

# *Software Design, Modelling and Analysis in UML*

## *Lecture 17: Reflective Description of Behaviour, Live Sequence Charts I*

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# Contents & Goals

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## Last Lecture:

- Hierarchical State Machines
- **Later:** Remaining pseudo-states, such as shallow/deep history; active vs. passive; behavioural feature.

## This Lecture:

- **Educational Objectives:** Capabilities for following tasks/questions.
  - What does this LSC mean?
  - Are this UML model's state machines consistent with the interactions?
  - Please provide a UML model which is consistent with this LSC.
  - What is: activation, hot/cold condition, pre-chart, etc.?
- **Content:**
  - Reflective description of behaviour.
  - LSC concrete and abstract syntax.
  - LSC intuitive semantics.
  - Symbolic Büchi Automata (TBA) and its (accepted) language.

*You are here.*



# *Motivation: Reflective, Dynamic Descriptions of Behaviour*

# Recall: Constructive vs. Reflective Descriptions

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[Harel, 1997] proposes to distinguish constructive and reflective descriptions:

- “A language is **constructive** if it contributes to the dynamic semantics of the model. That is, its constructs contain information needed in executing the model or in translating it into executable code.”

A constructive description tells **how** things are computed (which can then be desired or undesired).

- “Other languages are **reflective** or **assertive**, and can be used by the system modeler to capture parts of the thinking that go into building the model – behavior included –, to derive and present views of the model, statically or during execution, or to set constraints on behavior in preparation for verification.”

A reflective description tells **what** shall or shall not be computed.

**Note:** No sharp boundaries!

# Recall: What is a Requirement?

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## Recall:

- The **semantics** of the **UML model**  $\mathcal{M} = (\mathcal{CD}, \mathcal{IM}, \mathcal{OD})$  is the **transition system**  $(S, \rightarrow, S_0)$  constructed according to discard/dispatch/commence-rules.
- The **computations of**  $\mathcal{M}$ , denoted by  $\llbracket \mathcal{M} \rrbracket$ , are the computations of  $(S, \rightarrow, S_0)$ .

## Now:

A reflective description tells **what** shall or shall not be computed.

**More formally:** a requirement  $\vartheta$  is a property of computations, sth. which is either satisfied or not satisfied by a computation

$$\pi = (\sigma_0, \varepsilon_0) \xrightarrow{(cons_0, Snd_0)} (\sigma_1, \varepsilon_1) \xrightarrow{(cons_1, Snd_1)} \dots \in \llbracket \mathcal{M} \rrbracket,$$

denoted by  $\pi \models \vartheta$  and  $\pi \not\models \vartheta$ , resp.

# OCL as Reflective Description of Certain Properties

- **invariants:**

$$\mathcal{M} \models \vartheta \text{ iff } \forall \pi \in \llbracket \mathcal{M} \rrbracket \forall i \in \mathbb{N} : \pi^i \models \vartheta,$$

the  $i$ -th  $(\sigma, \varepsilon)$ -pair in  $\pi$

- **non-reachability of configurations:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \nexists \pi \in \llbracket \mathcal{M} \rrbracket \nexists i \in \mathbb{N} : \pi^i \models \vartheta \\ \iff & \forall \pi \in \llbracket \mathcal{M} \rrbracket \forall i \in \mathbb{N} : \pi^i \models \neg \vartheta \end{aligned}$$

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where

- $\vartheta$  is an OCL expression or an object diagram and
- “ $\models$ ” is the corresponding OCL satisfaction or the “is represented by object diagram” relation.



# *In General Not OCL: Temporal Properties*

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## Dynamic (by example)

- **reactive behaviour**

- “for each  $C$  instance, each reception of  $E$  is finally answered by  $F$ ”

$$\forall \pi \in \llbracket \mathcal{M} \rrbracket : \pi \models \vartheta$$

- **non-reachability** of system configuration **sequences**

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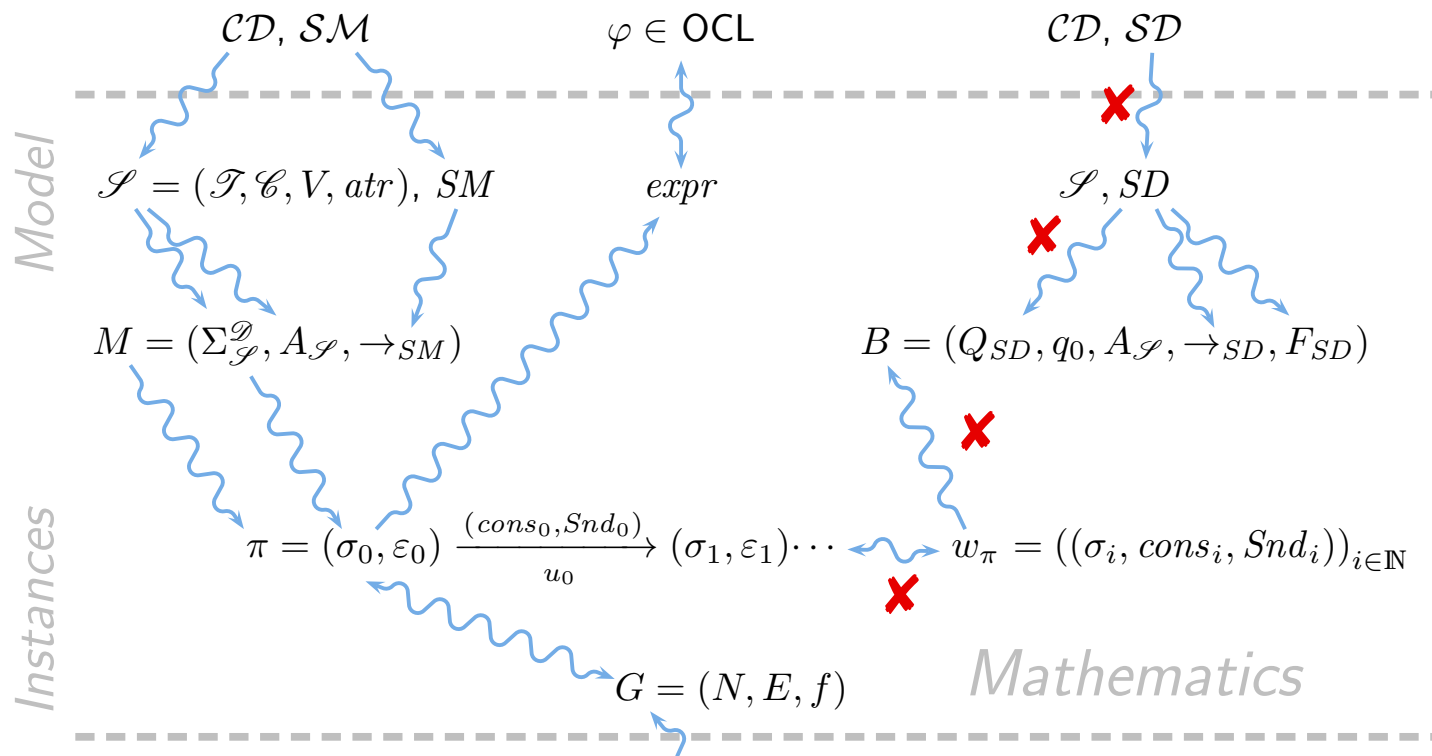
**But:** what is “ $\models$ ” and what is “ $\vartheta$ ”?



