

# Time-Aware Stream Processing in Isabelle/HOL

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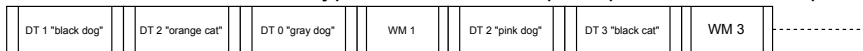
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- Why?
  - Highly Parallel
  - Low latency (output as soon as possible)
  - Incremental computing (re-uses previous computations)

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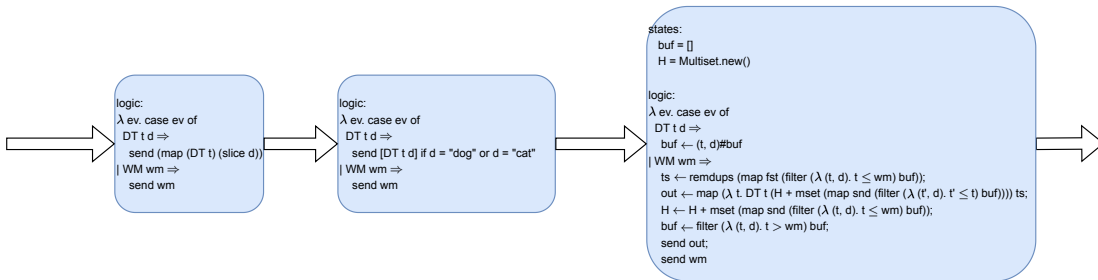
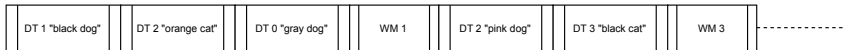
Example:

**Incrementally** count the occurrences of the words “dog” and “cat”

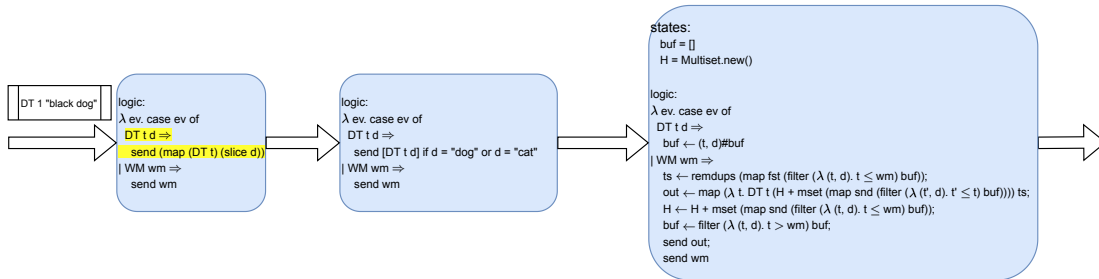
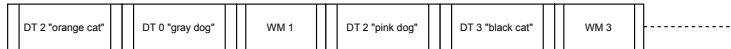




