We concentrate on, simplified, symbolic traces here, which are defined by the grammar

$$\theta ::= \lceil \phi \rceil \mid \mathsf{call(m)} \mid \mathbf{finite} \mid \theta **\theta$$

where $\lceil \phi \rceil$ denotes the trace where the state formula ϕ holds, $\mathsf{call(m)}$ a call event on method m, $\mathbf{finite}$ an arbitrary finite trace without any events[6] and $**$ is the chop [9], a special concatenation.