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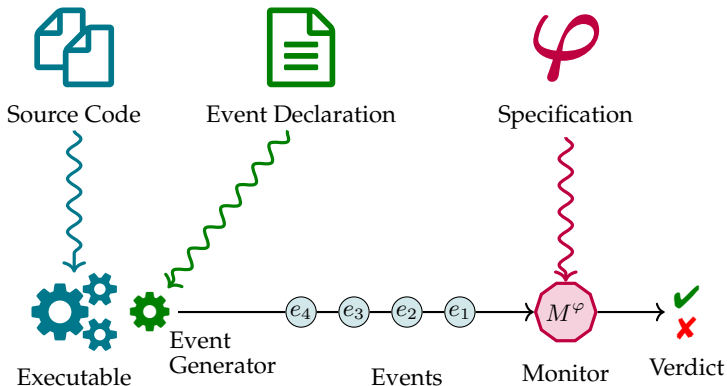
TOOL PAPER: Tesla-ROS-Bridge Runtime Verification of Robotic Systems

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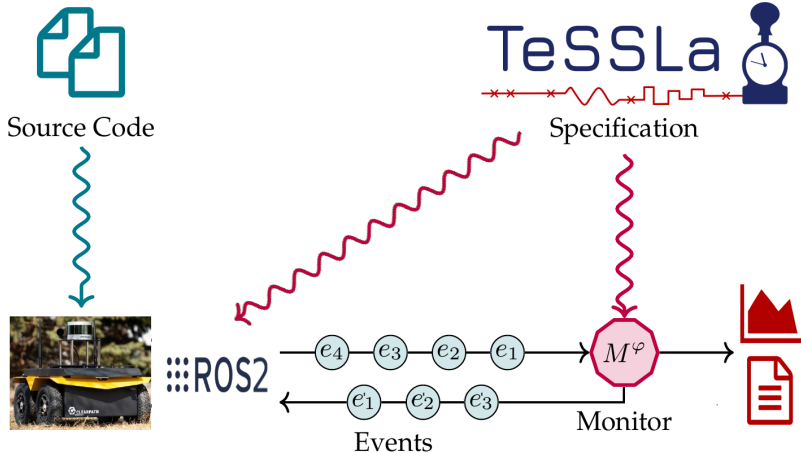
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Traditional (Stream) Runtime Verification



In this paper: Extension to robot systems





TeSSLa is a general purpose Stream-based Specification language:

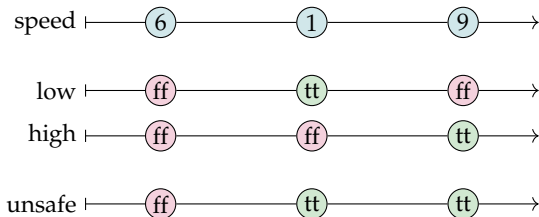
Every monotonous, continuous and future-independent stream transformation function f can be specified in TeSSLa

Possible fields of application:

- ▶ Online Monitoring
- ▶ Logfile Analysis
- ▶ Event pattern generation
- ▶ Analysis of the specification
- ▶ ...

