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## 1 Introduction

This project presents a **Multi-Agent System (MAS) for smoke emergency response** implemented in DALI Prolog. The system simulates how intelligent agents cooperate to detect, manage, and respond to smoke incidents inside a building.

In real-world environments such as hospitals, offices, and public facilities, early smoke detection and rapid coordination are essential to ensure people's safety and reduce infrastructure damage. This project models a simplified but realistic emergency scenario in which specialized agents collaborate to handle smoke alerts and evacuation procedures.

The system demonstrates key multi-agent concepts such as:

- Event-driven behavior
- Inter-agent communication
- Distributed decision-making
- Task coordination
- Autonomous reactions to emergencies

The main objective is to show how multiple agents can work together to provide a structured and intelligent emergency response.

## 1.1 System Overview

The Emergency Smoke Response MAS consists of four main agents that interact to detect and manage smoke emergencies:

1. Room Sensor Agent
2. Safety Manager Agent
3. Guard Team Agent
4. Evacuator Agent

Each agent has a specific responsibility and communicates with others using DALI message passing.

When smoke exceeds a safety threshold, the system triggers a coordinated response involving inspection and evacuation.

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### 1.1.1. Roles

The Emergency Smoke Response Multi-Agent System is composed of specialized agents, each with a clearly defined role. The separation of responsibilities allows efficient coordination and fast reaction to emergency situations.

#### Role Description / Main Responsibilities

<b>Room Sensor Agent</b>	Monitors smoke levels in rooms. When the measured value exceeds a predefined threshold, it generates an alarm and notifies the Safety Manager.
<b>Safety Manager Agent</b>	Acts as the central coordinator. Receives alarms from sensors, manages multiple pending alarms, and dispatches the Guard Team and Evacuator. Ensures that emergencies are handled sequentially without conflict.
<b>Guard Team Agent</b>	Responds to the physical location of the emergency. Verifies the smoke level and, if the situation is critical, escalates the emergency by calling firefighters.
<b>Evacuator Agent</b>	Manages evacuation procedures. Unlocks doors, activates warning signals (sirens), and ensures that occupants can safely leave the affected area. Sends confirmation once evacuation is complete.

### 1.1.2 Role Schemas

#### Role Schema: RoomSensor

##### Description

Monitors smoke levels in each room.

When the smoke value exceeds a predefined threshold, it generates an alarm and informs the SafetyManager.

Once the SafetyManager takes charge of the emergency, the RoomSensor does not repeatedly escalate the same event.

### **Permissions**

#### **Reads**

smoke\_level(Value), threshold(Value)

#### **Generates**

alarm(Level,Room)

### **Responsibilities**

#### **Liveness**

new\_smoke(L,R) → alarm(L,R)

#### **Safety**

- Alarms are generated only if the threshold is exceeded
  - Avoids unnecessary alarms below threshold
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### **Role Schema: SafetyManager**

#### **Description**

Acts as the coordinator of the emergency response.

Receives alarms from sensors, queues multiple alarms, and dispatches GuardTeam and Evacuator agents.

Ensures that only one emergency is handled at a time.

#### **Protocols and Activities**

alarm, dispatch\_guard, start\_evacuation, trigger\_next\_dispatch

#### **Permissions**

##### **Reads**

pending\_alarm(Level,Room)

busy

##### **Generates**

dispatch\_guard(Room,Level)

start\_evacuation(Room,Level)

## Responsibilities

### Liveness

alarm(L,R) → dispatch\_guard(R,L) , start\_evacuation(R,L)

### Safety

- Handles one emergency at a time
- Queues additional alarms safely

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## Role Schema: GuardTeam

### Description

Responds to the emergency location and evaluates severity.  
Calls firefighters if smoke levels are critical.

### Protocols and Activities

dispatch\_guard, guard\_confirm, firefighters\_called

### Permissions

#### Reads

smoke\_level(Level)

#### Generates

guard\_confirm(Room)

firefighters\_called(Room)

## Responsibilities

### Liveness

dispatch\_guard(R,L) → guard\_confirm(R)

### Safety

- Calls firefighters only in critical situations

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## Role Schema: Evacuator

## Description

Executes evacuation procedures in the affected room.  
Unlocks doors, activates sirens, and confirms when the room is safe.

