
M2 ATIAM – IM

Graphical reactive programming

Esterel, SCADE, Pure Data

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First thing's first

Today we will see reactive programming languages

- Theory
- ESTEREL
- SCADE
- Pure Data

However our goal is to see how to apply this to
musical data (audio) and **real-time constraints**

Hence all exercises are done with **Pure Data**



- Pure data is **open source, free** and **cross-platform**
- Works as **Max/Msp** (have almost all same features)
- Can easily be embedded on UDOO cards (special distribution)

So go now to **download it** and install it right away

<https://puredata.info/downloads/pure-data>

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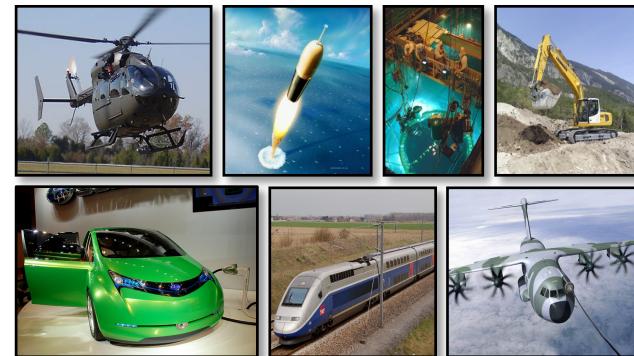
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- Aeronautic
- Automotive
- Railway
- Space
- Medical

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Standards define **software criticality levels**

- DO-178C for airborne systems
- EN-50126/EN-50128, for railway applications
- IEC-61508, applied in the industry
- ISO-26262, for road vehicles

DO-178C Criticality Levels (airplanes)

Severity	Consequence
Catastrophic	Failure conditions which would prevent continued safe flight and landing
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Major	Failure conditions which would reduce the capability of the aircraft or the ability of the crew to cope with adverse operating conditions to the extent that there would be, for example, a significant reduction in safety margins or functional capabilities, a significant increase in crew workload or in conditions impairing crew efficiency, or discomfort to occupants, possibly including injuries
Minor	Failure conditions which would not significantly reduce aircraft safety, and which would involve crew actions that are well within their capabilities. Minor failure conditions may include, for example, a slight reduction in safety margins or functional capabilities, a slight
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(Usual definitions)

Safety

Safety is the state of being "safe", the condition of being protected against [...] consequences of failure, damage, error, accidents, harm or any other event which could be considered non-desirable. It can include protection of people or possessions.

Security

Security is the degree of resistance to, or protection from, harm. It applies to any vulnerable and valuable asset [...].

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(Software engineering definitions)

Safety

The software must not harm the world.

Security

The world must not harm the software.

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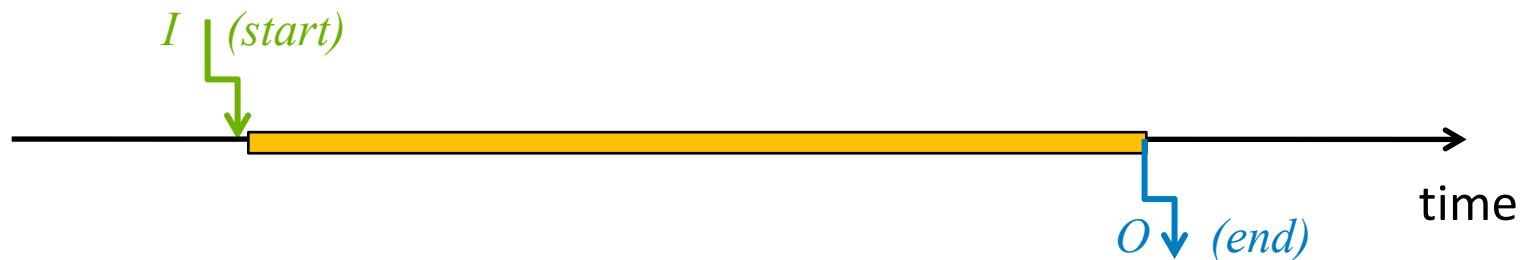
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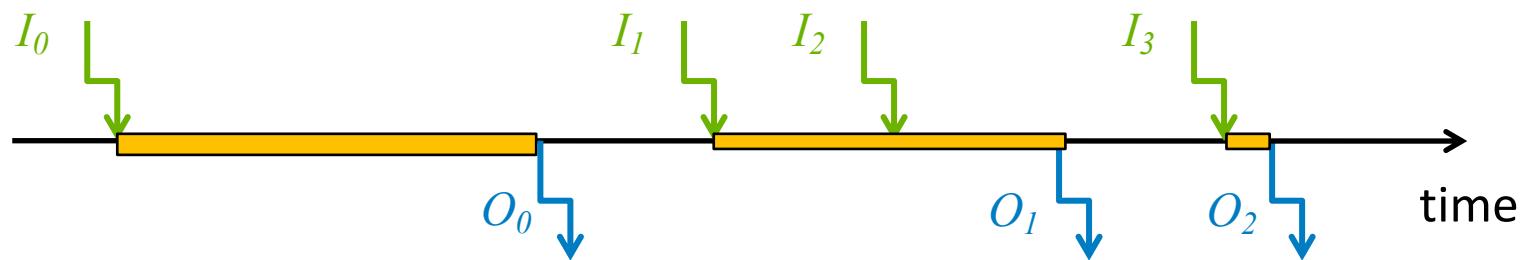
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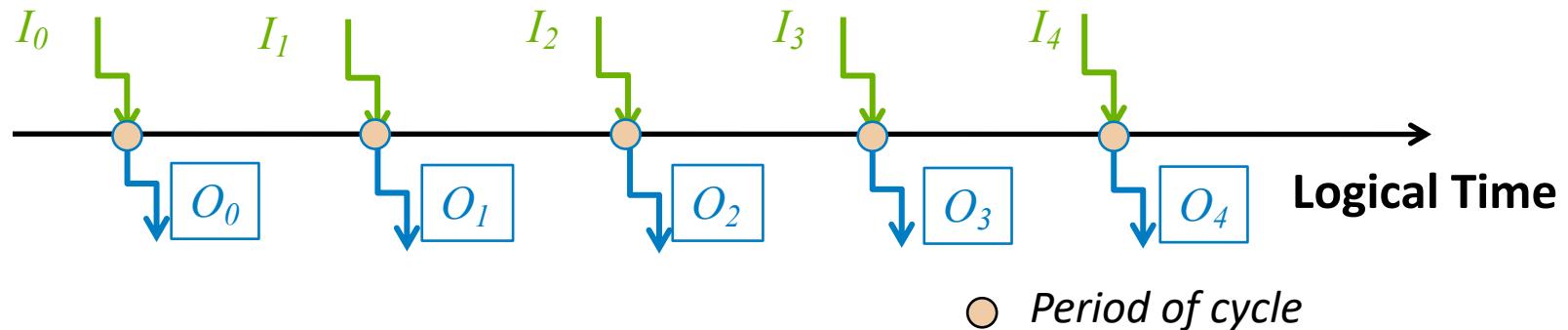
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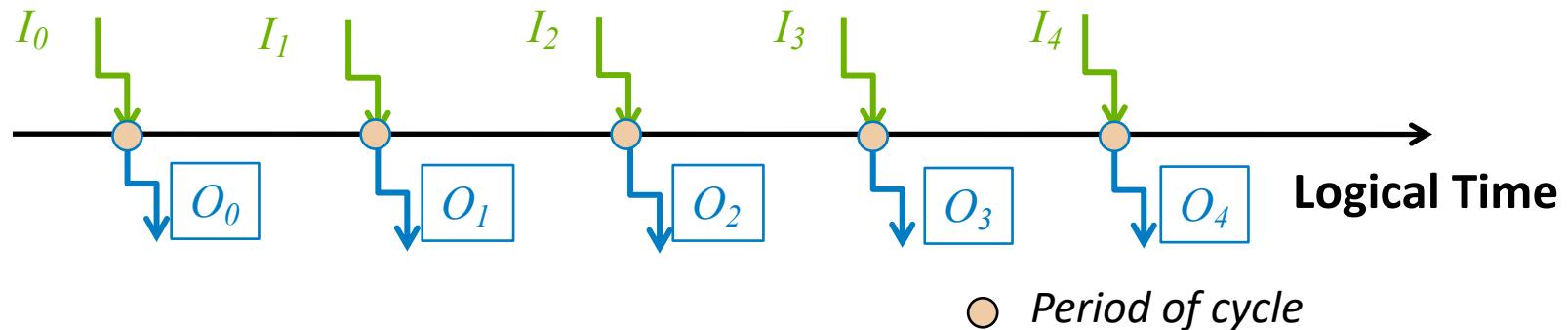
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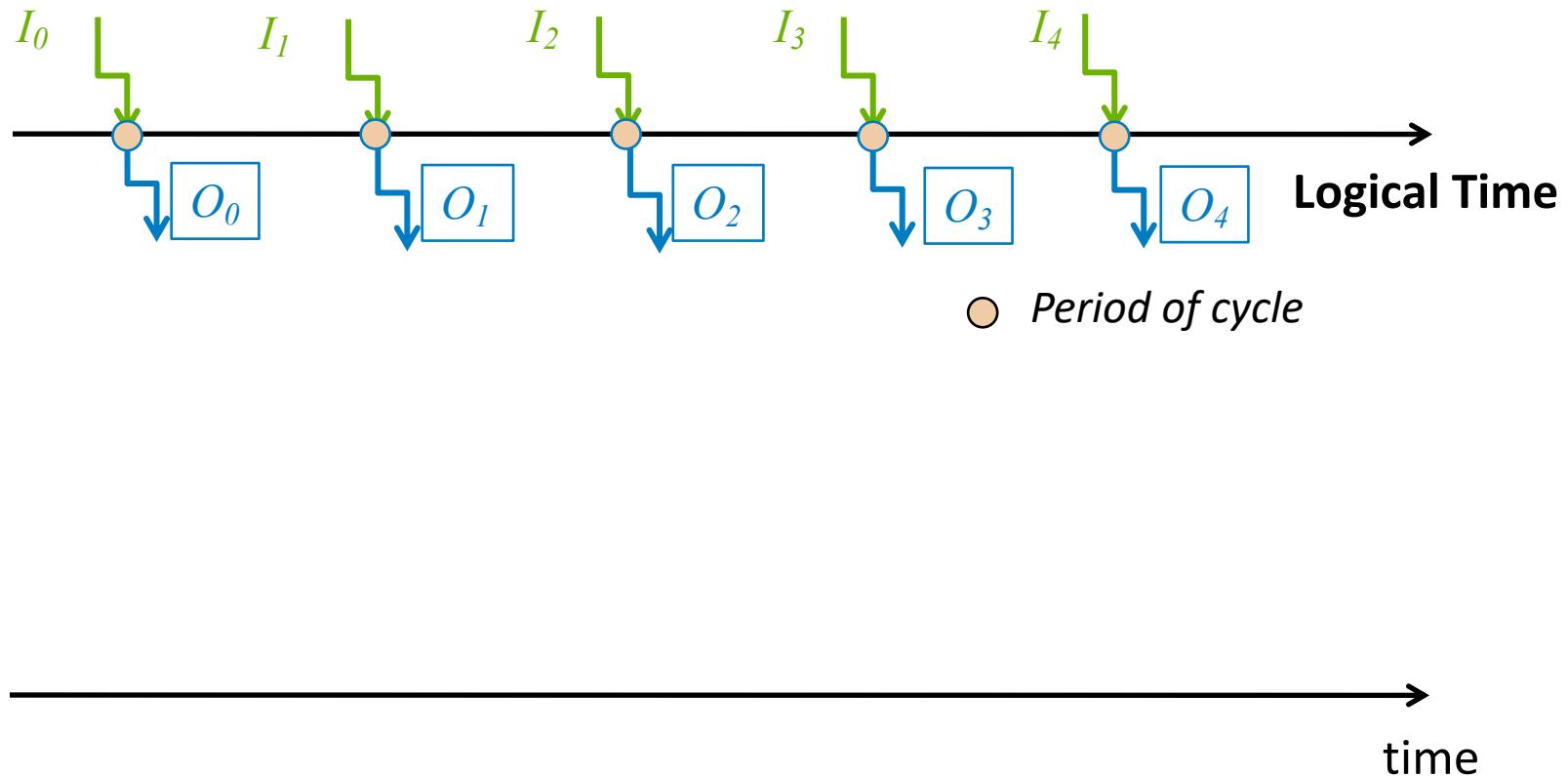
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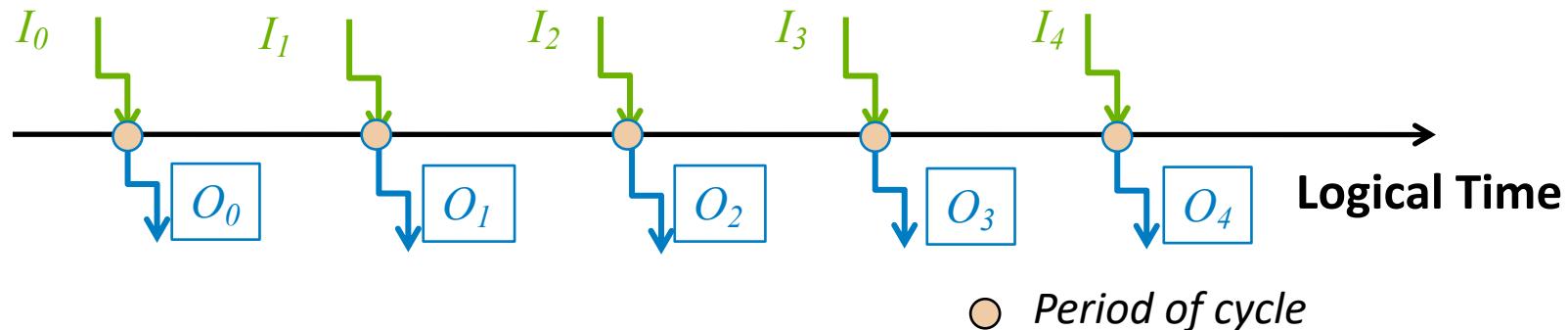
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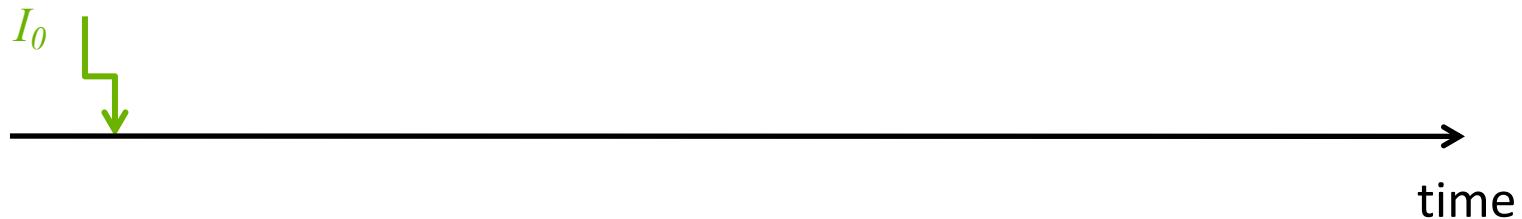
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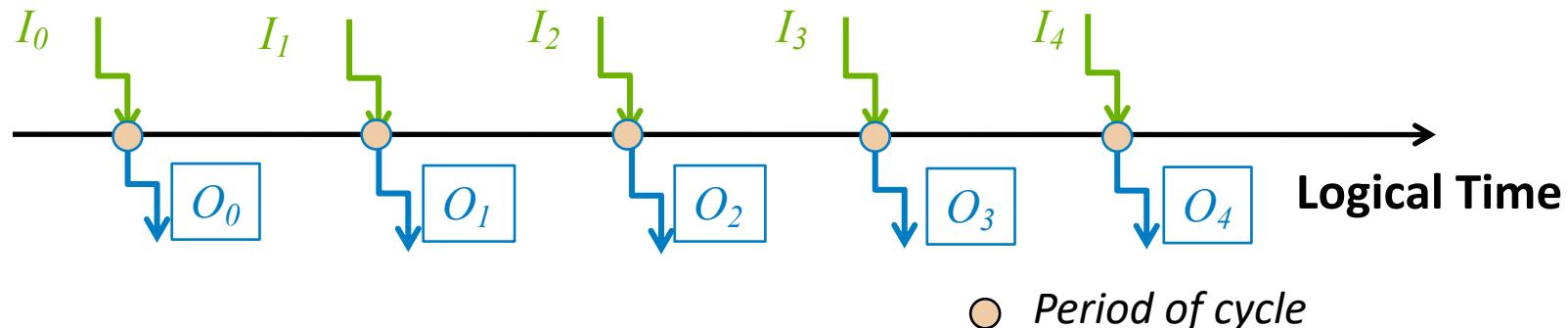
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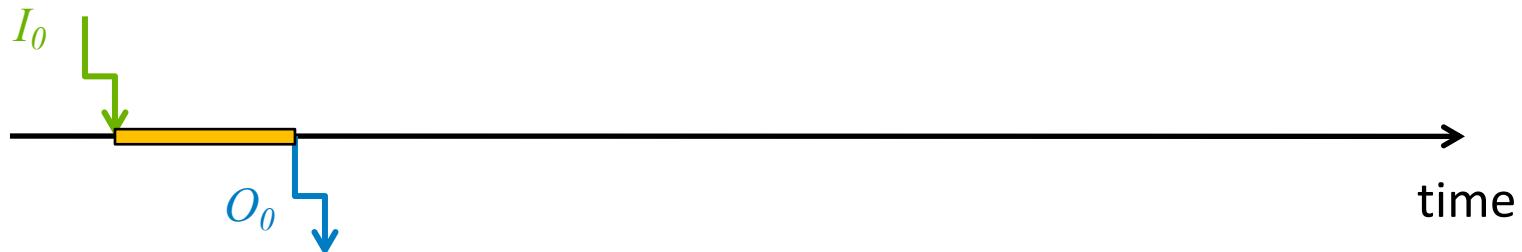
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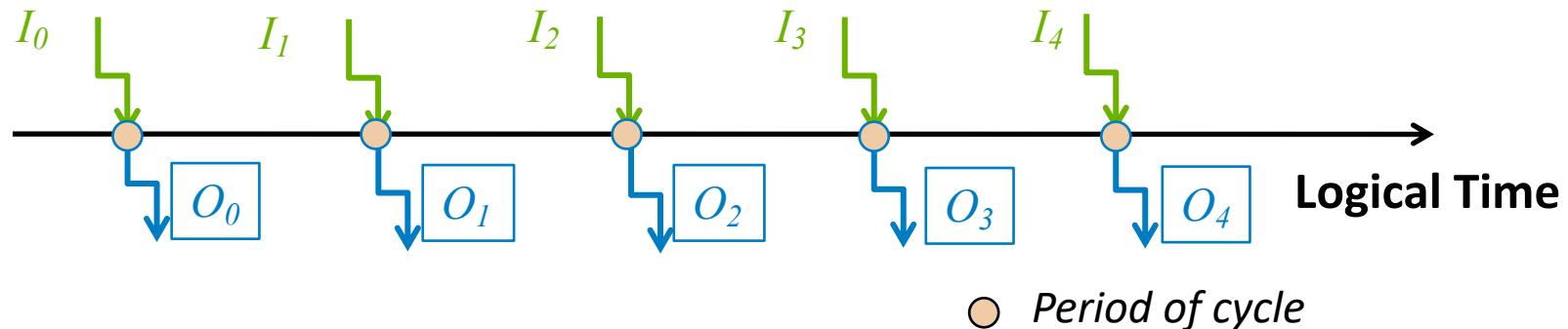
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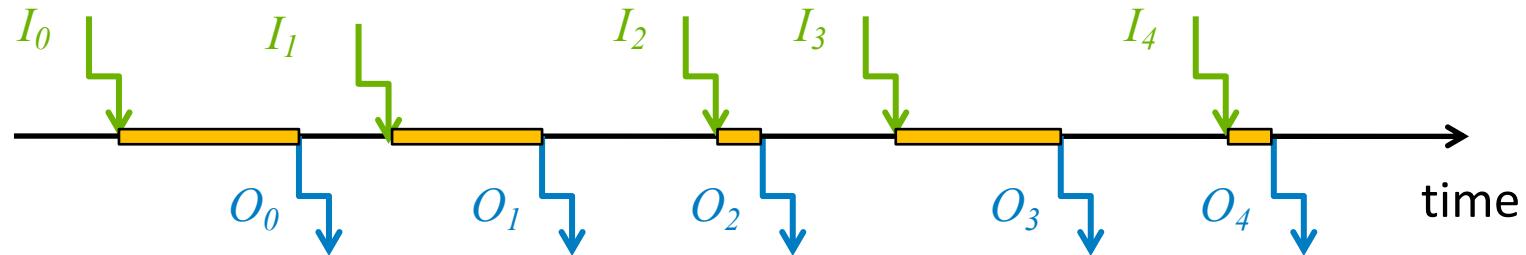
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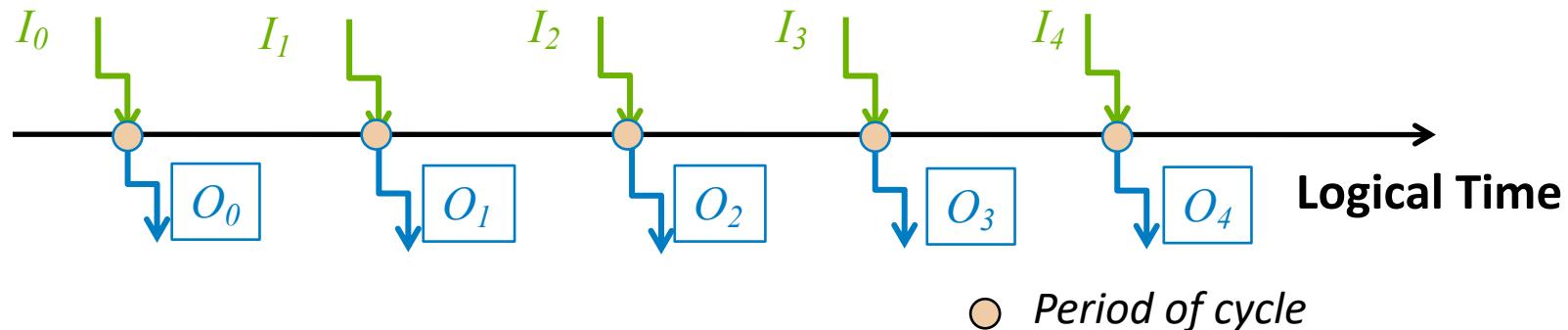
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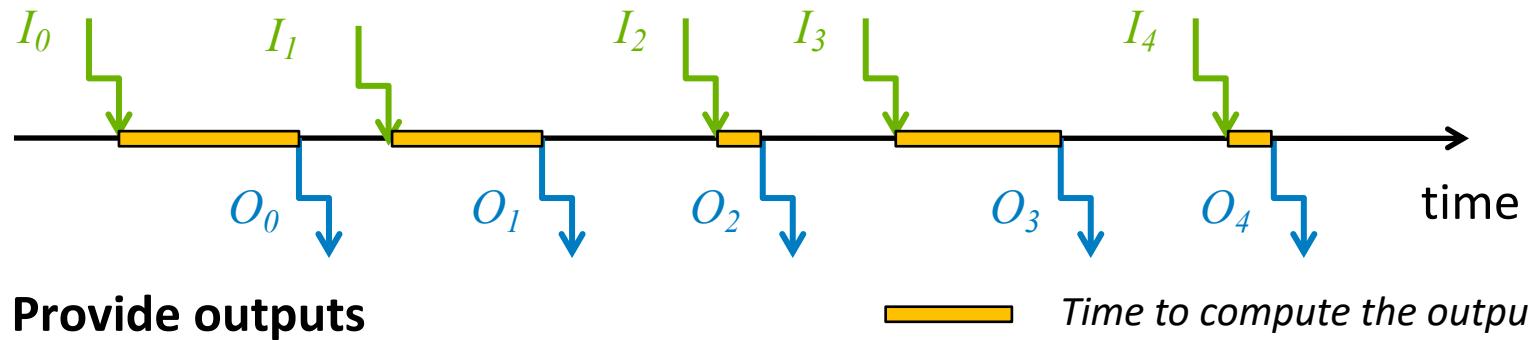
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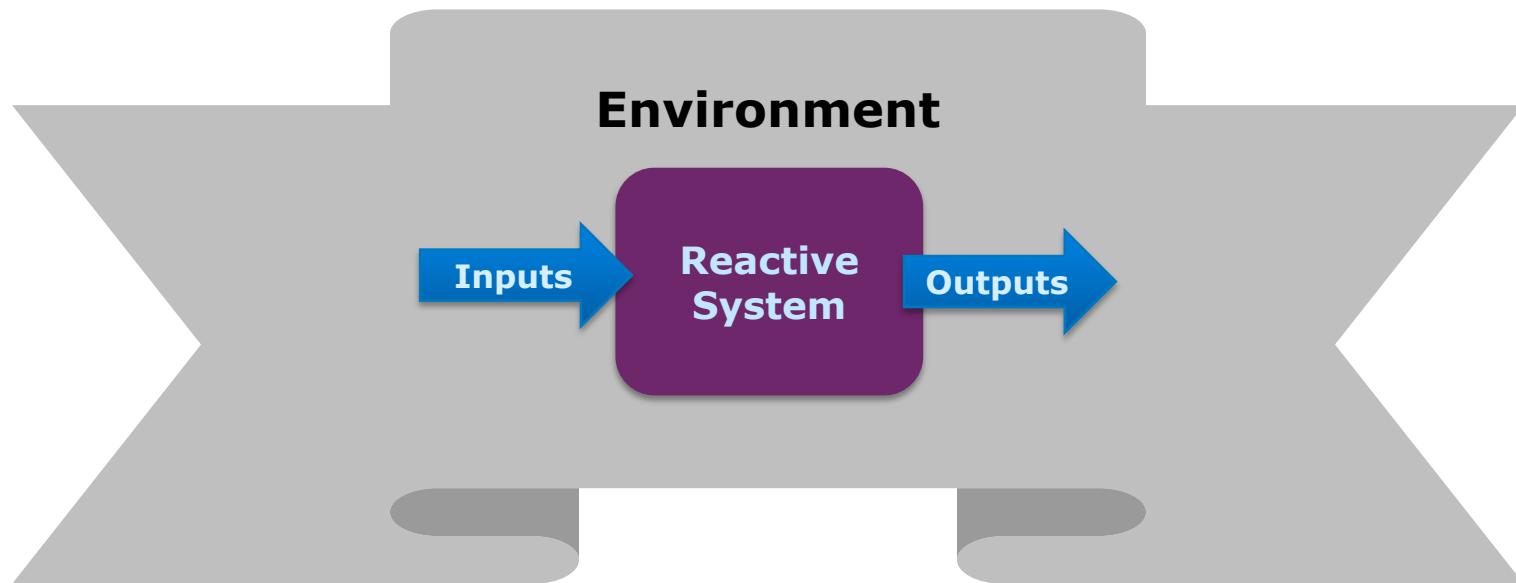
The outputs shall be produced before the reception of the next input



