

Verified Traffic Networks: Component-based Verification of Cyber-Physical Flow Systems

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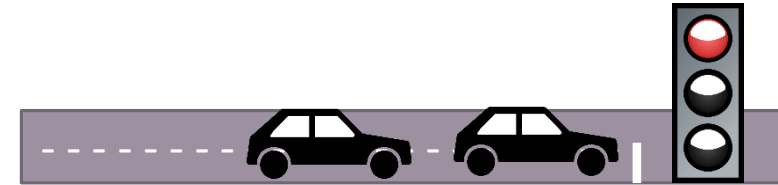
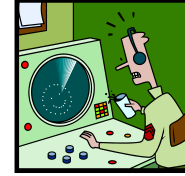
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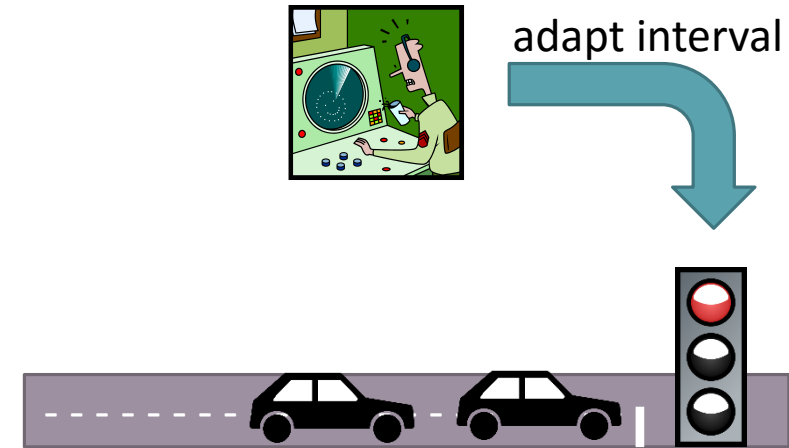
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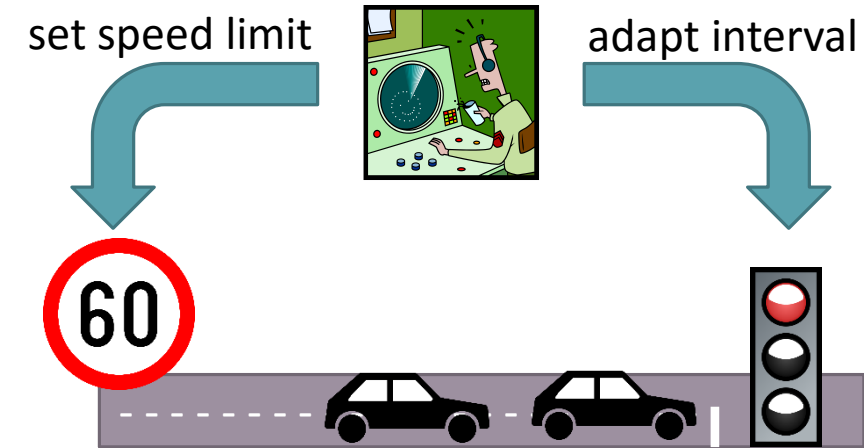
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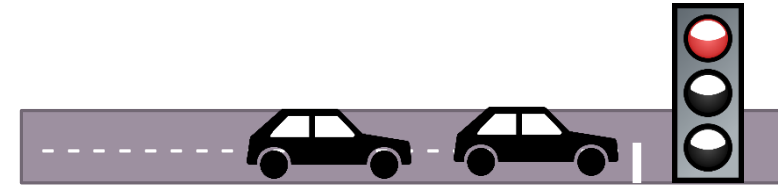
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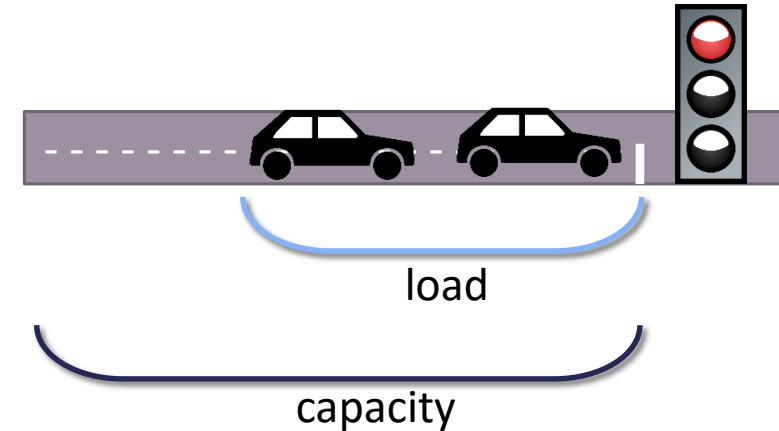
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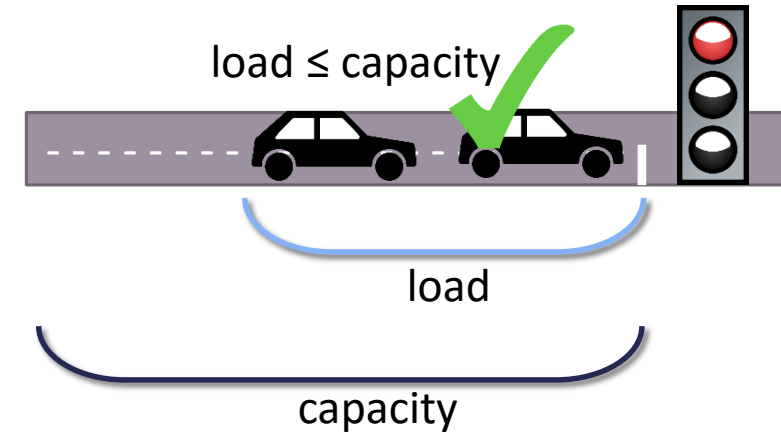
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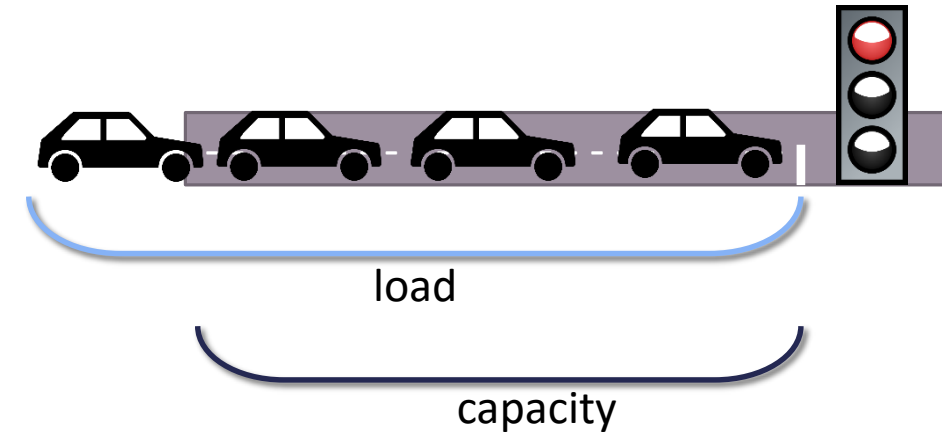
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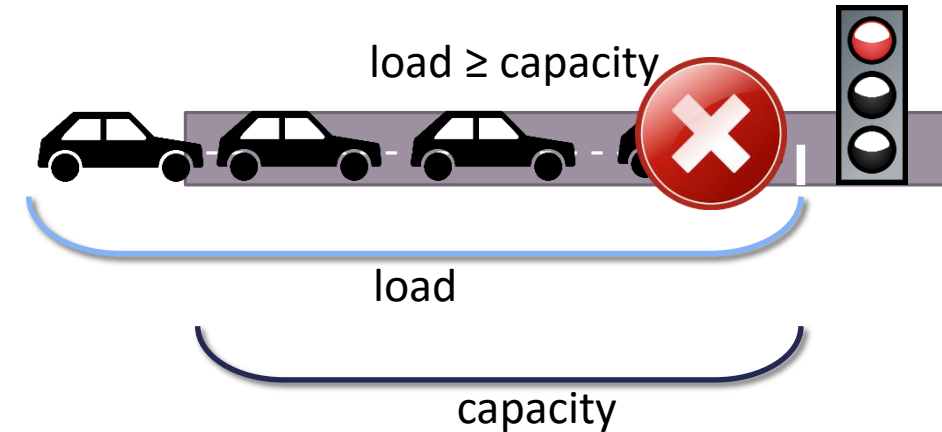
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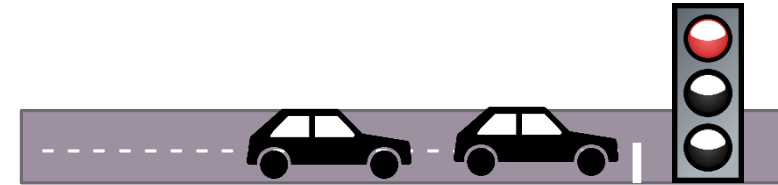
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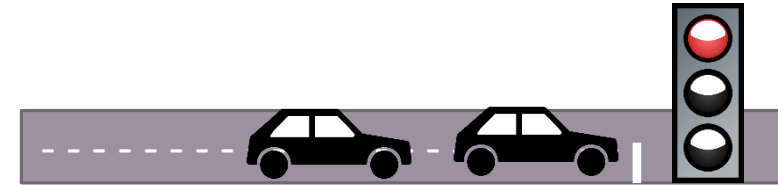
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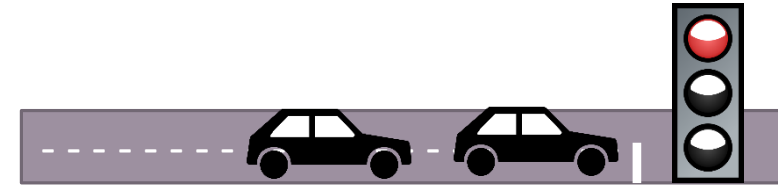
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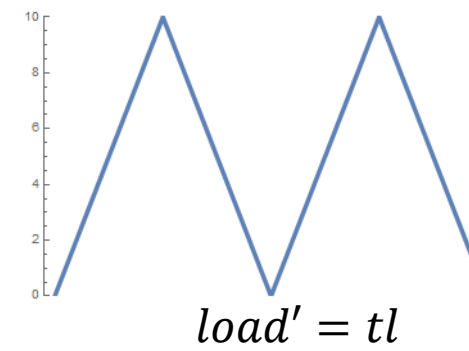
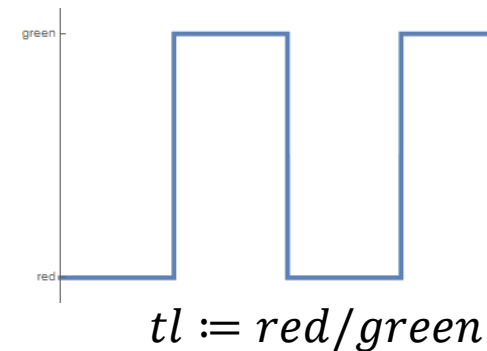
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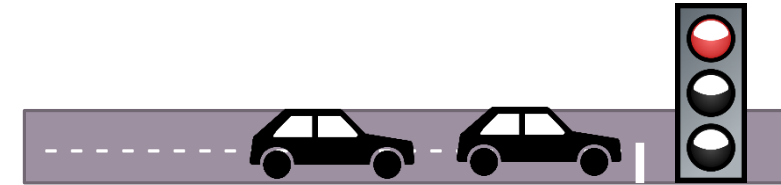
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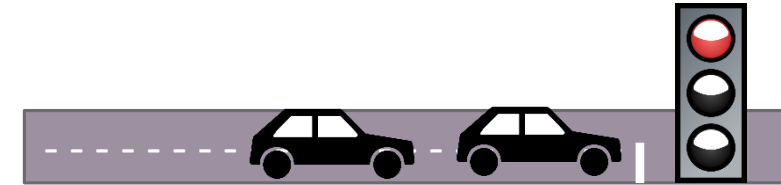
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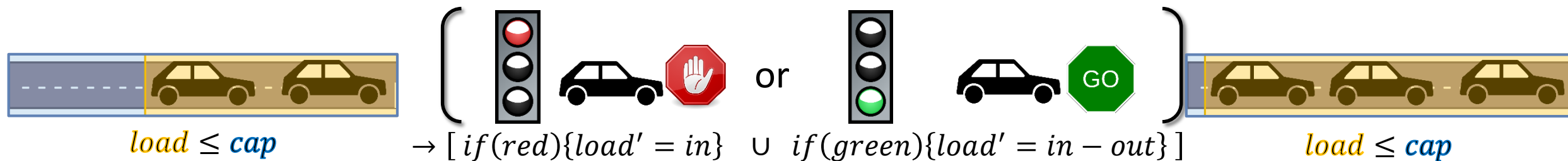
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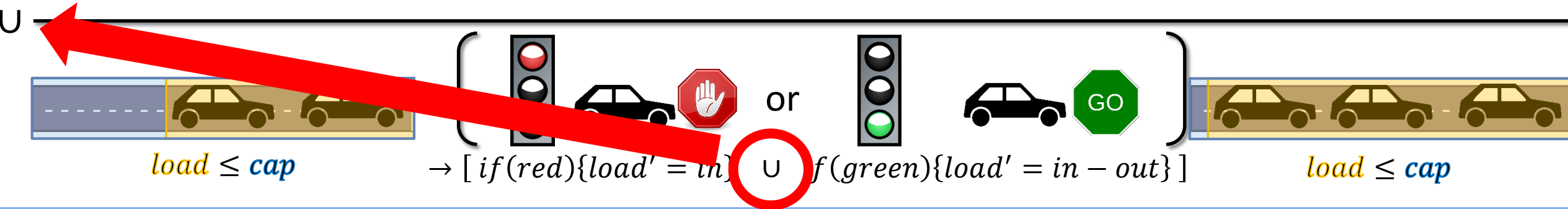


