



Specification and Programming of Networked Embedded Systems

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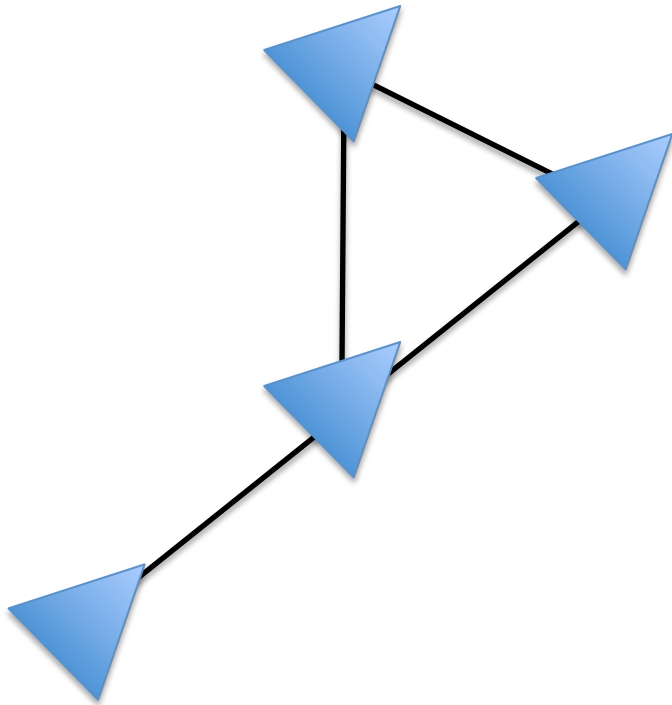
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Multi-Vehicle Control Systems



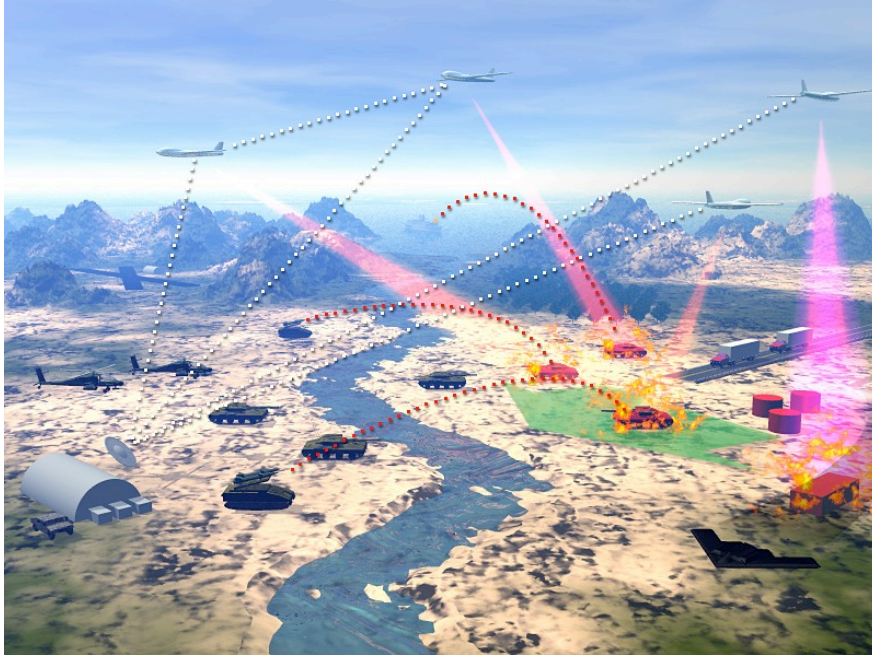
Example

$$\dot{x}_i = \sum_{j \in N(i)} x_j - x_i$$

Questions:

- How is x_i communicated?
- Are agents synchronized?
- What about switching to other tasks?
- Stochasticity?
- Faults?

Networked Embedded Systems



Asynchronous

Not necessarily “fair”

Complex software / mode
switching / state

Control is a small part of the over
engineered system

Guarded Command Languages

1975

Guarded Commands, Nondeterminacy and Formal Derivation of Programs

Edsger W. Dijkstra
Burroughs Corporation

So-called “guarded commands” are introduced as a building block for alternative and repetitive constructs that allow nondeterministic program components for which at least the activity evoked, but possibly even the final state, is not necessarily uniquely determined by the initial state. For the formal derivation of programs expressed in terms of these constructs, a calculus will be shown.

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Edsger W. Dijkstra

```
q1, q2, q3, q4 := Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4;  
do q1 > q2 → q1, q2 := q2, q1  
□ q2 > q3 → q2, q3 := q3, q2  
□ q3 > q4 → q3, q4 := q4, q3  
od.
```

- Commands executed in any order.
- Proofs must show that all (fair) interleavings lead to the correct result
- Which is the same as showing global stability.
- (see also “self-stabilizing algorithms”)

CCL: The Computation and Control Language

An Abstract CCL Program

$Red(i)$	
Initial	$x_i \in [a, b] \wedge y_i > c$
Commands	$y_i > \delta : y'_i = y_i - \delta$ $y_i \leq \delta : x'_i \in [a, b] \wedge y_i > c$
$Blue(i)$	
Initial	$z_i \in [a, b] \wedge z_i < z_{i+1}$
Commands	$z_i < x_{\alpha(i)} \wedge z_i < z_{i+1} - \delta : z'_i = z_i + \delta$ $z_i > x_{\alpha(i)} \wedge z_i > z_{i-1} + \delta : z'_i = z_i - \delta$

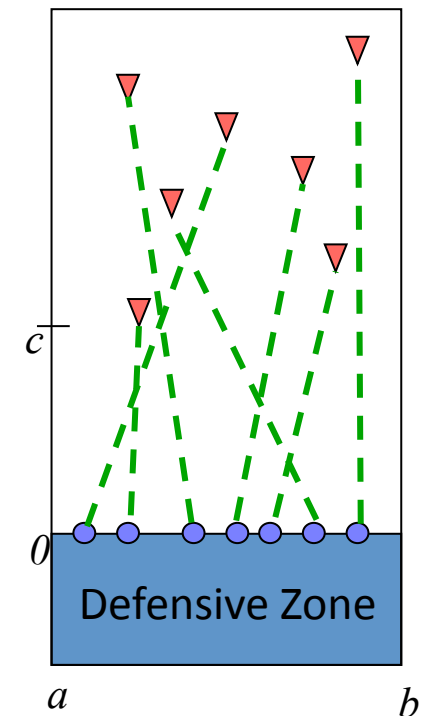
$$P_{Blue}(n) = +_{i=1}^n Blue(i)$$

CCLi = CCL Interpreter

- Guarded commands
- Program composition
- Strong type checker
- Extensible

Klavins, 2003.

Klavins and Murray, 2004.



Outline

- Fay
 - CCLi (The CCL Interpreter)
 - Example: Consensus with message passing
- Nils
 - CCLi with the “Factory Floor Testbed”
 - Composition
 - Stochastic Schedule



Introduction to CCL Syntax and Semantics

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Distributed Systems

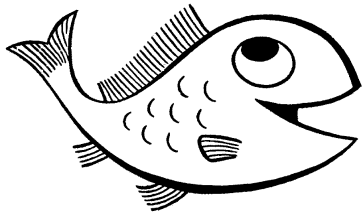


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- Distributed Systems
- Overview of the language
 - Guarded commands
 - Extensibility and libraries
 - Programs and Composition
- Examples
 - Consensus

Guarded commands

- Local rules
- Guard, action



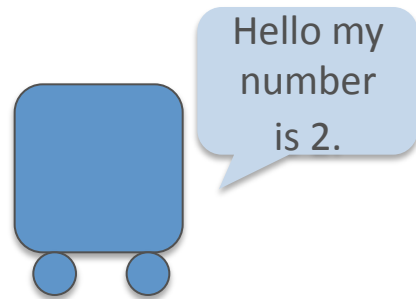
Global behavior



```
boolean expression :{  
    command_1,  
    command_2,  
    ...  
    command_k  
};
```

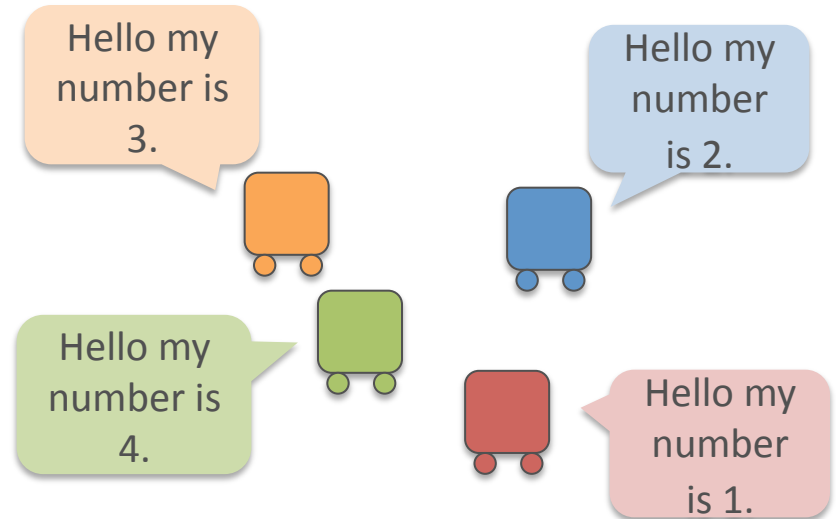
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```
boolean expression : {  
  command_1,  
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  ...  
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};
```

Global behavior



```
true : {  
  print ( "Hello my number  
    is ", n , "\n")  
};
```

Programs

```
program p ( param_1, ..., param_n ) := {  
    statement_1  
    statement_2  
    ...  
    statement_m  
};
```

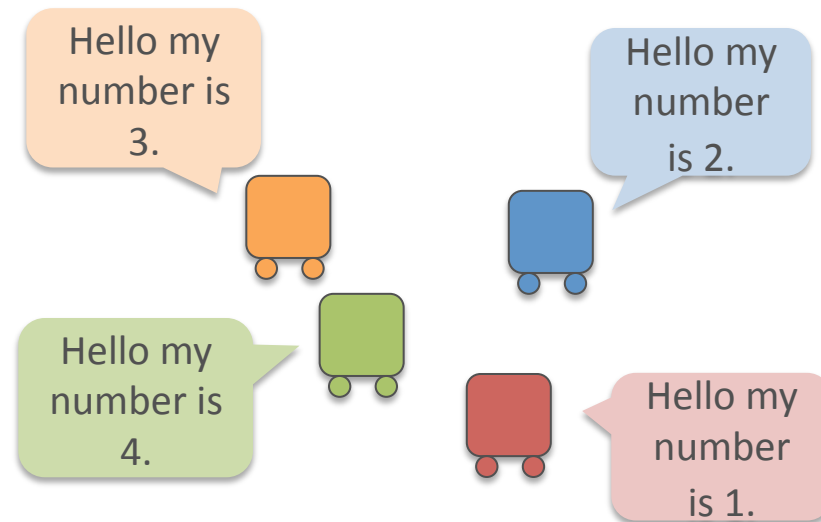
A statement is an initialization $x := 10$ or a guarded command.

```
program agent ( n ) := {  
    done := false;  
    true : {  
        print ( "Hello my number is ", n , "\n" ),  
        done := true  
    };  
    done : { exit () };  
};
```

Composition of programs

```
program agent ( n ) := {  
  true : { print ( "Hello my number is ", n ,"\n" ) };  
};
```

```
program main := agent (1) + agent (2) + agent (3) + agent (4);
```



in what order?

Execution order

```
program agent ( n ) := {  
  true : { print ( "Hello my number is ", n ,"\n") };  
};  
program main := agent (1) + agent (2) + agent (3) + agent (4);
```

```
ccli system.ccl
```

```
Hello my number is 1  
Hello my number is 2  
Hello my number is 3  
Hello my number is 4  
Hello my number is 1  
Hello my number is 2  
Hello my number is 3  
Hello my number is 4  
Hello my number is 1  
Hello my number is 2  
Hello my number is 3
```

