Incompatible with	P_{31}
P_{14}	Incompatible with	P_{21}
P_{23}	Incompatible with	P_{33}

Illustration (2/2)

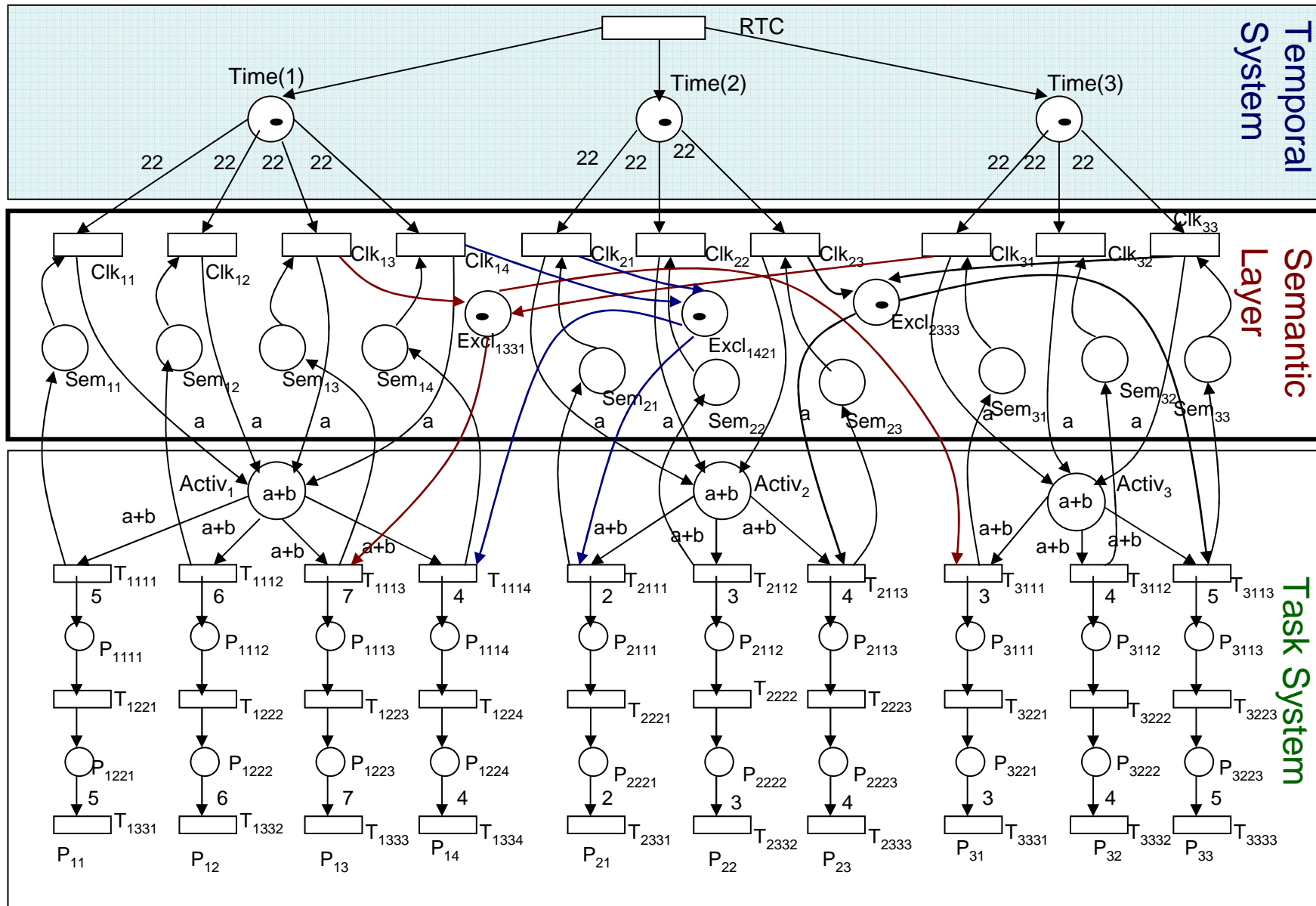