Reactive systems

Interact with their environment

- Receive inputs
- Provide outputs



Determinism

The same cause implies the same effect.

Not a strong requirement for non-critical systems:

- Characteristic of interactive systems (e.g. OS, Internet)

Key requirements for safety-embedded systems:

- The same sequence of inputs always produces the same sequence of outputs
- This implies a reproducible behavior

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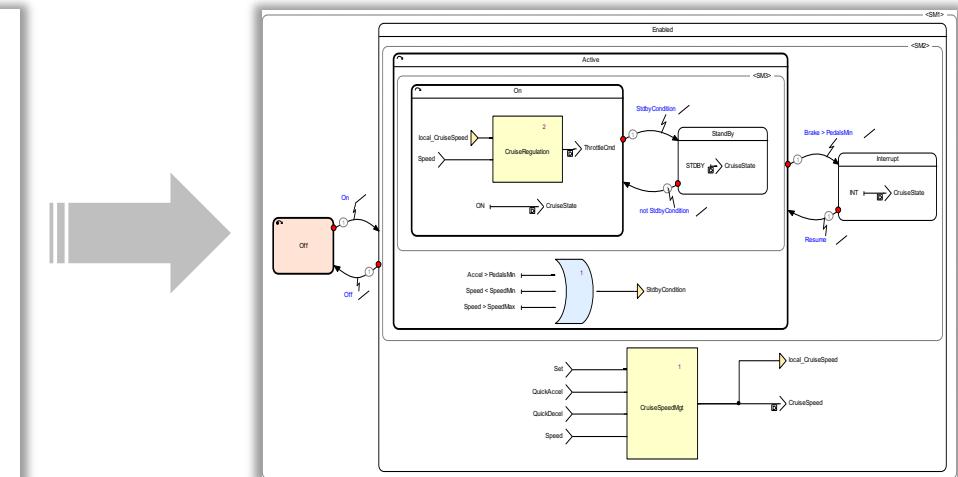
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Mathematical formal definition

