

SPA for quantitative analysis: Lecture 5 — Collective Dynamics

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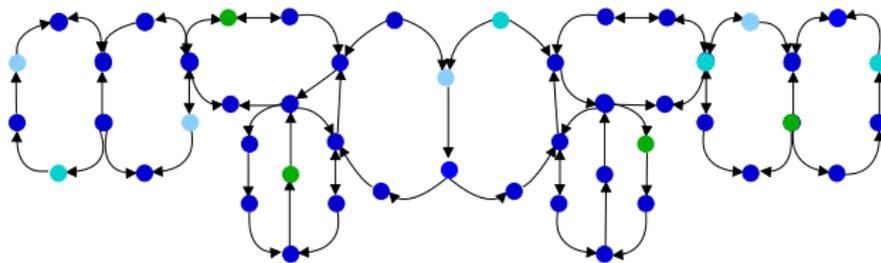
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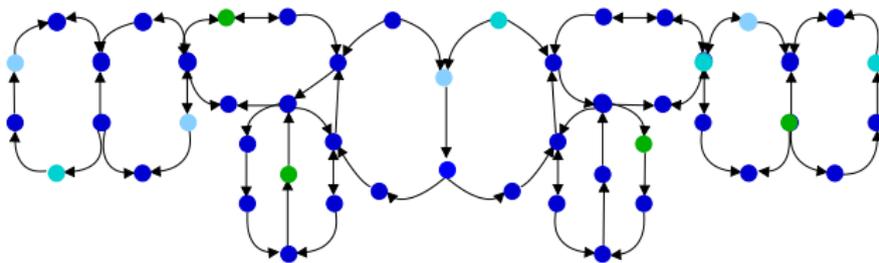
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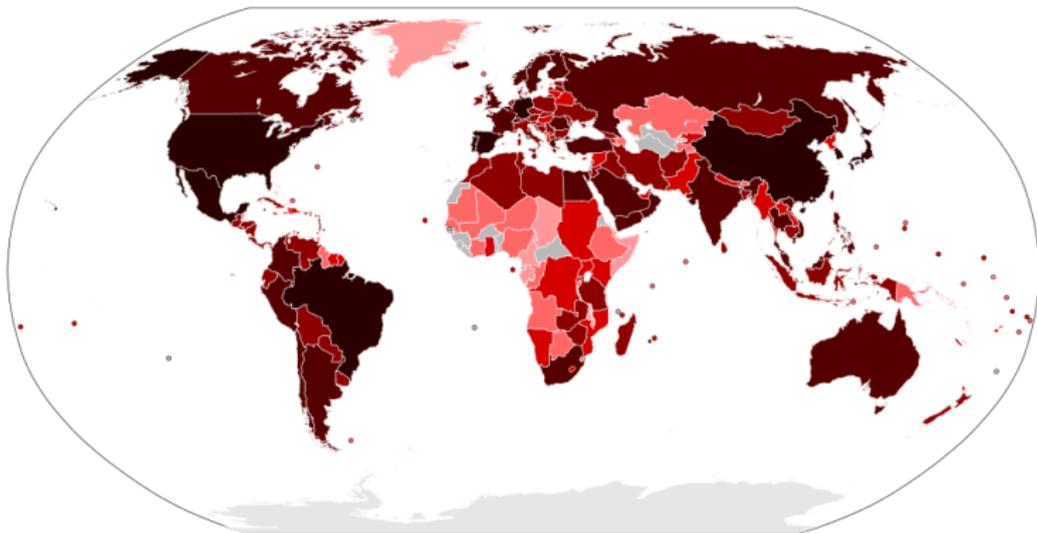
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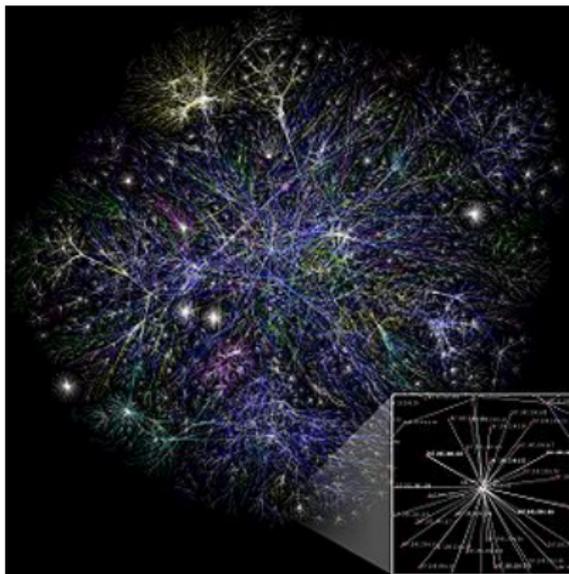
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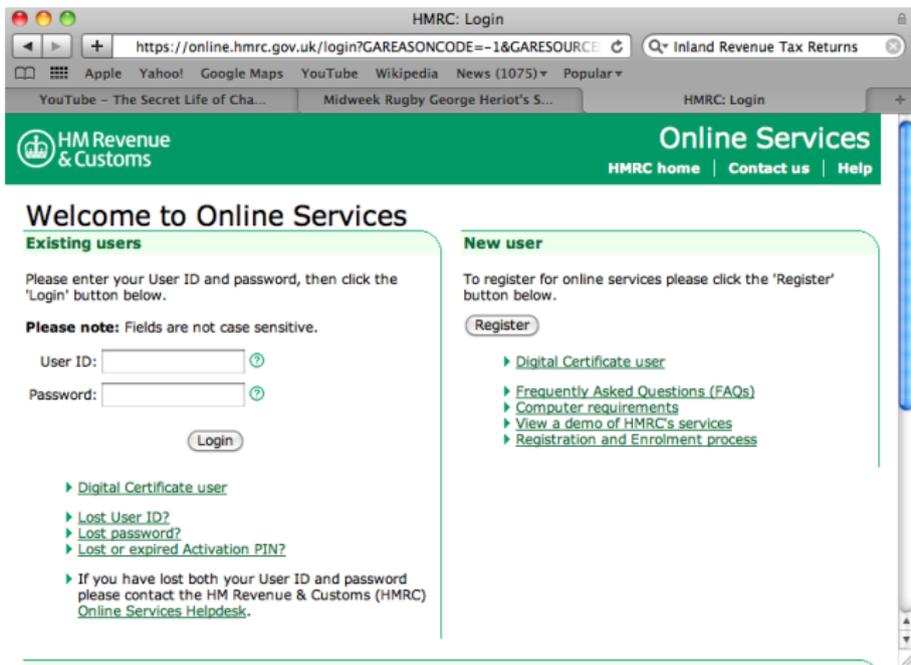
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Map of the Internet 2009

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Welcome to Online Services

Existing users

Please enter your User ID and password, then click the 'Login' button below.

Please note: Fields are not case sensitive.

User ID: ⓘ

Password: ⓘ

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Self assessment tax returns 31st January each year

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Epidemiological systems

Improved modelling of these systems could lead to improved disease prevention and treatment in nature and better security in computer systems.

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Scaling Conditions

Scaling assumptions

- We have a sequence $\mathbf{X}^{(N)}$ of population CTMC, for increasing total population N .
- We normalize such models, dividing variables by N : $\bar{\mathbf{X}}^{(N)} = \frac{\mathbf{X}}{N}$
- for each $\tau \in \mathcal{T}^{(N)}$, the normalized update is $\bar{\mathbf{v}} = \mathbf{v}/N$ and the rate function is $\bar{r}_\tau(\bar{\mathbf{X}}^{(N)}) = Nf_\tau(\bar{\mathbf{X}}^{(N)})$ (density dependence).

Fluid ODE

The fluid ODE is $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = F(\mathbf{x})$, where

$$F(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\tau \in \mathcal{T}} \mathbf{v}_\tau f_\tau(\mathbf{x})$$

Fluid approximation theorem

Hypothesis

- $\bar{\mathbf{X}}^{(N)}(t)$: a sequence of normalized population CTMC, residing in $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$
- $\exists \mathbf{x}_0 \in S$ such that $\bar{\mathbf{X}}^{(N)}(0) \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_0$ in probability (initial conditions)
- $\mathbf{x}(t)$: solution of $\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = F(\mathbf{x})$, $\mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{x}_0$, residing in E .

Theorem

For any finite time horizon $T < \infty$, it holds that:

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \|\bar{\mathbf{X}}^{(N)}(t) - \mathbf{x}(t)\| > \varepsilon\right) \rightarrow 0.$$

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Appropriate for models in which there are large numbers of components of the same type, i.e. models of populations and situations of collective dynamics.

