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# Spreadsheet-based configuration of Families of Real-Time Specifications

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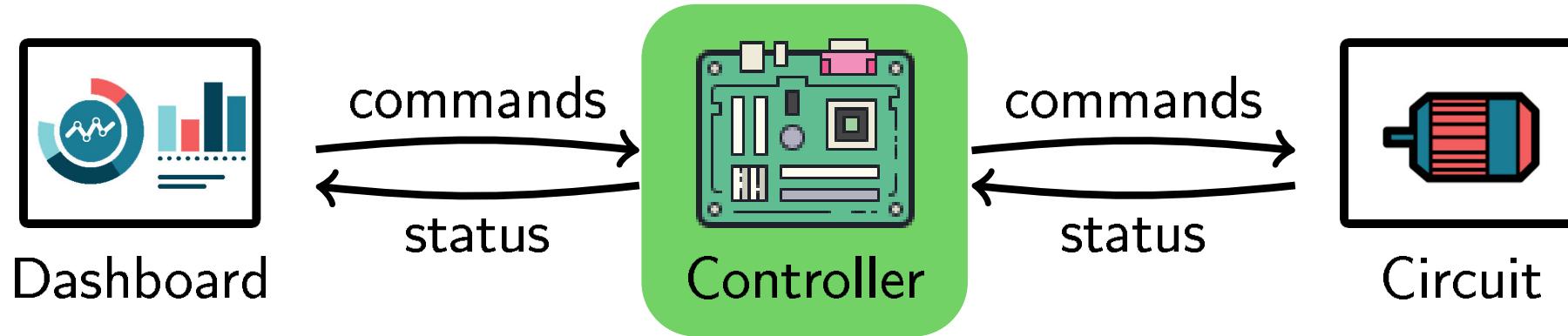