## Protocols and Activities

start\_evacuation, evac\_request, room\_safe

## Permissions

### Reads

evac\_request(Room,Level)

### Generates

room\_safe(Room)

## Responsibilities

### Liveness

start\_evacuation(R,L)  $\rightarrow$  room\_safe(R)

### Safety

- Ensures evacuation actions are executed before declaring safety

## 1.2 Virtual Organization

**Name:** EmergencySmokeResponse

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### Goals:

- Minimize risk to people and infrastructure.
  - Ensure prompt and coordinated reaction to smoke emergencies.
  - Support distributed decision-making among agents.
  - Guarantee safe evacuation procedures.
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### Roles and Interactions:

- **RoomSensor  $\rightarrow$  SafetyManager:** sends alarm messages when smoke exceeds the threshold.
- **SafetyManager  $\rightarrow$  GuardTeam:** dispatches the guard team to inspect the affected room.
- **SafetyManager  $\rightarrow$  Evacuator:** sends evacuation commands for the affected location.
- **GuardTeam  $\rightarrow$  SafetyManager:** confirms arrival and reports if firefighters are needed.

- **Evacuator → SafetyManager:** informs when evacuation and safety procedures are completed.

## 1.3 Event Table

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### RoomSensor

Event	Type	Source
new_smoke(L,R)	external	environment
smoke_received(L,R)	internal	state
fire_alarm(L,R)	internal	state

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### SafetyManager

Event	Type	Source
alarm(L,R)	external	RoomSensor
guard_confirm(R)	external	GuardTeam
firefighters_called(R)	external	GuardTeam
room_safe(R)	external	Evacuator
pending_alarm(L,R)	internal	state
trigger_next_dispatch	internal	state

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### GuardTeam

Event	Type	Source
dispatch_guard(R,L)	external	SafetyManager

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### Evacuator

Event	Type	Source
start_evacuation(R,L)	external	SafetyManager
evac_request(R,L)	internal	state

## 1.4 Action Table

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## RoomSensor

Action	Description
send_alarm(L,R)	Sends smoke alarm to SafetyManager

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## SafetyManager

Action	Description
dispatch_guard(R,L)	Sends guard team to inspect room
start_evacuation(R,L)	Sends evacuation command to Evacuator
queue_alarm	Stores alarm when busy

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## GuardTeam

Action	Description
guard_confirm(R)	Confirms arrival to SafetyManager
firefighters_called(R)	Requests firefighters for severe cases

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## Evacuator

Action	Description
evacuate_room	Starts evacuation procedure
unlock_doors	Opens doors for safe exit
siren_on	Activates warning signals
room_safe(R)	Reports evacuation completed

## 1.5 Agent Behaviors

- **RoomSensor:**

Proactive; continuously monitors smoke levels and generates alarms when the threshold is exceeded. Filters normal readings from dangerous ones and triggers the emergency workflow. Proactive in its use of internal states and events.