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2	2	16
3	2	32
3	3	64
4	3	128
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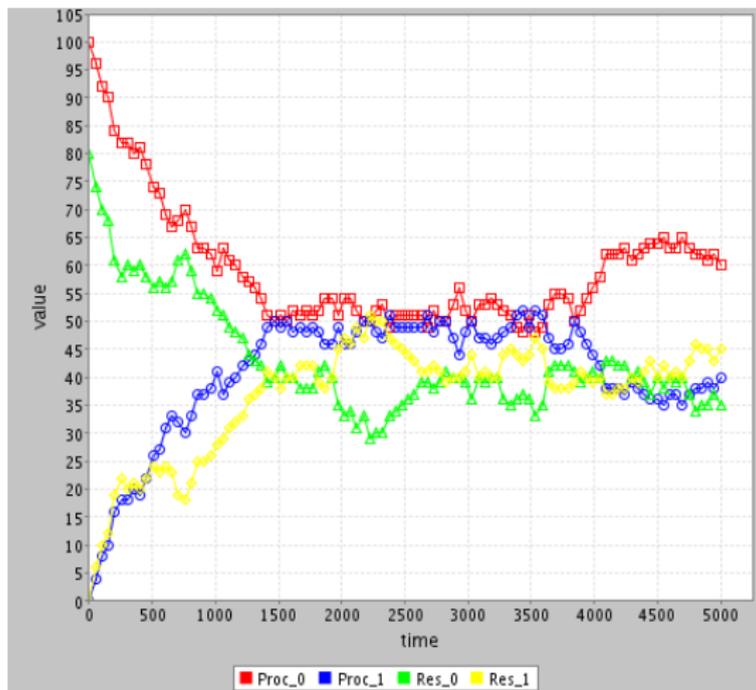
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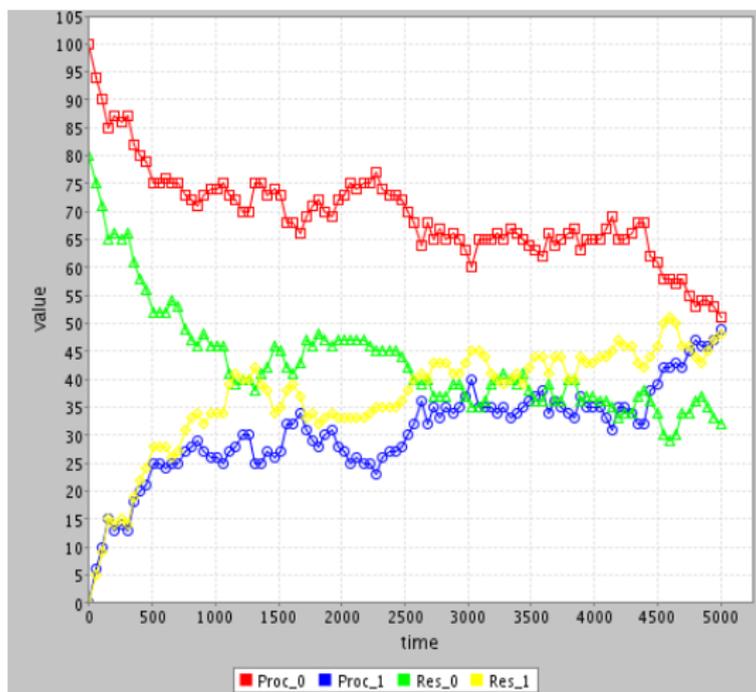
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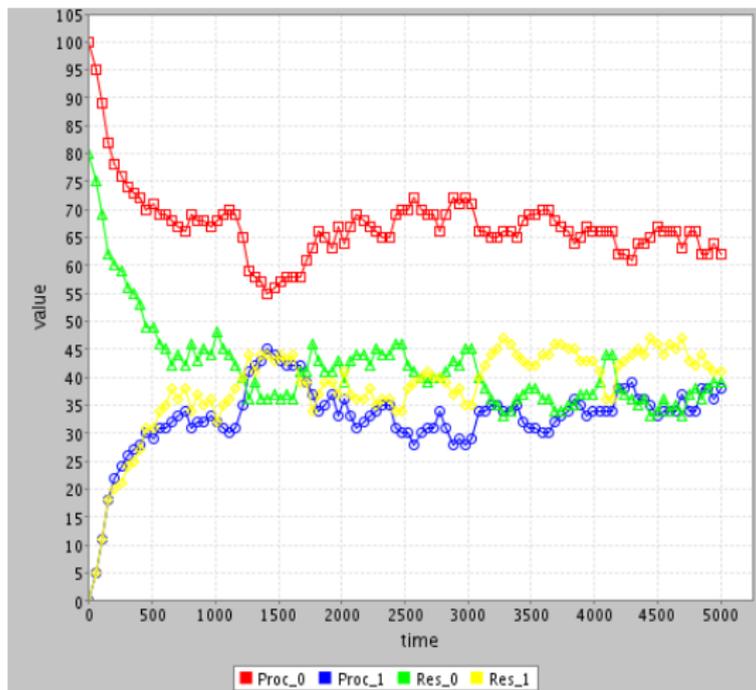
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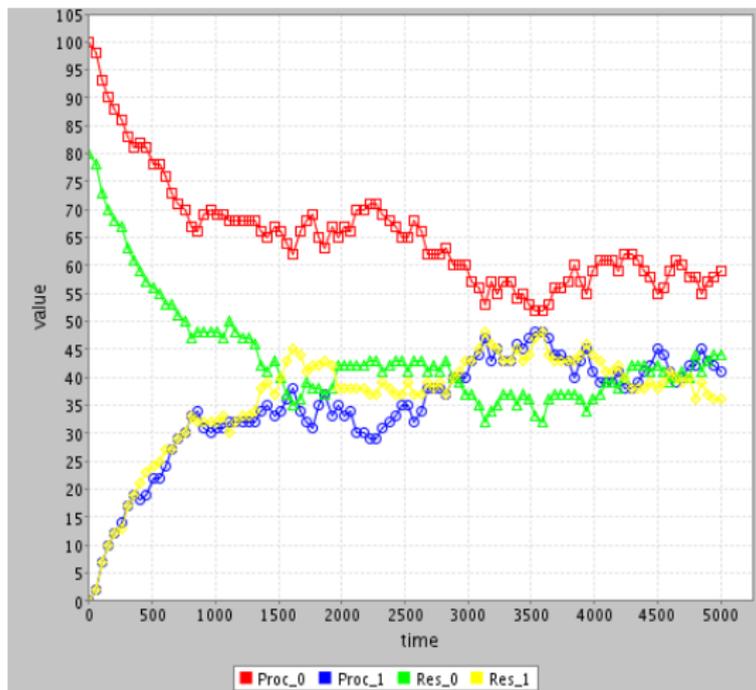
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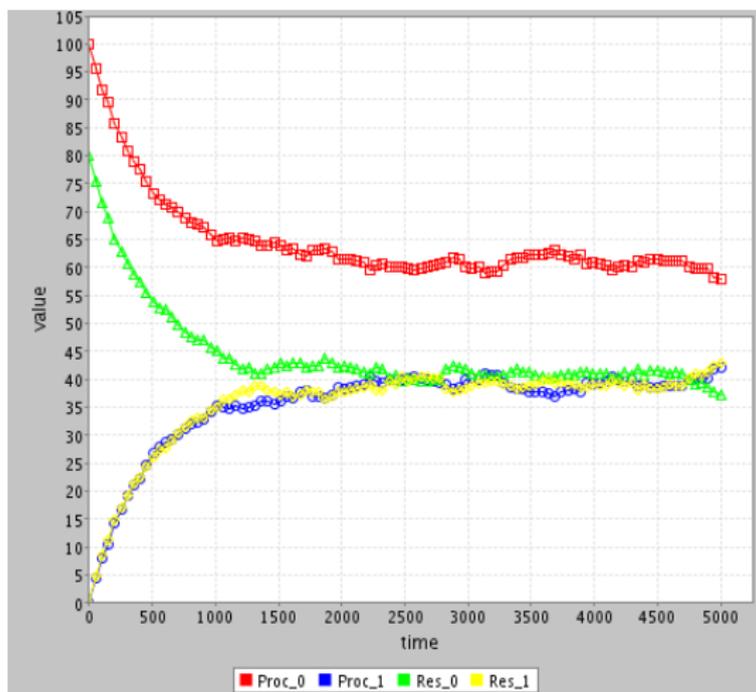
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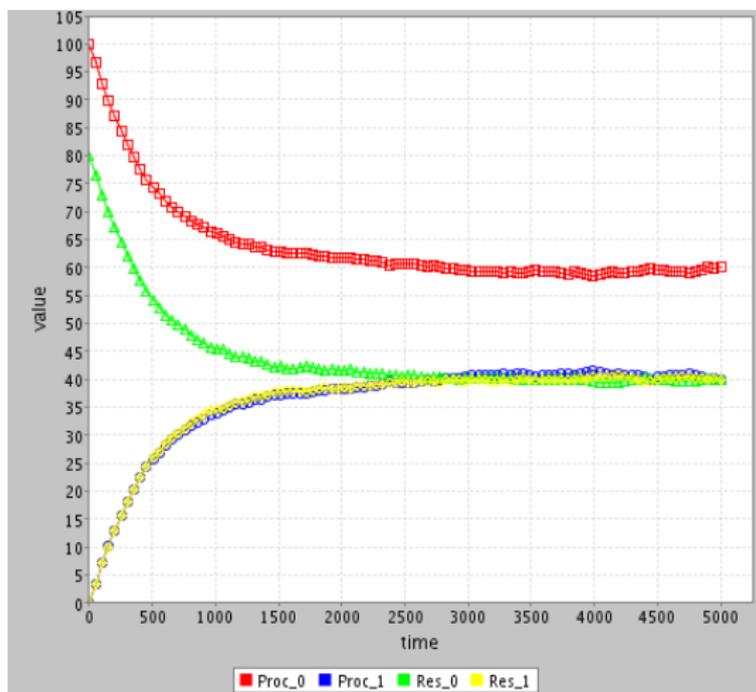