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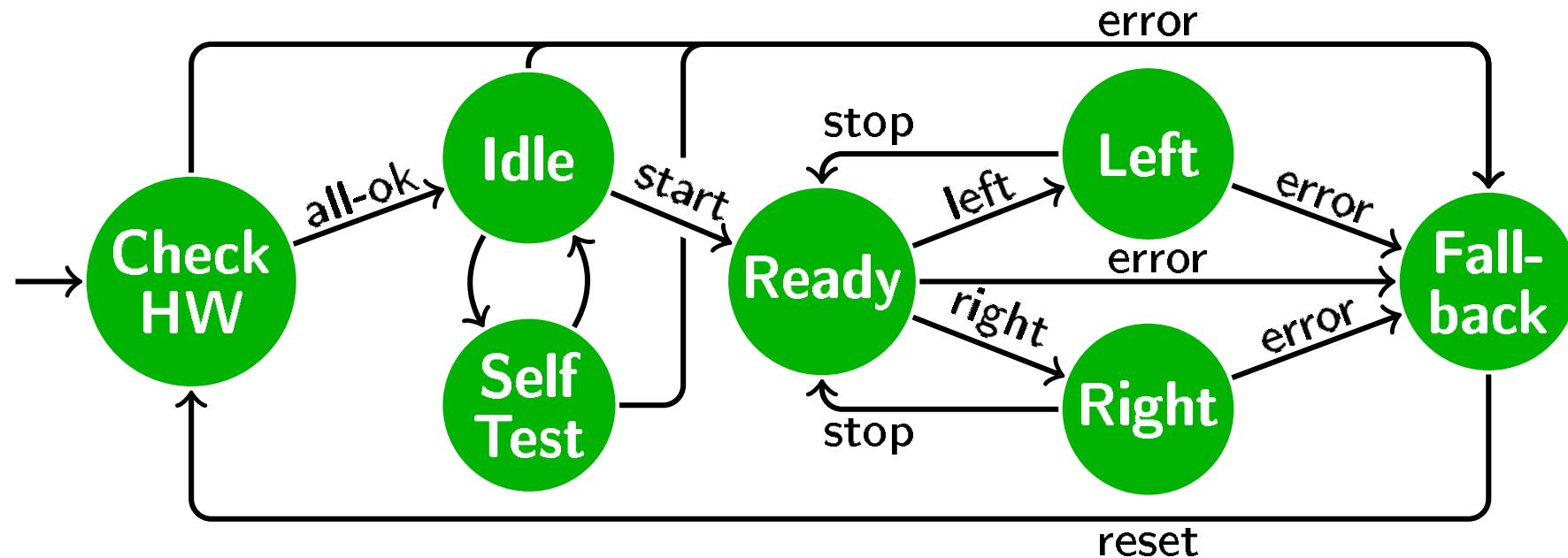
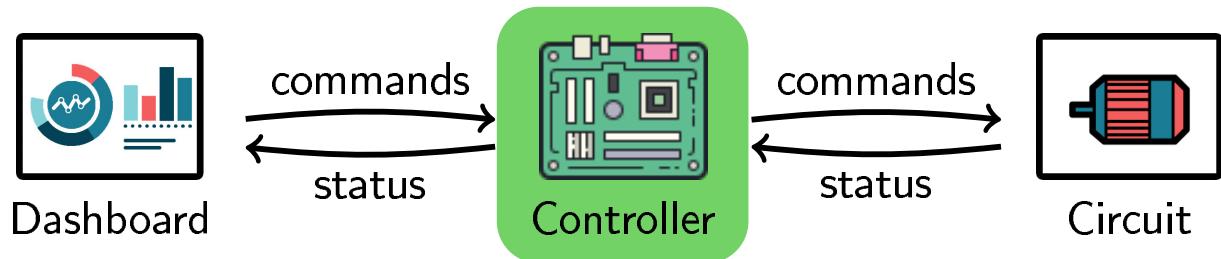
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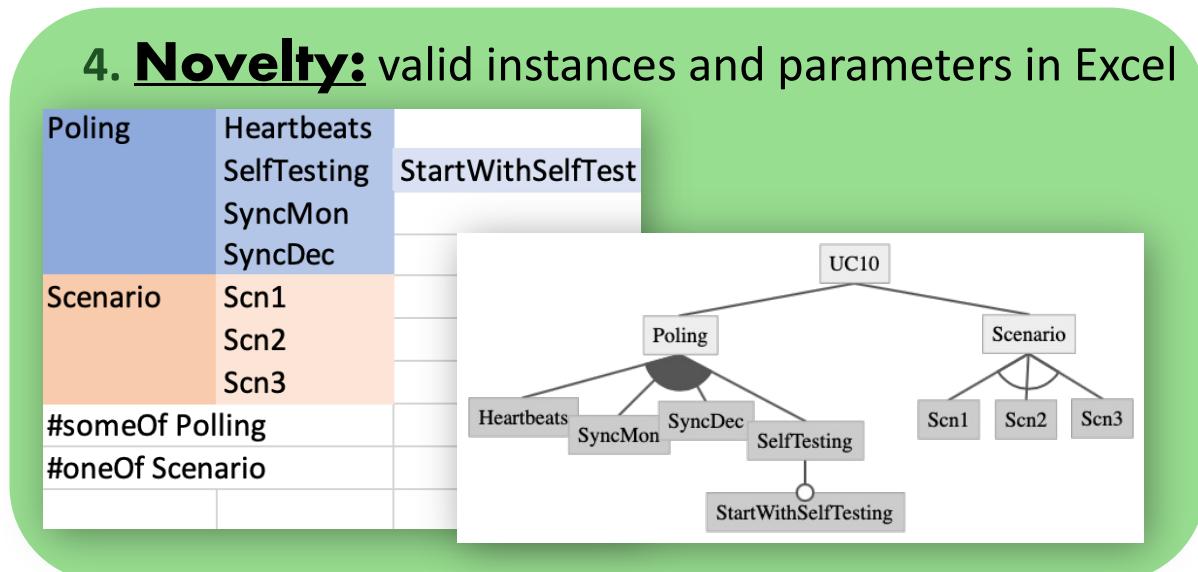
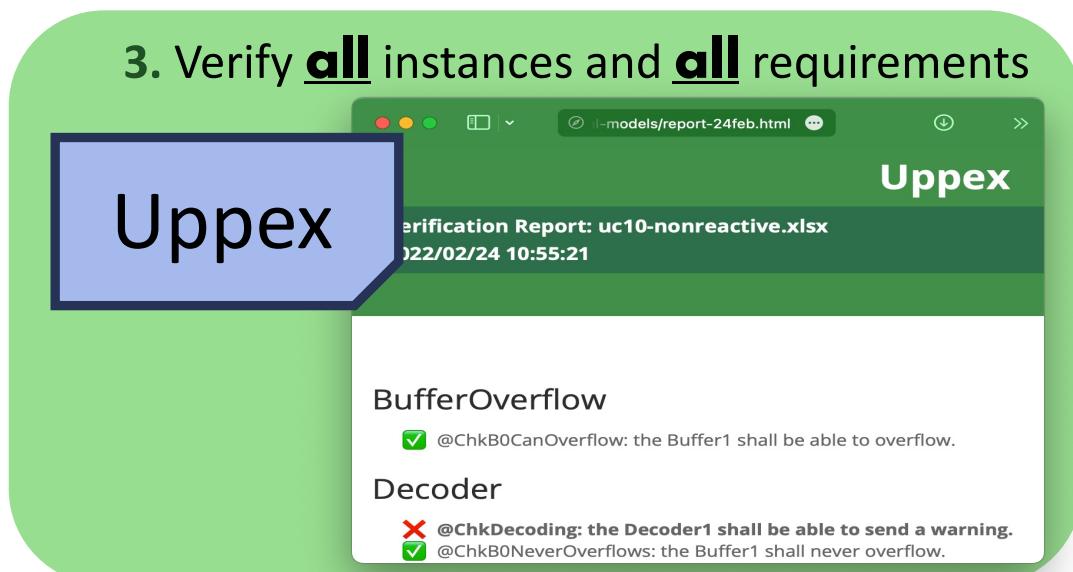
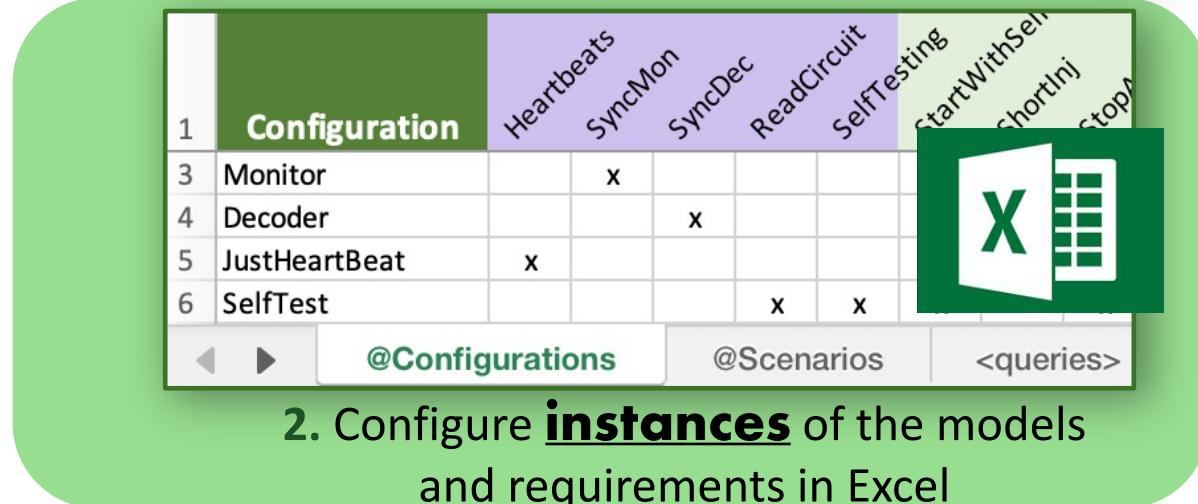
