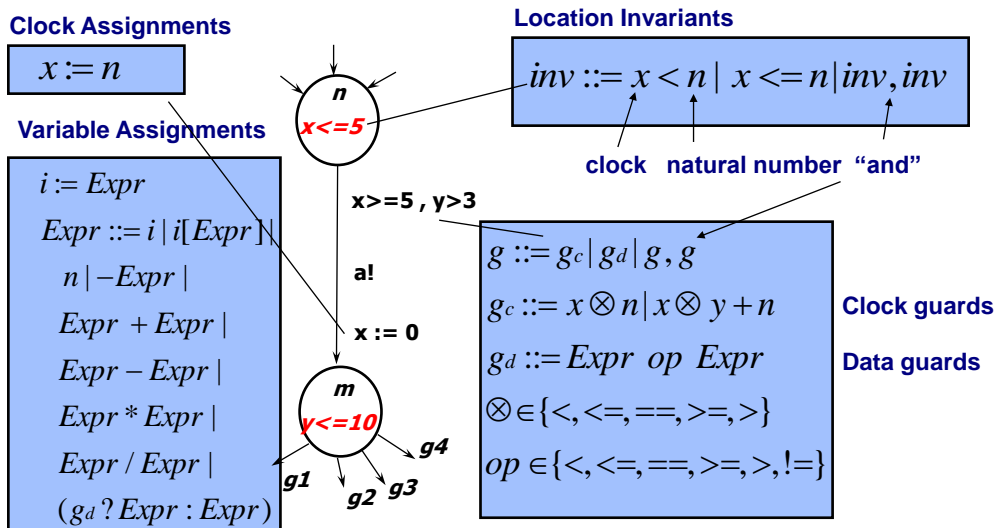


# UPPAAL tutorial

- What's inside UPPAAL
- The UPPAAL input languages  
(i.e. TA and TCTL in UPPAAL)

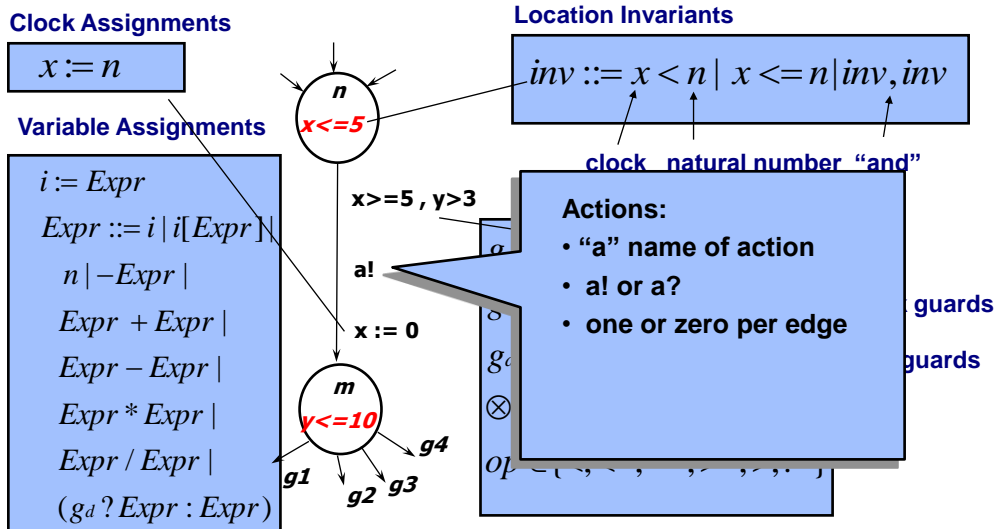
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## Timed Automata in UPPAAL