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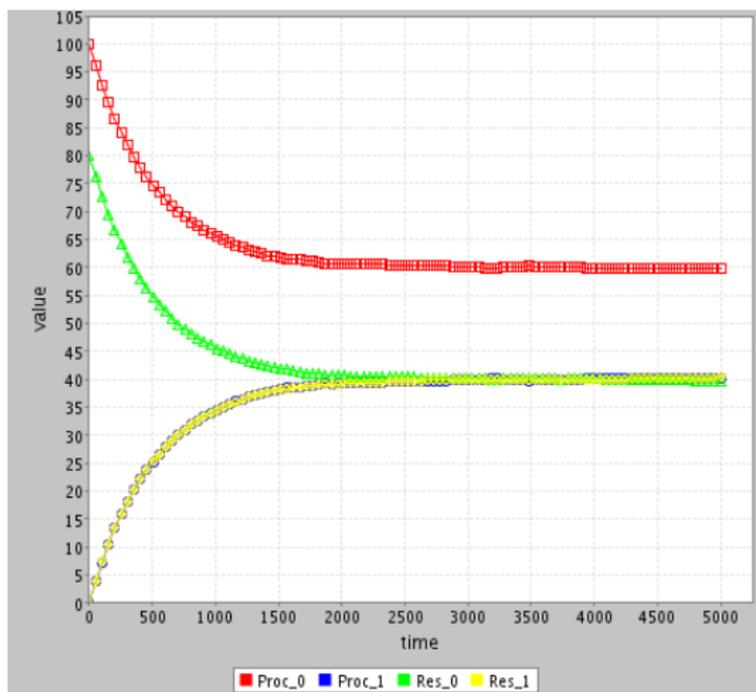
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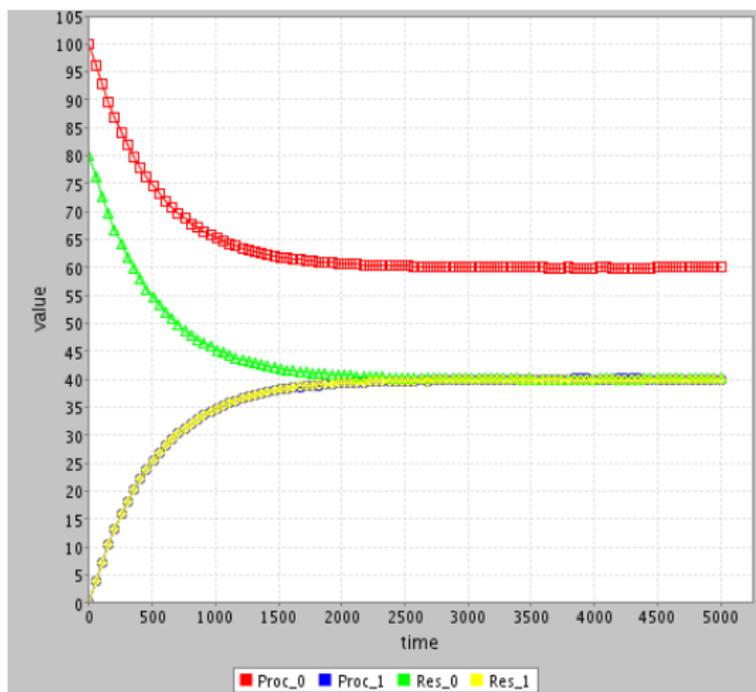
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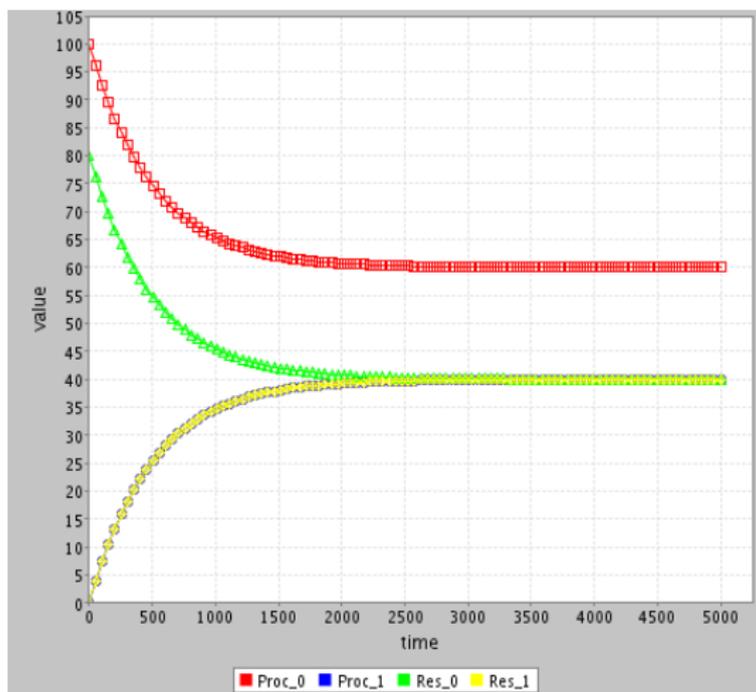
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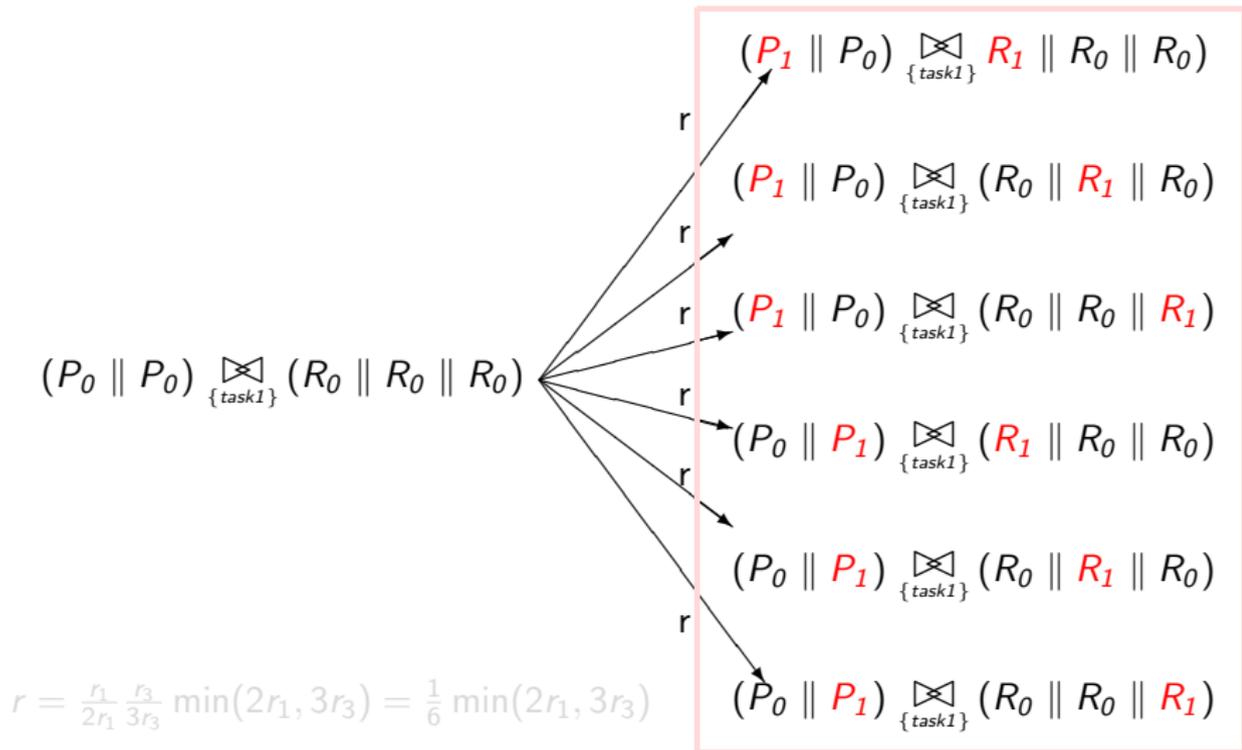
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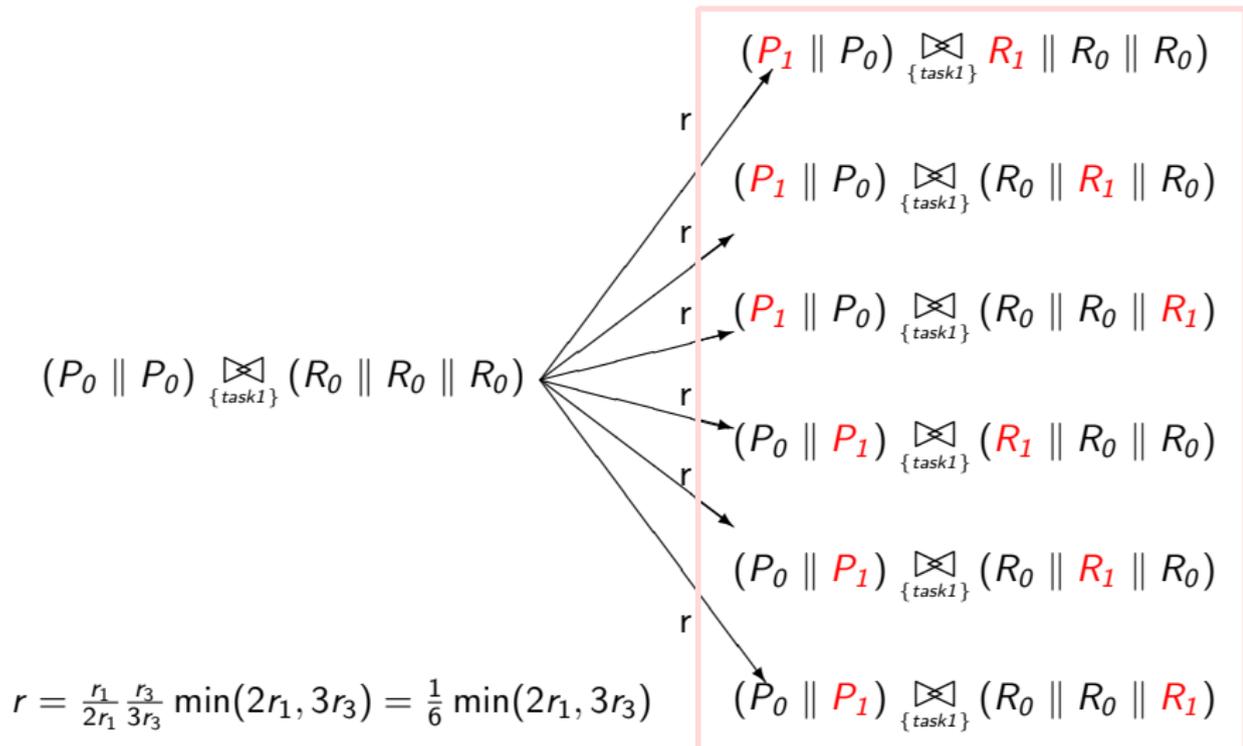
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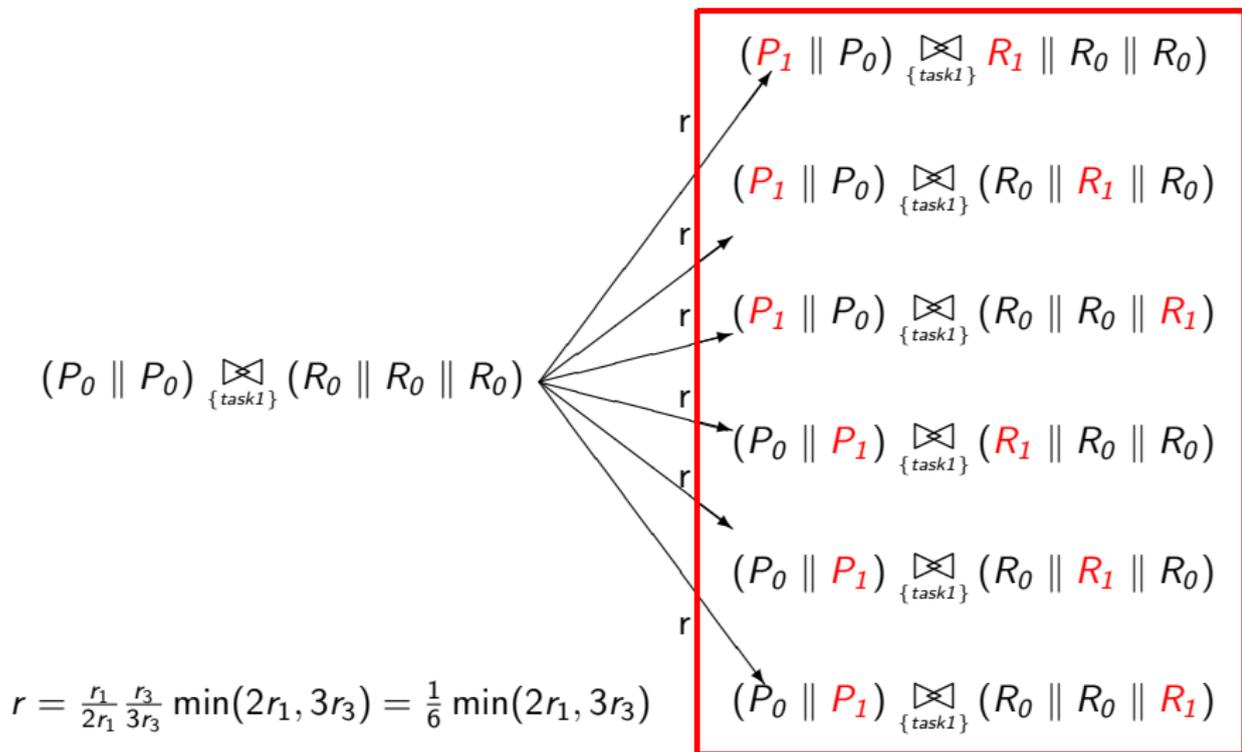
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Equivalent Transitions

