Concurrent Types as Engineering Principles for Large Distributed Systems

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The Kohei Honda Prize for Distributed Systems Queen Mary, University of London

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This prize was instituted in 2013 and is awarded annually to one undergraduate student and one postgraduate student in recognition of their achievement in applying the highest quality scientific and engineering principles in the broad area of Distributed Systems. This is the area in which Dr Honda concentrated most of his teaching, and it is also the area in which he conducted his research. Its primary funding comes from a donation from his family, who wished to commemorate Dr Honda in this way. Additional funding has come from Dr Honda's own ETAPS Award. This prize is sponsored by Springer Verlag, and awarded annually by the ETAPS committee in recognition of an individual's research contribution. Dr Honda received the first such award posthumously, and the awarding panel expressed a wish that the funding be used to supplement this prize fund. The laudation for this award, written by Dr Honda's colleague, Prof Vladimiro Sassone is included later.

About Dr Honda

Kohei Honda was born and lived the first part of his life in Japan. Like many scientists he was fascinated by the idea of finding basic explanatory theories, like the physicists looking for grand unified theories of the universe. Kohei, though, was passionately interested in finding the right basic explanatory theory for the process of computation. Most academics agree that the basic theory

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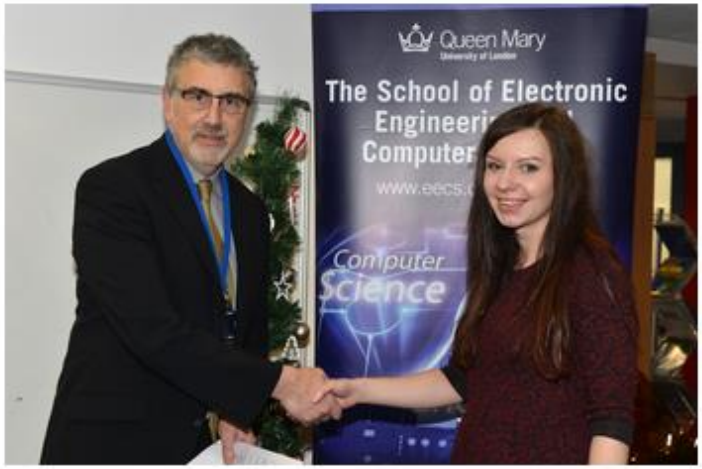

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Open Problems

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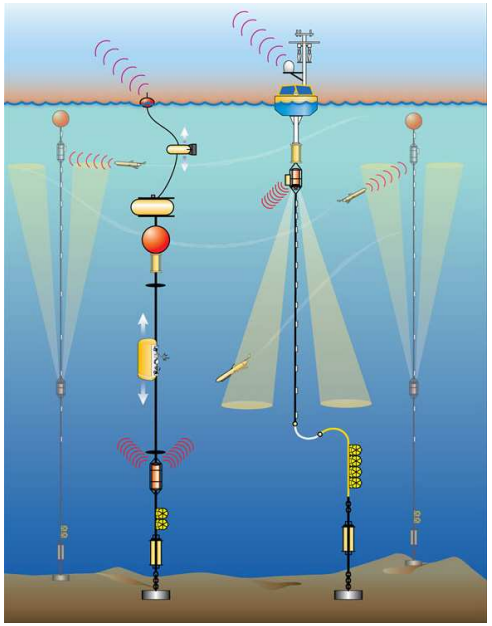
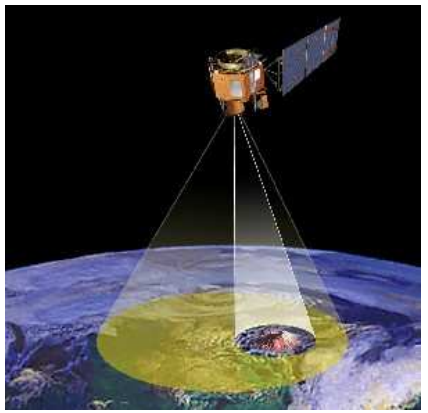
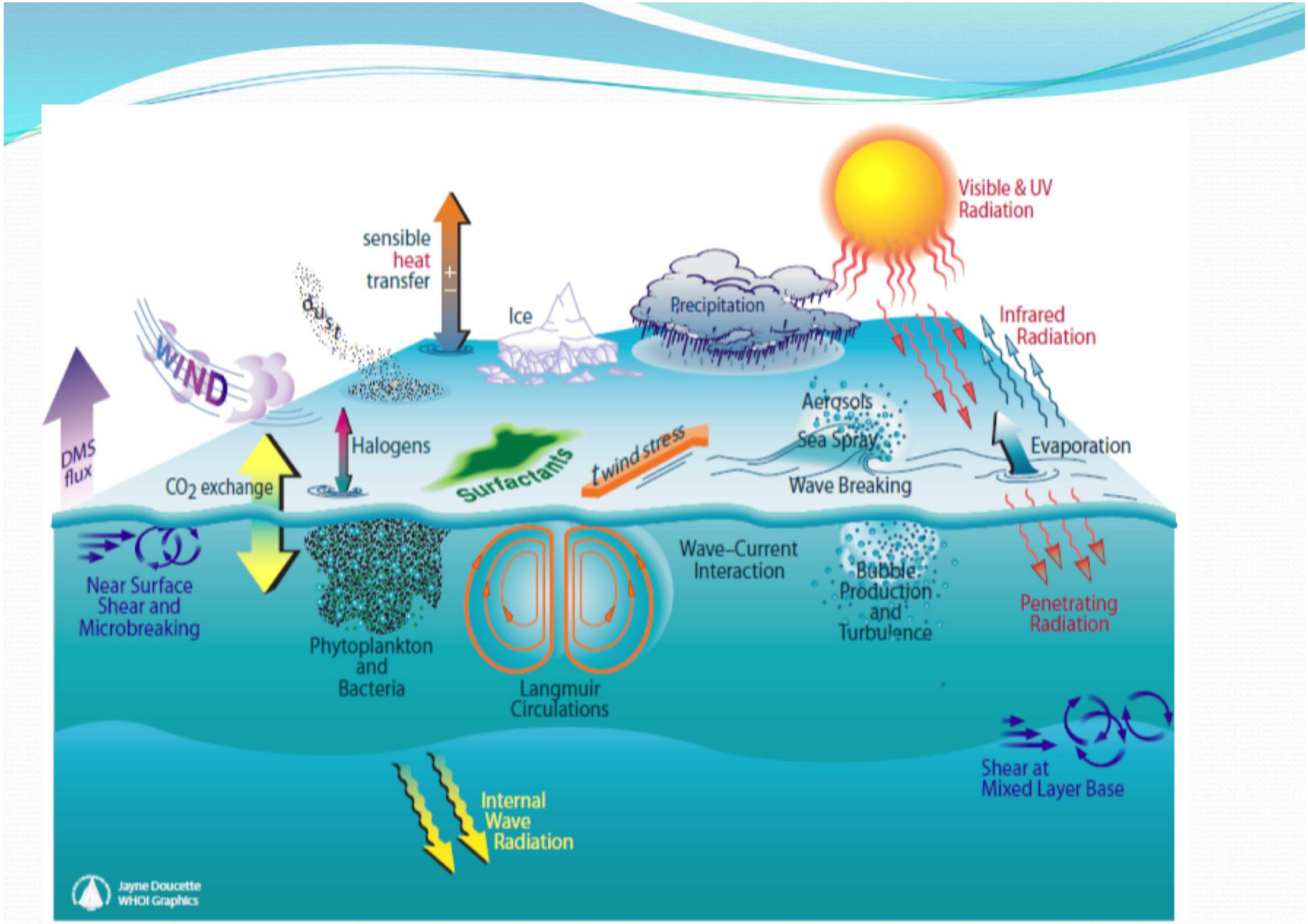
    $\Longrightarrow$ large-scale cyberinfrastructure for e-Science

Ocean Observatories Initiative

- A NSF project (400M$, 5 Years) to build a cyberinfrastructure for observing oceans around US and beyond.
- Real-time sensor data constantly coming from both off-shore and on-shore (e.g. buoys, submarines, under-water cameras, satellites), transmitted via high-speed networks.



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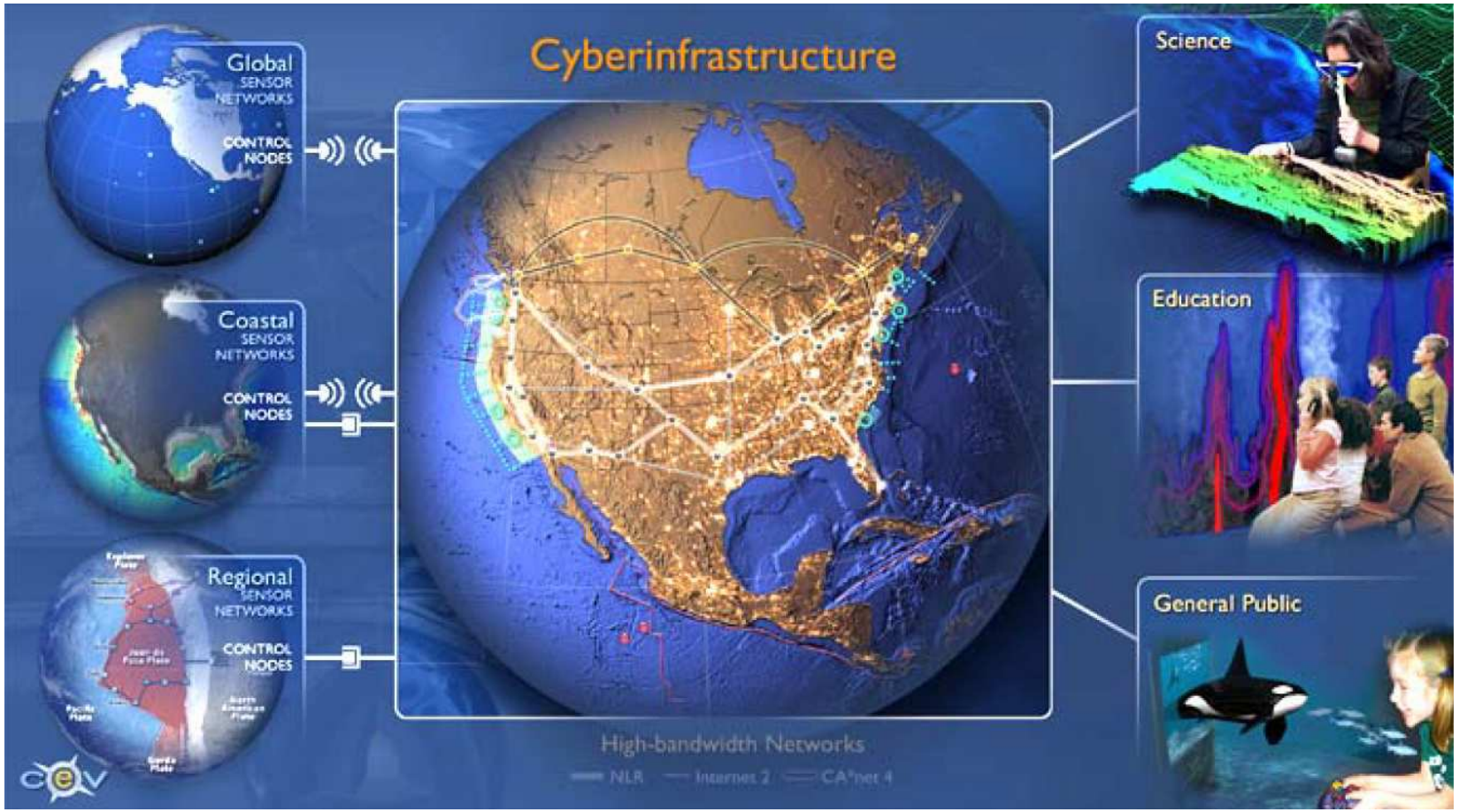