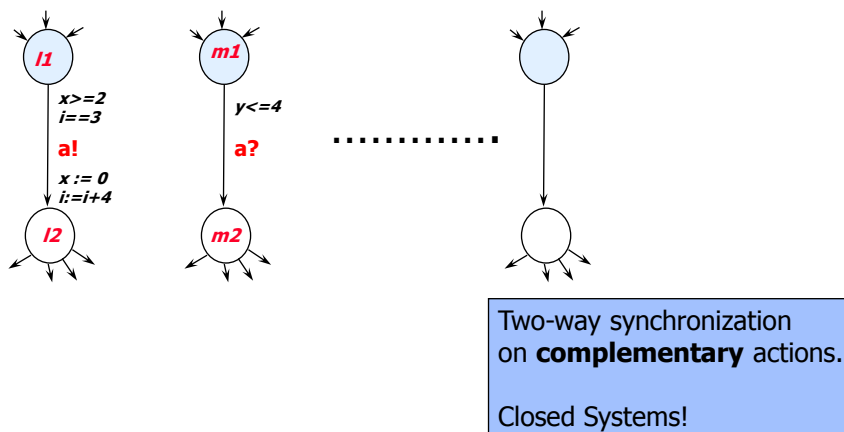
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# Timed Automata in UPPAAL



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# Networks of Timed Automata



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# UPPAAL modeling language

- **Networks of Timed Automata with Invariants**
  - + urgent action channels,
  - + broadcast channels,
  - + urgent and committed locations,
  - + data-variables (with bounded domains),
  - + arrays of data-variables,
  - + constants,
  - + guards and assignments over data-variables and arrays...
  - + templates with local clocks, data-variables, and constants
  - + C subset

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## Declarations in UPPAAL

- The syntax used for declarations in UPPAAL is similar to the syntax used in the C programming language.

- **Clocks:**

- **Syntax:**

```
clock x1, ..., xn ;
```

- **Example:**

- `clock x, y;`

**Declares two clocks: x and y.**

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## Declarations in UPPAAL (cont.)

- Data variables

- Syntax:

```
int n1, ... ;  
int[l,u] n1, ... ;  
int n1[m], ... ;
```

Integer with “default” domain.

Integer with domain from “l” to “u”.

Integer array w. elements n1[0] to n1[m-1].

- Example;

- `int a, b;`

- `int[0,1] a, b[5];`

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## Declarations in UPPAAL (cont.)

- Actions (or channels):

- Syntax:

```
chan a, ... ;  
urgent chan b, ... ;
```

Ordinary channels.

Urgent actions (described later)

- Example:

- `chan a, b[2];`

- `urgent chan c;`

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# Declarations UPPAAL (const.)

- Constants
  - Syntax:

```
const int c1 = n1;
```

- Example:
  - `const int[0,1] YES = 1;`
  - `const bool NO = false;`

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## Declarations in UPPAAL

The screenshot shows the UPPAAL System Editor interface. The left pane displays a hierarchical tree of the model components, including 'Global declarations', 'Train', 'Gate', 'IntQueue', 'Process assignments', and 'System definition'. The right pane shows the corresponding UPPAAL code for these declarations. A blue callout box on the right lists the types of declarations shown: Constants, Bounded integers, Channels, Clocks, Arrays, Templates, Processes, and Systems.

```
/*
 * For more details about this example, see
 * "Automatic Verification of Real-Time Communicating Systems by Constraint Solving",
 * by Wang Yi, Paul Pettersson and Mats Daniels. In Proceedings of the 7th International
 * Conference on Formal Description Techniques, pages 223-238, North-Holland. 1994.
 */

const N 5;          // # trains + 1
int[0,N] el;
chan appr, stop, go, leave;
chan empty, notempty, hd, add, rem;

clock x;

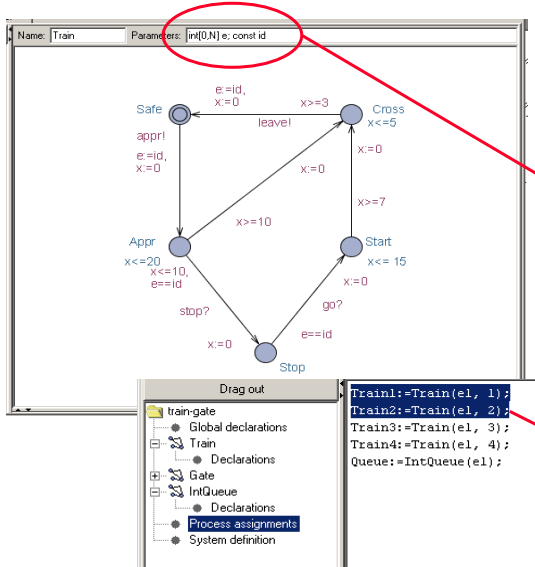
int[0,N] list[N], len, i;

Train1:=Train(e1, 1);
Train2:=Train(e1, 2);
Train3:=Train(e1, 3);
Train4:=Train(e1, 4);

system
  Train1, Train2, Train3, Train4,
  Gate, Queue;
```