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i.e., Res_1 may perform an action independently from the rest of the system.

This is captured by the procedure used for the construction of the generator function $f(\xi, l, \alpha)$

Construction of $f(\xi, l, \alpha)$

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- Add -1 to all elements of l corresponding to the indices of the components in the lhs of the transition

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Kurtz's Theorem for PEPA

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WebService_responding = (response_ws, r_ws_resp_b).WebService_idle

WebService_method = (execute_ws, r_ws_exec).WebService_returning
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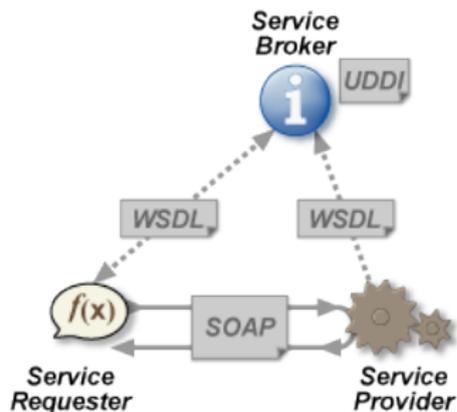


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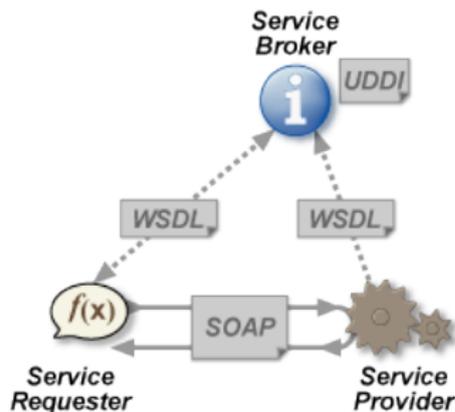