```
ccli system.ccl -r
```

```
Hello my number is 2  
Hello my number is 3  
Hello my number is 1  
Hello my number is 4  
Hello my number is 2  
Hello my number is 4  
Hello my number is 1  
Hello my number is 3  
Hello my number is 3  
Hello my number is 2  
Hello my number is 1
```

Types and Expressions

- Types

- Boolean `true & false`
- Integer/Real `(1 + 1) ^ 5 + 7 % 3`
- String `("abc" <> "def")`
- List `1 @ { 2, 3 }`
- Record `[to:= 1, from:= 7, msg:= "hi there!"]`

- Pre runtime type checker – no type errors!

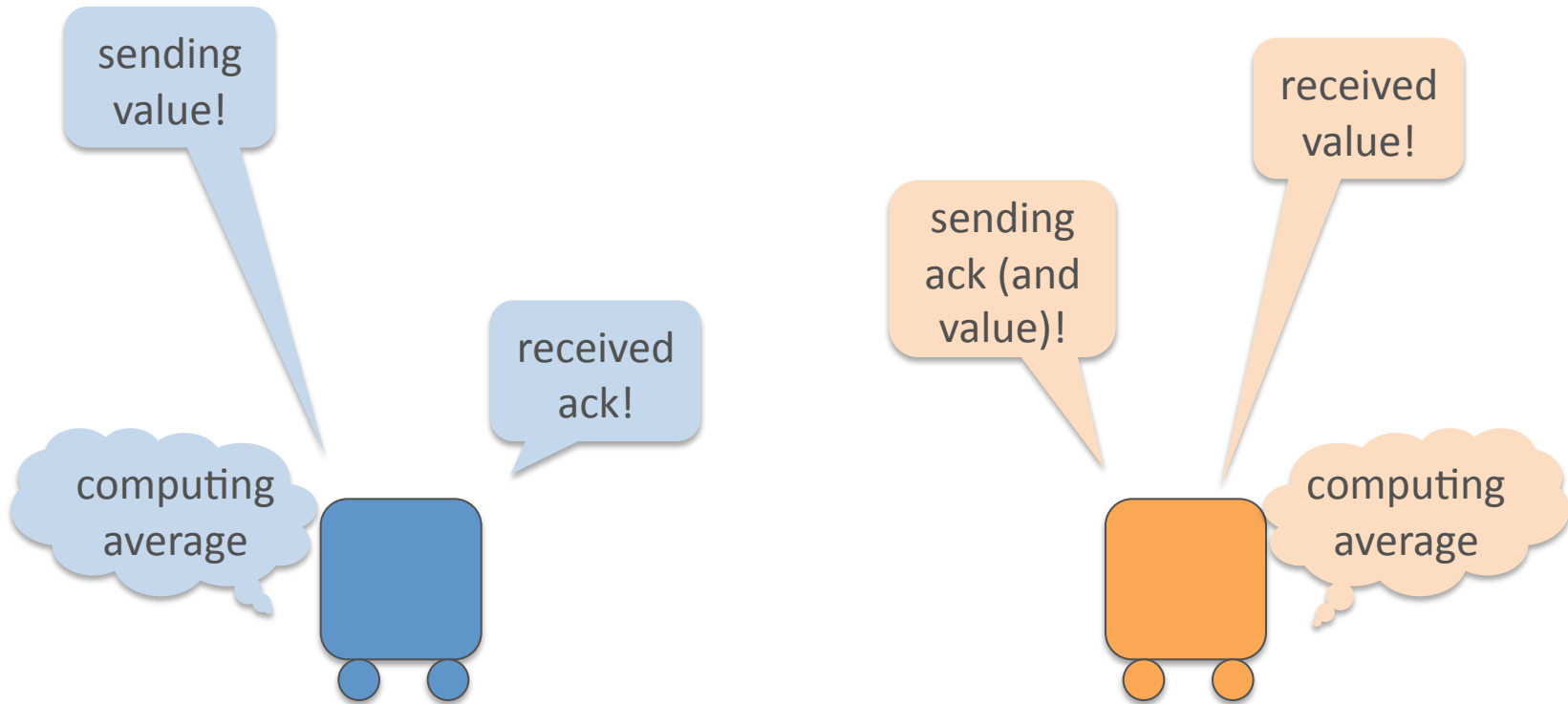
- Interesting Expressions

- Conditional `if 1 > 0 then 1 else 0 end;`
- Let `let x := 10, y := x/2 in x+y end;`
- Lambda `f := lambda x . -x;`
- Functions `fun fact n
 if n <= 0 then 1 else n* fact (n-1)
end;`

Libraries

- Standard
- Math
- List
- Interprocess Communication
 - Mailboxes for easy concurrent programming
- UDP Datagrams
 - Multiple CCL programs talking over a network
- Graphics
 - Visualize dynamic data

Consensus



Inter-Process Communication

- `iprocccl` library

```
send([to:= 1, from:= 7])
```

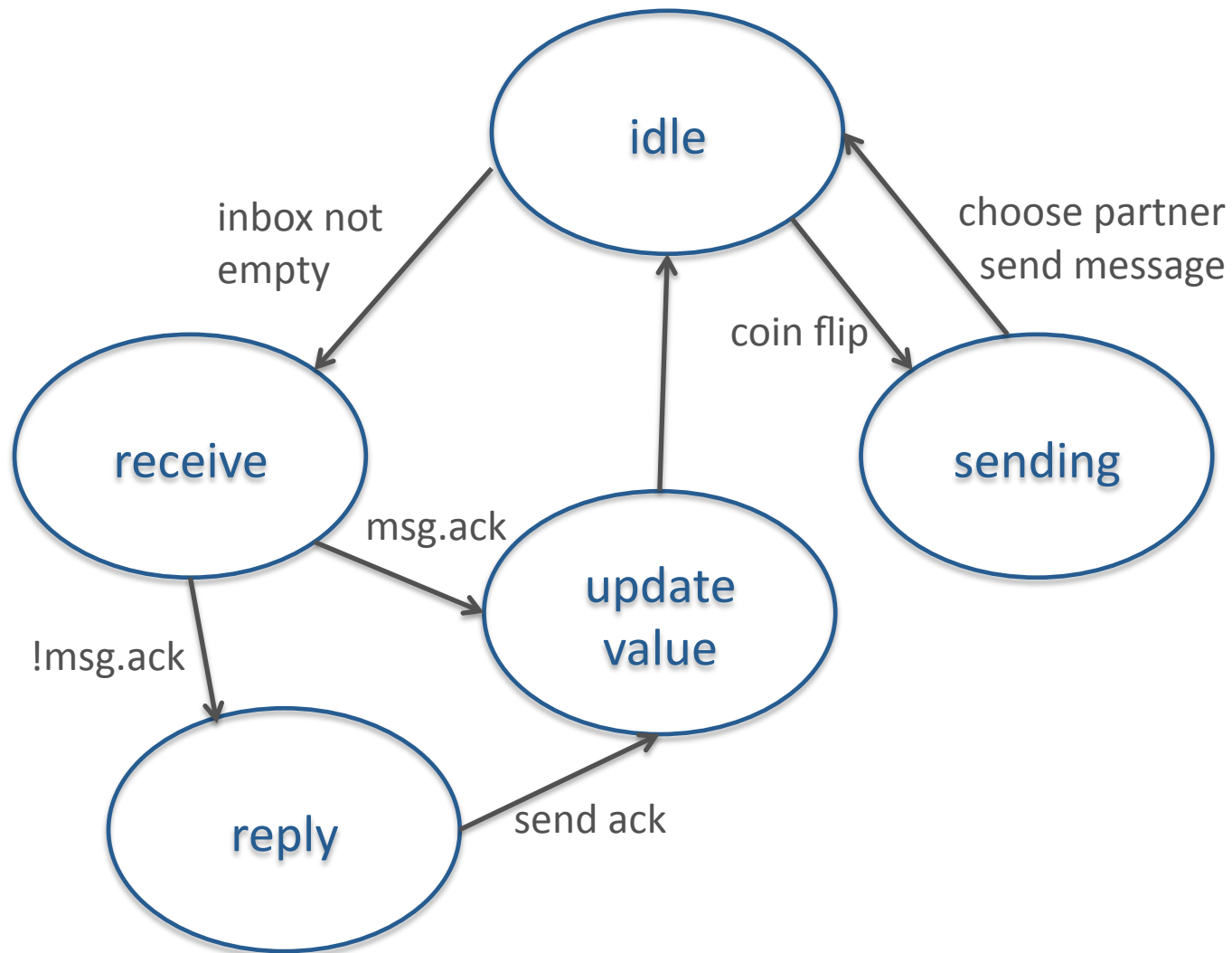
```
inbox(i)
```

returns boolean expression

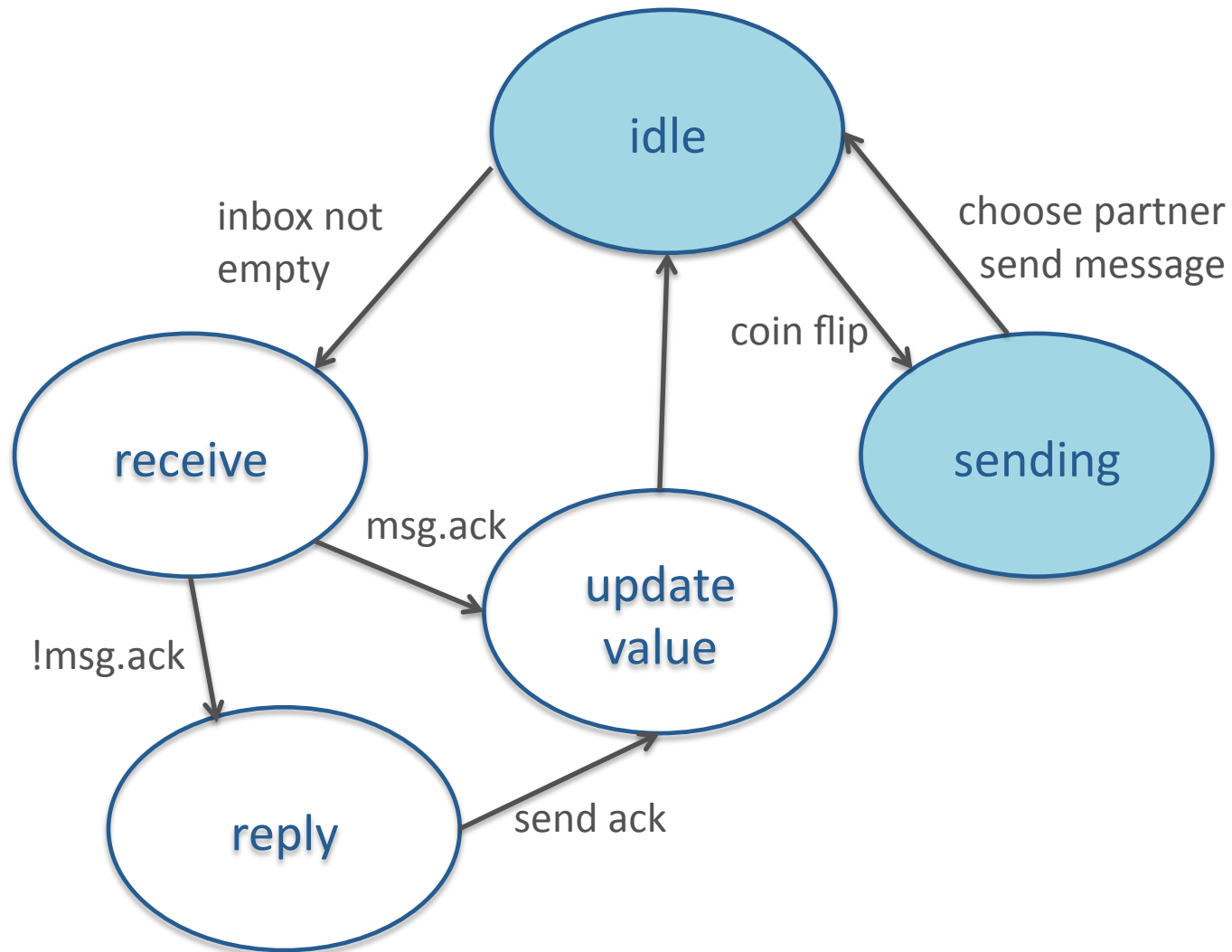
```
recv(i)
```

reads message

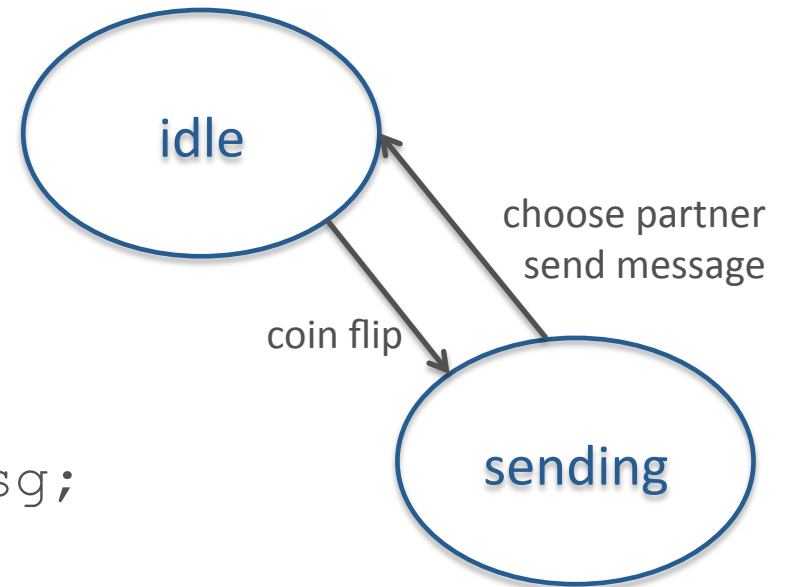
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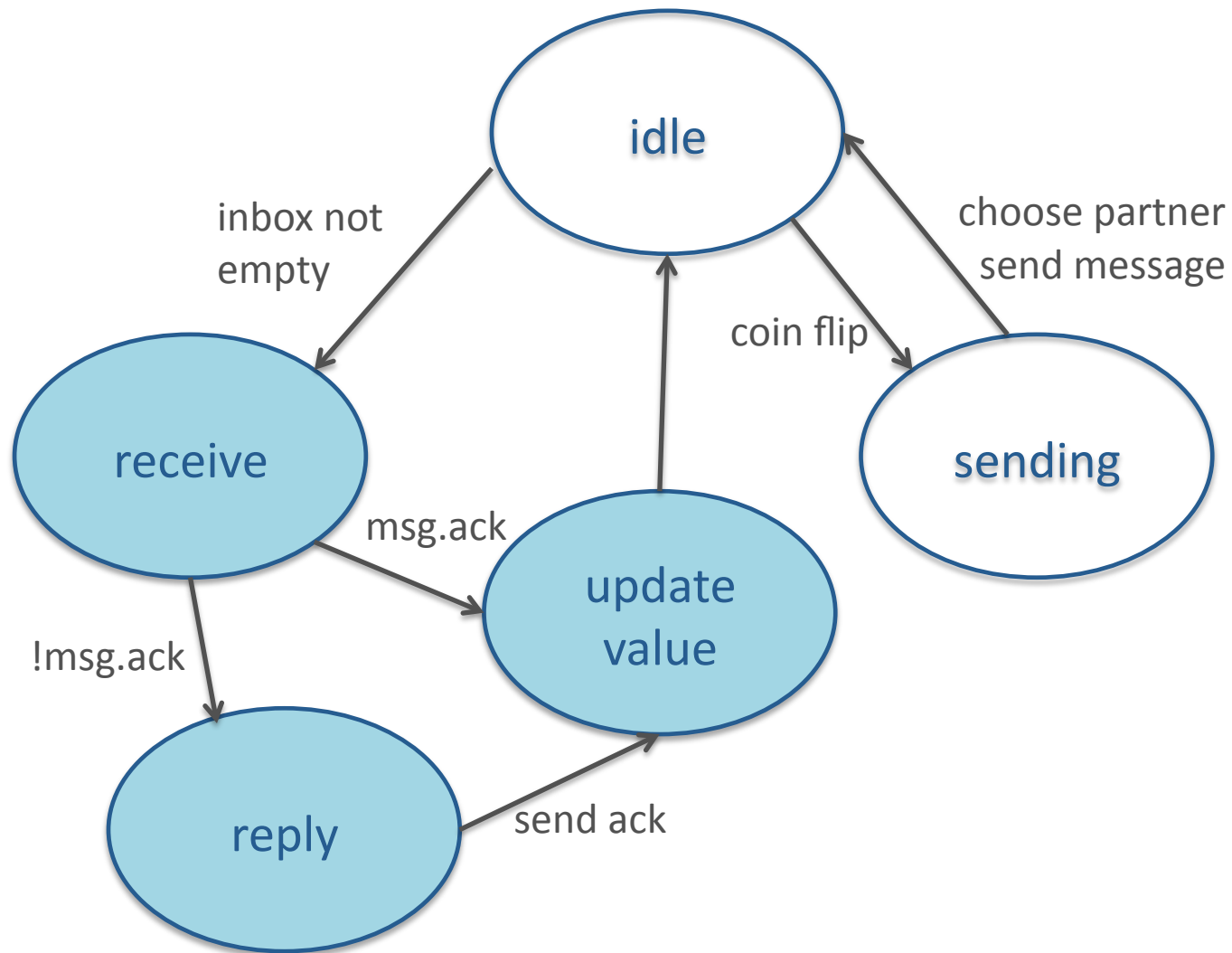


Send