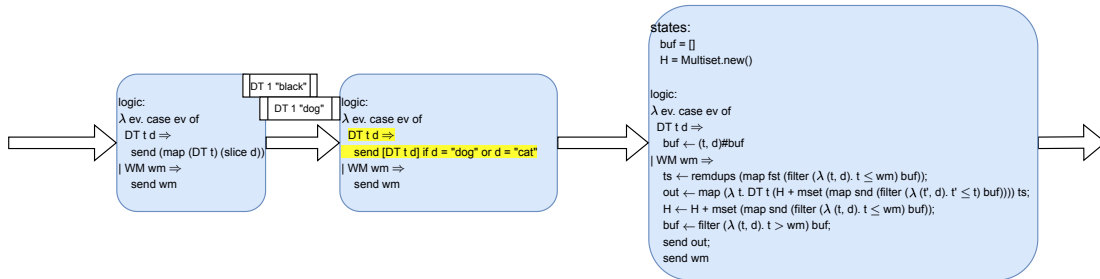
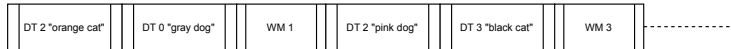
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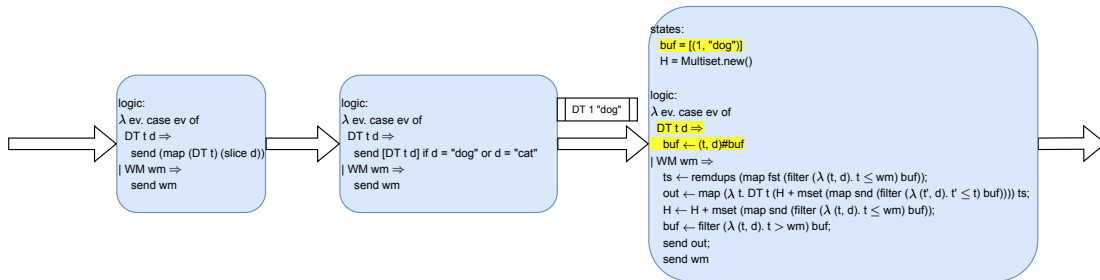
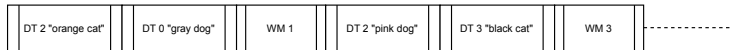
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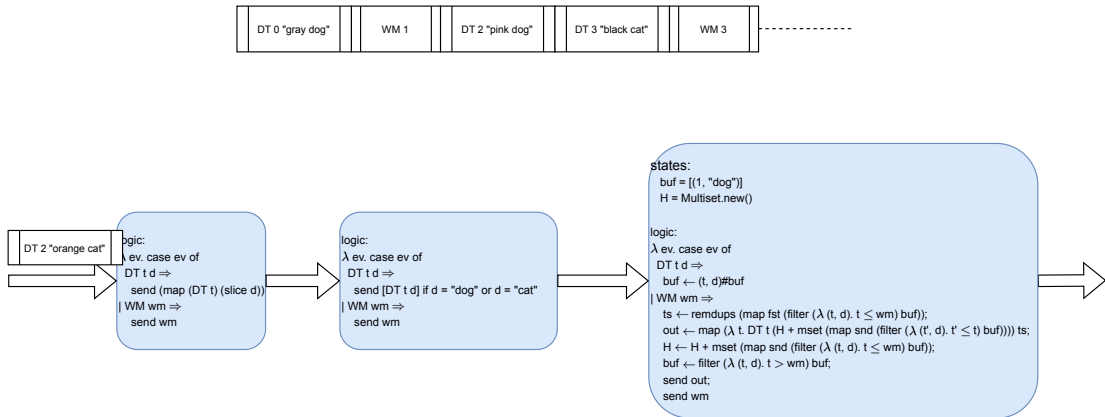
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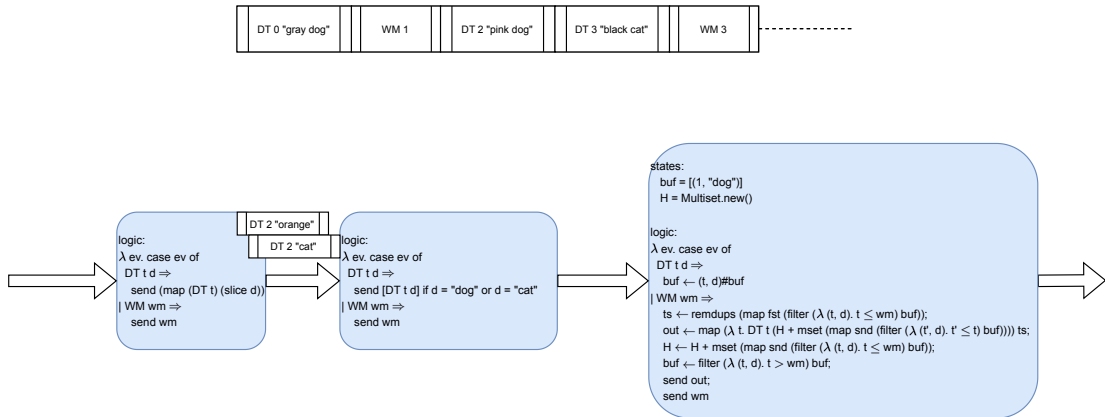
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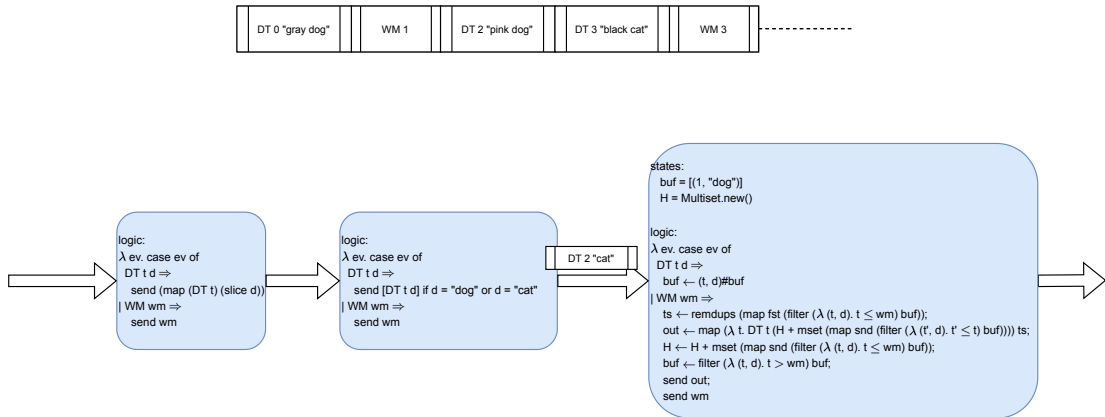
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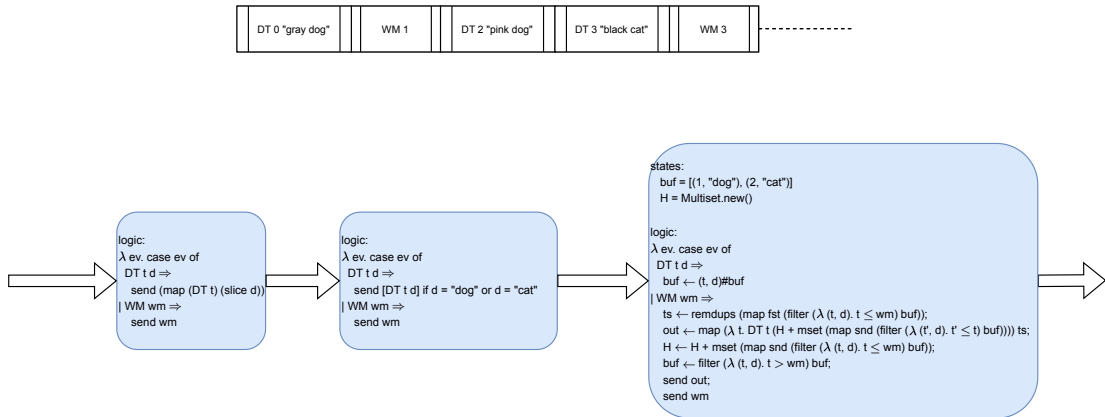
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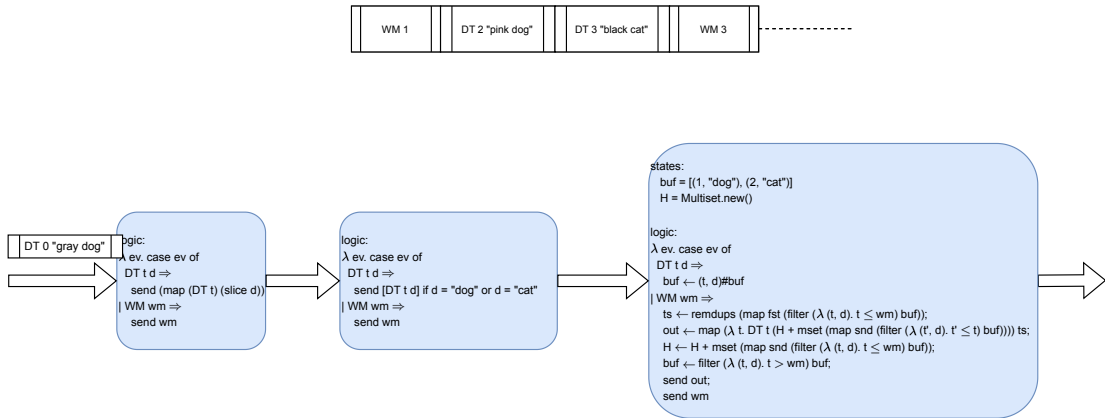