Graphical programming

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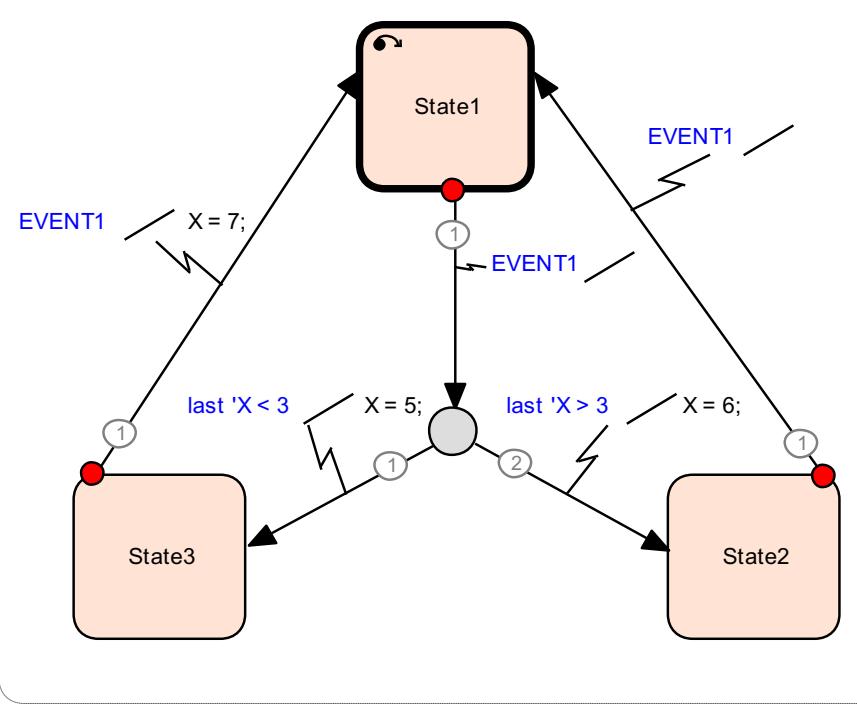
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case State is
    when State1 => Guard1 := X < 3; Guard2 := X > 3;
        if (EVENT1 and (Guard1 or Guard2)) then
            if (Guard1) then
                X := 5;
                State := State2;
            else
                if (Guard2) then
                    X := 6;
                end if;
                State := State3;
            end if;
        end if;
    when State2 =>
        if (EVENT1) then
            X := 7;
            State := State1;
        end if;
    when State3 =>
        if (EVENT1 and EVENT1) then
            X := 8;
            State := State1;
        end if;
End case
```

Simple? Yes...

But what does this piece of code do?

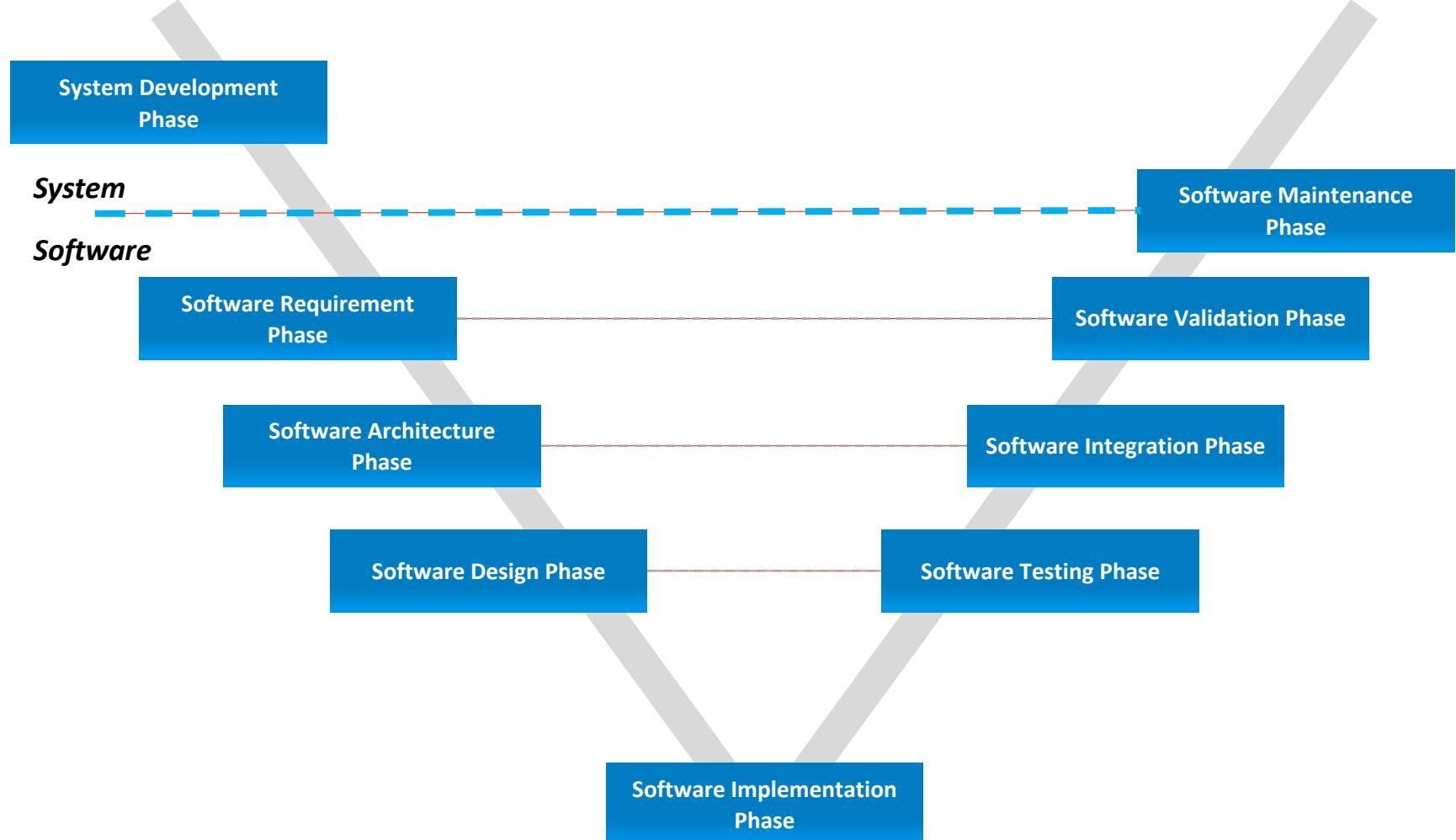
Code alone is not sufficient for communication.

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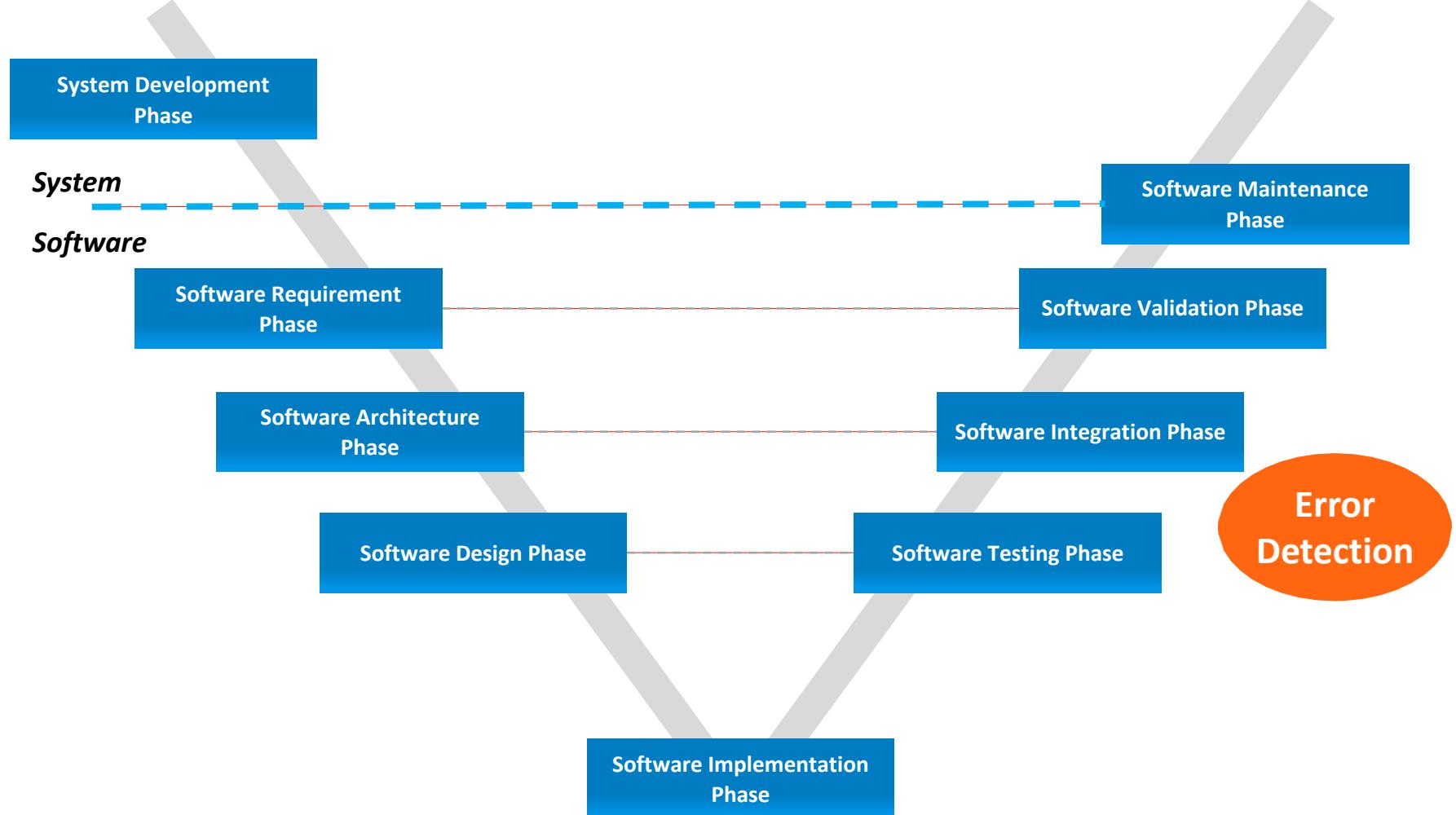


A graphical language with a **high level of abstraction** facilitates the communication.

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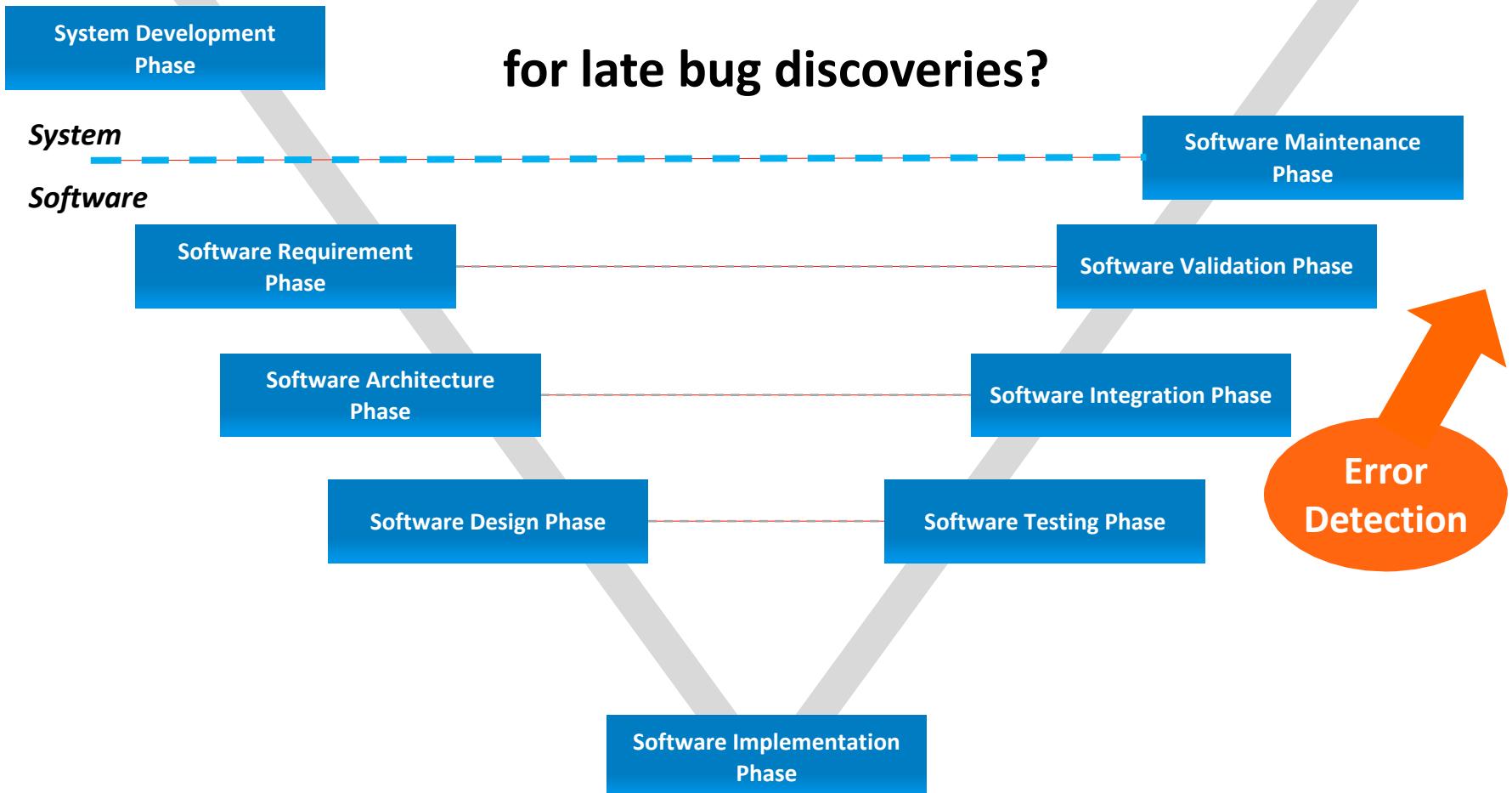


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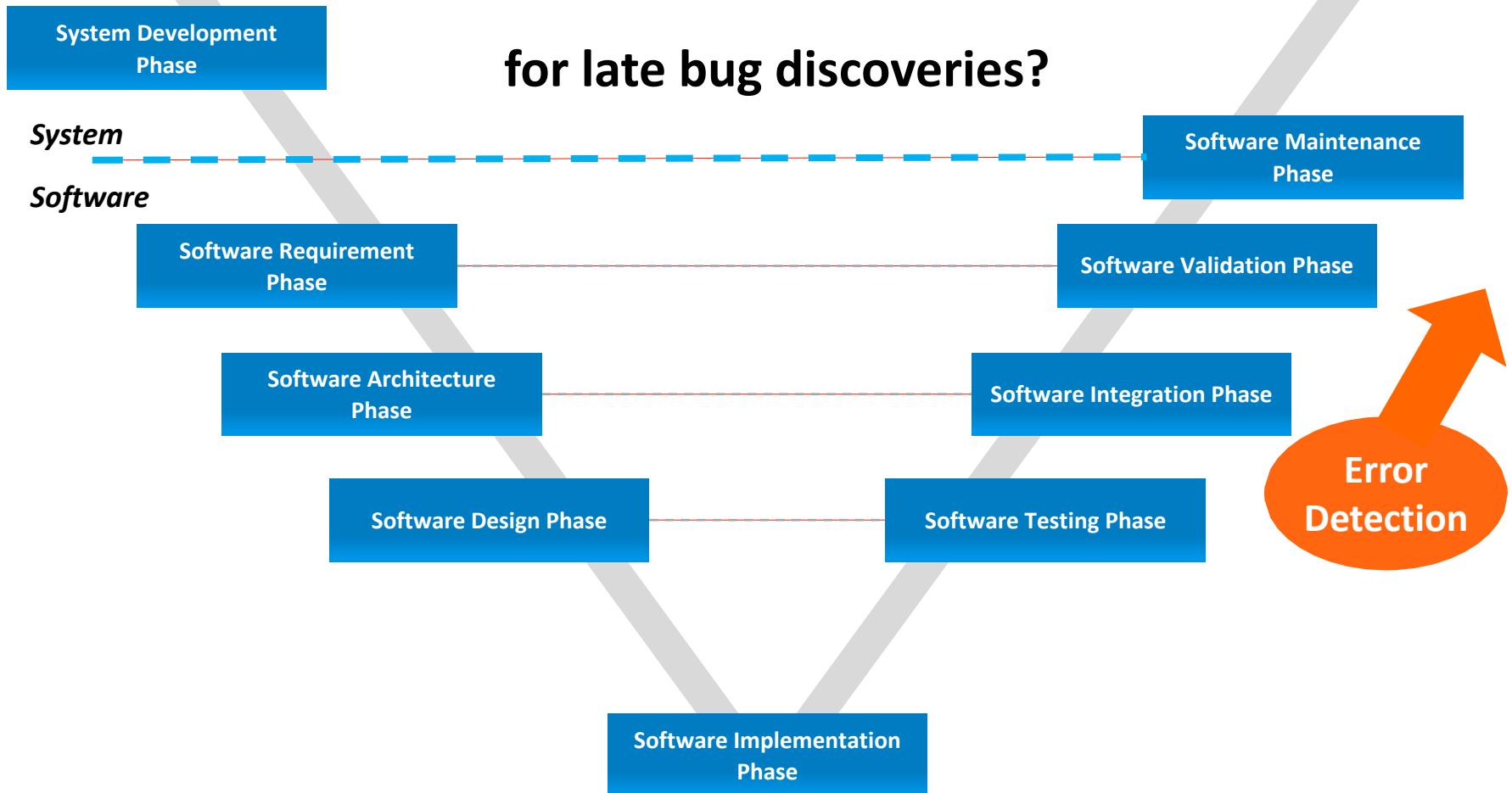
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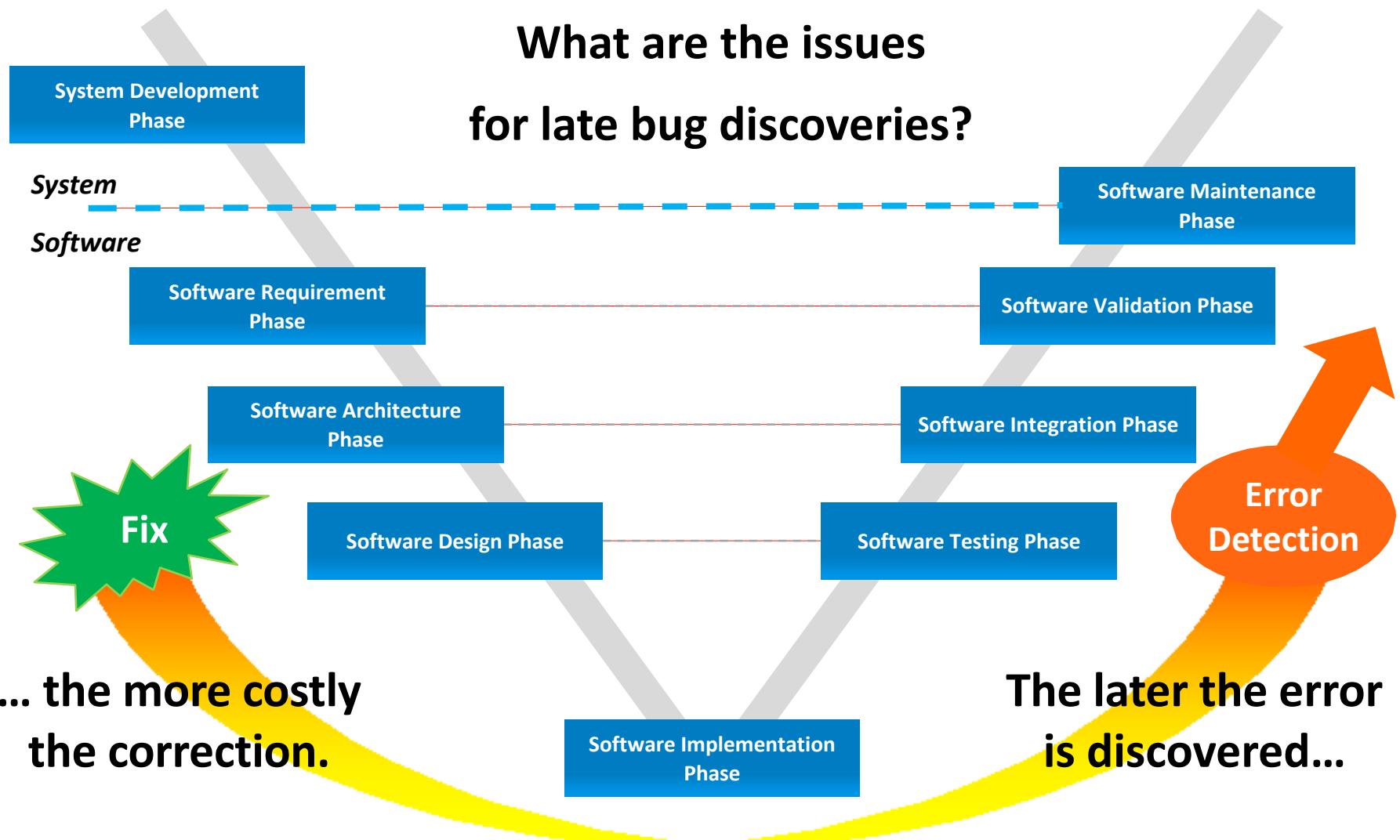


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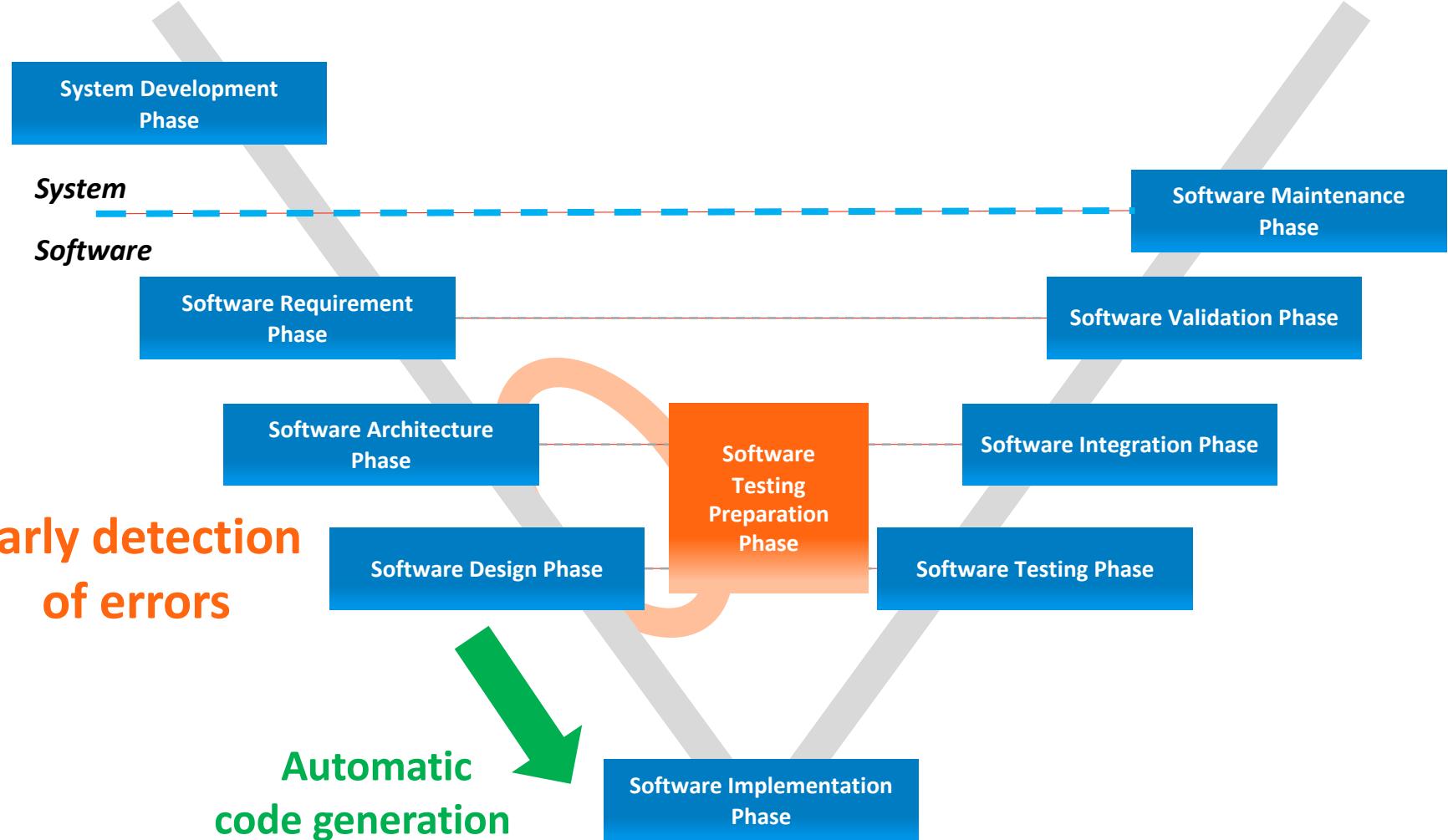
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SCADE Software lifecycle



Safety critical and synchronous semantics

Errors lead to dramatic consequences involving
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Synchronous approach helps safety-critical application

- Providing rigorous design methods
- Providing formally defined languages and analyses

Existence of a discrete clock:

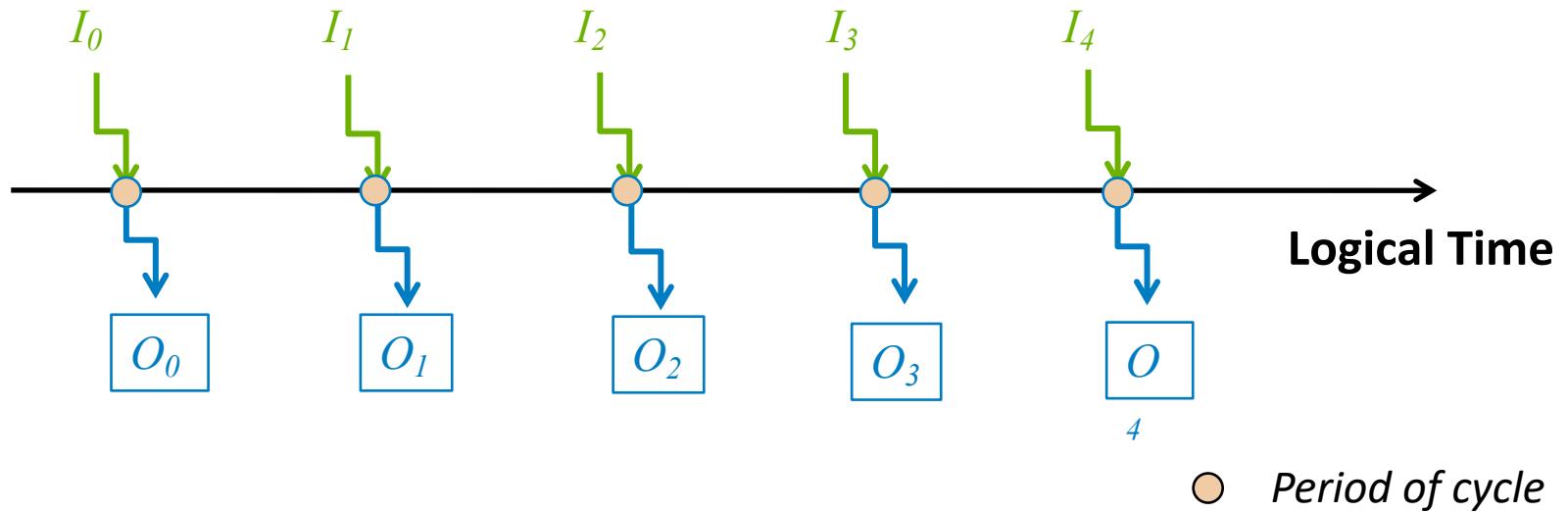
- Software **cyclically** activated,
- Inputs read at the cycle beginning,
- Outputs delivered at cycle end: read / write forbidden during the cycle.

The cycle execution duration is null:

- **No cycle overflow**

The Synchronous Time Model

Time is seen as a logical notion



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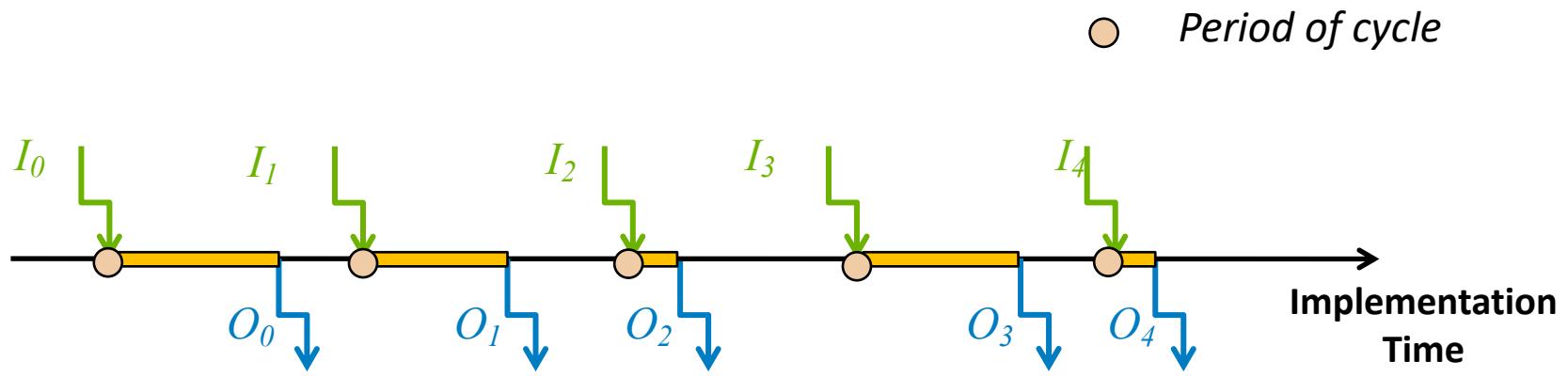
Synchronous language implementation

No interaction between program and world during a computation cycle

→ strong theoretical and practical properties:

- Inputs must not change during the execution cycle: using a double buffer or a write protection or any other architecture.
 - Internal variables and outputs are frozen as soon as they are computed during the execution cycle:
 - Once computed, they are never modified later during the cycle,
 - They only have one value at a given cycle.
- Fully deterministic behavior, finite computation time.
- Much easier to verify than asynchronous programs.

Synchronous Time Implementation



Finite computation time

Path-based Worst Case Execution Time (WCET)

Guarantee of no-overlap

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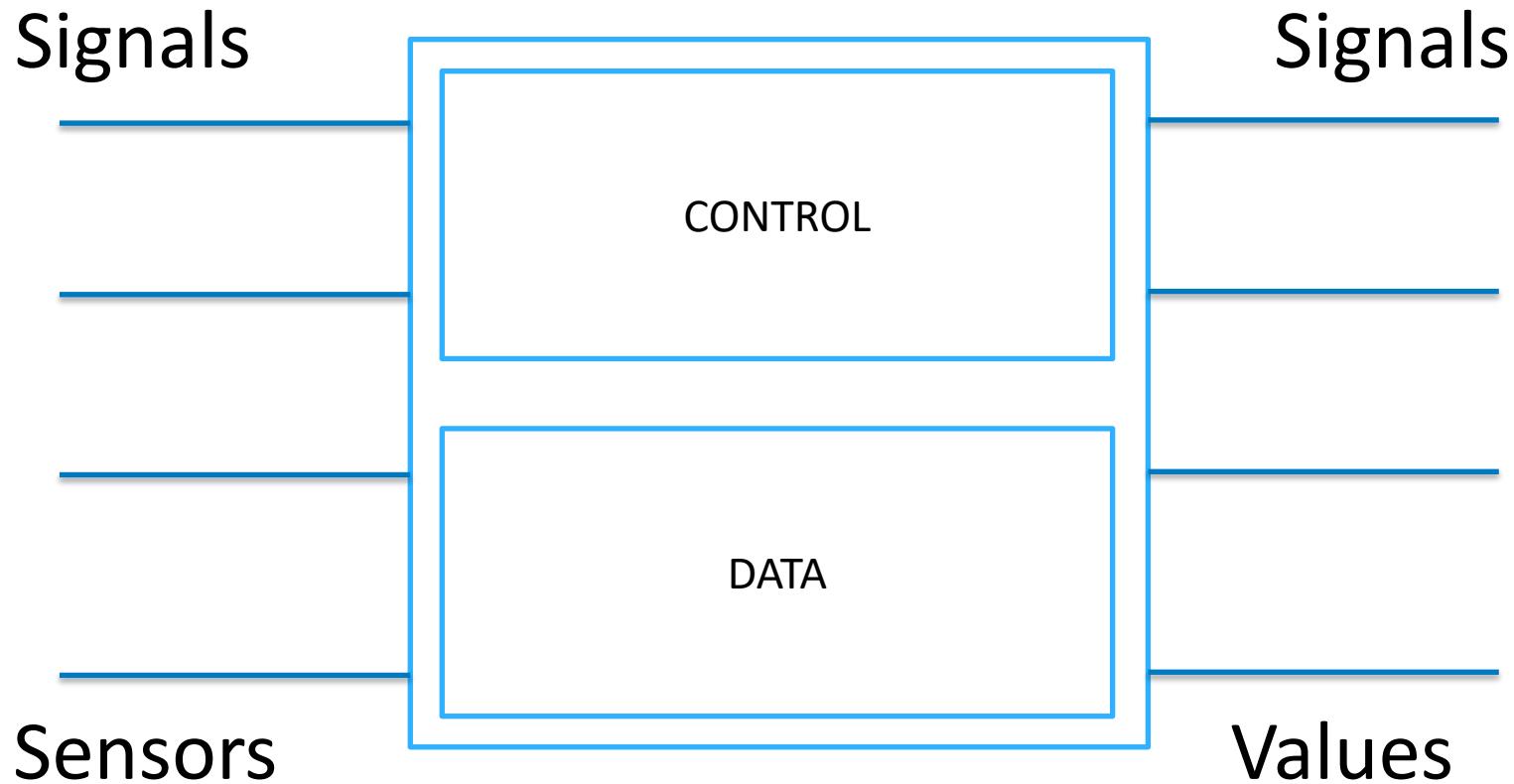


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ESTEREL – Logic



Links with automatics / circuits
(joysticks, plane controls)

ESTEREL – The race track example

Module Training :