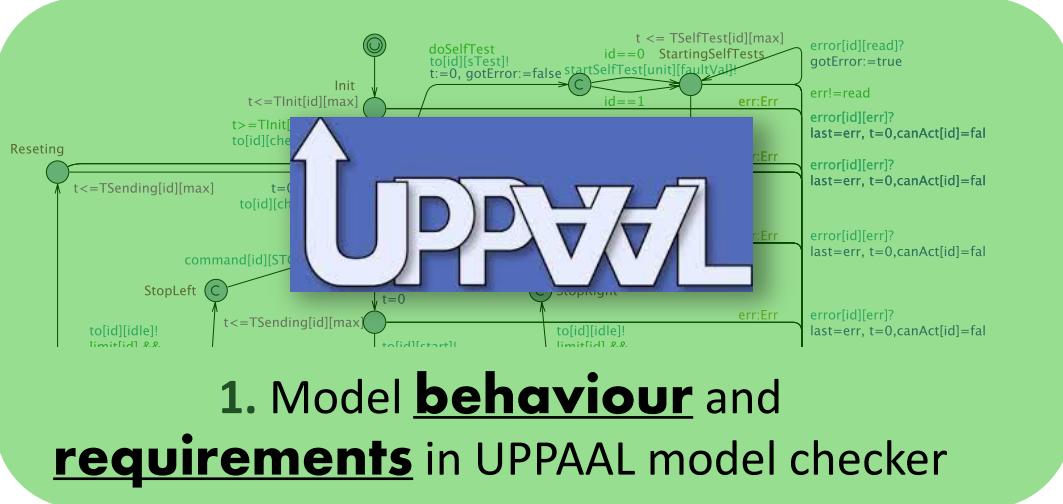
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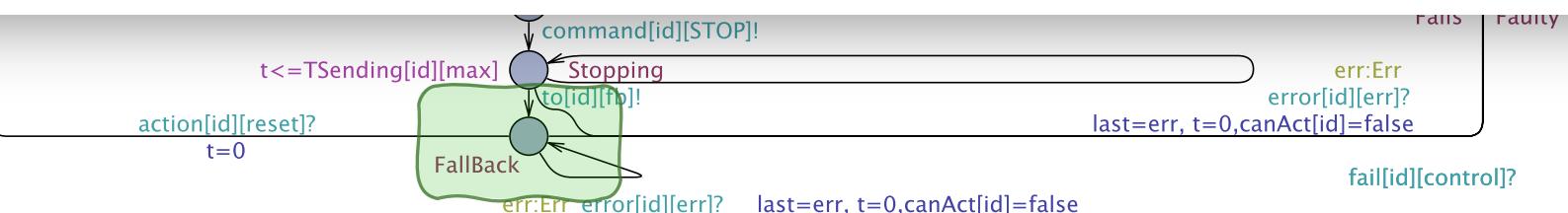
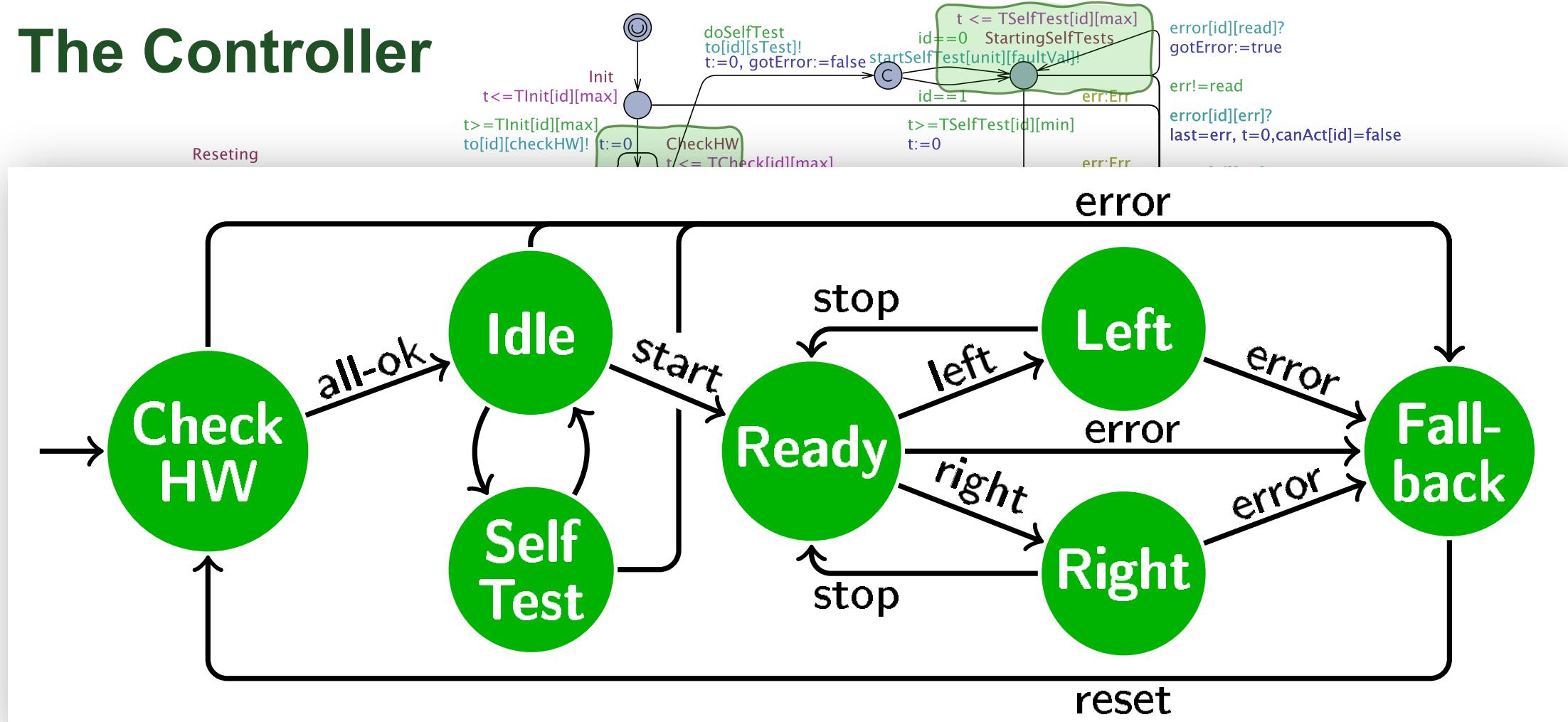
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# Overview:

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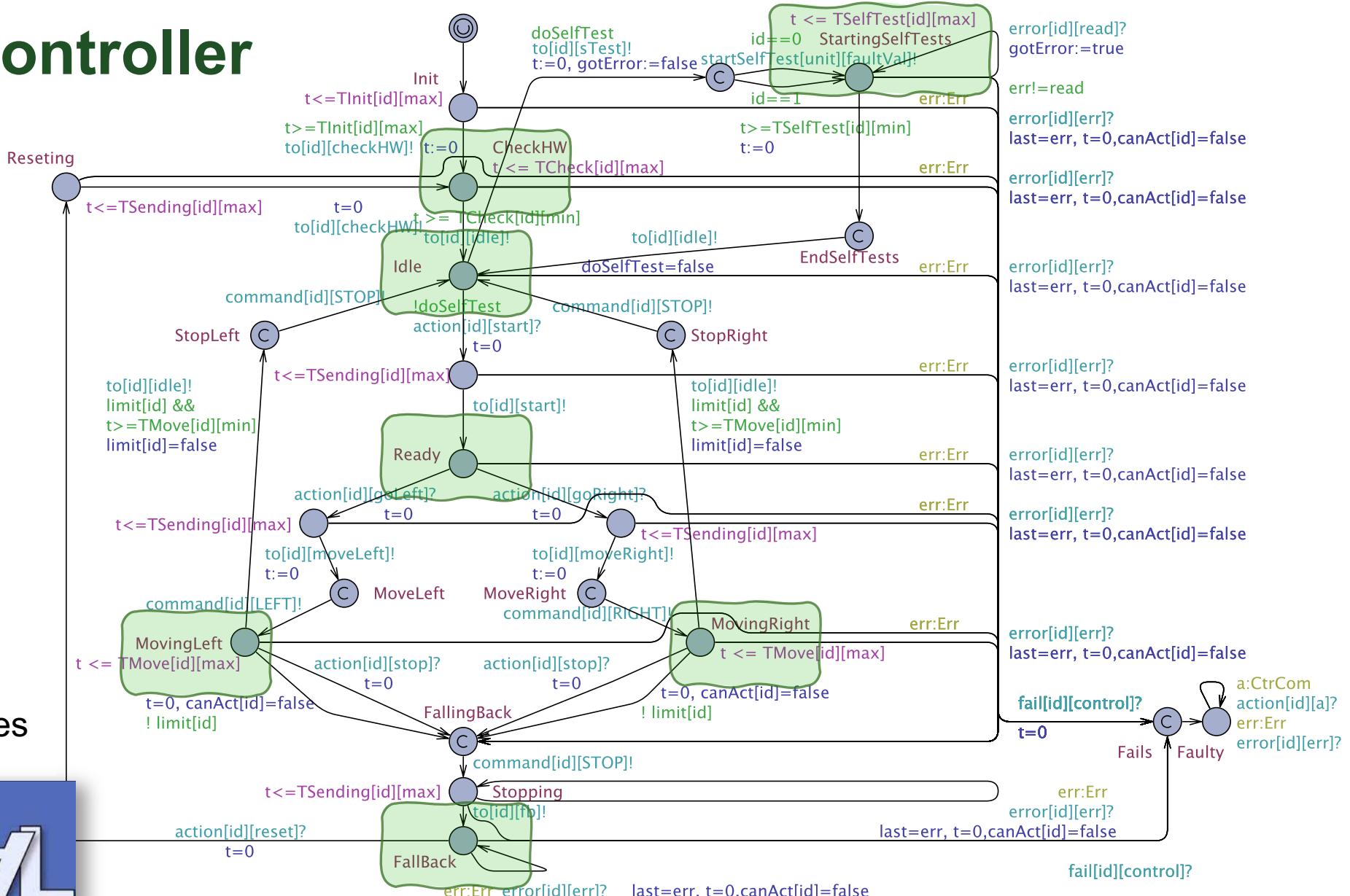


