

SCXML

State Chart XML

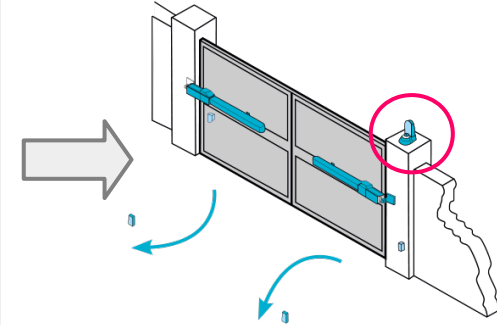
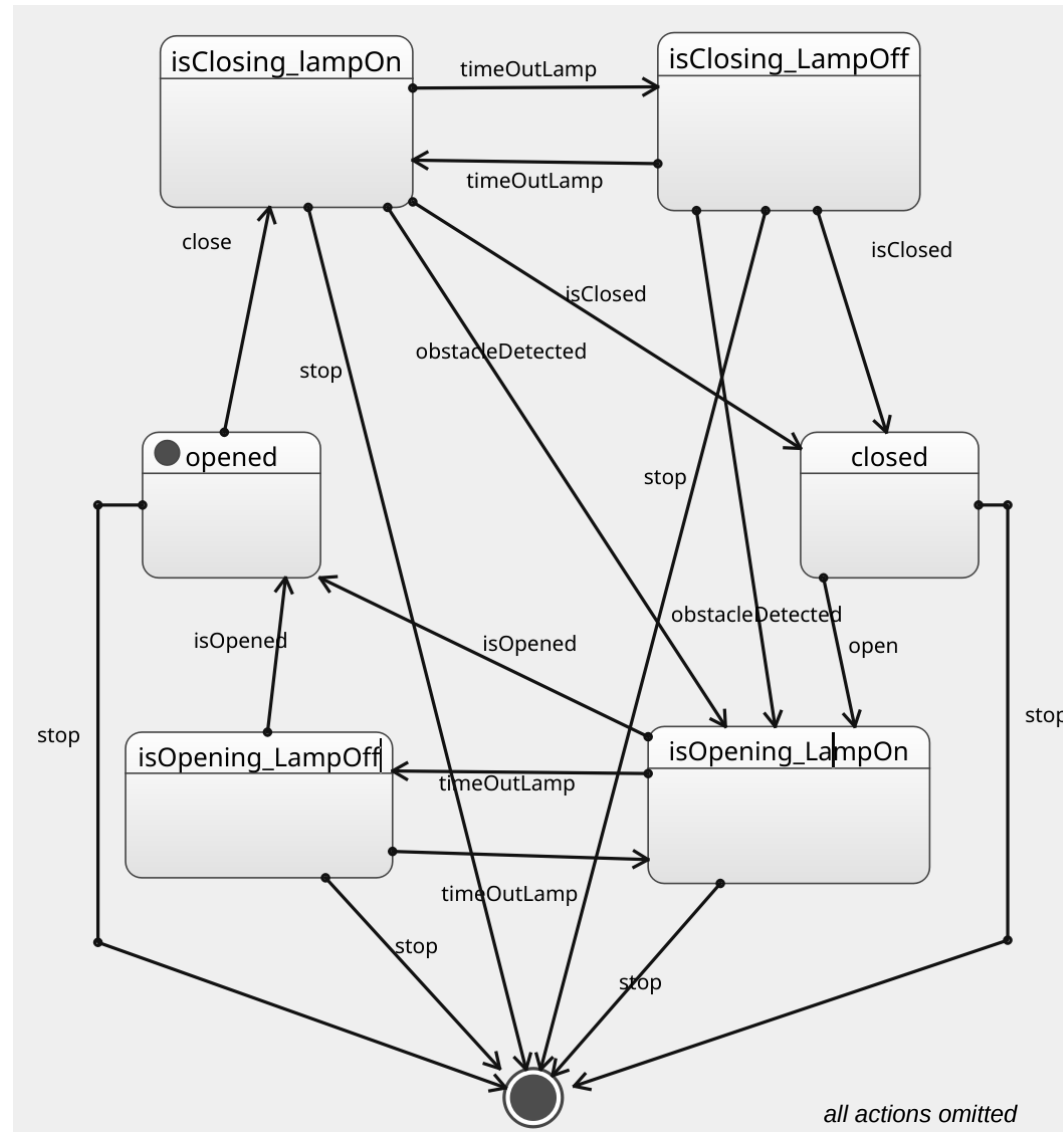
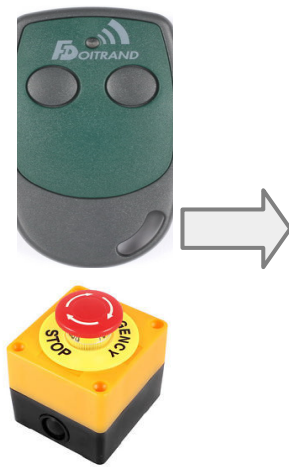
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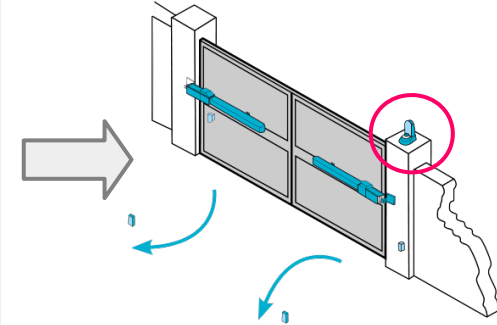
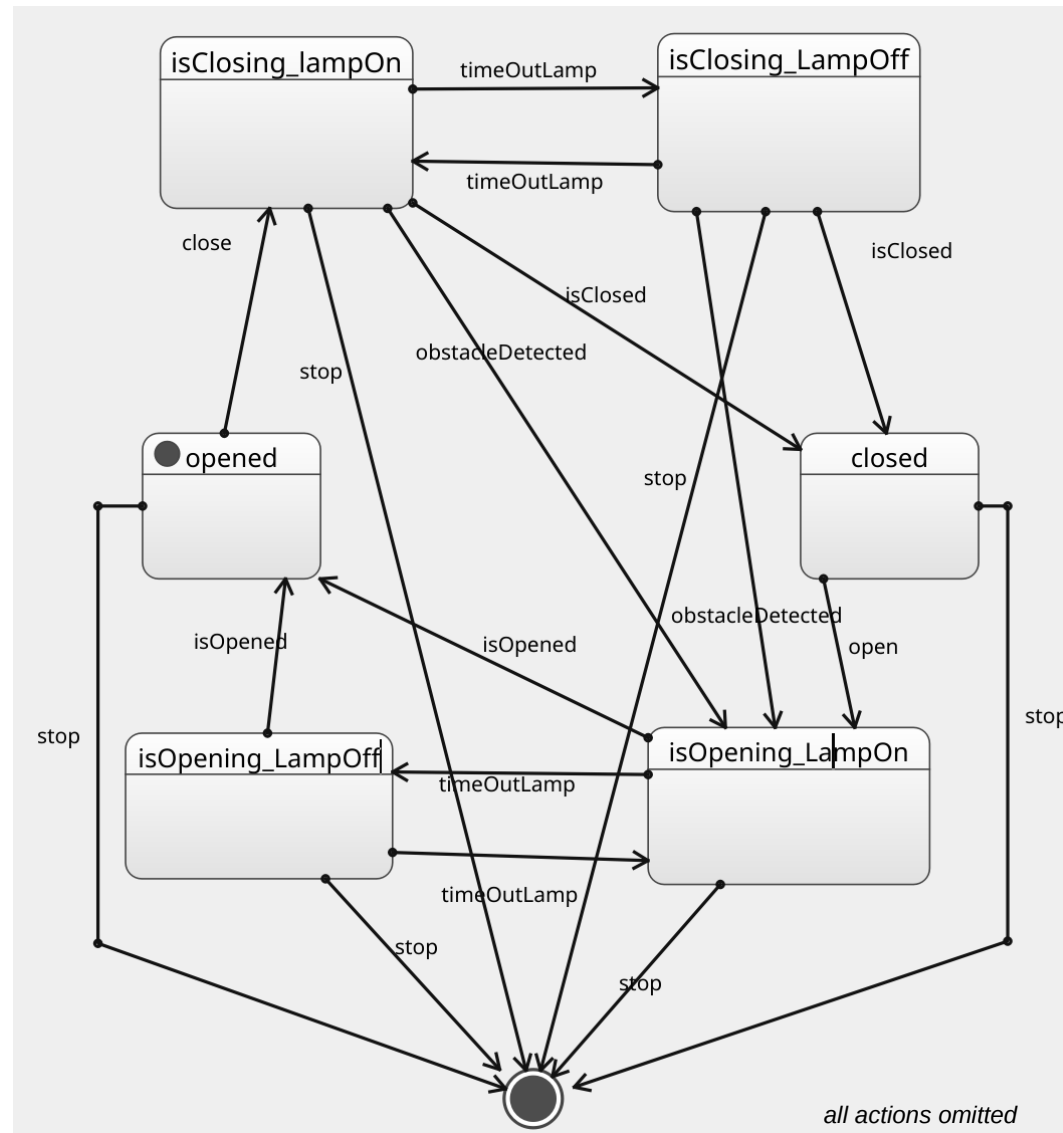
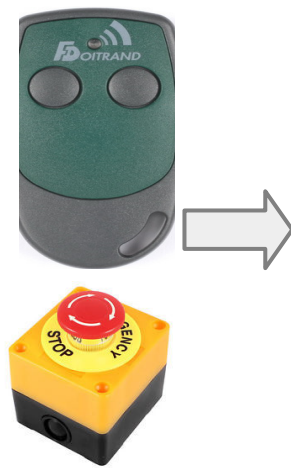
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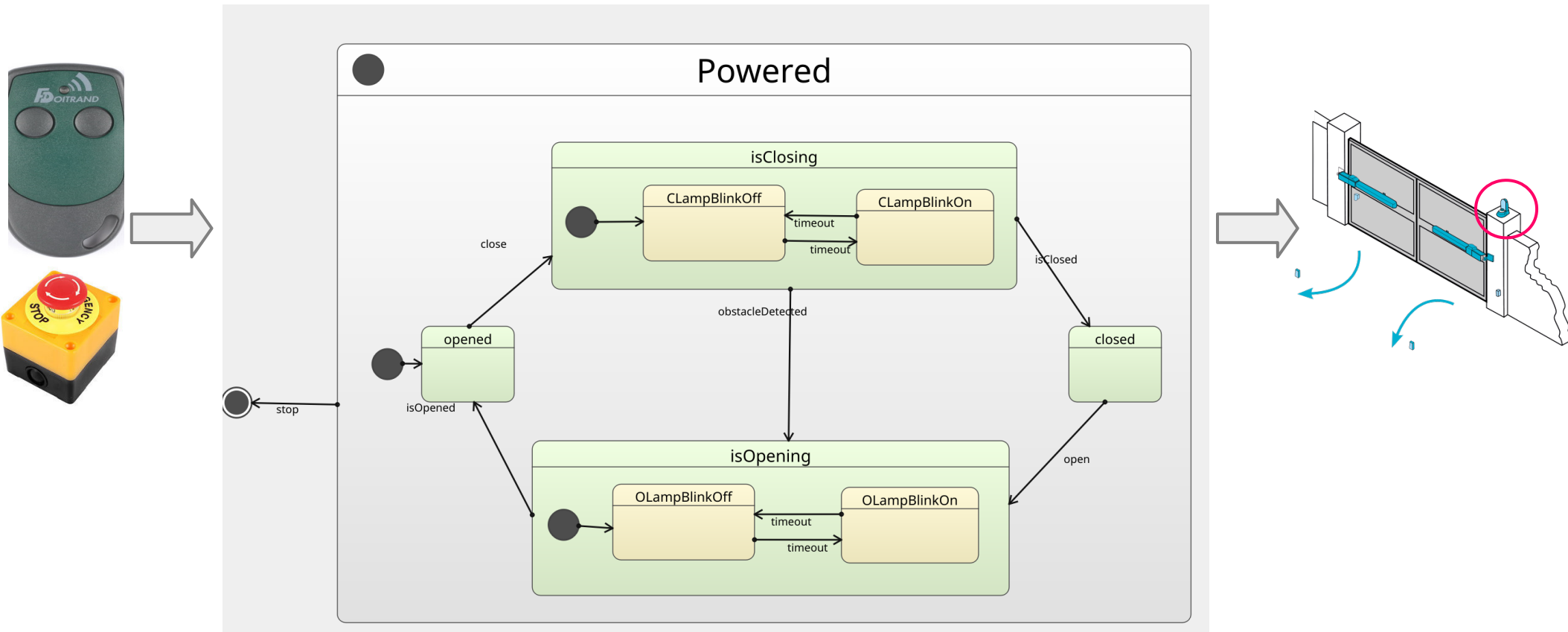
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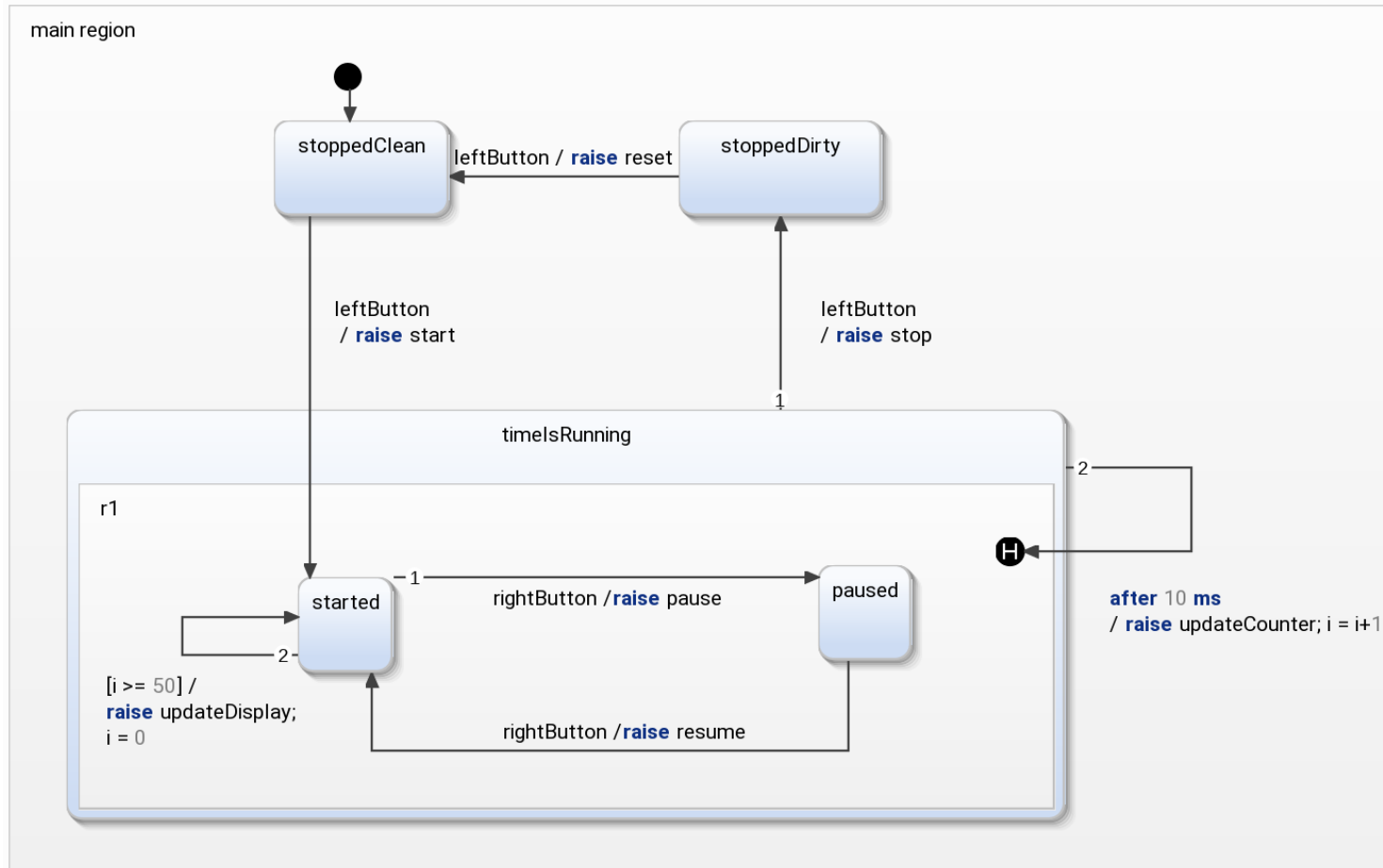
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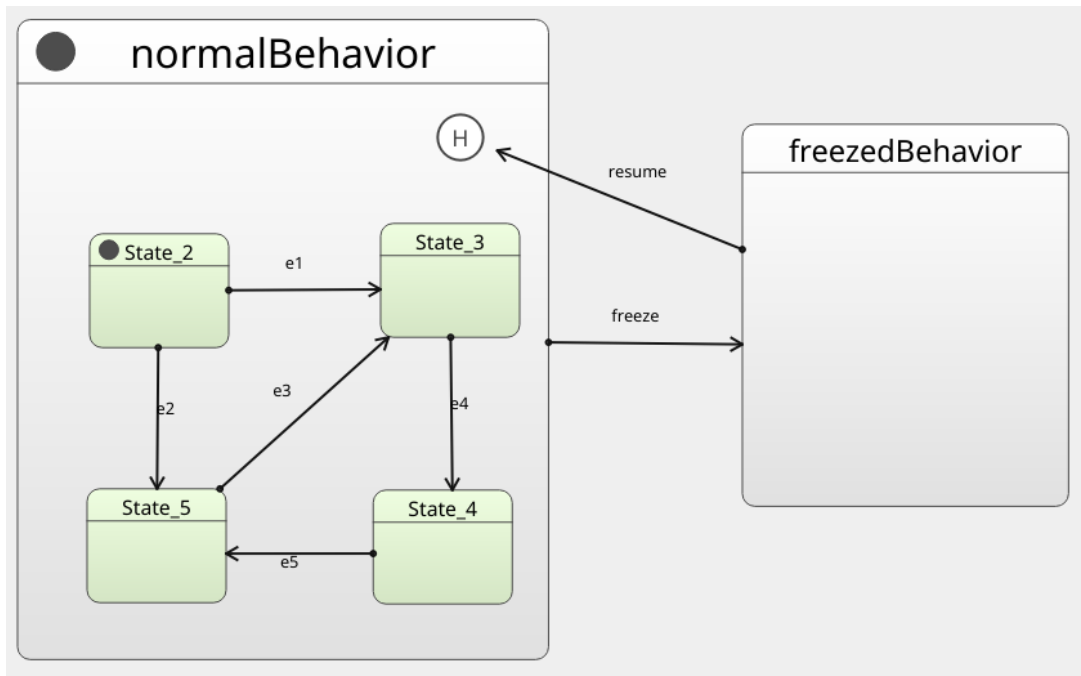