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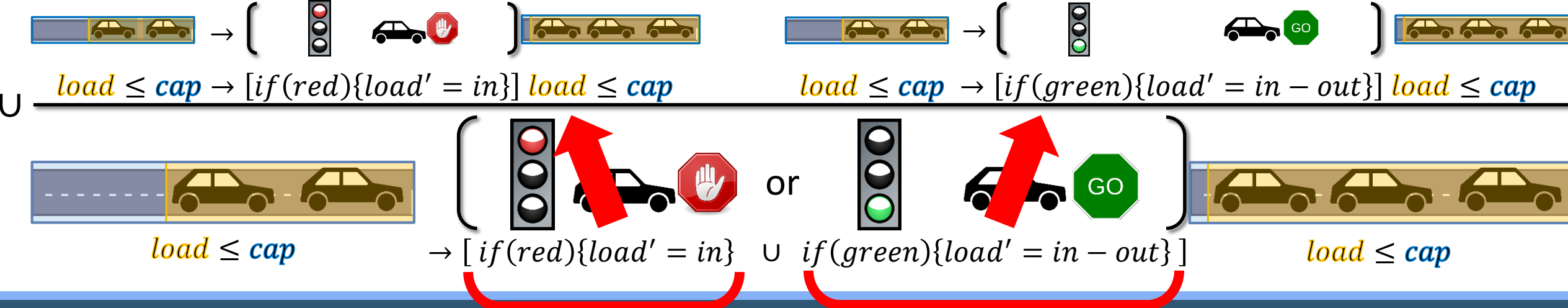


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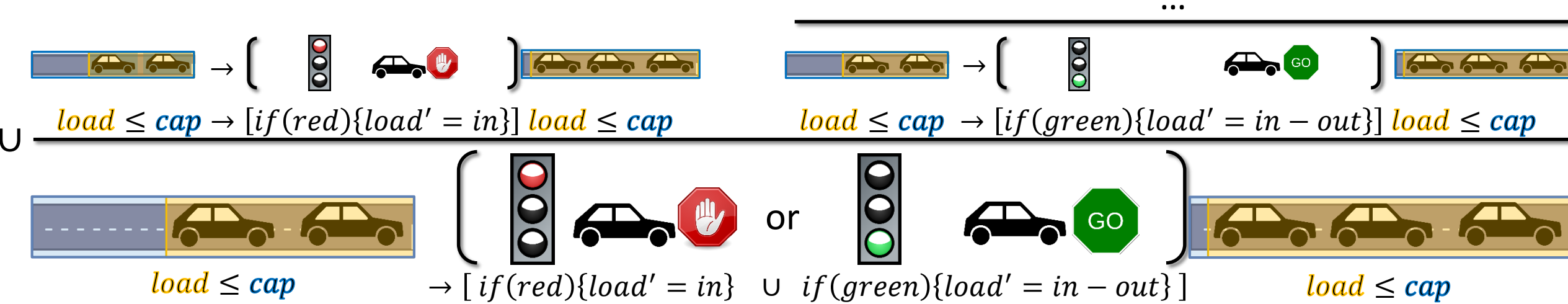


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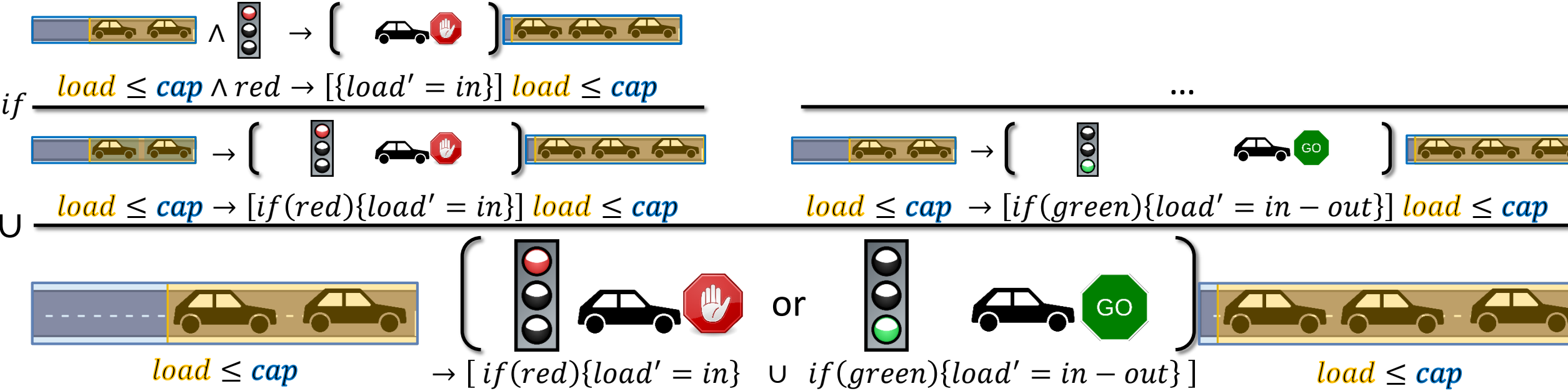


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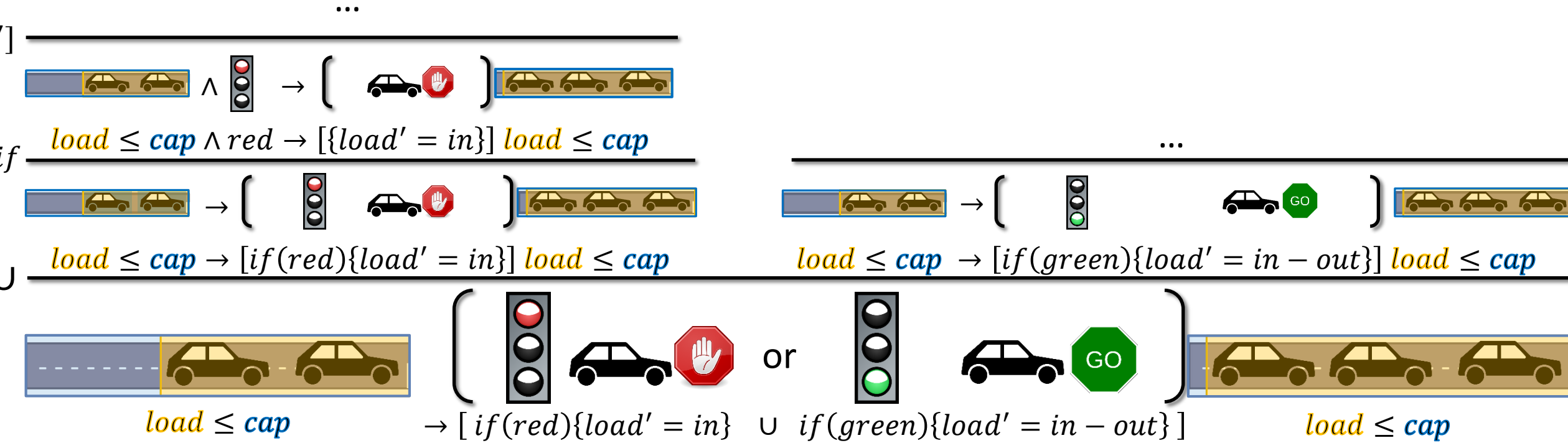


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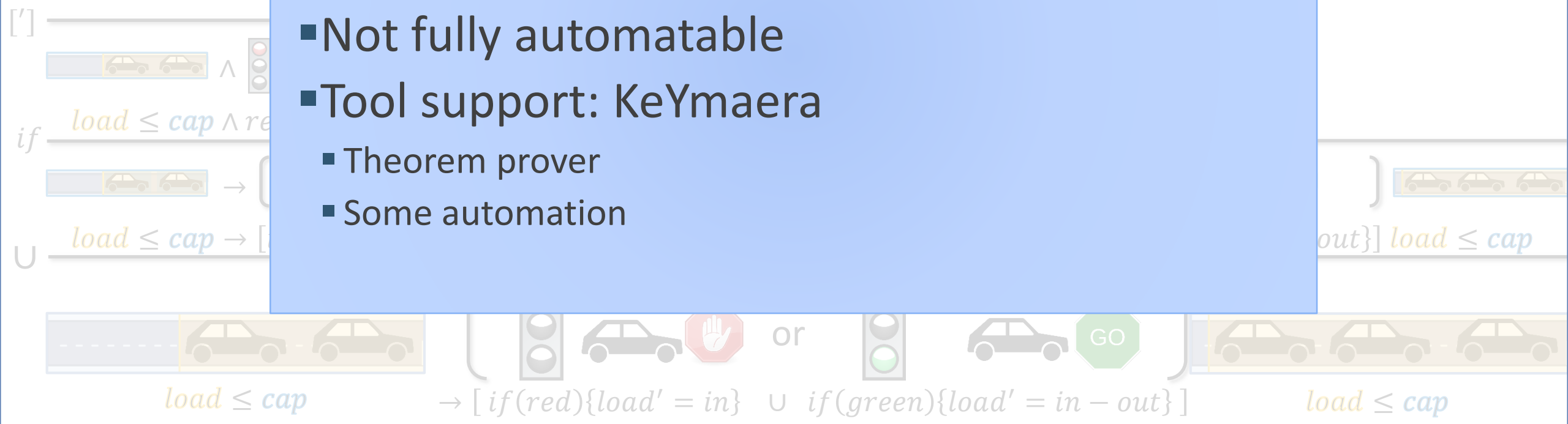
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Verification

- One rule application/proof step per statement
- Not fully automatable
- Tool support: KeYmaera
 - Theorem prover
 - Some automation