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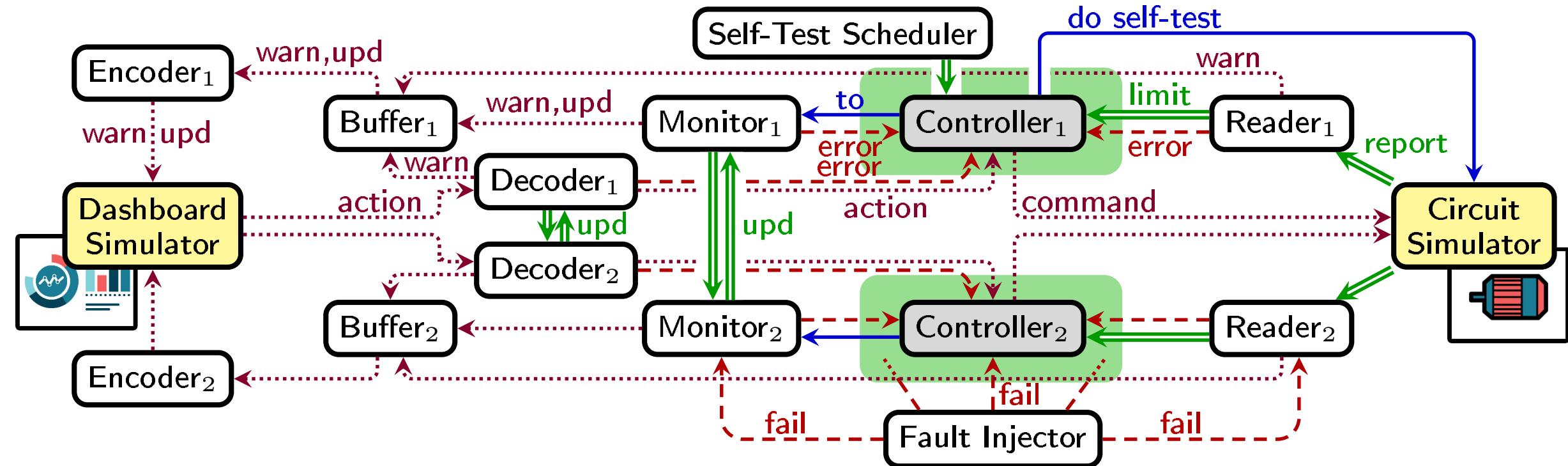