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Taken and modified from http://sce.uhcl.edu/helm/rationalunifiedprocess/process/modguide/md_stadm.htm

History state

Deep or shallow...



- **<history> allows for pause and resume semantics in compound states.** Before the state machine exits a compound state, it records the state's active descendants. If the 'type' attribute of the <history> state is set to "deep", the state machine saves the state's full active descendant configuration, down to the atomic descendant(s). If 'type' is set to "shallow", the state machine remembers only which immediate child was active. After that, if a transition takes a <history> child of the state as its target, the state machine re-enters not only the parent compound state but also the state(s) in the saved configuration. Thus a transition with a deep history state as its target returns to exactly where the state was when it was last exited, while a transition with a shallow history state as a target re-enters the previously active child state, but will enter the child's default initial state (if the child is itself compound.).

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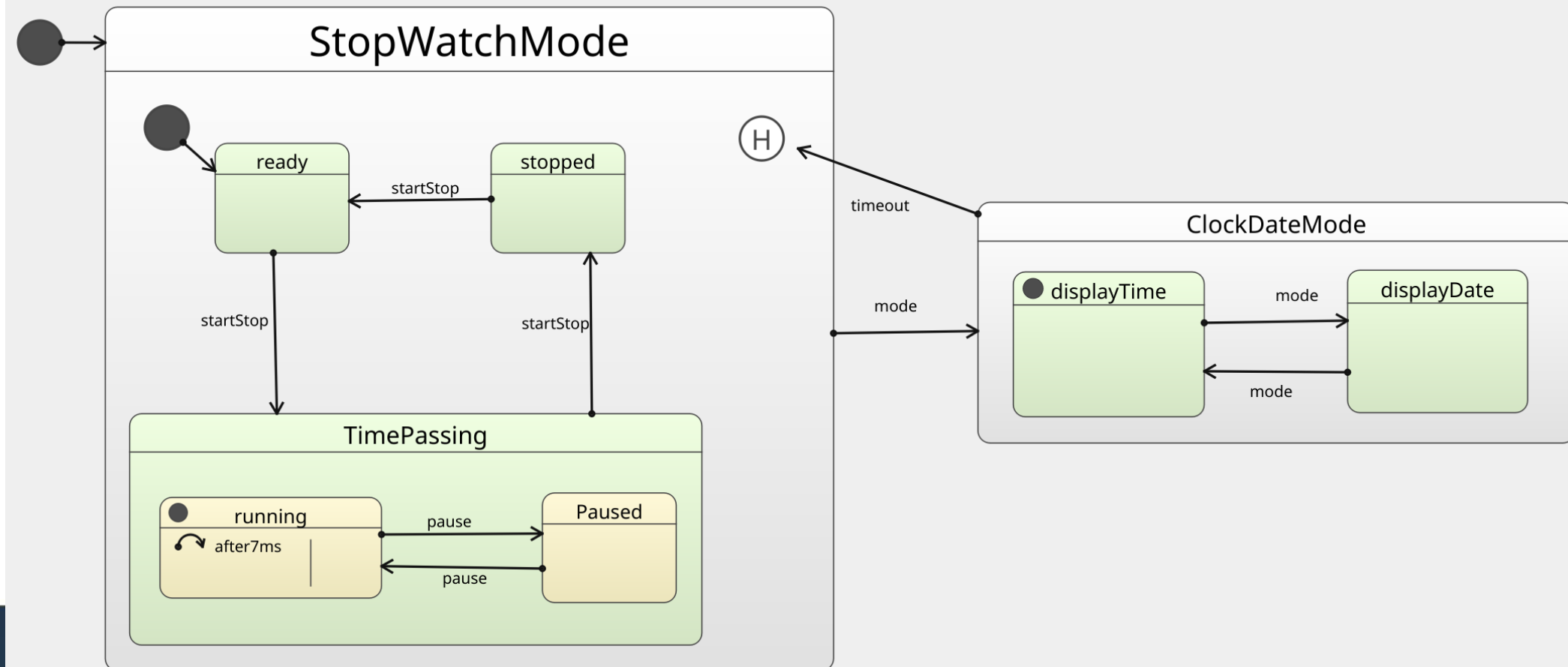
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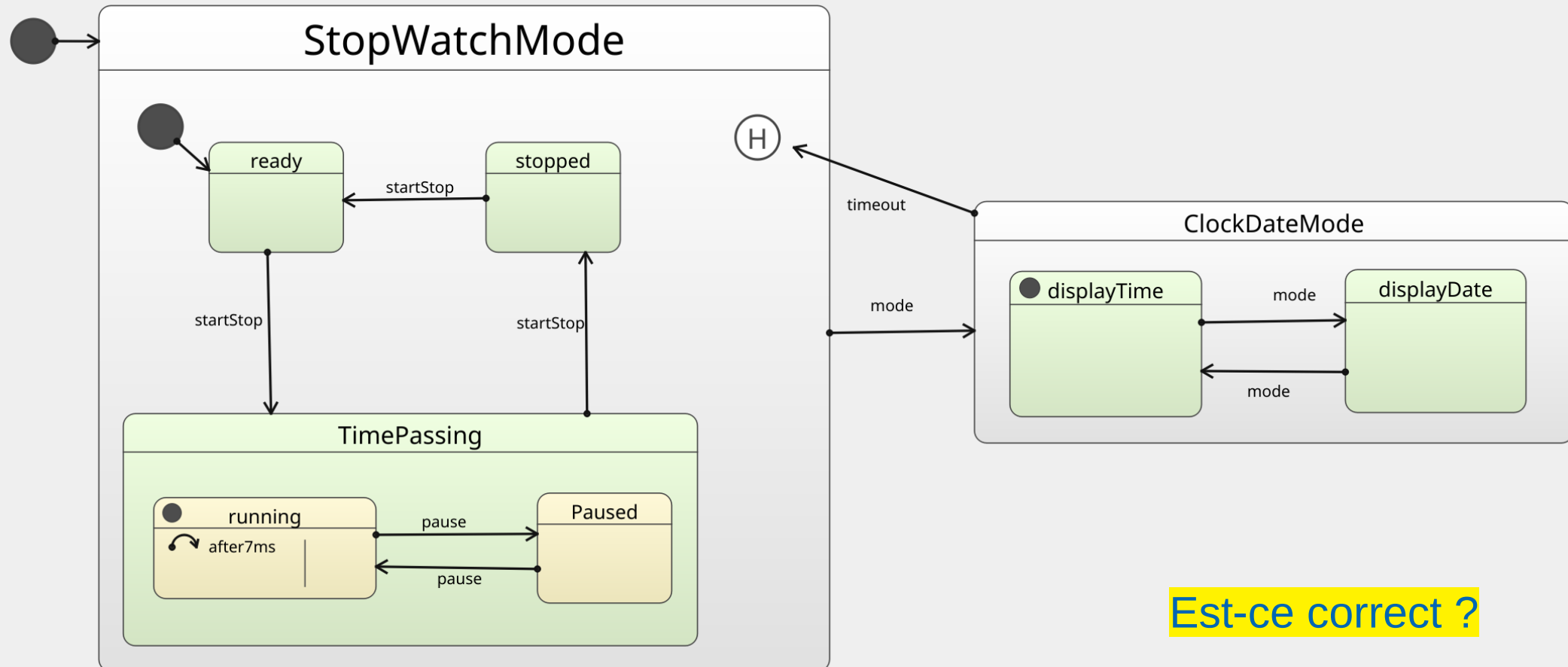
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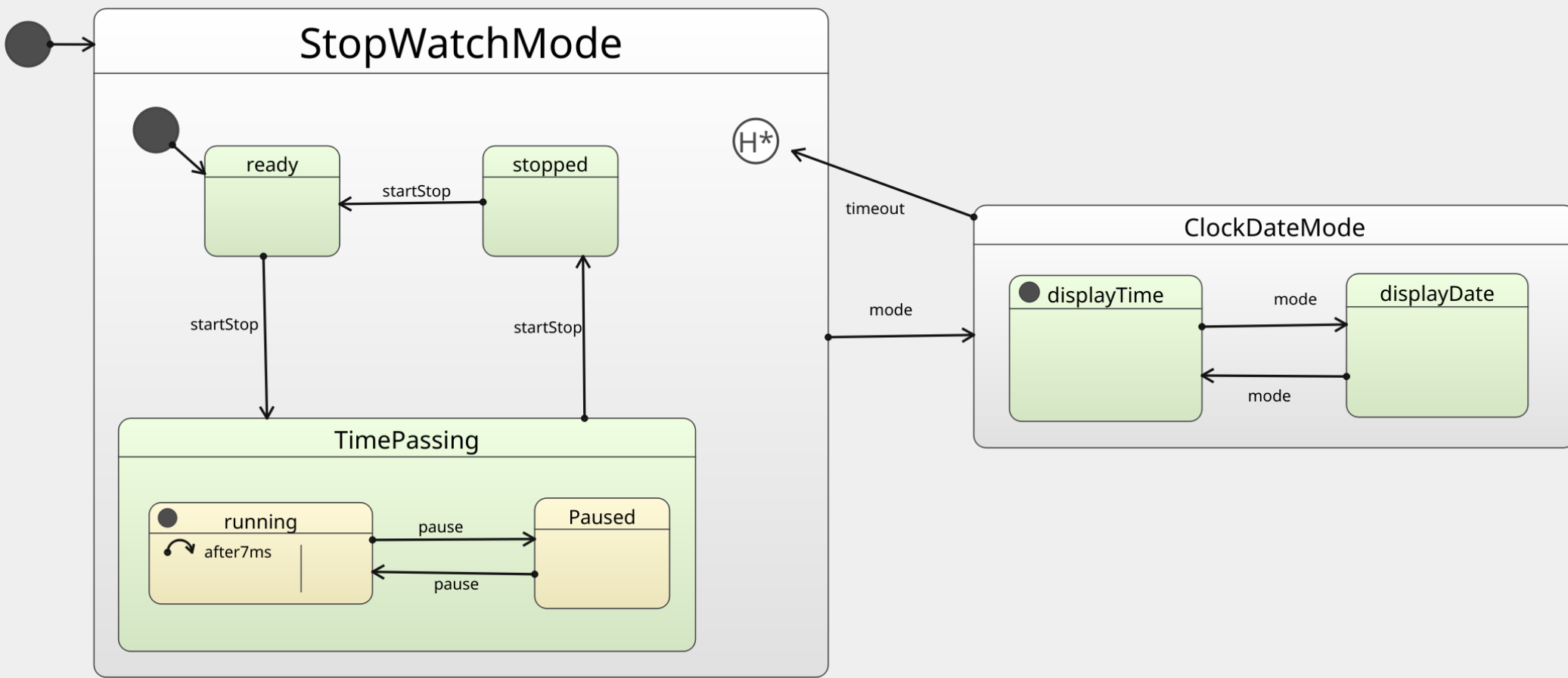