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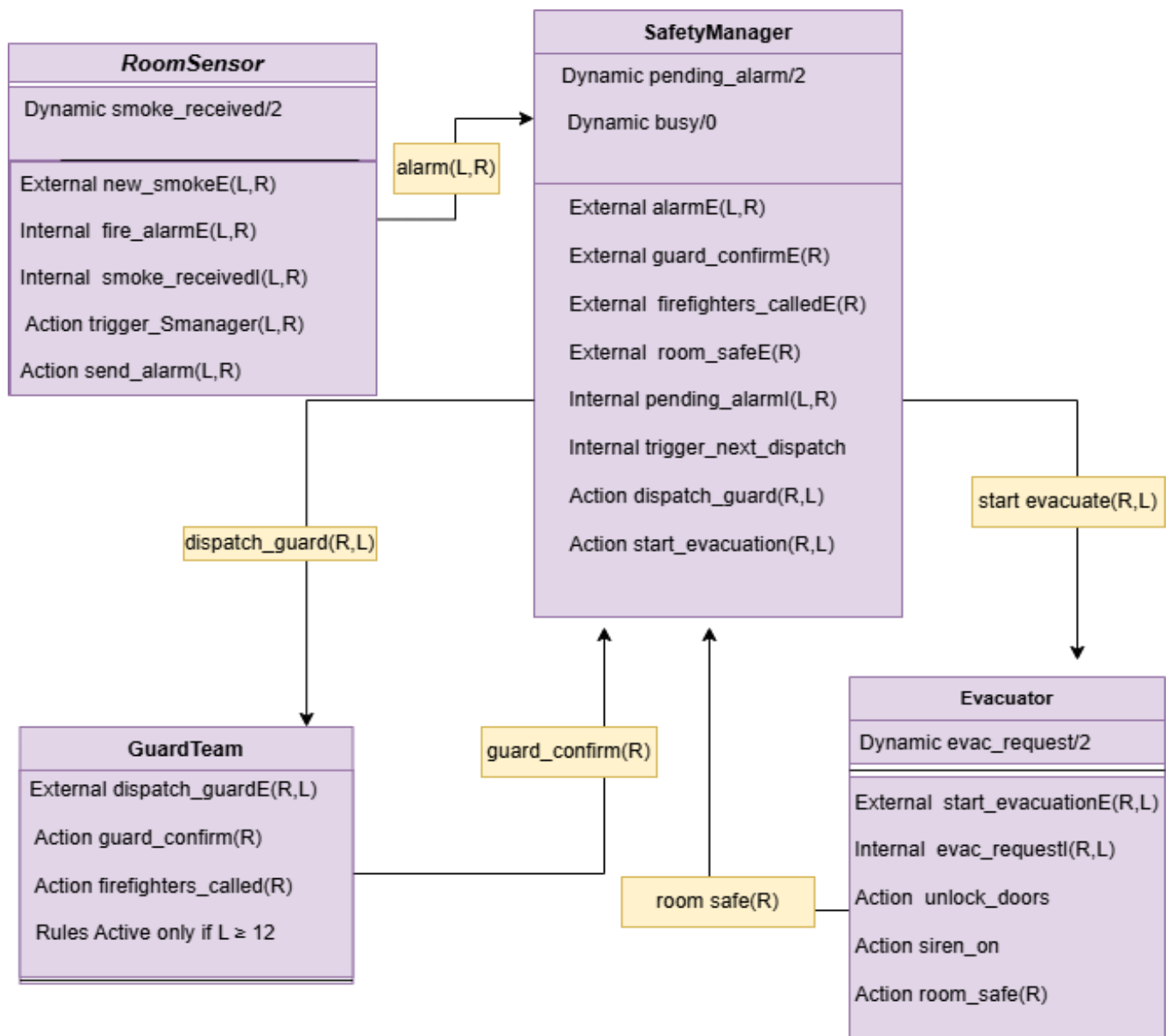
- **SafetyManager:**

Reactive to incoming alarms; proactive in coordinating the emergency response. Manages multiple alarms using internal states (busy and pending alarms) to ensure that emergencies are handled sequentially. Dispatches the GuardTeam and Evacuator and monitors completion of tasks.

- **GuardTeam:**  
Reactive to dispatch commands. Inspects the affected location and confirms arrival.  
Proactive in escalation when smoke levels are critical by requesting firefighter intervention.