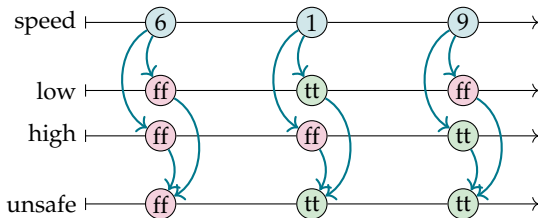
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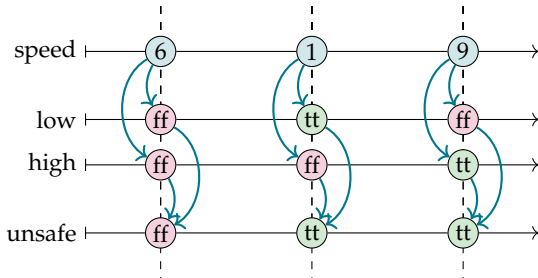
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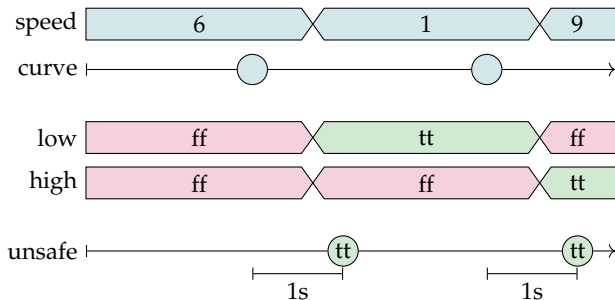
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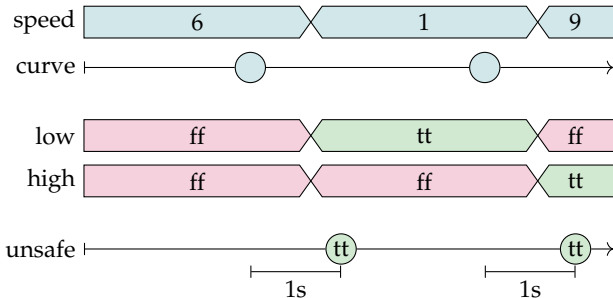
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```
in speed: Events[Int]
in curve: Events[Unit]

def low = (speed < 2)
def high = (speed > 8)
def unsafe = on(low || high, delay(1s, curve))

out unsafe
```



- ▶ Abstractions for both **events** and **signals**
- ▶ Description of **asynchronous streams**
- ▶ **Time** as first-class citizen
- ▶ Useful for description of **Cyber Physical Systems**



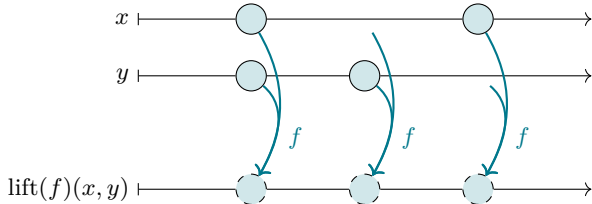
TeSSLa: Language and features

Language based on **five core operations** plus

- ▶ Type system
- ▶ Macro system
- ▶ Module system
- ▶ Standard library and several user libraries
- ▶ Meta Data/annotation concept

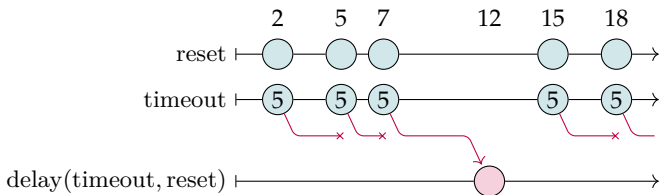
TeSSLa core operations: Lift

- ▶ *Lift* applies a function to the current events on a certain number of streams
- ▶ e.g. adds two numerical event values



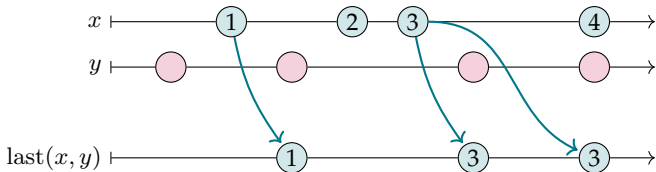
TeSSLa core operations: Delay

- ▶ *Delay* creates a new event some time after a reset event
- ▶ Possibility to create output events at timestamps without input events



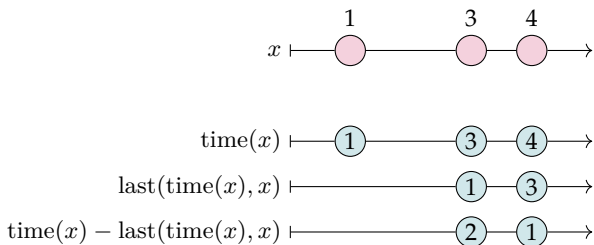
TeSSLa core operations: Last

- ▶ *Last* allows to access the values of events on one stream that occurred strictly before the events on another stream
- ▶ Important for accessing streams with signal semantics



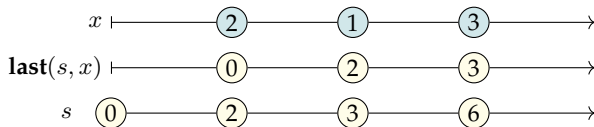
TeSSLa core operations: Time

- ▶ *Time* provides access to the timestamps of events
- ▶ Produces events carrying their timestamps as data value
- ▶ Hence all operators for data values can be applied to timestamps.



Recursive Equations in TeSSLa

$$s = \mathbf{lift}(merge)(\mathbf{last}(s, x) + x, 0)$$



Macro-System

- ▶ Possibility to extend minimal language core by arbitrary functions

Macro Definition Fold