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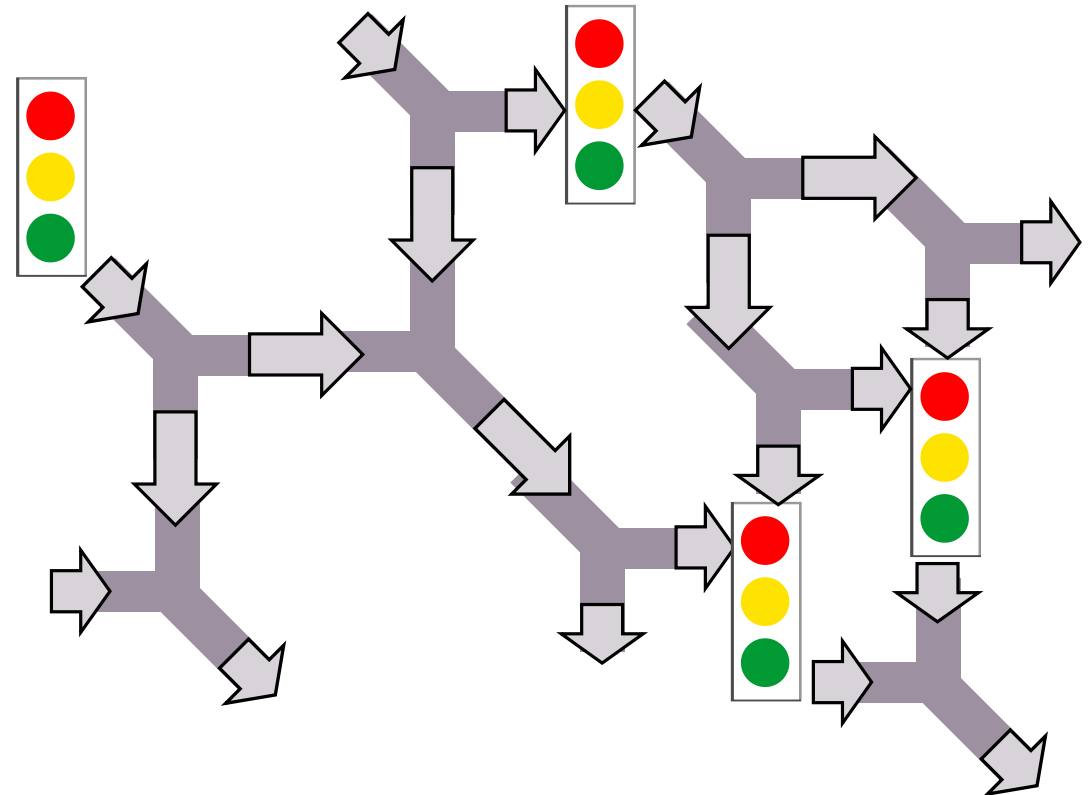
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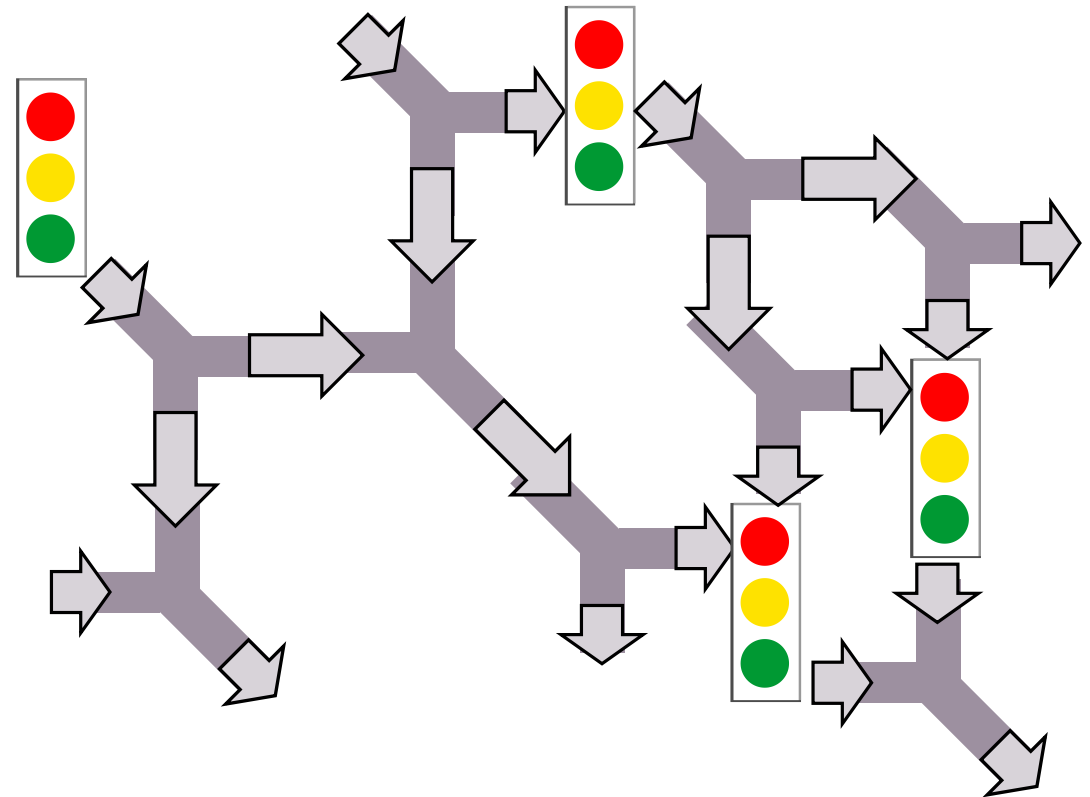
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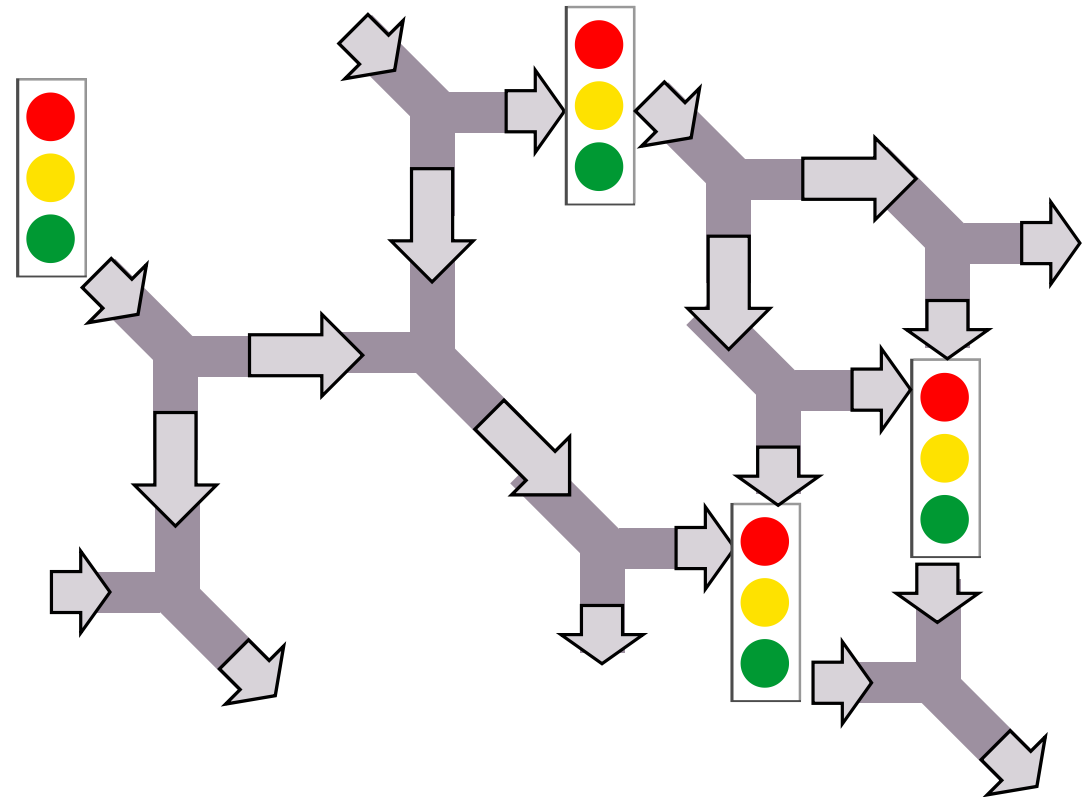
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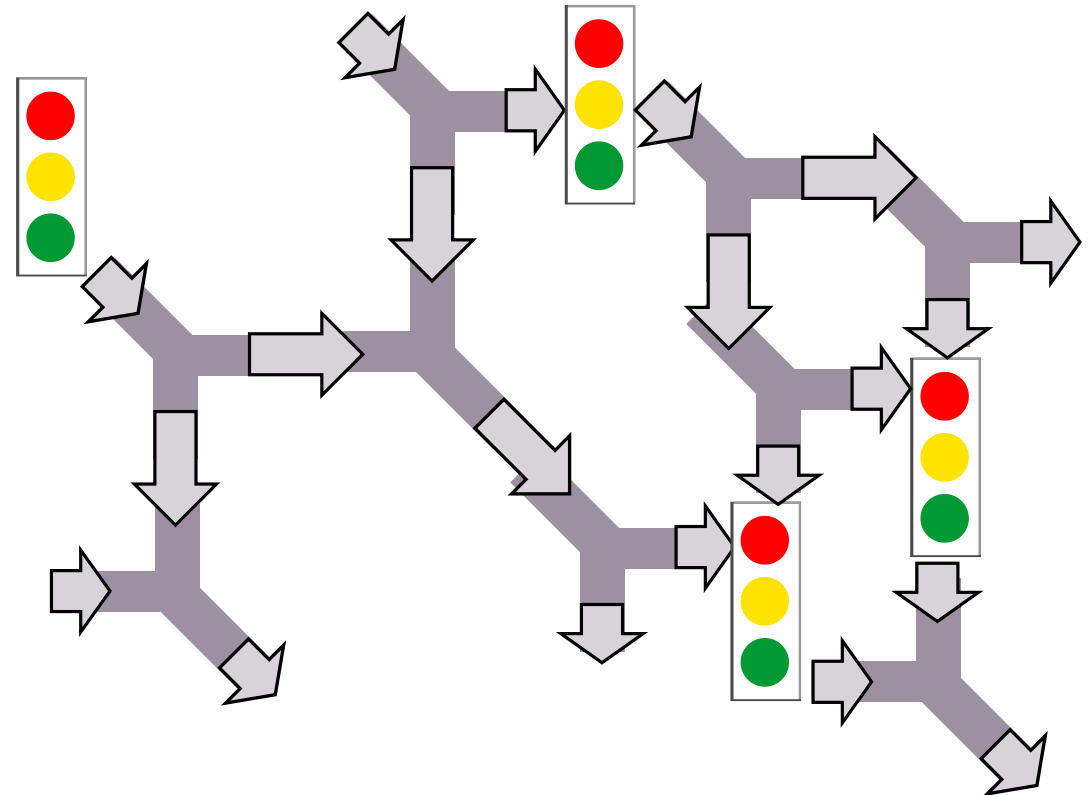


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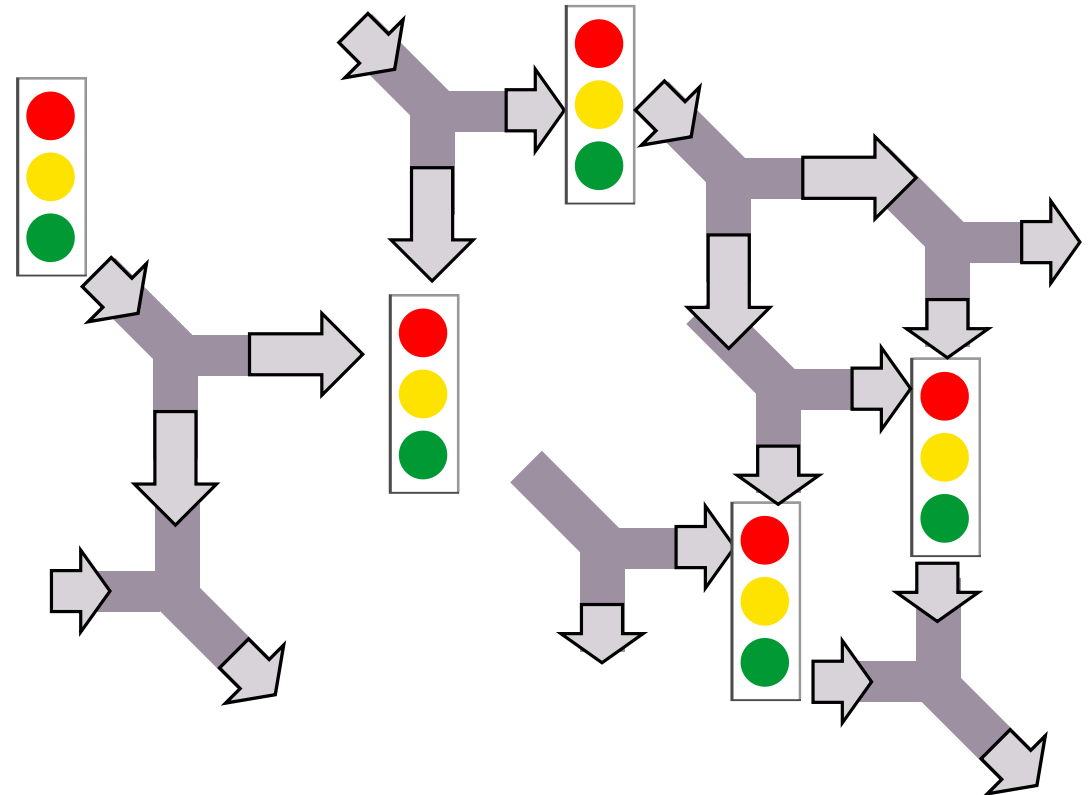