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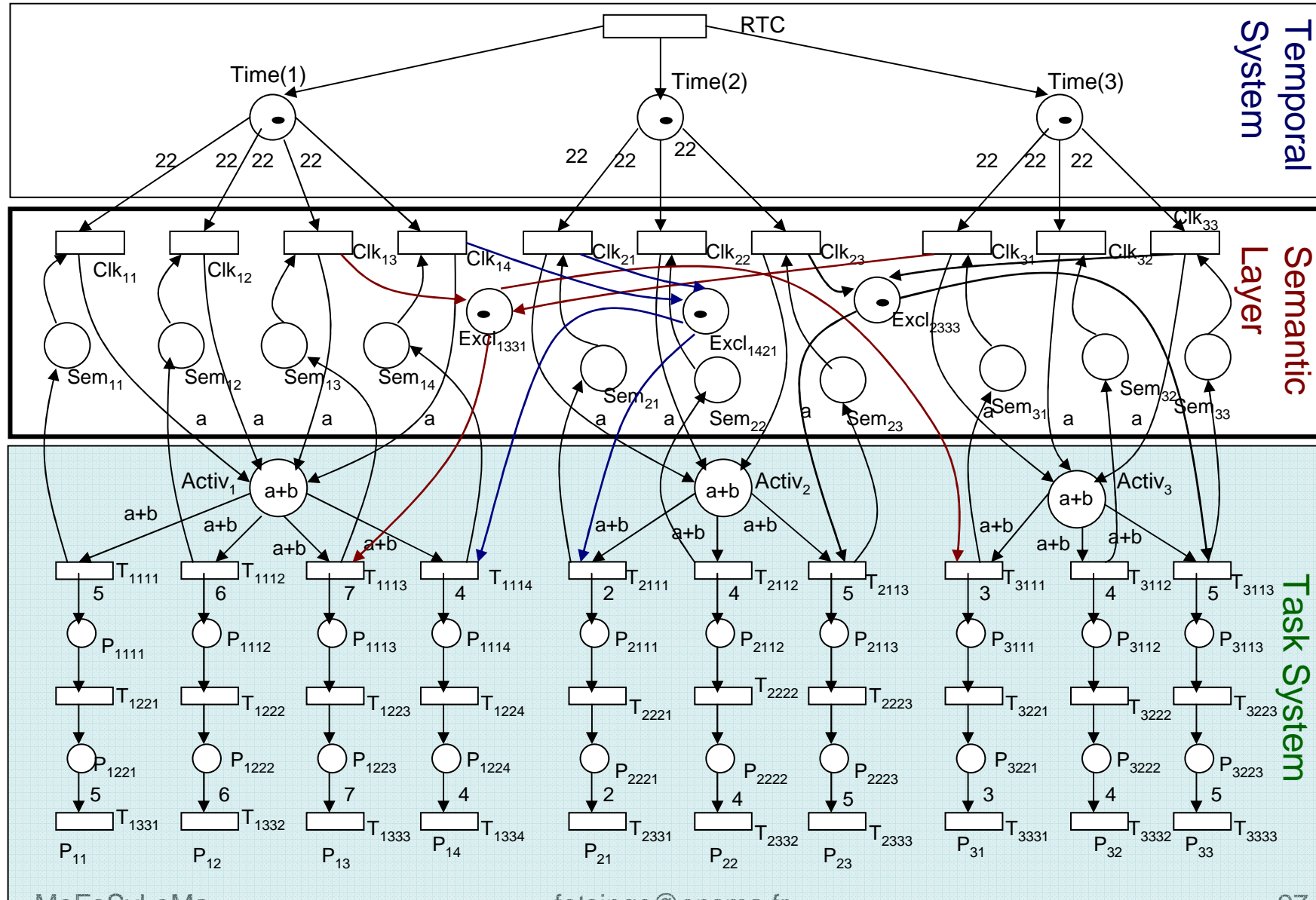