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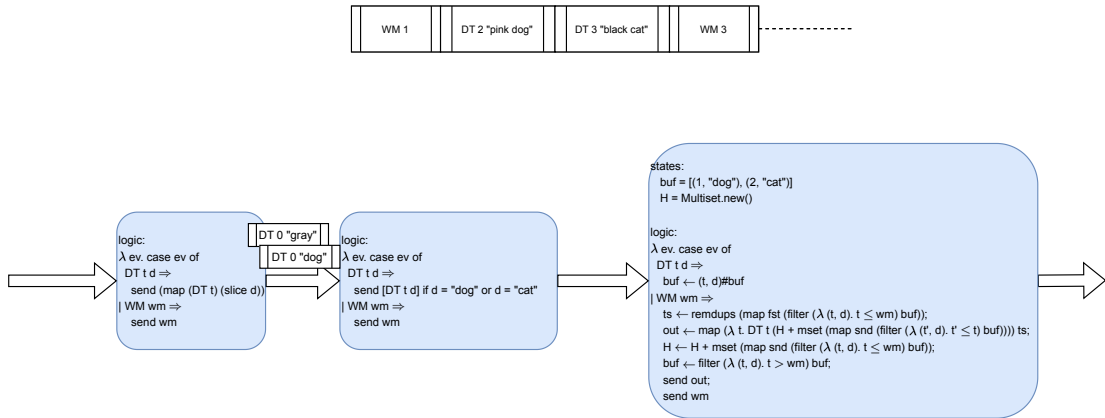