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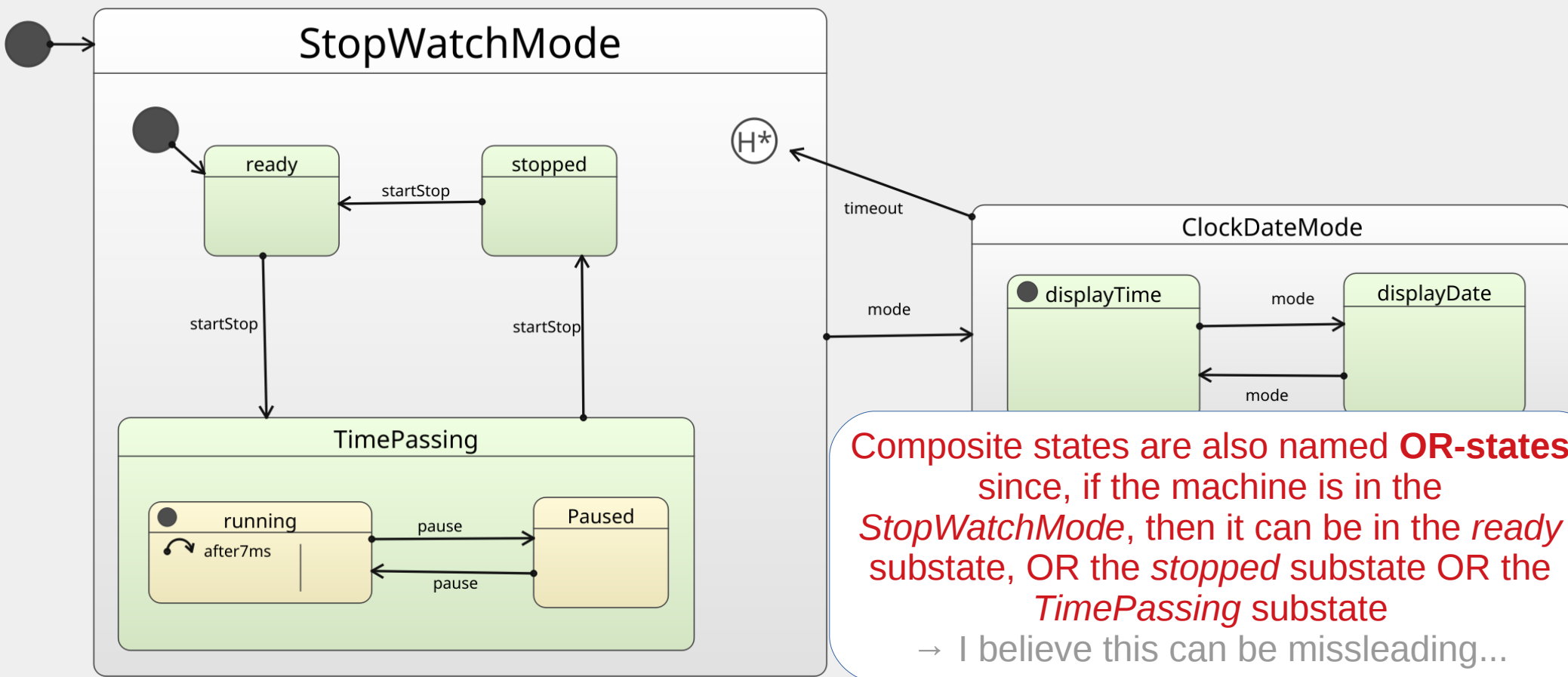
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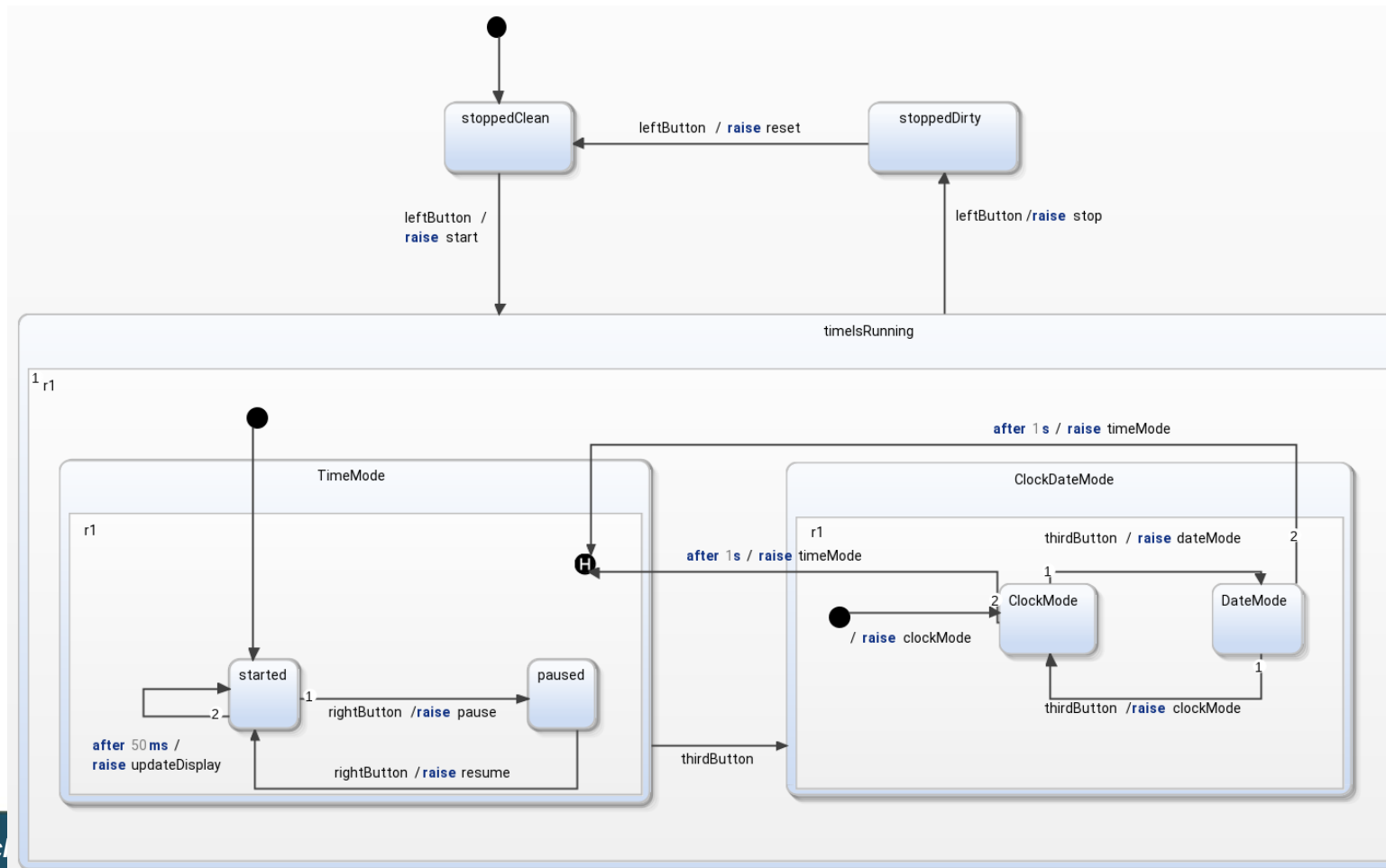


TD stopWatch and hierarchy !

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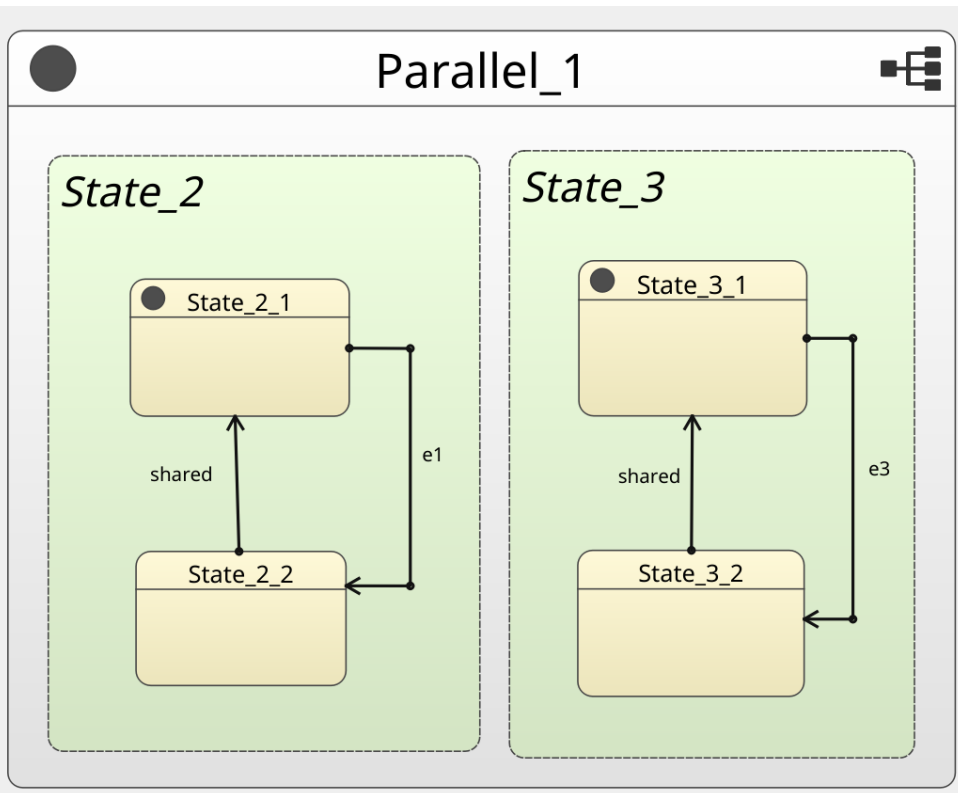
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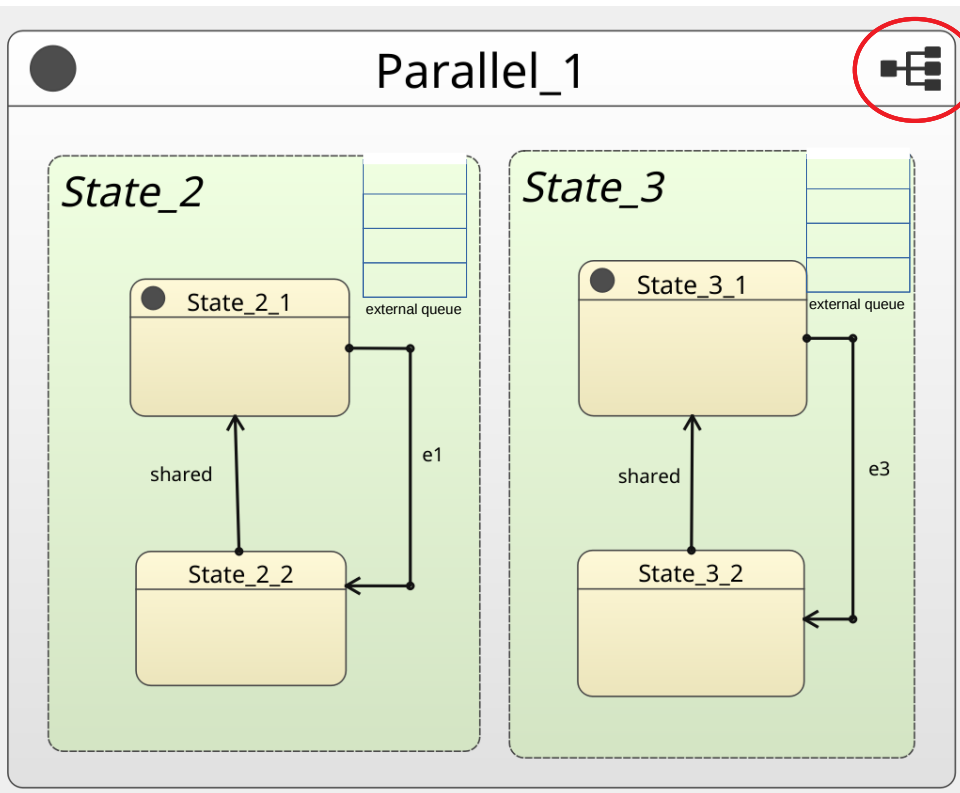
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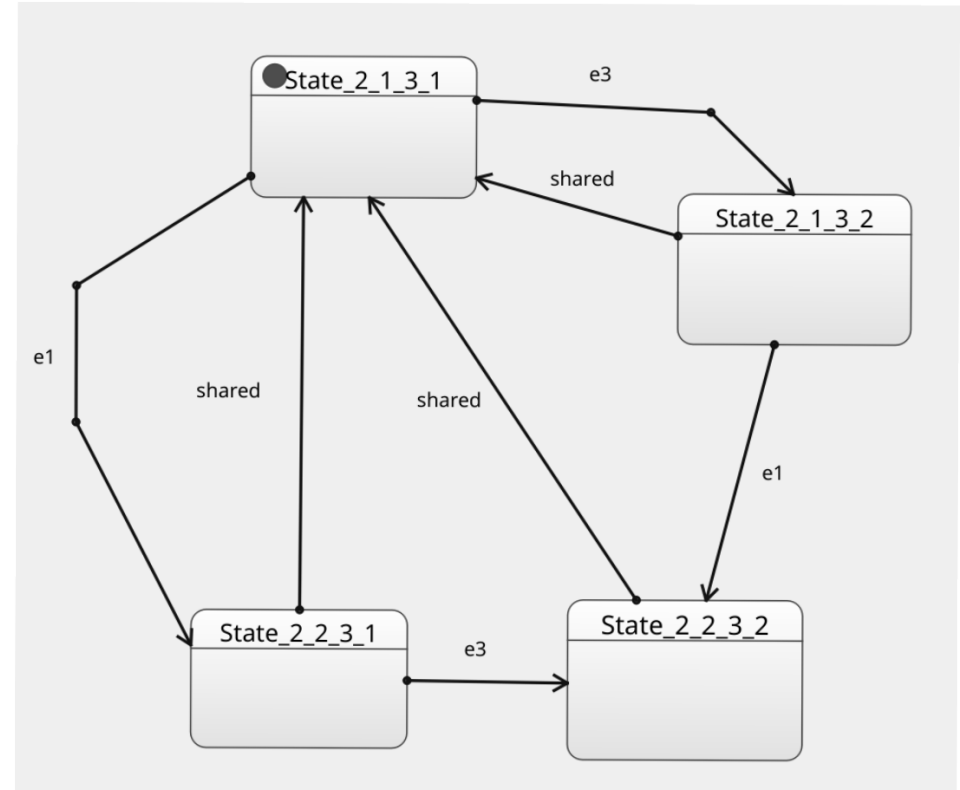
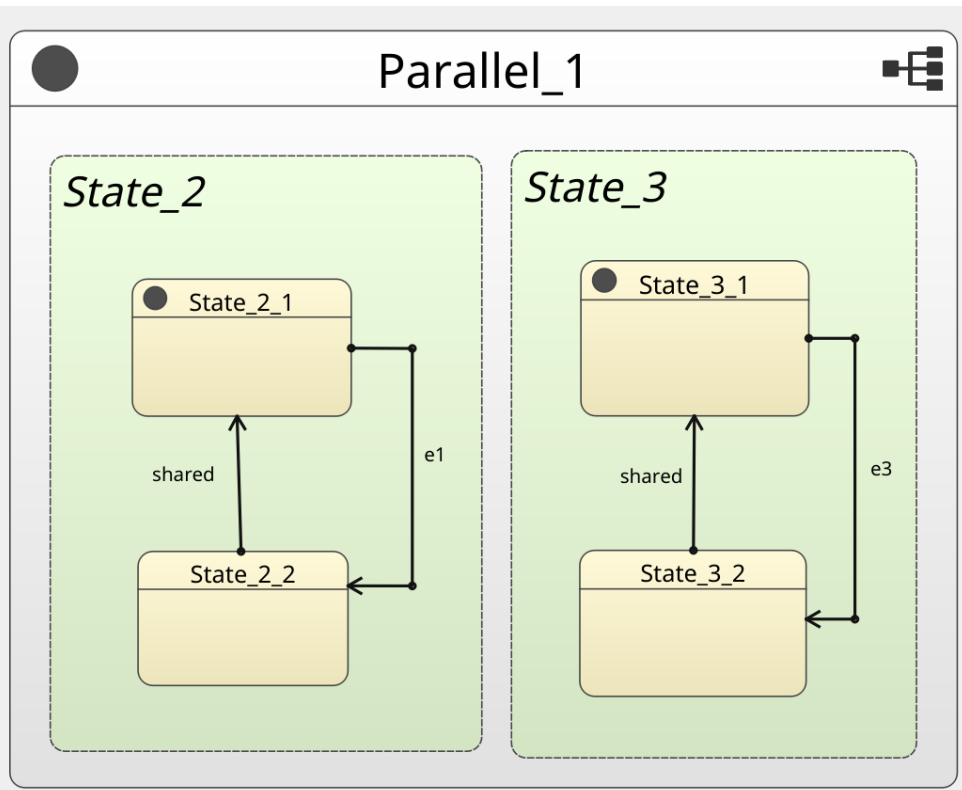
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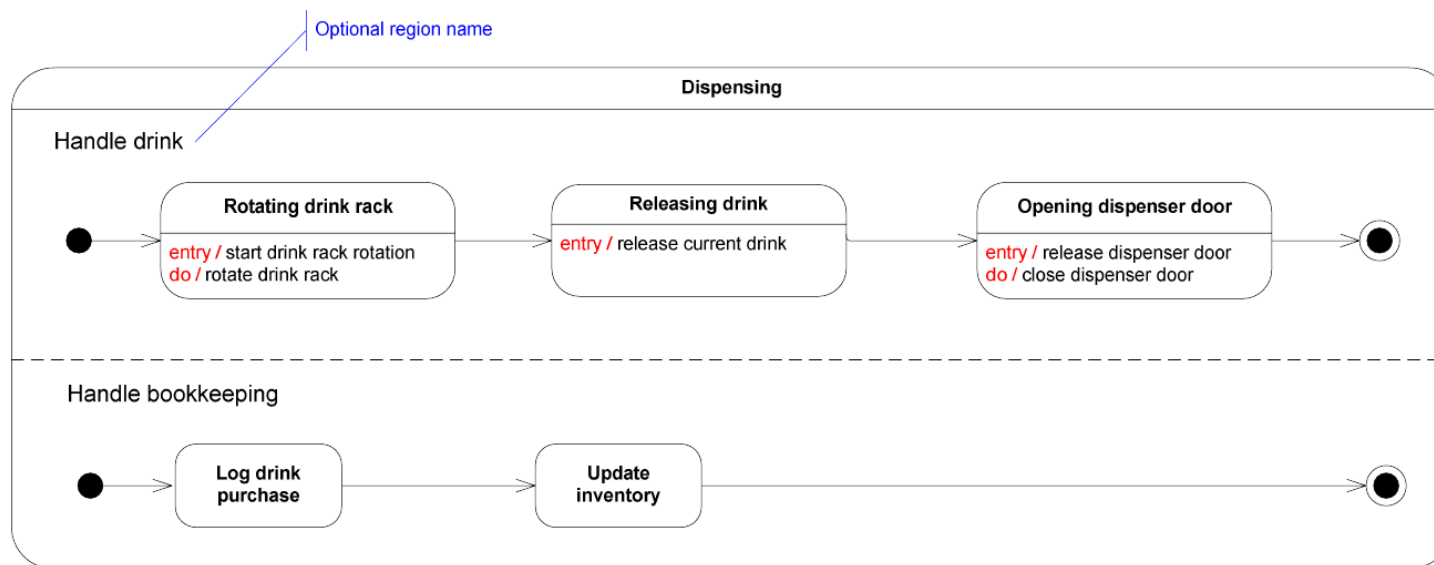
By using parallel states, the complexity in number of state is the sum of the number of states in each parallel states while otherwise it is the product of them (if we add another parallel state with 3 states, the “sequential” result have 12 states)