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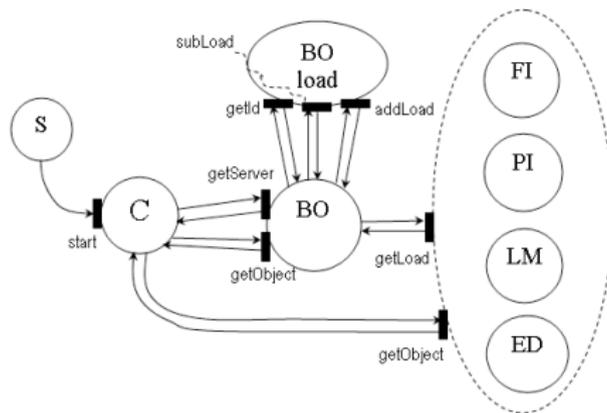
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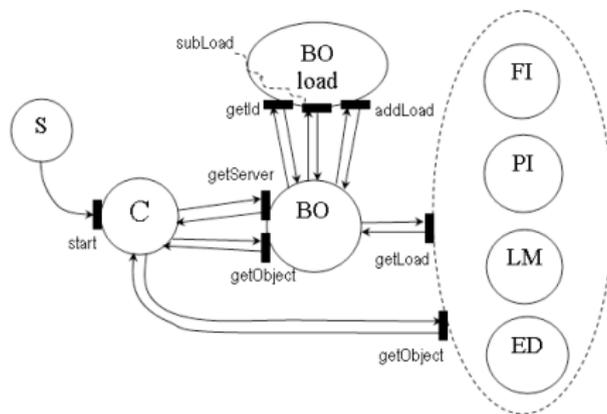
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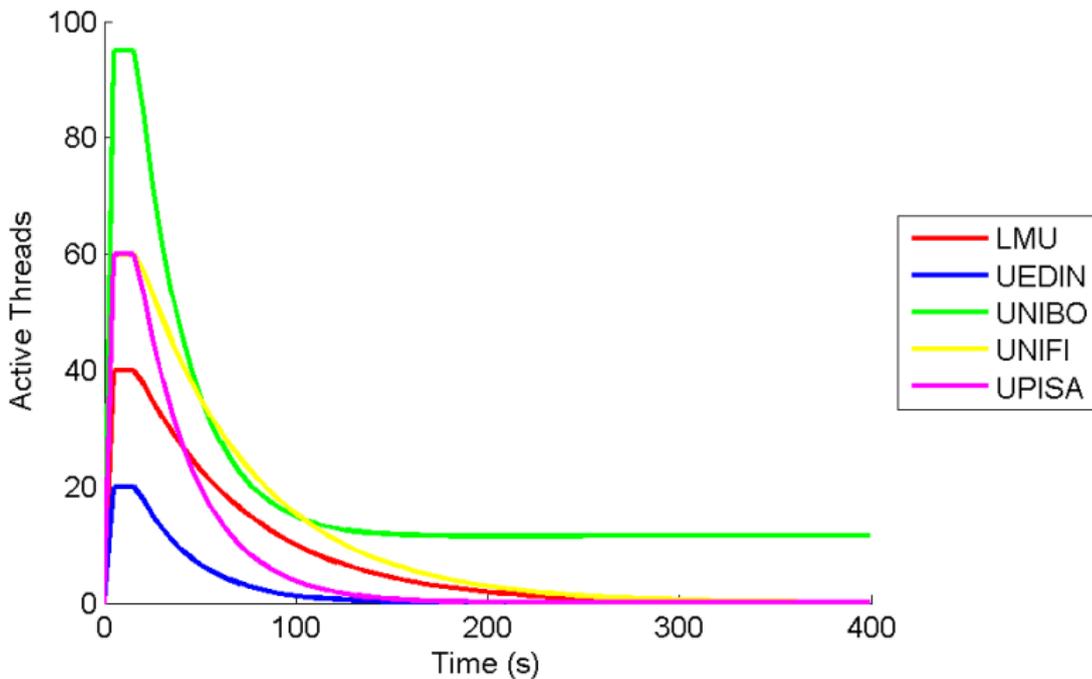
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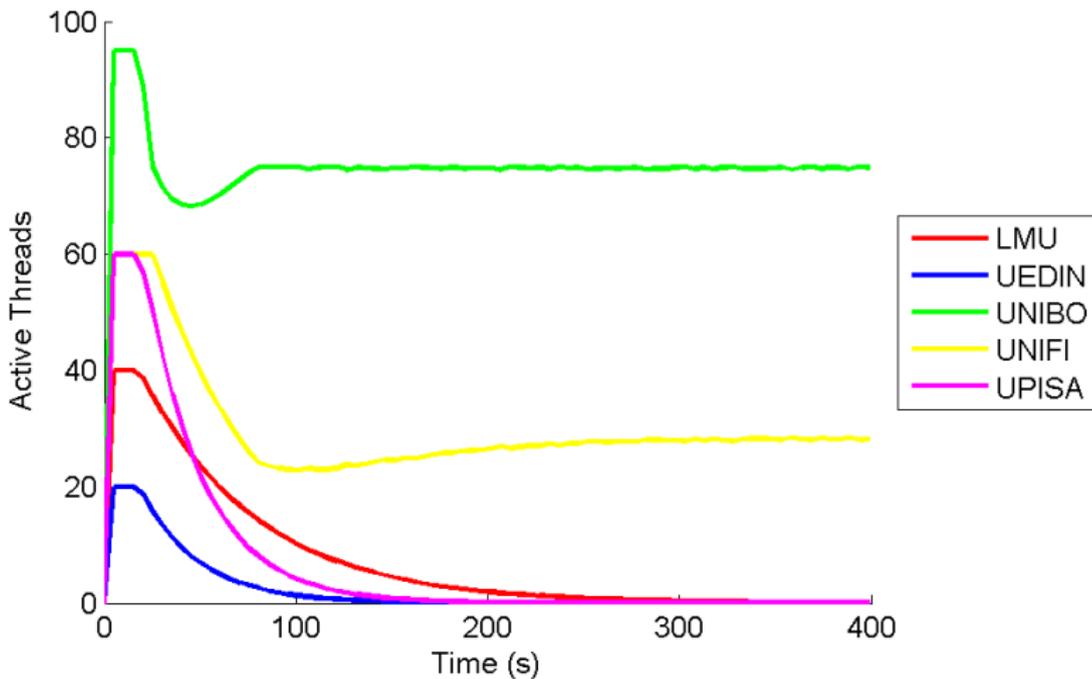
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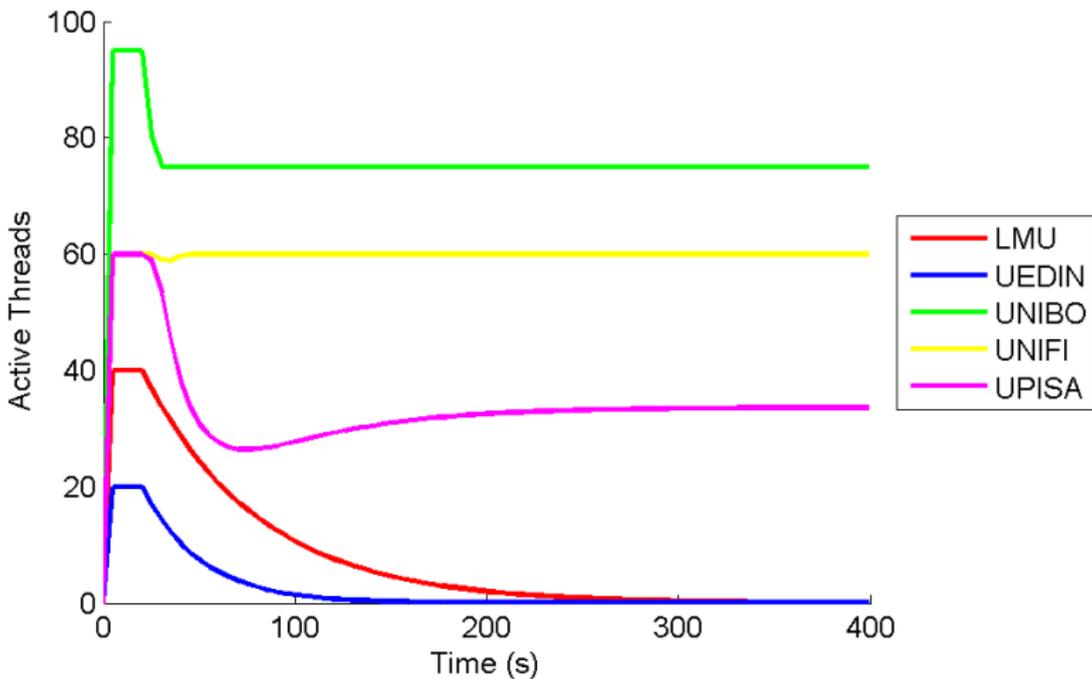
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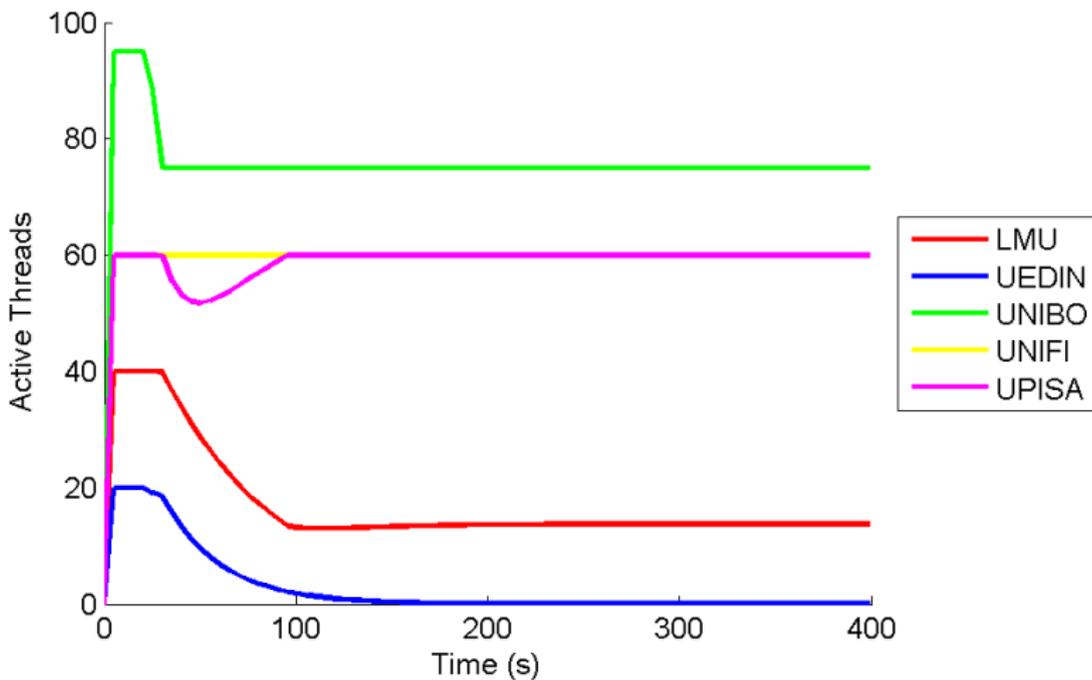
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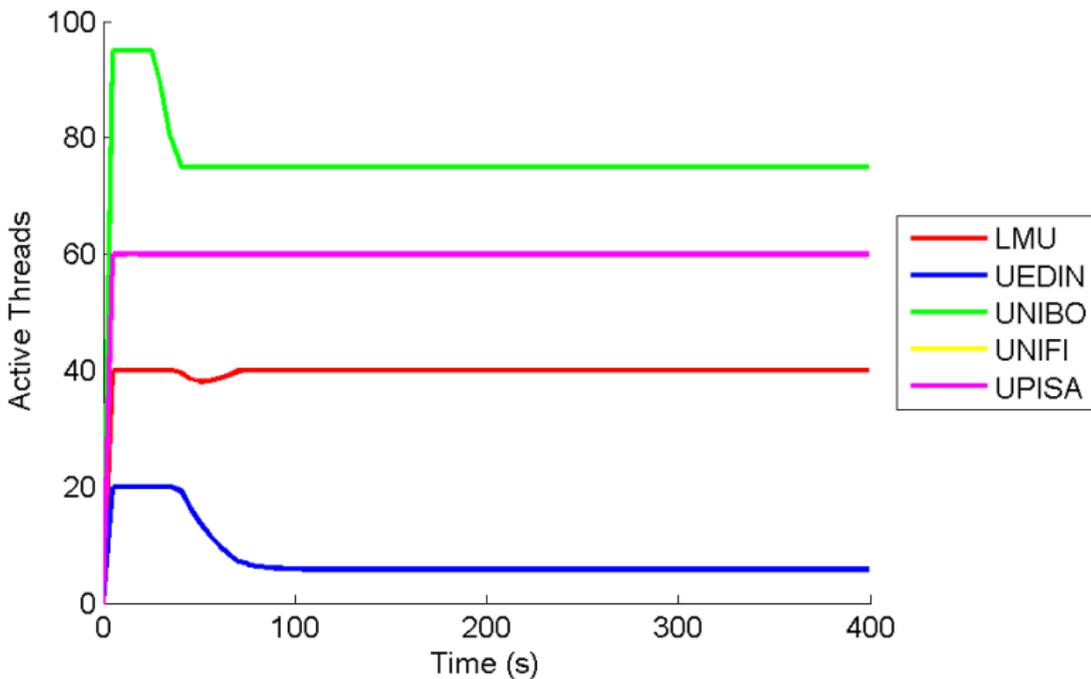
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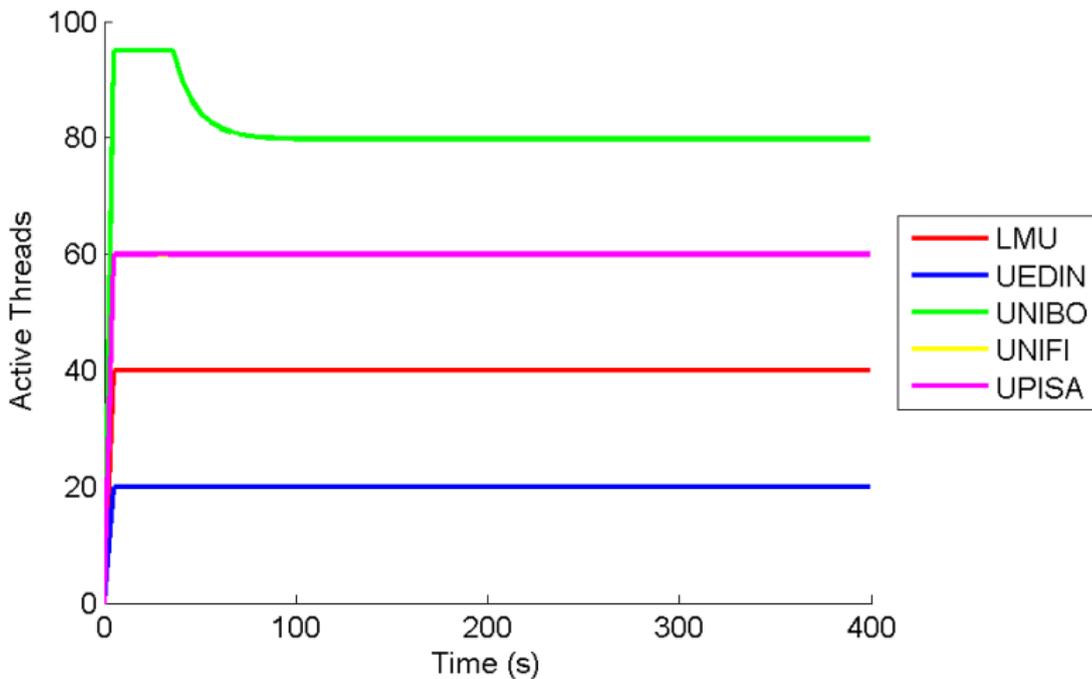
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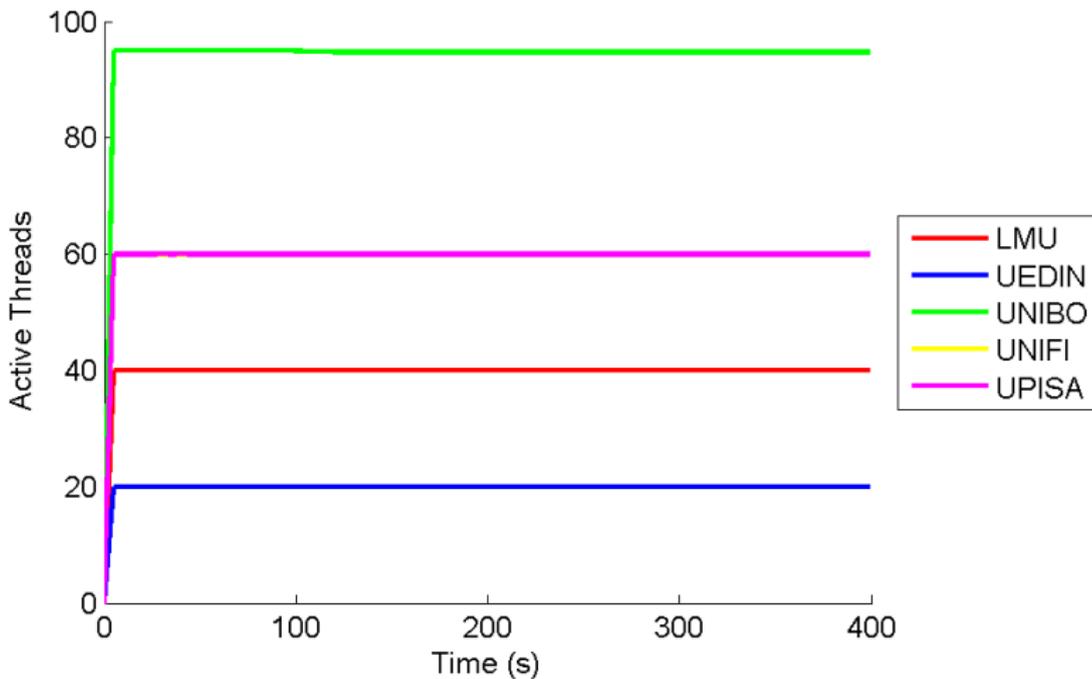
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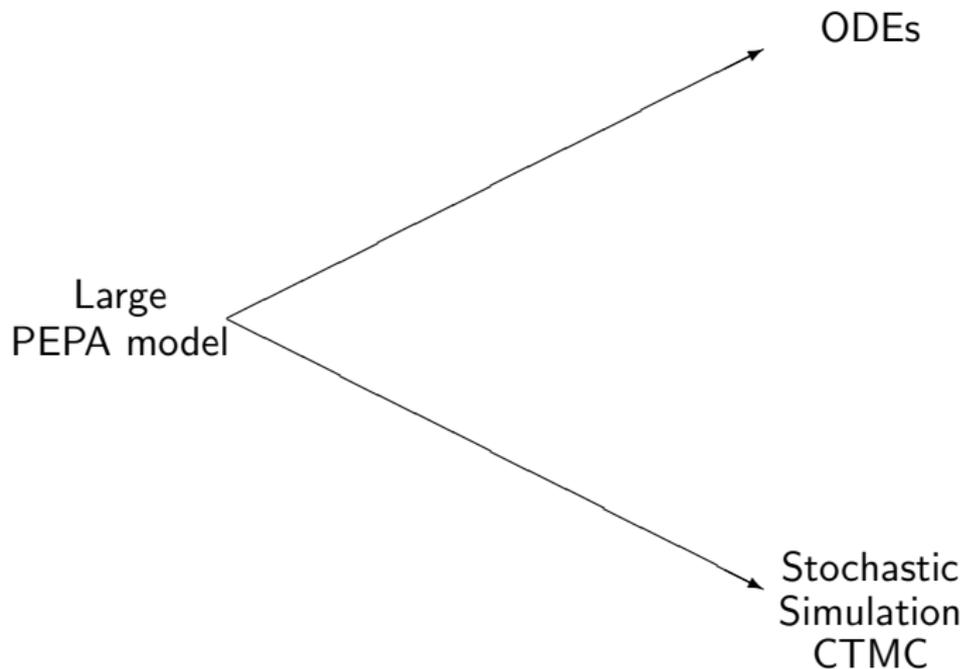