Constants  
Bounded integers  
Channels  
Clocks  
Arrays  
Templates  
Processes  
Systems

# Templates in UPPAAL



- Templates may be parameterised:

```
int v; const min; const max
int[0,N] e; const id
```

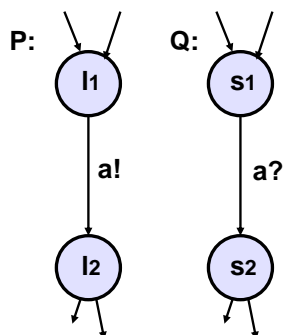
- Templates are instantiated to form processes:

```
P:= A(i,1,5);
Q:= A(j,0,4);

Train1:=Train(e1, 1);
Train2:=Train(e1, 2);
```

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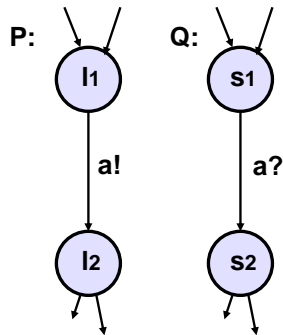
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- I.e. as soon as both automata are ready (simultaneously in locations  $l_1$  and  $s_1$ ).
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- **Solution:** declare action “a” as urgent.

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## Urgent Channels

```
urgent chan hurry;
```

### Informal Semantics:

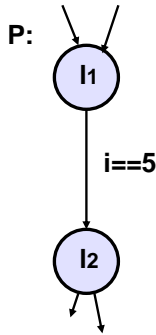
- There will be no delay if transition with urgent action can be taken.

### Restrictions:

- No clock guard allowed on transitions with urgent actions.
- Invariants and data-variable guards are allowed.

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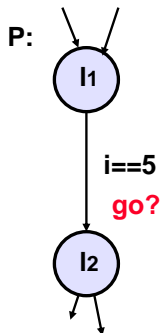
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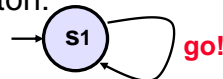
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where “go” is an urgent channel, and we add “go?” to transition  $l1 \rightarrow l2$  in automaton  $P$ .

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# Broadcast Synchronisation

```
broadcast chan a, b, c[2];
```

- If a is a broadcast channel:
  - a! = Emmission of broadcast
  - a? = Reception of broadcast
- A set of edges in different processes can synchronize if one is emitting and the others are receiving on the same b.c. channel.
- A process can always emit.
- Receivers *must* synchronize if they can.
- No blocking.

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# Urgent Location

Click “Urgent” in State Editor.

## Informal Semantics:

- No delay in urgent location.

**Note:** the use of urgent locations **reduces** the number of clocks in a model, and thus the complexity of the analysis.

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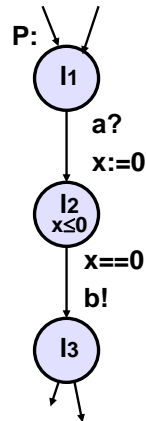
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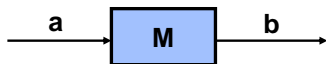
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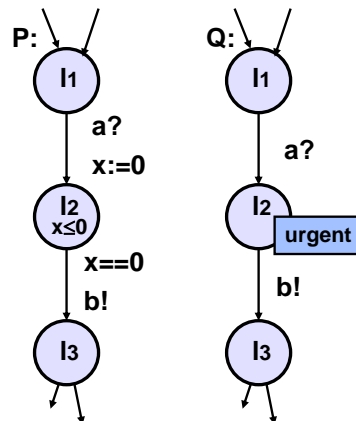
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that receives packages on channel a and immediately sends them on channel b.

- P models the media using clock x.
- Q models the media using **urgent location**.
- P and Q have the same behavior.



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# Committed Location

Click “Committed” i State Editor.