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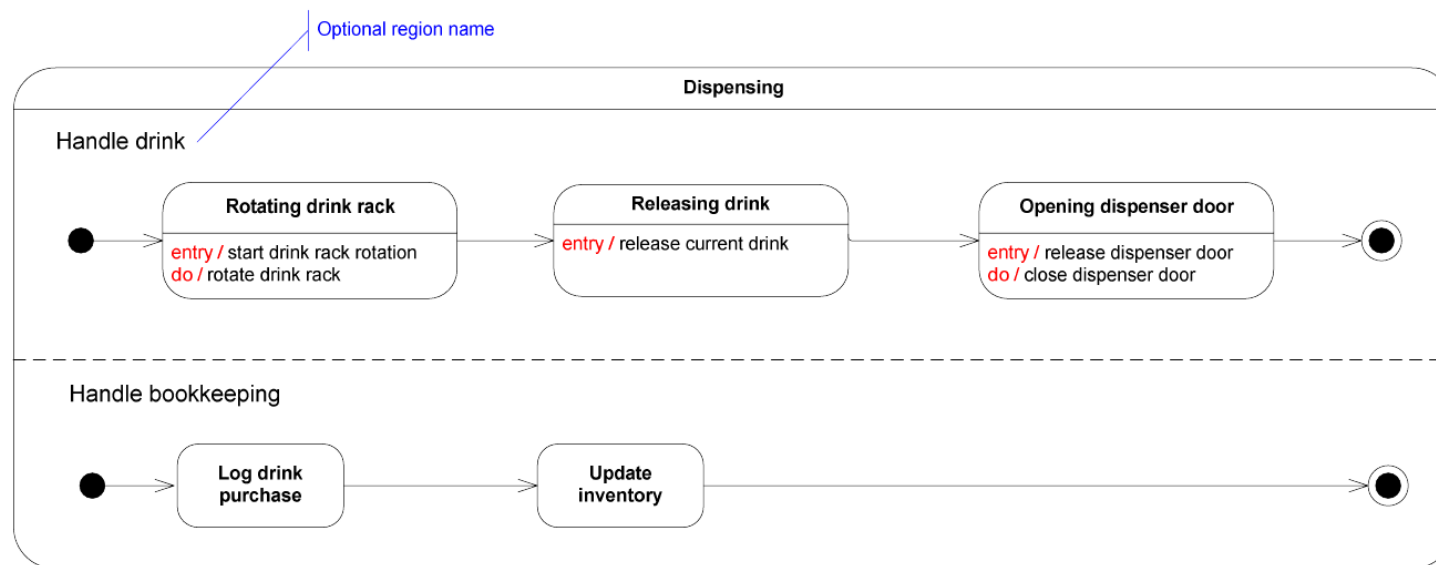
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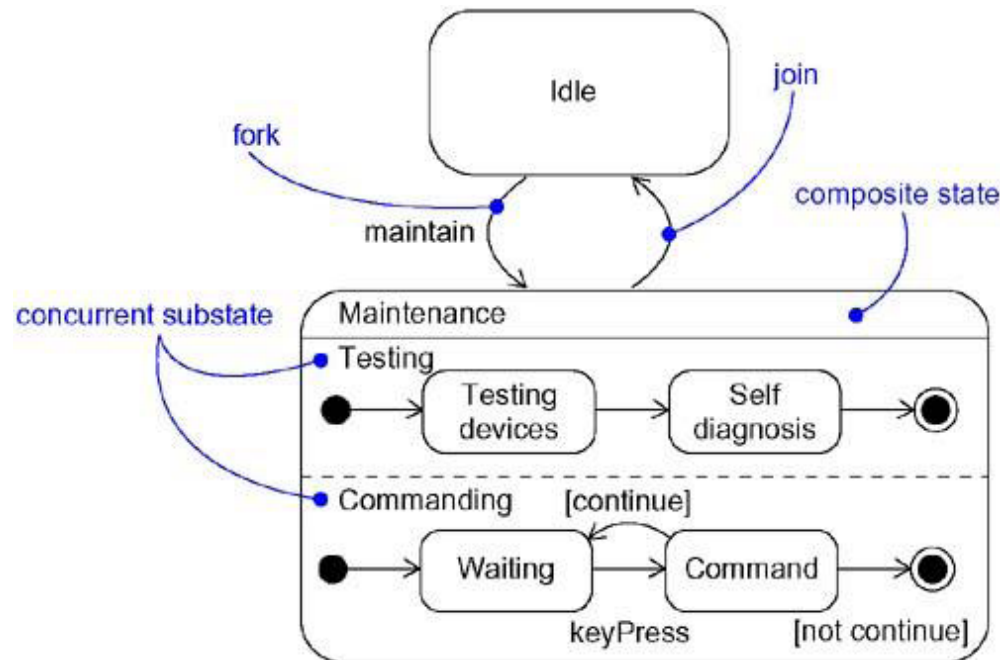
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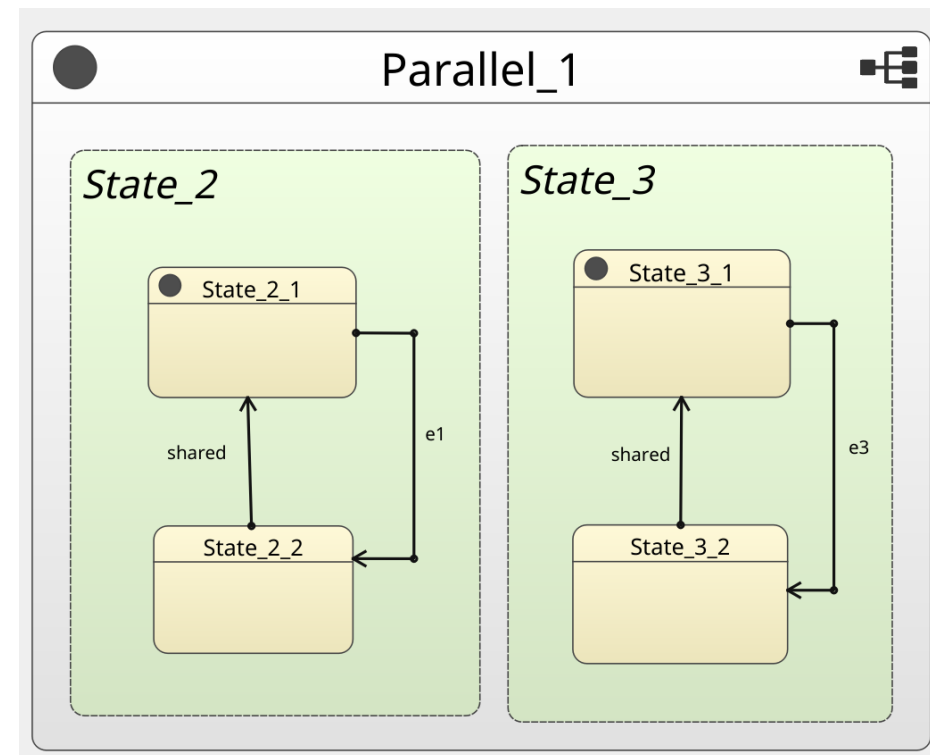
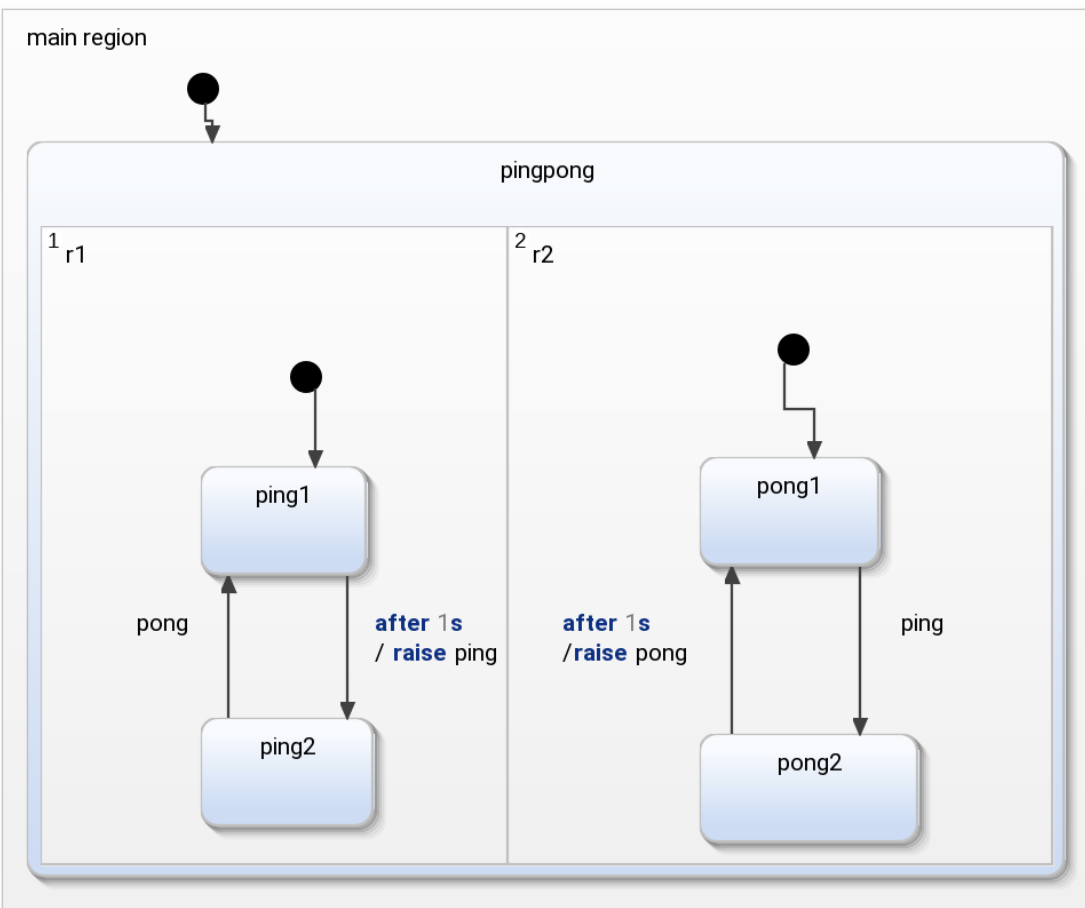
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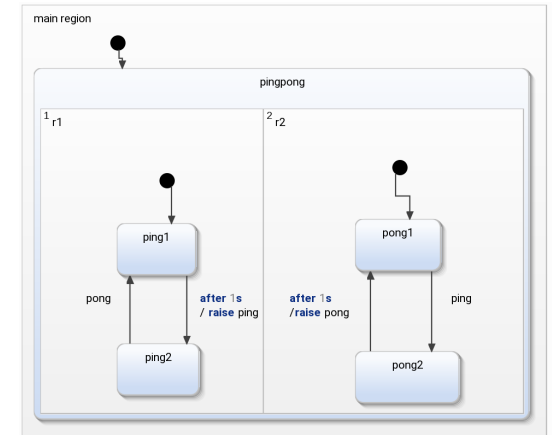
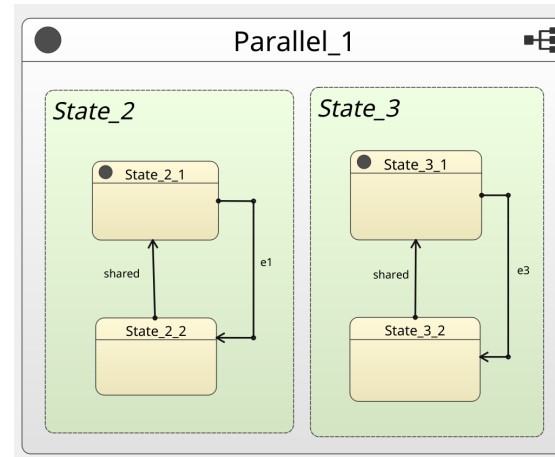
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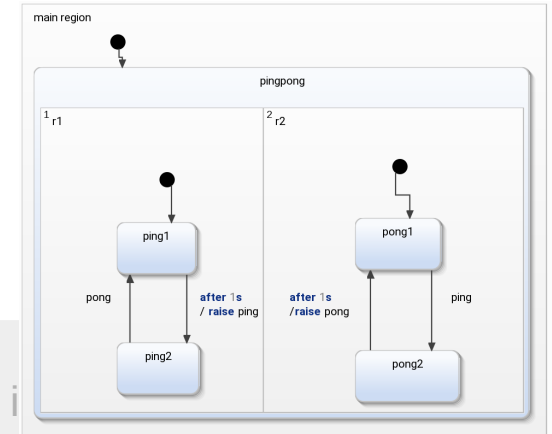
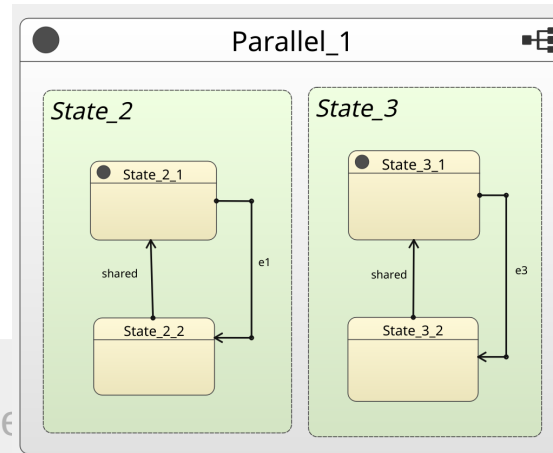


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UML:

Even though orthogonal regions imply independence of execution (allowing more or less concurrency), the UML specification does not require that a separate thread of execution be assigned to each orthogonal region (although this can be done if desired). In fact, most commonly, orthogonal regions execute within the same thread*. The UML specification requires only that the designer does not rely on any particular order for event instances to be dispatched to the relevant orthogonal regions.