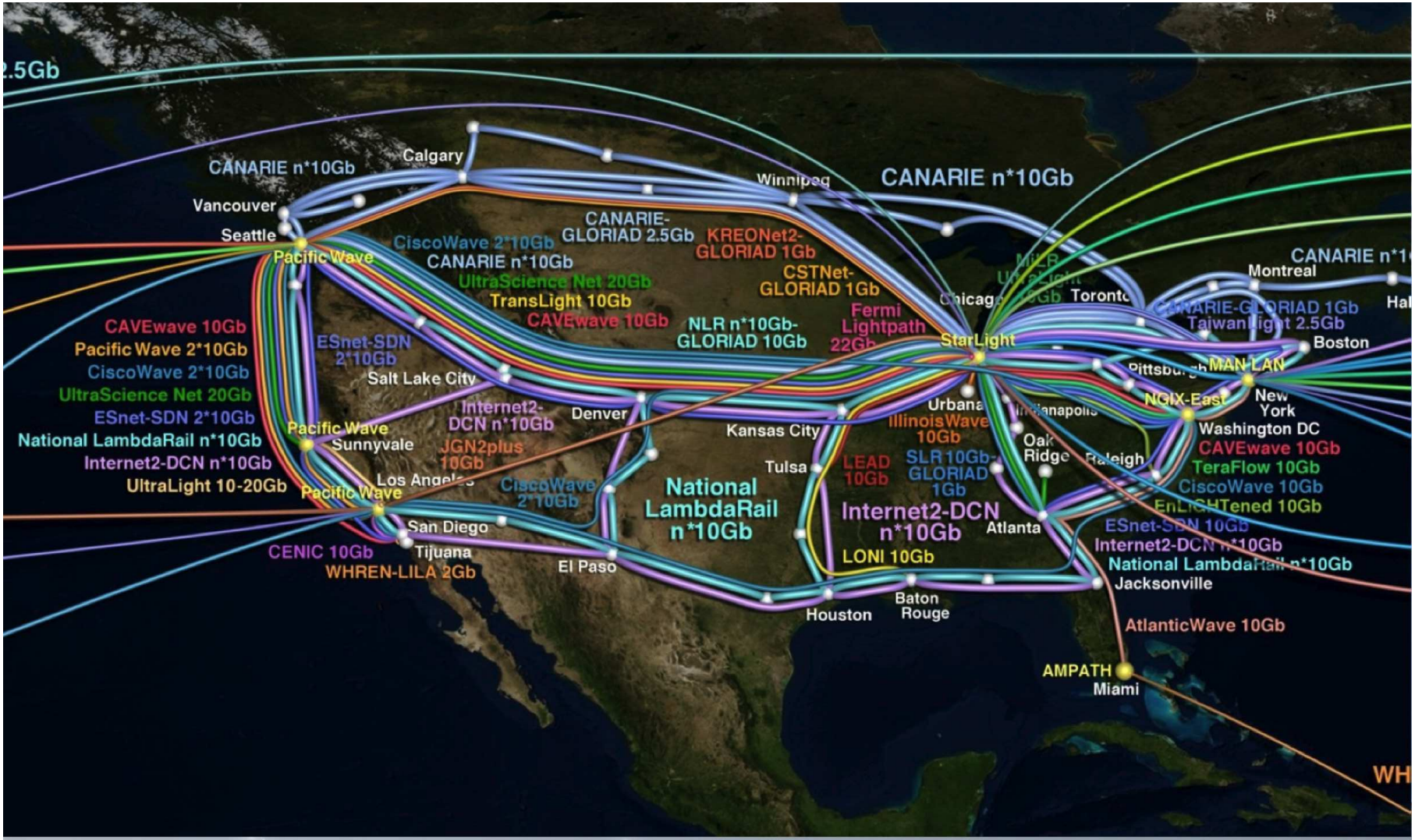

Ocean Observatories Initiative

Challenges

- The need to specify, catalogue, program, implement and manage *multiparty message passing protocols*.
- Communication assurance
  - Correct message ordering and synchronisation
  - Deadlock-freedom, progress and liveness
  - Dynamic message monitoring and recovery
  - Logical constraints on message values
- Shared and used over a long-term period (e.g. 30 years in OOI).

Why Multiparty Session Types?

- Robin Milner (2002): *Types are the leaven of computer programming; they make it digestible*.

  $\Longrightarrow$ Can describe communication protocols as *types*

  $\Longrightarrow$ Can be materialised as *new communications programming languages* and *tool chains*.

- *Scalable* automatic verifications (deadlock-freedom, safety and liveness) without *state-space explosion problems* (*polynomial time complexity*).

- Extendable to *logical verifications* and flexible *dynamic monitoring*.

Dialogue between Industry and Academia

Binary Session Types [PARL'94, ESOP'98]

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Milner, Honda and Yoshida joined W3C WS-CDL (2002)

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Formalisation of W3C WS-CDL [ESOP'07]

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Scribble at $\pi 4$ Technology

Pi calculus versus Petri nets: Let us eat "humble pie" rather than further inflate the "Pi hype"

W.M.P. van der Aalst

Abstract. In the context of *Web Service Composition Languages* (WSCLs) there is on ongoing debate on the best foundation for *Process-Aware Information Systems* (PAISs): *Petri nets* or *Pi calculus*. Example of PAISs are Workflow Management (WFM), Business Process Management (BPM), Business-to-Business (B2B), Customer Relationship Management (CRM), Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems. Clearly, the web-service paradigm will change the architecture of these systems dramatically. Therefore, triggered by industry standards such as SOAP, WSDL, UDDI, etc., standards are being proposed for orchestrating web services. Examples of such WSCLs are BPEL4WS, BPML, WSFL, WSCI, and XLANG. In the debate on Petri nets versus Pi calculus many players in the "WSCL marketplace" are using demagogic arguments not based

Petri-Pi Working Group led by R. Milner and W.M.P van der Aalst started in 2003

Beginning: Petri-Pi

From: Robin Milner

Date: Wed, February 11, 2004 1:02 pm

Steve

Thanks for that. I believe the pi-calculus team ought to be able to do something with it -- you seem to be taking it in that direction already.

Nobuko, Kohei: I thought we ought to try to model use-cases in pi-calculus, with copious explanations in natural language, aiming at seeing how various concepts like role, transaction, .. would be modelled in pi. I am hoping to try this one when I get time; you might like to try too, and see if we agree!

Robin

CDL Equivalent

- Basic example:

```
package HelloWorld {
    roleType YouRole, WorldRole;
    participantType You{YouRole}, World{WorldRole};
    relationshipType YouWorldRel between YouRole and WorldRole;
    channelType WorldChannelType with roleType WorldRole;

    choreography Main {
        WorldChannelType worldChannel;

        interaction operation=hello from=YouRole to=WorldRole
                relationship=YouWorldRel channel=worldChannel {
            request messageType=Hello;
        }
    }
}
```

Scribble Protocol

- *"Scribbling is necessary for architects, either physical or computing, since all great ideas of architectural construction come from that unconscious moment, when you do not realise what it is, when there is no concrete shape, only a whisper which is not a whisper, an image which is not an image, somehow it starts to urge you in your mind, in so small a voice but how persistent it is, at that point you start scribbling" - Kohei Honda 2007*

- Basic example:

```
protocol HelloWorld {
    role You, World;
    Hello from You to World;
}
```

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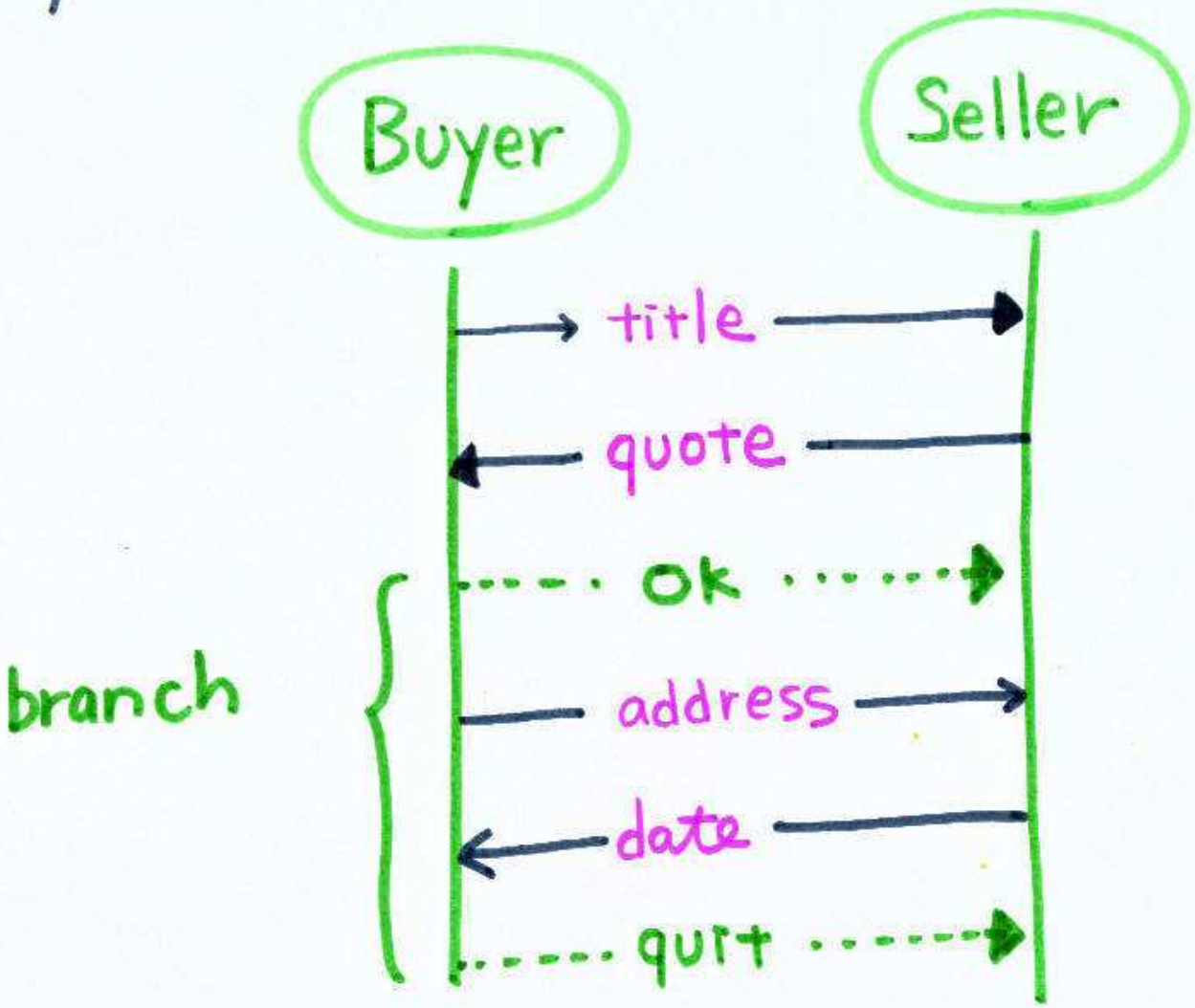
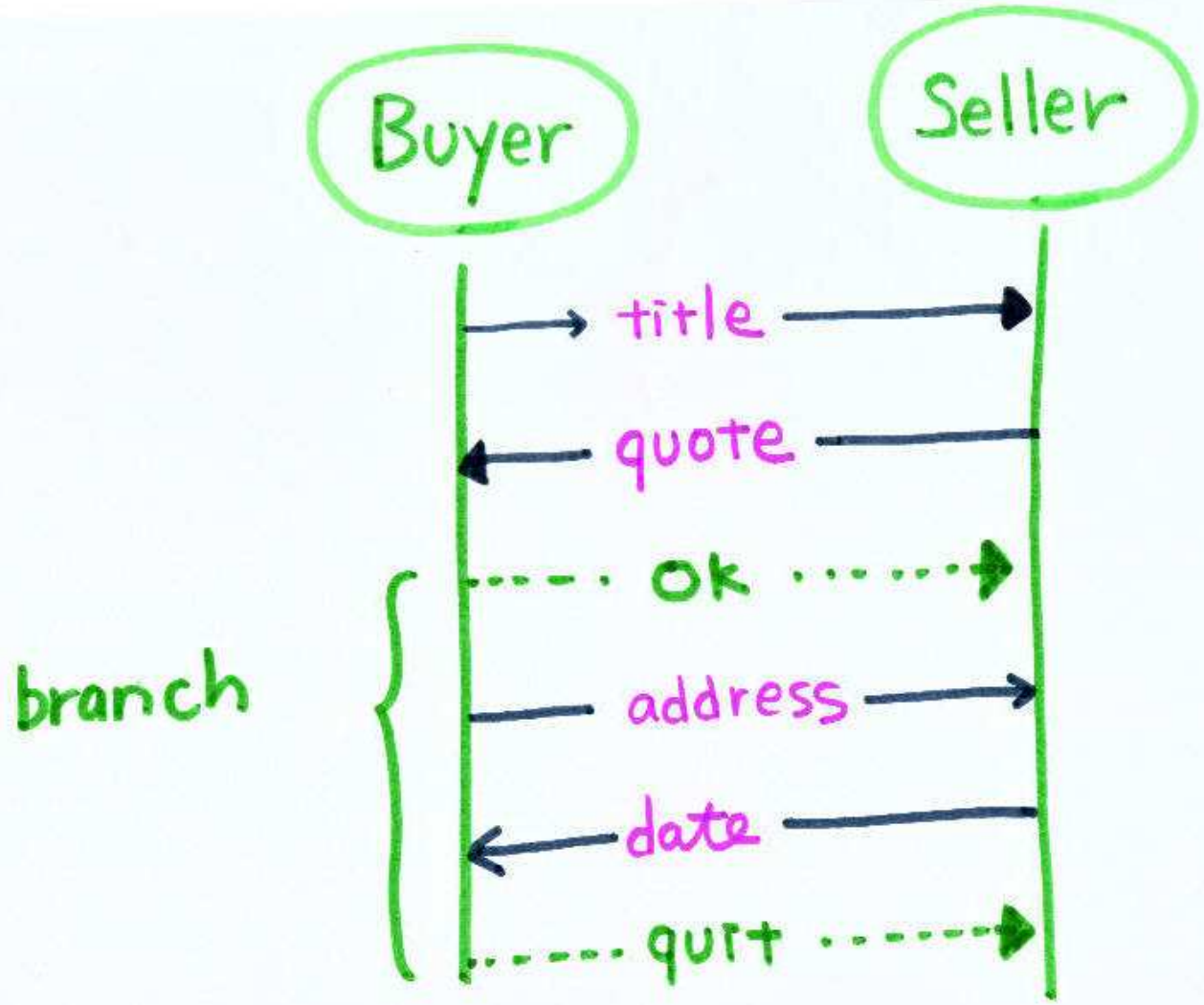
Binary Session Types : Buyer-Seller Protocol