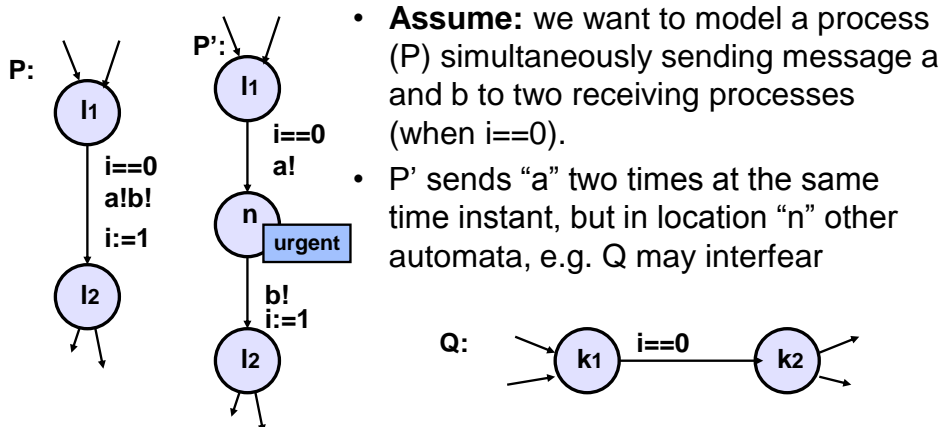
## Informal Semantics:

- No delay in committed location.
- Next transition must involve automata in committed location.

**Note:** the use of committed locations reduces the number of interleaving in state space exploration (and also the number of clocks in a model), and thus allows for more space and time efficient analysis.

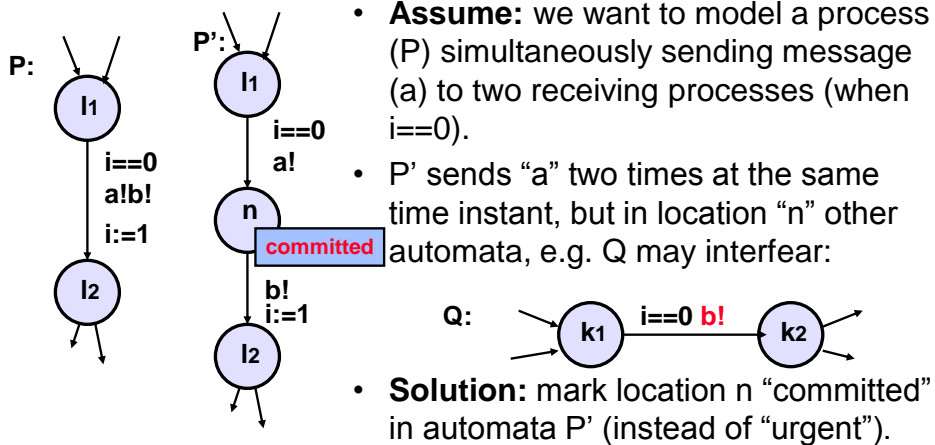
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## Committed Location: Example 1



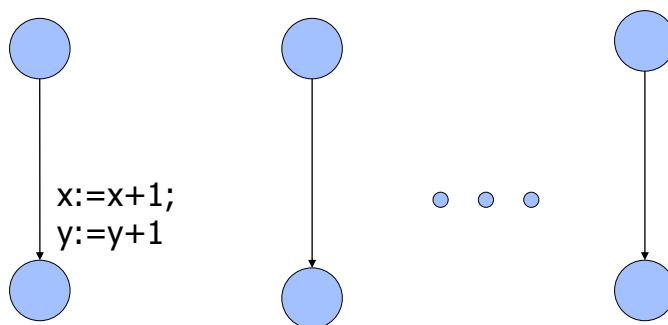
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## Committed Location: Example 1



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## Committed Locations (example: atomic sequence in a network)

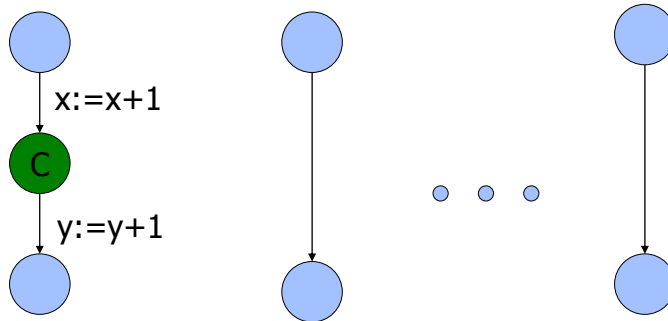


If the sequence becomes too long, you can split it ...<sup>24</sup>

# Committed Locations

(example: atomic sequence in a network)

Semantics: the time spent on C-location should be zero !