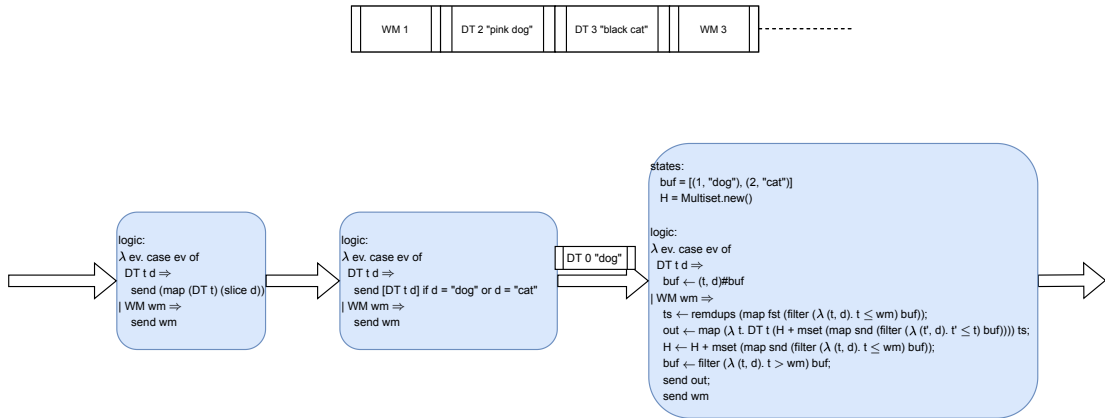
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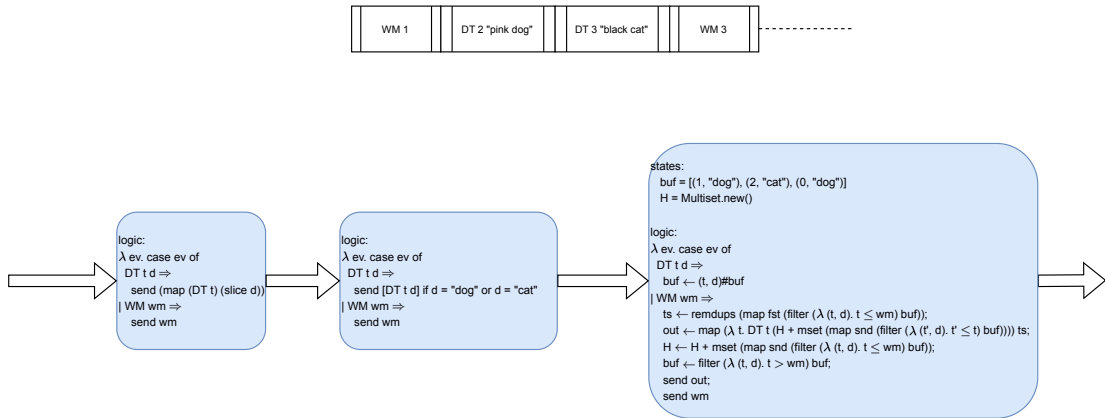
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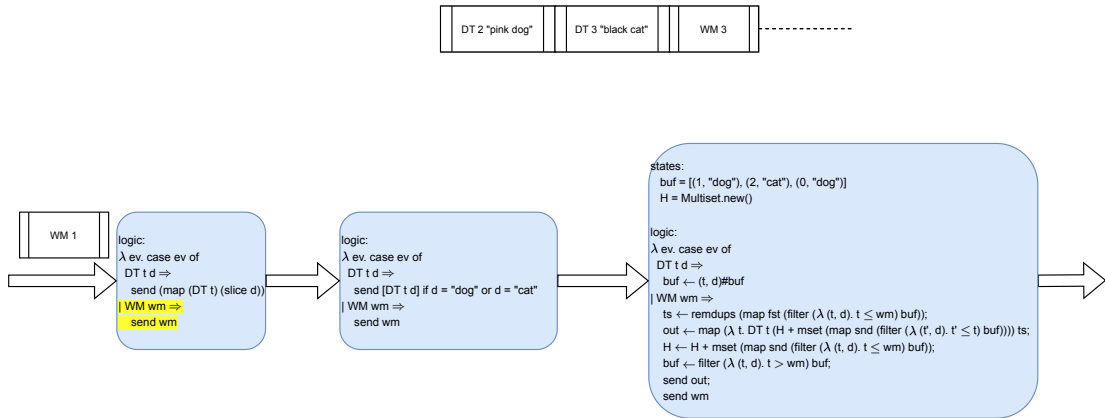
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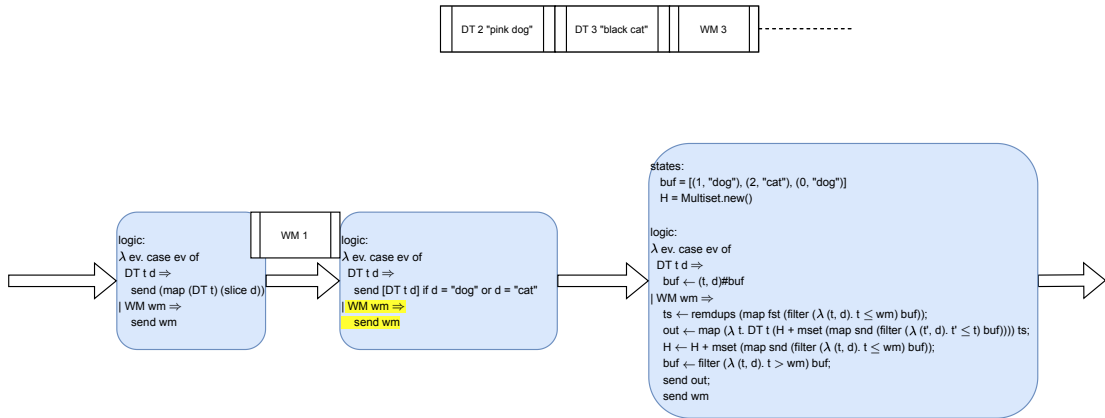