# The Controller

Model-checker of  
Real-time properties



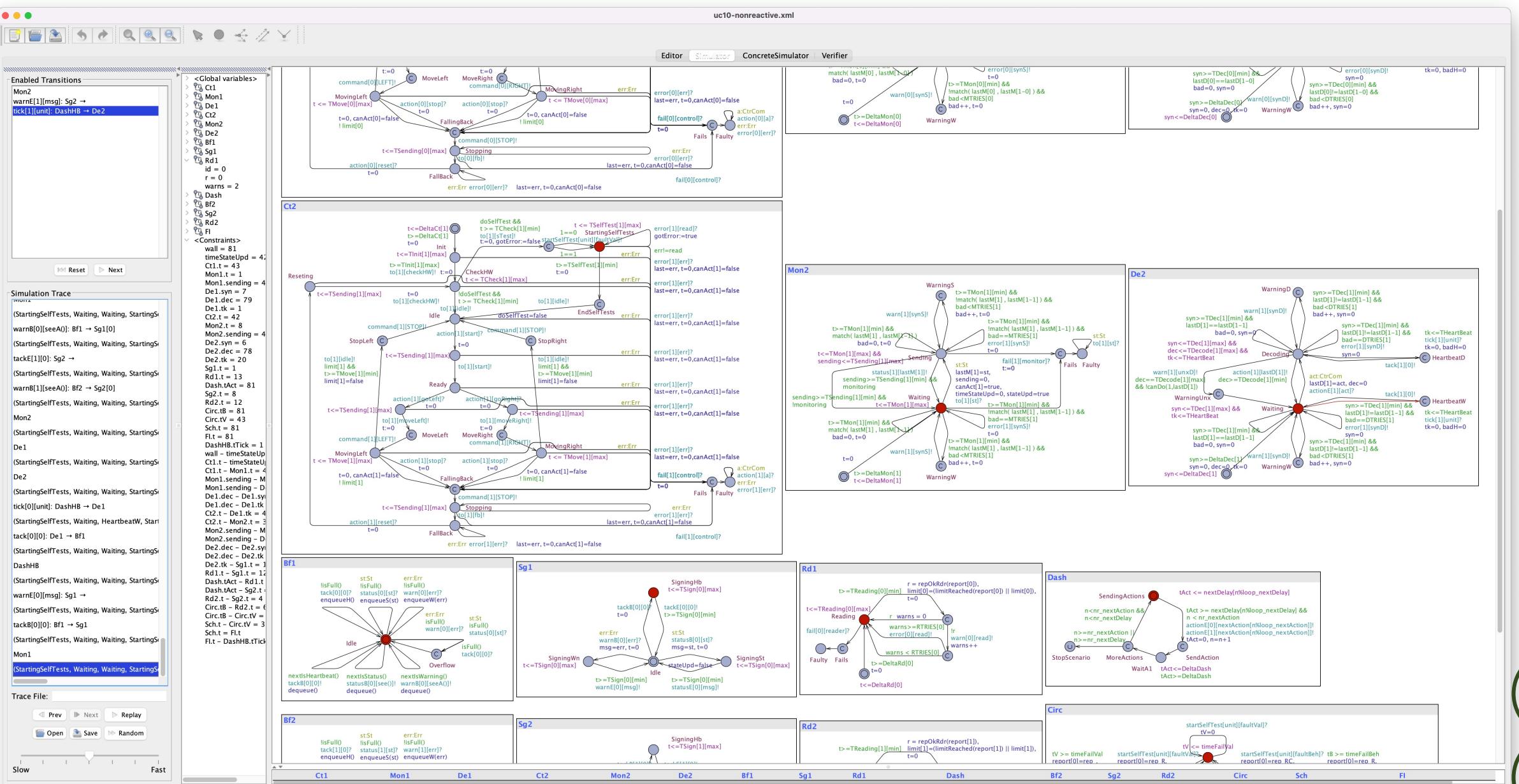
# Component architecture



16x Automata

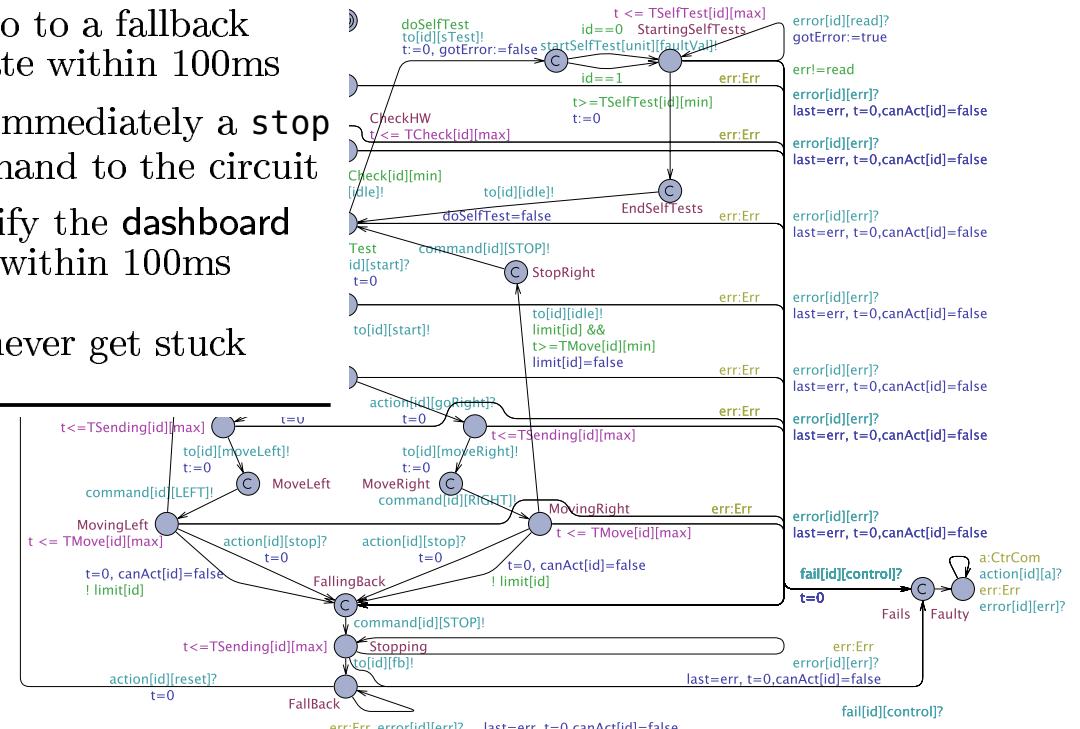


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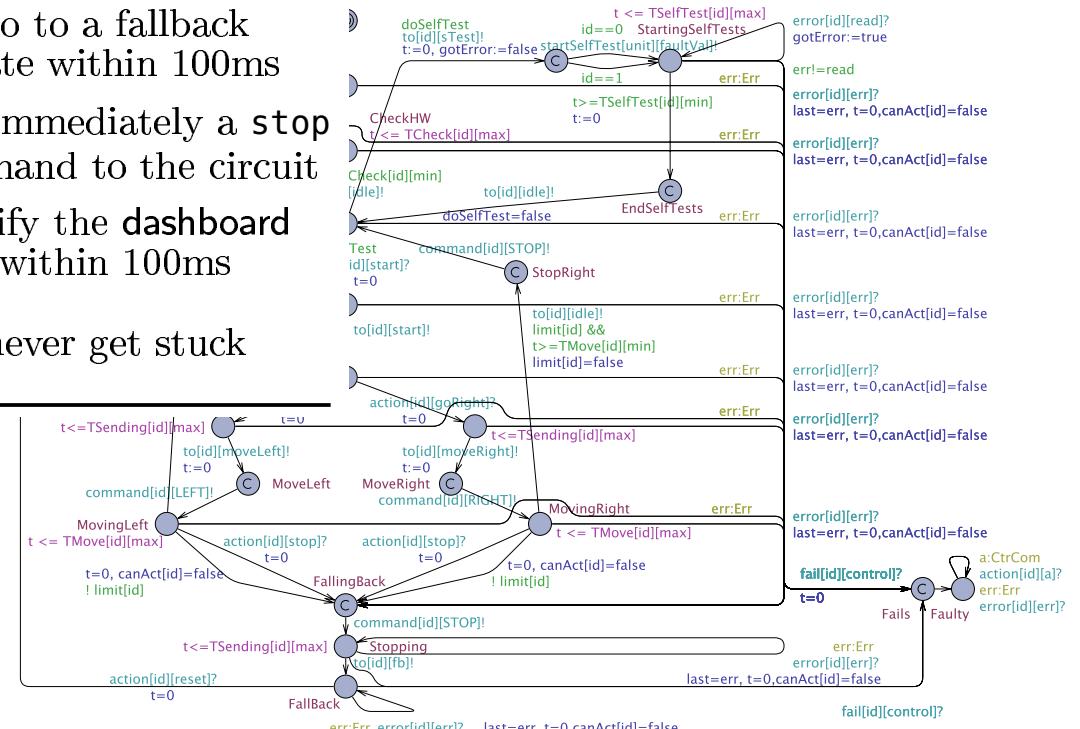
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	Conf <sub>4</sub>	controller <sub>1</sub> receives an error message	controller <sub>1</sub>	send immediately a stop command to the circuit
	Conf <sub>5</sub>	controller <sub>1</sub> receives an error message	encoder <sub>1</sub>	notify the dashboard within 100ms
	Conf <sub>5</sub> dashboard can send messages	full system		never get stuck



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Conf <sub>5</sub>	while dashboard can send messages	controller <sub>1</sub> receives an error message	encoder <sub>1</sub>	notify the dashboard within 100ms
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# Examples of Configurations

Config.
Conf <sub>1</sub>
Conf <sub>2</sub>
Conf <sub>3</sub>
Conf <sub>4</sub>
Conf <sub>5</sub>

## Configuration 1

- The motor takes exactly **4.5s** to move left or right (OK)
- The dashboard starts at **2s**, asks to move left at **5s**, and asks to move right at **10s**
- **No fault** is injected

## Configuration 2

- The motor takes **6s** to move left (not OK)
- (rest as Conf. 1)

## Configuration 3

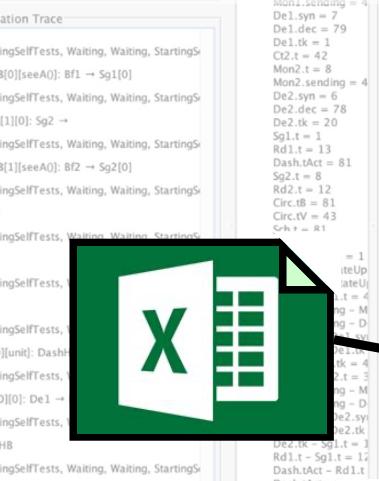
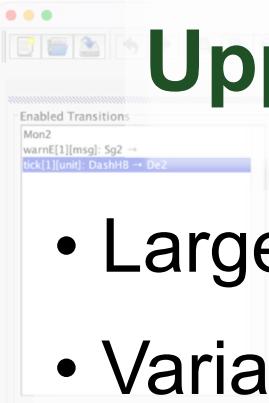
- The monitor1 components becomes faulty after **5s**
- Buffer is **smaller**
- Heartbeats are **off**
- (rest as Conf 1.)