```
def fold[T,R](stream: Events[T], init: R,  
              f: (Events[R], Events[T]) => Events[R]) = result  
where  
{  
  def result: Events[R] = merge(f(last(result, stream),  
                                 stream), init)  
}
```

Usage of Fold

```
def y = fold(x, 0, (c: Int, x: Int) => c+x)
```

Module System

Modules

```
module myModule {  
  module mySubmodule {  
    def myCount[A](a: Events[A]) := c where {  
      def c: Events[Int] := merge(last(c, a) + 1, 0)  
    }  
  }  
}  
  
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⇒ Possibility to create TeSSLa libraries.

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User Libraries e.g. for

- ▶ special logics
- ▶ AUTOSAR Timex extension

TeSSLa Language: Typesystem

- ▶ Built-in basic types can be extended by user-defined types
- ▶ Supports externally defined nominal types
- ▶ Record types
- ▶ Generics

Supported basic types:

- ▶ Unit
- ▶ Int
- ▶ Float
- ▶ Boolean
- ▶ String

Supported complex datastructures:

- ▶ Lists
- ▶ Sets
- ▶ Maps

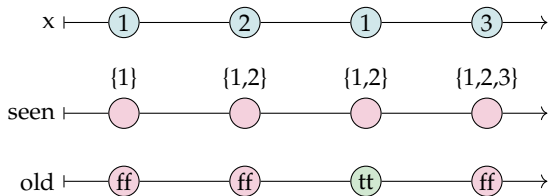
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```
in x: Events[Int]
```

```
def seen: Events[Set[Int]] := fold(x, Set.empty[Int], Set.add)
```

```
out Set.contains(last(seen, x), x) as old
```



Meta Data/Annotations

Possibility to pass event declaration to connected tools:

- ▶ `@InstFunctionCall` (func_name)
- ▶ `@VisSignal`
- ▶ `@RosSubscription` (topic, datatype, qos_profile)
- ▶ `@RosPublisher` (topic, datatype, qos_profile)
- ▶ ...