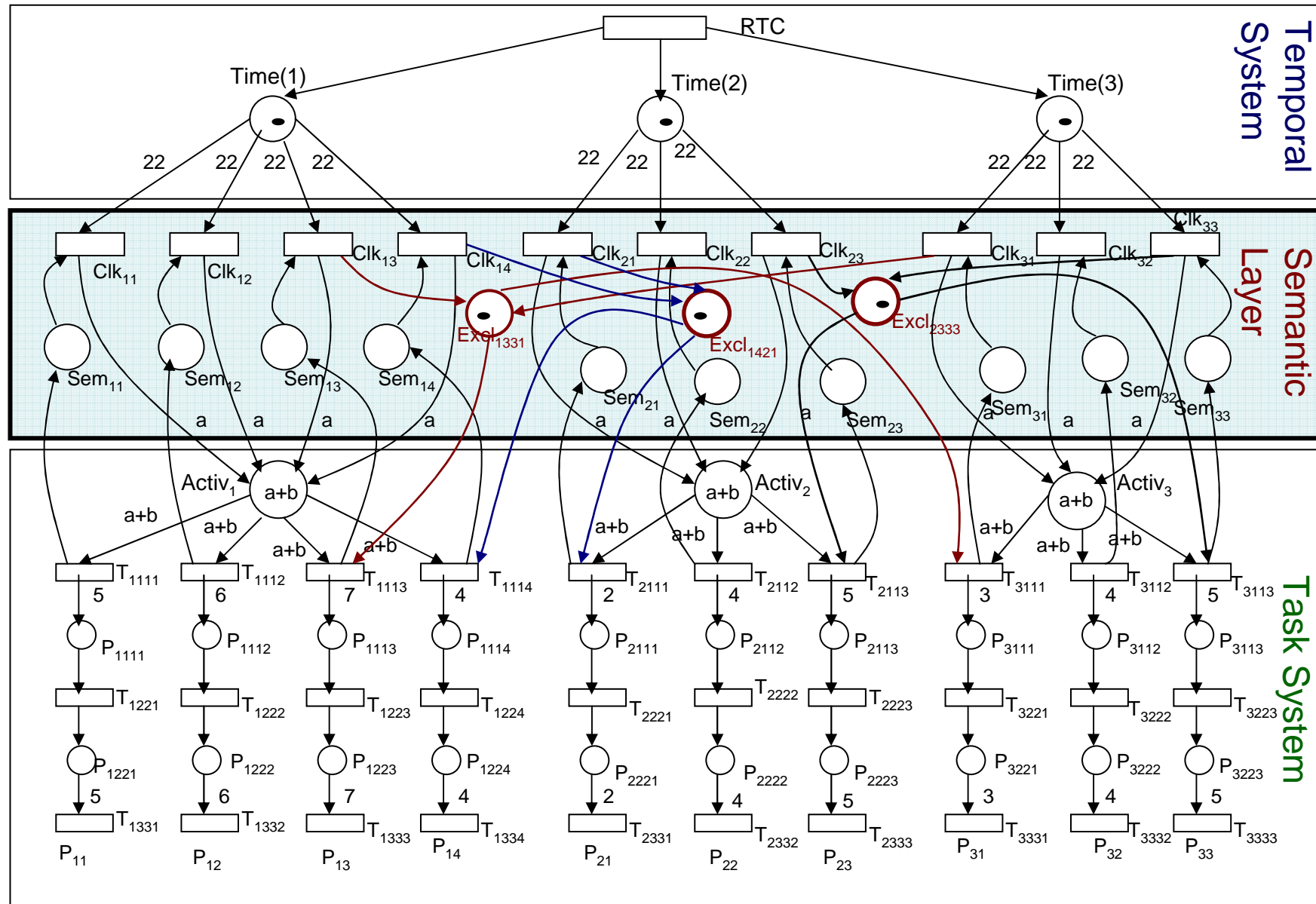
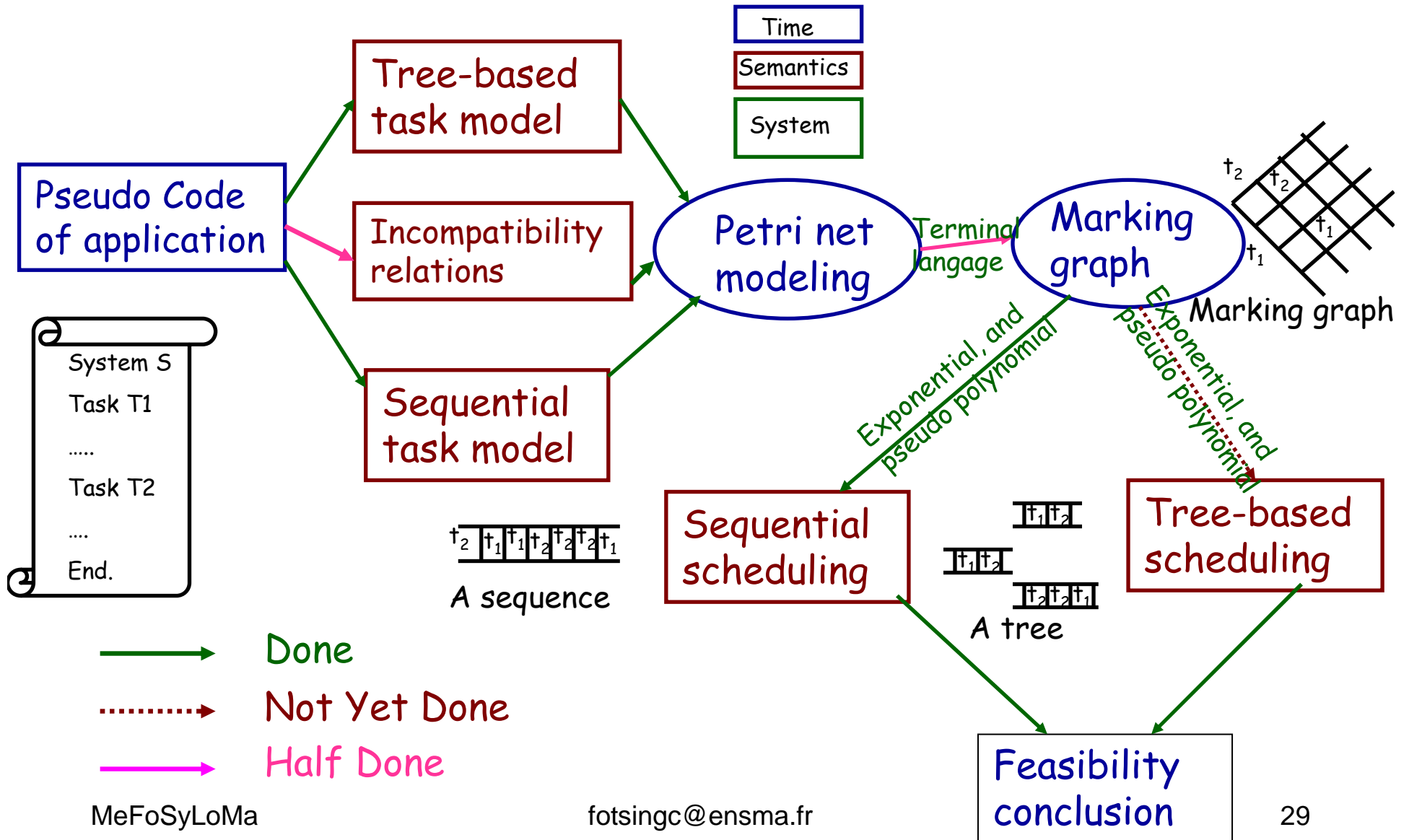