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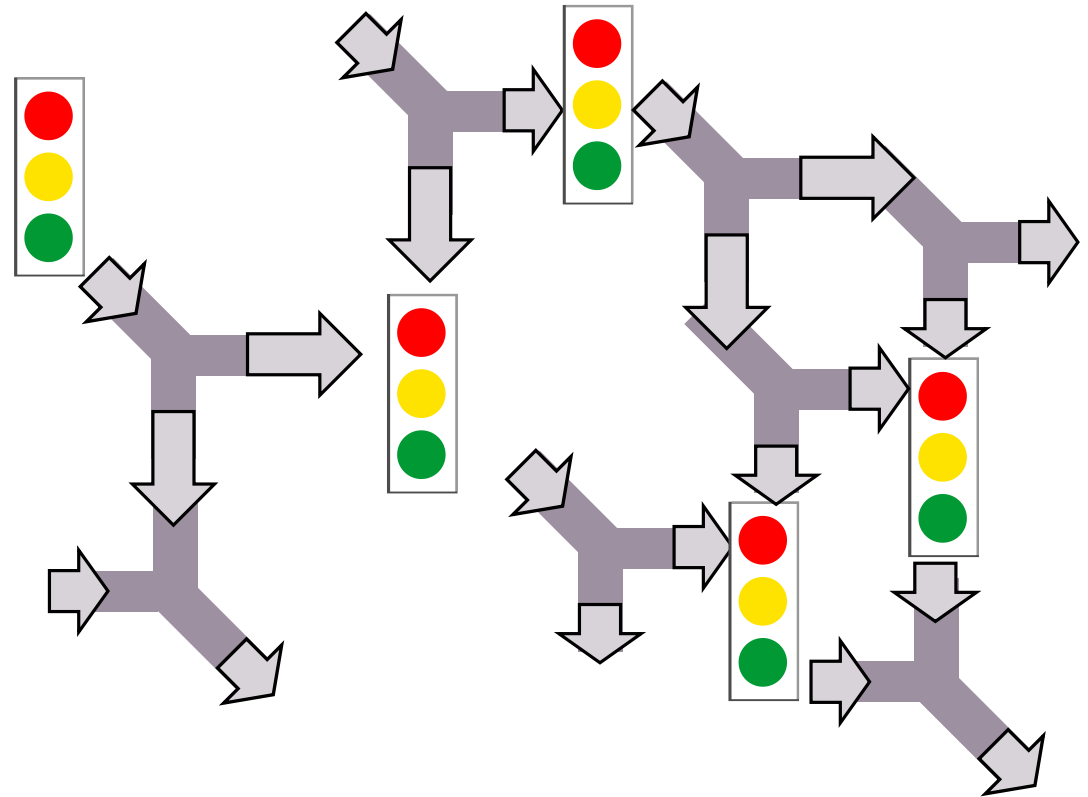
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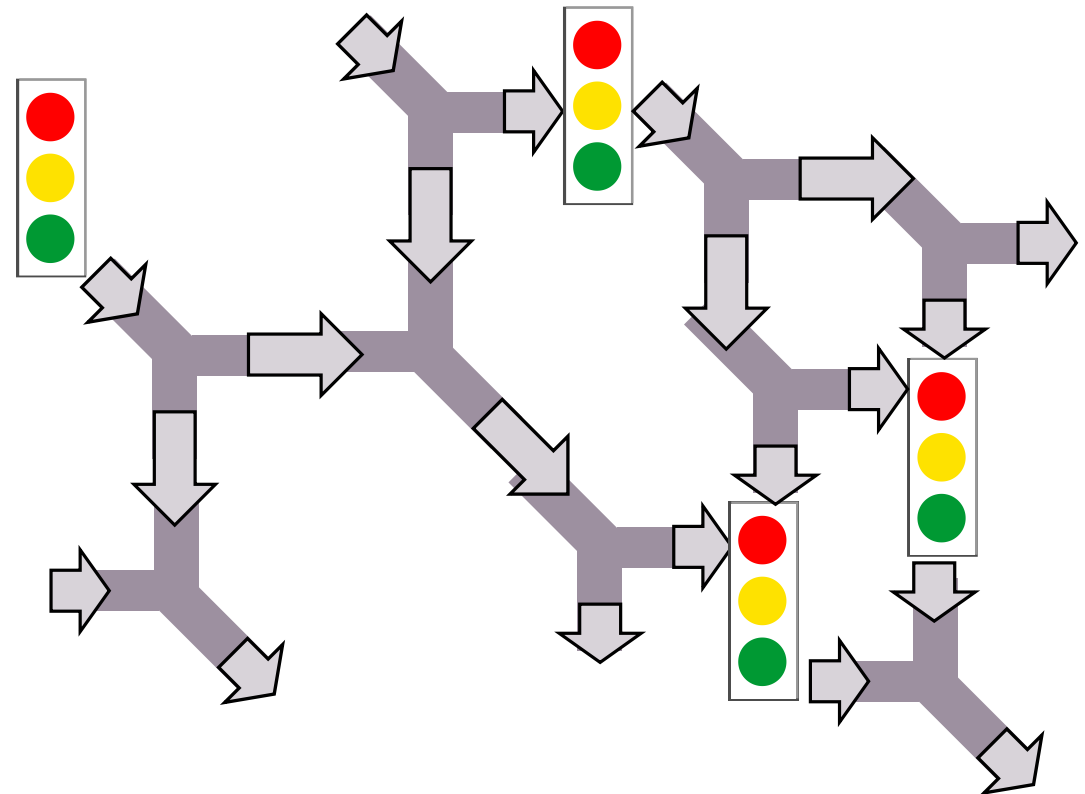
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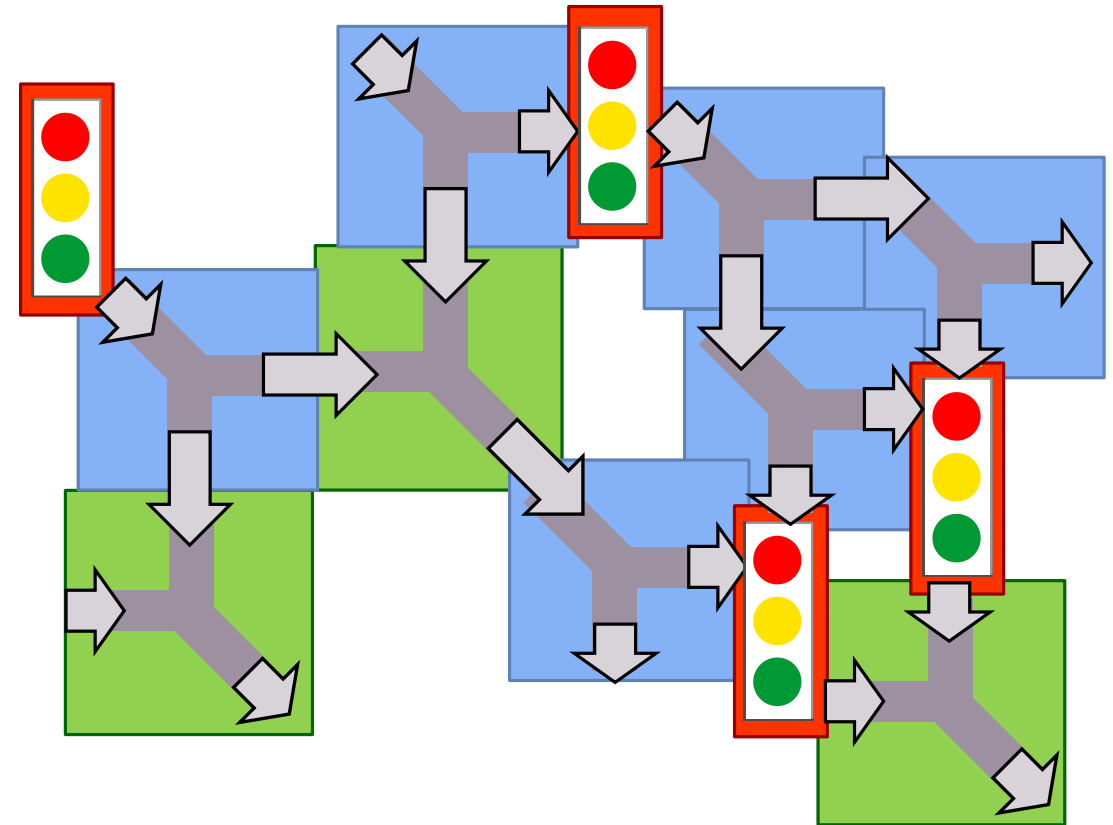
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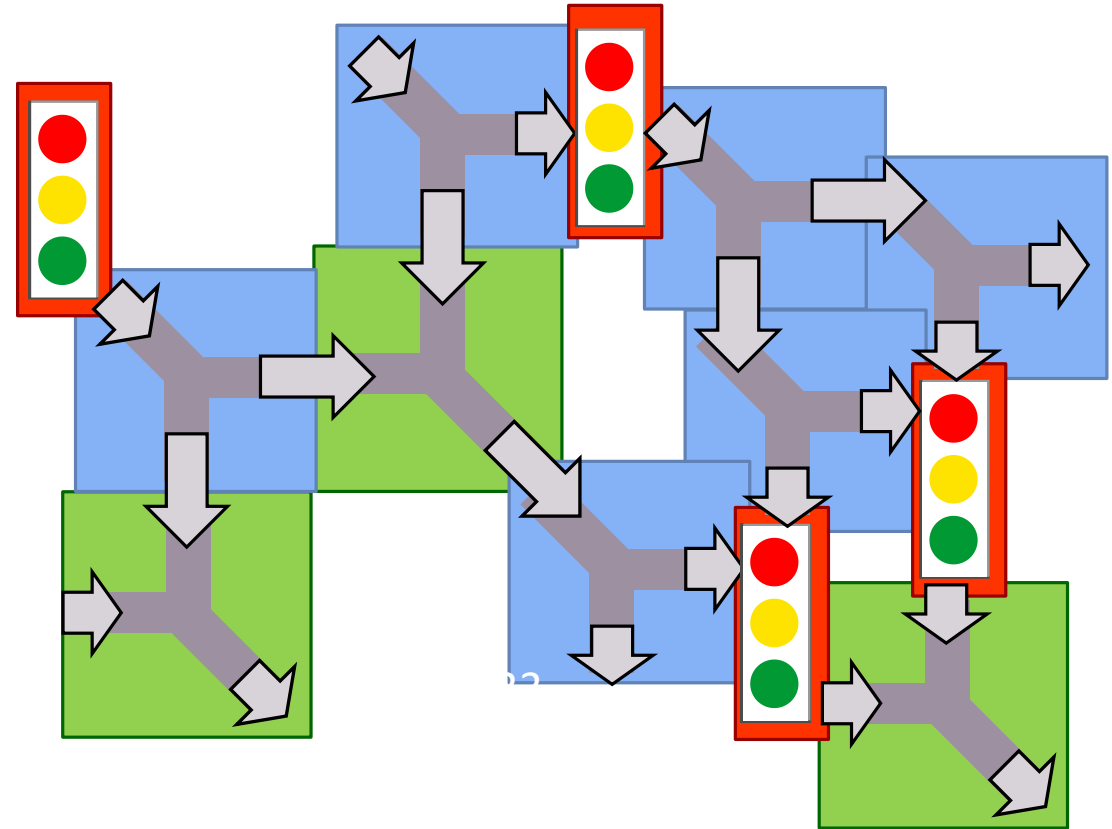
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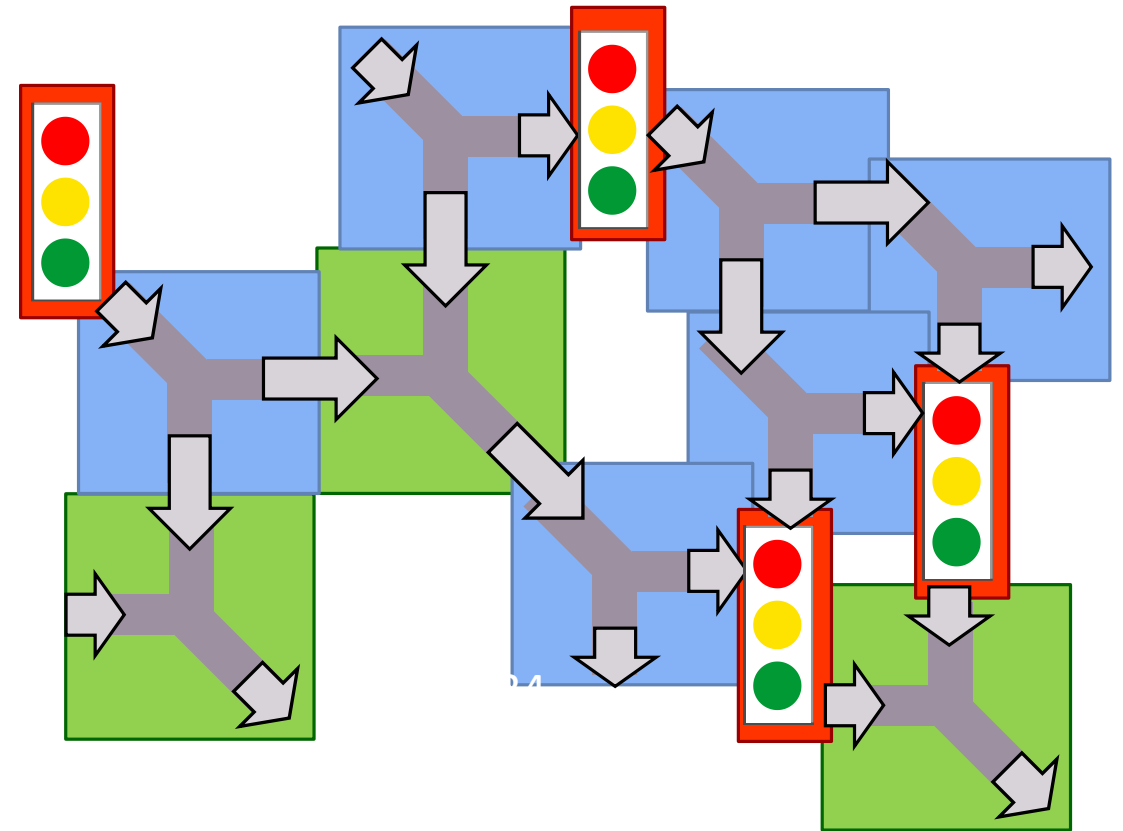