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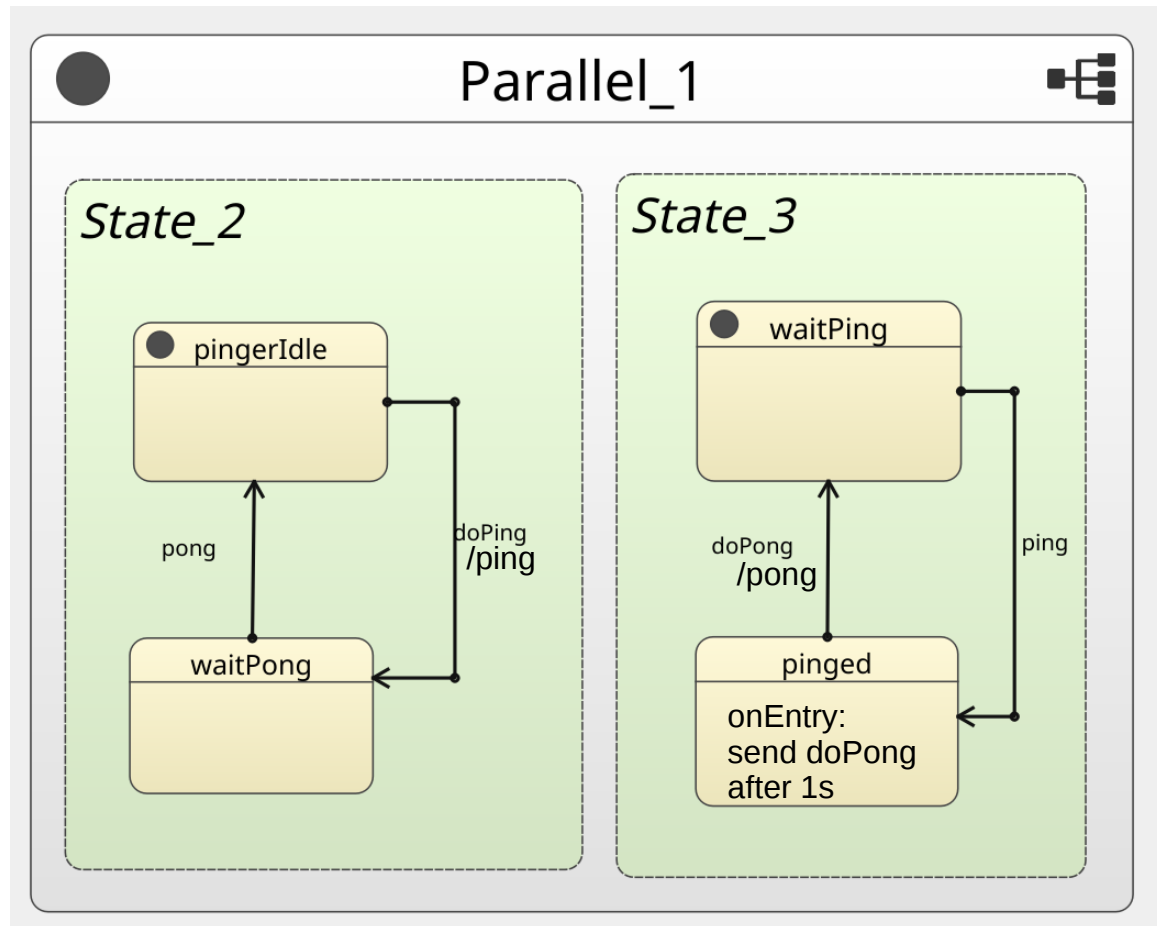
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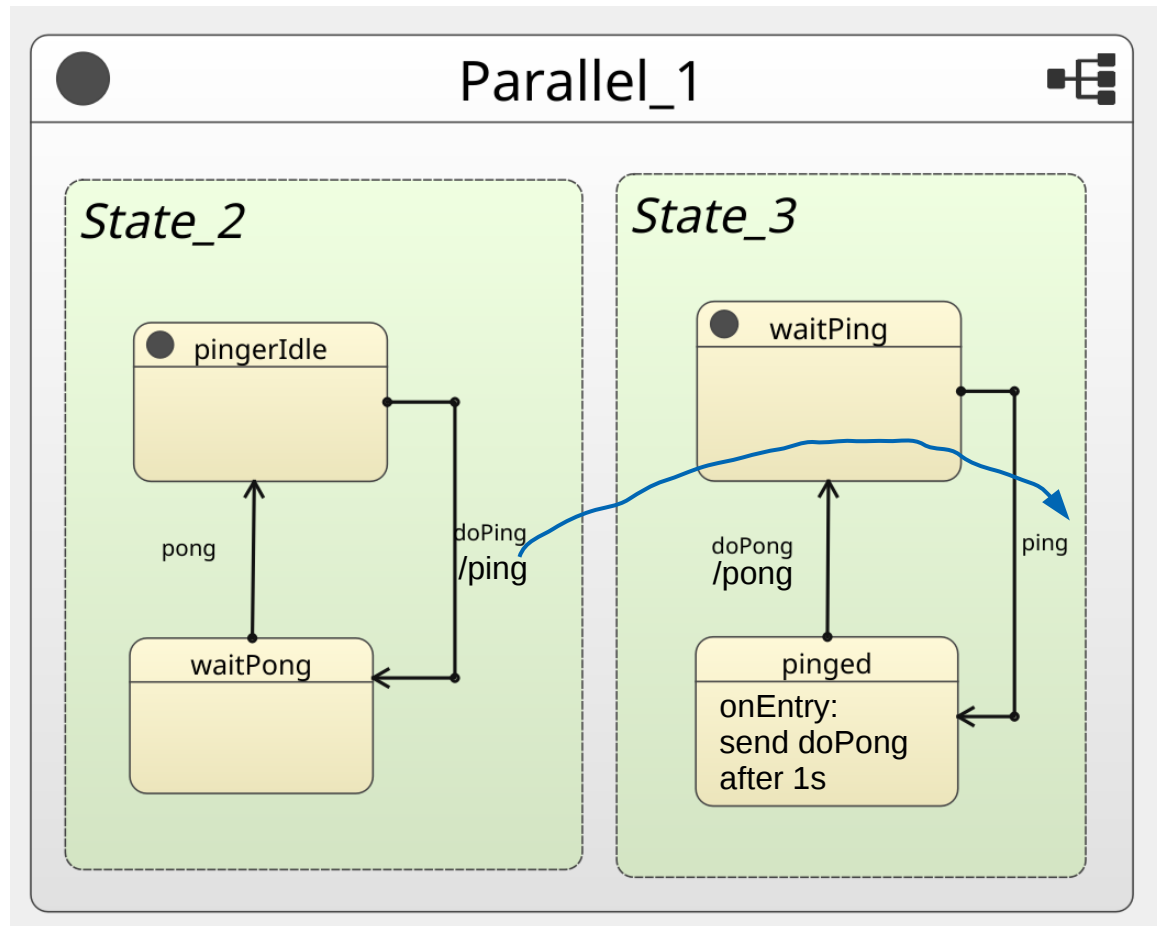
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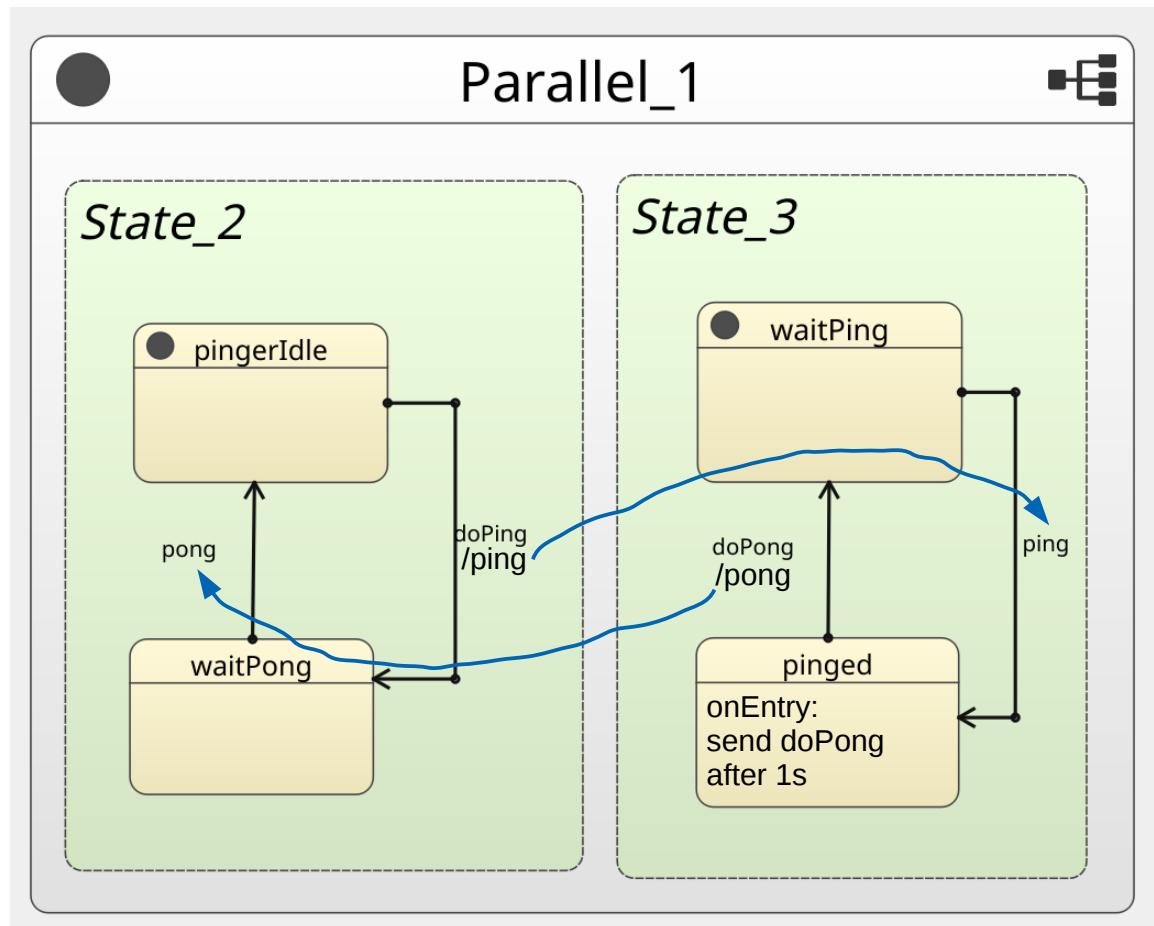
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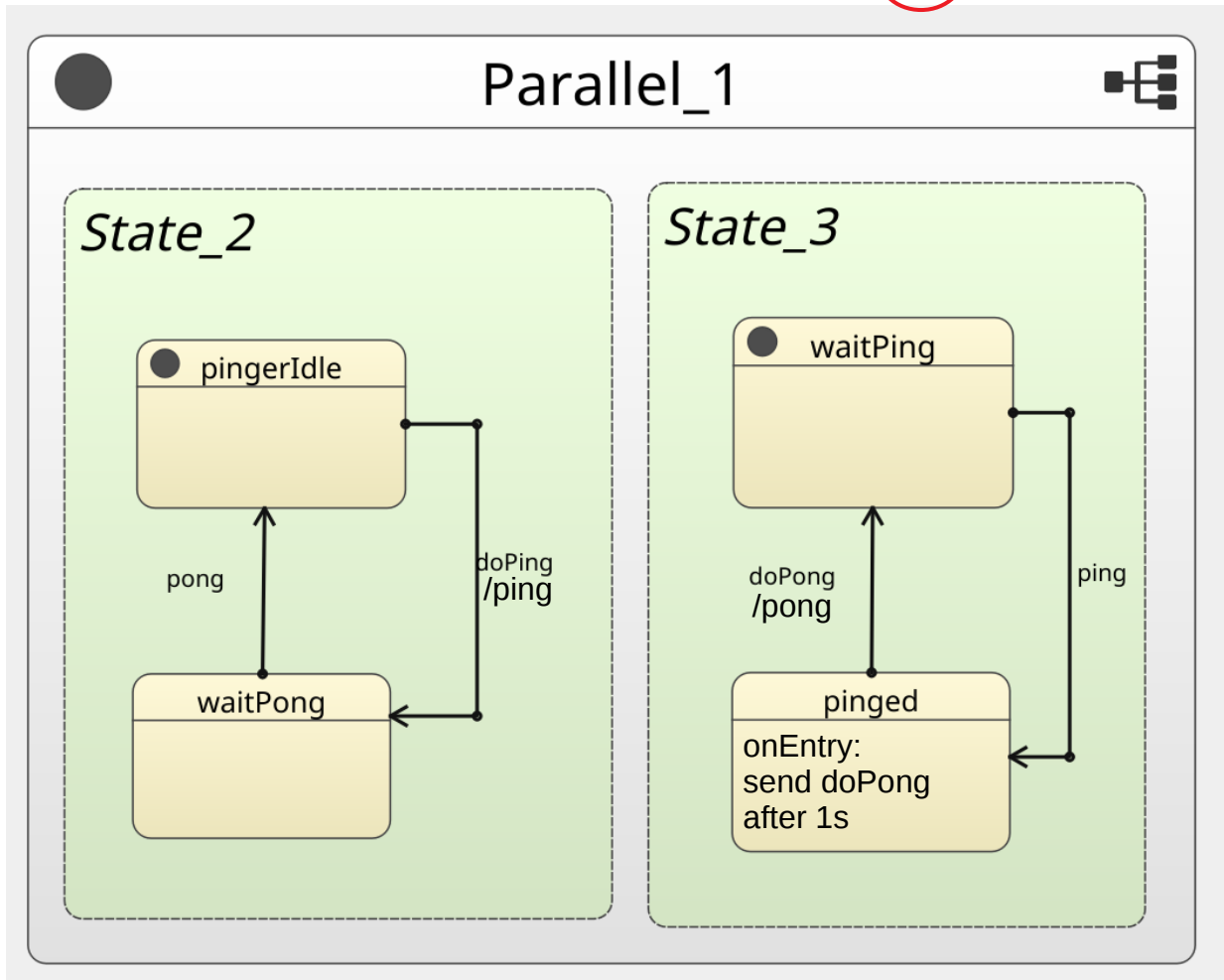
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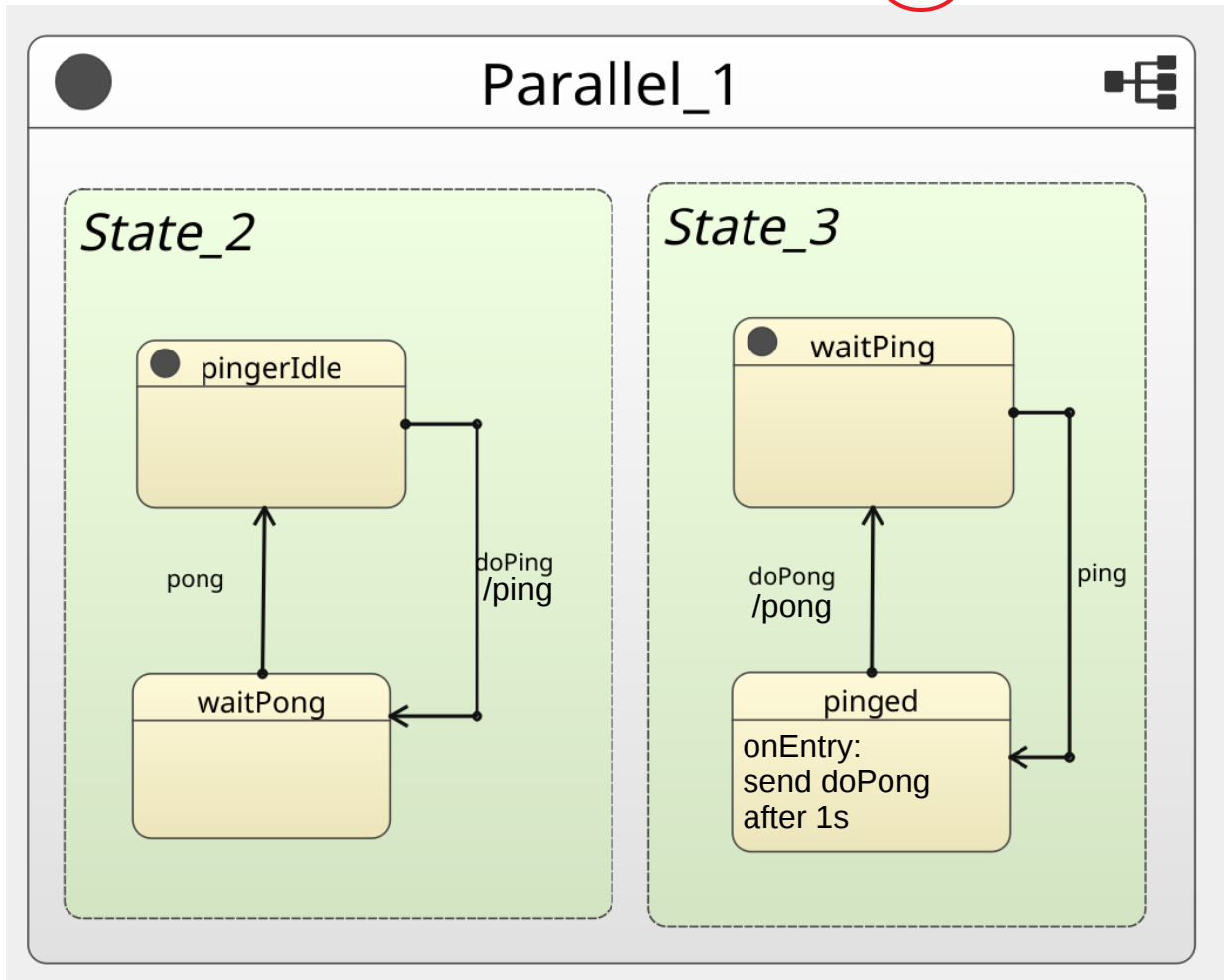
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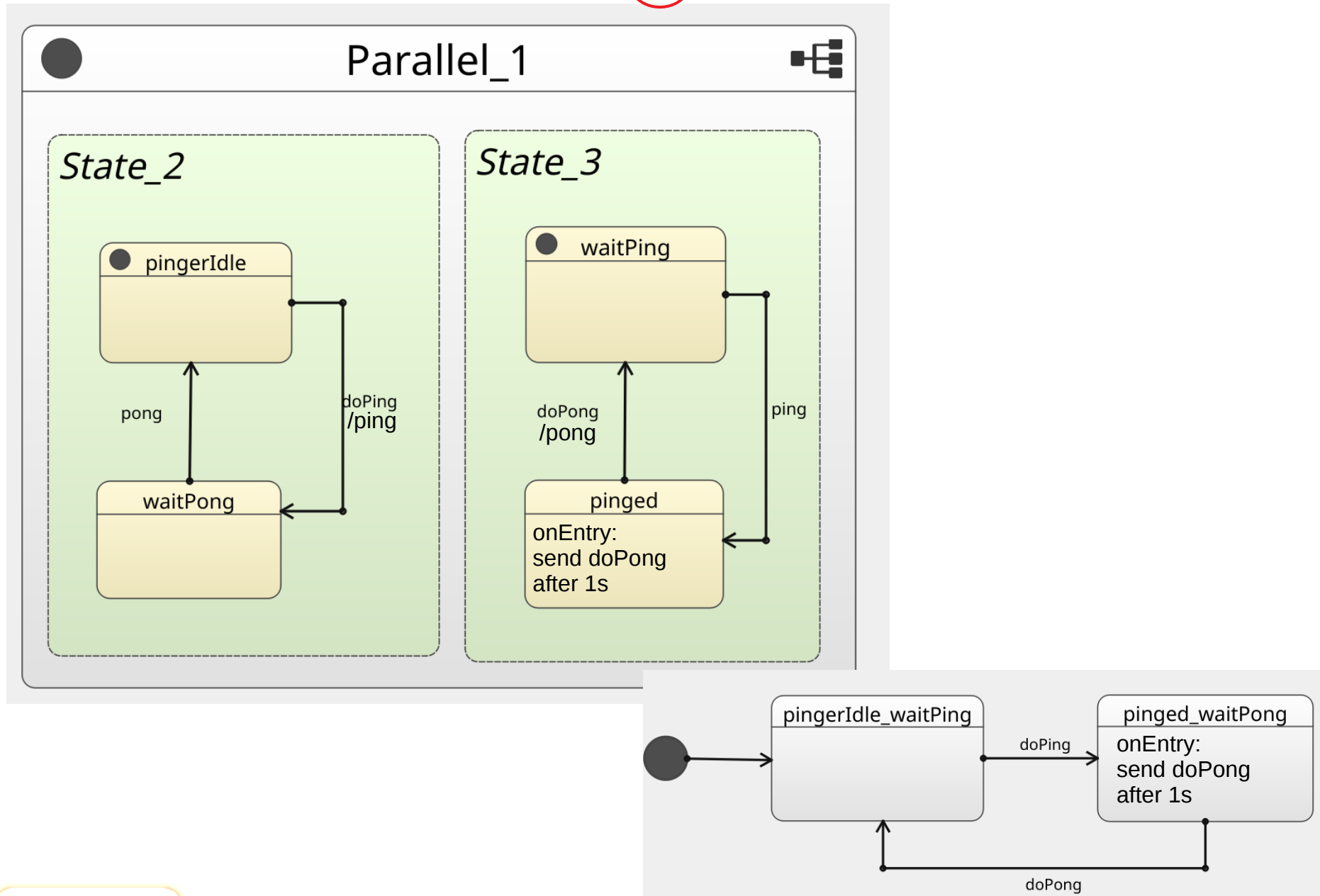
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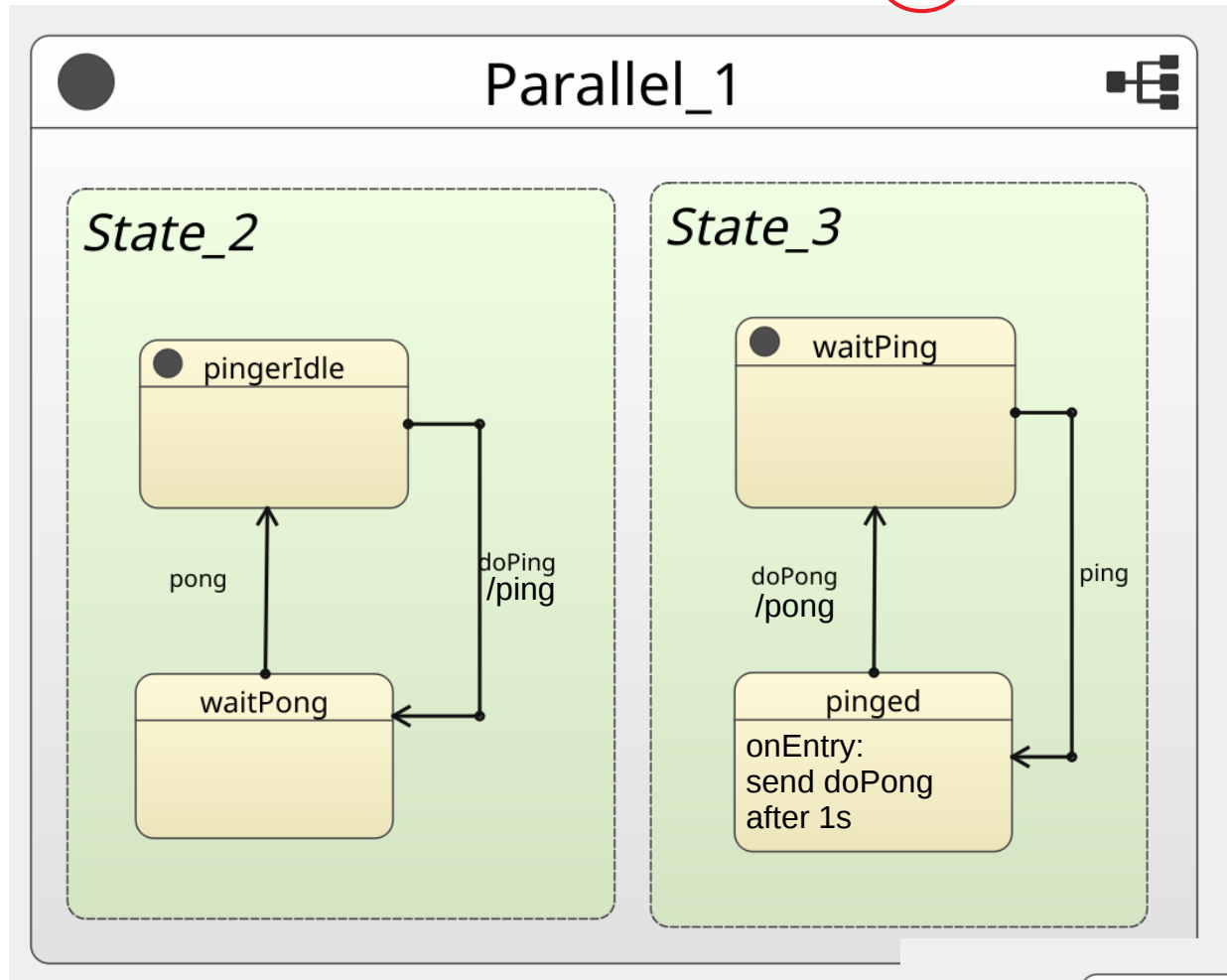
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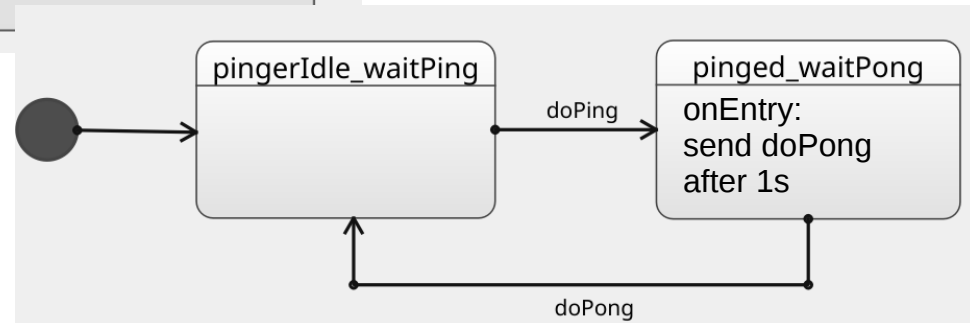