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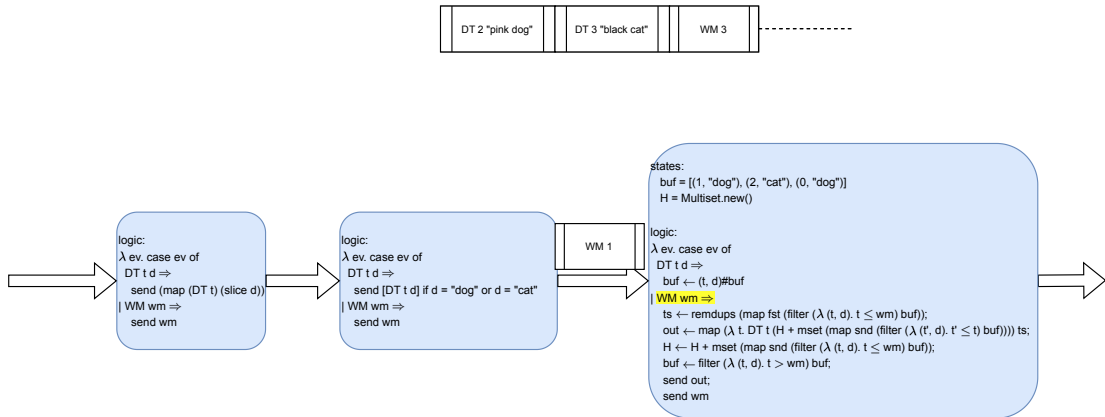
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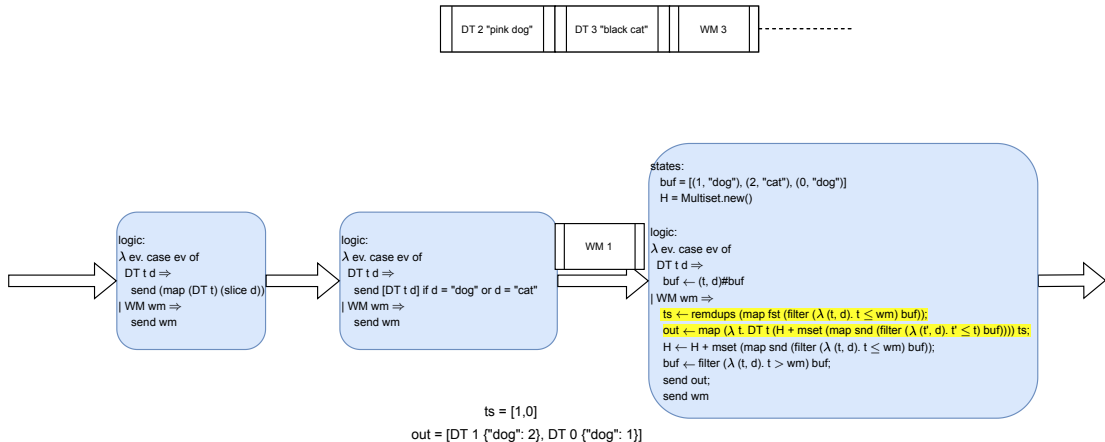
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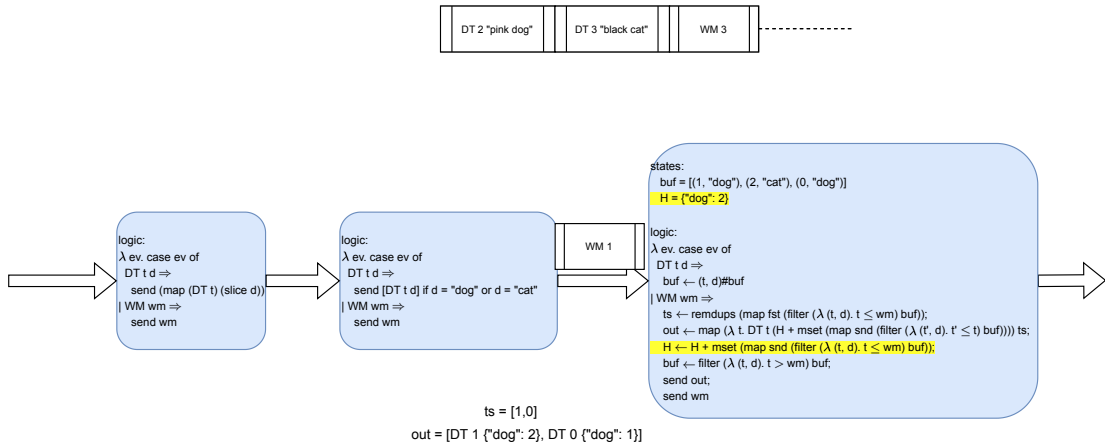