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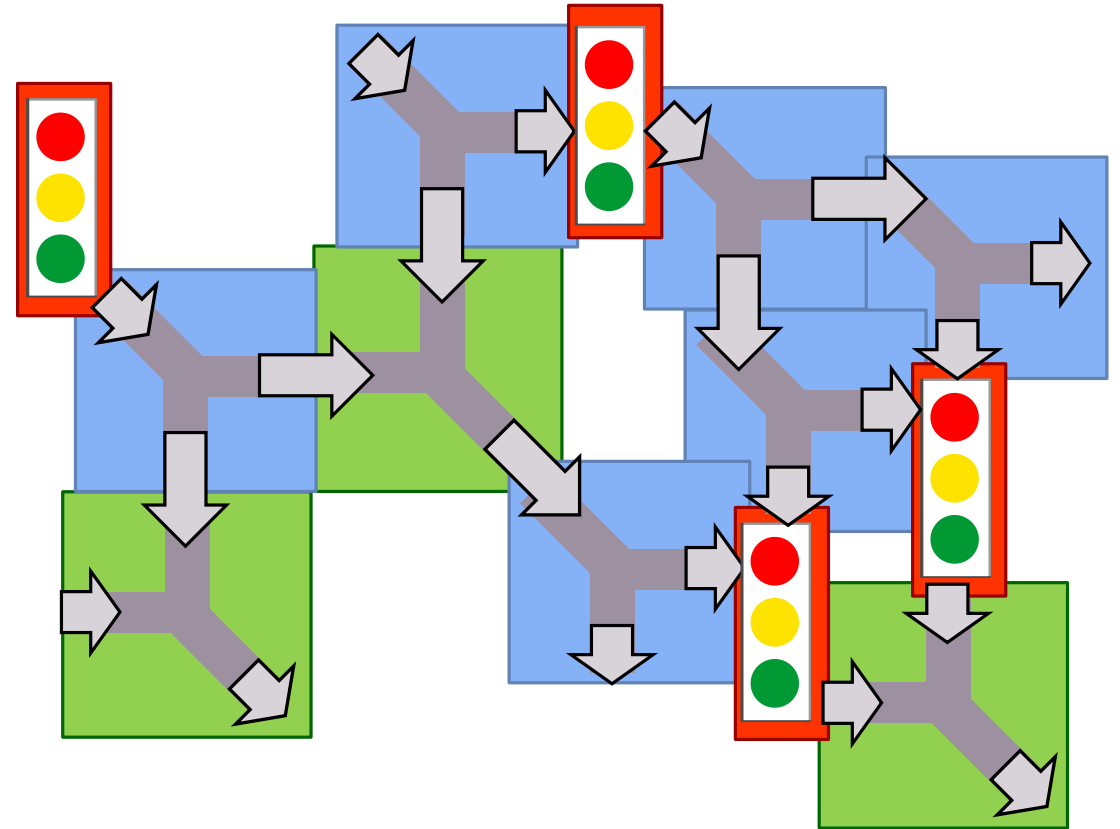
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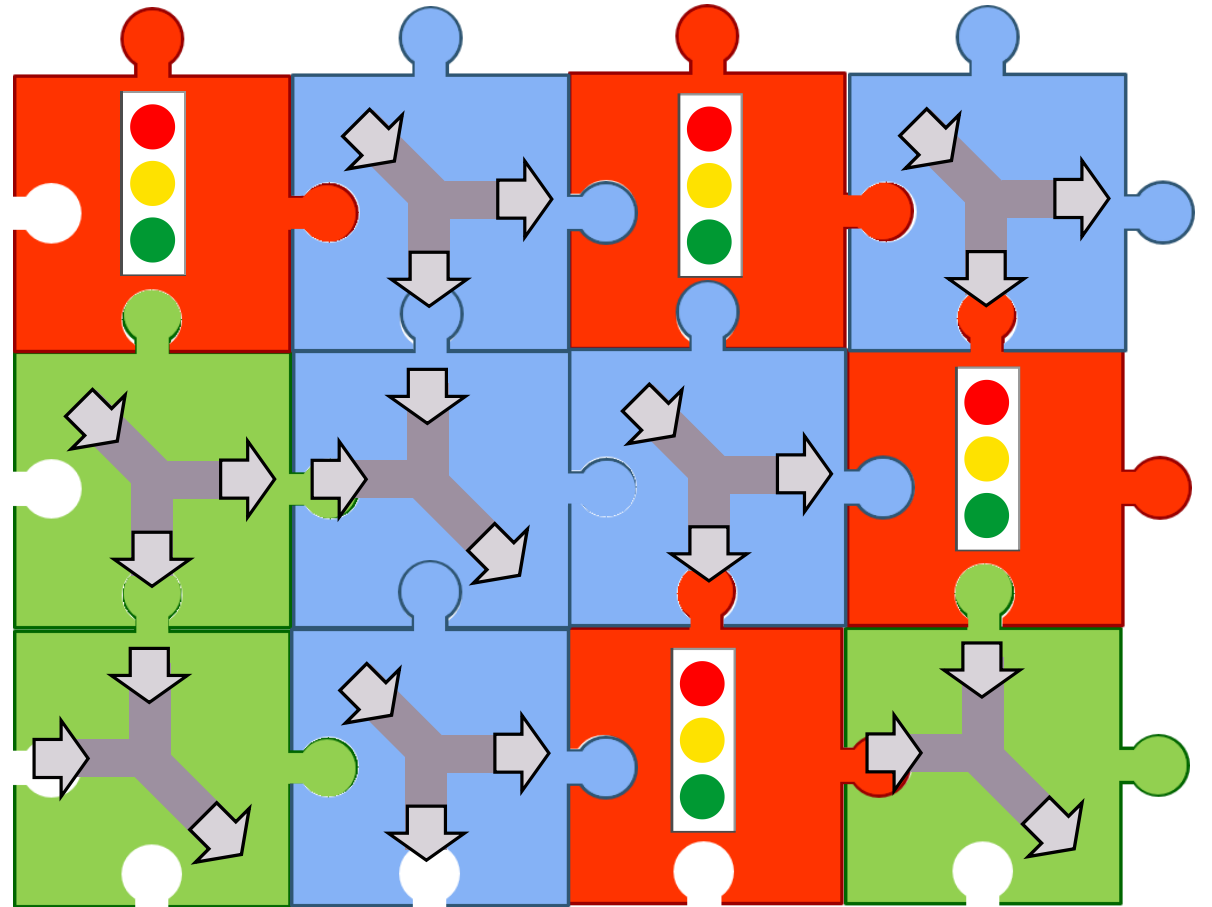
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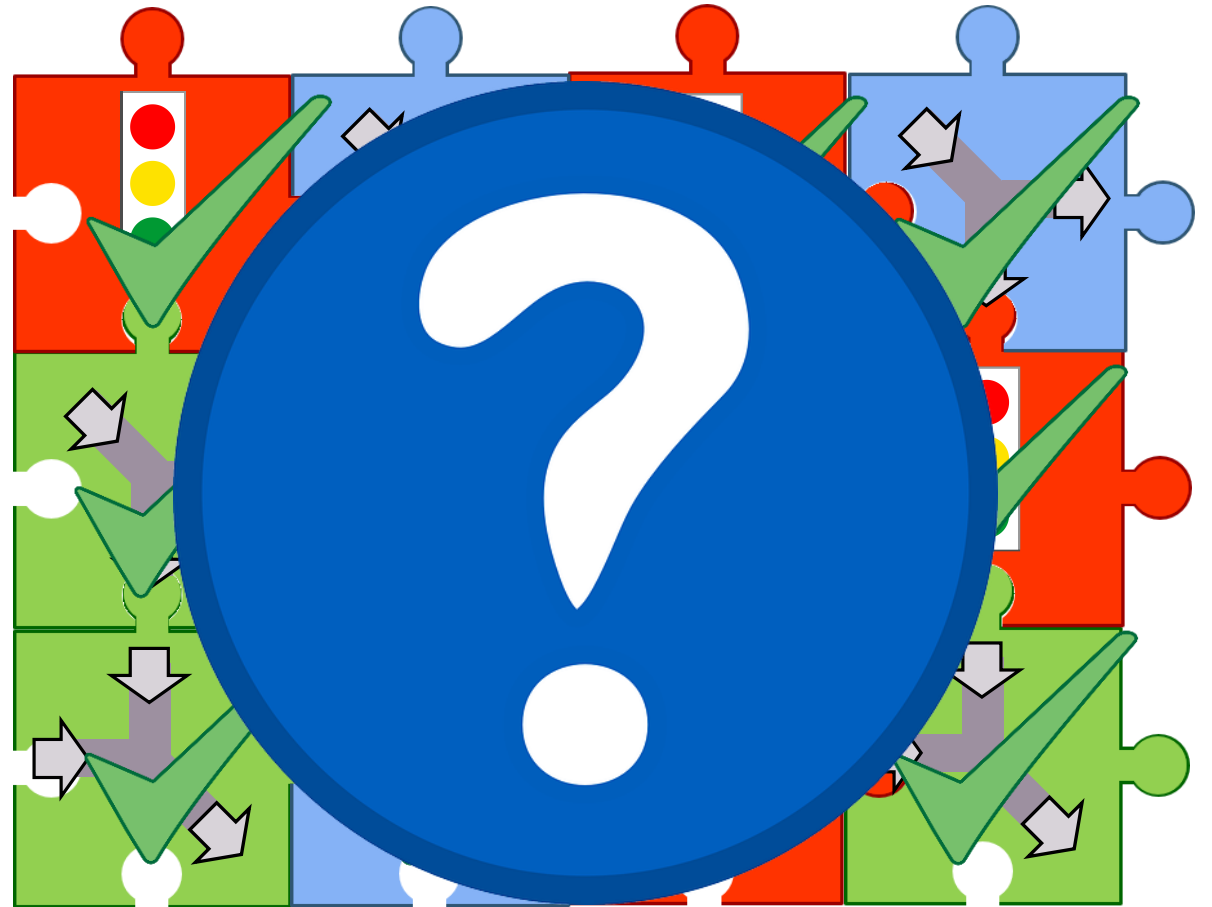
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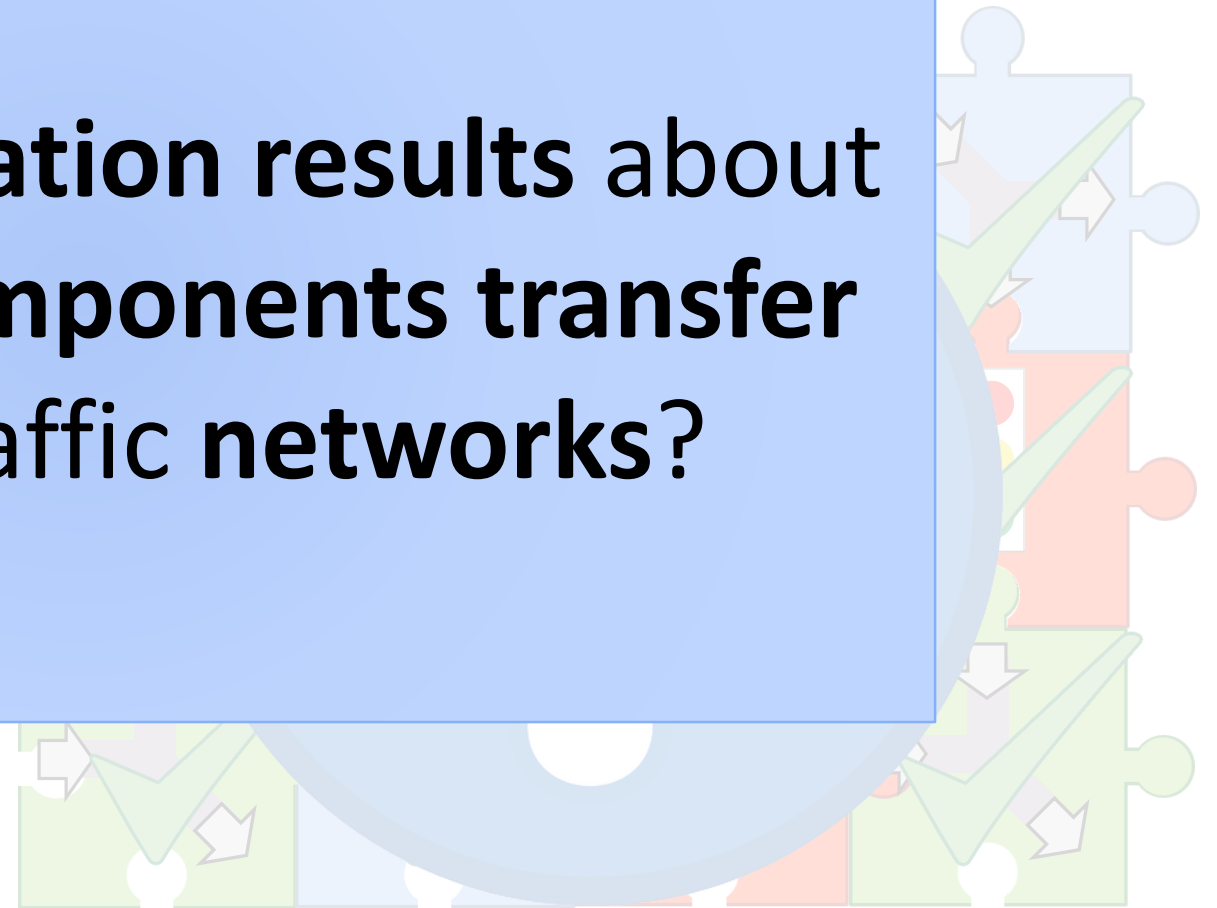
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**How do verification results about
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Systems of
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- Composition comes down to arithmetic checks

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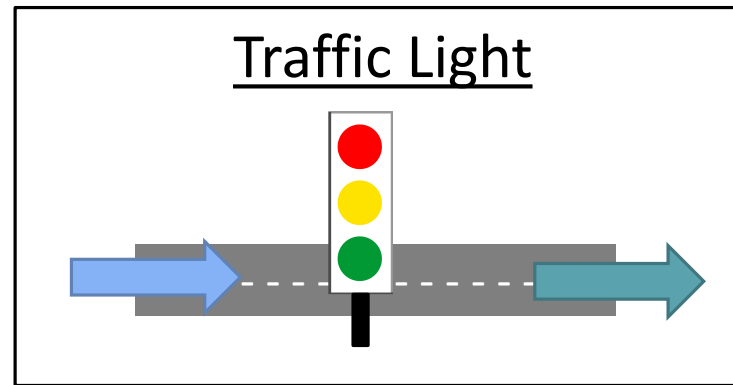
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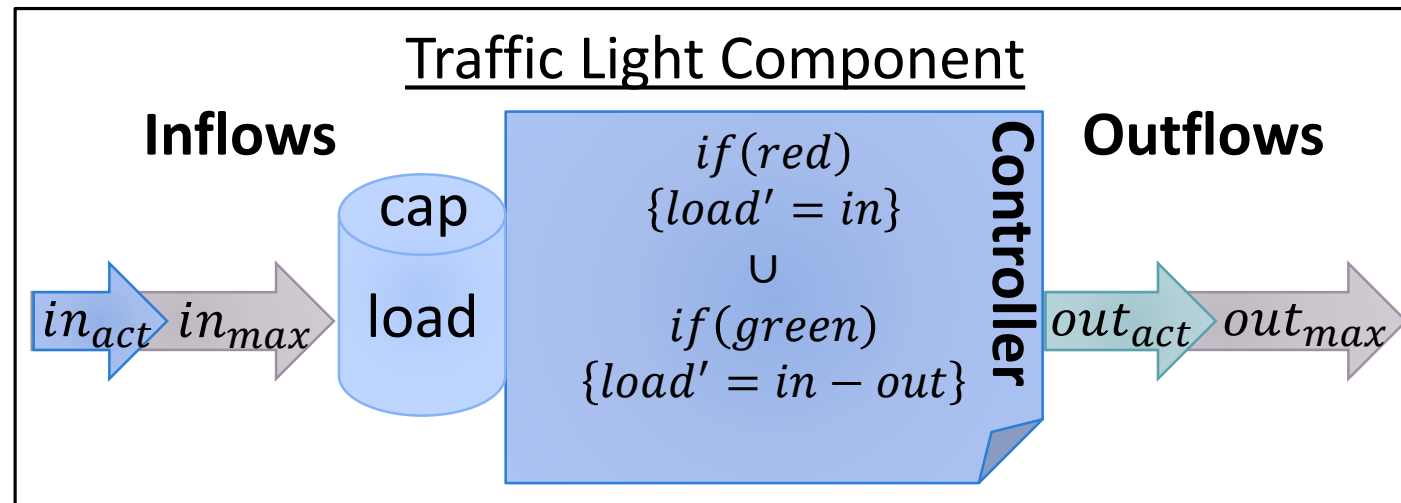
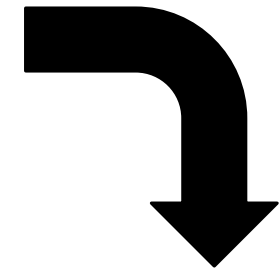
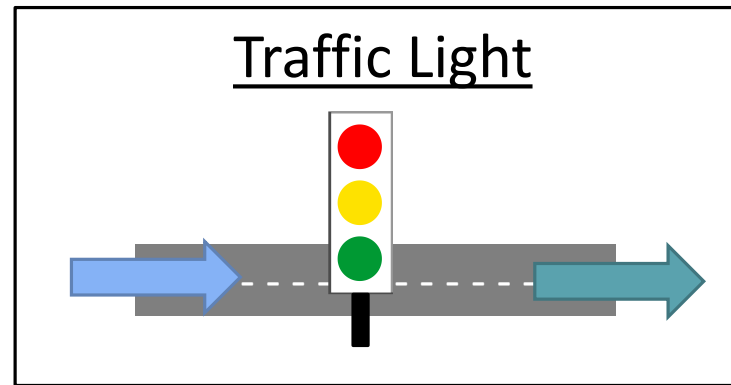


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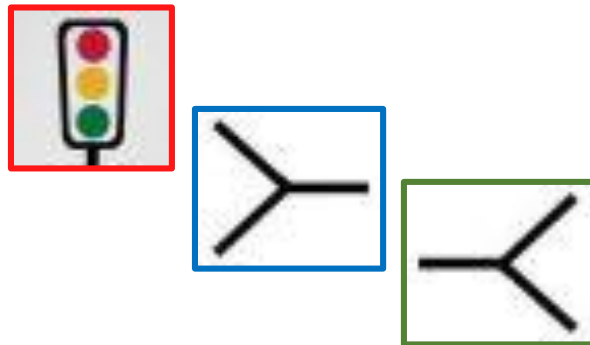
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Component types