```
input Second, Hour, Morning;  
relation Hour => Second, Morning => Second;  
input Meter, Lap, Step, HeartBeat;  
relation Lap => Meter;  
... // behavioral code
```

End module

Execution of a sub-module
run **WalkSlowly**

Pre-emption !



```
abort  run WalkSlowly when 100 Meter ;
```

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abort  run WalkSlowly when 100 Meter ;  
abort  
every Step do  
run Jump || run Breathe  
end every  
when 15 second ;
```

Sequence

Parallelism

abort
loop

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 when 15 second ;
 run RunFullSpeed

 each Lap

 when 4 Lap

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trap HeartAttack in
every Morning do
    abort
    loop
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        abort
            every Step do
                run Jump || run Breathe || <CheckHeart>
            end every
            when 15 second ;      HeartAttack
                run RunFullSpeed
            each Lap
            when 4 Lap
        end every
        handle HeartAttack
            run RushToHospital
    end trap
```

Code of <CheckHeart>

```
loop
    await 3 Second ;
    exit HeartAttack
each Heartbeat
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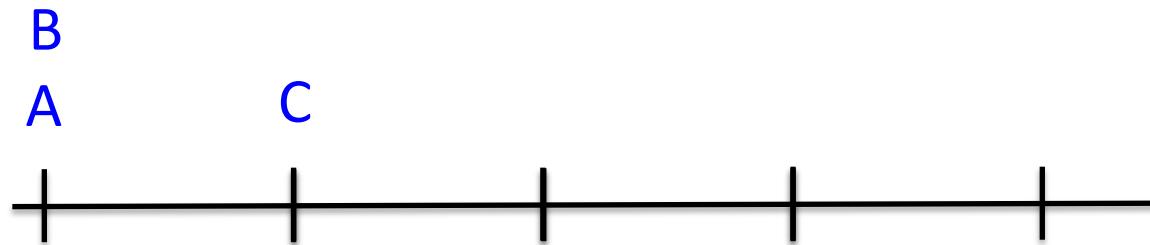
Every HeartBeat will cancel a waiting for 3 Seconds

ESTEREL – Foundation ideas

- Perfect synchronism
 - Administration / communication in 0 time
 - Deterministic and understandable parallelism
 - Behavioral sharing
- Mathematical semantics
- Professional implementation and use
 - Formal checking
- Professional use for critical software

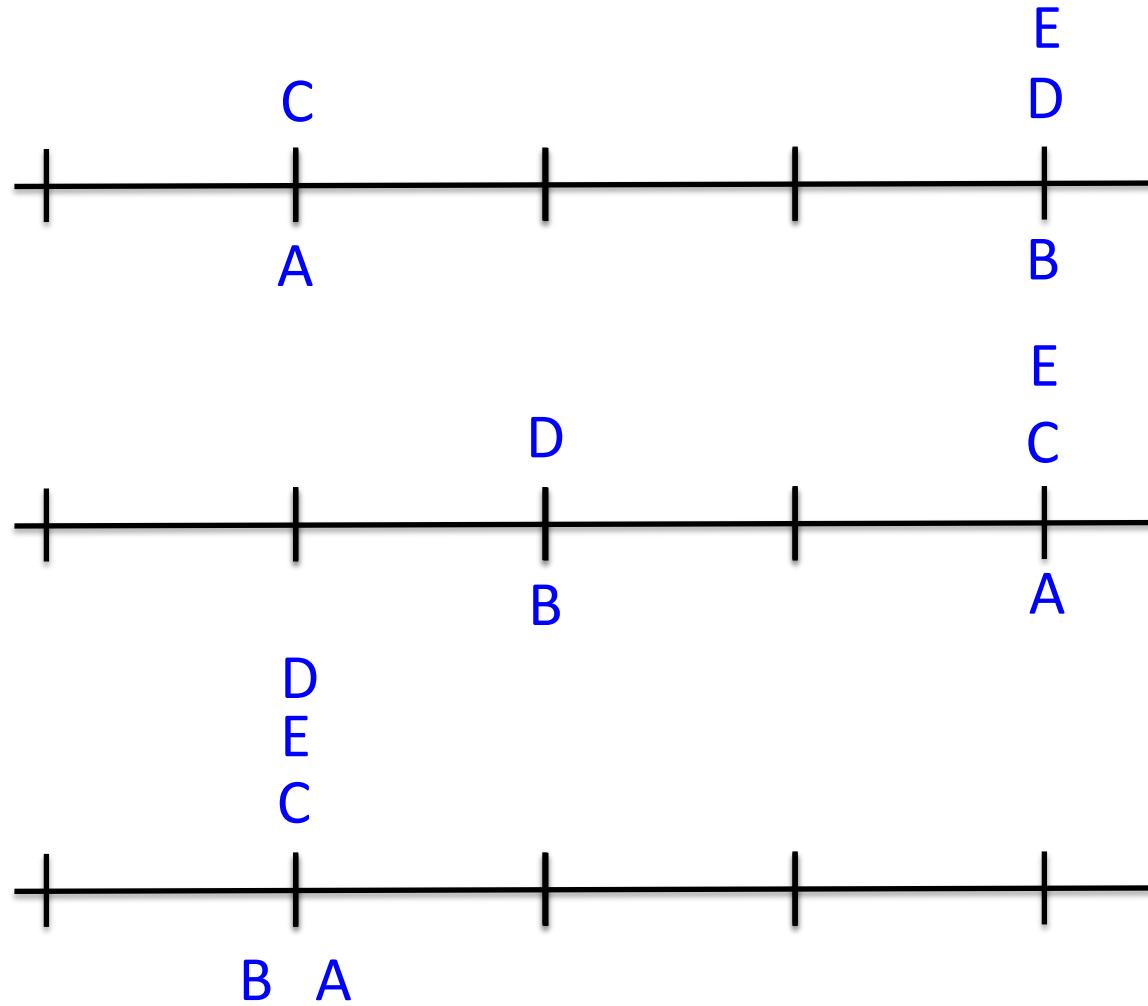
ESTEREL – Sequence

emit A ; emit B ; pause ; emit C



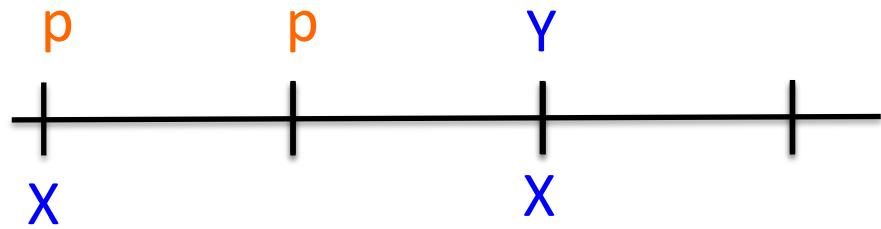
ESTEREL – Parallelism

[await A ; emit C || await B ; emit D] ; emit E

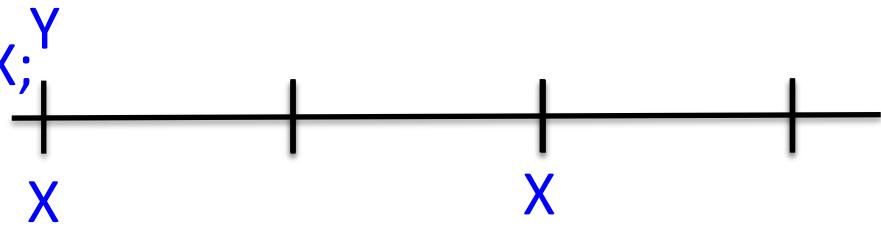


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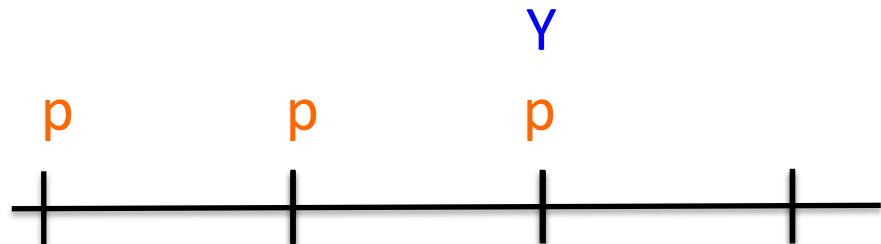


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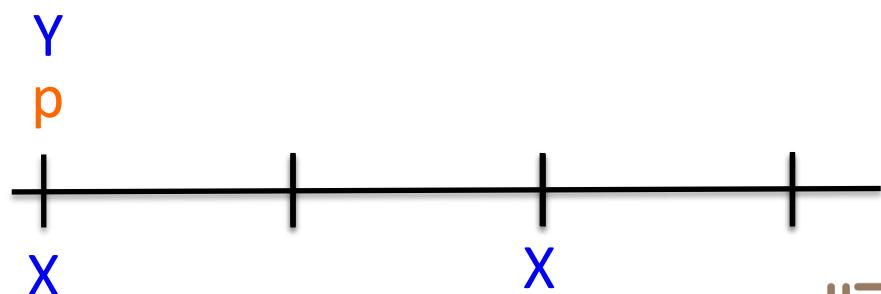


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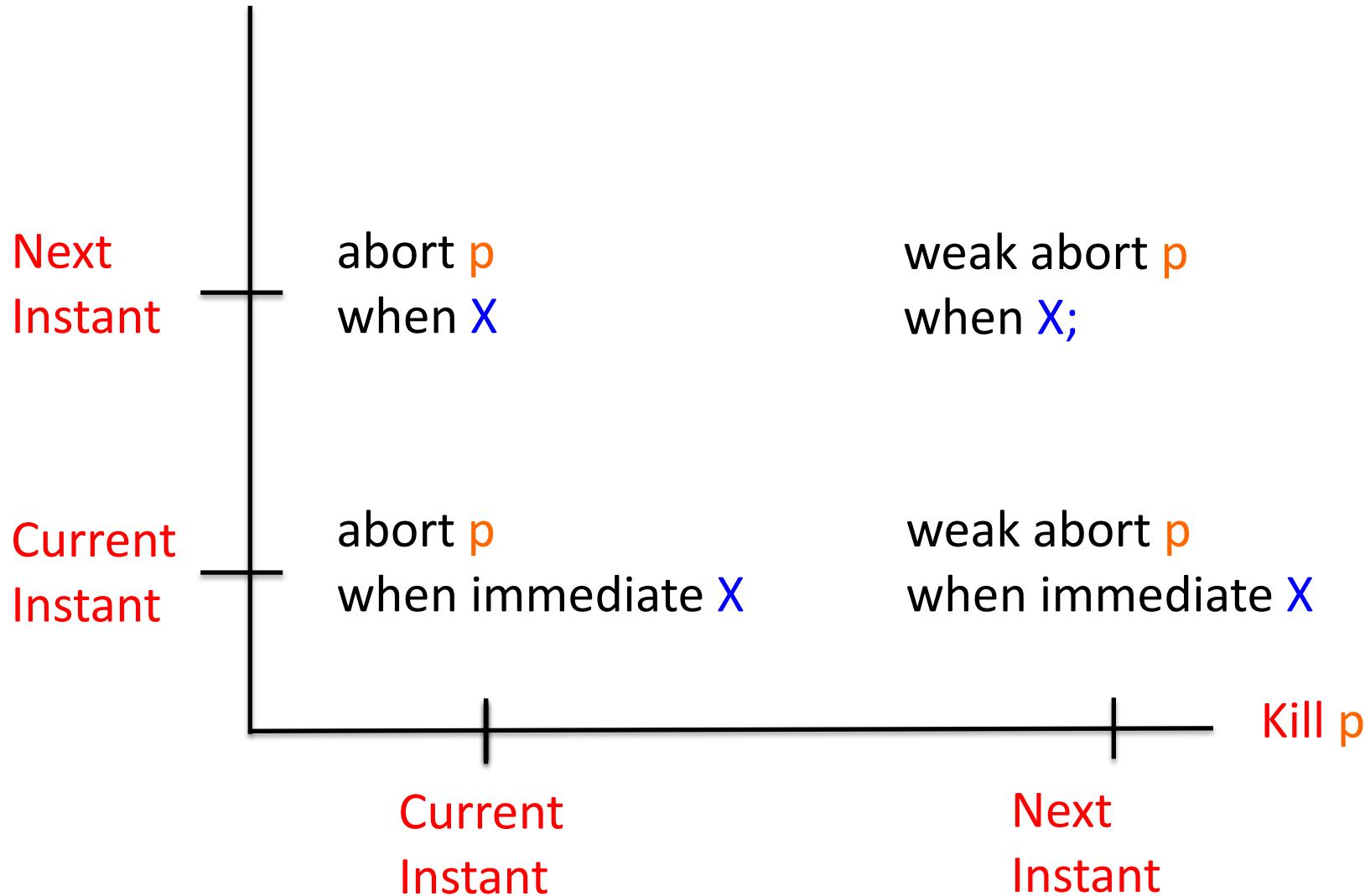
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React to X