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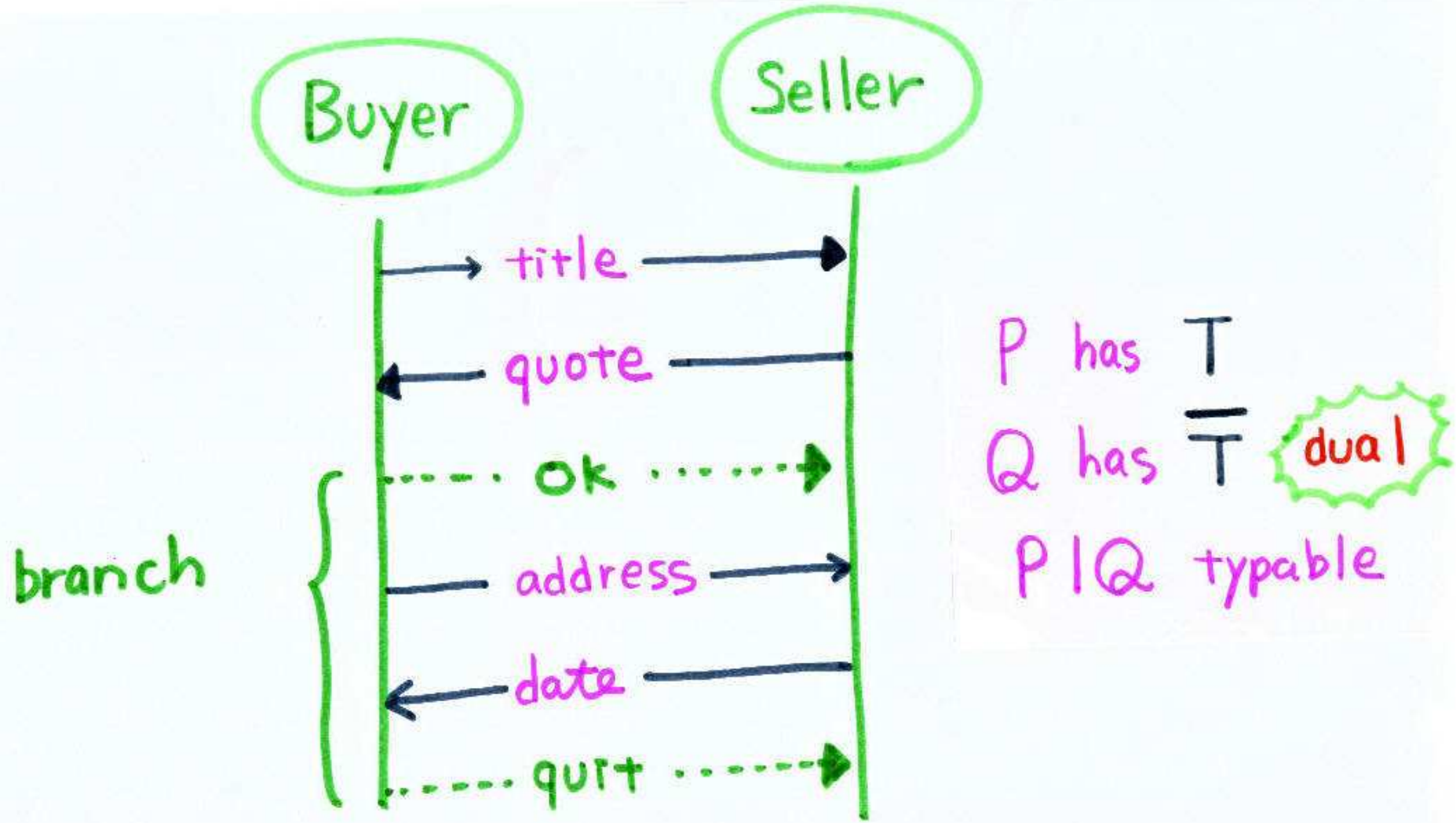

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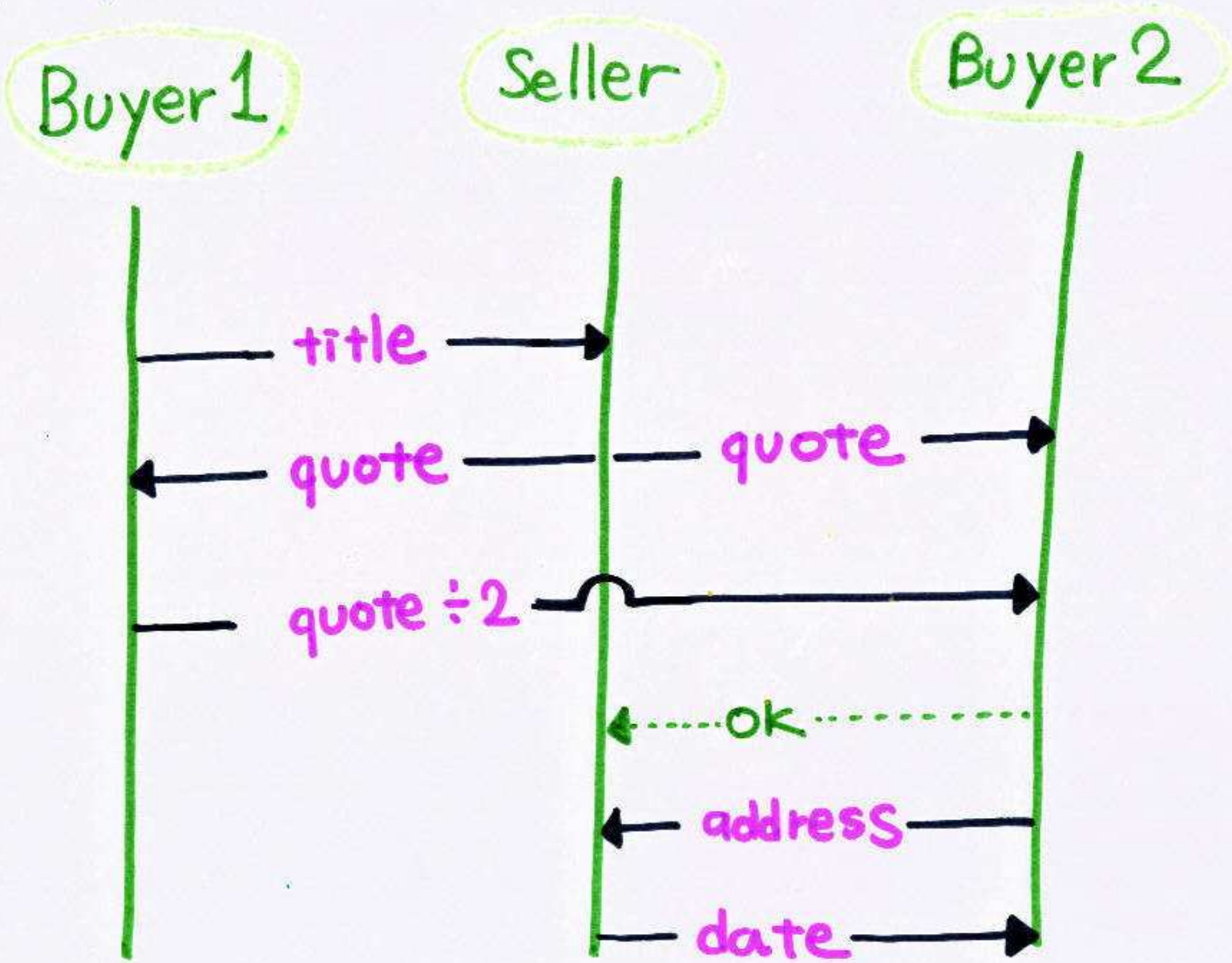