```
program send_msg (i) :=  
  
  needs mode, x, toRobot, msg;  
  
  (mode = "idle") & (rand(1000) = 1) :{  
    toRobot := (i + rand( N - 1 ) + 1) % N,  
  
    send([to := toRobot , from := i, x := x,  
    ack := false]),  
  
  };  
  
};
```

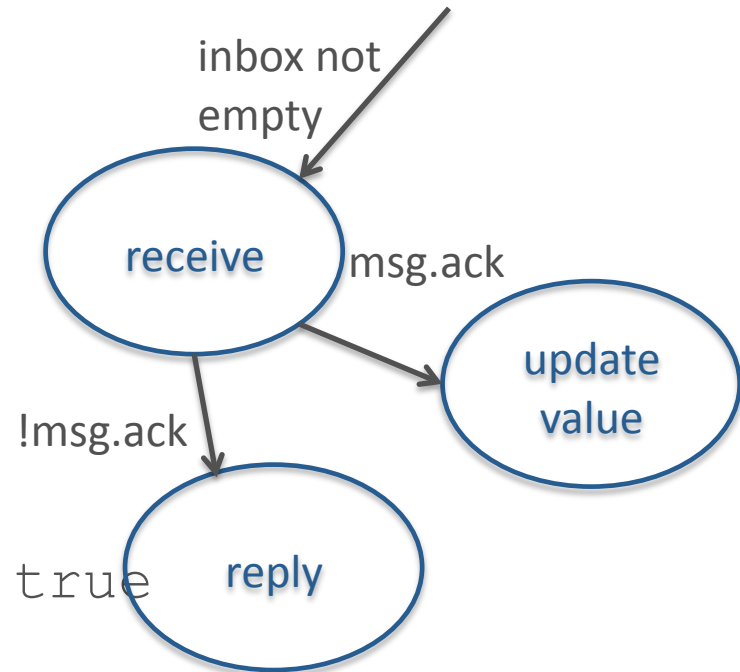
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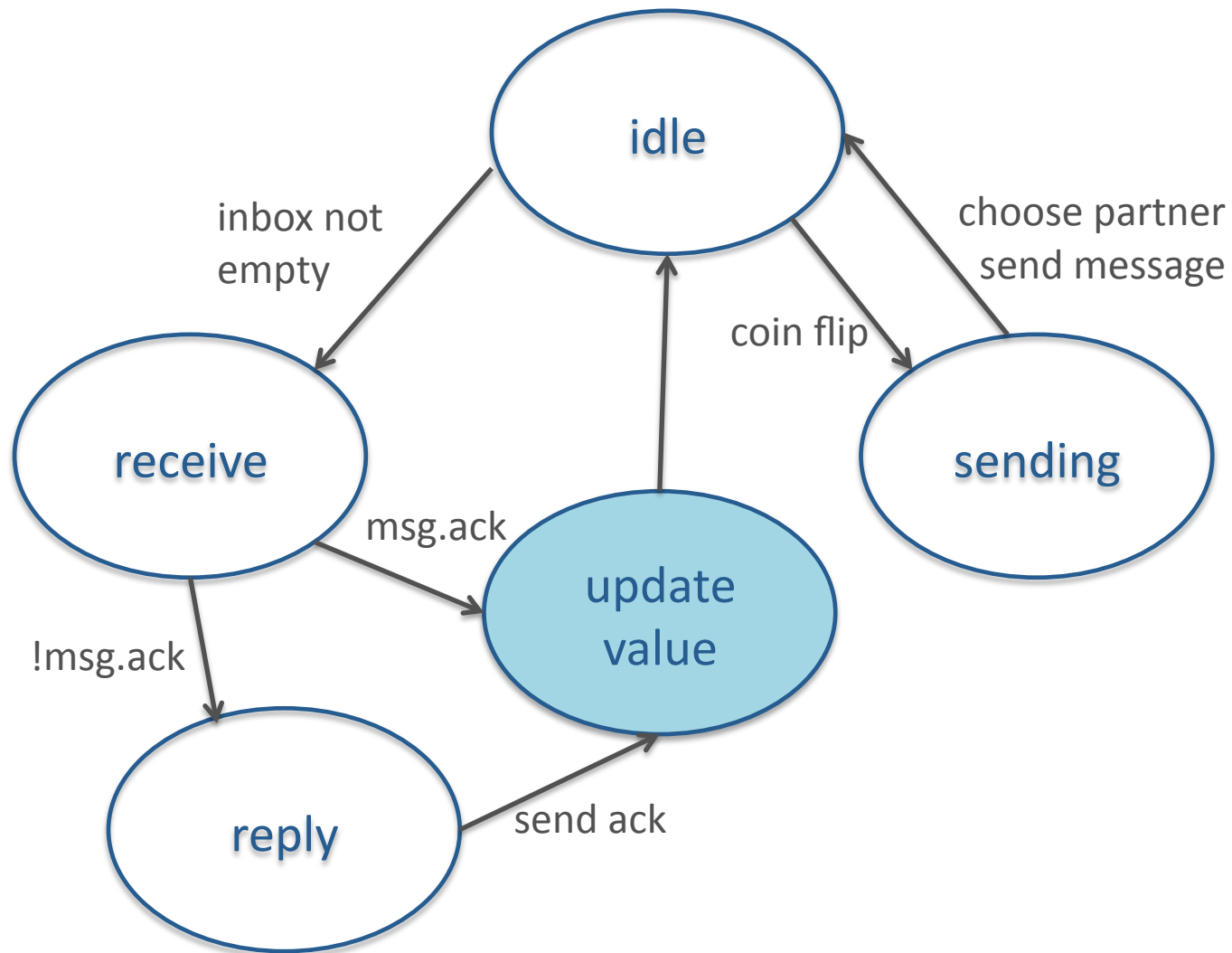
Receive

```
program recv_msg (i) :={
  needs x, mode, msg;
  inbox(i) :{
    msg := recv(i),

    mode := if msg.ack = true
            then "update"
            else "reply"
  }
end
};
};
```



State Diagram



Process Message

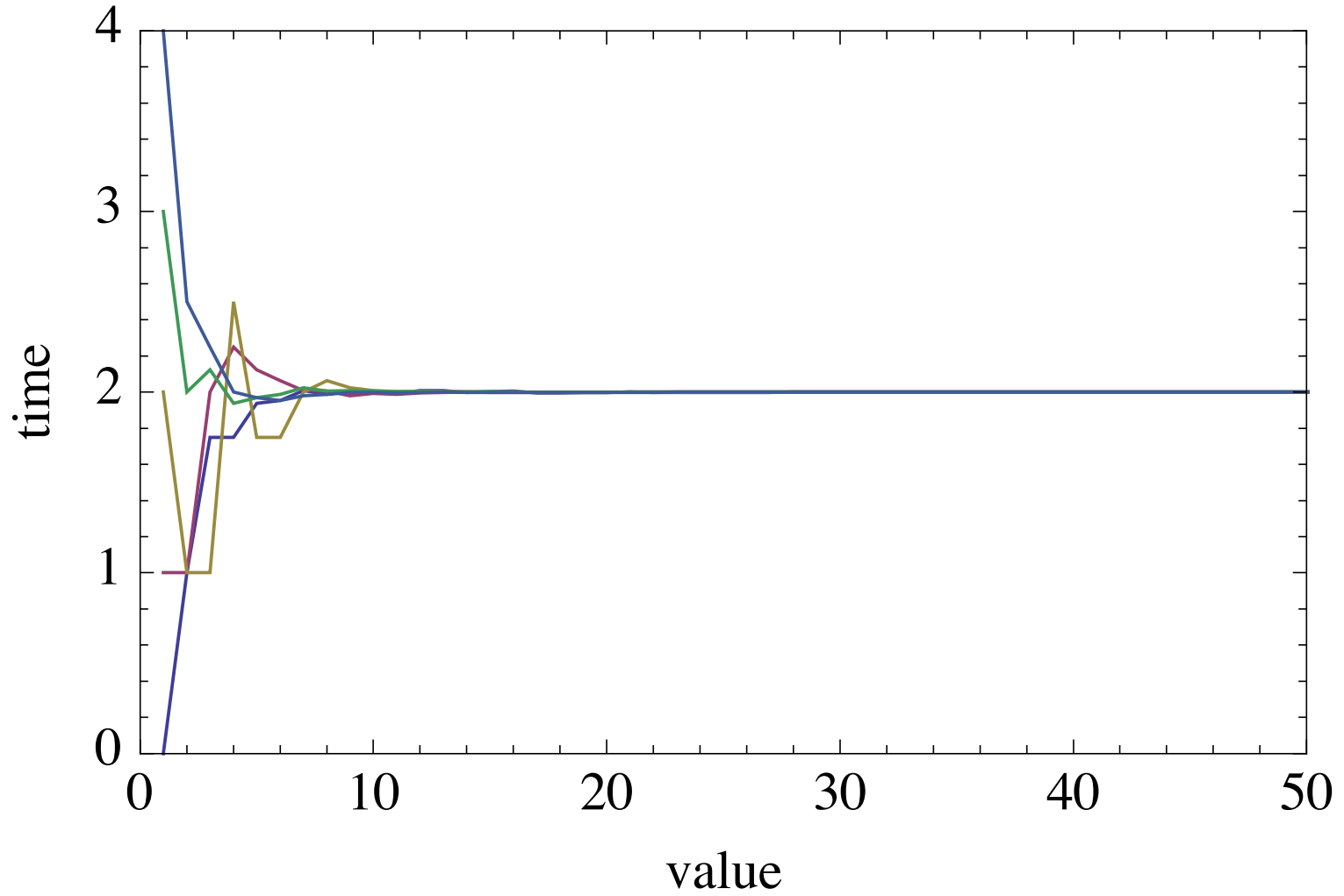
```
program proc_msg (i) :={  
  
  needs x, mode, msg;  
  
  mode = "update" :{  
    x:= 0.5*(msg.x+x),  
    mode := "idle"  
  };  
  
  mode = "reply" :{  
    send ([to:= msg.from, from:= i, x :=x,  
ack:=true]),  
    mode := "update"  
  };  
};
```

Composition