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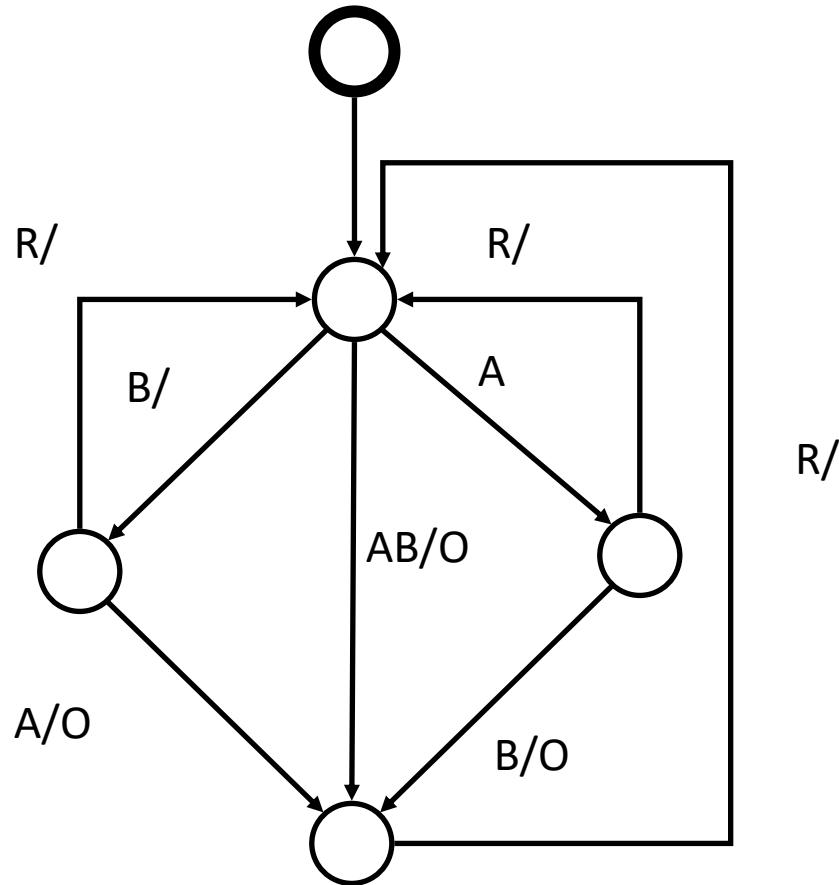
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```
module ABRO
input A, B, R;
output O;