```
@RosSubscription("/sensor1", "int64", "10")  
in x : Events[Int]
```

```
[...]
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```
@RosPublisher("/actor1", "int64", "10") @VisSignal  
out y
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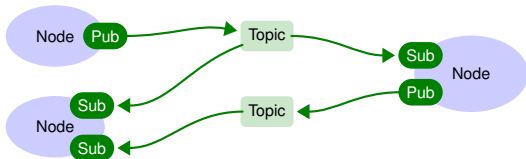
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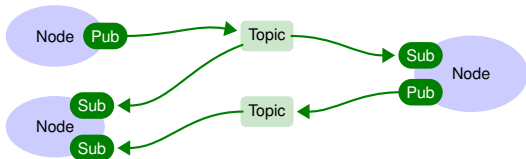
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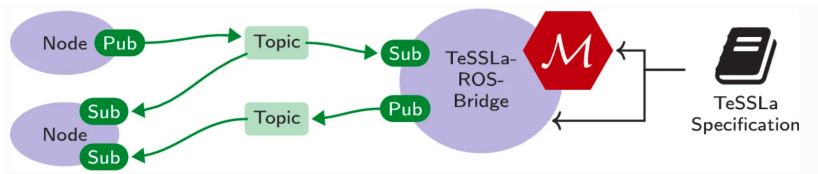
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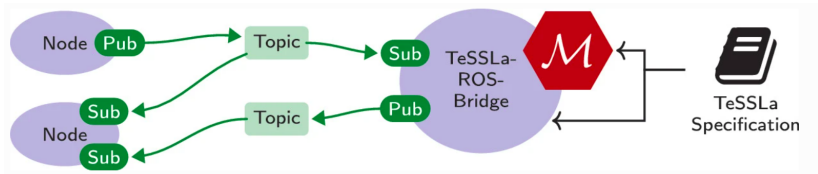
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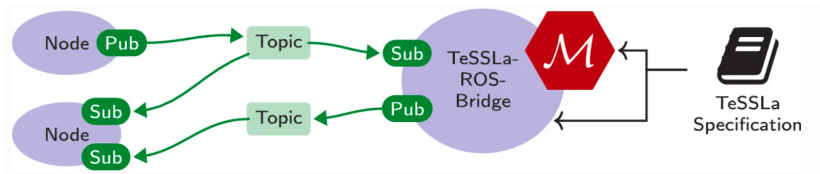
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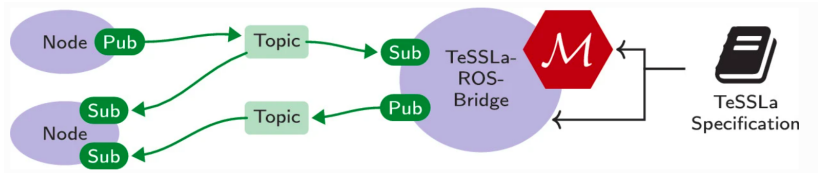
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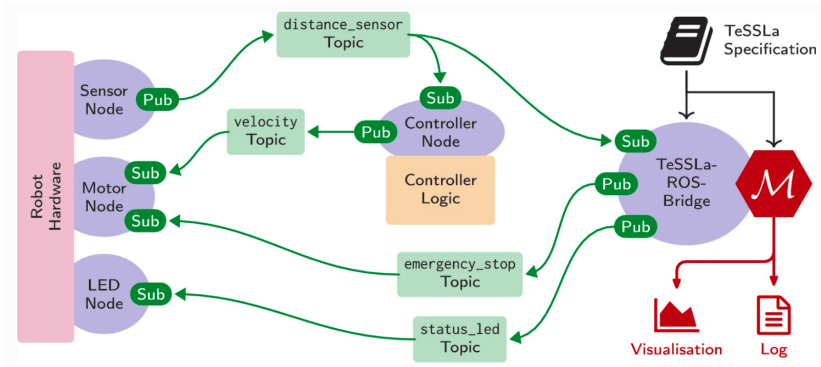
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TeSSLa-ROS-Integration: Usage Example

- ▶ Robot driving around with distance sensor
- ▶ Must stop temporarily whenever something is too close
- ▶ Must stop permanently if something was close several times in short period of time



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Example specification

```
include "TeslaROSBridge.tessla"

def RED = 0; def YELLOW = 1; def GREEN = 2

module MyModule {
  def cntTimeReset[A](cnt: Events[A], resetTime: Int) =
    resetCount(cnt, delay(const(resetTime, cnt), cnt))
}

@RosSubscription("/distance_sensor", "int64", "10")
in distance: Events[Int]

def tooClose = default(distance < 20, false)
def tooManyErrors = cntTimeReset(rising(tooClose), 30s) > 5
def stop = tooClose || LTL.once(tooManyErrors)
def ledCode = if tooClose then RED else if stop then YELLOW else GREEN

@RosPublisher("/emergency_stop", "bool", "10") @VisBool
out stop

@RosPublisher("/status_led", "int64", "10") @VisSignal
out ledCode

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out tooClose
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Find out more

TeSSLa Website:

www.tessla.io

www.tessla.io/blog/ros-bridge

TeSSLa Playground:

play.tessla.io

TeSSLa Sourcecode:

git.tessla.io