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# Uppex: Challenges and Workflow

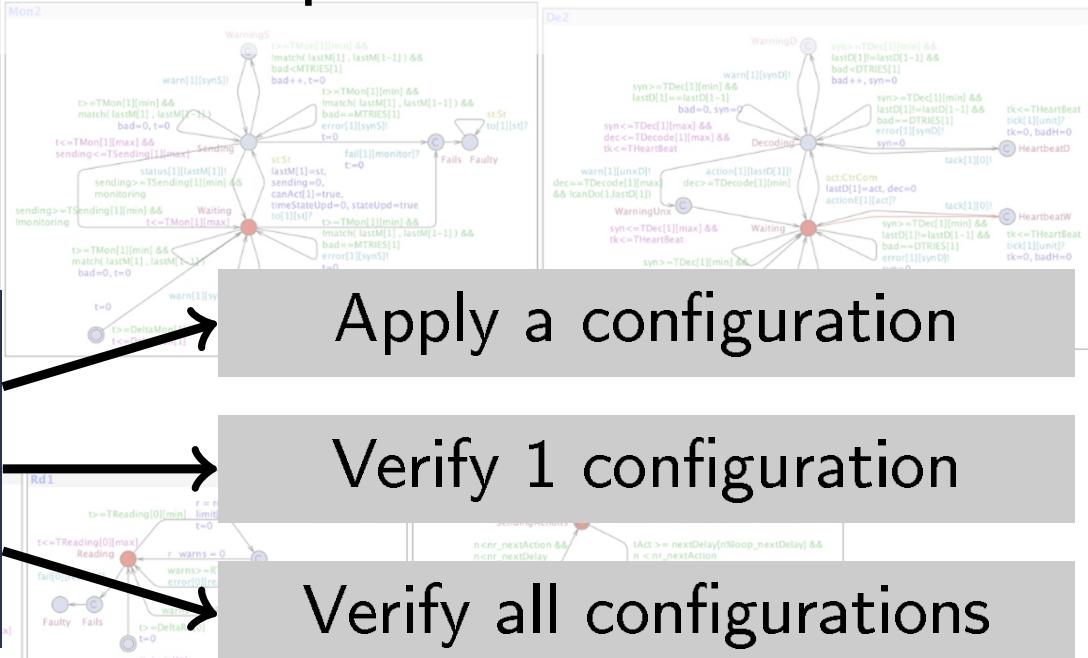
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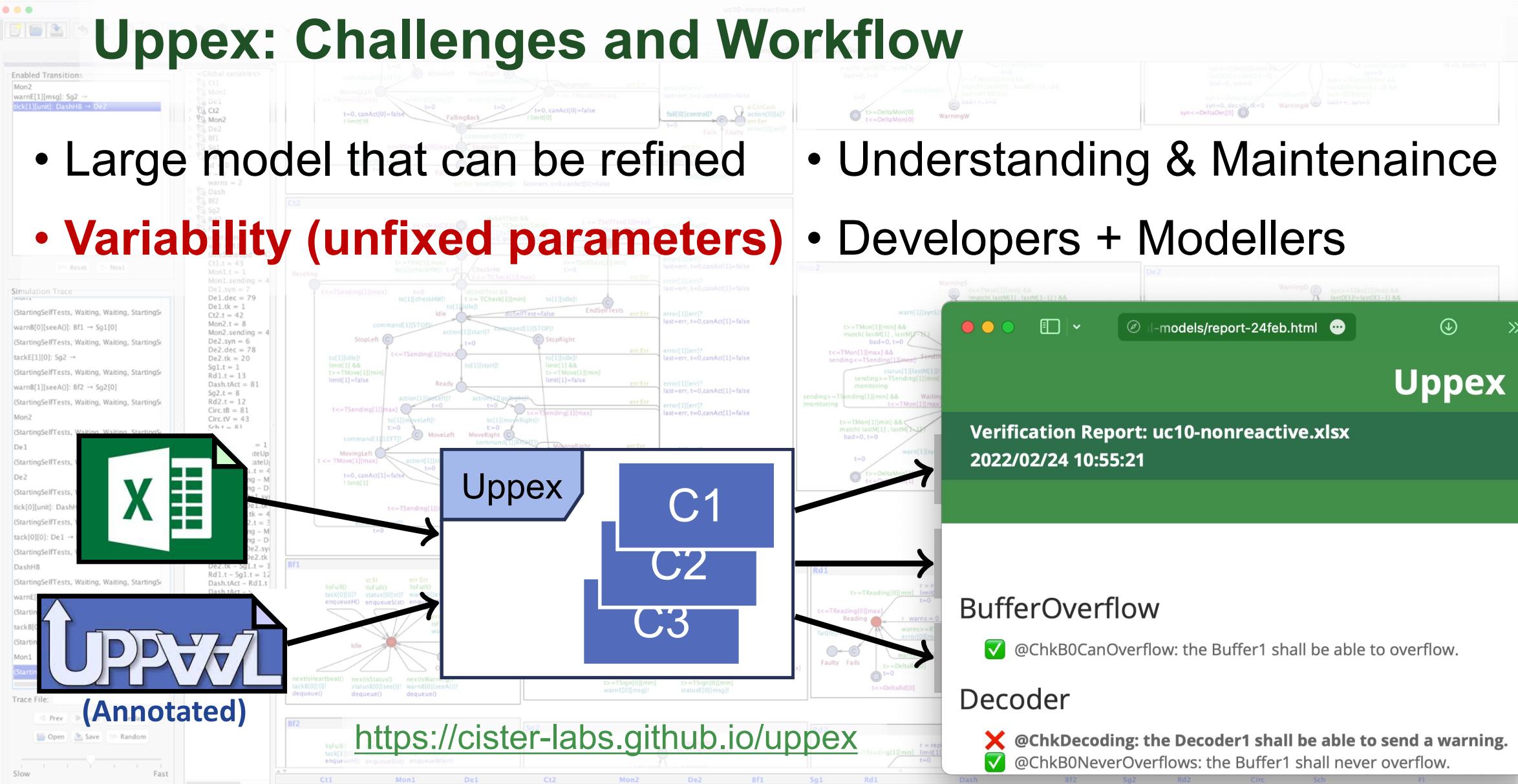
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- Understanding & Maintenance
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# Uppex: Challenges and Workflow

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# Demo: A look into annotated specifications

The screenshot shows the UPPAAL 5.0.0-rc2 interface with the file "uc10-nonreactive.xml" open. The left sidebar shows a project structure with various components like Control, DashSim, and Decoder. The main editor area displays UPPAAL XML code, including declarations for a clock "wall" and various time bounds. A modal window is overlaid on the editor, showing a spreadsheet for configuring time bounds. The spreadsheet has columns for Name, Min-1, Max-1, Min-2, Max-2, Comment, and Features. It lists entries for Init, Check, and SelfTest time bounds, along with their respective values and comments. The bottom navigation bar includes tabs for @Configurations, @Scenarios, <queries>, @TimeBounds, @Global, @Local, and @DataTypes.

