Mapping the Railway formalism onto different domains

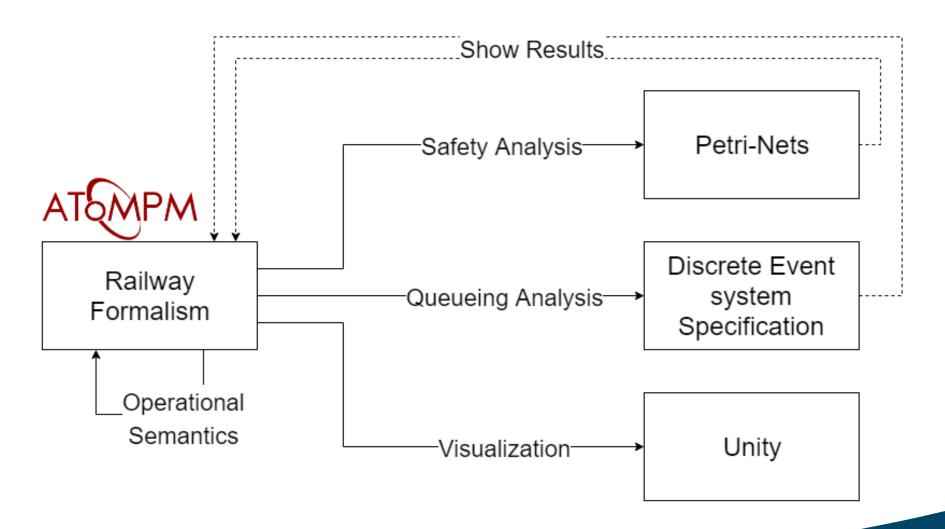
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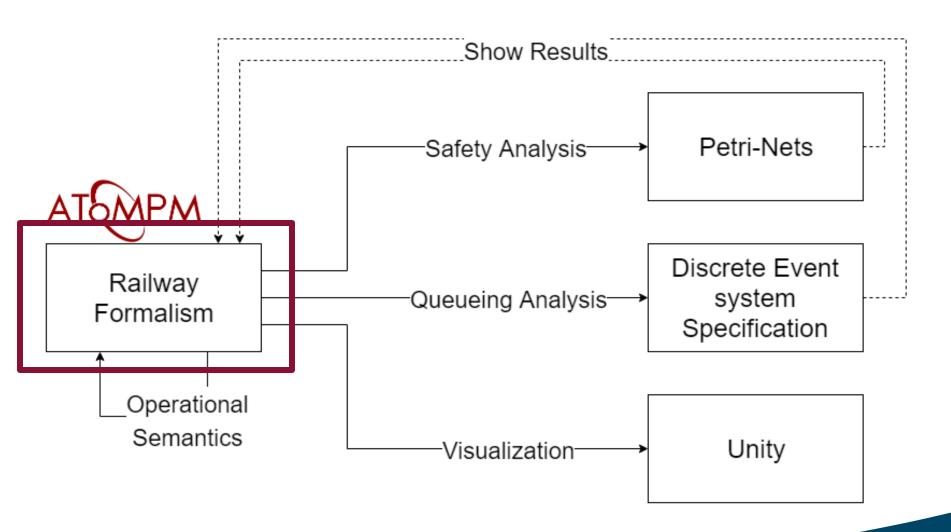
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Overview



1. Abstract and Concrete Syntax



Railway Formalism

Tracks

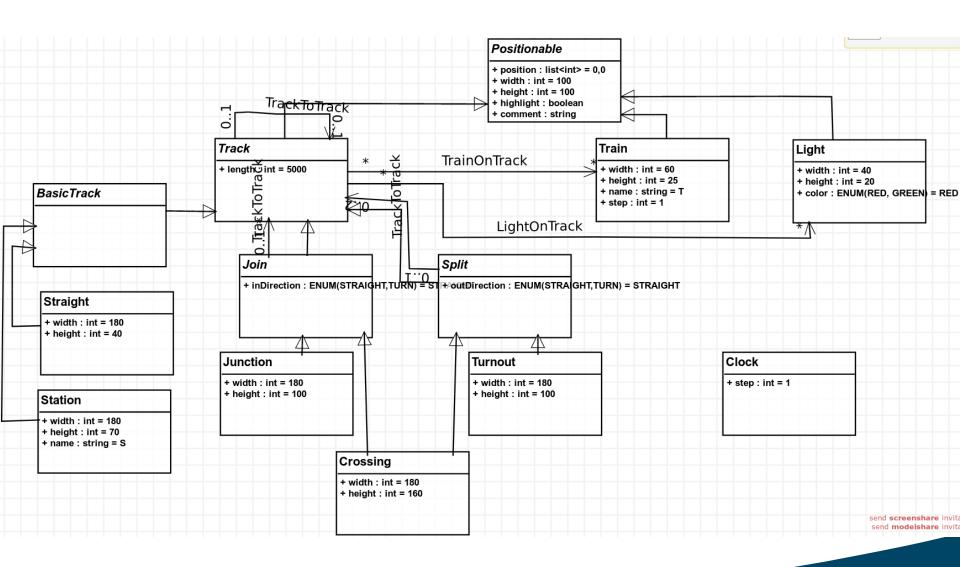
- Straight
- Turnout
- Junction
- Crossing
- Station