- Traffic light (one in, one out)
- Flow merge (two in, one out)
- Flow split (one in, two out)



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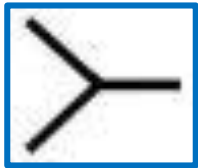
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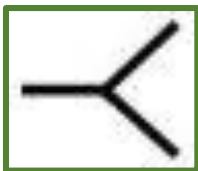
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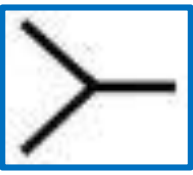
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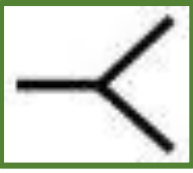
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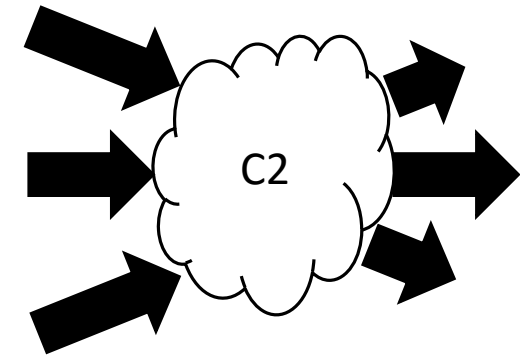
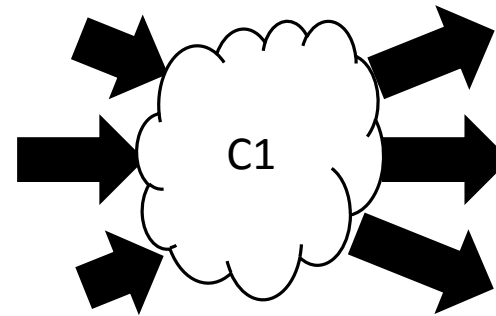
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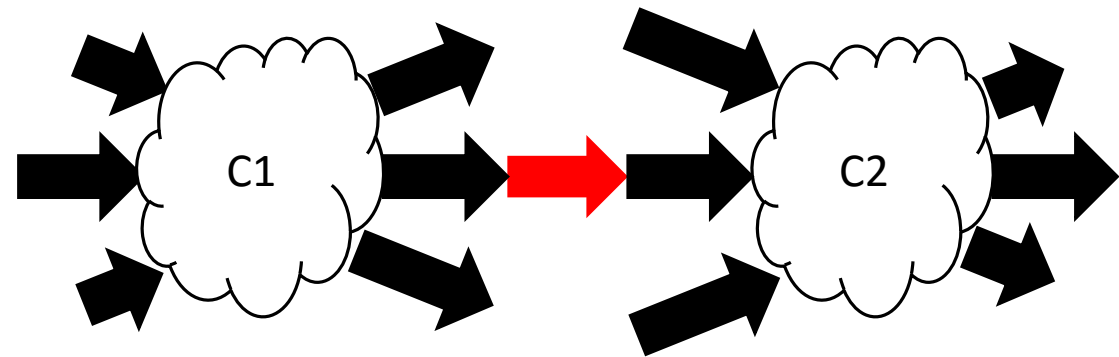
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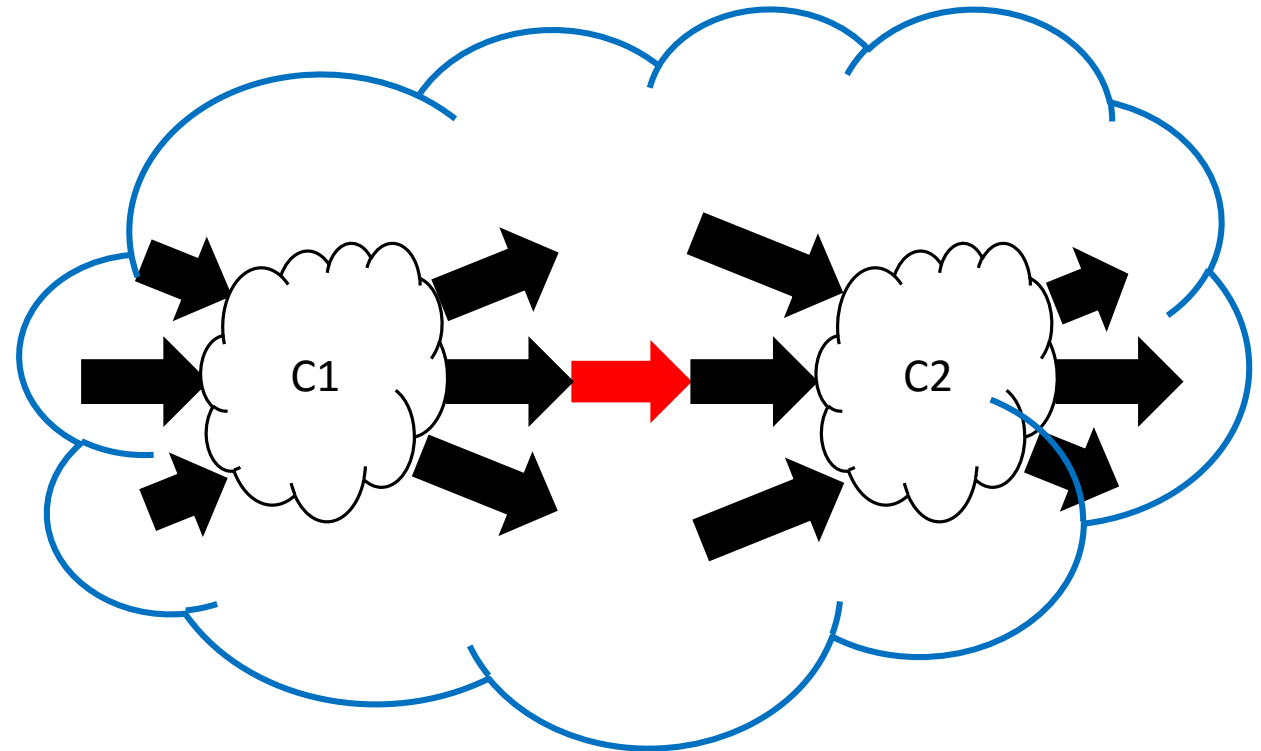
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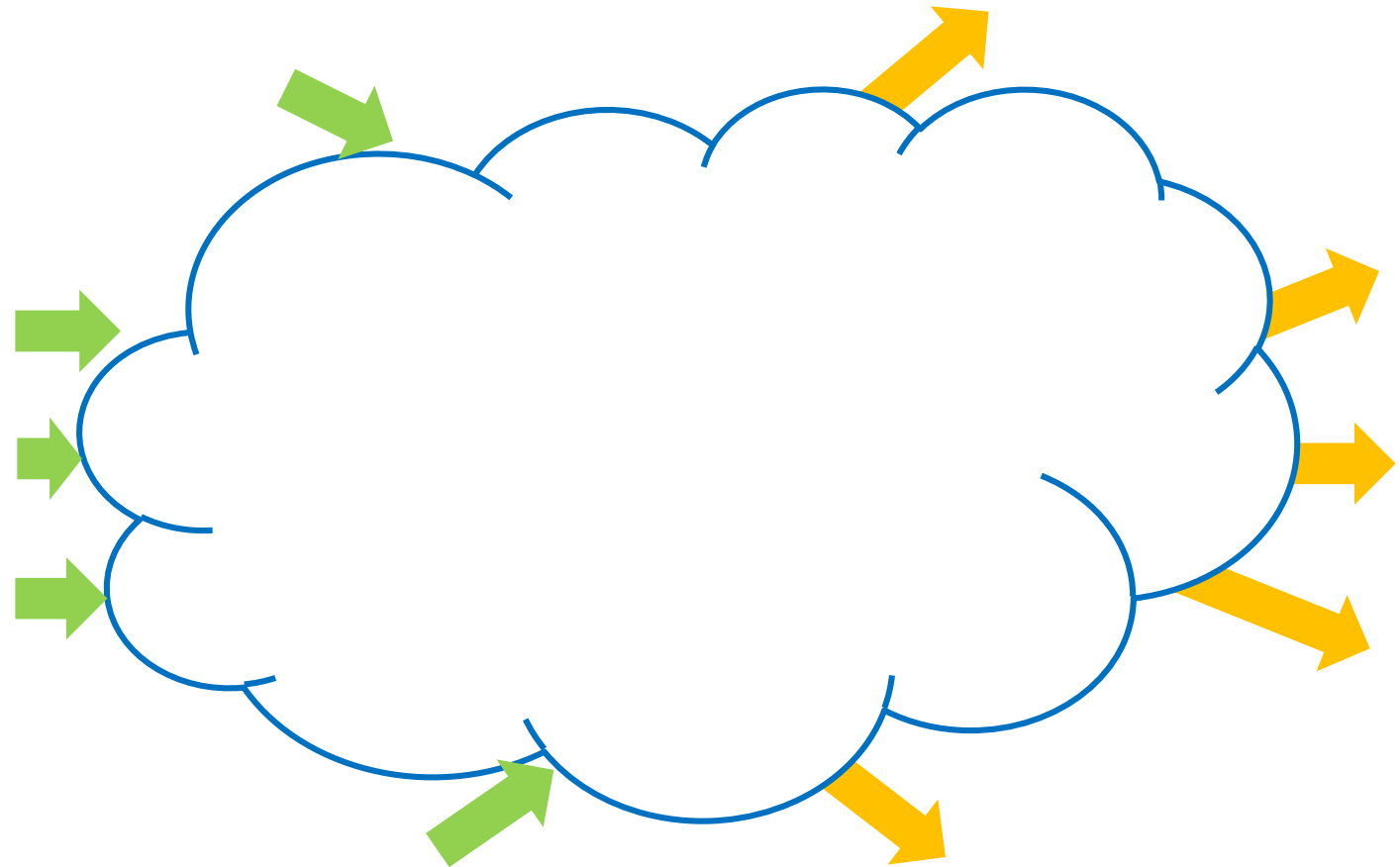
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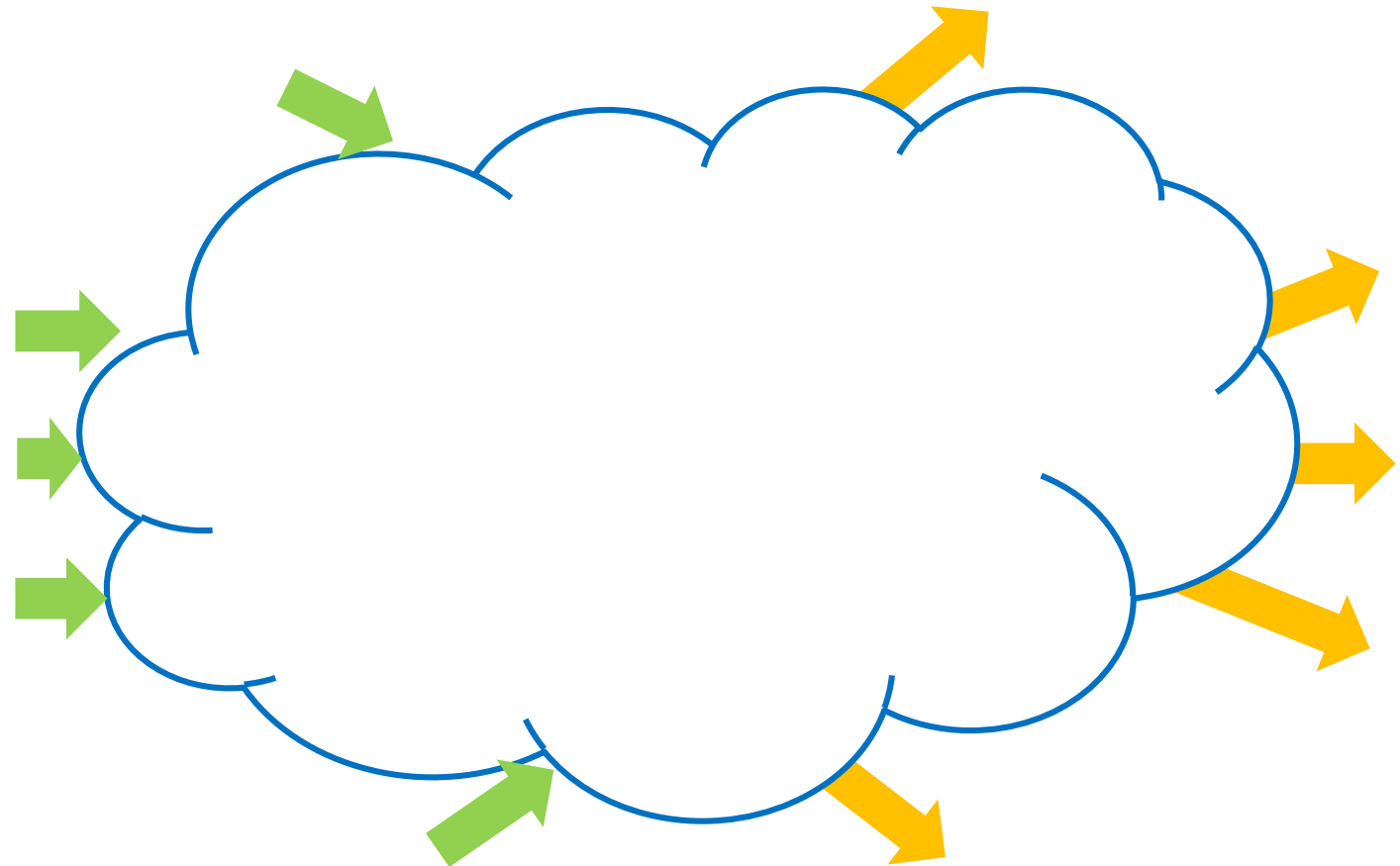
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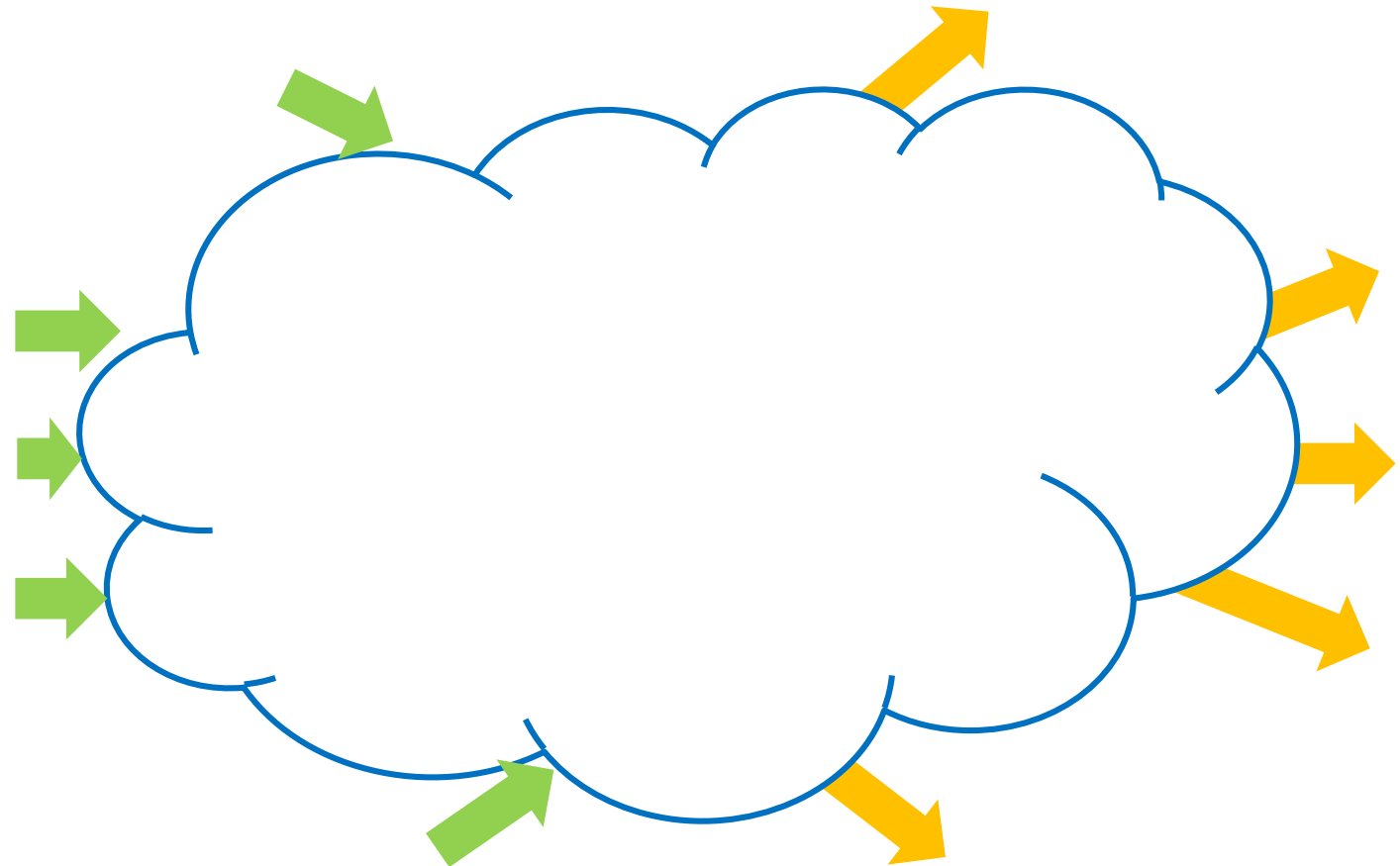
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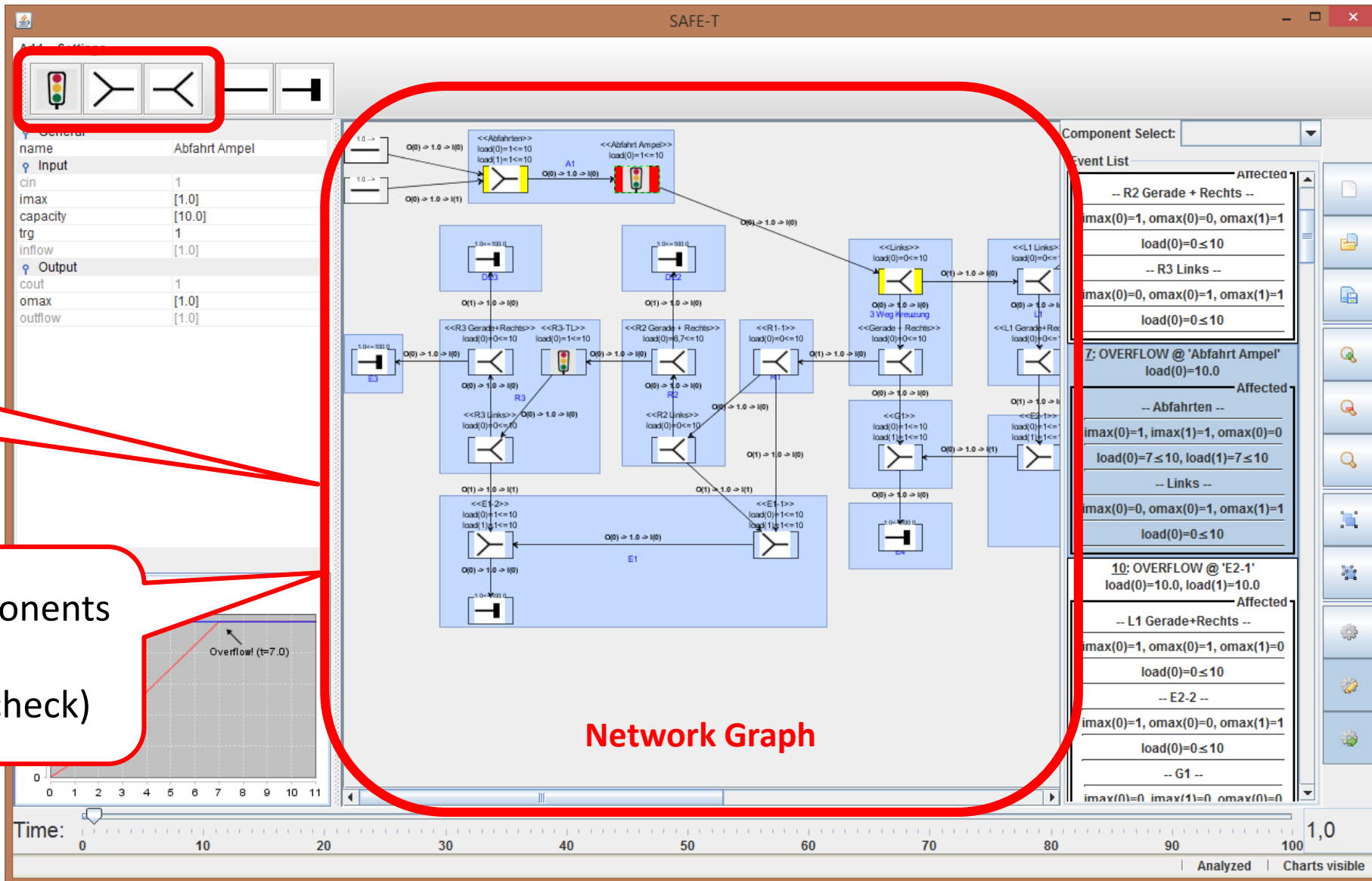


