

# Nondeterministic Asynchronous Dataflow in Isabelle/HOL

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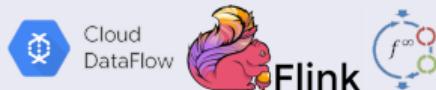
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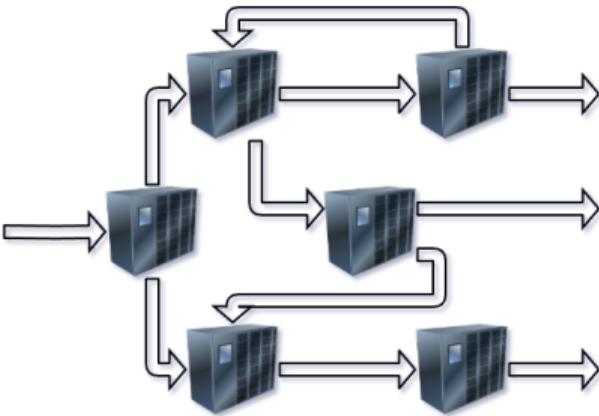
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Mechanically Verify Timely Dataflow algorithms

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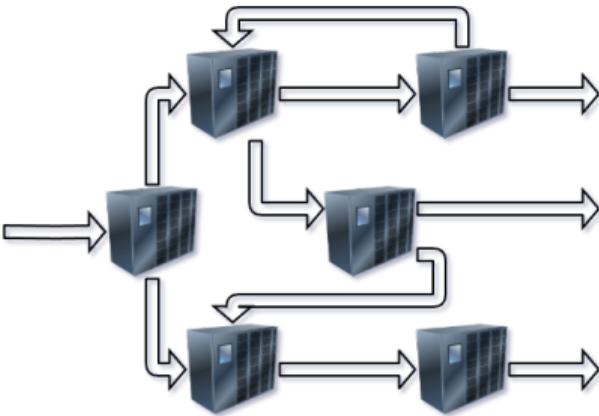
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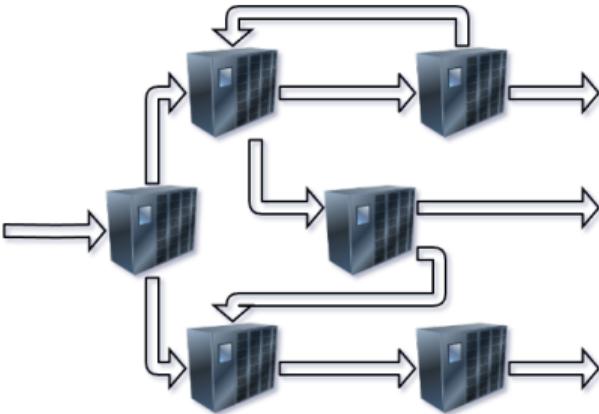


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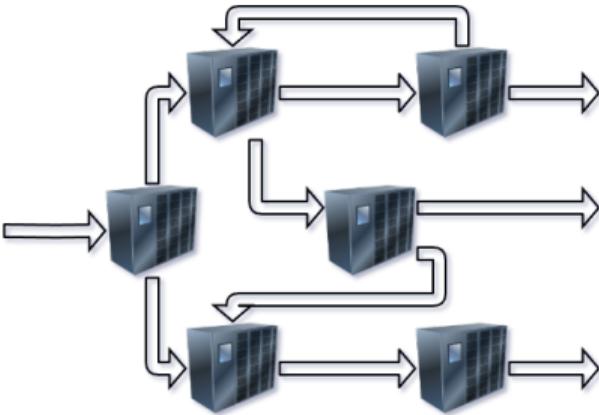
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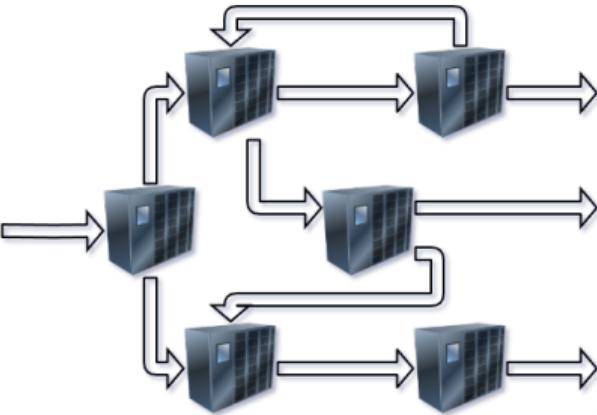


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## Question

How do we know something is Nondeterministic Asynchronous Dataflow?

# The Algebra for Nondeterministic Asynchronous Dataflow

- Bergstra et al. presents an algebra for Nondeterministic Asynchronous Dataflow
- Primitives:  
sequential and parallel composition; feedback loop...
- 52 axioms
- A process calculus instance

Network Algebra for Asynchronous Dataflow\*

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# Main Contributions

- An Isabelle/HOL instance of Nondeterministic Asynchronous Dataflow
  - Operators as a shallow embedding as codatatypes
  - 51 axioms proved

# Isabelle/HOL Preliminaries

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## Why Isabelle/HOL?