Trains

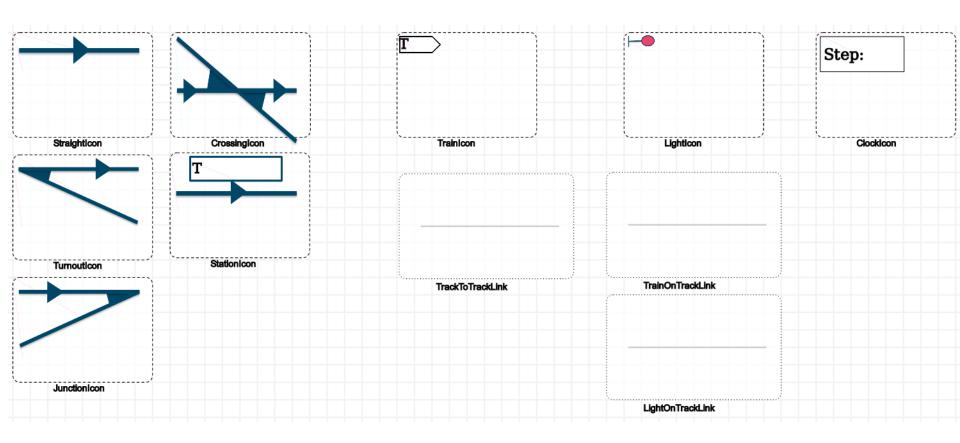
Lights

Based on: Railway Operation and Control by Joern Pachl

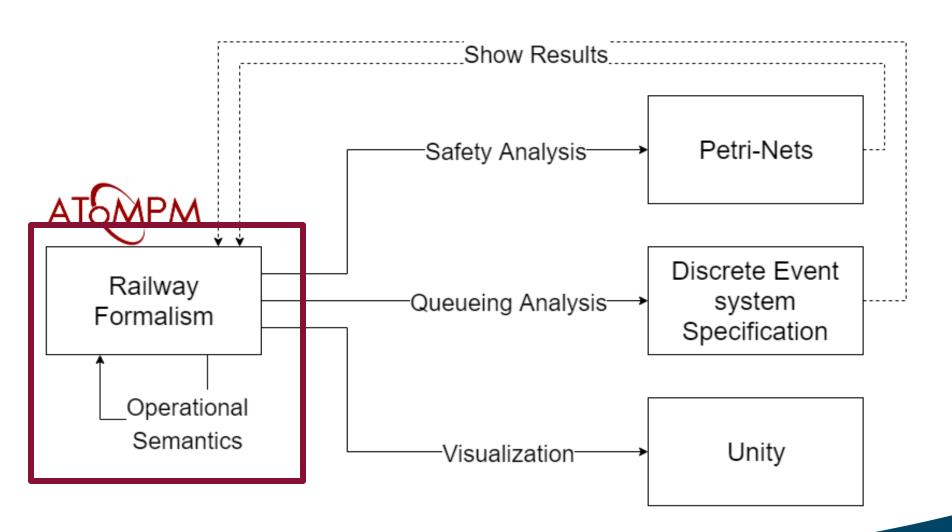
Abstract Syntax



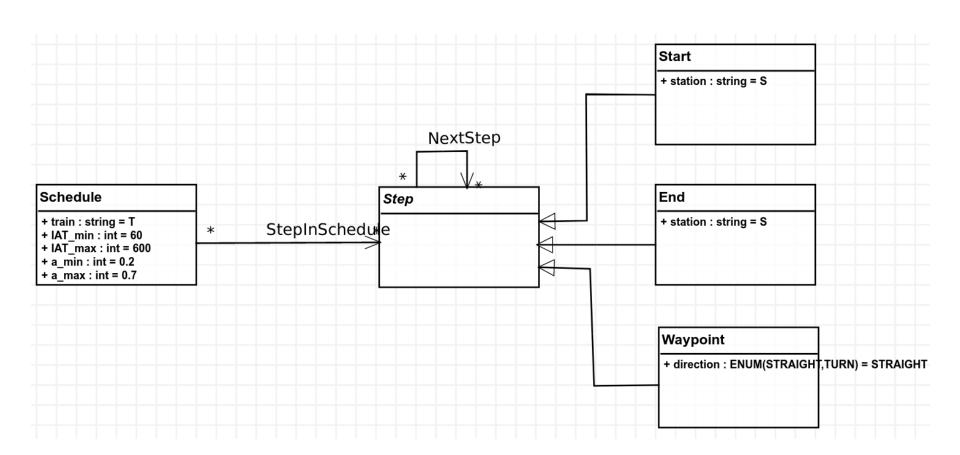
Concrete Syntax



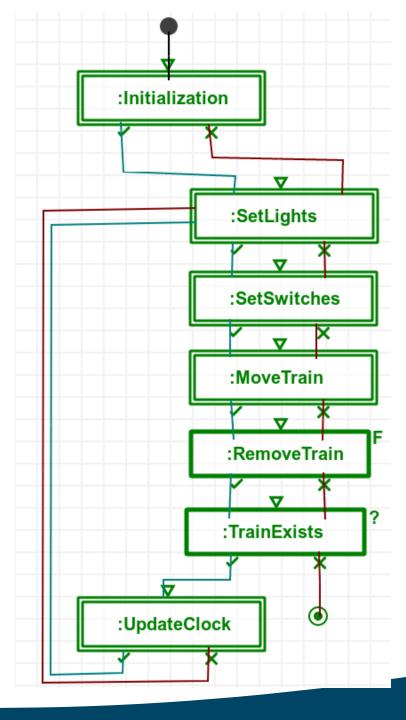
2. Operational Semantics



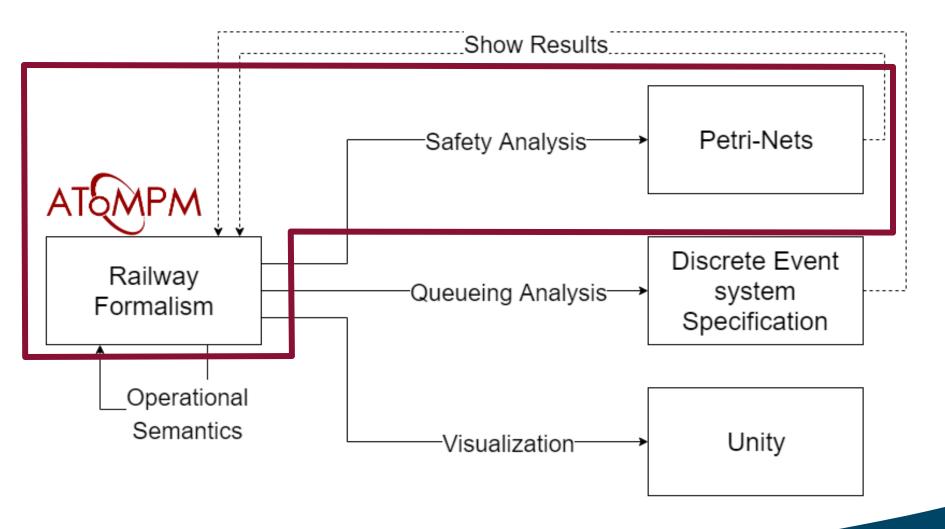
Train Schedule Formalism