loop
[ await A || await B ];
emit O
each R

end module
```

SCADE – LUSTRE successor

Scade language is formally defined with key safety objectives:

- The language is simple and stable, forbidding dangerous constructs (e.g. unbounded loops, goto, dynamic memory allocation,...)
- Interpretation of a model does not depend on the readers or their environment.

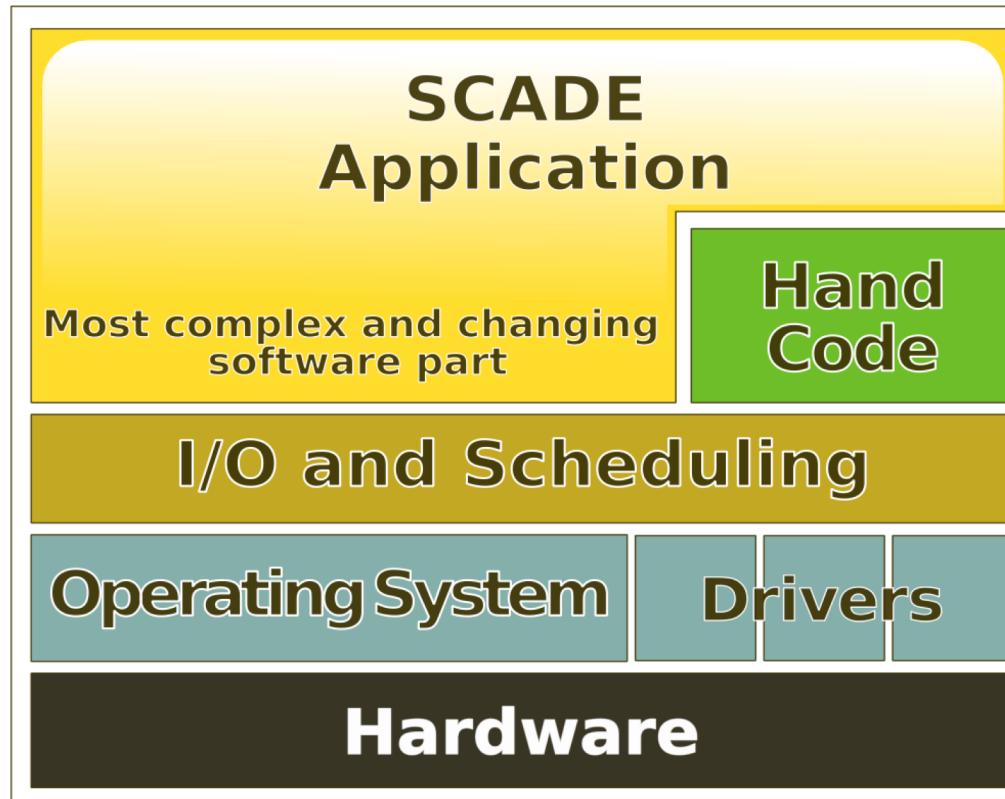
Very active research work for more than 20 years:

- Worldwide visibility in the safety critical embedded software field.

Designed with close connections with certification authorities in the aeronautics & nuclear energy domains:

- SCADE Suite KCG is a C code generator developed with stringent qualification objectives (DO-178B/C DAL A, IEC 62508 SIL3, EN 50128 SIL3/4, ISO 26262 ASIL D)

SCADE Suite - Application part



The application part is the largest and most frequently/lately changing part

SCADE Fields of application

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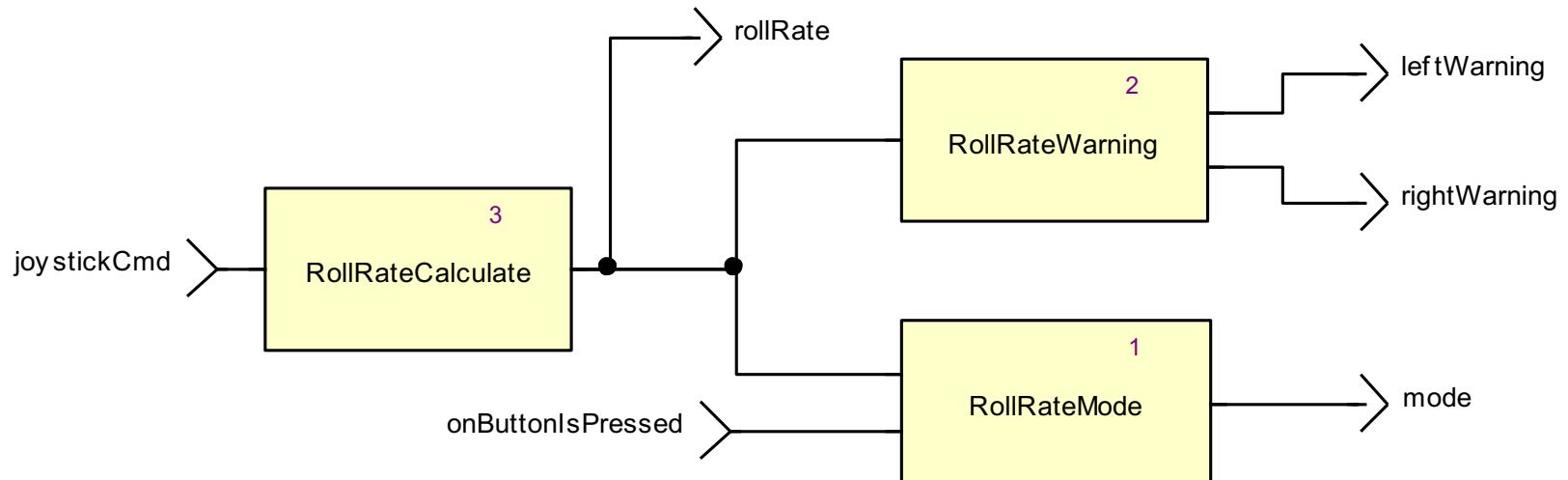
- Performs data processing tasks using complex mathematics
- Updates actuator's outputs

Discrete control:

- Reacts from external or internal events: 0/1 sensors, alarms, threshold detection
- Performs combinational logic operations to compute the new system's state
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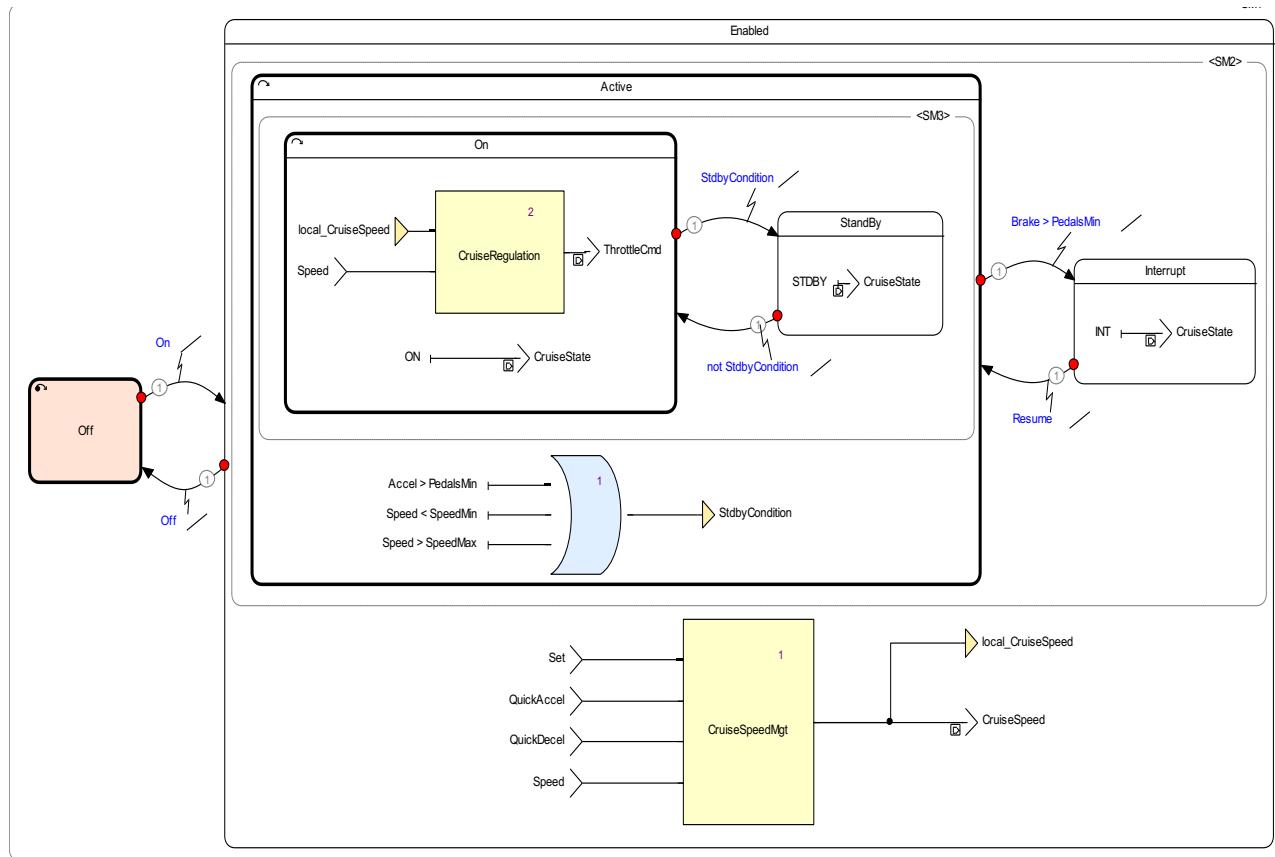
SCADE Language

A simple network of operators (functions)



SCADE Language – State machines

Hierarchical state machines, that can be mixed with data-flow



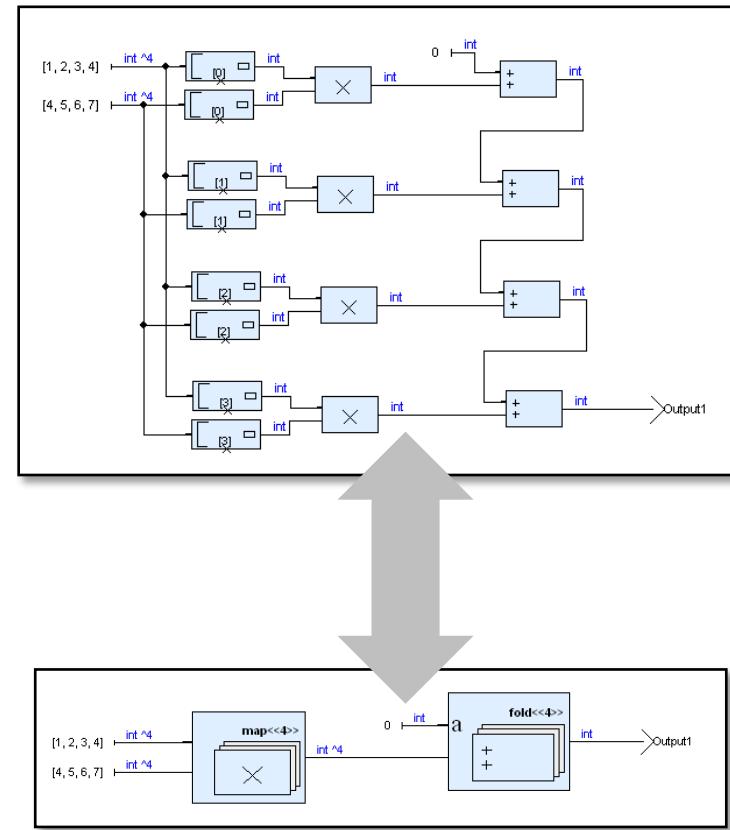
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Arrays & Iterators

Scade provides **array data types** and **iterators**.

An iterator applies an operator over arrays.

This optimizes the design while preserving the safety (bounded size).



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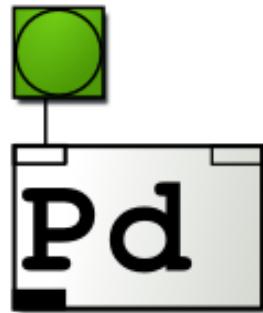
Properties

- Parallelism is naturally expressed.
- The **computation order is based on dependencies** (Not on the diagrams' layout or on hidden properties):
 - Each data element is computed before it is used, once and only once.
- The **generated code is efficient and deterministic** (no tasking overhead, no deadlock, no race condition).
- **Execution time is finite.**

SCADE Suite KCG

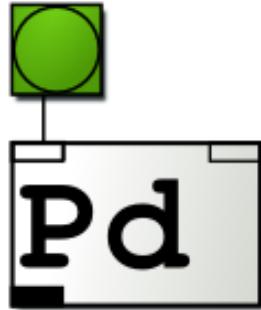
A qualifiable/certified code generator

- Ensures that the input model complies with language syntax and semantics.
- Generates C or Ada code fitting safety-critical constraints.
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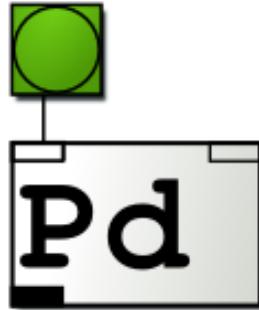


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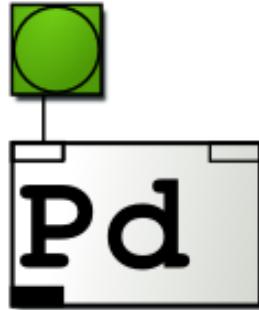
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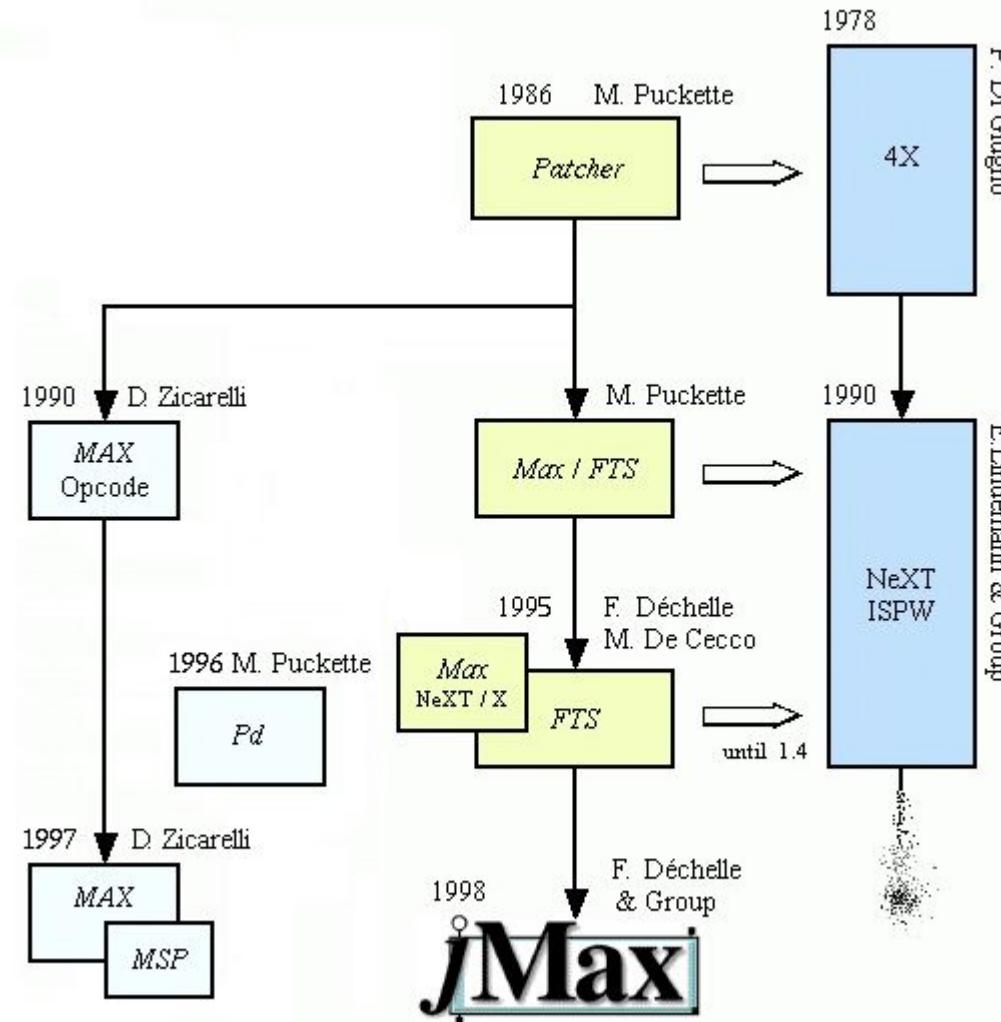
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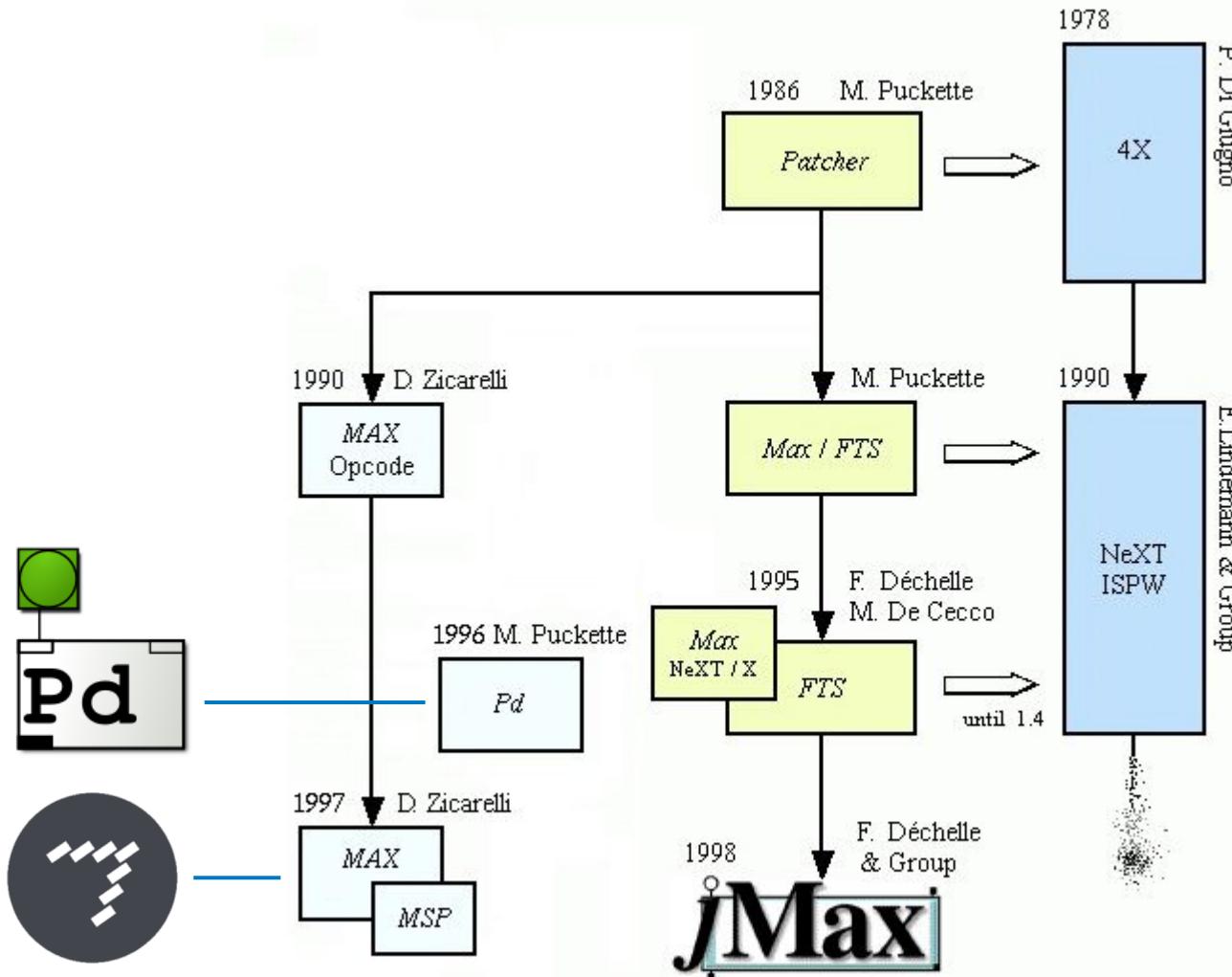
Hence, we have very hard **real-time constraints** in programming

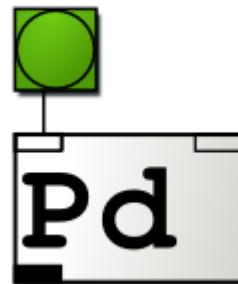
- You might hear systems being « 300 times real-time »
- Means you can process the length of 300 buffers (of your specs)
- Will be a **huge problem** when coding **externals**

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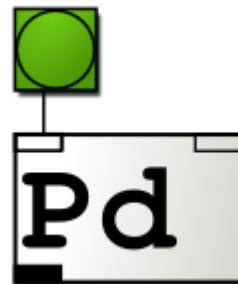
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Pd-extended

Allows to add video processing

Communication with USB and Firewire

Single-shot complex operations handling



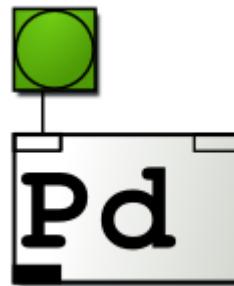
Puredata

INSTALATION

The official website www.puredata.info, provides the pre-compiled version for the most known OS (GNU/Linux, Mac OS X et Microsoft Windows).

QUICK START TUTORIALS

<http://fr.flossmanuals.net/puredata/>



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Puredata is a programming environement where the commands and operations are defined through a set of *boxes*.

Three major types of boxes are defined



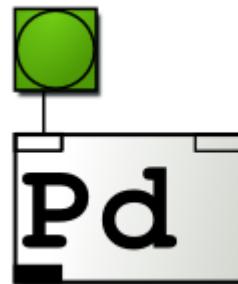
These boxes contain a function (operation) and arguments



Boxes used to store messages (we will see their purposes later)

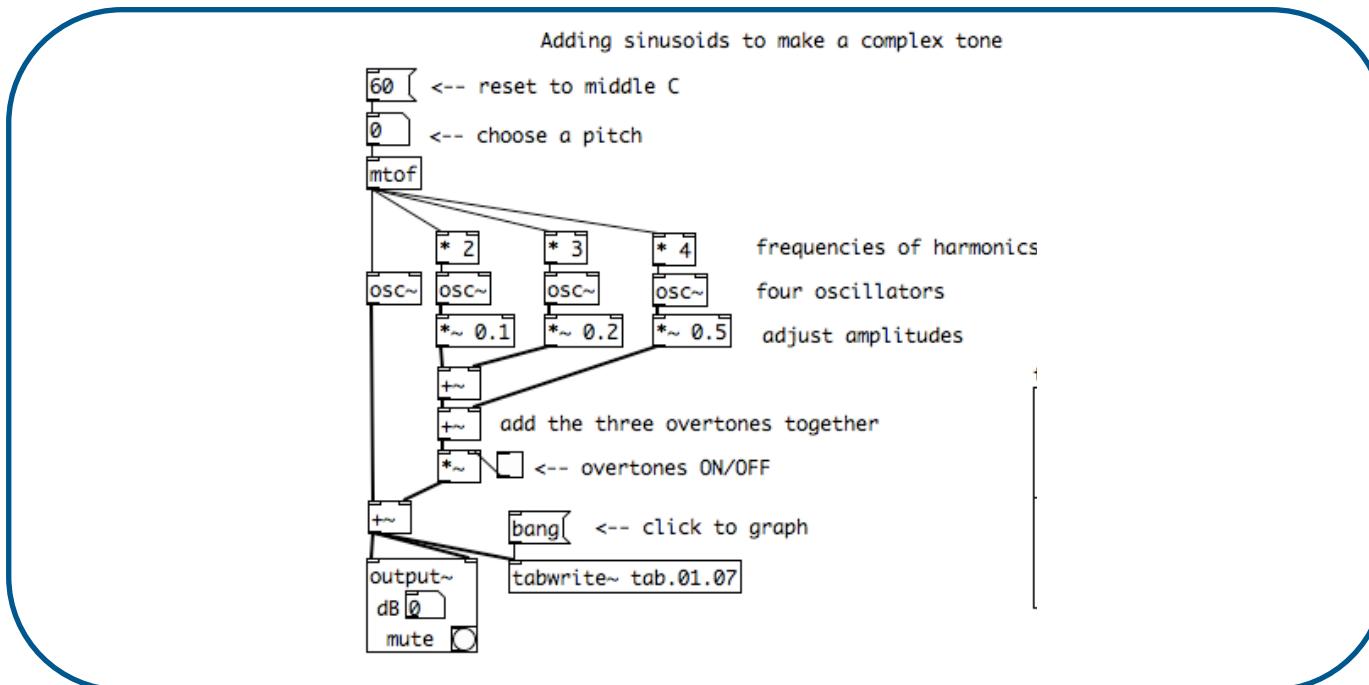


Boxes to output or display numbers



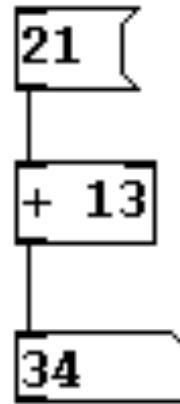
Puredata

This is a PureData algorithm, called a **patch**



My first PD patches

Patches are created by associating different objects (boxes) through *links*, which carry the information between all different functions.



Message – send messages

Object – do things

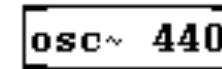
GUI – number / slider / toggles

First exercise

- Reproduce this patch
 - Create new patch
 - Ensure you are in edit mode