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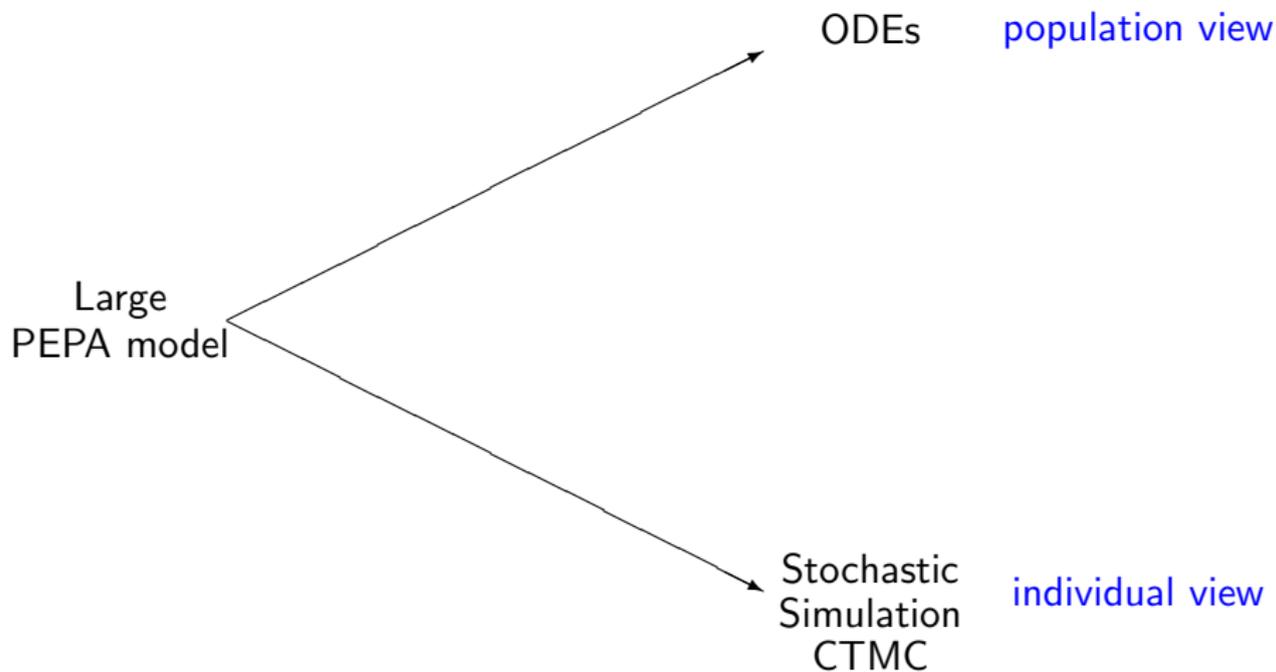
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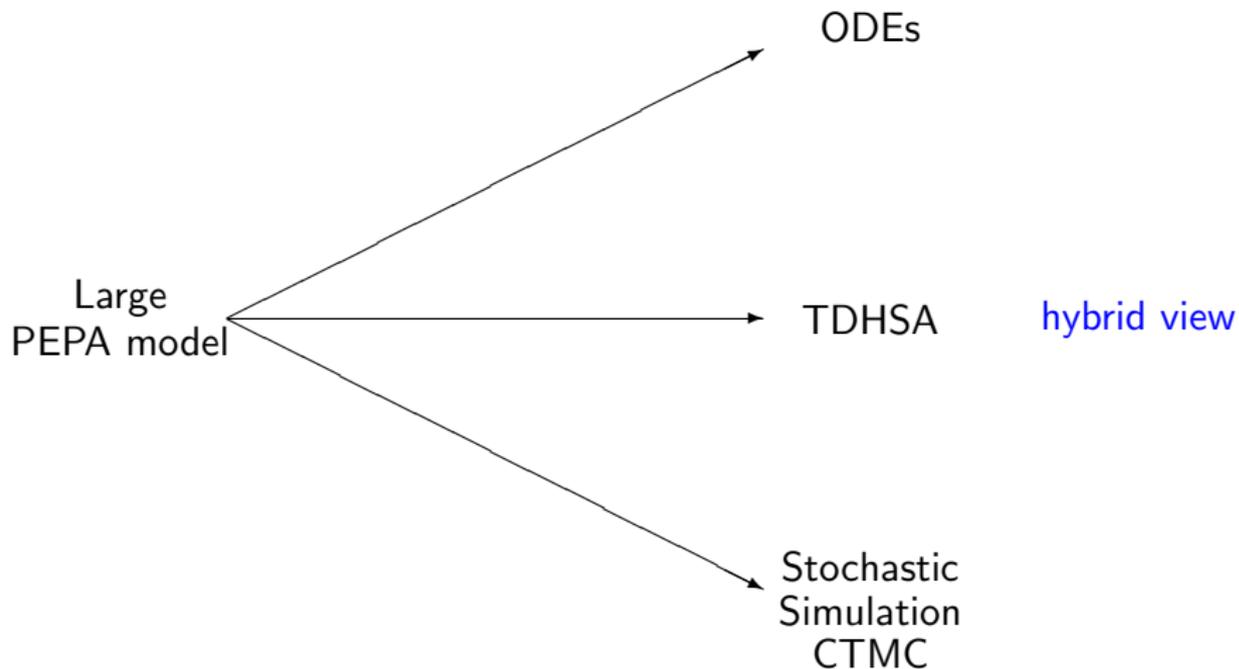
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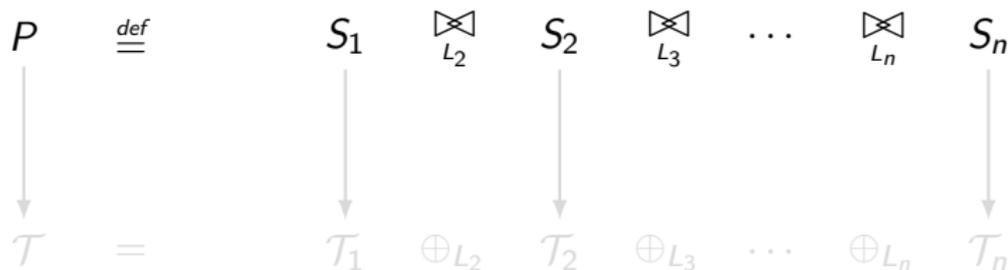
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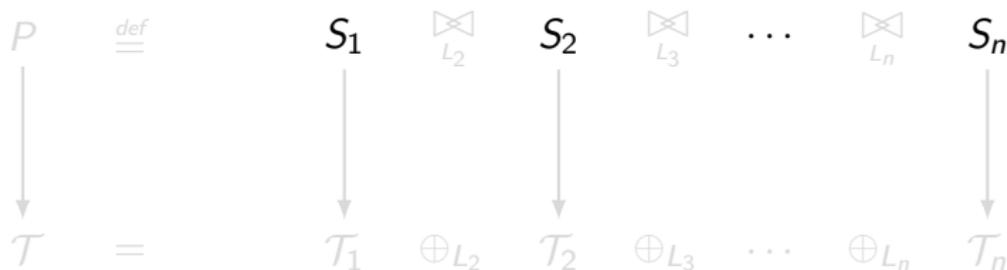
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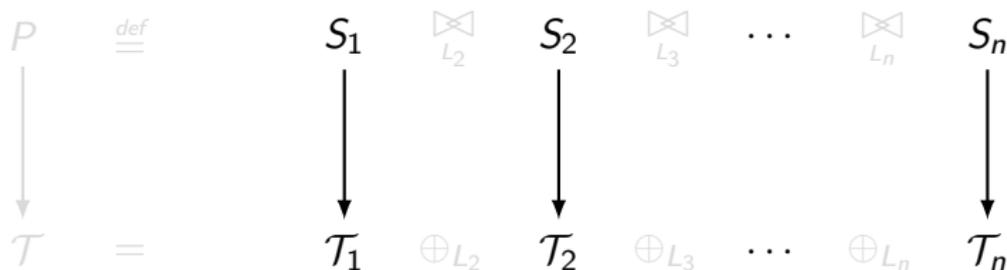
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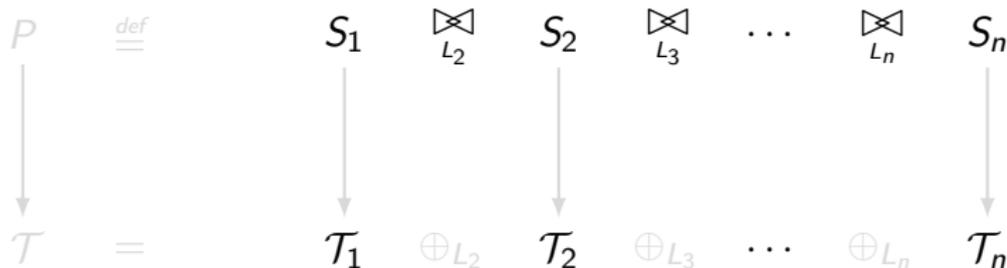
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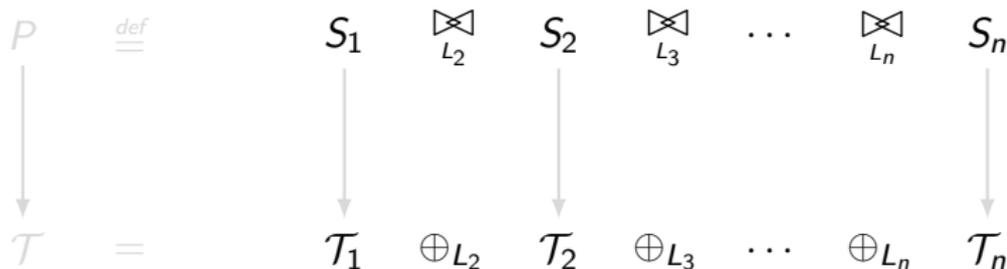
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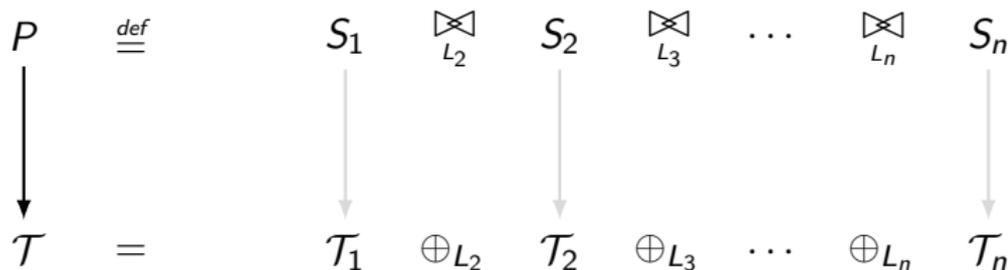
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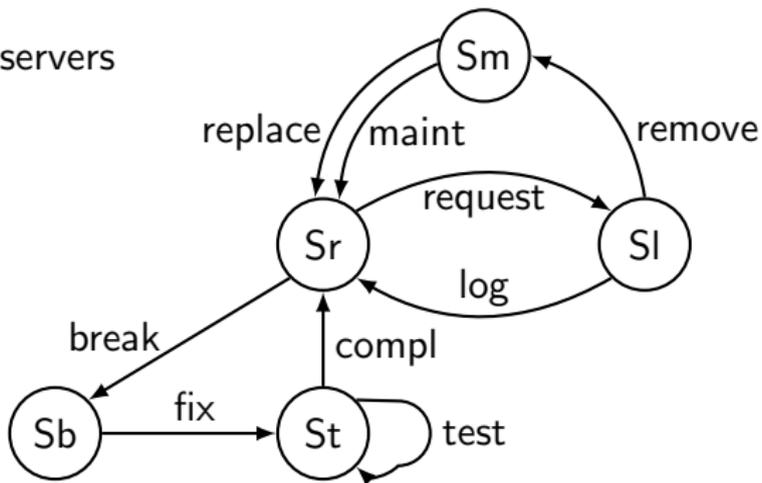
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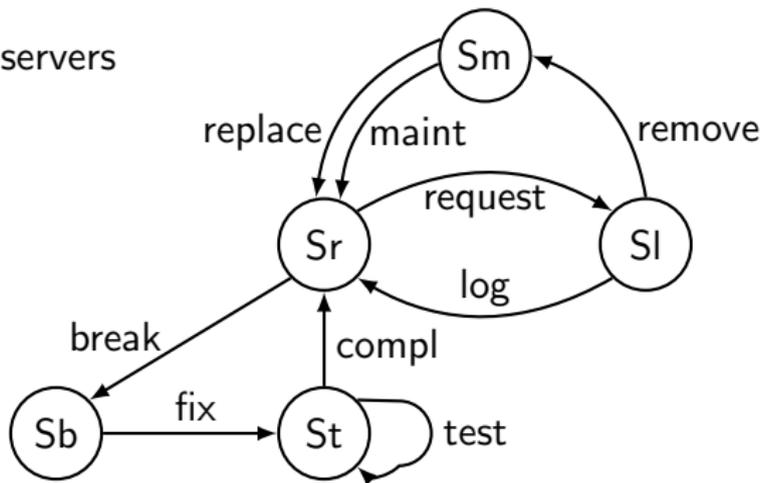