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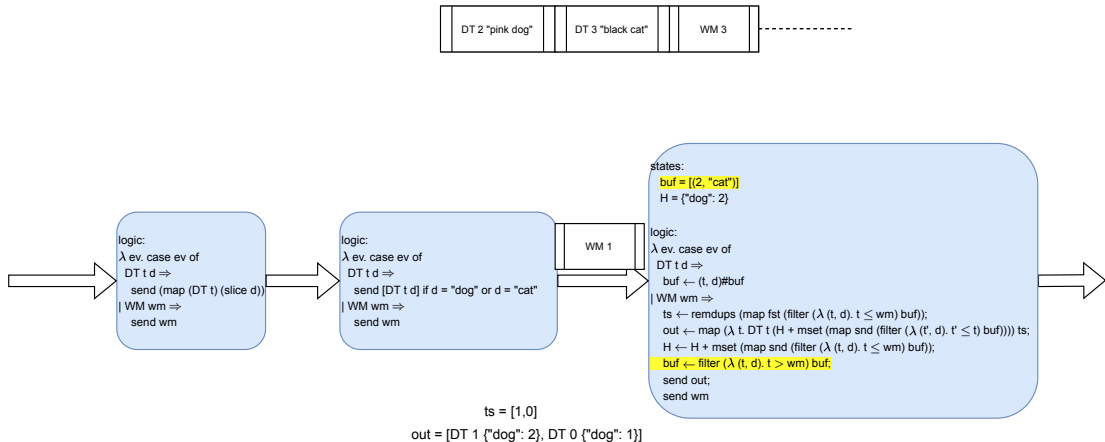