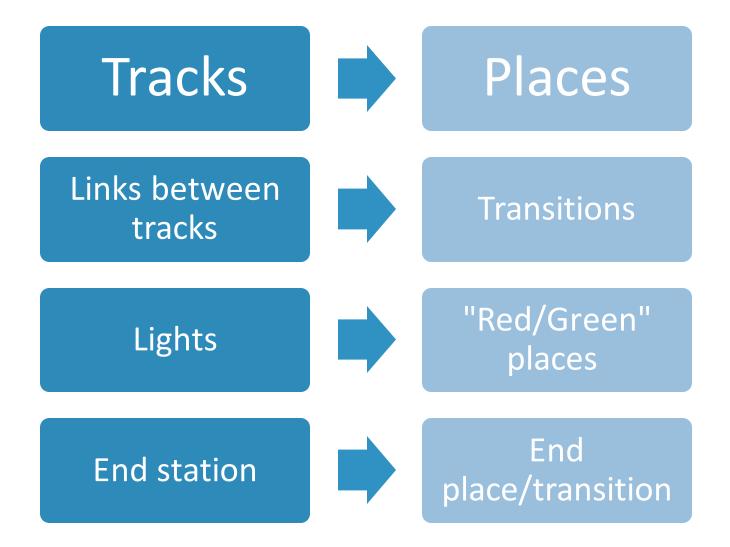
Schedule



3. Safety Analysis



Mapping to Petri-nets



LoLA

- A Low Level Petri net Analyzer
- Command line tool
- Specify custom properties through CTL formulas (Computation Tree Logic)

Safety Properties

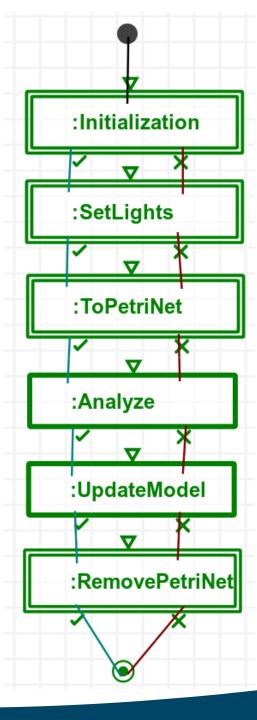
- Deadlock: EF DEADLOCK
- Reachability: EFT > 0
- Safeness: AG T ≤ 1
- Lights Invariant: AG (G = 1 OR R = 1)