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Check	16	16	16	16	control: max time in "test"	ShortStart
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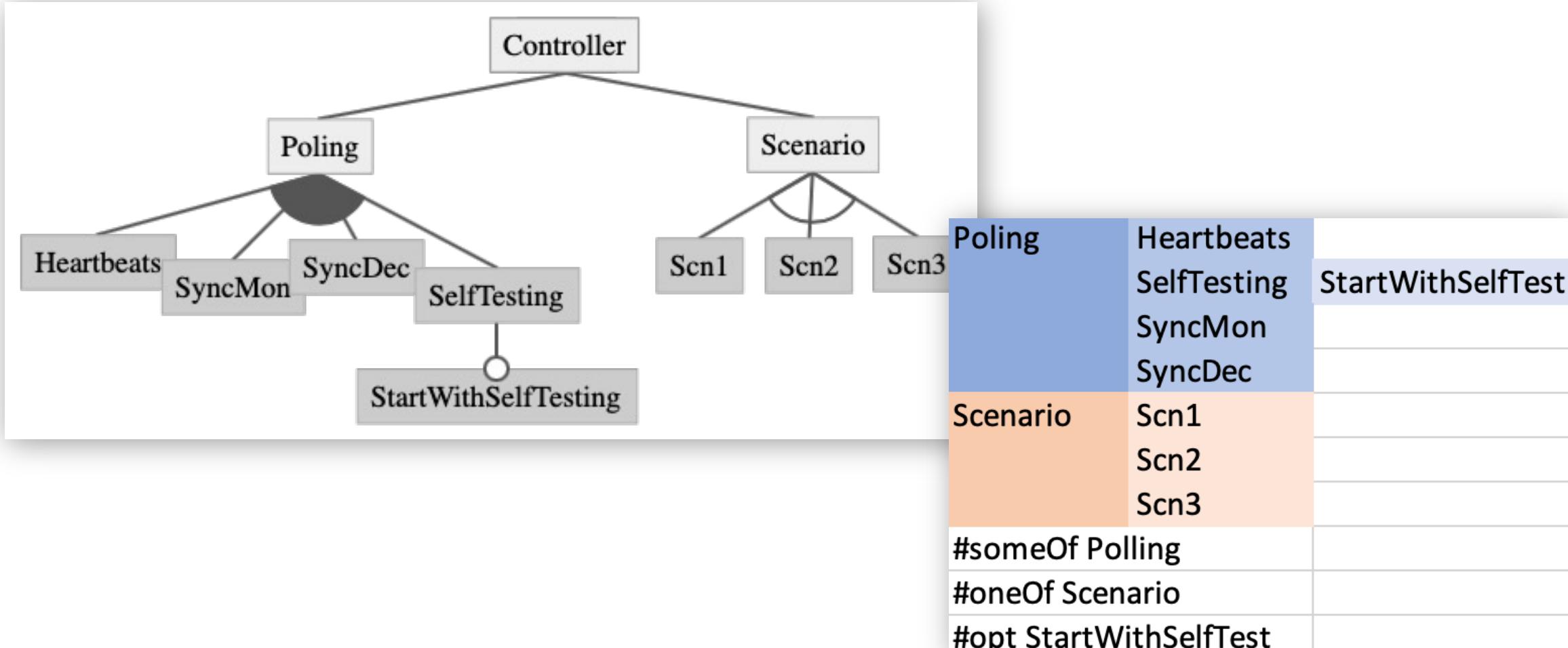
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# Adding Feature “Diagrams”



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# Adding attributes

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Main	x	x	x					
Monitor	x							
Decoder			x					
JustHeartBeat	x							
SelfTest				x	200	x		x
SelfTest-Deltas	x	x	x	x	x	x		x

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Move	4000	5000		4000	must take enough time to get a	
Init	50	50		70	control: time in "init"	
Init	16	16		16	control: time in "init"	ShortStart



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# Infering configurations

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- Optimal configurations?
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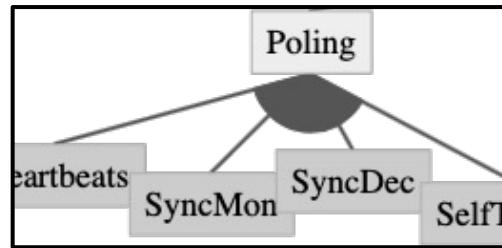


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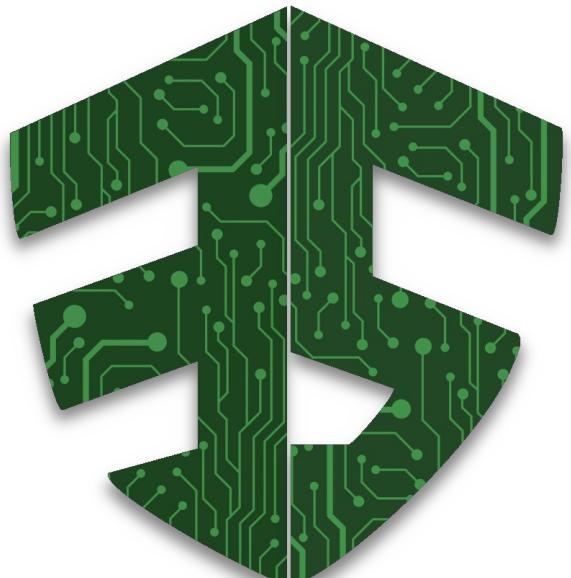
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