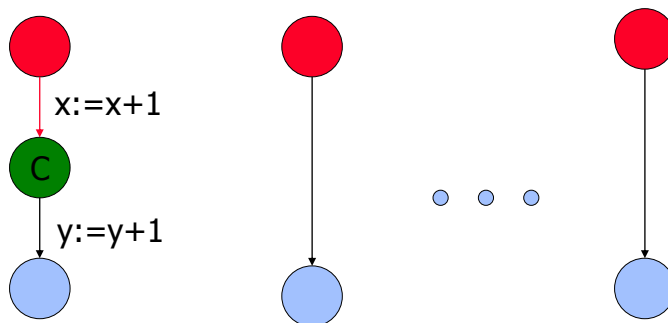


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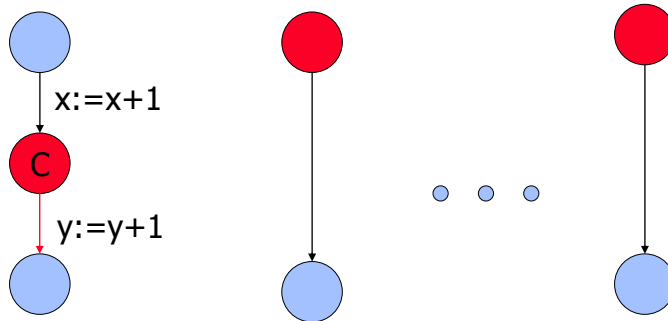


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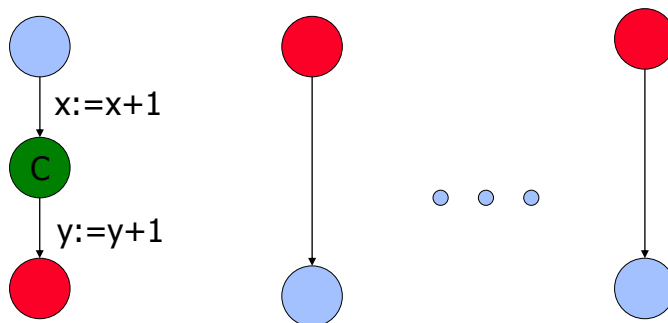


Now, only the committed (red) transition can be taken!

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# Committed Locations

(example: atomic sequence in a network)



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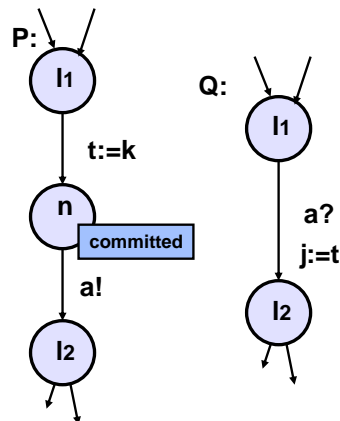
# Committed Locations

- A trick of modeling (e.g. to model multi-way synchronization using handshaking)
- **More importantly**, it is a simple and efficient mechanism for state-space reduction!  
In fact, it is a simple form of 'partial order reduction'
- It is used to avoid intermediate states, interleavings:  
Committed states are not stored in the passed list  
Interleavings of any state with a committed location will not be explored

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## Committed Location: Example 2

- **Assume:** we want to pass the value of integer "k" from automaton P to variable "j" in Q.
- The value of k can be passed using a global integer variable "t".
- Location "n" is committed to ensure that no other automaton can assign "t" before the assignment "j:=t".