- Try to fiddle with the parameters and objects
- Use the [print] operation to observe values
 - Send simple messages or numbers to this object

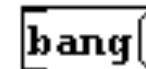
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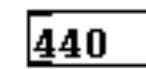
Objeto

Messages – contains information (any type)



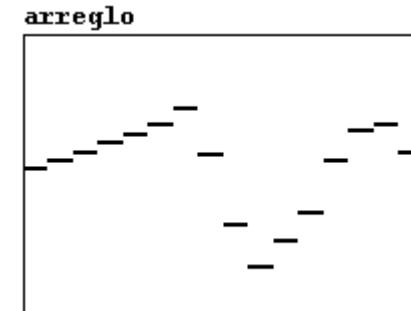
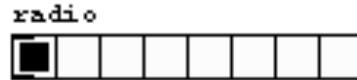
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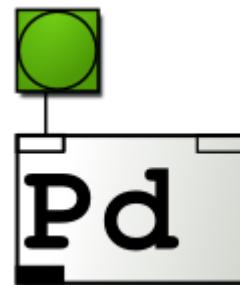


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More variety of GUI objects



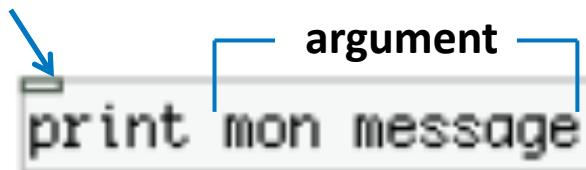
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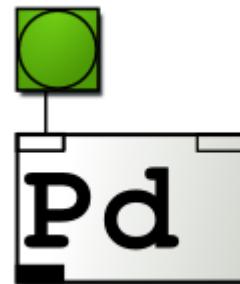


Puredata

The object boxes

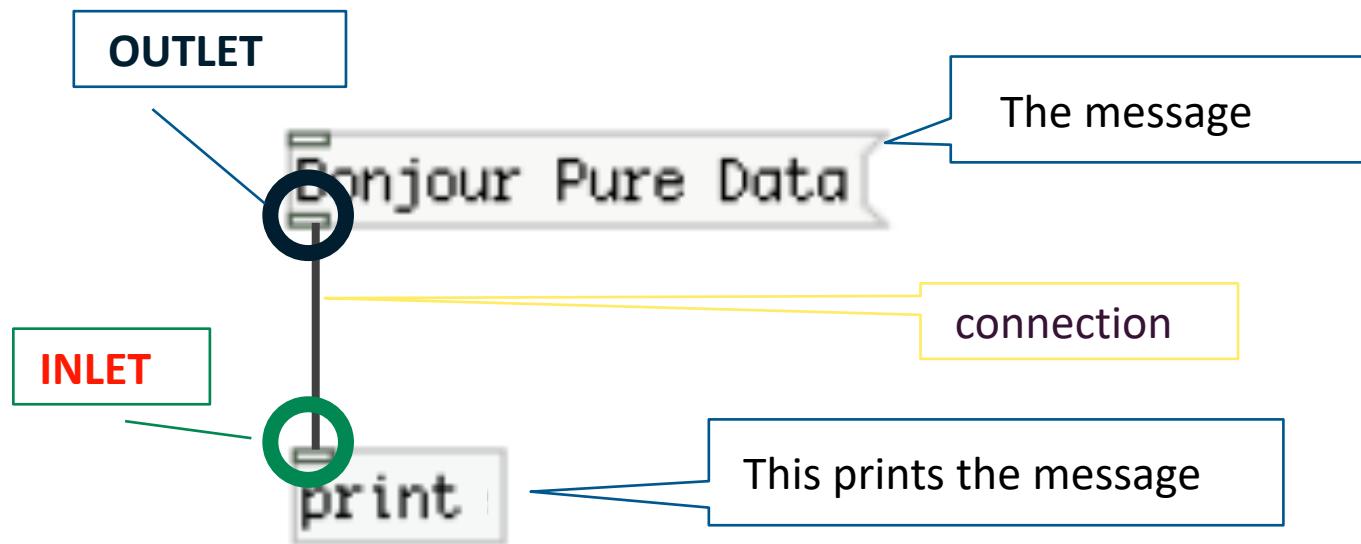
Function **print (display)**





Puredata

We have to link boxes together in order to code an algorithm



The « message » box can send a command to an object (see later)

Different types of information

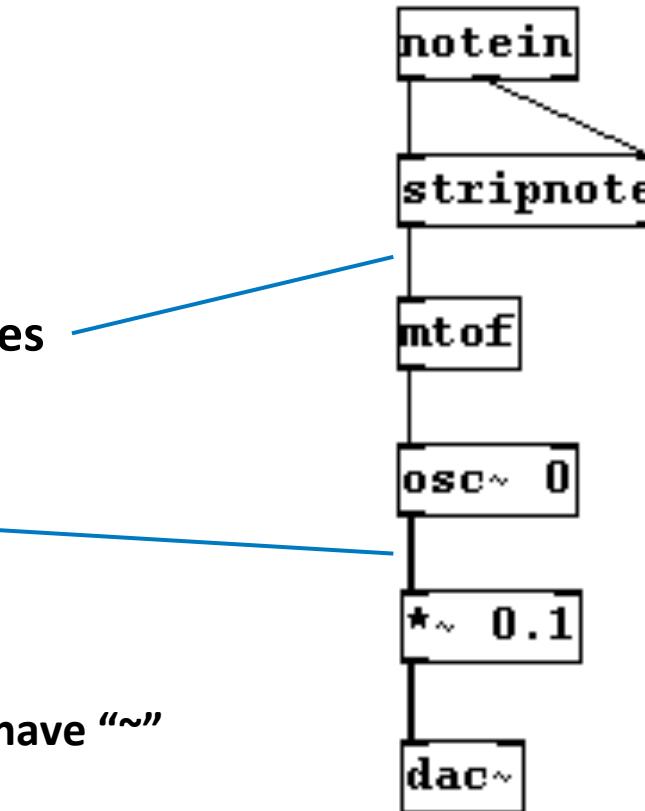
Inlets on top

Outlets on bottom

Control – (messages) thin lines

Signal – (audio) thick lines

Signal processing objects often have “~”

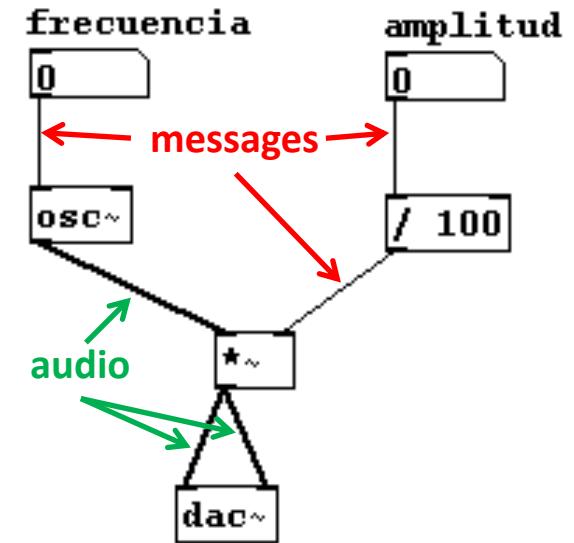


Different types of information

We can mix the different types of information in the same patch

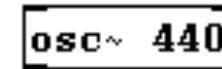
Messages can be used as a way to control audio objects

Audio is actually a continuous stream of numbers so you need particular objects to be able to display it (try number ?)



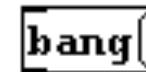
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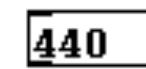
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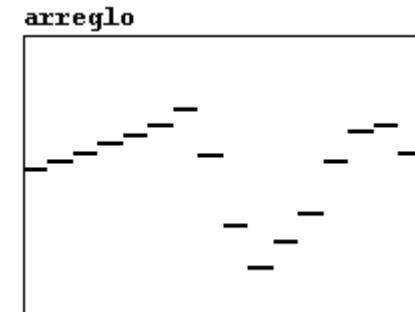
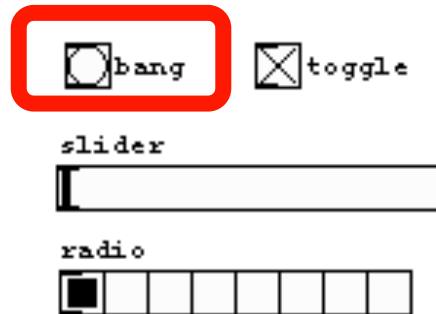
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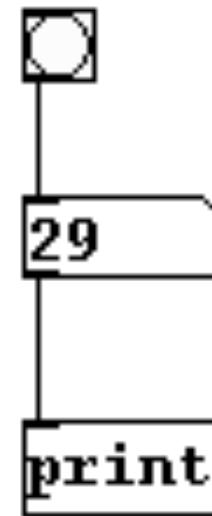
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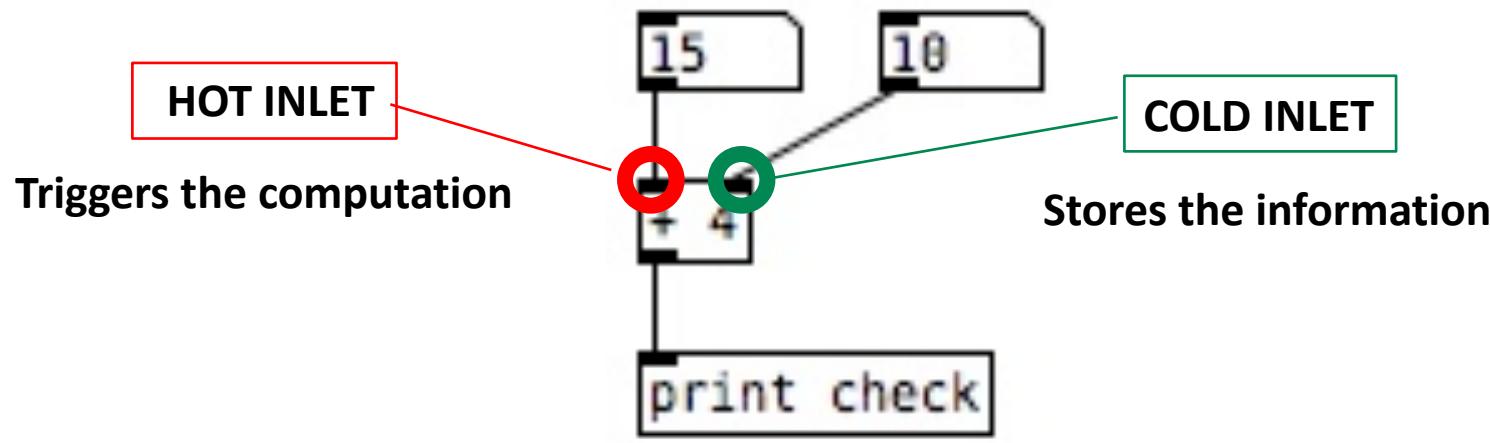
Understanding the bang message

Bang sends a trigger message & makes stuff happen



Cold vs. hot inlets

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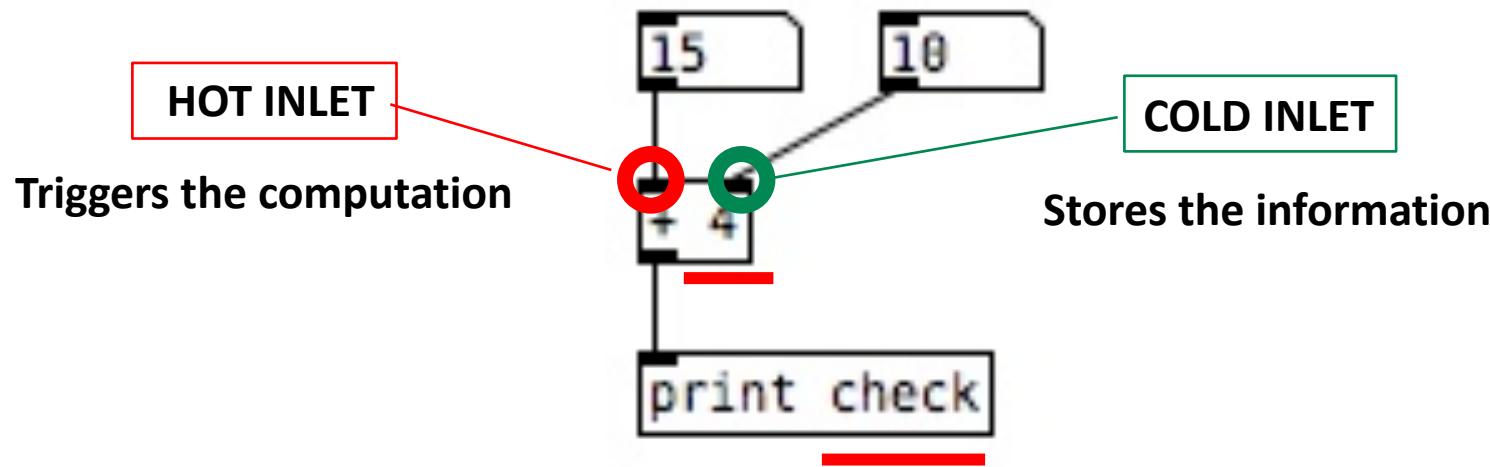


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NB : Also note the difference in argument change or use

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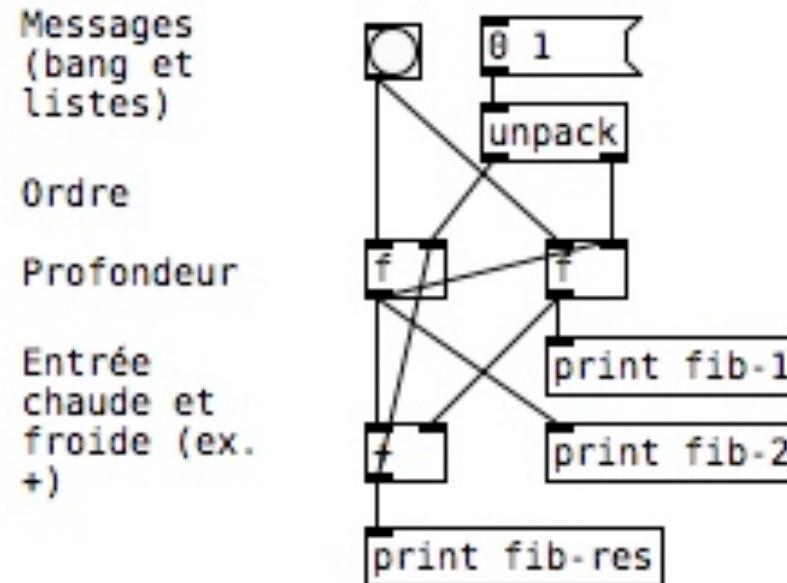
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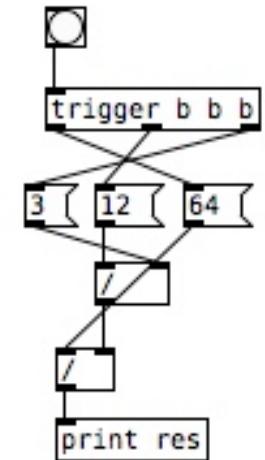


Ordering problem ?

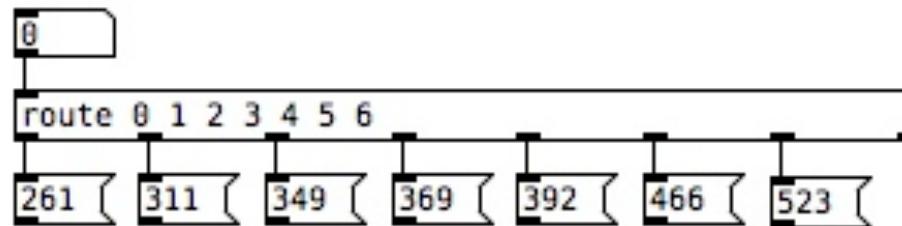
ALWAYS REMEMBER : RIGHT TO LEFT and DEPTH-WISE

Controlling the order (to avoid cold vs. hot inlet problem)

[trigger] object sends bangs from right to left



Use the [route] object to send bang depending on input number



Objects in PD (signal)

[osc~] – Sinusoidal oscillator

[dac~] – Audio out (stereo)

[line~] – Ramp generator

[lop~], [hip~] – Low-pass and high-pass filters

[bp~], [vcf~] – Band-pass filters

[noise~] – White noise generator

[phasor~] – Sawtooth generator

[send~], [receive~] – Signal distribution

Audio synthesis in PD exercise

First patches in PD to perform simple audio synthesis

1. First perform a simple pitch-controlled sinusoid

1. Create a simple oscillator
2. Control its amplitude (volume)
3. Control its frequency

Useful objects : **[osc~] [*~] [dac~] [hslider] [vslider]**

2. Then complexify with FM synthesis and display

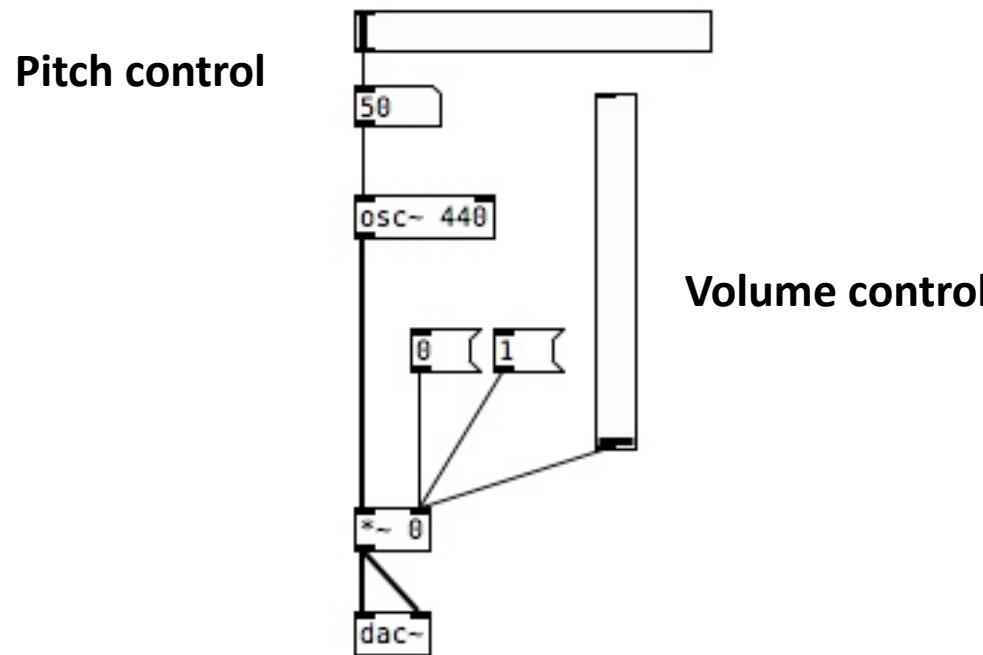
1. Create a FM synthesizer (carrier / modulator)
2. Control the amount of modulation
3. Store values inside a table
4. Display the table on screen
5. (Optional) Add AM to the mix

More useful objects (with previous) : **[metro] [table] [tabwrite~]**

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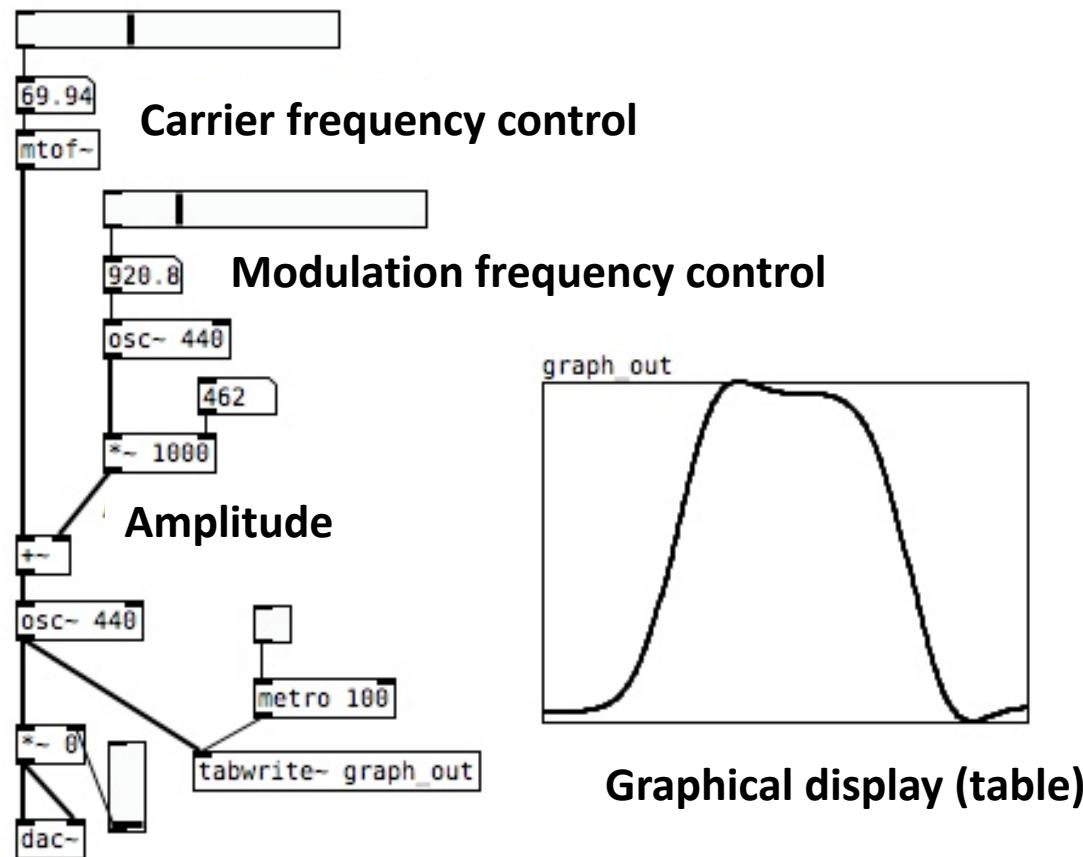
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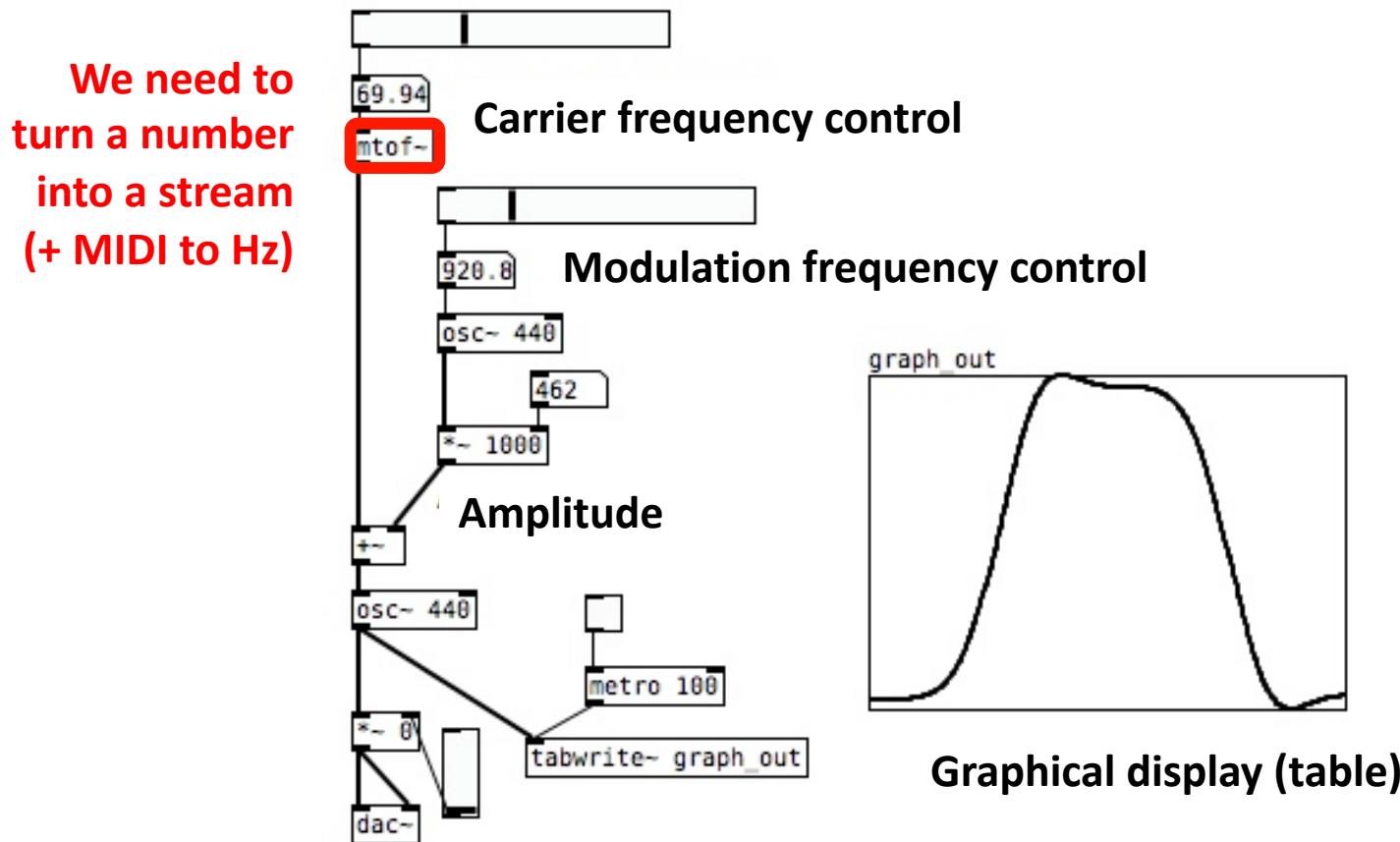
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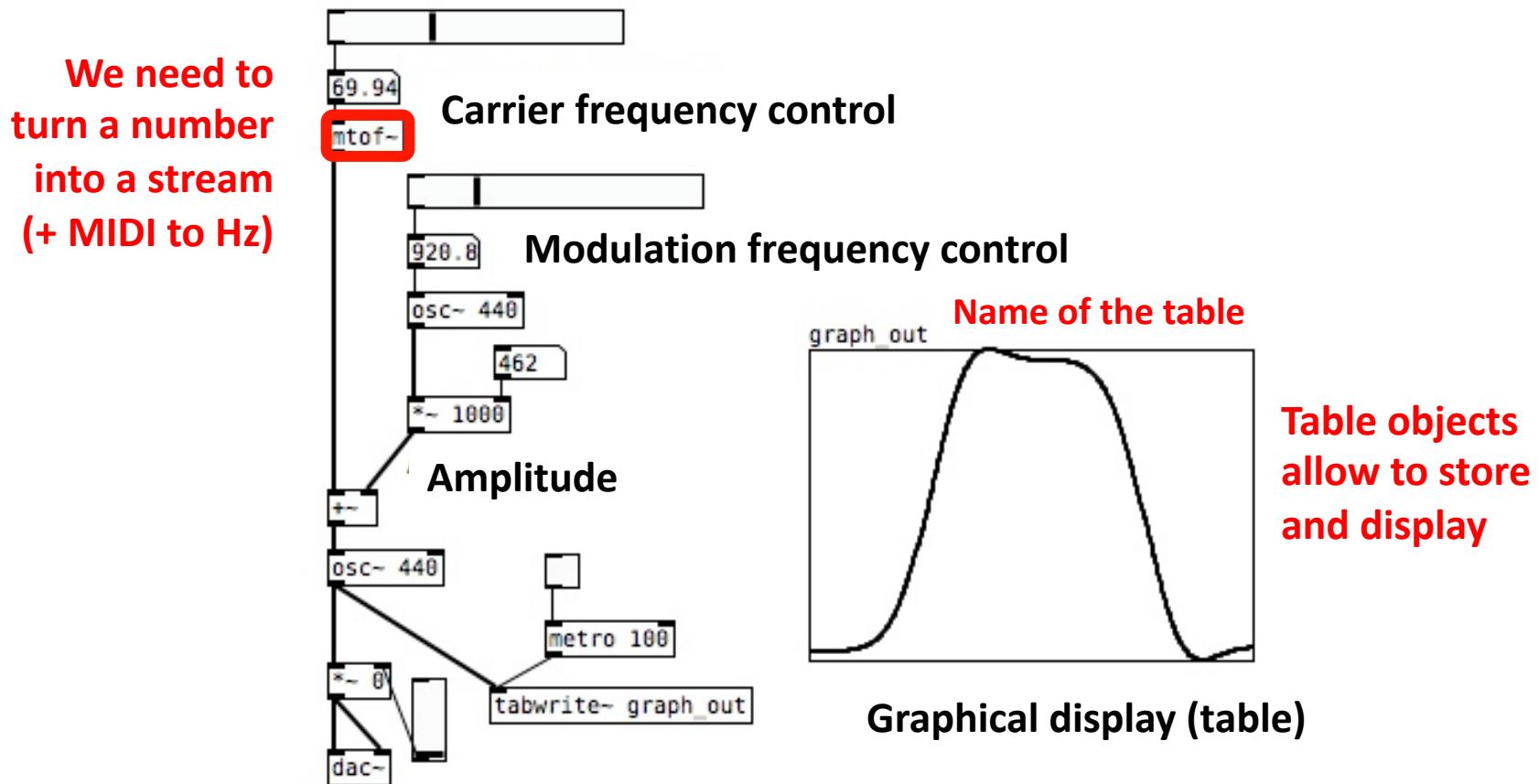
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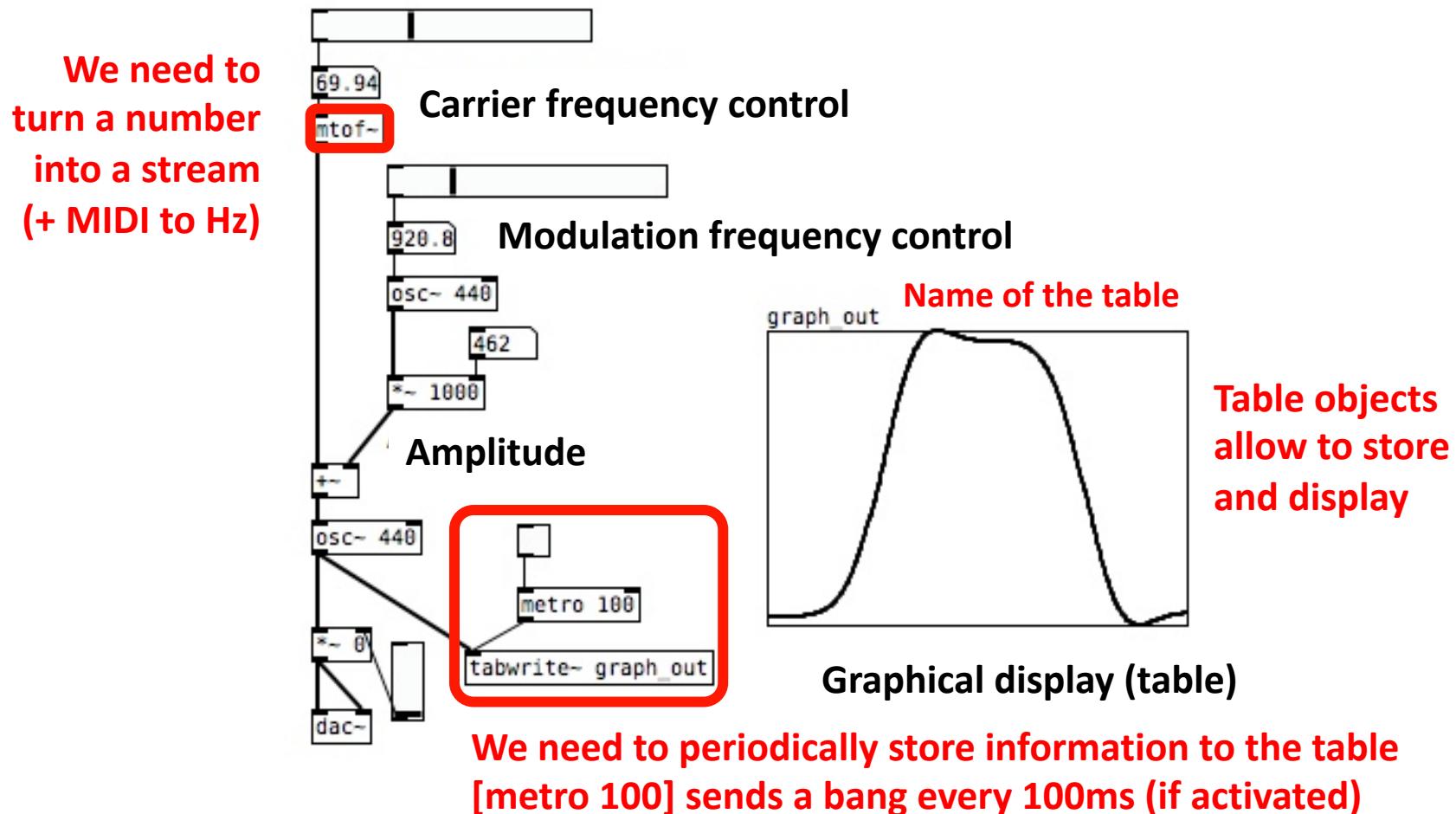
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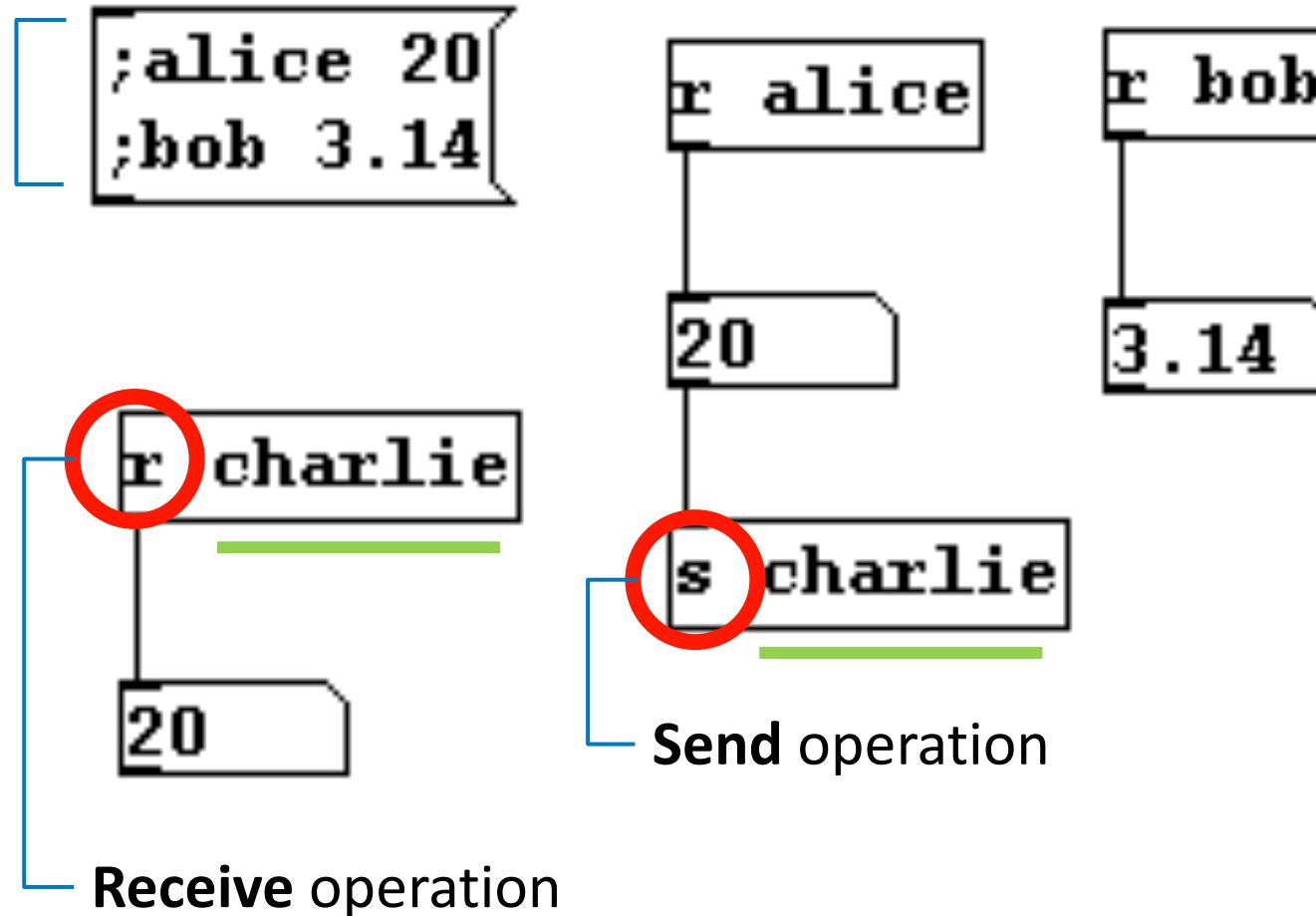


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Sending messages (without cables)



Important things

Right click on object to get Help

Ctrl-E to move in and out of “Edit Mode”

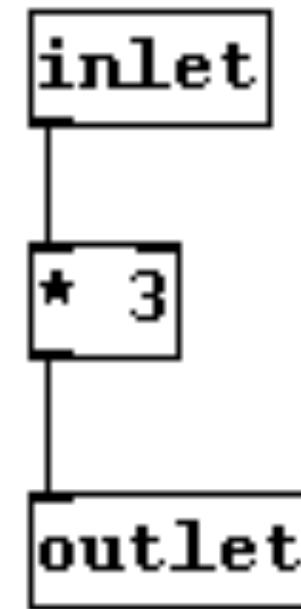
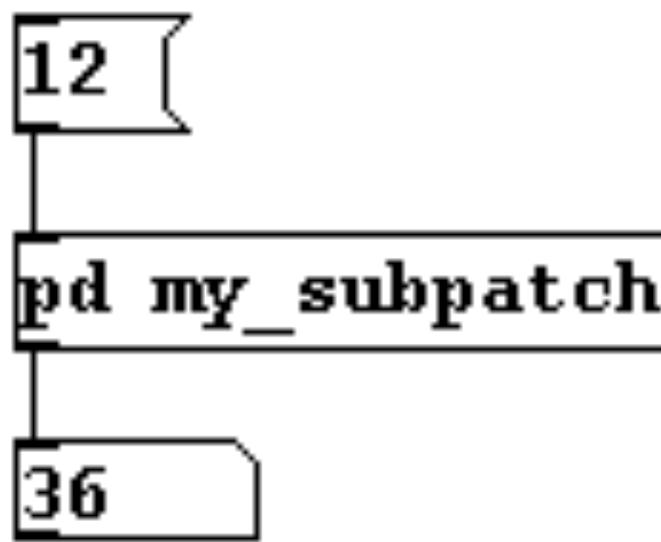
Turn audio on and off in a patch with these messages:

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pd dsp 1
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```
pd dsp 0
```