```
program agent = send + receive  
  sharing i x;
```

```
program main() := compose i in range  
  n : agent ( i, n ) ;
```

Plotted Data



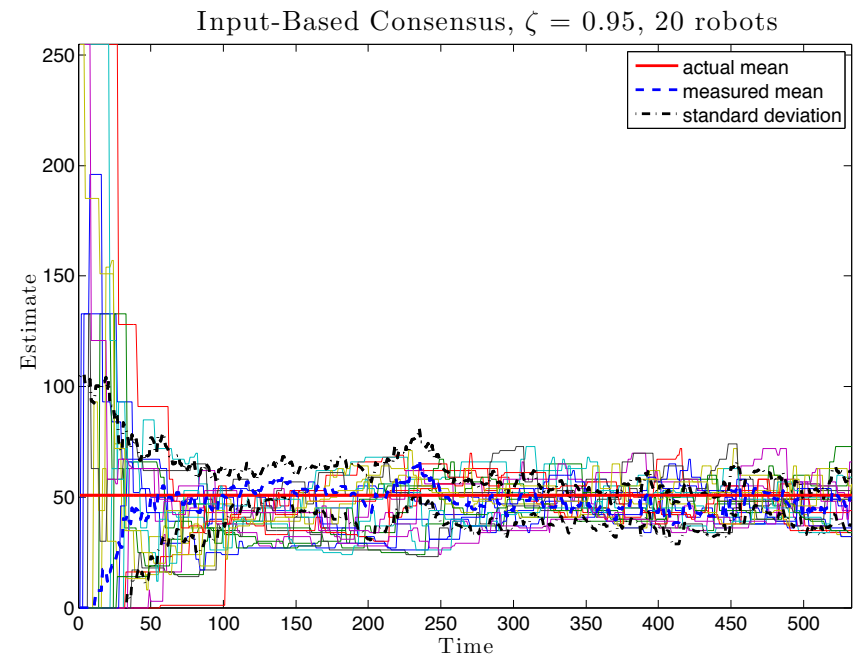
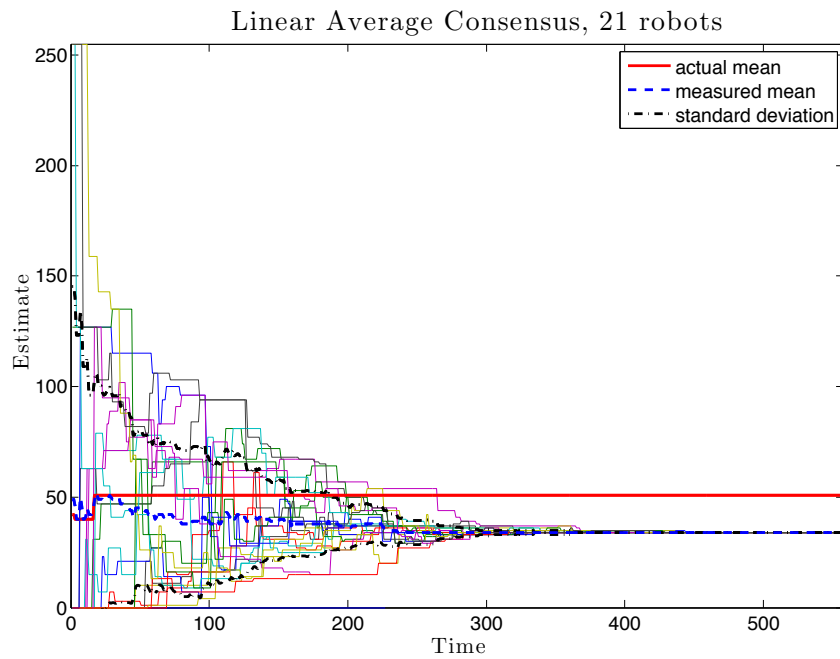
More Composition

```
program agent ( n ) = send + receive;
```

```
program interceptor = agent ( n ) +  
  intercept;
```

```
program main() := compose i in range  
  n : agent ( i ) + interceptor;
```

Dropped Messages



Extensibility

- `extern`
 - shared library

```
extern "C" Value * ccl_cos (list<Value *> * args ) {  
    return new Value ( cos ( ( *args -> begin())  
        -> num_values() ) );  
}
```

```
g++ -shared -o ccl_math.so ccl_math.cc -I  
    \$(CCL_ROOT)/base
```

Software

- Available for
 - Mac
 - Linux
- source `init_env`
- make `TARGET=MAC`

<http://soslabs.ee.washington.edu/mw/index.php/Code>

The FF-Library for CCL

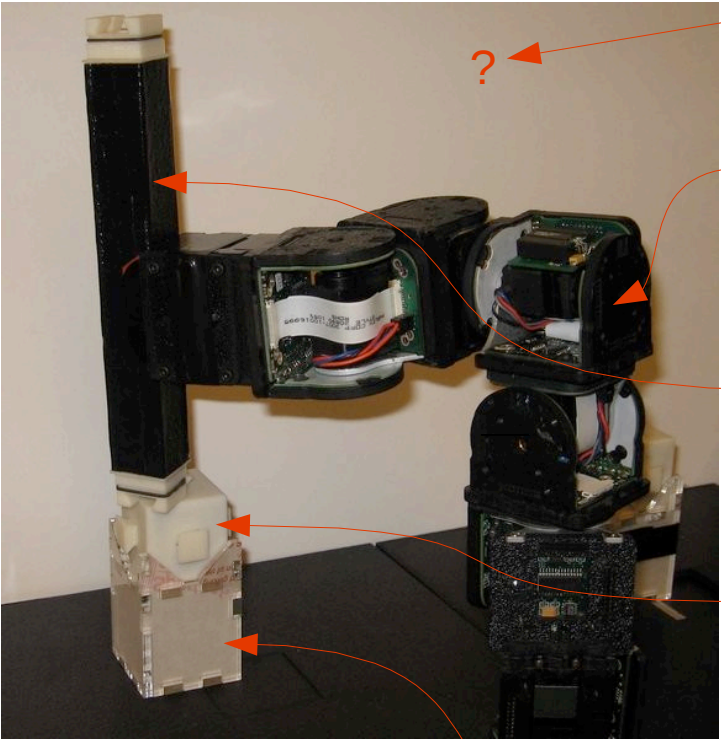


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Stochastic Factory Floor (SFF)



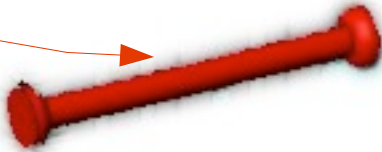
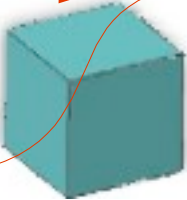
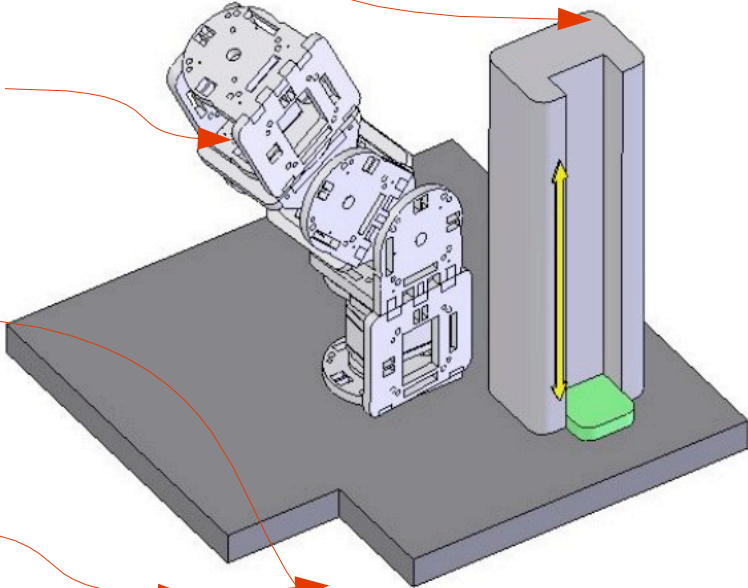
Elevator

Robotic Manipulator

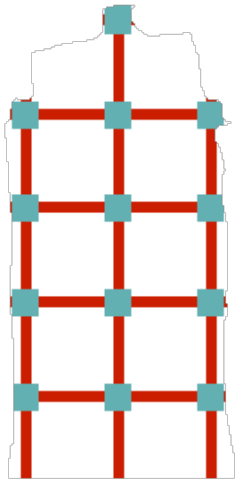
Truss

Node

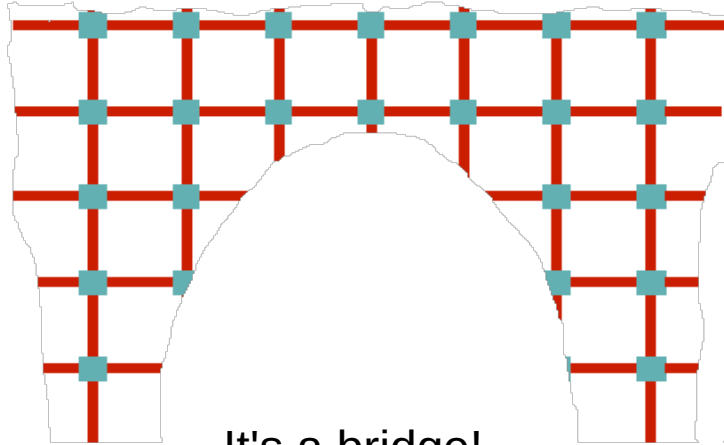
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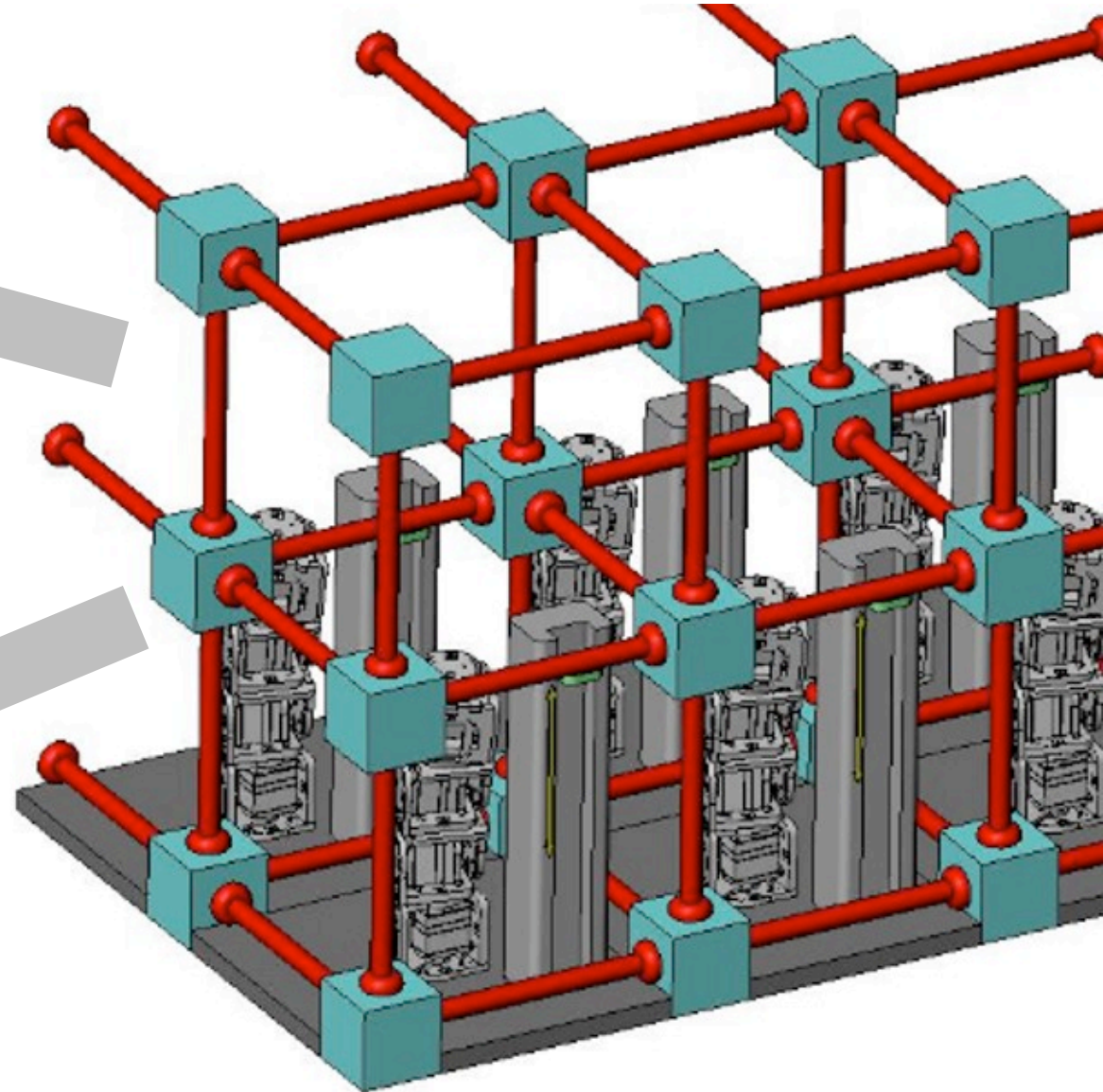
Stochastic Factory Floor (SFF)



It's a skyscraper!



It's a bridge!



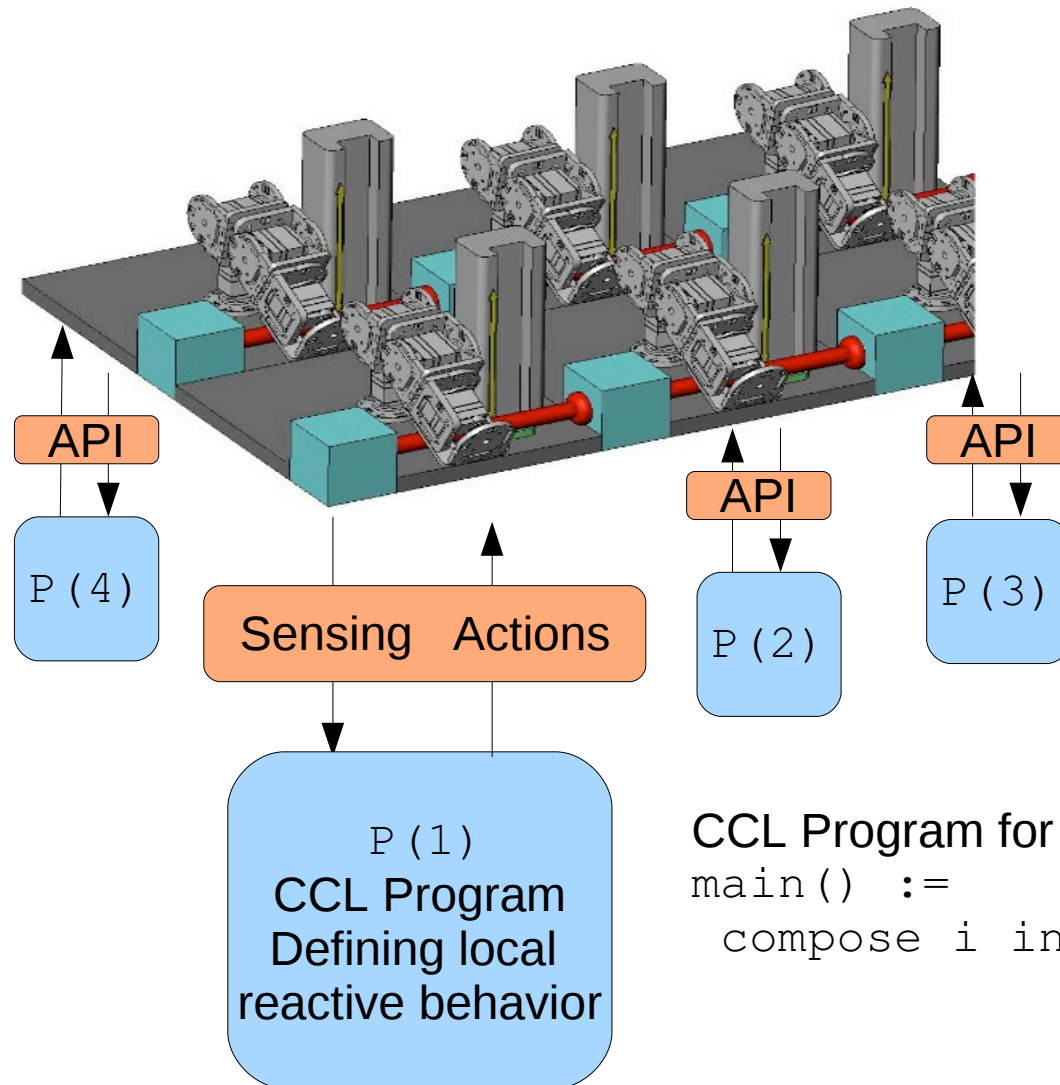
Reconfiguration Movie



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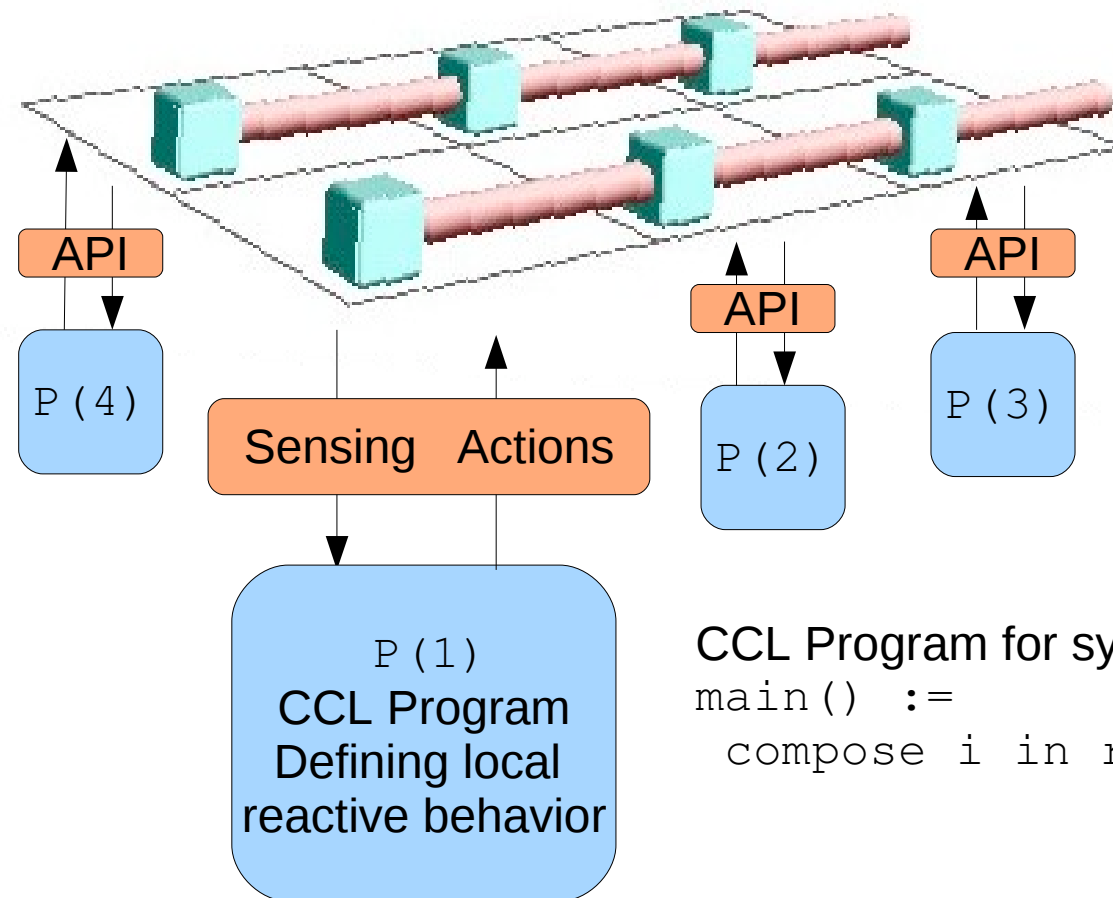
Programming the FF Testbed



CCL Program for system:

```
main() :=  
  compose i in range 1 4: P (i);
```

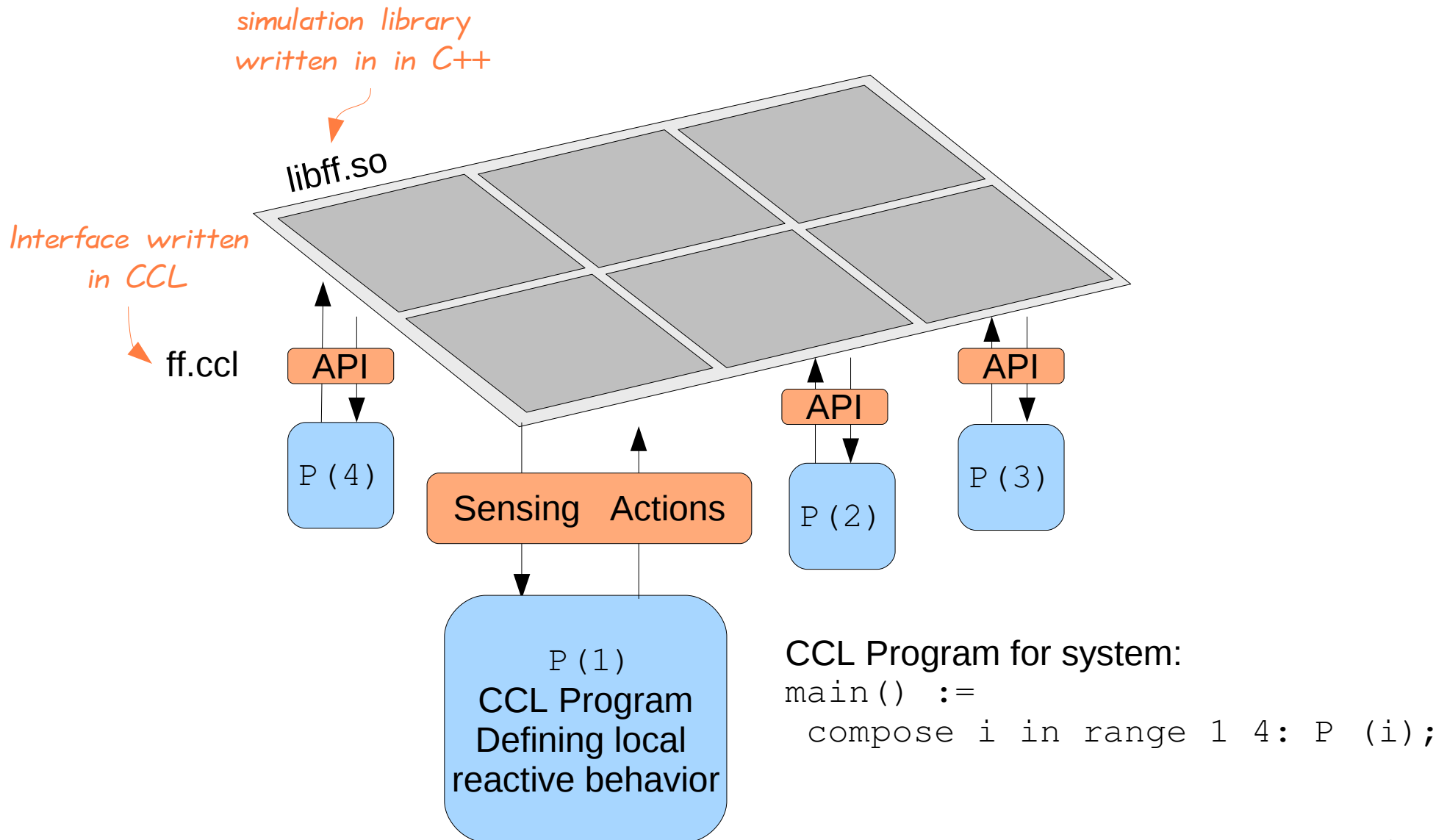
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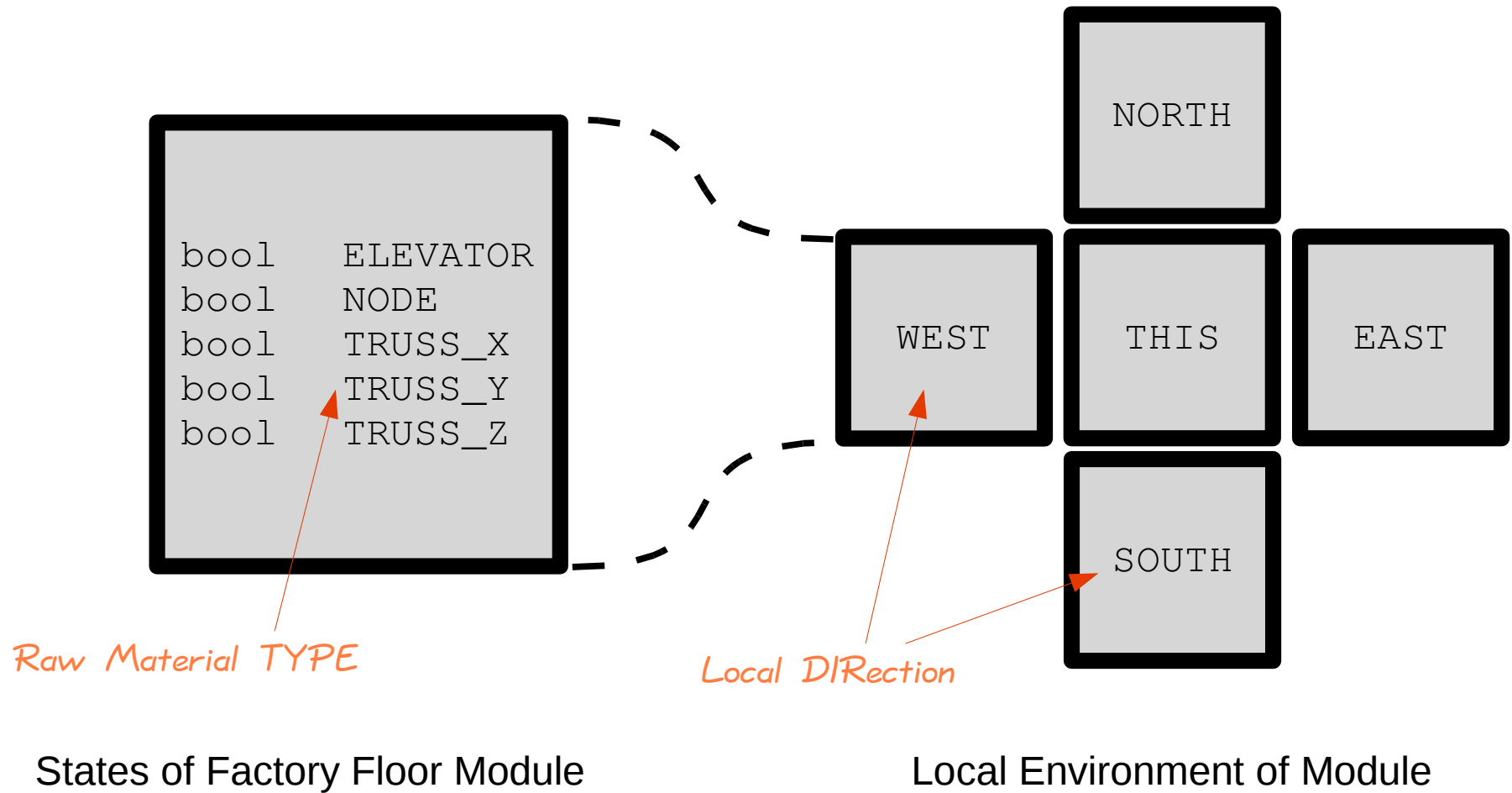
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Model of Factory Floor Modules



API to Factory Floor Modules

Directions (DIR): THIS, NORTH, EAST, SOUTH, WEST

Type of Raw material (TYPE): NODE, TRUSS_X, TRUSS_Y, TRUSS_Z

Checking status:

```
checkFilled   DIR TYPE
checkEmpty    DIR TYPE
checkElevatorUp DIR
```

Changing the state:

```
moveNode     DIR
moveTruss    TYPE DIR TYPE
insert       TYPE
remove       TYPE
lift
lower
```

API to Factory Floor Modules

From **ff.ccl**

```
...

/* for initializing simulation */
external unit initff() "libff.so" "ccl_FFinit";
external unit readStructure() "libff.so" "ccl_FFread";

/* get sensor data */
external bool checkFilledXY(int, int, int, int) "libff.so"
"ccl_checkFilled";
external bool checkEmptyXY(int, int, int, int) "libff.so"
"ccl_checkEmpty";

/* act on on state */
external unit insertXY(int, int, int) "libff.so" "ccl_insert";
external unit removeXY(int, int, int) "libff.so" "ccl_remove";
external unit liftXY(int, int) "libff.so" "ccl_lift";
external unit lowerXY(int, int) "libff.so" "ccl_lower";
external unit moveNodeXY(int,int, int) "libff.so" "ccl_moveNode";
external unit moveTrussXY(int, int, int, int ,int) "libff.so"
"ccl_moveTruss";
...
```

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Example: moveNode

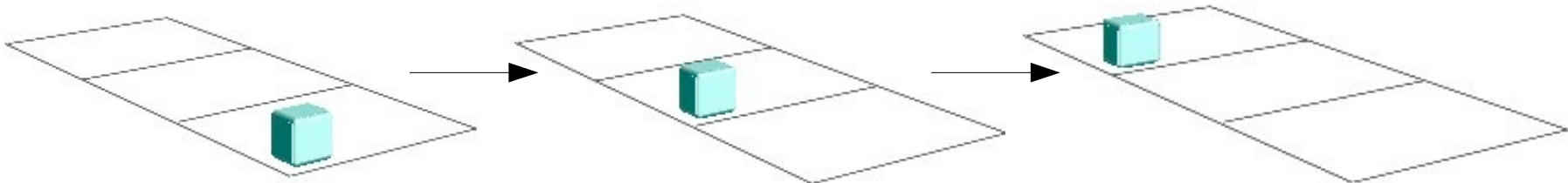
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...
external bool checkFilledXY(int, int, int, int) "libff.so" "ccl_checkFilled";
external bool checkEmptyXY(int, int, int, int) "libff.so" "ccl_checkEmpty";
...
external unit moveNodeXY(int,int, int) "libff.so" "ccl_moveNode";
...
```

```
include ff.ccl
```

```
program north(x,y) := {
    checkFilled(x,y,THIS,NORTH) & checkEmpty(x,y, NORTH, NODE) : {
        moveNode(x,y,NORTH);
    };
};
```

```
program main() := north(0,1) + north(0,1) + north(0,2);
```

*Don't want global
coordinate*



Localize API


From **ffFun.ccl**

```
...  
  
checkFilled :=  
  (lambda dir. ( lambda type. checkFilledXY(x,y,dir,type)));  
  
checkEmpty :=  
  (lambda dir. ( lambda type. checkEmptyXY(x,y,dir,type)));  
  
moveNode := ( lambda dir. moveNodeXY(x,y,dir));  
  
...
```

```
include ff.ccl
```

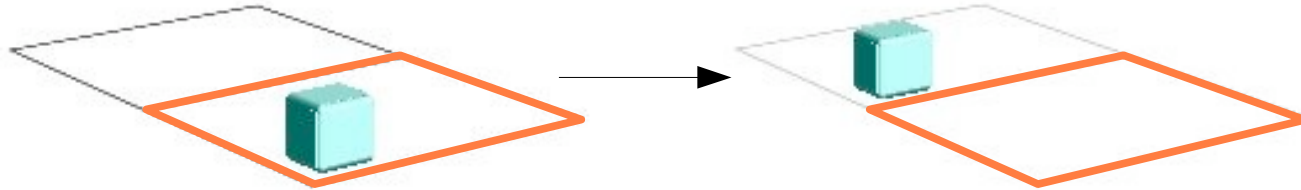
```
program north(x,y) := {  
  include ffFun.ccl  
  
  (checkFilled THIS NORTH) & (checkEmpty NORTH NODE) : {  
    MoveNode NORTH;  
  };  
};
```

This is purely local

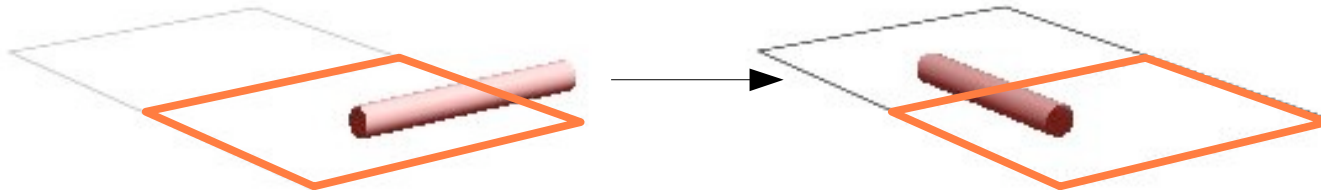


Example: Moving Materials

```
(checkFilled THIS NODE ) & (checkEmpty NORTH NODE) : {  
  moveNode NORTH  
};
```



```
(checkFilled THIS TRUSS_X ) & (checkEmpty THIS TRUSS_Y) : {  
  moveTruss TRUSS_X THIS TRUSS_Y  
};
```



```
(checkFilled THIS TRUSS_X ) & (checkEmpty NORTH TRUSS_X) : {  
  moveTruss TRUSS_X NORTH TRUSS_X  
};
```



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Turing a Programs into Markov Processes

Why?

- Can analyze probabilistic failures
- Can use powerful tools from Markov Processes
- Allows to be robust to certain kinds of failures.

How?

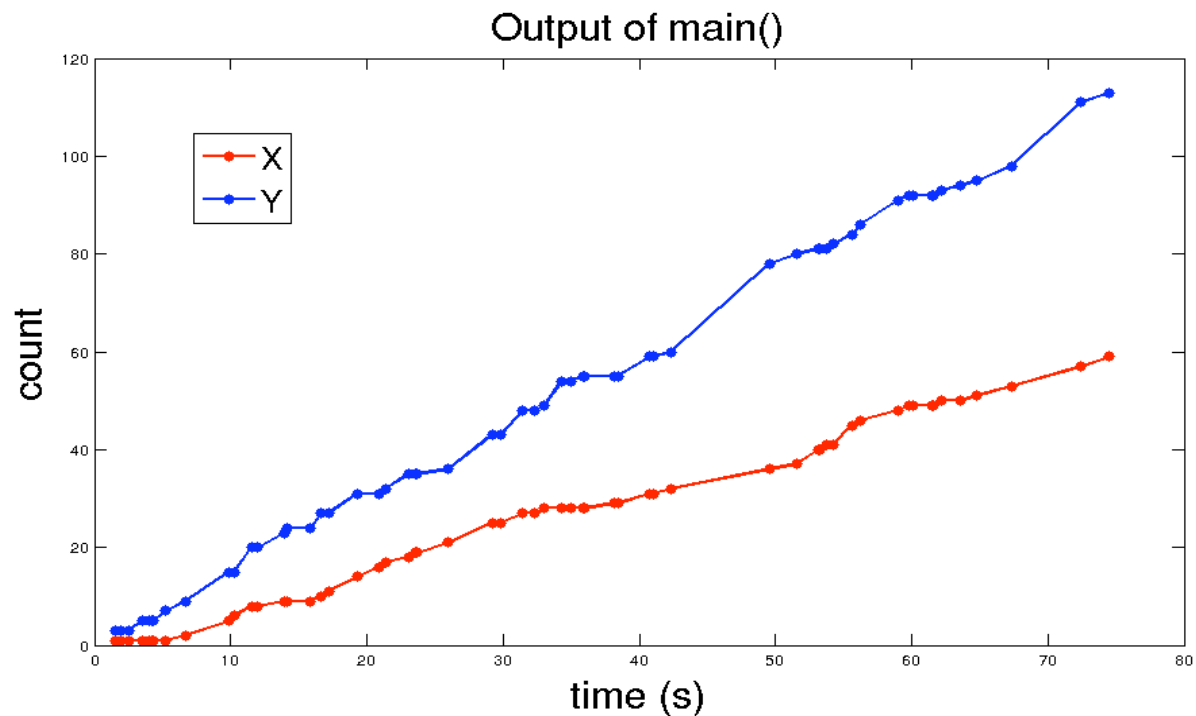
- Add a *rate* to each guarded command
- Result is a Markov process on the state space of the program

The rate guard

```
program drunkard( k ) := {  
  X:=0;  
  (rate k){ X++ };  
};
```

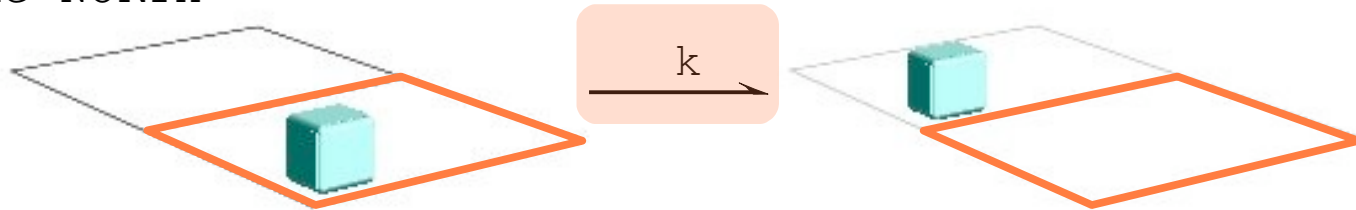
```
program main() := updateDT() + drunkard( 1.0 ) + drunkard( 2.0 );
```

```
main() = drunkard(1.0) + drunkard(2.0) + updateDT();
```