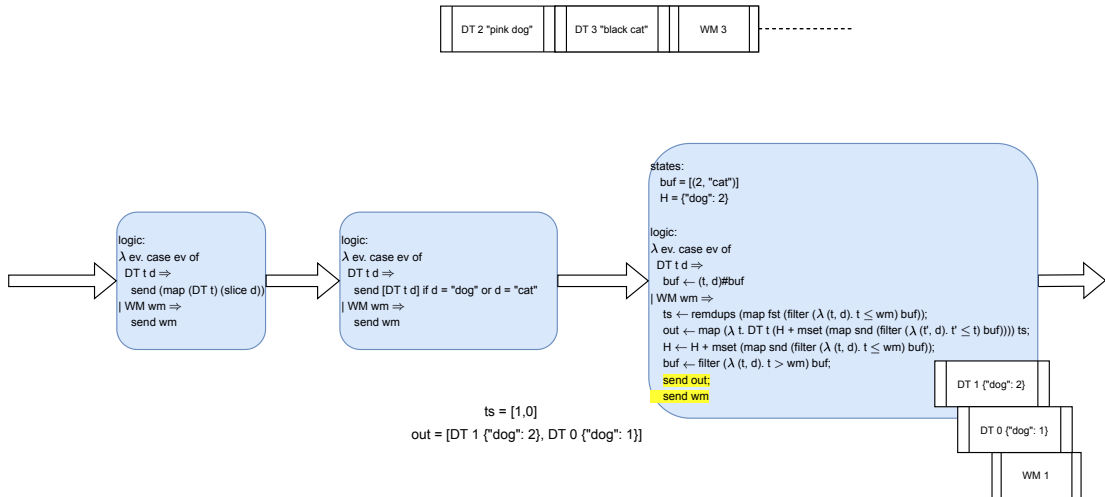
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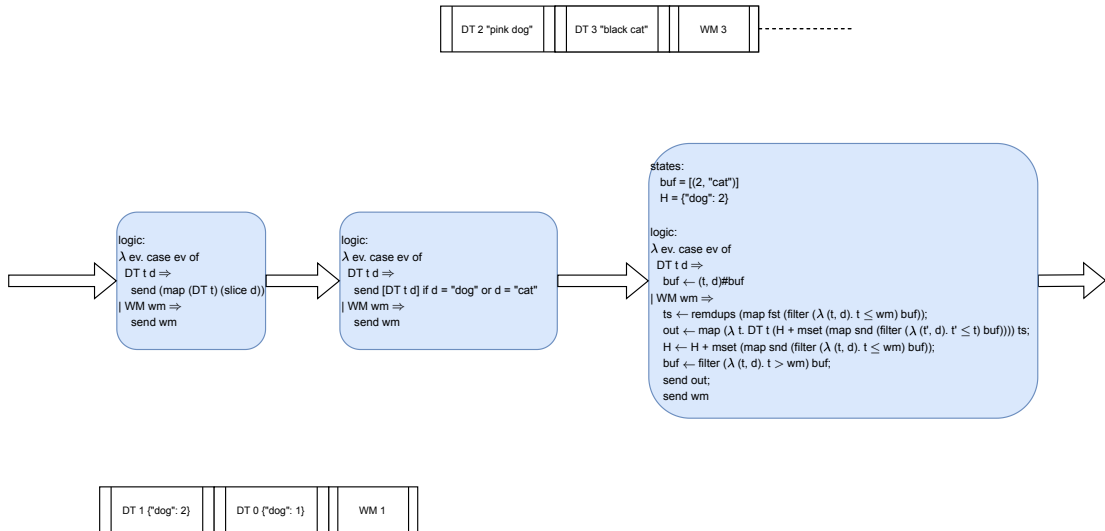
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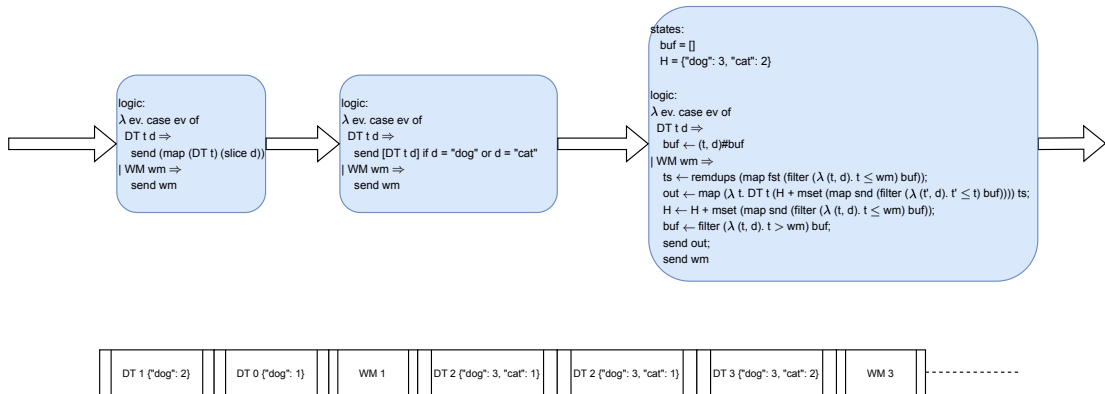
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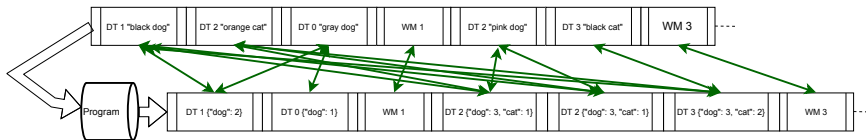