# Interactions: Plan

- In the following, we consider **Sequence Diagrams** as **interaction**  $\mathcal{I}$ ,
- more precisely: **Live Sequence Charts** [Damm and Harel, 2001].
- We define the **language**  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{I})$  of an LSC — via Büchi automata.
- Then (conceptually)  $\pi \models \vartheta$  if and only if  $w_\pi \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{I})$ .

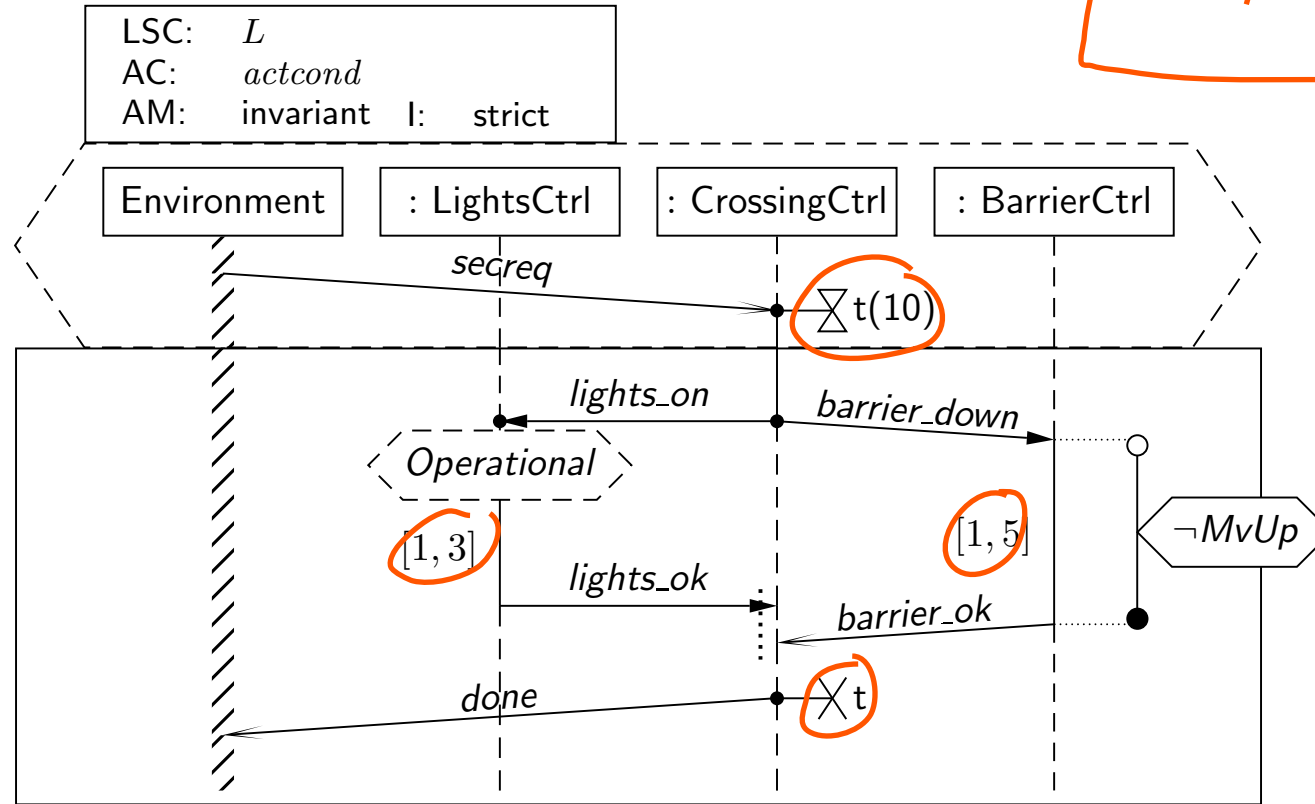
Why LSC, relation LSCs/UML SDs, other kinds of interactions: **later**.