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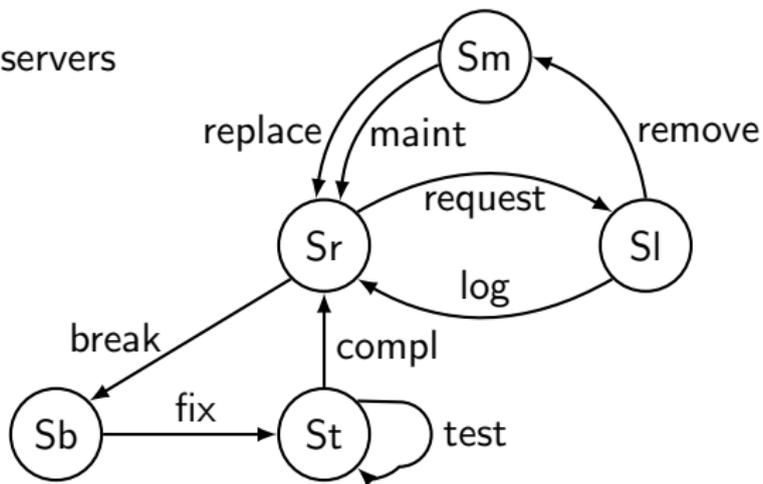


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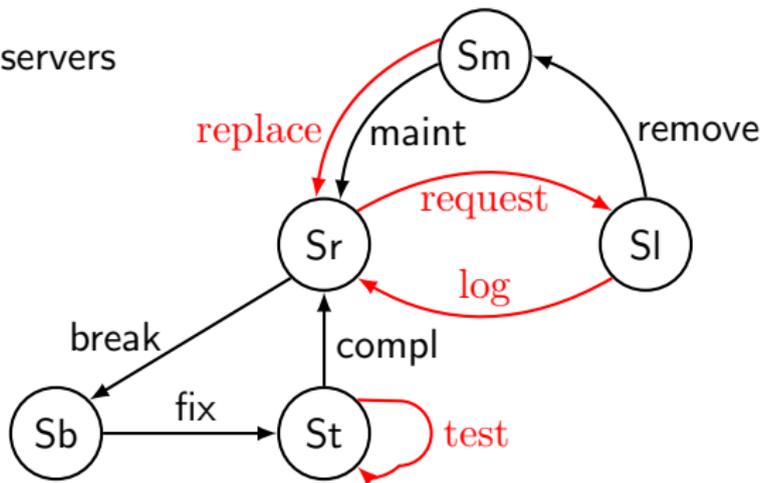


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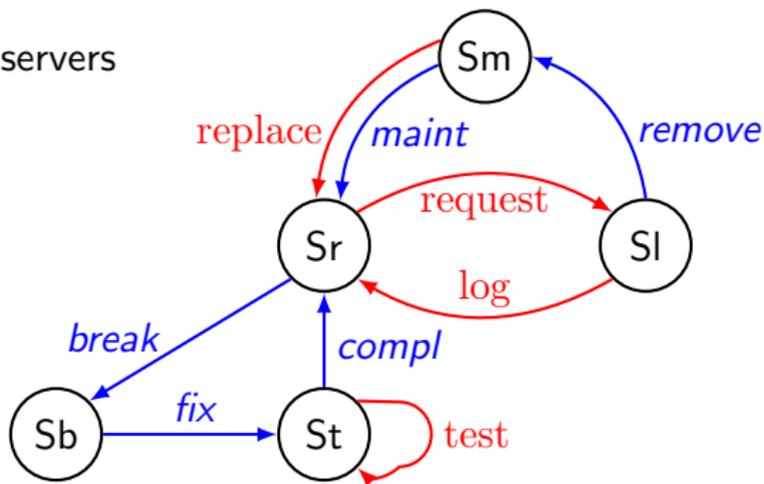


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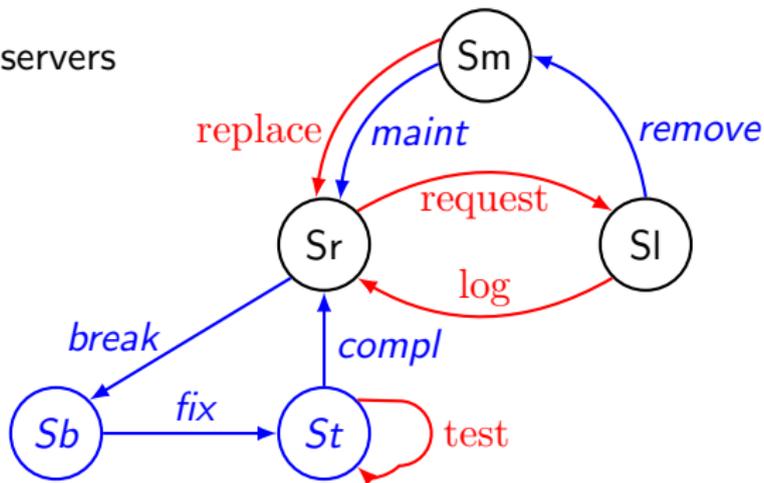


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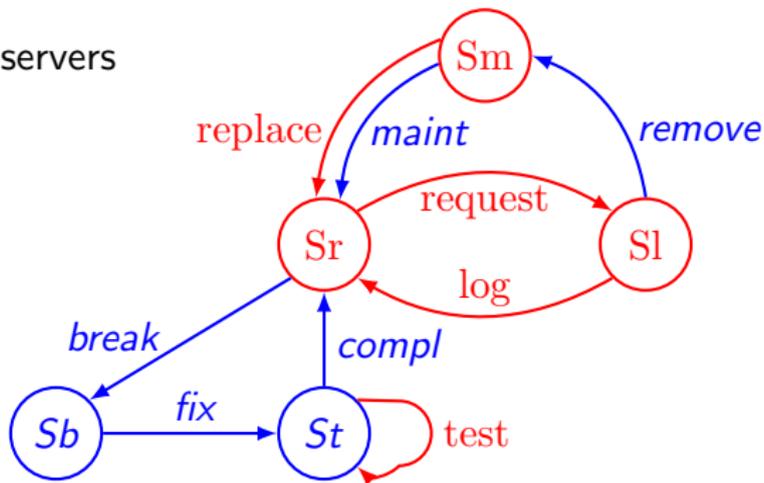