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If *ping* or *pong* is not sent from the outside !

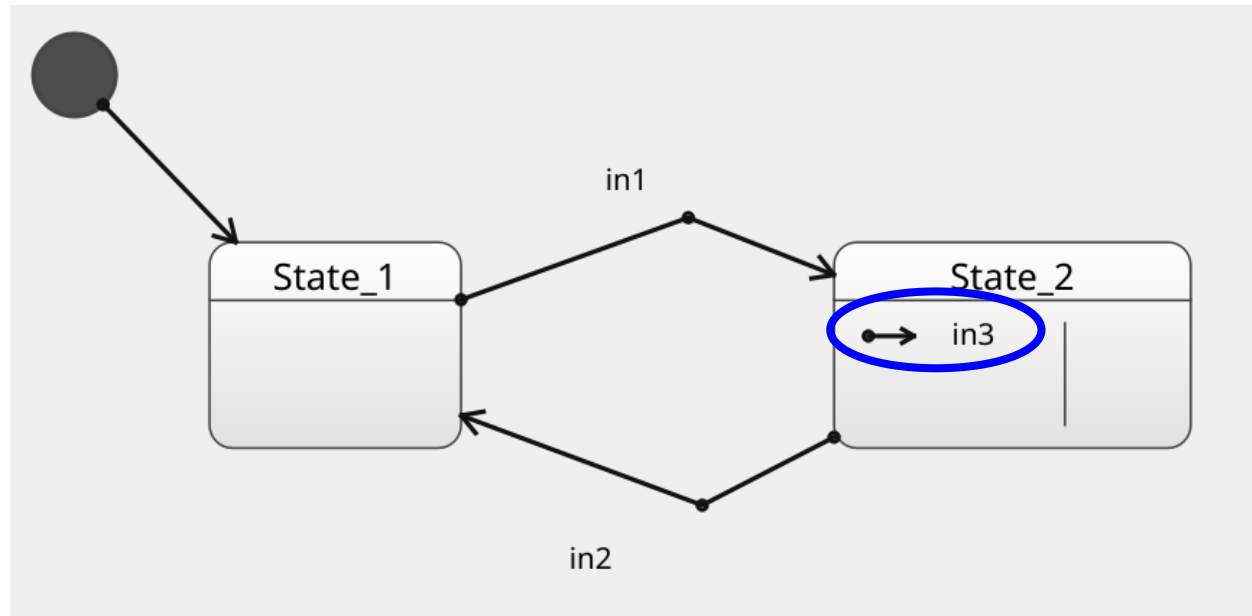


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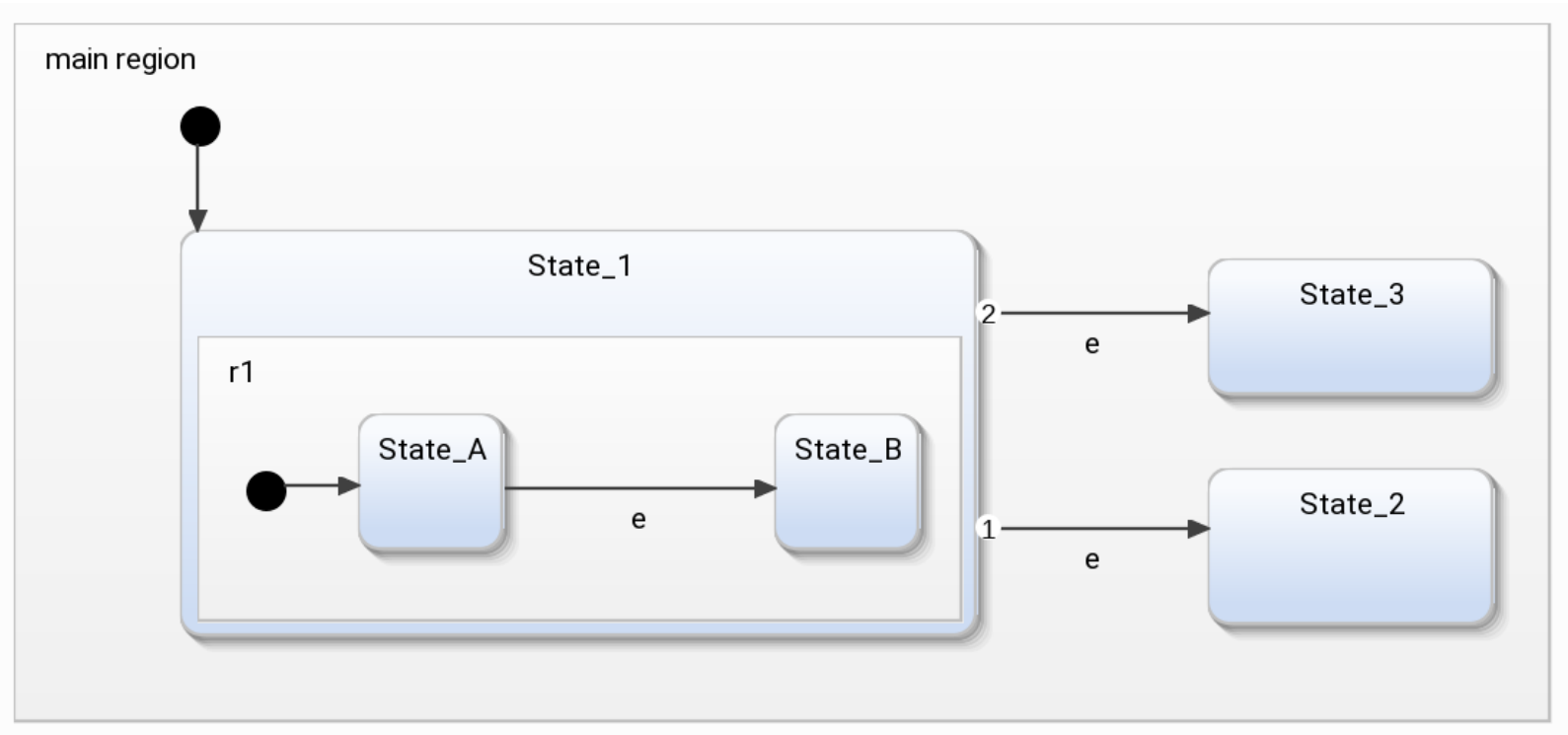
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No target transition



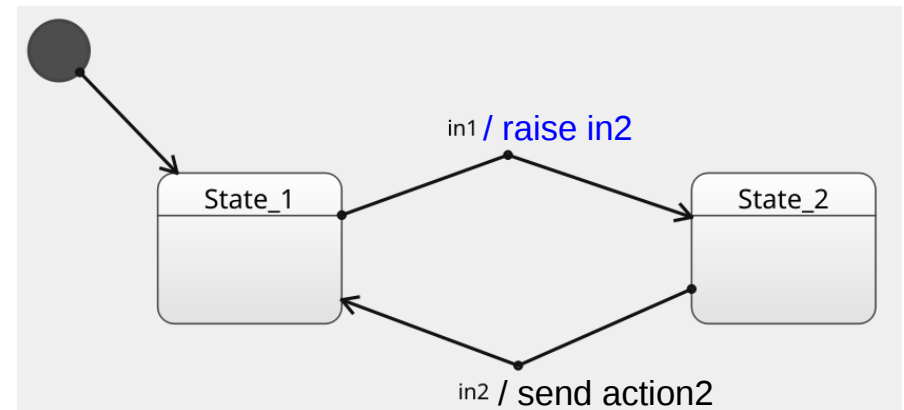
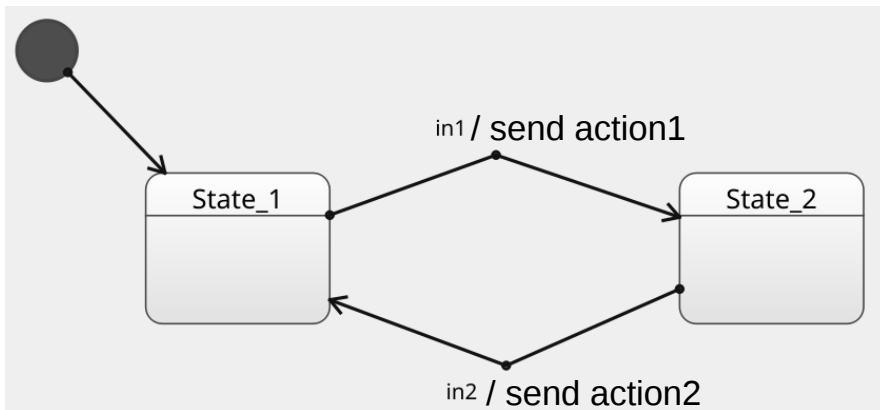
If the 'target' on a <transition> is omitted, then the value of 'type' does not have any effect and taking the transition does not change the state configuration but does invoke the executable content that is included in the transition. Note that this is different from a <transition> whose 'target' is its source state. In the latter case, the state is exited and reentered, triggering execution of its <onentry> and <onexit> executable content

Non Determinism ?