# *Live Sequence Charts — Concrete Syntax*

# Example

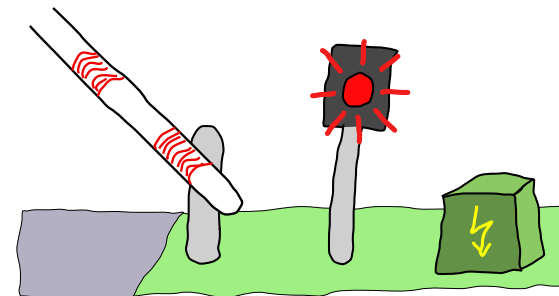
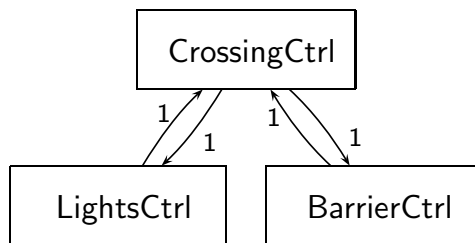
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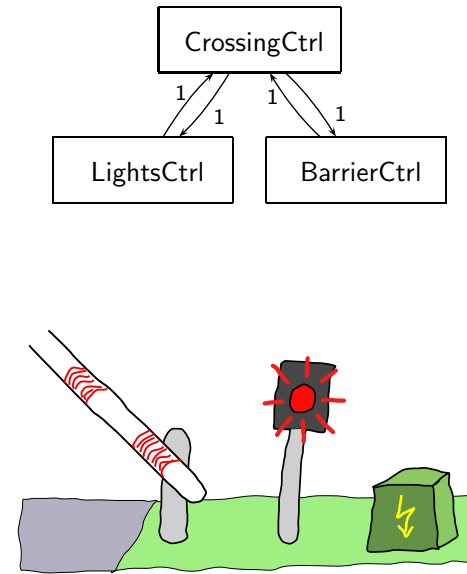
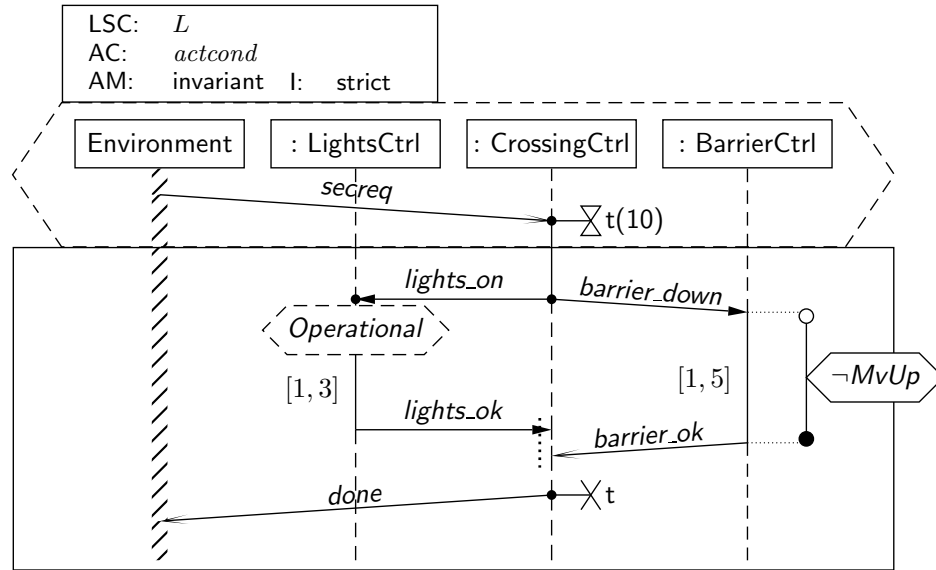
«signal»  
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seqreq

«signal»  
done

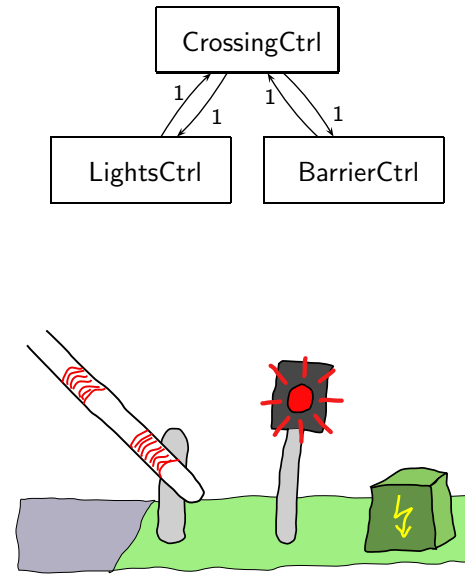
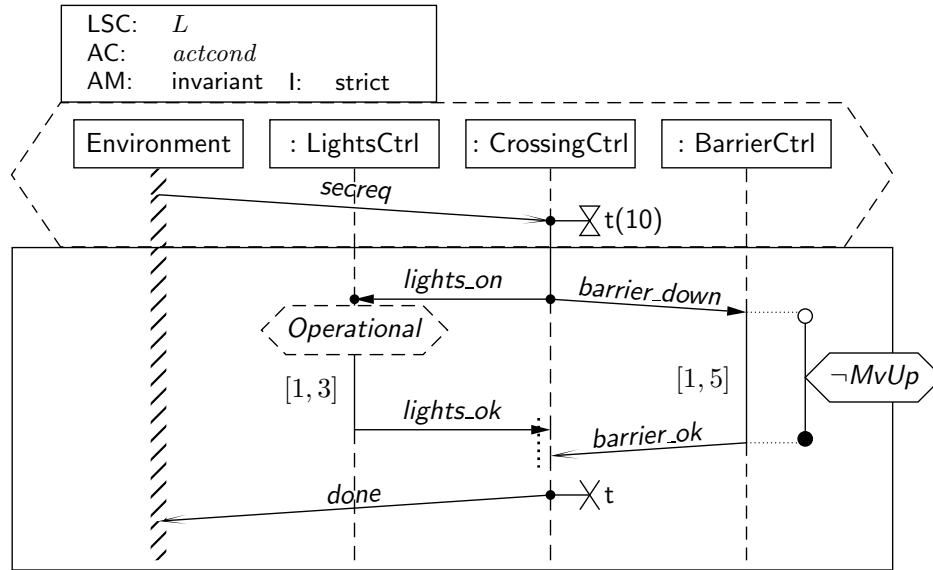