Interfaces

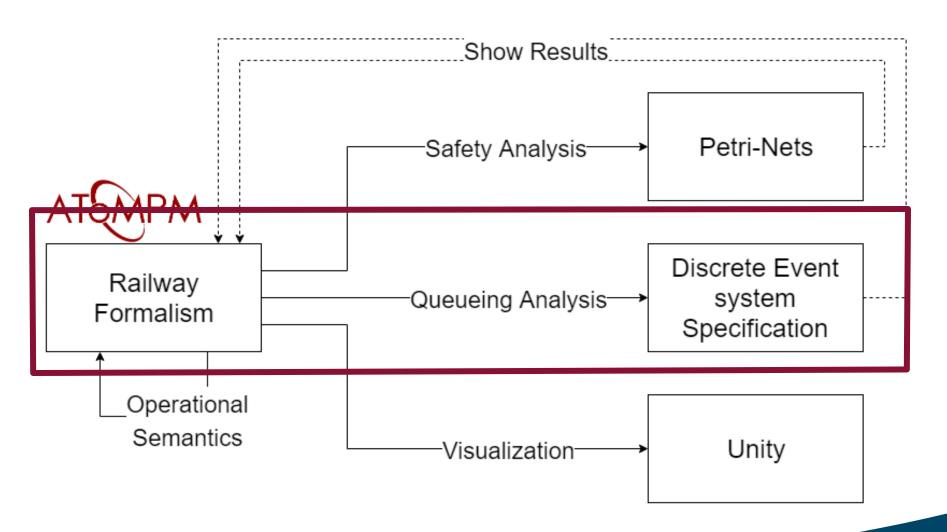
- Use ID's for traceability (\$atompmId)
- Generate LoLA petri net file
- Call LoLA via command
- Read results from files



Schedule



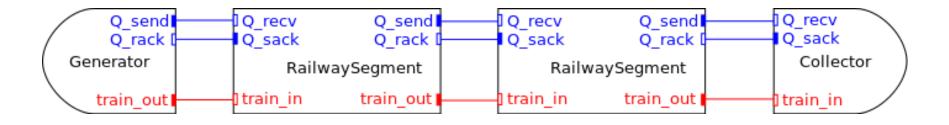
4. Queueing Analysis



DEVS Model

- Using PythonPDEVS
- Atomic models:
 - RailwaySegment
 - Join
 - Split
 - Crossing
 - Generator
 - Collector