N.B. If two transitions conflict, then taking them both may lead to an illegal configuration. Hence, only one of the transitions may safely be taken. In order to resolve conflicts between transitions, we assign priorities to transitions as follows: let transitions T1 and T2 conflict, where T1 is optimally enabled in atomic state S1, and T2 is optimally enabled in atomic state S2, where S1 and S2 are both active. We say that T1 has a higher priority than T2 if a) T1's source state is a descendant of T2's source state, or b) S1 precedes S2 in document order.

Raise vs send



The `<raise>` element raises an event in the current SCXML session. Note that the event will not be processed until the current block of executable content has completed and all events that are already in the internal event queue have been processed. For example, suppose the `<raise>` element occurs first in the `<onentry>` handler of state *S* followed by executable content elements *ec1* and *ec2*. If event *e1* is already in the internal event queue when *S* is entered, the event generated by `<raise>` will not be processed until *ec1* and *ec2* have finished execution and *e1* has been processed.

`<send>` is used to send events and data to external systems, including external SCXML Interpreters, or to raise events in the current SCXML session.

Datamodel

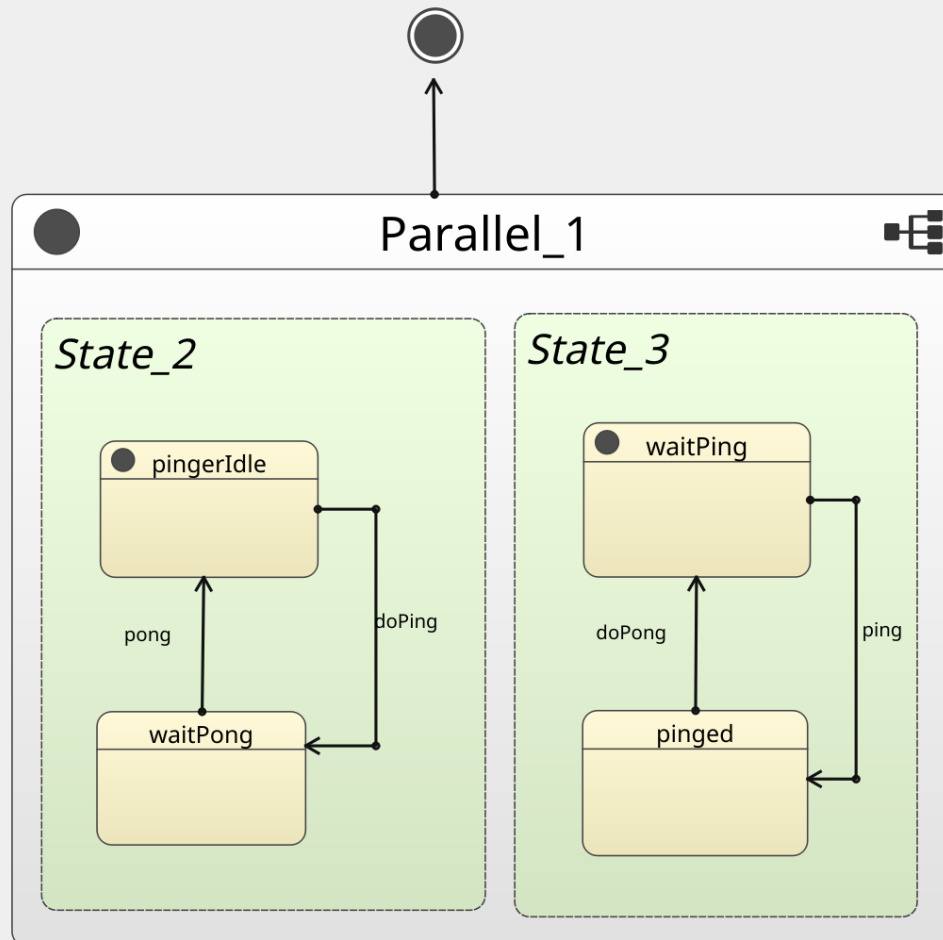
- It is possible to add data and data manipulation directly inside the state machine.
- SCXML supports the ecma script data model (some sort of C++ in Qt Creator and a specific action language in Yakindu)
- *Usually*^{*}, only data directly associated with the control is used in the state machine
 - To avoid mixing the application logic between the code and the state chart
 - To ease the V&V activities

** it strongly depends on what the state chart is used for but it seems to be a good practice, even for understanding*

Datamodel



When ecmaScript data model is used,
the log expr must not be null and it
must conform the ecmaScript syntax
→ otherwise no log is printed



Structure

- scxml
 - datamodel
 - data
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 - Parallel_1
 - onentry
 - State_2
 - pingerIdle
 - doPing
 - assign
 - send
 - log
 - waitPong
 - pong
 - State_3
 - waitPing
 - ping
 - pinged
 - doPong
 - send
 - log
 - onentry
 - send
 - transition

Attributes

Name	Value
initial	
name	TestPingPong
*xmlns	http://www.w3.org/2005/07/scxml
*version	1.0
datamodel	ecmaScript
binding	early

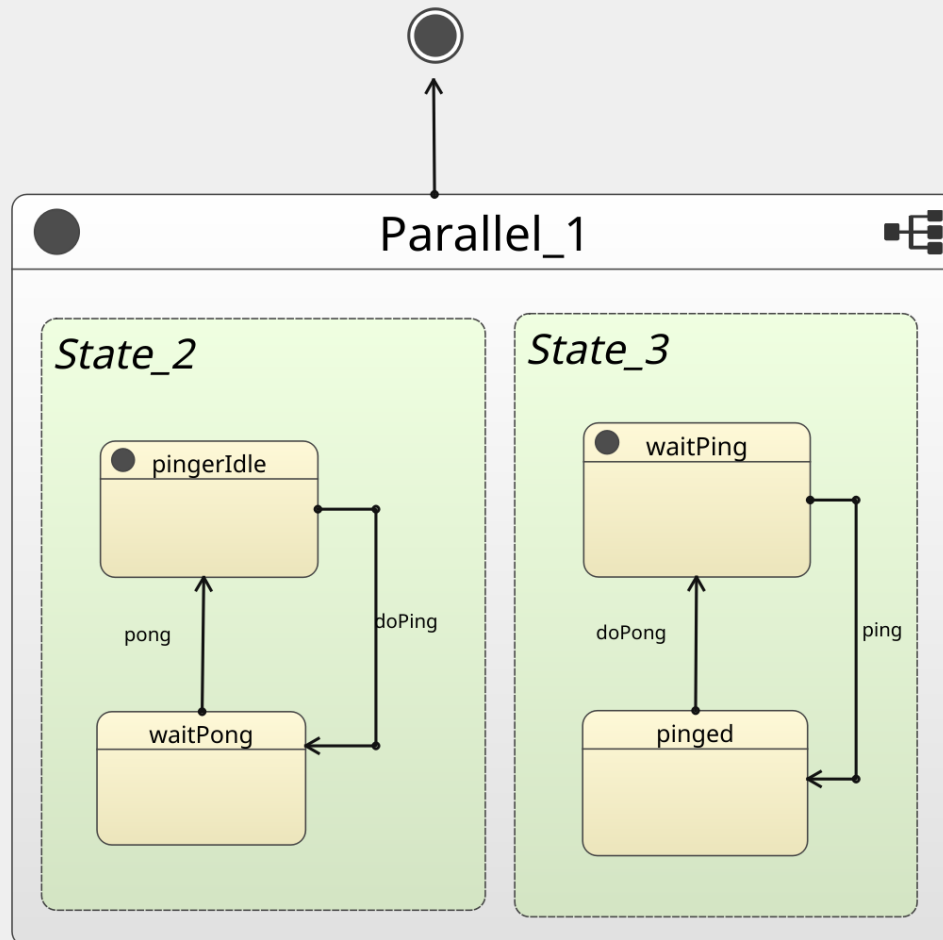
Datamodel

Variables are declared and initialized in a specific section

id: The name of the data item. See 3.14 IDs for details.

src: Gives the location from which the data object should be fetched. See 5.9.3 Legal Data Values and Value Expressions for details.

expr: Evaluates to provide the value of the data item. See 5.9.3 Legal Data Values and Value Expressions for details.



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 - pong
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 - ping
 - pinged
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Attributes

Name	Value
*id	counter
src	
expr	0

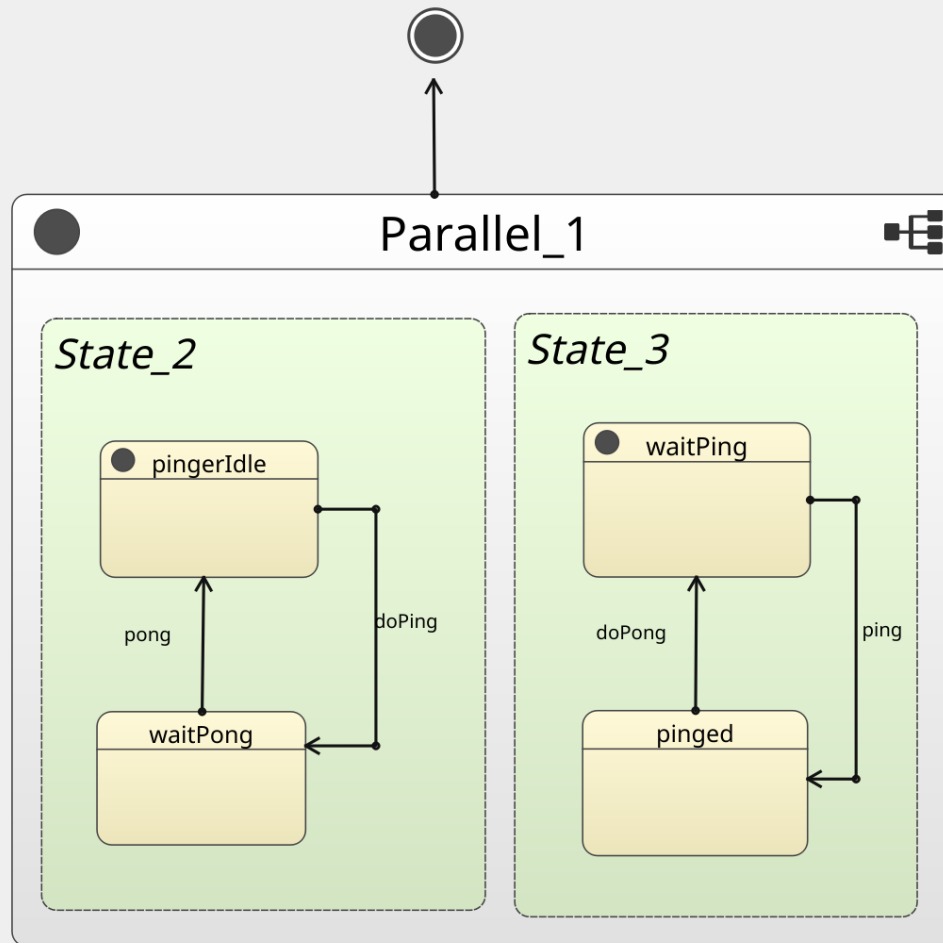
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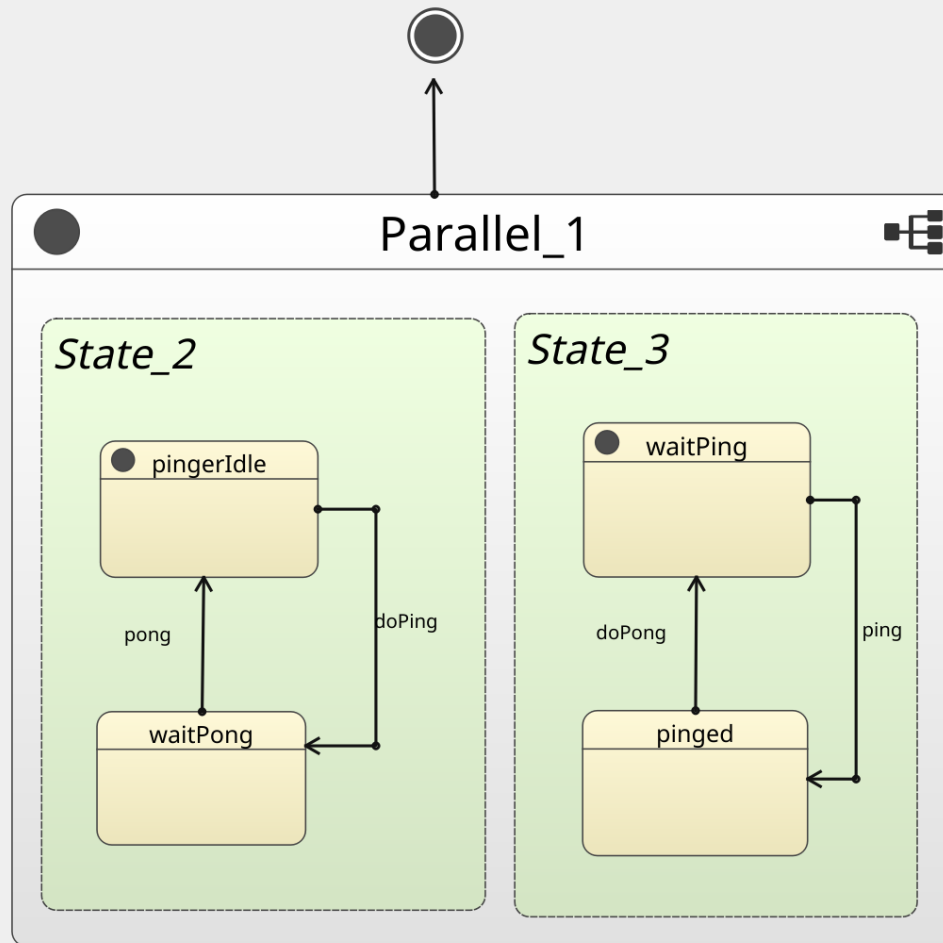
transition

Attributes

Name	Value
*id	startTime
src	
expr	new Date().getTime()

Datamodel

Label is any string and expr any legal ecmascript expression
(if no expression, needs to be ' ')