# Example: What Is Required?

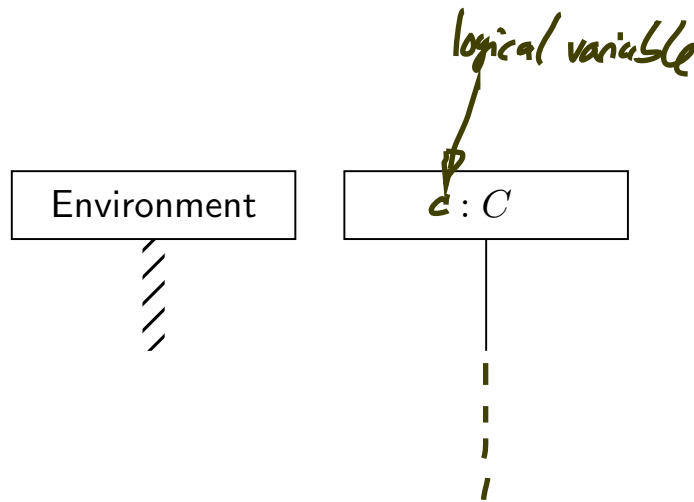


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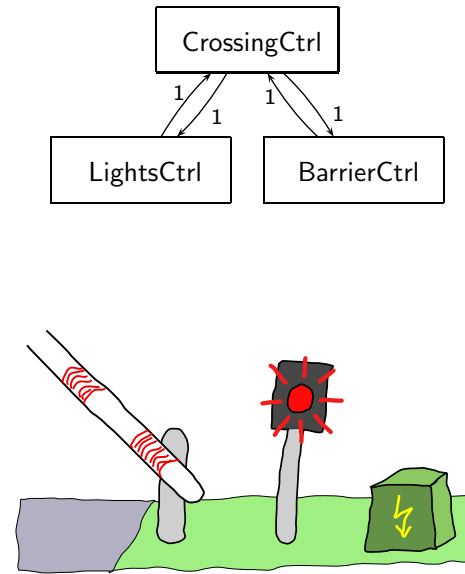
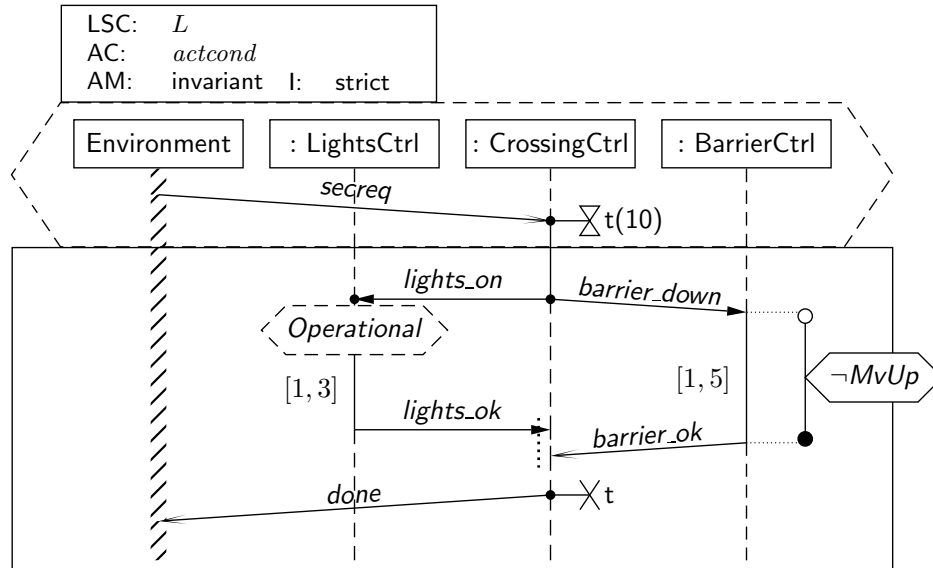
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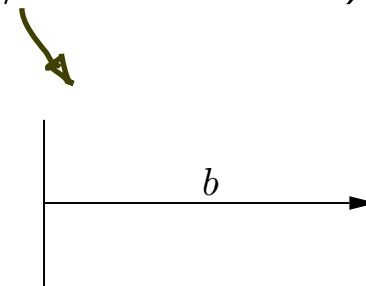
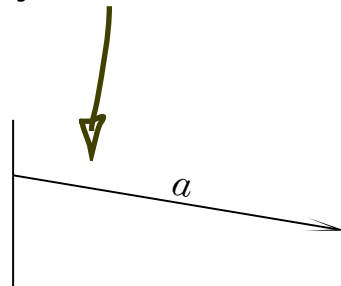
- Instance Lines:



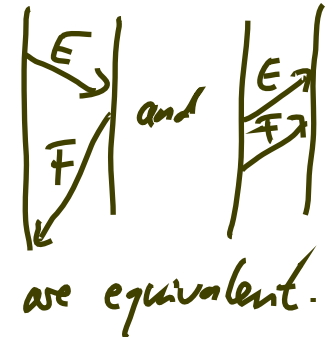
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- **Messages:** (asynchronous or synchronous/instantaneous)

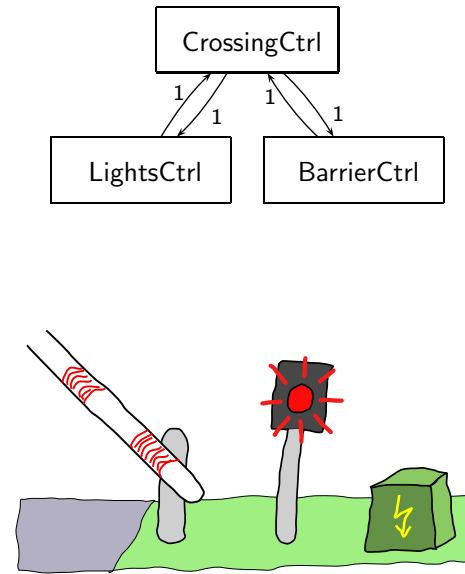
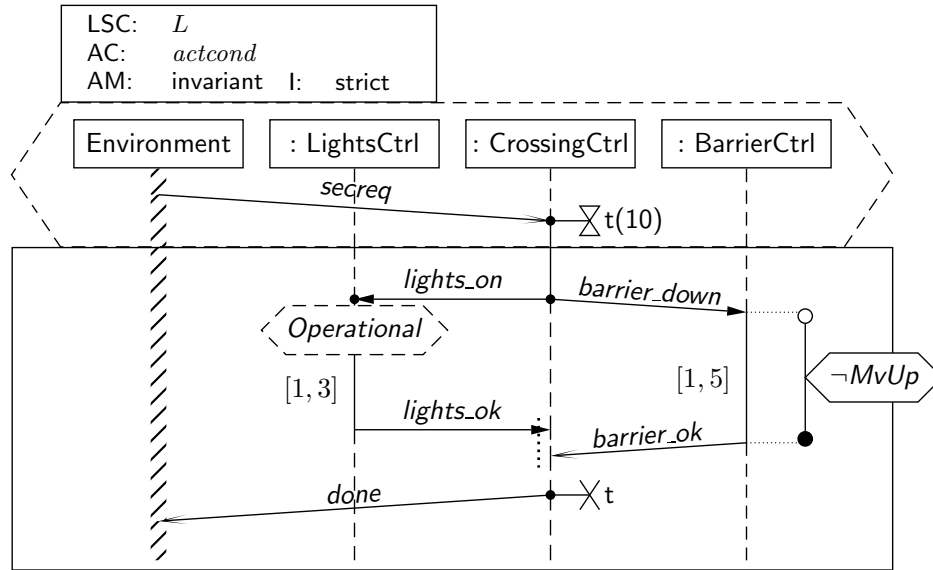