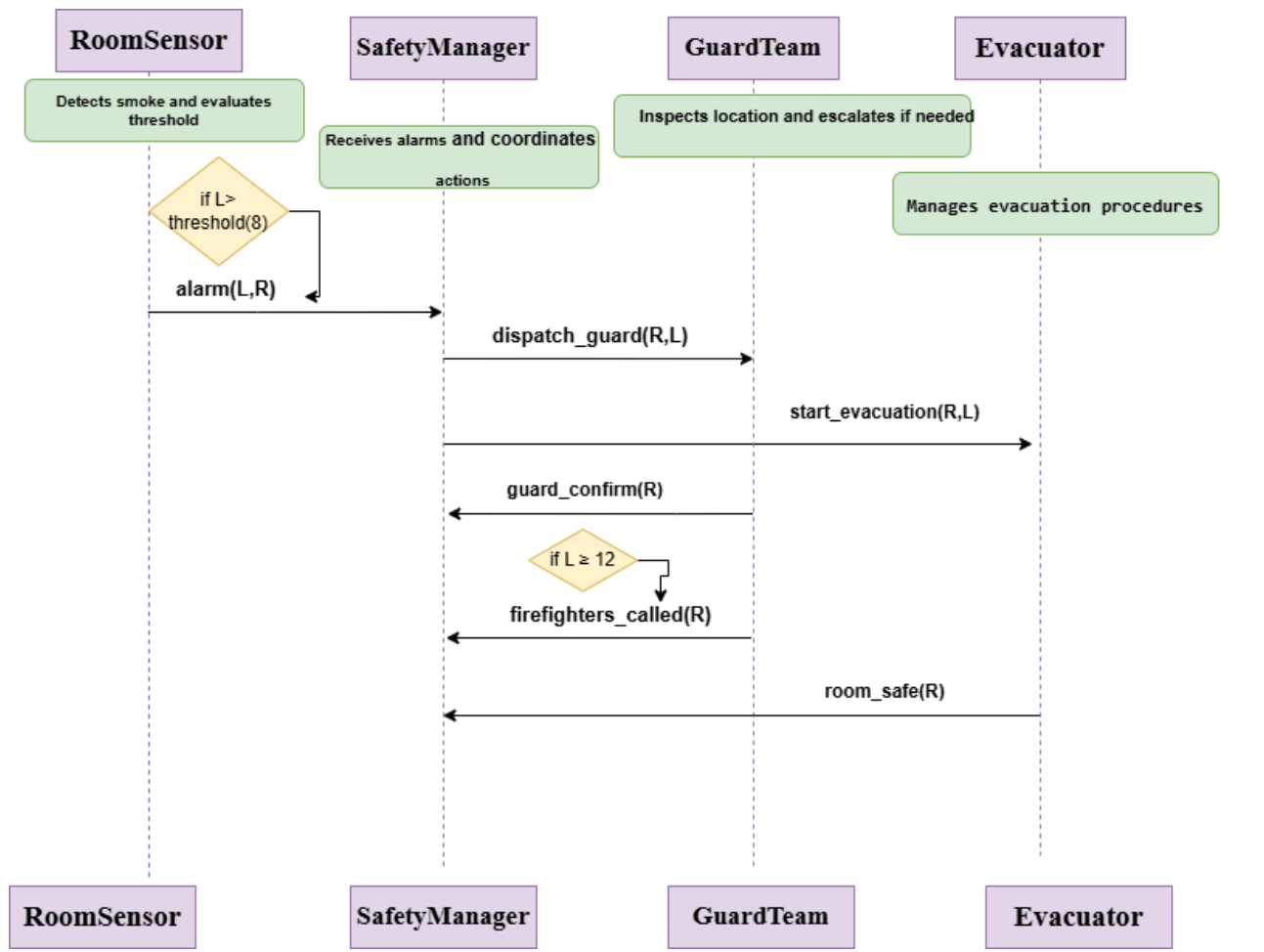
- **Evacuator:**  
Reactive to evacuation commands. Executes evacuation procedures such as unlocking doors and activating sirens. Reports confirmation when the room is safe. Uses internal states to manage evacuation steps.