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## More Expressions

- New operators (not clocks):
  - Logical:
    - && (logical and), || (logical or), ! (logical negation),
  - Bitwise:
    - ^ (xor), & (bitwise and), | (bitwise or),
  - Bit shift:
    - << (left), >> (right)
  - Numerical:
    - % (modulo), <? (min), >? (max)
  - Compound Assignments:
    - +=, -=, \*=, /=, ^=, <<=, >>=
  - Prefix or Postfix:
    - ++ (increment), -- (decrement)

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## More on Types

- Multi dimensional arrays  
e.g. `int b[2][3];`
- Array initialiser:  
e.g. `int b[2][3] := { {1,2,3}, {4,5,6} };`
- Arrays of channels, clocks, constants.  
e.g.
  - `chan a[3];`
  - `clock c[3];`
  - `const k[3] { 1, 2, 3 };`
- Broadcast channels.  
e.g. `broadcast chan a;`

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# Extensions

## Select statement

- Models non-deterministic choice
- `x : int[0,42]`

## Types

- Record types
- Type declarations
- Meta variables:  
not stored with state  
`meta int x;`

## Forall / Exists Expressions

- `forall (x:int[0,42])  
expr`  
true if expr is true for *all* values in [0,42] of x

- `exists (x:int[0,4]) expr`  
true if expr is true for *some* values in [0,42] of x

### Example:

```
forall  
(x:int[0,4]) array[x];
```

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# Advanced Features

- Priorities on channels  
`chan a,b,c,d[2],e[2];`  
`chan priority a,d[0] < default < b,e`
- Priorities on processes  
`system A < B,C < D;`
- Functions  
C-like functions with return values

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## UPPAAL specification language

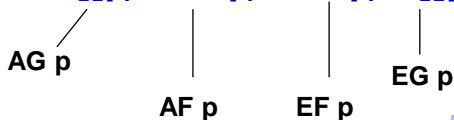
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## TCTL Quantifiers in UPPAAL

- E - exists a path ( “**E**” in UPPAAL).
- A - for all paths ( “**A**” in UPPAAL).
- G - all states in a path ( “**[ ]**” in UPPAAL).
- F - some state in a path ( “**<>**” in UPPAAL).

You may write the following queries in UPPAAL:

- **A[]p, A<>p, E<>p, E[]p and p --> q**



p and q are "local properties"

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## “Local Properties”

$A[]p, A<>p, E<>p, E[]p, p \dashrightarrow p$   
 where  $p$  is a local property

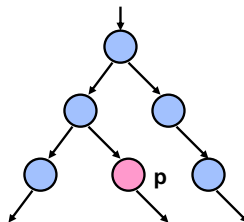
$p ::= a.l \mid g_d \mid g_c \mid p \text{ and } p \mid$   
 $p \text{ or } p \mid \text{not } p \mid p \text{ imply } p \mid$   
 $(p)$

automaton location  
 data guard  
 clock guard  
 process/ name

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## $E<>p$ – “ $p$ Reachable”

- $E<>p$  – it is possible to reach a state in which  $p$  is satisfied.

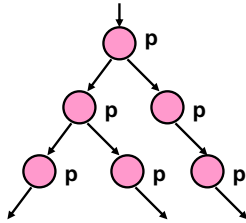


- $p$  is true in (at least) one reachable state.

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## $A[]p$ – “Invariantly $p$ ”

- $A[] p$  –  $p$  holds invariantly.

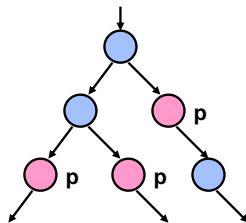


- $p$  is true in all reachable states.

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## $A<>p$ – “Inevitable $p$ ”

- $A<> p$  –  $p$  will inevitable become true, the automaton is guaranteed to eventually reach a state in which  $p$  is true.

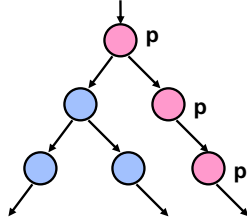


- $p$  is true in some state of all paths.

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## $E[ ] p$ – “Potentially Always $p$ ”

- $E[ ] p$  –  $p$  is potentially always true.

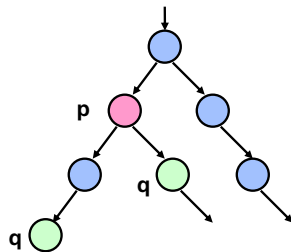


- There exists a path in which  $p$  is true in all states.

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## $p \rightarrow q$ – “ $p$ lead to $q$ ”

- $p \rightarrow q$  – if  $p$  becomes true,  $q$  will inevitably become true.  
same as  $A[ ](p \text{ imply } A <> q)$



- In all paths, if  $p$  becomes true,  $q$  will inevitably become true.

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