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- **Intuition of the specification:**
  - Soundness: for every output  $DT\ t\ H$ , the “dog” count in  $H$  is the count of events with timestamp  $(\leq)t$  which contains the string “dog”; similarly for “cat”. The count for any other word is always 0.
  - Completeness: The other way around.

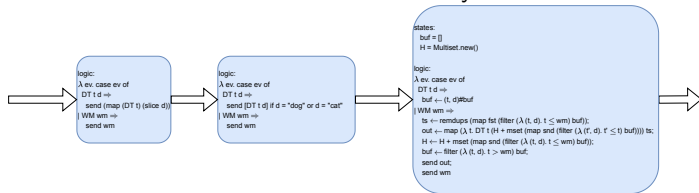




# How to prove it

- lets break down the problem!:

- The correctness of the entire Dataflow emerges from the correctness of each part (operator)
  - Operator 1: Slicer
  - Operator 2: Filter
  - Operator 3: Incremental histogram
    - Assumptions about the incoming stream:
      - Monotone: after WM  $w_m$  no  $DT\ t\ d$  such that  $t \leq w_m$ .
      - Productive: after  $DT\ t\ d$  eventually WM  $w_m$  such that  $t \leq w_m$



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# Formalization in Isabelle/HOL

- Codatatypes

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- Coinduction principle for lazy list equality

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- More about *llist* at the **Coinductive** AFP entry!

- Recursion

```
fun lshift :: 'a list  $\Rightarrow$  'a llist  $\Rightarrow$  'a llist (infixr @@ 65) where  
  lshift [] lxs = lxs  
| lshift (x # xs) lxs = LCons x (lshift xs lxs)
```

- While Combinator

```
definition while_option :: ('a  $\Rightarrow$  bool)  $\Rightarrow$  ('a  $\Rightarrow$  'a)  $\Rightarrow$  'a  $\Rightarrow$  'a option where  
  while_option b c s = ...
```

- From HOL-Library
- *None* (Diverged), *Some* x (Finished with final state x)
- While rule for invariant reasoning (Hoare-style):
  - There is something that holds before a step; that thing still holds after the step

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- Coinduction principle

## Lazy Lists Processors (a.k.a. Non-Time-Aware Stream Processing)

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- Infinite trees: applying the selector `apply` “walks” a branch of the tree

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  Logic ( $\lambda e$ . if P e then (count_op P (n + 1), [n+1]) else (count_op P n, []))
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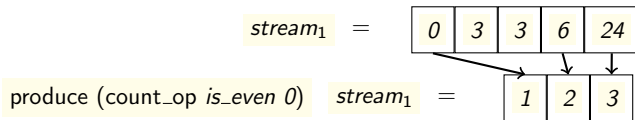
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# Sequential Composition operator

- Sequential composition: take the output of the first operator and give it as input to the second operator.

- Correctness<sup>3</sup>:

$$\text{produce (comp\_op } op_1 \text{ } op_2) \text{ } lxs = \text{produce } op_2 \text{ (produce } op_1 \text{ } lxs)$$

- Proof: coinduction principle for lazy list equality and  $\text{produce}_1$  induction principle

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- Generalization to partial orders
  - Cycles
    - Timely Dataflow: uses pairs to count data cycles (e.g. *(data round n, at cycle i)*)
  - Operators with multiple inputs
    - sum type: represents the multiple input/output ports
- Productive and monotone streams: Coinductive predicates over lazy lists of events.

# Proving histogram correct: building Blocks

- Histogram operator: batching and incremental computing
- Building Blocks: reusable operators
  - Batching: `batch_op`
  - Incremental computing: `incr_op`
  - Soundness, completeness, preservation of monotonicity and productivity
- Define histogram using the building blocks
- Compositional Reasoning: correctness follows from the correctness of the building blocks
  - Building blocks: more than 9000 loc
  - Incremental Histogram: 300 loc

# Batching Operator

The *batch\_op* operator<sup>4</sup>:

```
fun batches where batches [] tds = ([], tds)
| batches (wm # wms) tds = let (bs, tds') = batches wms [(t, d) ← tds. ¬ t ≤ wm]
  in (DT wm [(t, d) ← tds. t ≤ wm] # bs, tds')
```

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```
batch_op tds = Logic (λev. case ev of DT t d ⇒ (batch_op (tds @ [(t, d)]), [])
| WM wm ⇒ let (out, tds') = batches [wm] tds
  in (batch_op tds', [x ← out. data x ≠ []] @ [WM wm]))
```

```
mono lxs W → DT wm b ∈ lset (produce (batch_op tds) lxs) →
(∀t ∈ set_t b. coll b t = lcoll lxs t + coll tds t) ∧
set_t b = batch_ts ((map (λ (t,d). DT t d) tds) @@ lxs) wm
```

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mono lxs W → (∀t ∈ set_t tds. ∀wm ∈ W. ¬ t ≤ wm) → mono (produce (batch_op tds) lxs) W
```

<sup>4</sup>Another simplification from the paper

## Conclusion

- Isabelle/HOL has a good tool set to formalize and reason about stream processing:
  - Codatatypes, coinductive predicates, corecursion with friends, reasoning up to friends (congruence)
    - Coinduction up to congruence principle is automatically derived for codatatypes (but not for coinductive principles)
- Next step: Feedback loop



Questions, comments and suggestions