Subpatches in PD

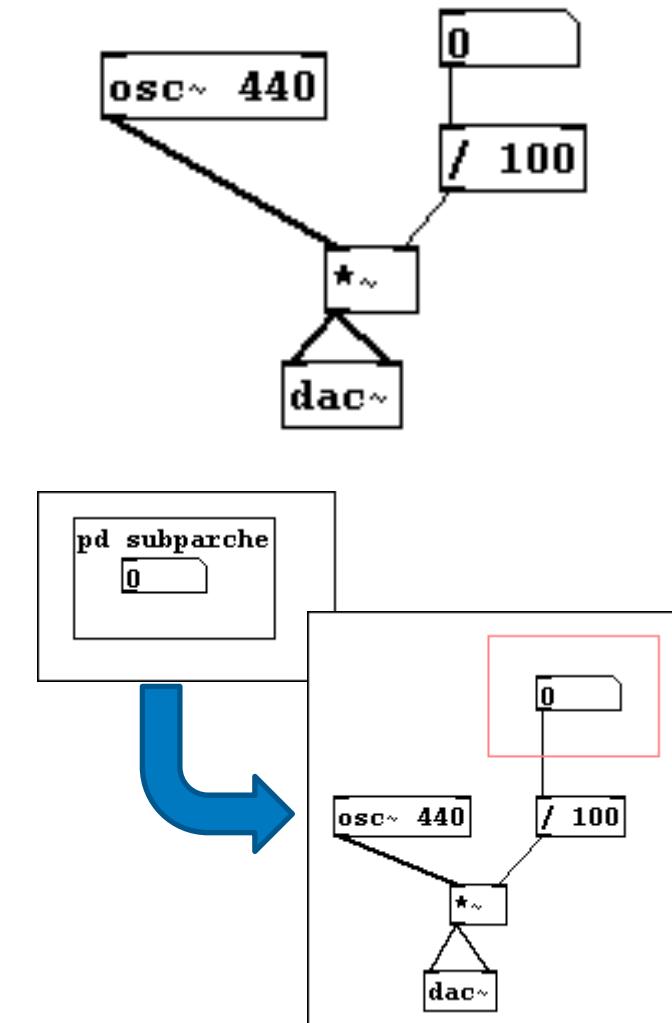


Subpatches in PD

Patches contain elements or objects in PD that are interconnected. This might lead to very heavy and messy schemes.

Sub-patches can embed patches inside other patches. (using [inlet] and [outlet] helps)

Abstraction are independent patches that need to be used inside patches



Objects in PD (control / time)

[metro] – Metronome information (bang)

[trigger] – Sending message in given order

[delay] – Delaying messages by a given time

[random] – Random number generator

[select] – Selector of input

[mtof] – Convert MIDI to Hz

[loadbang] – Send a bang message when loading

[send], [receive] – Message distribution

Advanced audio synthesis in PD

Create a patch for random melody generation

1. Perform additive synthesis (multiple of F0)
2. Randomly selects a pitch
3. Randomly selects a time duration
4. Pitch and time are changed in “rhythm”

Exercise: German techno generator.

Augment the previously defined patch so that

1. The pitch played are selected into a defined scale (array)
2. The duration of notes are selected inside a set of multiples (quarter, half)
3. A bassdrum (kick) is added at every beat
 1. No samples should be used
 2. Purely synthesized kick

Useful objects: **metro, random, route, trigger, line~**

Objects in PD (calculus)

[+], [-], [*], [/], [%] – Messages arithmetics

[sin], [cos], [tan], [atan], [atan2] - Trigonometric

[sqrt], [log], [exp], [abs], [clip] – Other functions

[expr] – Arbitrary expressions evaluation

Audio versions

[+~], [-~], [*~], [/~] – Signal arithmetics

[cos~] – Cosinusoidal function

[sqrt~], [rsqrt~] – Square root and reciprocal

[max~], [min~] – Maximum and minimum

[clip~] – Clipping operation

[expr~], [fexpr~] – Arbitrary expressions

Objects in PD (arrays)

[table] – Define a subpatch with an array

[tabread] – Reading an array

[tabwrite] – Writing an array

[tabread4~] – Continuous read and interpolation

[tabwrite~] – Continuous writing of an array

[tabosc4~] – Cyclical reading of an array

Objects in PD (subpatches)

[pd] – Create a sub-patch inside a patch

[inlet] – Adding a control inlet into a subpatch

[inlet~] – Create an audio inlet into a subpatch

[outlet] – Create a control outlet from a subpatch

[outlet~] – Agrega una salida de audio

Advanced audio sampler and effects

Home exercise: Loop sampler and audio effects

1. Create a system to load a sample (.wav, .aiff) file
2. Store it inside an array
3. Display the content of the file
4. Allow to play it as a loop
5. Control start and end points of loop
6. Add effects to the system
 1. Delay line (through buffer)
 1. Ms. Control
 2. % Control
 2. Clipping distortion
 1. Clip amount
 2. Global volume
 3. Whatever kicks your bucket

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- Here we will code in C but still talk about *objects*

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- Then simply a set of functions

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Implement your external (horloge.c)

1. Define what happens at runtime load (once)

```
void          horloge_setup(void)
{
    horloge_class = class_new(gensym("horloge"),
                             (t_newmethod)horloge_new,
                             0, sizeof(t_horloge),
                             CLASS_DEFAULT, 0);
    class_addbang(horloge_class, horloge_bang);
}
```

Class creation method `class_new`

Name of the object

Method to call for each new object

Size / malloc options

Add the behavior for bang with `class_addbang`
Later we will also use `class_admethod` (messages)

Reminder of the data structure

```
static t_class      *horloge_class;
typedef struct
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    t_object      _horloge
    t_object      x_obj;
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2. Defines what happens at each object creation

```
void *horloge_new(void)
{
    t_horloge *h;
    h = (t_horloge *)pd_new(horloge_class);
    h->h_out = outlet_new(&h->x_obj, &s_symbol);
    return (void *)h;
}
```

Return the created object

Instanciation method pd_new

Returned object (void *)

Create the (symbol) outlet and store in x_obj !

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```
static t_class *horloge_class;
typedef struct _horloge
{
    t_object x_obj;
    t_outlet *h_out;
}
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```

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3. Define the method for bang behavior

```
void          horloge_bang(t_horloge **x)    Specific object instance
{
    time_t      rawtime;
    struct tm   *timeinfo;                (Here just a bunch of C code to get the time)
    time(&rawtime);
    timeinfo = localtime(&rawtime);
    outlet_symbol(x->h_out, gensym(asctime(timeinfo)));
}
```

Need to write symbols to a given symbol table !

Write information to a specific outlet

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External exercises

- Check the online subject
- We will code 3 mandatory externals
 - Horloge
 - Multipouet
 - Duck~
- Then one more advanced external
 - My_fft~
- Then optional externals for the geekiest
 - Reactive cross-synthesis instruments
 - Spectral cross-synthesis (cross~)
 - Convulsive cross-synthesis (xcross~)
- **Questions ????**