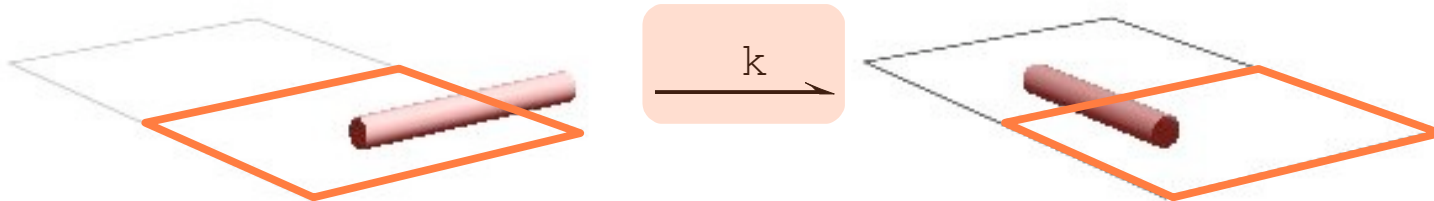


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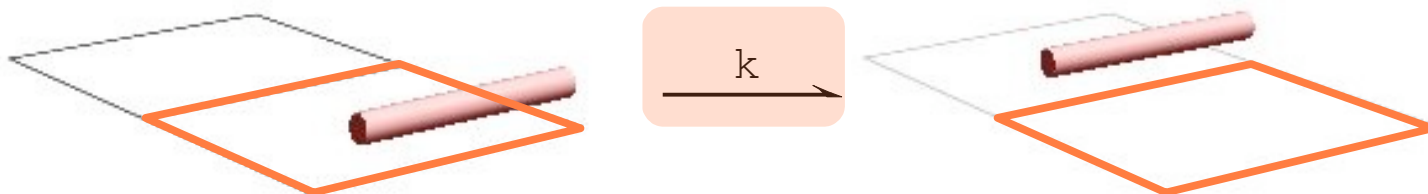
```
(rate k) & (checkFilled THIS NODE) & (checkEmpty NORTH NODE):{  
  moveNode NORTH  
};
```



```
(rate k) & (checkFilled THIS TRUSS_X) & (checkEmpty THIS TRUSS_Y):{  
  moveTruss TRUSS_X THIS TRUSS_Y  
};
```



```
(rate k) & (checkFilled THIS TRUSS_X) & (checkEmpty NORTH TRUSS_X):{  
  moveTruss TRUSS_X NORTH TRUSS_X  
};
```



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Example: Disassembling Structures

```
program disassembleXY(x,y) := {
```

Move stuff out of way

```
  include ffFun.ccl

  (rate (kglobal)) & (checkFilled THIS NODE) & (checkEmpty EAST NODE) : {
    moveNode EAST
  };
  (rate (kglobal)) & (checkFilled THIS TRUSS_X) & (checkEmpty EAST TRUSS_X) : {
    moveTruss TRUSS_X EAST TRUSS_X
  };
  (rate (kglobal)) & (checkFilled THIS TRUSS_Y) & (checkEmpty EAST TRUSS_Y) : {
    moveTruss TRUSS_Y EAST TRUSS_Y
  };
};
```

remove Z-truss & use elevator

```
  (rate (kglobal)) & (checkFilled THIS TRUSS_Z) & (checkEmpty THIS TRUSS_Y)
    & (checkEmpty THIS TRUSS_X) & (checkEmpty THIS NODE)
    & !(checkFilled WEST TRUSS_Z) & !(checkFilled WEST TRUSS_Y) : {
    moveTruss TRUSS_Z THIS TRUSS_Y,
    lift
  };
  (rate (kglobal)) & (checkEmpty THIS TRUSS_Y) & (checkElevator THIS) : {
    lower
  };
};
```

```
program main() := disassembleXY(0,0) + disassembleXY(0,1) + disassembleXY(0,2)
                 disassembleXY(1,0) + disassembleXY(1,1) + disassembleXY(1,2);
```

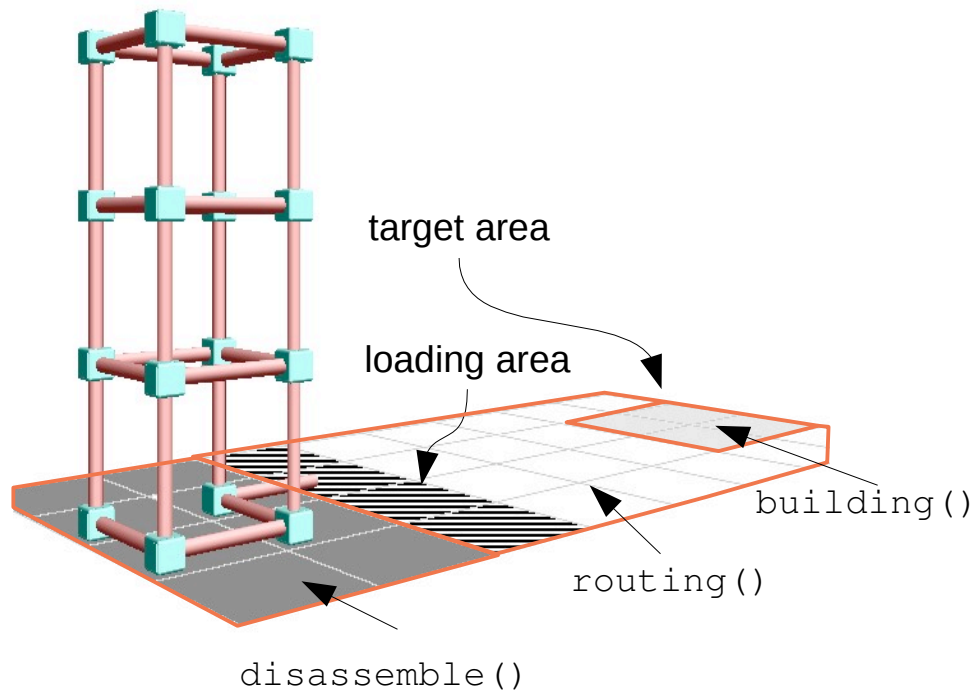
Example: Disassembling Structures



disassemble() eat()

```
main() := disassemble() + eat();
```

Reconfiguration Program

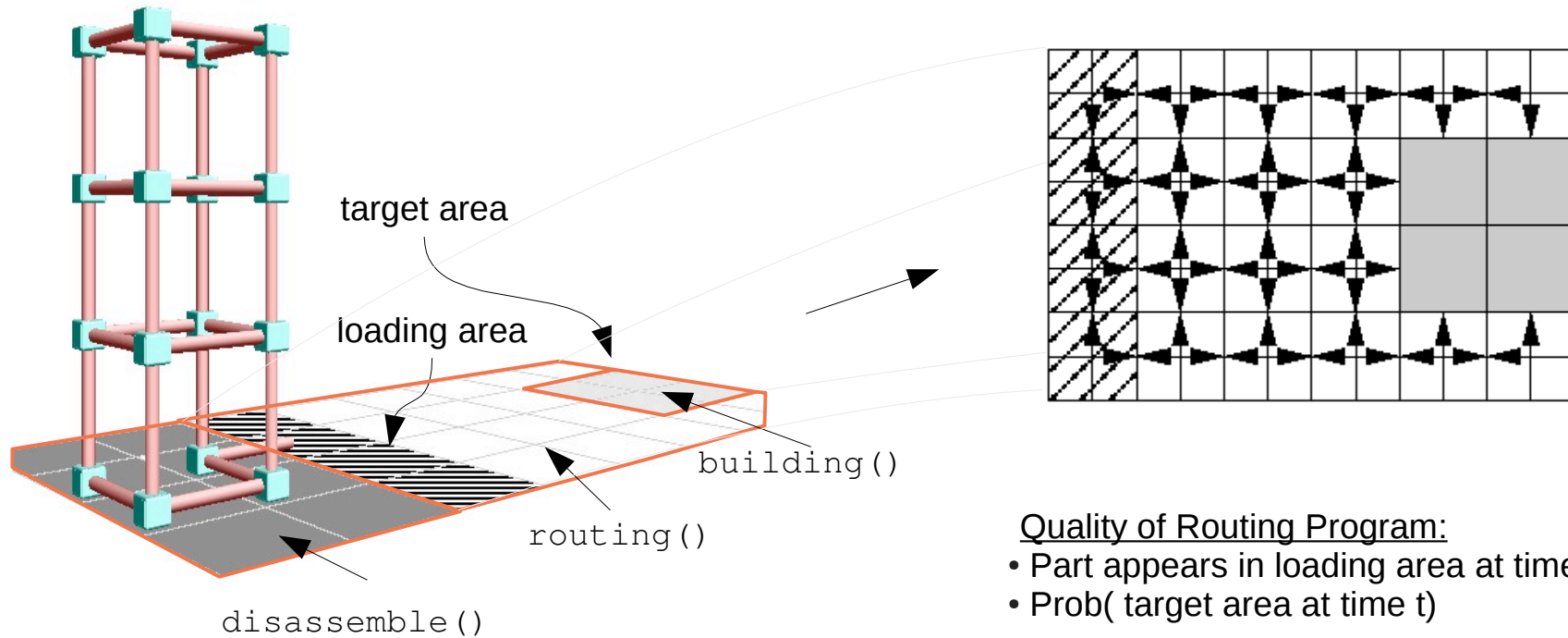


```
main() := disassemble() + routing() + building();
```

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Routing Program

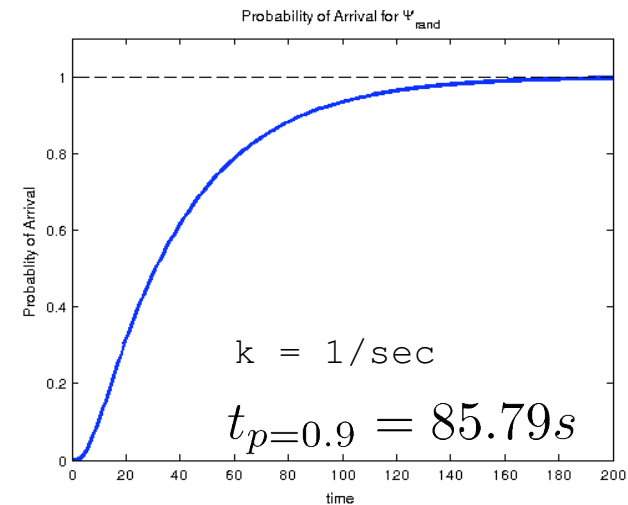
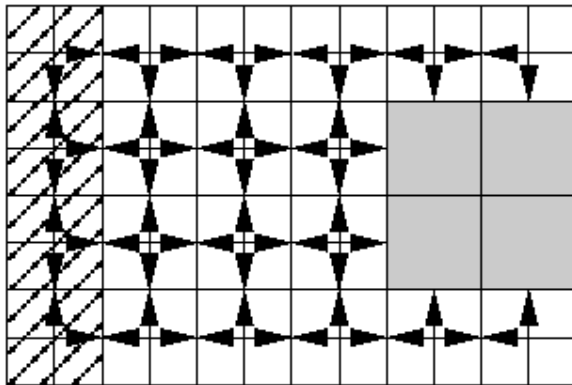


Quality of Routing Program:

- Part appears in loading area at time 0
- $\text{Prob}(\text{target area at time } t)$

```
main() := disassemble() + routing() + building();
```

Random Walk: random (k)

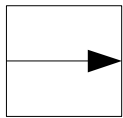
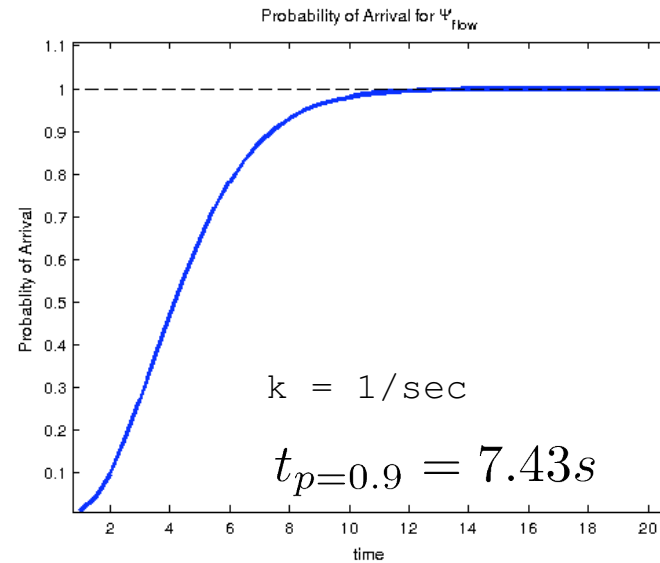
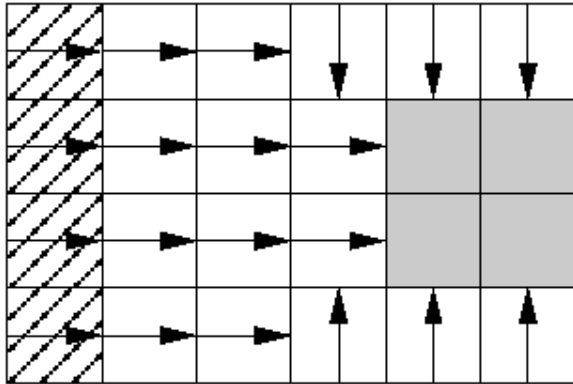


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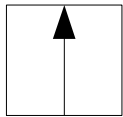
program southEast(k) := {
  (rate (k / 2)) & (checkFilled THIS NODE) & (checkEmpty EAST NODE):{
    moveNode EAST
  };
  (rate (k / 2)) & (checkFilled THIS NODE) & (checkEmpty SOUTH NODE):{
    moveNode SOUTH
  };
};

```

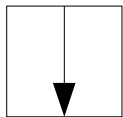
Flow Field: $\text{flow}(k)$