Note: angle of sloped messages is not relevant

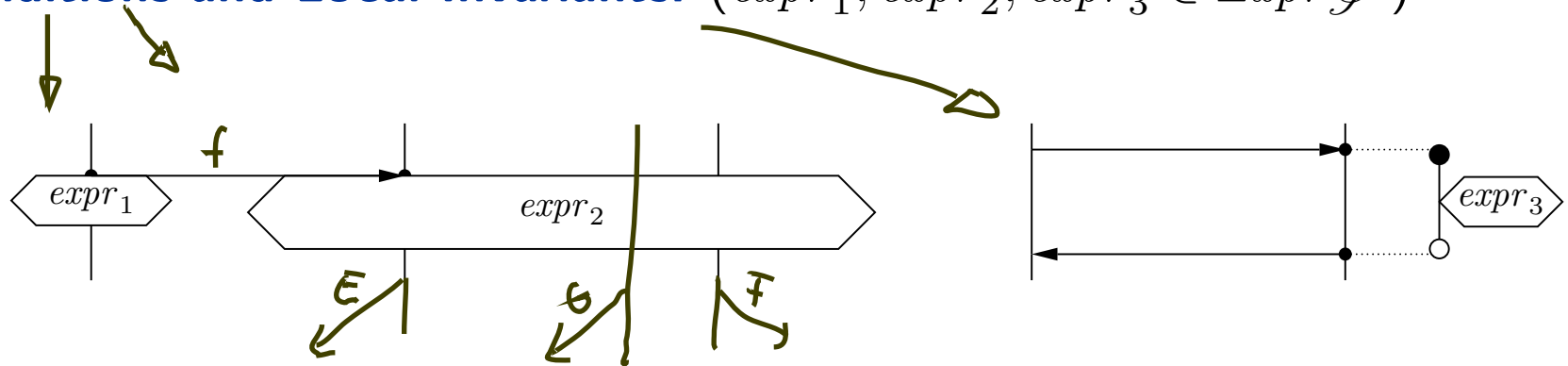




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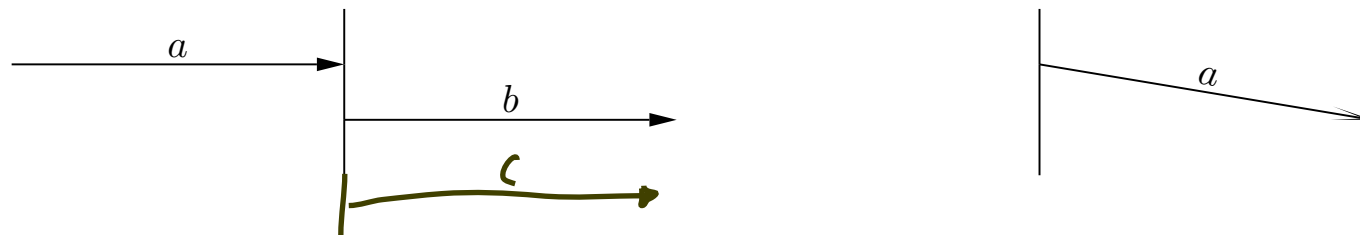


- **Conditions and Local Invariants:** ( $expr_1, expr_2, expr_3 \in Expr_{\mathcal{L}}$ )

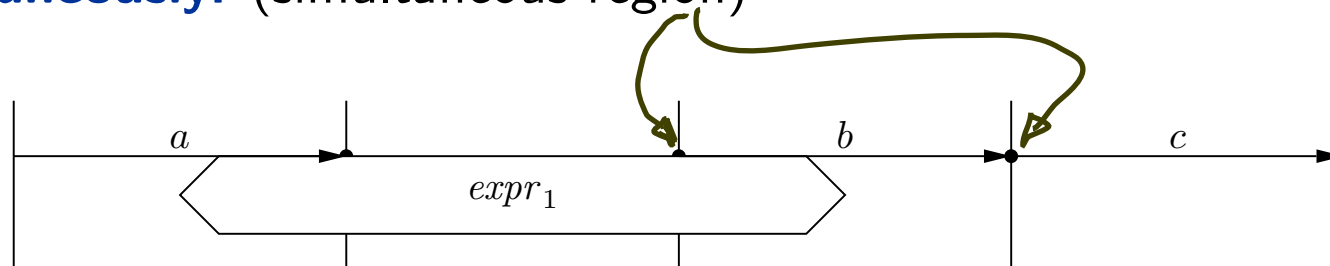


# Intuitive Semantics: A Partial Order on Simclasses

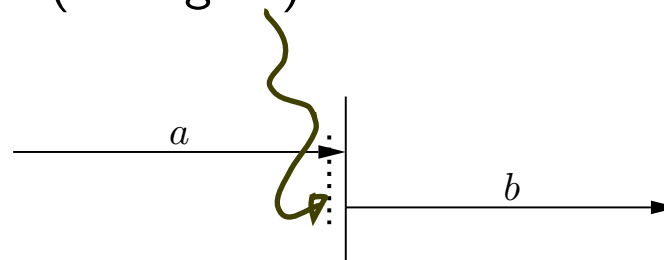
(i) **Strictly After:**



(ii) **Simultaneously:** (simultaneous region)

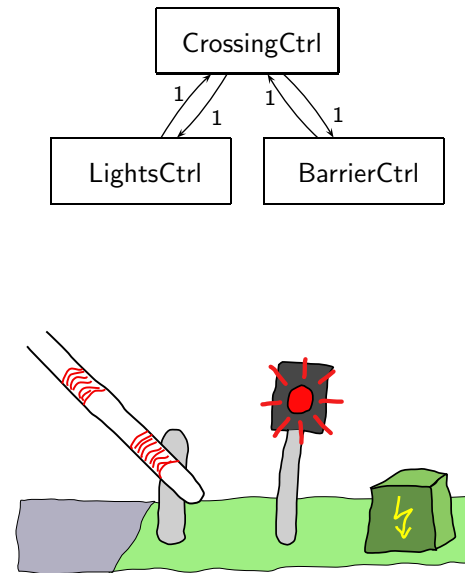
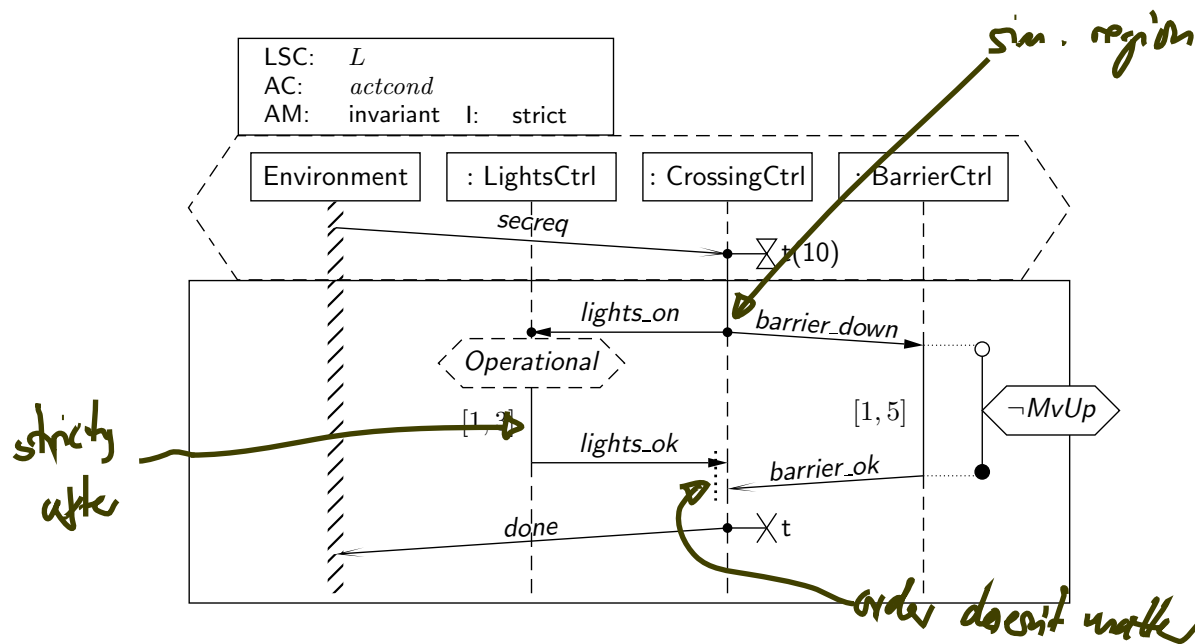