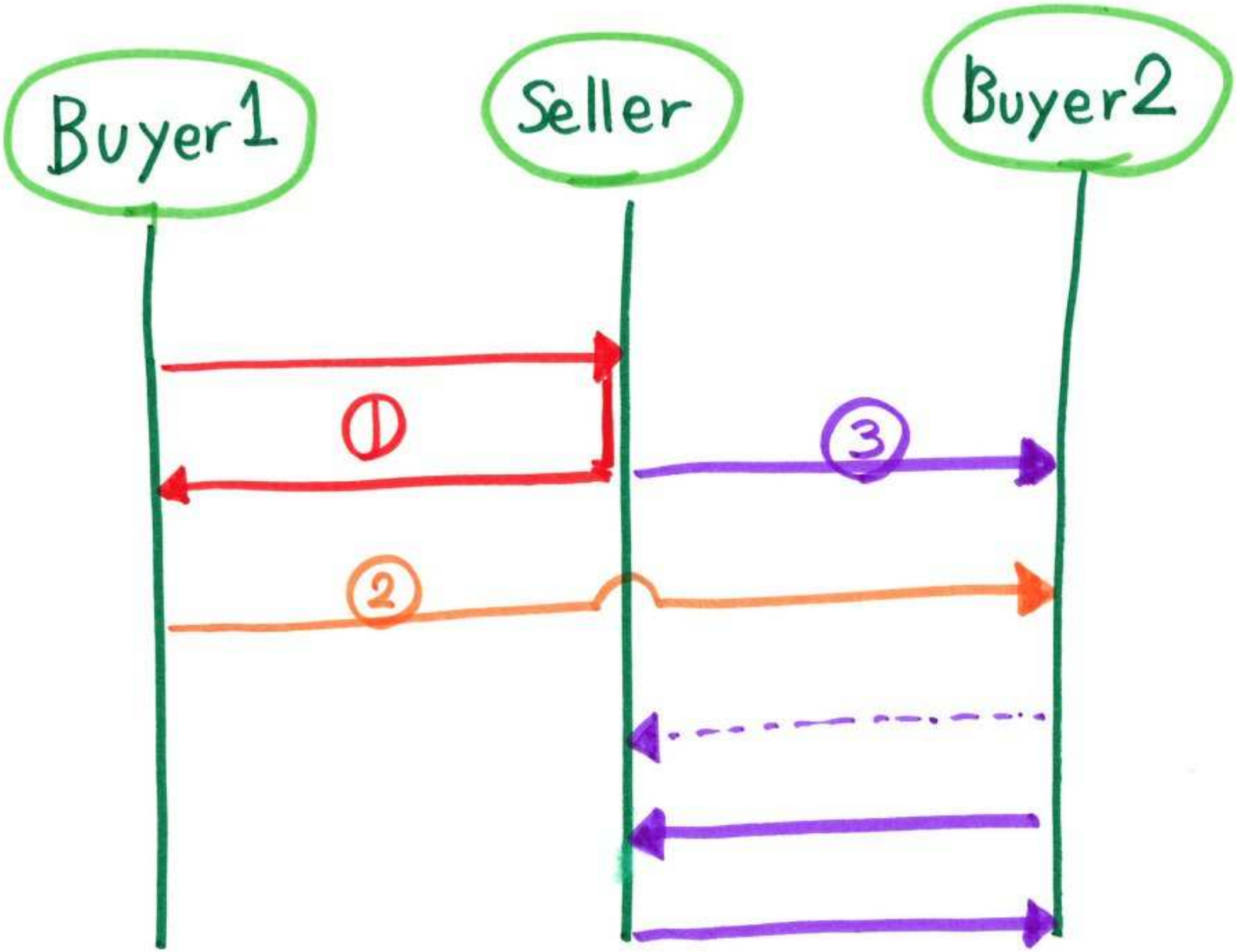
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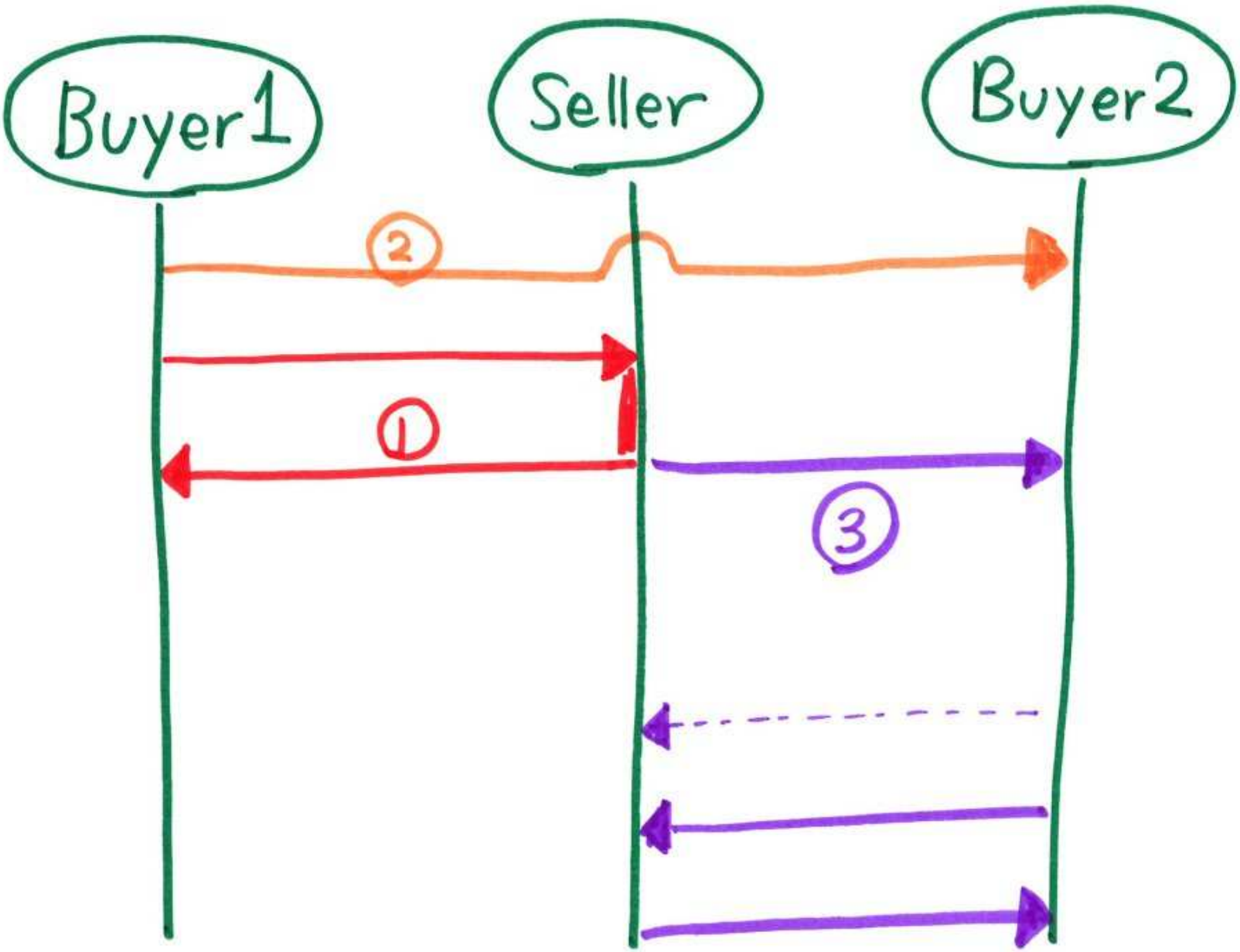
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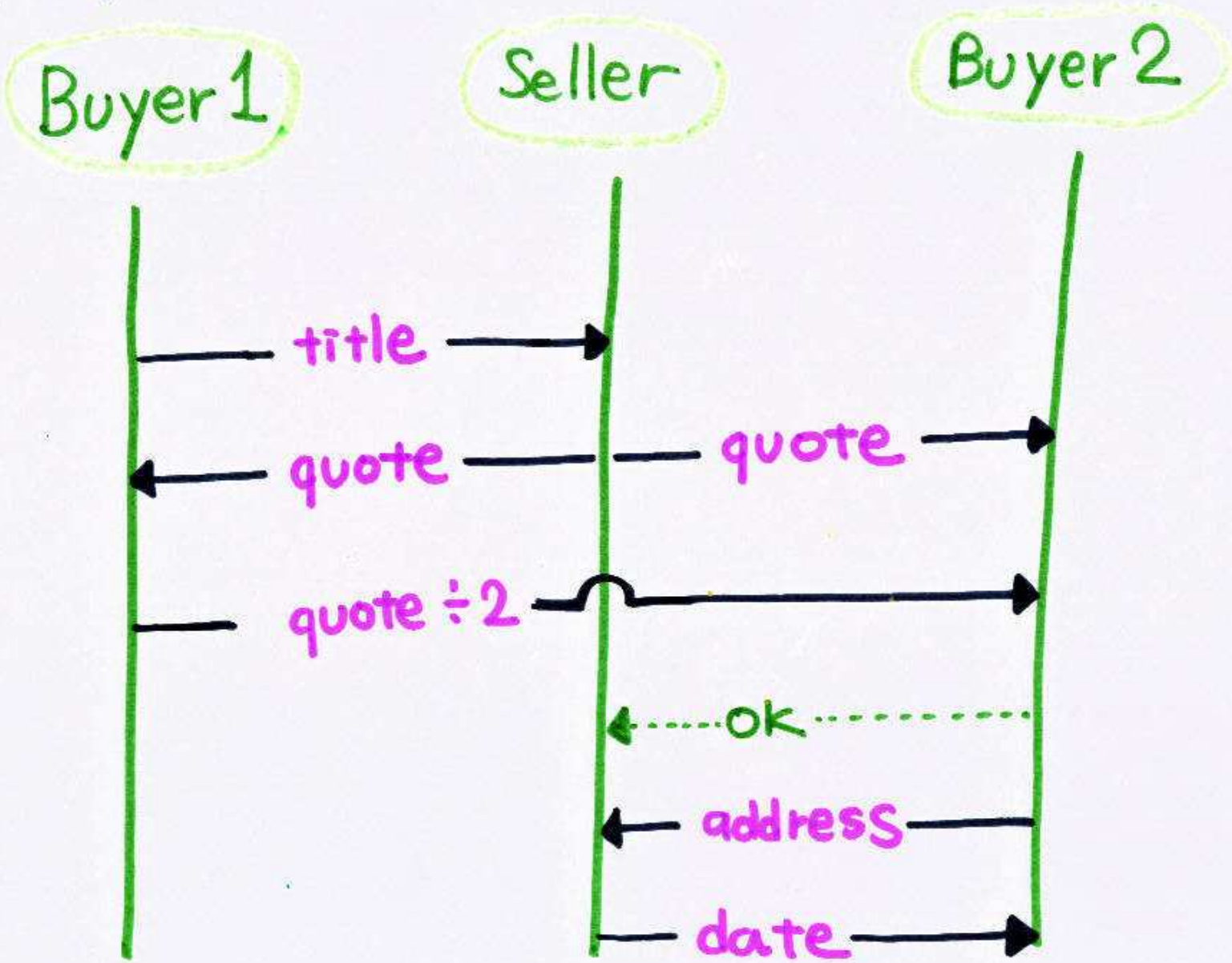
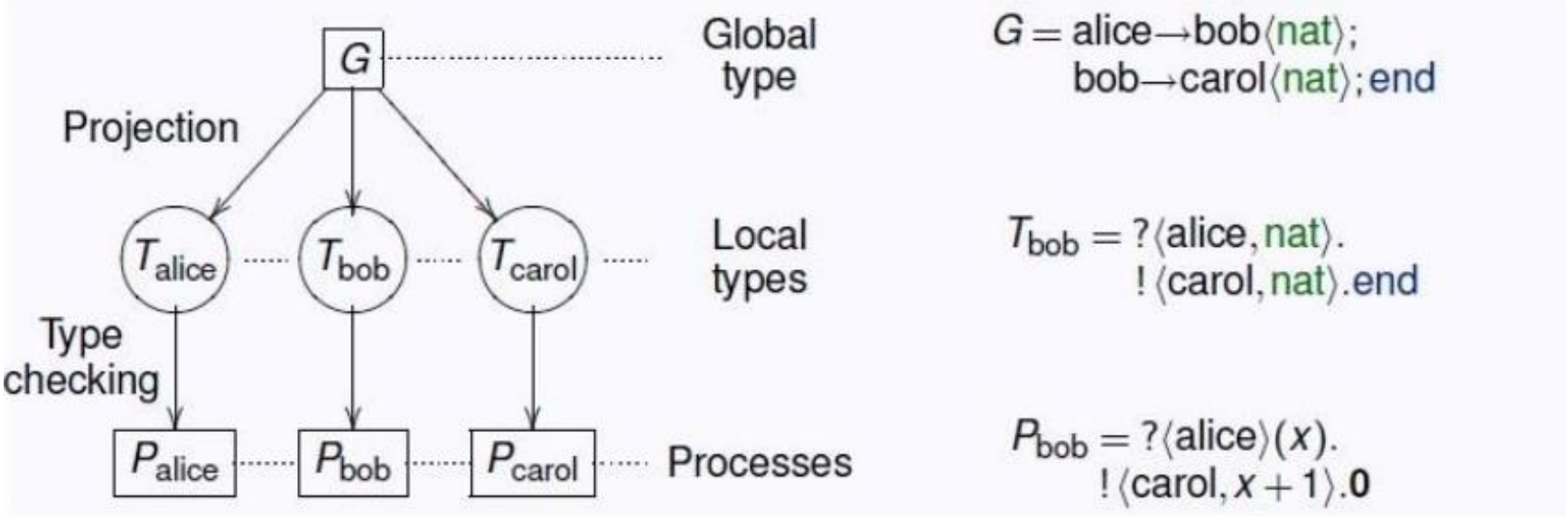
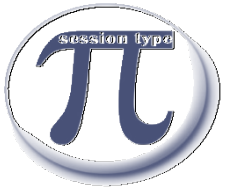


Session Types Overview



- Properties
  - Communication safety (no communication mismatch)
  - Communication fidelity (the communication follow the protocol)
  - Progress (no deadlock/stuck in a session)

Evolution Of MPST



- Binary Session Types [THK98, HVK98]

- Multiparty Session Types [POPL'08]

- A Theory of Design-by-Contract for Distributed Multiparty Interactions [Concur'11]

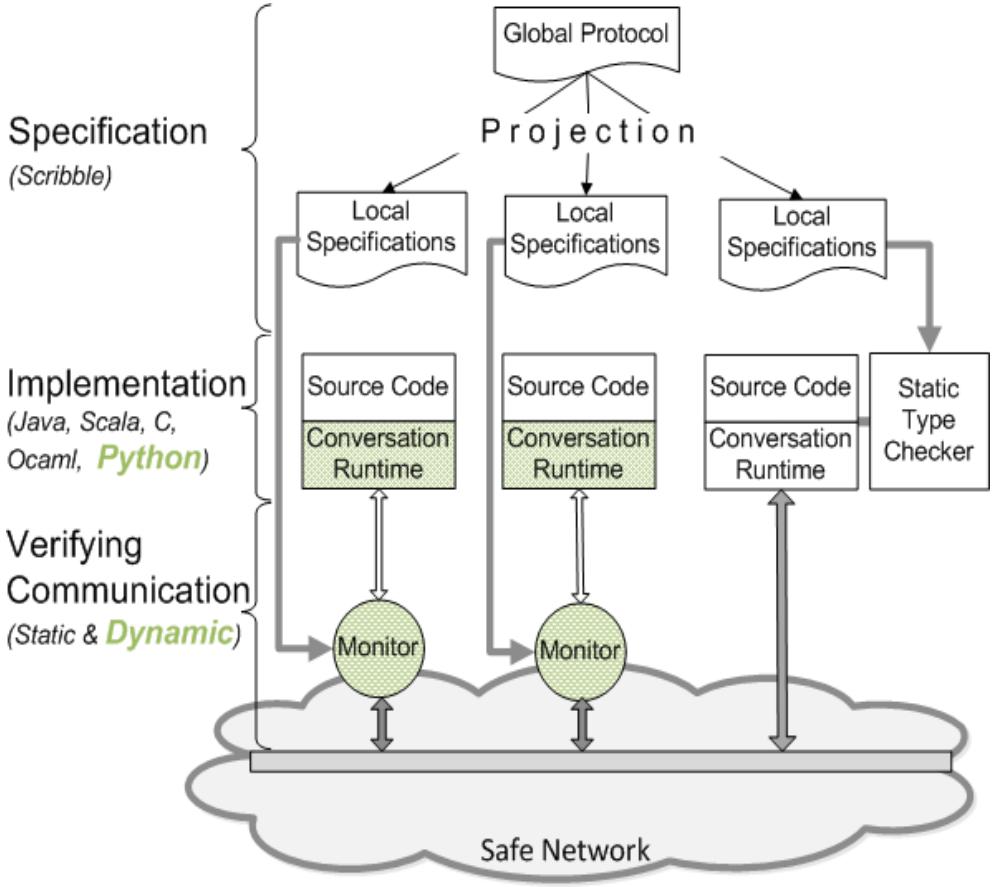
- Multiparty Session Types Meet Communicating Automata [ESOP'12, ICALP'13]

- Network Monitoring through Multiparty Session Types [FMOODS'13]

- SPY: Local Verification of Global Protocols [RV'13]
- Distributed Runtime Verification with Session Types and Python [RV'13]

Session Types for Runtime Verification

- Methodology
  - Developers design protocols in a dedicated language - Scribble
  - Well-fomedness is checked by Scribble tools
  - Protocols are projected into local types
  - Local types generate monitors