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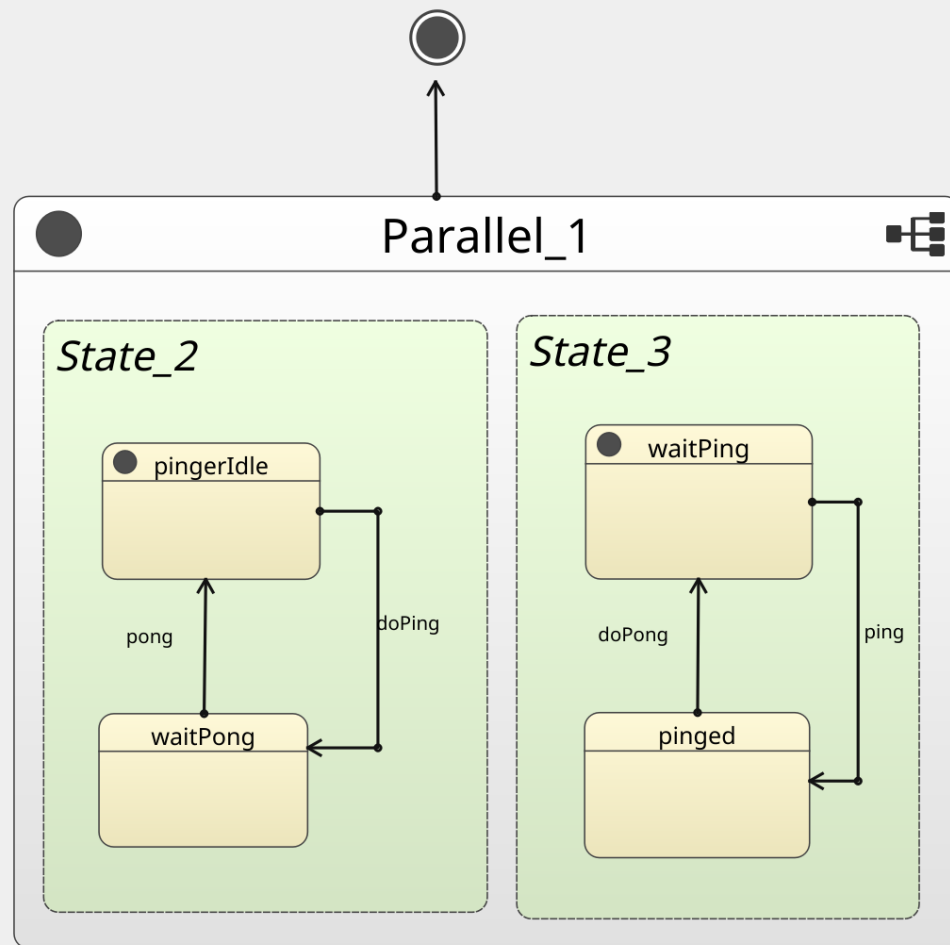
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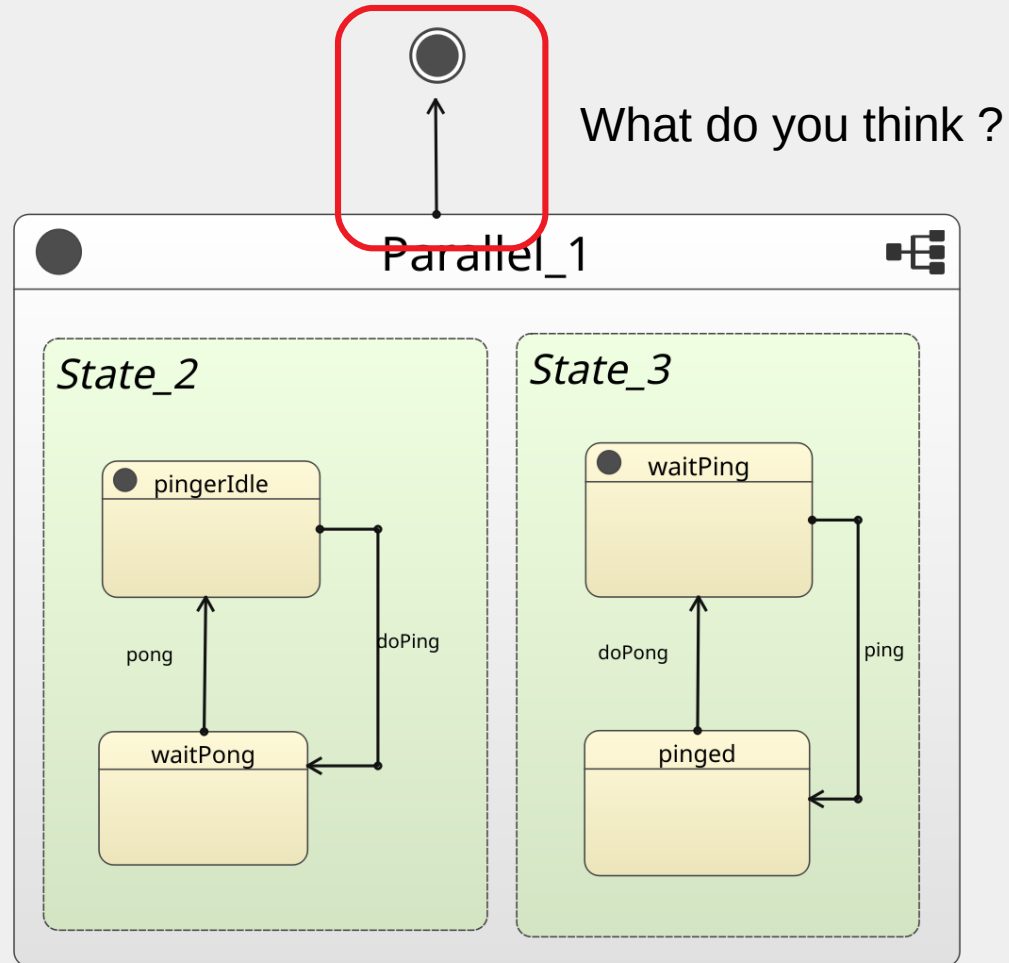
Name	Value
label	ping
expr	new Date().getTime() - startTime +"ms"

Datamodel



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event	
cond	counter > 3
target	Final_1
type	external

Datamodel



Structure

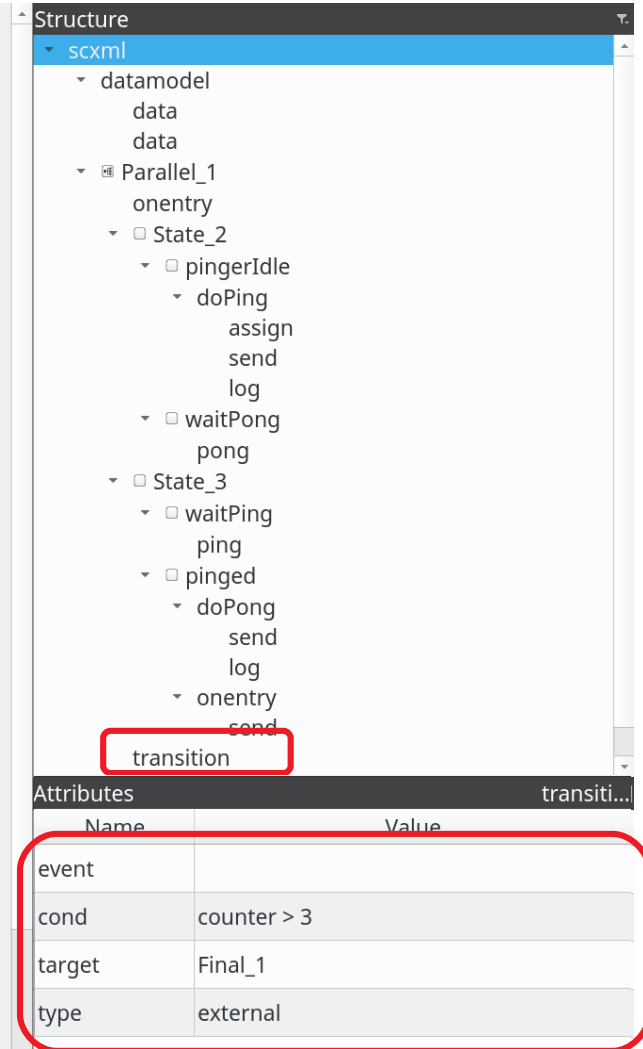
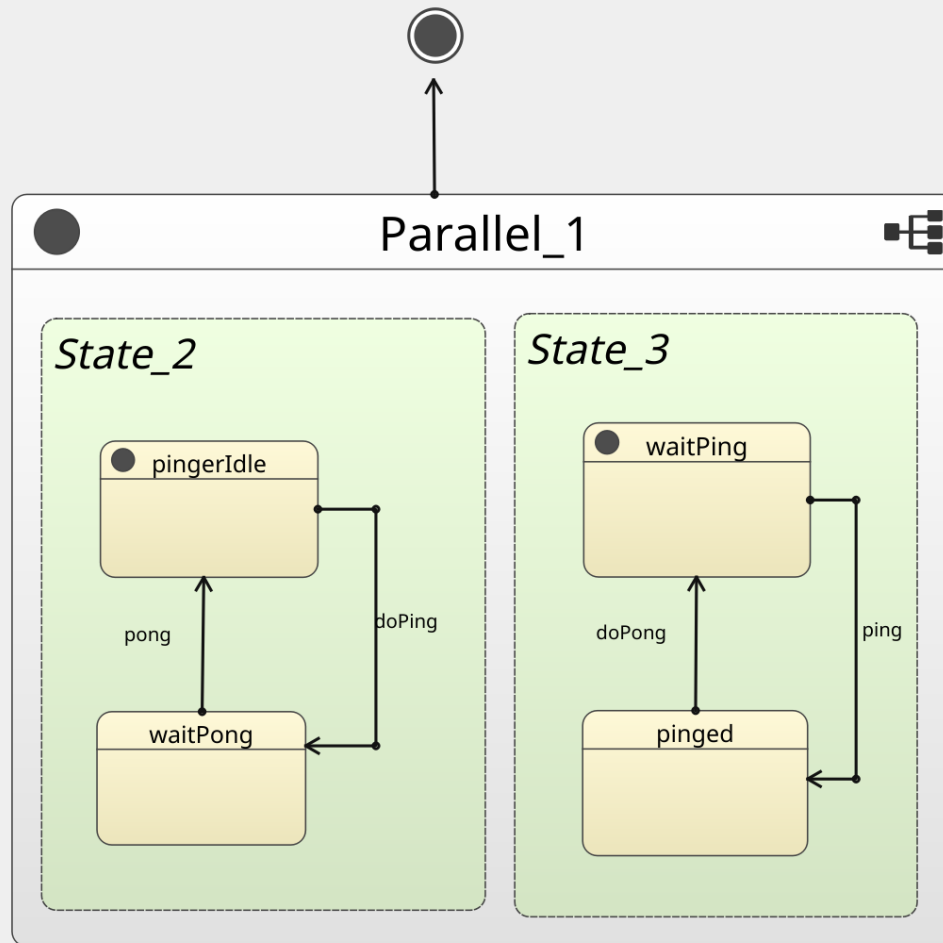
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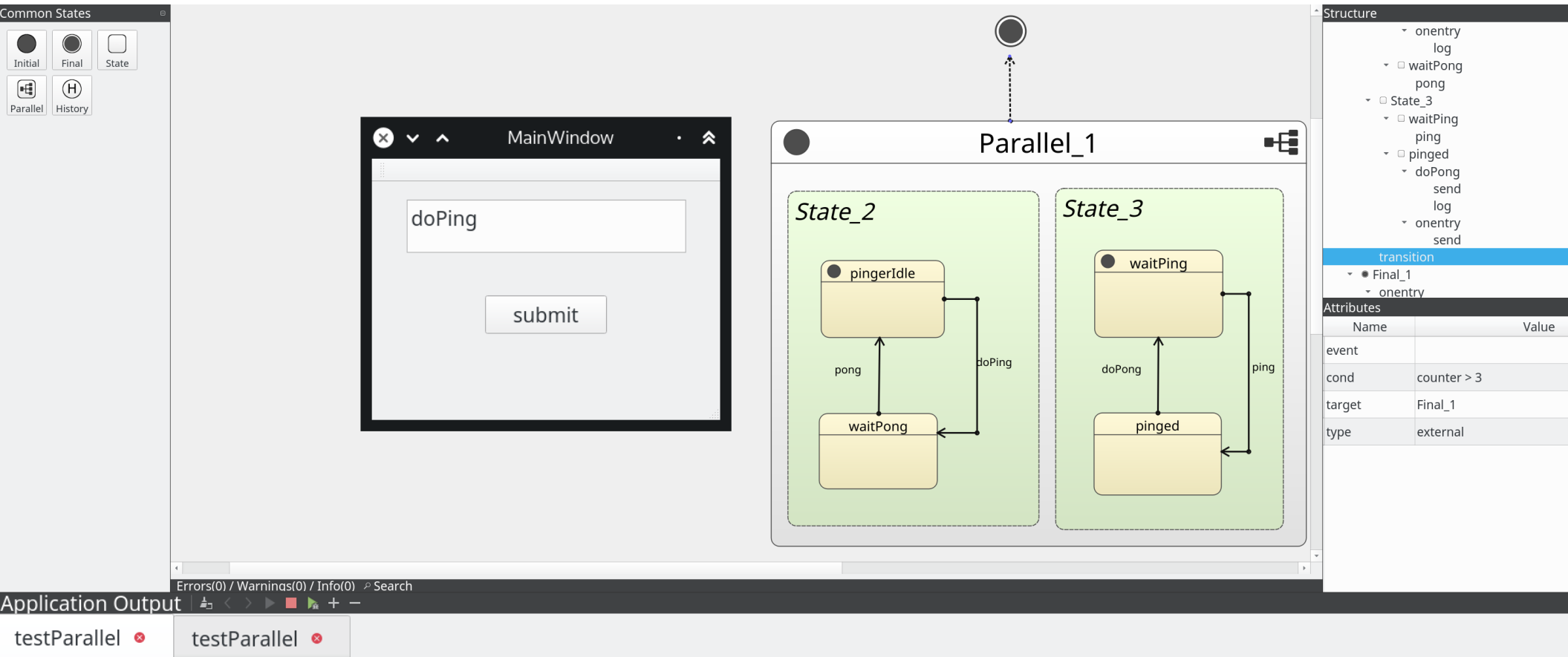
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event		
cond	counter > 3	
target	Final_1	
type	external	

Guarded transition

cond: is evaluated after each micro step and fired when the condition holds

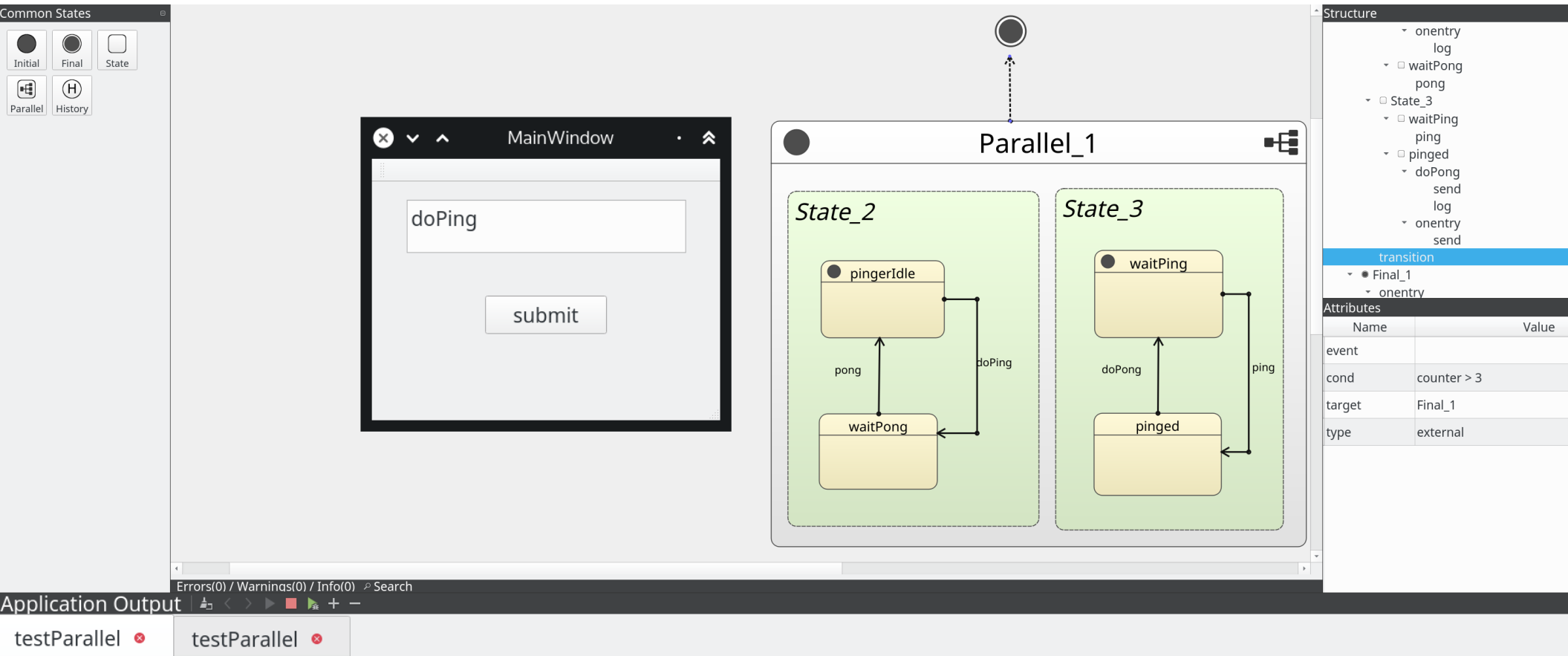


Guarded transition



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scxml.statemachine: "enter pingerIdle" : "counter = 0"
scxml.statemachine: "ping" : "35199ms"
scxml.statemachine: "pong" : "36251ms"
scxml.statemachine: "enter pingerIdle" : "counter = 1"
scxml.statemachine: "ping" : "37800ms"
scxml.statemachine: "pong" : "38753ms"
scxml.statemachine: "enter pingerIdle" : "counter = 2"
scxml.statemachine: "ping" : "39531ms"
scxml.statemachine: "pong" : "40584ms"
scxml.statemachine: "enter pingerIdle" : "counter = 3"
scxml.statemachine: "ping" : "42640ms"
scxml.statemachine: "enter final node" : "counter =4"
```

Guarded transition



QtCreator and SCXML more generally consider the time to be the physical “wall clock” time. It is obviously not the case for all timed (and critical) systems for which symbolic reasoning is done