(iii) **Explicitly Unordered:** (co-region)



**Intuition:** A computation path **violates** an LSC if the occurrence of some events doesn't adhere to the partial order obtained as the **transitive closure** of (i) to (iii).

# Partial Order Requirements



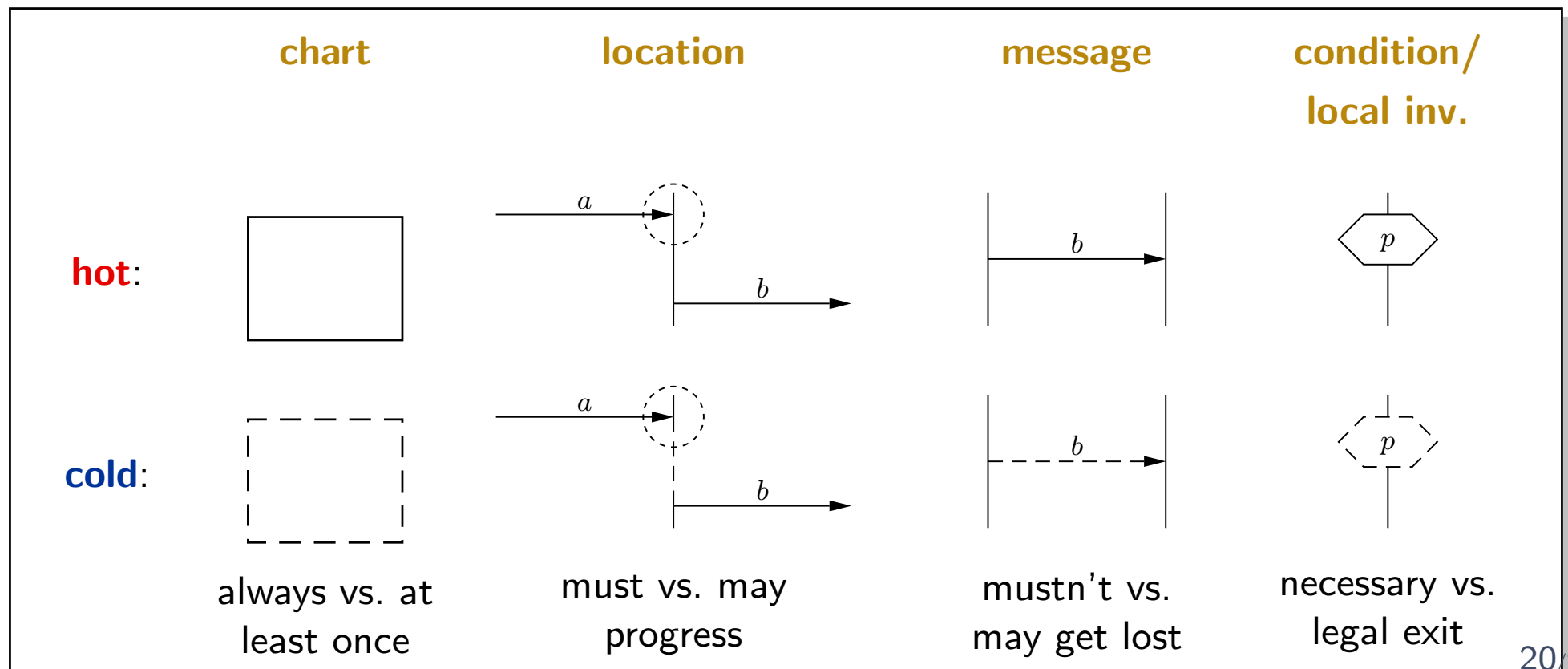
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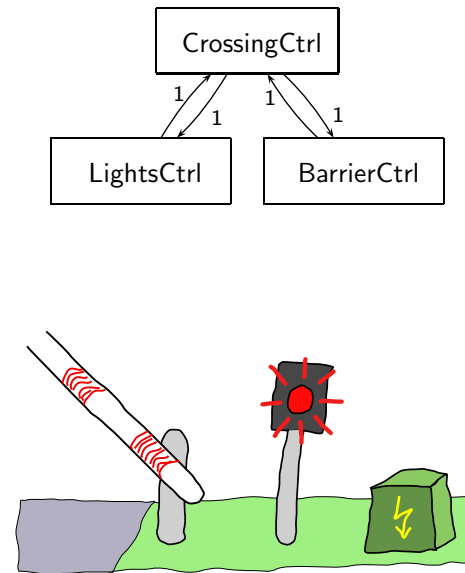
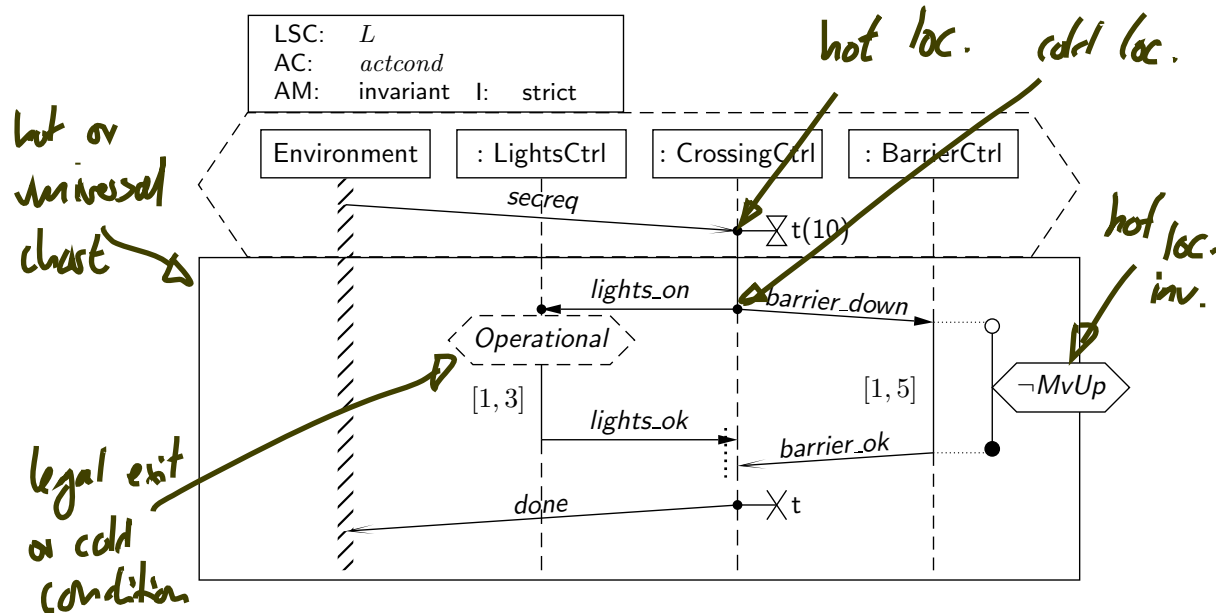
With LSCs,