Illustration (2/2)



A Complete tree-based Schedulability Analysis



Conclusion

- Explicit modeling of conditional statements
- Explicit modeling of the semantics of tests
 - Formalization of tree-based schedules
 - Extraction techniques of tree-based schedules
 - Propose a tool for a complete automatic off-line analysis of real-time systems

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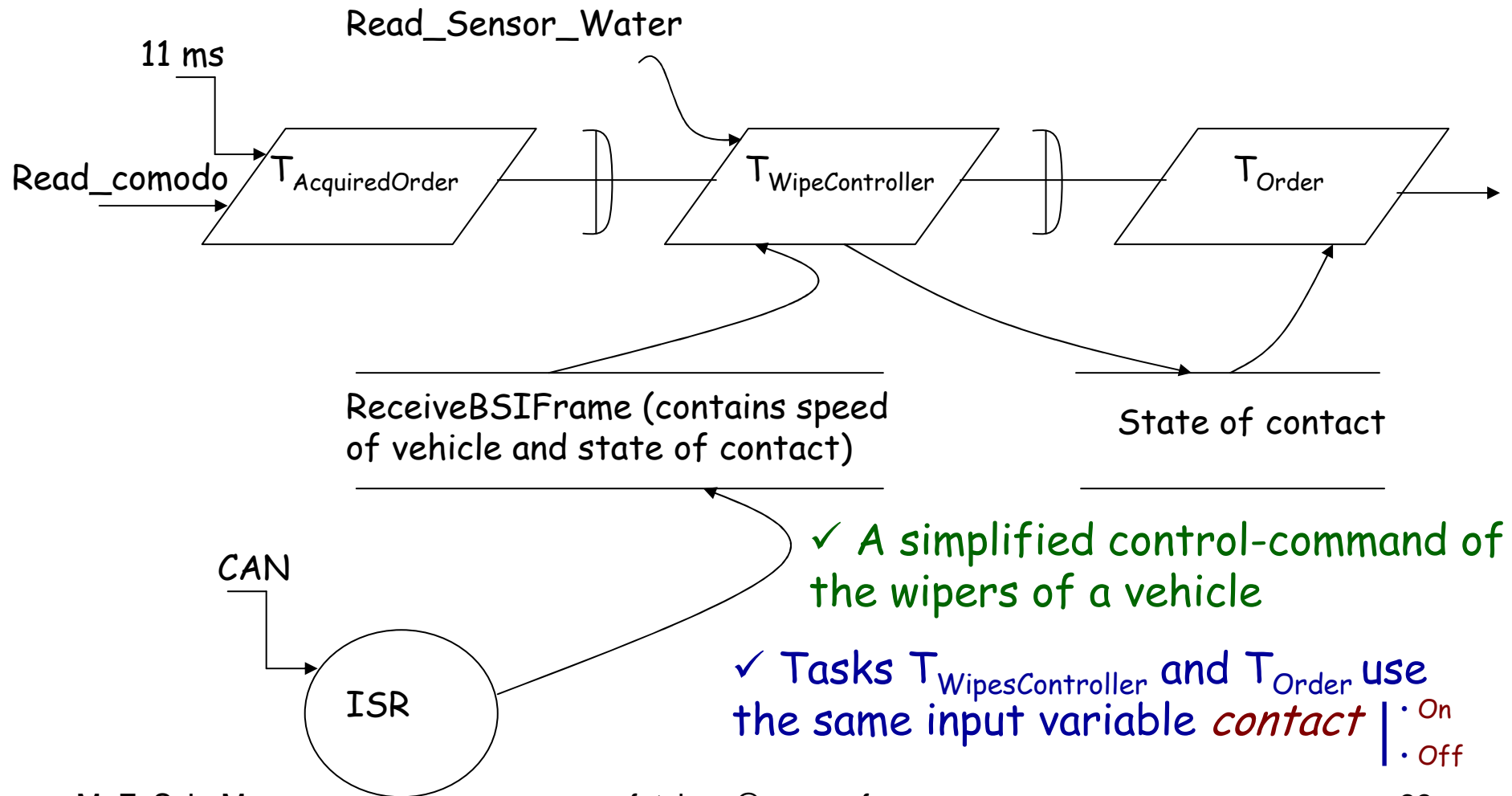
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An Example of Real-Time System (1/2)

➤ DARTS Conception of system



An Example of Real-Time System (2/2)

Task T_{AcquiredOrder} <0, 2, 11, 11>

All 11 ms do

block(2); - - reads the position of the comodo (position may be stop/1/2/3)

Send(m₁); - - sends the state of the comodo

end;

Task T_{WipersController} <0, 6, 11, 11>

Receive(m₁); - - waits the message giving the state of the comodo

block(2); - - extracts speed and state of contact of vehicule on ReceiveBSIFrame

If (contact = 0) [duration of test = 1] then - - if contact is off

block(1); - - calculation of the order according to the speed and the comodo

Send(m₂); - - sends command 0 to task T_{Order} the state

else

block(3) - - calculation of the order according to the speed and the comodo

Send(m₂); - - sends calculate command to task T_{Order}

endif;

end;

Task T_{order} <0, 4, 11, 11>

Receive(m₂); - - waits the value of the order

block(1); - - extract state of contact of vehicule

If (contact = 0) [duration of test = 1] then - - if contact is off

block(2); - - application of the order on wipers

else

block(1); - - application of the order on wipers

end;