- Codatatypes: (possibly) infinite data structures (e.g., lazy lists, streams)
- Corecursion: always eventually produces some codatatype constructor
- Coinductive predicates: infinite number of introduction rule applications
- Coinduction: reason about coinductive predicates

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ex3 = Choice {Write ex3 1 42, Silent ex3}<sub>c</sub>

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## Weak bisimilarity of operators

- Labels (actions): read, write, silent ( $\tau$ )
- Weak bisimilarity of operators ( $\approx$ ): LTS + weak simulation + greatest weak bisimulation
- $\approx$  has a useful coinduction principle
- $\otimes \approx \otimes \approx \otimes$  and  $\text{ex1} \approx \text{ex2} \approx \text{ex3}$

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map\_op ::  $('i_1 \Rightarrow 'i_2) \Rightarrow ('o_1 \Rightarrow 'o_2) \Rightarrow ('i_1, 'o_1, 'd) \ op \Rightarrow ('i_2, 'o_2, 'd) \ op$

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## Identity operator with an empty buffer

$\mathcal{I} = \text{id\_op} (\lambda_. \ [ ])$

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Sequential and parallel composition

$$op_1 \parallel op_2 = \text{comp\_op} (\lambda_. \text{None}) (\lambda_. []) op_1 op_2$$
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## Asynchronous Dataflow Properties

# Basic Network Algebra Properties

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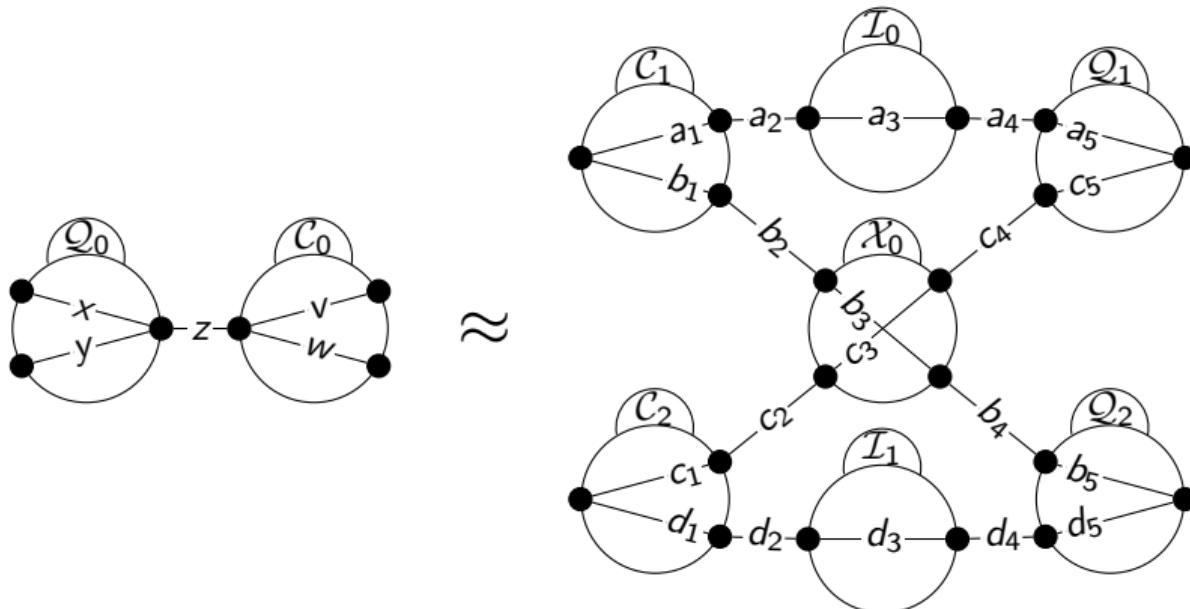
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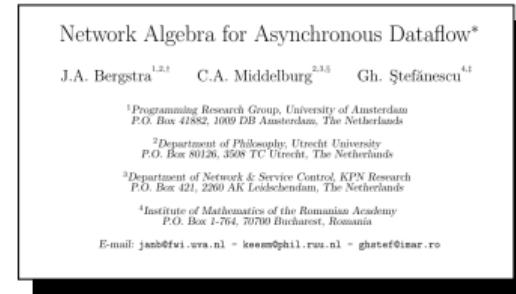
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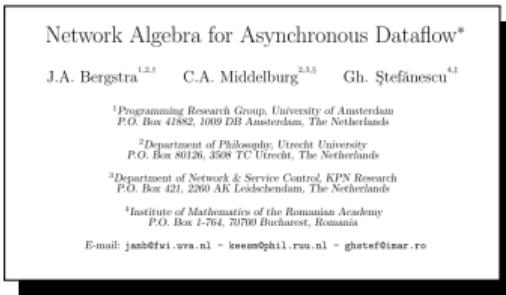
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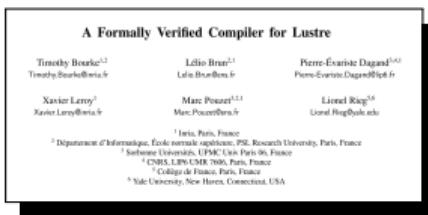
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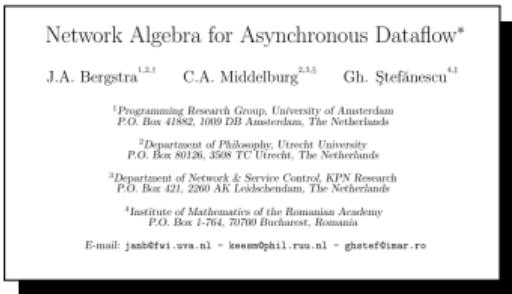
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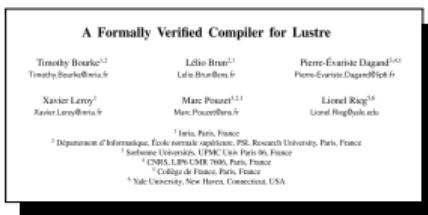


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