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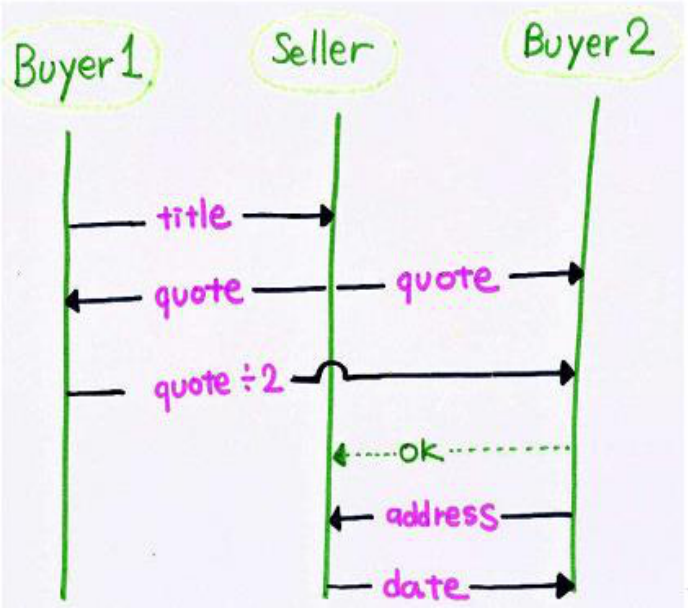
Two Buyer Protocol in Scribble

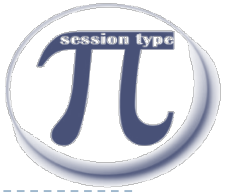
```
module Bookstore;

type <java> "java.lang.Integer" from "rt.jar" as Integer;
type <java> "java.lang.String" from "rt.jar" as String;

global protocol TwoBuyers(role A, role B, role S) {
    title(String) from A to S;
    quote(Integer) from S to A, B;
    rec LOOP {
        share(Integer) from A to B;
        choice at B {
            accept(address:String) from B to A, S;
            date(String) from S to B;
        } or {
            retry() from B to A, S;
            continue LOOP;
        } or {
            quit() from B to A, S;
}   }   }
```



Buyer: A local projection

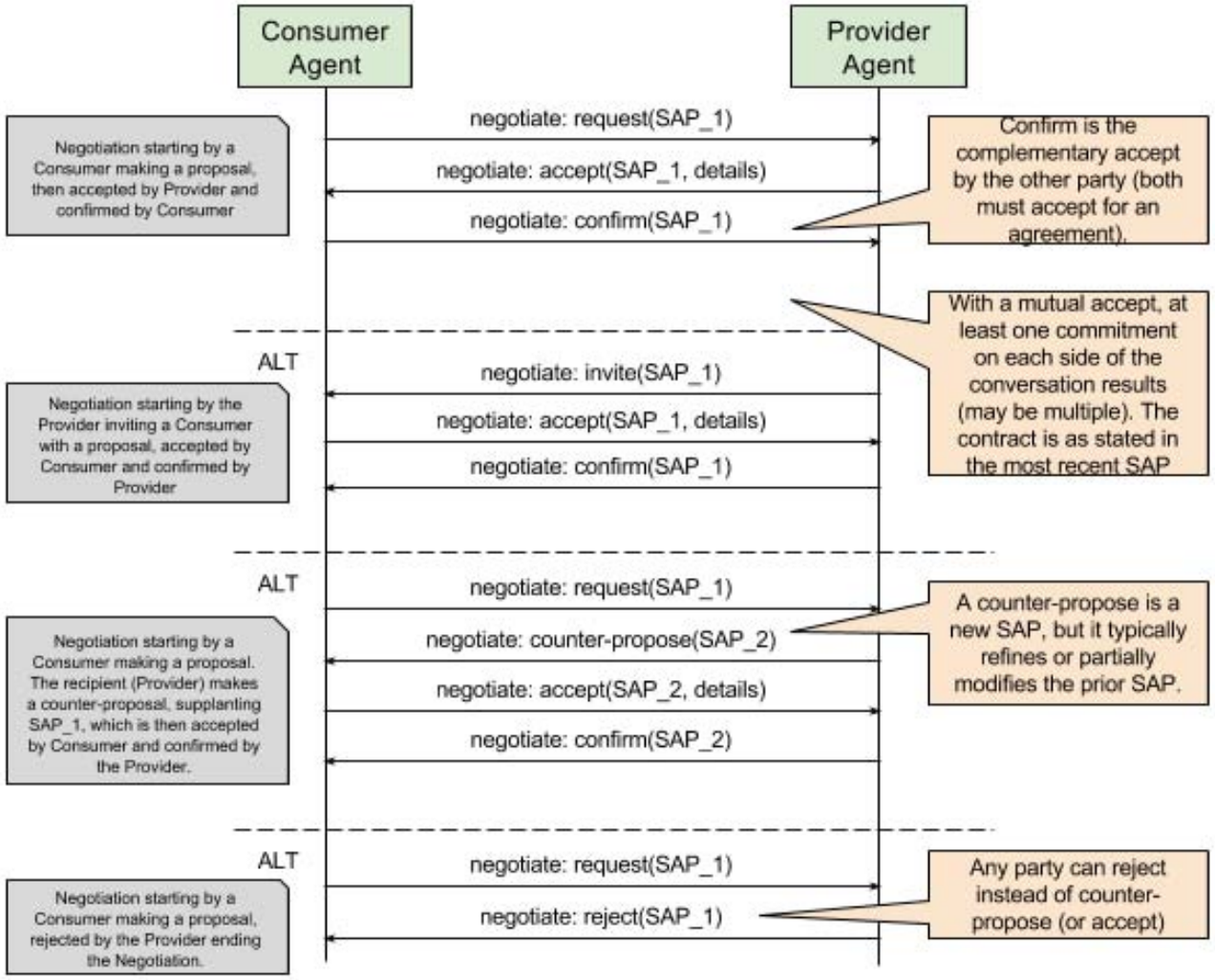



```
module Bookstore_TwoBuyers_A;

type <java> "java.lang.Integer" from "rt.jar" as Integer;
type <java> "java.lang.String" from "rt.jar" as String;

local protocol TwoBuyers_A at A(role A, role B, role S) {
 title(String) to S;
 quote(Integer) from S;
 rec LOOP {
  share(Integer) to B;
  choice at B {
   accept(address:String) from B;
  } or {
   retry() from B;
   continue LOOP;
  } or {
   quit() from B;
} } }
```

OOI agent negotiation 1/5



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OOI agent negotiation 2/5

```
type <yml> "SAPDoc1" from "SAPDoc1.yml" as SAP;

global protocol Negotiate(role Consumer as C, role Producer as P) {
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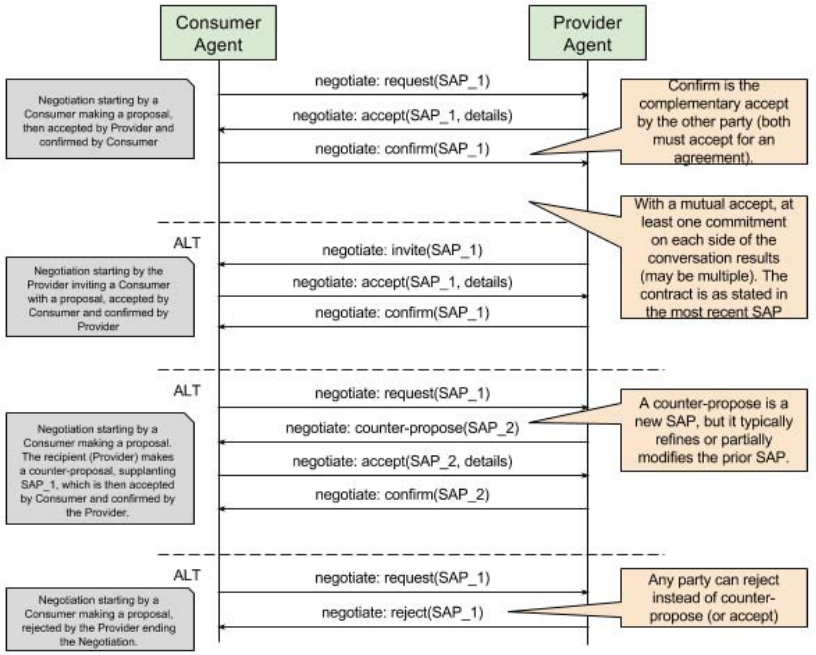


```
}
```

OOI agent negotiation 3/5 (choice)

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type <yml> "SAPDoc1" from "SAPDoc1.yml" as SAP;

global protocol Negotiate(role Consumer as C, role Producer as P) {
  propose(SAP) from C to P;

    choice at P {
      accept() from P to C;
      confirm() from C to P;
    } or {
      reject() from P to C;
    } or {
      propose(SAP) from P to C;
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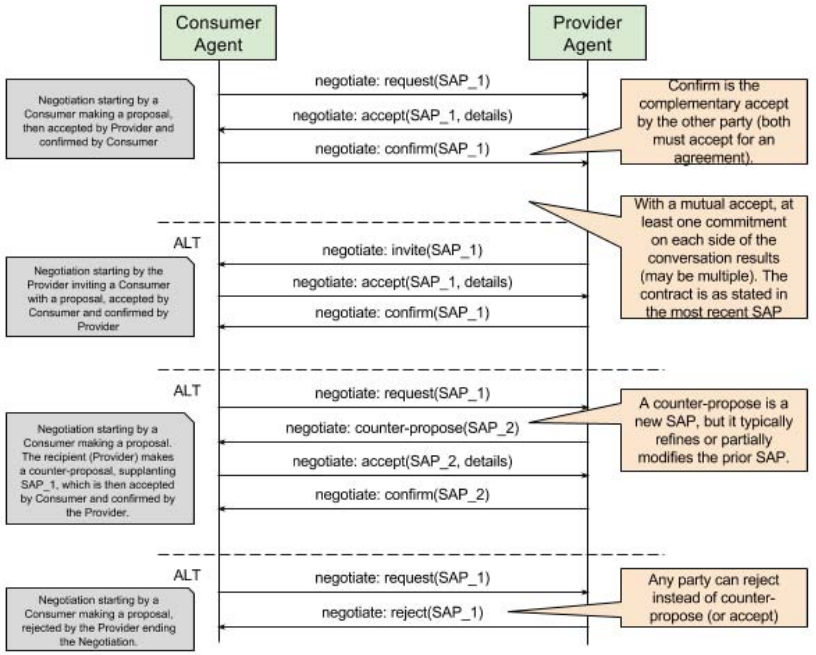


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} }
```

OOI agent negotiation 4/5

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    choice at P {
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    } or {
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    } or {
      propose(SAP) from P to C;
      choice at C {
        accept() from C to P;
        confirm() from P to C;
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      } or {
        propose(SAP) from C to P;

} } }
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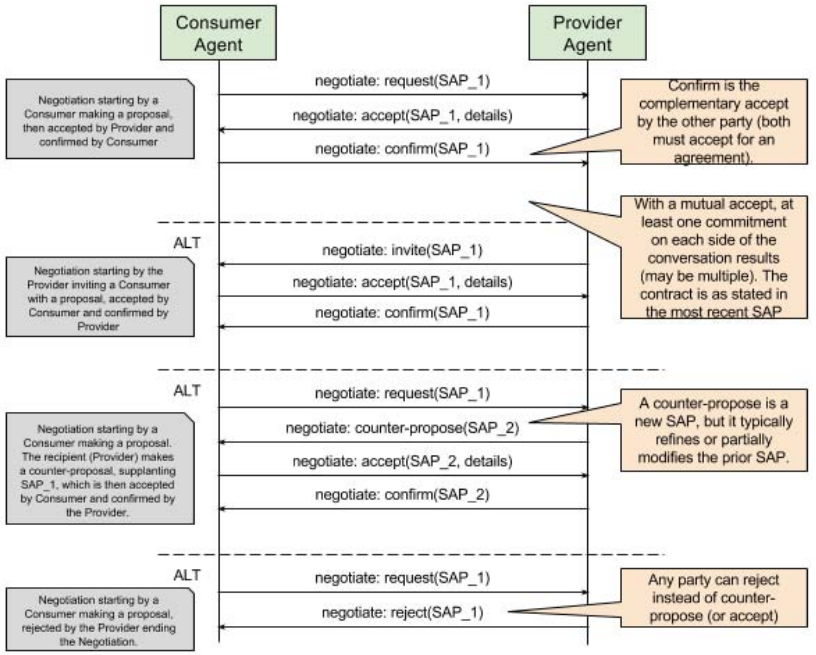