```
program east(k) := {
  (rate k ) & (checkFilled THIS NODE) & (checkEmpty EAST NODE) : {
    moveNode EAST
  };};
```



```
program north(k) := {
  (rate k ) & (checkFilled THIS NODE) & (checkEmpty NORTH NODE) : {
    moveNode NORTH
  };};
```

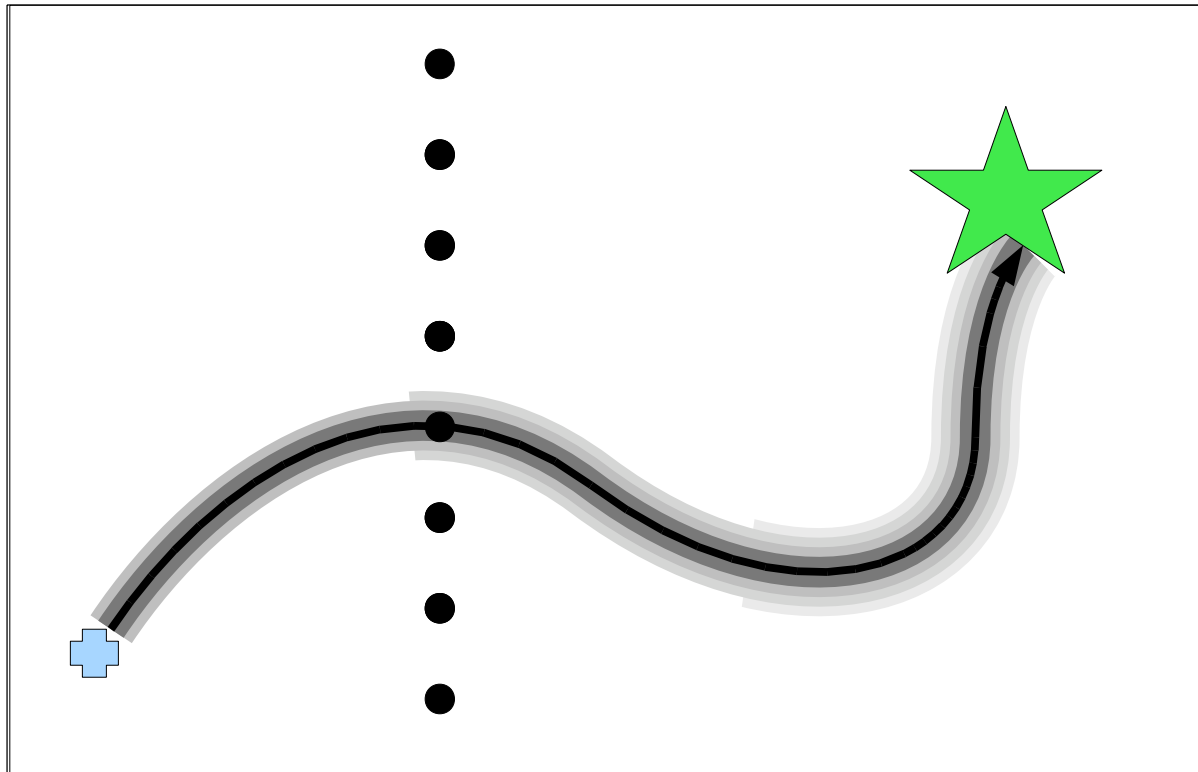


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program south(k) := {
  (rate k ) & (checkFilled THIS NODE) & (checkEmpty SOUTH NODE) : {
    moveNode SOUTH
  };};
```

Outline

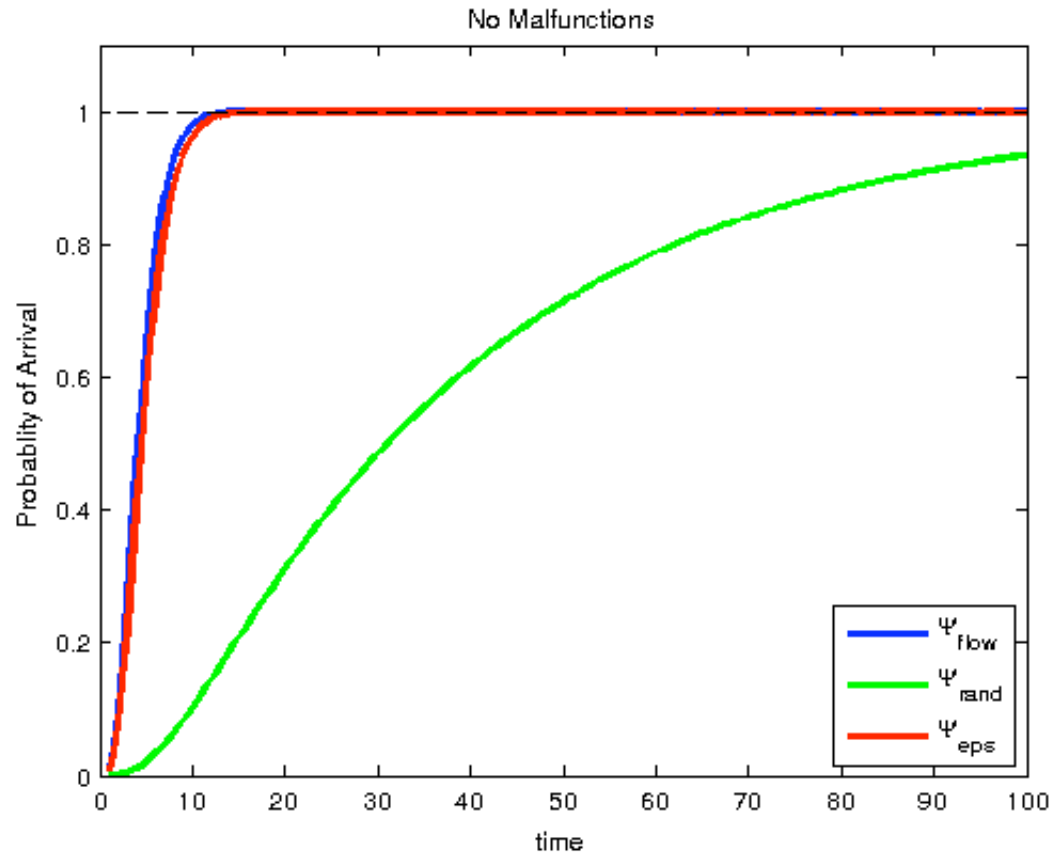
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Path to Success



Robustifying Programs

```
robust (k) := flow( 0.9*k ) + random (0.1 * k);
```

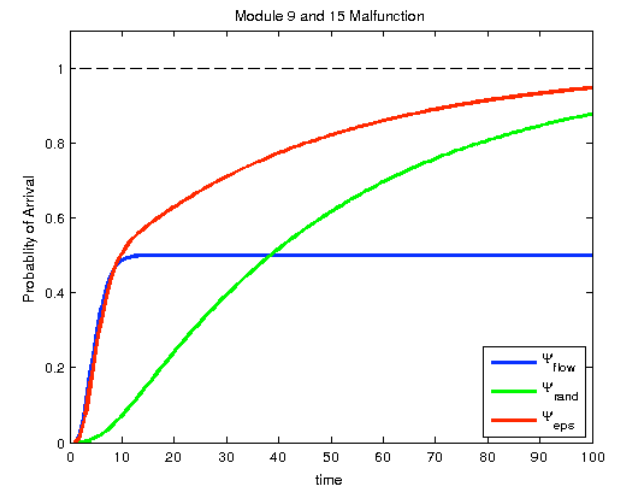
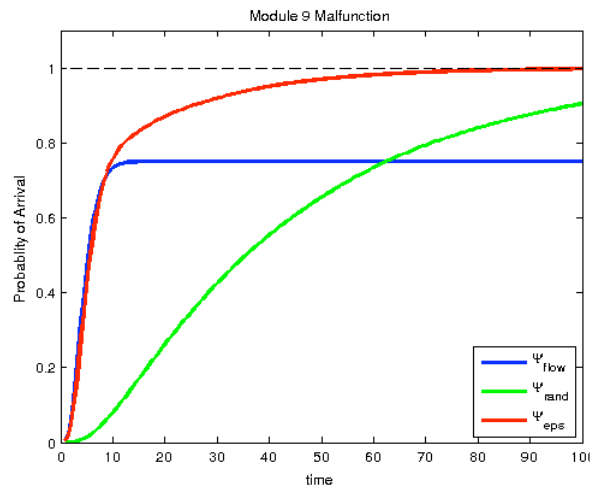
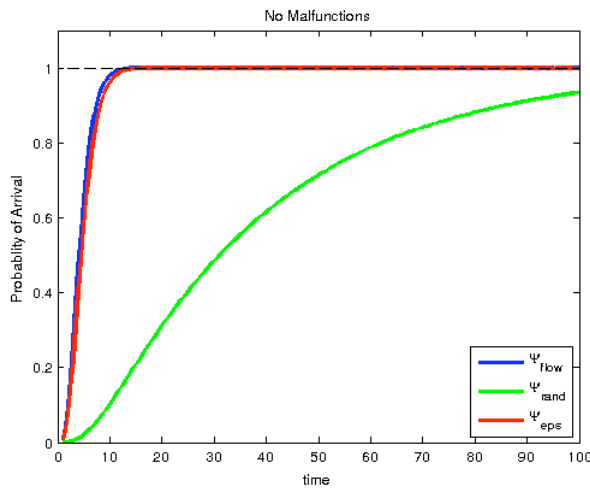
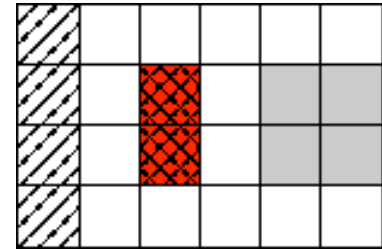
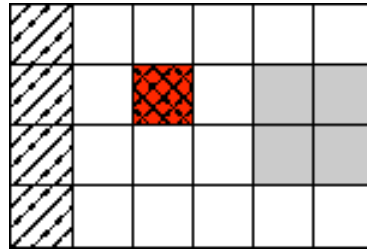
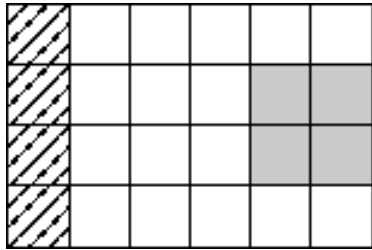


— flow(1)

— random(1)

— robust(1)

Robustness vs. Performance



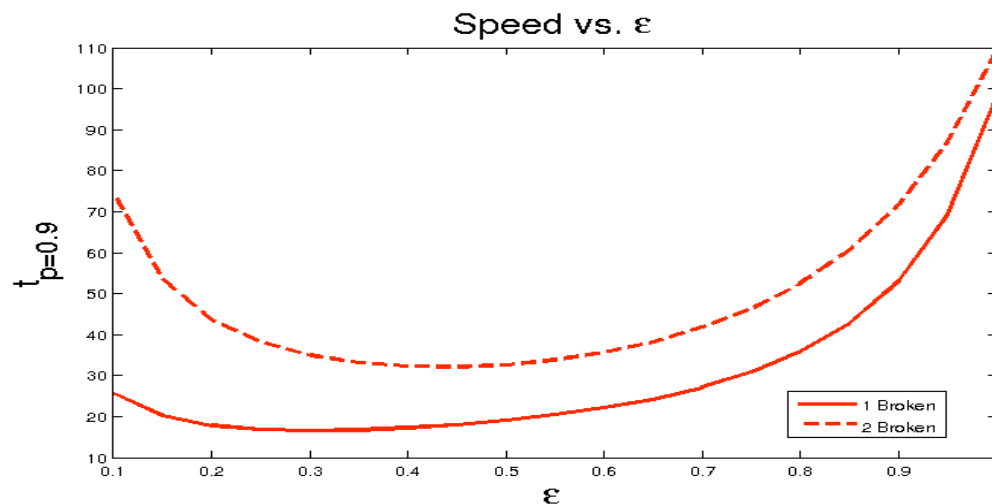
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— robust (1)

Analyzing the Markov Process

		Ψ_{Flow}	Ψ_{Random}	$\Psi_{\epsilon} \quad \epsilon = 0.1$
$t_{P=0.9}$	0 Broken	7.43s	85.79s	8.21s
	1 Broken	∞	98.49s	25.64s
	2 Broken	∞	109.06s	74.22s
λ_2	0 Broken	-1.0	-0.029	-0.66
	1 Broken	0	-0.026	-0.049
	2 Broken	0	-0.023	-0.024



Getting libff

- Install CCL
<http://soslab.ee.washington.edu/mw/index.php/Code>
- Get the source code for libff
<http://soslab.ee.washington.edu/nnapp/wiki/ff.tgz>
- Delete any existing ff subdirectories of the CCL root directory and copy the new source into CCL_ROOT/ff
- Call make, it should build the binaries and install them and CCL API into the appropriate locations