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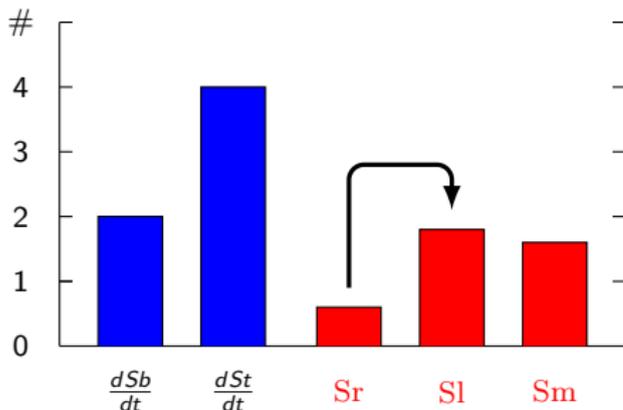
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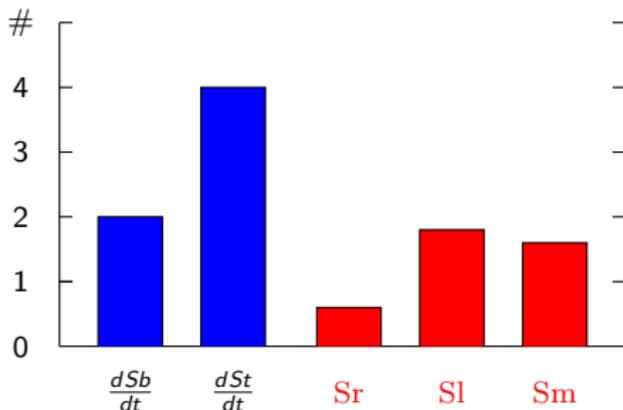
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- $((\#Sb, \#St), (0, 0, -1, 1, 0), r_{rp} \cdot \#Sr, \text{request})$

Continuous transition at a discrete component

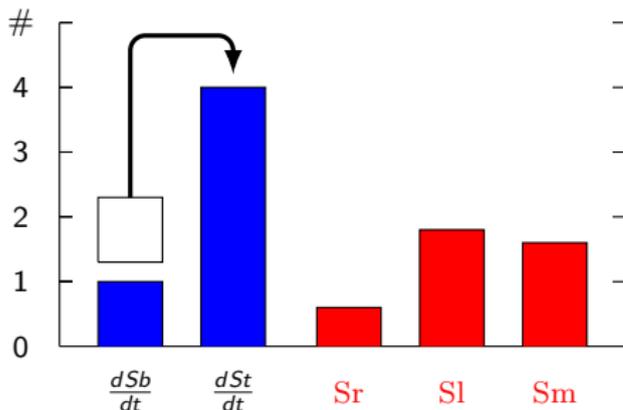
- $St \xrightarrow{(\text{test}, r_{ts} \cdot \#St)}_* St$
- continuous transition: no flow because single component



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Discrete transitions between discrete components

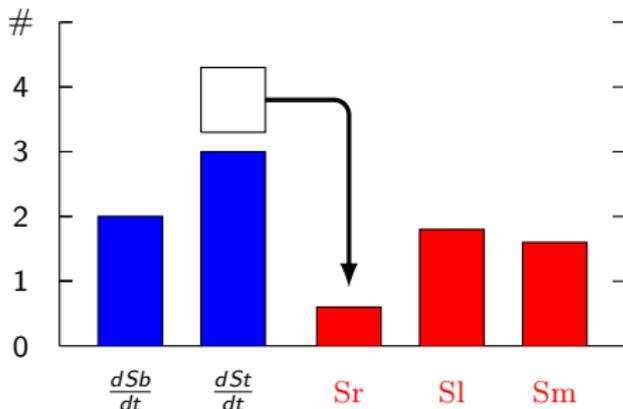
- $Sb \xrightarrow{(fix, r_{fx} \cdot \#Sb)}_* St$
- stochastic transition: unit quantity is shifted



- $((\#Sb, \#St), (\#Sb - 1, \#St + 1), true, true, r_{fx} \cdot \#Sb, fix)$

Discrete transition from discrete to continuous component

- $St \xrightarrow{(compl, r_{cm} \cdot \#St)} \star Sr$
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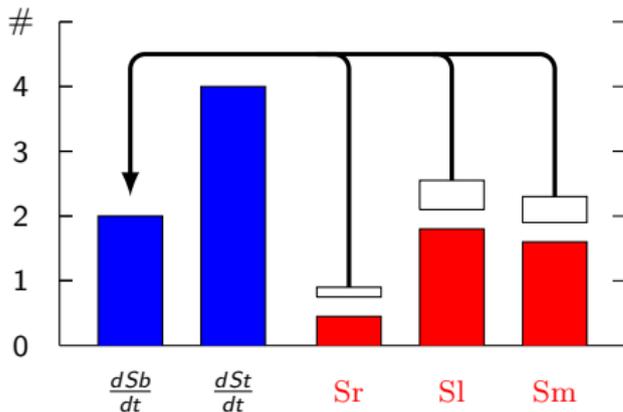


- $((\#Sb, \#St), (\#Sb, \#St - 1), true, R, r_{cm} \cdot \#St, compl)$ with $R = (X'_{Sr} = X_{Sr} + 1)$

Discrete transition from continuous to discrete component

- $S_r \xrightarrow{(break, r_{bk} \cdot \#S_r)} \star S_b$

- stochastic transition: unit quantity is shifted proportionally

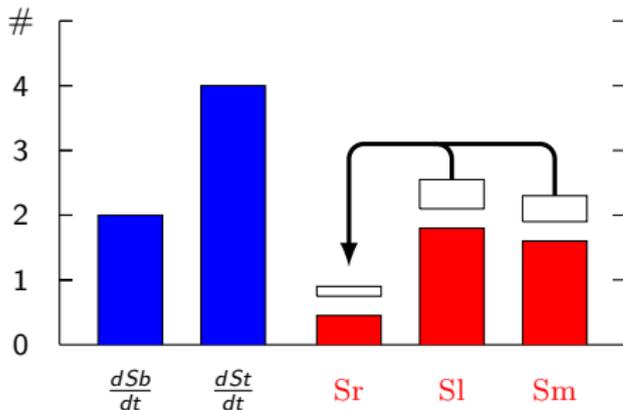


- $((\#S_b, \#S_t), (\#S_b + 1, \#S_t), true, R, r_{bk} \cdot \#S_r, break)$ with $R = (X'_{S_r} = X_{S_r} - z_r) \wedge (X'_{S_l} = X_{S_l} - z_l) \wedge (X'_{S_m} = X_{S_m} - z_m)$ and $z_r + z_l + z_m = 1$

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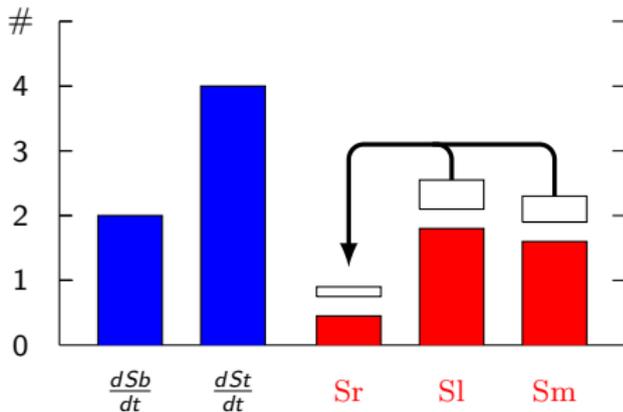
■ $S_m \xrightarrow{(maint, r_{mn} \cdot \#S_m)} S_r$

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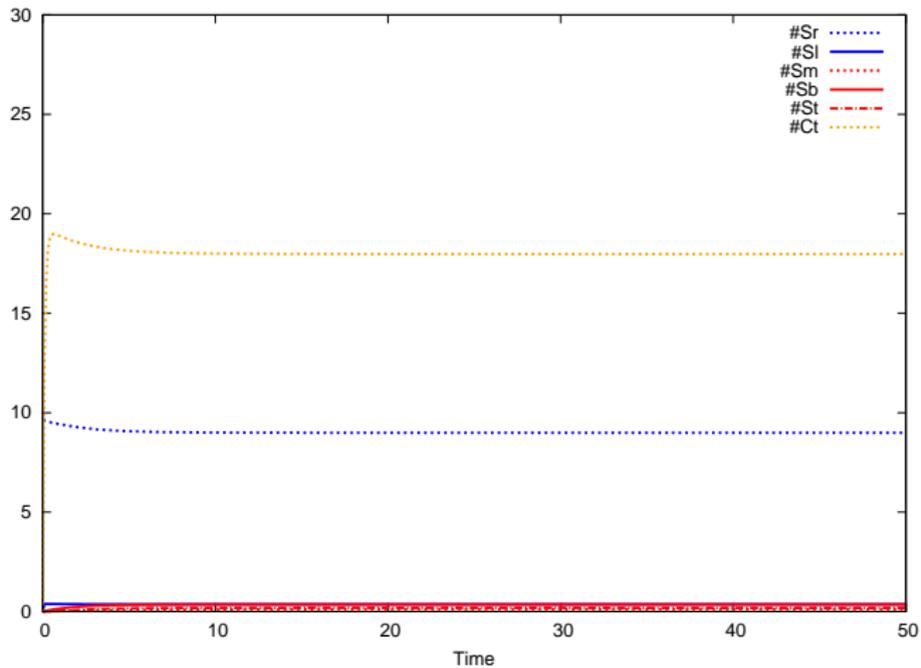


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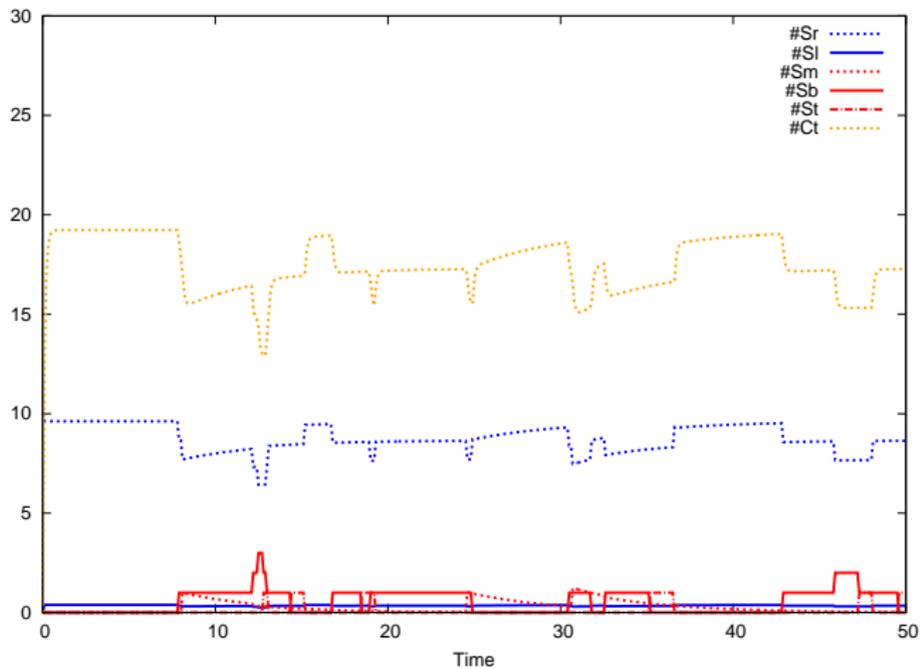
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Continuous deterministic simulation



Hybrid simulation



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