OOI agent negotiation 5/5 (recursion)

```
type <yml> "SAPDoc1" from "SAPDoc1.yml" as SAP;

global protocol Negotiate(role Consumer as C, role Producer as P) {
  propose(SAP) from C to P;
  rec X {
    choice at P {
      accept() from P to C;
      confirm() from C to P;
    } or {
      reject() from P to C;
    } or {
      propose(SAP) from P to C;
      choice at C {
        accept() from C to P;
        confirm() from P to C;
      } or {
        reject() from C to P;
      } or {
        propose(SAP) from C to P;
        continue X;
      }
    }
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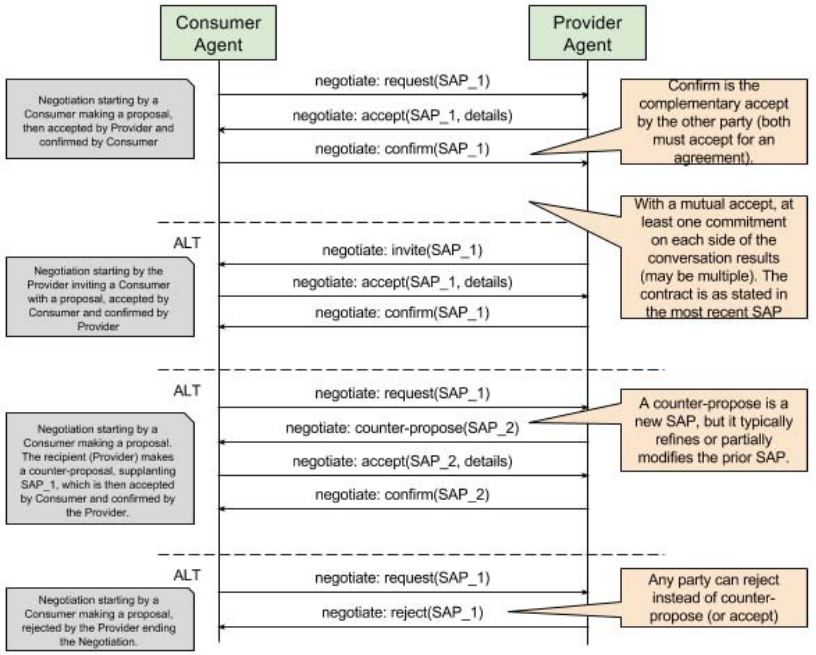
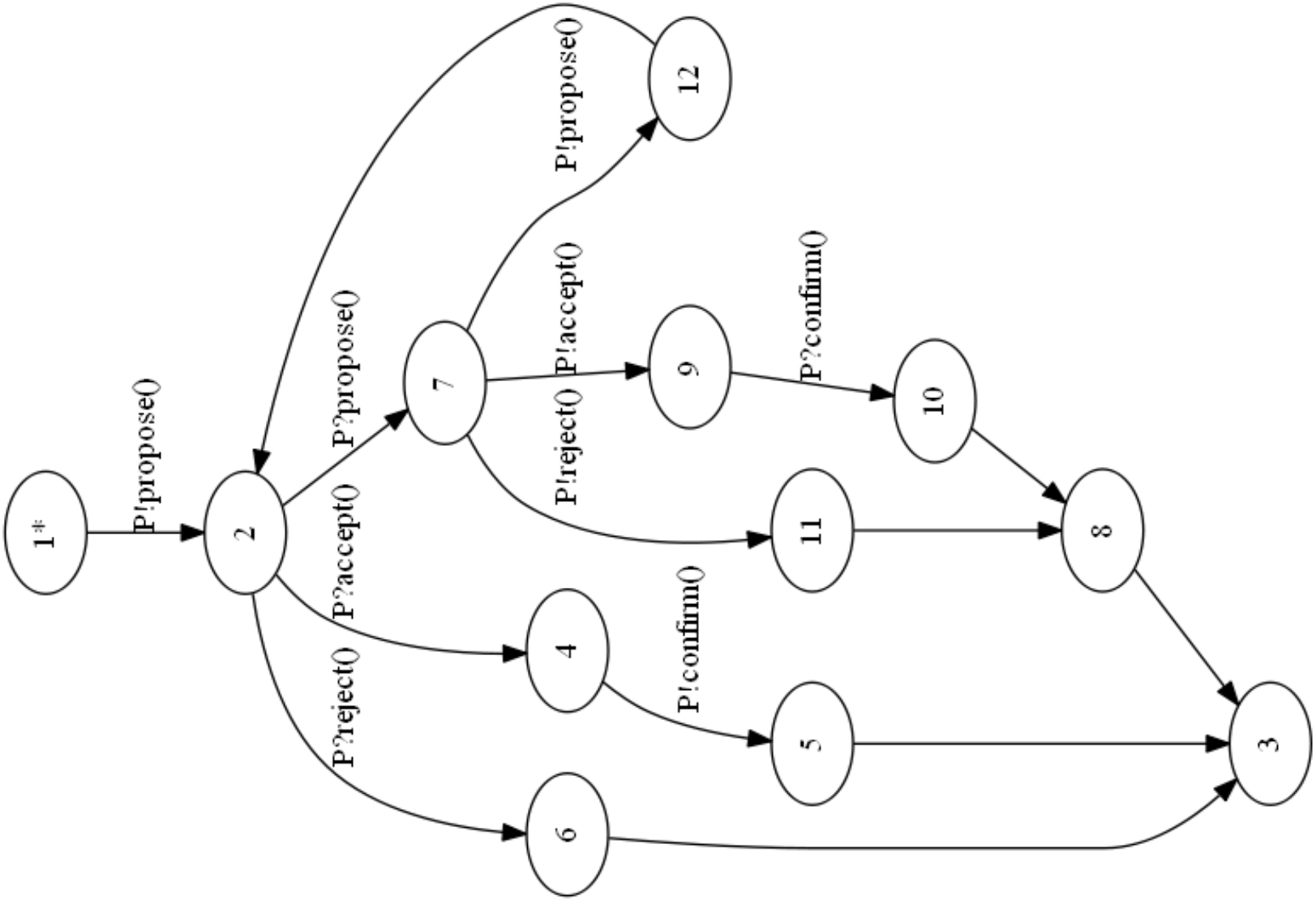


Local protocol projection (Negotiation Consumer)

```
// Global
propose(SAP) from C to P;
rec START {
  choice at P {
    accept() from P to C;
    confirm() from C to P;
  } or {
    reject() from P to C;
  } or {
    propose(SAP) from P to C;
    choice at C {
      accept() from C to P;
      confirm() from P to C;
    } or {
      reject() from C to P;
    } or {
      propose(SAP) from C to P;
      continue START;
} } }
```