Implementation – SAFE-T

Extensible
Component
Library

Add
components

Connect components
(automatic
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Network Graph

Implementation – SAFE-T

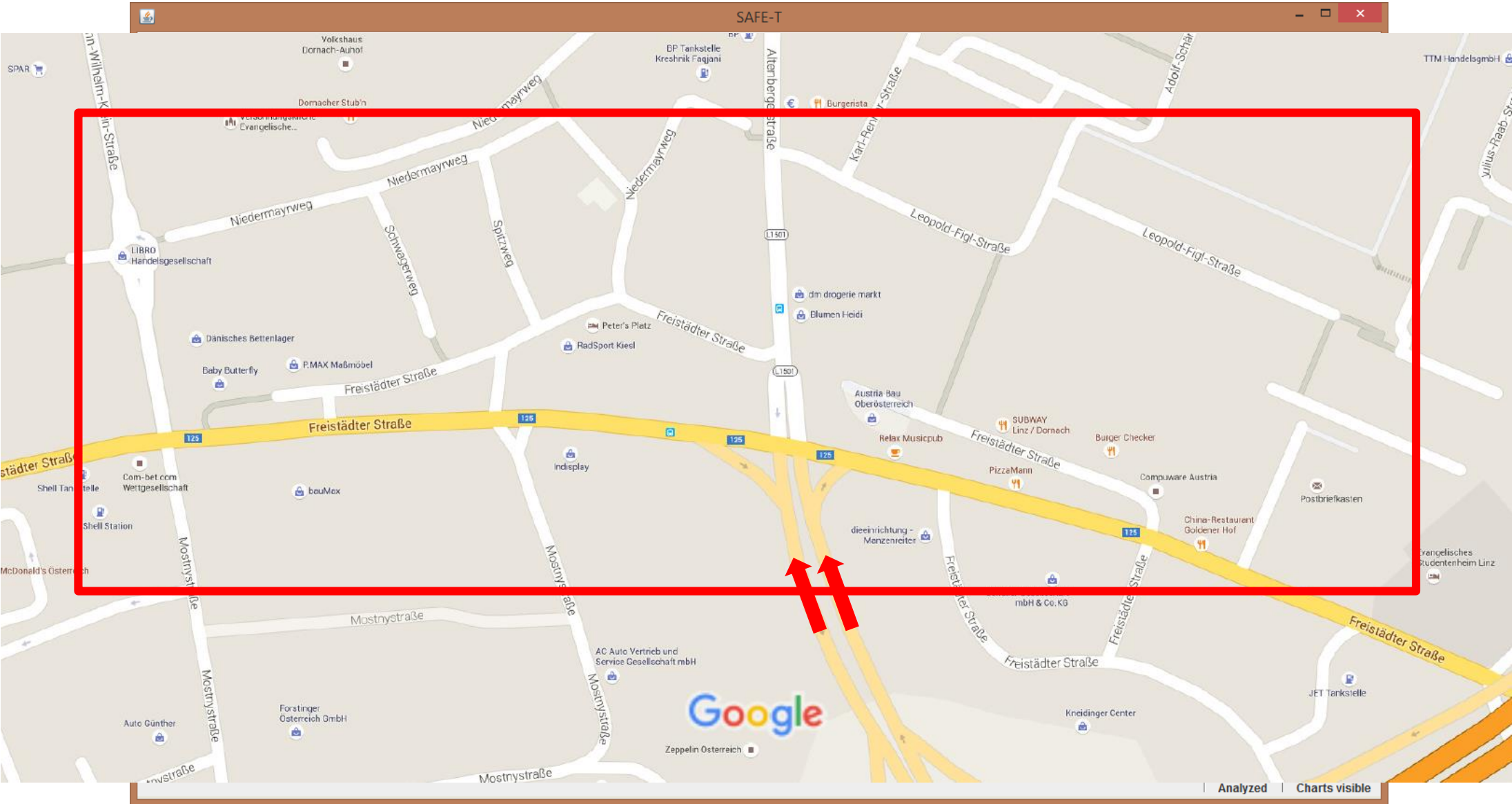
The screenshot displays the SAFE-T simulation environment. The central focus is a **Network Graph**, which is highlighted with a red rounded rectangle. This graph consists of various nodes representing traffic components, such as traffic lights (e.g., A1, R2, R3, L1, L2, L3), junctions (E1, E2, E3), and links (G1, G2, G3). Each node is connected to others, showing the flow of traffic through the system.

On the left side, there is a **General** settings panel for the selected component, "Abfahrt Ampel". It lists parameters like "cin", "imax", "capacity", "trg", "inflow", "cout", "omax", and "outflow". Below this is a **Load on I(0)** graph, which plots the load over time. A red line shows the load increasing linearly until it reaches a point labeled "Overflow! (t=7.0)", where it then drops to zero.

On the right side, there is an **Event List** panel. It shows a list of events that have occurred, including "OVERFLOW @ 'Abfahrt Ampel' load(0)=10.0" and "10: OVERFLOW @ 'E2-1' load(0)=10.0, load(1)=10.0". Each event entry includes details about the affected component and its current load state.

At the bottom of the interface, there is a **Time** axis ranging from 0 to 100, and a **1,0** scale indicator. The status bar at the bottom right shows "Analyzed" and "Charts visible".

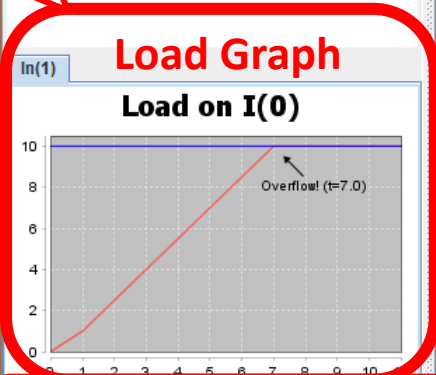
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The screenshot displays the SAFE-T software interface. On the left, a 'General' settings panel for 'Abfahrt Ampel' lists parameters like 'cin', 'imax', 'capacity', 'trg', and 'inflow'. The main area shows a Petri net model with various components like 'A1', 'R2', 'R3', 'L1', 'L2', 'L3', 'E1', 'E2', and 'G1'. On the right, an 'Analysis Panel' shows an 'Event List' with details for 'R2 Gerade + Rechts' and 'R3 Links'. A magnifying glass highlights a specific event: 't=7: OVERFLOW@'C1' load=10.0'. At the bottom, a 'Time Slider' is set to 1.0. A 'Load Graph' window shows a line graph of 'Load on I(0)' over time, with a red arrow pointing to an 'Overflow! (t=7.0)'.

Simulate Model:
How do loads change
over time?



Analyze model:
How long is it
safe?