DEVS Model Example



Source: http://msdl.cs.mcgill.ca/people/hv/teaching/MoSIS/assignments/DEVS

Mapping to DEVS

Start station



Generator

End station



Collector

Other tracks correspond to atomic DEVS model (e.g. Junction to Join)

Links between tracks become channels (connect ports)

Properties

- Average transit time of schedule
- Throughput of track
- Average transit time of track

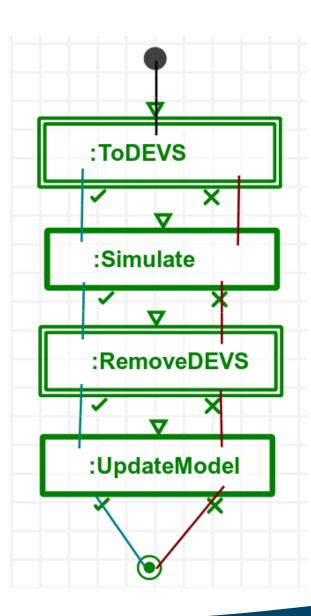
Interfaces

- Use ID's for traceability (\$atompmId)
- Generate python PythonPDEVS file
- Call PythonPDEVS to run the simulation
- Read results from file

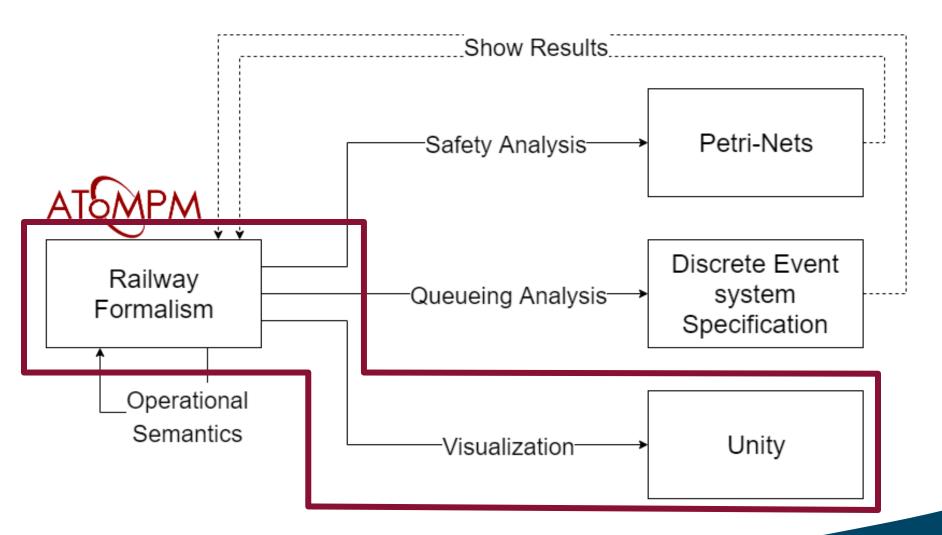
Simulate

UpdateModel

Schedule



5. Visualization



Model Generation

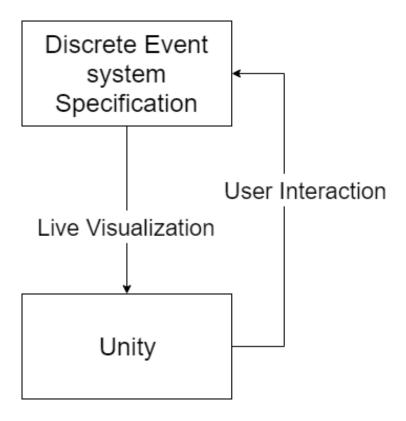
- Using Unity
- Small (xml) file to represent railway network
- Instantiate object in Unity

Simulation

- PythonPDEVS as simulator
- Custom tracer to create tracefile
- Read tracefile to resimulate model
- Gameloop:

```
currentTime = 0.0
while nextEventExists():
    if currentTime != nextTimestamp:
        wait (nextTimestamp - currentTime)
        currentTime = nextTimestamp
    simulateNextEvent()
```

6. Live Visualization and Interaction



Live Simulation

- PythonPDEVS as simulator
- Custom tracer to create tracefile send messages live to Unity (through sockets)
- Same messages as in tracefile:
 - No "gameloop" anymore

User interaction

- Tweak parameters during simulation
- Send message back to simulator from Unity
- Which model and what parameters to update
- Message interpreted as an external/user event in DEVS