```
// Projection for Consumer
propose(SAP) to P;
rec START {
  choice at P {
    accept() from P;
    confirm() to P;
  } or {
    reject() from P;
  } or {
    propose(SAP) from P;
    choice at C {
      accept() to P;
      confirm() from P;
    } or {
      reject() to P;
    } or {
      propose(SAP) to P;
      continue START;
} } }
```

FSM generation (Negotiation Consumer)



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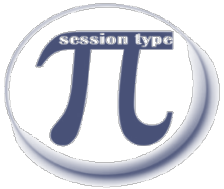

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  - www.scribble.org
- GitHub:
  - https://github.com/scribble
- Tutorial:
  - www.doc.ic.ac.uk/~rhu/scribble/tutorial.html
- Specification (0.3)
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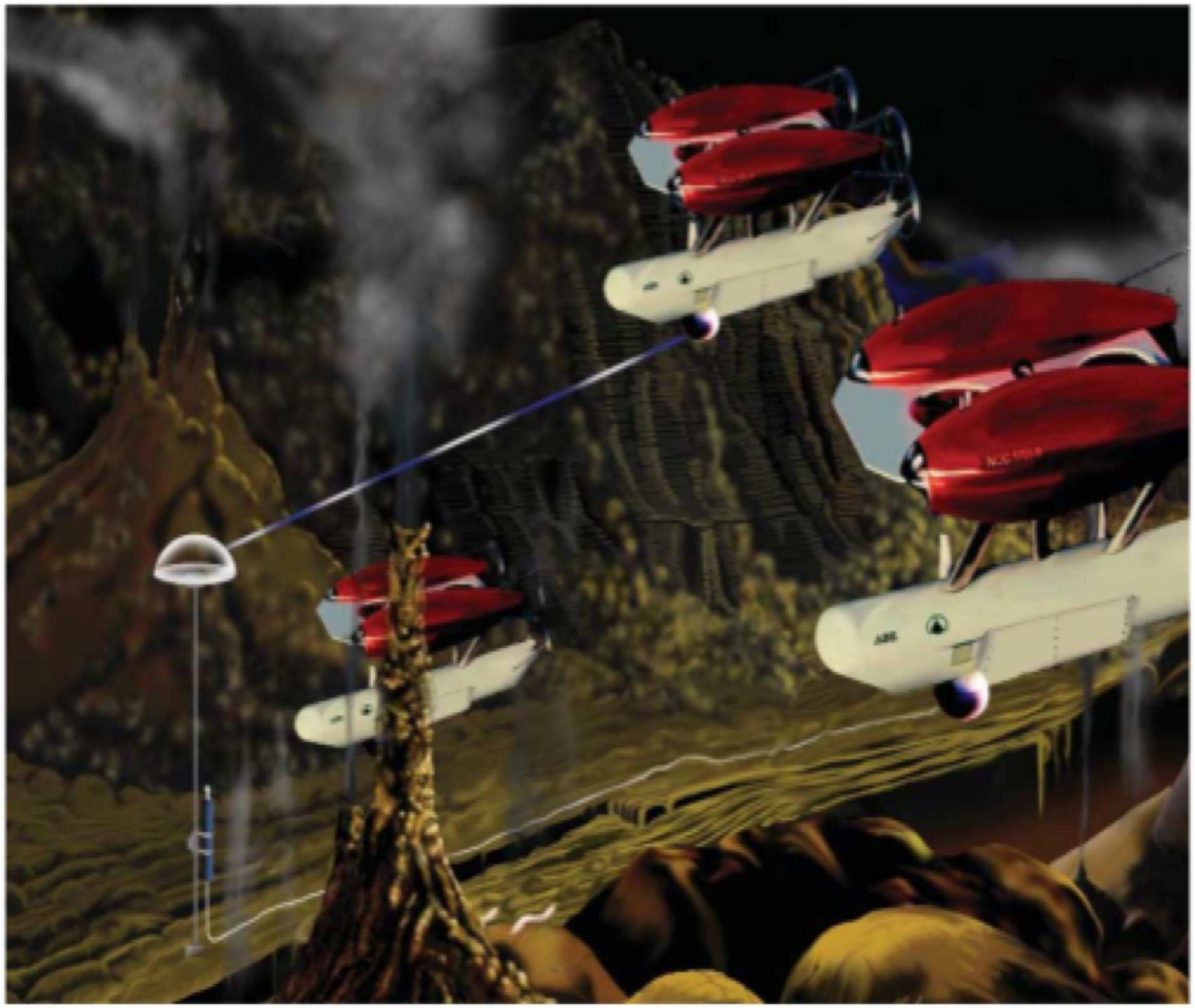

Figure 5: A coordinated set of autonomous underwater vehicles

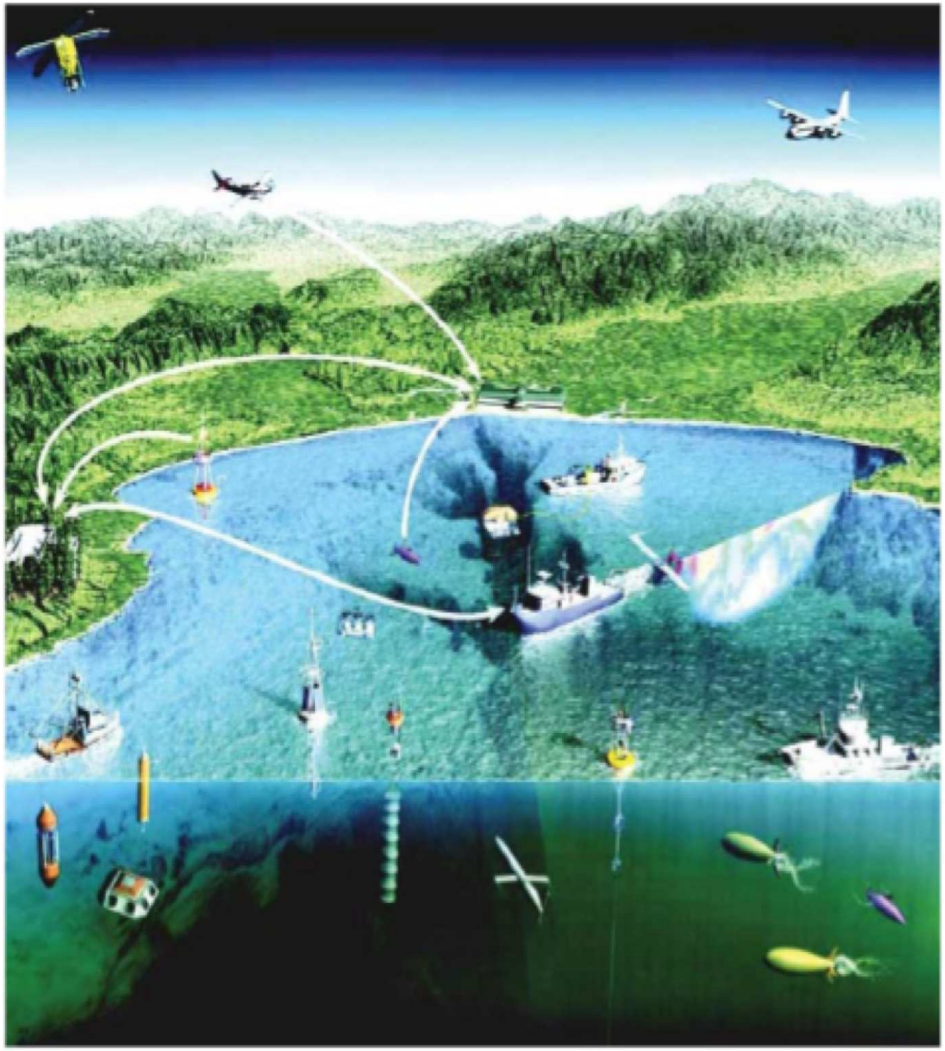

Figure 3: Observatory comprised of ships, aircraft and autonomous vehicles linked to assimilation modeling capabilities on shore

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- Platforms
- Instruments

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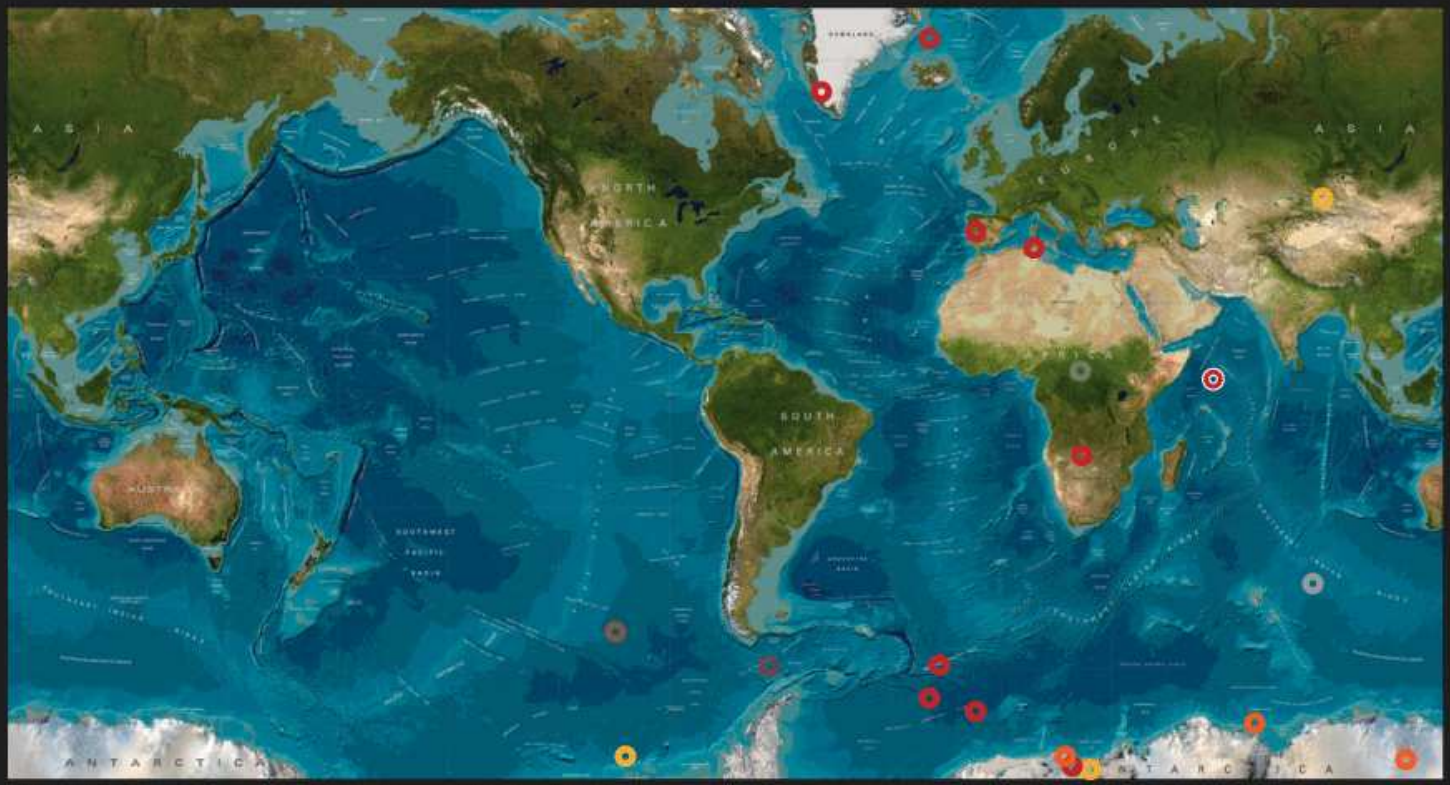

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- Salinity
- Oxygen ✓
- Density
- Currents
- Sea Surface Height (SSH)
- Chlorophyll
- Turbidity ✓
- pH
- Seismology ✓
- Other ✓

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1 Hour
2 hours
3 hours
5 hours
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24 hours
48 Hours
72 Hours

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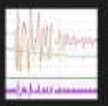

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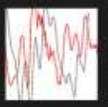

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Language and Implementations

- Carrying out large-scale experiences with OOI, Pivotal, Red Hat, Congnizant, UNIFI, TrustCare
  - JBoss SCRIBBLE [ICDCIT'10, COB'12] and SAVARA projects
- High-performance computing

  Session Java [ECOOP'08,ECOOP'10,Coordination'11]

  $\Longrightarrow$ Session C & MPI [TOOLS'12][Hearts'12][EuroMPI'12][PDP'14]