Analysis Panel

Component Select: []

Event List

Affected
-- R2 Gerade + Rechts --
imax(0)=1, omax(0)=0, omax(1)=1
load(0)=0 ≤ 10
-- R3 Links --
imax(0)=0, omax(0)=1, omax(1)=1
load(0)=0 ≤ 10

**t=7:
OVERFLOW@'C1'
load=10.0**

...

imax(0)=1, omax(0)=1, omax(1)=0
load(0)=0 ≤ 10
-- E2-2 --
imax(0)=1, omax(0)=0, omax(1)=1
load(0)=0 ≤ 10
-- G1 --

Analyze model:
Which
components
overflows first?



Conclusion

Traffic Network

- X Traffic lights
- Y Flow Splits
- Z Flow Merges
- N Connections

		Monolithic	Component-based
Number of Proofs		1 (presumably large)	3 + N Checks (traffic light/split/merge)
Model Size	# Variables	$X*6 + Y*6 + Z*7$	6/6/7
	LoC	$X*60 + Y*50 + Z*50$	60/50/50
Connect...	...Components	Reproof of Composite	Arithmetic Check
Change...	...Component or Properties	Reproof Entire Model	Redo Arithmetic Checks
	...Connections	Reproof Entire Model	Redo Arithmetic Checks
Add...	...Component Type	Reproof Entire Model	Reproof Component Model

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Example Network

- 5 Traffic lights
- 5 Flow Merges
- 5 Flow Splits
- 10 Connections

		Monolithic	Component-based
Number of Proofs		1	3 + 10 Checks (traffic light/split/merge)
Model Size	# Variables	95	6/6/7
	LoC	800	60/50/50
Connect...	...Components	Reproof of Composite	Arithmetic Check
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Example Network

- 5 Traffic
- 5 Flow

Advantages

- Small proofs & checks instead of one huge proof
- Increased reusability
- Easy model evolution

Limitation

- Simplified models

Number of Proofs		Component Type	Reproof Entire Model	Reproof Component Model
Model Size	# V			
Connect...	...C			
Change...	...C			
Add...	...C			

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THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

Related Work

Component-based CPS modeling and verification

- Few handle discrete and continuous CPS aspects
- Formal verification is not considered
- E.g.: Damm et al. [1], Henzinger et al. [2]

Traffic models

- Plethora of models
- Mostly purely continuous
- Verification not considered
- E.g.: Greenshields et al. [3], Lighthill et al. [4]

Intelligent traffic management systems

- Support traffic operators
- Complementary to our approach
- E.g.: Baumgartner et al. [5], Almejalli et al. [6]

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Future Work

Consider traffic phenomena (e.g., shock-waves)

Introduce further components

Automatically transform networks into components and compositions

Generic Component Definitions

- Currently work-in-progress

Definition 1 (Flow Component): Let E be the set of all edges. A *flow component* F is defined as a tuple

$$F = (\text{In}, \text{Out}, i_{\max}, o_{\max}, l, c) \text{ where}$$

- $\text{In} \subseteq E$ is a finite ordered set $\{\text{In}_1, \dots, \text{In}_n\}$ of n input names.
- $\text{Out} \subseteq E$ is a finite ordered set $\{\text{Out}_1, \dots, \text{Out}_m\}$ of m output names.
- $i_{\max} : \text{In} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ is a function assigning a non-negative maximum inflow to each input in In . We lift to ordered sets as follows $i_{\max}(\text{In}) = \{i_{\max}(\text{In}_1), \dots, i_{\max}(\text{In}_n)\}$.
- $o_{\max} : \text{Out} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ is a function assigning a non-negative maximum outflow to each output in Out . We lift to ordered sets as follows $o_{\max}(\text{Out}) = \{o_{\max}(\text{Out}_1), \dots, o_{\max}(\text{Out}_m)\}$.
- $c : \text{In} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ is a function assigning a maximum capacity (i. e., maximum manageable load) to each input in In . We lift to ordered sets $c(\text{In}) = \{c(\text{In}_1), \dots, c(\text{In}_n)\}$.
- $l : (\text{In}, \mathbb{R}^+, \mathbb{R}^+, (\mathbb{R}^+)^m) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ is a function calculating the load (i. e., capacity used) of an input depending on the current time, the inflow i_{\max} and all outflows o_{\max} .

Definition 3 (Sequential Composition): Let

$$F^s = (\text{In}^s, \text{Out}^s, i_{\max}^s, o_{\max}^s, l^s, c^s), \text{ for } s \in \{1, 2\}$$

be flow-components, with disjoint inputs and outputs (i. e., $\text{In}^1 \cap \text{In}^2 = \text{Out}^1 \cap \text{Out}^2 = \emptyset$) and $\mathcal{C} : \text{Out}^1 \rightarrow \text{In}^2$ be a partial (i. e., not every output must be mapped when connecting two components), injective (i. e., every input is only mapped to one output upon connection of components) function, mapping connected outputs and inputs between the two components. We define \mathcal{O} as the domain of \mathcal{C} (i. e., all values $x \in \text{Out}^1$ such that $\mathcal{C}(x)$ is defined) and \mathcal{I} as the the image of \mathcal{C} (i. e., all values $y \in \text{In}^2$ such that $y = \mathcal{C}(x)$ holds for some $x \in \text{Out}^1$).

We define the sequential composition $F^3 = F^1 \bullet_{\mathcal{O}}^{\mathcal{C}} F^2$ of flow components F^1 and F^2 by connecting outputs of F^1 to inputs of F^2 according to a function \mathcal{C} , with $|\mathcal{O}| > 0$, where

$$F^3 = (\text{In}^3, \text{Out}^3, i_{\max}^3, o_{\max}^3, l^3, c^3) \text{ with}$$

- $\text{In}^3 = (\text{In}^2 \setminus \mathcal{I}) \cup \text{In}^1$
- $\text{Out}^3 = \text{Out}^2 \cup (\text{Out}^1 \setminus \mathcal{O})$
- $n_3 = |\text{In}^3| = |\text{In}^1| + |\text{In}^2| - |\mathcal{C}|$ and
 $m_3 = |\text{Out}^3| = |\text{Out}^1| + |\text{Out}^2| - |\mathcal{C}|$
- $i_{\max}^3 : \text{In} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$, with
 $\forall \text{In}_k \in \text{In}^1 . i_{\max}^3(\text{In}_k) = i_{\max}^1(\text{In}_k)$ and
 $\forall \text{In}_l \in \text{In}^2 \cap \text{In}^3 . i_{\max}^3(\text{In}_l) = i_{\max}^2(\text{In}_l)$
- $o_{\max}^3 : \text{Out} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$, with
 $\forall \text{Out}_k \in \text{Out}^1 \cap \text{Out}^3 . o_{\max}^3(\text{Out}_k) = o_{\max}^1(\text{Out}_k)$ and
 $\forall \text{Out}_l \in \text{Out}^2 . o_{\max}^3(\text{Out}_l) = o_{\max}^2(\text{Out}_l)$,
- $l^3 : (\text{In}, \mathbb{R}^+, \mathbb{R}^+, (\mathbb{R}^+)^{m_3}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$, with
 $\forall \text{In}_k \in \text{In}^1 . l^3(\text{In}_k, t, i_{\max}^3(\text{In}_k), o_{\max}^3(\text{Out}^1))$
 $= l^1(\text{In}_k, t, i_{\max}^3(\text{In}_k), o_{\max}^3(\text{Out}^1))$ and
 $\forall \text{In}_l \in \text{In}^2 \cap \text{In}^3 . l^3(\text{In}_l, t, i_{\max}^3(\text{In}_l), o_{\max}^3(\text{Out}^2))$
 $= l^2(\text{In}_l, t, i_{\max}^2(\text{In}_l), o_{\max}^3(\text{Out}^2))$
- $c^3 : \text{In} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$, with $\forall \text{In}_k \in \text{In}^1 . c^3(\text{In}_k) = c^1(\text{In}_k)$ and
 $\forall \text{In}_l \in \text{In}^2 \cap \text{In}^3 . c^3(\text{In}_l) = c^2(\text{In}_l)$.

Model 1 Traffic flow in a traffic light

$$tl \equiv (ctrl_{tl}; plant_{tl})^* \quad (1)$$

$$ctrl_{tl} \equiv \text{if } (t_c = T_c) \text{ then } t_c := 0; go := (go - 1)^2 \text{ fi} \quad (2)$$

$$i_{act} := *; ?(0 \leq i_{act} \leq i_{max}); \quad (3)$$

$$\text{if } (l > 0) \text{ then } o_{act} := o_{max} \quad (4)$$

$$\text{else } o_{act} := \min(i_{act}, o_{max}) \text{ fi}; \quad (5)$$

$$plant_{tl} \equiv l' = i_{act} - o_{act} \cdot go, t' = 1, t'_c = 1 \quad (6)$$

$$\& t_c \leq T_c \wedge l \geq 0 \quad (7)$$

Proposition 1 (Traffic Light Load Safety): We want the traffic light to be load-safe in order to avoid an overflow which would result in a traffic breakdown. A flow component with one input and one output is load-safe per Def. 2 if

$$l(\text{In}_1, t, i_{\max}(\text{In}_1), \{o_{\max}(\text{Out}_1)\}) \leq c(\text{In}_1) \ .$$

Thus, a traffic light is safe (ψ_{tl}) if it is load-safe for up to a maximum time T .

$$\psi_{tl} \equiv (t \leq T \rightarrow l \leq c)$$

When started in a safe initial state ϕ_{tl} , the traffic light component tl ensures load safety ψ_{tl}

$$\phi_{tl} \rightarrow [tl]\psi_{tl} \quad (8)$$

where

$$\phi_{tl} \equiv t = 0 \wedge 0 \leq t_c \leq T_c \wedge T_c > 0 \wedge T > 0 \wedge l = 0$$

$$\wedge c \geq \max(T_c \cdot i_{\max}, T \cdot i_{\max} - \max\left(0, o_{\max} \cdot \frac{T - T_c}{2}\right))$$

$$\wedge 0 \leq i_{\max} \wedge 0 \leq o_{\max} \wedge go \cdot (go - 1) = 0 \ .$$

Model 2 Traffic flow in a traffic flow merge component

$$tfm \equiv (ctrl_{tfm}; plant_{tfm})^* \quad (9)$$

$$ctrl_{tfm} \equiv road := *; ?(0 \leq road \leq 1); \quad (10)$$

$$i1_{act} := *; ?(0 \leq i1_{act} \leq i1_{max}); \quad (11)$$

$$i2_{act} := *; ?(0 \leq i2_{act} \leq i2_{max}); \quad (12)$$

$$\text{if } (l1 > 0 \vee l2 > 0) \text{ then } o_{act} := o_{max} \quad (13)$$

$$\text{else } o_{act} := \min(i1_{act} + i2_{act}, o_{max}) \text{ fi}; \quad (14)$$

$$plant_{tfm} \equiv l1' = i1_{act} - o_{act} \cdot (1 - road), t' = 1, \quad (15)$$

$$l2' = i2_{act} - o_{act} \cdot road \ \& \ l1 \geq 0 \wedge l2 \geq 0 \quad (16)$$

Proposition 2 (Merge Load Safety): We want the traffic flow merge component to be load-safe in order to avoid an overflow which would result in a traffic breakdown. A flow component with two inputs and one output is load safe if

$$l(\text{In}_i, t, i_{\max}(\text{In}_i), \{o_{\max}(\text{Out}_1)\}) \leq c(\text{In}_i) \text{ for } i \in \{1, 2\} .$$

Thus, a traffic flow merge is safe (ψ_{tfm}) if it is load-safe for up to a maximum time T :

$$\psi_{tfm} \equiv (t \leq T \rightarrow (l1 \leq c1 \wedge l2 \leq c2)) .$$

A traffic flow merge component tfm ensures load safety ψ_{tfm} , cf. (17), when started in a safe initial state ϕ_{tfm} (18).

$$\phi_{tfm} \rightarrow [tfm]\psi_{tfm} \quad (17)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{tfm} \equiv & t = 0 \wedge 0 \leq i1_{max} \wedge 0 \leq i2_{max} \wedge 0 \leq o_{max} \\ & \wedge c1 \geq T \cdot i1_{max} \wedge c2 \geq T \cdot i2_{max} \\ & \wedge l1 = l2 = 0 \wedge 0 \leq road \leq 1 \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

Model 3 Traffic flow in a traffic flow split component

$$tfs \equiv (ctrl; plant)^* \quad (19)$$

$$ctrl_{tfs} \equiv i_{act} := *; \ ?(0 \leq i_{act} \leq i_{max}); \quad (20)$$

$$road := *; \ ?(0 \leq road \leq 1); \quad (21)$$

$$\text{if } (l > 0) \text{ then } o1_{act} := o1_{max}; o2_{act} := o2_{max} \quad (22)$$

$$\text{else } o1_{act} := \min(i_{act}, o1_{max}); \quad (23)$$

$$o2_{act} := \min(i_{act}, o2_{max}) \text{ fi}; \quad (24)$$

$$plant_{tfs} \equiv l' = i_{act} - o1_{act} \cdot (1 - road) - o2_{act} \cdot road, \quad (25)$$

$$t' = 1 \ \& \ l \geq 0 \quad (26)$$

Proposition 3 (Split Load Safety): We want traffic flow split components to be load-safe in order to avoid an overflow which would result in a traffic breakdown. A flow component with one input and two outputs is load-safe per Def. 2 if

$$l(\text{In}_1, t, i_{\max}(\text{In}_1), \{o_{\max}(\text{Out}_1), o_{\max}(\text{Out}_2)\}) \leq c(\text{In}_1) \ .$$

Thus, a traffic flow split component is safe ψ_{tfs} if it is load-safe for up to a maximum time T .

$$\psi_{tfs} \equiv (t \leq T \rightarrow l \leq c)$$

When started in a safe initial state ϕ_{tfs} , the traffic flow split component tfs ensures load safety ψ_{tfs}

$$\phi_{tfs} \rightarrow [tfs]\psi_{tfs} \quad (27)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{tfs} \equiv & t = 0 \wedge T > 0 \wedge 0 \leq i_{\max} \wedge 0 \leq o1_{\max} \wedge 0 \leq o2_{\max} \\ & \wedge c \geq \max\left(0, T \cdot (i_{\max} - \min(o1_{\max}, o2_{\max}))\right) \\ & \wedge l = 0 \wedge 0 \leq road \leq 1 \ . \end{aligned}$$