## Class Diagram - Smoke emergency response



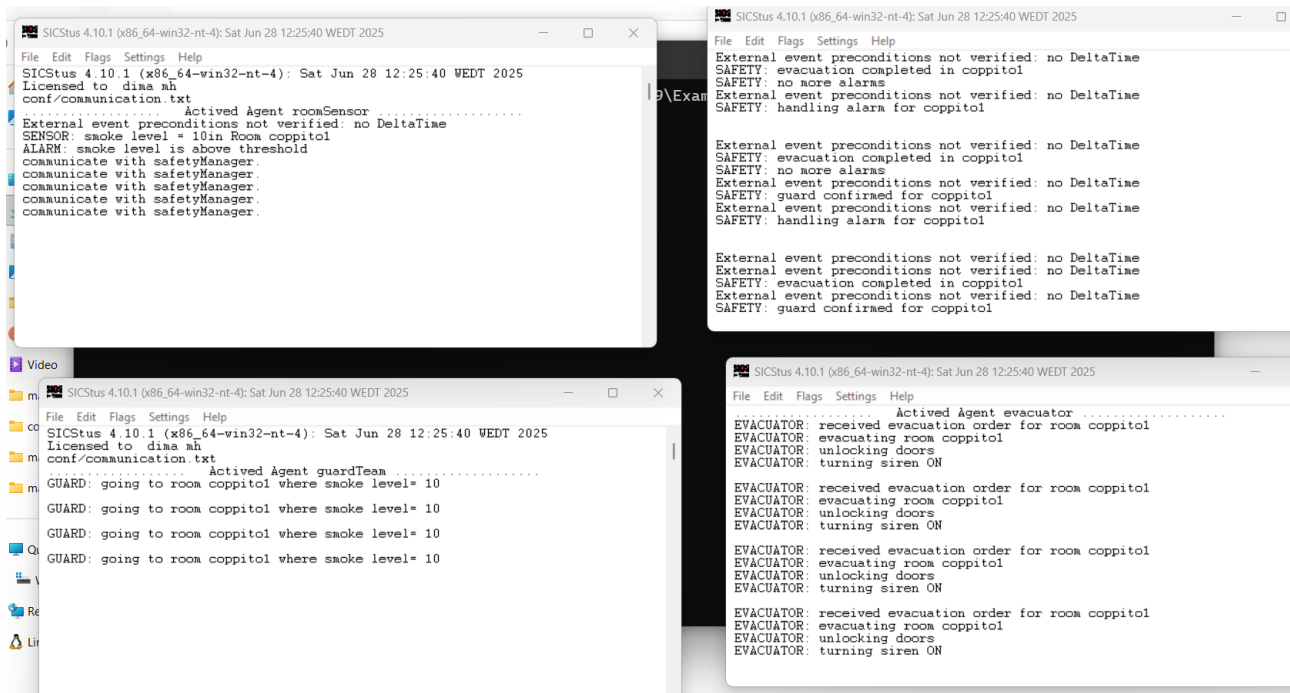


## Sequence Diagram :



## 1.6 System Execution and Validation

This section documents the execution of the Emergency Smoke Response MAS and demonstrates that agents interact correctly during a smoke emergency.



## 1.7 System Execution and Results

This section describes the runtime behavior of the Emergency Smoke Response MAS and explains the outputs produced by each agent during execution.

### 1.7.1 Observed Agent Behavior

#### RoomSensor Output

- Detected smoke level in the room
- Verified that the threshold was exceeded
- Sent alarm to SafetyManager

This confirms the sensor correctly filters dangerous situations.

#### SafetyManager Output

- Received the alarm
- Handled the emergency request
- Coordinated evacuation and guard dispatch
- Confirmed when the room became safe

This shows proper coordination and alarm handling.

#### GuardTeam Output

- Dispatched to the affected room
- Verified smoke level
- Confirmed presence to SafetyManager
- Since the smoke level is below the critical threshold (12), firefighters are not required.

This demonstrates correct response to dispatch commands.

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## **Evacuator Output**

- Received evacuation command
- Unlocked doors
- Activated sirens
- Reported evacuation completion

This confirms evacuation procedures are executed.

## **1.7.2 System Validation**

The execution logs demonstrate that:

- Agents communicate correctly via message passing
- The threshold mechanism works properly
- Emergency handling is coordinated
- Evacuation procedures are triggered

## **Repository**

**<https://github.com/dimmhr/DALI-Smoke-Emergency-Response.git>**