- Multiparty session languages Ocaml, Java, C, Python, Scala, Jolie
  - Trustworthy Pervasive Healthcare Services via Multiparty Session Types [FHIES'12]
  - Practical interruptible conversations: Distributed dynamic verification with session types and Python [RV'13]
  - Multiparty Session Actors [Coordination'14]

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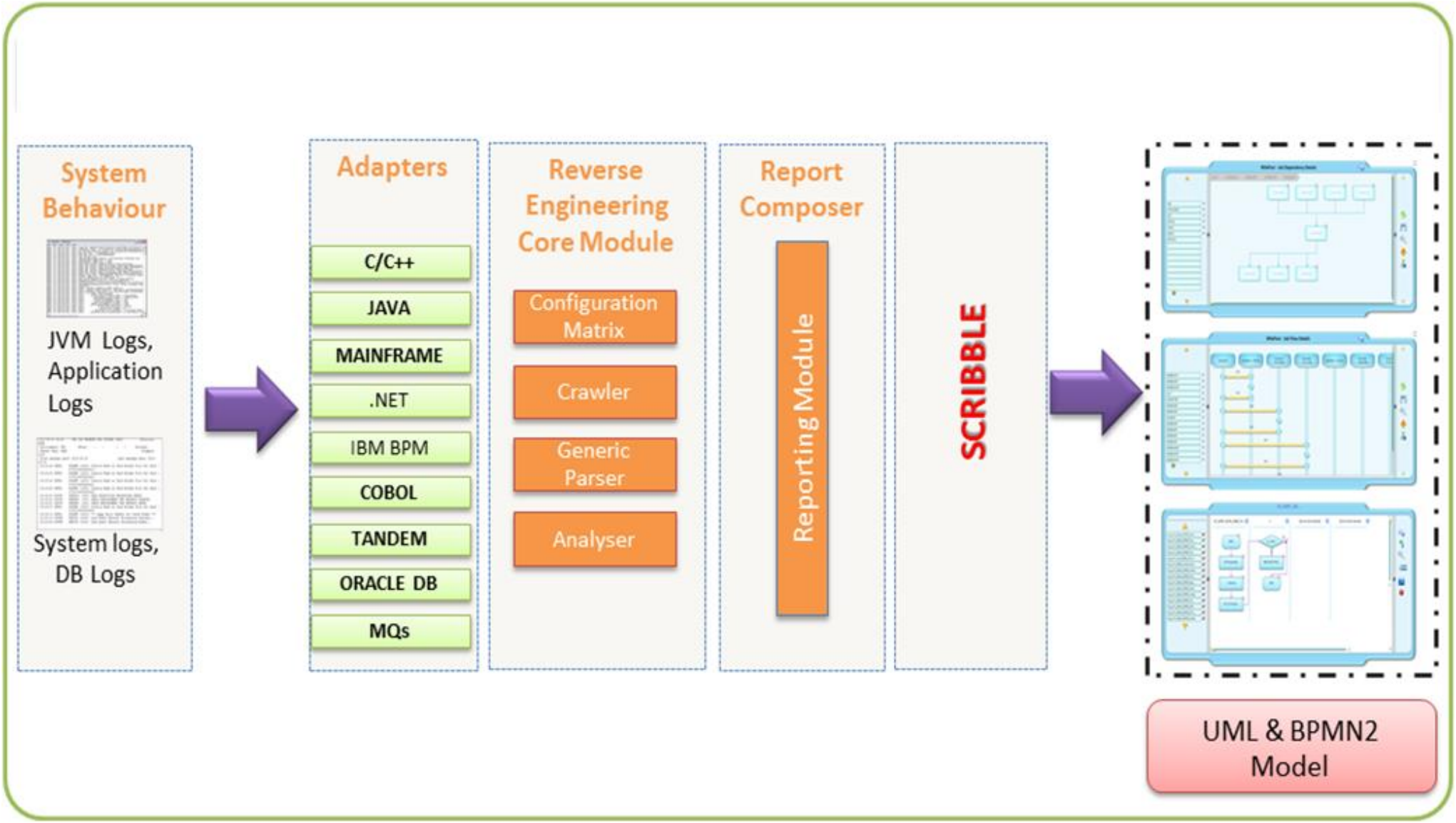
Zero Deviation Life Cycle Platform



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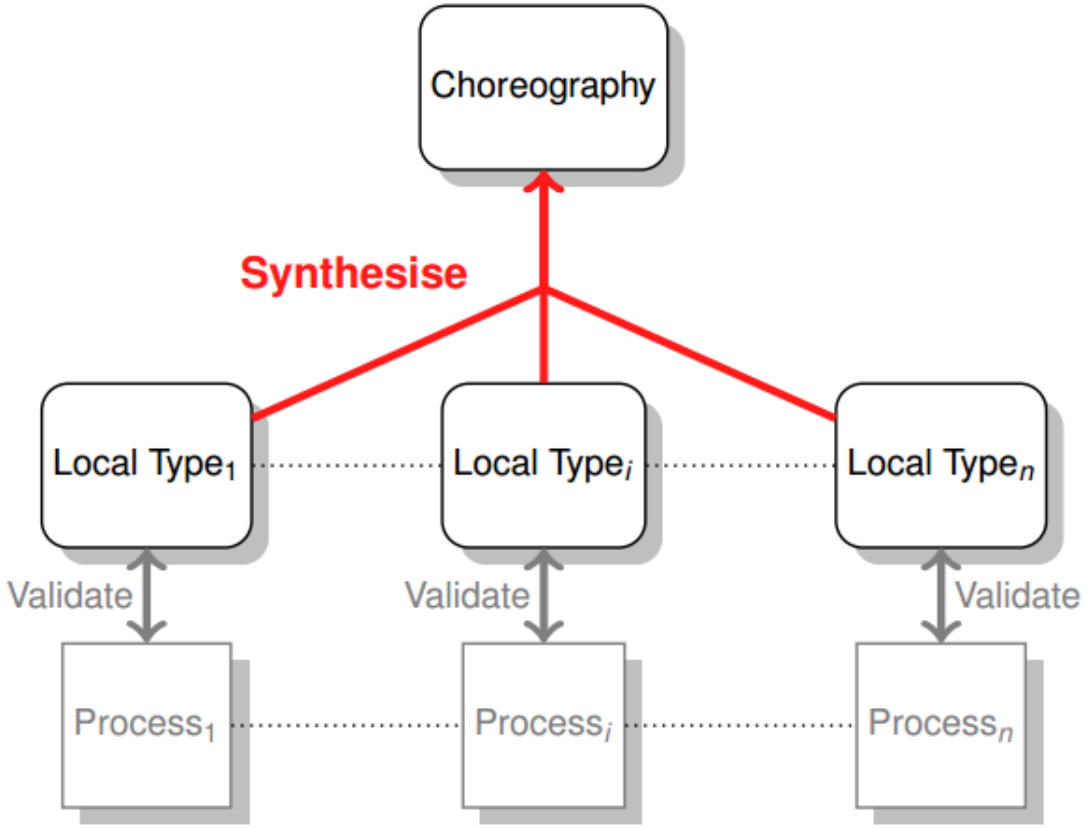
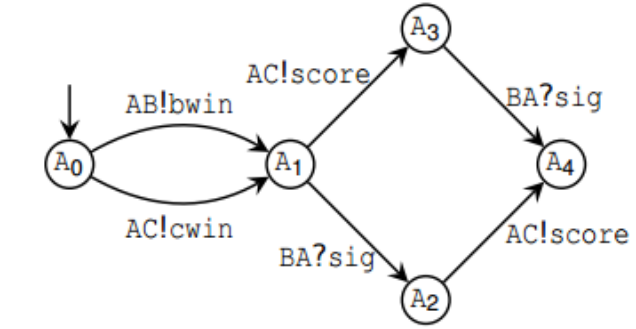


- Multiparty Session Types top-down approach (cf. POPL'08 & ESOP'12)
- Not applicable without *a priori knowledge* of a choreography
- Synthesise a choreography from a set of local specifications
- Concretely: from *Communicating Finite-State Machines* to *Global Graphs*

Synthesis of Graphical Choreographies 2/2



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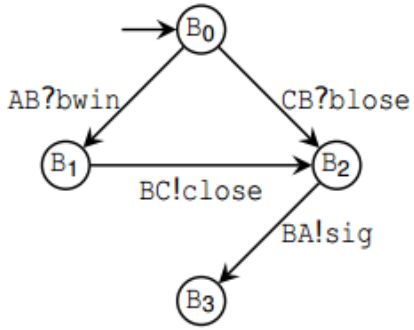

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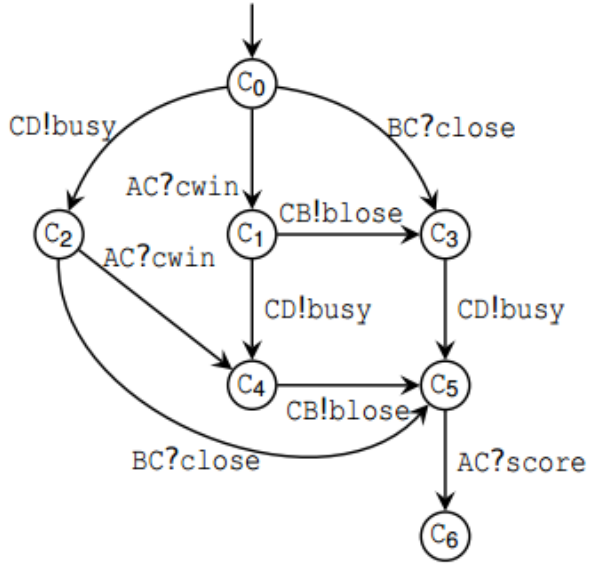

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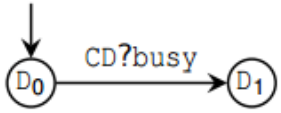

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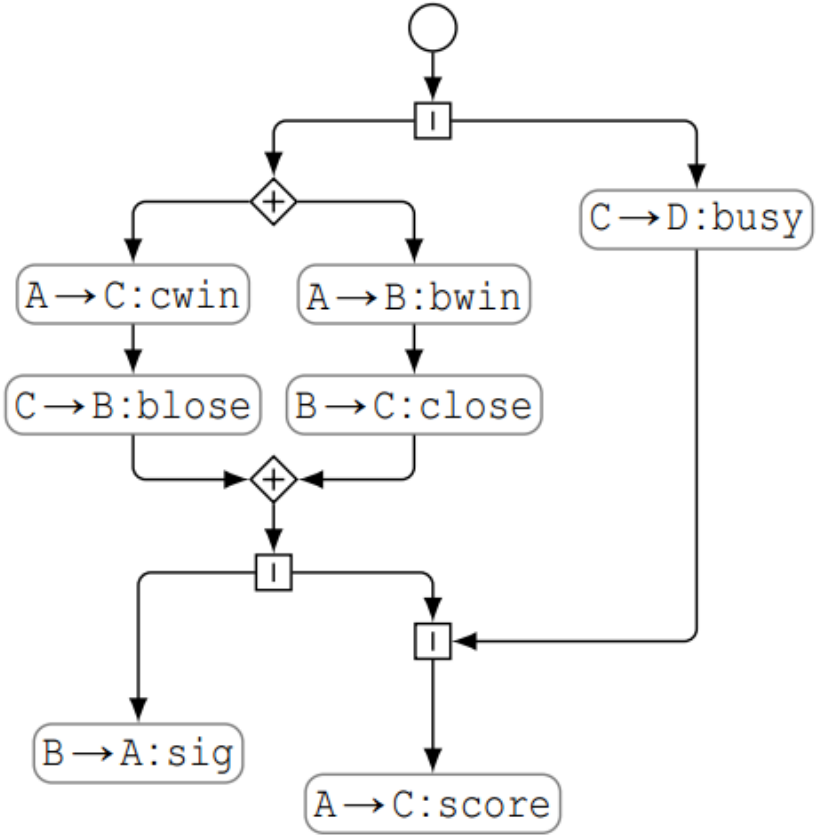
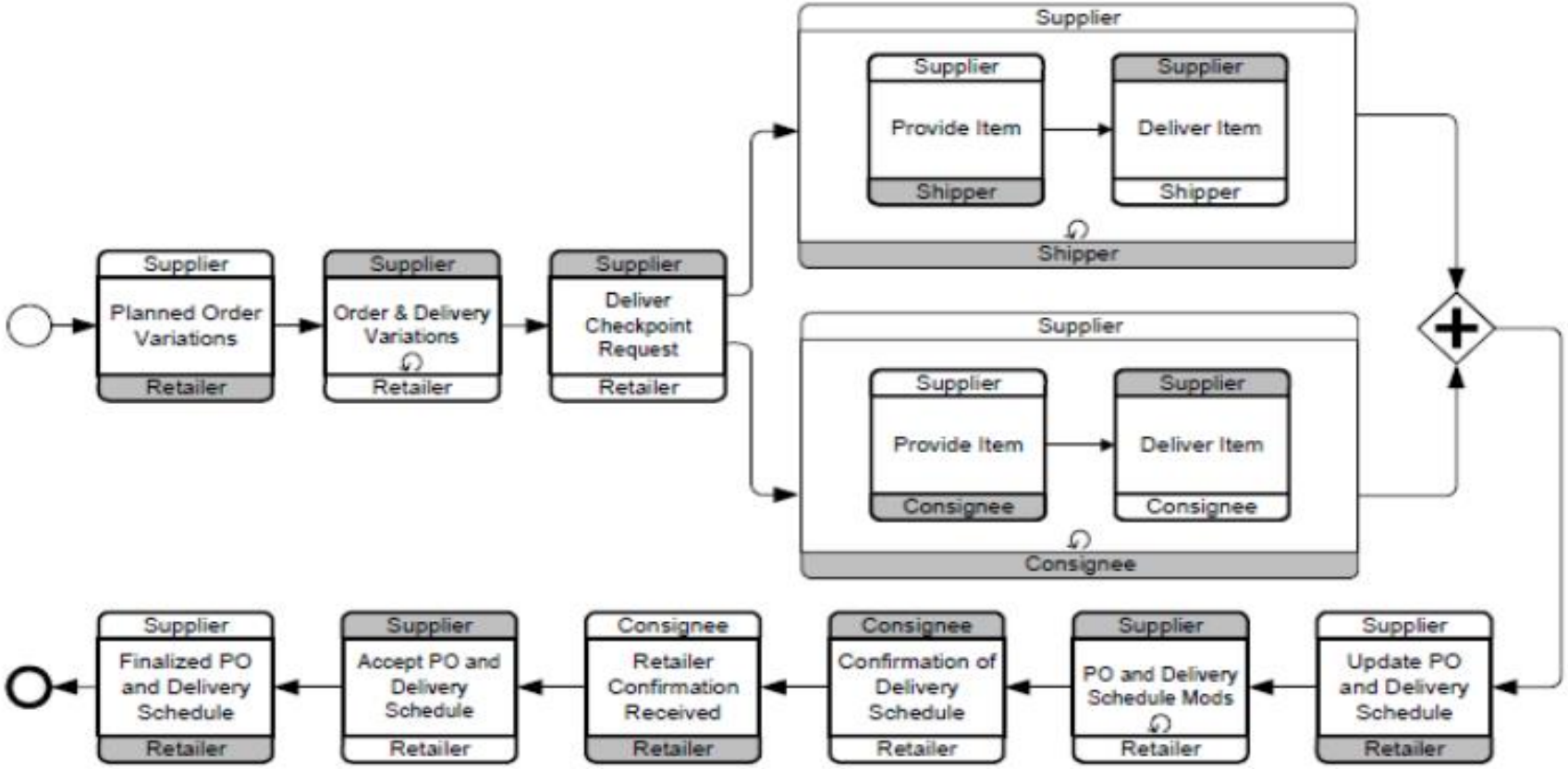


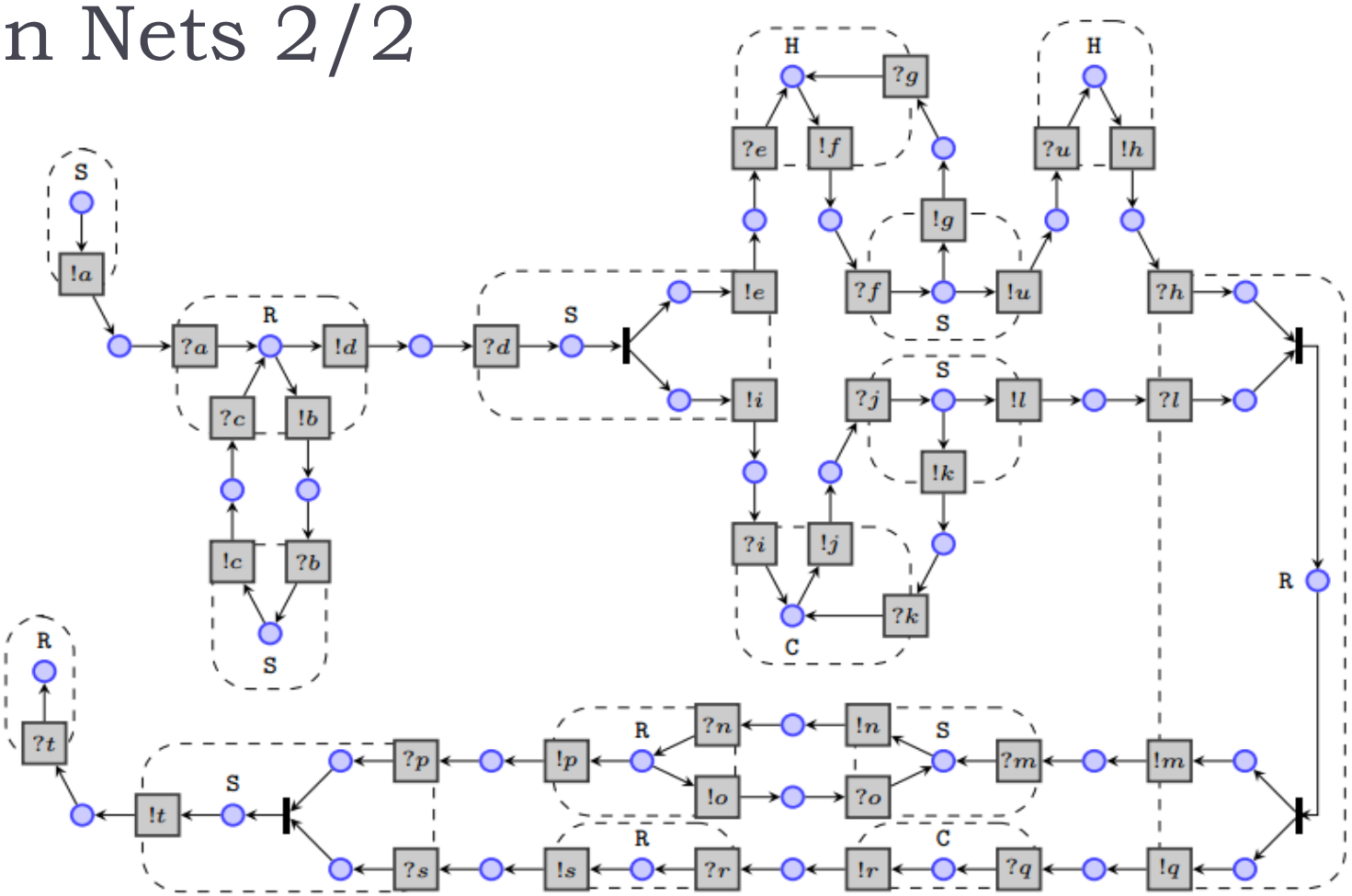
Session Nets 1/2

Graphical global specification based on Petri Nets that cannot be directly represented in the MPST linear syntax



An application of the Petri Nets token dynamics to a conformance validation

Session Nets 2/2



$g = \{a \mapsto \texttt{Planned}, b \mapsto \texttt{Order}, c \mapsto \texttt{OrderEnd}, d \mapsto \texttt{Checkpoint}, e \mapsto \texttt{Provide},$
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$l \mapsto \texttt{Update}_2, m \mapsto \texttt{PO}, n \mapsto \texttt{POAck}, o \mapsto \texttt{PO}, p \mapsto \texttt{Accept}_1, q \mapsto \texttt{Confirmation},$
$r \mapsto \texttt{Retailer}, s \mapsto \texttt{Accept}_2, t \mapsto \texttt{Finalized}, u \mapsto \texttt{ProvideEnd}\}$