- whole charts,
- locations, and
- elements

have a **mode** — one of **hot** or **cold** (graphically indicated by outline).



# Example: Modes

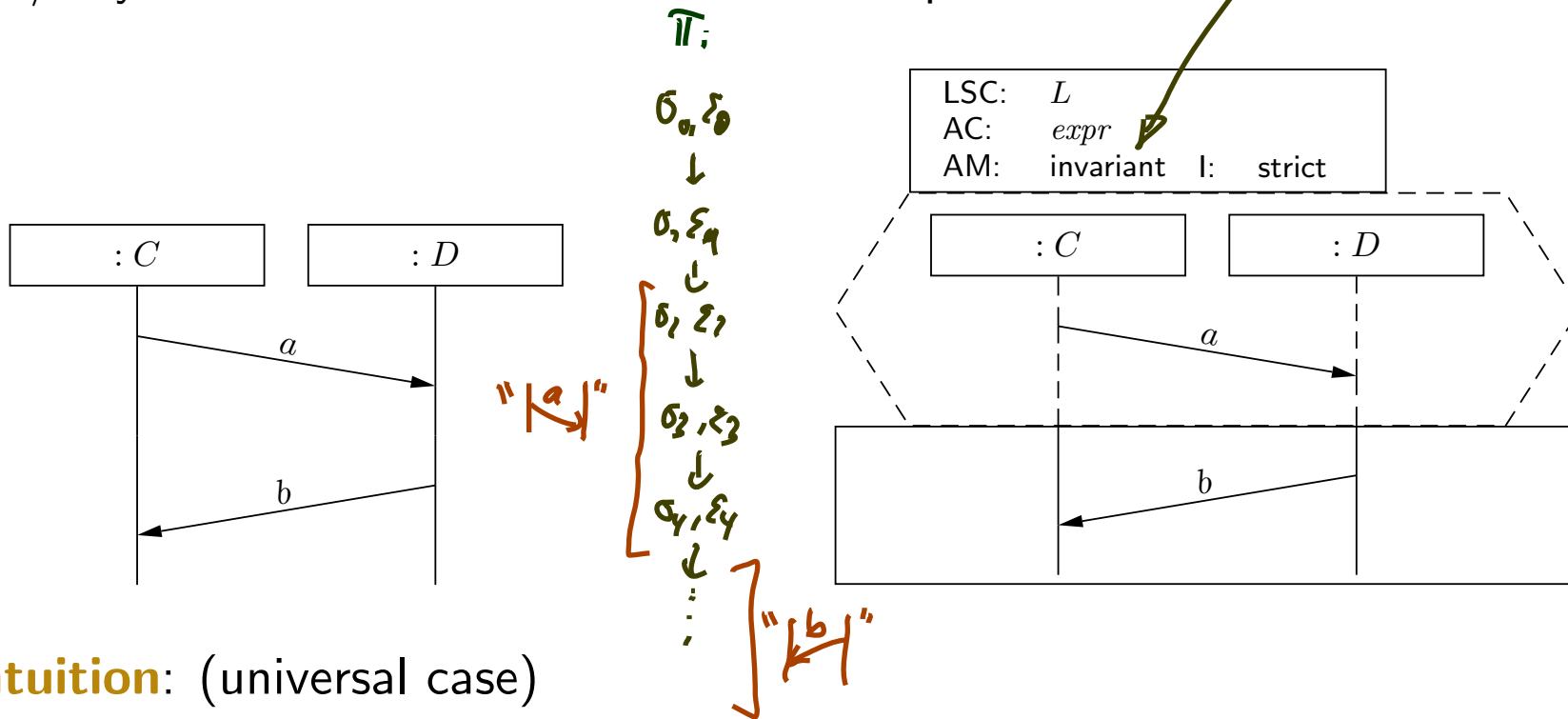


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# LSC Specialty: Activation

One **major defect** of **MSCs and SDs**: they don't say **when** the scenario has to/may be observed.

**LSCs**: Activation condition ( $AC \in Expr_{\mathcal{S}}$ ), activation mode ( $AM \in \{init, inv\}$ ), and pre-chart.

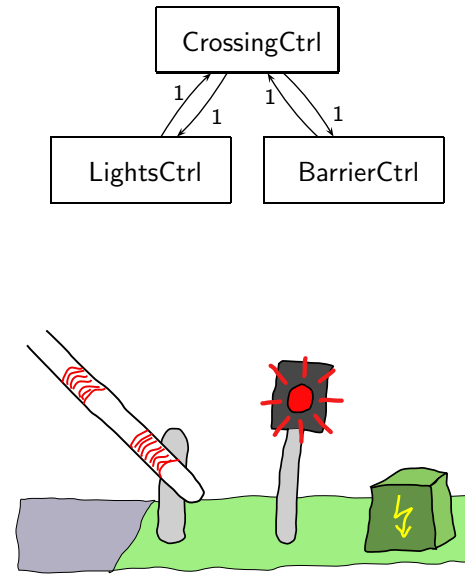
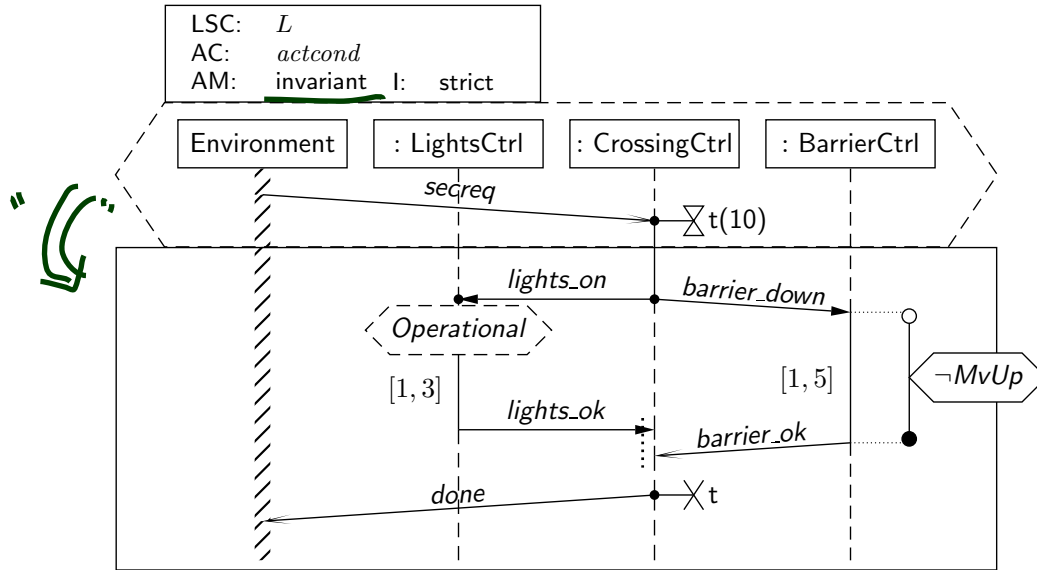


**Intuition**: (universal case)

- given a computation  $\pi$ , **whenever**  $expr$  holds in a configuration  $(\sigma_k, \epsilon_k)$  of  $\pi$ 
  - which is initial, i.e.  $k = 0$ , or (AM = initial)
  - whose  $k$  is not further restricted, (AM = invariant)

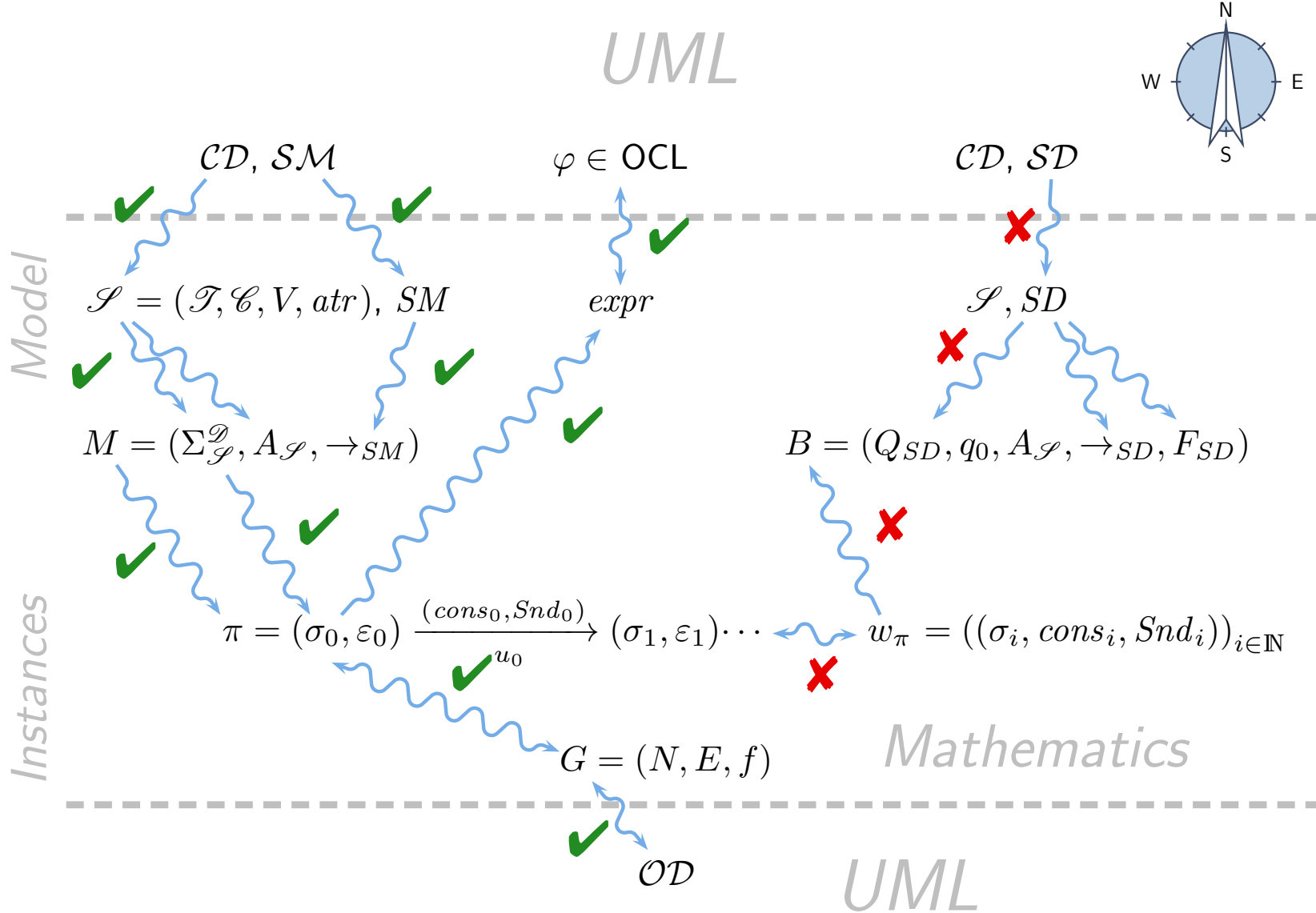
**and if** the pre-chart is observed from  $k$  to  $k + n$ ,  
**then** the main-chart has to follow from  $k + n + 1$ .

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# Course Map





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